

Supporting Information

Visible-Light Promoted Photocatalyst and Additive-Free Intermolecular Trifluoromethyl-thio(seleno)cyanation of Alkenes

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1. General information: Unless otherwise noted, reagents obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by silica gel thin-layer chromatography (TLC). Silica gel (100-200 mesh) packed in glass column was used for the column chromatography. NMR spectra were recorded at 400, 500 MHz (H) and at 101, 125 MHz (C), respectively. ^{31}P and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded at 162 and 376 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, using the residual solvent peak in CDCl_3 (H: $\delta = 7.26$ and C: $\delta = 77.0$ ppm) as internal standard, and coupling constants (J) are measured in hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using ESI-TOF techniques. Melting points of solids were recorded using Electrothermal (IA9100) melting point apparatus. Irradiation was performed with Penn *PhD* photoreactor m2 (PR m2) (blue LED, 450 nm) purchased from Sigma- Aldrich. UV/Vis experiments were conducted on UV-1800 SHIMADZU UV spectrophotometer.

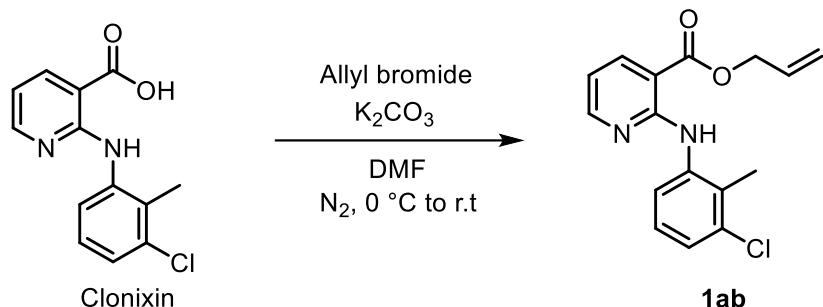
2. Experimental procedures:

2-1. Synthesis of substrates:

Alkenes **1a-1r** and **1z** are commercially available. Alkenes **1s-1y¹** and **1aa²** and **1ac³** are synthesized from the known procedures available in the literature.

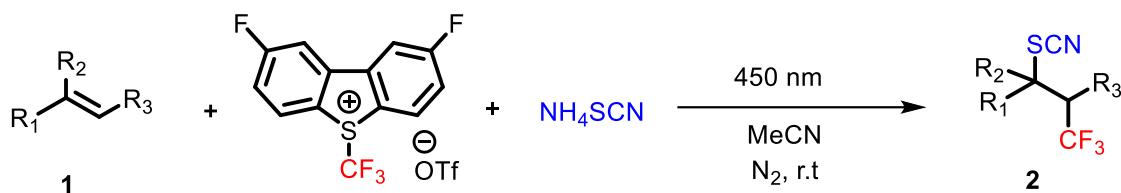
Alkene **1ab** is prepared by the following procedure.

Allyl 2-((3-chloro-2-methylphenyl)amino)nicotinate (**1ab**):



To a solution of clonixin (500 mg, 1.9 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (9.5ml, 0.2M) was added K_2CO_3 (656.5 mg, 4.75 mmol) and the solution was brought to 0°C . Allyl bromide was added at once and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and washed with 2M HCl (2 x 10 mL) followed by brine solution. Organic layer was concentrated by rotary evaporation and the crude residue was recrystallized from hexane to get desired product as pale yellow crystalline solid (547mg, 95%); mp = 75-76 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 8.34 (dd, $J = 4.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, $J = 7.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 7.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (ddt, $J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dq, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dq, $J = 10.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, $J = 5.7, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 156.6, 153.4, 140.3, 139.3, 134.8, 131.8, 128.8, 126.6, 124.9, 122.0, 118.8, 113.5, 107.1, 65.8, 15.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 303.0900; found: 303.0907.

2-2. General procedure for the visible-light promoted trifluoromethylthiocyanation:



Alkene **1** (0.3 mmol), Umemoto reagent II (0.45 mmol) and NH₄SCN (0.45 mmol) were weighed in a screw capped vial and MeCN (3.0 mL) was added to this mixture. The vial was back filled with N₂ and it was introduced into Penn *PhD* photoreactor m2 (blue LED 450 nm). After completion of reaction (4 hours), the reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporation and the crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography to get the desired compound **2**.

Analytical data of the trifluoromethylthiocyanated compounds **2:**

1-(tert-Butyl)-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2a**):** Pale yellow syrup (80.2 mg, 93%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (qd, *J* = 9.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 133.0, 126.9, 126.4, 124.7 (q, *J* = 278.1 Hz), 110.5, 46.1, 46.1, 39.9 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 34.8, 31.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆F₃ [M-SCN]⁺: 229.1204; found: 229.1208.

1-Methyl-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2b**):** White solid (51.5 mg, 70%); mp = 80-82 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 133.0, 130.1, 127.1, 124.7 (q, *J* = 278.3 Hz), 110.5, 46.2 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 39.9 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 21.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃ [M-SCN]⁺: 187.0735; found: 187.0733.

1-Chloro-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2c**):** Sticky mass (57.2 mg, 72%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.62

(t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (qd, $J = 9.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.9, 134.6, 129.7, 128.6, 124.5 (q, $J = 278.3$ Hz), 109.9, 45.5, 45.5, 39.7 (q, $J = 29.4$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NF}_3\text{SCl}$ [M-H] $^-$: 263.9862; found: 263.9874.

1-Bromo-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2d): white solid (85.6 mg, 92%); mp = 56-58 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (qd, $J = 9.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.1, 132.7, 128.9, 124.5 (q, $J = 278.1$ Hz), 124.0, 109.8, 45.6, 45.6, 39.6 (q, $J = 29.4$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{Br}$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 250.9683; found: 250.9681.

1-(3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2e): Colorless syrup (55.6 mg, 62%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.66 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (qd, $J = 9.6, 7.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.2, 131.9 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 127.8, 126.5, 126.5, 124.5 (q, $J = 278.2$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J = 272.6$ Hz), 109.6, 45.3, 45.3, 39.5 (q, $J = 29.6$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.0, -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_6$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 241.0452; found: 241.0457.

1-Methoxy-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2f): Yellow syrup (58.7 mg, 75%); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.66 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.07 – 2.97 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.5, 128.6, 127.7, 124.7 (q, $J = 278.1$ Hz), 114.8, 110.6, 55.4, 46.24, 46.2, 39.9 (q, $J = 29.8$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{OF}_3$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 203.0684; found: 203.0684.

1-Chloro-3-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2g): Yellow syrup (43.7 mg, 55%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.59 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (qd, $J = 9.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.1, 135.4, 130.8,

130.0, 127.4, 125.4, 124.5 (q, $J = 278.2$ Hz), 109.7, 45.5 (q, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 39.7 (q, $J = 29.5$ Hz);
 ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{SCN}]^+$: 207.0188;
found: 207.0187.

1-chloro-2-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2h): Yellow syrup (38.2 mg, 48%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (qd, $J = 9.6, 7.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.8, 133.4, 130.7, 130.6, 127.8, 124.6 (q, $J = 278.1$ Hz), 109.8, 42.0, 38.8 (q, $J = 29.6$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{SCN}]^+$: 207.0188; found: 207.0190

1,3-Dimethyl-5-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2i): White solid (48.2 mg, 62%); mp = 62–64 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 4.91 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.6, 135.8, 132.2, 130.7, 127.8, 126.1, 124.8 (q, $J = 277.7$ Hz), 110.6, 42.2, 39.7 (q, $J = 28.9$ Hz), 21.1, 19.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_3\text{NaS}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 282.0540; found: 282.0538.

(3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2j): Yellow syrup (35.4 mg, 51%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 4.65 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 2.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 136.1, 129.8, 129.5, 127.2, 124.7 (q, $J = 278.2$ Hz), 110.3, 46.3 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 39.9 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{F}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{SCN}]^+$: 173.0578; found: 173.0584.

(3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-methyl-1-thiocyanatopropyl)benzene (2k): (2:1 diastereomers) Yellow syrup (35.3 mg, 48%);

Major isomer: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.61 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 137.5, 129.4,

129.3, 127.6, 126.4 (q, $J = 281.4$ Hz), 110.7, 53.7, 43.8 (q, $J = 26.4$ Hz), 11.5 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz);

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -69.1.

Minor isomer: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.70 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 134.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.3, 126.4 (q, $J = 281.3$ Hz), 110.7, 51.7, 43.0 (q, $J = 26.4$ Hz), 10.8 (q, $J = 2.5$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -68.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 187.0735; found: 187.0737.

1-Thiocyanato-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (2l): Yellow syrup (32.8 mg, 45%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.88 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.15 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.4, 137.2, 130.1, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6 (q, $J = 277.5$ Hz), 125.1, 125.0, 110.0, 52.1, 51.0 (q, $J = 27.9$ Hz), 31.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -71.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 185.0581; found: 185.0578.

(4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-thiocyanatobutyl)benzene (2m): Colorless syrup (50.0 mg, 68%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.55 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 14.4, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.57 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.8, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 125.1 (q, $J = 277.7$ Hz), 109.8, 44.3 (q, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 41.3, 38.8 (q, $J = 29.3$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3$ [M-SCN] $^+$: 187.0735; found: 187.0743.

1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-2-thiocyanatobutyl)benzene (2n): Yellow syrup (69.5 mg, 76%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.85 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.48 (quin, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 – 2.59 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.3, 148.7, 128.2, 125.2 (q, $J = 277.8$ Hz), 121.4, 112.1, 111.5, 109.9, 56.0,

55.9, 44.4, 44.4, 41.0, 38.6 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 323.1041; found: 323.1044.

(5,5,5-Trifluoro-3-thiocyanatopentyl)benzene (2o): Pale yellow syrup (69.1 mg, 89%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, $J = 13.9, 12.0, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 2.31 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.8, 125.0 (q, $J = 277.8$ Hz), 109.4, 42.3, 39.9 (q, $J = 29.0$ Hz), 36.2, 32.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{SCN}$] $^+$: 201.0891; found: 201.0894.

(3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)cyclooctane (2p): Pale yellow syrup (34.2 mg, 43%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.55 – 1.38 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.4 (q, $J = 277.7$ Hz), 111.2, 51.4, 41.2, 36.9 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz), 31.3, 29.7, 29.3, 26.5, 26.2, 26.0, 25.9, 25.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -68.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{SCN}$] $^+$: 207.1361; found: 207.1354.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-thiocyanatoheptane (2q): Colorless syrup (32.9 mg, 52%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.39 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.33 (m, 3H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 125.2 (q, $J = 277.7$ Hz), 109.8, 43.3, 43.2, 39.8 (q, $J = 28.9$ Hz), 34.6, 28.7, 21.9, 13.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{NF}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}$] $^-$: 210.0564; found: 210.0560.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-thiocyanatohenicosane (2r): Pale yellow sticky mass (56.2 mg, 46%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.33 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 29H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 125.2 (q, $J = 277.9$ Hz), 109.8, 43.3, 39.8 (q, $J = 29.0$

Hz), 34.9, 32.0, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 28.8, 26.7, 22.7, 14.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{NF}_3\text{SCl} [\text{M}+\text{Cl}]^+$: 442.2522; found: 442.2510.

Benzyl 7,7,7-trifluoro-5-thiocyanatoheptanoate (2s): Colorless syrup (50.6 mg, 51%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.33 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.70 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 135.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 125.0 (q, $J = 277.8$ Hz), 109.5, 66.6, 42.9, 42.9, 39.7 (q, $J = 29.1$ Hz), 34.2, 33.2, 22.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 332.0932; found: 332.0920.

6,6,6-Trifluoro-4-thiocyanatohexyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (2t): Colorless syrup (80.4 mg, 73%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.27 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.2, 132.7, 130.04, 127.90, 124.9 (q, $J = 277.9$ Hz), 109.1, 68.9, 42.6, 39.8 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz), 31.1, 26.2, 21.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{F}_3\text{S}_2 [\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 385.0867; found: 385.0873.

2-(6,6,6-Trifluoro-4-thiocyanatohexyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2u): White crystalline solid (72.8 mg, 67%); mp = 74–76 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.76 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 134.2, 131.9, 125.0 (q, $J = 277.9$ Hz), 123.4, 109.3, 42.5 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 40.23, 39.8 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz), 36.6, 32.1, 25.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 343.0728; found: 343.0729.

Diethyl (6,6,6-trifluoro-4-thiocyanatohexyl) phosphate (2v): Pale yellow sticky mass (86.9 mg, 83%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.18 – 4.05 (m, 6H), 3.39 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$, 3H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.1$, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 125.0 (q, *J* = 277.9 Hz), 109.3, 66.1 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 64.0 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 42.8 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 39.9 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 31.2, 27.4 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.6; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -1.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₂₀NO₄SF₃P [M+H]⁺: 350.0803; found: 350.0810.

Benzyl 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-methyl-2-thiocyanatobutanoate (2w): Colorless syrup (62.7 mg, 69%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 3.17 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 134.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 124.3 (q, *J* = 278.6 Hz), 109.4, 69.3, 53.6, 42.2 (q, *J* = 29.5 Hz), 24.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₂F₃S [M+H]⁺: 304.0619; found: 304.0622.

Benzyl 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-phenyl-2-thiocyanatobutanoate (2x): Pale yellow syrup (66.8 mg, 61%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.23 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.60 – 3.37 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 136.4, 133.6, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.8, 125.1, 110.5, 69.7, 62.3, 39.7 (q, *J* = 29.5); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₂F₃S [M+H]⁺: 366.0776; found: 366.0779.

Benzyl 2-benzyl-4,4,4-trifluoro-2-thiocyanatobutanoate (2y): White sticky mass (70.5 mg, 62%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 26.6, 11.9 Hz, 2H), 3.45 – 3.11 (m, 3H), 3.03 – 2.87 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 133.5, 132.5, 130.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 124.3 (q, *J* = 278.1), 110.9, 69.5, 61.5, 61.5, 41.9 (q, *J* = 29.3), 41.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₂F₃S [M+H]⁺: 380.0932; found: 380.0934.

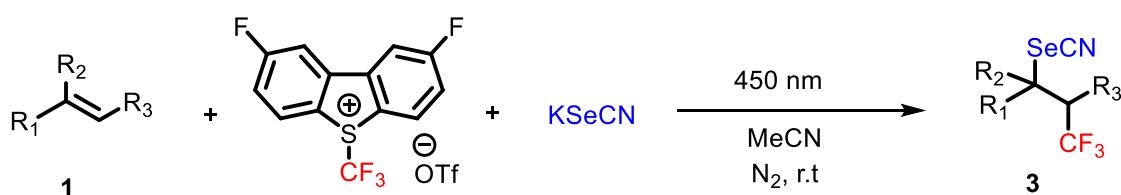
(E)-1-(3,3,3-Trifluoroprop-1-en-1-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one (2z): Pale yellow syrup (22.5 mg, 42%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dq, *J* = 14.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 131.1 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 267.5 Hz), 98.4 (q, *J* = 34.9 Hz), 44.8, 30.9, 17.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₇H₉NOF₃ [M+H]⁺: 180.0636; found: 180.0638.

13-Methyl-3-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-thiocyanatopropyl)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (2aa): (1:1 diastereomeric mixture) Sticky mass (70.8 mg, 58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 4.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.69 – 1.40 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.6, 141.6, 137.8, 133.4, 133.4, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 126.1, 124.7 (q, *J* = 278.1 Hz), 124.5, 124.4, 110.5, 50.5, 47.9, 46.2, 44.4, 39.8 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 37.9, 35.8, 31.6, 29.7, 29.3, 26.3, 25.6, 21.6, 13.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.8, -63.8 (1:1 ratio); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₈N₂OF₃S [M+NH₄]⁺: 425.1874; found: 425.1846.

4,4,4-trifluoro-2-thiocyanatobutyl 2-((3-chloro-2-methylphenyl)amino)nicotinate (2ab): Pale yellow syrup (87.5 mg, 68%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.73 – 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.84 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 156.7, 154.3, 140.6, 138.7, 135.0, 129.4, 126.7, 125.5, 124.8 (q, *J* = 277.7 Hz), 122.5, 113.6, 108.9, 105.6, 65.4, 40.9, 36.5 (q, *J* = 30.3), 15.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₂F₃SCl [M+H]⁺: 430.0612; found: 430.0604.

2-3. General procedure for the visible-light promoted trifluoromethylselenocyanation:



Alkene **1** (0.3 mmol), Umemoto reagent II (0.45 mmol) and KSeCN (0.45 mmol) were weighed in a screw capped vial and MeCN (3.0 mL) was added to this mixture. The vial was back filled with N₂ and it was introduced into Penn *PhD* photoreactor m2 (blue LED 450 nm). After completion of reaction (5 hours), the reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporation and the crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography to get the desired compound **3**.

Analytical data of the trifluoromethylselenocyanated compounds 3:

1-Bromo-4-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-selenocyanatopropyl)benzene (3a): Yellow solid (64.3 mg, 60%); mp = 65–67 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.6, 132.7, 128.8, 124.8 (q, *J* = 278.9 Hz), 123.8, 100.8, 40.9, 40.5 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₇F₃Br [M-SeCN]⁺: 250.9683; found: 250.9684.

1-Selenocyanato-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (3b): Pale brownish syrup (39.1 mg, 45%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 138.2, 129.9, 128.2, 126.8 (q, *J* = 279.1 Hz), 125.2, 125.0, 100.6, 51.6 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 48.0, 31.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₈F₃ [M-SeCN]⁺: 185.0578; found: 185.0581.

(4,4,4-trifluoro-2-selenocyanatobutyl)benzene (3c): Pale brownish syrup (42.9 mg, 49%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 3.80 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 125.5 (q, *J* = 278.1 Hz), 100.2, 42.1, 41.1 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 39.9 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃ [M-SeCN]⁺: 187.0735; found: 187.0732.

1,2-Dimethoxy-4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-2-selenocyanatobutyl)benzene (3d): Pale brownish syrup (50.8 mg, 48%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.84 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.69 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.3, 148.7, 129.0, 125.3 (q, $J = 278.1$ Hz), 121.2, 112.0, 111.5, 100.4, 56.0, 55.9, 41.7, 41.3 (q, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 39.7 (q, $J = 29.0$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{Se} [\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 371.0486; found: 371.0486.

(5,5,5-Trifluoro-3-selenocyanatopentyl)benzene (3e): Pale brownish syrup (39.5 mg, 43%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.93 (ddd, $J = 14.0, 8.7, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.66 (m, 3H), 2.40 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.13 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.2, 128.9, 128.5, 126.8, 125.4 (q, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 99.6, 41.1 (q, $J = 28.9$ Hz), 39.6 (q, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 33.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_3\text{ClSe} [\text{M}+\text{Cl}]^-$: 341.9776; found: 341.9778.

(3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-selenocyanatopropyl)cyclooctane (3f): Pale brownish syrup (38.5 mg, 41%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.69 (td, $J = 6.9, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.57 – 1.44 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.34 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.6 (q, $J = 278.1$ Hz), 101.1, 50.0 (q, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 41.4, 38.0 (q, $J = 29.0$ Hz), 32.7, 30.0, 26.5, 26.2, 26.0, 25.9, 25.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3 [\text{M}-\text{SeCN}]^+$: 207.1361; found: 207.1364.

2-(6,6,6-Trifluoro-4-selenocyanatohexyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3g): White solid (66.7 mg, 57%); mp = 128-130 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.60 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 1.80 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 134.2, 131.9, 125.3 (q, $J = 278.1$

Hz), 123.4, 99.5, 40.9 (q, $J = 29.0$ Hz), 39.6, 36.6, 33.1, 26.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{Se} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 391.0173; found: 391.0178.

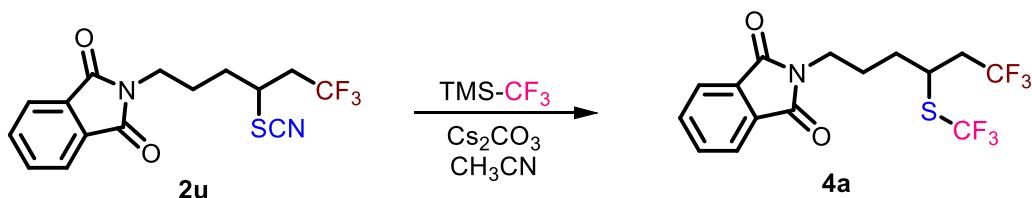
Benzyl 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-methyl-2-selenocyanatobutanoate (3h): Pale brownish syrup (63.9 mg, 61%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.24 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 134.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 124.5 (q, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 101.3, 69.3, 51.2, 43.4 (q, $J = 29.0$ Hz), 25.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -61.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{Se} [\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 369.0329; found: 369.0336.

2-4. One mmol scale trifluoromethylthiocyanation:

Alkene **1u** (215 mg, 1.0 mmol), Umemoto reagent II (657 mg, 1.5 mmol) and NH_4SCN (114 mg, 1.5 mmol) were weighed in a 25 mL round bottom flask and MeCN (10 mL) was added to this mixture. The flask was sealed with a septum, degassed with nitrogen and introduced into Penn *PhD* photoreactor m2 (blue LED 450 nm). After completion of reaction (4 hours), the reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporation and the crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography to get the desired compound **2u** (232 mg, 68% yield).

2-5. Transformation of trifluoromethyl-thiocyanation product:

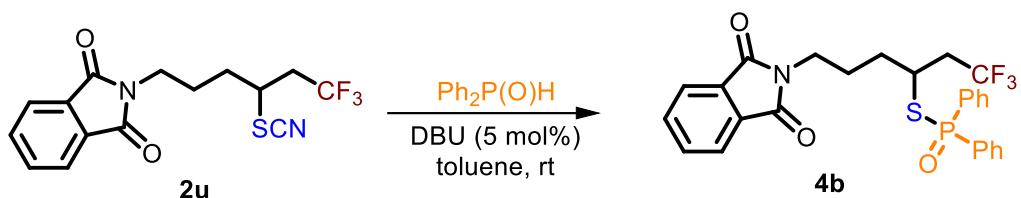
2-(6,6,6-trifluoro-4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)hexyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**4a**):



To a solution of **2u** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CH_3CN (1.5 ml) was added Cs_2CO_3 (98 mg, 0.3 mmol) and cooled to 0 °C. Then trifluoromethyltrimethylsilane (42.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added at once via syringe and the mixture was then stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The resulting mixture was extracted into EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with water (10 mL) followed

by brine solution (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The crude compound was purified by column chromatography. White solid (44.5 mg, 77%); mp = 71–73 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.51 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.70 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 134.1, 132.0, 130.5 (q, J = 306.6 Hz), 125.3 (q, J = 277.9 Hz), 123.33, 40.2 (q, J = 28.4 Hz), 39.1, 37.0, 31.5, 25.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -39.6, -63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{SF}_6$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 386.0649; found: 386.0651.

(6-(1,3-Dioxoisindolin-2-yl)-1,1,1-trifluorohexan-3-yl) diphenylphosphinothioate (4b):



To a mixture of **2u** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) and diphenylphosphine oxide (30 mg, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (1.5 mL) was added DBU (1 mg, 0.0075 mmol) at room temperature and stirred at the same temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the crude mass was purified by column chromatography. Colorless sticky mass (33.3 mg, 43%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 8.06 – 7.77 (m, 6H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 6H), 3.66 – 3.54 (br, 2H), 3.52 – 3.37 (br, 1H), 2.88 – 2.69 (br, 1H), 2.53 – 2.37 (br, 1H), 1.93 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.63 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 134.0, 132.7, 132.6, 132.1, 131.9, 131.5, 128.9, 125.5 (q, J = 278.6 Hz), 123.3, 40.6 (q, J = 28.6 Hz), 39.3, 37.3, 32.5, 25.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.9; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 42.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{SF}_3\text{P}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 518.1167; found: 518.1168.

3. Mechanistic investigations:

3-1. UV/Vis absorbance studies:

UV absorption spectra of alkene **1a** (0.0066 M), Umemoto reagent II (0.0066 M) and mixture of alkene **1a** and Umemoto reagent II in acetonitrile were recorded (Figure S1). There was no increase in UV absorbance upon mixing the alkene **1a** and Umemoto reagent II. This clearly indicates there is no EDA complex between alkene and Umemoto reagent II.

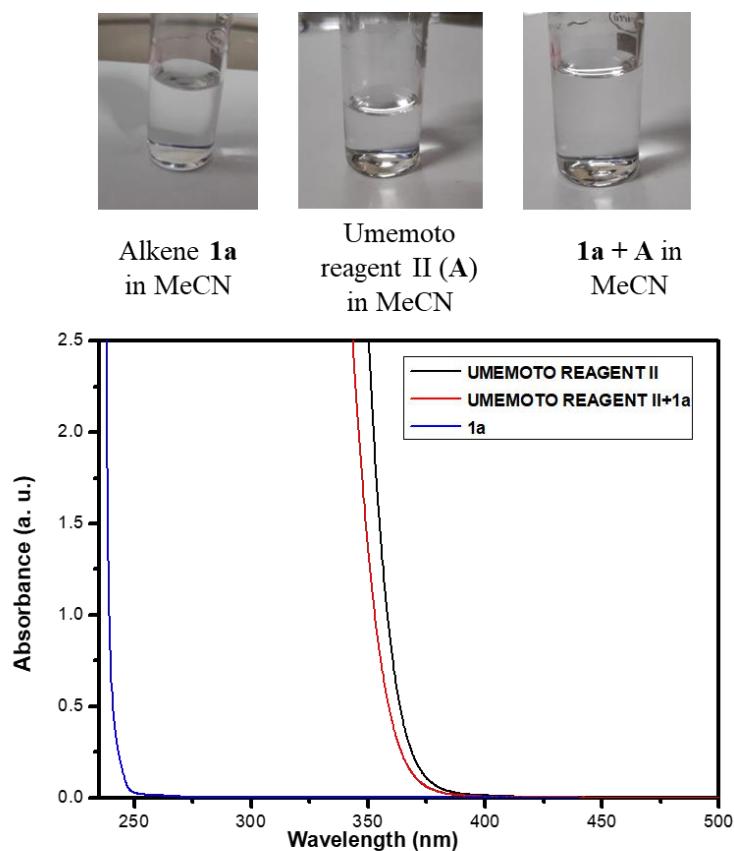


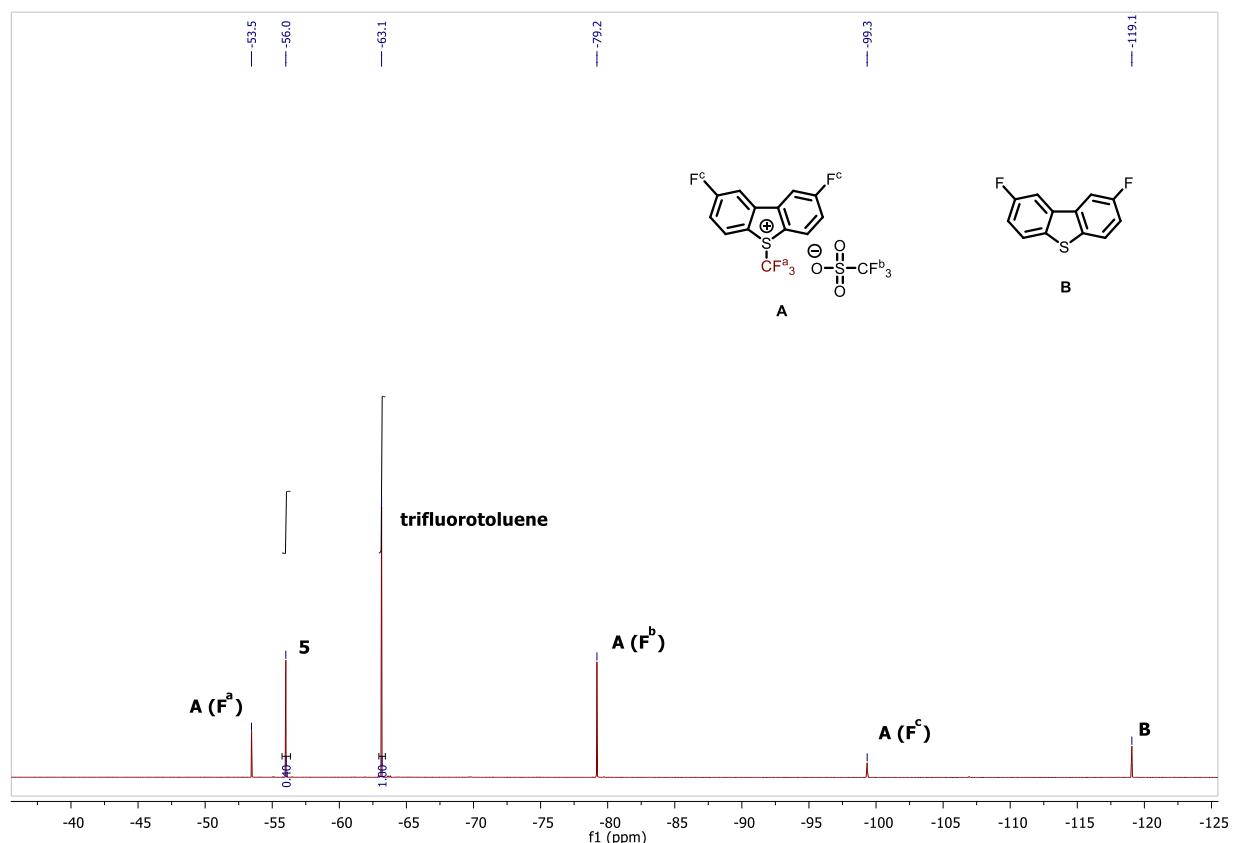
Figure S1 (Top) photographs of alkene **1a**, Umemoto reagent II (**A**) and mixture of **1a+A** in acetonitrile. (There was no formation of colored solution upon mixing **1a** and **A**)
(Bottom) UV-Vis absorption of alkene **1a** (0.0066 M), **A** (0.0066 M) and mixture of **1a** and **A**. (There was no increase in UV absorbance upon mixing **1a** and **A**)

3-2. Radical trapping experiments:

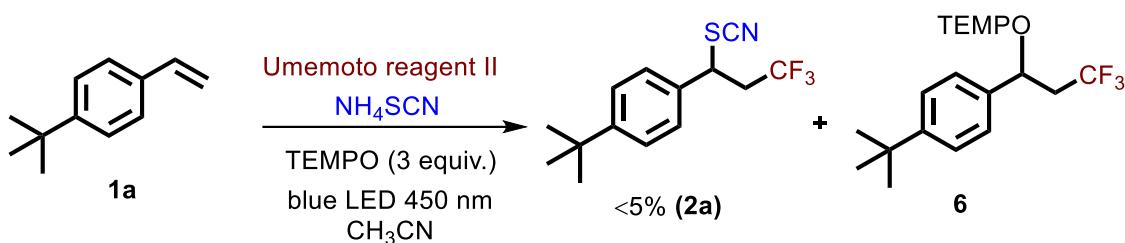
a. Detection of CF₃-TEMPO adduct:



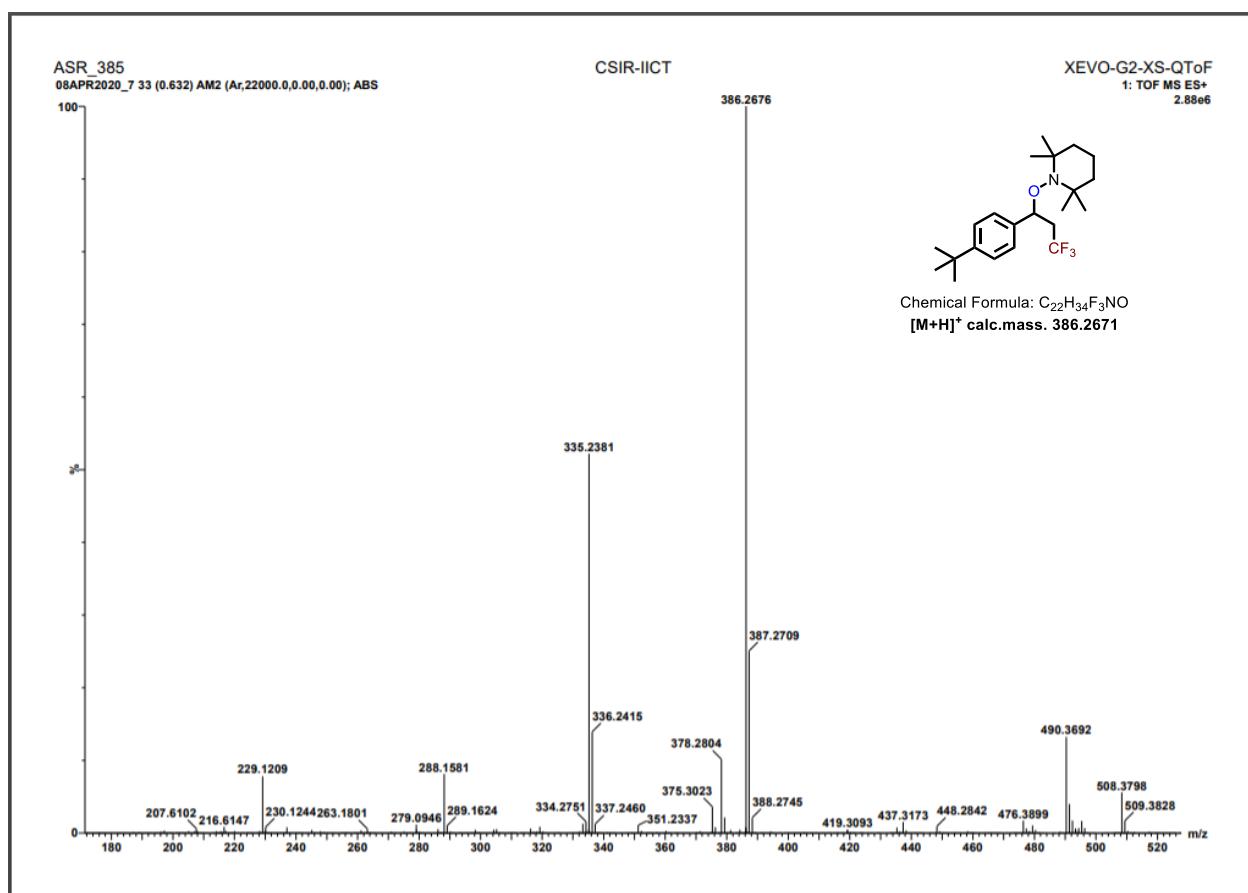
A mixture of Umemoto reagent II (**A**) (19.7 mg, 0.045 mmol) and TEMPO (7 mg, 0.045 mmol) in CH₃CN was irradiated in PR m2 (blue LED, 450 nm) for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated and dissolved in CDCl₃ to record ¹⁹F nmr. CF₃-TEMPO adduct was detected in an yield of 40% (using trifluorotoluene as internal standard) in ¹⁹F nmr.



b. Detection of CF₃-TEMPO difunctionalized product:

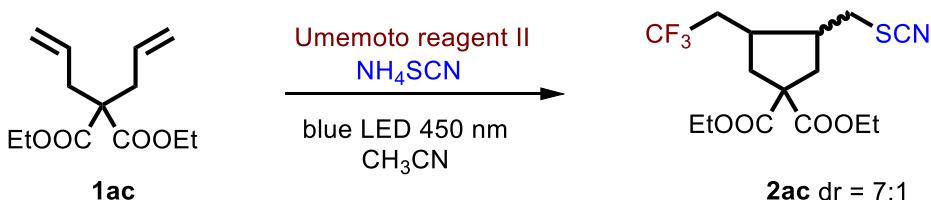


Alkene **1a** (48 mg, 0.3 mmol), Umemoto reagent II (197 mg, 0.45 mmol), NH₄SCN (34 mg, 0.45 mmol) and TEMPO (141 mg, 0.9 mmol) were weighed in a screw capped vial and MeCN (3.0 mL) was added to this mixture. The vial was back filled with N₂ and it was introduced into Penn *PhD* photoreactor m2 (blue LED 450 nm). After 4 hours, the HRMS of crude reaction mixture revealed the formation of compound **6**.



3-3. Radical clock cyclization experiment:

Diethyl 3-(thiocyanatomethyl)-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (2ac):



Following the general procedure for the trifluoromethylthiocyanation, the alkene **1ac** was converted into the radical cyclized product **2ac**. Pale yellow syrup (34 mg, 45%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.28 – 4.13 (m, 4H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.27 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 171.6, 126.5 (q, *J* = 276.9 Hz), 111.6, 62.1, 62.0, 58.1, 42.3, 38.2, 37.4, 36.7, 33.9, 33.4 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 14.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₄F₃S [M+H]⁺: 368.1143; found: 368.1146.

4. X-ray crystallography of **2u**:

X-ray data for KA973 (**2u**) was collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST instrument with an I μ S Mo microsource (λ = 0.7107 Å) and a PHOTON-100 detector. The raw data frames were reduced and corrected for absorption effects using the Bruker Apex 3 software suite programs [1]. The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method [2] and further refined with the SHELXL [2] program and expanded using Fourier techniques. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All C bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å, and U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C) for methyl H or 1.2U_{eq}(C) for other H atoms].

Figure S2 Captions

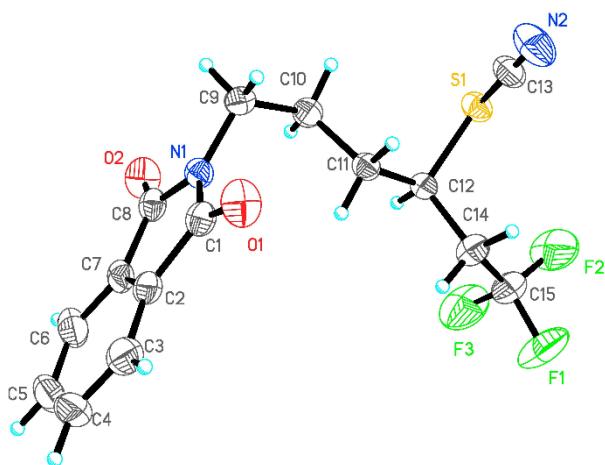


Fig.S2. A view of **KA973 (2u)**, showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary radii.

Crystal structure determination of 2u [KA973_0m]:

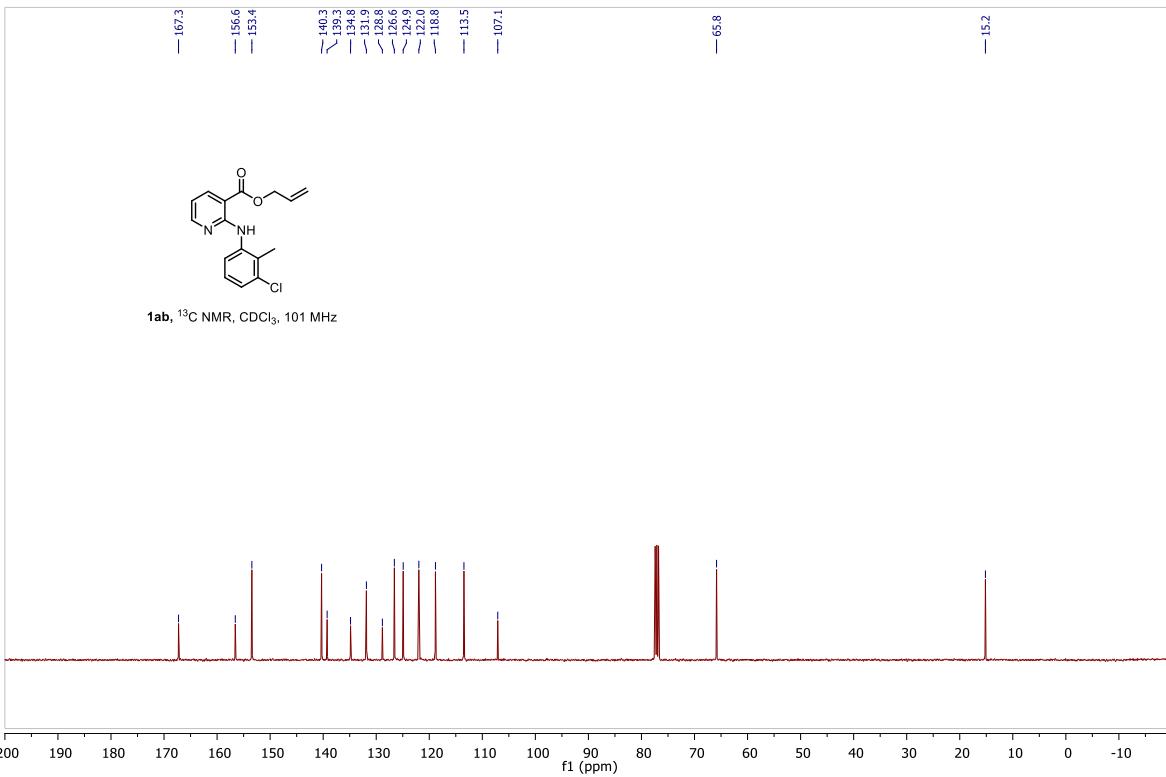
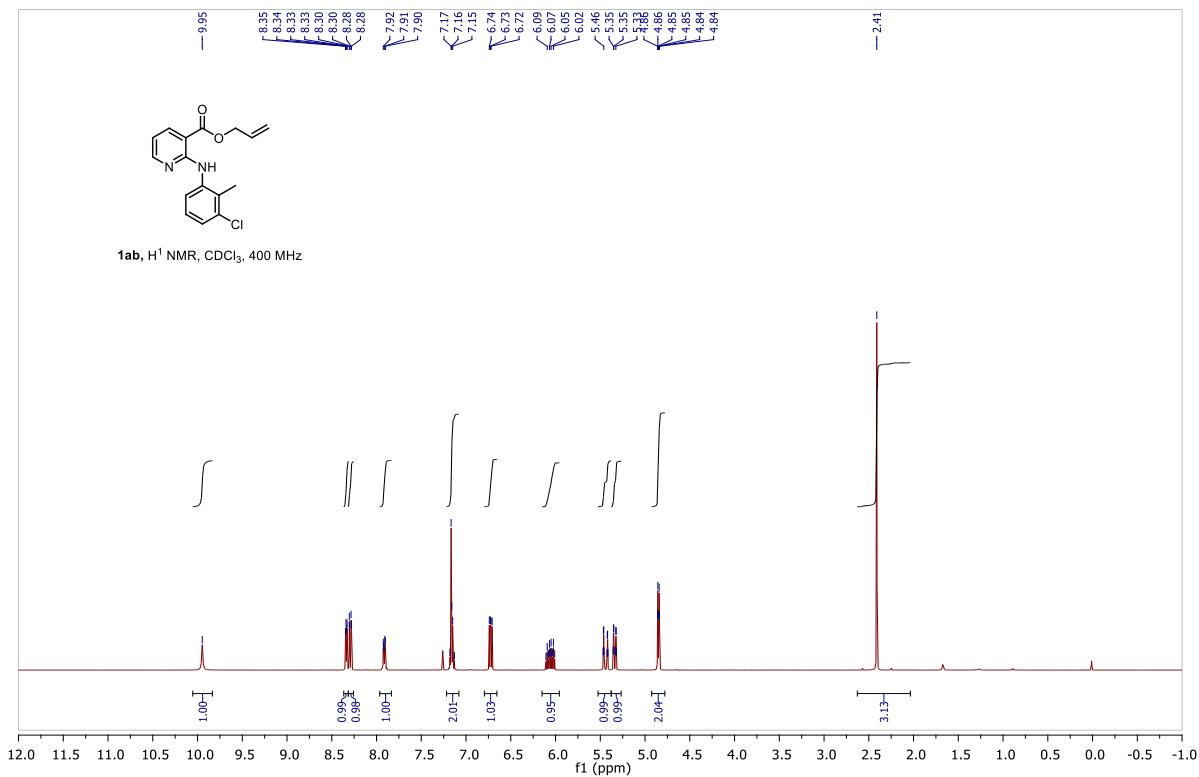
Crystal Data for $C_{15}H_{13}N_2O_2F_3S$ ($M = 342.33$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 12.0991(2)$ Å, $b = 12.9247(2)$ Å, $c = 10.4969(2)$ Å, $\beta = 100.4740(7)^\circ$, $V = 1614.12(5)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 294.15$ K, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.241$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.409$ g/cm³, 18639 reflections measured ($5.05^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 61.004^\circ$), 4444 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0548$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0528$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0619 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1791 (all data). CCDC 2004626 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44(0) 1223 336 033; email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

