

Novel Defluorinative Alkylation of Trifluoroacetaldehyde *N,O*-Acetal Derivatives and Its Application to Multi-component Reaction

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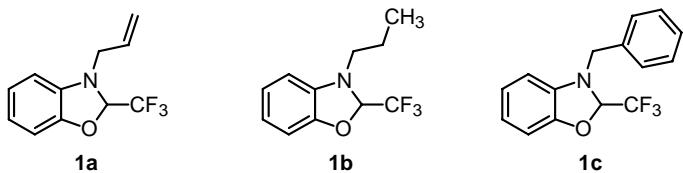
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1. General and materials

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker DPX400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) using CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm) in CDCl₃ for ¹H NMR, and CDCl₃ (77.01 ppm) for ¹³C NMR as an internal standard, respectively. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were taken on a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer, and chemical shifts were reported in parts per million using benzotrifluoride (0 ppm) as a standard. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-620 or RT/IR-420 infrared spectrophotometers. Mass spectra (MS) were obtained on a Micromass LCT (ESI-TOF) or a Micromass AutoSpec (EI). Medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) was performed using pre-packed column (KUSANO pre-packed column Si-10, 40 x 300 mm I. D., silica gel, 50 µm) with UV detector. Trifluoroacetaldehyde ethyl hemiacetal (TFAE) was provided by TOSOH F-Tech, Inc.

2. Preparation of trifluoroacetaldehyde N,O-acetals (1)



3-Allyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (1a)

To a round-bottom flask equipped with Dean-Stark apparatus, 2-(allylamino)phenol¹ (2.99 g, 20 mmol), TFAE (5.76 g, 40 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) and benzene (150 mL) was added. After being refluxed for 4 h, reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, extracted with Et₂O (30 mL x 3) and evaporated. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give **1a** (4.03g, 17.6 mmol, 88% yield) as a pale yellow oil. IR (neat) 3064, 2983, 1487, 1291, 1156, 739 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.9 Hz), 3.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.8, 5.2 Hz), 5.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.4 Hz), 5.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 1.4 Hz), 5.66 (1H, q, *J*_{H-F} = 4.0 Hz), 5.78-5.89 (1H, m), 6.73 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 6.78-6.83 (2H, m), 6.84-6.91 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 54.2, 92.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 35.8 Hz), 108.3, 110.4, 119.3, 121.3, 121.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 284.5 Hz), 122.2, 136.1, 138.0, 150.2; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -21.3 (3F, d, *J*_{H-F} = 4.0 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 230 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₃NO [M+H]⁺, 230.0793; found, 230.0804.

3-Propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (1b)

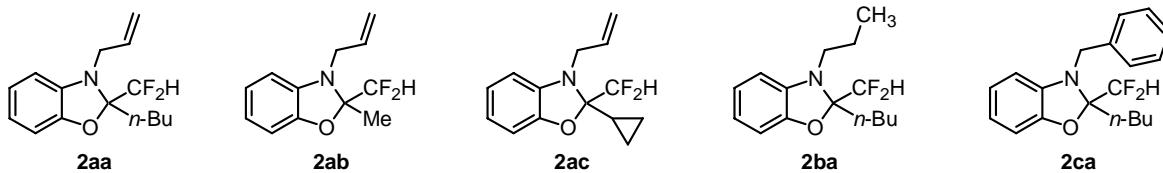
Under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm), a mixture of 3-allyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole **1a** (462.2 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 10% palladium on carbon (50% wet., 212 mg, 0.1 mmol) in EtOAc (5.0 mL) was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. A resulting mixture was filtrated through celite pad and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give **1b** (450.8 mg, 1.95 mmol, 97% yield) as colorless oil. IR (neat) 3063, 2968, 2879, 1489, 1292, 1245, 1154, 1058, 854, 738 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (3H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 1.58-1.74 (2H, m), 3.13-3.26 (2H, m), 5.64 (1H, q, *J*_{H-F} = 4.2 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.65-6.83 (2H, m), 6.86-6.91 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.2, 21.2, 54.2, 94.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 35.4 Hz), 108.1, 110.0, 120.9, 121.7 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 284.0 Hz), 122.2, 138.7, 150.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -21.4 (3F, d, *J*_{H-F} = 4.2 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 232 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₃F₃NO [M+H]⁺, 232.0949; found, 232.0950.

3-Benzyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (1c)

According to the preparation of **1a**, this compound was obtained in 87% yield (3.63 g, 13.0 mmol) from 2-(benzylamino)phenol² (2.99 g, 15 mmol) and TFAE (4.33 g, 30 mmol). Pale yellow oil; IR (neat) 3065, 2888, 1601, 1488, 1292, 1254, 1153, 739, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.35 (1H, d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 5.68 (1H, q, *J*_{H-F} = 4.0 Hz), 6.67 (1H, brd, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 6.78-6.88 (3H, m), 7.28-7.40 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.2, 93.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 35.8 Hz), 108.3, 110.0, 121.1, 121.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 284.3 Hz), 122.2, 127.8, 128.0, 128.8, 136.2, 138.4,

149.9; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -20.9 (3F, d, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 280 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 280.0949; found, 280.0968.

3. Defluorinative alkylation reaction



3-Allyl-2-butyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (2aa)

To a solution of **1a** (114.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) in Et_2O (2.0 mL), $n\text{-BuLi}$ (1.55 M in hexane, 0.77 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added at -78 °C over 15 min. After being stirred for 4 h at the same temperature, the mixture was poured into ice water and Et_2O , which was extracted with Et_2O (20 mL x 3). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The obtained residue was purified by short column chromatography on silica gel to give the product **2aa** (110.8 mg, 0.42 mmol, 83%) as colorless oil. IR (neat) 3064, 2959, 2873, 1599, 1456, 1398, 1311, 1235, 1201, 1116, 1073, 732 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.25-1.59 (4H, m), 1.97 (2H, t, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 3.76-3.95 (2H, m), 5.21 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3, 1.5$ Hz), 5.33 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz), 5.68 (1H, t, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.4$ Hz), 5.83-5.94 (1H, m), 6.39 (1H, dd, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz), 6.54-6.62 (1H, m), 6.65 (1H, dd, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz), 6.70-6.77 (1H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.4, 28.8, 46.9, 100.9 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23.6$ Hz), 105.2, 106.8, 114.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 254.8, 251.0$ Hz), 116.8, 117.9, 121.6, 133.9, 139.0, 148.9; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -71.3 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 285.4$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.4$ Hz), -66.7 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 285.4$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.4$ Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 268 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 268.1513; found, 268.1500.

3-Allyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (2ab)

This compound was obtained in 81% yield (91.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (114.3 mg, 0.5 mmol) and methyllithium (1.09 M in Et_2O , 1.10 mL, 1.2 mmol) in Et_2O -THF (3 : 1, 4 mL) for 4 h at -24 °C. Brown oil; IR (neat) 3064, 2986, 1599, 1494, 1394, 1302, 1227, 1096, 1074, 735 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.64 (3H, brs), 3.79 (1H, dd, $J = 16.8, 5.6$ Hz), 3.90-3.98 (1H, m), 5.21 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3, 1.5$ Hz), 5.31 (1H, dd, $J = 17.1, 1.5$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, t, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.3$ Hz), 5.83-8.94 (1H, m), 6.46 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.61-6.70 (2H, m), 6.74-6.81 (1H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.7, 47.5, 99.4 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 106.8, 107.5, 113.7 (dd, $J = 254.9, 249.6$ Hz), 116.9, 118.7, 121.7, 134.2, 138.4, 148.4; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -70.9 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 287.3$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.3$ Hz), -66.8 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 287.3$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 55.3$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z 225 (M^+ , 100); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$: C, 63.99; H, 5.82; N, 6.22. Found: C, 63.82; H, 5.91; N, 6.40.

3-Allyl-2-cyclopropyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (2ac)

This compound was obtained in 74% yield (92.9 mg, 0.37 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (114.6 mg, 0.5

mmol) and cyclopropyllithium (1.2 M in hexane, 1.0 mL, 1.2 mmol) in Et₂O (2 mL) for 4 h at -78 °C. Pale yellow oil; IR (neat) 3064, 3015, 2980, 1599, 1494, 1230, 1074, 734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.48-0.55 (2H, m), 0.65-0.72 (1H, m), 0.86-0.92 (1H, m), 1.38-1.46 (1H, m), 3.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.7, 5.4 Hz), 4.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.7, 5.2 Hz), 5.23 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 5.36 (1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.72 (1H, t, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz), 5.91-6.03 (1H, m), 6.47 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.58-6.66 (1H, m), 6.76 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.6, 1.8, 9.9, 48.0, 99.2 (t, J_{C-F} = 23.7 Hz), 106.26, 107.0, 114.1 (dd, J_{C-F} = 252.9, 250.9 Hz), 116.6, 118.3, 121.6, 134.6, 139.3, 148.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -71.8 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.2 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz), -67.4 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.2 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 252 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂NO [M+H]⁺, 252.1200; found, 252.1179.

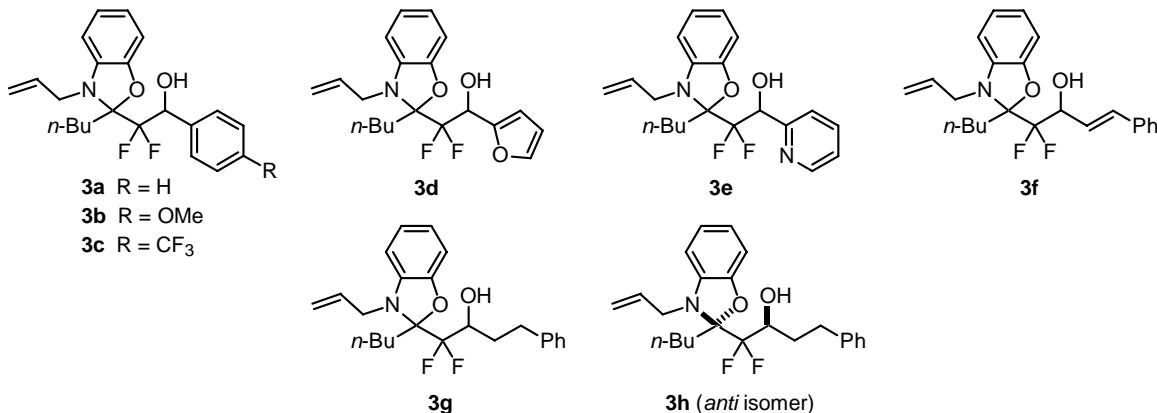
2-Butyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-3-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (2ba)

This compound was obtained in 58% yield (78.1 mg, 0.29 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.4 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-BuLi (1.55 M in hexane, 0.77 mL, 1.2 mmol) in Et₂O (2 mL) for 5 h at -78 °C. Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3062, 2962, 2874, 1599, 1496, 1235, 1116, 1072, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (3H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 0.97 (3H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 1.21-1.53 (4H, m), 1.62-1.80 (2H, m), 1.93-2.00 (2H, m), 3.16 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 5.67 (1H, t, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz), 6.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz), 6.54-6.60 (1H, m), 6.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz), 6.71-6.79 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.4, 13.9, 22.2, 22.7, 23.9, 46.3, 101.0 (t, J_{C-F} = 23.7 Hz), 104.2, 106.7, 114.1 (dd, J_{C-F} = 254.8, 251.0 Hz), 117.4, 121.6, 139.6, 148.9; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -71.3 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.4 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz), -66.6 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.4 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.5 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 270 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₂₂F₂NO [M+H]⁺, 270.1669; found, 270.1668.

3-Benzyl-2-butyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazole (2ca)

This compound was obtained in 73% yield (115.8 mg, 0.37 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (139.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) and *n*-BuLi (1.55 M in hexane, 0.77 mL, 1.2 mmol) in Et₂O (2 mL) for 5 h at -78 °C. Pale yellow crystals; Mp. 62.5-63.0 °C; IR (neat) 3063, 2959, 2872, 1645, 1600, 1494, 1235, 1074, 732, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.29-1.44 (3H, m), 1.52-1.61 (1H, m), 2.01-2.07 (2H, m), 4.43 (1H, d, *J* = 16.1 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, *J* = 16.1 Hz), 5.78 (1H, t, J_{H-F} = 55.3 Hz), 6.12 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.59-6.73 (3H, m), 7.27-7.43 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.7, 23.6, 295, 48.7, 101.2 (t, J_{C-F} = 23.3 Hz), 106.0, 106.9, 114.3 (dd, J_{C-F} = 254.5, 251.5 Hz), 118.4, 121.6, 126.8, 127.3, 128.7, 137.7, 139.4, 149.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -71.0 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.4 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.3 Hz), -66.4 (1F, dd, J_{F-F} = 285.4 Hz, J_{H-F} = 55.3 Hz); MS (EI) *m/z* 317 (M⁺, 39), 266 (M⁺-CHF₂, 100); Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁F₂NO: C, 71.90; H, 6.67; N, 4.41. Found: C, 72.03; H, 6.80; N, 4.41.

4. Multi-component reaction of **1a, *n*-BuLi and aldehydes**



2-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-ol (3a**)**

To a solution of **1a** (114.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in Et₂O (2 mL), *n*-BuLi (1.55 M in hexane, 0.81 mL, 1.25 mmol) was added at -78 °C over 15 min. After being stirred for 4 h at the same temperature, the mixture was treated by a solution of freshly-distilled benzaldehyde (106.9 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (1 mL) for 30 min at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was poured into ice water and Et₂O, which was extracted with Et₂O (20 mL x 3). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 20 : 1) and additional MPLC (hexane/EtOAc = 10 : 1) gave **3a-less** (66.3 mg, 0.18 mmol, 36%) and **3a-more** (92.4 mg, 0.25 mmol, 49%).

3a-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3543, 3064, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1495, 1401, 1317, 1239, 1031, 731, 731, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.12-1.26 (1H, m), 1.26-1.52 (3H, m), 2.00-2.13 (1H, m), 2.22-2.35 (1H, m), 2.77 (1H, br, OH), 3.70-3.82 (2H, m), 5.19-5.26 (2H, m), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.77-5.90 (1H, m), 6.40 (1H, d, 7.6 Hz), 6.62 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.79 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.29-7.40 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.5, 30.5, 47.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.7 Hz), 72.3 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 30.5, 22.4 Hz), 104.3 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 29.3 Hz), 105.5, 106.8, 117.1, 118.1, 119.1 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 265.5, 254.0 Hz), 122.0, 128.05, 128.09, 128.6, 133.9, 136.5, 139.3, 148.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -60.4 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 269.6 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 17.8 Hz), -52.0 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 269.6 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 4.0 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 396 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₅F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 396.1751; found, 396.1777. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₅F₂NO₂: C, 70.76; H, 6.75; N, 3.75. Found: C, 70.58; H, 6.98; N, 3.58.

3a-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3540, 3064, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1465, 1316, 1239, 1086, 1062, 929, 732, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.16-1.52 (4H, m), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m), 3.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.5 Hz), 3.96-4.04 (1H, m), 5.13-5.22 (1H, m), 5.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.3 Hz), 5.40 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.3 Hz), 5.94-6.07 (1H, m), 6.51 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.60-6.67 (2H, m), 6.74-6.83 (1H, m), 7.30-7.38 (3H, m), 7.39-7.45 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.6, 30.4, 48.1, 72.7 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 28.7, 23.8 Hz), 103.7 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 29.6 Hz), 105.9, 106.9, 117.6, 118.5, 118.7 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 260.9, 257.8 Hz), 121.8, 128.0, 128.2, 128.5, 133.9, 136.2, 139.1, 148.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -63.6 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 269.3 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 17.8 Hz), -51.0 (1F, d, *J*_{F-F} = 269.3 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 396 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₅F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺,

396.1751; found, 396.1726. Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}F_2NO_2$: C, 70.76; H, 6.75; N, 3.75. Found: C, 70.75; H, 6.77; N, 3.66.

2-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-2,2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol (3b)

This compound was obtained in 79% yield (*less* 63.8 mg, 0.16 mmol; *more* 95.6 mg, 0.24 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.2 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and *p*-anisaldehyde (136.4 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 30 min at -78 °C.

3b-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3469, 3064, 2958, 2871, 1613, 1599, 1514, 1496, 1249, 1069, 734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.12-1.26 (1H, m), 1.26-1.51 (3H, m), 2.00-2.11 (1H, m), 2.22-2.34 (1H, m), 2.69 (1H, br, OH), 3.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.1 Hz), 3.76-3.84 (1H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 5.19 (1H, dd, *J_{H-F}* = 17.8, 4.2 Hz), 5.24 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.78-5.90 (1H, m), 6.39 (1H, m), 6.58-6.64 (1H, m), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.75-6.80 (1H, m), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.5, 30.5, 47.6 (d, *J_{C-F}* = 2.5 Hz), 55.2, 71.9 (dd, *J_{C-F}* = 30.6, 22.7 Hz), 104.2 (t, *J_{C-F}* = 29.5 Hz), 105.4, 106.8, 113.5, 117.1, 118.0, 119.2 (dd, *J_{C-F}* = 265.6, 253.5 Hz), 122.0, 128.7, 129.3, 133.9, 139.3, 148.6, 159.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -60.7 (1F, dd, *J_{F-F}* = 269.3 Hz, *J_{H-F}* = 17.8 Hz), -51.3 (1F, dd, *J_{F-F}* = 269.5 Hz, *J_{H-F}* = 4.2 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 426 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₂NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺, 426.1857; found, 426.1863.

3b-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3485, 3064, 2959, 2872, 1613, 1599, 1514, 1496, 1248, 1176, 1070, 1034, 734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.14-1.50 (4H, m), 1.99-2.16 (2H, m), 3.21 (1H, br, OH), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 6.2 Hz), 3.96-4.03 (1H, m), 5.09-5.16 (1H, m), 5.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.92-6.05 (1H, m), 6.47 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.59-6.64 (2H, m), 6.73-6.80 (1H, m), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.6, 30.4, 48.1, 55.2, 72.3 (dd, *J_{C-F}* = 29.3, 23.2 Hz), 103.7 (t, *J_{C-F}* = 28.6 Hz), 105.9, 106.9, 113.5, 117.6, 118.5, 118.8 (dd, *J_{C-F}* = 260.6, 257.5 Hz), 121.8, 128.3 (d, *J_{C-F}* = 1.2 Hz), 129.4, 133.9, 139.1, 148.8, 159.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -63.7 (1F, dd, *J_{F-F}* = 267.3 Hz, *J_{H-F}* = 17.8 Hz), -51.3 (1F, d, *J_{F-F}* = 267.3 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 426 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₂NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺, 426.1857; found, 426.1836.

