

Supporting Information for

Pd-Catalyzed Direct Arylation of Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzenes with Aryl Bromides

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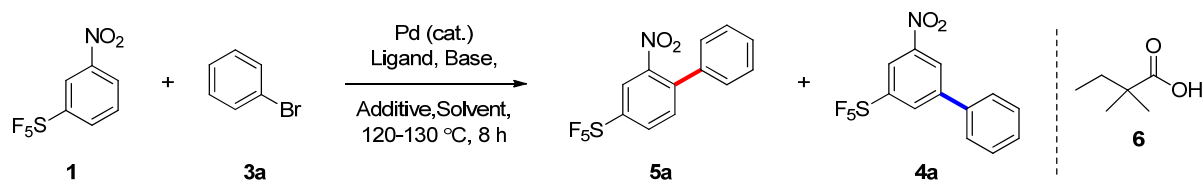
General Information: ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM 300 and AM 400 spectrometer. The peaks were internally referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm). ^{19}F NMR was recorded on Bruker AM 400 spectrometer (CFCl_3 as external reference standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). NMR yield was determined by ^{19}F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard before working up the reaction. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentad, m = multiplet, br = broad.

Materials: All commercial reagents were purchased from J&K, Energy Chemical, TCI, Alfa Aesar, Sigma-Aldrich of the highest purity grade. All reagents were weighed and handled in air, and refilled with an inert atmosphere of N_2 at room temperature. Toluene (from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent CO., LTD) was distilled from sodium and benzophenone before use. Phenyl Bromide **3a** (from Shanghai Lingfeng Chemical Reagent CO., LTD) was distilled before use. Other aryl bromides **3** were purchased from Energy Chemical, but 6-bromoquinoline was purchased from J&K. $(\text{AllylPdCl})_2$ and PCy_3HBF_4 were also purchased from Energy Chemical. Compounds **1** and **2** (*m/p*-nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene) were prepared according to the corresponding literatures as reported¹.

1) Optimization of Pd-Catalyzed Direct Arylation of *m/p*-Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene **1 with Phenyl Bromide **3a** (Table S1 and S2).**

A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with [Pd] (10 -5 mol %), phosphane ligand (15-7.5 mol %), base (2.4-1.2 equiv.), The reaction tube was evacuated and backfilled with N_2 (4 times), then additive (0.3-1.0 equiv), **3a** (2.0-1.5 equiv), toluene (0.8-1 mL) and (**1** or **2**) (0.2-0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 120 - 130 °C for 8 h (oil bath). The yield was determined by ^{19}F NMR before working up. If necessary, the reaction vessel was cooled to room temperature, and the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* directly. The resulting residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to afford the pure products (**5a** and **4a**).

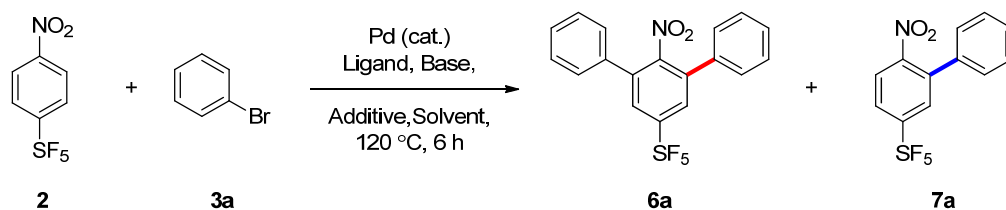
Table S1. Optimization of Pd-Catalyzed Direct Arylation of *meta*-Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene **1 with Phenyl Bromide **3a**.^a**



entry	[Pd] (mol %)	Ligand (mol %)	Additive (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Solvent (mL)	Temp (°C)	Yield (%) ^b 5a/4a
1	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	31/8
2	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	(7.5)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	22/6
3	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	Dave-Phos (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	5/16
4	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	Me-Phos (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	14/14
5	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	38/7
6	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	1/Trace
7	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	AdCOOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	2/Trace
8	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	<i>o</i> -Me-PhCOOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	3/2
9	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	38/3
10	PdCl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	55/4
11	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	51/6
12	Pd(dppf)Cl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	38/4
13	Pd(MeCN) ₂ Cl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	42/4
14	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	40/4
15	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	71/0
16	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	6 (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	130	62/8
17	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	6 (0.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (2.4)	Tol.(1.0)	130	(82)/(7)
18	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	6 (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(1.0)	130	(74)/(7)
19	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	6 (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(0.8)	130	(79)/(7)
20 ^c	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	PivOH (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(0.8)	130	61/8
21 ^c	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	PivOH (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(0.8)	130	61/8

^aReaction conditions: **1** (0.3 mmol) and **3a** (2.0 equiv), 8 h. ^bNMR yield determined by ¹⁹F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard (isolated yield in parentheses). ^c**1** (0.5 mmol), **3a** (1.5 equiv), 8 h.

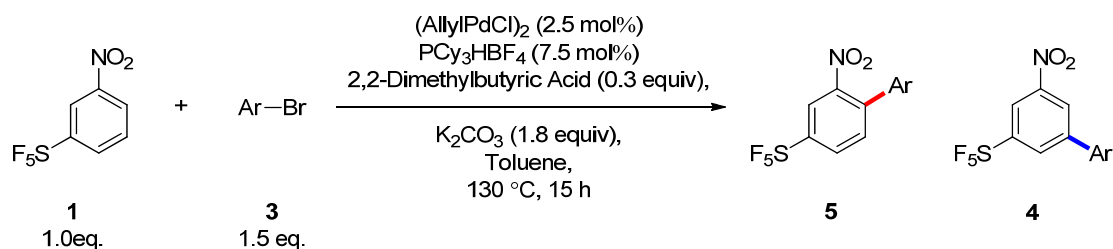
Table S2. Optimization of Pd-Catalyzed Direct Arylation of *para*-Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene 1 with Phenyl Bromide 3a.^a



entry	[Pd] (mol %)	Ligand (mol %)	Additive (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Solvent (mL)	Temp (°C)	Yield (%) ^b 6a/7a
1	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	3/19
2	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	<i>o</i> -Me-PhCOOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	3/25
3	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	6 (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	15/30
4	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	CS ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	21/32
5	Pd(dppf)Cl ₂ (10)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	10/27
6	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	(7.5)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	5/27
7	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	BINAP (7.5)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	1/20
8	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(<i>t</i> Bu) ₂ Me.HBF ₄ (15)	PivOH (1.0)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	120	10/28
9 ^c	(allylPdCl) ₂ (5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (15)	6 (1.0)	CS ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	130	19/37
10 ^{c,d}	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	6 (1.0)	CS ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	Tol.(1.0)	130	18/41
11 ^e	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	6 (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(1.0)	130	85/13
12	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	6 (0.3)	CS ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(1.0)	130	60/28
13 ^f	(allylPdCl) ₂ (2.5)	P(Cy) ₃ .HBF ₄ (7.5)	6 (0.3)	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	Tol.(1.0)	130	(87)/(4)

^aReaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **3a** (2.0 equiv), 8 h. ^bNMR yield determined by ¹⁹F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard (isolated yield in parentheses). ^c**3a** (1.0 equiv). ^dReaction conducted for 12 h. ^e**3a** (3.0 equiv). ^f**3a** (2.5 equiv) and reaction conducted for 15 h.

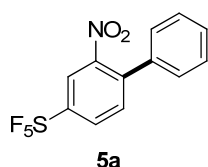
2) General Procedure for Pd-catalyzed Direct Arylation of *m*-Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene 1 with Various Aryl bromides 3.



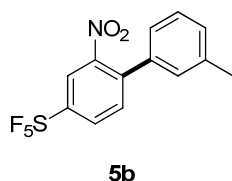
A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (allylPdCl)₂ (2.5 mol%), PCy₃HBF₄ (7.5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (1.8 equiv.), The reaction tube was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ (4 times), then 2,2-dimethylbutyric acid (0.3 equiv), **3** (1.5 equiv), toluene (0.8 mL) and **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 130 °C for 15h (oil bath). The reaction vessel was then cooled to room temperature, and the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* directly. The resulting residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to afford the pure products (**5** and **4**).

Note: The column length and diameter for the purification of compounds **5-7** are 15 cm and 2 cm respectively.

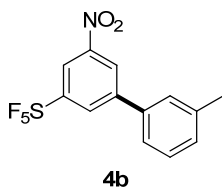
3) Data for Compounds **5** and **4**.



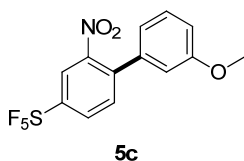
2-Nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurpentafluoride 5a: The product (140 mg, 86 % yield as a mixture of **5a** and **4a**, **5a/4a** = 65:6 determined by ¹⁹F NMR) as a slightly green oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5, 1H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5 (p, *J* = 19.0 Hz), 148.6, 139.7, 135.5, 132.6, 129.4 (m), 129.2, 129.0, 127.7, 122.3 (m); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 81.38 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 63.15 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3107, 3032, 2925, 2879, 1612, 1538, 1478, 1448, 1351, 1120, 1099, 898 (S-F/NO₂), 830 (S-F/NO₂), 757, 728, 699, 600; MS (ESI): *m/z* 326 ((M+H)⁺, 100), 306, 296; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₂H₉F₅NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 326.0276, found: 326.02687.



3'-Methyl-2-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurpentafluoride 5b: The product (142 mg, 84% yield) as a slightly green oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 3:100). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.5$, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.5$, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.5$, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5 (p, $J = 19.5$ Hz), 148.7, 139.9, 138.9, 135.5, 132.5, 130.1, 129.3 (m), 128.9, 128.4, 124.8, 122.3 (m), 21.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.46 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.15 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3107, 2926, 1607, 1567, 1538, 1478, 1356, 1120, 1099, 904 (S-F/ NO_2), 831 (S-F/ NO_2), 789, 742, 671, 601; MS (EI): m/z 339 (M^+), 311, 249 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ (M^+): 339.0350, found: 339.0352.

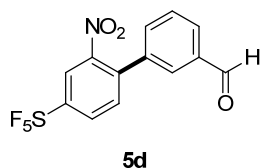


3'-Methoxy-2-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride 4b: The product (12 mg, 7% yield) as a slightly yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.59 (s, 2H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

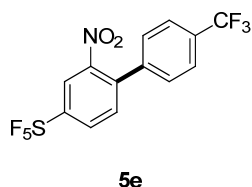


3'-Methoxy-2-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurpentafluoride 5c: The product (151 mg, 90% yield) as a slightly green solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 75.9 – 76.8 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.5$, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8.0$, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 152.5 (p, $J = 20.2$ Hz), 148.6, 139.4, 136.7, 132.4, 130.1, 129.3 (m), 122.2 (m), 120.0, 114.6, 113.5, 55.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.37 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.13 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3096, 3023, 2984, 2950, 2846, 1607, 1583, 1568, 1535, 1357, 1212, 1173, 905

(S-F/NO₂), 867 (S-F/NO₂), 827 (S-F/NO₂), 784, 739, 671; MS (EI): *m/z* 355 (M⁺, 100), 327, 139; HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₃H₁₀F₅NO₃S (M)⁺: 355.0303, found: 355.0302.

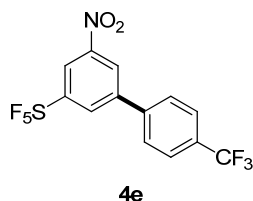


3'-Formyl-2-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurpentafluoride 5d: The product (94 mg, 53 % yield) as a slightly yellow solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 89.8 – 93.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.3, 153.0 (p, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 148.2, 138.5, 136.8, 136.7, 133.5, 132.6, 130.5, 129.9 (m), 129.7, 128.5, 122.7 (m); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.90 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 63.07 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3101, 2864, 1692, 1616, 1599, 1527, 1354, 1180, 1168, 918 (S-F/NO₂), 874 (S-F/NO₂), 843 (S-F/NO₂), 827 (S-F/NO₂), 744, 683, 601; MS (EI): *m/z* 353 (M)⁺, 325, 308, 168 (100), 151; HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₃H₈F₅NO₃S (M)⁺: 353.0144, found: 353.0145.

