

Electronic Supplementary Information

Synthesis of trifluoromethyl cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl and aryl compounds via stepwise Robinson annulation

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1. General experimental methods:

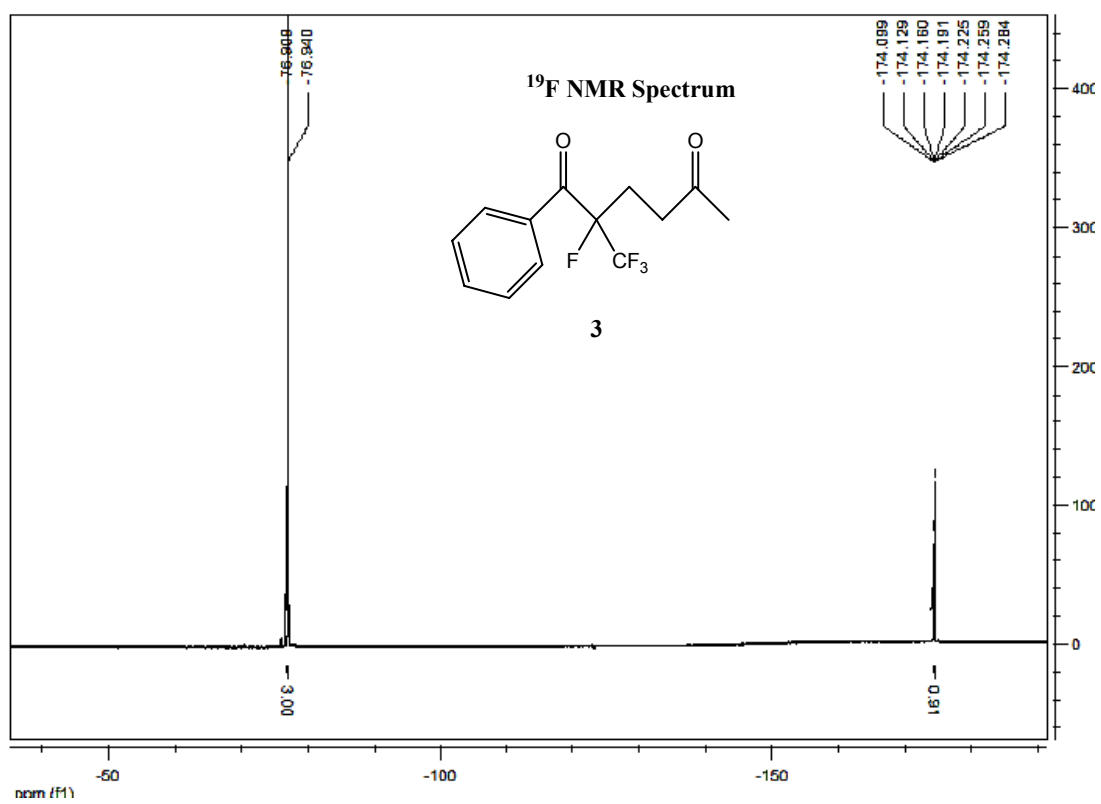
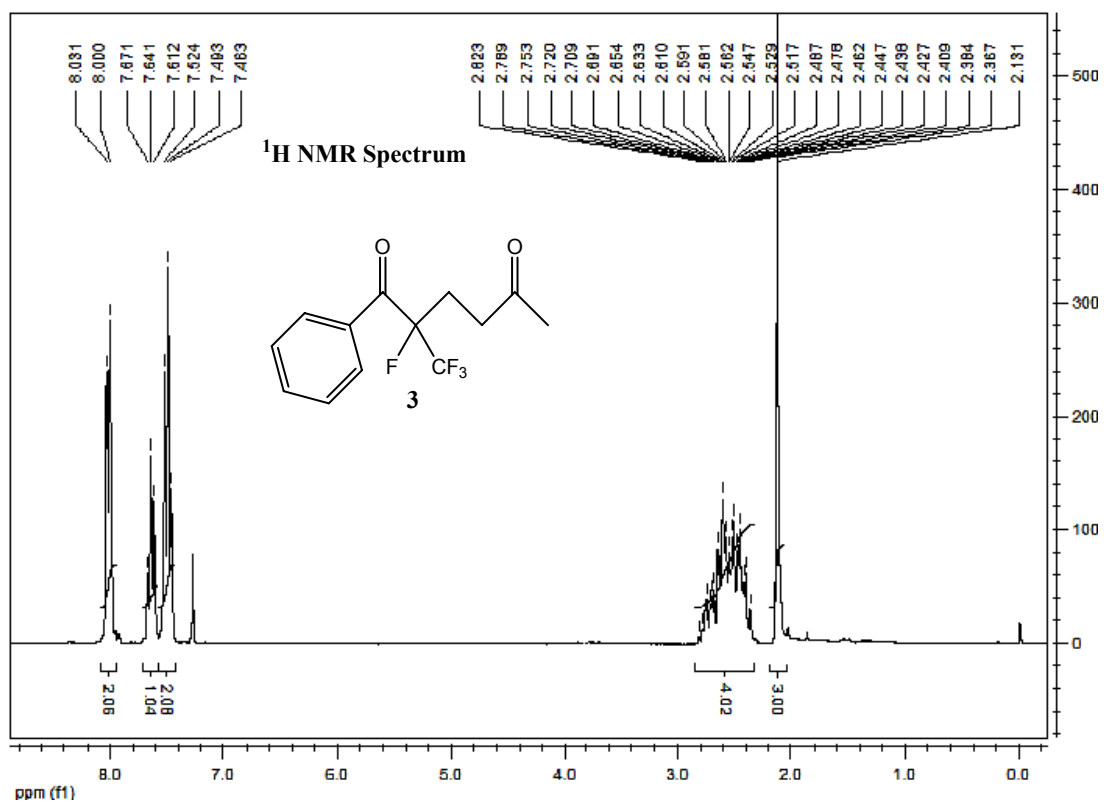
Except noted otherwise, reagents and starting materials were obtained from common commercial sources and used as received. Pentafluoroethyltrimethylsilane was distilled (b.p. 60-70 °C) before used. Cesium fluoride was activated before use by heating under reduce pressure during overnight. THF was distilled from sodium-benzophenone. CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from CaH₂. Methanol (HPLC grade) was used without further purification.