2-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-2,2-difluoro-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethan-1-ol (3c)

This compound was obtained in 85% yield (*less* 69.5 mg 0.16 mmol; *more* 118.2 mg, 0.27 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.2 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and 4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde (174.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 30 min at -78 °C.

3c-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3485, 3067, 2961, 2874, 1599, 1496, 1326, 1239, 1167, 1127, 1068, 1018, 930, 782, 735 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.12-1.25 (1H, m), 1.26-1.50 (3H, m), 2.01-2.14 (1H, m), 2.19-2.31 (1H, m), 2.95 (1H, br, OH), 3.70-3.86 (2H, m), 5.21-5.34 (2H, m), 5.34 (1H, d, *J* = 16.3 Hz), 5.74-5.90 (1H, m), 6.42 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz),

6.60-6.69 (1H, m), 6.42 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.60-6.69 (1H, m), 6.70 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.77-6.84 (1H, m), 7.47 (2H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.59 (2H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.4, 30.4, 47.9 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 71.9 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 29.5, 23.3$ Hz), 104.4 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 29.4$ Hz), 105.8, 107.0, 117.3, 118.5, 118.8 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 266.2, 254.3$ Hz), 122.3, 124.1 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.0$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.7$ Hz), 128.5, 130.7 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$ Hz), 133.7, 139.2, 140.2, 148.4; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -59.7 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 269.6$, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 18.0$ Hz), -52.3 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 269.6$ Hz), 0.05 (3F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 464 [M+Na] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_5\text{NNaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$, 464.1625; found, 464.1628.

3c-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3500, 3067, 2961, 2874, 1599, 1494, 1326, 1239, 1166, 1127, 1067, 1019, 735 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.89 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.21-1.52 (4H, m), 2.04-2.20 (2H, m), 3.54 (1H, br, OH), 3.84 (1H, dd, $J = 16.1, 6.6$ Hz), 3.96-4.04 (1H, m), 5.19-5.28 (1H, m), 5.30 (1H, dd, $J = 10.2, 1.4$ Hz), 5.42 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.4$ Hz), 5.94-6.07 (1H, m), 6.53 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.57-6.68 (2H, m), 6.76-6.84 (1H, m), 7.52 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.58 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.8, 22.6, 23.5, 30.3, 48.4, 72.3 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 28.9, 23.7$ Hz), 103.7 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 28.7$ Hz), 106.3, 107.1, 117.9, 118.3 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 260.3$ Hz), 119.0, 122.0, 124.1 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.2$ Hz), 124.8, (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 128.6, 130.5 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.4$ Hz), 133.7, 139.0, 140.0, 148.6; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -63.4 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 269.7, 17.9$ Hz), -50.8 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 269.7$ Hz), 0.05 (3F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 442 [M+H] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2$ [M+H] $^+$, 442.1805; found, 442.1800.

2-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-2,2-difluoro-1-(2-furyl)ethan-1-ol (3d)

This compound was obtained in 87% yield (*less* 71.9 mg, 0.198 mmol; *more* 86.3 mg, 0.237 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.3 mg, 0.50 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and furfural (96.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et_2O (3 mL) for 1 h at -78 °C.

3d-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3442, 3065, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1496, 1239, 1110, 1080, 924, 733 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (3H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.14-1.52 (4H, m), 2.00-2.12 (1H, m), 2.20-2.31 (1H, m), 2.68 (1H, br, OH), 3.78 (1H, dd, $J = 16.3, 6.3$ Hz), 3.81-3.89 (1H, m), 5.19-5.30 (2H, m), 5.33 (1H, d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 5.79-5.83 (1H, m), 6.28-6.36 (2H, m), 6.38 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.75 (1H, td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz), 6.71-6.79 (1H, m), 7.39-7.42 (1H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.5, 30.4, 47.6, 66.9 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.6, 24.4$ Hz), 103.6 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 28.4$ Hz), 105.3, 106.7, 109.3, 110.4, 117.1, 118.0, 119.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 264.6, 256.0$ Hz), 121.8, 134.0, 139.2, 142.7, 147.7, 149.7; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -59.2 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 267.3$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 17.8$ Hz), -51.3 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}} = 267.3$ Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}} = 5.9$ Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 386 [M+Na] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_3$ [M+Na] $^+$, 386.1544; found, 386.1543.

3d-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3521, 3064, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1496, 1240, 1110, 1083, 1060, 1013, 923, 791, 734 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.86 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.13-1.25 (1H, m), 1.25-1.49 (3H, m), 1.93-2.03 (1H, m), 2.04-2.15 (1H, m), 2.98 (1H, br, OH), 3.83 (1H, dd, $J = 16.3, 6.3$ Hz), 3.95-4.05 (1H, m), 5.17-5.30 (1H, m), 5.26 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3, 1.5$ Hz), 5.38 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz), 5.91-6.04 (1H, m), 6.32 (2H, d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 6.46 (1H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.55-6.63 (2H, m),

6.71-6.79 (1H, m), 7.40 (1H, t, J = 1.3 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 22.5, 23.5, 30.1, 48.0, 66.9 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 29.0, 24.9 Hz), 103.3 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 28.0 Hz), 105.8, 106.9, 109.6, 110.4, 117.5, 118.4, 118.7 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 260.0 Hz), 121.7, 133.9, 139.1, 142.7, 148.8, 149.4 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 3.0 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -60.7 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 267.6 Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 15.8 Hz), -51.3 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 267.6 Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 7.9 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 386 [M+Na] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_3$ [M+Na] $^+$, 386.1544; found, 386.1542.

2-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-2,2-difluoro-1-pyridin-2-ylethan-1-ol (3e)

This compound was obtained in 87% yield (*less* 125.8 mg, 0.34 mmol; *more* 37.0 mg, 0.099 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and 2-pyridinecarbaldehyde (106.9 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et_2O (3 mL) for 15 min at -78 °C.

3e-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3365, 3063, 2958, 2871, 1597, 1496, 1402, 1315, 1239, 1206, 1110, 1085, 935, 754, 732 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.20-1.60 (4H, m), 2.06-2.18 (1H, m), 2.53-2.66 (1H, m), 3.86 (1H, dd, J = 16.5, 6.0 Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, J = 16.5, 5.6 Hz), 5.06-5.60 (1H, br, OH), 5.20 (1H, dd, J = 10.4, 1.2 Hz), 5.25 (1H, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), 5.34 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz), 5.84-5.97 (1H, m), 6.49 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.57 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.75 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.24-7.28 (1H, m), 7.34 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 2.7 Hz), 7.61-7.69 (1H, m), 8.54 (1H, d, J = 4.9 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.0, 22.6, 23.8, 31.2, 47.2, 70.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 32.4, 24.3 Hz), 103.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 29.3, 24.5 Hz), 104.5, 106.4, 116.8, 117.2, 120.1 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 264.8, 255.4 Hz), 121.4, 123.47, 123.50 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 5.4 Hz), 134.1, 136.4, 139.4, 147.7, 149.2, 153.8; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -61.8 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 263.4 Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), -51.0 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 263.4 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 397 [M+Na] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$, 397.1704; found, 397.1714. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 67.36; H, 6.46; N, 7.48. Found: C, 67.35; H, 6.53; N, 7.42.

3e-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3361, 2958, 2871, 1597, 1495, 1401, 1313, 1241, 1207, 1109, 1085, 733 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.15-1.51 (4H, m), 2.13-2.31 (2H, m), 3.87 (1H, dd, J = 16.7, 5.7 Hz), 4.03-4.12 (1H, m), 5.10 (1H, dd, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 17.8, 4.6 Hz), 5.24 (1H, dd, J = 10.3, 1.5 Hz), 5.39 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 1.5 Hz), 5.91-6.02 (1H, m), 6.41 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.47 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.51-6.57 (1H, m), 6.70-6.77 (1H, m), 7.26-7.31 (1H, m), 7.34 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.63-7.70 (1H, m), 8.58 (1H, d, J = 4.7 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.0, 22.6, 23.7, 31.0, 47.6, 70.9 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 29.8, 26.2 Hz), 103.6 (t, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 26.5 Hz), 105.3, 106.3, 116.8, 117.7, 119.5 (dd, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 263.0, 257.9 Hz), 121.4, 123.3 (br), 123.5, 134.2, 136.6, 139.6, 147.7, 149.1, 153.9; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -60.6 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 265.6 Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 17.8 Hz), -51.6 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F}-\text{F}}$ = 265.6 Hz, $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}}$ = 4.6 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 397 [M+Na] $^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$, 397.1704; found, 397.1678. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 67.36; H, 6.46; N, 7.48. Found: C, 67.41; H, 6.66; N, 7.43.

(E)-1-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-1,1-difluoro-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (3f)

This compound was obtained in 87% yield (*less* 86.5 mg, 0.236 mmol; *more* 72.1 mg, 0.199 mmol)

by the reaction of **1a** (115.5 mg, 0.50 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (132.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 1 h at -78 °C.

3f-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3417, 3061, 2959, 2871, 1599, 1496, 1238, 1070, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.17-1.55 (4H, m), 2.05-2.17 (1H, m), 2.22-2.34 (1H, m), 2.52 (1H, br, OH), 3.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 6.3 Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 5.1 Hz), 4.80 (1H, ddd, *J*_{H-F} = 13.8, 9.9 Hz, *J*_{H-H} = 6.9 Hz), 5.22 (1H, d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 5.34 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.86-5.99 (1H, m), 6.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.9 Hz), 6.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.52 (1H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 6.60 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.68 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.74 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.22-7.37 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.5, 23.4, 30.4, 47.8, 71.6 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 26.4 Hz), 103.5 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 29.0 Hz), 105.4, 106.7, 117.2, 118.0, 119.8 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 261.8, 257.1 Hz), 122.4, 123.5 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 126.7, 127.9, 128.4, 133.7, 133.9, 136.1, 139.2, 148.7; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -57.6 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 267.6 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 13.8 Hz), -56.4 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 267.6 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 9.9 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 422 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₇F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 422.1908; found, 422.1899. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇F₂NO₂: C, 72.16; H, 6.81; N, 3.51. Found: C, 71.91; H, 6.83; N, 3.49.

3f-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3426, 3061, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1495, 1239, 1069, 733 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.12-1.51 (4H, m), 2.05-2.21 (2H, m), 2.69 (1H, br, OH), 3.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.4 Hz), 3.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 4.9 Hz), 4.75 (1H, ddd, *J*_{H-F} = 23.8, 9.2 Hz, *J*_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz), 5.25 (1H, d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 5.36 (1H, d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 5.90-6.03 (1H, m), 6.26 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.0 Hz), 6.45 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.50-6.58 (3H, m), 6.69-6.78 (1H, m), 7.20-7.33 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.4, 30.2, 48.1, 71.8 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.9, 24.5 Hz), 103.4 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 28.6 Hz), 105.6, 107.3, 117.5, 118.4, 119.4 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 259.1 Hz), 121.7, 123.4 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 126.7, 127.9, 128.4, 133.9, 134.1, 136.2, 139.1, 148.7; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -60.8 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 266.4 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 12.8 Hz), -54.9 (1F, dd, *J*_{F-F} = 266.4 Hz, *J*_{H-F} = 9.2 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 422 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₇F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 422.1908; found, 422.1883. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇F₂NO₂: C, 72.16; H, 6.81; N, 3.51. Found: C, 71.91; H, 6.91; N, 3.32.

1-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-1,1-difluoro-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**3g**)

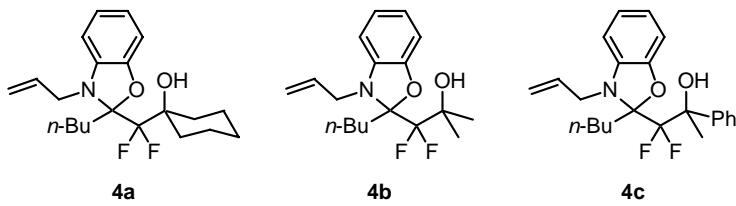
This compound was obtained in 76% yield (152.6 mg, 0.38 mmol) as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in a ratio of 1 : 10.7 (*less/more*) by the reaction of **1a** (114.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and 3-phenylpropionaldehyde (137.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 3 h at -24 °C. Spectra date only for the major isomer (less polar isomer) are only shown. Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3547, 3063, 3027, 2959, 2871, 1599, 1495, 1240, 1085, 734, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.19-1.33 (1H, m), 1.34-1.59 (3H, m), 1.93-2.06 (1H, m), 2.06-2.20 (3H, m), 2.67-2.78 (2H, m), 2.89-3.00 (1H, m), 3.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 6.3 Hz), 3.96-4.04 (1H, m), 4.08-4.21 (1H, m), 5.28 (1H, d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 5.37 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.89-6.01 (1H, m), 6.51 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.67-6.76 (2H, m), 6.81-6.87 (1H, m), 7.18-7.28 (3H, m), 7.29-7.36 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.6, 30.3, 31.4, 48.1, 69.4 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 29.0, 23.7 Hz), 103.6 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 28.9 Hz), 105.9, 106.8, 117.4, 118.5, 119.5 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 258.6 Hz), 121.8, 125.8,

128.3, 128.4, 133.8, 139.0, 141.4, 148.8; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ -64.0 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 267.3$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 17.8$ Hz), -54.6 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 267.3$ Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 424 [M+Na^+]; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ [M+Na^+], 424.2064; found, 424.2044.

(1S*)-2-[(2S*)-3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-1-cyclohexyl-2,2-difluoroethan-1-ol (*anti*-3h).

This compound was obtained in 81% yield (153.7 mg, 0.40 mmol) as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in a ratio of 1 : 10.5 by the reaction of **1a** (115.4 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and cyclohexanecarbaldehyde (112.3 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et_2O (3 mL) for 8 h at 0 °C. Spectra date only for major *anti*-**3h** are shown. Colorless crystals; Mp. 49.0-50.0 °C; IR (neat) 3564, 2929, 2854, 1599, 1496, 1240, 1089, 924, 732 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$), 1.08-1.52 (9H, m), 1.53-1.61 (1H, m), 1.62-1.70 (1H, m), 1.70-1.94 (4H, m), 2.11 (2H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 2.51 (1H, br, OH), 3.81 (1H, dd, $J = 16.3, 6.3$ Hz), 3.86-4.06 (2H, m), 5.27 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3, 1.4$ Hz), 5.38 (1H, dd, $J = 17.1, 1.4$ Hz), 5.91-6.04 (1H, m), 6.47 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.59-6.70 (2H, m), 6.73-6.80 (1H, td, $J = 7.5, 1.3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ for major isomer 13.9, 22.6, 23.7, 26.1, 26.2 (2C), 26.7, 30.2, 30.4, 38.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.5$ Hz), 48.2, 73.1 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 28.2, 22.2$ Hz), 103.8 (t, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 28.9$ Hz), 105.8, 106.7, 117.4, 118.4, 120.2 (t, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 260.4$ Hz), 121.7, 134.0, 139.3, 149.0; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl_3) δ for major isomer -60.6 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 269.6$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -52.6 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 269.6$ Hz), for minor isomer -58.3 (1F, dd, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 265.6$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -55.5 (1F, d, $J_{\text{F-F}} = 265.6$ Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 402 [M+Na^+]; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ [M+Na^+], 402.2221; found, 402.2206. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$: C, 69.63; H, 8.23; N, 3.69. Found: C, 69.82; H, 8.11; N, 3.73.

5. Multi-component reaction of **1a**, *n*-BuLi and ketones



1-[(3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)(difluoro)methyl]cyclohexanol (4a**)**

This compound was obtained in 84% yield (153.5 mg, 0.42 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.7 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and cyclohexanone (97.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et_2O (3 mL) for 5 h at 0 °C.

4a Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3548, 3064, 2936, 2864, 1599, 1496, 1239, 1086, 989, 731 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.87 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.08-1.22 (2H, m), 1.24-1.48 (3H, m), 1.51-1.79 (8H, m), 1.91-2.00 (1H, m), 2.02-2.13 (1H, m), 2.23-2.34 (1H, m), 2.26 (1H, brs, OH), 3.81 (1H, dd, $J = 16.2, 6.5$ Hz), 3.94-4.03 (1H, m), 5.25 (1H, dd, $J = 10.2, 1.4$ Hz), 5.37 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.4$ Hz), 5.91-6.03 (1H, m), 6.45 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.57-6.67 (2H, m), 6.75 (1H, td, $J = 7.5, 1.4$ Hz); ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 20.8, 20.9, 22.6, 23.8, 25.3, 30.6 (m), 31.5 (t, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 32.2, 48.3, 75.4 (t, J_{C-F} = 25.2 Hz), 105.2 (t, J_{C-F} = 28.8 Hz), 105.6, 106.6, 117.3, 118.1, 120.7 (t, J_{C-F} = 260.9 Hz), 121.6, 134.1, 139.3, 148.9; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -57.4 (1F, d, J_{F-F} = 271.6 Hz), -55.8 (1F, d, J_{F-F} = 271.6 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 388 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₉F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 388.2064; found, 388.2071. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₉F₂NO₂: C, 69.02; H, 8.00; N, 3.83. Found: C, 68.98; H, 7.91; N, 3.73.

1-(3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)-1,1-difluoro-2-methylpropan-2-ol (4b):

This compound was obtained in 89% yield (144.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.7 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and acetone (58.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 9 h at room temperature.

4b Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3464, 3064, 2959, 2873, 1599, 1496, 1239, 1071, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.11-1.25 (1H, m), 1.26-1.50 (3H, m), 1.36 (3H, s), 1.40 (3H, s), 2.03-2.16 (1H, m), 2.22-2.36 (1H, m), 2.59 (1H, brs, OH), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 16.1, 6.5 Hz), 3.99 (1H, dd, J = 16.1, 4.9 Hz), 5.26 (1H, d, J = 10.3 Hz), 5.38 (1H, d, J = 17.2 Hz), 5.91-6.06 (1H, m), 6.47 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.58-6.67 (2H, m), 6.73-6.80 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.6, 23.7, 14.7 (t, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 25.6 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 31.9, 48.4, 74.2 (t, J_{C-F} = 26.4 Hz), 104.8 (dd, J_{C-F} = 30.4, 29.6 Hz), 105.7, 106.7, 117.4, 118.3, 120.7 (t, J_{C-F} = 260.9 Hz), 121.7, 134.0, 139.1, 148.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -55.9 (1F, d, J = 271.4 Hz), -53.6 (1F, d, J = 271.4 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 326 [M+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₆F₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺, 326.1964; found, 326.1964.

