

# Supporting Information

## Effect of Trifluoromethyl Group on Torquoselectivity in $4\pi$ Ring-Opening Reaction of Oxetenes: Stereoselective Synthesis of Tetrasubstituted Olefins

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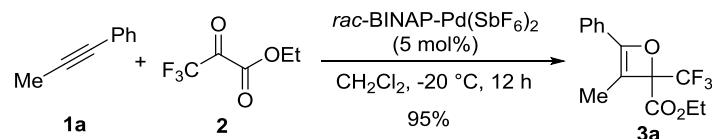
## General Information:

$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were measured on Bruker AV300M (300 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR were expressed in parts per million relative to the singlet ( $\delta = 7.26$ ) for  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Chemical shifts of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were expressed in parts per million relative to the central line of the triplet ( $\delta = 77.0$ ) for  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Chemical shifts of  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR were expressed in parts per million relative to the singlet ( $\delta = -63.24$ ) for BTF as an external standard. IR spectra were measured on a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer. Mass spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-T100CS (Accu-TOF) spectrometer. X-ray crystal analyses were measured on Rigaku XtaLAB mini diffractometer (graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$ ). All experiments were carried out under argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted.

## Experimental Procedures:

Oxetenes **3b**, **3d-e**, and **3g-o** were synthesized employing procedure published from our laboratory.<sup>[1]</sup>

### General Procedure for Catalytic Asymmetric [2+2]Cycloaddition (Scheme 2)

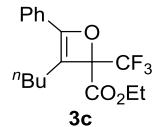


To a solution of *rac*-BINAP-PdCl<sub>2</sub> (60.0 mg, 0.075 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL) was added AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (51.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After stirring for 30 min, ethyl trifluoropyruvate **2** (399  $\mu\text{L}$ , 3.0 mmol) and alkyne **1a** (174 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added to the mixture at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h, and then directly loaded onto a short silica-gel column (hexane/AcOEt = 3/1) to remove the catalyst. Purification by silica-gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) gave oxetene **3a** (409 mg, 95% yield).

#### Ethyl 3-methyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxete-2-carboxylate (**3a**)<sup>[1]</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 4.34-4.42 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.2, 14.0, 62.7, 86.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 111.1, 122.0 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 280.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 124.8, 128.4, 128.6, 129.9, 162.2, 163.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -76.1; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3071, 2975, 2940, 1758, 1452, 1281, 1192, 1089, 1022, 761; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0895, found: 287.0893.

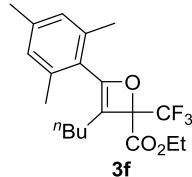
#### Ethyl 3-butyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxete-2-carboxylate (**3c**)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 1.27-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.65 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 4.37 (q,  $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.55 (m,

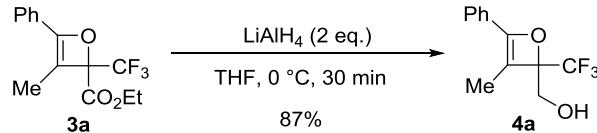
2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.8, 14.0, 22.5, 24.3, 30.1, 62.8, 86.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.5$  Hz), 116.2, 122.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.1$  Hz), 124.9, 128.5, 128.6, 129.9, 162.7, 163.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.77; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2960, 2935, 2874, 1745, 1452, 1369, 1269, 1176, 1088, 1026; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 329.1365, found: 329.1348.

### Ethyl 3-butyl-4-mesityl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxete-2-carboxylate (3f)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.85 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.48 (m, 4H), 2.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 4.33-4.50 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.4, 13.9, 19.6, 21.1, 22.3, 24.1, 28.8, 62.5, 85.8 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.0$  Hz), 121.2, 122.3 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 281.4$  Hz), 125.5, 128.3, 138.5, 140.4, 164.3, 164.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.45; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2959, 2932, 2872, 1746, 1315, 1286, 1268, 1174, 1075, 1031; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 371.1834, found: 371.1819.

### General Procedure for Reduction of Ester (Scheme 2)

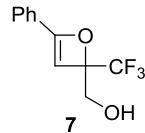


To a solution of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (75.9 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added oxetene **3a** (286.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at -78 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched by  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , filtered through celite, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica-gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 5/1) gave the product **4a** (212.4 mg, 87% yield).

### (3-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methanol (4a)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.07 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 4.12 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.9, 60.0, 89.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.5$  Hz), 111.1, 124.0 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 124.6, 128.6, 129.0, 129.4, 158.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.76; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3412, 3065, 2933, 1450, 1340, 1312, 1239, 1151, 1067, 1032, 989; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 245.0789, found: 245.0786.

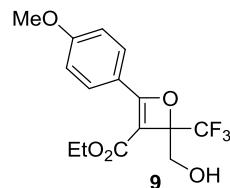
### (4-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methanol (7)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.77 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd,  $J = 12.9, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd,

$J = 12.9, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  61.1, 88.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 31.7$  Hz), 98.6, 123.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 281.6$  Hz), 124.4, 127.8, 128.6, 130.6, 165.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -77.29; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3503, 3110, 2949, 2850, 1745, 1685, 1601, 1459, 1312, 1261, 1185, 1135, 1027; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ]: 253.0452, found: 253.0461.

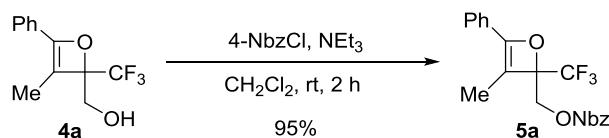
### Ethyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxete-3-carboxylate (**9**)



To a solution of  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (113.5 mg, 3.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added the oxetene with ester group (561.5 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by water and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica-gel chromatography gave **9** (295.5 mg, 59% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.31 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.14, 55.45, 60.19, 60.44, 91.24 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.0$  Hz), 101.8, 114.1, 119.1, 123.0 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 130.1, 160.2, 163.5, 172.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.34; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3452, 2936, 2841, 1658, 1603, 1513, 1316, 1263, 1216, 1174, 1122, 1101, 1071, 987; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ]: 355.0769, found: 355.0755.

### General Procedure for Protection of Alcohol with 4-Nitrobenzoyl Group (Scheme 2)



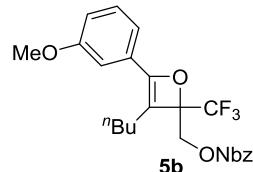
To a solution of **4a** (212.4 mg, 0.9 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (9 mL) were added  $\text{NEt}_3$  (250.9  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.8 mmol) and 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (185.6 mg, 1.0 mmol) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by water and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica-gel chromatography gave **5a** (336.0 mg, 95% yield). The structure of **5a** was clarified by X-ray analysis of the single crystal (*vide infra*).

### (3-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (**5a**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.09 (s, 3H), 4.90 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.2, 62.4, 86.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.2$  Hz), 110.8, 123.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.6, 124.6,

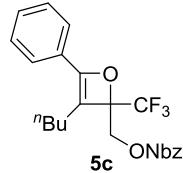
128.6 (2C), 129.8, 130.9, 134.6, 150.7, 160.0, 163.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.77; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2958, 2923, 2852, 1728, 1523, 1344, 1279, 1186, 1161, 1116, 1106, 874; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 394.0902, found: 394.0905.

**(3-Butyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5b)**



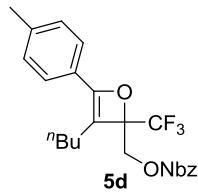
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.91 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.32-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.59 (m, 2H), 2.44 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 6.93 (ddd,  $J = 7.8, 2.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 2.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd,  $J = 7.8, 1.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.8, 22.7, 24.3, 30.3, 55.3, 62.7, 86.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 109.8, 115.8, 116.0, 117.4, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.7, 129.8, 129.9, 130.9, 134.6, 150.8, 159.7, 159.9, 163.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.24; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2954, 2863, 2835, 1726, 1601, 1579, 1523, 1433, 1344, 1289, 1239, 1172, 1148; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_6$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 466.1478, found: 466.1498.

**(3-Butyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5c)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.92 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.38-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.60 (m, 2H), 2.46 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.7, 22.7, 24.4, 30.4, 62.7, 86.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 115.8, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.6, 124.8, 128.65, 128.70, 129.8, 130.9, 134.6, 150.8, 160.1, 163.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.27; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2958, 2934, 2860, 1726, 1527, 1347, 1281, 1174, 1153, 1123, 1077; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 436.1372, found: 436.1357.

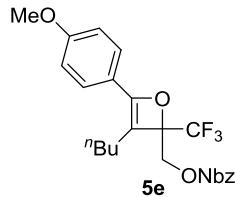
**(3-Butyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5d)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.91 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.34-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.61 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s,

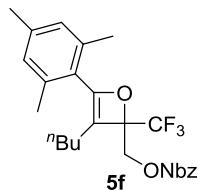
3H), 2.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.8, 21.5, 22.6, 24.3, 30.4, 62.8, 86.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 114.5, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.7, 124.7, 126.0, 129.3, 130.9, 134.7, 140.1, 150.8, 160.3, 163.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.30; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2962, 2930, 2861, 1726, 1530, 1339, 1282, 1176, 1155, 1125, 1069, 994; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 450.1528, found: 450.1543.

**(3-Butyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5e)**



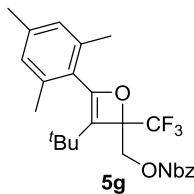
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.90 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.55 (m, 2H), 2.41 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.7, 22.6, 24.3, 30.5, 55.3, 62.8, 86.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 113.1, 114.1, 121.5, 123.59 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.61, 126.4, 130.9, 134.7, 150.7, 160.0, 160.7, 163.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.36; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2954, 2860, 2838, 1729, 1528, 1509, 1351, 1283, 1256, 1173, 1155, 1123, 1095, 833; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_6$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 466.1478, found: 466.1489.

**(3-Butyl-4-mesityl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5f)**



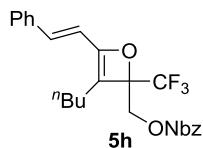
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.44 (m, 2H), 2.19 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 4.95 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.7, 19.9, 21.3, 22.6, 24.5, 29.1, 63.5, 86.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.2$  Hz), 120.7, 123.7, 123.8 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.1$  Hz), 125.7, 128.5, 131.1, 134.8, 138.4, 140.4, 151.0, 161.8, 164.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.96; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2959, 2929, 2863, 1738, 1611, 1530, 1347, 1316, 1270, 1159, 1101, 1079; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 500.1661, found: 500.1681.

**(3-(*tert*-Butyl)-4-mesityl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5g)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.10 (s, 9H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.7, 20.0, 21.3, 28.8, 31.2, 64.2, 86.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.5 Hz), 123.6, 123.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.4 Hz), 126.9, 128.0, 128.2, 129.3, 131.0, 134.8, 137.7, 138.4, 140.2, 150.8, 160.0, 164.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -74.03; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2966, 2926, 2867, 1735, 1608, 1540, 1270, 1184, 1157, 1082, 984, 960, 860; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 500.1661, found: 500.1651.

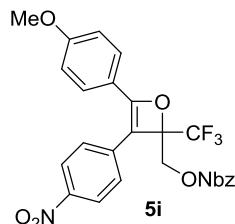
**(E)-(3-Butyl-4-styryl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5h)**



Oxetene **3h** of *E/Z* = 10/1 was used for the reduction followed by the protection of alcohol group.

*E*-isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.34-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.60 (m, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 2H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.7, 22.5, 24.1, 29.9, 62.6, 87.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.5 Hz), 112.6, 117.7, 123.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 283.1 Hz), 123.7, 127.0, 128.8, 129.0, 130.9, 132.6, 134.6, 135.4, 150.8, 159.9, 163.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ *E*-isomer: -76.51, *Z*-isomer: -76.30; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2958, 2931, 2861, 1735, 1606, 1527, 1345, 1319, 1270, 1163, 1101; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 462.1528, found: 462.1544.

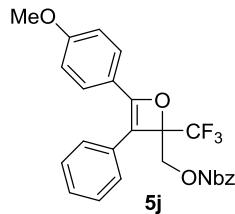
**(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5i)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.89 (s, 3H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz,

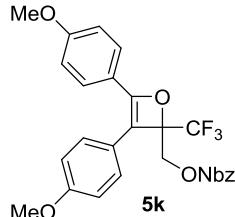
2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.6, 61.9, 87.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.2$  Hz), 110.8, 114.6, 120.1, 123.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.9$  Hz), 123.7, 124.5, 124.8, 127.9, 130.9, 134.2, 136.1, 145.9, 150.8, 162.6, 163.7, 163.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.69; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3080, 2960, 2924, 2847, 1740, 1595, 1518, 1343, 1264, 1172, 1098, 1022, 851; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 531.1015, found: 531.1011.

**(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5j)**



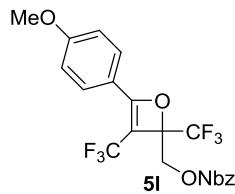
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.4, 62.8, 87.3 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 113.1, 114.3, 121.1, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.3$  Hz), 123.6, 125.3, 127.2, 127.5, 129.0, 129.7, 130.9, 134.6, 150.7, 160.0, 161.6, 163.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.70; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2959, 2933, 2842, 1733, 1668, 1603, 1520, 1458, 1359, 1313, 1264, 1119, 1031; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 486.1165, found: 486.1172.

**(3,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5k)**



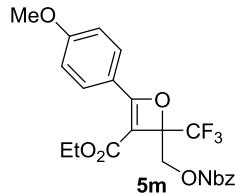
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.3, 55.4, 62.8, 87.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.8$  Hz), 112.9, 114.2, 114.5, 121.2, 122.2, 123.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 283.2$  Hz), 123.6, 126.9, 127.0, 130.9, 134.6, 150.7, 158.6, 159.0, 161.3, 163.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.79; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2956, 2939, 2841, 1732, 1523, 1279, 1249, 1186, 1131, 1089, 1026, 833; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 516.1270, found: 516.1258.

**(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5l)**



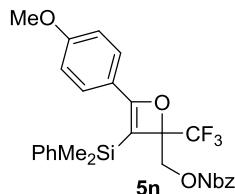
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 55.6, 61.5, 87.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 34.2 Hz), 98.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 43.8 Hz), 114.5, 117.7, 119.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 264.3 Hz), 122.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.4 Hz), 123.7, 128.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 130.9, 134.2, 150.9, 163.3, 163.6, 167.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.3 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -77.10, -57.12; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3083, 3061, 2968, 2933, 2844, 1728, 1683, 1530, 1343, 1267, 1171, 1094, 1038; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 478.0725, found: 478.0741. The structure of **5l** was clarified by X-ray analysis of the single crystal (*vide infra*).

**Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxete-3-carboxylate (5m)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.15-4.34 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13-8.17 (m, 4H), 8.23-8.26 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.3, 55.6, 60.4, 61.9, 88.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.5 Hz), 101.9, 114.2, 118.8, 122.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.4 Hz), 123.7, 130.2, 130.9, 134.5, 150.8, 159.6, 163.7, 163.8, 173.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.99; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2964, 2936, 2848, 2360, 1739, 1700, 1654, 1605, 1530, 1512, 1348, 1266, 1175, 1101; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>8</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 504.0882, found: 504.0886.

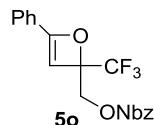
**(3-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5n)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.48 (s, 3H), 0.52 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90

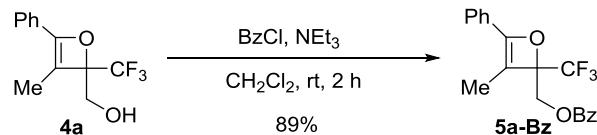
(d,  $J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -2.0, 29.7, 55.4, 63.0, 88.3 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 106.7, 113.9, 121.6, 123.59 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 123.60, 127.3, 128.2, 129.7, 130.9, 133.9, 134.7, 136.6, 150.7, 161.7, 163.9, 173.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.15; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2956, 2925, 2852, 1735, 1619, 1530, 1504, 1460, 1342, 1264, 1166, 1122; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_6\text{Si} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 544.1403, found: 544.1422.

**(4-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (5o)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.90 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  62.8, 86.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.2$  Hz), 98.7, 123.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 281.6$  Hz), 123.6, 124.4, 124.7, 127.6, 128.6, 130.9, 134.6, 150.7, 163.9, 166.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -77.32; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3150, 3107, 2949, 2855, 1740, 1525, 1348, 1271, 1193, 1158, 1086, 1015, 872; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 380.0746, found: 380.0751.

**Procedure for Protection of Alcohol with Benzoyl Group (Scheme 2)**

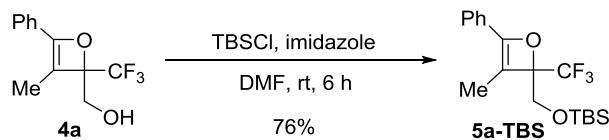


To a solution of **4a** (122.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) were added  $\text{NEt}_3$  (139.4  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol) and benzoyl chloride (69.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by water and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica-gel chromatography gave **5a-Bz** (154.4 mg, 89% yield).

**(3-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methyl benzoate (5a-Bz)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.09 (s, 3H), 4.85 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.60 (m, 8H), 8.03-8.07 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.3, 61.9, 86.8 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.0$  Hz), 111.2, 123.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 282.1$  Hz), 124.7, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.3, 129.6, 129.8, 133.4, 159.8, 165.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.89; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3069, 2999, 2950, 2925, 1732, 1450, 1341, 1270, 1191, 1118, 1071, 1028, 989, 971; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 349.1052, found: 349.1035.

**Procedure for Protection of Alcohol with *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl Group (Scheme 2)**

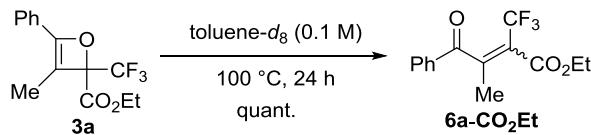


To a solution of **4a** (122.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) were added imidazole (102.1 mg, 1.5 mmol) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (113.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by water and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica-gel chromatography gave **5a-TBS** (136.8 mg, 76% yield).

***tert*-Butyldimethyl((3-methyl-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-oxet-2-yl)methoxy)silane (**5a-TBS**)**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.7, -5.6, 9.6, 18.1, 25.6, 62.4, 88.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 112.5, 123.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 282.6 Hz), 124.5, 128.5, 129.0, 129.4, 158.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.68; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2953, 2930, 2886, 2857, 1258, 1186, 1163, 1150, 1111, 839; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1654, found: 359.1663.

**General Procedure for 4π Ring-Opening Reaction of Oxetenes (Table 1, 3-4, and Scheme 3)**



A solution of oxetene **3a** (409 mg, 1.4 mmol) in toluene (14 mL, 0.1 M) was heated at 100 °C. After stirring for 8 h at 100 °C, the solvent were removed under reduced pressure (Z/E = 77/23). Purification by silica-gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) gave olefin **6a-CO<sub>2</sub>Et** quantitatively, to separate Z- and E-isomers. This method was applied to 4π ring-opening reactions for all of oxetenes.

The Z- and E-configuration of **6a-CO<sub>2</sub>Et** was determined on the base of NMR spectra according to previous literature.<sup>[2]</sup> In <sup>1</sup>H NMR, the coupling constant between Me and CF<sub>3</sub> groups in Z-isomer is smaller than that in E-isomer. The Z- and E-configurations of **6a** and **6l** were determined by X-ray analysis of the single crystal. The Z- and E-configurations of other olefins were determined by NOE analysis.

**Ethyl 3-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-enoate (**6a-CO<sub>2</sub>Et**)**

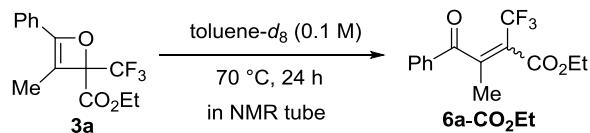
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 81 : 19; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 77 : 23

Z-isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.27 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, toluene-*d*<sub>8</sub>) δ 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

7.24-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.97-8.03 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.0, 19.5, 62.1, 121.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 274.8$  Hz), 122.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 129.0, 129.2, 133.3, 134.5, 152.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$  Hz), 162.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1.5$  Hz), 194.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -58.26;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz, toluene- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  -58.02; FT-IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2920, 2882, 2851, 1759, 1689, 1587, 1328, 1209, 1101, 1032, 942; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ]: 309.0715, found: 309.0712.

*E*-isomer:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, toluene- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 2.13 (q,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 3H), 3.87 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.97-8.03 (m, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz, toluene- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  -57.81.

### General Procedure for Determination of Half-Life of Oxetenes (Table 1, 3-4, and Scheme 3)



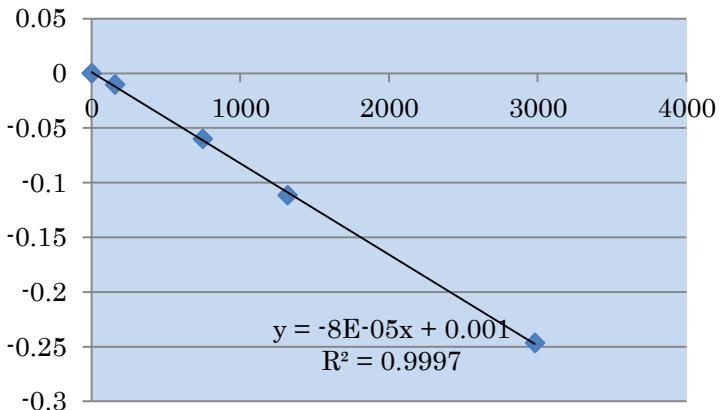
A solution of oxetene **3a** (21.5 mg, 0.075 mmol) in toluene- $d_8$  (0.75 mL, 0.1 M) in sealed NMR tube was heated at 70 °C. The progress of  $4\pi$  ring-opening reaction was monitored by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR analysis at four different times.

Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	157	98.97	0.9897	-0.0104
2	747	94.17	0.9417	-0.0601
3	1317	89.44	0.8944	-0.1116
4	2981	78.14	0.7814	-0.2467

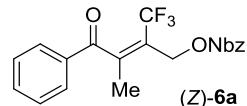
$$k = 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 138 \text{ h}$$

$$\text{E-isomer : Z-isomer (at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 81 : 19$$



### 3-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (**6a**)



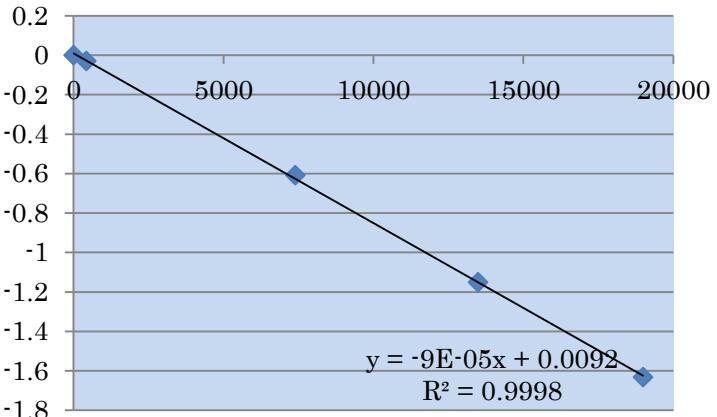
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 97 : 3; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.88 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  18.0, 59.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1.5$  Hz), 121.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.5$  Hz), 122.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 275.3$  Hz), 123.7, 129.0, 129.2, 131.0, 133.6, 134.4, 134.7, 148.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.3$  Hz), 150.8, 164.3, 195.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -60.49, E-isomer: -59.33; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2925, 2860, 1718, 1667, 1532, 1263, 1198, 1122, 1099, 722; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 394.0902, found: 394.0894. The structure of (Z)-**6a** was clarified by X-ray analysis of the single crystal (*vide infra*).

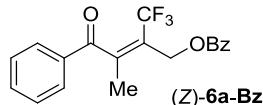
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	424	97.09	0.9709	-0.0295
2	7391	54.43	0.5443	-0.6083
3	13485	31.64	0.3164	-1.1507
4	18989	19.56	0.1956	-1.6317

$$k = 5.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 134 \text{ h}$$



### (Z)-3-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl benzoate (**6a-Bz**)



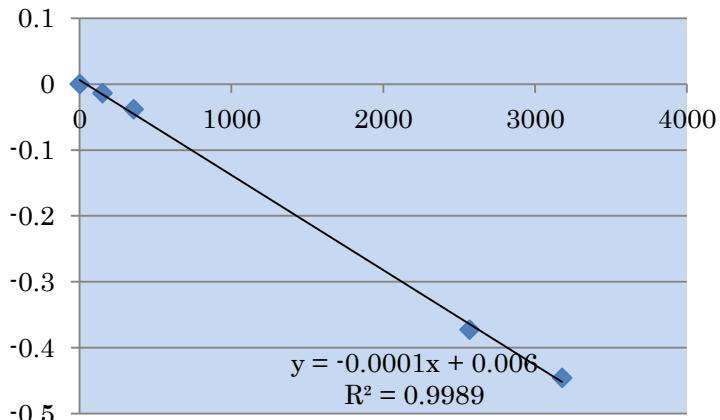
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 97 : 3; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 97 : 3

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.22 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 7.46-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.0, 58.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 122.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.5 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.3 Hz), 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 129.4, 129.8, 133.5, 133.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.3 Hz), 134.3, 148.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 166.2, 196.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -60.64, E-isomer: -59.25; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3064, 2959, 2928, 2854, 1726, 1684, 1450, 1333, 1261, 1193, 1125, 1048; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 349.1052, found: 349.1040.

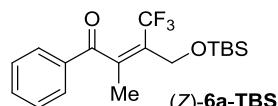
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	150	98.62	0.9862	-0.0139
2	355	96.24	0.9624	-0.0383
3	2568	68.88	0.6888	-0.3728
4	3178	64.02	0.6402	-0.4460

$$k = 8.65 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 80 \text{ h}$$



### 3-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl-4,4,4-trifluoro-2-methyl-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (**6a-TBS**)



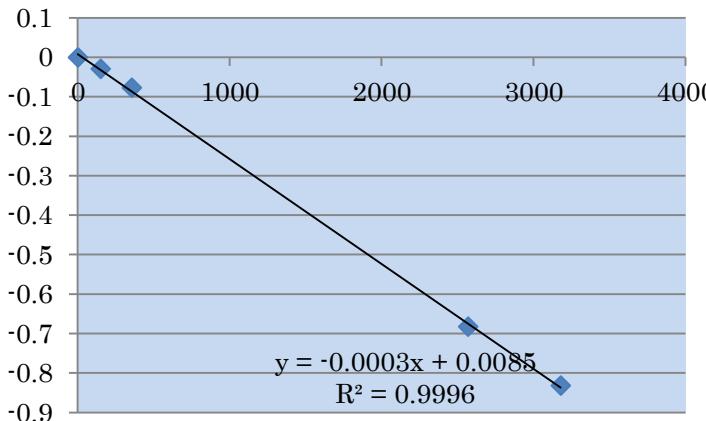
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 98 : 2; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 98 : 2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 2.11 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.5, 17.5, 18.2, 25.7, 57.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz), 123.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 274.8 Hz), 126.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 28.7 Hz), 128.9, 129.2, 134.0, 134.2, 144.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 196.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ *Z*-isomer: -61.09, *E*-isomer: -58.97; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2957, 2928, 2857, 1681, 1335, 1266, 1182, 1119, 1073, 1040; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1654, found: 359.1658.

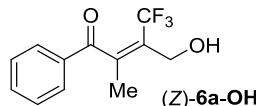
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	150	97.13	0.9713	-0.0291
2	355	92.59	0.9259	-0.0770
3	2568	50.54	0.5054	-0.6824
4	3178	43.53	0.4353	-0.8317

$$k = 1.60 \times 10^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 43 \text{ h}$$



#### 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (6a-OH)

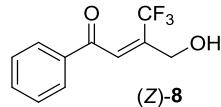


Purification by silica-gel column chromatography gave the product in 36% yield.

Z-isomer : *E*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 100 : 0

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.16 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 17.5, 56.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 274.8 Hz), 125.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 36.5 Hz), 128.9, 129.2, 133.9, 134.2, 146.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 196.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.07; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3432, 3012, 2934, 2893, 2850, 1739, 1656, 1503, 1364, 1259, 1192, 1123; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 267.0609, found: 267.0618.

#### 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (8)



Z-isomer : *E*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 100 : 0

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.78 (br s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 7.03-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.93 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 59.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 122.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 276.1 Hz), 128.8, 129.2, 130.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 134.5, 135.4, 136.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 29.4 Hz), 194.4.

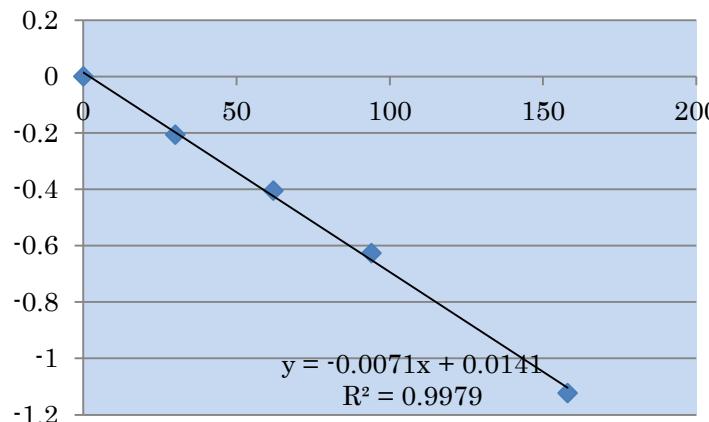
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.34; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3427, 2937, 2938, 2877, 1656, 1599,

1452, 1348, 1264, 1178, 1125, 1022; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{11}H_9F_3NaO_2 [M+Na]^+$ : 253.0452, found: 253.0467.

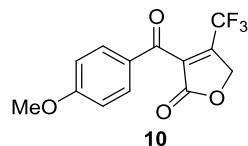
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	30	81.31	0.8131	-0.2069
2	62	66.67	0.6667	-0.4054
3	94	53.41	0.5341	-0.6272
4	158	32.51	0.3251	-1.1236

$$k = 4.25 \times 10^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 1.6 \text{ h}$$

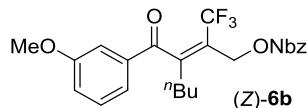


### 3-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)furan-2(5H)-one (10)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 55.6, 67.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 114.4, 119.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.63 Hz), 127.7, 132.0, 134.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 148.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 37.8 Hz), 165.4, 167.8, 184.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.81; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2938, 2846, 1779, 1664, 1600, 1574, 1514, 1375, 1344, 1262, 1152, 1041, 1026; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0531, found: 287.0535.

### 3-(3-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6b)



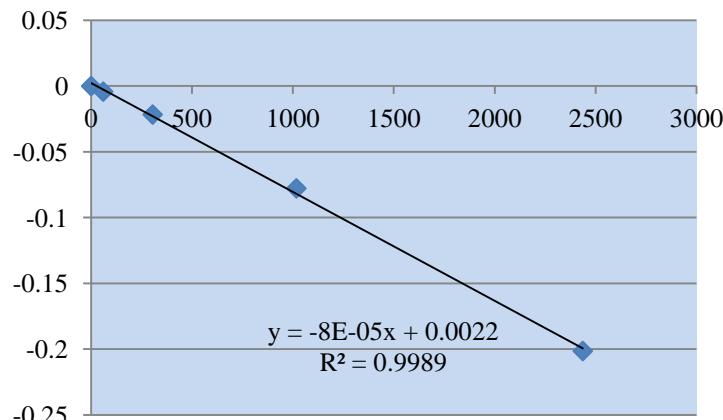
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 98 : 2; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.52 (m, 2H), 2.54 (br s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.44 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6, 22.7, 30.2, 31.6, 55.5, 59.0, 112.7, 121.0, 121.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 122.1, 123.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.6 Hz), 123.7, 129.9, 130.9, 134.7, 135.6, 150.8, 152.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 160.0, 164.3, 195.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -60.23, E-isomer: -58.34; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3013, 2963, 2875, 2844, 1727, 1674, 1523, 1337, 1297, 1265, 1236, 1175, 1146, 1101; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 466.1478, found: 466.1466.

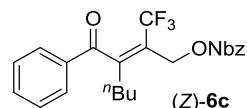
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	60	99.58	0.9958	-0.0042
2	305	97.86	0.9786	-0.0246
3	1017	92.52	0.9252	-0.0778
4	2436	81.76	0.8176	-0.2014

$$k = 4.97 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 140 \text{ h}$$



### 3-Benzoyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6c)



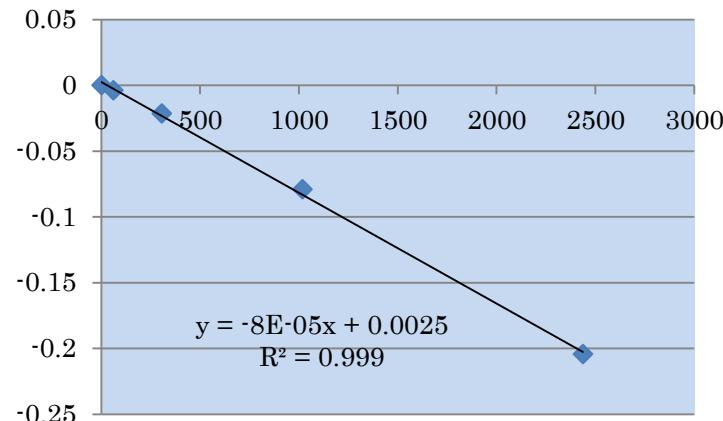
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 98 : 2; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.56 (m, 2H), 2.54 (br s, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6, 22.7, 30.2, 31.6, 59.0, 121.4 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 123.0 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.6 Hz), 123.7, 128.9, 129.2, 130.9, 134.26, 134.31, 134.7, 150.8, 153.0 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 164.3, 195.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -60.24, E-isomer: -58.40; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3113, 2963, 2944, 2874, 1719, 1676, 1527, 1343, 1279, 1261, 1188, 1125, 1102; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 458.1191, found: 456.1173.

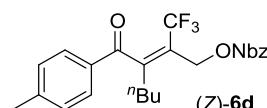
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	60	99.61	0.9961	-0.0039
2	305	97.87	0.9787	-0.0215
3	1017	92.39	0.9239	-0.0792
4	2436	81.51	0.8151	-0.2044

$$k = 5.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 137 \text{ h}$$



### 3-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6d)



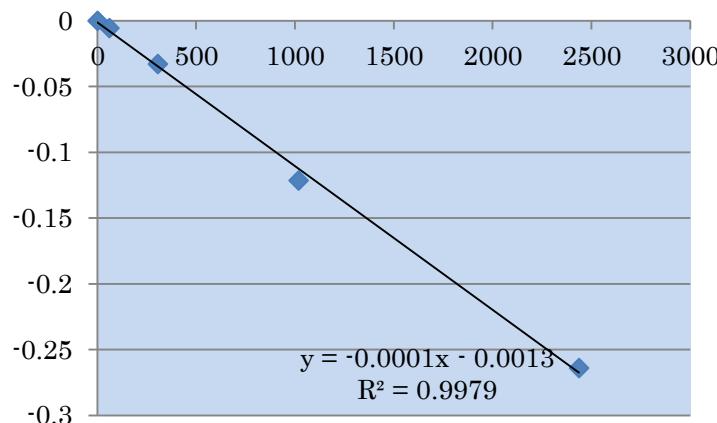
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 98 : 2; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.49 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.83 (br s, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6, 21.8, 22.7, 30.2, 31.7, 59.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 121.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.6 Hz), 123.7, 129.3, 129.7, 130.9, 131.9, 134.8, 145.4, 150.8, 153.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 164.3, 194.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -60.27, *E*-isomer: -58.34; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3112, 2962, 1940, 2876, 1718, 1673, 1606, 1527, 1340, 1278, 1259, 1180, 1118, 1101; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 472.1348, found: 472.1329.

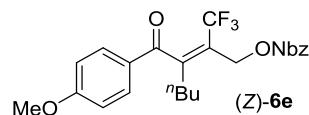
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	60	99.45	0.9945	-0.0055
2	305	96.77	0.9677	-0.0328
3	1017	88.57	0.8857	-0.1214
4	2436	76.8	0.768	-0.2640

$$k = 6.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 106 \text{ h}$$



### 3-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6e)



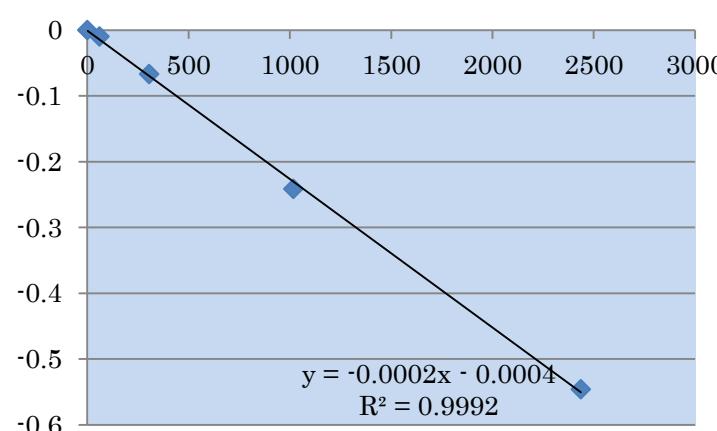
Z-isomer : *E*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 98 : 2; Z-isomer : *E*-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.46 (br s, 2H), 2.52 (br s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6, 22.7, 30.2, 31.8, 55.6, 59.1, 114.2, 120.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.6 Hz), 123.7, 127.5, 130.9, 131.6, 134.8, 150.8, 153.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 164.3, 164.4, 193.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -60.30, *E*-isomer: -58.27; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2958, 2934, 2876, 2859, 1716, 1604, 1530, 1344, 1264, 1182, 1172, 1126, 1101; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 466.1478, found: 466.1483.

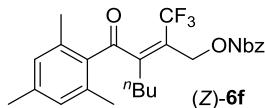
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	60	99.03	0.9903	-0.0097
2	305	93.53	0.9353	-0.0669
3	1017	78.55	0.7855	-0.2414
4	2436	57.92	0.5792	-0.5461

$$k = 1.36 \times 10^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 51 \text{ h}$$



**4,4-Dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)pent-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6f)**



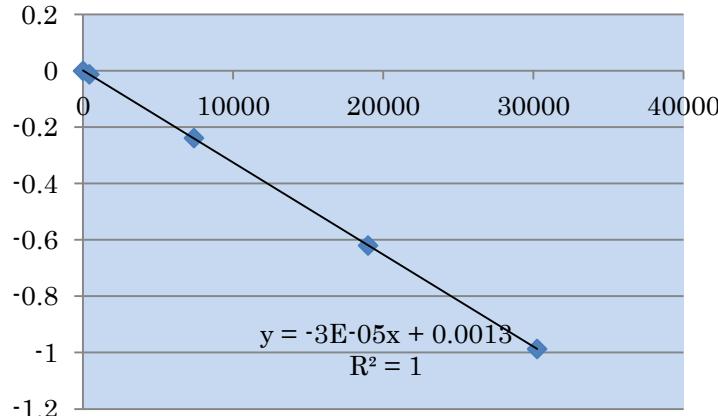
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 96 : 4; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6, 21.2, 21.3, 22.6, 31.2, 31.3, 59.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 276.1 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.7 Hz), 123.7, 130.4, 130.9, 133.2, 134.7, 138.1, 141.7, 150.8, 156.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 164.1, 198.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -59.13, E-isomer: -58.93; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2961, 2933, 2871, 1729, 1608, 1530, 1349, 1273, 1242, 1170, 1098, 1052; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 478.1841, found: 478.1846.

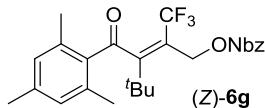
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	424	98.79	0.9879	-0.0122
2	7391	78.79	0.7879	-0.2384
3	18989	53.82	0.5382	-0.6195
4	30253	37.29	0.3729	-0.9864

$$k = 1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 354 \text{ h}$$



**2-(Trifluoromethyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethylbenzoyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6g)**



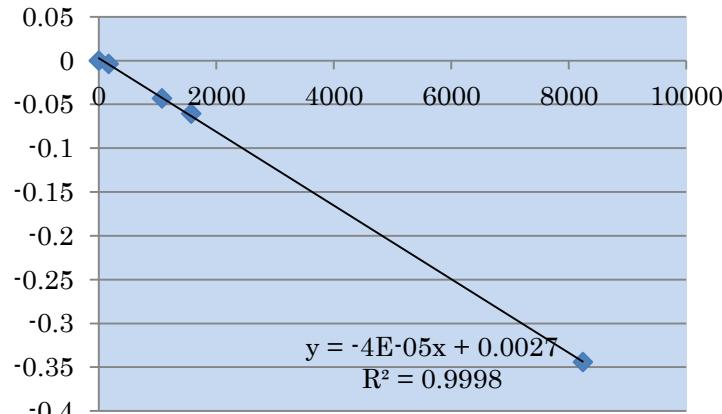
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 98 : 2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.31 (s, 9H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.2, 23.7, 31.7, 36.8, 60.1 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz), 120.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 28.9 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 277.1 Hz), 123.8, 130.8, 131.8, 133.23, 133.25, 134.9, 142.5, 150.8, 164.1, 165.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 196.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -58.81, E-isomer: -54.83; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2978, 2963, 2927, 1726, 1608, 1531, 1350, 1322, 1279, 1249, 1178, 1110; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 500.1661, found: 500.1658.

