

## Supporting Information

# Catalytic asymmetric synthesis of enantioenriched $\beta$ -nitronitrile bearing a C-CF<sub>3</sub> stereogenic center

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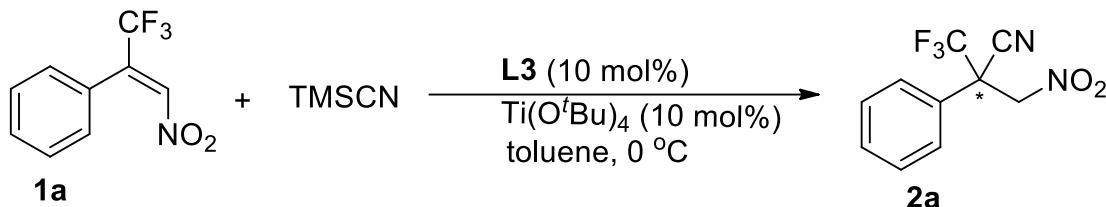
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## **1. Effect of additives on asymmetric hydrocyanation reaction of $\beta$ -CF<sub>3</sub>- $\beta$ -nitroolefins**

**Table S1. Effect of additives on asymmetric hydrocyanation reaction using the L3: Ti(O*t*Bu)<sub>4</sub> catalyst [a]**

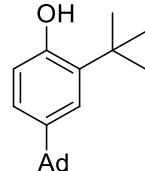


Entry	additive loading (mol%)	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	4-phenylpyridine-N-oxide (20 mol%)	0	20	90	83
2	<i>t</i> -BuOH (20 mol%)	0	20	92	84
3	2- <i>tert</i> -butylphenol (20 mol%)	0	16	93	87
4	4- <i>tert</i> -butylphenol (20 mol%)	0	16	93	87
5	2,4-di- <i>tert</i> -butylphenol (20 mol%)	0	16	93	87
6	4-nitrophenol (20 mol%)	0	16	94	88
7	4-admantyl-2- <i>tert</i> -butylphenol (20 mol%)	0	24	89	87
8	4Å molecular sieves (100mg)	0	20	92	87
9	<i>t</i> -BuOK (20 mol %)	0	20	92	85

<sup>a</sup> Enantioselective hydrocyanation reaction of **1a** (0.1 mmol) was carried out with **L3**: Ti(O*i*Bu)<sub>4</sub> catalyst (10 mol%) in toluene (1 mL) using TMSCN (0.20 mmol) as a source of cyanide. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> ee were determined by chiral HPLC using OD-H column.

## **2. Characterization data of the products**

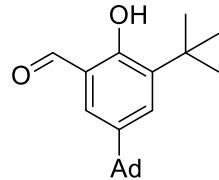
#### **4-(Adamantan-1-yl)-2-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (A1):**



White solid; m.p. = 95-97 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.62-6.56 (m, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.13-1.75 (m, br, 15H), 1.41 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,

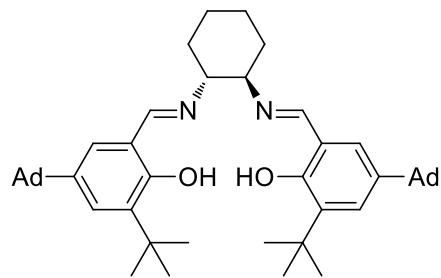
$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 151.8, 143.3, 135.1, 123.5, 123.1, 116.0, 43.4, 36.8, 35.7, 34.7, 29.6, 29.0$  ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  285.2218, Found: 285.2213.

**5-(Adamantan-1-yl)-3-(*tert*-butyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (A2):**



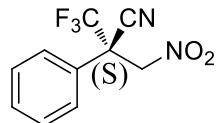
White solid; m.p. = 103-105 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 11.63$  (s, 1H), 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 2.14-1.78 (m, br, 15H), 1.43 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 197.3, 159.0, 141.9, 137.4, 131.3, 127.8, 120.1, 43.2, 36.6, 35.6, 35.0, 29.3, 28.8$  ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  313.2168, Found: 313.2158.

**(R, R)-(-)*N,N*-Bis(5-Adamantyl-3-*tert*-butylsalicylidene)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine (L5):**



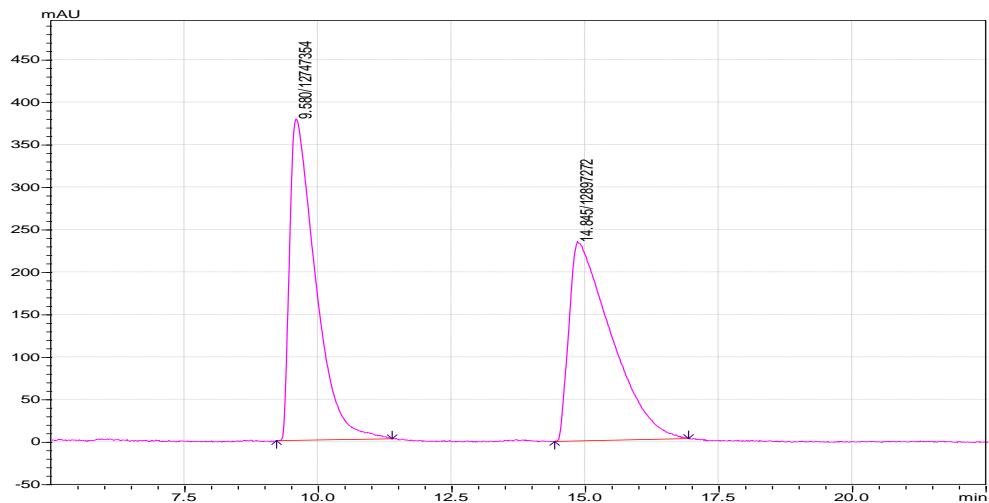
Yellow solid; m.p. = 150-152 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{29} = -155.7$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 13.67$  (s, 2H), 8.27 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.28 (m, br, 1H), 2.15-1.72 (m, br, 38H), 1.41 (s, 18H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 166.0, 157.9, 140.3, 136.2, 126.1, 125.9, 117.9, 72.3, 43.2, 36.7, 35.4, 34.9, 33.2, 29.4, 28.9, 24.3$  ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{67}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  703.5203, Found: 703.5214.

**(S)-3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (2a):**

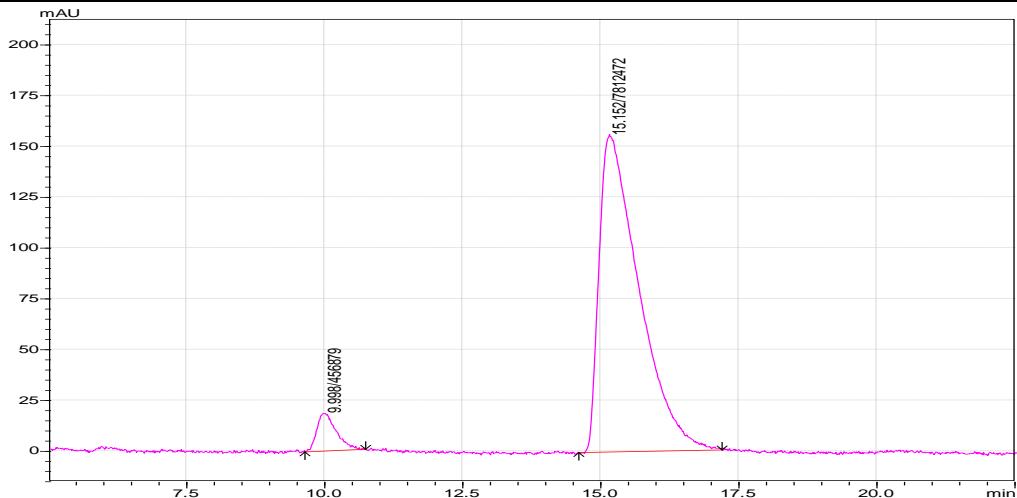


White solid; m.p. = 96-98 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +47.4$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); **After Crystallization:**  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +59.3$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.62$ -7.51 (m, 5H), 5.28-5.20 (dd,  $J = 26, 14.5$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -70.56$  (s, 3F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 131.0, 129.7, 127.1, 125.7, 123.3, 121.0, 113.3, 73.8, 52.0$  (q,  $J = 28.7$  ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  245.0538, Found: 245.0549; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $t_{r1}$  (minor) = 9.99 min,  $t_{r2}$  (major) = 15.15 min.

## HPLC Chromatograms

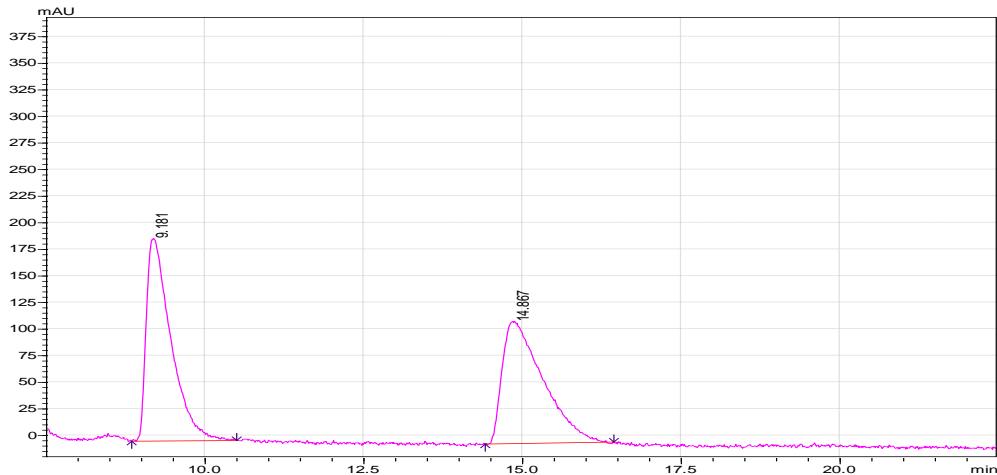


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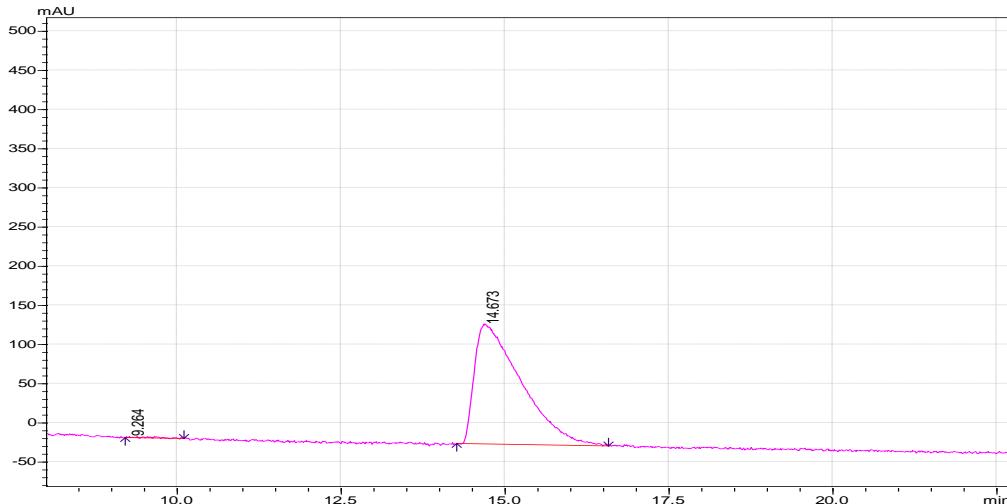


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After Crystallization

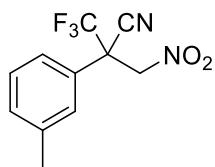


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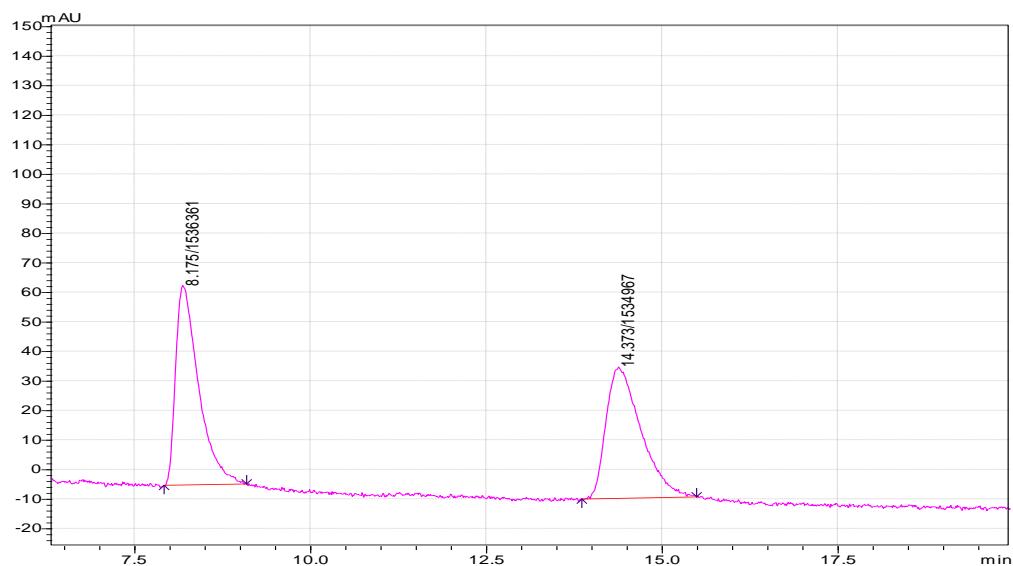
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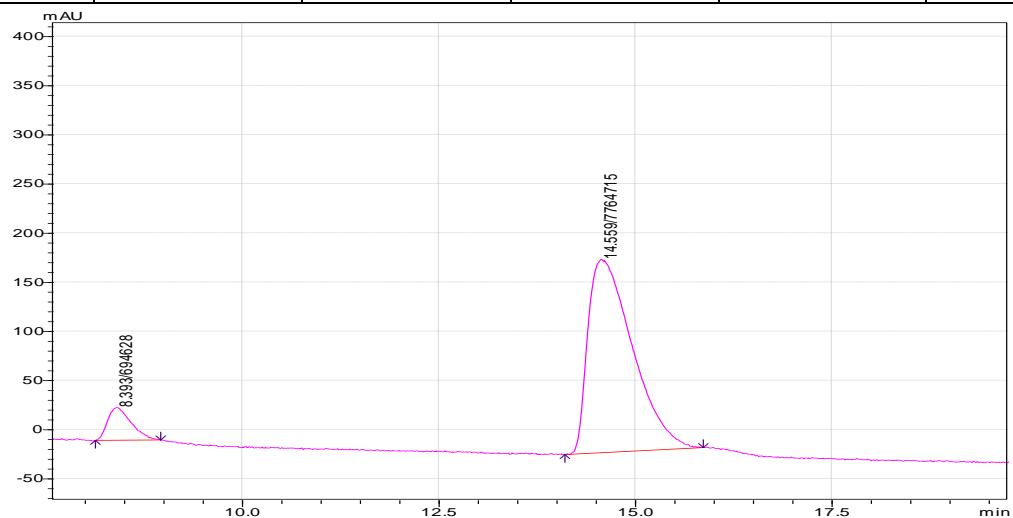
Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +16.5$  ( $c = 0.2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.41\text{-}7.32$  (m, 3H), 5.26-5.18 (dd,  $J = 26.5, 14$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -70.52$  (s, 3F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 139.9, 131.8, 129.5, 127.8, 125.5, 123.9,$

123.3, 121.1, 113.4, 73.9, 52 (q,  $J = 28.8$  Hz), 21.4 ppm; TOF-MS (ESI+) Anal. Calcd. for ( $C_{11}H_9F_3N_2O_2+Na$ ) 281.06, Found: 281.08; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $t_{r1}$  (minor) = 8.39 min,  $t_{r2}$  (major) = 14.55 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

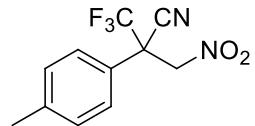


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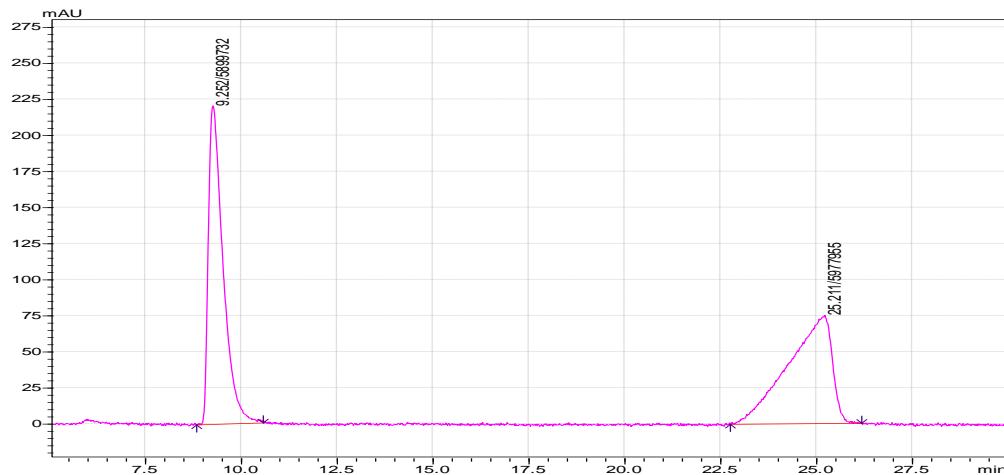
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### 3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)propanenitrile (2c):

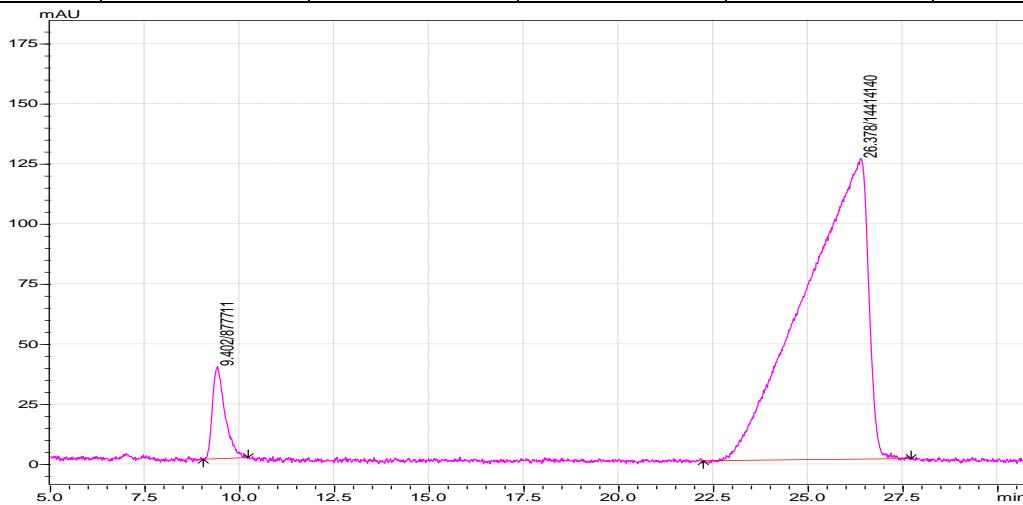


Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +59.5$  (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 2H), 5.24-5.17 (dd, *J* = 22.5, 14 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.78 (s, 3F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 141.4, 130.4, 126.9, 123.3, 122.5, 121.1, 113.4, 73.9, 51.9, 51.6, 21.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 259.0694, Found: 259.0680; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (minor) = 9.40 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (major) = 26.37 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

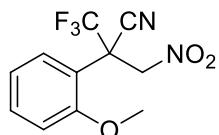


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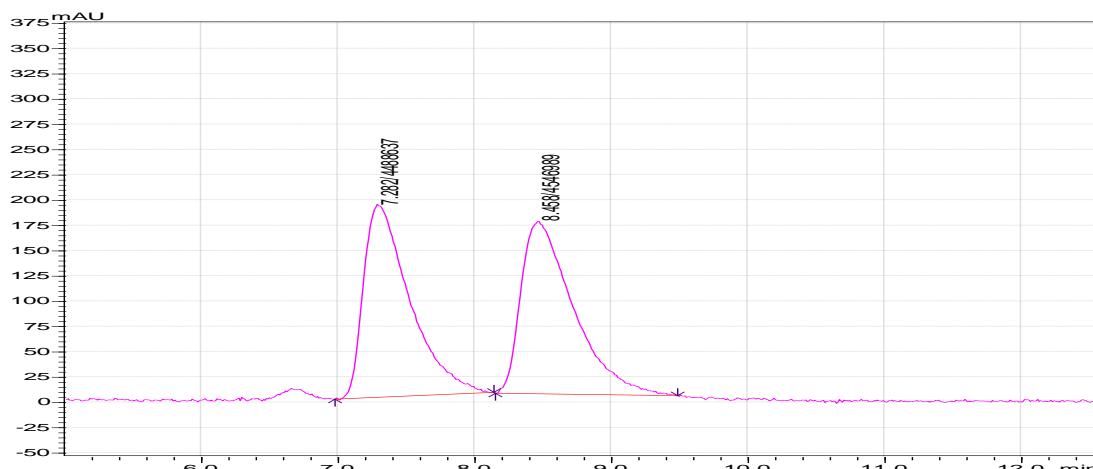
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1	9.402	877711	9.035	10.219	5.7397
2	26.378	14414140	22.229	27.712	94.2603

**3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2d):**

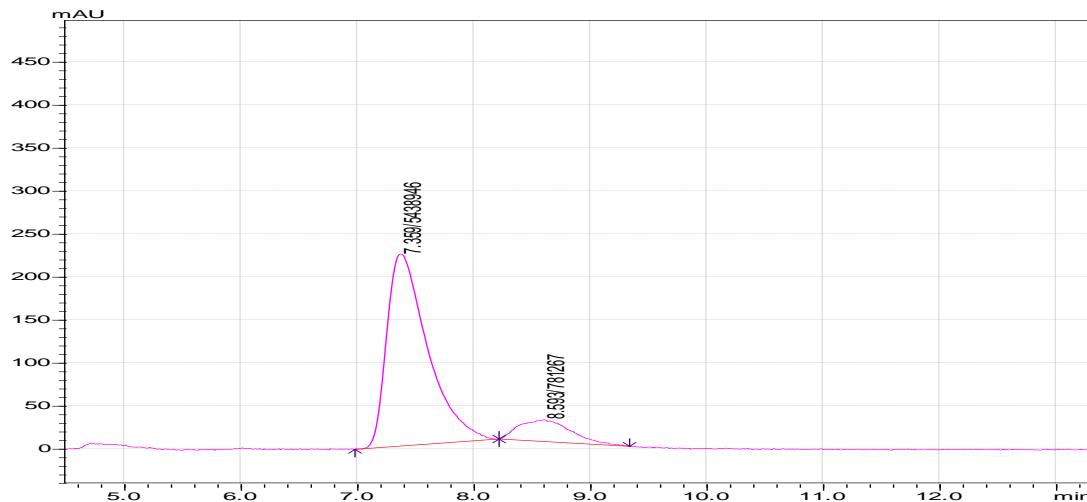


White solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +21.7$  (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.75-7.73 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (t, *J* = 15.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.97 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H) 5.92-5.89 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.08 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.11 (s, 3F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 157.2, 132.3, 131.8, 123.7, 121.8, 121.4, 114.8, 113.8, 112.6, 73.4, 55.7, 51.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 275.0644, Found: 275.0644; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (major) = 7.35 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (minor) = 8.59 min.

**HPLC Chromatograms**

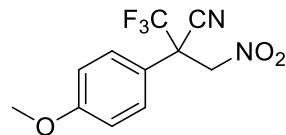


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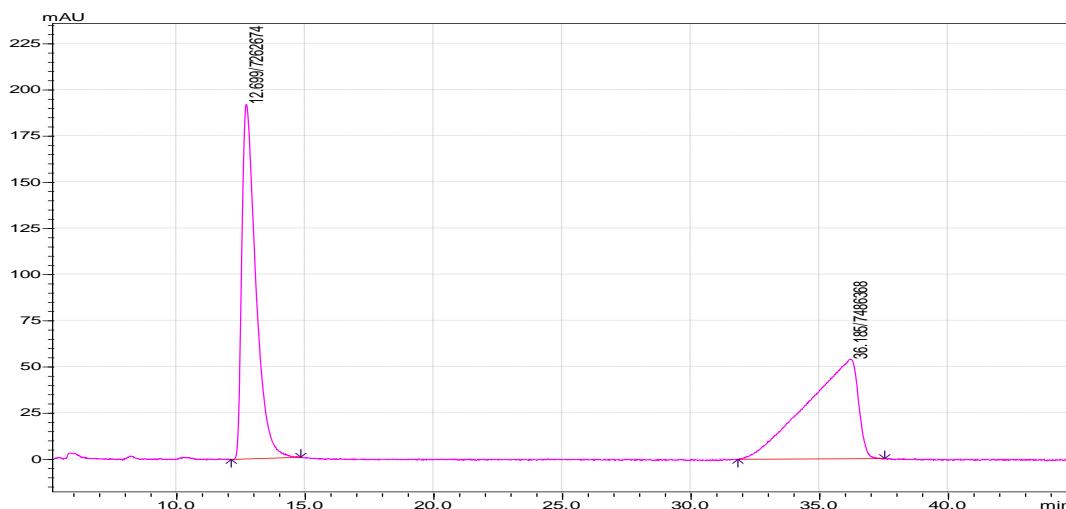
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1	7.359	5438946	6.976	8.213	87.4399
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### 3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2e):

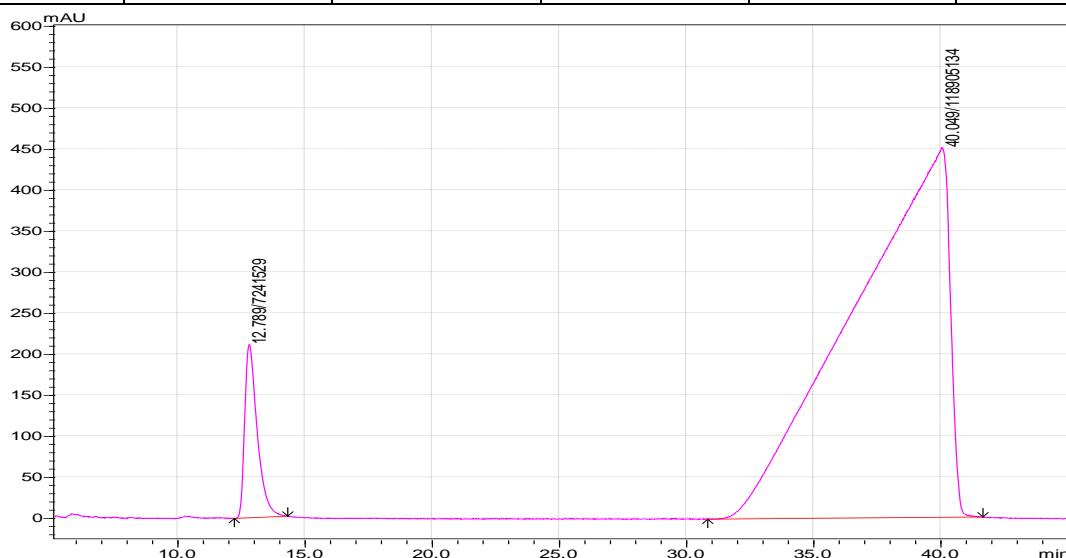


Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +46.7$  (c 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -71.03 (s, 3F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 161.4, 128.5, 123.4, 121.1, 117.0, 115.0, 113.5, 74.0, 55.4, 51.5 (q,  $J = 29.3$  Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  275.0644, Found: 275.0652; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $t_{\text{r}1}$  (minor) = 12.78 min,  $t_{\text{r}2}$  (major) = 40.04 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

