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**Copper-Mediated Trifluoromethylation of Propiolic Acids:  
Facile Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Trifluoromethyl Ketones**

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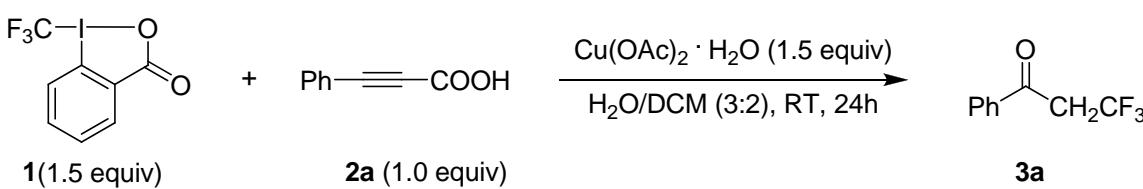
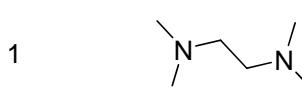
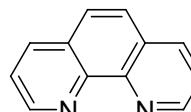
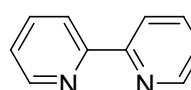
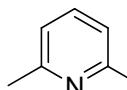
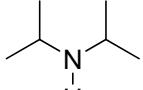
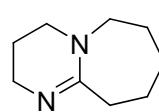
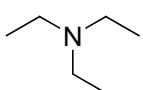
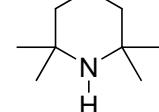
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## General Methods

Unless otherwise mentioned, solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. The water was used after distillation. All the melting points were uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz or 300 MHz NMR spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Si}$  (TMS) at  $\delta$  0.0 or to the signal of a residual protonated solvent:  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta$  7.26.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal TMS at  $\delta$  0.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to  $\text{CFCl}_3$  at  $\delta$  0.0. Data for  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, br = broad). Mass spectra were obtained on a mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass data were recorded on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the EI, ESI or MALDI mode.

**Table S1. Survey of the additive for the trifluoromethyldecarboxylation reaction of 2a**

		
Entry	Additive (1.0 equiv)	Yield [%] <sup>a</sup>
1		70
2		53
3		45
4		10
5		37
6		51
7		40
8		61

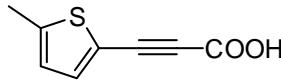
<sup>a</sup> Determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopy using  $\text{PhCF}_3$  as an internal standard.

## Preparation of substituted propiolic acids

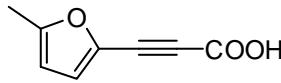
The substituted propiolic acids were prepared according to the literature procedures.<sup>1</sup> The compounds **2a–2m**, **4a–4h**, **4l** are known compounds.

### Characterization data of substituted propiolic acids

**3-(5-Methylthiophen-2-yl)propiolic acid (2o)**: 65% yield, yellow solid.

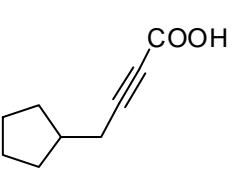
  
**2o** Mp= 127–129 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 10.1 (br, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73(d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 158.8, 147.9, 138.2, 126.3, 116.3, 84.3, 84.2, 15.7; R (film): 2814, 2607, 2545, 2196, 1671, 1529, 1460, 1409, 1380, 1342, 1283, 1221, 1181, 1160, 1048, 915, 881, 801, 743, 695, 665, 610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, m/z): 166(M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 121 (97.96); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 166.0089, found: 166.0091.

**3-(5-Methylfuran-2-yl)propiolic acid (2p)** : 60% yield, yellow solid. Mp

  
**2p** <sup>15</sup>= 101–103 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 10.2 (br, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10(d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 158.4, 157.9, 132.6, 124.0, 108.3, 85.9, 80.5, 14.1; IR (film): 2807, 2579, 1667, 1585, 1526, 1409, 1376, 1357, 1298, 1263, 1233, 1200, 1026, 952, 910, 881, 800, 740, 689, 639, 611cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, m/z): 150(M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 150.0317, found: 150.0316.

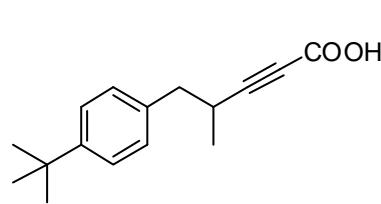
  
**4i** 50% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 10.8 (br, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.1Hz, 0.66 H),

2.40-2.27 (m, 2.23H), 2.00-1.80 (m, 1.55H), 1.66-1.18 (m, 6.63H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 159.0, 158.8, 97.1, 96.3, 72.9, 72.2, 43.1, 41.1, 39.2, 38.0, 37.1, 36.9, 36.8, 36.1, 32.7, 31.4, 29.4, 28.7, 28.5, 24.2; IR (film): 2959, 2874, 2647, 2231, 1683, 1455, 1412, 1328, 1281, 1145, 1125, 1085, 884, 855, 826, 777, 756, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, m/z): 164(M<sup>+</sup>, 2.93); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 164.0837, found: 164.0835.

  
**4j** 65% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300

<sup>30</sup> MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 10.8 (br, 1H), 2.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.03(m, 1H), 1.92-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.48 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.18 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 158.7, 92.3, 72.7, 38.0, 32.0, 25.0, 24.4; IR (film): 2955, 2870,

2237, 1686, 1452, 1412, 1282, 1076, 912, 786, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI,  $m/z$ ): 151(M-H $^+$ ); HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M-H $^+$ ): 151.07645, found: 151.07670

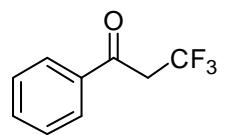


**5-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)-4-methylpent-2-yneoic acid:** 70% yield, colorless solid. Mp= 81–83 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  11.2 (br, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.92–2.65 (m, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  158.8, 149.5, 135.1, 128.8, 125.3, 96.0, 73.4, 41.3, 34.4, 31.4, 28.0, 19.2; IR (film): 2965, 2653, 2523, 2228, 1686, 1516, 1459, 1408, 1377, 1364, 1277, 1127, 1107, 1020, 982, 911, 860, 835, 805, 768, 731, 604, 583  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 244(M $^+$ , 4.61), 147 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M $^+$ ): 244.1463, found: 244.1464.

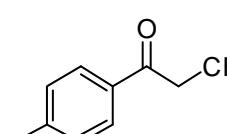
**General procedure for trifluoromethylation of substituted propiolic acids (Table 2)** A Schlenk test tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1** (0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2** (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.8 mmol), TMEDA (1.0 mmol), followed by DCM (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL  $\times$  3), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product **3**.

### Characterization data of compounds **3**

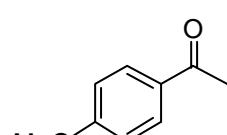
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**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3a):** 90% yield, colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 3.80 (q,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –61.8 (t,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 188(M $^+$ , 23.05), 105 (100.00), 77 (66.29). The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[2]</sup>.

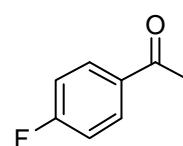


**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-p-tolylpropan-1-one (3b):** 91% yield, colorless solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –61.8 (t,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 202(M $^+$ , 23.47), 119 (100.00), 91(63.09); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[3]</sup>.

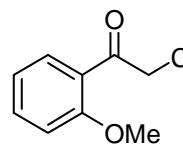


**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3c):** 90% yield, yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H),

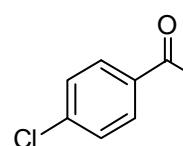
6.97 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.74 (q,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -61.7$  (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 218( $\text{M}^+$ , 24.57), 135 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[2]</sup>.



**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3d):** 89 % yield, yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.5$  Hz, 2H); 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -61.7$  (t,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 3F), -102.6 (m, 1F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 206( $\text{M}^+$ , 14.50), 123 (100.00), 95 (59.39); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[2]</sup>.

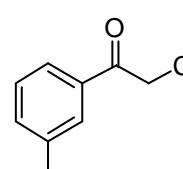


**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3e):** 88% yield, colorless solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.82 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td,  $J_1 = 7.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.88 (q,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -61.8$  (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 218( $\text{M}^+$ , 15.92), 135 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[4]</sup>.

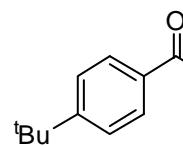


**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (3f) :** 86% yield, white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H); 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -61.7$  (t,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 222( $\text{M}^+$ , 22.36), 139 (100.00), 111 (52.26); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[2]</sup>.

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**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-m-tolylpropan-1-one (3g) :** 84% yield, yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.75–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 3.78 (q,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -62.0$  (t,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 202( $\text{M}^+$ , 27.87), 119 (100.00), 91 (66.96); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[5]</sup>.



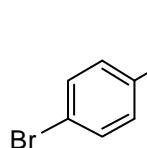
**1-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (3h):** 84% yield, yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  189.3, 158.2, 133.4, 128.4, 125.9, 124.2 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 42.0 (q,  $J = 28.2$  Hz), 35.2, 31.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = -61.8$  (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 2967, 2909, 2873, 1698, 1606, 1567, 1466, 1417, 1371, 1339, 1271, 1257, 1235, 1197,

1135, 1105, 1020, 998, 920, 866, 854, 843, 817, 727, 642, 597  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 244( $\text{M}^+$ , 20.27), 229 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{OF}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 244.1075, found: 244.1072.

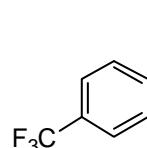
**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(2-fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (3i):** 80% yield, white solid.  
  
Mp = 68–70 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s,  $J_1$  = 13.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (qd,  $J_1$  = 9.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  187.6, 162.1 (d,  $J$  = 254.2 Hz), 135.9 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 124.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 124.4 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.1 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.1 Hz), 123.8 (qd,  $J_1$  = 276.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz), 116.80 (d,  $J$  = 23.8 Hz), 46.60 (qd,  $J_1$  = 28.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 9.7 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  –62.4 (td,  $J_1$  = 9.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 3F), –109.5 (m, 1F); IR (film): 3370, 2987, 2956, 2924, 1695, 1653, 1610, 1579, 1484, 1457, 1419, 1379, 1288, 1278, 1262, 1217, 1161, 1117, 1104, 1044, 1000, 966, 920, 860, 839, 797, 769, 674, 618, 592  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 206( $\text{M}^+$ , 14.85), 123 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{OF}_4(\text{M}^+)$ : 206.0355, found: 206.0354.

**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3j):** 80% yield, colorless liquid.  
  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.54–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (q,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  189.5, 160.1, 137.2, 129.9, 124.0 (q,  $J$  = 277.0 Hz), 121.0, 120.7, 112.6, 55.5, 42.2 (q,  $J$  = 28.2 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  –61.8 (t,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3079, 2946, 2841, 1699, 1599, 1585, 1488, 1466, 1454, 1432, 1417, 1372, 1337, 1317, 1259, 1206, 1179, 1128, 1104, 1049, 1023, 927, 873, 853, 778, 735, 684, 619  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 218( $\text{M}^+$ , 43.71), 135 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2\text{F}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 218.0555, found: 218.0556.

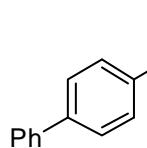
**1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (3k):** 83% yield, colorless solid. Mp = 100–102 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.70–7.41 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.76 (q,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  188.2, 154.3, 149.4, 129.1, 124.2 (q,  $J$  = 276.9 Hz), 123.4, 110.2, 110.1, 56.1, 56.0, 41.6 (q,  $J$  = 28.1 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  –61.7 (t,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3082, 2975, 2946, 2849, 1686, 1587, 1519, 1470, 1456, 1443, 1424, 1362, 1284, 1262, 1208, 1172, 1157, 1103, 1020, 933, 912, 873, 854, 800, 784, 765, 659, 635, 625, 585  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 248( $\text{M}^+$ , 28.65), 165 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 248.0660, found: 248.0663.



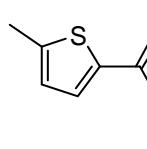
**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (3l):** 78% yield, colorless solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ): 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (q,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  – 61.8 (t,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 266( $\text{M}^+$ , 17.80), 183 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[2]</sup>.



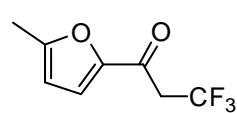
**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3m) :** 74 % yield. colorless solid.  $\text{Mp} = 68\text{--}71^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.84 (q,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  188.9 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 138.4, 135.5 (q,  $J = 32.9$  Hz), 128.7, 126.0 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 123.3 (q,  $J = 272.4$  Hz), 42.4 (q,  $J = 28.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  – 61.8 (t,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 3F), – 63.1 (s, 3F); IR (film): 3068, 2956, 1705, 1584, 1515, 1421, 1380, 1327, 1278, 1229, 1167, 1137, 1101, 1065, 1017, 1000, 920, 858, 834, 770, 696, 631, 609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 256( $\text{M}^+$ , 4.81), 173 (100.00), 145 (67.58); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{OF}_6(\text{M}^+)$ : 256.0323, found: 256.0326.



**1-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (3n):** 68% yield, colorless solid.  $\text{Mp} = 135\text{--}137^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 3H), 3.83 (q,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  189.3, 146.9, 139.4, 134.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 124.1 (q,  $J = 277.0$  Hz), 42.2 (q,  $J = 28.4$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  – 61.8 (t,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3067, 2966, 2938, 1686, 1651, 1604, 1582, 1559, 1451, 1416, 1371, 1277, 1228, 1198, 1138, 1102, 1023, 999, 968, 914, 853, 841, 822, 767, 749, 724, 698, 664, 618, 594  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 264( $\text{M}^+$ , 27.02), 181 (100.00), 152 (62.39); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{OF}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 264.0762, found: 264.0763.



**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3o):** 70% yield, colorless solid.  $\text{Mp} = 55\text{--}58^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  181.6, 152.2, 141.0, 134.2, 127.3, 123.8 (q,  $J = 277.3$  Hz), 42.6 (q,  $J = 28.6$  Hz), 16.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  – 62.4 (t,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3099, 2918, 2849, 1667, 1538, 1456, 1372, 1343, 1242, 1130, 1068, 1008, 960, 944, 919, 851, 805, 783, 635, 618, 599  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 208( $\text{M}^+$ , 21.31), 125 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{OSF}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 208.0170, found: 208.0167.



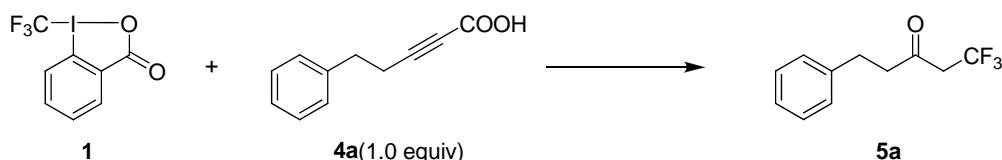
**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)propan-1-one(3p):** 72% yield, colorless solid. Mp = 57–59 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.23 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (q,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ): 177.2, 159.3, 150.8, 123.9 (q,  $J$  = 277.1 Hz), 121.0, 109.9, 41.9 (q,  $J$  = 28.7 Hz), 14.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  –62.4 (t,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3127, 2960, 1752, 1674, 1589, 1515, 1415, 1379, 1267, 1212, 1144, 1107, 1054, 1031, 963, 917, 851, 795, 736, 637, 623  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 192( $\text{M}^+$ , 29.85), 109 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{O}_2\text{F}_3(\text{M}^+)$ : 192.0398, found: 192.0400.

<sup>10</sup> **Screens for the Trifluoromethyldecarboxylation reaction of 4a.** A Schlenk test tube with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condensing tube was charged with **1**, **4a**, and catalyst followed by solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL × 3) and  $\text{PhOCF}_3$  was added. The yield was determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR. The results are summarized in **Table S-1**.

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**Table S2. Screens for the Trifluoromethyldecarboxylation reaction of 4a**



entry	<b>1</b> (equiv)	solvent <sup>a</sup>	metal (equiv)	T (°C)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	CuF <sub>2</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0)	80	29
2	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub> (2.0)	80	24
3	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	Cu(HCOO) <sub>2</sub> · 4H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0)	80	30
4	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	Bis(2,4-pentanedionato)copper (II)(2.0)	80	44
5	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	45
6	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/DMF(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	22
7	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/DCE(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	32
8	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/DBE(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	43
9	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CH <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	40
10	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/Dioxane(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	12
11	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CH <sub>3</sub> CN(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	27
12	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/DMSO(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	26
13	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/DME(3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	14
14	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (1.0)	80	38
15	2.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (0.5)	80	10
16	3.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	58
17	3.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (3:2)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	60	53
18	3.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (2:1)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	56
19	3.0	H <sub>2</sub> O/CCl <sub>4</sub> (1:4)	copper(II) gluconate (2.0)	80	37

[a] The data in the parentheses refers to the volume ratio. [b] Determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy using PhOCF<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard.

### General procedure for the trifluoromethylative decarboxylation reaction of **4** (for Table 3 in manuscript)

General procedure for **4a-4g**: Into a reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser, was added **1** (2.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv), **4a** (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) gluconate (1.6

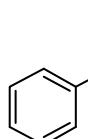
mmol, 2.0 equiv),  $\text{CCl}_4$  (3 mL), and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred and heated to 80 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL × 3), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.

<sup>5</sup> General procedure for **4h-4j**: Into a reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser, was added **1** (2.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv), **4h** (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), copper(II) gluconate (1.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), DMSO (3 mL), and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred and heated to 80 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and extracted with ether (15 mL × 3), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under <sup>10</sup> vacuum. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.

General procedure for **4k-4l**: Into a reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser, was added **1** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), **4h** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{CuC}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_6 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (cupric tartrate) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMSO (2 mL), and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred and heated to 80 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to <sup>15</sup> ambient temperature and extracted with ether (15 mL × 3), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.

## Charaterization data of compounds 5

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**1,1,1-Trifluoro-5-phenylpentan-3-one (5a):** 54% yield, colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.16 (m, 5H), 3.19 (q,  $J = 10.4\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 2.99-2.78 (m, 4H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.3 (t,  $J = 10.3\text{ Hz}$ , 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 216( $\text{M}^+$ , 64.71), 105 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[6]</sup>



**4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-phenylbutan-2-one (5b):** 50% yield, colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.39-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.23 (q,  $J = 10.3\text{Hz}$ , 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.4 (t,  $J = 10.3\text{ Hz}$ , 3F); MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 202( $\text{M}^+$ , 22.22), 91 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[7]</sup>

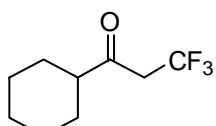
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**1,1,1-Trifluoro-6-phenylhexan-3-one (5c): 40% yield**, colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$

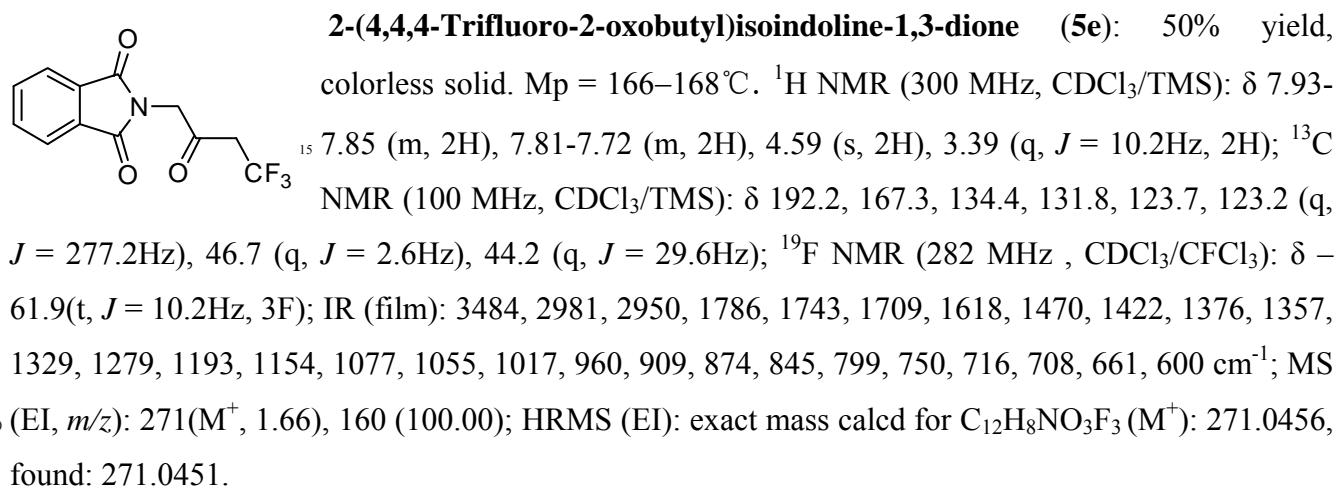
NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 7.32-7.14 (m, 5H), 3.17 (q, *J* = 10.5Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.5Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.89 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 199.9, 141.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 123.6 (q, *J* = 276.9Hz), 46.2 (q, *J* = 28.1Hz), 42.5 (q, *J* = 1.9Hz), 34.6, 24.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ - 62.4 (t, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3443, 3087, 3064, 3029, 2940, 2864, 1732, 1604, 1497, 1455, 1418, 1375, 1271, 1153, 1099, 1016, 911, 735, 701, 649 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, *m/z*): 230(M<sup>+</sup>, 5.82), 104 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>(M<sup>+</sup>): 230.0918, found: 230.0916.

