

Enantioselective organocatalytic oxa-Michael addition of oximes to β -CF₃- β -disubstituted nitroalkenes: efficient synthesis of β -amino- α -trifluoromethyl alcohol

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1. General Information

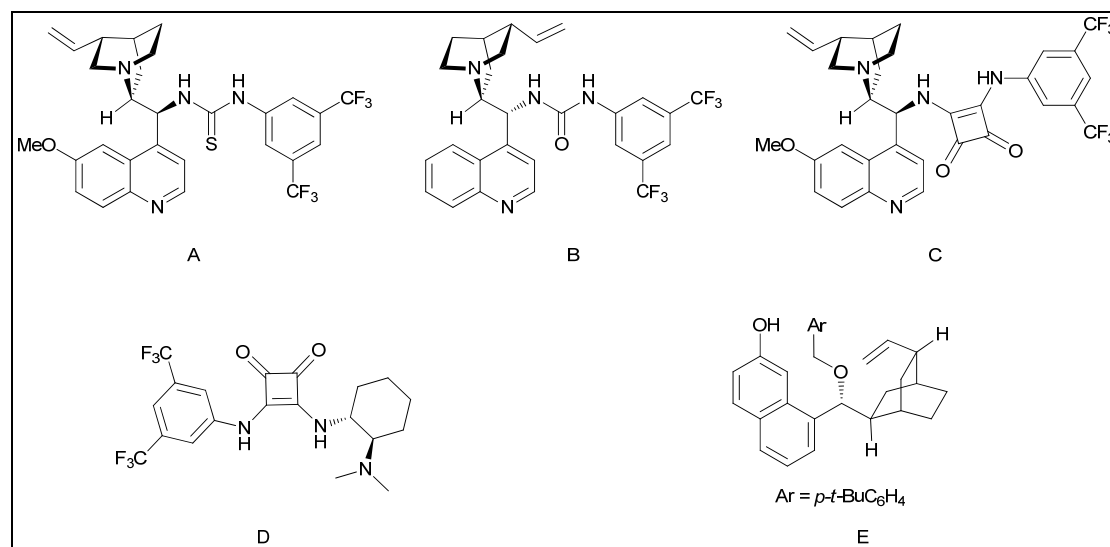
^1H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian-Mercury 400 MHz or 600 MHz spectrophotometers. Solvent for NMR is CDCl_3 , unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ) units in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet (0 ppm) for tetramethylsilane (TMS). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = single, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on recorded on Varian Mercury 400/600 (100/150 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the central line of the heptalet at 77.0 ppm for CDCl_3 . Mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF Q II. Enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC on Agilent 1100 series with chiral columns (chiralpak IC column, chiralpak AD-H column) with hexane and *i*-PrOH as solvents. Optical rotations were measured with JASCO P-1020 polarimeter.

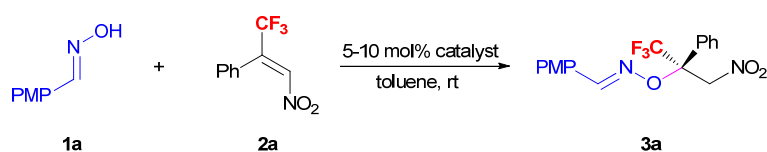
2. Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all trifluoromethylated nitroalkenes were prepared according to the known literature;¹ difluoromethylated nitroalkene **4** was prepared according to the known literature.^{1,2} Bifunctional organocatalysts **A**^{3a}, **B**^{3b}, **C**^{3c}, **D**^{3d}, **E**^{3e} were prepared according to literature procedures. Dichloromethane was freshly distilled from calcium hydride. Ethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene were distilled from sodium / benzophenone. Other solvents were also purified before using. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), and column chromatography purifications were performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel.

3. Reaction Optimization

Table S1 Catalyst Screen for Conjugate Addition of 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde Oxime **1a** to (*E*)-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene **2a**^a

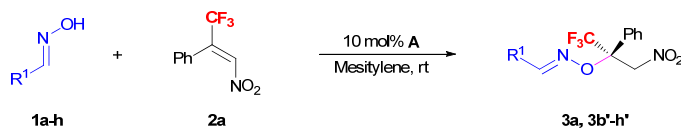




Entry	Catalyst	<i>t</i>	Yield (%) ^b	e.r. ^c
1	B	6 d	31	42:58
2	C	7 d	47	84:16
3	D	6 d	trace	n.d. ^e
4	E	6 d	46	40:60
5	B	96 h	71	30:70 ^d
6	C	105 h	54	84:16 ^d
7	A	72 h	75	88:12^d

^aThe reactions were carried out with 0.40 mmol (2.0 equiv) of **1a**, 0.20 mmol (1.0 equiv) of **2a** and 5 mol% **B-E** in toluene (1.0 mL) at rt. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC. ^d 10 mol% catalyst was used. ^e Not determined.

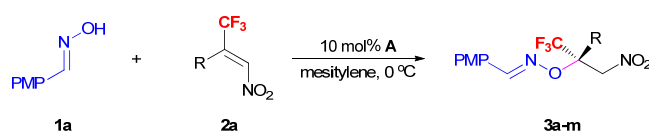
Table S2 Conjugated Addition of 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde Oximes **1a-h** to (*E*)-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene **2a**^a



Entry	R ¹	Product	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (%) ^b	e.r. ^c
1	4-MeOPh (1a)	3a	50	91	92:8
2	2-MeOPh (1b)	3b'	48	74	74:26
3	3-MeOPh (1c)	3c'	48	95	86:15
4	2,4-MeOPh (1d)	3d'	48	89	78:22
5	4-MePh (1e)	3e'	48	90	88:12
6	4- <i>t</i> BuPh (1f)	3f'	48	87	87:13
7	2-naphthyl (1g)	3g'	48	95	60:40
8	3-PhO (1h)	3h'	48	85	89:11

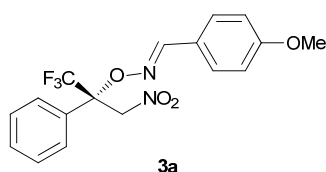
^aThe reactions were carried out with 0.40 mmol (2.0 equiv) of **1**, 0.20 mmol (1.0 equiv) of **2a** and 10 mol% **A** in mesitylene (1.0 mL) at rt. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC.

4. Experimental Procedure and Characterizations.

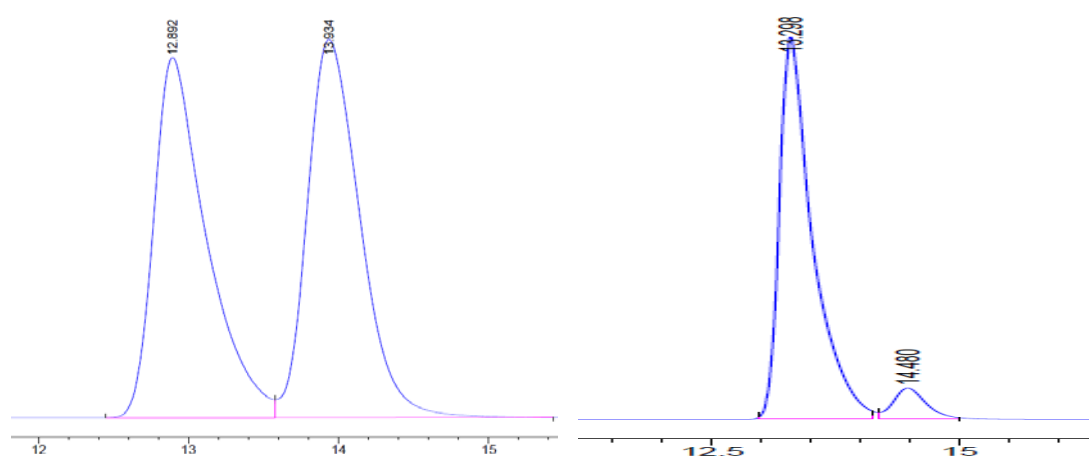


Oxime **1a** (0.40 mmol) was added to a solution of trifluoromethylated alkenes **2** (0.20 mmol) and organocatalyst **A** (0.02 mmol) in 1.0 mL of mesitylene at 0 °C. After completion (monitored by TLC analysis), the desired products **3** were purified by flash column chromatography.

(*S, E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl) oxime (**3a**)



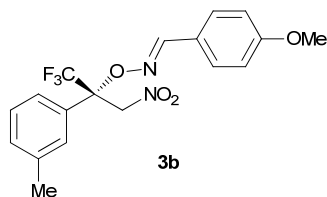
Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (75% yield, 93:7 e.r.). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.5, 131.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.4, 126.7, 123.4 (q, *J* = 287.6 Hz), 123.3, 114.2, 83.2 (q, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 73.6, 55.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.6 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₇H₁₅F₃N₂O₄ +H]⁺: 369.1057, found 369.1062. M.P. = 79.7-81.7 °C; [α]_D²⁵ = - 67.2 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, 0.7 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 13.30 min, t₂ = 14.48 min).



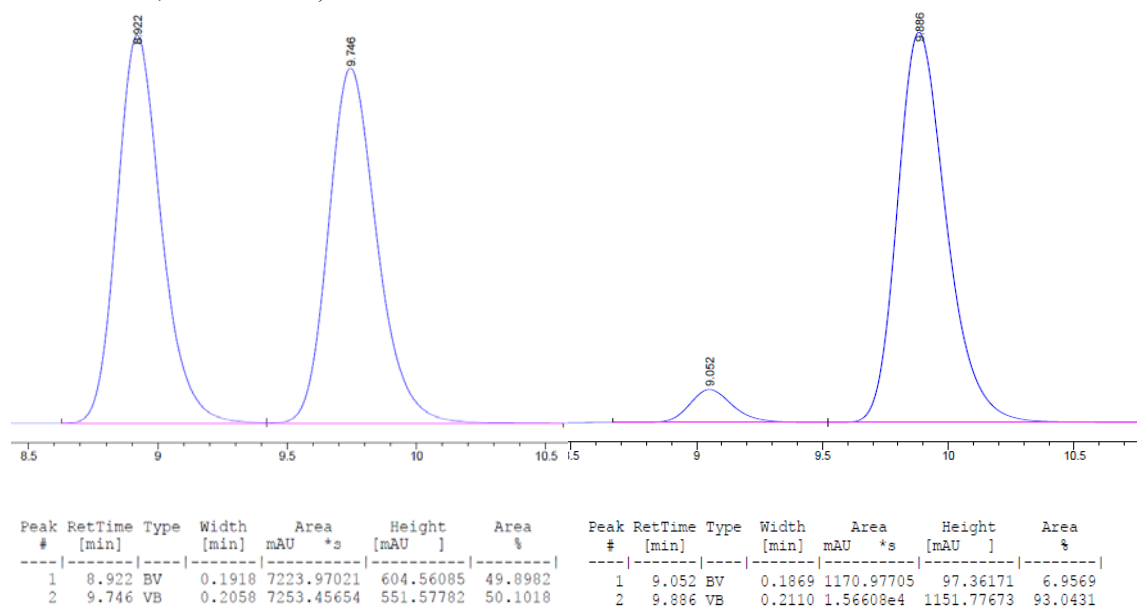
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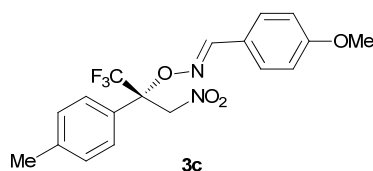
(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-(*m*-tolyl)propan-2-yl) oxime (**3b**)



Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2b** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (74% yield, 93:7 e.r.). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.5, 138.3, 131.8, 130.4, 129.3, 128.4, 127.2, 123.8, 123.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 287.6 Hz), 121.9, 114.3, 83.2 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 73.6, 55.3, 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.7 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₈H₁₇F₃N₂O₄+H]⁺: 383.1213, found 383.1219. M.P. = 83.6-85.2 °C; [α]_D²⁷ = -71.7 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 9.05 min, t₂ = 9.89 min).

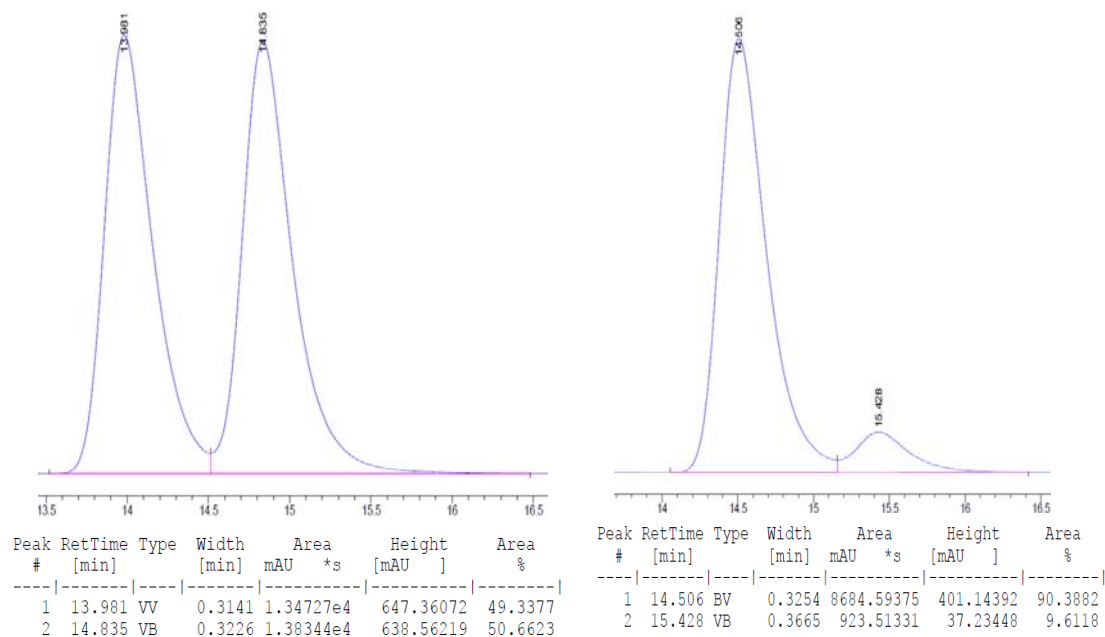


(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-(*p*-tolyl)propan-2-yl) oxime (**3c**)

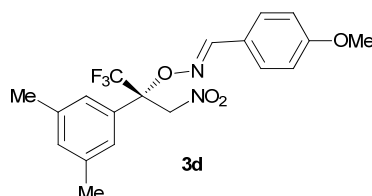


Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2c** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (70% yield, 90.5:9.5 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.5, 139.6, 129.2, 128.8, 126.6, 123.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 287.4 Hz), 114.2, 83.2 (q, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 73.7, 55.2, 21.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376

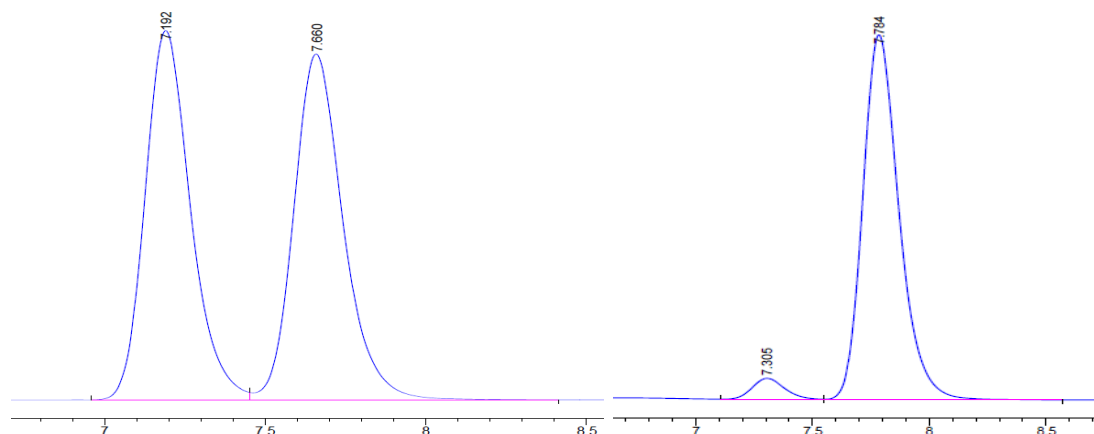
MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.8 (s, 3F). HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd for [C₁₈H₁₇F₃N₂O₄ +H]⁺: 383.1213, found 383.1214. M.P. = 103.7-105.1 °C; [α]_D²⁸ = -59.9 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 14.51 min, t₂ = 15.43 min).



(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitropropan-2-yl) oxime (**3d**)

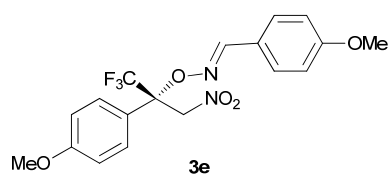


Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2d** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (77% yield, 95:5 e.r.). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.4, 138.1, 131.7, 131.3, 129.2, 124.3, 123.5, 123.4 (q, *J* = 287.4 Hz), 114.2, 83.2 (q, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 73.5, 55.2, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.7 (s, 3F). HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd for [C₁₉H₁₉F₃N₂O₄ +H]⁺: 397.1370, found 397.1374. M.P. = 115.0-116.8 °C; [α]_D²⁸ = -54.5 (C = 0.2, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 7.30 min, t₂ = 7.78 min).

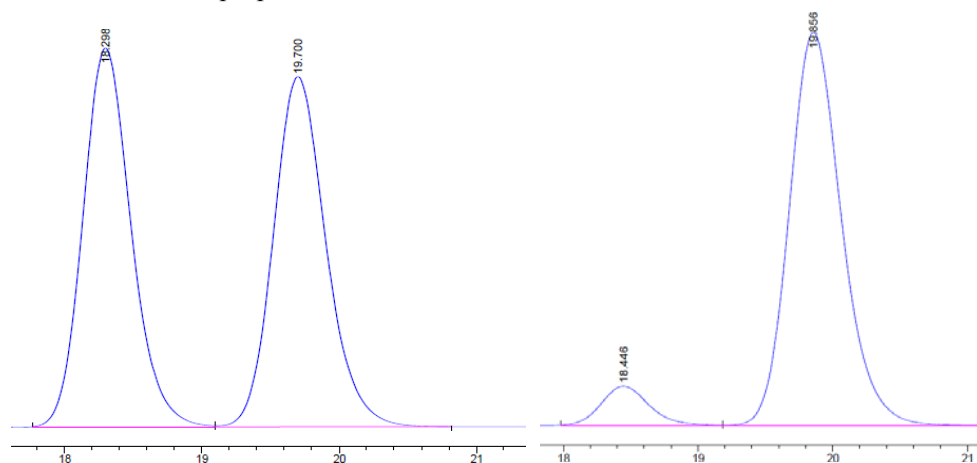


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(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-nitropropan-2-yl) oxime
(3e)

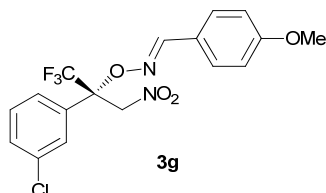


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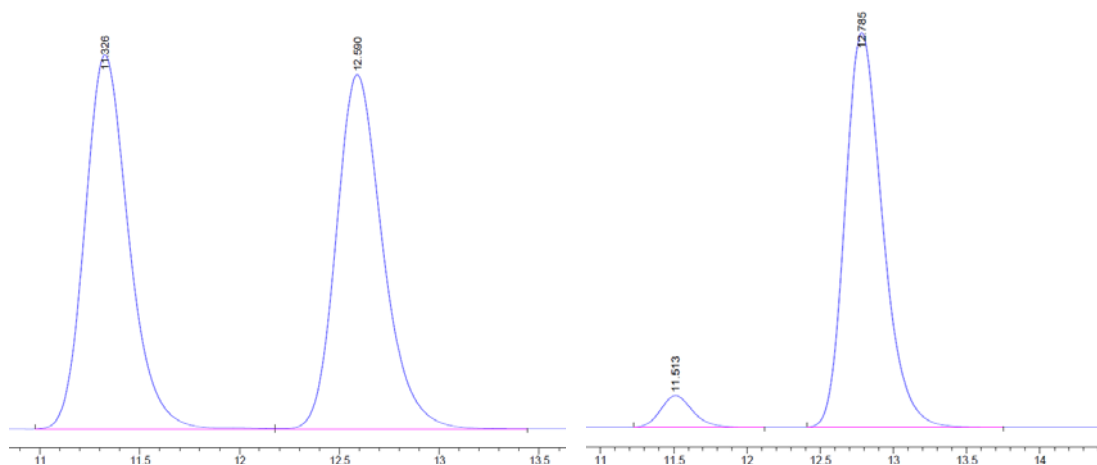


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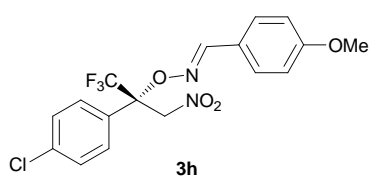


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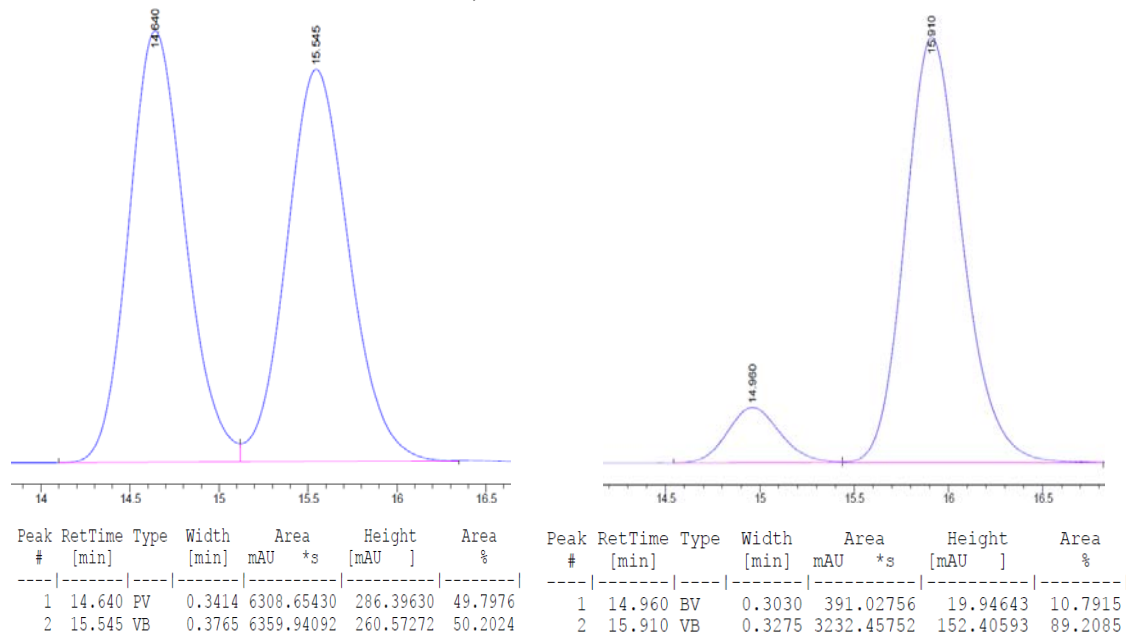


