

One-pot synthesis of 4-substituted 2-fluoroalkyloxazoles from NH-1,2,3-triazoles and fluoroalkylated acid anhydrides

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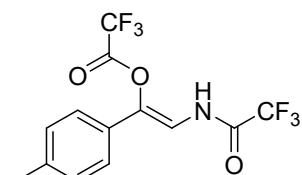
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General

All solvents were dried by activated molecular sieves (3 and 4 Å) and stored under argon. All commercially available chemicals were used as received, unless stated otherwise. Triethylamine was dried with activated 3Å molecular sieves before use. Starting NH-1,2,3-triazoles were prepared according to procedures published in literature.¹⁻² Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm). ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were measured at ambient temperature using 5 mm diameter NMR tubes. ¹³C NMR spectra were proton decoupled. The chemical shift values (δ) are reported in ppm relative to internal Me₄Si (0 ppm for ¹H, ¹³C NMR) or residual solvents (CDCl₃, 7.26 ppm) and internal CFCl₃ (0 ppm for ¹⁹F NMR). Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz. For ¹⁹F NMR yields, PhCF₃ was used as an internal standard which was added directly into the crude reaction mixture. High resolution MS spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters Micromass AutoSpec Ultima or Agilent 7890A GC coupled with Waters GCT Premier orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight (TOF) detector using electron impact (EI) ionization or on an LTQ Orbitrap XL using electrospray ionization (ESI).

Synthesis of (*Z*)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)vinyl 2,2,2-trifluoroacetate (**2a**)

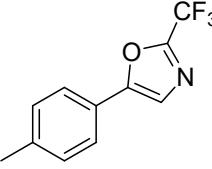
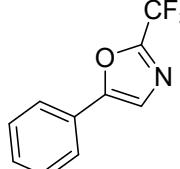
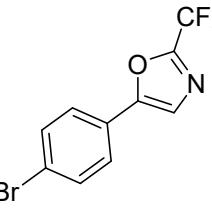
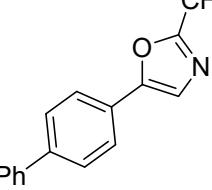
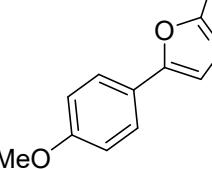


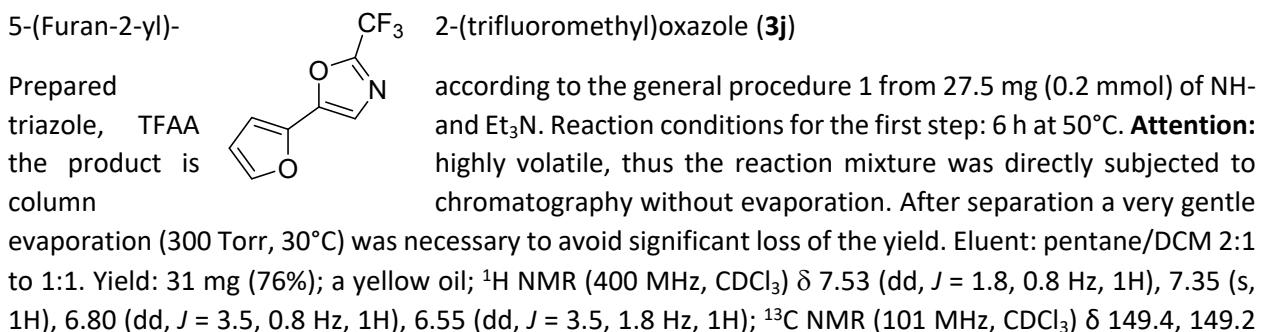
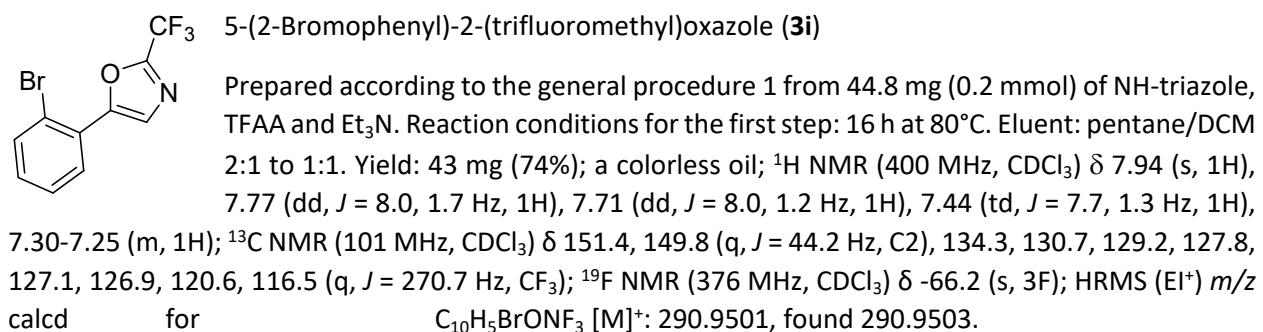
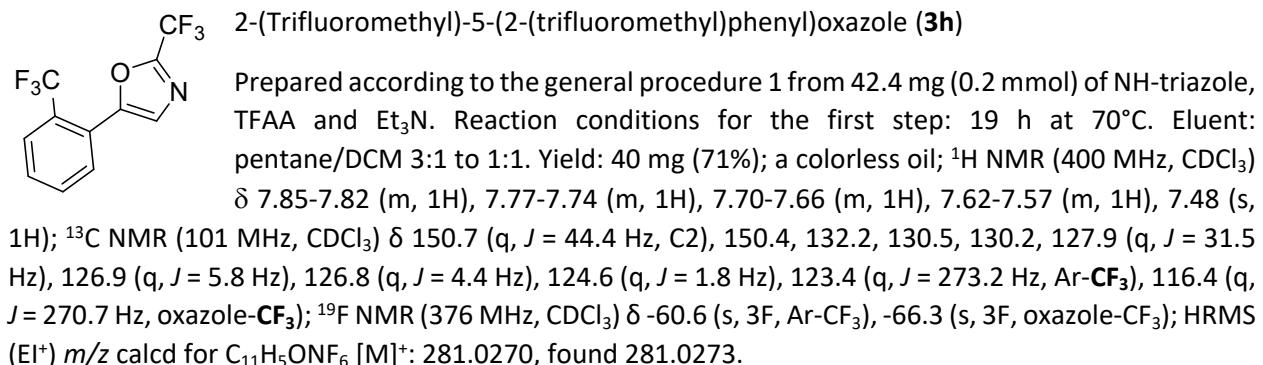
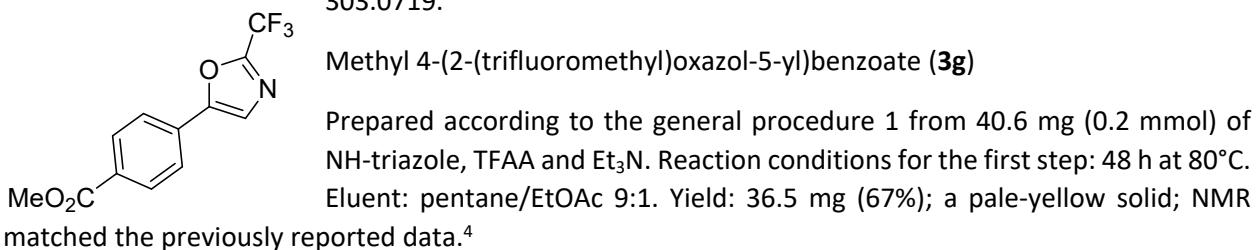
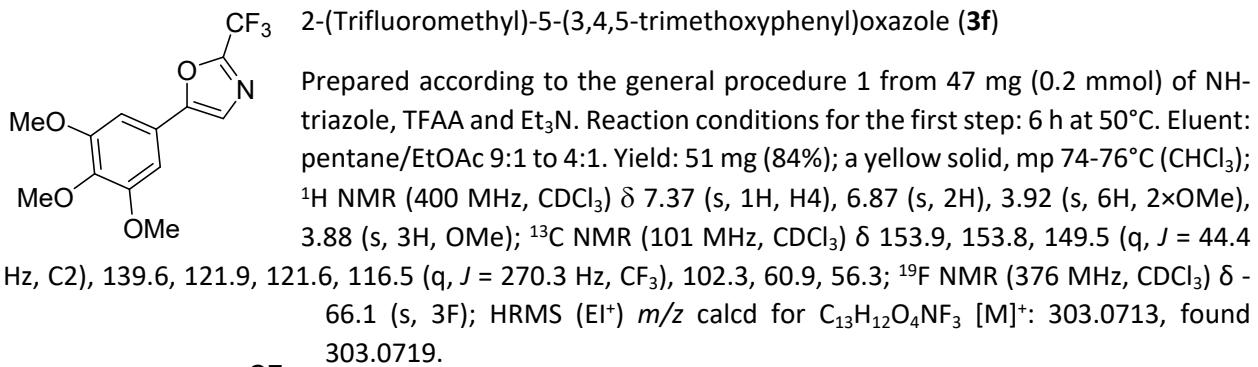
To the suspension of 4-(*p*-tolyl)-NH-1,2,3-triazole **1a** (0.1 mmol, 15.9 mg) in dry DCE (0.5 ml) in a 10 ml vial TFAA (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv., 35 µl) was added. The mixture was heated at 50 °C for 4 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give (*Z*)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)vinyl 2,2,2-

trifluoroacetate **2a** (35 mg, 99%) as a white solid. NMR matches previously reported data.⁷ Double bond configuration was confirmed by ¹H-¹H ROESY experiment.

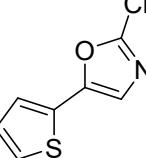
General procedure 1 for the synthesis of 2-fluoroalkyl oxazoles 3

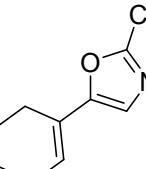
To the suspension of 4,5-disubstituted NH-1,2,3-triazole **1** (0.2 mmol) in dry DCE (1 ml) in a 10 ml vial, fluoroalkylated acid anhydride (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added. The vial was sealed, and the mixture was stirred at the temperature mentioned below for each compound (rt to 80 °C) until complete conversion to the intermediate acyloxyenamide **2** (monitored by the disappearance of N-acyltriazole peak at ca. -70 ppm in ¹⁹F NMR). Then Et₃N (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv., 56 µl) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. After addition of silica gel the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure (250-500 Torr) and the crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/DCM as eluent to give the target oxazole **3**.

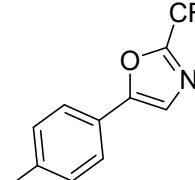
	5-(<i>p</i> -Tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3a)	Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 31.8 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et ₃ N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 8 h at 50 °C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 42 mg (93%); a colorless oil; NMR matched the previously reported data. ³
5-Phenyl-2- Prepared according TFAA and Et ₃ N. pentane/DCM 2:1 previously reported		(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3b) to the general procedure 1 from 29 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, Reaction conditions for the first step: 12 h at 70°C. Eluent: to 1:1. Yield: 38 mg (90%); a colorless oil; NMR matched the data. ³
		5-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3c) Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 44.8 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et ₃ N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 24 h at 80°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 50 mg (86%); a colorless oil; NMR matched the previously reported data. ⁴
		5-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3d) Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 33.1 mg (0.15 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et ₃ N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 14 h at 80°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 40.3 mg (70%); a white solid, mp 88-90°C (CHCl ₃); NMR matched the previously reported data. ⁵
		5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3e) Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 17.5 mg (0.1 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et ₃ N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 4 h at 50°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 1:1 to 1:2. Yield: 22.5 mg (93%); a pale-yellow oil; NMR matched the previously reported data. ³

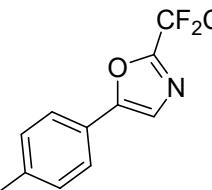


(q, $J = 44.3$ Hz, C2), 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 126.4, 121.9, 116.4 (q, $J = 270.4$ Hz, CF₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.1 (s, 3F); HRMS (El⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₈H₄O₂NF₃ [M]⁺: 203.0189, found 203.0190.

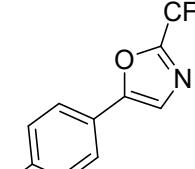
 5-(Thiophen-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (**3k**)
Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 30.2 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et₃N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 3 h at 50°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 33 mg (75%); a yellow oil; NMR matched the previously reported data.³

 5-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (**3l**)
Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 29.8 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, TFAA and Et₃N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 3 h at 50°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 27.5 mg (63%); a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.46 (tt, $J = 3.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.21 (m, 4H), 1.79-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.70 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 149.0 (q, $J = 43.6$ Hz, C2), 128.5, 123.9, 120.9, 116.6 (q, $J = 270.3$ Hz, CF₃), 25.2, 24.5, 21.8, 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.3 (s, 3F); HRMS (El⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀ONF₃ [M]⁺: 217.0709, found 217.0708.

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Prepared
of NH-triazole,
for the first
mg (99%); a
 (Perfluoroethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)oxazole (**3m**)
according to the general procedure 1 from 31.8 mg (0.2 mmol) perfluoropropionic anhydride and Et₃N. Reaction conditions step: 14 h at 50°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 55 white solid, mp 76-78°C (CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 148.9 (t, $J = 31.0$ Hz, C2), 140.3, 129.8, 124.9, 123.5, 122.2, 118.0 (qt, $J = 286.1, 35.8$ Hz, CF₂), 107.1 (tq, $J = 254.9, 40.9$ Hz, CF₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -83.9 (m, 2F), -115.4 (m, 3F); HRMS (El⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₈F₅NO [M]⁺: 277.0521, found 277.0523.

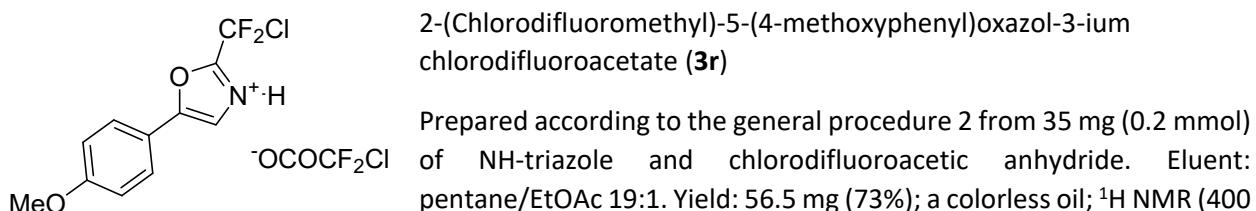
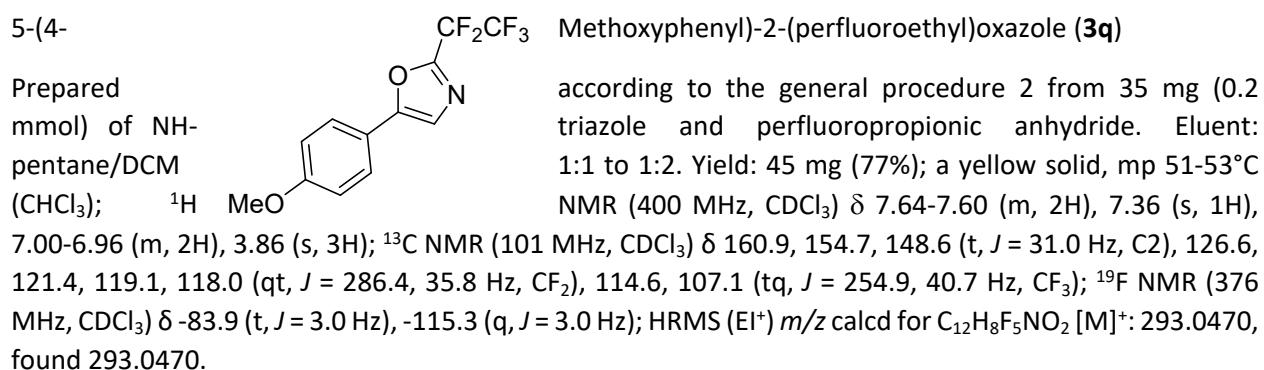
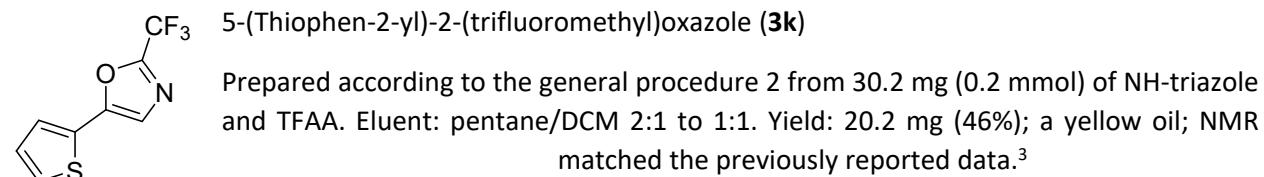
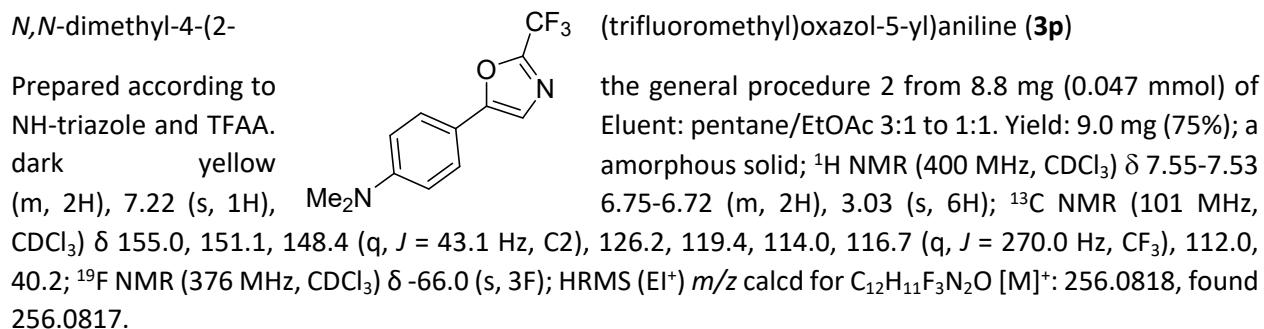
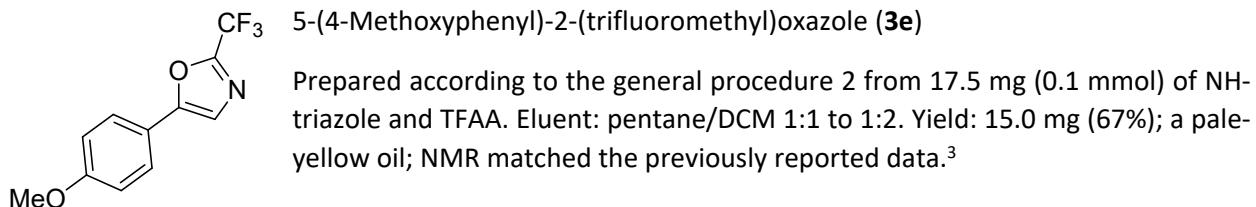
 2-(Chlorodifluoromethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)oxazole (**3n**)
Prepared according to the general procedure 1 from 31.8 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole, chlorodifluoroacetic anhydride and Et₃N. Reaction conditions for the first step: 14 h at 50°C. Eluent: pentane/DCM 2:1 to 1:1. Yield: 45 mg (92%); a pale-yellow solid, mp 52-54°C (CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 152.7 (t, $J = 35.9$ Hz, C2), 140.1, 129.8, 124.8, 123.6, 121.8, 120.9, 118.1 (t, $J = 286.9$ Hz, CF₂Cl), 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -53.4 (s, 2F); HRMS (El⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₈ClF₂NO [M]⁺: 243.0257, found 243.0258.

2-(Difluoromethyl)-
Prepared according
to the general
procedure 1 from 31.8 mg (0.2 mmol) of NH-triazole,
the first step: 22 h at 75°C. **Attention:** 0.35 molar solution in DCE was used for this reaction (0.2 mmol NH-triazole in 0.7 ml DCE). Eluent: pentane/EtOAc 9:1. Yield: 23.5 mg (56%); a colorless oil, which solidified upon storage; NMR matched the previously reported data.⁶



General procedure 2 for the one step synthesis of oxazoles from NH-triazoles and anhydrides in MeCN

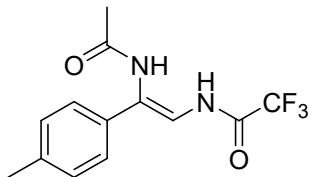
To the suspension of 4,5-disubstituted NH-1,2,3-triazole **1** (0.2 mmol) in dry MeCN (1 ml) in a 10 ml vial, fluoroalkylated acid anhydride (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added. The vial was sealed, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. After addition of silica gel, solvent was removed under reduced pressure (250-500 Torr) and the product was purified by column chromatography to give the target oxazole **3**.



MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 160.8 (t, J = 34.1 Hz, C2), 154.6, 152.4 (t, J = 36.7 Hz), 126.7, 119.8, 118.4, 117.6 (t, J = 287.6 Hz, oxazole-CF₂Cl), 117.0 (t, J = 300.4 Hz, CF₂ClCO₂⁻), 114.7, 55.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -53.8 (s, 2F, oxazole-CF₂Cl), -65.1 (s, 2F, CF₂ClCO₂⁻); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₉ClF₂NO₂ [M]⁺: 260.0284, found 260.0284.

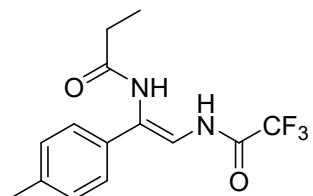
Synthesis of bis-enamides 4

To the suspension of NH-triazole **1a** (0.1 mmol) in nitrile (1 ml) TFAA (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv., 35 µl) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. After addition of silica gel the solvent was evaporated and the product was purified by column chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc).



(Z)-N-(2-Acetamido-2-(*p*-tolyl)vinyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**4a**)

Product **4a** was obtained from NH-triazole, acetonitrile and TFAA. Eluent: 9:1 to 5:1 cyclohexane/EtOAc. Yield: 13.5 mg (47%); a white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.39 (br d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.62 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H, =CH), 2.36 (s, 3H, Me), 2.28 (s, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 154.3 (q, J = 38.2 Hz, COCF₃), 139.4, 132.7, 129.8, 126.5, 123.6, 115.8 (q, J = 286.9 Hz, CF₃), 110.0, 23.9, 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.3 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O₂N₂F₃ [M+H]⁺: 287.1002, found 287.1002.



(Z)-N-(1-(*p*-Tolyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)vinyl)propionamide (**4b**)

Product **4b** was obtained from NH-triazole, propionitrile and TFAA. Eluent: 9:1 to 5:1 cyclohexane/EtOAc. Yield: 10 mg (32%); a white solid, mp 155-157°C (CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.52 (br d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, =CH), 2.50 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 154.2 (q, J = 37.8 Hz, COCF₃), 139.4, 133.0, 129.8, 126.4, 123.4, 115.9 (q, J = 286.8 Hz, CF₃), 109.8, 30.4, 21.2, 9.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.4 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₃N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 300.1081, found 300.1083.

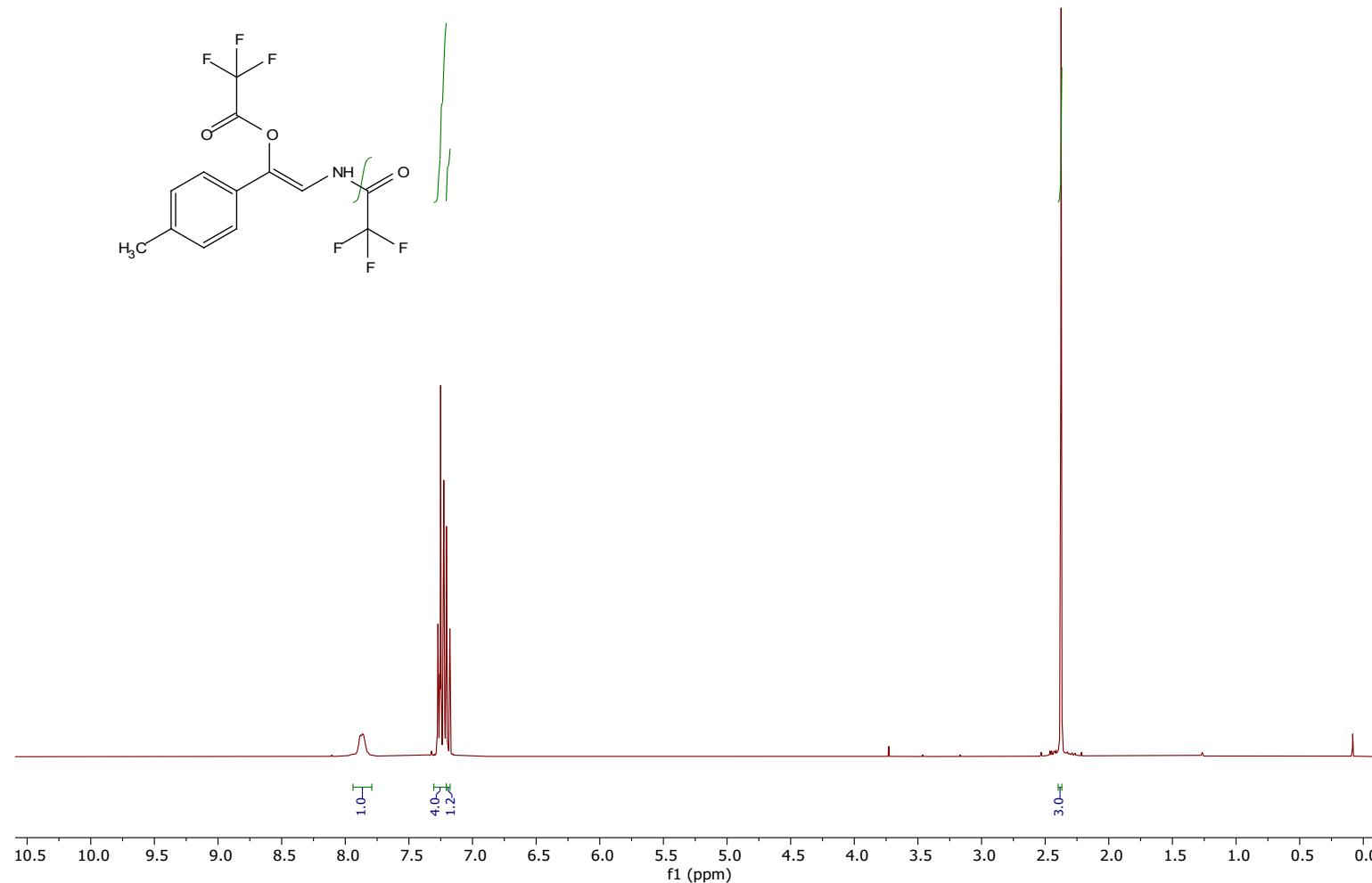
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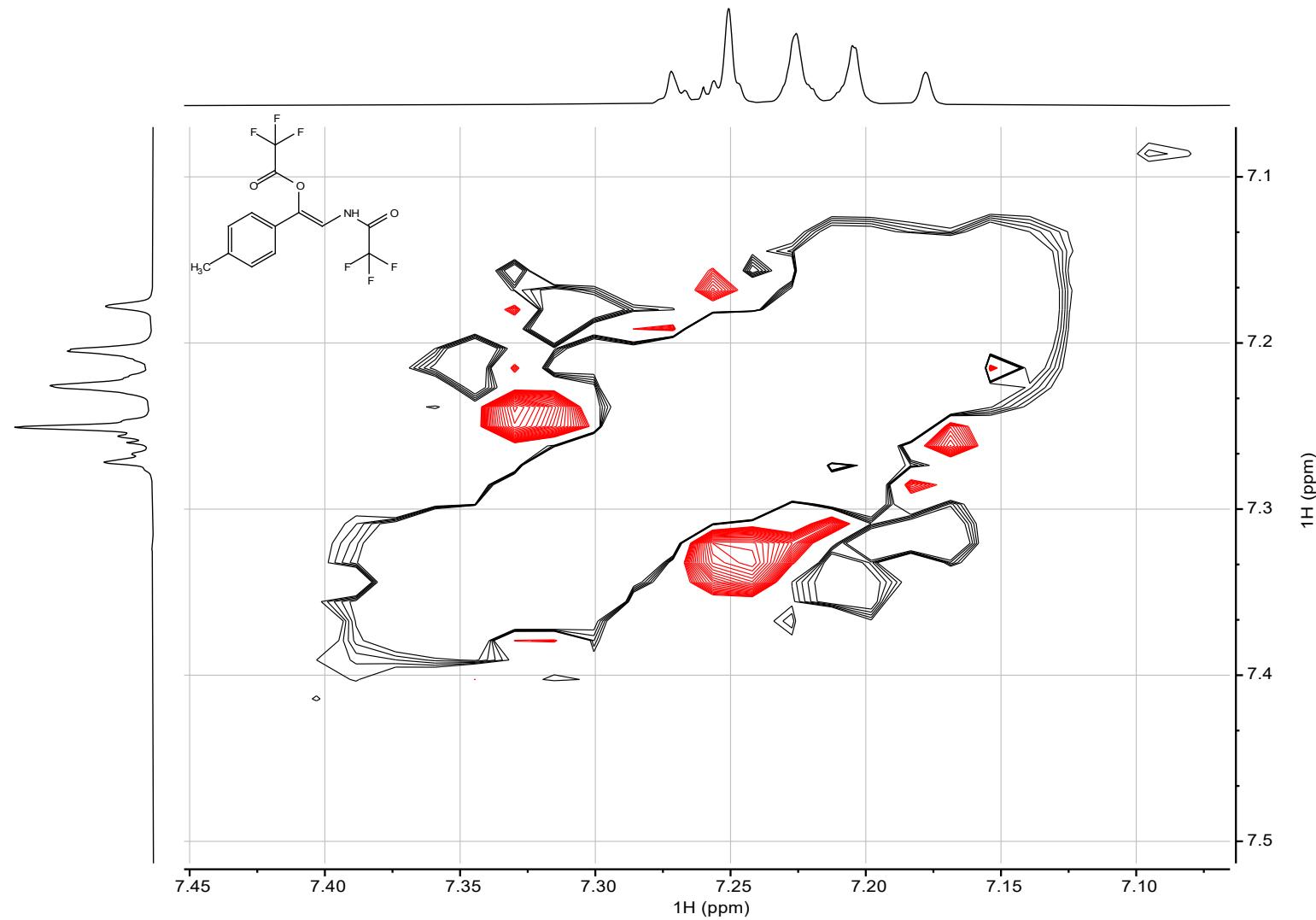
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(Z)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)vinyl 2,2,2-trifluoroacetate **2a**

