

Supporting Information

Photoelectro-Catalyzed Undirected C–H Trifluoromethylation of Arenes: Catalyst Evaluation and Scope

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General Remarks

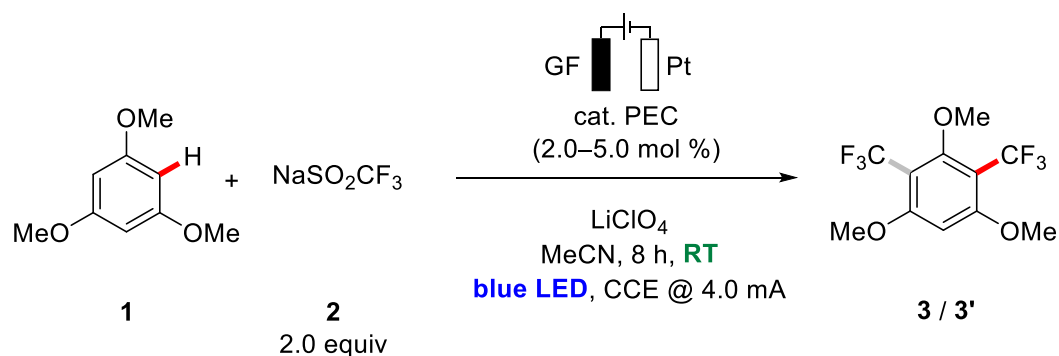
Catalytic reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of N₂ using pre-dried glassware and standard Schlenk techniques. Substrates, NaSO₂CF₃, Zn(SO₂CF₃)₂ and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Platinum electrodes (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm, 99.9%; obtained from ChemPur® Karlsruhe, Germany) and graphite felt electrodes (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm, SIGRACELL® GFA 6 EA, obtained from SGL Carbon, Wiesbaden, Germany) were connected using stainless steel adapters. Electrocatalysis was conducted using an AXIOMET AX-3003P potentiostat or a Metrohm MULTI AUTOLAB M204 potentiostat in two-electrode constant current mode. Yields refer to isolated compounds estimated to be >95% pure as determined by ¹H-NMR and GC. TLC was performed on Merck TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ with detection under UV light at 254 nm. Chromatographic separations were carried out on Merck Geduran SI-60 (0.040–0.063 mm, 230–400 mesh ASTM). Recycling preparative HPLC system from Japan Analytical Industries (*LC-92XX II Series, UV and RI Detector*) connected to JAIGEL 2HH series column with HPLC grade chloroform were employed for purification. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR alpha-P device. ESI-MS was recorded on Bruker Daltonik *micrOTOF* and *maXis*. The ratios of mass to charge (*m/z*) are reported and the intensity relative to the base peak (*I* = 100) is given in parentheses. Melting points (m.p.) were measured on Stuart® melting point apparatus SMP3, values are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy was performed at 300 or 400 MHz (¹H-NMR), 75 or 100 MHz (¹³C-NMR, APT), and 282 or 377 MHz (¹⁹F-NMR) on Bruker *Avance III HD 300*, *Avance III 300*, *Avance III 400*, *Avance III HD 400*, *Avance Neo 400* instruments. Chemical shifts (δ) are provided in ppm and spectra referred to non-deuterated solvent signal.

General Procedure for the Photoelectrochemical C–H Trifluoromethylation

The photoelectrocatalysis was carried out in an undivided cell with a GF anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm) and a Pt cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). Unless in case of volatile substrates, the (hetero-)arene (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaSO₂CF₃ (**2**, 78 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv), LiClO₄ (42 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the photocatalyst (2.0 or 5.0 mol %) were placed into a 10 mL Schlenkflask and closed with a stopper with integrated electrode holders. The vial was evacuated and purged with N₂ three times, before volatile compounds were added and the components were dissolved in CH₃CN (4.0 mL) under N₂. The photoelectrocatalysis was performed at ambient temperature with a constant current of 4.0 mA maintained for 8–16 h under visible light irradiation (2 × Kessil A360N or 2 × Kessil A160WE). After completion of the reaction time, the resulting mixture was transferred into a round bottom flask. The vial was rinsed carefully and the GF anode was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL) in an ultrasonic bath. Evaporation of the solvent and subsequent column chromatography on silica gel afforded the corresponding products.

Screening of Various Photoelectrocatalysts

Table S1: Comparison of different photoelectrocatalysts in the trifluoromethylation of arene **1**.



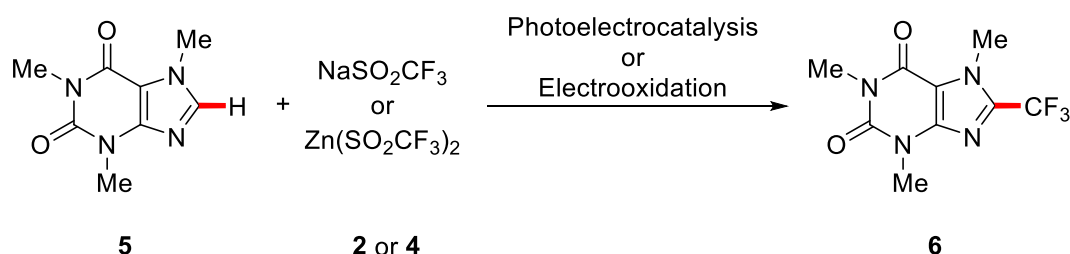
Entry	Photoelectrocatalyst	Conversion ^[a]	Ratio (3 : 3')
1	[Mes-Acr]ClO ₄	95% (88%)	4.9:1
2	TAC	89% (87%)	6.4:1
3	DDQ	93%	1.7:1
4	DCA	96%	5.0:1
5	DCN	90%	4.3:1
6	TBAI	95%	2.2:1
7	TBABr	97%	1.5:1
8	TBACl	95%	1.4:1
9	CeCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O	90%	3.5:1
10	CeCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O ^[b]	93%	2.6:1
11	[Ru(bpy) ₃](PF ₆) ₂ ^[c]	91%	3.3:1
12	[Ni(bpy) ₃]Br ₂ ^[c]	89%	5.2:1
13	[Fe(bpy) ₃](PF ₆) ₂ ^[c]	87%	3.8:1
14	(<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ N) ₄ [W ₁₀ O ₃₂] ^[c]	85%	5.5:1
15	---	9%	---
16	[Mes-Acr]ClO ₄ ^[d]	7%	---
17	[Mes-Acr]ClO ₄ ^[e]	4%	---
18	TBABr ^[d]	39%	12.0:1
19	[Mes-Acr-ClO ₄] ^[f]	63%	20:1

^[a] Reaction conditions: Undivided cell, GF anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), Pt cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), constant current electrolysis at 4.0 mA. **1** (0.25 mmol), **2** (0.50 mmol), catalyst (5.0 mol %), LiClO₄ (0.1 M), MeCN (4.0 mL), 30–35 °C, 8 h, under N₂, blue LEDs (450 nm); conversions were determined by ¹H-NMR using dimethyl terephthalate as internal standard. Yield in parenthesis refer to isolated yields. ^[b] 390 nm wavelength. ^[c] Photocatalyst (2.0 mol %). ^[d] In the dark under otherwise identical reaction conditions using aluminium foil to cover the vial. ^[e] In the absence of current. ^[f] Zn(SO₂CF₃)₂ (**4**, 0.25 mmol).

Comparison to Electrooxidative Trifluoromethylation

Following the general procedure or the procedure for the electrooxidative trifluoromethylation described in the literature^[1], control experiments were conducted to compare the efficacy of the procedures for the different sulfinate sources NaSO_2CF_3 (**2**) or $\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2$ (**4**) by using caffeine (**5**, 0.25 mmol) as arene substrate. After 8 h, the conversion was determined by ^{19}F -NMR using 1-fluorononane as internal standard.

Table S2: Influence of the irradiation with blue LED light on the trifluoromethylation of caffeine (**5**).



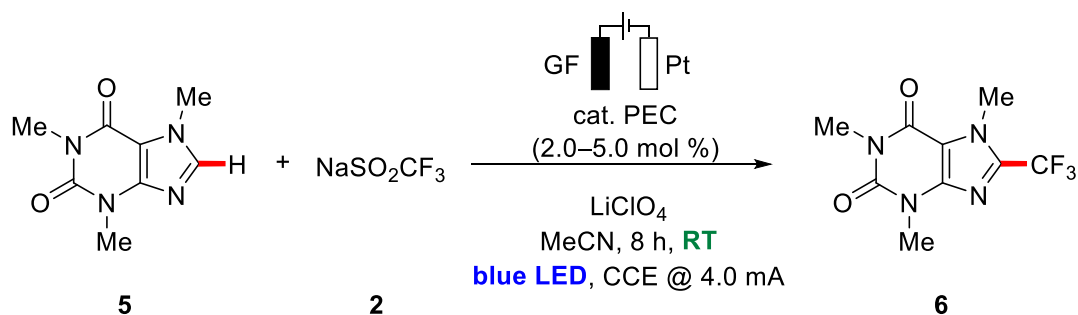
Entry	Sulfinate	Conditions	Yield (6)
1	$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2$ (4)	Electrooxidation, Undivided Cell ^[a]	(26%)
2	$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2$ (4)	Electrooxidation, Divided Cell ^[a]	(64%)
3	$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2$ (4)	Photoelectrocatalysis ^[b]	(80%)
4	NaSO_2CF_3 (2)	Electrooxidation, Undivided Cell ^[a]	(21%)
5	NaSO_2CF_3 (2)	Electrooxidation, Divided Cell ^[a]	(33%)
6	NaSO_2CF_3 (2)	Photoelectrocatalysis ^[b]	70% (81%)

Reaction conditions: ^[a] Divided cell or undivided cell, GF anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), GF cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), constant current electrolysis at 4.0 mA. **5** (0.25 mmol), **2** (0.5 mmol) or **4** (0.35 mmol), *n*-Bu₄NClO₄ (0.15 M), DMSO (5.0 mL), 8 h. ^[b] Undivided cell, GF anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), Pt cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), constant current electrolysis at 4.0 mA. **5** (0.25 mmol), **2** (0.5 mmol) or **4** (0.35 mmol), [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ (5.0 mol %), LiClO₄ (0.1 M), MeCN (4.0 mL), 30–35 °C, 8 h, under N₂, blue LEDs (450 nm). Yields refer to the isolated product, conversions were determined by ^{19}F -NMR using 1-fluorononane as internal standard.

Kinetic Studies

Following the general procedure, caffeine (**5**, 58.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{Na}$ (**2**, 93.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), LiClO_4 (42 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the photocatalyst (2.0 or 5.0 mol %) were placed into a 10 mL Schlenkflask and closed with a stopper with integrated electrode holders. After evacuation and purging with N_2 three times, 1-fluorononane (43.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added as internal standard followed by CH_3CN (4.0 mL). Equipped with a N_2 -ballon, the photoelectrocatalysis was performed at ambient temperature with a constant current of 4.0 mA maintained for 8 h under visible light irradiation ($2 \times$ Kessil A360N or $2 \times$ Kessil A160WE). During the course of the reaction, an aliquot of 100 μL was removed via syringe after 2 h, 4 h and 8 h. The sample was diluted with MeCN-d_3 , filtered through a short plug of silica gel and analyzed by crude $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR.

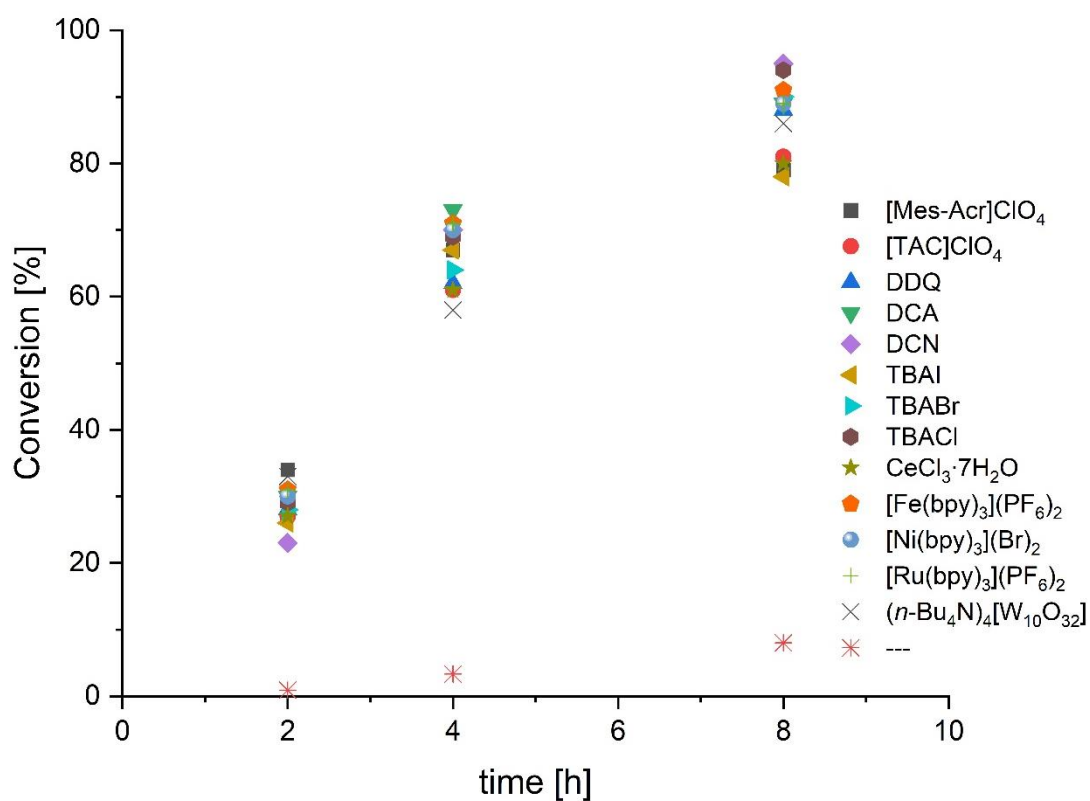
Table S3: Comparison of different photoelectrocatalysts in the trifluoromethylation of caffeine (**5**).



Entry	Photoelectrocatalyst ^[a]	6 (%) 2 h	6 (%) 4 h	6 (%) 8 h
1	[Mes-Acr] ClO_4	34%	67%	79%
2	[TAC] ClO_4	27%	61%	81%
3	DDQ	28%	62%	88%
4	DCA	30%	73%	83%
5	DCN	23%	70%	94%
6	TBAI	26%	63%	83%
7	TBABr	28%	68%	90%

8	TBACl	29%	73%	94%
9	CeCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O	27%	61%	79%
10	CeCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O ^[b]	31%	71%	93%
11	[Fe(bpy) ₃](PF ₆) ₂ ^[c]	31%	71%	89%
12	[Ni(bpy) ₃]Br ₂ ^[c]	30%	70%	89%
13	[Ru(bpy) ₃](PF ₆) ₂ ^[c]	33%	65%	86%
14	(<i>n</i> -Bu ₄ N) ₄ [W ₁₀ O ₃₂] ^[c]	34%	67%	79%
15	---	1%	3%	8%

^[a] Reaction conditions: Undivided cell, GF anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm), Pt cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm), constant current electrolysis at 4.0 mA. **5** (0.25 mmol), **2** (0.50 mmol), photoelectrocatalyst (5.0 mol %), LiClO₄ (0.1 m), MeCN (4.0 mL), 30–35 °C, 8 h, under N₂, blue LEDs (450 nm); conversions were determined by ¹⁹F-NMR using 1-fluorononane as internal standard. ^[b] 390 nm wavelength. ^[c] Photocatalyst (2.0 mol %).



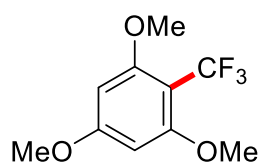
Characterization Data

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**1**)

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**1**)

The general procedure was followed using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (**1**, 0.25 mmol, 42.0 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 8 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3** and **3'** as white solids. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the mono-functionalized product **3** was obtained in 72% (42.3 mg) and the difunctionalized product **3'** in 16% (12.1 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave **3** in 78% (46.0 mg) and **3'** in 9% (6.8 mg).

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**3**)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.14 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 9H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.7 (C_q), 160.5 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 1.4 Hz, C_q), 124.3 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 273.3 Hz, C_q), 100.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.2 Hz, C_q), 91.4 (CH), 56.4 (CH₃), 55.5 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -54.2 (s).

m.p.: 63–64 °C.

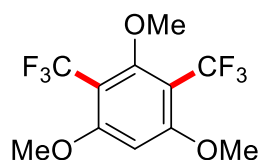
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1589, 1459, 1417, 1278, 1232, 1207, 1161, 1092, 1024, 814 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 259 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 237 (90) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 237.0733, found 237.0735.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**3'**)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.35 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.5 (C_q), 160.7 (C_q), 123.6 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 273.9 Hz, C_q), 106.3 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.2 Hz, C_q), 92.7 (CH), 64.9 (CH₃), 56.5 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -55.5 (s).

m.p.: 98–100 °C.

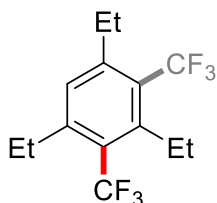
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1604, 1577, 1311, 1257, 1218, 1105, 1059, 731 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 327 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 305 (10) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₁F₆O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 305.0607, found 305.0609.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[3]

1,3,5-Triethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**9**)



The general procedure was followed using 1,3,5-triethylbenzene (0.25 mmol, 40.6 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 8 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-pentane) yielded **9** as a colourless oil. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product **9** was obtained in 63% (36.8 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 57% (32.7 mg). In both cases, the product was obtained as a mixture with a minor amount of the di-functionalized product in a ratio of 3.6:1. The ratio was determined based on the ¹H-NMR of the isolated product.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.97 (s, 2H), 2.90–2.77 (m, 4H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (td, J = 7.7, 3.4 Hz, 9H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 147.4 (C_q), 144.1 (q, ³ J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz, C_q), 128.7 (CH), 126.3 (q, ¹ J_{C-F} = 276.3 Hz, C_q), 123.8 (q, ² J_{C-F} = 28.3 Hz, C_q), 28.6 (CH₂), 28.1 (CH₂), 16.7 (CH₃), 15.3 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = – 52.4 (s).

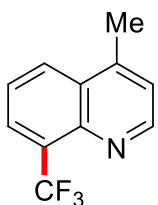
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2968, 1609, 1575, 1459, 1294, 1199, 1144, 1105, 1062, 1038 cm⁻¹.

MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity): 230 (10) [M]⁺, 215 (100) [M–CH₃]⁺.

HR-MS (EI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₇F₃⁺ [M]⁺ 230.1277, found 230.1279.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

4-Methyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (**10**)



The general procedure was followed using 4-methylquinoline (0.25 mmol, 37.1 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **10** as a colourless oil. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 52% (27.9 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 60% (31.6 mg).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.92 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.0 (CH), 144.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz, C_q), 144.7 (C_q), 128.9 (C_q), 128.5 (CH), 128.1 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz, C_q), 127.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.9 Hz, CH), 124.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.4 Hz, C_q), 125.0 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 19.1 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 60.0 (s).

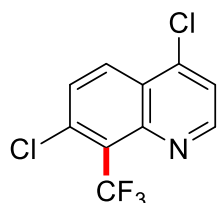
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1600, 1315, 1294, 1120, 1092, 1079, 1047, 838, 762, 713 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 234 (12) [M+Na]⁺, 212 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₉NF₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 212.0682, found 212.0684.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

4,7-Dichloro-8-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (11)



The general procedure was followed using 4,7-dichloroquinoline (0.25 mmol, 49.5 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 20:1) and purification by recycling preparative HPLC yielded **11** as a white solid.

When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 31% (20.7 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 35% (23.3 mg).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.93 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.1 (CH), 147.5 (C_q), 142.9 (C_q), 136.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 4.8 Hz, C_q), 131.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 125.6 (C_q), 125.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 32.2 Hz, C_q), 123.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.2 Hz, C_q) 122.2 (CH).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 53.0 (s).

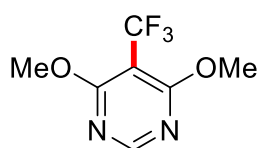
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IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1586, 1561, 1485, 1405, 1263, 1204, 1151, 1129, 895, 788 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 268 (75), [M(³⁷Cl)+H]⁺, 266 (100) [M(³⁵Cl)+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₅NF₃³⁵Cl₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 265.9946, found 265.9947.

4,6-Dimethoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidine (12)



The general procedure was followed using 4,6-dimethoxy pyrimidine (0.25 mmol, 35.0 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 30:1 to 20:1) yielded **12** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as

photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 68% (35.4 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 61% (31.7 mg).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.46 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.1 (C_q), 159.1 (CH), 123.0 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 273.0 Hz, C_q), 95.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 33.7 Hz, C_q), 55.1 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 57.0 (s).

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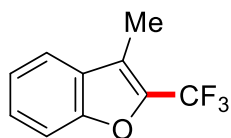
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1573, 1475, 1414, 1324, 1247, 1107, 1035, 733, 703 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 231 (50) [M+Na]⁺, 209 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₇H₈F₃N₂O₂N⁺ [M+H]⁺ 209.0538, found 209.0541.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

3-Methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzofuran (**13**)



The general procedure was followed using 3-methylbenzofurane (0.25 mmol, 33.0 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 8 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane) yielded **13** as a

colourless oil. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 71% (35.5 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 72% (36.0 mg).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.2 (C_q), 138.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 39.7 Hz, C_q), 128.5 (C_q), 127.1 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 120.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 269.4 Hz, C_q), 118.4 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 2.6 Hz, C_q), 112.0 (CH), 7.8 (q, ⁴J_{C-F} = 1.8 Hz, CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 62.0 (s).

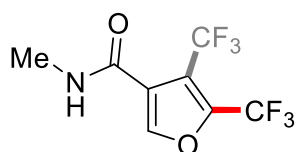
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1635, 1395, 1383, 1301, 1367, 1179, 1111, 1082, 1038, 743 cm⁻¹.

MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 200 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₇F₃O [M]⁺ 200.0444, found 200.0448.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

***N*-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)furan-3-carboxamide (14)**



The general procedure was followed using *N*-methylfuran-3-carboxamide (0.25 mmol, 31.2 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:1 to 1:2) yielded **14** as a pale yellow oil. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 69% (33.3 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 74% (35.7 mg) in both cases as mixture of isomers in a ratio of 3.0:1 as determined based on the ¹H-NMR of the isolated product. The reported NMR data corresponds to the main isomer. **¹H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.46 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s br, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.6 (C_q), 143.9 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz, CH), 139.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 42.3 Hz, C_q), 123.6 (C_q), 118.9 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 268.7 Hz, C_q), 111.6 (CH), 26.7 (CH₃).

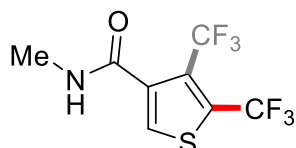
¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -61.2 (s).

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1406, 1304, 1266, 1175, 1131, 1105, 935, 894, 734, 702 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 216 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 194 (12) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₇H₆NO₂F₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 216.0243, found 216.0253.

***N*-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)thiophene-3-carboxamide (15)**



The general procedure was followed using *N*-methylthiophen-3-carboxamide (0.25 mmol, 35.2 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1 to 1:1) yielded **15** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 65% (33.8 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 68% (35.8 mg) in both cases as mixture of isomers in a ratio of 2.7:1 as determined based on the ¹H-NMR of the isolated product. The reported NMR data corresponds to the main isomer. **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.43 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.16 (s br, 1H), 3.19–2.89 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.5 (C_q), 137.6 (C_q), 129.9 (q, ²*J*_{C-H} = 36.9 Hz, C_q), 129.1 (CH), 127.1 (q, ³*J*_{C-H} = 5.6 Hz, CH), 122.0 (q, ¹*J*_{C-H} = 269.7 Hz, C_q), 27.0 (CH₃).

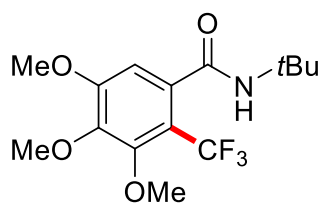
¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -52.8 (s).