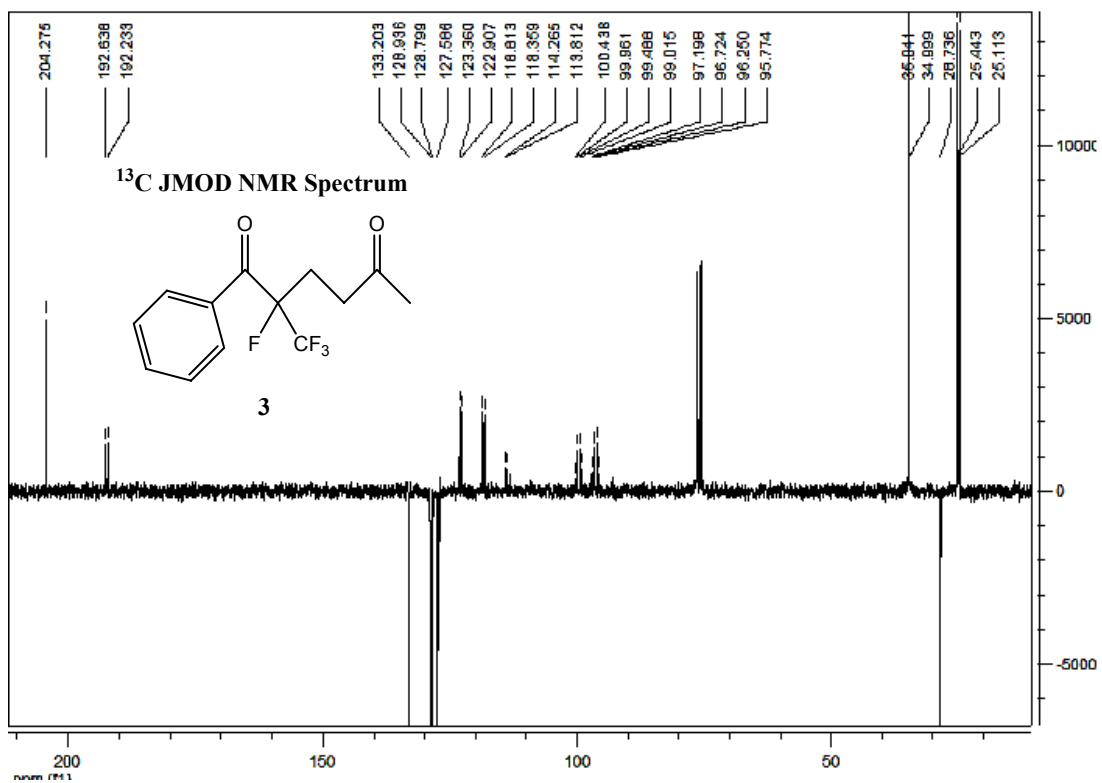
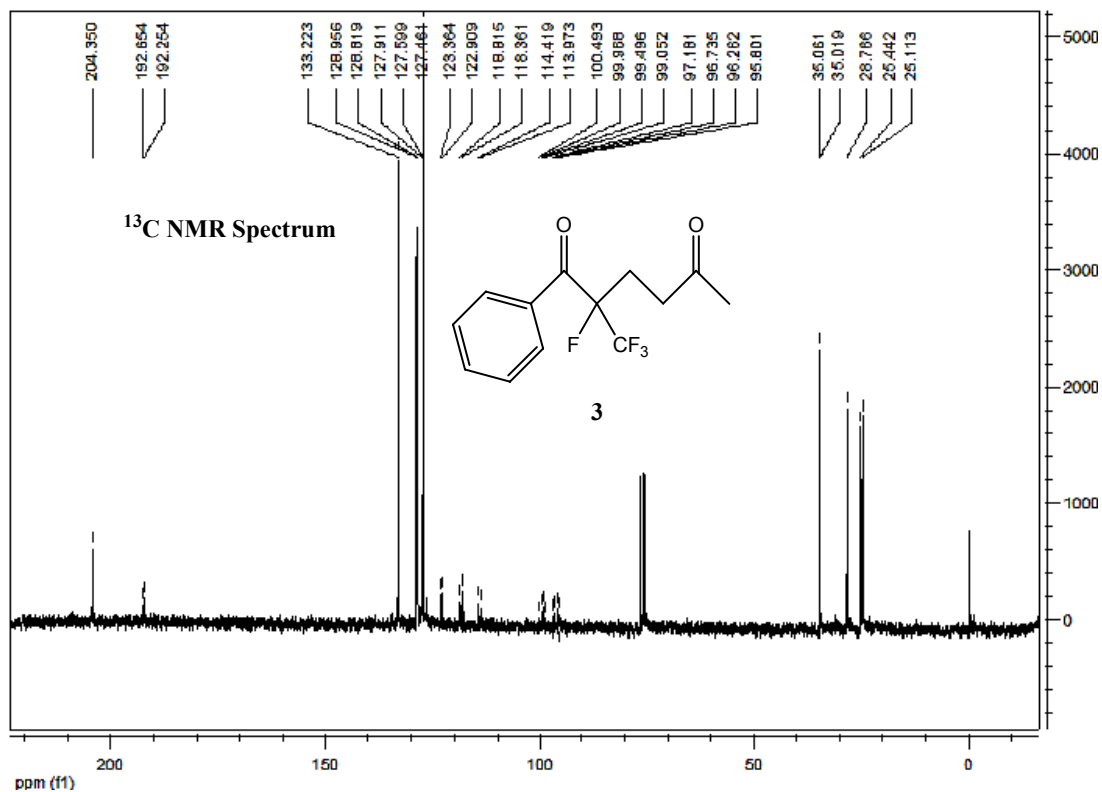
Thin-layer chromatography using precoated aluminium backed plates (Merck Kieselgel 60F254) were visualized by UV light and by an alcoholic solution of phosphomolybdic acid or an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate. Preparative centrifugal thin-layer chromatography were carried out on a Chromatotron, Model 7924T (Harrison Research, Palo Alto, CA, U.S.A.). The rotors were coated with silica gel 60 PF₂₅₄ containing gypsum, the layer thickness was 1, 2 or 4 mm, depending on the amount of product to purify. Melting points (mp) were determined on a Stuart SMP3 Melting Point Model and were uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a AC 250 Bruker spectrometer in CDCl₃, at frequencies of 250 MHz for ¹H, 235.3 MHz for ¹⁹F and 62.9 MHz for ¹³C NMR. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra and to CFCl₃ for ¹⁹F NMR spectra. Coupling constant (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). In the ¹³C NMR data, reported signal multiplicities are related to C-F coupling. Except noted otherwise, ¹⁹F NMR spectra are not decoupled ¹H. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicities: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet). HRMS were recorded on a Micromass ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer using an electrospray source in negative mode (ESI⁻) or on a Micromass EI-GCT mass spectrometer using an electronic impact source (EI⁺). Elemental analysis were performed on a Thermo-Electron Flash EA 1112 Series apparatus and analyses fell within ± 0.4 % of the calculated values.