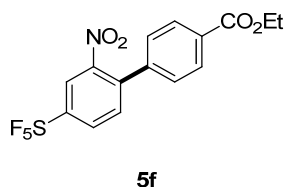


2-Nitro-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurpentafluoride 5e: The product (126 mg, 64 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:100). m.p. 118.3 – 119.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2 (p, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 148.3, 139.3, 138.4, 132.4, 131.3 (q, *J* = 24.7 Hz), 129.8 (p, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 128.2, 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 126.5 (q, *J* = 273.7 Hz), 122.7 (p, *J* = 4.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.85 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 63.05 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F), -62.86 (s, 3F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3113, 1612, 1567, 1528, 1352, 1329, 1170, 1121, 1110, 1072, 900 (S-F/NO₂), 875 (S-F/NO₂), 848 (S-F/NO₂), 825 (S-F/NO₂), 603; MS (ESI): *m/z* 416 (M+Na)⁺, 374 (100), 331; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₃H₈F₈NO₂S

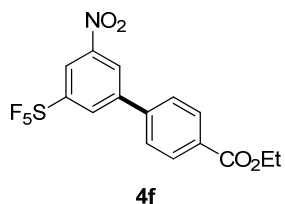
(M+H)⁺: 394.0149, found: 394.01425.



5-Nitro-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride 4e: The product (10 mg, 5% yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:100). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H).

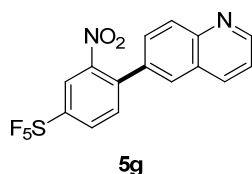


Ethyl 4'-(pentafluorothio)-2'-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate 5f: The product (144 mg, 72 % yield) as a colorless oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 153.0 (p, *J* = 19.7 Hz), 148.3, 139.9, 138.9, 132.4, 131.1, 130.1, 129.7 (m), 127.8, 122.6 (m), 61.3, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 81.01 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 63.05 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3109, 2985, 2934, 1717, 1608, 1541, 1479, 1355, 1278, 1182, 1110, 899 (S-F/NO₂), 834 (S-F/NO₂), 776, 761, 704, 671, 602; MS (ESI): *m/z* 398 ((M+H)⁺, 100), 269; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₅NO₄SN_a (M+Na)⁺: 420.02807, found: 420.02994.



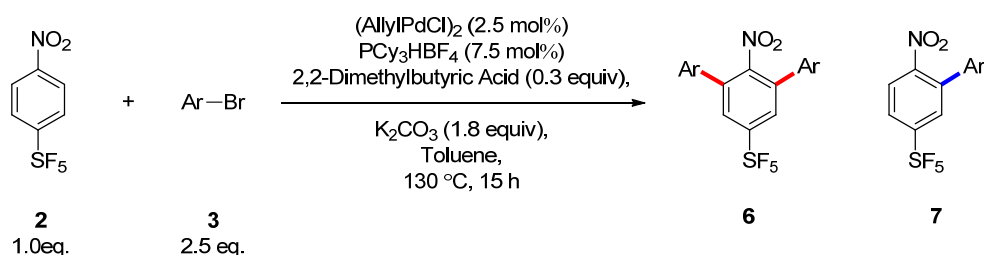
Ethyl 3'-(pentafluorothio)-5'-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate 4f: The product (15 mg, 8 % yield) as a colorless oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum

ether = 1:20). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 – 8.59 (m, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).



3-Nitro-4-(quinolin-6-yl)phenyl sulfurpentafluoride 5g: The product (70 mg, 37% yield) as a slightly yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:10). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.98 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0 (p, J = 21.4 Hz), 151.7, 148.6, 148.1, 139.2, 136.5, 134.0, 133.0, 130.5, 129.8 (m), 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 122.8 (m), 122.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.13 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.14 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3079, 3043, 1594, 1572, 1537, 1487, 1356, 908 (S-F/ NO_2), 885 (S-F/ NO_2), 847 (S-F/ NO_2), 837 (S-F/ NO_2), 827 (S-F/ NO_2), 739, 670, 590; MS (ESI): m/z 377 ($(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$, 100), 341, 251; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$: 399.01837, found: 399.01971.

4) General Procedure for Pd-catalyzed Direct Arylation of *p*-Nitro-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzene 2 with Various Aryl bromides 3.

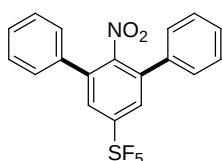


A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (allylPdCl) $_2$ (2.5 mol%), PCy $_3$ HBF $_4$ (7.5 mol%), K $_2$ CO $_3$ (1.8 equiv.). The reaction tube was evacuated and backfilled with N $_2$ (4 times), then 2,2-dimethylbutyric acid (0.3 equiv), **3** (2.5 equiv), toluene (1.0 mL) and **2** (0.2-0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 130 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 15h (oil bath). The reaction vessel was then cooled to room temperature, and the reaction

mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* directly. The resulting residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to afford the pure products (**6** and **7**).

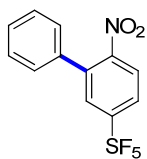
Note: For **6(a, e, f, h, j, k)** and **7(a, e, f, h, j, k)**, 0.3 mmol of **2** was used; for **6(b, c, d, g, i)** and **7(b, c, d, g, i)**, 0.2 mmol of **2** was used.

5) Data for Compounds **6** and **7**.



6a

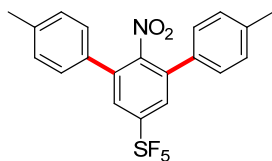
2'-Nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride **6a:** The product (105 mg, 87% yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). m.p. 182.1 – 182.9 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.7 (p, $J = 18.7$ Hz), 150.6, 135.5, 134.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8 (m); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.85 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.14 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4 \times \text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3067, 2919, 2850, 1538, 1496, 1369, 892 (S-F/ NO_2), 865 (S-F/ NO_2), 833 (S-F/ NO_2), 755, 701, 599, 544; MS (EI): m/z 401 (M^+), 257, 244, 226 (100), 217; HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ (M^+): 401.0506, found: 401.0509.



7a

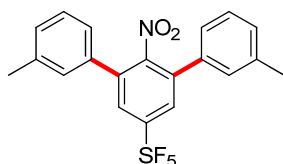
6-Nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride **7a:** The product (4 mg, 4% yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). m.p. 107.6 – 108.4 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.1 (p, $J = 19.2$ Hz), 150.40, 137.1, 135.4, 129.8 (m), 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 126.1 (m), 124.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.41 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.75 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4 \times \text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3071, 1528, 1474, 1448, 1371,

1090, 890 (S-F/NO₂), 829 (S-F/NO₂), 774, 756, 697, 601, 538; MS (EI): *m/z* 325 (M)⁺, 297, 168, 152 (100), 139; HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₂H₈F₅NO₂S (M)⁺: 325.0201, found: 325.0196.



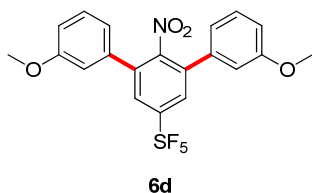
6b

4,4''-Dimethyl-2'-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6b: The product (61 mg, 71 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). m.p. 123.0 – 124.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 8H), 2.41 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7 (p, *J* = 18.2 Hz), 150.7, 139.6, 135.5, 131.9, 129.8, 127.8, 127.6 (m), 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 82.05 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 62.95 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3077, 3040, 2924, 2853, 1614, 1541, 1515, 1372, 893 (S-F/NO₂), 865 (S-F/NO₂), 840 (S-F/NO₂), 820 (S-F/NO₂), 798, 750, 666, 603, 535; MS (EI): *m/z* 429 (M)⁺, 100, 285; HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆F₅NO₂S (M)⁺: 429.0819, found: 429.0822.

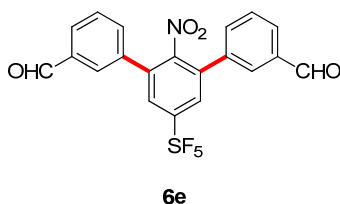


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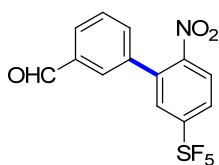
3,3''-Dimethyl-2'-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6c: The product (82 mg, 95 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:25). m.p. 142.1 – 143.0 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6 (p, *J* = 18.7 Hz), 150.5, 138.9, 135.6, 134.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7 (m), 125.10, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 82.00 (p, *J* = 151 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 63.01 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 4×SF_{eq}, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3020, 2919, 1560, 1537, 1375, 1086, 909 (S-F/NO₂), 844 (S-F/NO₂), 820 (S-F/NO₂), 820 (S-F/NO₂), 746, 701, 666, 599; MS (EI): *m/z* 429 (M)⁺, 401, 386, 285, 239 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆F₅NO₂S (M)⁺: 429.0818, found: 429.0822.



3,3''-Dimethoxy-2'-nitro-[1,1':3,1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6d: The product (85 mg, 92 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 122.7 – 124.3 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 6H), 3.83 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 153.6 (p, J = 18.8 Hz), 150.4, 135.8, 135.3, 130.1, 127.6 (m), 120.3, 115.0, 113.7, 55.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.83 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.01 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3073, 3033, 2966, 2944, 2838, 1602, 1591, 1532, 1464, 1238, 1030, 911 (S-F/ NO_2), 861 (S-F/ NO_2), 843 (S-F/ NO_2), 822 (S-F/ NO_2), 763, 698, 666, 599; MS (EI): m/z 461 (M^+), 202 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ (M^+): 461.0722, found: 461.0720.

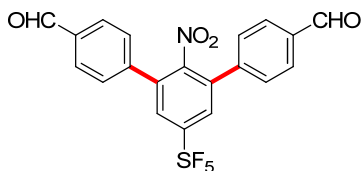


3,3''-Diformyl-2'-nitro-[1,1':3,1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6e: The product (79 mg, 58 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 194.7 – 195.3 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.08 (s, 2H), 8.03 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 4H), 7.68 – 7.67 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.2, 154.0 (p, J = 19.2 Hz), 150.5, 136.9, 135.4, 134.4, 133.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.4 (m); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.06 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.12 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3074, 2862, 1695, 1528, 1375, 1187, 900 (S-F/ NO_2), 857 (S-F/ NO_2), 828 (S-F/ NO_2), 757, 696, 601; MS (EI): m/z 457 (M^+), 244, 226 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ (M^+): 457.0412, found: 457.0407.



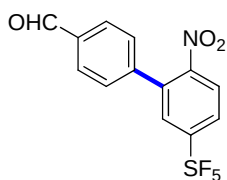
7e

3'-Formyl-6-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride 7e: The product (20 mg, 18% yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 135.5 – 136.9 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.2, 155.5 (p, J = 19.0 Hz), 150.1, 136.9, 136.6, 136.0, 133.6, 130.5, 129.8 (m), 129.7, 128.7, 126.9 (m), 124.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.97 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.81 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3110, 3059, 3037, 2857, 2753, 1698, 1537, 1367, 1182, 1166, 901 (S-F/ NO_2), 851 (S-F/ NO_2), 830 (S-F/ NO_2), 765, 752, 694, 666, 650; MS (EI): m/z 353 (M^+), 259, 168, 151 (100), 139; HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_5\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ (M^+): 353.0141, found: 353.0145.



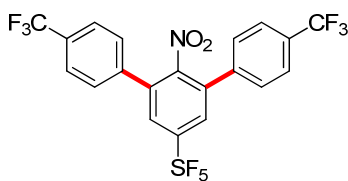
6f

4,4''-Diformyl-2'-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6f: The product (44 mg, 32% yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 226.3 – 227.5 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.1 (s, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.2, 154.1 (p, J = 19.7 Hz), 150.2, 140.0, 136.8, 134.6, 130.3, 128.9, 128.3 (m); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.92 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.79 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3080, 2823, 2732, 1702, 1600, 1608, 1532, 1372, 1209, 896 (S-F/ NO_2), 870 (S-F/ NO_2), 833 (S-F/ NO_2), 796, 756, 603, 560; MS (EI): m/z 457 (M^+), 428, 400, 226 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ (M^+): 457.0406, found: 457.0407.



