

Supporting Information

**tert-Butoxide Promoted One-Pot Azidation-Amindation of  
*para*-nitroanilines with aldehydes**

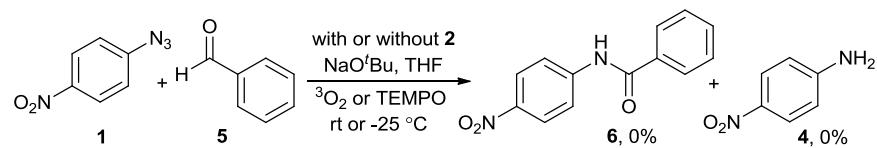
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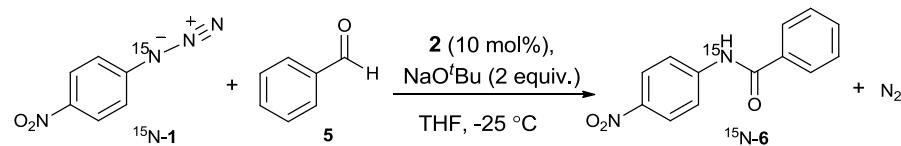
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## Schemes and Figures



**Scheme S1** Evidence for an electron transfer process in the azido-amidation reaction of azide **1** as both  $^3\text{O}_2$  and TEMPO radical shut down the reaction.



**Scheme S2** Experiment carried out using <sup>15</sup>N-labelled *p*-nitroaniline <sup>15</sup>N-1 showed retention of the labeled <sup>15</sup>N atom in the corresponding amide <sup>15</sup>N-6.

## Materials and Methods

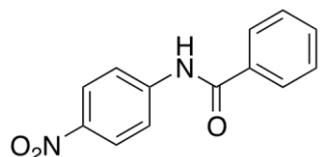
<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV (III) 400, Bruker AV 400, Bruker DPX 400, AV 3500 (400MHz or 500 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H), and 100 MHz or 125 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C)) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) and the spectra calibrated to residual solvent signals of DMSO (2.54 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H) and 40.5 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C)). Coupling constants are given in hertz (Hz) and the following notations indicate the multiplicity of the signals: s (singlet), d (doublet), brd (broad doublet), dd (double doublet), t (triplet), tt (triple triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). High Resolution Mass Spectra were recorded on a VG micron Autospec or Bruker microTOF. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR) spectra were obtained using a Perkin Elmer 1600 series or Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer. Melting points were recorded using a STUART SMP3 apparatus and are uncorrected. Thin layer chromatography was carried out on Merck pre-coated silica gel plates (60F-254) and visualised using ultra violet light or KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution. THF was freshly distilled from sodium-benzophenone. Where necessary, reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed in dry solvents in flame dried or oven-dried apparatus under argon atmosphere.

## Experimental Procedures

### **General procedure:**

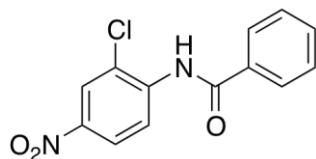
*t*BuONO (0.53 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was added to a mixture of the aniline (0.50 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and TMSN<sub>3</sub> (0.53 mmol, 1.05 eq.) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred until deemed complete (TLC). Then, the solution was cooled to -25 °C at which temperature the aldehyde (0.75 mmol, 1.50 eq.), thiazolium salt **2** (0.05 mmol, 0.10 eq.) and NaO*t*Bu (1.00 mmol, 2 eq.) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred until complete consumption of the azide (TLC). EtOAc (5 mL) and sat. NaHSO<sub>3(aq)</sub> (5 mL) were added and the layers separated. The organic layer was washed with NaHSO<sub>3(aq)</sub> (5 mL), 1 M HCl<sub>(aq)</sub> (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification of the crude residue by flash column chromatography on silica with [95:5:1-80:20:1 petrol:EtOAc:Et<sub>3</sub>N] as eluent gave the corresponding amide.

### ***N*-(4-nitrophenyl)benzamide** (Table 2, Entry 1)



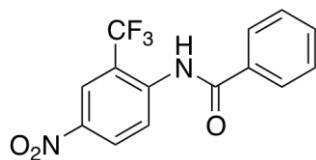
Yellow solid (0.139 g, 94 %); *R*<sub>f</sub> (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 198–199 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 199–201 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3431 (NH), 1692 (C=O), 1507 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1405, 1345, 1243, 1113; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 8.29–8.26 (m, 2H) 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 166.5 (C), 145.7 (C), 142.7 (C), 134.2 (C), 132.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 120.9 (CH); <sup>15</sup>N NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) -248.5; HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 243.0764; found, 243.0775; calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 265.0584; found 265.0588.

**N-(3-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)benzamide** (Table 2, Entry 2)



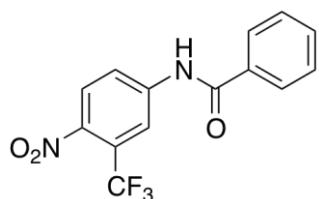
Yellow solid (0.117 g, 85%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 160 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup> 162–164 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3417 (NH), 1697 (C=O), 1511 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1398, 1345, 1253, 1121; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.3 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 8.29 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.6 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz), 8.03–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5 (C), 145.0 (C), 141.3 (C), 133.4 (C), 132.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (C), 127.9 (CH), 166.6 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 122.9 (CH); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 277.0374; found, 277.0373; calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 299.0194; found 299.0189.

**N-(4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide** (Table 2, Entry 3)



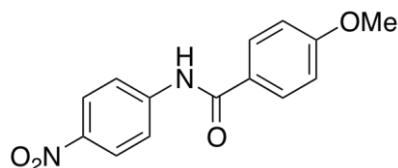
Yellow solid (0.119 g, 77%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 158–161 °C; IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3414 (NH), 1707 (C=O), 1534 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1508 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1398, 1345, 1161, 1050; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.42 (s, 1H), 8.57 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98–7.95 (m, 3H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4 (C), 145.4 (C), 141.8 (C), 133.3 (C), 132.4 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.3 (C, q,  $J$  = 33.1 Hz), 122.4 (CH); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 311.0638; found, 311.0633; calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 333.0457; found 333.0453.

**N-(4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide (Table 2, Entry 4)**



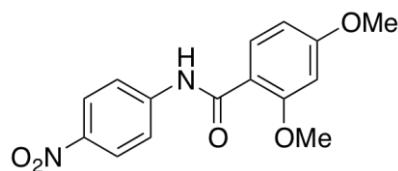
Yellow solid (0.130 g, 84%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 129–131 °C (lit.,<sup>3</sup> 129 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3431 (NH), 1694 (C=O), 1520 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1415, 1322, 1250 (CF), 1163 (CF); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.0 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 170.0 (C), 144.4 (C), 142.1 (C), 134.2 (C), 133.0 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 123.2 (C, q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 118.8 (CH); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 333.0457; found 333.0450.

**Methoxy-N-(4-nitrophenyl)benzamide (Table 2, Entry 5)**



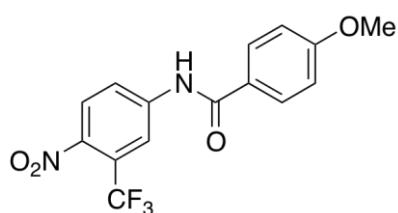
Yellow solid (0.124 g, 91 %);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 183–185 °C (lit.,<sup>4</sup> 184–185 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3435 (NH), 1685 (C=O), 1504 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1345, 1240, 1113, 1030; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.6 (s, 1H), 8.26–8.24 (m, 2H) 8.07–8.04 (m, 2H), 8.01–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  165.9 (C), 162.8 (C), 146.2 (C), 142.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 126.5 (C), 125.2 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 114.2 (CH), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 273.0870; found, 273.0869; calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 295.0689; found 295.0689.

**3,5-Dimethoxy-N-(4-nitrophenyl)benzamide** (Table 2, Entry 6)



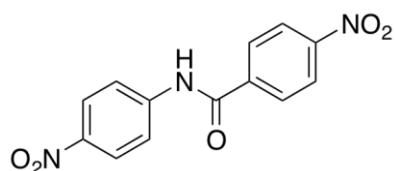
Yellow solid (0.119 g, 79%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; mp 198–199 °C; IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3356 (NH), 1674 (C=O), 1604, 1548 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1342, 1249, 1027; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.45 (s, 1H), 8.26–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.01–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  164.5 (C), 163.4 (C), 158.5 (C), 145.2 (C), 142.2 (C), 132.0 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 115.8 (C), 105.9 (CH), 95.6 (CH), 56.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 303.0975; found, 303.0973; calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 325.0795; found 325.0792.

**4-Methoxy-N-(4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide** (Table 2, Entry 7)



Yellow solid (0.138 g, 89%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; mp 110–113 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 112–114 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3436 (NH), 1686 (C=O), 1508 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1250 (CF), 1175 (CF), 1097, 1030; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.80 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  165.7 (C), 162.7 (C), 144.3 (C), 141.4 (C), 130.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 125.6 (C), 123.0 (CH), 122.5 (C, q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 121.1 (C), 118.2 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 341.0744; found, 341.0743; calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 363.0563; found 363.0568.

**4-Nitro-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl) benzamide (Table 2, Entry 8)**



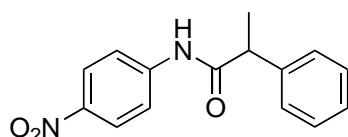
Yellow solid (0.052 g, 38%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; mp 266–270 °C (lit.,<sup>5</sup> 267–269 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3693 (NH), 1600 (C=O), 1530 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1511 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1346, 1241, 1113; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.11 (s, 1H), 8.42–8.41 (m, 2H), 8.39–8.38 (m, 2H), 8.23–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.09–8.05 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 165.2 (C), 149.0 (C), 145.5 (C), 143.3 (C), 140.4 (C), 130.0 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 120.6 (CH); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 288.2351; found, 288.9213; calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 310.2169; found 310.0425.

***N*-(4-nitrophenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (Table 2, Entry 9)**



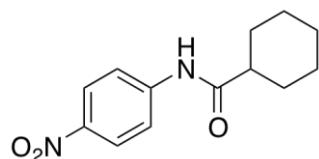
Yellow solid (0.102 g, 82%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol:EtOAc) 0.3; mp 221–223 °C (lit.,<sup>6</sup> 222–224 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3430 (NH), 1673 (amide), 1600, 1506 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1344, 1245, 1113; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.75 (s, 1H), 8.29–8.25 (m, 2H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.04–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.5 (C), 145.2 (C), 142.5 (C), 139.1 (C), 133.1 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 119.8 (CH); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 249.0328; found, 249.0315; calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 271.0148; found 271.0140.

**N-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide** (Table 2, Entry 10)



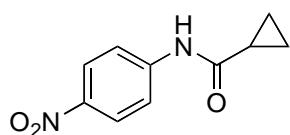
Yellow solid (0.127 g, 94%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol:EtOAc) 0.3; mp 168–169 °C; IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3401 (NH), 1702 (C=O), 1599, 1533 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1506 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1344, 1249, 1177, 1114; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.65 (s, 1H), 8.22–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2 (C), 145.3 (C), 142.1 (C), 141.2 (C), 128.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 46.2 (CH), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 271.1077; found, 271.1070; calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 293.0897; found 293.0901.

**N-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide** (Table 2, Entry 11)



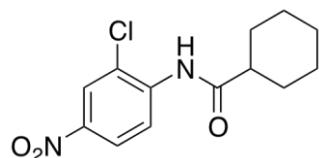
Colourless solid (0.109 g, 88%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; mp 160–163 °C (lit.,<sup>7</sup> 162–163 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3429 (NH), 1702 (C=O), 1505 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1345, 1246, 1163, 1114; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.4 (s, 1H), 8.21–8.17 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 2H), 2.83 (tt, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.16 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  175.2 (C), 145.7 (C), 141.9 (C), 124.9 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 44.9 (CH), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 271.1053; found 271.1055.

**N-(4-nitrophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide** (Table 2, Entry 12)<sup>9</sup>



Yellow solid (0.102 g, 78%),  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol:EtOAc) 0.4; mp 145–147 °C (lit.,<sup>8</sup> 183–185 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3430 (NH), 1701 (C=O), 1507 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1343 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1159, 1035, 953, 853; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.81 (s, 1H), 8.22–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 2H), 2.50 (app quintet,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 0.88–0.86 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  172.7 (C), 144.4 (C), 141.9 (C), 125.0 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 14.8 (CH), 7.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 229.0584; found, 229.0581.

**N-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide** (Table 2, Entry 13)



Colourless solid (0.130 g, 92%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; mp 156–158 °C; IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3692 (NH), 1619 (C=O), 1524 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1443, 1241, 1025, 930; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H), 8.34–8.34 (m, 1H), 8.19–8.19 (m, 2H), 2.64 (tt,  $J$  = 11.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.16 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  175.2 (C), 143.1 (C), 141.3 (C), 124.9 (CH), 124.8 (C), 124.1 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 44.1 (CH), 29.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 283.0844; found, 283.0834; calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 305.0663; found 305.0653.