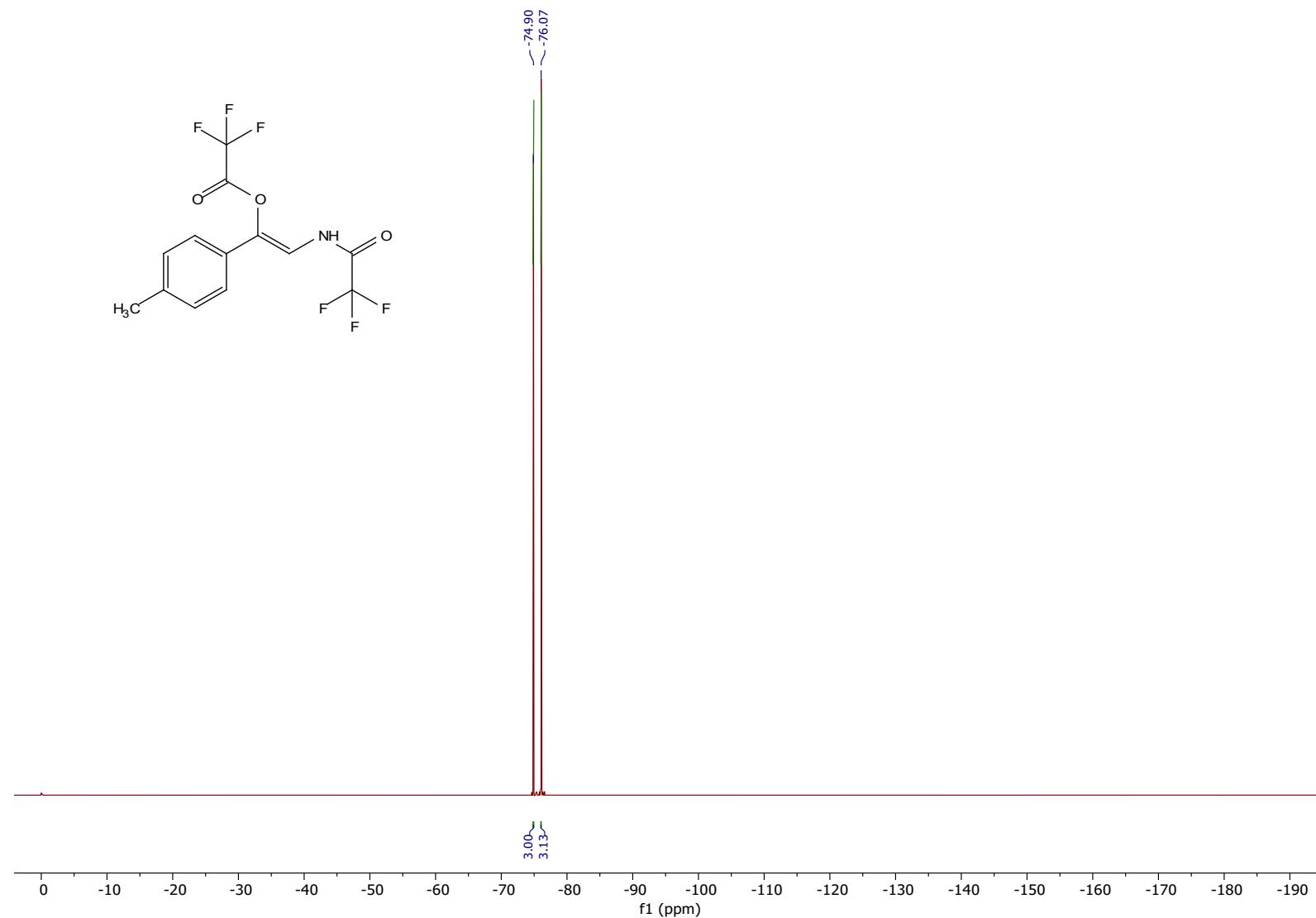
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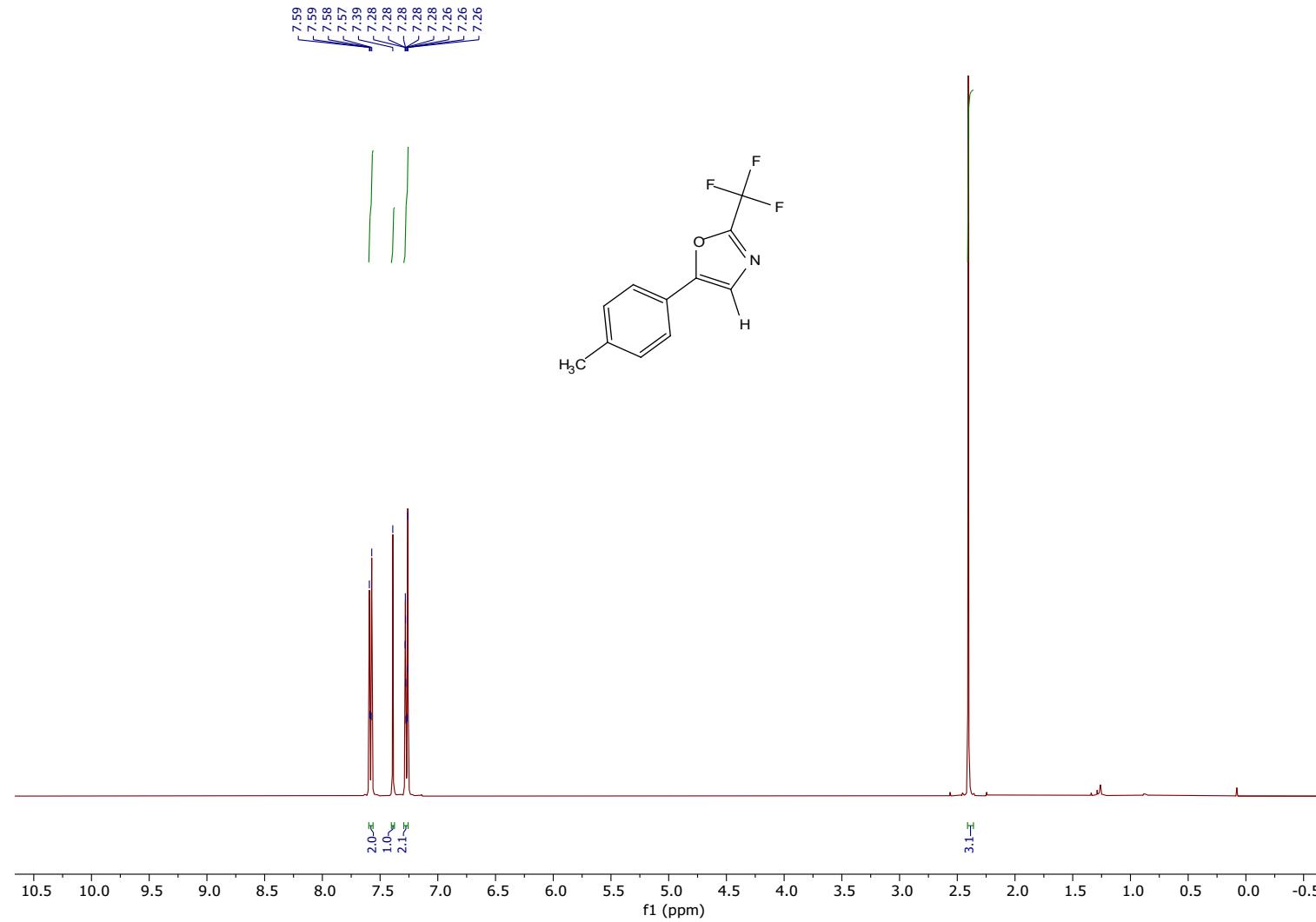


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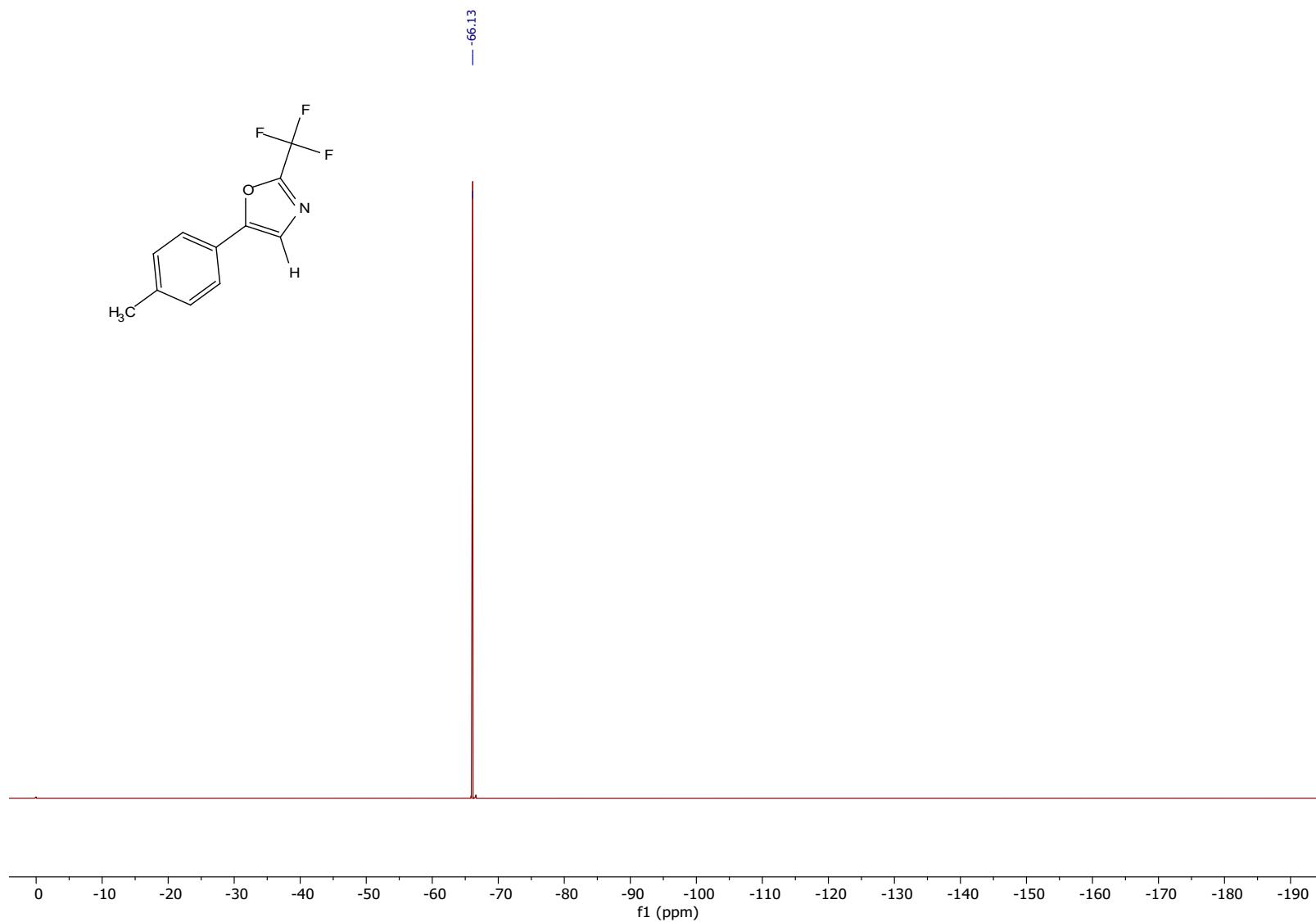


5-(*p*-Tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (**3a**)

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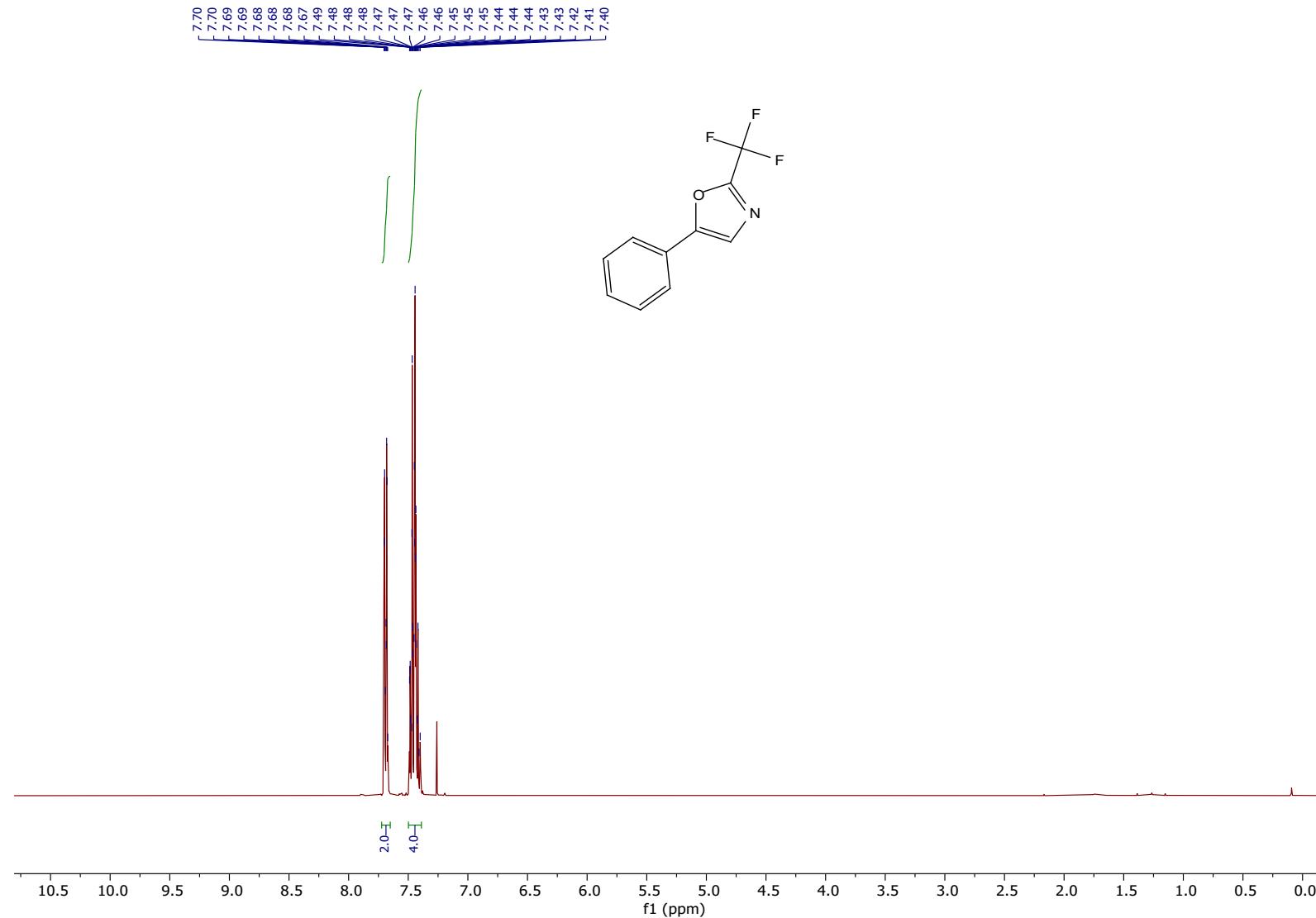
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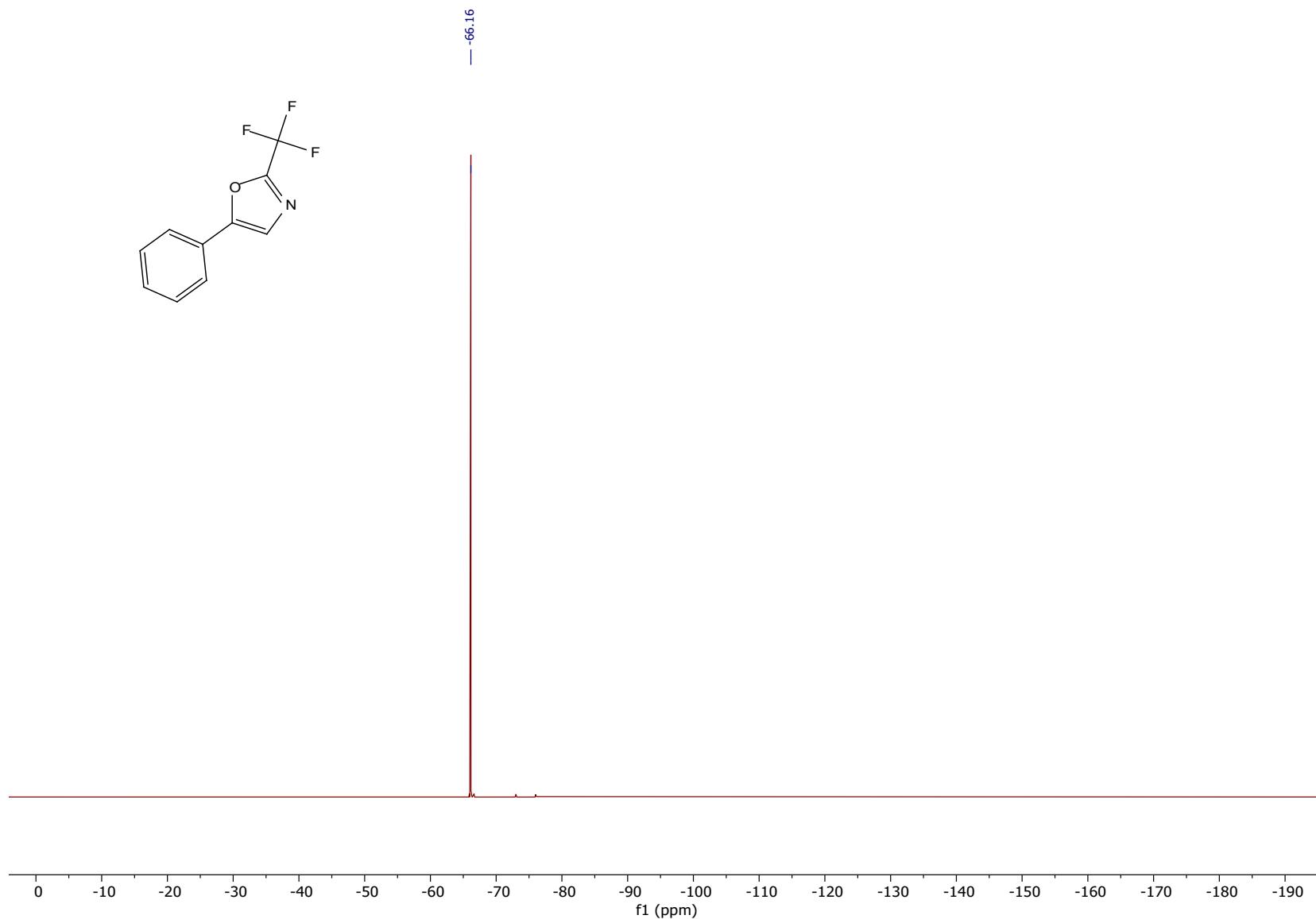
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5-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (3b**)**

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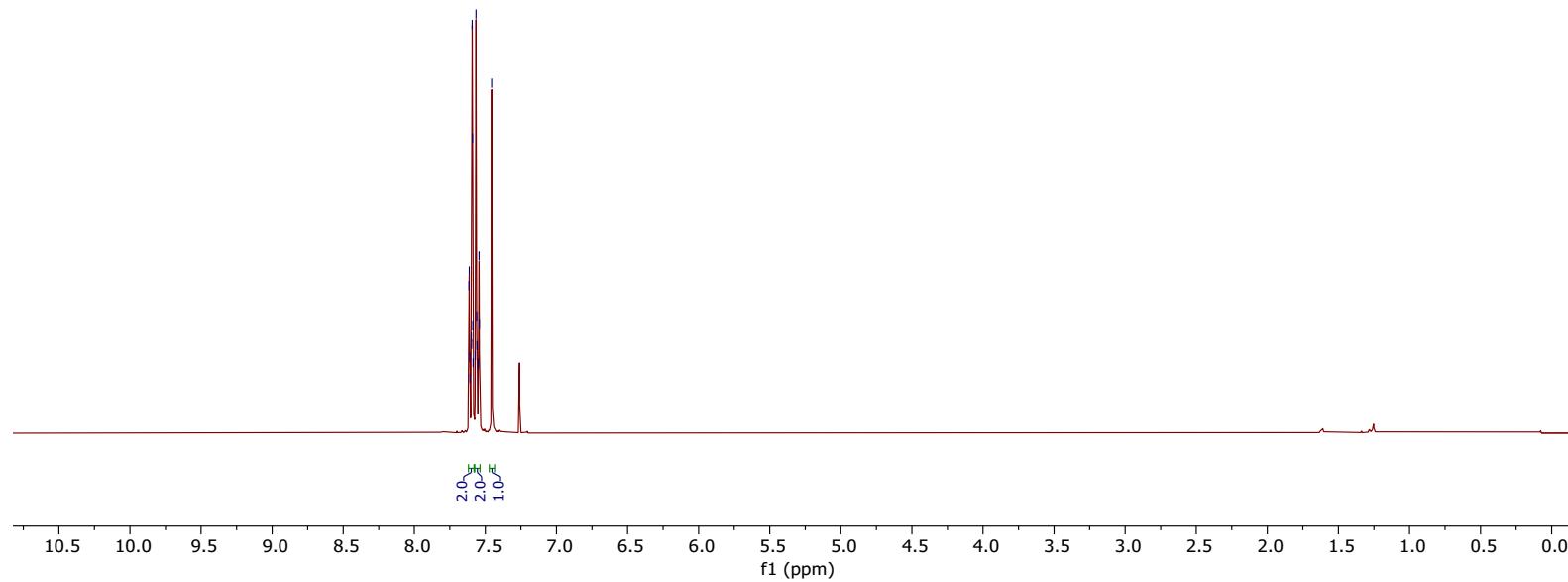
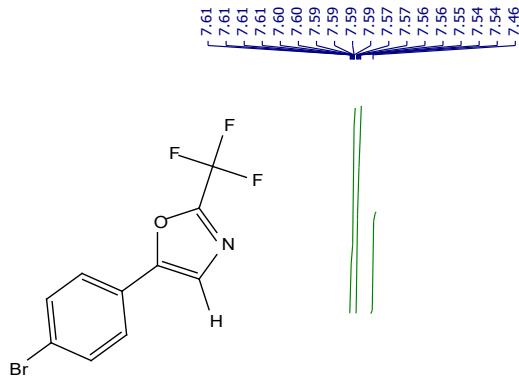


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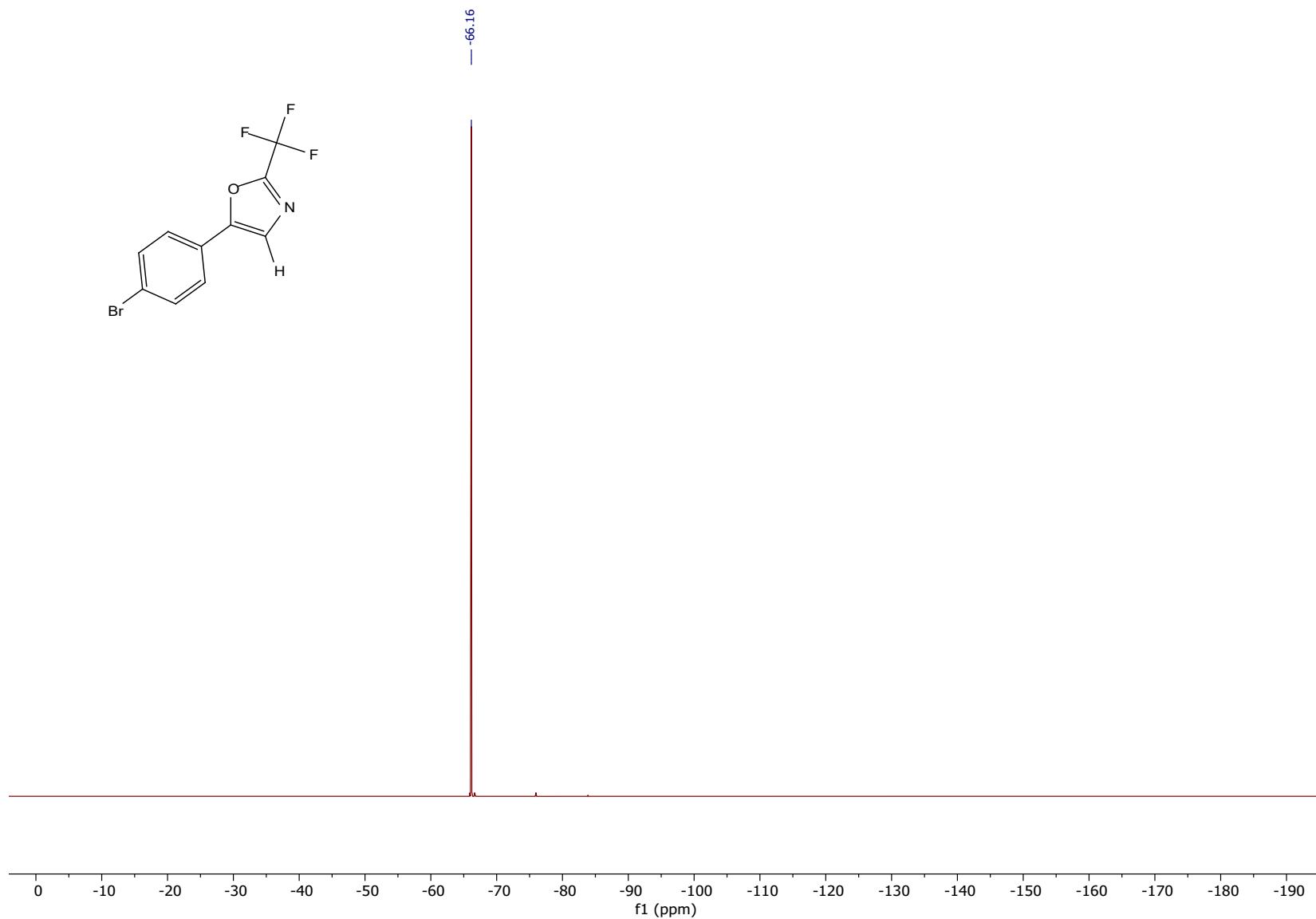