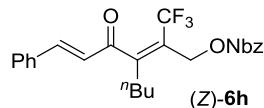
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	168	99.63	0.9963	-0.0037
2	1076	95.79	0.9579	-0.0430
3	1573	94.14	0.9414	-0.0603
4	8241	70.89	0.7089	-0.3440

$$k = 2.52 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 275 \text{ h}$$



### 3-Cinnamoyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)hept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6h)



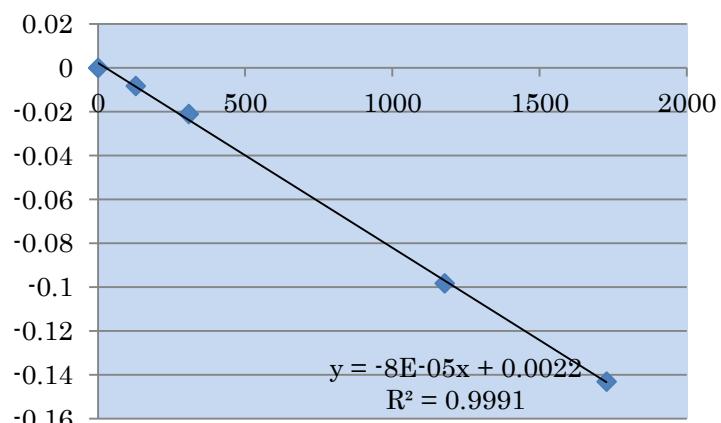
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 97 : 3; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 96 : 4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.60 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.7, 22.7, 30.2, 31.7, 59.1, 121.0 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 123.8, 125.2, 126.7 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 280.1 Hz), 128.6, 129.1, 130.9, 131.4, 133.8, 134.8, 147.1, 150.8, 153.3 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 164.3, 195.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -59.98 (E: Ph-CH=CH-), -59.70 (Z: Ph-CH=CH-), E-isomer: -58.34; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3111, 2963, 2938, 2874, 1719, 1653, 1526, 1339, 1260, 1186, 1118, 1100; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 462.1528, found: 462.1516.

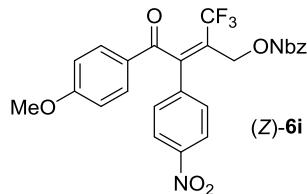
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	128	99.18	0.9918	-0.0082
2	308	97.92	0.9792	-0.0210
3	1177	90.64	0.9064	-0.0983
4	1727	86.67	0.8667	-0.1431

$$k = 5.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 137 \text{ h}$$



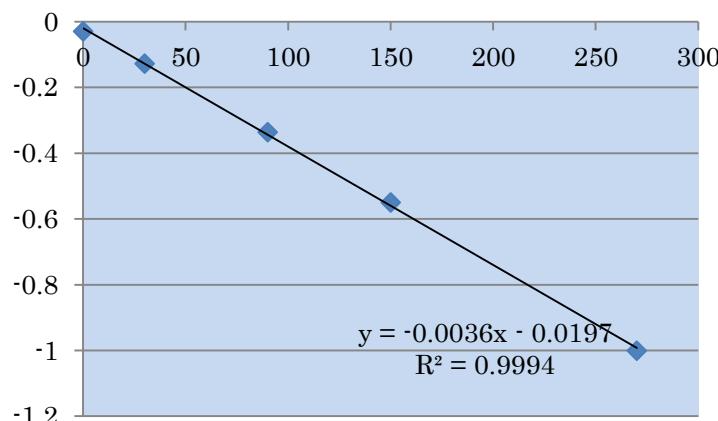
**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6i)**



Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 99 : 1; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 98 : 2

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.7, 60.4, 114.5, 122.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 276.3$  Hz), 123.8, 124.29, 124.34 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.5$  Hz), 126.8, 129.3, 130.9, 132.1, 134.4, 139.2, 148.4, 150.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.3$  Hz), 150.9, 163.9, 164.9, 190.4;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  Z-isomer: -60.27, E-isomer: -57.46; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3110, 3019, 2935, 2846, 1736, 1599, 1518, 1350, 1331, 1262, 1172, 1118; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 531.1015, found: 531.1000.

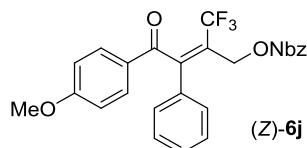
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	97.09	0.9709	-0.0295
1	30	88.01	0.8801	-0.1277
2	90	71.45	0.7145	-0.3362
3	150	57.70	0.5770	-0.5499
4	270	36.76	0.3676	-1.0008



$$k = 2.16 \times 10^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 3.2 \text{ h}$$

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6j)**



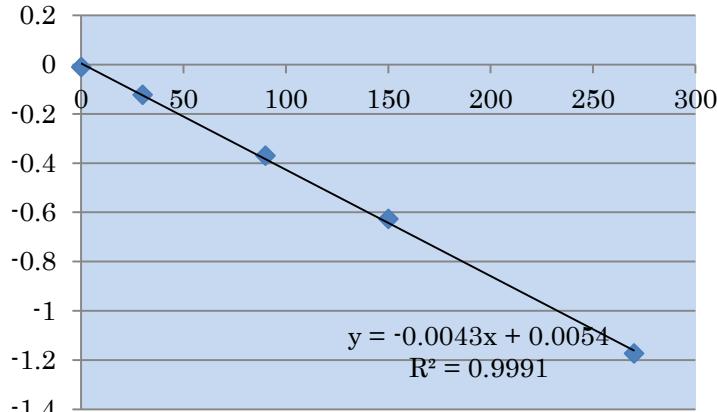
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 99 : 1; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 98 : 2

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.84 (s, 3H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.6, 60.8, 114.2, 122.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 30.2$  Hz), 123.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 276.3$  Hz), 123.7, 127.4, 128.1, 129.2, 129.8, 130.9, 132.0, 132.8, 134.8, 150.8, 152.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.3$  Hz), 163.9, 164.4, 191.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  Z-isomer: -60.02, E-isomer: -57.22; FT-IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3064, 2924, 2850, 1726, 1662, 1599, 1574, 1525, 1339, 1265, 1177, 1124; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 508.0984, found: 508.0996.

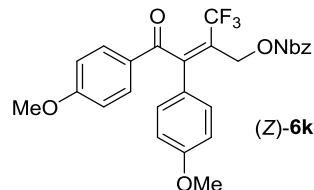
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	98.95	0.9895	-0.0106
1	30	88.40	0.8840	-0.1233
2	90	69.05	0.6905	-0.3703
3	150	53.42	0.5342	-0.6270
4	270	30.94	0.3094	-1.1731

$$k = 2.59 \times 10^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 2.7 \text{ h}$$



### 3,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (**6k**)



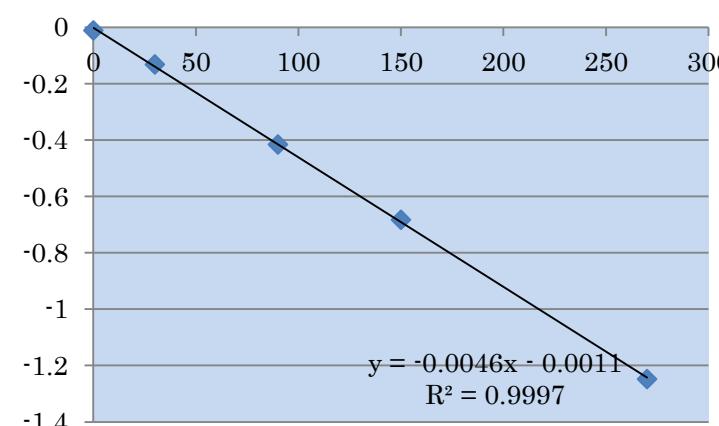
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 99 : 1; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 98 : 2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 55.3, 55.6, 61.1, 114.2, 114.6, 121.6 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 30.2 Hz), 123.3 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 276.3 Hz), 123.7, 124.8, 127.6, 129.7, 130.9, 132.0, 134.9, 150.8, 152.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 160.8, 164.0, 164.3, 191.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -59.79, E-isomer: -57.14; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3078, 3006, 2939, 2845, 1726, 1604, 1526, 1510, 1259, 1171, 1115, 1030; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>7</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 538.1090, found: 538.1063.

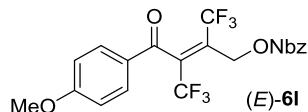
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	98.91	0.9891	-0.0110
1	30	87.67	0.8767	-0.1316
2	90	65.99	0.6599	-0.4157
3	150	50.52	0.5052	-0.6828
4	270	28.71	0.2871	-1.2479

$$k = 2.76 \times 10^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 2.5 \text{ h}$$



**4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6l)**



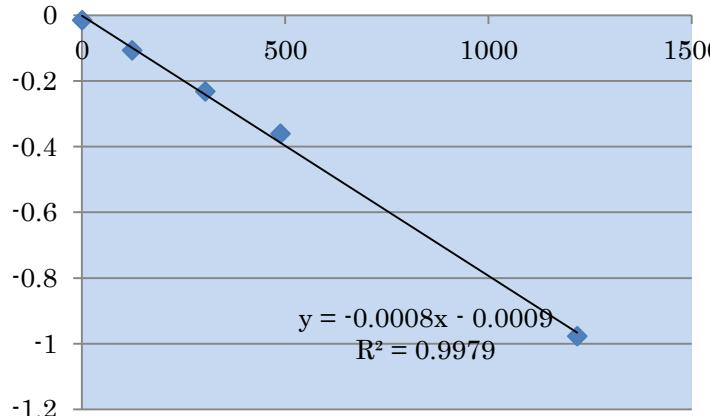
*E*-isomer : *Z*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 100 : 0; *E*-isomer : *Z*-isomer (at 100 °C) = 100 : 0

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.91 (s, 3H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 55.7, 58.4, 114.6, 120.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 277.8 Hz), 121.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 277.8 Hz), 123.8, 127.5, 131.0, 131.8, 131.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.5 Hz), 134.1, 140.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.5 Hz), 151.0, 163.7, 165.3, 185.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.18, -56.77; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2977, 2933, 2837, 1735, 1602, 1526, 1353, 1267, 1215, 1142, 1096; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 478.0725, found: 478.0703. The structure of (*E*)-6l was clarified by X-ray analysis of the single crystal (*vide infra*).

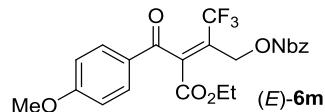
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	98.48	0.9848	-0.0153
1	123	89.84	0.8984	-0.1071
2	303	79.27	0.7927	-0.2323
3	488	69.70	0.6970	-0.3610
4	1218	37.63	0.3763	-0.9774

$$k = 4.75 \times 10^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 15 \text{ h}$$



**4-Ethoxy-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-4-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6m)**



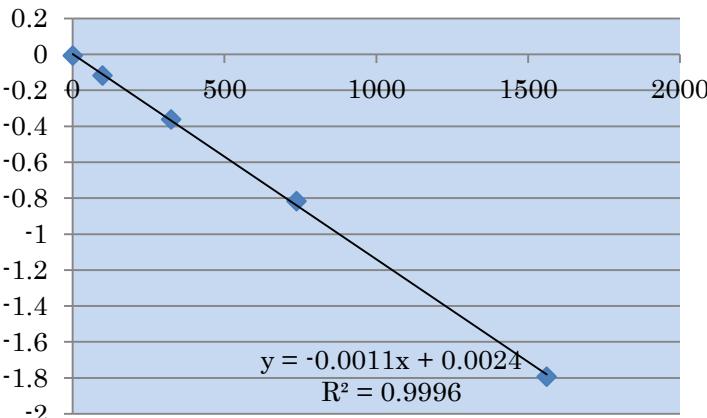
*E*-isomer : *Z*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 100 : 0; *E*-isomer : *Z*-isomer (at 100 °C) = 100 : 0

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.8, 55.6, 59.5, 63.1, 114.3, 122.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 277.8 Hz), 123.7, 127.9, 131.0, 131.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 31.7 Hz), 131.8, 134.5, 142.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 150.8, 162.6, 163.9, 164.7, 187.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -60.98; FT-IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2936, 2848, 1732, 1675, 1599, 1577, 1530, 1513, 1348, 1319, 1264, 1173, 1141, 1101, 1030; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 482.1063, found: 482.1065.

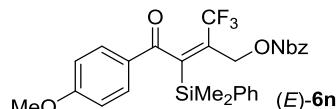
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	99.31	0.9931	-0.0069
1	98	88.89	0.8889	-0.1178
2	324	69.64	0.6964	-0.3618
3	737	44.18	0.4418	-0.8169
4	1561	16.64	0.1664	-1.7934

$$k = 6.86 \times 10^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 10 \text{ h}$$



**3-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (6n)**



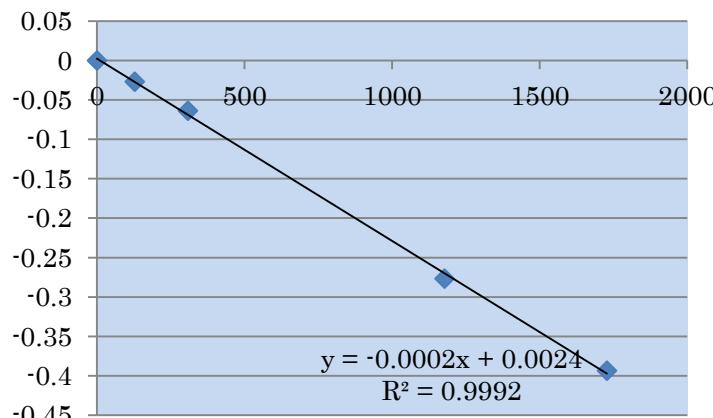
*E*-isomer : *Z*-isomer (at 70 °C) = 99 : 1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.38 (s, 3H), 0.52 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -2.5, -1.7, 55.6, 61.9, 114.2, 122.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 279.4 Hz), 123.5, 128.3, 129.0, 130.1, 130.8, 131.2, 131.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 29.7 Hz), 133.9, 134.6, 134.9, 150.7, 157.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 163.6, 164.2, 195.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ *E*-isomer: -60.88, *Z*-isomer: -58.97; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3016, 2965, 2937, 2845, 1726, 1604, 1526, 1354, 1314, 1270, 1170, 1124; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 544.1403, found: 544.1399.

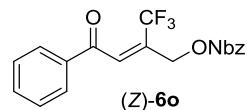
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	100	1	0
1	128	97.35	0.9735	-0.0269
2	308	93.82	0.9382	-0.0638
3	1177	75.83	0.7583	-0.2767
4	1727	67.47	0.6747	-0.3934

$$k = 1.39 \times 10^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70^\circ\text{C} = 50 \text{ h}$$



**4-Oxo-4-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)but-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (**6o**)**



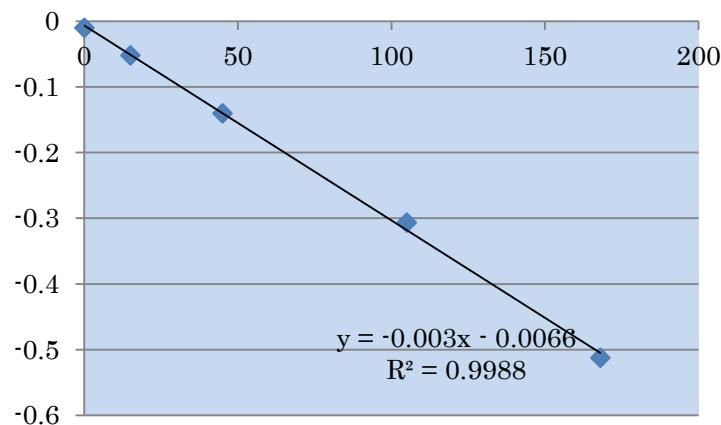
Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 70 °C) = 99 : 1; Z-isomer : E-isomer (at 100 °C) = 99 : 1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.15 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 62.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 122.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 275.8 Hz), 123.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 31.5 Hz), 130.9, 134.5, 135.1 (2C), 136.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 150.8, 163.9, 191.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ Z-isomer: -61.95, E-isomer: -60.85; FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3118, 2955, 2923, 1728, 1667, 1536, 1348, 1266, 1189, 1134, 1121, 1097, 719; HRMS (APCI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 380.0746, found: 380.0737.

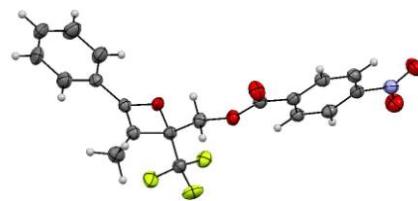
Run	t (min)	Maj (%)	[a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ]	ln([a]/[a <sub>0</sub> ])
0	0	99	0.99	-0.0100
1	15	94.93	0.9493	-0.0520
2	45	86.91	0.8691	-0.1403
3	105	73.60	0.7360	-0.3065
4	168	59.91	0.5991	-0.5123

$$k = 1.78 \times 10^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ at } 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 3.9 \text{ h}$$



*X-ray analysis of oxetene 5a*



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*Crystal Data*

Empirical Formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>14</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>
Formula Weight	393.32
Crystal Color, Habit	colorless, block
Crystal Dimensions	0.200 x 0.150 x 0.100 mm
Crystal System	triclinic
Lattice Type	Primitive
Lattice Parameters	a = 5.512(3) Å b = 10.789(7) Å c = 14.890(9) Å α = 88.566(12) ° β = 81.672(12) ° γ = 83.072(9) ° V = 869.7(9) Å <sup>3</sup>
Space Group	P-1 (#2)
Z value	2
D <sub>calc</sub>	1.502 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
F000	404.00
μ(MoKα)	1.295 cm <sup>-1</sup>

*Intensity Measurements*

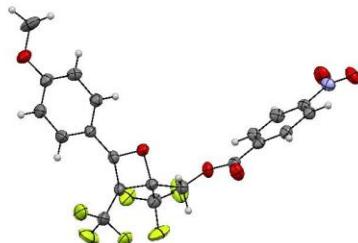
Diffractometer	XtaLAB mini
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71075 Å) graphite monochromated
Voltage, Current	50kV, 12mA
Temperature	-180.0 °C
Detector Aperture	75 mm (diameter)
Data Images	1080 exposures
ω oscillation Range	-60.0 - 120.0°

Exposure Rate	32.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.95°
$\omega$ oscillation Range	-60.0 - 120.0°
Exposure Rate	32.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.95o
$\omega$ oscillation Range	-60.0 - 120.0°
Exposure Rate	32.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.95°
Detector Position	49.90 mm
Pixel Size	0.146 mm
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$	55.1°
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 9198 Unique: 3982 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0297$ ) Lorentz-polarization Absorption (trans. factors: 0.881 - 0.987)
Corrections	

#### *Structure Solution and Refinement*

Structure Solution	Direct Methods
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Function Minimized	$\Sigma w (Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2$
Least Squares Weights	$w = 1 / [ \sigma^2(Fo^2) + (0.0666 \cdot P)^2 + 0.1265 \cdot P ]$ where $P = (\text{Max}(Fo^2, 0) + 2Fc^2)/3$
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ cutoff	55.1°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (All reflections)	3982
No. Variables	254
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	15.68
Residuals: R1 ( $I > 2.00\sigma(I)$ )	0.0454
Residuals: R (All reflections)	0.0621
Residuals: wR2 (All reflections)	0.1266
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.054
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.000
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	0.27 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	-0.32 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>

*X-ray analysis of oxetene 5l*



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*Crystal Data*

Empirical Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>
Formula Weight	477.32
Crystal Color, Habit	colorless, plate
Crystal Dimensions	0.260 x 0.090 x 0.060 mm
Crystal System	monoclinic
Lattice Type	C-centered
Lattice Parameters	a = 22.067(11) Å b = 6.117(3) Å c = 29.455(15) Å β = 92.449(6) ° V = 3972(3) Å <sup>3</sup>
Space Group	C2/c (#15)
Z value	8
Dcalc	1.596 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
F000	1936.00
μ(MoKα)	1.532 cm <sup>-1</sup>

*Intensity Measurements*

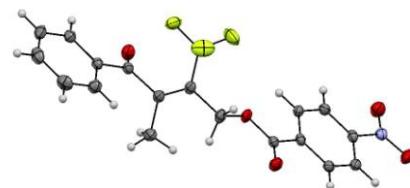
Diffractometer	XtaLAB mini
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71075 Å) graphite monochromated
Voltage, Current	50kV, 12mA
Temperature	-180.0°C
Detector Aperture	75 mm (diameter)
Data Images	1440 exposures
ω oscillation Range	-60.0 - 120.0°
Exposure Rate	256.0 sec%

Detector Swing Angle	29.99°
ω oscillation Range	-60.0 - 120.0°
Exposure Rate	256.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.99°
Detector Position	49.91 mm
Pixel Size	0.146 mm
2θmax	55.0°
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 13294 Unique: 4538 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0249$ )
Corrections	Lorentz-polarization Absorption (trans. factors: 0.903 - 0.991)

#### *Structure Solution and Refinement*

Structure Solution	Direct Methods
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Function Minimized	$\sum w (Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2$
Least Squares Weights	$w = 1 / [ \sigma^2(Fo^2) + (0.0514 \cdot P)^2 + 4.4287 \cdot P ]$ where $P = (\text{Max}(Fo^2, 0) + 2Fc^2)/3$
2θmax cutoff	55.0°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (All reflections)	4538
No. Variables	299
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	15.18
Residuals: R1 ( $I > 2.00\sigma(I)$ )	0.0417
Residuals: R (All reflections)	0.0602
Residuals: wR2 (All reflections)	0.1140
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.048
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.001
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	0.34 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	-0.29 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>

*X-ray analysis of olefin (Z)-6a*



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*Crystal Data*

Empirical Formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>14</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>
Formula Weight	393.32
Crystal Color, Habit	colorless, block
Crystal Dimensions	0.240 x 0.140 x 0.140 mm
Crystal System	triclinic
Lattice Type	Primitive
Lattice Parameters	a = 5.877(4) Å b = 11.649(8) Å c = 12.864(8) Å α = 87.422(12) ° β = 81.769(12) ° γ = 83.004(14) ° V = 864.8(10) Å <sup>3</sup>
Space Group	P-1 (#2)
Z value	2
Dcalc	1.510 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
F000	404.00
μ(MoKα)	1.302 cm <sup>-1</sup>

*Intensity Measurements*

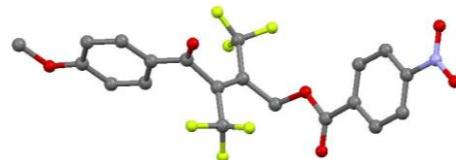
Diffractometer	XtaLAB mini
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71075 Å) graphite monochromated
Voltage, Current	50kV, 12mA
Temperature	-180.0°C
Detector Aperture	75 mm (diameter)
Data Images	1080 exposures
ω oscillation Range	-72.0 - 108.0°
Exposure Rate	64.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.91°

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Detector Swing Angle	29.91°
ω oscillation Range	-72.0 - 108.0°
Exposure Rate	64.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.91°
Detector Position	49.97 mm
Pixel Size	0.146 mm
2θmax	54.9°
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 9140 Unique: 3934 (Rint = 0.0312)
Corrections	Lorentz-polarization Absorption (trans. factors: 0.877 - 0.982)

#### *Structure Solution and Refinement*

Structure Solution	Direct Methods
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Function Minimized	$\Sigma w (Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2$
Least Squares Weights	$w = 1 / [ \sigma^2(Fo^2) + (0.0543 \cdot P)^2 + 0.2995 \cdot P ]$ where P = (Max(Fo <sup>2</sup> , 0) + 2Fc <sup>2</sup> )/3
2θmax cutoff	54.9°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (All reflections)	3934
No. Variables	254
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	15.49
Residuals: R1 (I>2.00σ(I))	0.0401
Residuals: R (All reflections)	0.0466
Residuals: wR2 (All reflections)	0.1097
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.047
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.001
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	0.40 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	-0.25 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>

**X-ray analysis of olefin (*E*)-6l**



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*Crystal Data*

Empirical Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>
Formula Weight	477.32
Crystal Color, Habit	colorless, needle
Crystal Dimensions	0.260 x 0.090 x 0.090 mm
Crystal System	monoclinic
Lattice Type	Primitive
Lattice Parameters	a = 10.5731(7) Å b = 28.9962(19) Å c = 13.1962(9) Å β = 94.339(4) ° V = 4034.1(5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Space Group	P21/c (#14)
Z value	8
Dcalc	1.572 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
F000	1936.00
μ(MoKα)	1.508 cm <sup>-1</sup>

*Intensity Measurements*

Diffractometer	XtaLAB mini
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71075 Å) graphite monochromated
Voltage, Current	50kV, 12mA
Temperature	-180.0°C
Detector Aperture	75 mm (diameter)
Data Images	1440 exposures
ω oscillation Range	-72.0 - 108.0°
Exposure Rate	64.0 sec%
Detector Swing Angle	29.96°
ω oscillation Range	-72.0 - 108.0°
Exposure Rate	64.0 sec%

Detector Swing Angle	29.96°
Detector Position	49.88 mm
Pixel Size	0.146 mm
2θmax	55.0°
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 28233 Unique: 9229 (Rint = 0.0547)
Corrections	Lorentz-polarization Absorption (trans. factors: 0.875 - 0.987)

*Structure Solution and Refinement*

Structure Solution	Direct Methods
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Function Minimized	$\Sigma w (Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2$
Least Squares Weights	$w = 1 / [ \sigma^2(Fo^2) + (0.0437 \cdot P)^2 + 2.9187 \cdot P ]$ where $P = (\text{Max}(Fo^2, 0) + 2Fc^2)/3$
2θmax cutoff	55.0°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (All reflections)	9229
No. Variables	635
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	14.53
Residuals: R1 ( $I > 2.00\sigma(I)$ )	0.0590
Residuals: R (All reflections)	0.0965
Residuals: wR2 (All reflections)	0.1363
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.061
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.000
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	0.56 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	-0.56 e-/Å <sup>3</sup>

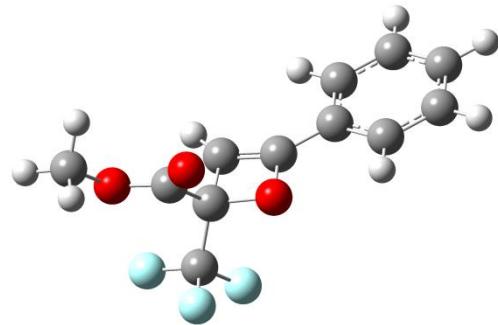
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### Computational Method

All the calculations were performed with Gaussian 09, Revision A.02 program package. All the structures were optimized with B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Gibbs free energies contain zero-point, thermal entropy effects at 273.15 K and 1 atm pressure. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis was performed with Gaussian NBO Version 3.1.

**Molecular Geometries and Energies**  
**Cartesian coordinates of Oxetene A**

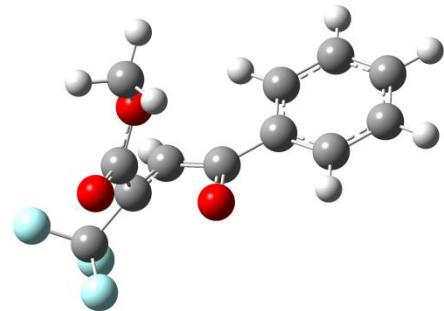


E(RB3LYP) = -987.836701969 a.u.

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3	6	0	-1.809821	1.465277	0.036774
4	8	0	-2.985321	-1.176671	0.541651
5	6	0	-3.909465	-2.255422	0.301280
6	1	0	-4.637347	-2.198242	1.110248
7	1	0	-4.397226	-2.128795	-0.668269
8	1	0	-3.385507	-3.214396	0.317767
9	6	0	-1.084380	0.113209	0.022507
10	8	0	0.062256	0.192805	-0.876607
11	6	0	-0.123850	-0.152112	1.159543
12	6	0	0.864332	-0.060474	0.246129
13	1	0	-0.233868	-0.335915	2.215653
14	6	0	2.308635	-0.144286	0.135547
15	6	0	3.096946	-0.387268	1.272868
16	6	0	2.924263	0.018434	-1.115313
17	6	0	4.480911	-0.466245	1.157403
18	1	0	2.621051	-0.512100	2.241792
19	6	0	4.311226	-0.061200	-1.223035
20	1	0	2.309645	0.203670	-1.990196
21	6	0	5.091220	-0.303149	-0.090422
22	1	0	5.086306	-0.654264	2.039670
23	1	0	4.783805	0.065219	-2.193016
24	1	0	6.172486	-0.364901	-0.177618
25	9	0	-0.943826	2.483862	0.135417
26	9	0	-2.656996	1.539586	1.080596
27	9	0	-2.526664	1.633445	-1.094202

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.8220669      0.2323528      0.2120007

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEA*

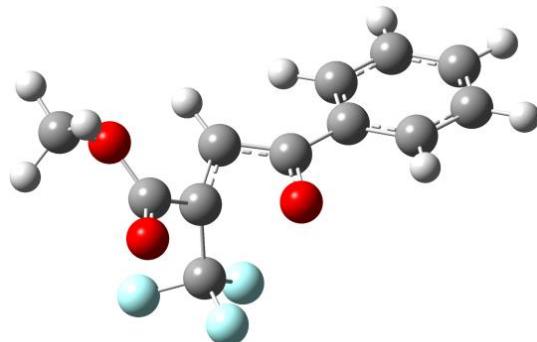


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4	8	0	-0.833214	1.982159	-0.635616
5	6	0	-1.012306	3.392178	-0.414043
6	1	0	-0.291953	3.881290	-1.069747
7	1	0	-2.032766	3.691227	-0.665866
8	1	0	-0.812999	3.640601	0.631773
9	6	0	-1.373951	-0.282257	-0.160429
10	8	0	0.043783	-0.112601	1.171640
11	6	0	-0.230010	-0.788720	-0.860547
12	6	0	0.719535	-0.444952	0.083123
13	1	0	-0.207120	-1.393875	-1.754968
14	6	0	2.176842	-0.355743	0.042777
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16	6	0	2.894429	-0.173507	1.236364
17	6	0	4.259179	-0.363649	-1.198032
18	1	0	2.314722	-0.571535	-2.101184
19	6	0	4.283129	-0.074517	1.207758
20	1	0	2.349254	-0.114767	2.172966
21	6	0	4.966770	-0.173574	-0.006926
22	1	0	4.791398	-0.436169	-2.142295
23	1	0	4.834536	0.069897	2.132544
24	1	0	6.051103	-0.105048	-0.026474
25	9	0	-2.388815	-2.401167	-0.459541
26	9	0	-3.624349	-0.648626	-0.798624
27	9	0	-3.052718	-1.210597	1.234297

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.7568282      0.2423495      0.2124470

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZa*

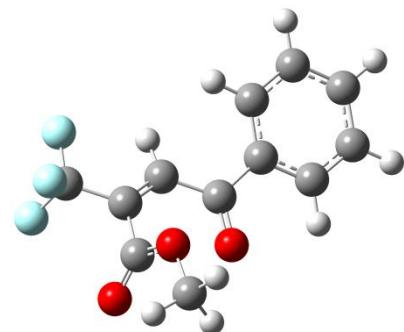


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3	6	0	1.456531	1.508452	-0.384842
4	8	0	2.727847	-1.822684	-0.264569
5	6	0	3.929492	-2.532718	0.092206
6	1	0	3.920967	-3.438312	-0.513800
7	1	0	4.810841	-1.925502	-0.129064
8	1	0	3.920261	-2.778005	1.157079
9	6	0	1.268568	0.015843	-0.079942
10	8	0	-0.213620	0.436543	1.133469
11	6	0	0.191889	-0.751240	-0.627898
12	6	0	-0.815352	-0.241100	0.179525
13	1	0	0.254703	-1.600633	-1.291259
14	6	0	-2.273796	-0.306912	0.100568
15	6	0	-2.911076	-0.820227	-1.041490
16	6	0	-3.047293	0.150271	1.180051
17	6	0	-4.300270	-0.879776	-1.099498
18	1	0	-2.313285	-1.156856	-1.883874
19	6	0	-4.437080	0.101894	1.112056
20	1	0	-2.542931	0.537353	2.059532
21	6	0	-5.064469	-0.416306	-0.024124
22	1	0	-4.789298	-1.277091	-1.984424
23	1	0	-5.032666	0.460183	1.946944
24	1	0	-6.149204	-0.460268	-0.072237
25	9	0	0.370684	2.079617	-0.923656
26	9	0	2.444947	1.575511	-1.321702
27	9	0	1.848495	2.232565	0.664987

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.7964857      0.2322939      0.2076239

*Cartesian coordinates of (E)-Enone via TSeA*

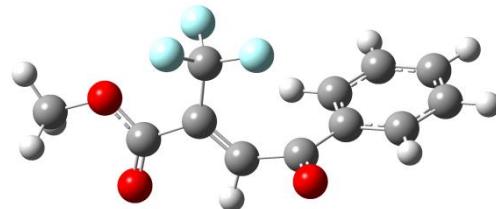


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3	6	0	2.446267	-1.462300	-0.032673
4	8	0	1.660363	1.716158	0.977950
5	6	0	2.115492	3.082252	1.011996
6	1	0	1.793691	3.470042	1.978346
7	1	0	3.203100	3.126486	0.917741
8	1	0	1.654139	3.644733	0.196519
9	6	0	1.417274	-0.358092	-0.110762
10	8	0	-0.617678	1.531672	-0.799865
11	6	0	0.114550	-0.641925	-0.232382
12	6	0	-0.933389	0.410064	-0.418235
13	1	0	-0.188473	-1.682930	-0.242497
14	6	0	-2.360708	0.054383	-0.162960
15	6	0	-3.346037	0.968262	-0.573756
16	6	0	-2.752339	-1.128755	0.483999
17	6	0	-4.692366	0.698367	-0.355588
18	1	0	-3.027608	1.882005	-1.064415
19	6	0	-4.102532	-1.393198	0.710593
20	1	0	-2.010659	-1.839808	0.833827
21	6	0	-5.073364	-0.484220	0.286912
22	1	0	-5.447506	1.407086	-0.683852
23	1	0	-4.395574	-2.307955	1.217821
24	1	0	-6.125521	-0.695018	0.458322
25	9	0	1.882737	-2.667806	0.196041
26	9	0	3.317892	-1.224183	0.971488
27	9	0	3.154164	-1.554550	-1.171194

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.6988266      0.2346319      0.1924870

*Cartesian coordinates of (Z)-Enone via TSZa*

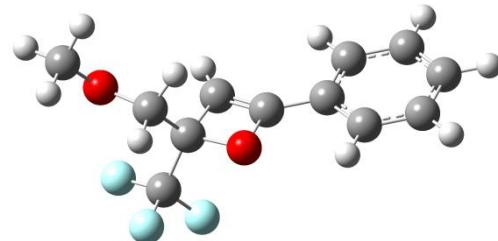


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3	6	0	1.124340	-0.716155	1.049129
4	8	0	3.459230	-0.389662	-0.363838
5	6	0	4.732508	-0.300981	-1.028231
6	1	0	5.323752	-1.124665	-0.629081
7	1	0	4.605247	-0.401999	-2.108952
8	1	0	5.207647	0.658852	-0.811136
9	6	0	1.258048	0.380731	0.019575
10	8	0	-1.264373	2.313020	1.073710
11	6	0	0.266709	1.222554	-0.302769
12	6	0	-1.106558	1.376964	0.305518
13	1	0	0.509892	1.973835	-1.053944
14	6	0	-2.219351	0.491610	-0.129400
15	6	0	-2.019888	-0.594570	-0.994221
16	6	0	-3.512363	0.778981	0.337127
17	6	0	-3.100267	-1.383628	-1.385630
18	1	0	-1.022439	-0.830245	-1.352246
19	6	0	-4.588152	-0.009633	-0.055591
20	1	0	-3.645564	1.624223	1.004523
21	6	0	-4.383283	-1.091512	-0.918634
22	1	0	-2.941176	-2.225828	-2.052934
23	1	0	-5.587155	0.215332	0.307221
24	1	0	-5.224713	-1.706687	-1.226141
25	9	0	-0.075168	-0.671326	1.670747
26	9	0	2.068458	-0.626356	2.003386
27	9	0	1.229087	-1.936263	0.477785

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.8197549      0.2355801      0.2304155

*Cartesian coordinates of Oxetene B*

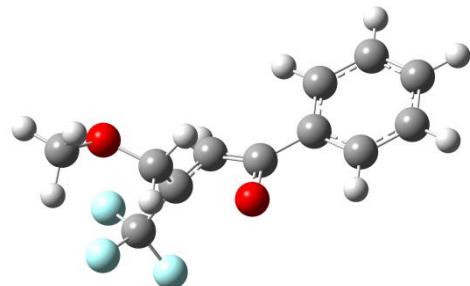


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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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3	8	0	3.024828	1.486901	0.214571
4	6	0	1.187708	-0.009015	-0.059345
5	8	0	0.019838	-0.271536	-0.920464
6	6	0	0.233056	0.411881	1.028547
7	6	0	-0.767584	0.145637	0.166367
8	1	0	0.345314	0.766368	2.040144
9	6	0	-2.216564	0.186096	0.070883
10	6	0	-2.990452	0.631517	1.155577
11	6	0	-2.852654	-0.223774	-1.111222
12	6	0	-4.377754	0.665474	1.056221
13	1	0	-2.500035	0.948842	2.071910
14	6	0	-4.242702	-0.186947	-1.204084
15	1	0	-2.250772	-0.569565	-1.945416
16	6	0	-5.007694	0.256693	-0.123614
17	1	0	-4.970566	1.010641	1.898768
18	1	0	-4.729538	-0.506408	-2.121379
19	1	0	-6.091336	0.283919	-0.198307
20	9	0	1.089455	-2.314859	0.532400
21	9	0	2.832835	-1.183708	1.172856
22	9	0	2.591986	-1.727221	-0.924780
23	6	0	3.882215	2.479254	-0.313457
24	1	0	3.325570	3.386247	-0.598345
25	1	0	4.599216	2.731528	0.471362
26	1	0	4.429125	2.114062	-1.196761
27	1	0	2.512612	0.665443	-1.627140
28	1	0	1.381656	1.893813	-0.999121

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.9289476      0.2419384      0.2205638

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEb*

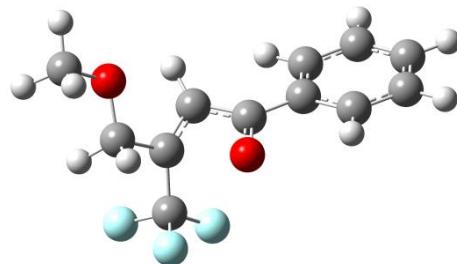


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3	8	0	2.561917	1.734695	0.488958
4	6	0	1.233619	-0.106626	0.006942
5	8	0	-0.280878	-0.152198	-1.285245
6	6	0	0.095511	-0.351231	0.845539
7	6	0	-0.886254	-0.194564	-0.116593
8	1	0	0.087724	-0.760703	1.845614
9	6	0	-2.339610	-0.036064	-0.013987
10	6	0	-2.958292	0.166532	1.230727
11	6	0	-3.125728	-0.086231	-1.176205
12	6	0	-4.340447	0.311217	1.310842
13	1	0	-2.349462	0.222844	2.128797
14	6	0	-4.506881	0.073499	-1.093991
15	1	0	-2.637001	-0.253094	-2.130736
16	6	0	-5.116193	0.267845	0.148362
17	1	0	-4.813831	0.467205	2.276236
18	1	0	-5.110785	0.037315	-1.996493
19	1	0	-6.194841	0.384030	0.212039
20	9	0	1.956163	-2.308074	-0.425581
21	9	0	2.746887	-1.319629	1.346500
22	9	0	3.462645	-0.762127	-0.639049
23	6	0	3.670895	2.442361	-0.040668
24	1	0	3.354108	3.347943	-0.579121
25	1	0	4.290915	2.734622	0.810425
26	1	0	4.263593	1.811741	-0.717891
27	1	0	0.780064	1.926496	-0.570650
28	1	0	2.124411	1.185448	-1.477390

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.9823574      0.2246796      0.2108526