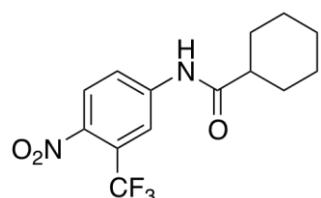
**N-(4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide** (Table 2, Entry 14)



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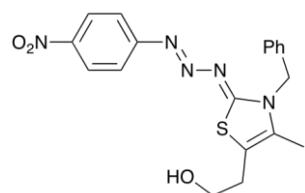
(d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (tt,  $J = 11.5, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.85–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.44–1.16 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.2 (C), 144.2 (C), 141.6 (C), 130.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 123.5 (C, q,  $J = 31.3$  Hz), 122.2 (CH), 121.4 (C), 43.8 (CH), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 317.1108; found, 317.1094; calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 339.0927; found 339.0914.

**N-(4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide** (Table 2, Entry 15)



Colourless solid (0.138 g, 87%);  $R_f$  (70:30 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; mp 128–130 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 129–131 °C); IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3415 (NH), 1706 (C=O), 1517 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1380, 1225 (CF), 1142 (CF), 1068;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (tt,  $J = 11.4, 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.85–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.15 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  175.6 (C), 144.2 (C), 141.1 (C), 127.8 (CH), 122.9 (C, q,  $J = 31.3$  Hz), 122.0 (CH), 121.0 (C), 117.1 (CH), 45.1 (CH), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 317.1108; found, 317.1095; calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 339.0927; found 339.0919.

**2-((Z)-3-benzyl-4-methyl-2-((E)-(4-nitrophenyl)triaz-2-en-1-ylidene)-2,3-dihydrothiazol-5-yl) ethanol (7)**



1-azido-4-nitrobenzene **1** (50.0 mg, 0.305 mmol) and the thiazolium salt **2** (82.0 mg, 0.305 mmol) were dissolved in THF (1 mL) and the corresponding mixture was cooled to -78 °C. NaH (30.5 mg, 60% w/w mineral oil, 0.761 mmol) was added to the

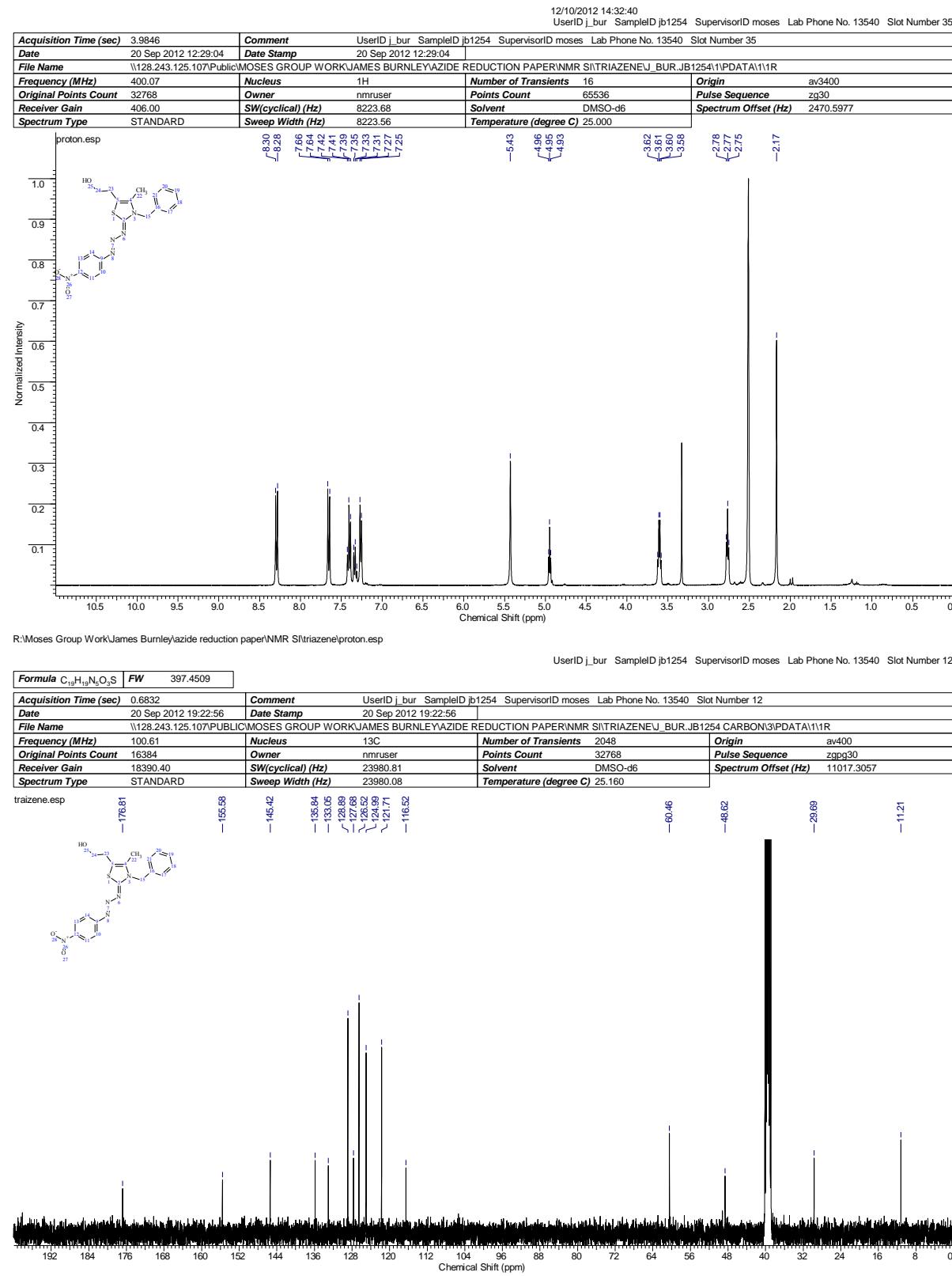
mixture in one portion. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, at which point a bright red colour appeared. The reaction was stirred at room temperature until complete (TLC, 5 h). The reaction mixture was then poured onto saturated ammonium chloride solution (5 mL) and the products extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was finally subjected to flash column chromatography (eluting with ethyl acetate) to deliver the product as a bright red solid (98.0 mg, 81%),  $R_f$  (EtOAc) 0.2; IR (FTIR, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3108 (OH), 1520 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1428 (N=N), 1327, 1134, 1106; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.93 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (app q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  176.8 (C), 155.6 (C), 145.4 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.1 (C), 128.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 116.5 (C), 60.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS ESI: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 398.1281; found, 398.1291; calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 420.1101; found, 420.1122.

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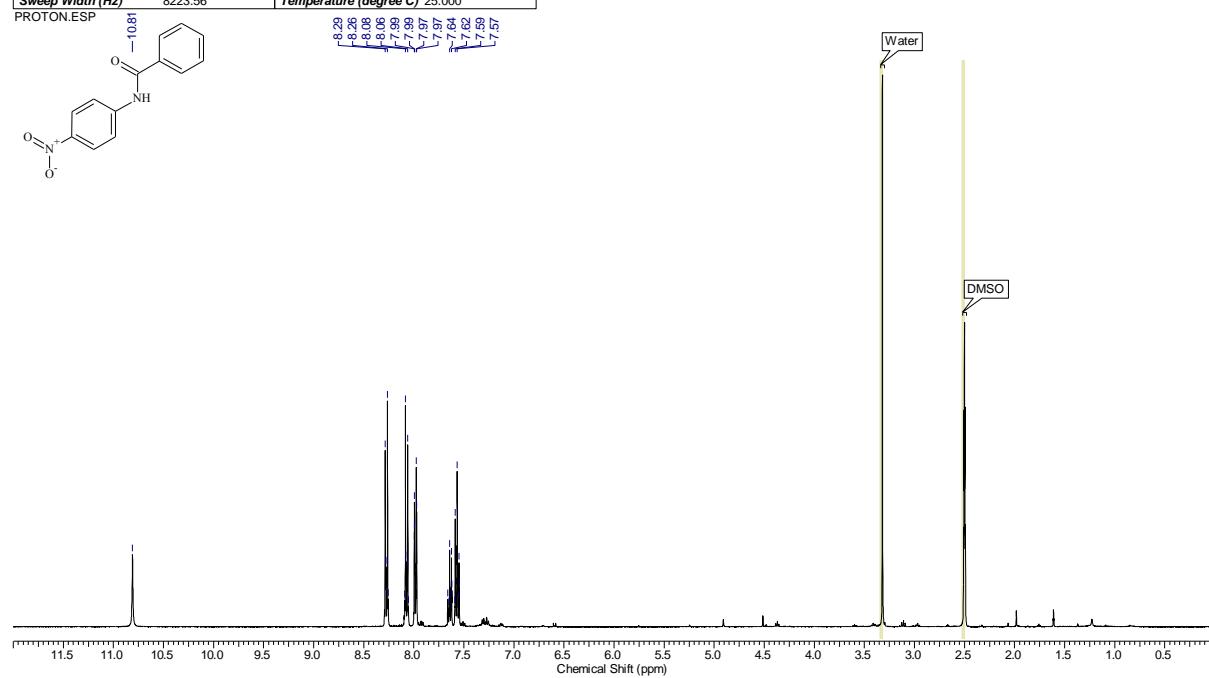
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### 2-((Z)-3-benzyl-4-methyl-2-((E)-(4-nitrophenyl)triaz-2-en-1-ylidene)-2,3-dihydrothiazol-5-yl) ethanol (SI1)