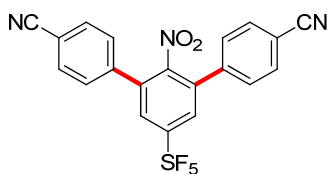
7f

4'-formyl-6-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride 7f: The product (22 mg, 21 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:50). m.p. 105.6 – 106.9 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 155.7 (p, J = 19.1 Hz), 145.0, 141.4, 136.5, 136.1, 130.2, 129.5 (m), 128.7, 127.0 (m), 124.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.92 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.79 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3110, 3067, 2822, 2732, 1702, 1606, 1533, 1367, 1210, 888 (S-F/ NO_2), 863 (S-F/ NO_2), 831 (S-F/ NO_2), 822 (S-F/ NO_2), 760, 602; MS (ESI): m/z 354 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$, 274; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 354.0229, found: 354.02178.



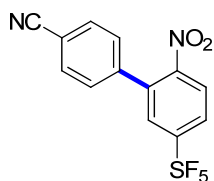
6g

2'-Nitro-4,4''-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6g: The product (71 mg, 66 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:50). m.p. 212.4 – 213.8 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.0 (p, J = 19.5 Hz), 150.3, 137.8, 134.4, 131.8 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 128.7, 128.4 (m), 126.2 (m), 123.6 (q, J = 273.8 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.99 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.04 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F), -62.98 (s, 6F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 1537, 1330, 1170, 1123, 1110, 1069, 1019, 901 (S-F/ NO_2), 867 (S-F/ NO_2), 849 (S-F/ NO_2), 822 (S-F/ NO_2), 786, 755, 603; MS (EI): m/z 537 (M) $^+$, 393, 380, 285 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ (M) $^+$: 537.0255, found: 537.0257.



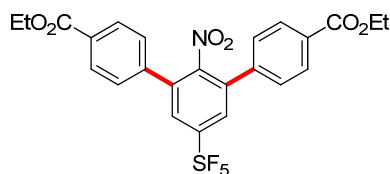
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4,4''-Dicyano-2'-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl sulfurpentafluoride 6h: The product (80 mg, 59 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:5). m.p. 234.5 – 236.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2 (p, $J = 19.9$ Hz), 150.0, 138.5, 134.1, 132.9, 128.9, 128.5 (m), 117.8, 113.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.65 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.09 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3411, 3072, 2231, 1533, 1506, 1398, 1370, 903 (S-F/ NO_2), 869 (S-F/ NO_2), 844 (S-F/ NO_2), 828 (S-F/ NO_2), 786, 603, 575; MS (ESI): m/z 452 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$, 401, 274, 269 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 474.02936, found: 474.03061.



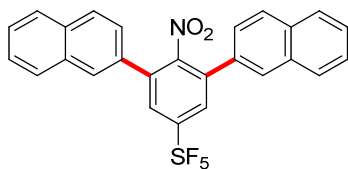
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4'-Cyano-6-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl sulfurpentafluoride 7h: The product (25 mg, 24 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:5). m.p. 122.6 – 124.4 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8 (p, $J = 20.1$ Hz), 149.8, 140.2, 135.5, 132.7, 129.5 (m), 128.8, 127.3 (m), 125.0, 118.0, 113.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 80.74 (p, $J = 151$ Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.80 (d, $J = 151$ Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3111, 3090, 3067, 2877, 2227, 1532, 1358, 884 (S-F/ NO_2), 873 (S-F/ NO_2), 839 (S-F/ NO_2), 826 (S-F/ NO_2), 791, 600; MS (EI): m/z 350 (M) $^+$, 322, 193 (100), 177; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M) $^+$: 350.0149, found: 350.0148.



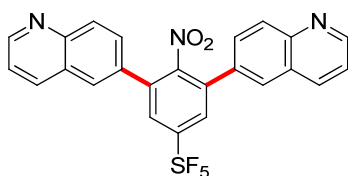
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Diethyl 5'-(pentafluorothio)-2'-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4,4''-dicarboxylate 6i: The product (94 mg, 86 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20). m.p. 201.2 – 202.3 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 153.9 (p, J = 19.6 Hz), 150.3, 138.6, 134.82, 131.6, 130.3, 128.2, 61.4, 14.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.26 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.05 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3077, 3000, 2914, 2852, 1713, 1537, 1368, 1294, 1267, 1129, 1118, 893 (S-F/ NO_2), 867 (S-F/ NO_2), 842 (S-F/ NO_2), 832 (S-F/ NO_2), 759, 703, 599, 557; MS (EI): m/z 545 (M^+), 500, 244, 226 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ (M^+): 545.0993, found: 545.0932.



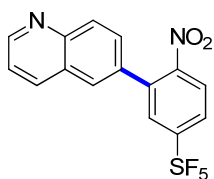
6j

3,5-Di(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-nitrophenyl sulfurpentafluoride 6j: The product (113 mg, 75 % yield) as a white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1:100). m.p. 147.2 – 149.1 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.97 – 7.90 (m, 8H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.8 (p, J = 19.2 Hz), 151.0, 135.7, 133.3, 133.0, 132.0, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1 (m), 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 125.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.85 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.08 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3062, 1541, 1369, 896 (S-F/ NO_2), 866 (S-F/ NO_2), 827 (S-F/ NO_2), 755, 665, 603, 478; MS (EI): m/z 501 (M^+), 357, 163 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ (M^+): 501.0820, found: 501.0822.



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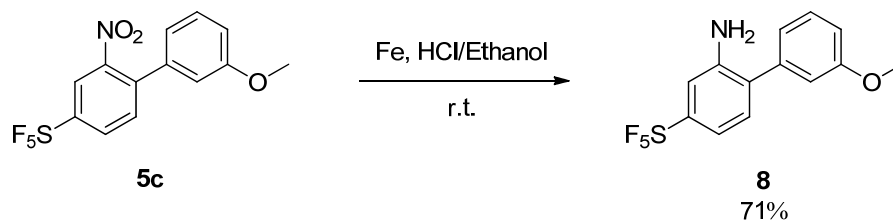
4-Nitro-3,5-di(quinolin-6-yl)phenyl sulfurpentafluoride 6k: The product (57 mg, 38% yield) as a grey white solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:5). m.p. 218.7 – 219.3 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.00 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.9 (p, J = 18.6 Hz), 151.8, 150.9, 148.1, 136.4, 135.1, 132.6, 130.8, 128.9, 128.4 (m), 127.9, 127.9, 122.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.42 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 63.11 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3426, 3046, 1539, 1498, 1373, 903 (S-F/ NO_2), 865 (S-F/ NO_2), 838 (S-F/ NO_2), 602; MS (ESI): m/z 504 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), 253 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 504.07829, found: 504.07996.



7k

4-Nitro-3-(quinolin-6-yl)phenyl sulfurpentafluoride 7k: The product (32 mg, 28% yield) as a slightly green solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:10). m.p. 149.8 – 151.0 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6 (p, J = 19.2 Hz), 151.5, 150.3, 147.9, 136.5, 136.4, 133.8, 130.4, 130.0 (m), 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 126.6 (m), 124.7, 122.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.15 (p, J = 151 Hz, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.81 (d, J = 151 Hz, $4\times\text{SF}_{\text{eq}}$, 4F); IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3064, 2869, 1523, 1496, 1482, 1353, 901 (S-F/ NO_2), 887 (S-F/ NO_2), 856 (S-F/ NO_2), 842 (S-F/ NO_2), 820 (S-F/ NO_2), 771, 742, 661, 599; MS (EI): m/z 376 (M^+ , 100), 359, 219; HRMS (EI) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M^+): 376.0307, found: 376.0305.

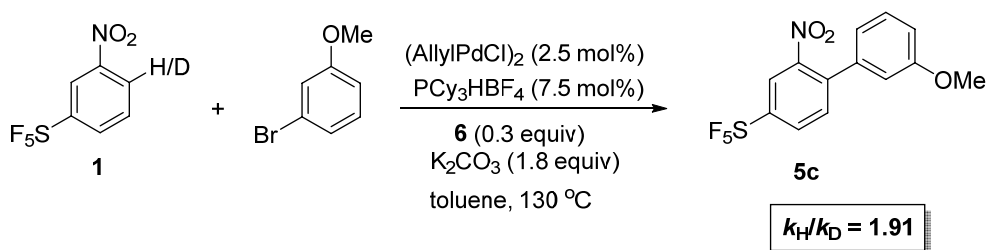
6) Preparation of Compound **8**²



To a stirred solution of **5c** (177 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in ethanol (5 mL) was added Fe powder (173 mg, 3 mmol, 6.0 equiv), followed by the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid (0.25 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the reaction was neutralized with sodium carbonate until alkaline, then extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. This crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5 % dichloromethane in hexane) to give the product **8** (115 mg, 71 %) as a yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.97 (br, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 153.8 (p, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 143.9, 140.0, 130.2, 130.19, 130.16, 121.0, 115.5 (m), 114.4, 113.6, 112.6 (m), 55.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 85.40 (p, *J* = 150 Hz, SF_{ax}, 1F), 62.74 (d, *J* = 150 Hz, 4F); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3485, 3387, 2940, 2839, 1620, 1581, 1482, 1414, 1317, 1295, 1213, 1048, 1019, 928 (S-F/NO₂), 841 (S-F/NO₂), 803 (S-F/NO₂), 738, 703, 670, 641, 596; MS (EI): *m/z* 325 (M)⁺, 85, 83 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₃H₁₂F₅NOS (M)⁺: 325.0561, found: 325.0560.

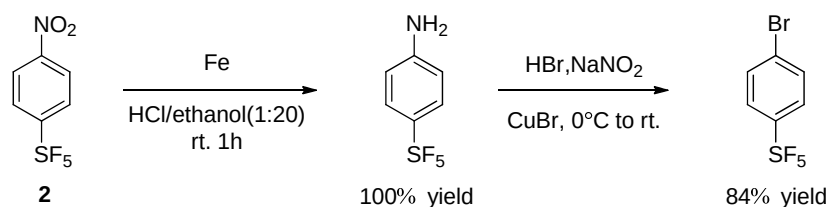
7) Kinetic Isotope Effects Study.

Two sets of reactions were carried out in a parallel manner, in each case 3-bromoanisole was allowed to react with **1** and *d*-**1** respectively.



Experimental Procedure: A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (allylPdCl)₂ (2.5 mol%), PCy₃HBF₄ (7.5 mol%), and K₂CO₃ (1.8 equiv.). The reaction tube was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ (4 times), then 2,2-dimethylbutyric acid (0.3 equiv), 3-bromoanisole (1.5 equiv), toluene (0.5 mL) and (**1** or *d*-**1**) (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated in oil bath of 130 °C for 40 min. The reaction vessel was then quenched to room temperature by ice bath, and the yield was analyzed by GC.

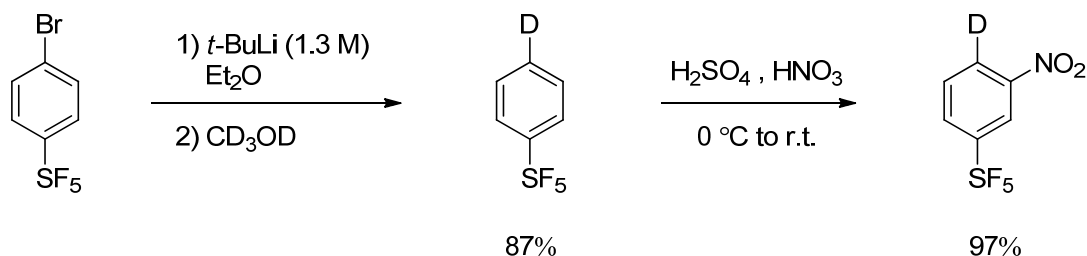
Preparation of *d*-**1**:



1-Amino-4-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene.² To a stirred solution of **2** (1.25 g, 5 mmol) in ethanol (50 mL) was added Fe powder (1.73 g), followed by the slow addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid (2.5 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the reaction was poured into ice water and neutralized with sodium carbonate until alkaline, then extracted with dichloromethane (3×20 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10% dichloromethane in hexane) to give the product (1.096 g, 100% yield) as a white solid.