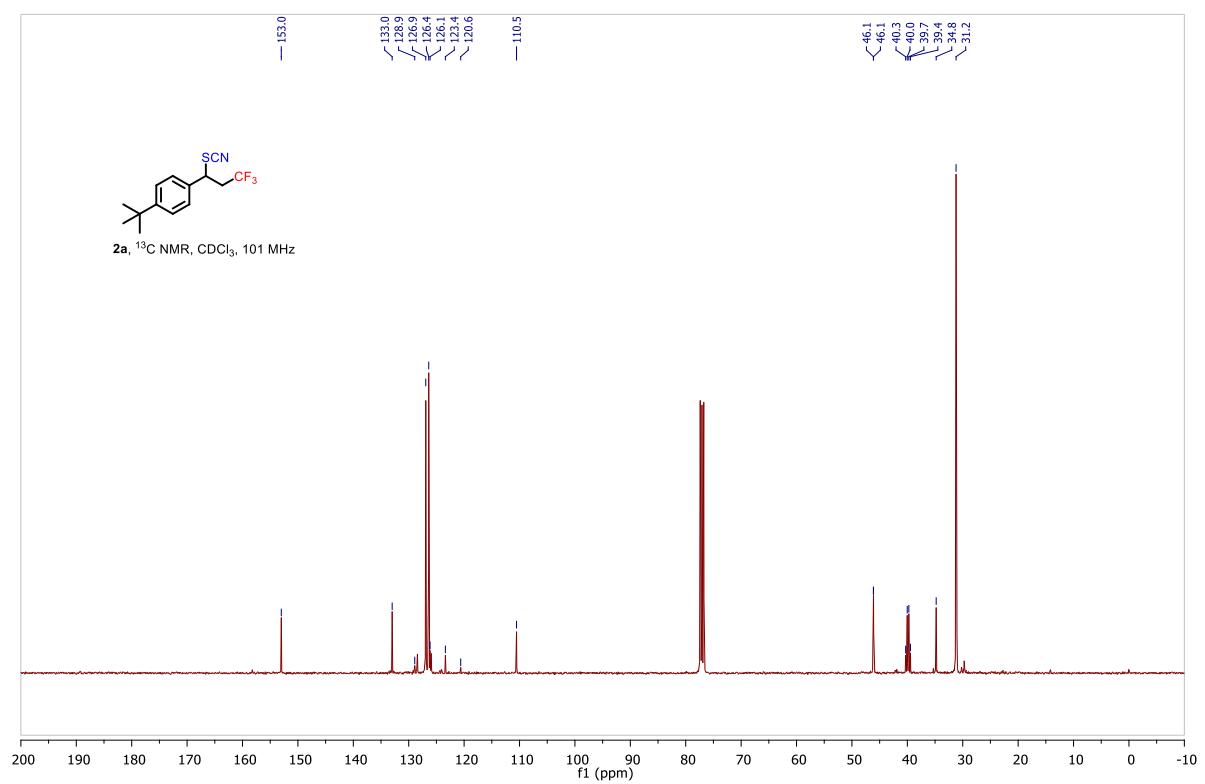
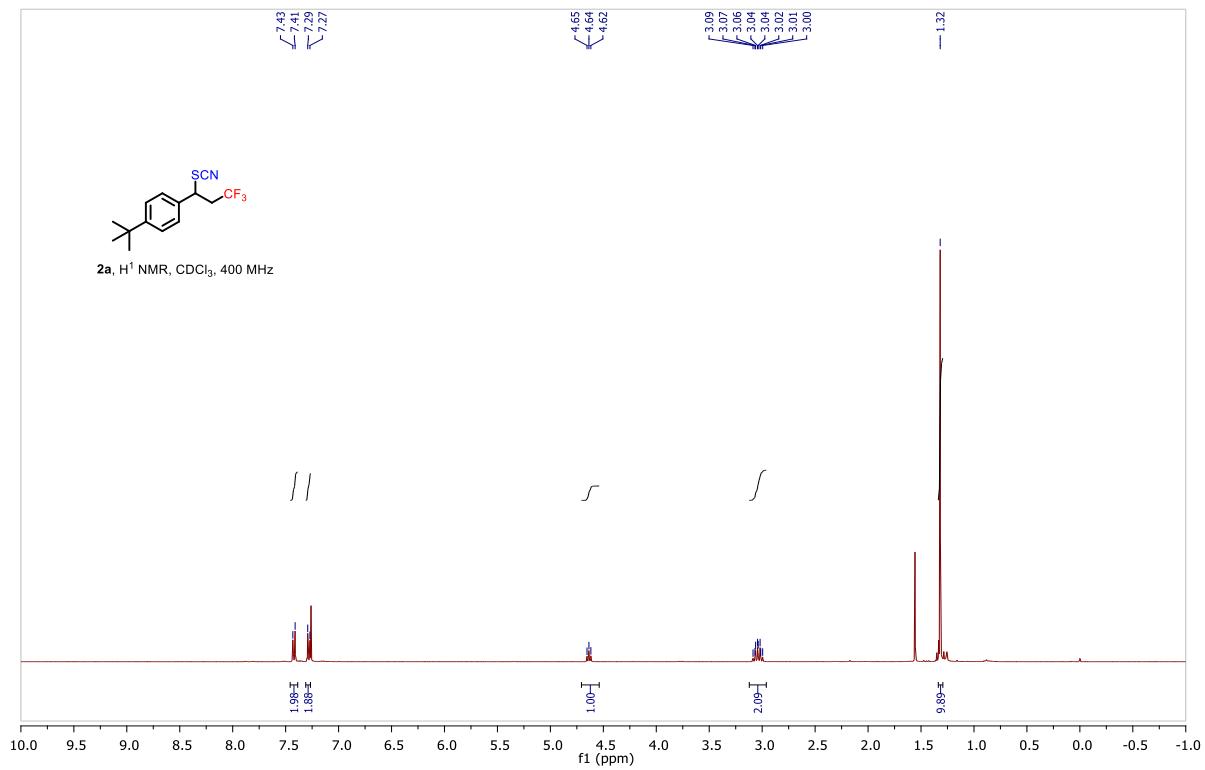
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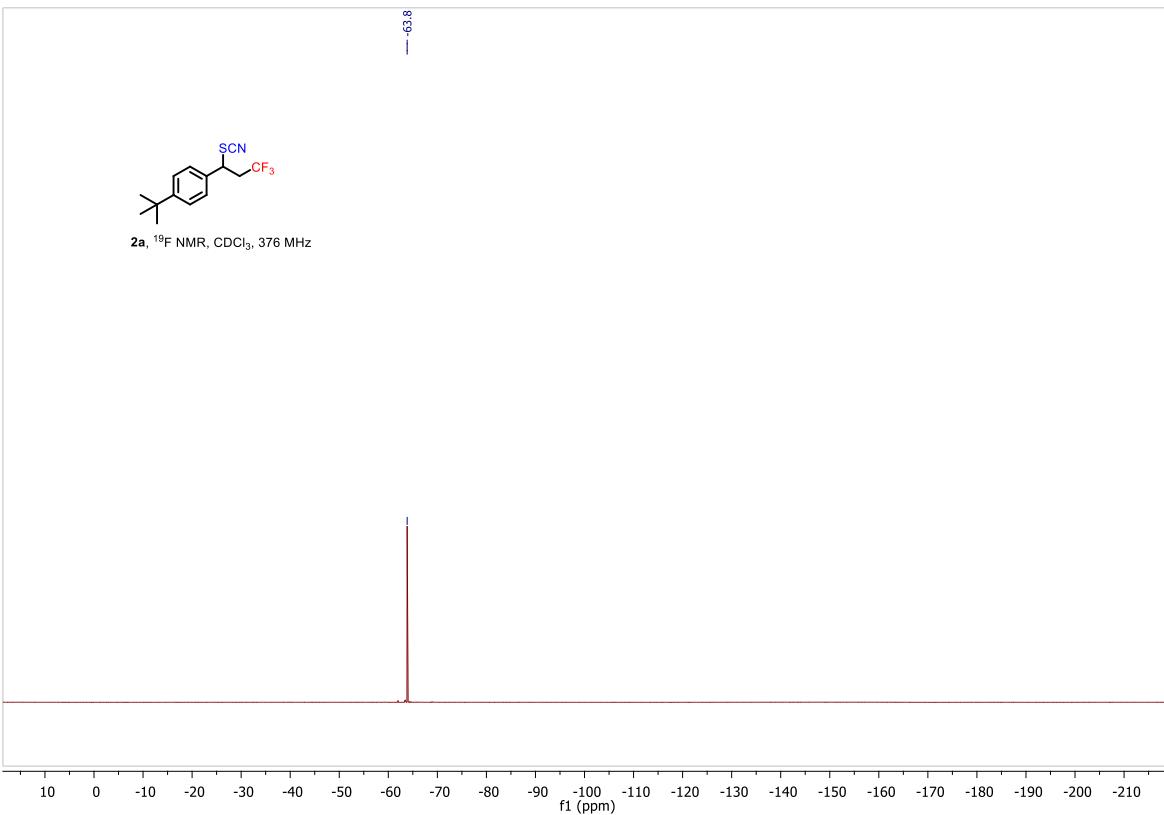
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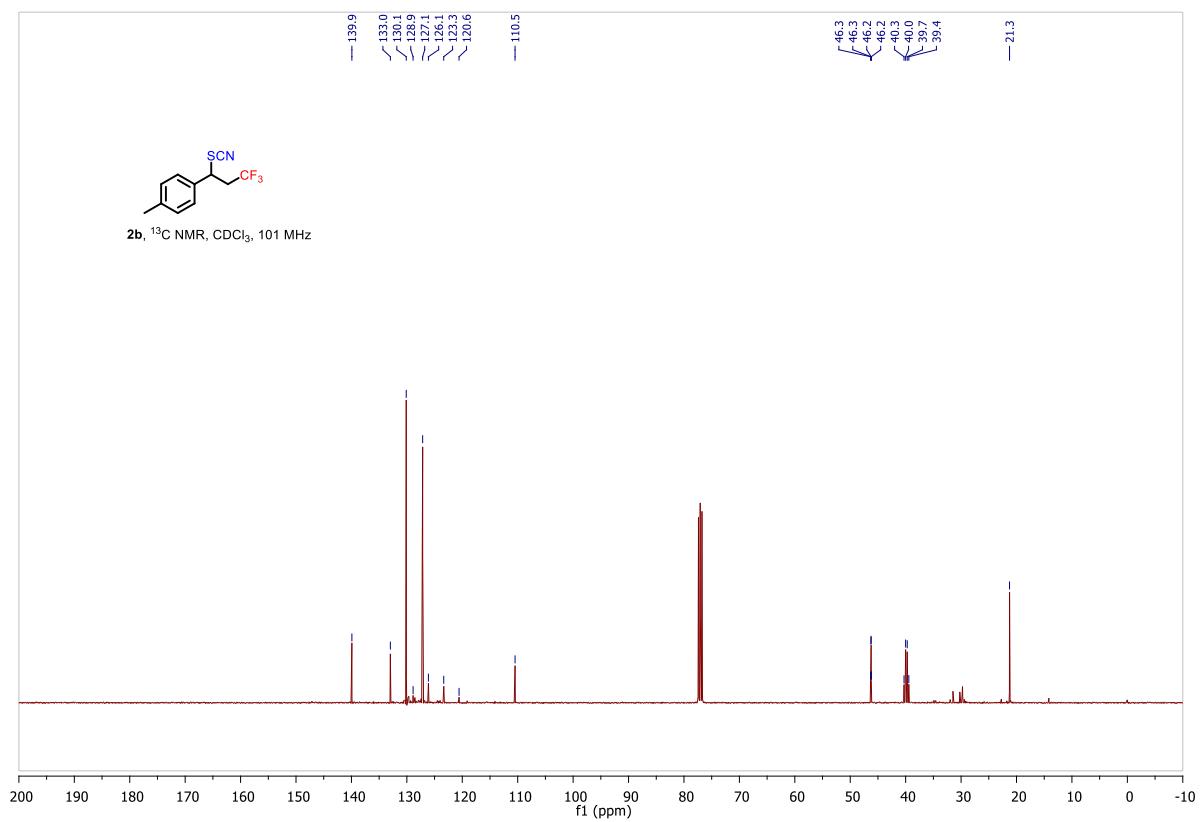
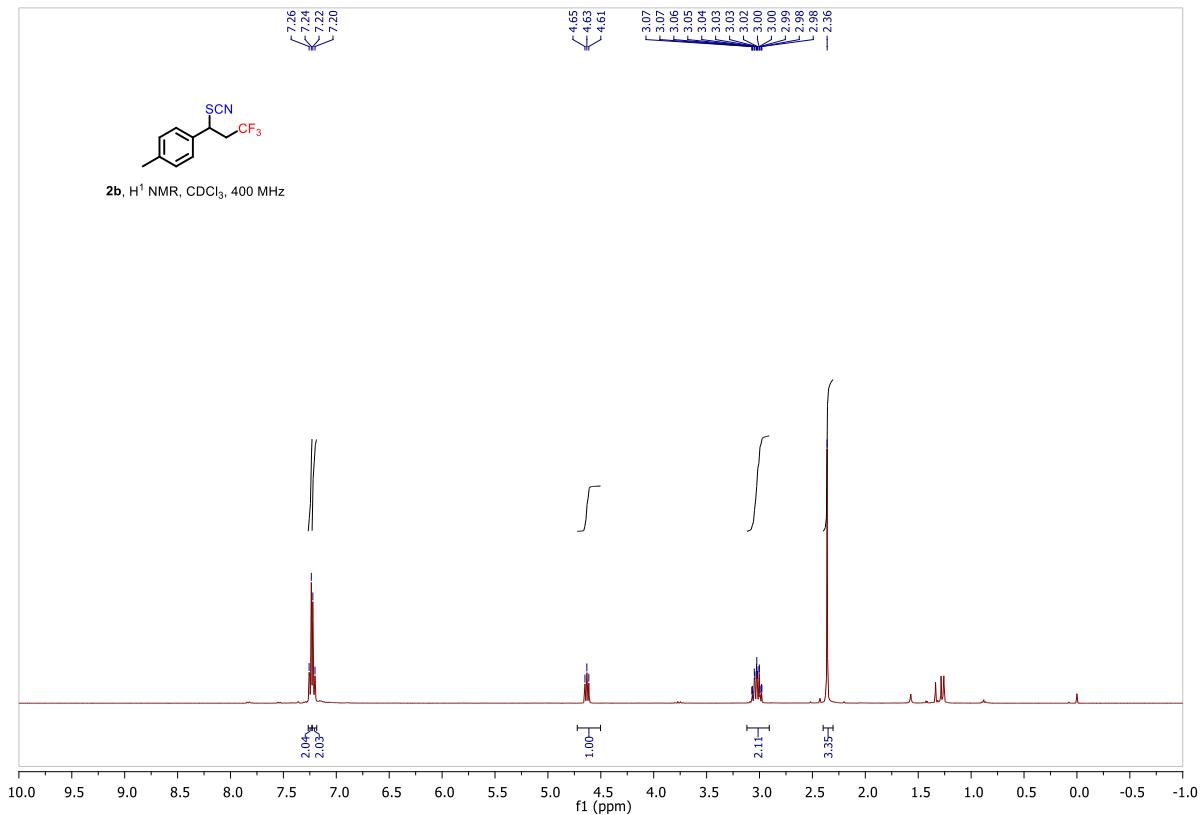
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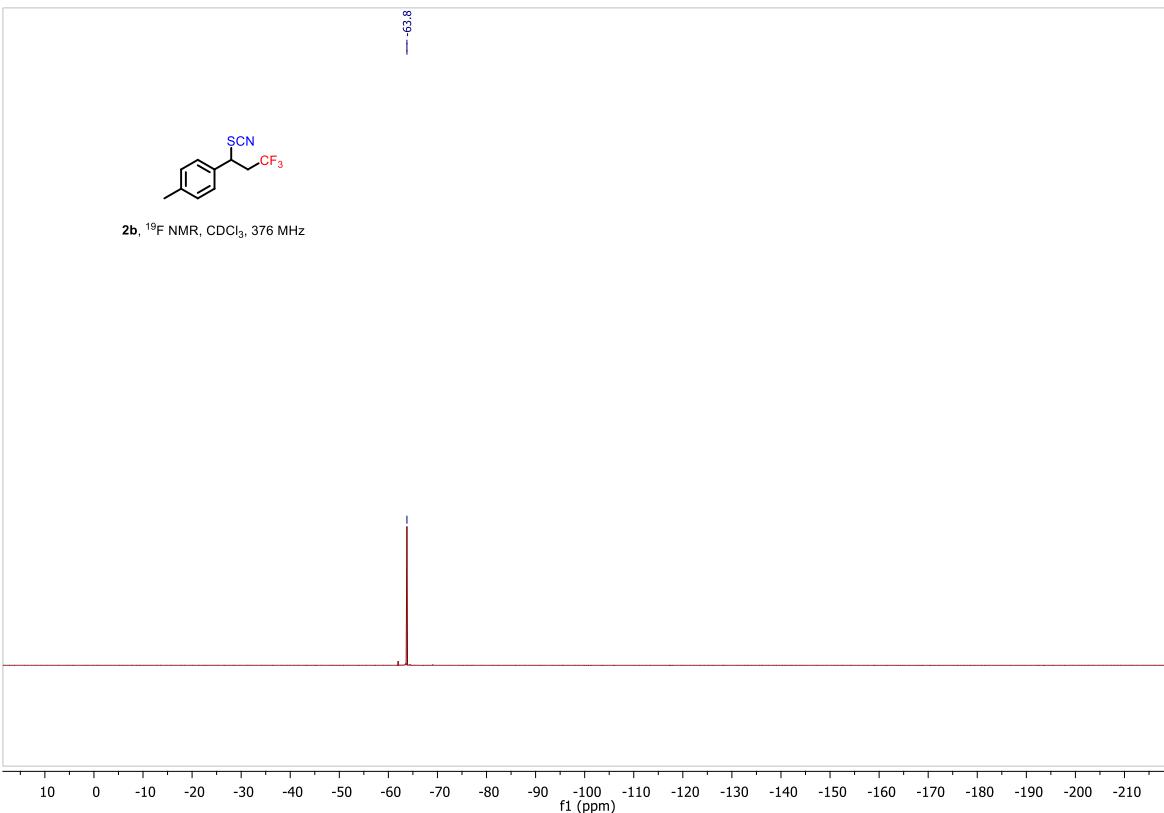
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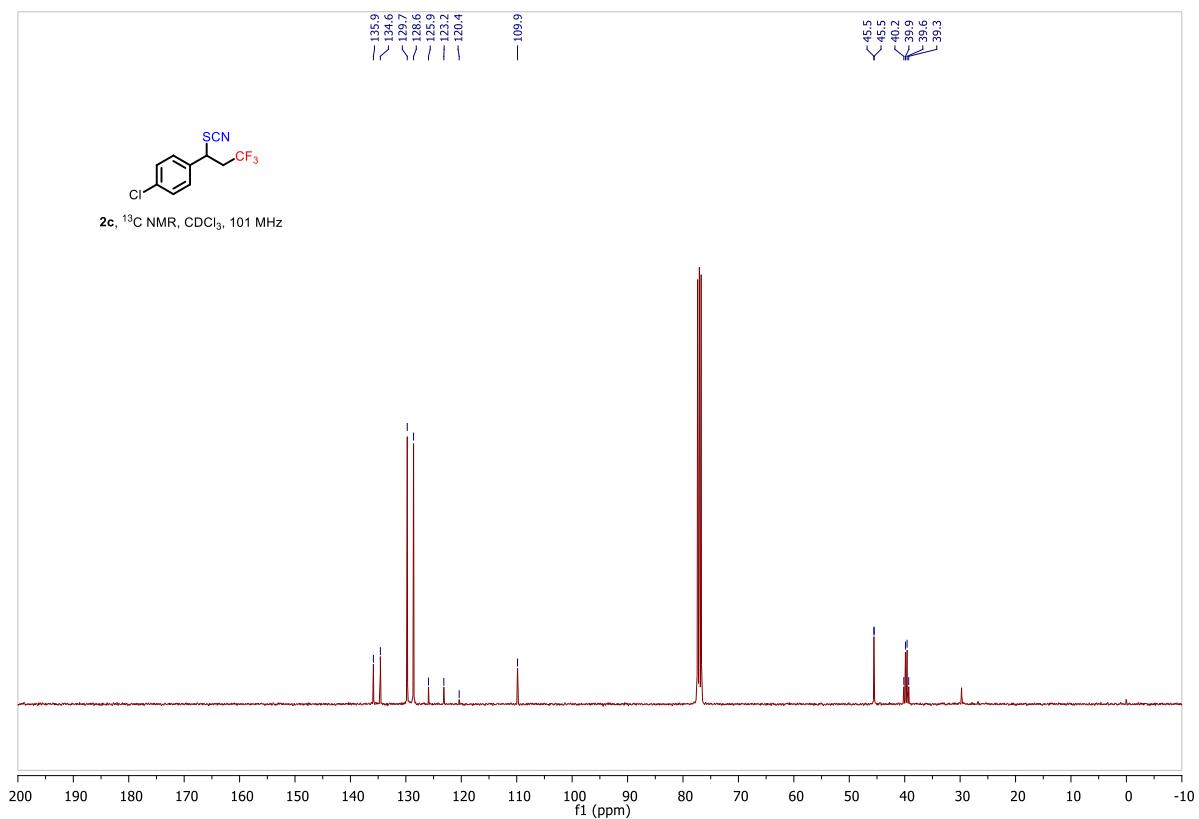
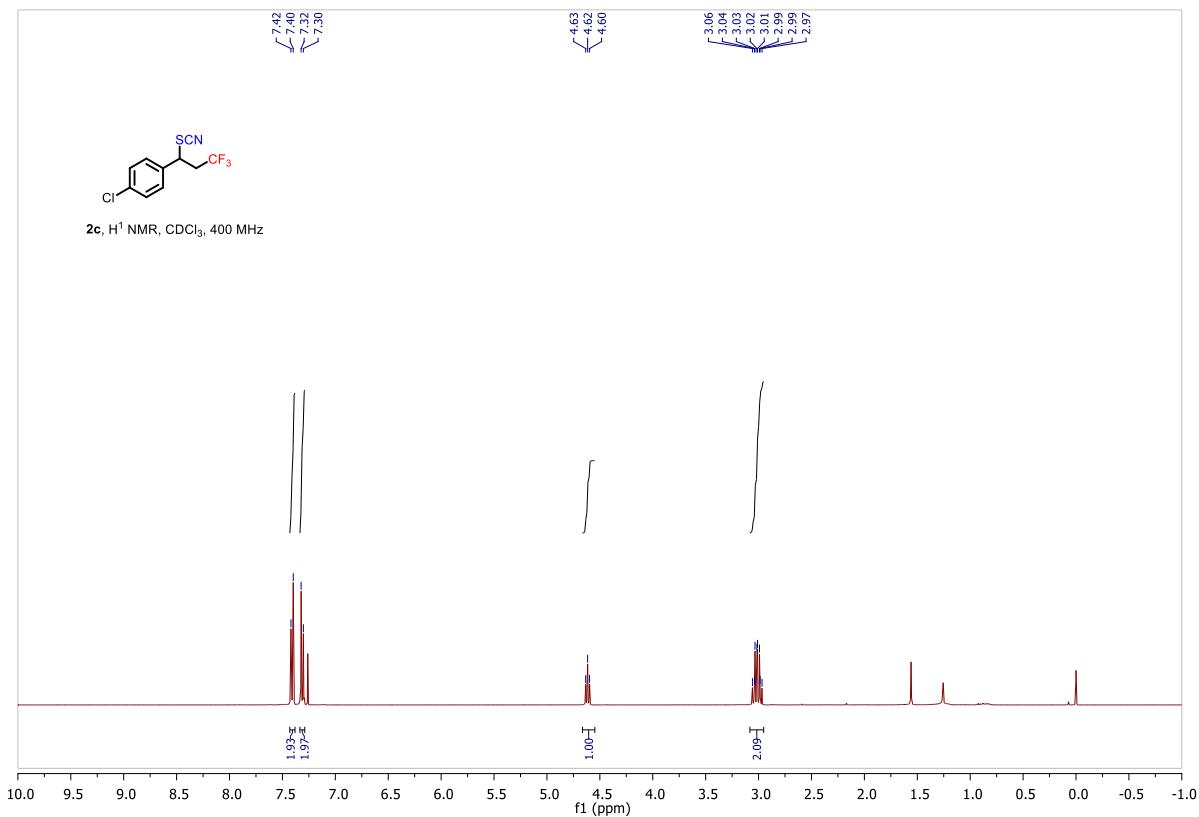


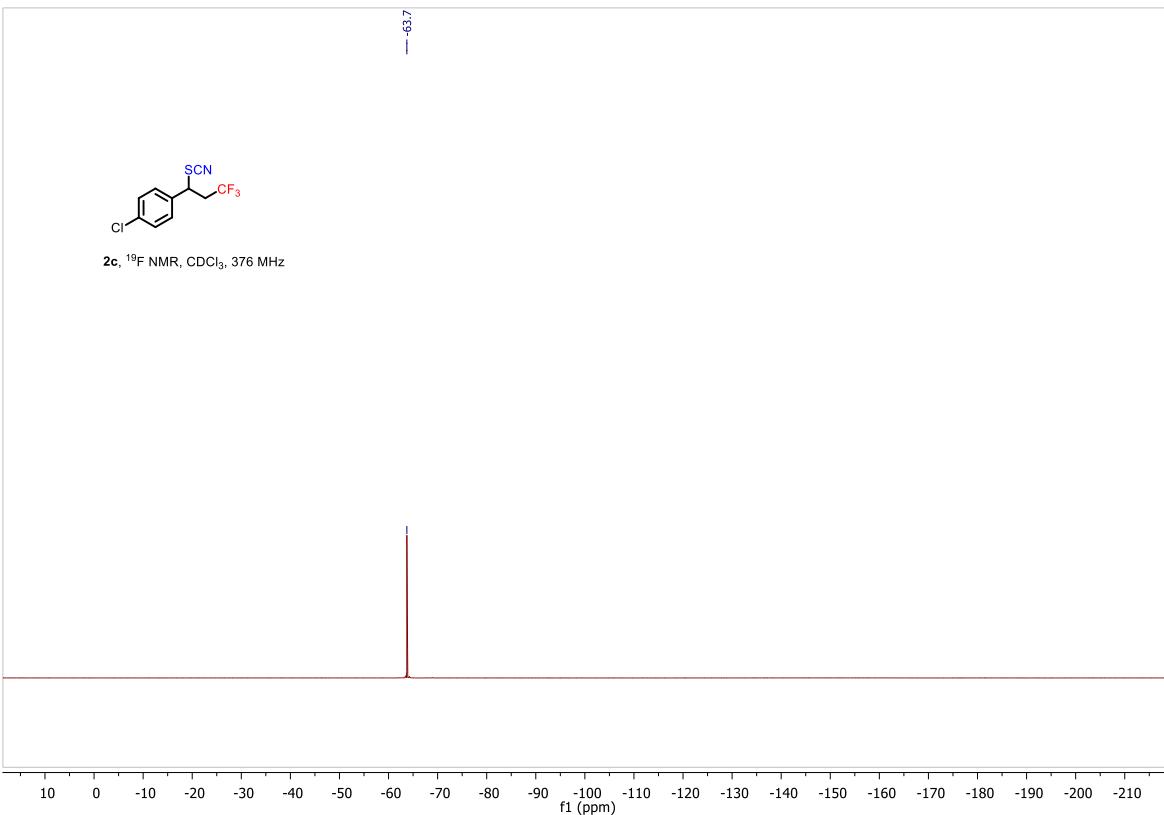


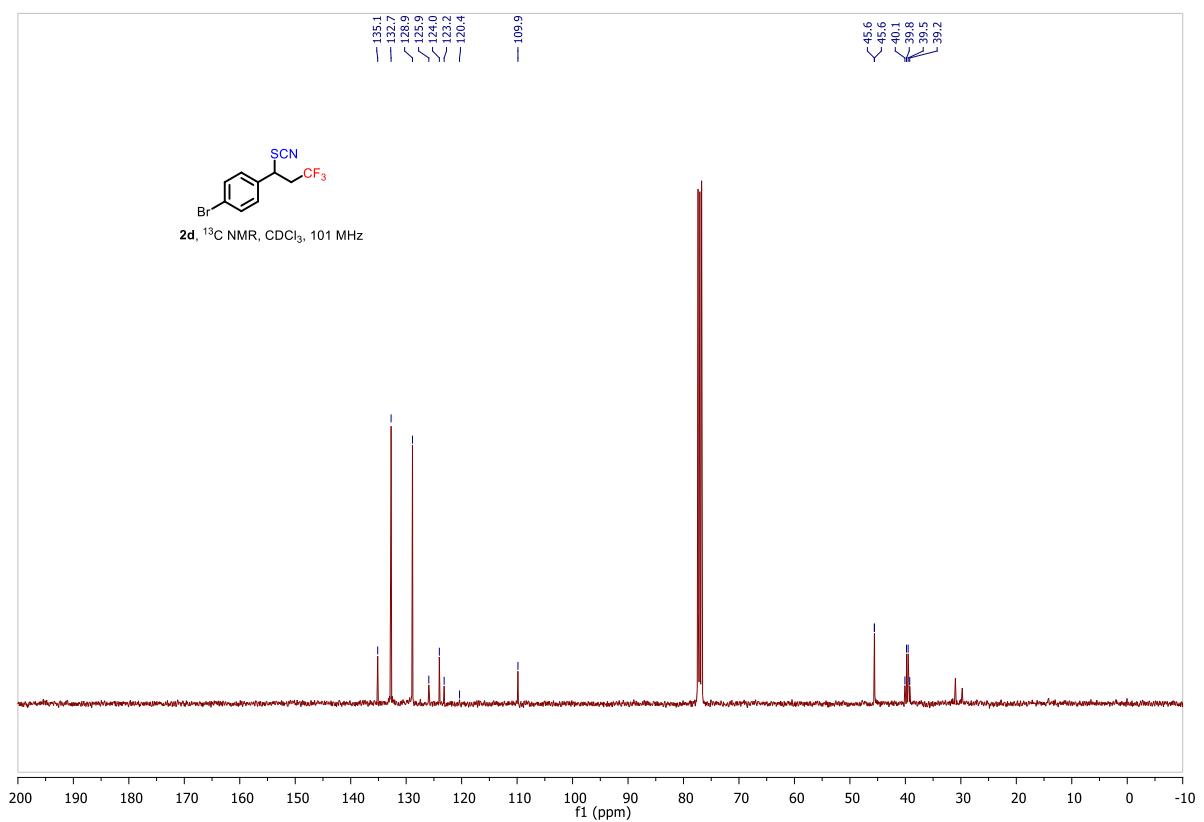
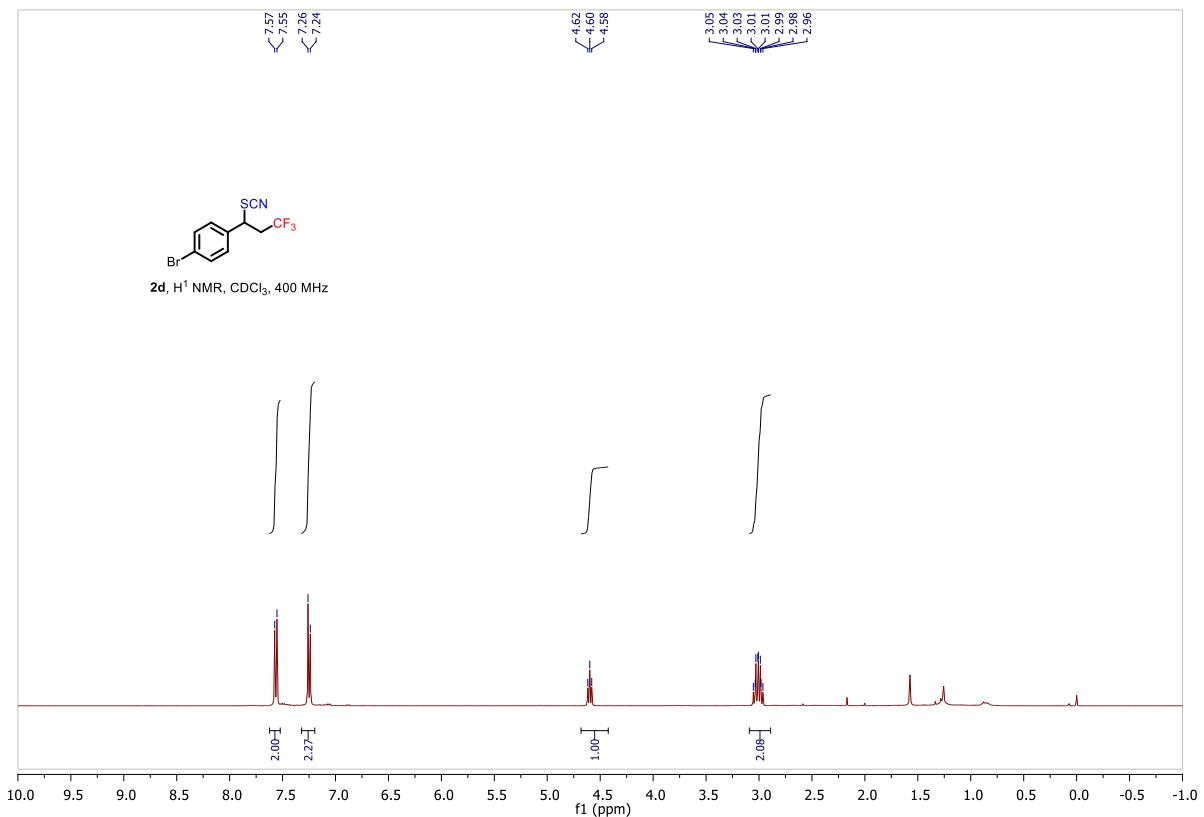


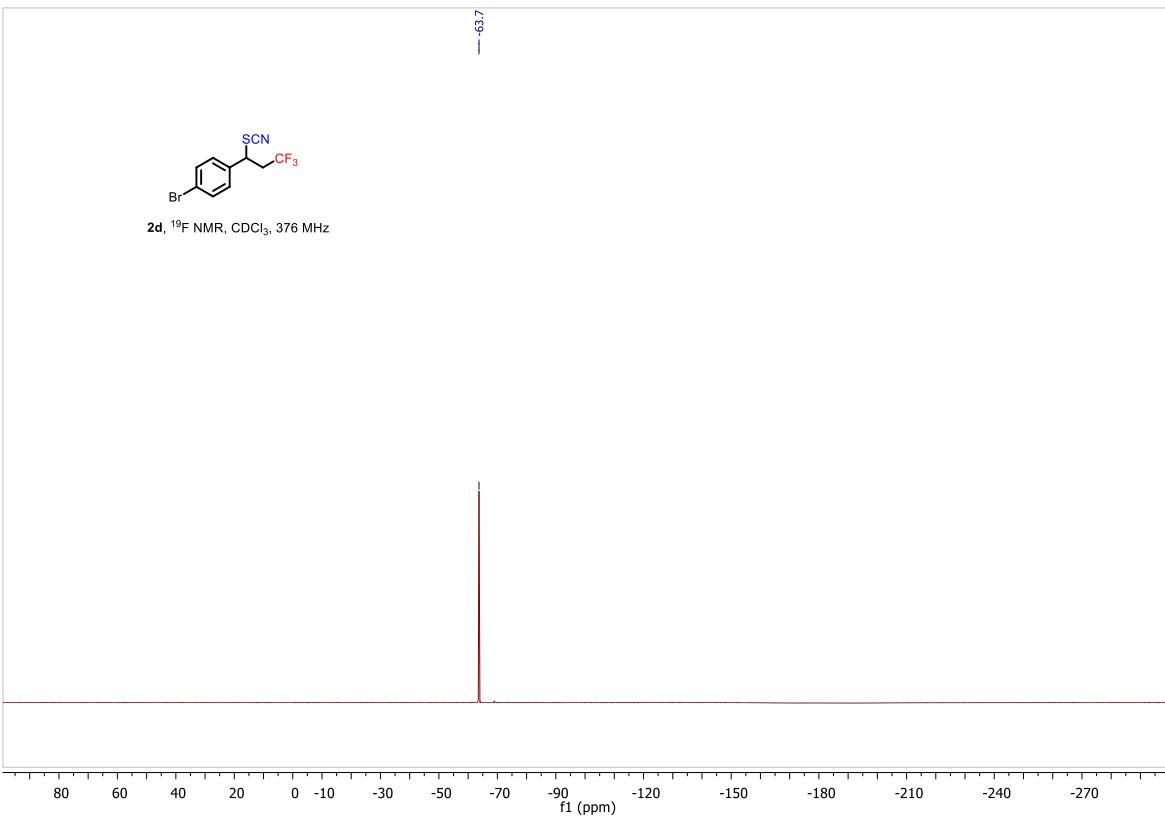


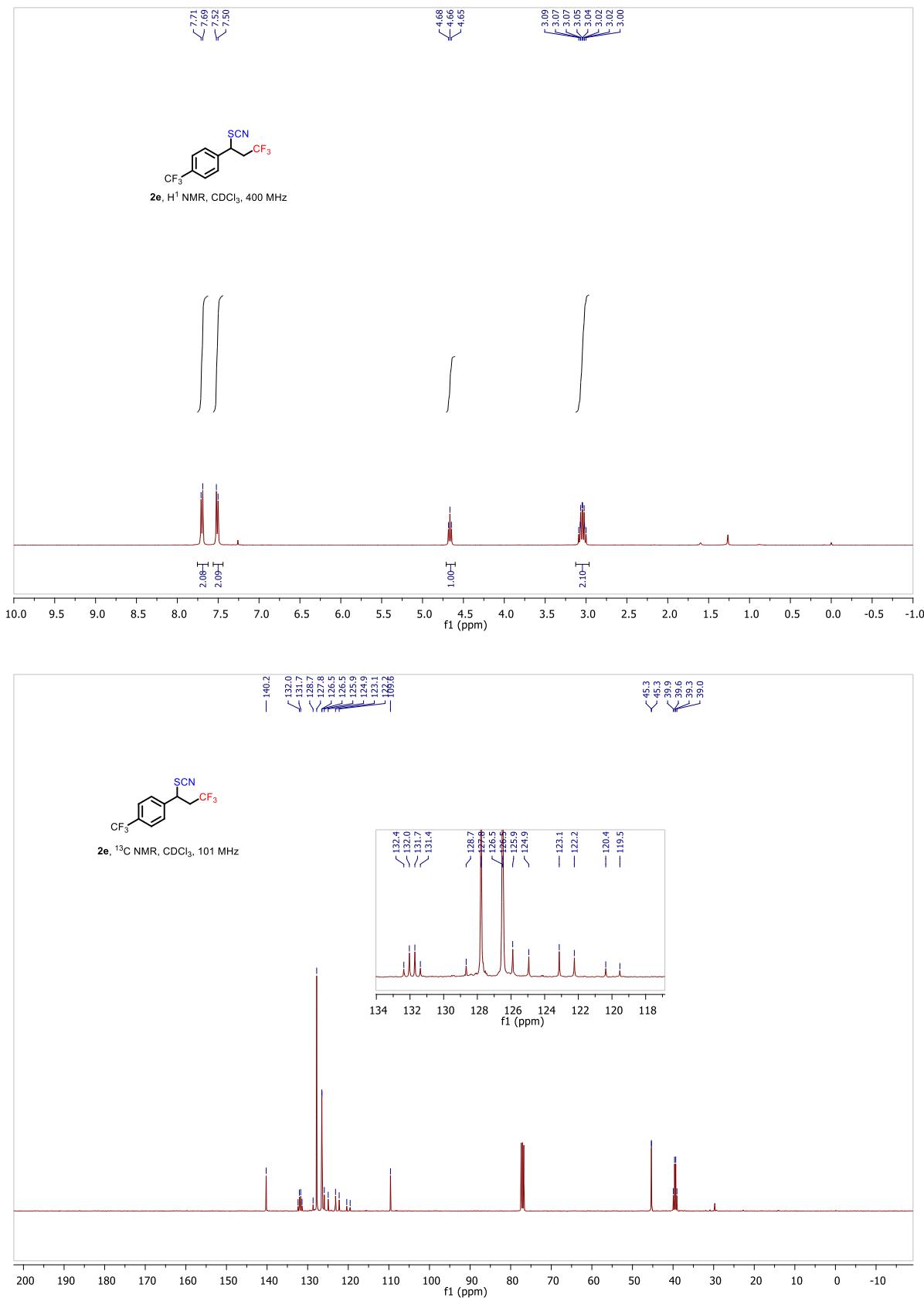


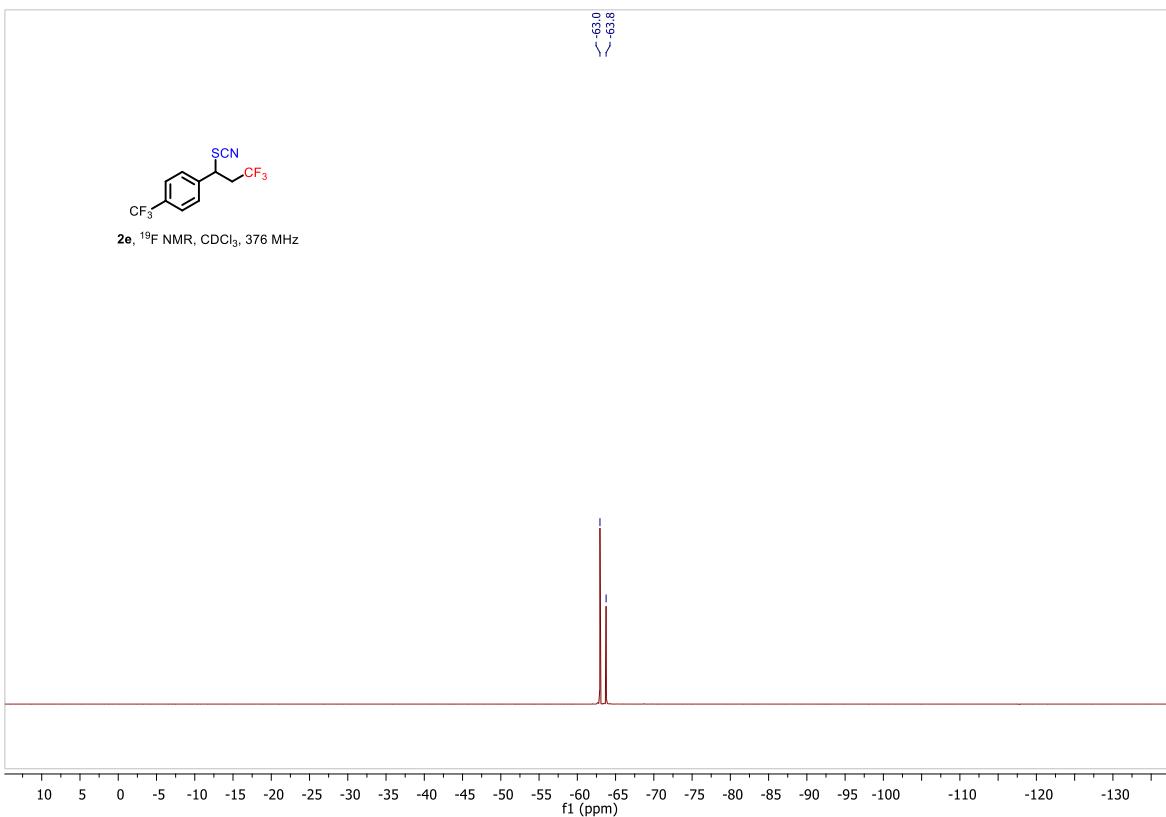


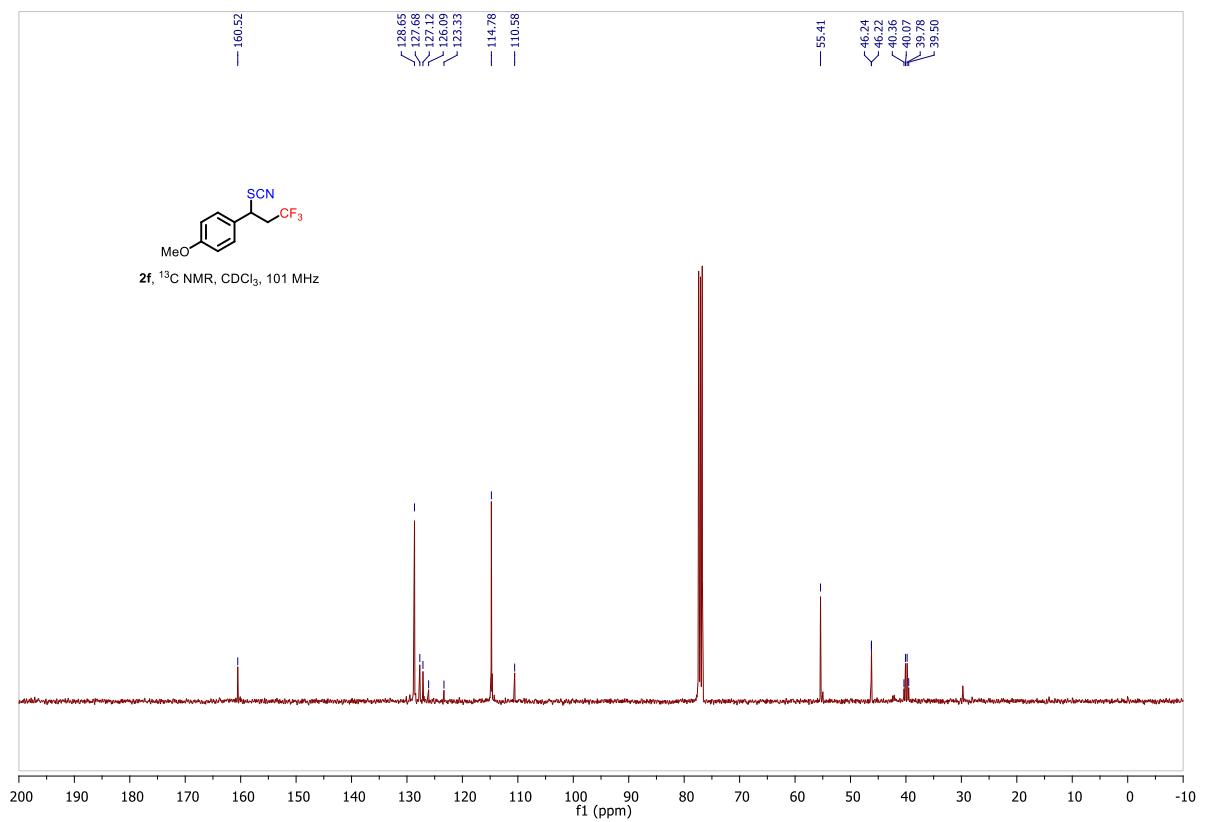
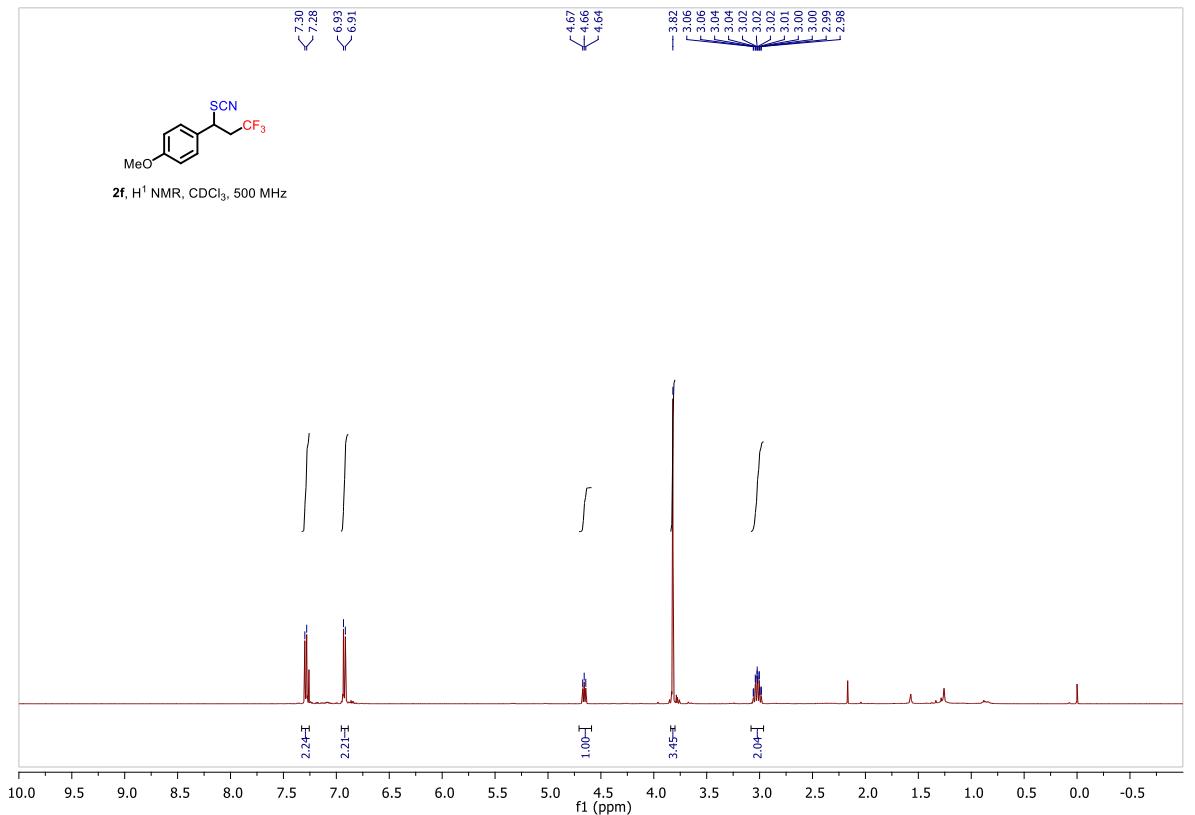