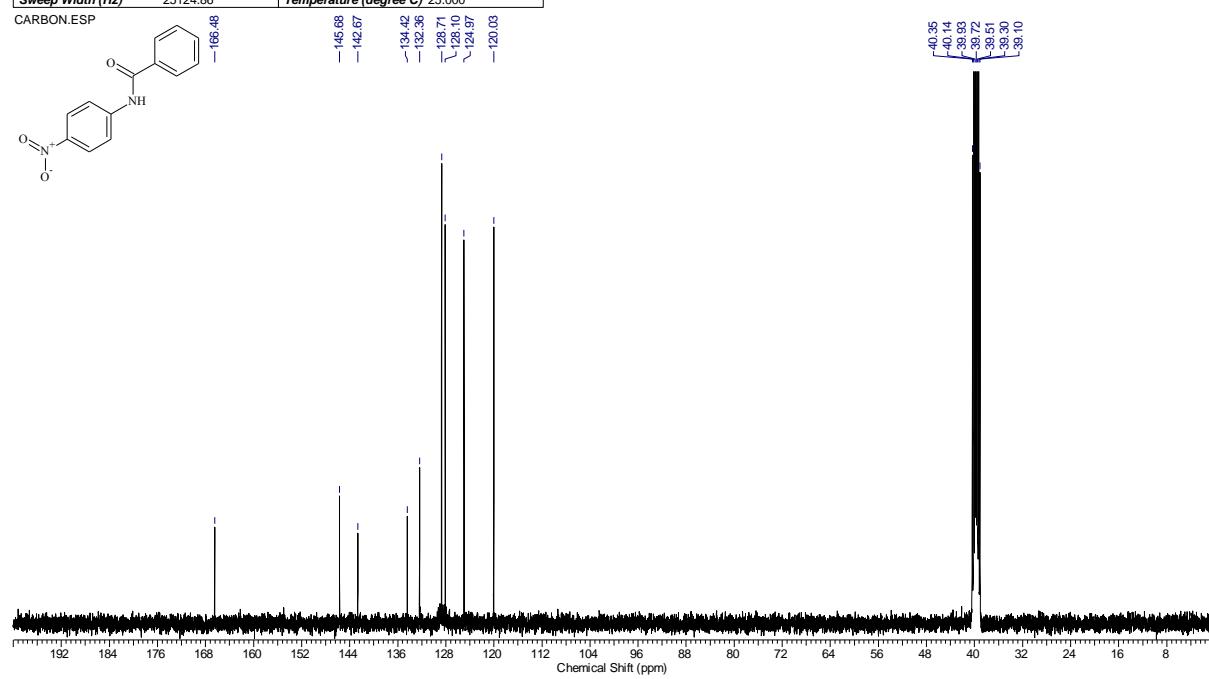


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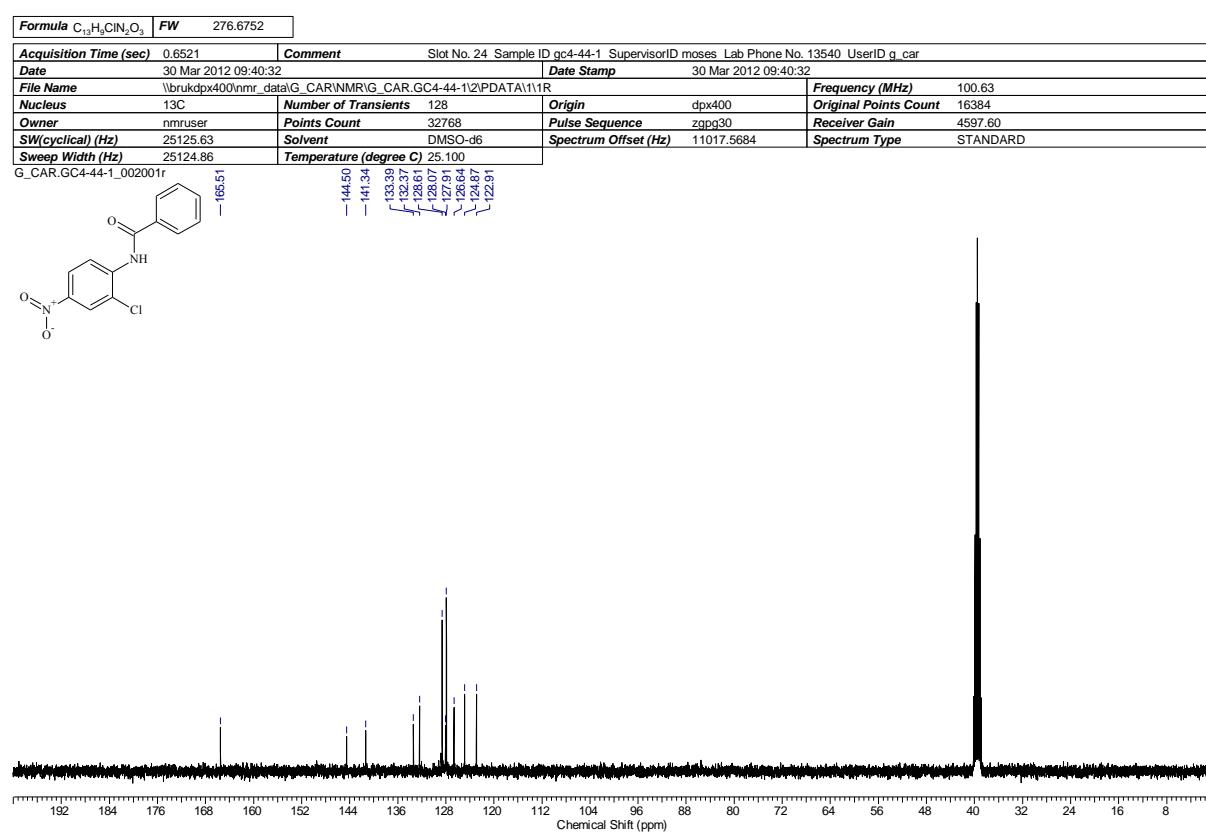
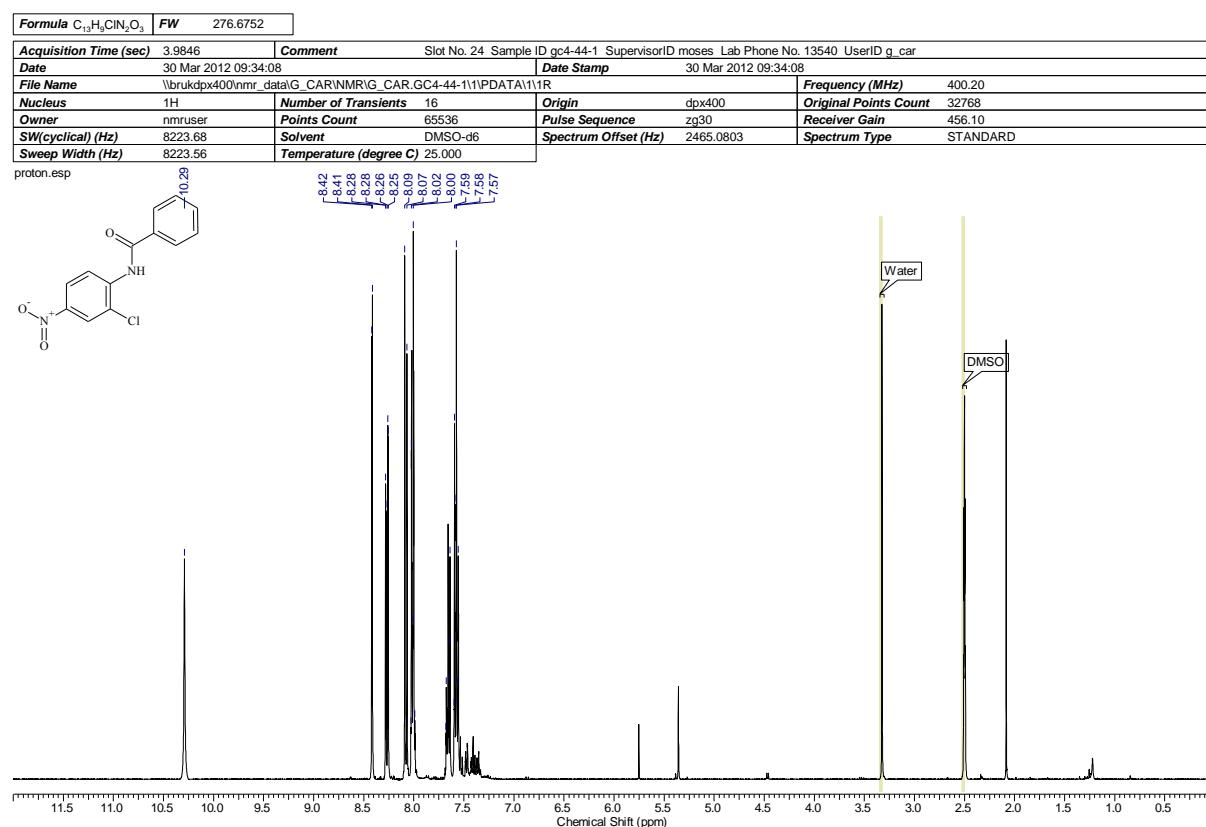
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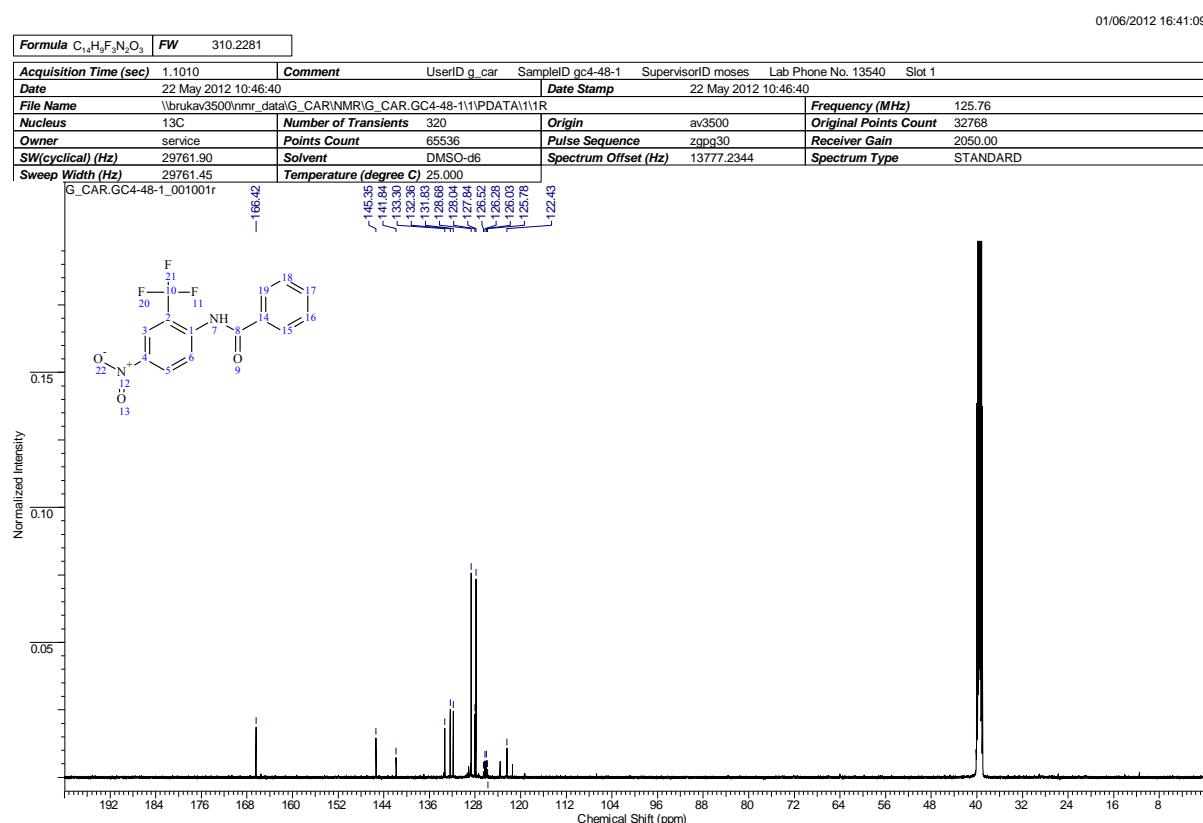
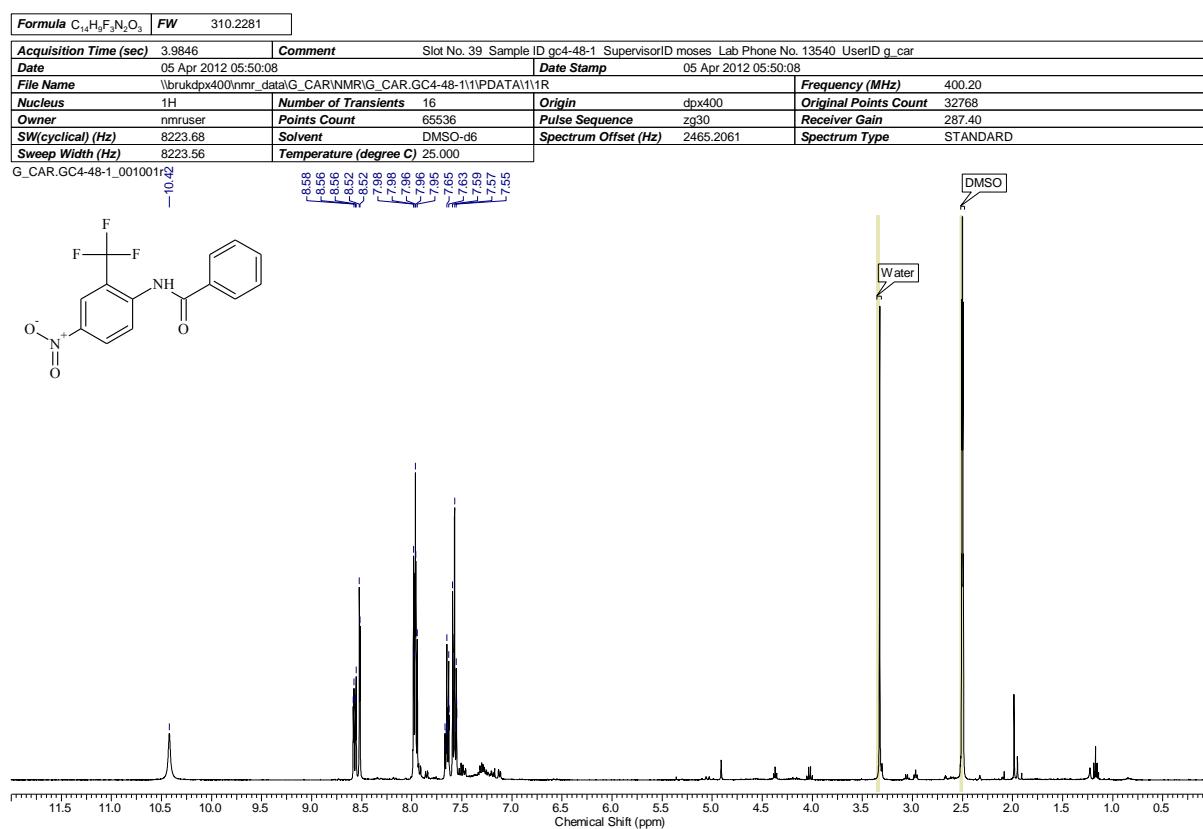