1-Bromo-4-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene.² To a stirred solution of 1-amino-4-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene (1.096 g, 5 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was slowly added aqueous HBr (40%) (2.5 mL), followed by the slow addition of NaNO₂ (380 mg) in water (2.2 mL) between -30 °C – -25 °C. The reaction mixture was continually stirred for 30 min between -30 °C – -25 °C. CuBr (1.09 g) was slowly added to this reaction mixture and then stirred for overnight at room temperature. After that, the reaction was quenched by slow addition of ice water (15 mL) and neutralized with sodium carbonate until alkaline, then extracted with dichloromethane (3×20 mL).

The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) to give the product (1.18 g, 83% yield) as a slightly yellow oil.



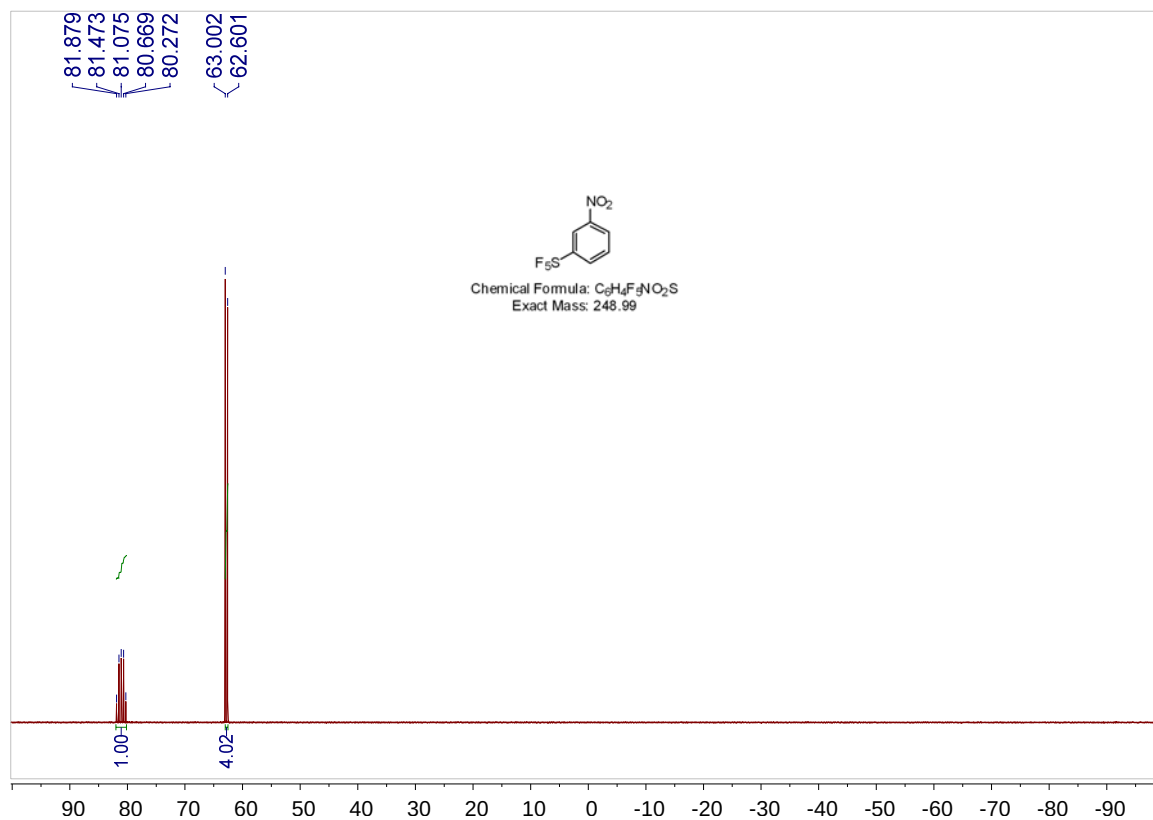
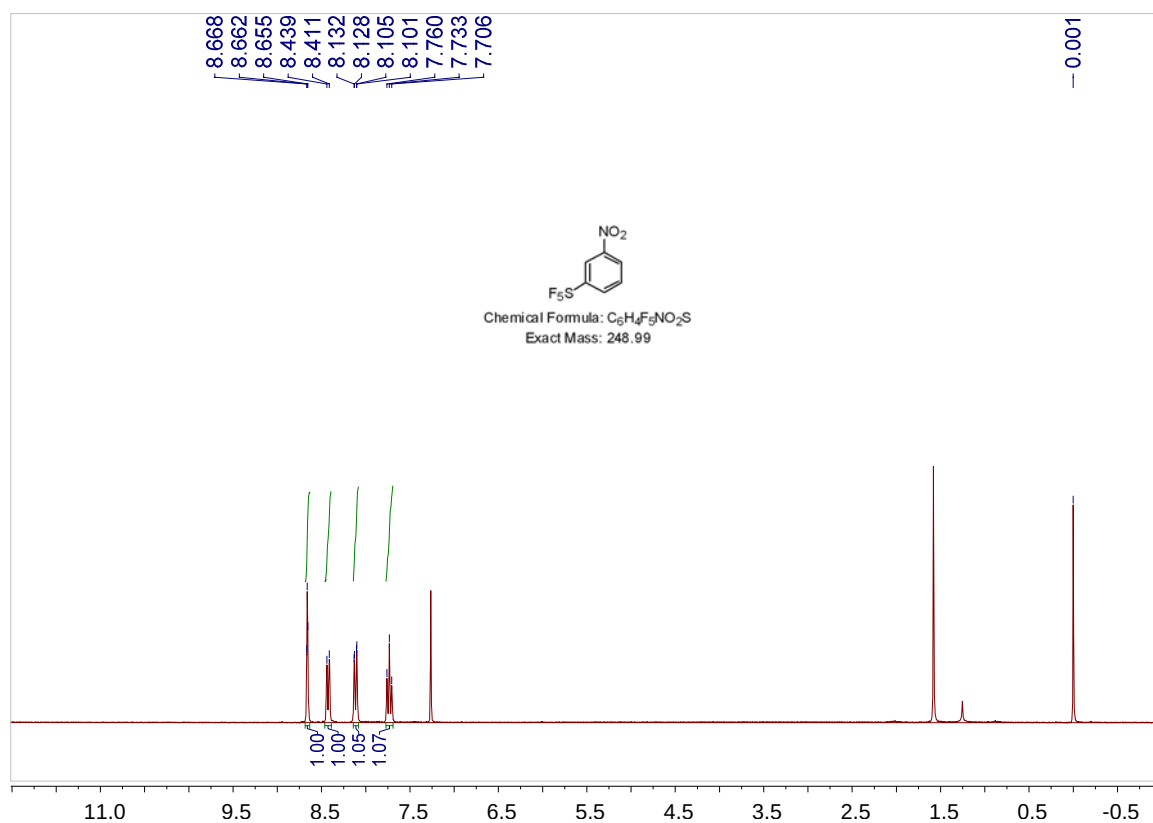
4-Deuterio-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene. In N_2 atmosphere, to a stirred solution of 1-bromo-4-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene (56 μL , 0.35 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous diethyl ether (2 mL) was slowly added *t*-BuLi (0.4 mL, 1.3 M, 1.5 equiv.) at about $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and was continually stirred for 1 h at the same low temperature. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched by slow addition of CH_3OD (0.5 mL) at about $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, then extracted with EtOAc ($3\times 5\text{ mL}$). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% dichloromethane in hexane) to give the product (63 mg, 87% yield) as a colorless oil.

4-Deuterio-3-nitro-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene (*d*-1). To a stirred solution of 4-Deuterio-pentafluorosulfanylbenzene (62 mg, 0.3 mmol), concentrated H_2SO_4 (1.0 mL), and ten drops of trifluoroacetic acid, was added the mixture of concentrated H_2SO_4 (0.5 mL) and 60% of HNO_3 (1.0 mL) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, after stirred for 2 h at the same temperature, the same mixture of concentrated H_2SO_4 (0.5 mL) and 60% of HNO_3 (1.0 mL) were refilled. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched by poured into ice water, then extracted with dichloromethane ($3\times 5\text{ mL}$). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3% of dichloromethane in hexane) to give the product (73 mg, 97% yield, the purity of *d*-1 is 96% by ^1H NMR) as a slightly yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.66 (d, $J = 1.8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.11 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.09 (p, $J = 151\text{ Hz}$, SF_{ax} , 1F), 62.82 (d, $J = 151\text{ Hz}$, 4F);

