

Silver-catalysed trifluoromethylation of arenes at room temperature

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Supporting Information

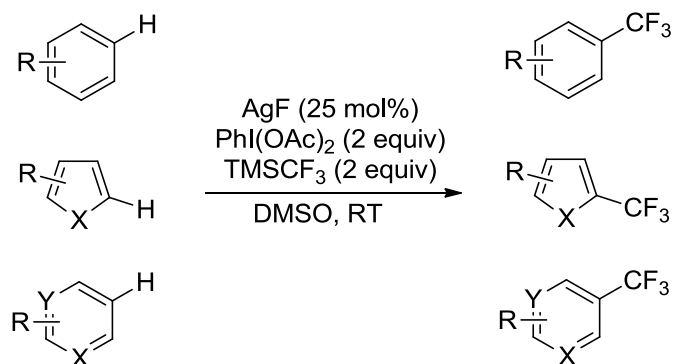
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I. Experimental Procedures

General Methods:

Melting points are uncorrected. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ava400 (400 MHz) instrument and calibrated to residual solvent peaks: proton (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm) and carbon (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR yields were determined using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard (δ = -124.8 ppm). Data for ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR are presented as follows: chemical shift (in ppm on the δ scale), multiplicity (bs = broad singlet, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), the coupling constant (J, in Hertz) and integration. ¹³C data are reported as the ppm on the δ scale followed by the interpretation and multiplicity where appropriate. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC/MS) was performed using Agilent 5975C Triple Axis GCMS (EI/CI). High Resolution Mass spectra were obtained from the EPSRC mass spectrometry service at the University of Swansea or from the analytical service at Syngenta, Jealott's Hill International Research Centre, UK. The data is recorded as the method followed by the calculated and measured masses. TLC was performed on Merck 60F₂₅₄ silica plates and visualised by UV light and potassium permanganate stains. The compounds were purified by flash chromatography using Aldrich silica gel (particle size 40-63 μm) under a positive pressure. The eluent is quoted as a percentage. Anhydrous DMSO used for the trifluoromethylation reaction was bought from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. All other chemicals were purchased from a chemical supplier and used as received.

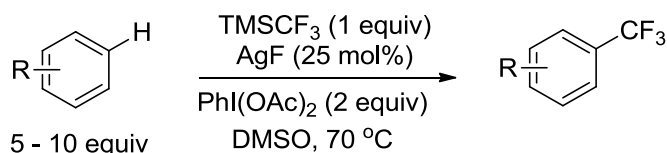
Trifluoromethylation of electron-rich (hetero)arenes:



Scheme S1. Trifluoromethylation of electron rich (hetero)arenes.

General procedure A: An oven-dried reaction vial (5 mL) was charged with (hetero)arene **1** (0.3 mmol), (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (193.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), trimethyl(trifluoromethyl)silane (88.7 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 min and AgF (9.5 mg, 0.075 mmol) was slowly added to the stirring mixture. The vial was sealed with a septum cap and the reaction was kept stirring at the same temperature for 20 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, using the noted solvent mixture) to yield the desired trifluoromethylated product **2**. For volatile compounds, 4-fluoroanisole (3 equiv) was added as an internal standard to the crude, and the reaction was analysed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy in CDCl₃. The identity of the products was further confirmed by ¹H NMR of the crude mixture (and GC/MS analysis for unknown compounds).

Trifluoromethylation of unactivated arenes (**1p**, **1q** and **1r**):



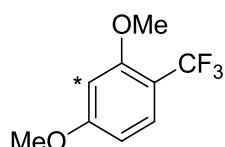
Scheme S2. Trifluoromethylation of unactivated arenes.

General procedure B: An oven-dried reaction vial (5 mL) was charged with trimethyl(trifluoromethyl)silane (73.9 μ L, 0.5 mmol), arene (2.5 mmol (**1r**) or 5.0 mmol (**1p** and **1q**)), (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (322.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), AgF (15.9 mg, 0.125 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (0.5 mL). The vial was sealed with a septum cap and the reaction was heated at 70 °C for 20 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. 4-Fluoroanisole (3 equiv) was added as an internal standard to the crude, and the reaction was analysed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy in CDCl₃.

1,4-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2a**)¹

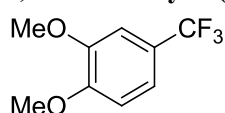
Prepared following general procedure A using 1,4-dimethoxybenzene (41.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 20% DCM in pentane to afford **2a** as a colourless oil (Yield = 58%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9 (C), 151.5 (C), 123.4 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 272.4 Hz, CF₃), 119.4 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 31.1 Hz, C), 118.1 (CH), 113.5 (CH), 112.8 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 5.5 Hz, CH), 56.5 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.4 (s, CF₃).

1,3-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2b**)¹ and 1,3-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2b**^{*})¹



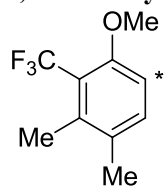
Prepared following general procedure A using 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (41.4 mg (39.3 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 20% DCM in pentane to afford **2b** as a mixture of isomers as a colourless oil (Yield = 77%, **1b**:**1b**^{*} = 2:1). **1,3-Dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.6 (C), 158.8 (C), 128.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz, CH), 124.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.2 Hz, CF₃), 111.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 31.3 Hz, C), 103.7 (CH), 99.3 (CH), 55.8 (CH₃), 55.5 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.3 (s, CF₃); **1,3-Dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3 (C), 133.0 (CH), 124.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 274.5 Hz, CF₃), 107.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.5 Hz, C), 104.8 (CH), 56.3 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -54.9 (s, CF₃).

1,2-dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2c**)¹



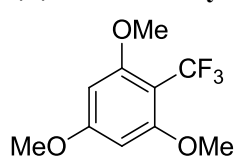
Prepared following general procedure A using 1,2-dimethoxybenzene (41.4 mg (38.2 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 30% DCM in pentane to afford **2c** as a colourless oil (Yield = 55%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21 (ddd, J = 8.4, 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.6 (C), 149.0 (C), 124.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.3 Hz, CF₃), 122.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.7 Hz, C), 118.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 4.2 Hz, CH), 110.6 (CH), 108.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz, CH), 56.0 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.5 (s, CF₃).

3,4-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)anisole (**2d**) and 3,4-dimethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)anisole (**2d**^{*})



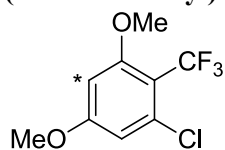
Prepared following general procedure A using 3,4-dimethylanisole (40.9 mg (41.9 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 100% pentane to afford **2d** and **2d**^{*} as colourless oils (Yield = 45%, **2d**:**2d**^{*} = 1:1). **3,4-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)anisole**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.36 (q, J_{H-F} = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.8 (C), 137.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz, C), 133.5 (CH), 130.0 (C), 125.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 275.9 Hz, CF₃), 117.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 28.1 Hz, C), 110.0 (CH), 56.3 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 16.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 4.6 Hz, CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -53.5 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₀H₁₂O₁F₃: 205.0835, found: 205.0835; **3,4-Dimethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)anisole**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (s, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4 (C), 142.1 (C), 128.0 (C), 127.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 5.1 Hz, CH), 123.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.8 Hz, CF₃), 115.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 30.5 Hz, C), 113.6 (CH), 56.0 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 18.7 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.7 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₀H₁₂O₁F₃: 205.0835, found: 205.0835.