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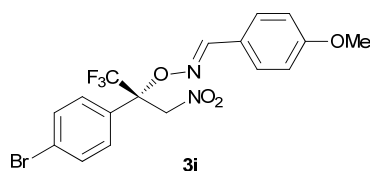
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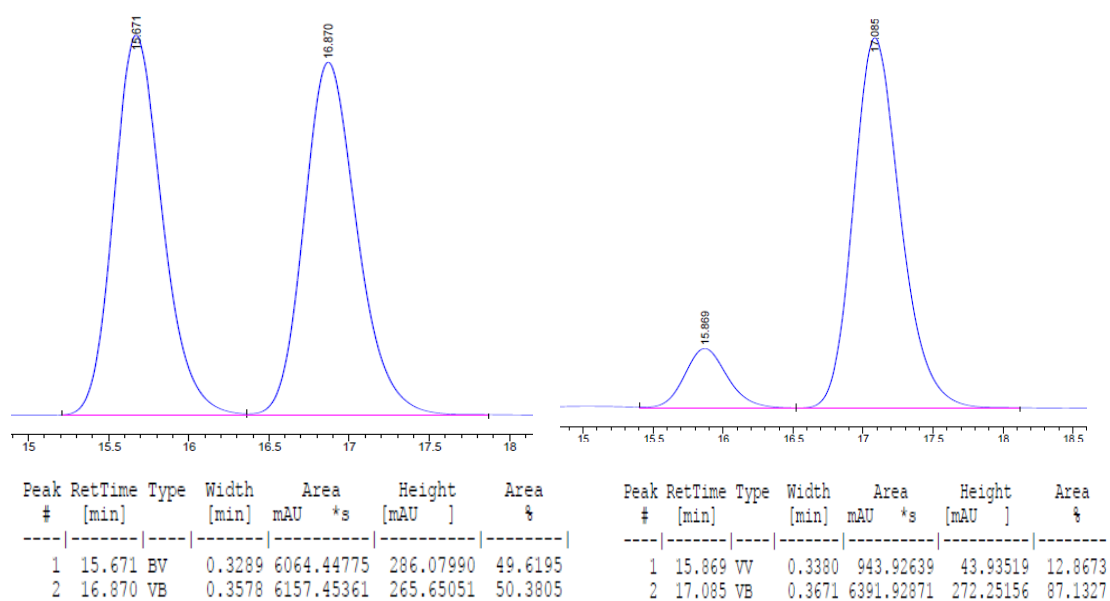
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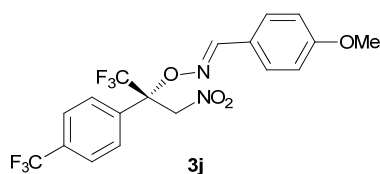
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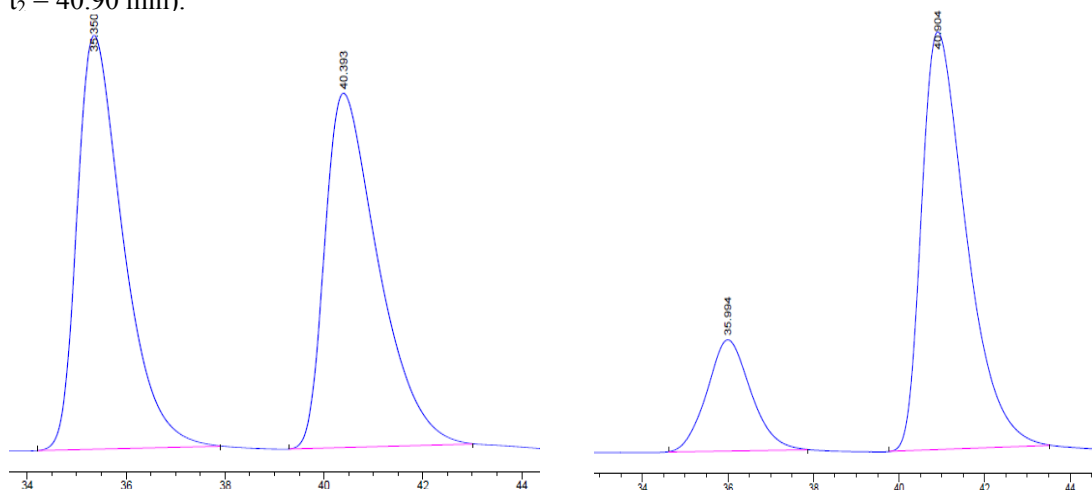
Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2i** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (86% yield, 87:13 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.8, 151.9, 131.7, 130.9, 129.3, 128.5, 124.2, 123.2, 123.0 (q, *J* = 287.8 Hz), 114.3, 83.0 (q, *J* = 27.8 Hz), 73.5, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.9 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₇H₁₄BrF₃N₂O₄ + H]⁺: 447.0162, found 447.0168. M.P. = 111.1-113.2 °C; [α]_D²⁸ = -40.4 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, *t*₁ = 15.87 min, *t*₂ = 17.08 min)



(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-2-yl) oxime (**3j**)

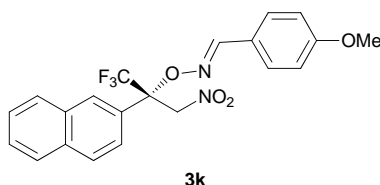


Prepared according to the general procedure from **1** (0.40 mmol), **2j** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a colourless oil (80% yield, 79:21 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.9, 152.1, 135.8, 131.7 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 129.4, 127.4, 125.5, 123.6 (q, *J* = 270.3 Hz), 123.1, 121.6 (q, *J* = 287.5 Hz), 114.3, 83.0 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 73.5, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.4 (s, 3F), -74.7 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₈H₁₄F₆N₂O₄ + Na]⁺: 459.0755, found 459.0751. [α]_D²⁶ = -44.4 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, 0.7 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, *t*₁ = 35.99 min, *t*₂ = 40.90 min).

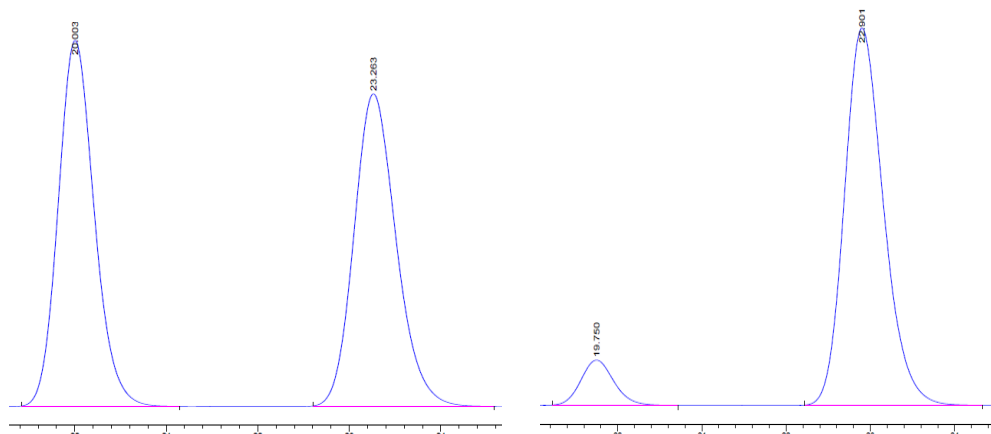


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(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-nitropropan-2-yl) oxime (**3k**)

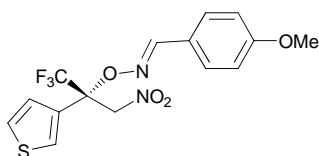


Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2k** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a white solid (83% yield, 91:9 er). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.7, 133.4, 132.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 123.5, 123.4, 123.4 (q, *J* = 287.3 Hz), 114.3, 83.5 (q, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 73.8, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.5 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (MALDI): calcd for [C₂₁H₁₇F₃N₂O₄ + H]⁺: 419.1219, found 419.1213. M.P. = 128.5-130.0 °C; [α]_D²⁶ = -47.3 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 19.75 min, t₂ = 22.90 min).



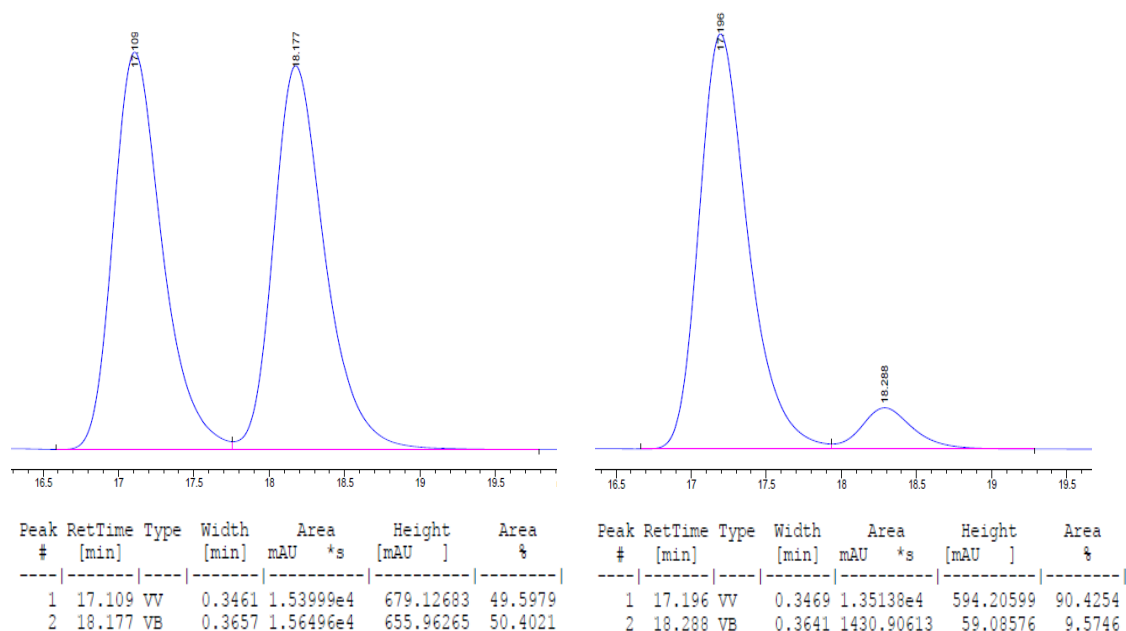
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2	23.263	BB	0.4982	4684.14014		145.37614	50.0180	2	22.901	BB	0.4994	9201.62891		284.67352	90.7228

(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-(thiophen-3-yl)propan-2-yl) oxime (**3l**)

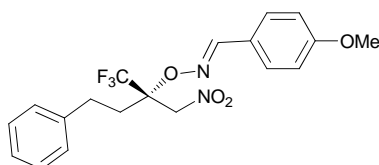


3l

Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2l** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a yellow solid (69% yield, 90.5:9.5 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.7, 151.5, 132.2, 129.2, 126.2, 125.9, 125.4, 123.3, 123.1 (*J* = 287.1 Hz), 114.3, 82.4 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 74.4, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -75.1 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₅H₁₃F₃N₂O₄S+H]⁺: 375.0621, found 375.0623. M.P. = 84.0-85.7 °C; [α]_D²¹ = -57.6 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 0.5 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, *t*₁ = 17.20 min, *t*₂ = 18.29 min).



(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)-4-phenylbutan-2-yl) oxime (**3m**)



3m

Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **2m** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C for 3 d to provide the title compound as a colourless oil (71% yield, 73:27 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.7, 151.6, 140.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 124.1 (q, *J* = 287.5 Hz), 123.3, 114.3, 81.8 (q, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 75.0, 55.2, 33.0, 28.9; ¹⁹F

NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.1 (s, 3F). HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd for [C₁₉H₁₉F₃N₂O₄ +H]⁺: 397.1370, found 397.1370. [α]_D²⁶ = -26.3 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 14.08 min, t₂ = 17.20 min).

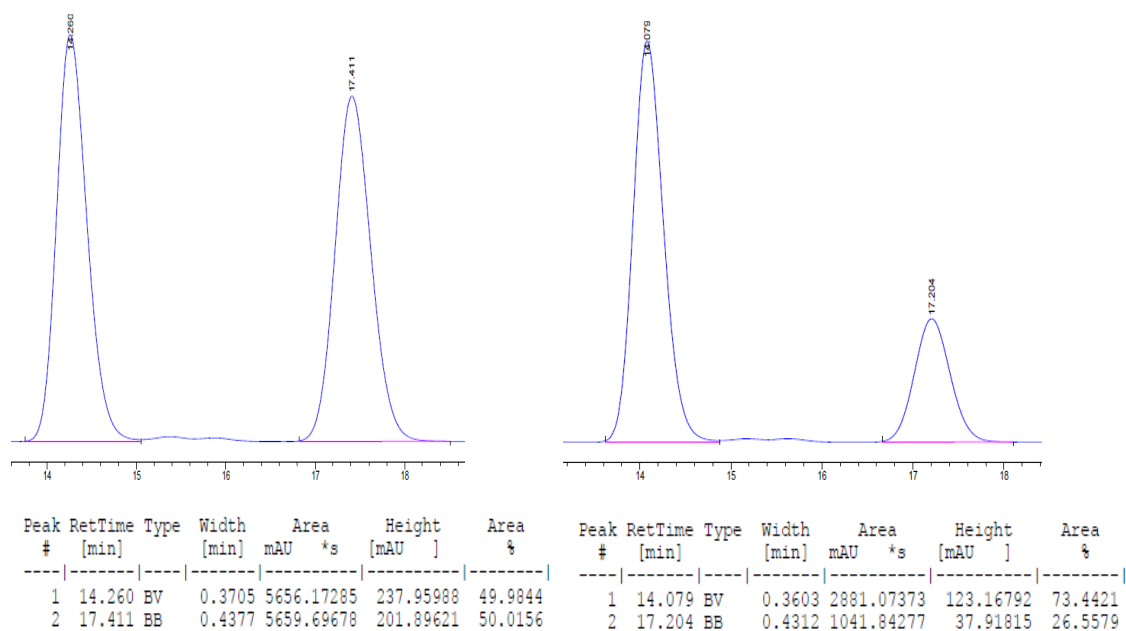
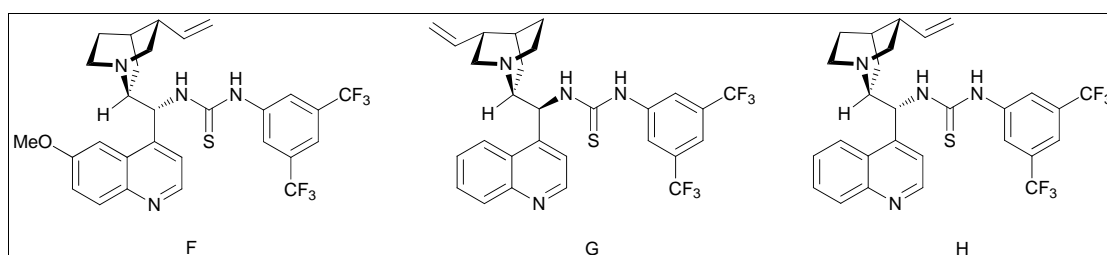
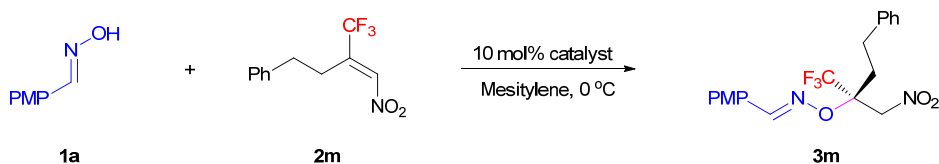


Table S3 Catalyst screen for the reaction with substrate **2m**^a



Entry	Catslyst	<i>t</i>	Yield (%) ^b	e.r. ^c
1	F	3 d	48	39:61
2	G	3d	52	85:15
3	H	3d	32	31.5:68.5

^a The reactions were carried out with 0.40 mmol (2.0 equiv) of **1a**, 0.20 mmol (1.0 equiv) of **2m** and 10 mol% catalyst in mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by chiral HPLC.

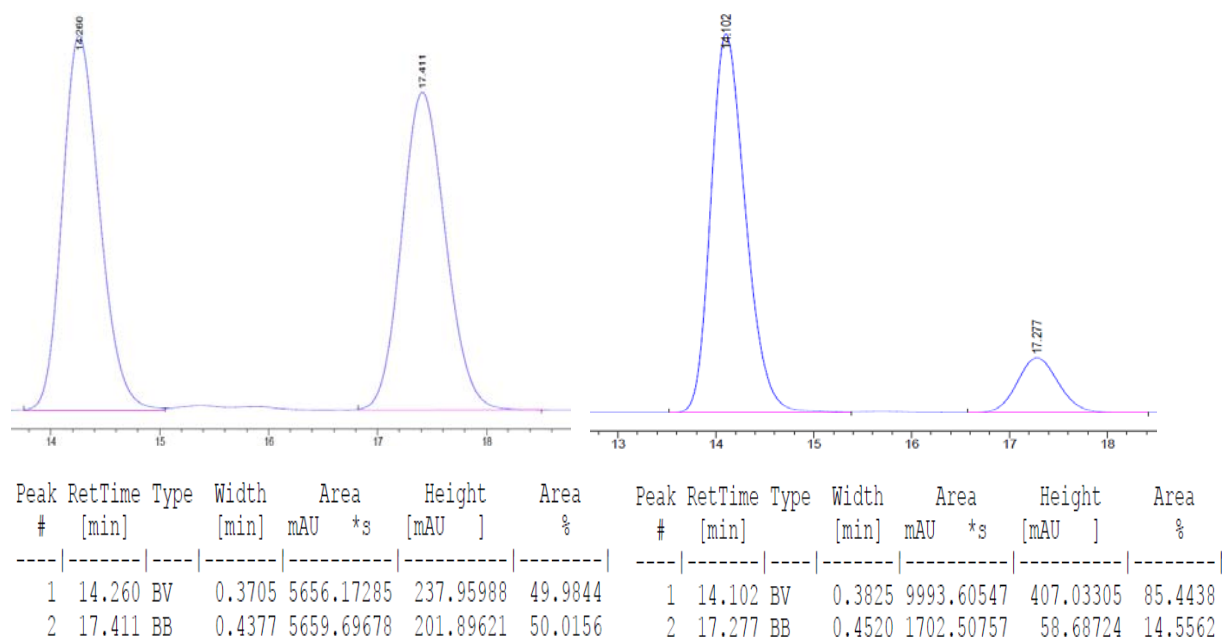
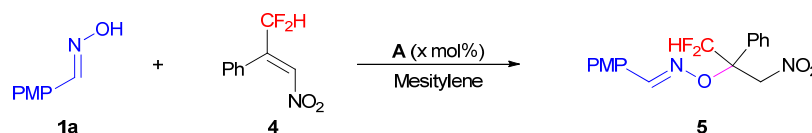


Table S4 Oxa-Michael addition of oxime to β -CF₂H- β -disubstituted nitroalkene **5**^a

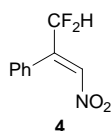


Entry	x	t (h)	Yield (%) ^e	e.r. ^f
1	10	24	91	83:17 ^b
2	10	42	88	84:16
3	10	42	80	85:15^c
4	20	42	90	84:16 ^d

^a The reactions were carried out with 0.40 mmol (2.0 equiv) of **1a**, 0.20 mmol (1.0 equiv) of **4** and 10 mol% catalyst in mesitylene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. ^b Conducted at room temperature. ^c Conducted at -10 °C.

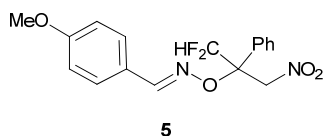
^d Conducted at -10 °C, x = 20. ^e Isolated yield. ^f Determined by chiral HPLC.

(E)-(3,3-difluoro-1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (**4**)

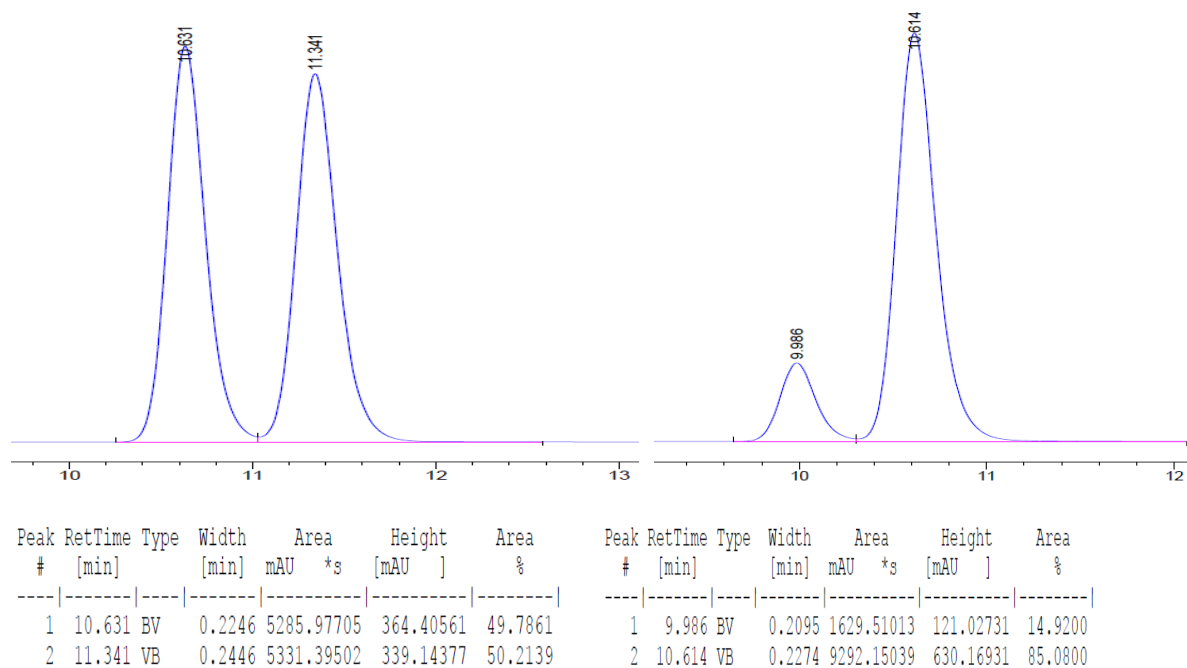


Prepared according to the known literature (yellow oil). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.46 (s, 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.34 (t, J = 54.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 139.8 (t, J = 20.0 Hz), 138.5 (t, J = 12.5 Hz), 130.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 112.5 (t, J = 243.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -119.0 (s, 2F). HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd for [C₉H₇F₂NO₂+Na]⁺: 222.0337, found 222.0335.

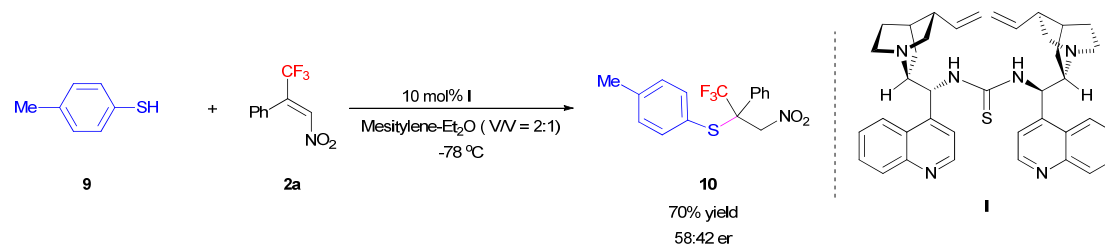
(*E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(1,1-difluoro-3-nitro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl) oxime (**5**)



Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (0.40 mmol), **4** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene (1.0 mL) at -10 °C for 42 h to provide the title compound as a colourless oil (80% yield, 85:15 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 54.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.6, 151.6, 132.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 126.8, 123.4, 114.2, 113.3 (t, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 82.8 (t, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 76.5, 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -128.5 - -131.92 (m, 2F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₇H₁₆F₂N₂O₄ + H]⁺: 351.1151, found 351.1154. [α]_D¹⁹ = 17.3 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 9.99 min, t₂ = 10.61 min).



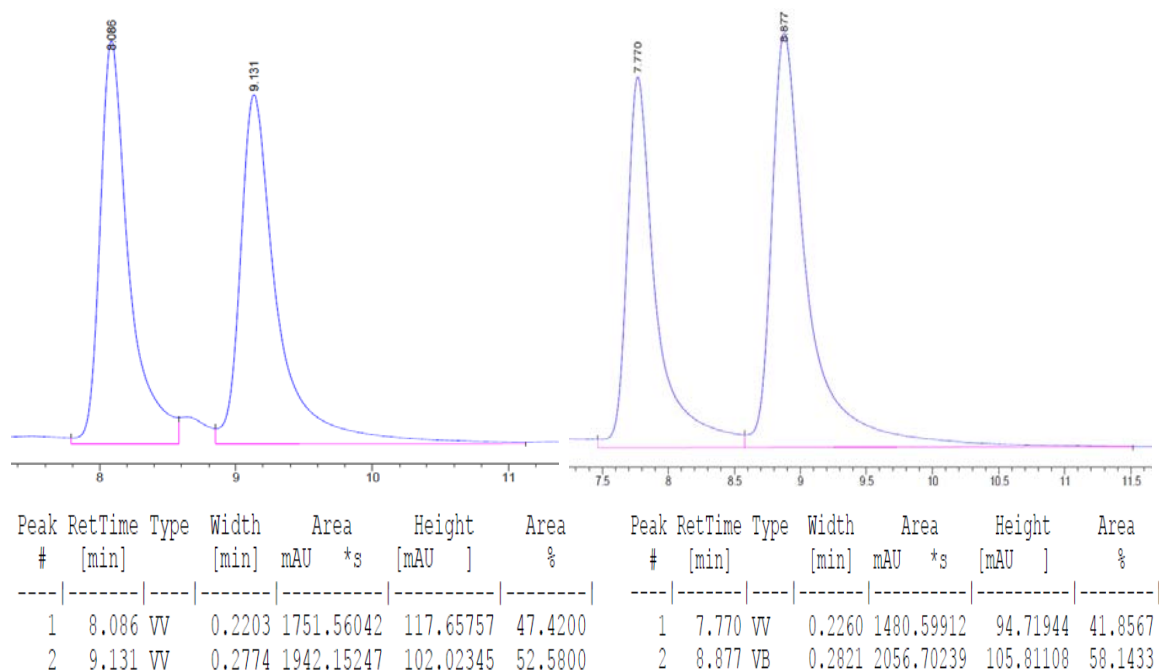
Michael addition of thiol **8** to β-CF₃-β-disubstituted nitroalkene **2a**



Thiol **9** (0.22 mmol) was added to a solution of trifluoromethylated alkene **2a** (0.20 mmol) and organocatalyst **I** (0.02 mmol) in 1.5 mL of mesitylene-Et₂O (V/V = 2:1) at -78 °C. After

completion (monitored by TLC analysis), the desired products **10** were purified by flash column chromatography.