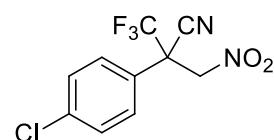


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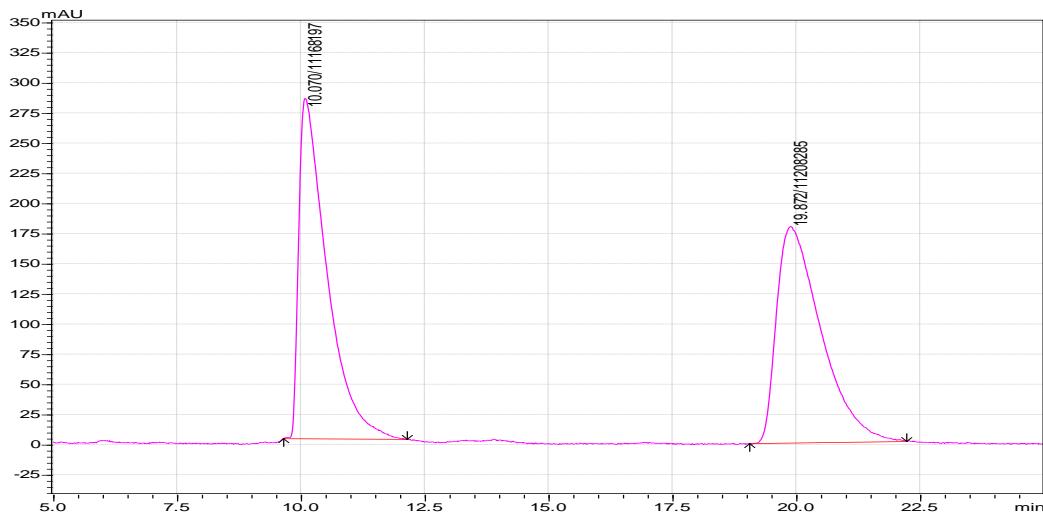
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2	40.049	118905134	30.827	41.653	94.2594

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2f):

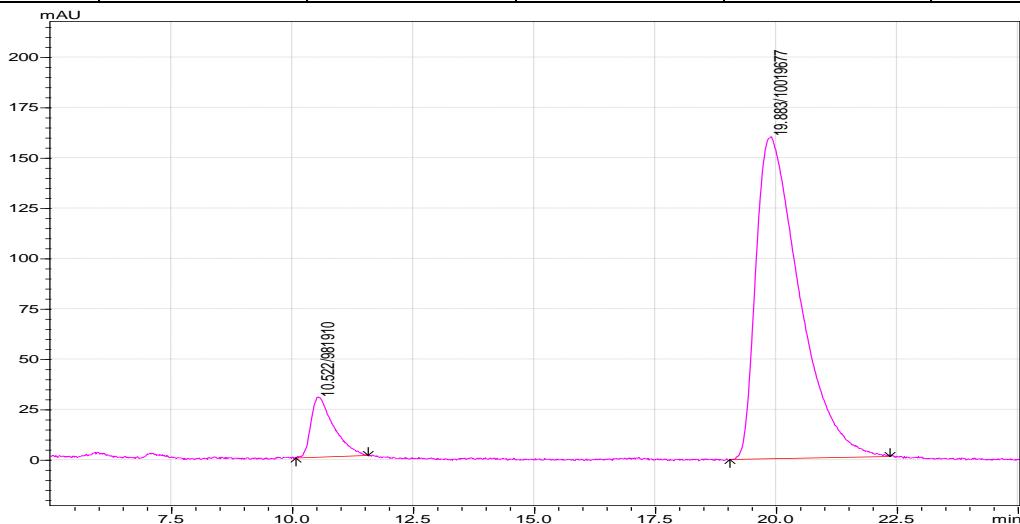


Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +36.9$  (c 0.9,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.58\text{-}7.47$  (m, 4H), 5.22 (s, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -70.60$  (s, 3F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 137.7, 130.0, 128.5, 124.2, 122.0$  (q,  $J = 284.3$  Hz), 113.0, 73.7, 51.6 (q,  $J = 29.3$  Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  279.0148, Found: 279.0153; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $t_{r1}$  (minor) = 10.52 min,  $t_{r2}$  (major) = 19.88 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

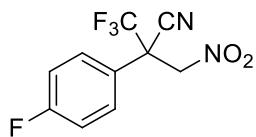


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2	19.872	11208285	19.051	22.219	50.0896



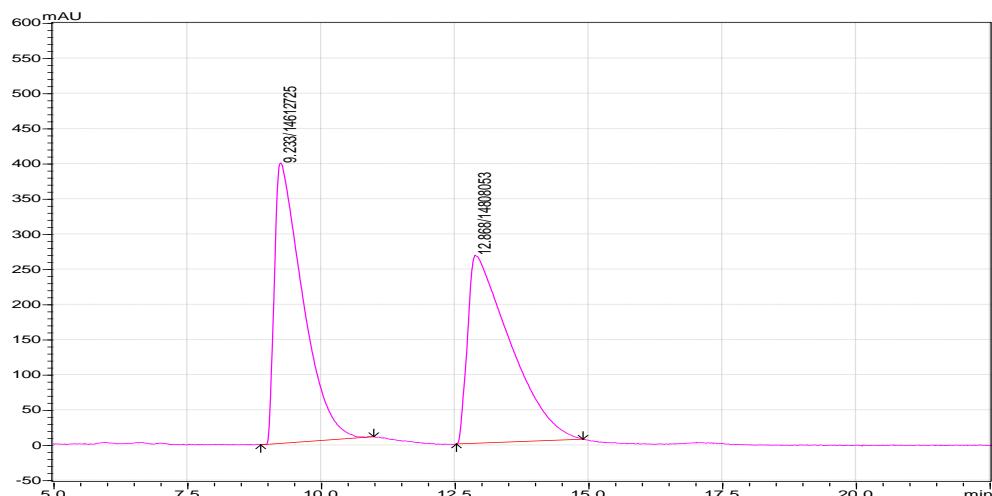
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1	10.522	981910	10.069	11.563	8.9252
2	19.883	10019677	19.040	22.347	91.0748

### **3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2g)**

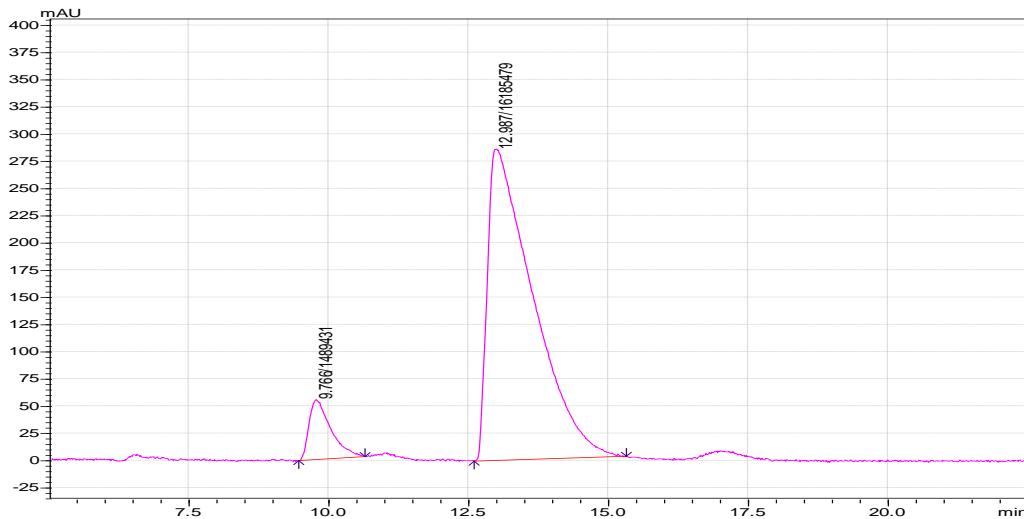


Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +15.4$  (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.78 (s, 3F), -108.43 to -108.48 (m, 1F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 164.0 (d, *J* = 252.5 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 122.1 (q, *J* = 283.7 Hz), 121.5, 117.0 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 113.2, 73.9, 51.5 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz), ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.0444, Found: 263.0442; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (minor) = 9.76 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (major) = 12.98 min.

#### **HPLC Chromatograms**

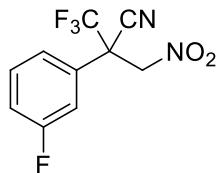


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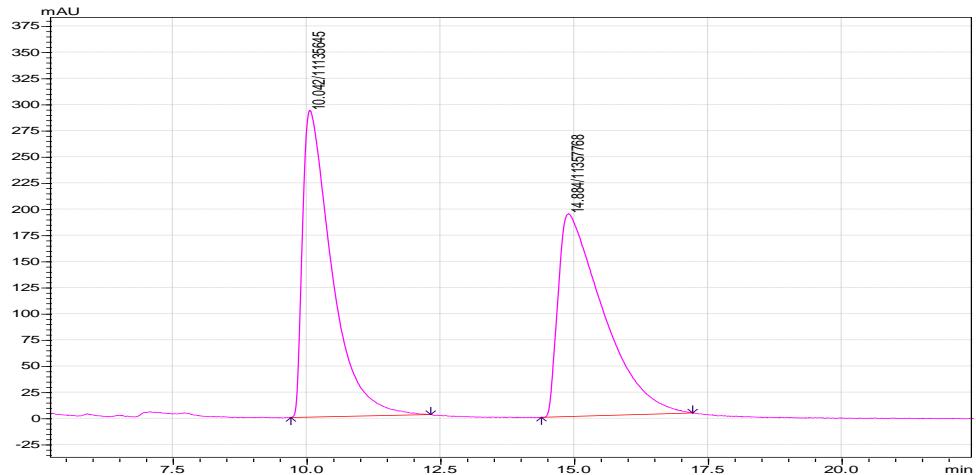
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### 3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2h):

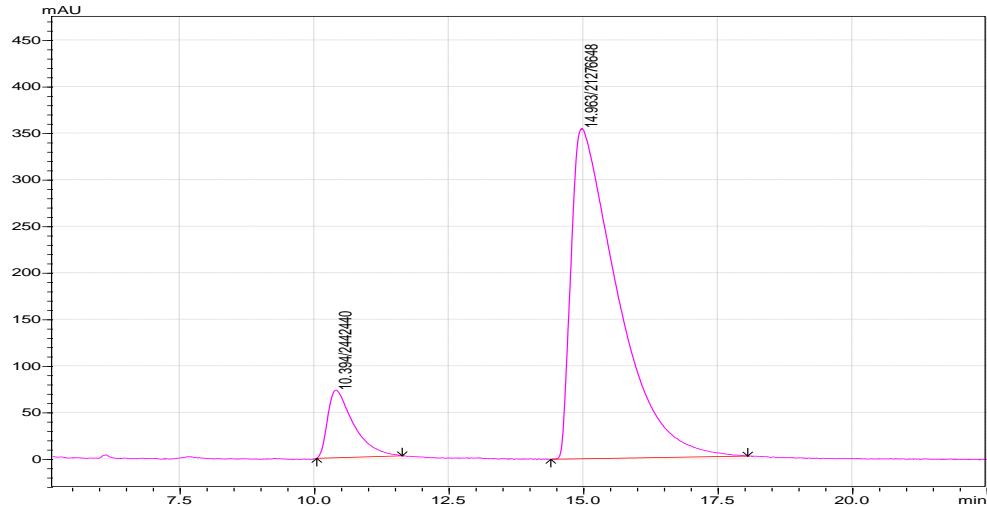


White solid; m.p. = 50-52 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +18.2$  (c 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.57-7.21 (m, 4H), 5.22 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.37 (s, 3F), -108.86 to -108.92 (m, 1F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 162.9 (d, *J* = 248.7), 131.5(d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 127.9 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 123.1, 122.9, 120.8 , 118.4 (d, *J* = 20 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 112.9, 73.7, 51.8, 51.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.0444, Found: 263.0435; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (minor) = 10.39 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (major) = 14.96 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

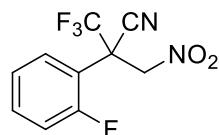


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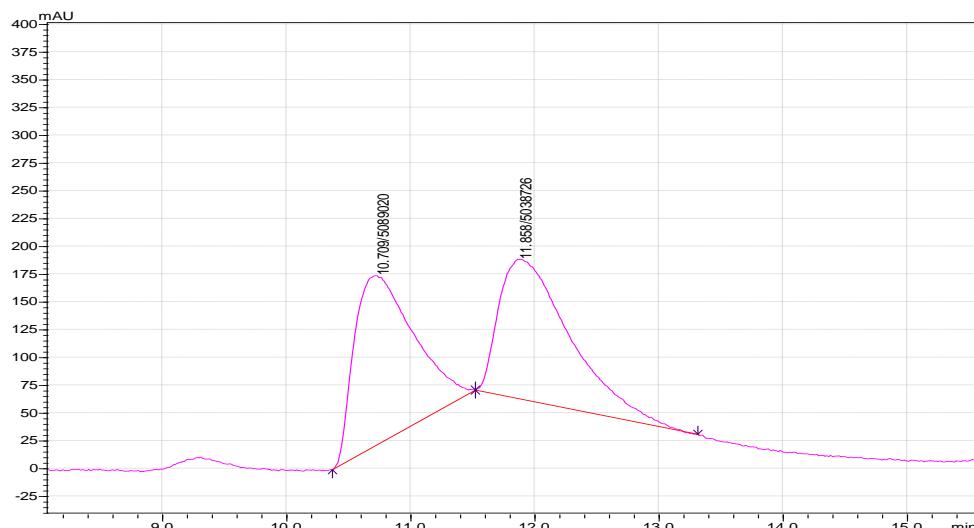
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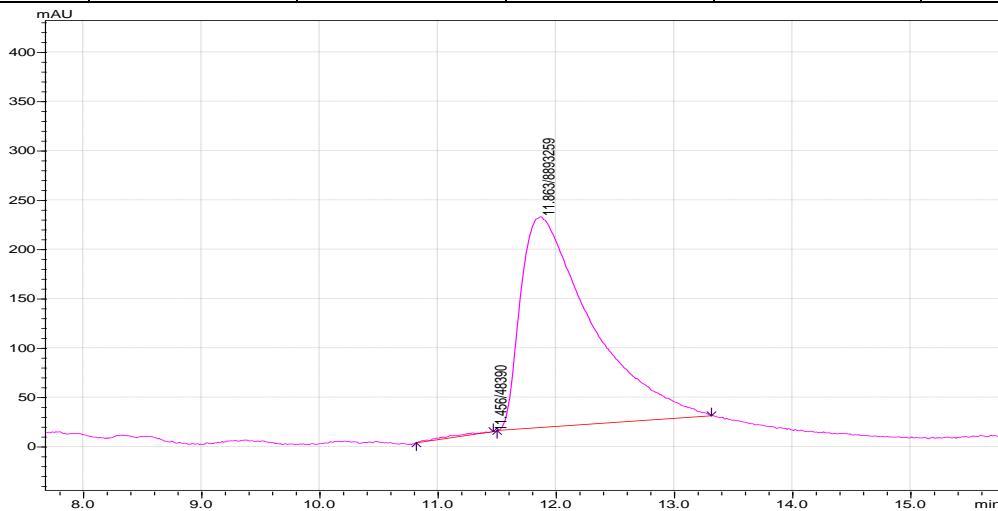
White solid; m.p. = 72-74 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +15.0$  (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.68-5.65 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21-5.17 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.58 (s, 3F), -

106.68 (s, 1F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 160.0 (d,  $J$  = 249.1 Hz), 133.4 (d,  $J$  = 9 Hz), 131.6, 125.6 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz), 123.2, 120.9, 117.6 (d,  $J$  = 23.2 Hz), 113.2, 113.1 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz), 72.8 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz), 51.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  263.0444, Found: 263.0445; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 0.8 mL/min,  $t_{r1}$  (minor) = 10.39 min,  $t_{r2}$  (major) = 14.96 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

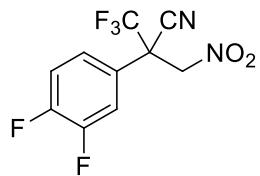


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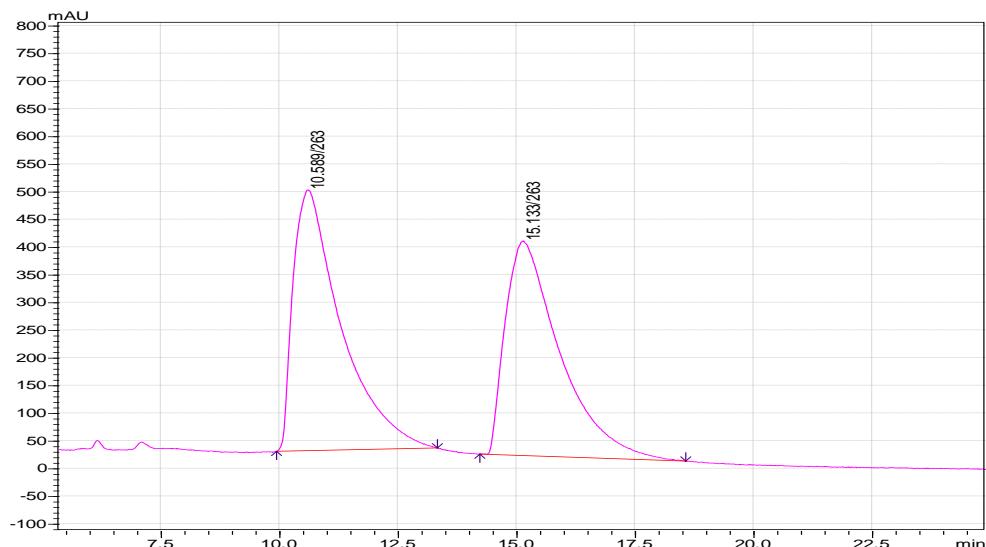
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### 2-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2j)

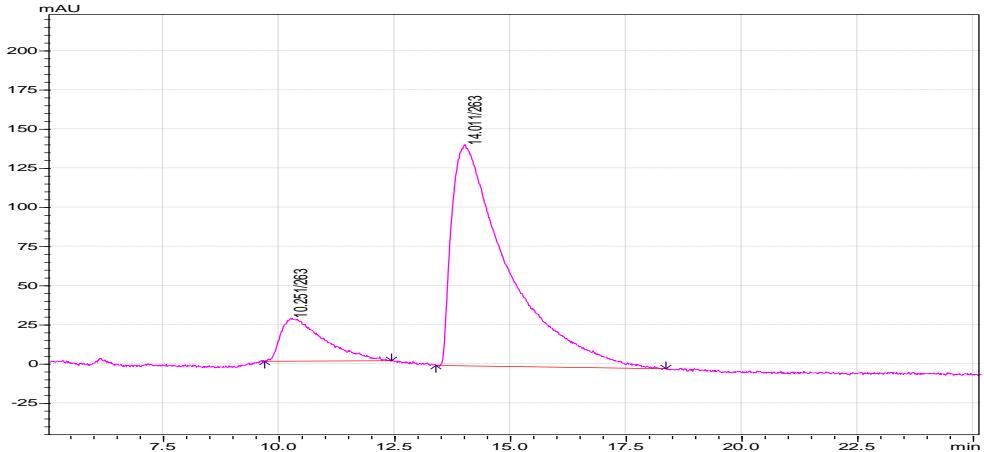


Colorless liquid;  $[\alpha]_D^{30} = +32.4$  (c 0.8,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.50-7.32 (m, 3H), 5.24-5.16 (dd,  $J$  = 23.5, 14.5 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -70.54 (s, 3F), -131.93 to -132.04 (m, 1F), -132.49 to -132.59 (m, 3F) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 152.9 (d,  $J$  = 11.3 Hz), 151.7 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz), 150.9 (d,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz), 149.7 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz), 123.9, 123.0, 122.5, 120.7, 119.0 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz), 117.2 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz), 112.7, 73.6, 51.3 (q,  $J$  = 29.7 Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  281.0349, Found: 281.0345; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min,  $t_{r1}$  (minor) = 10.25 min,  $t_{r2}$  (major) = 14.01 min.

### HPLC Chromatograms

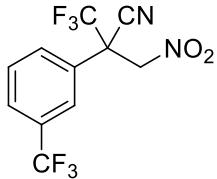


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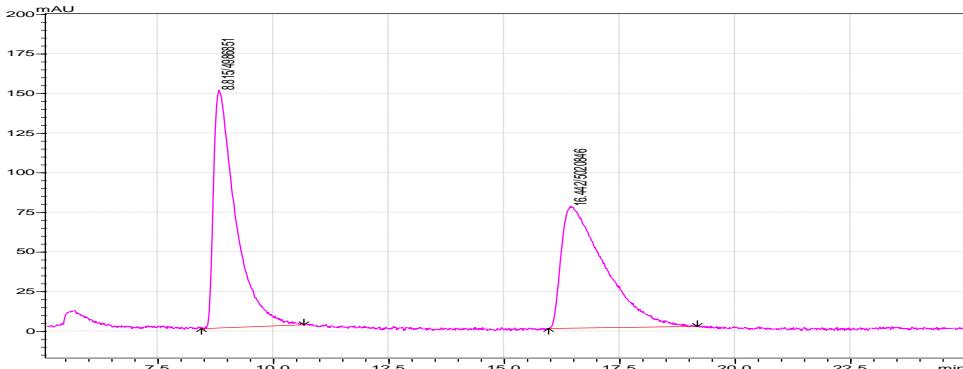
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### **3,3,3-Trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-propanenitrile (2k):**

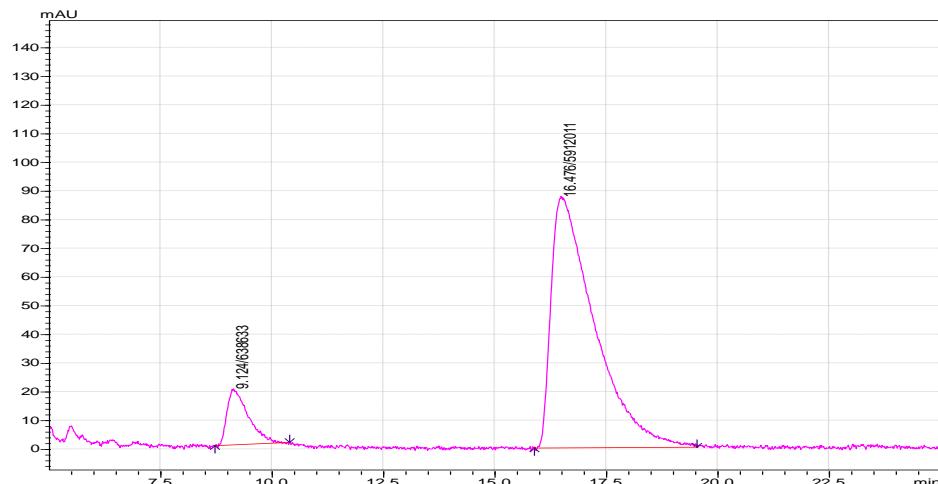


White solid; m.p. = 86-88 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +13.5$  (c 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.85-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.68(m, 1H), 5.29-5.28 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -62.89 (s, 3F), -70.33 (s, 3F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 132.5(q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 130.6, 130.5, 128.1, 127.1, 126.3, 124.1, 124.0, 123.0, 122.0, 120.8, 112.7, 73.6, 52.9 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 313.0412, Found: 313.0404; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (minor) = 9.12 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (major) = 16.47 min.

## HPLC Chromatograms

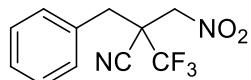


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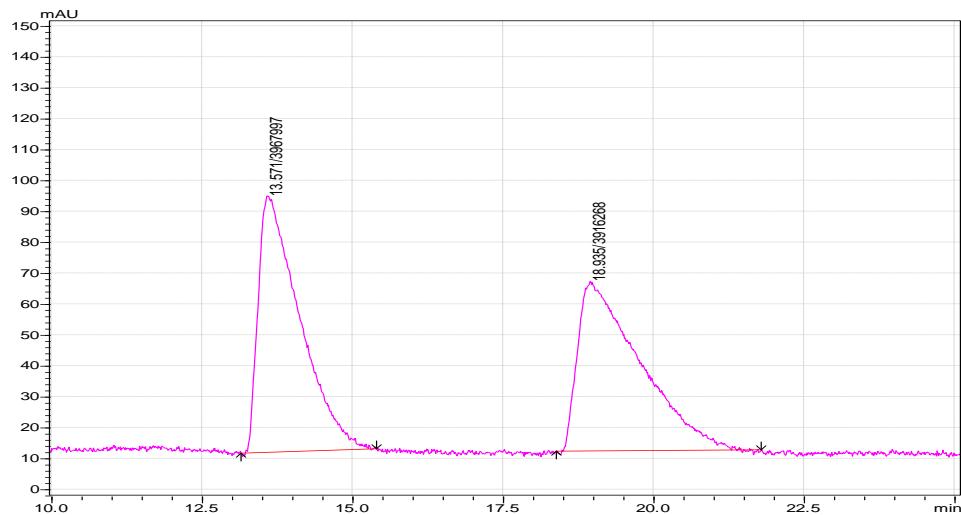
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**2-Benzyl-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)propanenitrile (2l):**

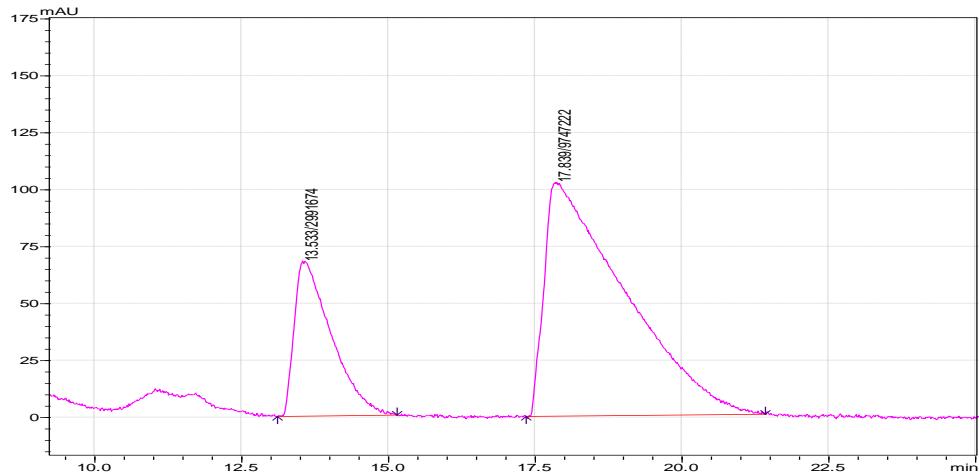


White solid; m.p. = 56-58 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +2.6$  (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 4.72-4.69 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.55 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47-3.44 (d, *J* = 14.5, 1H), 3.30-3.27 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -70.37 (s, 3F) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 130.5, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 123.9, 121.6, 112.8, 72.8, 48.1, 47.9, 36.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 259.0694, Found: 259.0701; CHIRALCEL OD-H column, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80:20, flow rate 1 mL/min, t<sub>r1</sub> (minor) = 13.53 min, t<sub>r2</sub> (major) = 17.83 min.

