

## Supporting Information

### Bistrifluoromethylated Organocuprate $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}]^+[\text{Cu}(\text{CF}_3)_2]^-$ : Synthesis, Characterization and Its Application for Trifluoromethylation of Activated Heteroaryl Bromides, Chlorides and iodides

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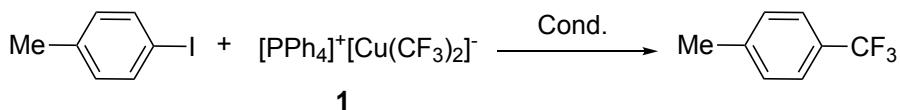
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**General information.** All reactions were maintained under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. All solvents were purified by standard methods.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were acquired on spectrometer (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ ; 101 or 126 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ; 121 MHz for  $^{31}\text{P}$ ; 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 trifluoromethylation of aryl iodide<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	<b>1</b> (eq.)	[Cu] (1.0 eq.)	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield (%)
1	1.2	-	DMF	80	18
2	1.2	-	DMF	100	62
3	1.2	CuI	DMF	100	93
4	1.2	CuI	PhCN	100	91
5	1.2	CuI	DMAc	100	90
6	1.2	CuI	DMSO	100	14
7	1.2	CuI	NMP	100	86
8	1.2	CuI	THF	100	55
9	1.2	CuCl	DMF	100	77
10	1.2	CuBr	DMF	100	88
11	1.2	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	DMF	100	79
12	1.2	Cu	DMF	100	56
13	1.2	CuI	DMF	120	93
14	1.2	CuI	DMF	110	92
15	1.2	CuI	DMF	90	88
16	1.5	CuI	DMF	80	81
17	2.0	CuI	DMF	100	93
18	1.0	CuI	DMF	100	93
19	1.2	CuI	DMF	100	86
20	1.2	CuI (0.8 eq.)	DMF	100	89
21	1.2	CuI (1.2 eq.)	DMF	100	85

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 4-methyl-iodobenzene (0.050 mmol), complex **1**, [Cu] in 1.0 mL of solvent for 3 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with fluorobenzene as an internal standard.

**Table S2. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the trifluoromethylation of heteroaryl bromide<sup>a,b</sup>**

The reaction scheme shows the trifluoromethylation of 5-phenyl-2-bromopyridine (1) to 5-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (2a). The starting material 1 is a pyridine ring with a phenyl group at position 5 and a bromine atom at position 2. It reacts with the complex  $[\text{PPh}_4]^+[\text{Cu}(\text{CF}_3)_2]^-$  under condensation conditions to yield product 2a, where the bromine atom has been replaced by a trifluoromethyl group.

entry	<b>1</b> (eq.)	[Cu] (1.0 eq.)	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield (%)
1	1.2	-	DMF	100	33
2	1.2	CuI	DMF	100	96
3	1.0	CuI	DMF	100	96
4	0.8	CuI	DMF	100	67
5	1.0	CuI	DMF	90	78
6	1.0	CuI	DMF	80	64
7	1.0	CuI	PhCN	100	70
8	1.0	CuI	DMAc	100	86
9	1.0	CuI	DMSO	100	17
10	1.0	CuCl	NMP	100	85
11	1.0	CuBr	DMF	100	66
12	1.0	Cu	DMF	100	75
13	1.0	CuI	DMF	100	38
14	1.0	CuI (0.8 eq.)	DMF	100	87
15	1.0	CuI (0.5 eq.)	DMF	100	84

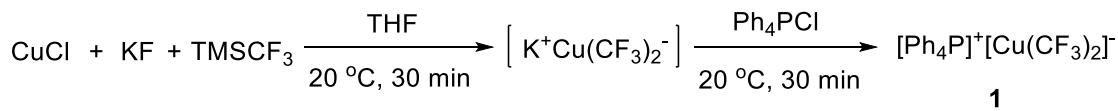
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 5-phenyl-2-bromopyridine (0.050 mmol), complex **1**, [Cu] (0.050 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent for 3 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with fluorobenzene as an internal standard.

**Table S3. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the trifluoromethylation of heteroaryl chloride<sup>a,b</sup>**

entry	[Cu] (1.0 eq.)	1 (eq.)	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield (%)
1	-	-	DMF	100	n.d.
2	CuI	1.0	DMF	100	71
3	CuI	1.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	100	22
4	CuI	1.0	DMAc	100	63
5	CuI	1.0	DMSO	100	n.d.
6	CuI	1.0	NMP	100	58
7	CuI	1.0	DMF	120	59
8	CuI	1.0	DMF	110	71
9	CuI	1.0	DMF	90	43
10	CuCl	1.0	DMF	100	58
11	CuBr	1.0	DMF	100	68
12	CuTc	1.0	DMF	100	40
13	Cu	1.0	DMF	100	8
14	CuI	1.2	DMF	100	80
15	CuI (0.8 eq.)	1.2	DMF	100	50
16	CuI (1.2 eq.)	1.2	DMF	100	74

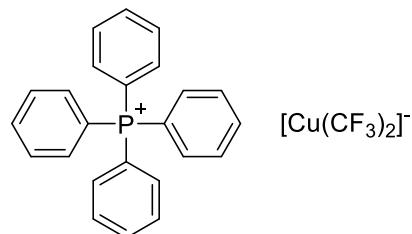
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: ethyl 2-chloronicotinate (0.050 mmol), complex **1**, [Cu] (0.050 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent for 3 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with fluorobenzene as an internal standard.

**General procedure for preparation of bis(trifluoromethyl)copper(I) complex 1**



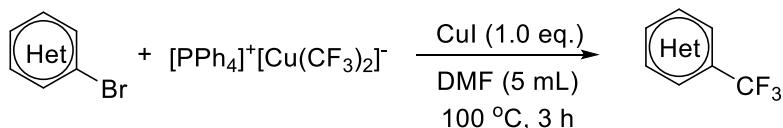
In an argon-filled glove box, CuCl (1.00 g, 10.0 mmol), KF (3.80 g, 65.0 mmol) and 30.0 mL THF were placed into an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar. Then TMSCF<sub>3</sub> (5.00 g, 5.20 mL, 35.0 mmol) was slowly added into the solution, and the reaction system was stirred at 20 °C for 30 min. Then tetraphenylphosphonium chloride (3.74 g, 10.0 mmol) was added and the suspension was maintained for another 30 min. The suspension was filtered through a short plug of Celite to give a colorless solution, and then the solvent was evaporated. The residue was washed by methyl *tert*-butyl ether (50 mL×3) and dried under vacuum to give [Ph<sub>4</sub>P]<sup>+</sup>[Cu(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> as a white solid (3.98 g, 74%).

**Tetraphenylphosphonium bis(trifluoromethyl)copper(I) (1)**



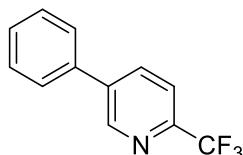
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.76 (td, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 8.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 3.2 Hz, 8 H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -31.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.39 ppm. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>Cu: C, 57.73; H, 3.73; Found: C, 57.35; H, 3.43.

**General procedure for trifluoromethylation of heteroaryl bromides 2a-x**



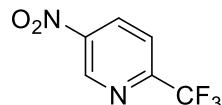
In an argon-filled glovebox, heteroaryl halide (0.50 mmol), complex **1** (0.50 mmol), CuI (0.50 mmol) and 5.0 mL DMF were added into a 25 mL oven-dried sealed tube with a stirring bar. Then the sealed tube was set into the pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C for 3 h. Fluorobenzene (72 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added as an internal standard to determine the yield by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy. 10 mL of water was added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vaccum. The residue was further purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding trifluoromethylated heteroarene.

**5-Phenyl-2-trifluoremethylpyridine<sup>[1]</sup> (2a)**



White solid (56 mg, 51%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 96%. Eluent: petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.93 (s, 1 H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.5, 146.8 (q, *J* = 35.4 Hz), 139.5, 136.3, 135.3, 129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 121.7 (q, *J* = 275.7 Hz), 121.4 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.7 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 223 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NF<sub>3</sub>, 223.0609; Found: 223.0602. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3038, 1338, 1174, 1132, 1088 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

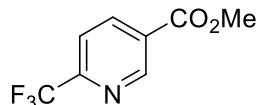
**5-Nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine<sup>[2]</sup> (2b)**



Light-yellow solid (37 mg, 38%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 99%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.52 (s, 1 H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.7 (q, *J* = 36.4

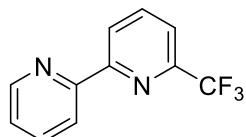
Hz), 145.5, 141.2 (br), 132.9, 121.2 (q,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 120.5 (q,  $J = 275.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -68.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 192 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 192.0147; Found: 192.0146. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3062, 1610, 1534, 1329, 1174 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **Methyl 6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-3-carboxylate<sup>[3]</sup> (2c)**



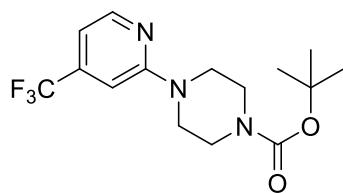
White solid (39 mg, 39%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 96%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.27 (s, 1 H), 8.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4, 151.2 (q,  $J = 35.3$  Hz), 151.0, 138.7, 128.5, 121.1 (q,  $J = 276.7$  Hz), 120.2, 52.8 ppm (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -68.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 205 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 205.0351. Found: 205.0350. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3070, 1724, 1438, 1288, 1118 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **6-Trifluoromethyl-2,2'-bipyridine<sup>[4]</sup> (2d)**



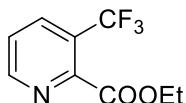
White solid (45 mg, 40%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 93%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (ddd,  $^3J = 4.8$  Hz,  $^4J = 1.6$  Hz,  $^5J = 0.4$  Hz, 1 H), 8.63 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.52 (dt,  $^2J = 7.6$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (td,  $^2J = 7.8$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (dd,  $^2J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 0.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (ddd,  $^2J = 8.4$  Hz,  $^3J = 4.8$  Hz,  $^4J = 0.8$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.6, 154.7, 147.7 (q,  $J = 35.4$  Hz), 138.2, 137.1, 125.7, 124.4, 123.5, 123.0 (q,  $J = 275.7$  Hz), 121.6, 120.1 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -68.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 224 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{F}_3$ , 224.0561; Found: 224.0560. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1998, 1587, 1349, 1193, 1117 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **tert-Butyl 4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]piperazine-1-carboxylate (2e)**



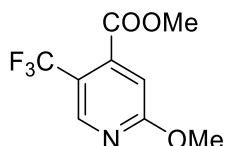
White solid (70 mg, 42%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 81%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.58-3.60 (m, 4 H), 3.54-3.55 (m, 4 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.2, 154.7, 149.2, 139.8 (q,  $J$  = 33.3 Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J$  = 274.7 Hz), 108.5 (q,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 102.5 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 80.1, 44.8, 43.2, 28.4;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -65.6 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 331 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 331.1508; Found: 331.1507. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2984, 1686, 1325, 1164, 980 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 94.4 ~ 95.2 °C.

#### **Ethyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-2-carboxylate (2f)**



Yellow liquid (55 mg, 50%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 74%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.83 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (dd,  $^2J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $^3J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.0, 151.1, 148.2, 133.9 (q,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz), 123.9 (q,  $J$  = 34.4 Hz), 123.8, 121.7 (q,  $J$  = 274.7 Hz), 61.7, 12.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -60.3 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 219 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3$ , 219.0507; Found: 219.0502. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2988, 1744, 1322, 1303, 1145 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

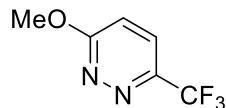
#### **Methyl 2-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-4-carboxylate (2g)**



White solid (89 mg, 76%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 98%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.53 (s, 1 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 164.2, 145.6 (q,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz), 139.8, 122.3 (q,  $J$  = 273.7 Hz), 115.9 (q,  $J$  = 31.3 Hz), 110.8, 53.4, 52.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR

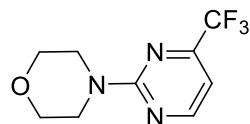
(376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.9 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 235 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 235.0456; Found: 235.0458. IR (thin film): ν<sub>max</sub> = 2963, 1261, 1101, 1019, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>. m.p. 46.7 ~ 49.9 °C.

**3-Methoxy-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridazine (2h)**



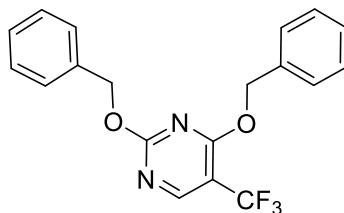
White solid (46 mg, 52%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 94%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.3, 147.5 (q, *J* = 35.3 Hz), 126.4 (q, *J* = 2.52 Hz), 121.5 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 117.9, 55.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -66.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 178 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>, 178.0354; Found: 178.0355; IR (thin film): ν<sub>max</sub> = 3073, 1599, 1484, 1368, 1127 cm<sup>-1</sup>. m.p. 77.9 ~ 79.9 °C.

**4-[4-Trifluoromethyl]pyrimidin-2-yl)morpholine (2i)**



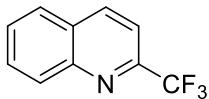
White solid (76 mg, 65%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 96%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4 H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.1, 159.7, 155.8 (q, *J* = 35.3 Hz), 120.1 (q, *J* = 275.9 Hz), 104.5 (q, *J* = 2.52 Hz), 66.3, 43.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -70.9 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 233 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ON<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 233.0776; Found: 233.0781; IR (thin film): ν<sub>max</sub> = 2995, 1590, 1570, 1493, 1333, 1131 cm<sup>-1</sup>. m.p. 38.3 ~ 39.4 °C.

**2,4-Bis(benzyloxy)-5-trifluoromethylpyrimidine (2j)**



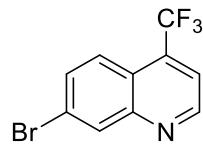
White solid (70 mg, 39%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 79%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 8 H), 5.52 (s, 2 H), 5.45 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.9, 166.5, 157.6 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 135.9, 135.4, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 123.0 (q,  $J$  = 271.7 Hz), 106.4 (q,  $J$  = 34.3 Hz), 70.1, 69.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 361.1 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{F}_3$ , 361.1158; Found: 361.1157. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3064, 1608, 1436, 1288, 1131  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 75.2 ~ 77.1 °C.

### **2-Trifluoromethylquinoline<sup>[1]</sup> (2k)**



White solid (55 mg, 56%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 100%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.0 (q,  $J$  = 35.4 Hz), 147.2, 138.1, 130.8, 130.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 121.6 (q,  $J$  = 275.7 Hz), 116.8 (q,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -67.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 197 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NF}_3$ , 197.0452; Found: 197.0450. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3436, 1344, 1172, 1147, 1086  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

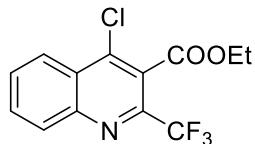
### **7-Bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)quinolone (2l)**



White solid (72 mg, 52%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 94%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.04 (s, 1 H), 8.40 (s, 1 H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.6, 149.6, 134.6 (q,  $J$  = 32.3 Hz), 132.8, 131.9, 125.4 (q,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 124.6, 123.1 (q,  $J$  = 275.7 Hz), 121.8, 118.2 (q,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.2 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 275 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for

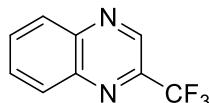
$C_{10}H_5NBrF_3$ , 274.9557; Found: 274.9560. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{max}$  = 3055, 1606, 1500, 1325, 1120  $cm^{-1}$ . m.p. 61.4 ~ 62.7 °C.

**Ethyl 4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline-3-carboxylate (2m)**



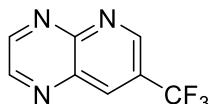
White solid (47 mg, 31%);  $^{19}F$  NMR yield: 49%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:20.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (q,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  163.9, 146.7, 143.7 (q,  $J$  = 35.5 Hz), 142.1, 132.3, 130.6, 130.5, 126.3, 124.8, 124.5, 120.7 (q,  $J$  = 276.7 Hz), 63.0, 13.9;  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -65.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 303 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_9NO_2F_3Cl$ , 303.0274; Found: 303.0269. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{max}$  = 2989, 1736, 1194, 1140  $cm^{-1}$  m.p. 56.3 ~ 58.1 °C.

**2-(Trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline<sup>[5]</sup> (2n)**



White solid (58 mg, 59%);  $^{19}F$  NMR yield: 93%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.17 (s, 1 H), 8.20 (td,  $^2J$  = 6.4 Hz,  $^3J$  = 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  143.7, 142.8 (q,  $J$  = 35.3 Hz), 140.9, 140.8, 132.4, 131.6, 130.0, 129.5, 121.1 (q,  $J$  = 276.7 Hz);  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -67.0 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 198.0 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $C_9H_5N_2F_3$ , 198.0405; Found: 198.0399. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{max}$  = 3014, 2 1174, 1150, 1130, 1084  $cm^{-1}$ .

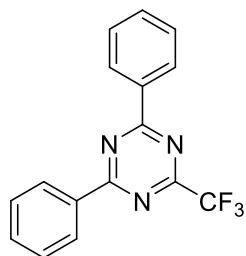
**7-(Trifluoromethyl)pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazine (2o)**



White solid (39 mg, 40%);  $^{19}F$  NMR yield: 64%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.37 (s, 1 H), 9.18 (s, 1 H), 9.05 (s, 1 H), 8.76 (s, 1 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 150.0 (q,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 149.7,

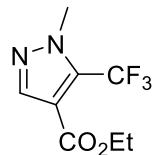
136.9 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 128.0 (q,  $J = 34.3$  Hz), 123.4 (q,  $J = 274.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 199 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{N}_3\text{F}_3$ , 199.0357; Found: 199.0363. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3016, 1339, 1192, 1180, 1137 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p.  $142.8 \sim 143.5^\circ\text{C}$ .

### 2,4-Diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,5-triazine<sup>[6]</sup> (2p)



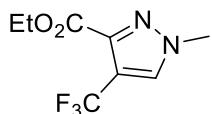
White solid (94 mg, 62%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 99%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 4 H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2 H), 3.84 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.2, 165.4 (q,  $J = 37.4$  Hz), 134.6, 133.9, 129.6, 129.0, 119.2 (q,  $J = 277.8$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -72.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 301 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{F}_3$ , 301.0827; Found: 301.0834. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3067, 1556, 1526, 1421, 1378 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### Ethyl 1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazole-4-carboxylate<sup>[7]</sup> (2q)



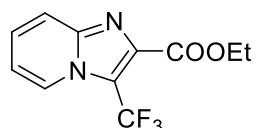
Light-yellow liquid (73 mg, 65%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 100%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1 H), 4.28 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 4.03 (s, 3 H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.8, 141.2, 131.8 (q,  $J = 40.4$  Hz), 119.5 (q,  $J = 272.7$  Hz), 115.9 (q,  $J = 1.1$  Hz), 60.9, 40.2 (q,  $^4J = 40.4$  Hz), 14.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.2 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 222 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 222.0616; Found: 222.0612. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2986, 1736, 1299, 1223, 1040 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Ethyl 1-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazole-3-carboxylate (2r)**



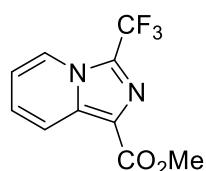
White solid (53 mg, 48%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 63%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1 H), 4.40 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 3.97 (s, 3 H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 139.9, 131.7 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 121.0 (q,  $J = 267.6$  Hz), 114.7 (q,  $J = 39.4$  Hz), 61.1, 39.5, 13.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -57.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 207 [[M-CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 222.0616; Found: 222.0622 . IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3102, 1729, 1304, 1116, 1044 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 71.8 ~ 72.8 °C.

**Ethyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-carboxylate (2s)**



Light-yellow liquid (66 mg, 51%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 89%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (q,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.7, 144.4, 136.7, 126.7, 124.8 (q,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 119.9 (q,  $J = 269.7$  Hz), 118.4, 114.5, 113.9 (q,  $J = 42.4$  Hz), 61.1, 13.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -57.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 258 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 258.0616; Found: 258.0621. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2963, 1738, 1261, 1096, 1023 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

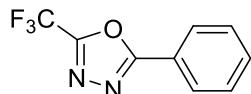
**Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carboxylate (2t)**



White solid (82 mg, 68%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 96%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.33 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (dd,  $^2J = 9.2$  Hz,  $^3J = 6.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3

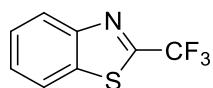
H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.0, 136.3, 126.7 (q,  $J = 42.4$  Hz), 126.0, 123.0, 121.7, 120.2, 119.2 (q,  $J = 270.7$  Hz), 116.4, 52.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 244 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 244.0453; Found: 244.0460. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3077, 1703, 1519, 1235, 1167, 1056 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 106.1  $\sim$  107.8 °C.

### **2-Phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2u)**



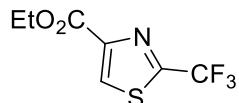
White solid (41 mg, 38%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 60%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.60-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.55-7.57 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.5, 154.8 (q,  $J = 45.5$  Hz), 133.1, 129.3, 127.5, 122.2, 116.3 (q,  $J = 272.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -65.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 214 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{OF}_3$ , 214.0354; Found: 214.0356; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3052, 1610, 1453, 1206, 1171 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 45.7  $\sim$  47.2 °C.

### **2-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole<sup>[8]</sup> (2v)**



Stick oil (47 mg, 46%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 85%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (td,  $^2J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (td,  $^2J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 1.2$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.1 (q,  $J = 35.4$  Hz), 152.2, 135.1, 127.6, 127.5, 125.1, 122.2, 120.0 (q,  $J = 274.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.7 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 203 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{NF}_3\text{S}$ , 203.0017; Found: 203.0014. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2962, 2917, 1261, 1097, 800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

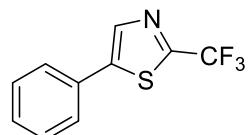
### **Ethyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate<sup>[9]</sup> (2w)**



White solid (51 mg, 45%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 99%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1 H), 4.44 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H),

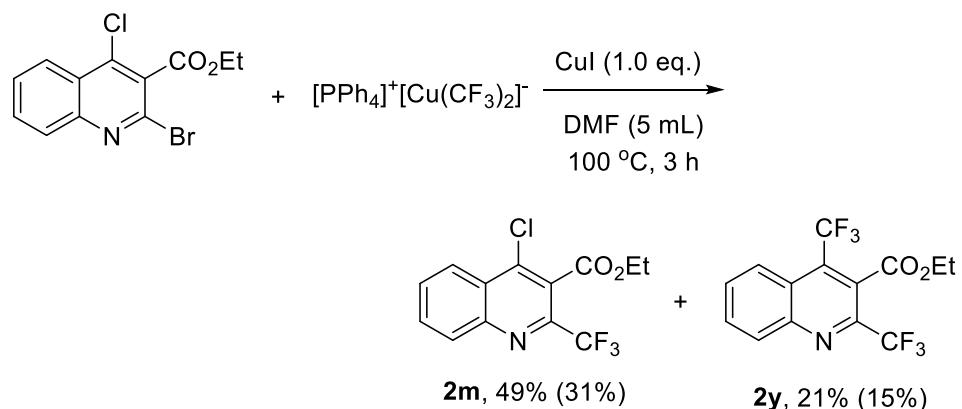
1.40 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.3, 156.4 (q,  $J = 42.4$  Hz), 148.5, 129.8, 119.2 (q,  $J = 274.7$  Hz), 62.1, 14.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 225 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{NSO}_2\text{F}_3$ , 225.0071; Found: 225.0077. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3096, 1725, 1501, 1242, 1040 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**5-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)thiazole<sup>[9]</sup> (2x)**



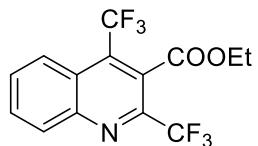
White solid (58 mg, 50%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 99%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (s, 1 H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (m, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.1 (q,  $J = 41.4$  Hz), 143.7, 139.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 127.2, 119.7 (q,  $J = 273.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 229 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NSF}_3$ , 229.0173; Found: 229.0168. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2926, 1455, 1326, 1151, 1032 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### Bistrifluoromethylation of ethyl 2-bromo-4-chloroquinoline-3-carboxylate



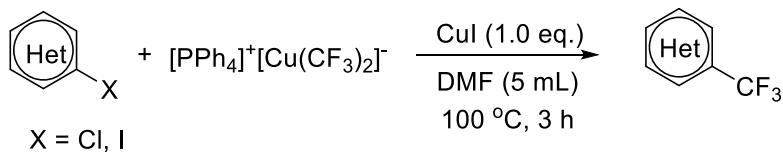
During the study for the trifluoromethylation of ethyl 2-bromo-4-chloroquinoline-3-carboxylate, trifluoromethylated product **2m** and *di*-trifluormethylated product **2y** were detected and isolated. This interesting result showed that the ethyl acetated group in the *ortho*-position of the chloride could facilitate the trifluoromethylation of heteroaryl chloride substrates. The compound **2y** was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, LRMS, HRMS and IR.

#### Ethyl 2,4-di-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline-3-carboxylate (**2y**)



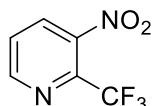
White solid (25 mg, 15%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 21%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.43 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.6, 142.2, 138.8 (q,  $J$  = 35.4 Hz), 128.5 (q,  $J$  = 32.3 Hz), 127.3, 126.4, 126.4, 120.0 (q,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 119.6, 118.6, 118.3 (q,  $J$  = 278.8 Hz), 116.0 (q,  $J$  = 277.8 Hz), 58.5, 8.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.0, -64.2 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 337 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{F}_6$ , 337.0537; Found: 337.0531; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2988, 1748, 1269, 1183, 1142 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 41.0 ~ 42.6 °C.

**General procedure for trifluoromethylation of heteroaryl chlorides and iodides 3a-x**



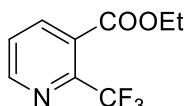
In an argon-filled glovebox, heteroaryl halide (0.50 mmol), complex **1** (0.60 mmol), CuI (0.50 mmol) and 5.0 mL DMF were added into a 25 mL oven-dried sealed tube with a stirring bar. Then the sealed tube was set into the pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C for 3 h. Fluorobenzene (72 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added as an internal standard to determine the yield by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopy. 10 mL of water was added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vaccum. The residue was further purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding trifluoromethylated heteroarene.

**2-Trifluoromethyl-3-nitro-pyridine<sup>[10]</sup> (3a)**



White solid (49 mg, 66%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 100%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (dd,  $^2J = 8.2$  Hz,  $^3J = 4.8$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.5, 150.3, 145.1 (q,  $J = 36.4$  Hz), 137.7, 132.0, 124.6 (q,  $J = 275.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -65.3 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 192 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 192.0147; Found: 192.0150. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3088, 1534, 1363, 1313, 1054 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

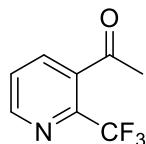
**Ethyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-3-carboxylate<sup>[11]</sup> (3b)**



Light-yellow liquid (54 mg, 50%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 80%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (dd,  $^2J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^3J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 150.6, 145.5 (q,  $J =$

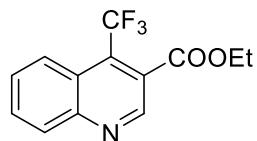
35.4 Hz), 138.2, 128.2, 126.0, 121.1 (q,  $J$  = 275.7 Hz), 62.55, 13.77;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -64.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 219 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3$ , 219.0507; Found: 219.0500. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2988, 1736, 1322, 1148, 1061 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 1-[2-(Trifluoromethyl)-3-pyridyl]ethanone (3c)



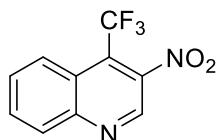
Light-yellow liquid (55 mg, 58%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 85%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (dd,  $^2J$  = 7.2 Hz,  $^3J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.89, 150.25, 143.6 (q,  $J$  = 35.4 Hz), 136.5, 135.5, 126.2, 121.3 (q,  $J$  = 275.7 Hz), 30.76;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 189 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{NOF}_3$ , 189.0401; Found: 189.0399. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3405, 1712, 1324, 1184, 1110 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### Ethyl 4-trifluoromethylquinoline-3-carboxylate (3d)



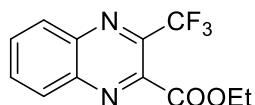
Stick yellow oil (61 mg, 50%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 65%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1 H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 149.1, 147.7, 131.1, 131.0 (q,  $J$  = 32.3 Hz), 130.5, 129.1, 125.5 (q,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 124.8 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J$  = 277.8 Hz), 122.3, 62.8, 13.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 269 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3$ , 269.0664; Found: 269.0662. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2985, 1736, 1505, 1277, 1234 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 3-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (3e)



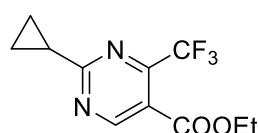
White solid (68 mg, 56%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 73%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.02 (s, 1 H), 8.25-8.28 (m, 2 H), 7.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.1, 142.8, 141.6 (br), 132.3, 130.8, 130.5, 125.5 (q,  $^5J_{\text{FC}} = 3.78$  Hz), 125.3 (q,  $J$  = 34.0 Hz), 121.8, 121.6 (q,  $J$  = 277.2 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 242 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 242.0303; Found: 242.0302. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2893, 1538, 1366, 1213, 1123  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 82.4 ~ 84.3  $^\circ\text{C}$ .

### **Ethyl 3-trifluoromethylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3f)**



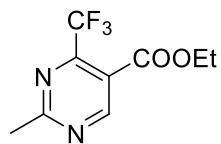
Light-yellow liquid (73 mg, 53%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 100%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (m, 2 H), 7.95 (m, 2 H), 4.56 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 143.6, 141.7, 140.5, 140.2 (q,  $J$  = 36.5 Hz), 133.2, 132.7, 129.8, 129.6, 120.6 (q,  $J$  = 275.9 Hz), 63.2, 13.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -69.7 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 270 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 270.0616; Found: 270.0620. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2921, 1745, 1538, 1150, 1123  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **Ethyl 2-cyclopropyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (3g)**



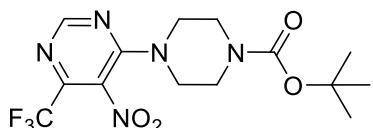
Suspension (93 mg, 72%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 90%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1 H), 4.38 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.34-2.37 (m, 1 H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.22-1.24 (m, 2 H), 1.17-1.20 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.2, 162.6, 158.7, 152.1 (q,  $J$  = 37.4 Hz), 119.6, 119.1 (q,  $J$  = 277.8 Hz), 61.6, 17.8, 12.8, 11.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -70.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 260 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 260.0773; Found: 260.0768. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2987, 1741, 1582, 1457, 1311, 1158  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Ethyl 2-methyl-4-trifluoromethylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (3h)**



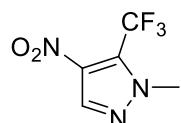
Light-yellow liquid (48 mg, 41%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 88%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.84 (s, 3 H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 163.5, 159.7, 153.1 (q,  $J = 36.5$  Hz), 121.4, 120.1 (q,  $J = 275.9$  Hz), 62.8, 26.0, 13.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 234 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 234.0616; Found: 234.0618. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2988, 1743, 1583, 1316, 1158 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**tert-Butyl 4-[5-nitro-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-4-yl]piperazine-1-carboxylate (3i)**



Yellow solid (115 mg, 61%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 82%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 4 H), 3.55 (s, 4 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.1, 154.3, 154.1, 147.5 (q,  $J = 36.4$  Hz), 130.0, 119.6 (q,  $J = 278.8$  Hz), 80.7, 46.0, 42.7 (br), 28.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.2 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 377 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{F}_3$ , 377.1311; Found: 377.1313. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2999, 1686, 1587, 1538, 1177 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p.  $107.7 \sim 109.1^\circ\text{C}$ .

**1-Methyl-4-nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazole (3j)**



Light-yellow liquid (42 mg, 43%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 65%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (s, 1 H), 4.12 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.1, 136.6, 129.6 (q,  $J = 41.4$  Hz), 120.1 (q,  $J = 271.7$  Hz), 43.3 (q,  $^4J = 3.0$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.6 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z):

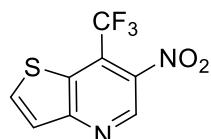
195 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 195.0256; Found: 195.0259. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3136, 1530, 1329, 1279, 1162 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **4-(Trifluoromethyl)thieno[3,2-d]pyrimidine (3k)**



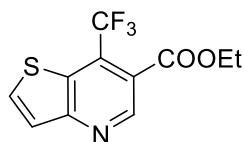
White solid (42 mg, 41%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 76%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.34 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.9, 154.2, 149.9 (q, *J* = 37.4 Hz), 138.7 (q, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 126.2, 124.5, 120.8 (q, *J* = 276.7 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.0 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 204 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SF<sub>3</sub>, 203.9969; Found: 203.9972. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3084, 1560, 1530, 1330, 1158 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 72.7 ~ 74.2 °C.

#### **6-Nitro-7-(trifluoromethyl)thieno[3,2-b]pyridine (3l)**



Light-yellow solid (78 mg, 63%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 94%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.12 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 143.1, 139.8, 138.1 (q, *J* = 3.03 Hz), 129.0, 125.9 (q, *J* = 36.4 Hz), 125.1, 121.5 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.8 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 248 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S, 247.9867; Found: 247.9868. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3114, 1526, 1504, 1264, 1151 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 81.4 ~ 82.8 °C.

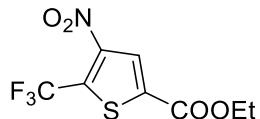
#### **Ethyl 7-(trifluoromethyl)thieno[3,2-b]pyridine-6-carboxylate (3m)**



Light-yellow liquid (88 mg, 64%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 96%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1 H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);

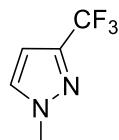
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 159.5, 148.1, 135.2 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.0 (q, *J* = 35.4 Hz), 128.7, 125.0, 122.7 (q, *J* = 276.7 Hz), 121.6, 62.6, 13.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.8 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 275 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S, 275.0228; Found: 275.0227. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2985, 1735, 1301, 1270, 1176 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### Ethyl 4-nitro-5-trifluoromethylthiophene-2-carboxylate (3n)



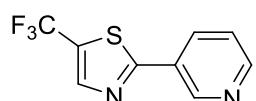
Light-yellow liquid (59 mg, 38%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 67%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4, 145.4 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 134.8, 134.0 (q, *J* = 40.3 Hz), 129.4, 119.8 (q, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 63.0, 14.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.0 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 269 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S, 268.9970; Found: 268.9965. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3119, 1732, 1540, 1337, 1274 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole<sup>[12]</sup> (3o)



Colorless liquid (44 mg, 59%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 90%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 (s, 1 H), 6.44 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.2 (q, *J* = 38.4 Hz), 131.3, 121.3 (q, *J* = 269.7 Hz), 104.4 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 39.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.0 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 150[M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 150.0405; Found: 150.0402. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3130, 1498, 1381, 1248, 1139 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

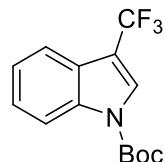
### 2-Phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)thiazole (3p)



Yellow solid (65 mg, 57%); <sup>19</sup>F NMR yield: 100%. Eluent: petroleum ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.18 (s, 1 H), 8.73 (s, 1 H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.15 (s, 1

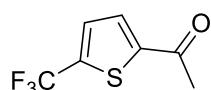
H), 7.42 (s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.4, 151.9, 147.8, 144.7 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 133.9, 128.6, 127.1 (q,  $J = 38.4$  Hz), 124.0, 121.8 (q,  $J = 270.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -58.4 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 230 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ , 230.0126; Found: 230.0118. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3087, 1586, 1318, 1142, 1046 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 47.6 ~ 49.3 °C.

**tert-Butyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)indole-1-carboxylate<sup>[12]</sup> (3q)**



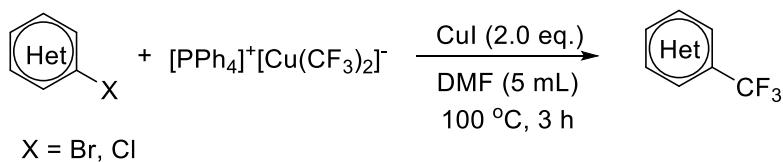
Yellow solid (47 mg, 33%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 44%. Eluent: ethyl acetate : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (s, 1 H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H), 1.68 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.4, 134.8, 125.5 (q,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 125.1, 125.0, 123.2, 122.8 (q,  $J = 267.6$  Hz), 119.2, 115.0, 111.2 (q,  $J = 37.4$  Hz), 84.6, 27.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -59.3 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 285 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3$ , 285.0977; Found: 285.0967. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2983, 1750, 1454, 1289, 1151 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**1-[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-2-thienyl]ethanone (3r)**



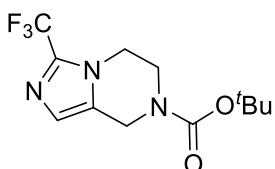
Brown liquid (80 mg, 82%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 99%. Eluent: dichloromethane : petroleum ether = 1:10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.42 (s, 1 H), 2.57 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.3, 147.2, 138.0 (q,  $J = 39.4$  Hz), 131.0, 128.9 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 121.8 (q,  $J = 271.7$  Hz), 26.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.5 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 194 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{F}_3\text{OS}$ , 194.0013; Found: 194.0015. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3107, 1677, 1543, 1296, 1267 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

## General procedure for trifluoromethylation of drug intermediates and derivatives 4-7



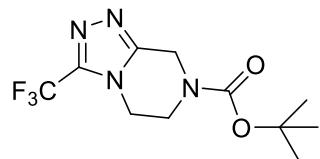
In an argon-filled glovebox, heteroaryl halides (0.50 mmol), complex **1** (1.0 mmol), CuI (1.0 mmol) and 5.0 mL DMF were added into a 25 mL oven-dried sealed tube with a stirring bar. Then the sealed tube was set into the pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C for 3 h. Fluorobenzene (72 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added as an internal standard to determine the yield by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopy. 10 mL of water was added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vaccum. The residue was further purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding trifluoromethylated heteroarene.

### ***tert*-Butyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)-6,8-dihydro-5H-imidazo[1,5-a]pyrazine-7-carboxylate (4)**



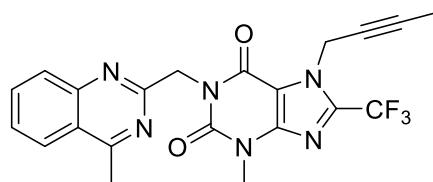
White solid (98 mg, 68%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 94%. Eluent: ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.91 (s, 1 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.48 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.0, 134.4 (q,  $J$  = 40.3 Hz), 127.8, 123.8, 118.9 (q,  $J$  = 269.6 Hz), 81.4, 43.3, 41.0 (br), 40.2 (br), 28.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.1 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 291 [ $\text{M}^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [ $\text{M}^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ , 291.1195; Found: 291.1200. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3127, 2980, 1714, 1491, 1232, 1112 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 124.2 ~ 125.7 °C.

### ***tert*-Butyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)-6,8-dihydro-5H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrazine-7-carboxylate (5)**



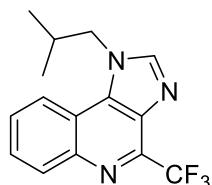
White solid (48 mg, 33%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 52%. Eluent: ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.86 (s, 2 H), 4.14 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.89 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.4, 150.4, 143.6 (q,  $J$  = 37.8 Hz), 118.3 (q,  $J$  = 270.9 Hz), 82.0, 43.5, 41.2, 39.3, 28.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.9 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 277 [[M-CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 292.1147; Found: 292.1154. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3005, 1683, 1511, 1187, 1134 cm<sup>-1</sup>. m.p. 101.9 ~ 103.4 °C.

**7-But-2-ynyl-3-methyl-1-[(4-methylquinazolin-2-yl)methyl]-8-(trifluoromethyl)purine-2,6-dione (6)**



Light-yellow solid (99 mg, 45%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 91%. Eluent: ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (m, 1 H), 7.52 (m, 1 H), 5.56 (s, 2 H), 5.28 (s, 2 H), 3.61 (s, 3 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 1.76 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.3, 159.8, 154.7, 151.0, 149.5, 146.6, 138.1 (q,  $J$  = 40.3 Hz), 133.0, 128.4, 126.5, 124.5, 122.8, 117.8 (q,  $J$  = 272.1 Hz), 108.4, 82.4, 70.9, 46.2, 36.4, 29.5, 21.4, 3.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.8 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 442 [M<sup>+</sup>]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M<sup>+</sup>] Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 442.1365; Found: 442.1367. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2993, 1712, 1664, 1147, 769 cm<sup>-1</sup>. m.p. 238.1 ~ 240.0 °C.

**1-Isobutyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[4,5-c]quinolone (7)**

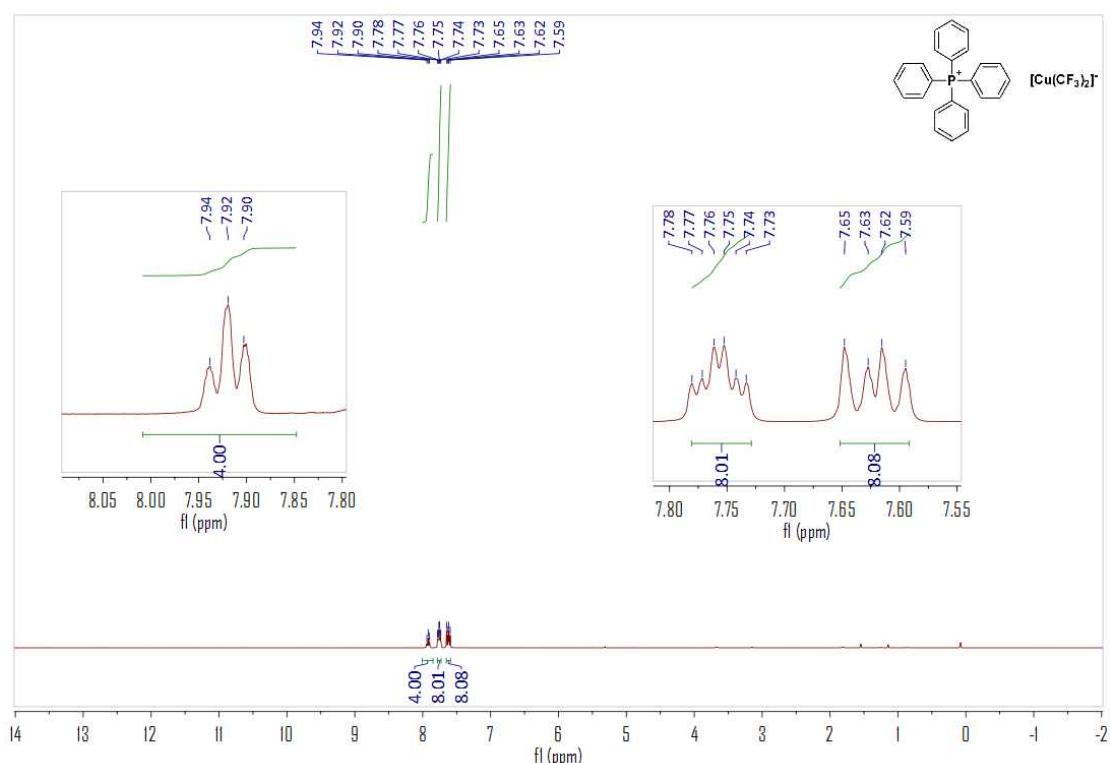


White solid (84 mg, 57%);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR yield: 71%. Eluent: ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:20.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35-8.38 (m, 1 H), 8.12-8.15 (m, 1 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 2 H), 4.39 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H), 2.30-2.41 (m, 1 H), 1.06 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.5, 142.4, 140.7 (q,  $J = 35.4$  Hz), 134.3, 133.8, 131.3, 128.0, 127.5, 121.0 (q,  $J = 276.7$  Hz), 119.4, 118.3, 54.7, 28.4, 19.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -65.6 ppm. LRMS (EI, m/z): 293 [M $^+$ ]; HRMS (EI, m/z) [M $^+$ ] Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{F}_3$ , 293.1140; Found: 293.1143. IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3100, 2962, 1340, 1137, 1079 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . m.p. 112.3  $\sim$  114.2 °C.