**1-Cyclohexyl-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (5d):** 51% yield, colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 3.26 (q, *J* = 10.3Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 9.0Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.08 (m, 10H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ - 62.4 (t, *J* = 10.3Hz, 3F); MS (EI, *m/z*): 194(M<sup>+</sup>, 20.30), 83 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[6]</sup>

**2-(4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-oxobutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (5e):** 50% yield,



colorless solid. Mp = 166–168°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 7.93-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.72 (m, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.39 (q, *J* = 10.2Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C

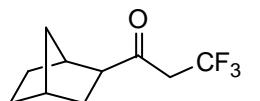
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 192.2, 167.3, 134.4, 131.8, 123.7, 123.2 (q, *J* = 277.2Hz), 46.7 (q, *J* = 2.6Hz), 44.2 (q, *J* = 29.6Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ - 61.9(t, *J* = 10.2Hz, 3F); IR (film): 3484, 2981, 2950, 1786, 1743, 1709, 1618, 1470, 1422, 1376, 1357, 1329, 1279, 1193, 1154, 1077, 1055, 1017, 960, 909, 874, 845, 799, 750, 716, 708, 661, 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, *m/z*): 271(M<sup>+</sup>, 1.66), 160 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>(M<sup>+</sup>): 271.0456, found: 271.0451.

**1,1,1-Trifluorooctan-3-one (5g):** 45% yield, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,

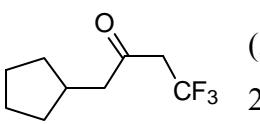
CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 3.21 (q, *J* = 10.5Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.3Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ - 62.4(t, *J* = 10.6Hz, 3F); MS (EI, *m/z*): 182(M<sup>+</sup>, 3.20), 126(100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[8]</sup>

**1,1,1-Trifluoroundecan-3-one (5h):** 49% yield, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,

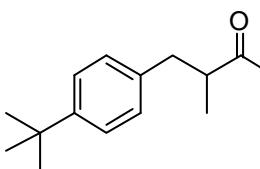
CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 3.22 (q, *J* = 10.5Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.3Hz, 2H), 1.61-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.19 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ - 62.4(t, *J* = 10.5Hz, 3F); MS (EI, *m/z*): 224(M<sup>+</sup>, 5.13), 126 (88.04), 110 (100.00); The data are consistent with the previous report<sup>[6]</sup>



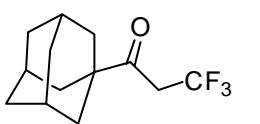
**1-(Bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (5i):** 50% yield, yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  3.31-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.93-2.88 (m, 0.68H), 2.63 (br, 0.68H), 2.52-2.46 (m, 0.68H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.10 (m, 7H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  201.22 (q,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 202.18 (q,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 123.8 (q,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 54.7 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 54.6 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 45.2 (q,  $J = 27.6$  Hz), 44.7 (q,  $J = 27.8$  Hz), 40.6, 40.2, 39.7, 37.1, 36.0, 35.8, 32.1, 29.6, 29.5, 28.9, 28.6, 24.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.30 (t,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1.78F), 62.32 (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 1.22F); IR (film): 2959, 2876, 1726, 1455, 1415, 1371, 1265, 1159, 1125, 1098, 1056, 954, 911, 850, 805, 735  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 206( $\text{M}^+$ , 3.01), 95 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{OF}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 206.0918, found: 206.0914.



**1-Cyclopentyl-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-2-one (5j):** 46% yield, yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  3.21 (q,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.55 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.14-1.02 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  200.0 (q,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 123.6 (q,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 49.7 (q,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 46.1 (q,  $J = 28.0$  Hz), 34.9, 32.3, 24.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.4 (t,  $J = 10.6$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 2956, 2872, 1731, 1454, 1420, 1366, 1263, 1148, 1114, 1039, 912, 848, 805, 645  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 194( $\text{M}^+$ , 0.63), 68 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{OF}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 194.0918, found: 194.0914.



**5-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-methylpentan-3-one (5k):** 63% yield, colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.27-2.80 (m, 4H), 2.62-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.13 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  203.6, 149.5, 135.7, 128.6, 125.5, 123.8 (q,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 48.7 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 44.9 (q,  $J = 27.8$  Hz), 38.4, 34.4, 31.3, 15.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.4 (t,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 2966, 2872, 1730, 1510, 1460, 1412, 1367, 1268, 1159, 1118, 1024, 838, 805, 628, 567  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 286( $\text{M}^+$ , 19.38), 271 (100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{OF}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 286.1545, found: 286.1547.



**1-(Adamantan-1-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one (5l):** 60% yield. colorless solid. Mp = 60–62 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  3.28 (q,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.07 (br, 3H), 1.80-1.67 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}$ ):  $\delta$  204.8 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 124.2 (q,  $J = 276.8$  Hz), 46.9 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 39.3 (q,  $J = 27.6$  Hz), 37.5, 36.2, 27.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CFCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.2 (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 3F); IR (film): 2962, 2910, 2854, 1716, 1453,

1413, 1365, 1317, 1260, 1201, 1176, 1096, 1014, 937, 910, 871, 850, 802, 736, 620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI, *m/z*): 246(M<sup>+</sup>, 1.77), 135(100.00); HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OF<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 246.1232, found: 246.1237.

**The isotopic labeling experiment:** A Schlenk test tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1** (0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.8 mmol), TMEDA (1.0 mmol), followed by DCM (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O (3 mL, with 97% abundance of <sup>18</sup>O). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(15 mL × 3), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product **3a'** in 86% yield. The abundance of <sup>18</sup>O in **3a'** was determined by EI-MS, which was shown in page 73.

### Charaterization data of compound **3a'**

**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3a'**)**: 86% yield, colorless solid. Mp = 31–33 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ 189.7 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 135.7 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 134.2, 128.9, 128.3, 124.0 (q, *J* = 276.9 Hz), 42.0 (q, *J* = 28.2 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CFCl<sub>3</sub>): δ –62.1 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 3F); MS (EI, *m/z*): 190(M<sup>+</sup>, 36.34), 188 (M<sup>+</sup>-2, 4.73), 107 (100.00), 105 (18.78), 77 (56.46). HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub><sup>18</sup>OF<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 190.0491, found: 190.0488.

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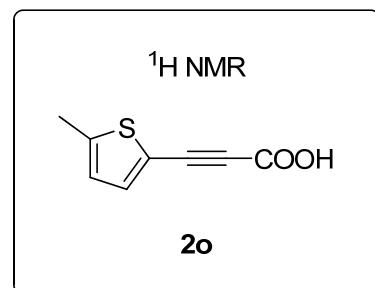
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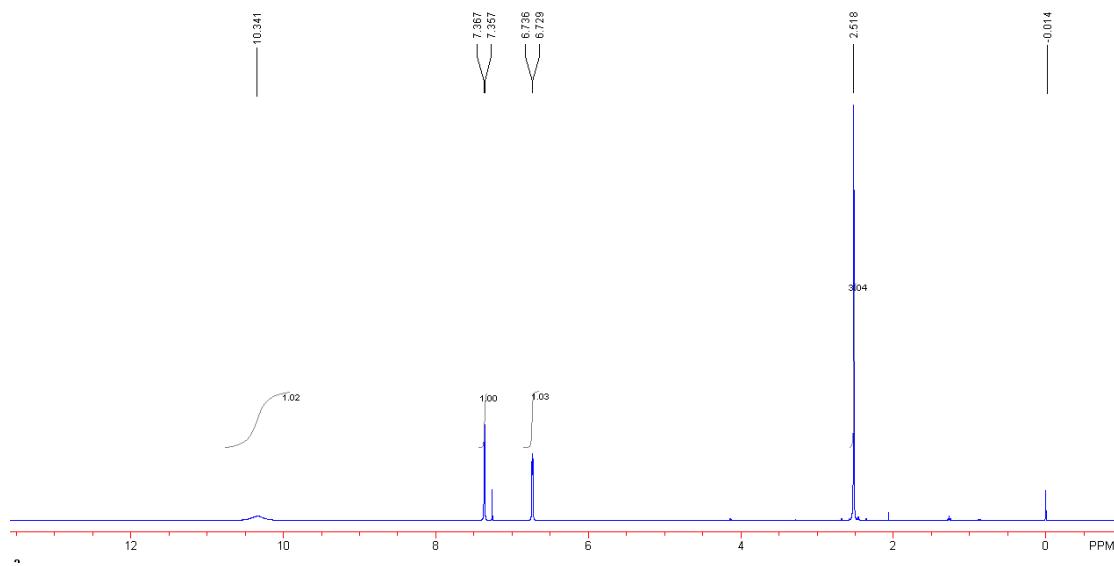
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**1H, 13C NMR and 19F spectra of all new products:**

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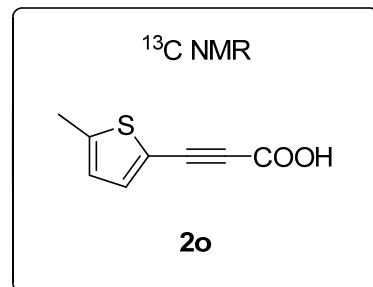
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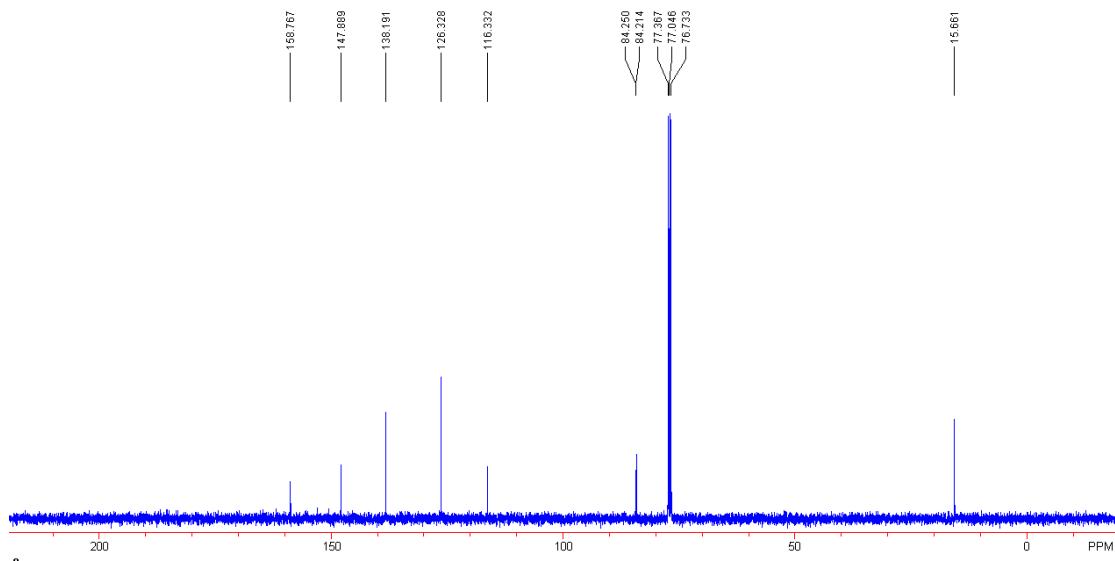
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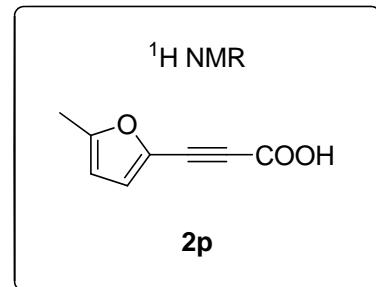
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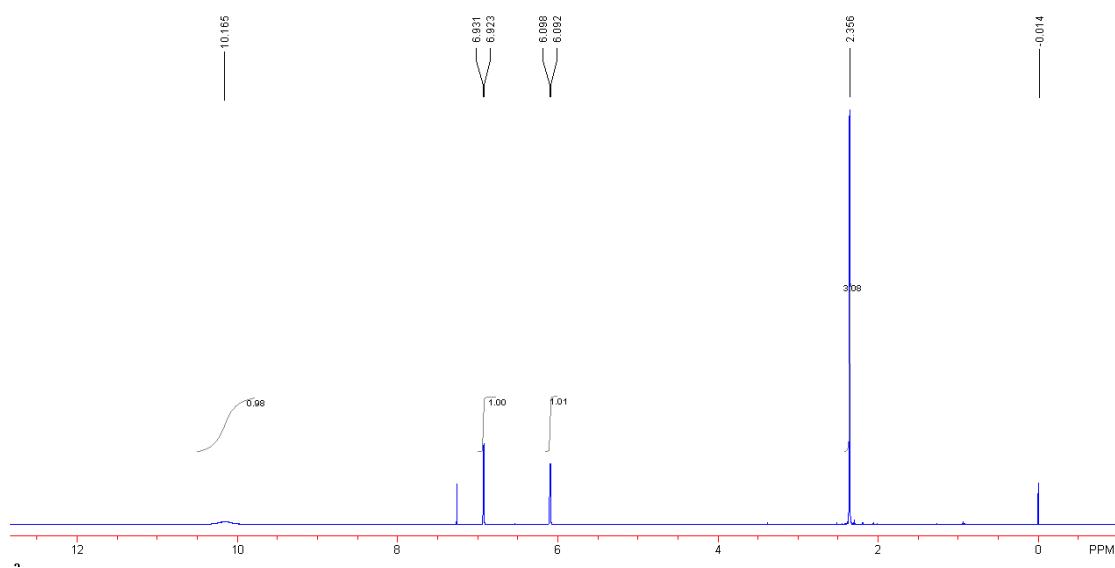


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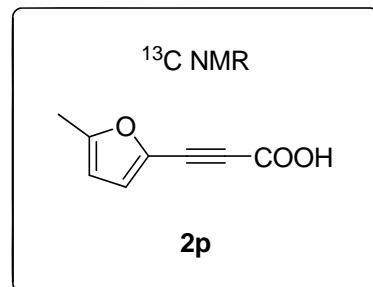
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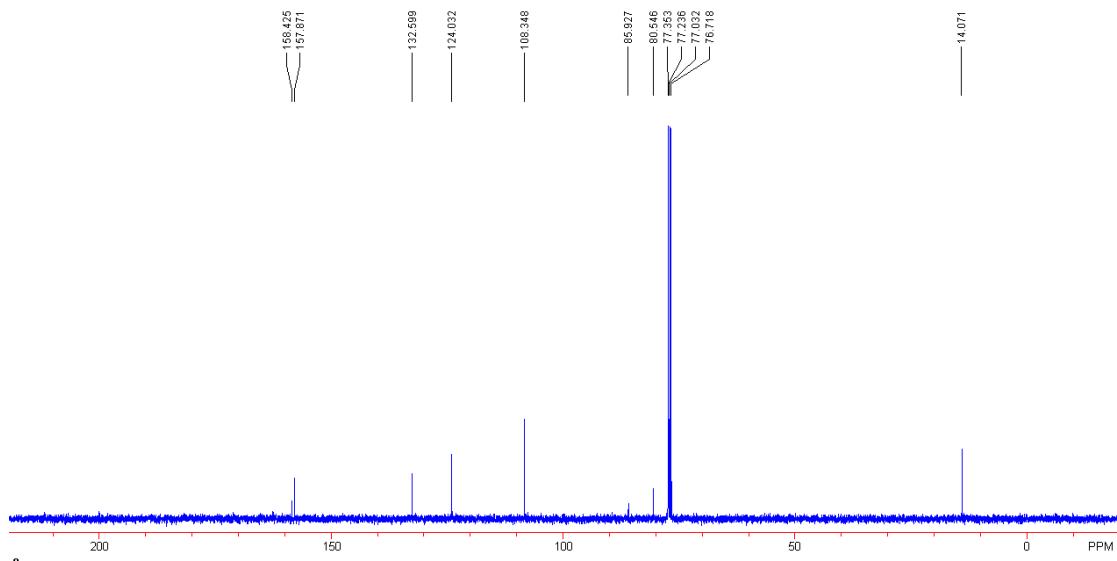
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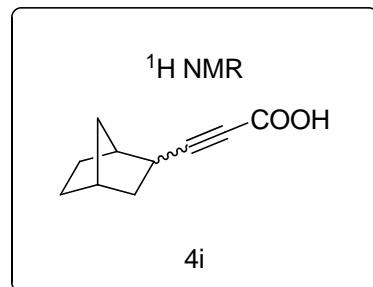


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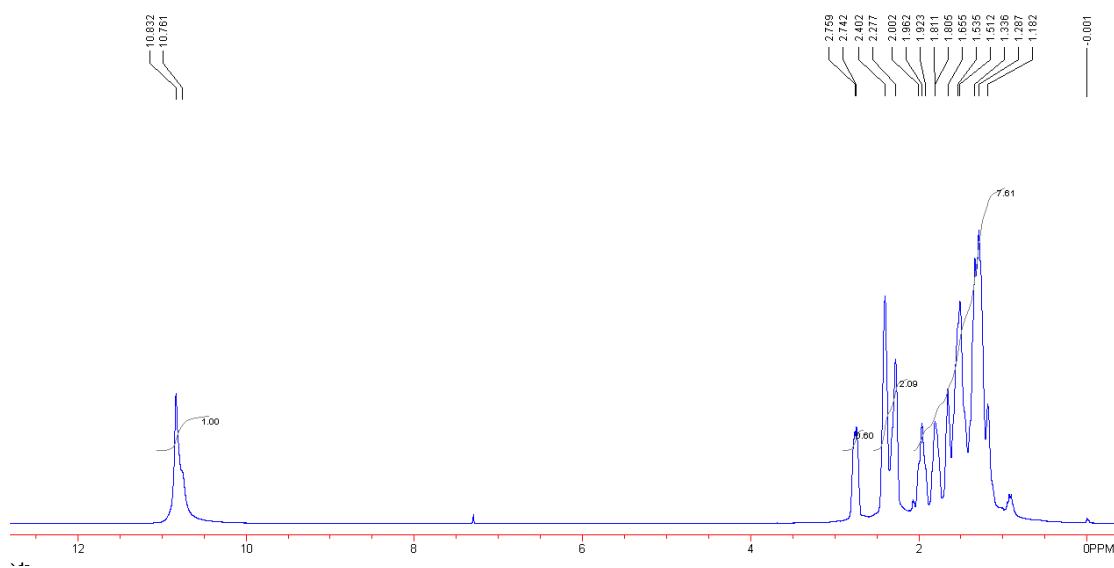