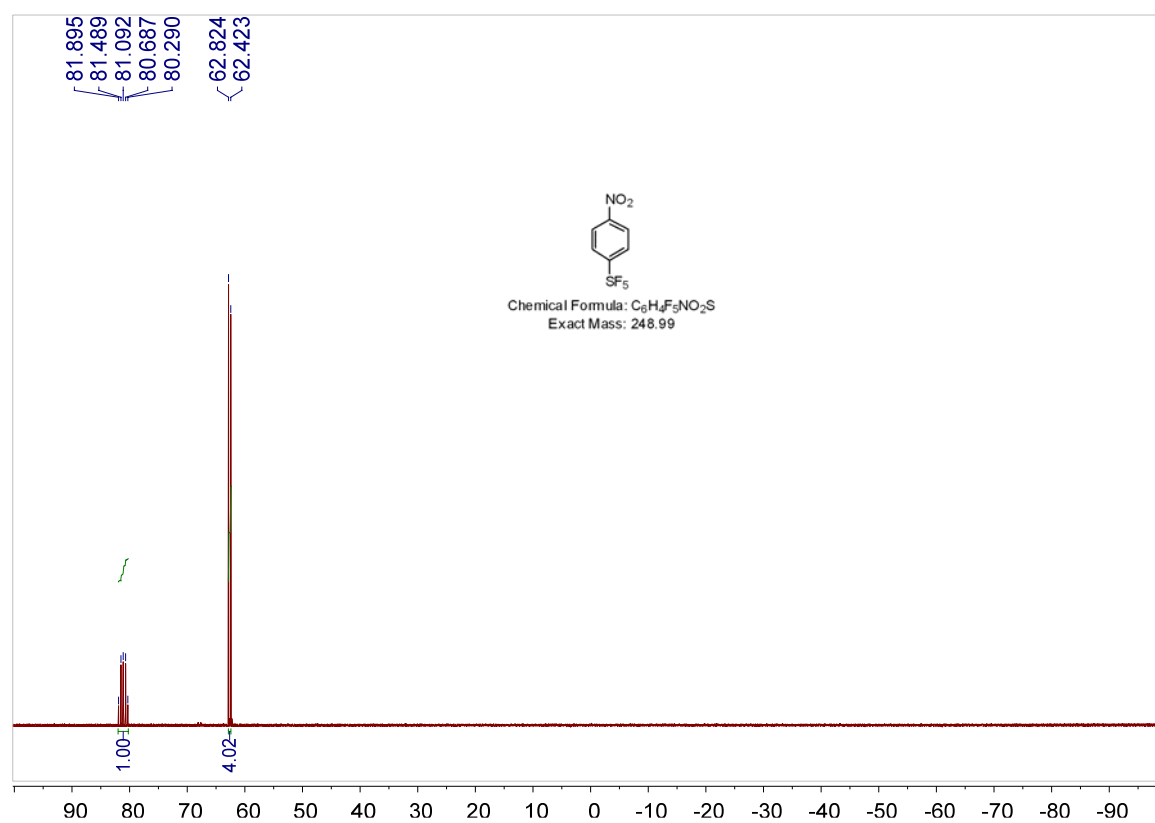
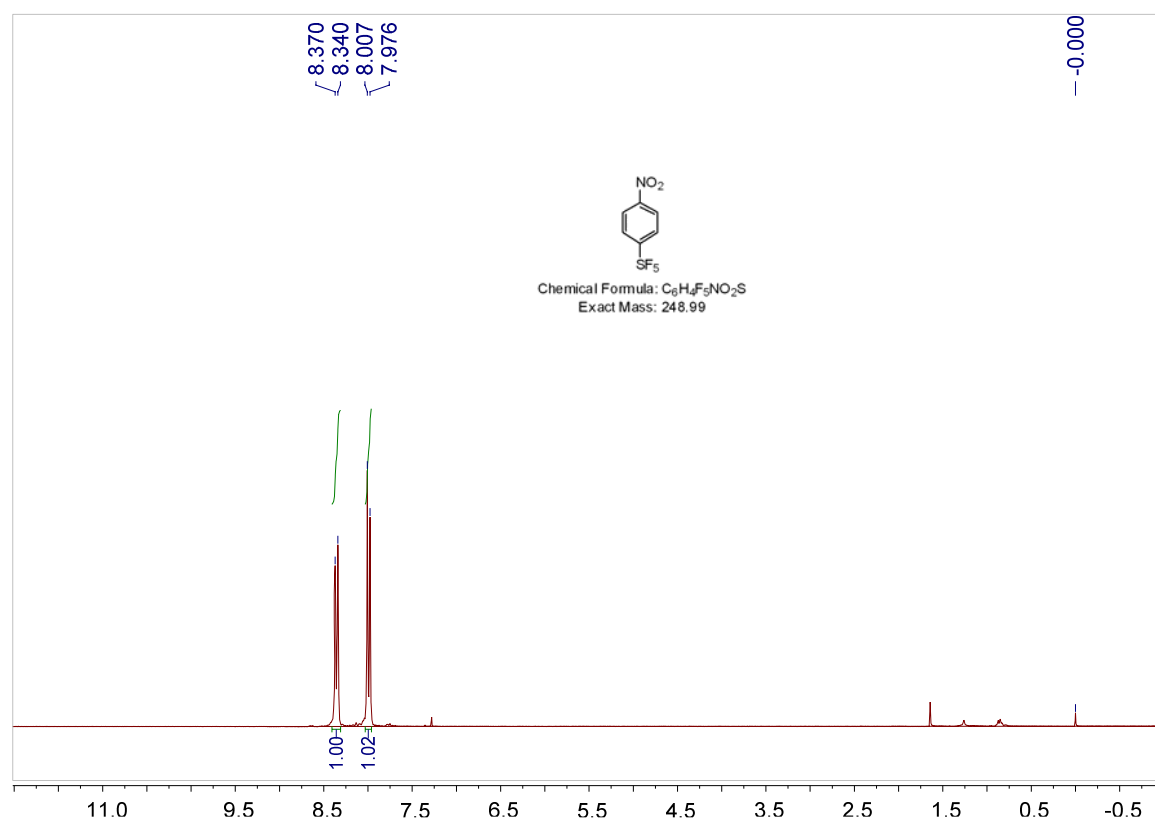
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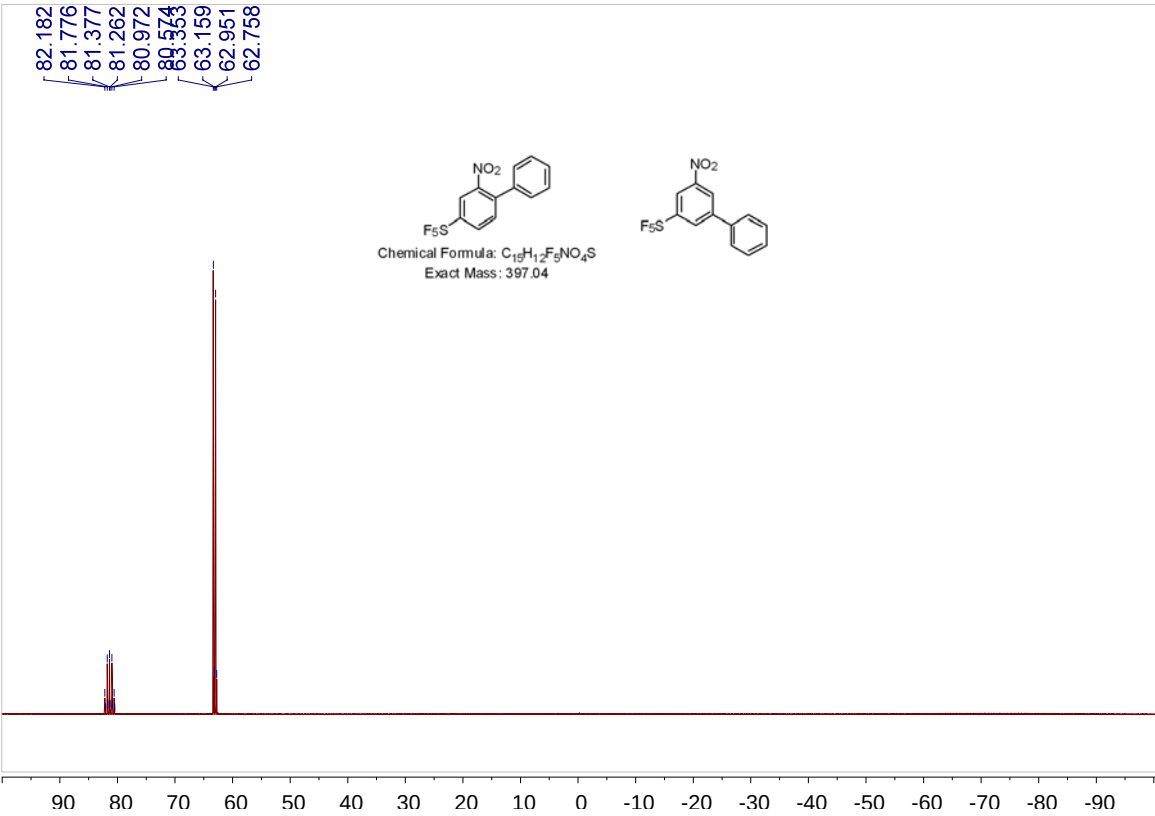
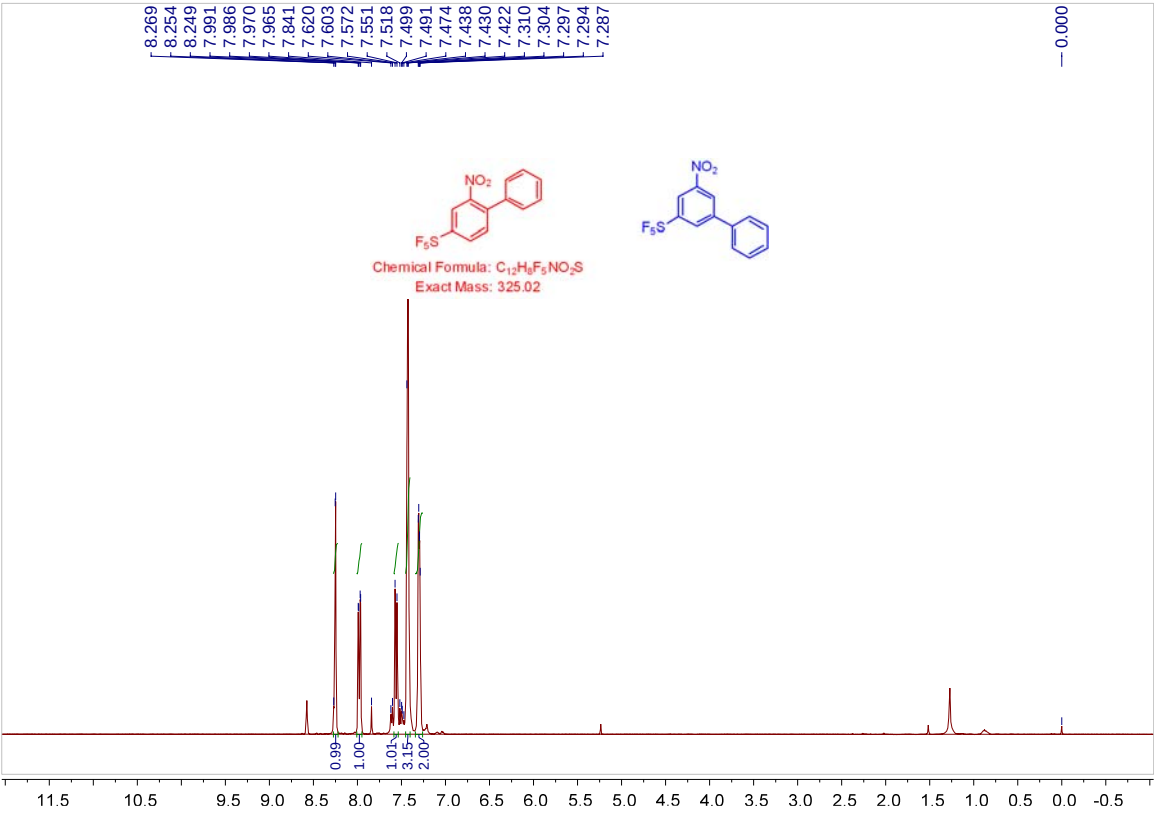
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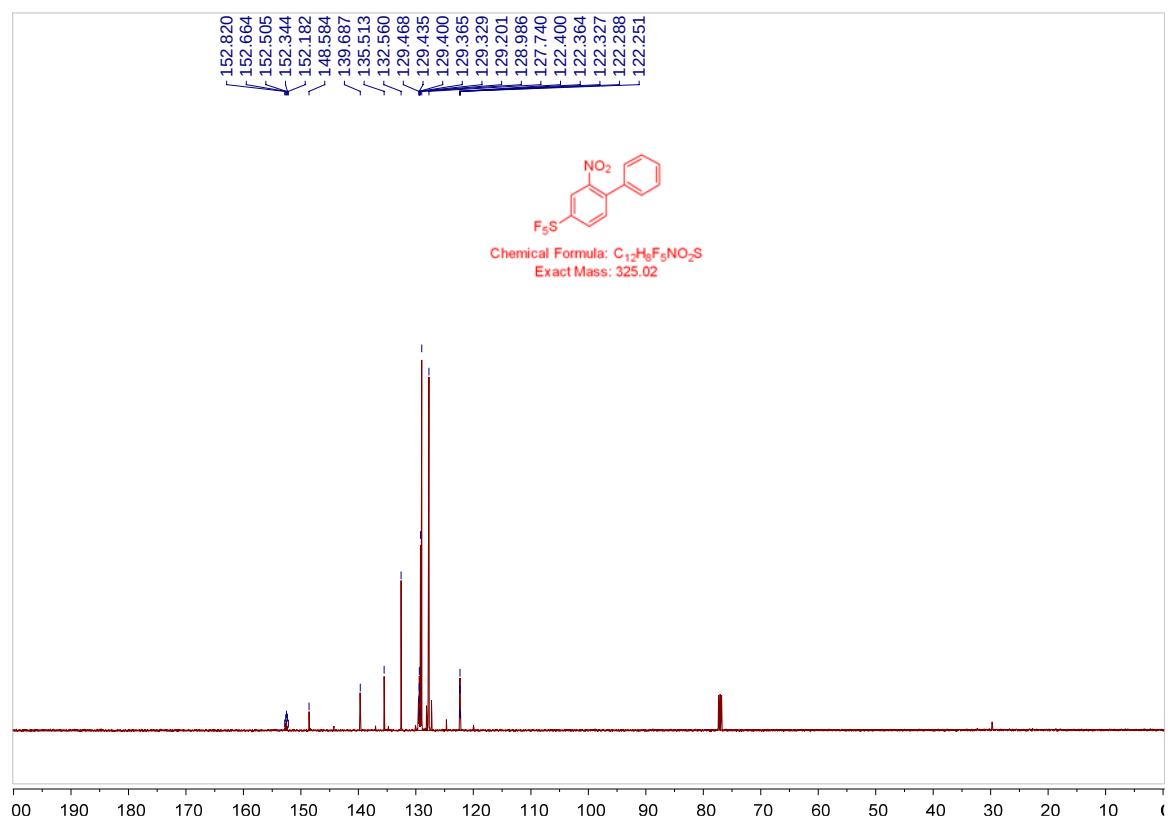