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZb*

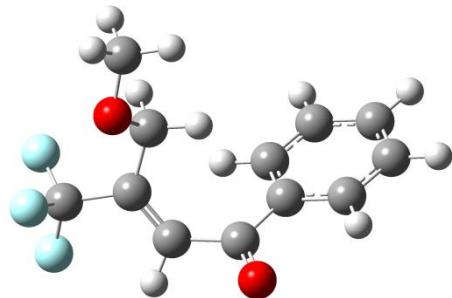


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2	6	0	1.690051	-1.547964	0.171957
3	8	0	2.591824	2.071724	0.058274
4	6	0	1.474293	-0.032707	0.130566
5	8	0	-0.010771	-0.293436	-1.172986
6	6	0	0.363964	0.583645	0.784245
7	6	0	-0.617731	0.206765	-0.120612
8	1	0	0.404192	1.365802	1.527909
9	6	0	-2.080571	0.264261	-0.047122
10	6	0	-2.730255	0.587058	1.155287
11	6	0	-2.843819	-0.009833	-1.192947
12	6	0	-4.120282	0.640915	1.208444
13	1	0	-2.140287	0.780095	2.046956
14	6	0	-4.234655	0.030646	-1.132852
15	1	0	-2.329326	-0.251824	-2.117332
16	6	0	-4.874327	0.359989	0.065073
17	1	0	-4.617787	0.891160	2.141376
18	1	0	-4.821533	-0.186804	-2.021050
19	1	0	-5.959582	0.398338	0.108567
20	9	0	0.606317	-2.277747	0.437023
21	9	0	2.579332	-1.791130	1.180479
22	9	0	2.259425	-2.004904	-0.961098
23	6	0	3.746017	2.815732	-0.282696
24	1	0	3.986286	2.721655	-1.353134
25	1	0	3.526126	3.861479	-0.056565
26	1	0	4.623683	2.497466	0.301833
27	1	0	2.973930	0.495739	-1.252922
28	1	0	3.582006	0.275831	0.394264

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.7770374      0.2606836      0.2244596

*Cartesian coordinates of (E)-Enone via TSEb*

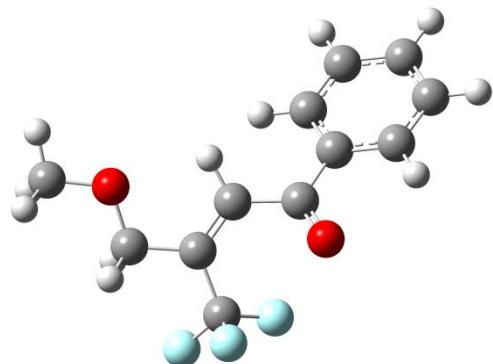


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3	8	0	1.911023	1.816076	-0.796309
4	6	0	1.238040	-0.326558	-0.010466
5	8	0	-1.133759	-1.585589	-2.134467
6	6	0	0.399212	-1.296128	-0.395558
7	6	0	-0.964763	-1.132611	-1.010926
8	1	0	0.745468	-2.326368	-0.379220
9	6	0	-2.080551	-0.496051	-0.249404
10	6	0	-1.994778	-0.220322	1.124241
11	6	0	-3.273172	-0.213303	-0.936227
12	6	0	-3.081450	0.337220	1.797408
13	1	0	-1.083979	-0.454758	1.666547
14	6	0	-4.351627	0.352505	-0.264897
15	1	0	-3.327094	-0.447090	-1.994535
16	6	0	-4.257521	0.628194	1.103594
17	1	0	-3.011184	0.541653	2.862056
18	1	0	-5.268490	0.576875	-0.802872
19	1	0	-5.102403	1.066285	1.628228
20	9	0	2.727986	-2.023468	0.748921
21	9	0	2.930430	-0.031334	1.602883
22	9	0	3.577533	-0.420160	-0.438143
23	6	0	1.748582	3.220339	-0.780883
24	1	0	2.543403	3.638074	-1.403064
25	1	0	0.772649	3.521388	-1.193964
26	1	0	1.836712	3.628188	0.238718
27	1	0	-0.072720	1.337642	-0.404578
28	1	0	0.961371	1.532231	1.023435

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.7295835      0.2611358      0.2429374

*Cartesian coordinates of (Z)-Enone via TSZb*

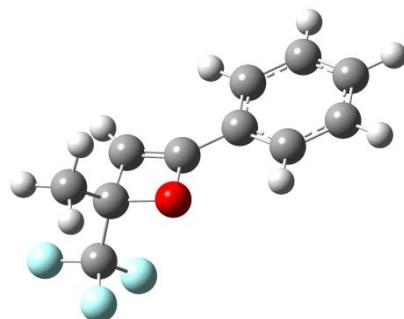


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3	8	0	2.347753	2.214623	-0.443495
4	6	0	1.587960	-0.014173	-0.015447
5	8	0	-0.689158	-1.617882	-1.193789
6	6	0	0.369163	0.360011	-0.422053
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8	1	0	0.240306	1.413153	-0.655741
9	6	0	-2.159483	-0.017308	-0.238819
10	6	0	-2.321257	1.142070	0.534608
11	6	0	-3.294055	-0.747273	-0.627881
12	6	0	-3.596179	1.565940	0.908796
13	1	0	-1.452516	1.706890	0.859537
14	6	0	-4.565379	-0.320157	-0.259399
15	1	0	-3.149418	-1.646398	-1.217954
16	6	0	-4.718627	0.838240	0.509497
17	1	0	-3.713092	2.461804	1.512295
18	1	0	-5.439163	-0.887693	-0.567702
19	1	0	-5.712006	1.170974	0.798769
20	9	0	0.962798	-2.090757	0.994031
21	9	0	3.004208	-1.404145	1.252234
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23	6	0	3.384200	3.175339	-0.383577
24	1	0	4.255785	2.867717	-0.981583
25	1	0	2.980620	4.104313	-0.792862
26	1	0	3.714842	3.351035	0.651961
27	1	0	3.083047	1.050601	1.106540
28	1	0	3.592521	0.555489	-0.510426

Rotational constants (GHZ):      0.6938318      0.2649977      0.2120400

*Cartesian coordinates of Oxetene C*

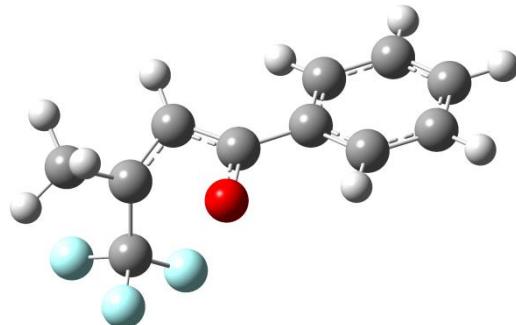


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4	8	0	-0.508035	-0.759957	0.591698
5	6	0	-0.605021	1.289241	0.278553
6	6	0	0.331188	0.320506	0.290360
7	1	0	-0.649885	2.352617	0.104097
8	6	0	1.761348	0.135888	0.111002
9	6	0	2.592127	1.232594	-0.173201
10	6	0	2.321262	-1.146516	0.219336
11	6	0	3.960064	1.046549	-0.345597
12	1	0	2.160855	2.226407	-0.258503
13	6	0	3.692310	-1.326114	0.045141
14	1	0	1.674937	-1.990549	0.437426
15	6	0	4.513966	-0.233043	-0.236889
16	1	0	4.596993	1.898838	-0.565661
17	1	0	4.119793	-2.321437	0.129284
18	1	0	5.582578	-0.375581	-0.372432
19	9	0	-1.950741	-0.265025	-1.720790
20	9	0	-3.502394	0.846798	-0.668478
21	9	0	-3.236549	-1.286136	-0.298336
22	1	0	-2.812039	-0.716204	2.141448
23	1	0	-1.594698	0.445831	2.731467
24	1	0	-3.085282	1.030464	1.954782

Rotational constants (GHZ):    1.5831740    0.2951849    0.2906651

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZc*

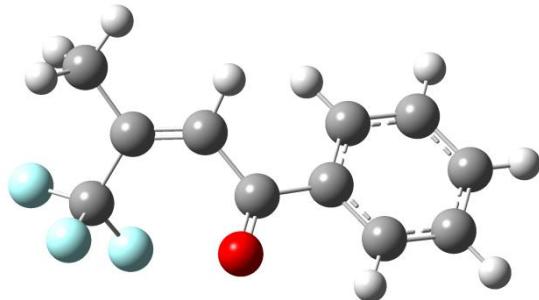


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3	6	0	-1.835654	0.617393	0.476883
4	8	0	-0.420951	-0.713834	0.977147
5	6	0	-0.612235	1.319052	0.232115
6	6	0	0.270113	0.272799	0.458083
7	1	0	-0.476728	2.391411	0.187368
8	6	0	1.707553	0.139136	0.199403
9	6	0	2.398145	1.098927	-0.558106
10	6	0	2.403345	-0.965490	0.715113
11	6	0	3.763727	0.958884	-0.790013
12	1	0	1.856140	1.943100	-0.975361
13	6	0	3.766839	-1.109574	0.470508
14	1	0	1.858420	-1.697548	1.302398
15	6	0	4.449248	-0.146694	-0.277751
16	1	0	4.293087	1.703871	-1.377595
17	1	0	4.300632	-1.968307	0.868227
18	1	0	5.514557	-0.256946	-0.462343
19	9	0	-1.525230	-0.844367	-1.434783
20	9	0	-3.356837	0.296884	-1.235719
21	9	0	-3.009329	-1.419394	0.056347
22	1	0	-2.597228	0.714053	2.430714
23	1	0	-3.883953	0.818575	1.210371
24	1	0	-2.793471	2.210893	1.523017

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.5056801      0.3052613      0.3001949

*Cartesian coordinates of (Z)-Enone via TSZc*

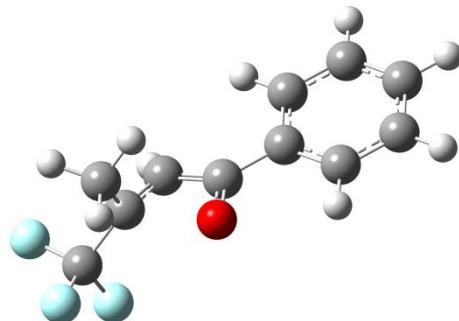


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3	6	0	1.883537	0.782884	-0.385503
4	8	0	0.001991	-1.562813	-0.815473
5	6	0	0.595111	0.733184	-0.754011
6	6	0	-0.358237	-0.414841	-0.596402
7	1	0	0.195940	1.600455	-1.277829
8	6	0	-1.775478	-0.100874	-0.234751
9	6	0	-2.177233	1.166787	0.212088
10	6	0	-2.726803	-1.129424	-0.326921
11	6	0	-3.508138	1.403517	0.555058
12	1	0	-1.448805	1.966158	0.311893
13	6	0	-4.055302	-0.890666	0.008880
14	1	0	-2.396639	-2.106536	-0.664238
15	6	0	-4.448611	0.377231	0.449575
16	1	0	-3.810072	2.386361	0.906144
17	1	0	-4.786905	-1.690136	-0.069729
18	1	0	-5.486380	0.563151	0.713325
19	9	0	1.750174	-0.973421	1.242164
20	9	0	3.576752	0.186053	1.141981
21	9	0	3.120724	-1.235314	-0.435742
22	1	0	3.134713	2.457800	0.167911
23	1	0	3.666618	1.596495	-1.271319
24	1	0	2.251137	2.664881	-1.363564

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.4216234      0.3005958      0.2765938

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEC*

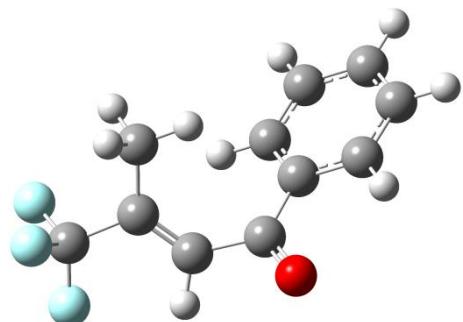


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2	6	0	-2.926935	0.170115	-0.353555
3	6	0	-1.657697	-0.039547	0.472672
4	8	0	-0.153889	-1.297412	-0.020146
5	6	0	-0.550102	0.835704	0.207097
6	6	0	0.434184	-0.126920	0.047510
7	1	0	-0.598800	1.869523	-0.108359
8	6	0	1.895842	-0.012361	-0.011053
9	6	0	2.540828	1.192930	0.311280
10	6	0	2.662297	-1.124693	-0.393337
11	6	0	3.928372	1.285177	0.246120
12	1	0	1.949429	2.048608	0.625327
13	6	0	4.051235	-1.033583	-0.443339
14	1	0	2.151196	-2.047416	-0.648693
15	6	0	4.685561	0.170999	-0.128315
16	1	0	4.421877	2.220387	0.495829
17	1	0	4.640464	-1.898201	-0.736319
18	1	0	5.768936	0.242943	-0.175401
19	9	0	-2.661439	0.389466	-1.647488
20	9	0	-3.567107	1.266002	0.130532
21	9	0	-3.774808	-0.871005	-0.272773
22	1	0	-2.365433	-1.714694	1.650796
23	1	0	-2.624650	-0.110601	2.352682
24	1	0	-0.991945	-0.819502	2.363554

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.7001502      0.2663722      0.2579789

*Cartesian coordinates of (E)-enone via TSEc*

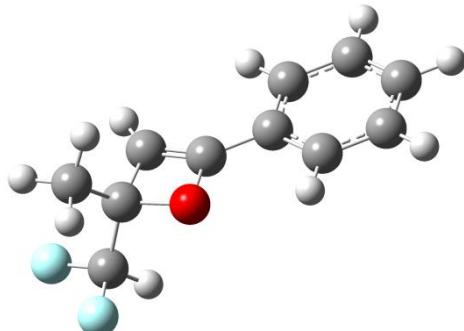


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3	6	0	1.461034	0.027954	0.276571
4	8	0	-0.806513	2.589571	-0.058920
5	6	0	0.753508	0.895594	-0.459044
6	6	0	-0.642157	1.383544	-0.189364
7	1	0	1.245930	1.420203	-1.273229
8	6	0	-1.793461	0.432929	-0.136961
9	6	0	-1.696664	-0.892177	-0.588894
10	6	0	-3.027216	0.912172	0.333913
11	6	0	-2.814140	-1.725926	-0.562986
12	1	0	-0.751417	-1.263446	-0.972290
13	6	0	-4.137369	0.075106	0.370268
14	1	0	-3.088227	1.944169	0.663926
15	6	0	-4.032584	-1.245509	-0.079227
16	1	0	-2.734588	-2.748323	-0.921689
17	1	0	-5.086757	0.448667	0.743894
18	1	0	-4.901654	-1.897585	-0.055135
19	9	0	3.306689	0.415222	-1.198403
20	9	0	3.090184	-1.564809	-0.321971
21	9	0	3.737284	0.104599	0.911626
22	1	0	-0.025415	-0.463971	1.771550
23	1	0	1.081508	-1.791528	1.365823
24	1	0	1.650542	-0.449027	2.356131

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.2703543      0.3029972      0.2716450

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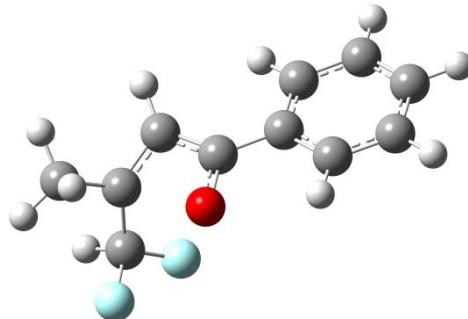


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1	6	0	-2.573255	-0.033409	1.719957
2	6	0	-2.664820	-0.076206	-0.814709
3	6	0	-1.801425	0.118509	0.424753
4	8	0	-0.672637	-0.846716	0.339414
5	6	0	-0.780618	1.225129	0.288017
6	6	0	0.164806	0.266215	0.215572
7	1	0	-0.824405	2.302652	0.259147
8	6	0	1.603213	0.114680	0.062975
9	6	0	2.431826	1.242828	-0.057162
10	6	0	2.173163	-1.167650	0.033191
11	6	0	3.806675	1.088060	-0.204872
12	1	0	1.993241	2.236897	-0.034327
13	6	0	3.550939	-1.315999	-0.115874
14	1	0	1.528965	-2.035990	0.127042
15	6	0	4.370160	-0.191594	-0.234991
16	1	0	4.441540	1.965006	-0.296994
17	1	0	3.985902	-2.311436	-0.138549
18	1	0	5.444094	-0.309786	-0.350513
19	9	0	-3.554043	0.964823	-0.893567
20	9	0	-3.390489	-1.230407	-0.724406
21	1	0	-3.055482	-1.014097	1.761519
22	1	0	-1.897687	0.076335	2.571584
23	1	0	-3.348375	0.737702	1.778305
24	1	0	-2.069901	-0.106676	-1.731899

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.9110646      0.3194416      0.3037720

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZd1*

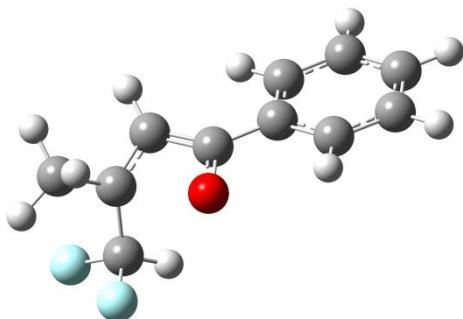


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1	6	0	3.161502	1.309661	-1.033222
2	6	0	2.650044	-0.376512	0.763951
3	6	0	2.102665	0.692350	-0.171670
4	8	0	0.738869	-0.587280	-0.899633
5	6	0	0.854216	1.352778	0.078943
6	6	0	0.006418	0.328756	-0.314522
7	1	0	0.694784	2.414074	0.217923
8	6	0	-1.443528	0.156315	-0.161534
9	6	0	-2.195958	1.029632	0.639929
10	6	0	-2.088786	-0.897531	-0.826913
11	6	0	-3.571561	0.856088	0.767421
12	1	0	-1.694349	1.833009	1.172444
13	6	0	-3.462910	-1.077274	-0.686676
14	1	0	-1.495945	-1.562932	-1.446233
15	6	0	-4.206715	-0.199140	0.105857
16	1	0	-4.148400	1.535310	1.389236
17	1	0	-3.956914	-1.897609	-1.200266
18	1	0	-5.279959	-0.336174	0.208869
19	9	0	1.718199	-0.991798	1.526330
20	9	0	3.343134	-1.322324	0.063337
21	1	0	2.995708	0.933709	-2.051696
22	1	0	4.184259	1.044002	-0.746742
23	1	0	3.042004	2.397643	-1.069640
24	1	0	3.363561	0.113562	1.446780

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.6893068      0.3554556      0.3409730

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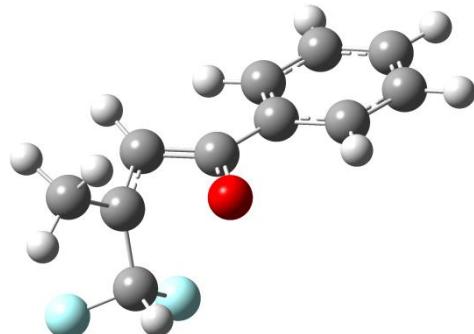


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2	6	0	2.455360	0.225989	-0.833494
3	6	0	1.983174	-0.368757	0.479472
4	8	0	0.557348	1.038994	0.527265
5	6	0	0.760682	-1.125283	0.519626
6	6	0	-0.131859	-0.075248	0.404814
7	1	0	0.641731	-2.157811	0.820011
8	6	0	-1.578815	-0.047095	0.158783
9	6	0	-2.276172	-1.211098	-0.203252
10	6	0	-2.277293	1.163811	0.285458
11	6	0	-3.649303	-1.165024	-0.428434
12	1	0	-1.734400	-2.145735	-0.320081
13	6	0	-3.648843	1.209594	0.046285
14	1	0	-1.728239	2.054982	0.572218
15	6	0	-4.337273	0.046065	-0.306480
16	1	0	-4.183168	-2.069069	-0.708230
17	1	0	-4.183966	2.150393	0.142203
18	1	0	-5.408573	0.081552	-0.485772
19	9	0	3.327400	-0.701932	-1.368109
20	9	0	3.174338	1.363858	-0.630570
21	1	0	2.870281	0.296417	2.260582
22	1	0	4.057180	-0.370858	1.124454
23	1	0	2.954319	-1.452386	2.048870
24	1	0	1.659816	0.408763	-1.554604

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.7654505      0.3233206      0.3105707

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZd3*

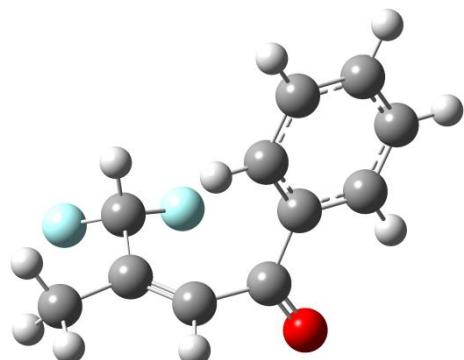


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			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-3.122365	-1.683235	0.070243
2	6	0	-2.599811	0.762804	-0.356398
3	6	0	-2.092943	-0.596135	0.121171
4	8	0	-0.600638	-0.462520	-1.220670
5	6	0	-0.908512	-0.723207	0.918996
6	6	0	0.029187	-0.468829	-0.068316
7	1	0	-0.828459	-1.174672	1.898997
8	6	0	1.473570	-0.220209	0.006244
9	6	0	2.109614	-0.010021	1.240299
10	6	0	2.232571	-0.192308	-1.173983
11	6	0	3.482235	0.217182	1.292696
12	1	0	1.520116	-0.010064	2.152969
13	6	0	3.603419	0.048645	-1.119951
14	1	0	1.729546	-0.361402	-2.120634
15	6	0	4.230872	0.248975	0.112340
16	1	0	3.968441	0.379892	2.250708
17	1	0	4.185511	0.073364	-2.037197
18	1	0	5.301683	0.430135	0.153982
19	9	0	-1.712840	1.764561	-0.168254
20	9	0	-3.697726	1.042138	0.438067
21	1	0	-2.768068	-2.444770	-0.636158
22	1	0	-4.114722	-1.345470	-0.238551
23	1	0	-3.188722	-2.169819	1.050673
24	1	0	-2.932149	0.760702	-1.397780

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.7447978      0.3403729      0.3362044

*Cartesian coordinates of (Z)-enone via TSZd*

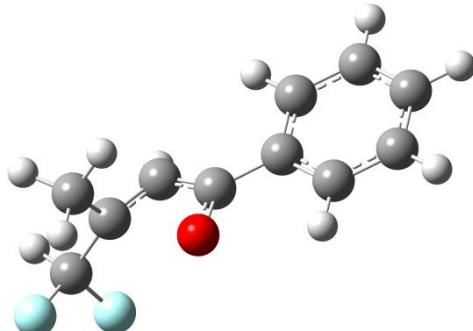


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3	6	0	2.085095	0.094814	0.530003
4	8	0	-0.174761	2.555706	-0.315384
5	6	0	1.213150	1.063342	0.843106
6	6	0	-0.080862	1.436030	0.166289
7	1	0	1.495437	1.767623	1.624854
8	6	0	-1.244339	0.496040	0.182025
9	6	0	-1.270319	-0.654973	0.982233
10	6	0	-2.365371	0.815169	-0.599521
11	6	0	-2.395017	-1.479962	0.992648
12	1	0	-0.416933	-0.894128	1.610131
13	6	0	-3.482836	-0.013370	-0.596220
14	1	0	-2.333947	1.717031	-1.202175
15	6	0	-3.499765	-1.163120	0.200224
16	1	0	-2.410921	-2.366421	1.620945
17	1	0	-4.343762	0.234655	-1.211030
18	1	0	-4.374564	-1.808002	0.205421
19	9	0	0.979158	-0.413279	-1.519623
20	9	0	3.025453	-1.183754	-1.214398
21	1	0	3.480264	-1.118897	1.651311
22	1	0	4.240181	0.070323	0.601994
23	1	0	3.461930	0.595234	2.113042
24	1	0	1.434217	-1.855231	-0.218137

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.1995505      0.4343734      0.3988123

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEd1*

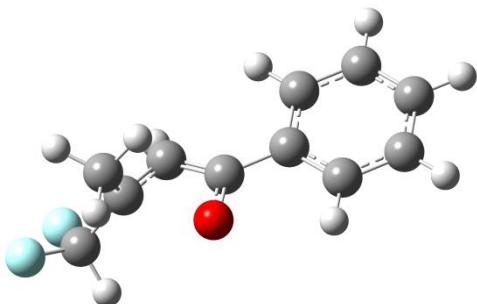


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3	6	0	-1.941668	0.157854	0.501693
4	8	0	-0.505375	-1.164111	-0.050486
5	6	0	-0.775740	0.975923	0.297062
6	6	0	0.146225	-0.035036	0.074069
7	1	0	-0.756717	2.021592	0.016917
8	6	0	1.612892	0.000997	0.002462
9	6	0	2.330365	1.146526	0.383282
10	6	0	2.309869	-1.129191	-0.452842
11	6	0	3.720273	1.163203	0.303600
12	1	0	1.792712	2.014703	0.754579
13	6	0	3.701178	-1.114875	-0.518019
14	1	0	1.742899	-2.004893	-0.752066
15	6	0	4.407879	0.031268	-0.144527
16	1	0	4.269718	2.052860	0.599127
17	1	0	4.235971	-1.993630	-0.868059
18	1	0	5.493053	0.043841	-0.203076
19	9	0	-2.851286	0.659883	-1.633577
20	9	0	-4.115409	-0.496706	-0.241058
21	1	0	-2.753877	-1.533868	1.576160
22	1	0	-2.917315	0.029685	2.383701
23	1	0	-1.329907	-0.770276	2.345582
24	1	0	-3.621253	1.423000	0.045433

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.9404852      0.3041846      0.3000929

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEd2*

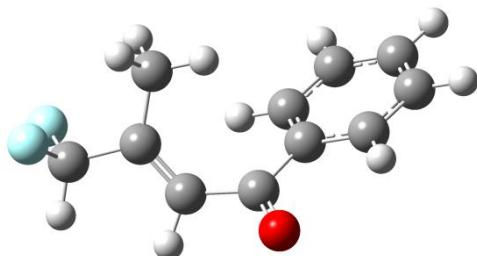


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3	6	0	-1.913343	-0.110515	0.322575
4	8	0	-0.379647	-1.282298	-0.315013
5	6	0	-0.790089	0.787856	0.246878
6	6	0	0.199711	-0.138693	-0.034982
7	1	0	-0.829444	1.859145	0.108226
8	6	0	1.663392	-0.014412	-0.036714
9	6	0	2.295990	1.123845	0.488823
10	6	0	2.444010	-1.052324	-0.569237
11	6	0	3.684637	1.224529	0.475080
12	1	0	1.693827	1.919168	0.919534
13	6	0	3.833566	-0.955437	-0.568782
14	1	0	1.942504	-1.923629	-0.978121
15	6	0	4.455655	0.183724	-0.051319
16	1	0	4.168040	2.108102	0.882870
17	1	0	4.432994	-1.763682	-0.978937
18	1	0	5.539654	0.261625	-0.058143
19	9	0	-3.238894	1.503448	-0.787165
20	9	0	-4.266353	-0.331090	-0.115546
21	1	0	-2.667034	-1.951355	1.185375
22	1	0	-2.943146	-0.483748	2.124447
23	1	0	-1.310578	-1.197647	2.077737
24	1	0	-2.901687	-0.312897	-1.580454

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.0227911      0.2981476      0.2819609

*Cartesian coordinates of (E)-enone via TSED*

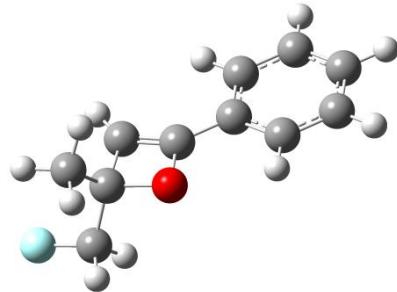


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3	6	0	1.724722	0.094042	0.101157
4	8	0	-0.634495	2.618823	-0.263632
5	6	0	0.972615	0.956013	-0.600841
6	6	0	-0.428691	1.412357	-0.318240
7	1	0	1.438410	1.520646	-1.407958
8	6	0	-1.547244	0.432611	-0.163466
9	6	0	-1.441656	-0.903251	-0.580060
10	6	0	-2.764787	0.895663	0.362007
11	6	0	-2.533127	-1.763422	-0.464038
12	1	0	-0.510517	-1.262219	-1.007157
13	6	0	-3.848175	0.032549	0.489361
14	1	0	-2.835151	1.936256	0.661751
15	6	0	-3.734165	-1.298771	0.075455
16	1	0	-2.446936	-2.794289	-0.796098
17	1	0	-4.784123	0.394256	0.906177
18	1	0	-4.582515	-1.971390	0.170320
19	9	0	3.359850	-1.428686	-0.634623
20	9	0	4.010284	0.206412	0.689759
21	1	0	0.307744	-0.474864	1.644926
22	1	0	1.426713	-1.761237	1.142259
23	1	0	2.012378	-0.439267	2.146633
24	1	0	3.432547	0.492570	-1.208004

Rotational constants (GHZ): 1.3847496 0.3524175 0.3055156

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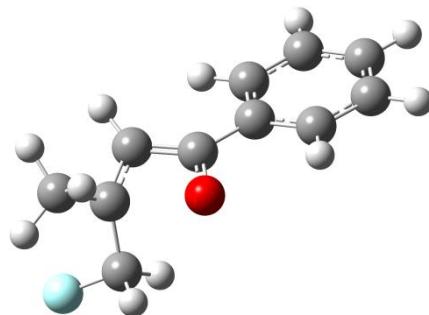


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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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1	6	0	-2.877948	-0.595909	1.471650
2	6	0	-2.920597	-0.164142	-1.027279
3	6	0	-2.093200	-0.151065	0.252126
4	8	0	-0.907996	-1.024622	0.017217
5	6	0	-1.127481	1.004267	0.401827
6	6	0	-0.129652	0.128695	0.172544
7	1	0	-1.226733	2.060203	0.600055
8	6	0	1.319670	0.081218	0.056674
9	6	0	2.087808	1.247839	0.208696
10	6	0	1.963114	-1.137487	-0.209185
11	6	0	3.473616	1.193593	0.096091
12	1	0	1.593063	2.193355	0.414461
13	6	0	3.351592	-1.185359	-0.321866
14	1	0	1.366467	-2.036641	-0.324804
15	6	0	4.110020	-0.023008	-0.169821
16	1	0	4.060271	2.100463	0.215223
17	1	0	3.842593	-2.132545	-0.528236
18	1	0	5.192353	-0.062718	-0.257532
19	9	0	-3.956246	0.759398	-0.898133
20	1	0	-3.293048	-1.598722	1.317553
21	1	0	-2.237738	-0.608474	2.357461
22	1	0	-3.708387	0.097057	1.641585
23	1	0	-2.300559	0.114057	-1.884704
24	1	0	-3.359754	-1.155485	-1.194339

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.3459093      0.3691468      0.3526140

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZeI*

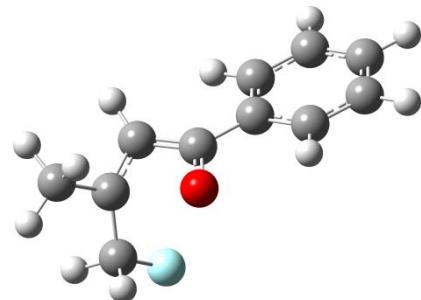


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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-3.323757	-0.101476	1.413240
2	6	0	-2.705880	-0.301169	-1.037766
3	6	0	-2.261043	0.054967	0.368465
4	8	0	-0.764333	-1.248826	0.139027
5	6	0	-1.081485	0.848590	0.615634
6	6	0	-0.132424	-0.102393	0.305732
7	1	0	-1.025884	1.788598	1.148718
8	6	0	1.321844	-0.010191	0.126121
9	6	0	1.969150	1.235119	0.074283
10	6	0	2.079590	-1.185005	0.001548
11	6	0	3.349672	1.302747	-0.092712
12	1	0	1.382781	2.146695	0.151142
13	6	0	3.459124	-1.114202	-0.179844
14	1	0	1.568965	-2.141417	0.050469
15	6	0	4.096899	0.128083	-0.222797
16	1	0	3.843885	2.269708	-0.131779
17	1	0	4.039559	-2.027428	-0.279768
18	1	0	5.174049	0.182292	-0.356907
19	9	0	-3.752272	0.581080	-1.349961
20	1	0	-3.147498	-1.066226	1.909518
21	1	0	-4.332560	-0.111022	0.990725
22	1	0	-3.240039	0.674122	2.180570
23	1	0	-3.100994	-1.320439	-1.089946
24	1	0	-1.907300	-0.164420	-1.766728

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.1725472      0.3651951      0.3542887

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZe2*

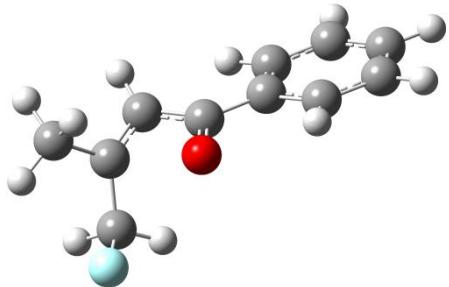


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1	6	0	3.487709	0.923437	-1.094981
2	6	0	2.936826	-0.680831	0.761005
3	6	0	2.426807	0.385579	-0.179258
4	8	0	0.956701	-0.829053	-0.860549
5	6	0	1.217786	1.130926	0.059074
6	6	0	0.301791	0.161371	-0.306045
7	1	0	1.130351	2.205526	0.157714
8	6	0	-1.159915	0.112452	-0.156702
9	6	0	-1.843315	1.066440	0.613791
10	6	0	-1.886307	-0.904512	-0.794556
11	6	0	-3.229120	1.008742	0.737255
12	1	0	-1.280155	1.841160	1.126882
13	6	0	-3.271351	-0.968541	-0.658806
14	1	0	-1.345833	-1.633450	-1.389829
15	6	0	-3.945463	-0.010403	0.102631
16	1	0	-3.751455	1.750378	1.335697
17	1	0	-3.827832	-1.761373	-1.151599
18	1	0	-5.026758	-0.057304	0.202661
19	9	0	1.990446	-1.172549	1.623178
20	1	0	3.195019	0.670640	-2.121737
21	1	0	4.489062	0.515966	-0.912985
22	1	0	3.516480	2.017514	-1.033323
23	1	0	3.731548	-0.204085	1.361882
24	1	0	3.389266	-1.507561	0.199979

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.9061462      0.4146802      0.4074125

*Cartesian coordinates of TSZe3*

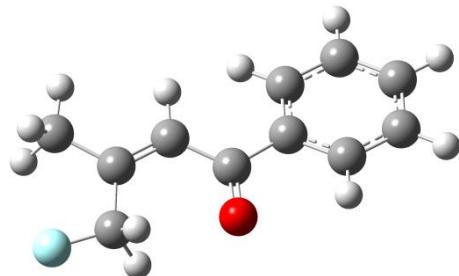


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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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1	6	0	3.339045	0.838063	-1.135012
2	6	0	2.727077	-0.201595	1.102648
3	6	0	2.272369	0.525834	-0.134499
4	8	0	0.872213	-0.907967	-0.527988
5	6	0	1.017109	1.233664	-0.107937
6	6	0	0.159429	0.152796	-0.244968
7	1	0	0.868792	2.291049	-0.287816
8	6	0	-1.302823	0.066803	-0.103452
9	6	0	-2.048608	1.138442	0.412735
10	6	0	-1.964359	-1.109203	-0.488844
11	6	0	-3.432224	1.037948	0.534368
12	1	0	-1.536190	2.042458	0.730623
13	6	0	-3.347077	-1.212753	-0.353545
14	1	0	-1.376164	-1.927912	-0.890897
15	6	0	-4.083526	-0.139101	0.153591
16	1	0	-4.003217	1.871428	0.934595
17	1	0	-3.853151	-2.127585	-0.650043
18	1	0	-5.162992	-0.218284	0.252362
19	9	0	3.568649	-1.260180	0.798924
20	1	0	3.115547	0.251332	-2.035580
21	1	0	4.344432	0.568503	-0.799961
22	1	0	3.291905	1.893876	-1.426684
23	1	0	3.311822	0.524791	1.693243
24	1	0	1.885197	-0.549687	1.703242

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.1586388      0.3783491      0.3550527

*Cartesian coordinates of (Z)-enone via TSZe*

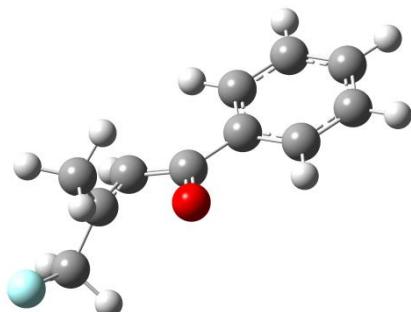


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3	6	0	-2.354125	0.515658	0.095362
4	8	0	-0.424721	-1.597019	-0.025389
5	6	0	-1.013244	0.681028	0.156669
6	6	0	-0.045809	-0.423462	0.037720
7	1	0	-0.633448	1.683415	0.325675
8	6	0	1.424077	-0.116324	0.009701
9	6	0	1.946633	1.171732	-0.186477
10	6	0	2.313873	-1.191512	0.168102
11	6	0	3.325770	1.378505	-0.217768
12	1	0	1.285794	2.018869	-0.338381
13	6	0	3.689209	-0.983797	0.146352
14	1	0	1.897188	-2.183547	0.306923
15	6	0	4.199236	0.303587	-0.046356
16	1	0	3.717335	2.379392	-0.377705
17	1	0	4.366298	-1.823588	0.277369
18	1	0	5.273481	0.467259	-0.065688
19	9	0	-4.391501	-0.667924	-0.252687
20	1	0	-3.918252	1.791129	-0.646695
21	1	0	-3.979229	1.522874	1.081822
22	1	0	-2.741393	2.614729	0.409213
23	1	0	-2.625947	-1.333057	-1.003834
24	1	0	-2.824700	-1.492374	0.738283

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.3315122      0.3467480      0.3047619

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEe1*

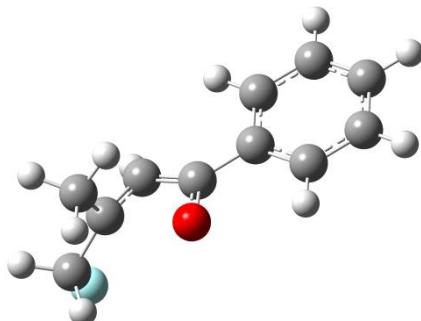


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3	6	0	-2.204221	0.223461	0.159332
4	8	0	-0.719886	-1.170842	-0.036133
5	6	0	-1.004636	0.994610	-0.085101
6	6	0	-0.076753	-0.031452	-0.065498
7	1	0	-0.956108	1.999382	-0.486422
8	6	0	1.394379	0.008211	-0.052999
9	6	0	2.089138	1.213997	0.132384
10	6	0	2.117148	-1.181765	-0.227643
11	6	0	3.481615	1.229932	0.135074
12	1	0	1.532004	2.133755	0.288788
13	6	0	3.510142	-1.165764	-0.211346
14	1	0	1.567604	-2.106116	-0.374198
15	6	0	4.194633	0.039373	-0.034561
16	1	0	4.012660	2.167051	0.279055
17	1	0	4.063920	-2.091449	-0.343416
18	1	0	5.281405	0.052021	-0.028478
19	9	0	-4.532347	-0.071836	-0.428231
20	1	0	-3.142049	-1.250797	1.429890
21	1	0	-3.341089	0.429048	1.923828
22	1	0	-1.769896	-0.374721	2.180815
23	1	0	-2.987078	-0.352692	-1.709958
24	1	0	-3.328083	1.335567	-1.266263

Rotational constants (GHZ):      2.6671848      0.3407110      0.3245652

*Cartesian coordinates of TSEe2*

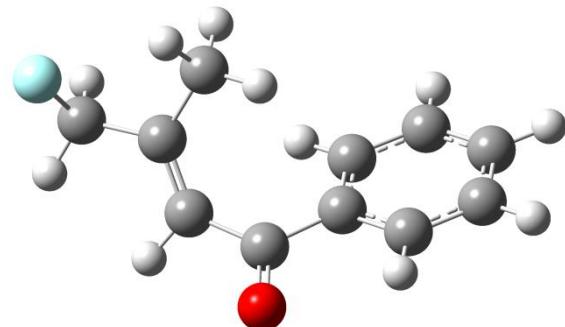


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2	6	0	-3.511597	0.221737	-0.425117
3	6	0	-2.299500	-0.151265	0.379276
4	8	0	-0.783134	-1.227339	-0.426937
5	6	0	-1.169060	0.741062	0.446658
6	6	0	-0.195160	-0.136340	0.005568
7	1	0	-1.203114	1.822049	0.438950
8	6	0	1.269918	-0.013218	-0.010444
9	6	0	1.917792	1.038369	0.657377
10	6	0	2.036073	-0.963983	-0.702104
11	6	0	3.306112	1.140853	0.627380
12	1	0	1.326929	1.763991	1.209709
13	6	0	3.425852	-0.867900	-0.718567
14	1	0	1.522498	-1.767572	-1.220135
15	6	0	4.062882	0.185922	-0.058339
16	1	0	3.800674	1.958033	1.145629
17	1	0	4.013718	-1.609492	-1.252907
18	1	0	5.146764	0.264301	-0.077972
19	9	0	-3.311034	1.350412	-1.192432
20	1	0	-3.077667	-2.090170	0.978191
21	1	0	-3.255237	-0.789736	2.169697
22	1	0	-1.663549	-1.535463	1.909823
23	1	0	-4.369817	0.399312	0.240874
24	1	0	-3.762819	-0.623907	-1.080264