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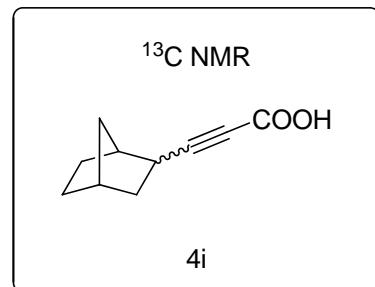
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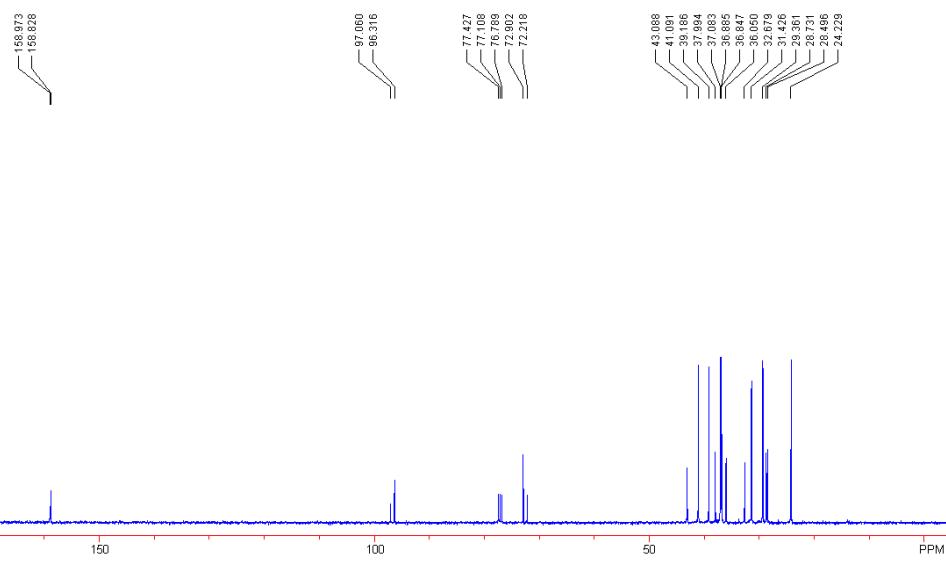
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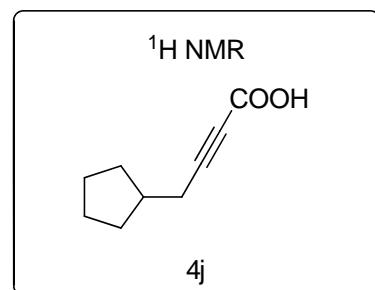


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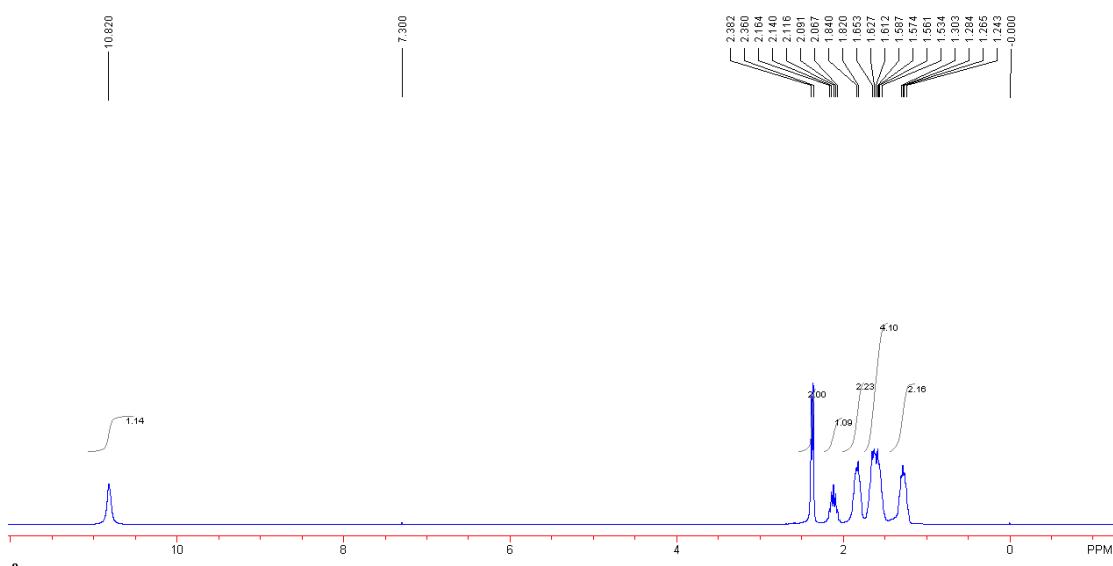


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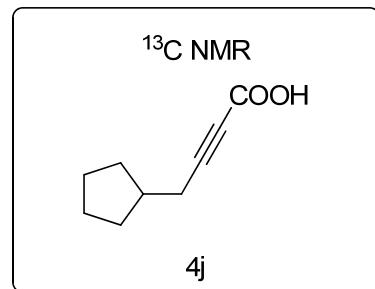
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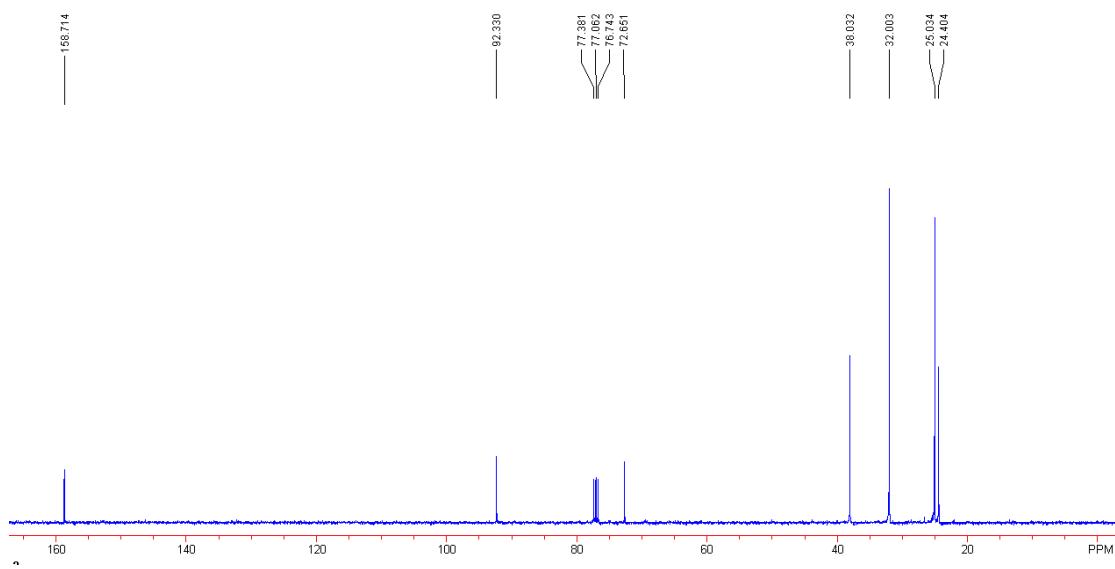
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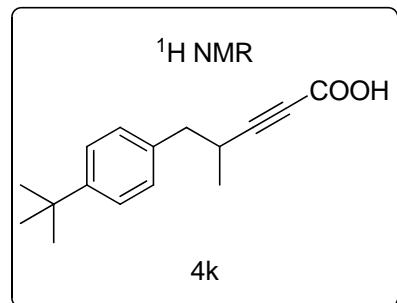


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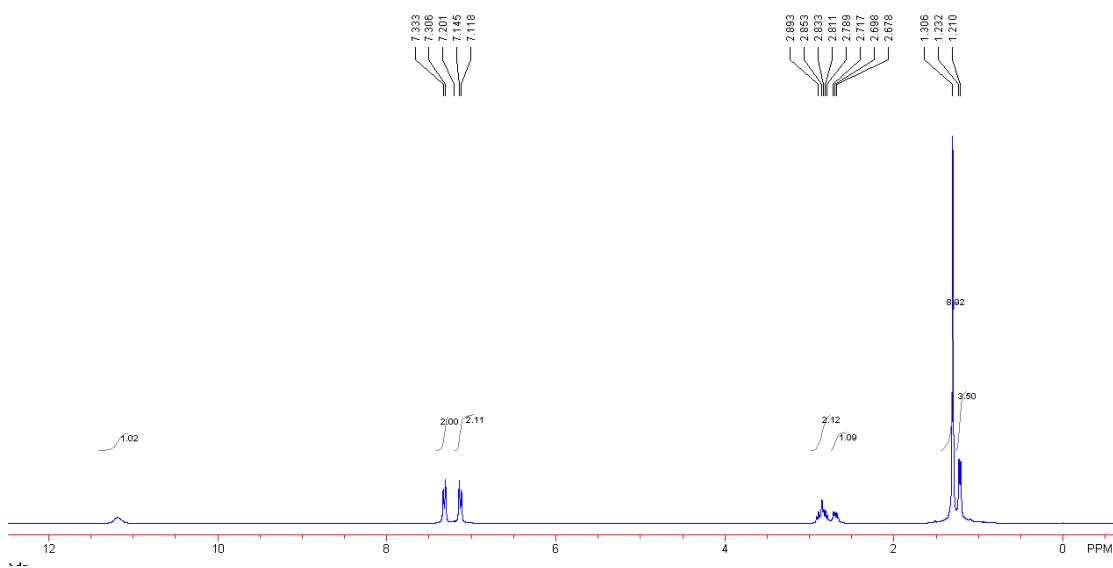


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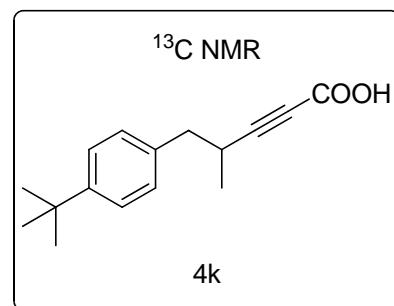
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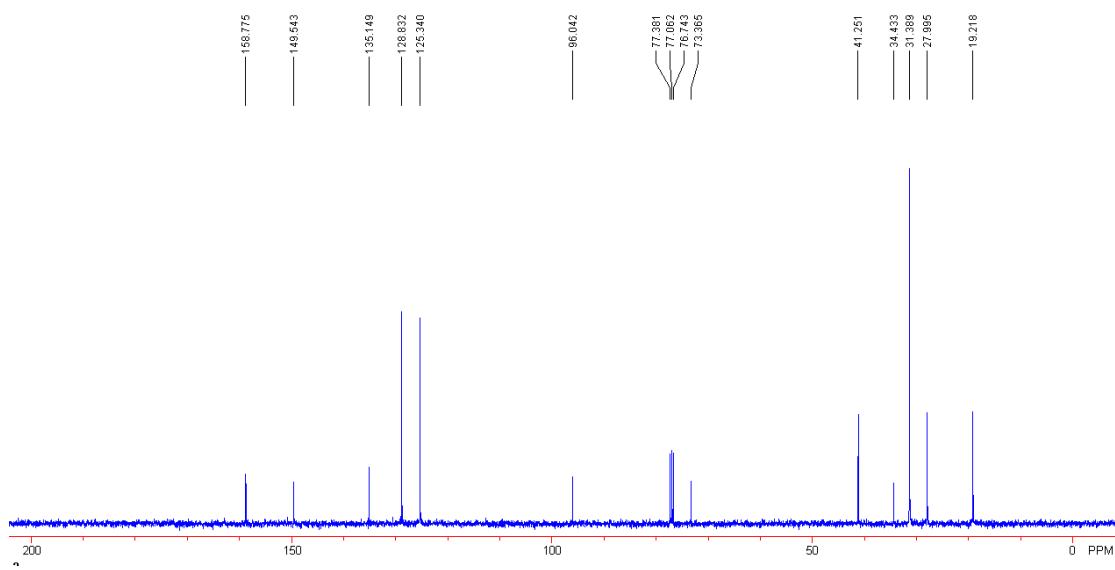
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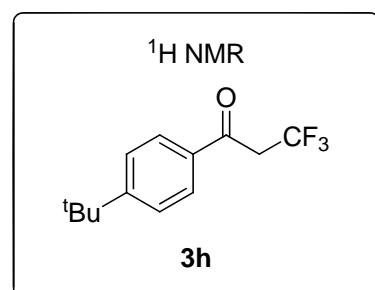


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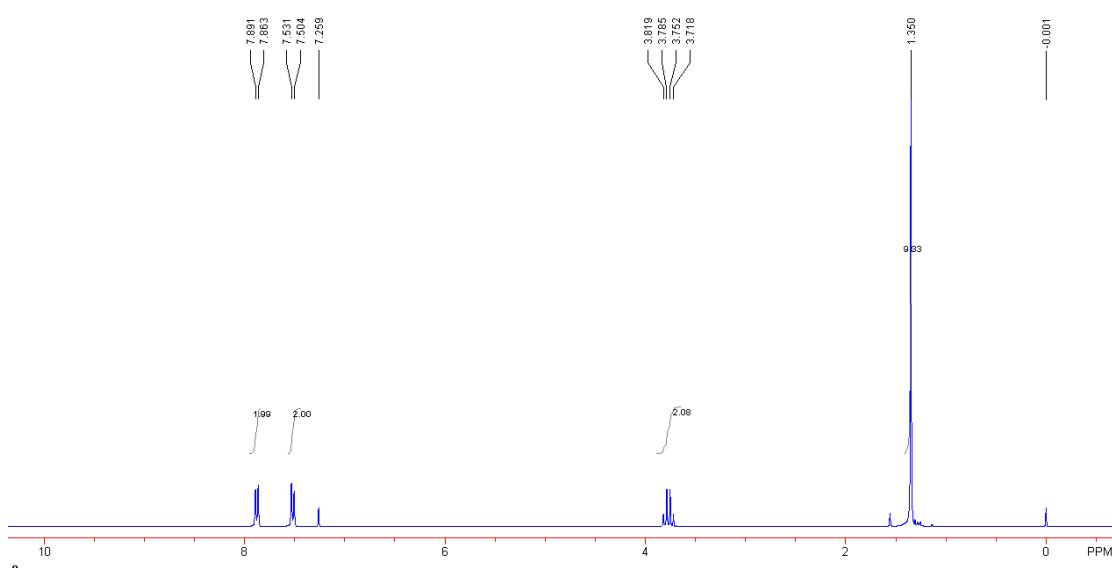


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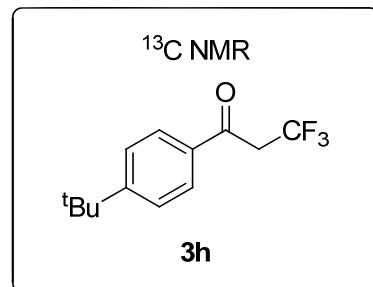
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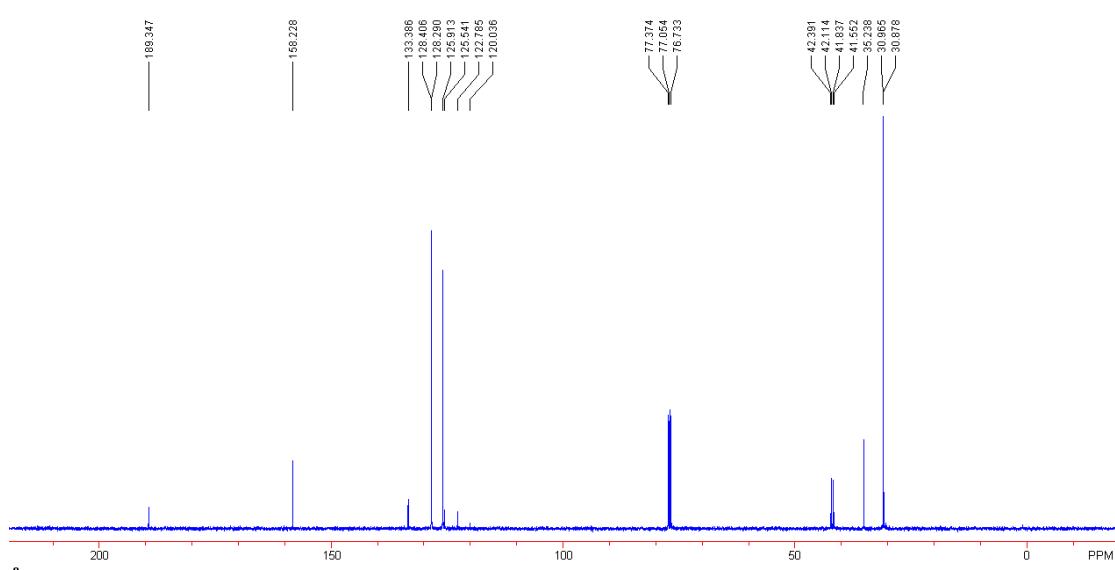
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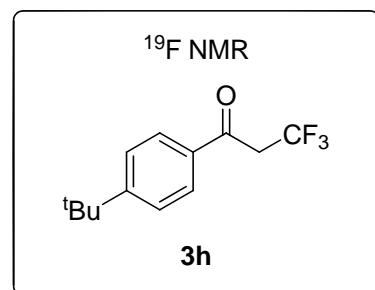


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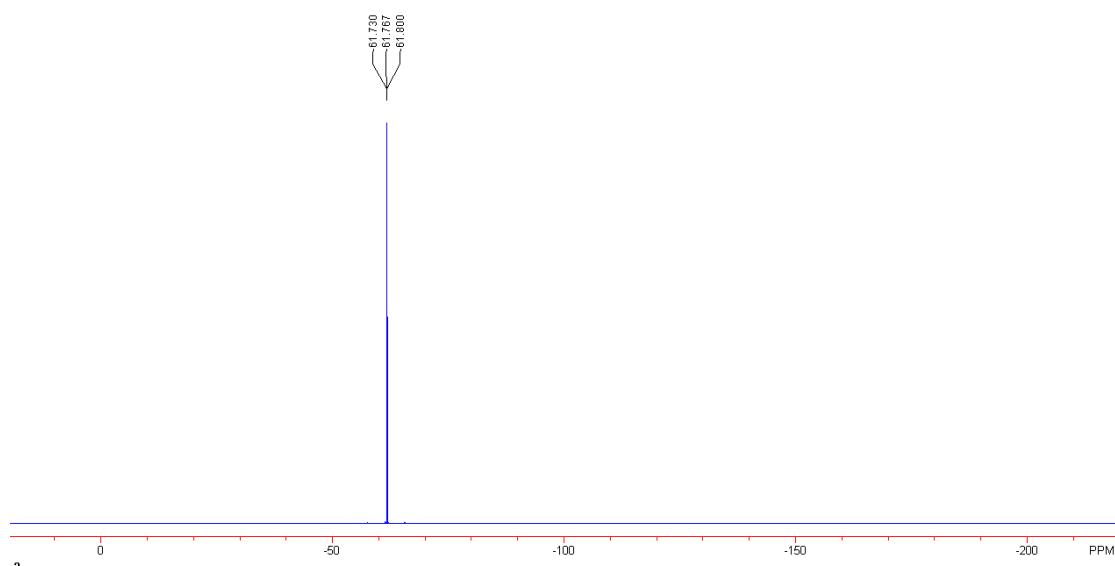


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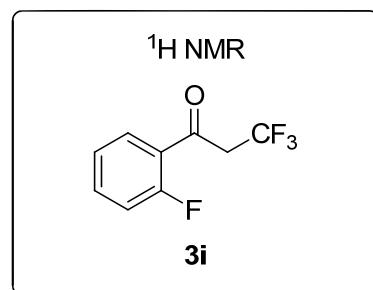
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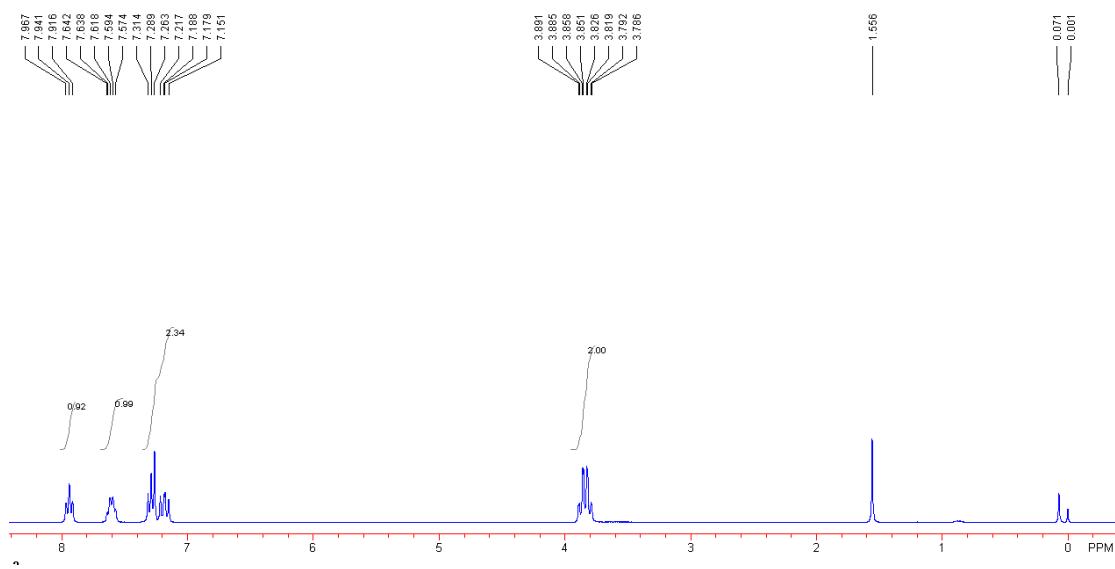
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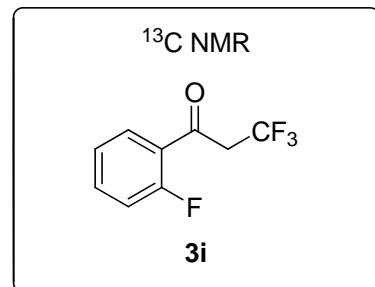