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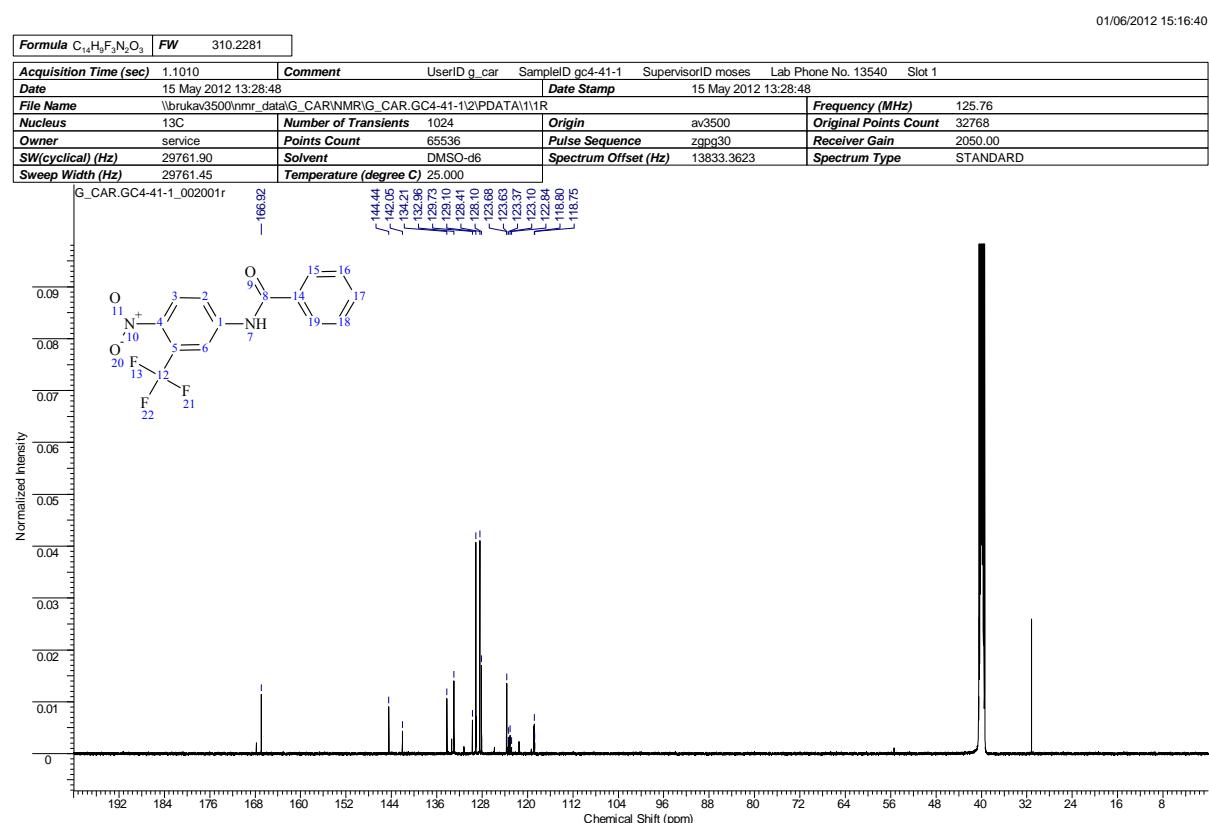
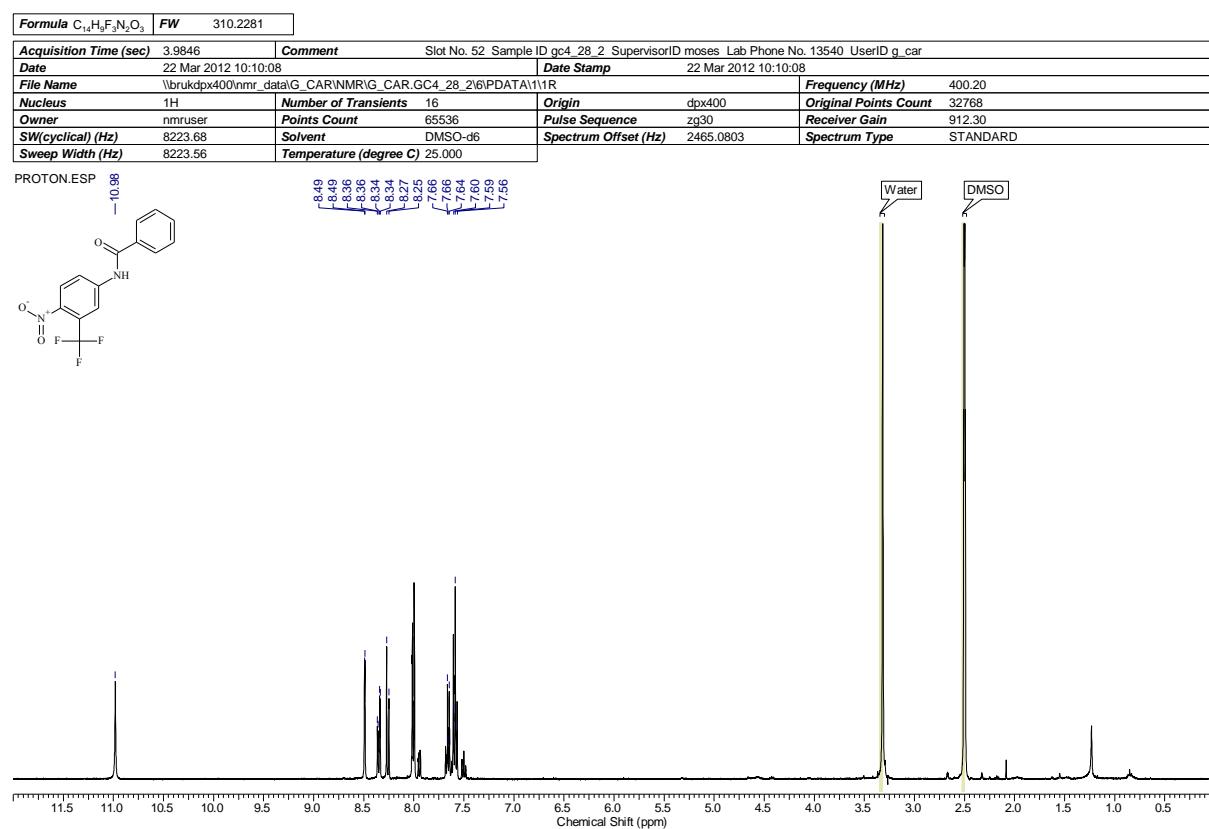
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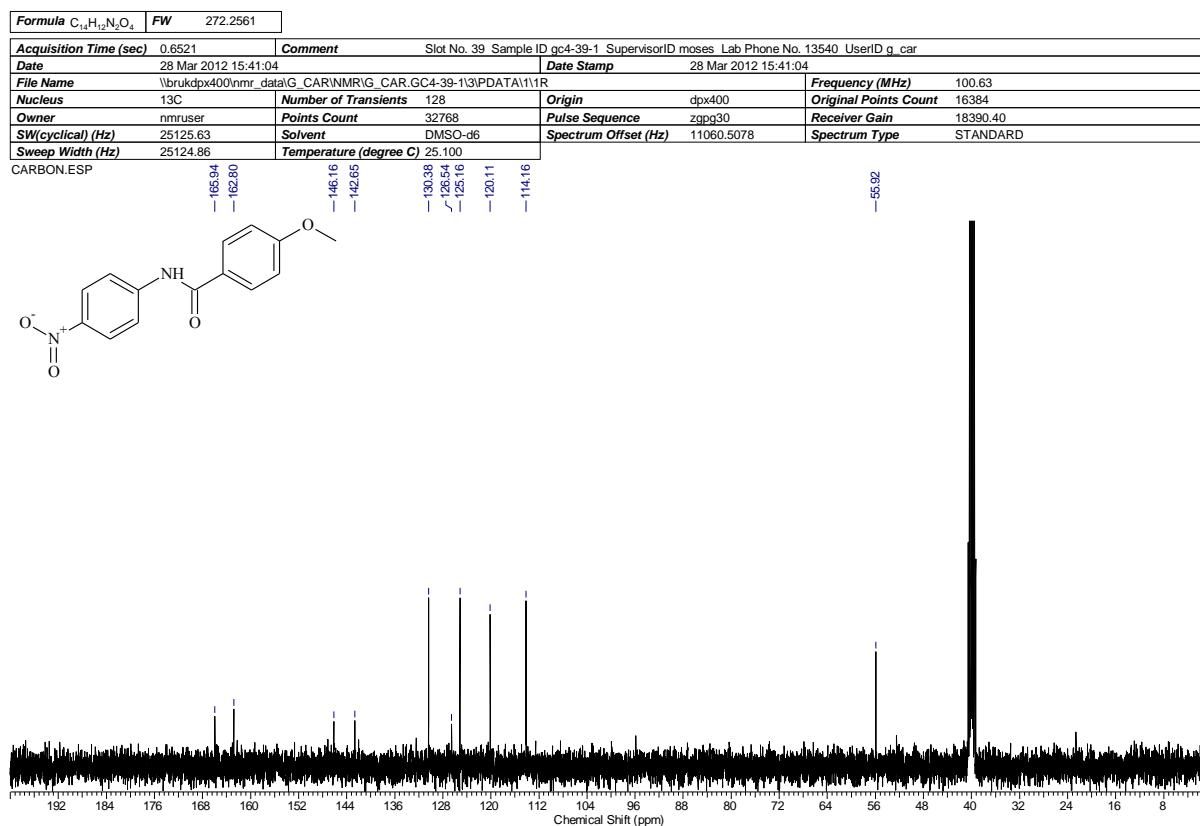
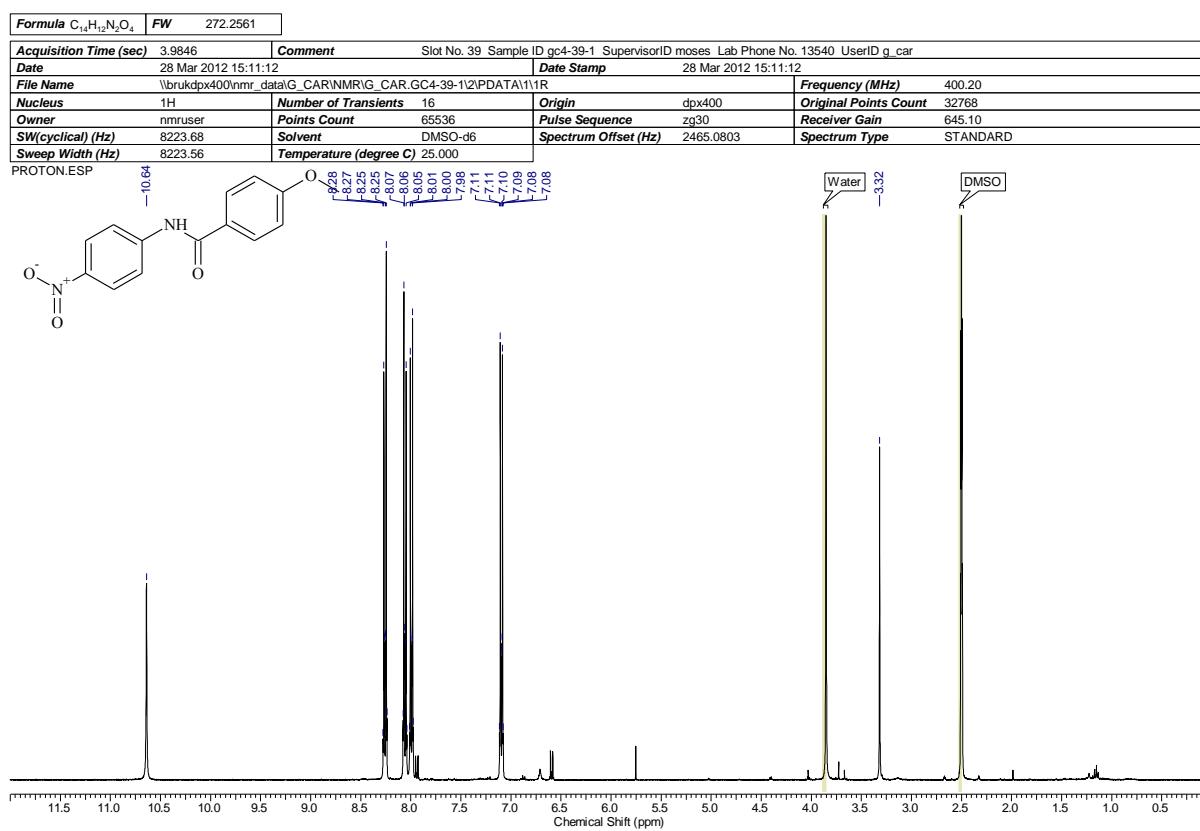
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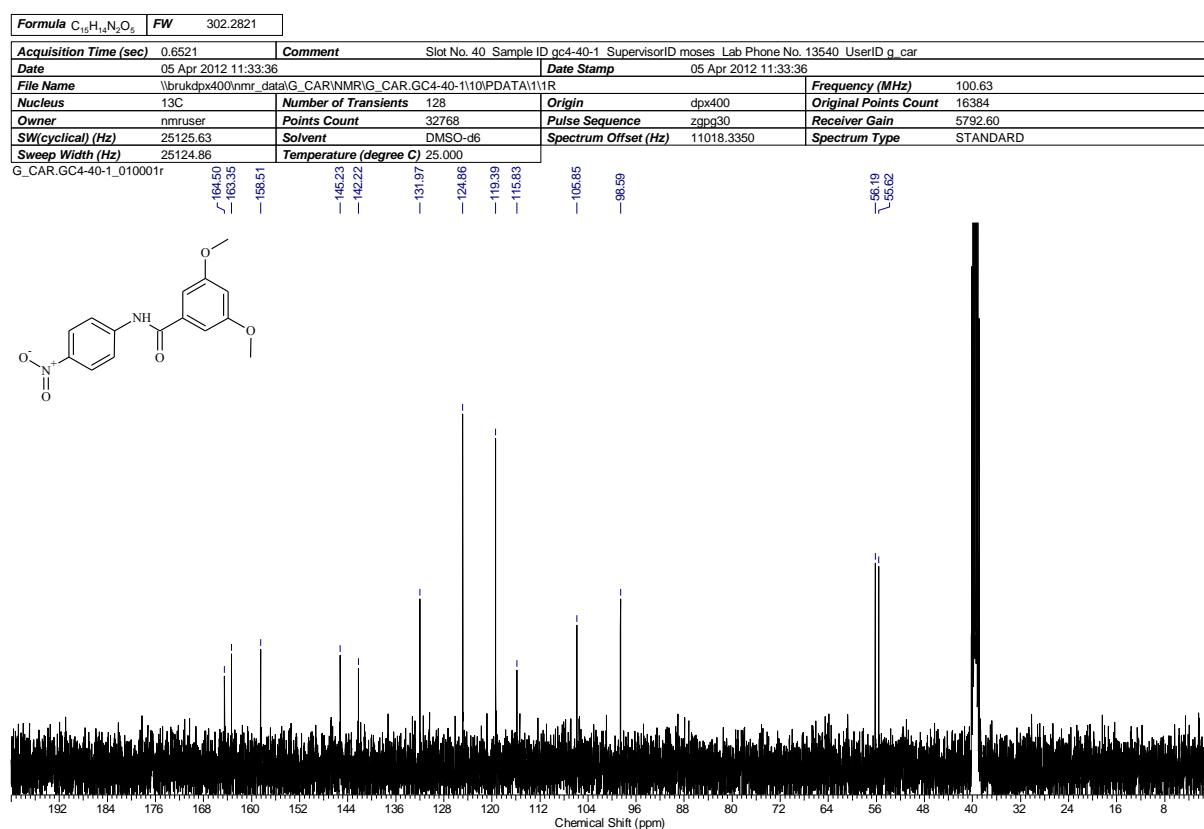