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2e**)



Prepared following general procedure A using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (50.5 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 20% Et₂O in pentane to afford **2e** as a white solid (Yield = 89%). Mp = 52 – 54 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.13 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.5 (C), 160.4 (C), 124.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 273.4 Hz, CF₃), 100.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz, C), 91.2 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 55.3 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -54.1 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₀H₁₂O₃F₃: 237.0733, found: 237.0736.

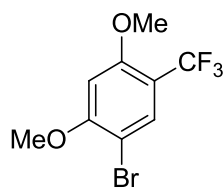
1-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2f**) and 1-chloro-3,5-dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2f**^{*})



Prepared following general procedure A using 1-chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (51.8 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 10% DCM in pentane to afford **2f** (major) as a colourless oil and **2f**^{*} as a white solid (Yield = 83%, **2f**:**2f**^{*} = 2:1). **1-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.57 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3 (C), 160.5 (C), 134.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.8 Hz, C), 123.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 273.9 Hz, CF₃), 109.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 30.5 Hz, C), 108.2 (CH), 98.4 (CH), 56.4 (CH₃), 55.6 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR

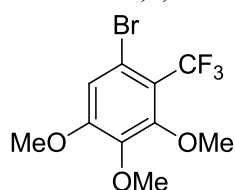
(376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -54.5 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₉H₉O₂ClF₃: 241.0238, found: 241.0242; **1-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene**: Mp = 70 – 72 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.61 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6 (C), 139.1 (C), 123.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 274.7 Hz, CF₃), 105.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz, C), 105.6 (CH), 56.5 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -55.1 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₉H₉O₂ClF₃: 241.0238, found: 241.0242.

1-Bromo-2,4-dimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2g)



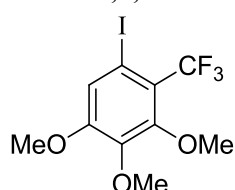
Prepared following general procedure A using 1-bromo-2,4-dimethoxybenzene (65.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 50% Et₂O in iso-hexane to afford **2g** as a white solid (Yield = 40%). Mp = 130 – 133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4 (C), 158.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz, C), 131.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz, CH), 123.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.5 Hz, CF₃), 112.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.0 Hz, C), 101.1 (C), 96.7 (CH), 56.4 (CH₃), 56.2 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.5 (s, CF₃). HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₉H₉O₂BrF₃: 284.9733, found: 284.9741.

1-Bromo-3,4,5-trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2h)



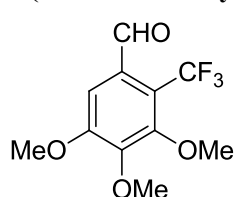
Prepared following general procedure A using 1-bromo-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzene (74.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 40% DCM in pentane to afford **2h** as a yellow oil (Yield = 55%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.8 (C), 154.3 (C), 142.6 (C), 122.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 274.6 Hz, CF₃), 116.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.8 Hz, C), 114.2 (CH), 114.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz, C), 62.1 (CH₃), 60.8 (CH₃), 56.2 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -55.5 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₀H₁₁O₃BrF₃: 314.9838, found: 314.9837.

1-Iodo-3,4,5-trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2i)



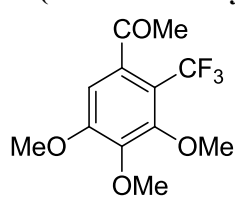
Prepared following general procedure A using 1-iodo-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzene (88.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 40% DCM in pentane to afford **2i** (as a mixture with a small amount of an inseparable impurity) as a yellow oil (Yield = 51%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.8 (C), 154.2 (C), 143.5 (C), 122.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 275.0 Hz, CF₃), 121.5 (CH), 120.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 29.8 Hz, C), 82.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz, C), 62.1 (CH₃), 60.8 (CH₃), 56.3 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -55.7 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₀H₁₁O₃F₃I: 362.9699, found: 362.9698.

2-(Trifluoromethyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (2j)



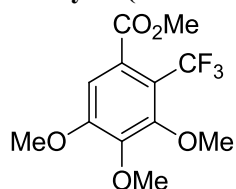
Prepared following general procedure A using 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (58.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 40% DCM in pentane to afford **2j** as a yellow oil (Yield = 63%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.32 (q, J_{H-F} = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 6.0 Hz, CO), 155.8 (C), 152.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz, C), 147.3 (C), 130.8 (C), 124.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 275.1 Hz, CF₃), 117.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 31.2 Hz, C), 107.2 (CH), 62.0 (CH₃), 61.0 (CH₃), 56.2 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -51.1 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₁H₁₂O₄F₃: 265.0682, found: 265.0682.

2'-(Trifluoromethyl)-3',4',5'-trimethoxyacetophenone (2k)



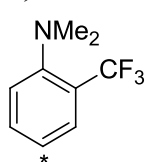
Prepared following general procedure A using 3',4',5'-trimethoxyacetophenone (63.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 100% DCM to afford **2k** as a yellow oil (Yield = 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.45 (q, J_{H-F} = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.4 (CO), 156.2 (C), 152.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.9 Hz, C), 143.4 (C), 137.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.6 Hz, C), 123.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 273.1 Hz, CF₃), 112.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 31.0 Hz, C), 104.4 (CH), 61.7 (CH₃), 60.8 (CH₃), 56.2 (CH₃), 31.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz, CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -55.0 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₂H₁₄O₄F₃: 279.0839, found: 279.0839.

Methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoate (**2l**)



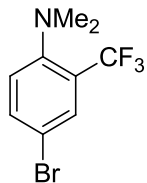
Prepared following general procedure A using methyl 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoate (67.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 100% DCM to afford **2l** as a yellow oil (Yield = 54%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.74 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4 (CO), 155.9 (C), 152.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.7$ Hz, C), 144.1 (C), 128.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.9$ Hz, C), 123.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.0$ Hz, CF_3), 114.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 30.9$ Hz, C), 106.8 (CH), 61.8 (CH_3), 60.8 (CH_3), 56.2 (CH_3), 52.9 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -56.9 (s, CF_3); HRMS (ES^+) cald. for (M) $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_5\text{F}_3$: 294.0710, found: 294.0709.