**HPLC Chromatograms**

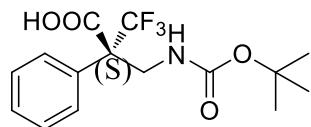


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2	18.935	3916268	18.379	21.781	49.6719



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1	13.533	2991674	13.109	15.147	23.4846
2	17.839	9747222	17.344	21.419	76.5154

### 3. Synthesis of (S)-2-(((tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-phenylpropanoic acid (5a):<sup>1</sup>



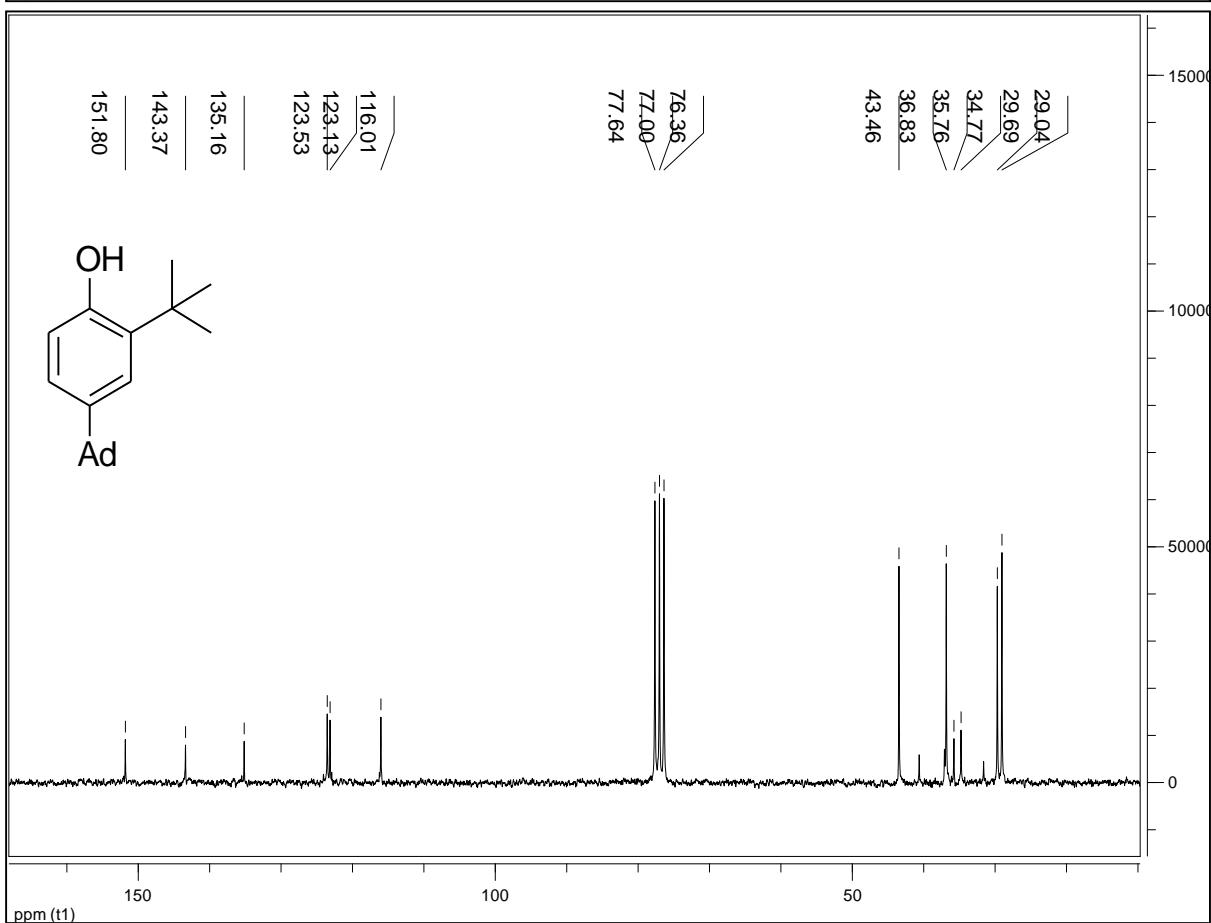
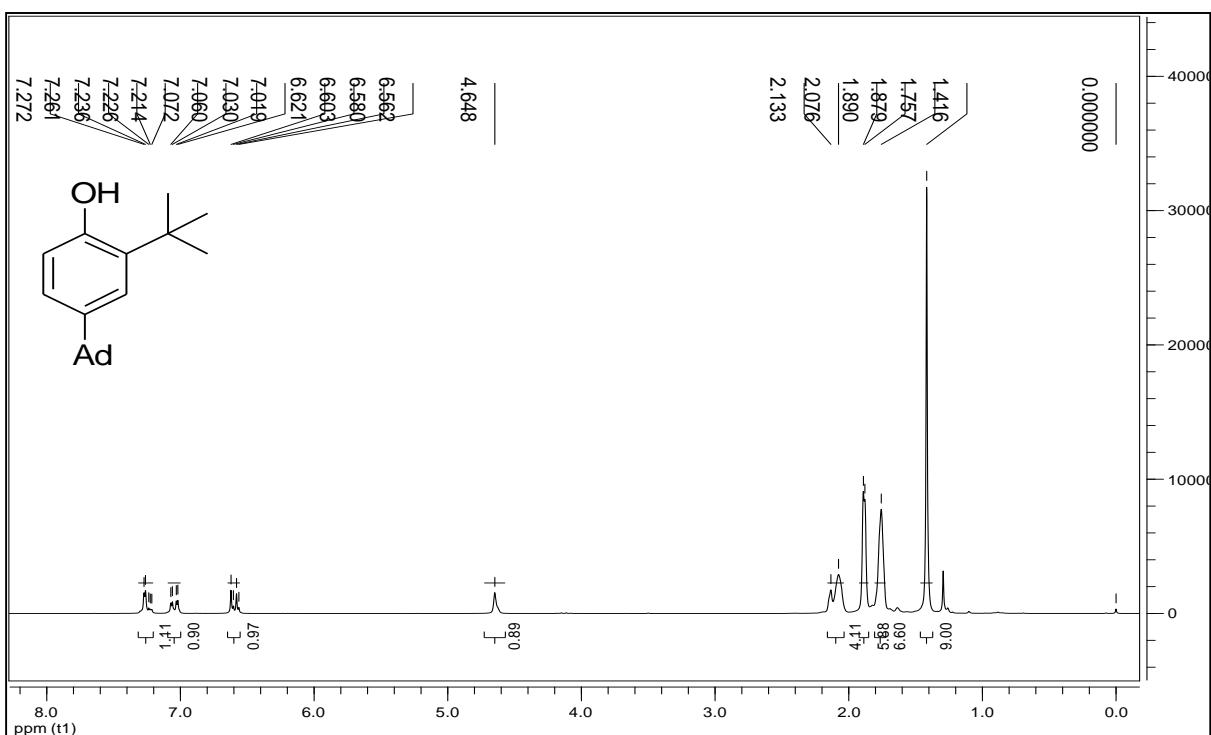
Zinc powder (15eq.) and 3 mL of 6 M HCl (aq.) were added to a stirring solution of (*S*)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (**2a**) (0.5 mmol) in ethanol (5ml). After 1 h excess Zinc powder removed by filtration and ethanol was removed in vacuo. NaOH (10%) was added to the above mixture until pH 10. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give amine (**3a**) which was used for next step without purification.

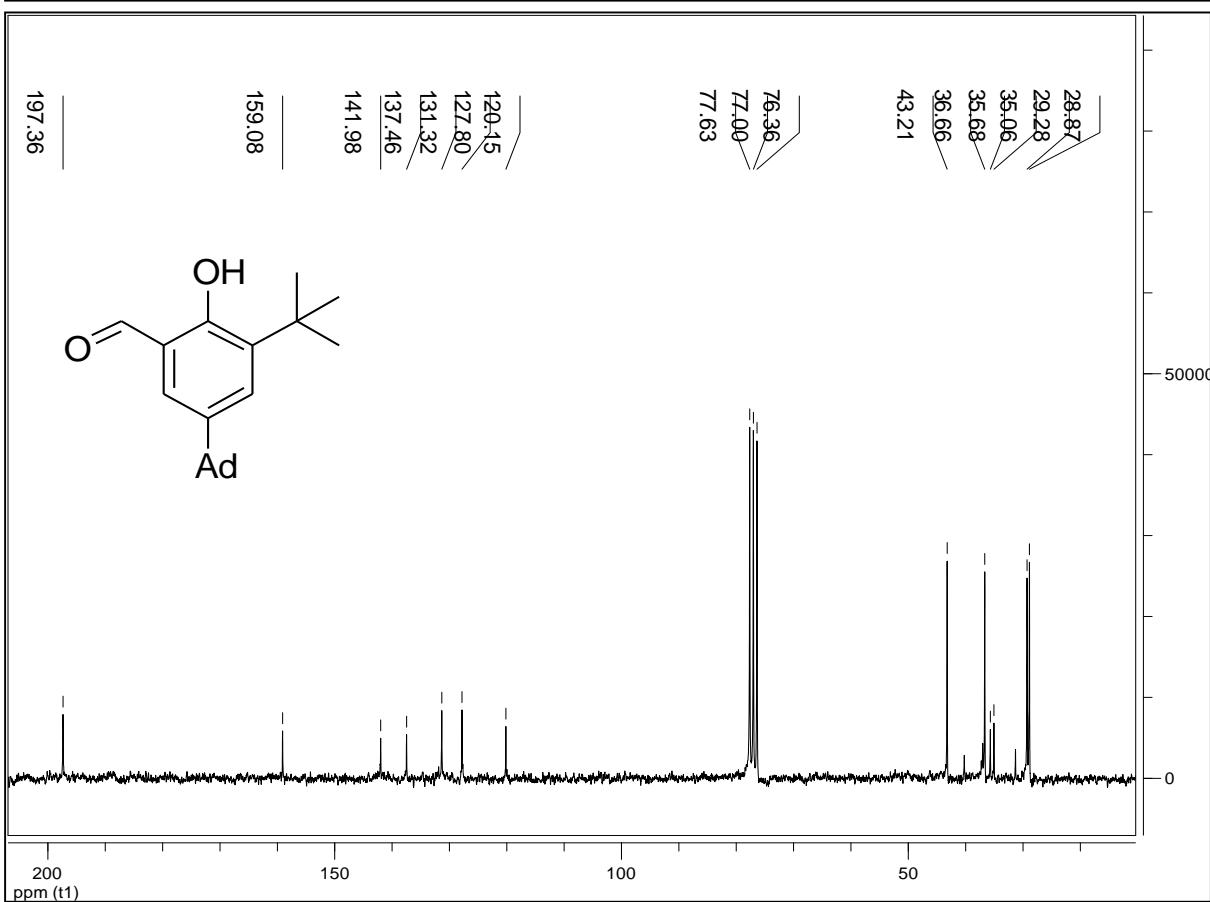
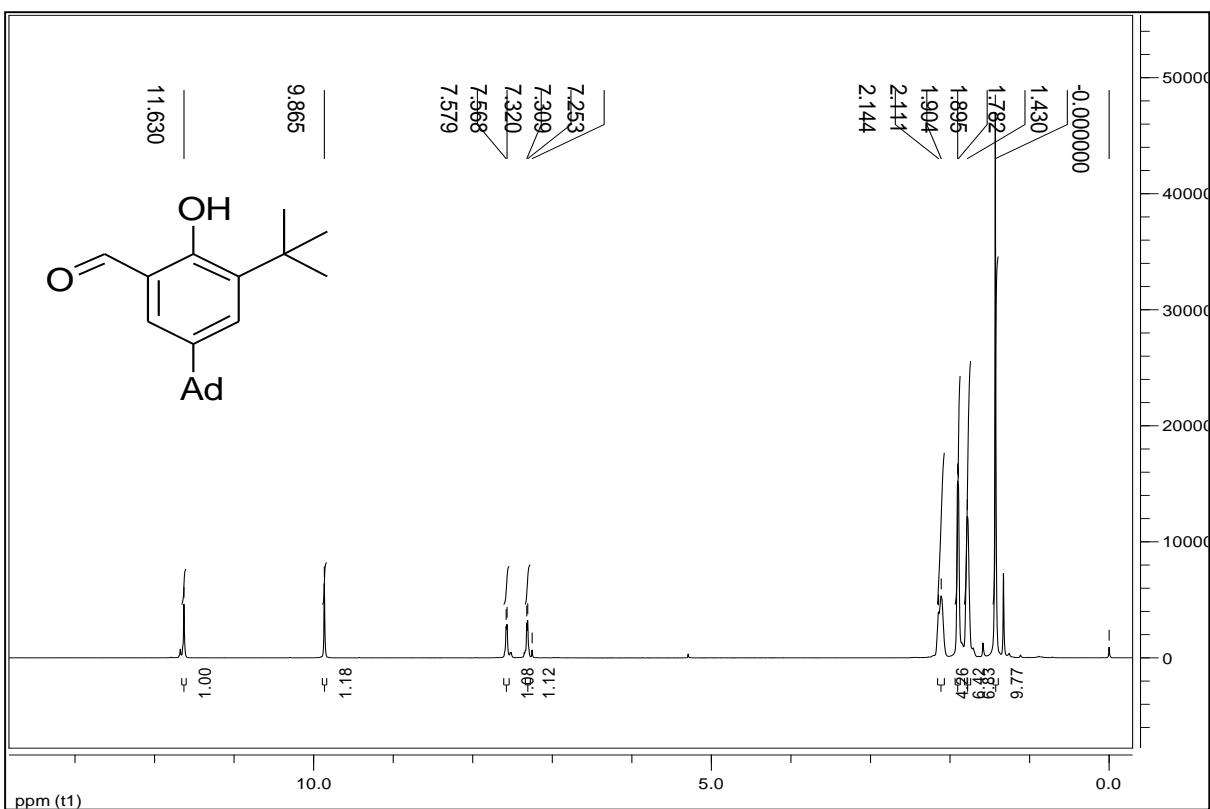
To the above crude amine was added 3 mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (75%) and heated under reflux for 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to 0 °C and carefully maintain to pH 10 with 40% NaOH. Dioxane (3 mL) was added to above reaction mixture followed by (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O (1.1 eq. to **2a**). The solution was allowed to attain to room temperature and stirred for further one . The dioxane was removed in vacuo, the aqueous layer was acidified (pH 2) with 1 M NaHSO<sub>4</sub> and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/hexane to afford as a white solid (**5a**) (36% yield from **2a**).

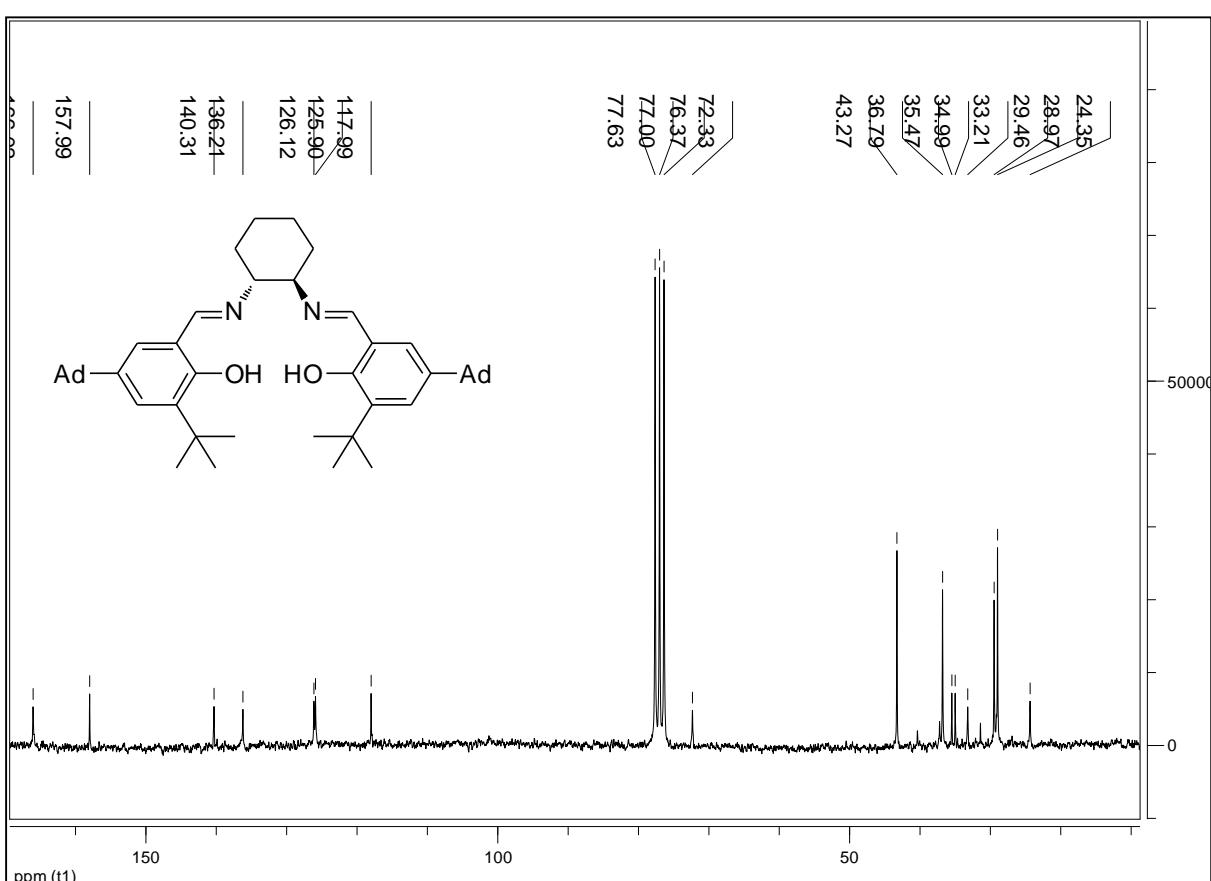
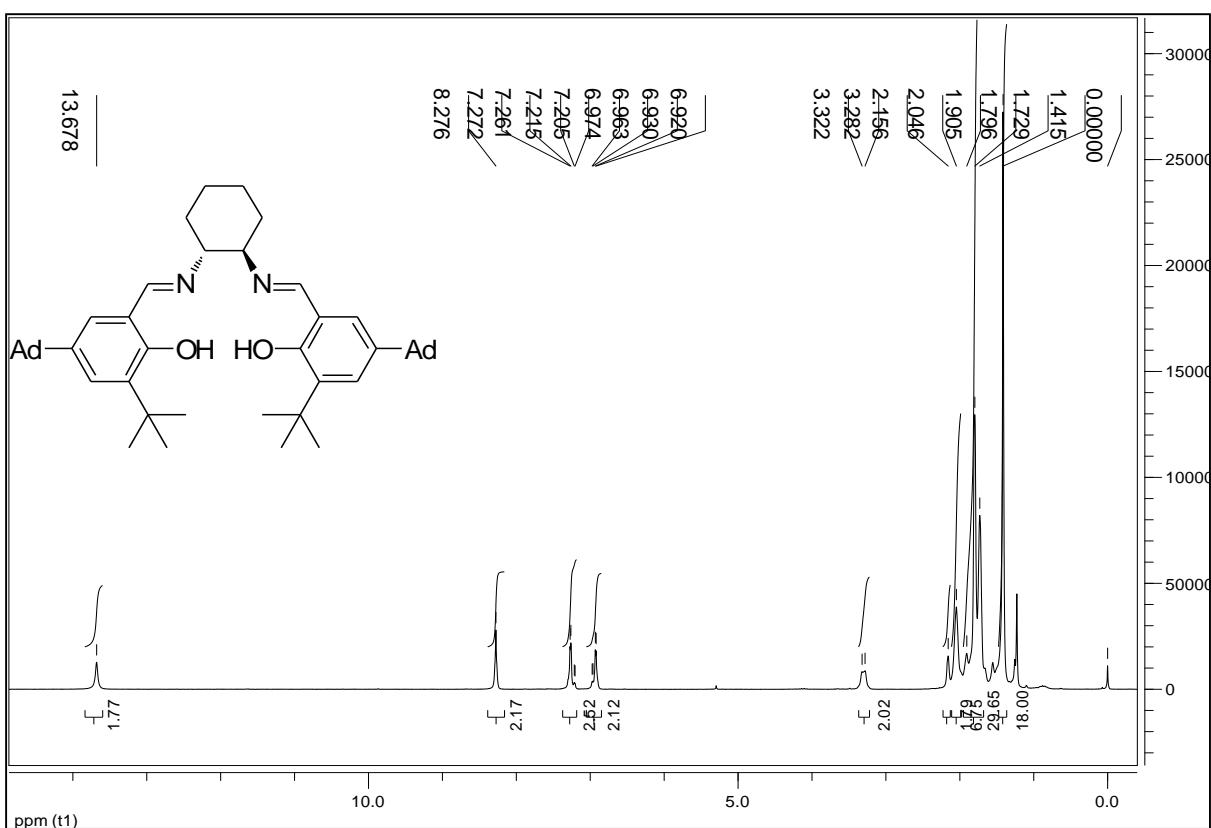
White solid; m.p. = 122-124 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> = +5.6 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.39-7.35 (m, 5H), 5.32-5.26 (br, 1H), 3.94-3.91 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -65.23 (s, 3F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 170.1, 155.4, 132.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 124.4, 79.5, 61.9 (q, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 43.6, 28.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI+) m/z Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.1266, Found: 334.1262.

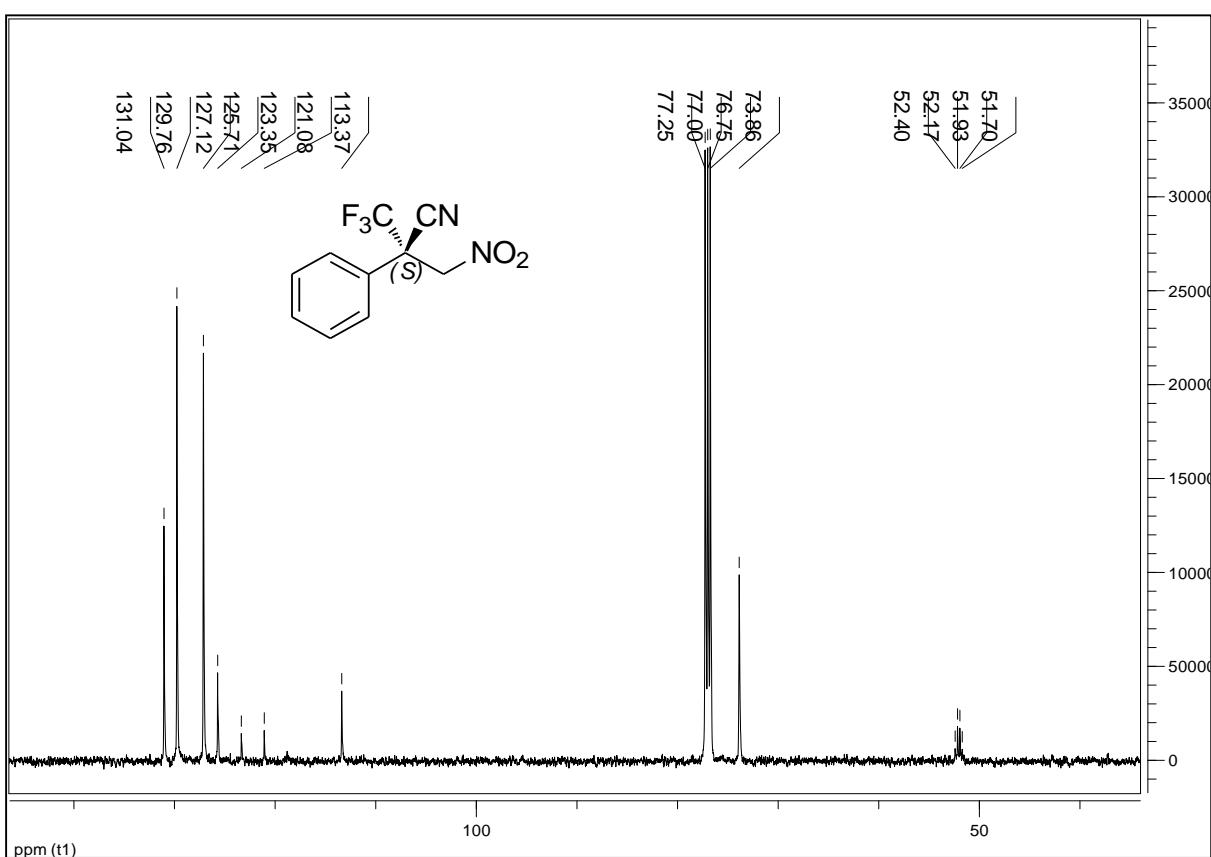
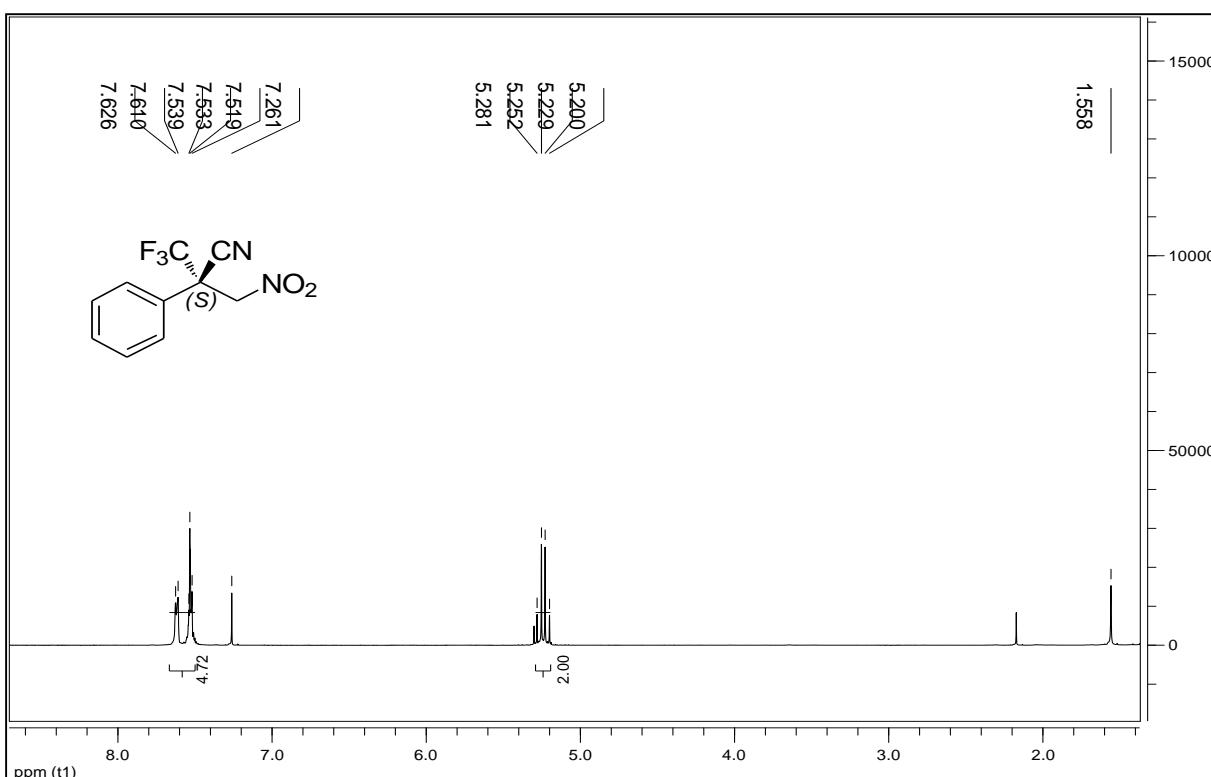
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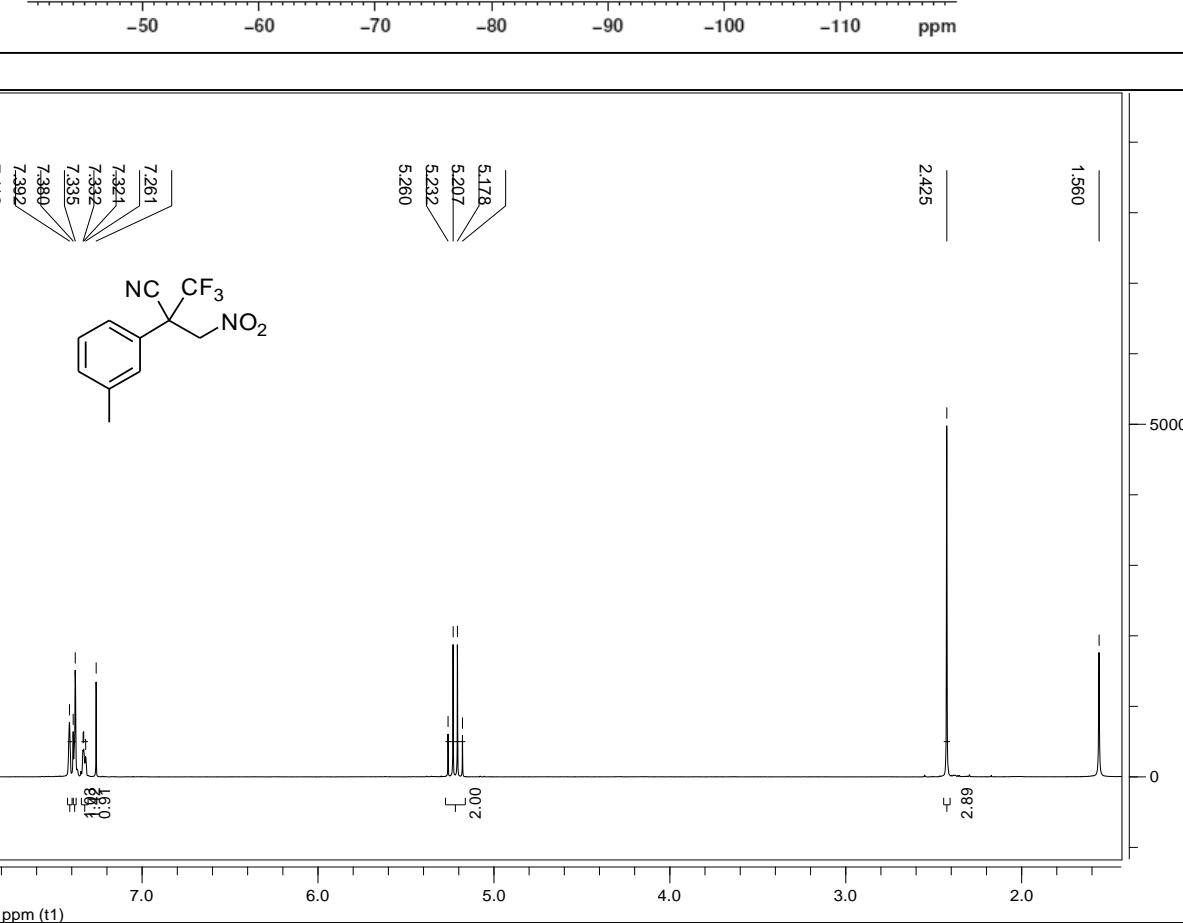