1-[3-Allyl-2-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl]-1,1-difluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-ol (4c)

This compound were obtained in 79% yield (*less* 98.4 mg, 0.254 mmol; *more* 54.6 mg, 0.141 mmol) by the reaction of **1a** (115.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-BuLi (1.42 M in hexane, 0.88 mL, 1.25 mmol) and acetophenone (120.3 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) for 9 h at room temperature.

4c-less Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3542, 3062, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1496, 1239, 1093, 1067, 925, 732, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.82 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.04-1.17 (1H, m), 1.18-1.38 (3H, m), 1.76 (3H, s), 1.79-1.89 (1H, m), 1.89-2.00 (1H, m), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 6.8 Hz), 3.92-4.01 (1H, m), 4.06 (1H, br, OH), 5.34 (1H, dd, J = 10.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.44 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.99-6.01 (1H, m), 6.33 (1H, dd, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz), 6.52 (1H, dd, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz), 6.55-6.60 (1H, m), 6.75-6.81 (1H, m), 7.24-7.33 (3H, m), 7.46-7.52 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 22.4, 23.4, 25.5 (t, J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 31.5, 48.5, 76.7-77.3 (m), 105.0 (t, J_{C-F} = 29.9 Hz), 106.0, 106.9, 117.8, 118.7, 119.9 (t, J_{C-F} = 264.0 Hz), 121.6, 125.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz), 127.2, 127.6, 133.9, 138.8, 142.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz), 148.3; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -53.8 (1F, d, J_{F-F} = 271.3 Hz), -48.9 (1F, d, J_{F-F} = 271.3 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 410 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 410.1908; found, 410.1872. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₂NO₂: C, 71.30; H, 7.02; N, 3.61. Found: C, 71.32; H, 7.04; N, 3.48.

4c-more Colorless oil; IR (neat) 3548, 3062, 2959, 2872, 1599, 1496, 1239, 1090, 1074, 921, 732,

701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.08-1.20 (1H, m), 1.22-1.41 (3H, m), 1.74 (3H, s), 1.93-2.04 (1H, m), 2.15-2.25 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, br, OH), 3.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 5.4 Hz), 3.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.6 Hz), 5.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.81-5.94 (1H, m), 6.26 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz), 6.47 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz), 6.54-6.61 (1H, m), 6.68-6.74 (1H, m), 7.23-7.34 (3H, m), 7.42-7.49 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.5, 23.5, 26.4 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 31.7, 47.7, 76.5-77.1 (m), 104.8 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 29.8 Hz), 105.7, 106.7, 117.4, 118.0, 120.2 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 263.8 Hz), 121.5, 126.1, 127.2, 127.5, 133.9, 138.6, 141.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz), 148.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -52.4 (1F, d, *J*_{F-F} = 271.3 Hz), -50.2 (1F, d, *J*_{F-F} = 271.3 Hz); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 410 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺, 410.1908; found, 410.1889.

6. X-ray crystallographic data of **2ca** and *anti*-**3h**

Crystallographic data for the X-ray crystal structure analysis of **2ca** and *anti*-**3h** have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC) as supplementary publication Nos. CCDC 702162 (**2ca**) and 702163 (*anti*-**3h**). These data can be obtained free of charge from the CCDC *via* www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

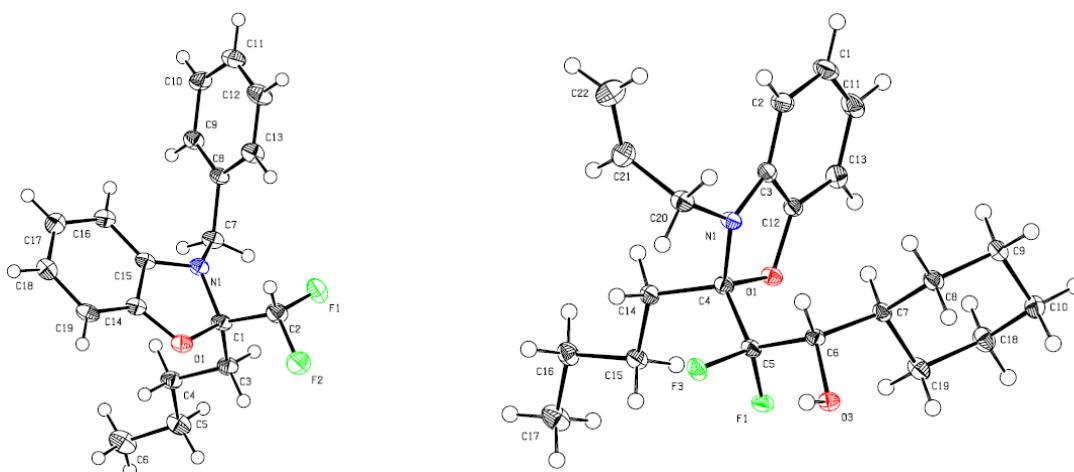


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **2ca**.

Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ F ₂ N O	
Formula weight	317.37	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.979(6) Å	α = 97.534(11)°.
	b = 9.368(6) Å	β = 97.342(11)°.
	c = 10.983(13) Å	γ = 113.009(8)°.

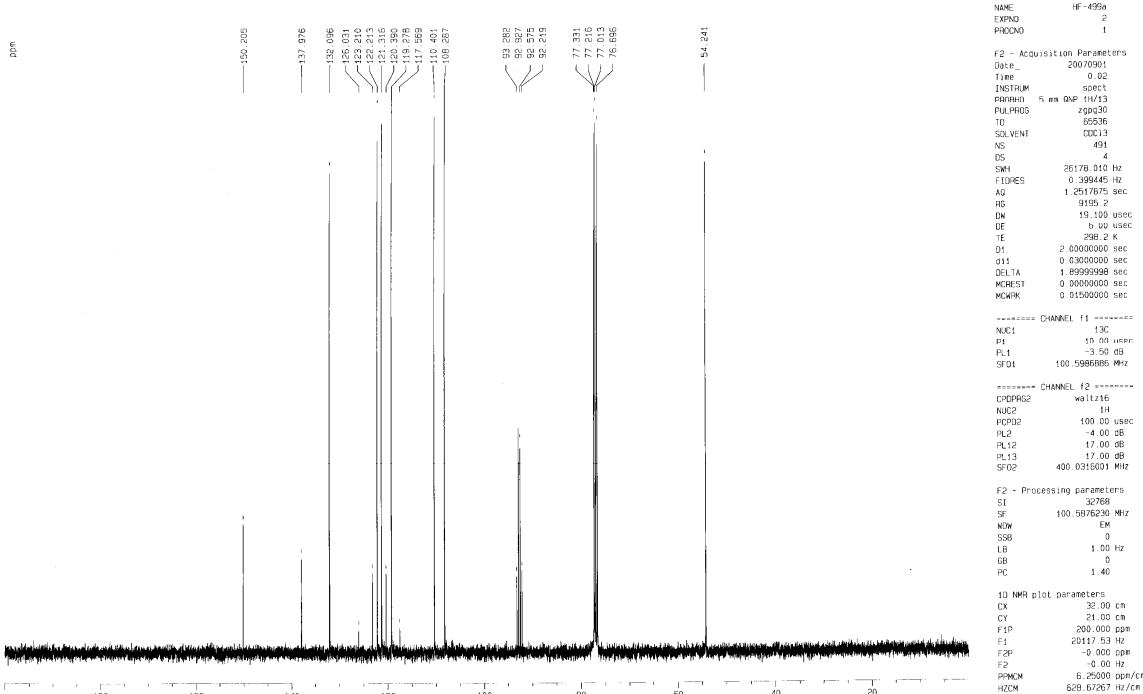
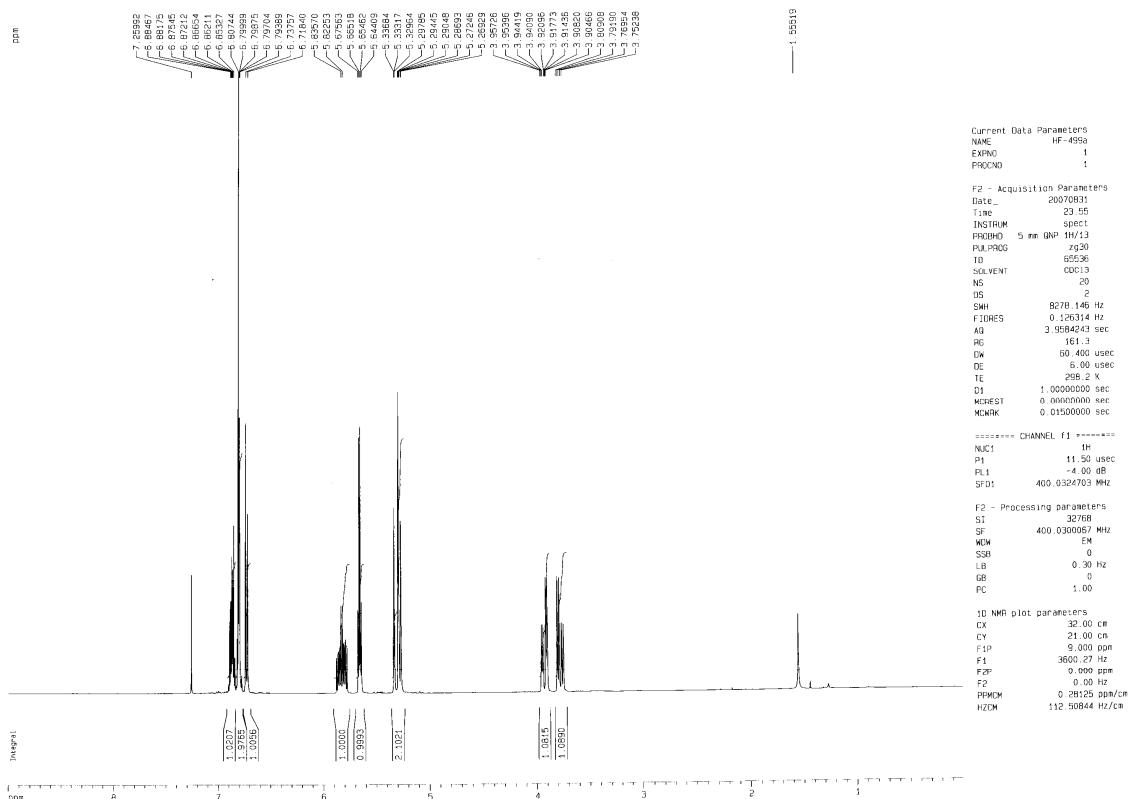
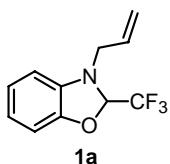
Volume	826.5(12) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.275 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.094 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	336
Crystal size	0.29 x 0.17 x 0.14 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.91 to 27.42°.
Index ranges	-8<=h<=11, -11<=k<=12, -13<=l<=9
Reflections collected	3930
Independent reflections	3073 [R(int) = 0.0253]
Completeness to theta = 27.42°	81.3 %
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.9870 and 0.9734
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3073 / 0 / 209
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.088
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0577, wR2 = 0.1747
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0710, wR2 = 0.1877
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.366 and -0.306 e.Å ⁻³

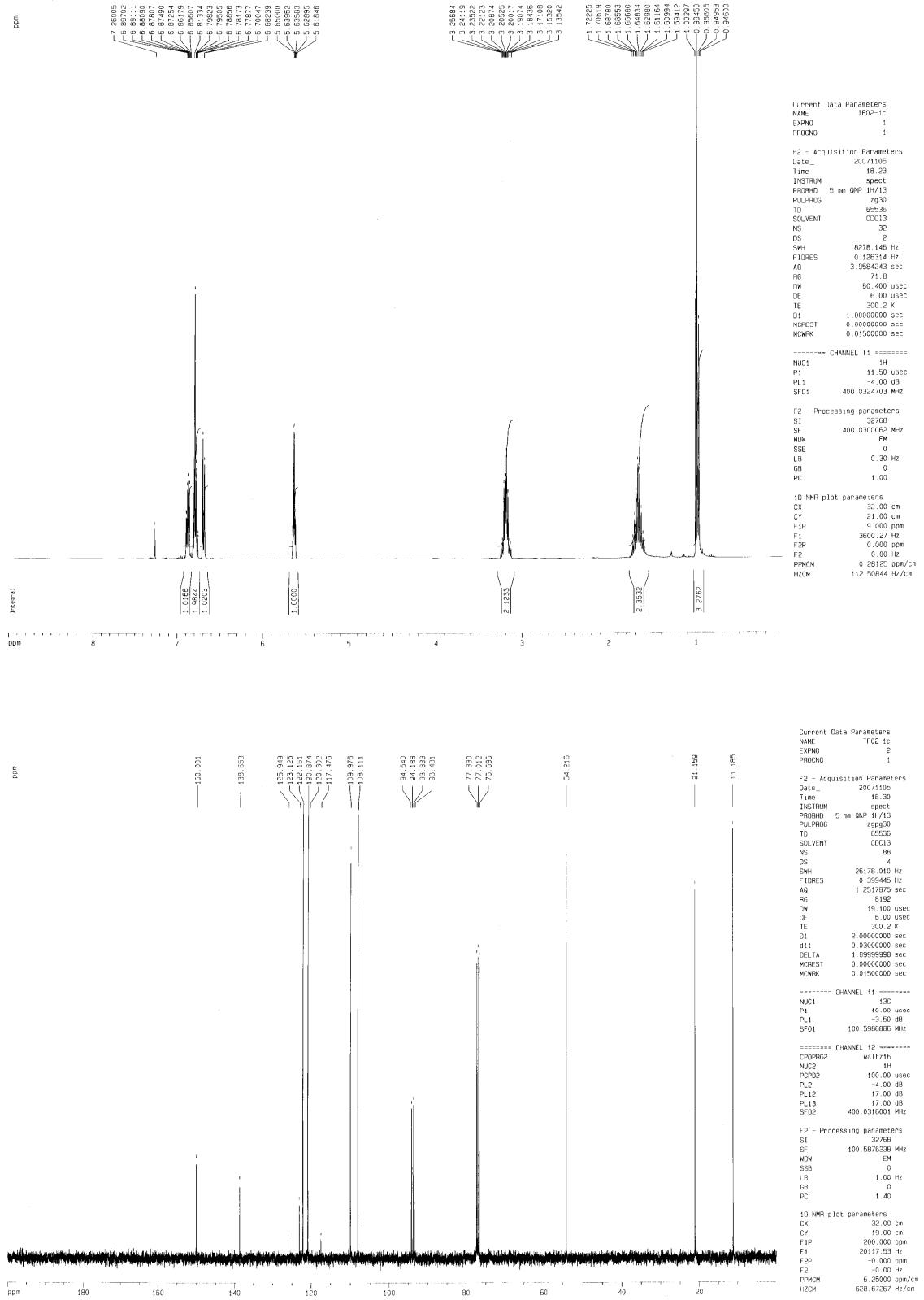
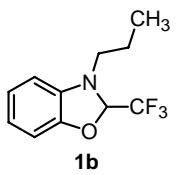
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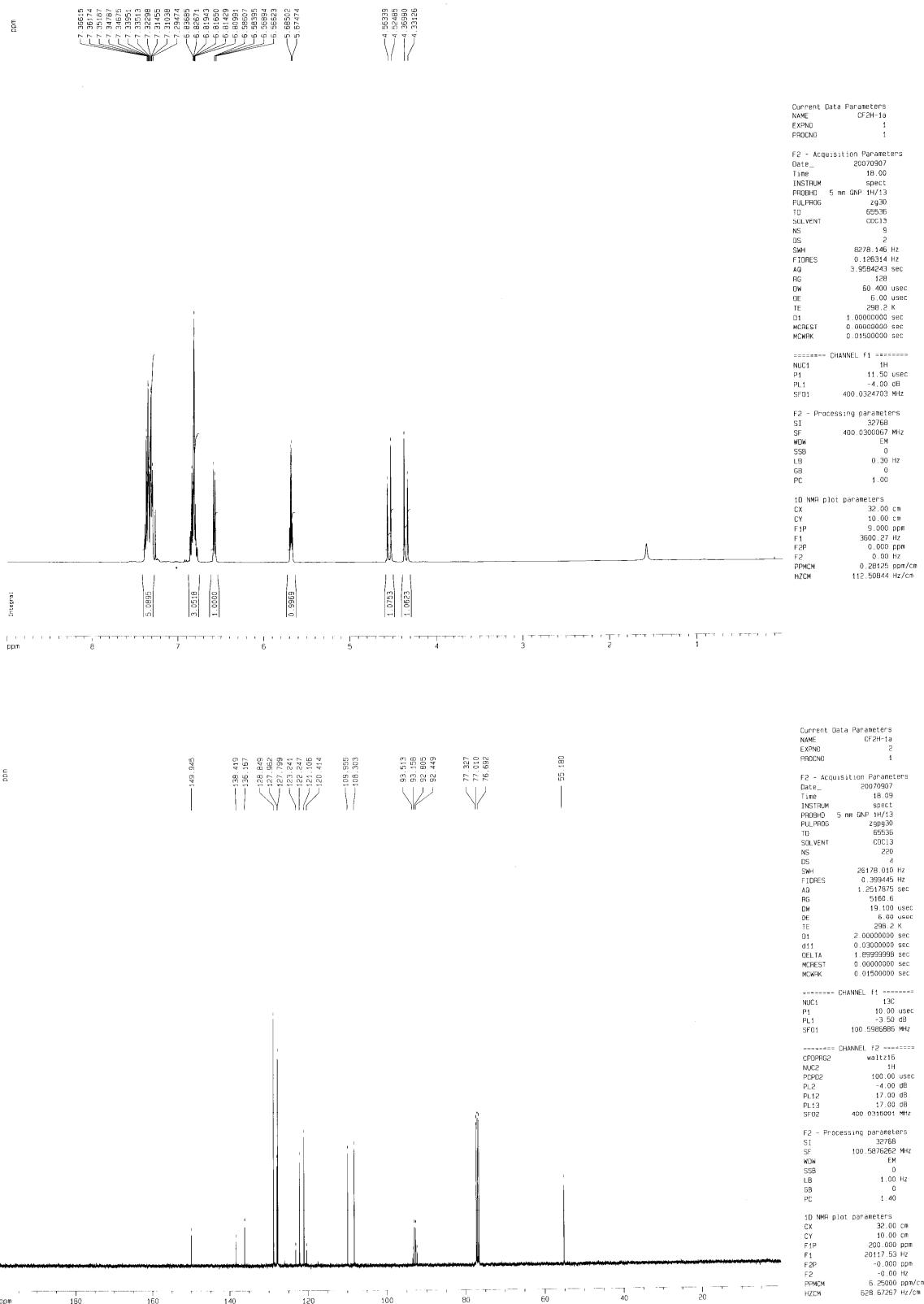
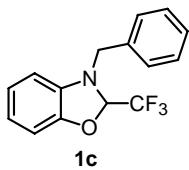
Empirical formula	C22 H31 F2 N O2
Formula weight	379.48
Temperature	90 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P -1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.9702(11) Å α= 76.3530(10)°. b = 13.2002(11) Å β= 68.1340(10)°. c = 13.8440(12) Å γ = 67.3330(10)°.
Volume	2017.9(3) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.249 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.091 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	816
Crystal size	0.27 x 0.25 x 0.24 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.59 to 27.62°.
Index ranges	-16<=h<=16, -17<=k<=17, -17<=l<=18
Reflections collected	23356