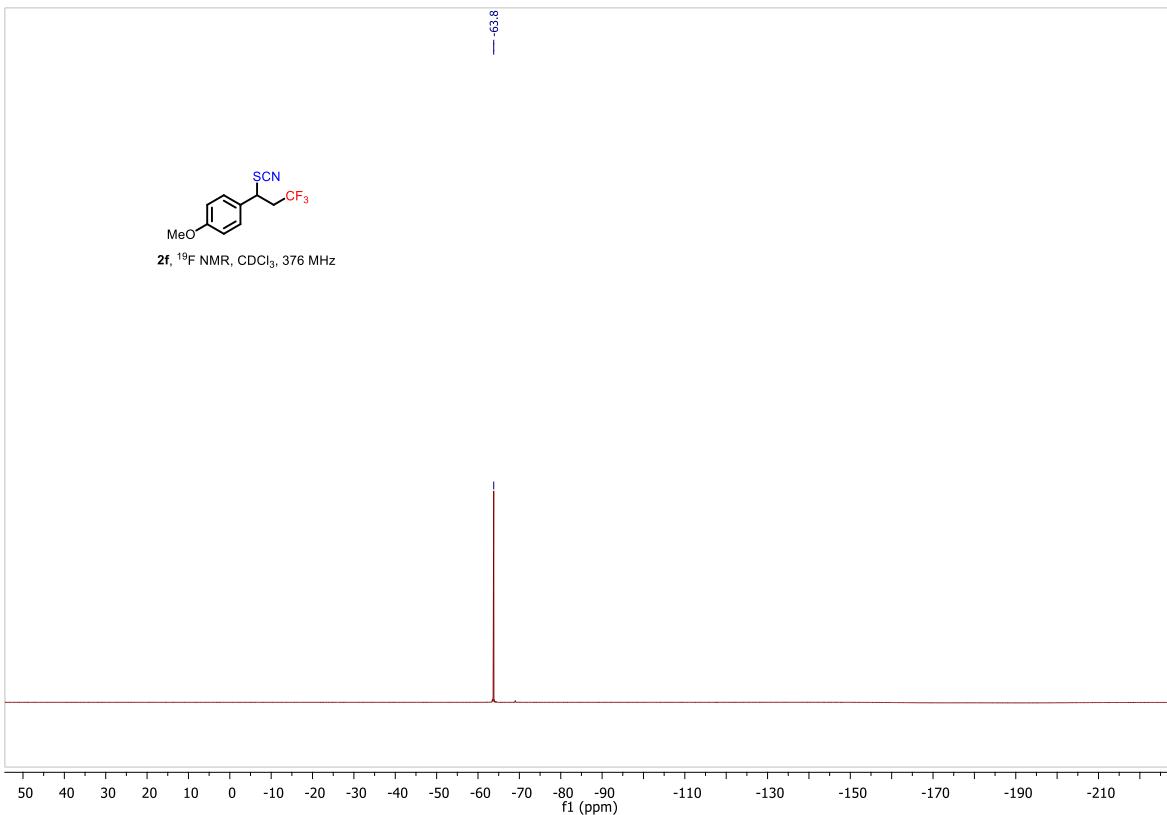


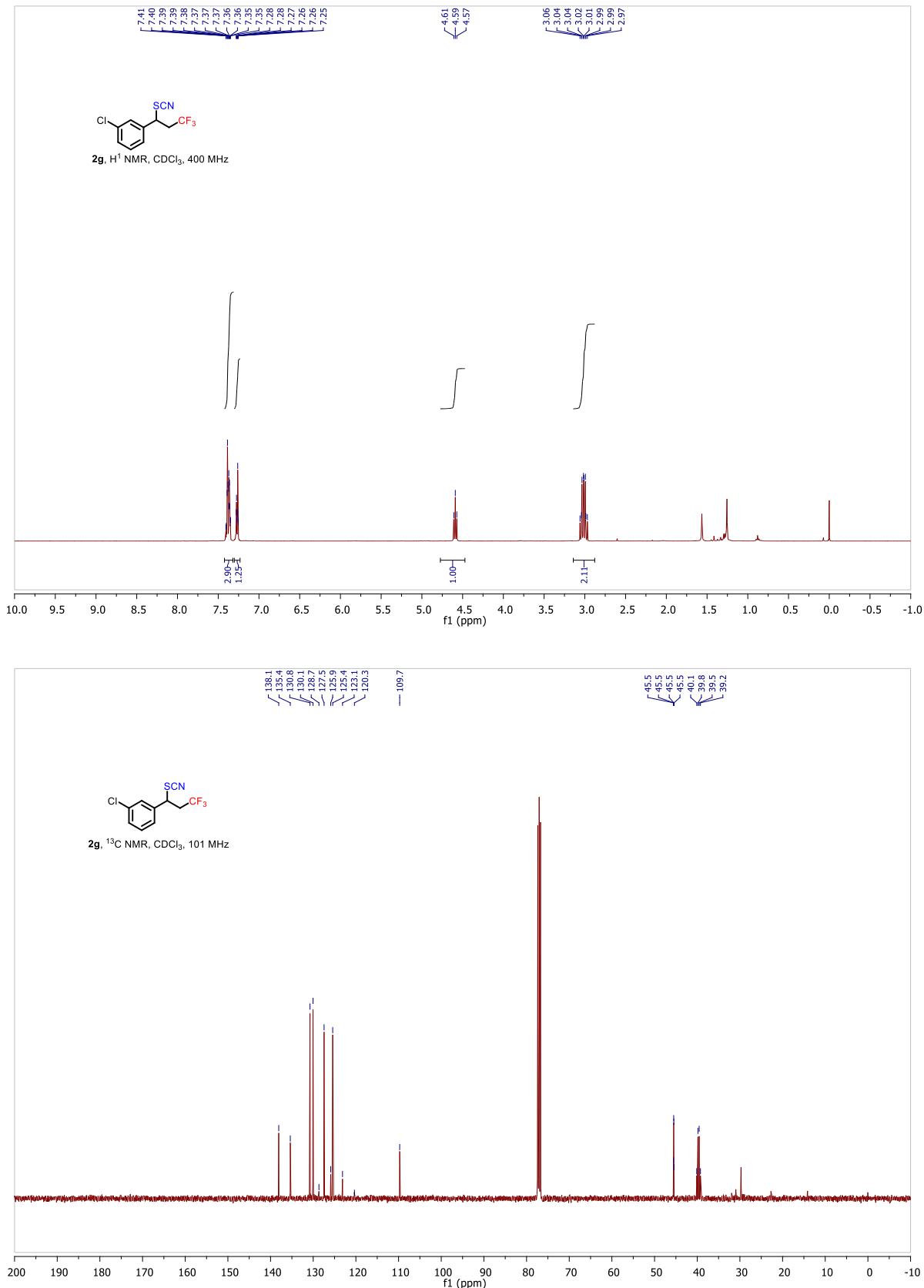


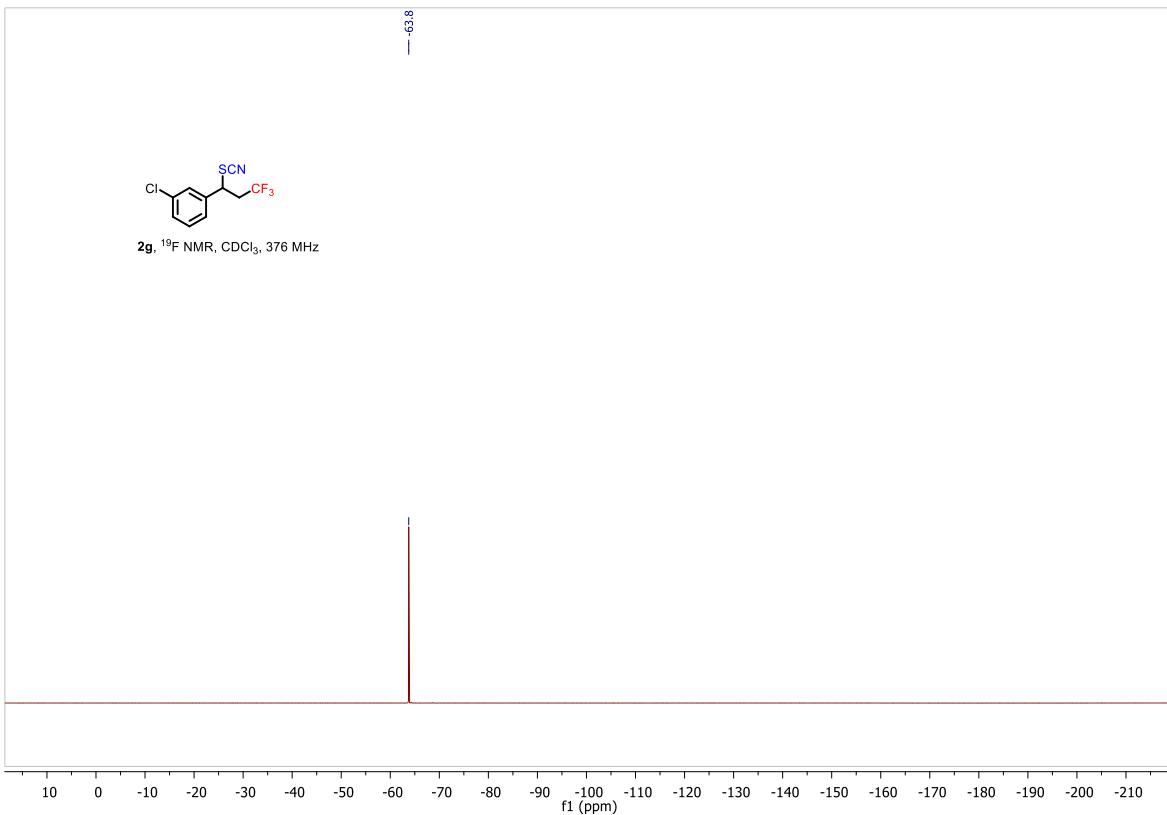


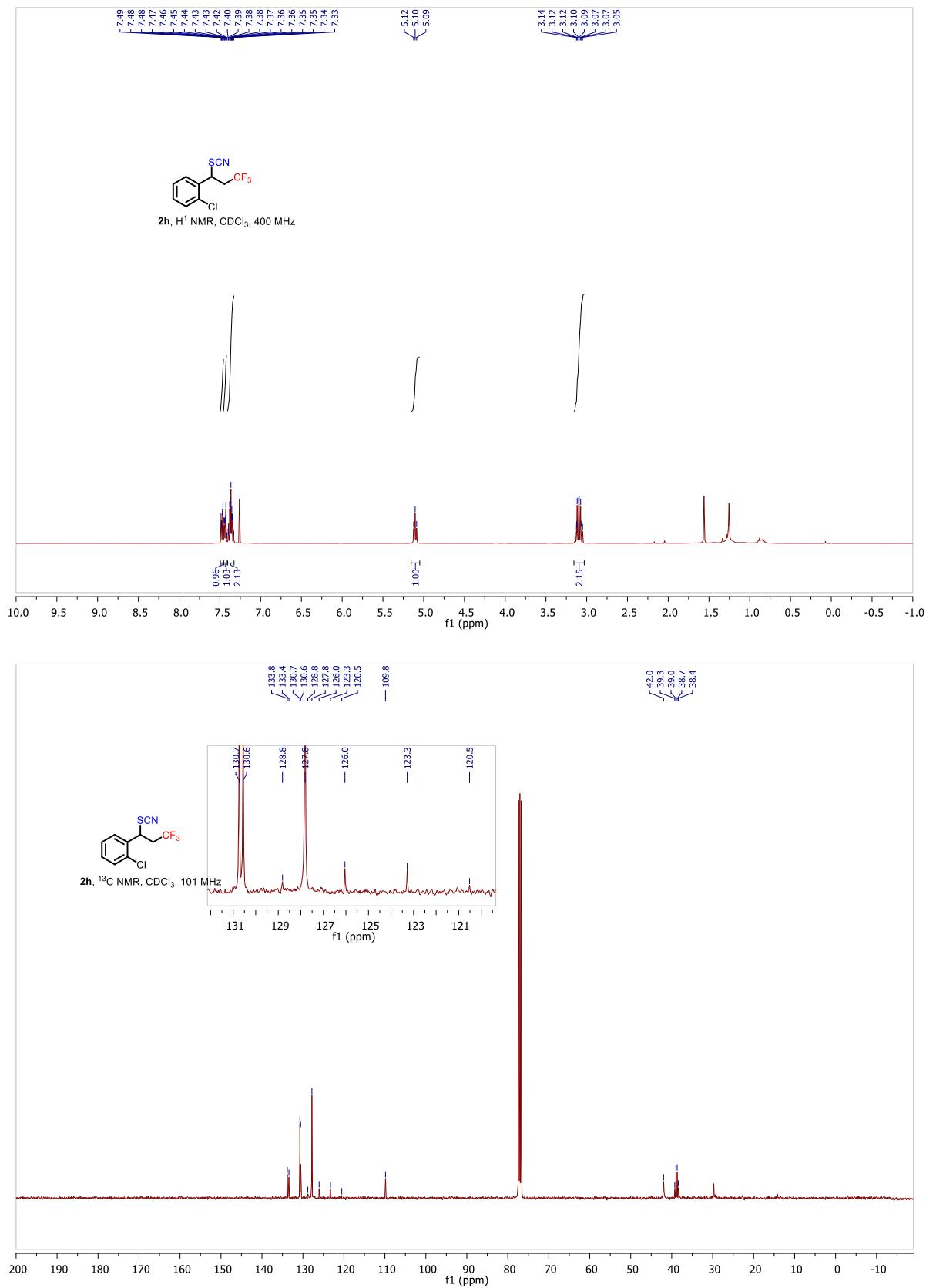


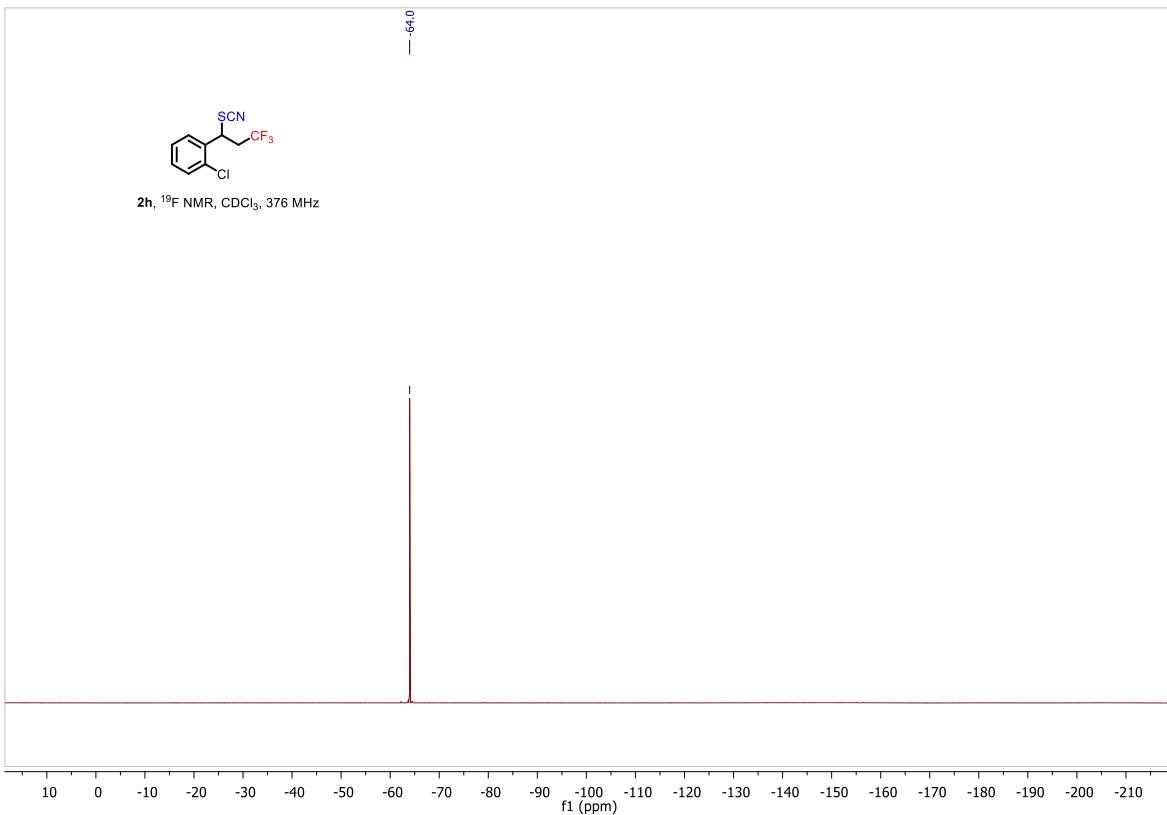


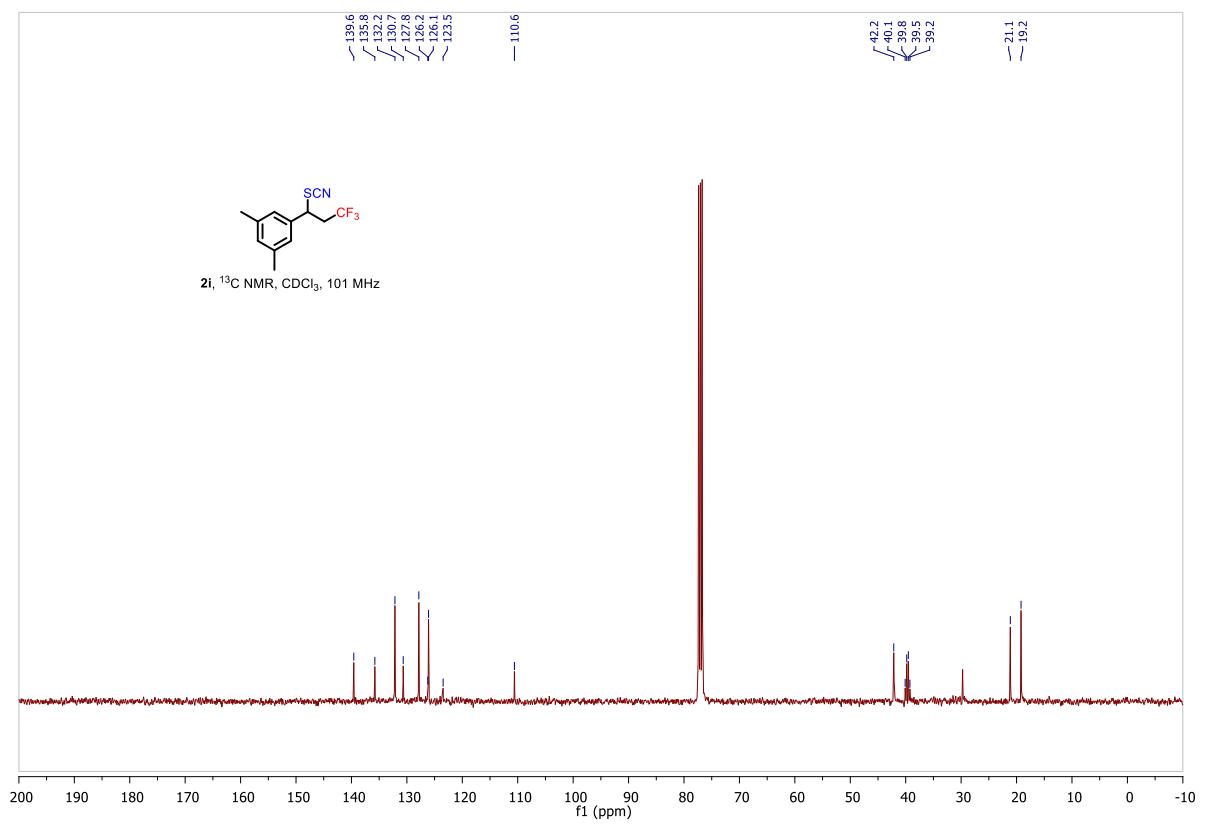
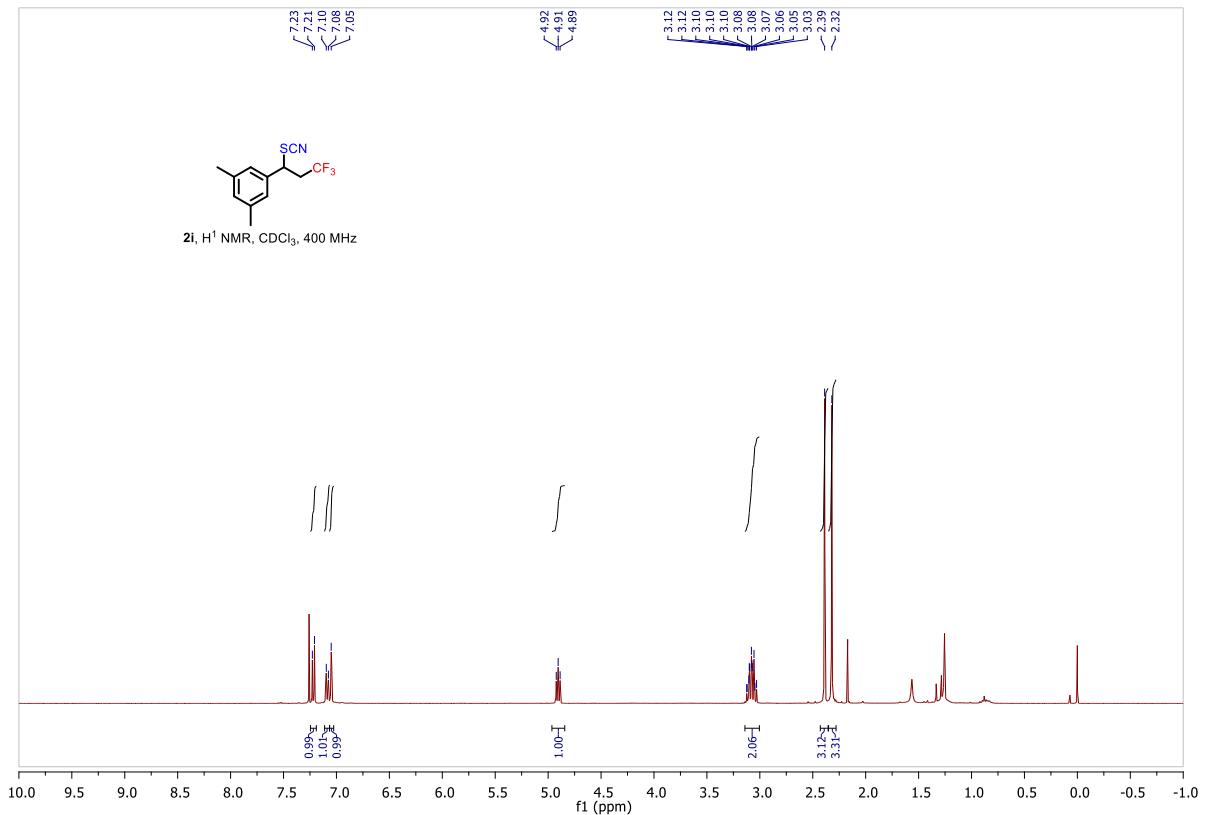


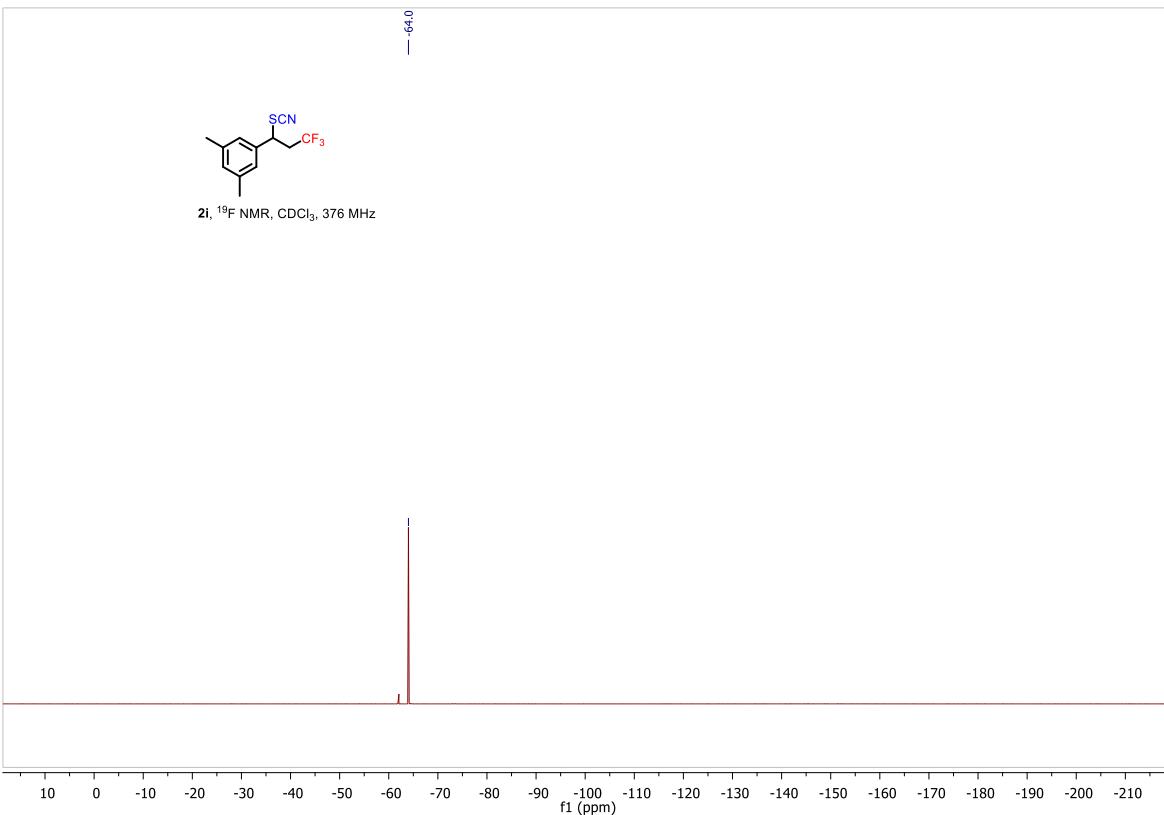


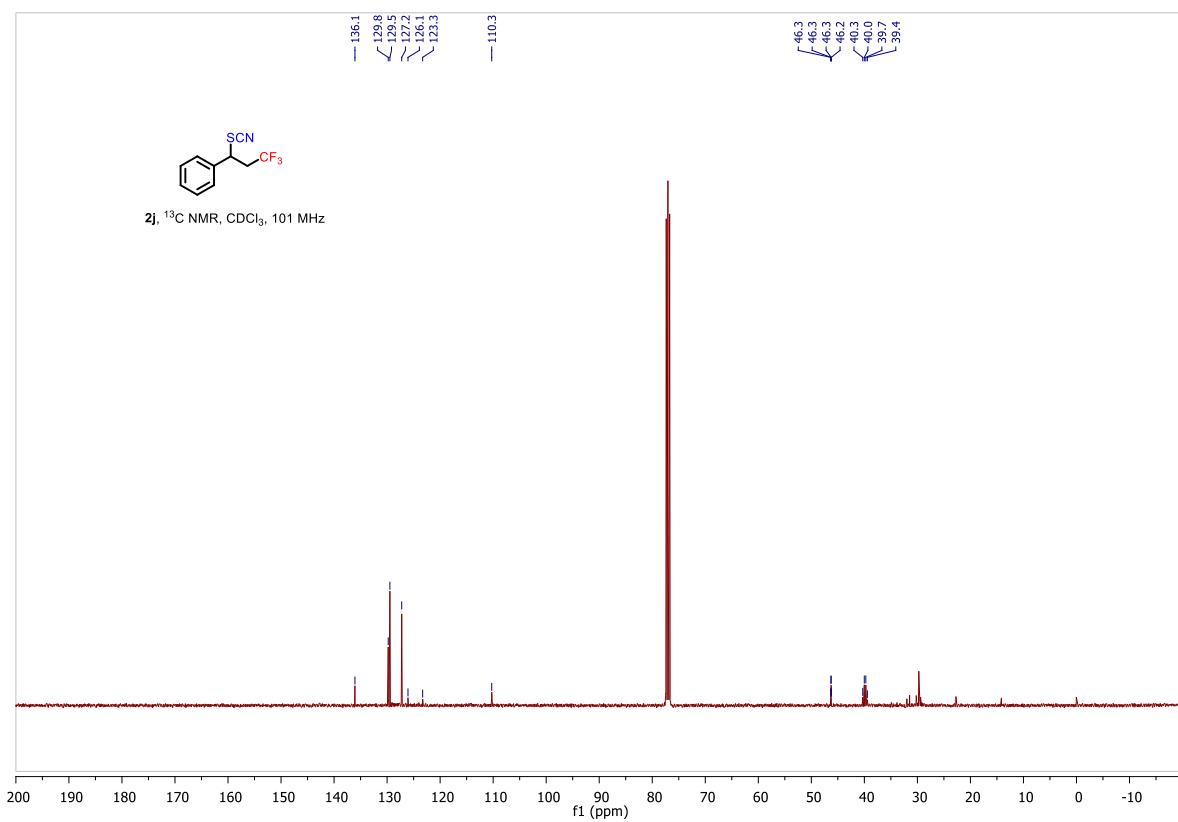
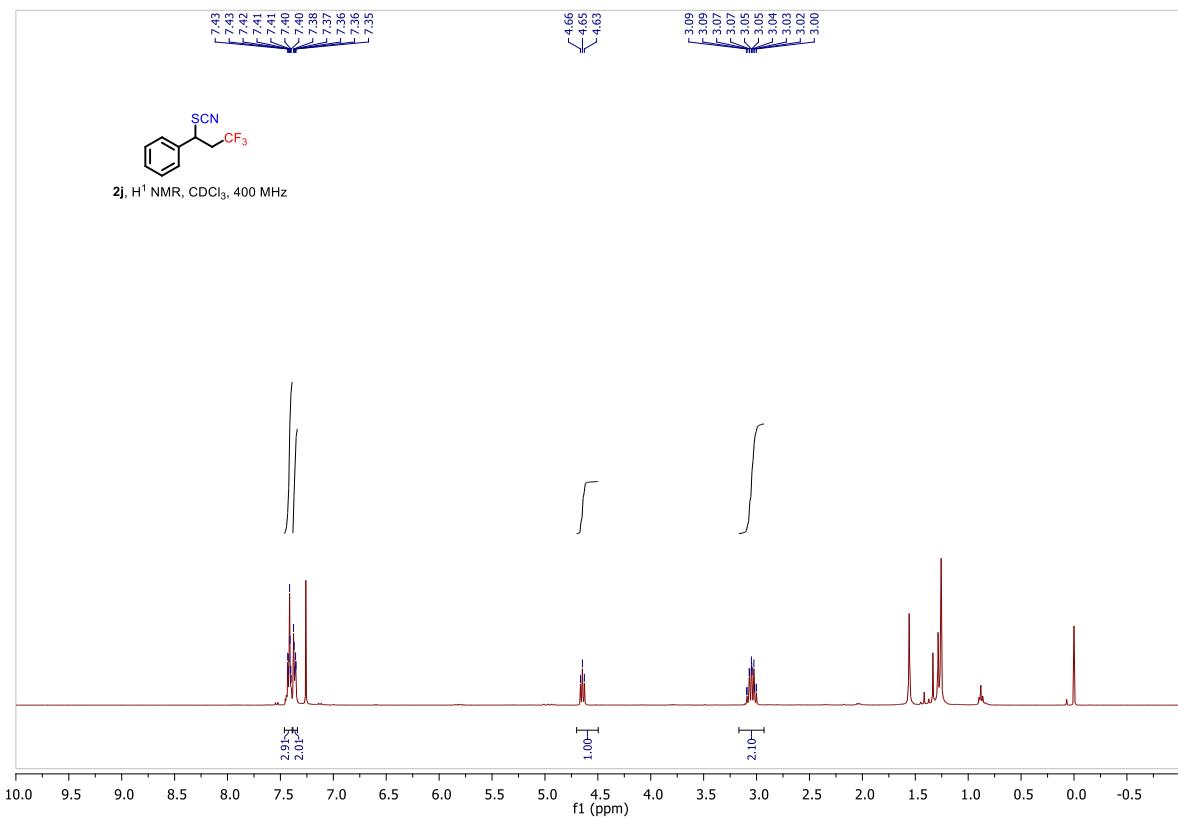


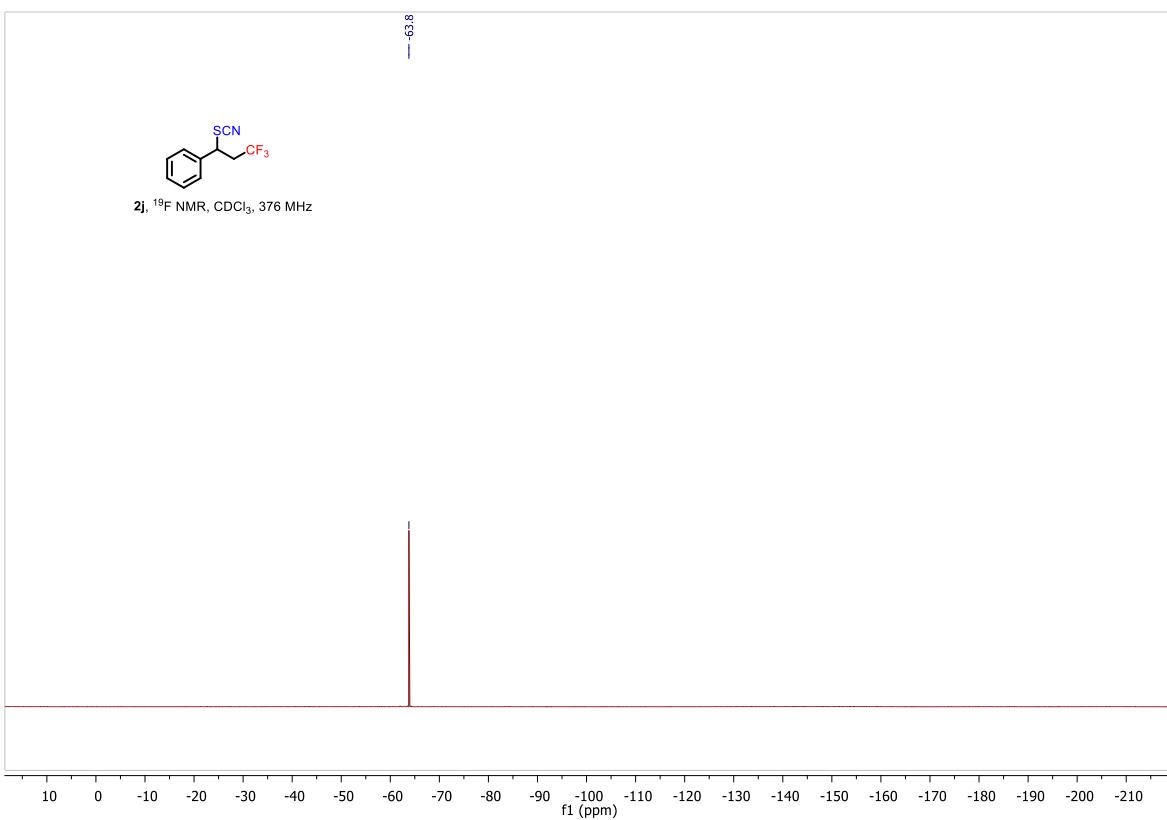


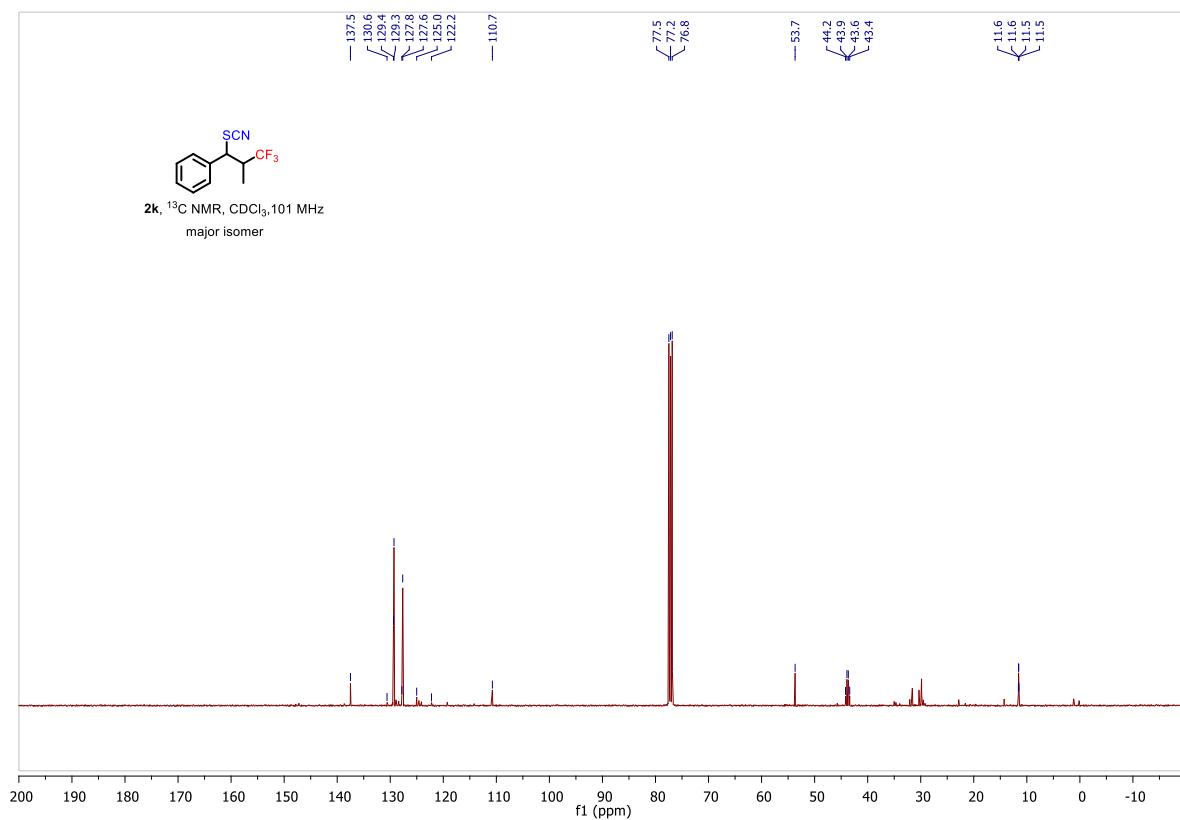
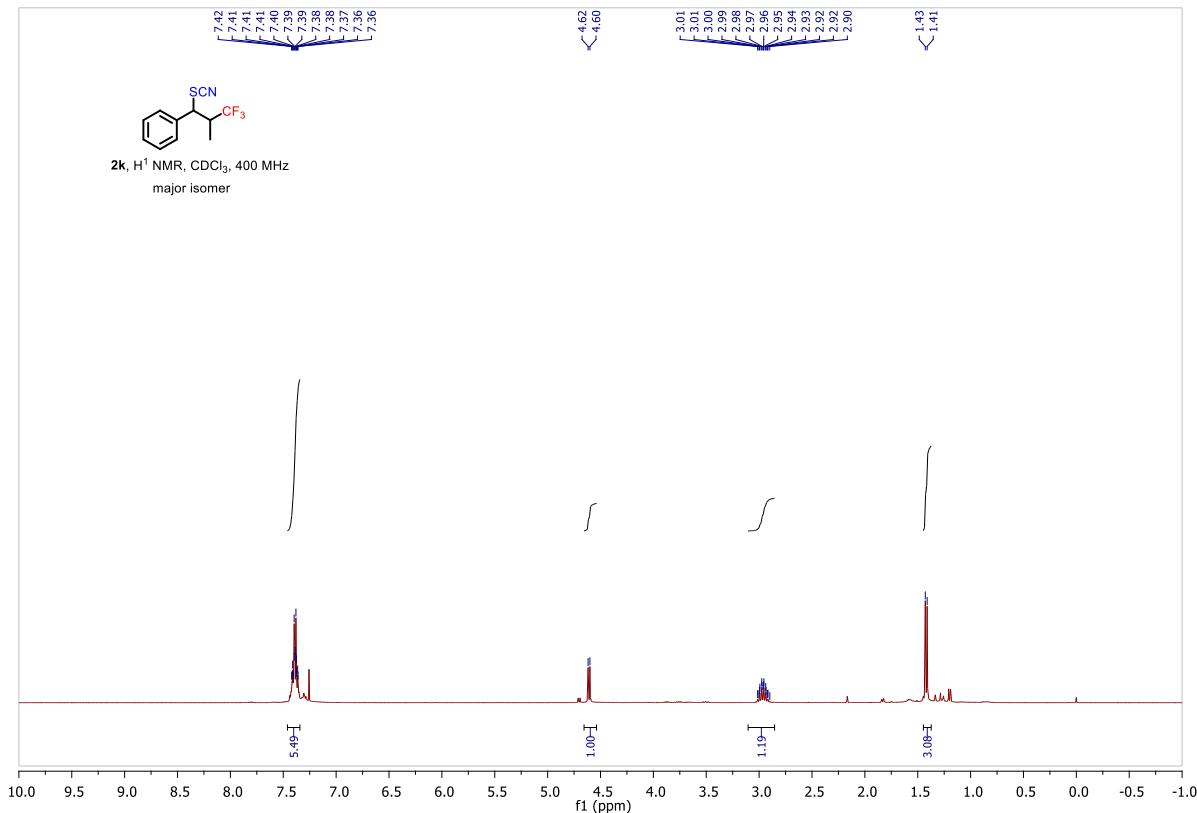


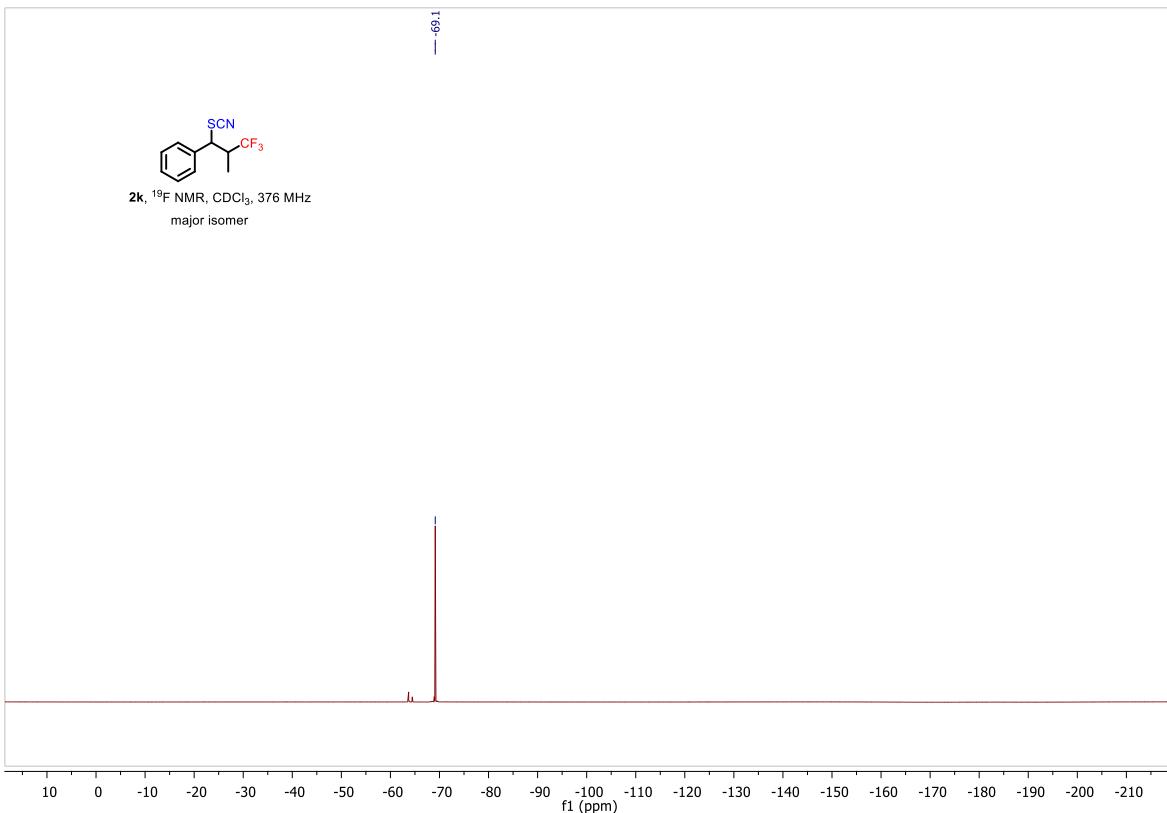


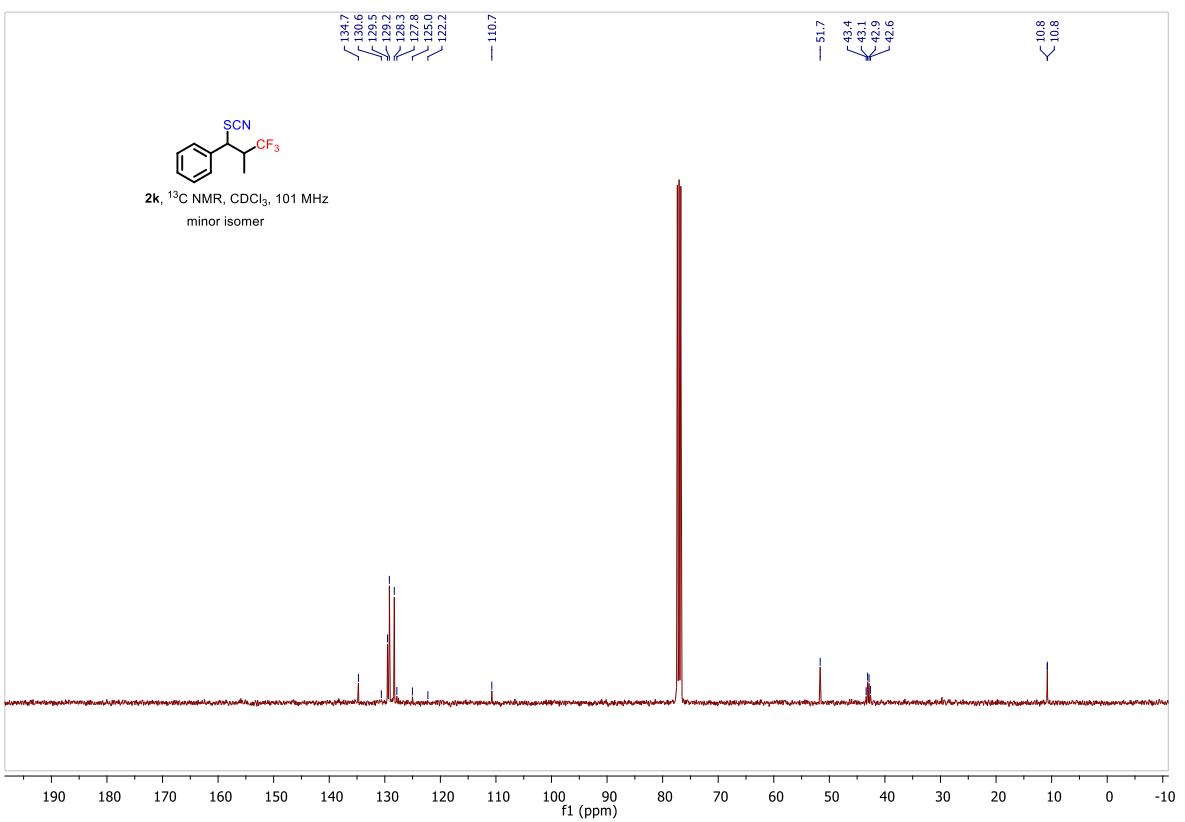
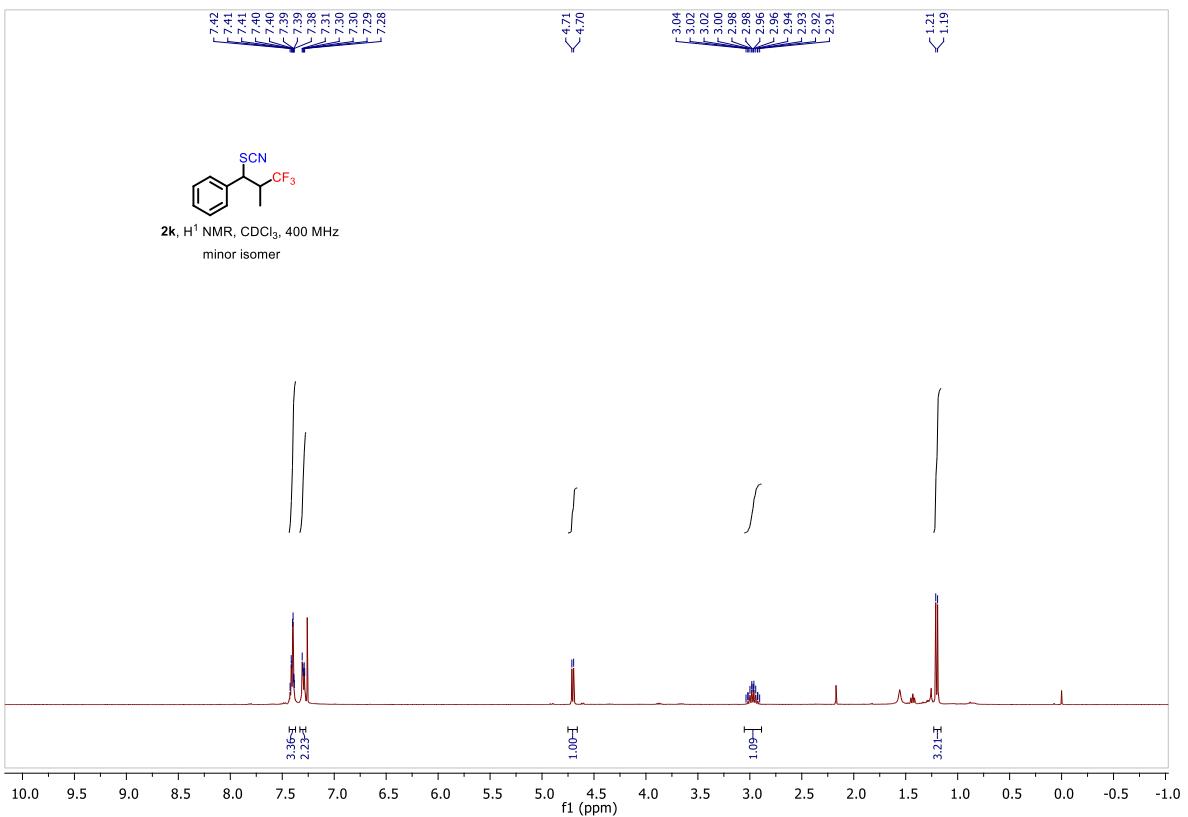