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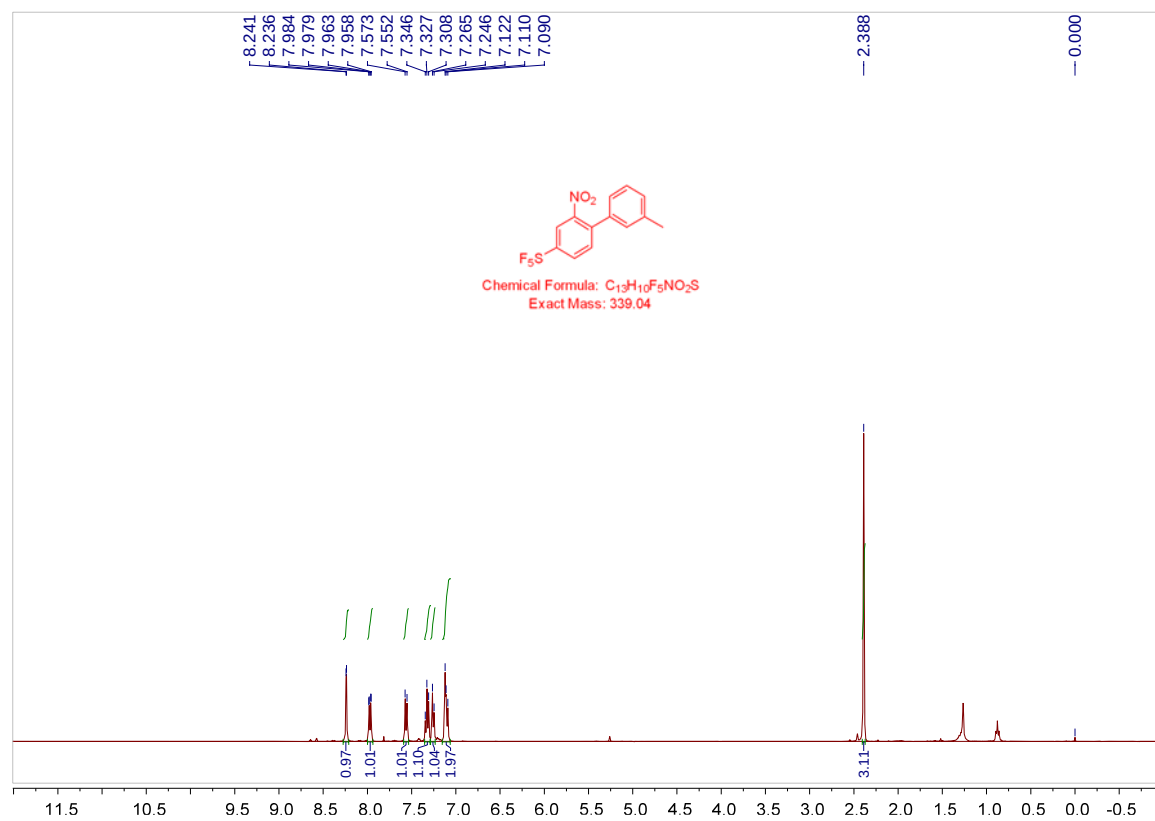


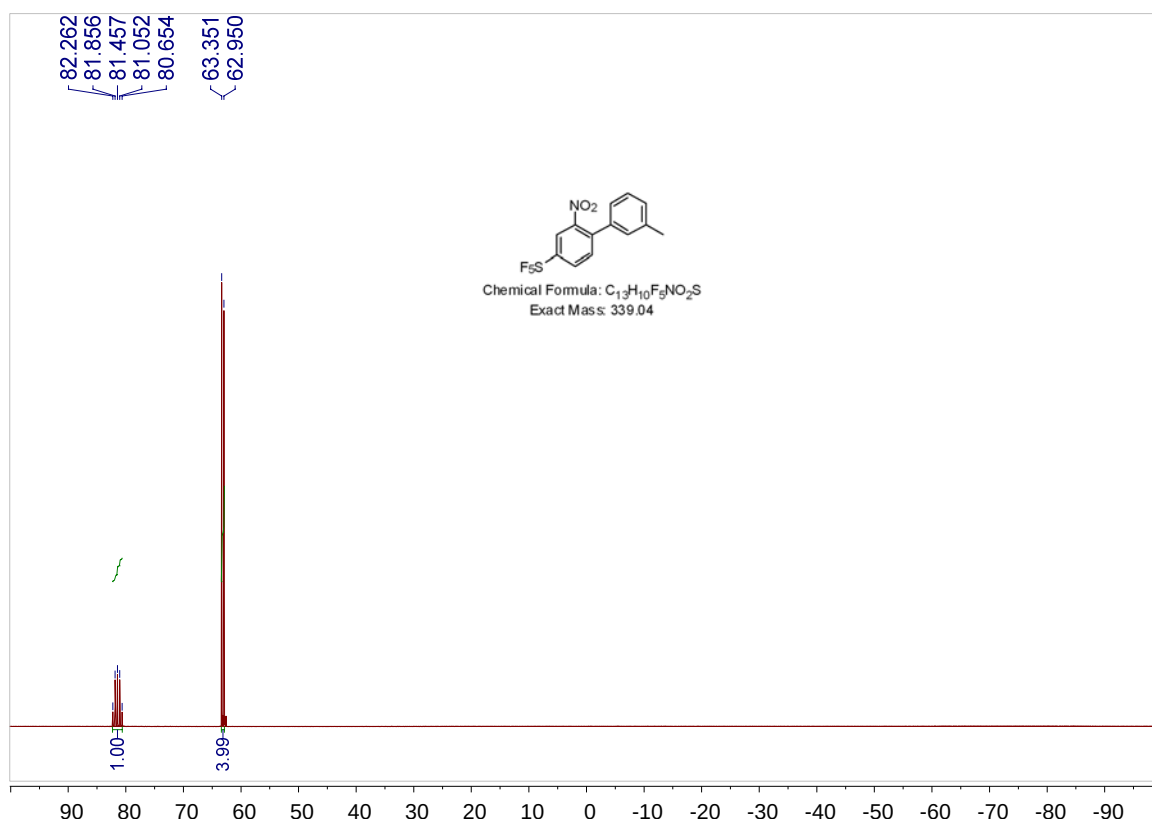
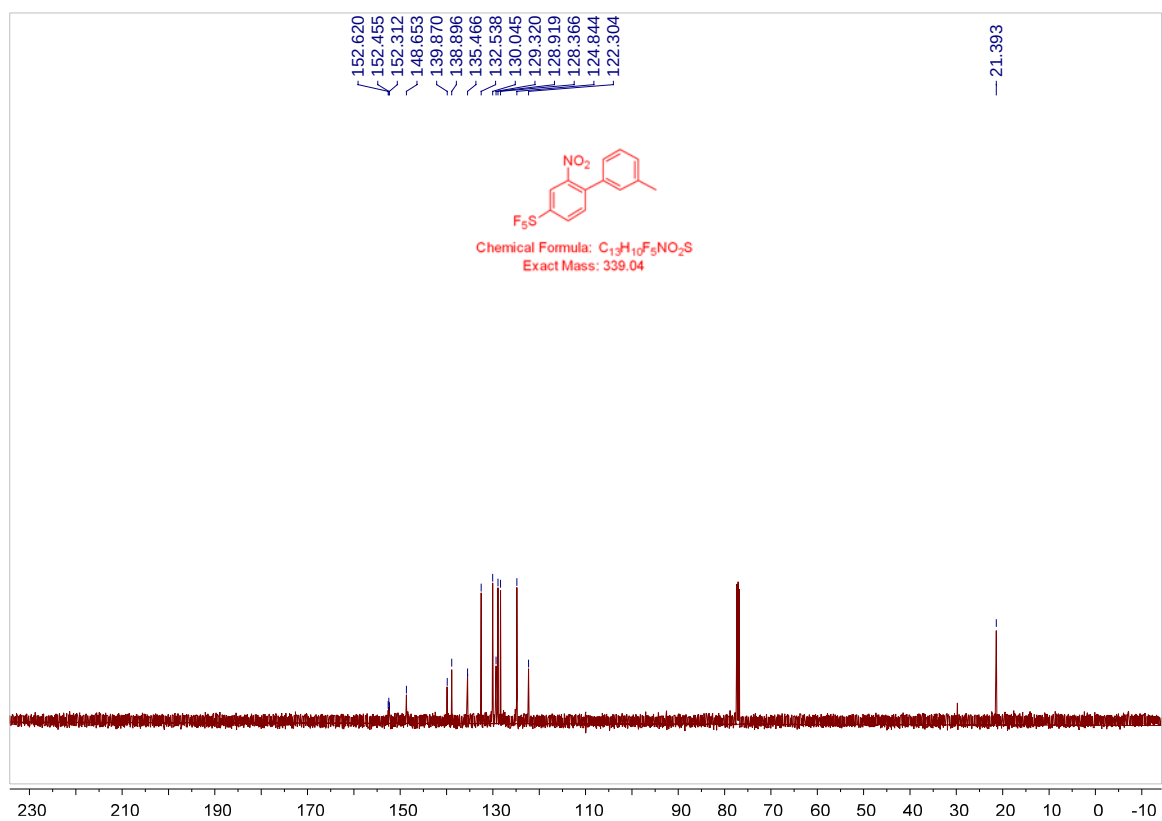
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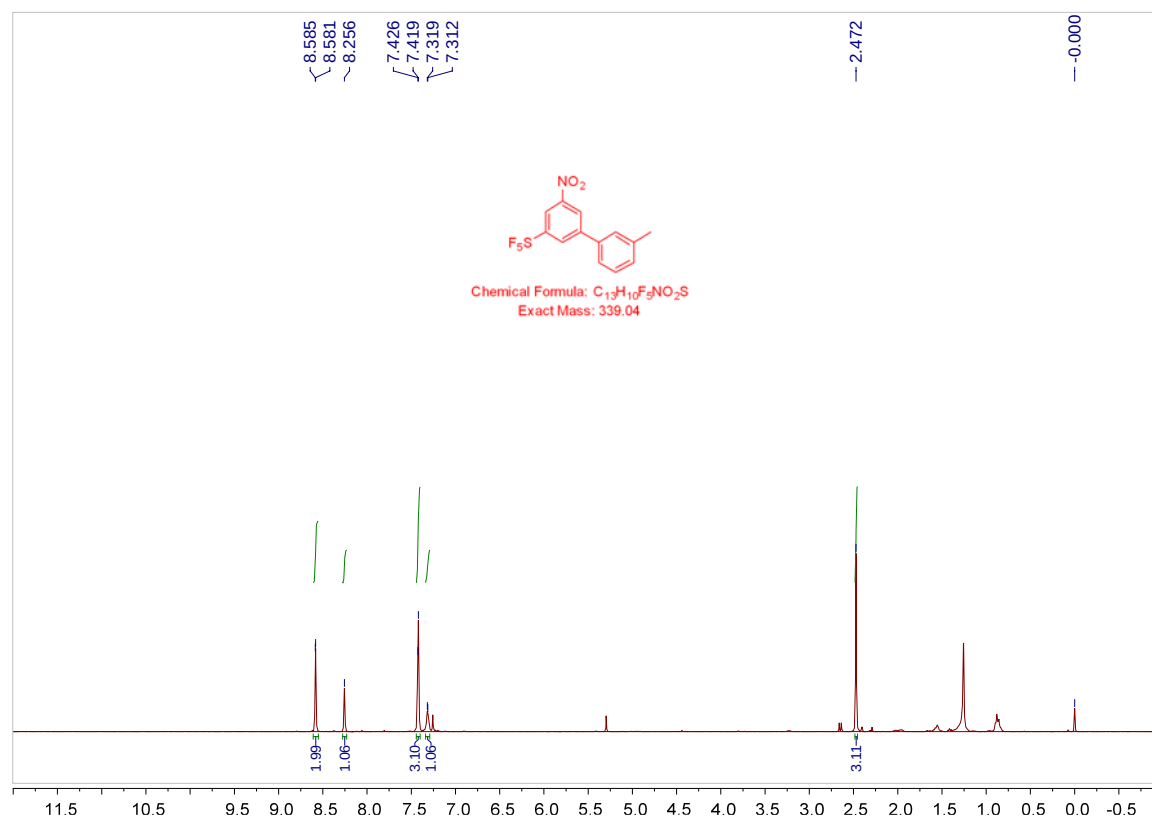