Independent reflections	9165 [R(int) = 0.0201]
Completeness to theta = 27.62°	97.7 %
Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	0.9784 and 0.9758
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	9165 / 0 / 491
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.992
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0370, wR2 = 0.0989
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0414, wR2 = 0.1027
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.430 and -0.238 e.Å ⁻³

7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of trifluoroacetaldehyde *N,O*-acetal 1

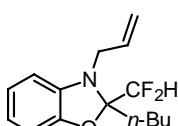




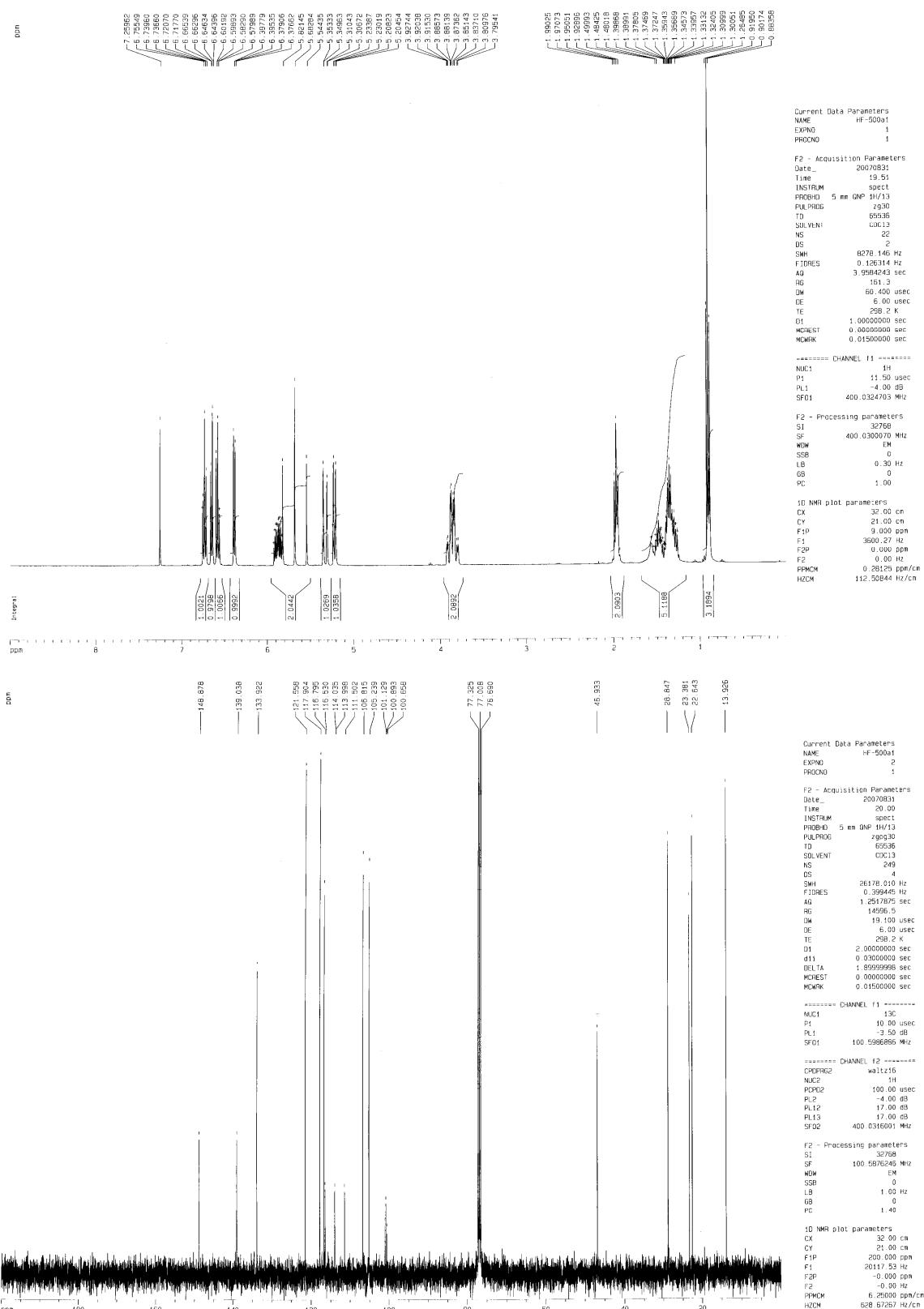


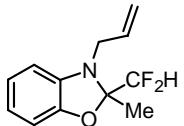
8. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of products 2, 3 and 4

8.1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound 2

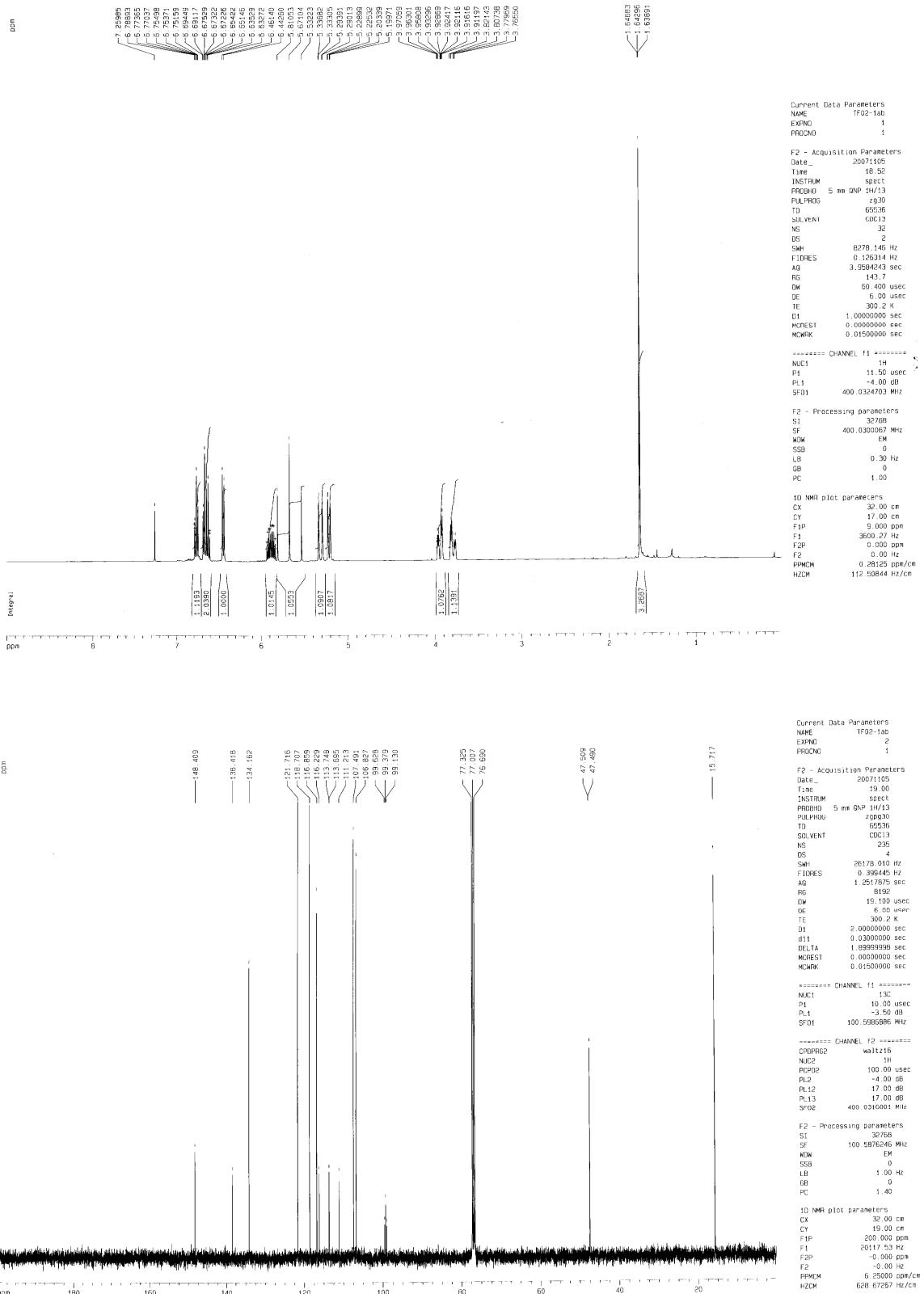


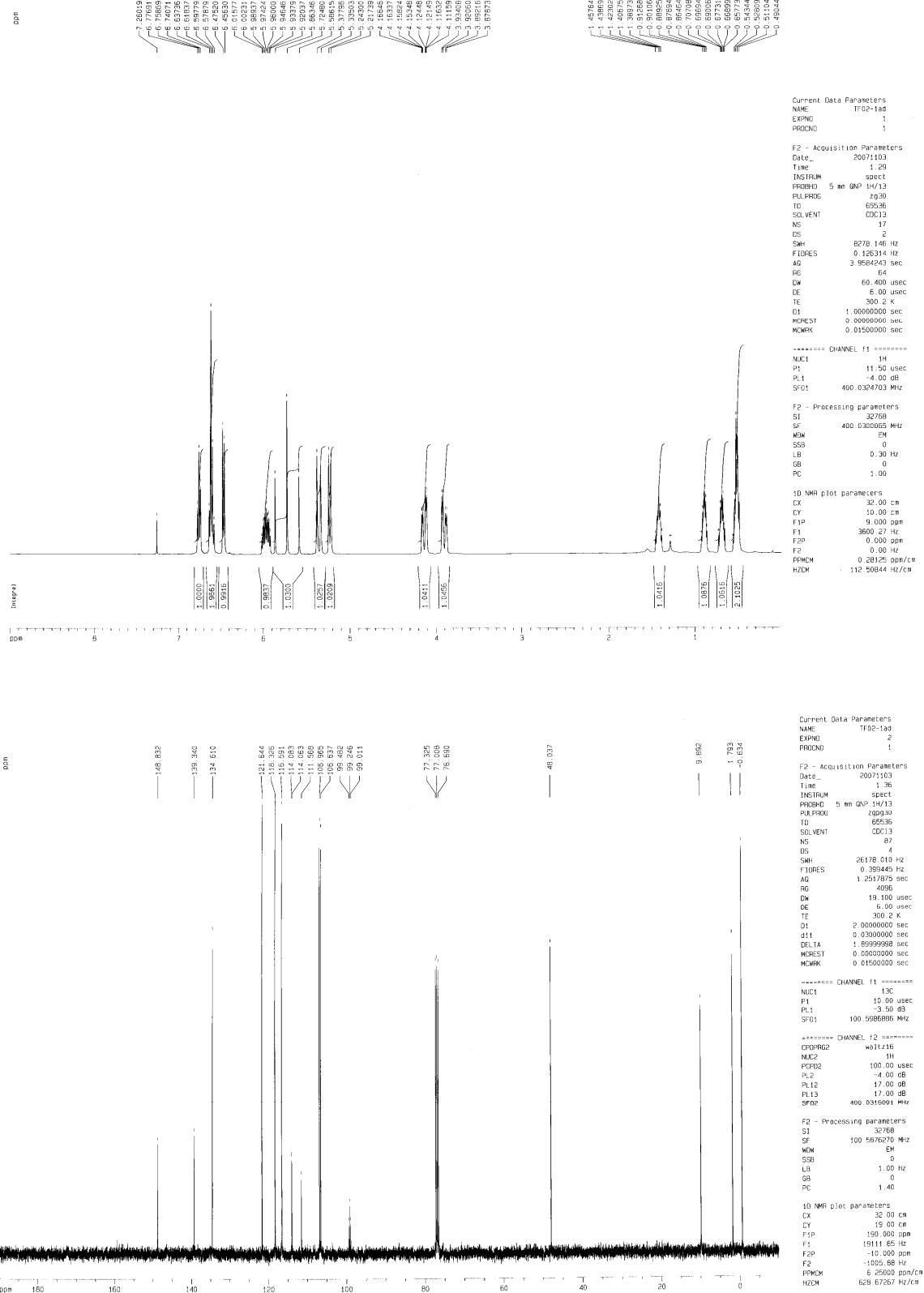
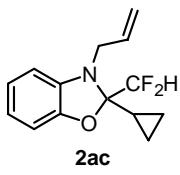
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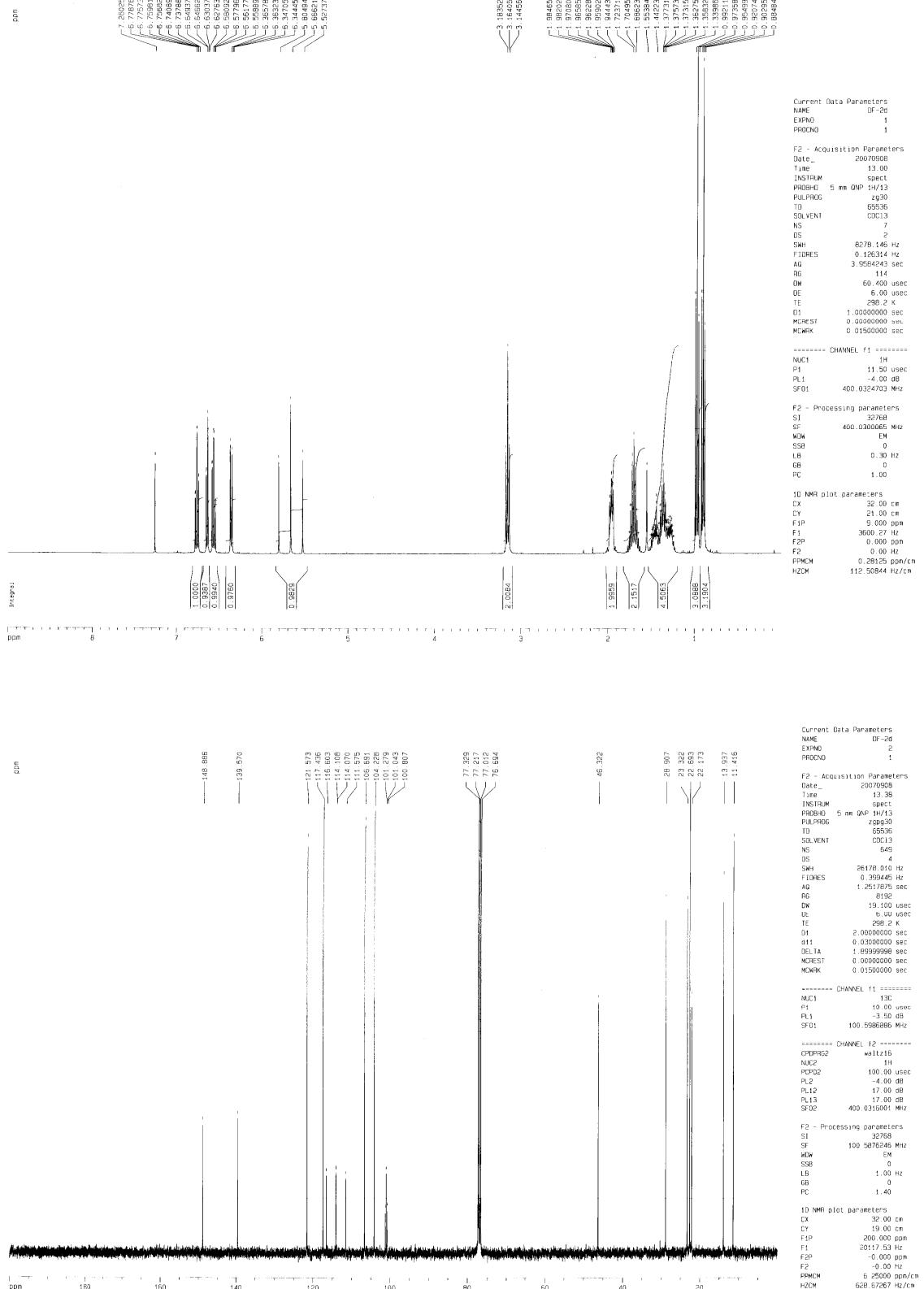
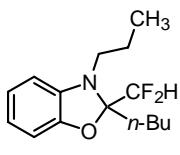