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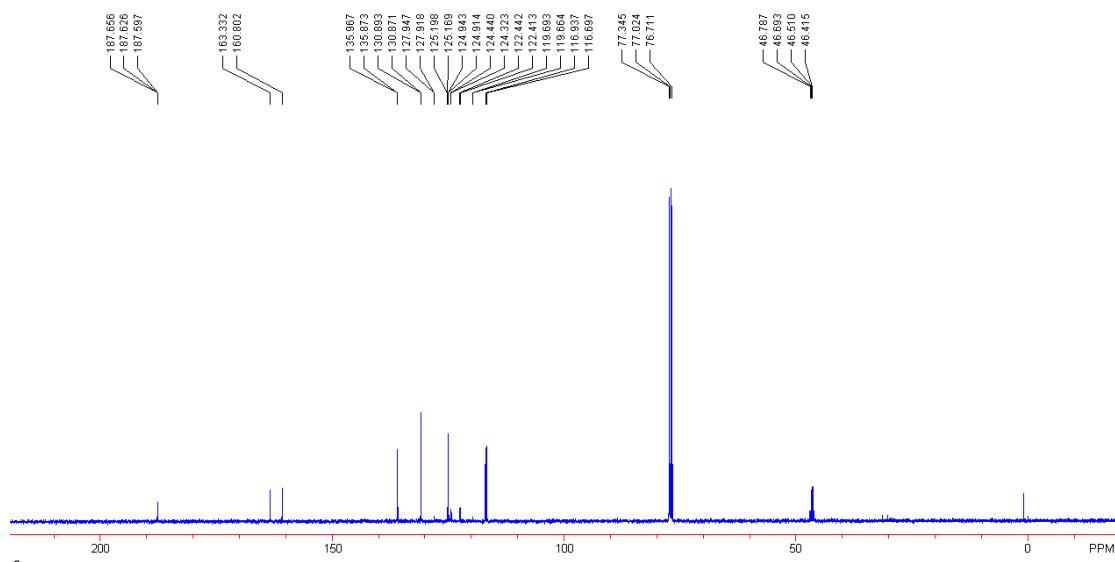


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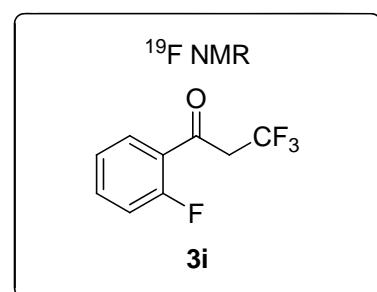


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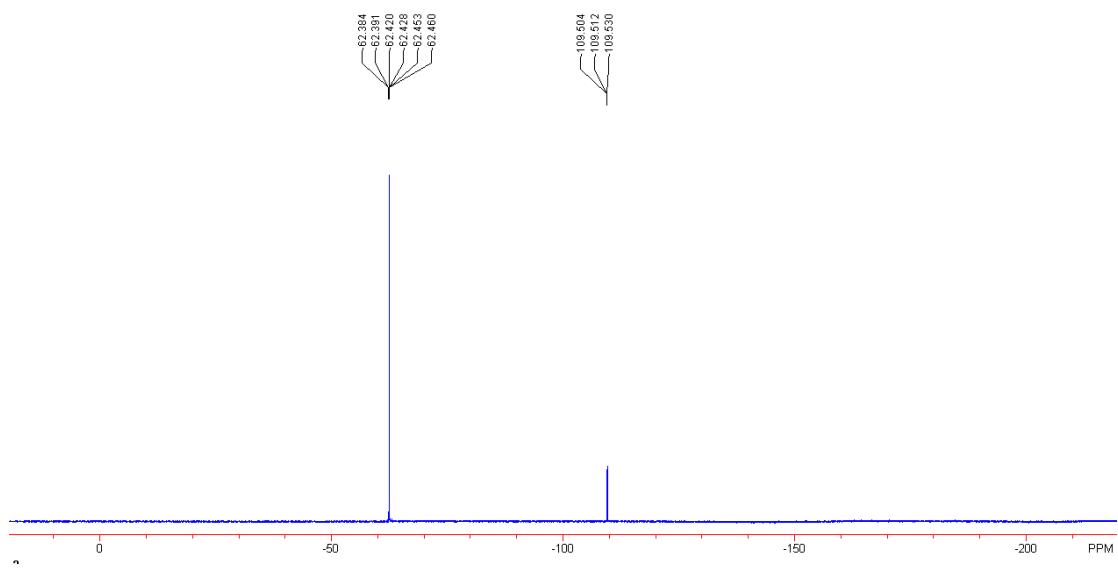


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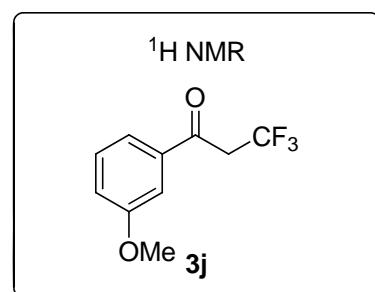
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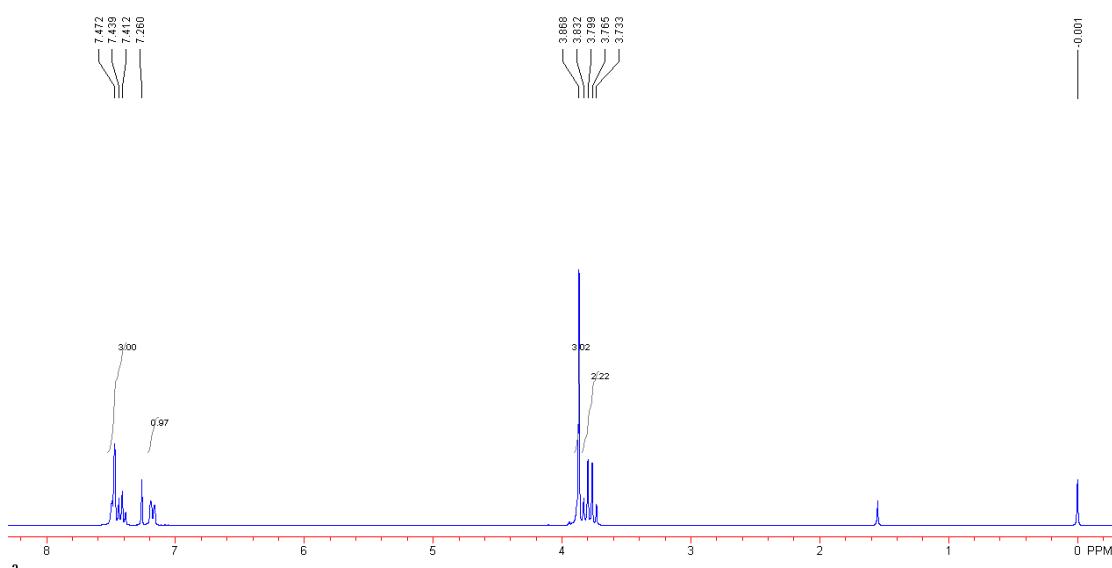
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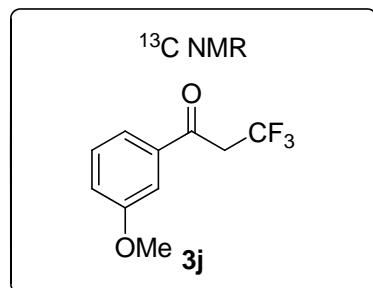
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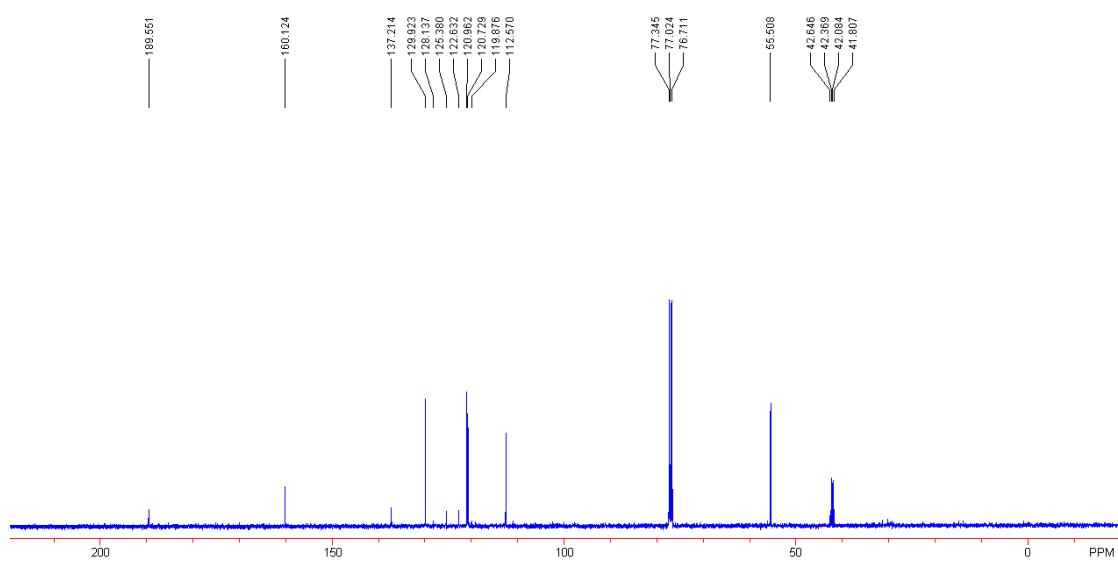
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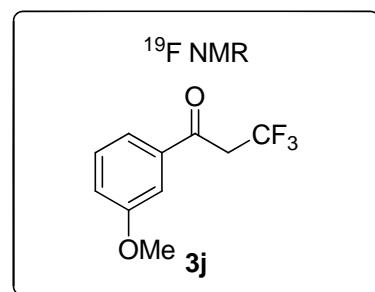


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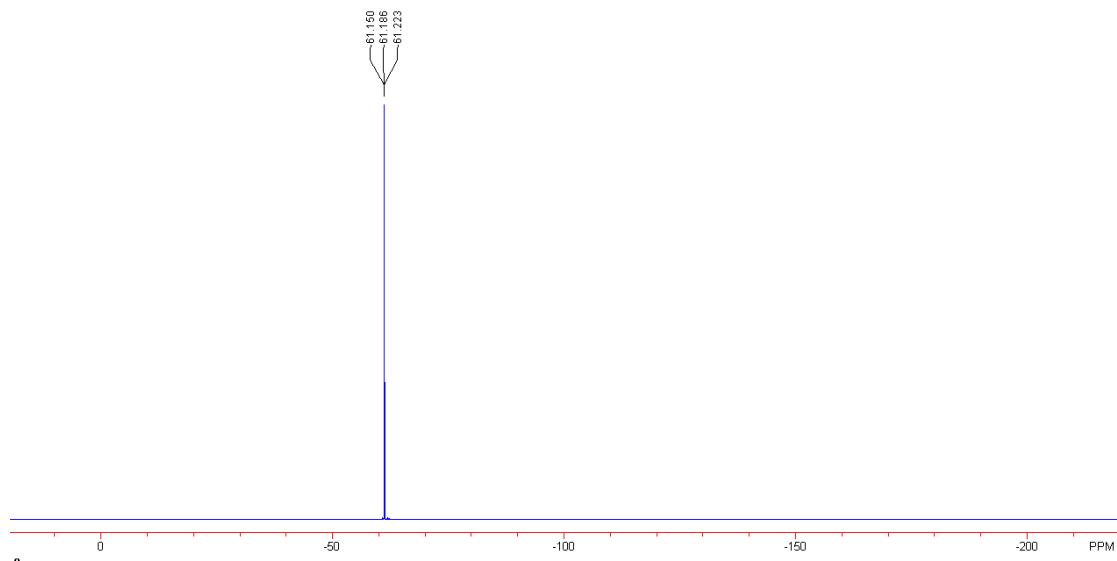
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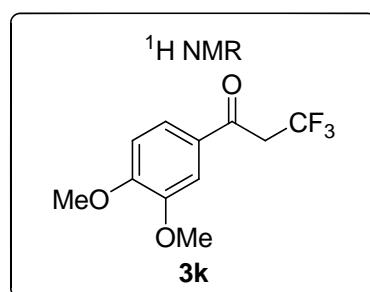
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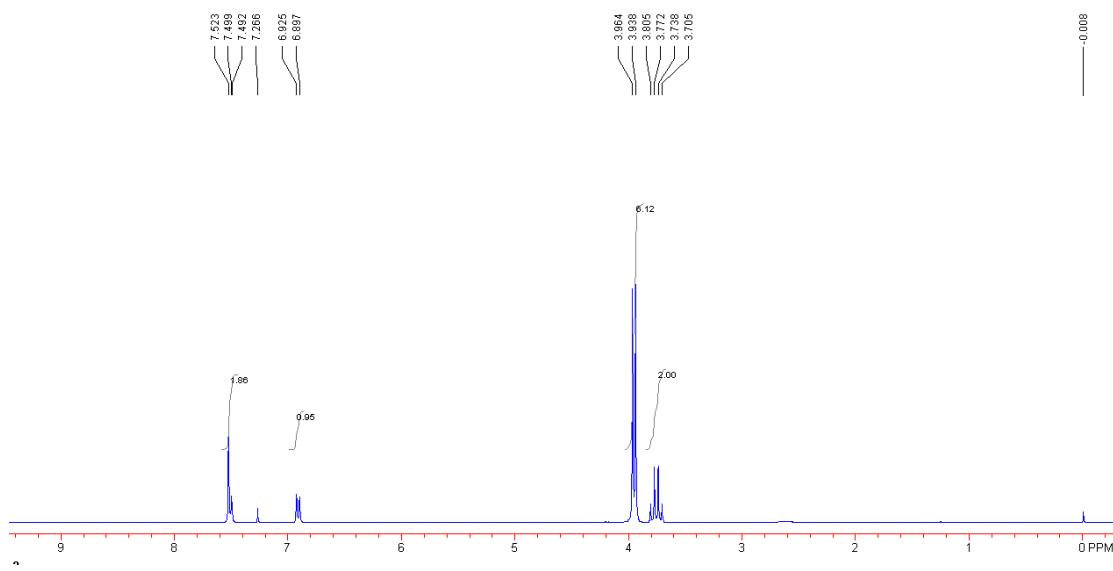
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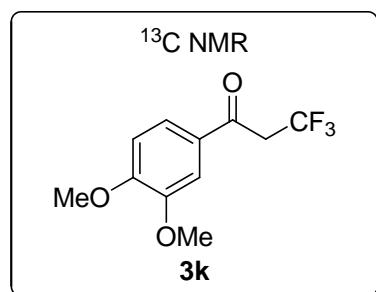


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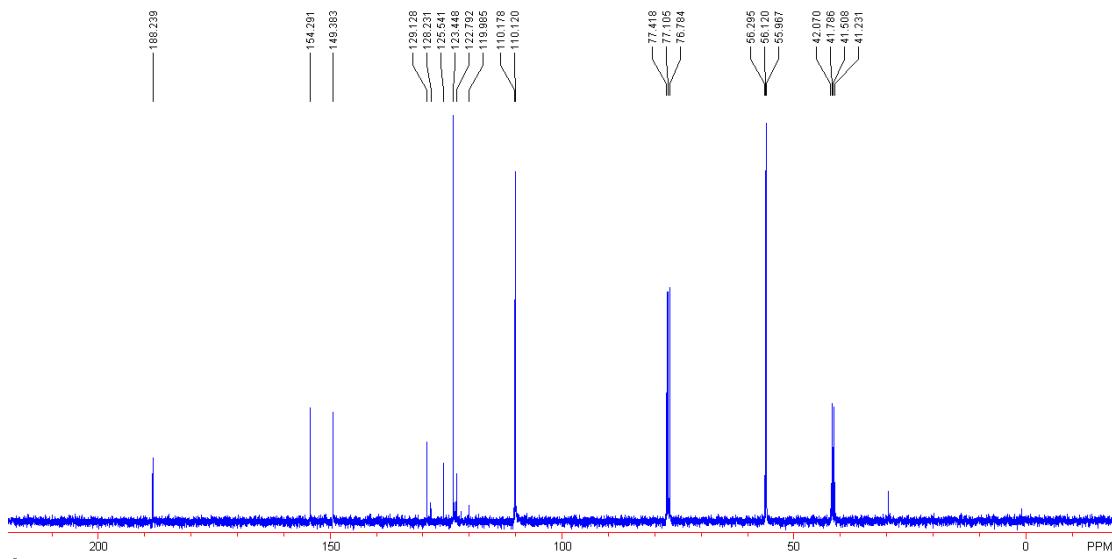
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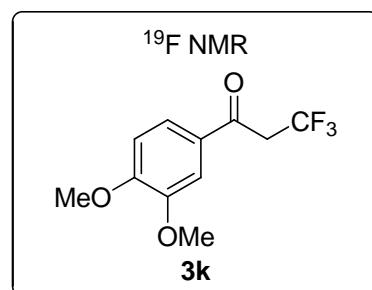
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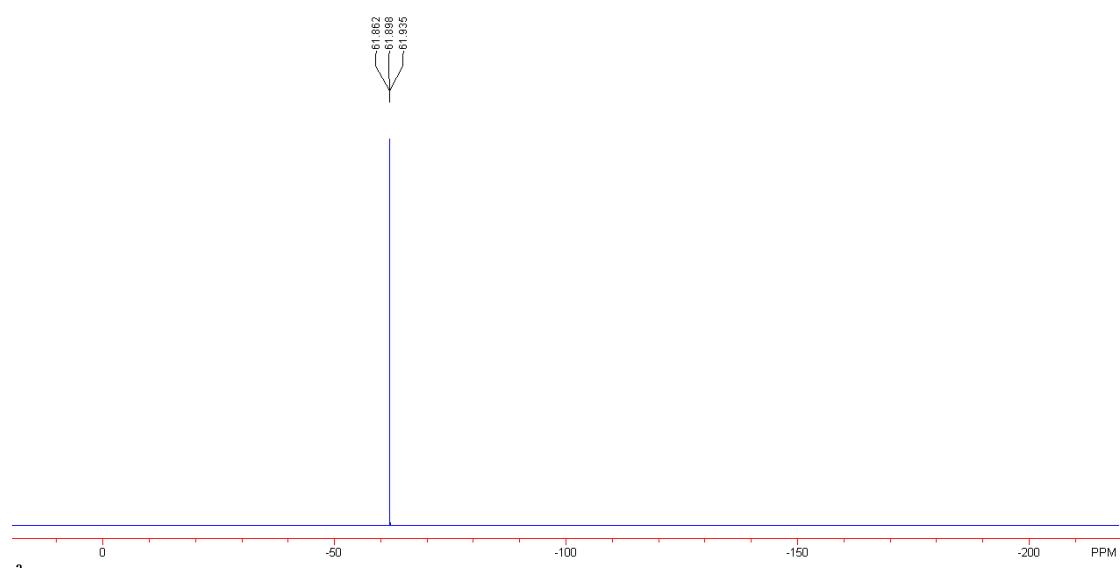
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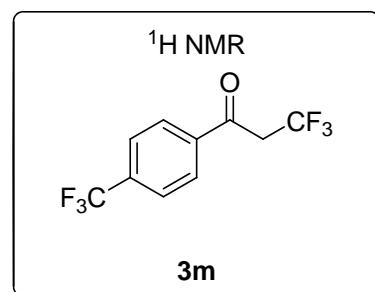