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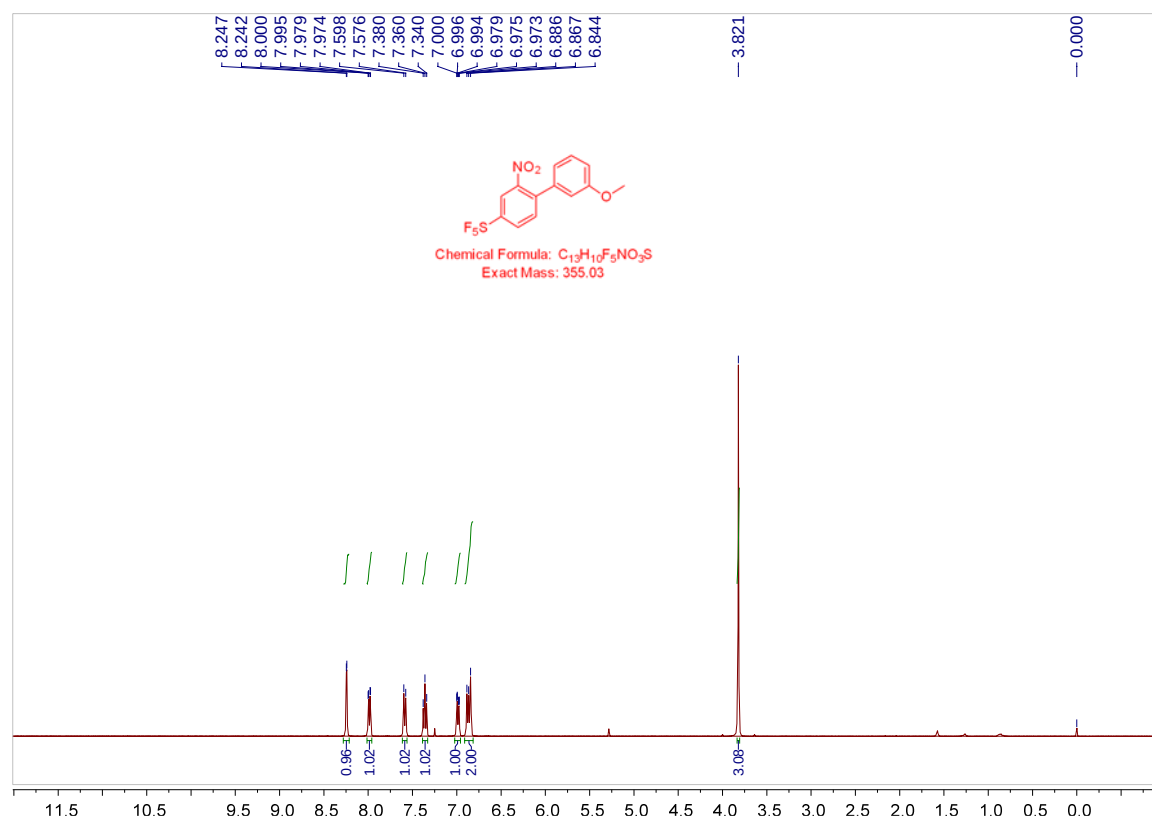


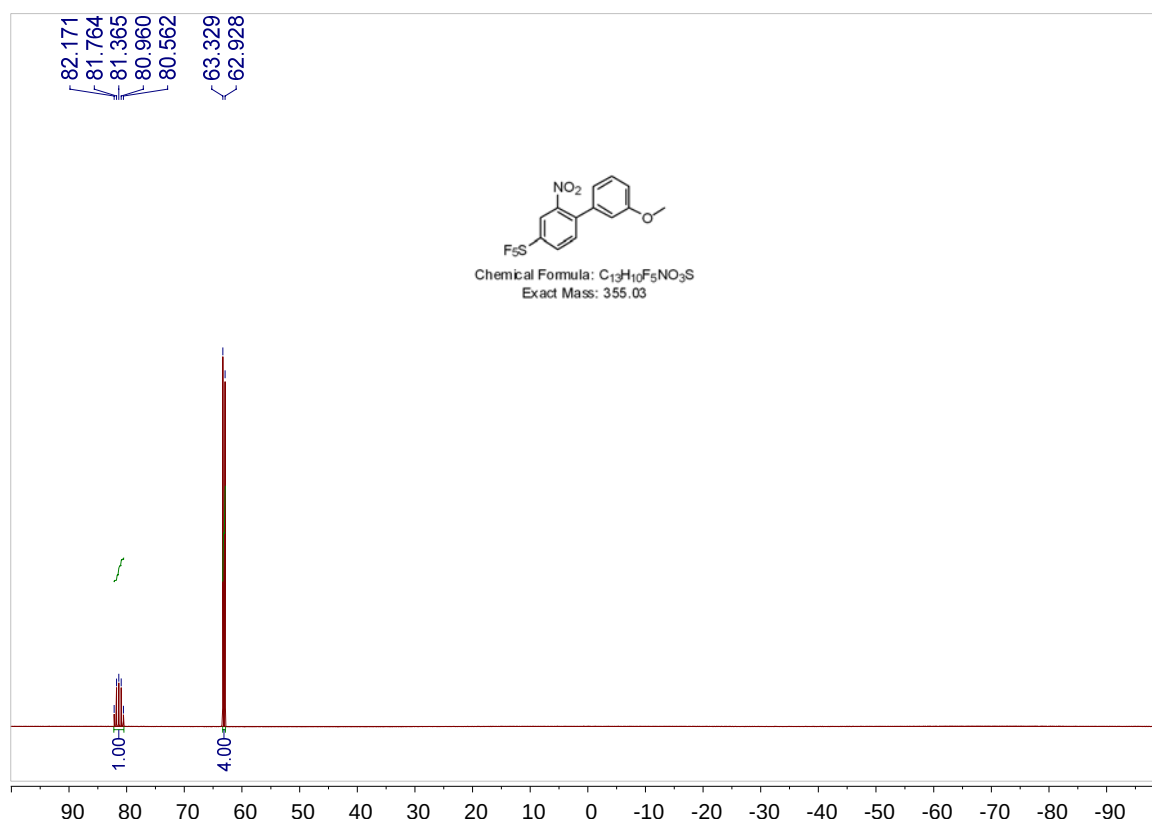
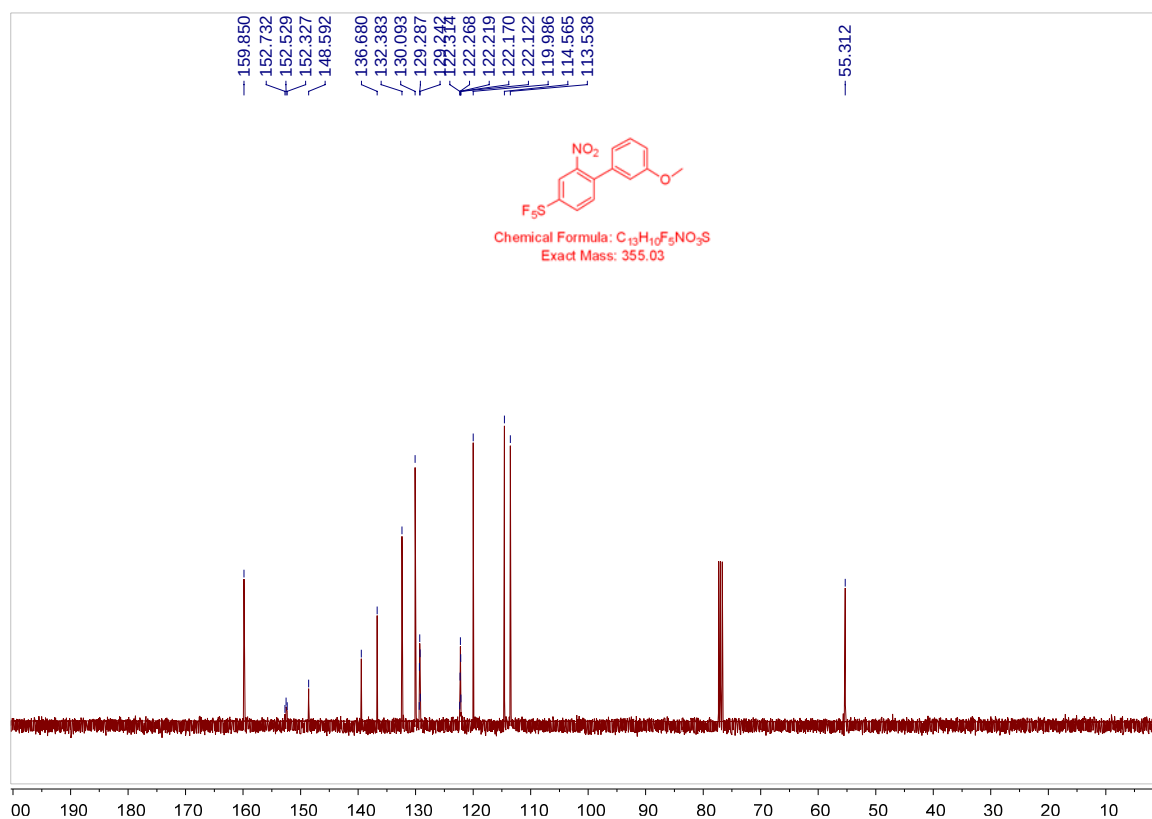


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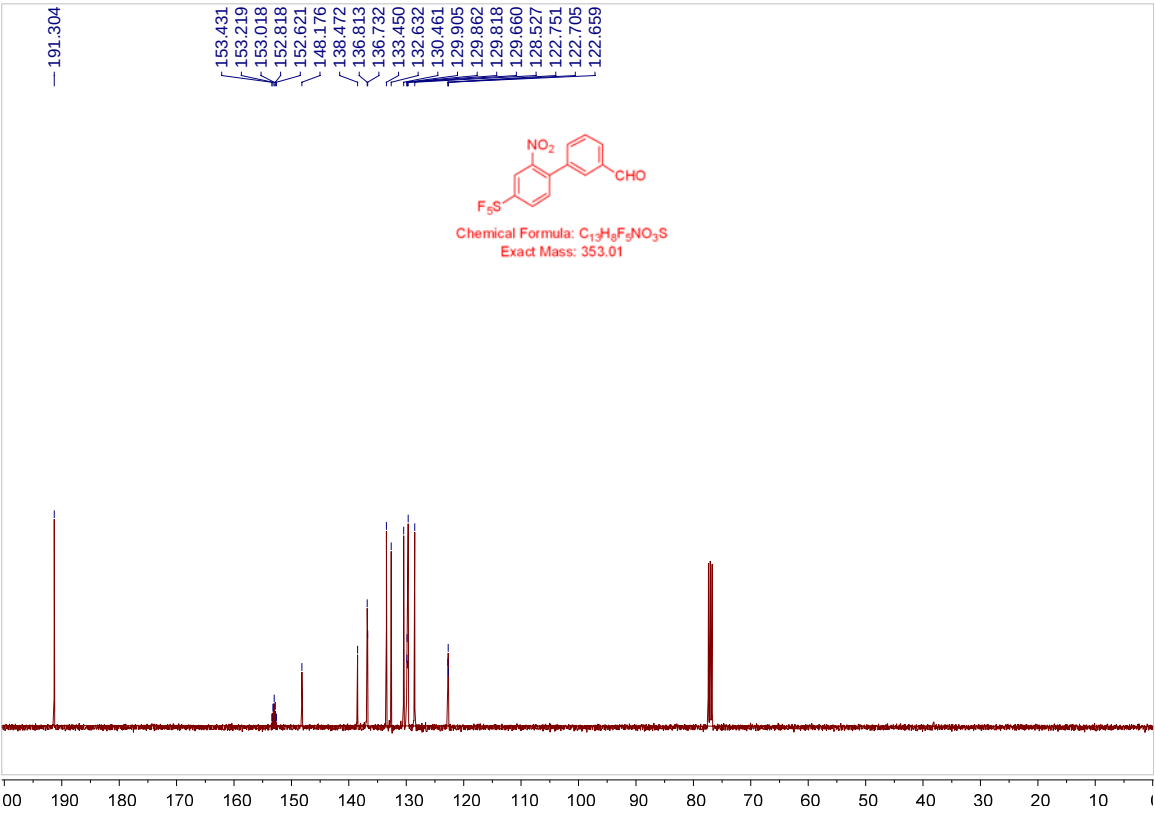
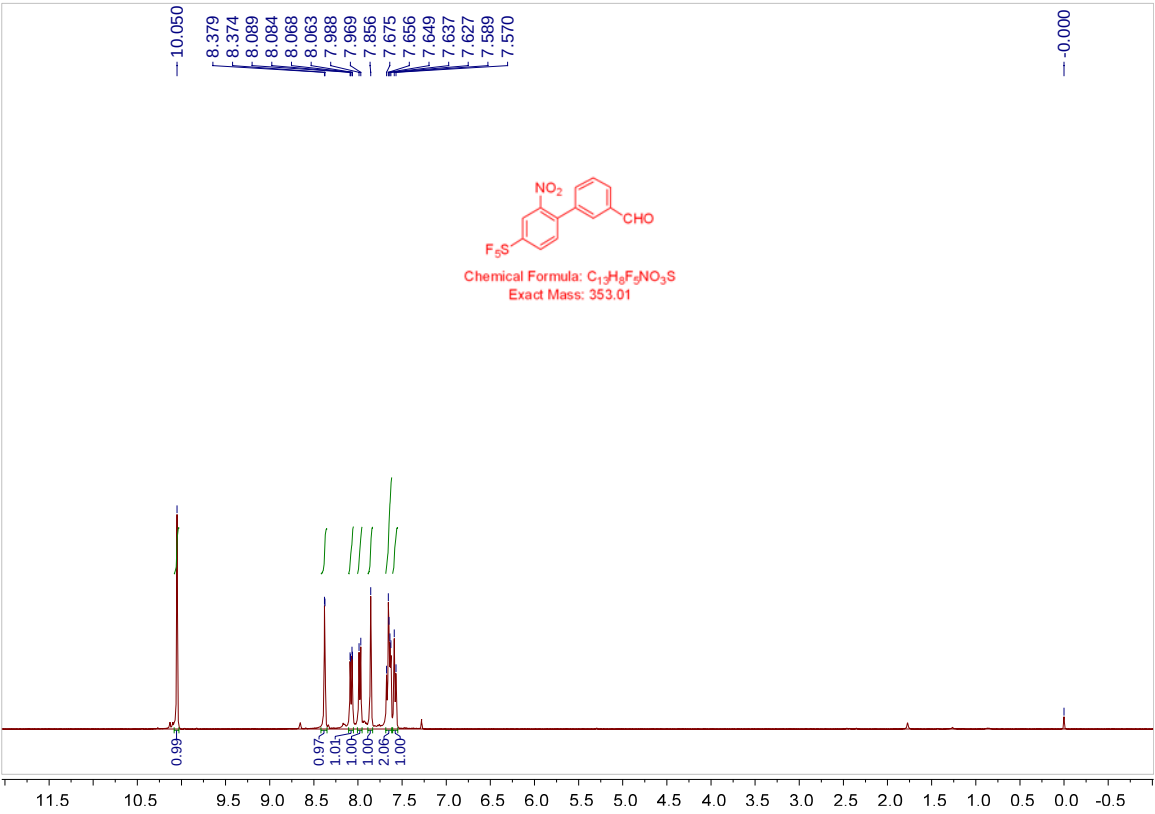