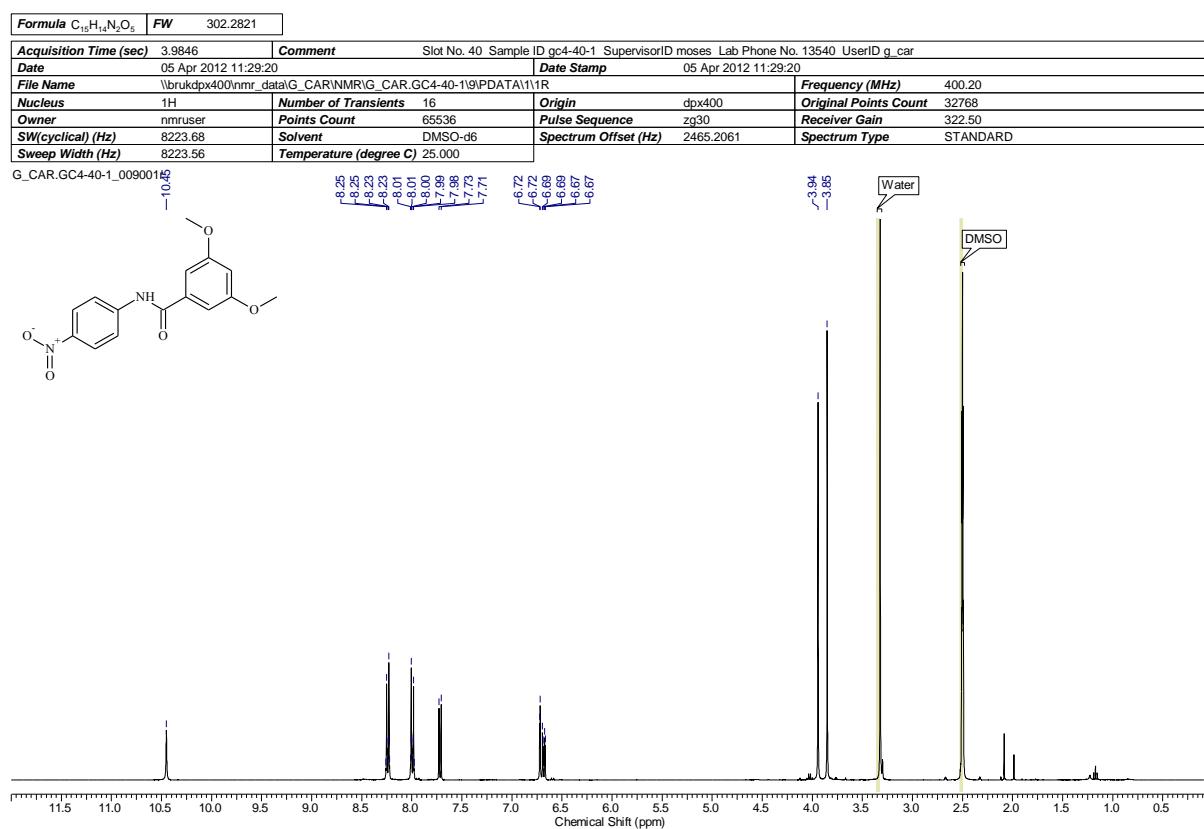
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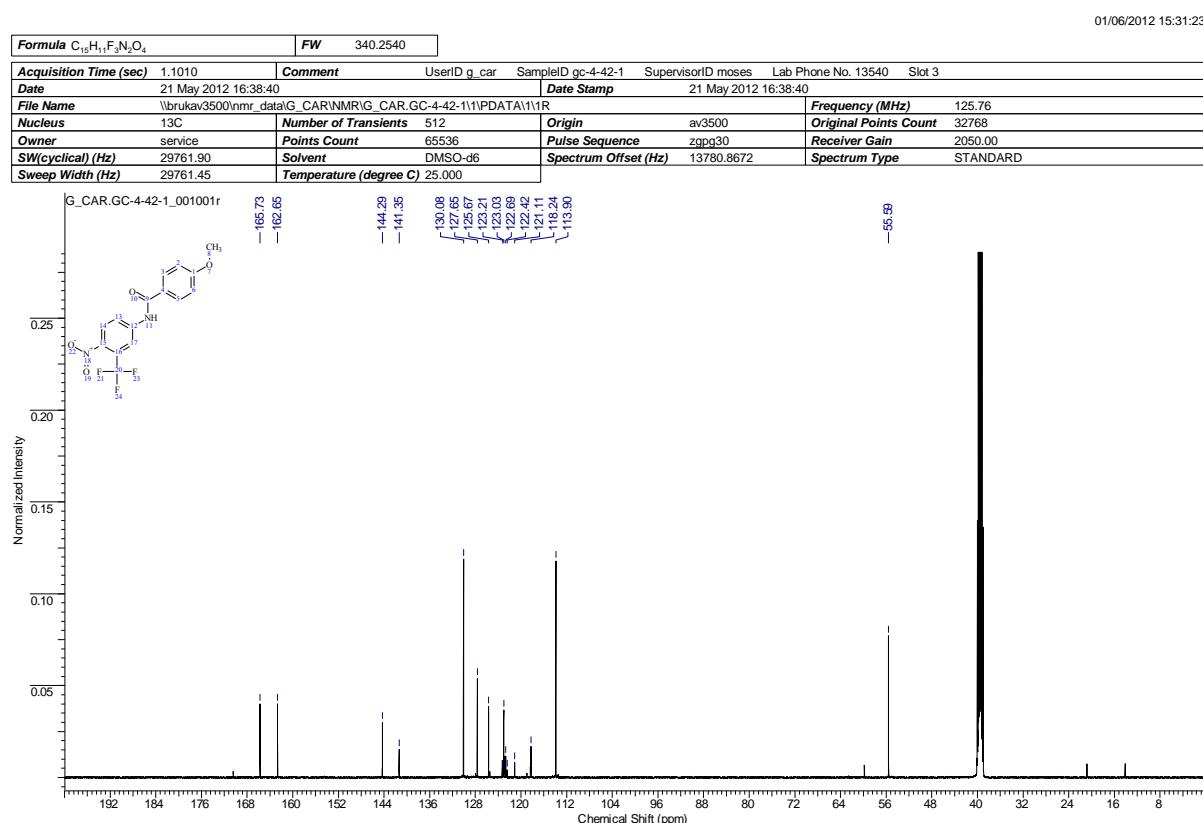
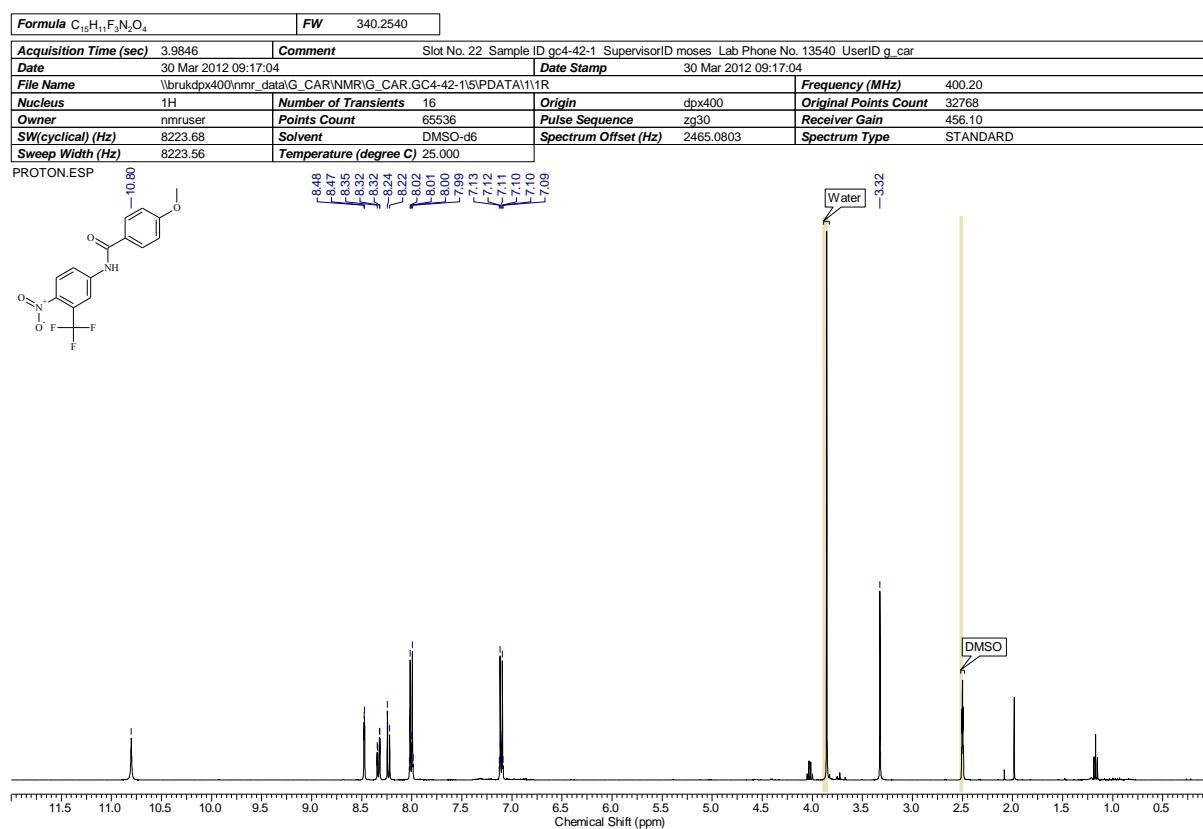
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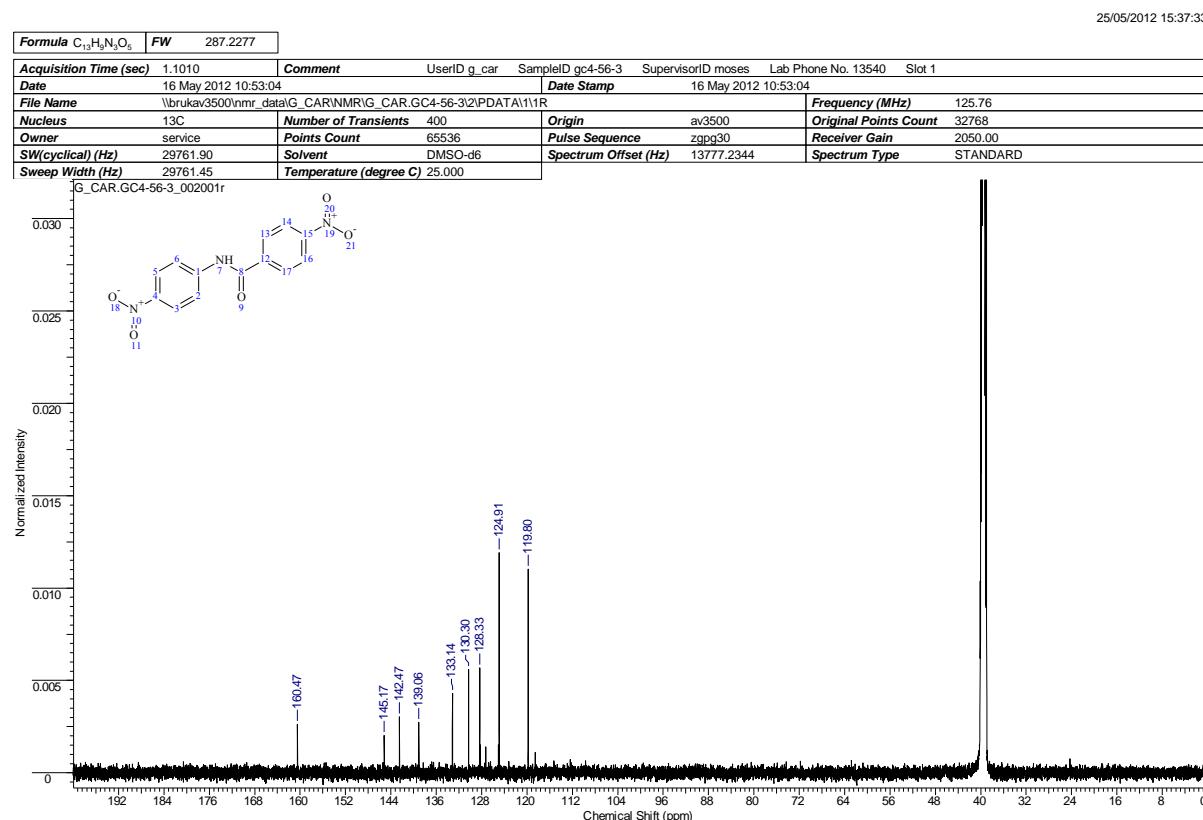
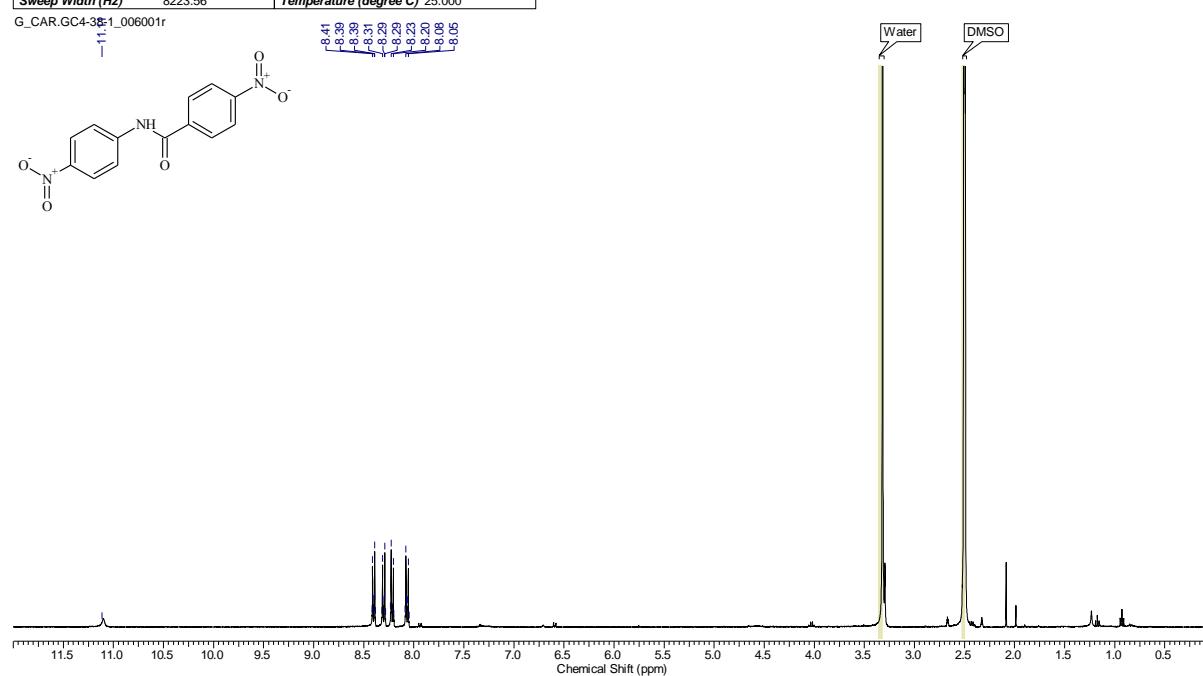