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1638, 1562, 1523, 1431, 1276, 1159, 1119, 1019, 1007 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 232 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 210 (9) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₇H₆SNOF₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 232.0014, found 232.0020.

N-(*tert*-Butyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (**16**)



The general procedure was followed using *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzamide (0.25 mmol, 42.0 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1 to 2:1) yielded **16** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 56% (46.9 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 53% (44.4 mg). The obtained product shows in the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR in CDCl₃ a splitting of the signals in two sets as a consequence of the limited rotation along the amide bond.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.45 (s br, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 167.4 (C_q), 156.2 (C_q), 153.2 (C_q), 143.4 (C_q), 133.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 2.6 Hz, C_q), 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 273.7 Hz, C_q), 113.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.5 Hz, C_q), 106.8 (CH), 61.9 (CH₃), 61.0 (CH₃), 56.4 (CH₃), 52.3 (C_q), 28.6 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 55.6 (s).

m.p.: 107–108 °C.

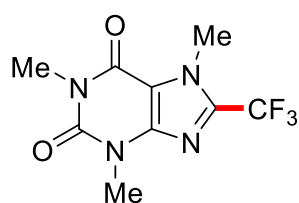
IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1641, 1580, 1496, 1453, 1403, 1302, 1116, 1009, 930 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 358 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 336 (5) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₄F₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 358.1237, found 358.1237.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[4]

1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-3,7-dihydro-1*H*-purine-2,6-dione (**6**)



The general procedure was followed using caffeine (0.25 mmol, 48.5 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 8 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 3:1) yielded **6** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 71% (46.5 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 70% (45.8 mg).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.13 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 155.5 (C_q), 151.4 (C_q), 146.6 (C_q), 138.9 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 39.9 Hz, C_q), 118.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 270.4 Hz, C_q), 109.7 (C_q), 33.3 (q, ⁴J_{C-F} = 1.9 Hz, CH₃), 30.0 (CH₃), 28.3 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 62.4 (s).

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu} = 1709, 1665, 1548, 1247, 1202, 1178, 1098, 973, 745 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

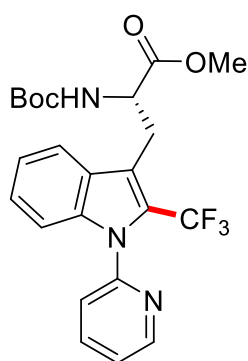
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MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 285 (80) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 263 (100) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{F}_3\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 263.0750, found 263.2754.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[2]

Methyl (S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (17)



The general procedure was followed using the tryptophan derivative methyl N^α -((tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-L-tryptophanate (0.25 mmol, 98.8 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **17** as a white solid. When $[\text{Mes-Acr}]\text{ClO}_4$ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 49% (56.7 mg), while the use of $[\text{TAC}]\text{ClO}_4$ gave 53% (61.3 mg).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.79\text{--}8.50$ (m, 1H), 7.91 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.03 (m, 3H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.69 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.4$ (C_q), 155.1 (C_q), 150.6 (C_q), 149.8 (CH), 138.7 (CH), 138.2 (C_q), 127.1 (C_q), 125.8 (CH), 124.3 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 34.2$ Hz, C_q), 123.7 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 121.9 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.4$ Hz, C_q), 121.8 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 115.8 (C_q), 111.4 (CH), 79.9 (C_q), 54.1 (CH), 52.4 (CH_3), 28.4 (CH_3), 27.9 (CH_2).

$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (377 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = -53.5$ (s).

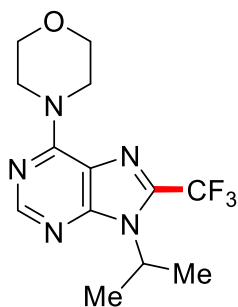
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IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu} = 1746, 1714, 1590, 1469, 1438, 1367, 1276, 1113, 1059 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 486 (100) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 464 (100) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 486.1611, found 486.1617.

4-(9-Isopropyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)morpholine (18)



The general procedure was followed using 4-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)morpholine (0.25 mmol, 61.8 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 3:1) yielded **18** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 49% (38.6 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 56% (44.1 mg).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.39 (s, 1H), 4.84 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s br, 4H), 3.84 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 154.7 (C_q), 153.4 (CH), 152.5 (C_q), 135.9 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 39.0 Hz, C_q), 119.4 (C_q), 119.1 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 270.7 Hz, C_q), 67.2 (CH₂), 67.2 (CH₂), 50.6 (CH), 21.1 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 62.1 (s).

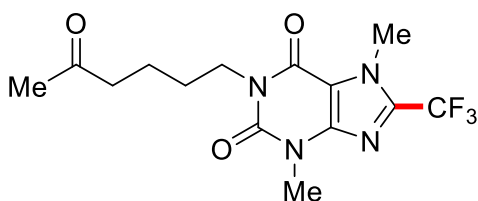
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IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1588, 1496, 1441, 1263, 1181, 1163, 1112, 1053, 1009, 930 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 316 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₇F₃N₅O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 316.380, found 316.1385.

3,7-Dimethyl-1-(5-oxohexyl)-8-(trifluoromethyl)-3,7-dihydro-1H-purine-2,6-dione (19)



The general procedure was followed using Pentoxifylline (0.25 mmol, 69.5 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 16 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) yielded **19** as a white solid. When [Mes-Acr]ClO₄ was used as photocatalyst, the product was obtained in 73% (63.1 mg), while the use of [TAC]ClO₄ gave 72% (62.2 mg).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.13 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 3.99 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.56 (m, 4H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 208.7 (C_q), 155.4 (C_q), 151.2 (C_q), 146.7 (C_q), 139.0 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 40.1 Hz, C_q), 118.3 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 271.4 Hz, C_q), 109.8 (C_q), 43.2 (CH₂), 41.2 (CH₂), 33.3 (q, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 2.0 Hz, CH₃), 30.1 (CH₃), 30.0 (CH₃), 27.4 (CH₂), 21.0 (CH₂).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 62.4 (s).

m.p.: 70–72 °C.

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu} = 1705, 1656, 1546, 1468, 1248, 1170, 1128, 1099, 766 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 369 (100) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 347 (10) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 369.1145, found 369.1153.

The spectral data is in accordance with those reported in the literature.^[1]

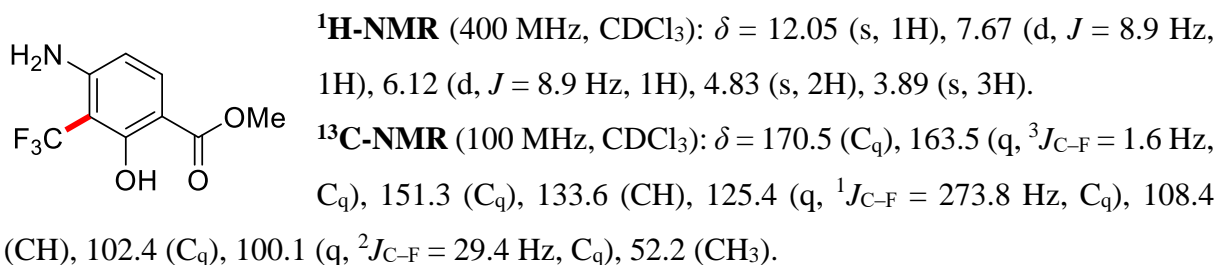
Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21a)

Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21b)

Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21c)

The general procedure was followed using methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxybenzoate (**20**, 0.50 mmol, 84.3 mg). After electrolysis at 4 mA under blue light irradiation for 8 h, purification by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 9:1) yielded **21a** and **21b** and **21c** as white solids. When $[\text{Mes-Acr}]\text{ClO}_4$ was used as photocatalyst, the mono-functionalized product **21a** was obtained in 28% (33.8 mg), **21b** in 11% (12.8 mg) and the difunctionalized **21c** in 3% (4.8 mg), while the use of $[\text{TAC}]\text{ClO}_4$ gave **21a** in 50% (58.5 mg), **21b** in 15% (17.9 mg) and **21c** in 9% (14.1 mg).

Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21a)



¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = -55.1$ (s).

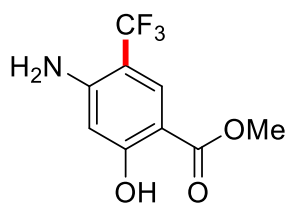
m.p.: 73–75 °C.

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu} = 1627, 1575, 1505, 1441, 1352, 1272, 1105, 1070, 969, 759 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensity): 258 (100) $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 236 (90) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 236.0529, found 236.0522.

Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21b)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.05 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.9 (C_q), 165.1 (C_q), 150.6 (q, ⁴J_{C-F} = 1.4 Hz, C_q), 130.5 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz, CH), 124.6 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 271.1 Hz, C_q), 106.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 31.2 Hz, C_q), 103.0 (C_q), 102.5 (CH),

52.2 (CH₃).

⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 61.6 (s).

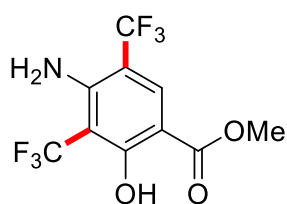
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IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1671, 1638, 1331, 1255, 1234, 1211, 1076, 786, 683 cm⁻¹.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (relative intensity): 234 (100) [M-H]⁻.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₉H₇F₃O₃⁻ [M-H]⁻ 234.0384, found 234.0374.

Methyl 4-amino-2-hydroxy-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (21c)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.29 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.9 (C_q), 165.1 (C_q), 149.0 (C_q), 132.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.7 Hz, CH), 124.7 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 274.7 Hz, C_q), 124.7 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 271.5 Hz, C_q), 106.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.9 Hz, C_q), 101.9 (C_q), 101.3 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 29.3 Hz, C_q), 52.7 (CH₃).

¹⁹F-NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = - 55.1 (s), - 62.1 (s).

m.p.: 112–113 °C.

IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1648, 1591, 1489, 1438, 1232, 1069, 968, 801, 643 cm⁻¹.

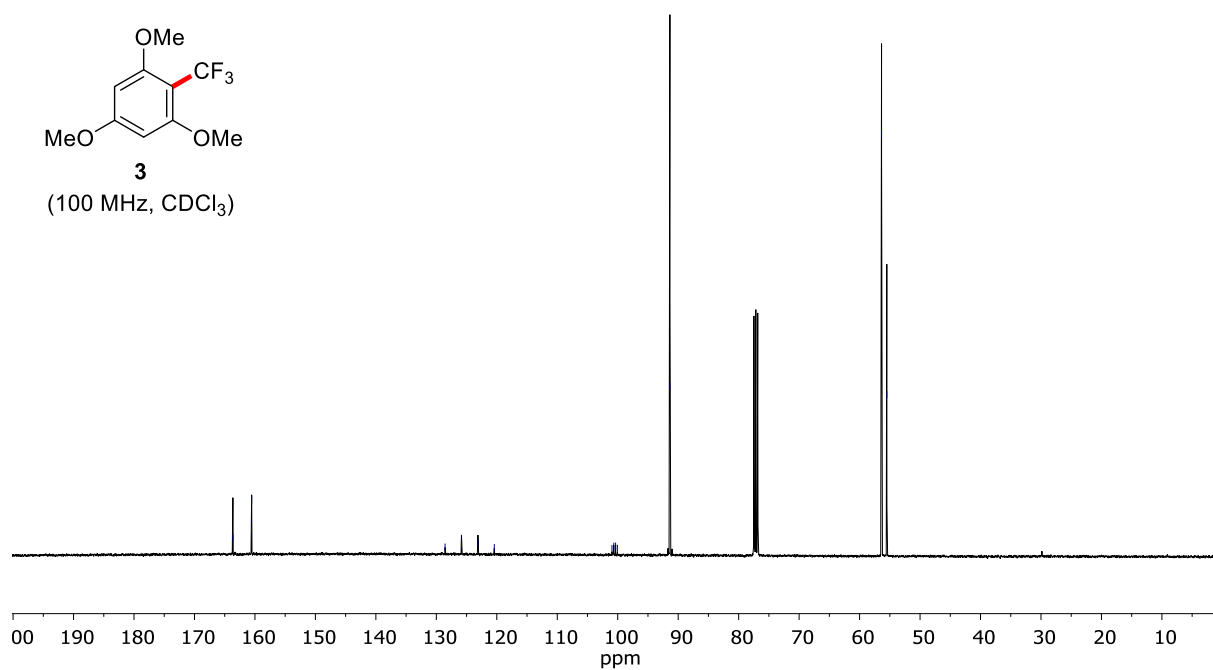
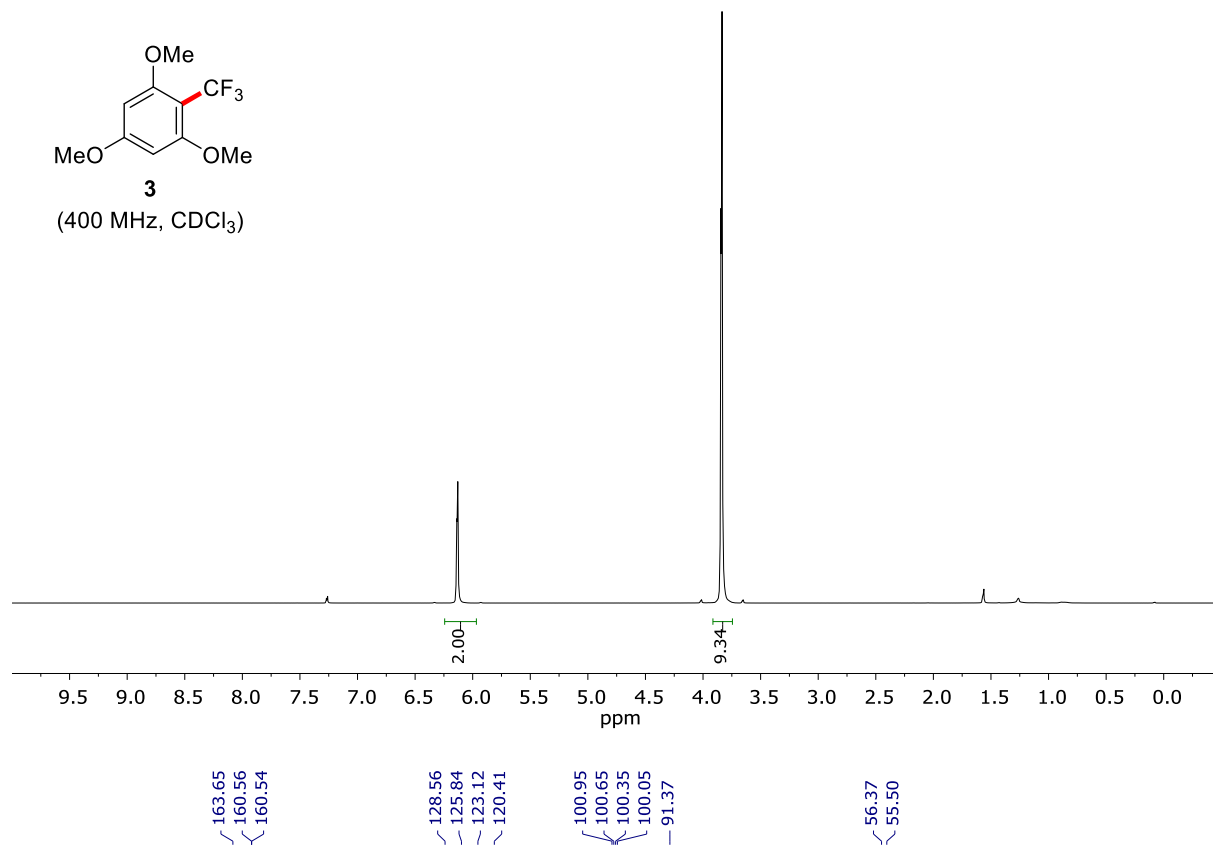
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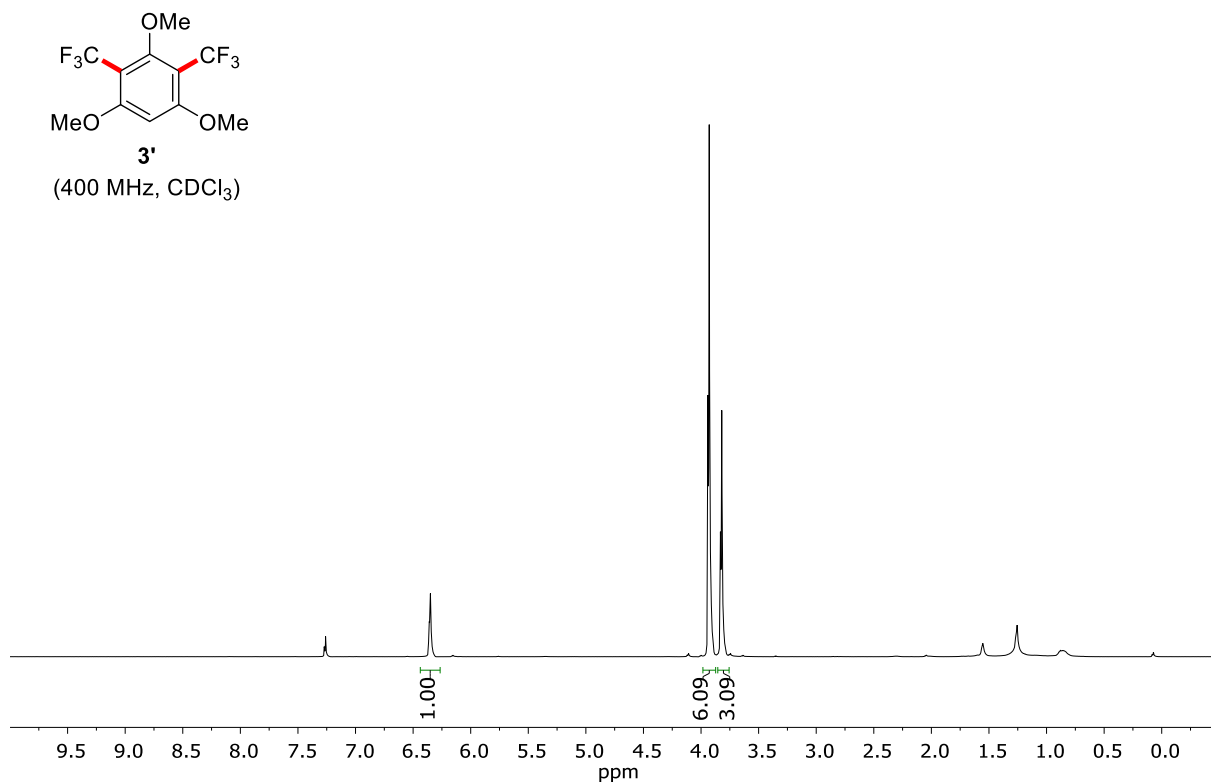
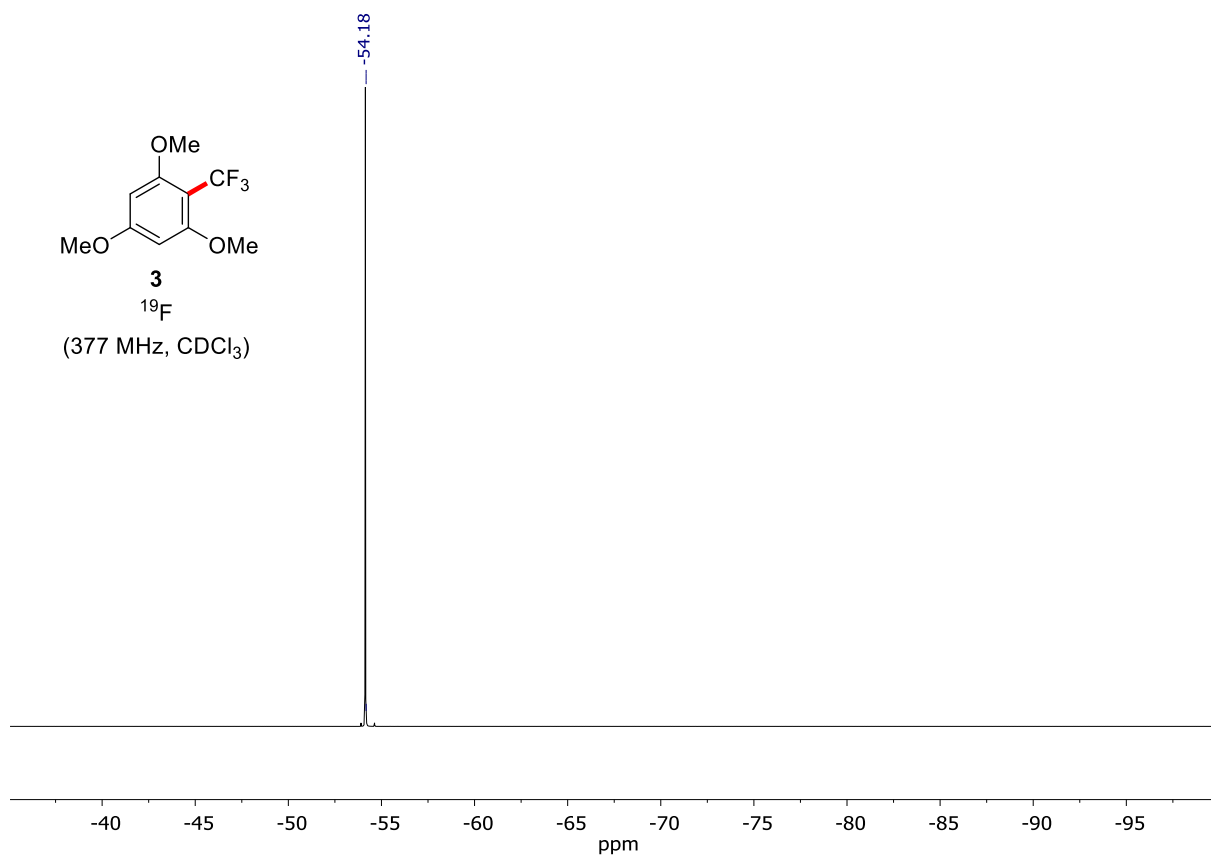
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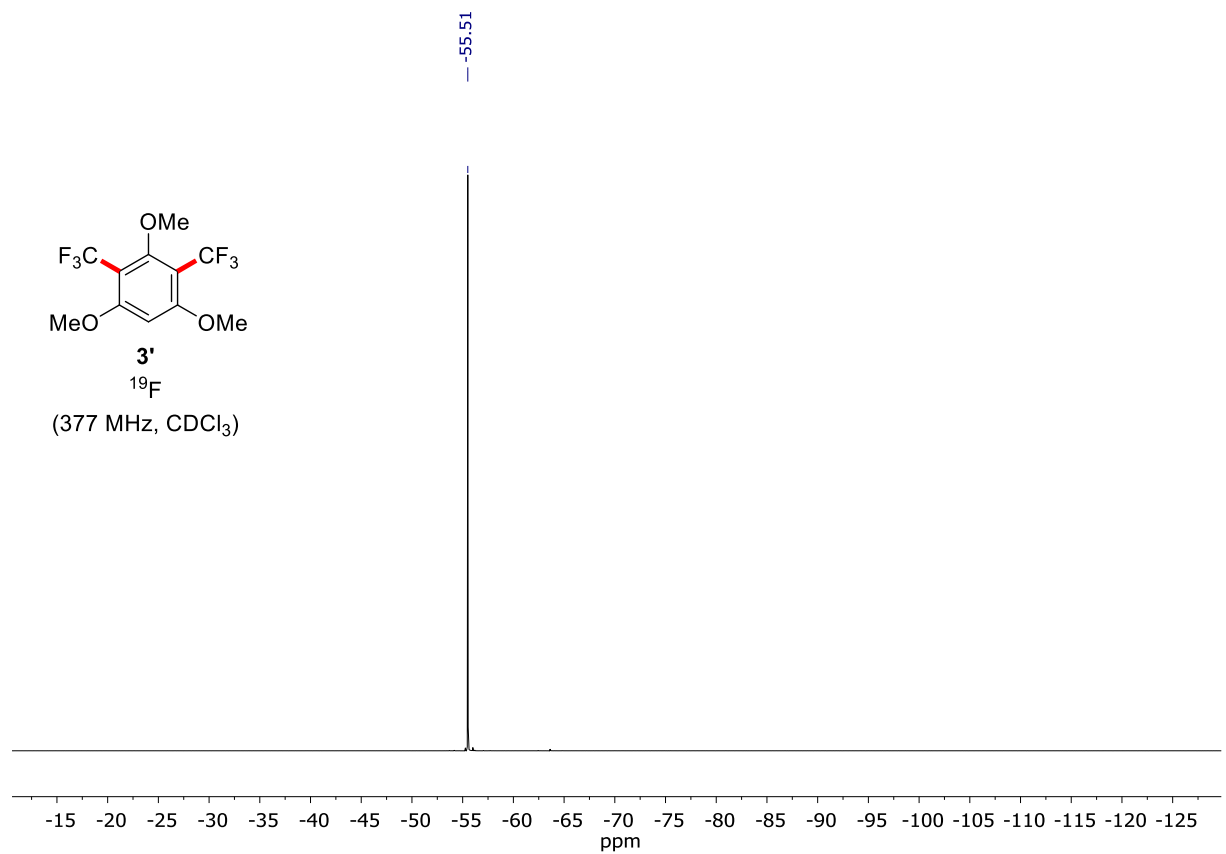
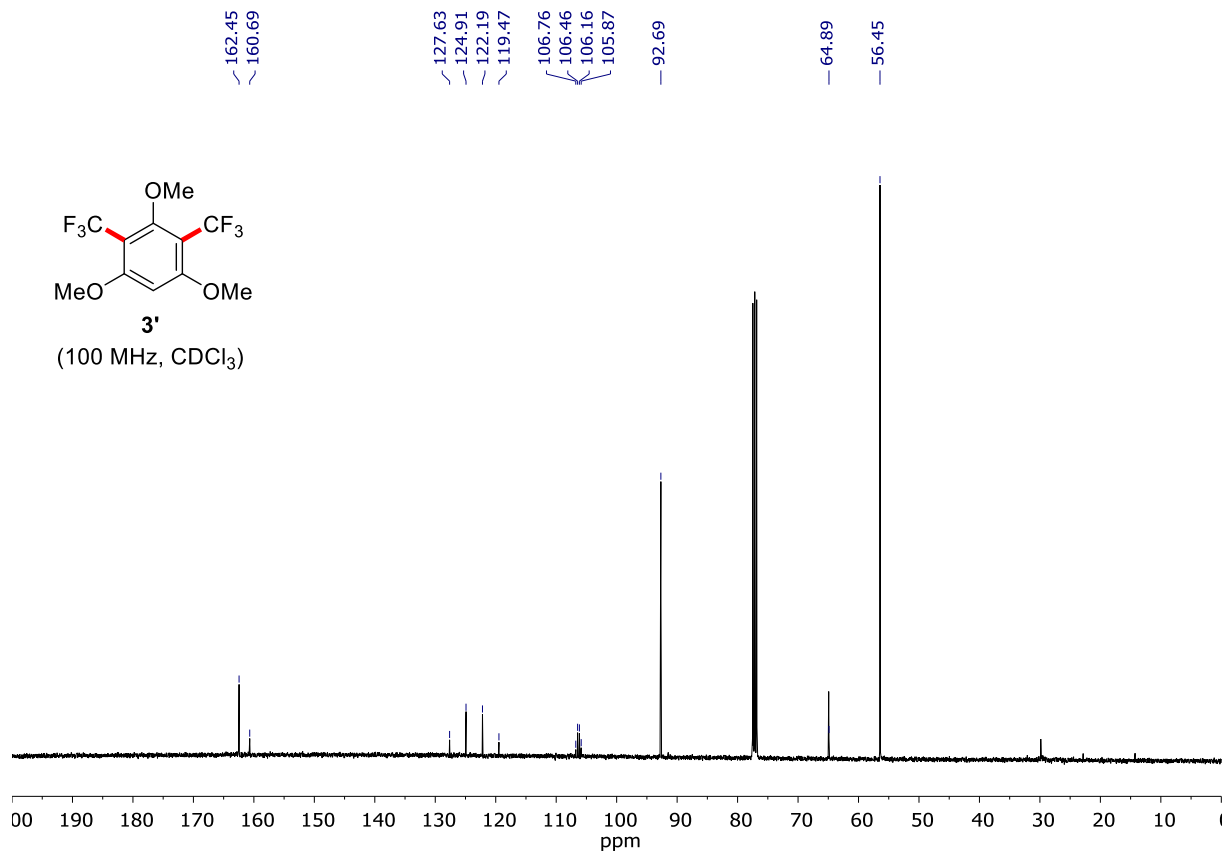
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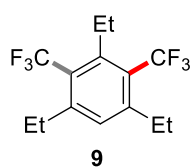
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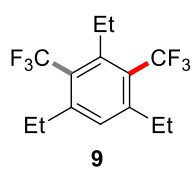
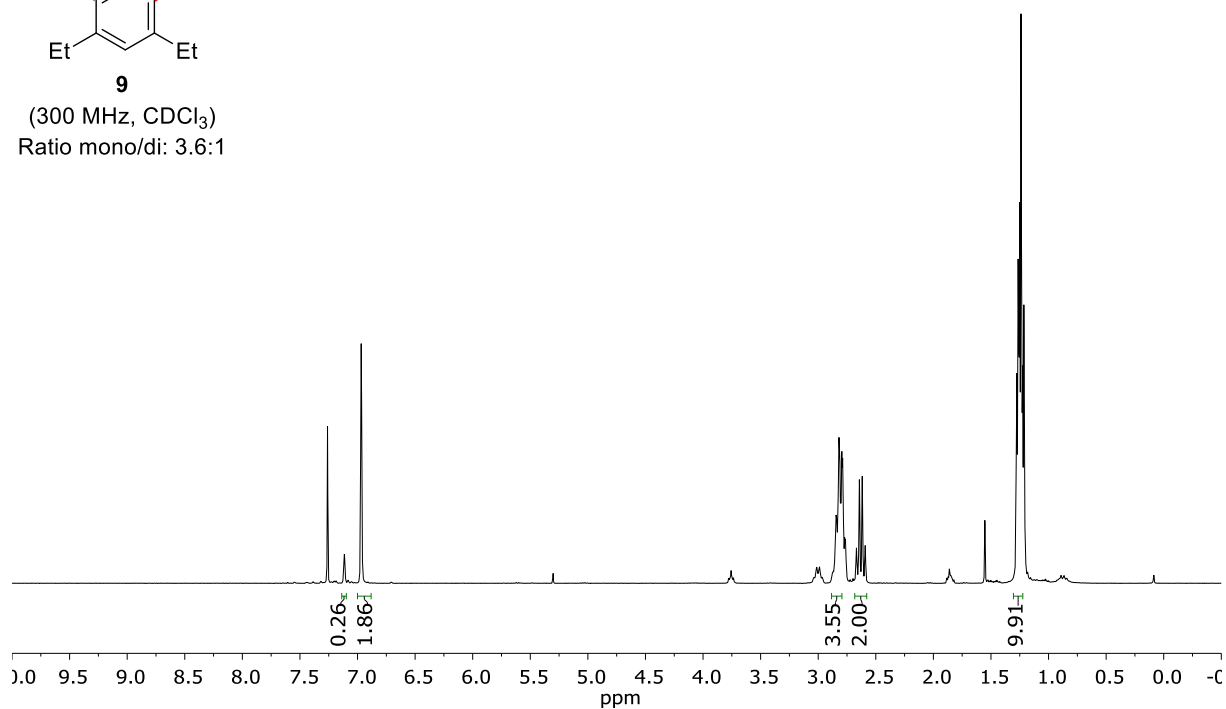