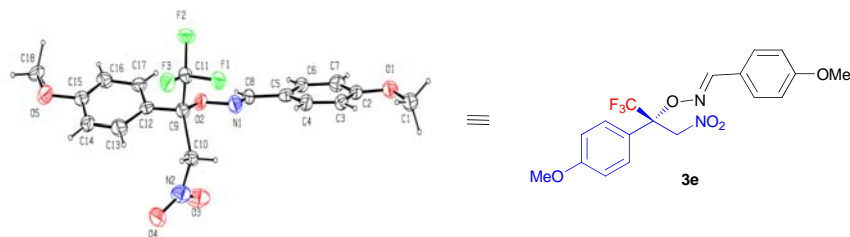
Prepared according to the general procedure from **9** (0.22 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol), mesitylene-Et₂O (1.5 mL, V/V = 2:1) at -78 °C for 30 min to provide the title compound as a colourless oil (70% yield, 58:42 e.r.). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.11 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.4, 137.9, 131.51, 130.0, 129.1, 128.5, 127.7, 125.3 (q, *J* = 283.0 Hz), 124.0, 75.5, 60.3 (q, *J* = 26.7 Hz), 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -66.1 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (ESI): calcd for [C₁₆H₁₄F₃NO₂S + Na]⁺: 364.0595, found 364.0607. HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, *t*₁ = 7.77 min, *t*₂ = 8.88 min).



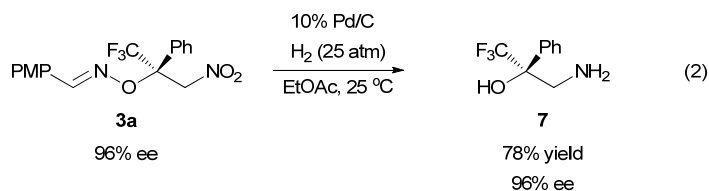
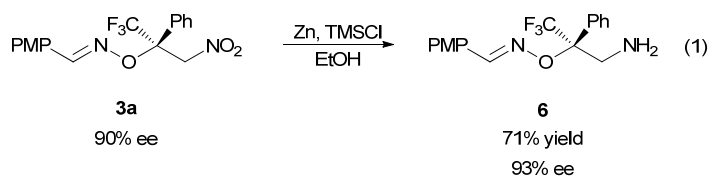
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6. X-Ray Single Crystal Structure of Product 3e



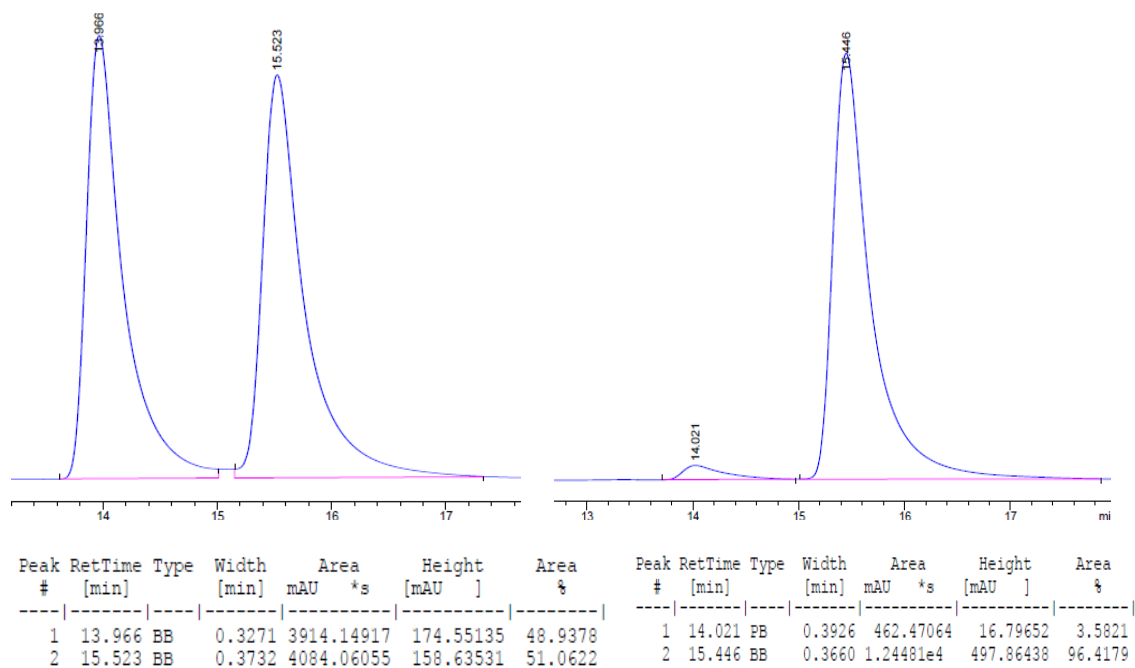
7. Application of the Michael Reaction Product 3a



(*S,E*)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde O-(3-amino-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-yl) oxime **6**⁴

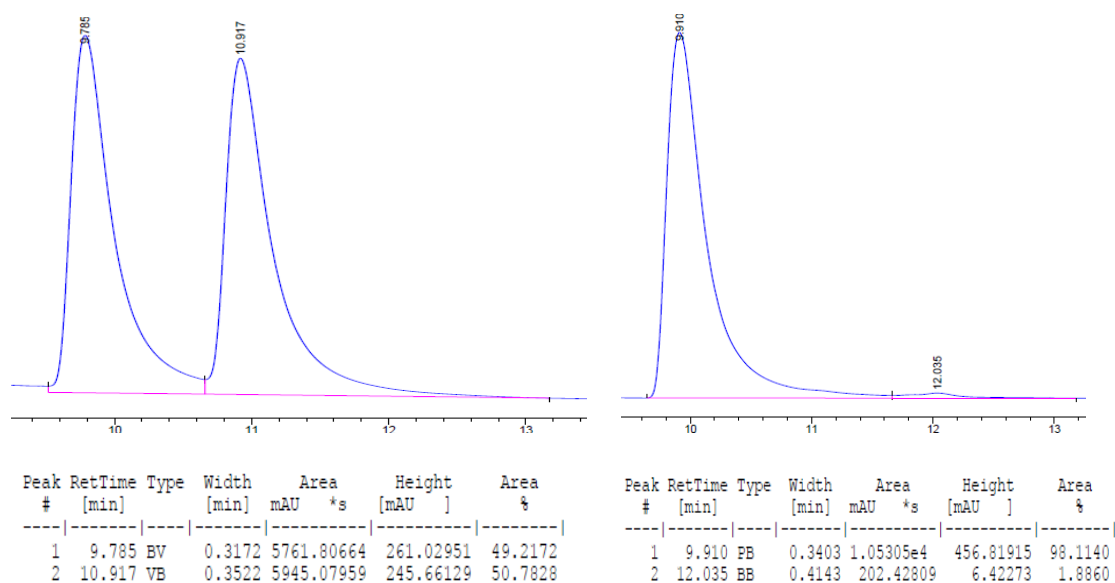
Activated Zn powder (975 mg, 15 mmol) was added carefully to a solution of **3a** (110.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and trimethylsilyl chloride (1.14 mL, 37.2 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h, cooled to rt and adjusted to weakly basic (pH = 8) with 28% NH₄OH in H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated brine, dried over MgSO₄ and then removed under reduced pressure. Finally, purification by flash chromatography gave **6** as a white solid (72 mg, 71% yield, 93% ee).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (brs, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.5, 151.0, 134.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 125.1 (q, *J* = 274.4 Hz), 123.9, 114.2, 85.4 (q, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 55.3, 44.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -74.6 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (MALDI): calcd for [C₁₇H₁₇F₃N₂O₂ + H]⁺: 339.1415, found 339.1419. M.P. = 63.2-65.7 °C; [α]_D²⁵ = -18.7 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 0.7 mL/min; 254 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 14.02 min, t₂ = 15.45 min).



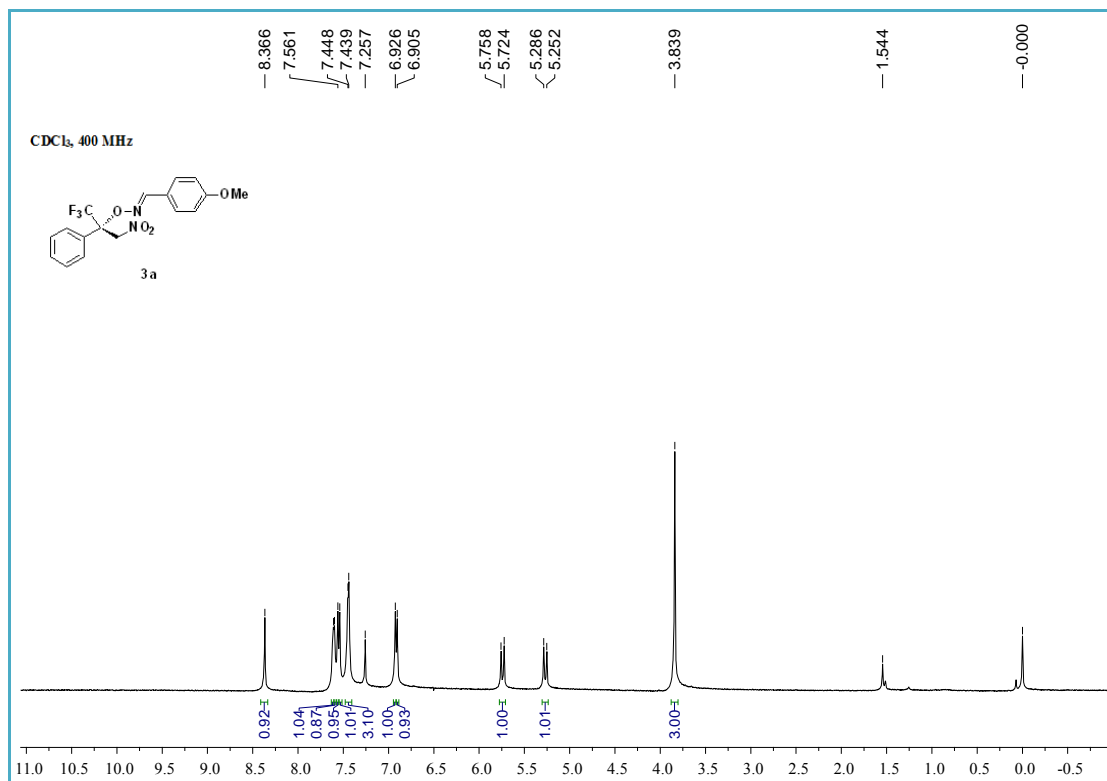
(S)-3-amino-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-phenylpropan-2-ol 7^{3e}

A suspension solution of **3a** (147.3 mg, 0.40 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (221 mg) in EtOAc (6 mL) was stirred under 25 atm of hydrogen for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was filtered from Celite, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to give **7** as a white solid (64.4 mg, 78% yield, 96% ee). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.3, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 125.7 (q, *J* = 285.3 Hz), 74.0 (q, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 45.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -79.0 (s, 3F). HRMS *m/z* (MALDI): calcd for [C₉H₁₀F₃NO+H]⁺: 206.0787, found 206.0780. M.P. = 89.1-90.8 °C; [α]_D²⁶ = +36.75 (C = 1.00, CHCl₃); HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 0.7 mL/min; 215 nm, 25 °C, t₁ = 9.91 min, t₂ = 12.04 min).