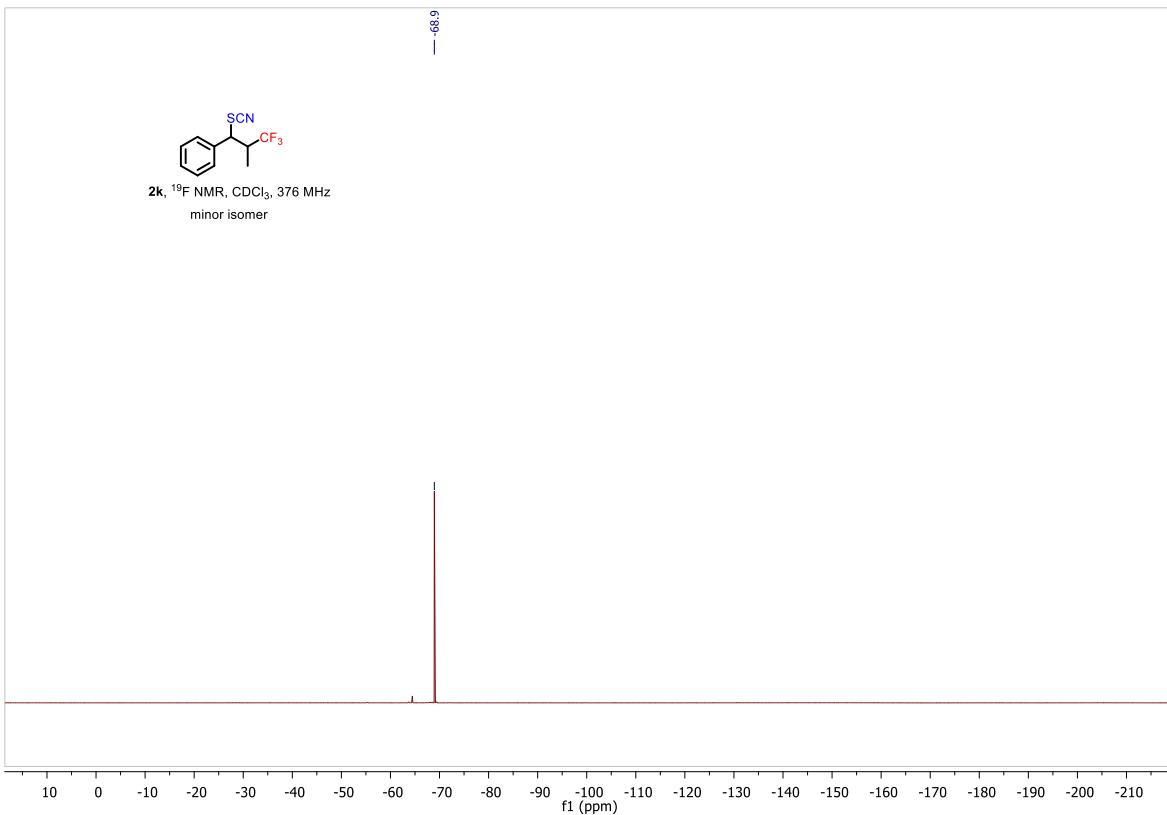


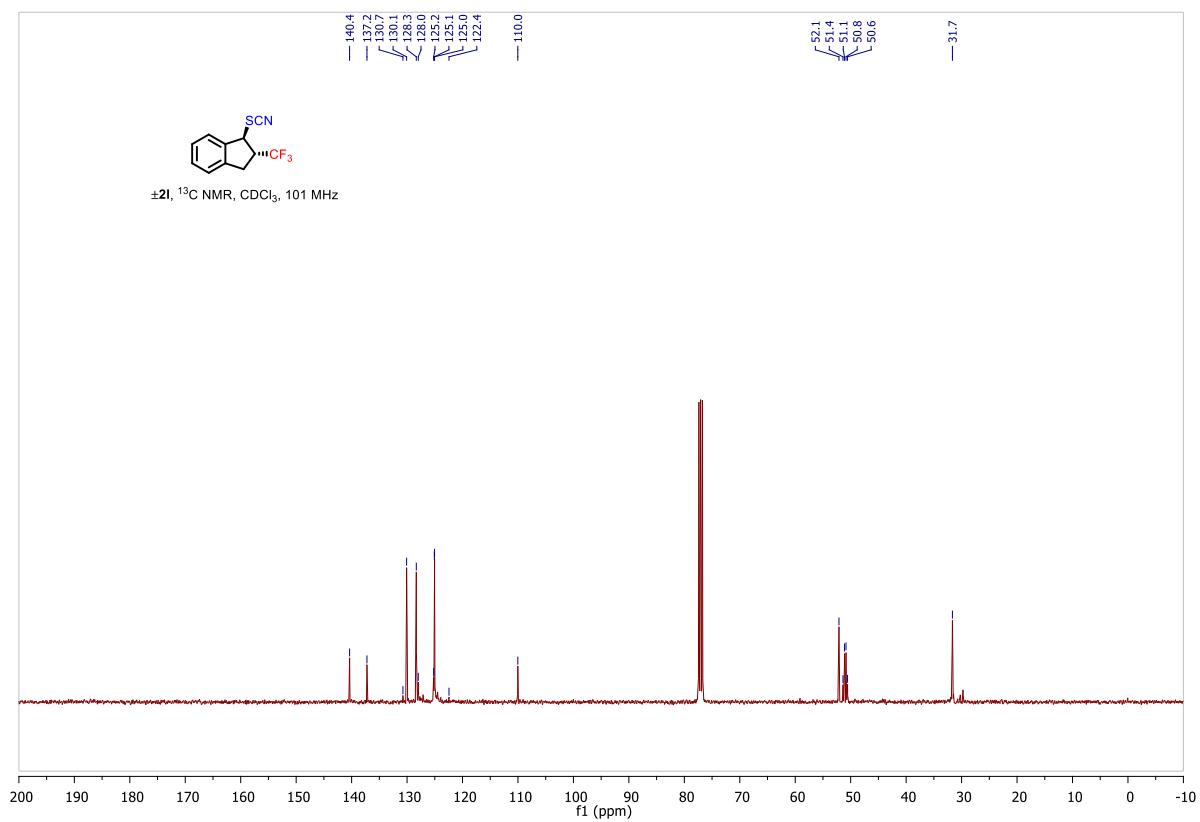
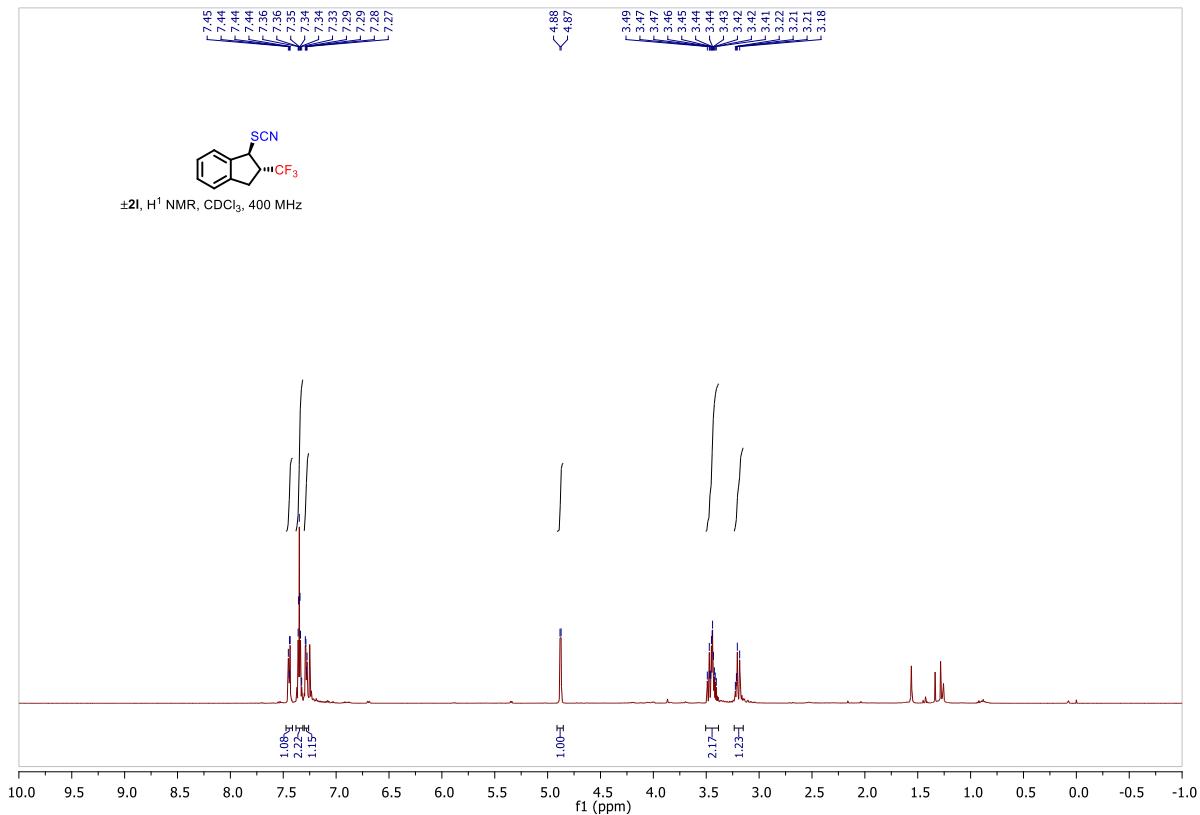


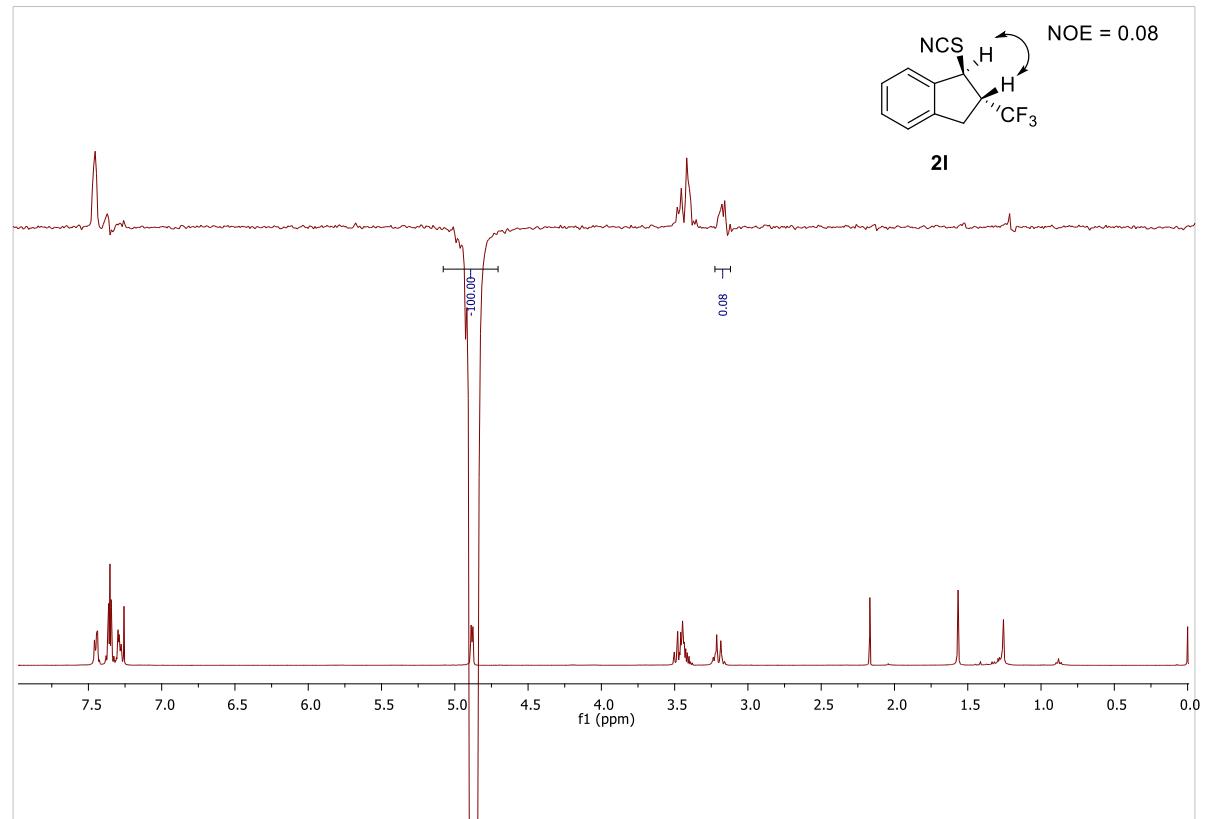
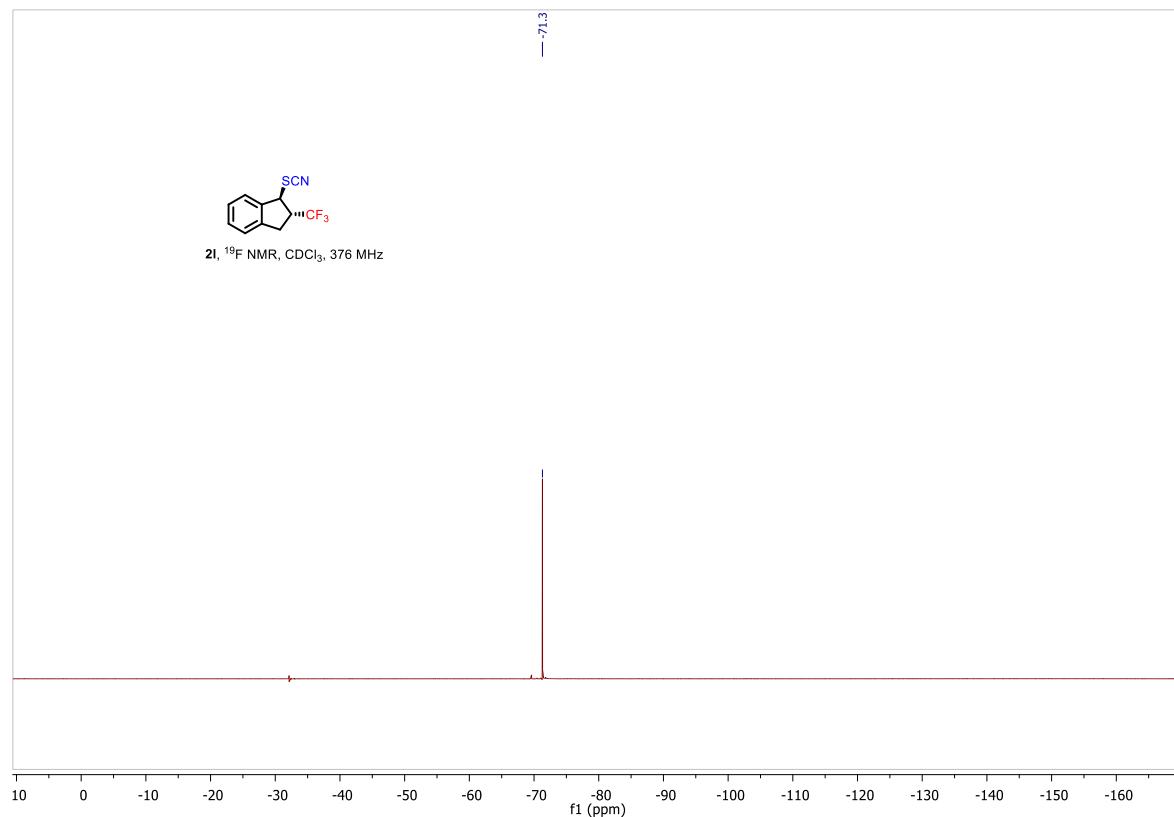


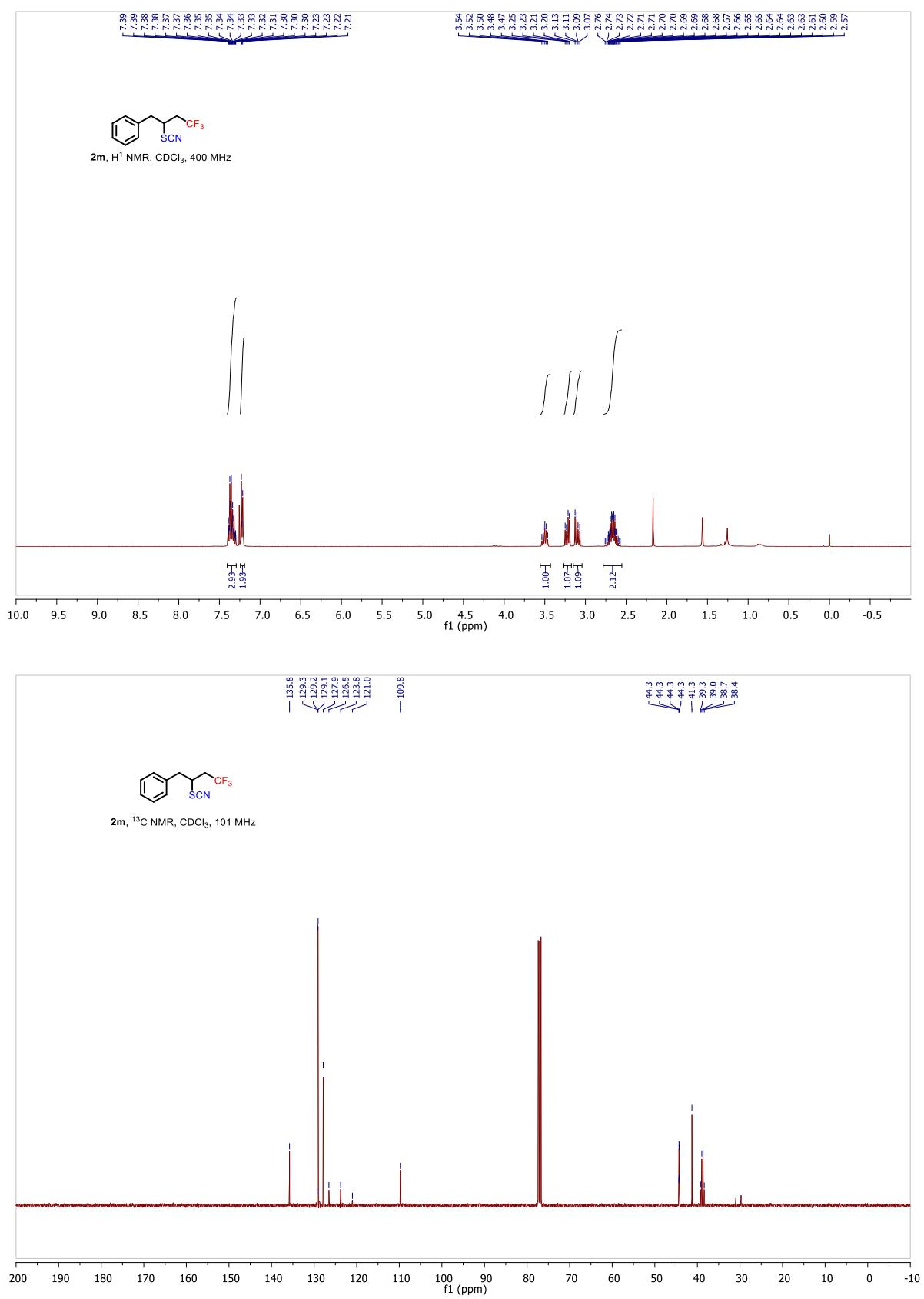


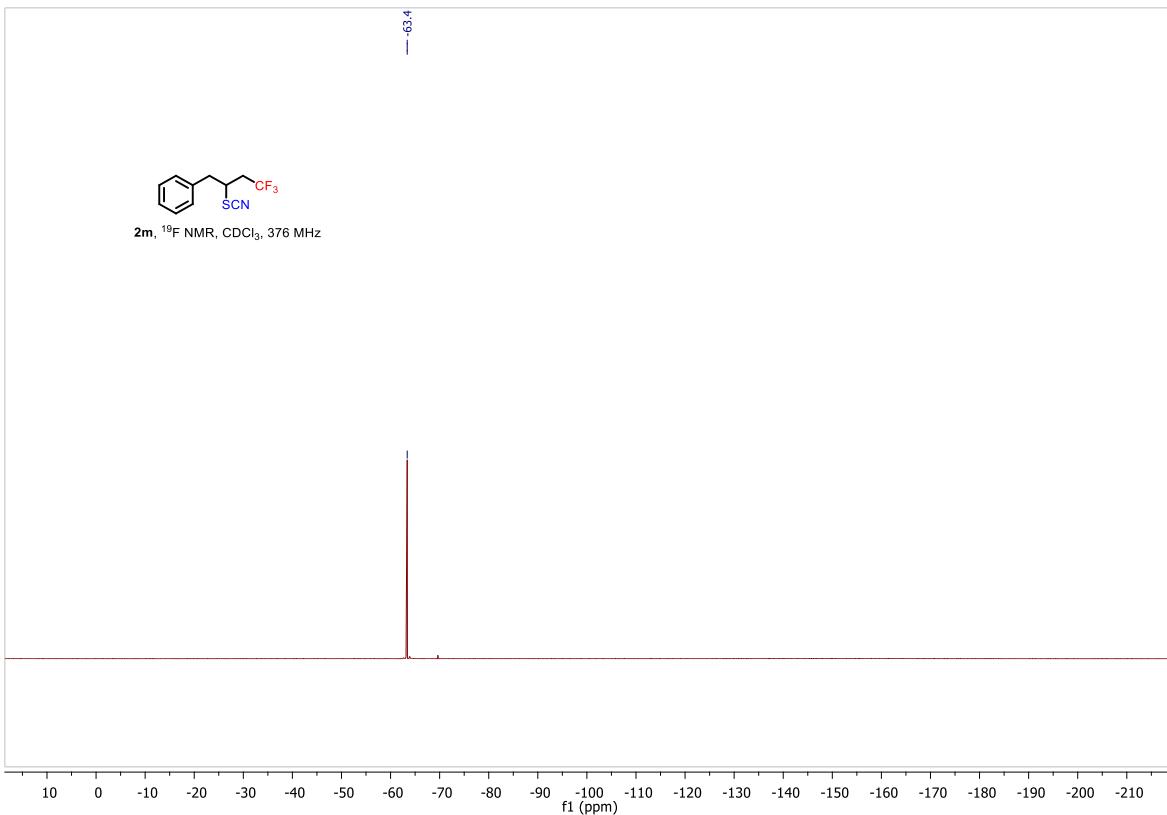


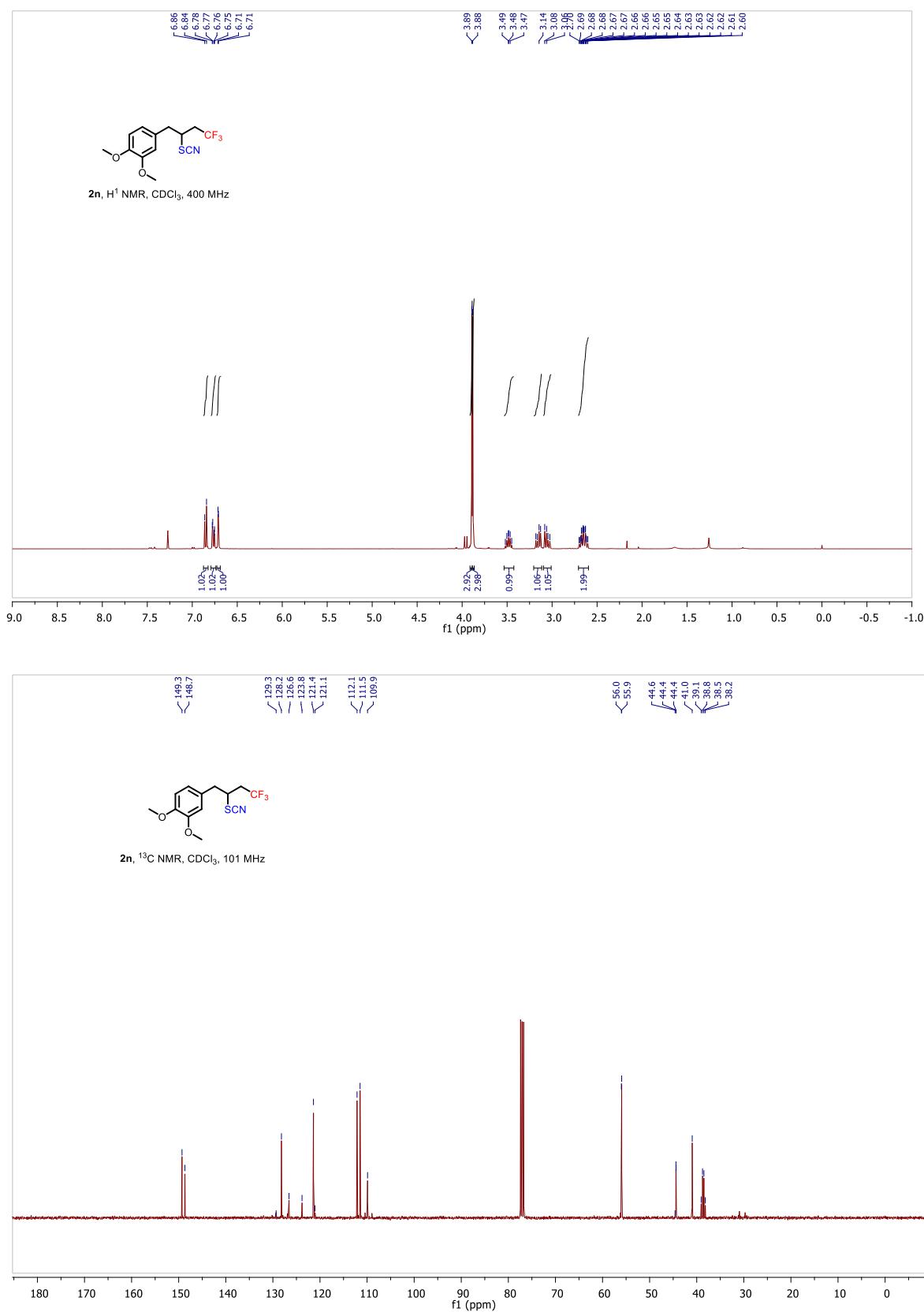


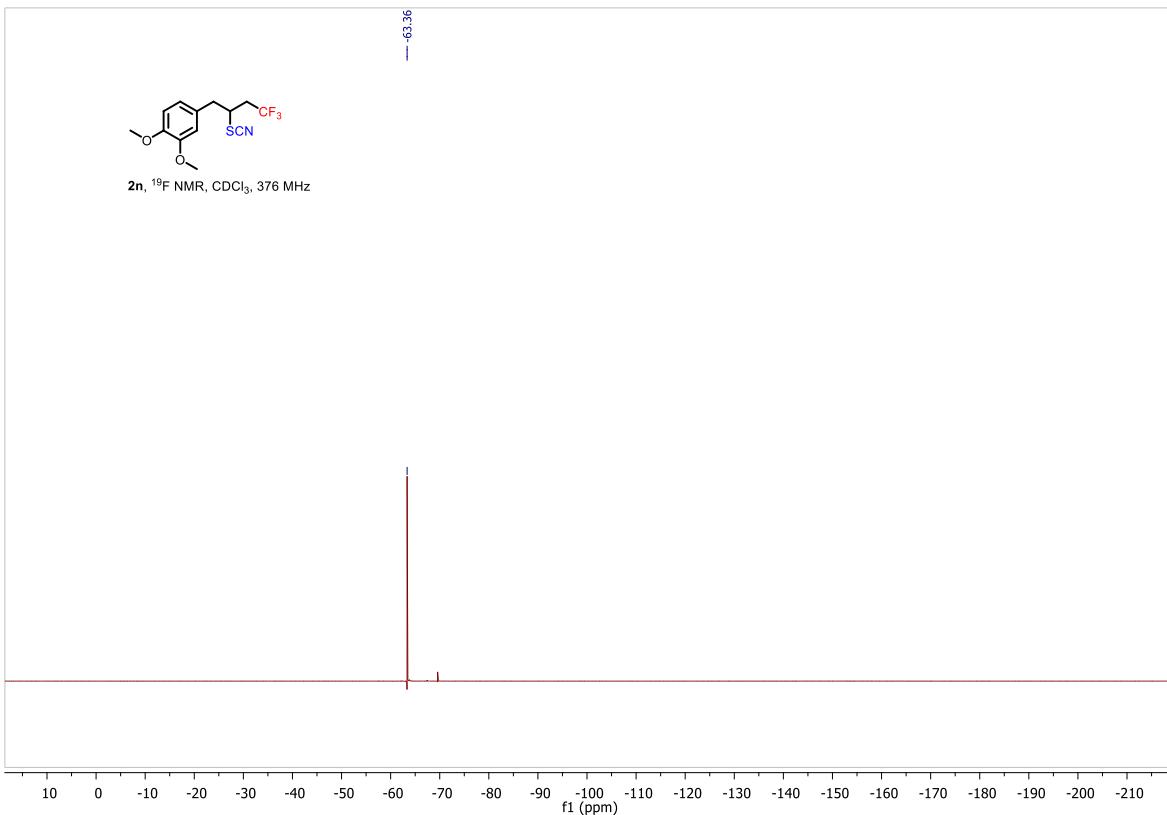


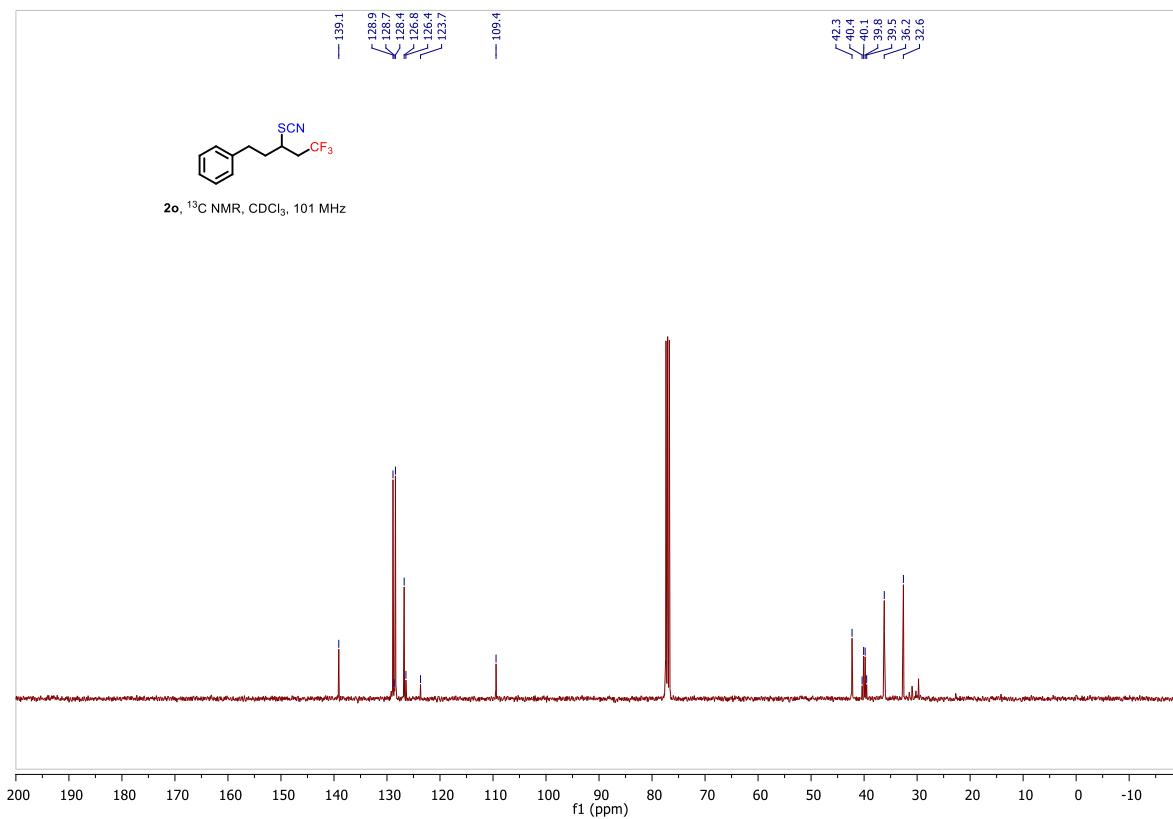
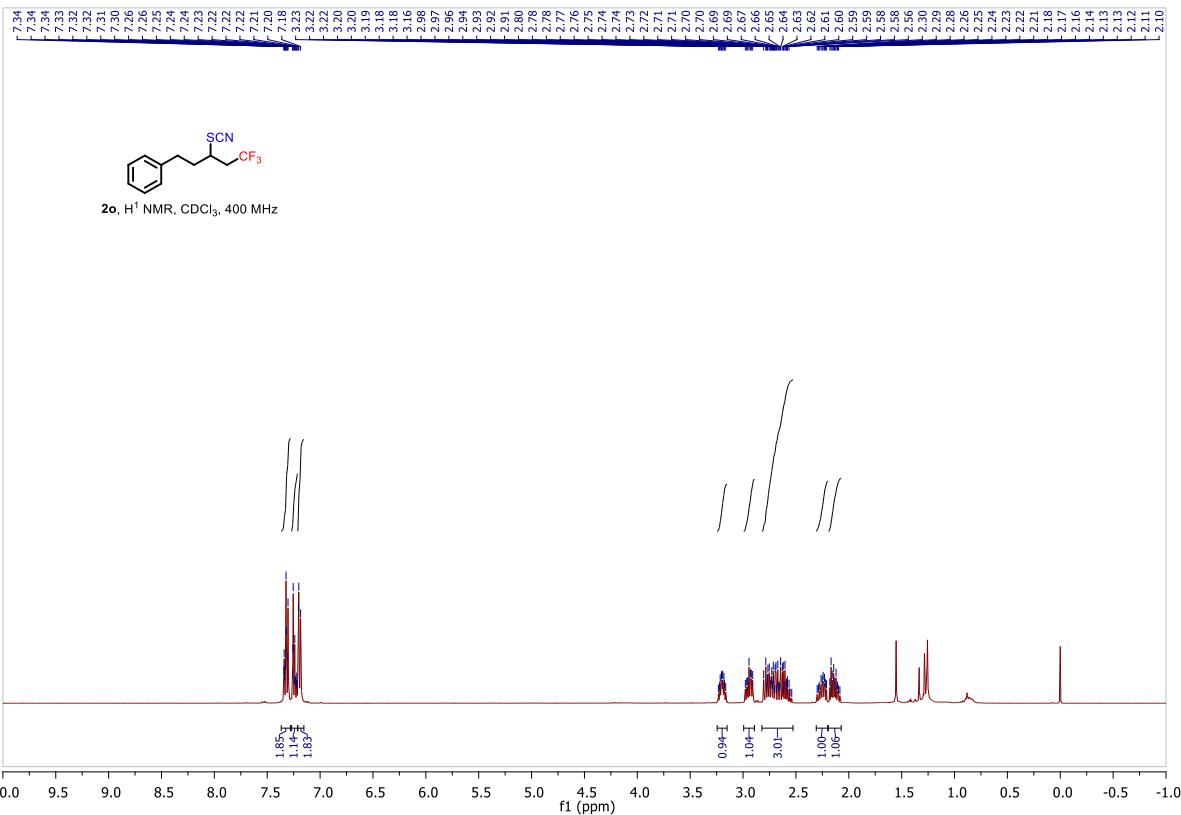


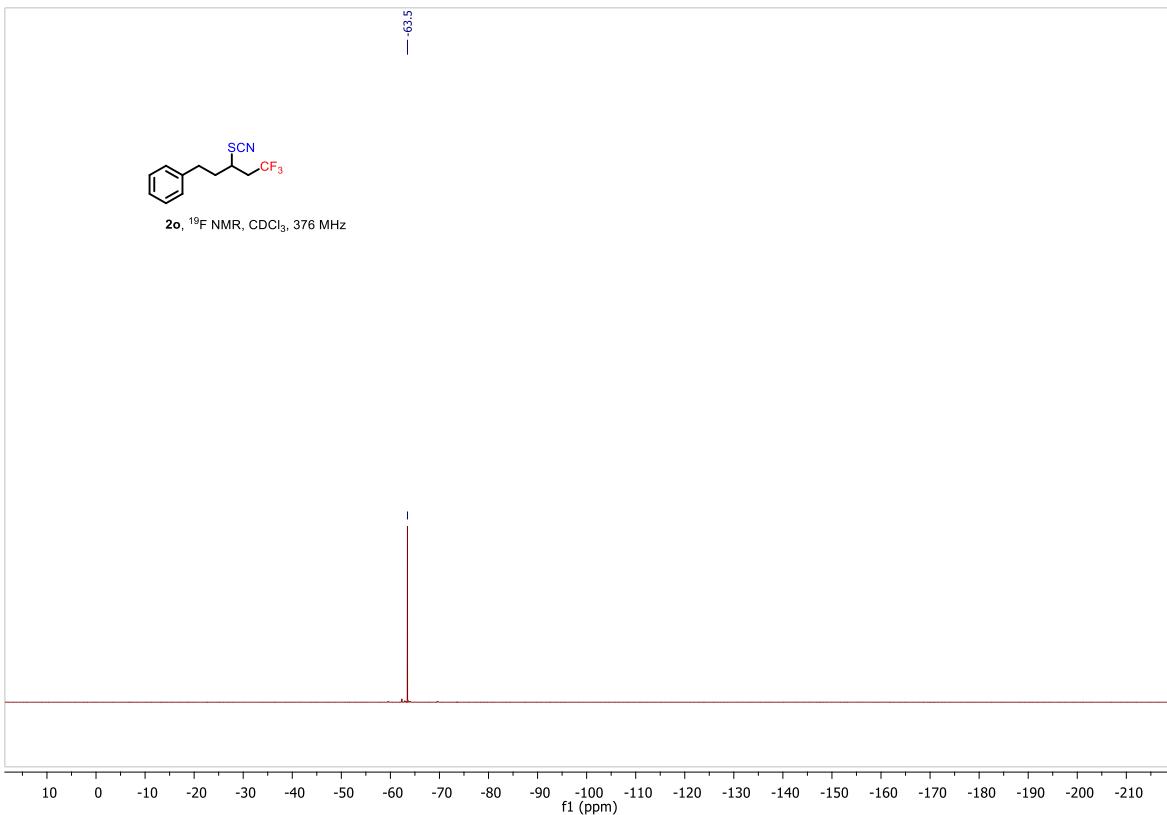






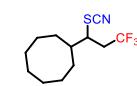
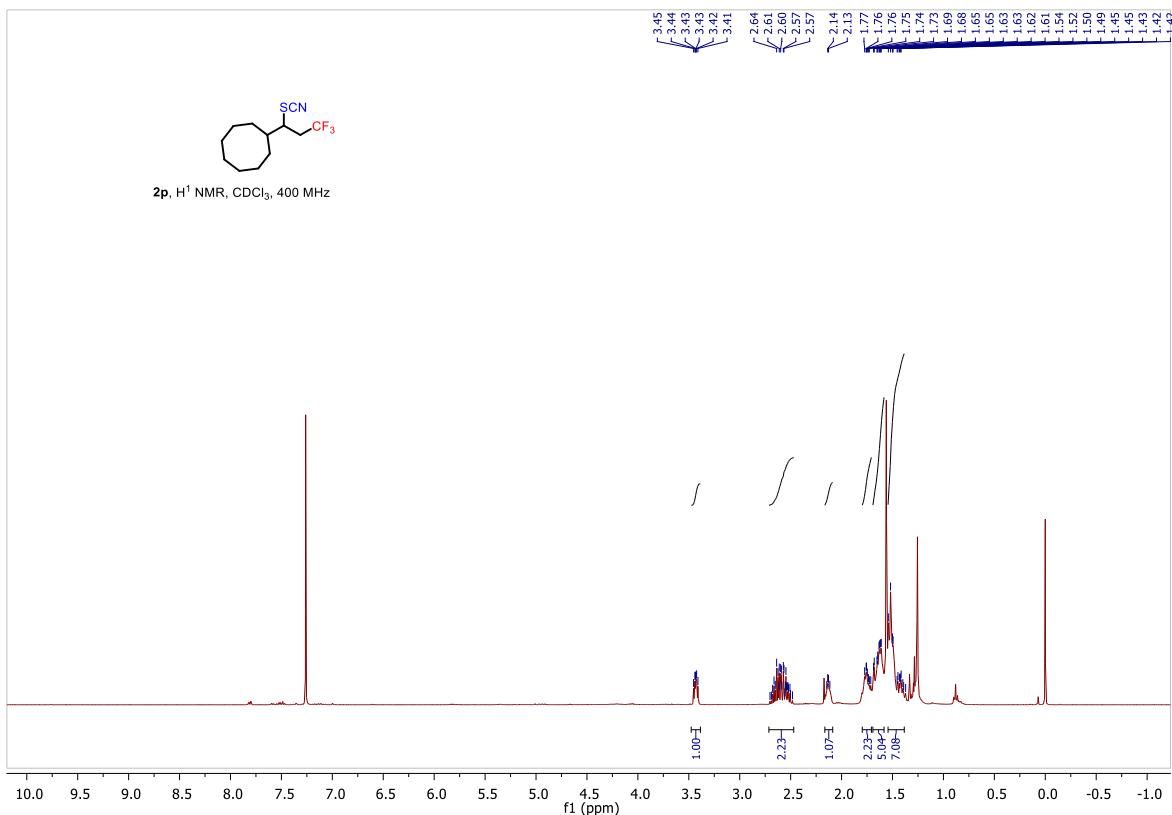