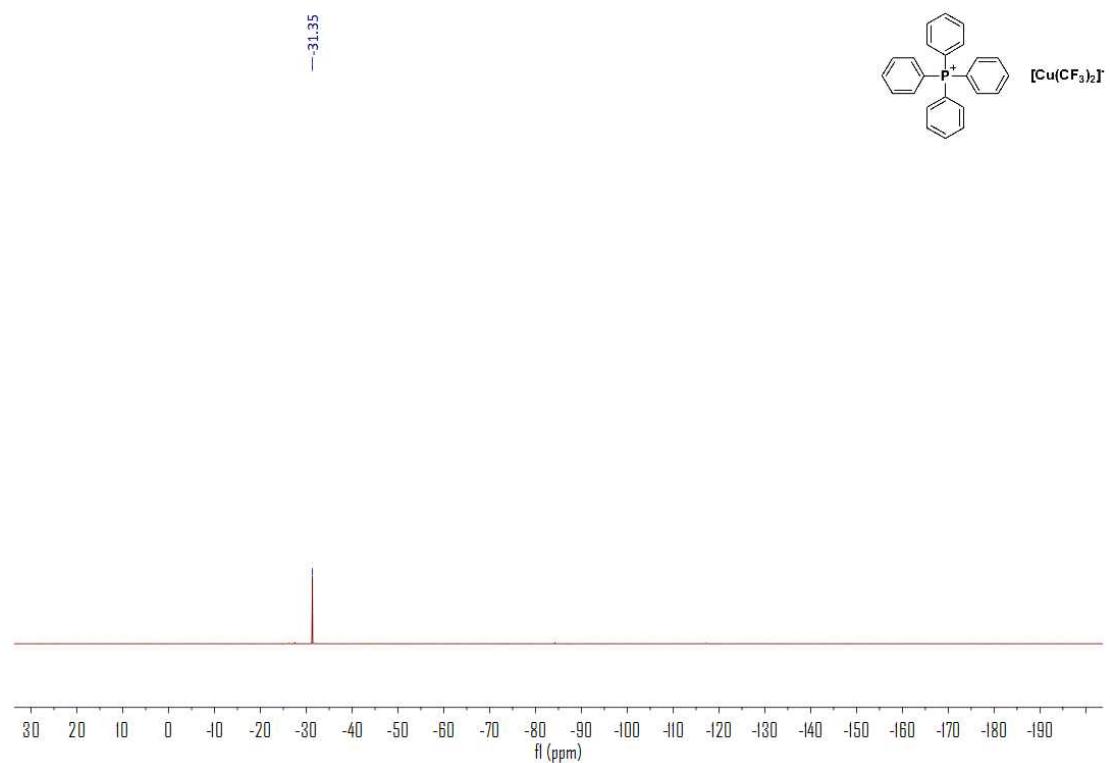
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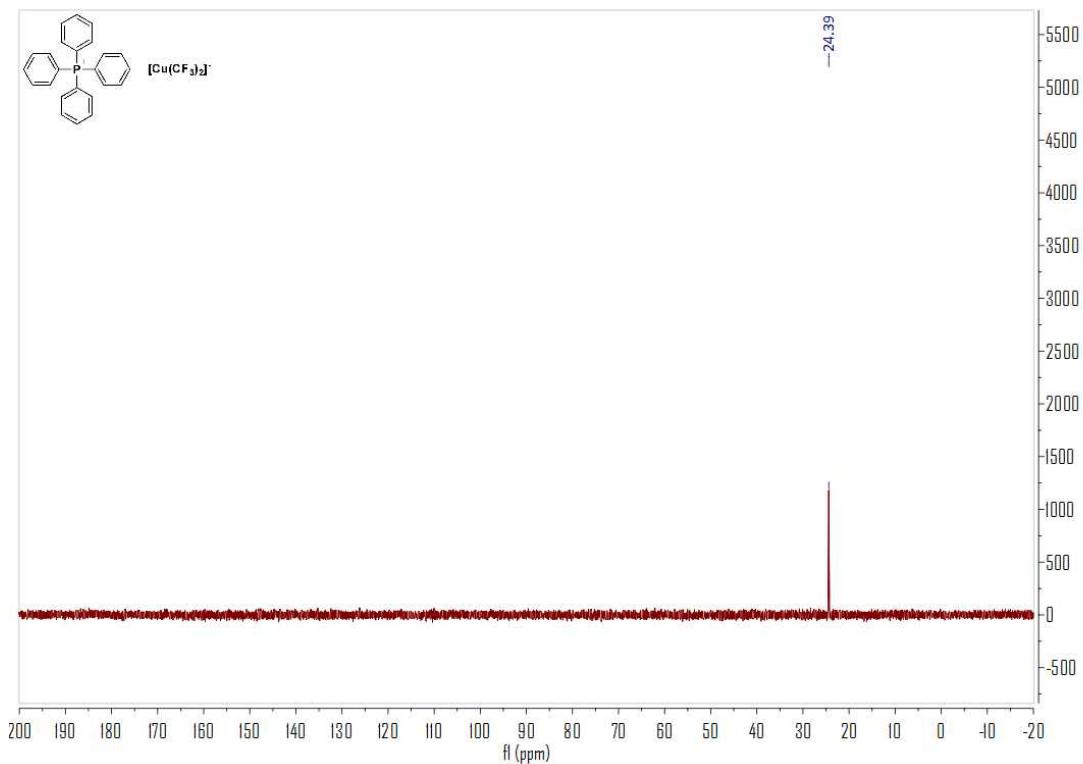
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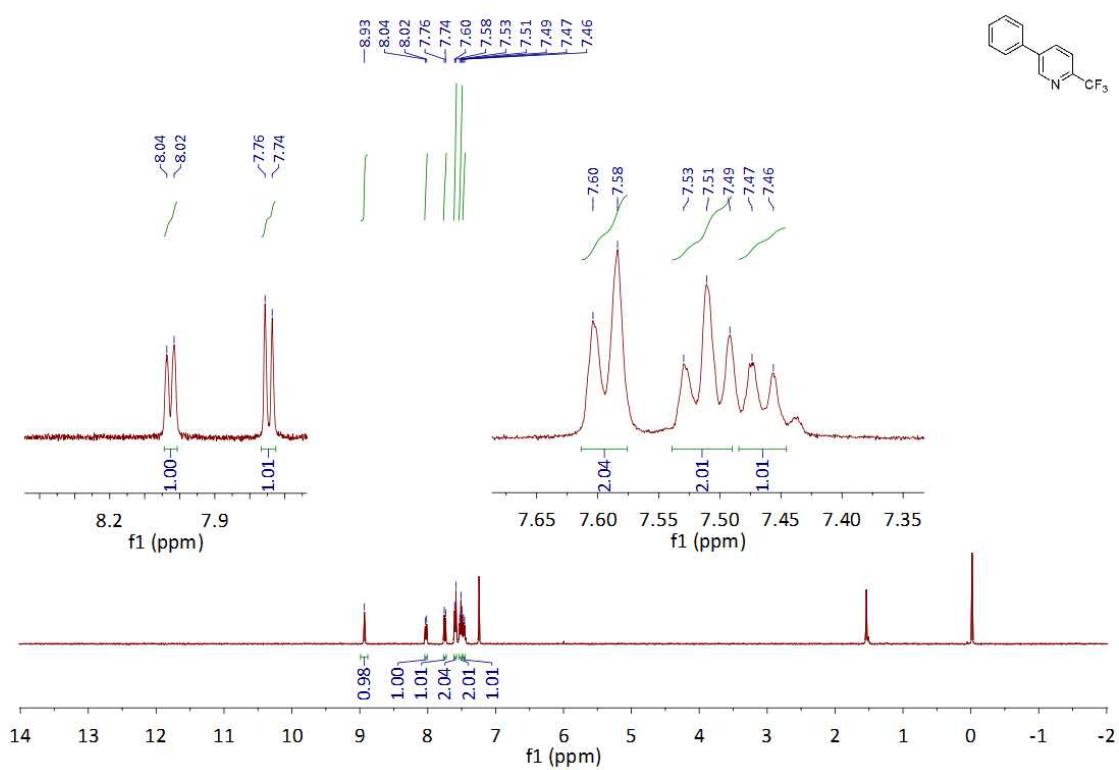
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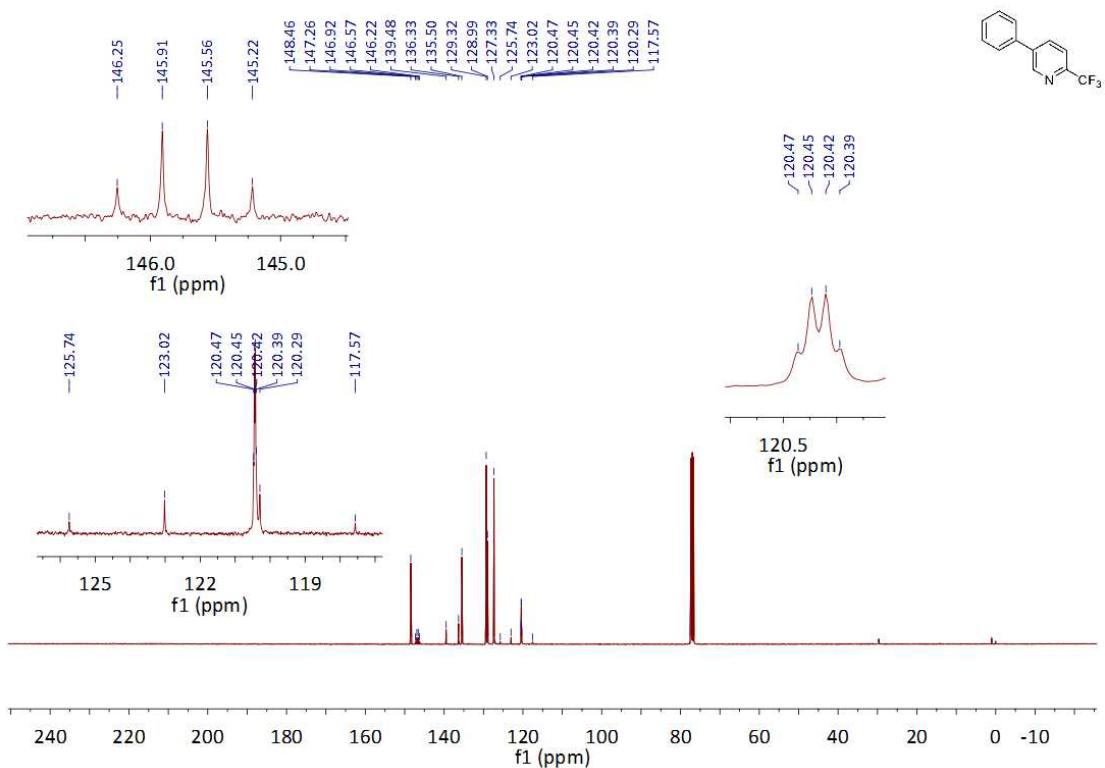
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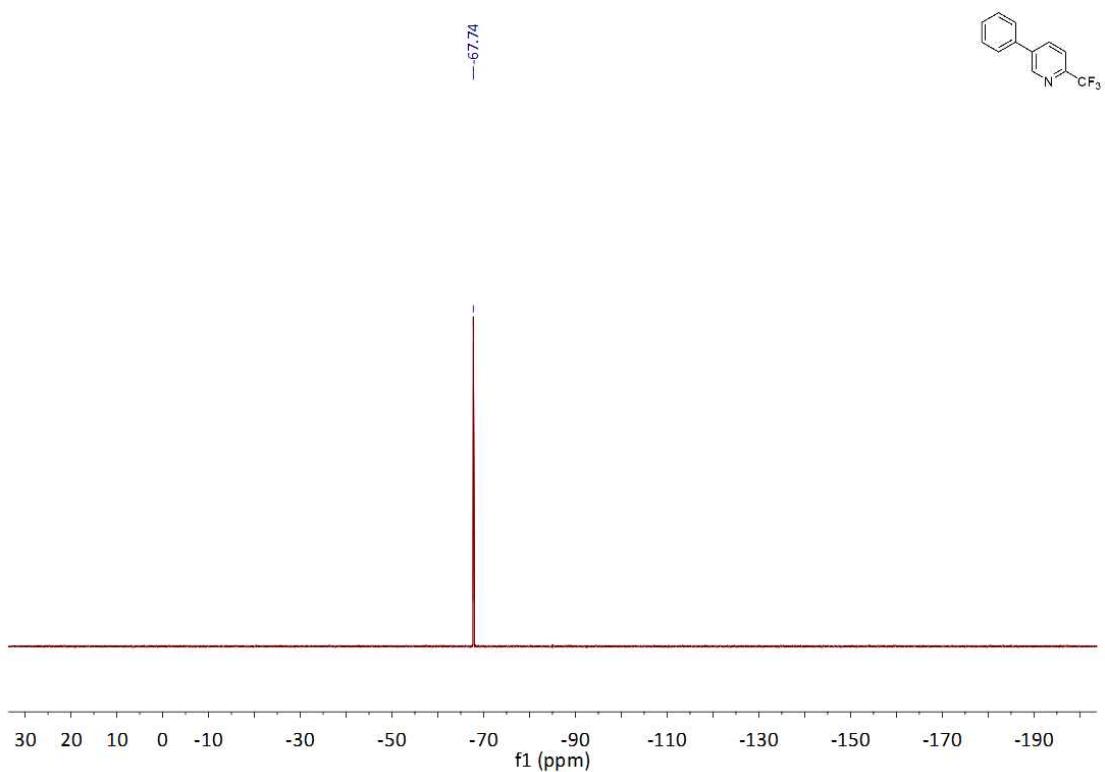
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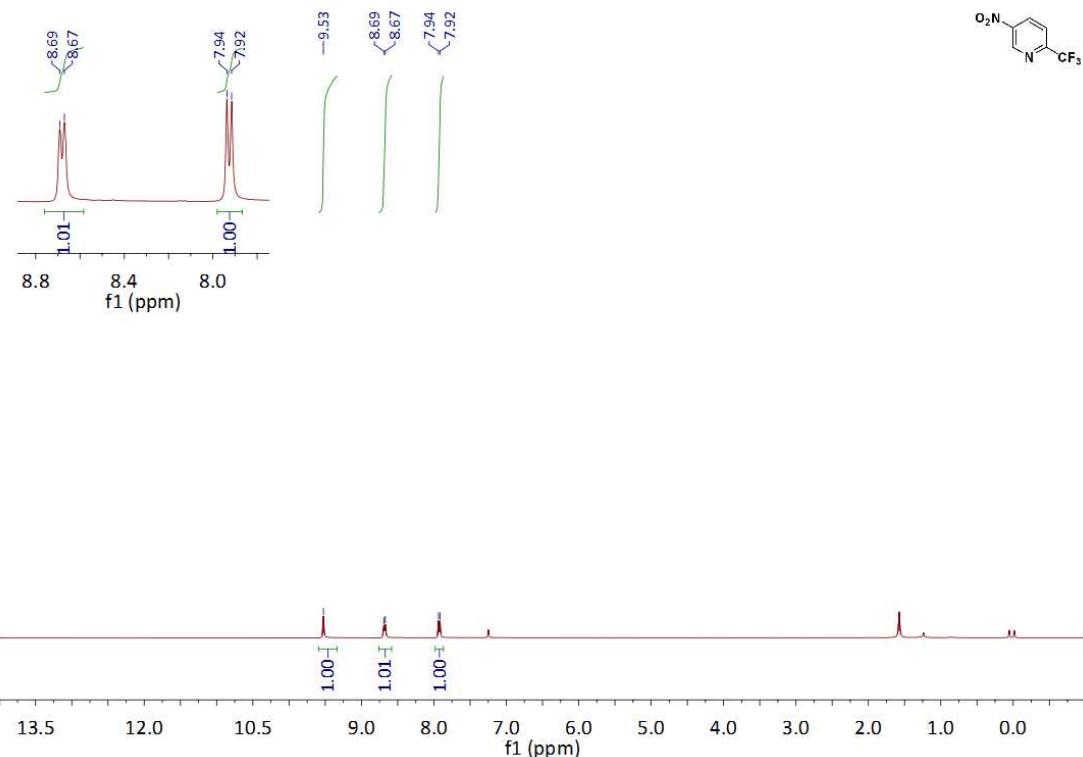
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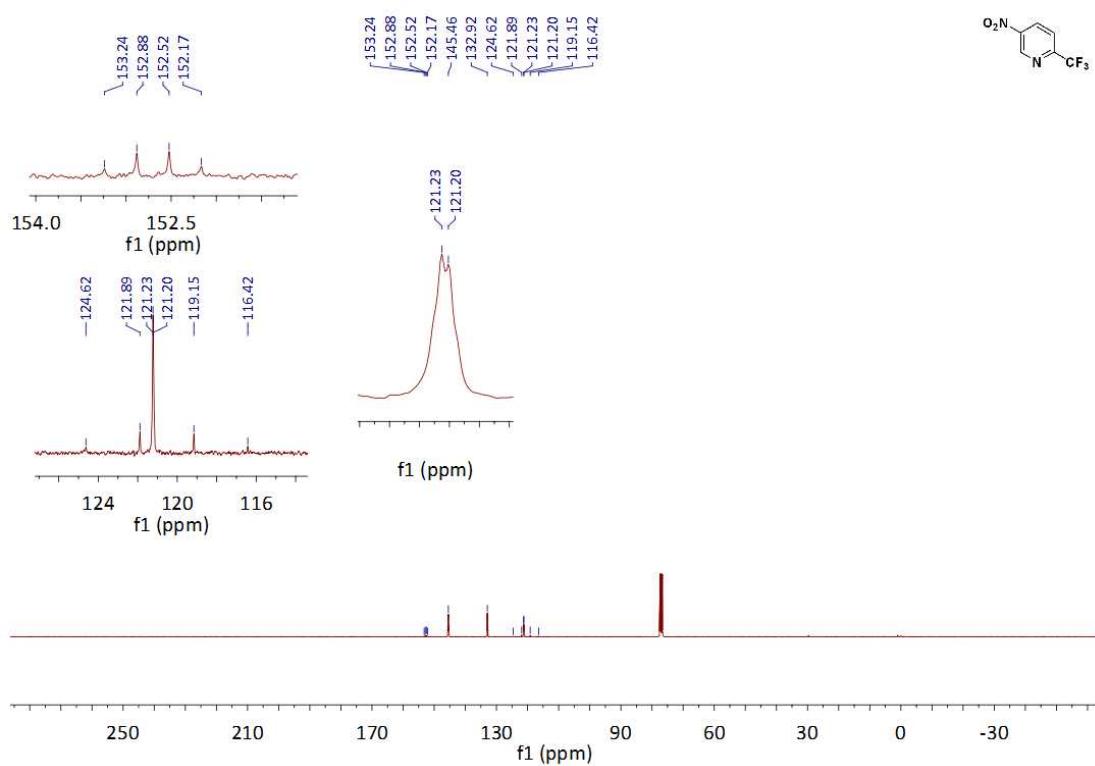
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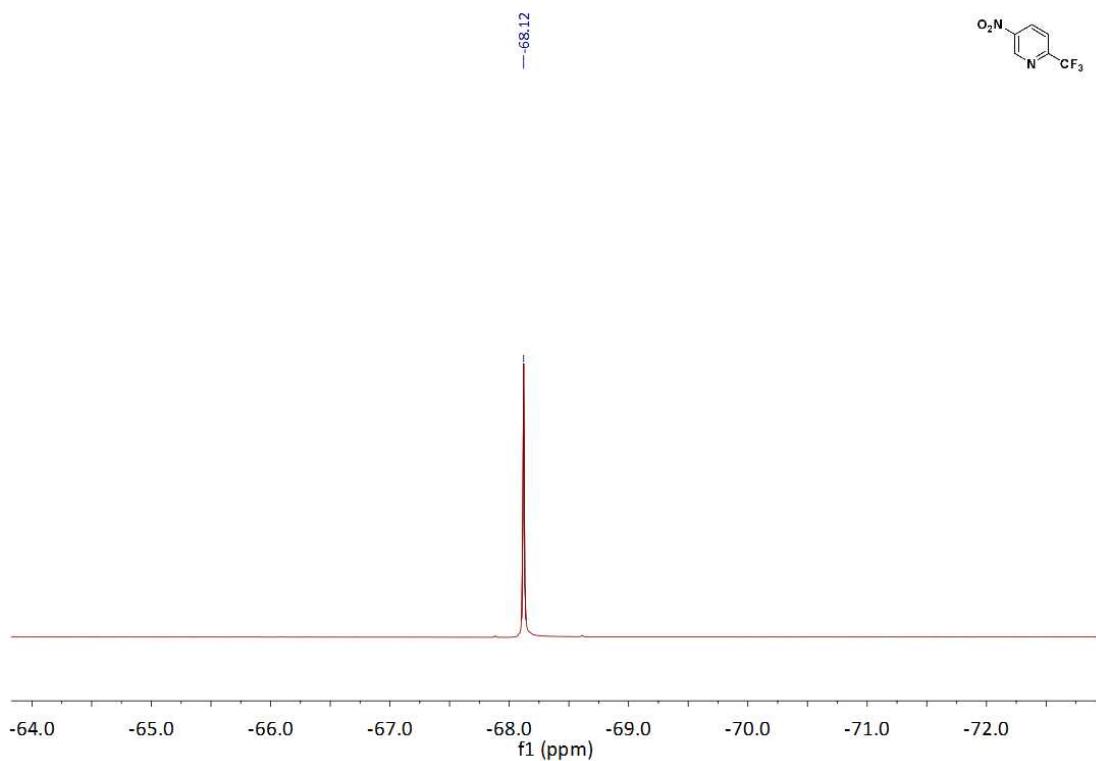
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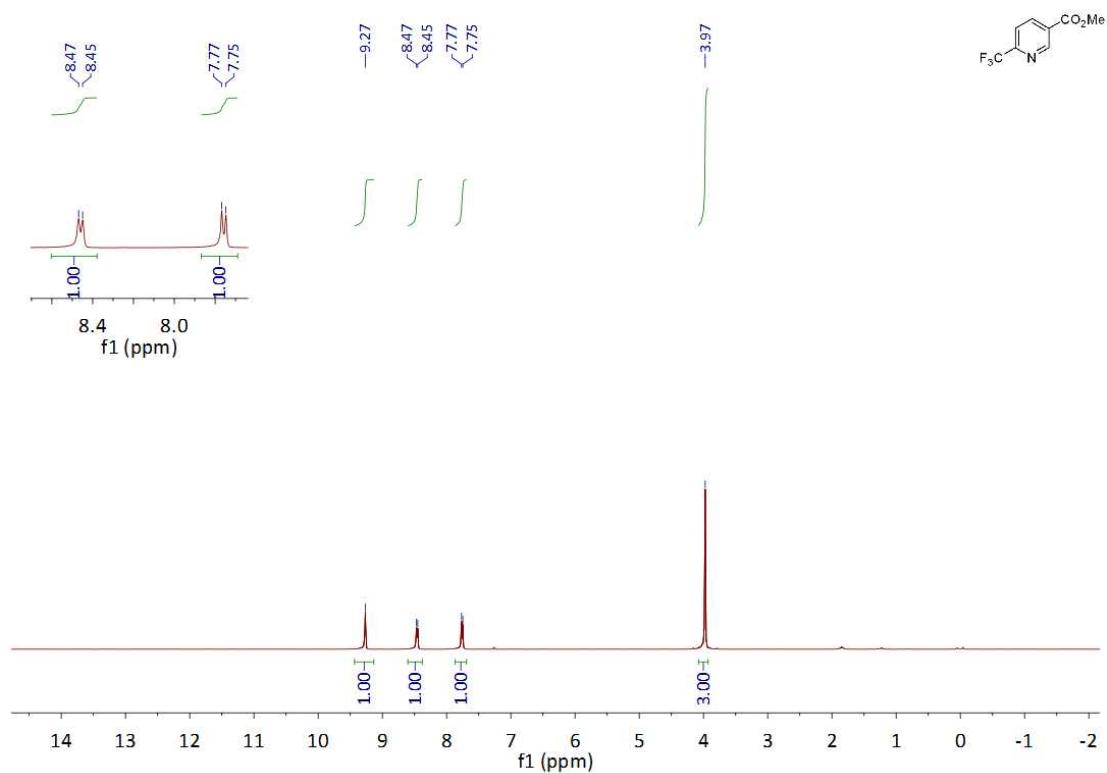
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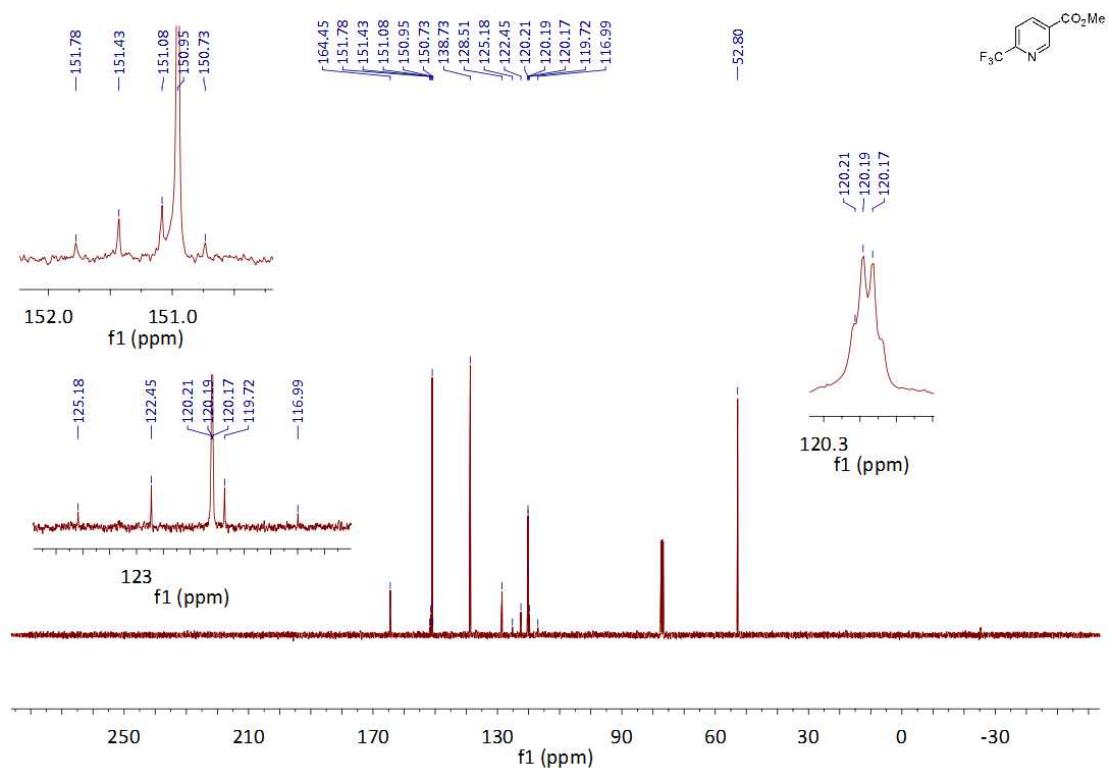
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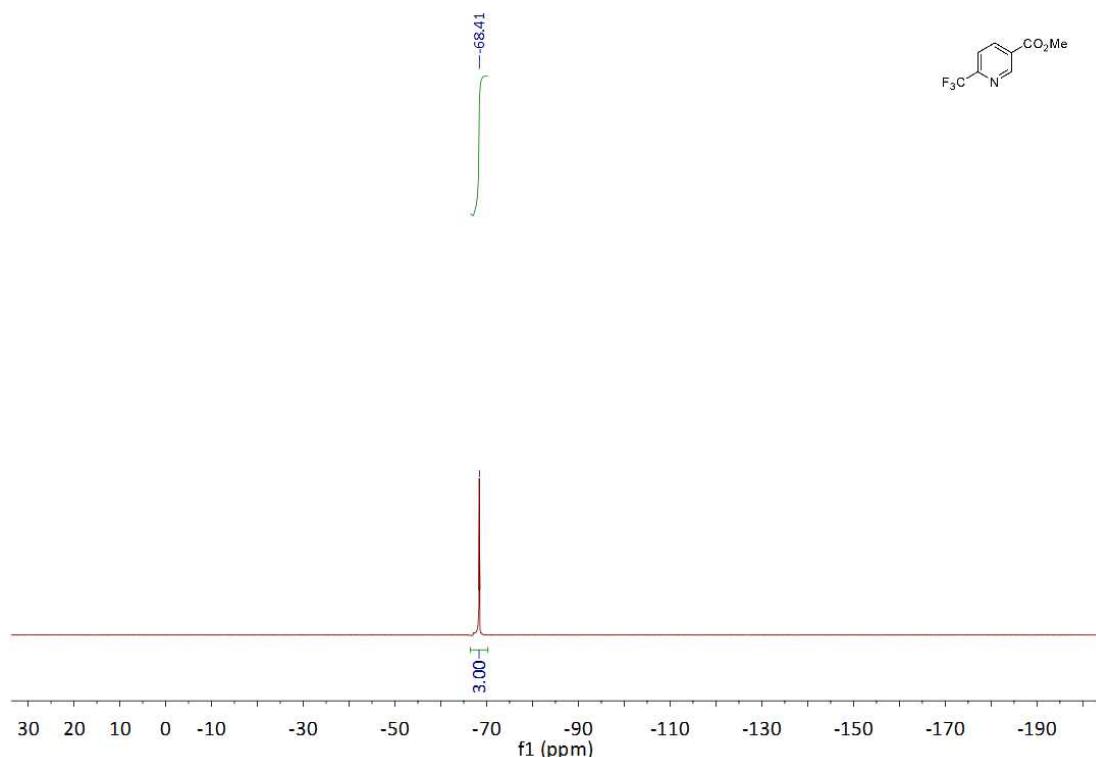
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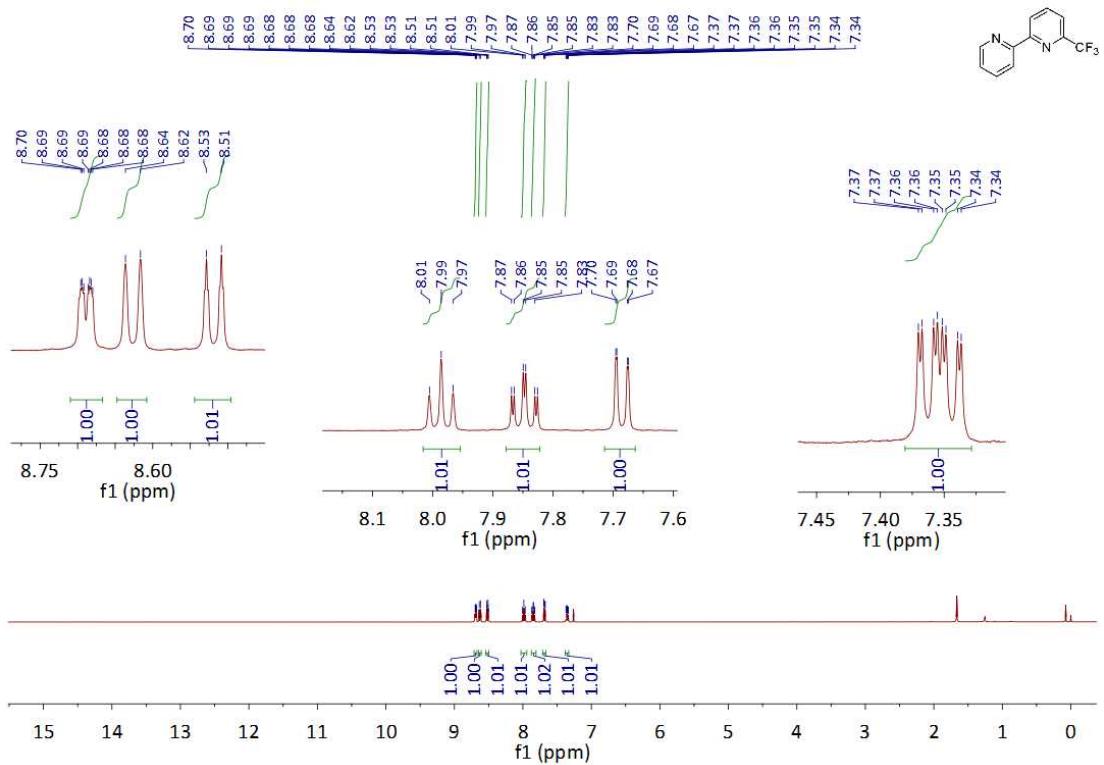
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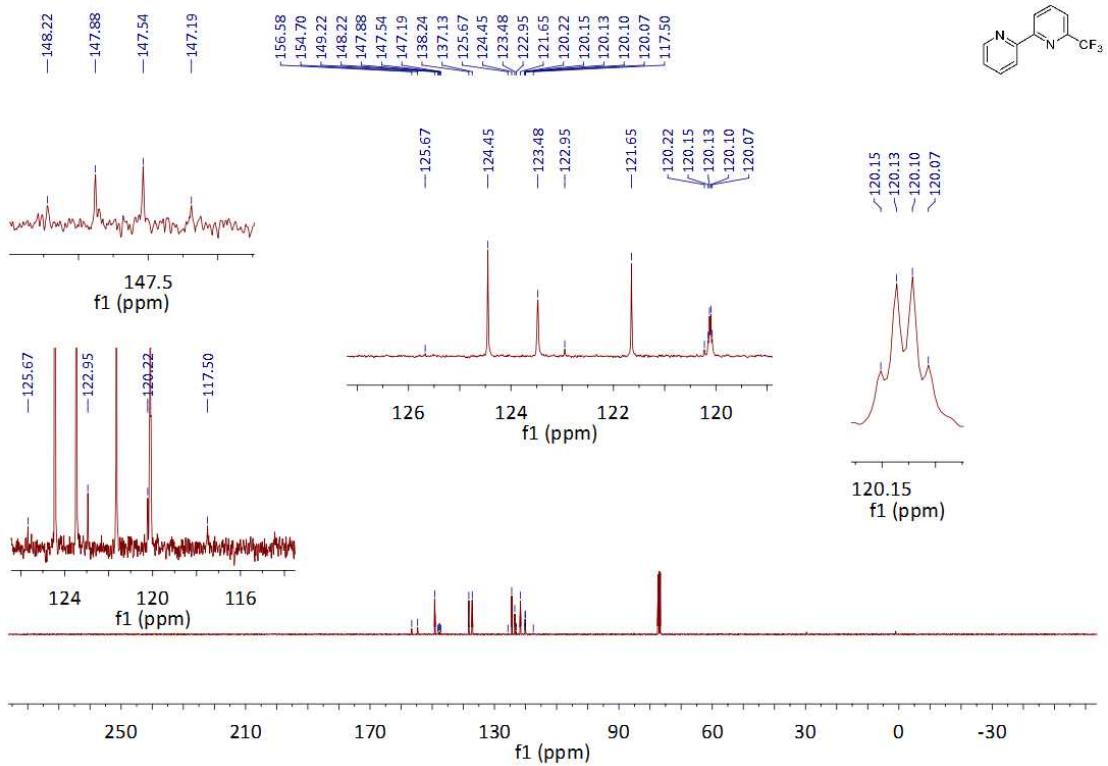
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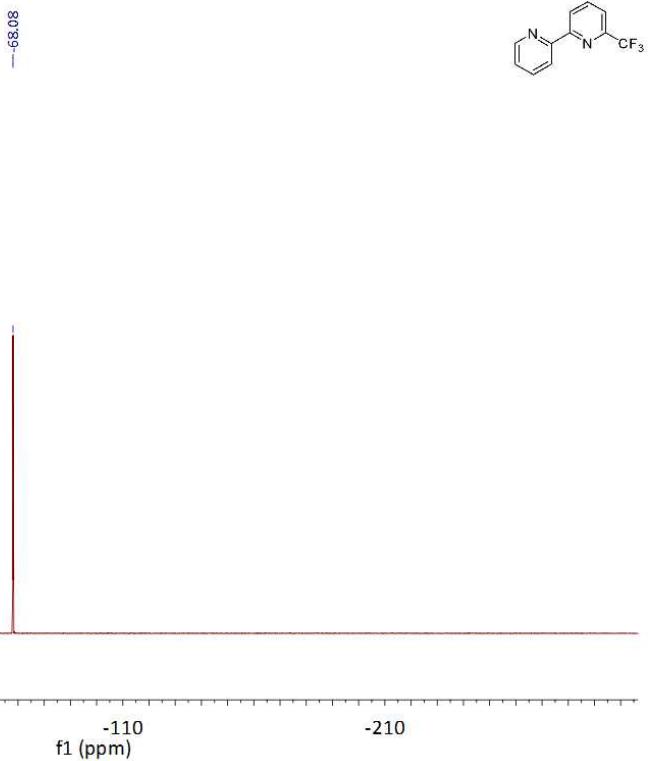
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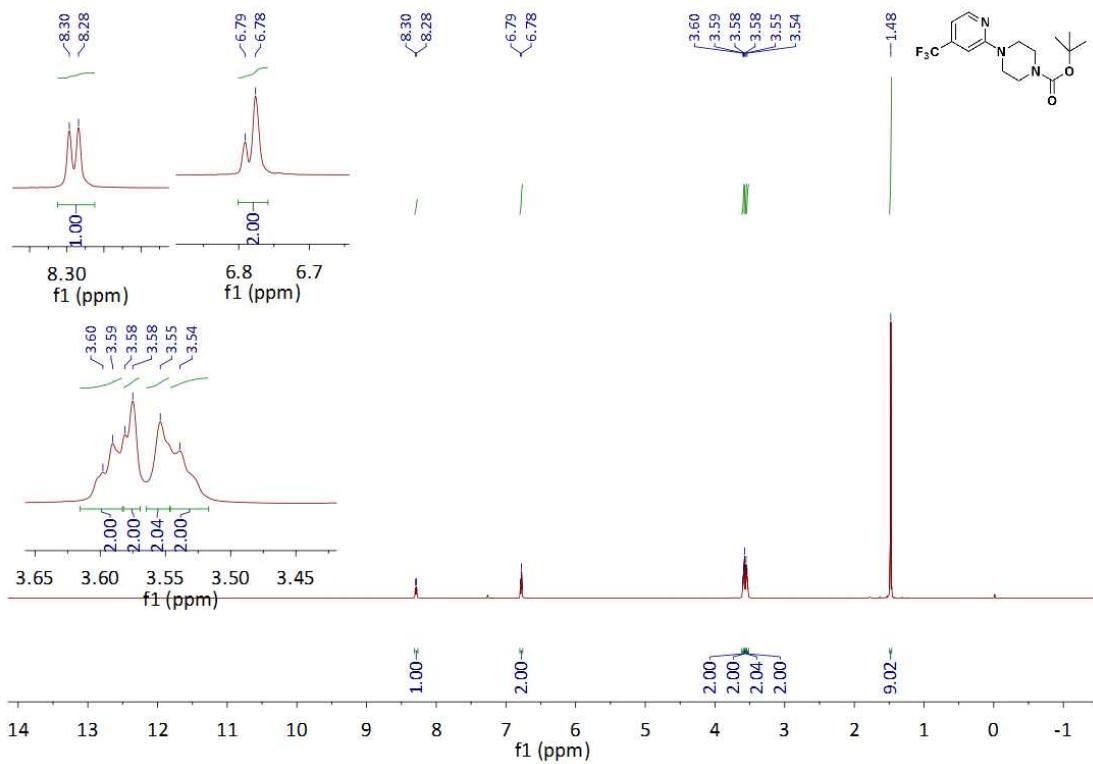
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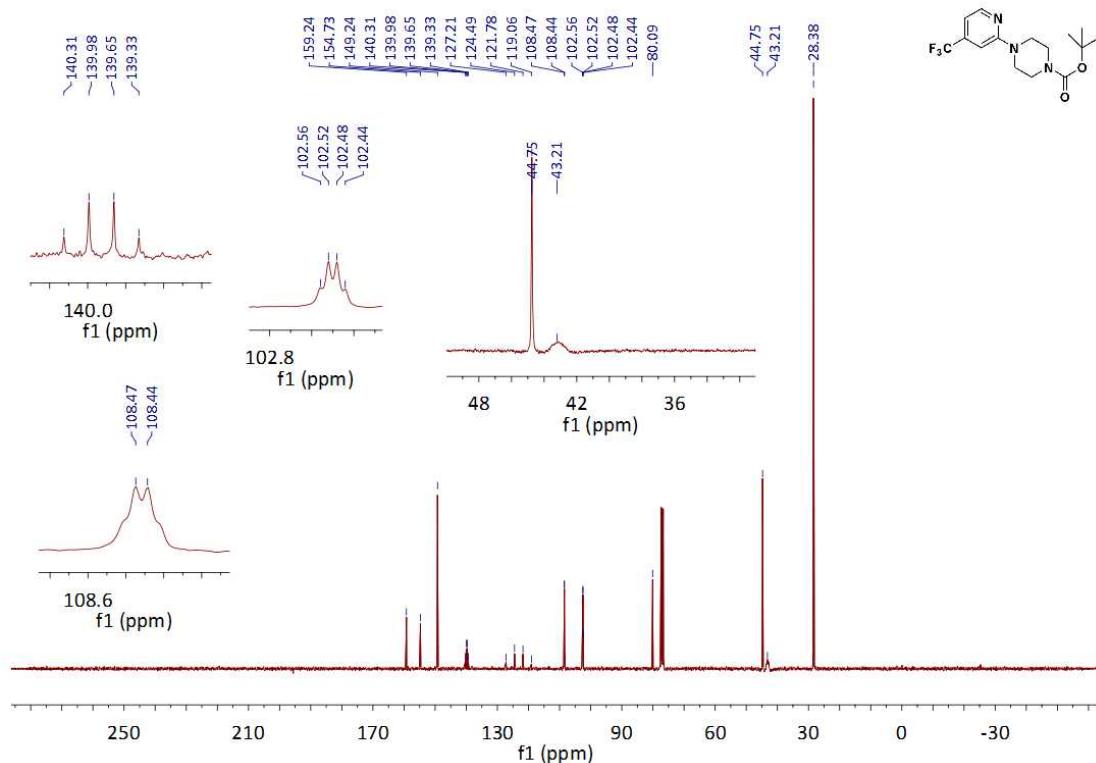
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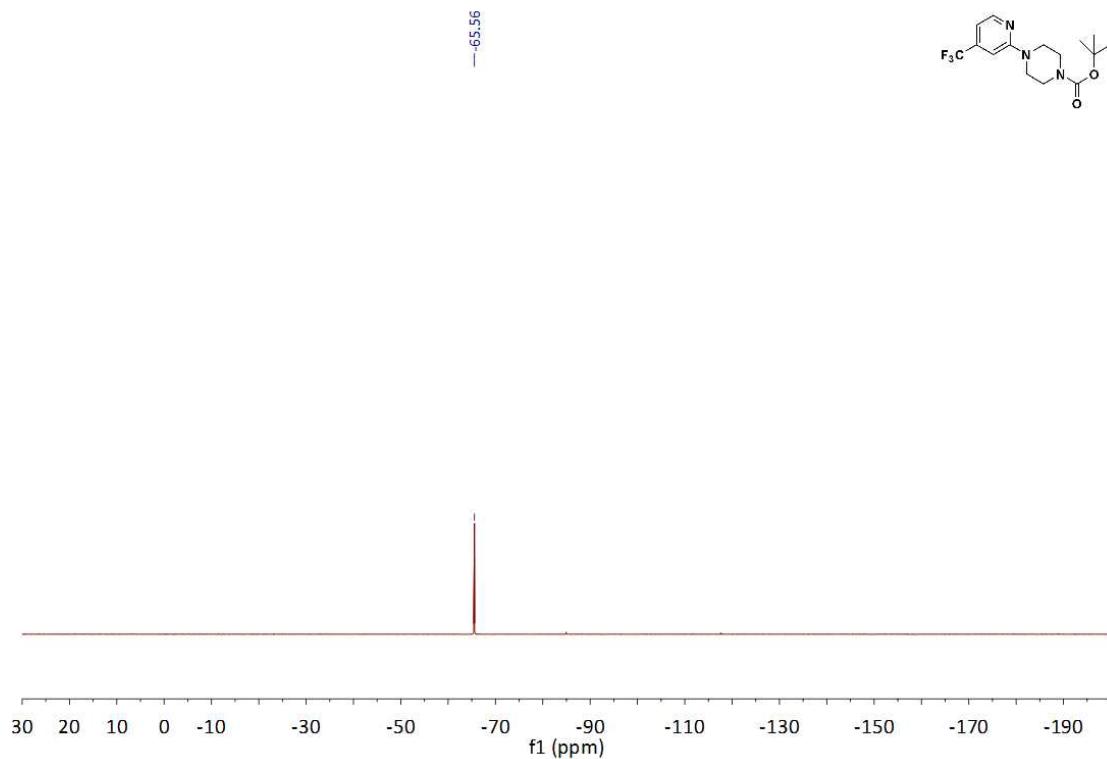
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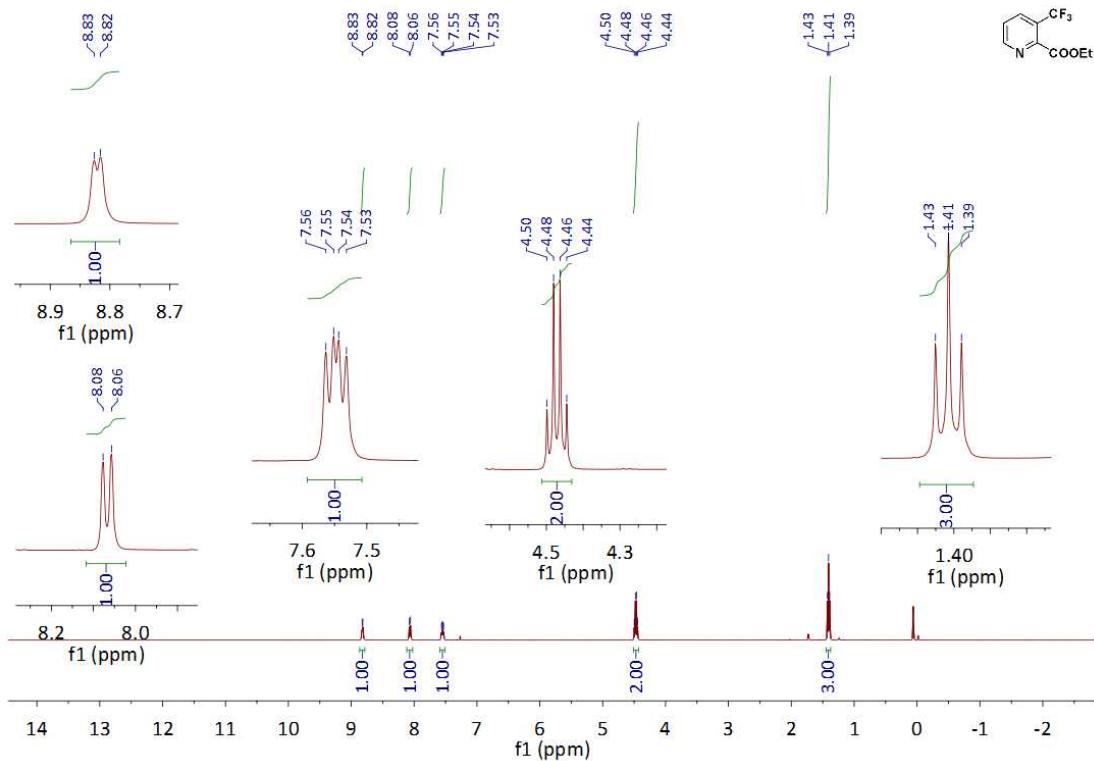
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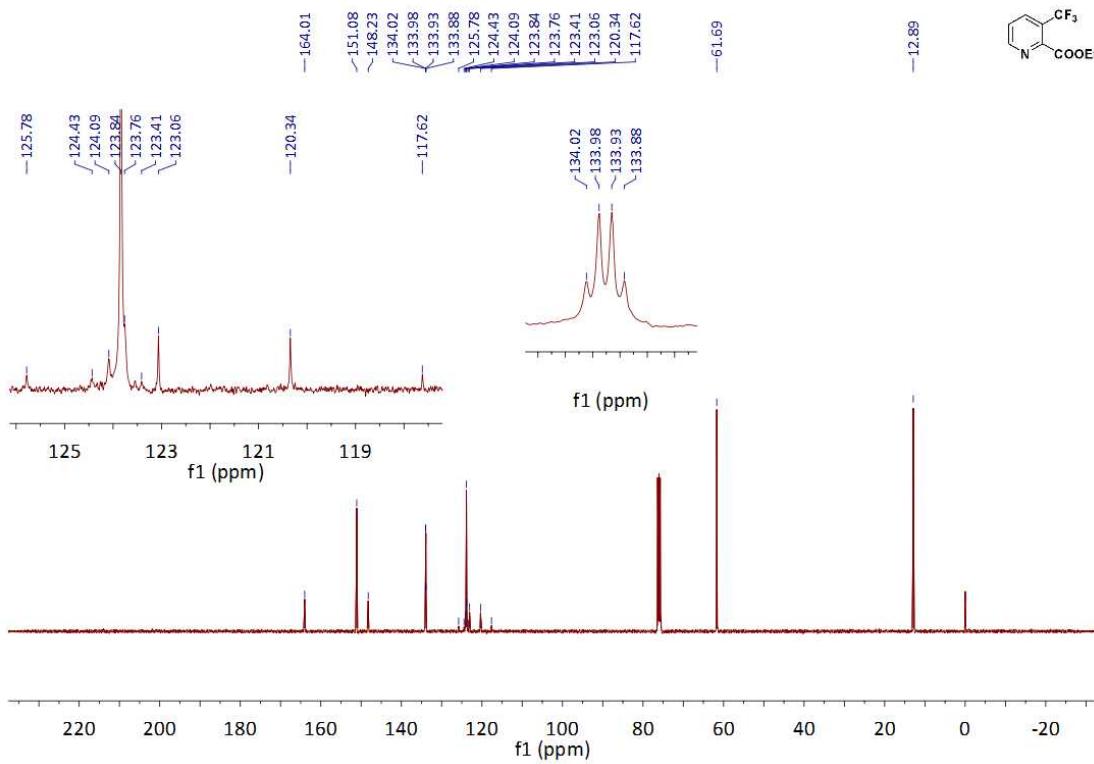
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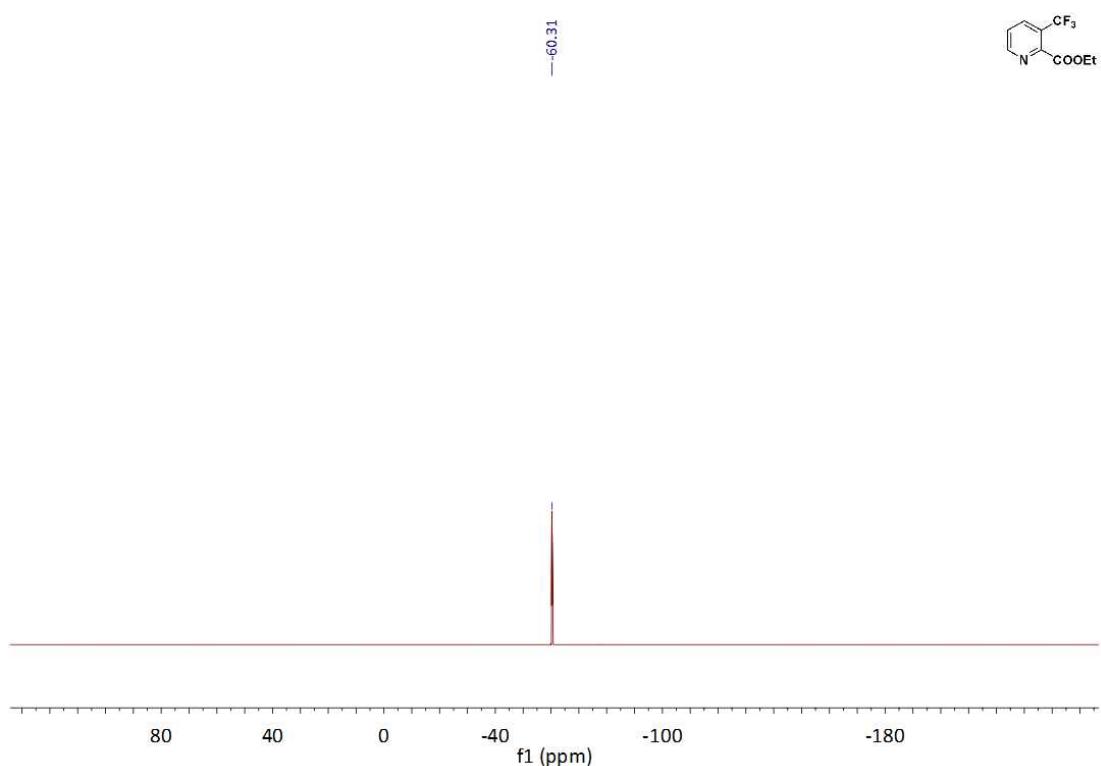
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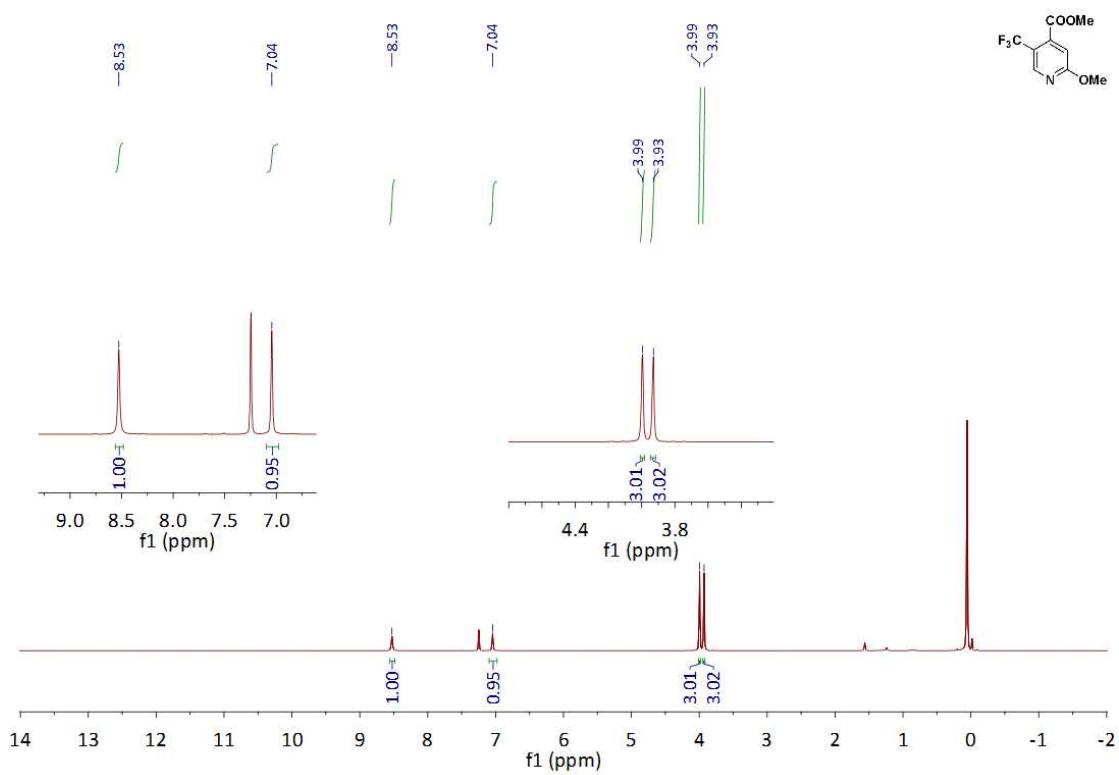
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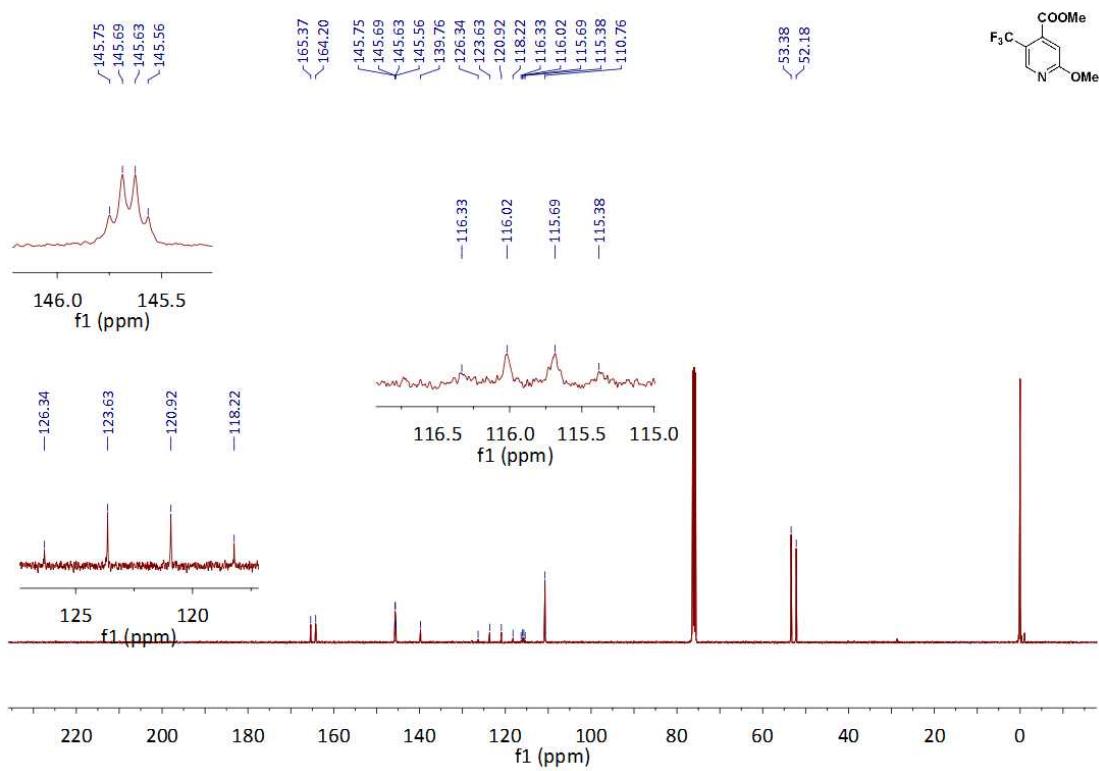
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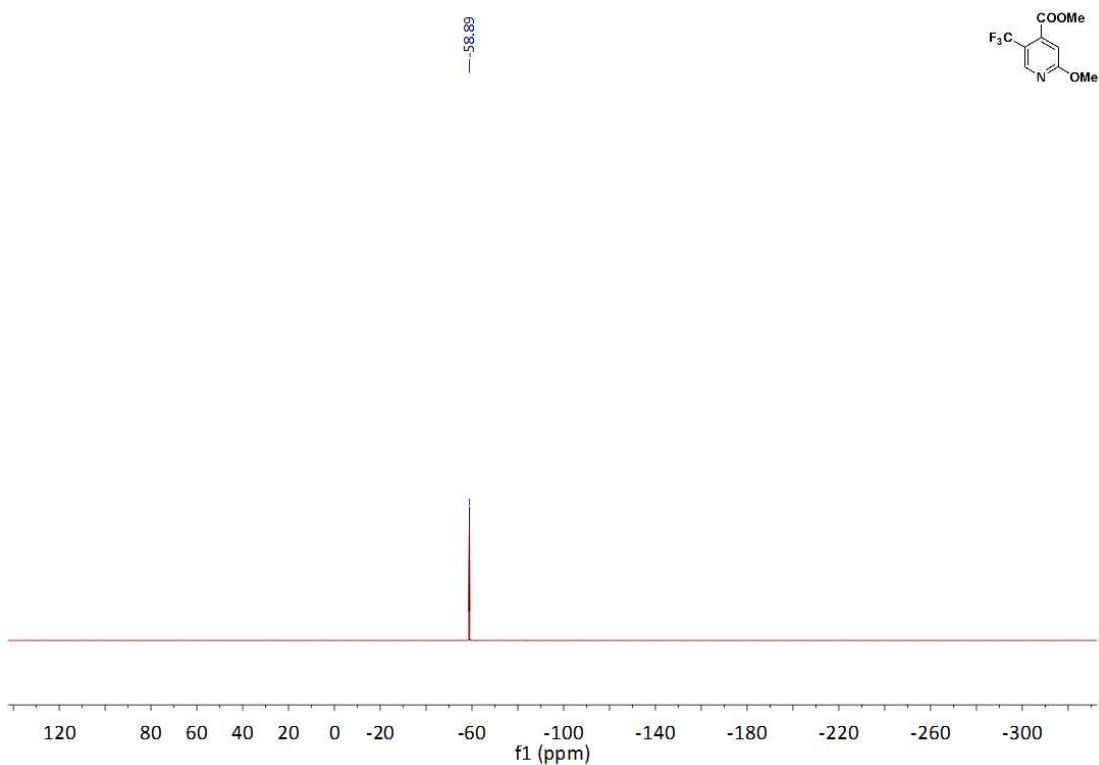
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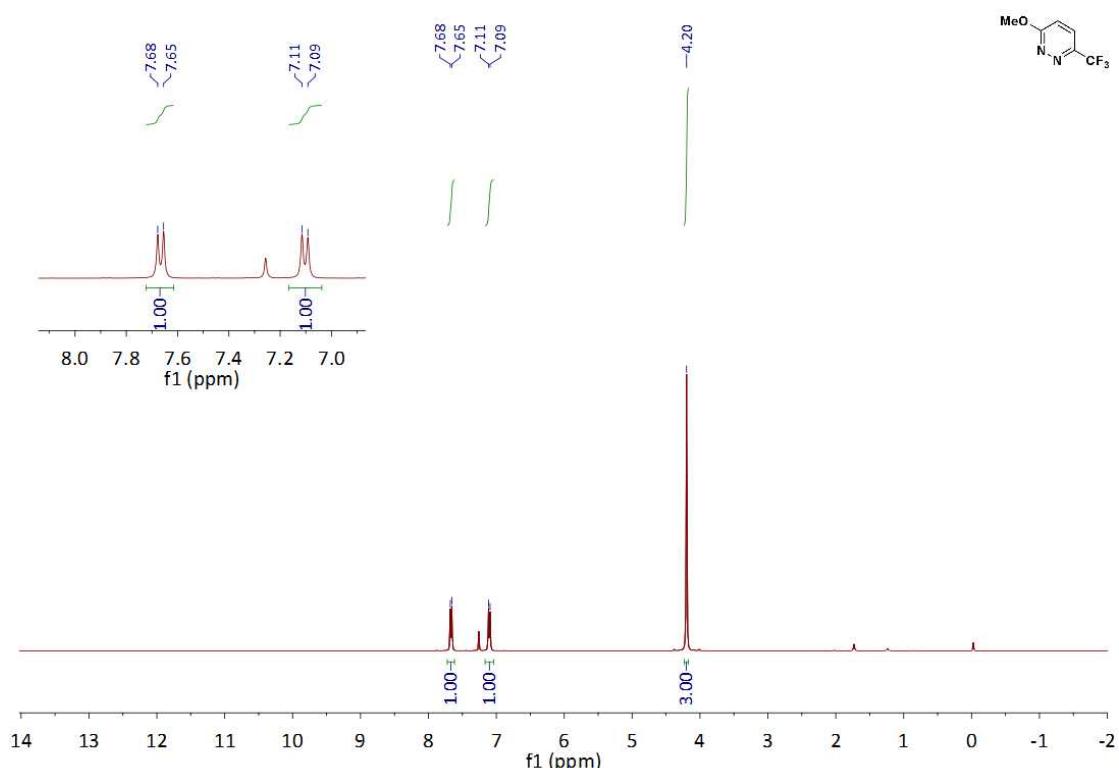
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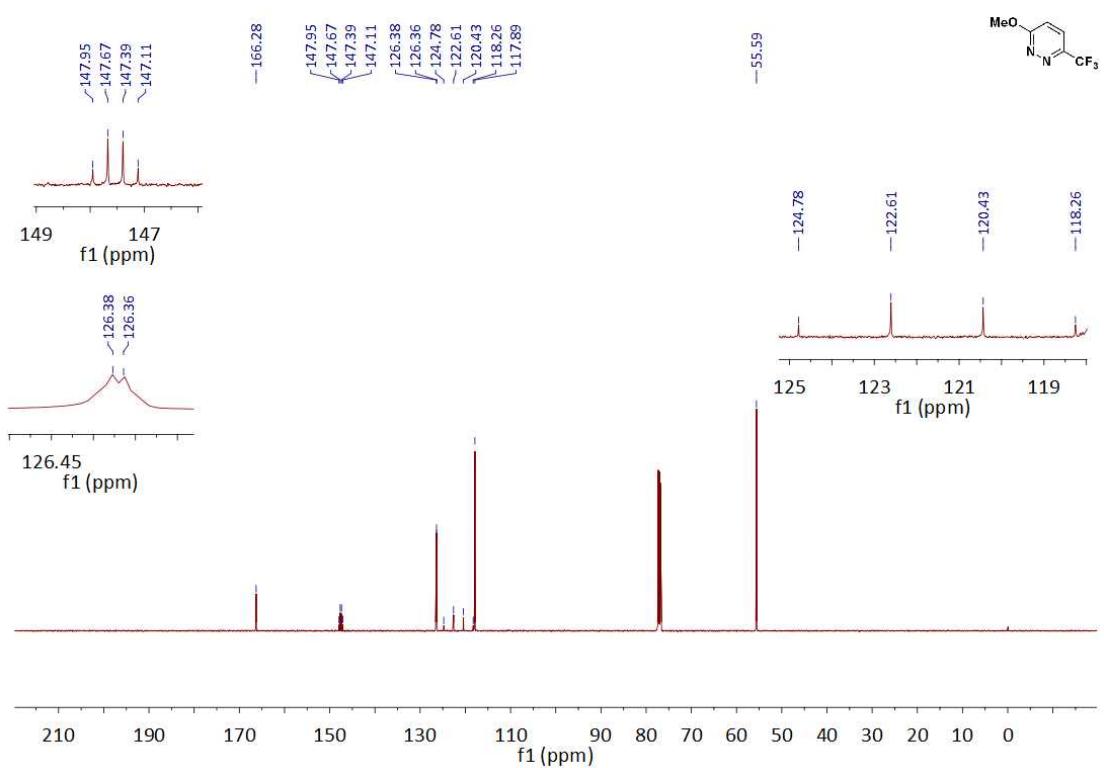
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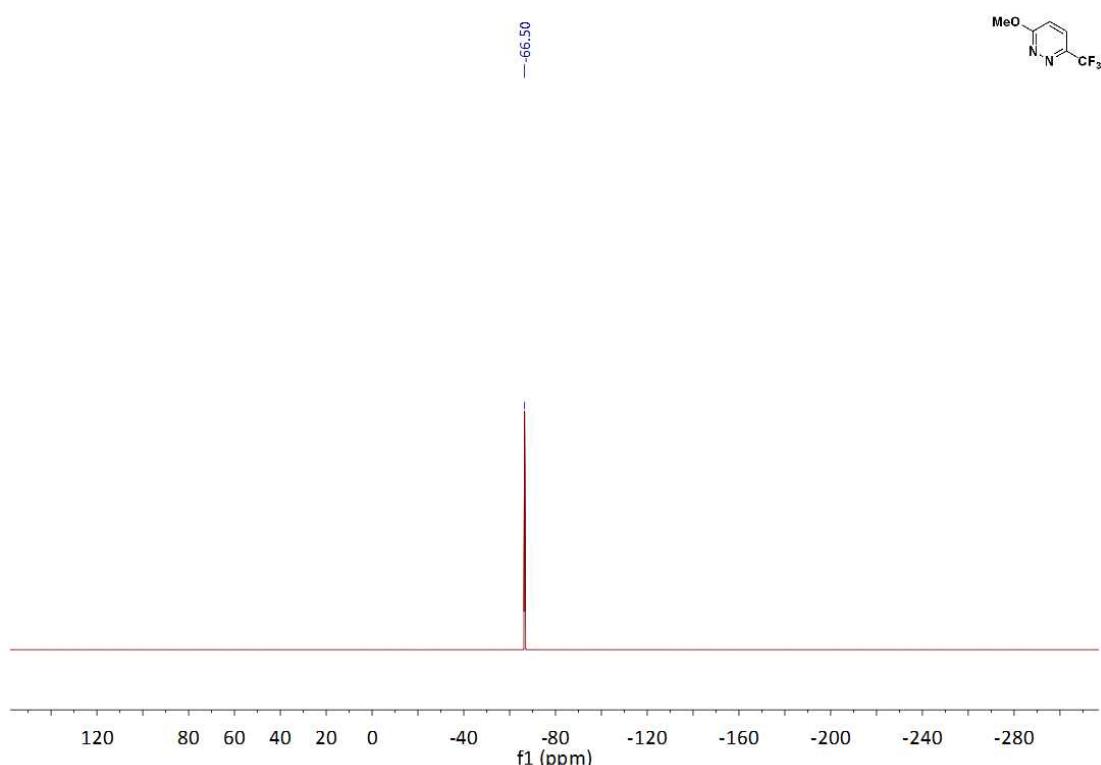
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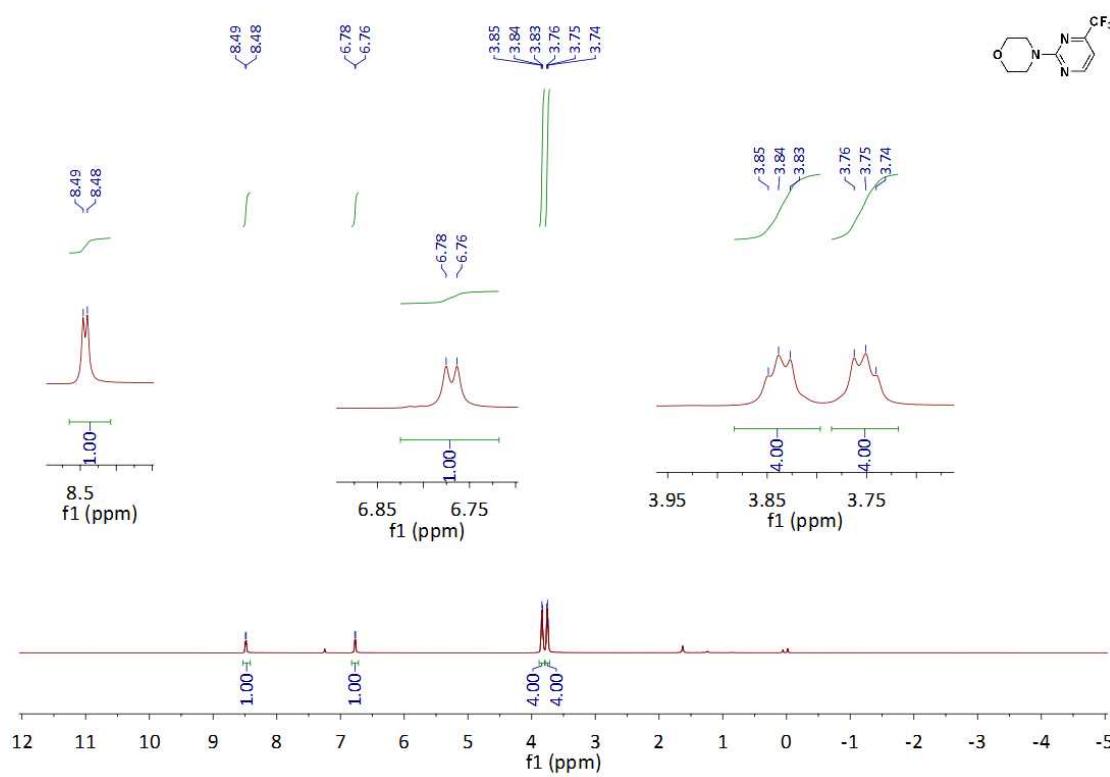
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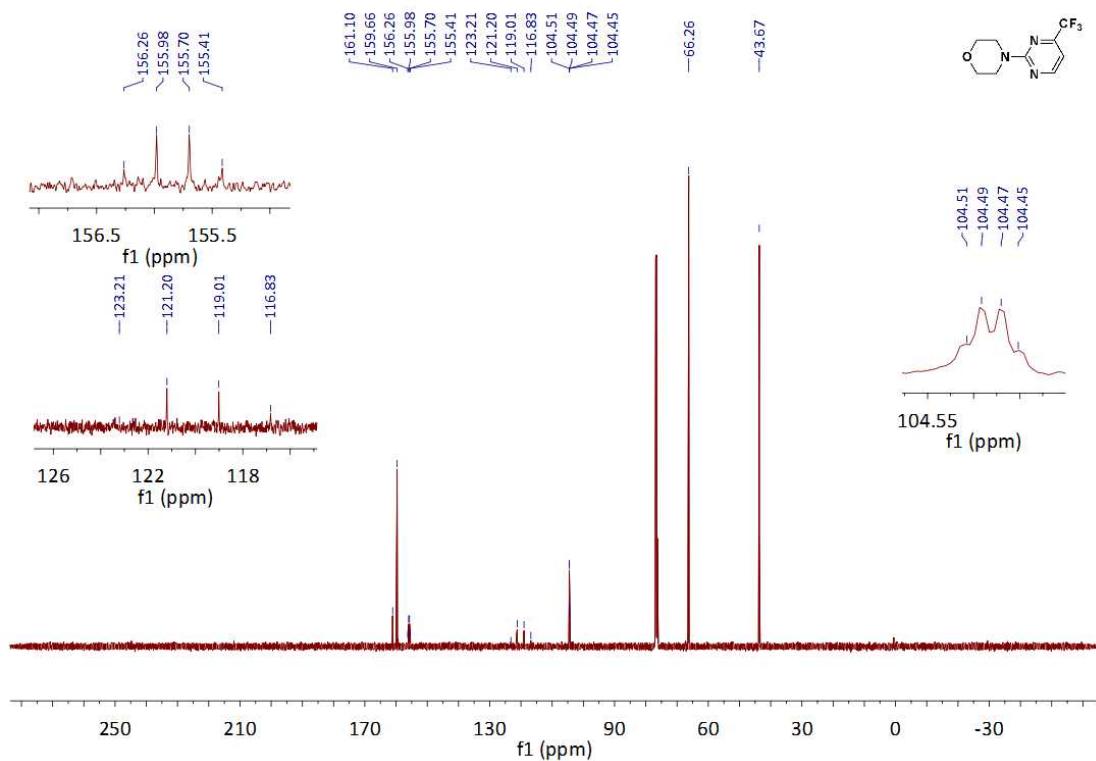
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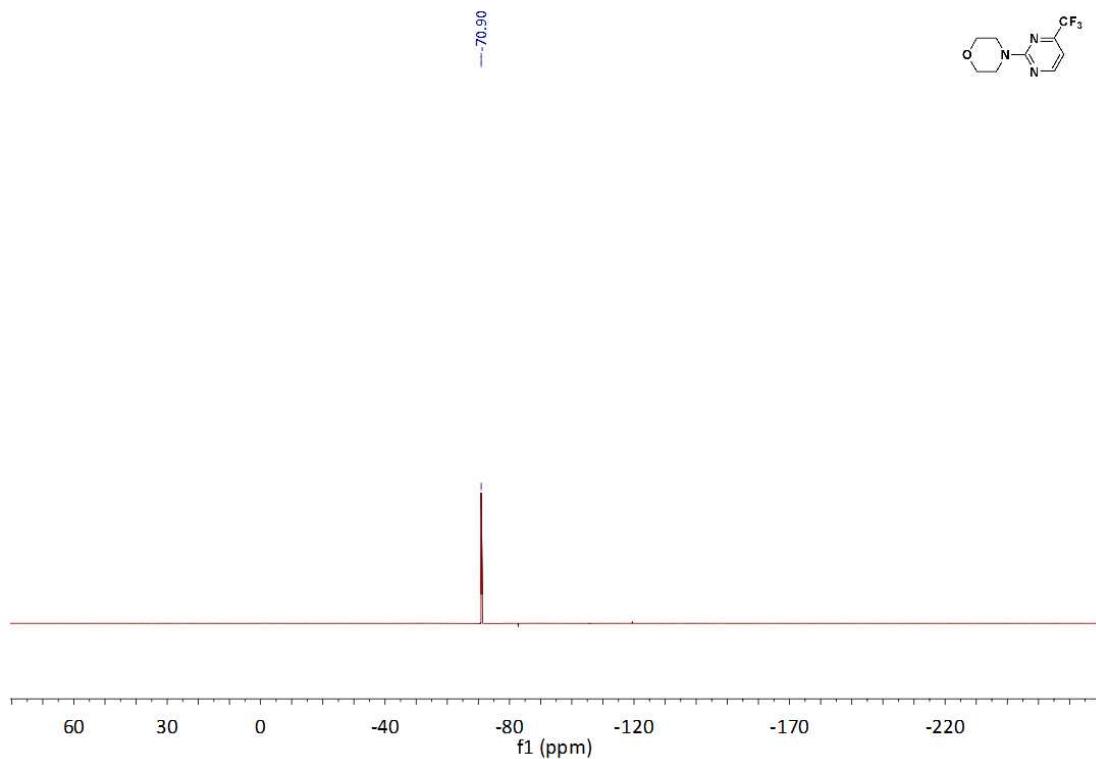
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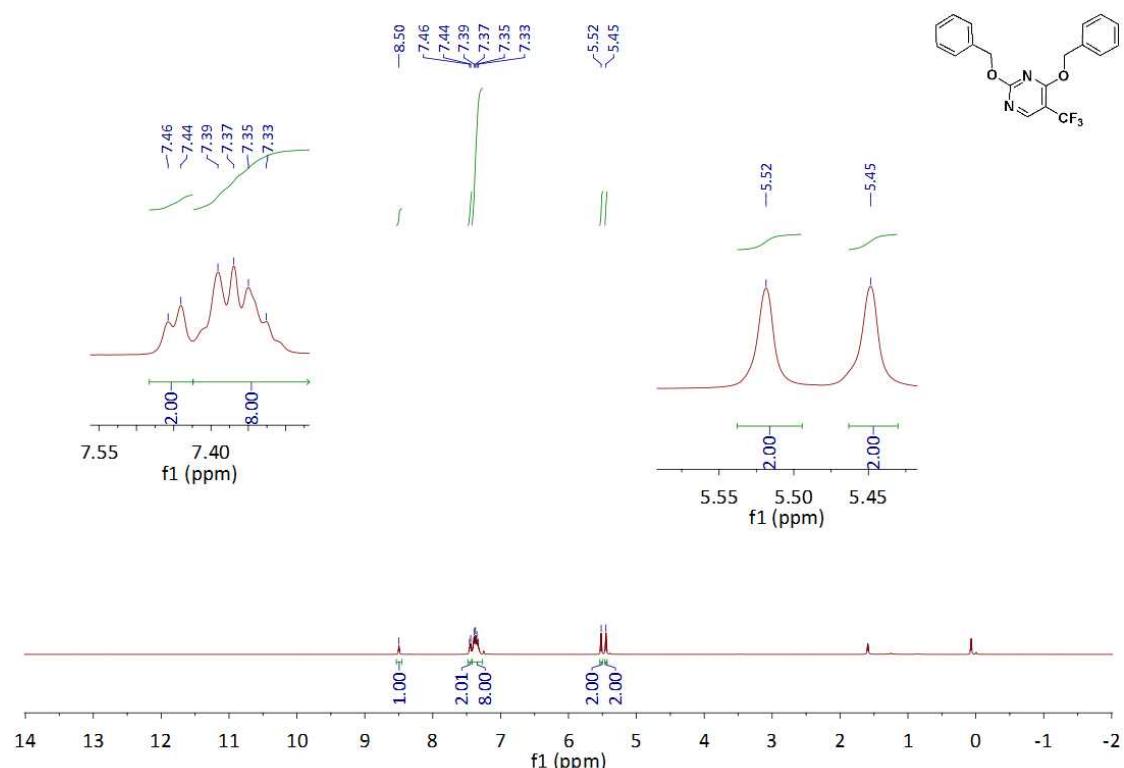
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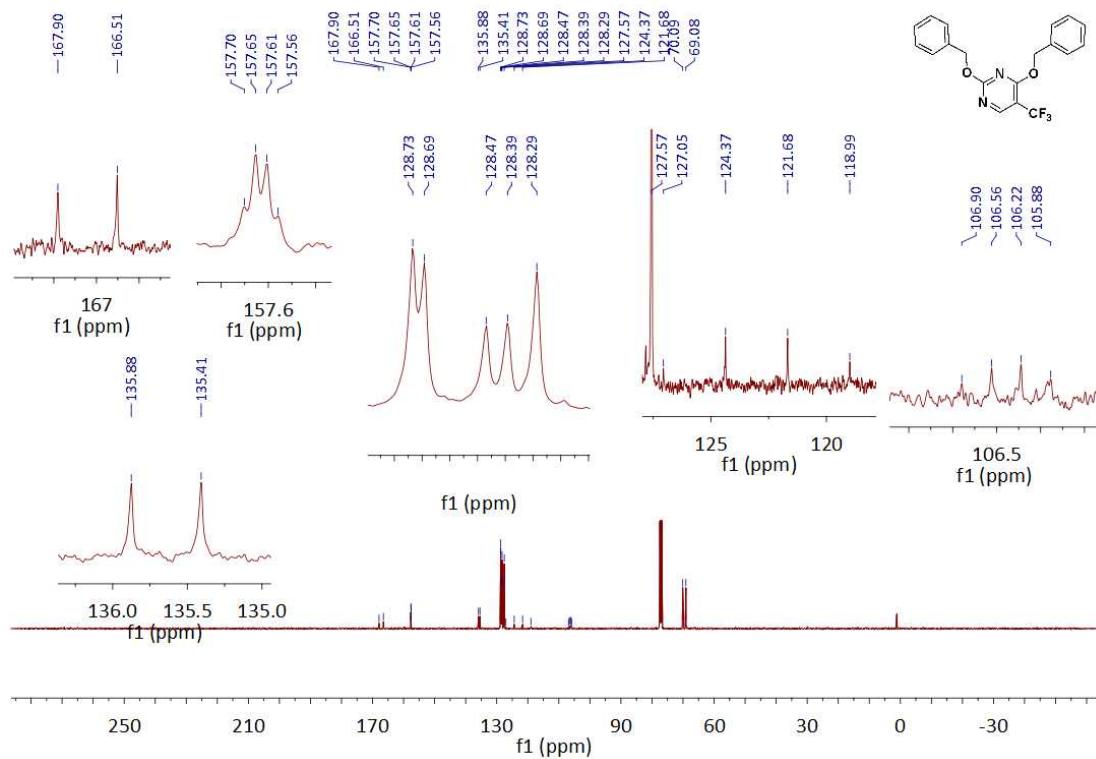
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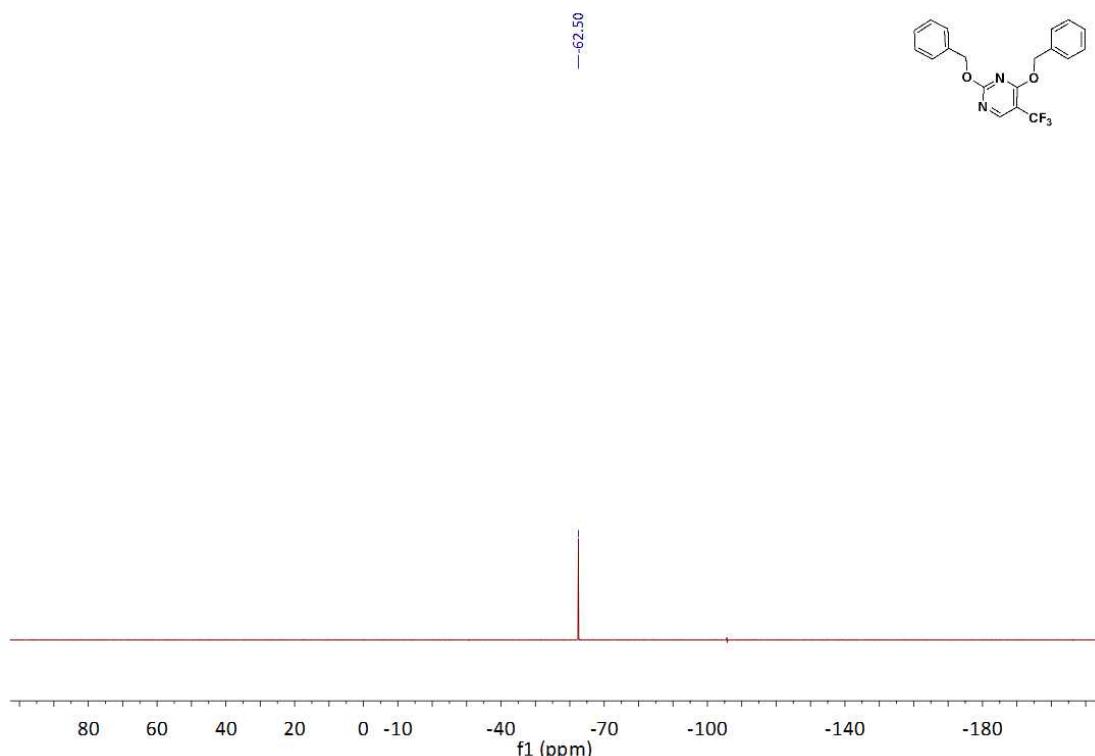
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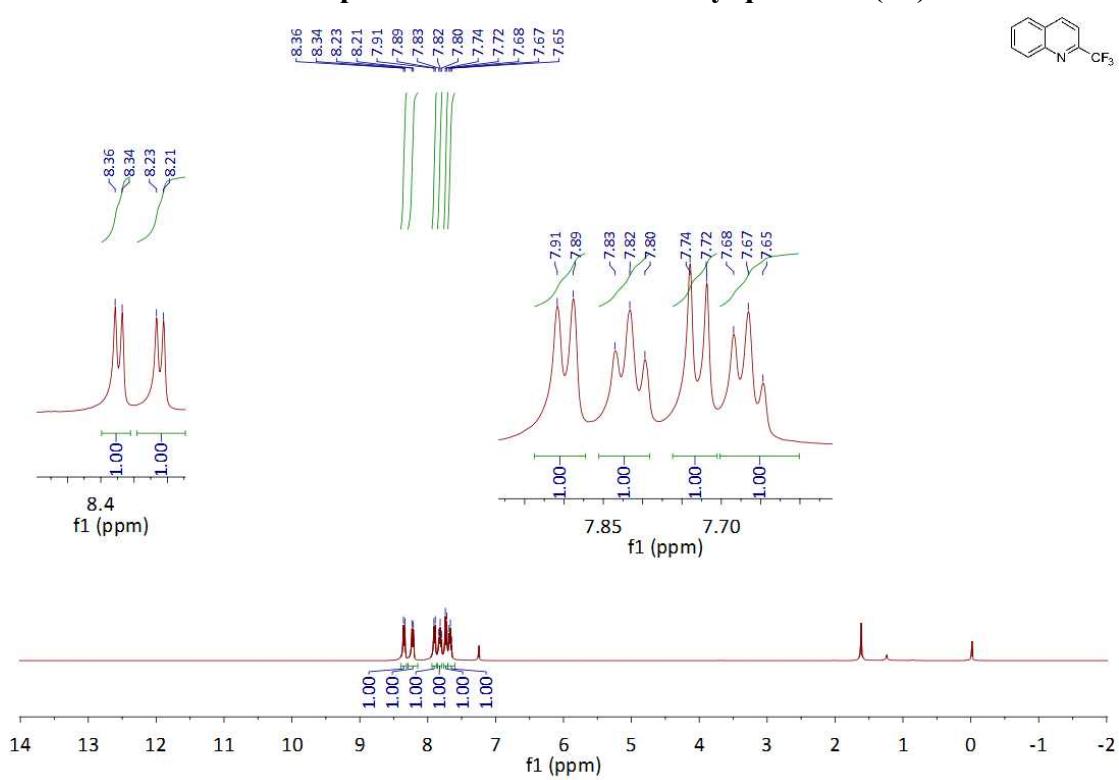
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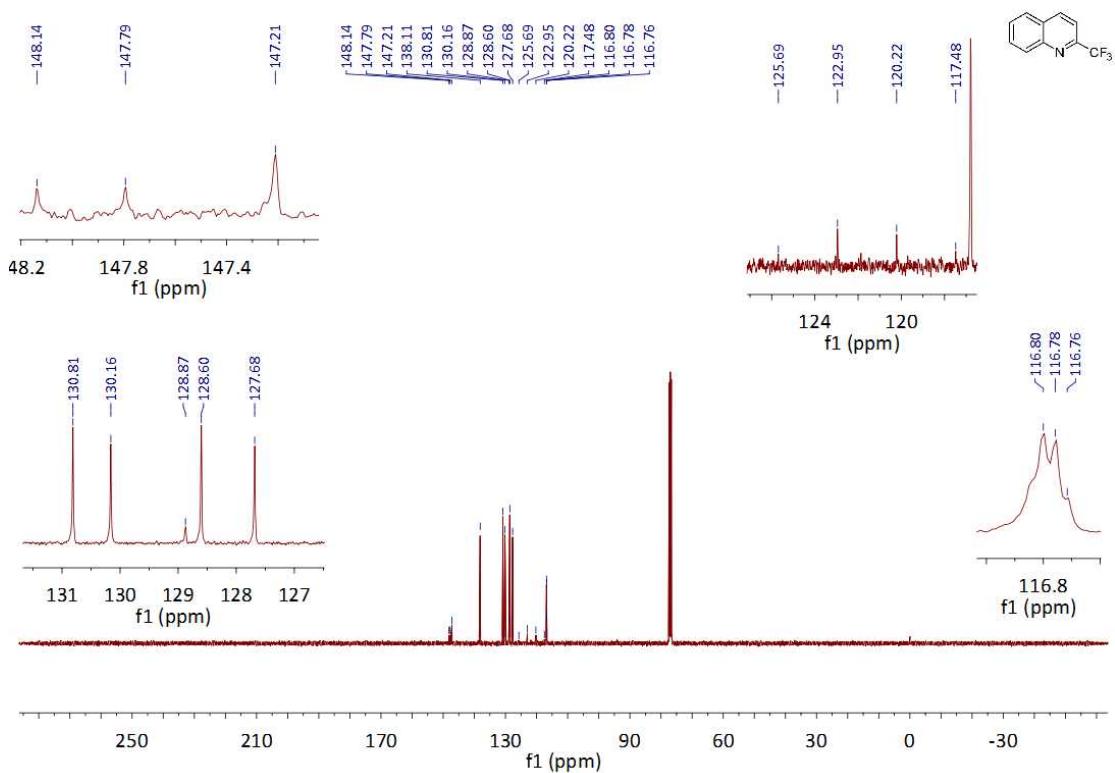
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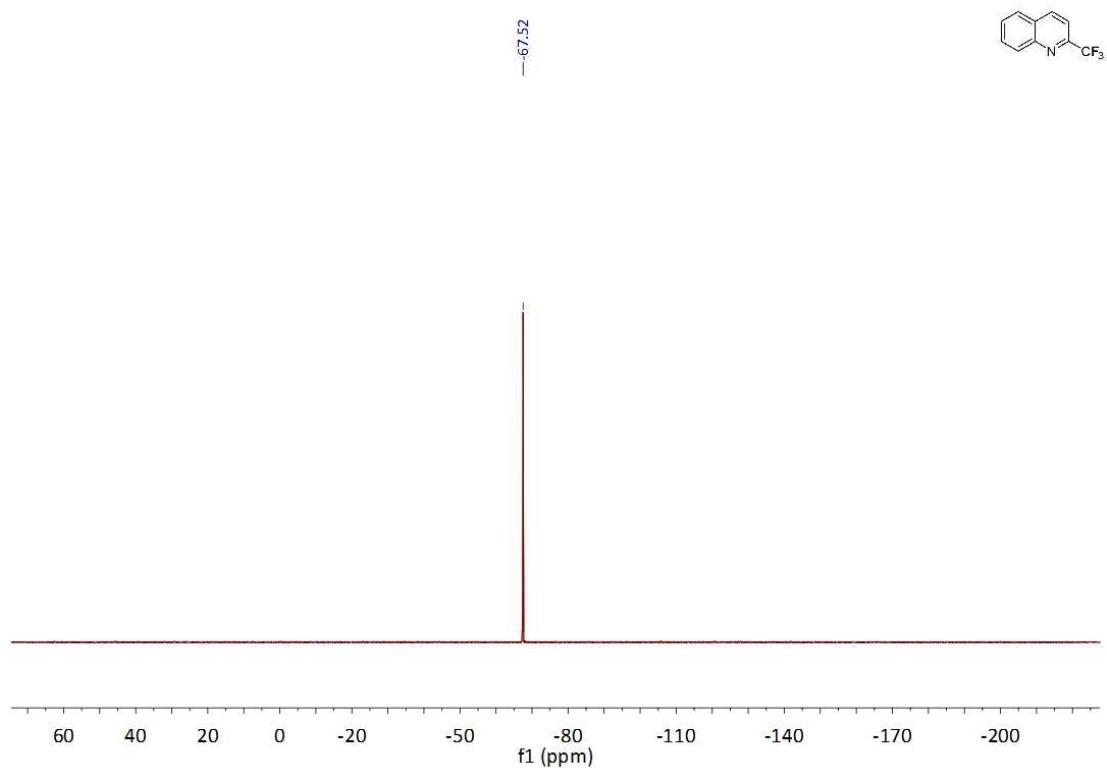
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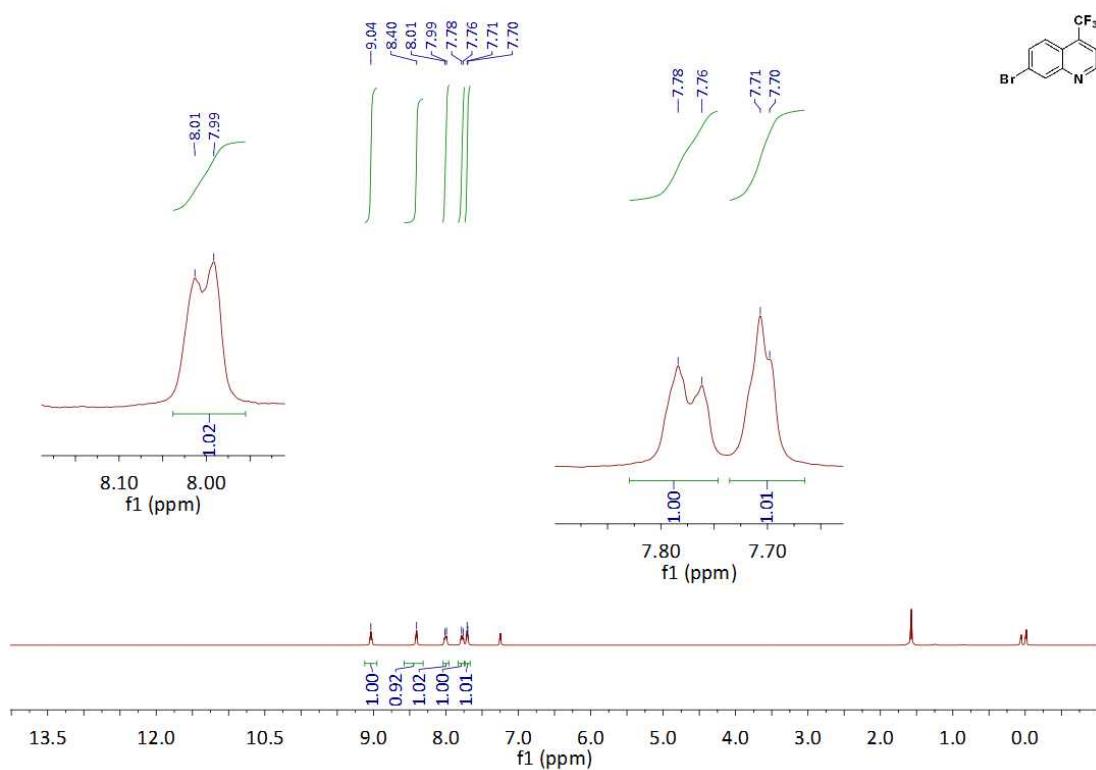
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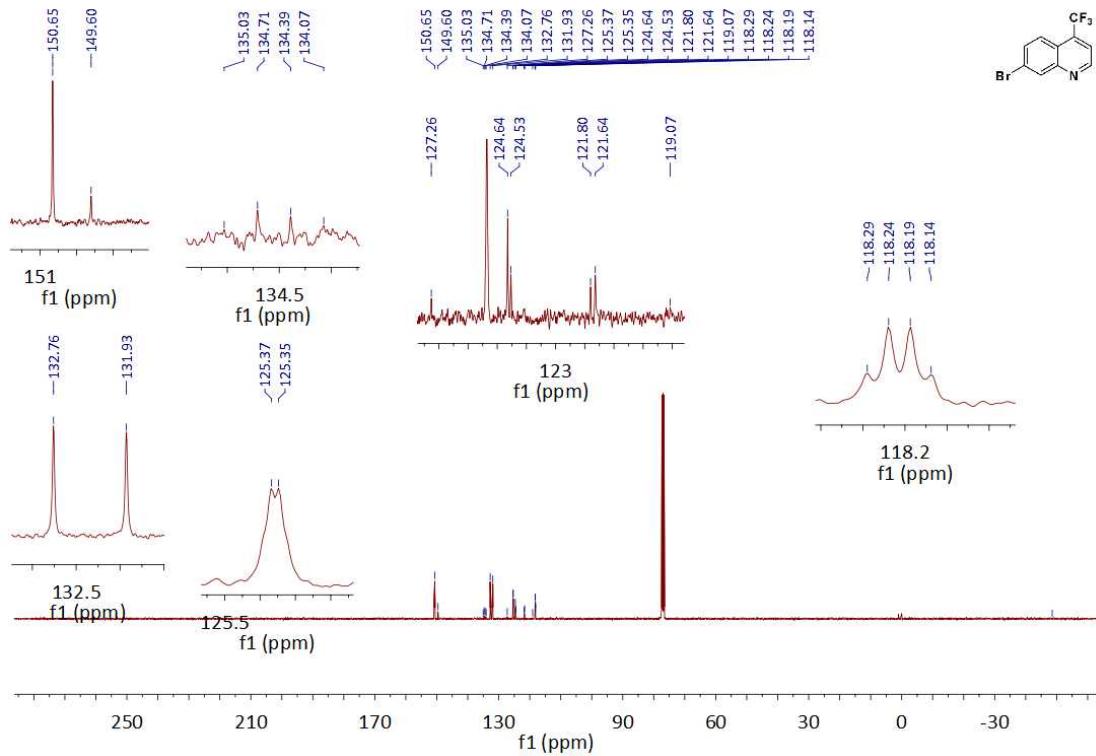
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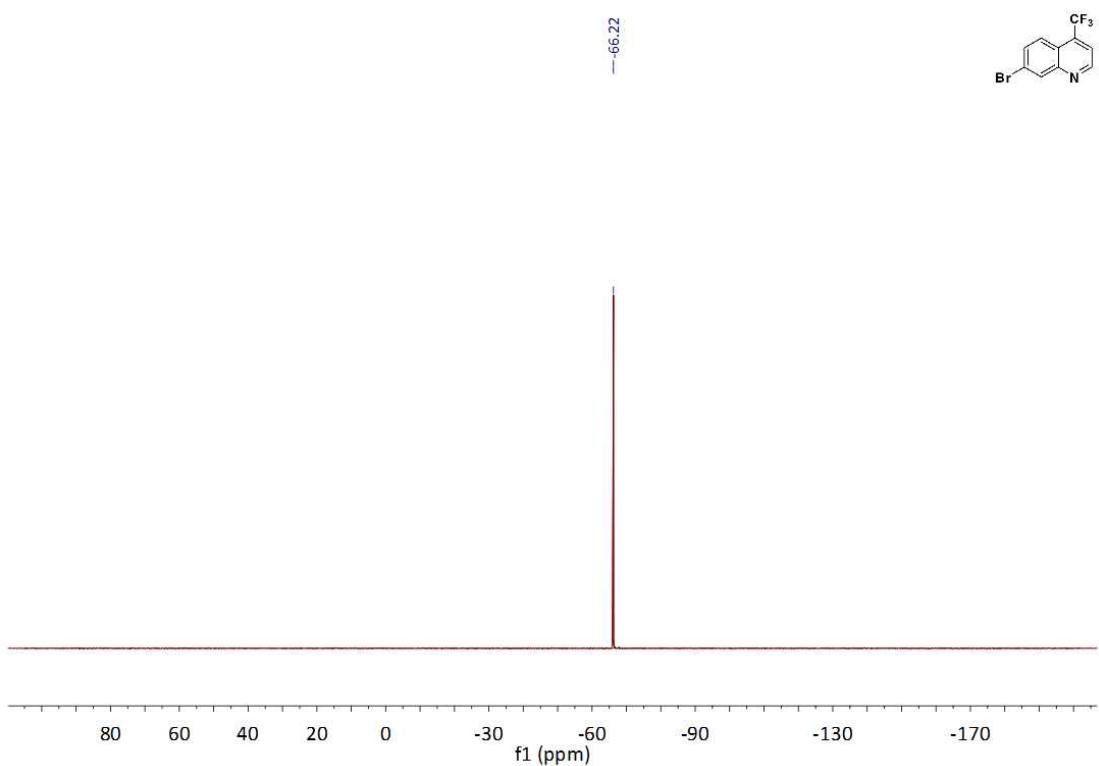
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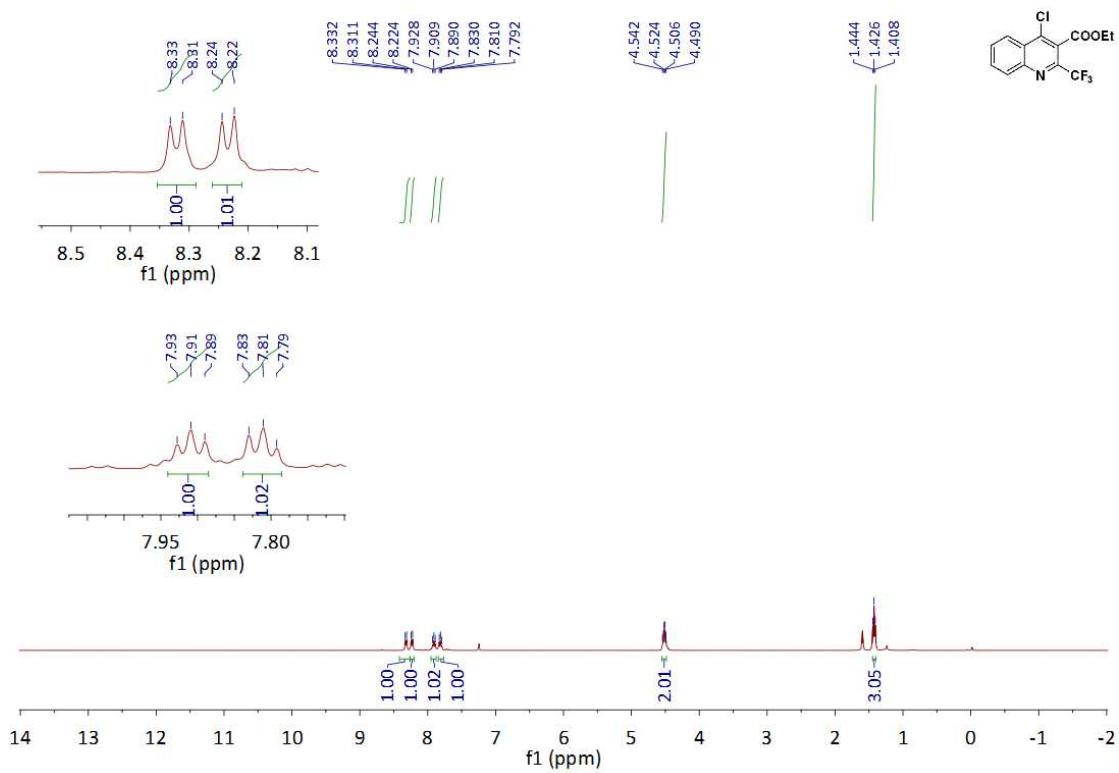
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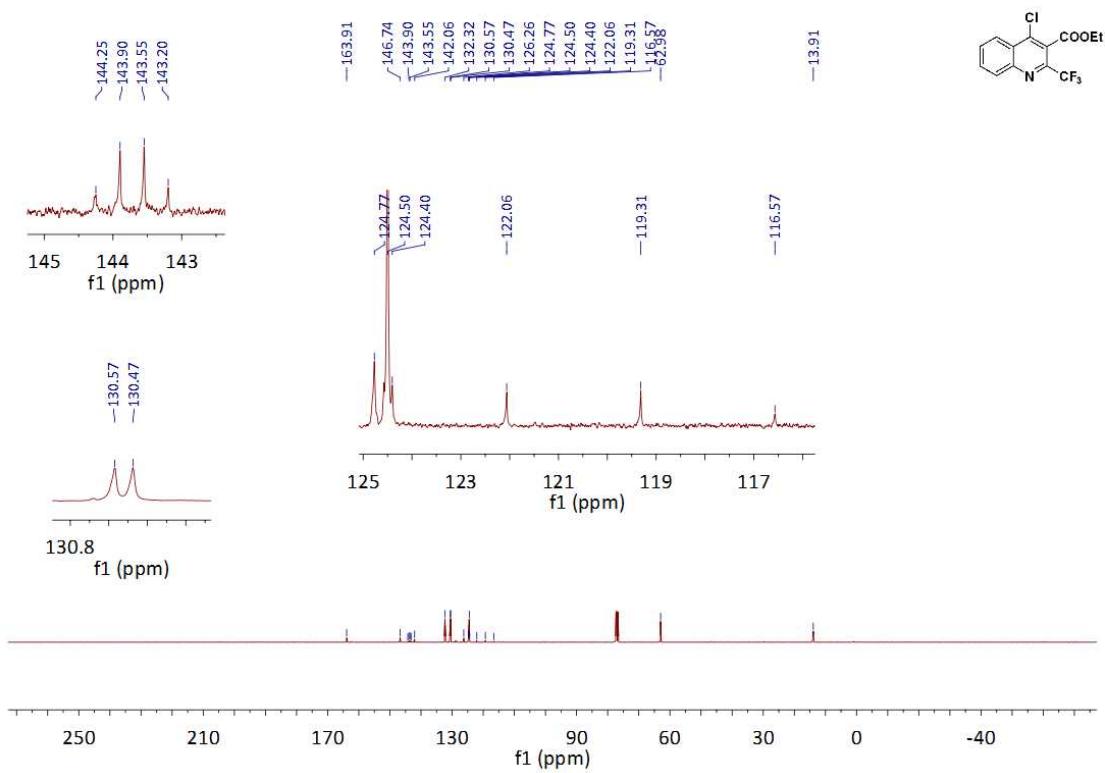
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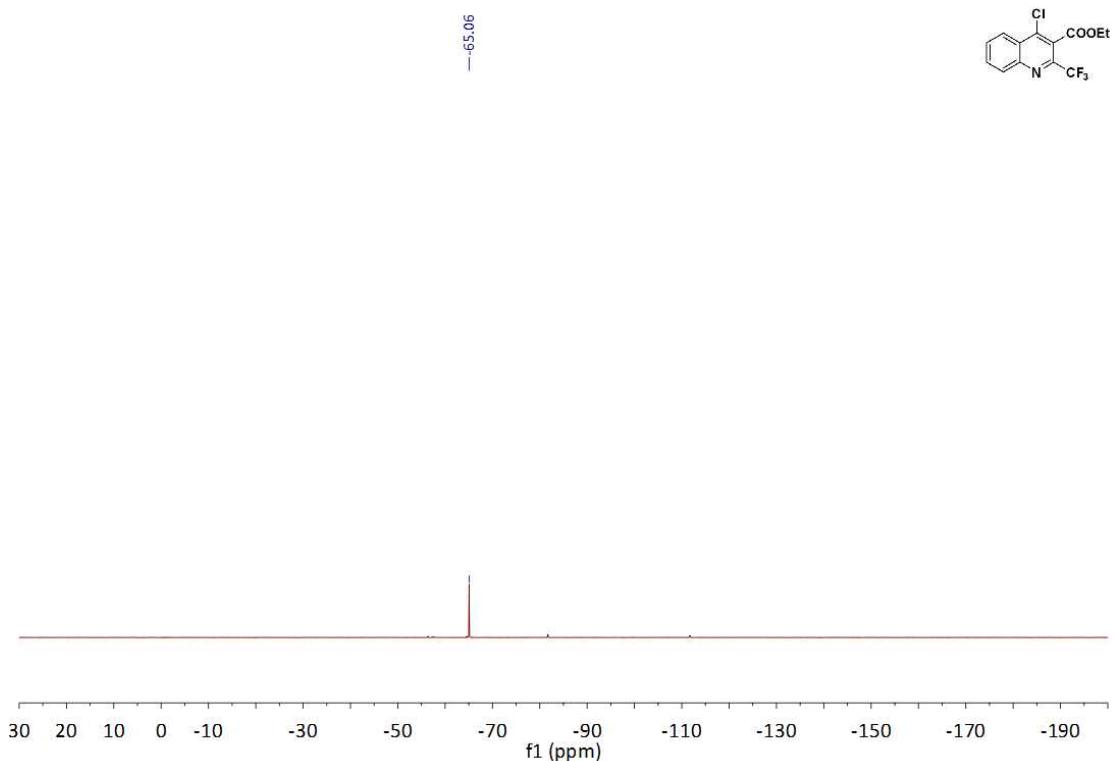
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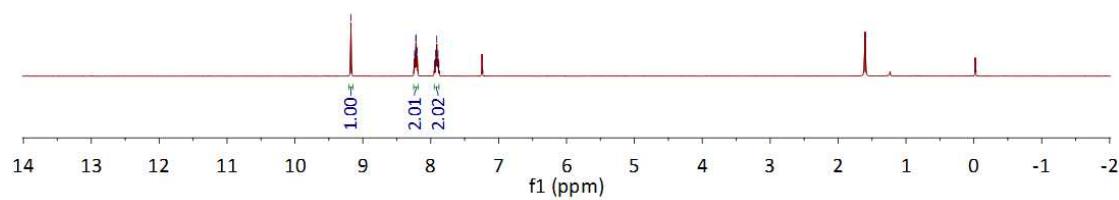
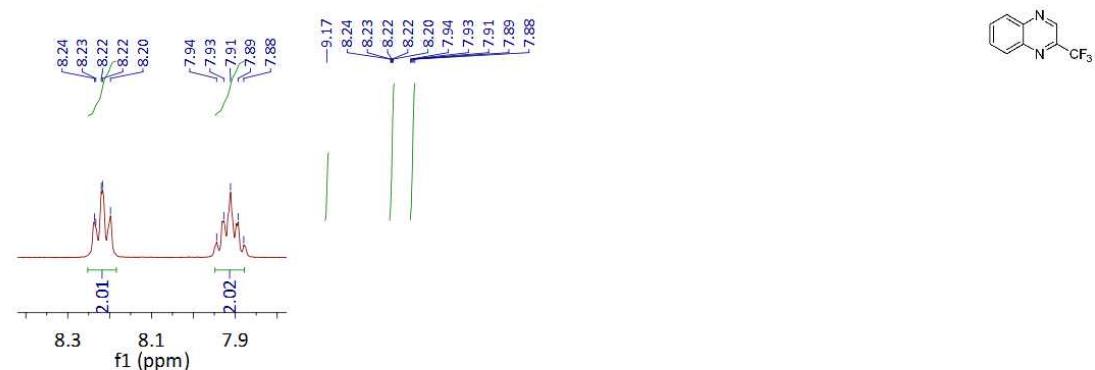
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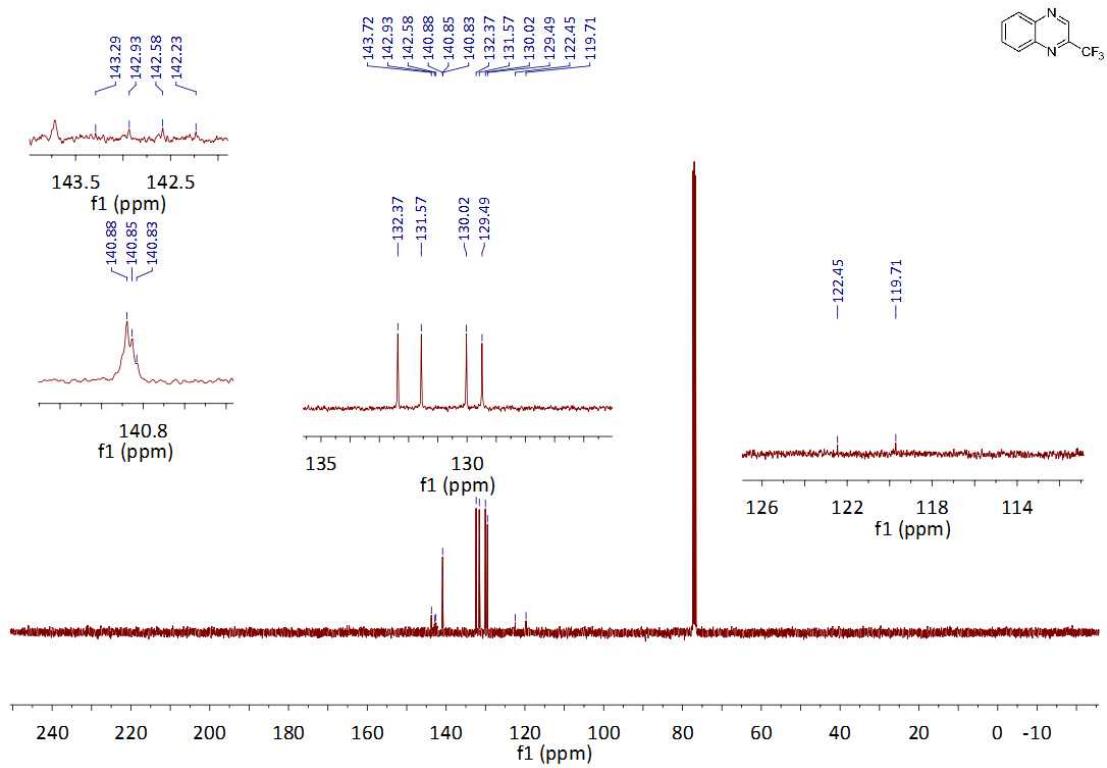
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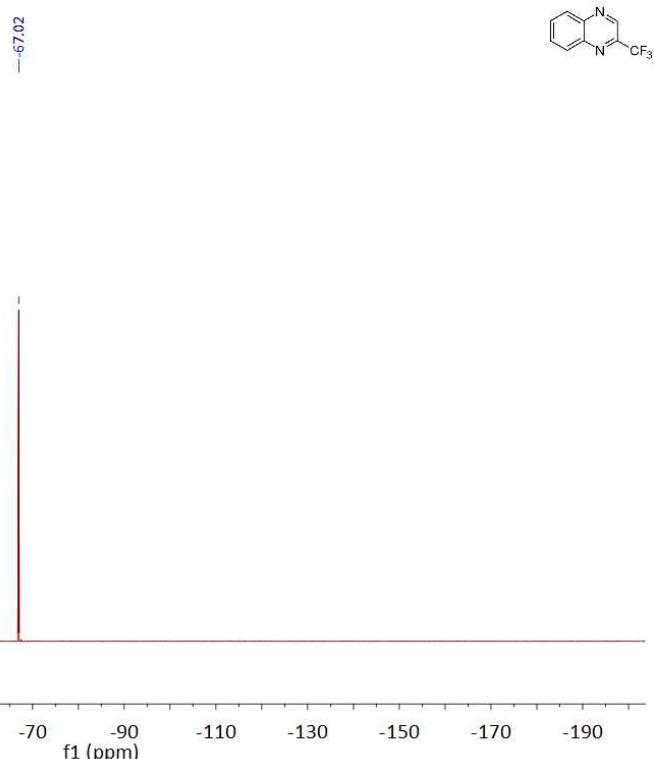
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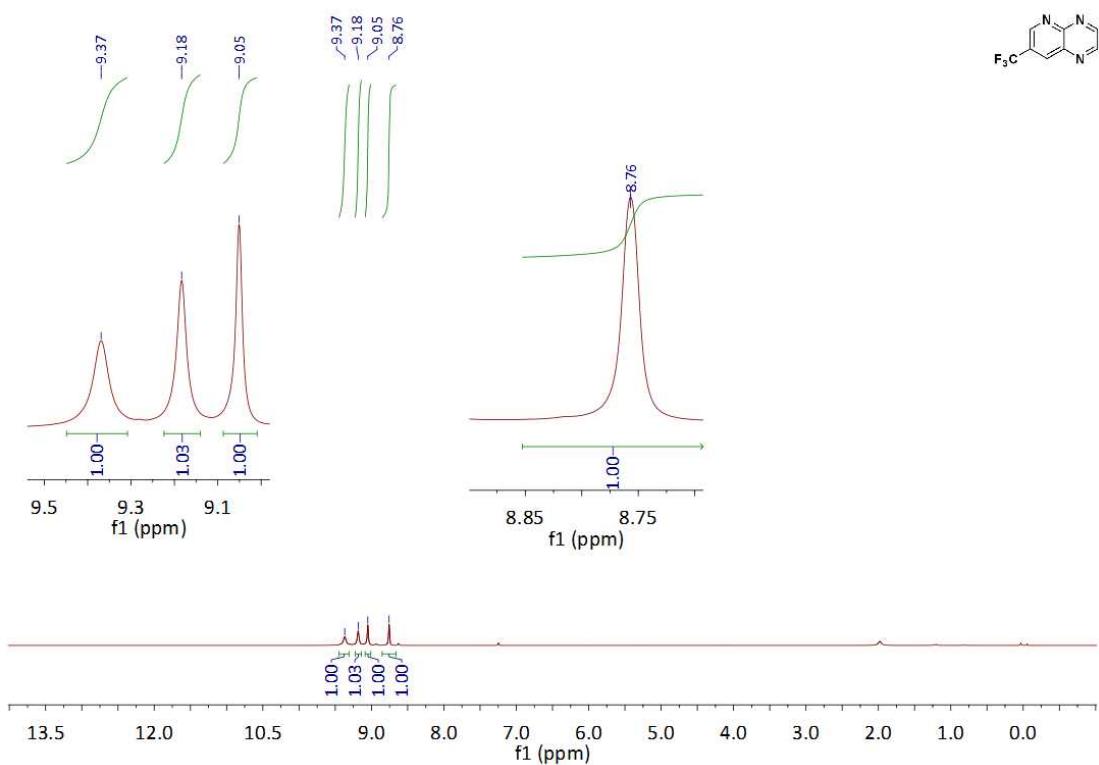
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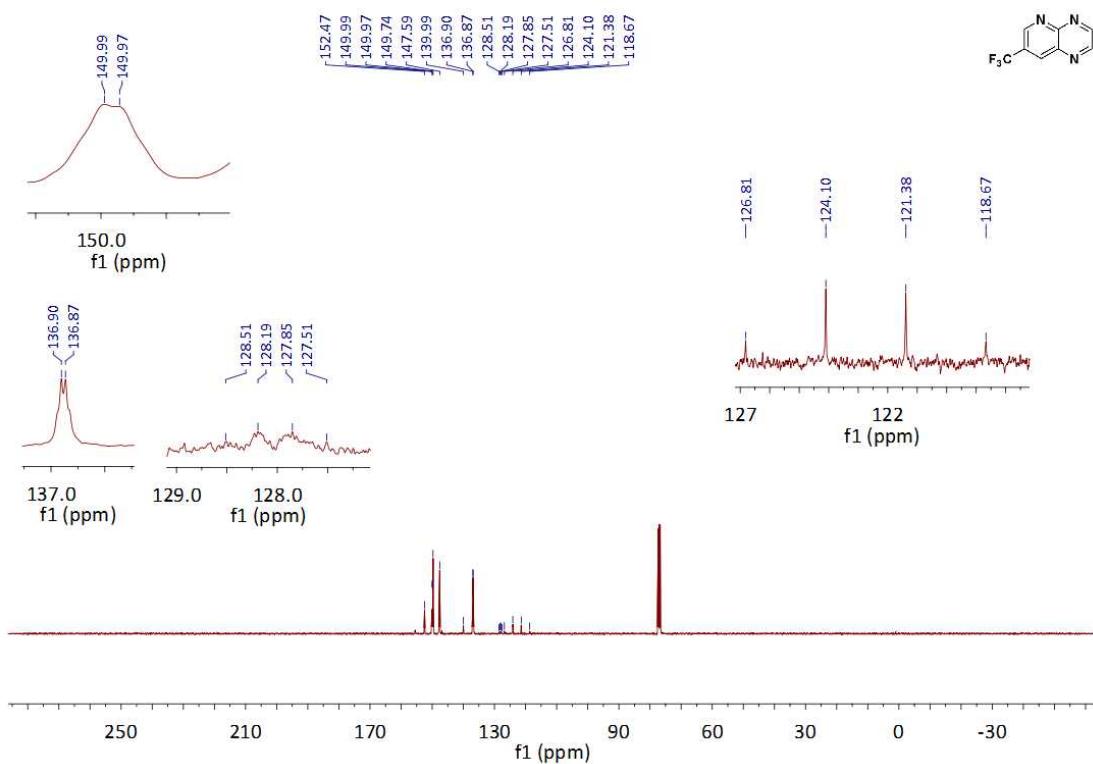
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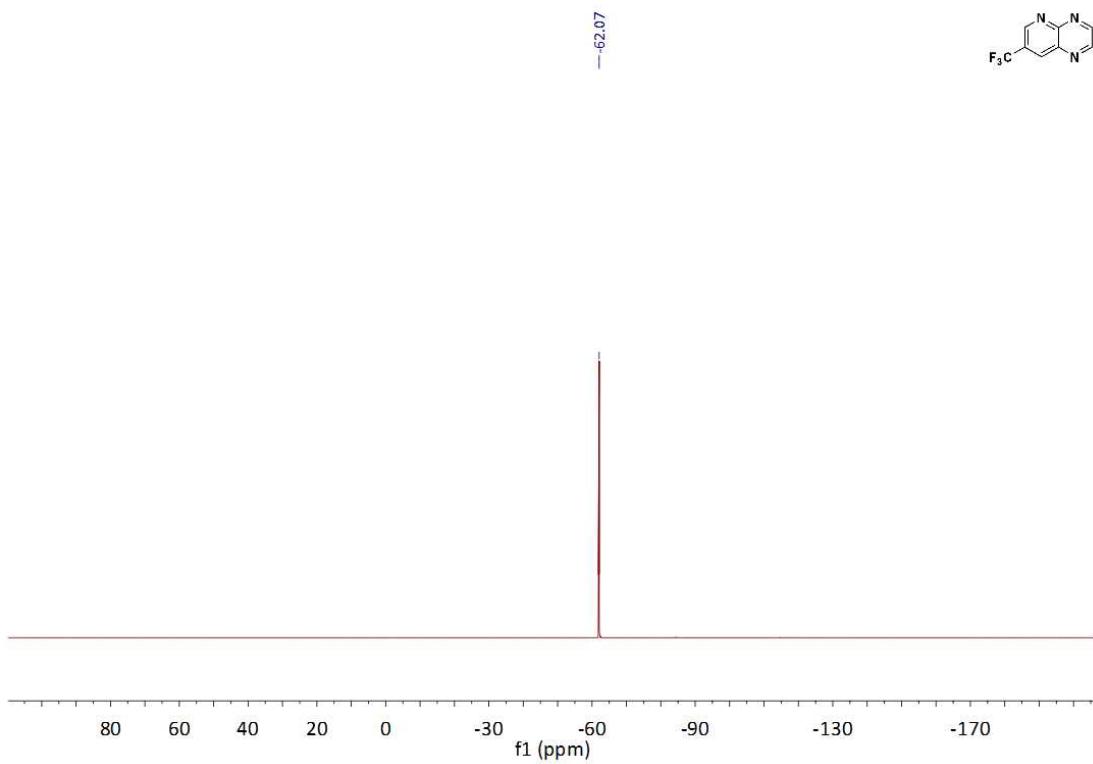
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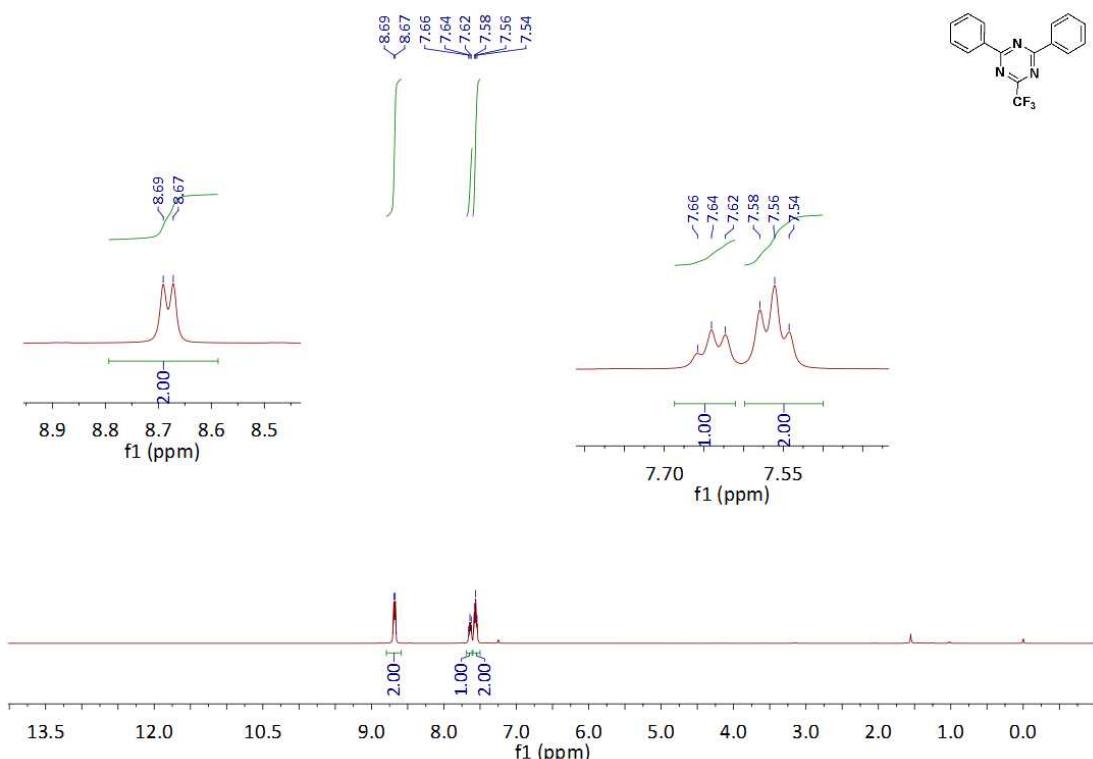
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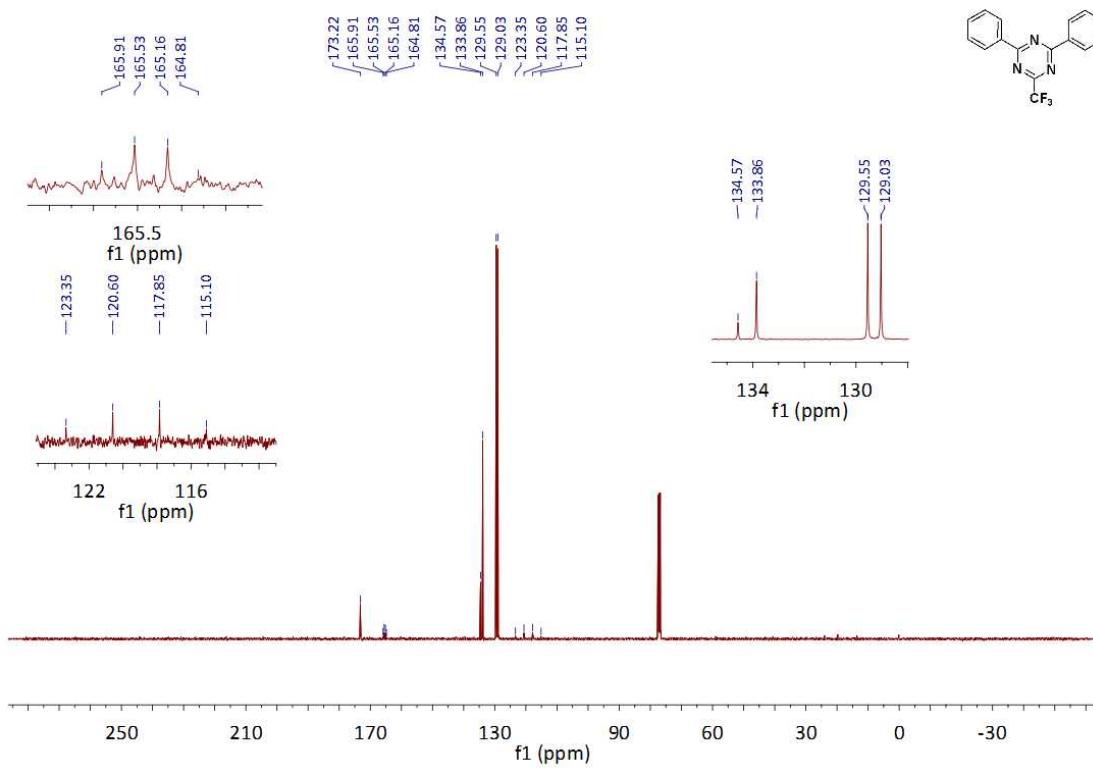
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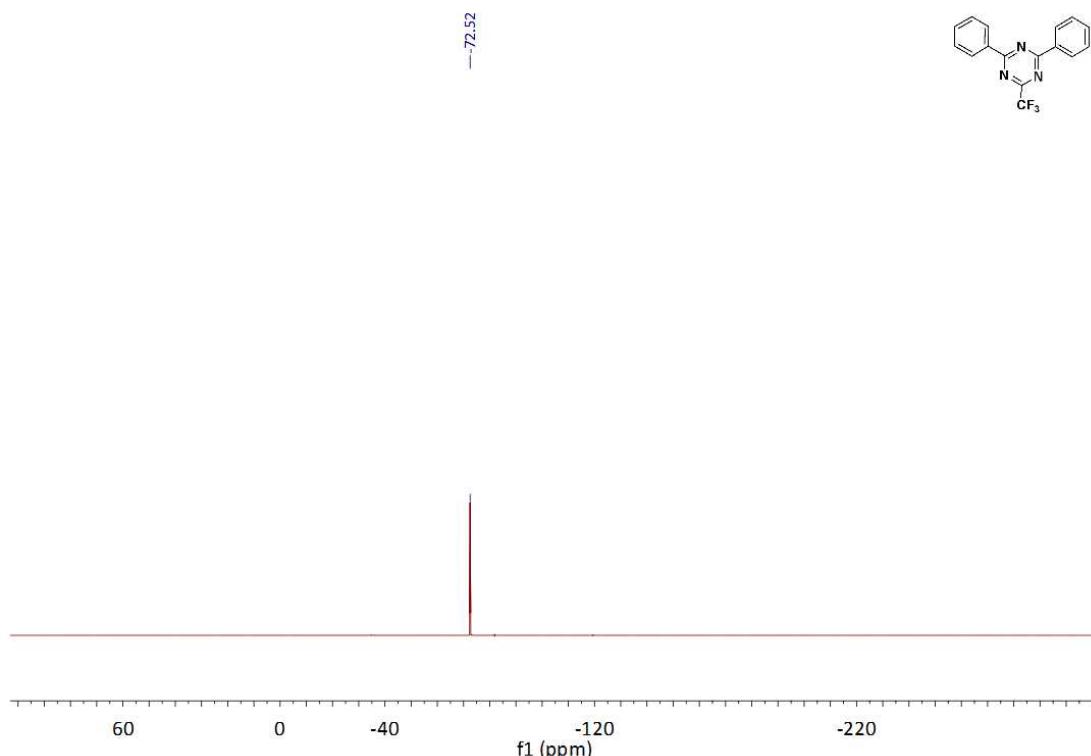
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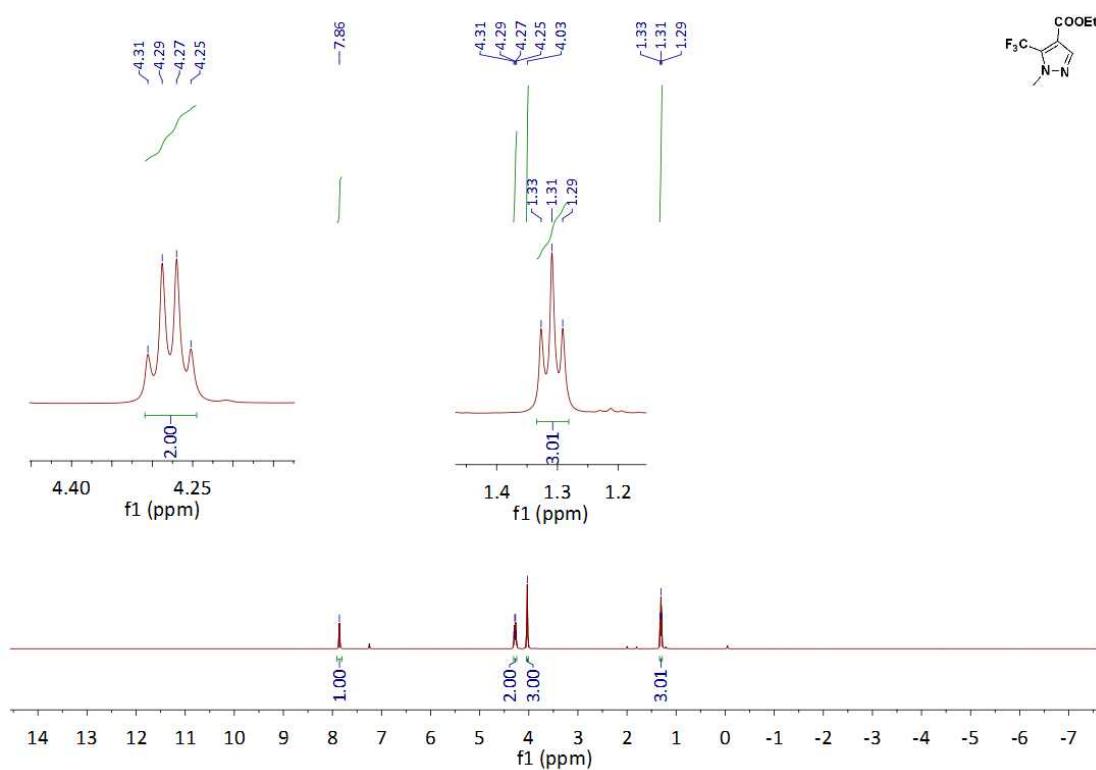
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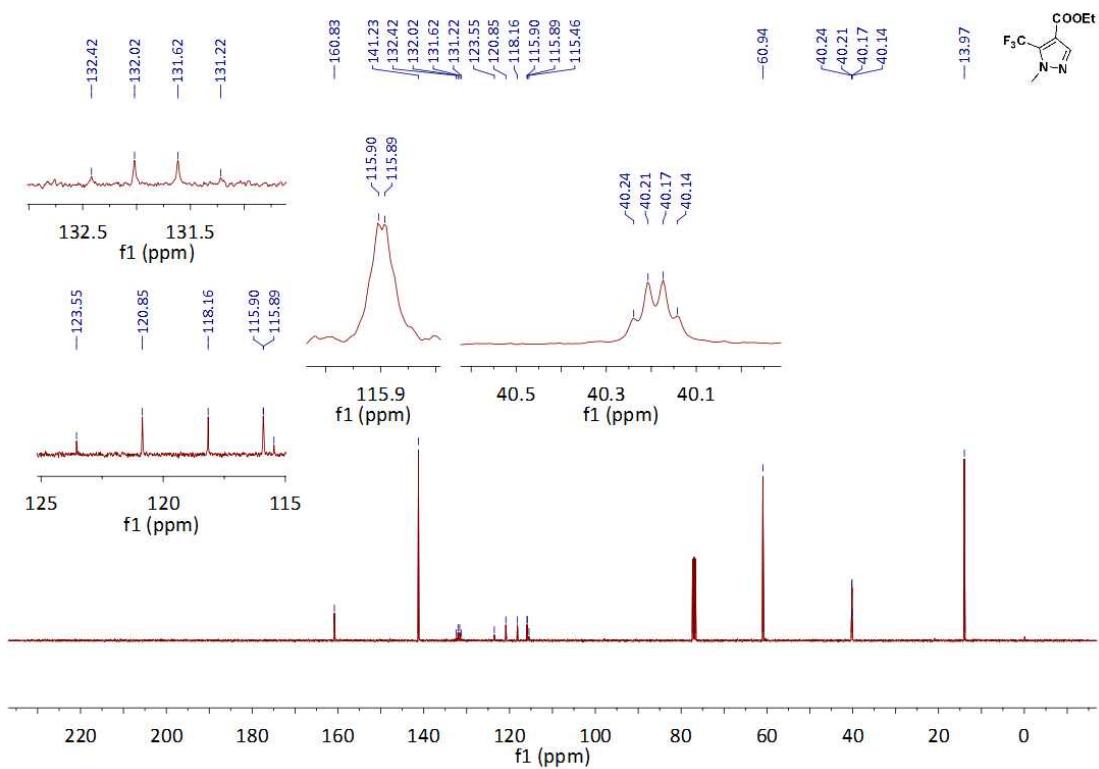
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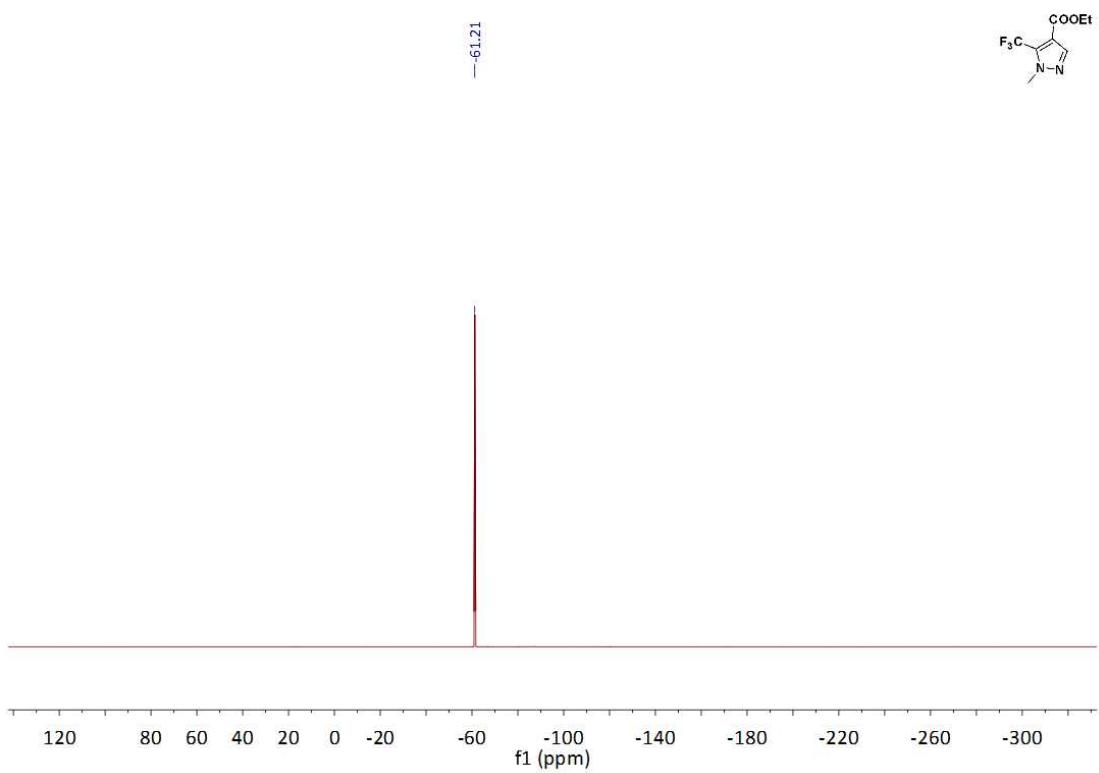
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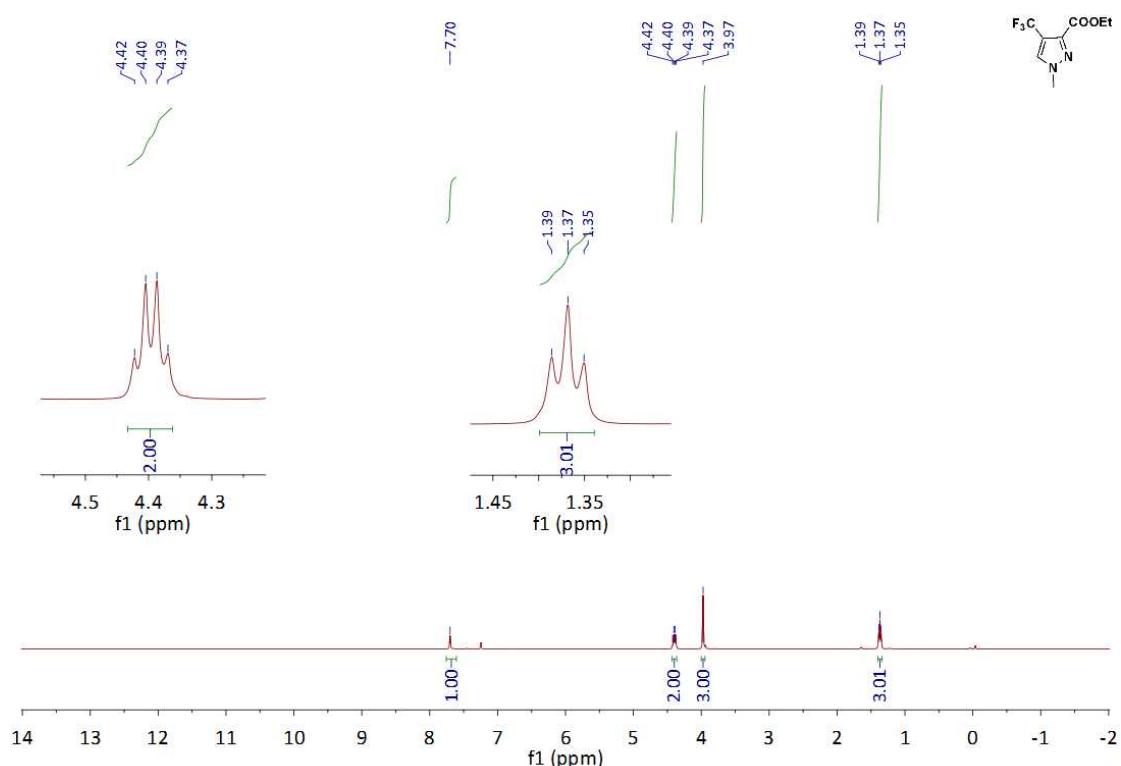
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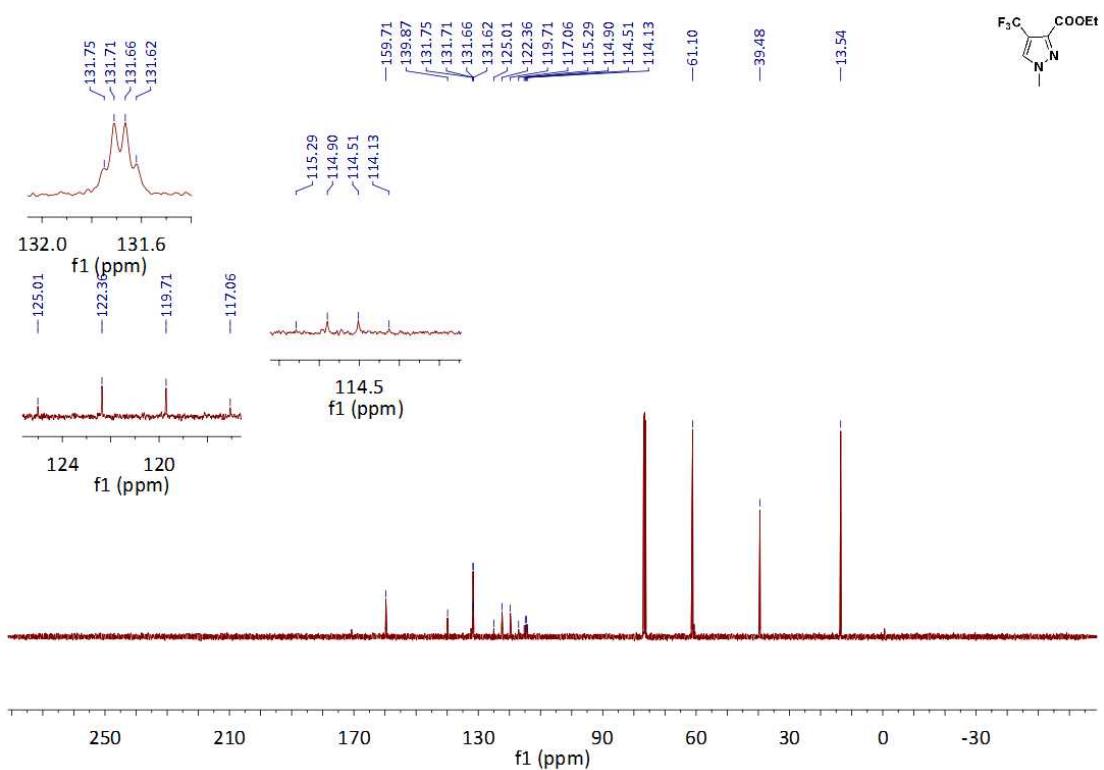
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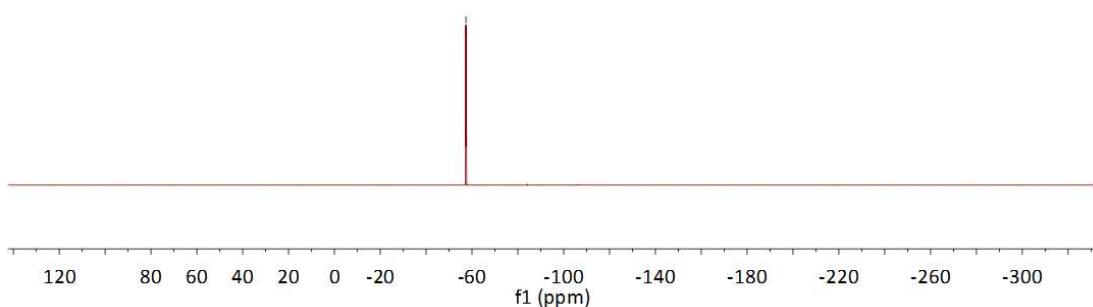
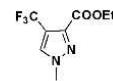