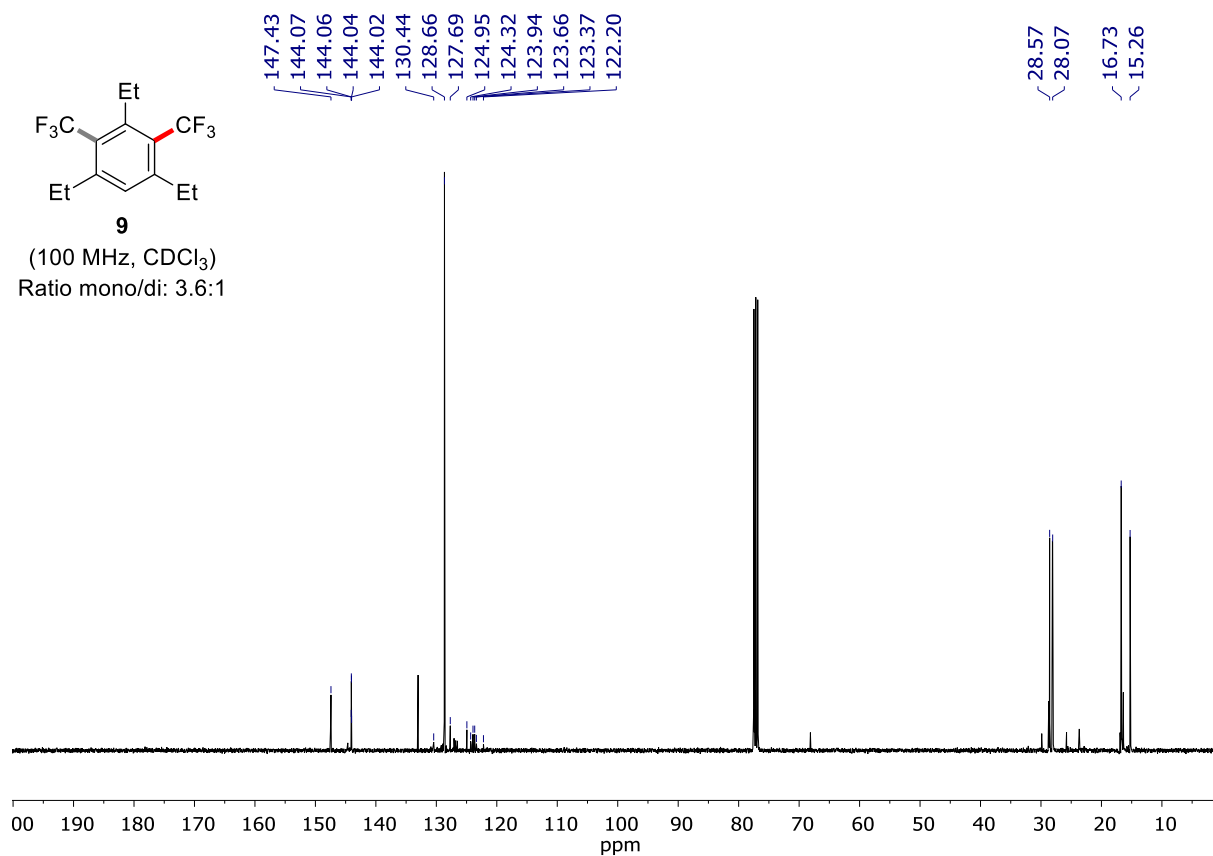


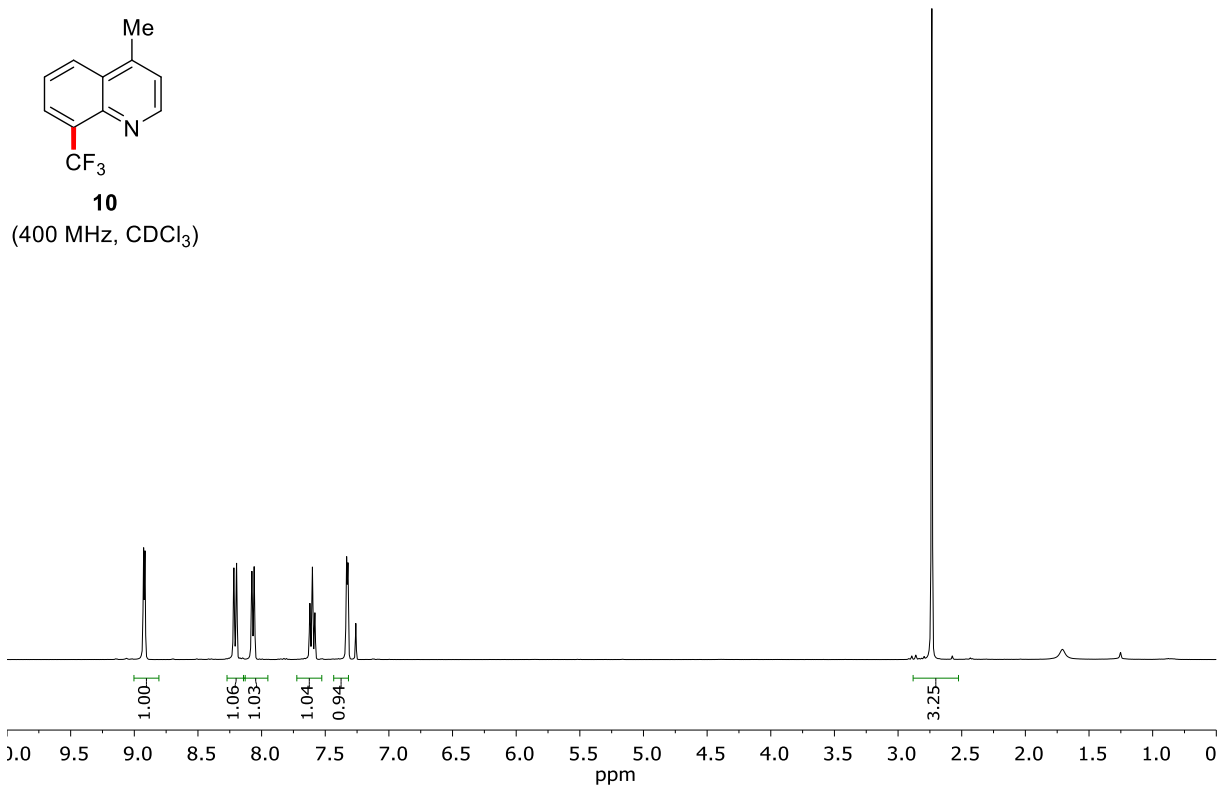
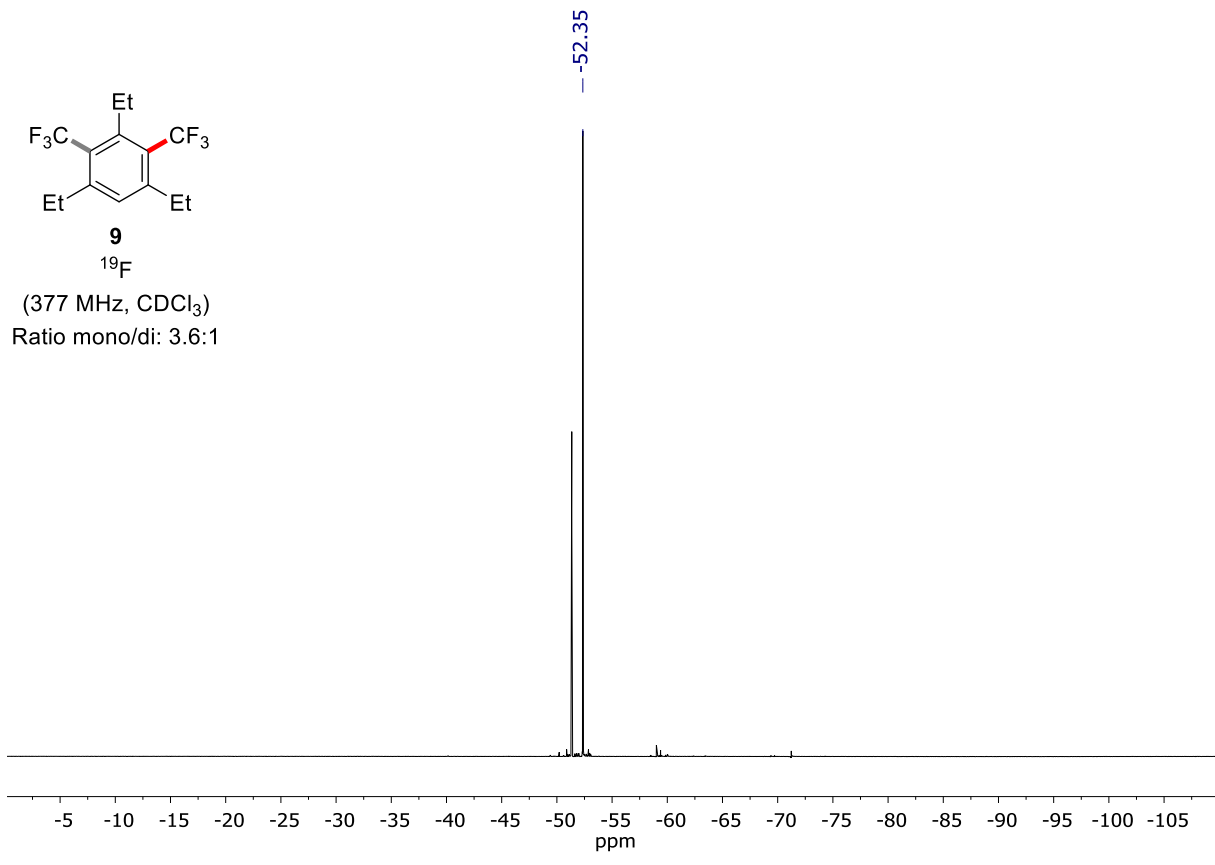


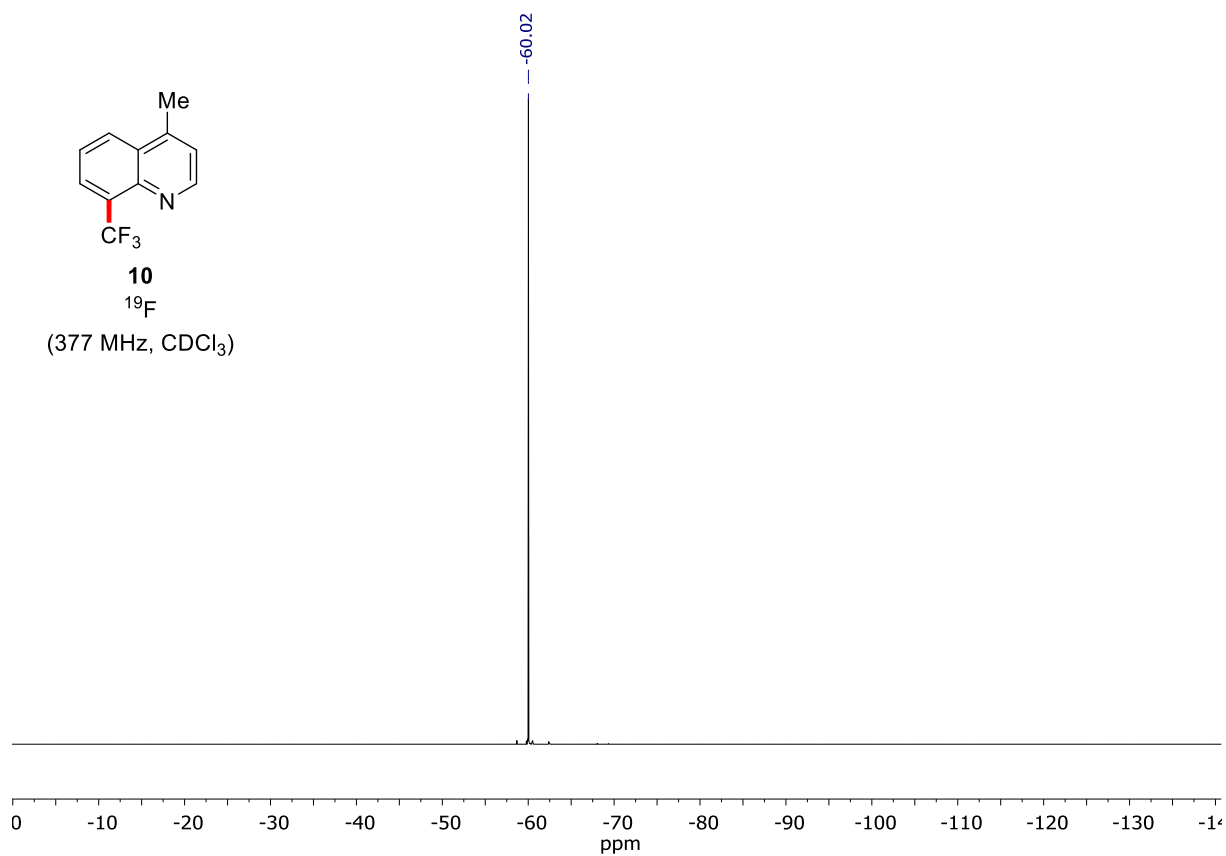
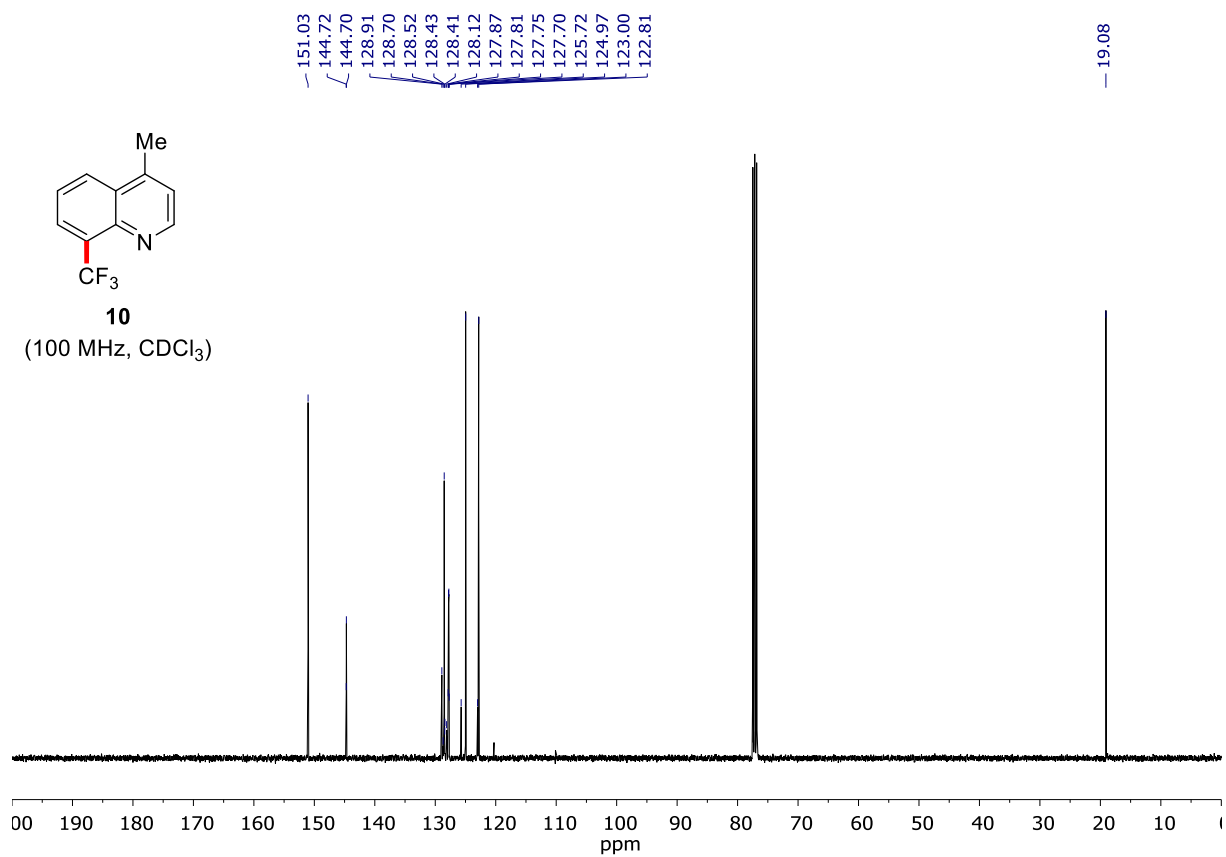
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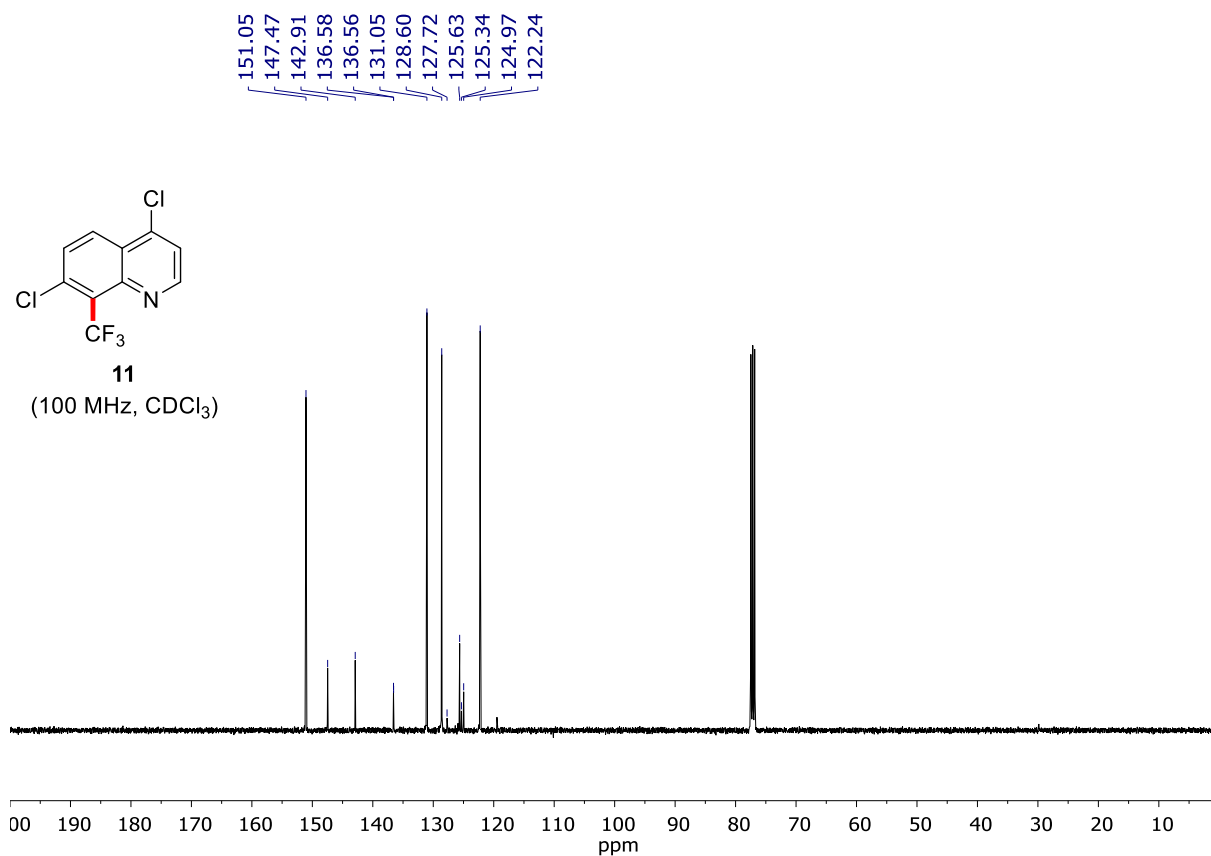
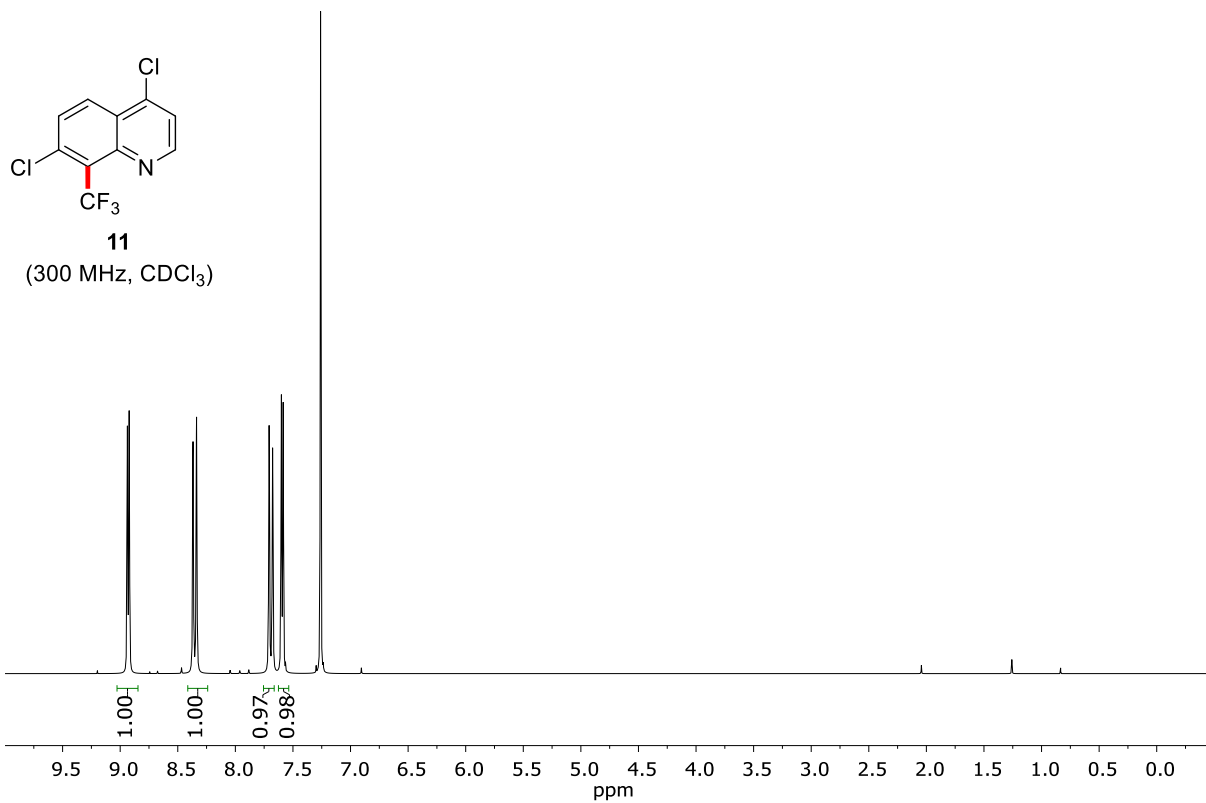