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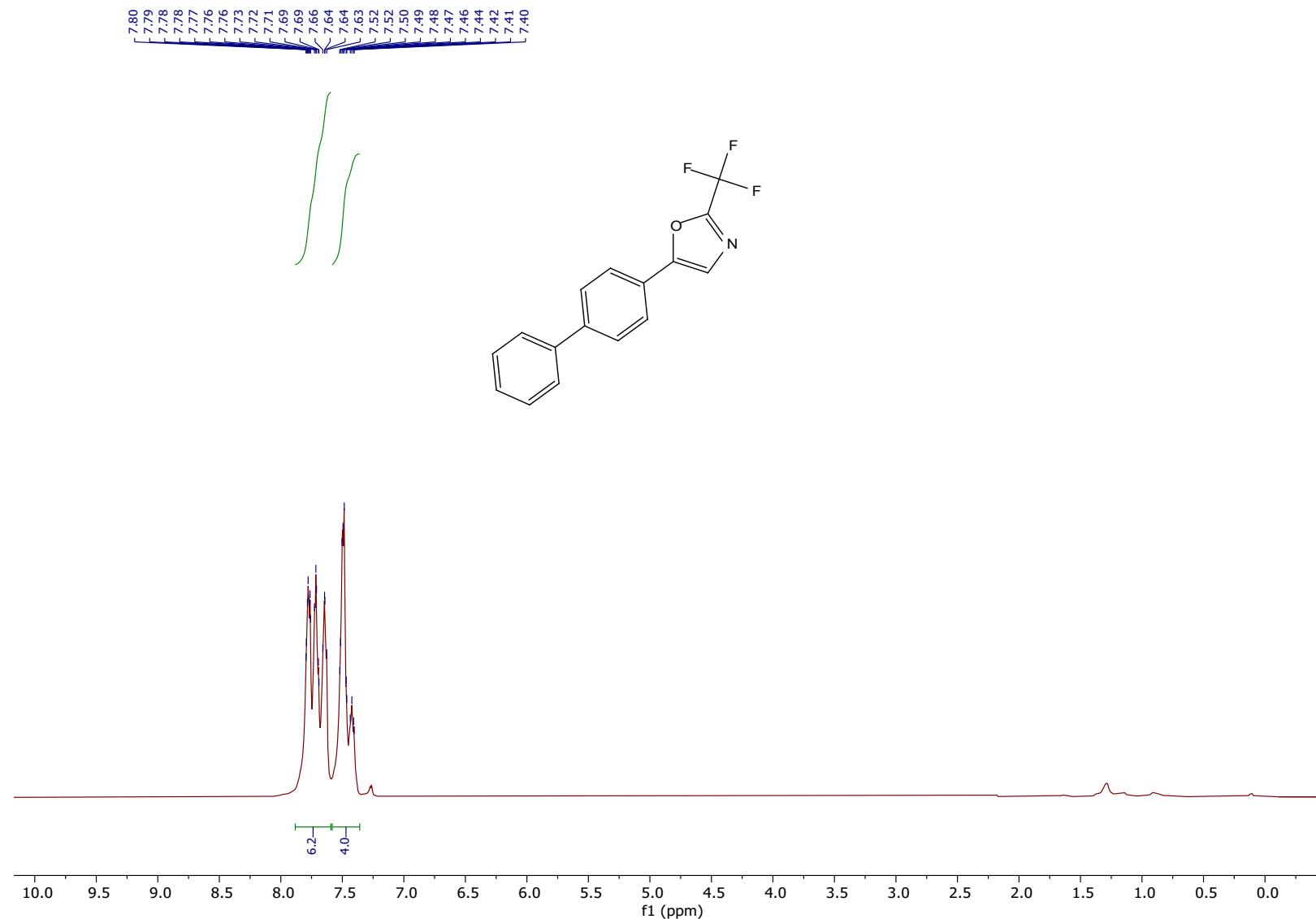


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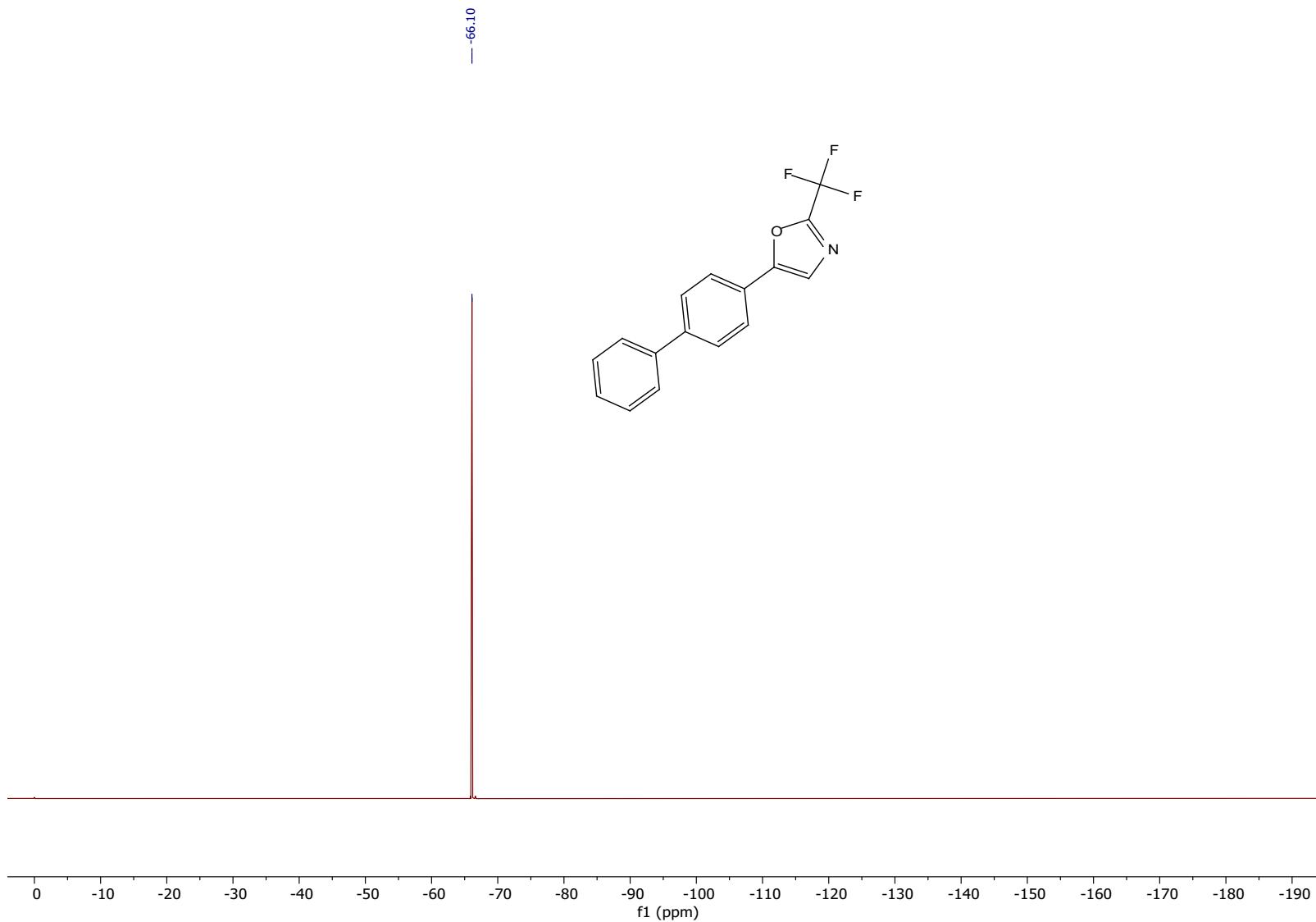


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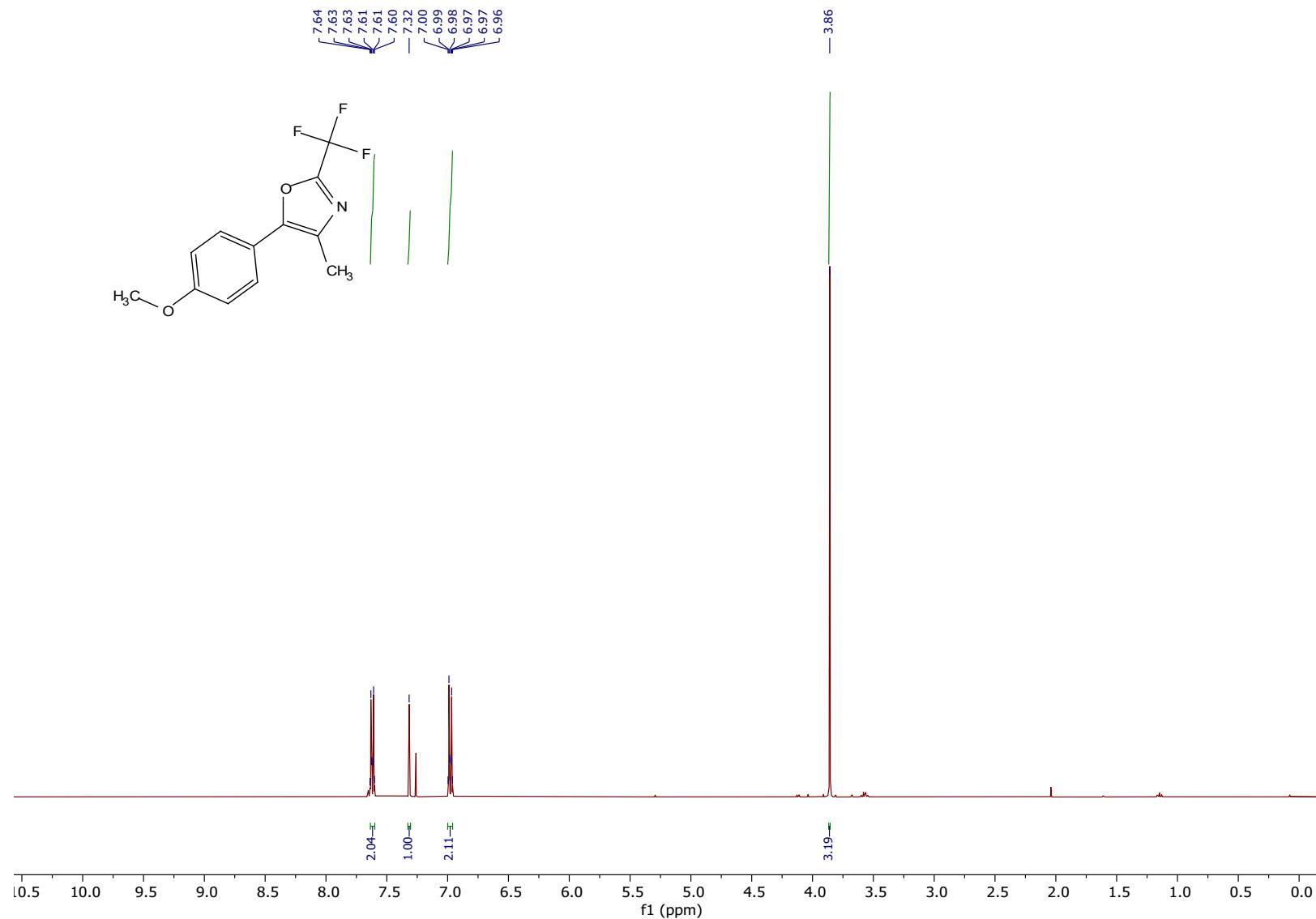


¹⁹F NMR



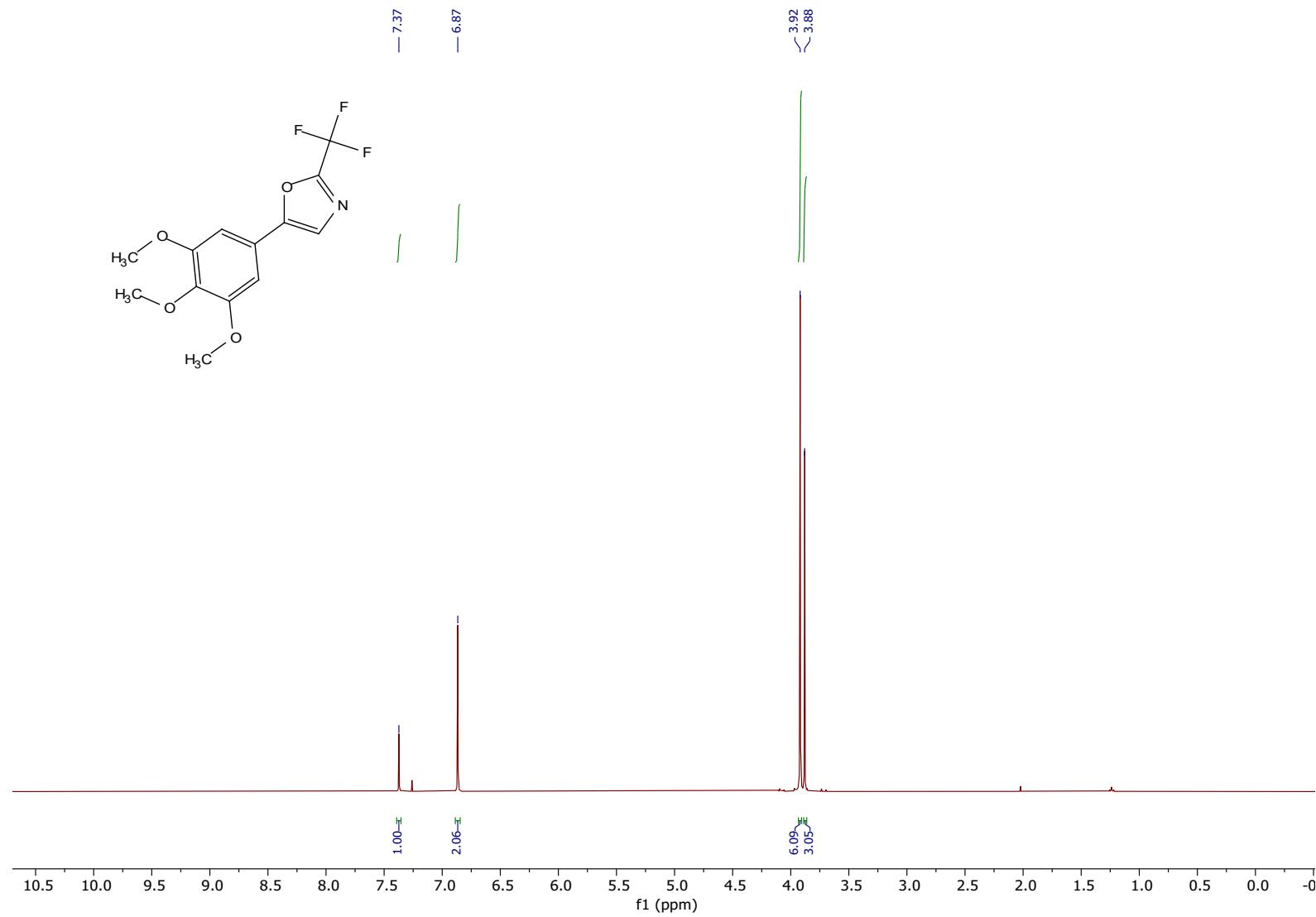
5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazole (**3e**)

¹H NMR

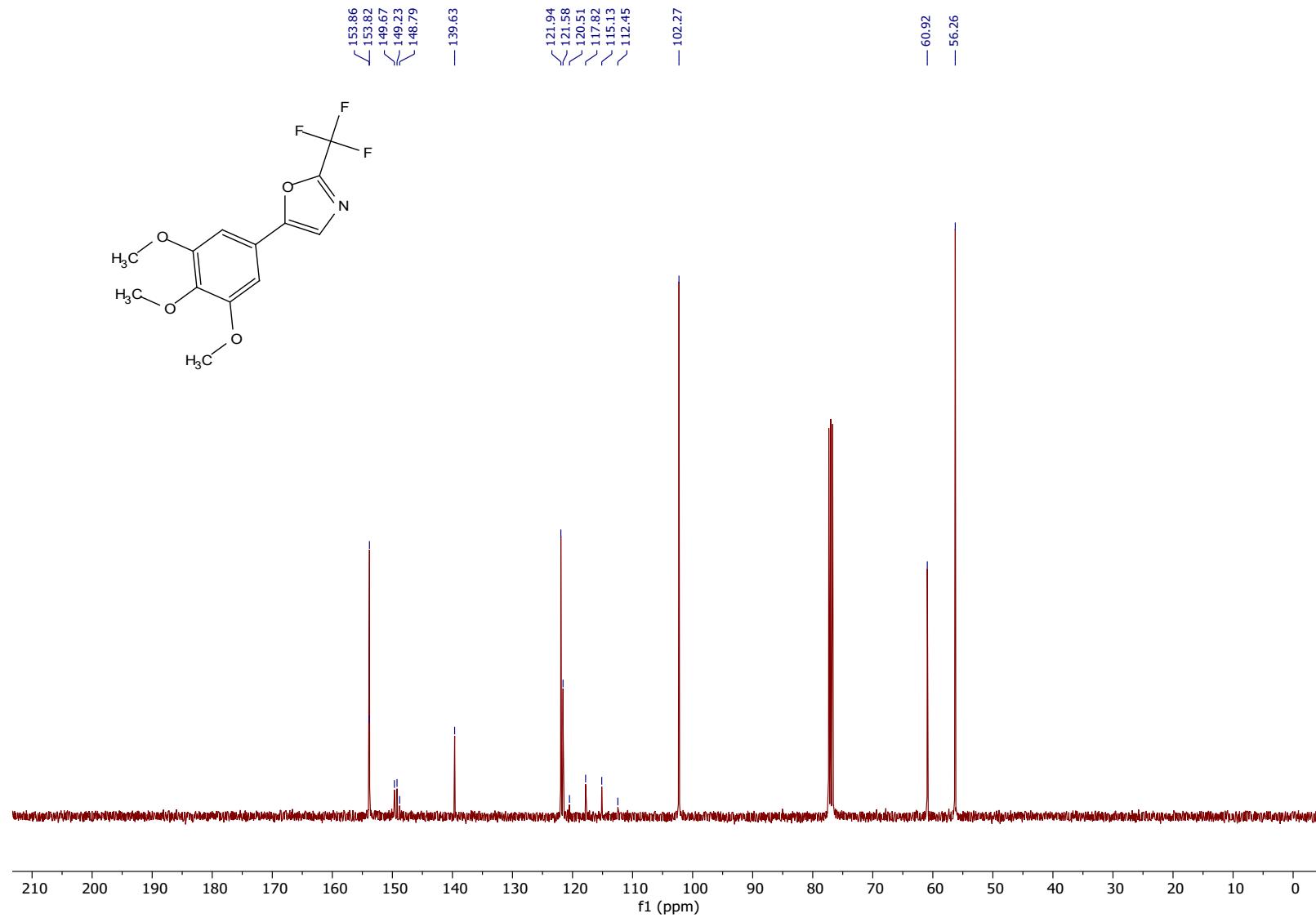


2-(Trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)oxazole (3f**)**

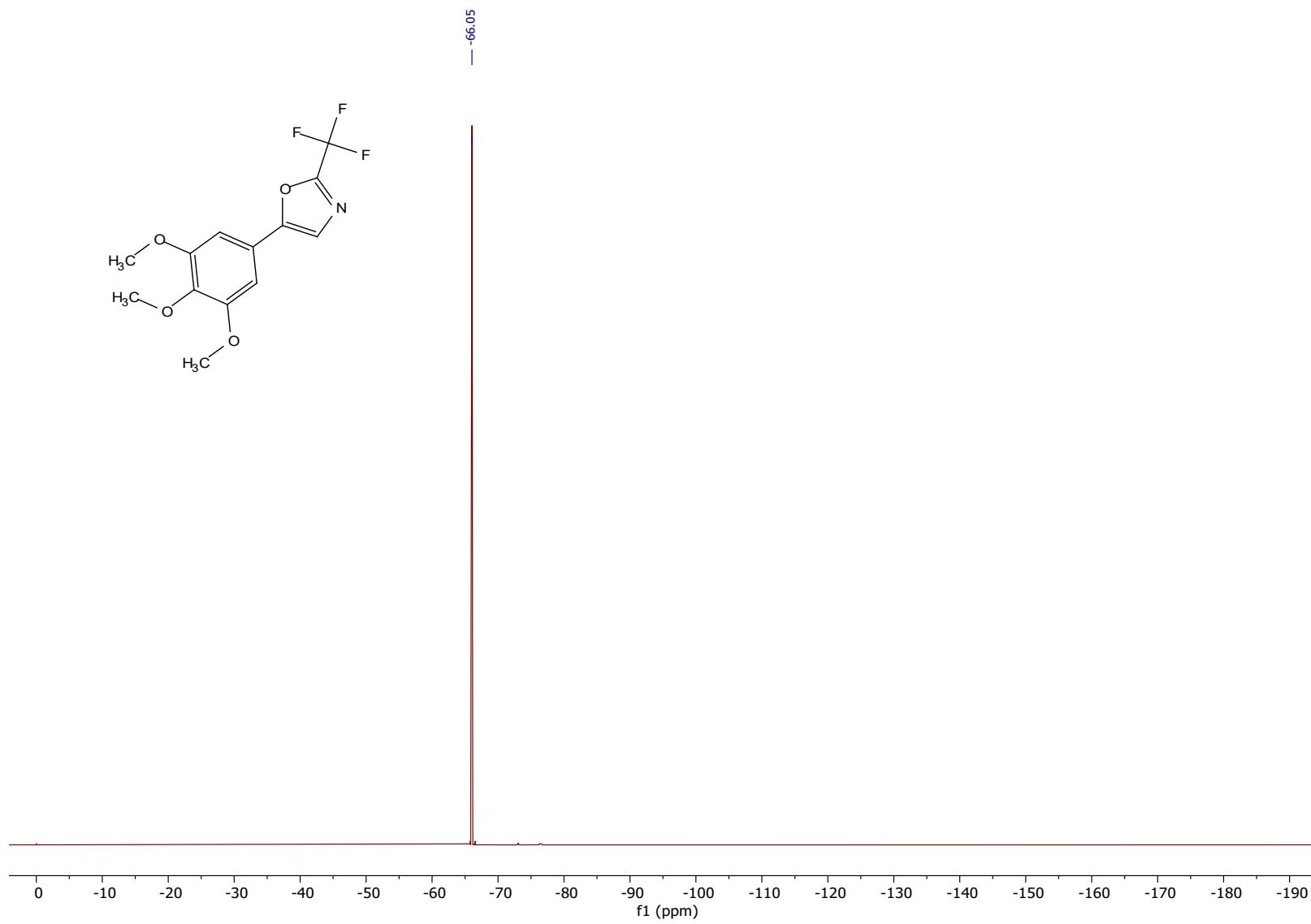
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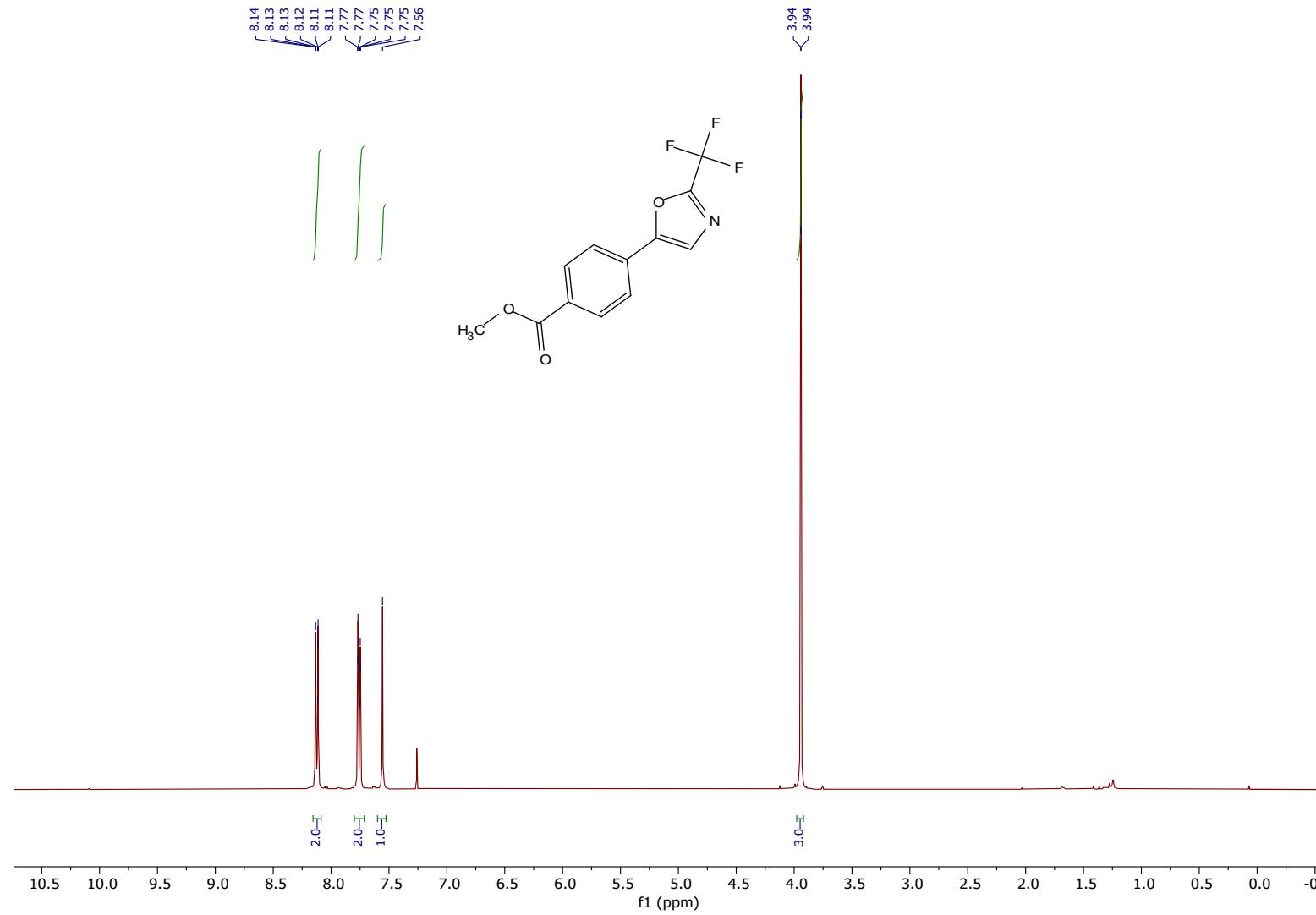


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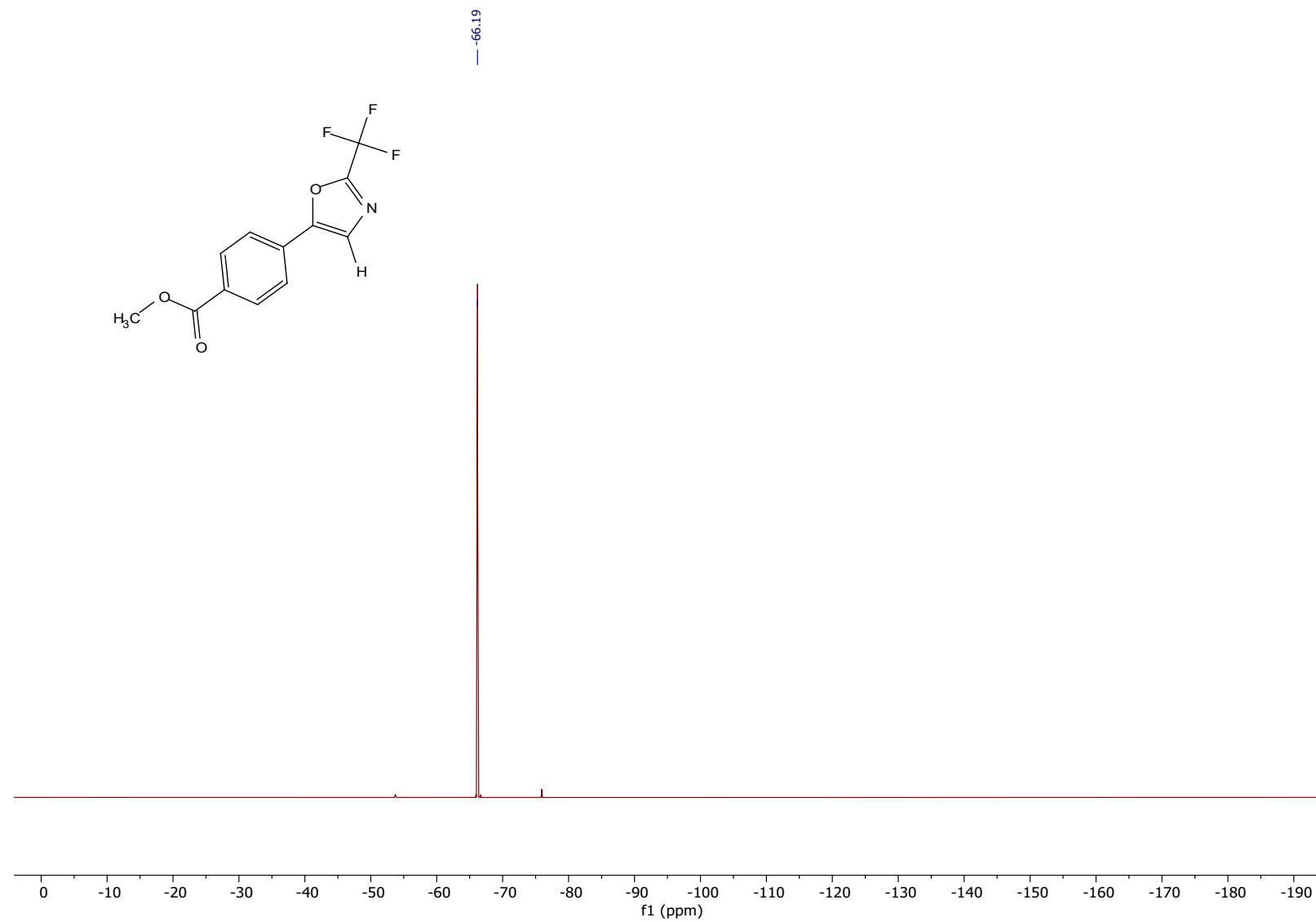