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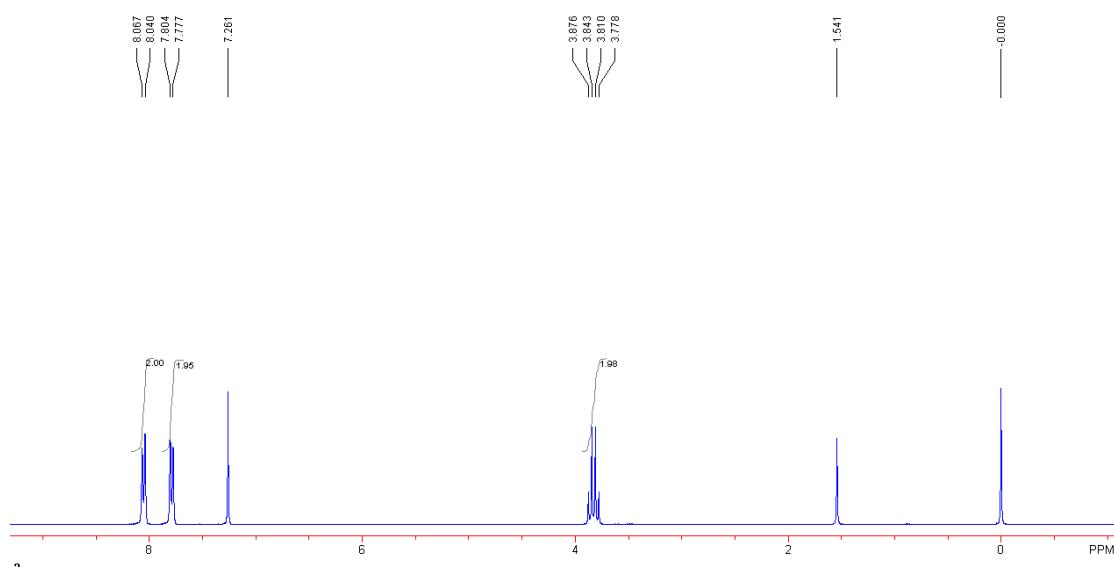
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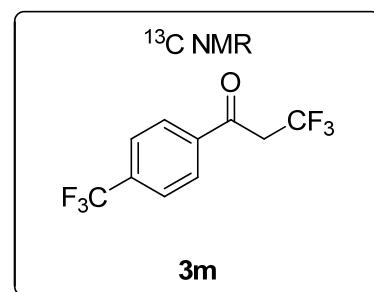
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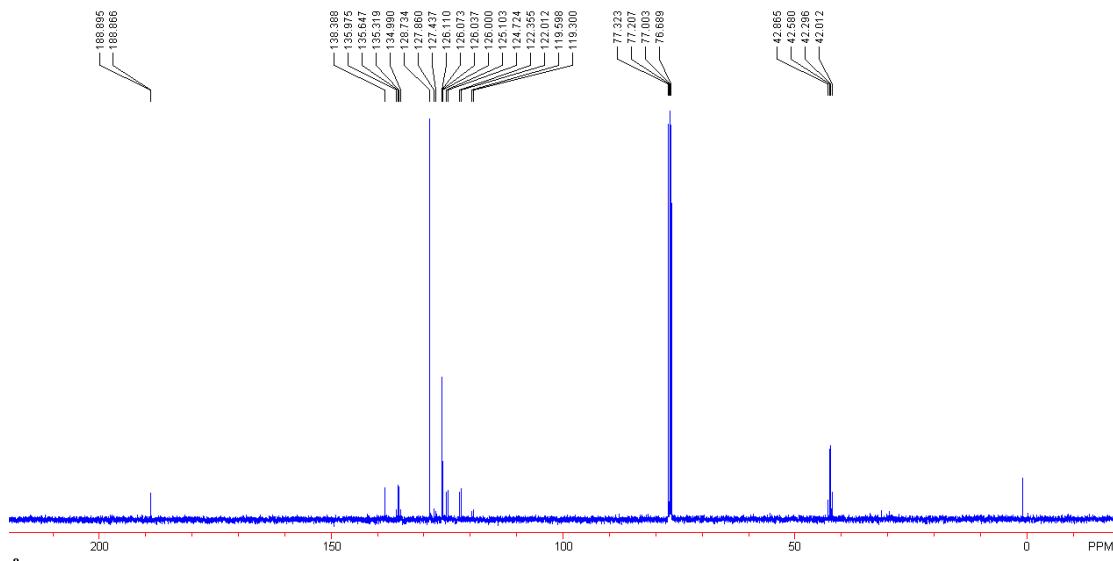
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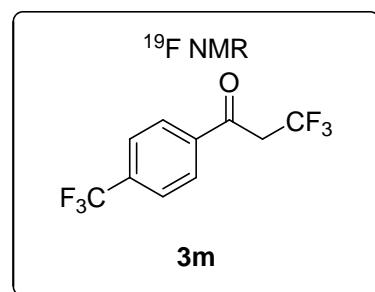


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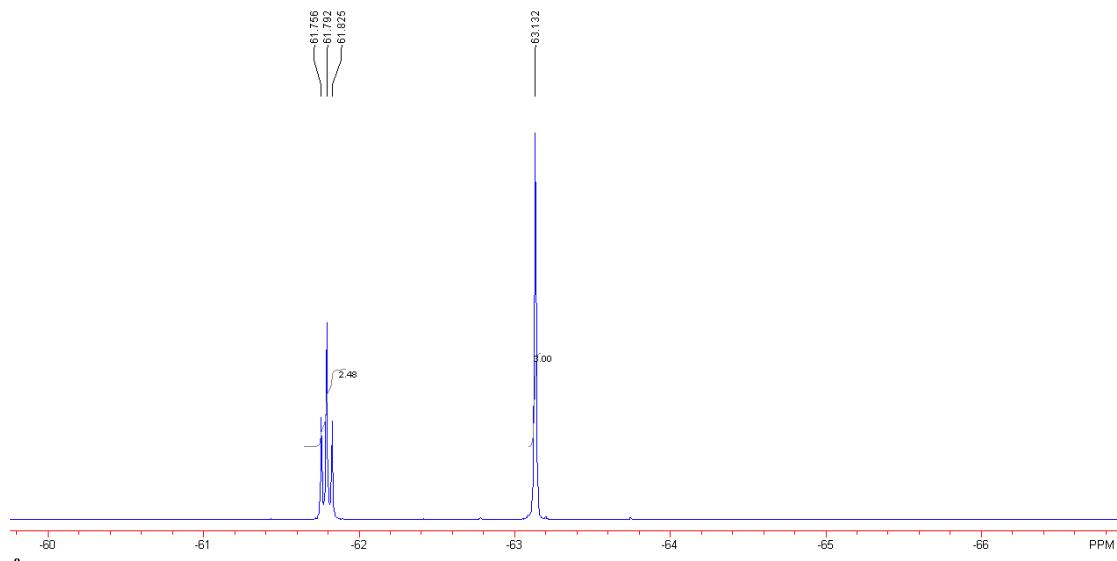
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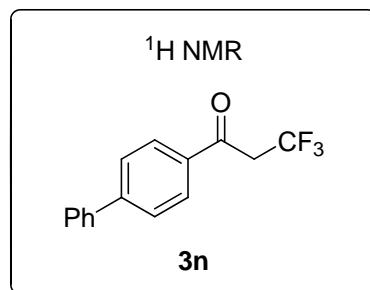
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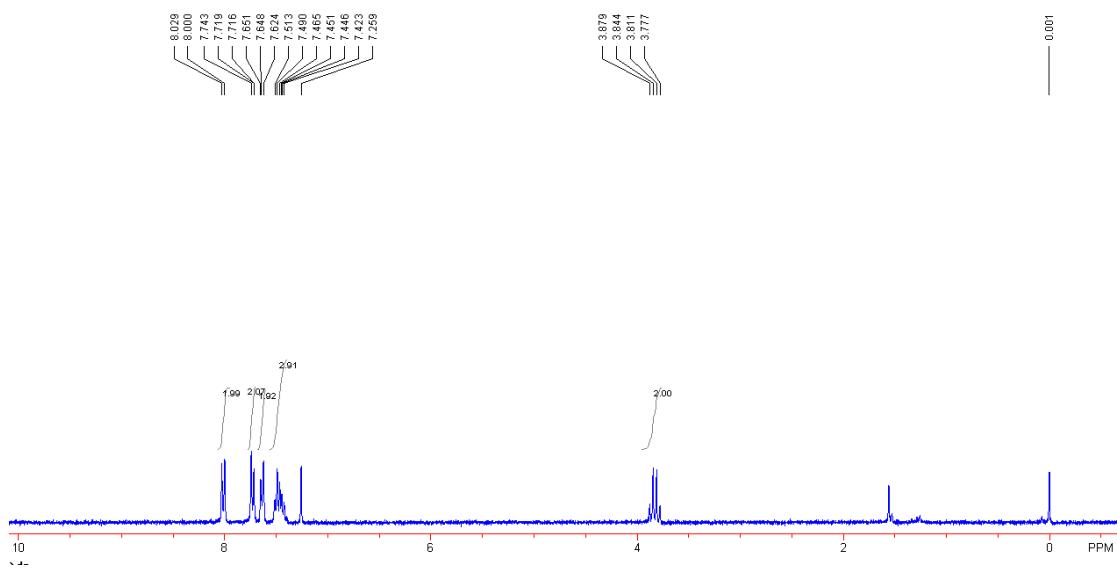
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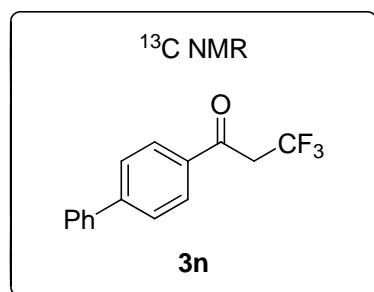


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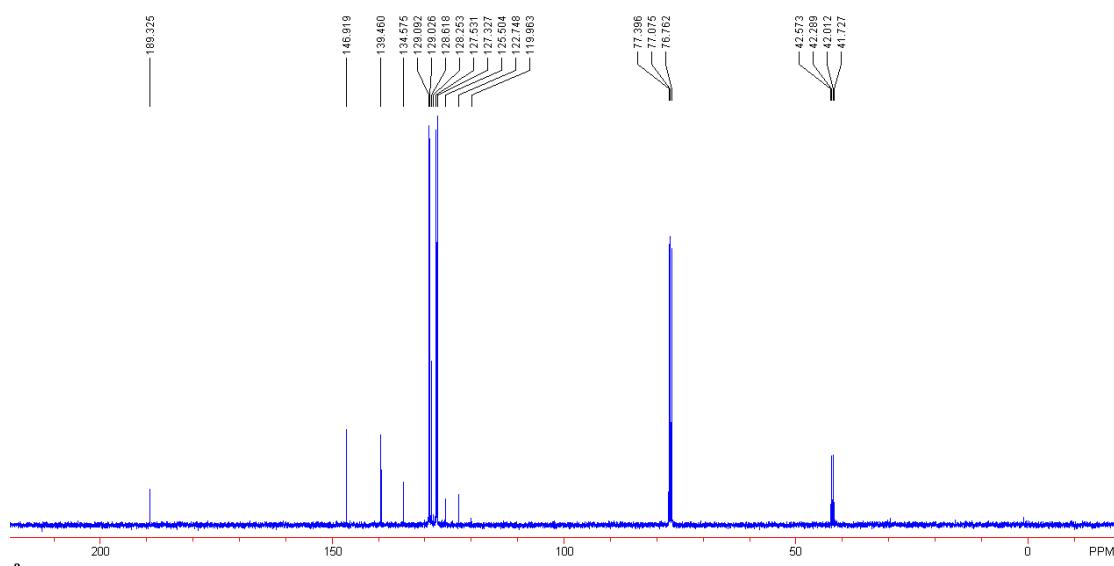
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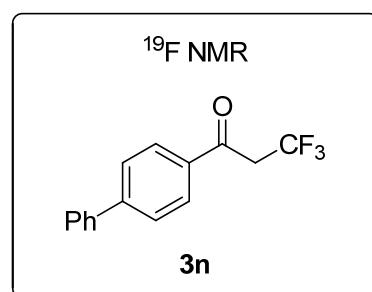
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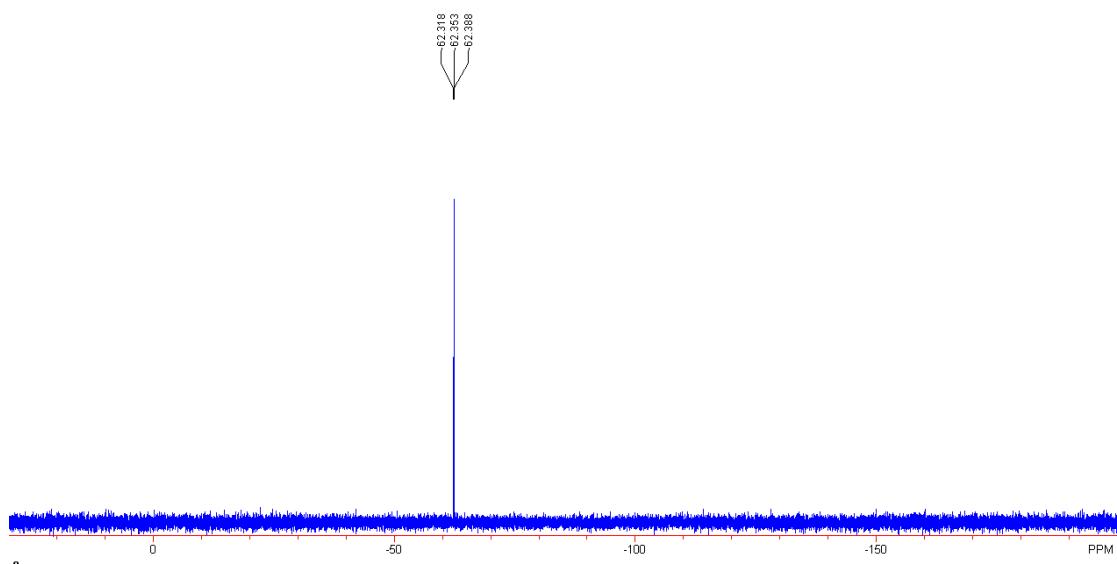
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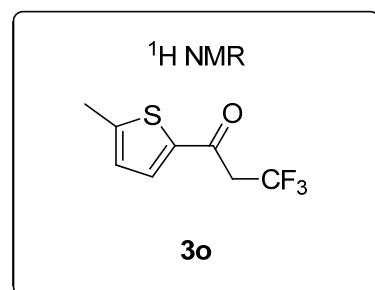


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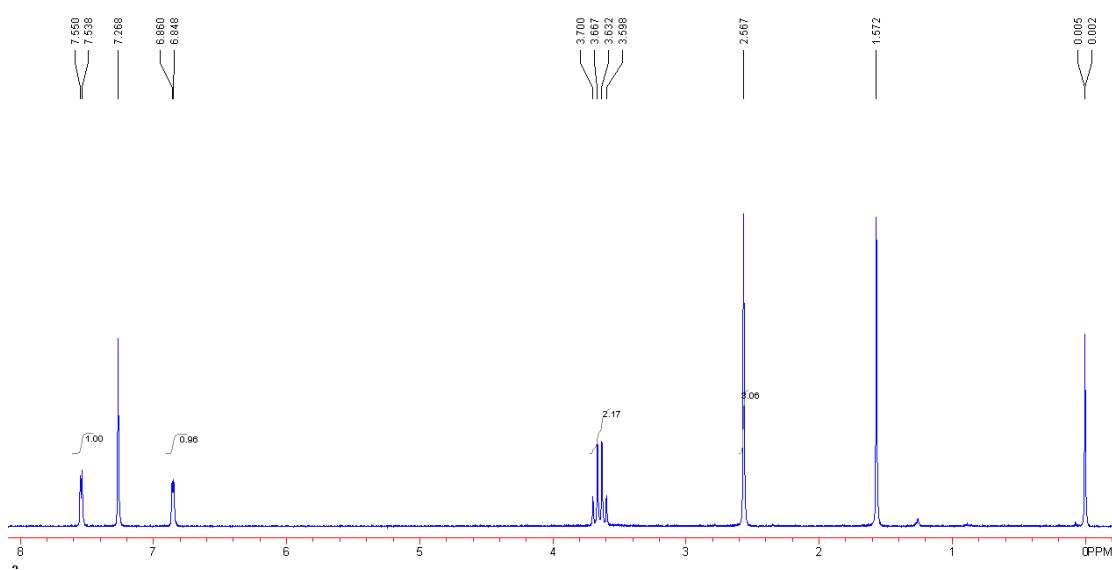
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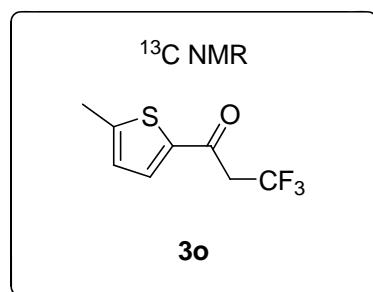
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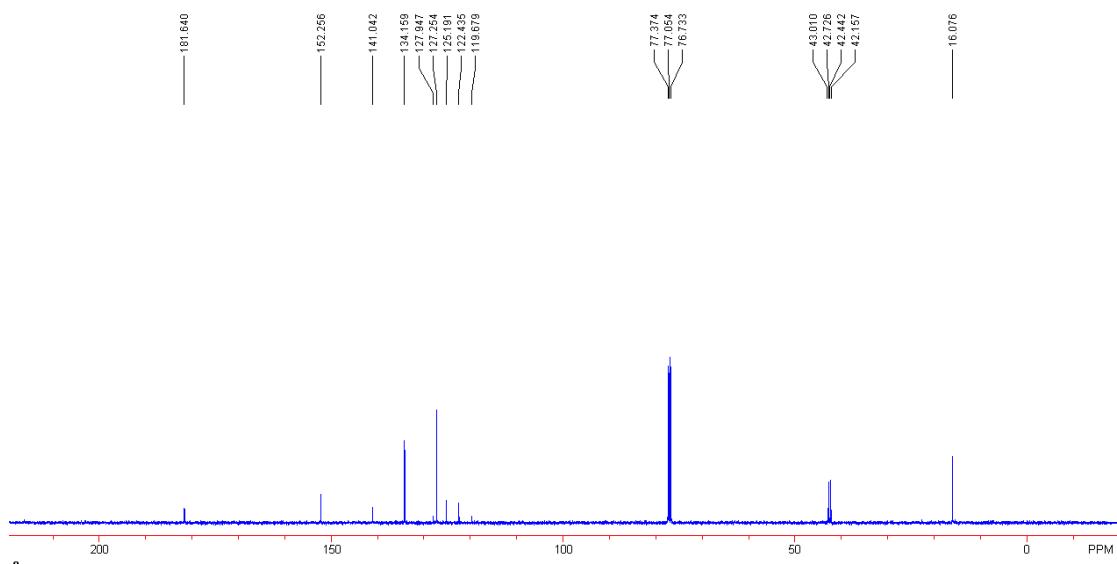
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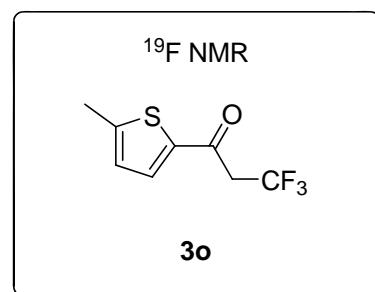