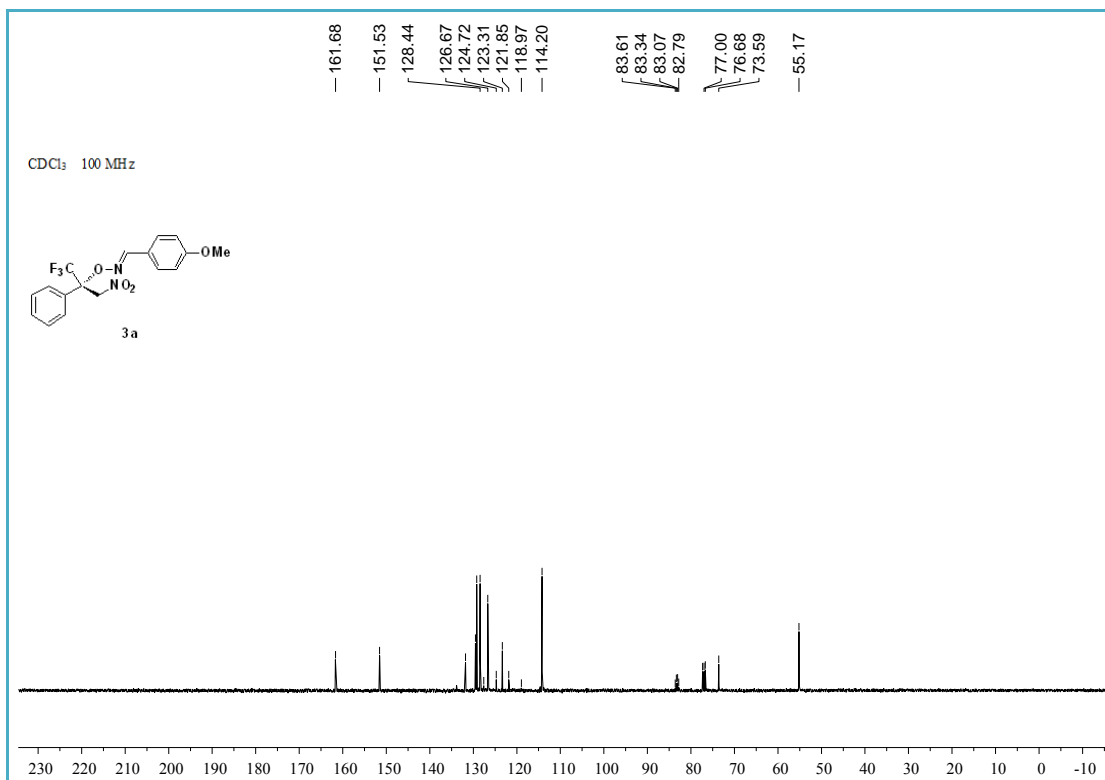


8. Copies of ^1H NMR ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR Spectra

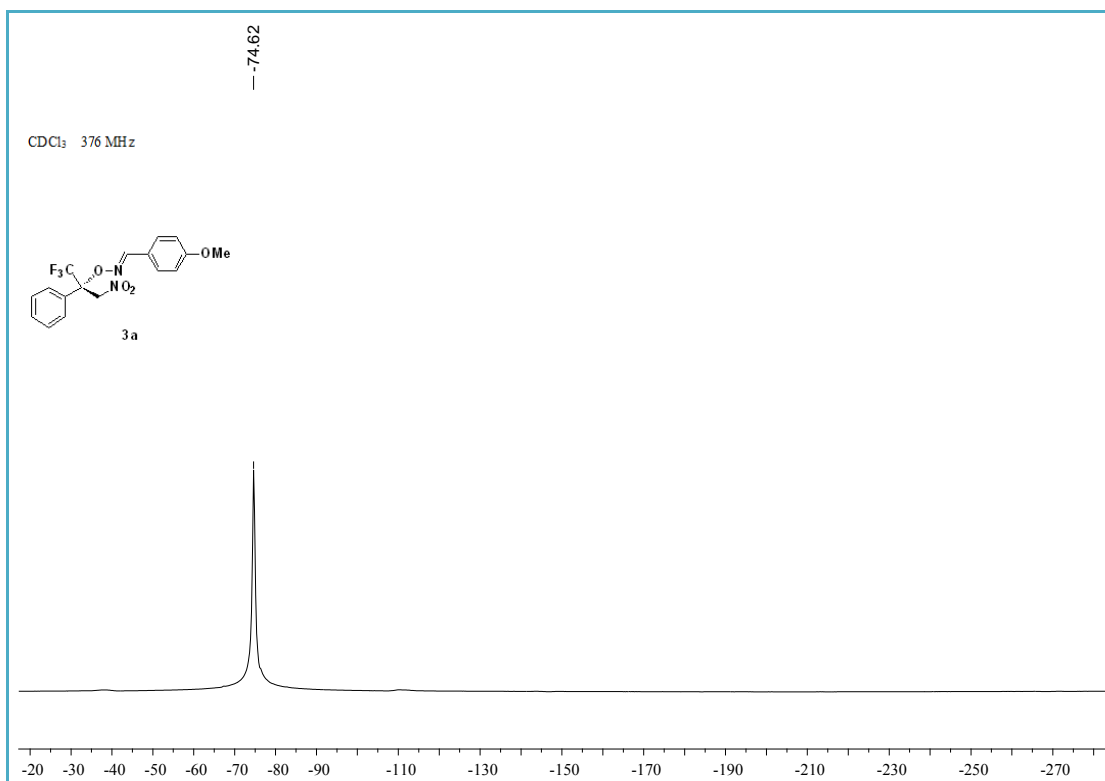
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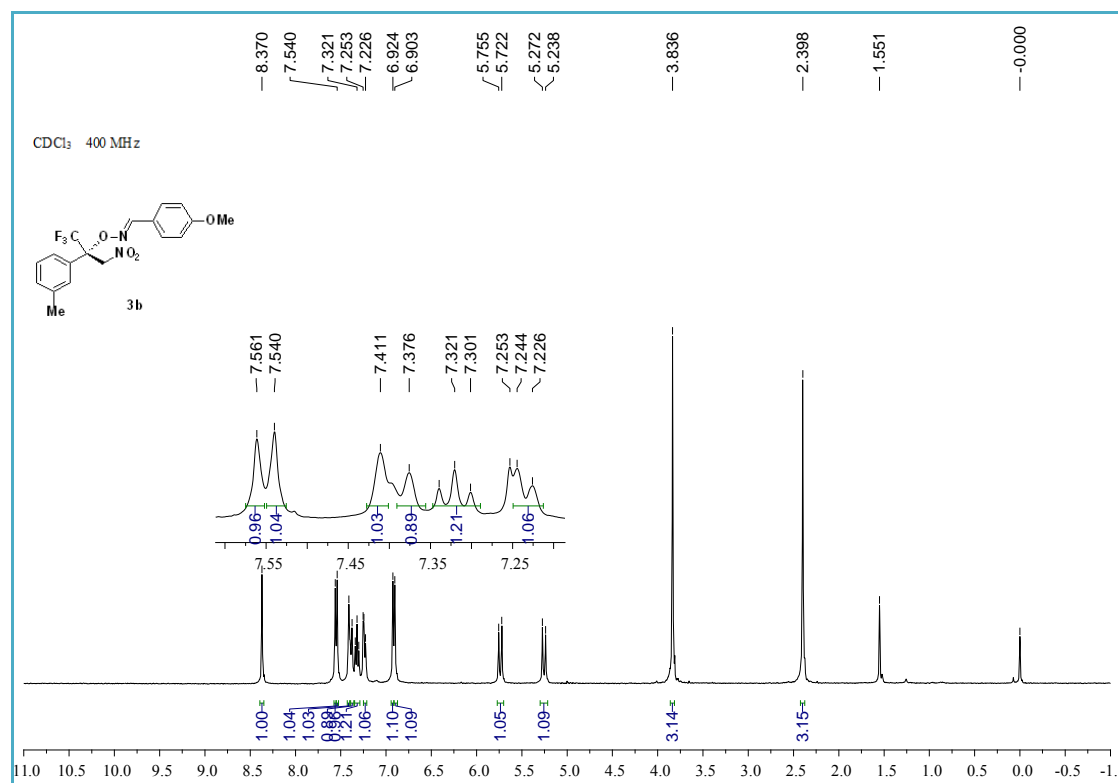
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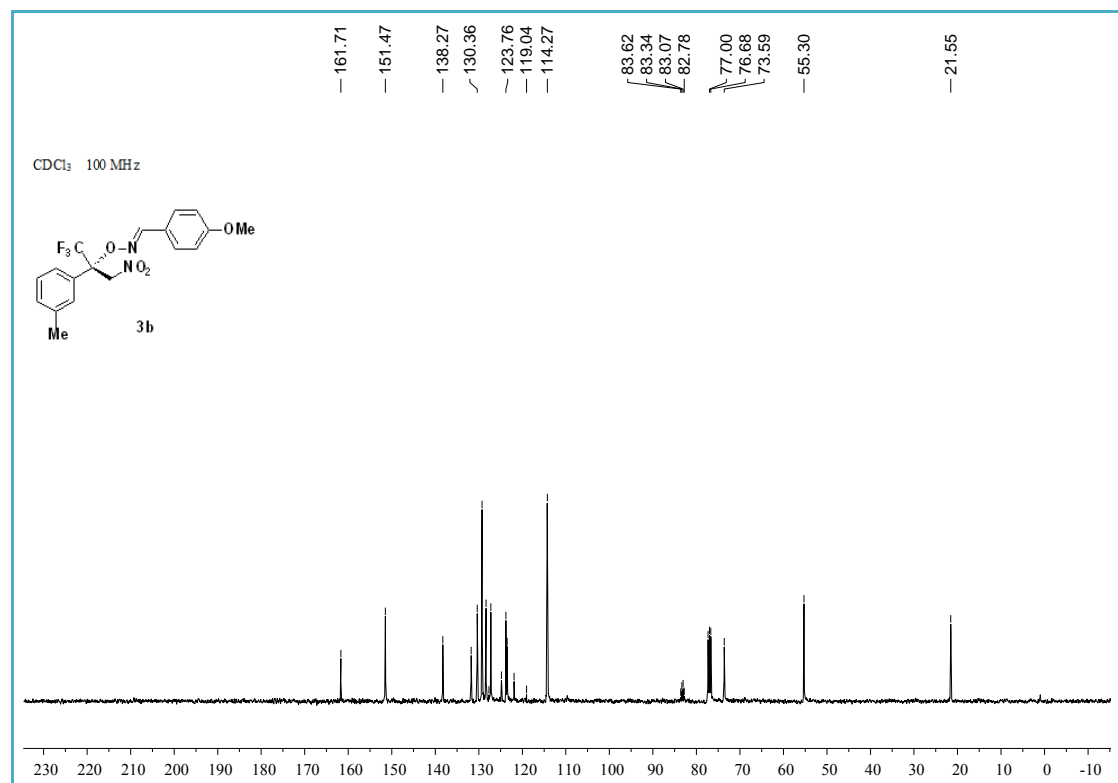
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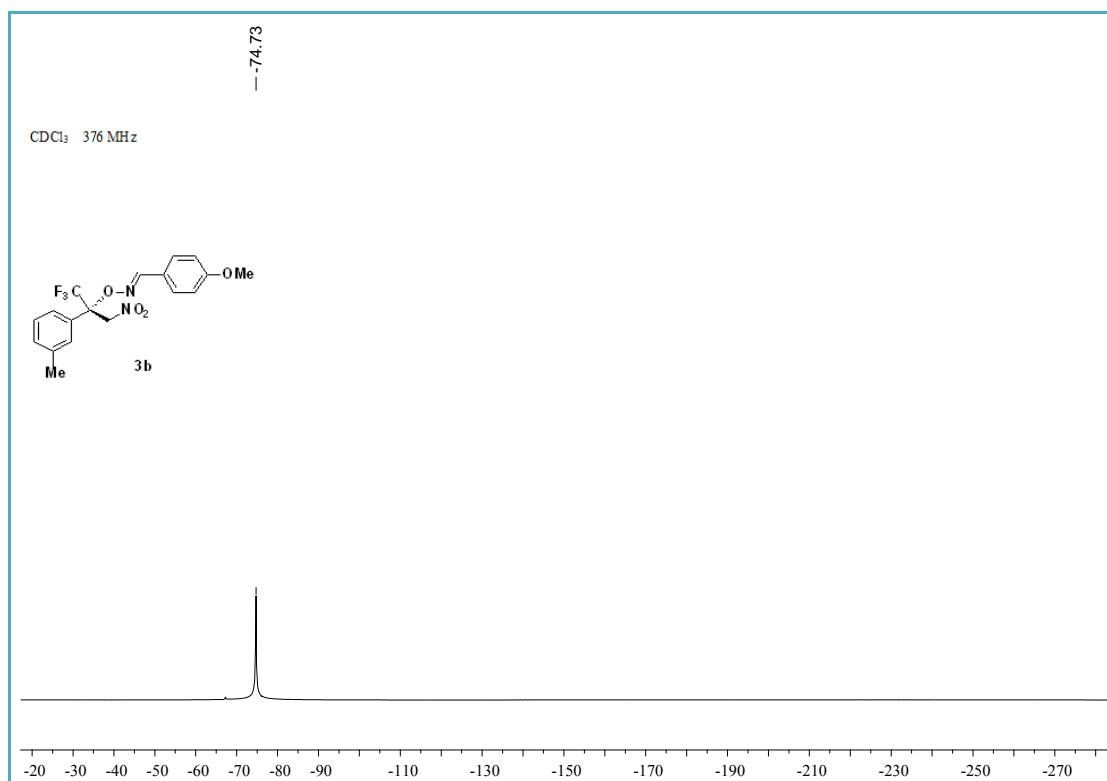
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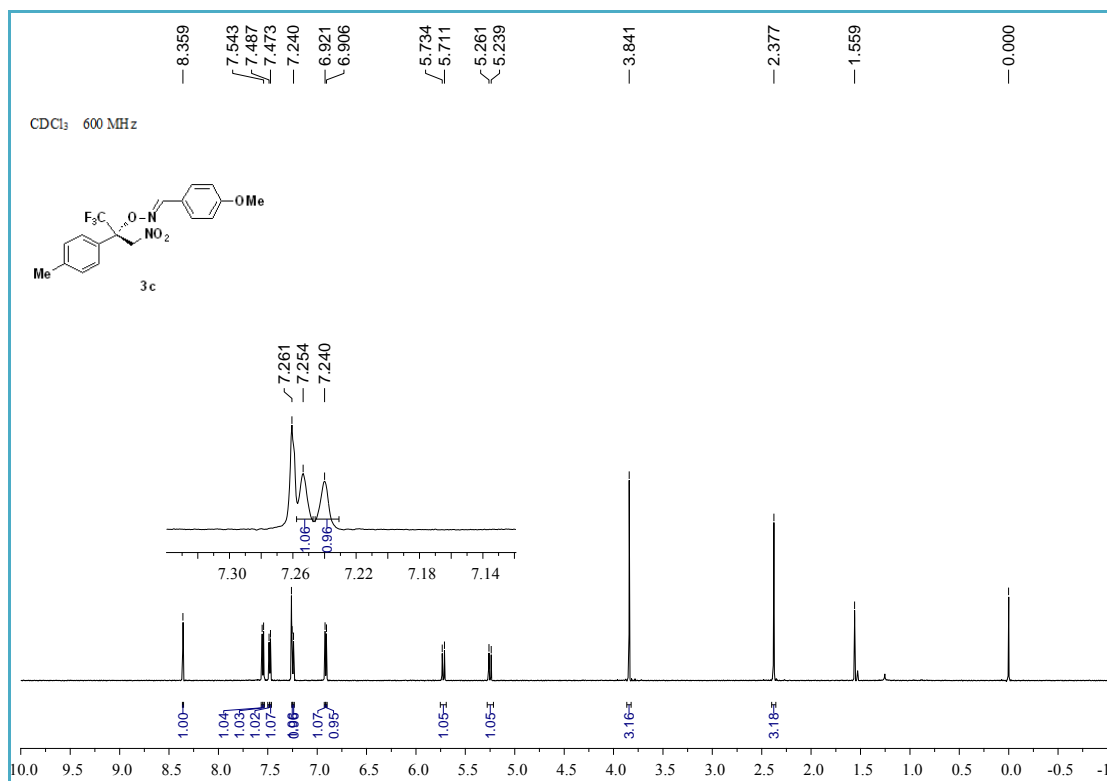
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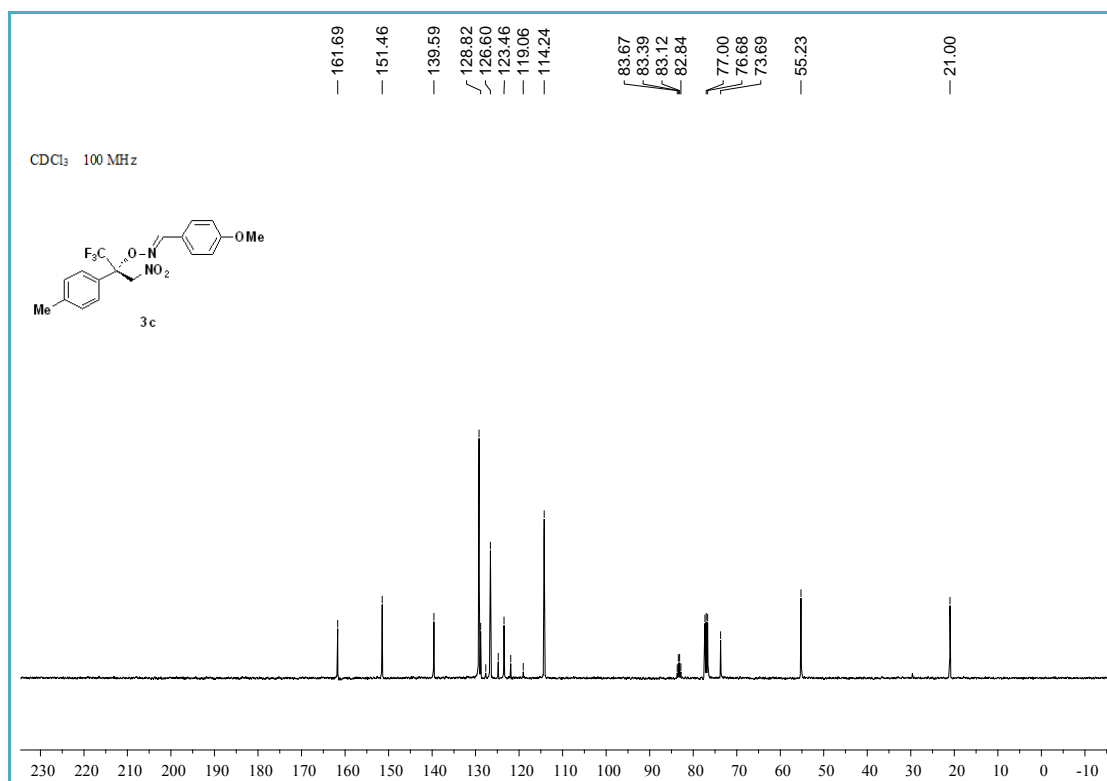
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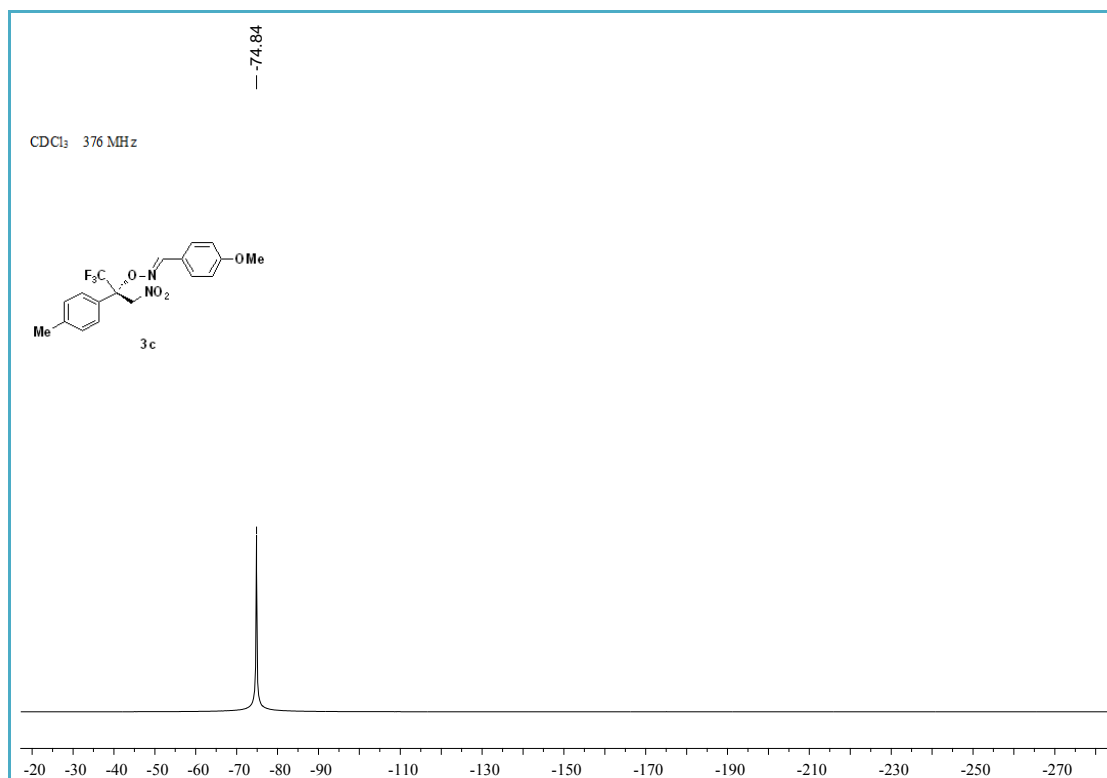
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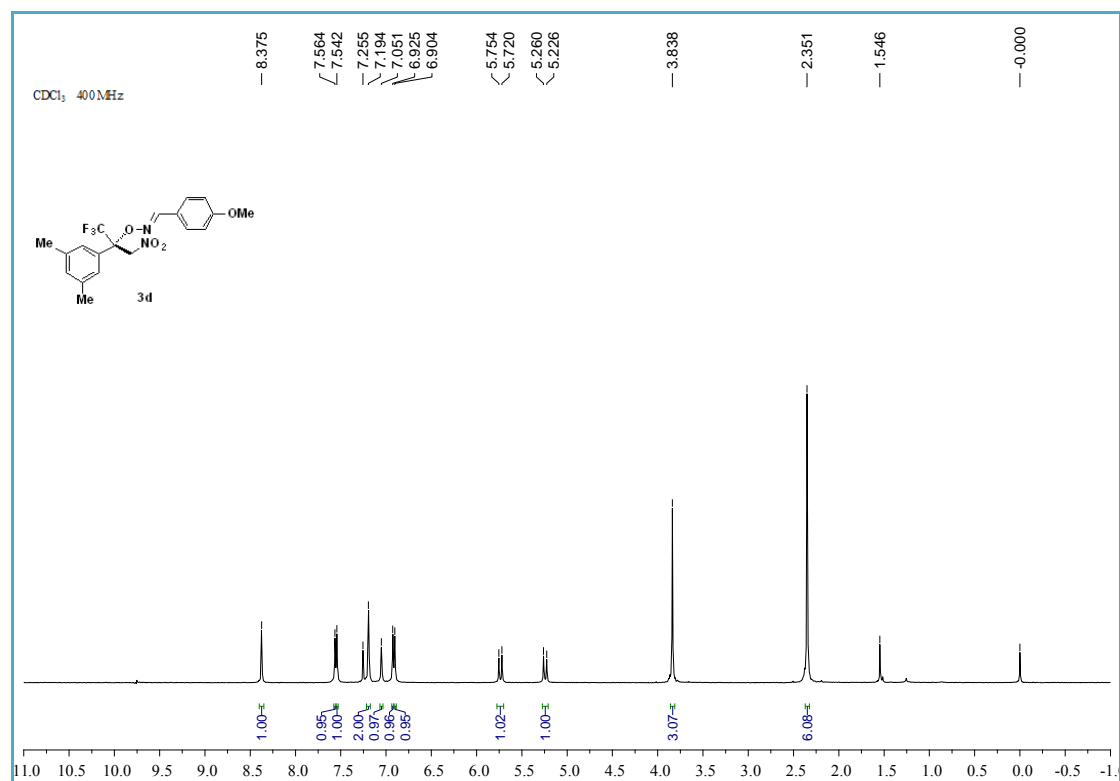
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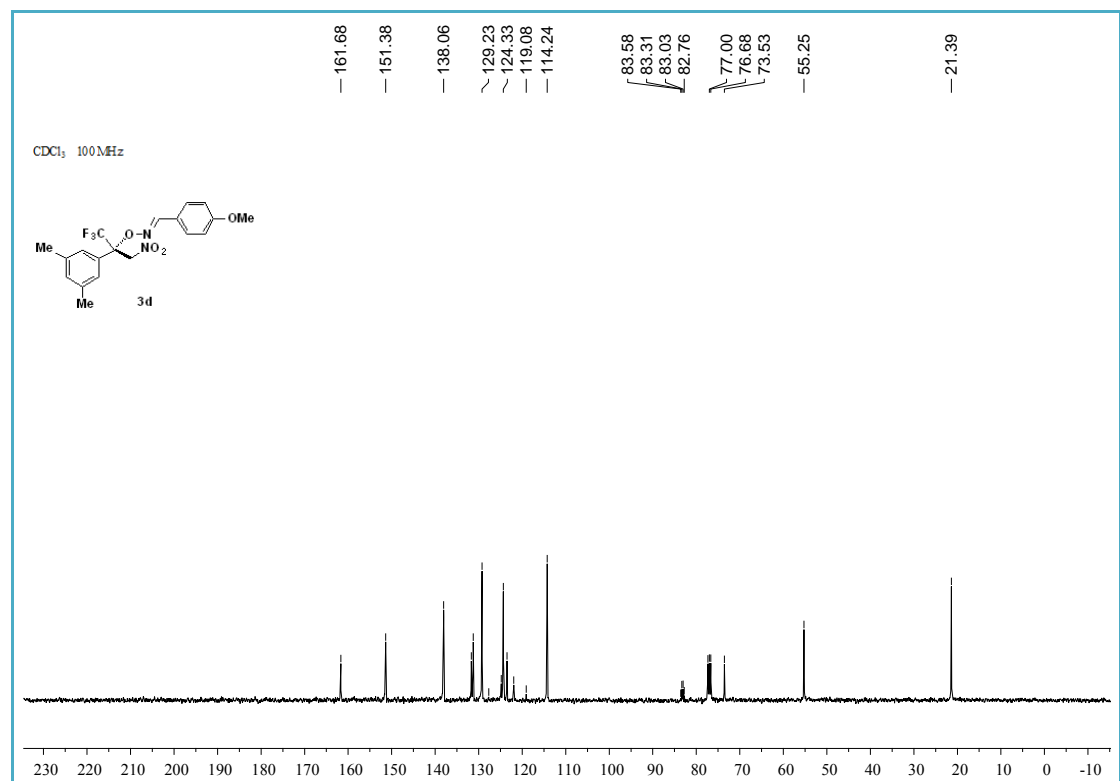