Rotational constants (GHZ):      1.9766378      0.3806392      0.3643503

*Cartesian coordinates of (E)-enone via TSEE*

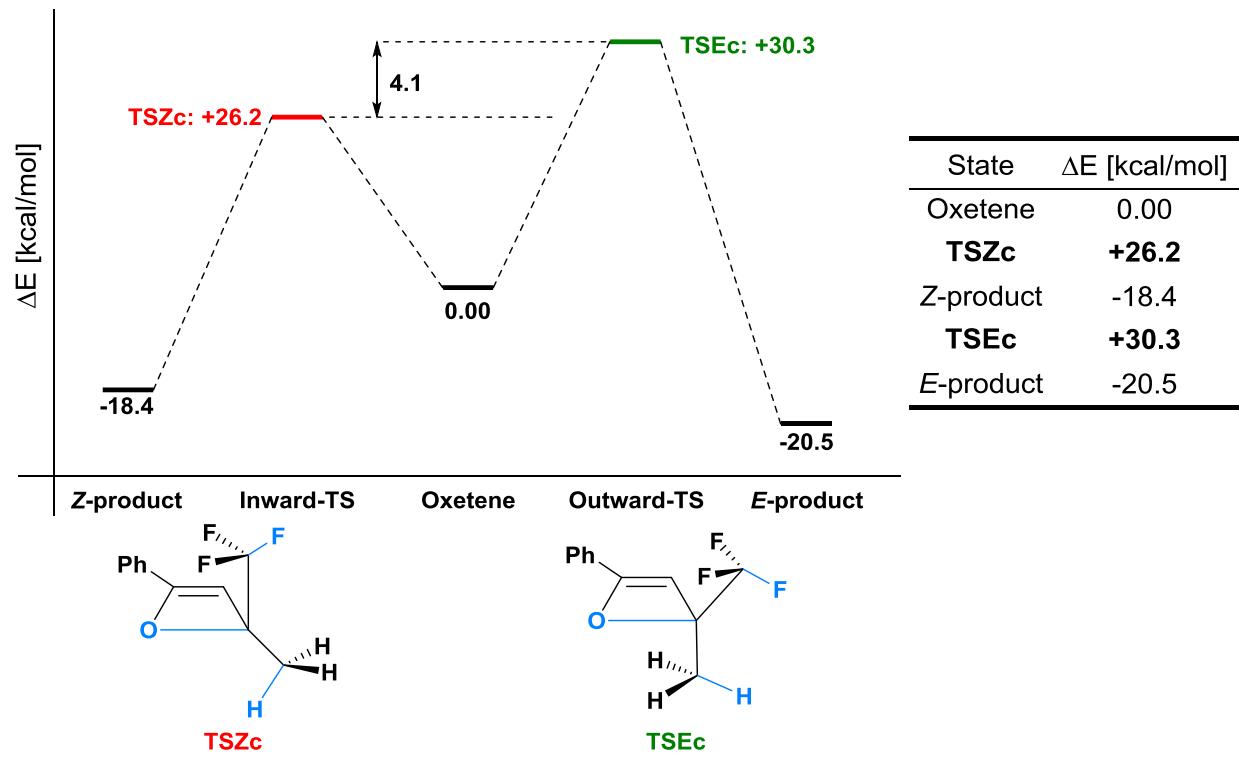


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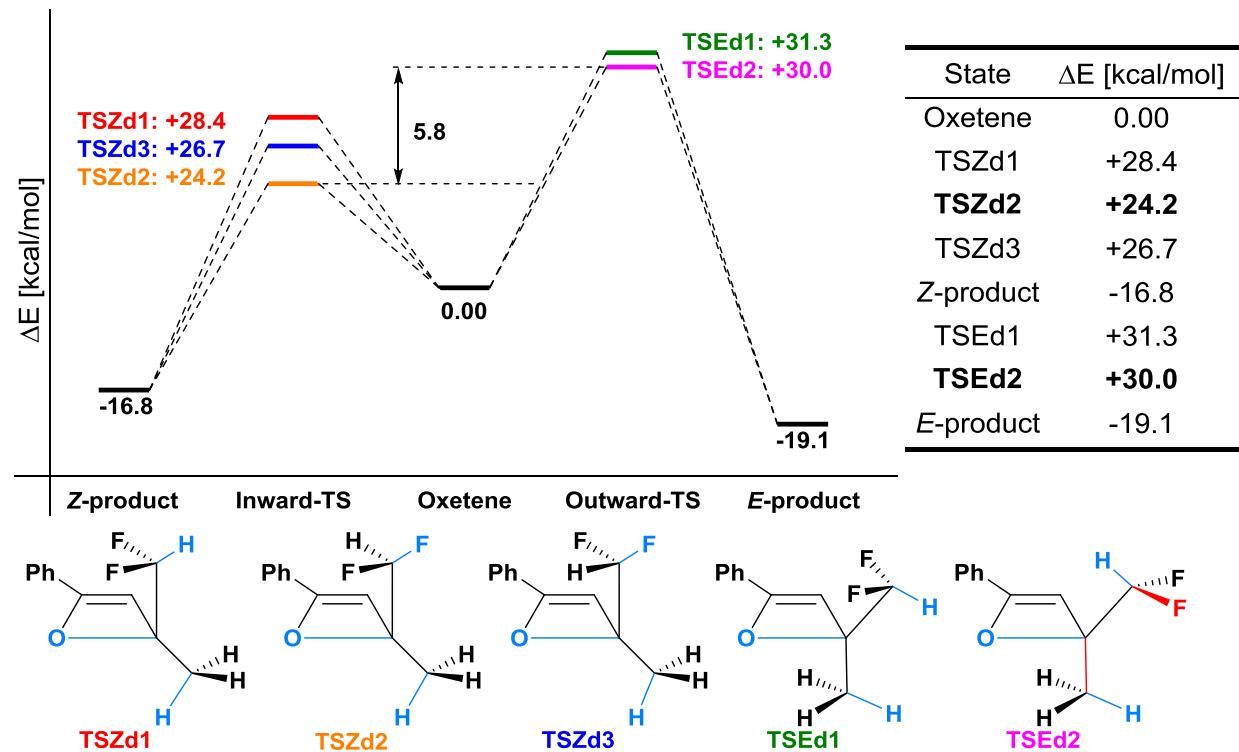
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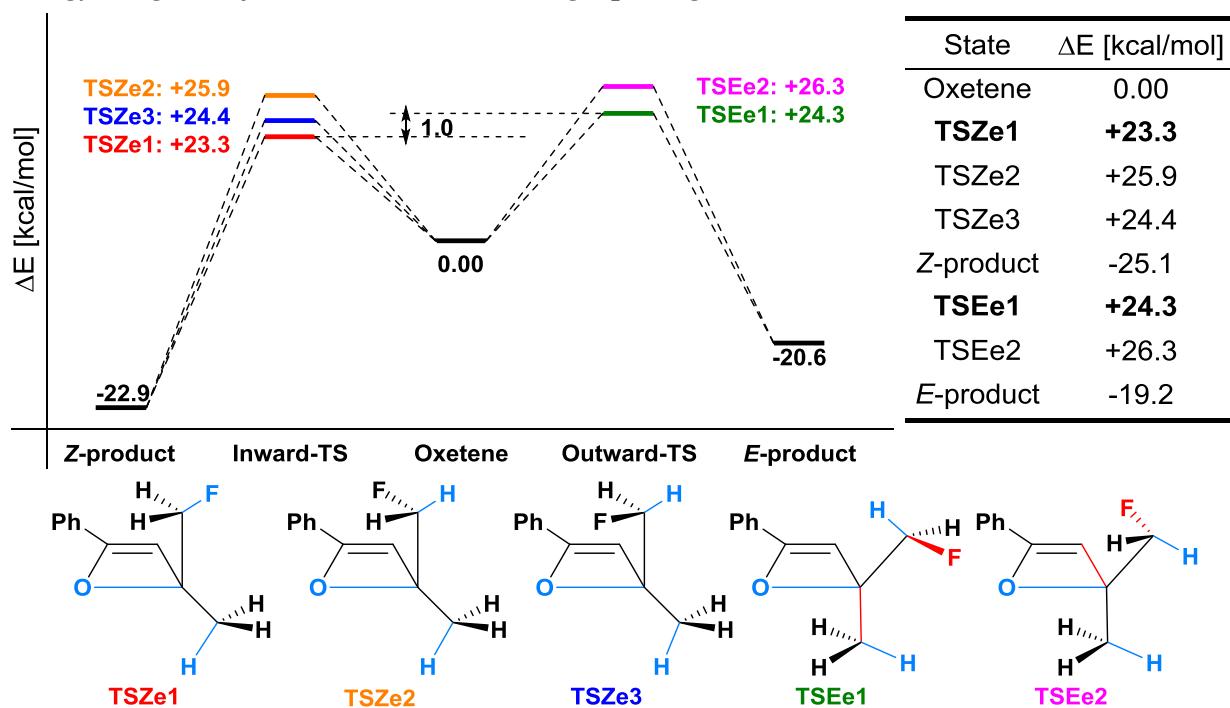
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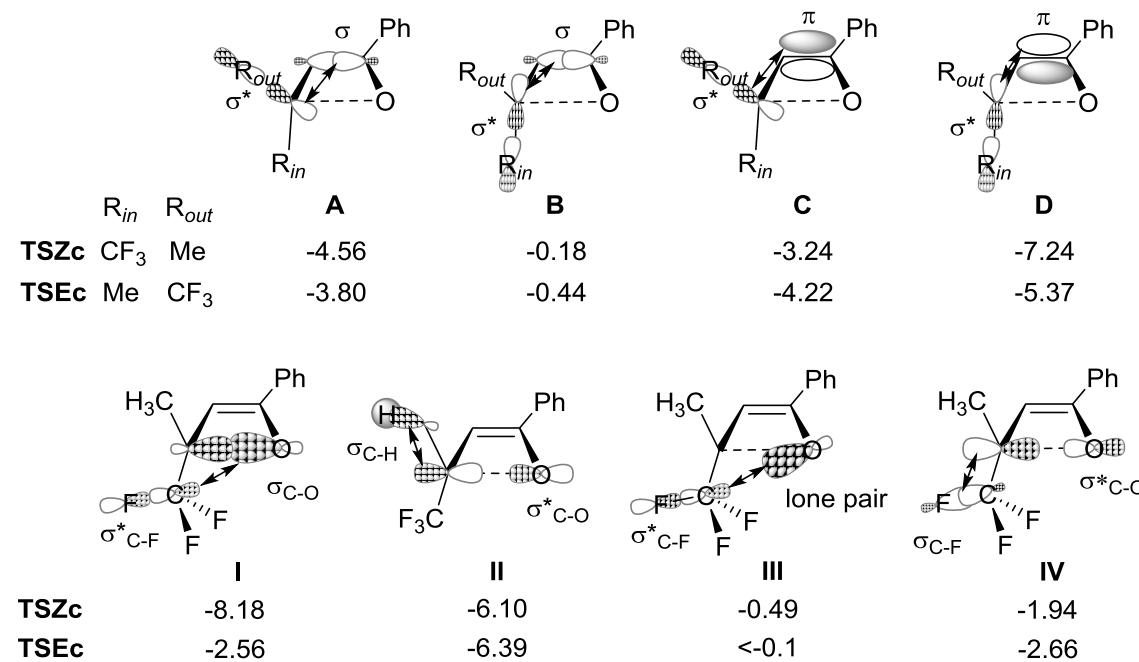
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### Energy Diagram of $\text{CFH}_2$ -Oxetene (*E*) Ring Opening

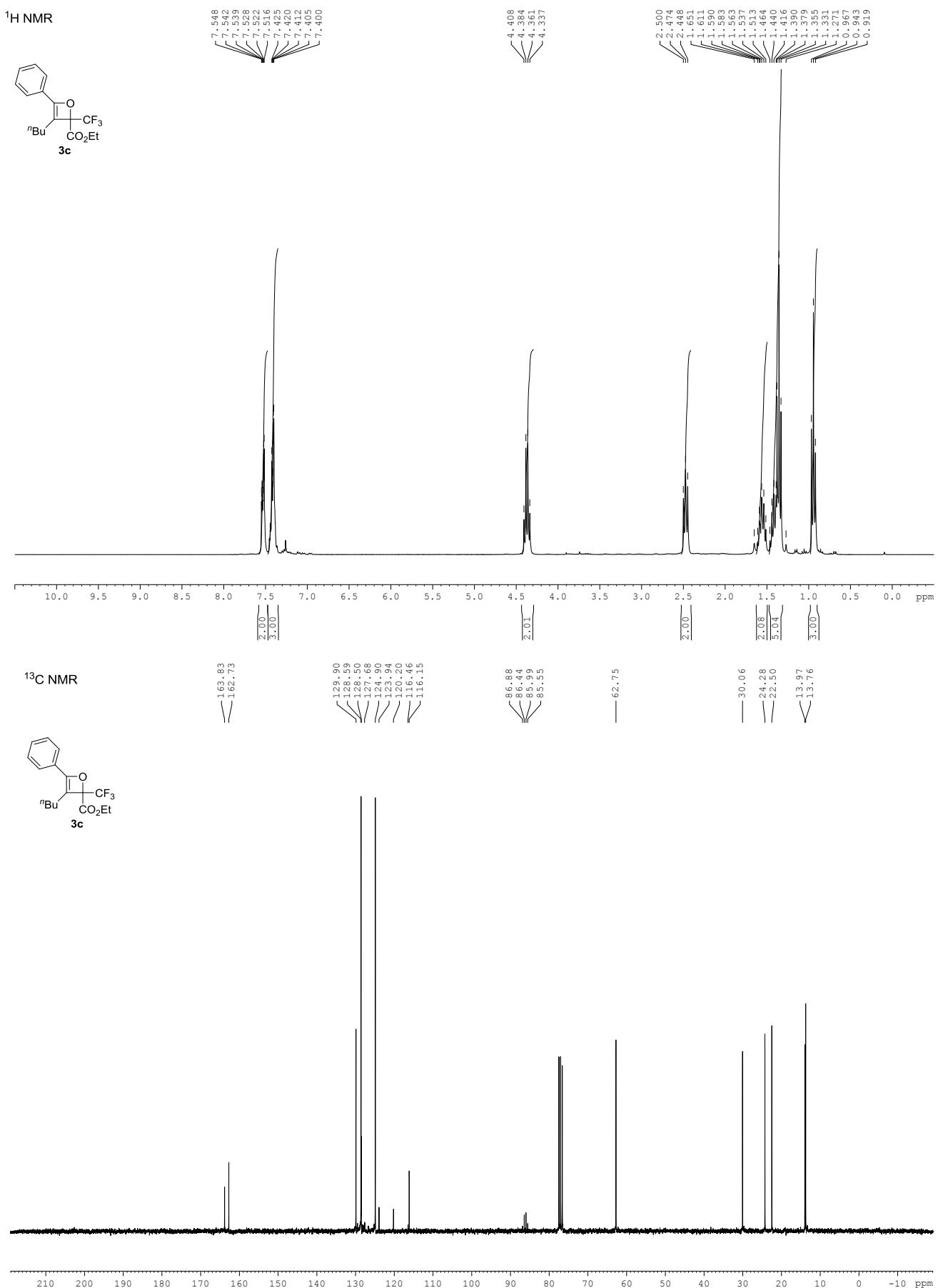


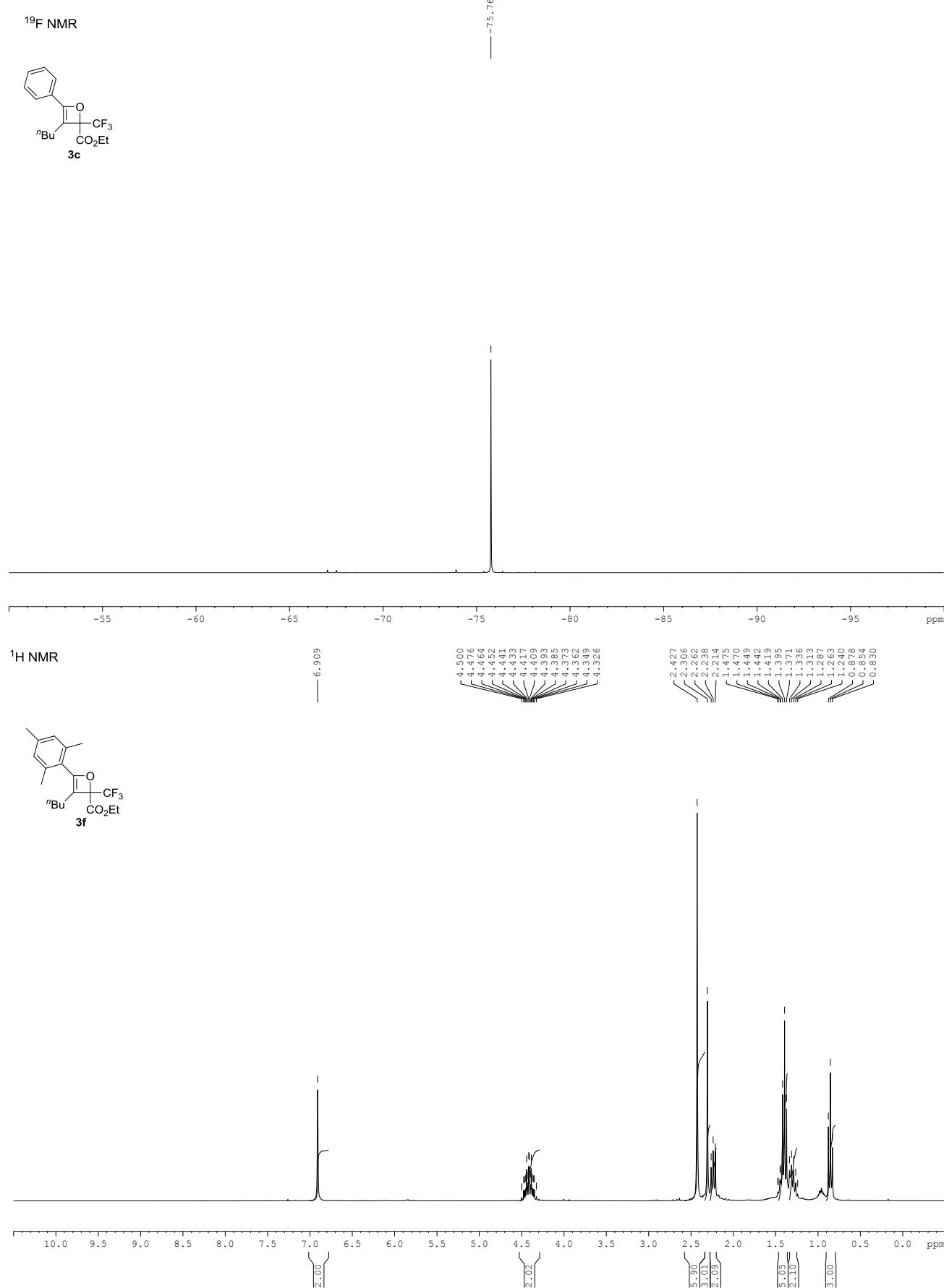
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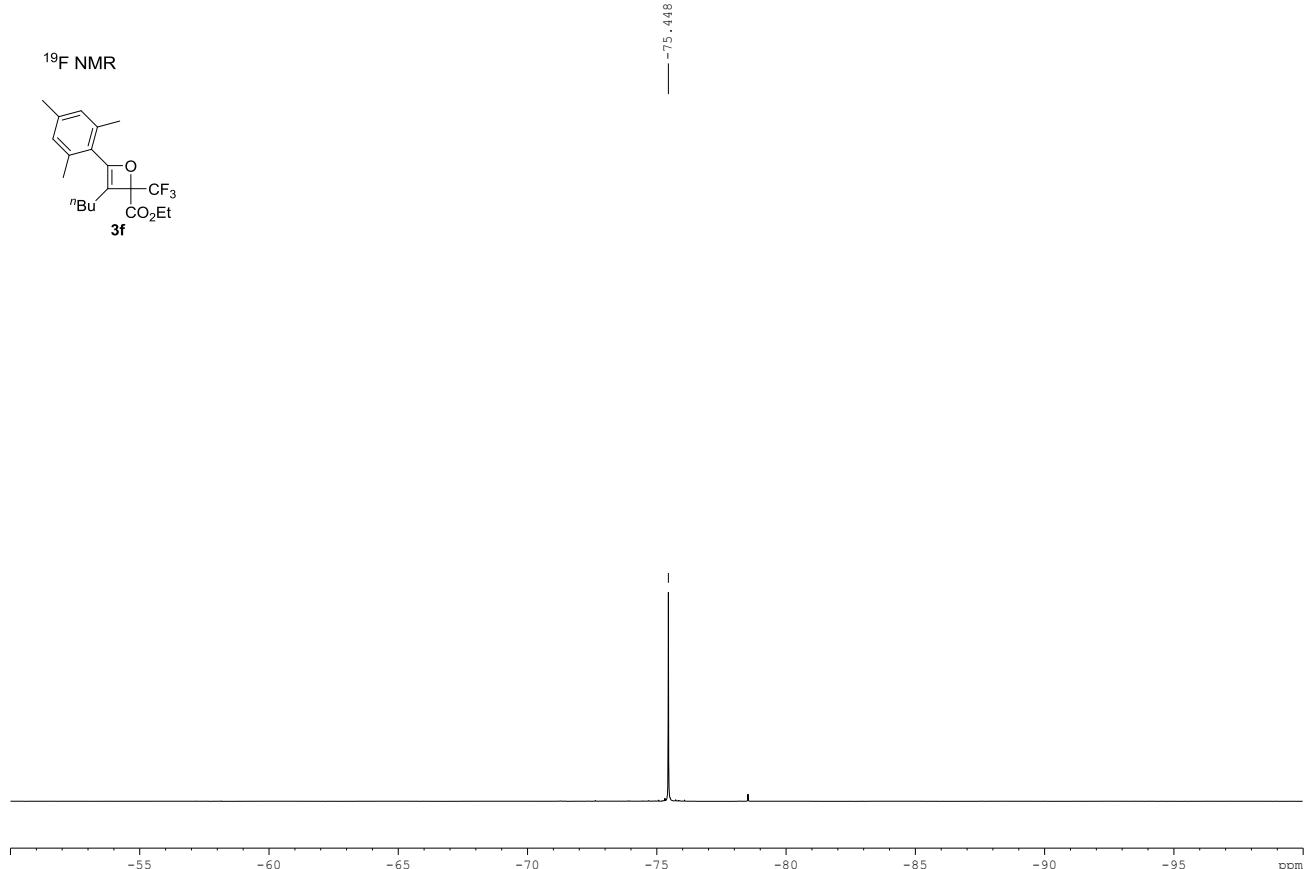
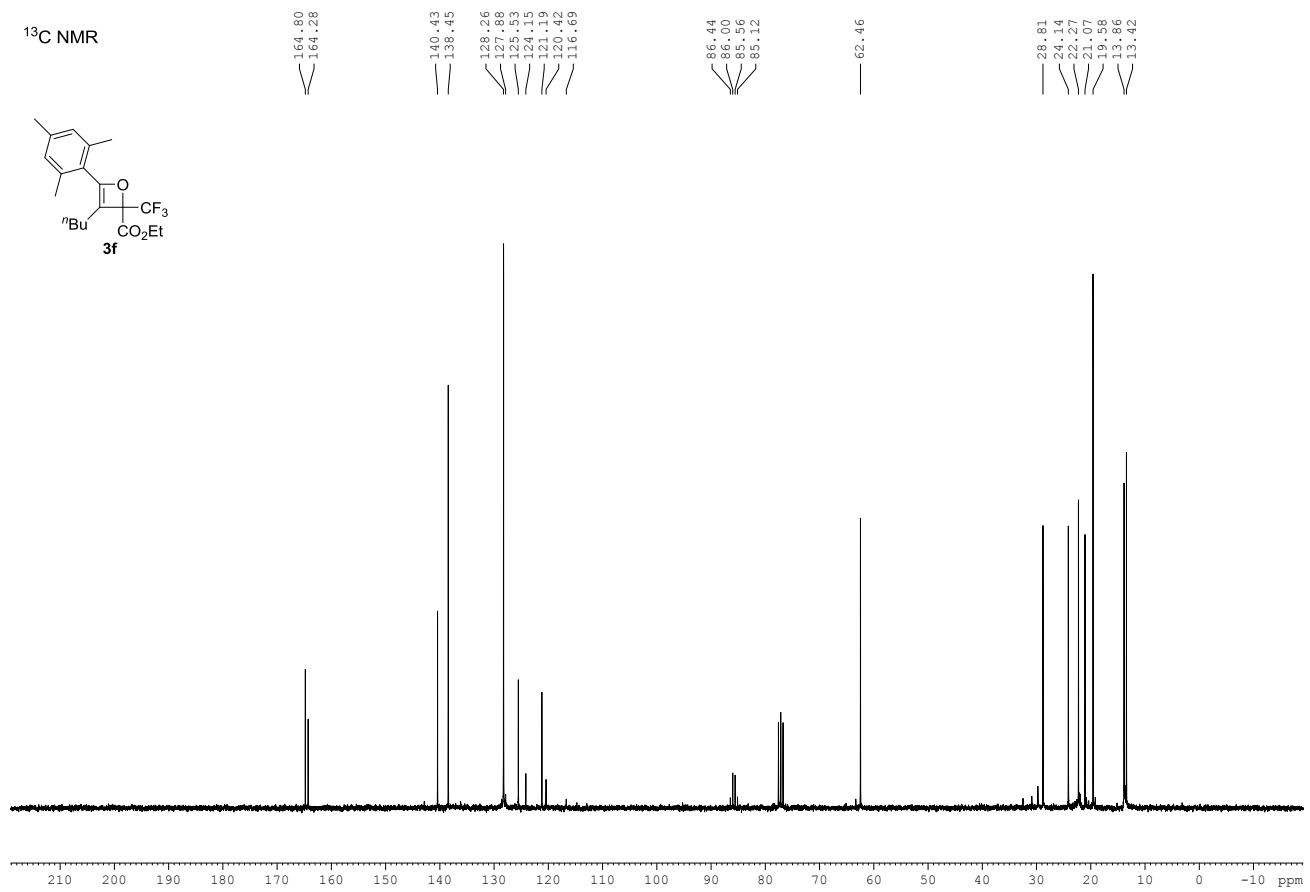


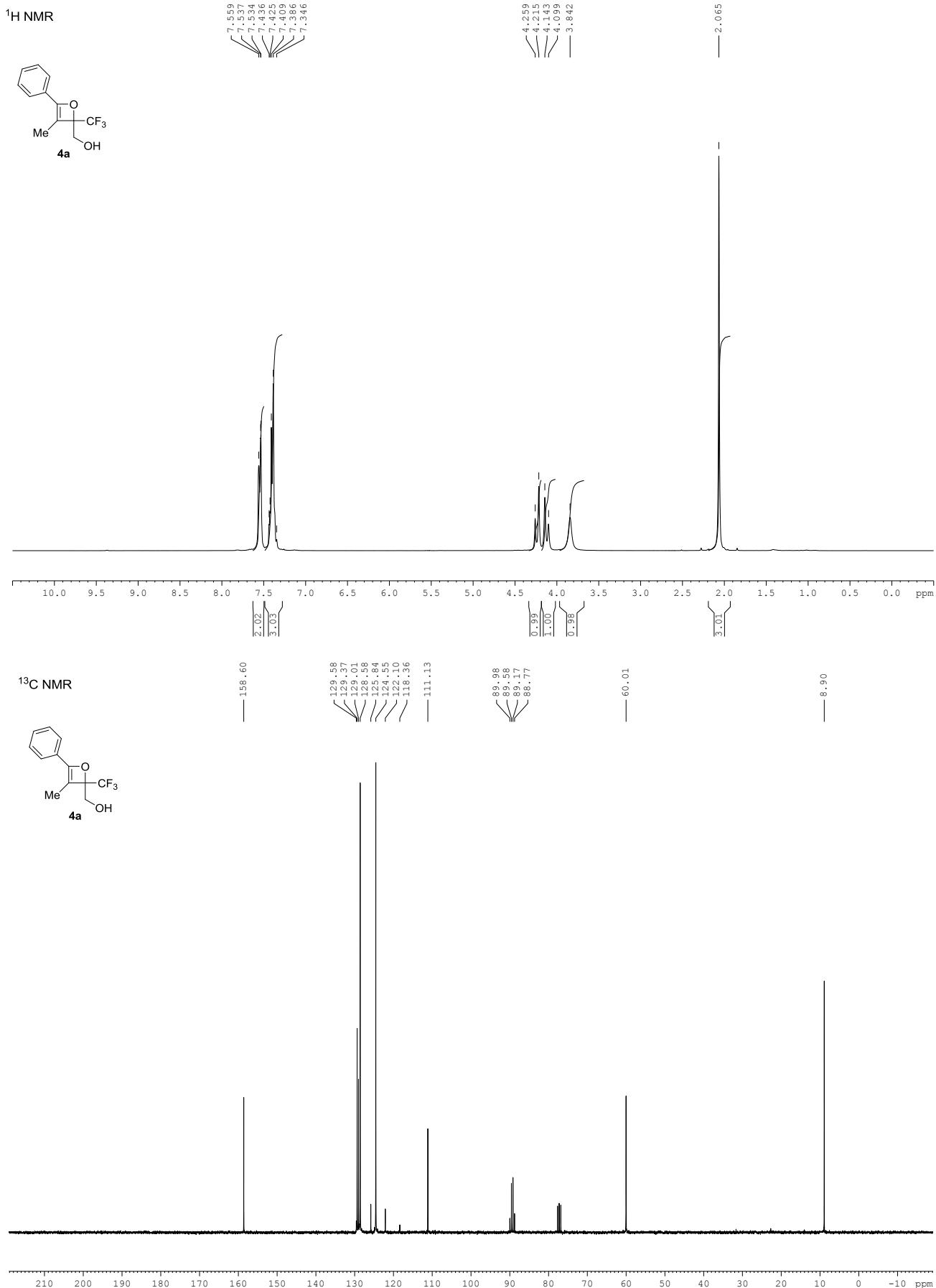
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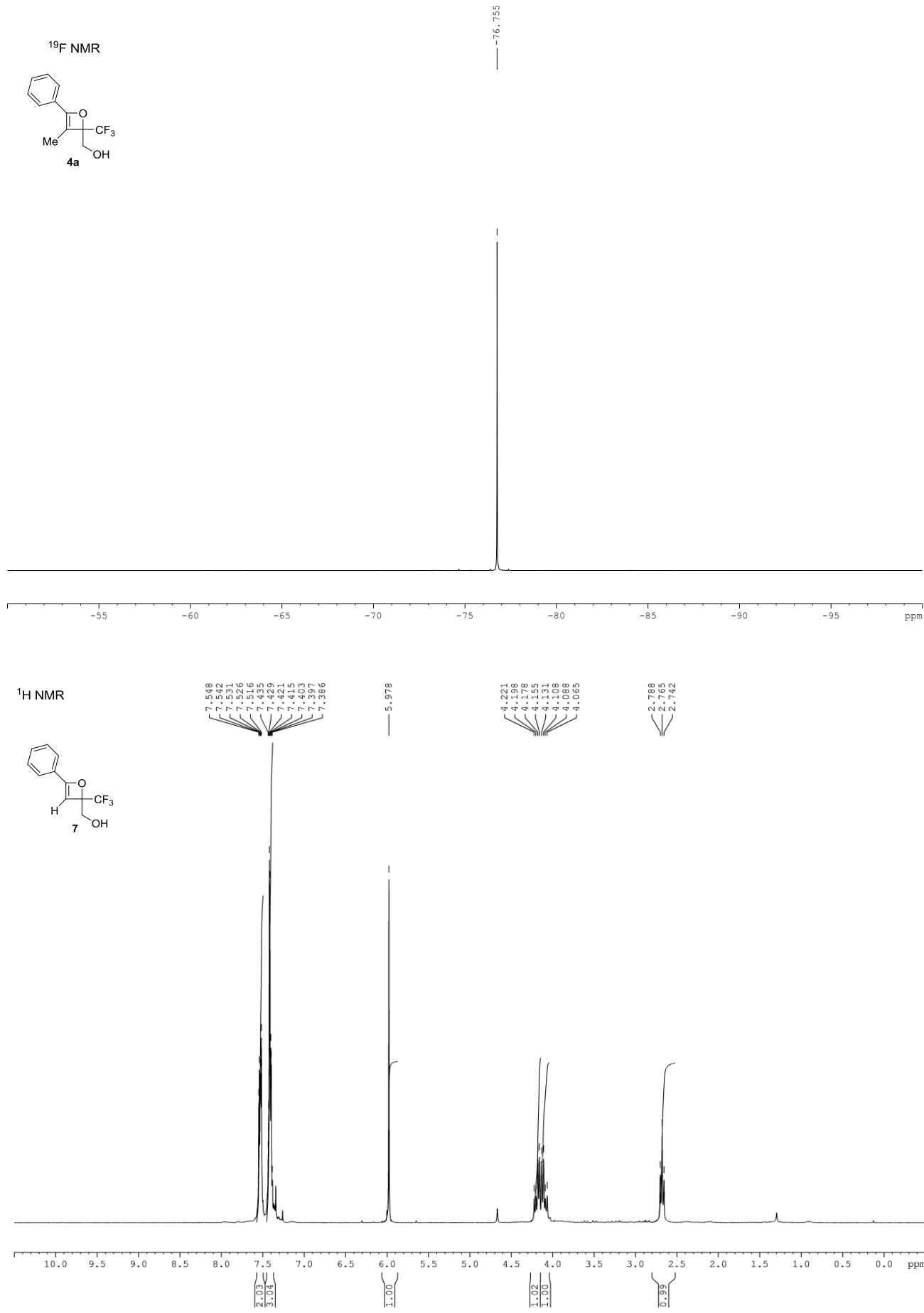
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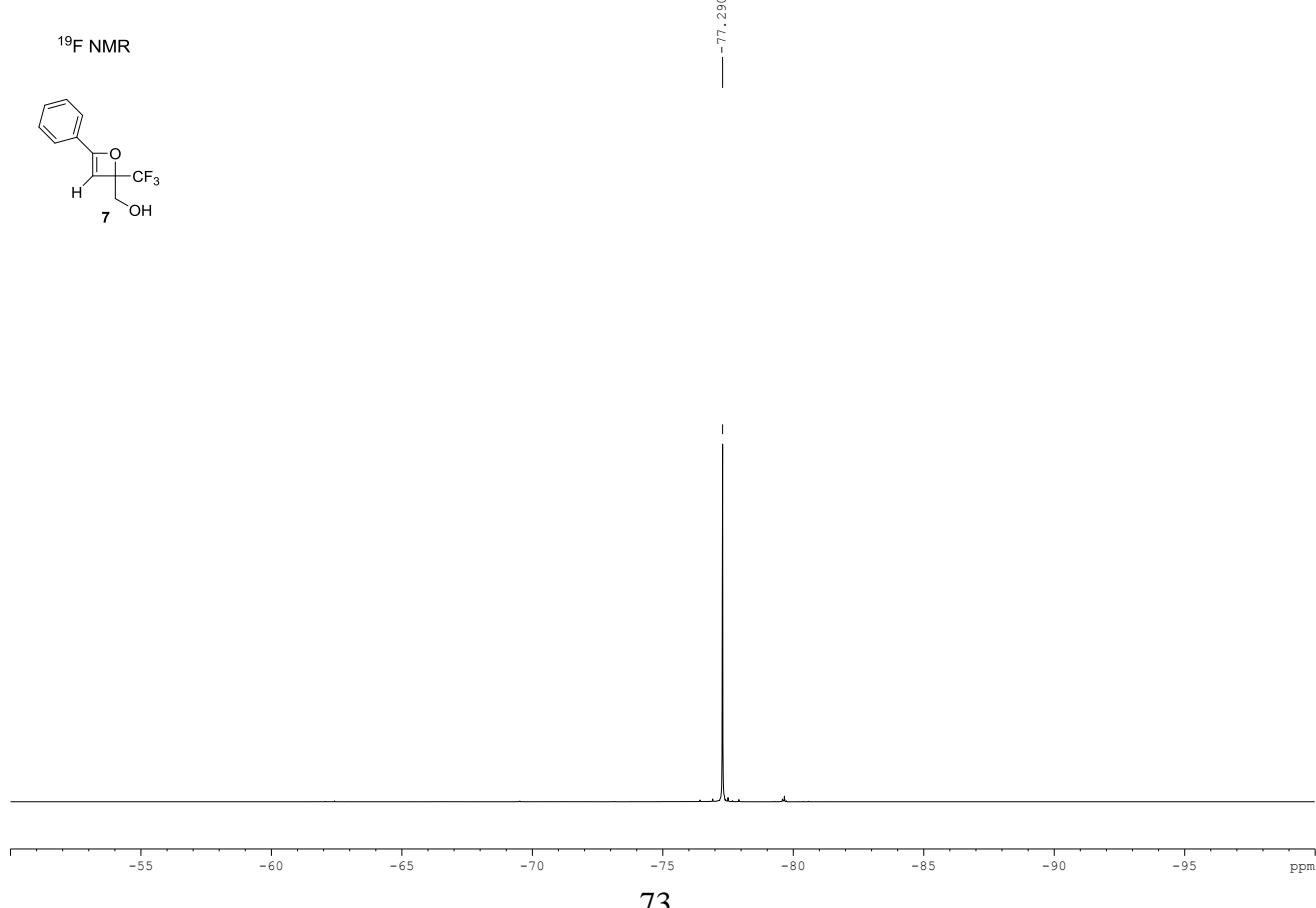
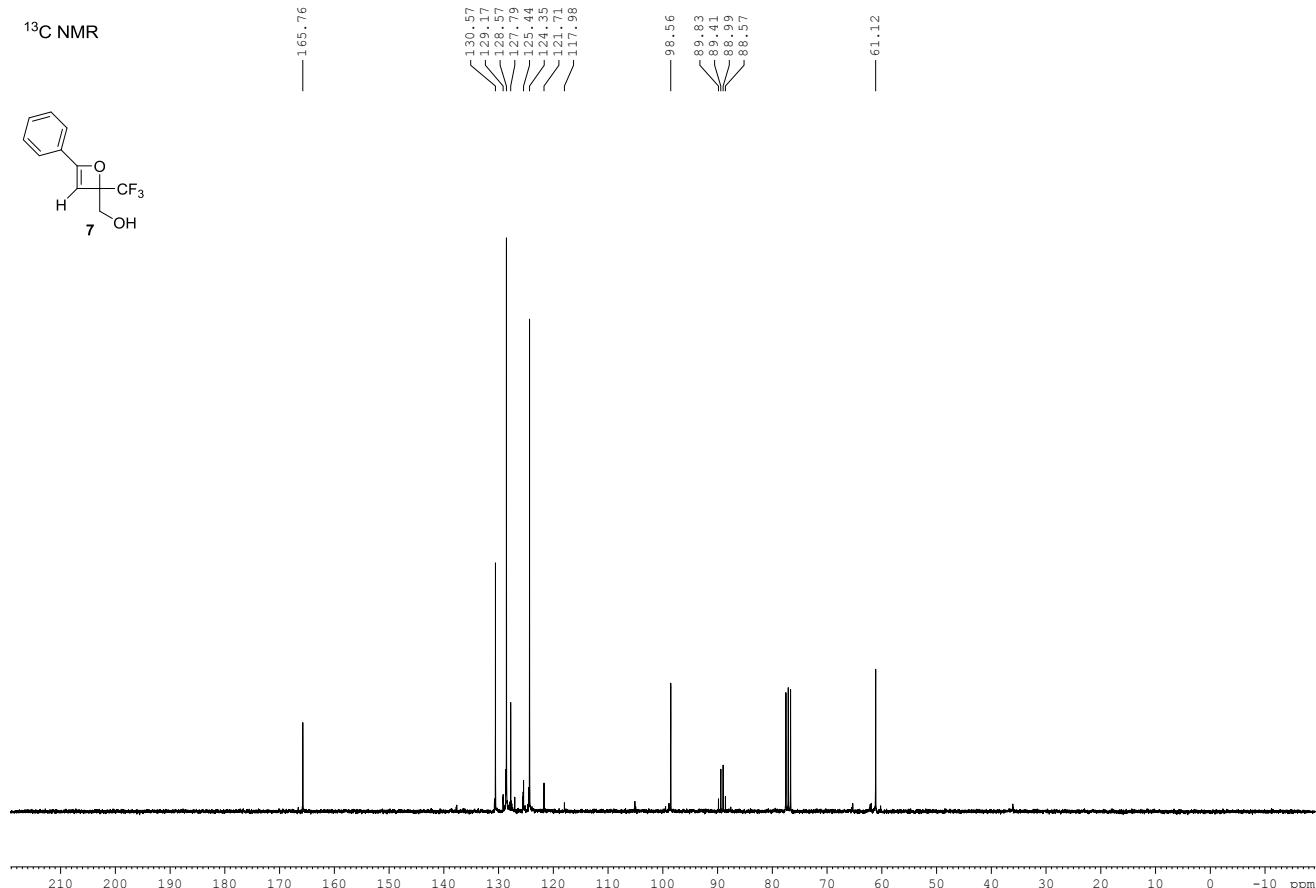