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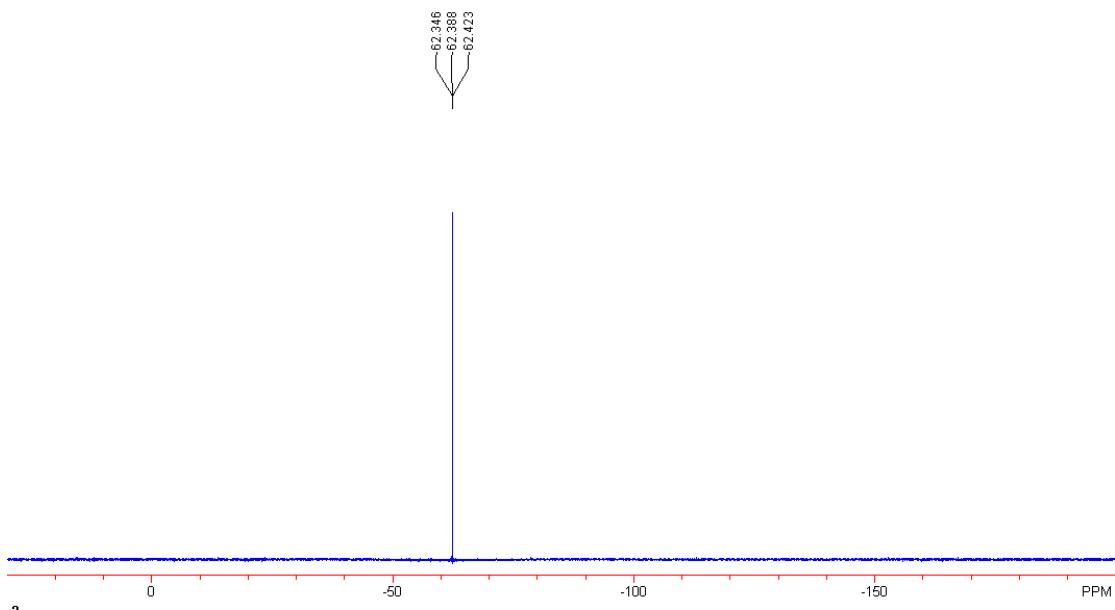
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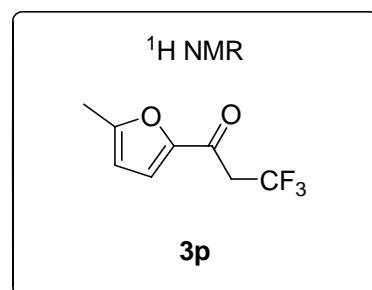
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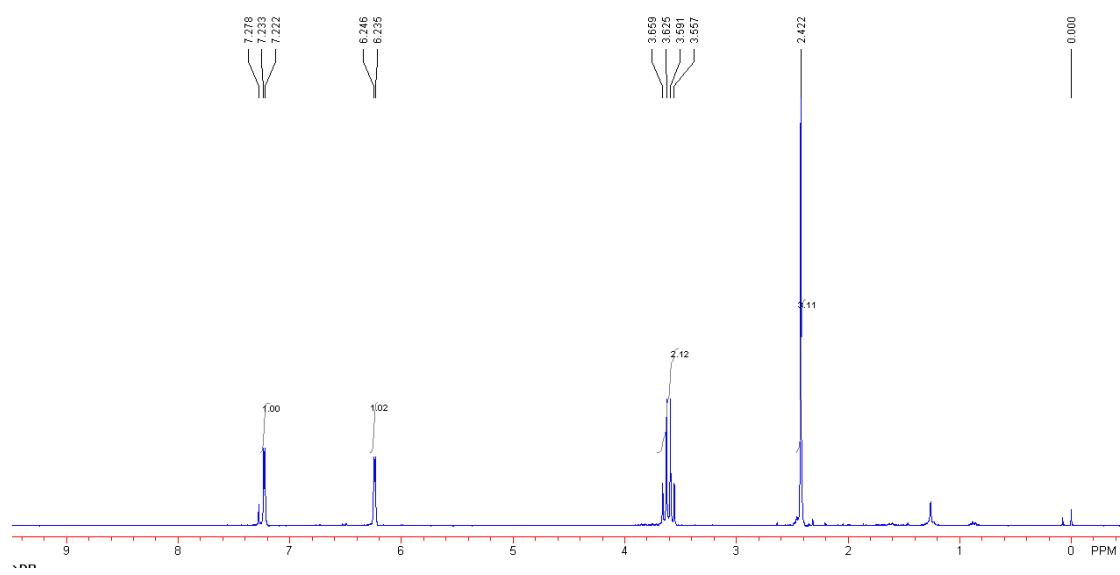
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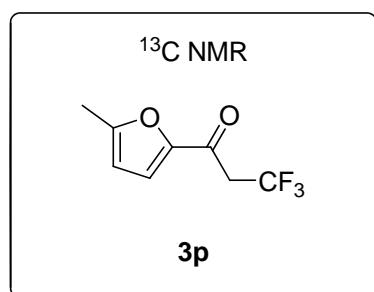
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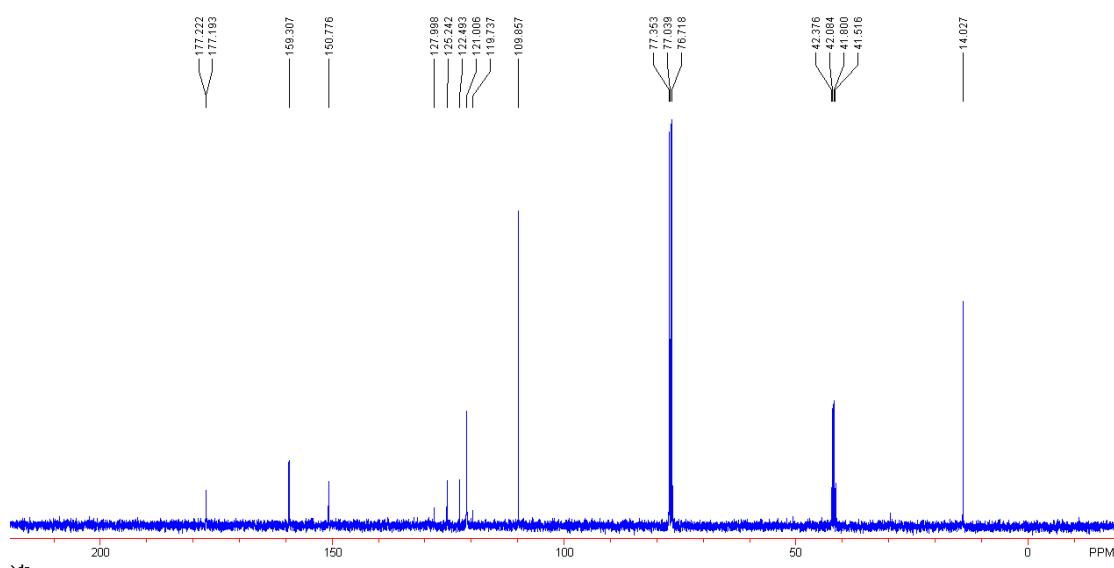
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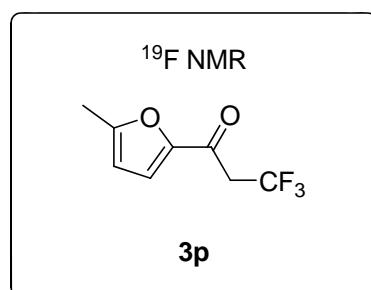
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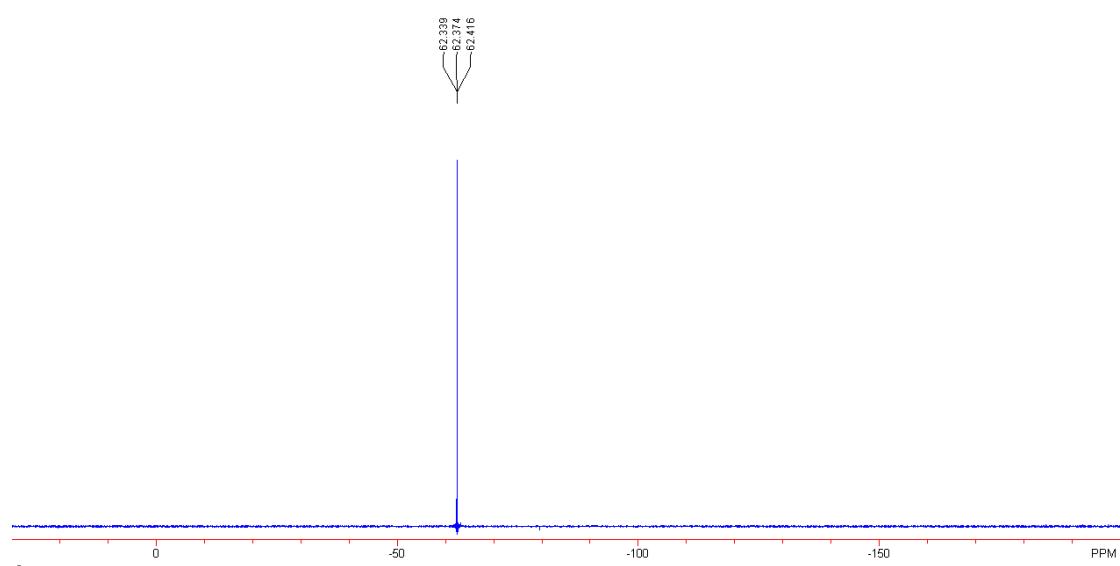
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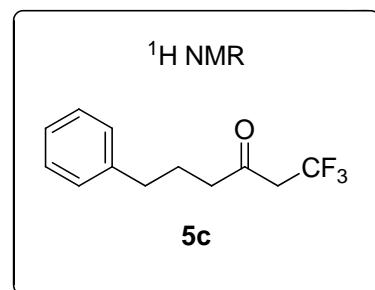
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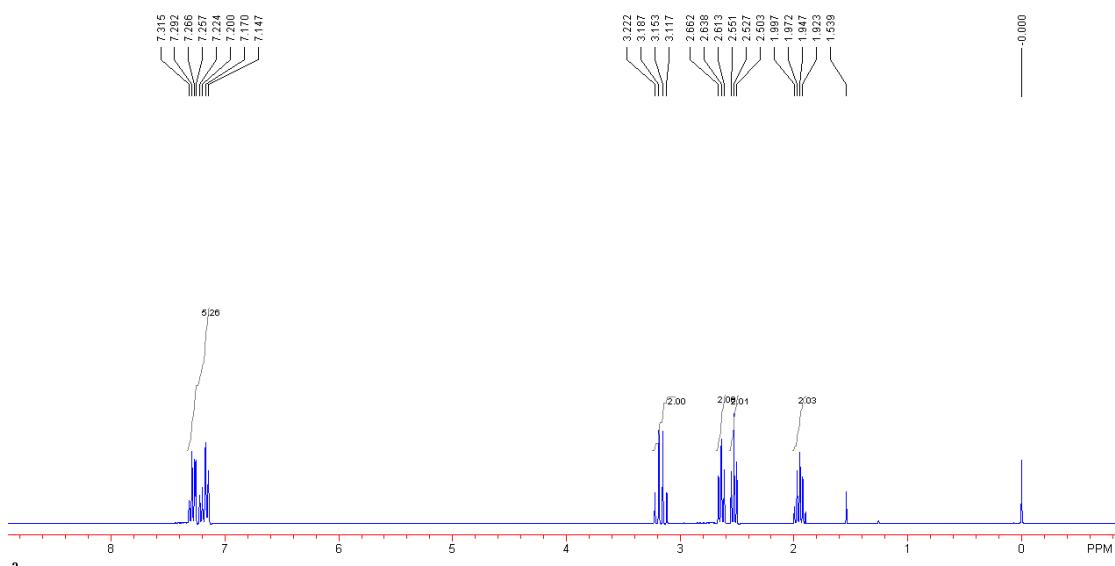
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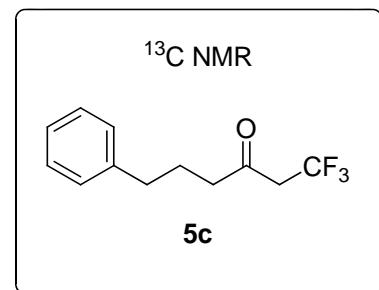
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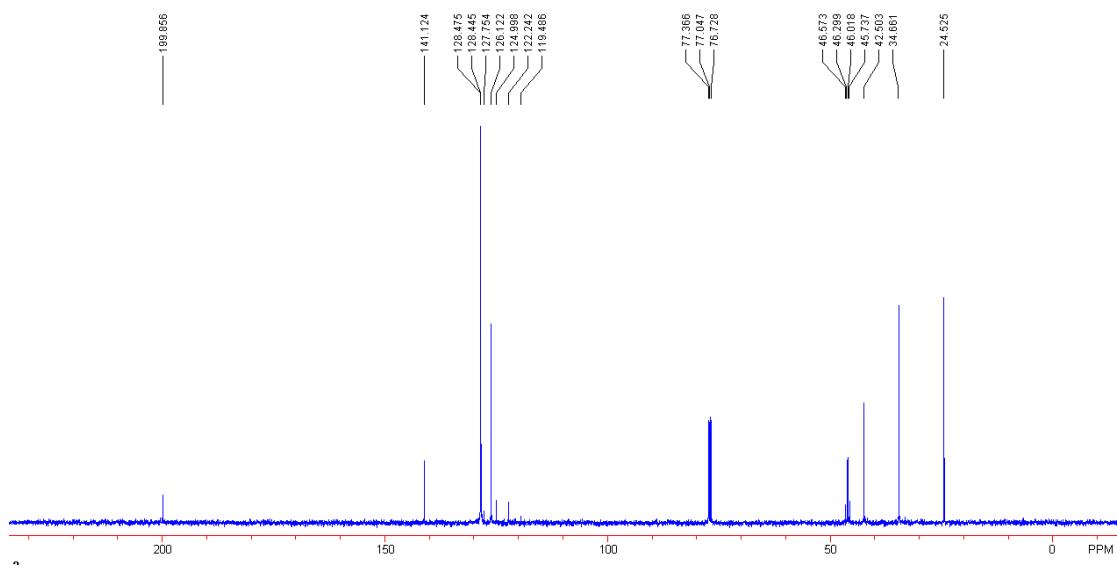
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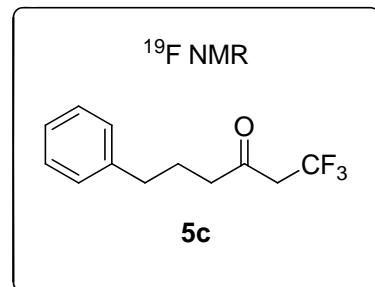


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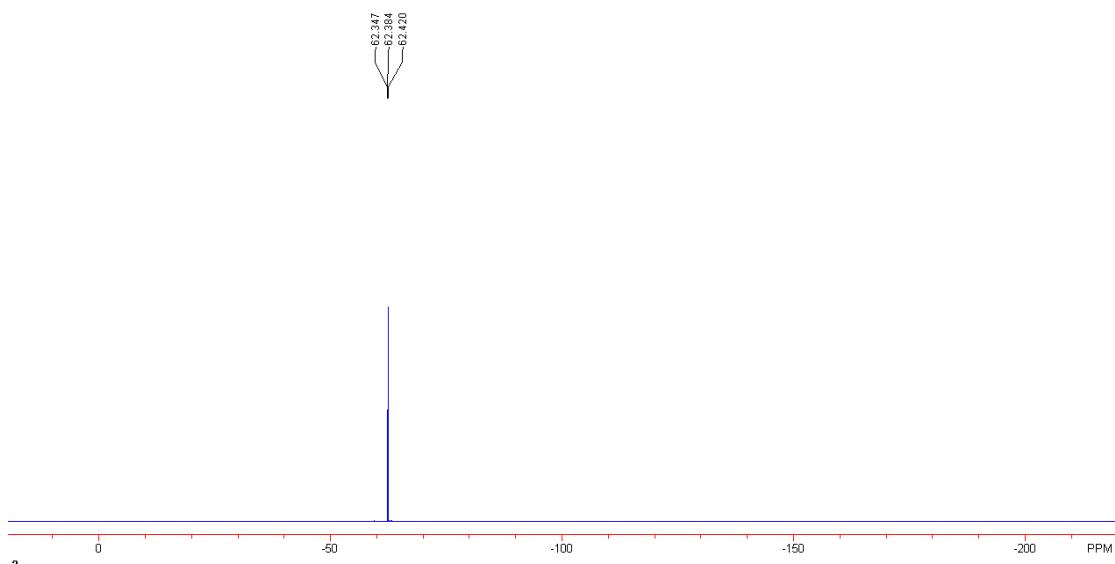


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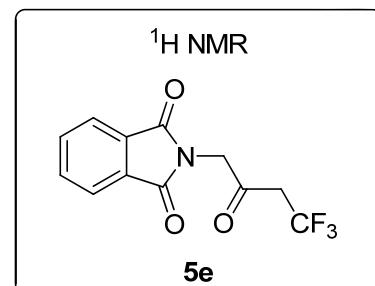
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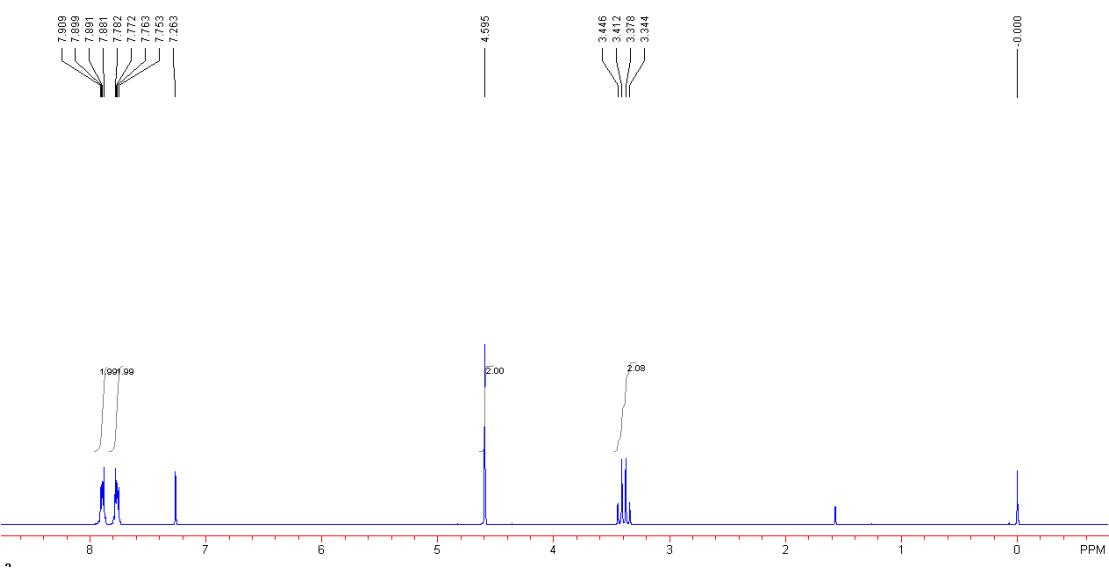
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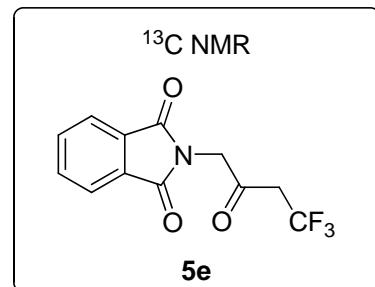