Methyl 4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazol-5-yl)benzoate (**3g**)

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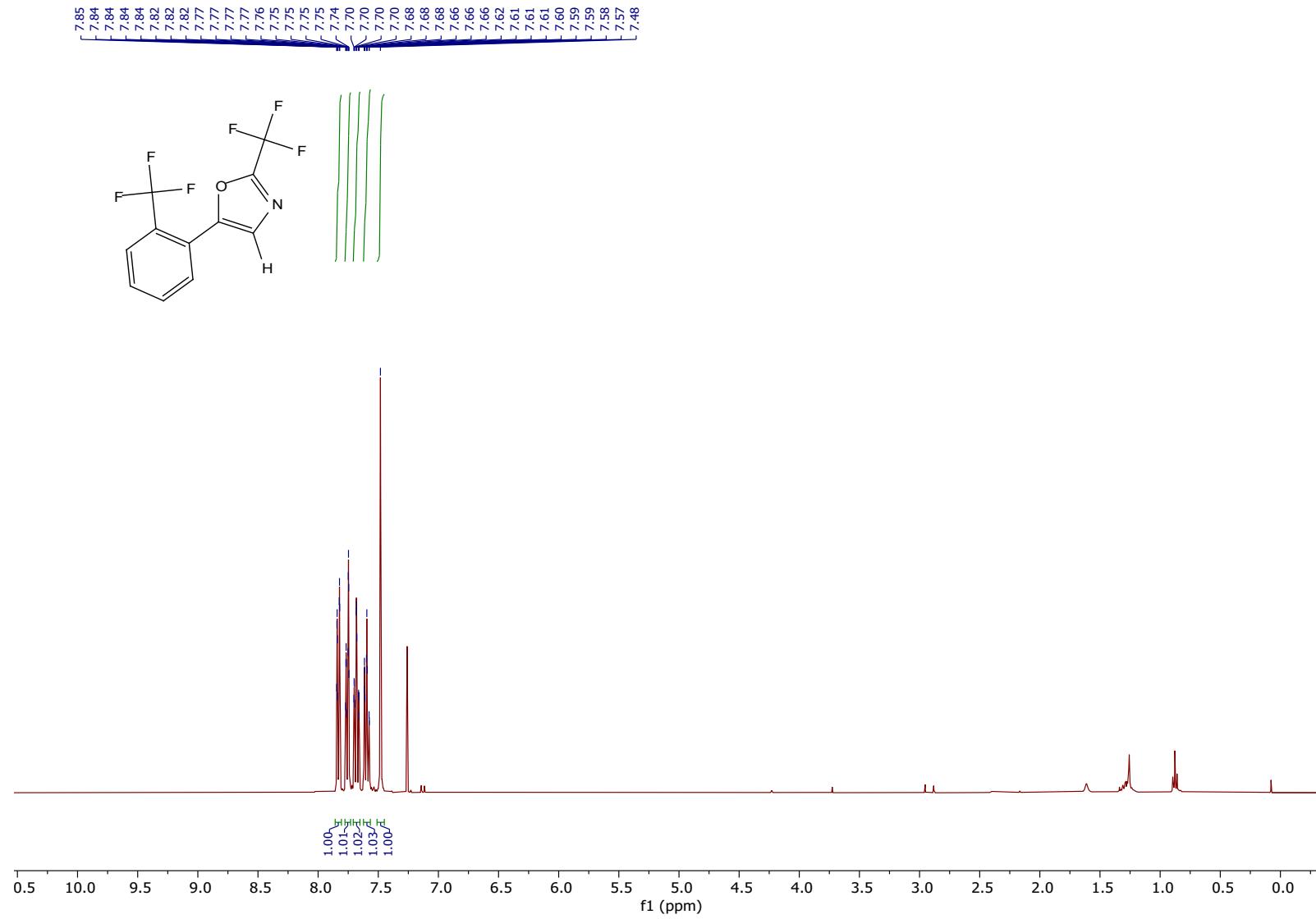


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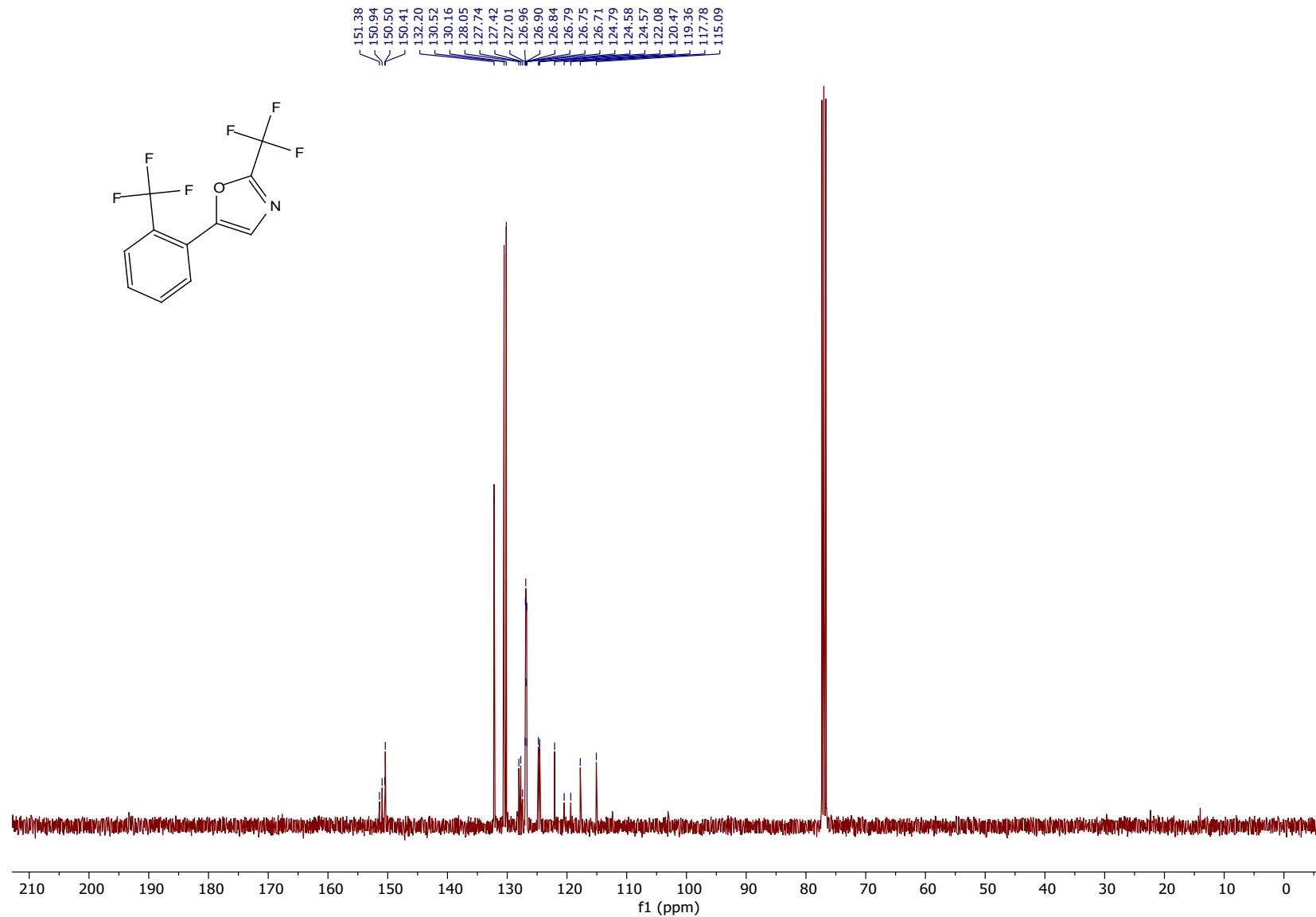


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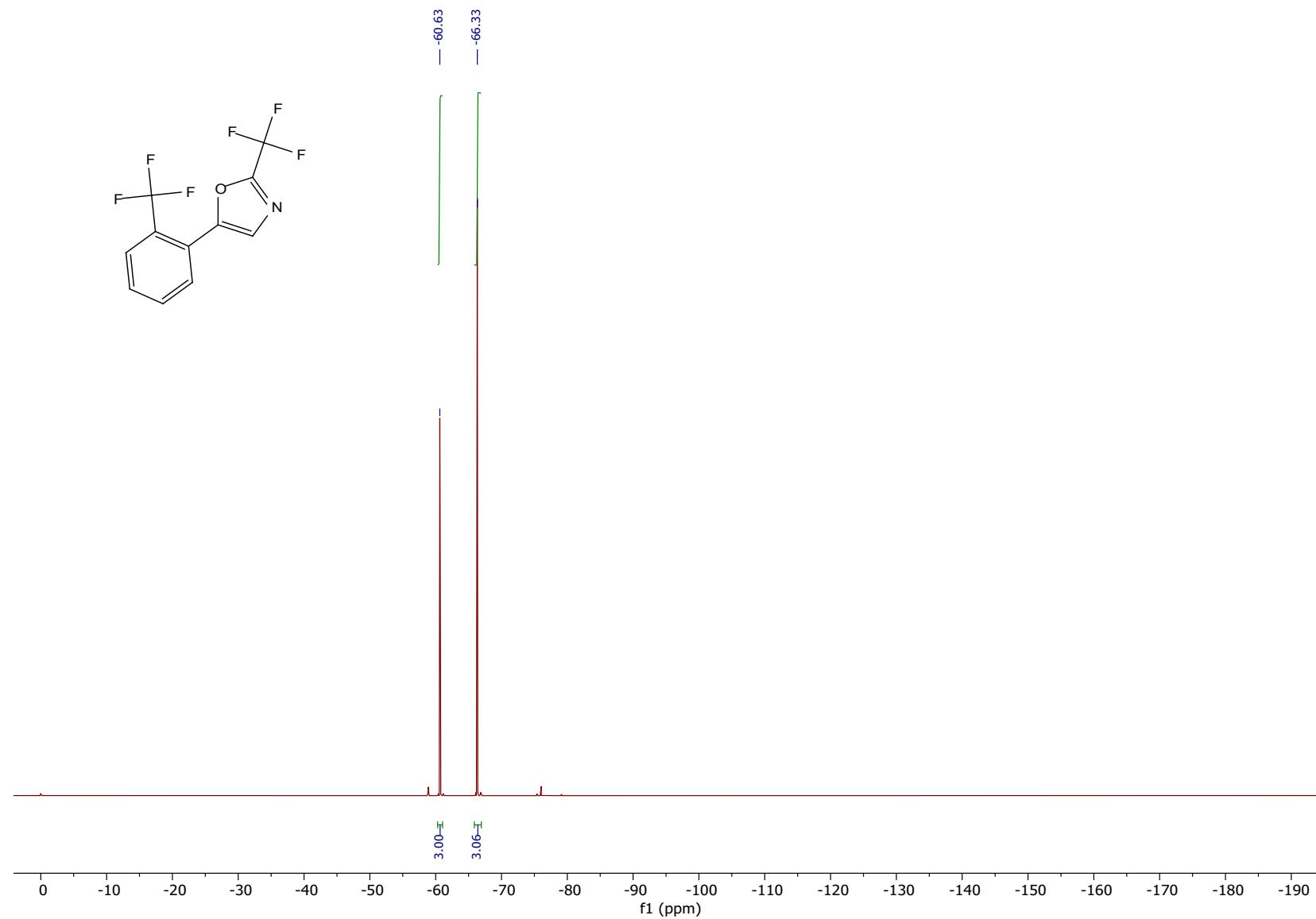
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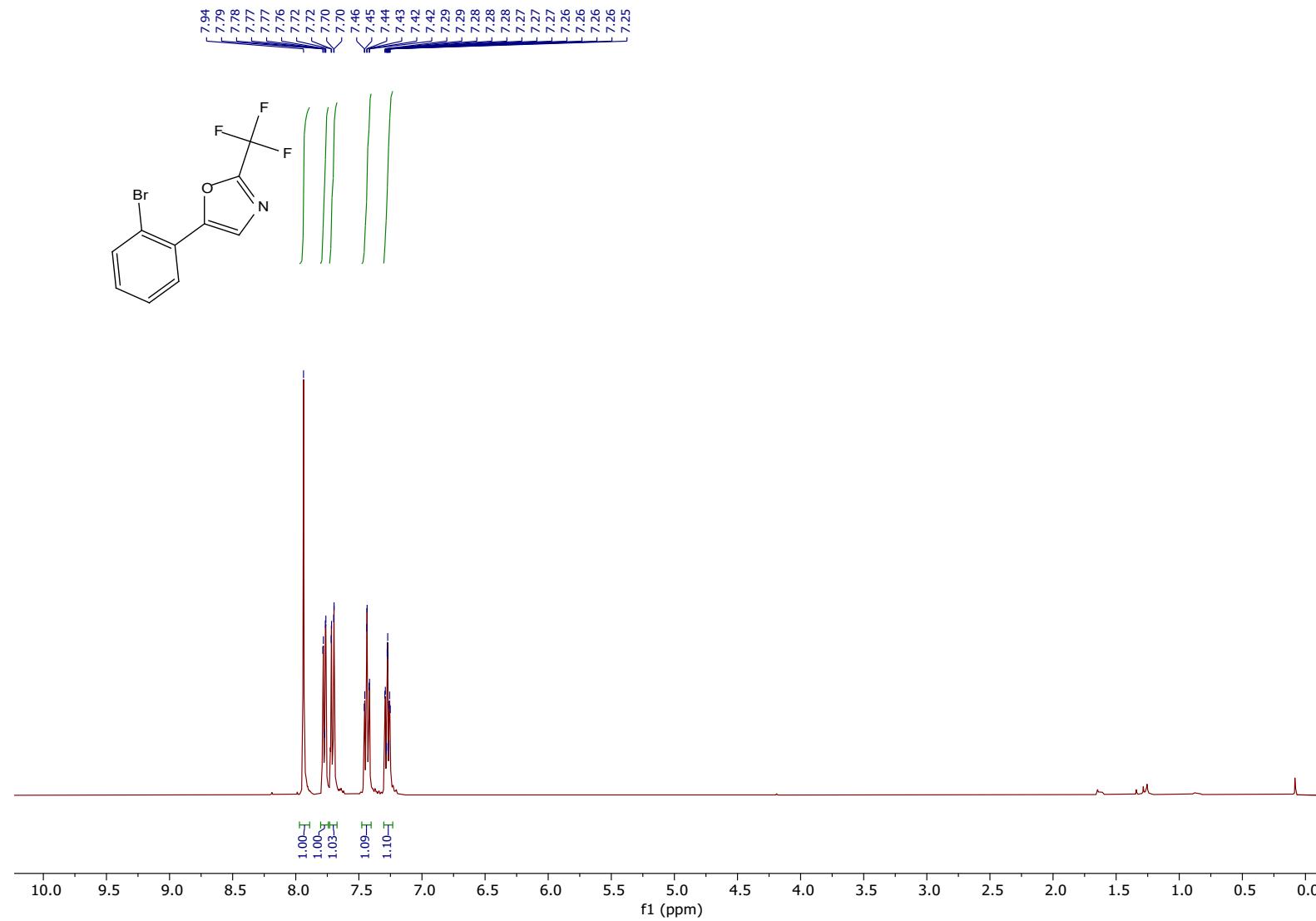


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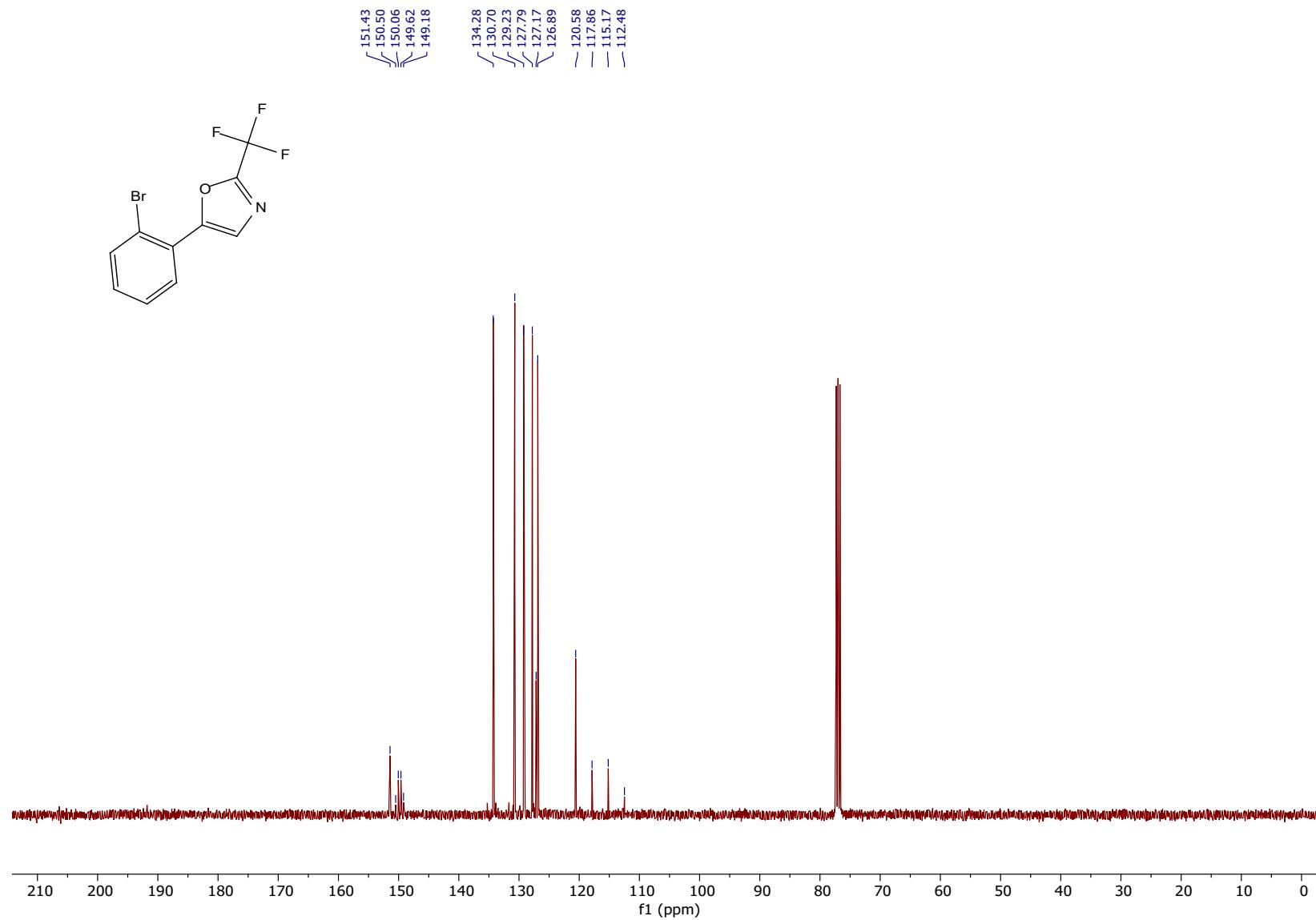


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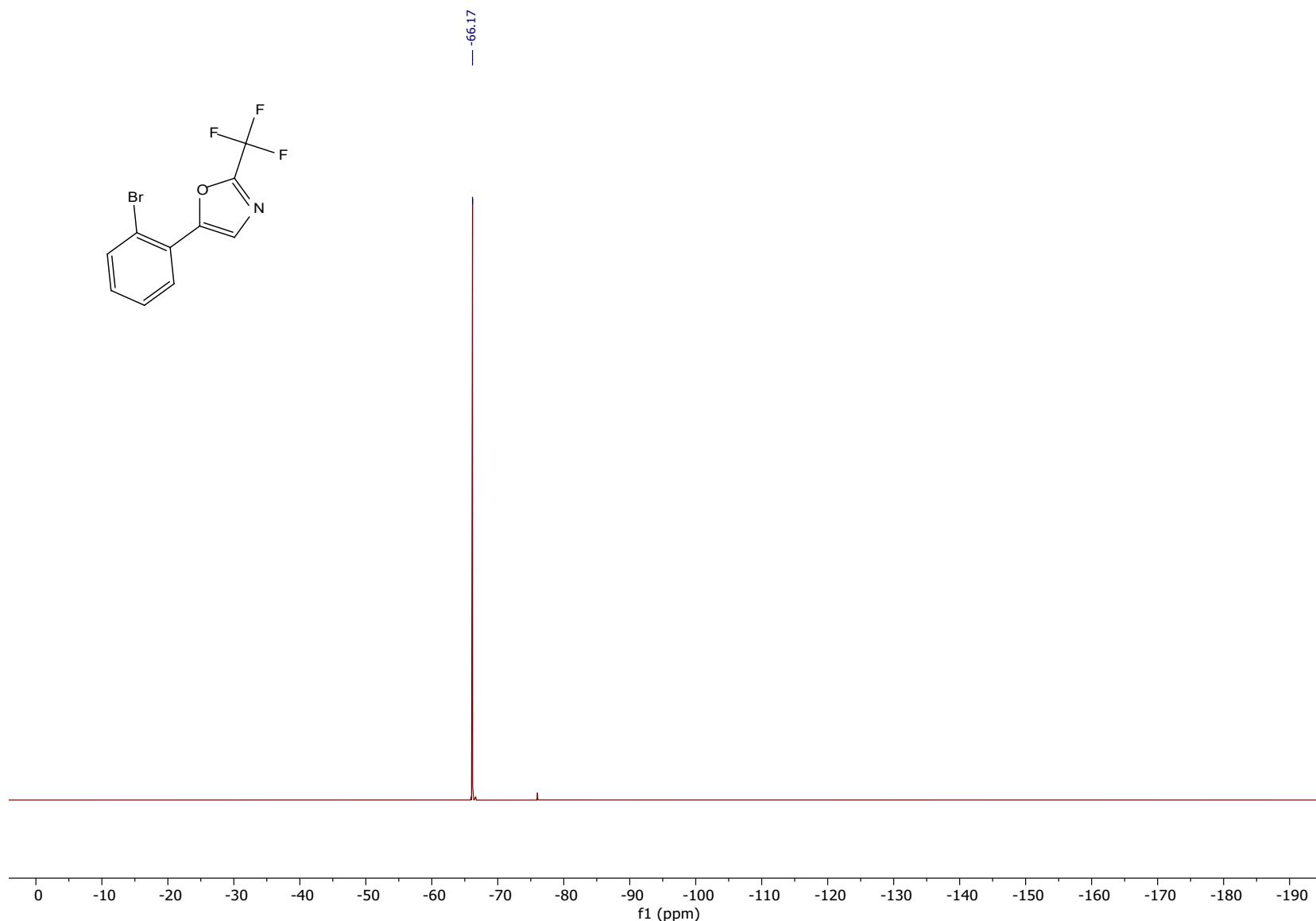
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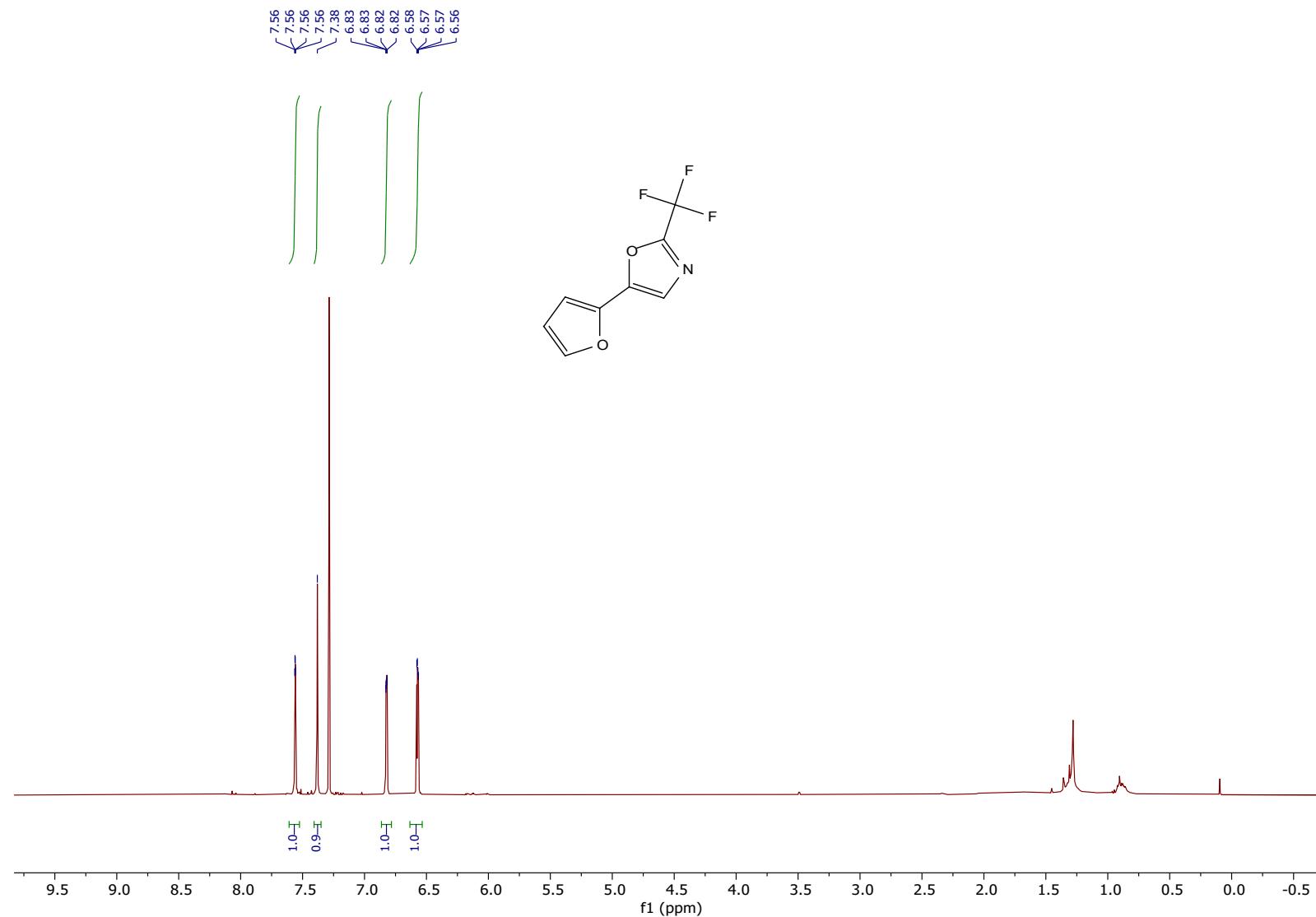
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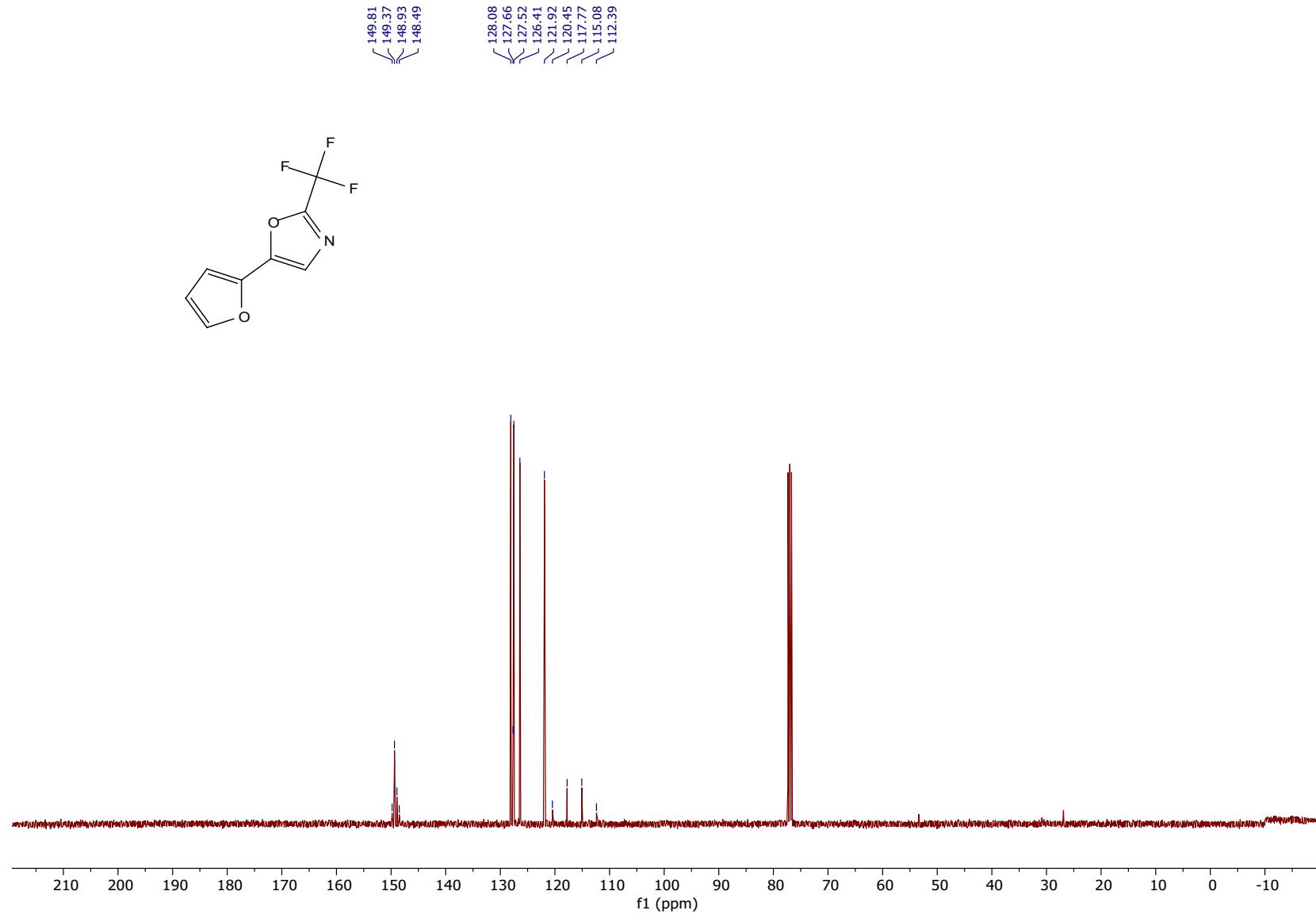
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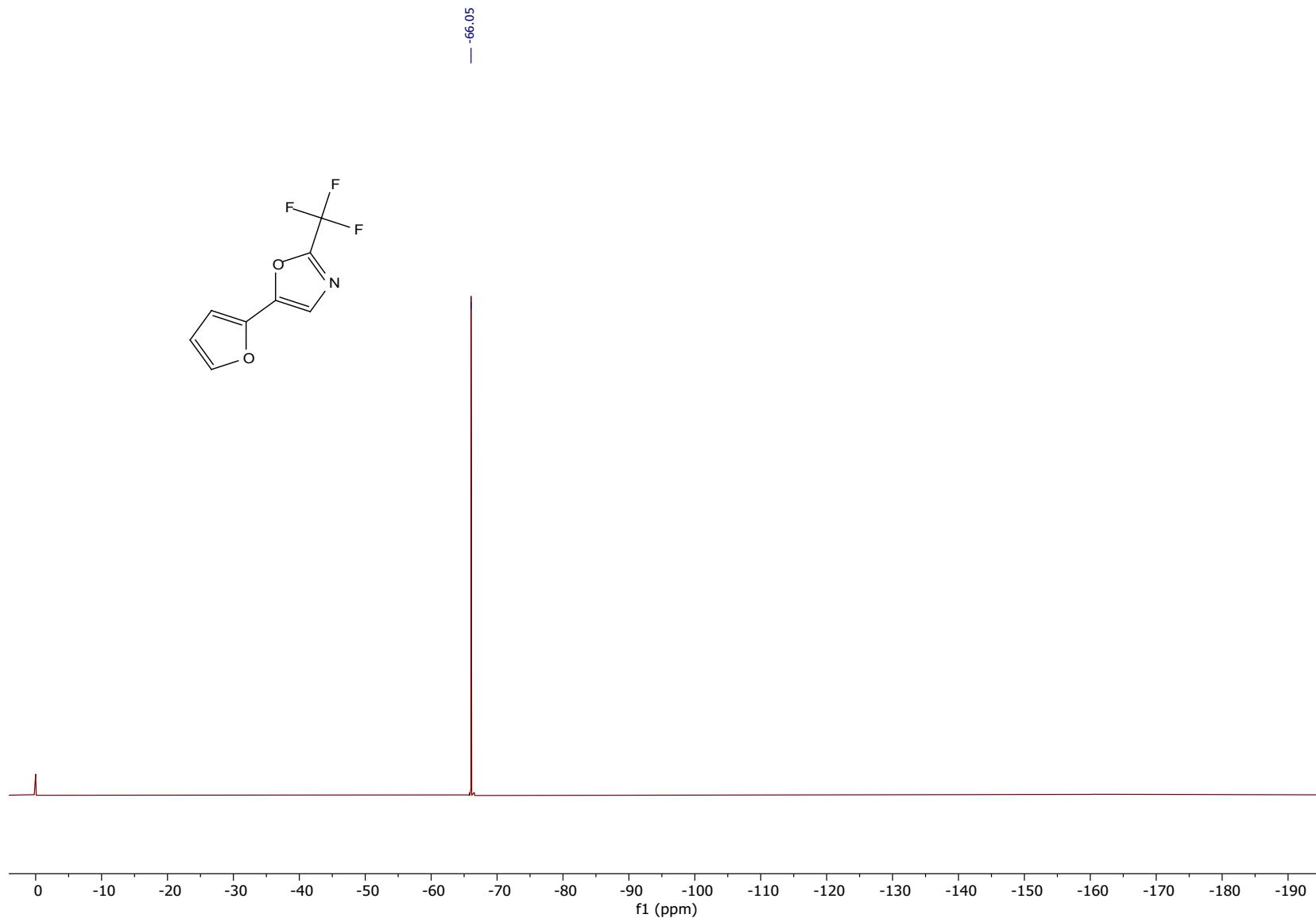
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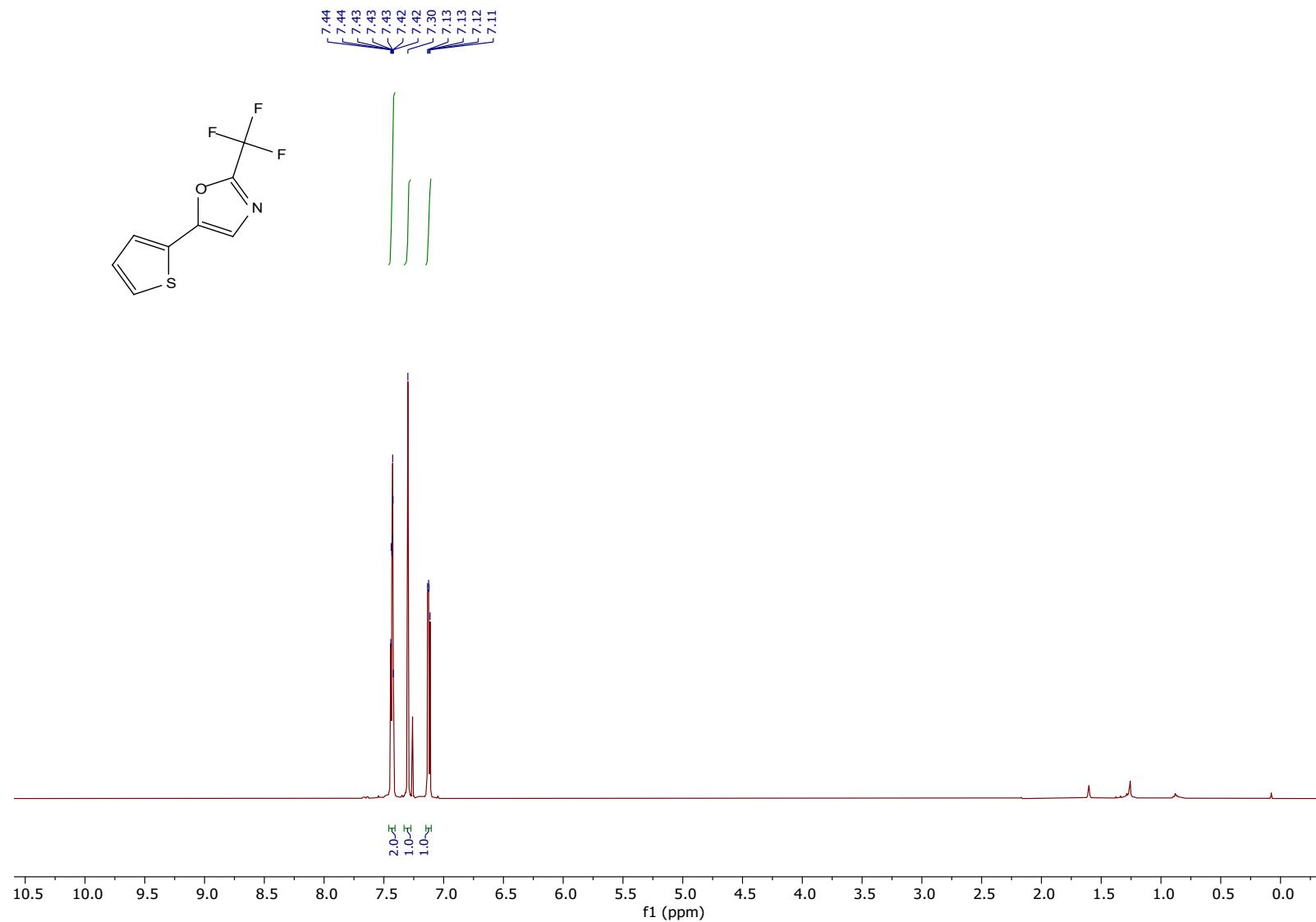