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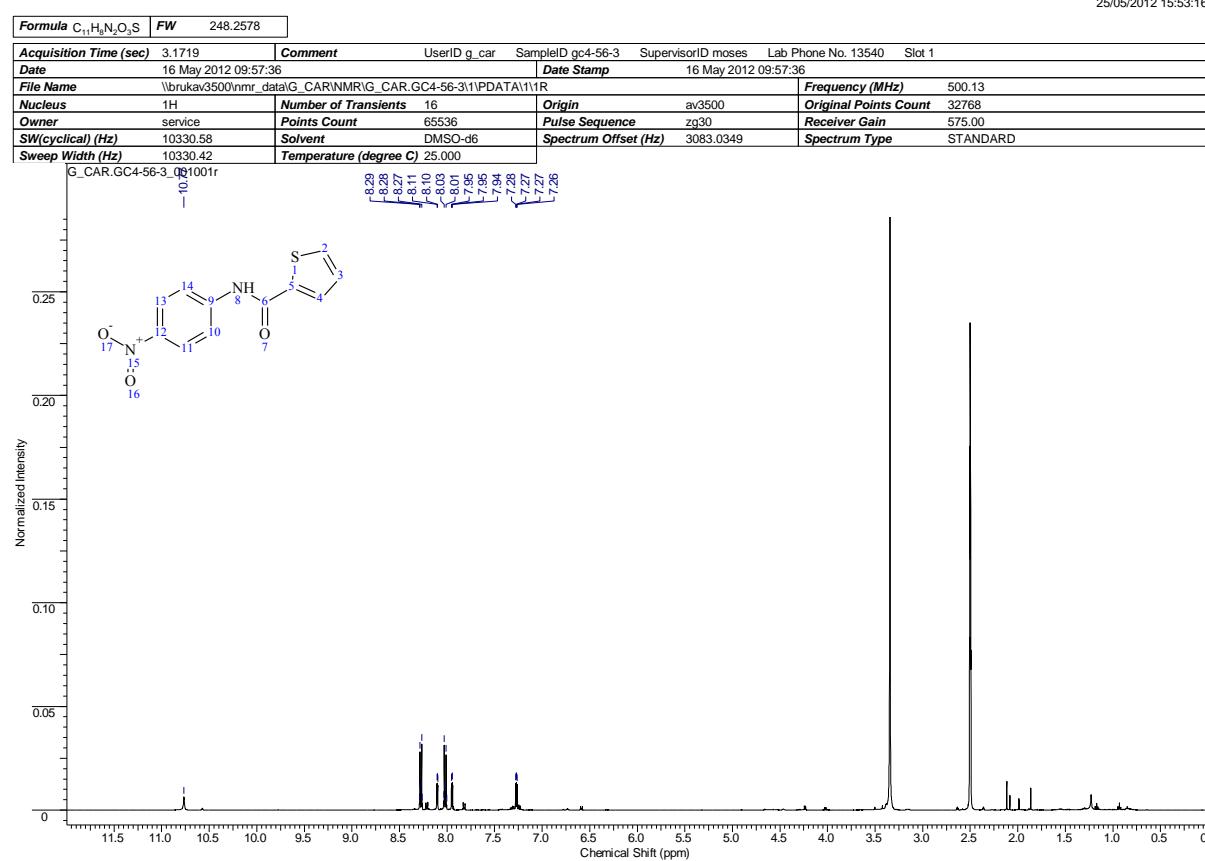
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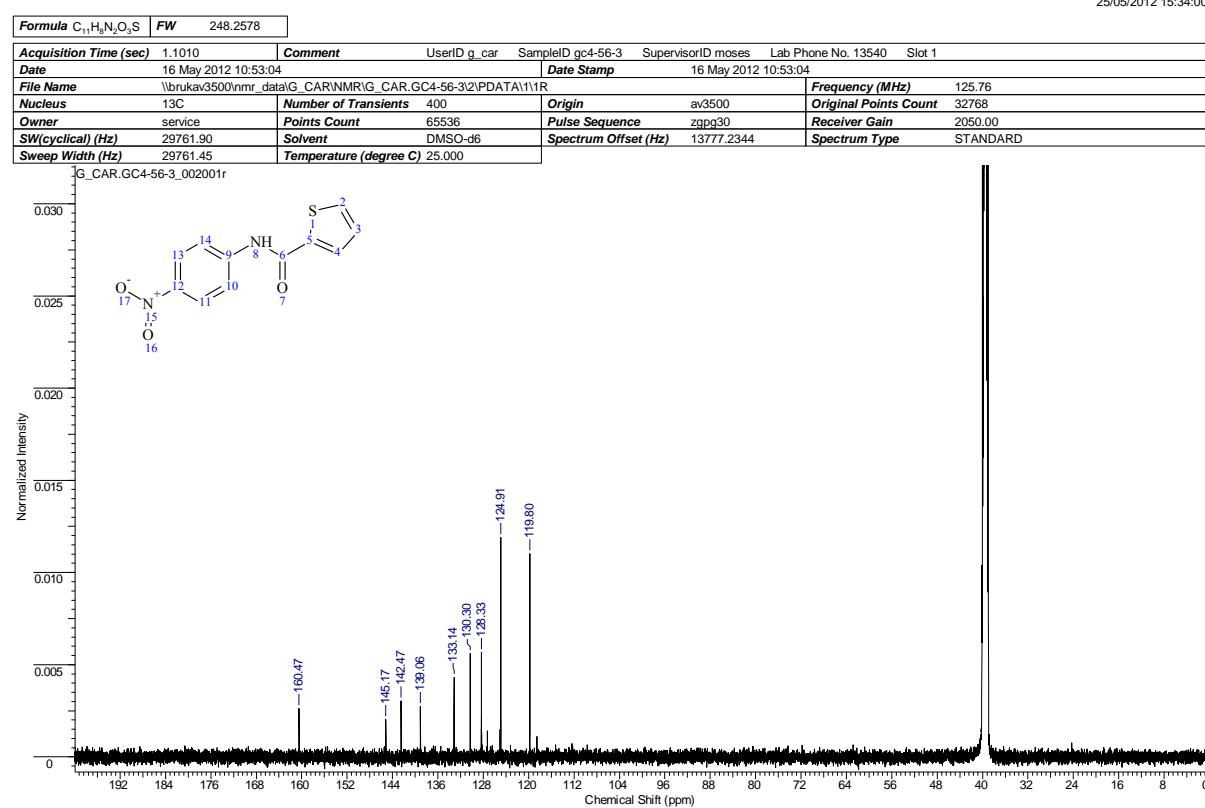