N,N-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**2m**) and *N,N*-Dimethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**2m**^{*})²



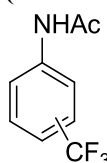
Prepared following general procedure A using *N,N*-dimethylaniline (53.2 mg (58.4 μL), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 100% pentane to afford a mixture of **2m** and **2m**^{*} as a colourless oil (Yield = 75%, **2l**:**2l**^{*} = 2:1). ***N,N*-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**2m**)**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.8 (C), 132.6 (CH), 127.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.5$ Hz, CH), 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 28.9$ Hz, C), 123.6 (CH), 124.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.0$ Hz, CF_3), 122.7 (CH), 45.8 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -60.1 (s, CF_3); ***N,N*-Dimethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**2m**^{*})**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3 (C), 126.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz, CH), 125.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 270.2$ Hz, CF_3), 117.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.8$ Hz, C), 111.1 (CH), 40.0 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -60.8 (s, CF_3).

4-Bromo-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**2n**)



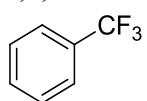
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2-(Trifluoromethyl)acetanilide (**2o**^o), 3-(trifluoromethyl)acetanilide (**2o**^m)³ and 4-(trifluoromethyl)acetanilide (**2o**^p)⁴



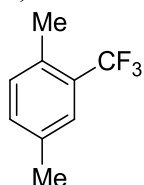
Prepared following general procedure A using acetanilide (40.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 10% Et_2O in pentane to afford **2o**^o and an inseparable mixture of **2o**^m and **2o**^p, each as off-white solids (Yield = 48%, **o**:**m**:**p** = 3:1:4.3). **2-(Trifluoromethyl)acetanilide**: Mp = 72 – 74 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (bs, NH), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4 (CO), 135.2 (C), 132.8 (CH), 126.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$ Hz, CH), 124.7 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 24.6 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -60.6 (s, CF_3); HRMS (ES^+) cald. for (M+H)⁺ $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_1\text{N}_1\text{F}_3$: 204.0631, found: 204.0632. **3-(Trifluoromethyl)acetanilide**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (bs, NH), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.8 (s, CF_3). **4-(Trifluoromethyl)acetanilide**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.63 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (bs, NH), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.7 (CO), 140.9 (C), 126.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz, CH), 125.9 (C), 124.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.4$ Hz, CF_3), 119.3 (CH), 24.7 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.1 (s, CF_3).

1,1,1-Trifluorotoluene (**2p**)



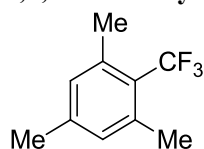
Prepared following general procedure B using benzene (390.6 mg (447 μL), 5.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^{19}F NMR (Yield = 60%). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.8 (s, CF_3).

1,4-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2q)



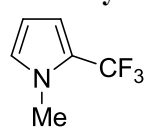
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1,3,5-Trimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2r)



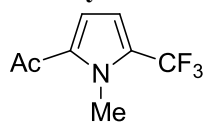
Prepared following general procedure B using mesitylene (300.5 mg (348 μ L), 2.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^{19}F NMR (Yield = 71%). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -53.8 (s, CF_3).

N-Methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrole (2s)⁵



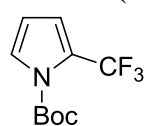
Prepared following general procedure A using N-methylpyrrole (24.3 mg (26.6 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^1H and ^{19}F NMR (Yield = 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.70 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.56 – 6.54 (m, 1H), 6.10 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -58.8 (s, CF_3).

2-Acetyl-N-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrole (2t)⁶



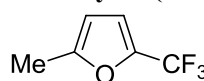
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N-Boc-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrole (2u)⁵



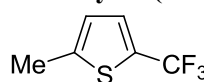
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2-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)furan (2v)⁵



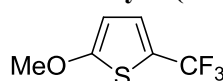
Prepared following general procedure A using 2-methylfuran (24.6 mg (27.1 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^1H and ^{19}F NMR (Yield = 51%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.64 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.9 (s, CF_3).

2-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)thiophene (2w)⁵



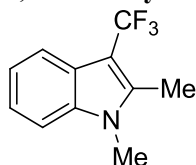
Prepared following general procedure A using 2-methylthiophene (29.5 mg (29.0 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^1H and ^{19}F NMR (Yield = 42%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -55.1 (s, CF_3).

2-Methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)thiophene (2x)



Prepared following general procedure A using 2-methoxythiophene (34.3 mg (30.2 μ L), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was analysed directly by ^1H and ^{19}F NMR and the identity of the product was further confirmed by GC/MS (Yield = 76%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 4.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -55.3 (s, CF_3); GC/MS: $M(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSF}_3) = 182.0$, found = 182.0.

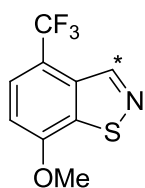
1,2-Dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)indole (2v)⁷



Prepared following general procedure A using 1,2-dimethylindole (43.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 10% DCM in pentane to afford **2v** as a yellow solid (Yield = 46%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.50 (q, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100

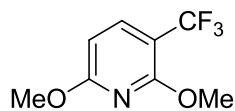
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.3 (C), 136.1 (C), 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 266.7 Hz, CF₃), 124.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.6 Hz, C), 121.9 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 109.2 (CH), 102.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz, C), 29.4 (CH₃), 10.9 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -53.6 (s, CF₃).

7-Methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-benzisothiazole (**2z**) and 7-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-benzisothiazole (**2z**^{*})



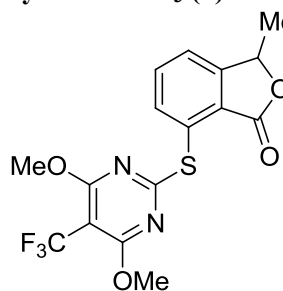
Prepared following general procedure A using 7-methoxy-1,2-benzisothiazole (49.5 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 20% DCM in iso-hexane to afford a mixture of **2w** and **2w**^{*} as a white solid (Yield = 41%, **2w**:**2w**^{*} = 5:1). **7-Methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-benzisothiazole (2w)**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.04 (q, J_{H-F} = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4 (C), 152.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz, CH), 144.0 (C), 133.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.3 Hz, C), 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 5.1 Hz, CH), 124.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.5 Hz, CF₃), 118.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 34.1 Hz, C), 105.0 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -59.9 (s, CF₃); **7-Methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-benzisothiazole (2w**^{*}): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.6 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₉H₇O₁N₁F₃S₁: 234.0195, found: 234.0194.

2,6-dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (**2aa**)



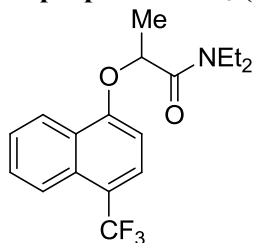
Prepared following general procedure A using 2,6-dimethoxypyridine (41.7 mg (39.6 μL), 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 100% pentane to afford **2x** as a white solid (Yield = 72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.1 (C), 160.4 (C), 138.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz, CH), 123.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 270.1 Hz, CF₃), 104.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.5 Hz, C), 100.8 (CH), 53.9 (CH₃), 53.8 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -61.9 (s, CF₃); HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₈H₉O₂N₁F₃: 208.0580, found: 208.0582.