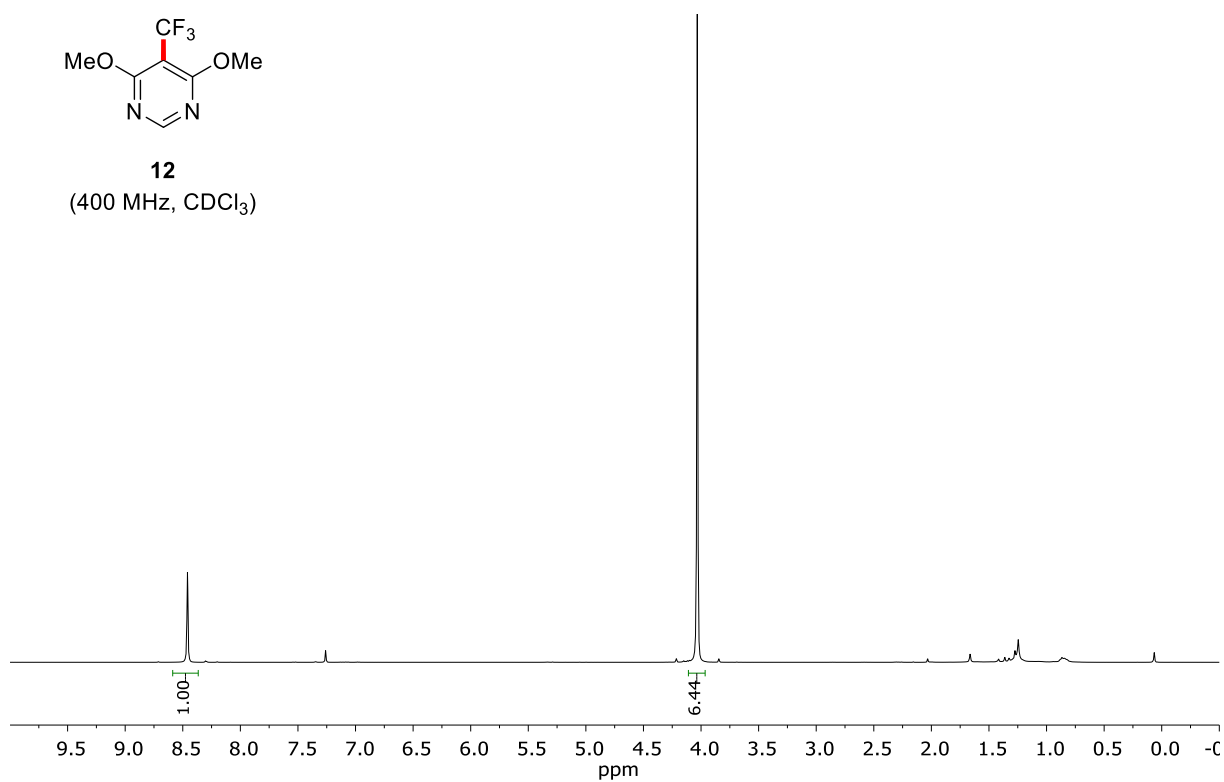
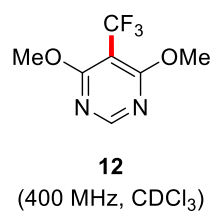
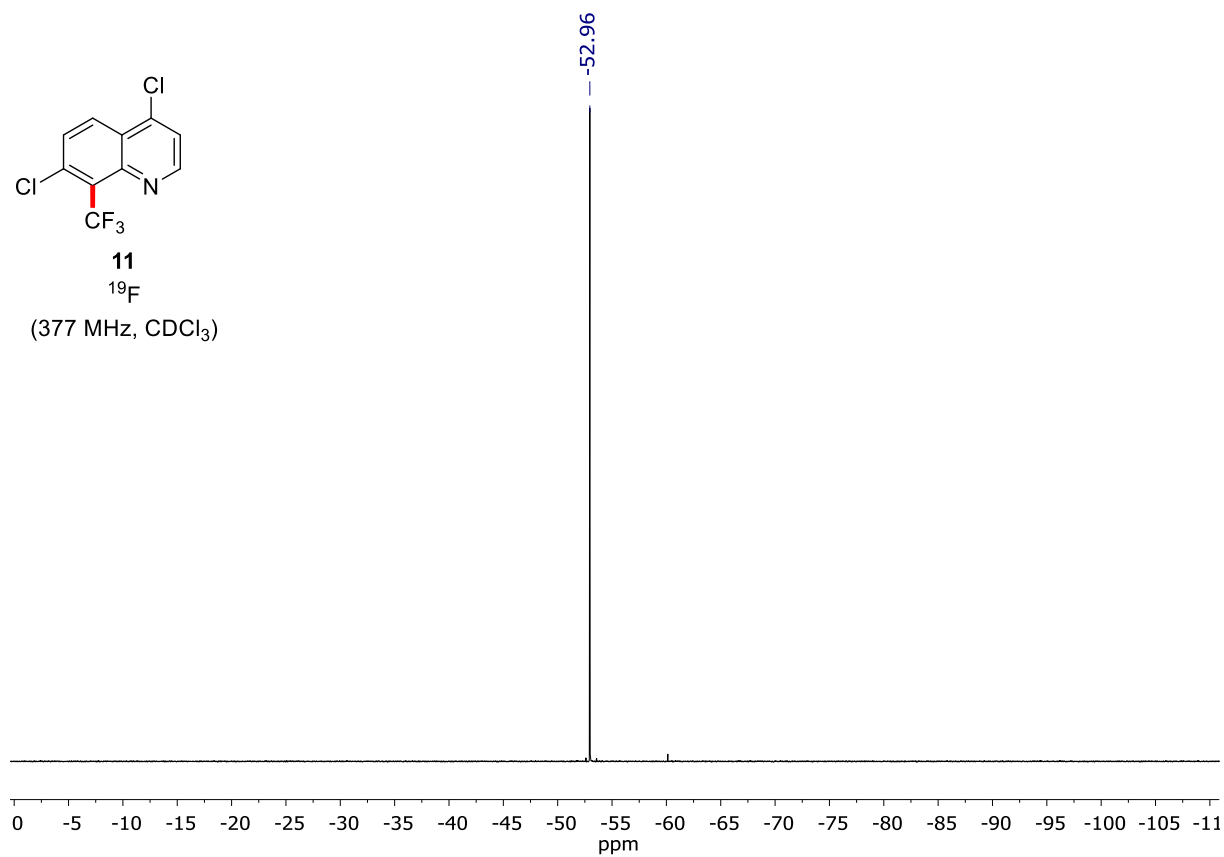
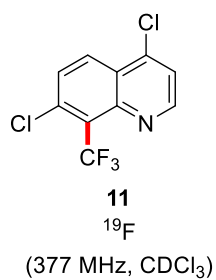
(100 MHz, CDCl₃)
Ratio mono/di: 3.6:1

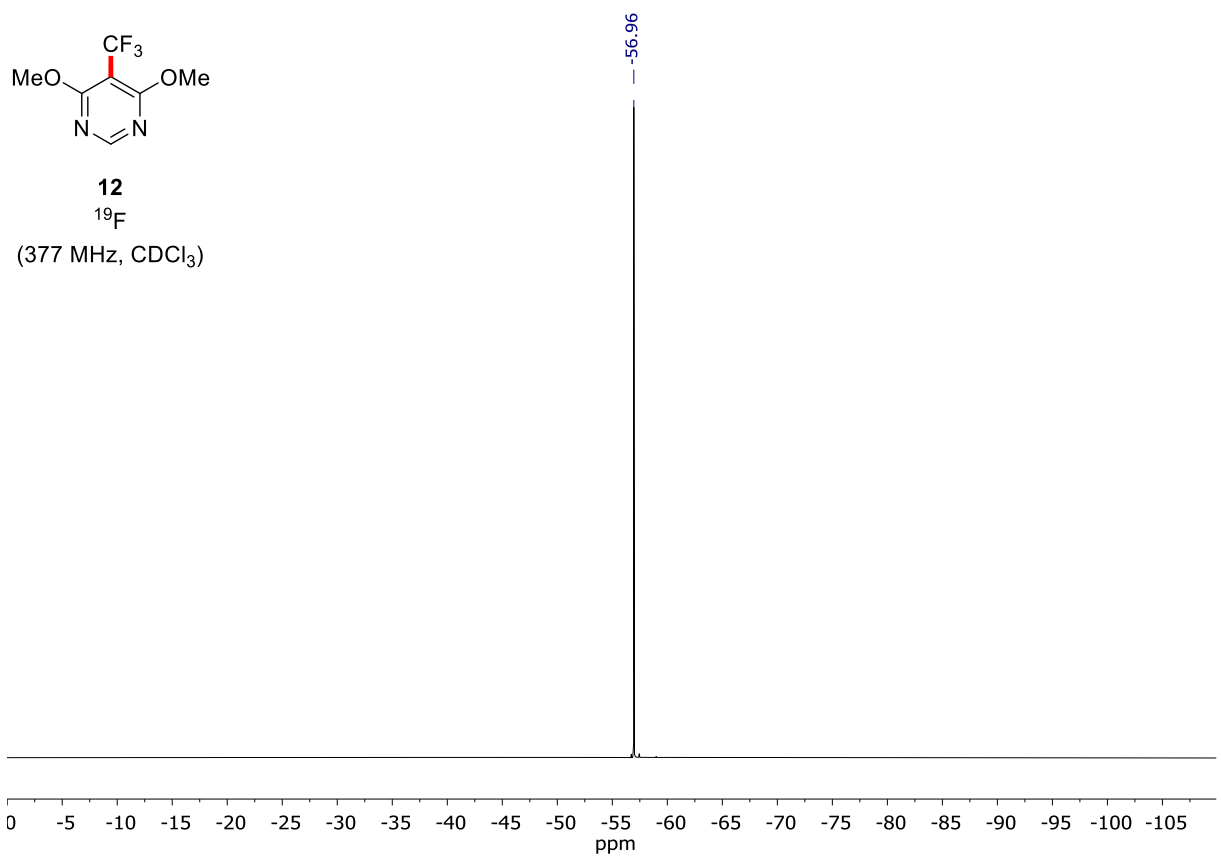
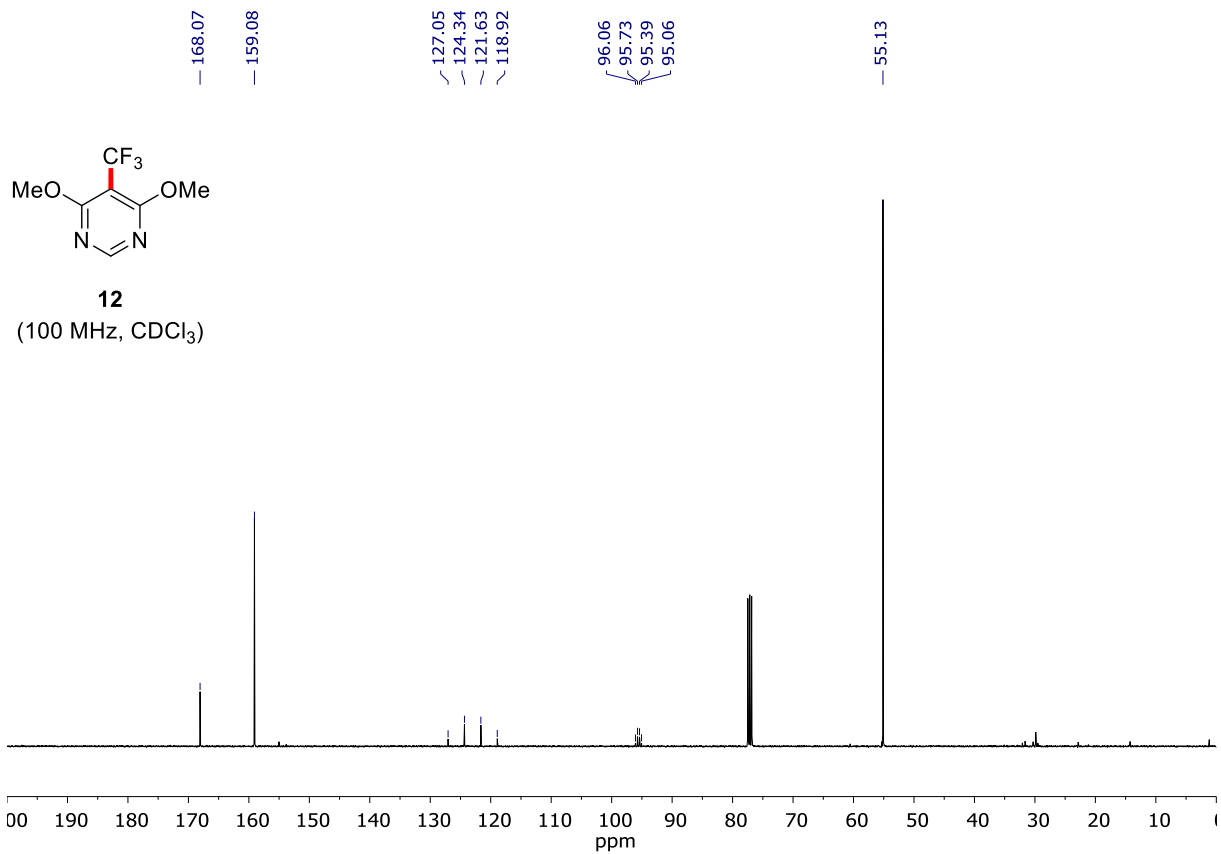


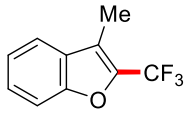




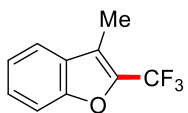
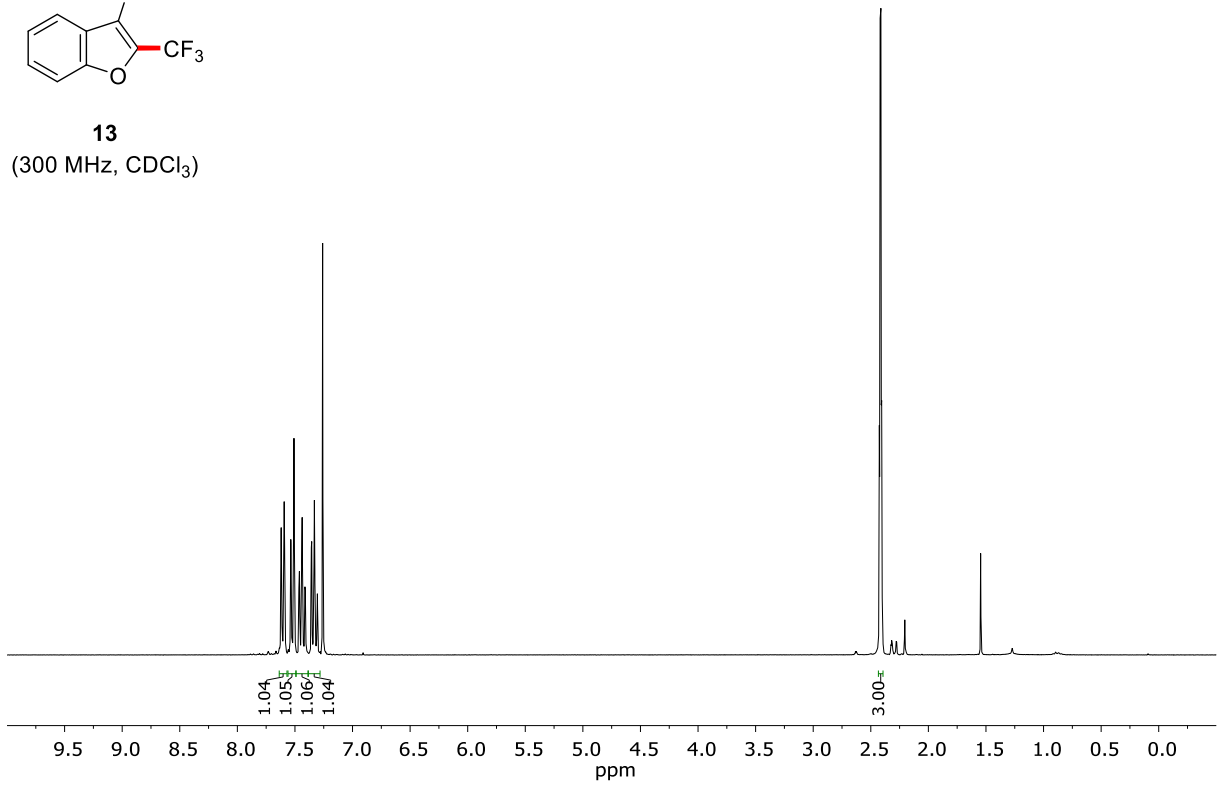