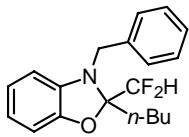


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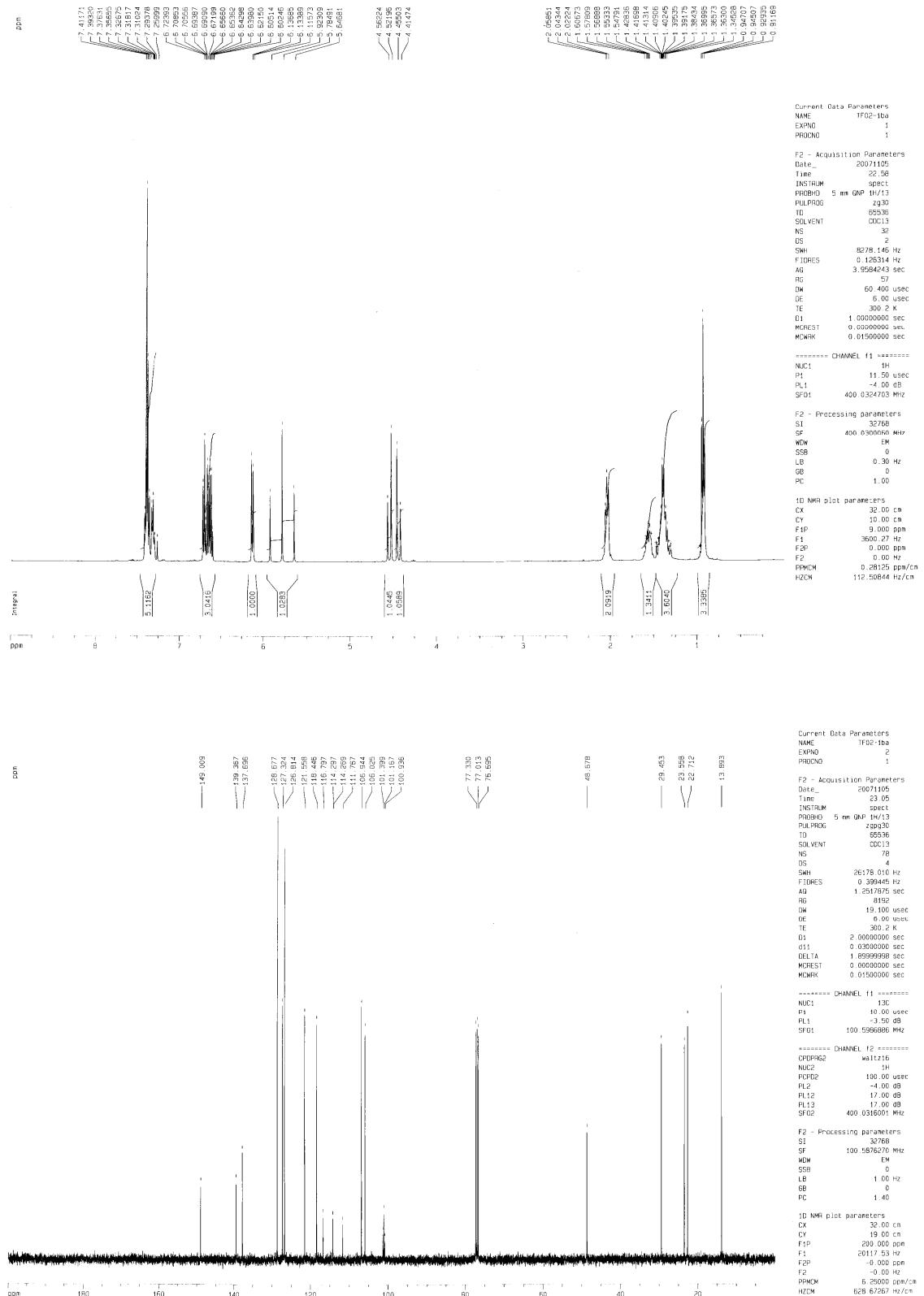




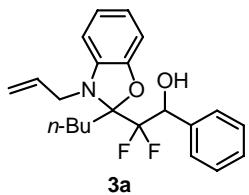




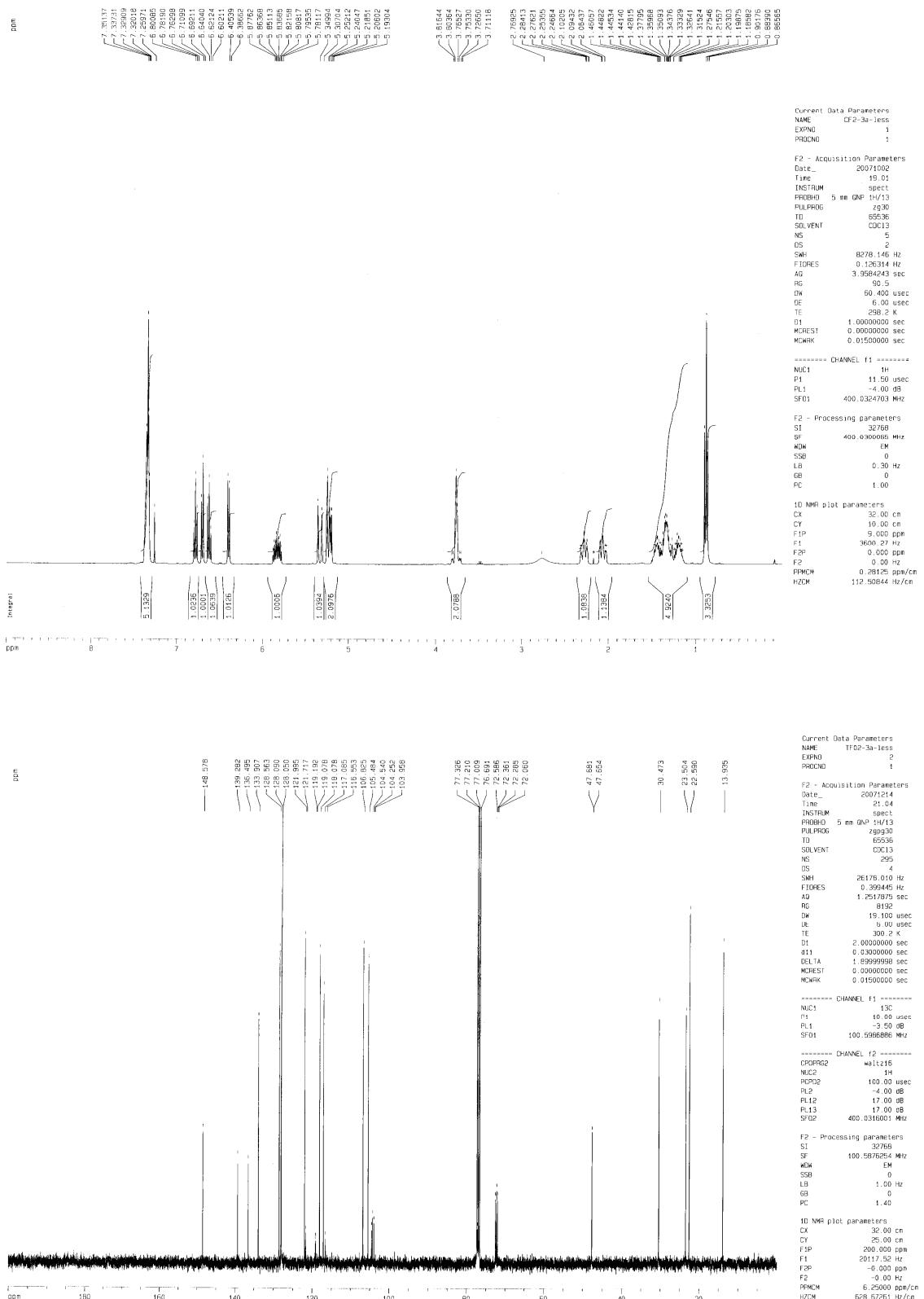
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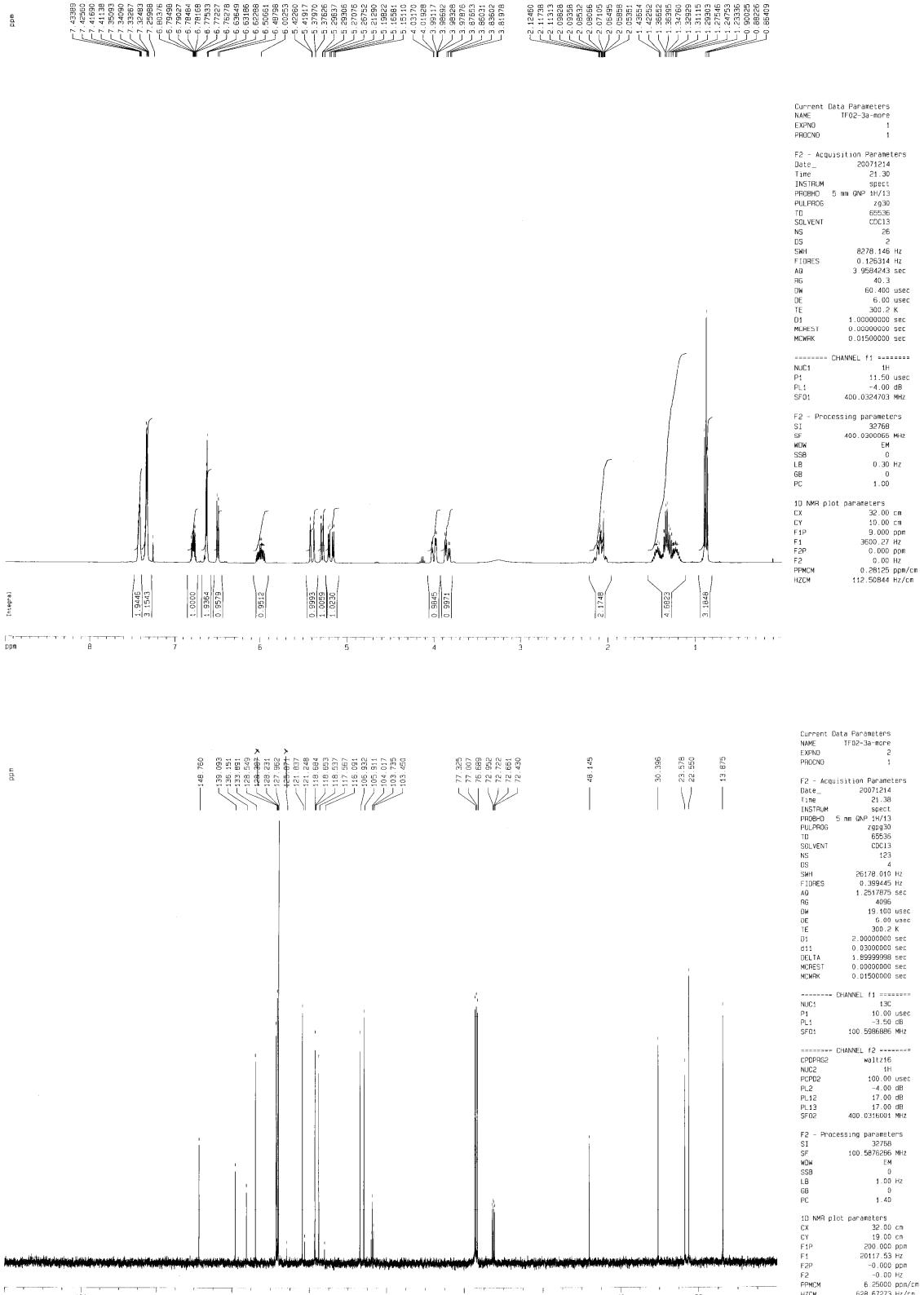
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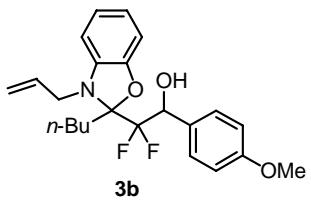


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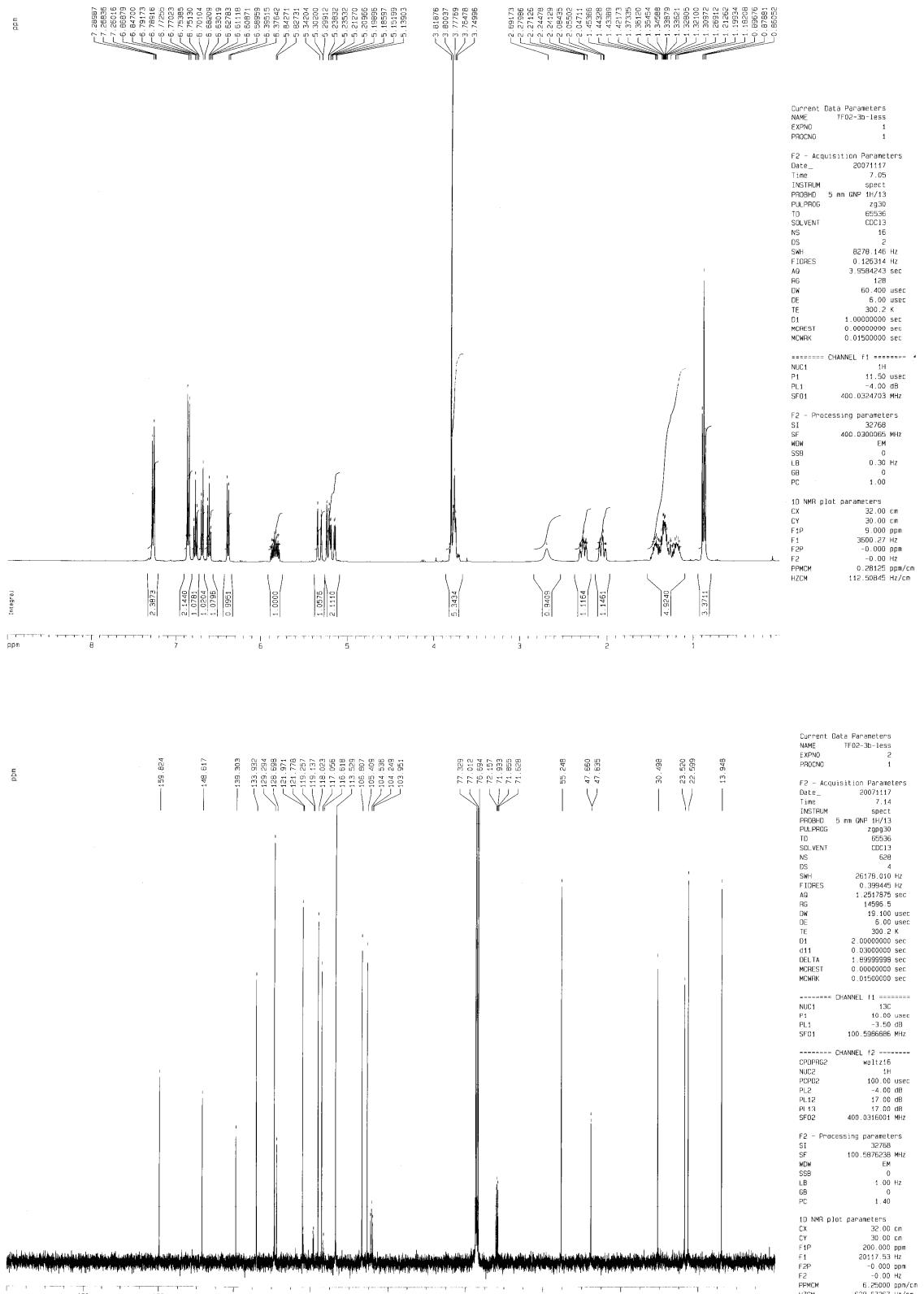


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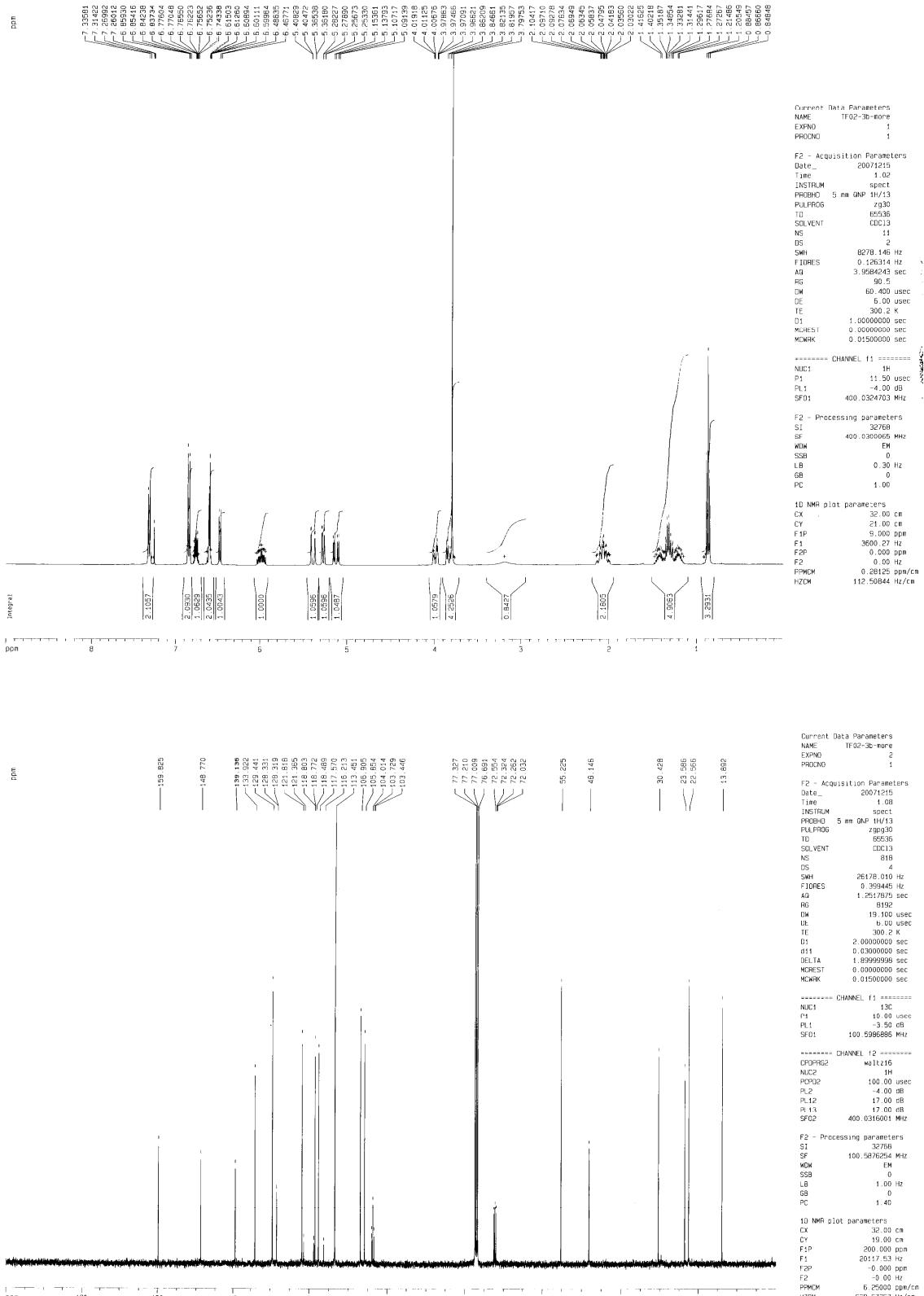