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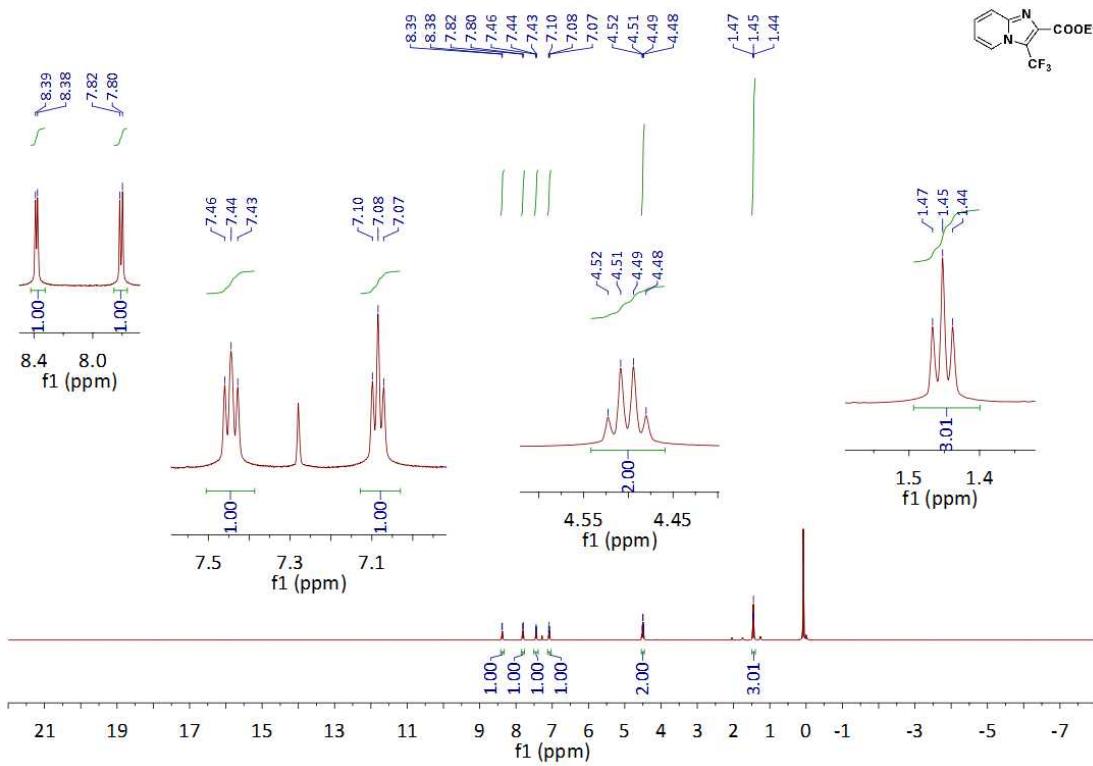