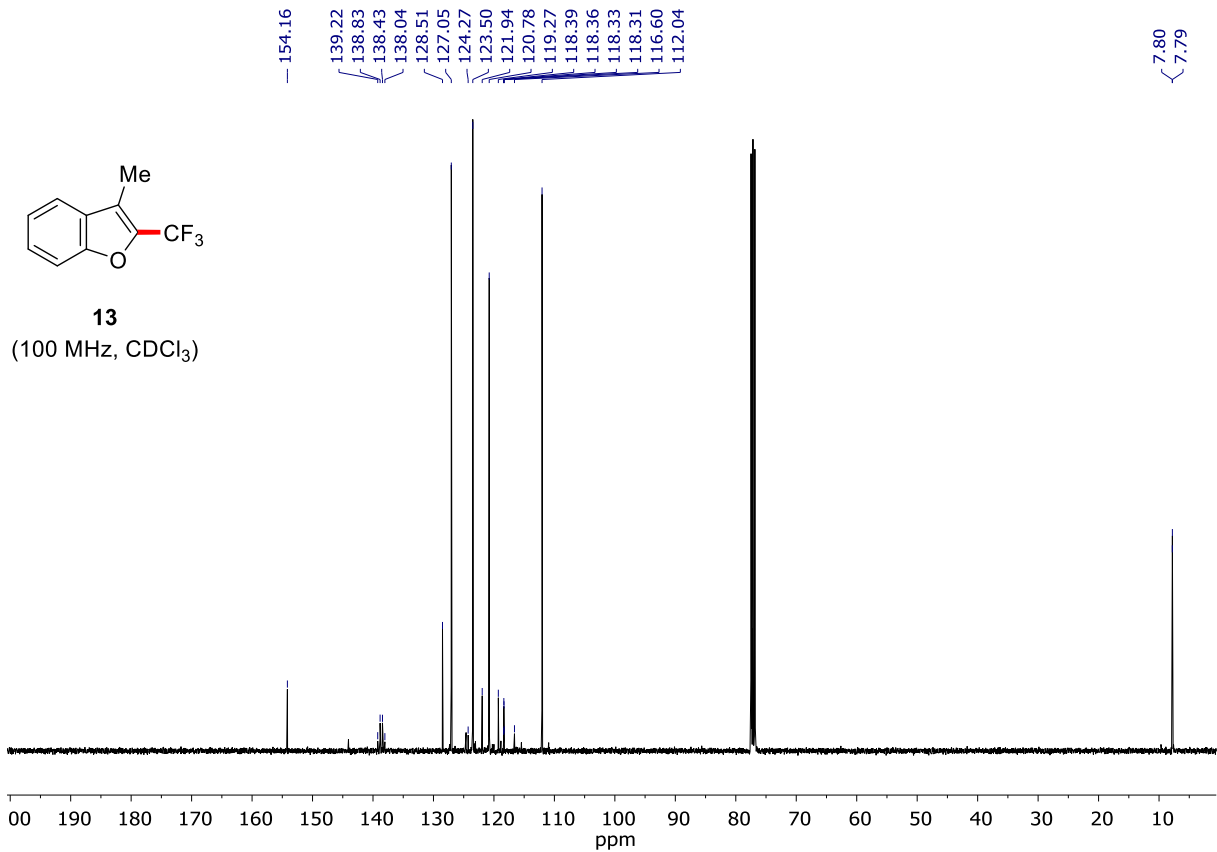


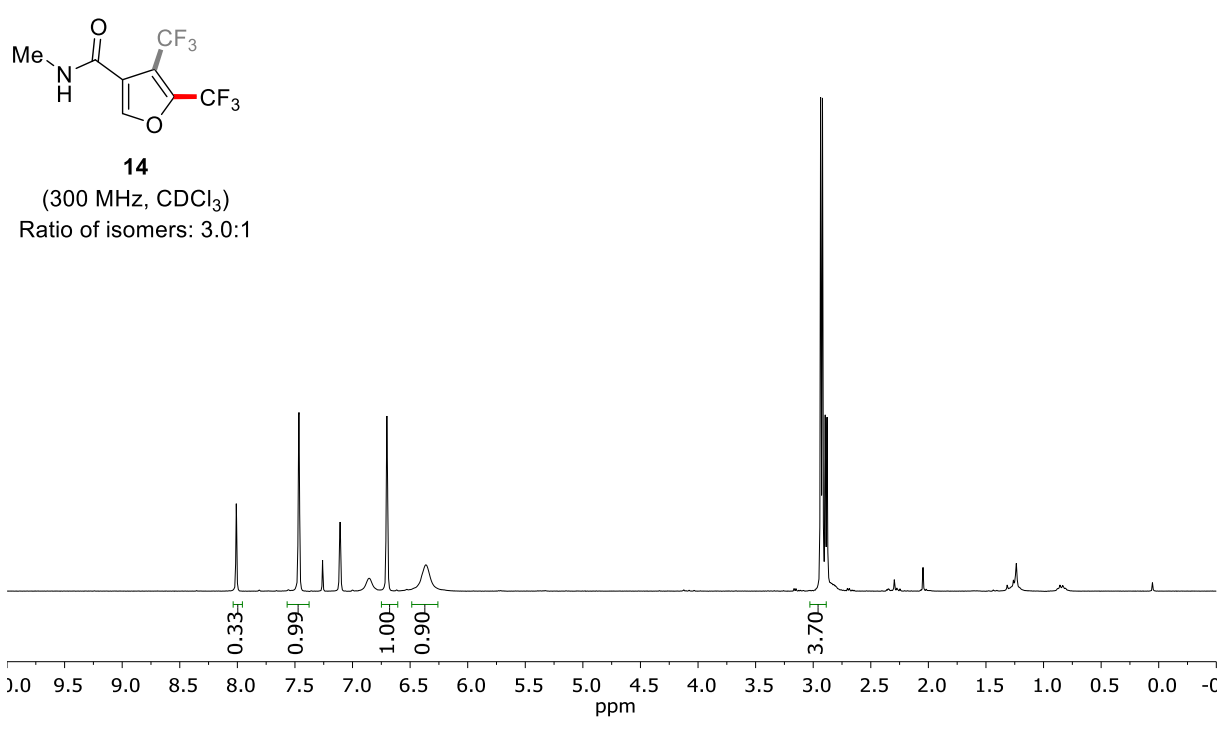
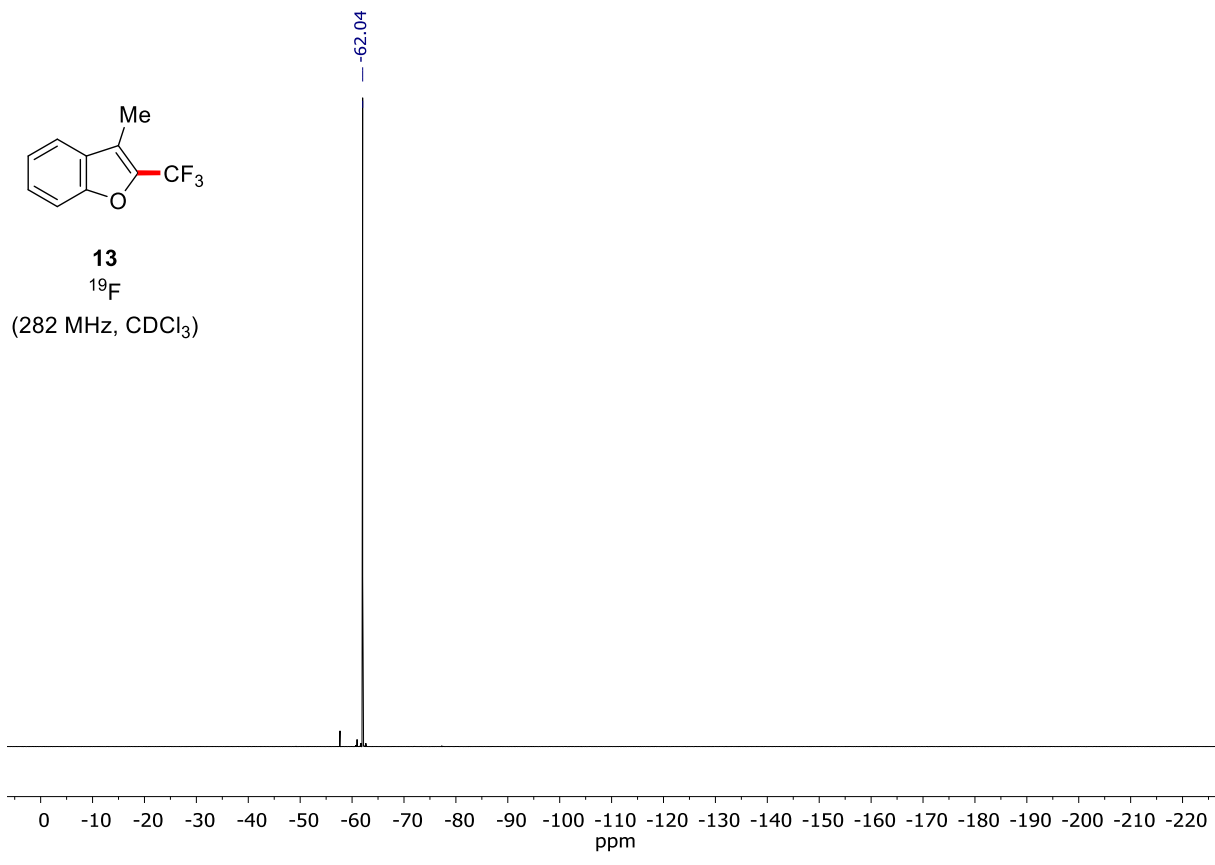


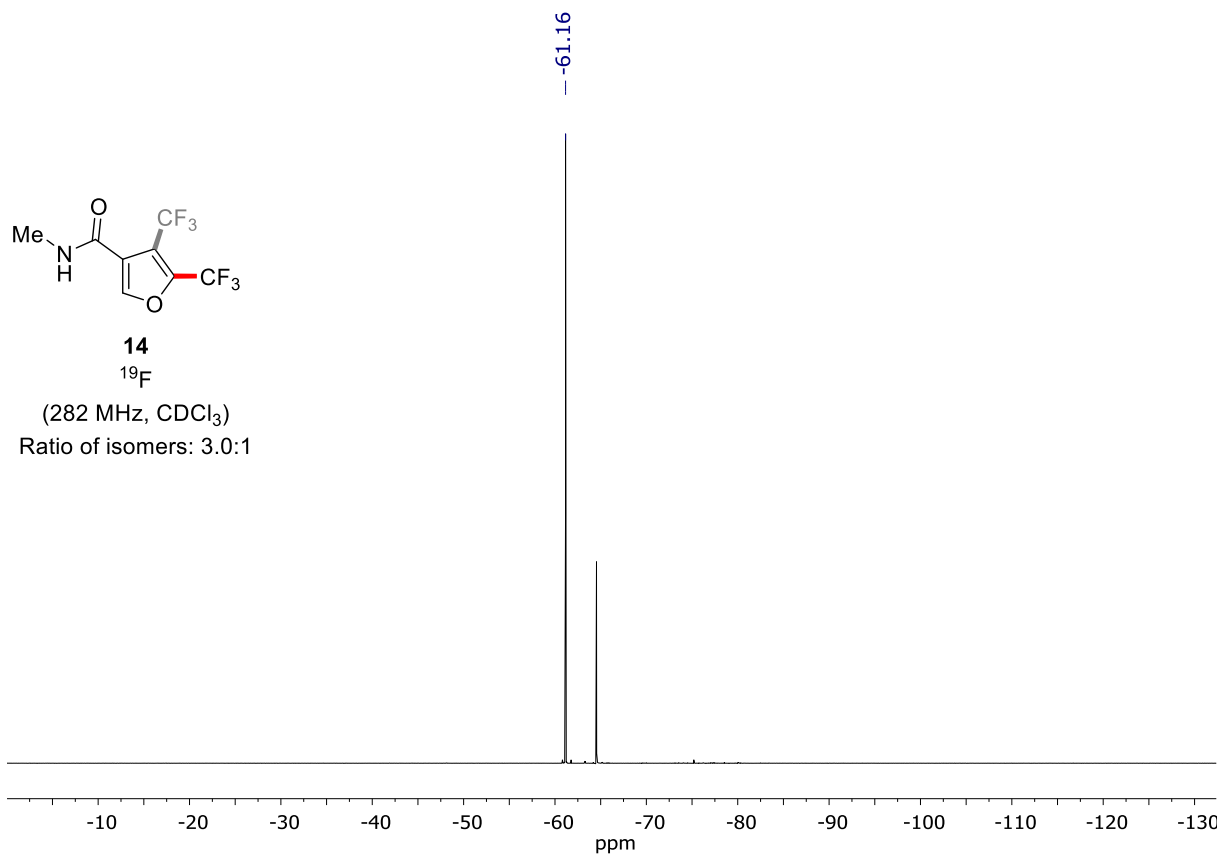
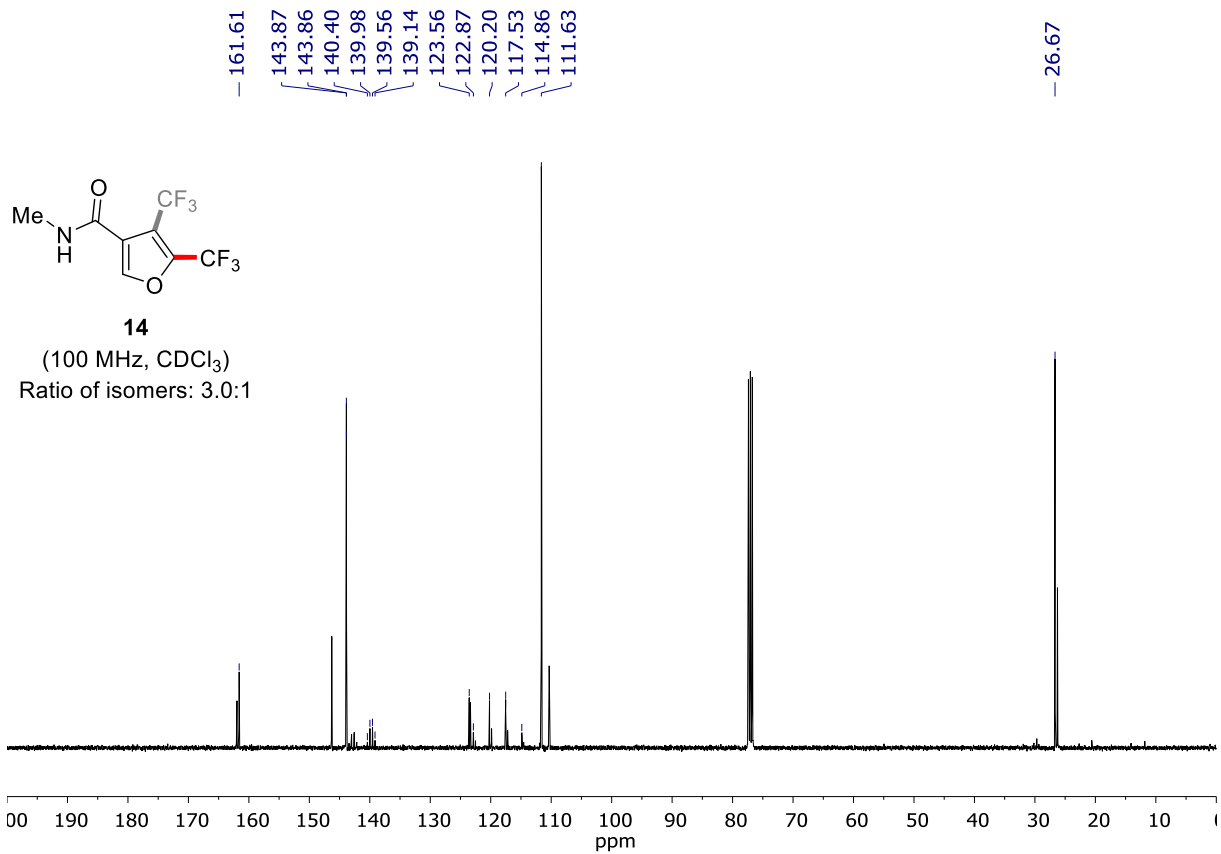
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(300 MHz, CDCl₃)

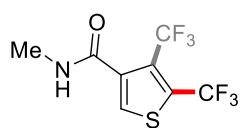


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(100 MHz, CDCl₃)





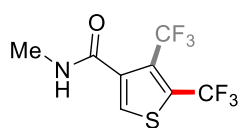
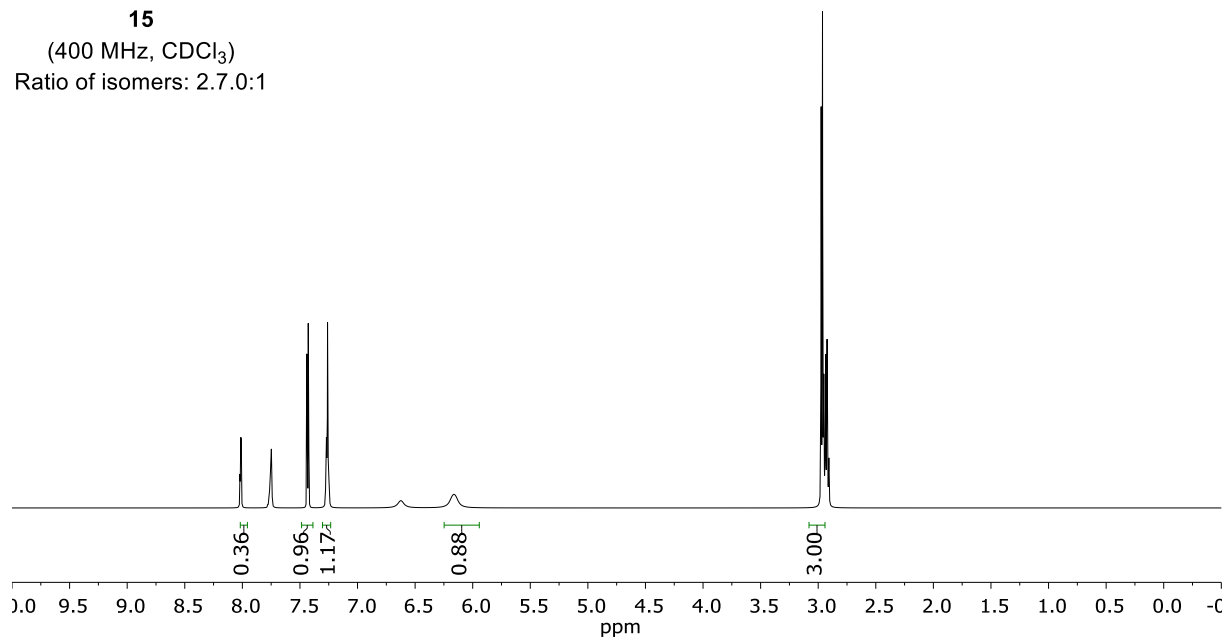




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(400 MHz, CDCl₃)

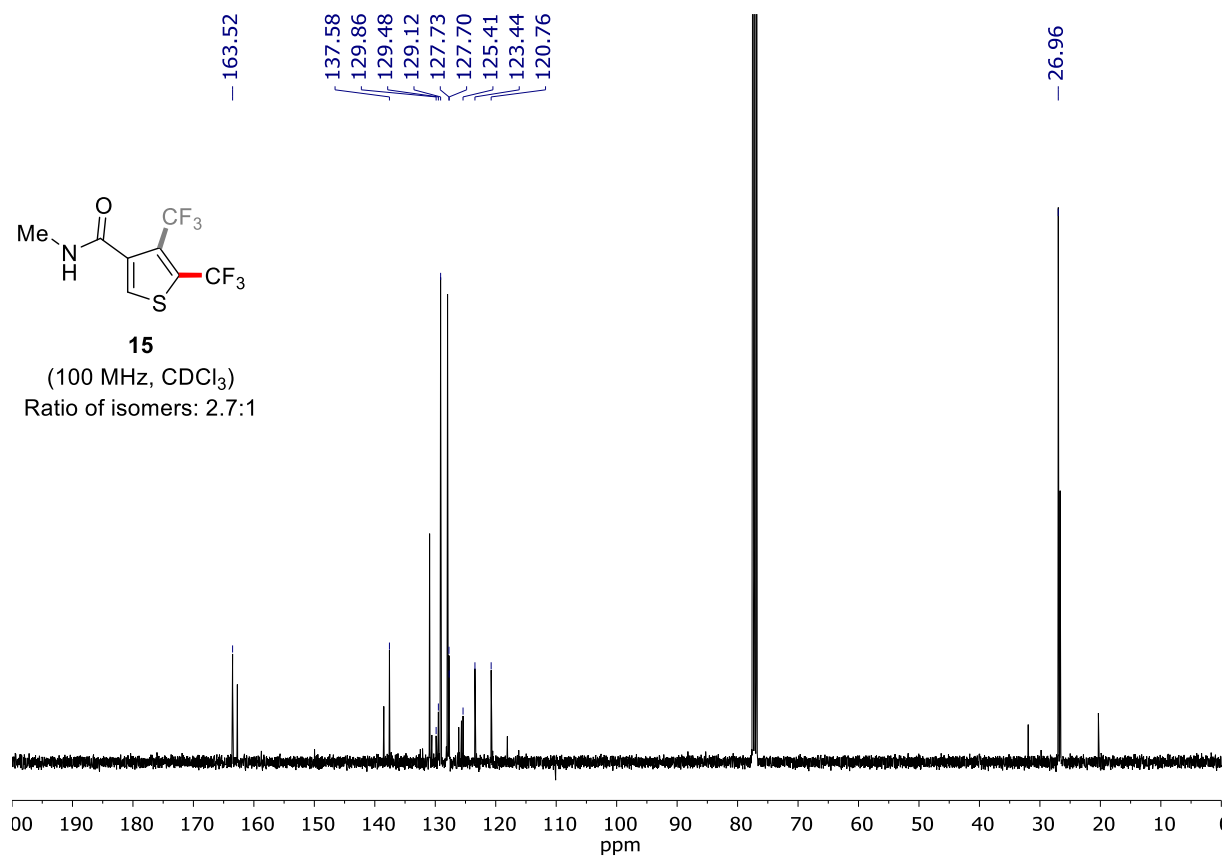
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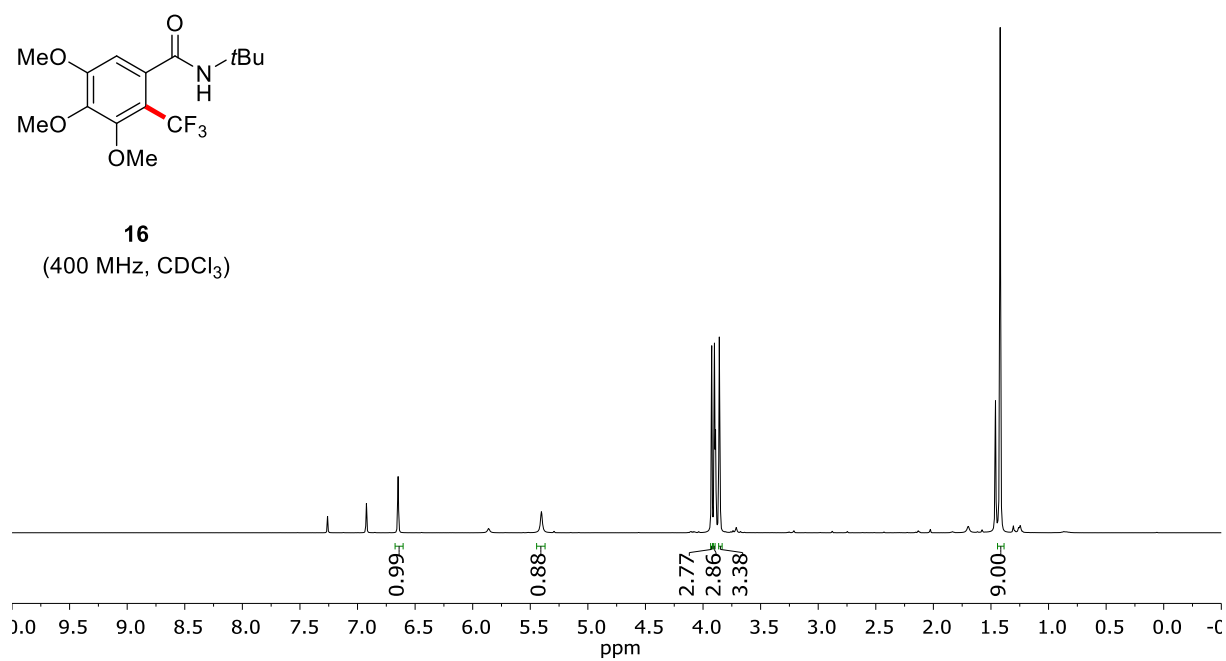
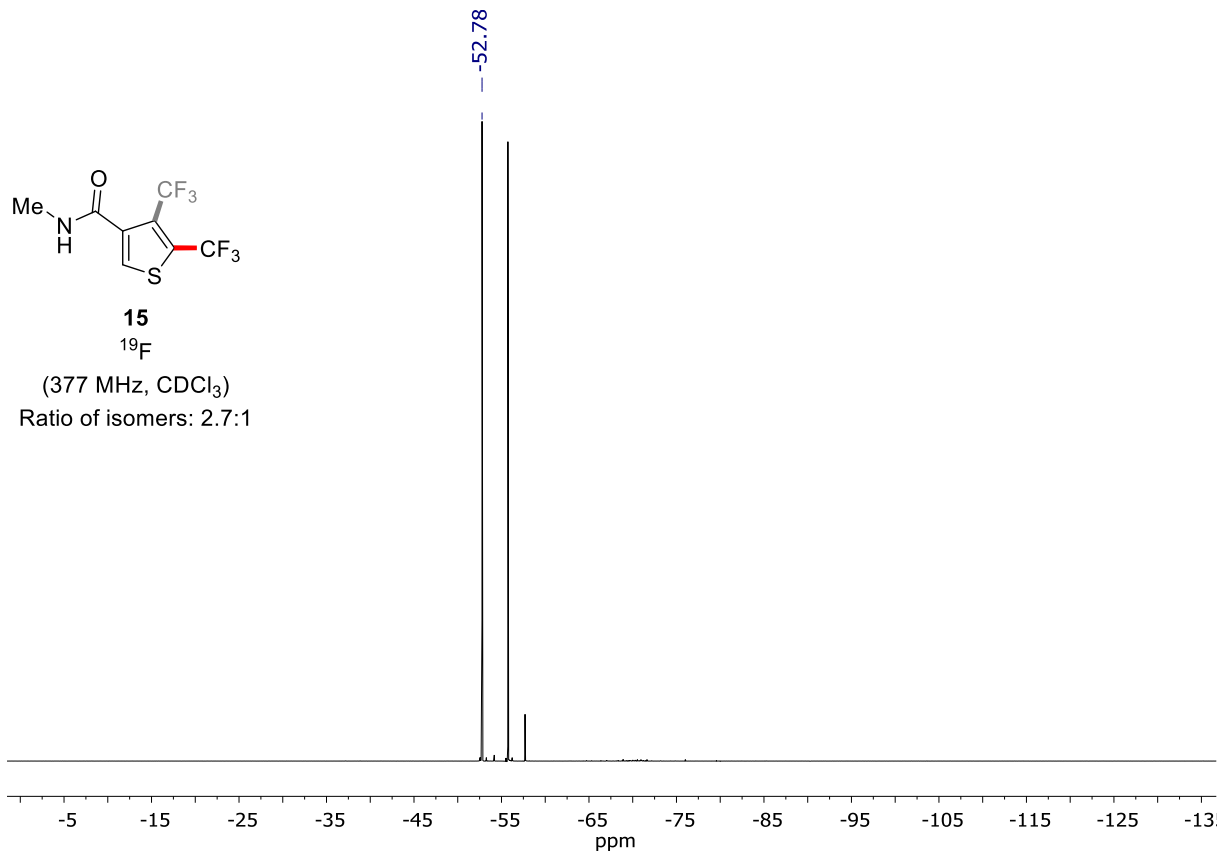