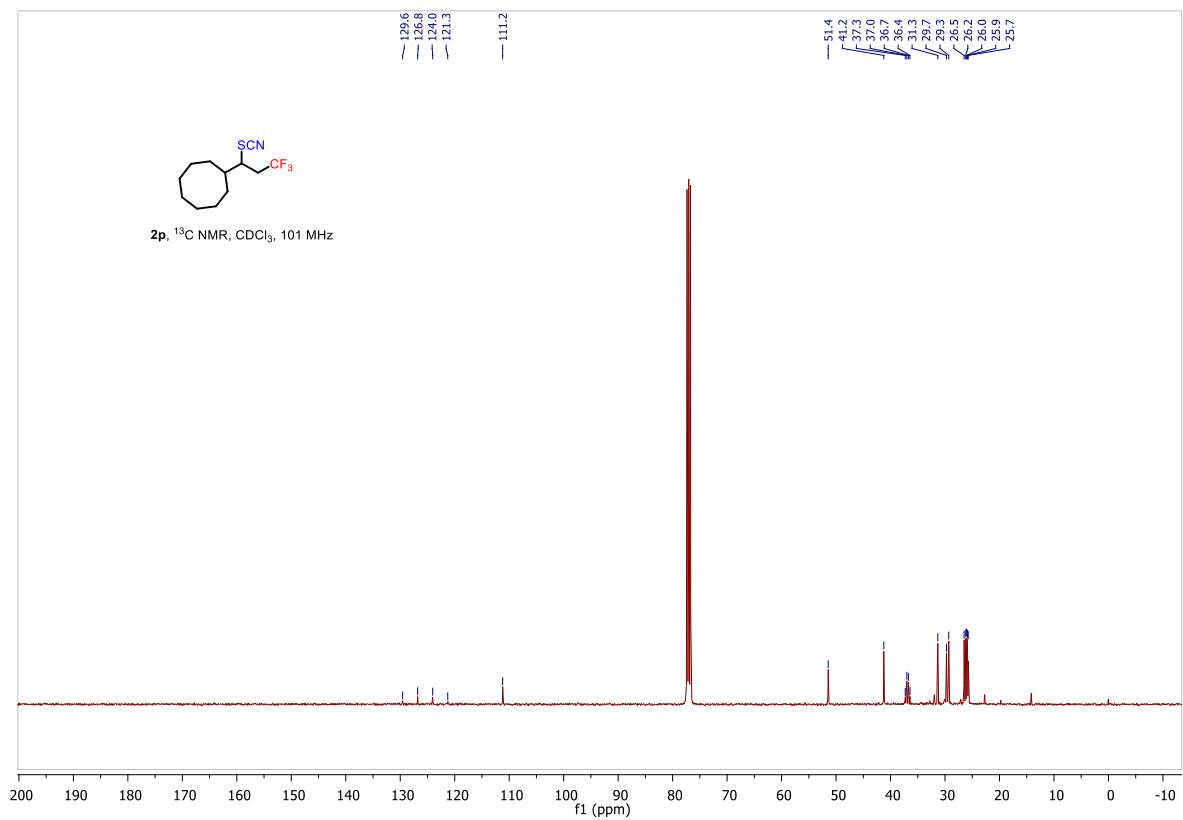


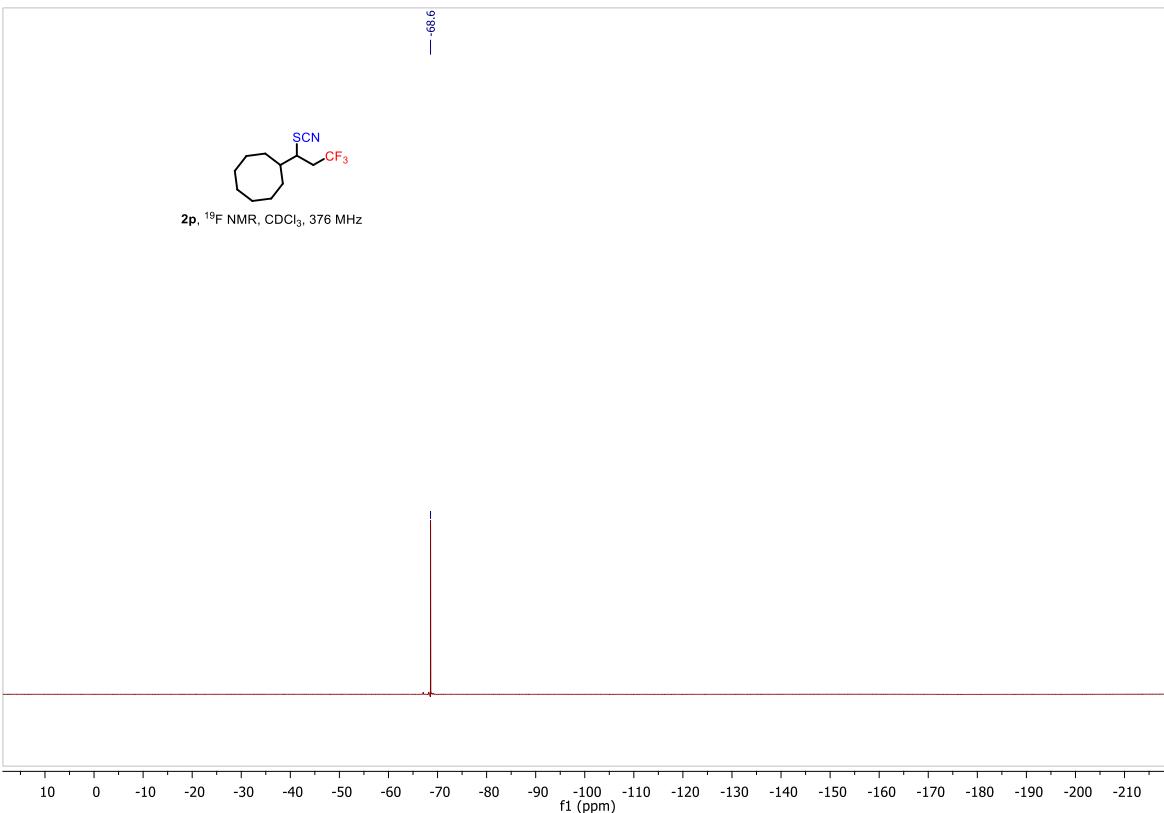


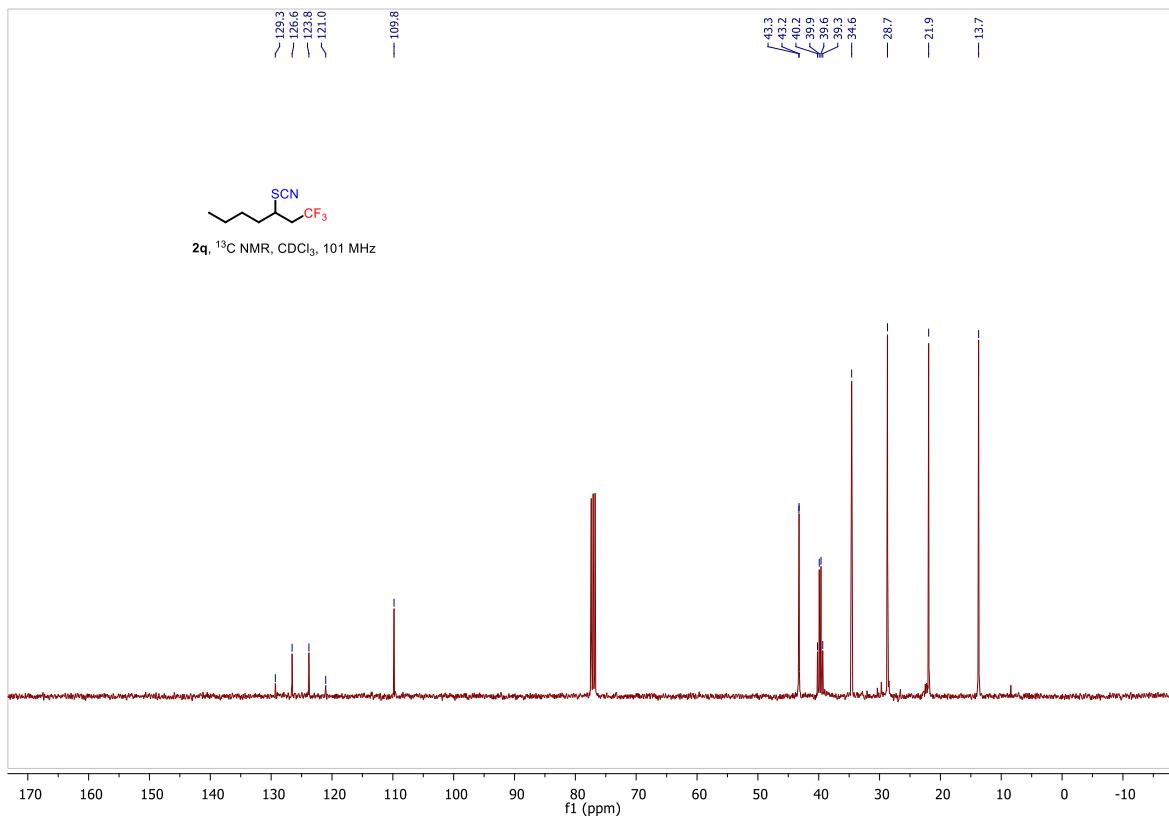
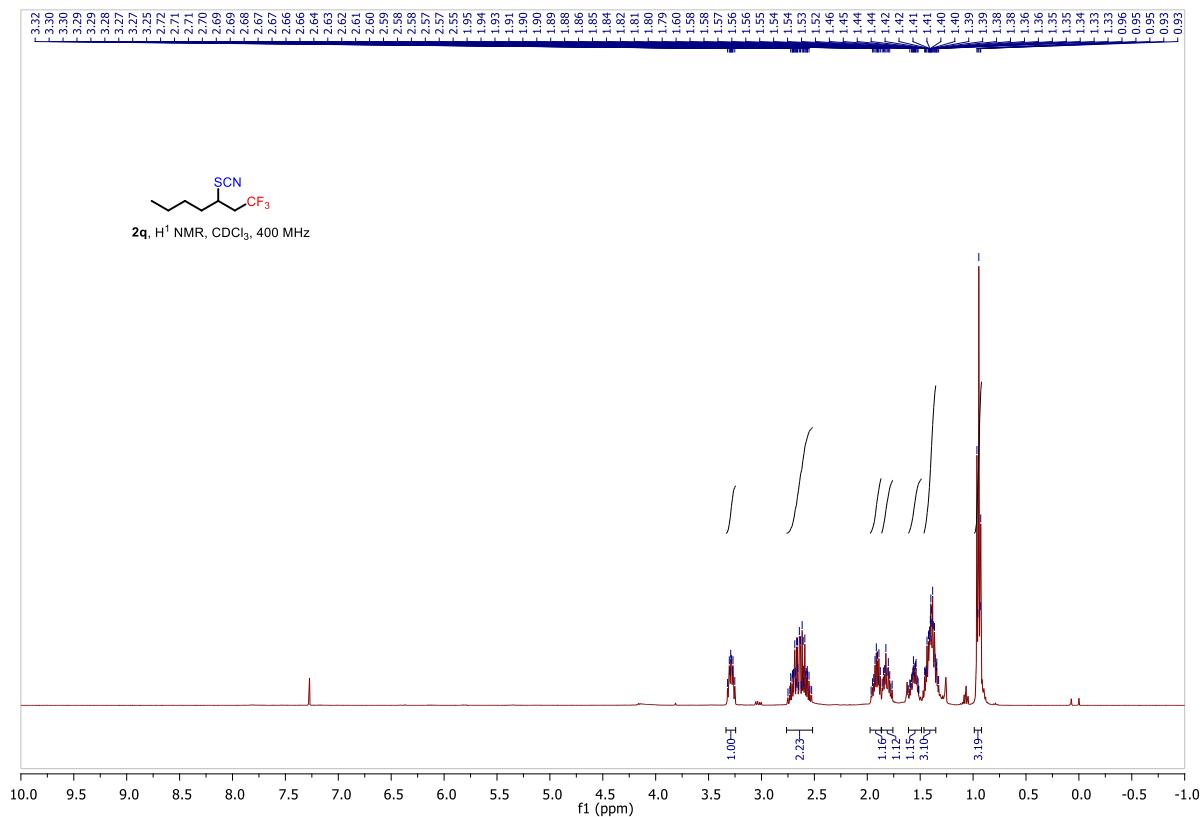
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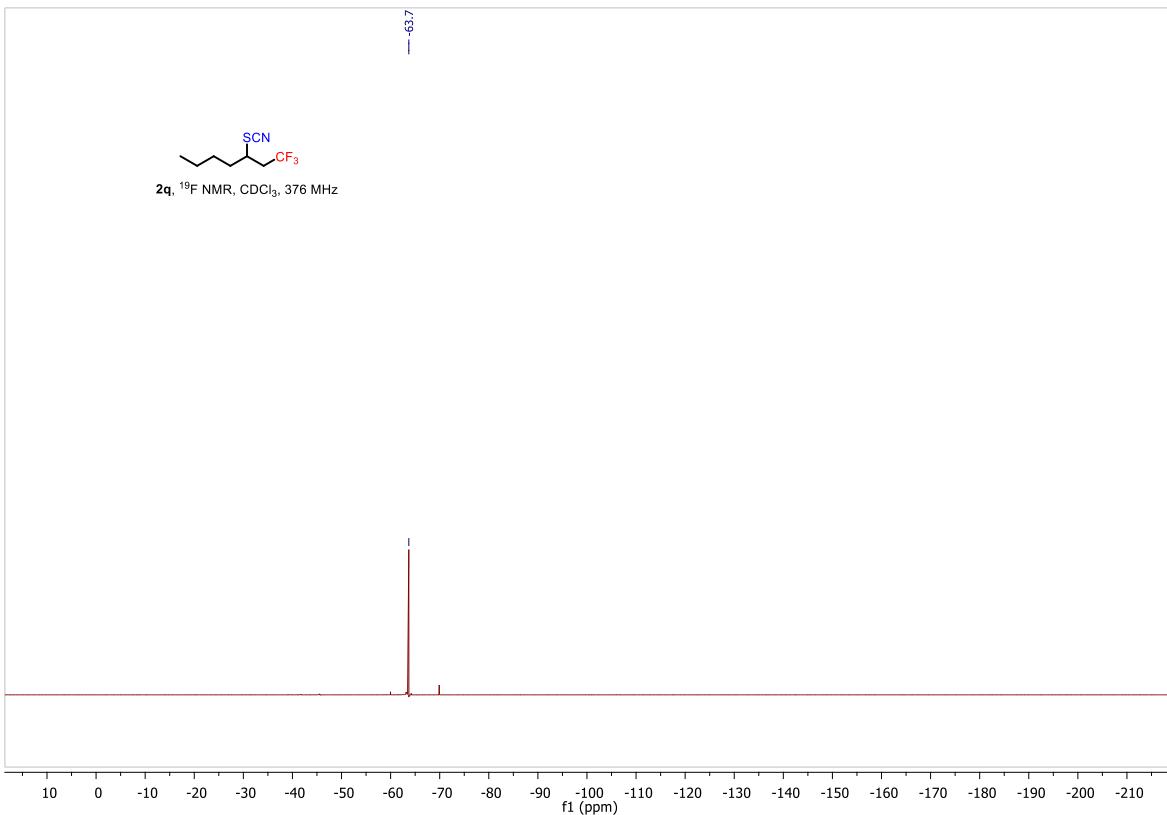


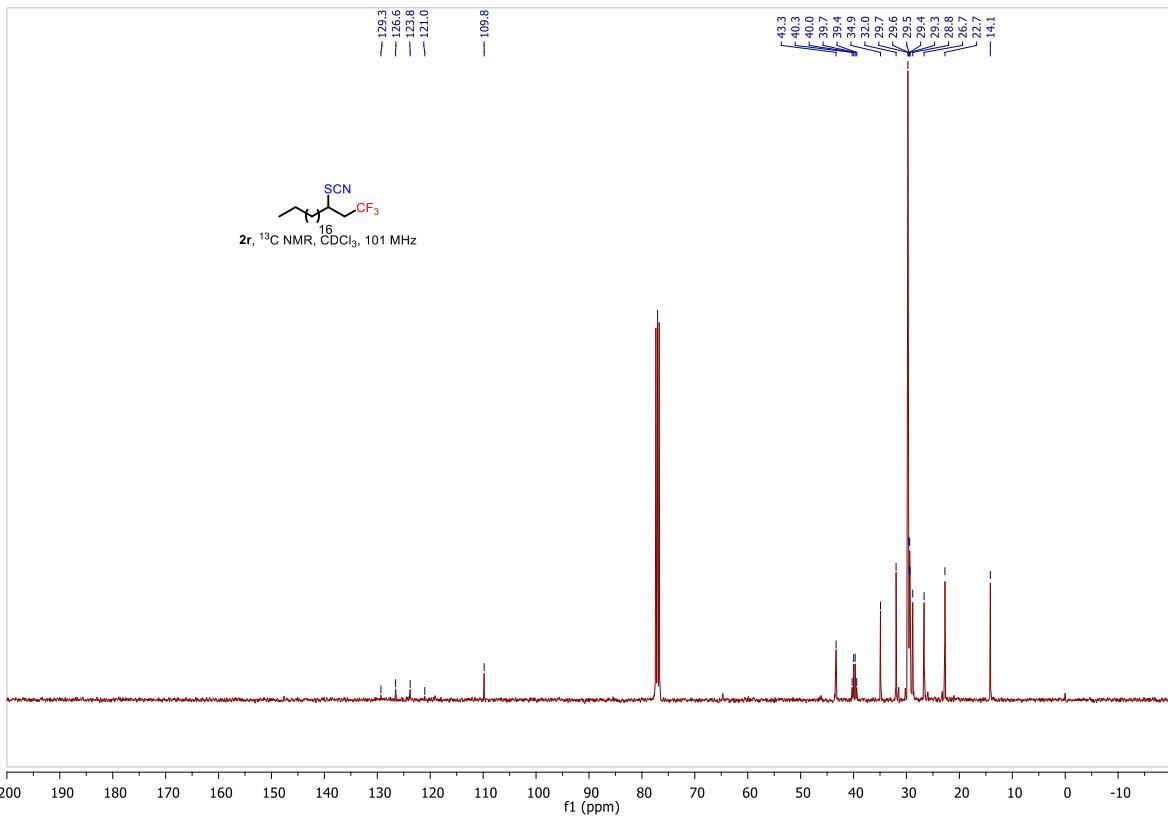
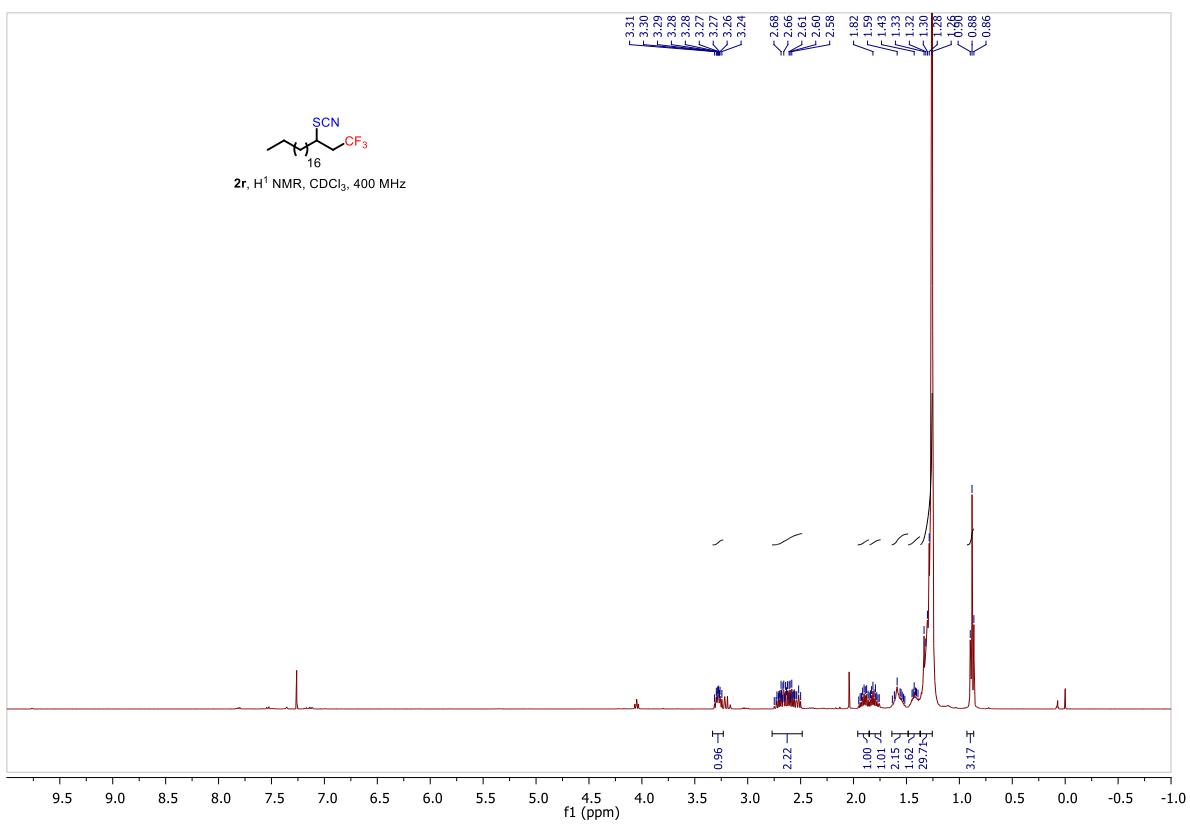
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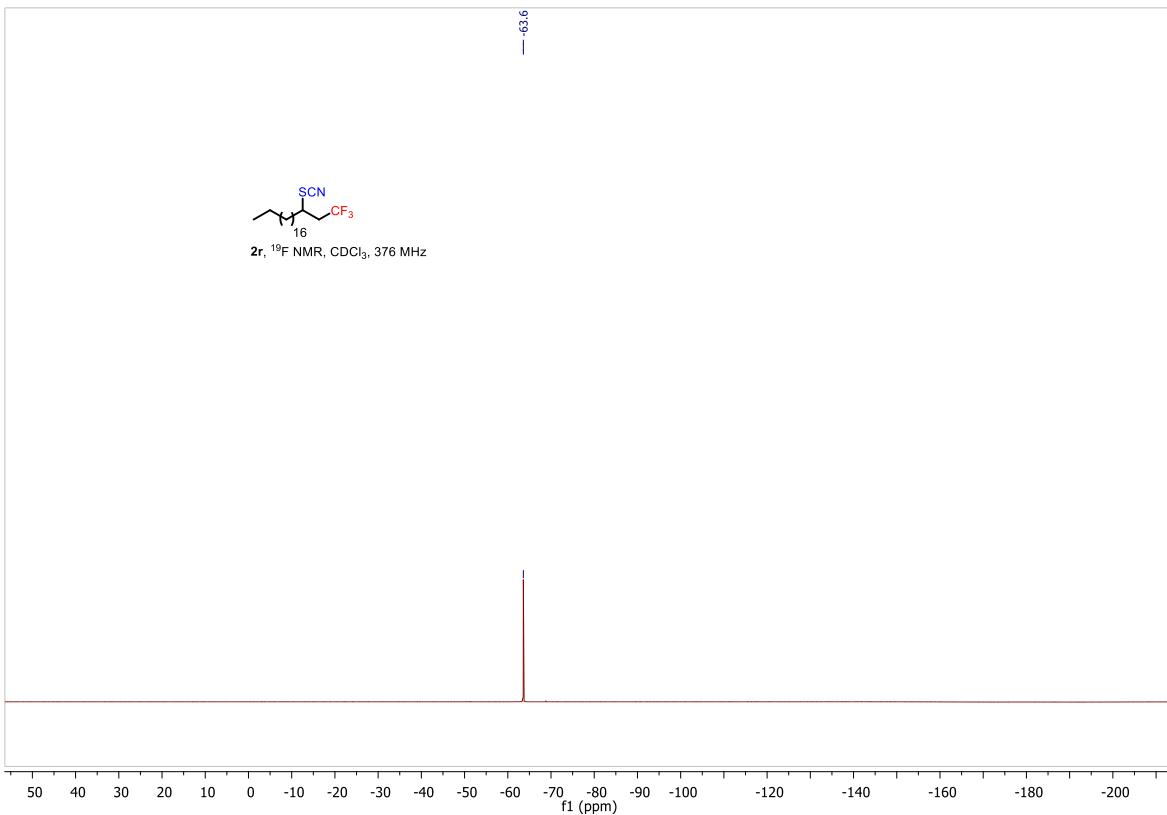


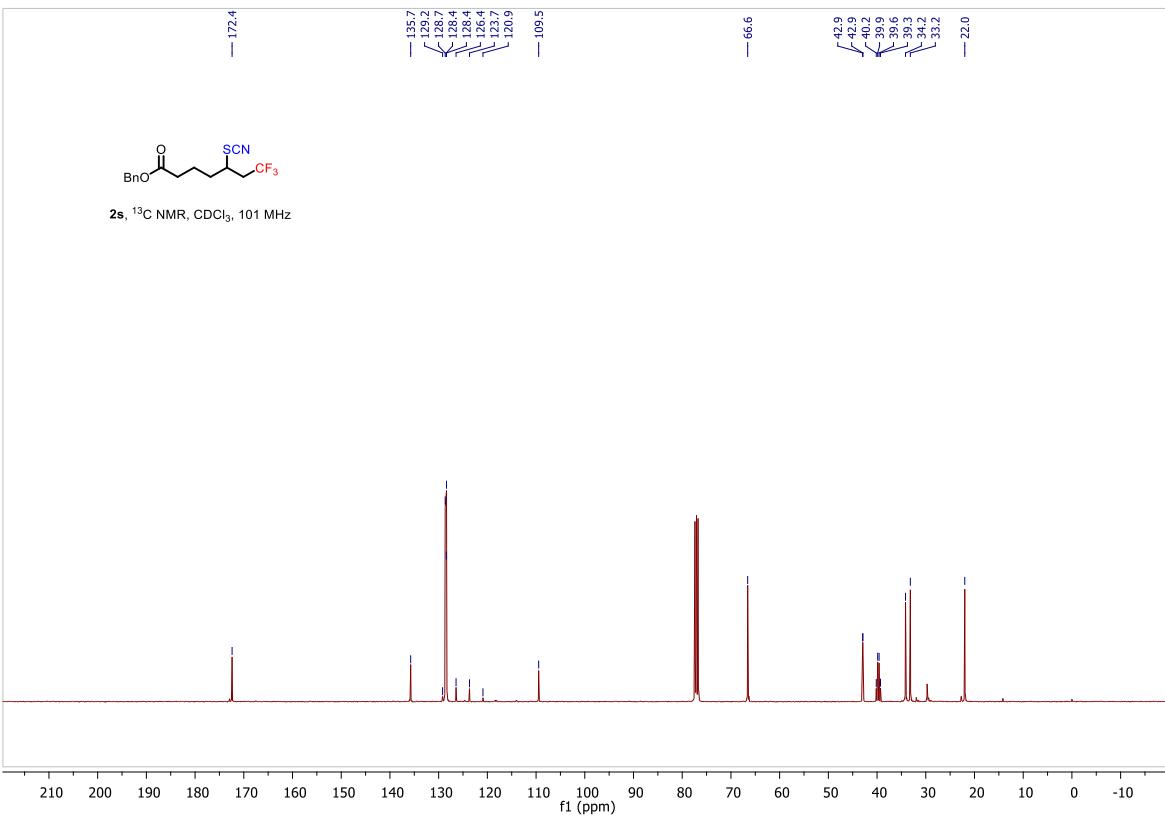
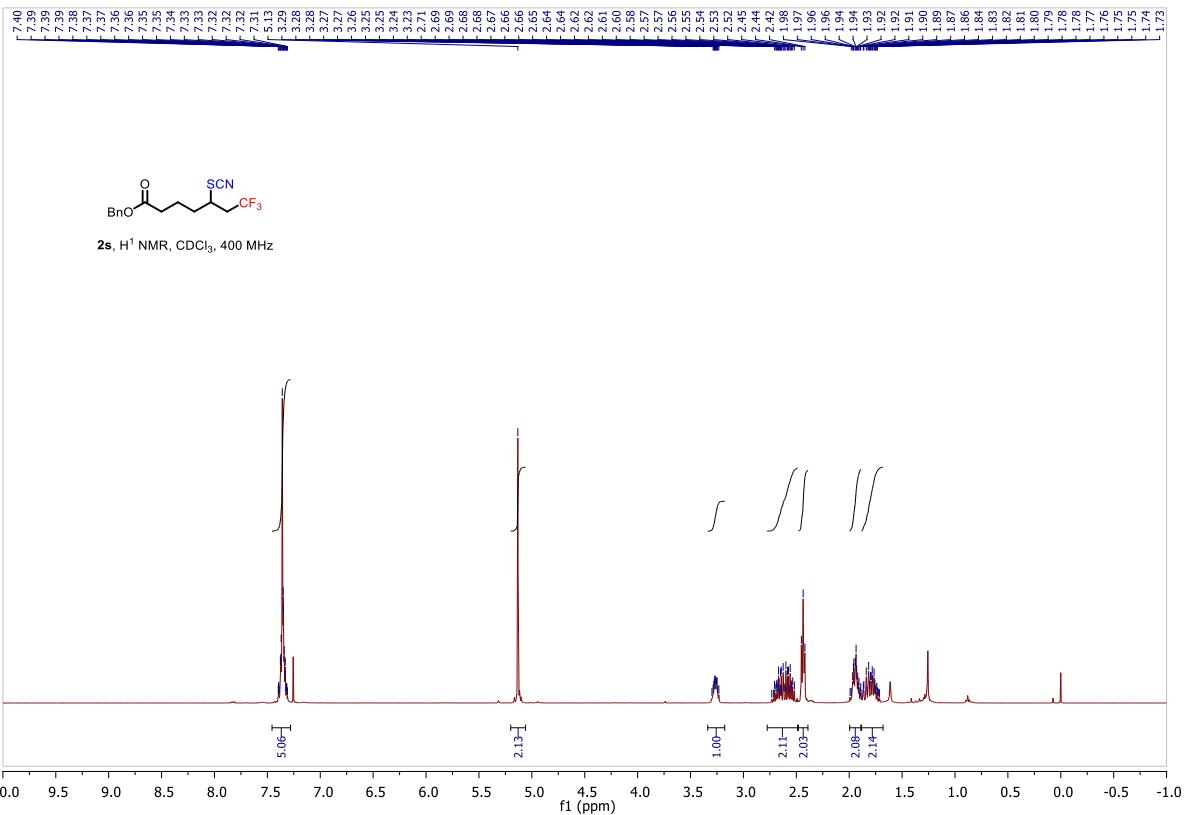


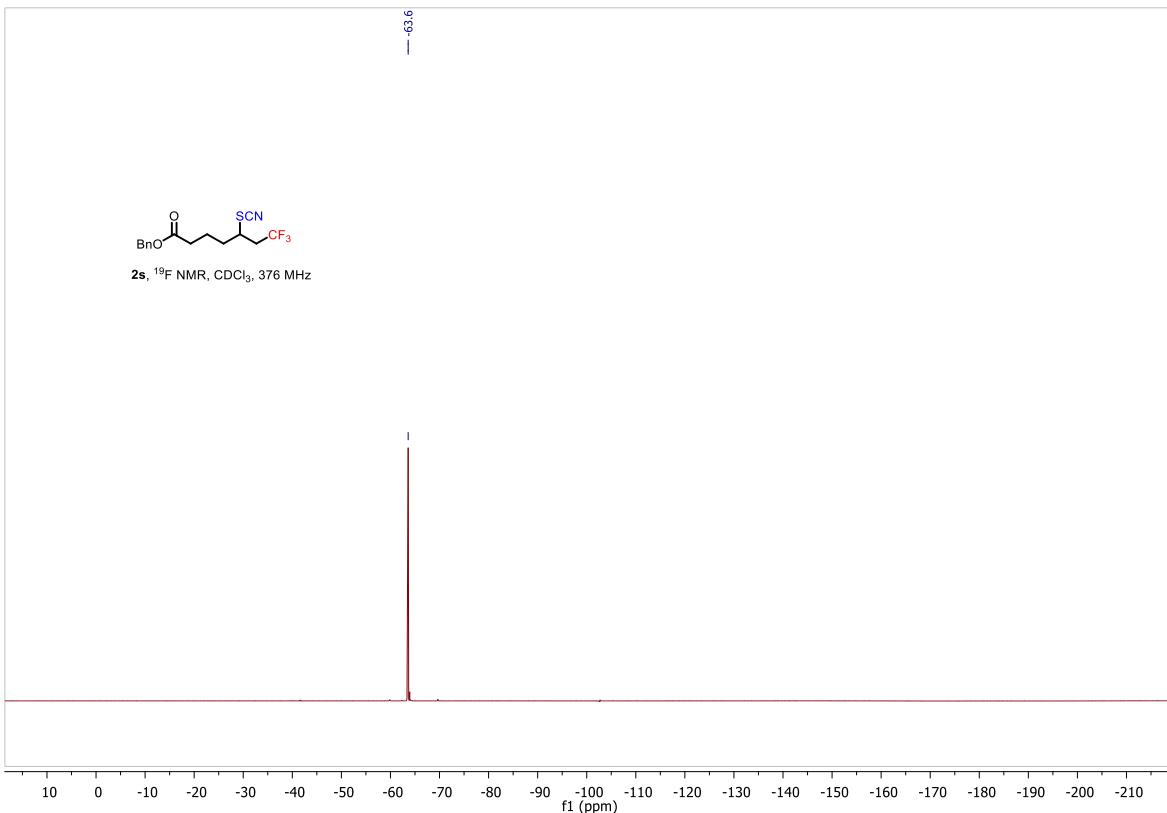


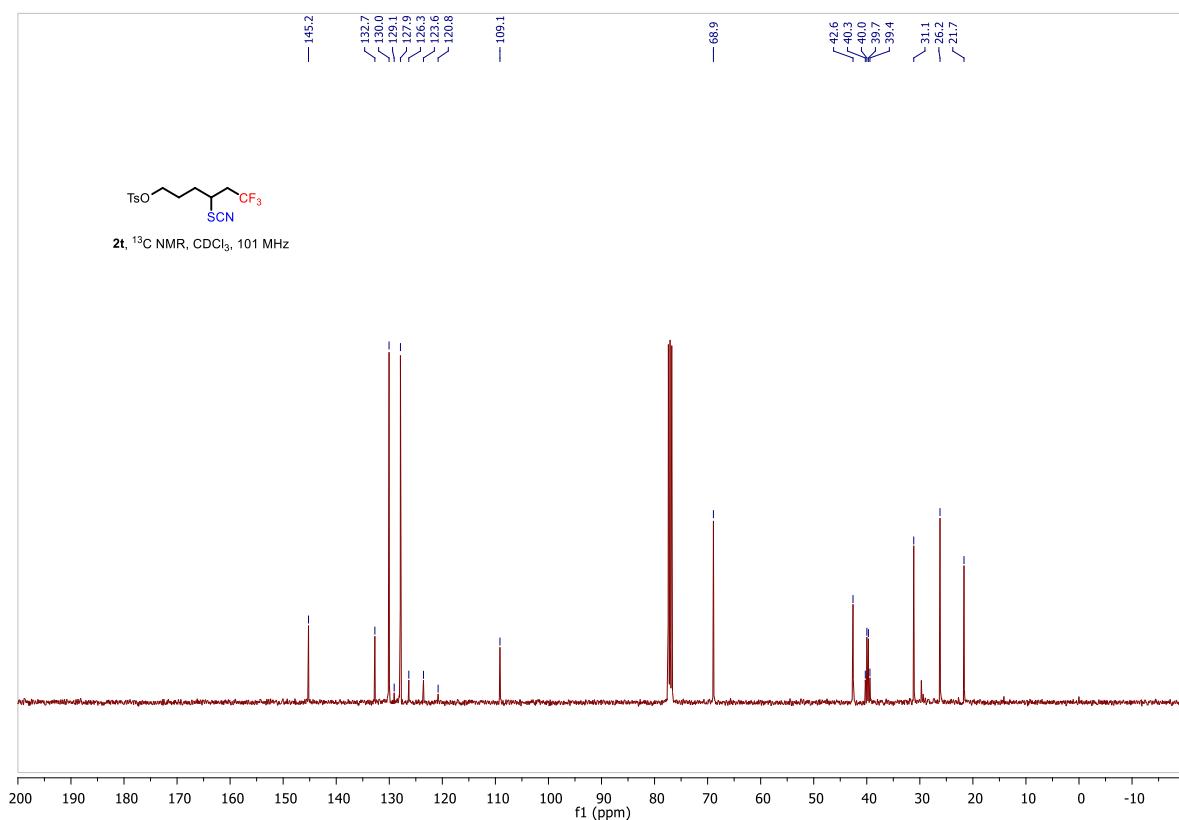
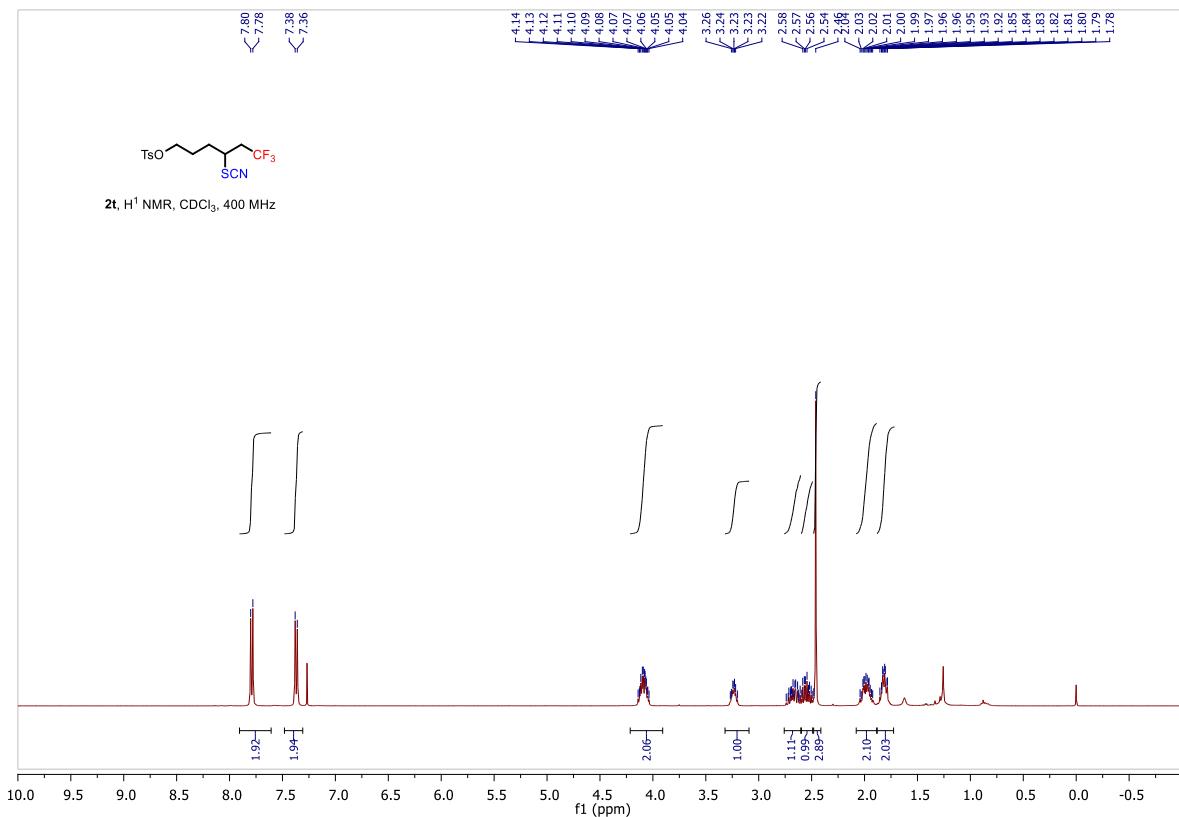


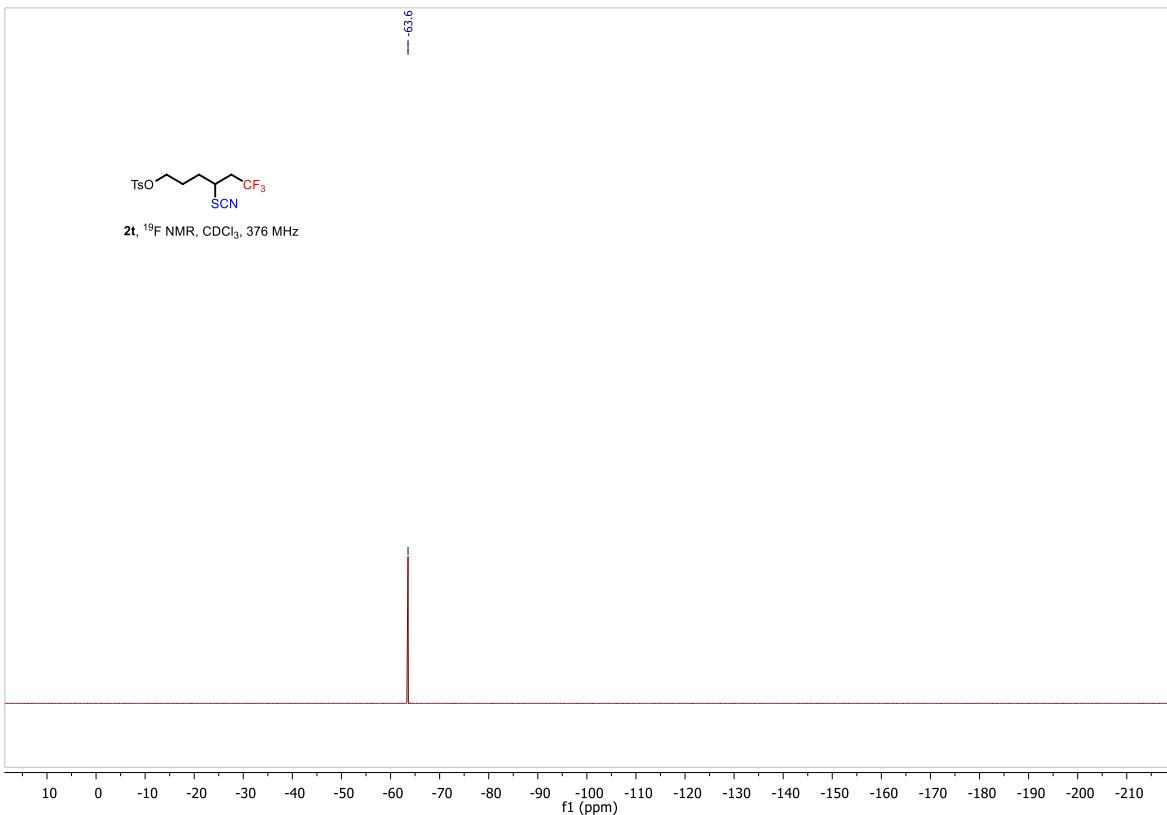


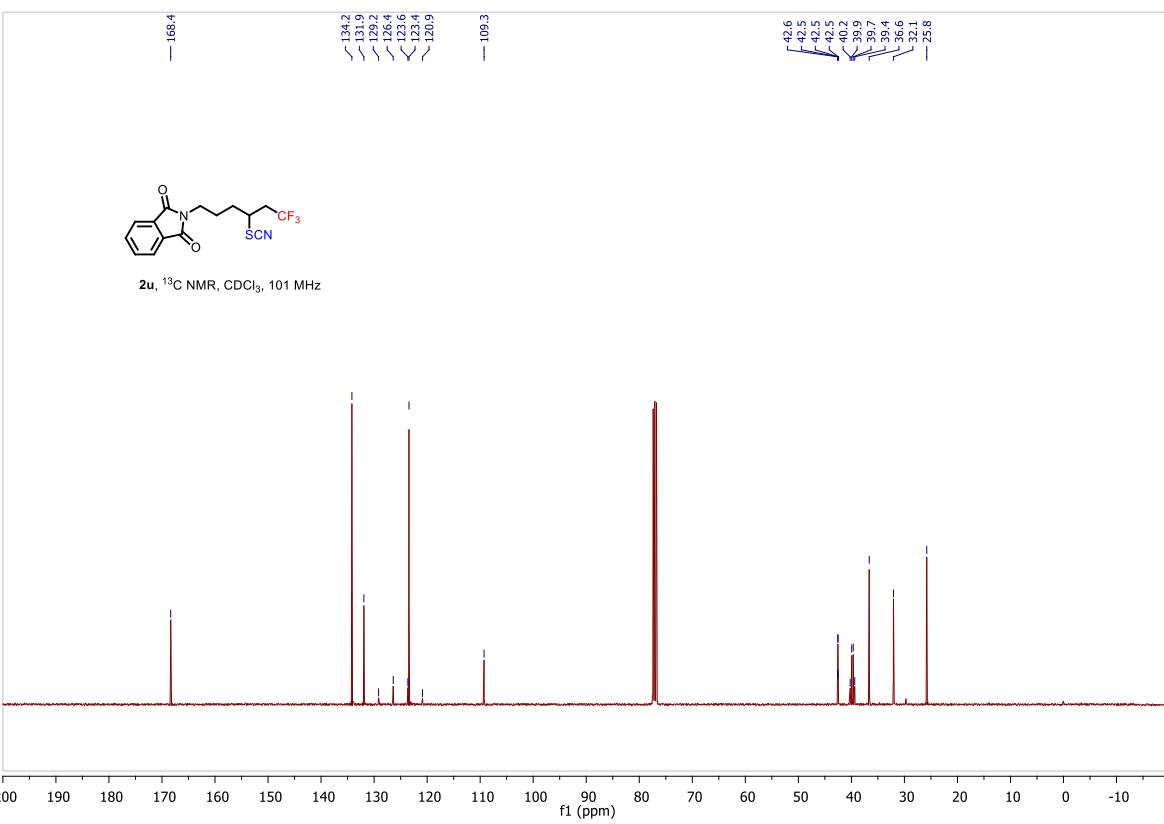
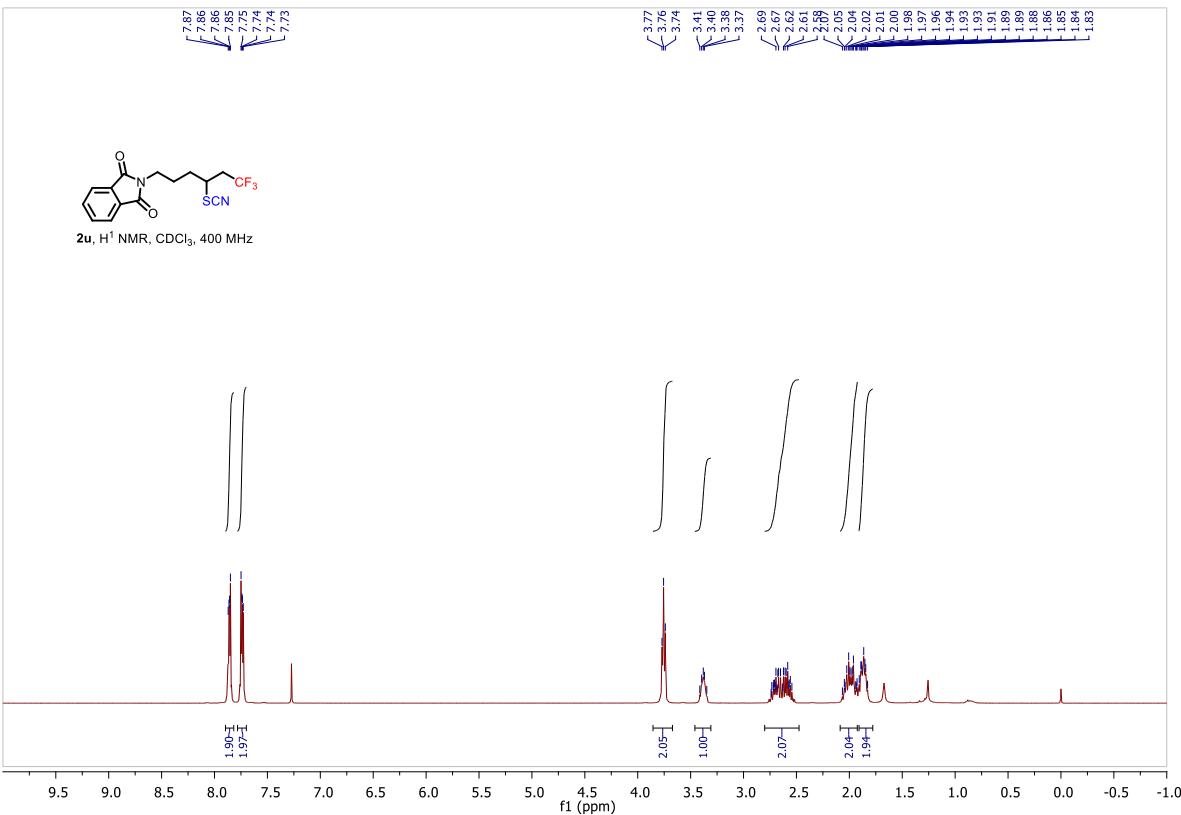