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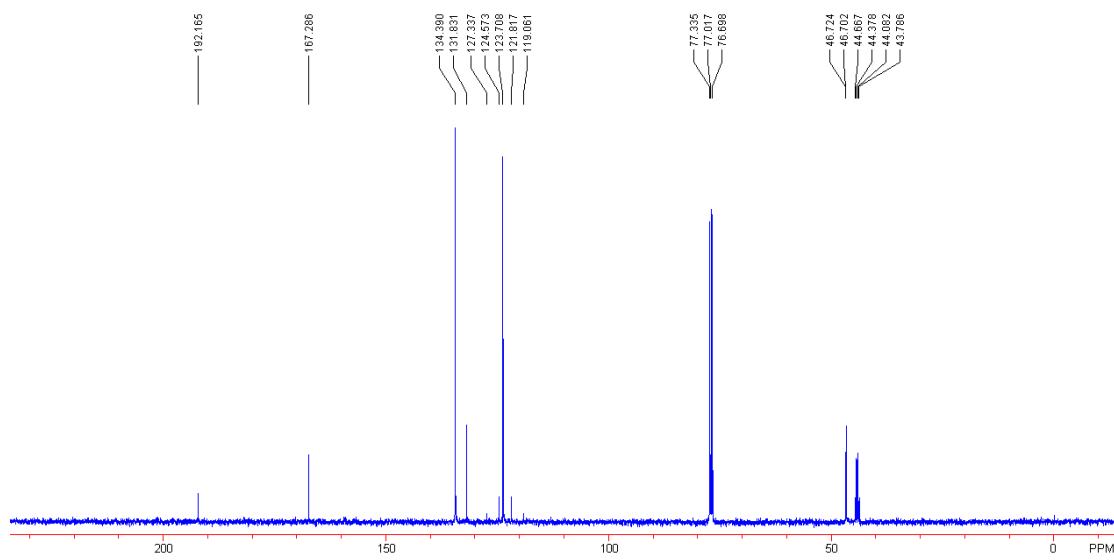


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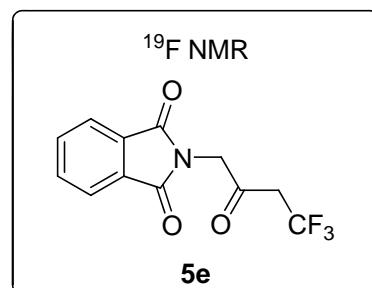


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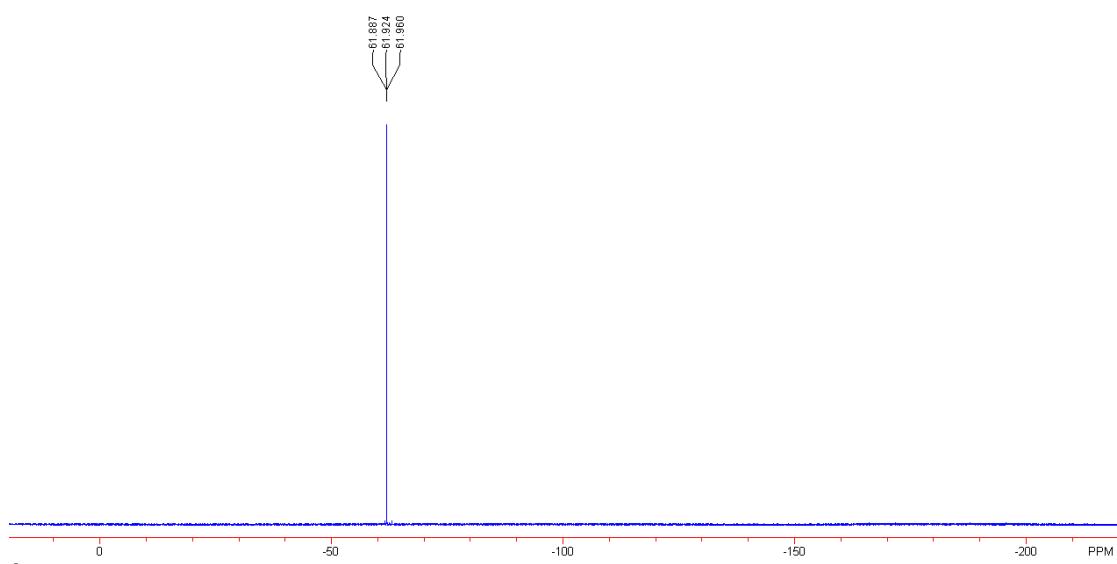


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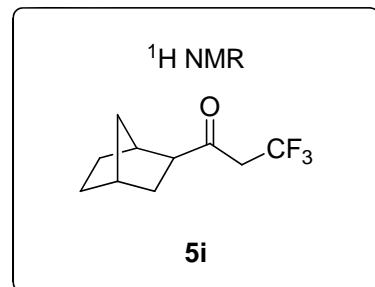


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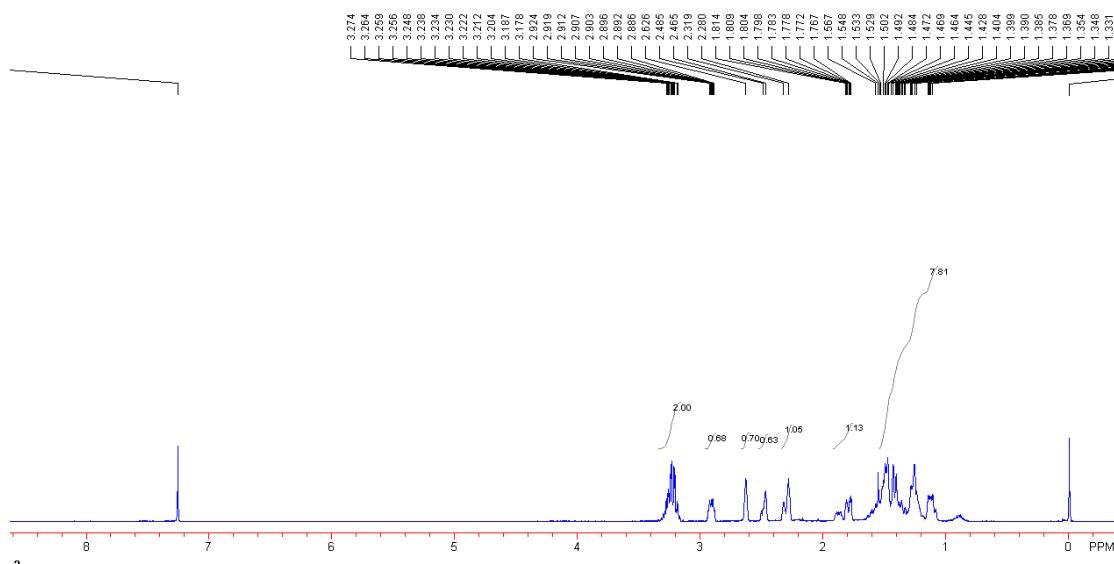


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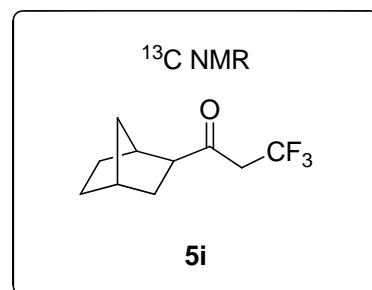
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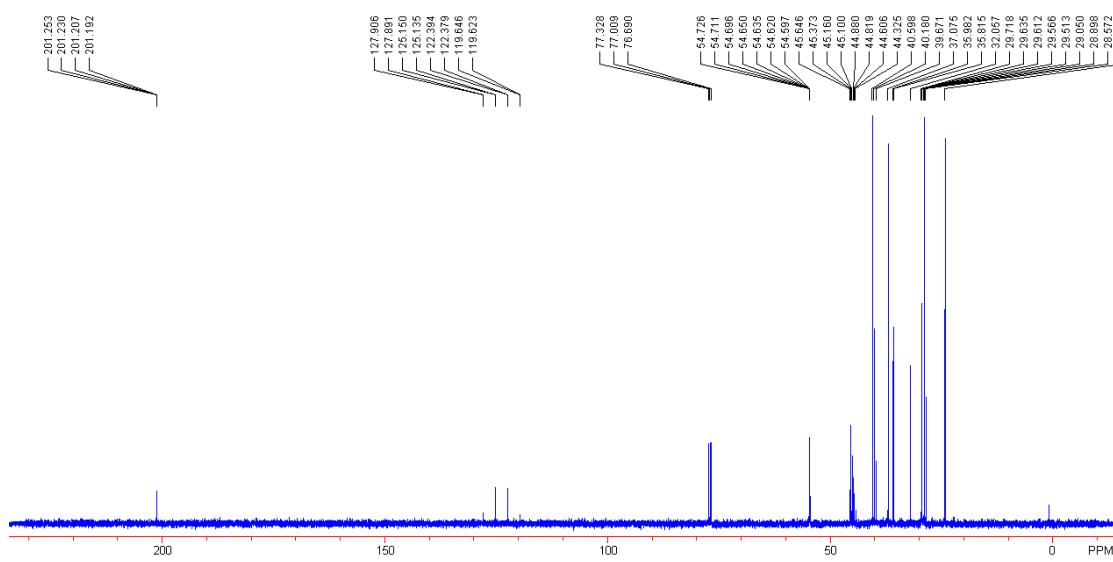
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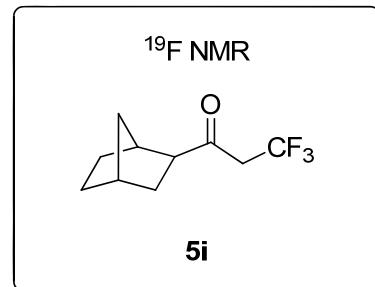
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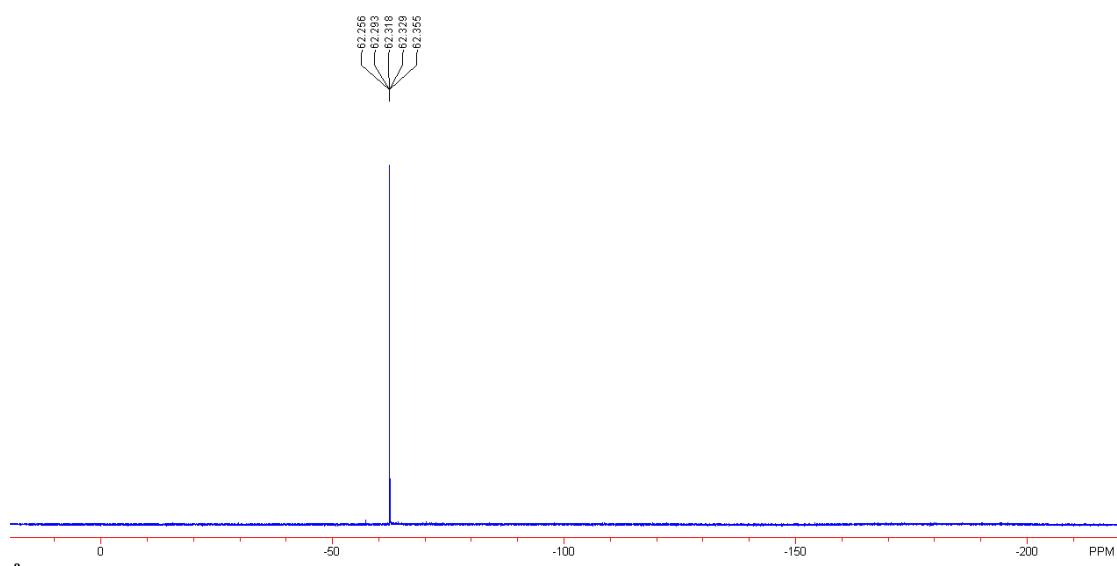


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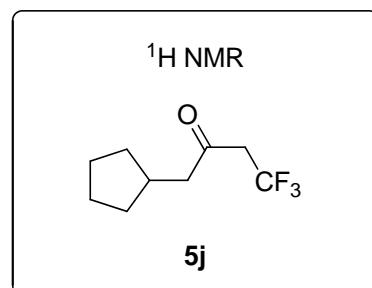
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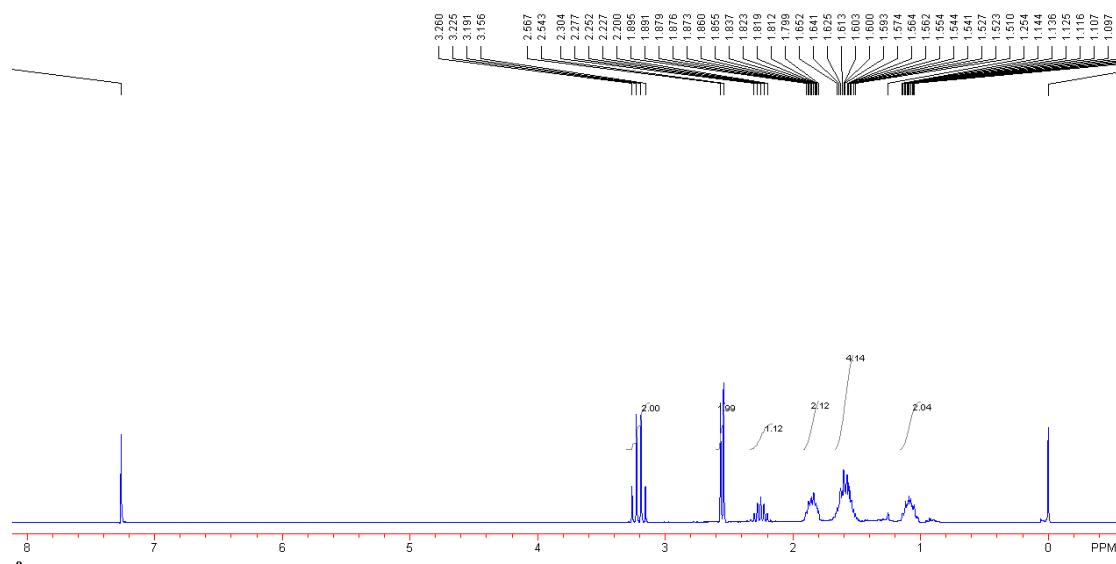
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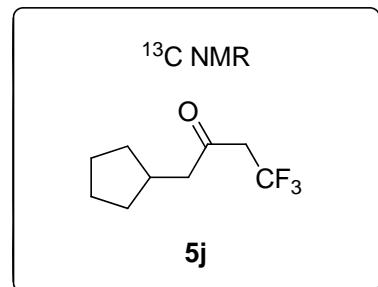


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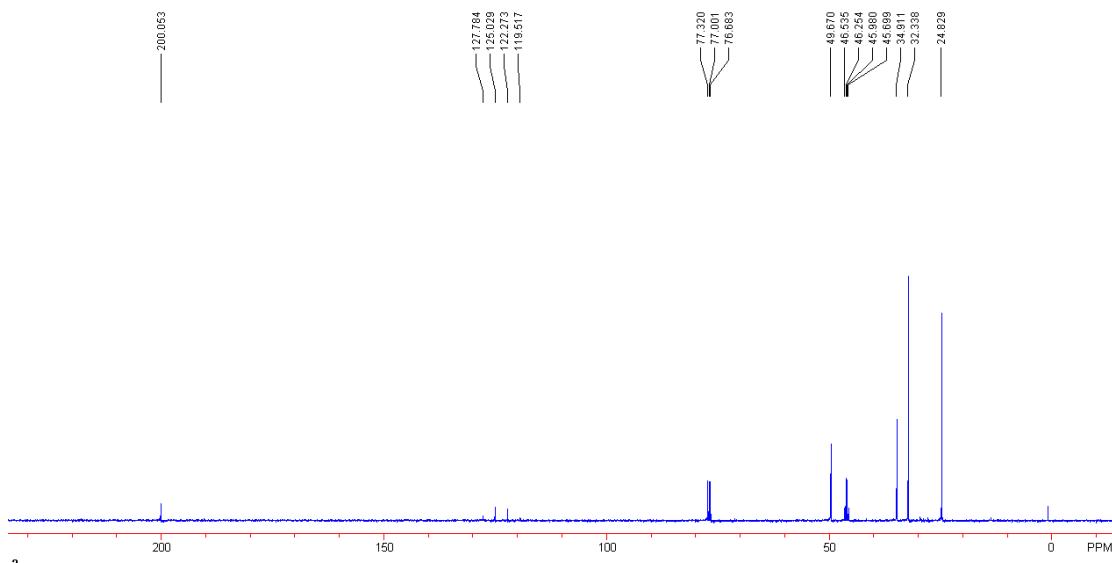


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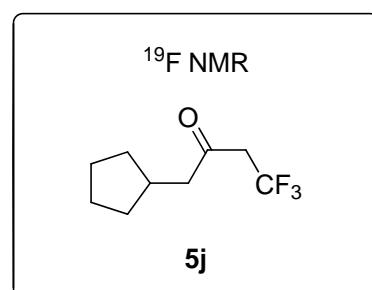


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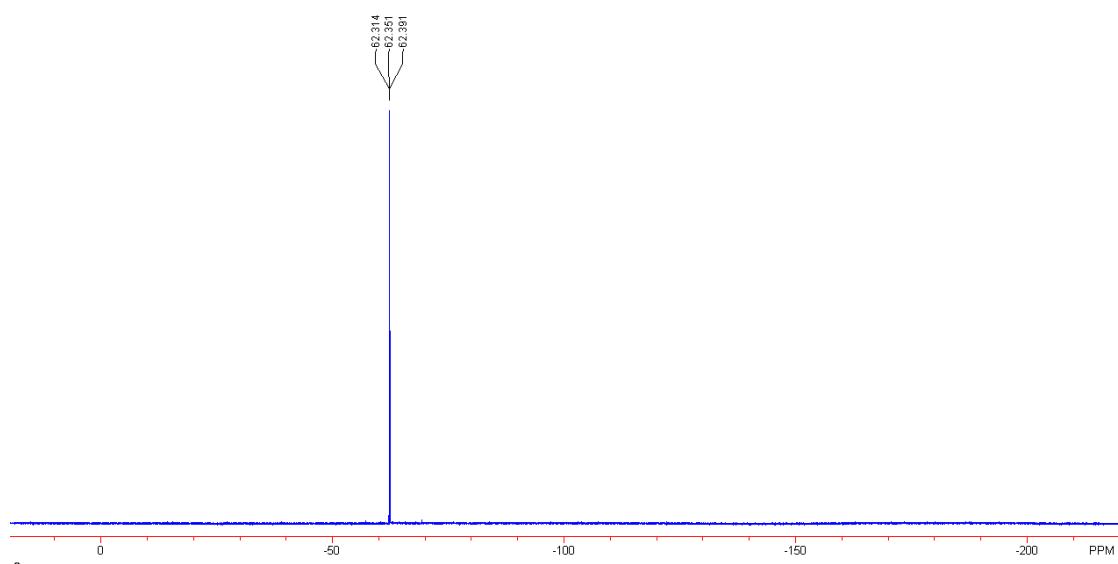
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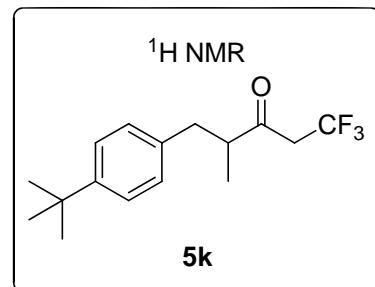
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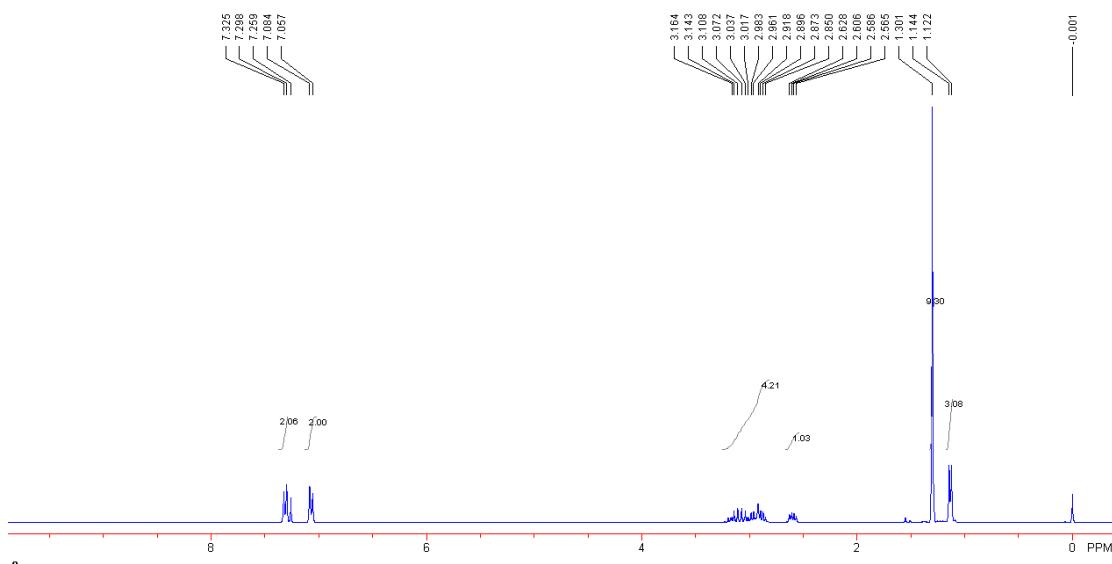