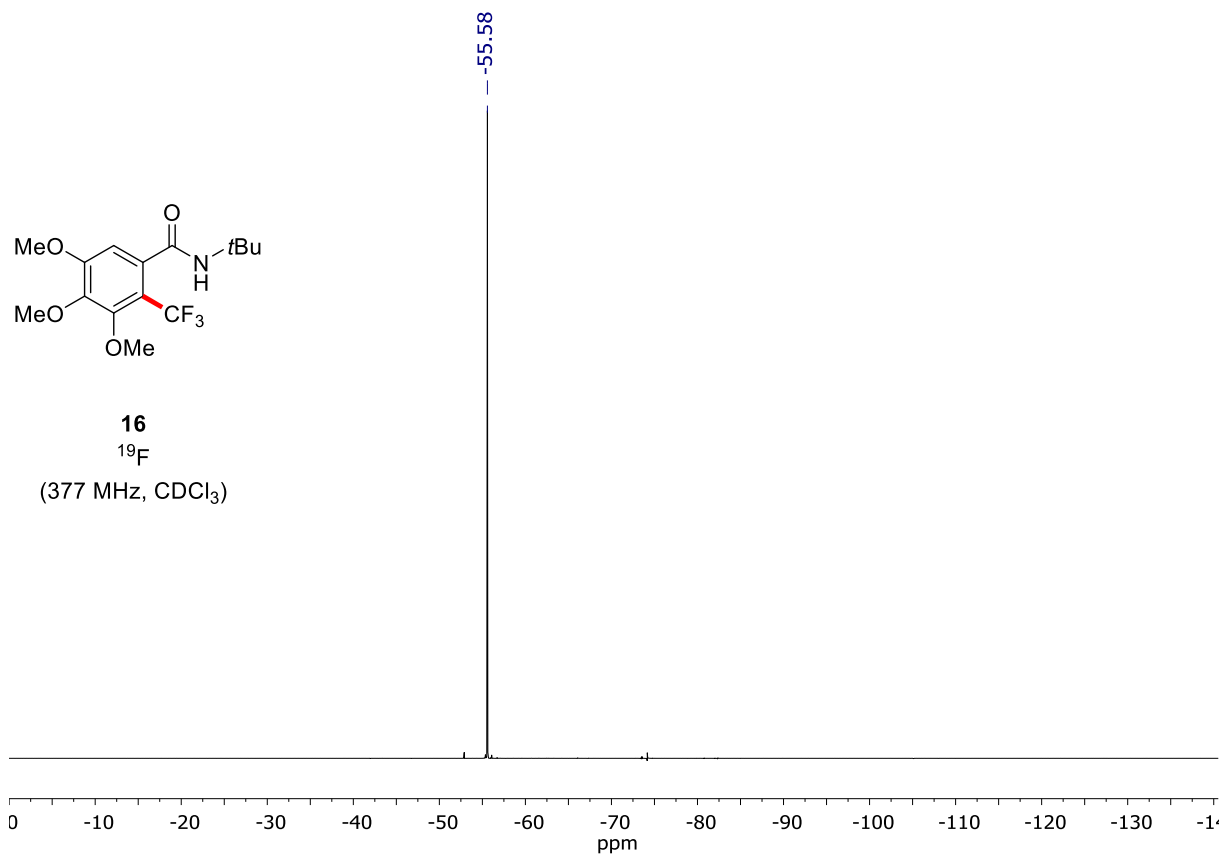
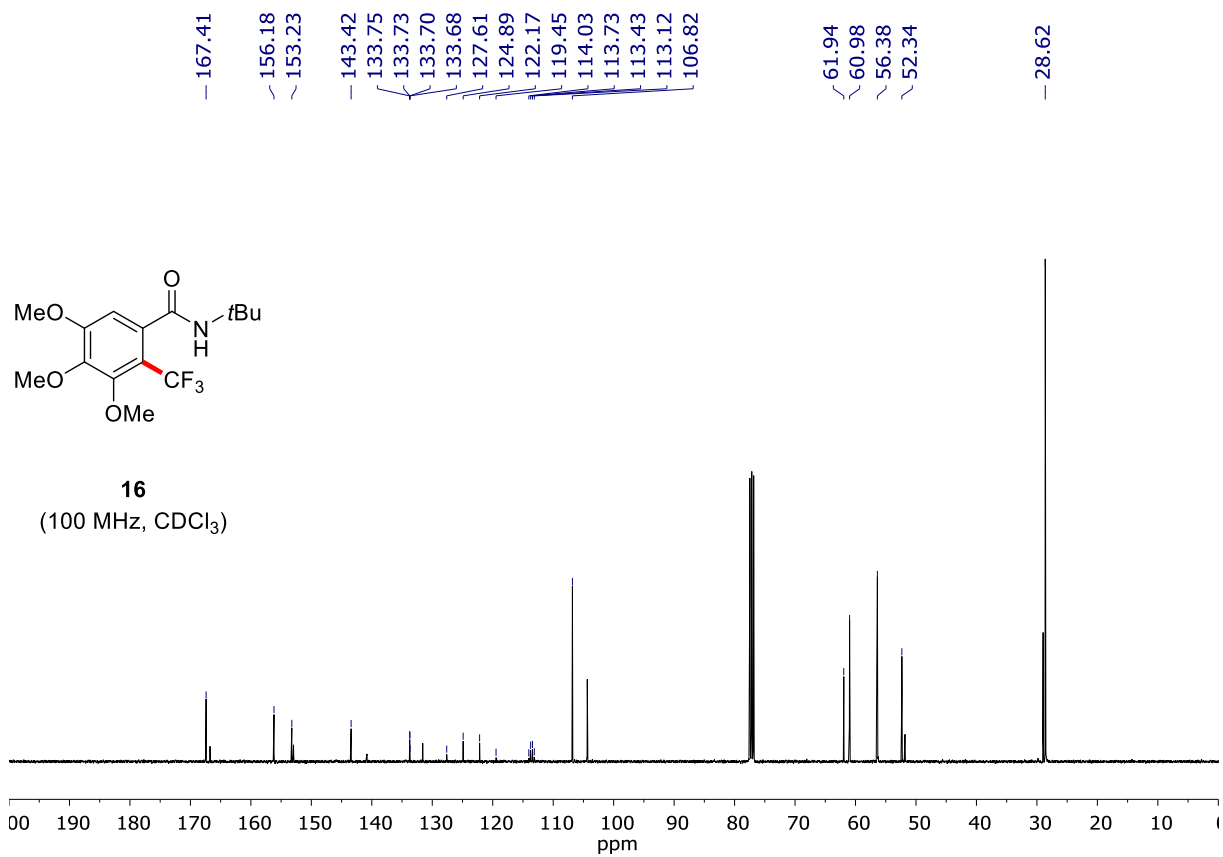
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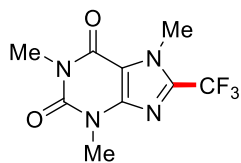
(100 MHz, CDCl₃)

Ratio of isomers: 2.7:1



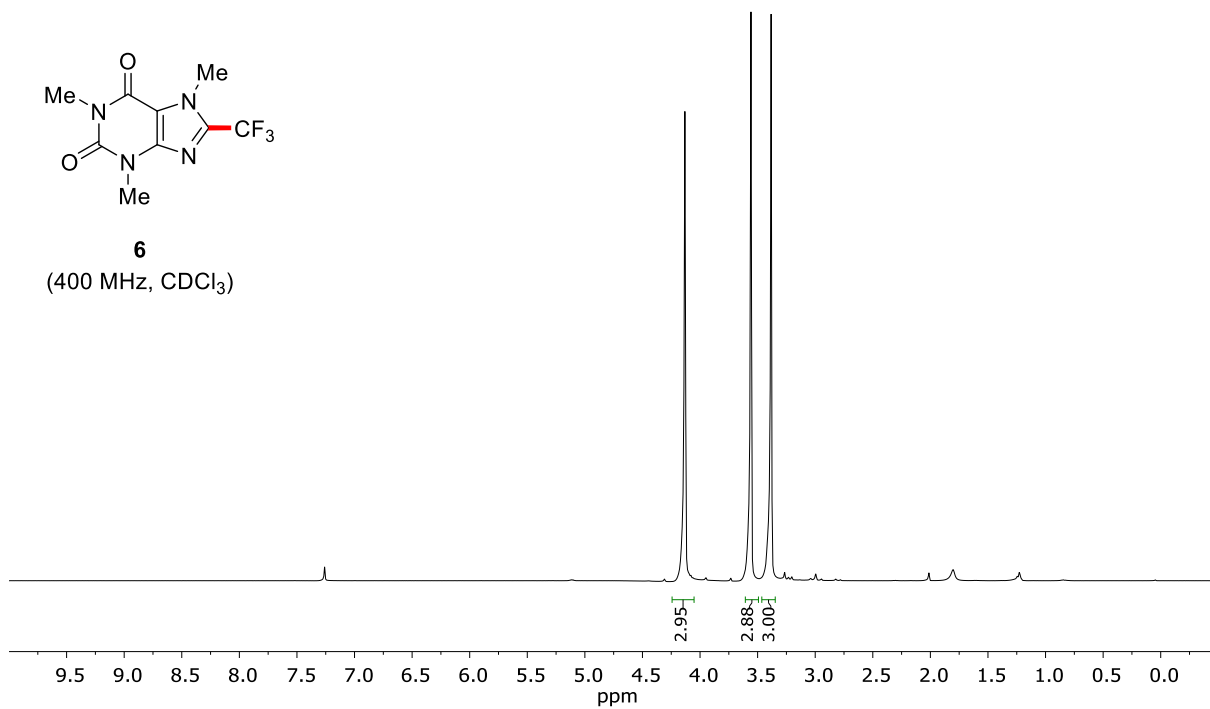






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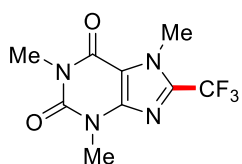
(400 MHz, CDCl₃)



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151.40
146.60
139.58
139.18
138.78
138.39

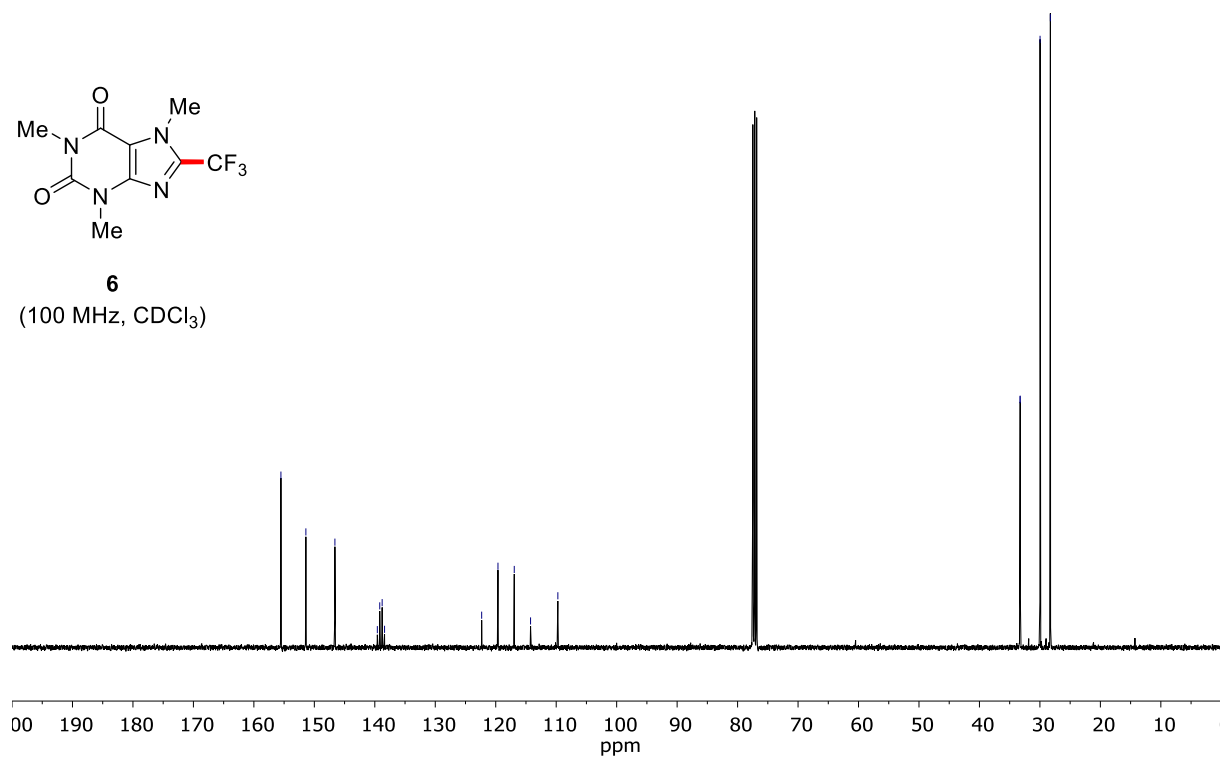
122.33
119.63
116.94
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109.73

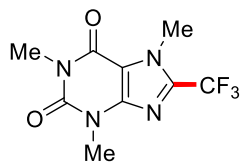
33.29
33.27
29.97
28.27



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(100 MHz, CDCl₃)

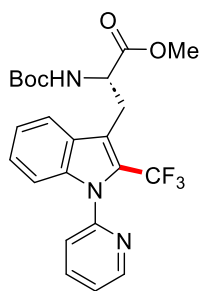
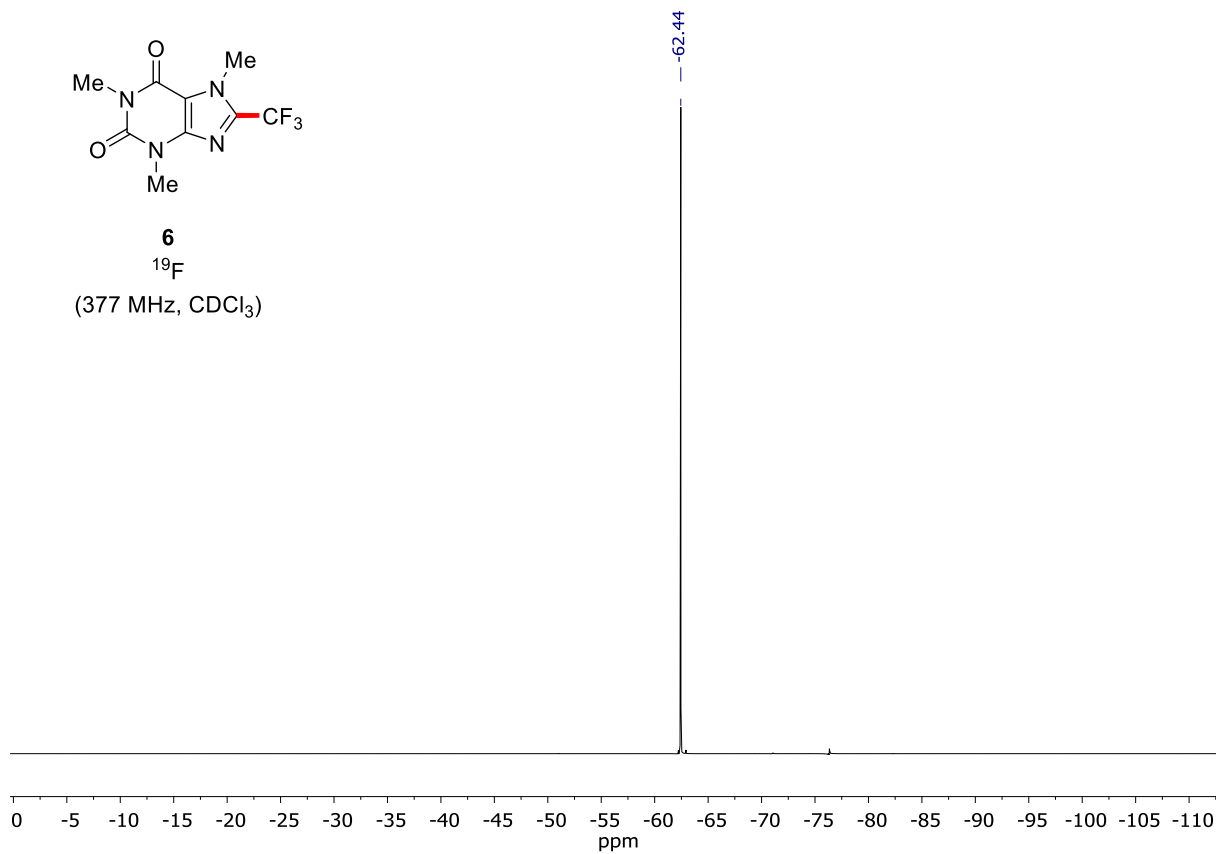




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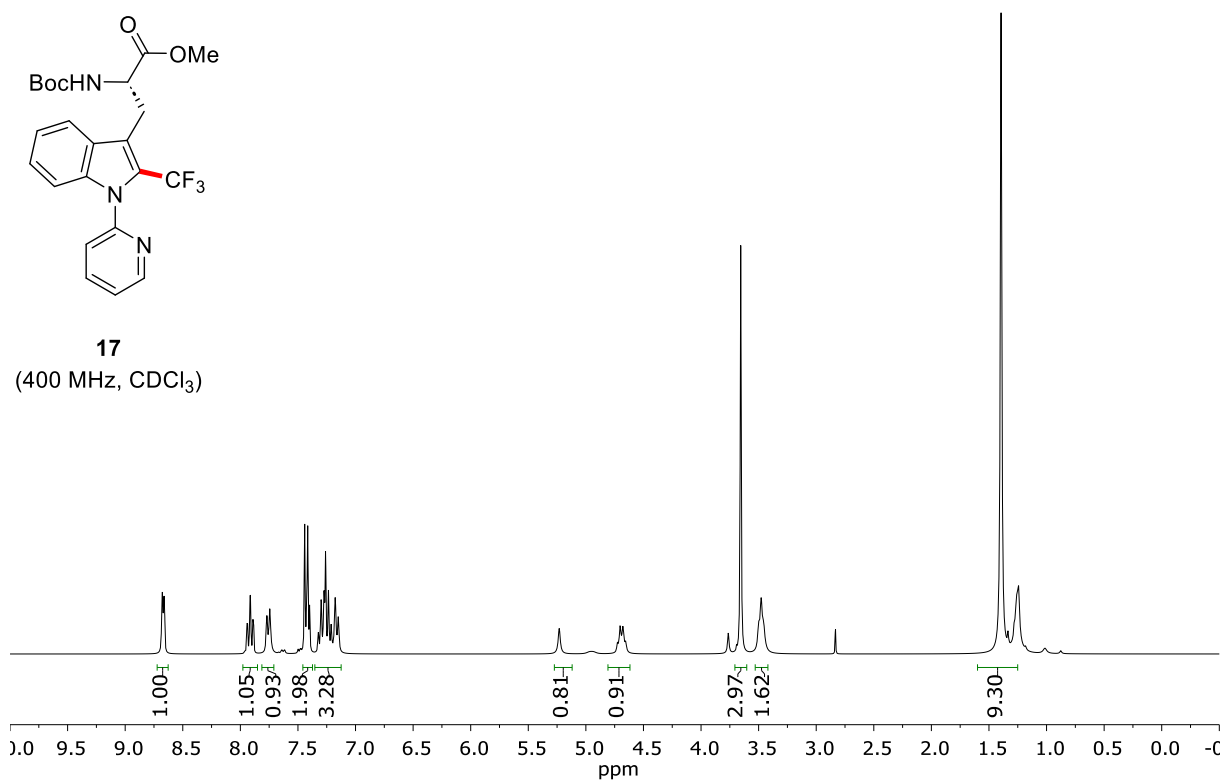
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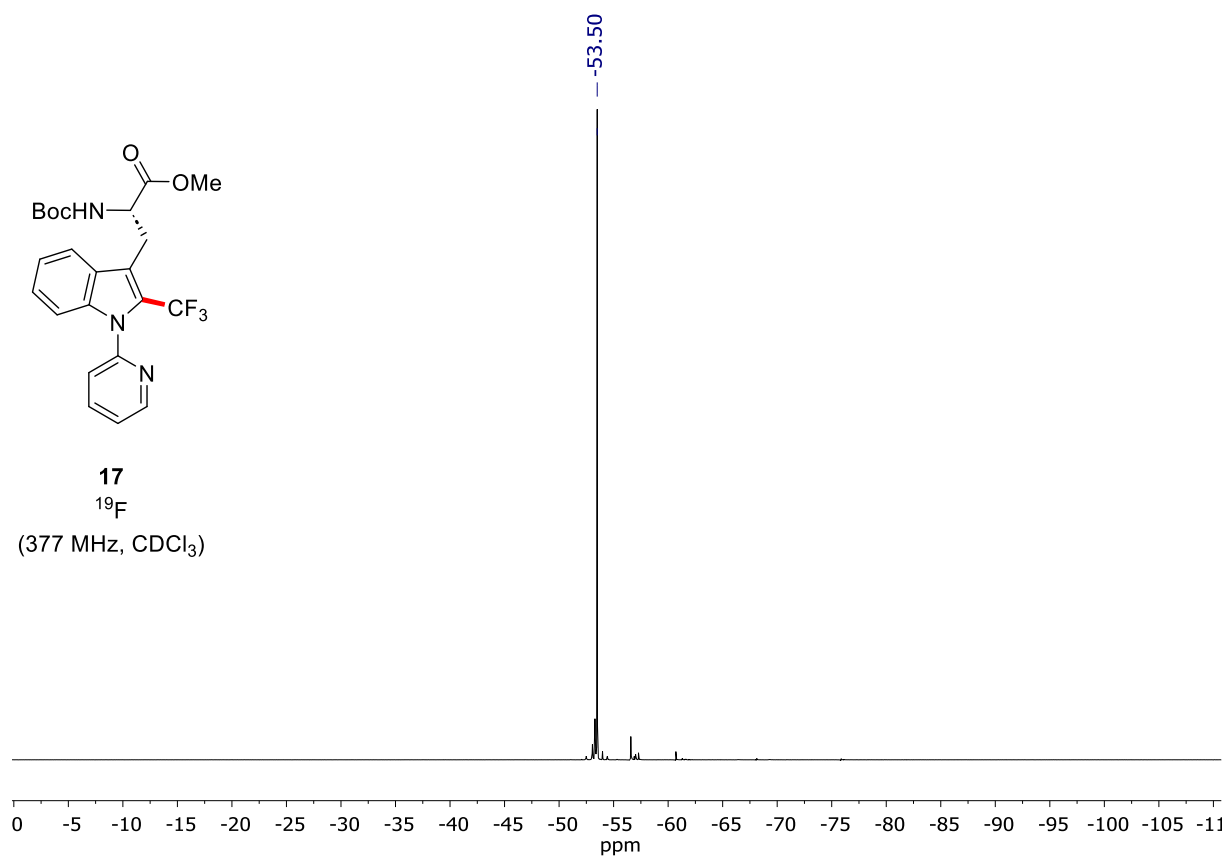
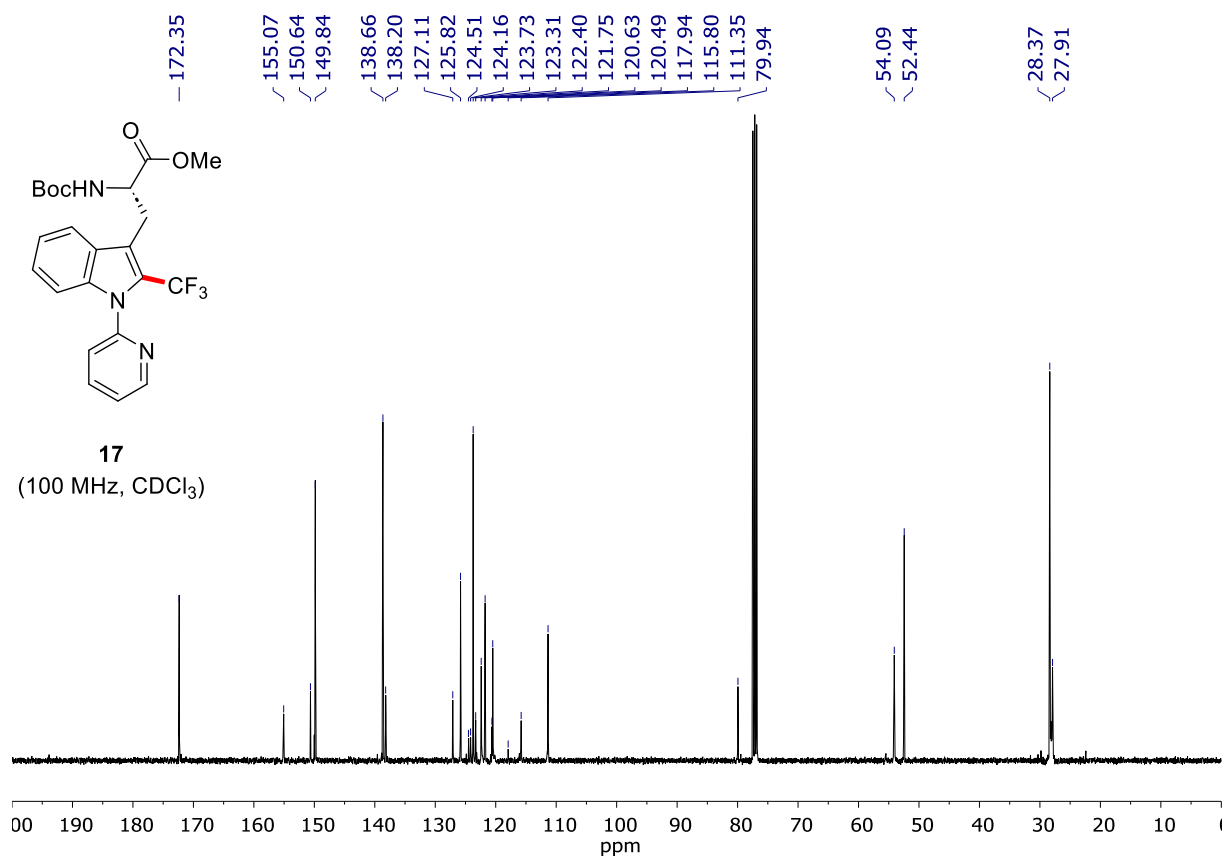
(377 MHz, CDCl₃)