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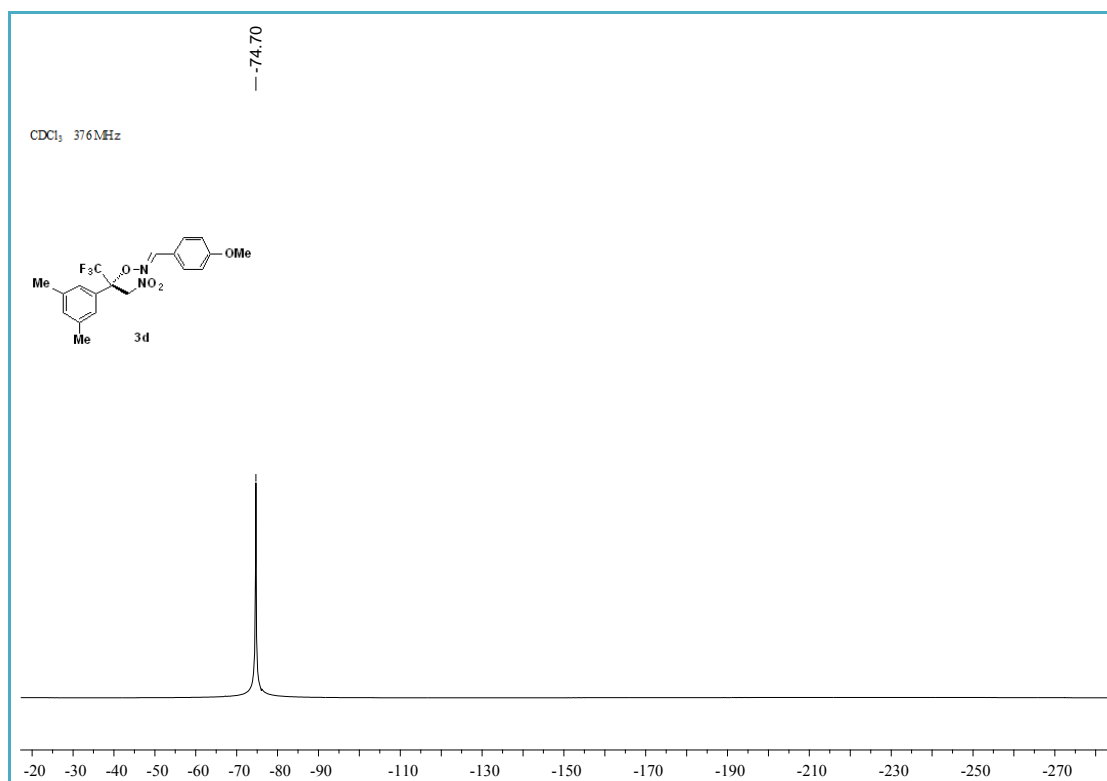
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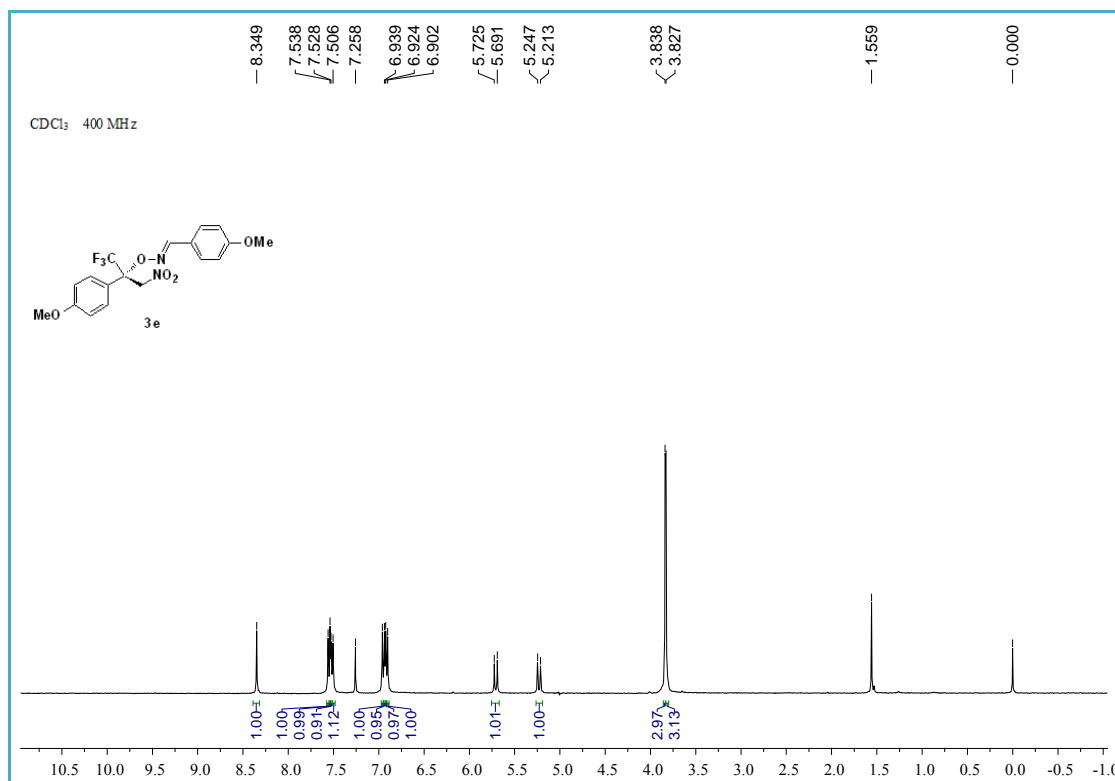
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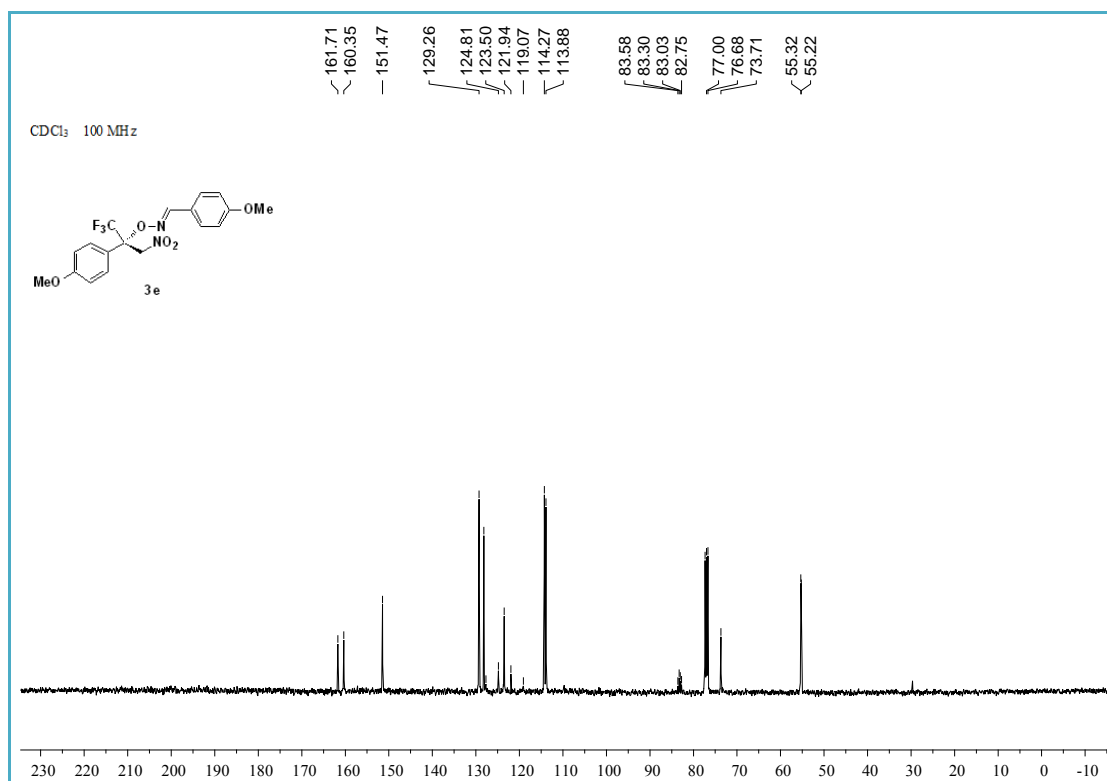
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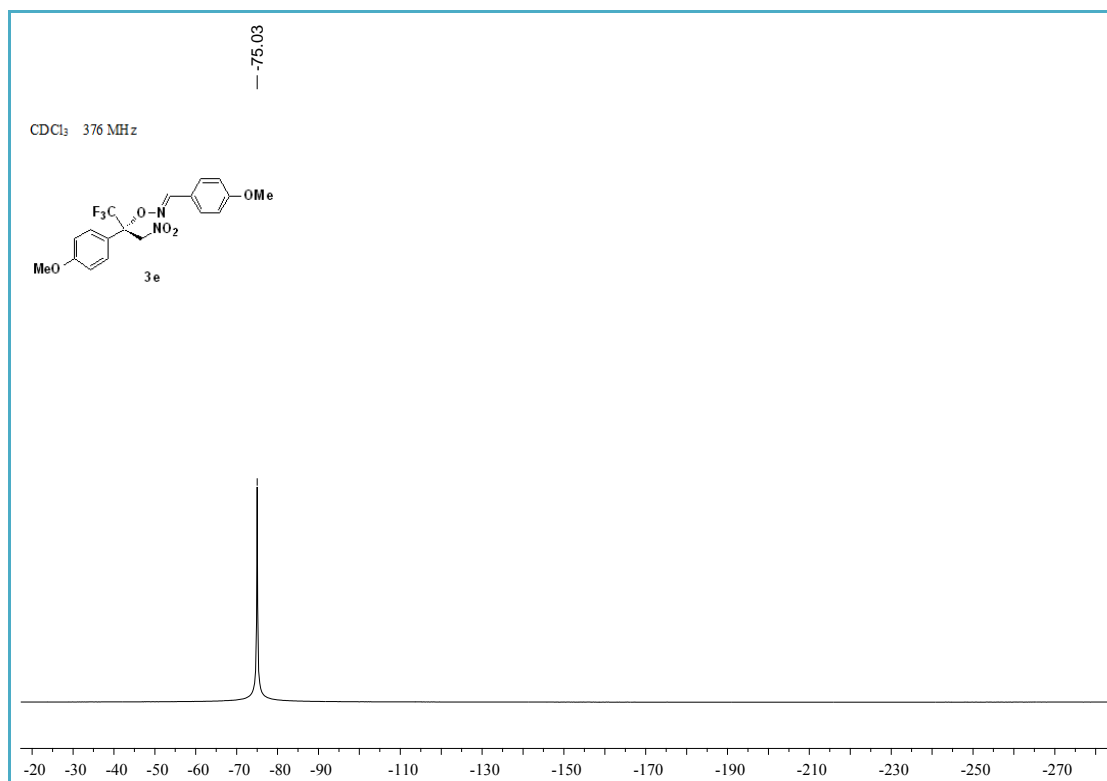
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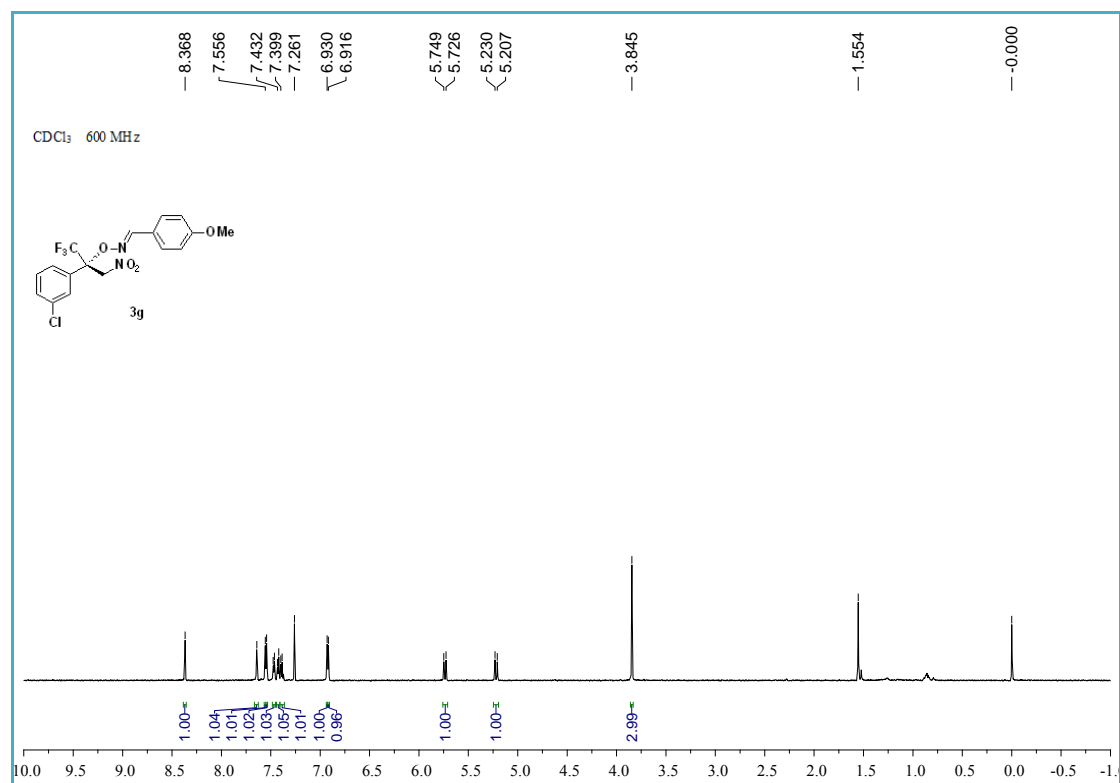
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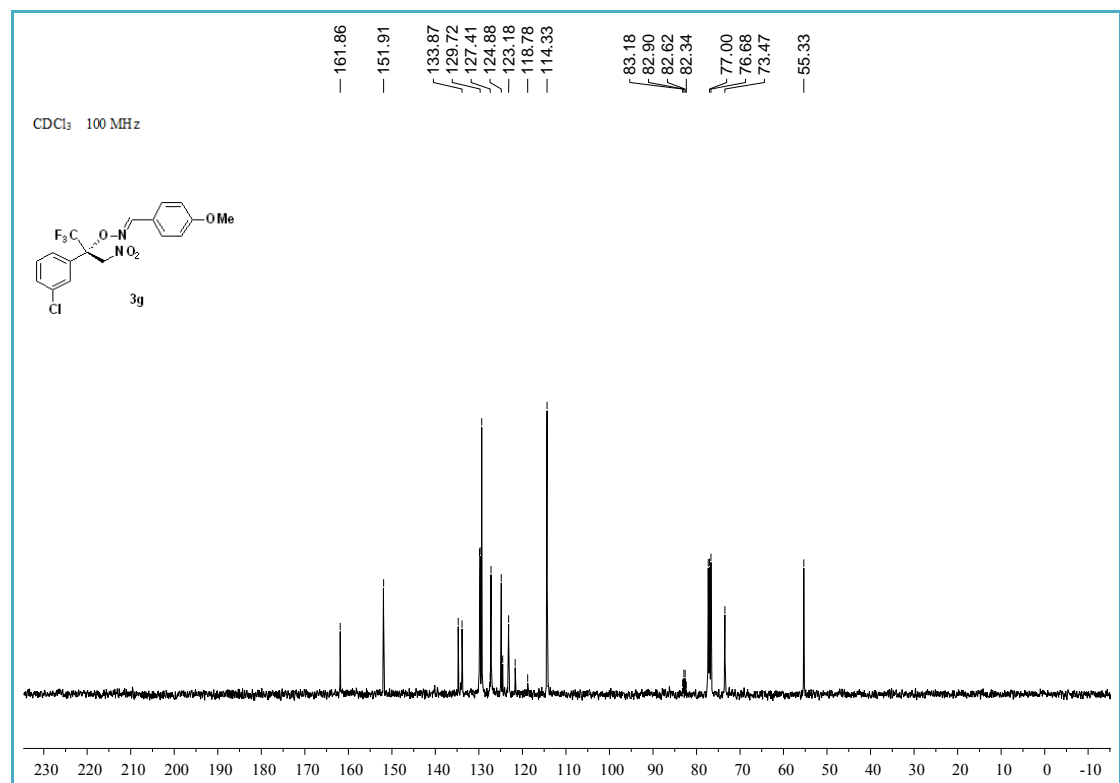
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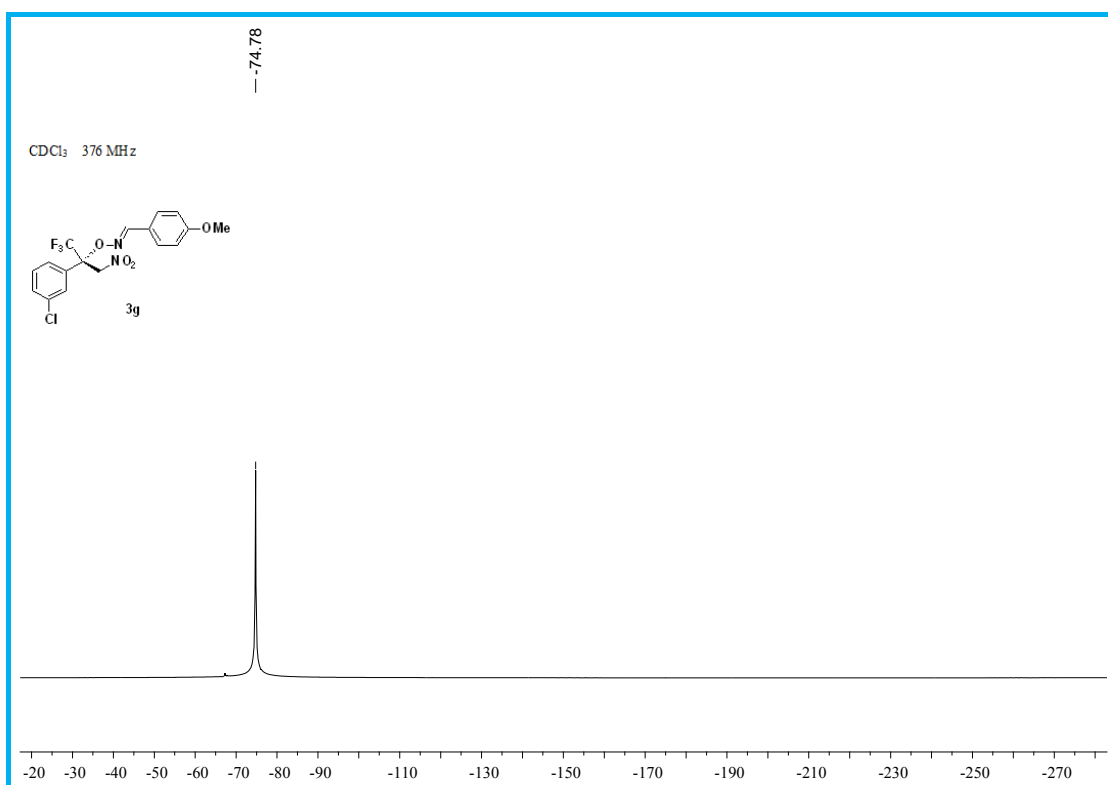
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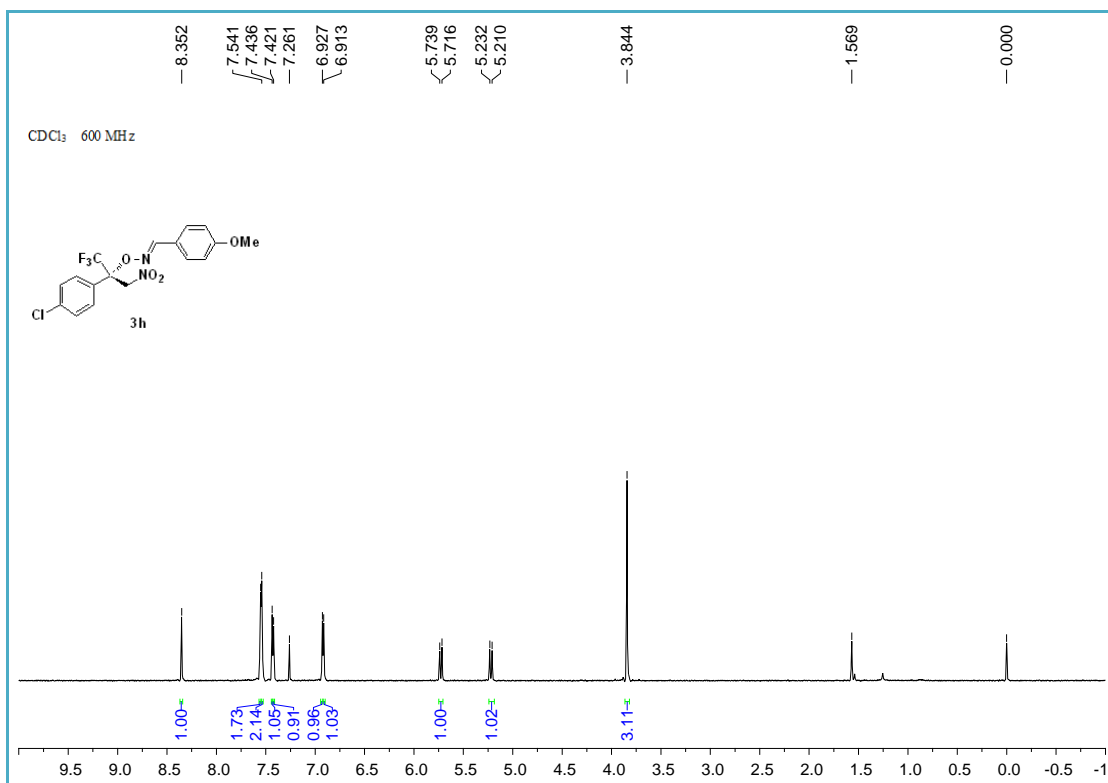
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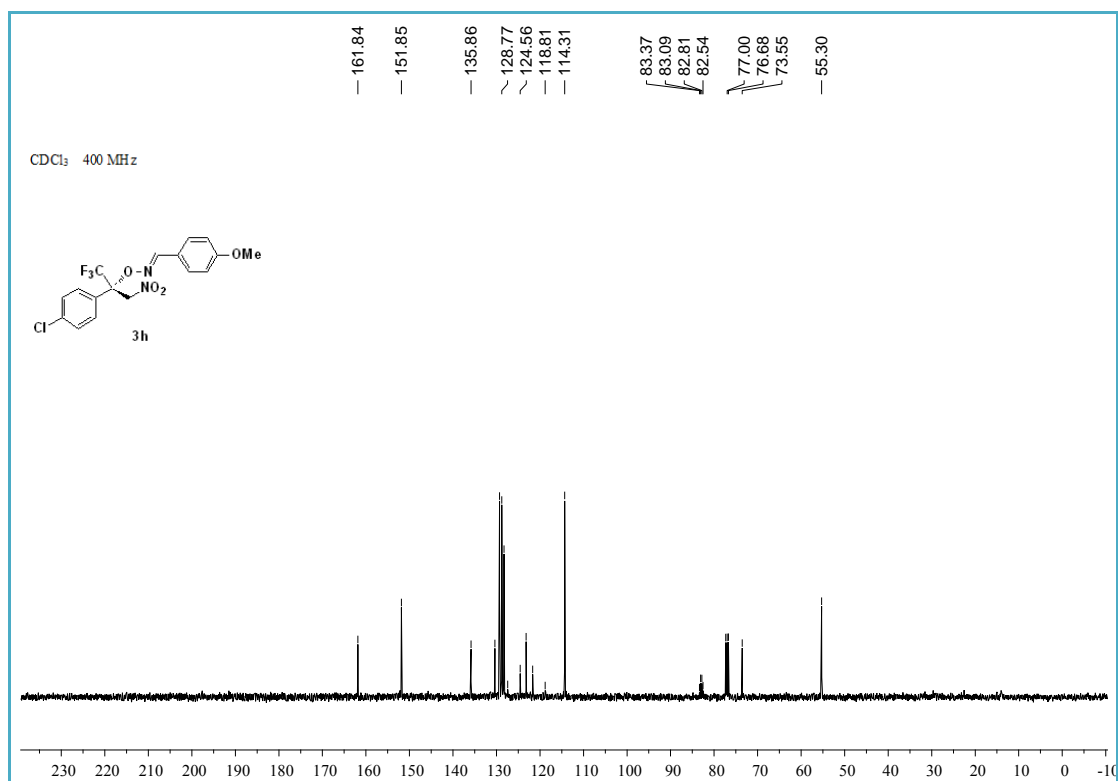
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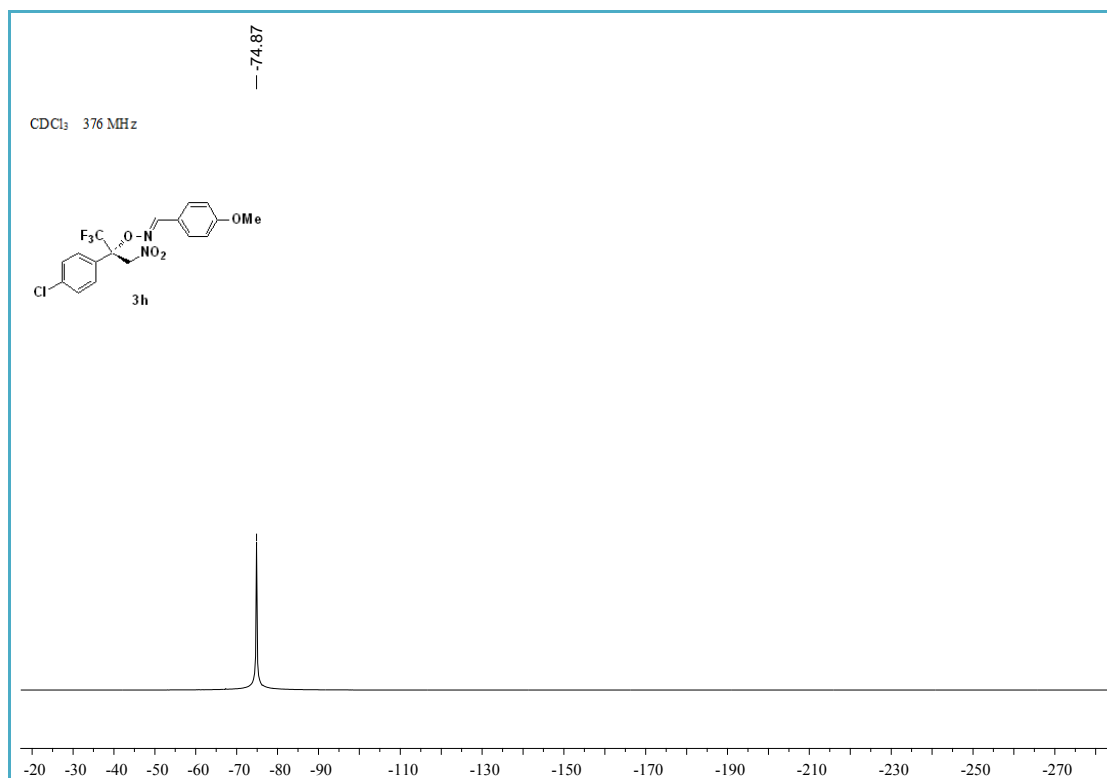