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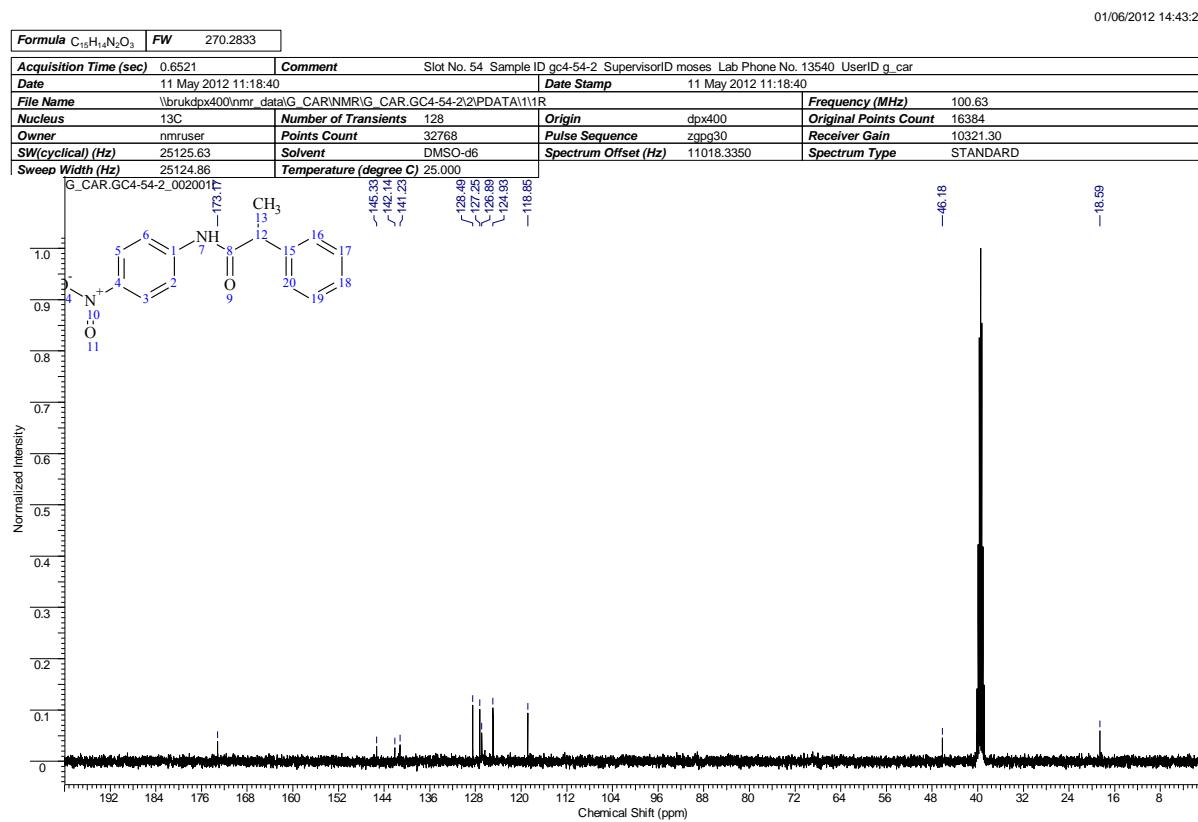
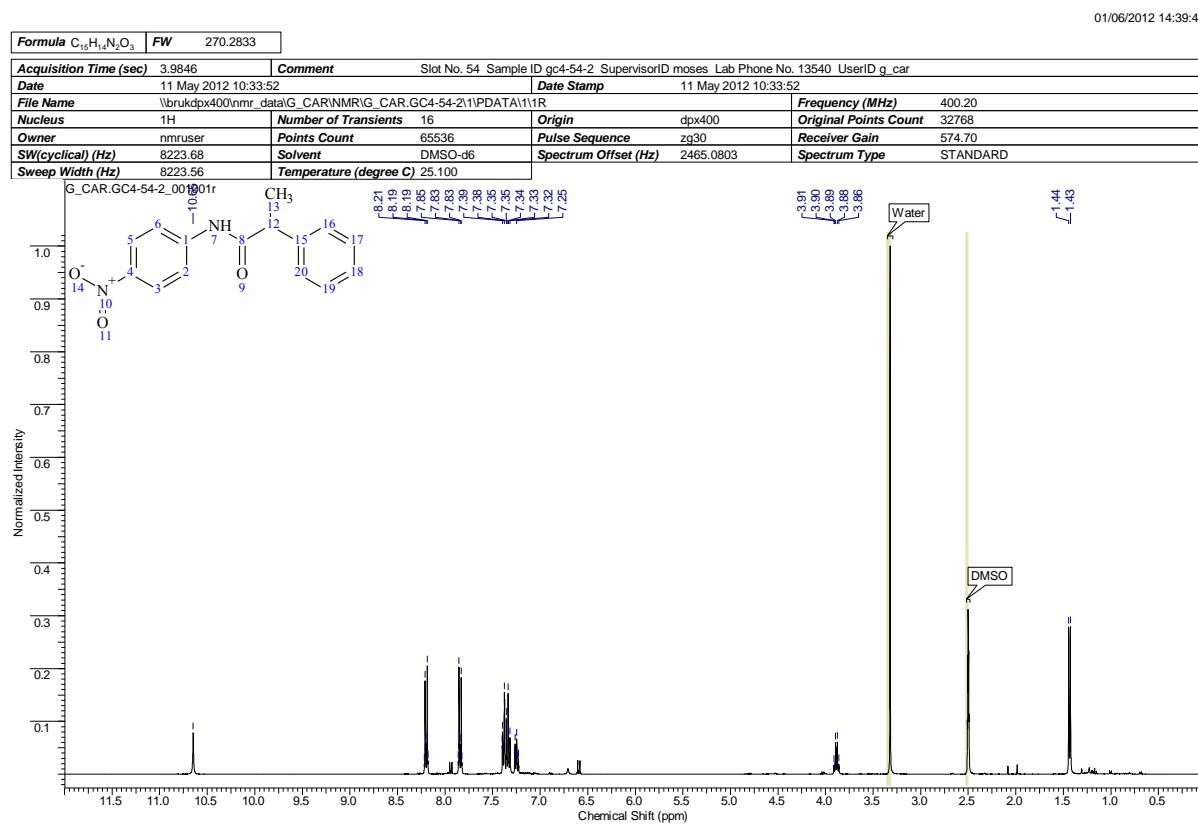
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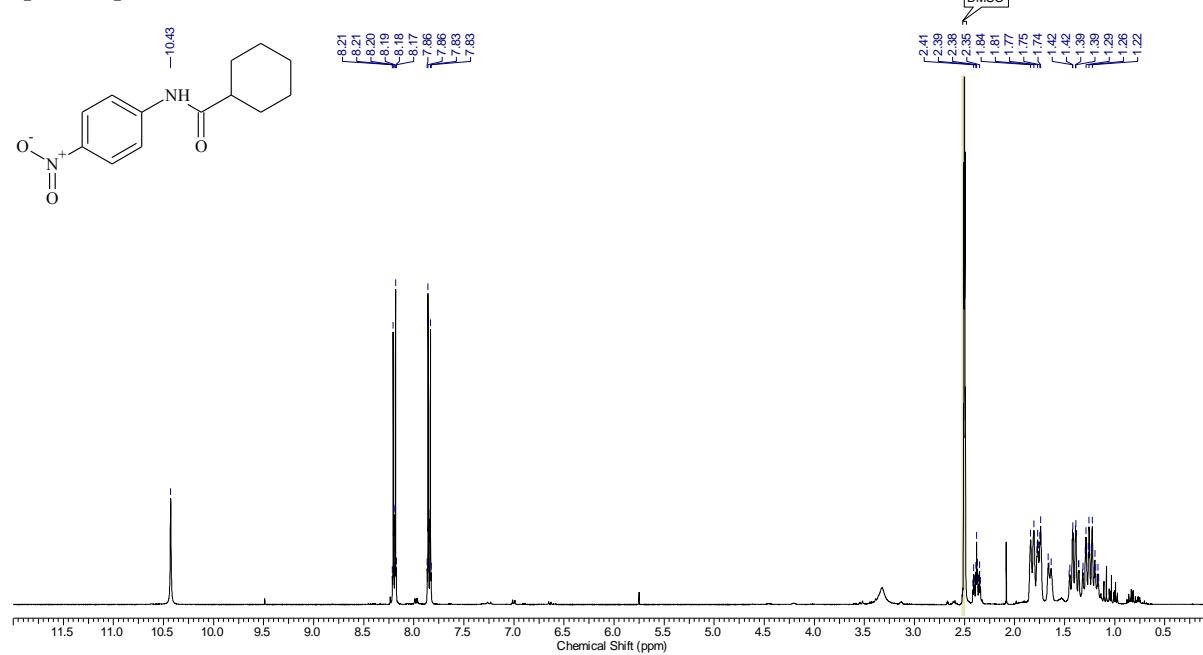
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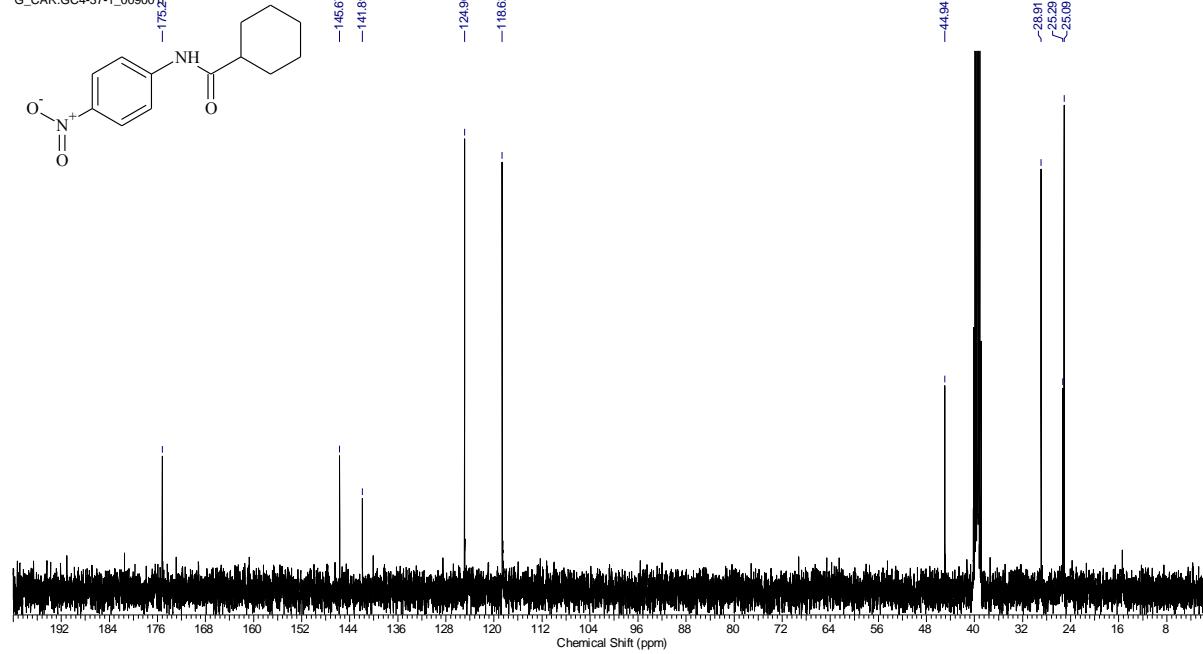
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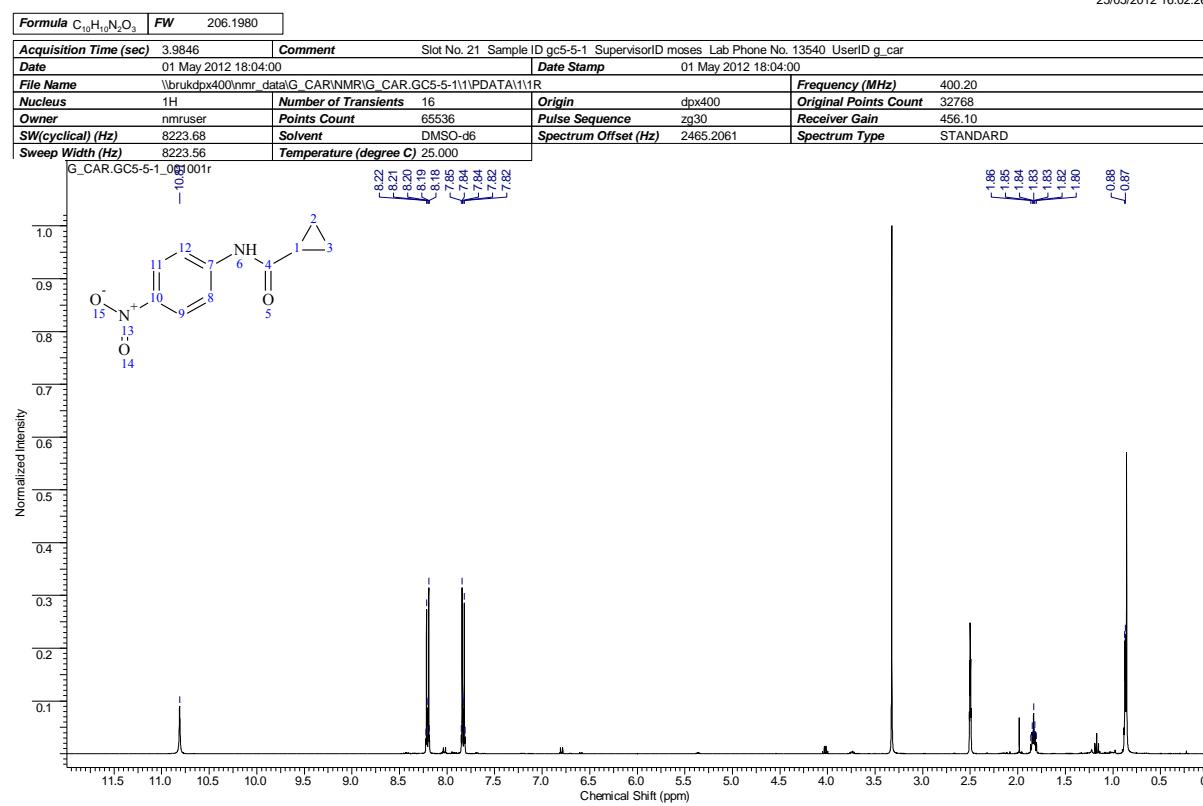
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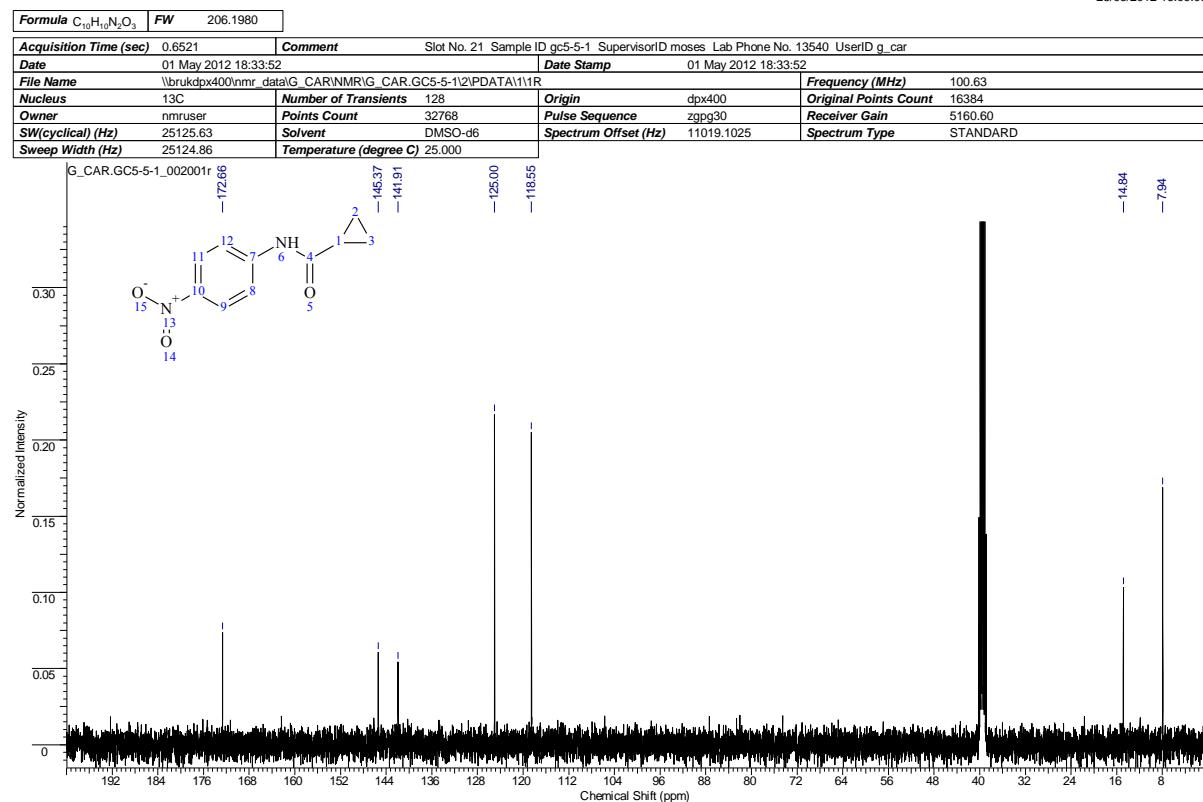