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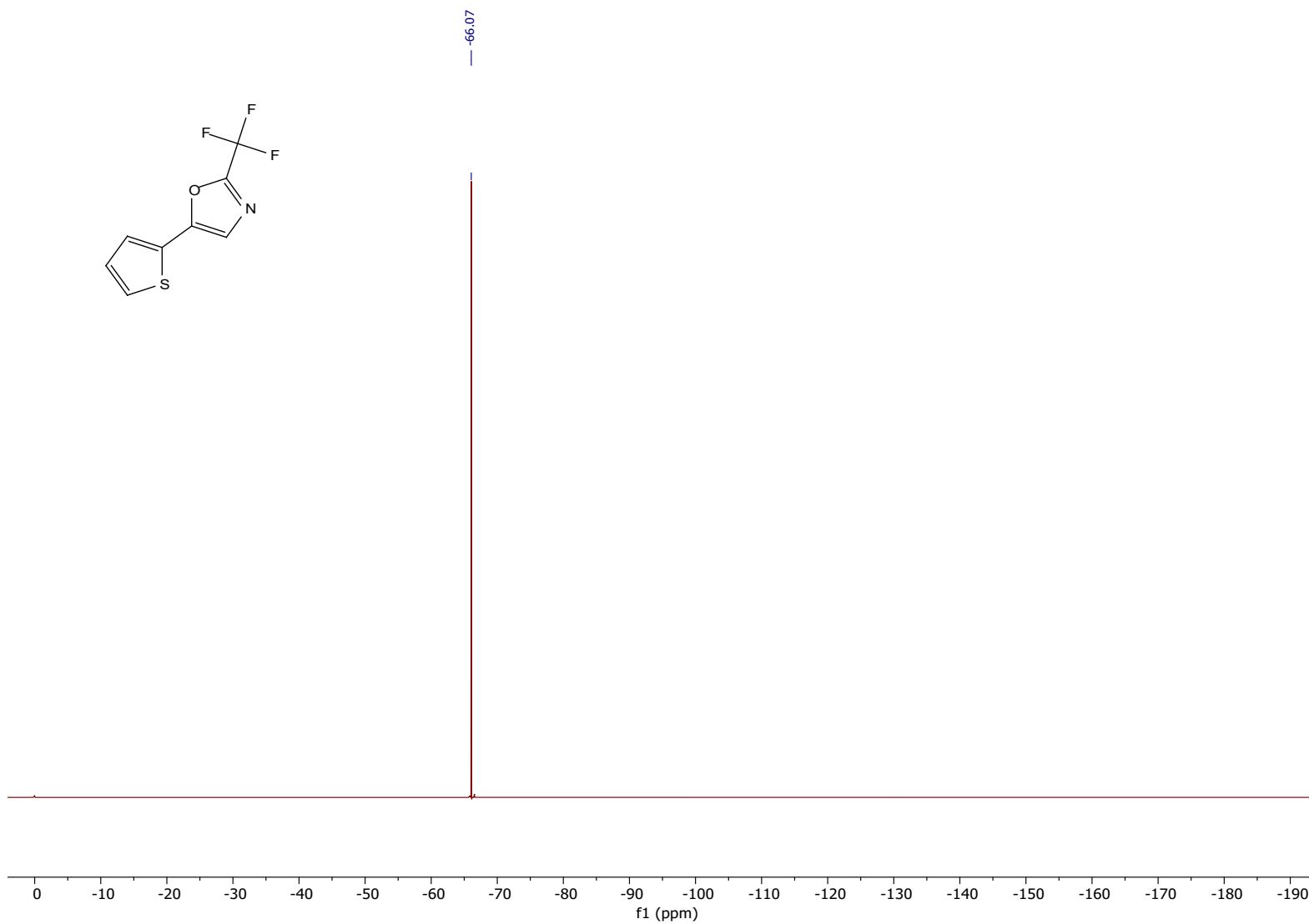


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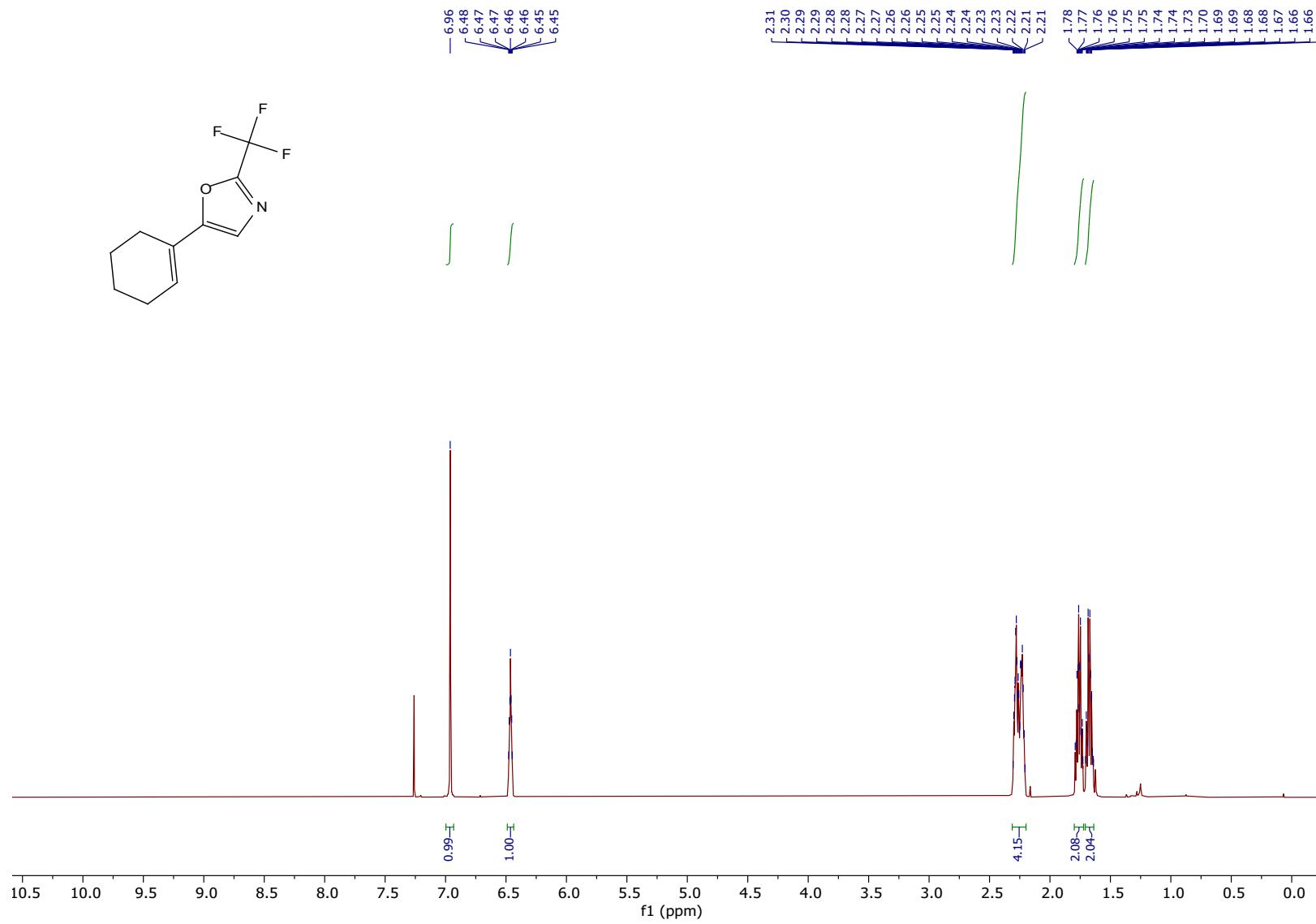
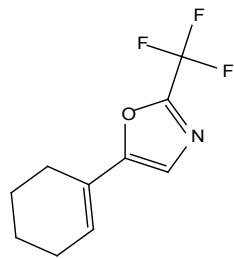


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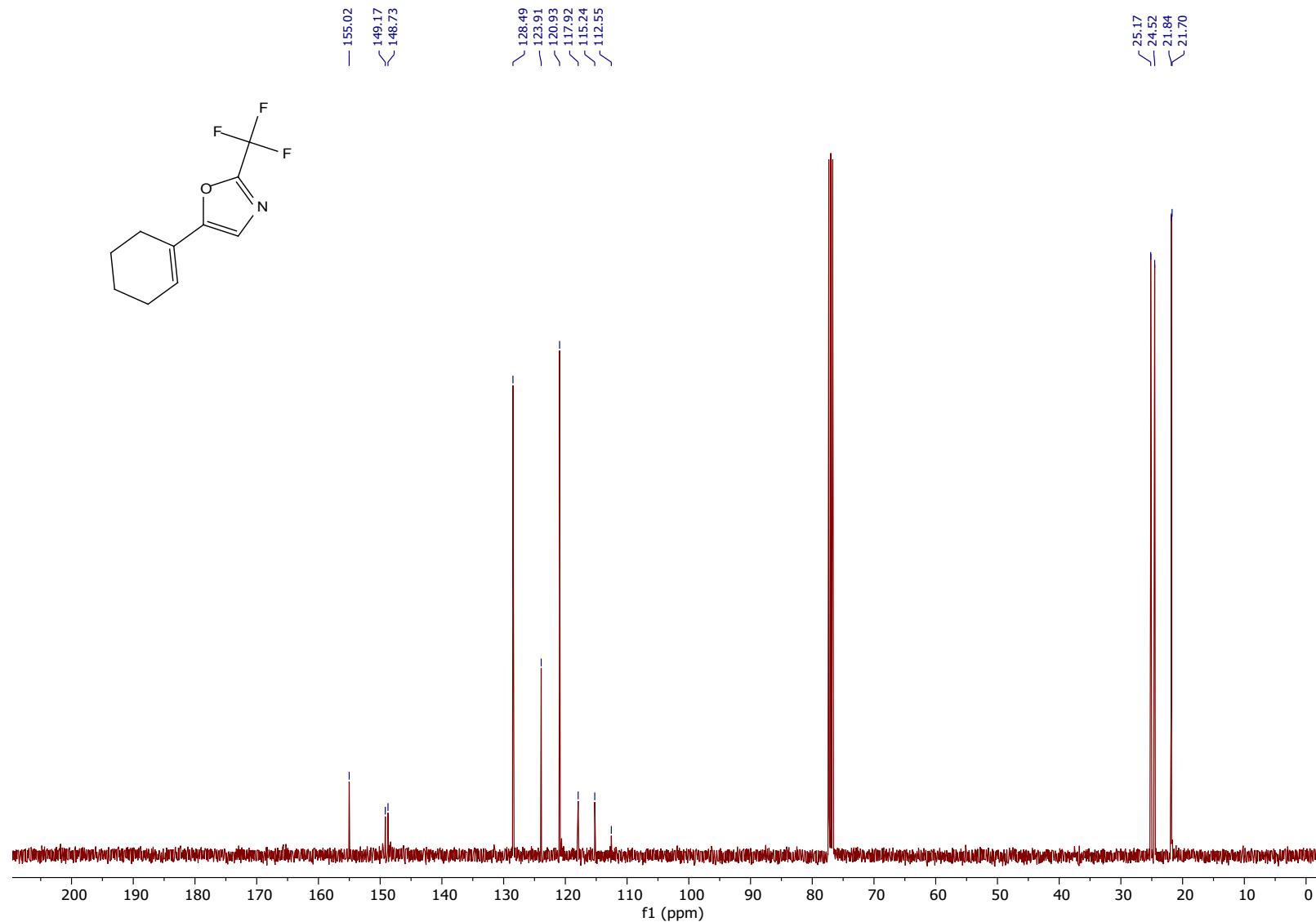


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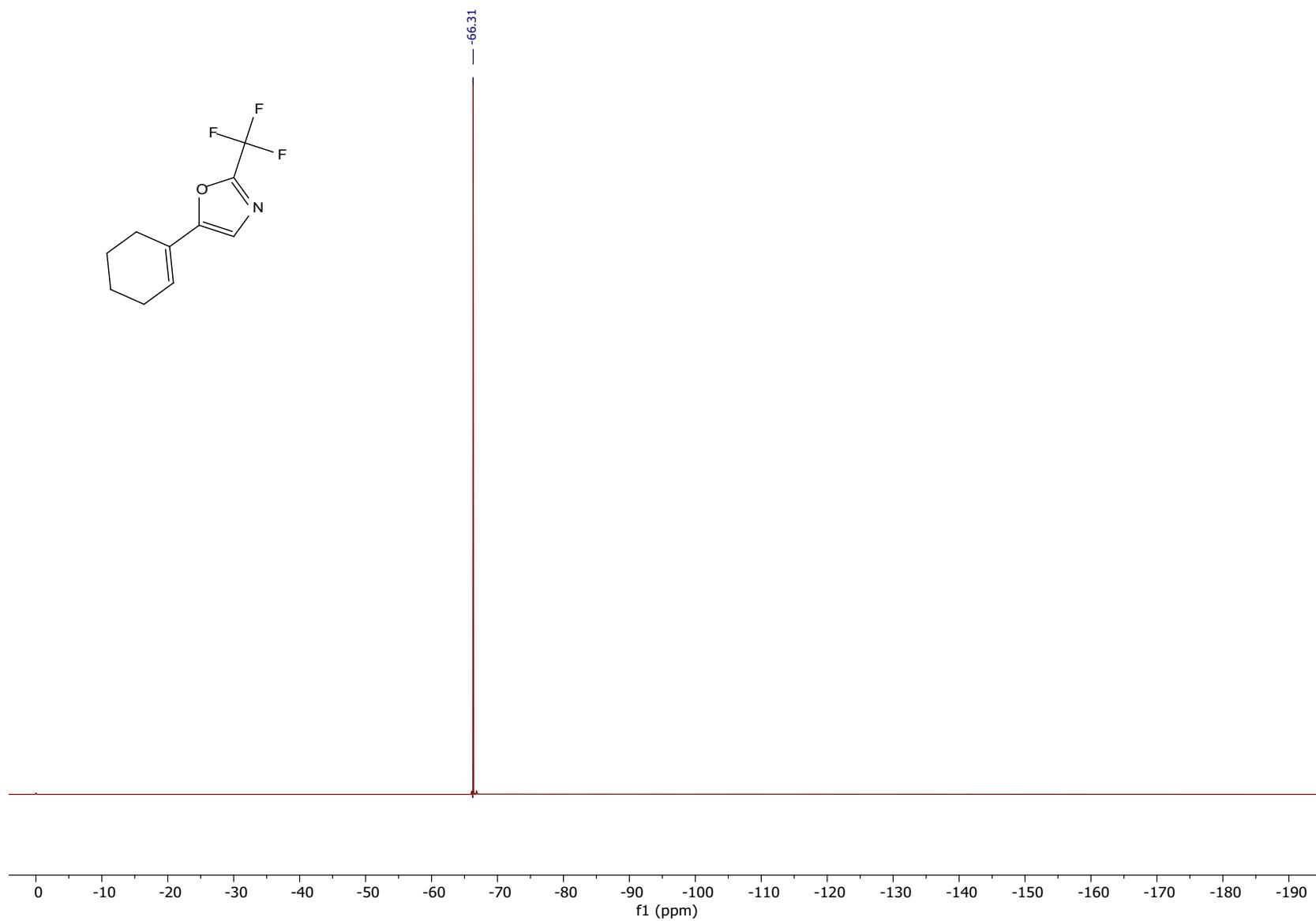
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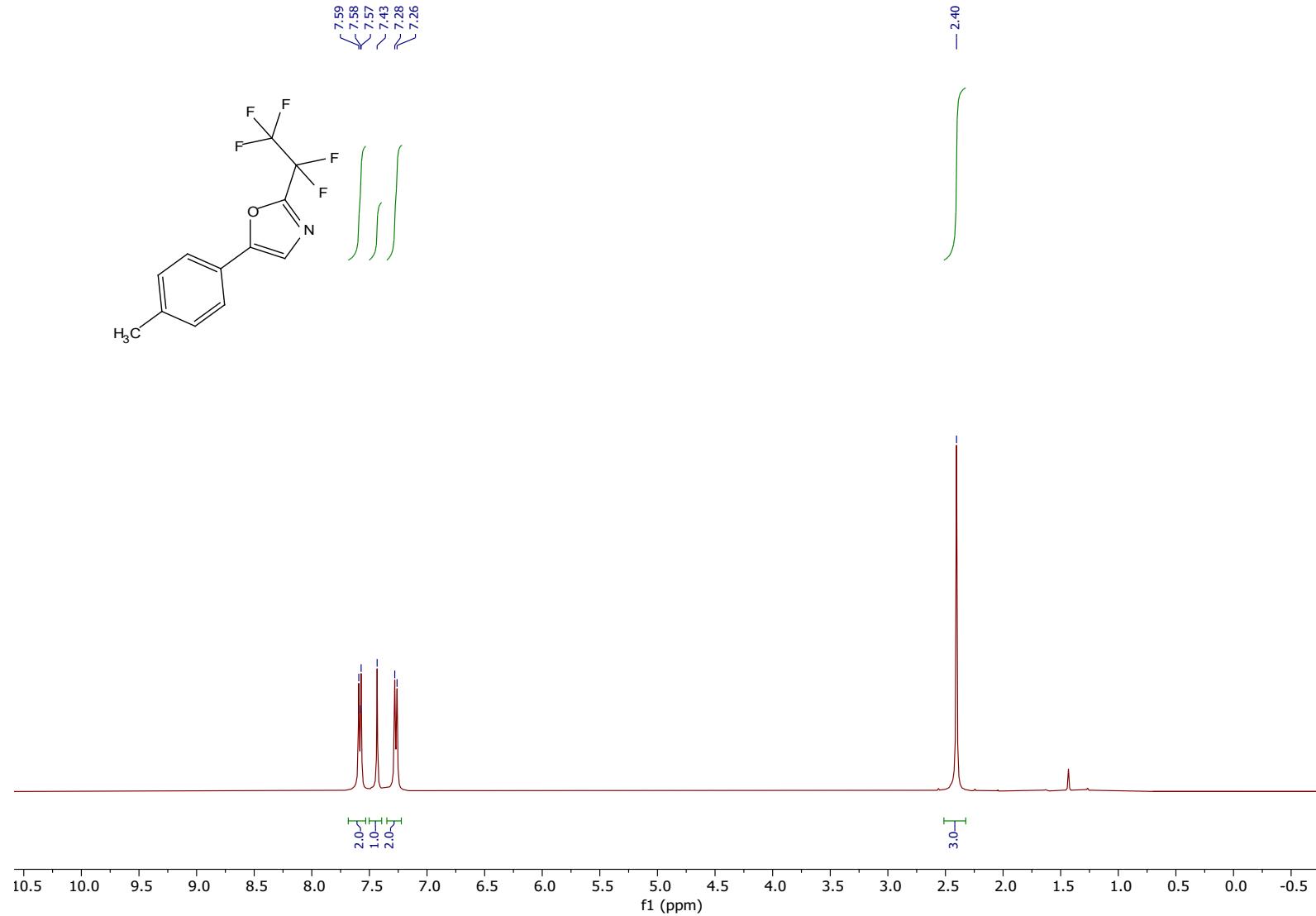