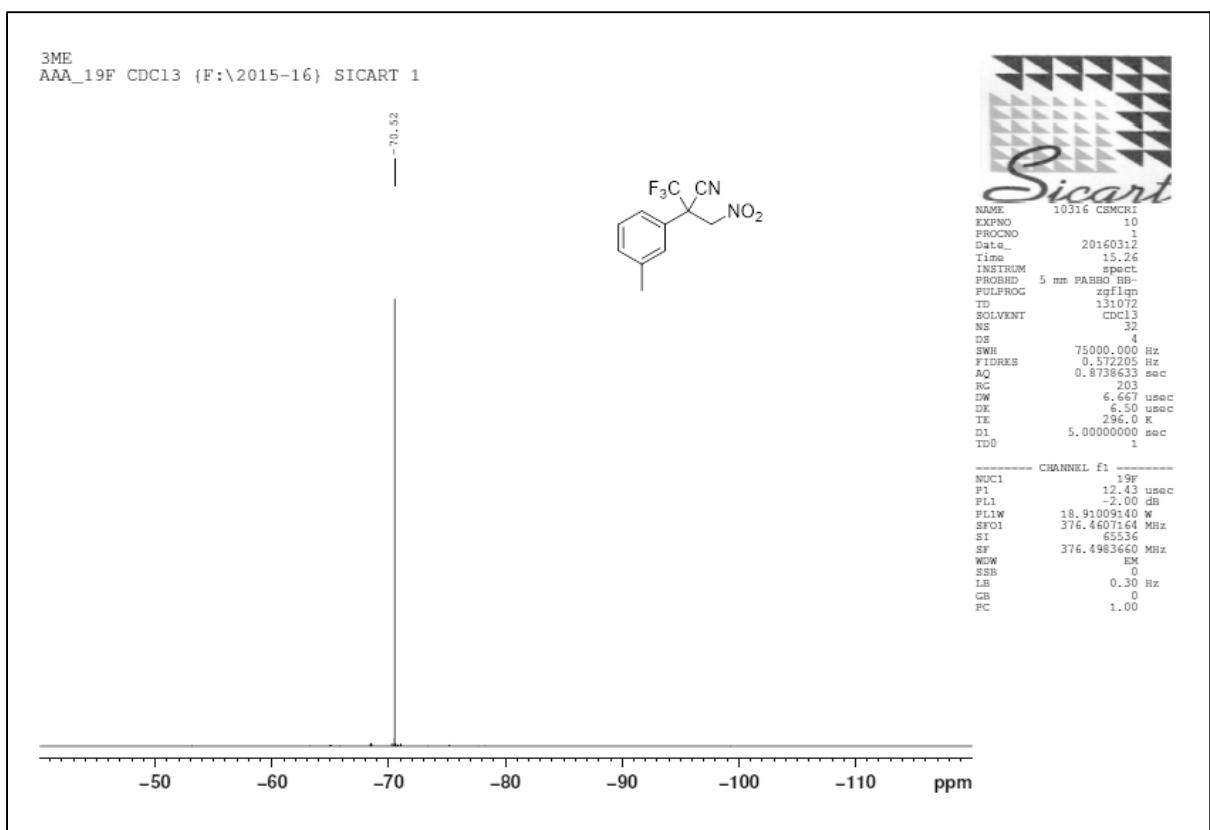
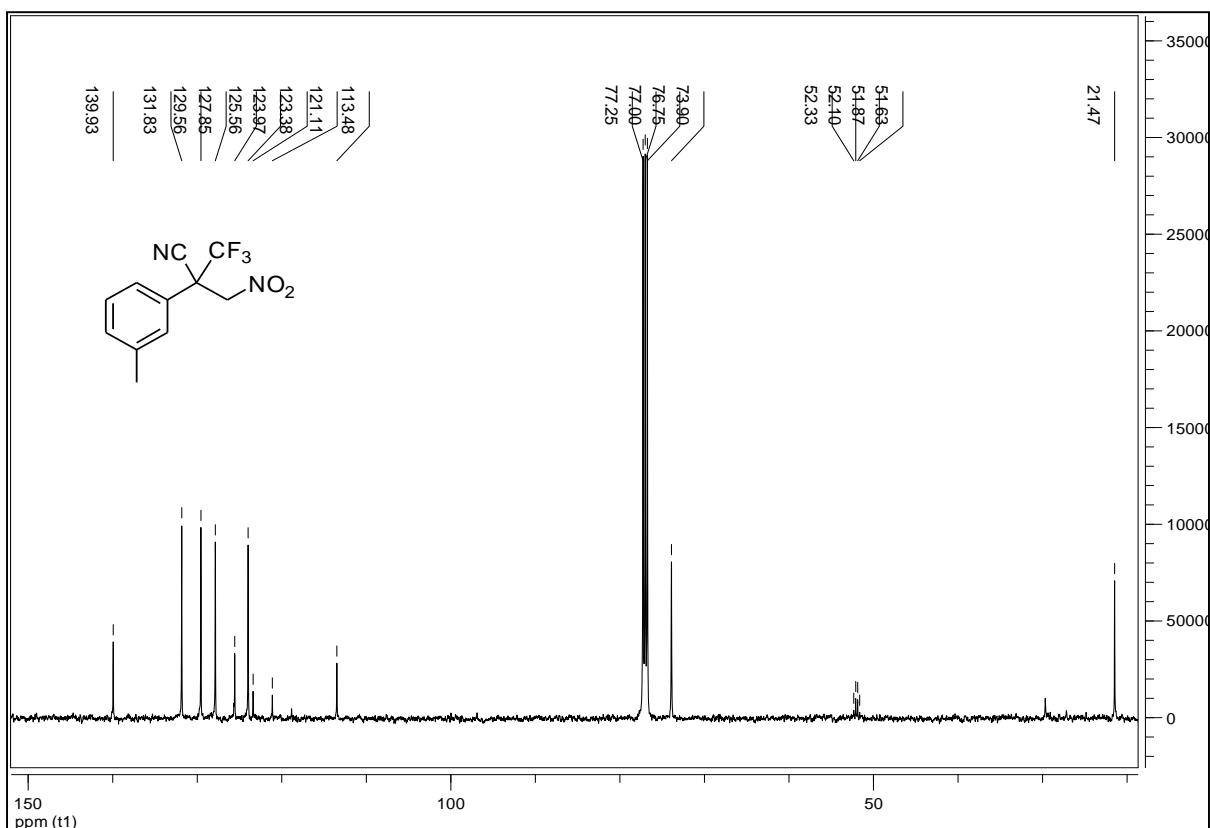
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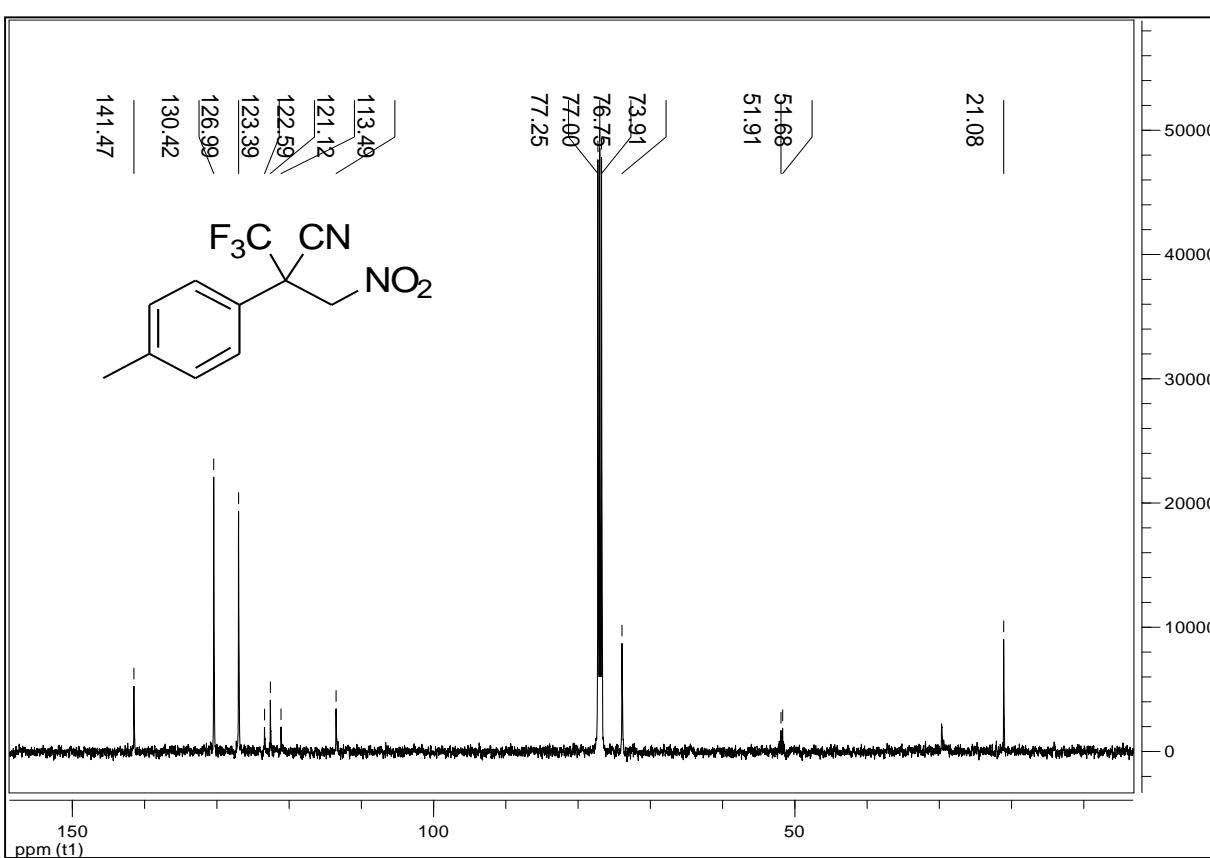
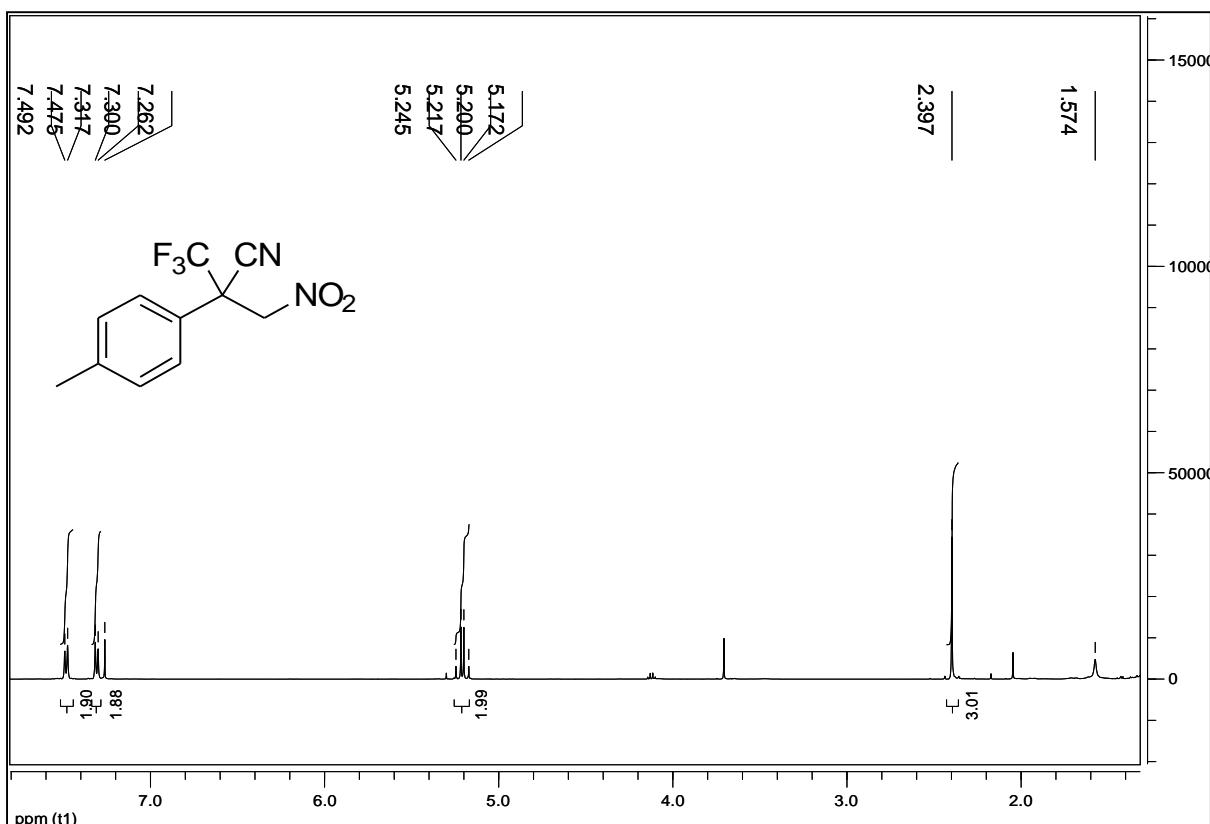


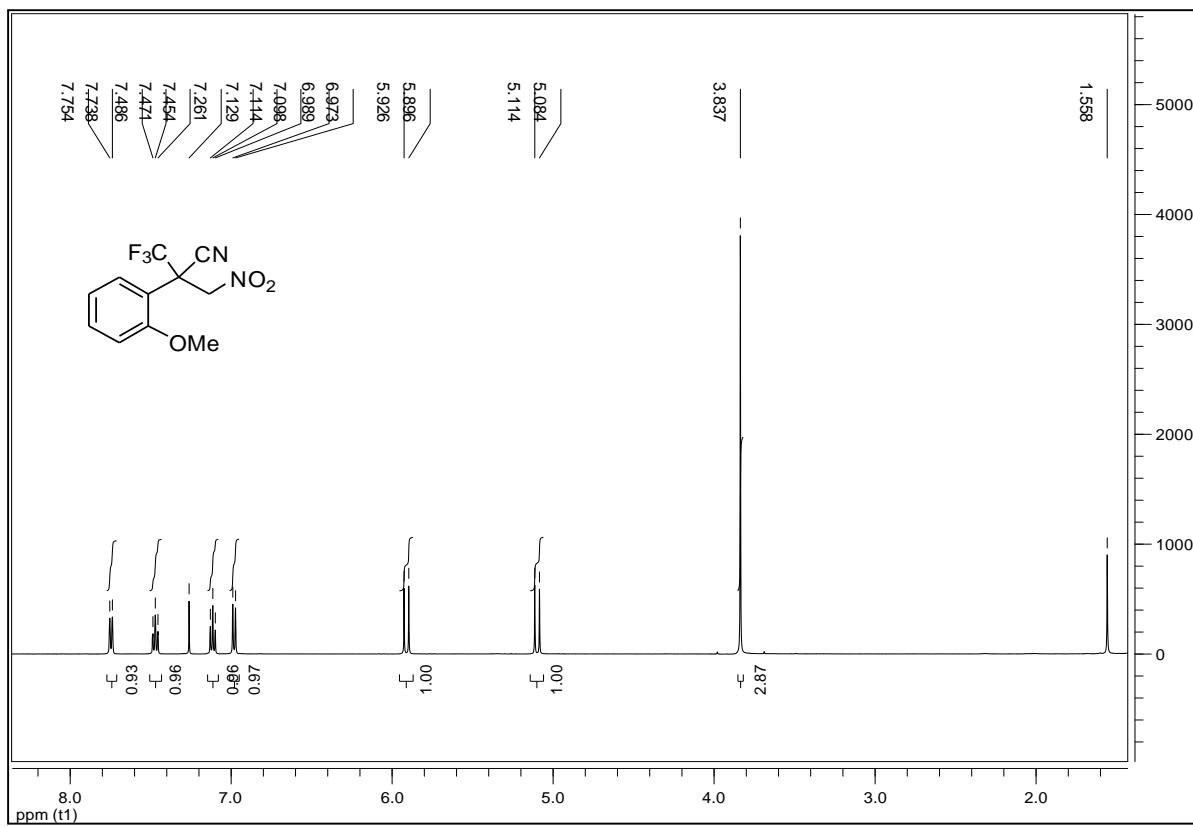
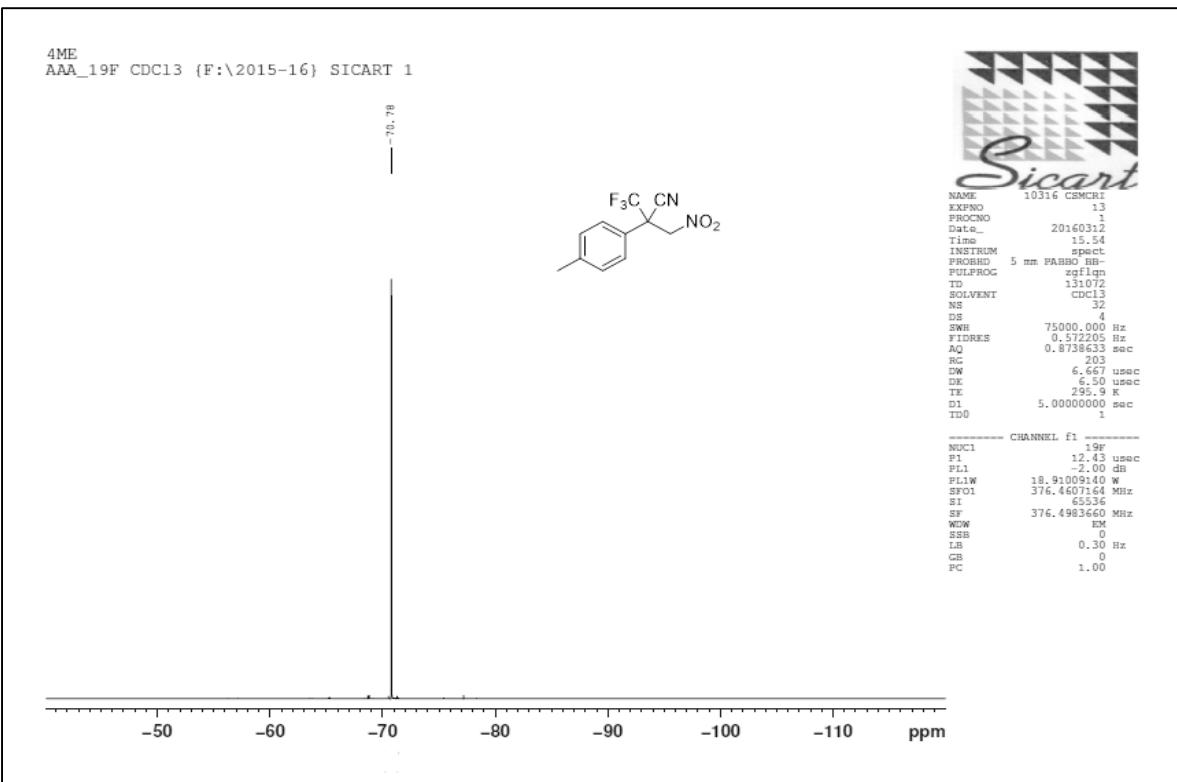
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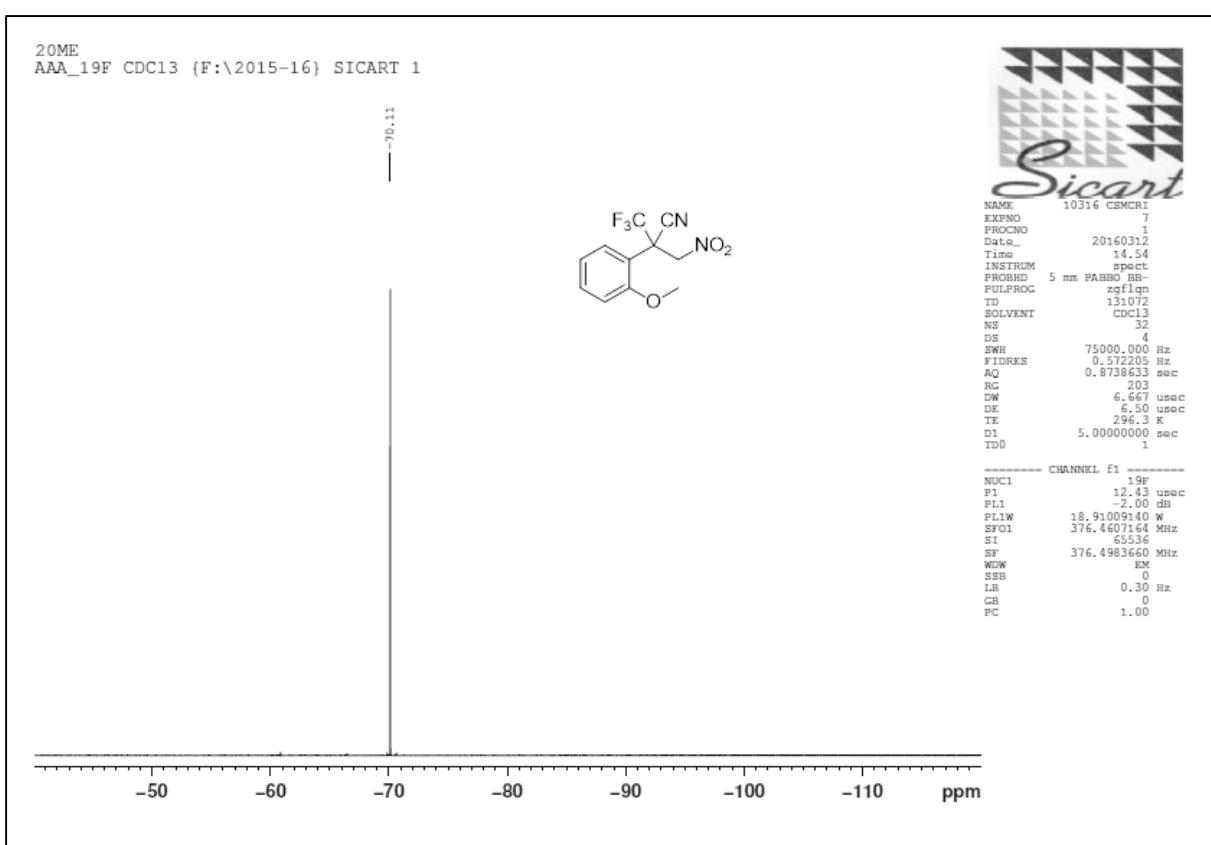
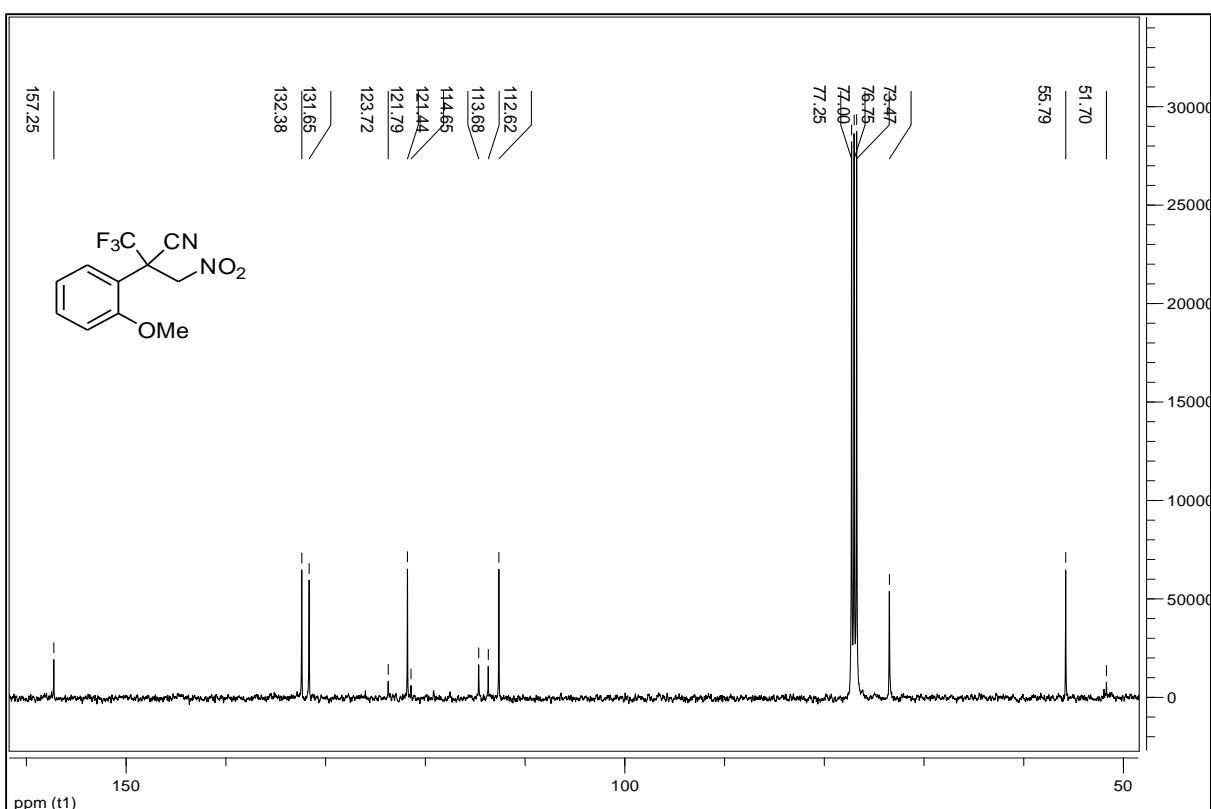
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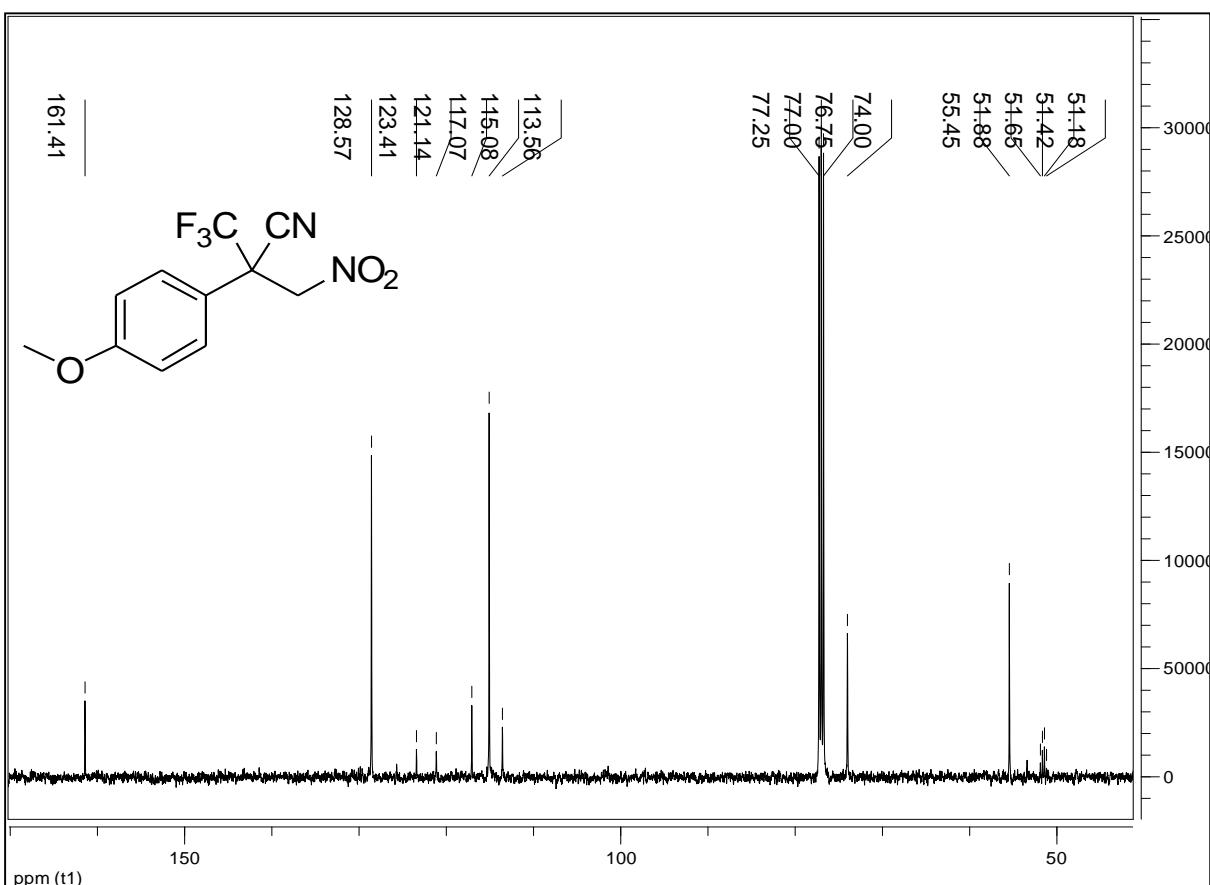
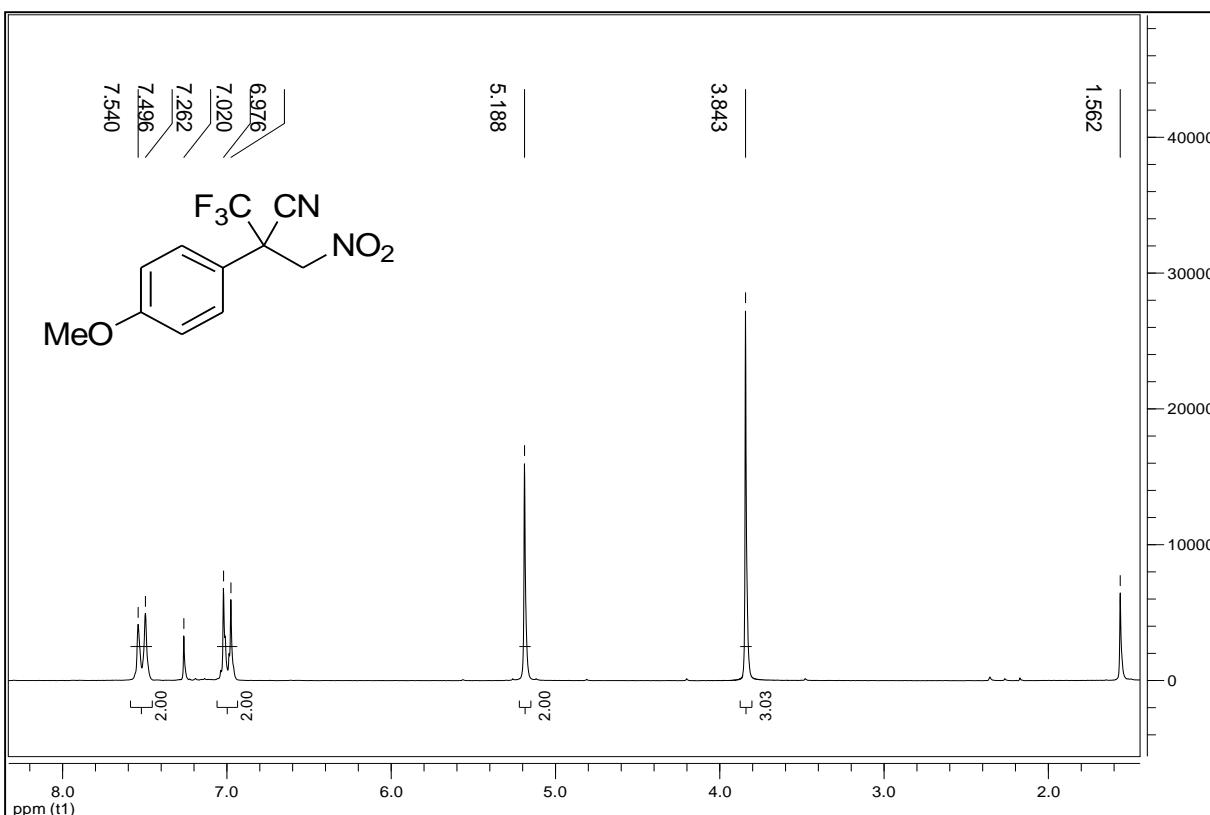