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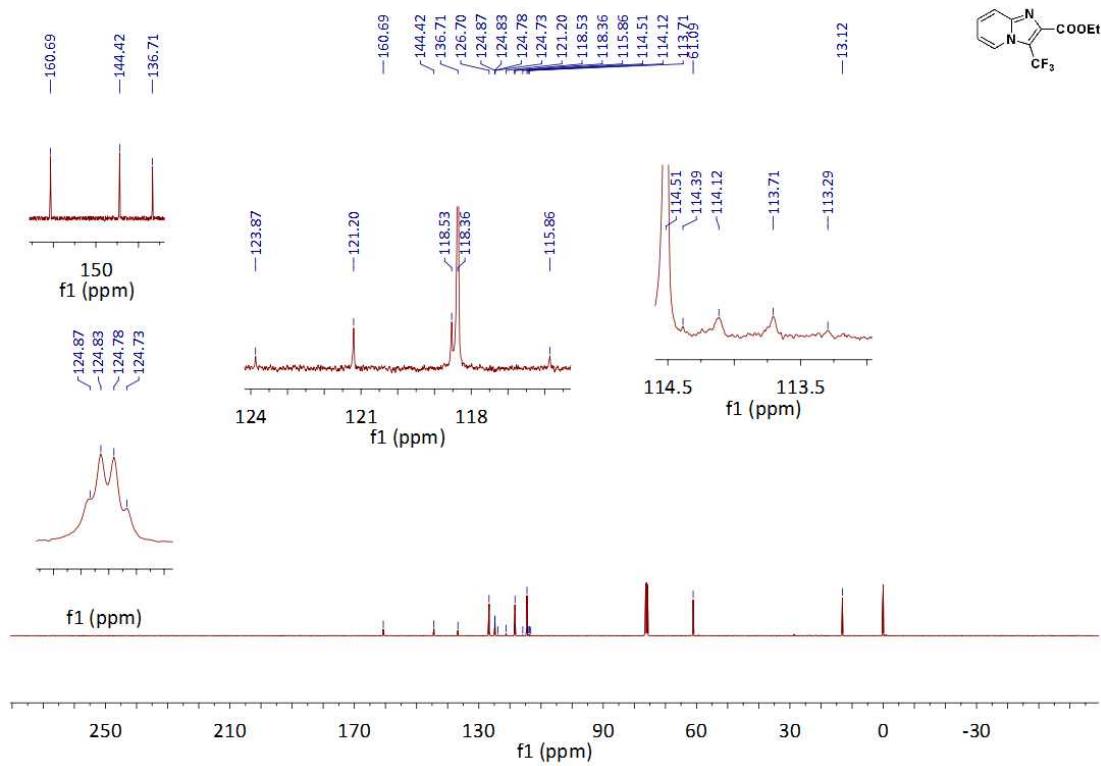
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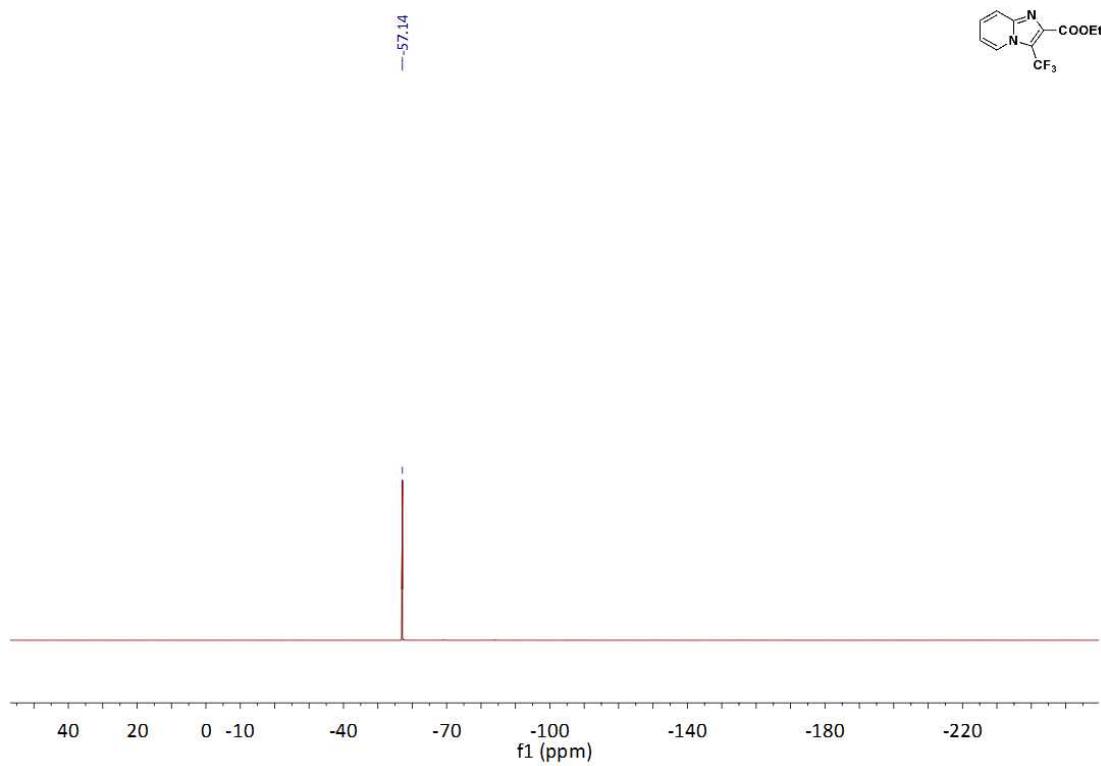
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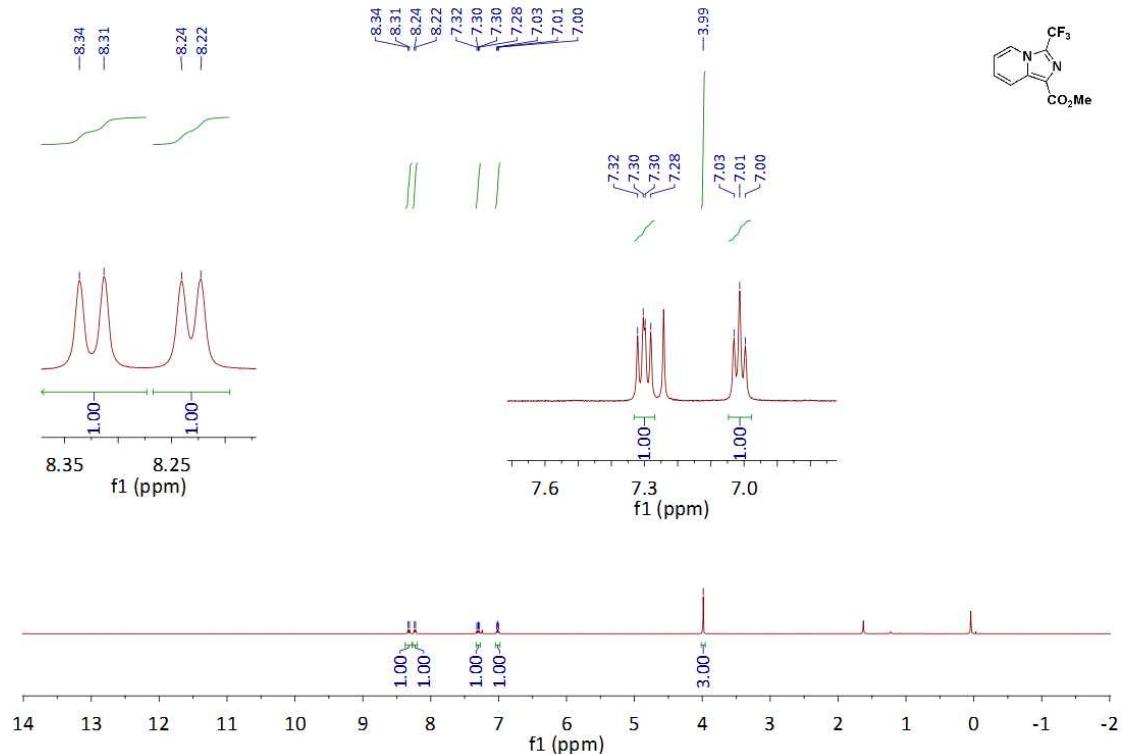
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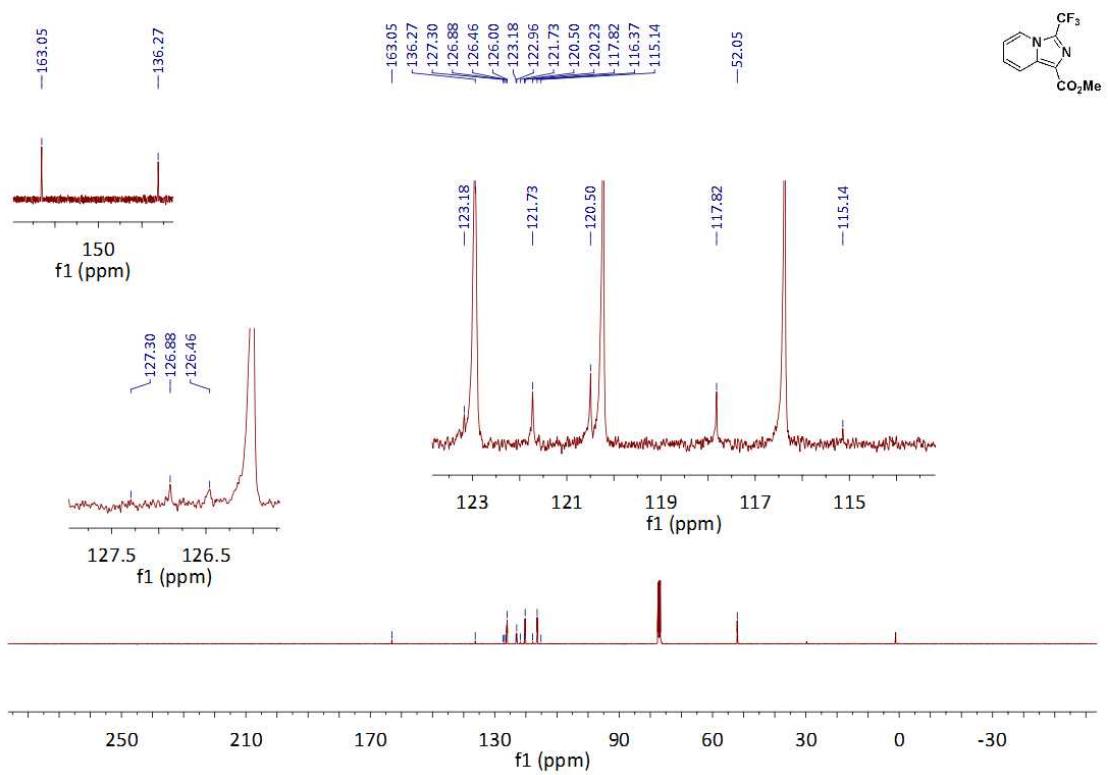
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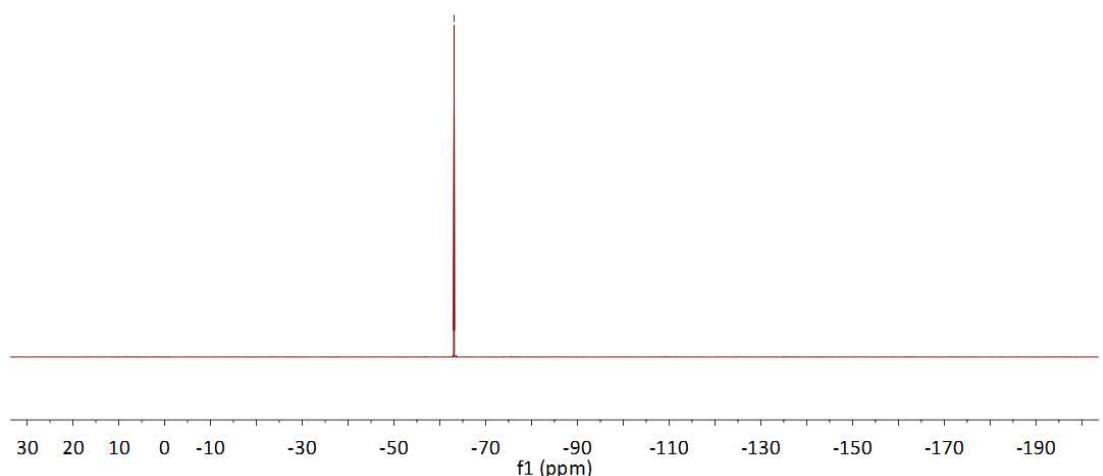


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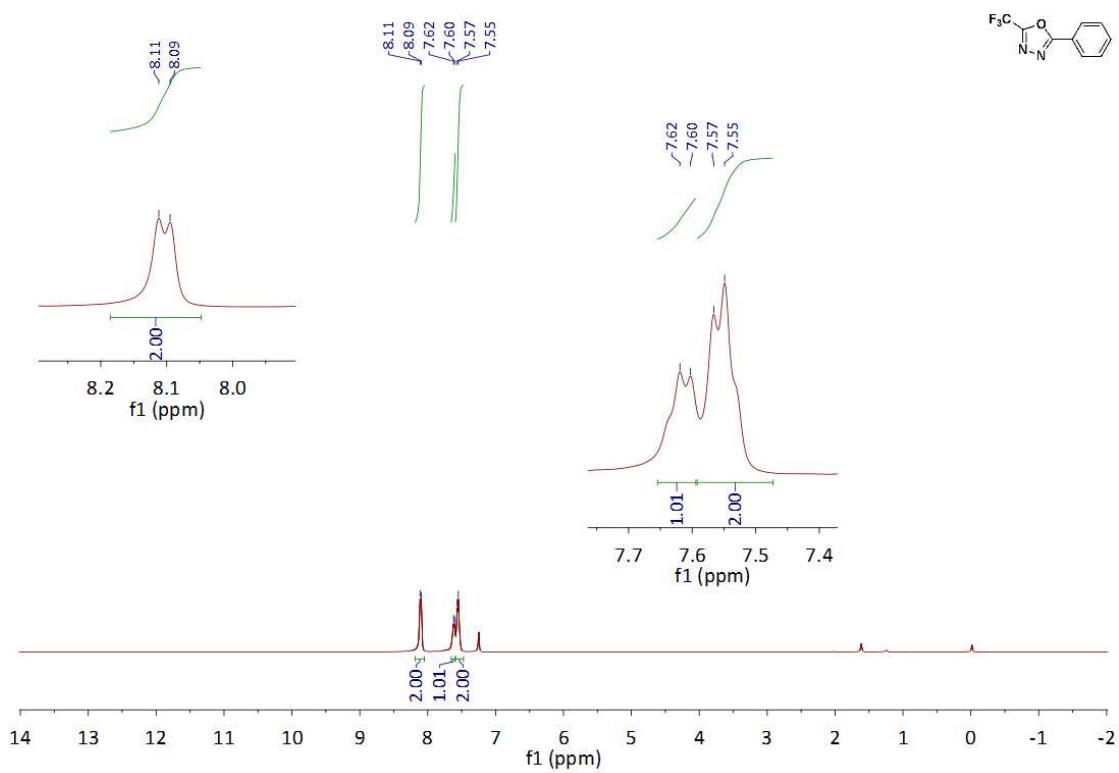