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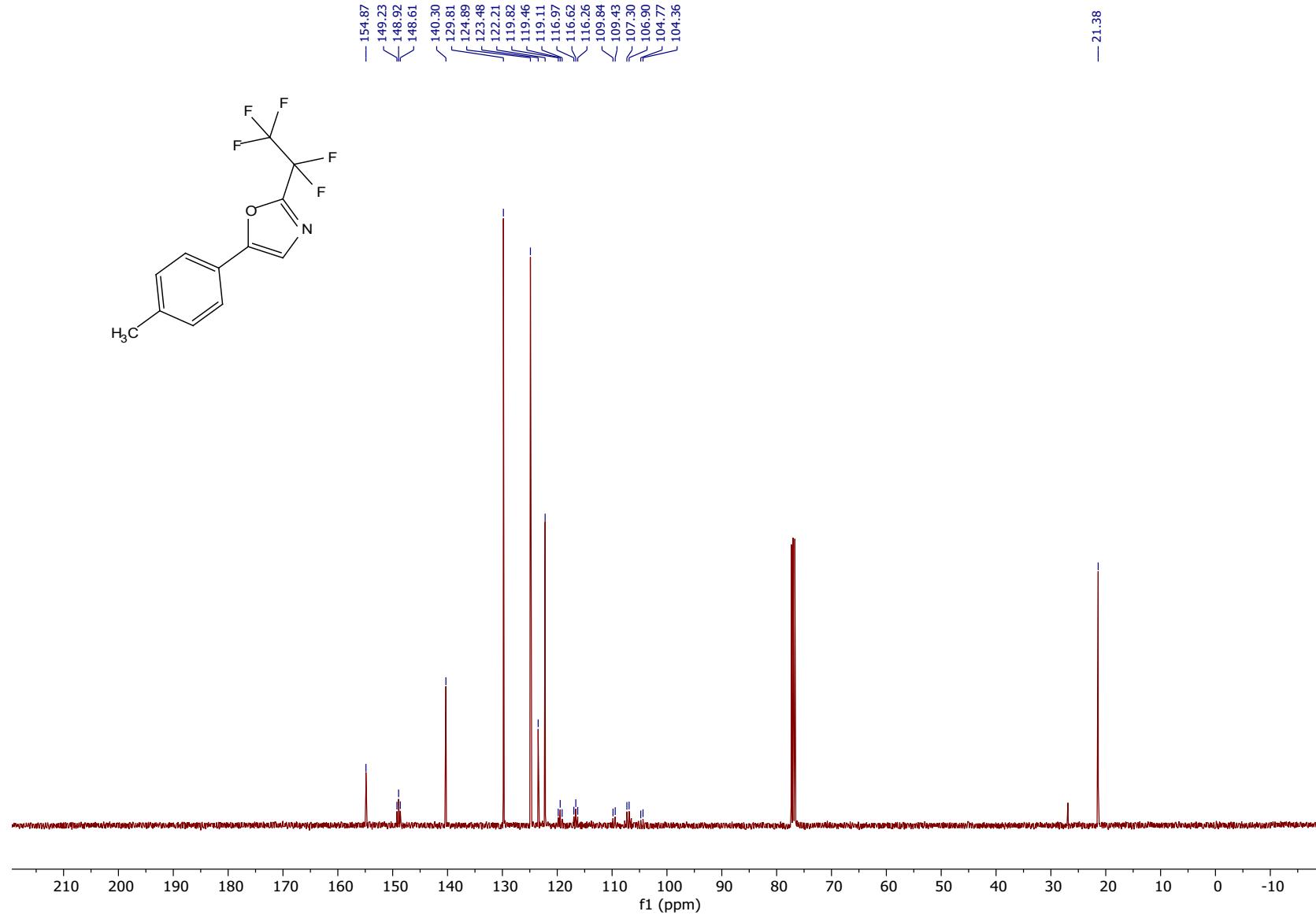


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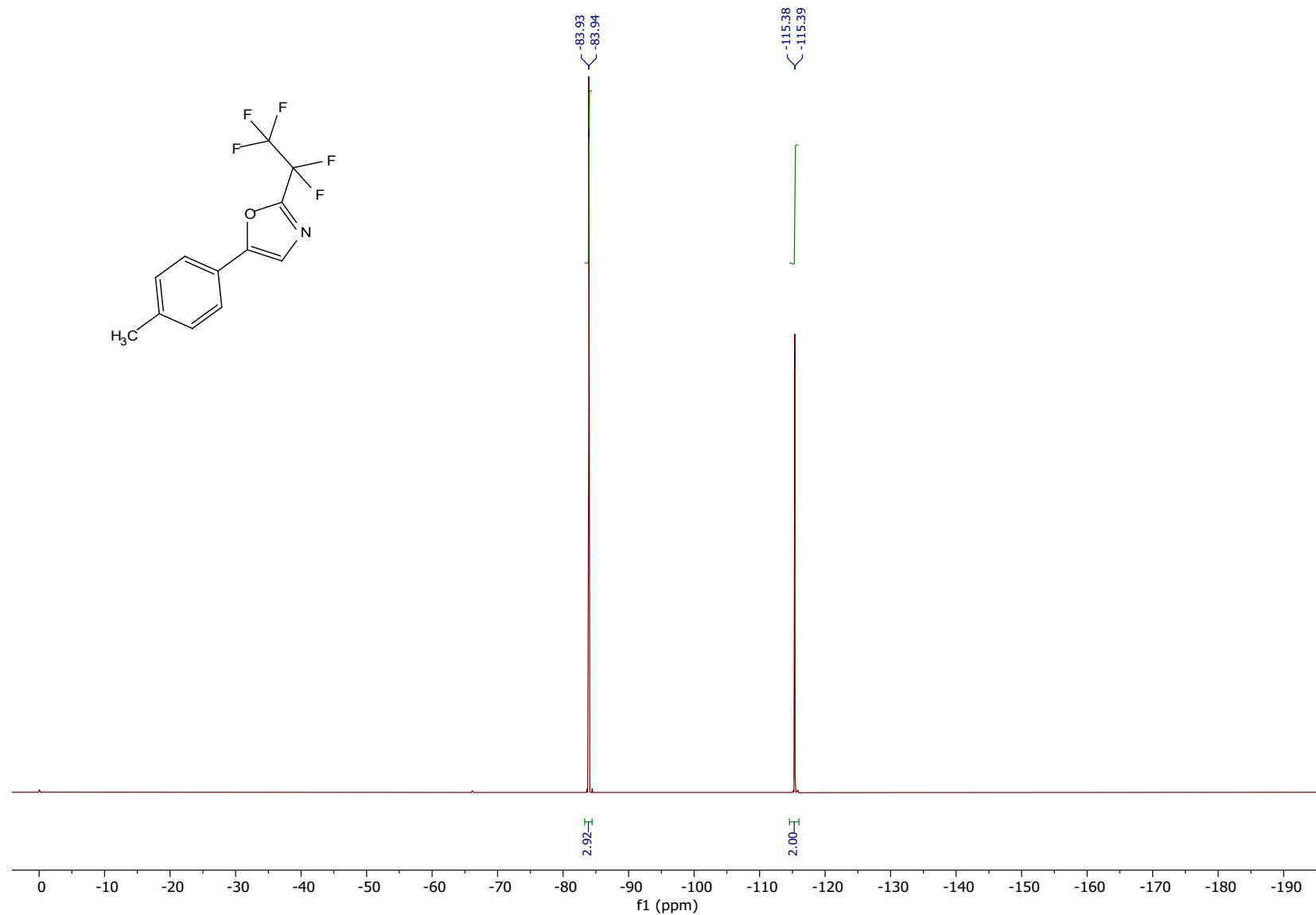
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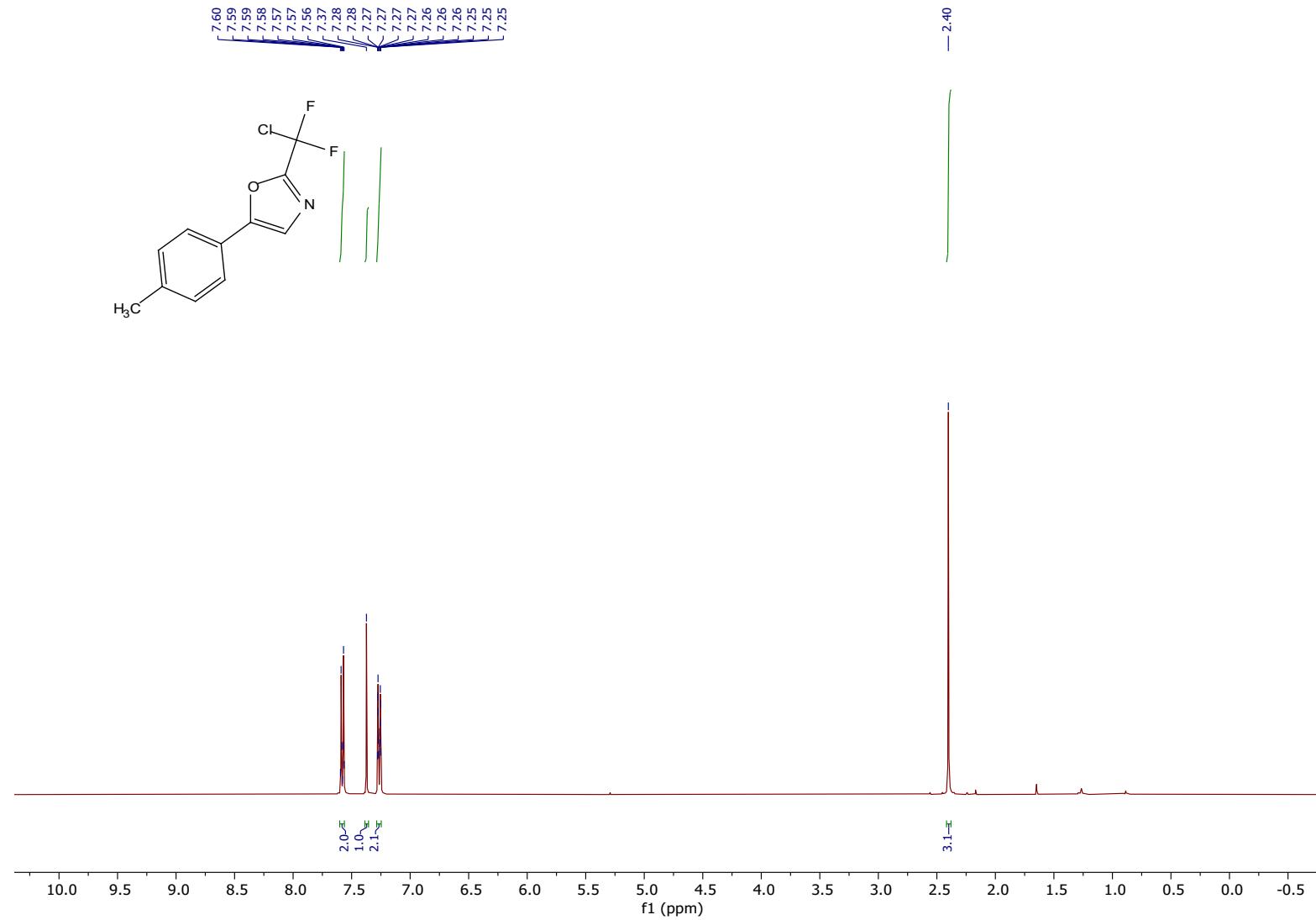


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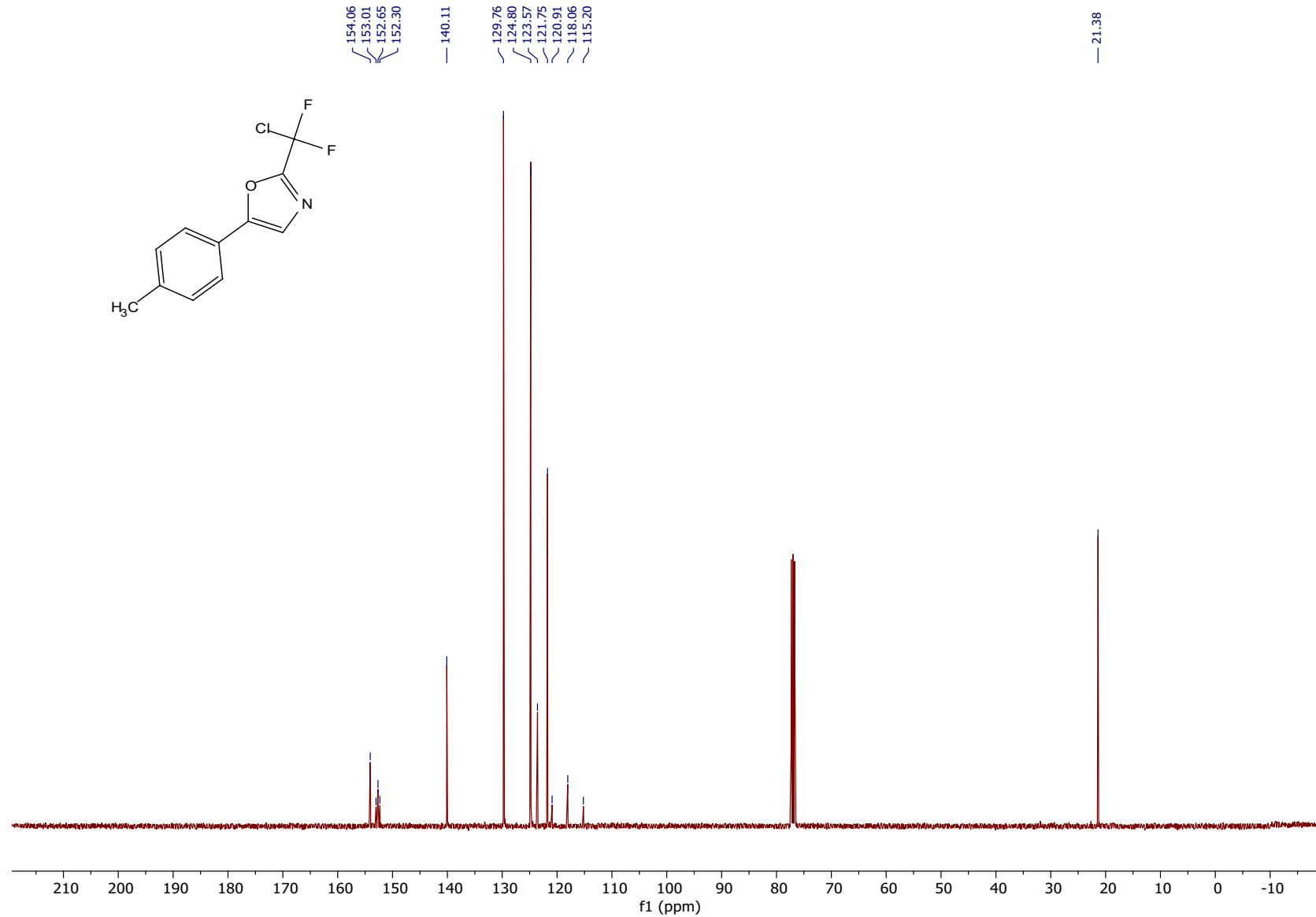


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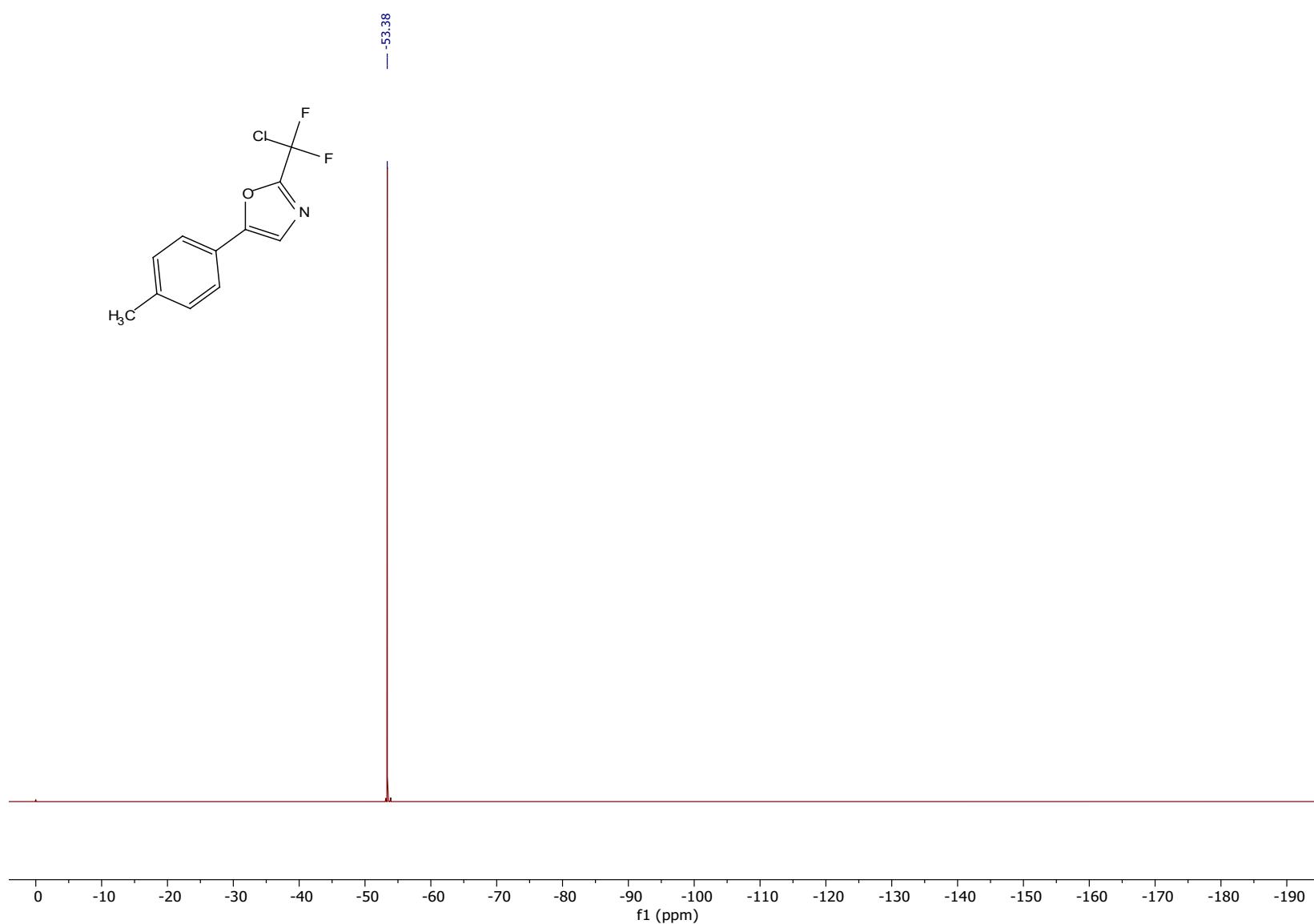
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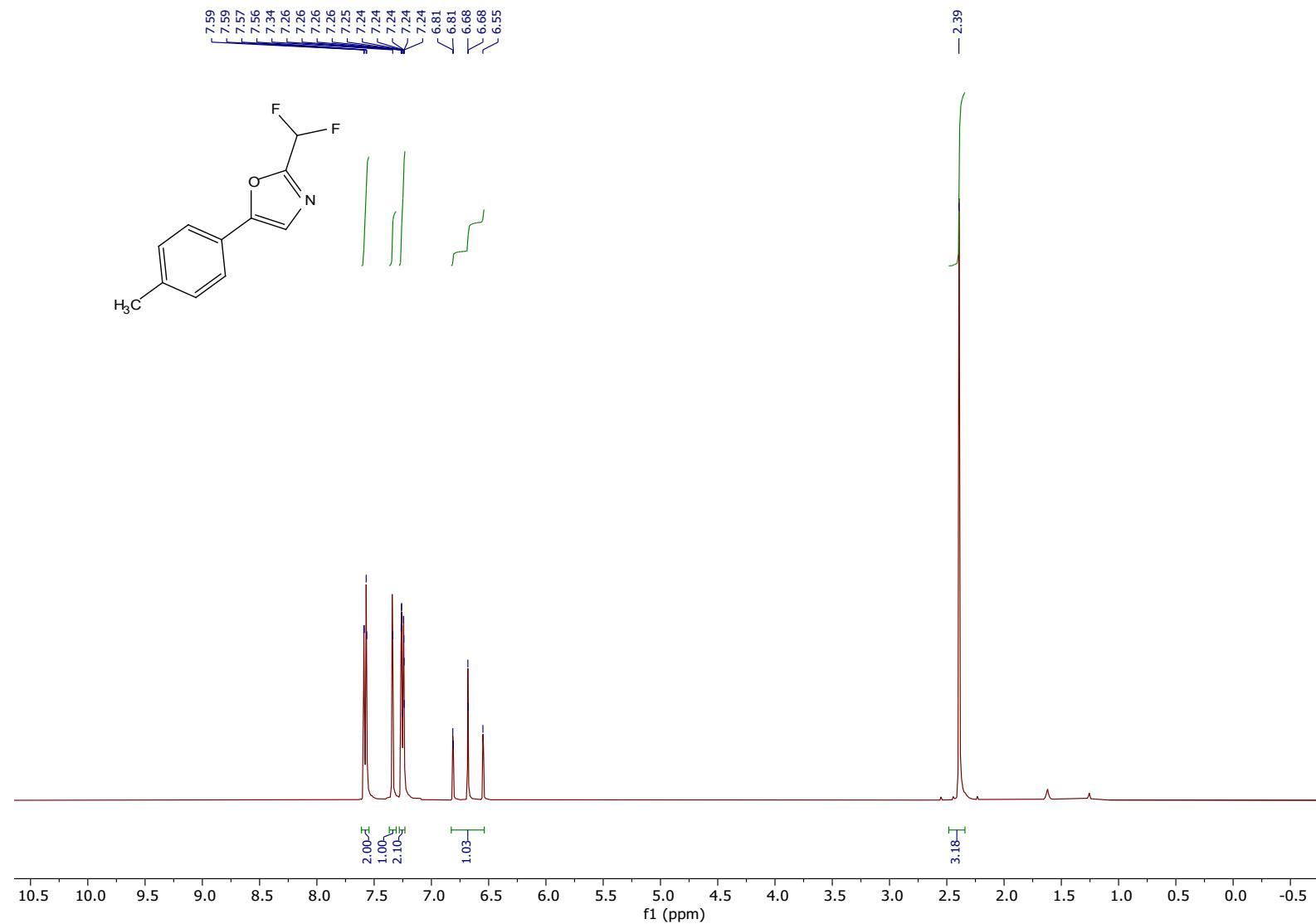


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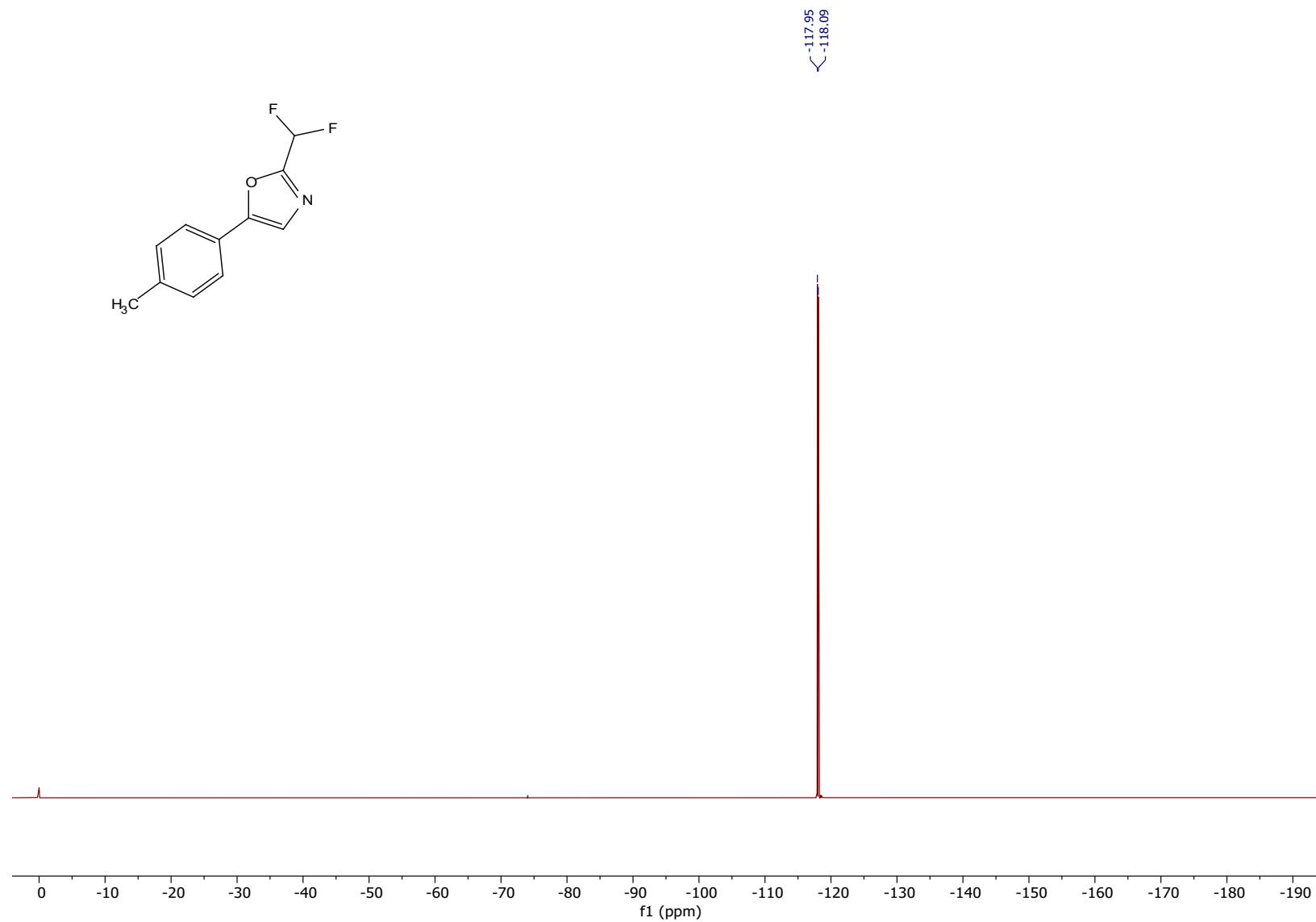


2-(Difluoromethyl)-5-(p-tolyl)oxazole (**3o**)

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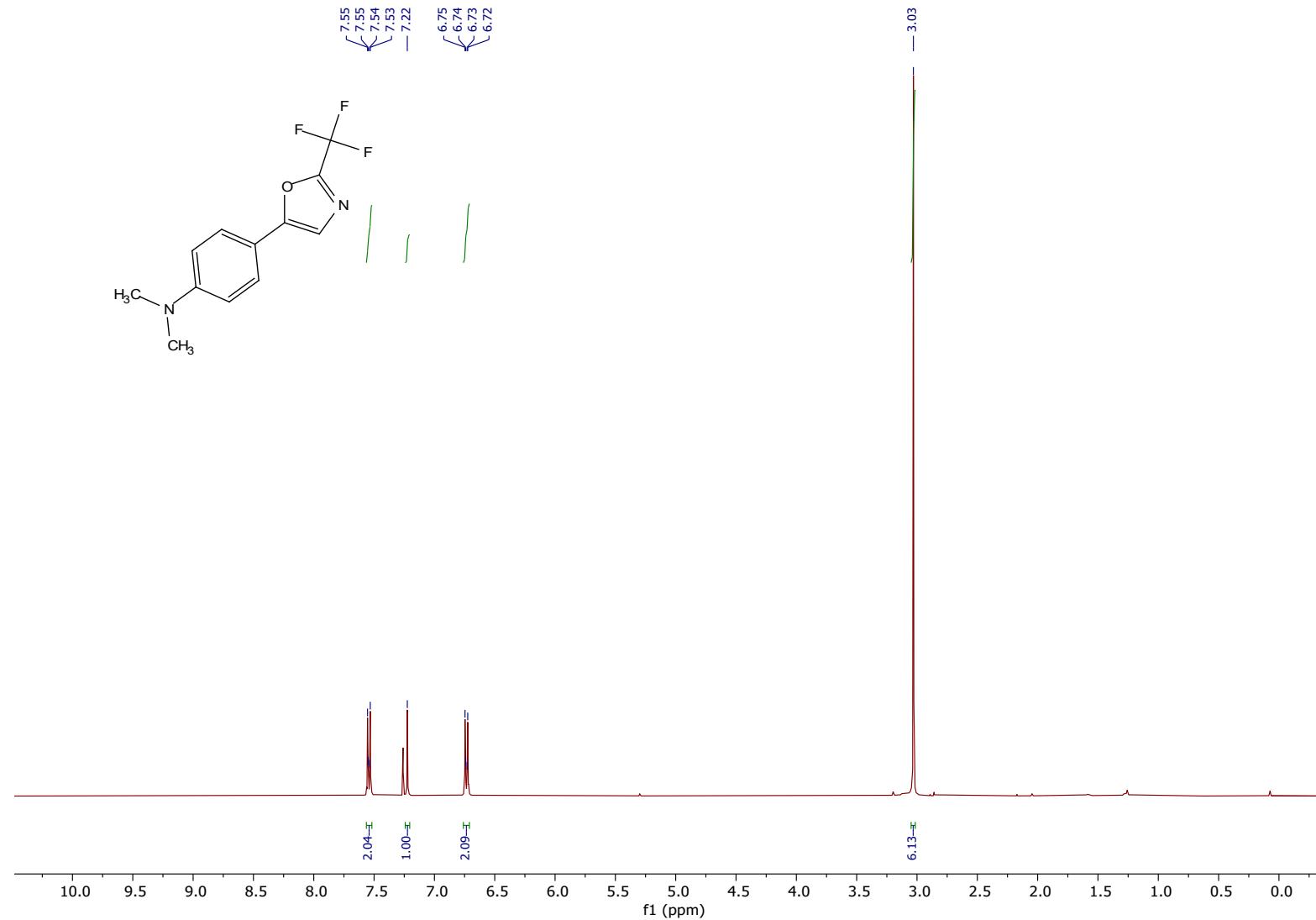