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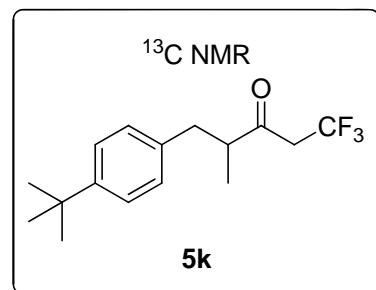


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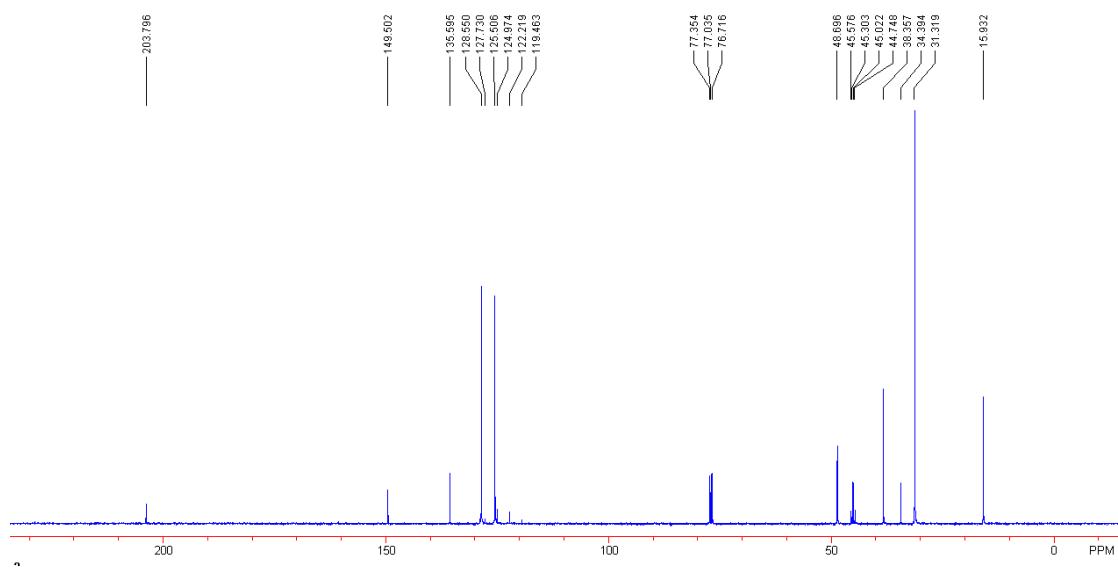


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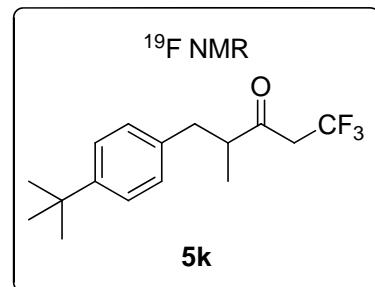


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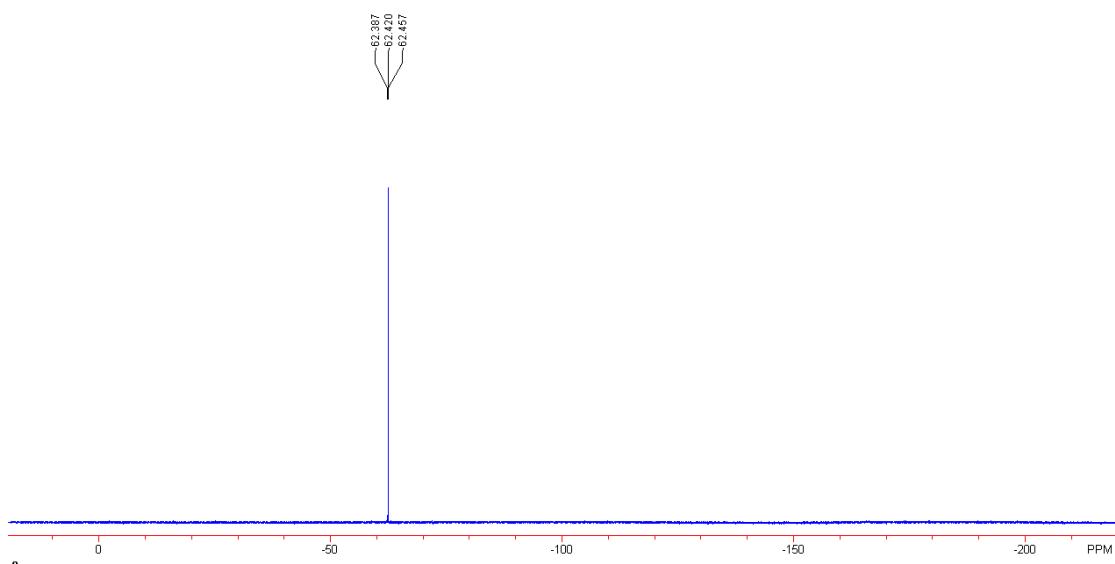


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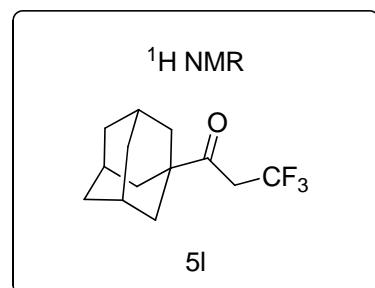
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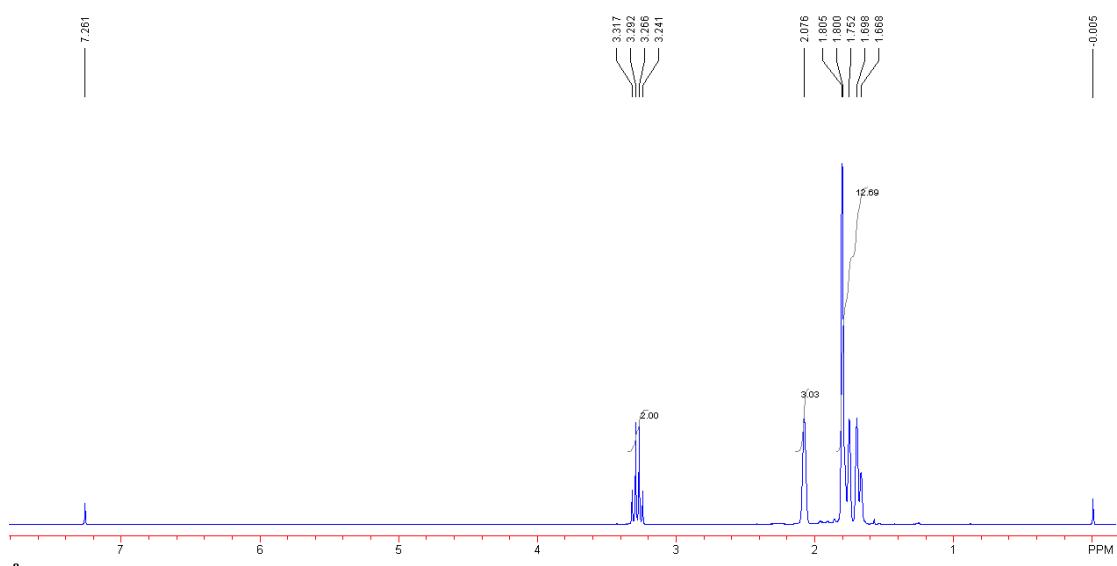
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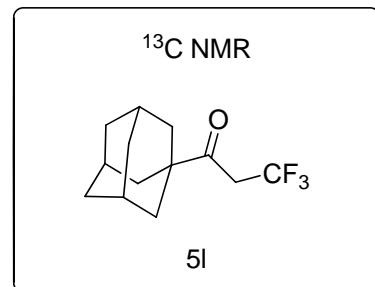


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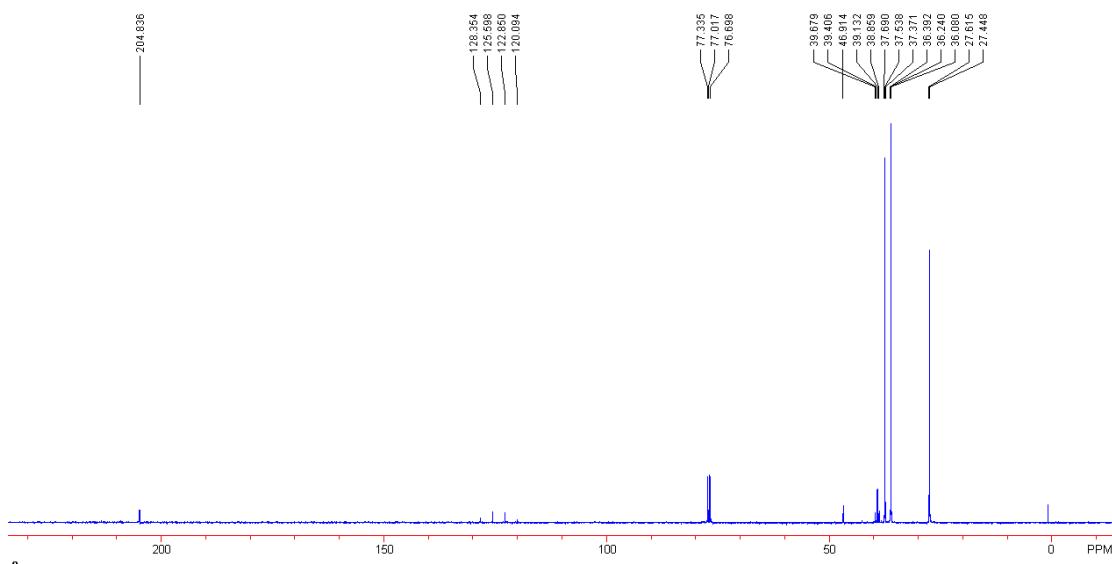


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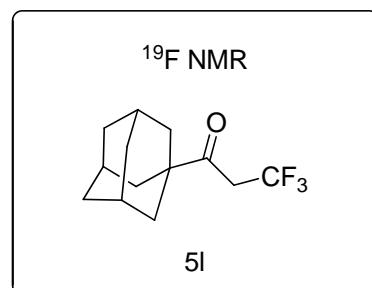
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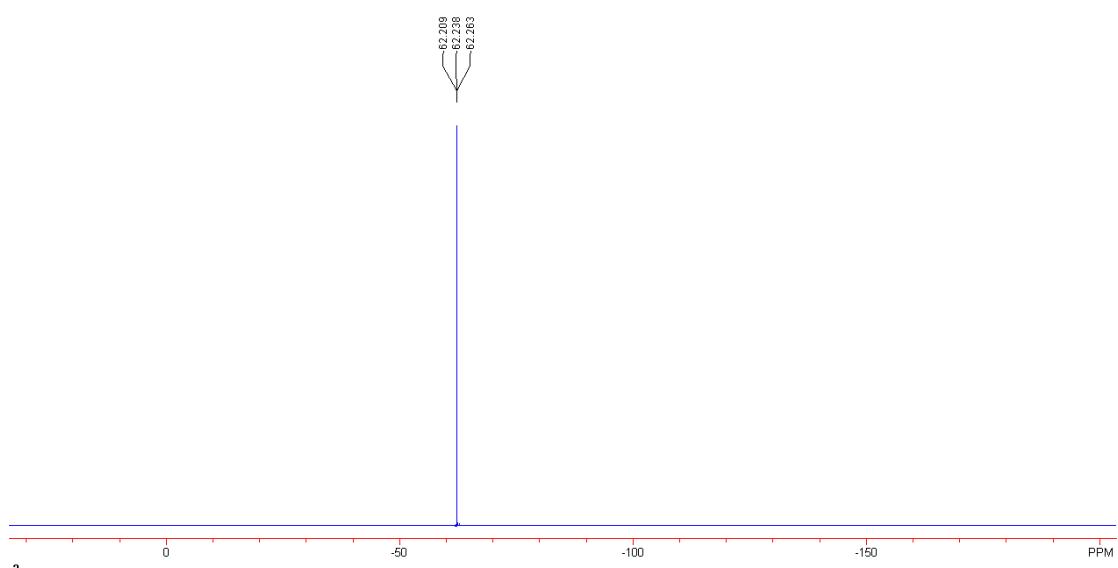
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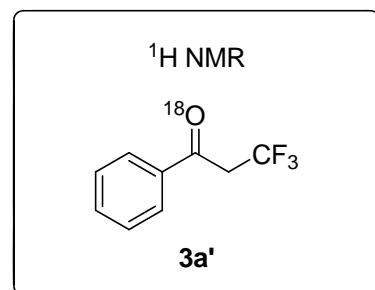


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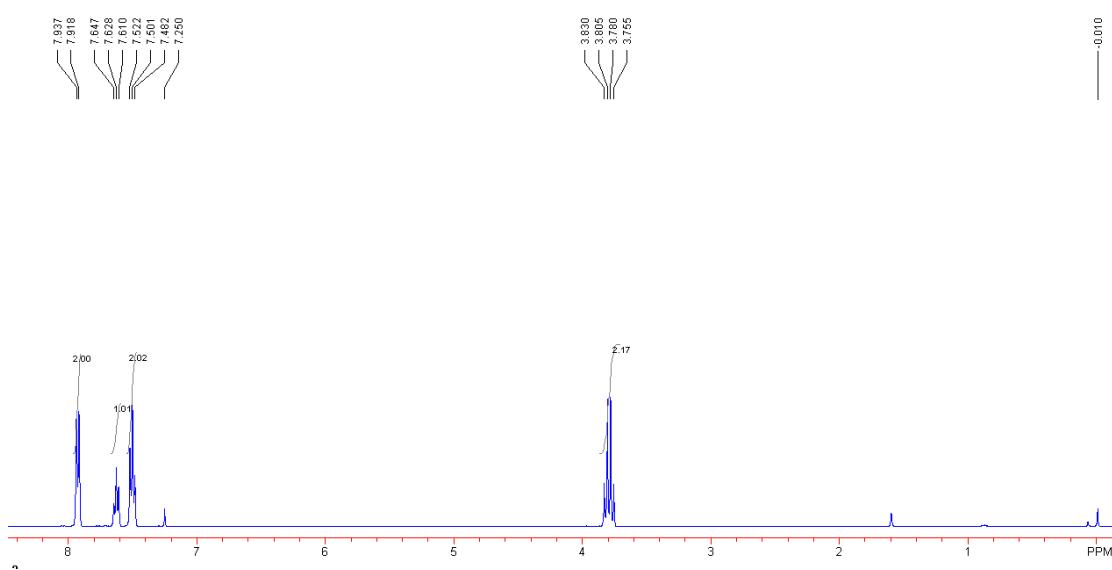


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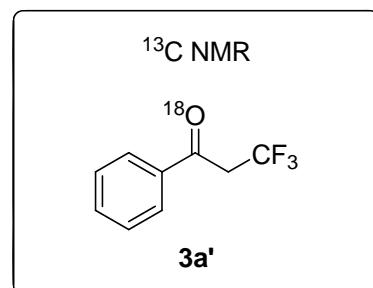
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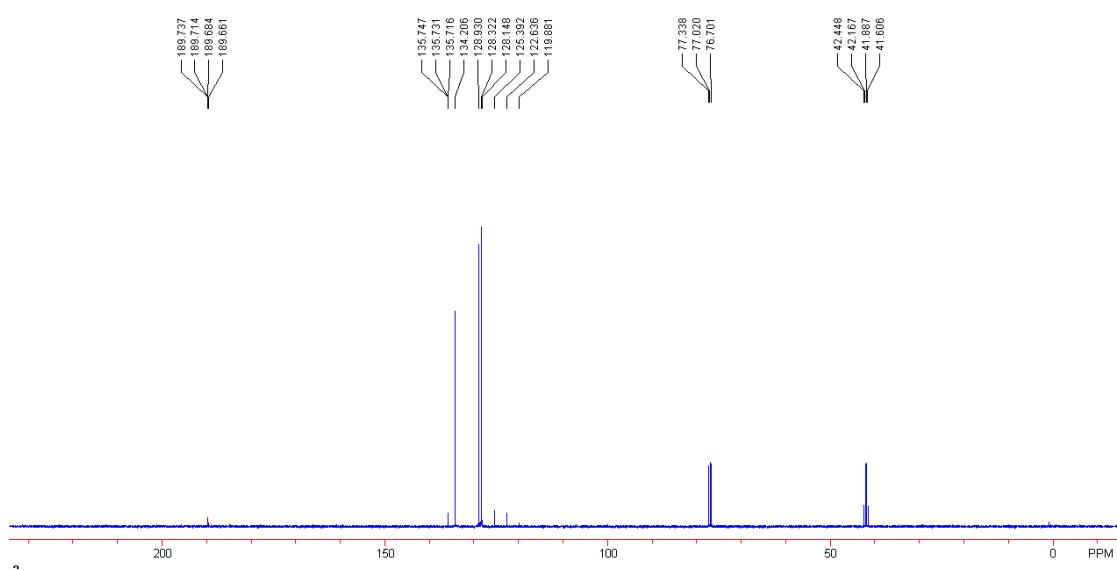
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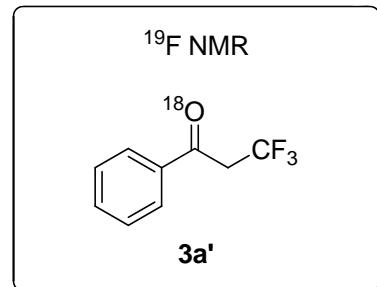
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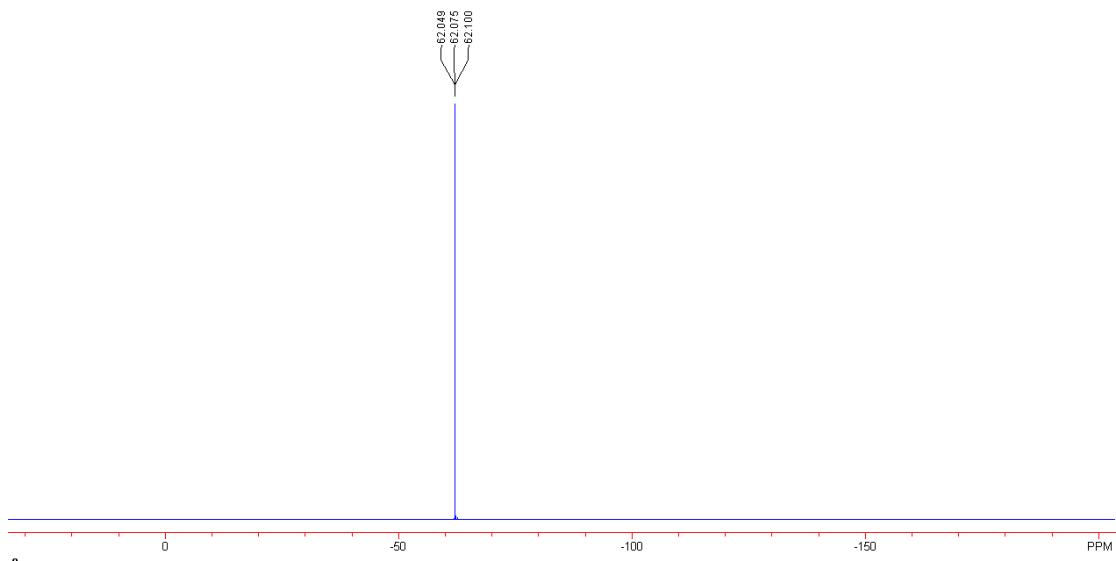


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