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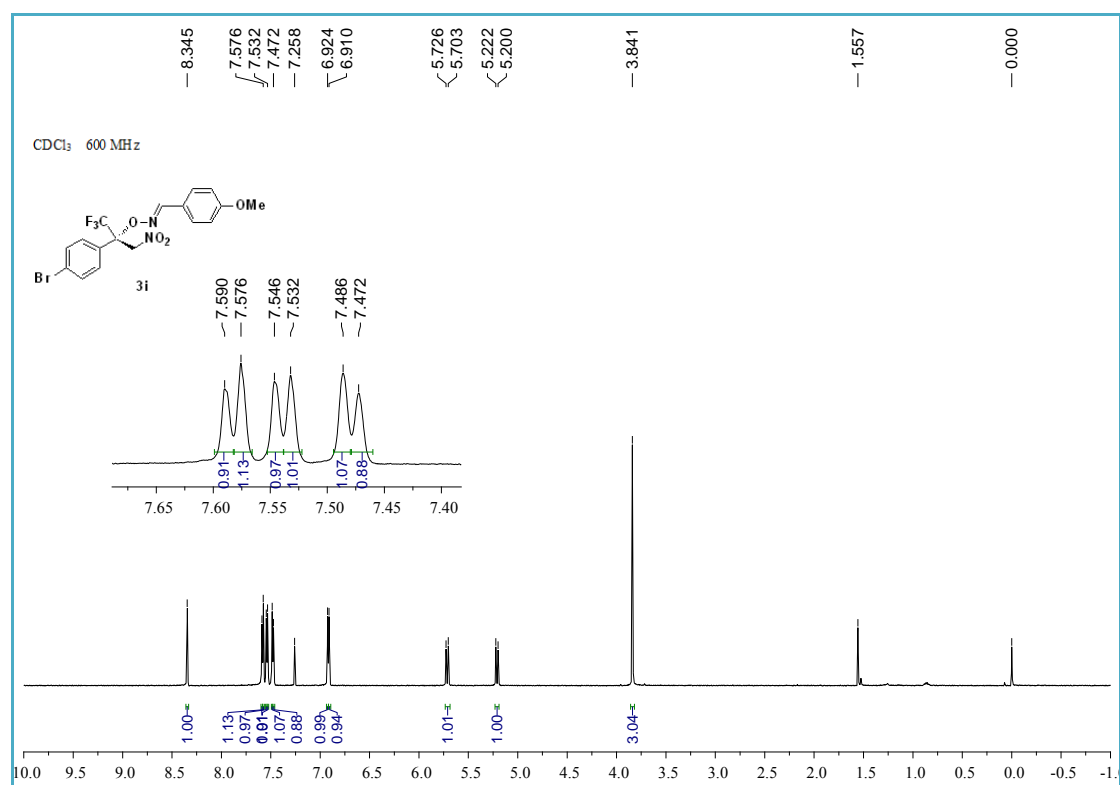
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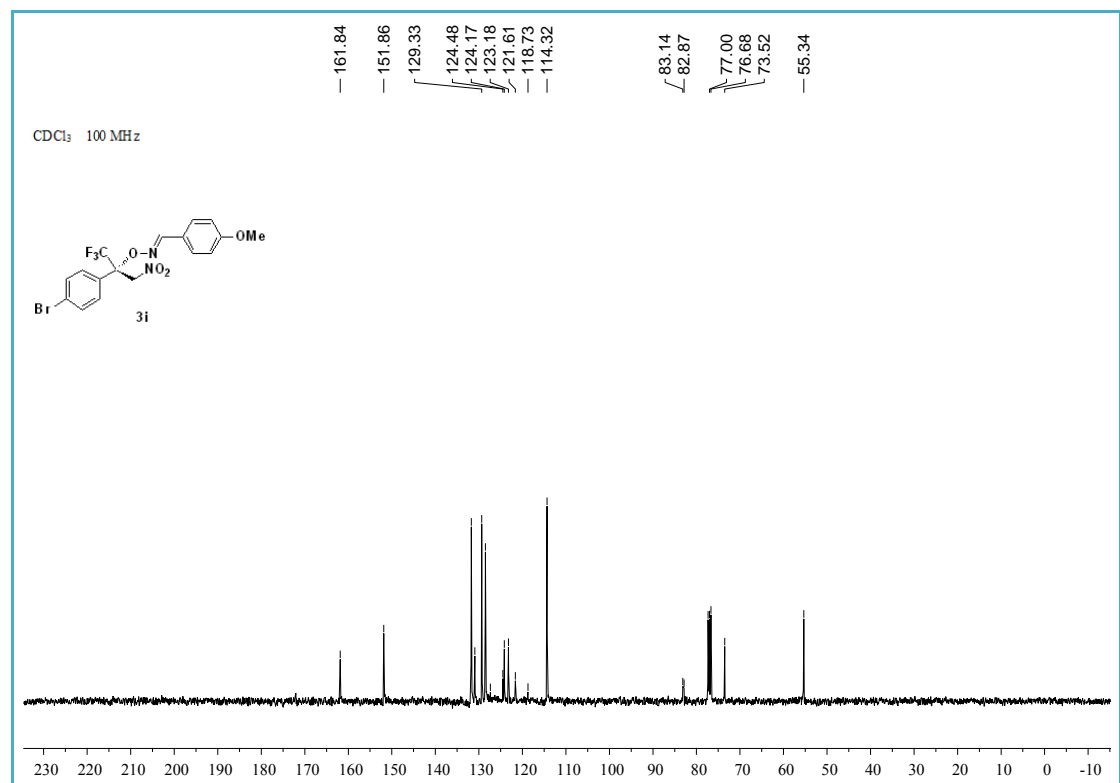
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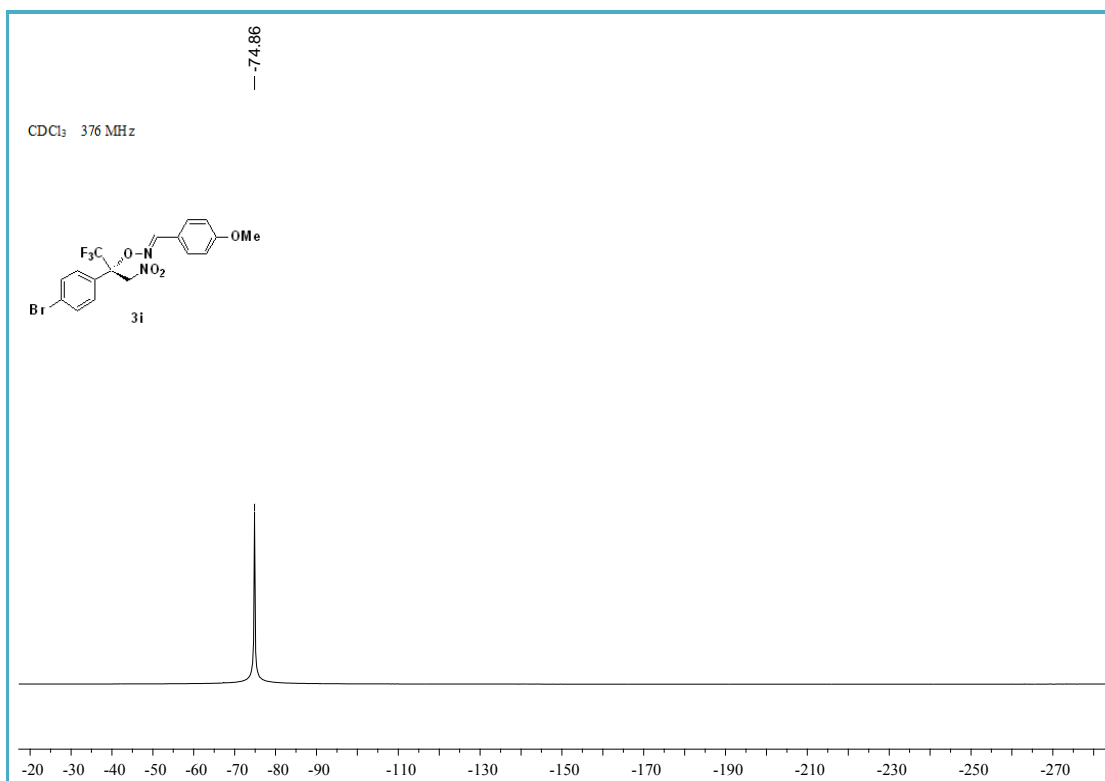
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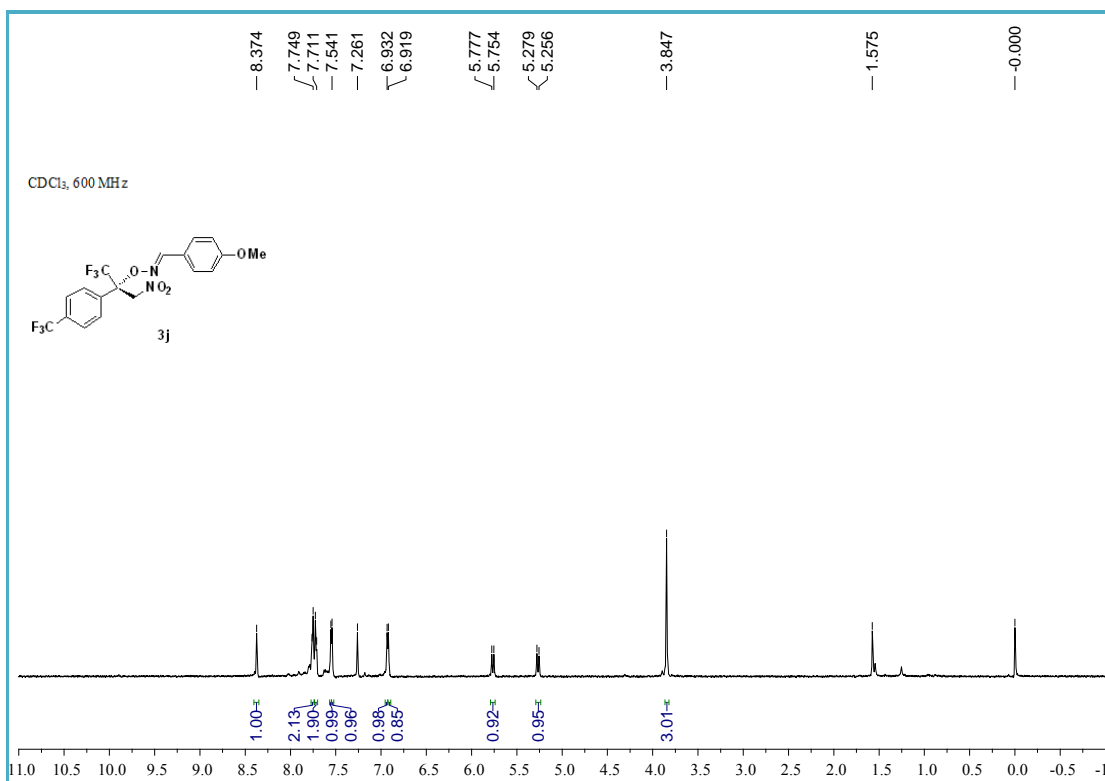
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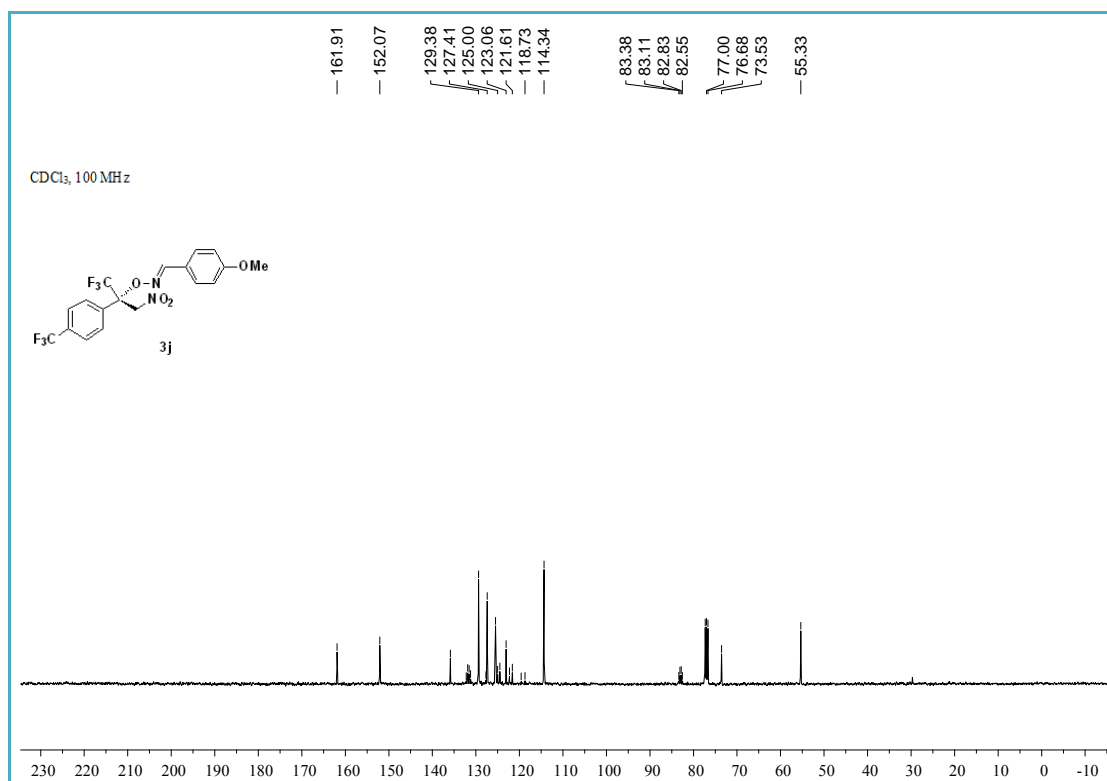
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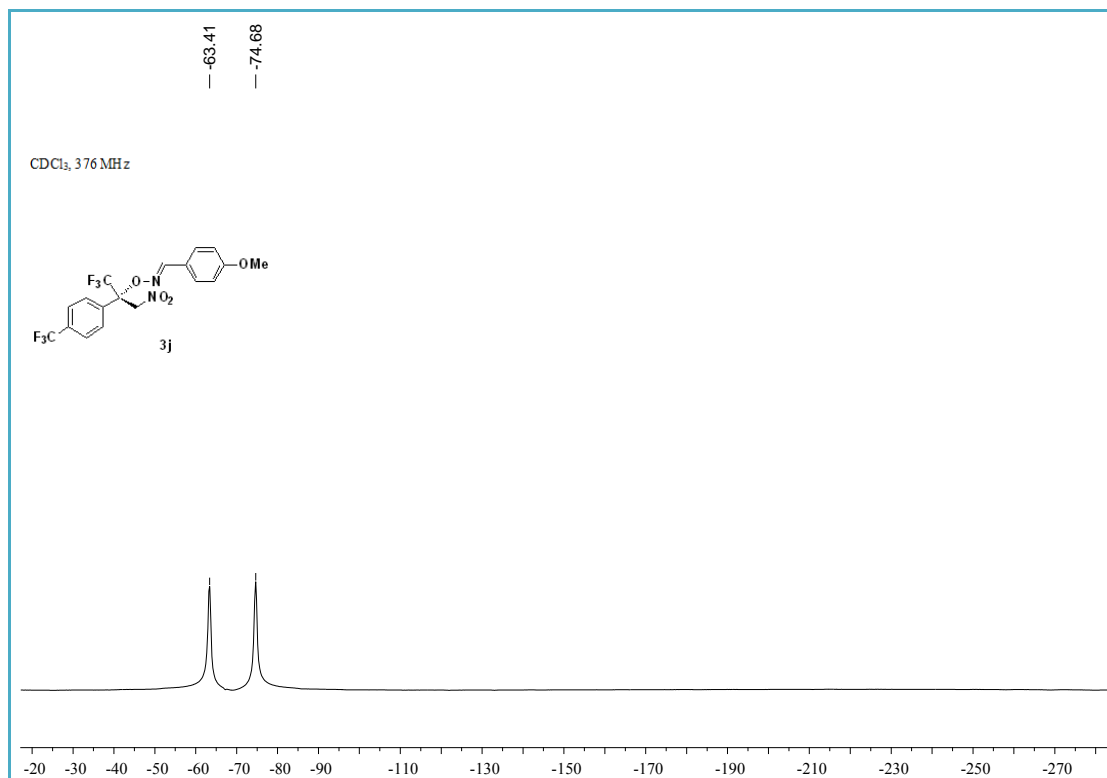
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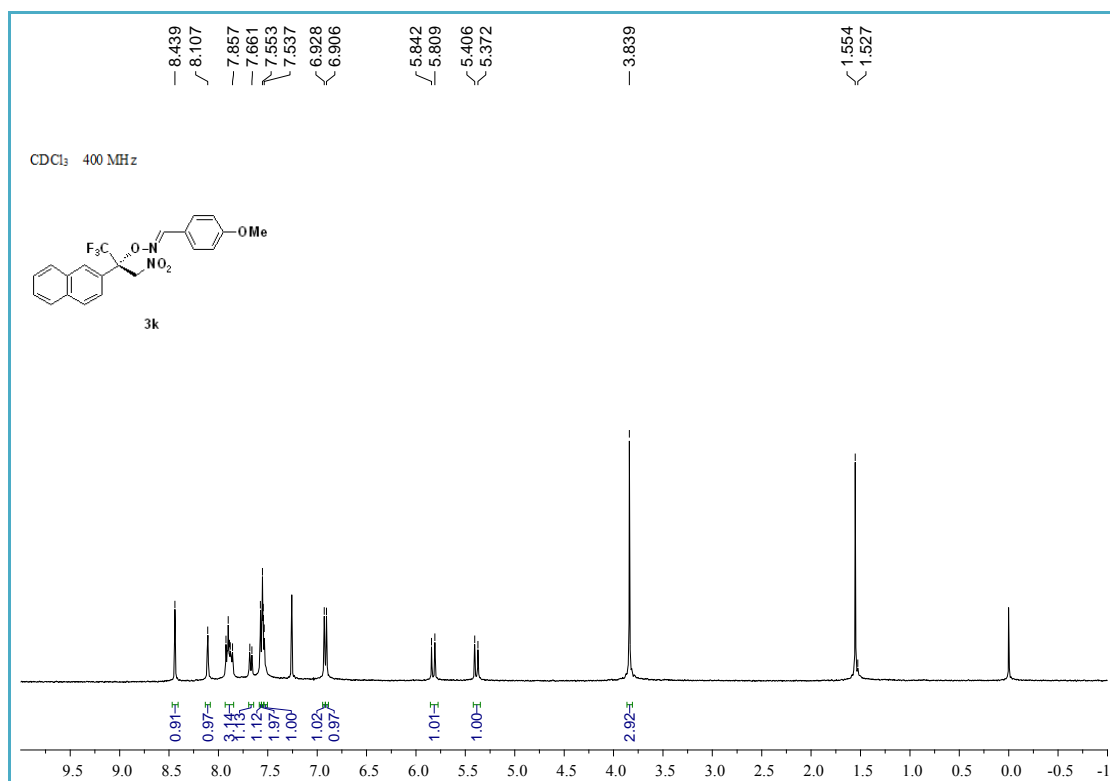
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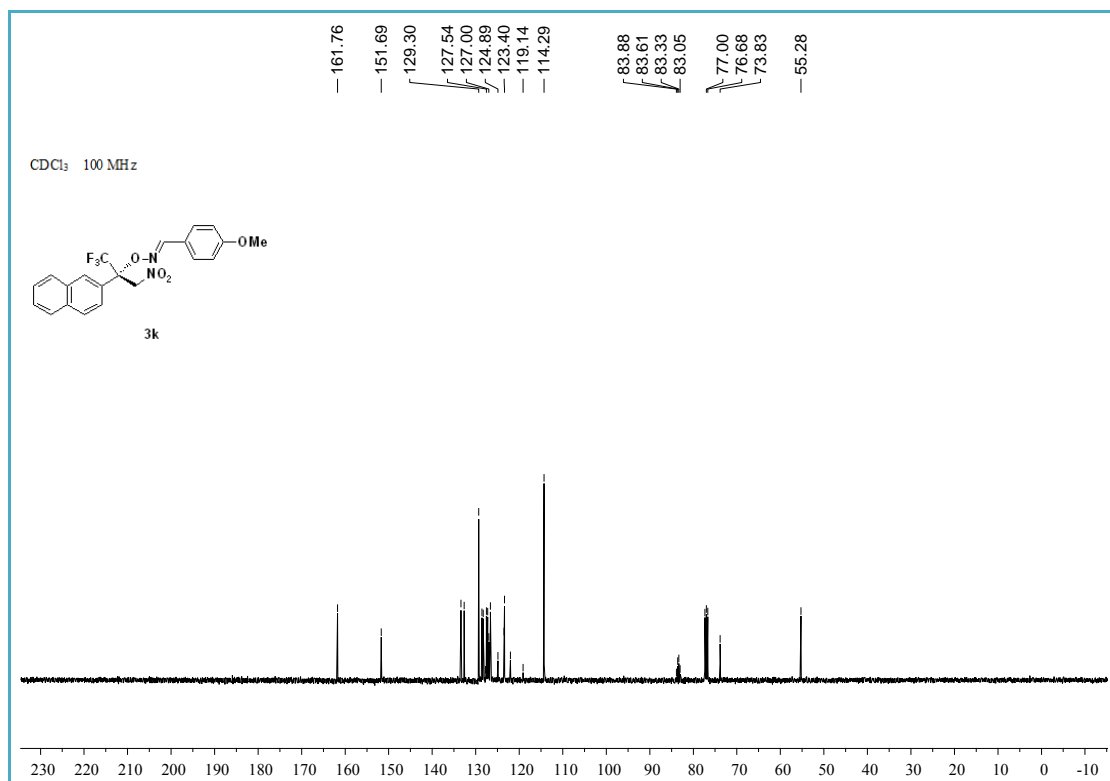
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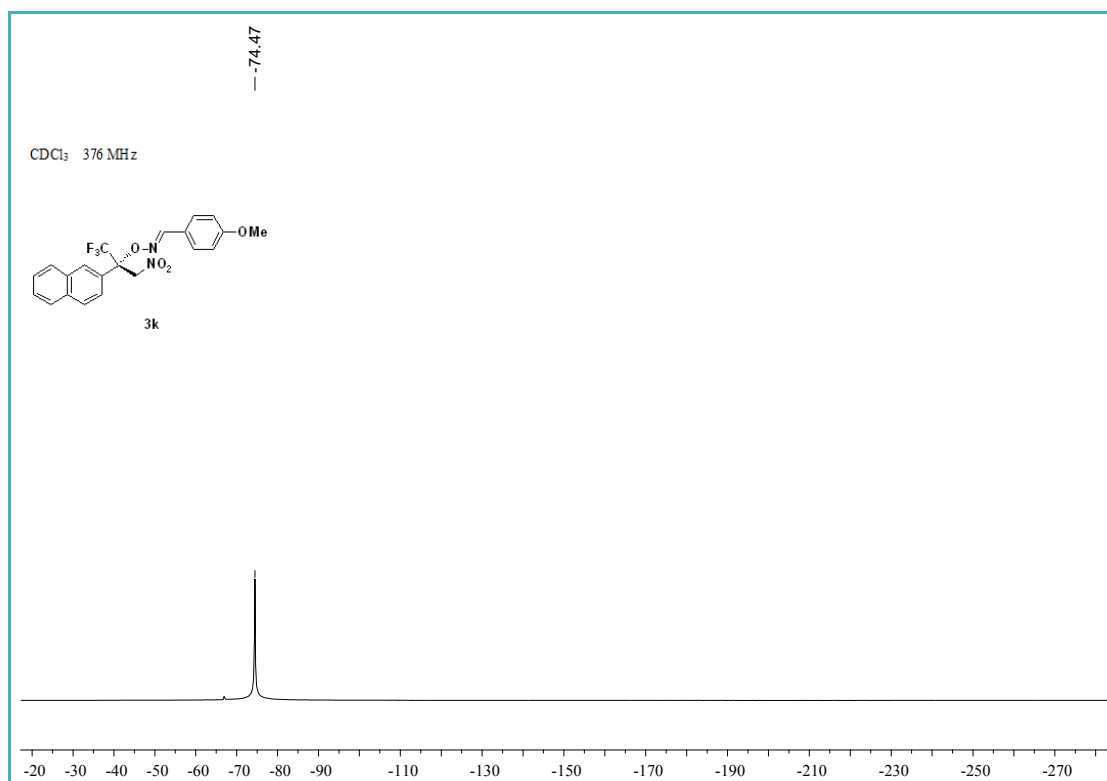
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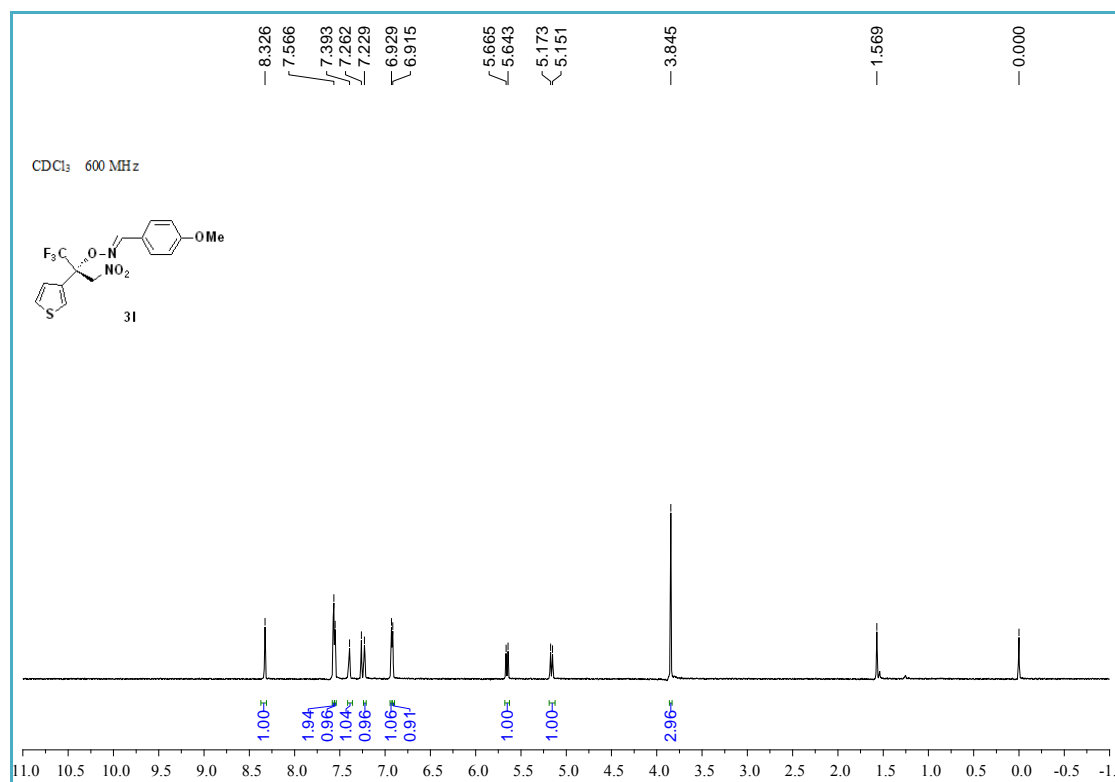