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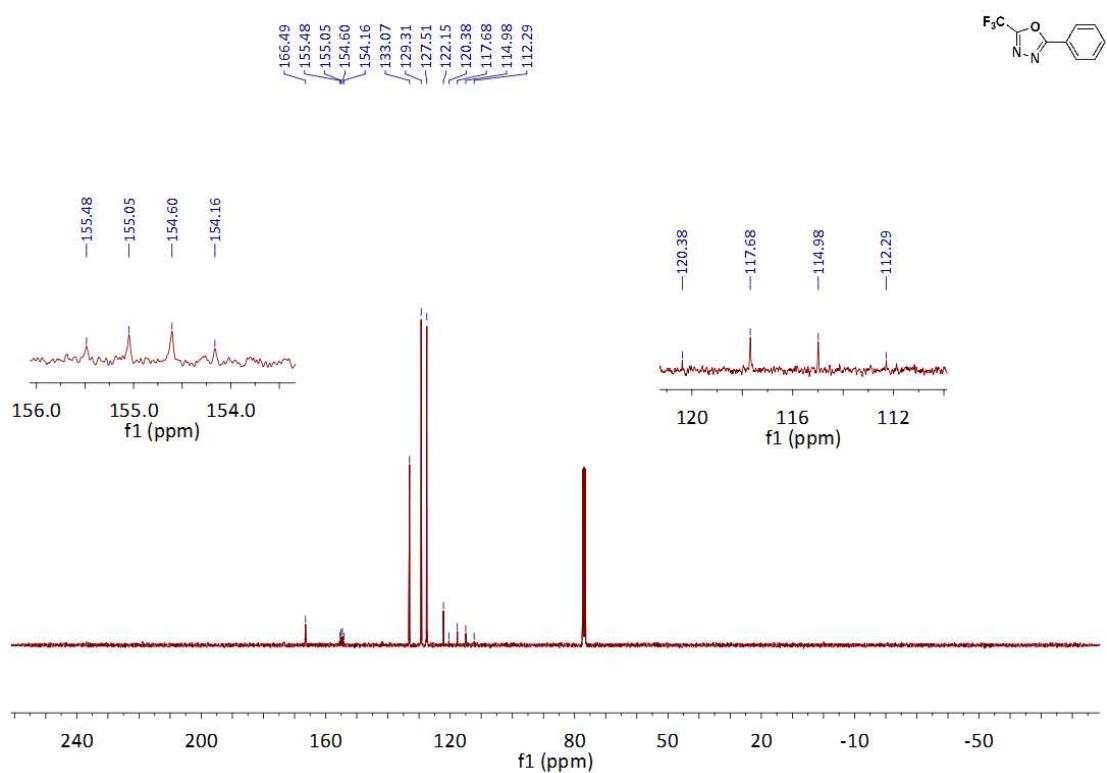
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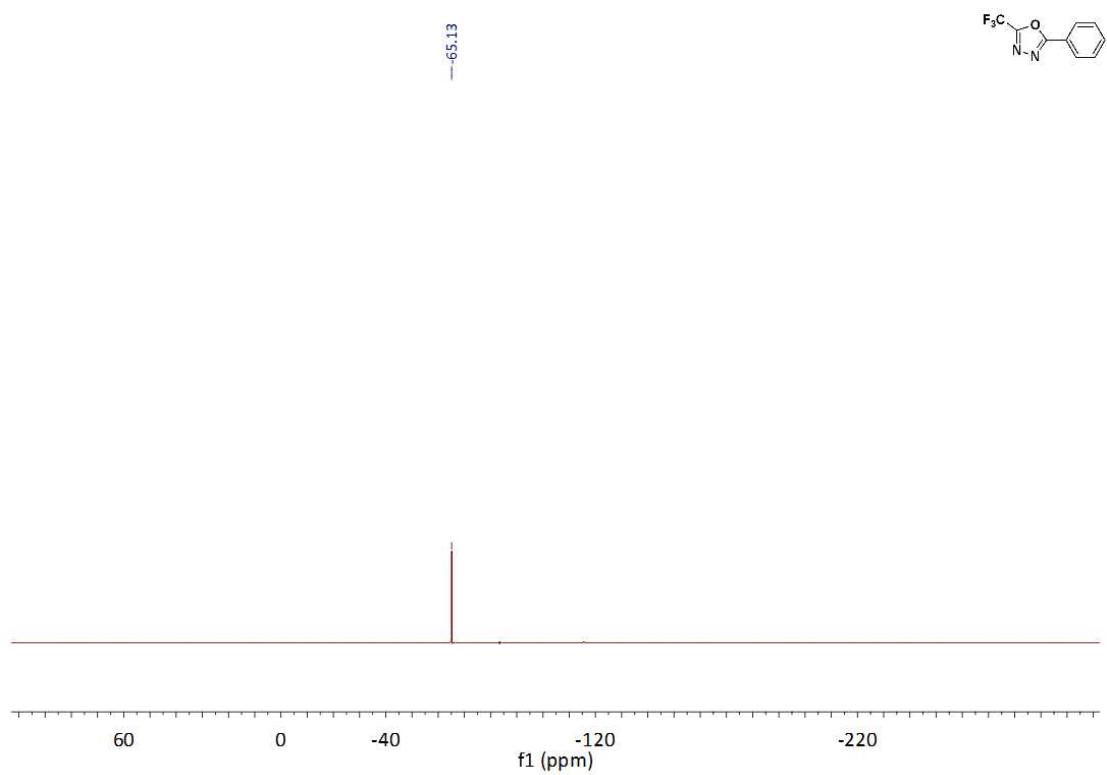
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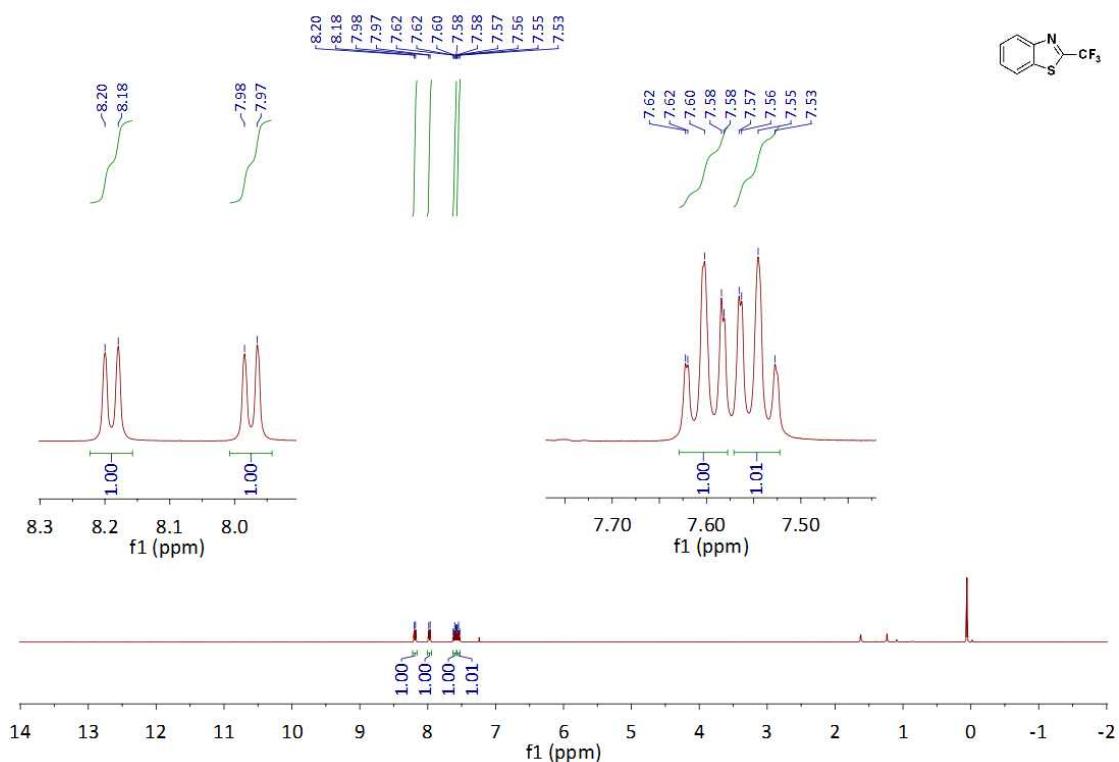
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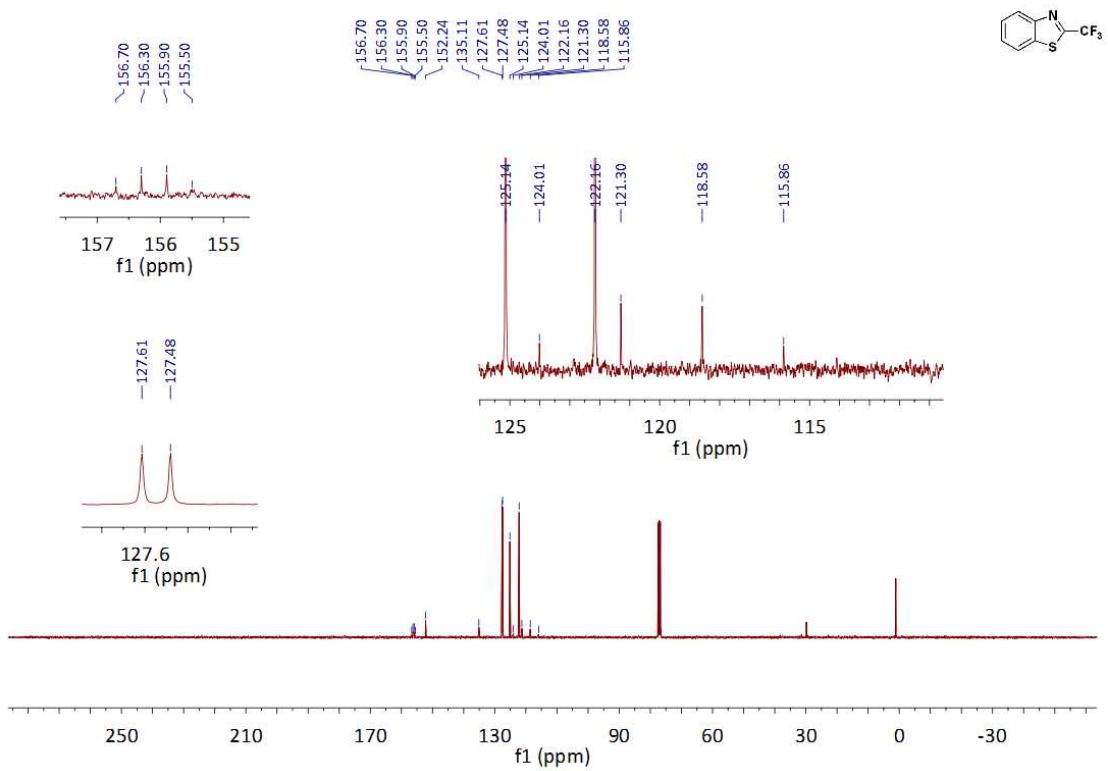
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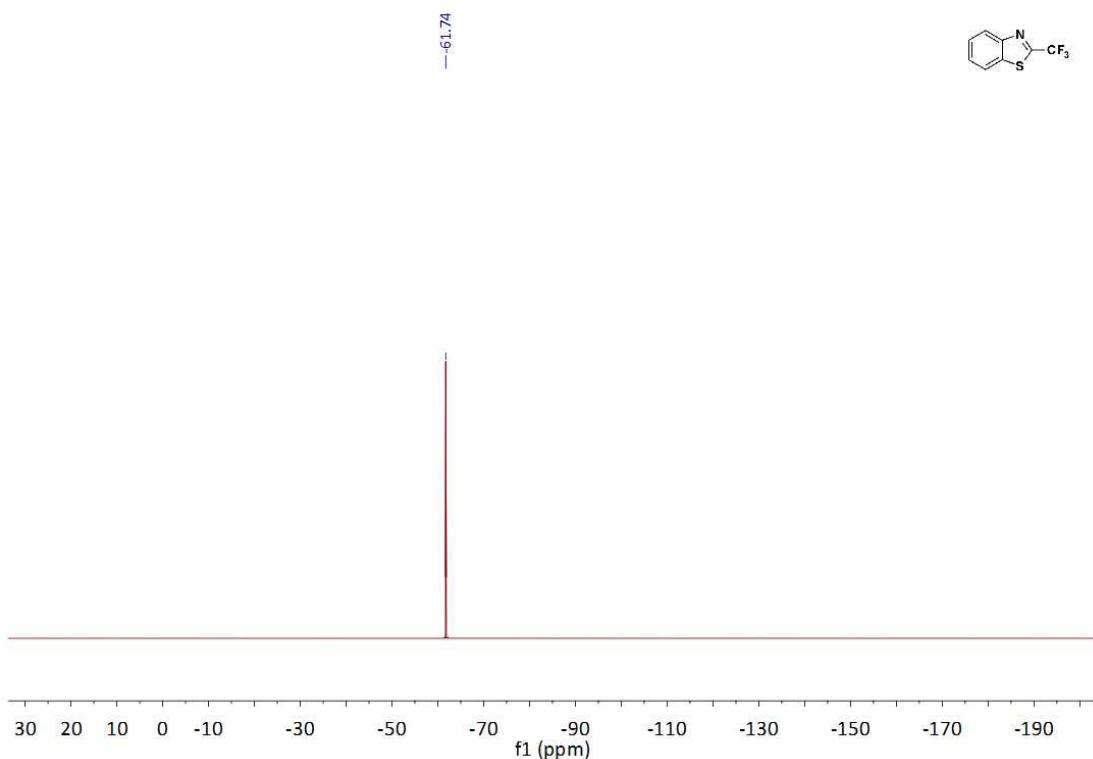
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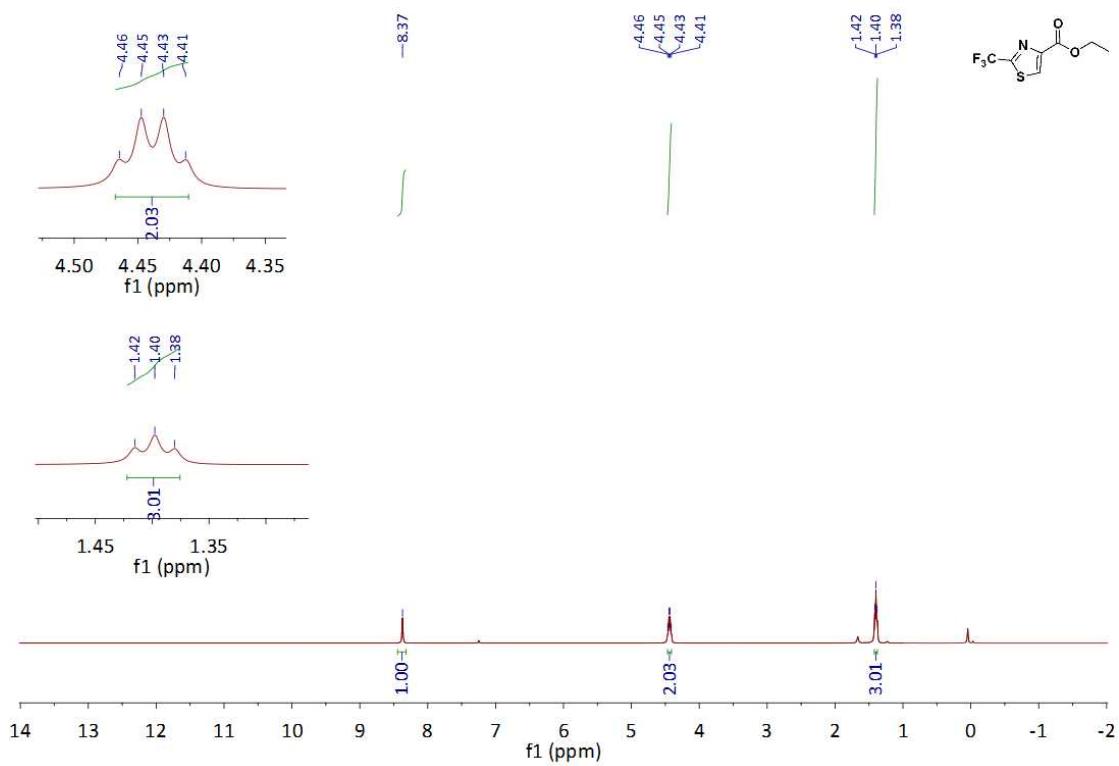
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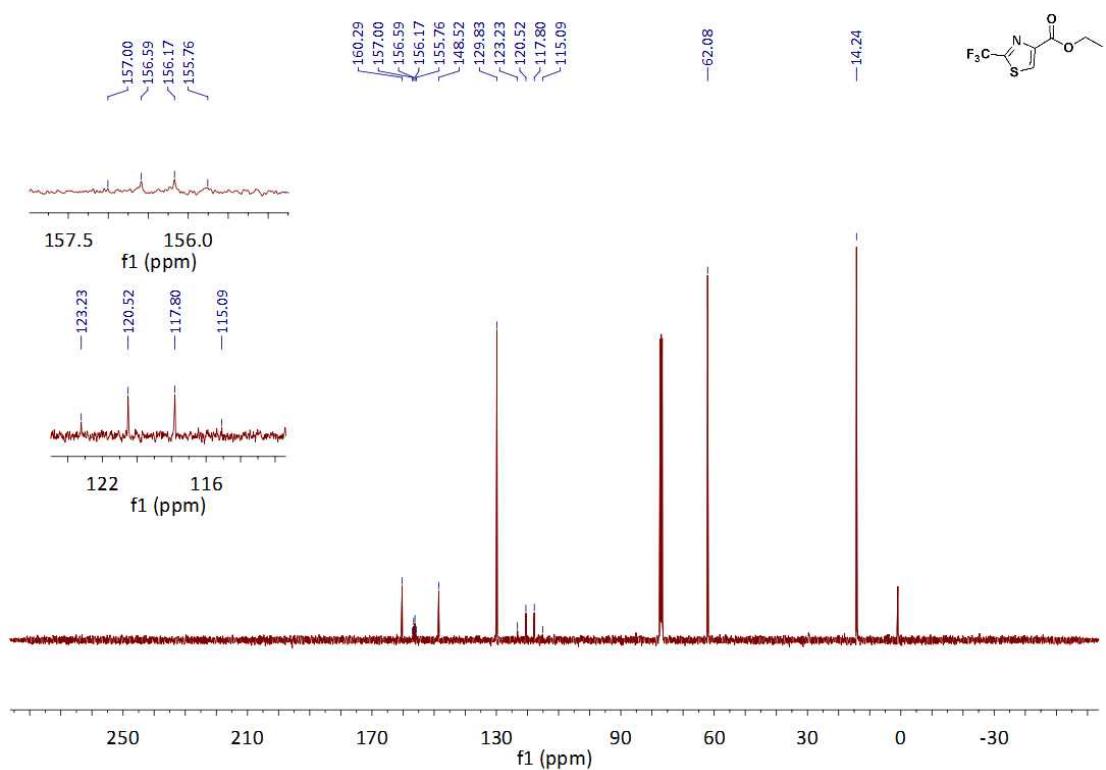
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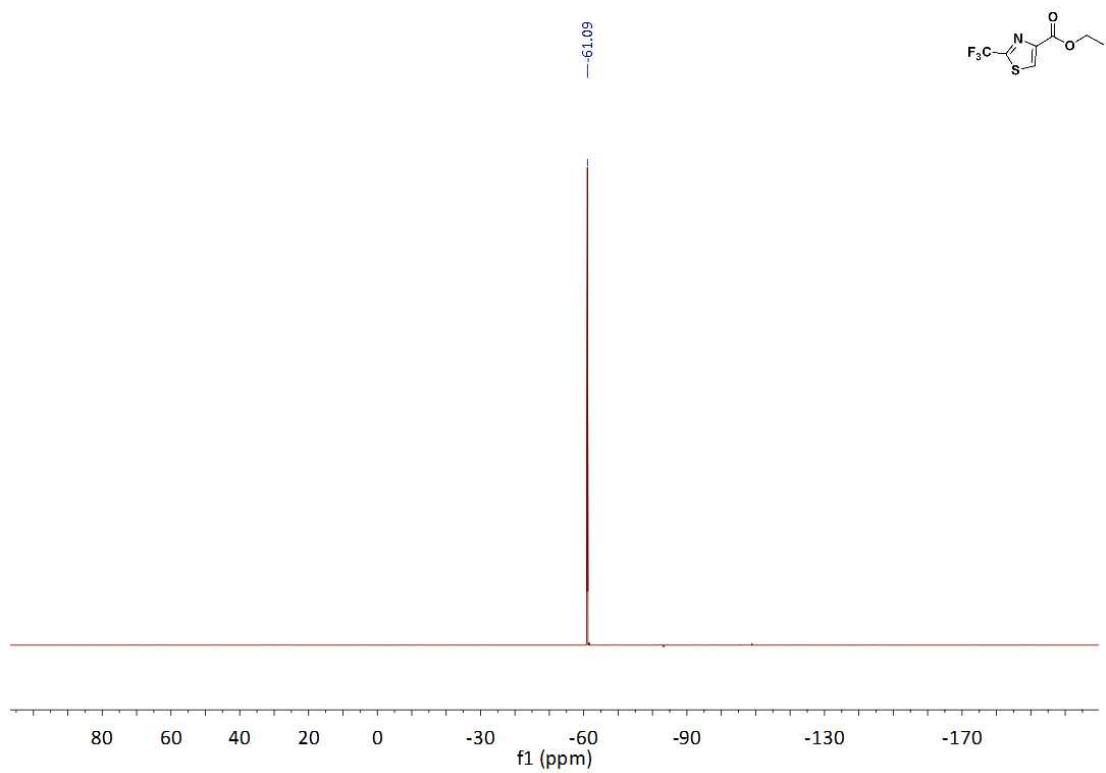
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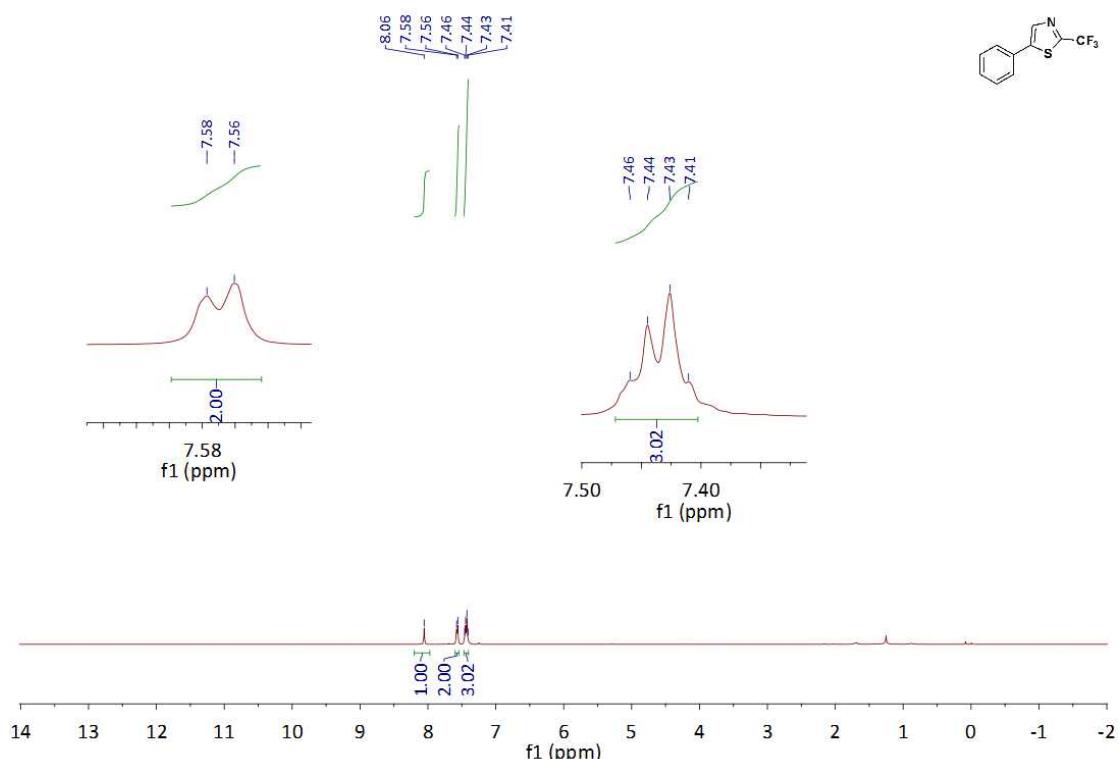
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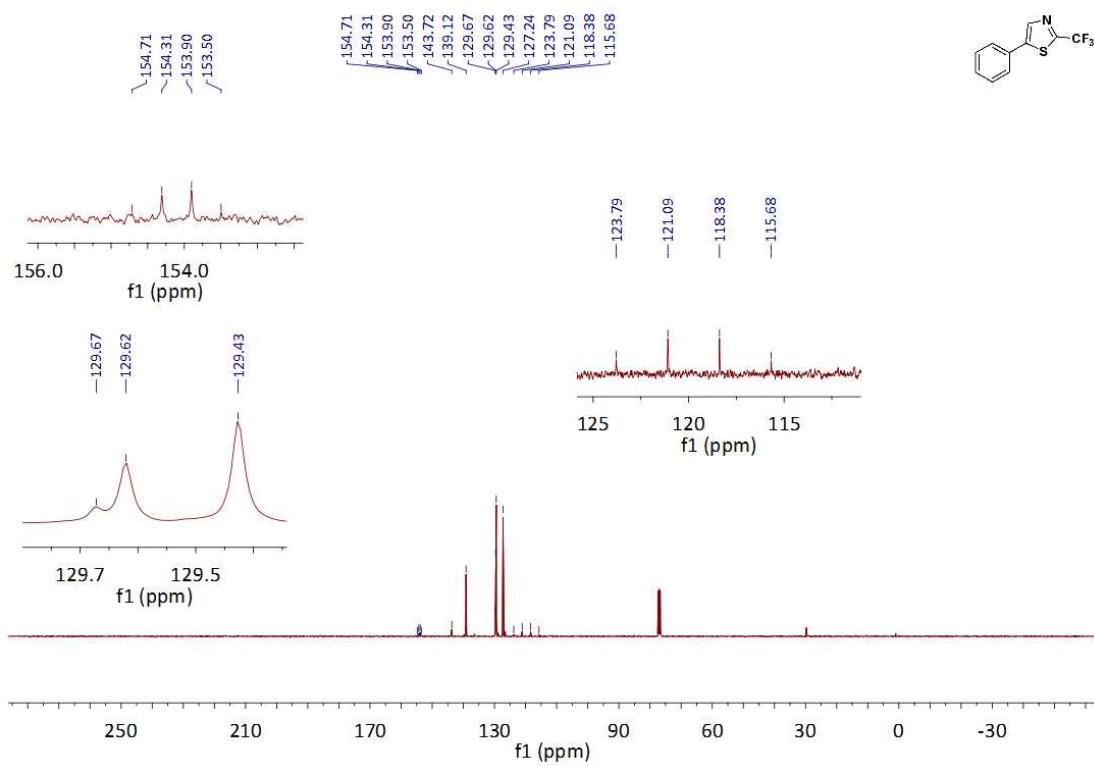
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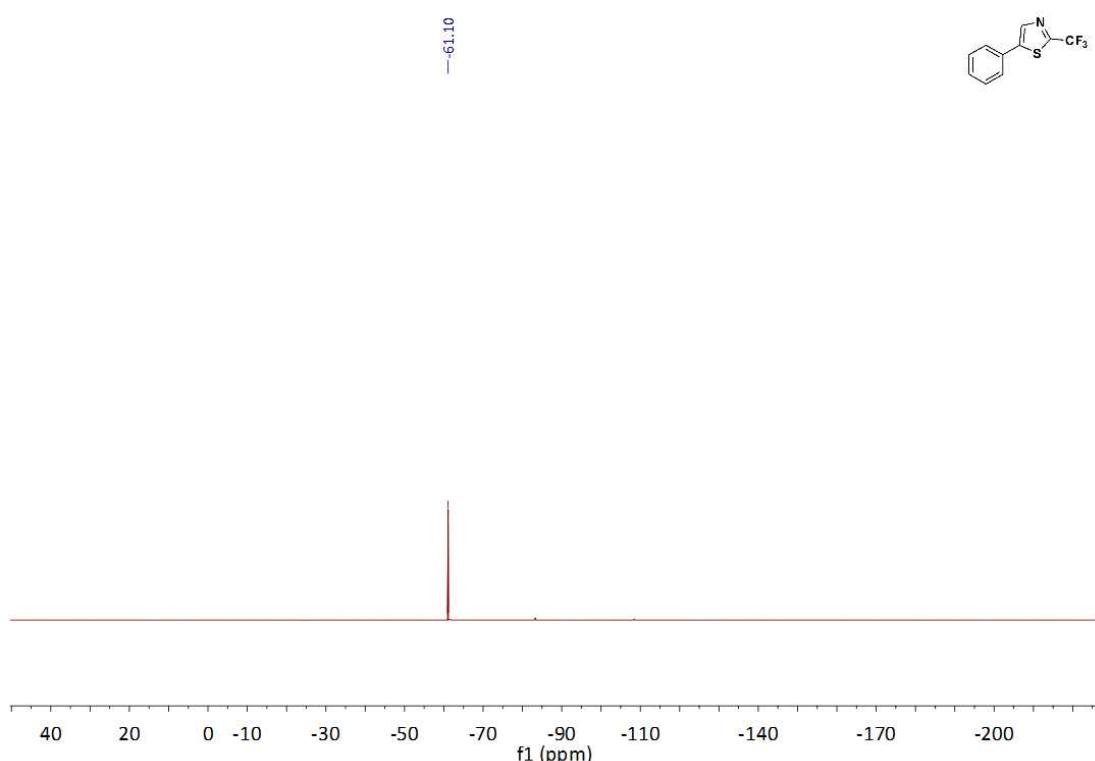
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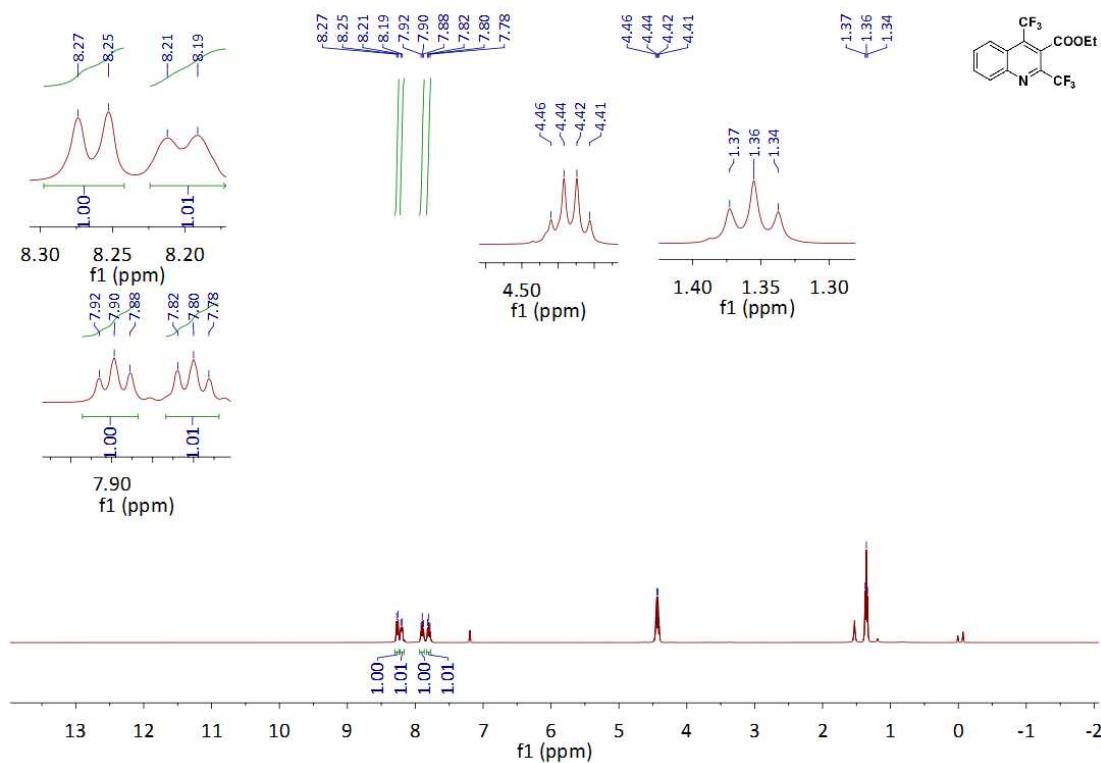
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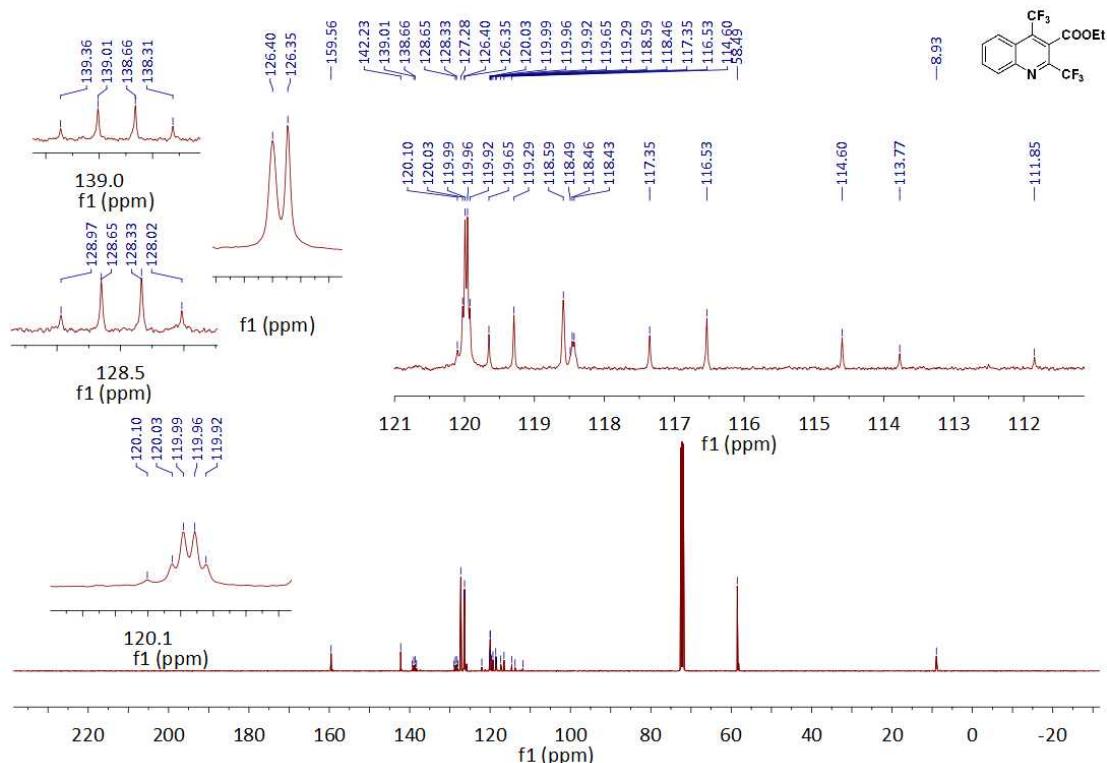
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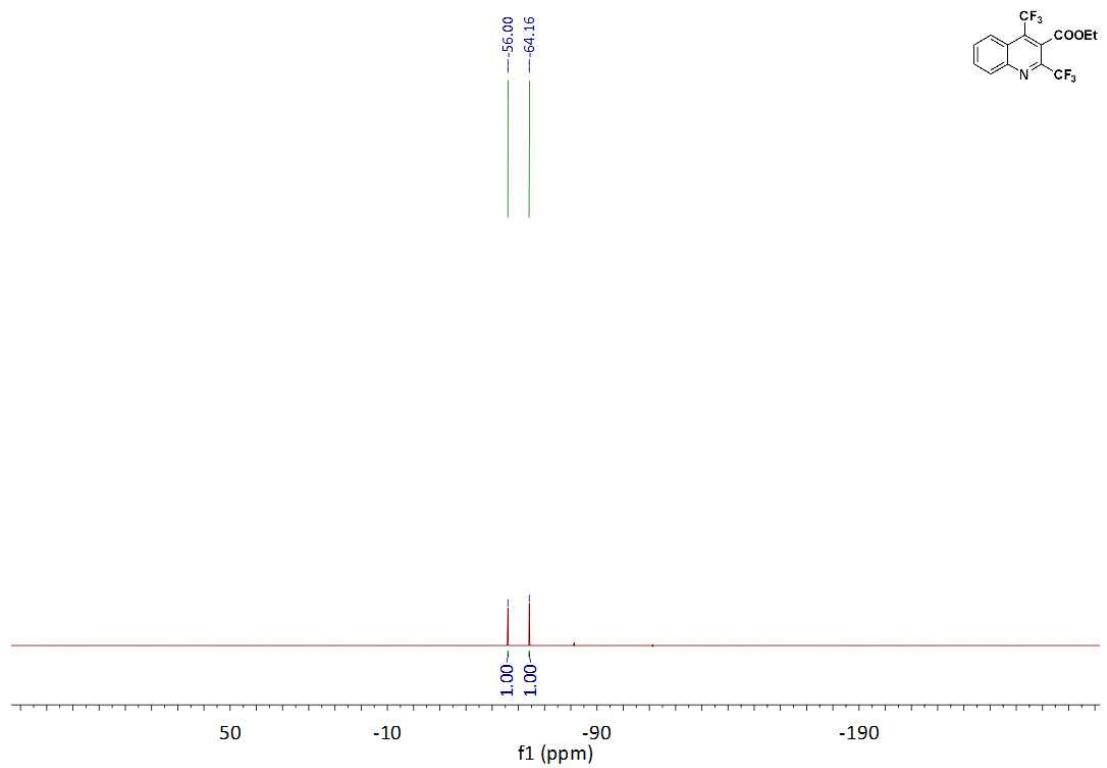
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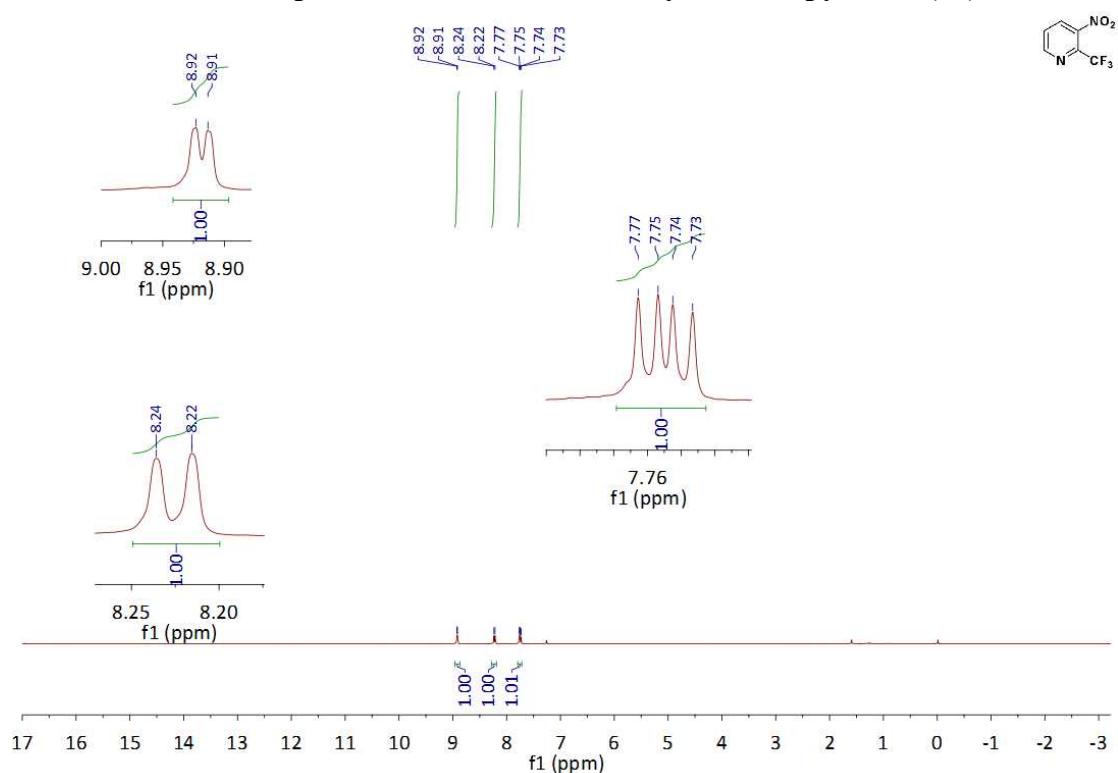
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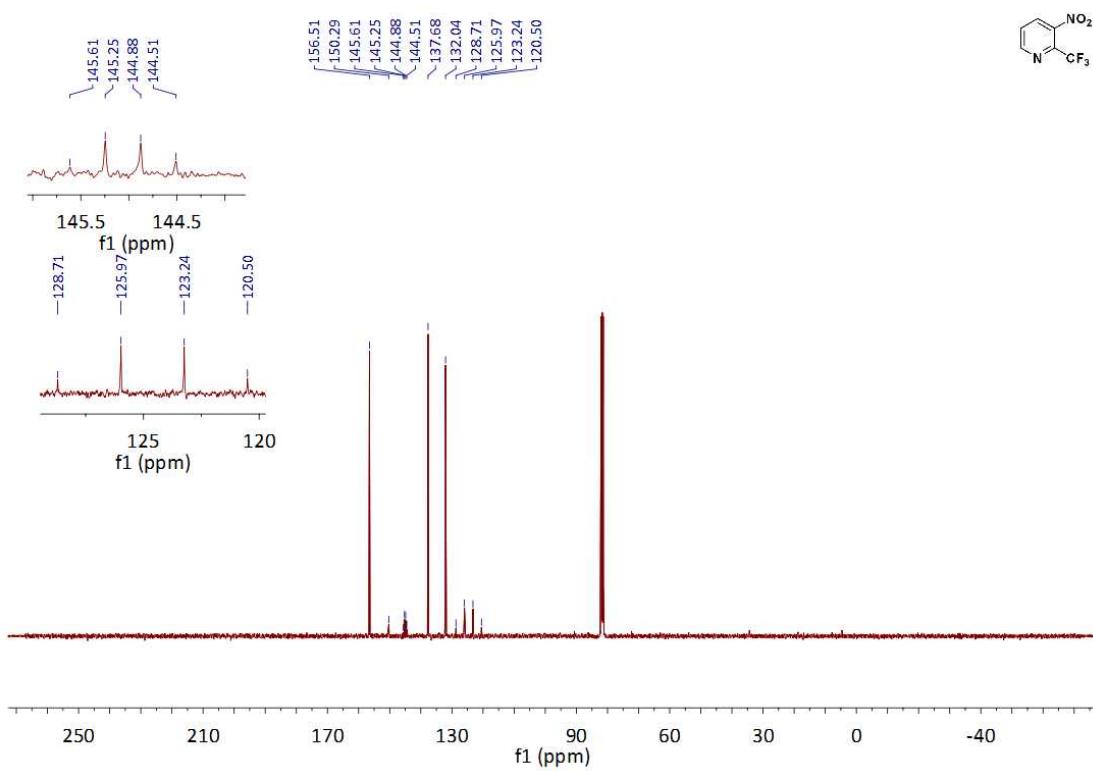
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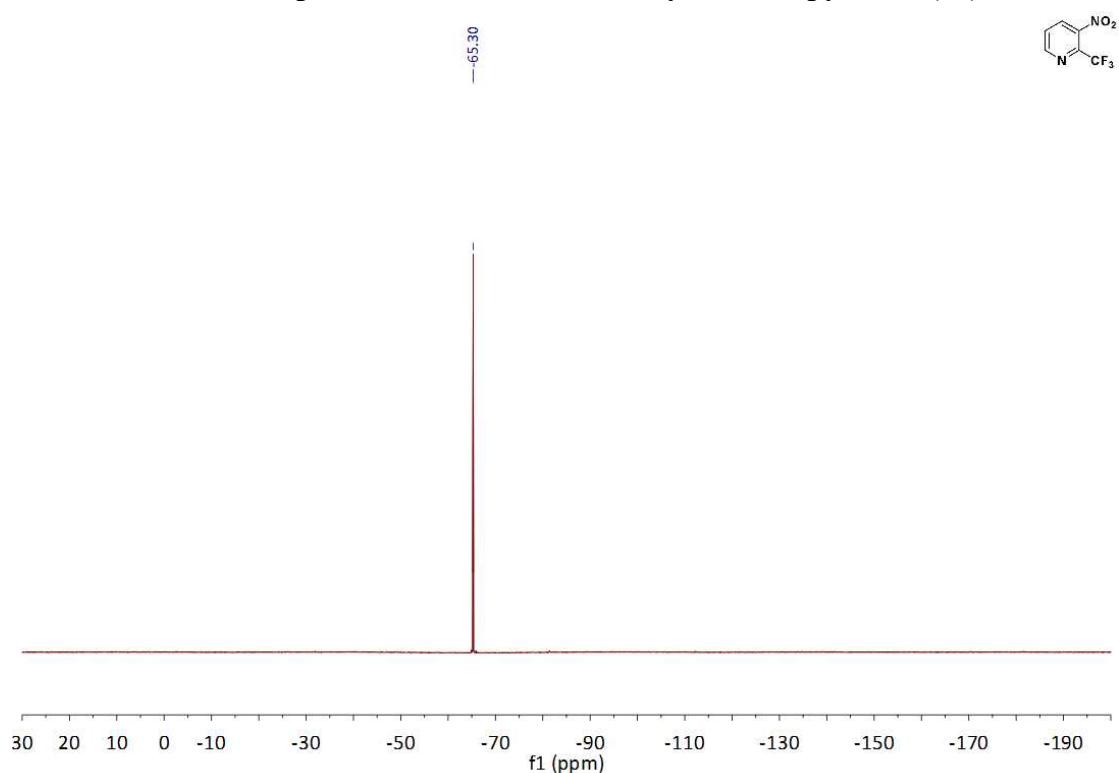
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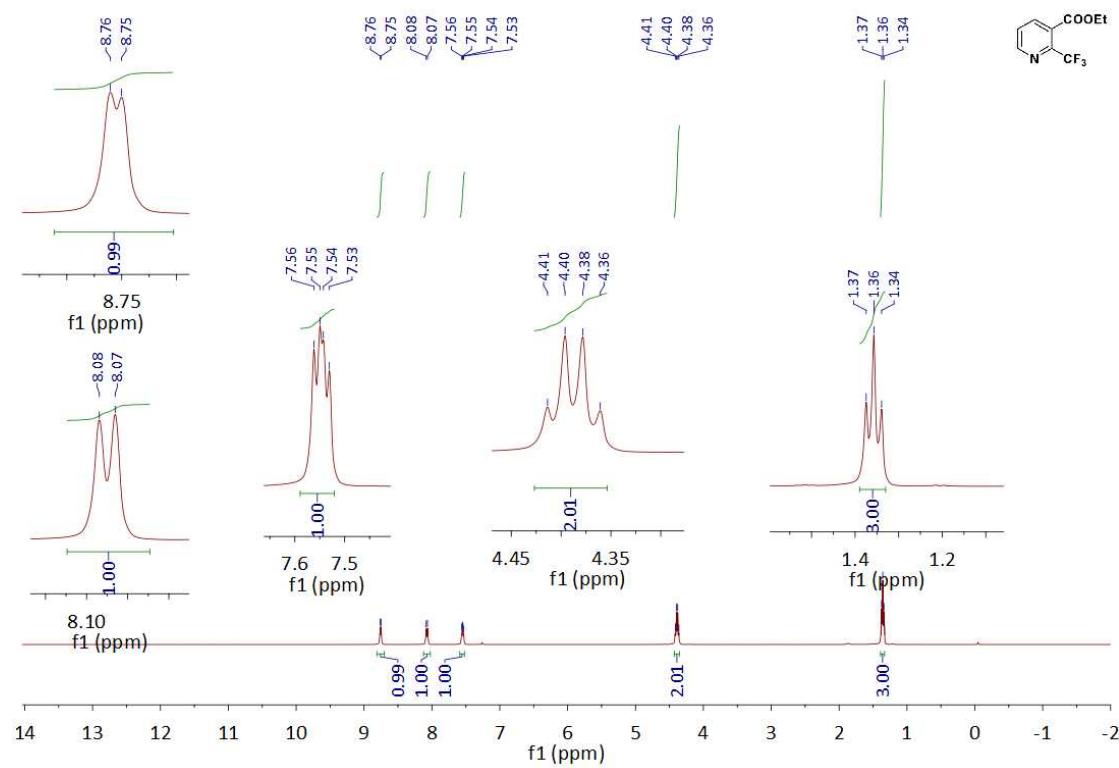
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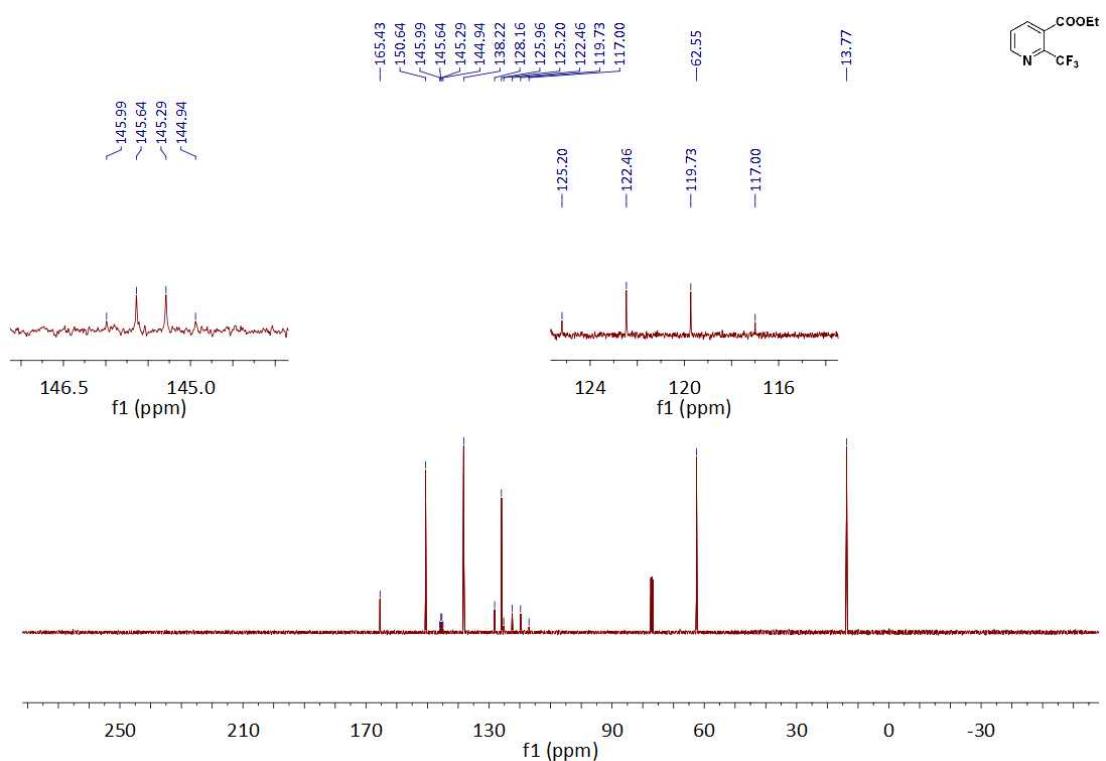
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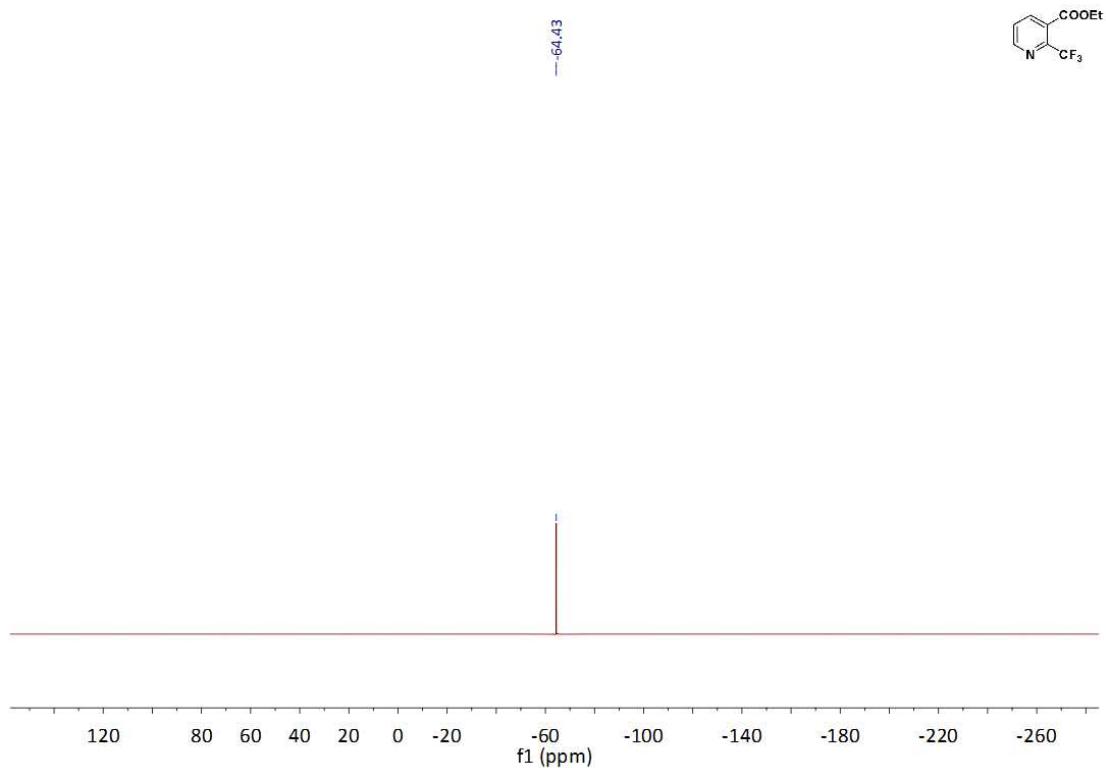
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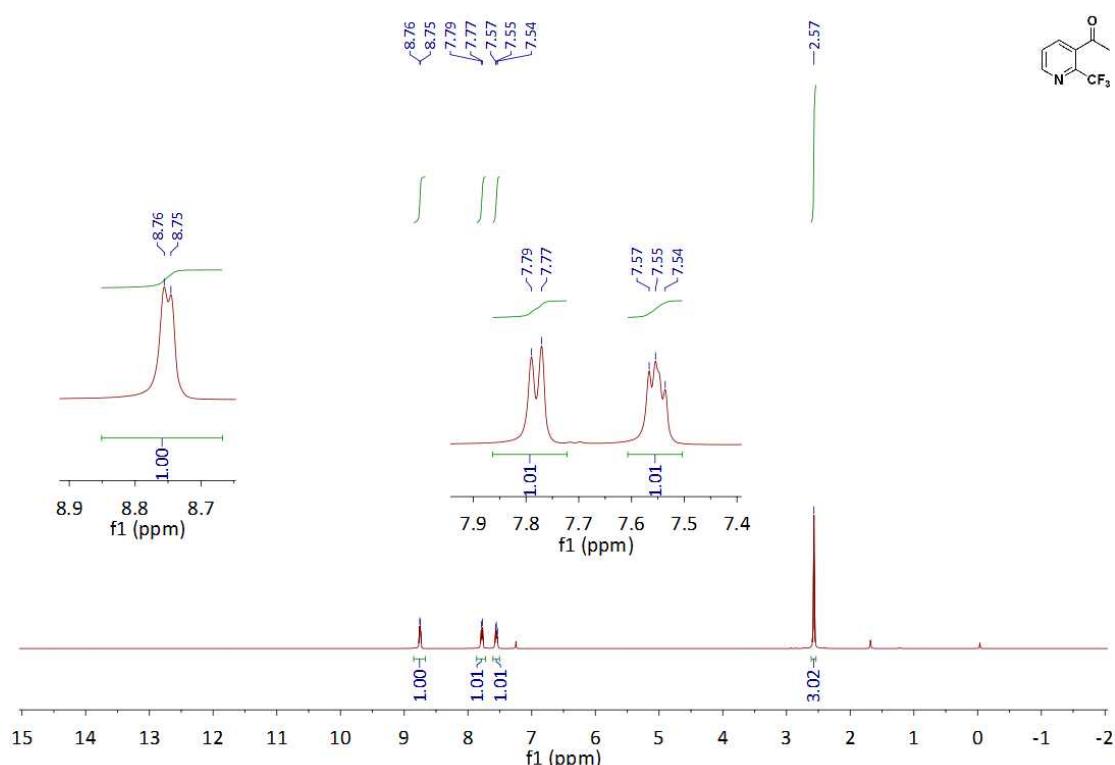
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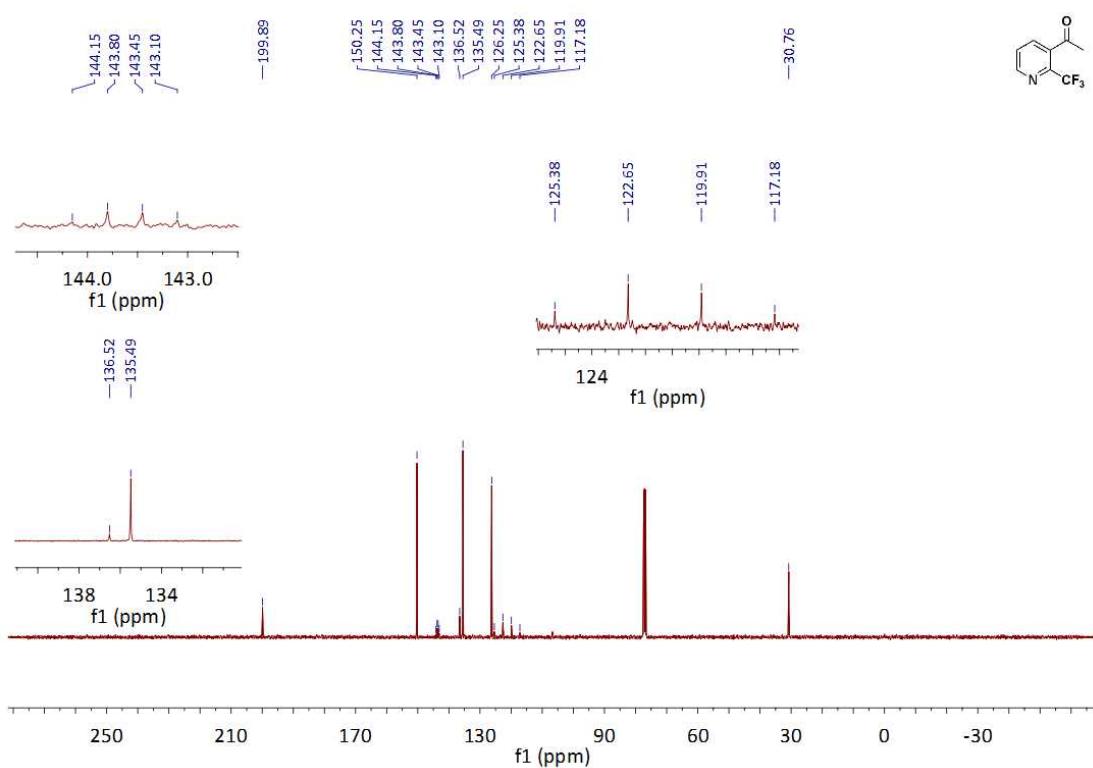
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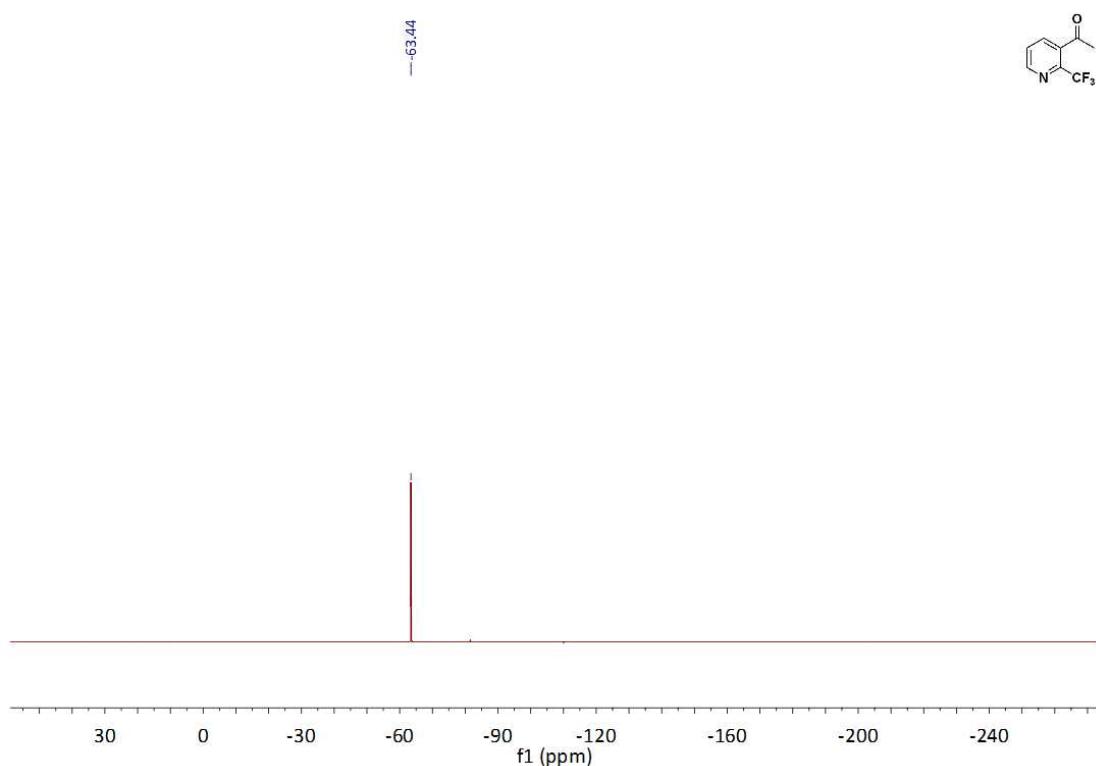
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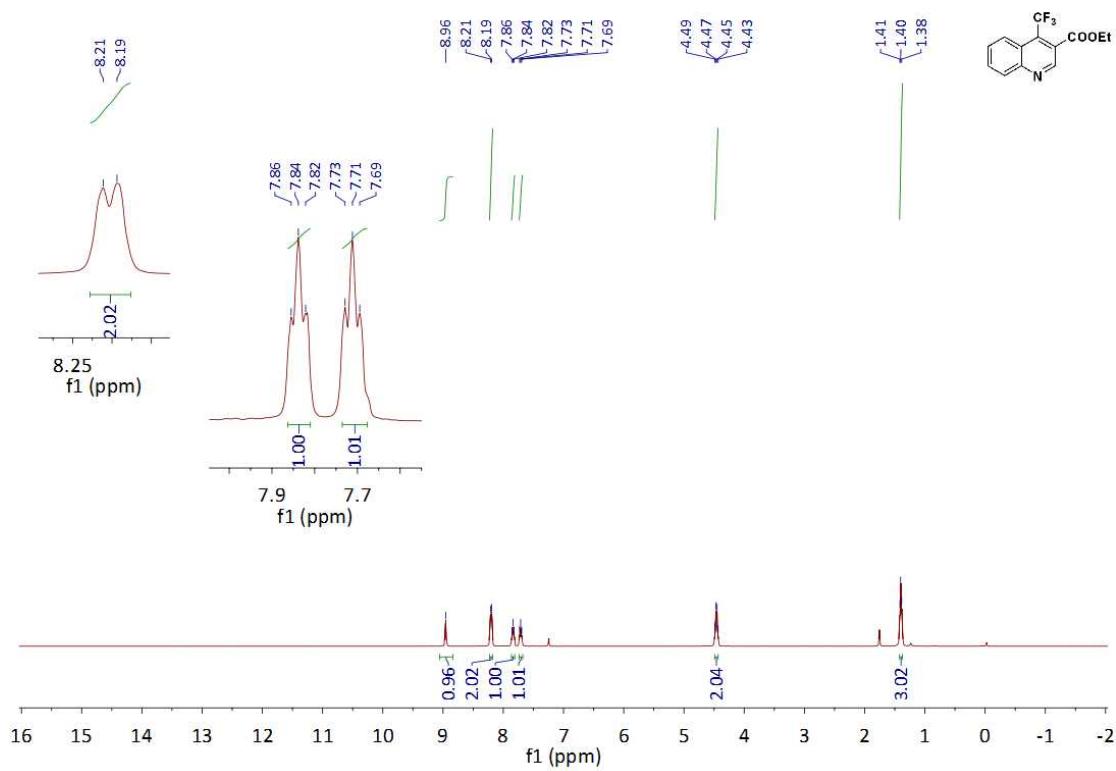
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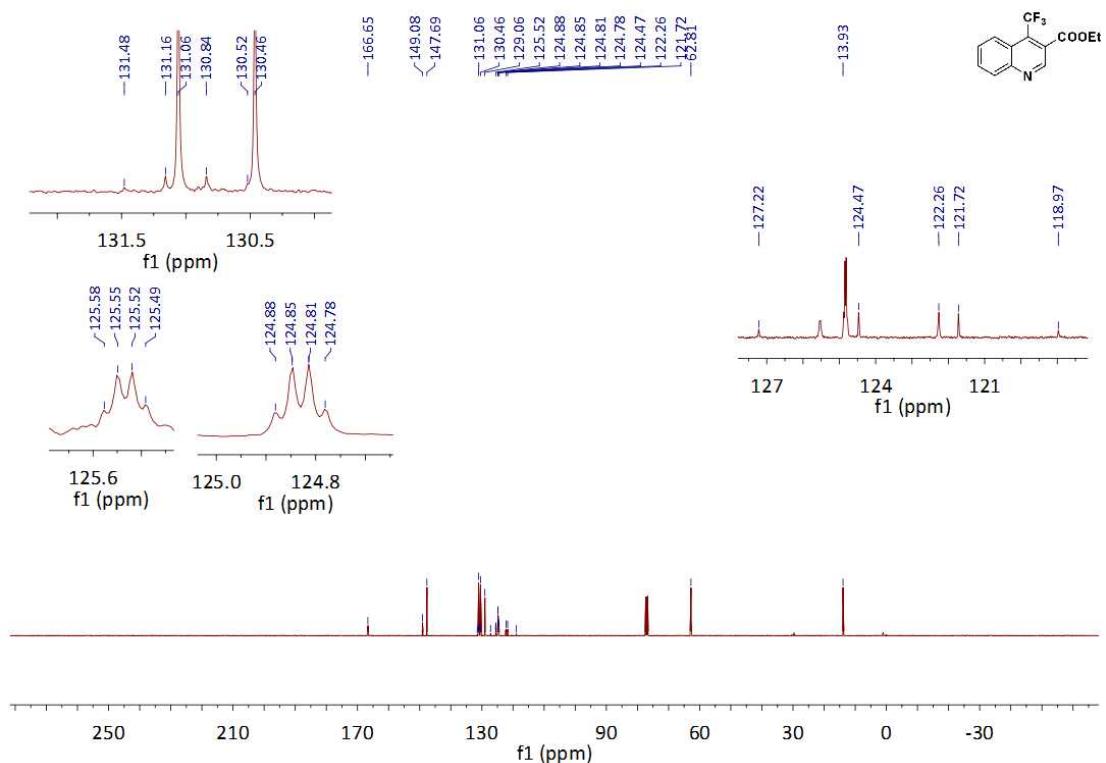
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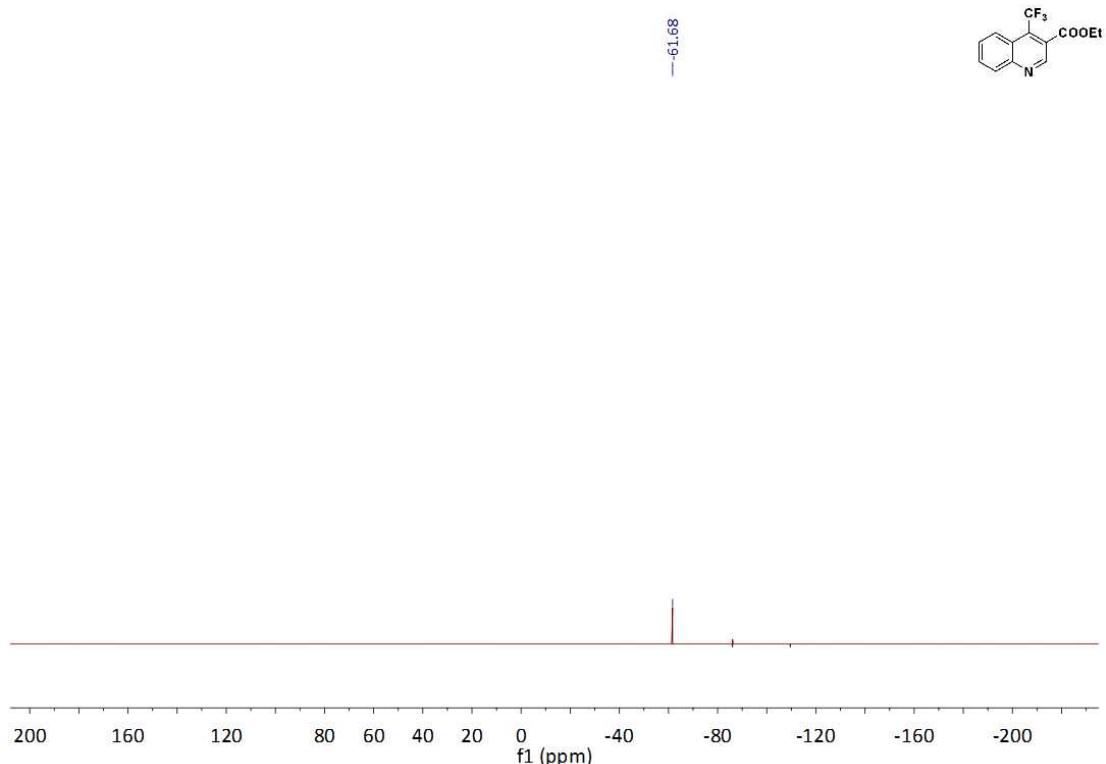
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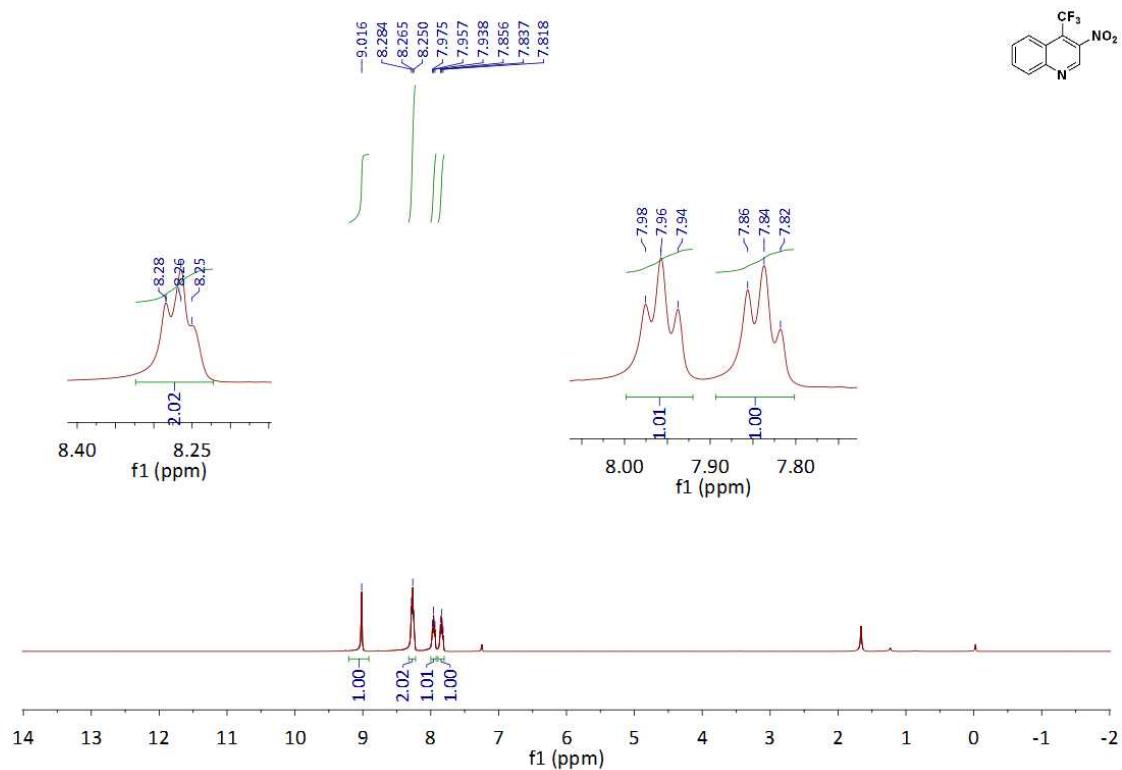