Pyrifitalid-CF₃ (**3**)



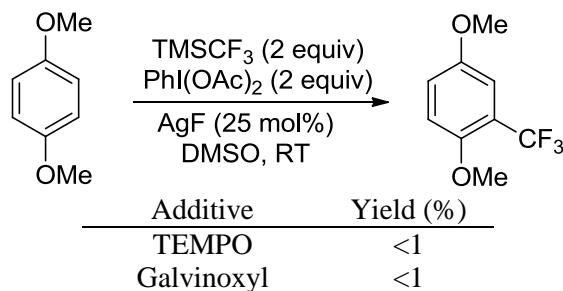
Prepared following general procedure A using (±)-pyrifitalid (95.5 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 70% DCM in iso-hexane to afford **3** as a white solid (Yield = 42%). Mp = 154 – 156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7 (C), 167.9 (C), 167.3 (C), 152.7 (C), 136.3 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 129.5 (C), 127.2 (C), 123.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 272.4 Hz, CF₃), 122.6 (CH), 91.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 34.3 Hz, C), 76.2 (CH), 54.8 (CH₃), 20.5 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -56.3 (s, CF₃). HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₆H₁₄O₄N₂F₃S₁: 387.0621, found: 387.0620.

Napropamide-CF₃ (**4**)



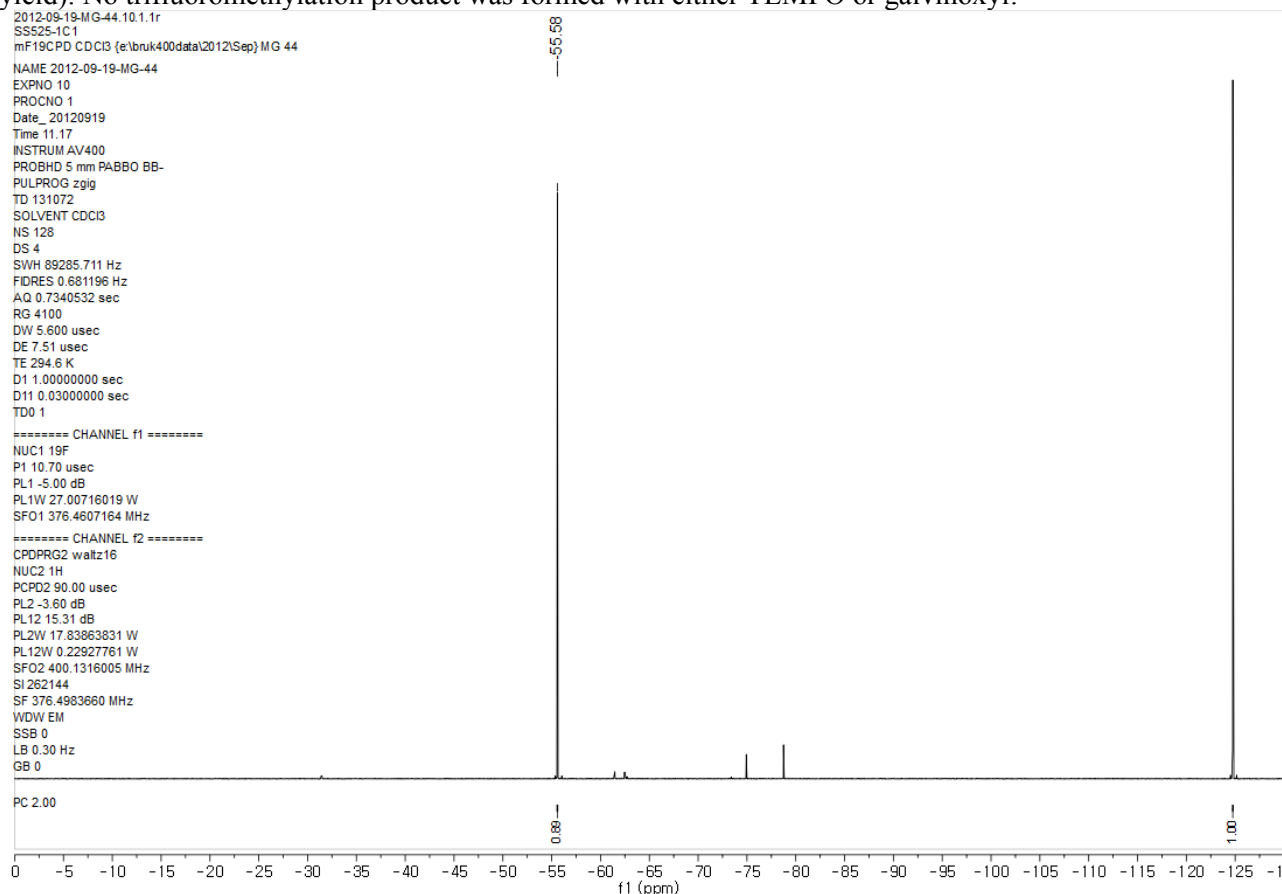
Prepared following general procedure A using (±)-napropamide (81.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using 20% EtOAc in iso-hexane to afford **4** as a white solid (Yield = 51%). Mp = 77 – 81 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.41 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.34 (m, 4H), 1.76 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.4 (CO), 156.2 (C), 130.2 (C), 128.1 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.9 (C), 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 6.1 Hz, CH), 124.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 272.3 Hz, CF₃), 124.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz, CH), 122.7 (CH), 118.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 30.3 Hz, C), 103.3 (CH), 74.3 (CH), 41.1 (CH₂), 40.4 (CH₂), 17.9 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃), 12.6 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -59.1 (s, CF₃). HRMS (ES⁺) cald. for (M+H)⁺ C₁₈H₂₁O₂N₁F₃: 340.1519, found: 340.1518.

Trifluoromethylation in the presence of radical scavengers:



Scheme S3. Reaction with radical scavengers

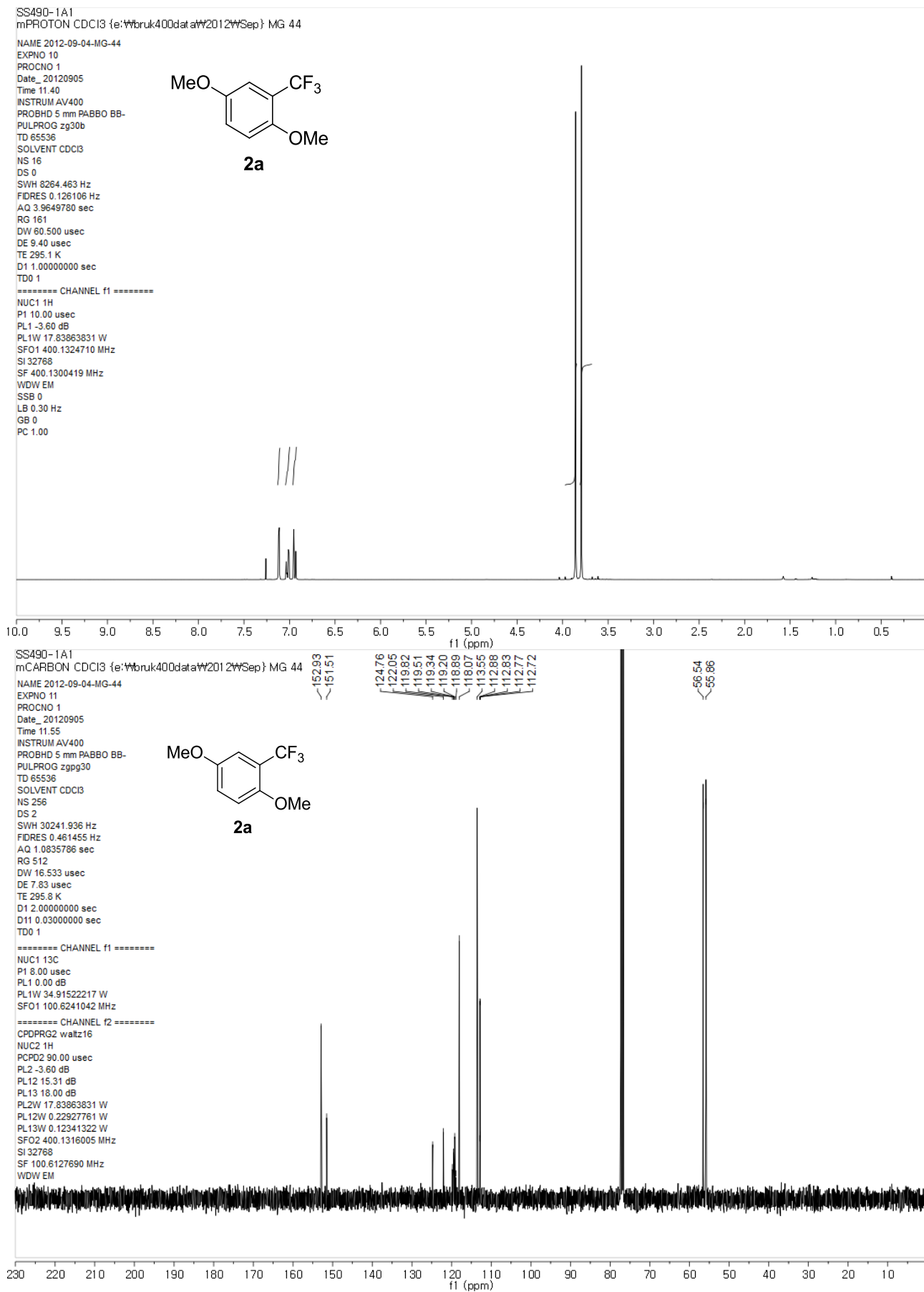
To an oven-dried reaction vial (5 mL) charged with 1,4-dimethoxybenzene (41.4 mg, 0.3 mmol), (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (193.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), a radical scavenger (0.6 mmol) and trimethyl(trifluoromethyl)silane (88.7 μ L, 0.6 mmol) in anhydrous DMSO (1 mL) was slowly added AgF (9.5 mg, 0.075 mmol). The vial was sealed with a septum cap and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was analysed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy (4-fluoroanisole as the internal standard) in CDCl₃. With TEMPO, a characteristic TEMPO-CF₃ peak⁸ was obtained at ¹⁹F NMR: δ -55.6 (89% NMR yield). No trifluoromethylation product was formed with either TEMPO or galvinoxyl.