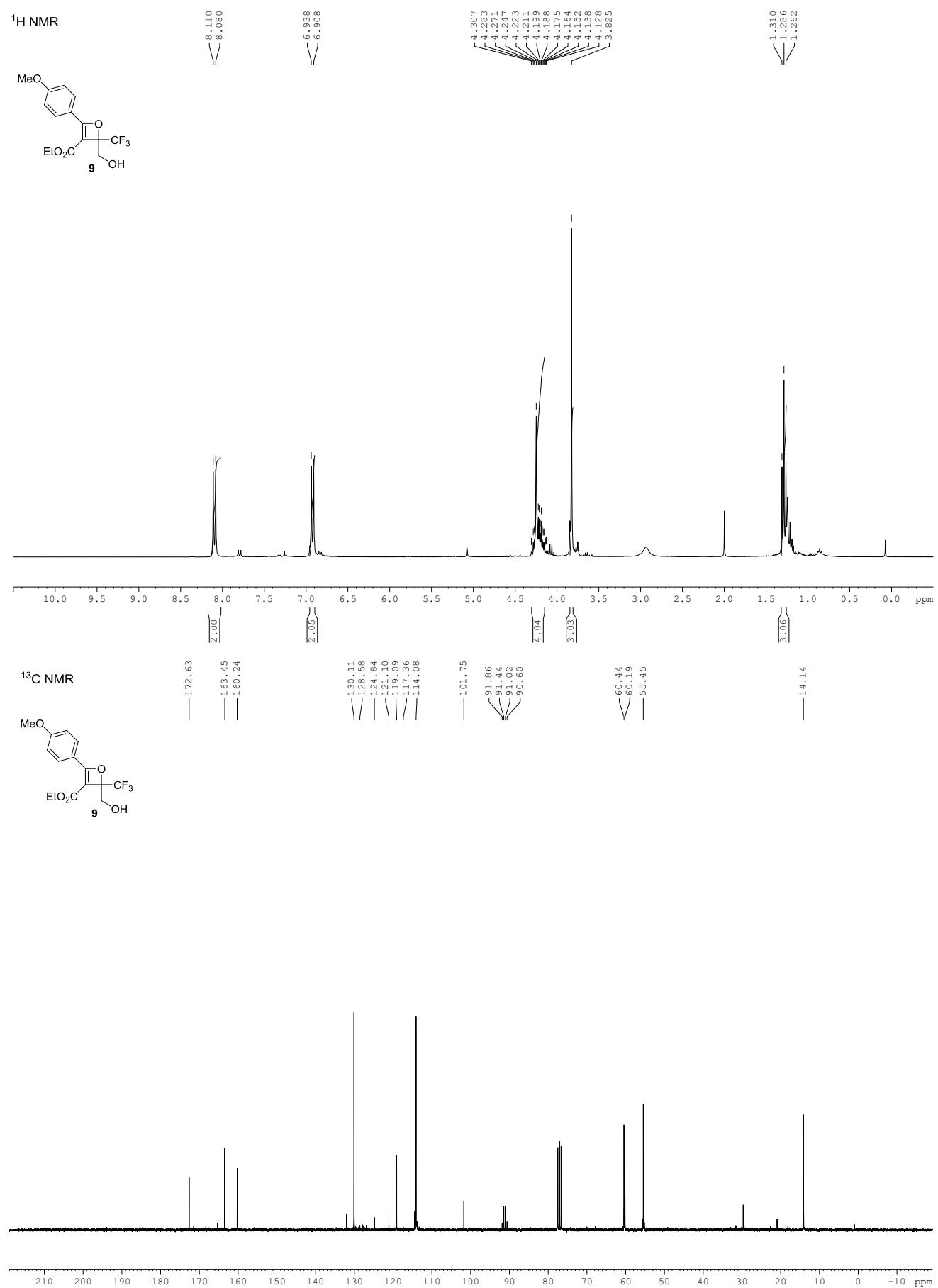




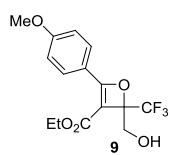




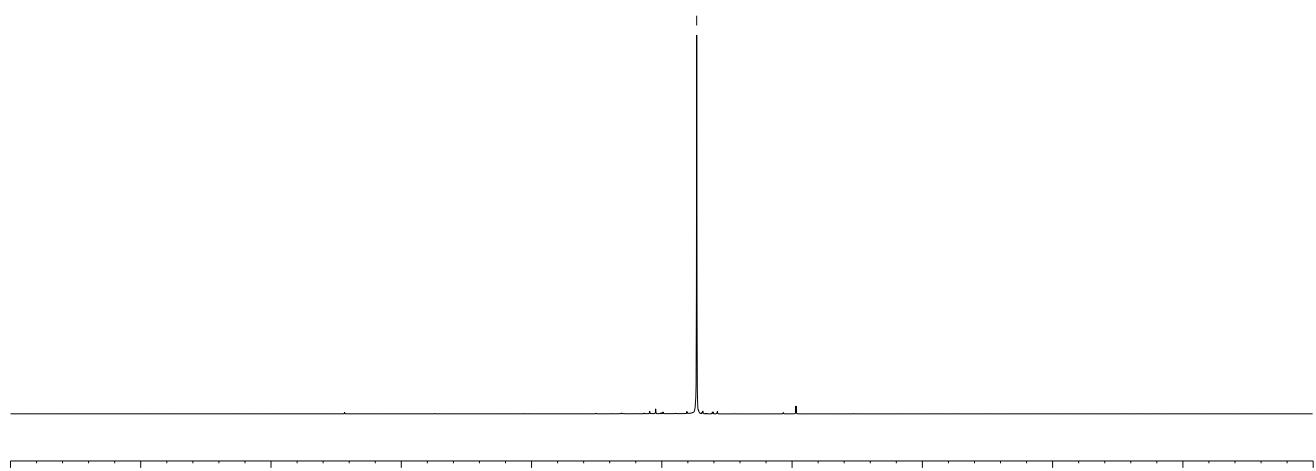




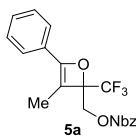
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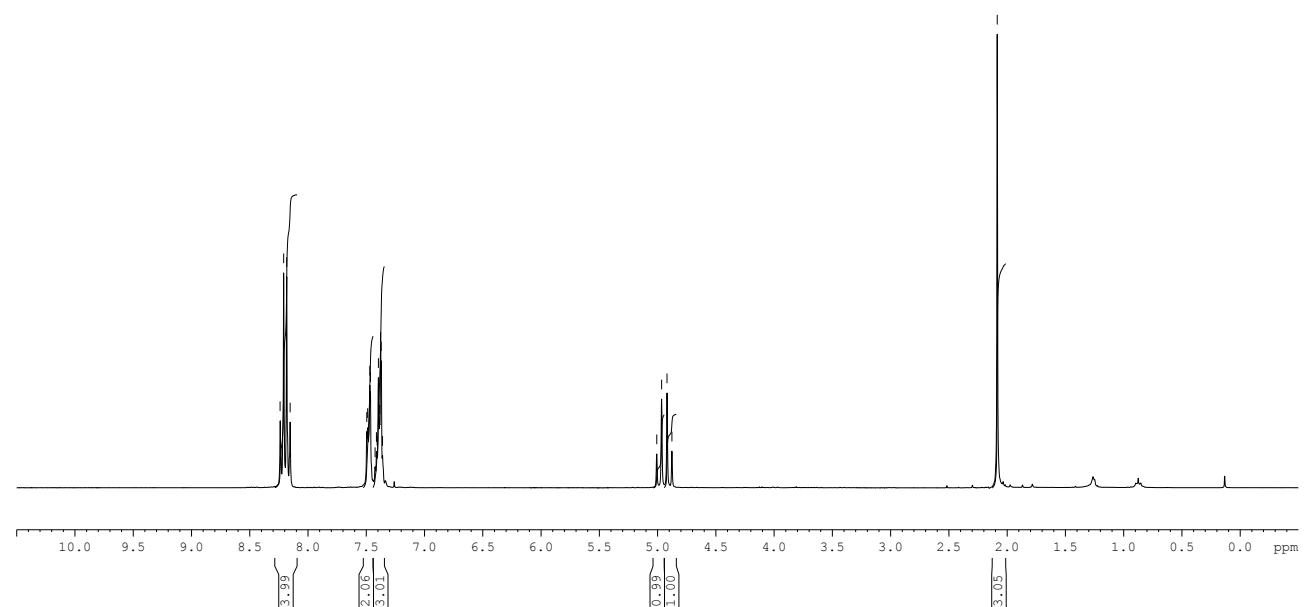


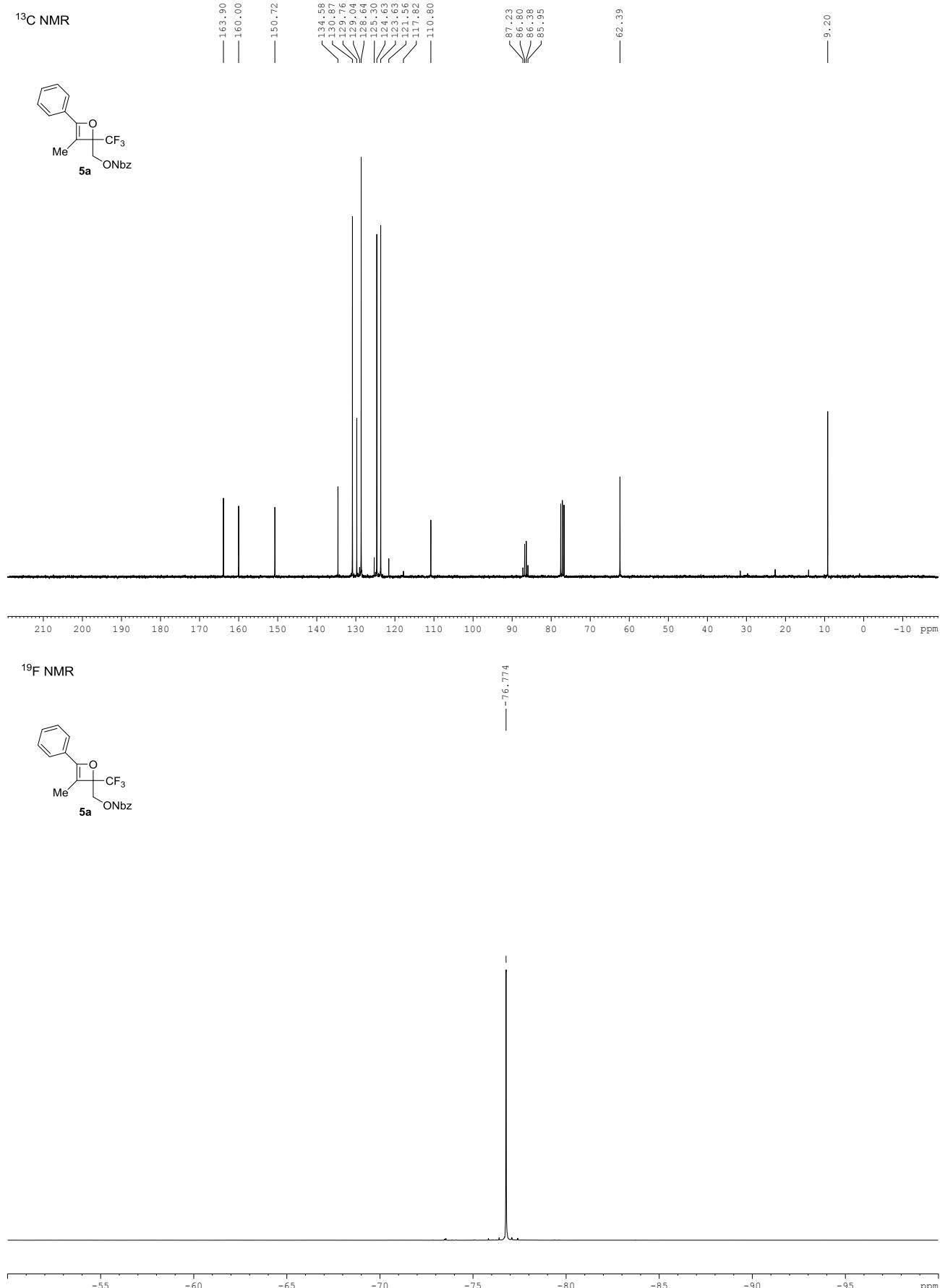
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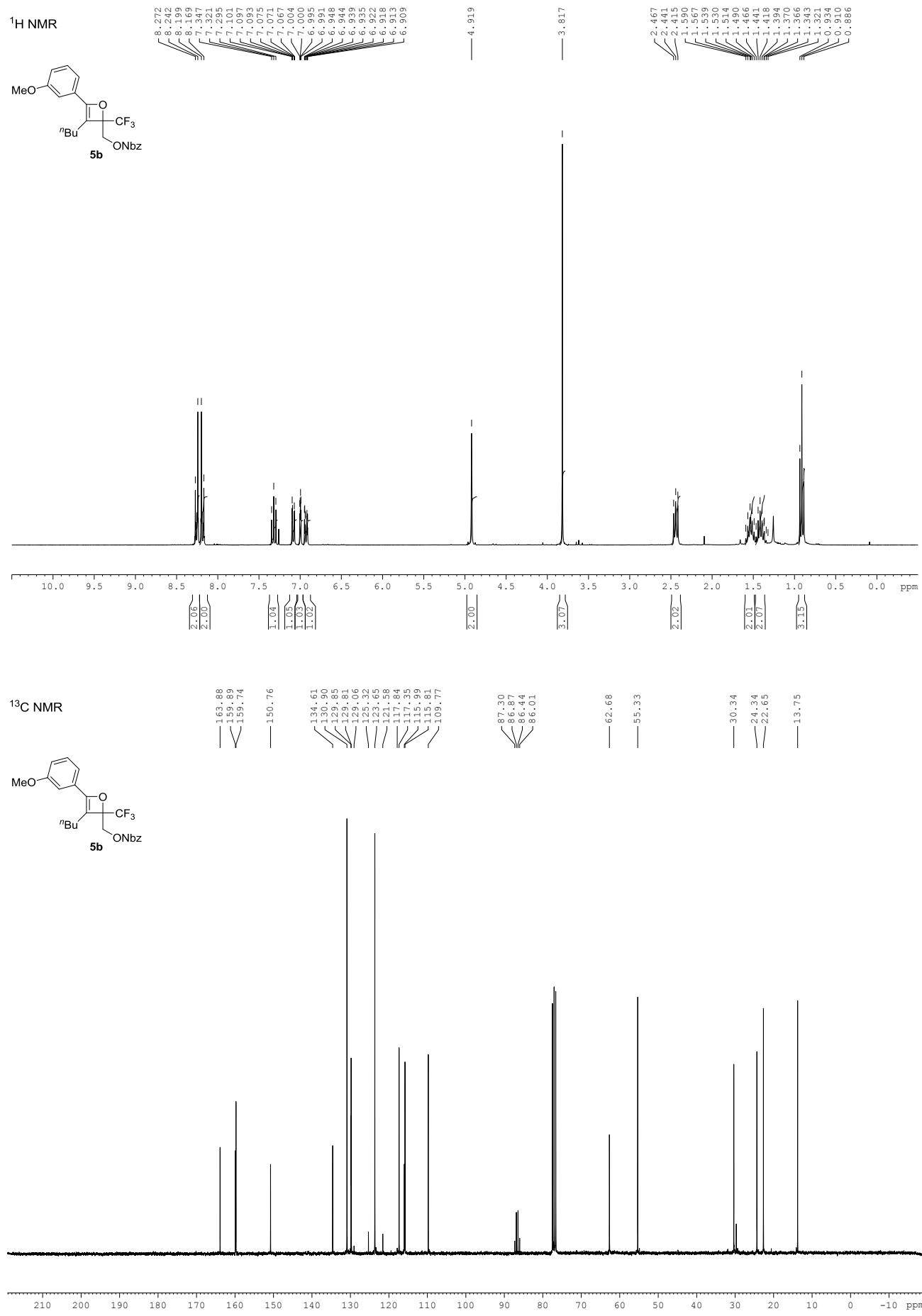


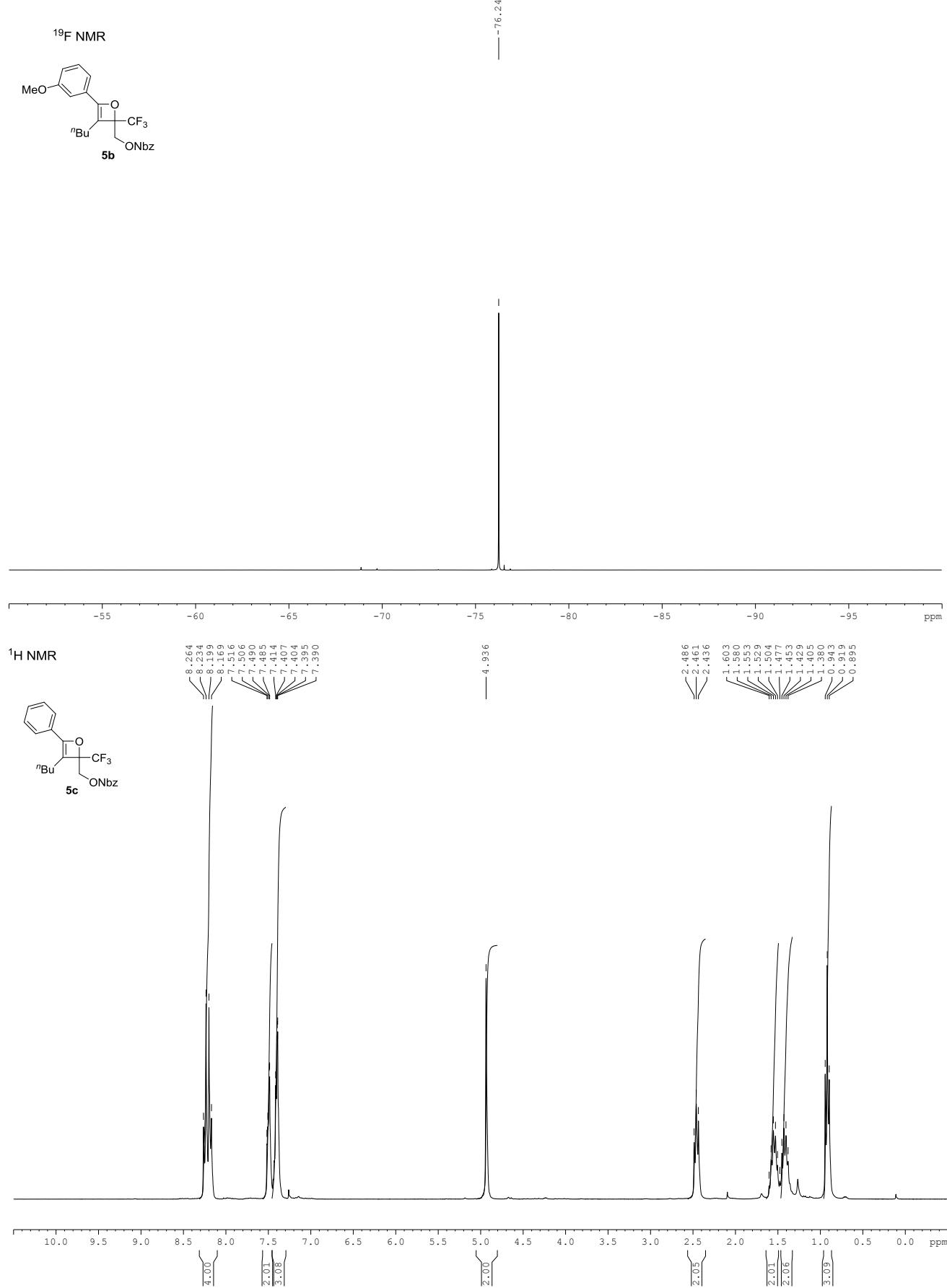
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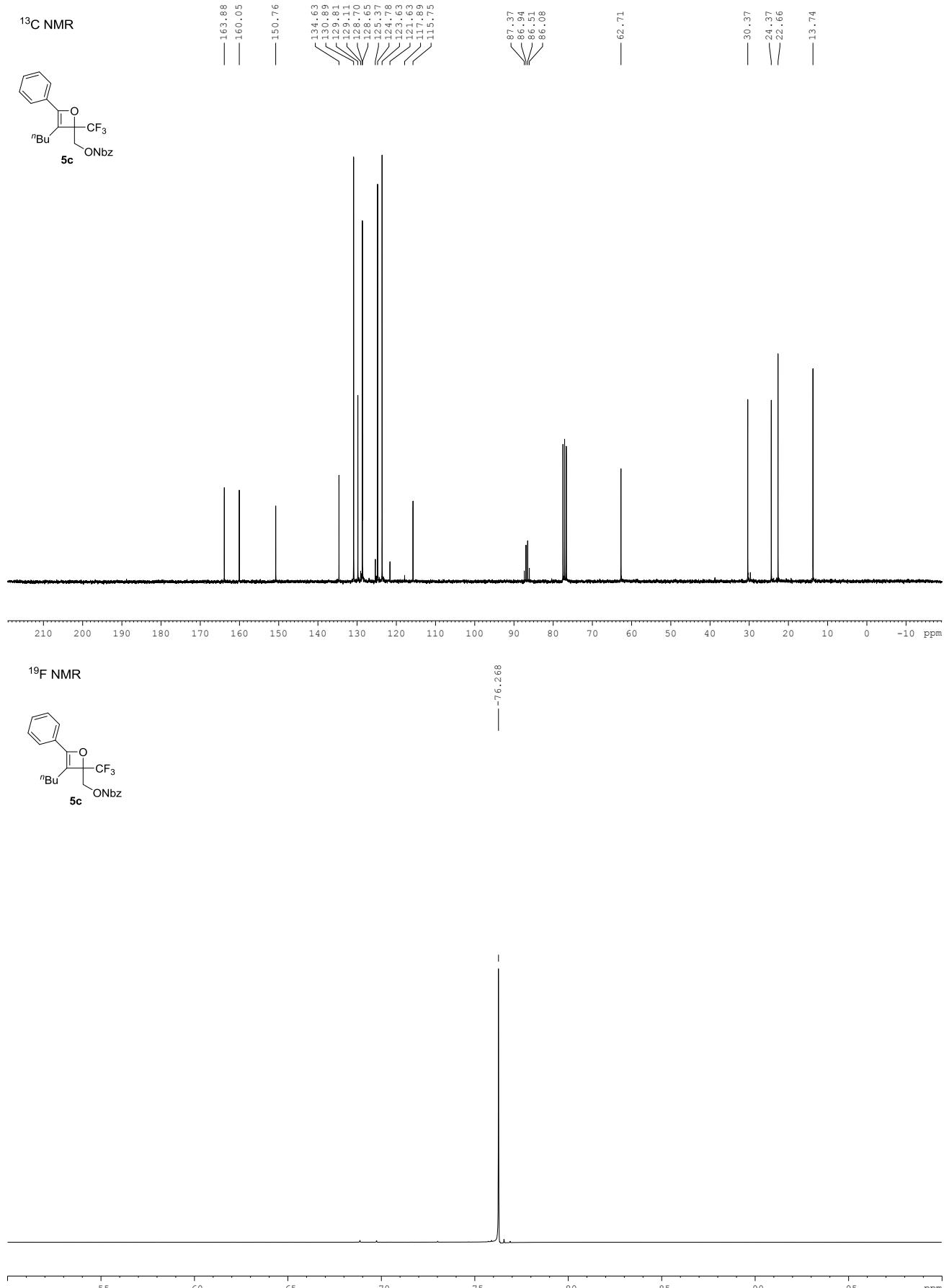
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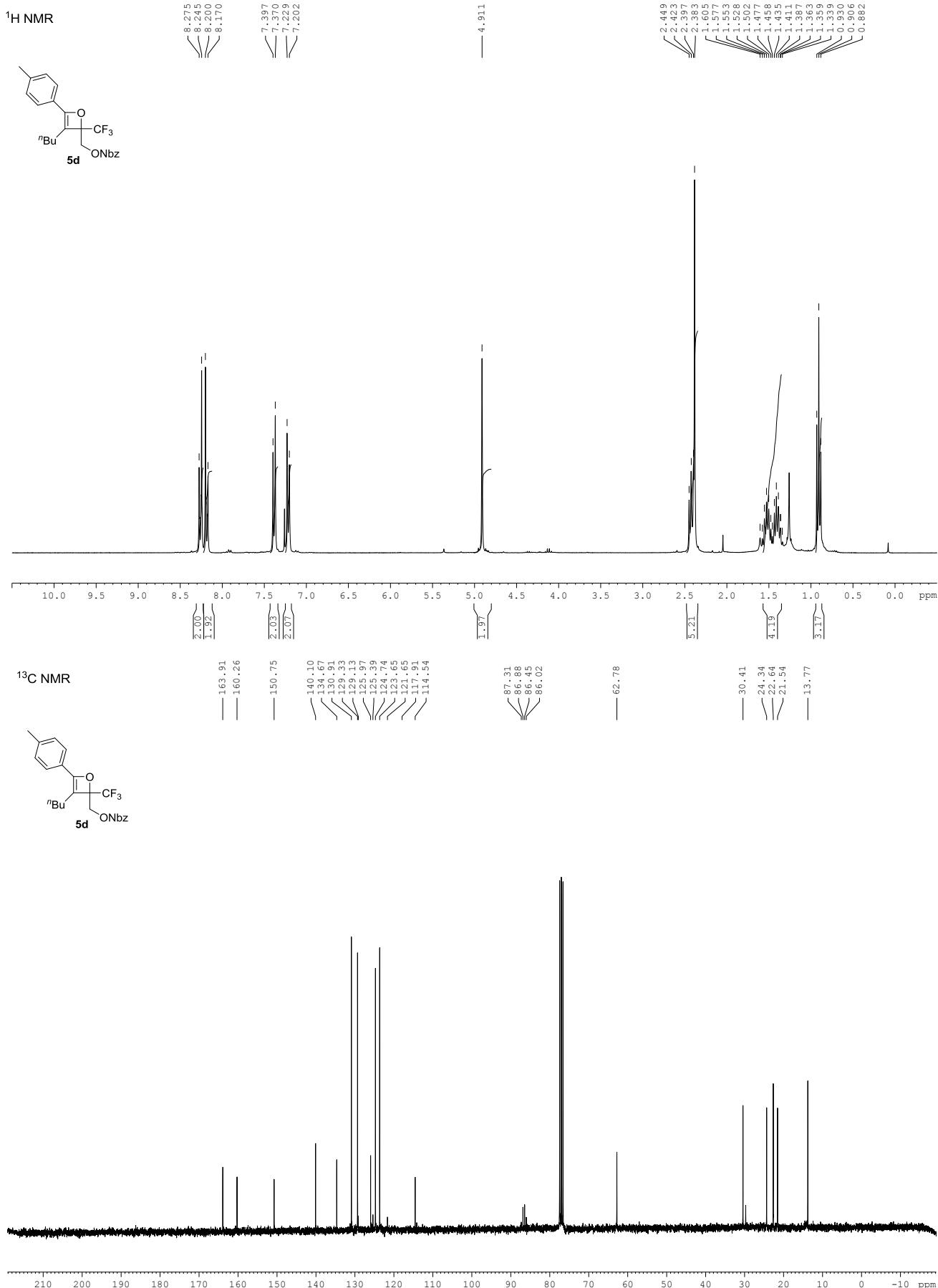