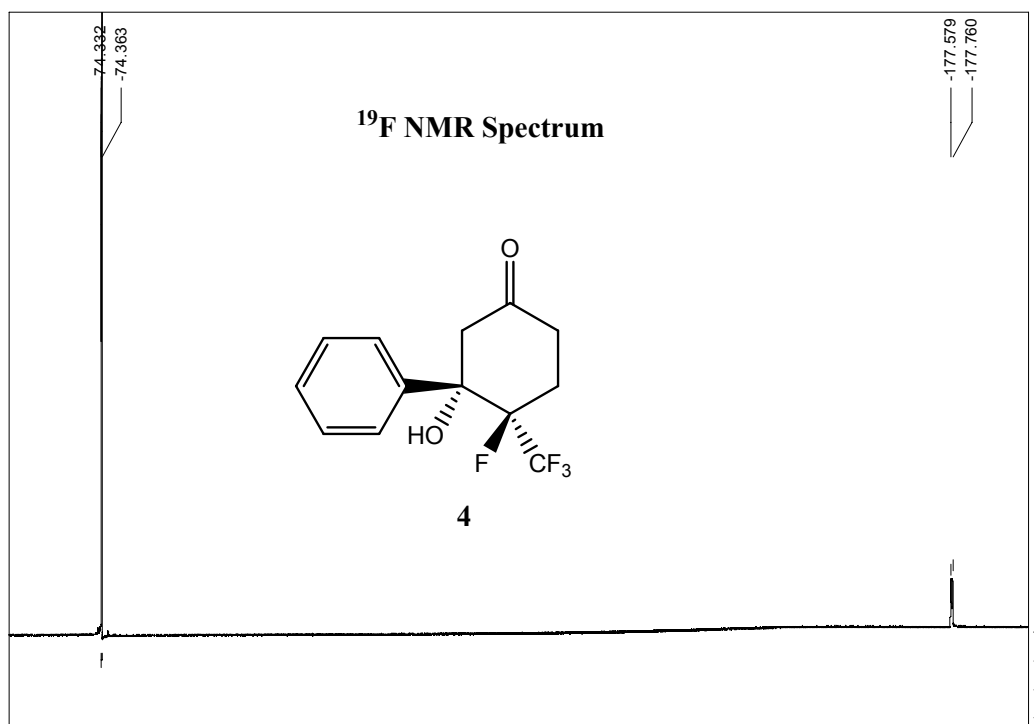
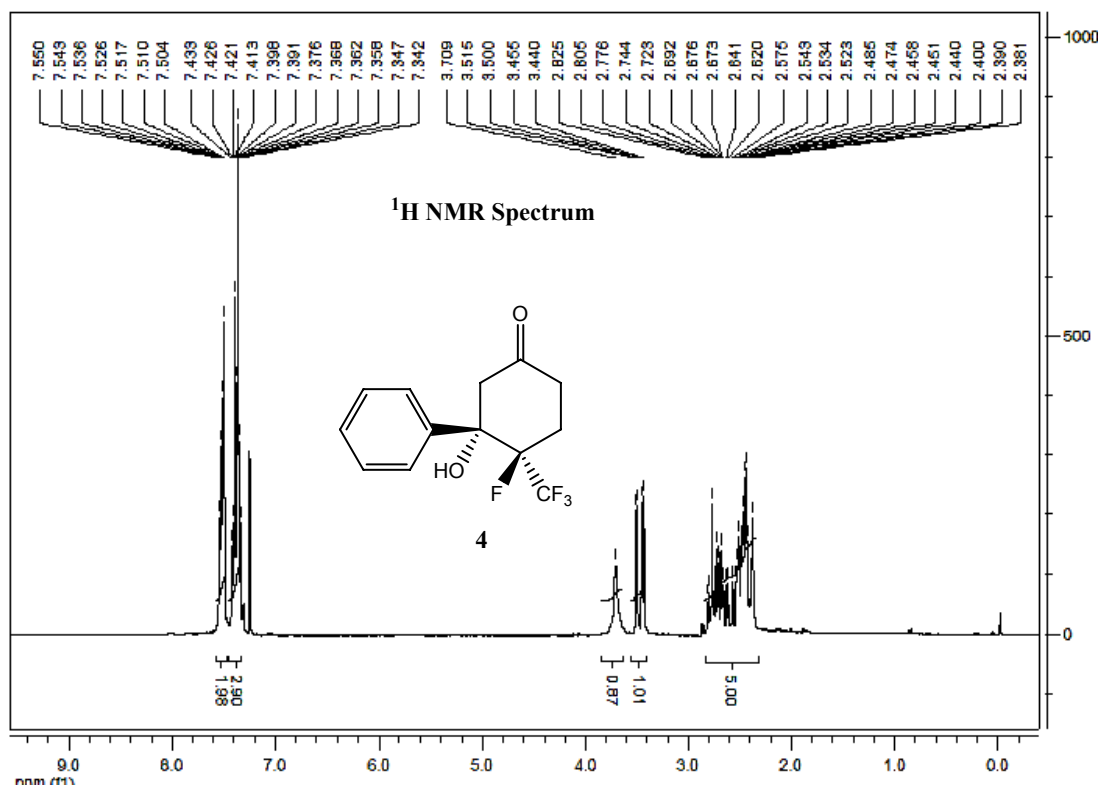
1-Phenyl-2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-trimethylsilyloxypropene **2** was prepared according to the method described by Uneyama and al.¹ Others reagents and solvents were obtained from common commercial sources and used as received.