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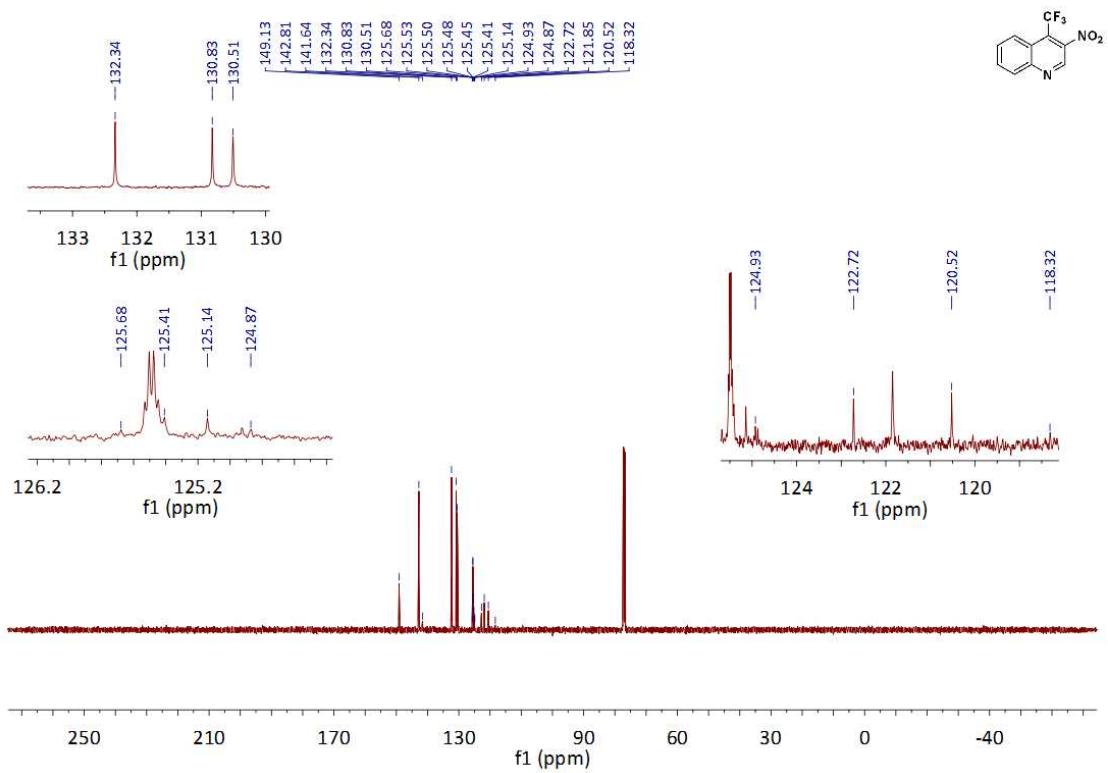
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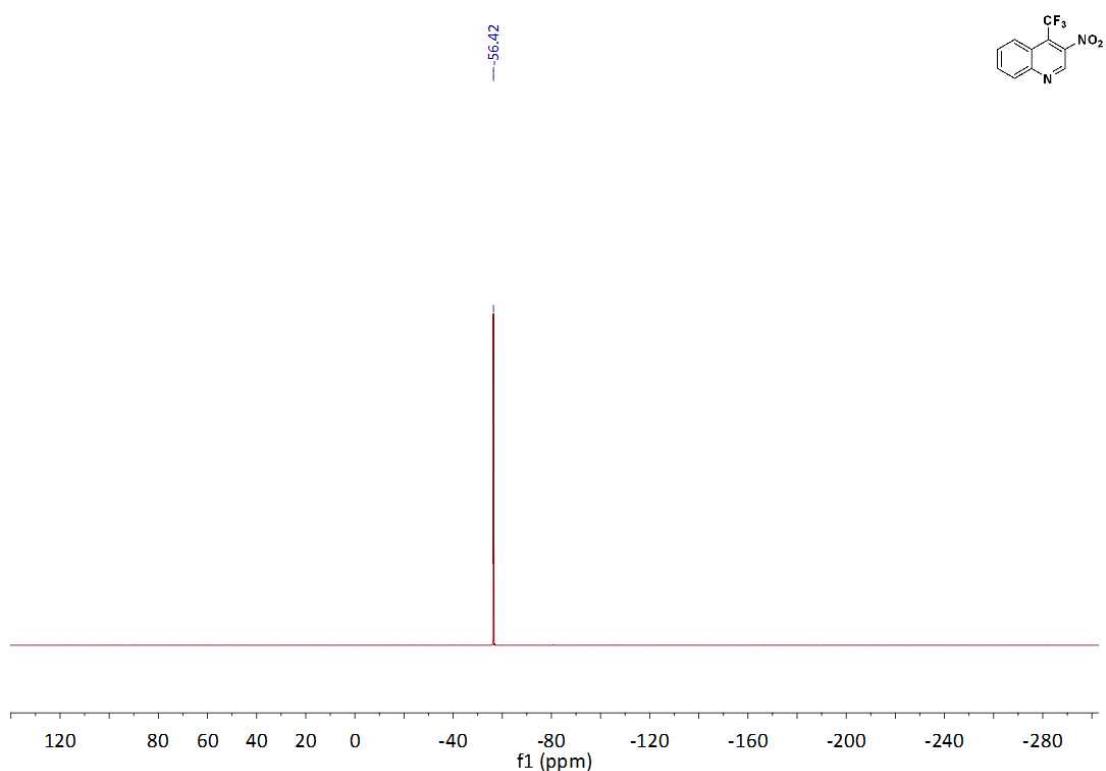
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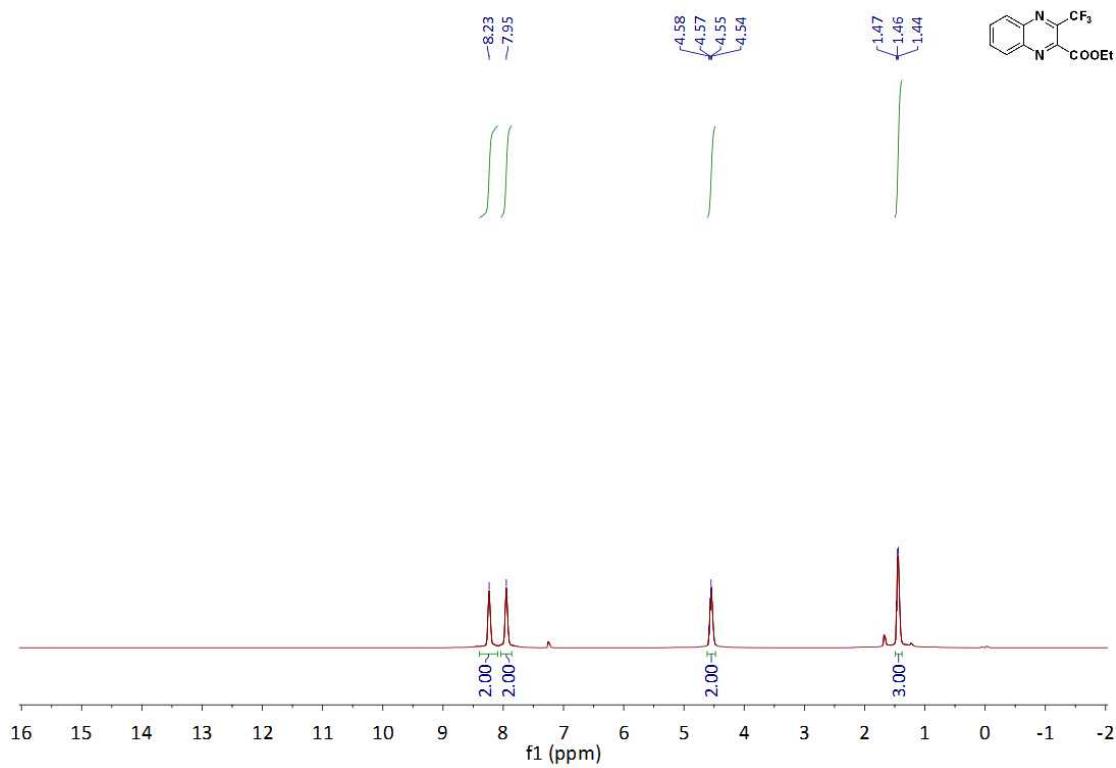
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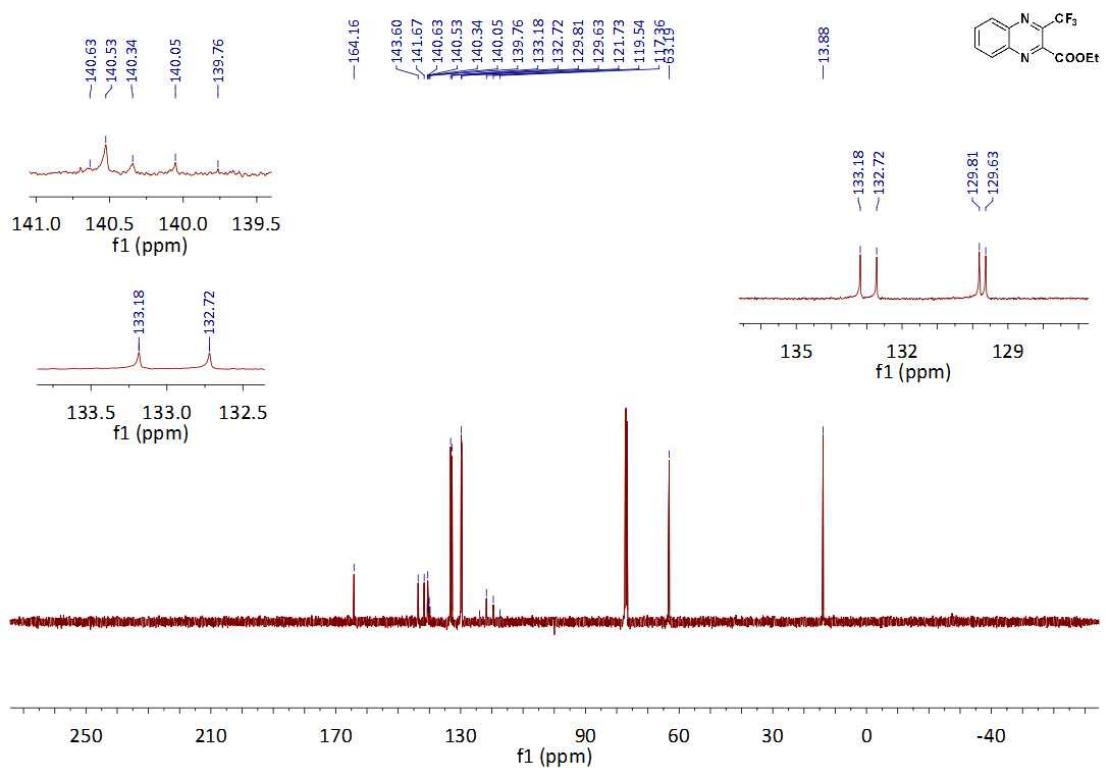
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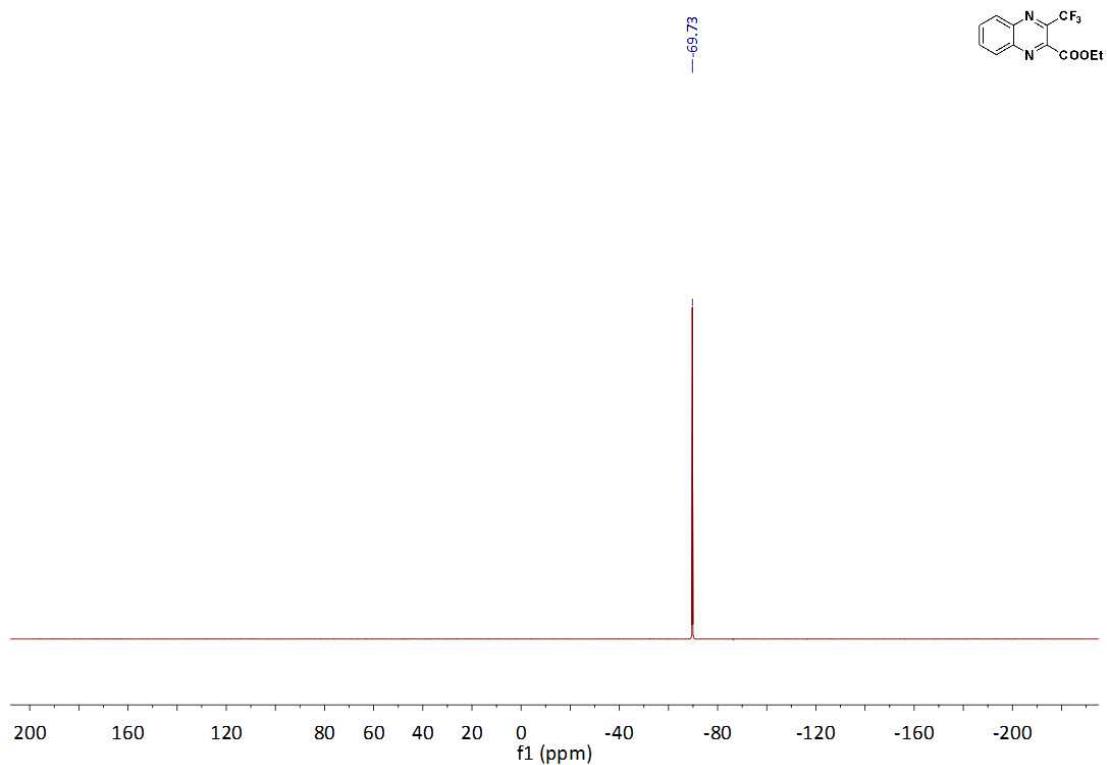
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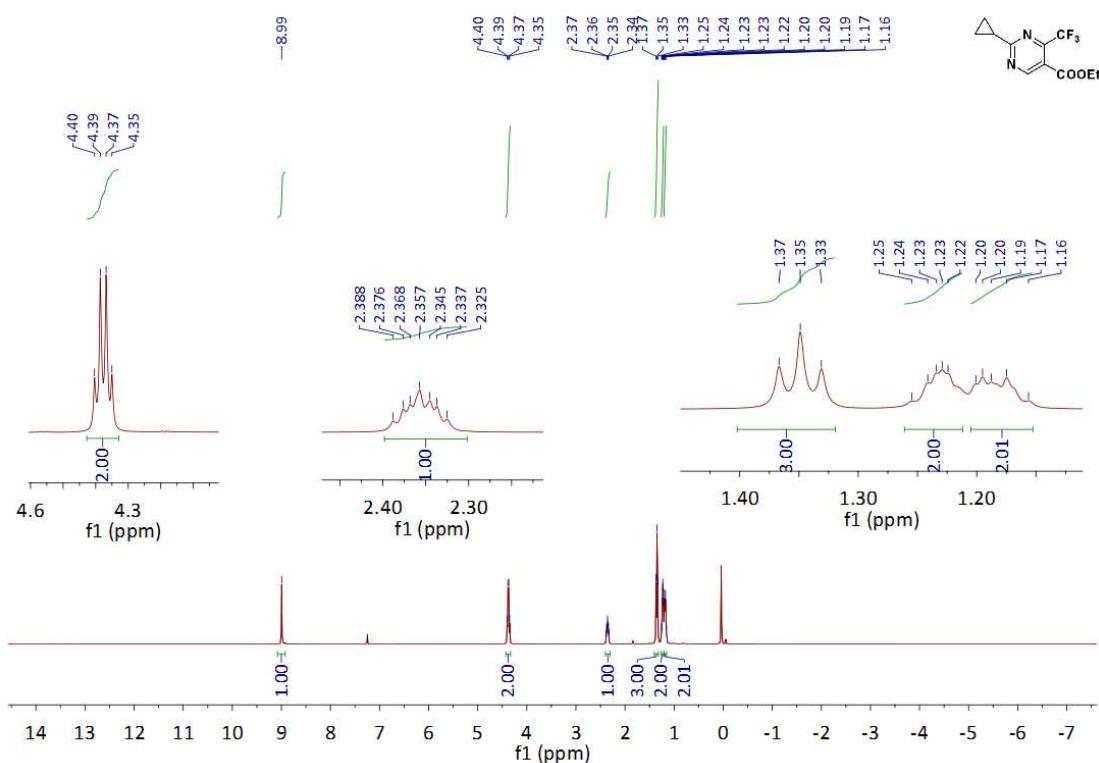
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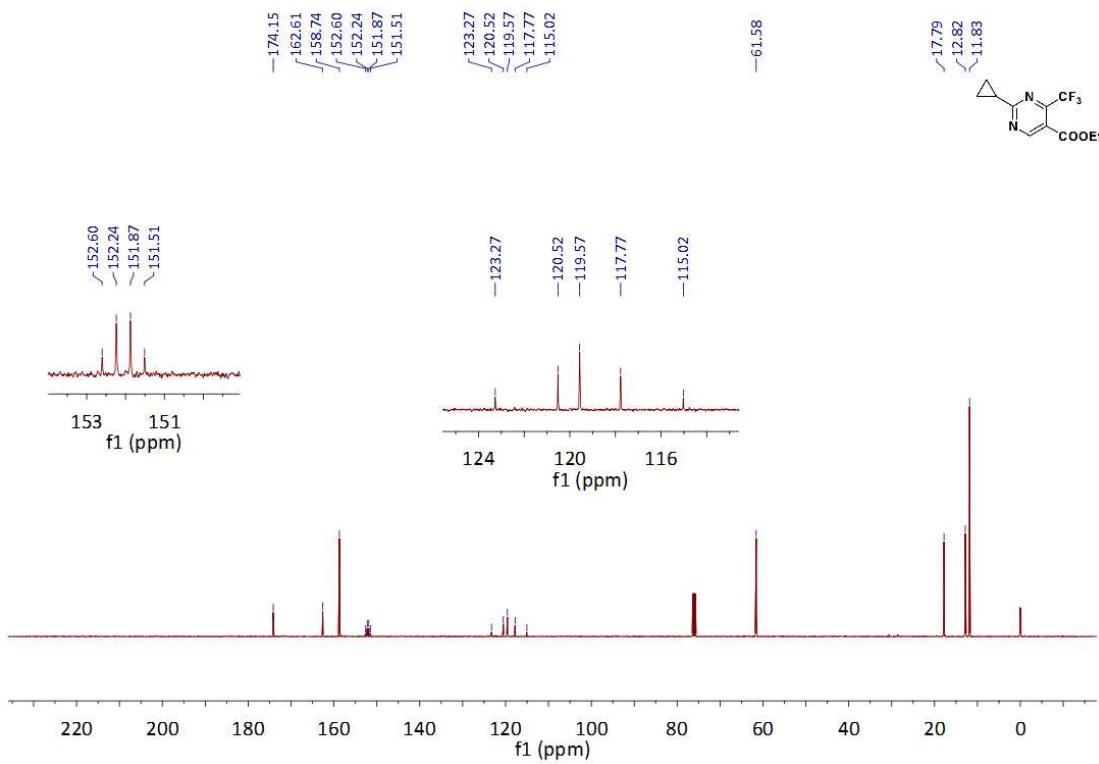
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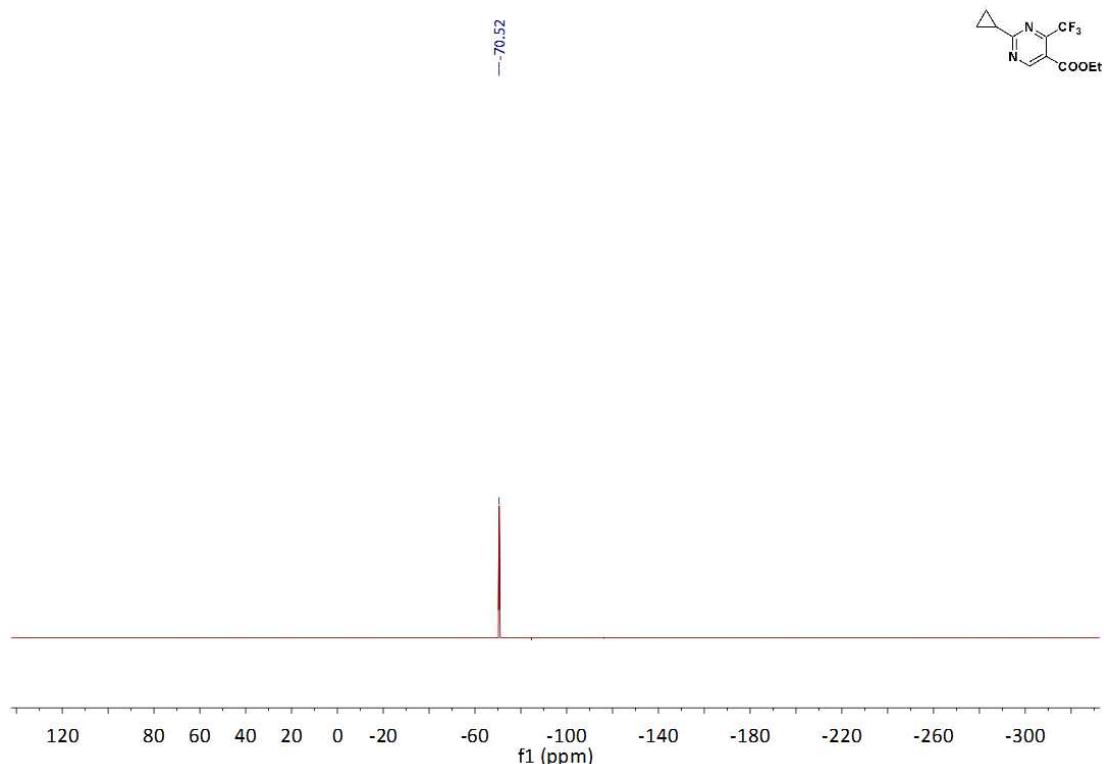
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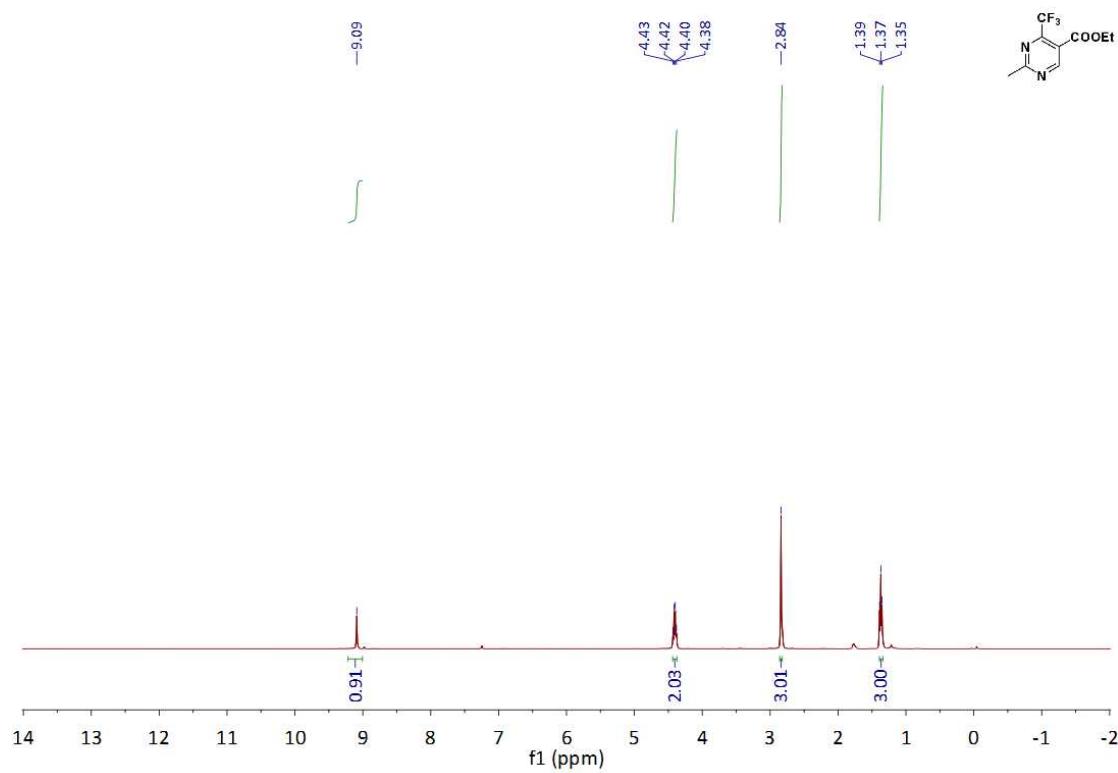
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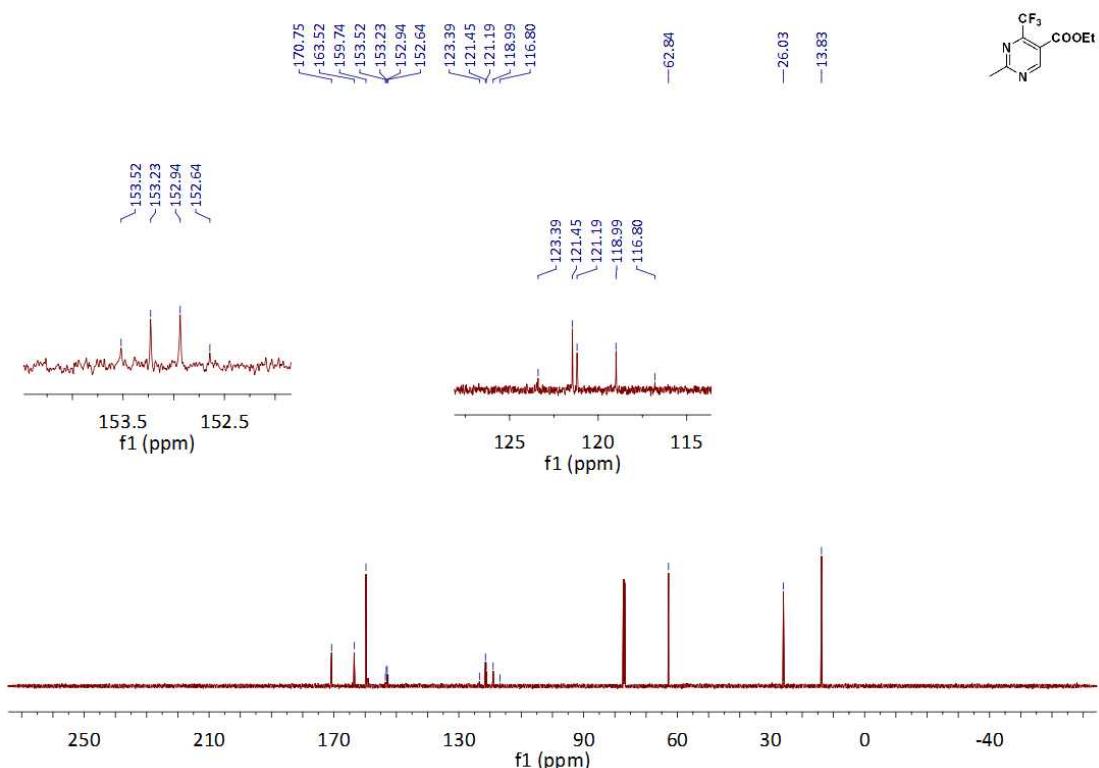
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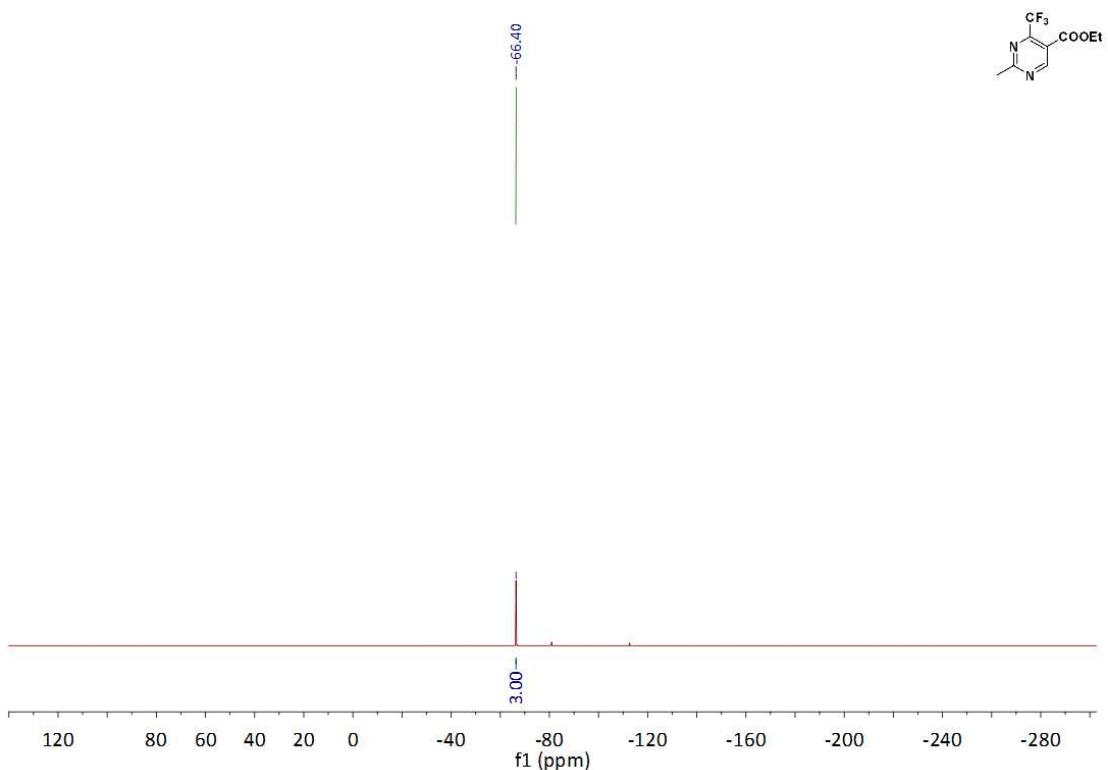
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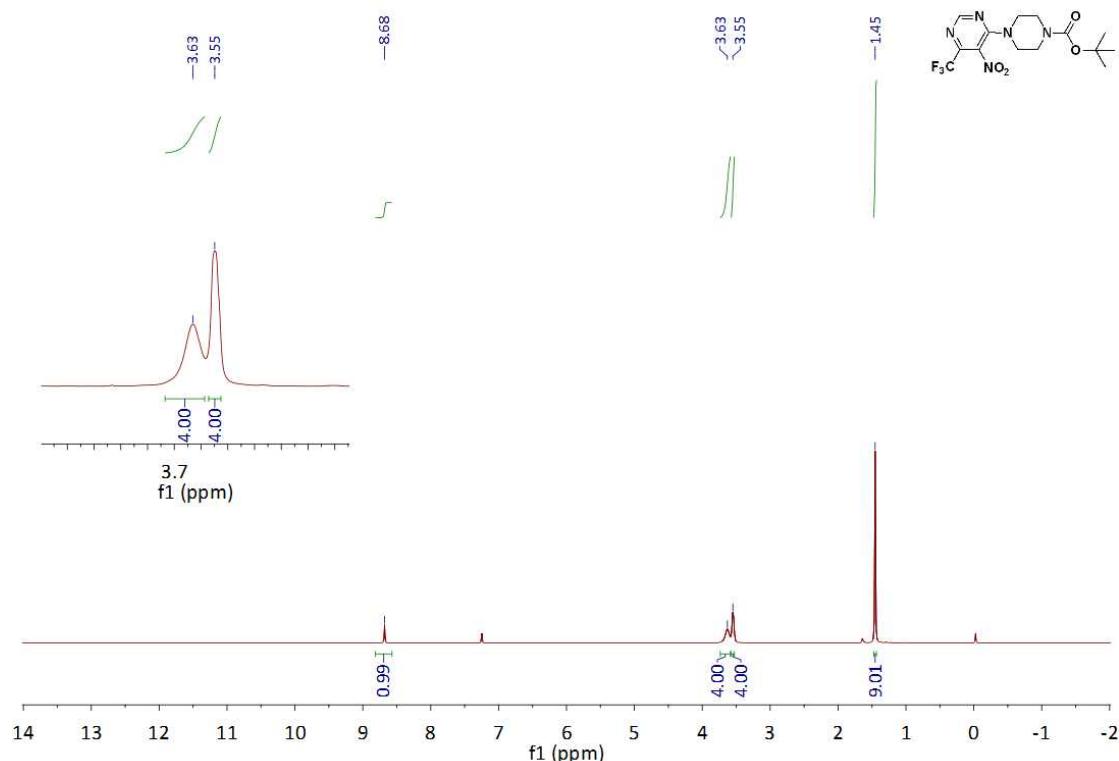
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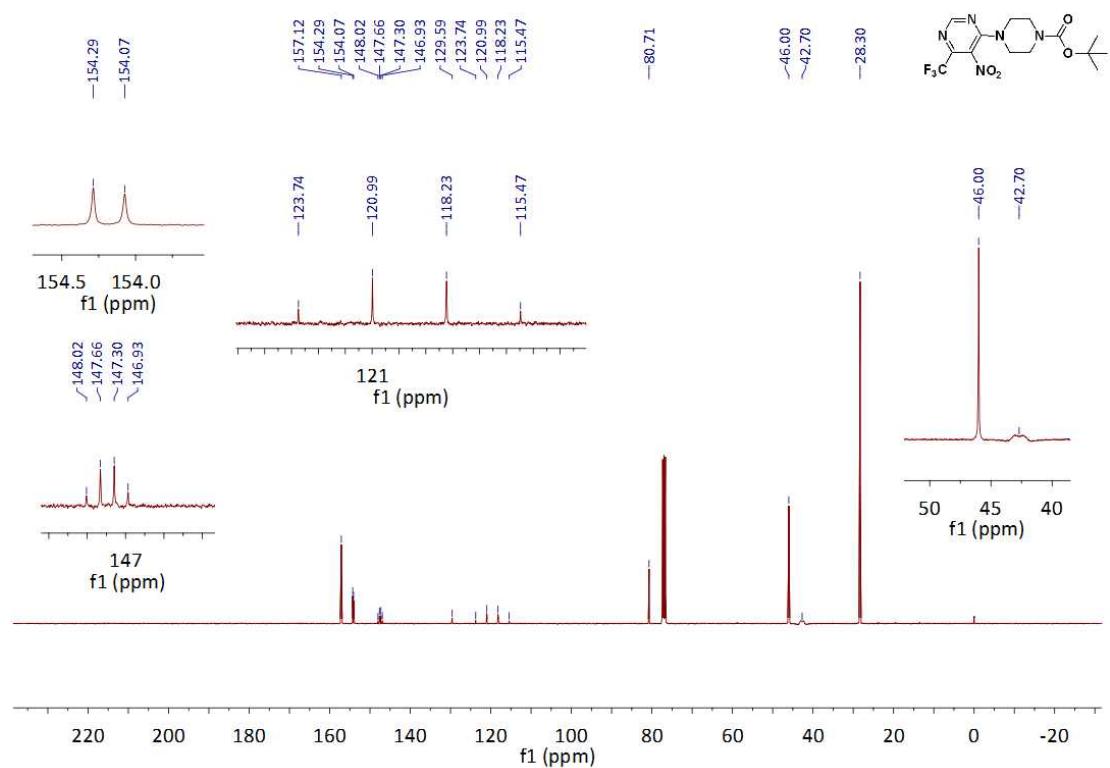
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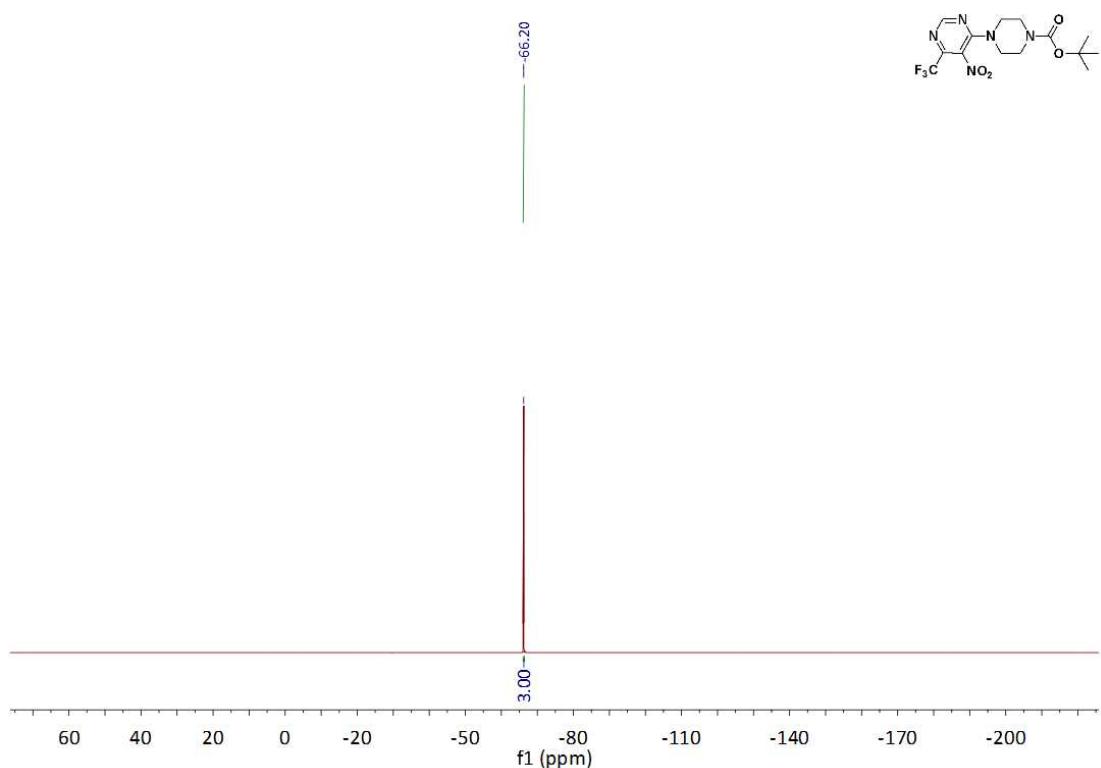
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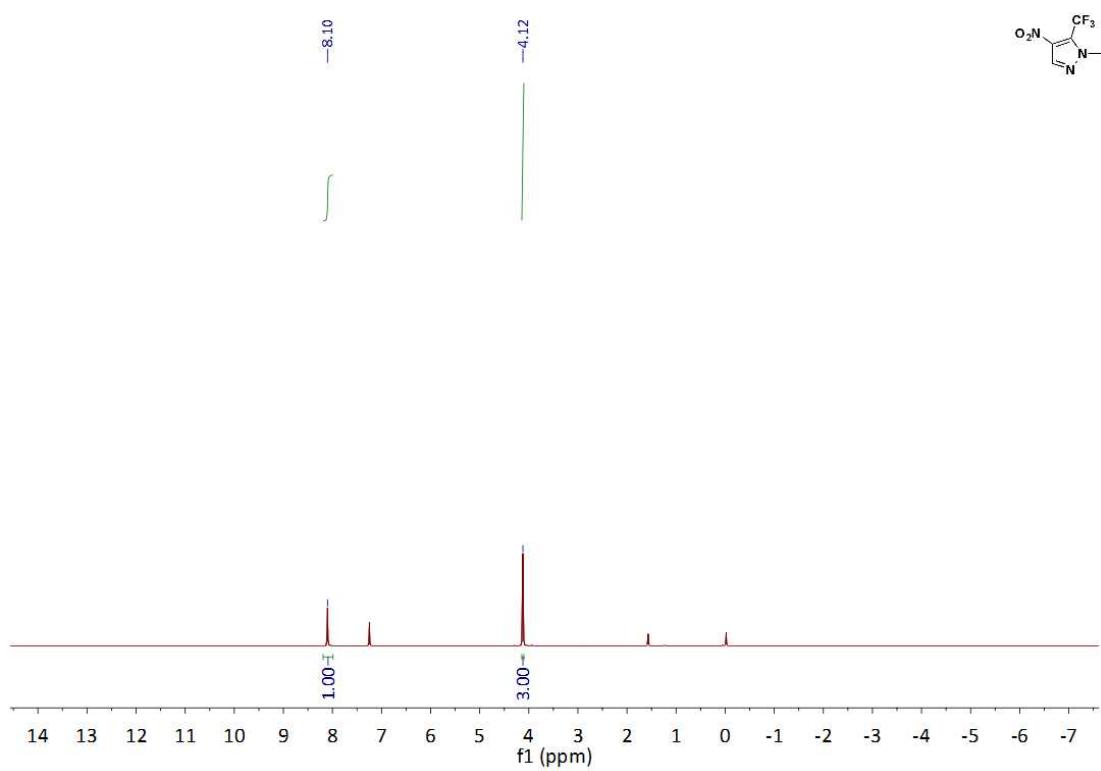
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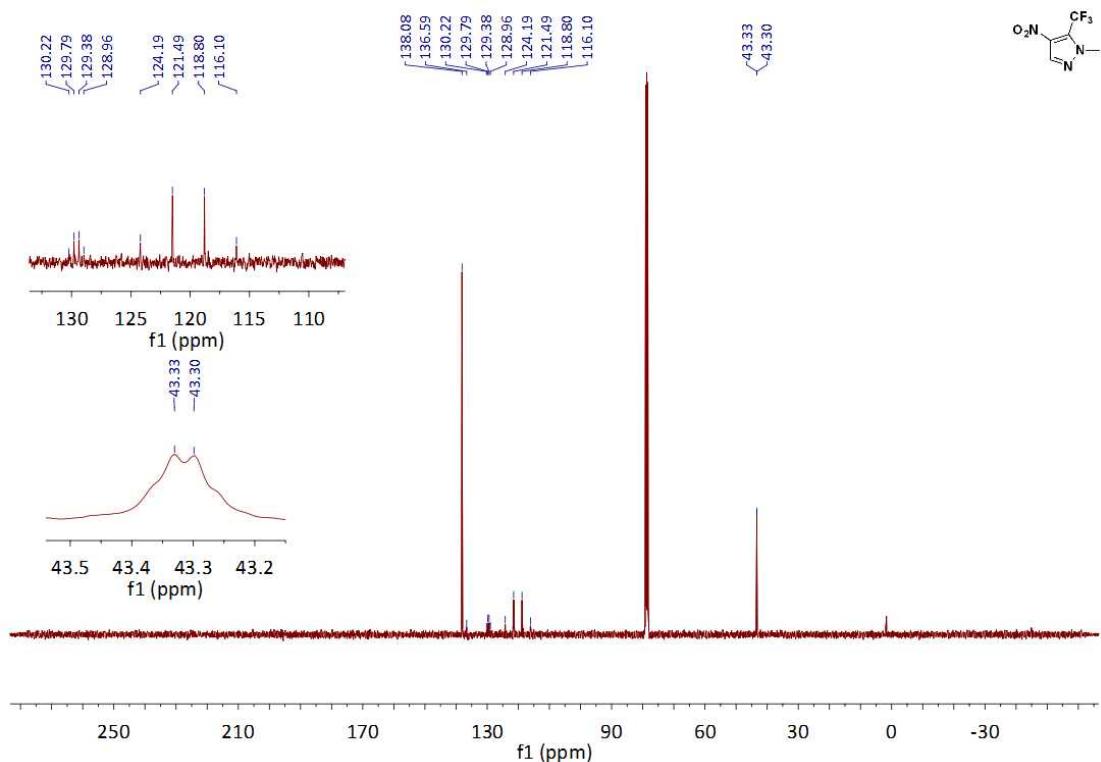
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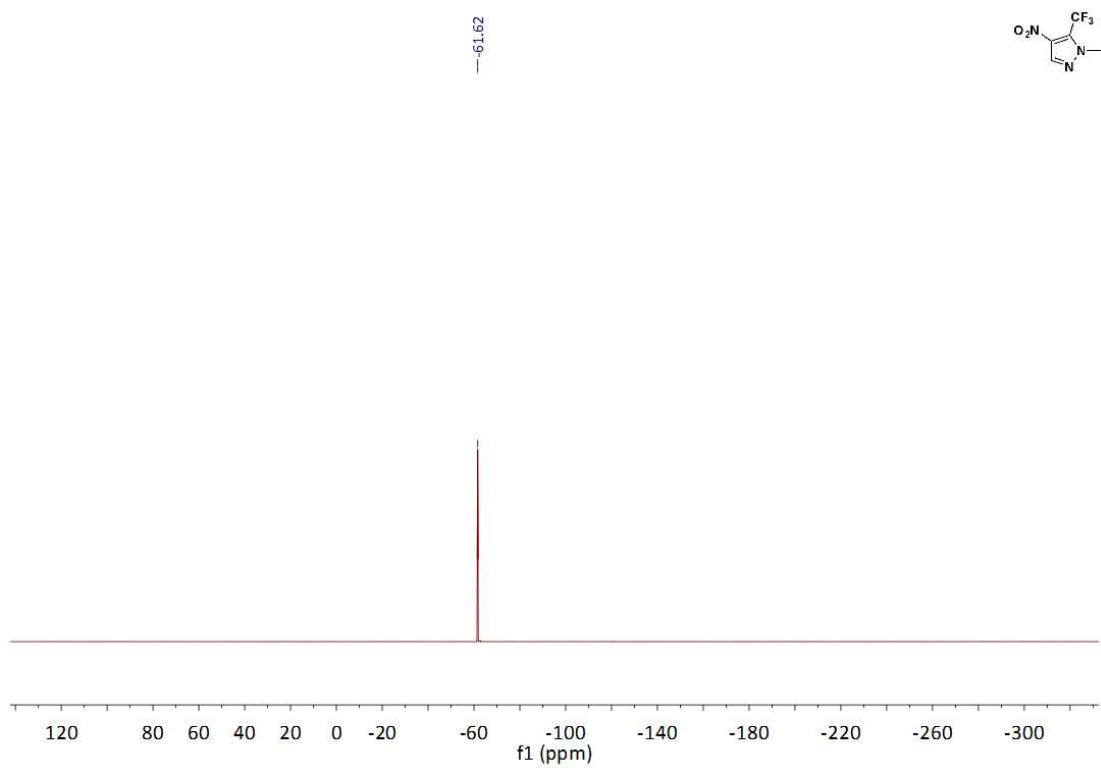
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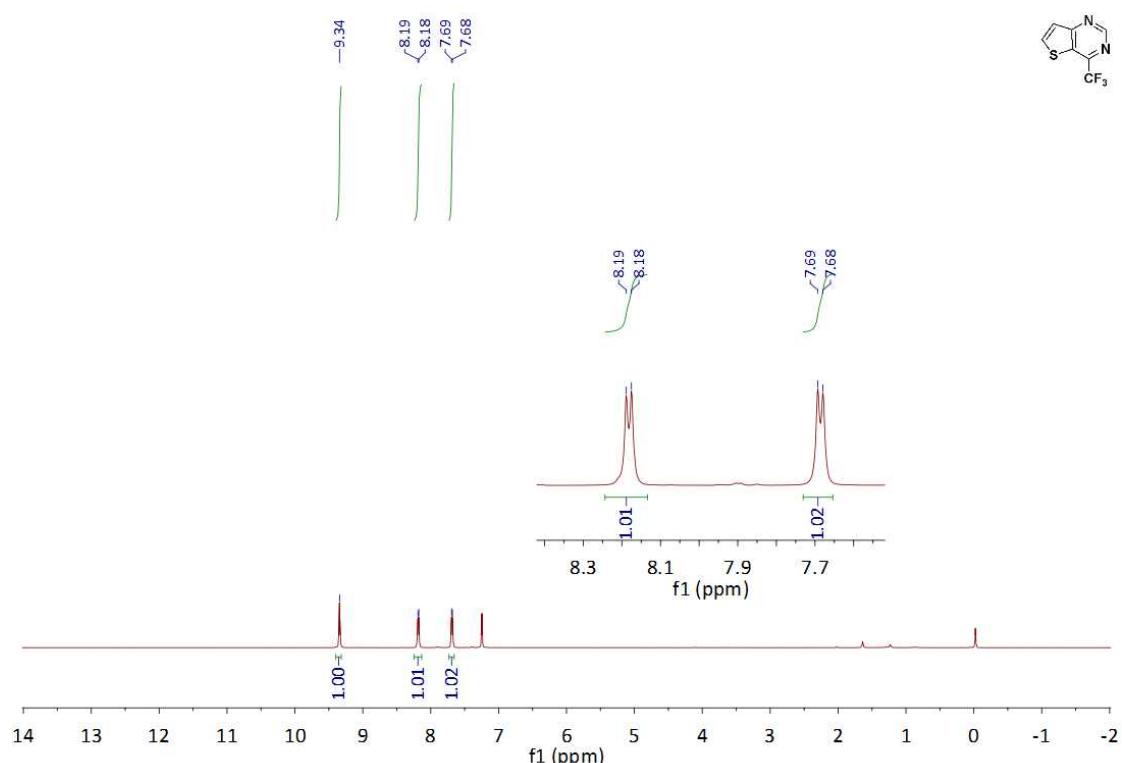
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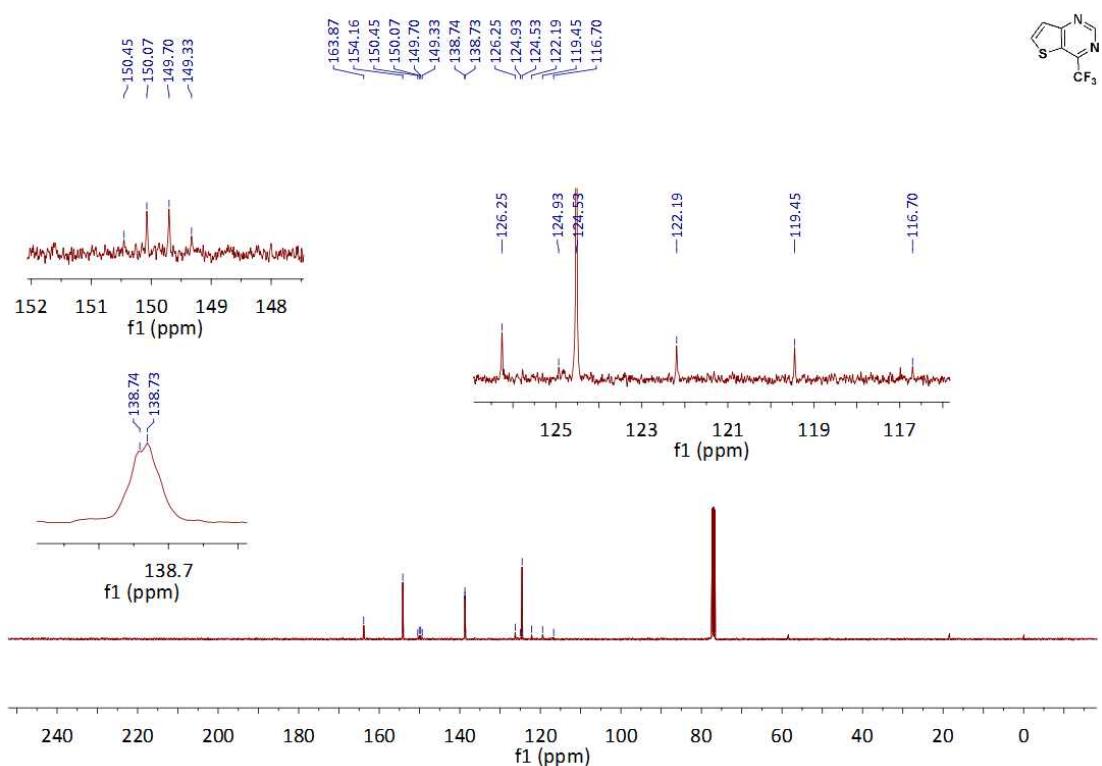
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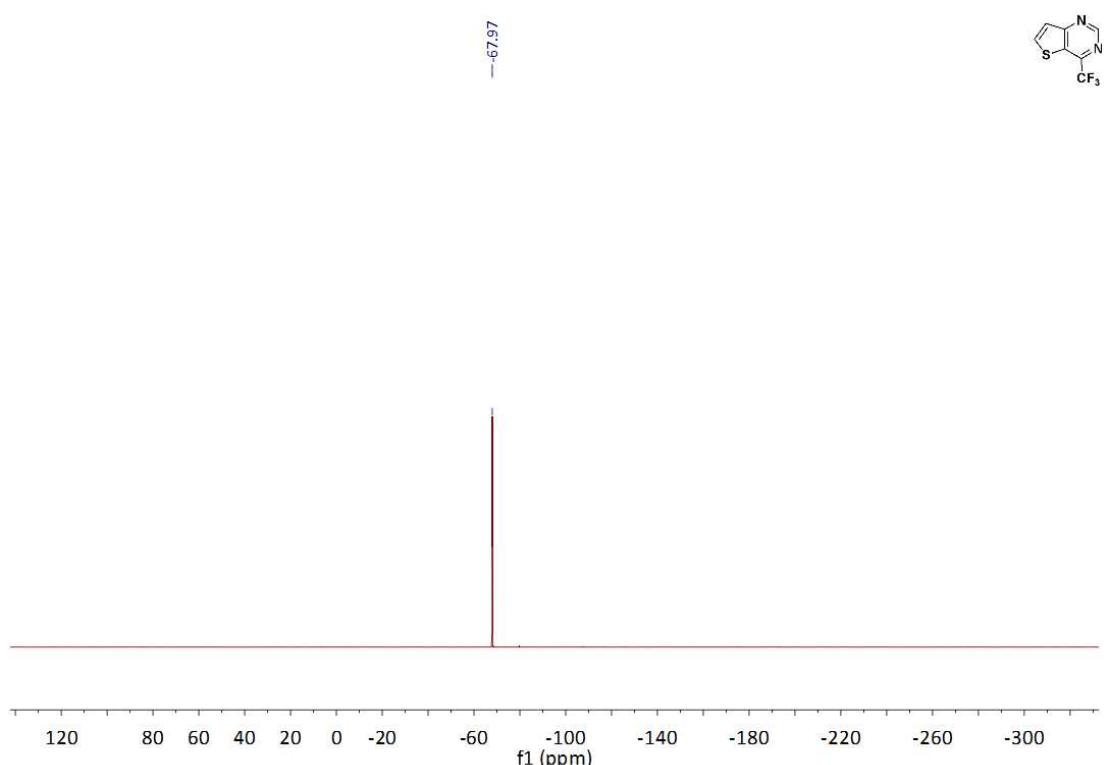
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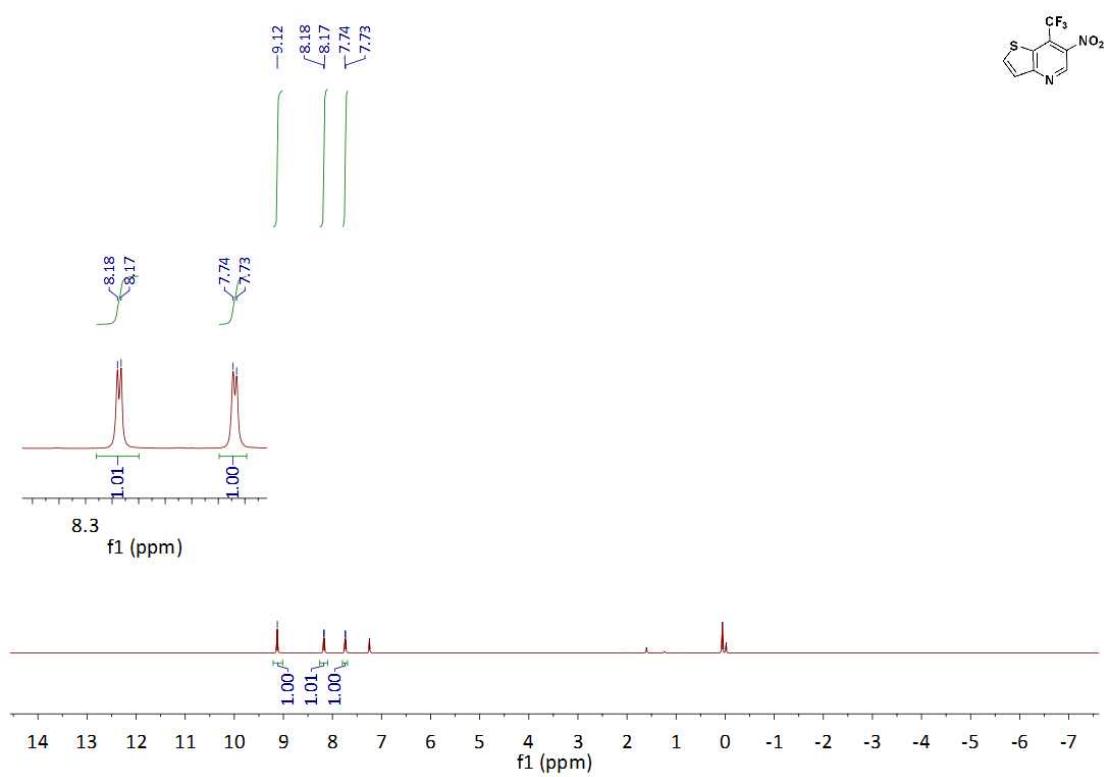
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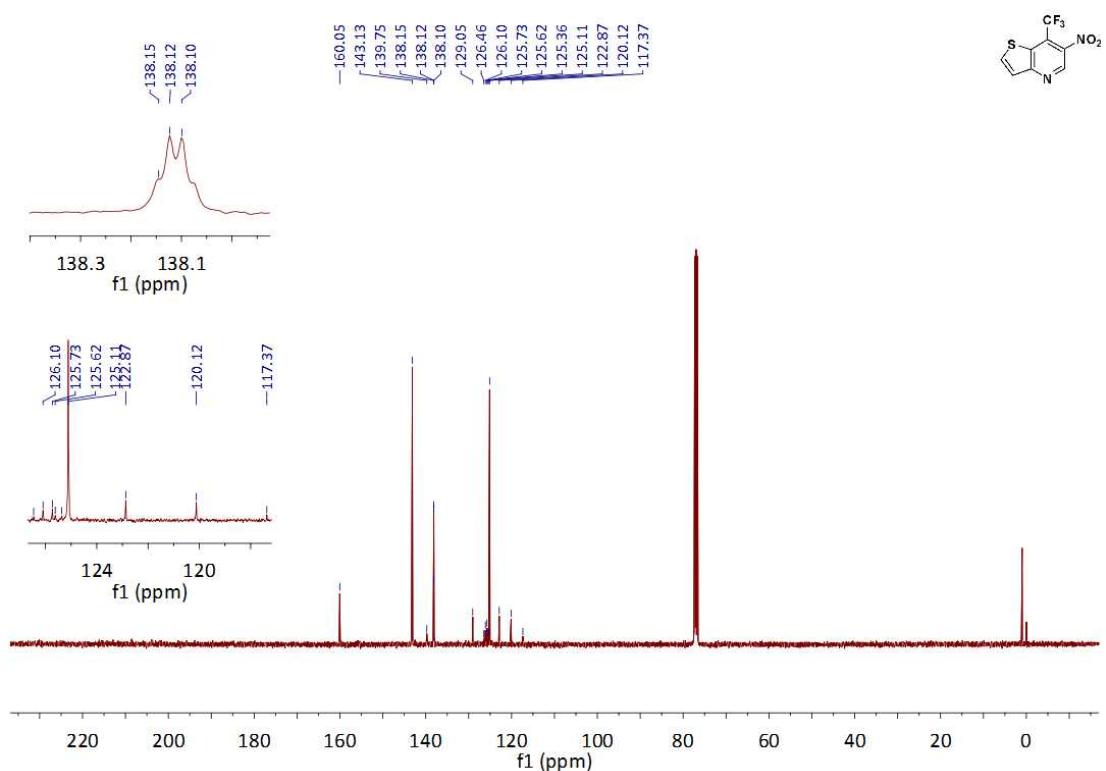
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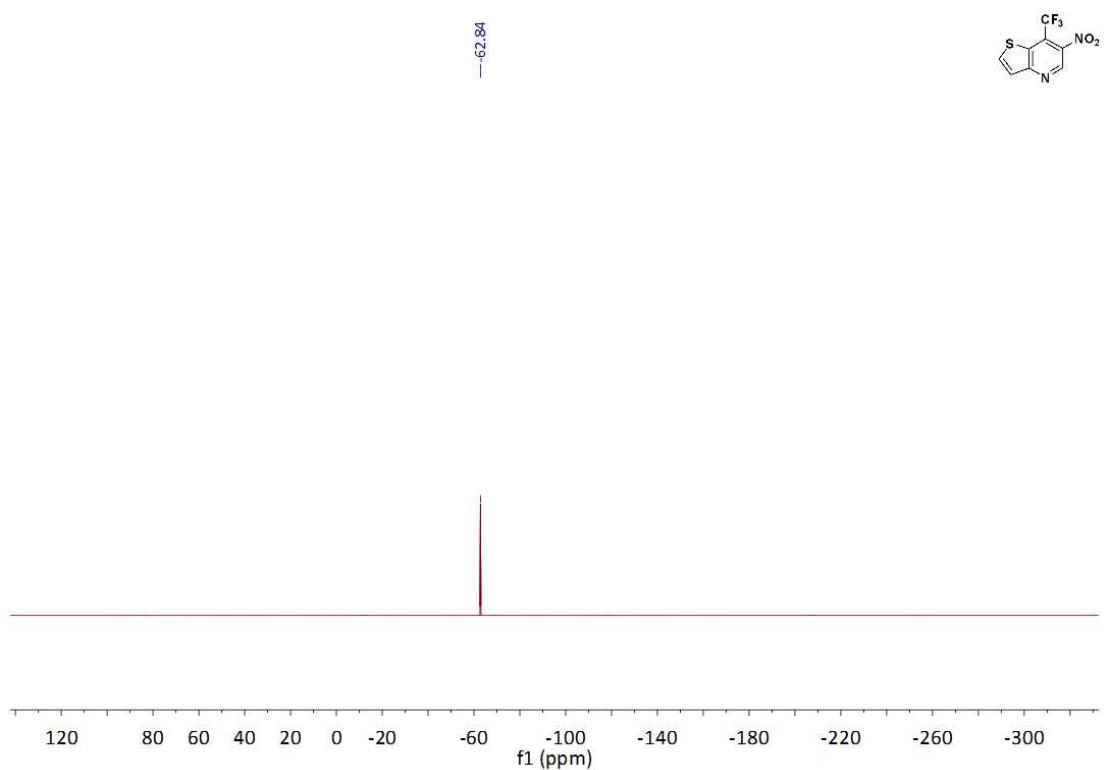
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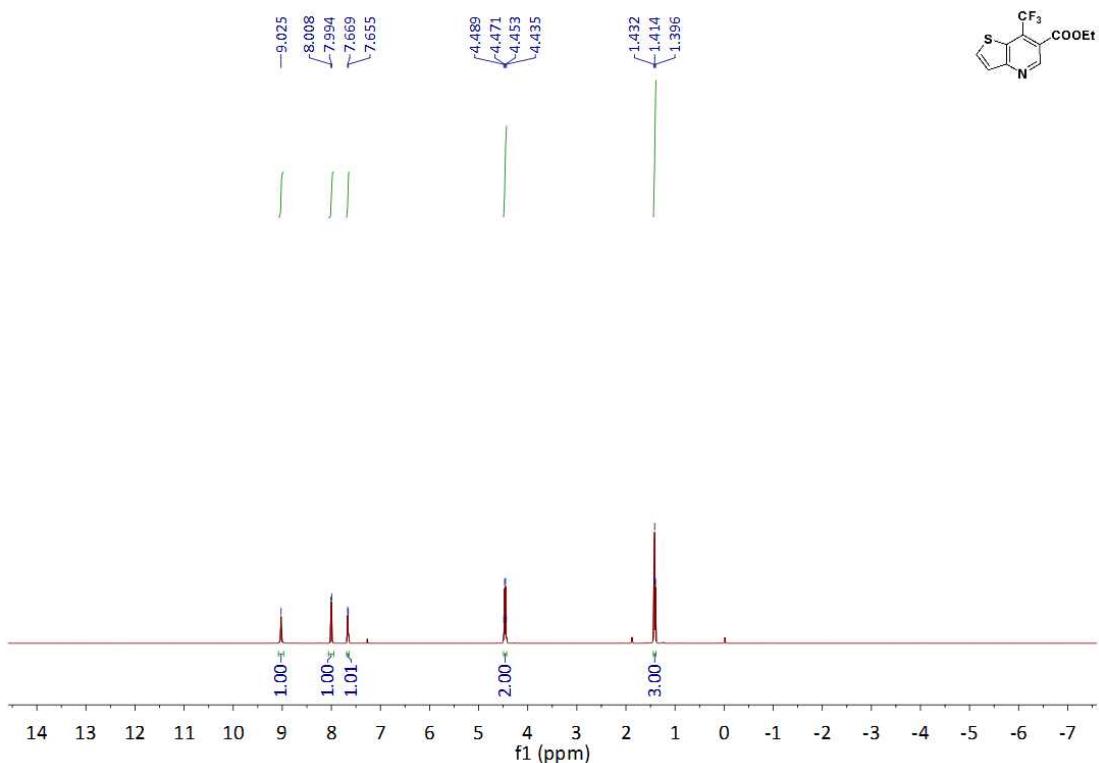
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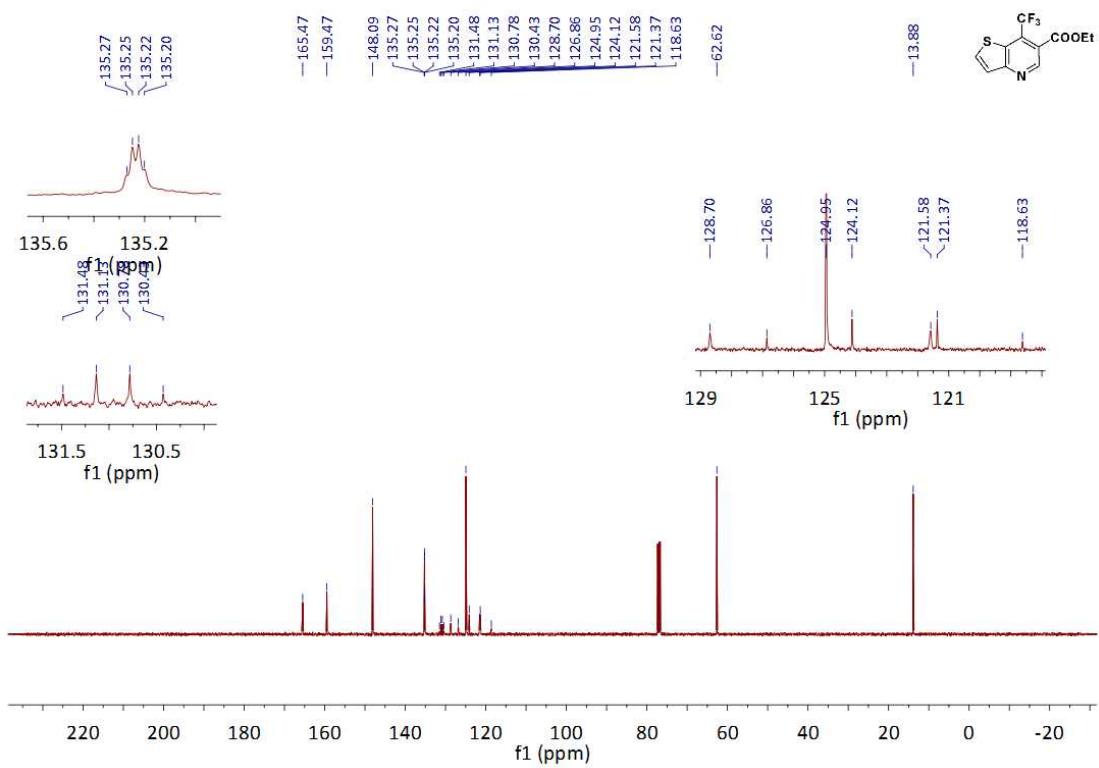
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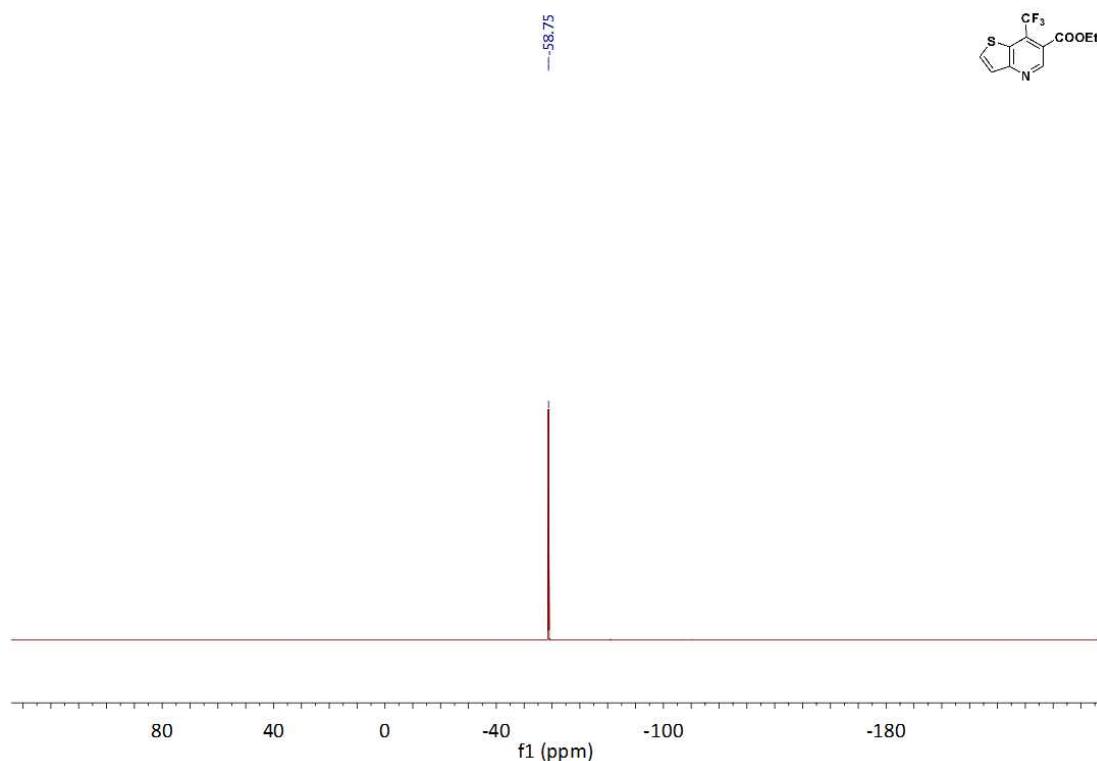
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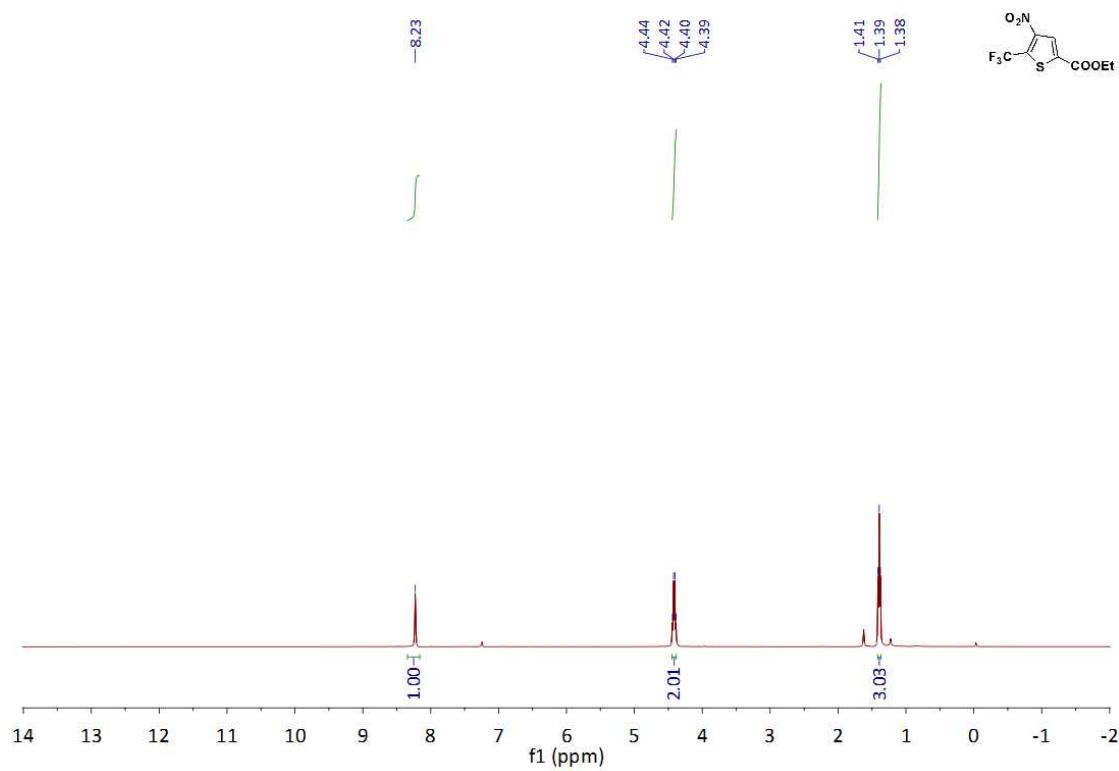