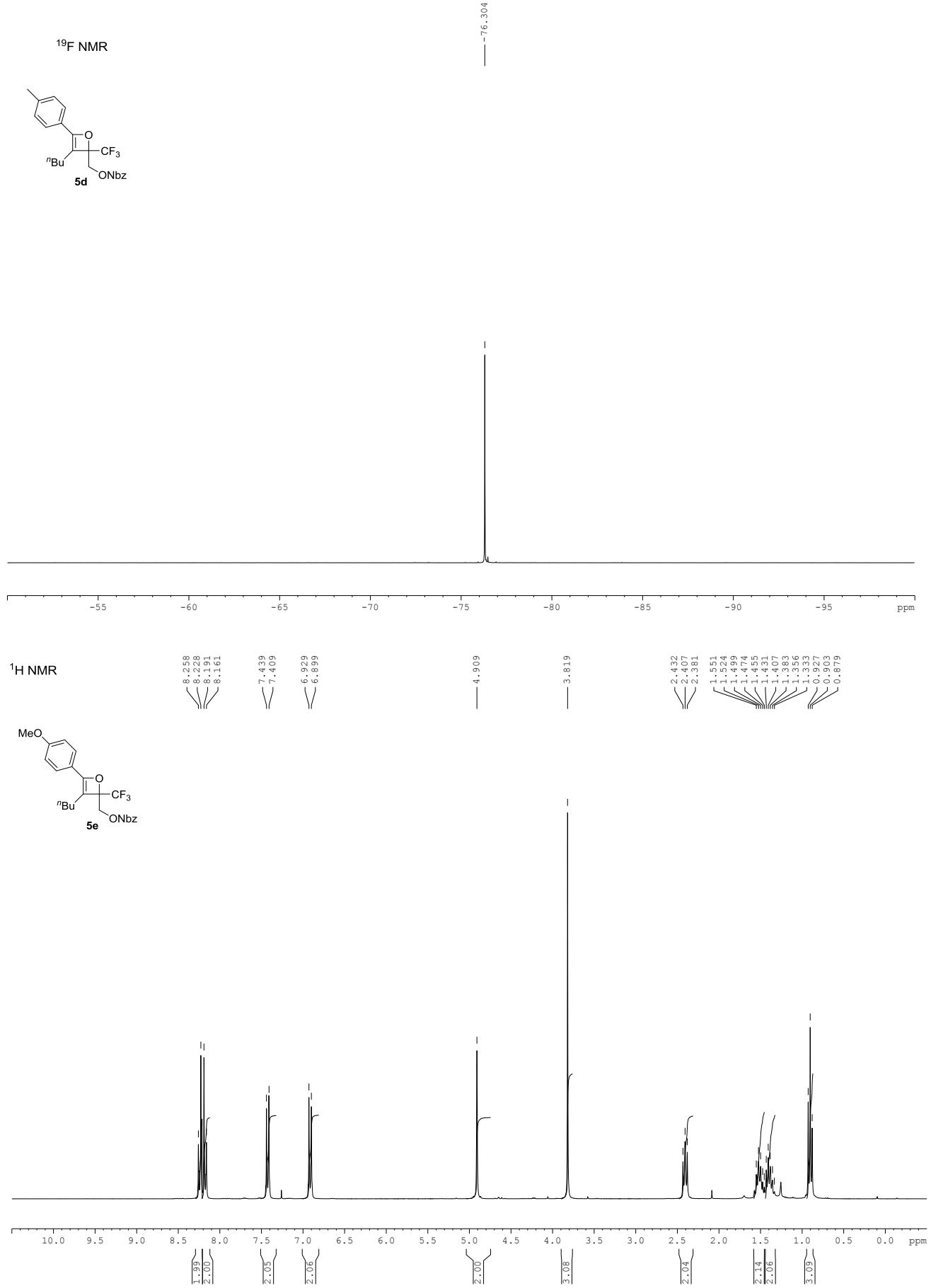


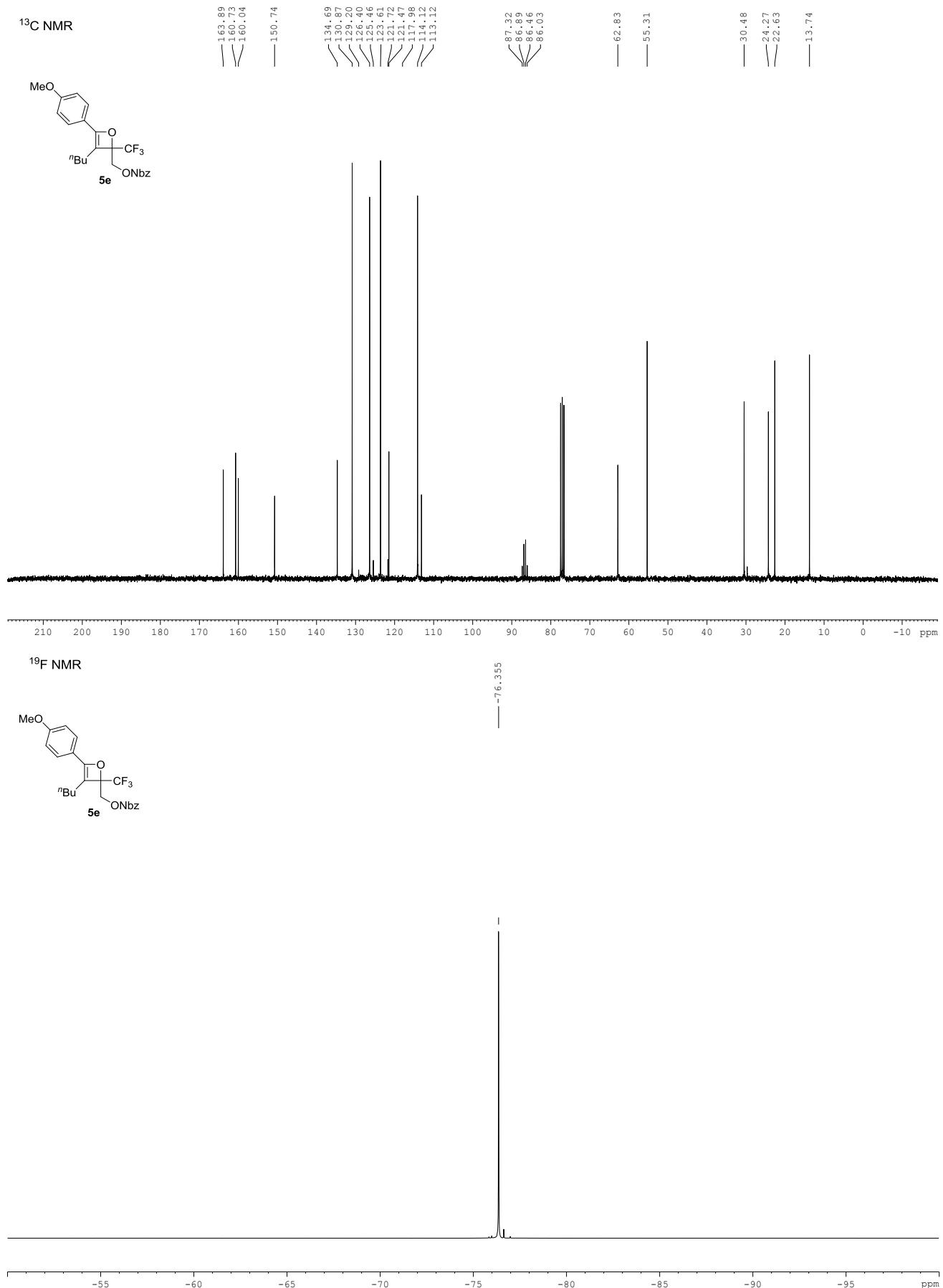


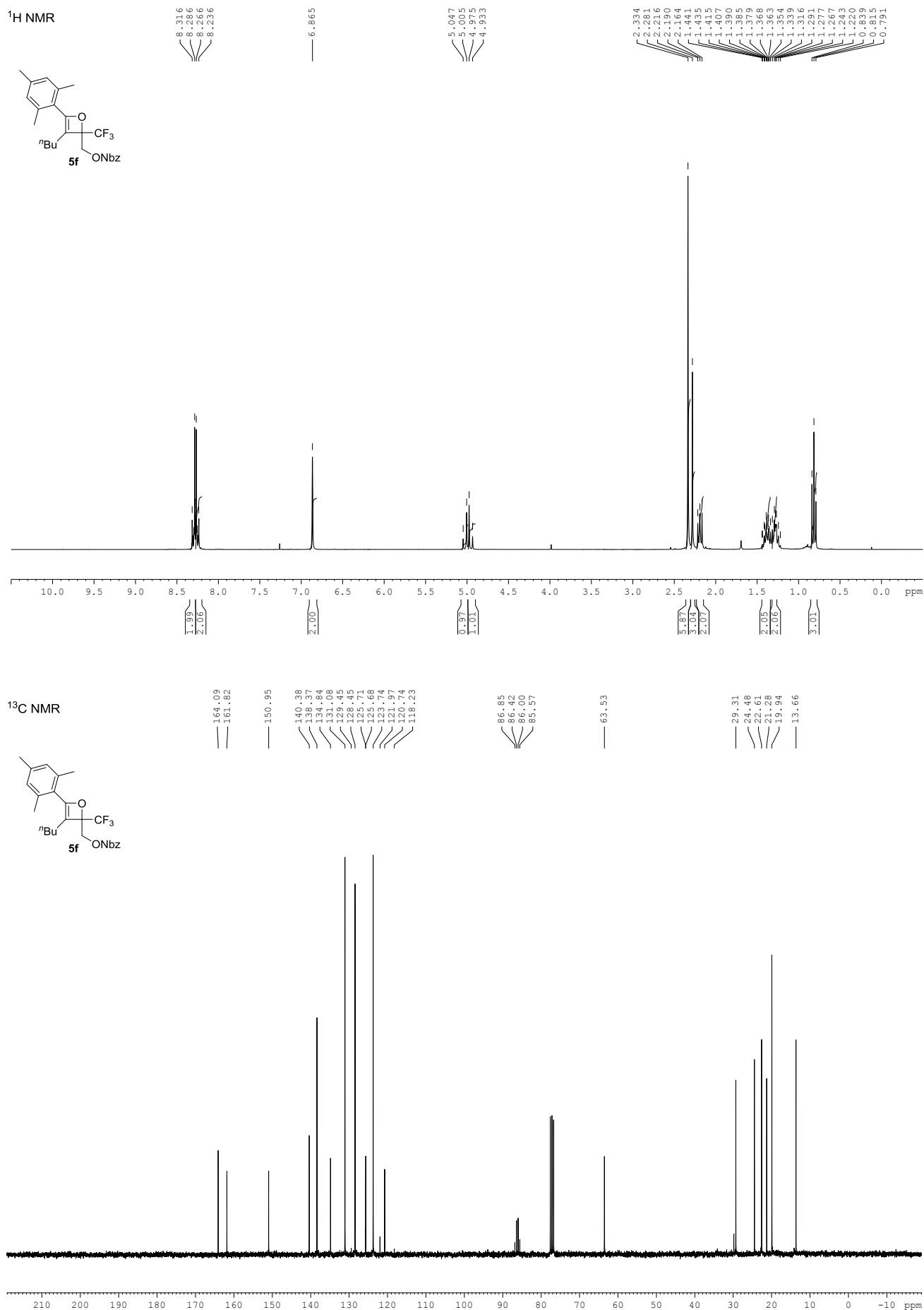


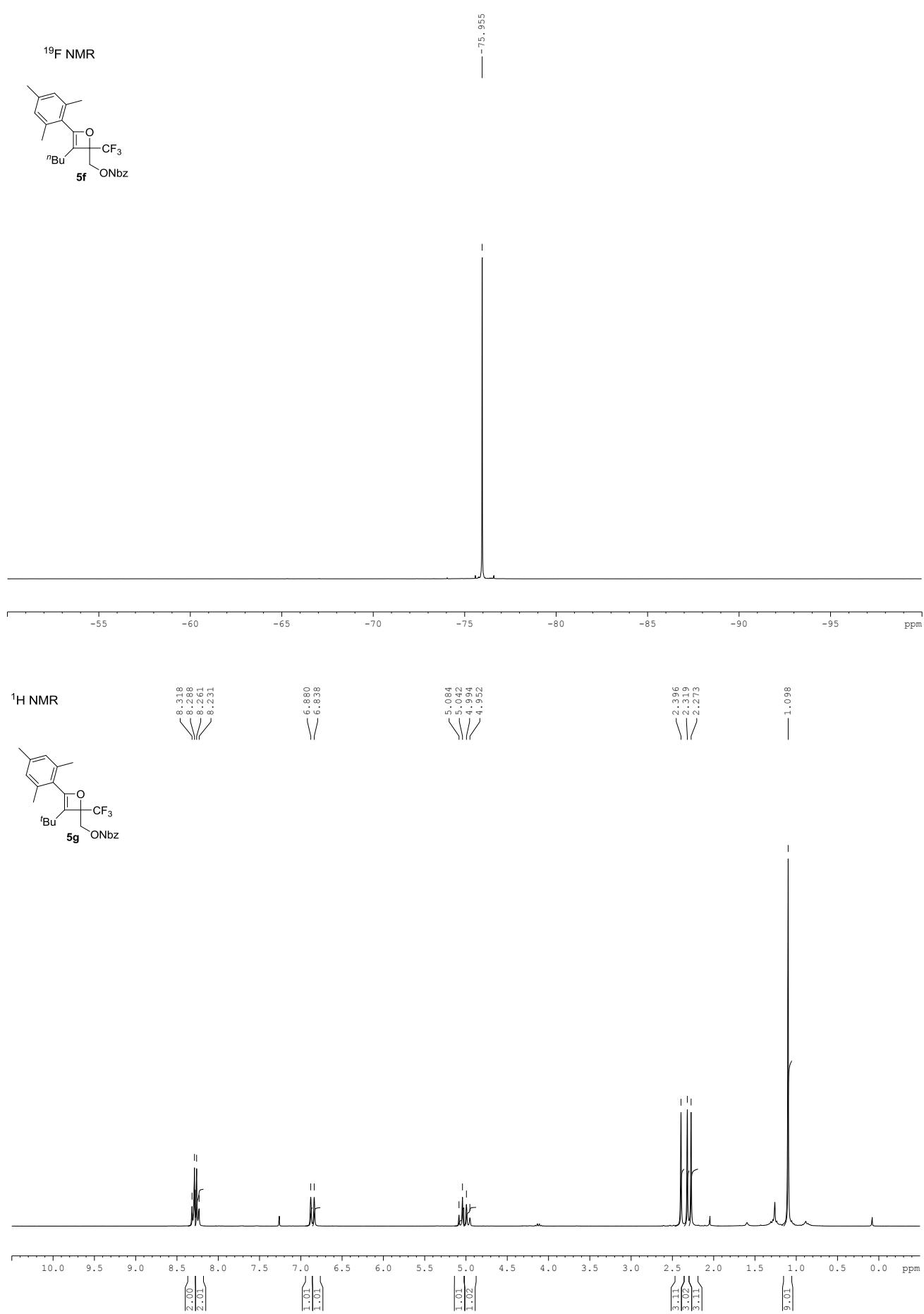


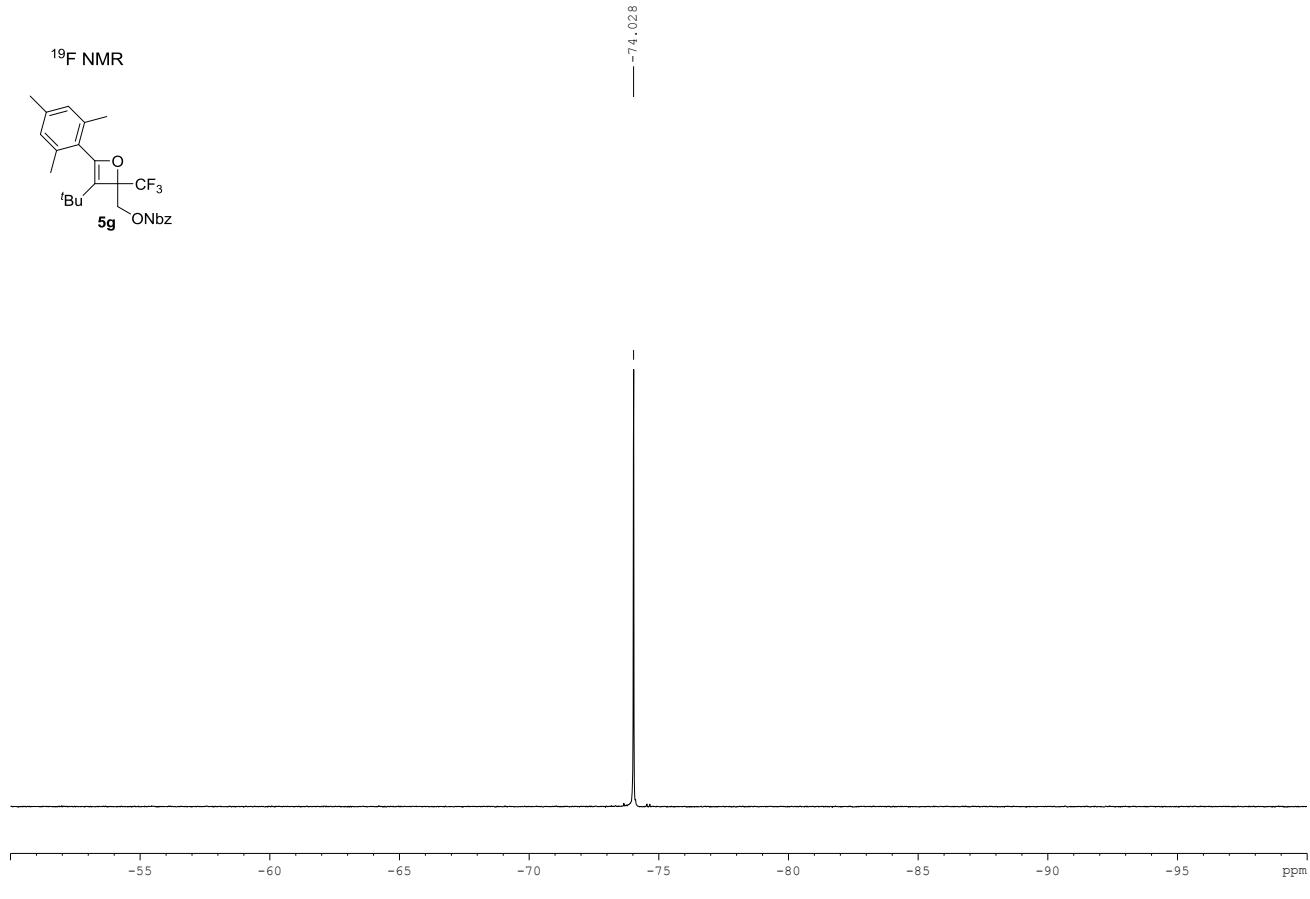
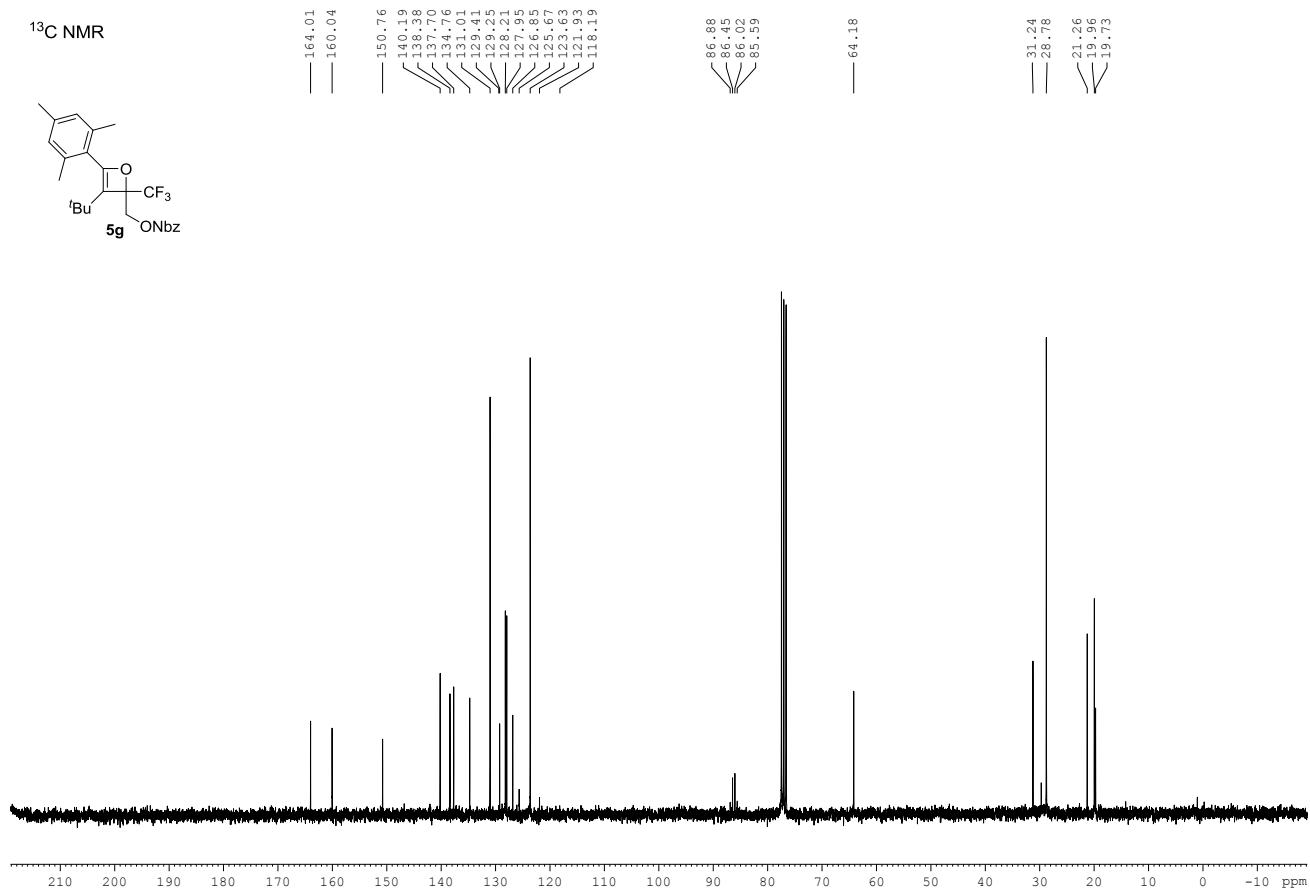


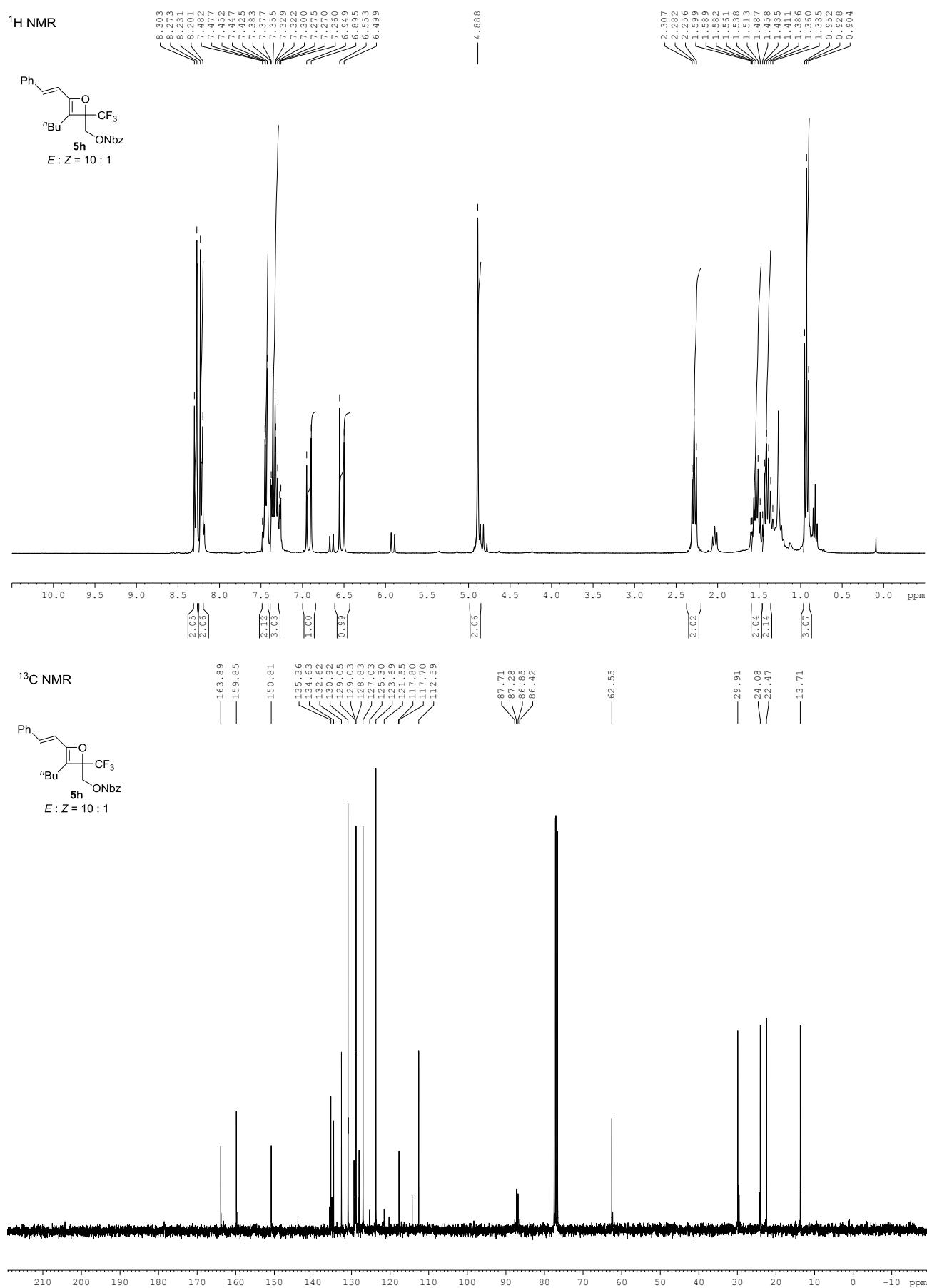




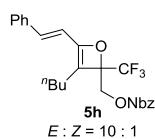




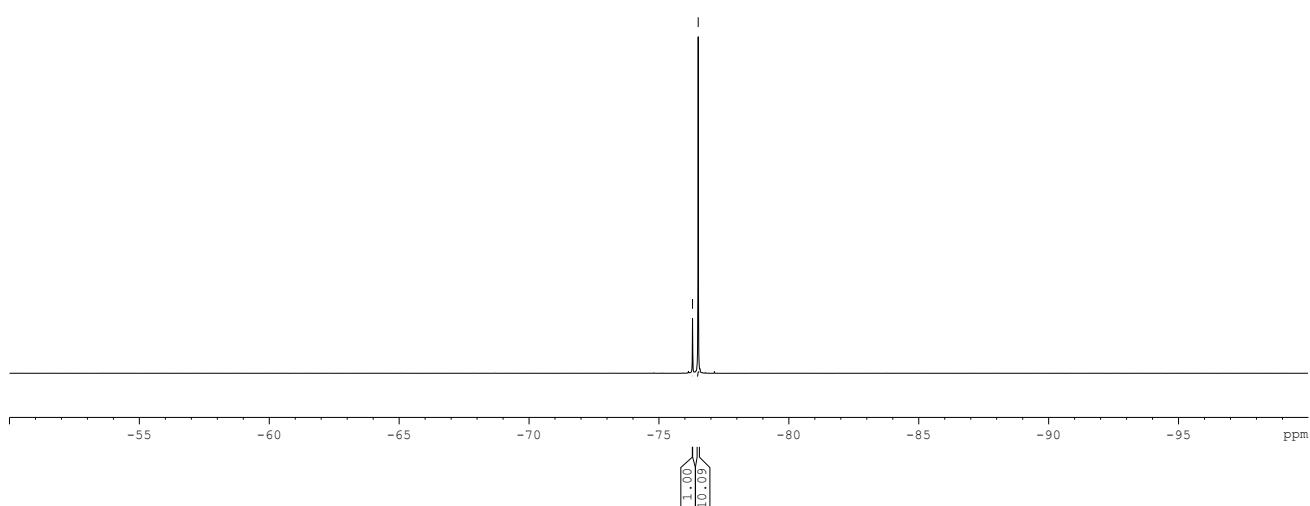




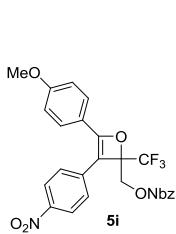
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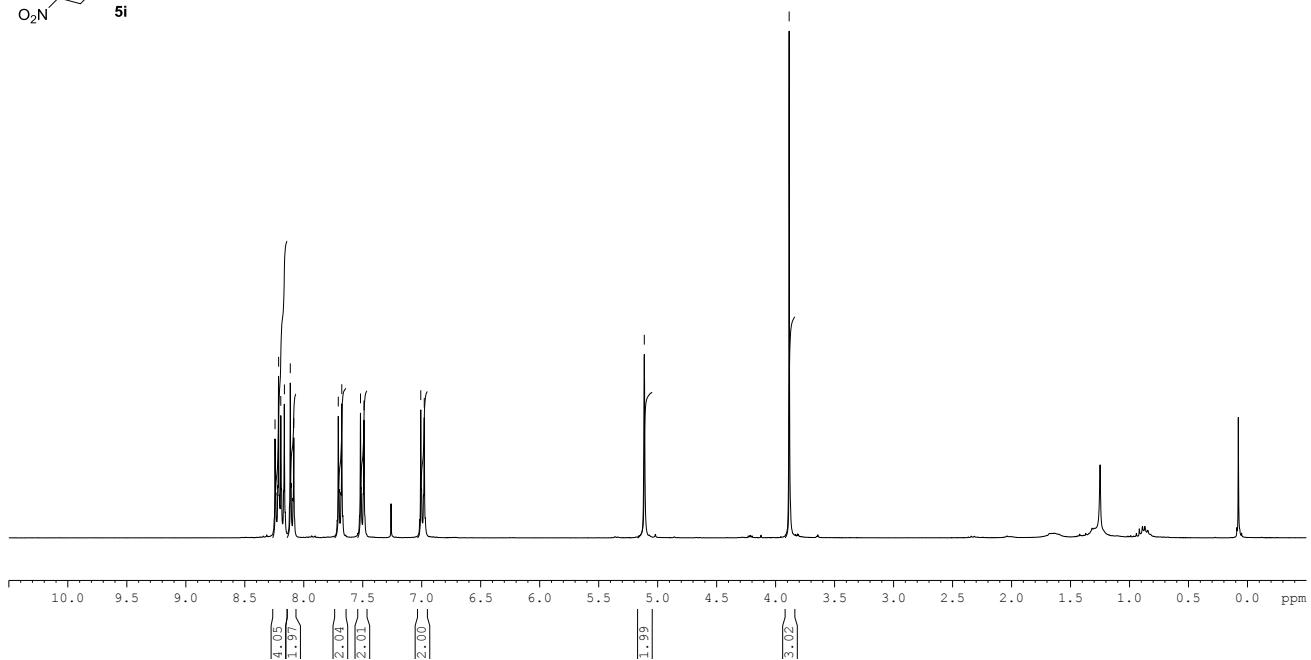


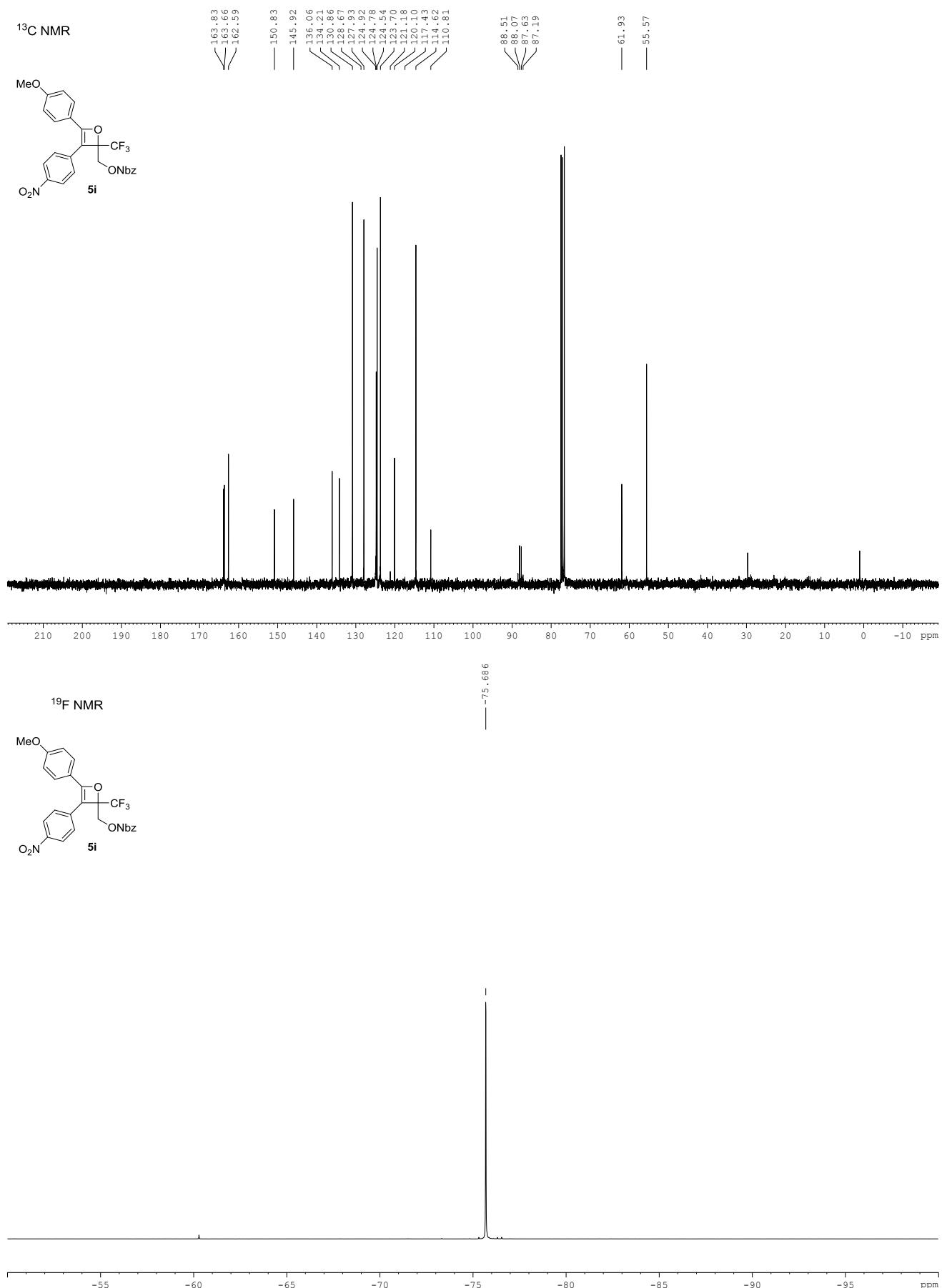
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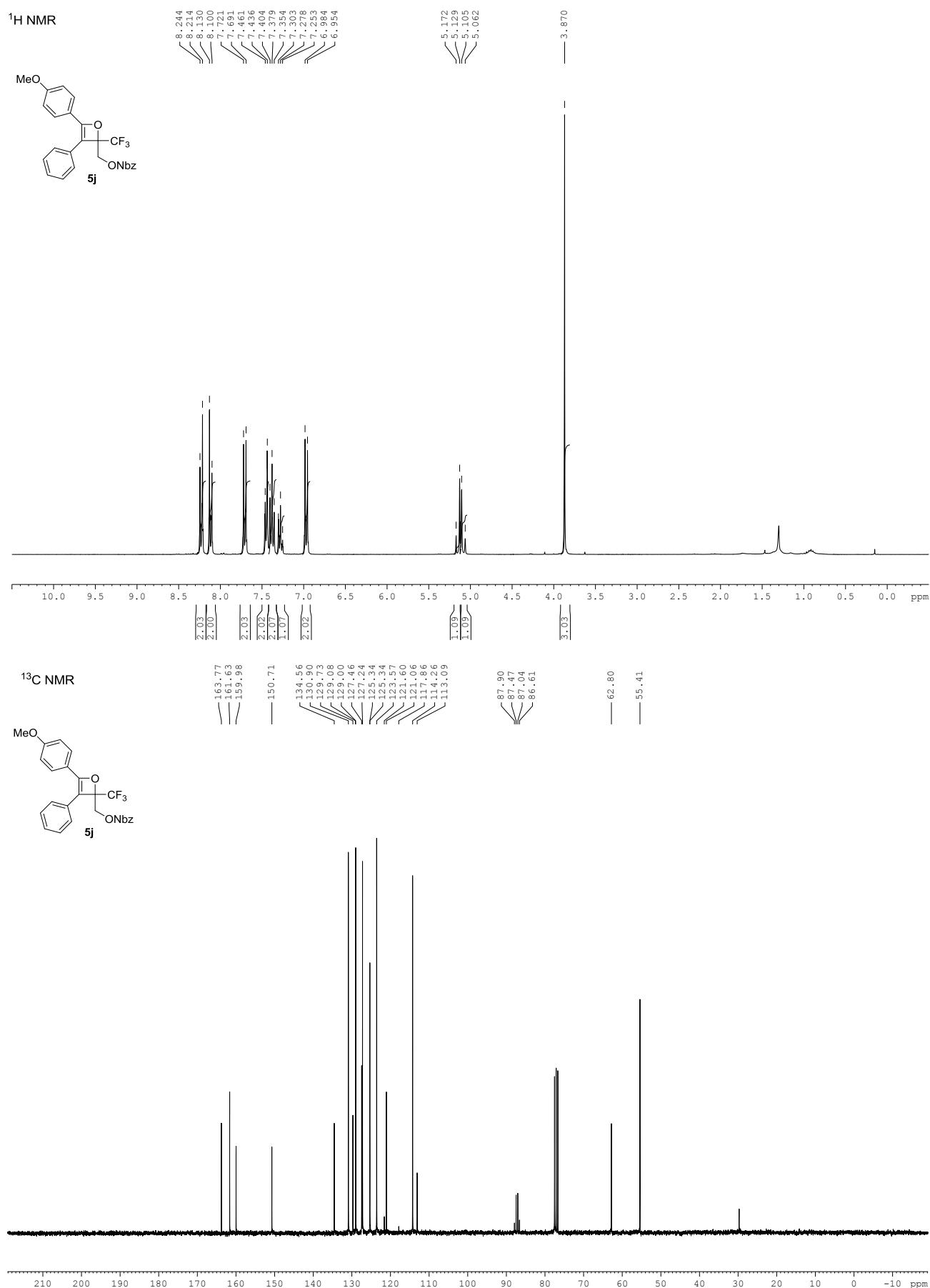


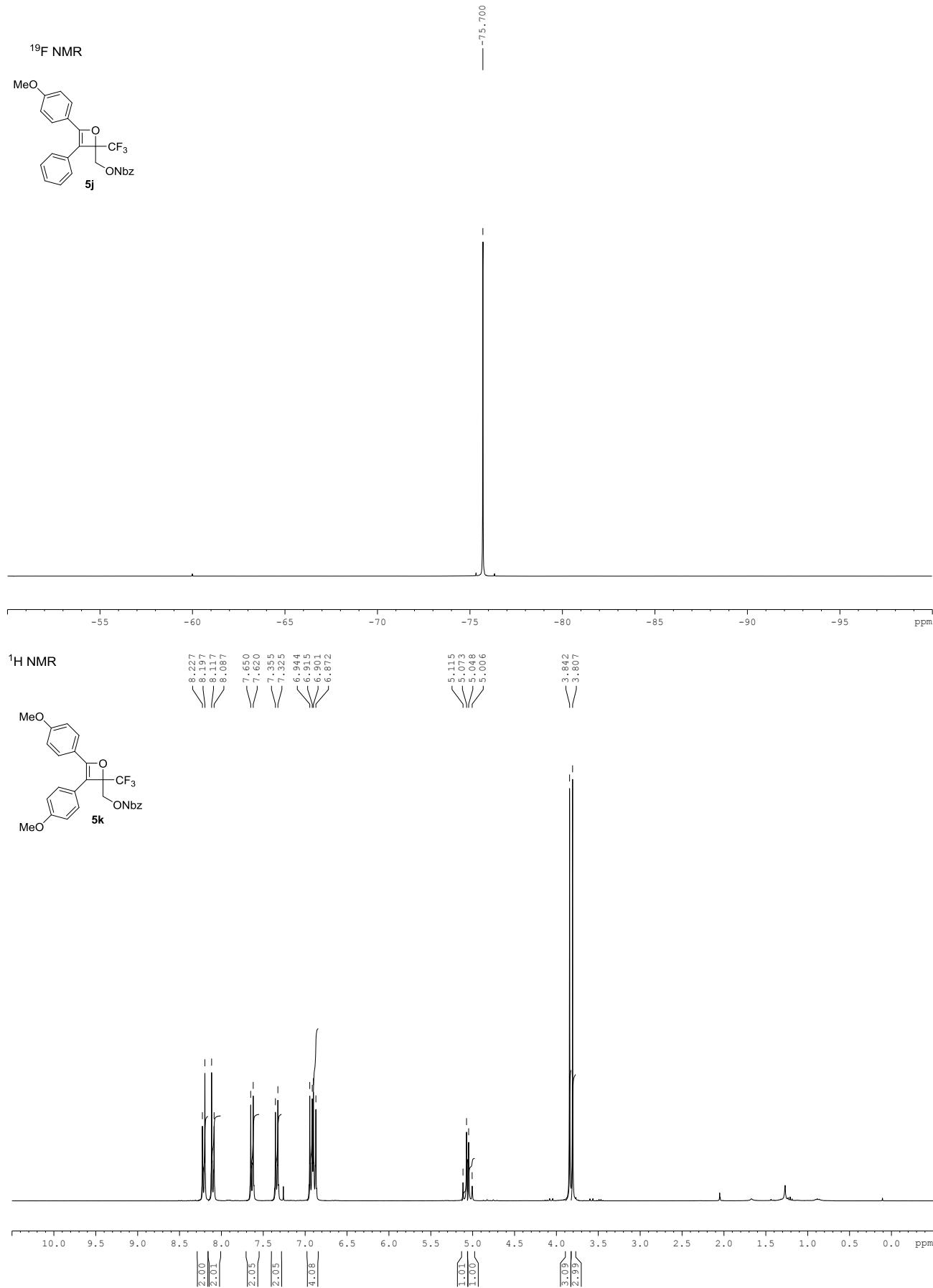
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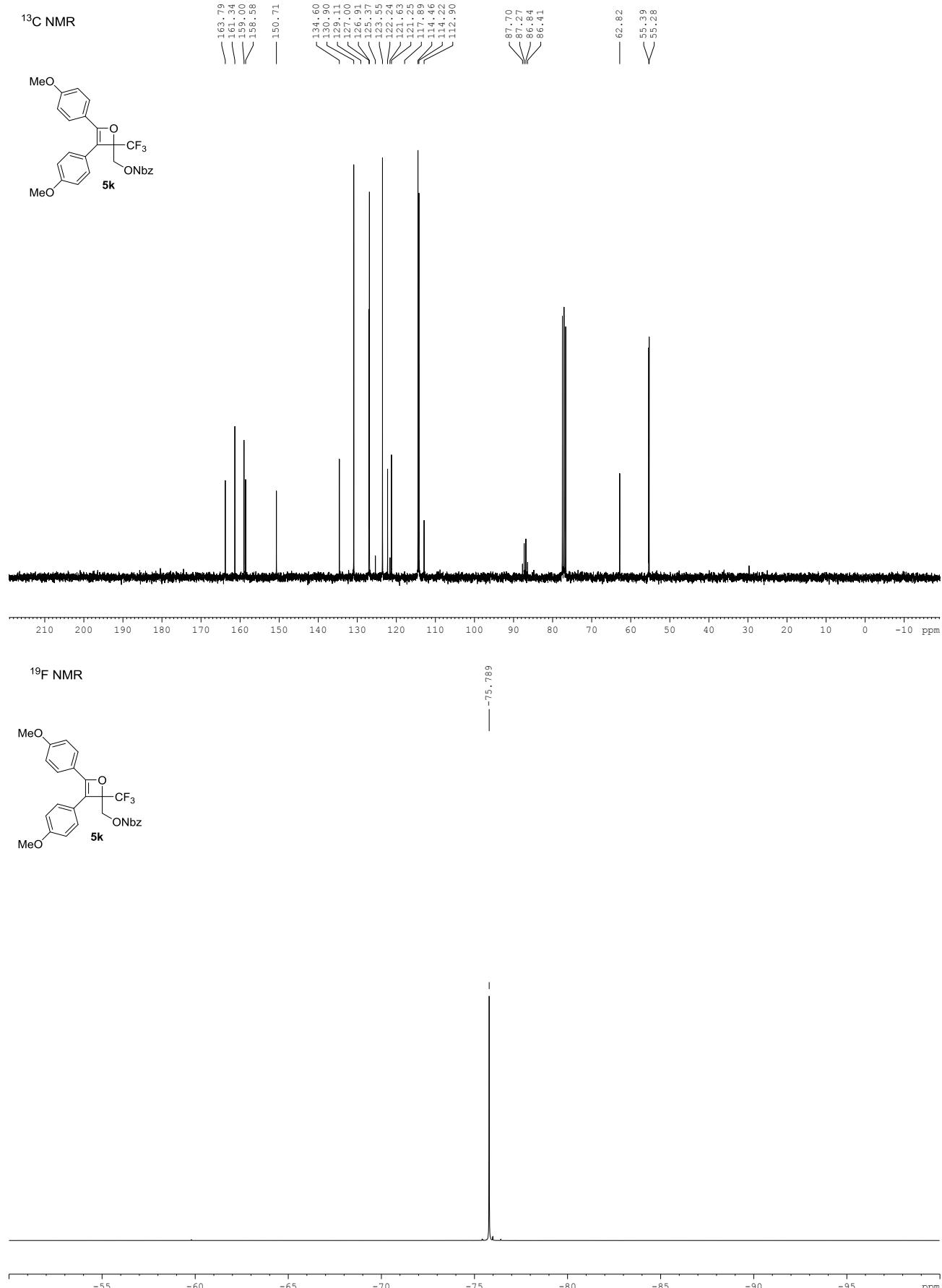
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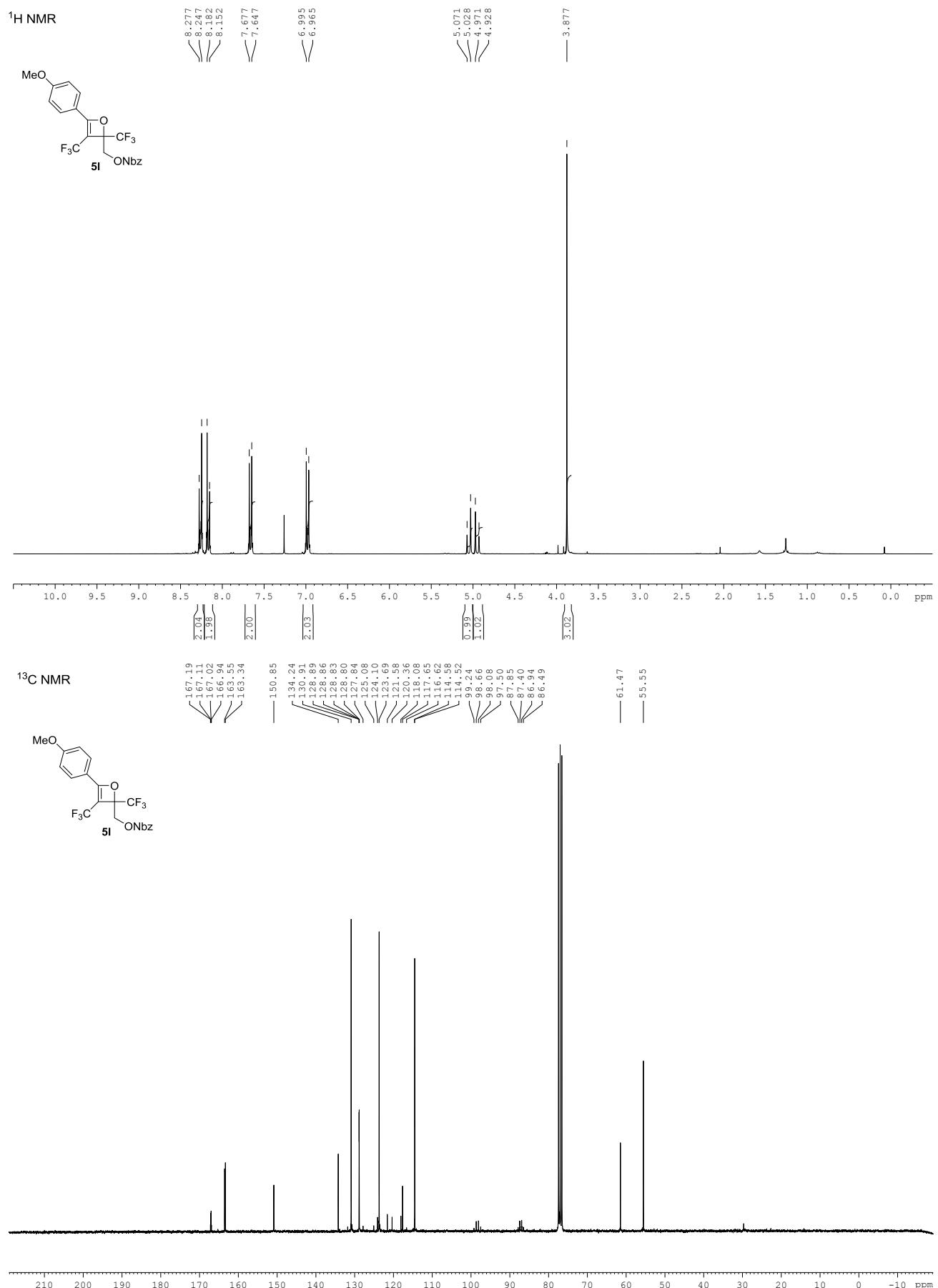