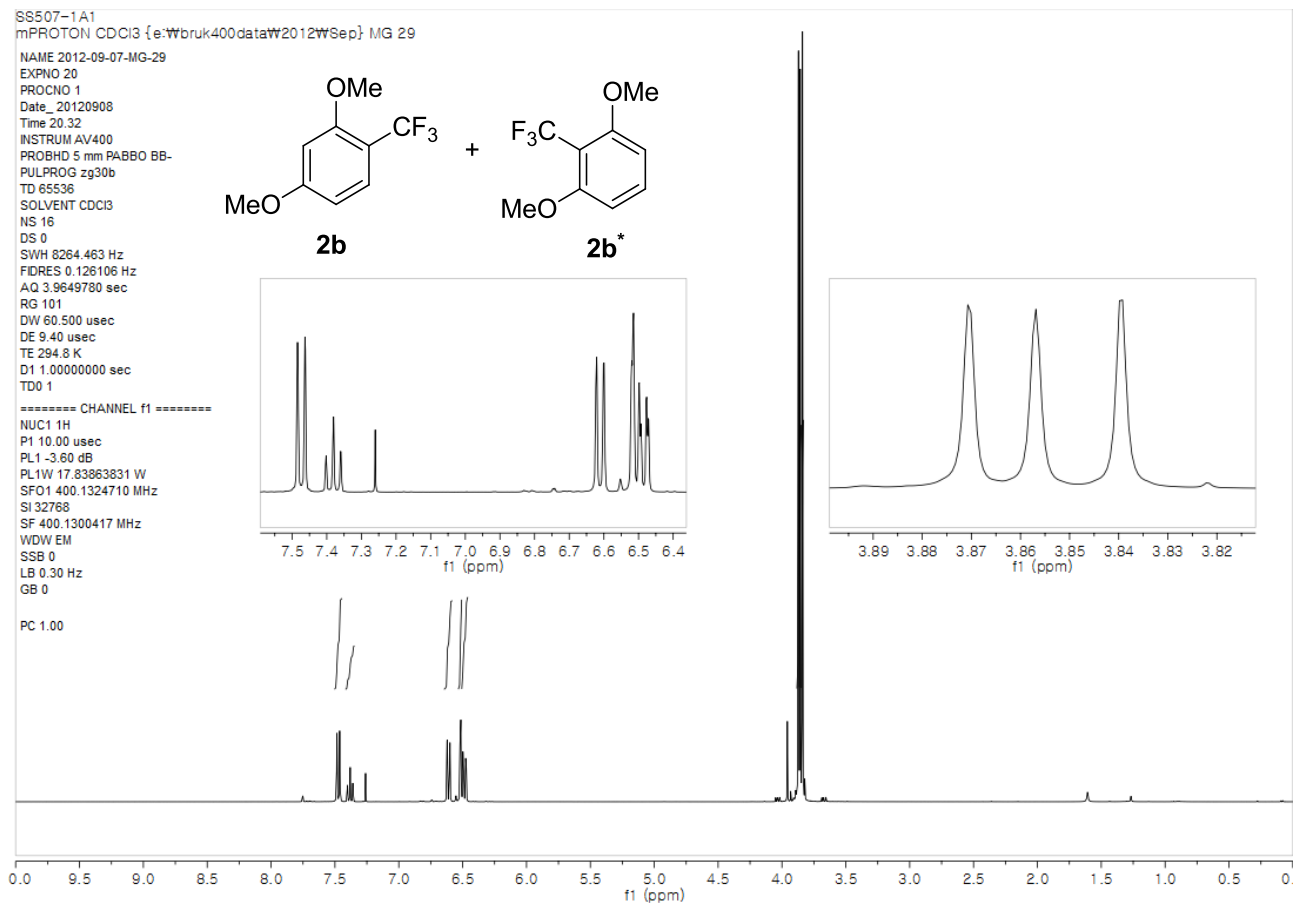
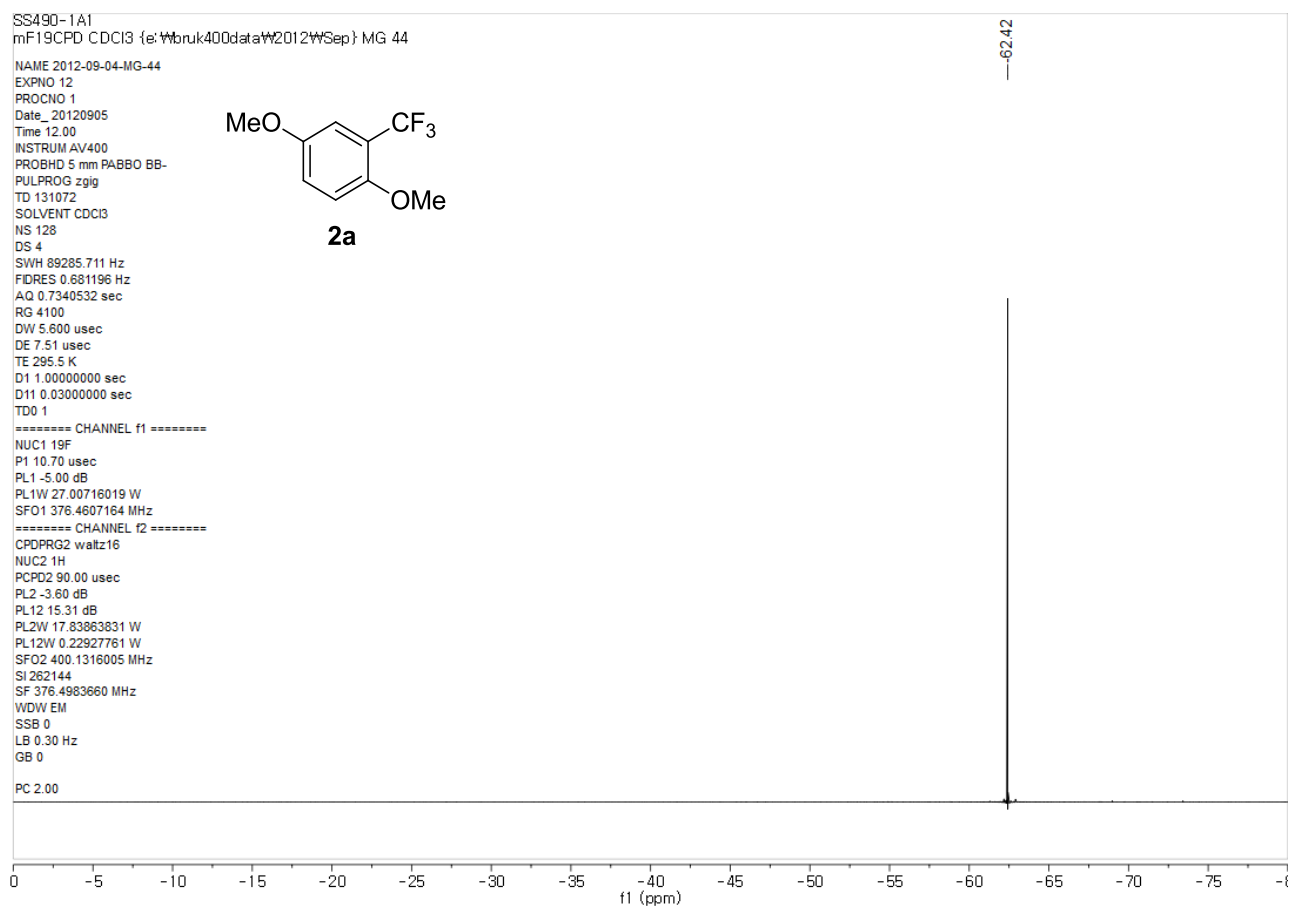