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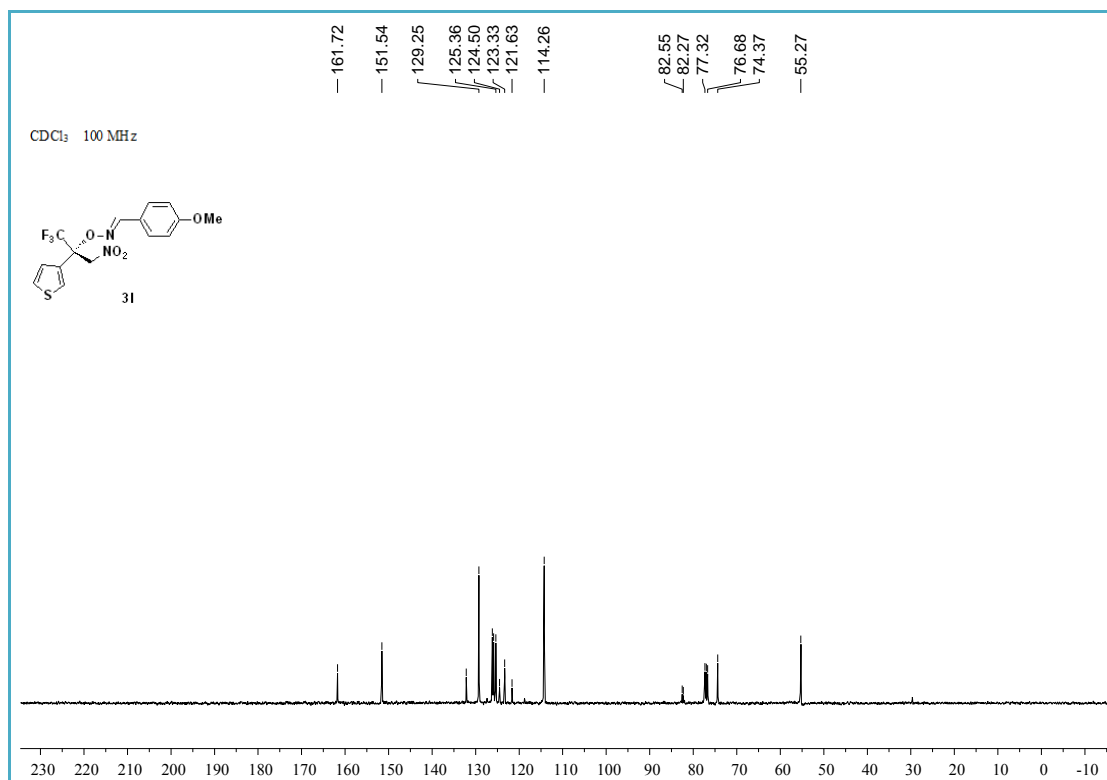
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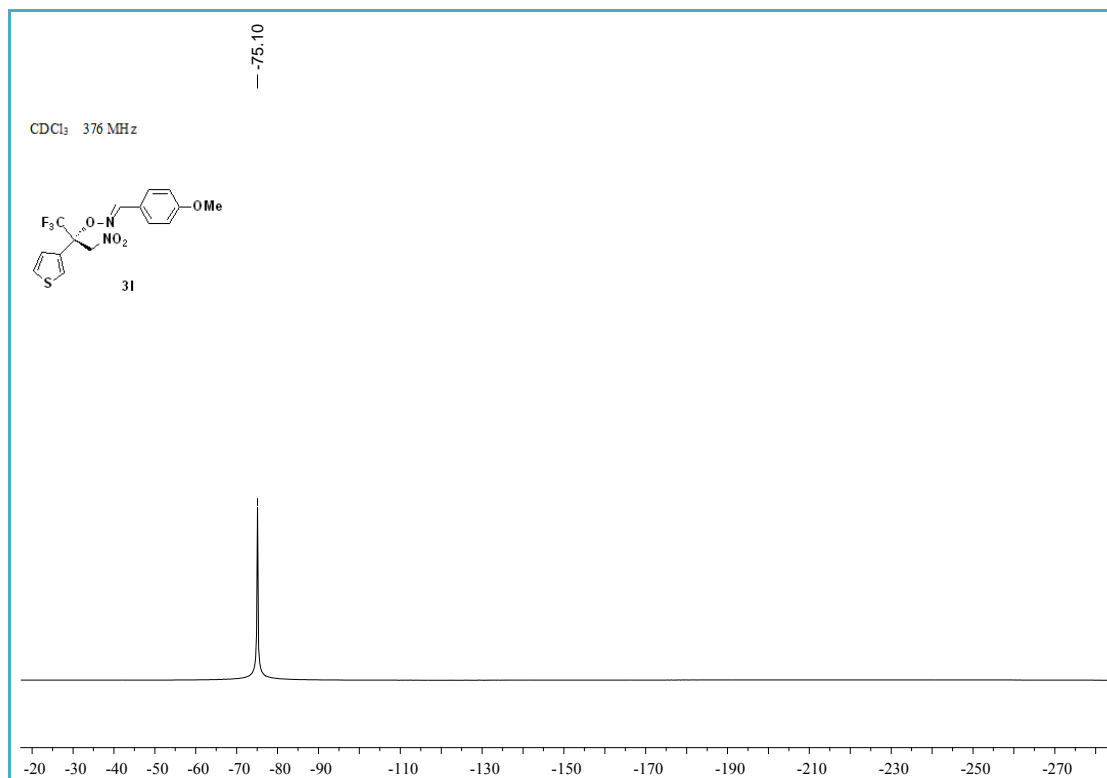
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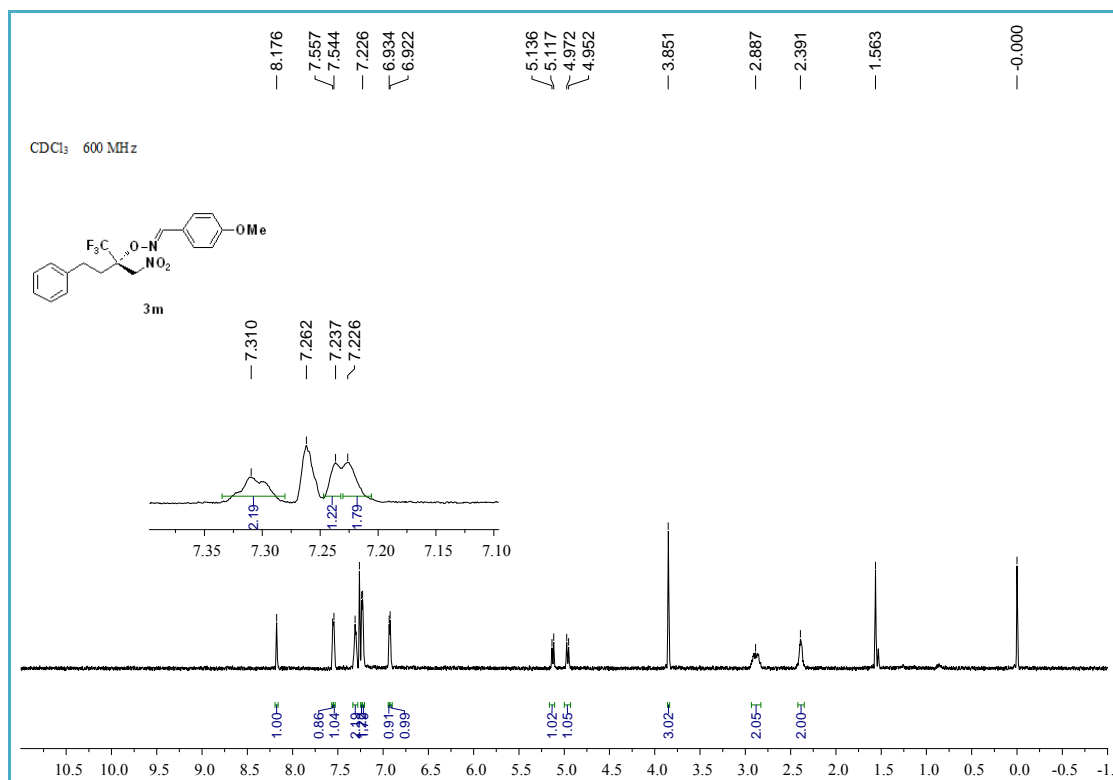
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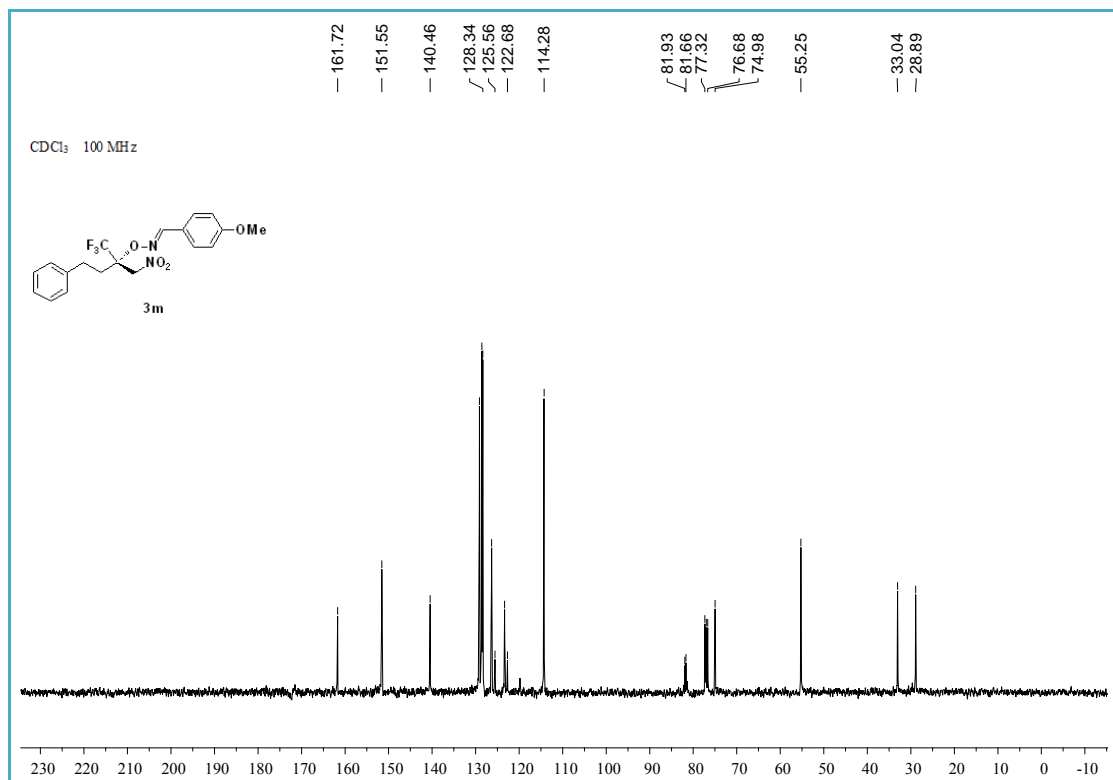
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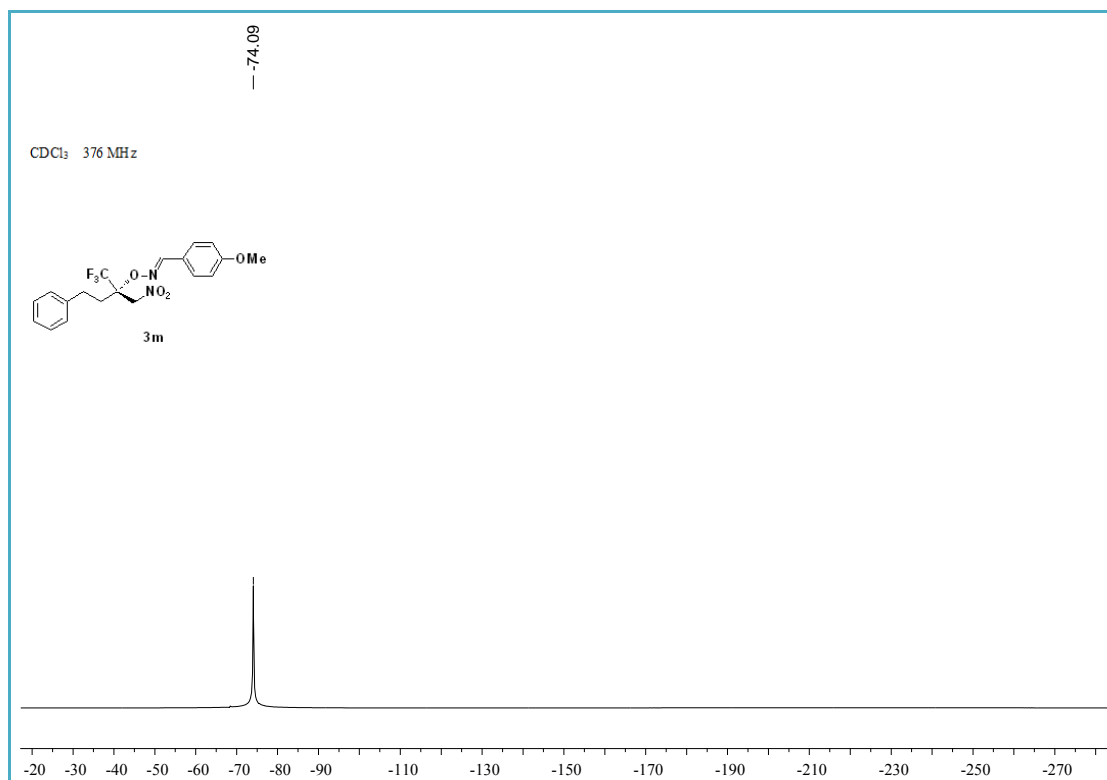
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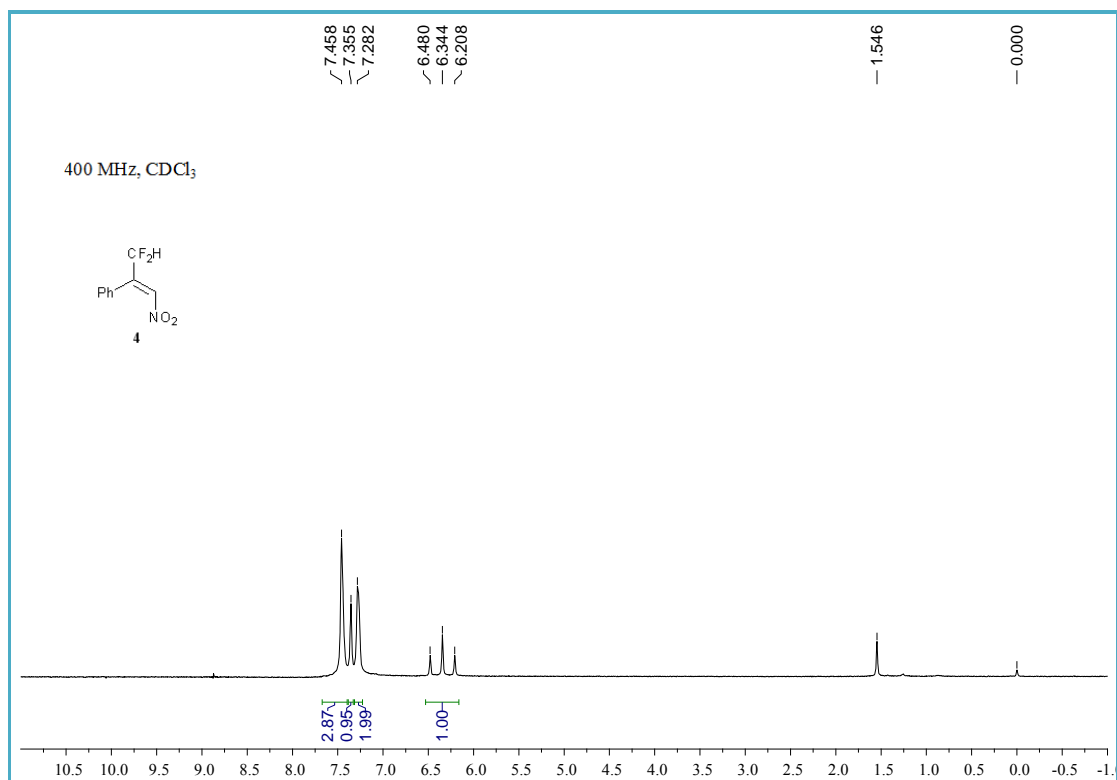
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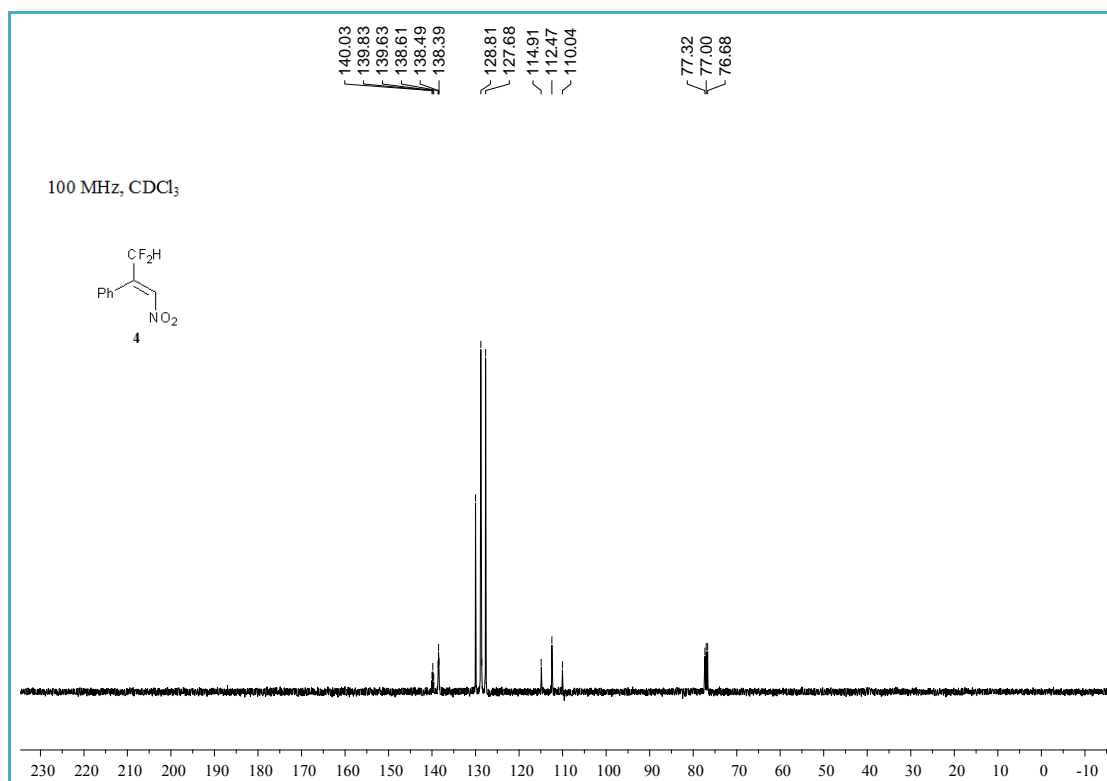
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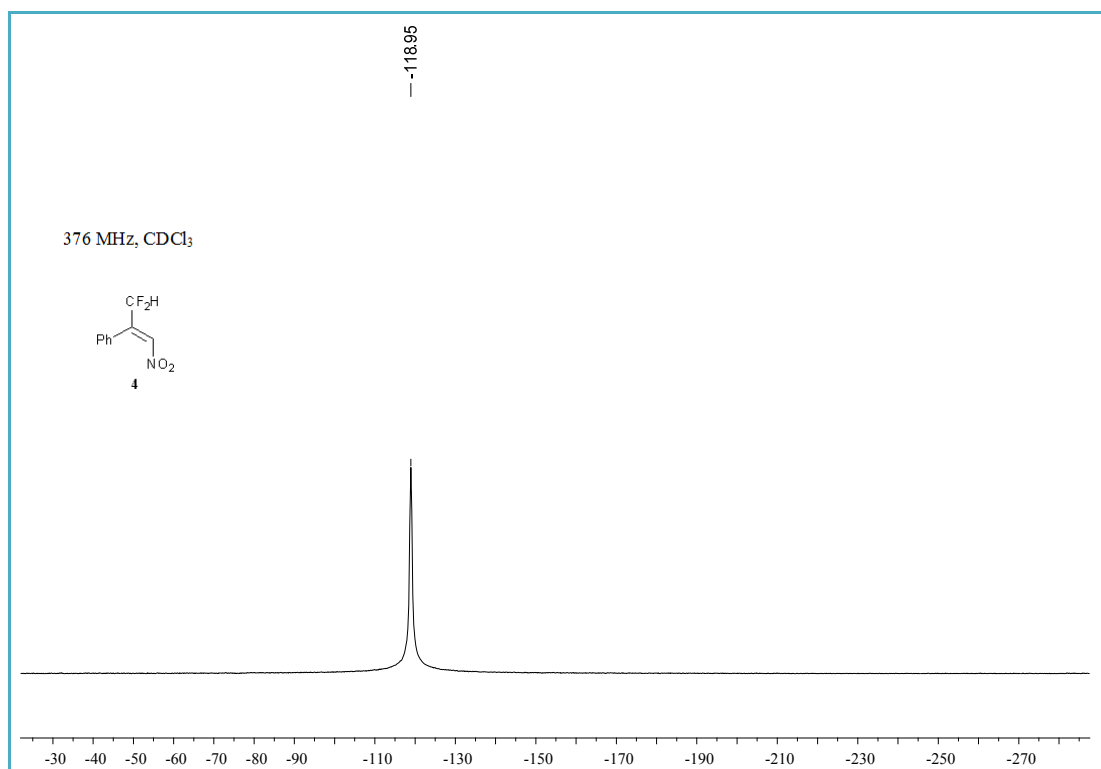
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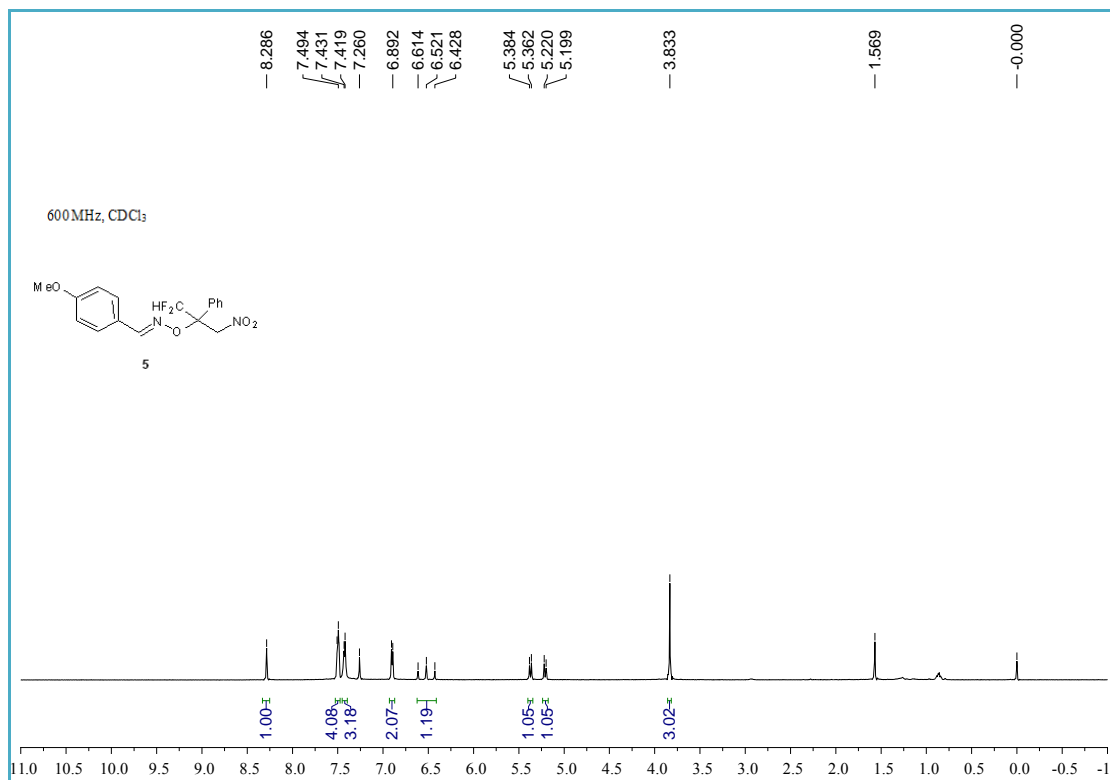
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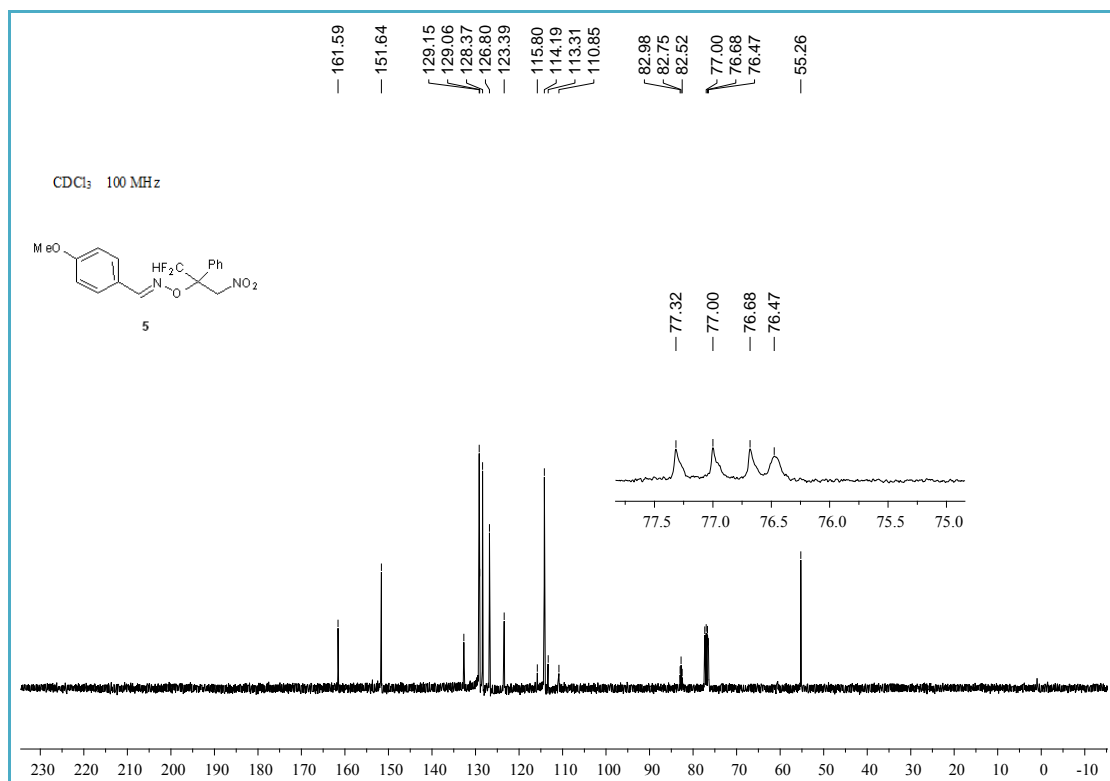