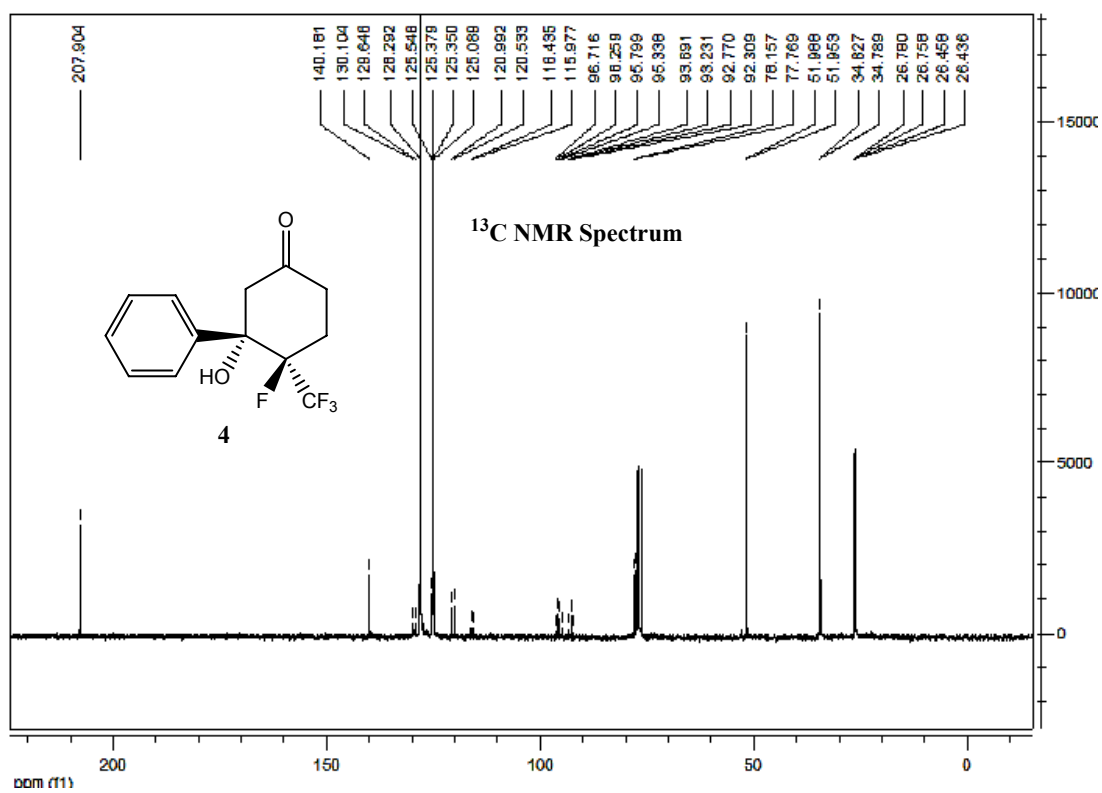
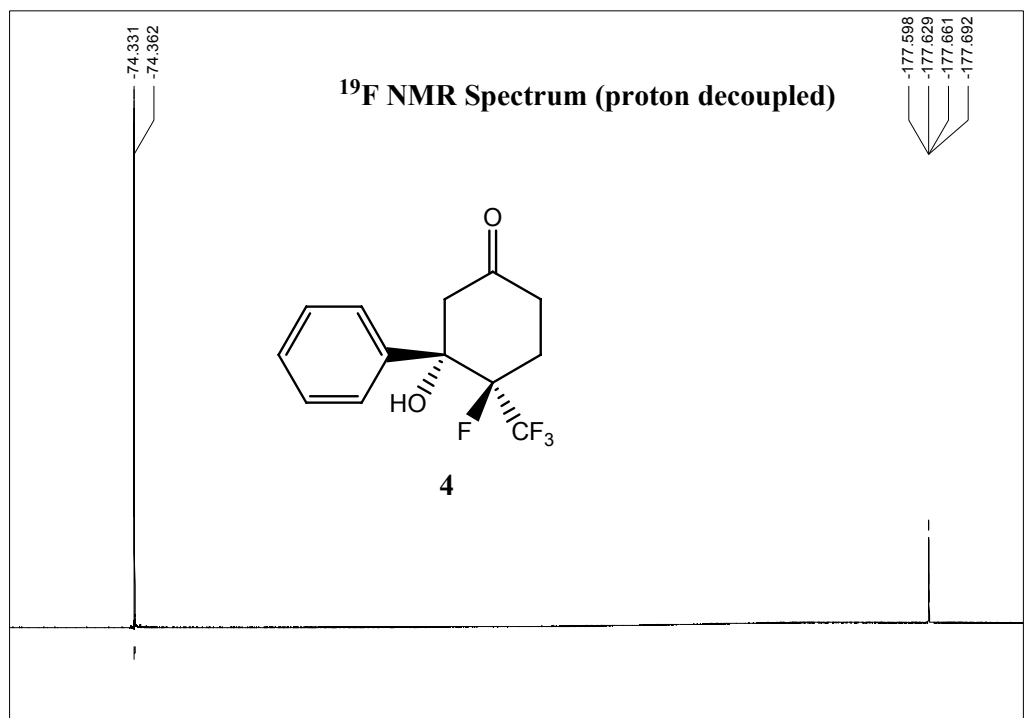
¹ Nakamura, Y.; Ozeki, Y.; Uneyama, K. *J. Fluor. Chem.* **2008**, *129*, 274-279.