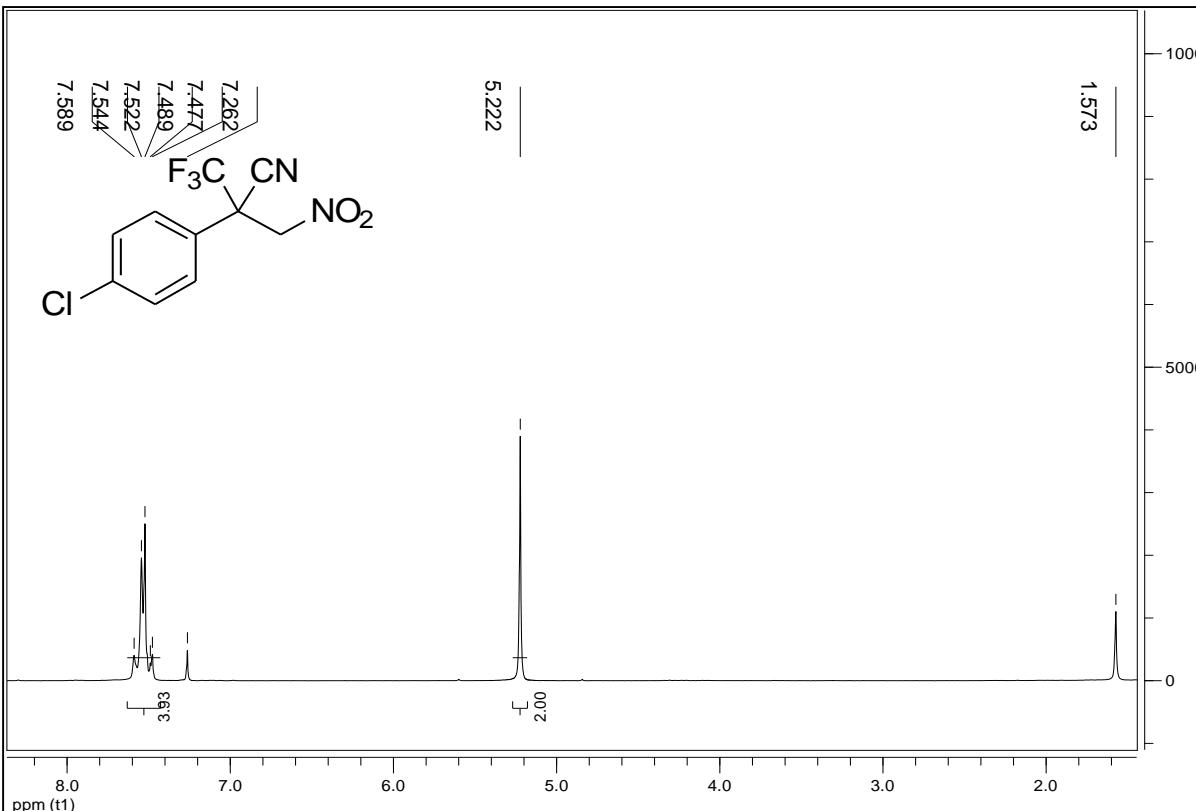
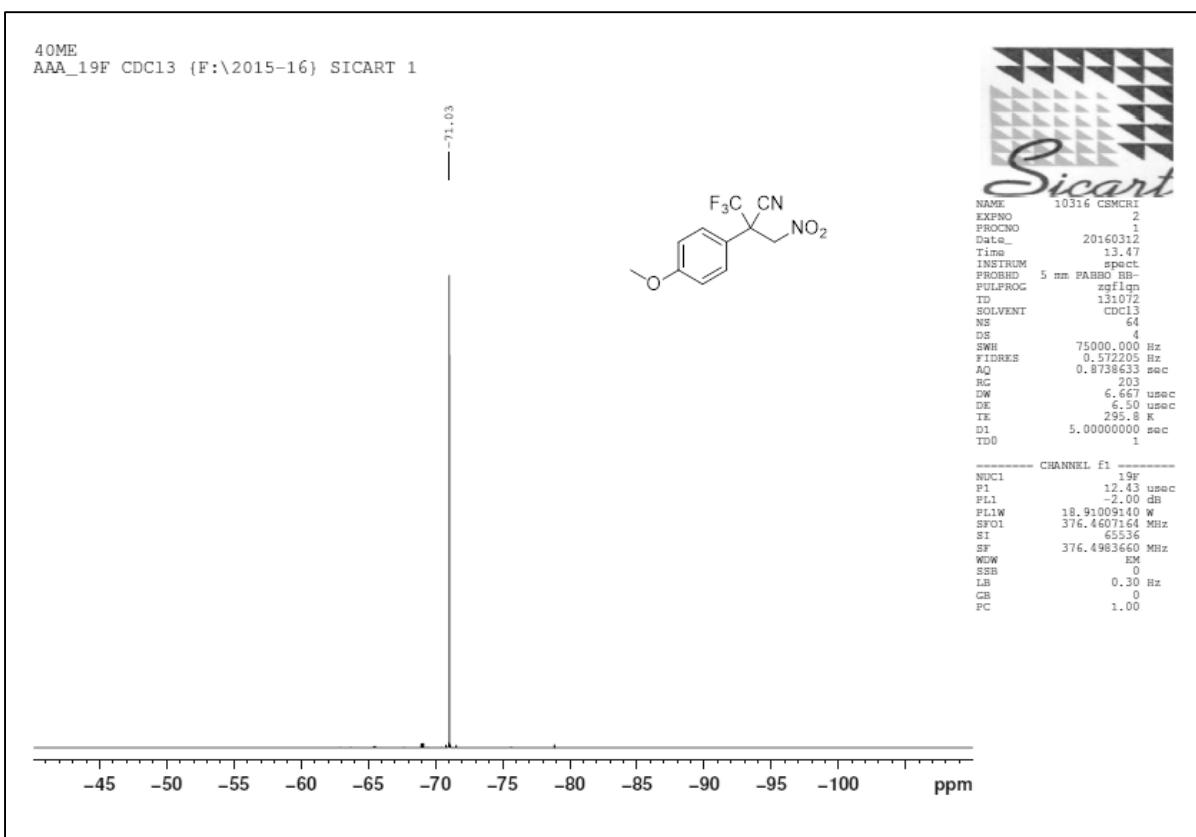


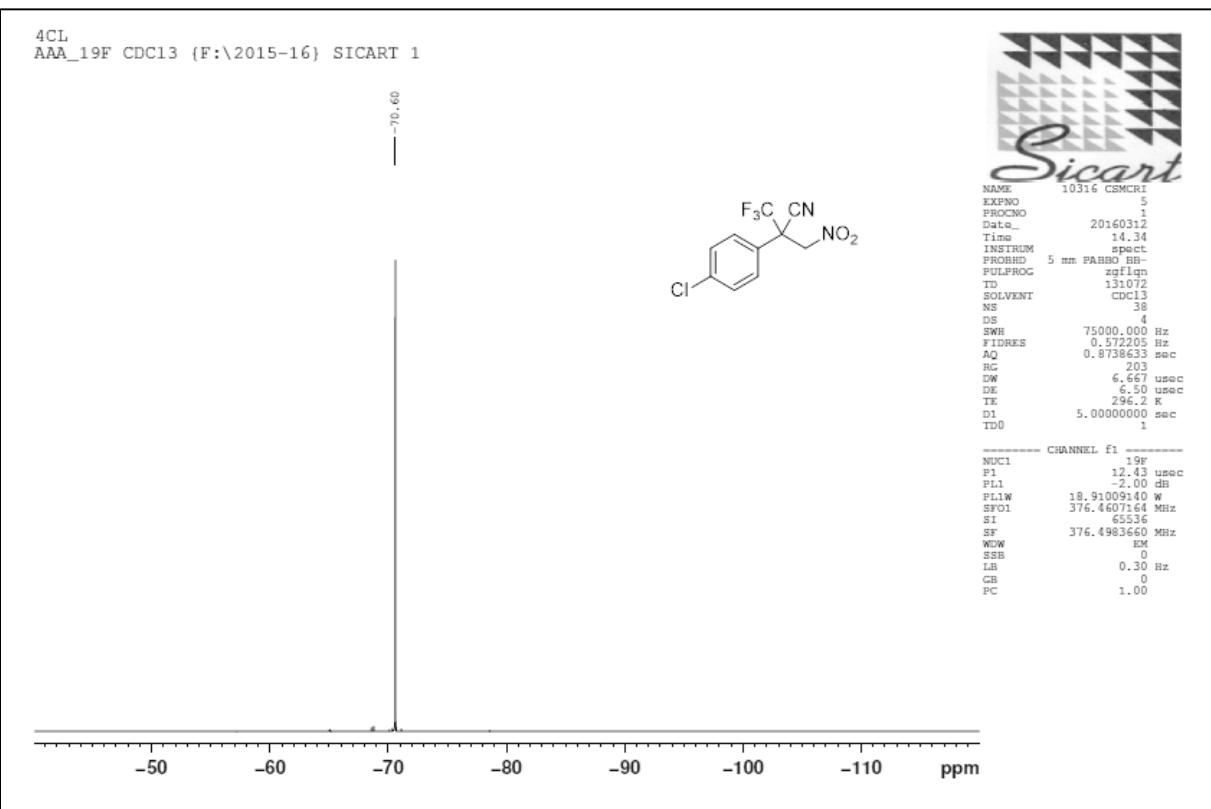
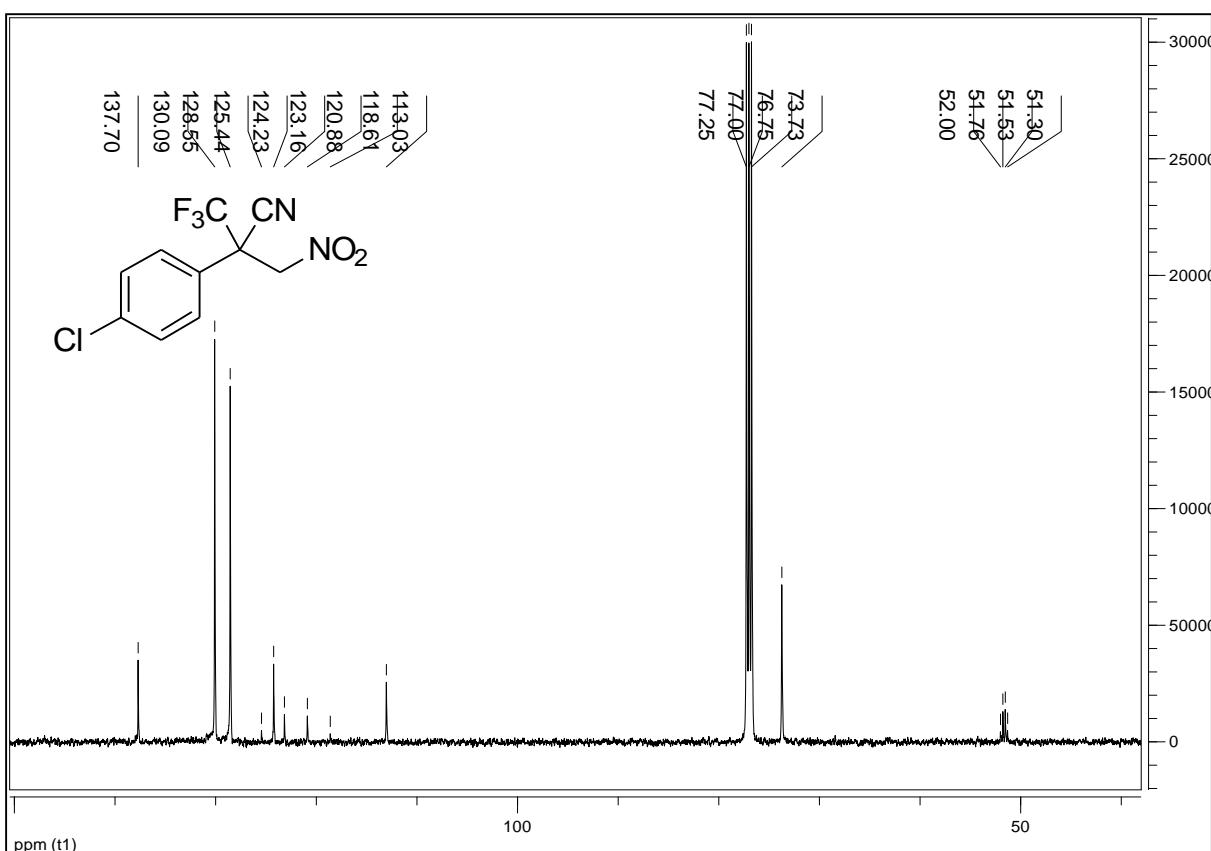


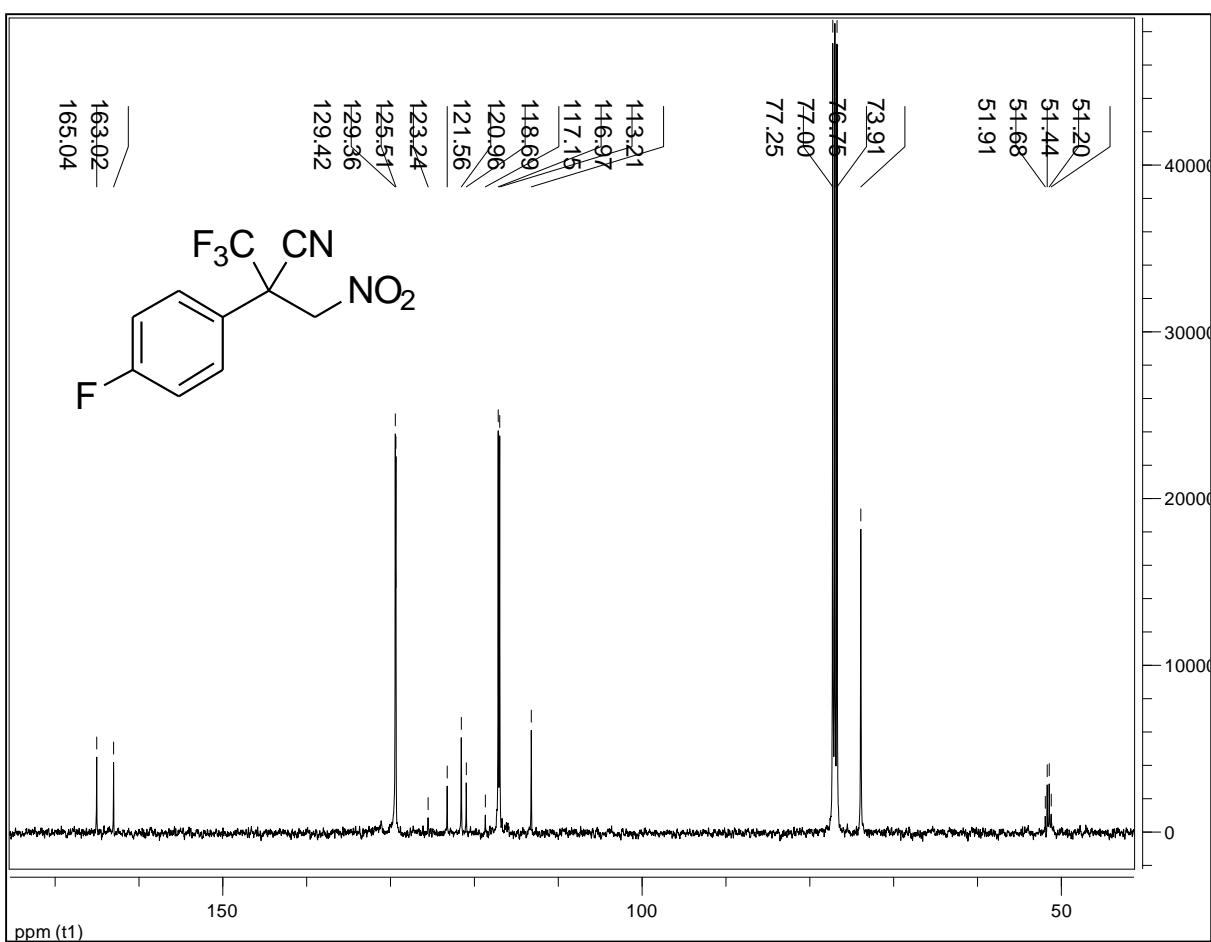
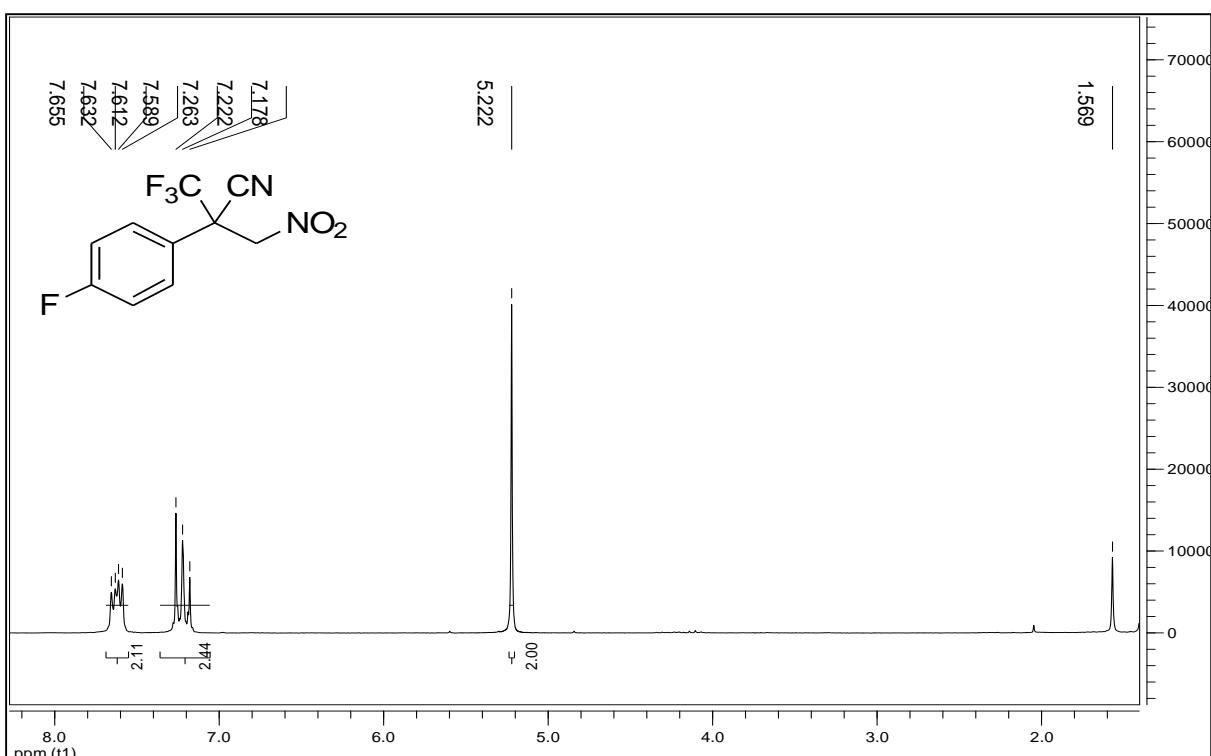










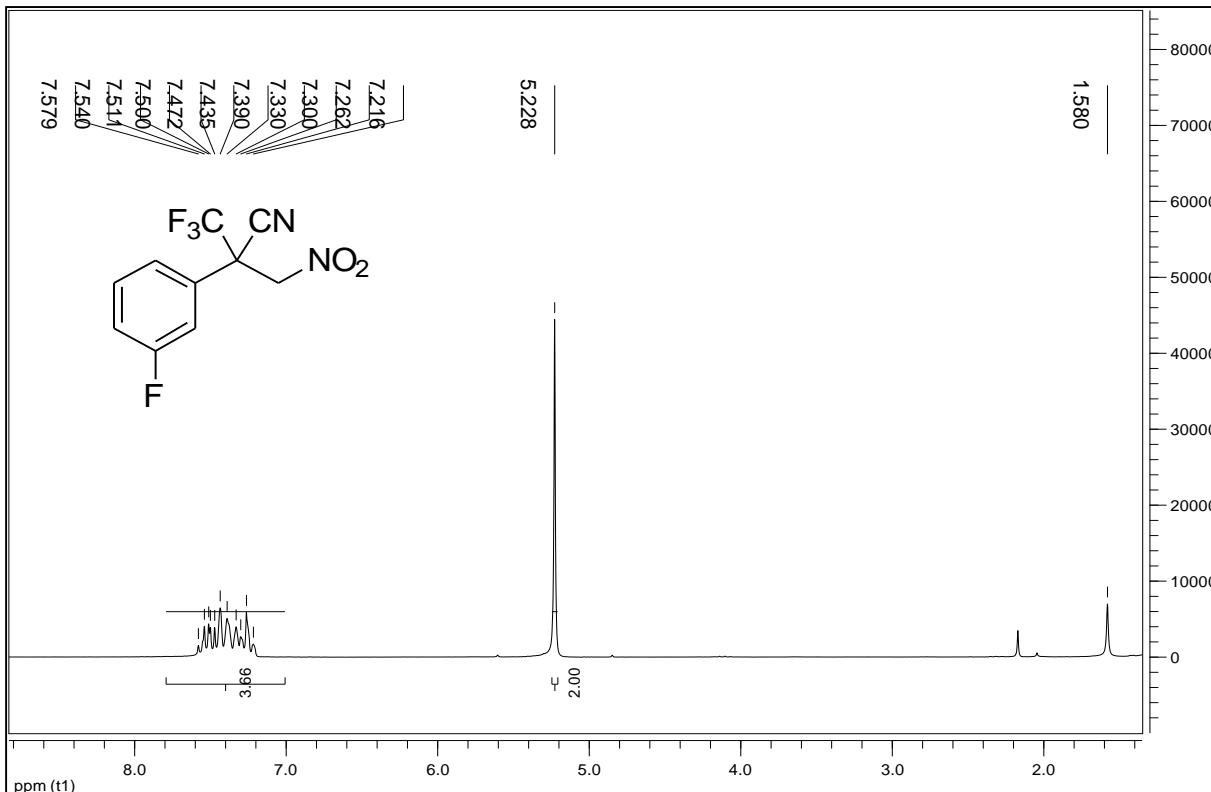
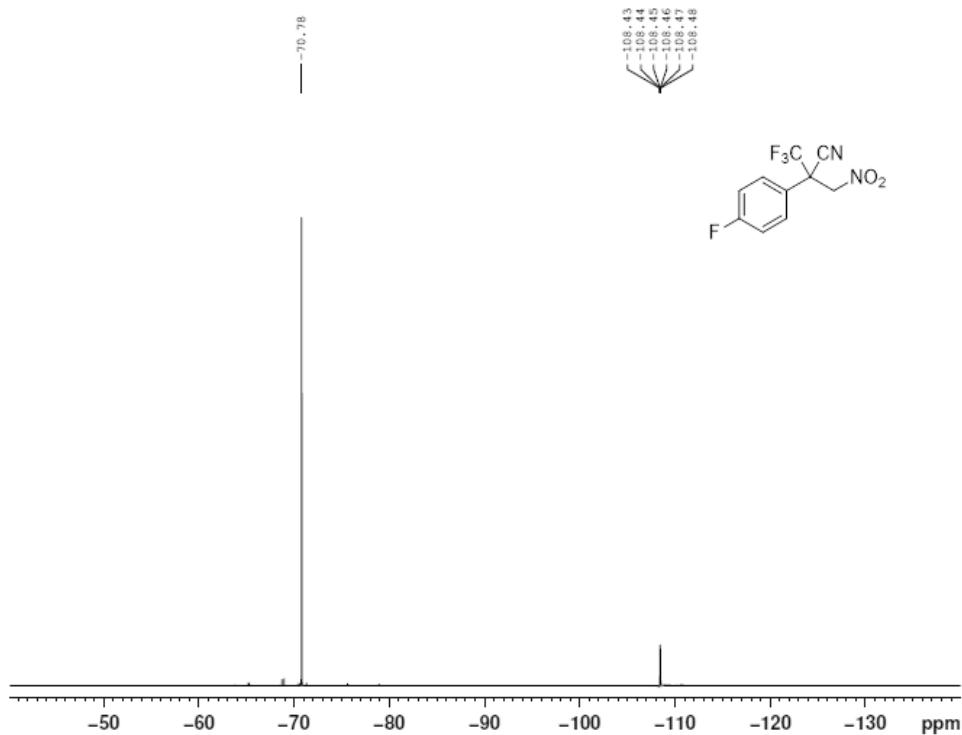