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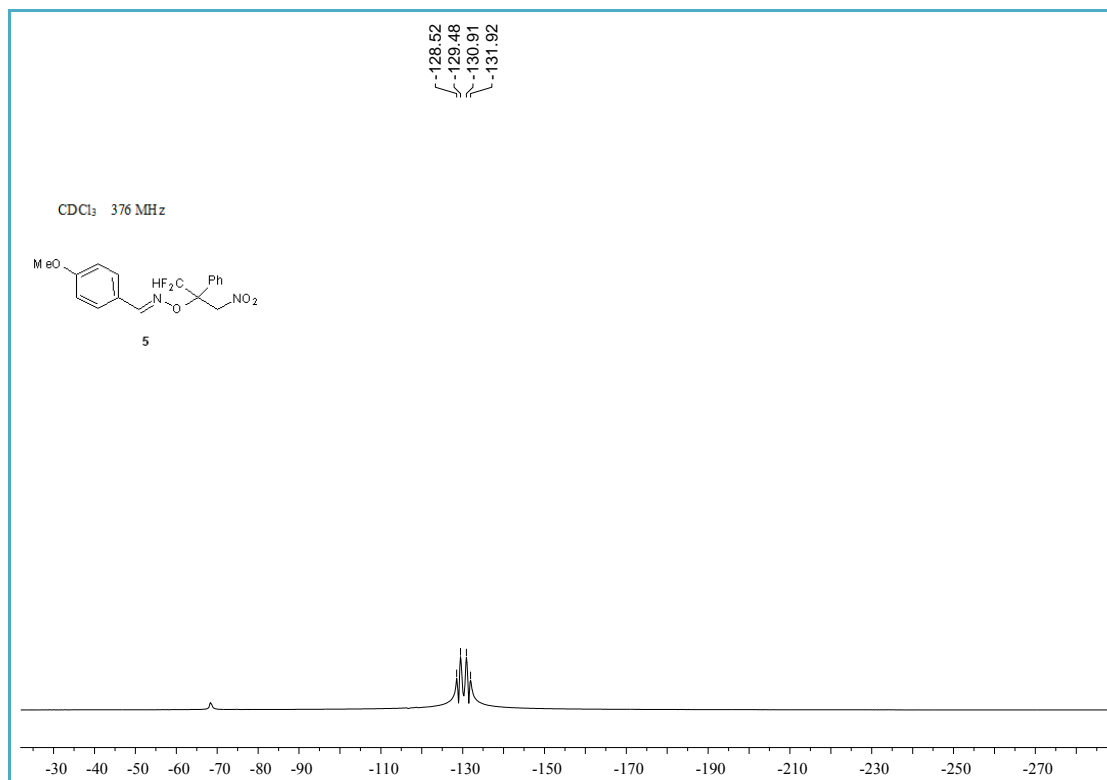
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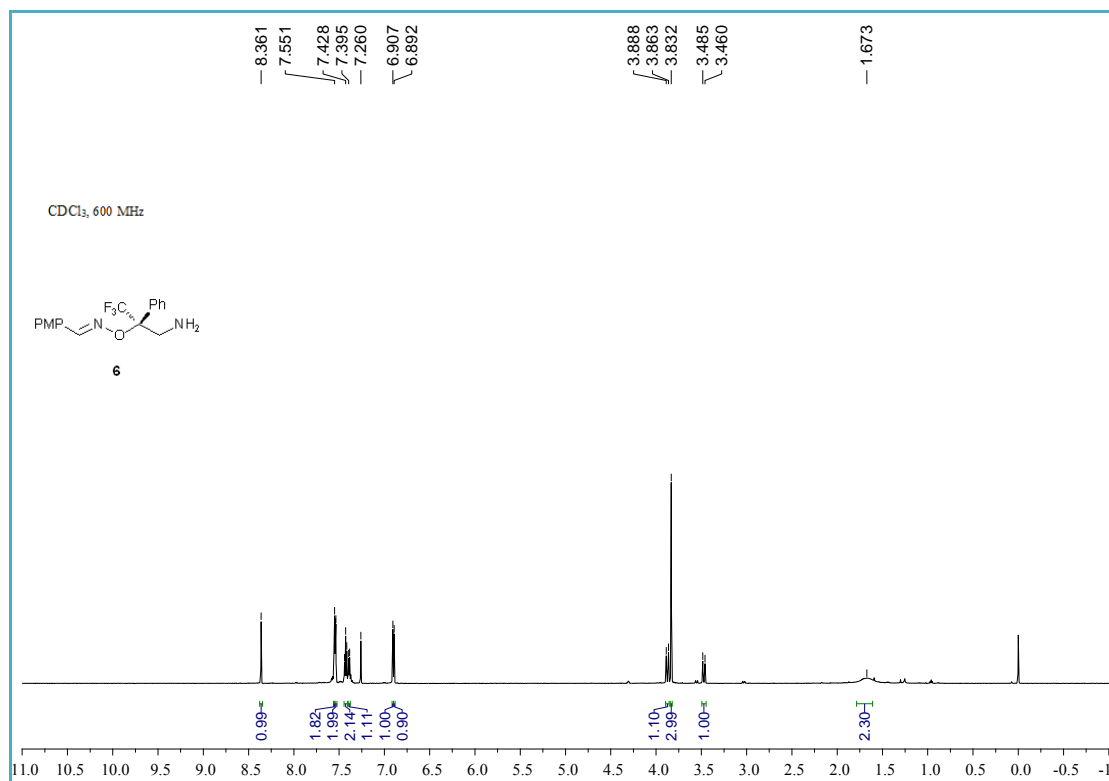
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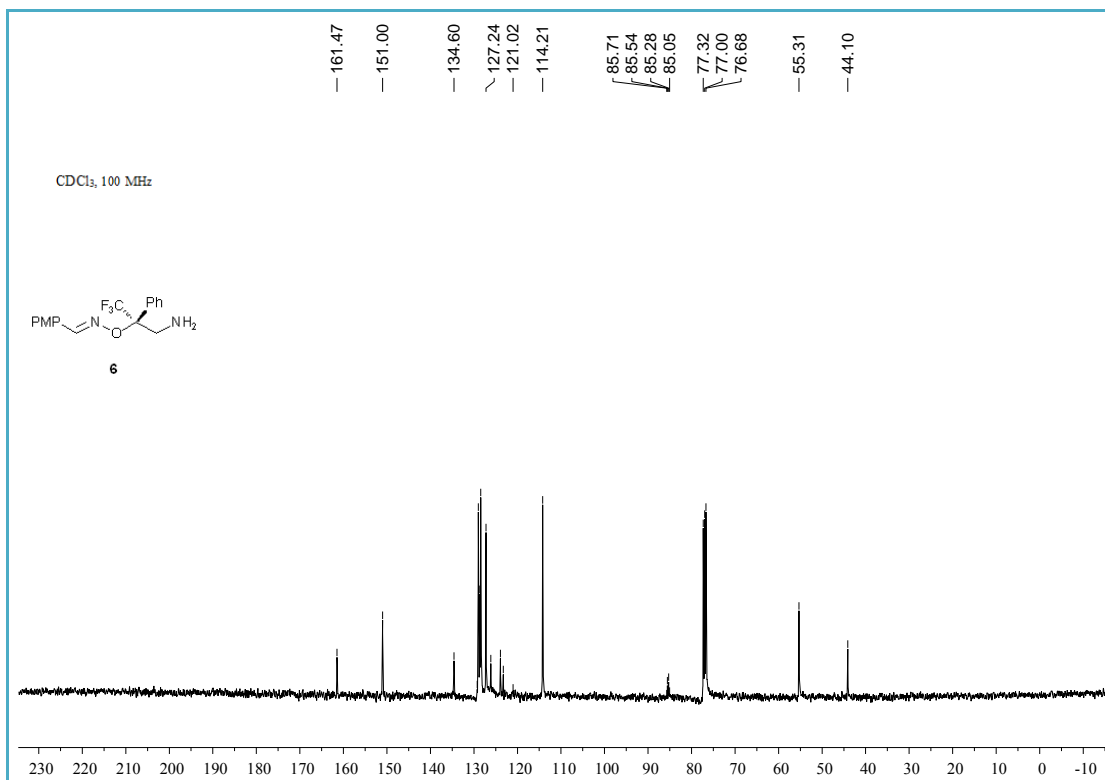
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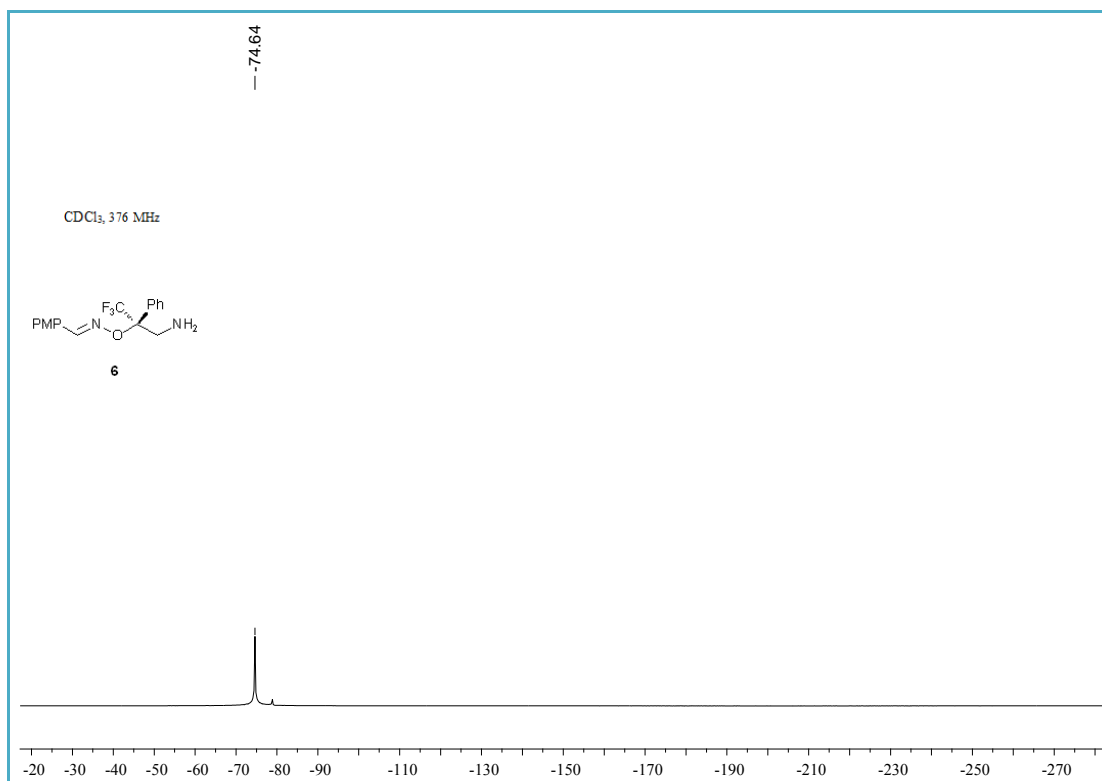
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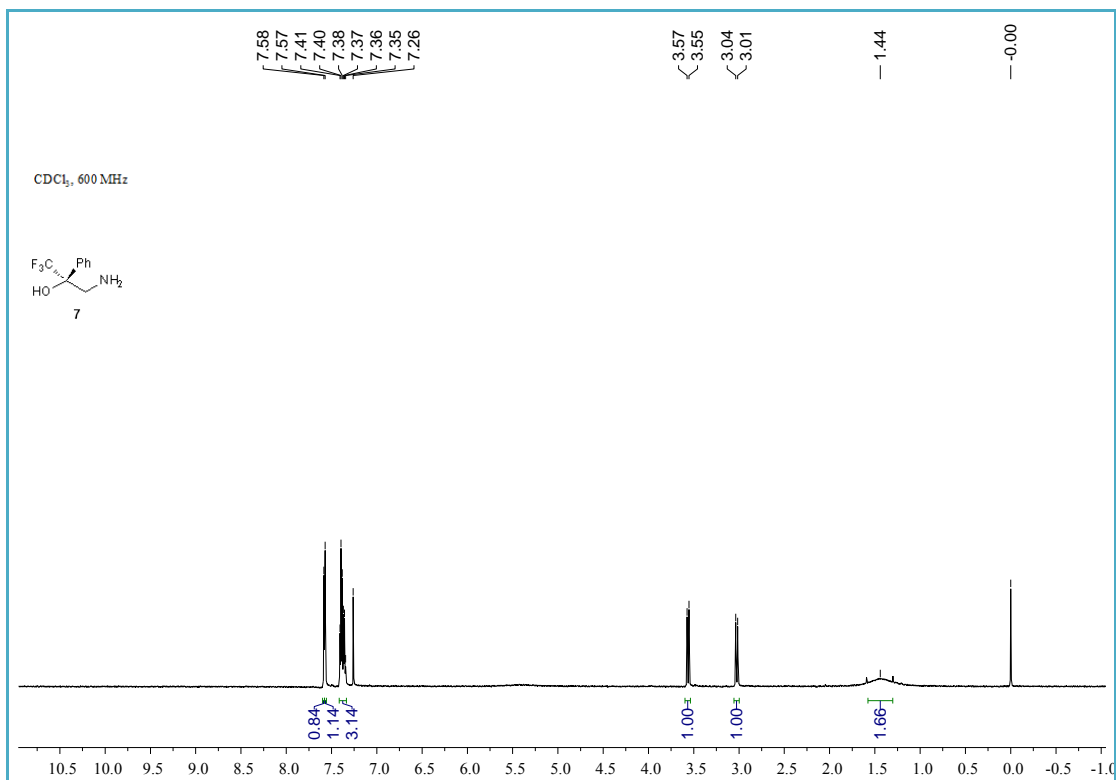
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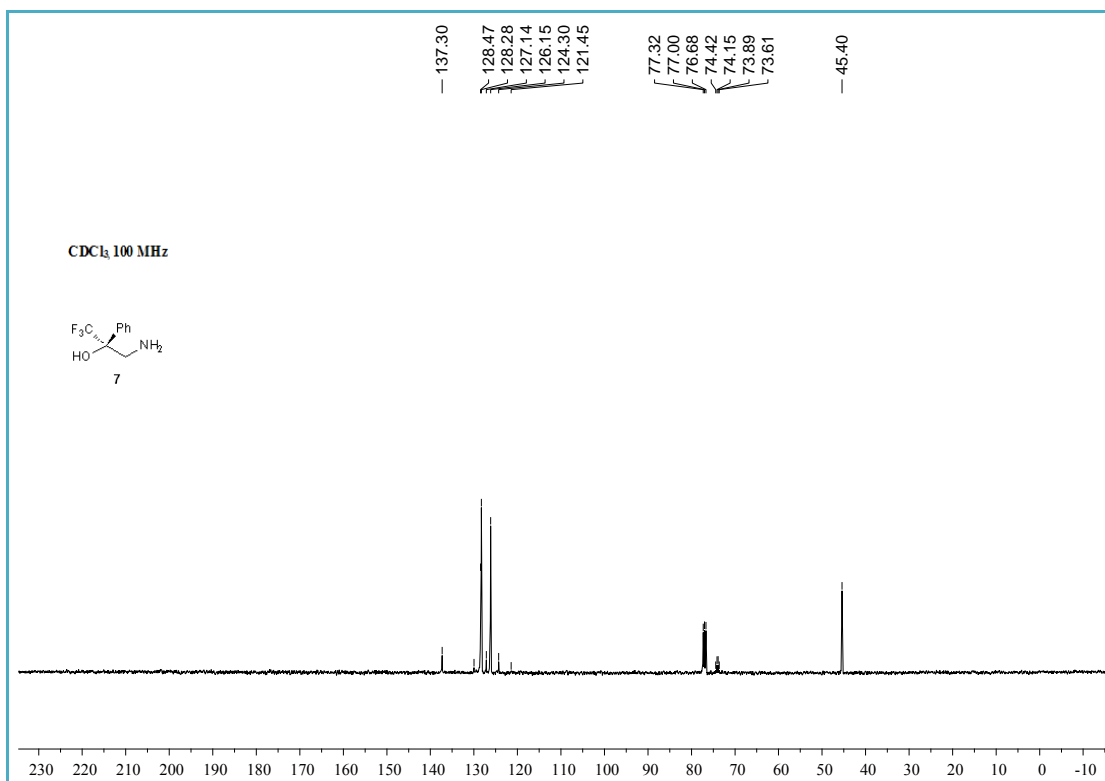
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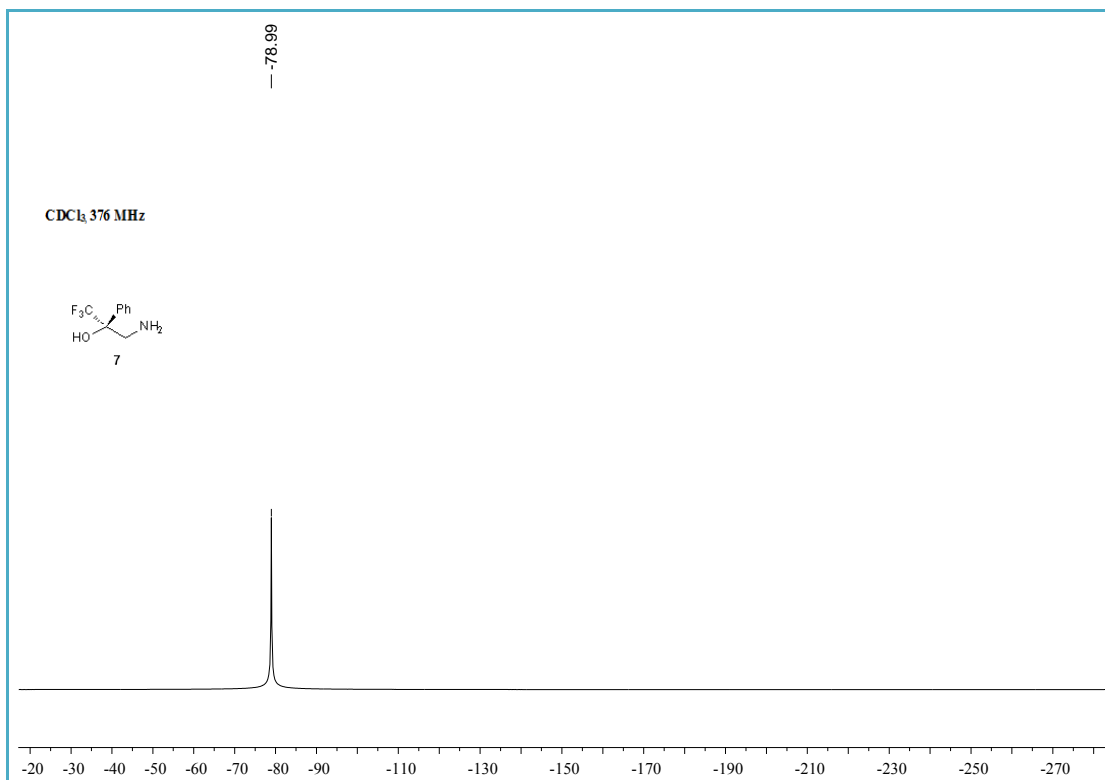
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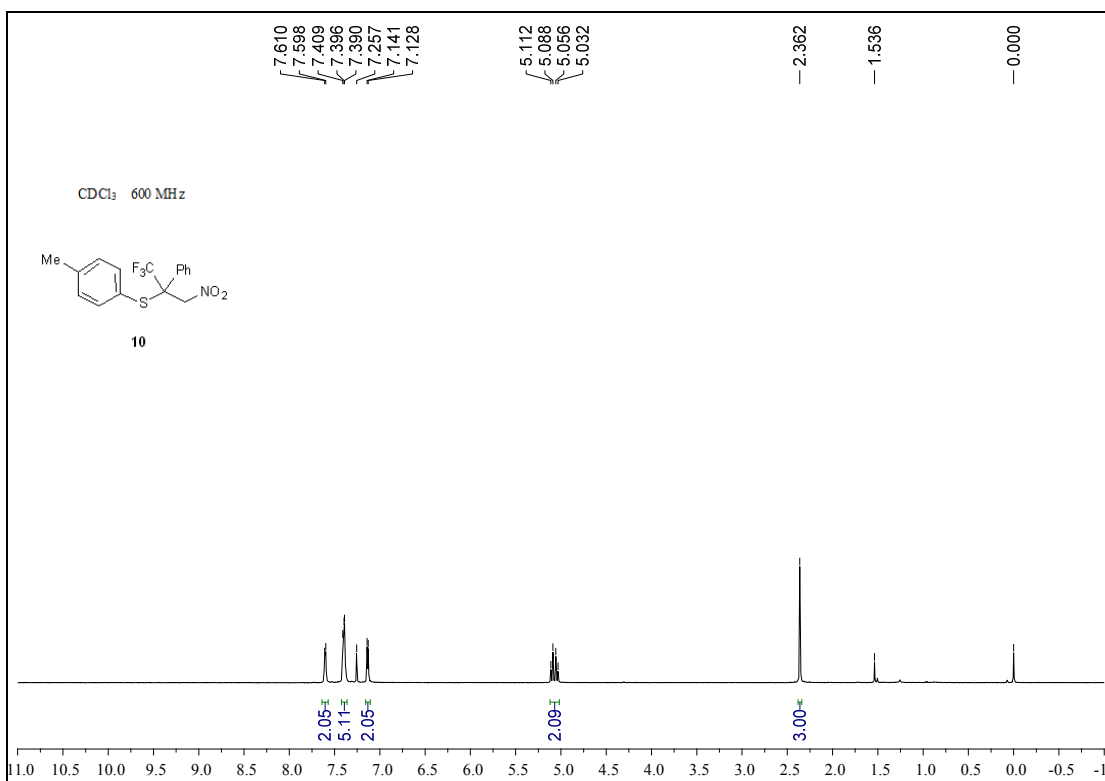
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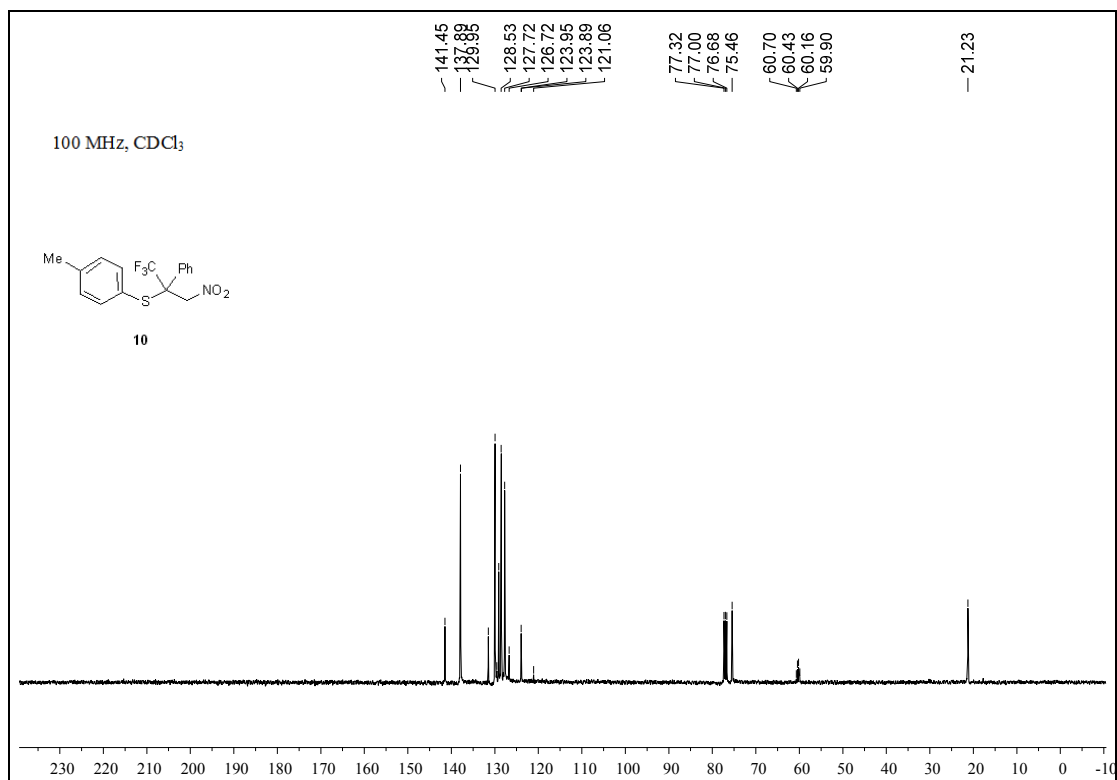
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