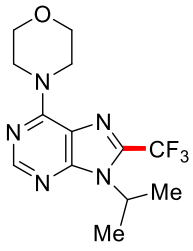


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(400 MHz, CDCl₃)

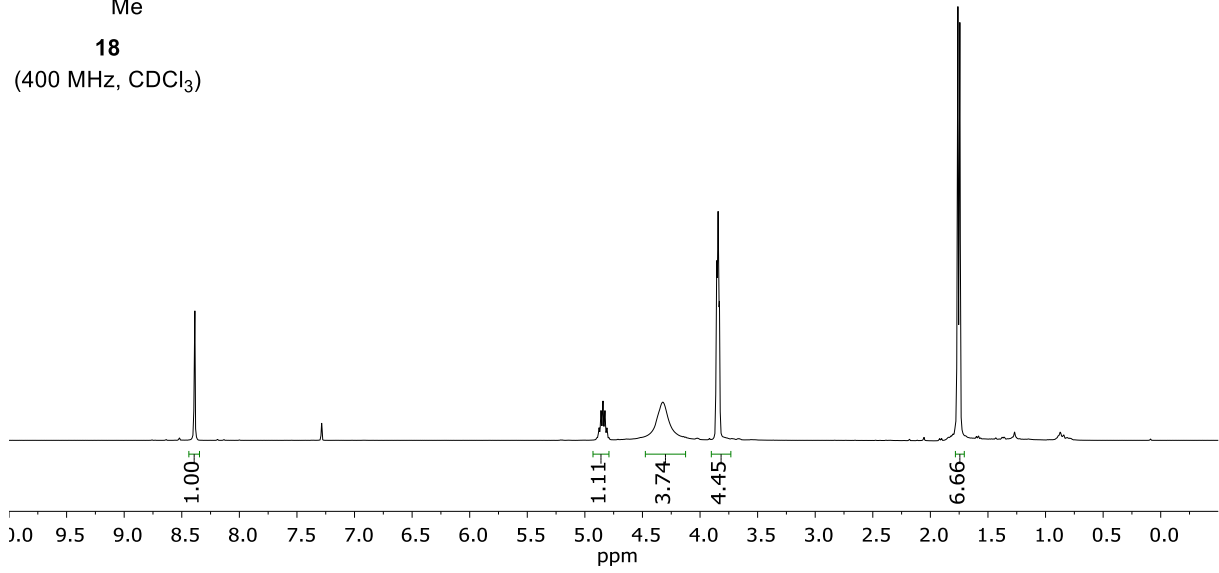






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(400 MHz, CDCl₃)

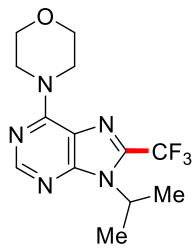


154.68
153.38
152.48
136.49
136.11
135.72
135.33
123.09
120.40
119.40
117.71
115.02

-67.16

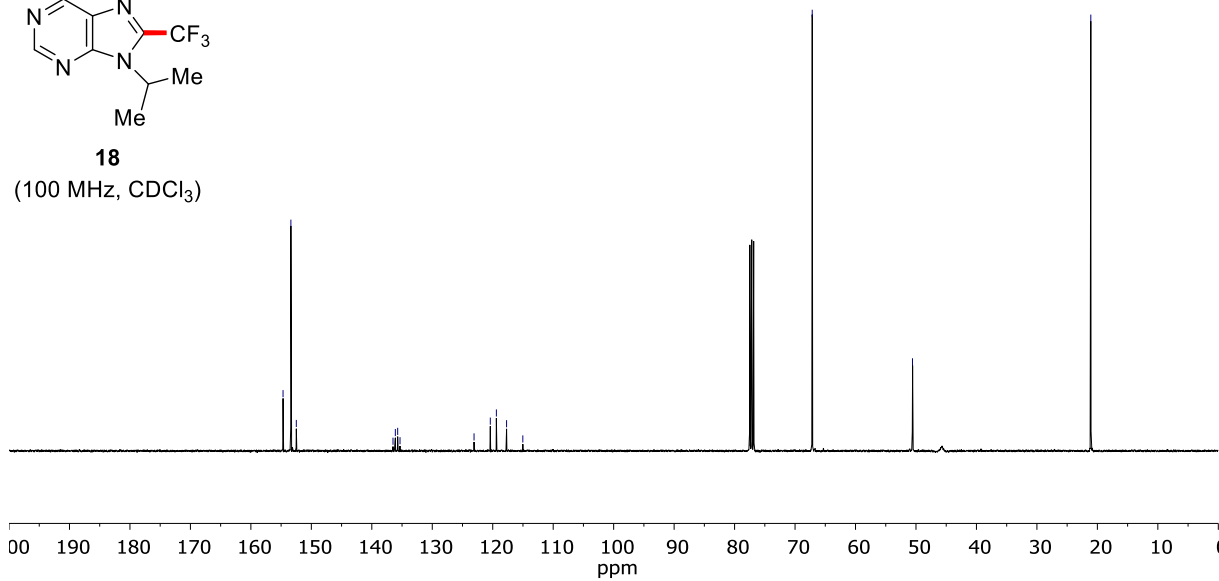
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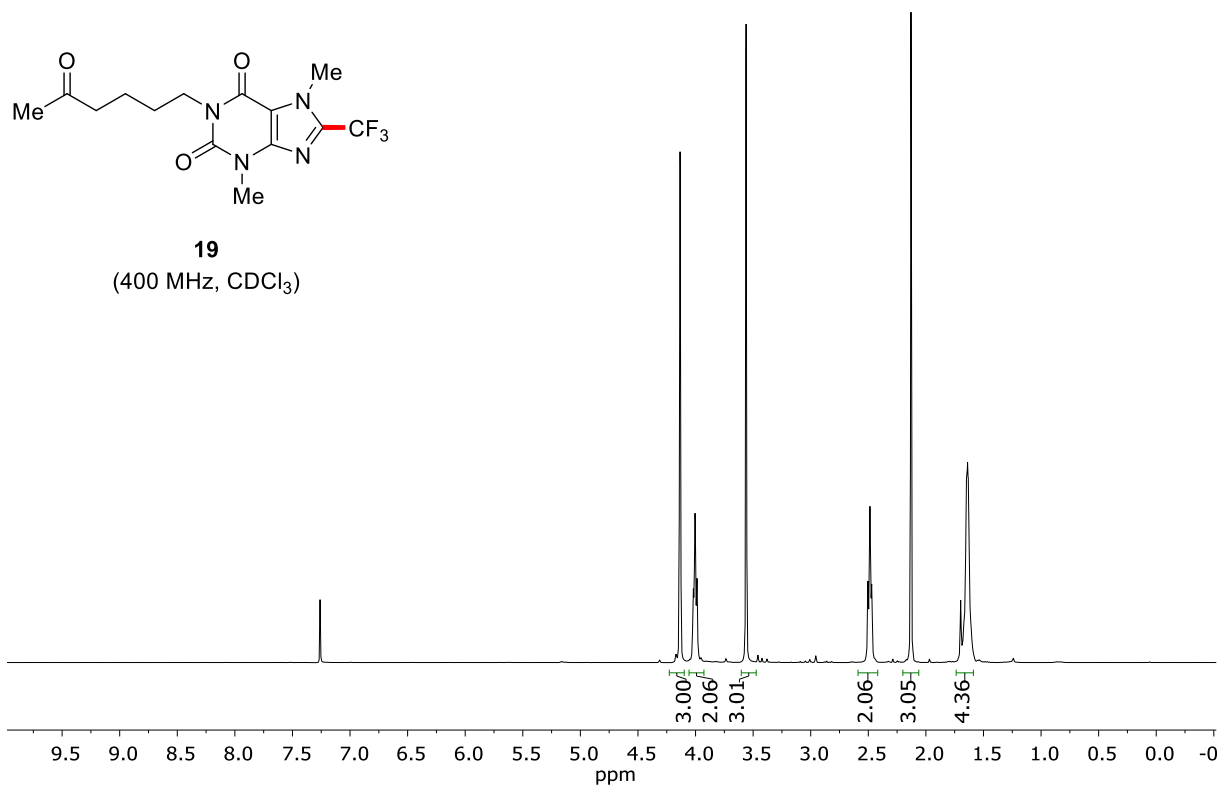
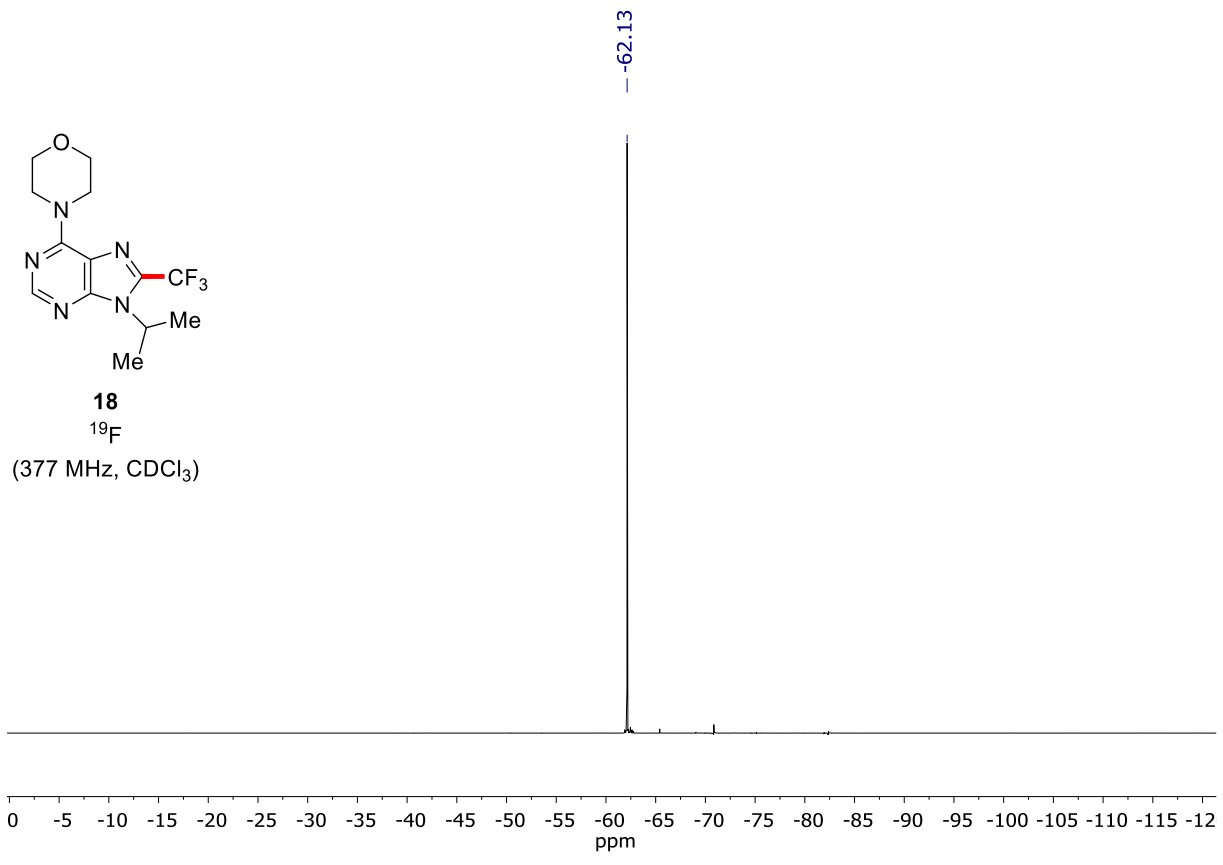
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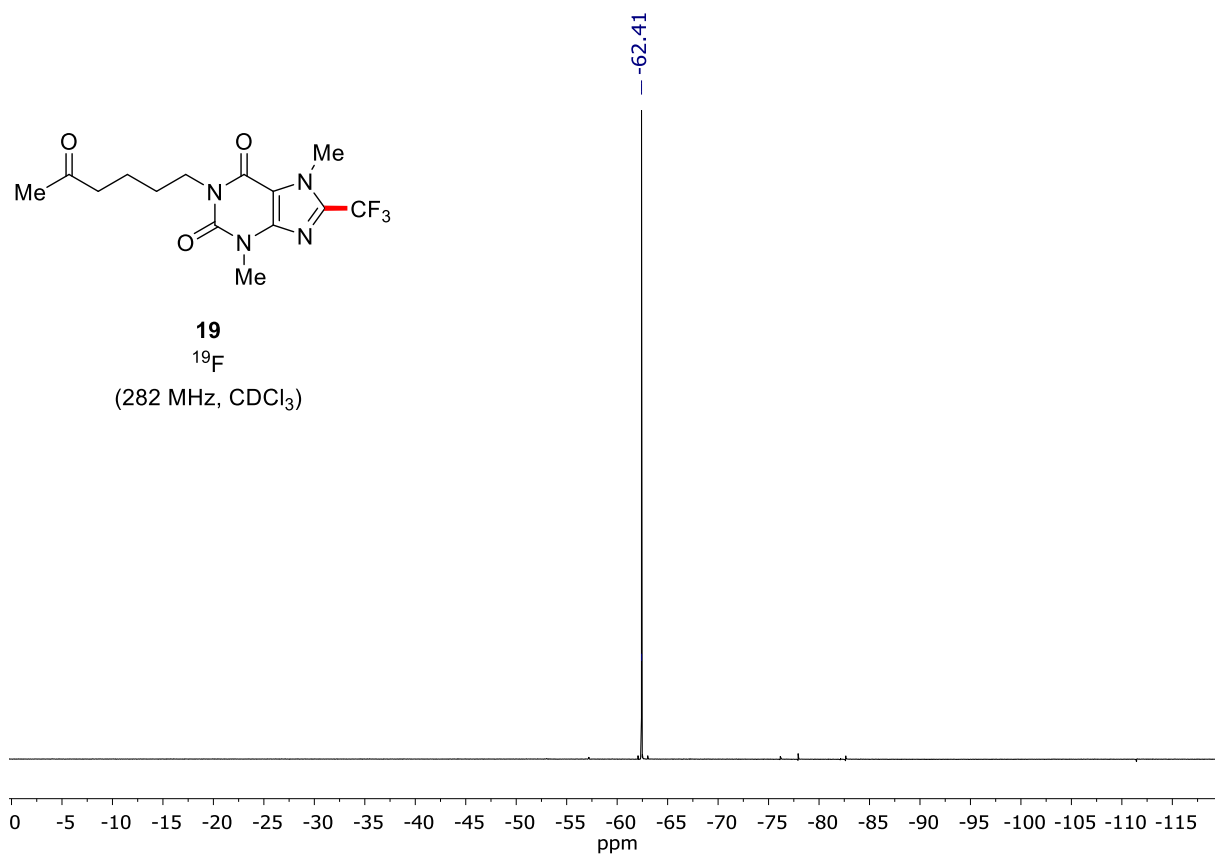
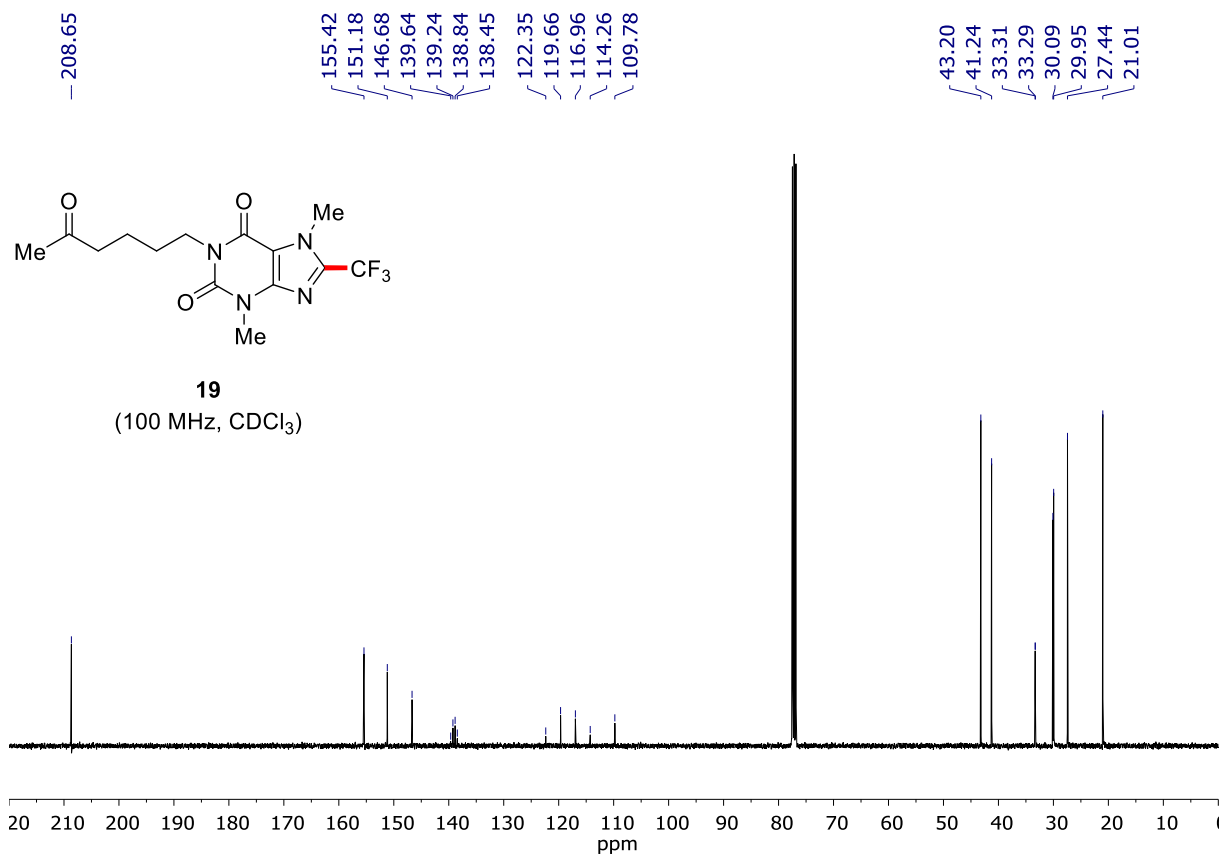


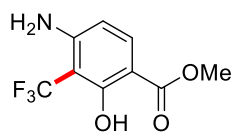
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(100 MHz, CDCl₃)