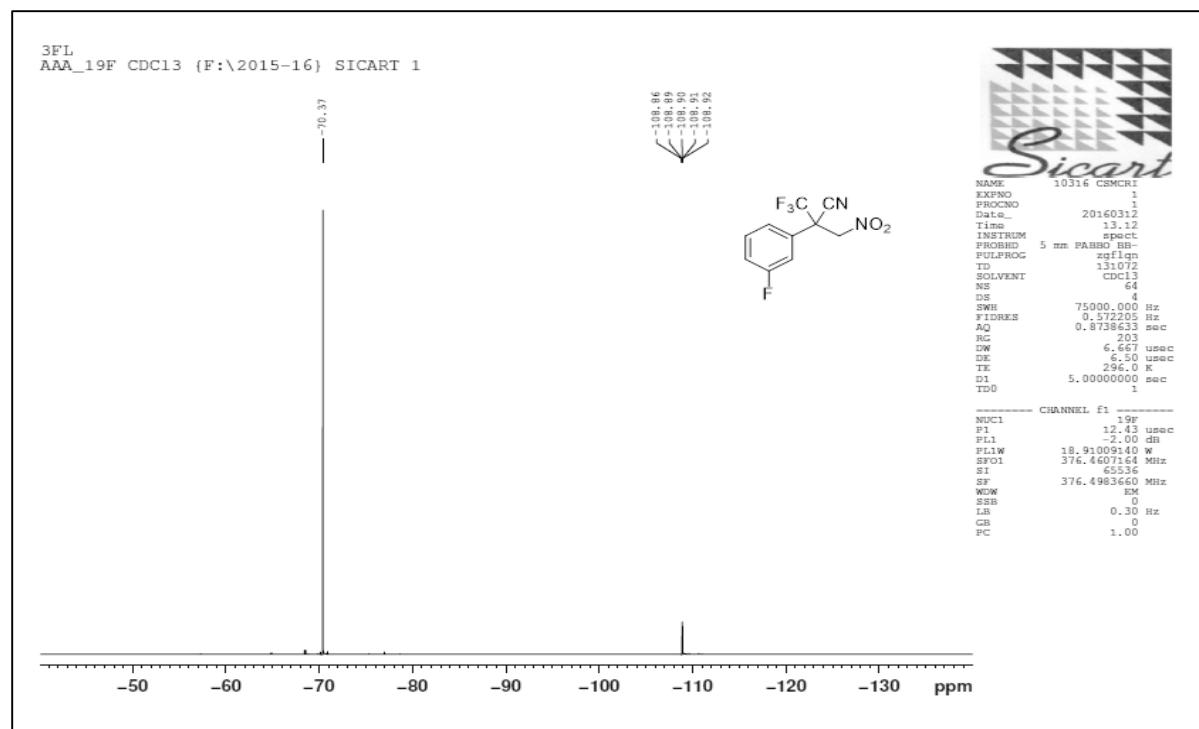
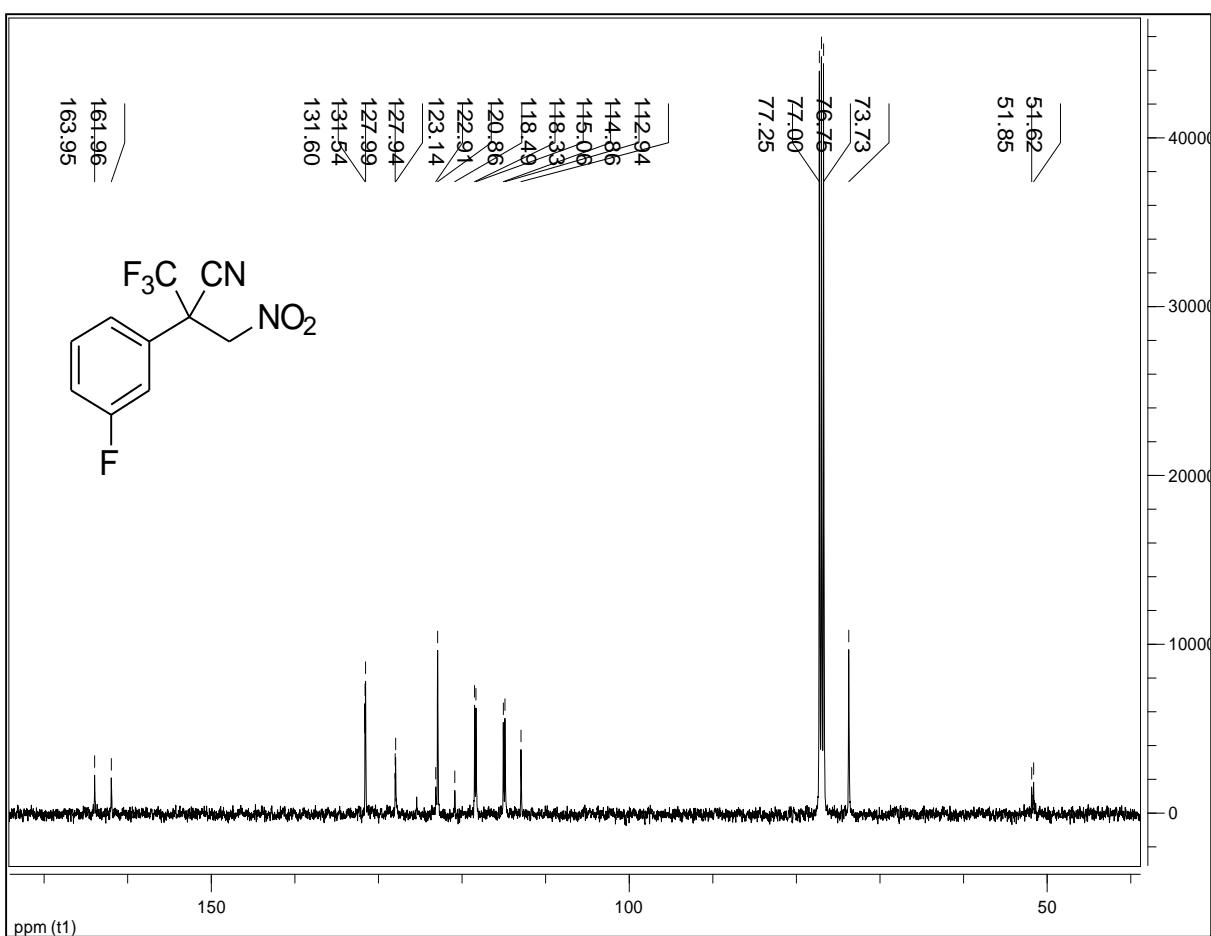
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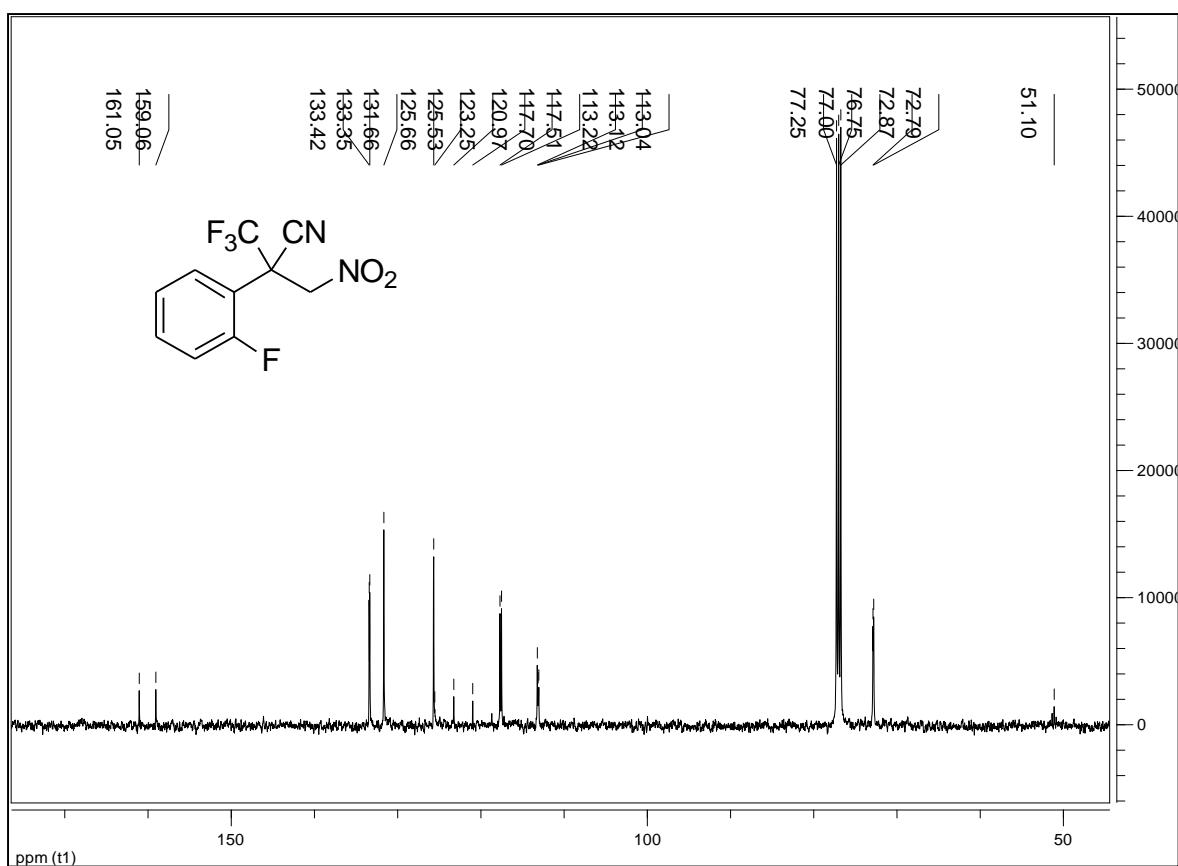
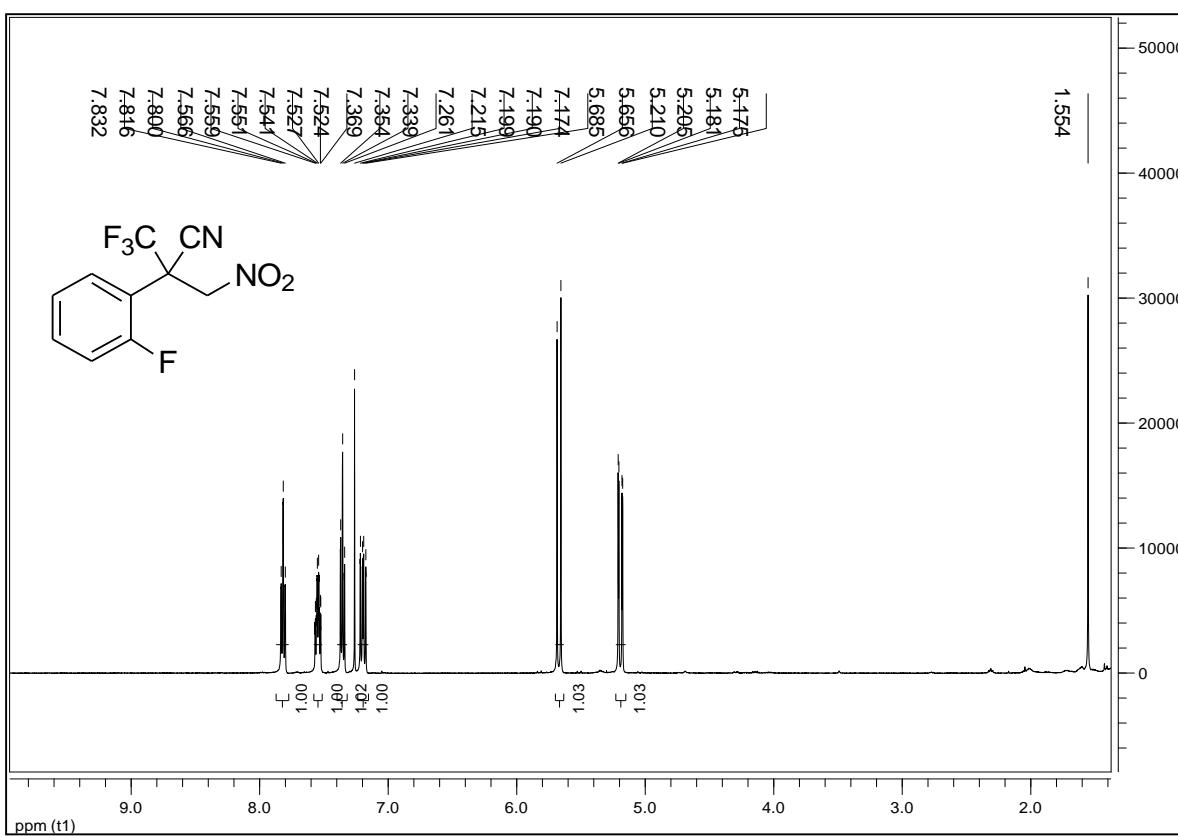


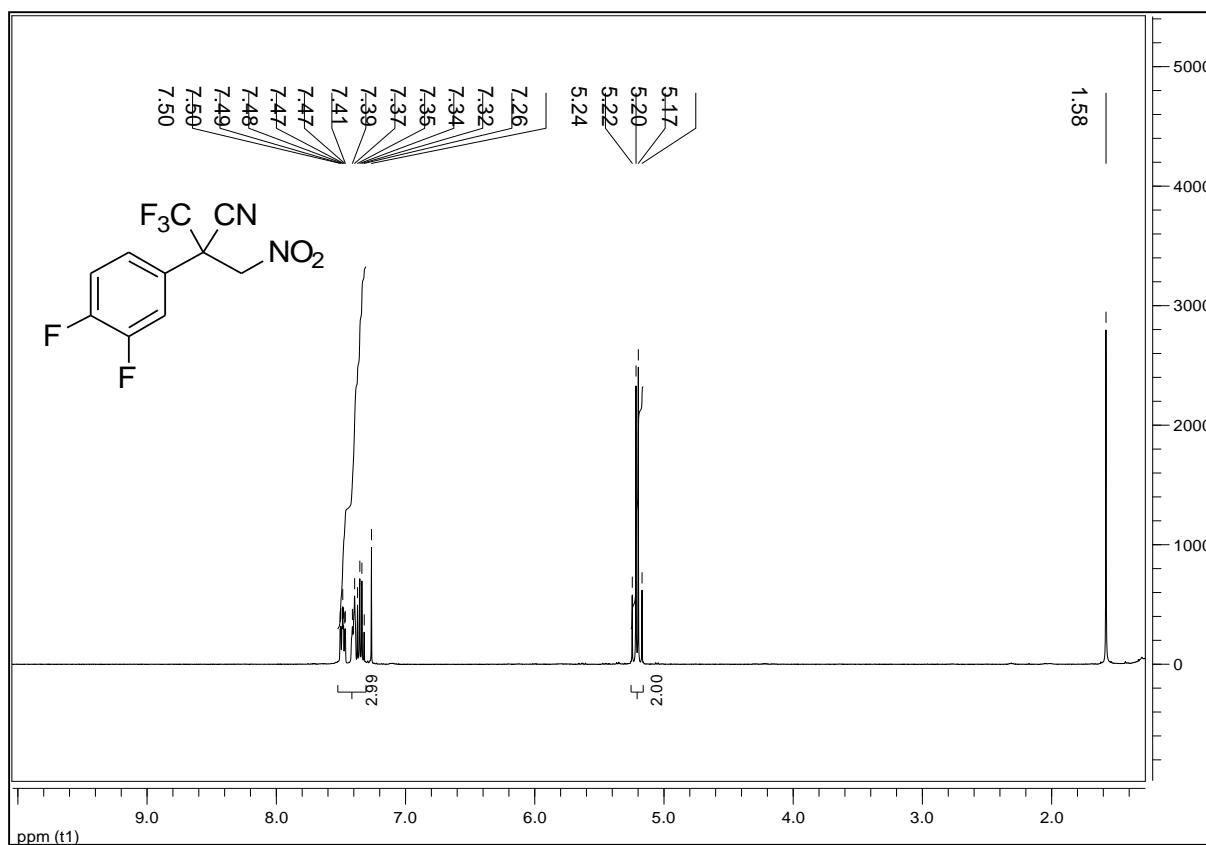
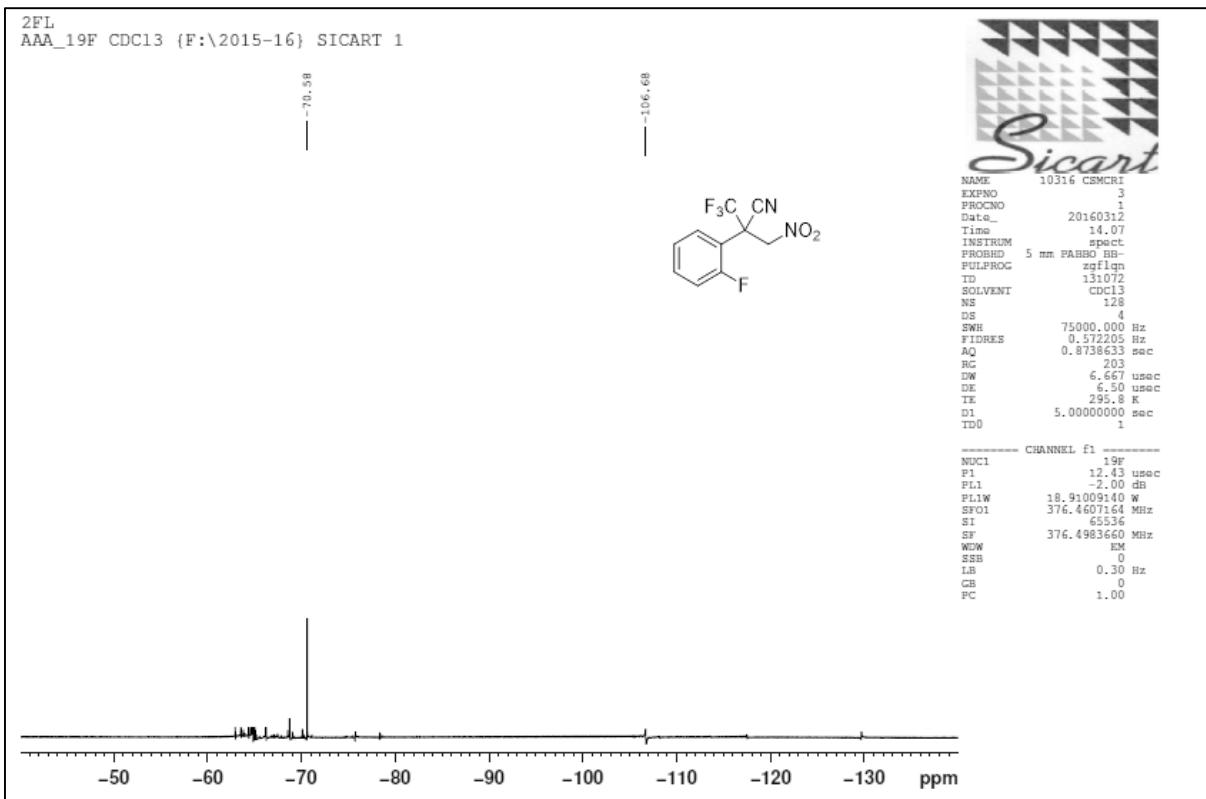
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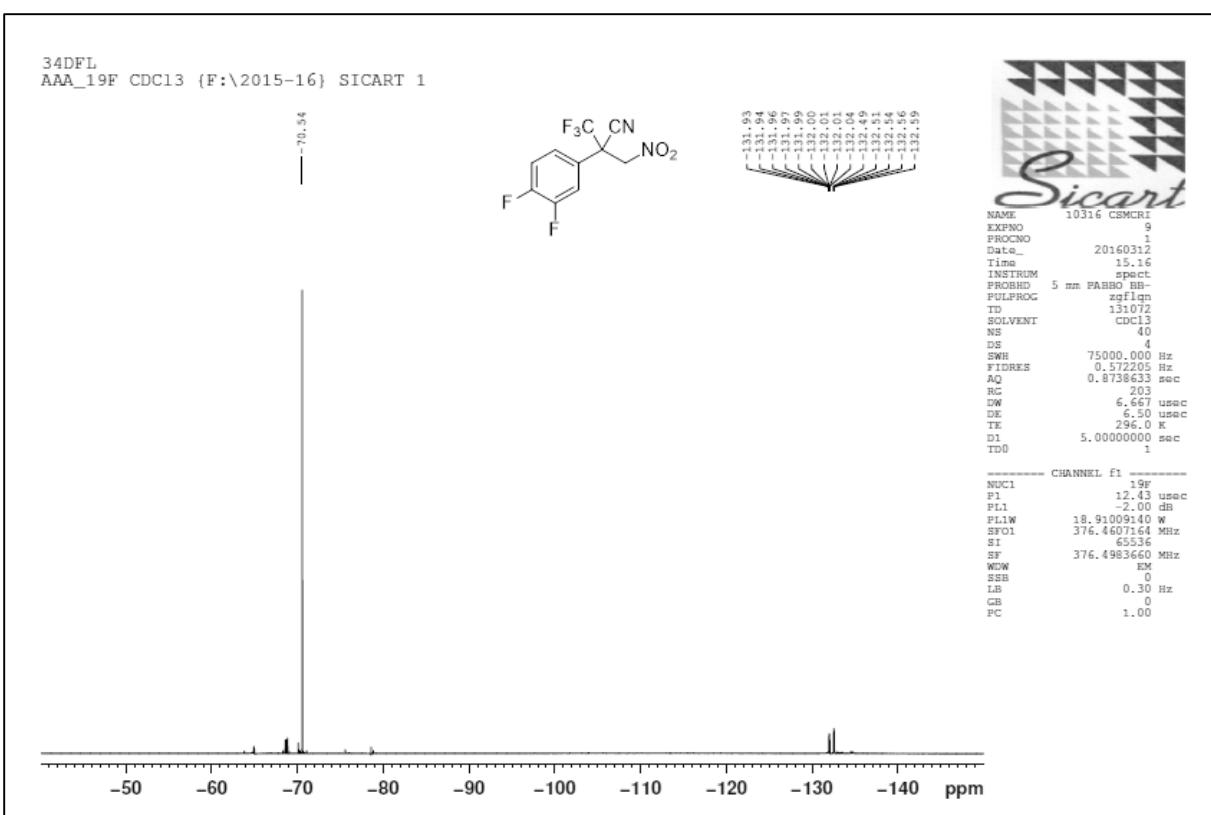
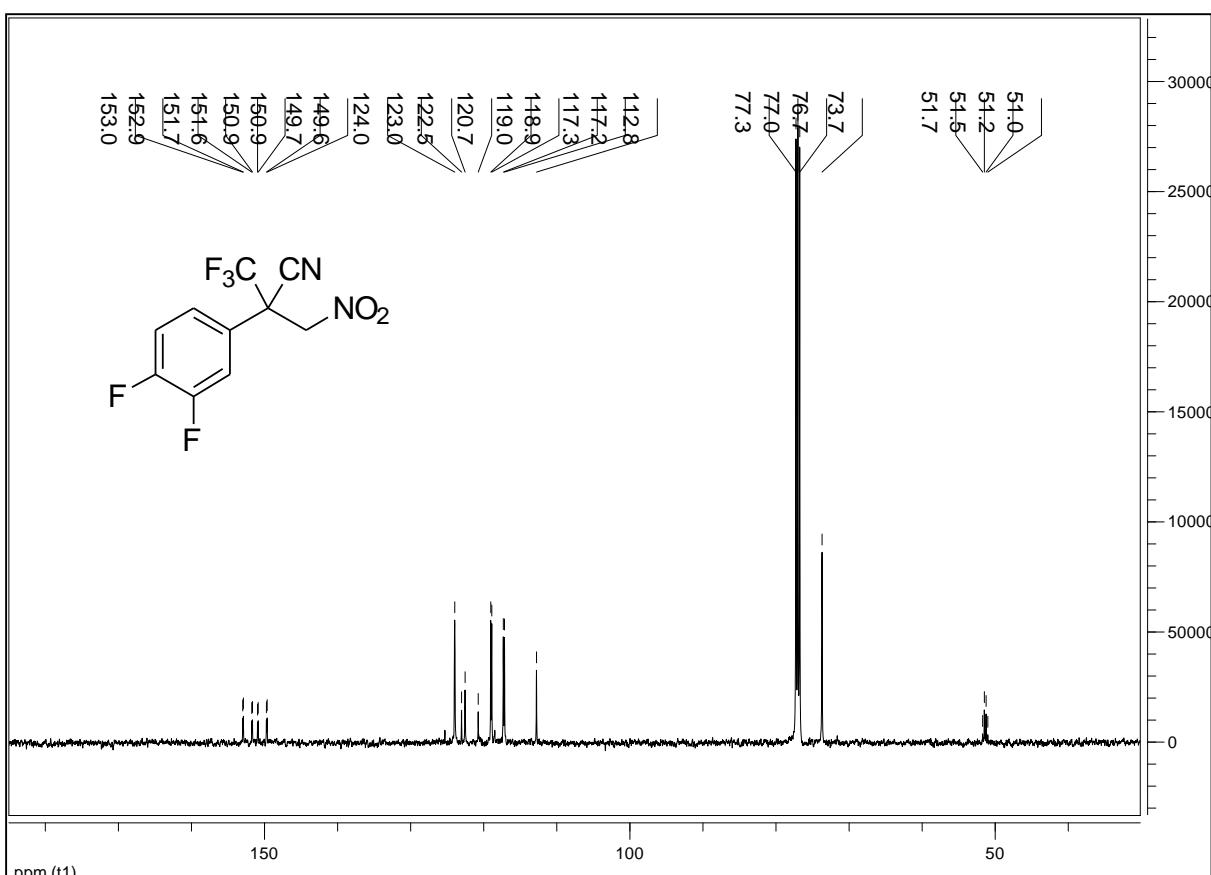
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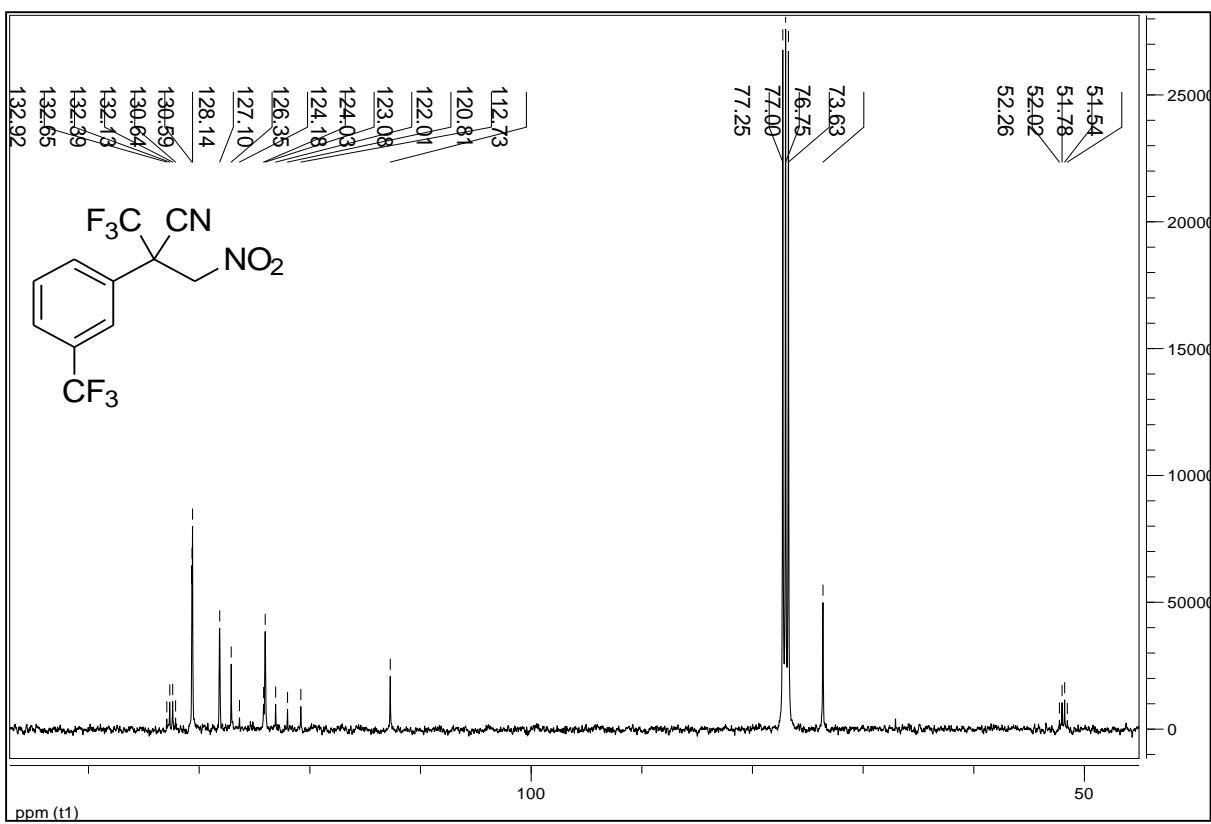
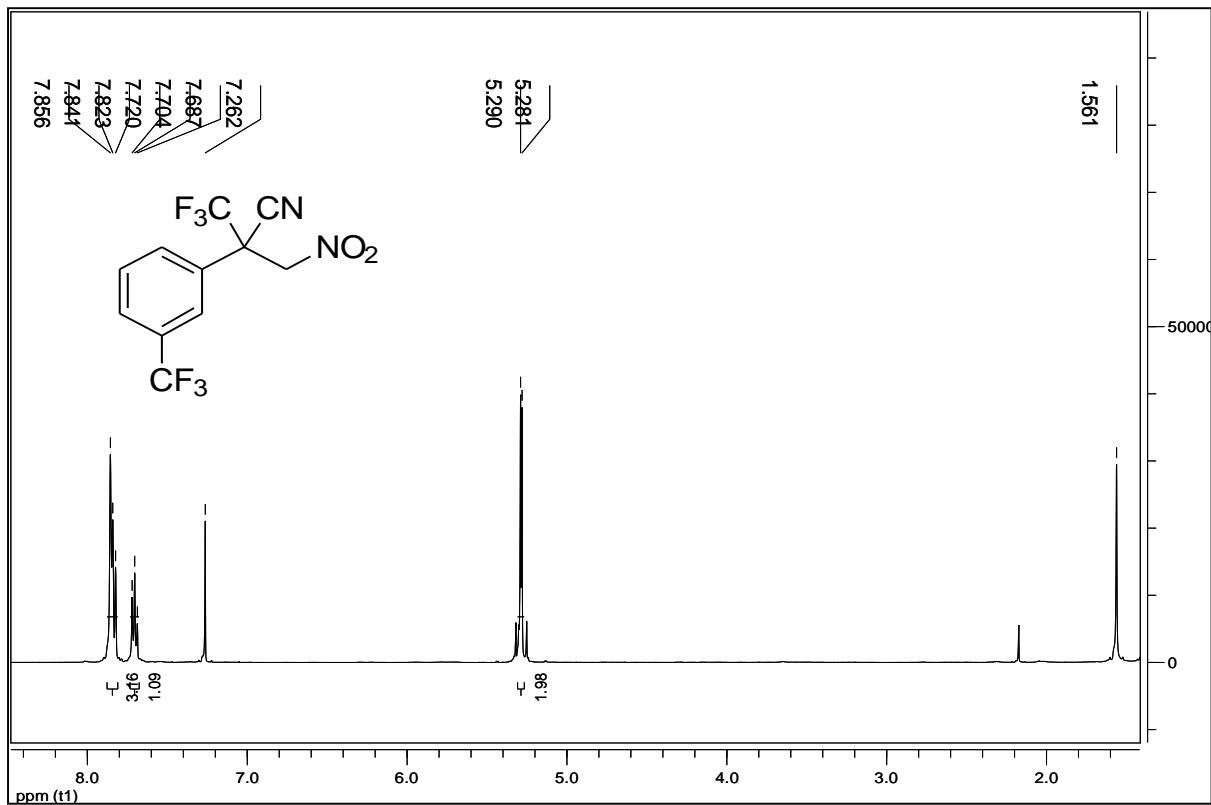