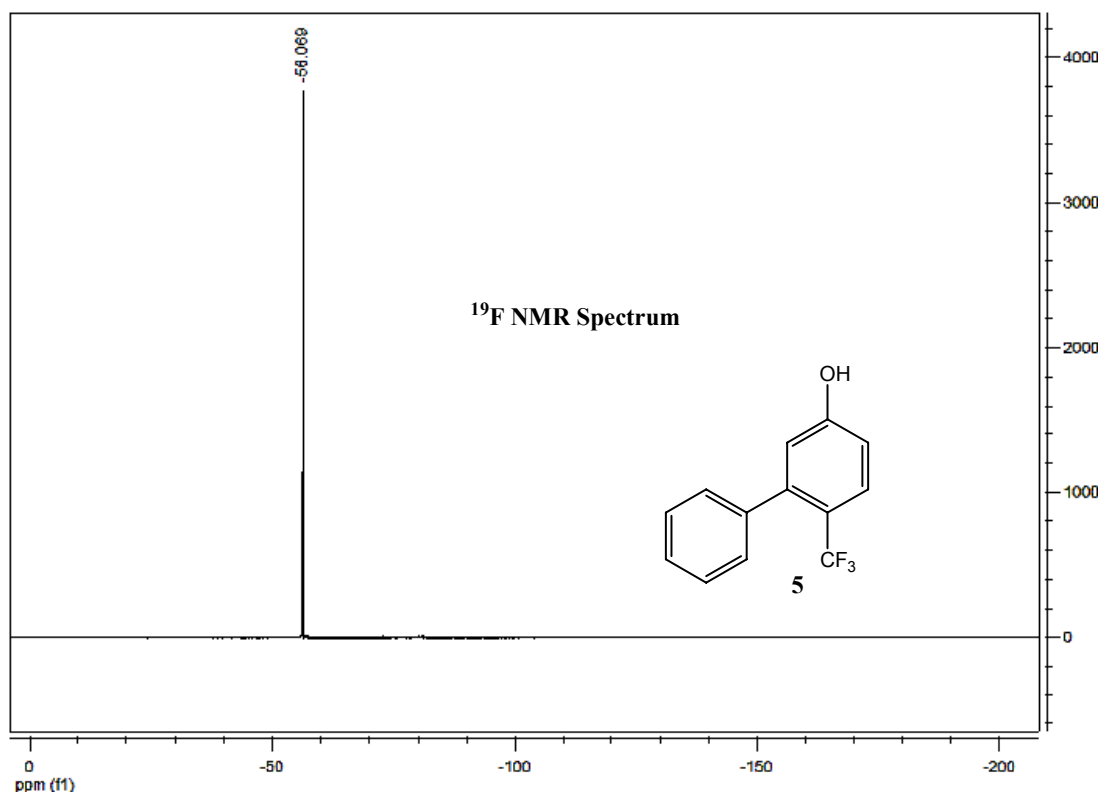
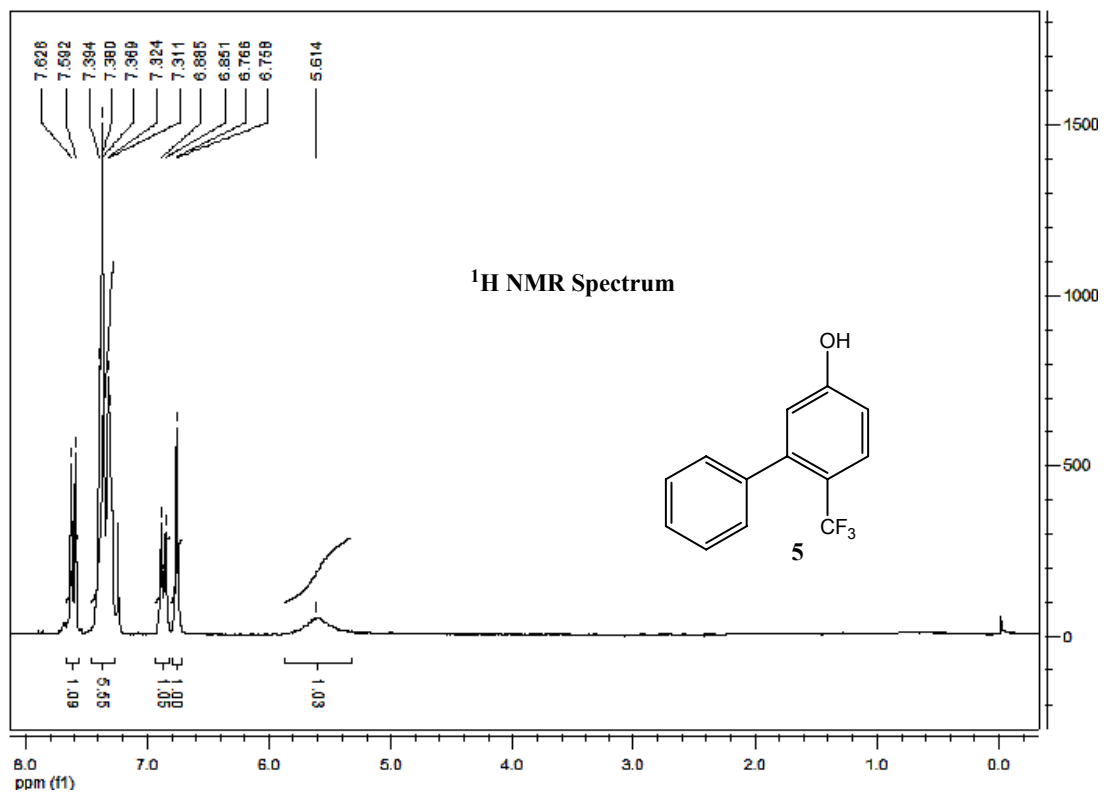
2. ^1H , ^{19}F and ^{13}C NMR spectra