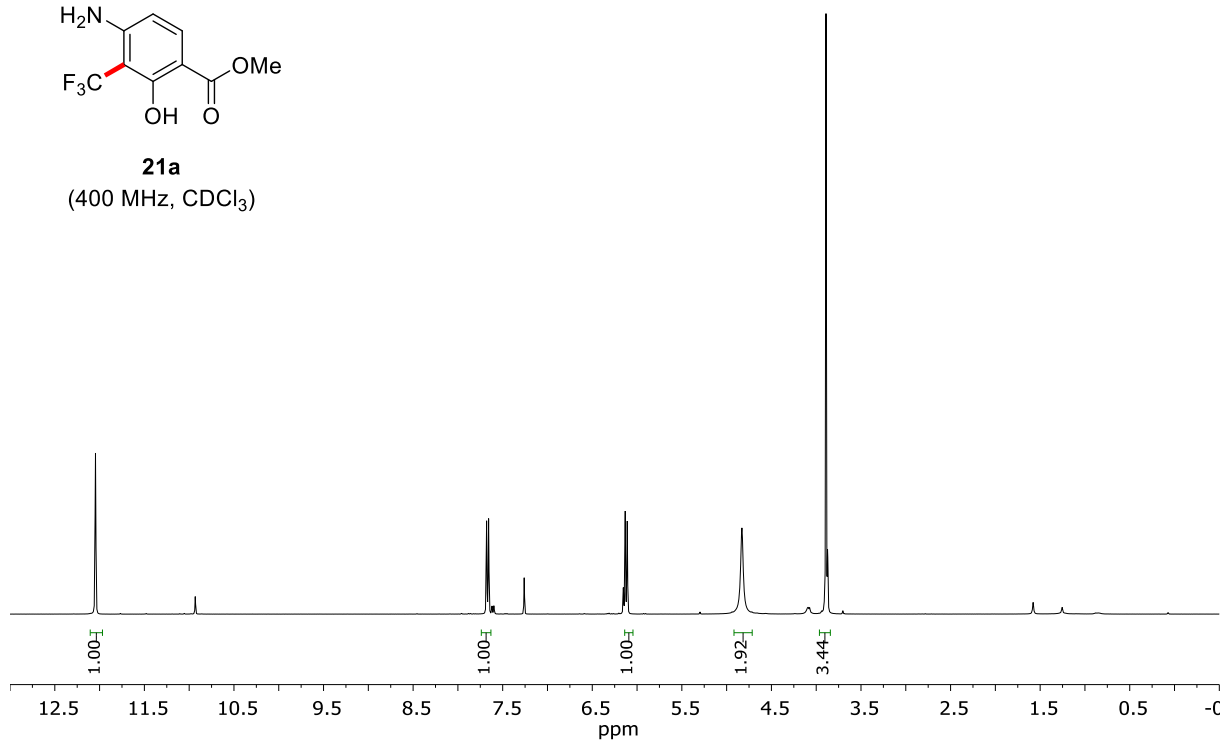




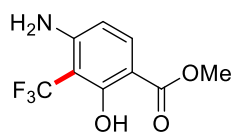




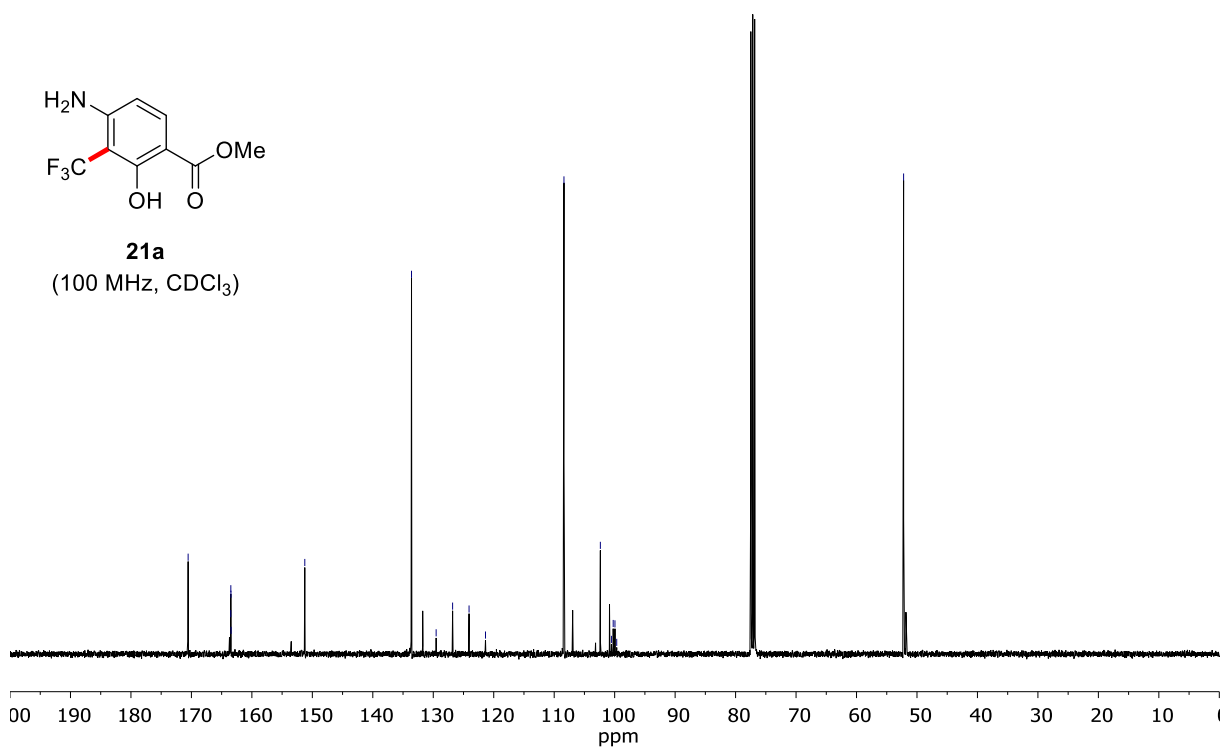
21a
(400 MHz, CDCl₃)

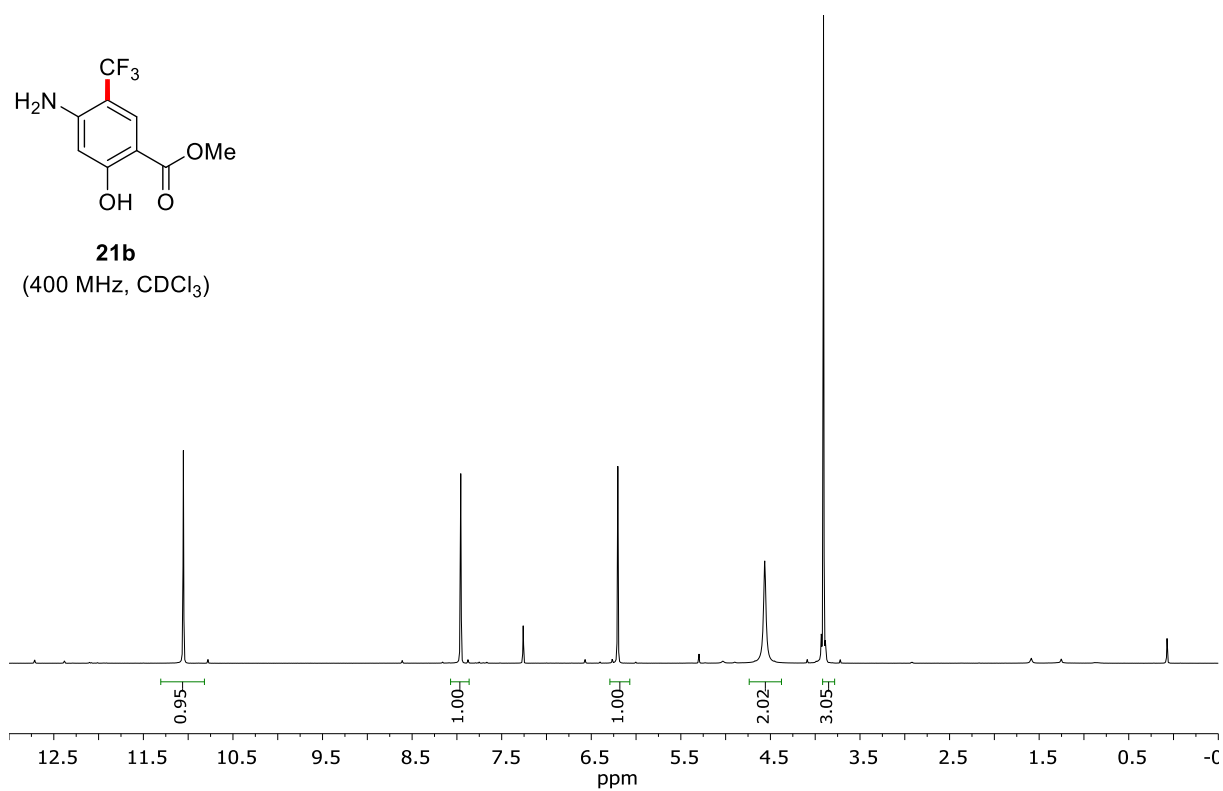
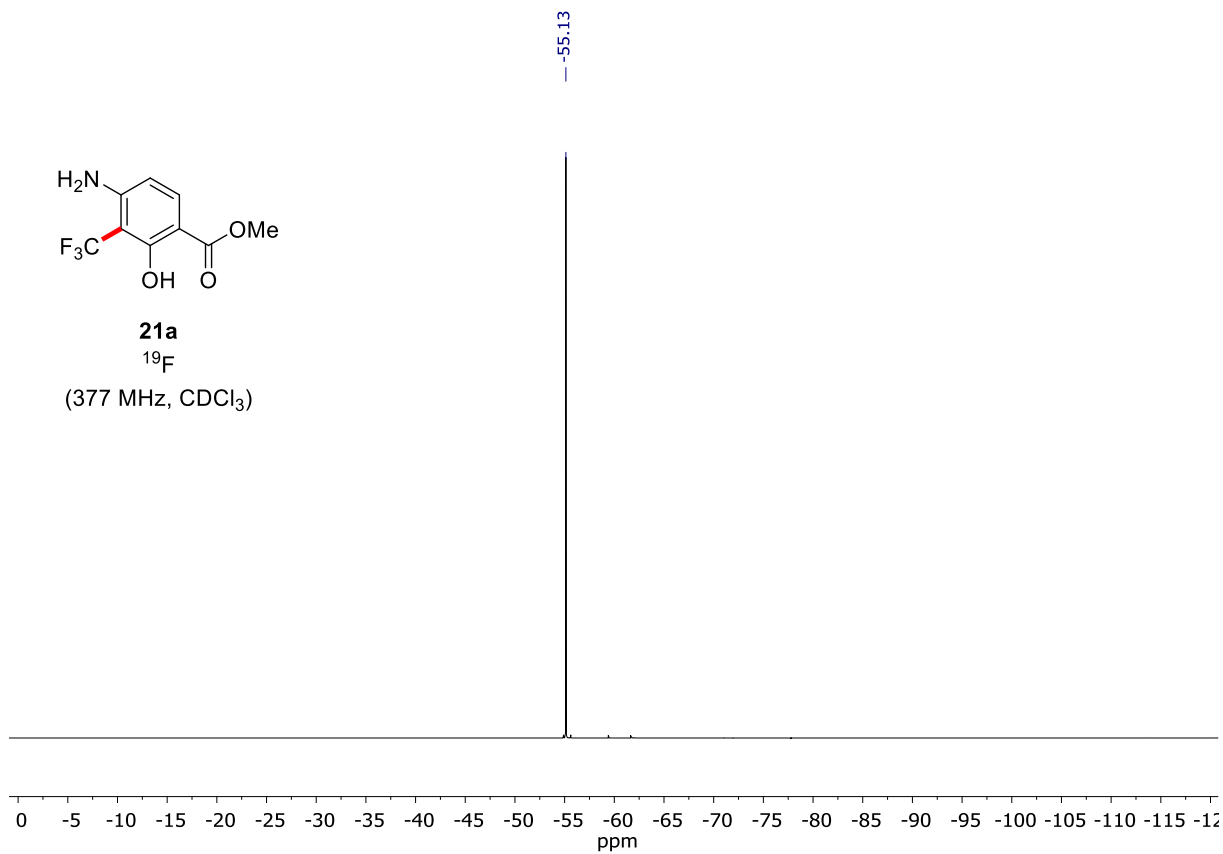


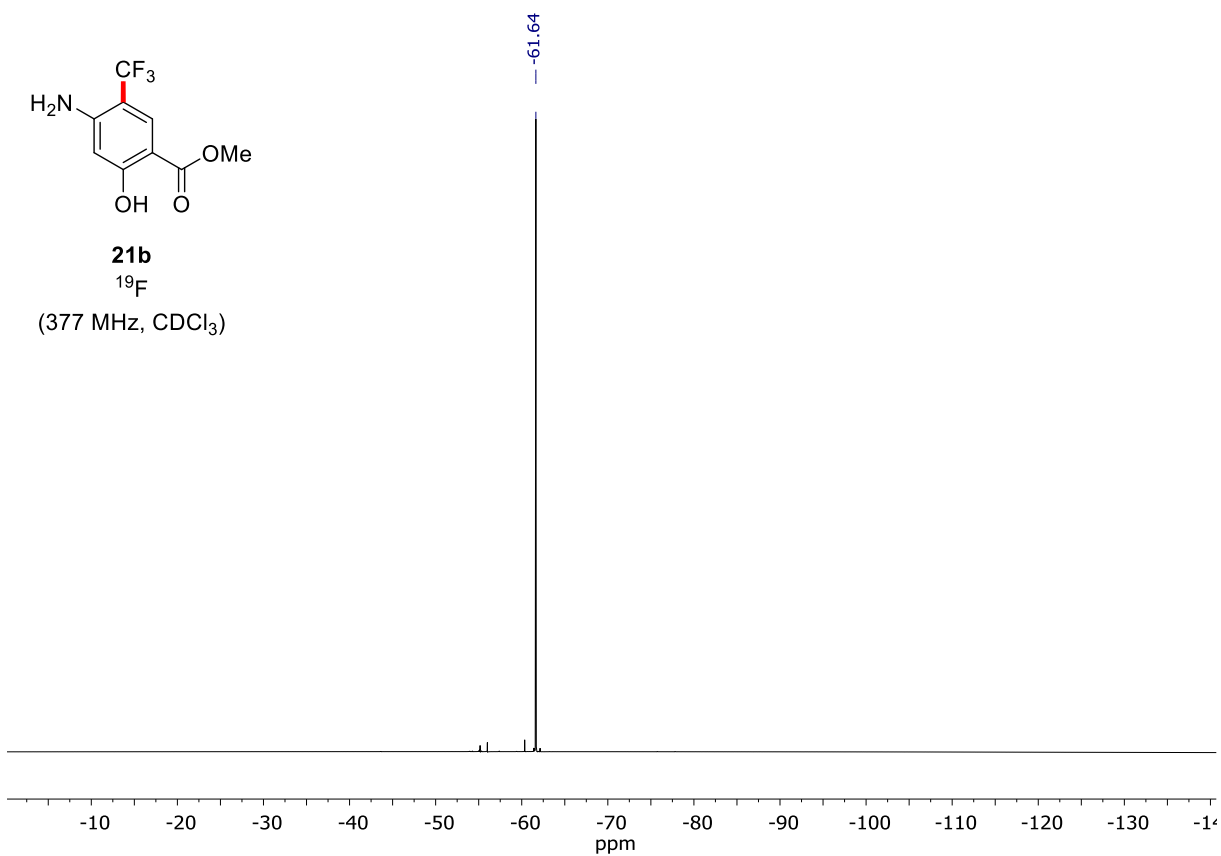
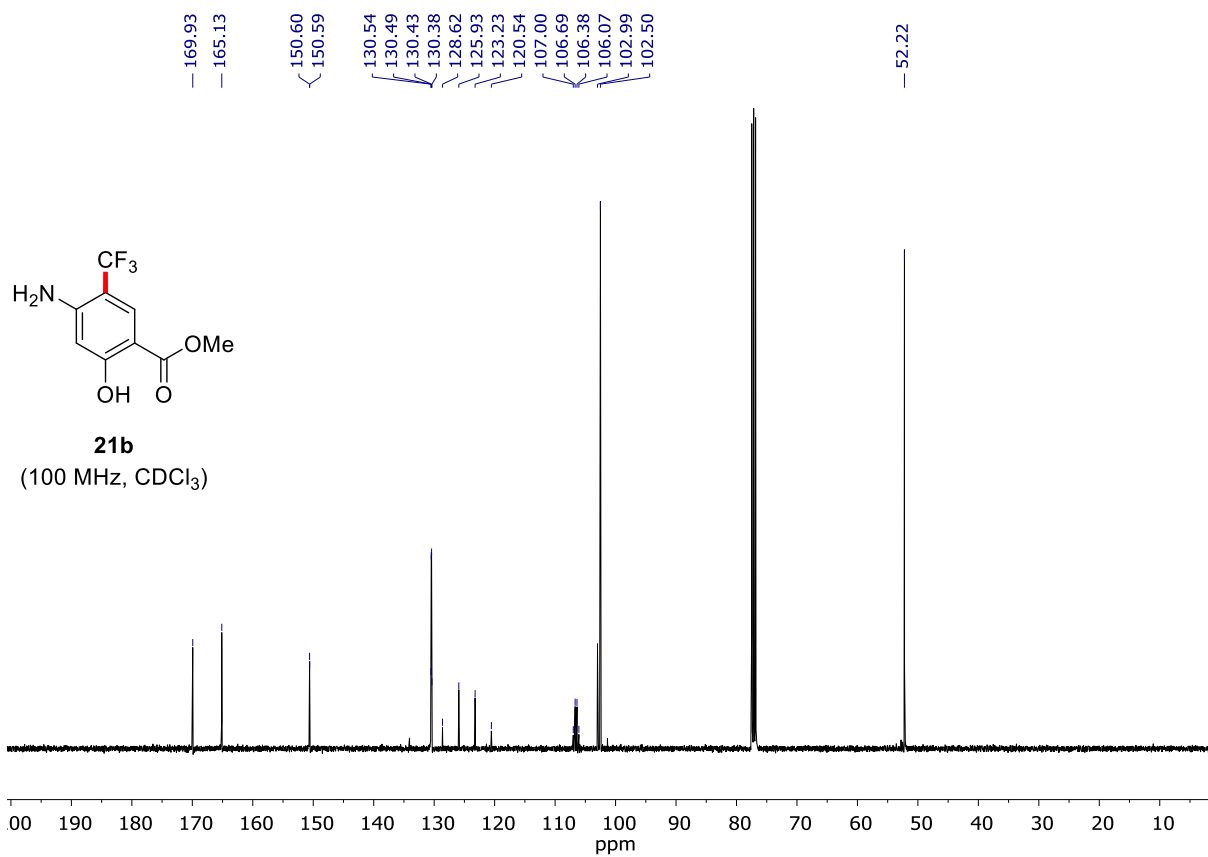
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163.49
163.48
163.46
163.45
— 151.25
133.60
129.52
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121.36
108.38
102.36
100.54
100.24
99.95
99.66
— 52.21

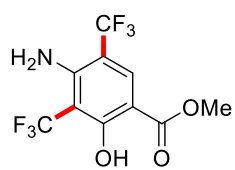


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(100 MHz, CDCl₃)

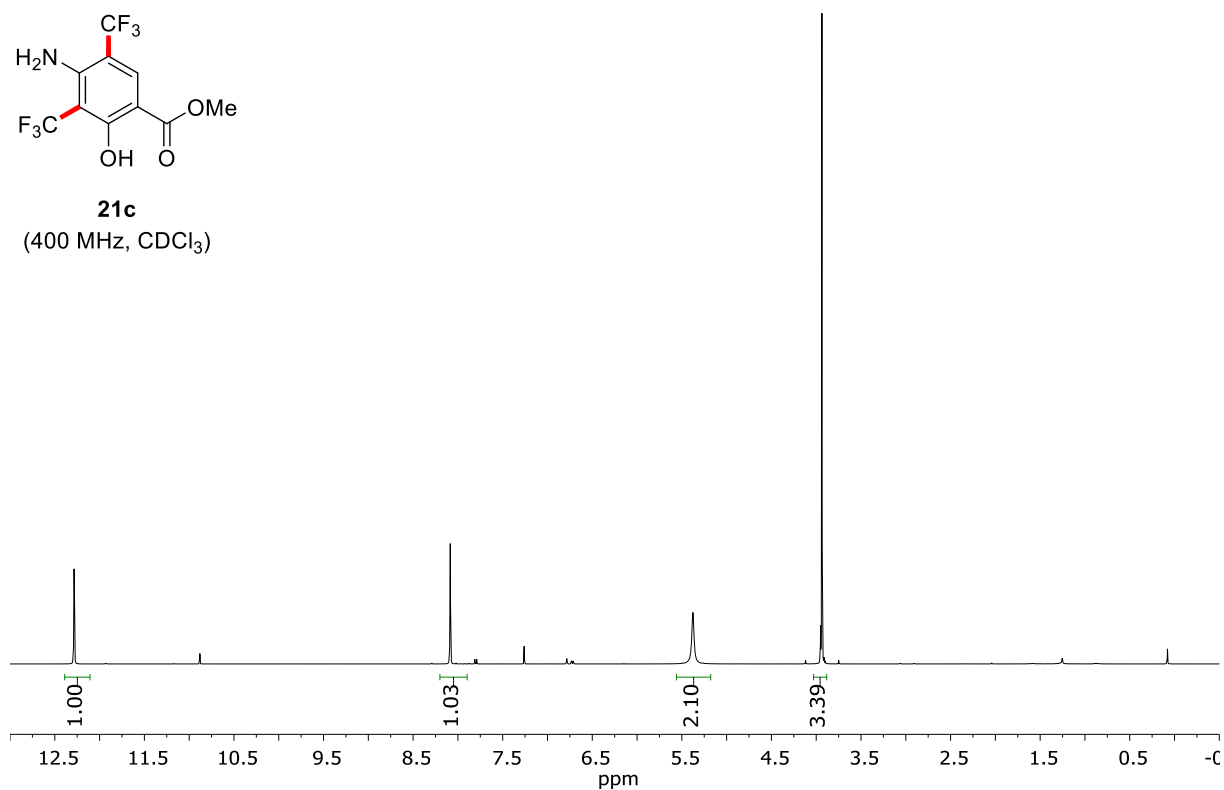




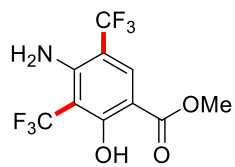




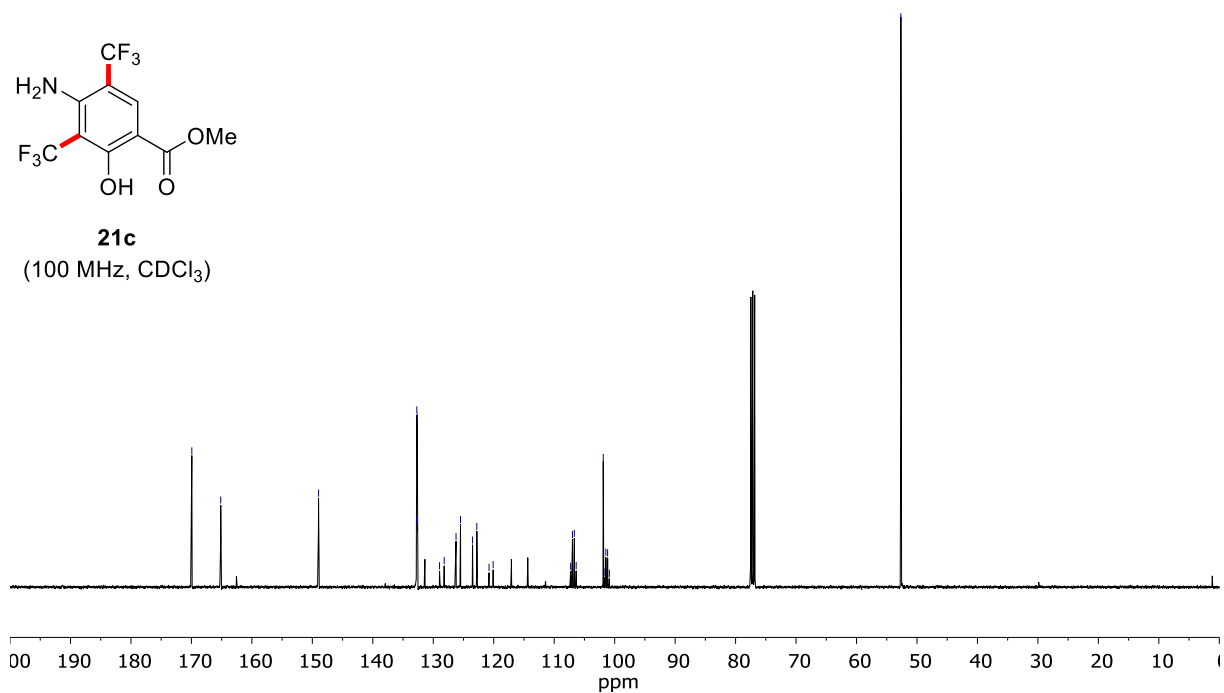
21c
(400 MHz, CDCl₃)

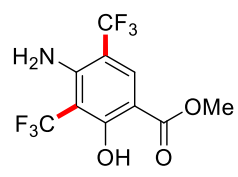


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101.75
101.46
101.16
100.87
52.66



21c
(100 MHz, CDCl₃)





21c
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(377 MHz, CDCl₃)