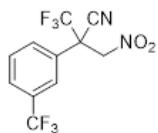






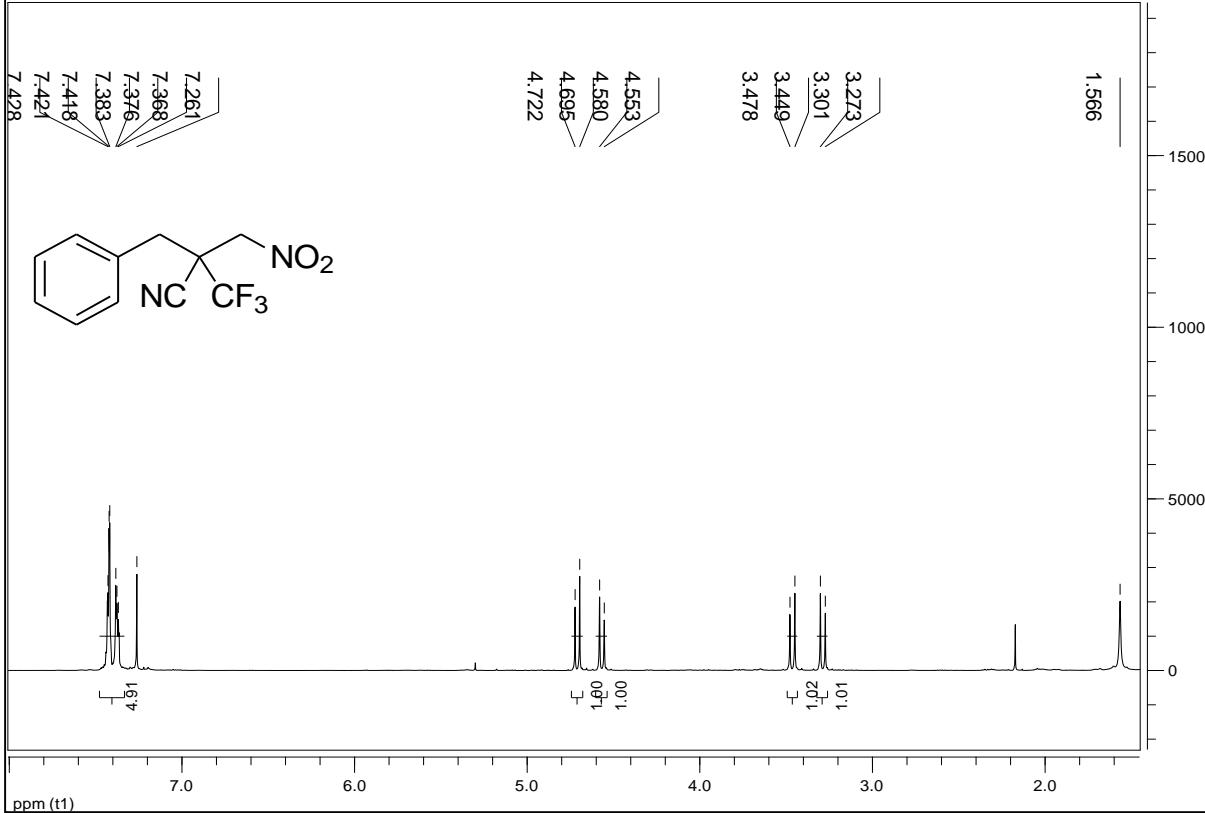
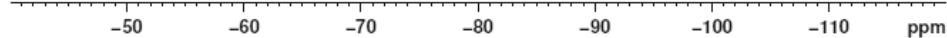


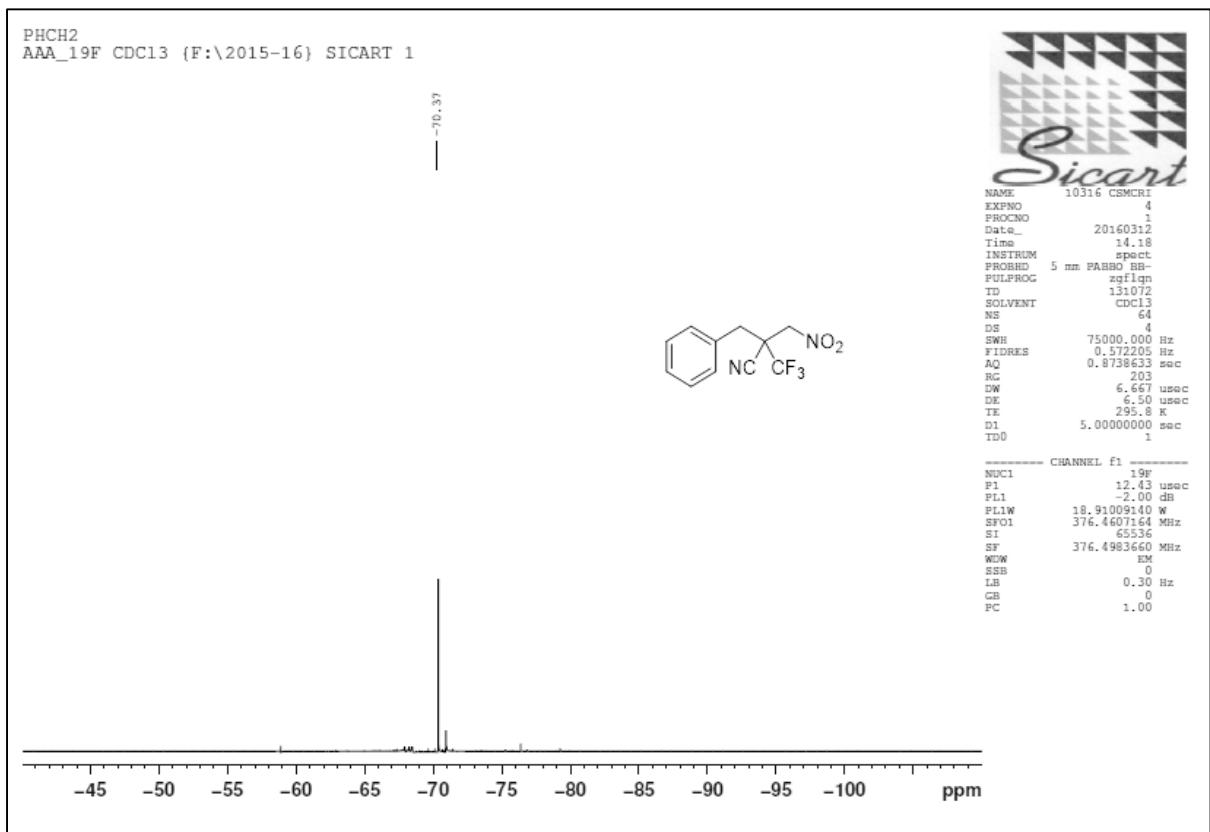
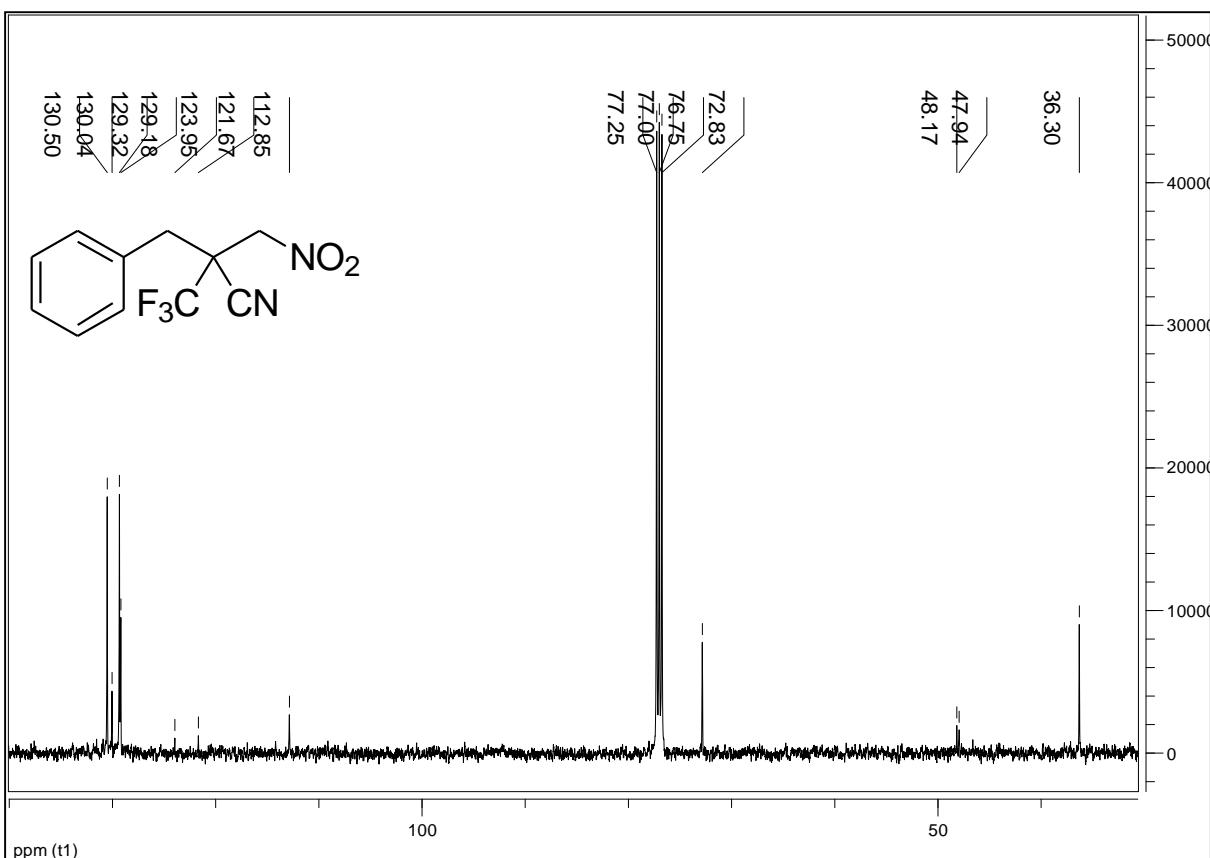
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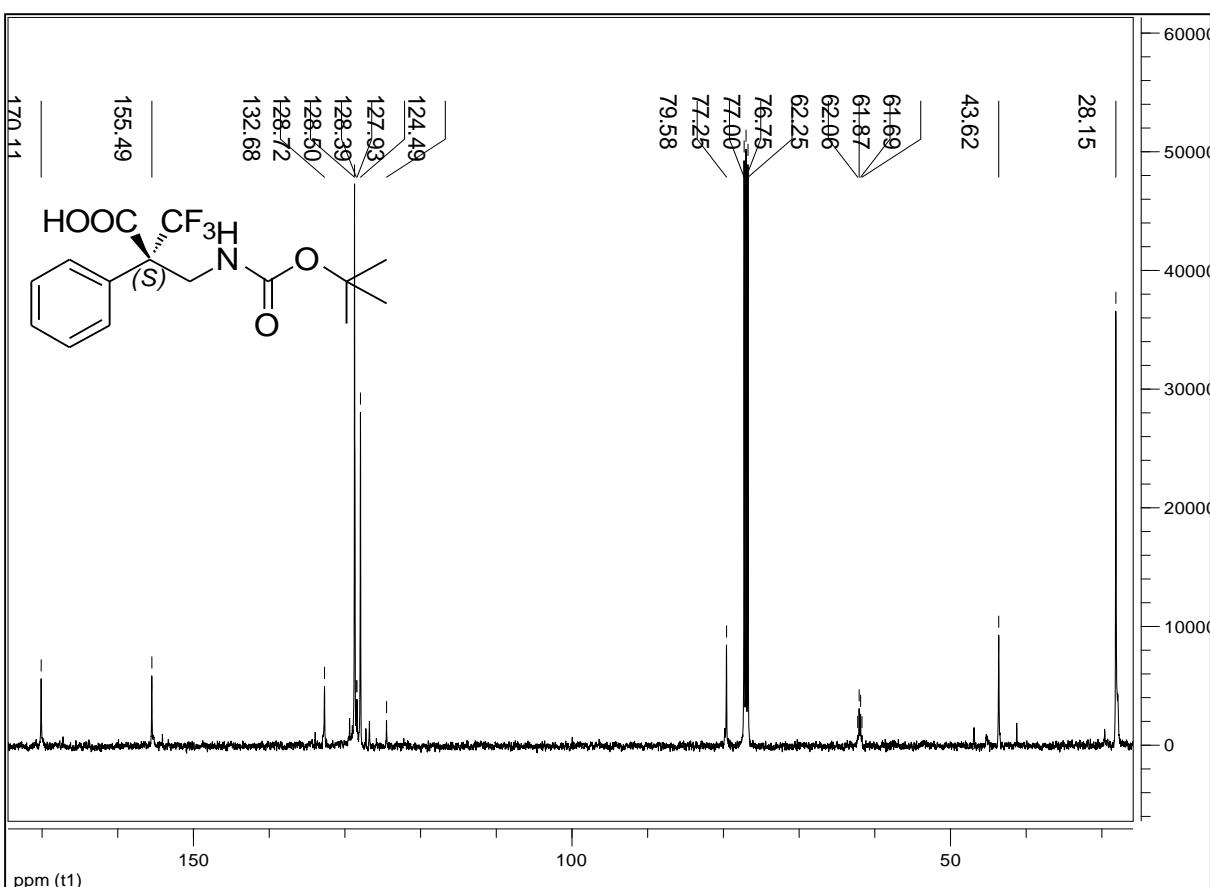
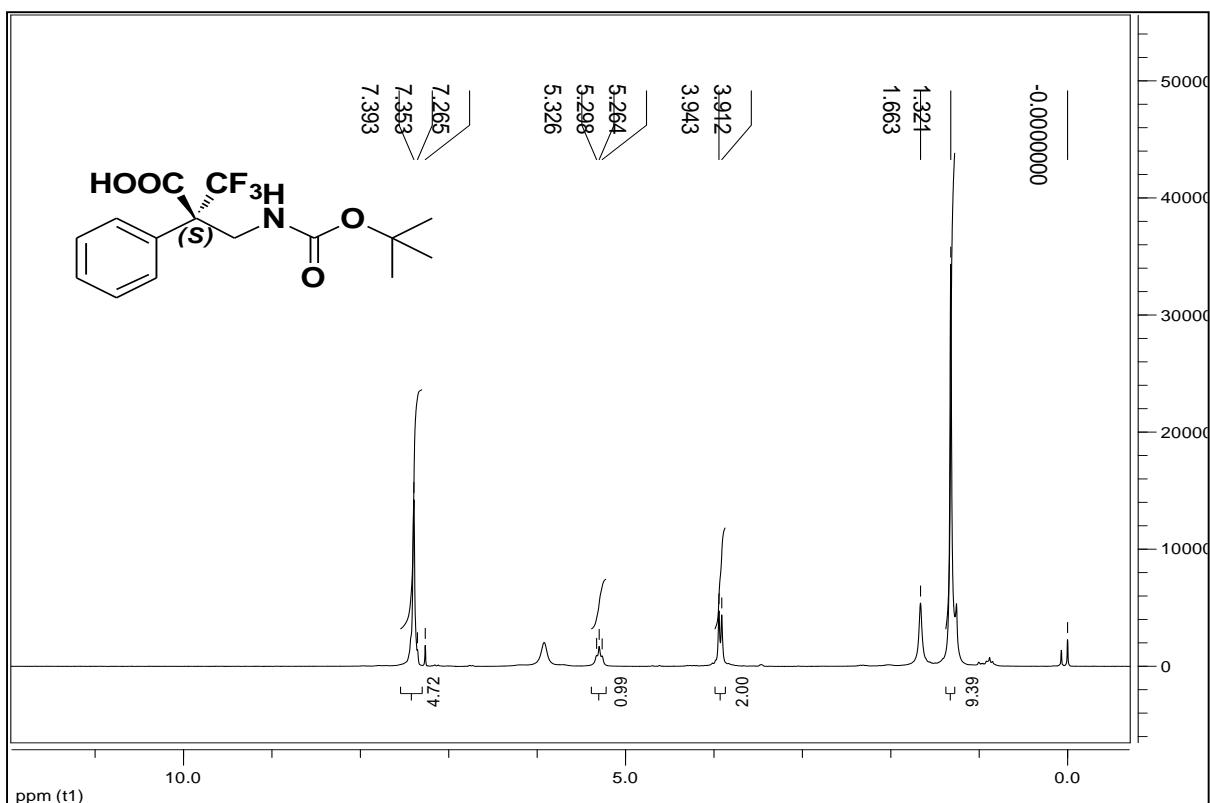


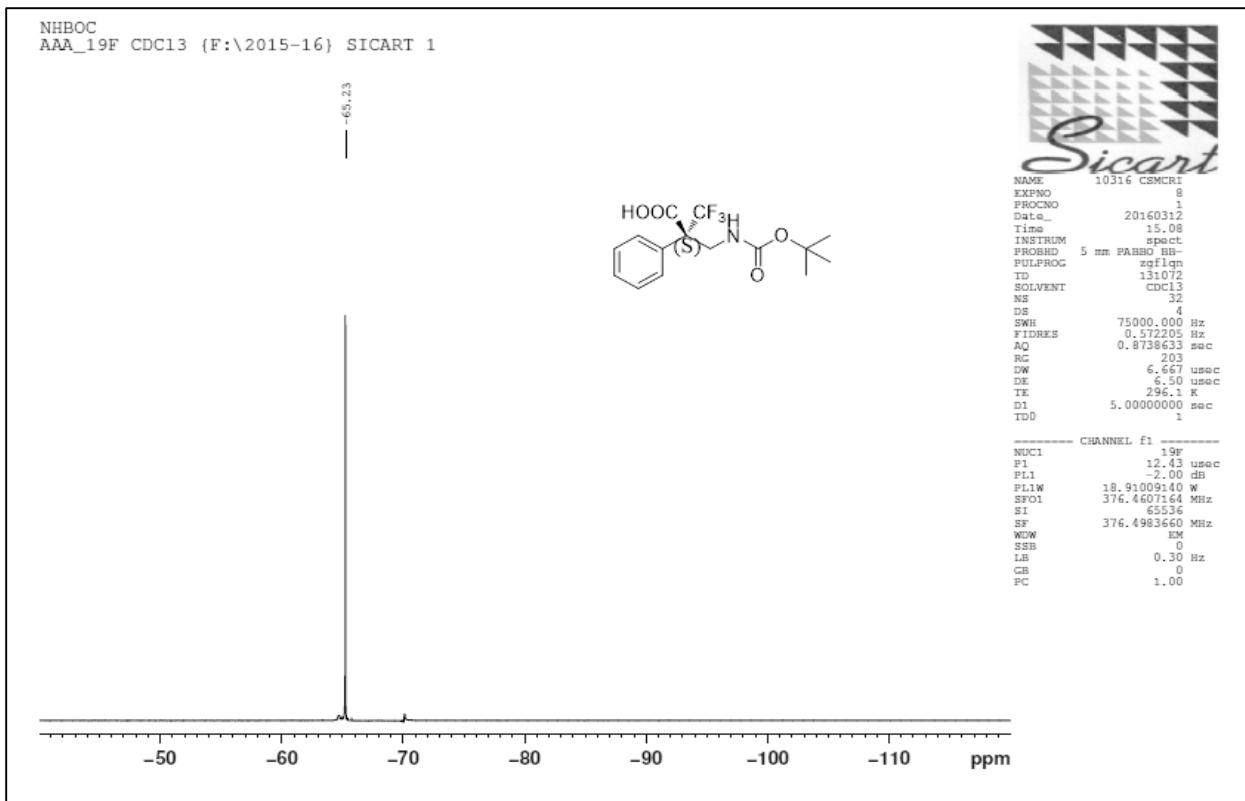
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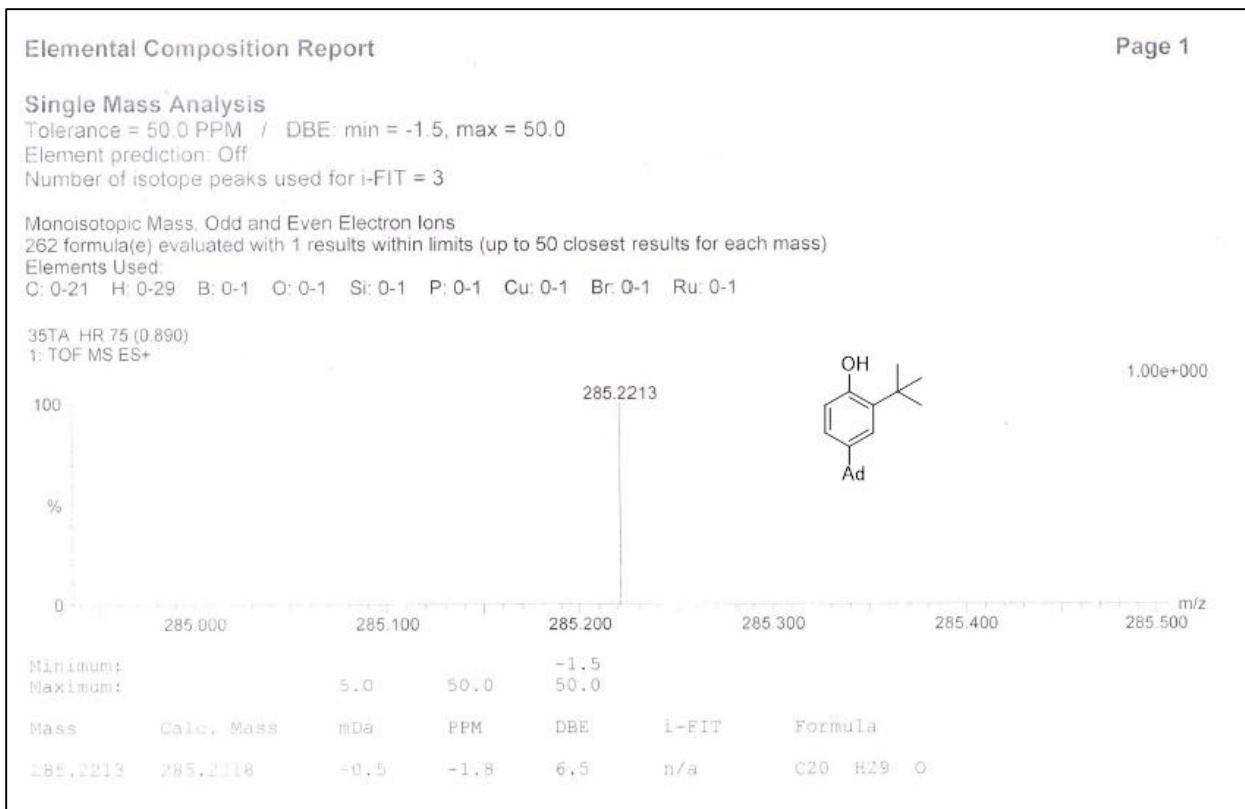








## 5. Copy of HRMS for product



## Elemental Composition Report

Page 1

### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

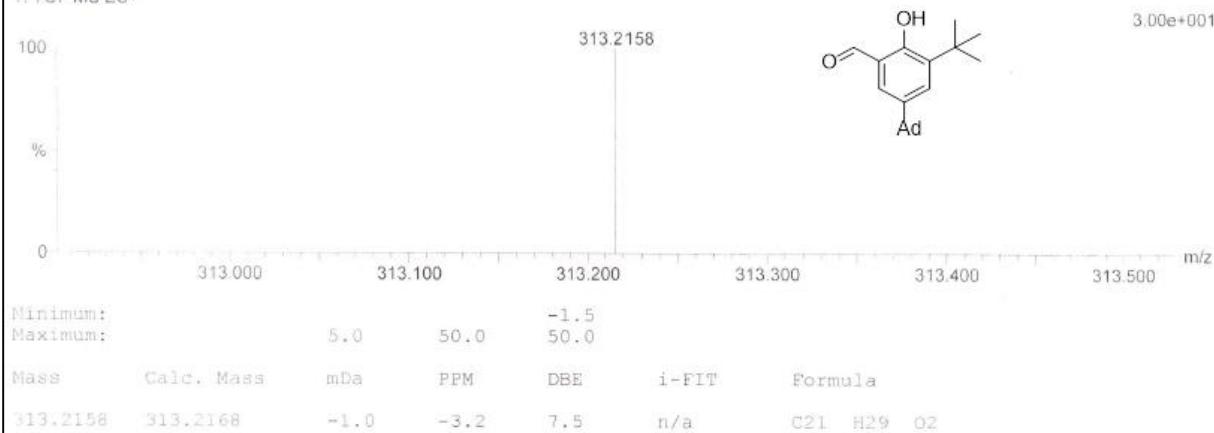
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Elements Used:

C: 0-22 H: 0-29 B: 0-1 O: 0-2 Si: 0-1 P: 0-1 Cu: 0-1 Br: 0-1 Ru: 0-1

5AS HR 42 (0.499)

1: TOF MS ES+



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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

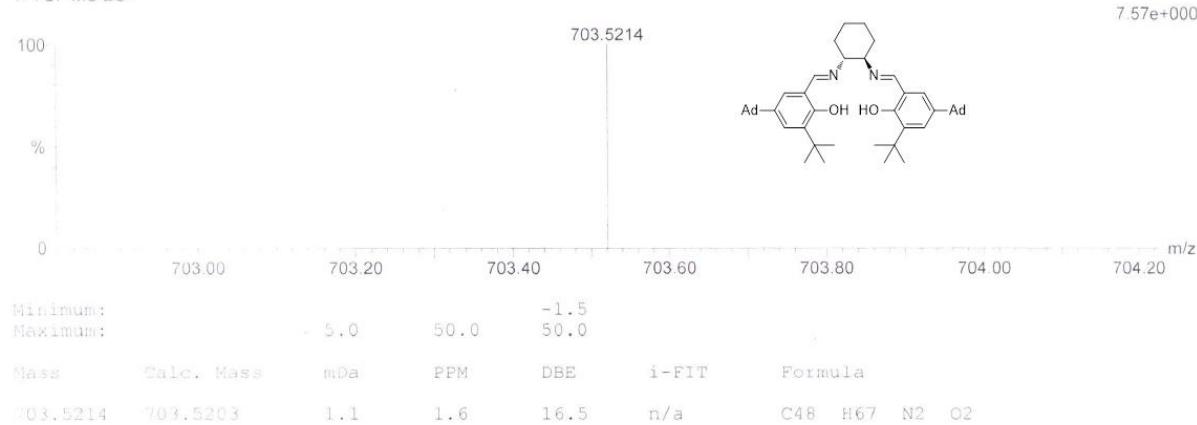
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Elements Used:

C: 0-49 H: 0-67 N: 0-2 O: 0-2

N2 1 HR 57 (0.677)

1: TOF MS ES+



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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

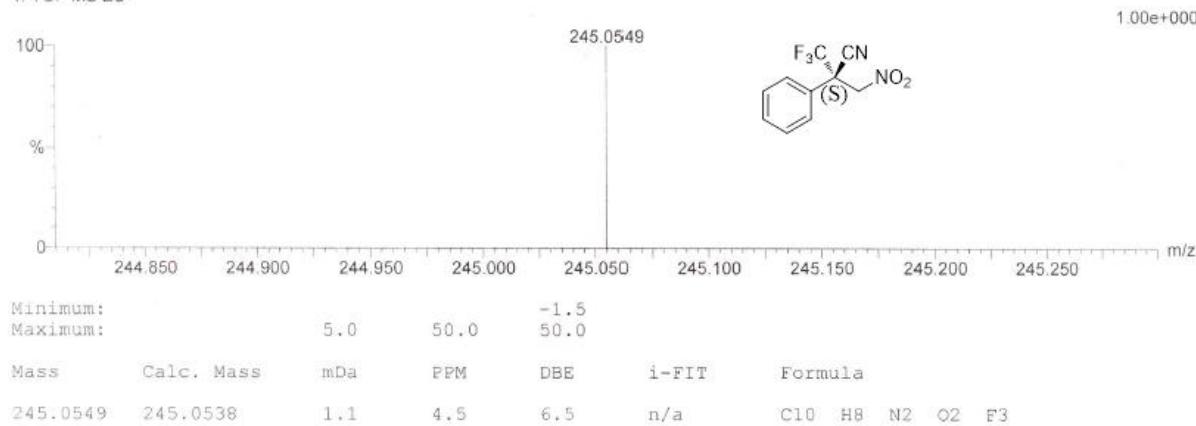
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Elements Used:

C: 0-11 H: 0-8 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-3

PCN HR 10 (0.139)

1: TOF MS ES+



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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

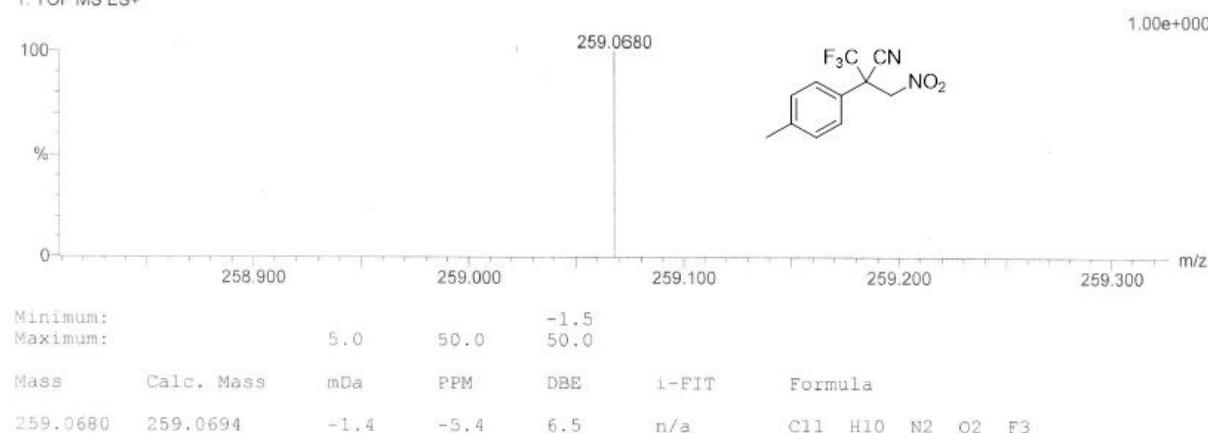
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Elements Used:

C: 0-12 H: 0-10 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-3

MEC HR 3 (0.042)

1: TOF MS ES+



**Elemental Composition Report**

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**Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

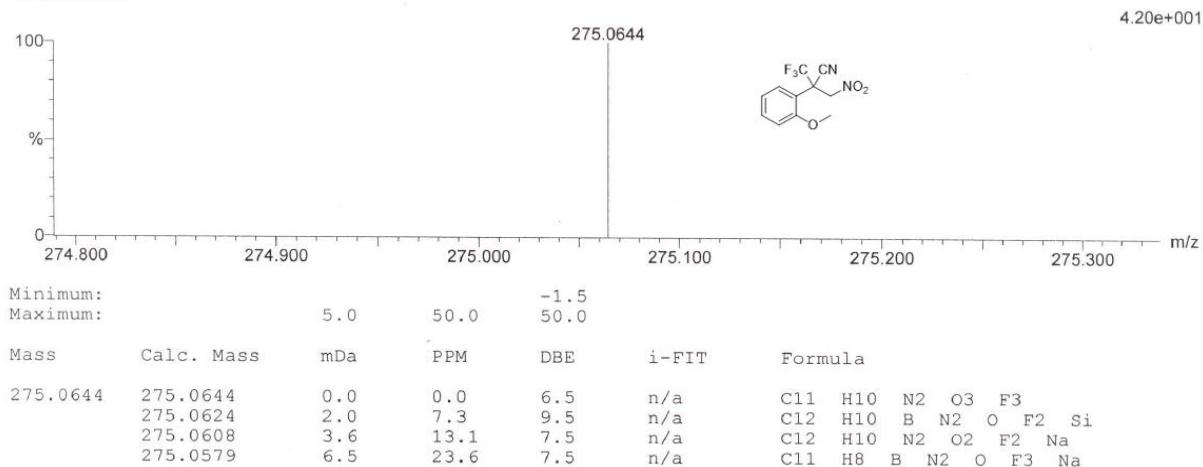
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Elements Used:

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MEOCN 50 (0.594)

1: TOF MS ES+

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**Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

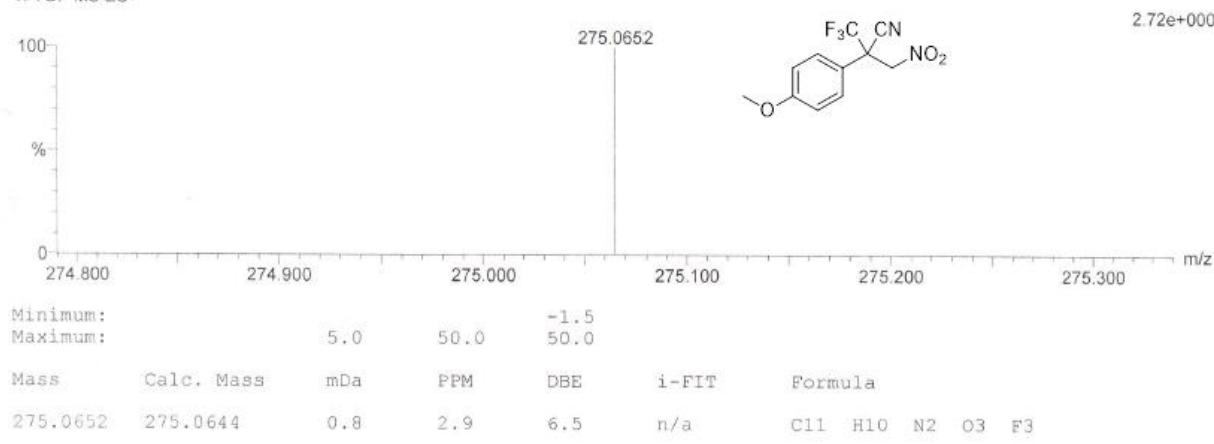
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Elements Used:

C: 0-12 H: 0-10 N: 0-2 O: 0-3 F: 0-3 Br: 0-1

4MEO HR 6 (0.083)

1: TOF MS ES+



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## Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

## Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

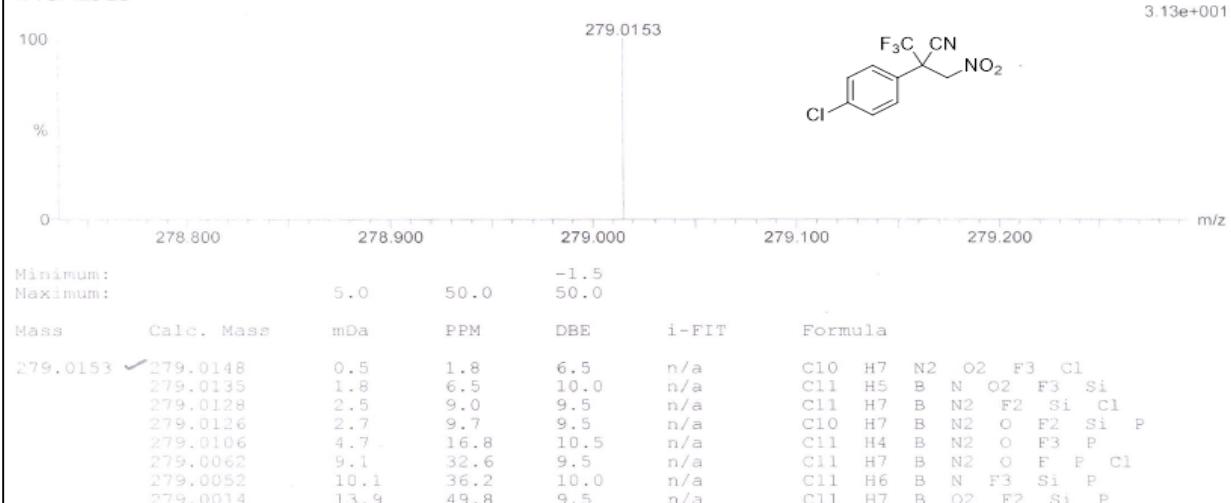
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Elements Used:

C: 0-11 H: 0-7 B: 0-1 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-3 Si: 0-1 P: 0-1 Cl: 0-1 Cu: 0-1 Br: 0-1 Ru: 0-1

4CL HR1 20 (0.237)

1: TOF MS ES+



## Elemental Composition Report

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## Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

## Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

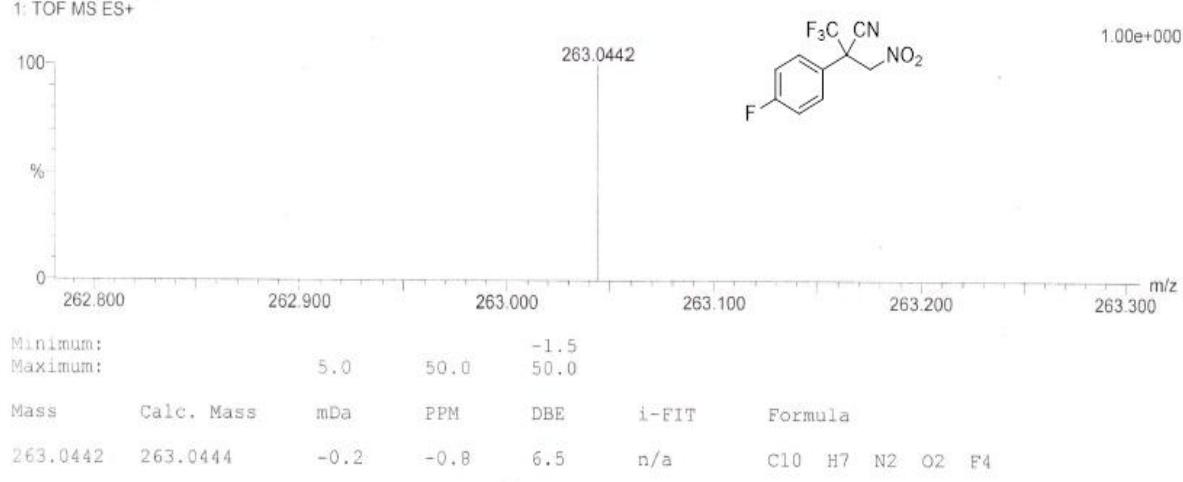
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Elements Used:

C: 0-11 H: 0-7 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-4 Br: 0-1

4FCN HR 6 (0.083)

1: TOF MS ES+



**Elemental Composition Report**

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**Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

## Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

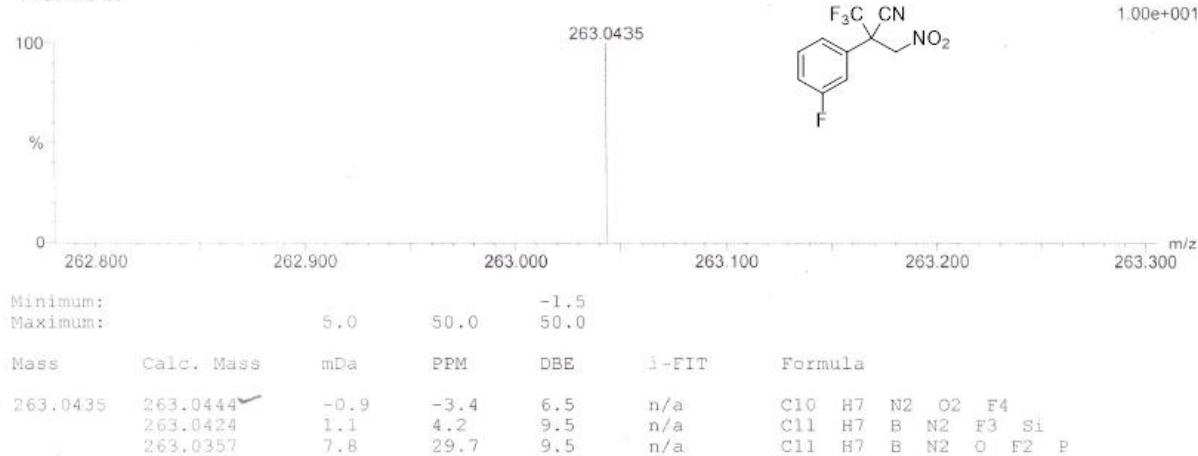
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Elements Used:

C: 0-11 H: 0-7 B: 0-1 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-4 Si: 0-1 P: 0-1 Cu: 0-1 Br: 0-1 Ru: 0-1

3F HR 10 (0.119)

1: TOF MS ES-

**Elemental Composition Report**

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**Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

## Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

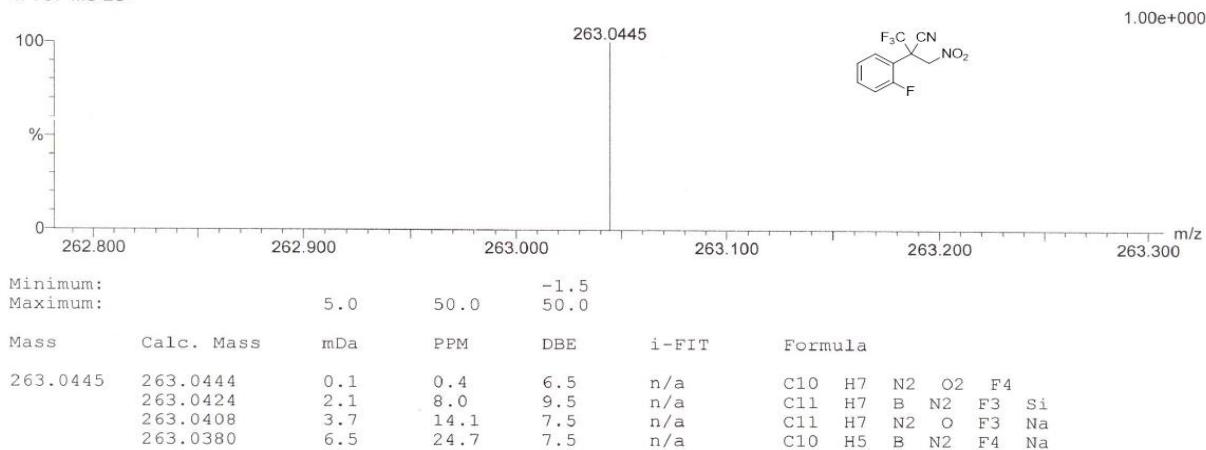
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Elements Used:

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2FM 82 (0.973)

1: TOF MS ES+



## Elemental Composition Report

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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

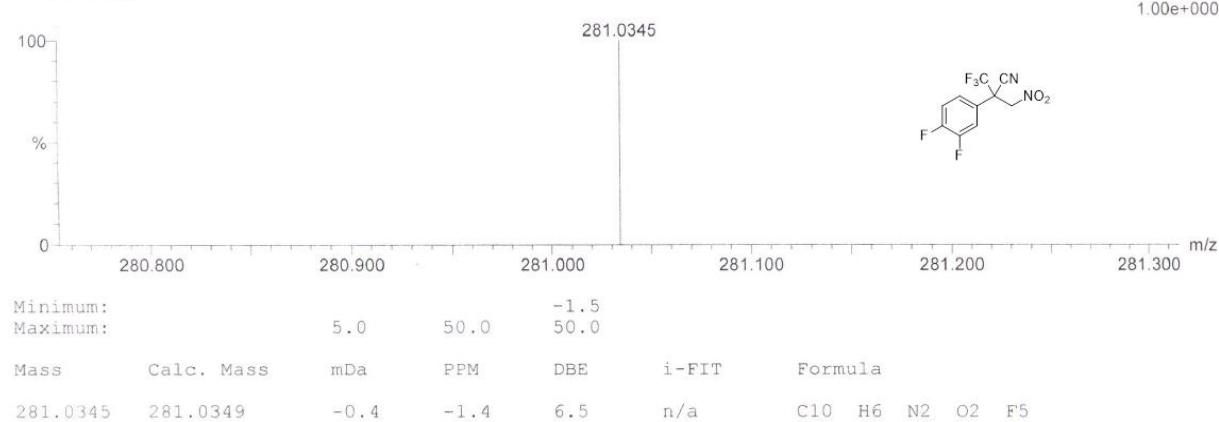
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Elements Used:

C: 0-11 H: 0-6 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-5 Br: 0-1

34FCN HR 4 (0.055)

1: TOF MS ES+



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### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

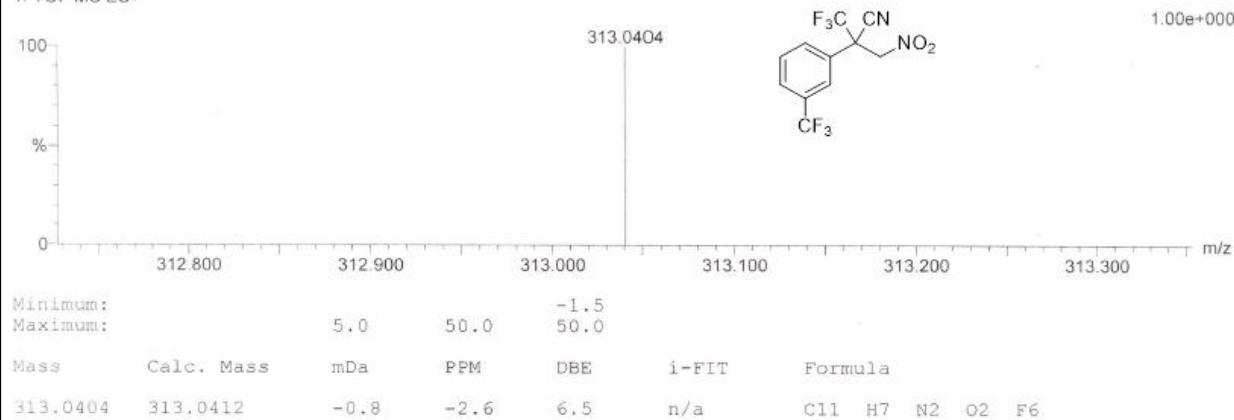
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Elements Used:

C: 0-12 H: 0-7 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-6 Br: 0-1

C3 HR 10 (0.139)

1: TOF MS ES+



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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

#### Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

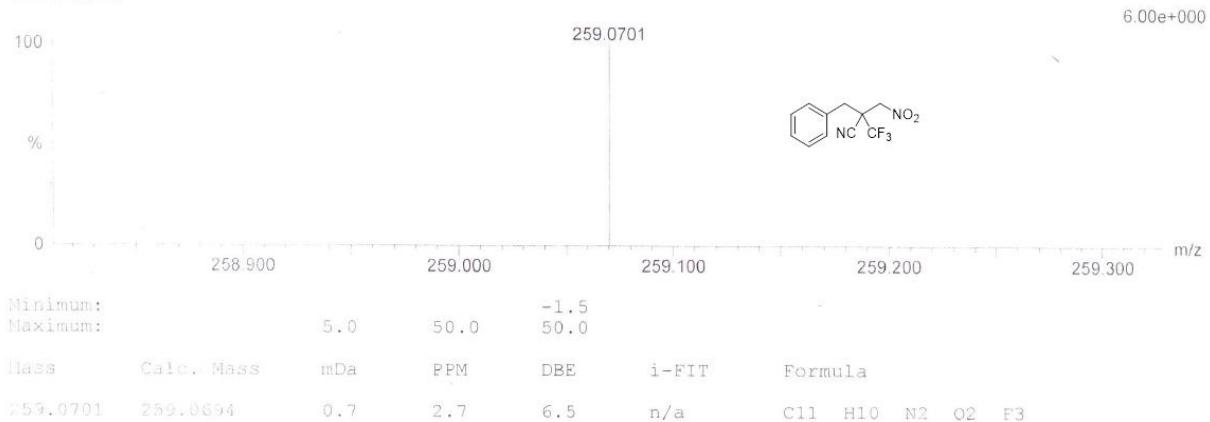
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Elements Used:

C: 0-12 H: 0-10 N: 0-2 O: 0-2 F: 0-3

PHCH HR 74 (0.879)

1. TOF MS ES+



## Elemental Composition Report

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### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 50.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

#### Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

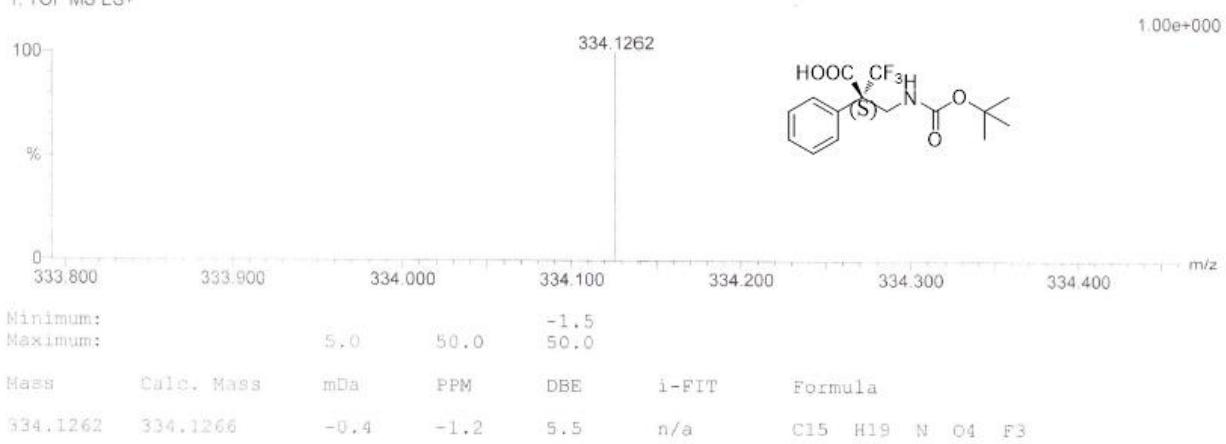
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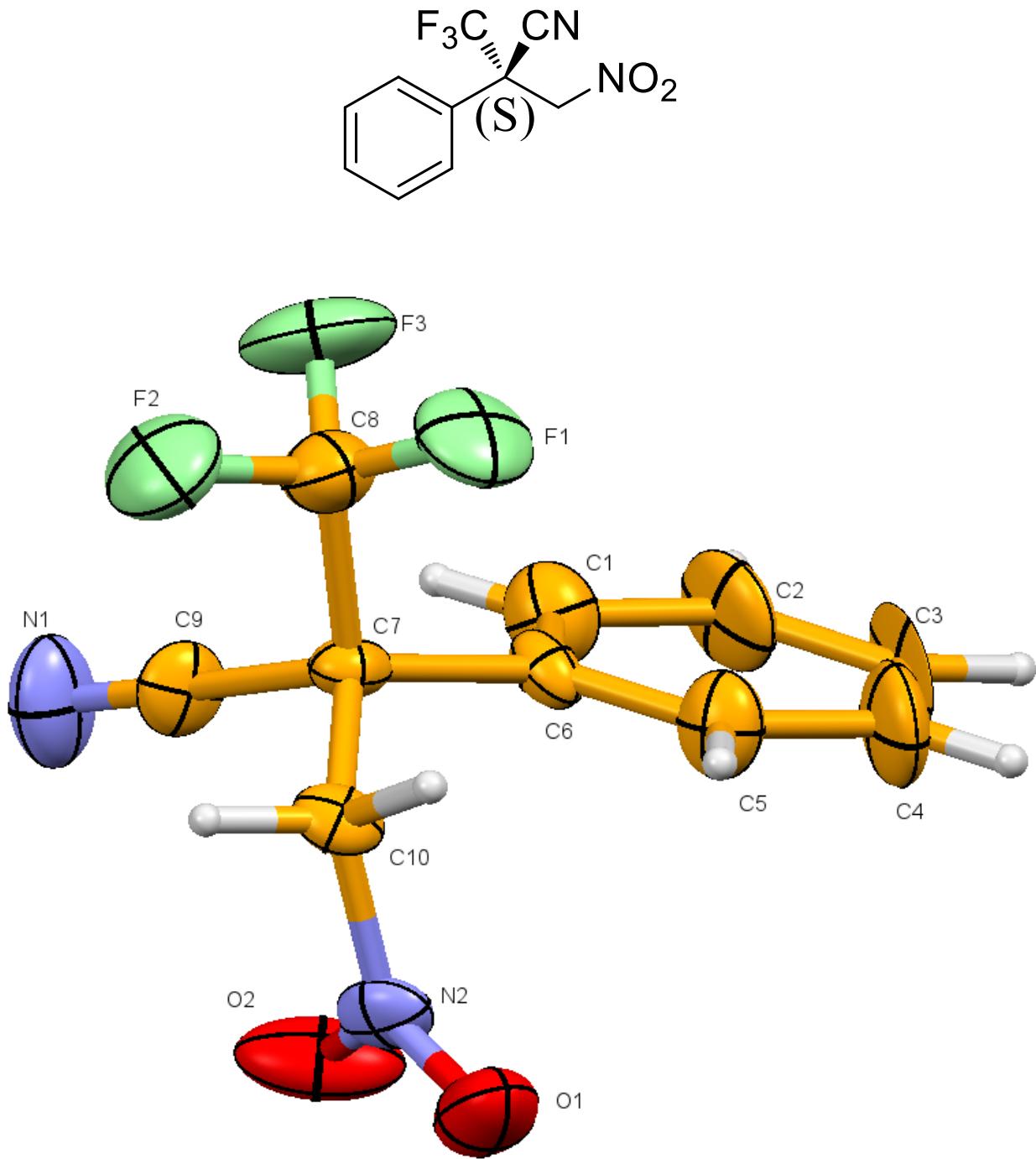
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CHRL HR 78 (0.926)

1. TOF MS ES+



**6. Crystal reports for product (2a):**



**Fig.** ORTEP diagram of the chiral organic compound with atom numbering scheme ( 40% probability factor for the thermal ellipsoids)

<b>Identification code</b>	<b>AJT1M</b>
Chemical formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	244.18
Crystal Colour	Colourless
Crystal Size (mm)	0.23 x 0.11 x 0.04
Temperature (K)	293(2)
Crystal System	Monoclinic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub>
a(Å )	8.085(5)
b(Å )	6.710(4)
c(Å )	10.341(6)
α(°)	90
β(°)	93.418(9)
γ (°)	90
Z	2
Volume(Å <sup>3</sup> )	560.0(5)
Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.448
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.135
F(000)	248
Reflections Collected	3502
Independent Reflections	1733
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0475
Number of parameters	154
GOF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.187
Final R <sub>1</sub> /wR <sub>2</sub> (I ≥ 2σ(I))	0.0902/0.1719
Weighted R <sub>1</sub> /wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1184/0.1827

$$R_1 = \sum |Fo| - |Fc| / \sum |Fo|; wR_2 = [\sum w(Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2 / \sum w(Fo^2)]^{1/2}$$