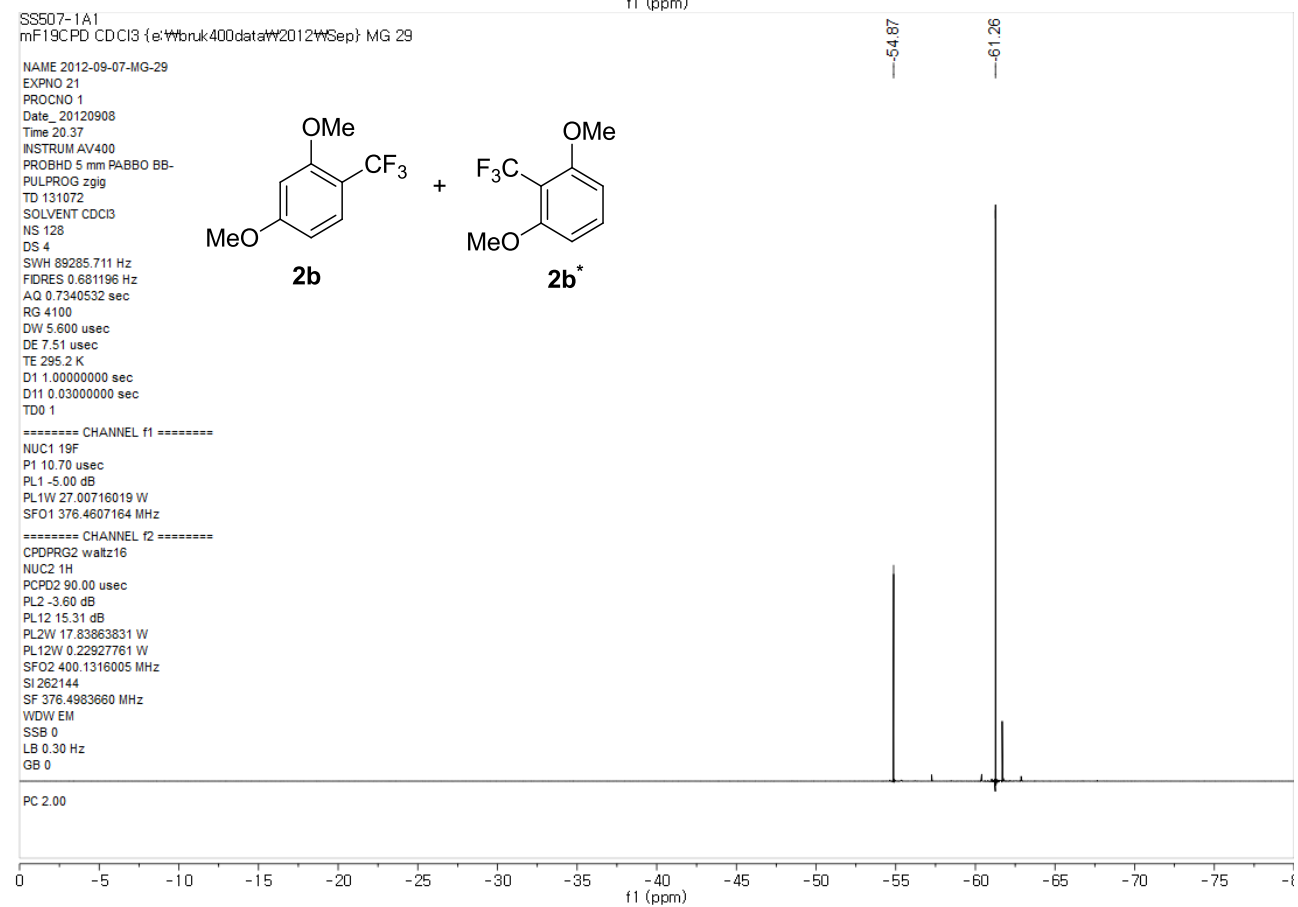
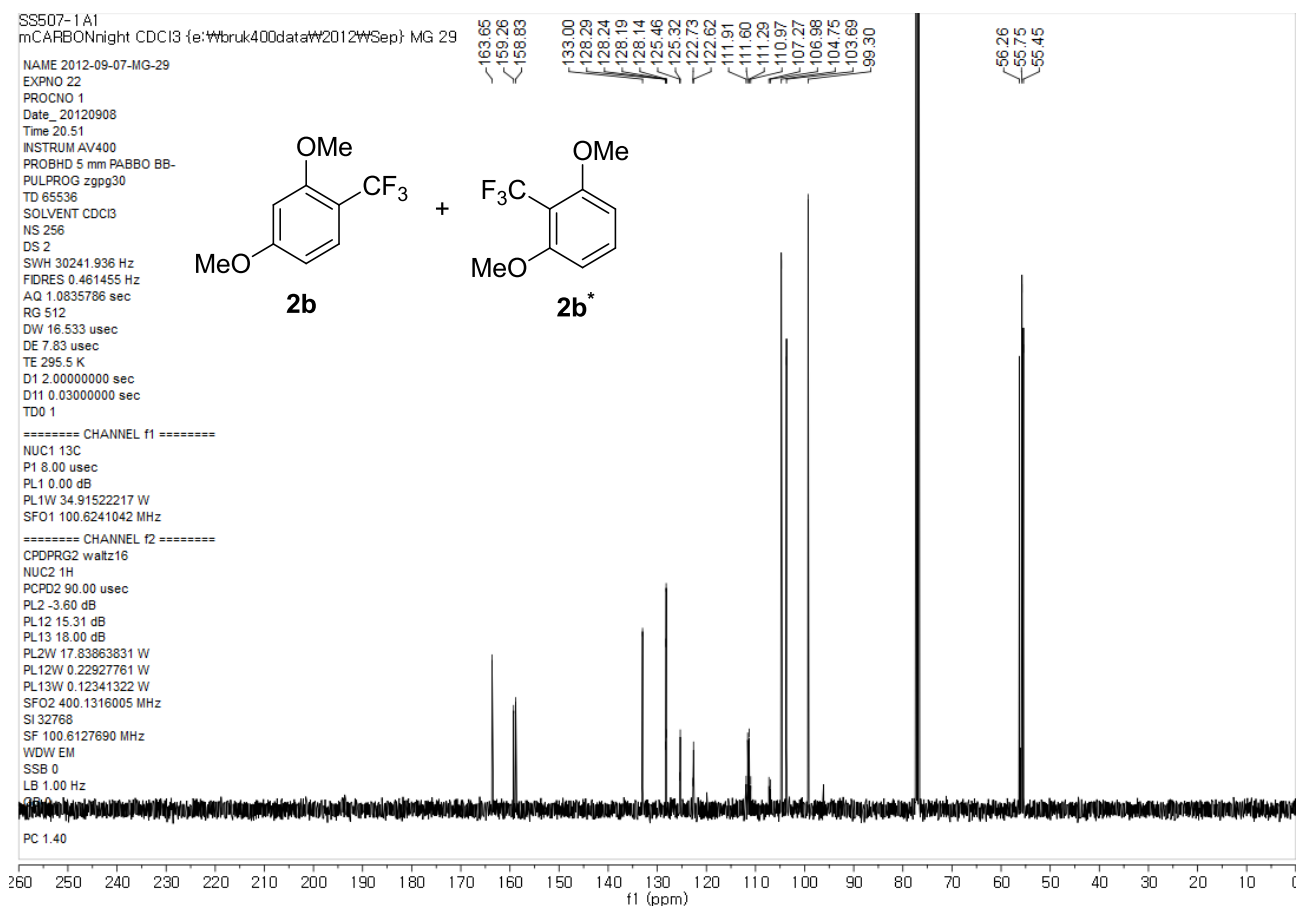
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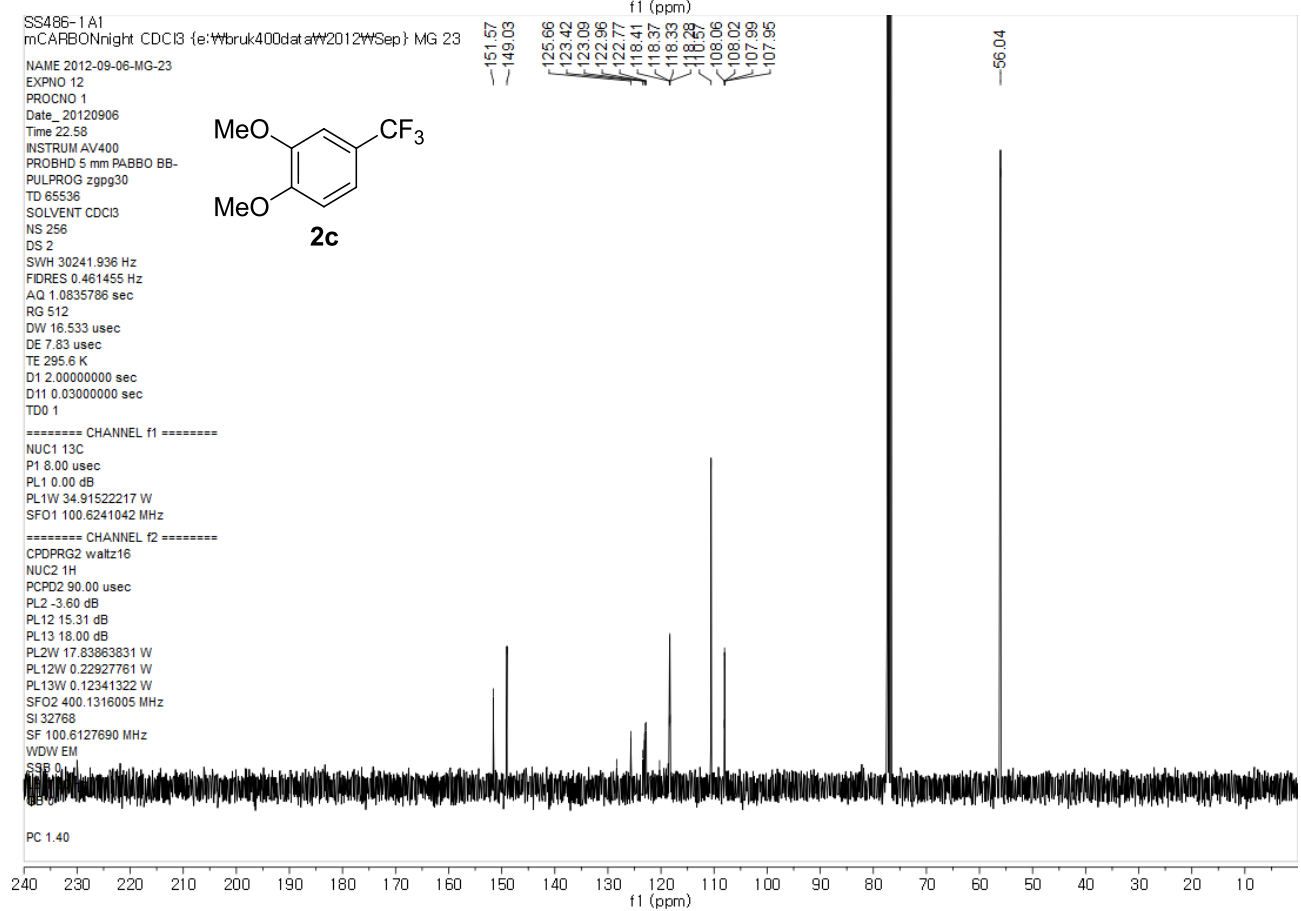
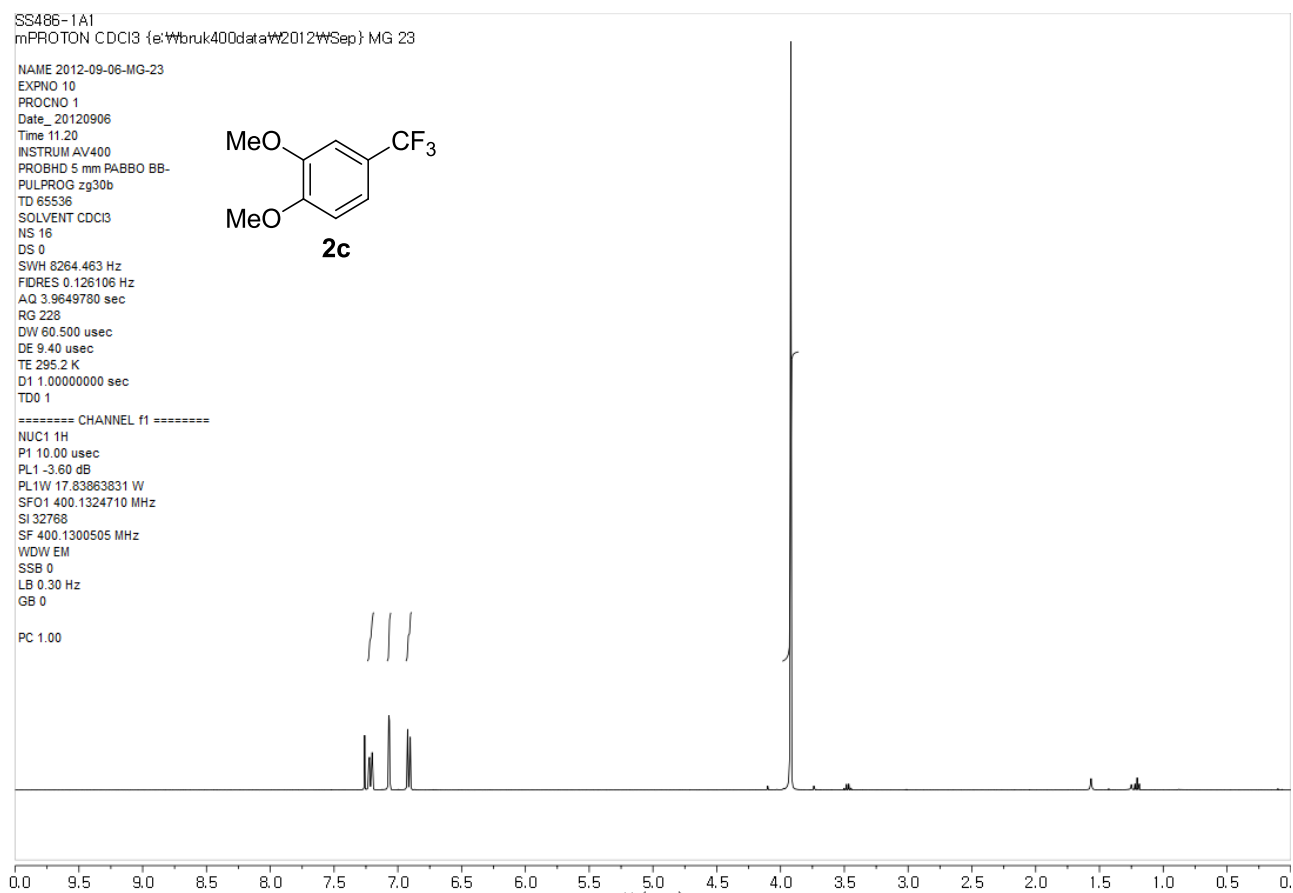
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III. NMR Spectra of Isolated Compounds