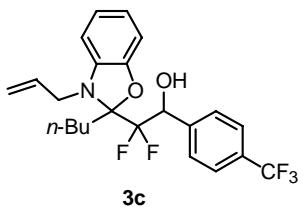


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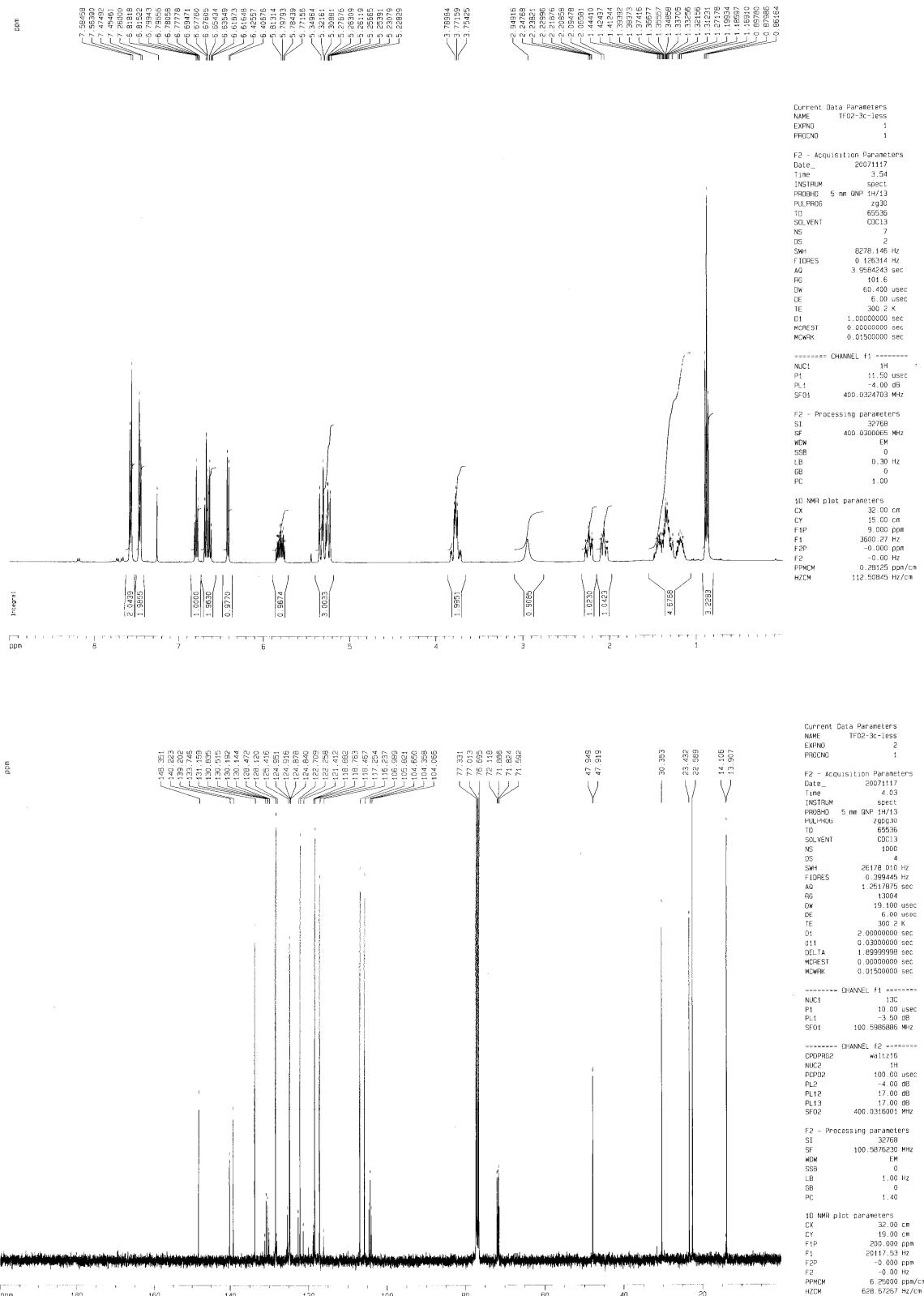


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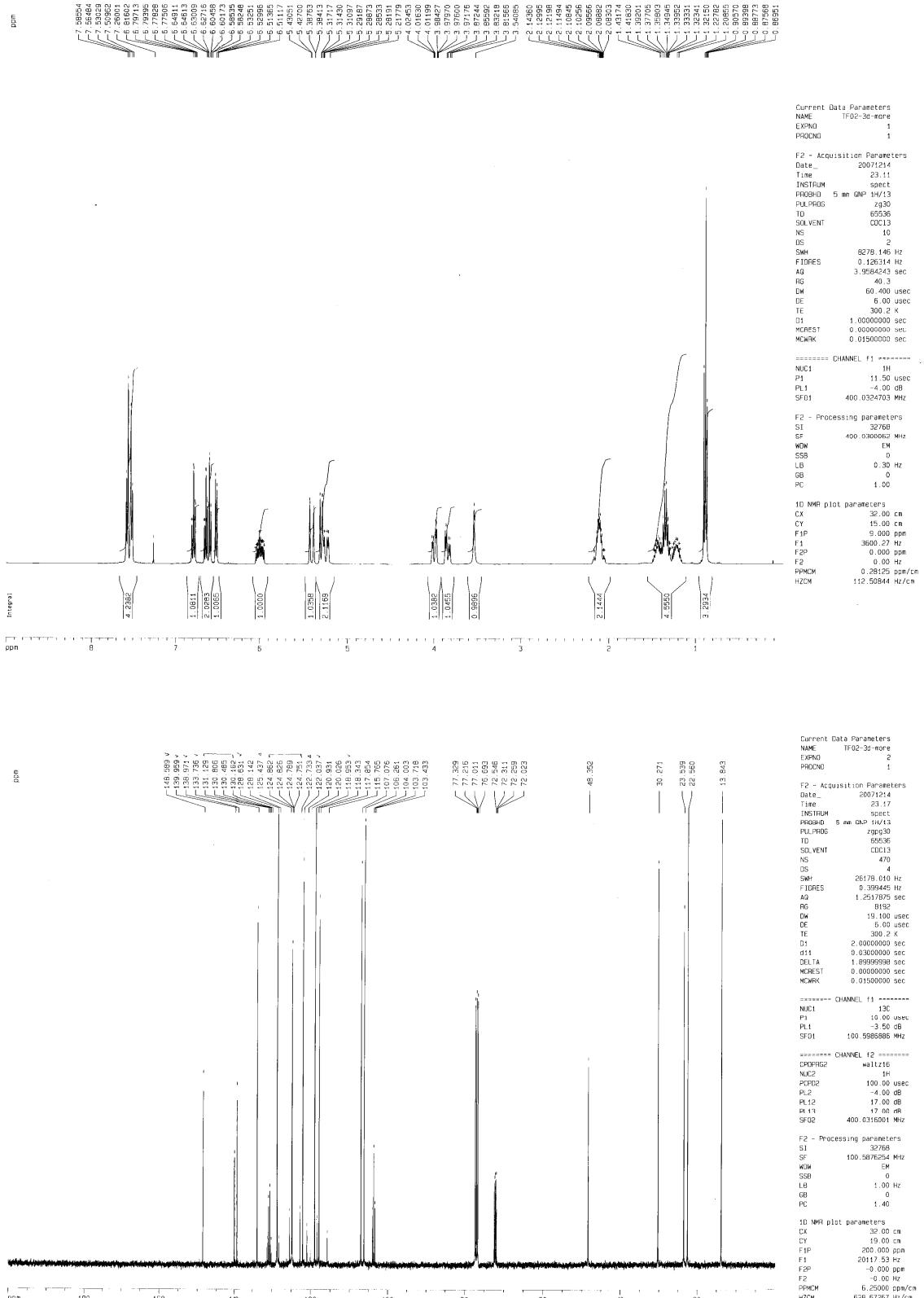


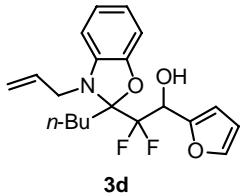


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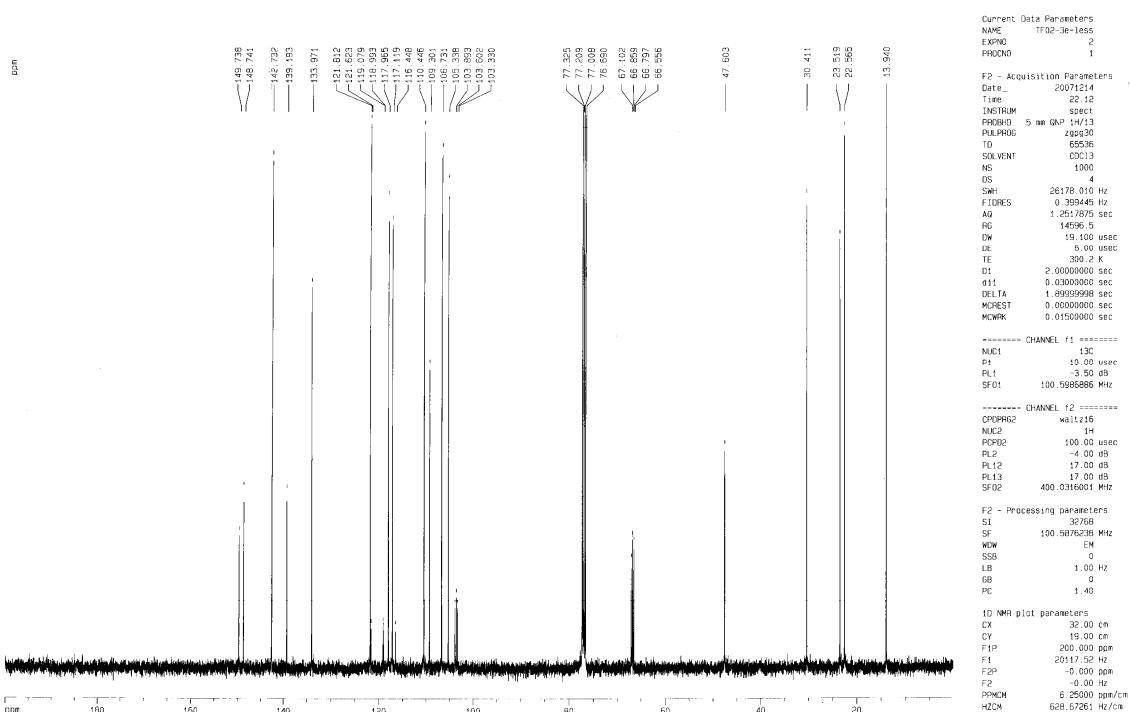
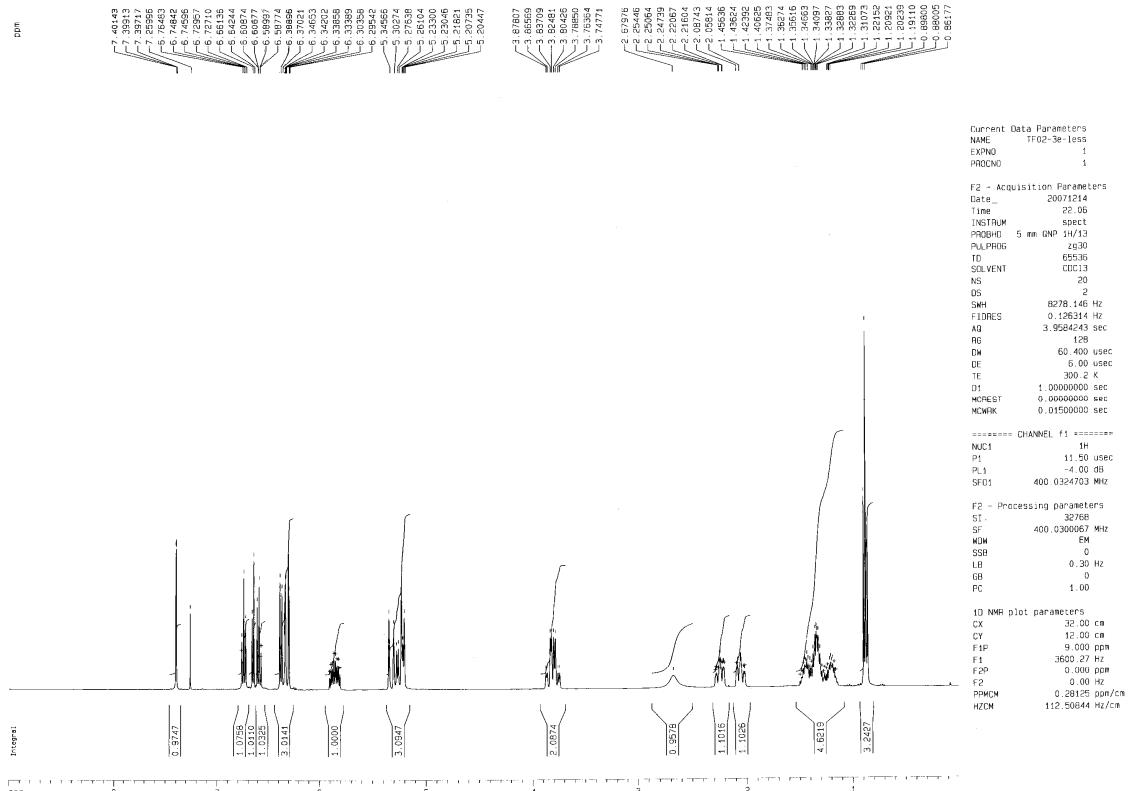


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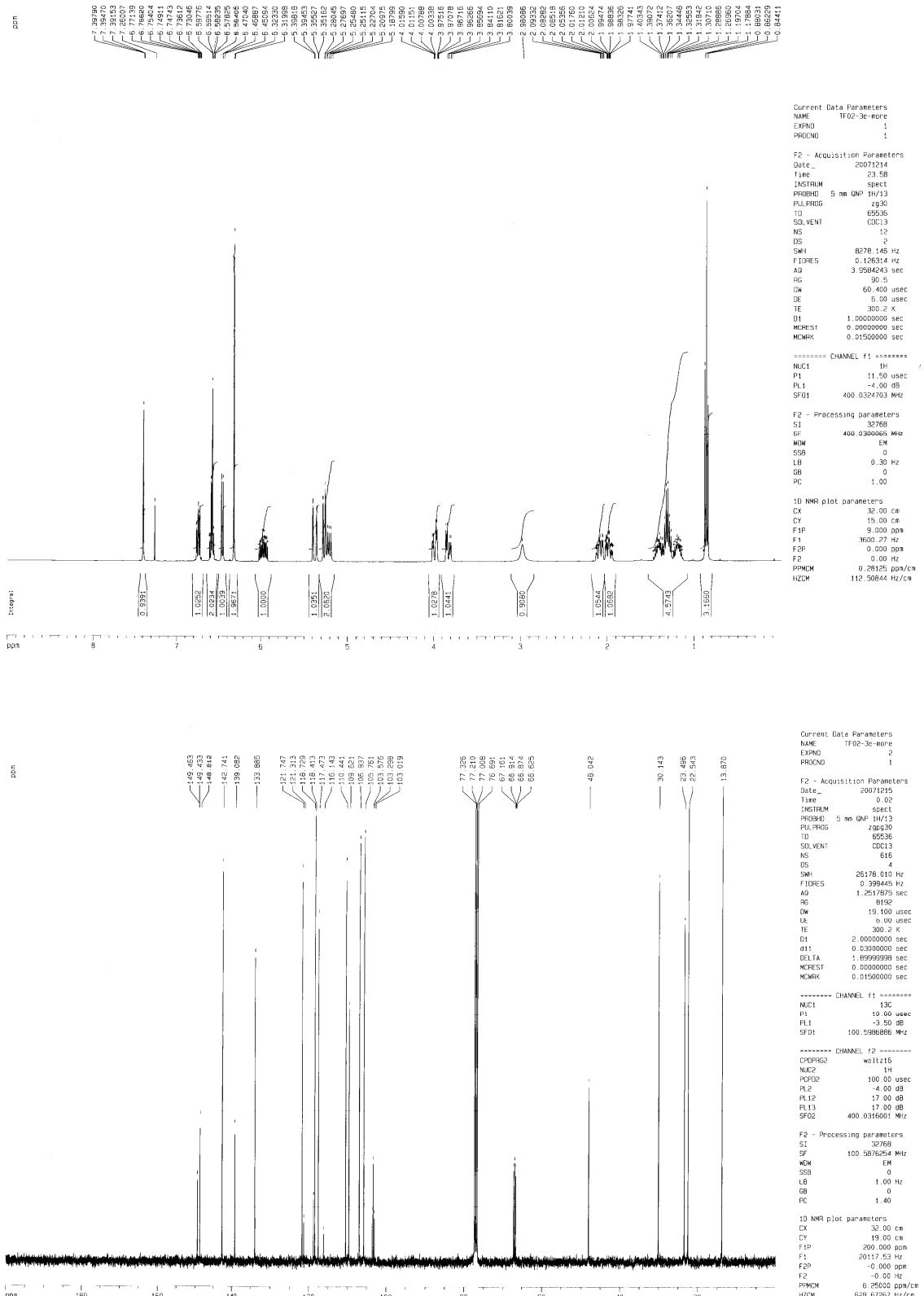


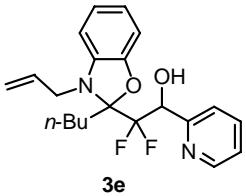


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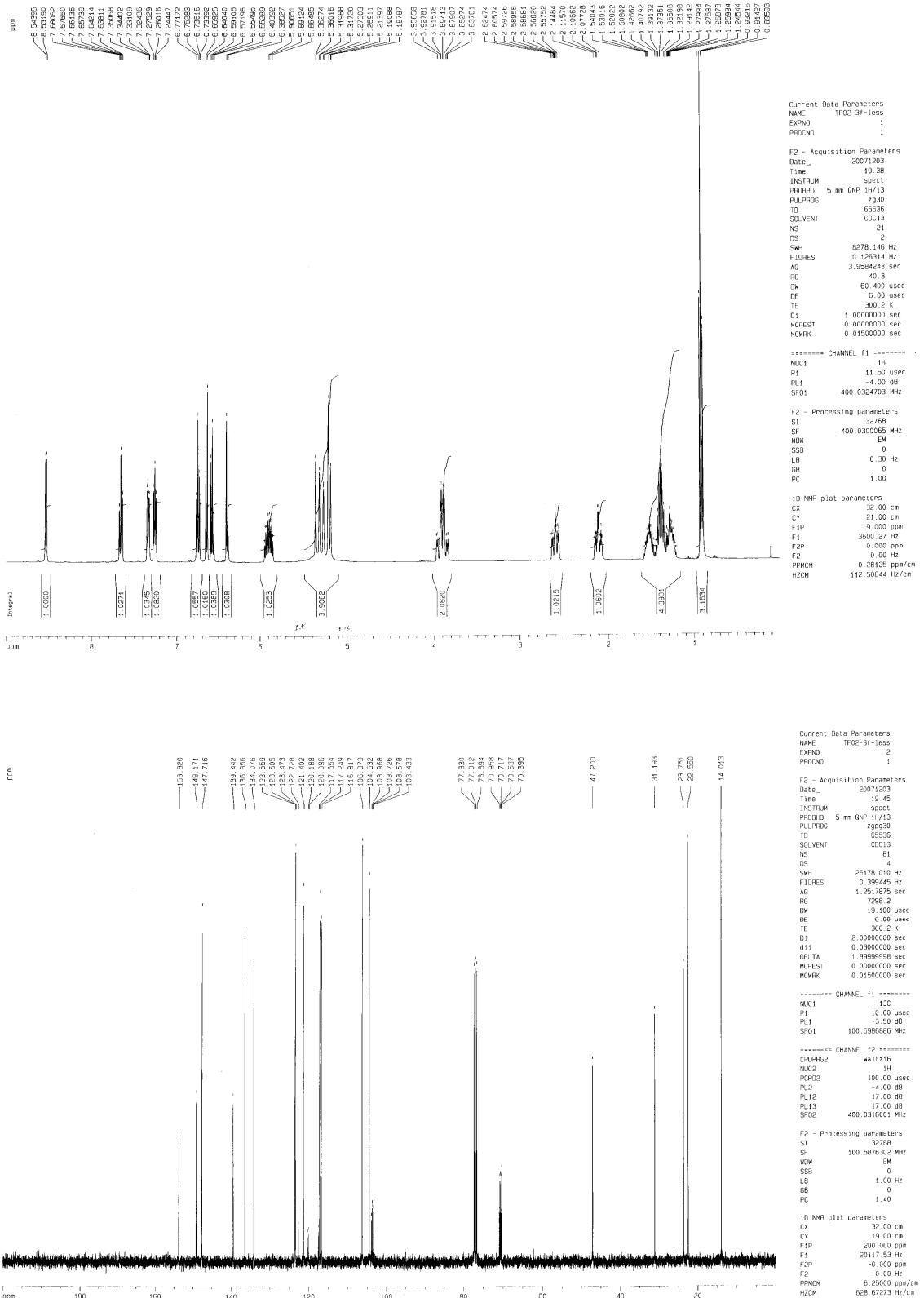