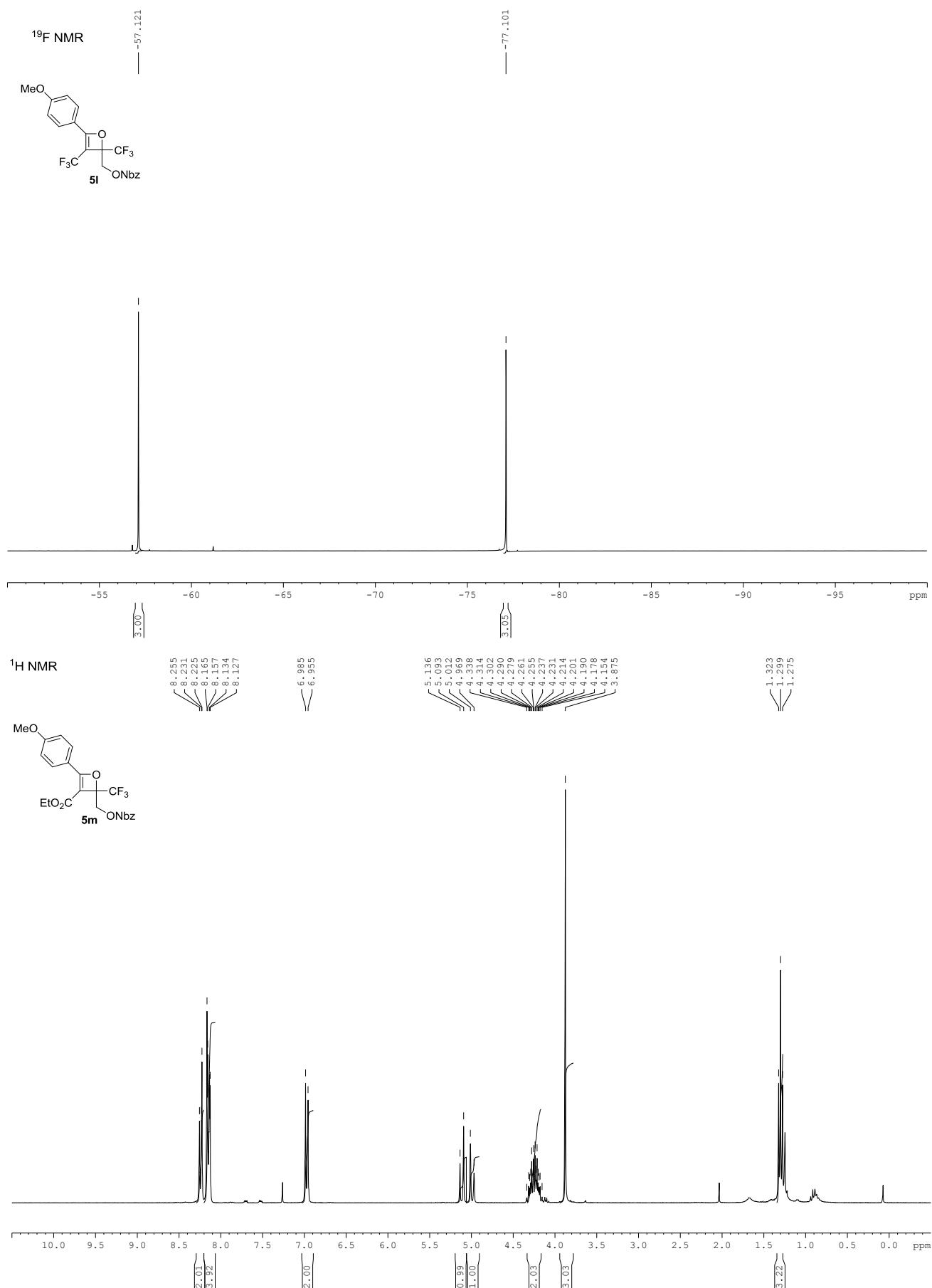


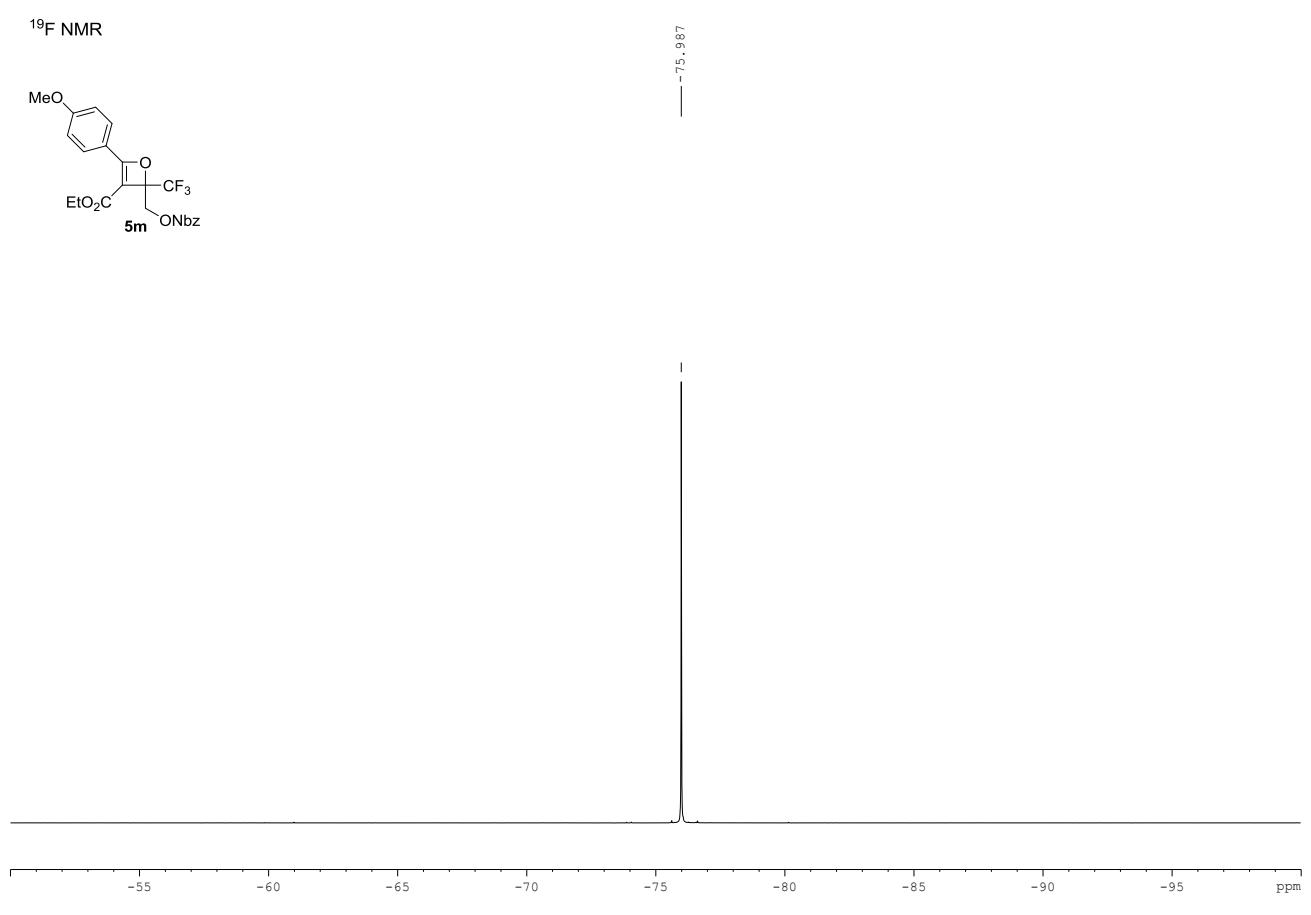
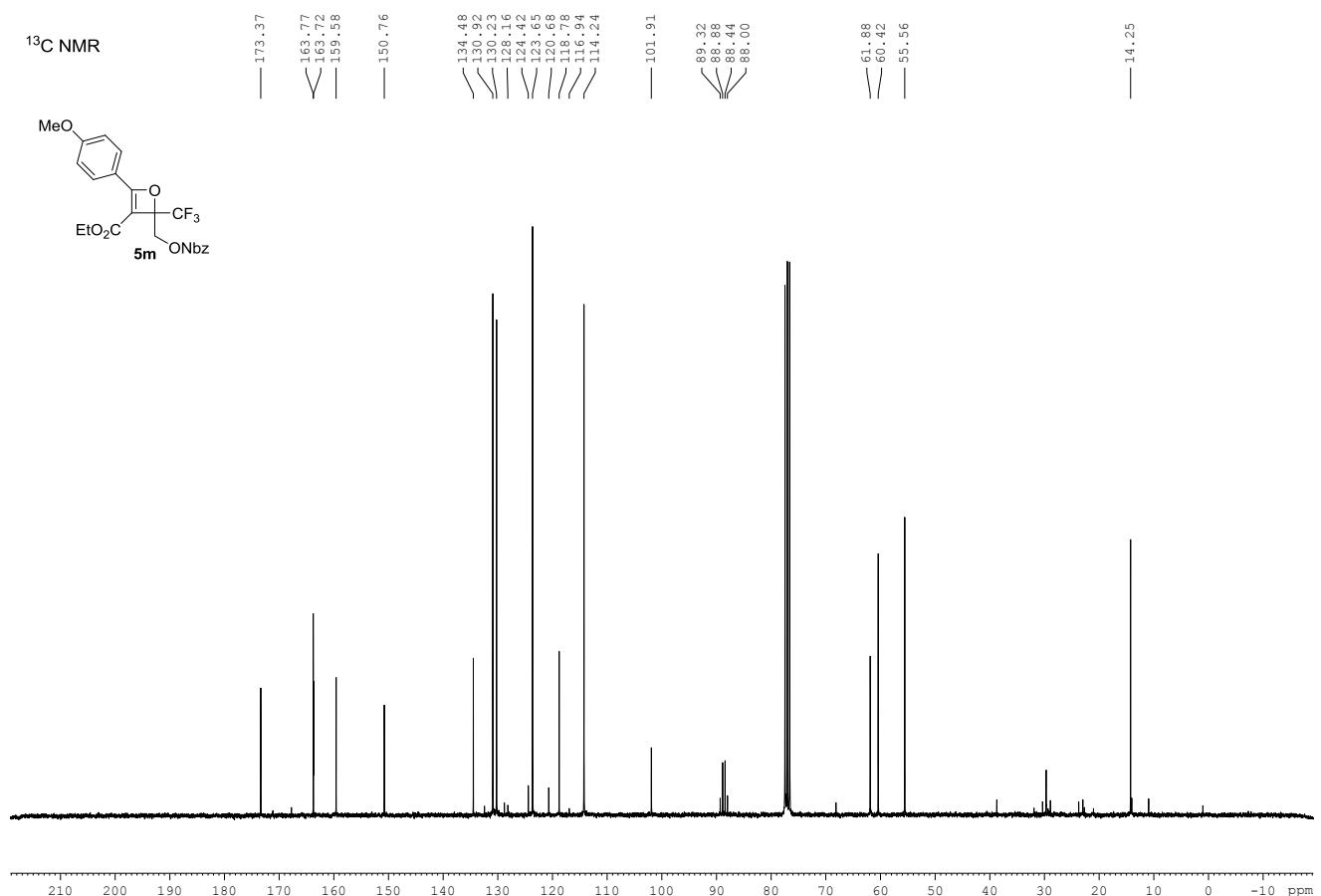




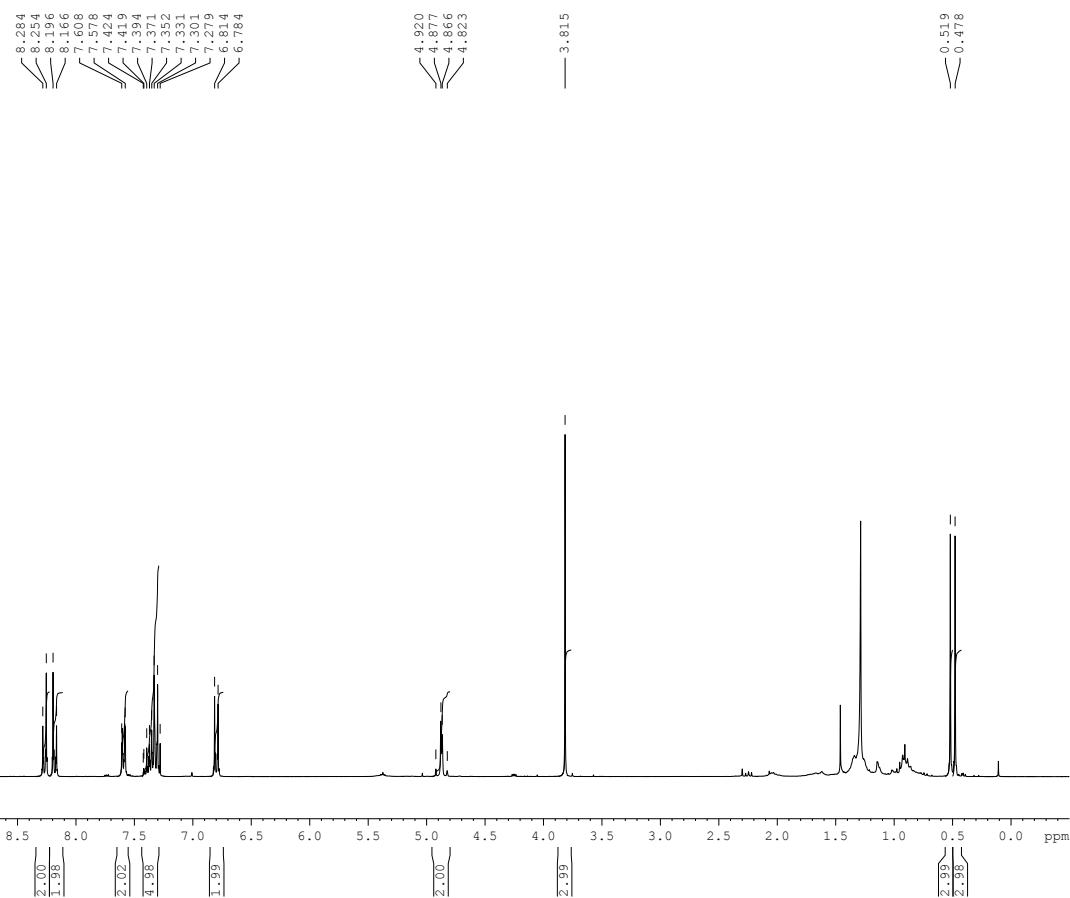
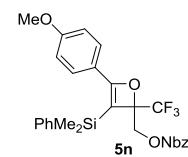




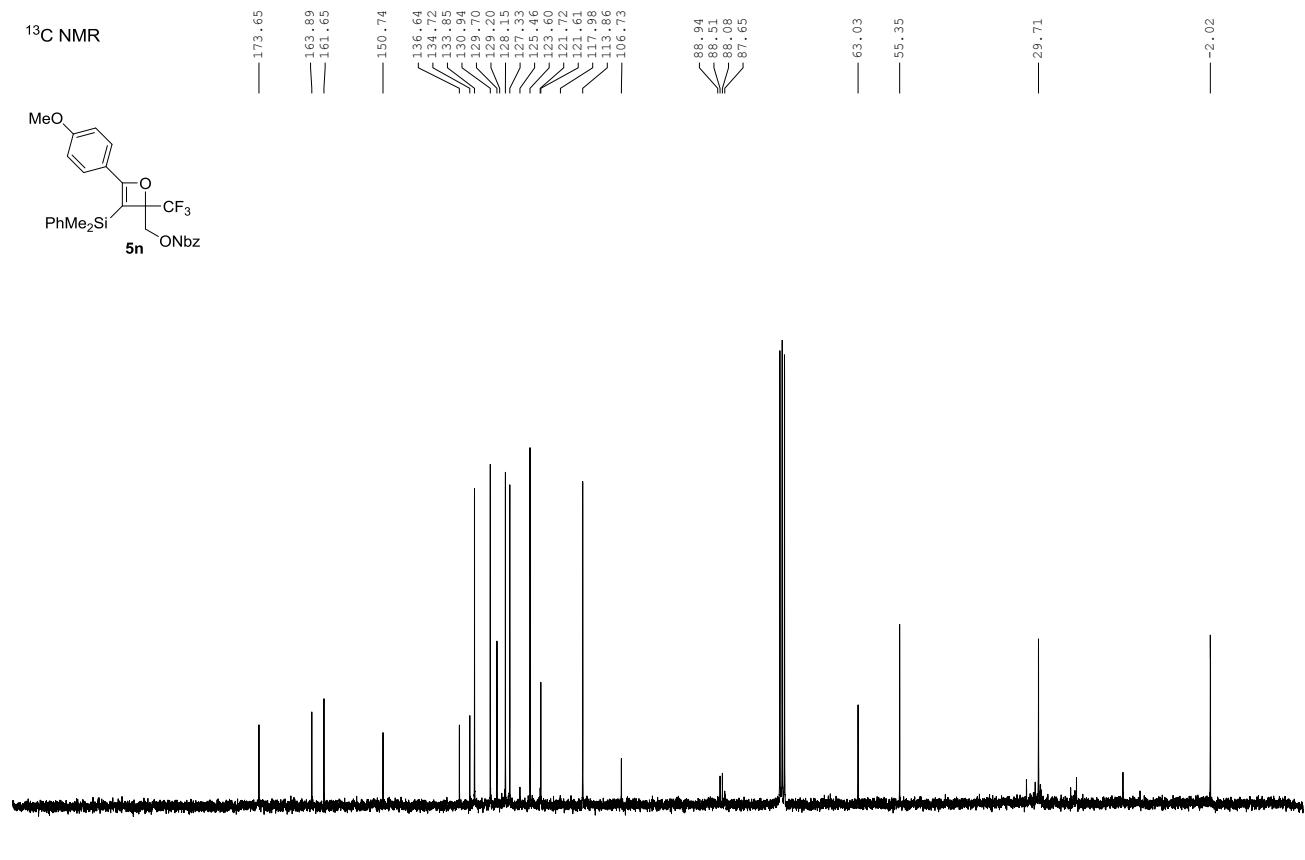
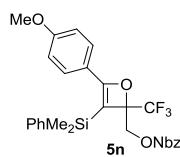




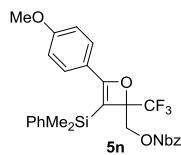
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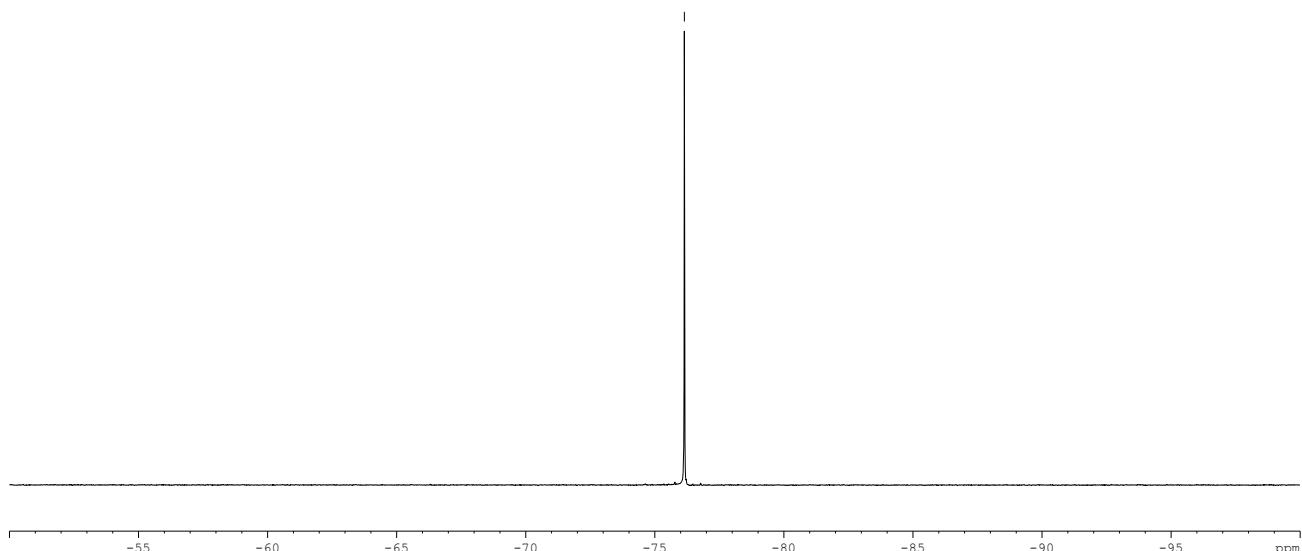
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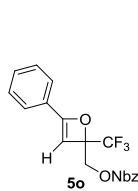
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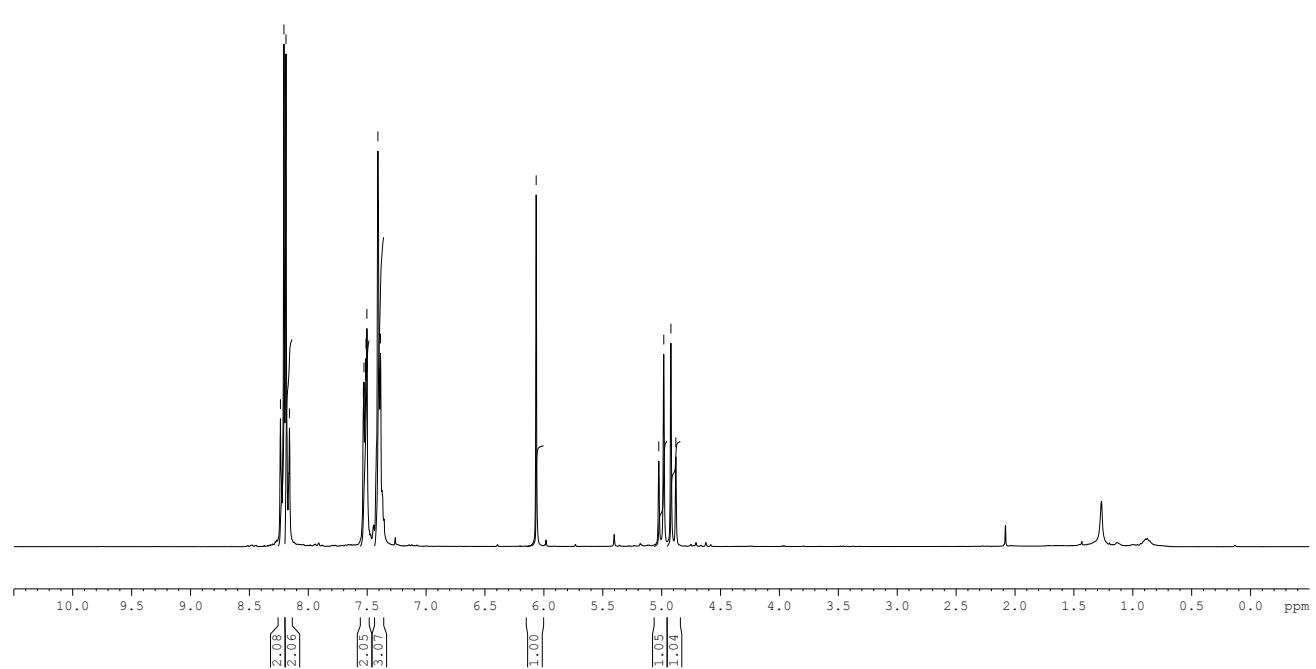


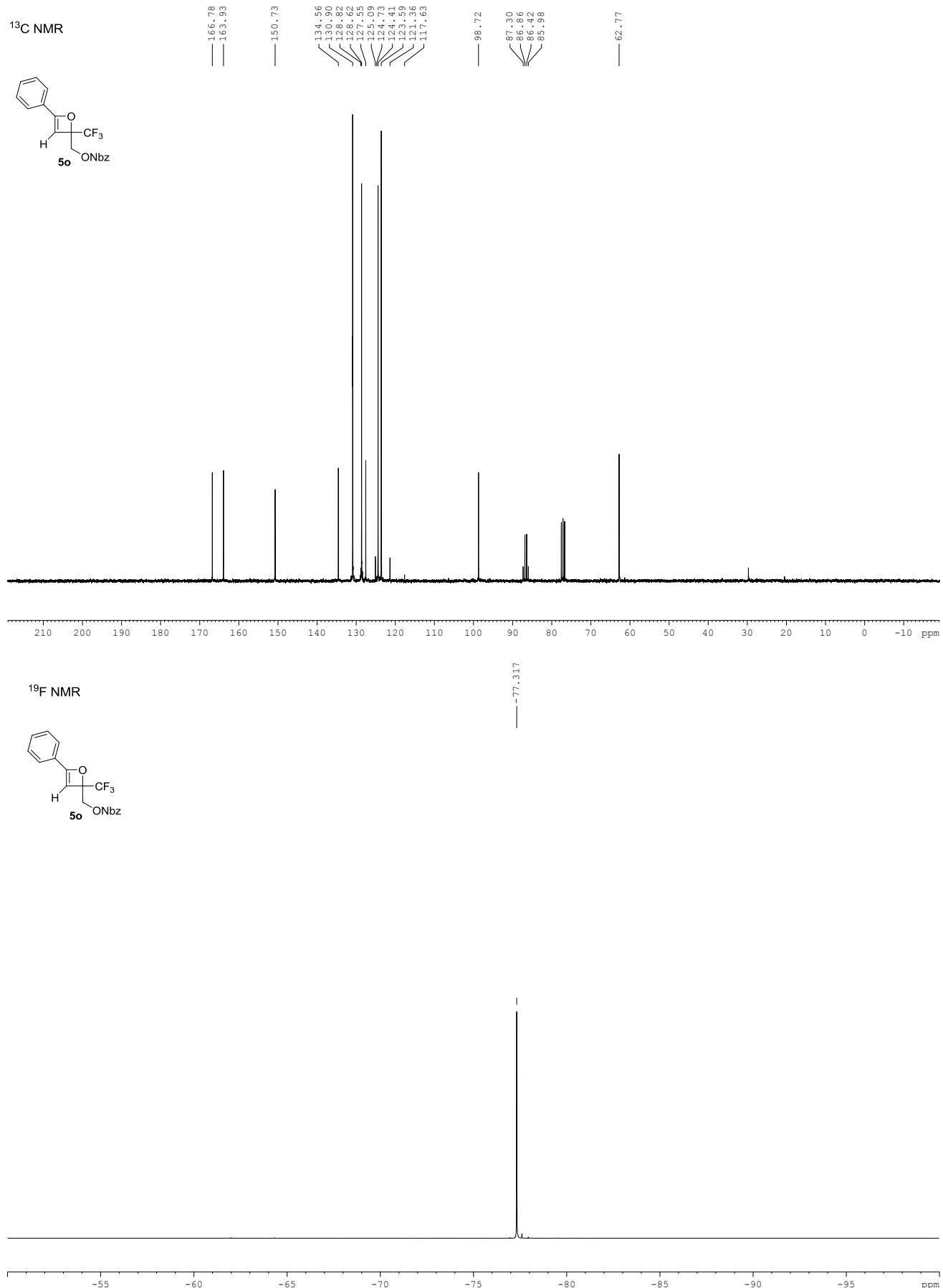
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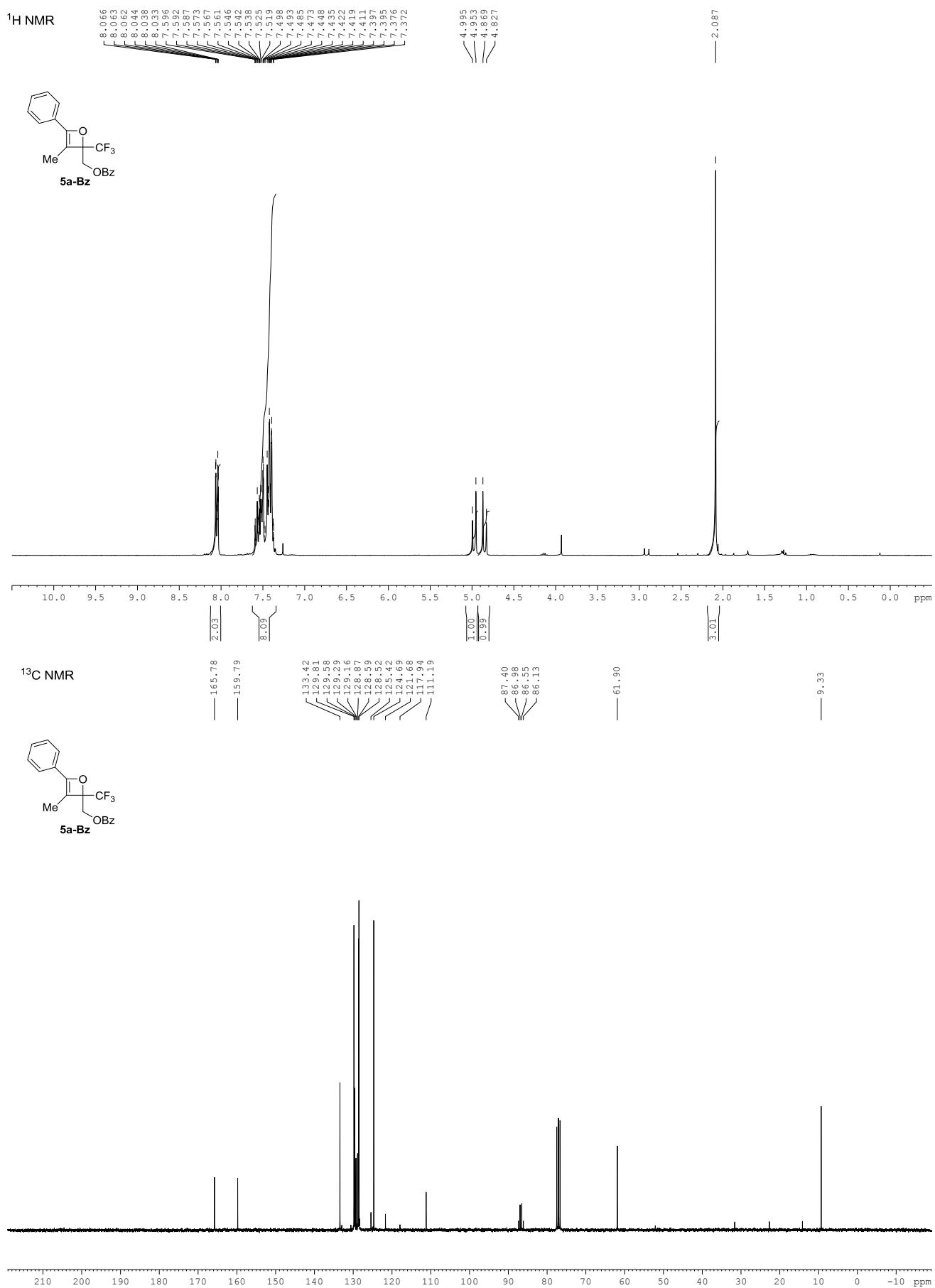


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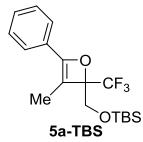


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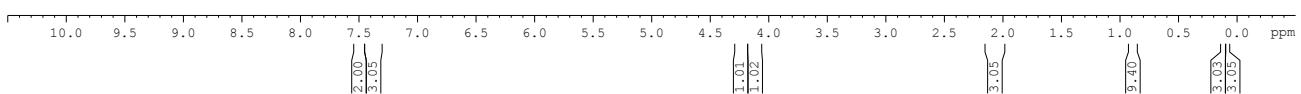
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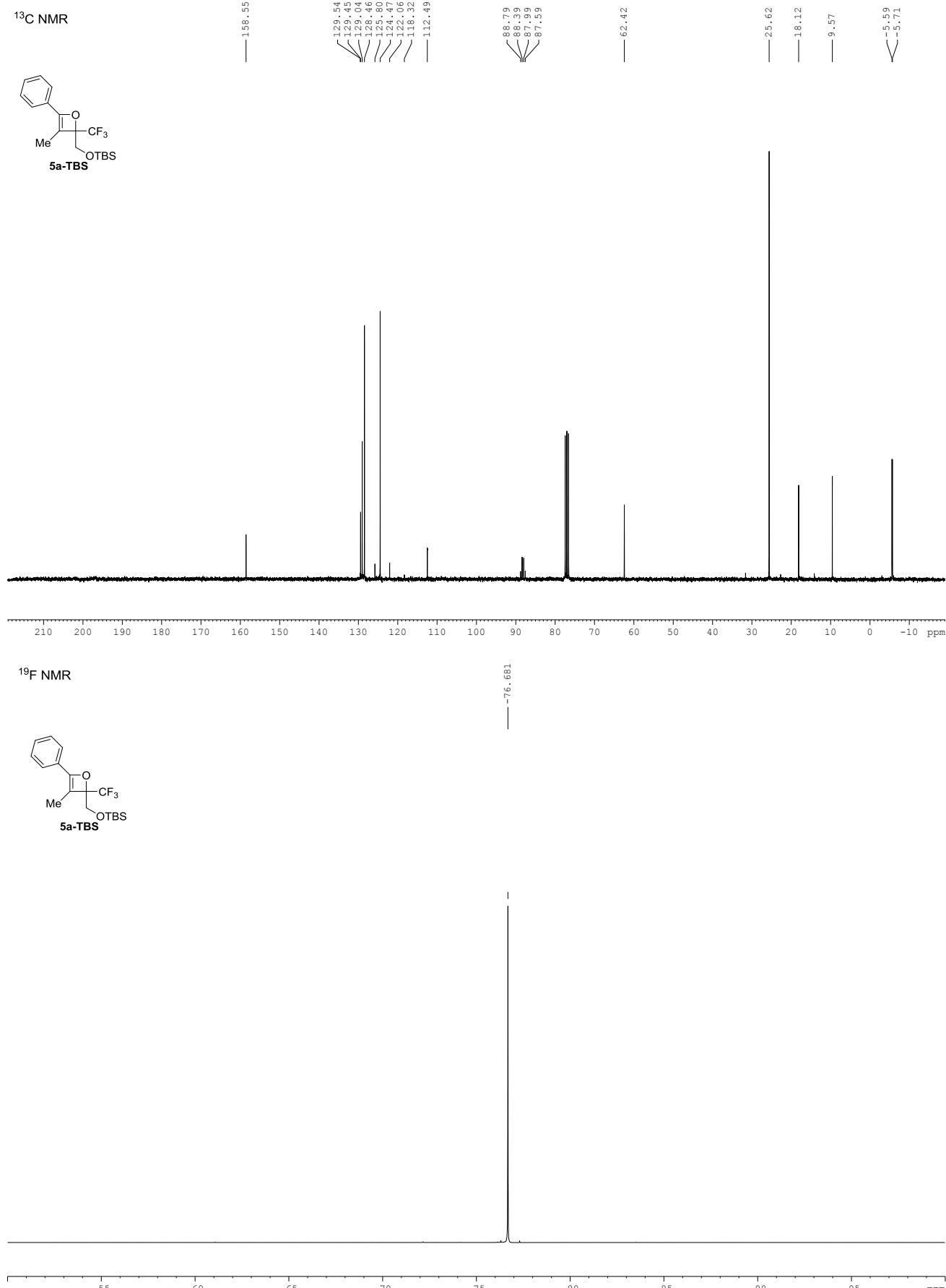
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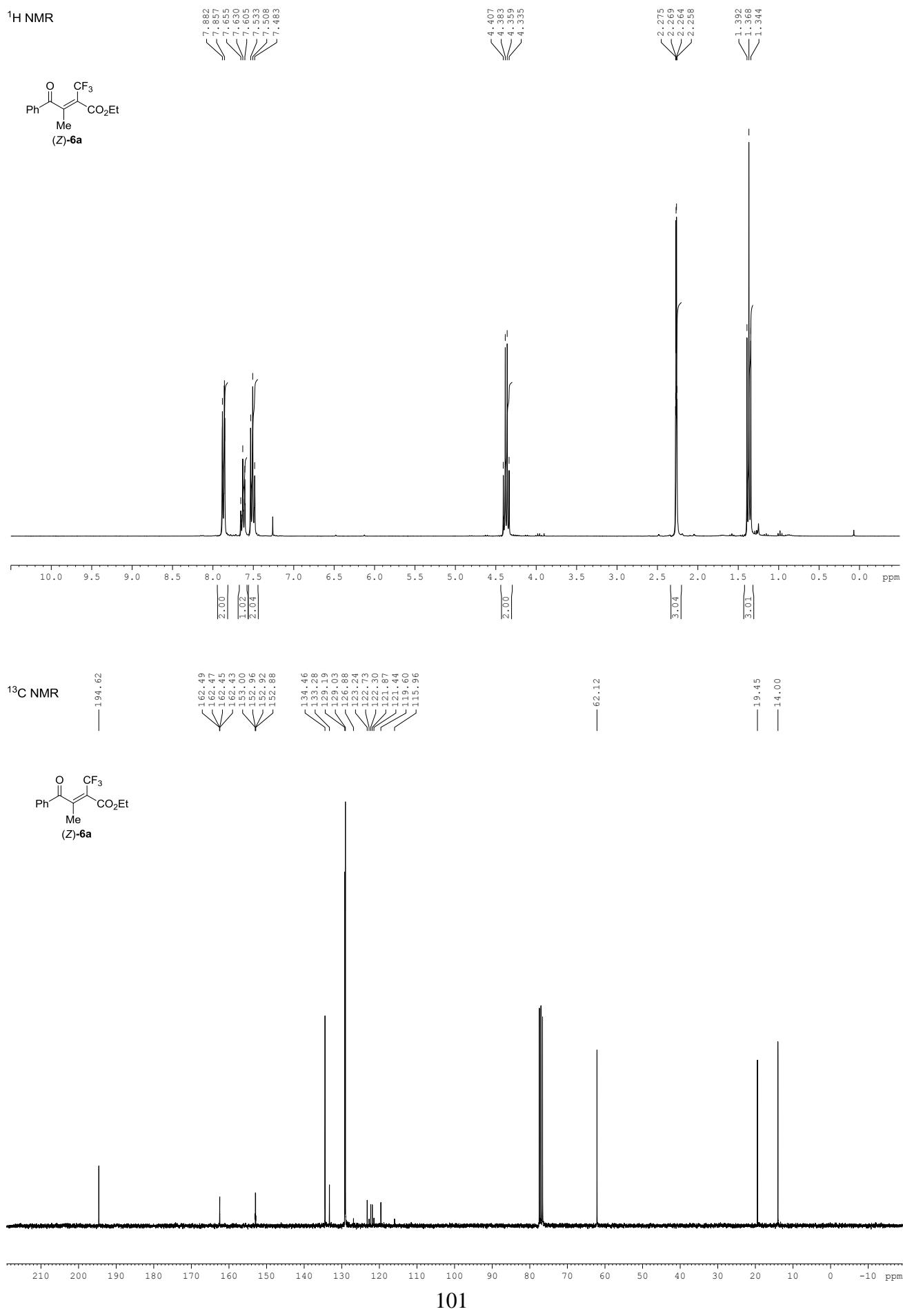
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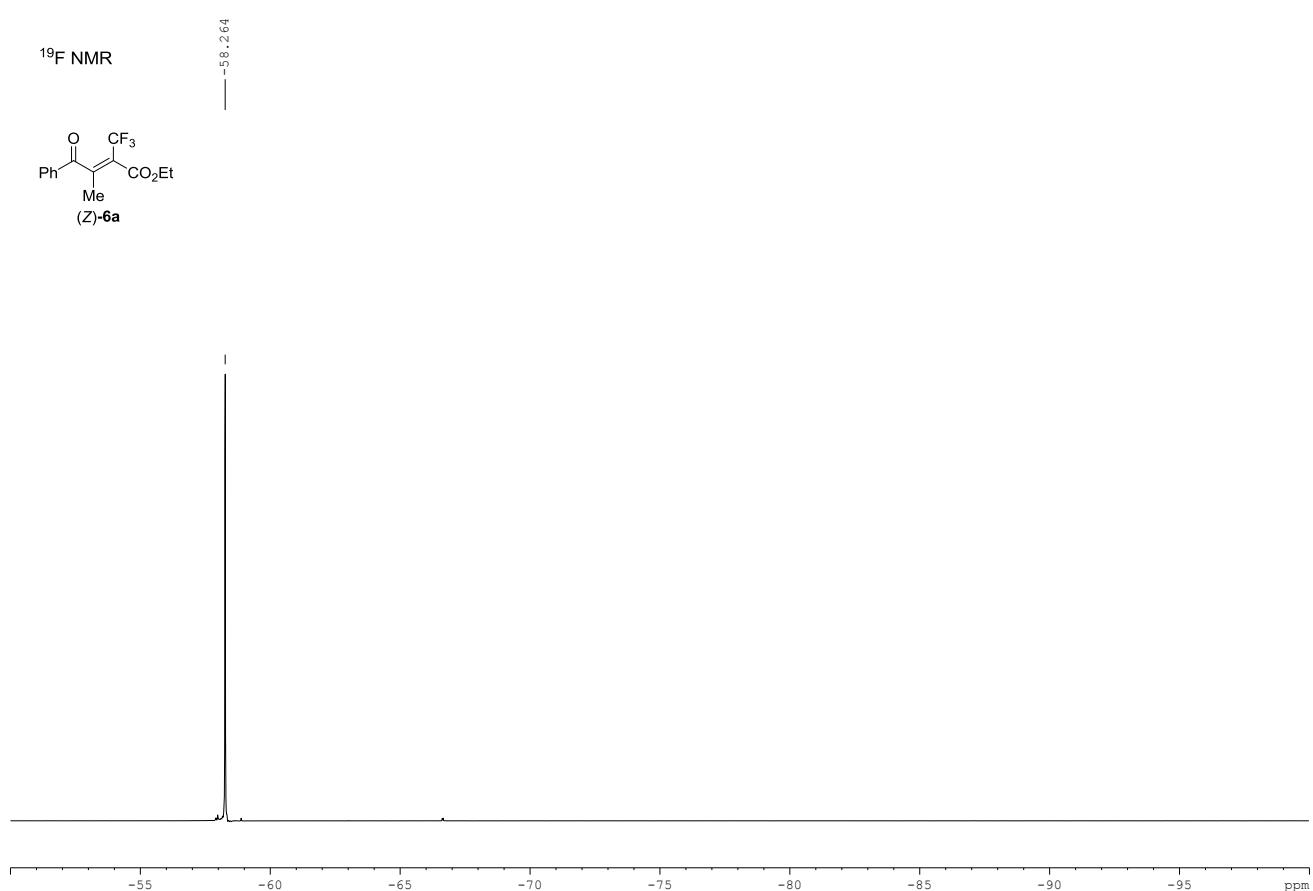
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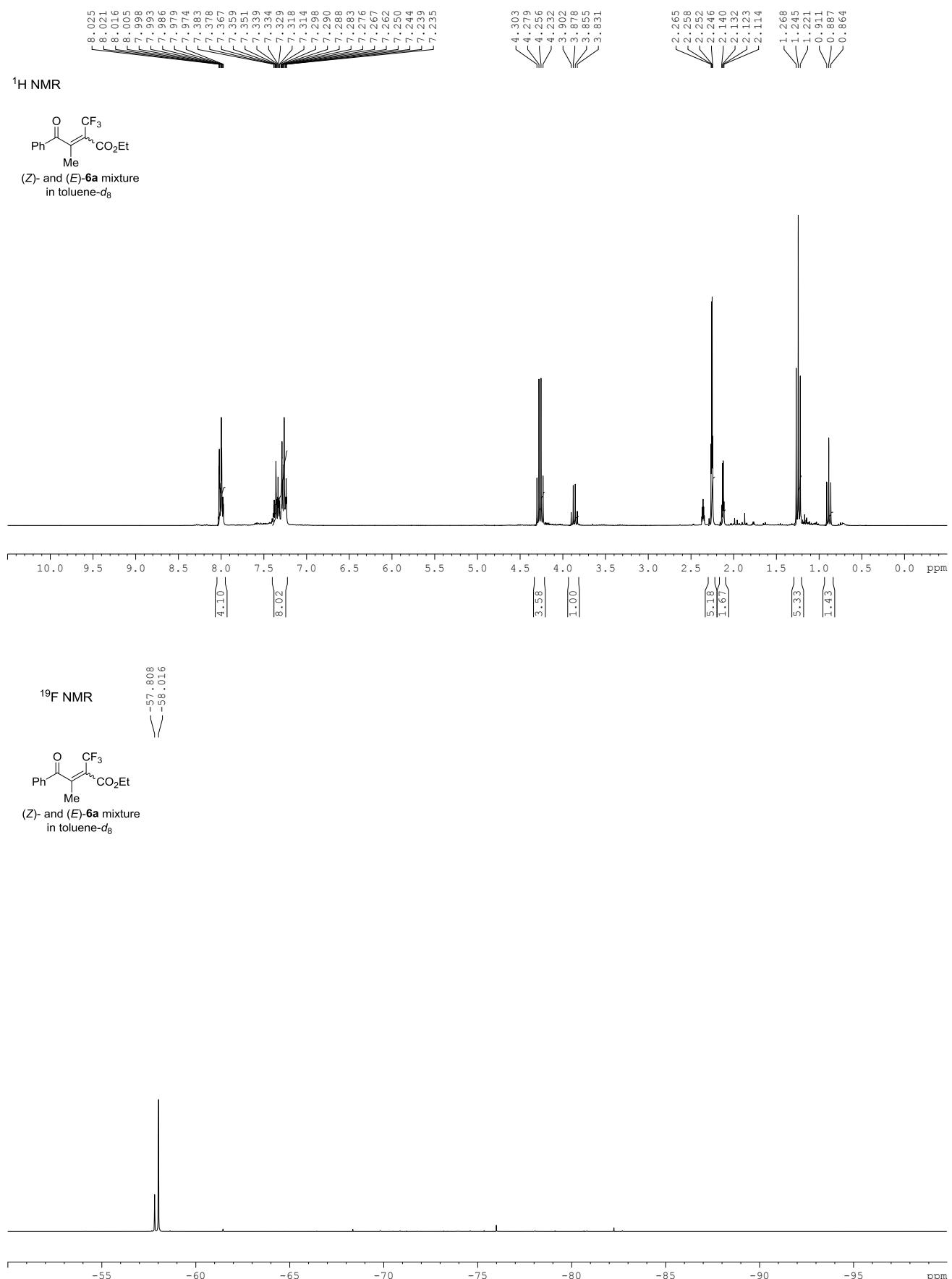
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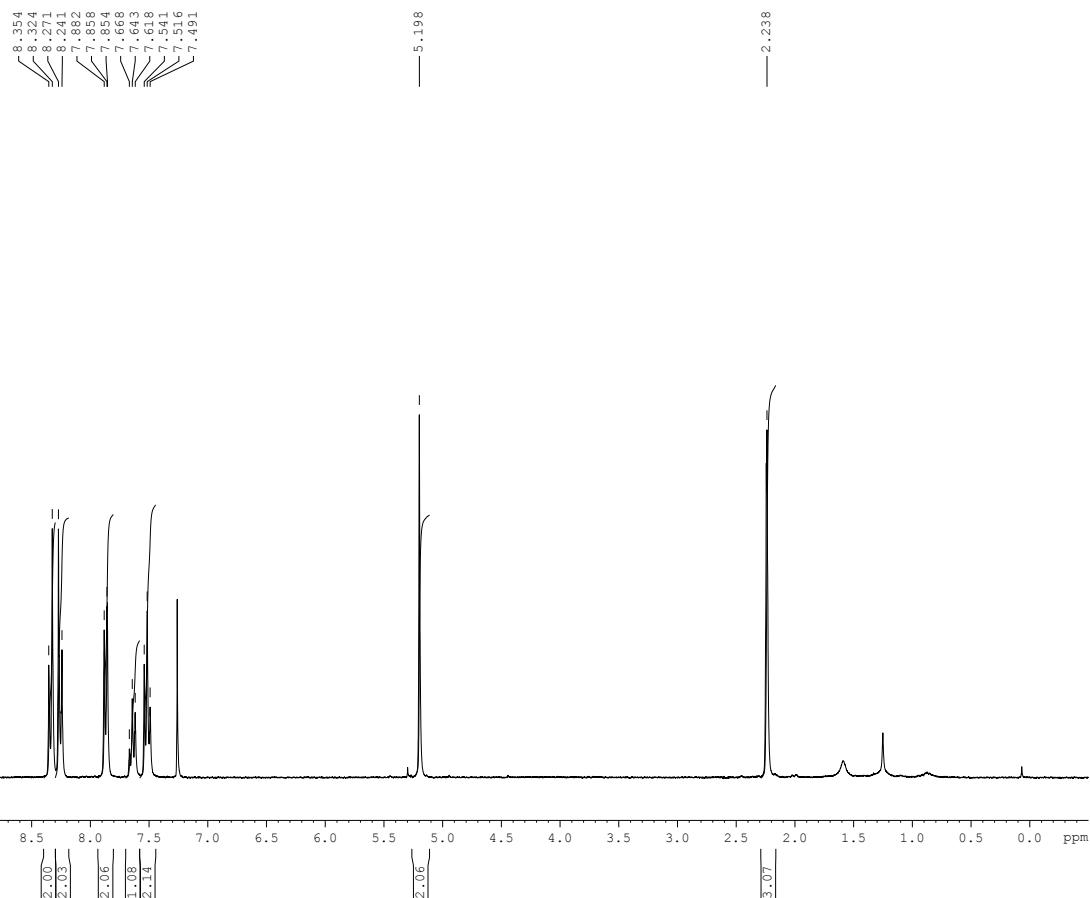
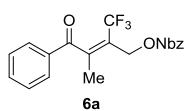