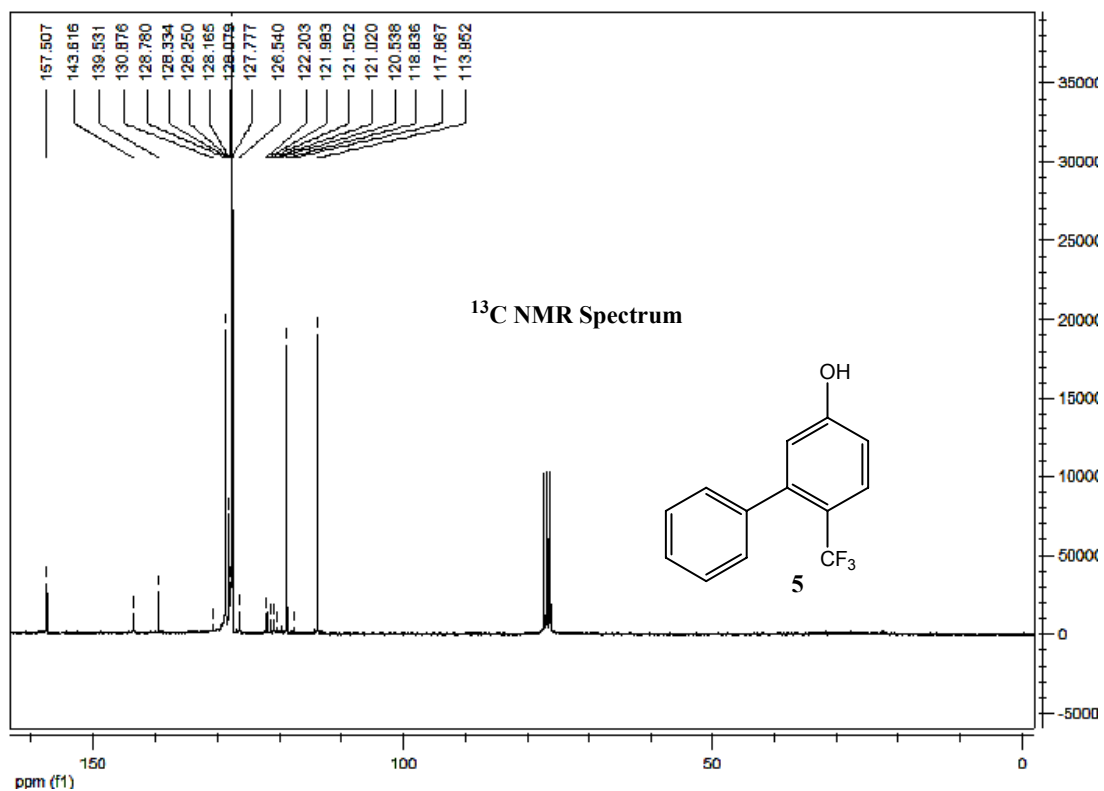


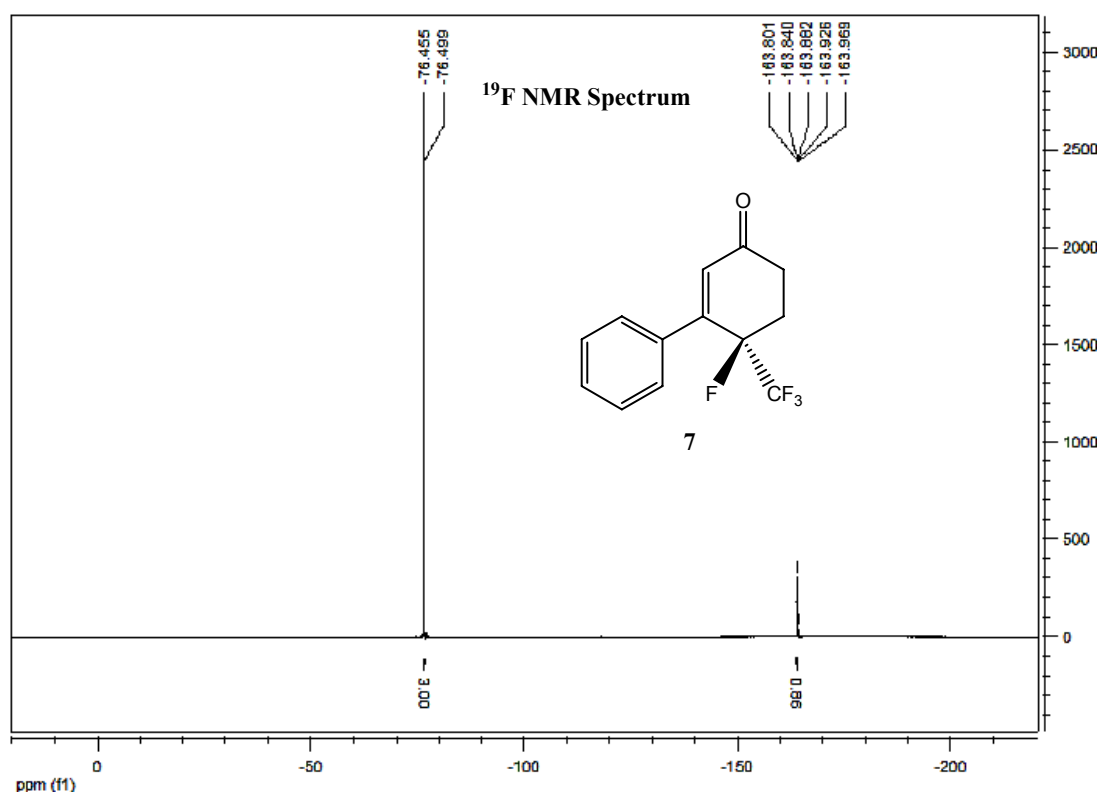
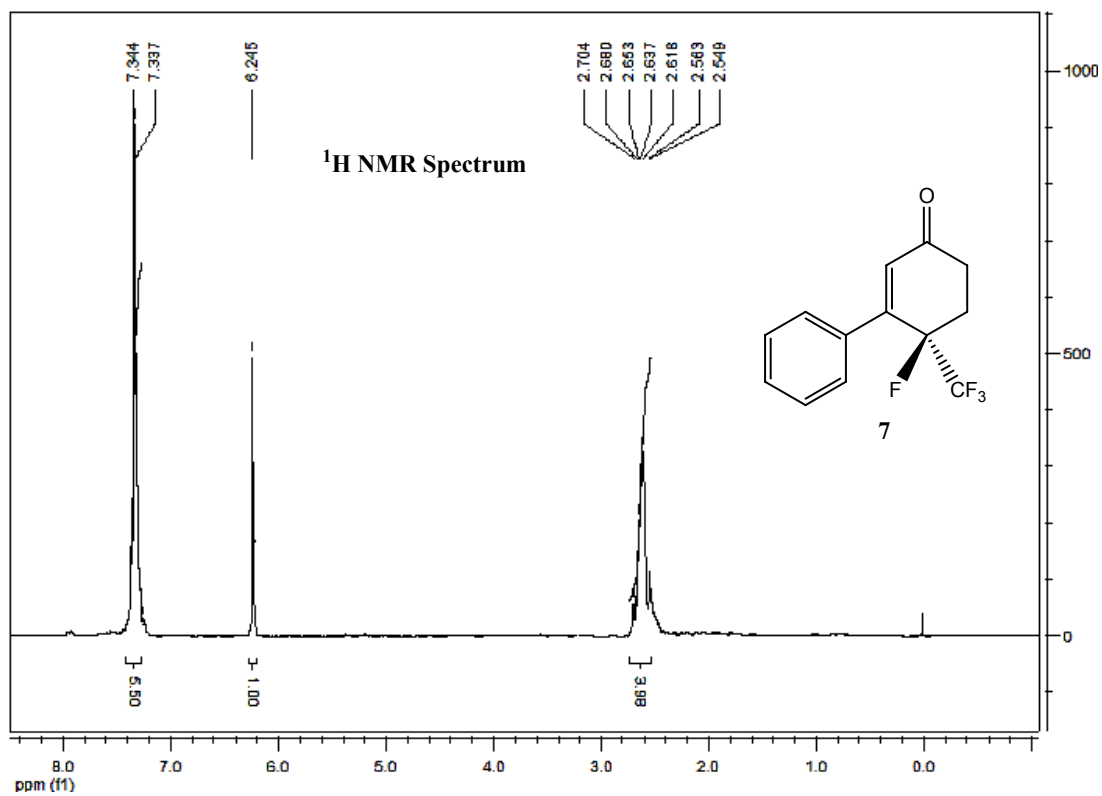