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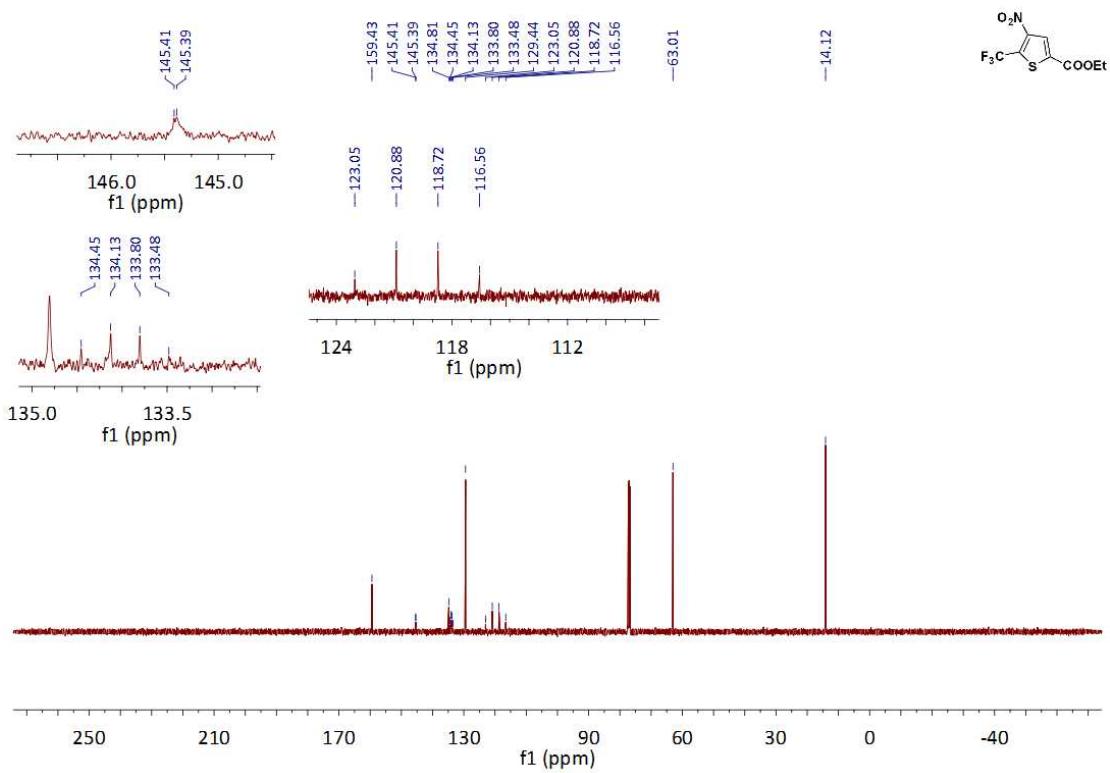
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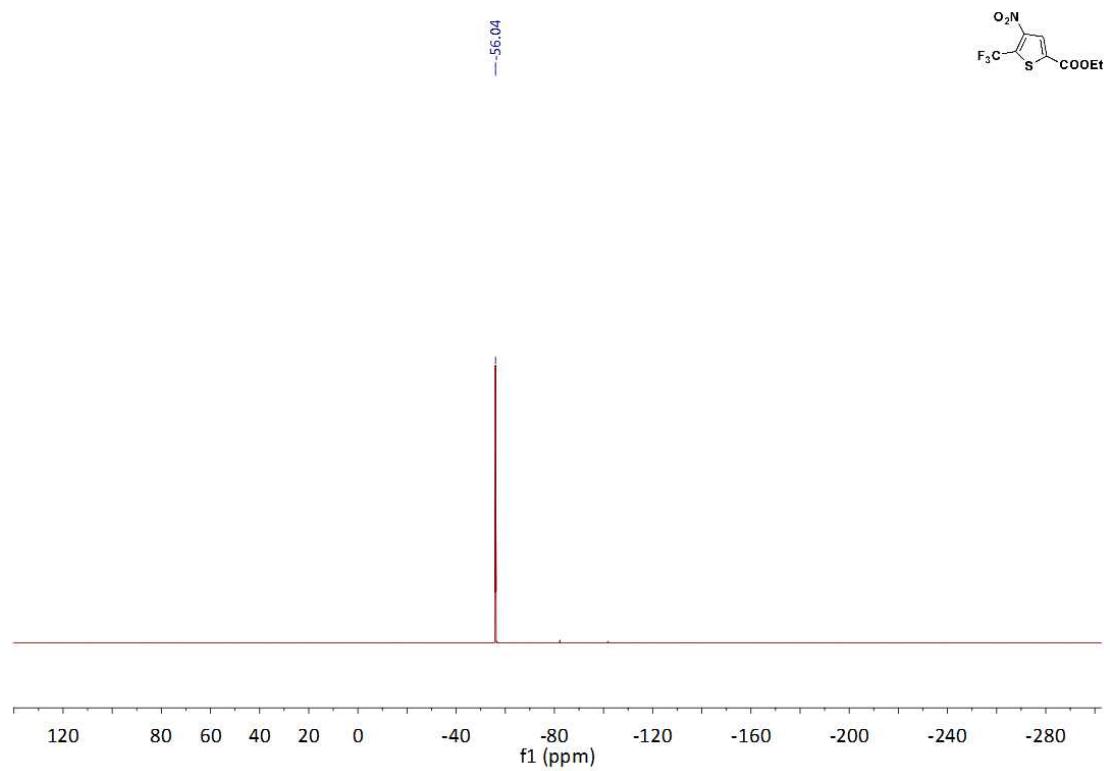
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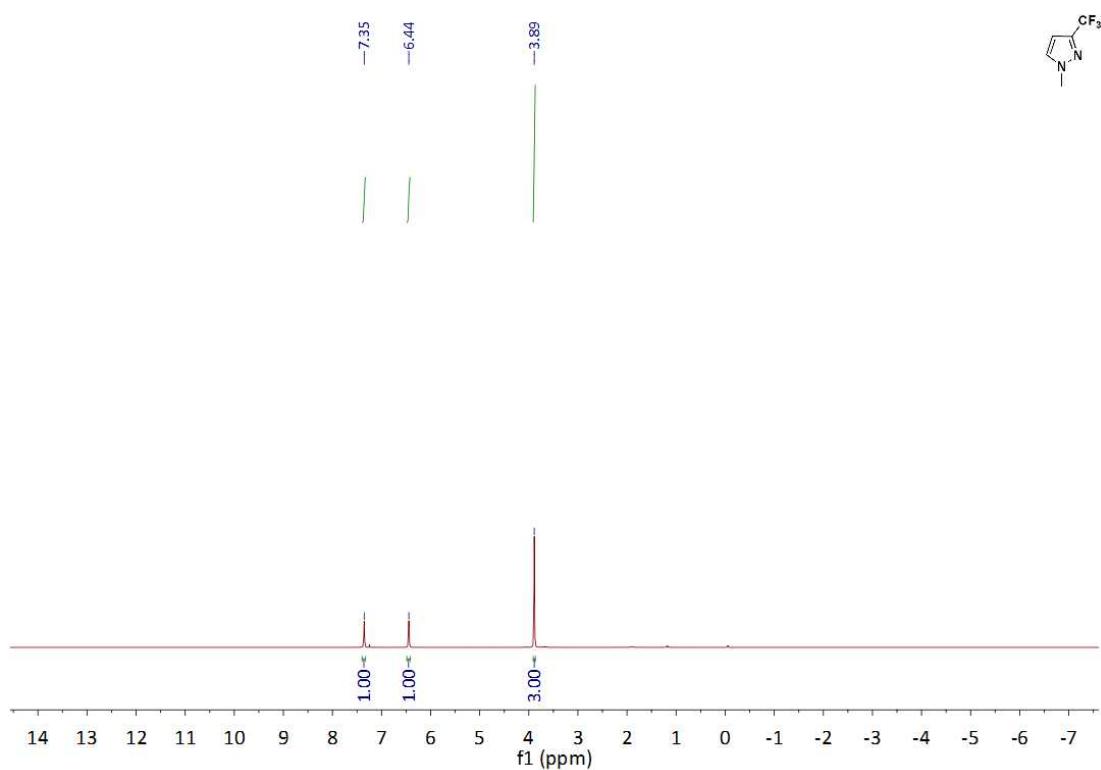
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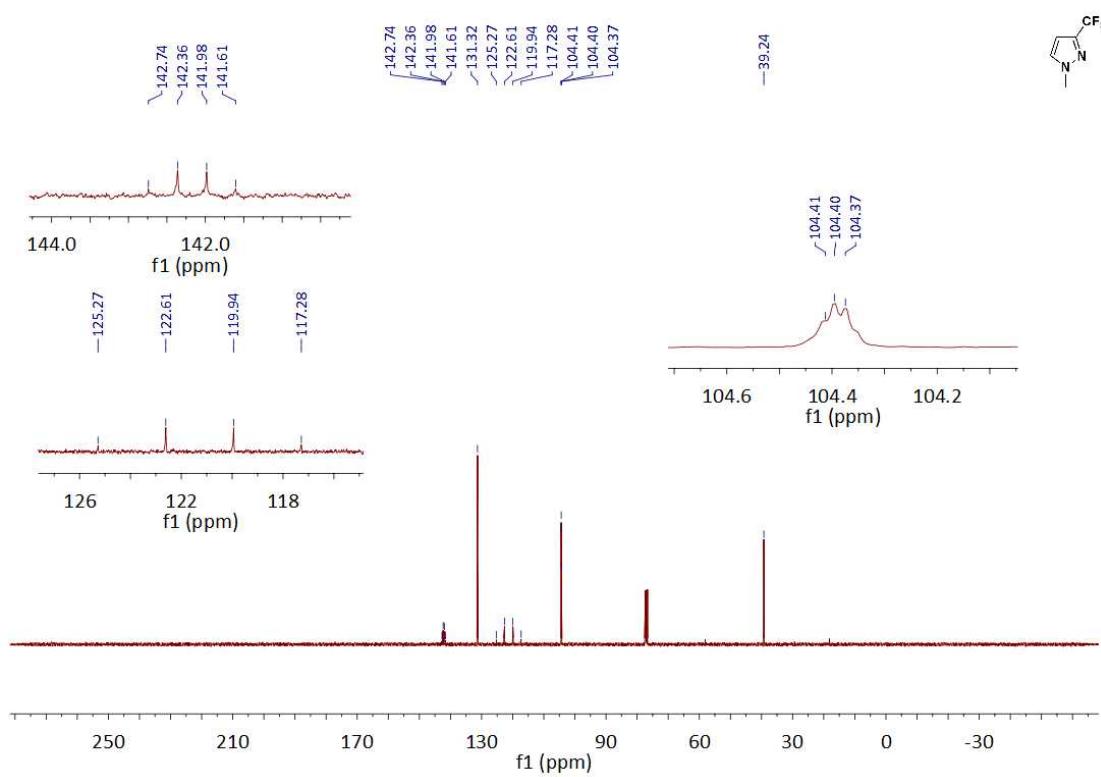
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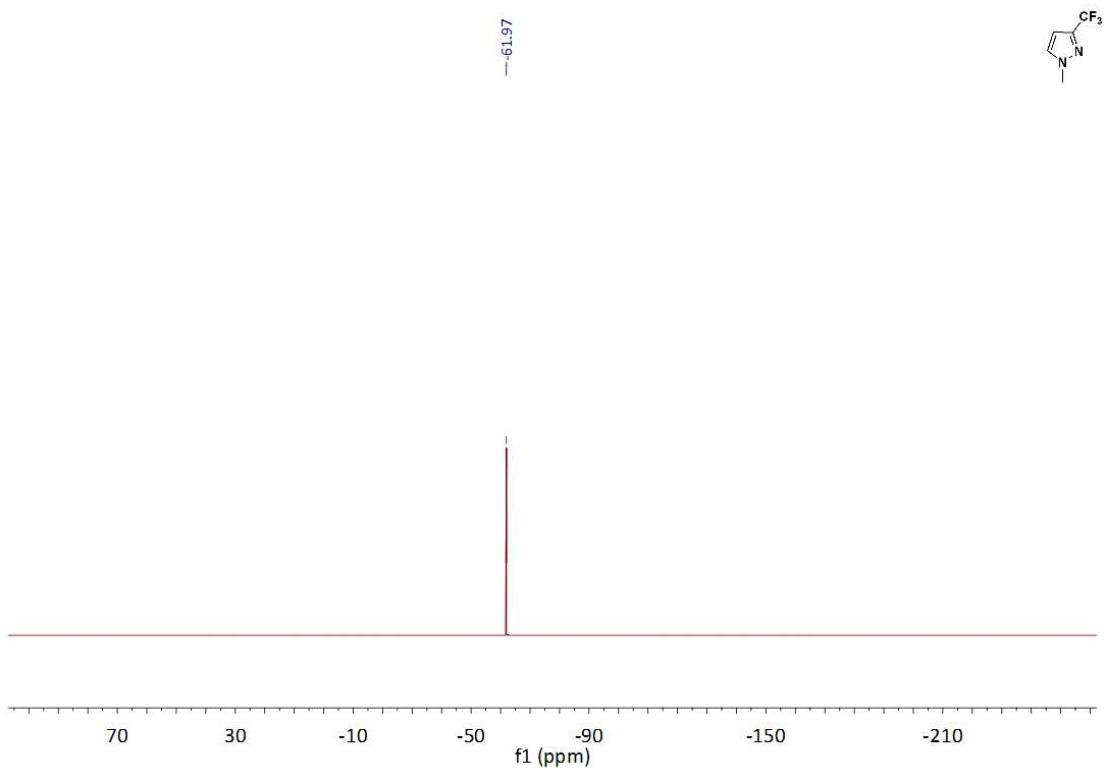
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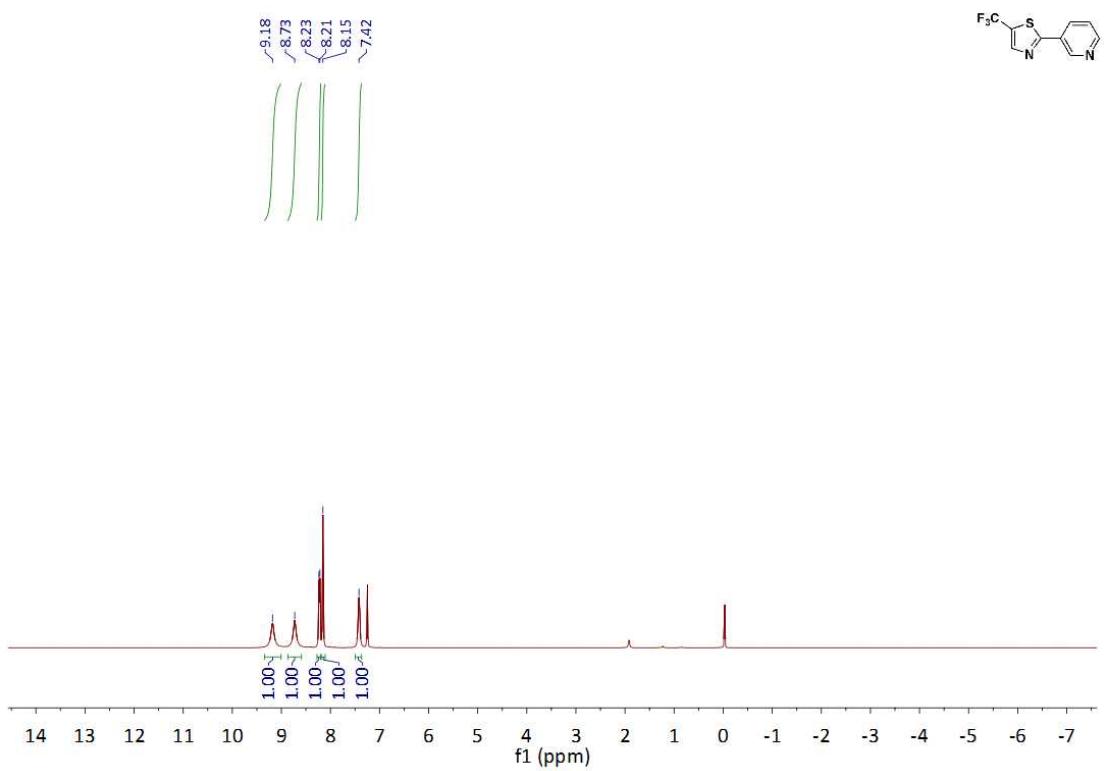
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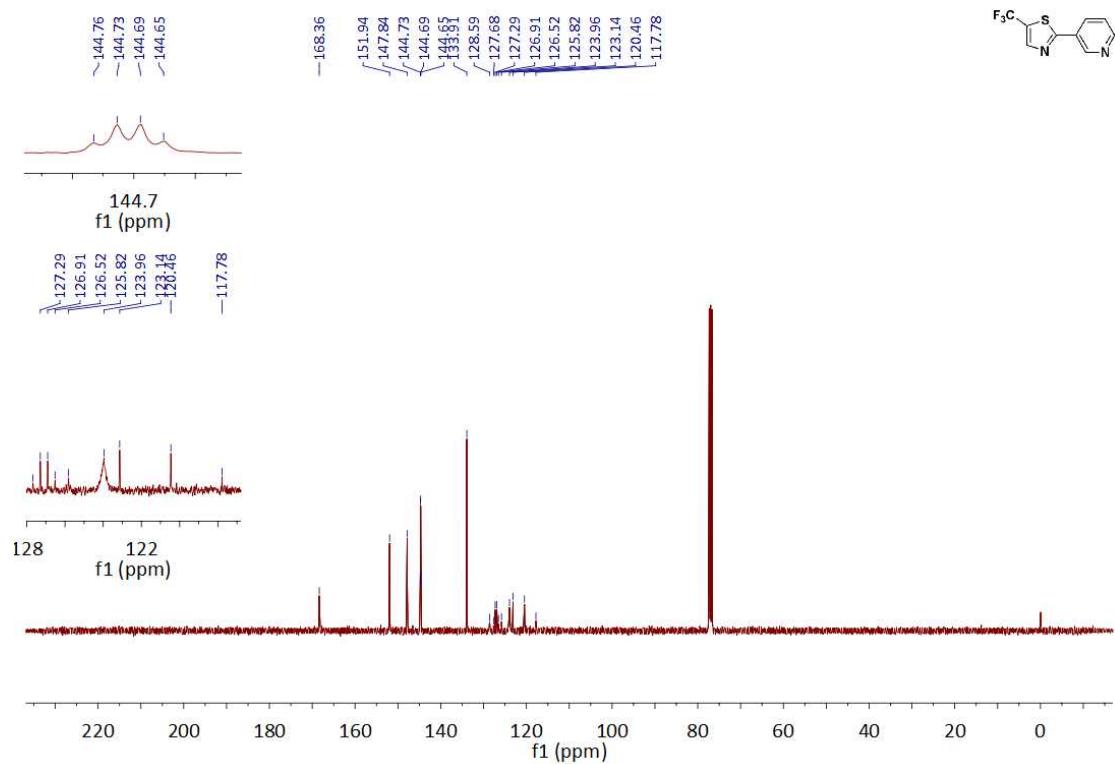
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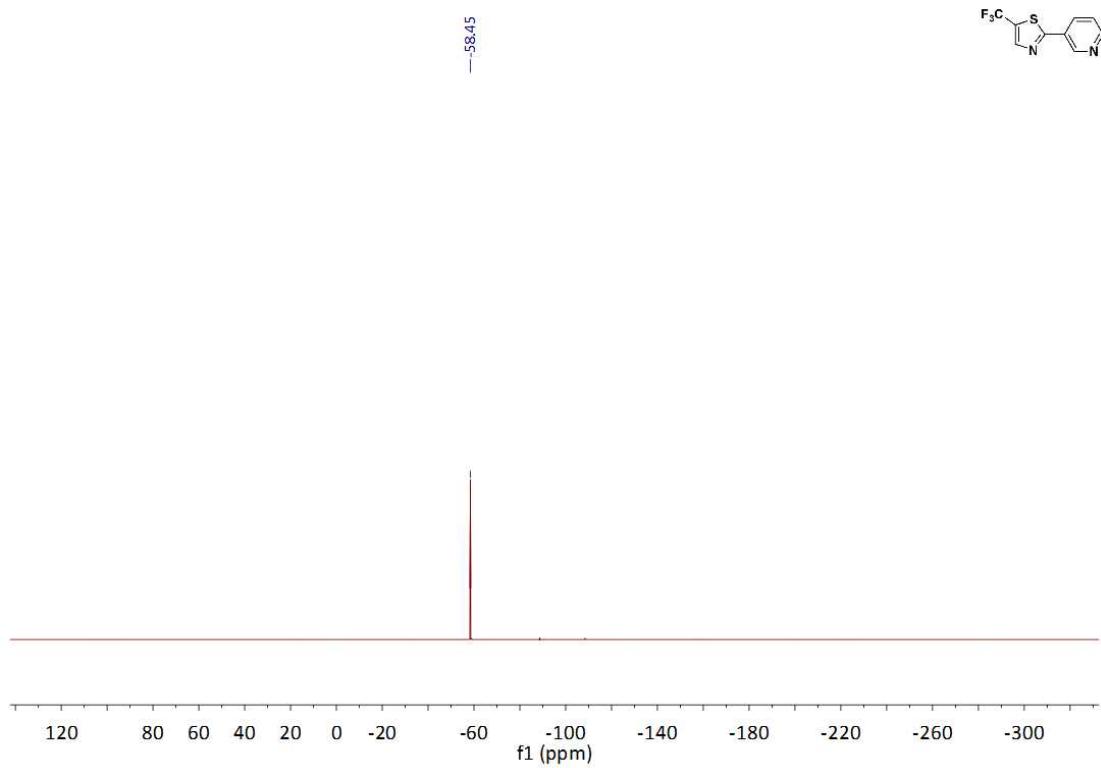
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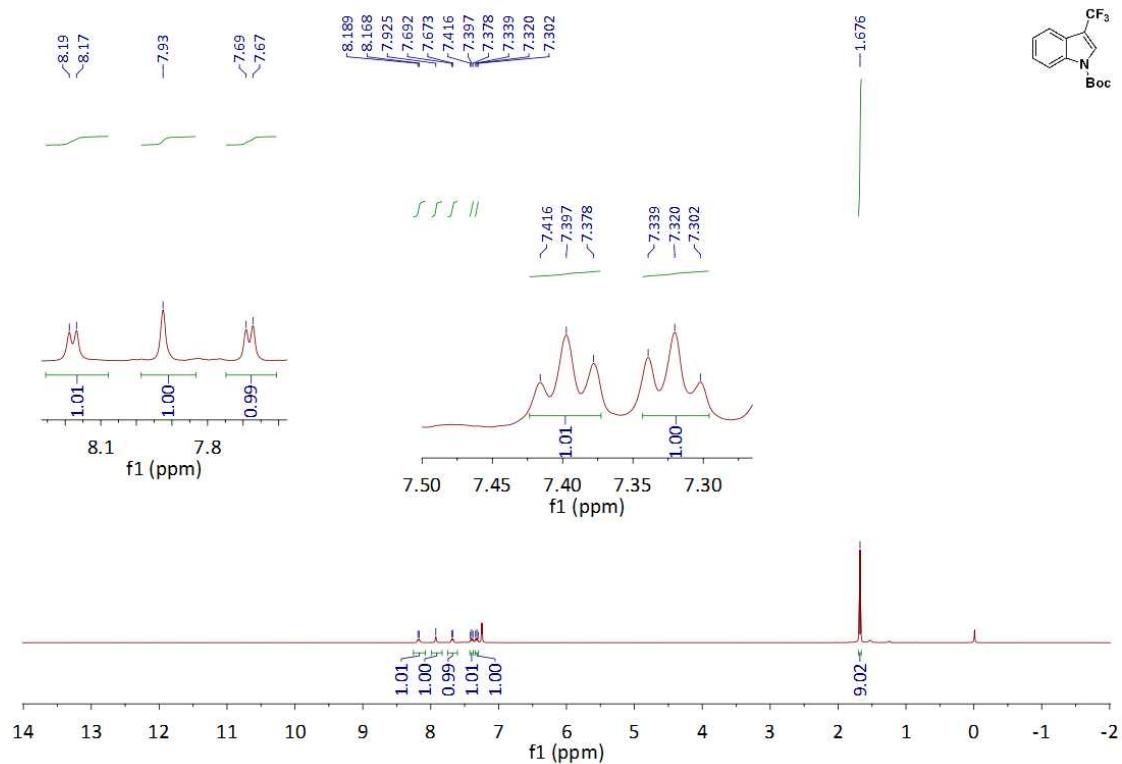
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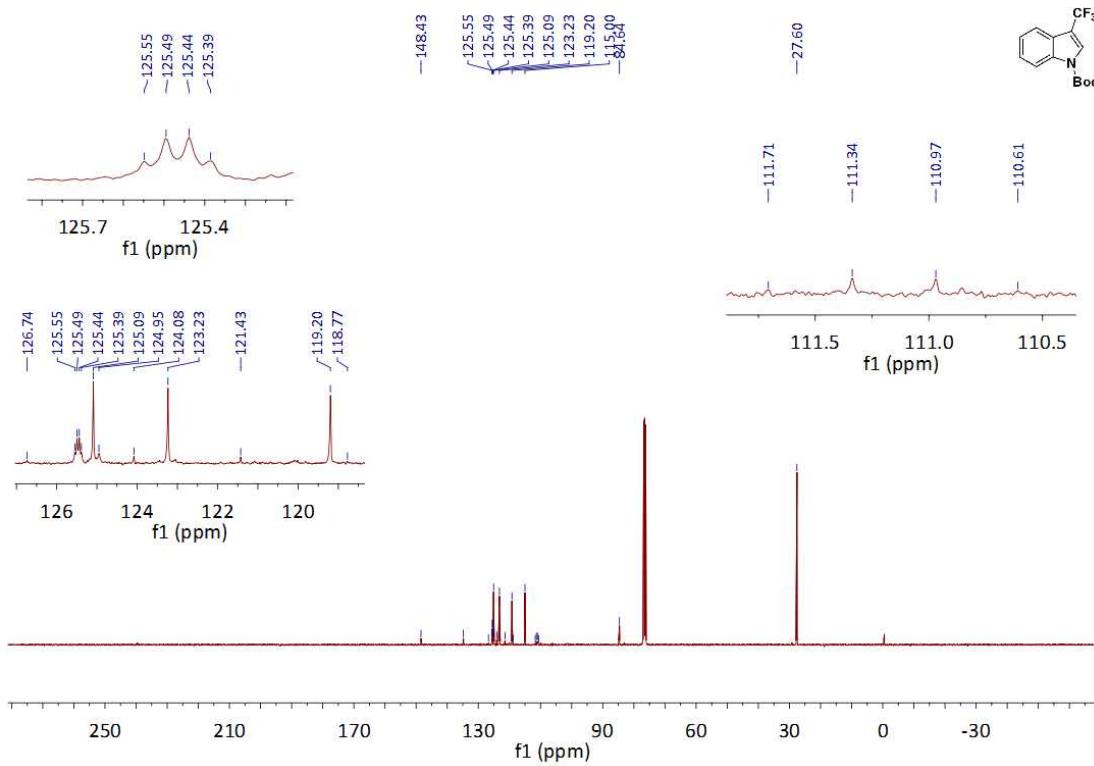
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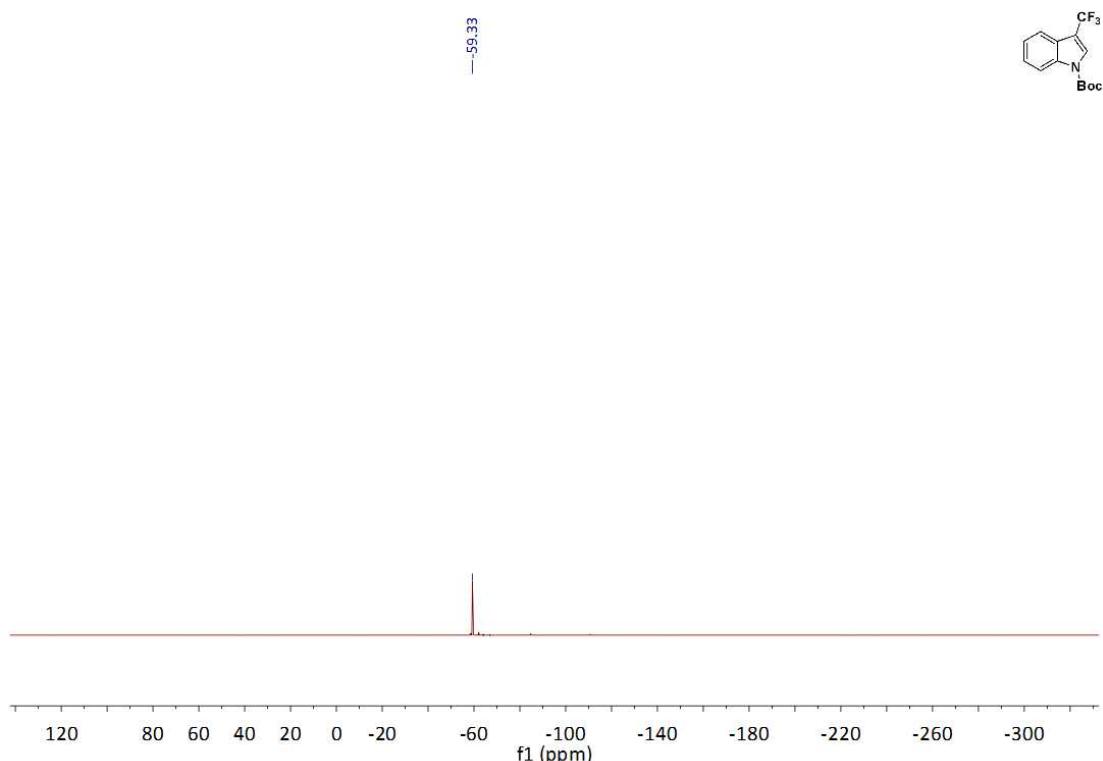
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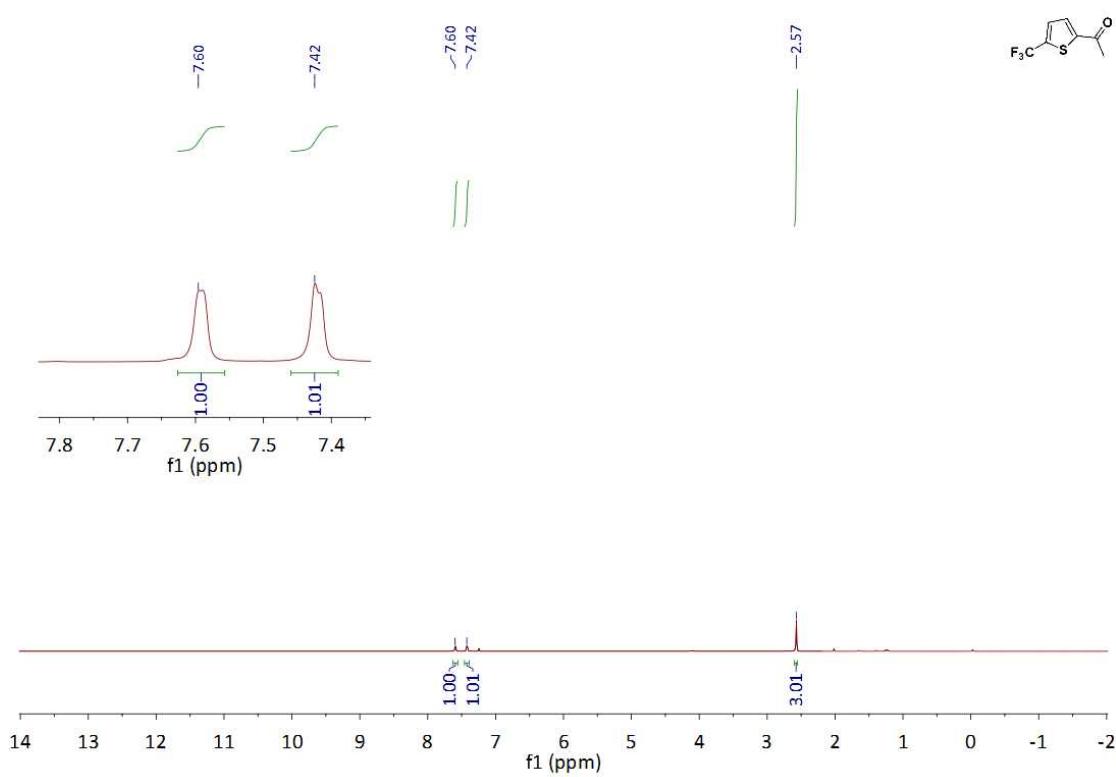
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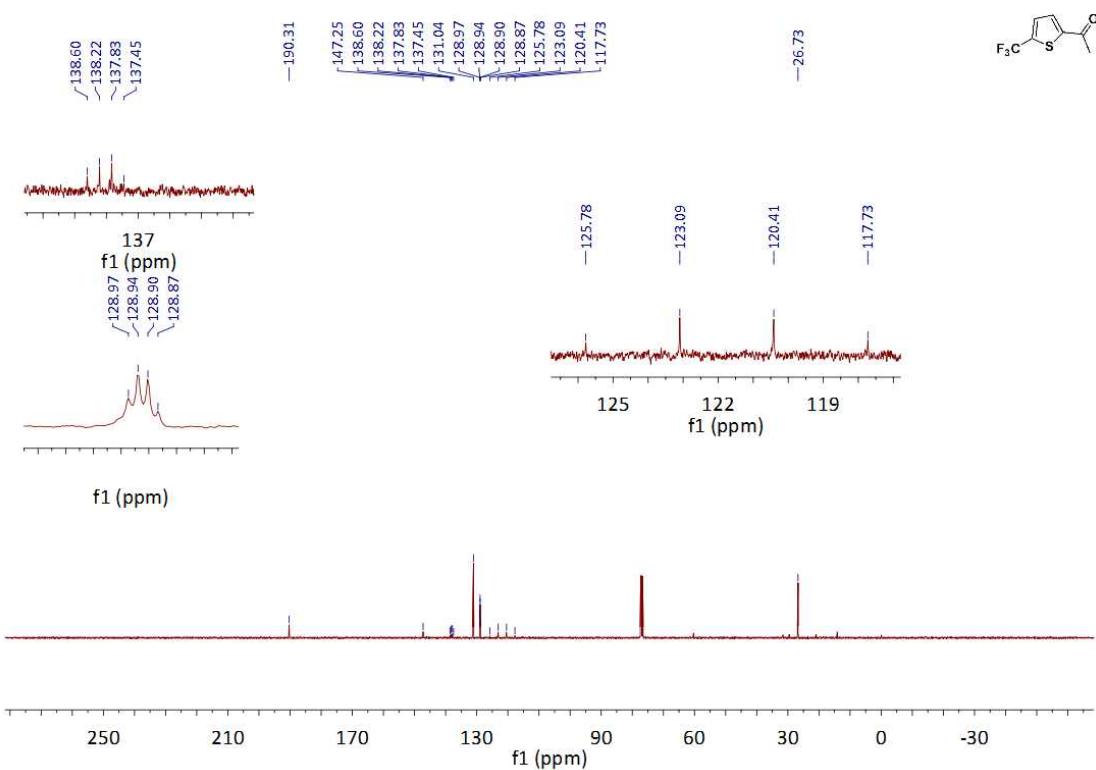
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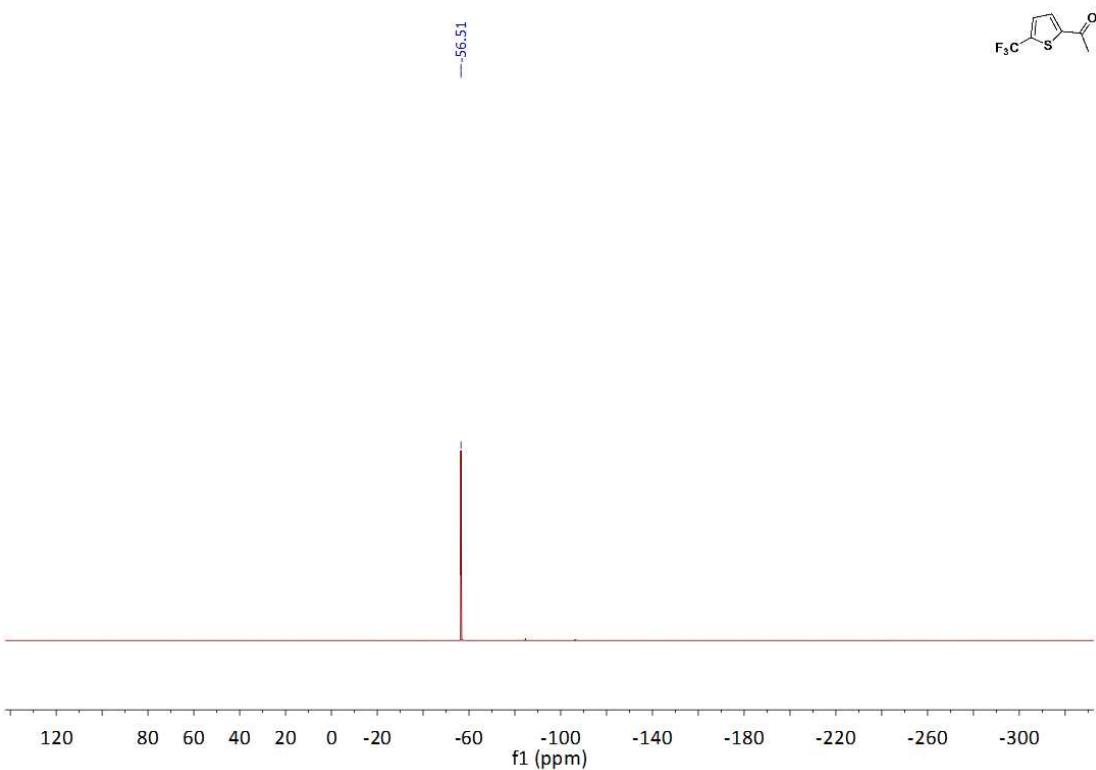
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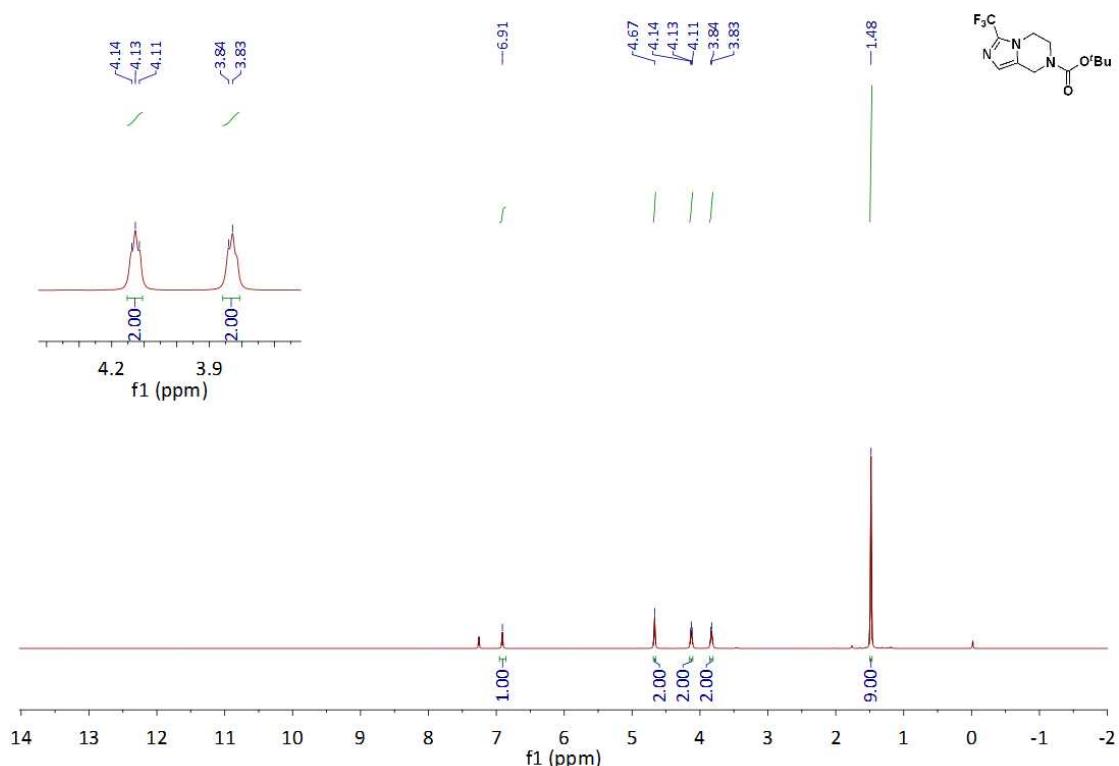
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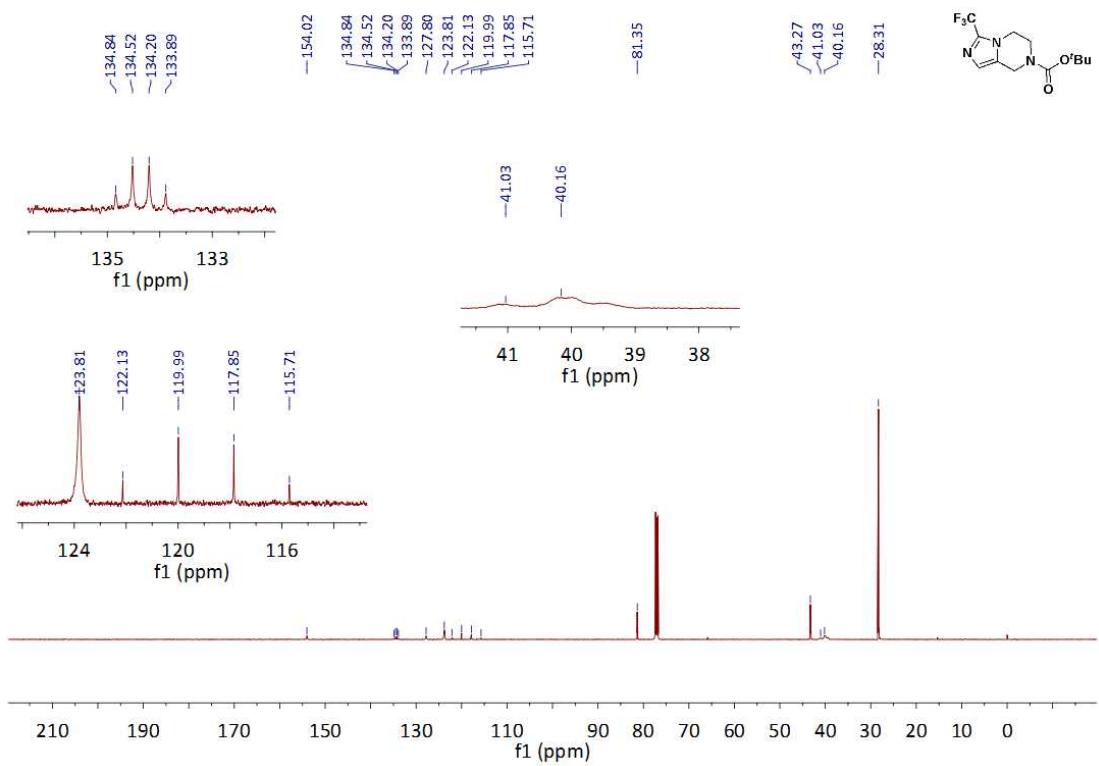
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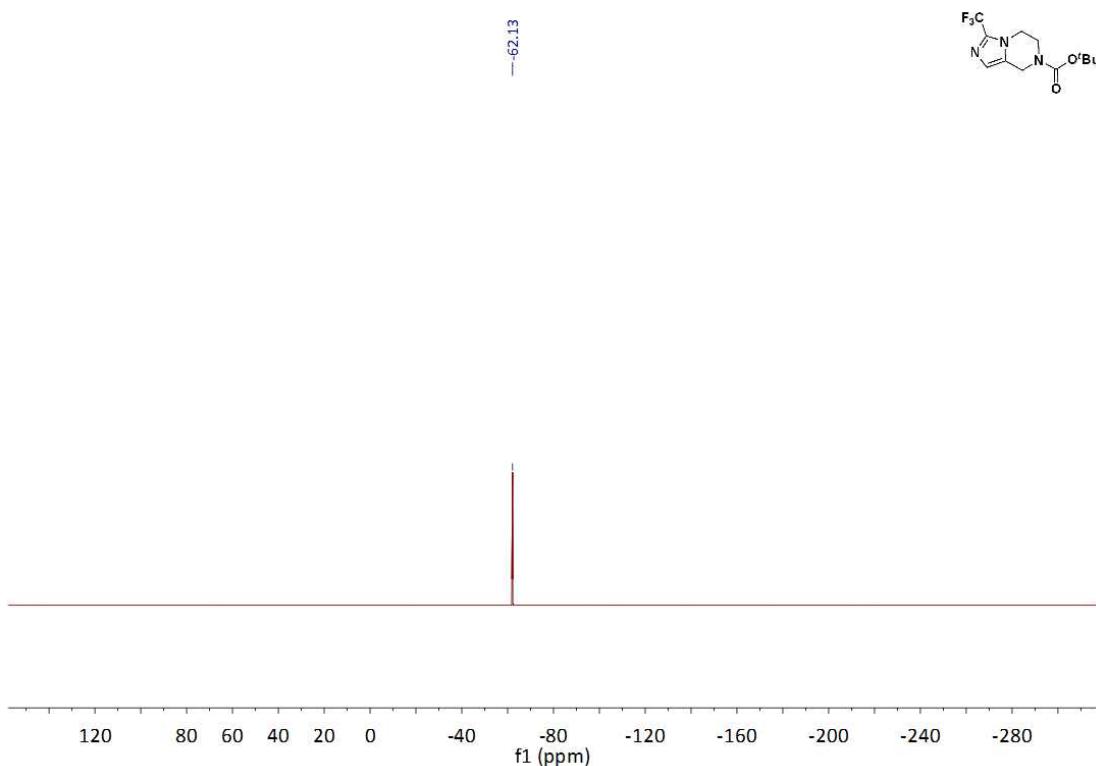
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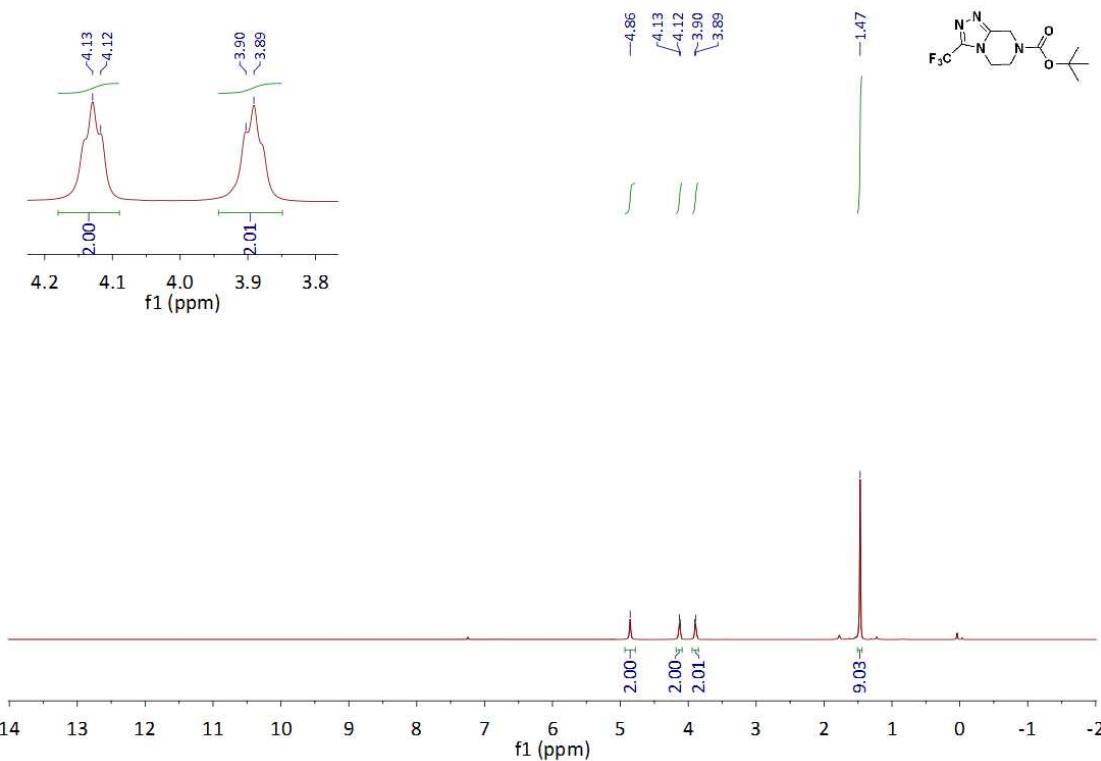
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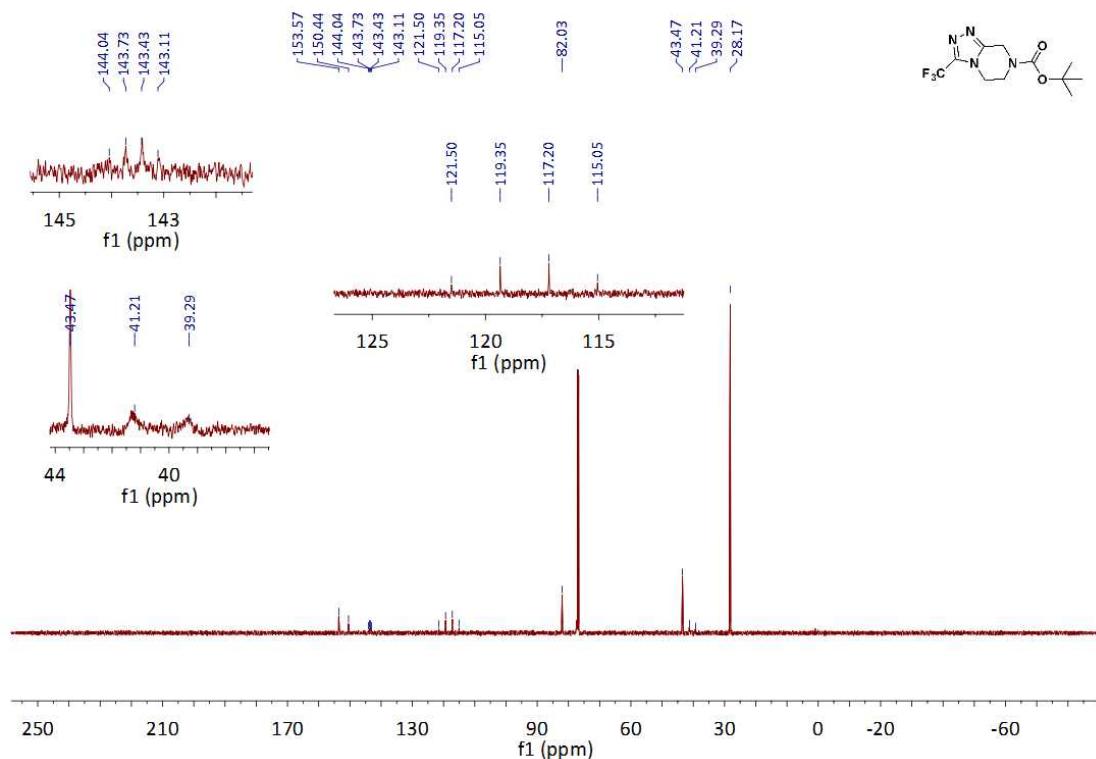
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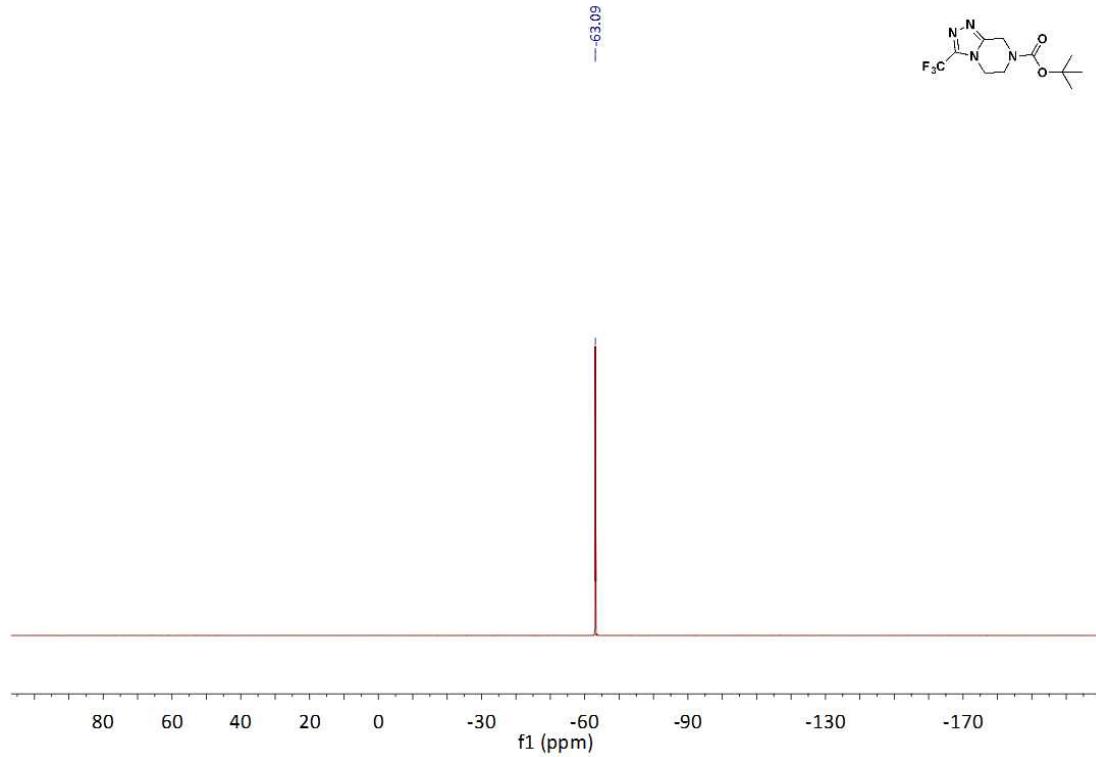
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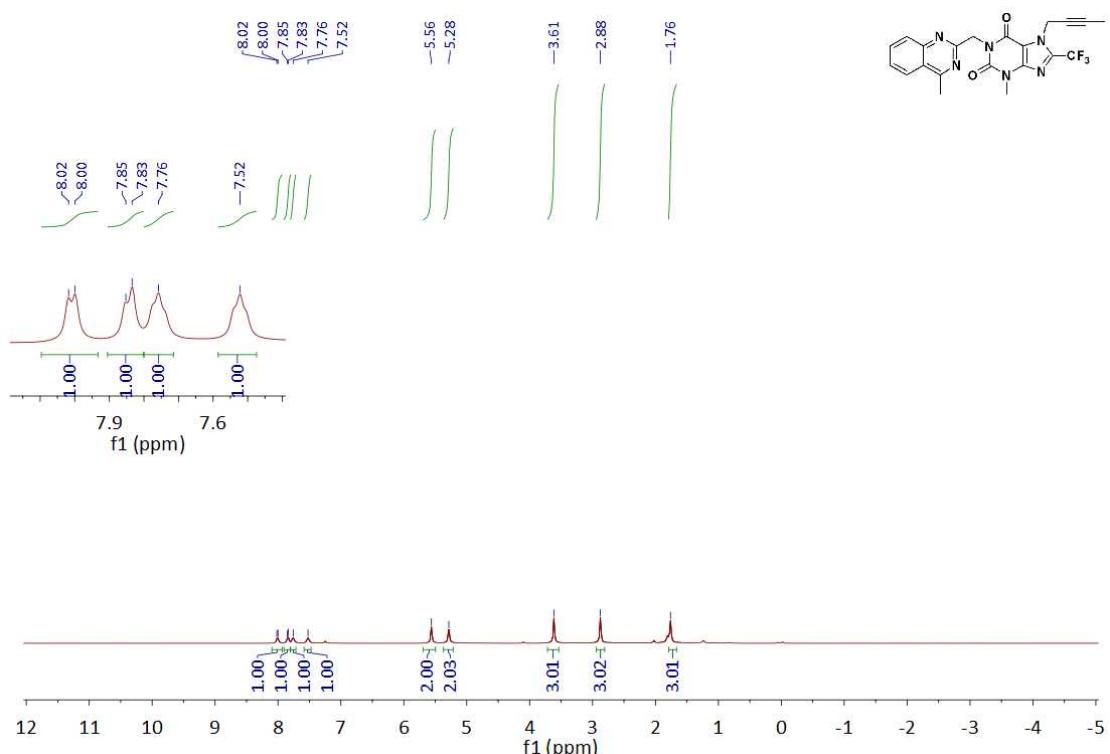
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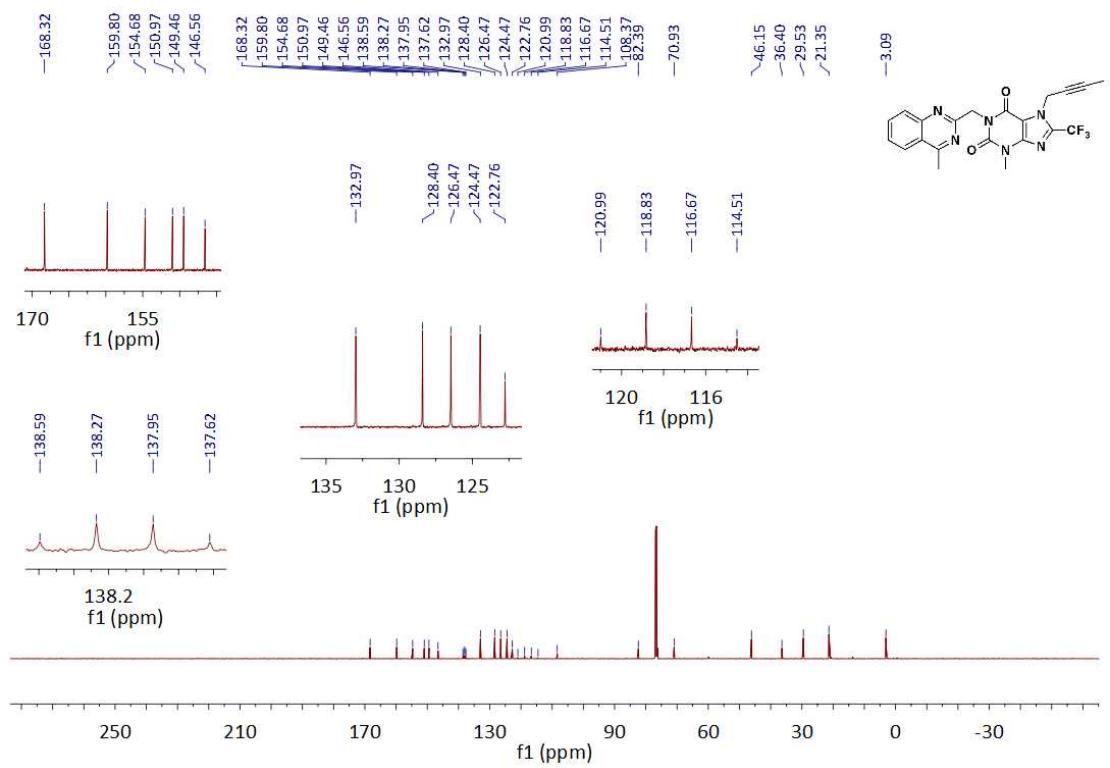
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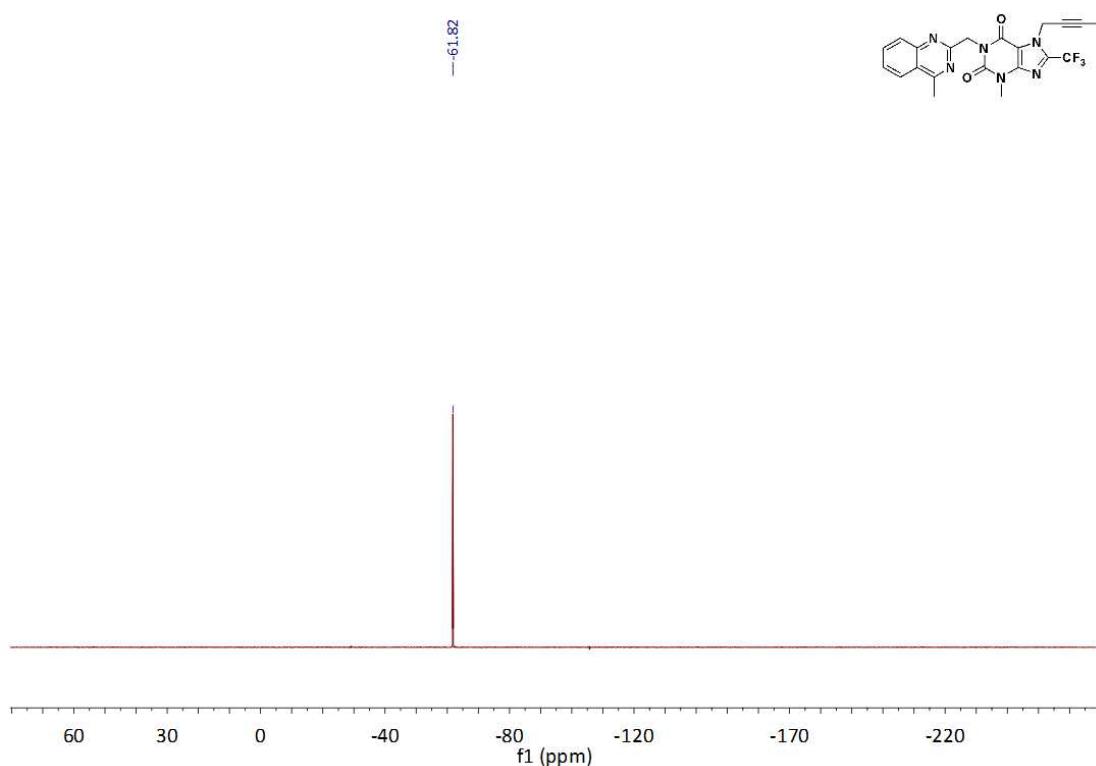
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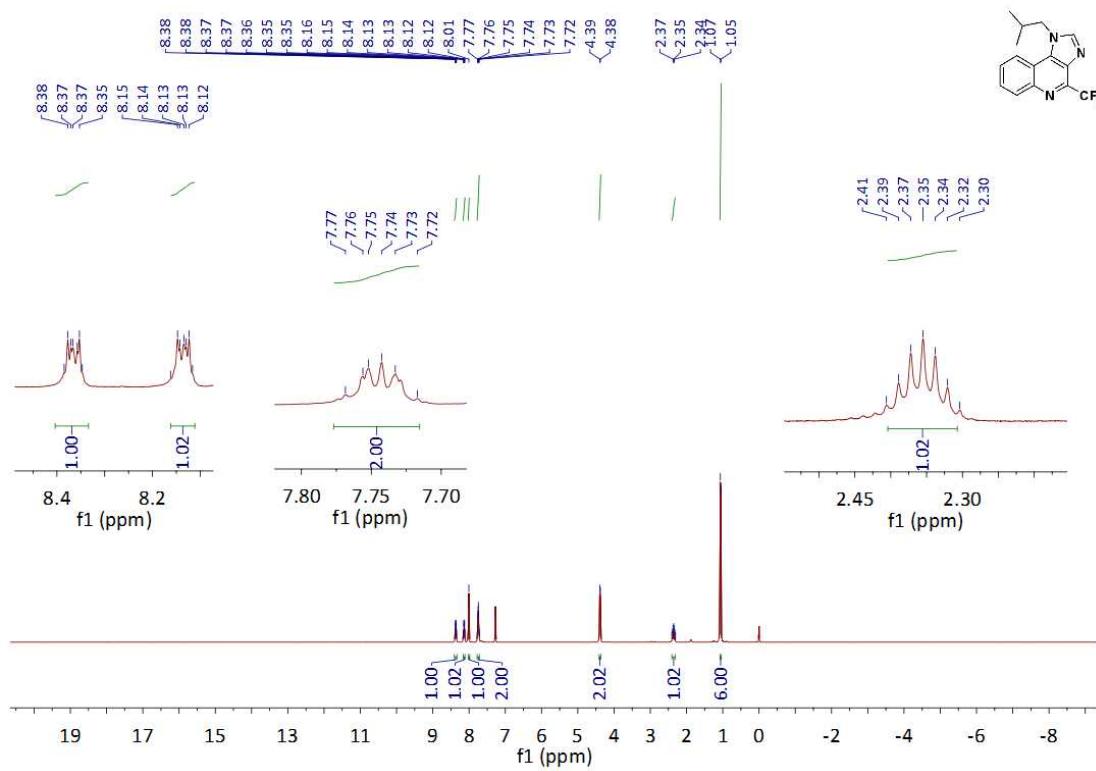
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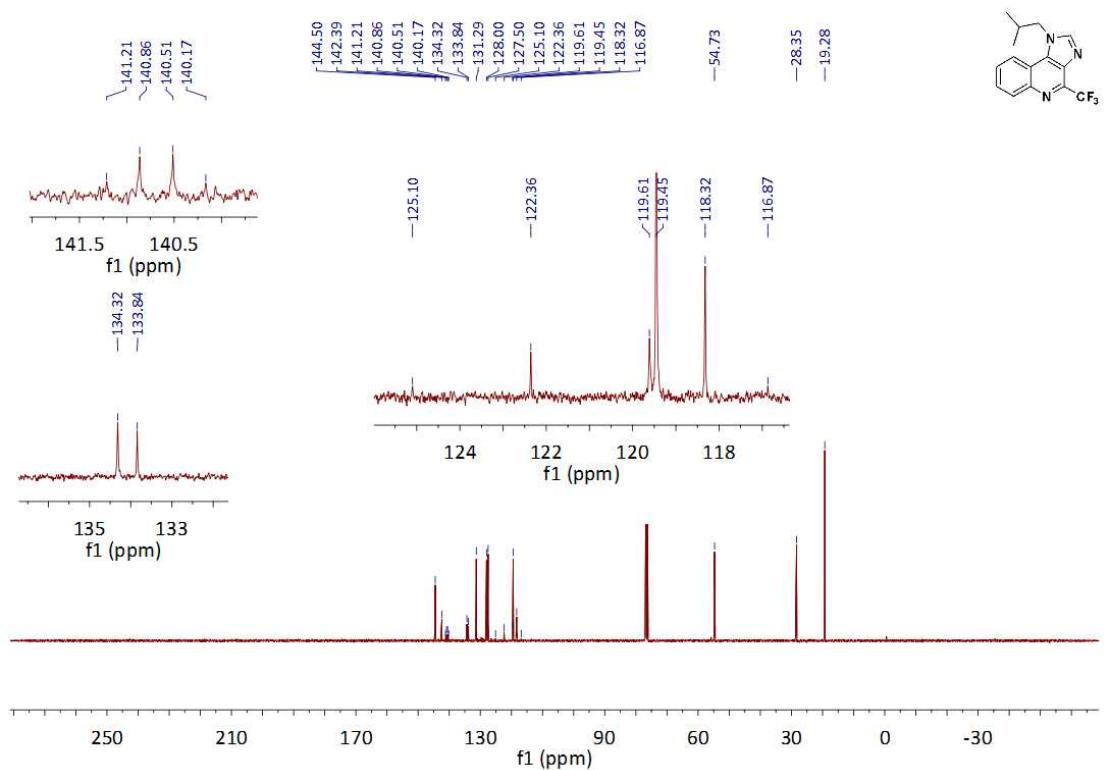
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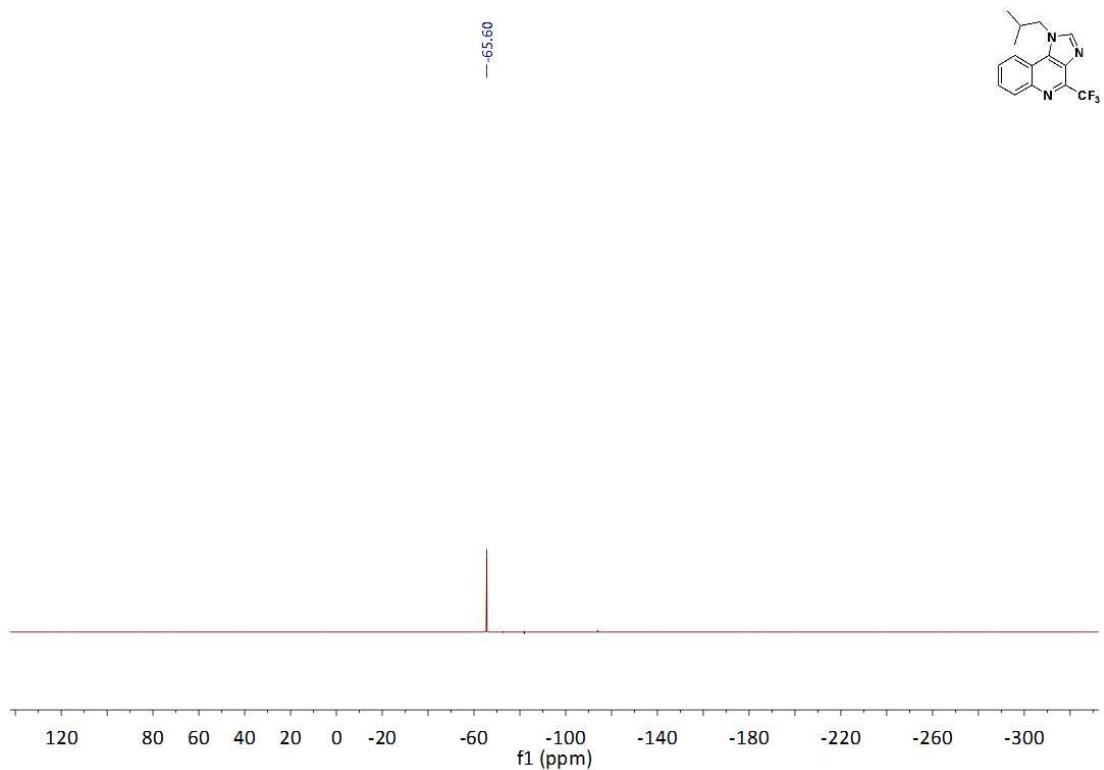
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-isobutyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[4,5-c]quinolone (7)**