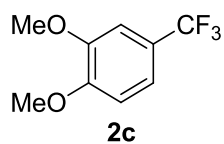






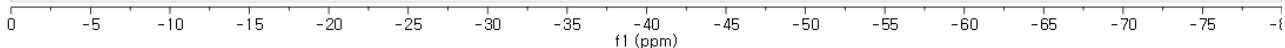
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DE 7.51 usec
TE 295.6 K
D1 1.00000000 sec
D11 0.03000000 sec
TD0 1



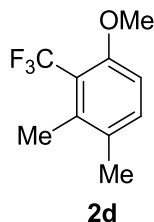
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NUC1 19F
P1 10.70 usec
PL1 -5.00 dB
PL1W 27.00716019 W
SFO1 376.4607164 MHz
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CPDPRG2 waltz16
NUC2 1H
PCPD2 90.00 usec
PL2 -3.60 dB
PL12 15.31 dB
PL2W 17.83863831 W
PL12W 0.22927761 W
SFO2 400.1316005 MHz
SI 262144
SF 376.4983660 MHz
WDW EM
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GB 0

PC 2.00



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SOLVENT CDCI3
NS 16
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SWH 8264.463 Hz
FIDRES 0.126106 Hz
AQ 3.9649780 sec
RG 144
DW 60.500 usec
DE 9.40 usec
TE 294.9 K
D1 1.00000000 sec
TD0 1



===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1 1H
P1 10.00 usec
PL1 -3.60 dB
PL1W 17.83863831 W
SFO1 400.1324710 MHz
SI 32768
SF 400.1300450 MHz
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 0.30 Hz
GB 0

PC 1.00