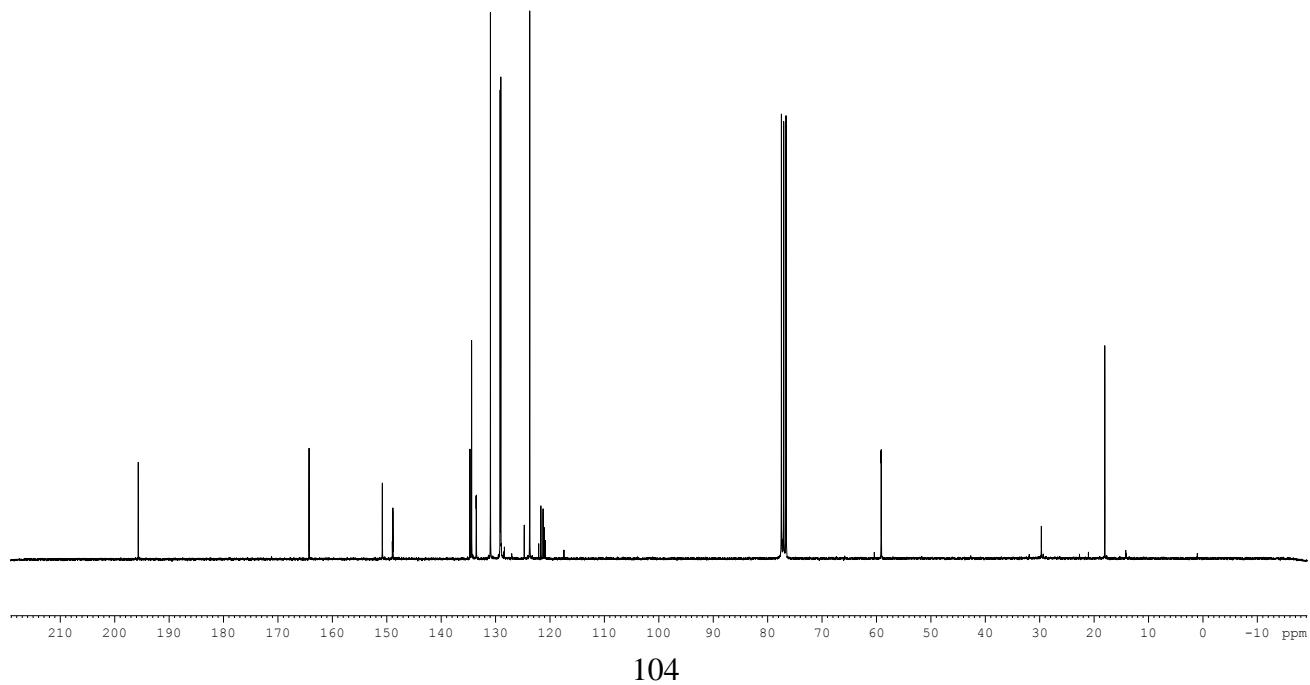
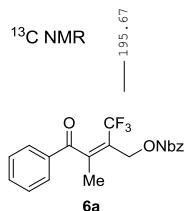




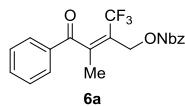
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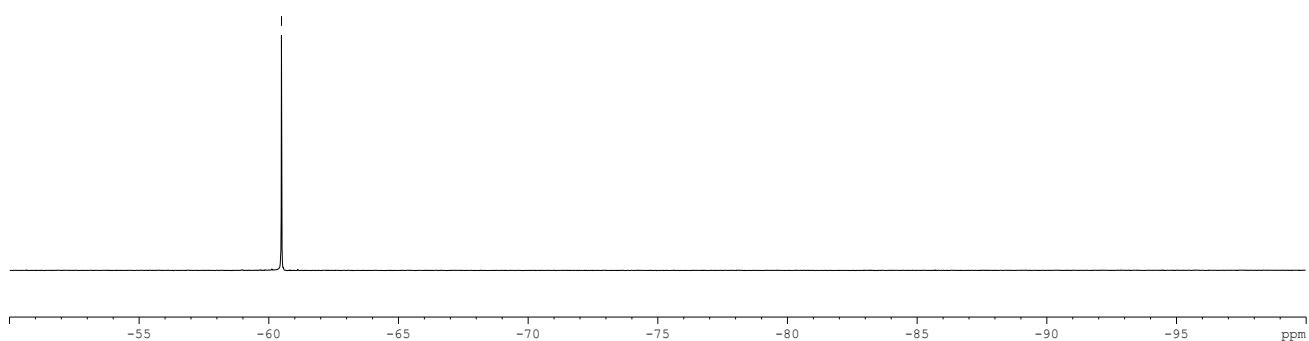
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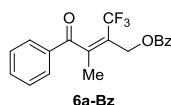
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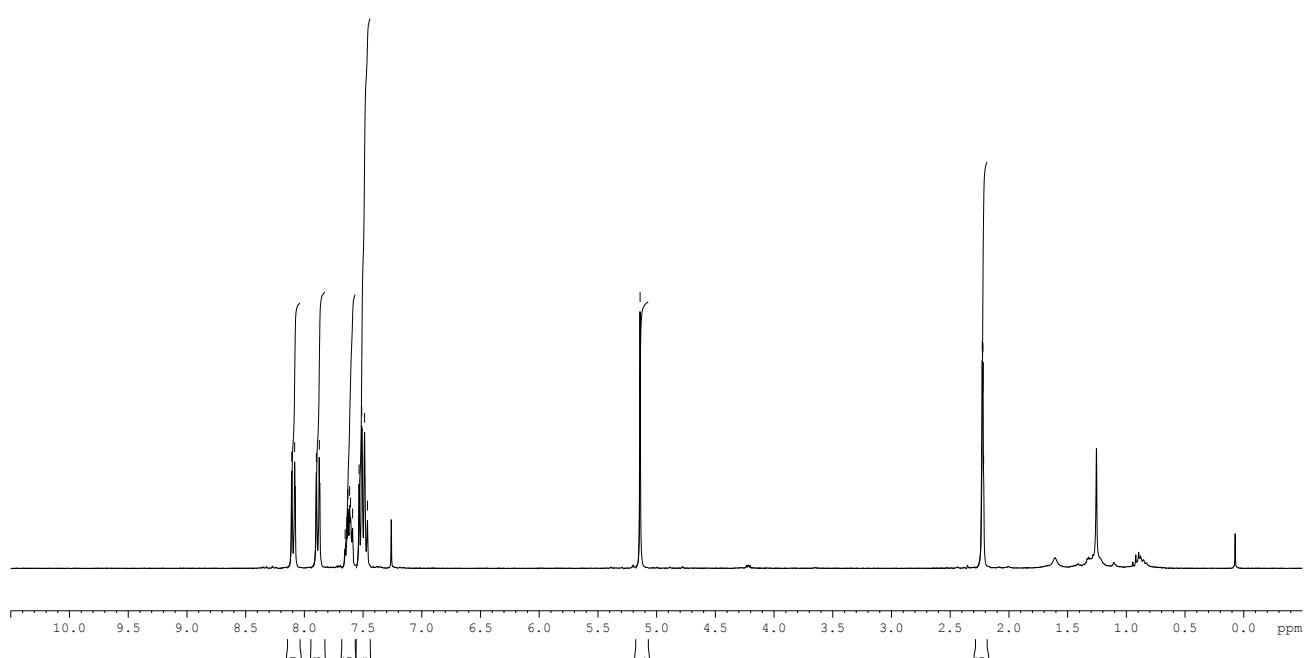
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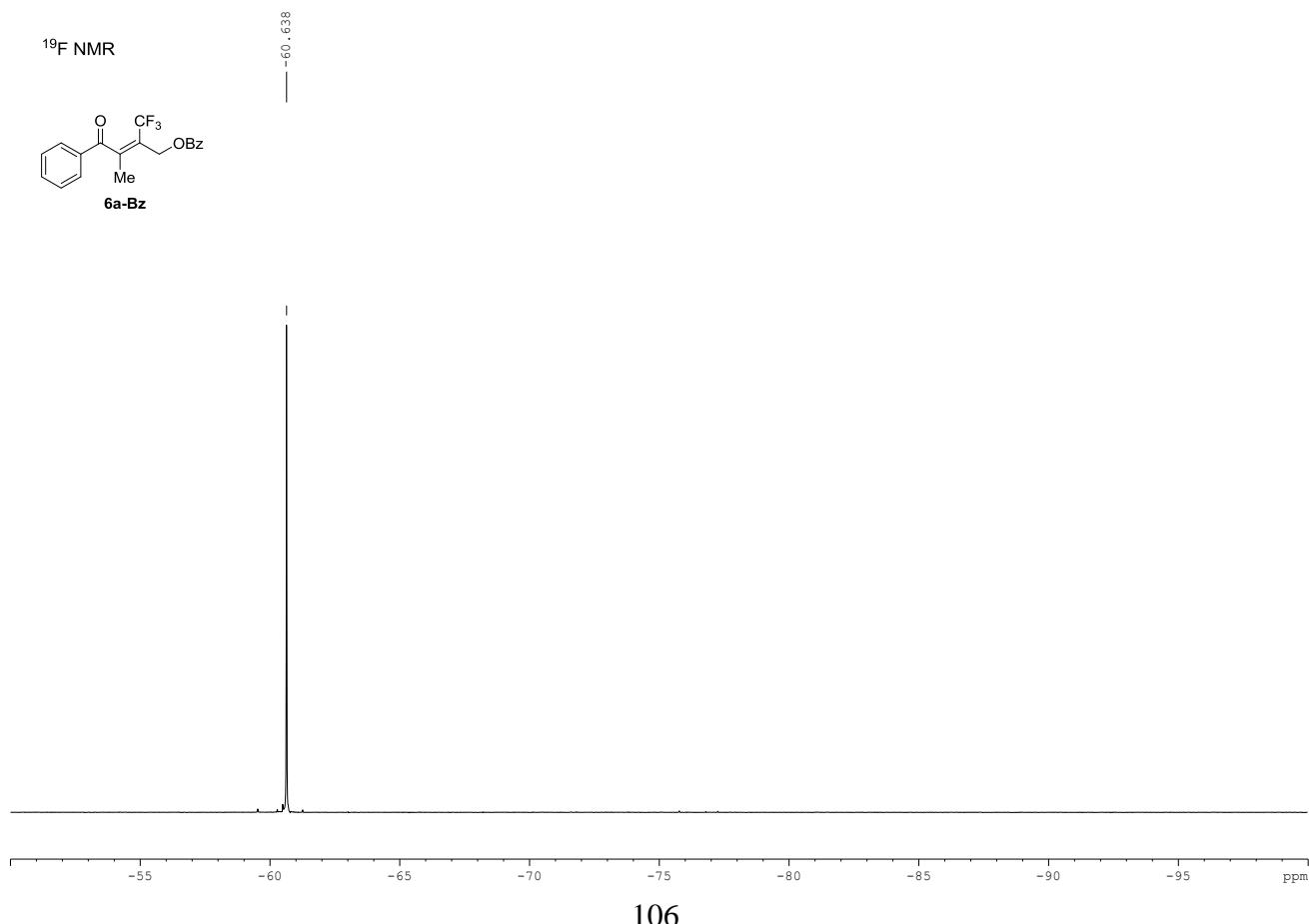
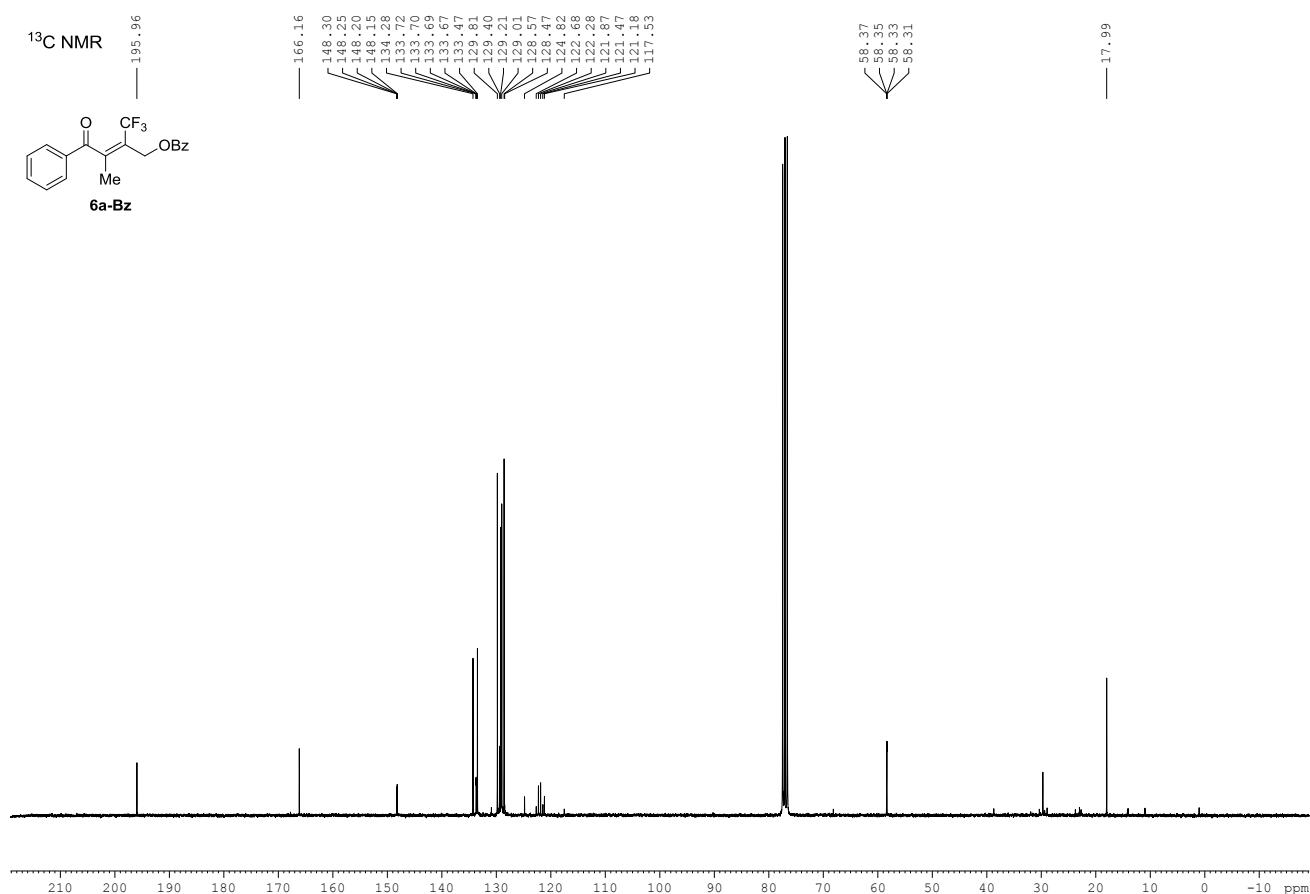


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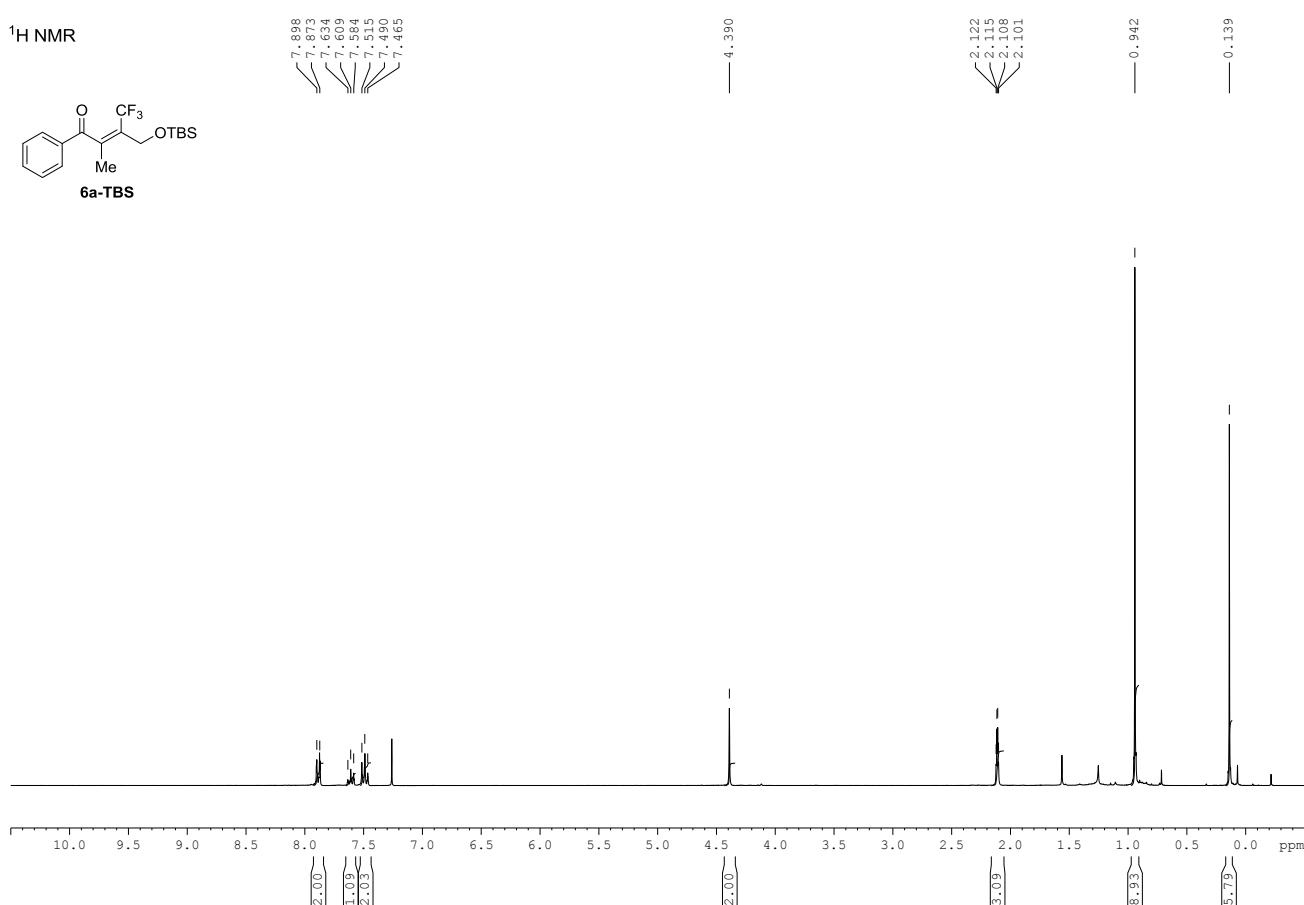
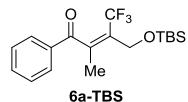
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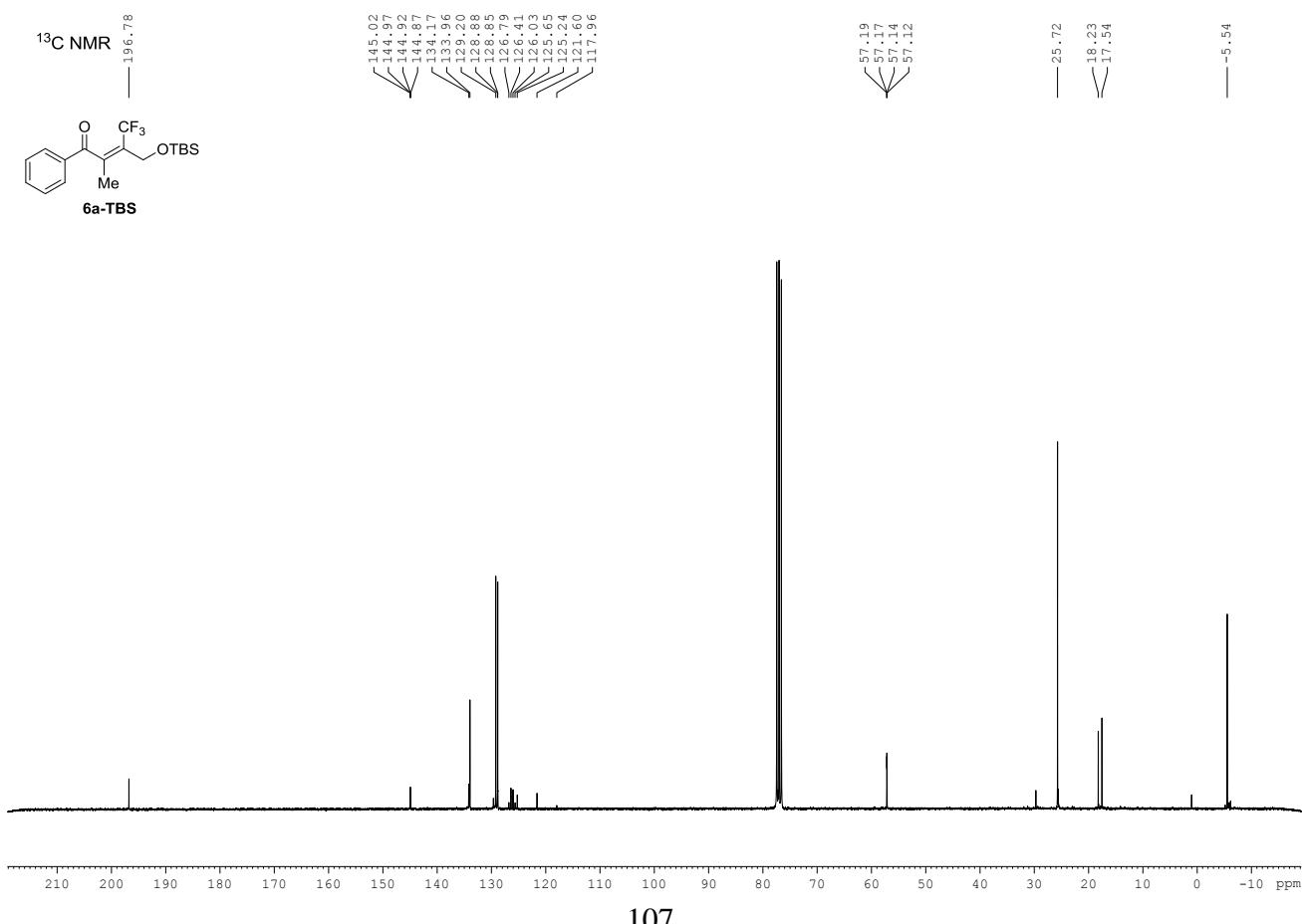
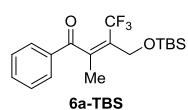




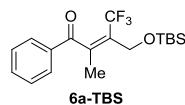
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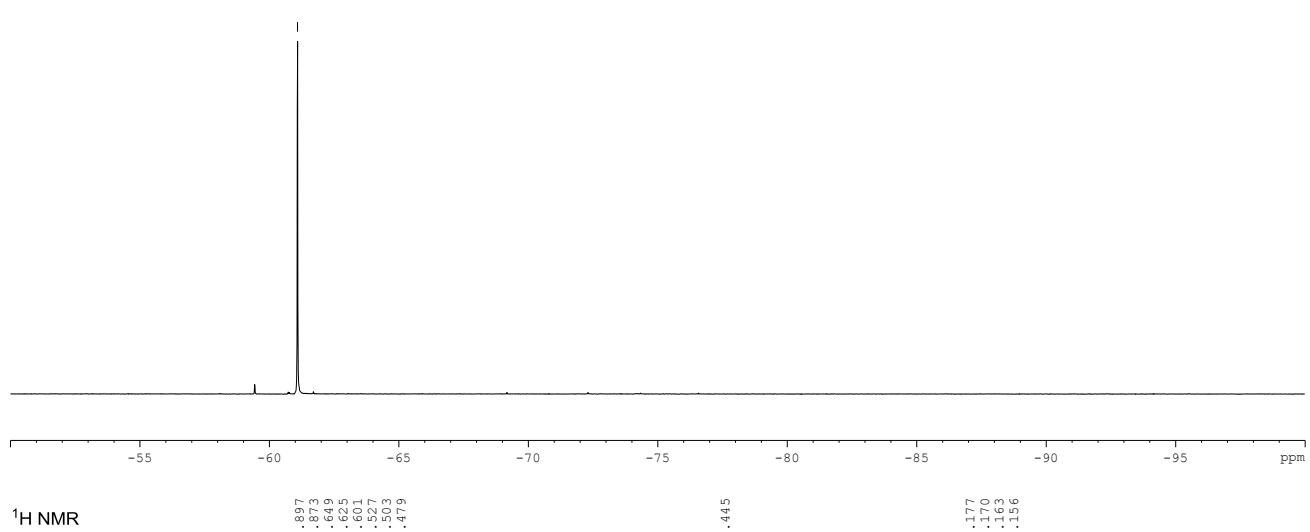
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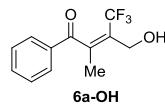
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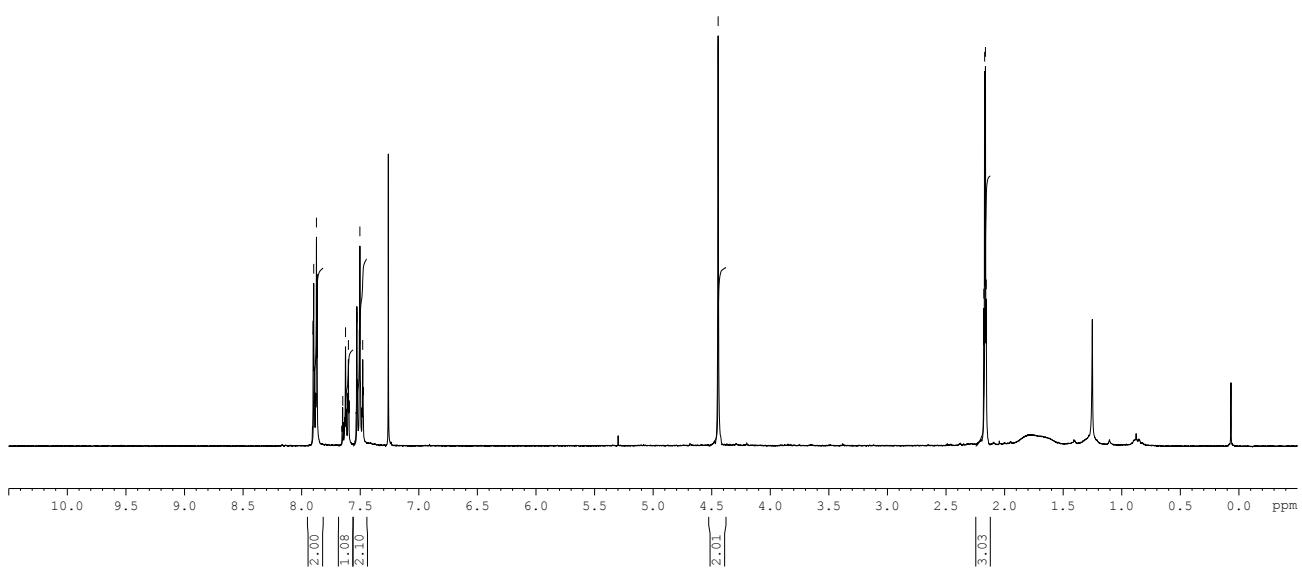
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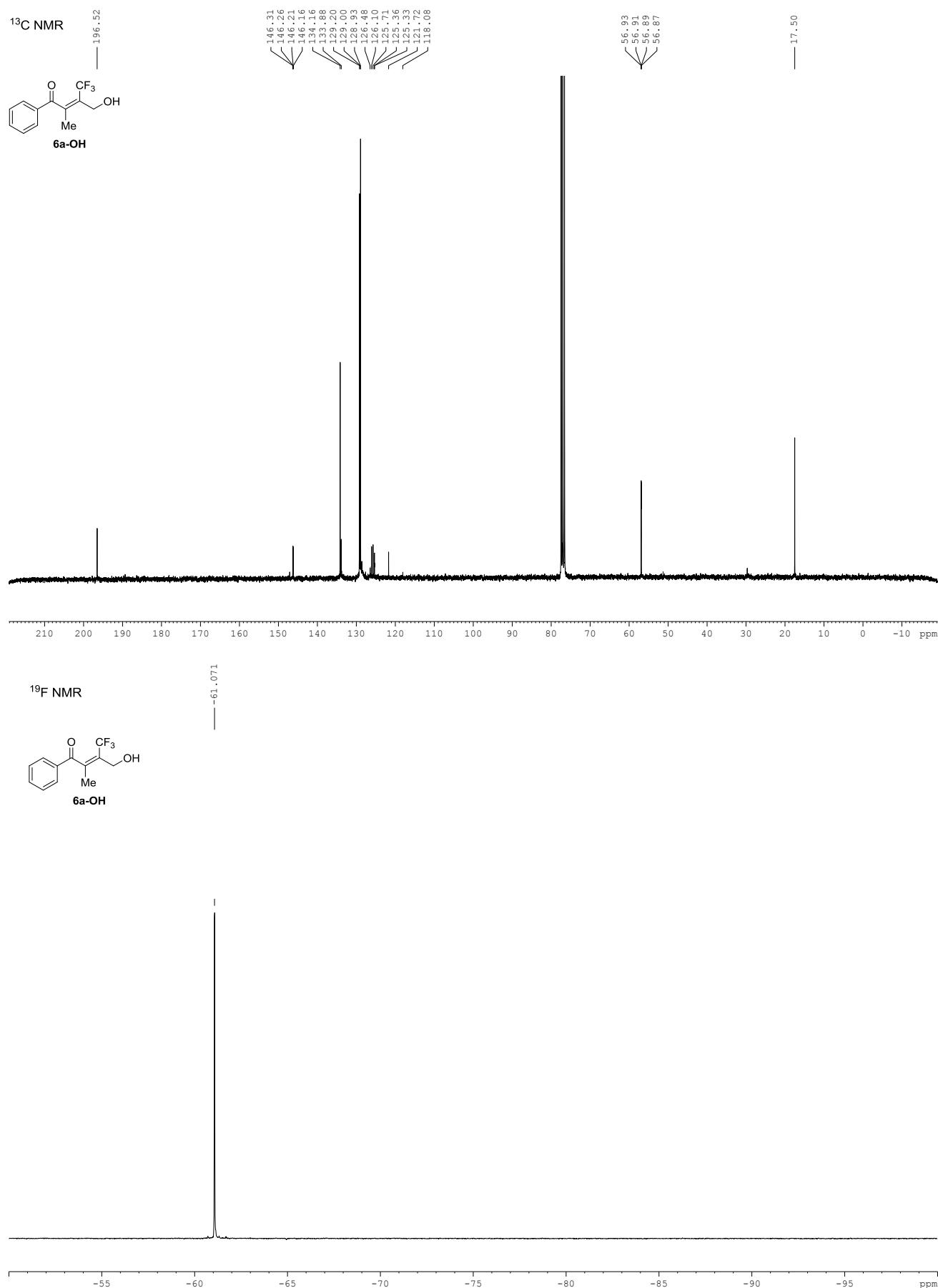


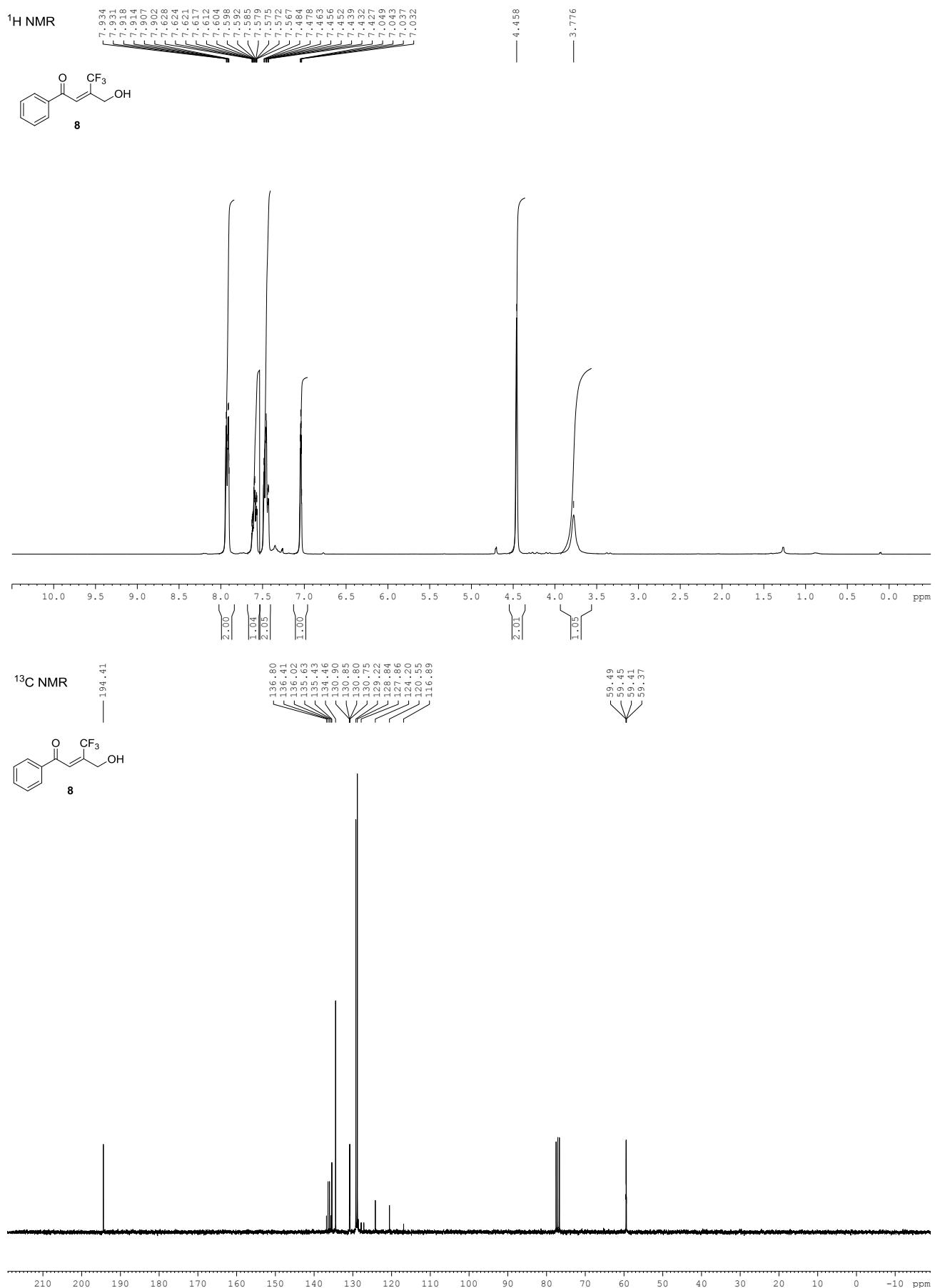
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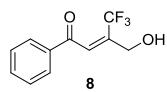
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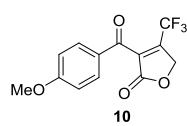


<sup>19</sup>F NMR



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR



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