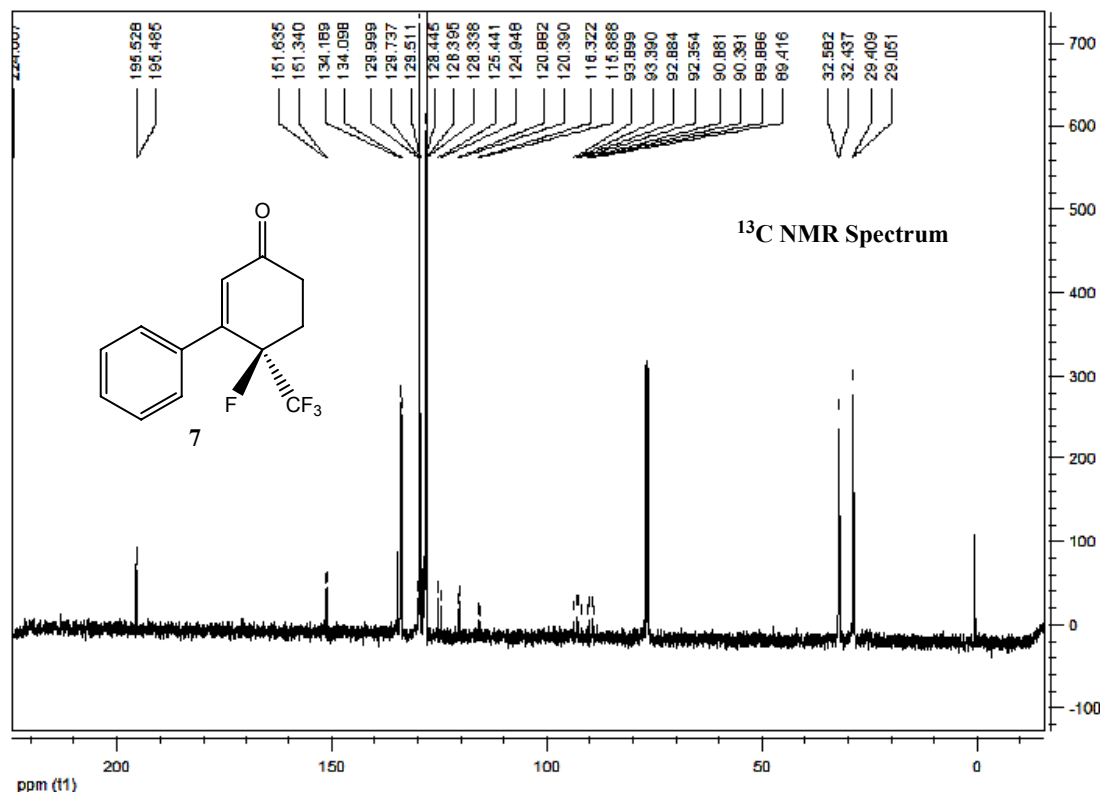




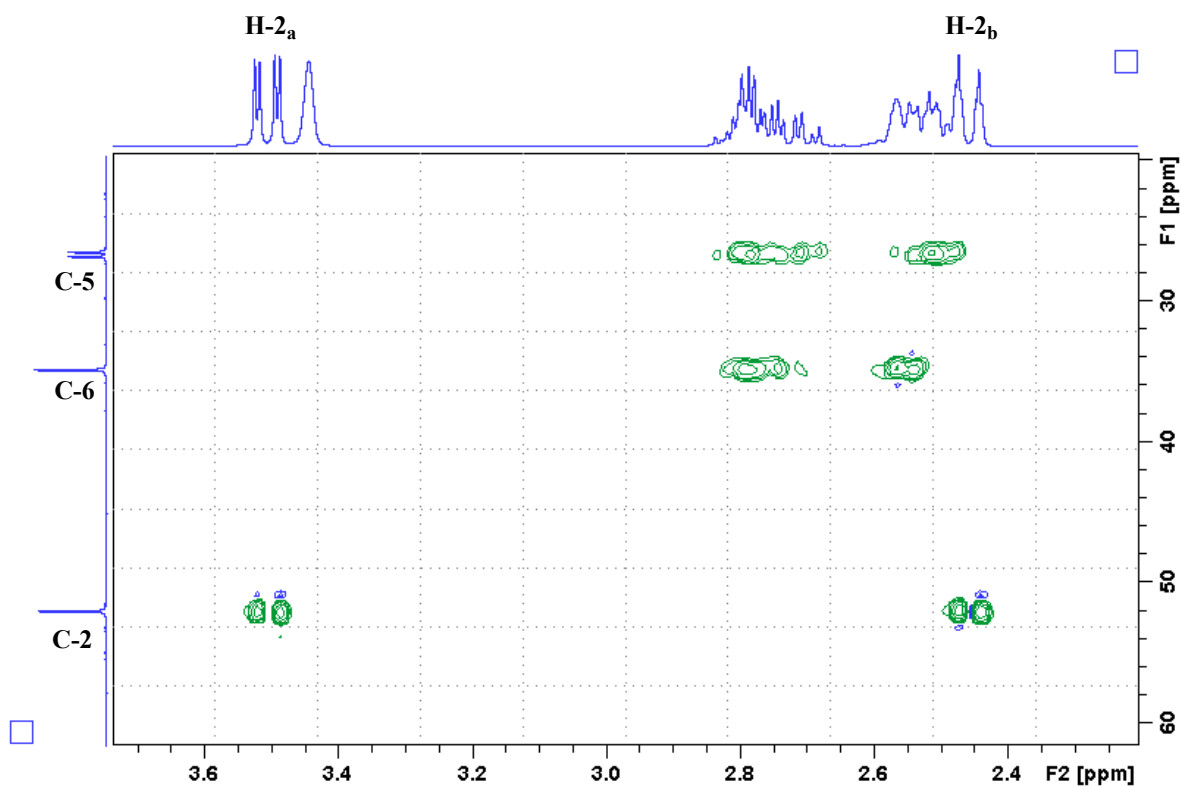
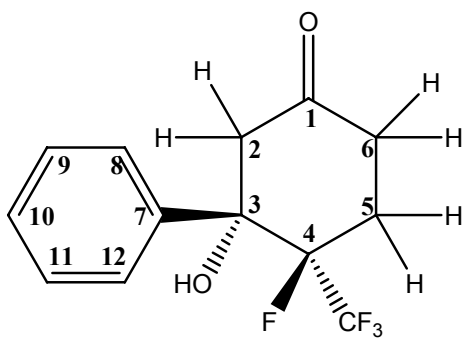




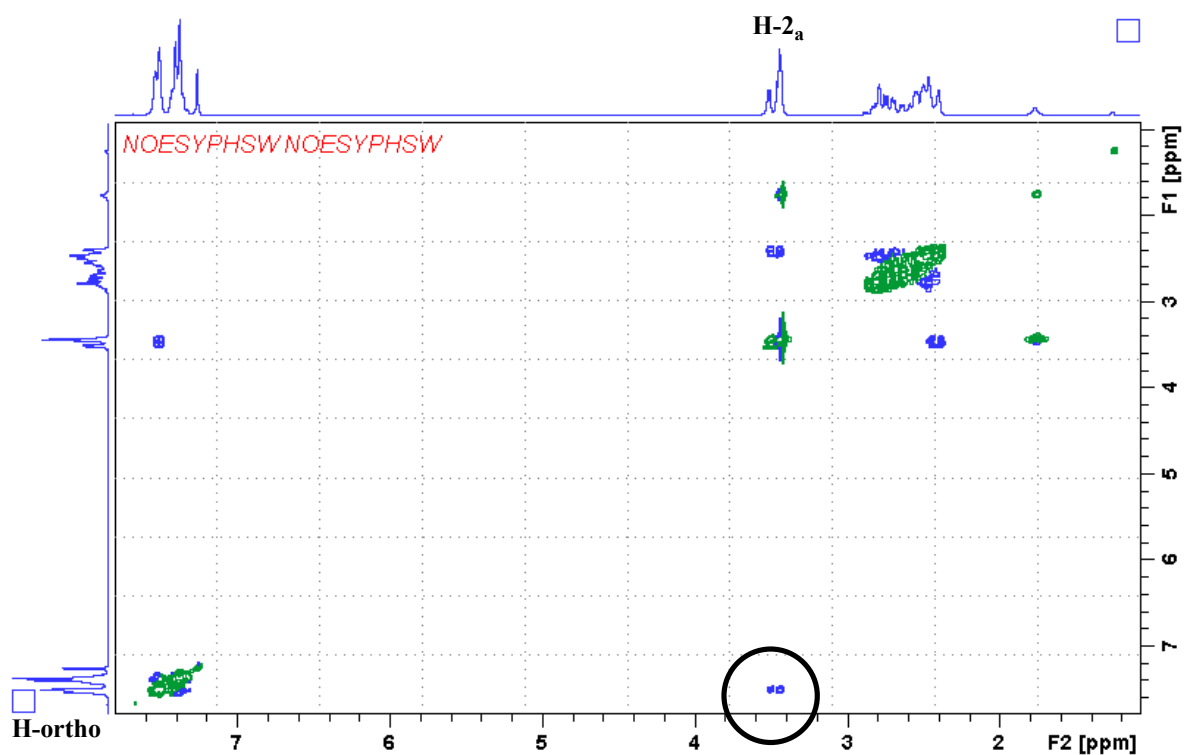
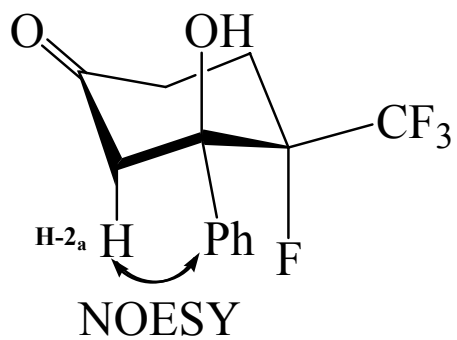




3. HSQC (Heteronuclear Single Quantum Correlation) ^{13}C - ^1H spectrum of compound 4



4. NOESY (Nuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy) ^1H - ^1H spectrum of compound 4



5. HOESY (Heteronuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy) ^{19}F - ^1H spectrum of compound 4