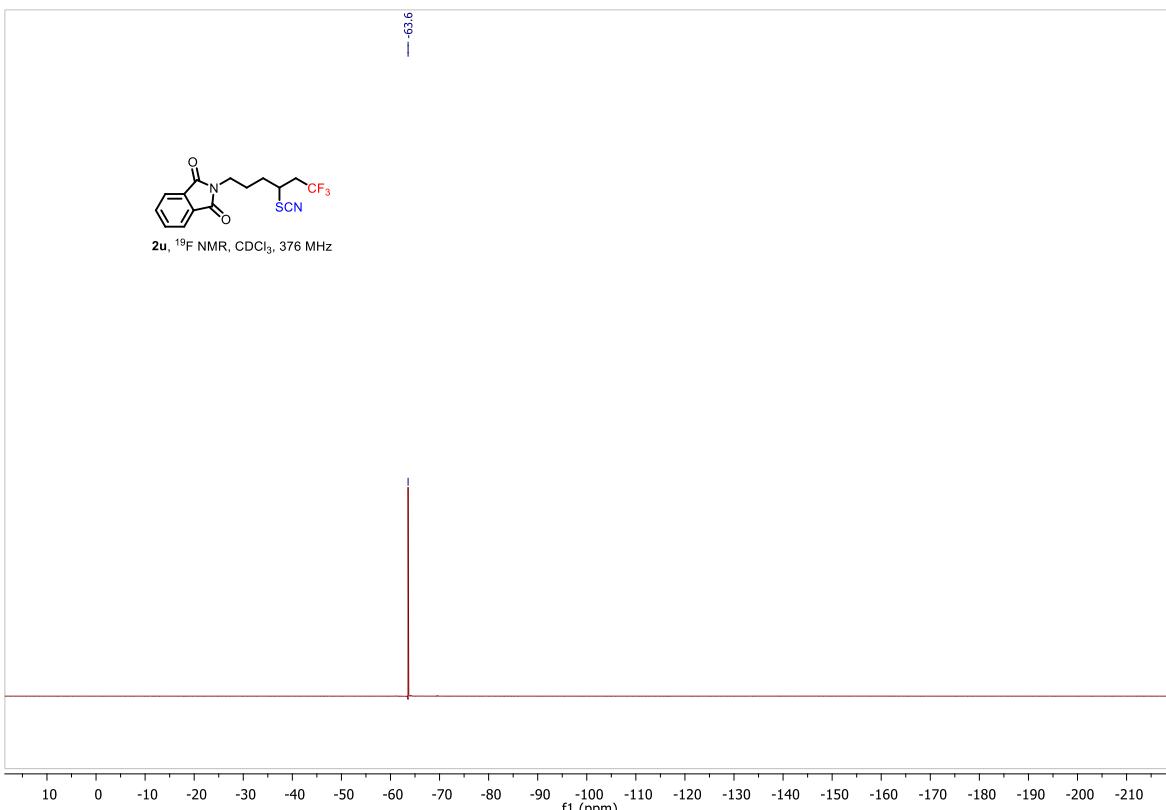


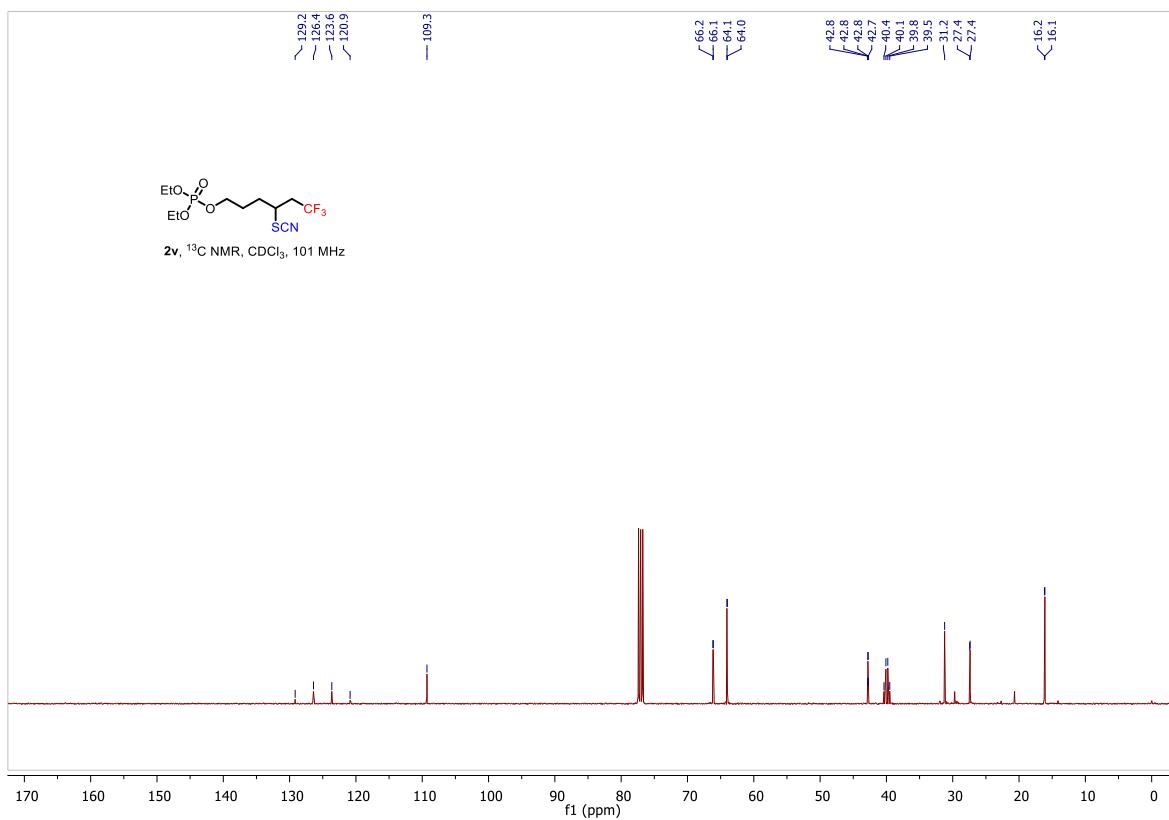
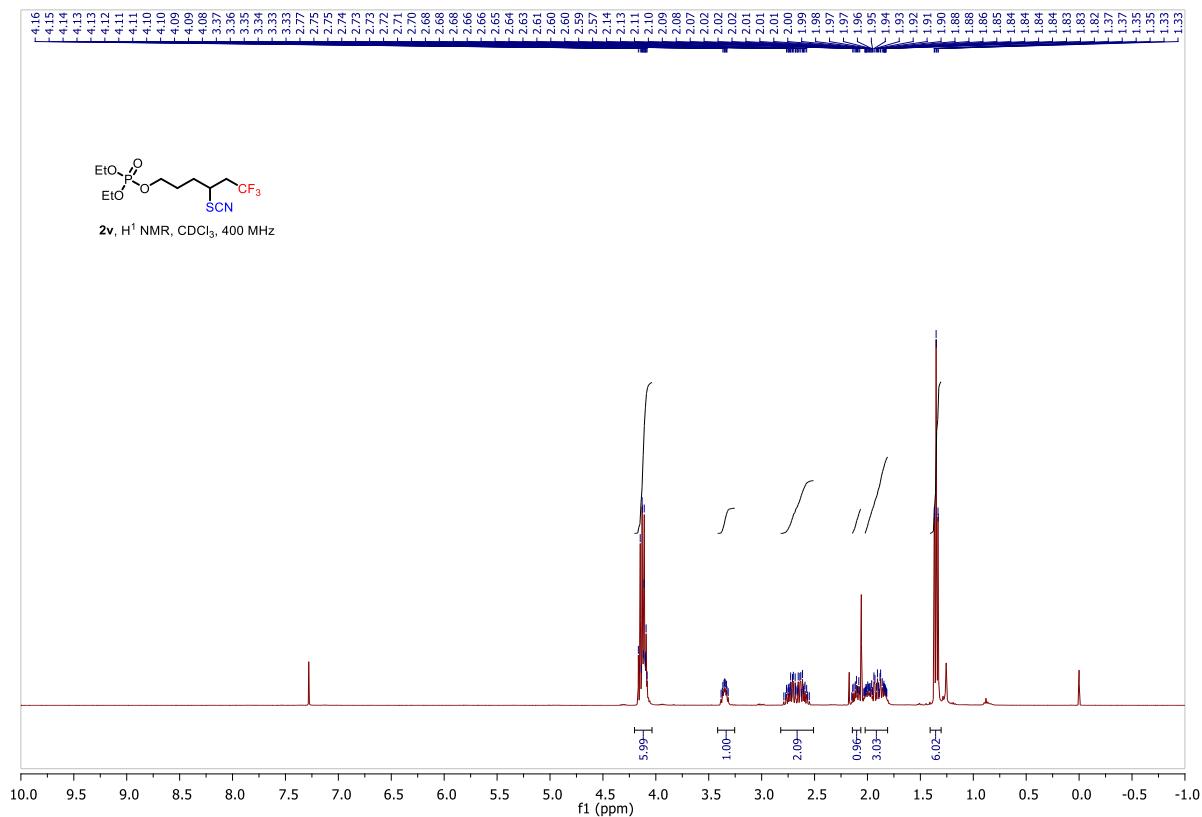


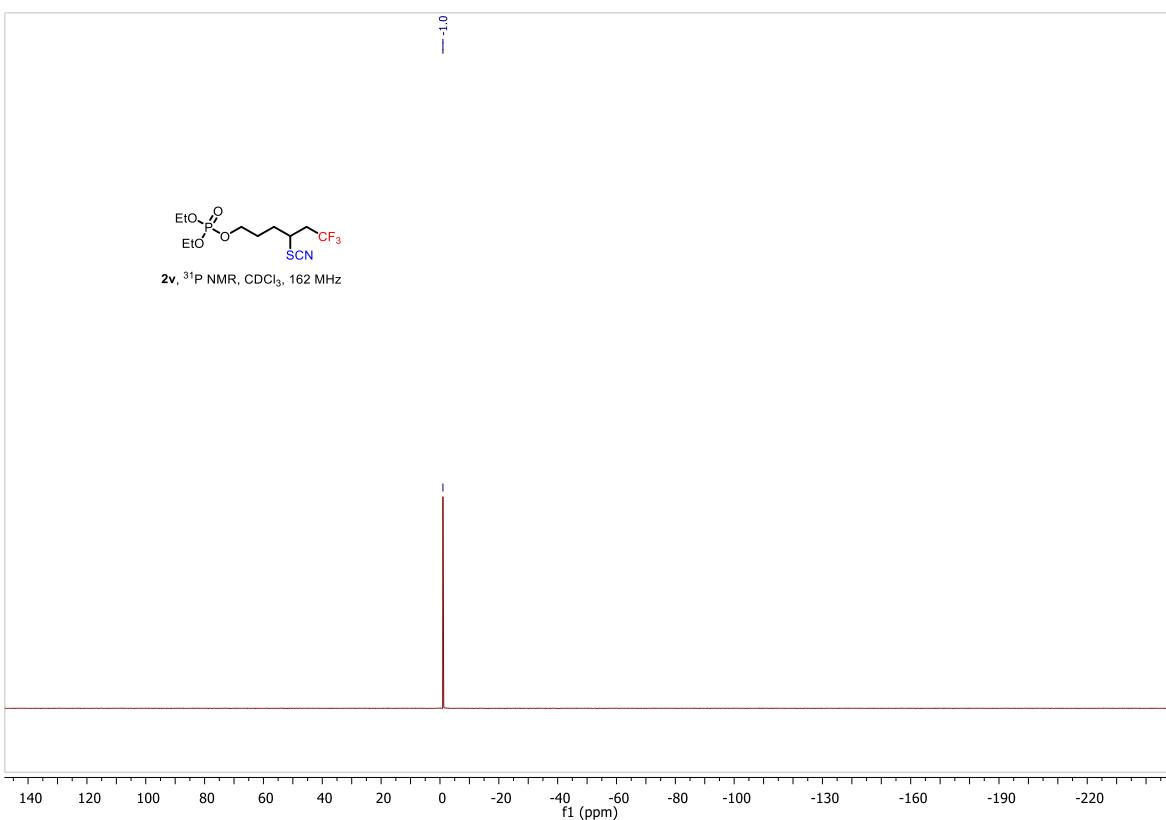
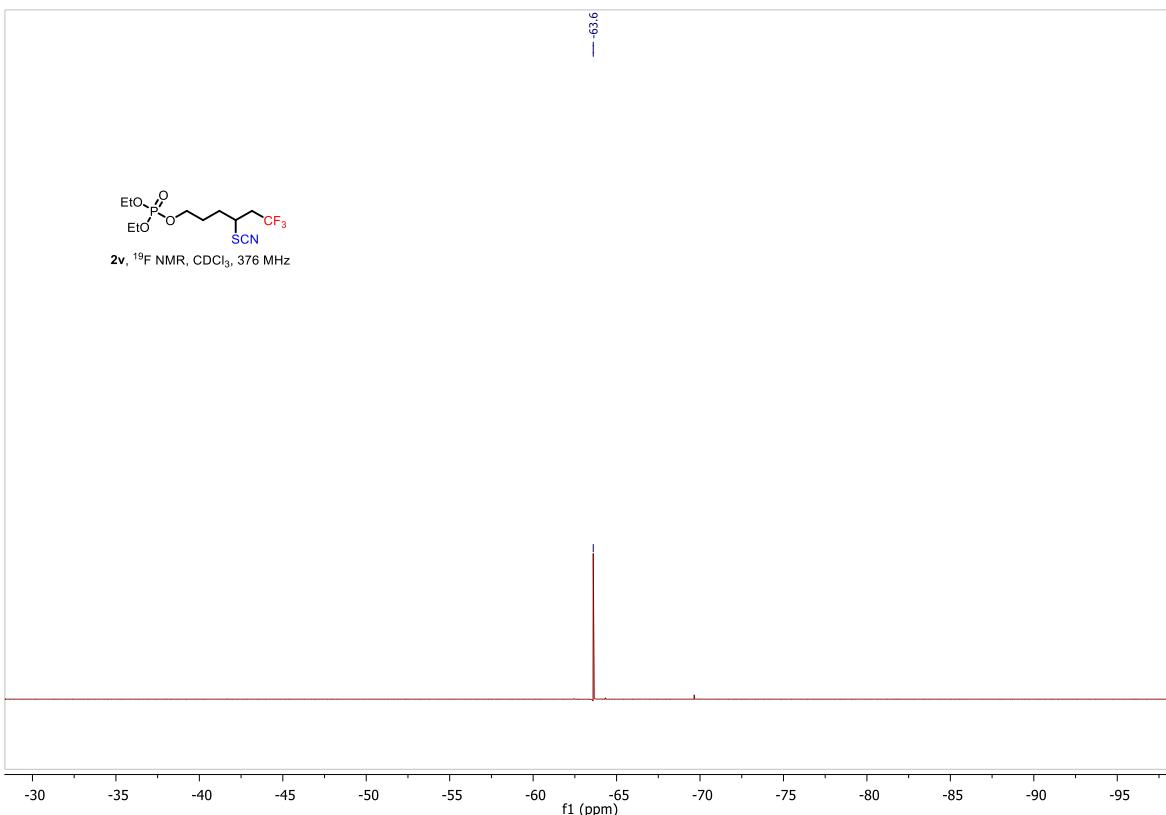


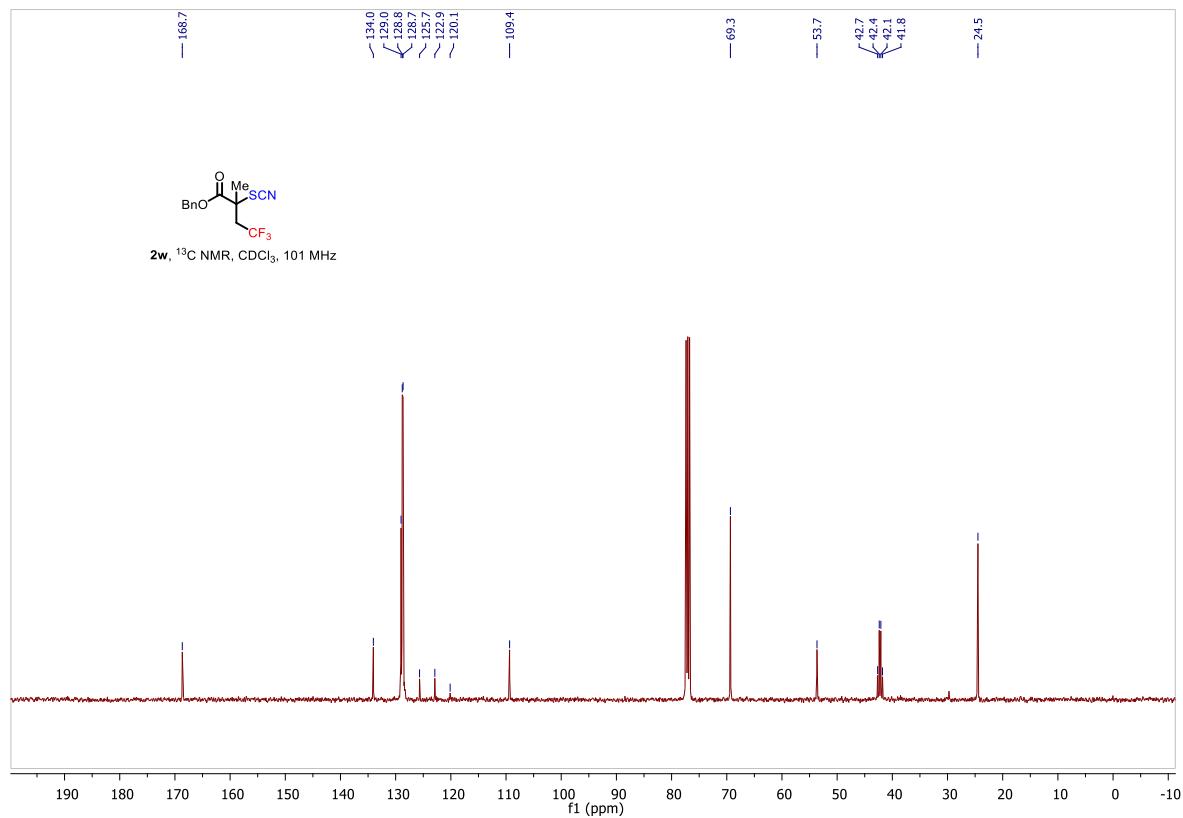
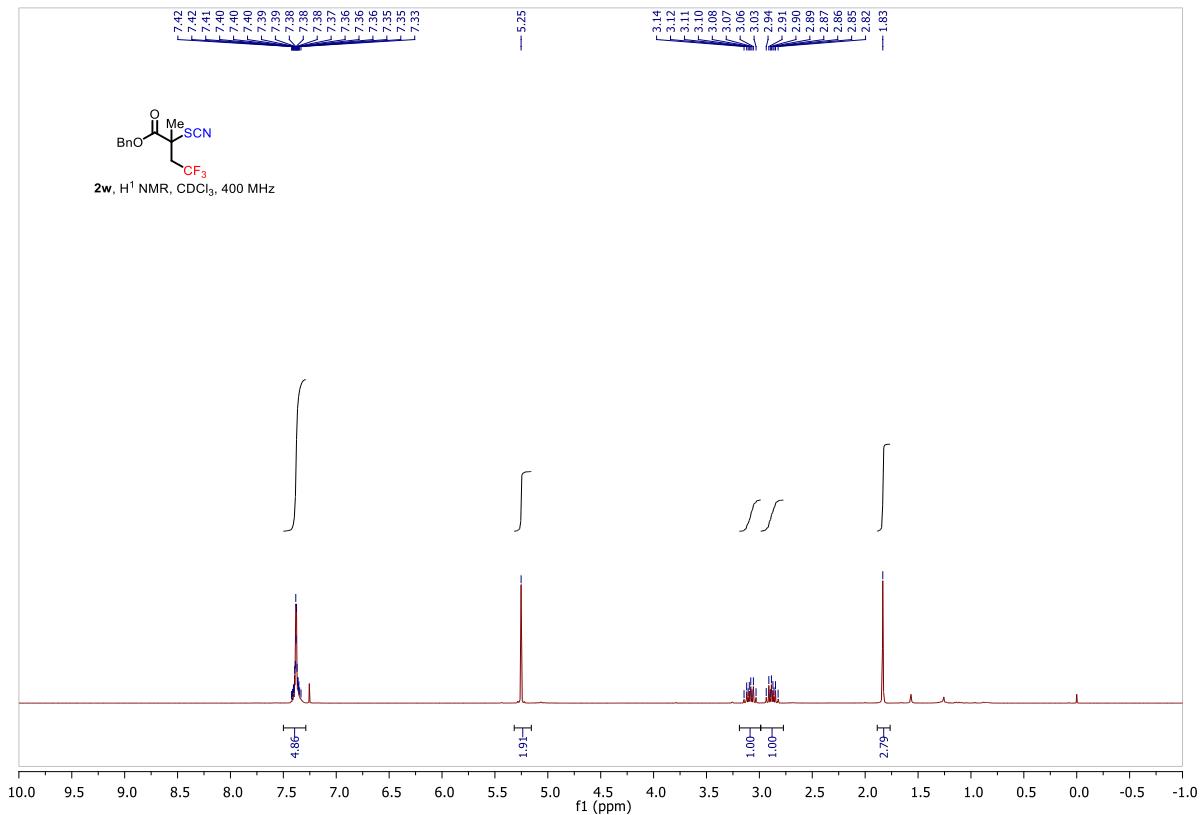


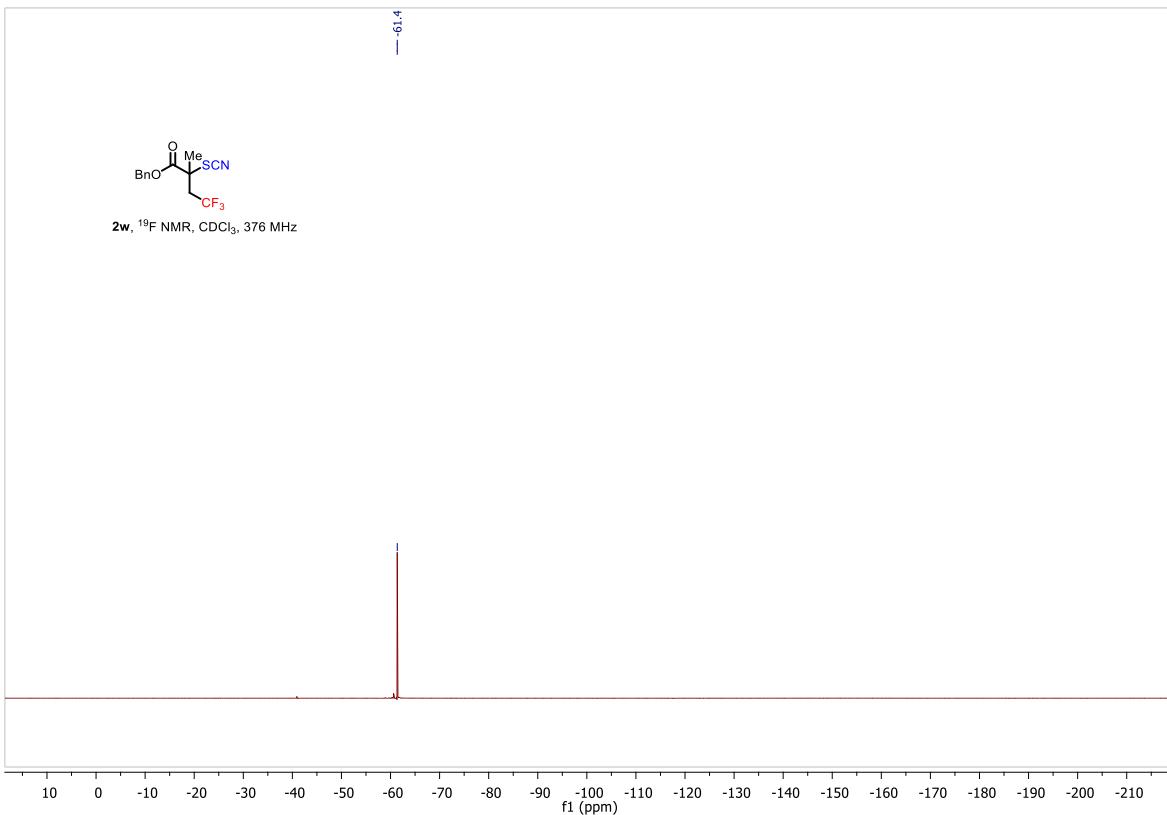


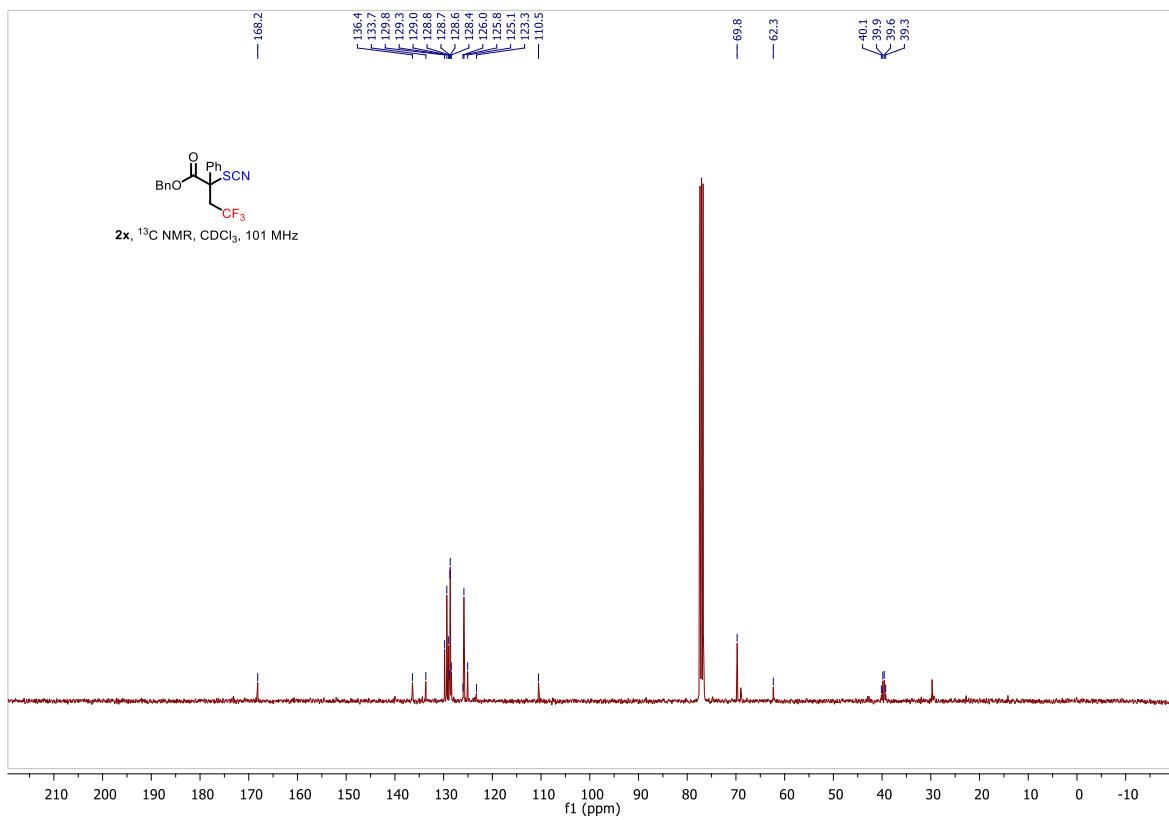
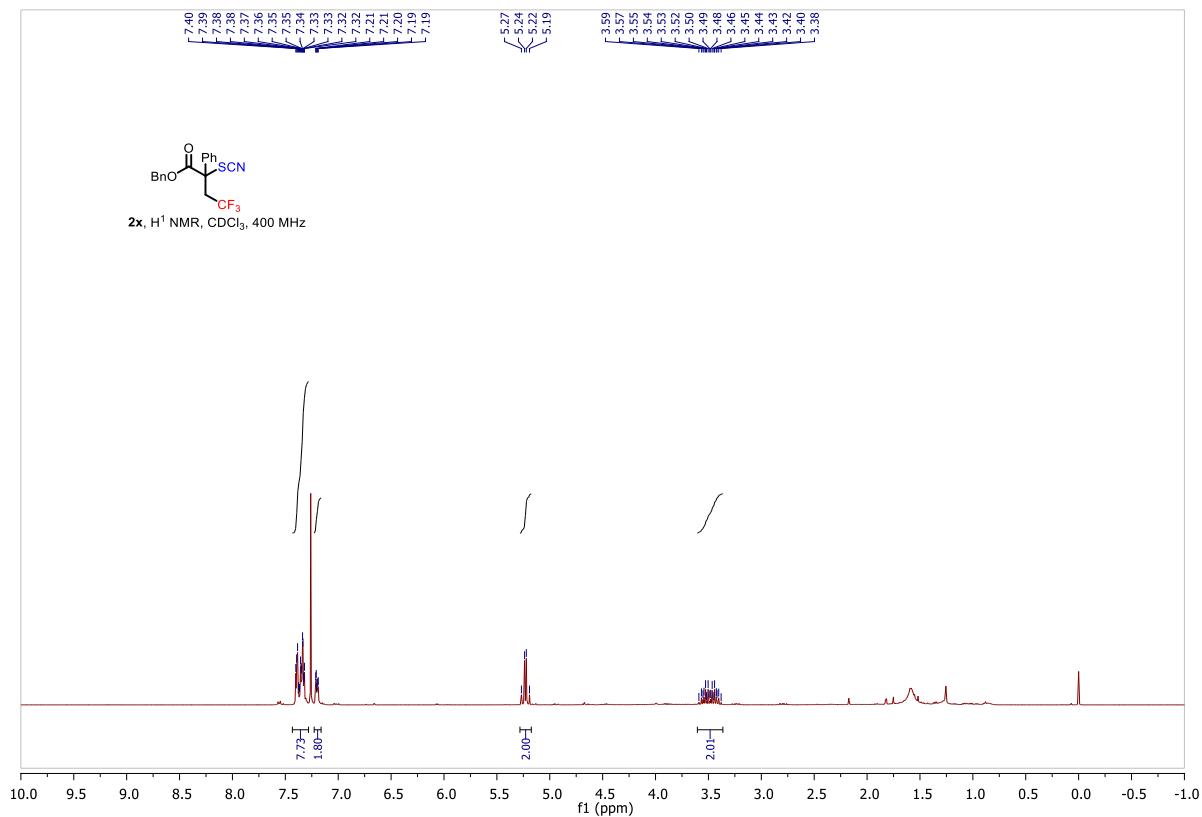


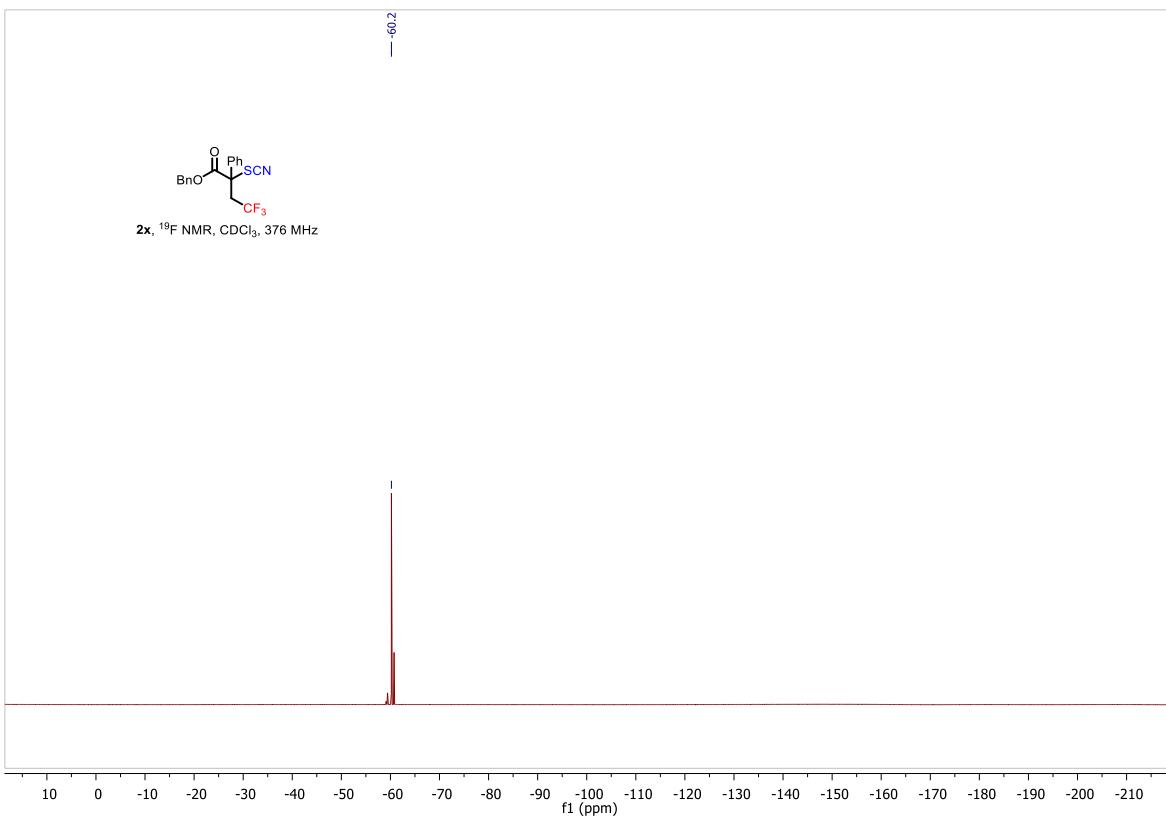


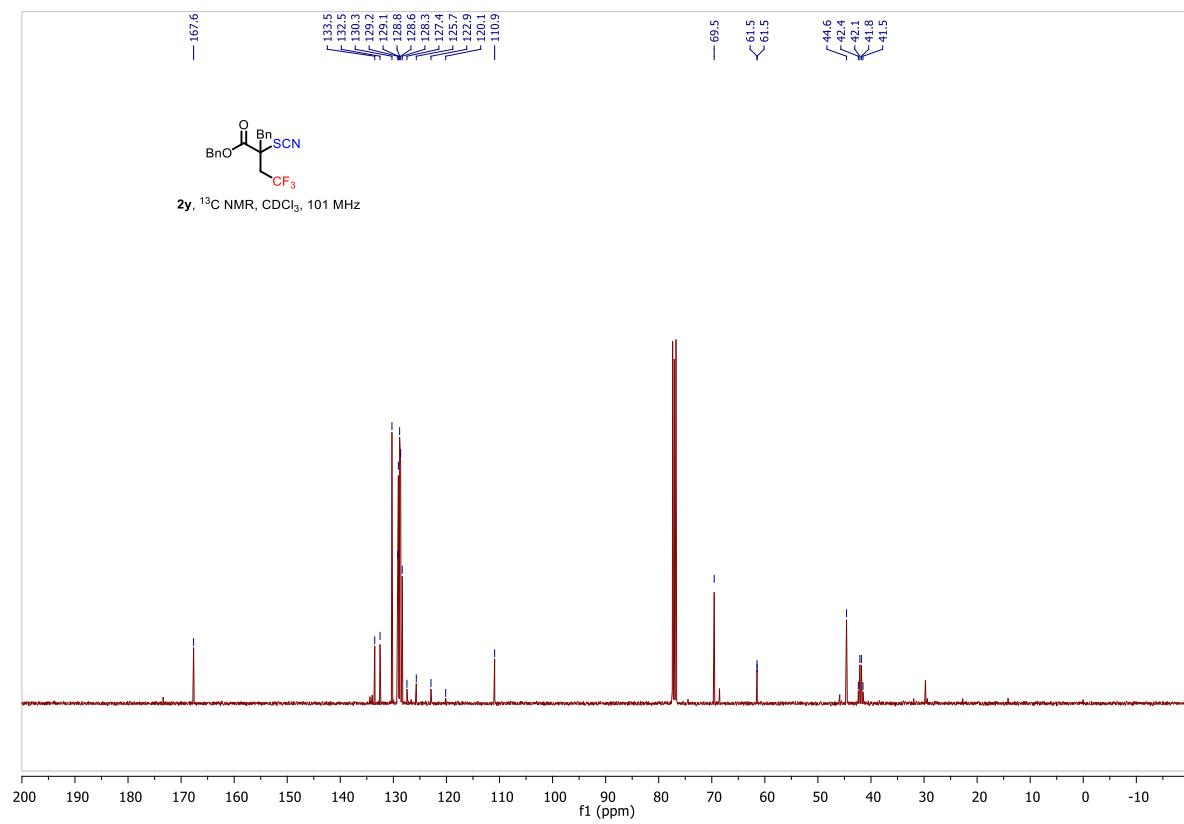
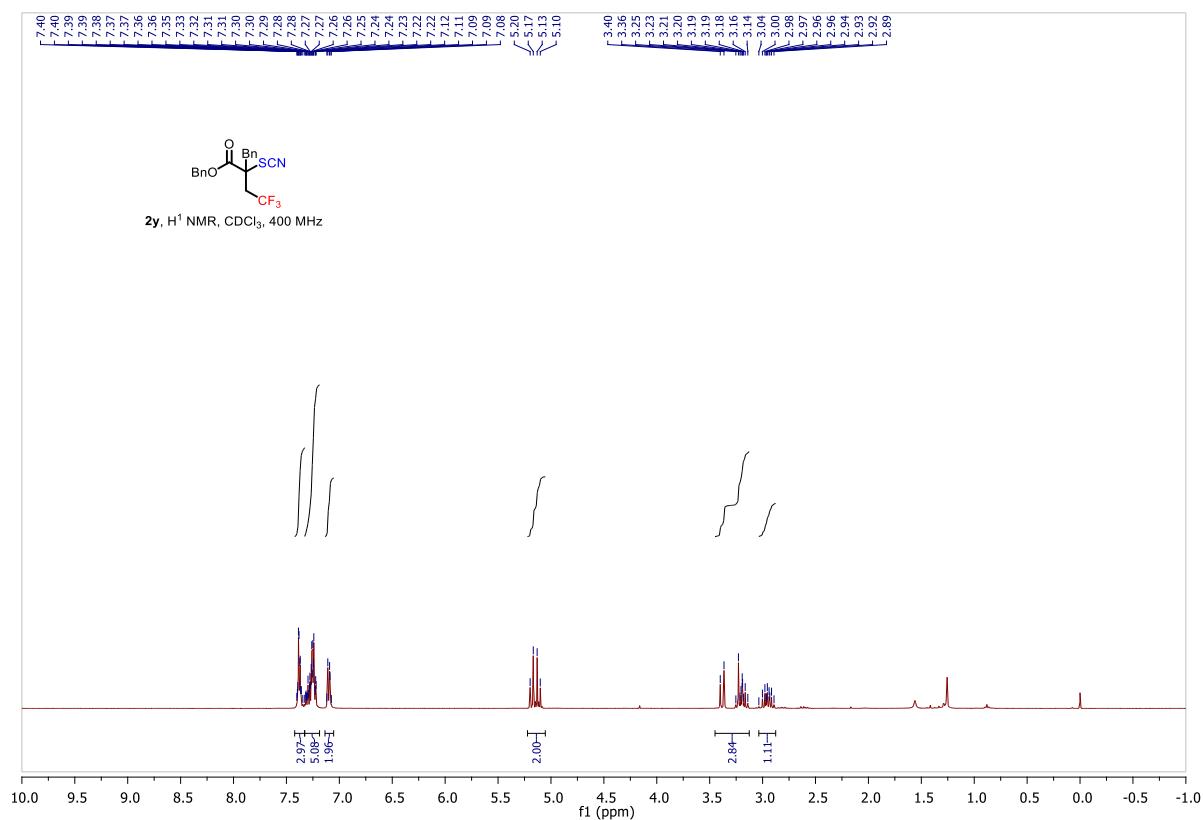


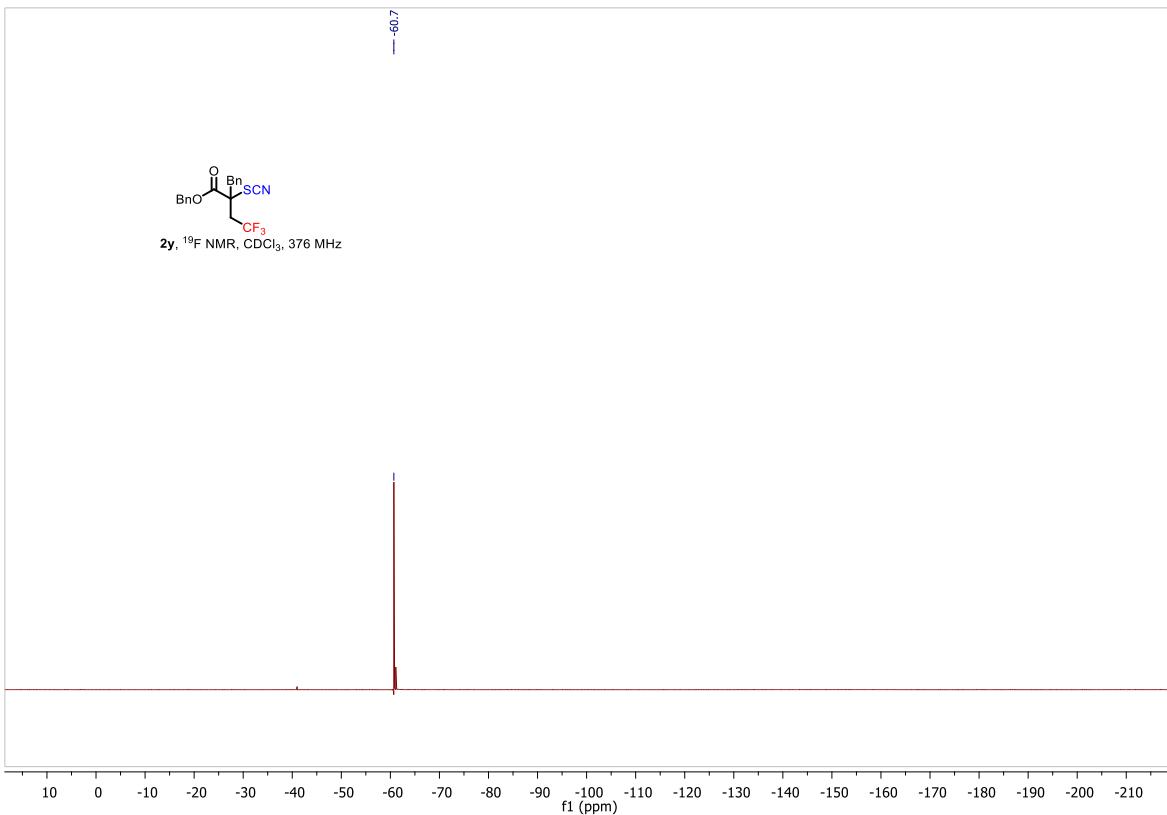


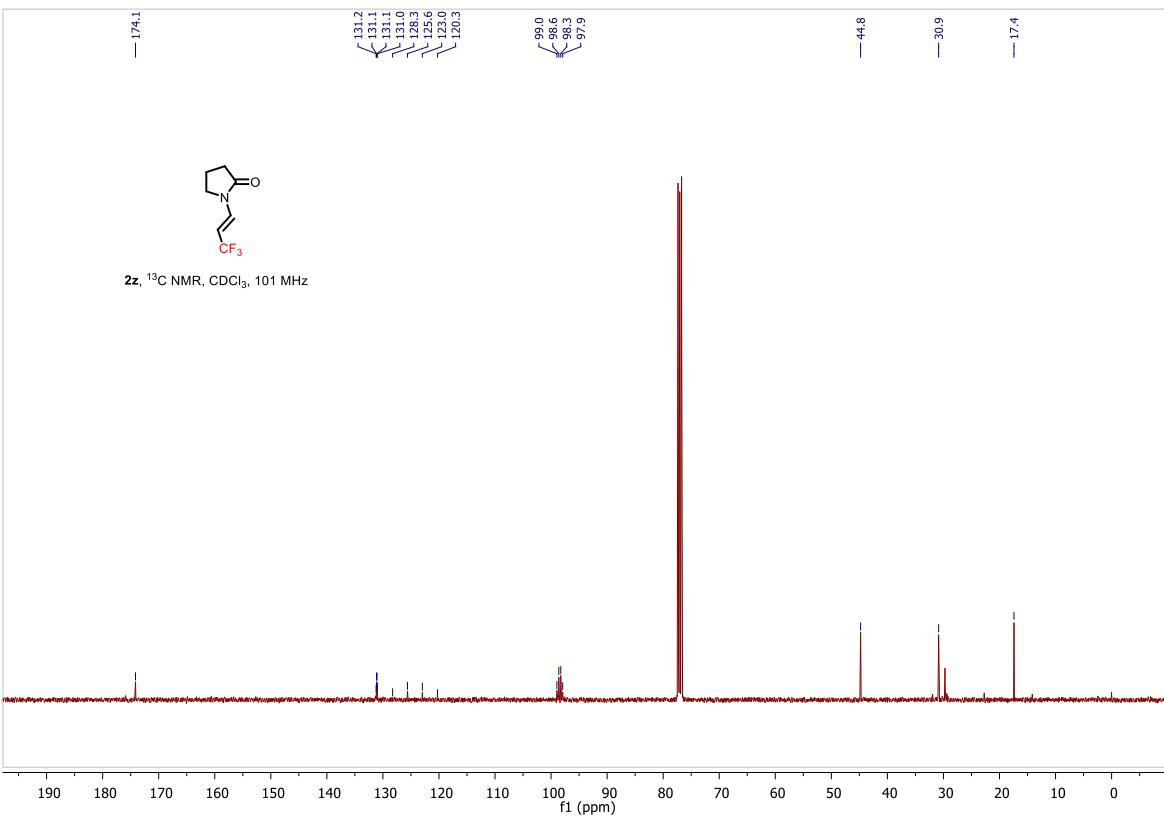
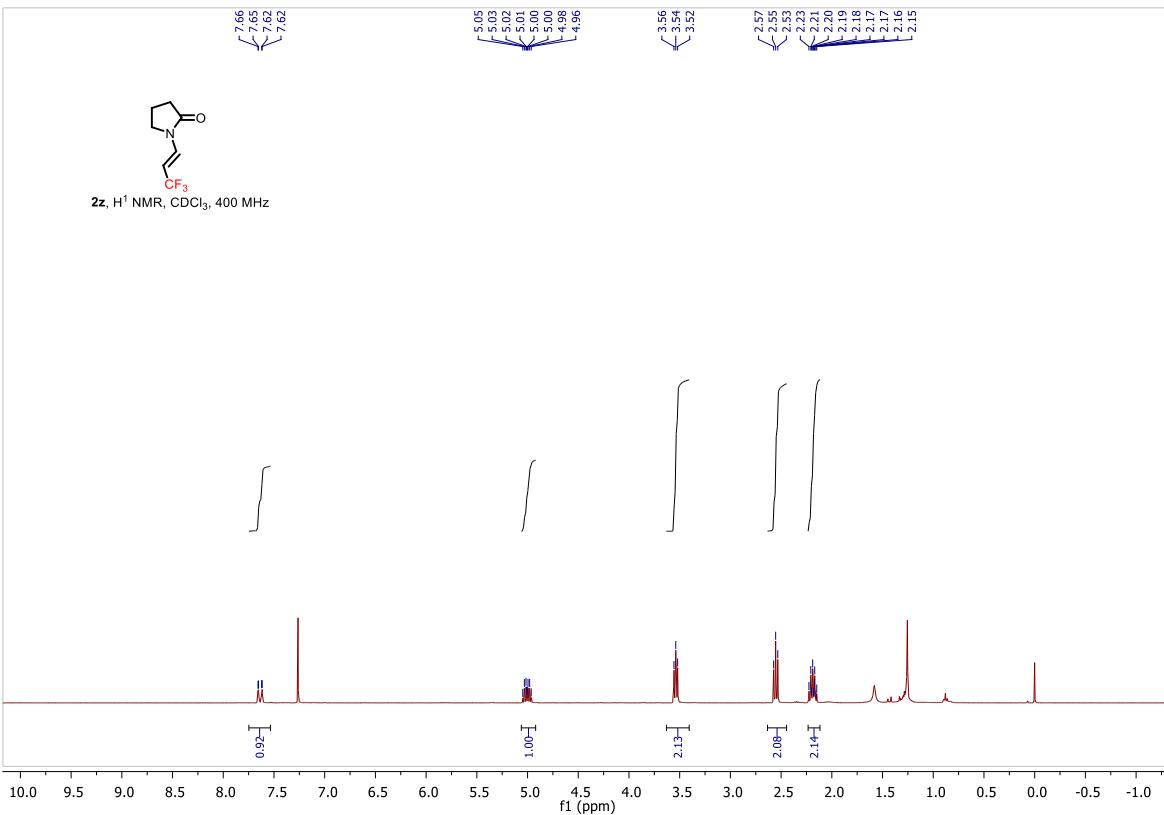