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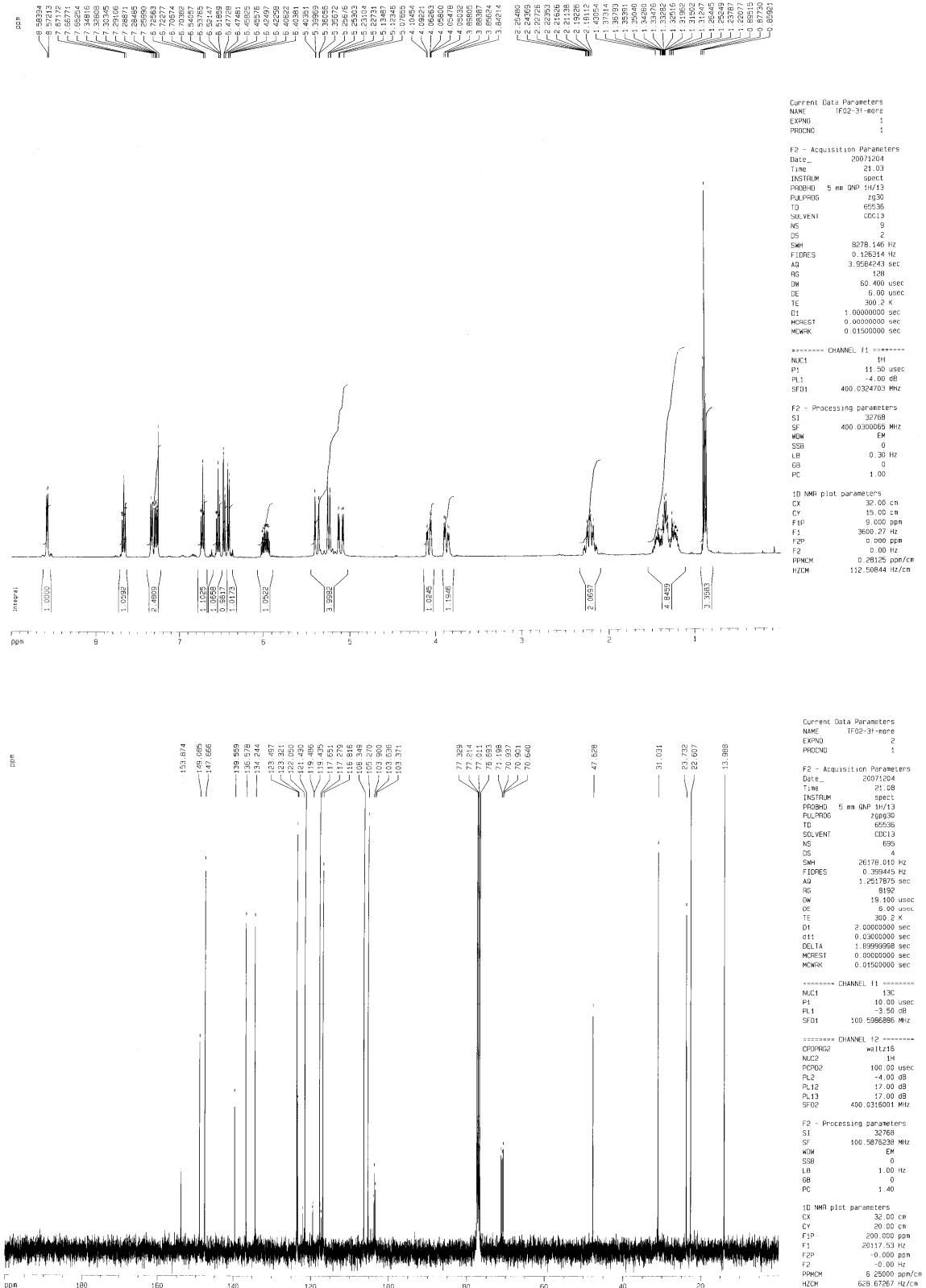


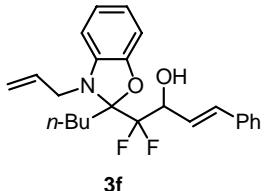


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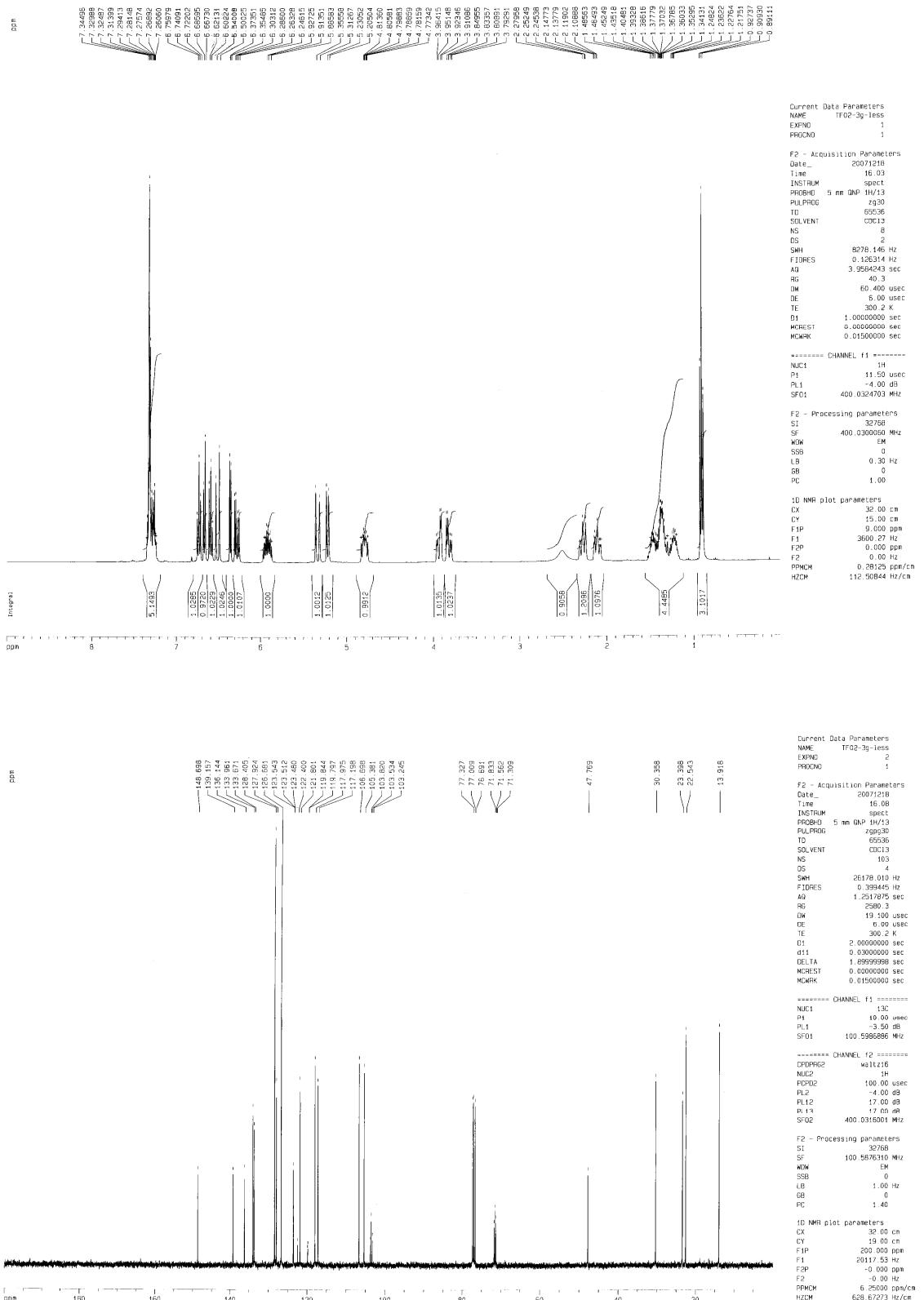


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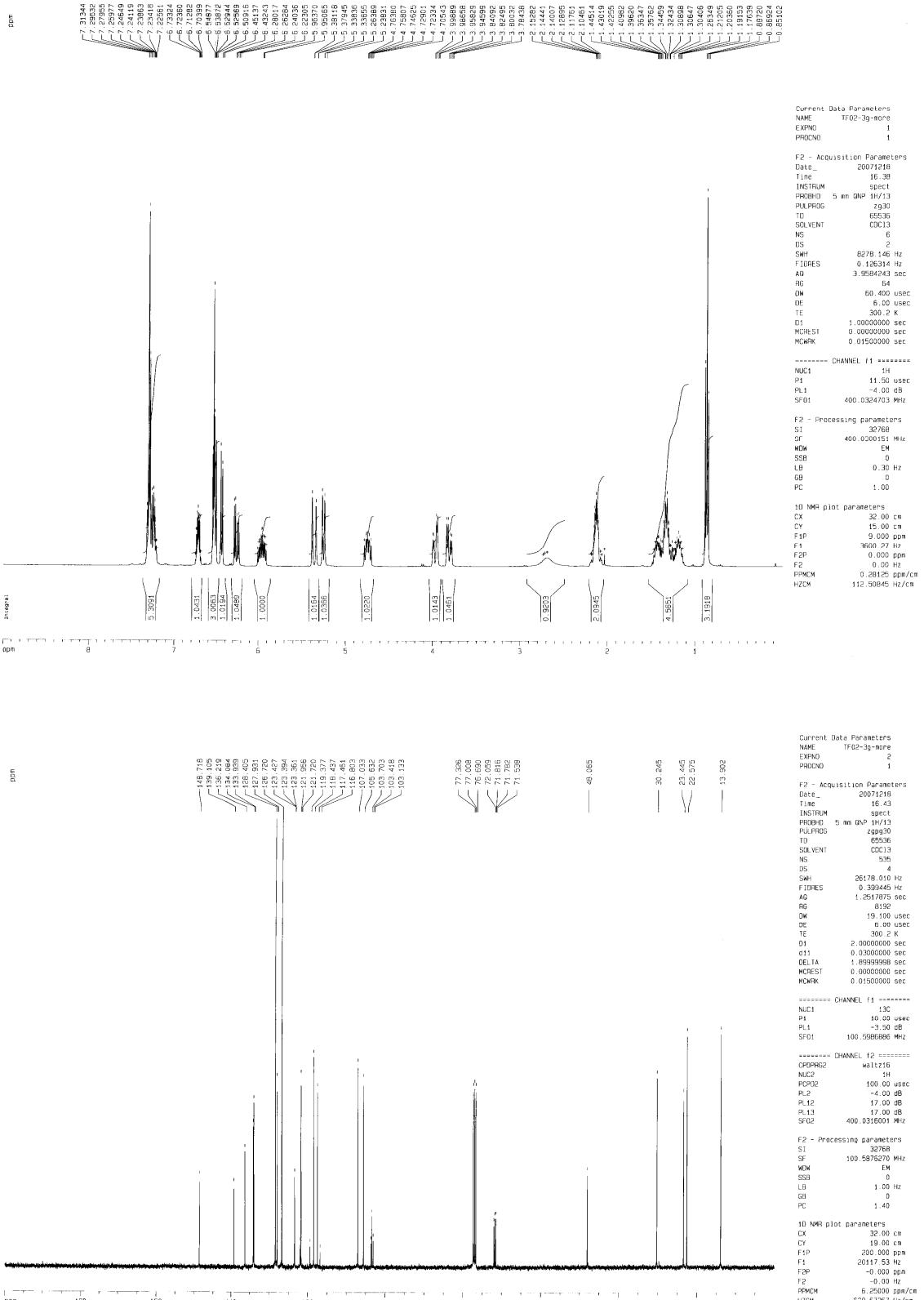


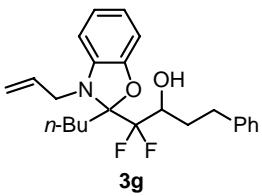


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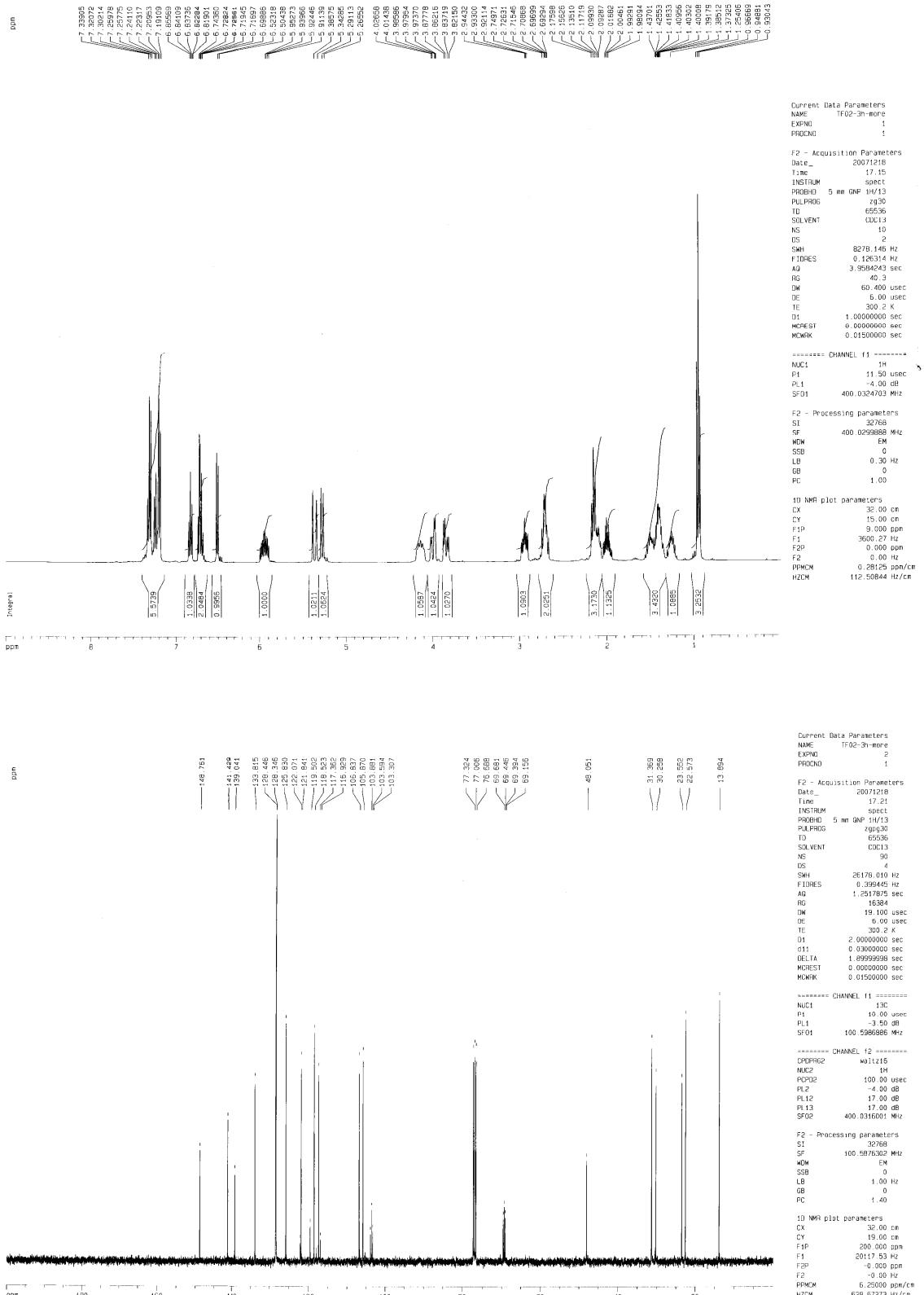