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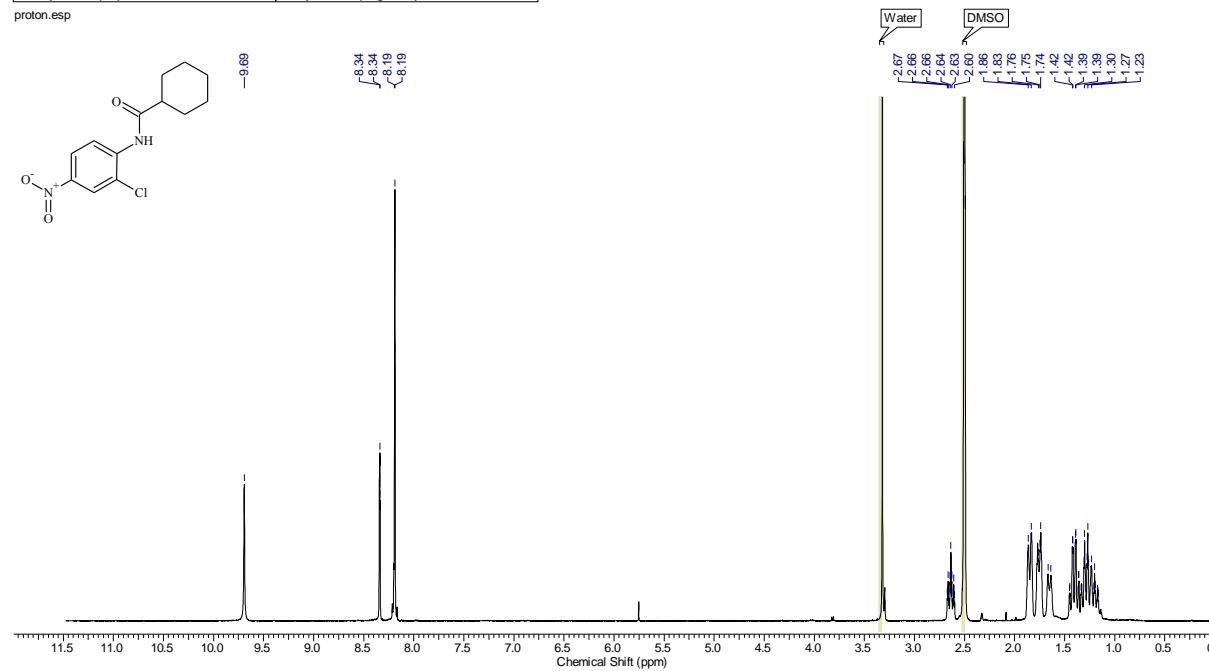
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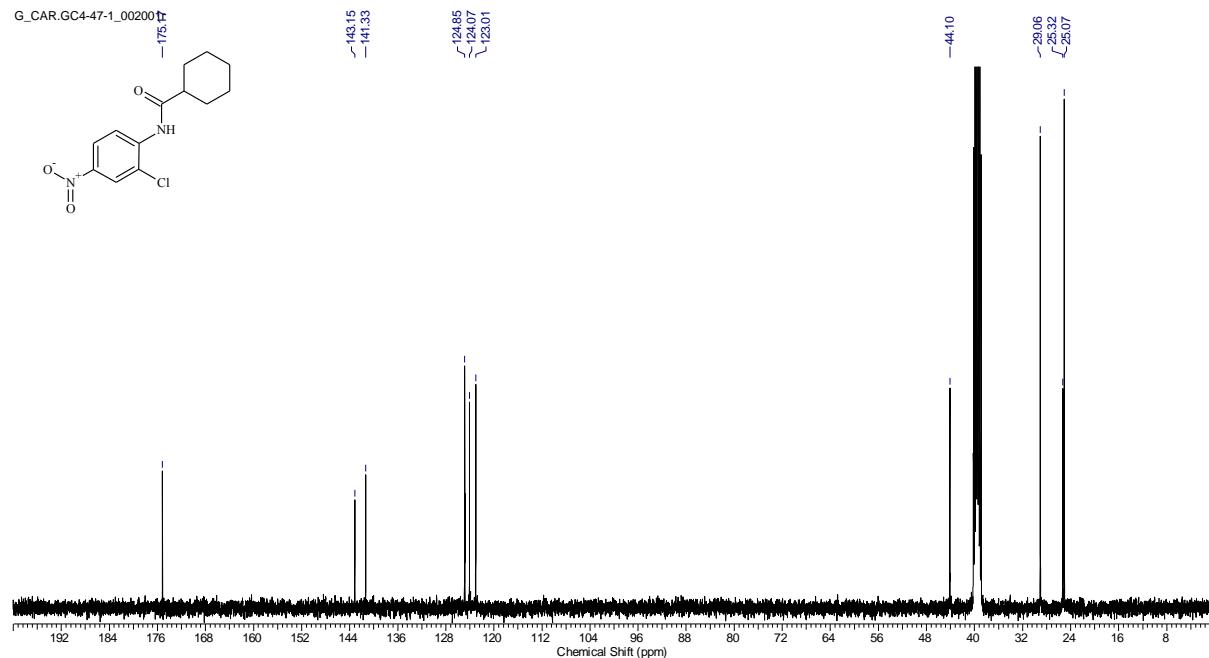
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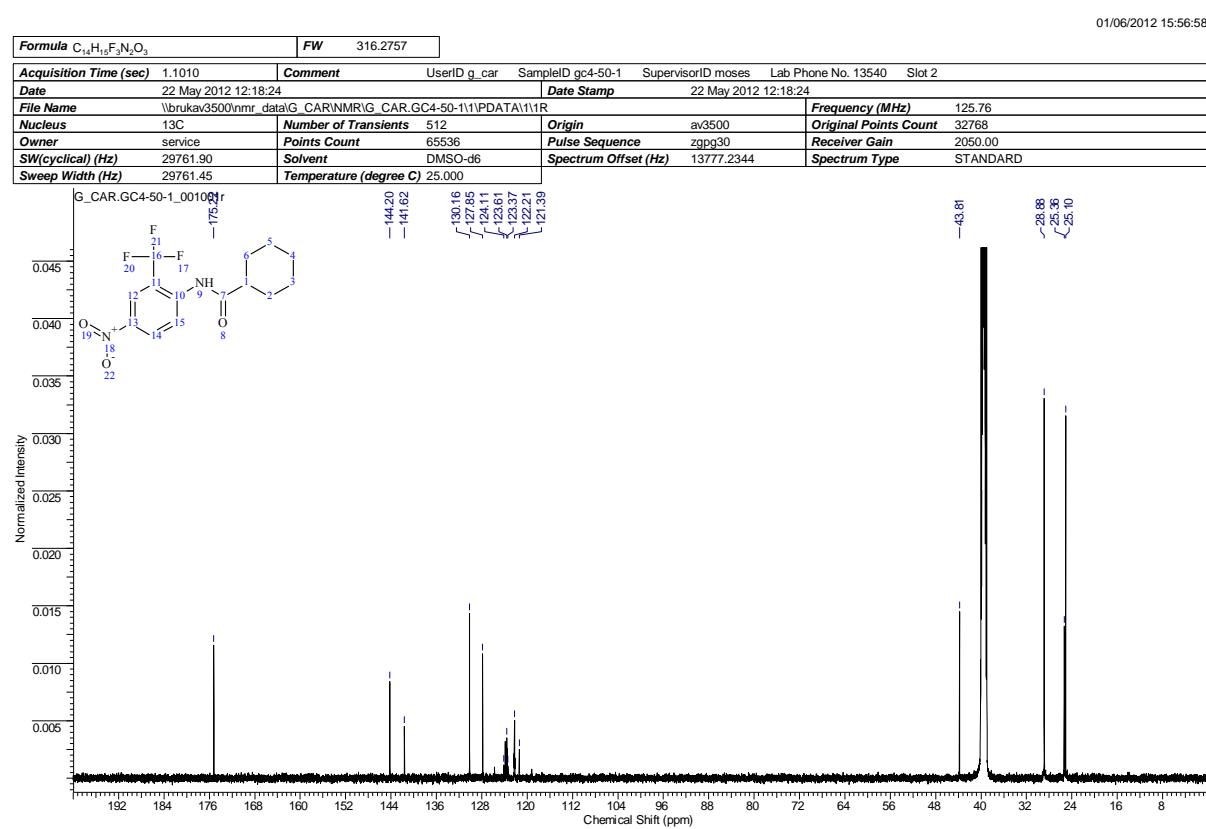
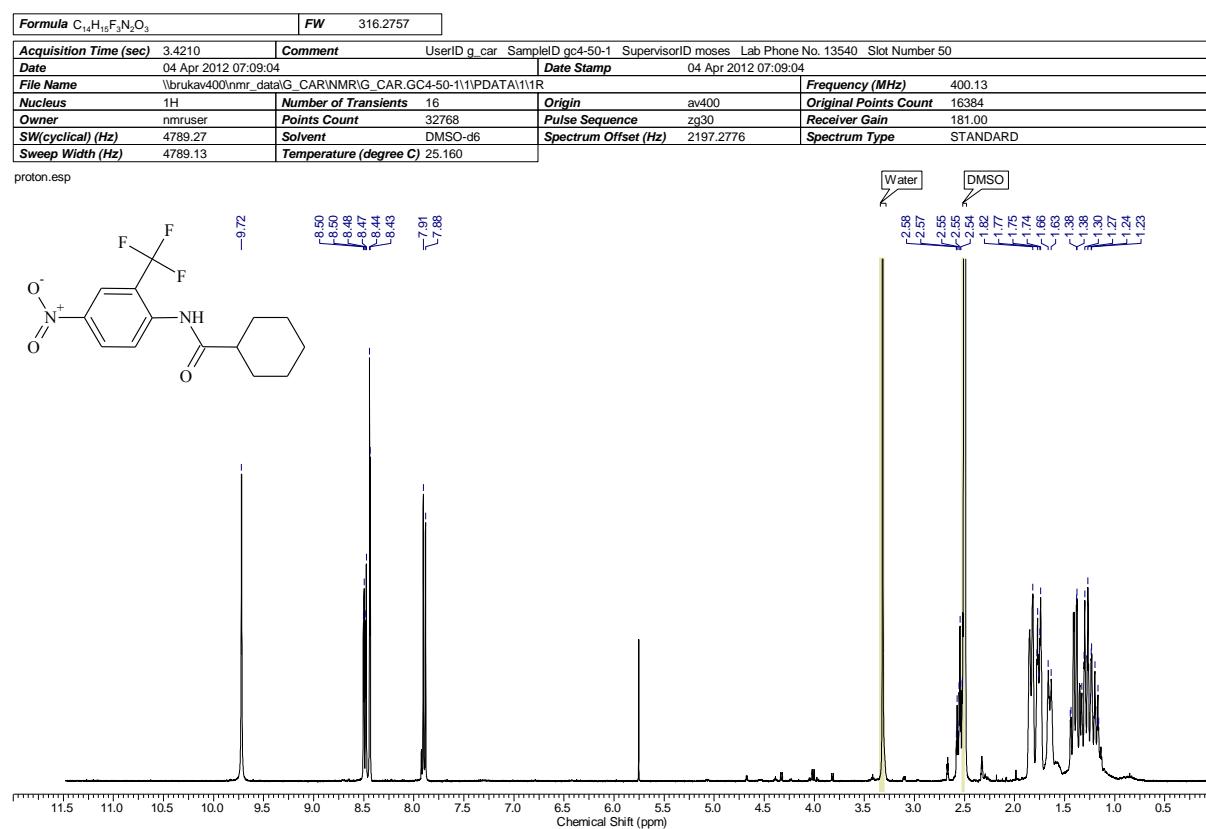
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		Temperature (degree C)
		25.160



**N-(4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (Table 2, Entry 14)**



**N-(4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (Table 2, Entry 15)**