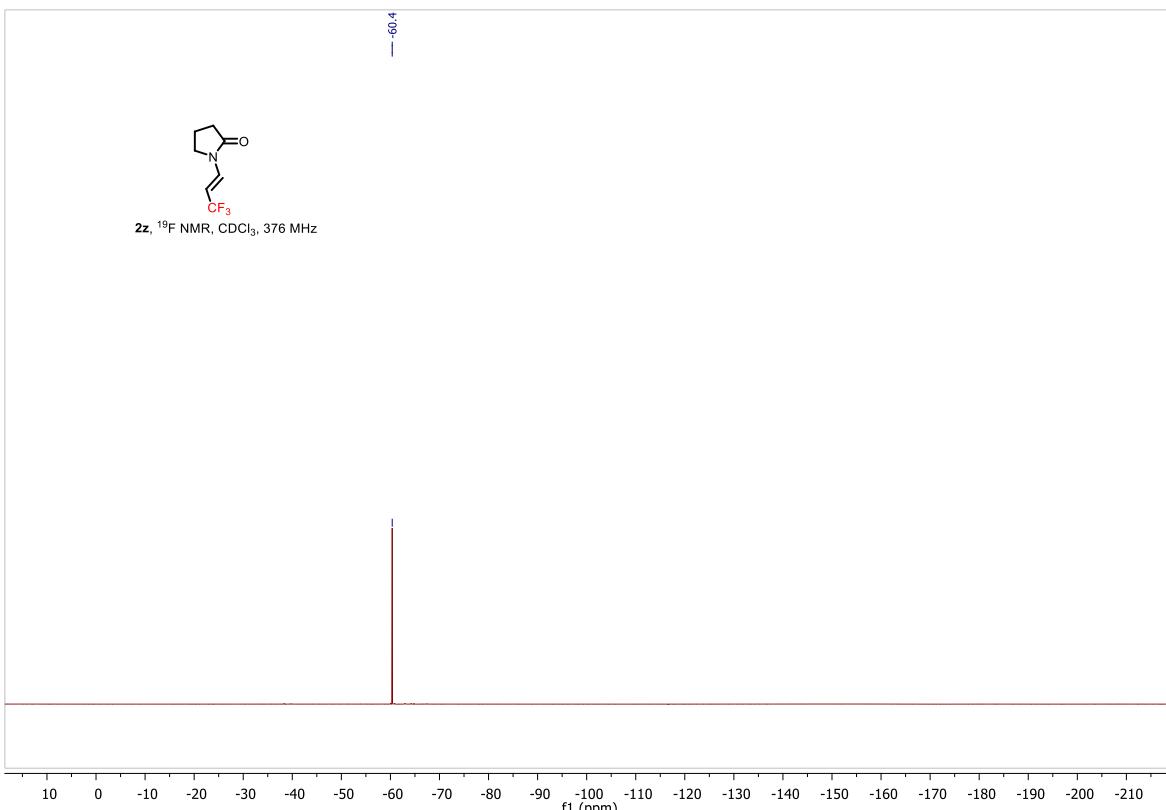


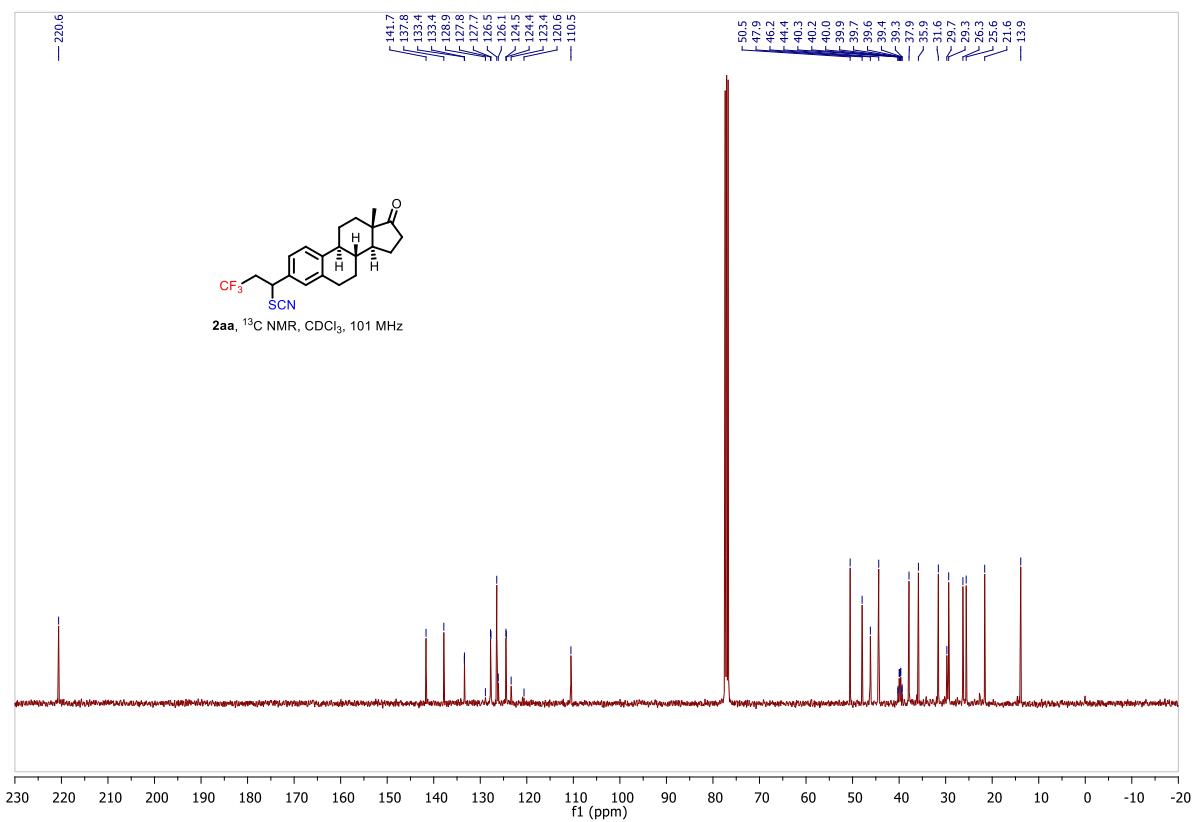
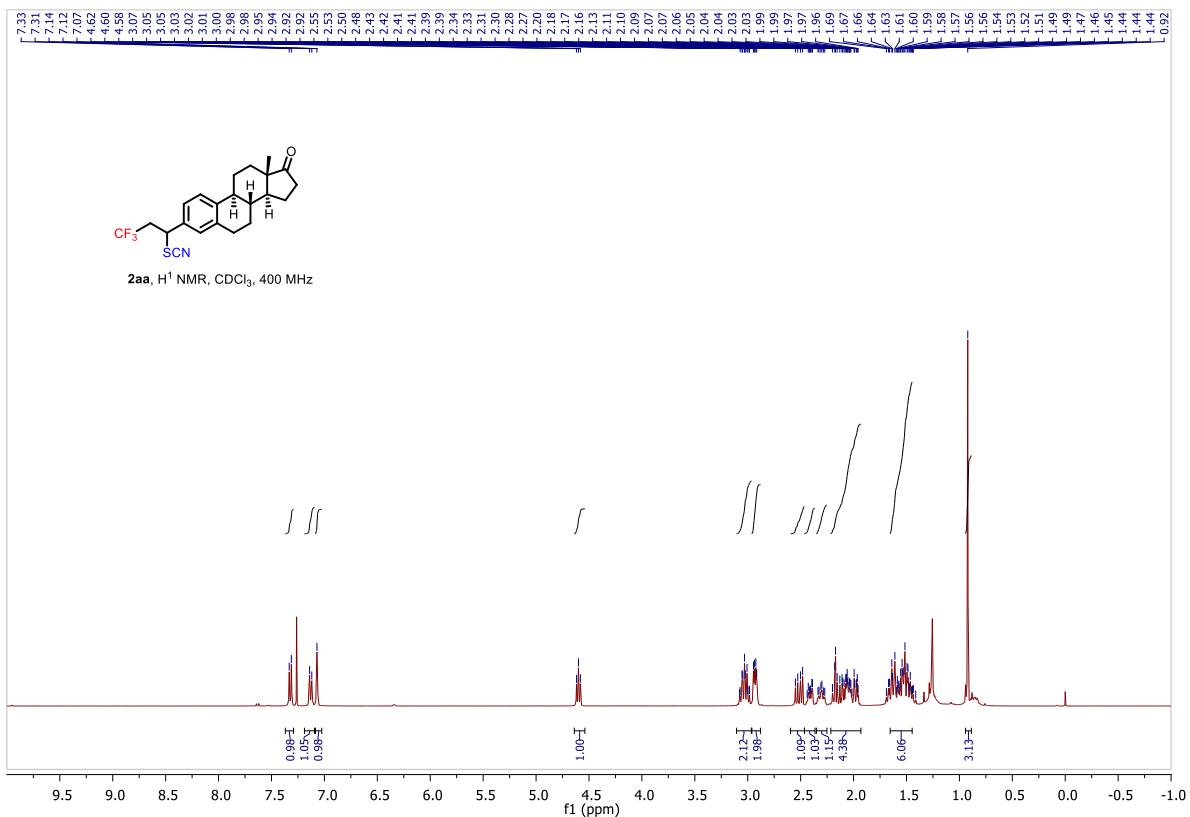


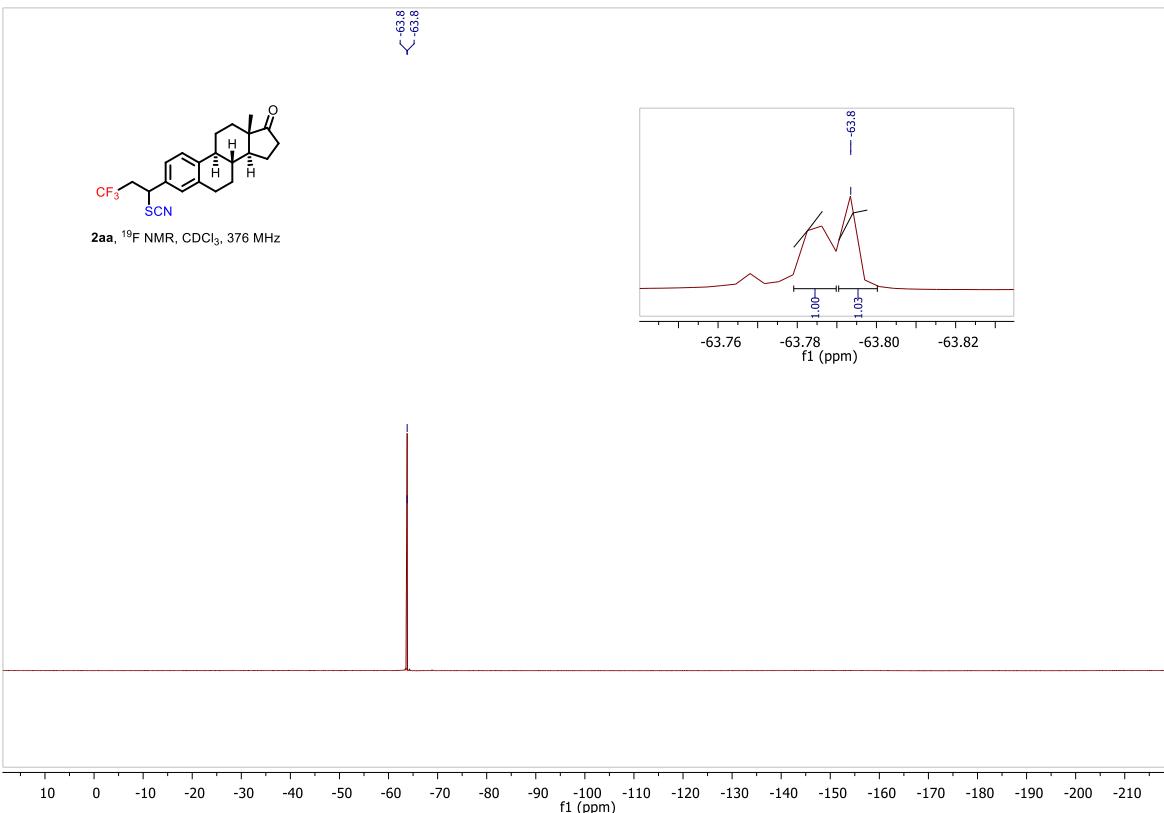


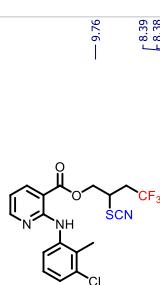




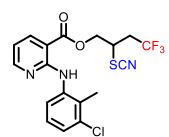
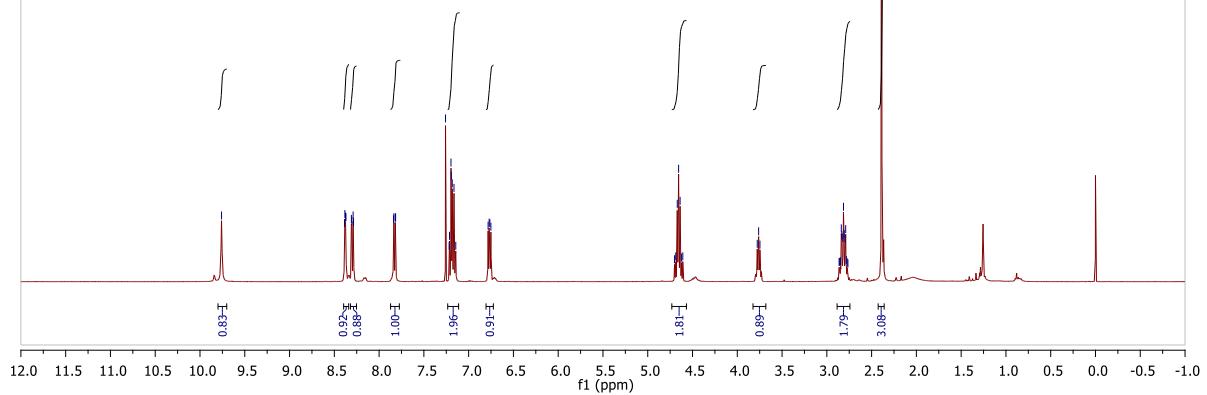




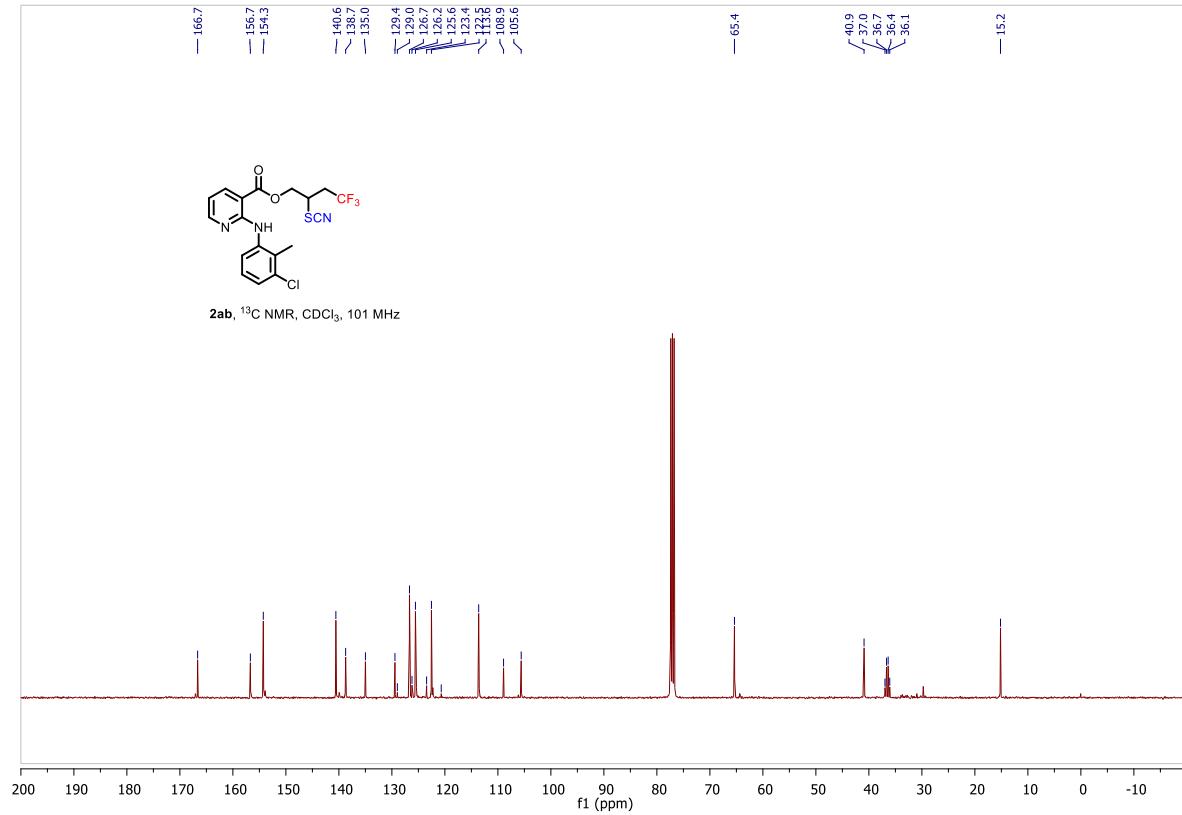


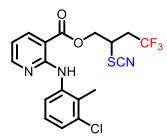


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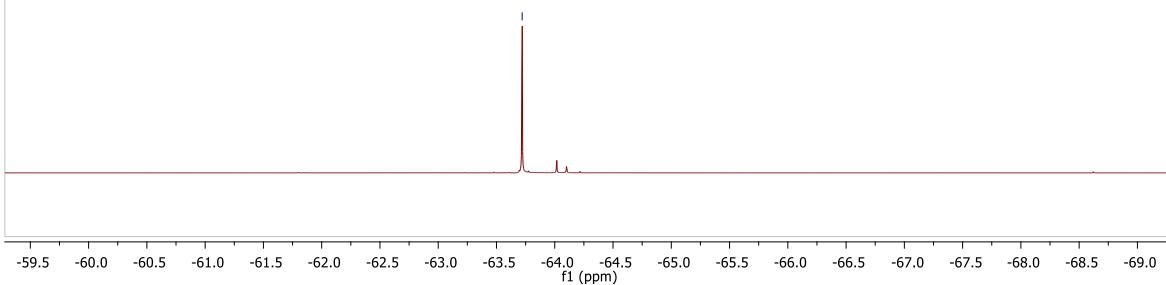


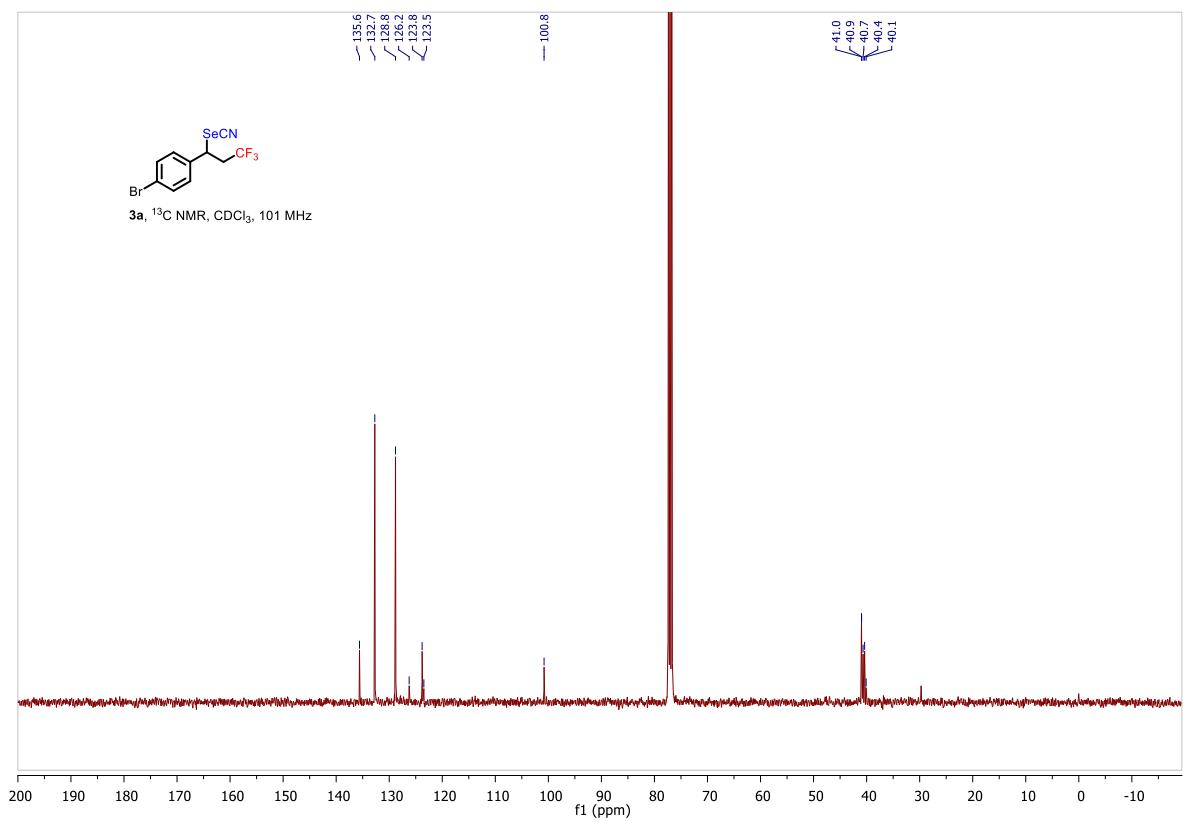
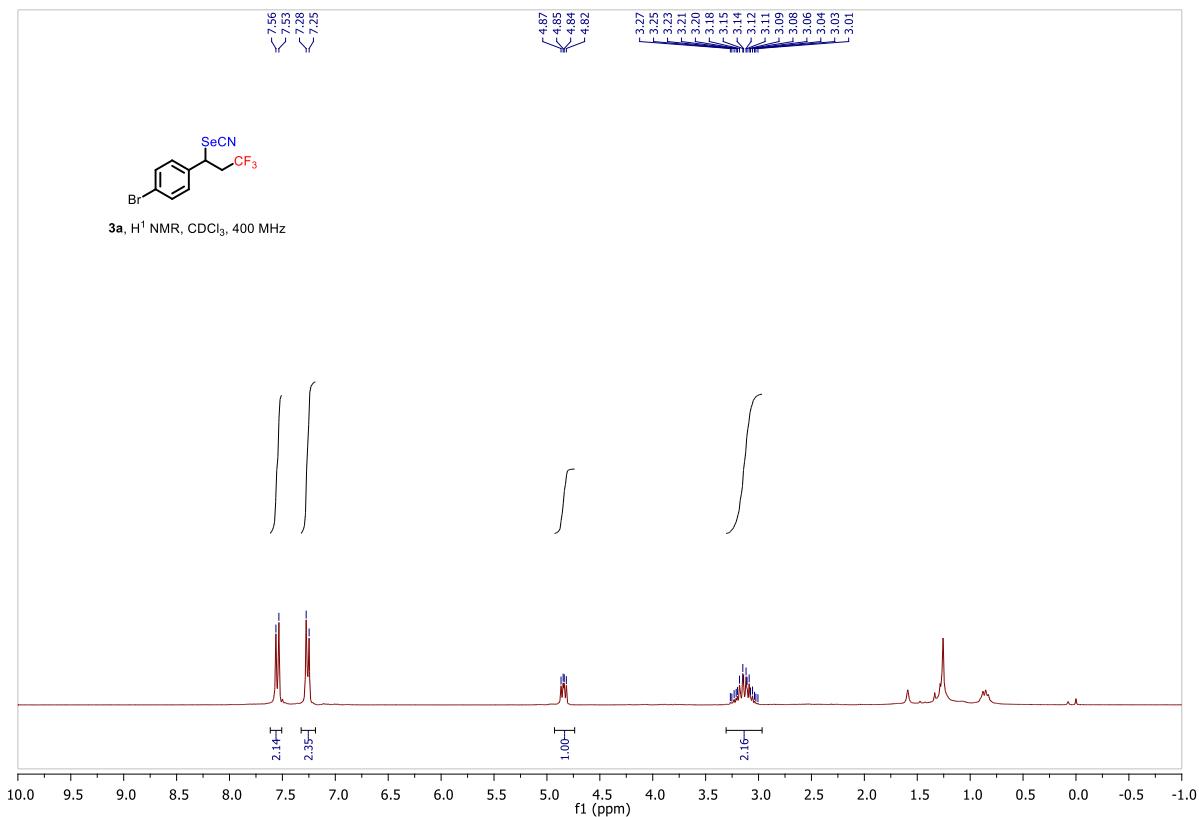
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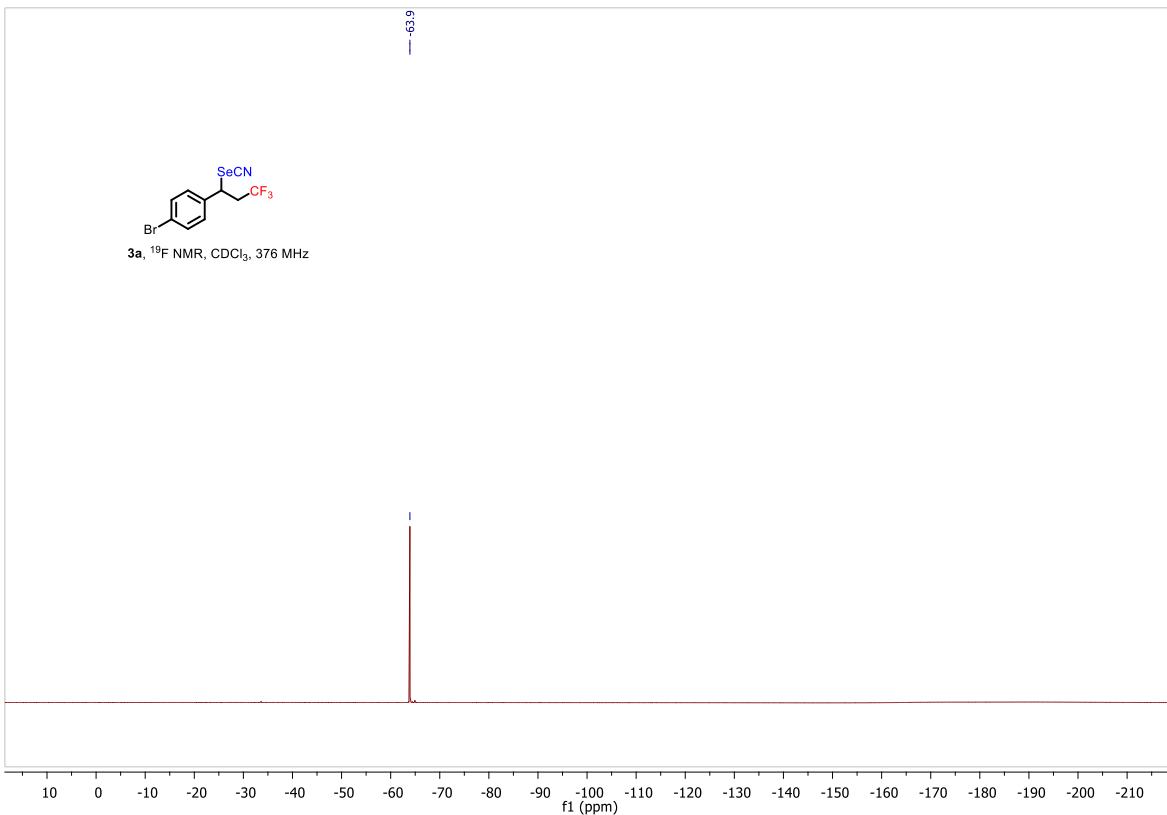


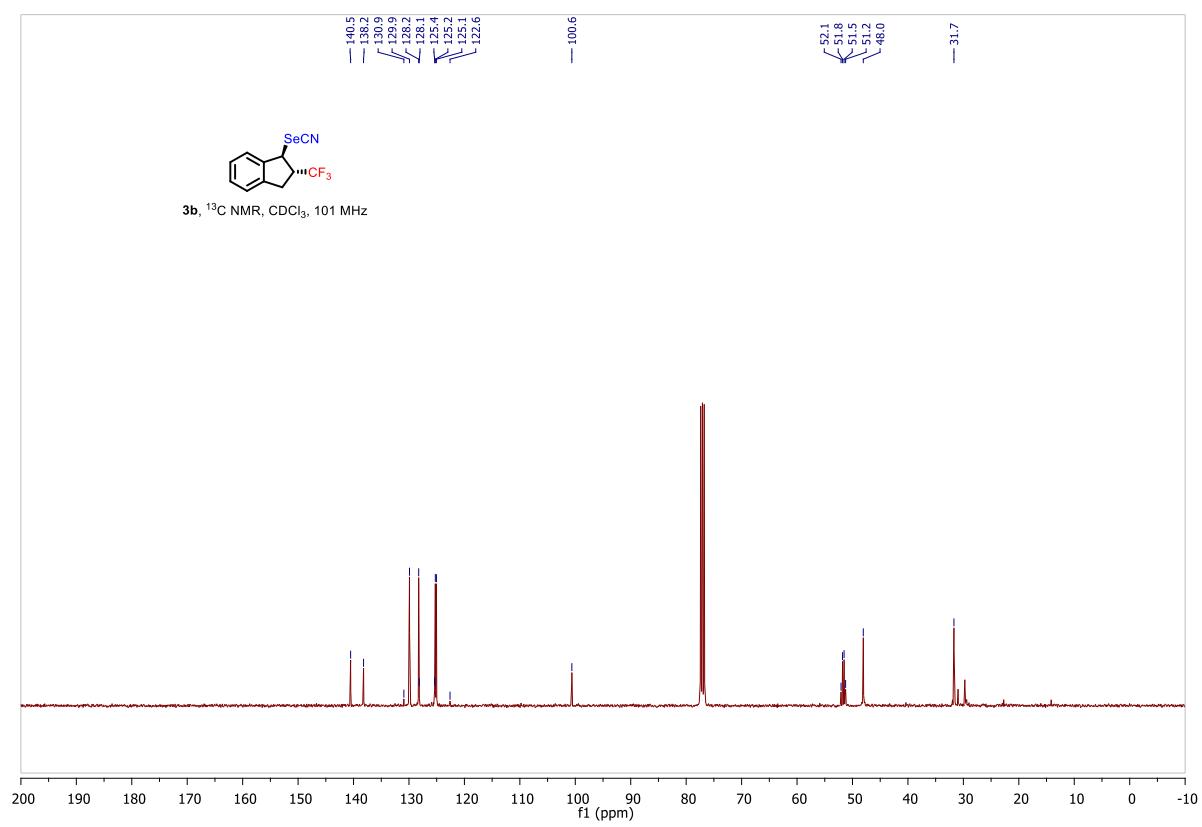
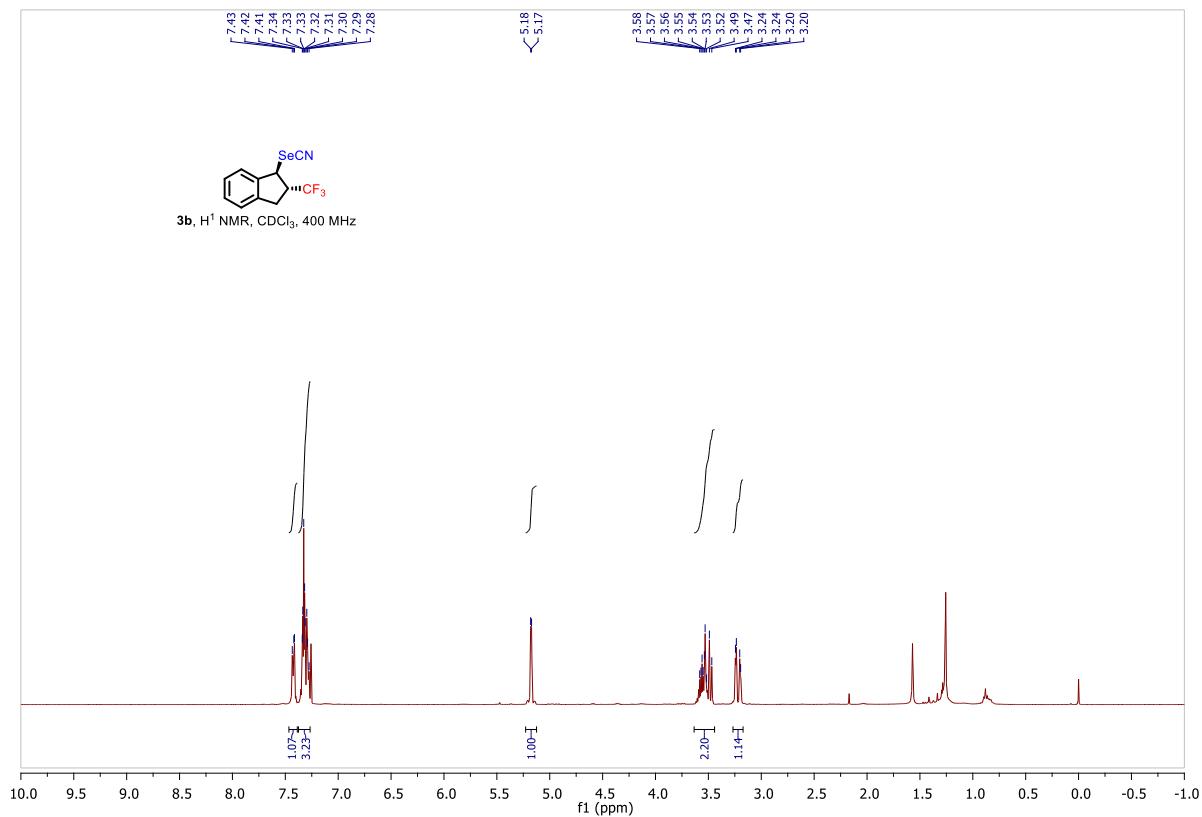


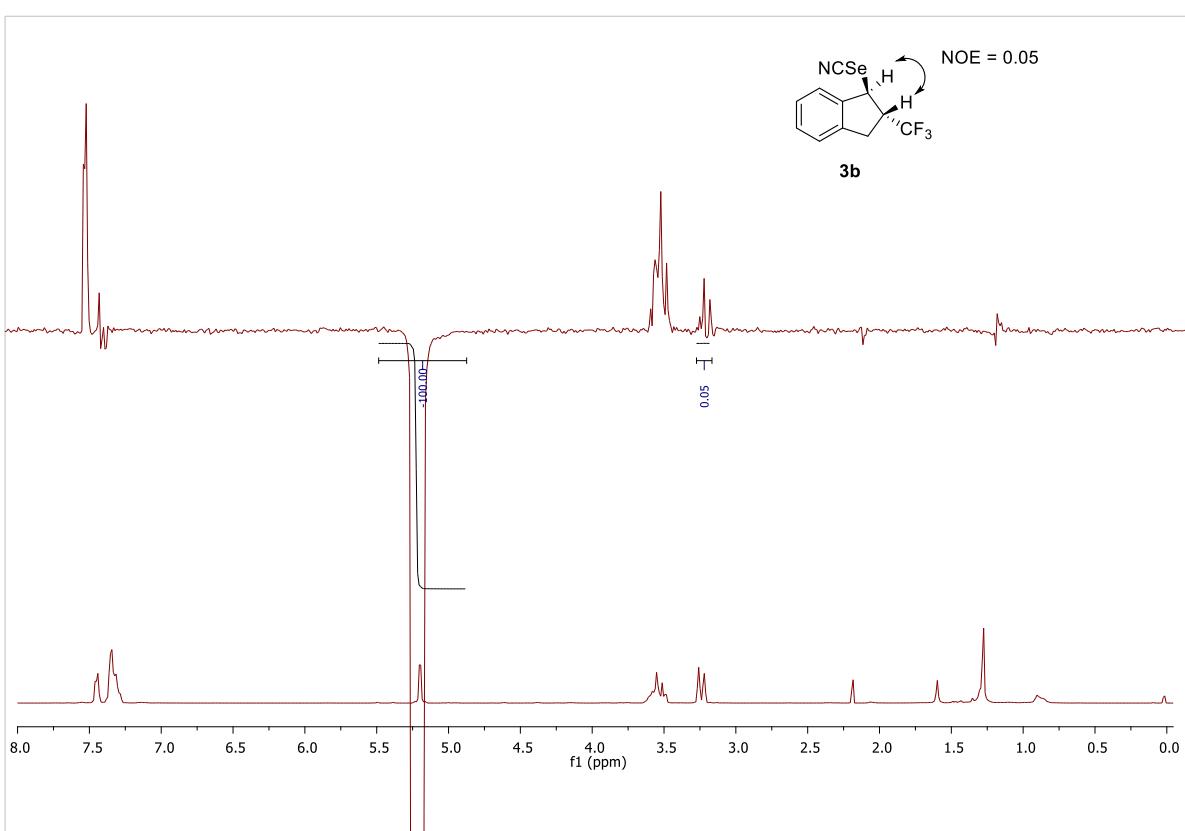
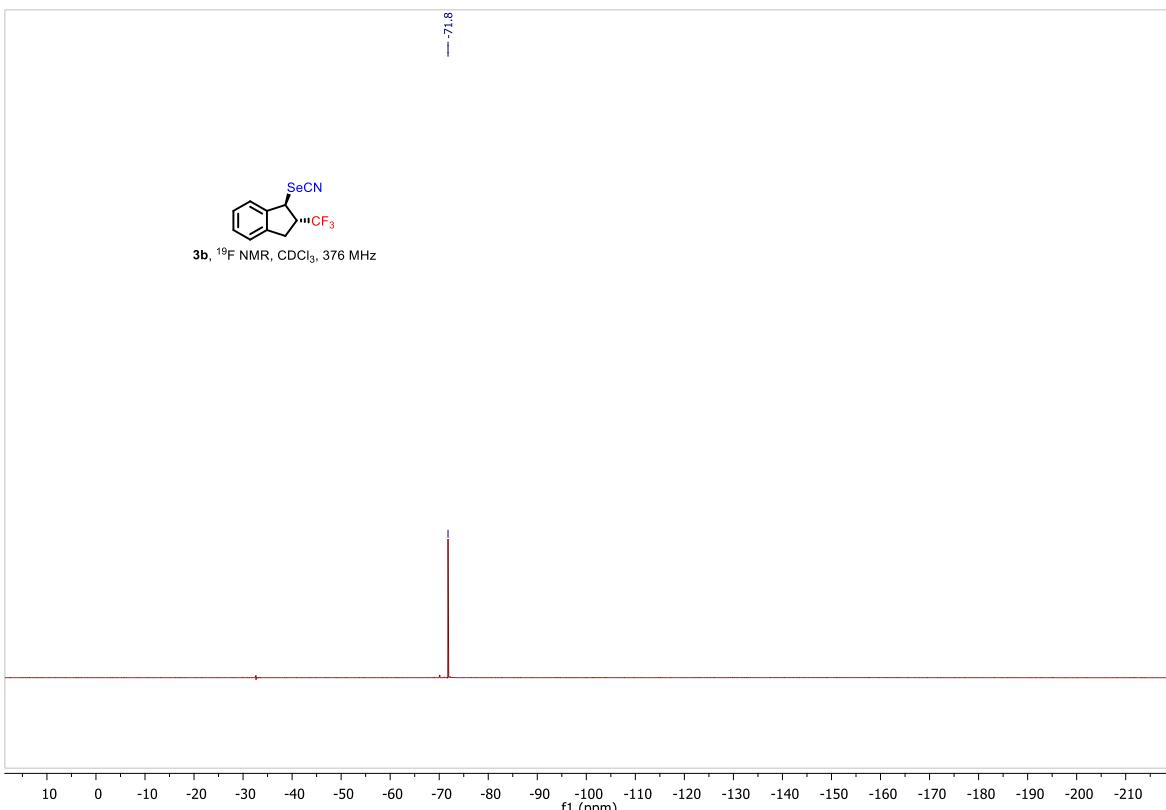
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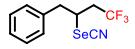




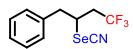
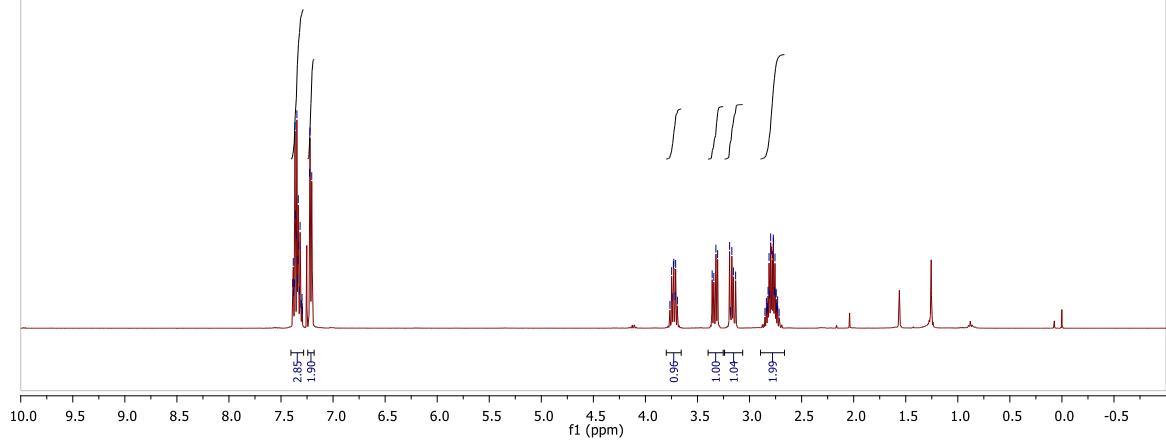




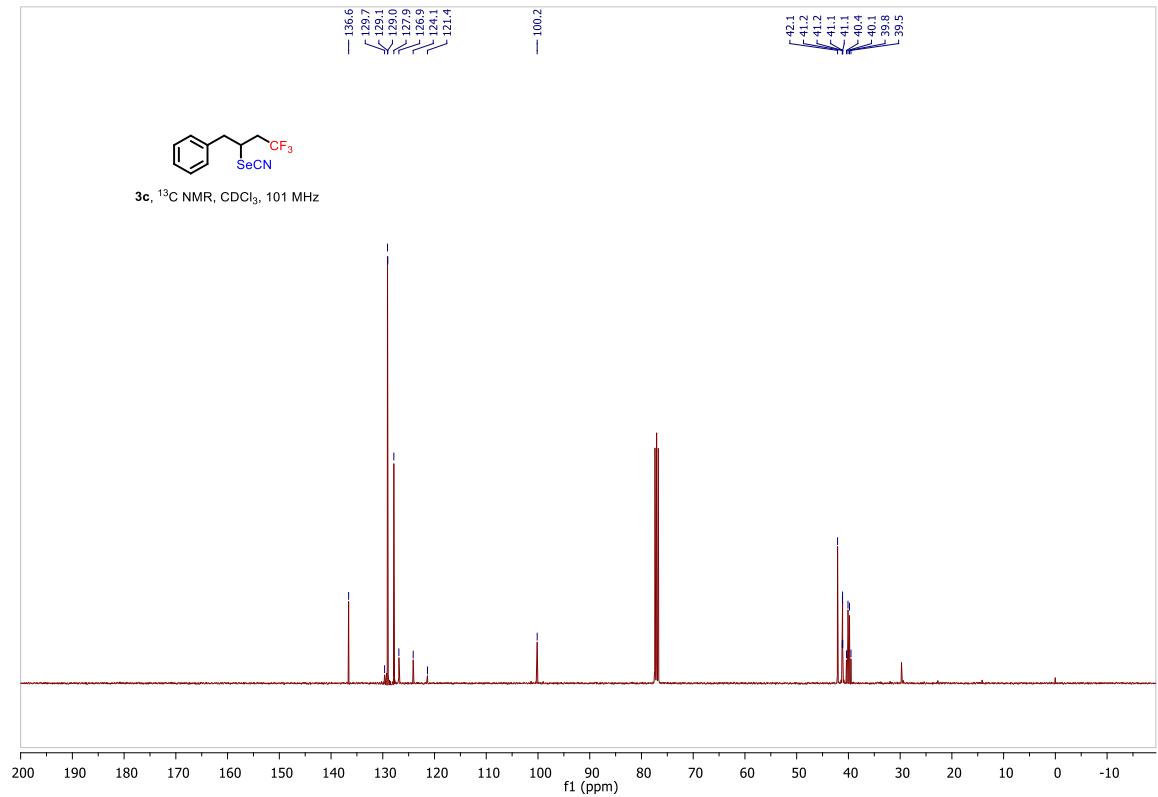


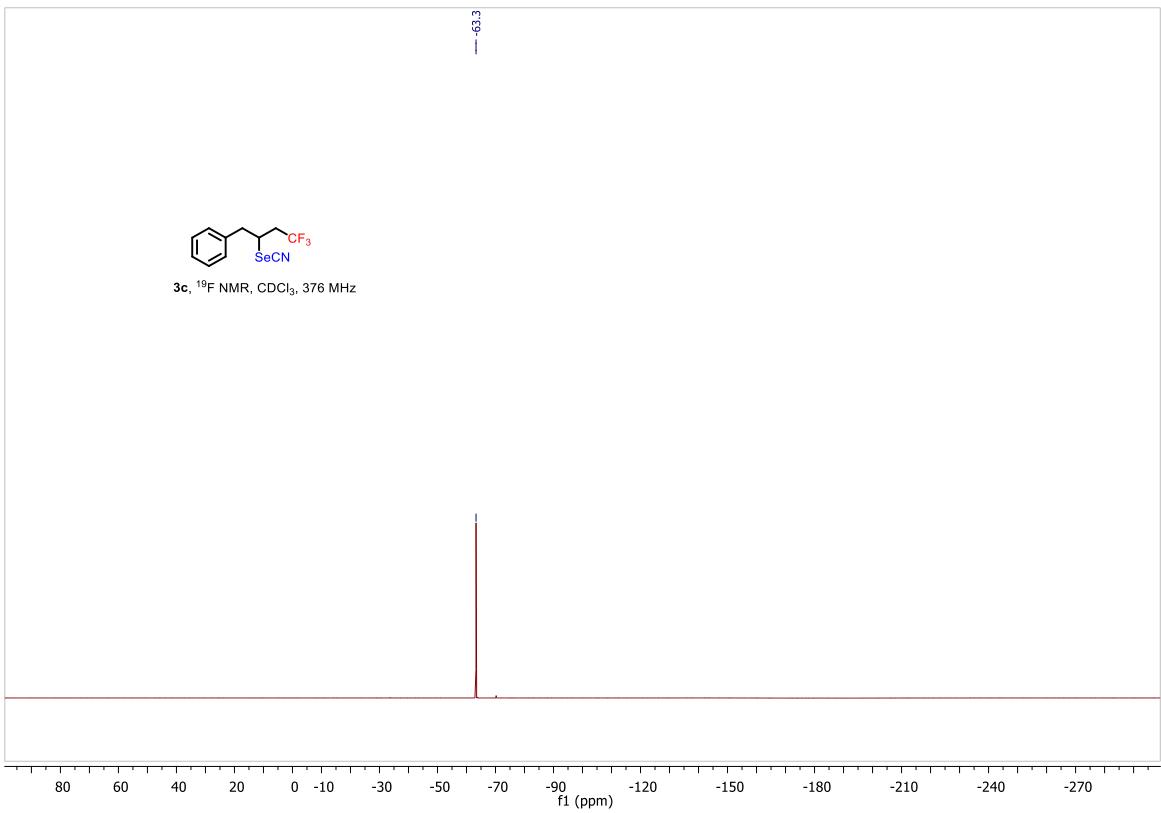


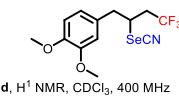
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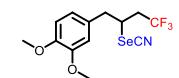
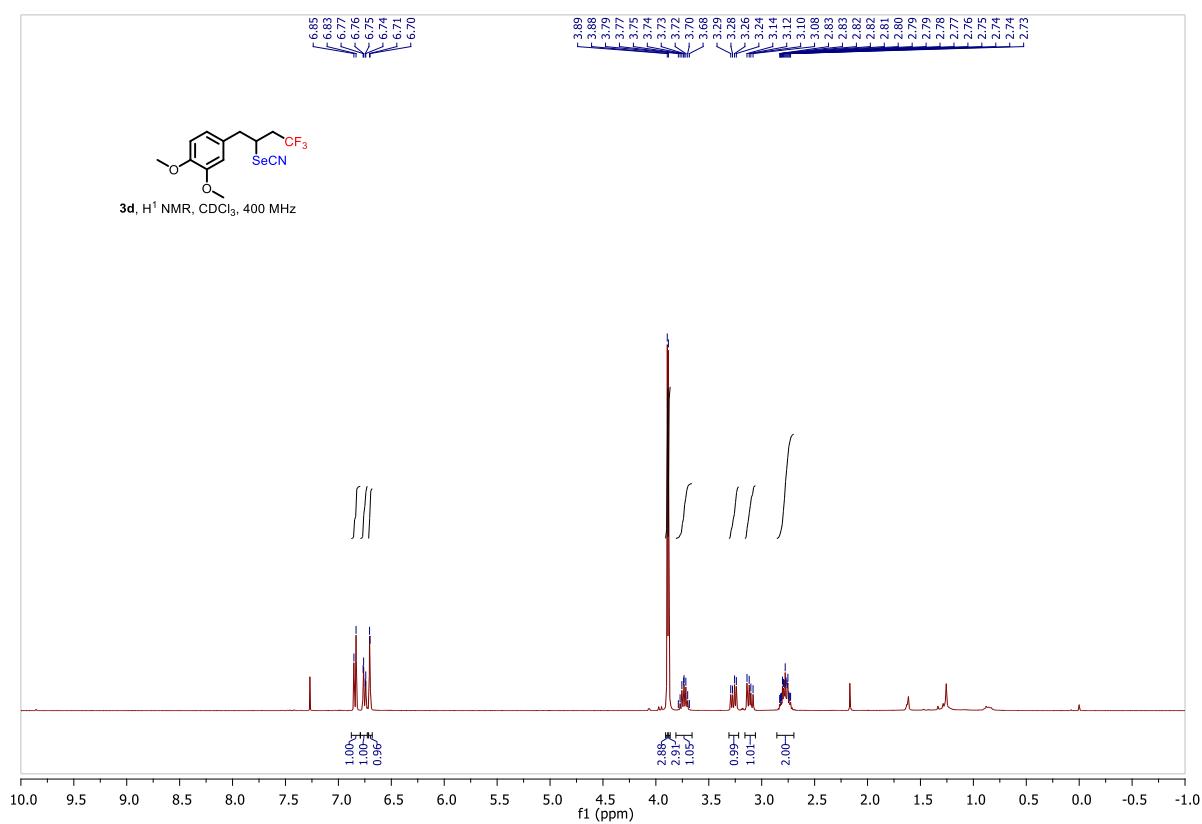
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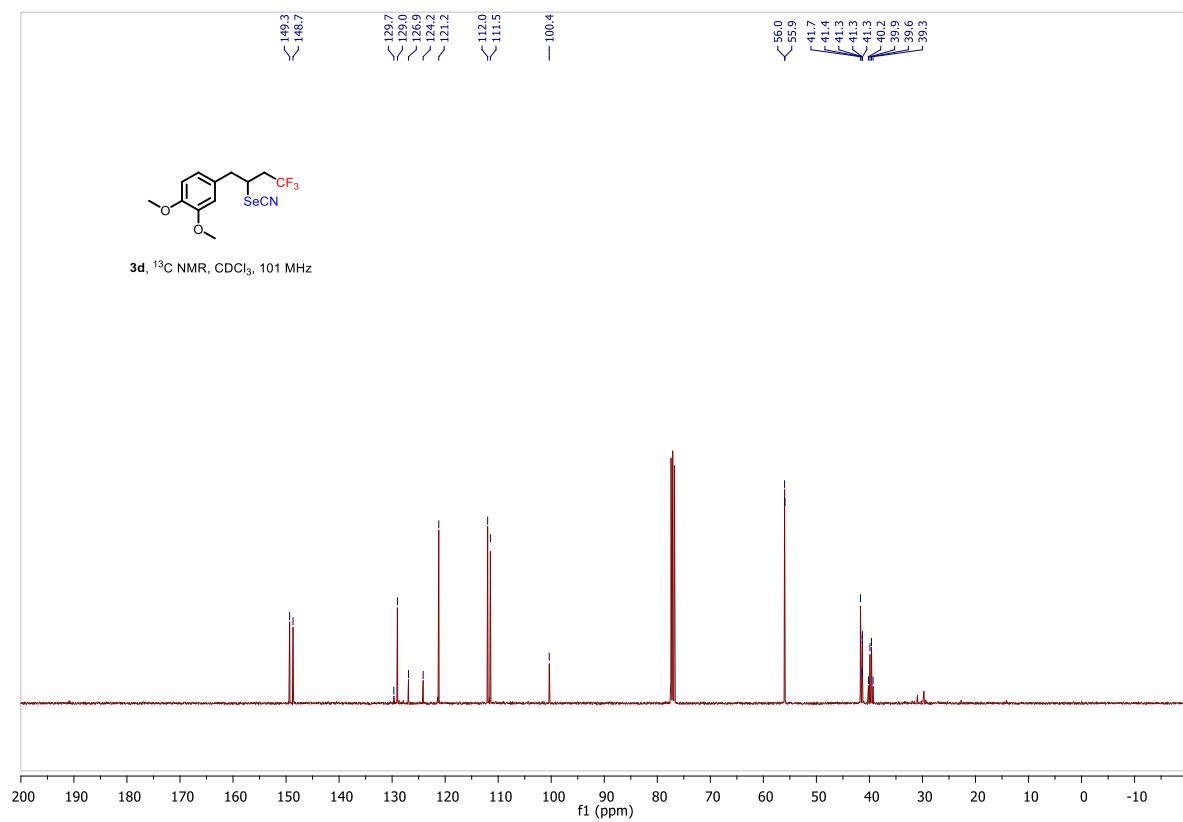