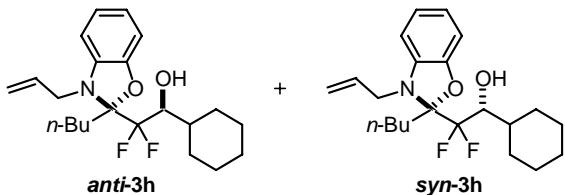
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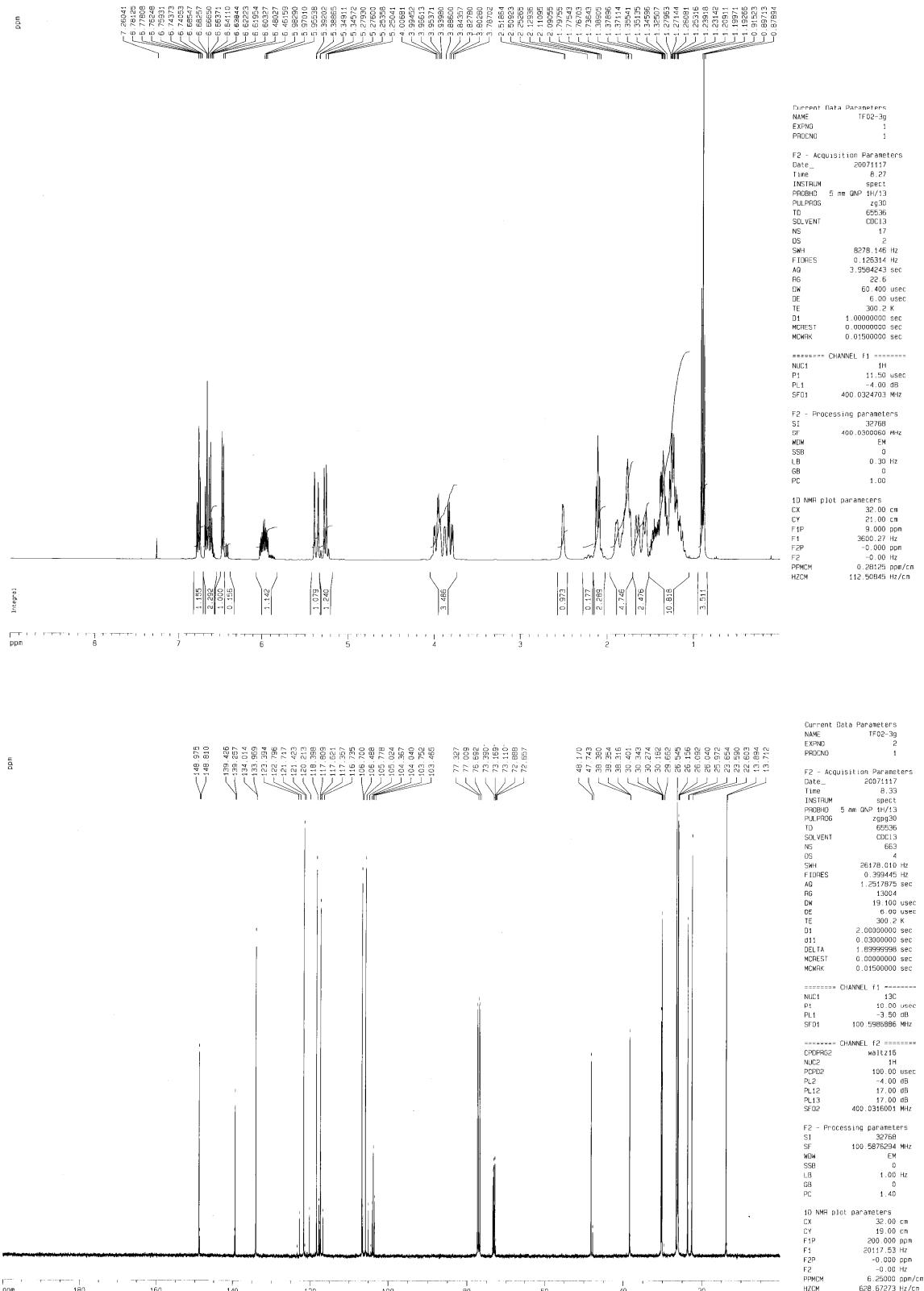


As a mixture of diastereomer in a ratio of 11 : 1

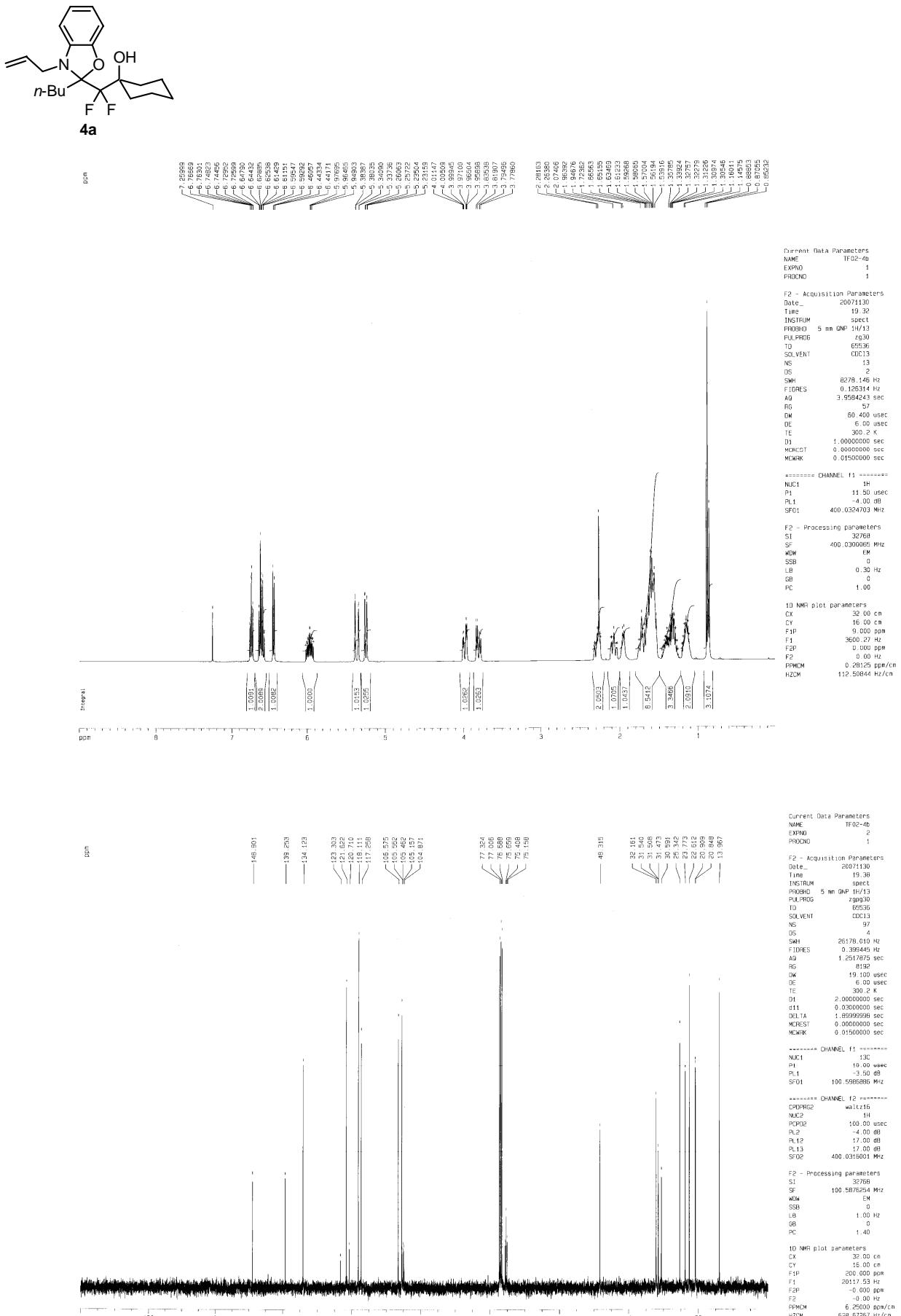


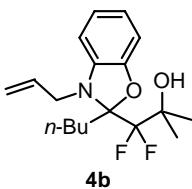


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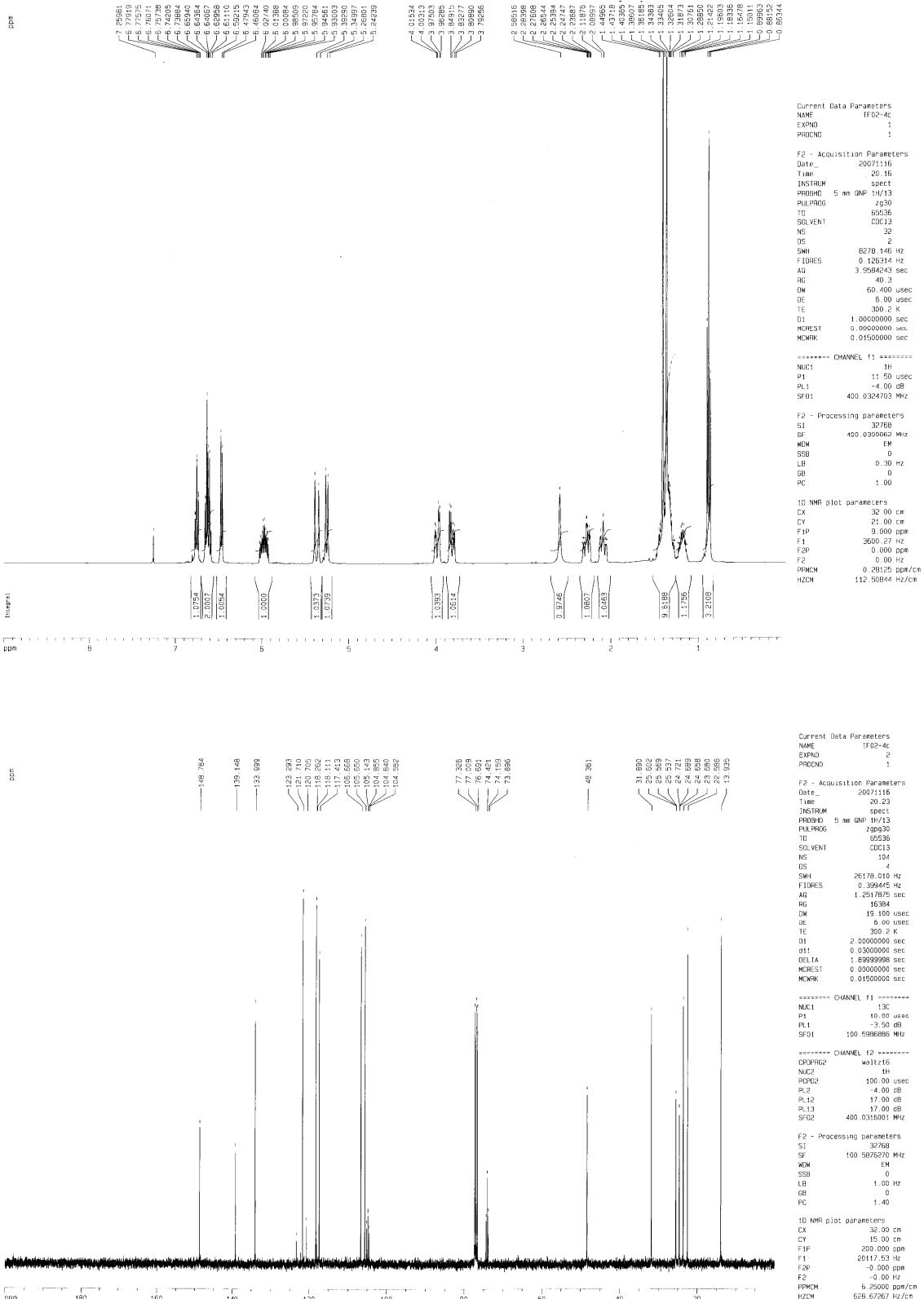


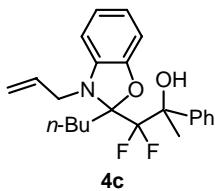
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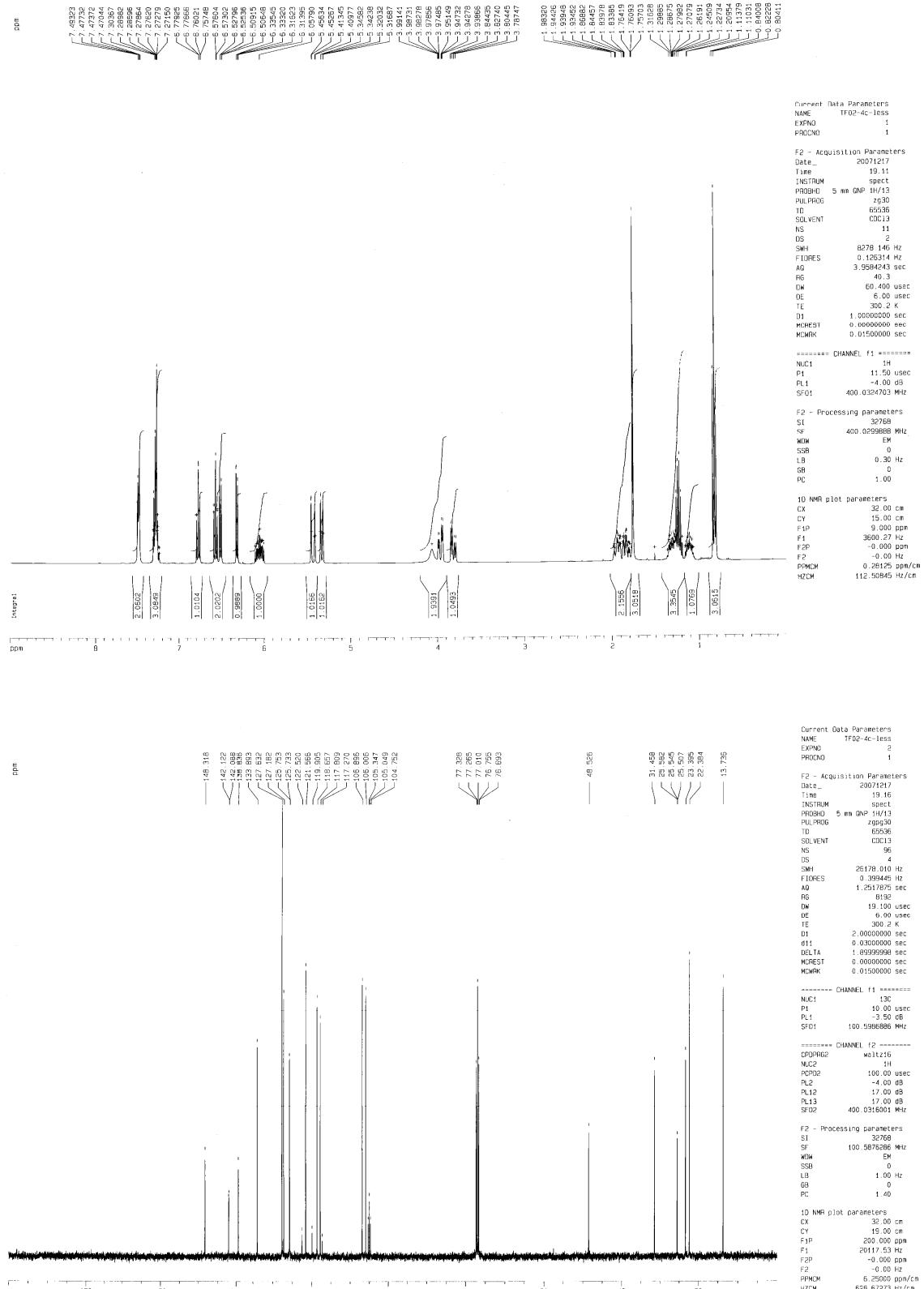


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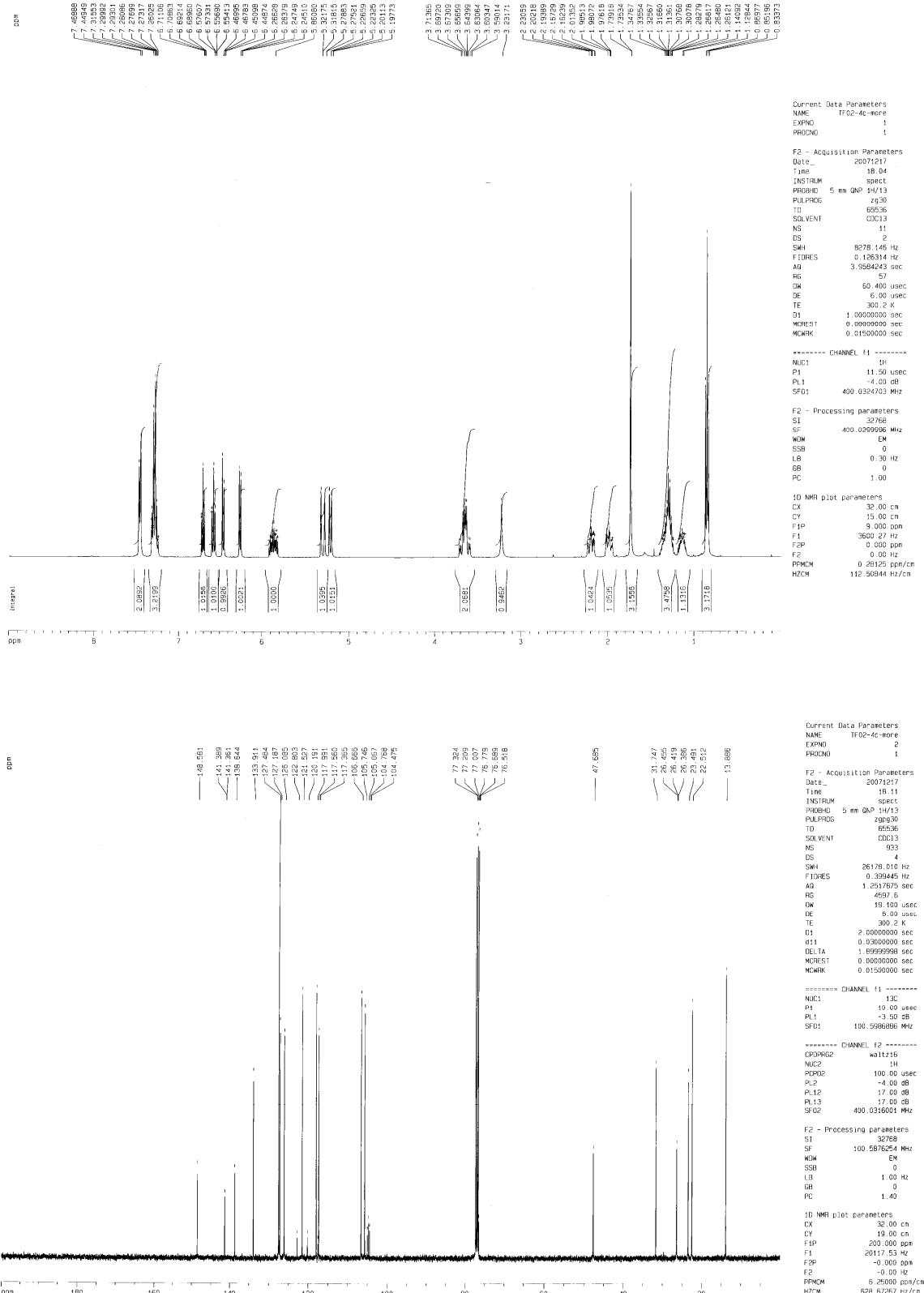




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For 4c-more



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