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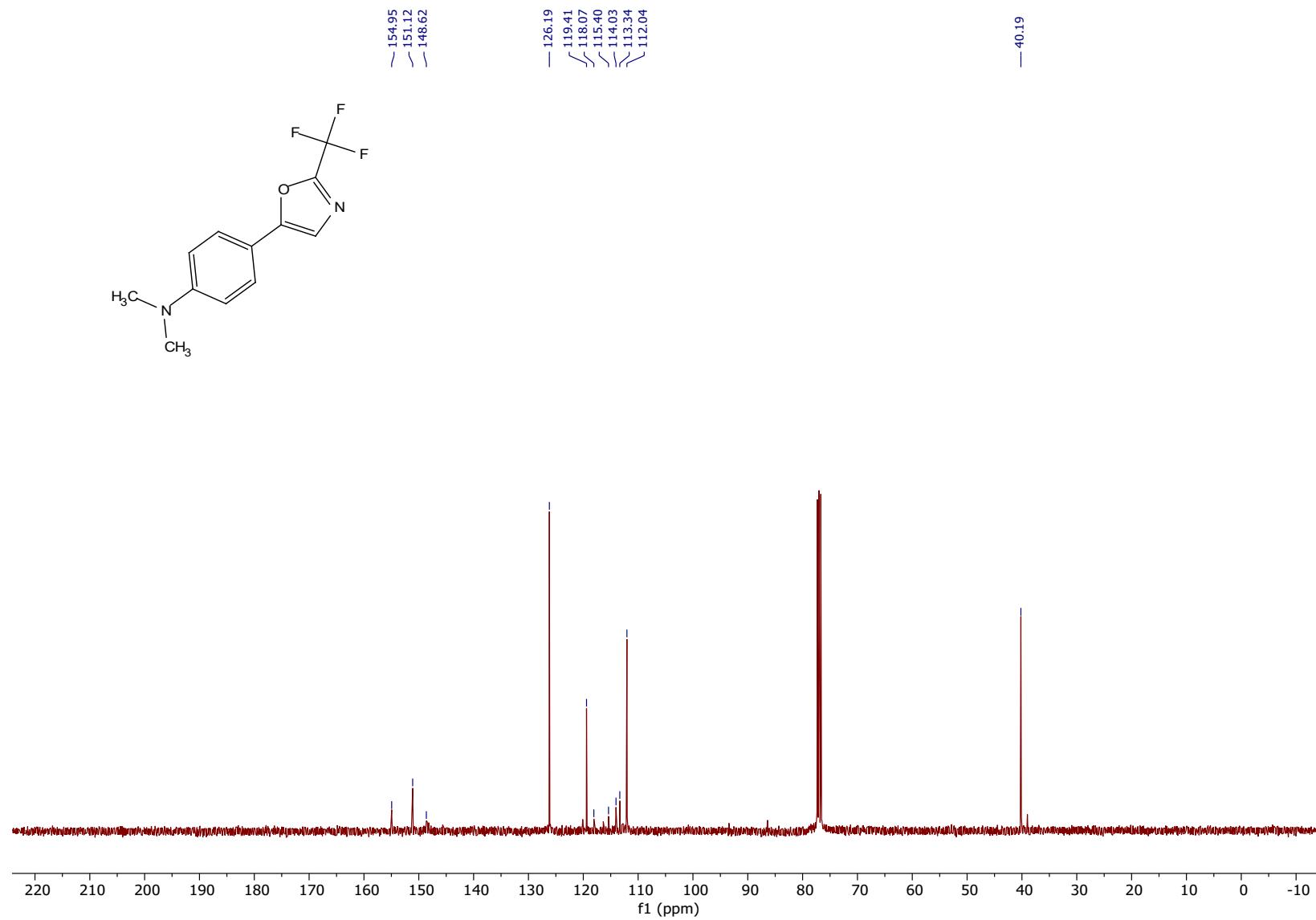


N,N-dimethyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)oxazol-5-yl)aniline (**3p**)

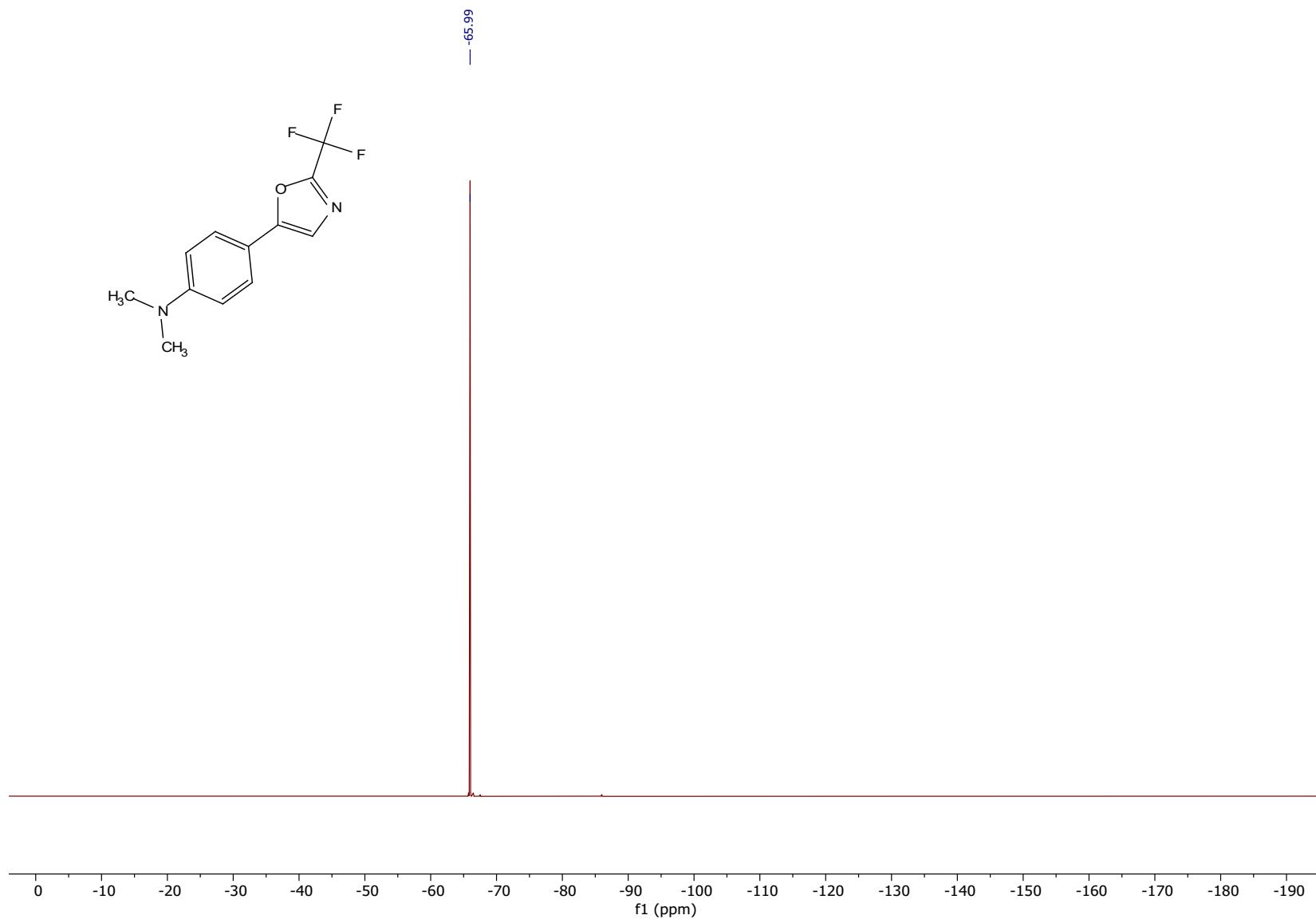
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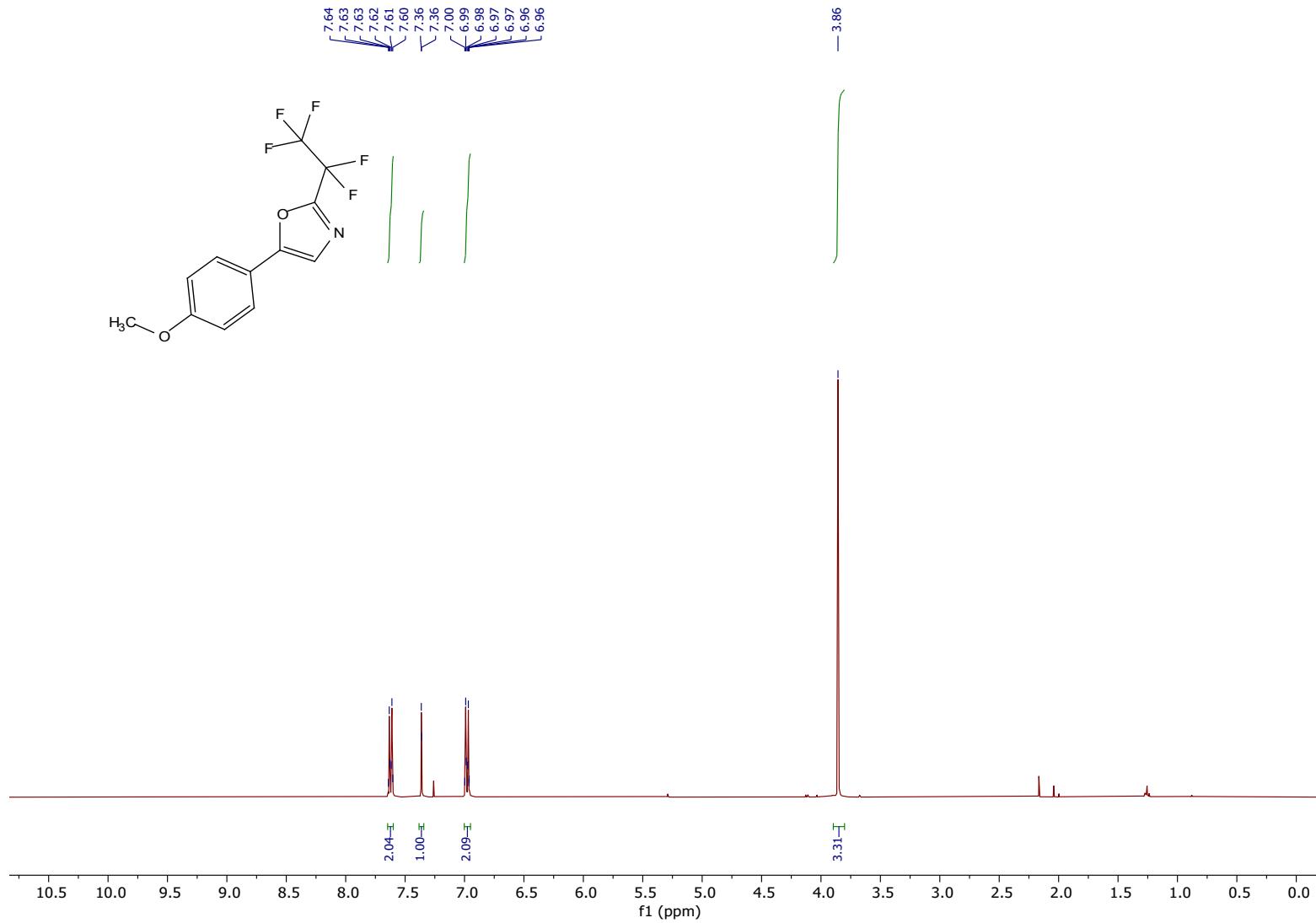


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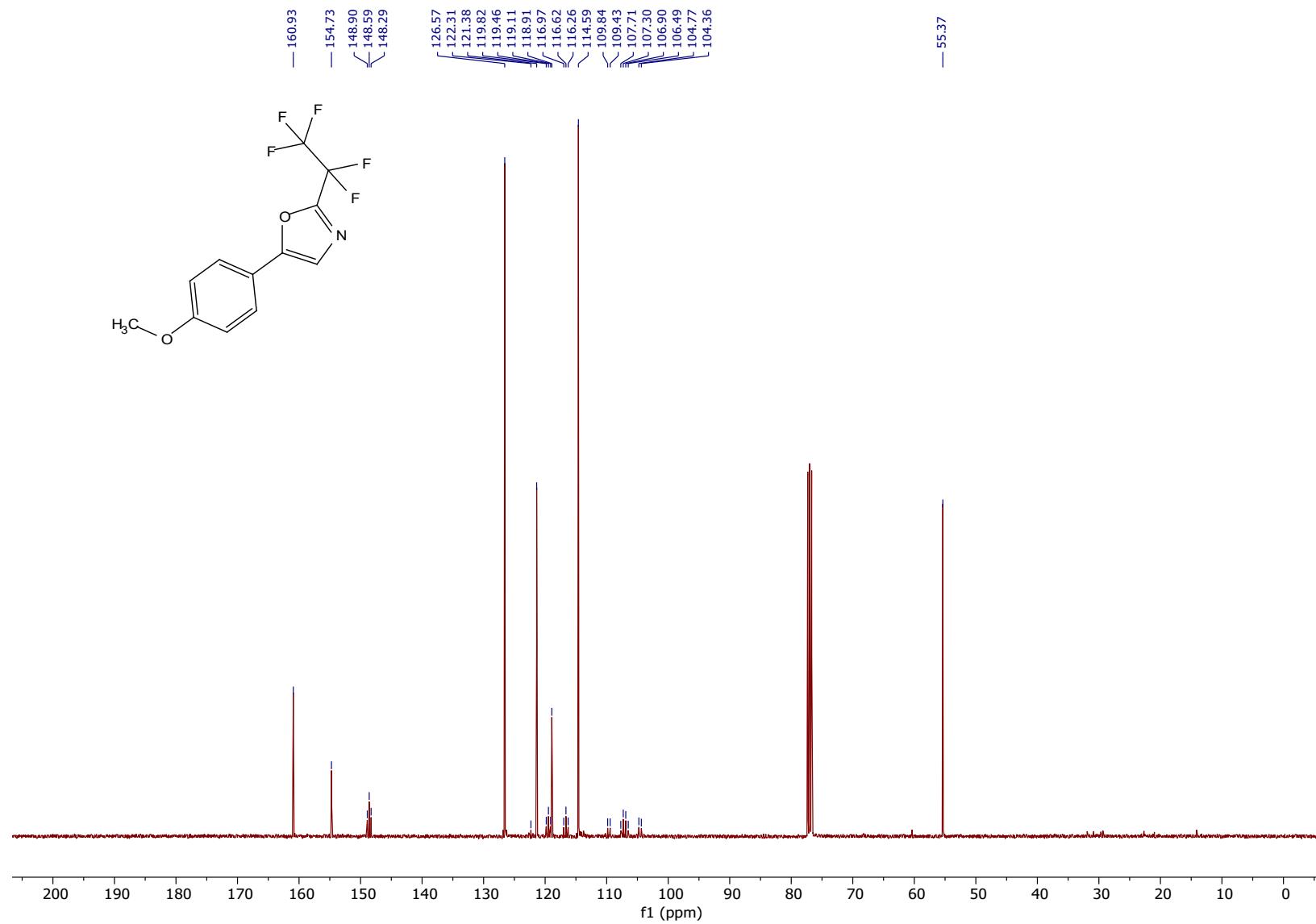


5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(perfluoroethyl)oxazole (**3q**)

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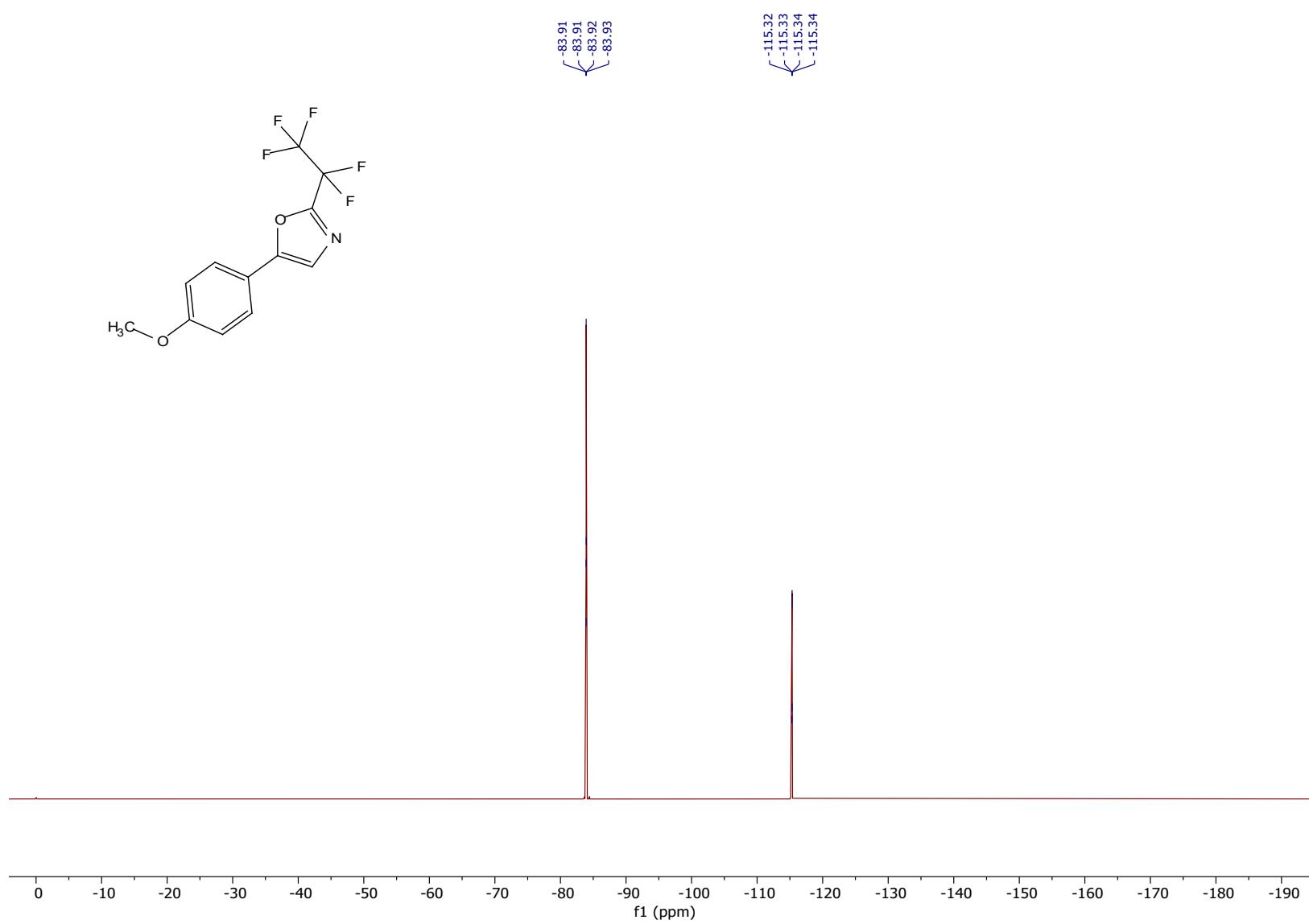
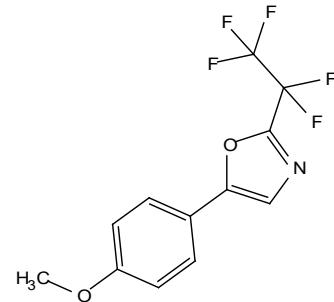


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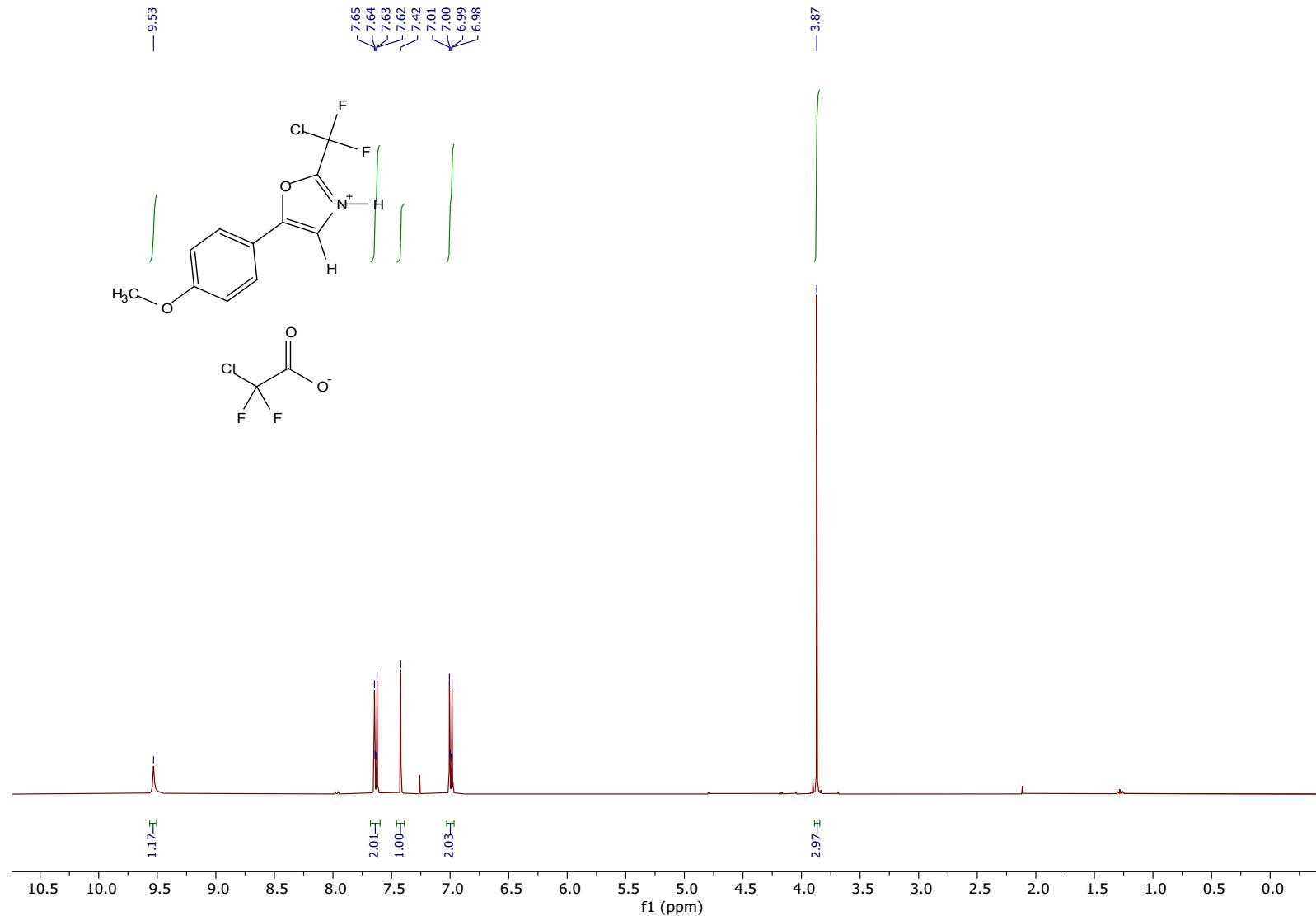
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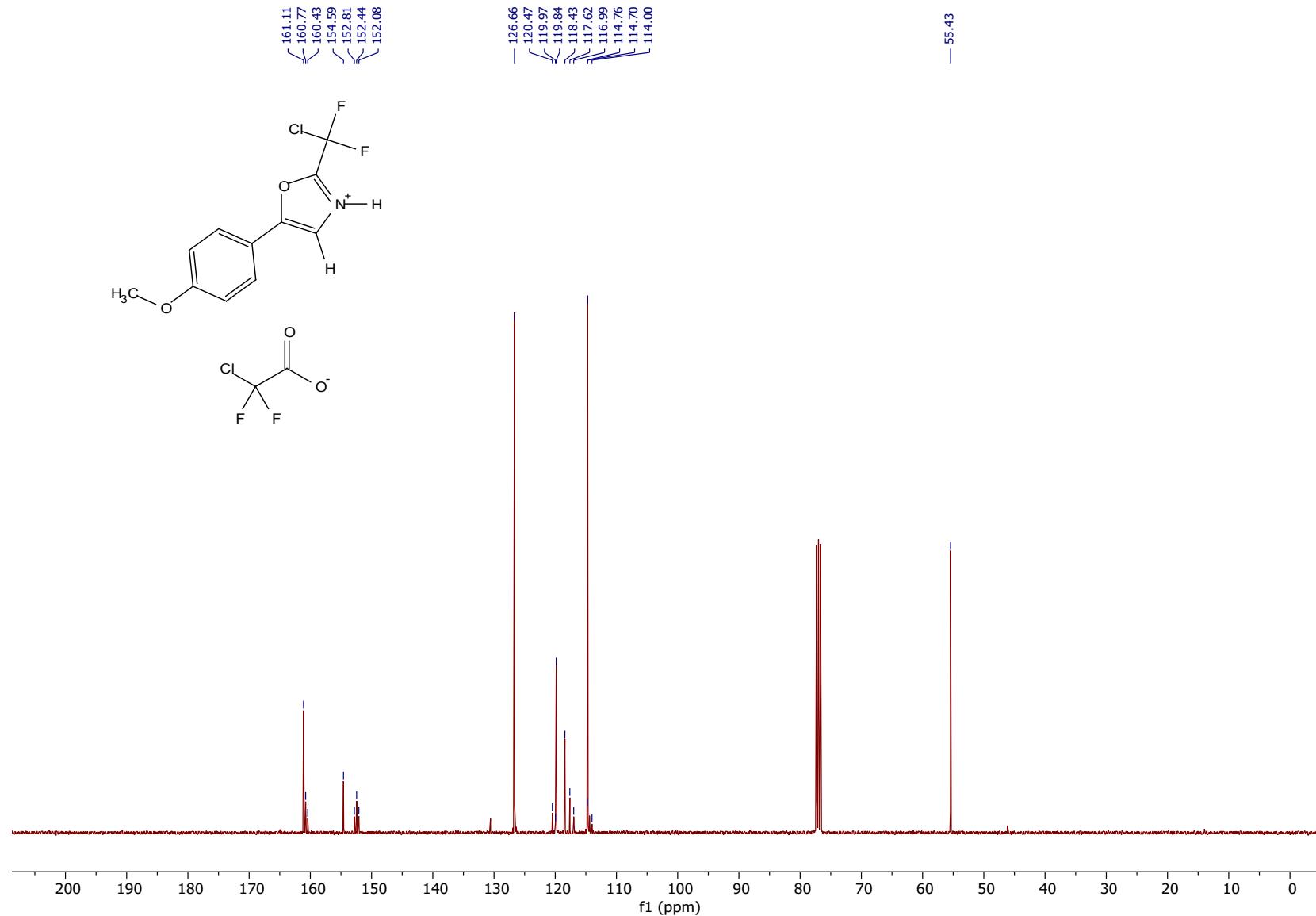


2-(Chlorodifluoromethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-3-ium chlorodifluoroacetate (**3r**)