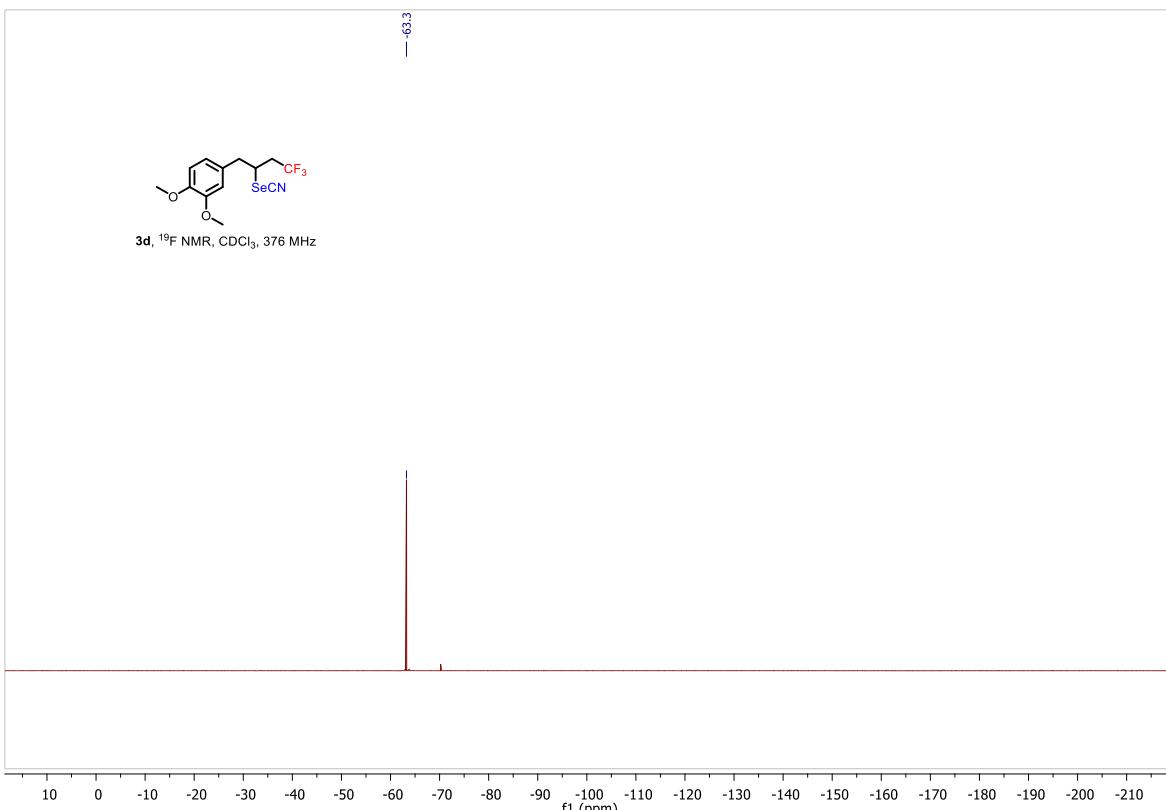


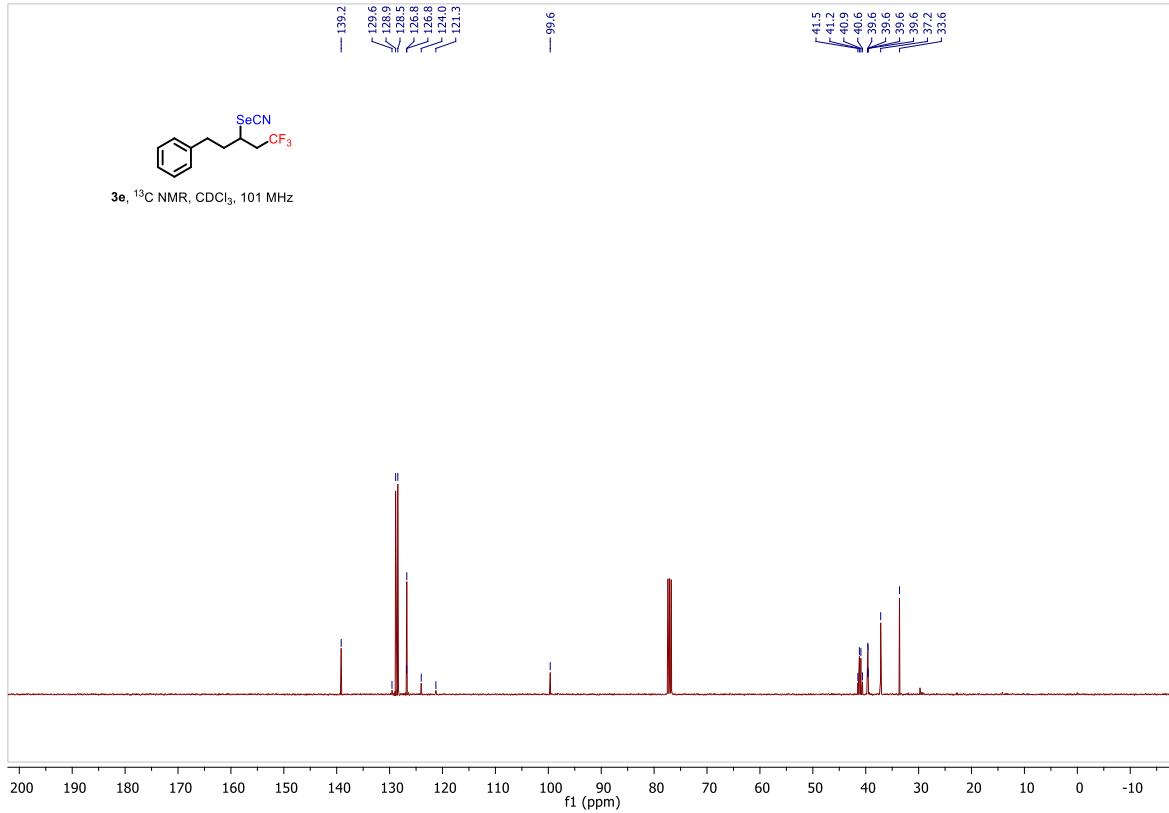
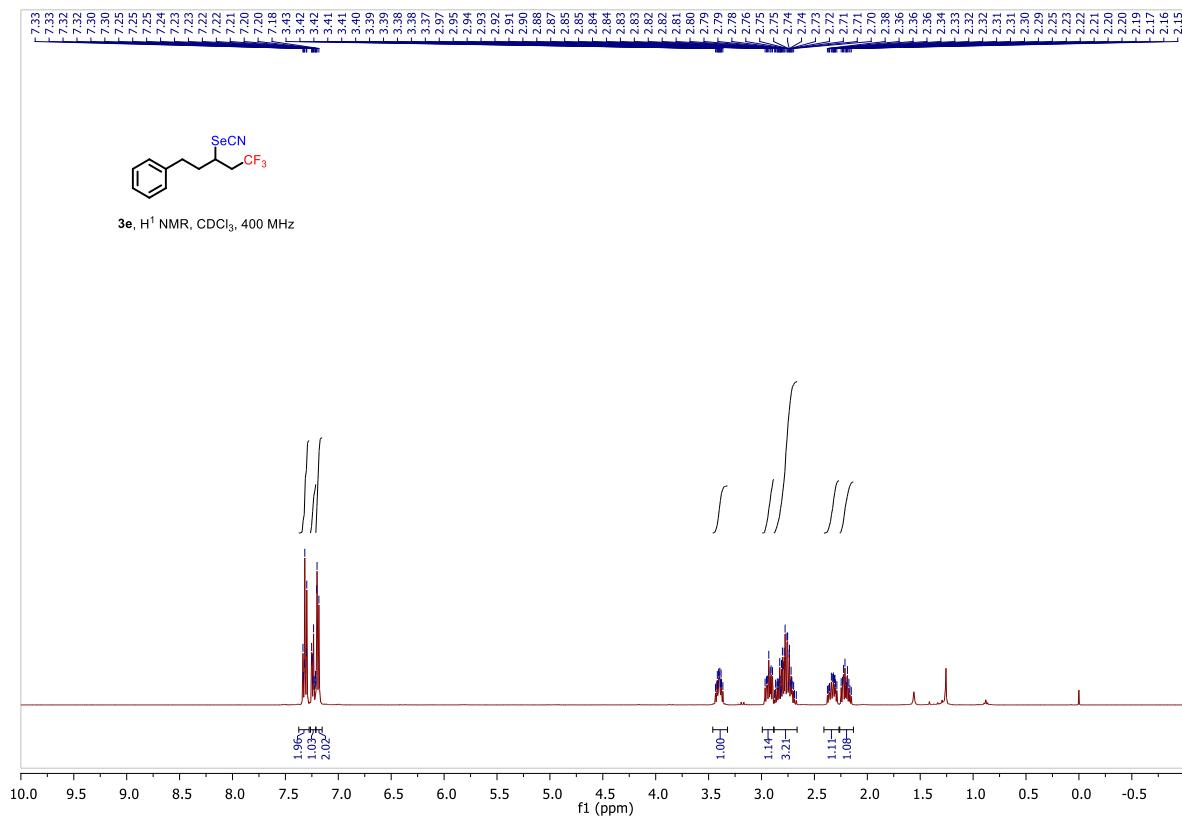
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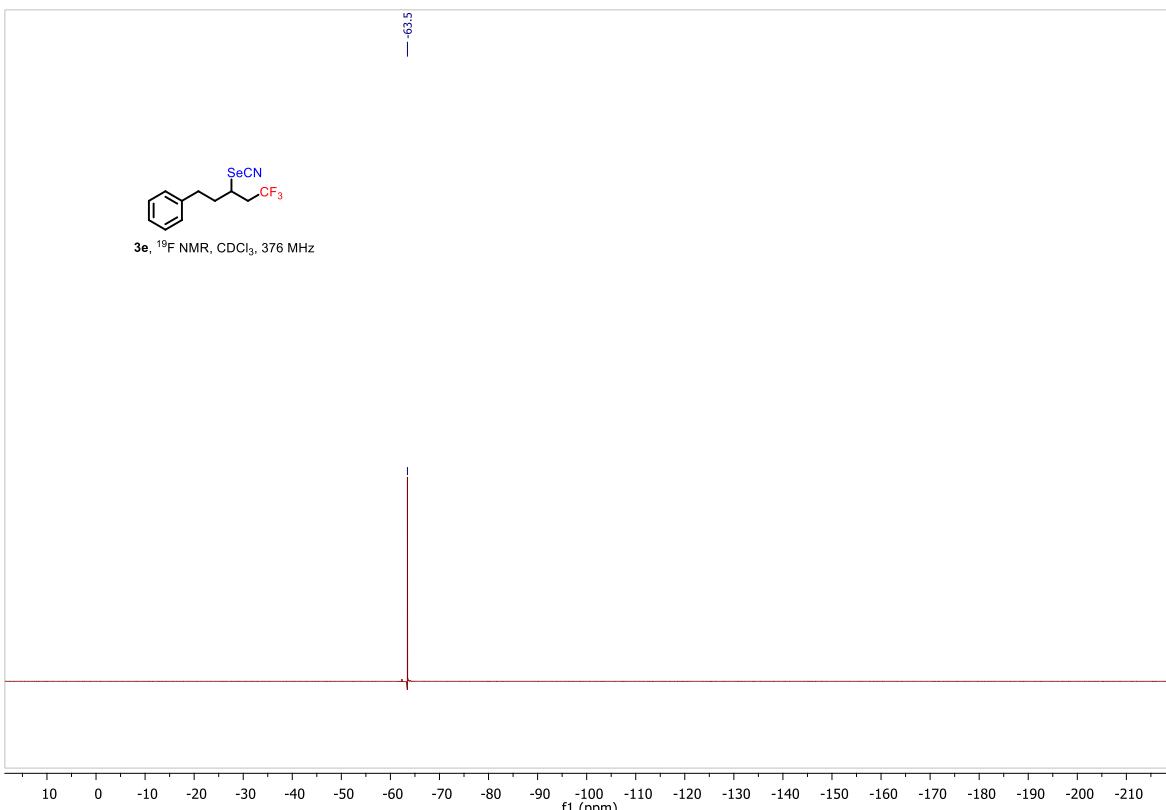


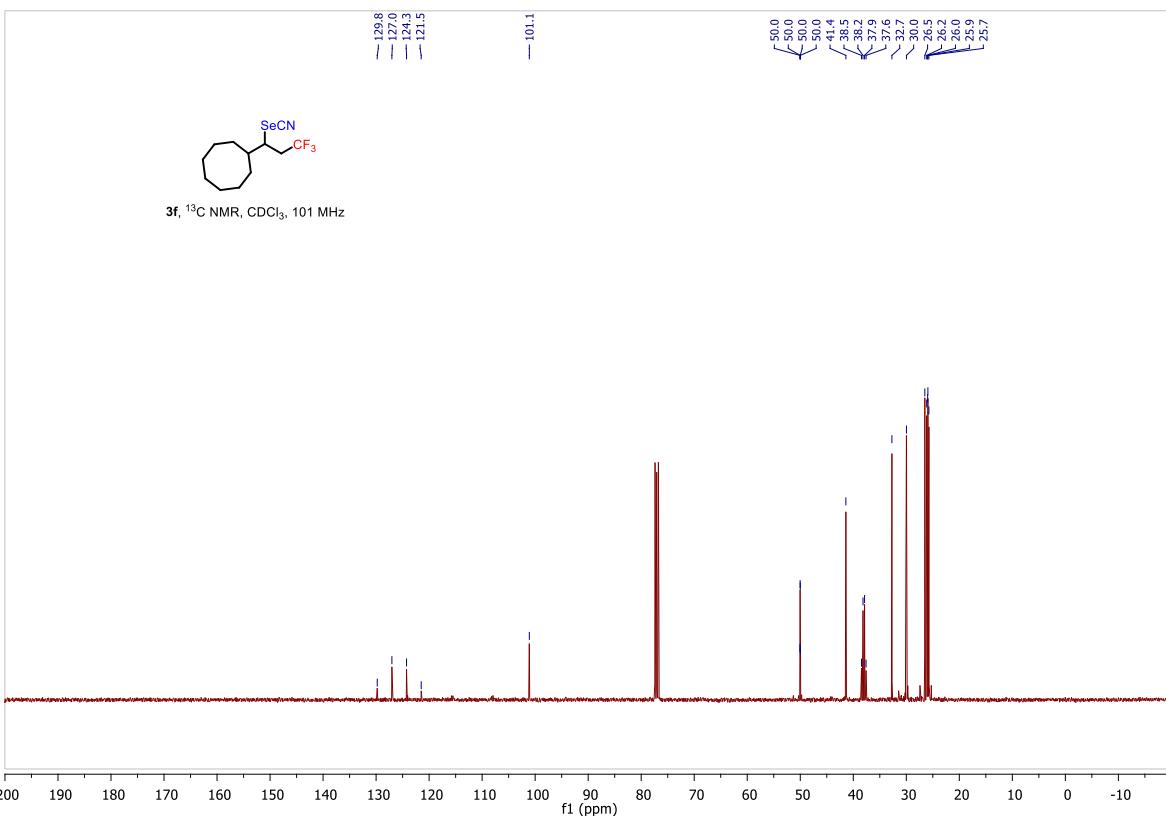
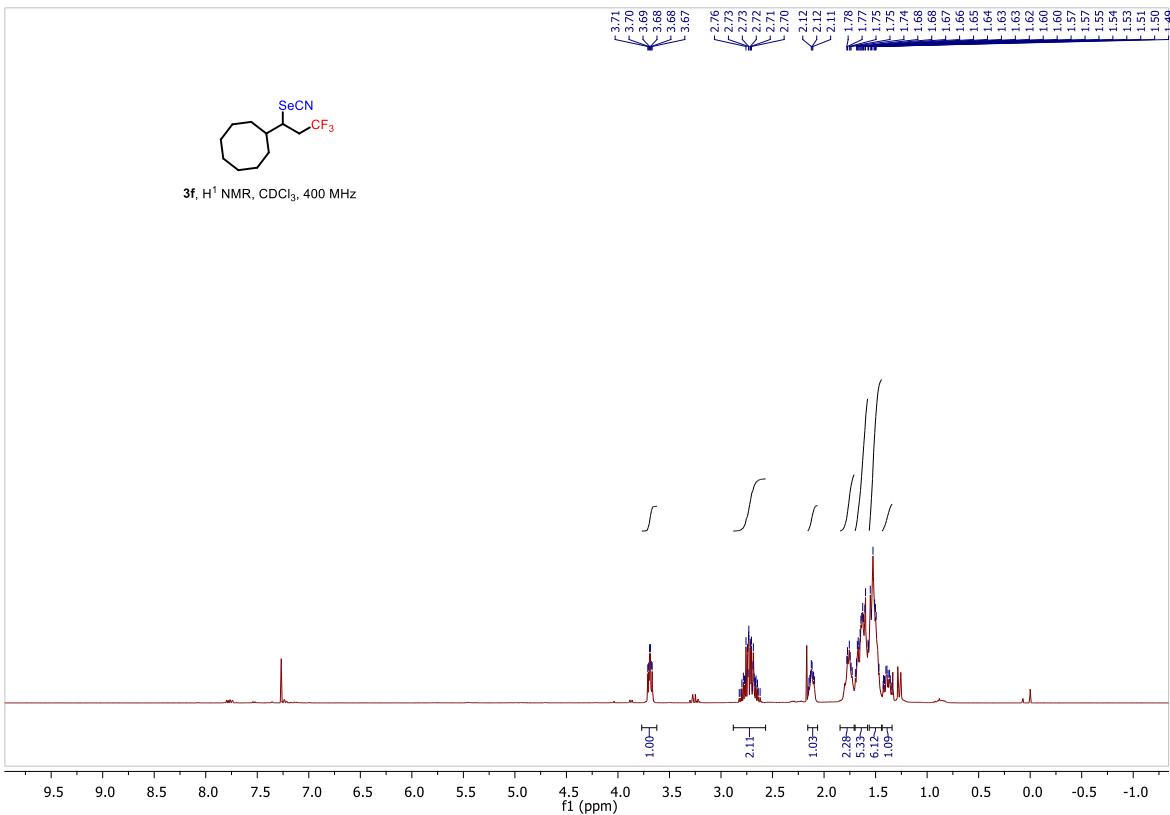
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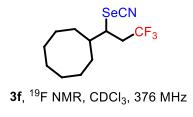




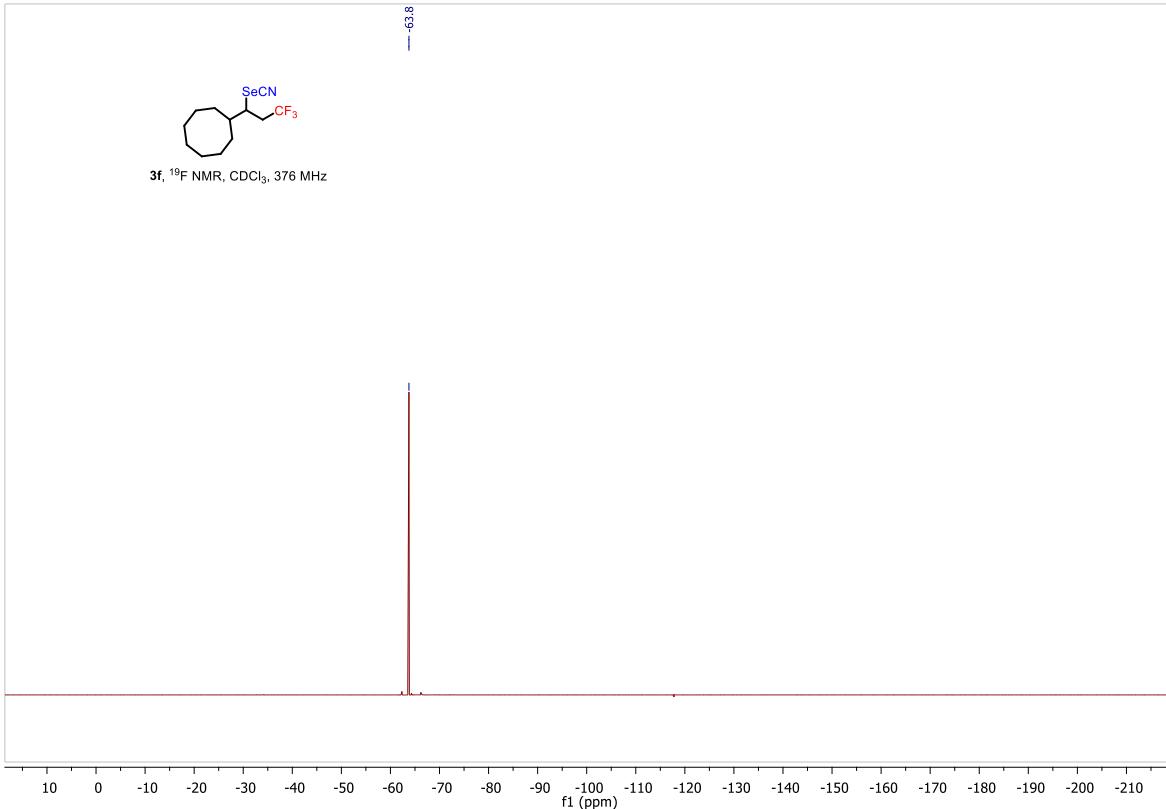


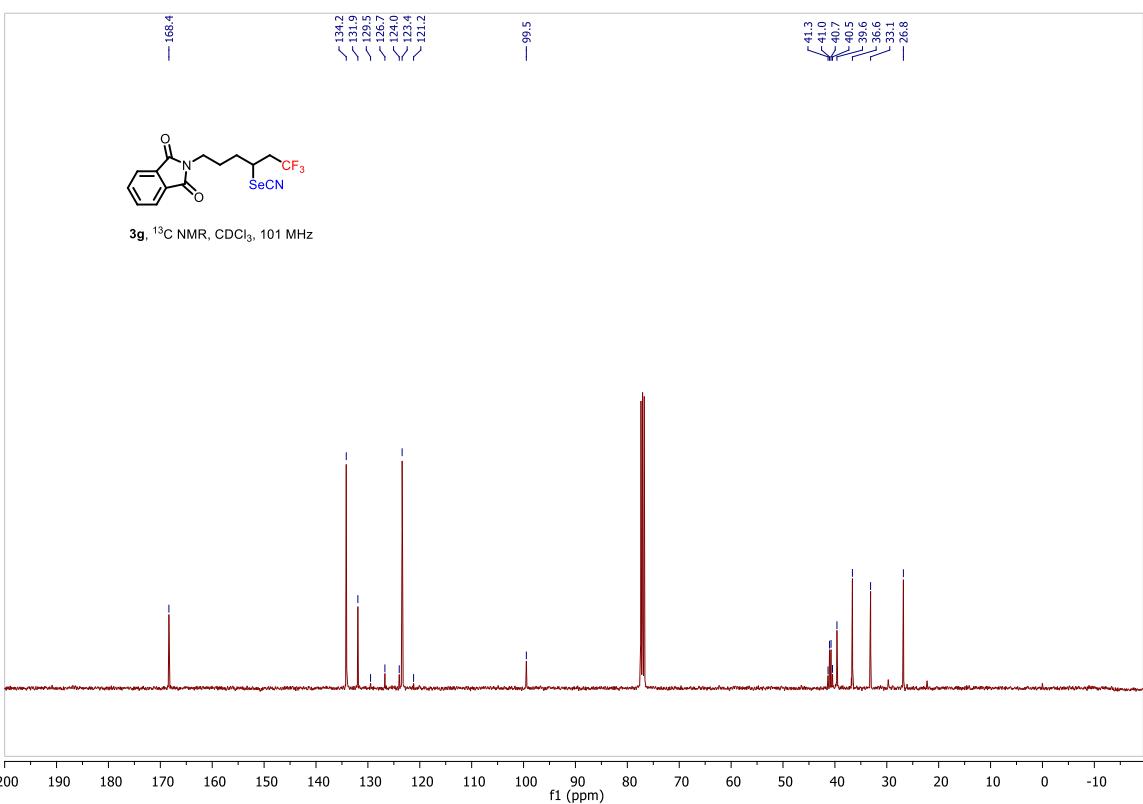
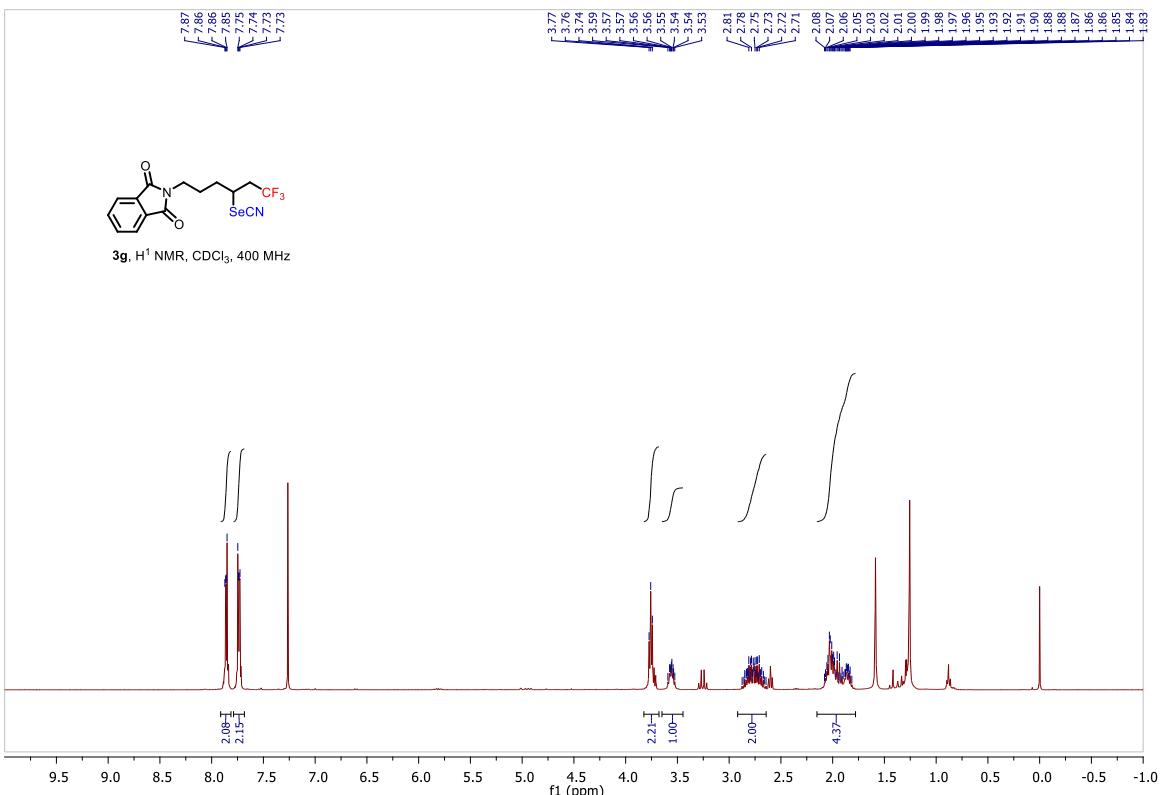


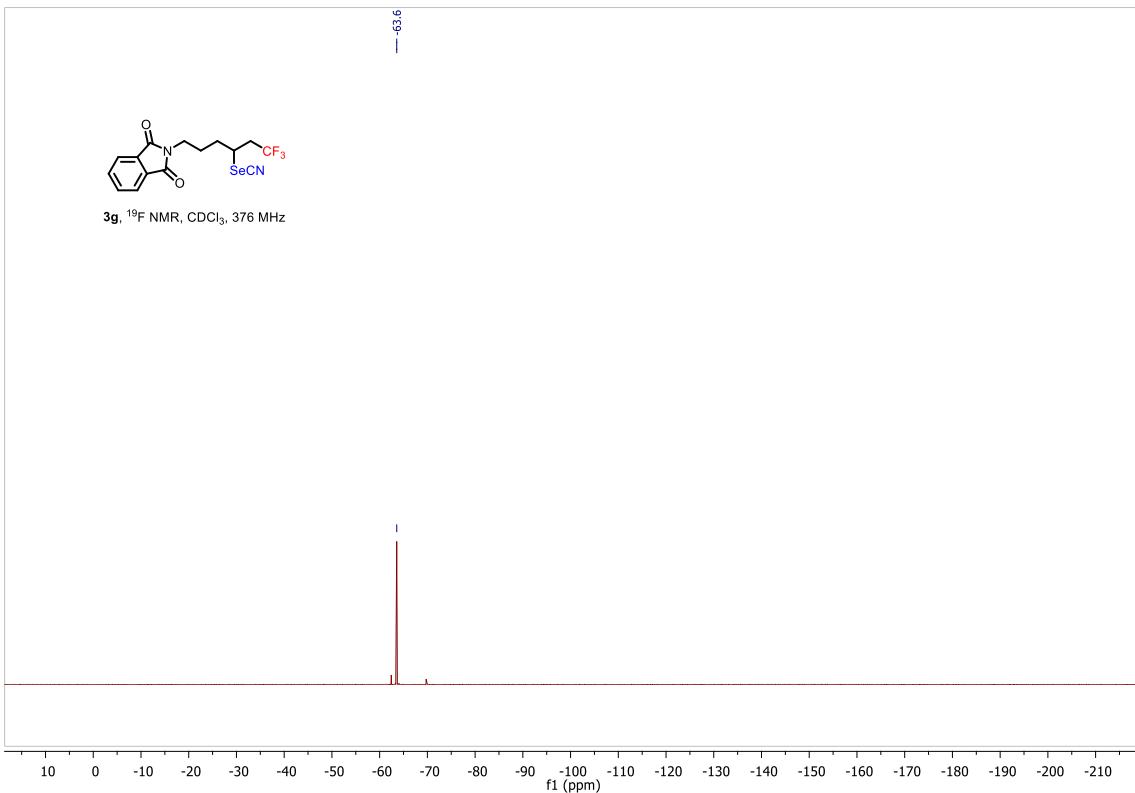


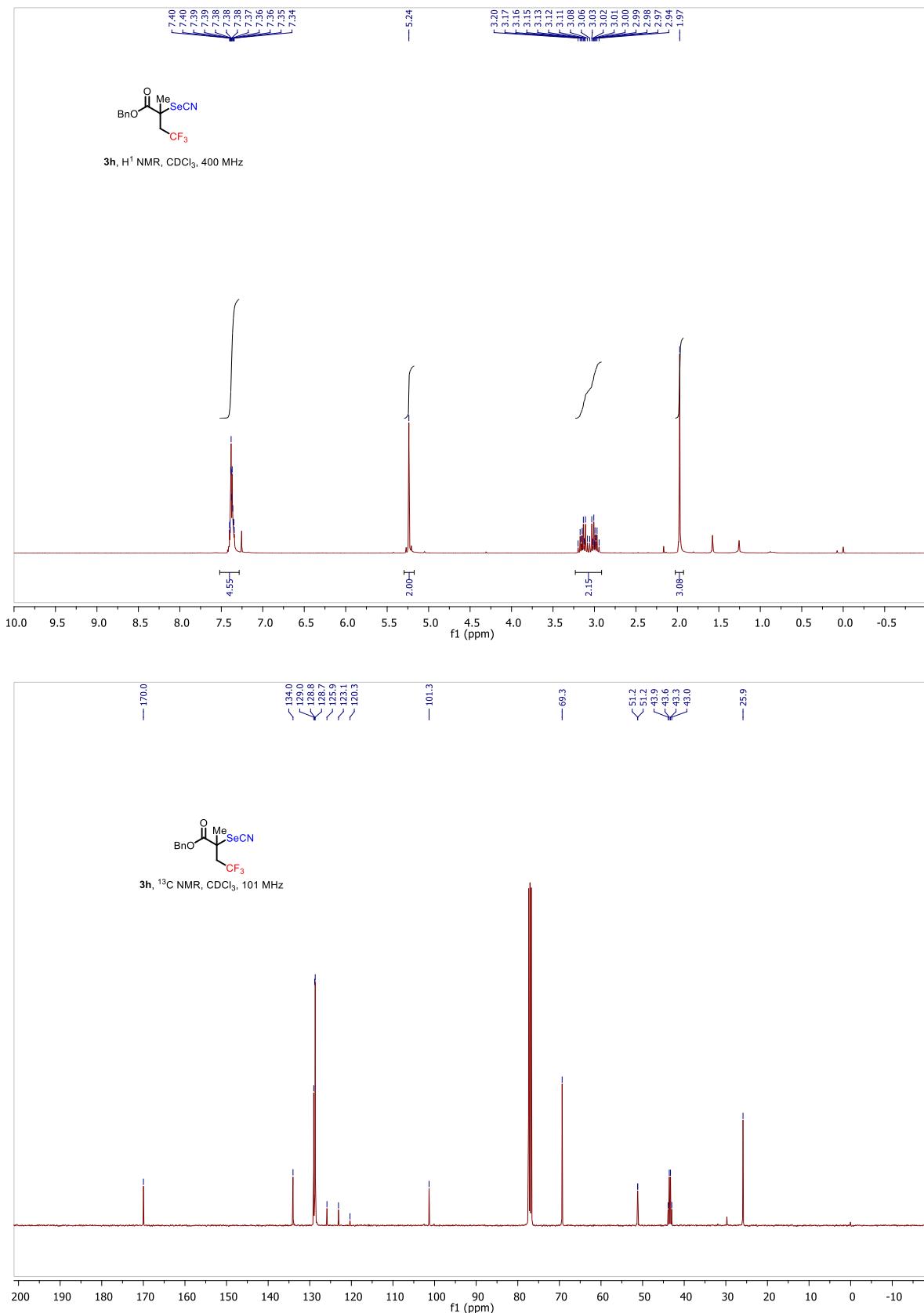


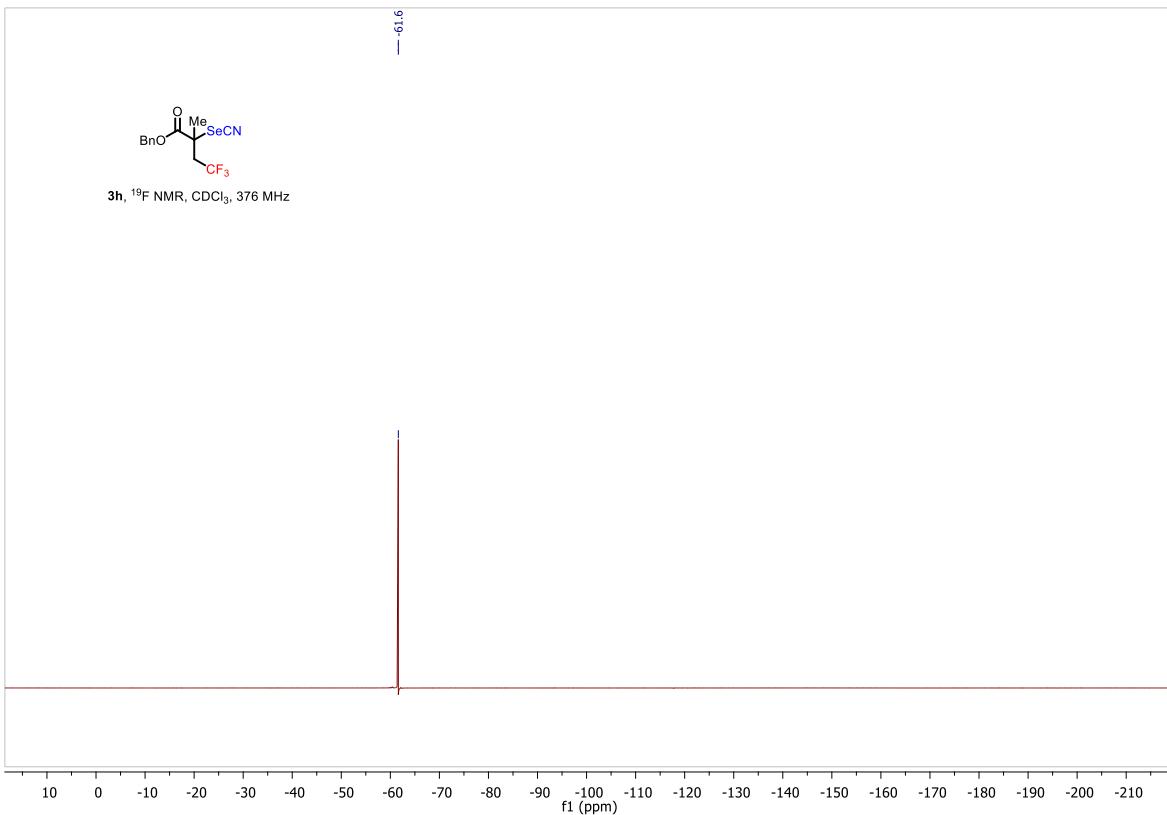
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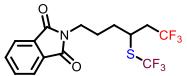




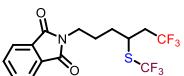
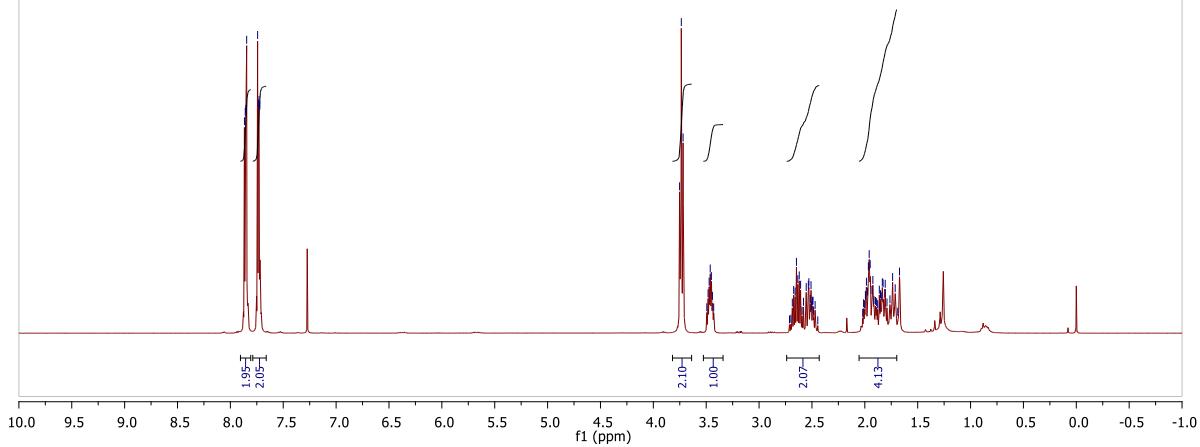




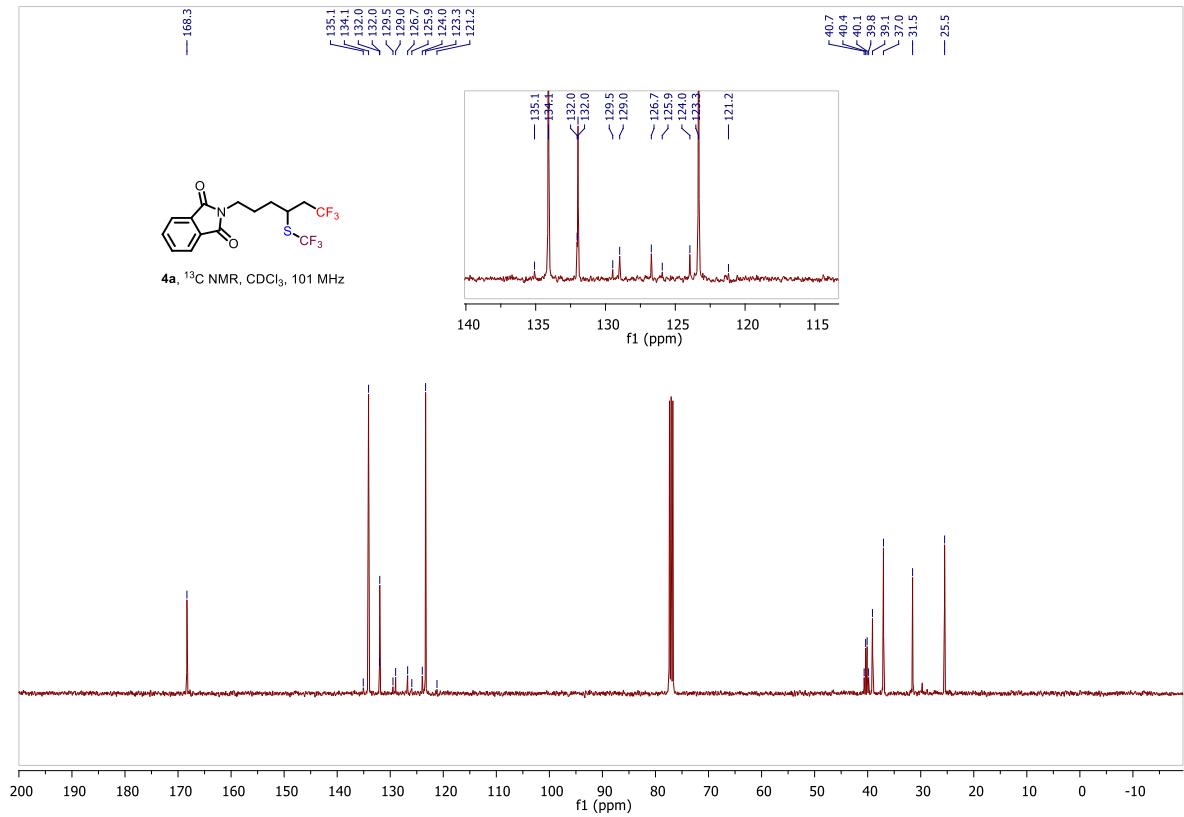


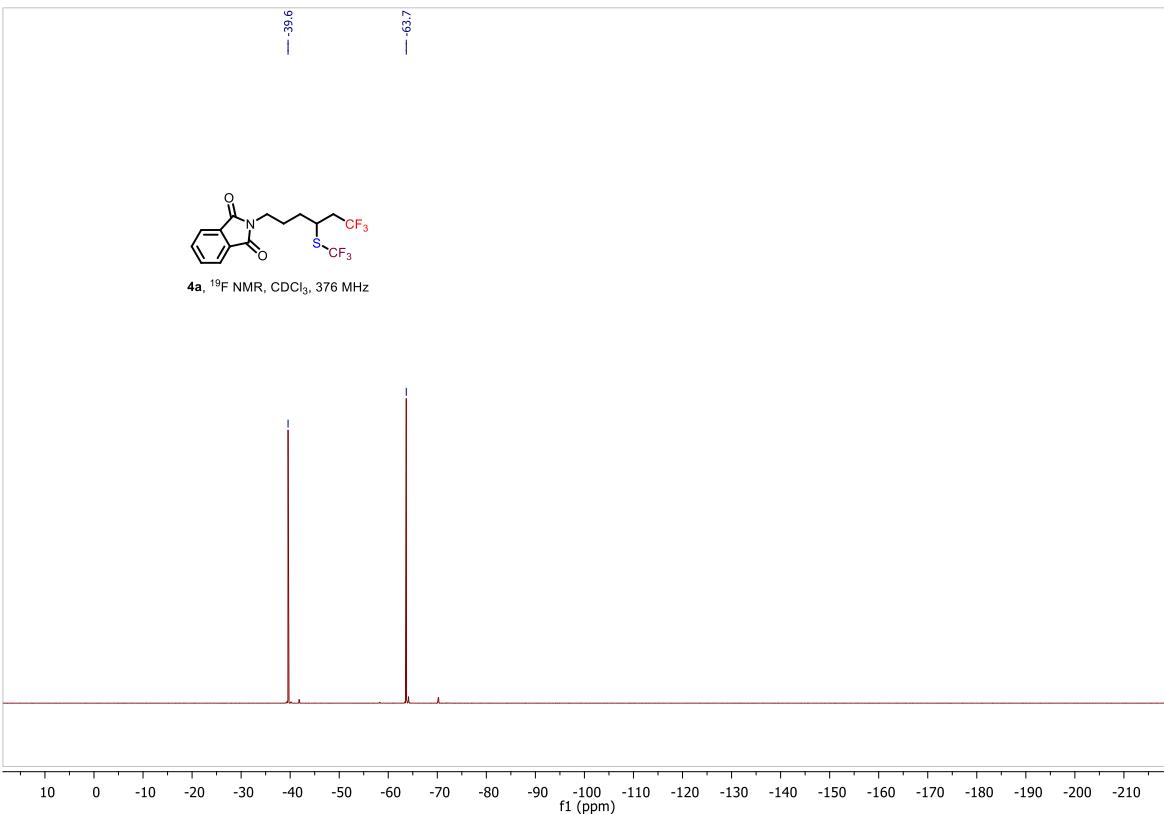


4a, H^1 NMR, CDCl_3 , 400 MHz



4a, ^{13}C NMR, CDCl_3 , 101 MHz







4b, H^1 NMR, CDCl_3 , 400 MHz