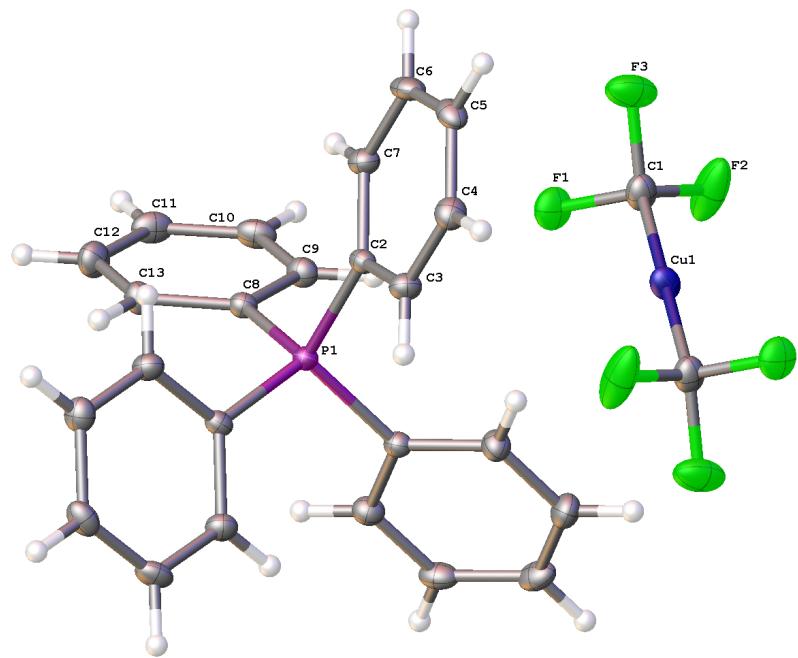


**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-isobutyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[4,5-c]quinolone (7)**



**<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1-isobutyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[4,5-c]quinolone (7)**





**Figure S1.** X-ray structure of tetraphenylphosphonium bis(trifluoromethyl)copper(I) 1.

**Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for 1 (d8v18488)**

Identification code	d8v18488
Empirical formula	C26 H20 Cu F6 P
Formula weight	540.93
Temperature	170.01 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pbcn
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.5529(6) Å b = 7.3629(3) Å c = 19.8862(6) Å
Volume	2277.26(15) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.578 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.091 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1096
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.1 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.431 to 27.501°.
Index ranges	-20<=h<=17, -9<=k<=9, -25<=l<=25
Reflections collected	12640
Independent reflections	2612 [R(int) = 0.0320]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6394
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2612 / 0 / 156
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.057
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0459, wR2 = 0.1394
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0570, wR2 = 0.1500
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.959 and -0.799 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S5. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1 (d8v18488).** U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Cu(1)	5000	5000	5000	33(1)
F(1)	3914(1)	2817(3)	5791(1)	47(1)
F(2)	3921(2)	1978(4)	4765(1)	85(1)
F(3)	3209(1)	4333(4)	5059(1)	63(1)
C(1)	4001(2)	3496(4)	5146(1)	37(1)
P(1)	5000	4662(1)	7500	21(1)
C(2)	4424(2)	6109(3)	6933(1)	22(1)
C(3)	4872(2)	7473(4)	6598(1)	29(1)
C(4)	4445(2)	8608(4)	6155(1)	33(1)
C(5)	3567(2)	8398(4)	6053(1)	34(1)
C(6)	3119(2)	7060(4)	6393(1)	33(1)
C(7)	3542(2)	5907(4)	6829(1)	29(1)
C(8)	4268(2)	3196(3)	7942(1)	23(1)
C(9)	3915(2)	1719(4)	7593(1)	30(1)
C(10)	3370(2)	540(4)	7927(2)	36(1)
C(11)	3171(2)	815(4)	8598(2)	38(1)
C(12)	3515(2)	2283(4)	8940(2)	38(1)
C(13)	4061(2)	3471(4)	8613(1)	31(1)

**Table S6. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 1 (d8v18488).**

Cu(1)-C(1)#1	1.930(3)
Cu(1)-C(1)	1.930(3)
F(1)-C(1)	1.382(3)
F(2)-C(1)	1.356(4)
F(3)-C(1)	1.388(4)
P(1)-C(2)#2	1.792(2)
P(1)-C(2)	1.792(2)
P(1)-C(8)#2	1.798(2)
P(1)-C(8)	1.798(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.392(4)
C(2)-C(7)	1.394(3)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9500
C(3)-C(4)	1.385(4)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9500
C(4)-C(5)	1.390(4)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9500
C(5)-C(6)	1.382(4)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(6)-C(7)	1.381(4)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.403(3)
C(8)-C(13)	1.387(4)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(9)-C(10)	1.384(4)
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(10)-C(11)	1.384(4)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9500
C(11)-C(12)	1.385(4)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9500
C(12)-C(13)	1.381(4)
C(13)-H(13)	0.9500
C(1)#1-Cu(1)-C(1)	180.0
F(1)-C(1)-Cu(1)	115.2(2)
F(1)-C(1)-F(3)	100.9(2)
F(2)-C(1)-Cu(1)	117.6(2)

F(2)-C(1)-F(1)	102.2(3)
F(2)-C(1)-F(3)	102.3(3)
F(3)-C(1)-Cu(1)	116.1(2)
C(2) <sup>#2</sup> -P(1)-C(2)	107.03(15)
C(2) <sup>#2</sup> -P(1)-C(8) <sup>#2</sup>	110.36(11)
C(2)-P(1)-C(8)	110.36(11)
C(2)-P(1)-C(8) <sup>#2</sup>	111.47(10)
C(2) <sup>#2</sup> -P(1)-C(8)	111.47(10)
C(8) <sup>#2</sup> -P(1)-C(8)	106.22(16)
C(3)-C(2)-P(1)	118.63(18)
C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	119.9(2)
C(7)-C(2)-P(1)	121.44(19)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	120.0
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.0(2)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	120.0
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	120.1
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	119.8(3)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	120.1
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.9
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.2(2)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.9
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	120.3(2)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(2)-C(7)-H(7)	120.1
C(6)-C(7)-C(2)	119.7(2)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	120.1
C(9)-C(8)-P(1)	118.14(19)
C(13)-C(8)-P(1)	121.98(19)
C(13)-C(8)-C(9)	119.9(2)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	120.4
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	119.2(3)
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	120.4
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	119.7
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	120.6(3)
C(11)-C(10)-H(10)	119.7
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.0
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	120.0(3)

C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	120.0
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	120.0
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.1(3)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	120.0
C(8)-C(13)-H(13)	119.9
C(12)-C(13)-C(8)	120.2(3)
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	119.9

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

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

**Table S7. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>3</sup>) for 1 (d8v18488).**

The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2p<sup>2</sup>[ h<sup>2</sup> a\*<sup>2</sup>U<sup>11</sup> + ... + 2 h k a\* b\* U<sup>12</sup> ]

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
Cu(1)	32(1)	41(1)	28(1)	5(1)	1(1)	-11(1)
F(1)	52(1)	46(1)	43(1)	12(1)	11(1)	-11(1)
F(2)	86(2)	88(2)	81(2)	-54(2)	45(1)	-52(2)
F(3)	33(1)	81(2)	76(2)	26(1)	-6(1)	-9(1)
C(1)	39(2)	41(2)	31(1)	0(1)	5(1)	-10(1)
P(1)	19(1)	22(1)	21(1)	0	-1(1)	0
C(2)	22(1)	22(1)	24(1)	-3(1)	-4(1)	2(1)
C(3)	24(1)	30(1)	34(1)	2(1)	-1(1)	0(1)
C(4)	39(2)	28(1)	33(1)	4(1)	1(1)	4(1)
C(5)	40(2)	30(1)	31(1)	-2(1)	-9(1)	12(1)
C(6)	24(1)	34(1)	42(1)	-7(1)	-10(1)	8(1)
C(7)	24(1)	29(1)	34(1)	-2(1)	-1(1)	2(1)
C(8)	22(1)	22(1)	26(1)	1(1)	-2(1)	-1(1)
C(9)	30(1)	27(1)	33(1)	-3(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)
C(10)	28(1)	27(1)	52(2)	1(1)	-9(1)	-5(1)
C(11)	30(1)	33(1)	52(2)	14(1)	1(1)	-5(1)
C(12)	40(2)	43(2)	32(1)	7(1)	5(1)	-5(1)
C(13)	36(1)	30(1)	28(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-4(1)

**Table S8. Hydrogen coordinates (x 10<sup>4</sup>) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup> x 10<sup>3</sup>) for 1 (d8v18488).**

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(3)	5471	7626	6675	35
H(4)	4752	9528	5921	40
H(5)	3273	9177	5750	40
H(6)	2517	6933	6326	40
H(7)	3234	4979	7057	35
H(9)	4049	1529	7132	36
H(10)	3130	-467	7694	43
H(11)	2797	-5	8824	46
H(12)	3376	2473	9399	46
H(13)	4295	4479	8848	37