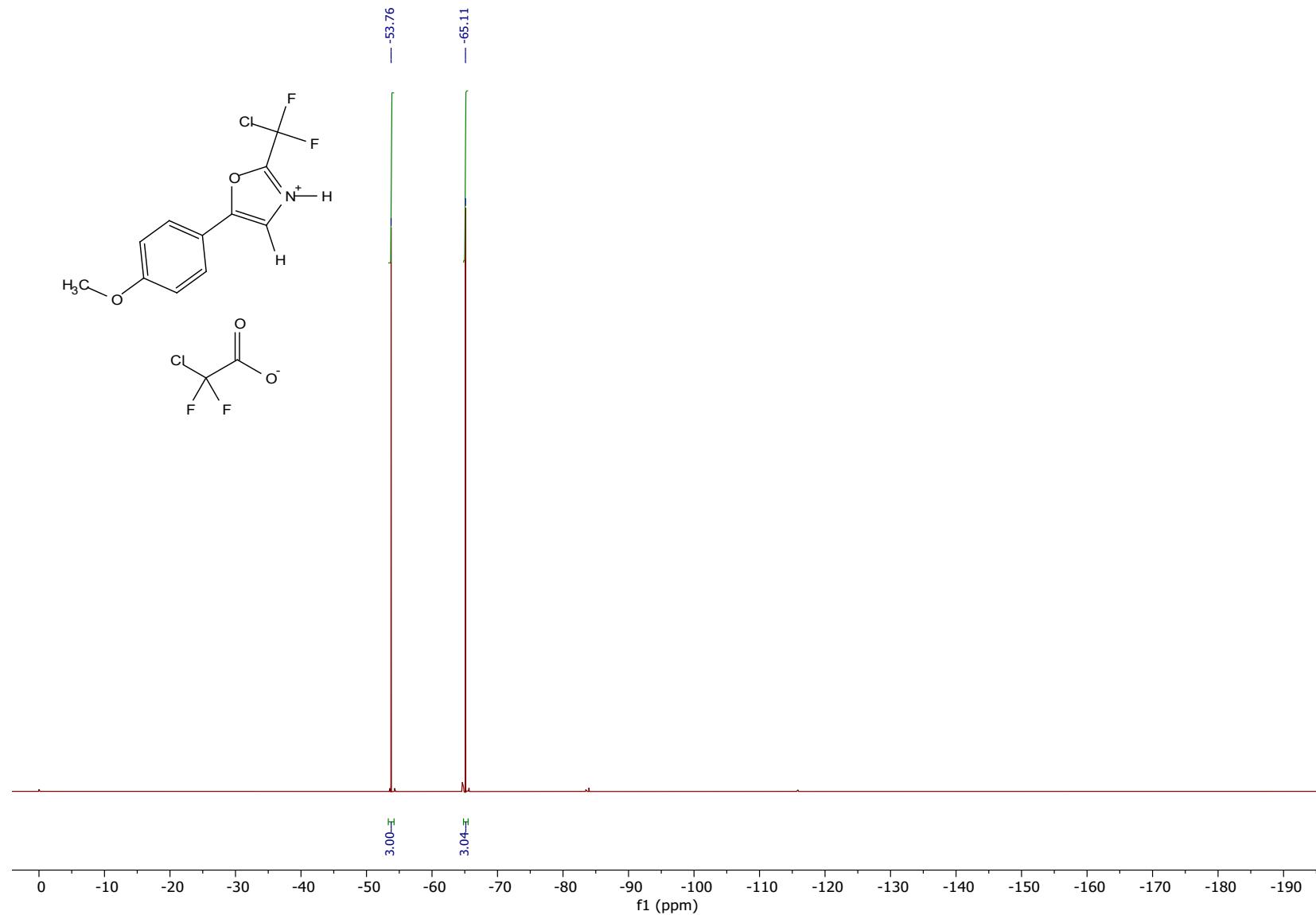
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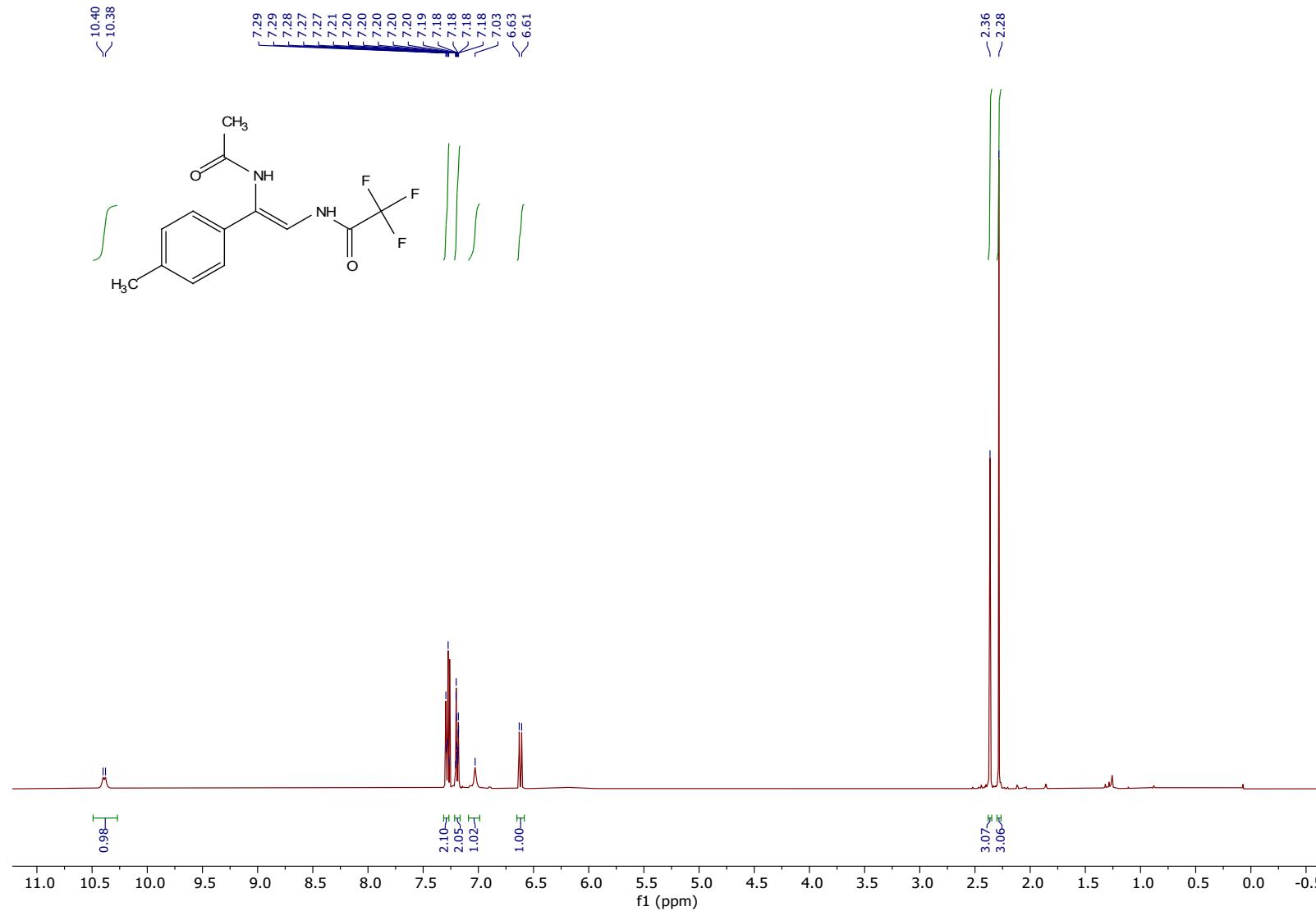


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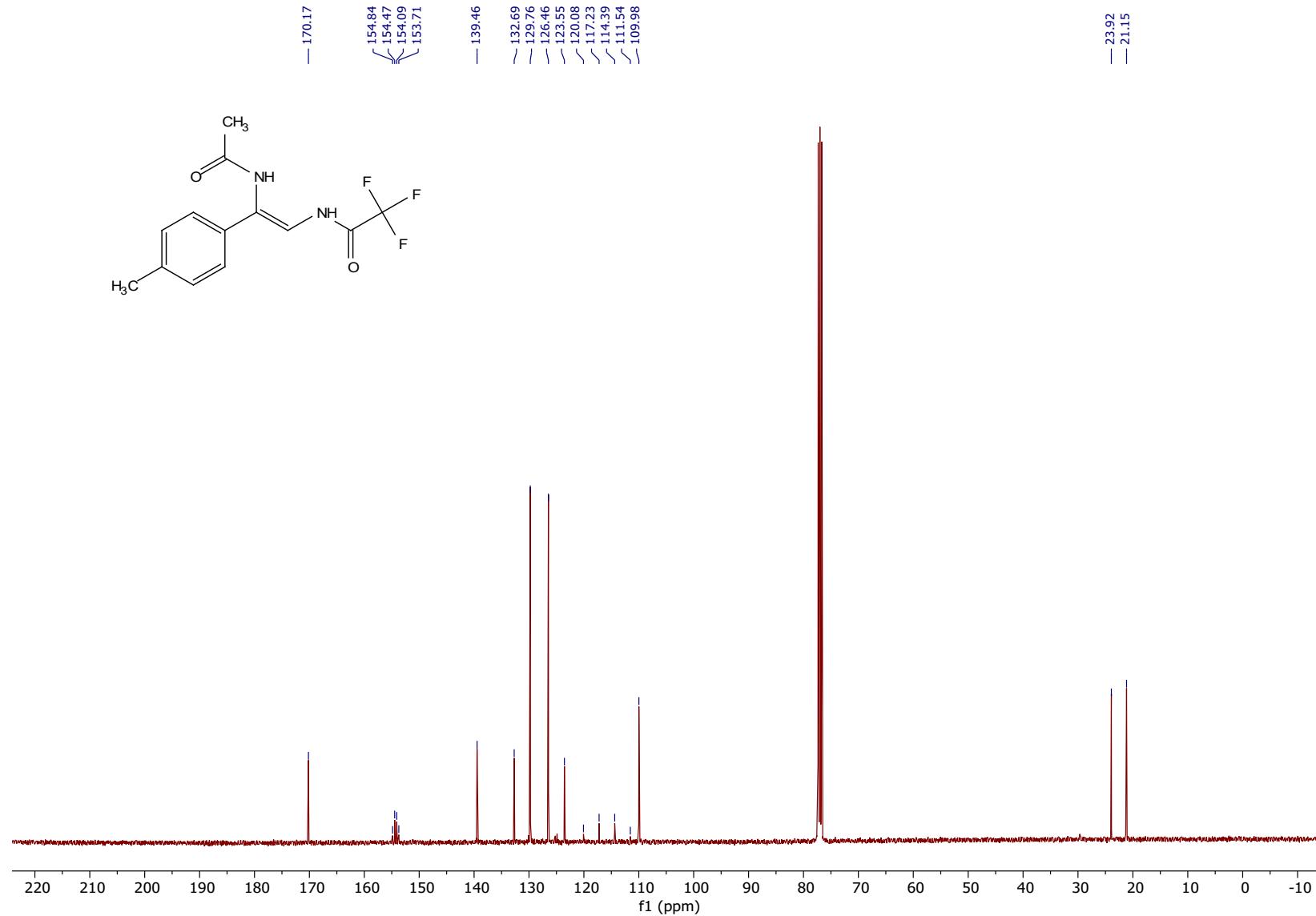


(Z)-N-(2-Acetamido-2-(p-tolyl)vinyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**4a**)

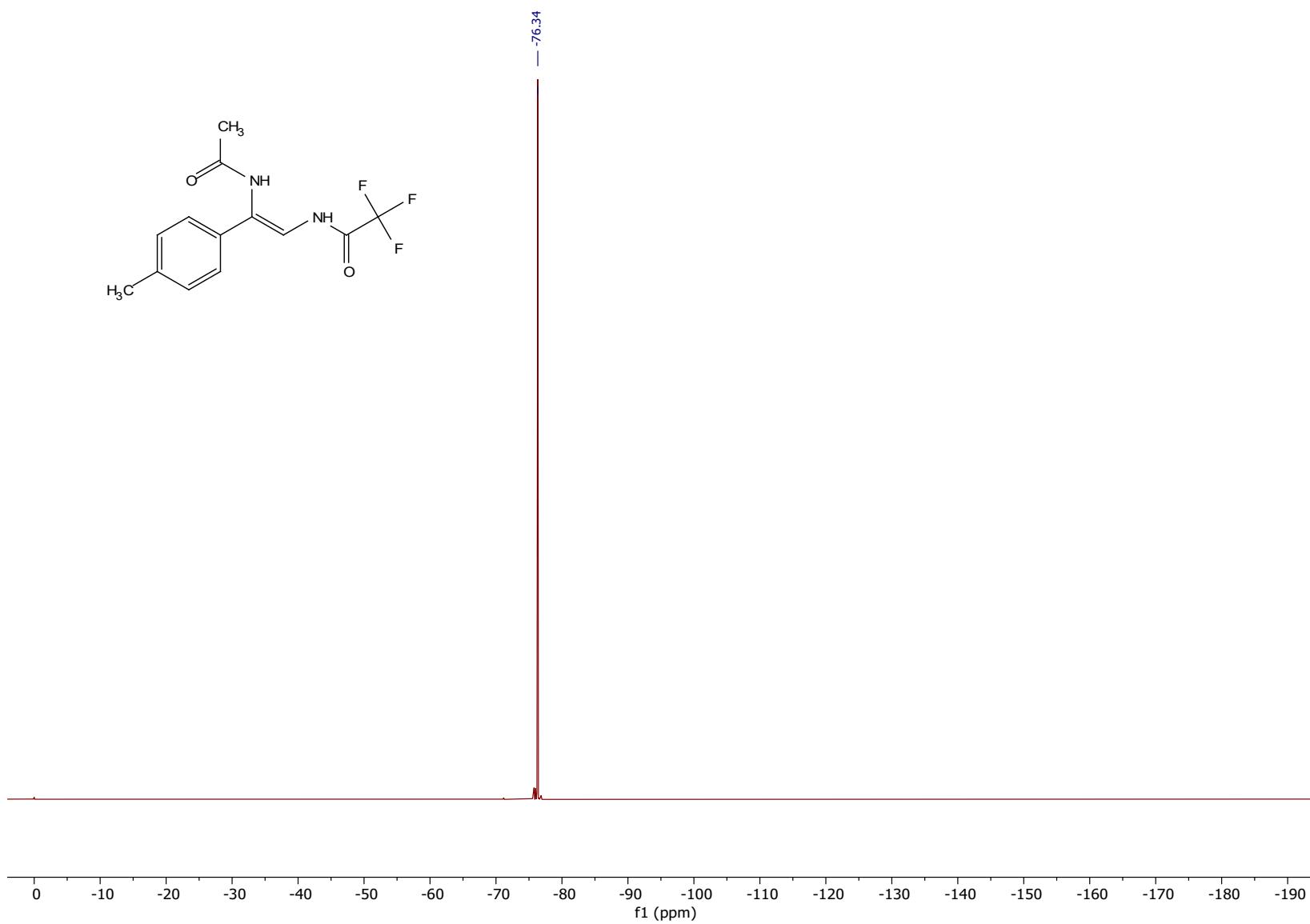
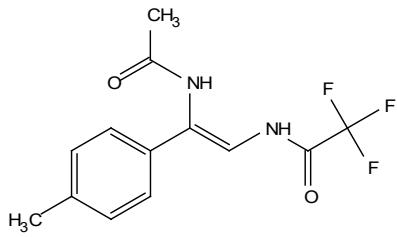
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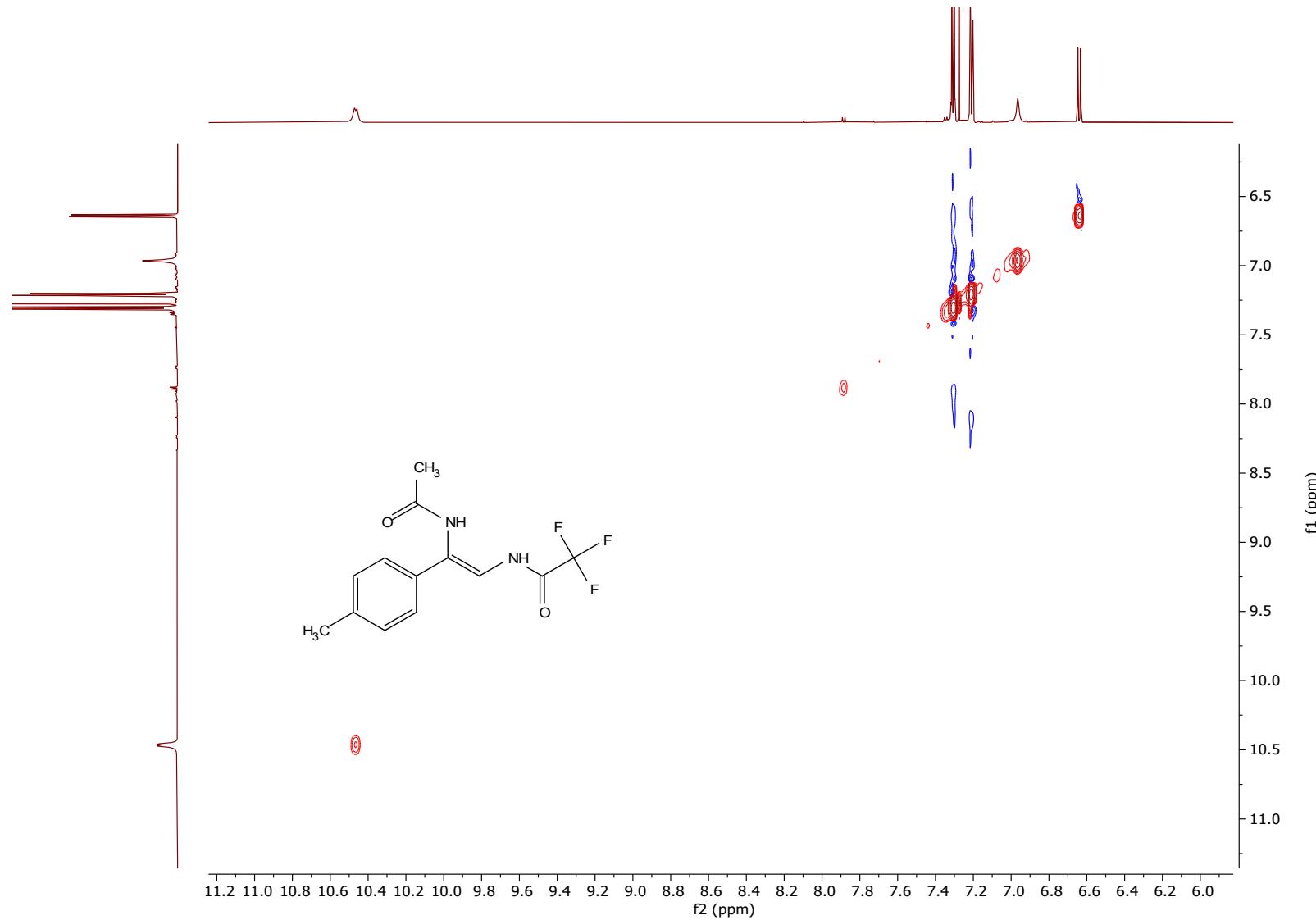
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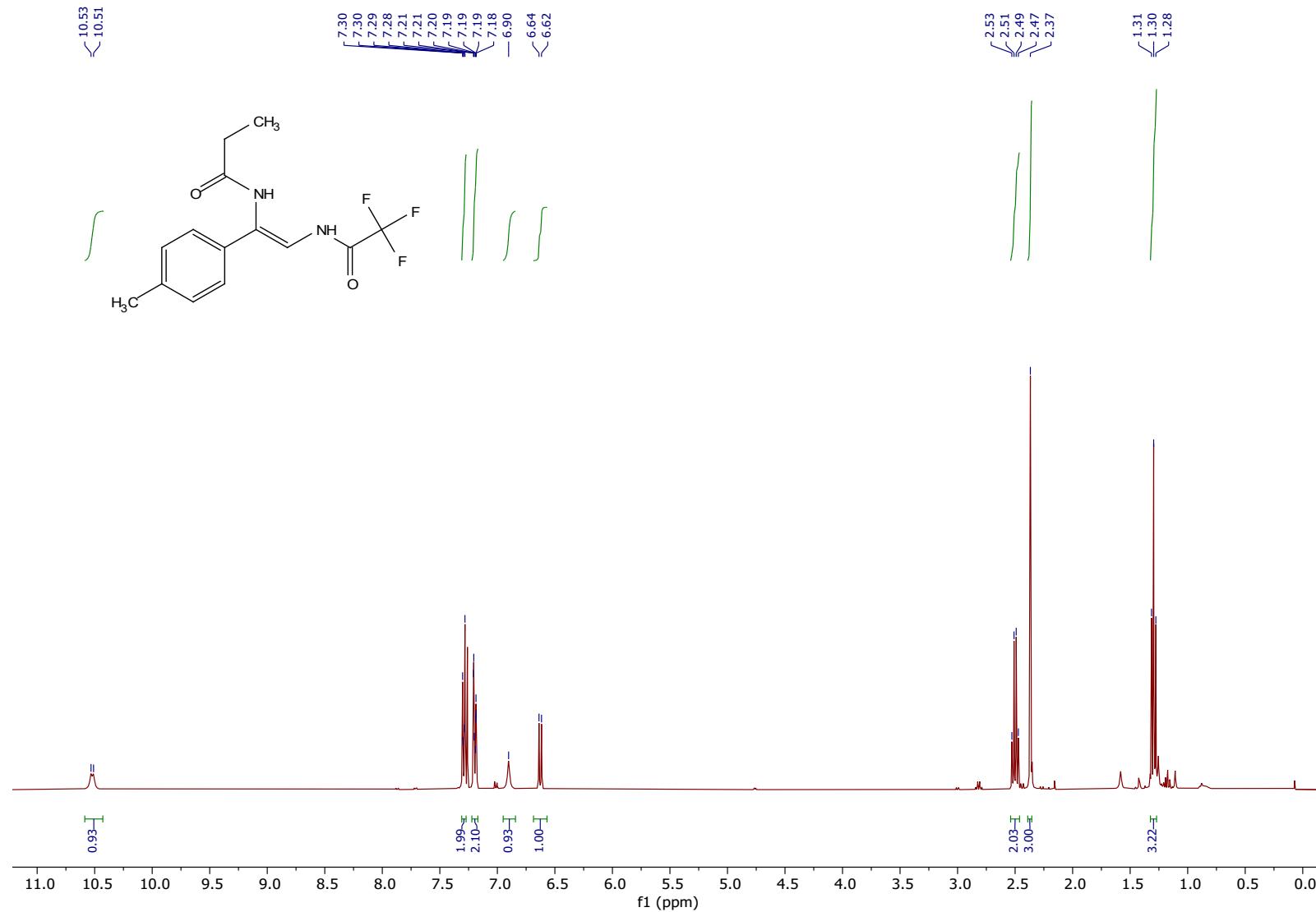


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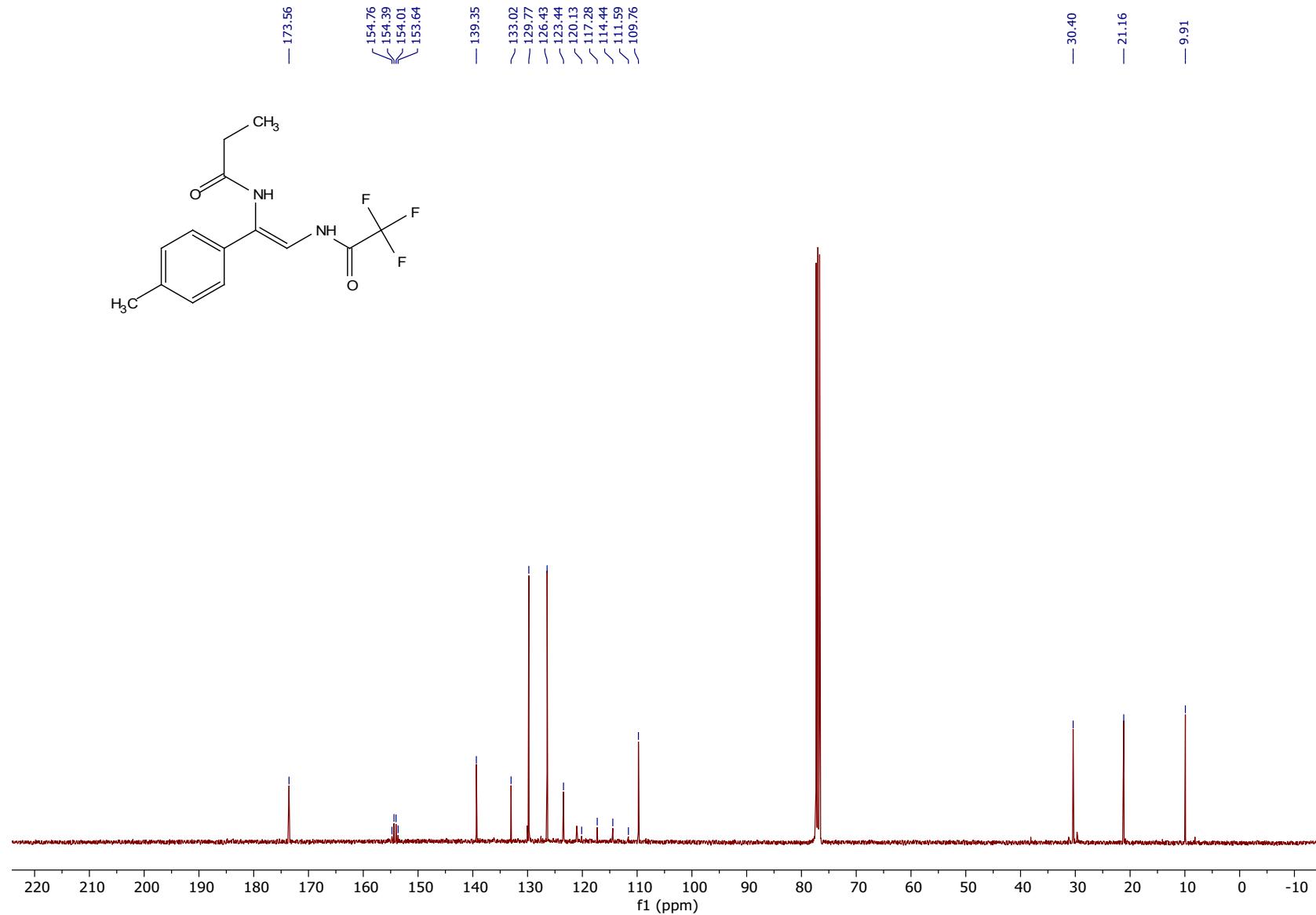


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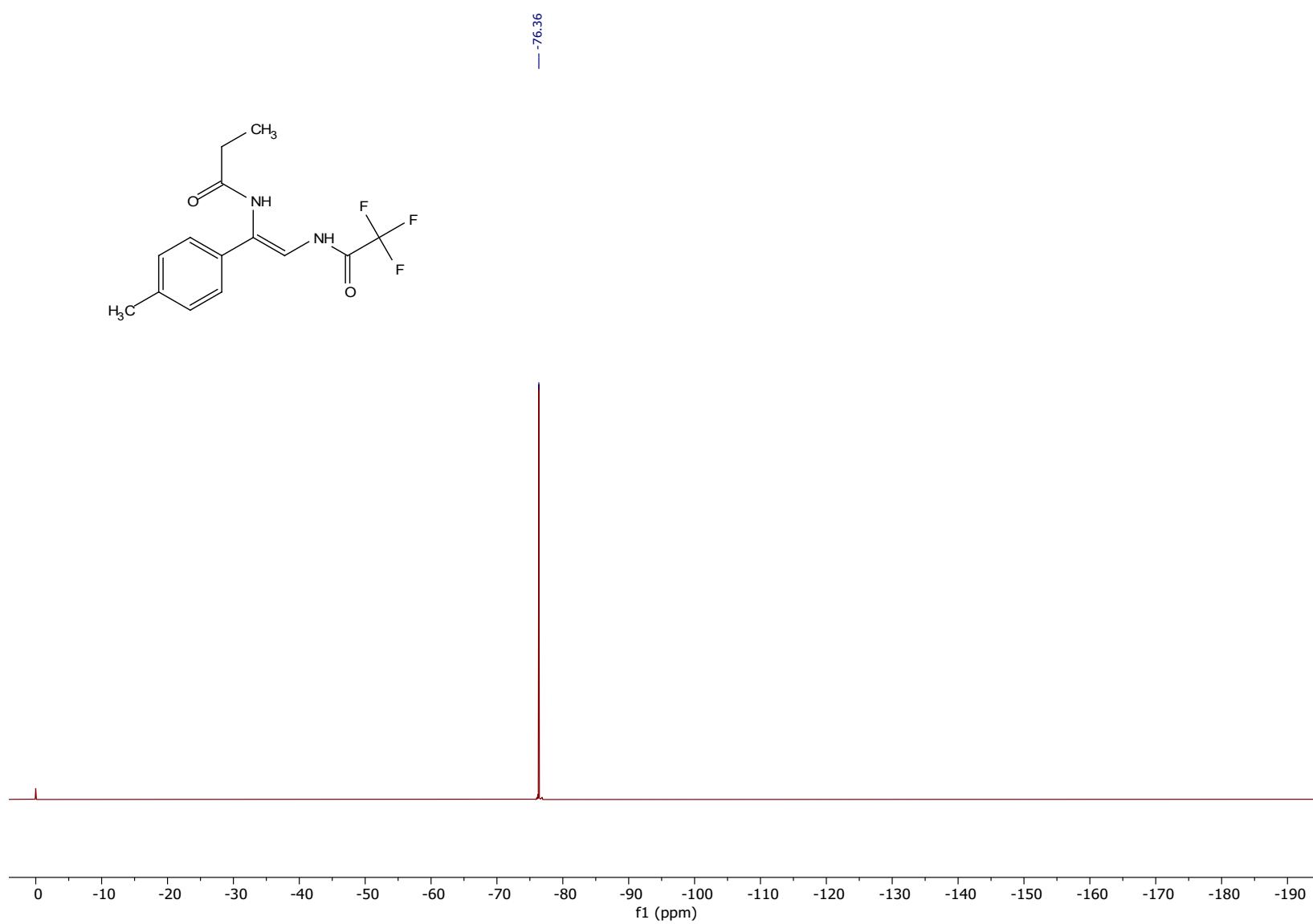
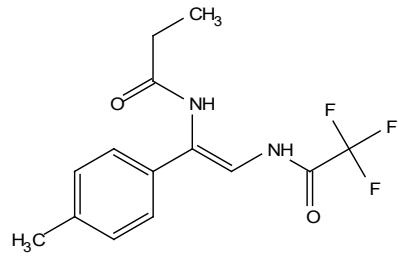
¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



¹⁹F NMR



¹H-¹H NOESY NMR