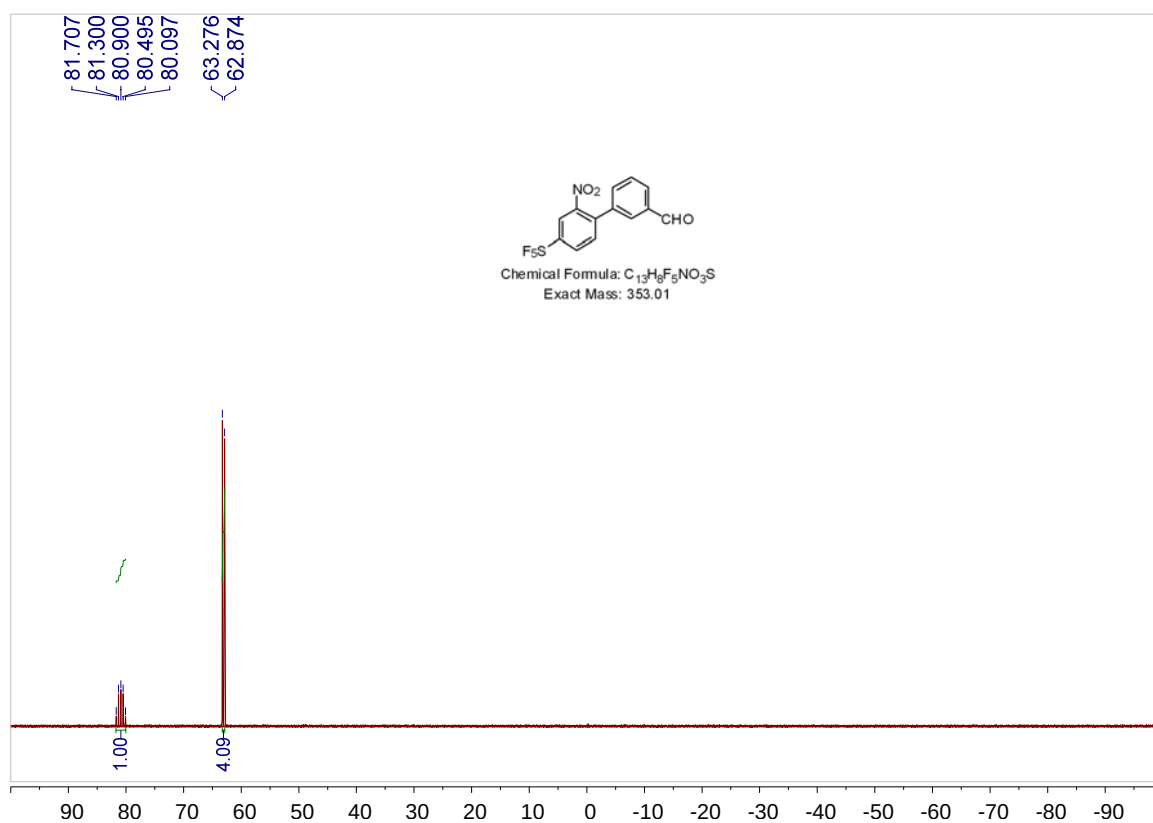
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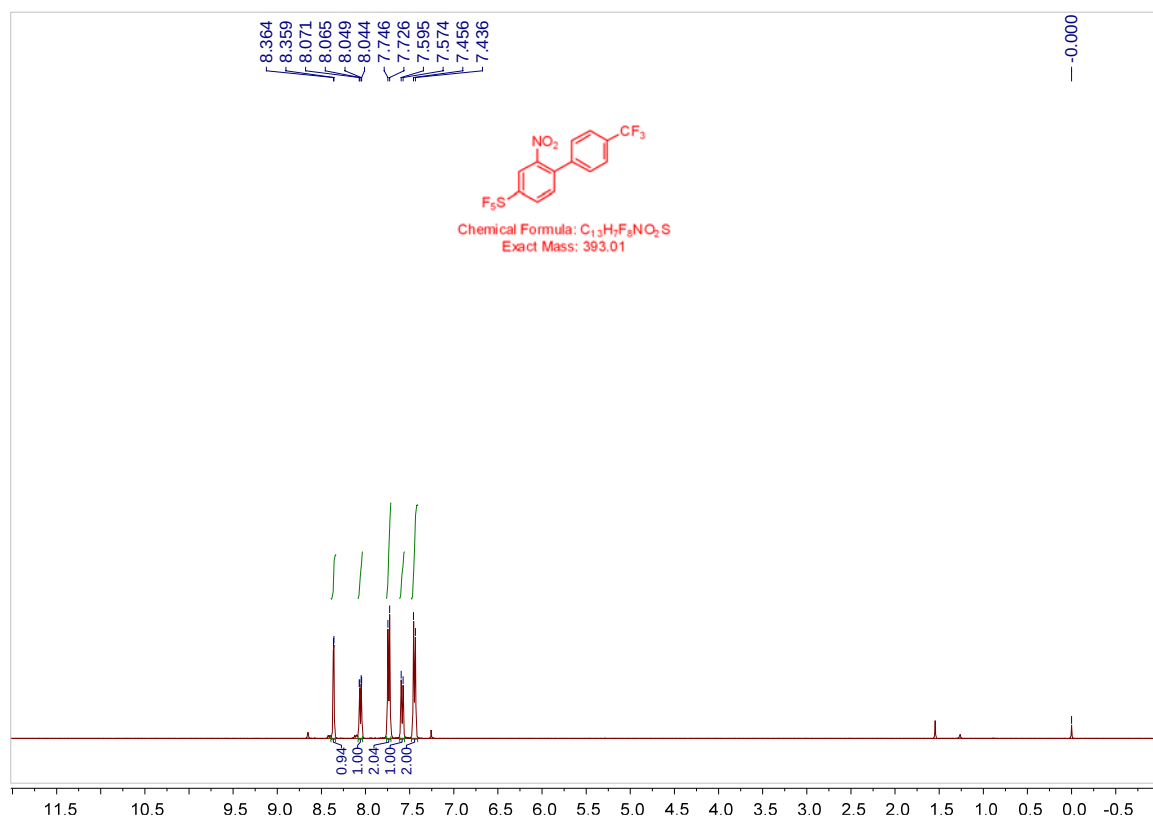


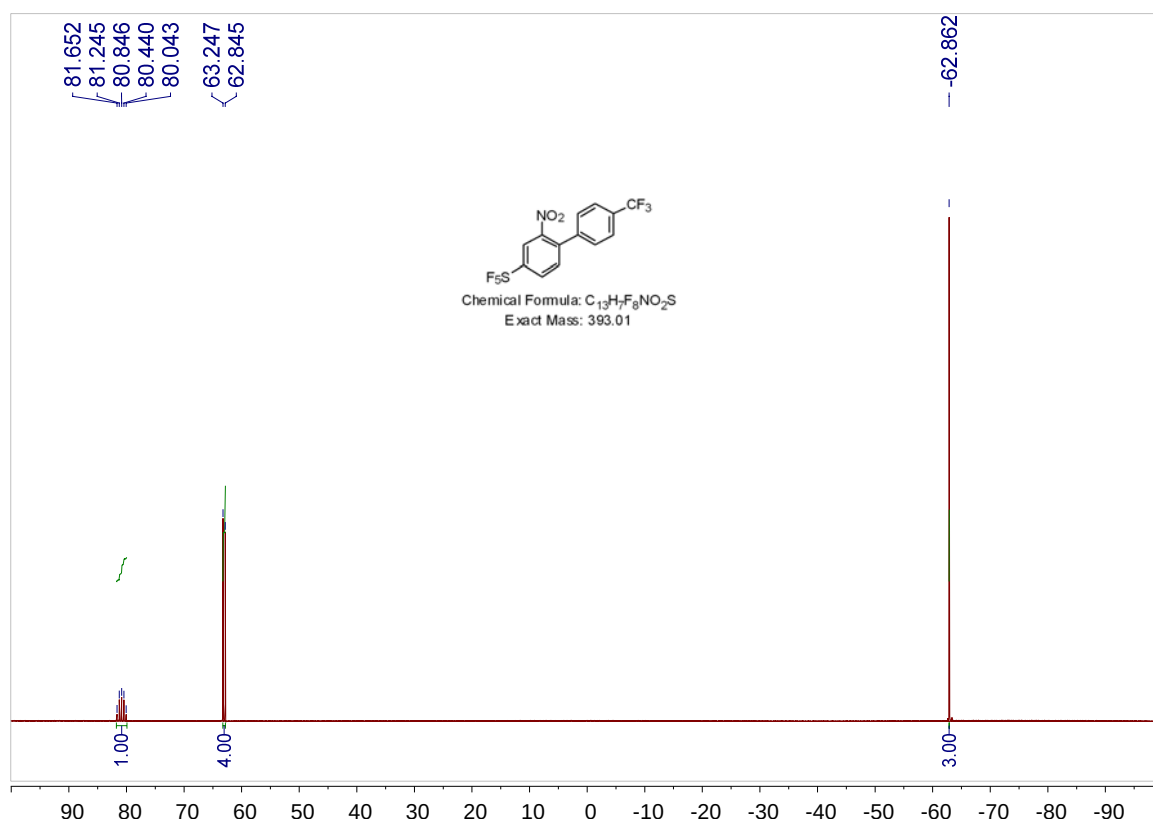
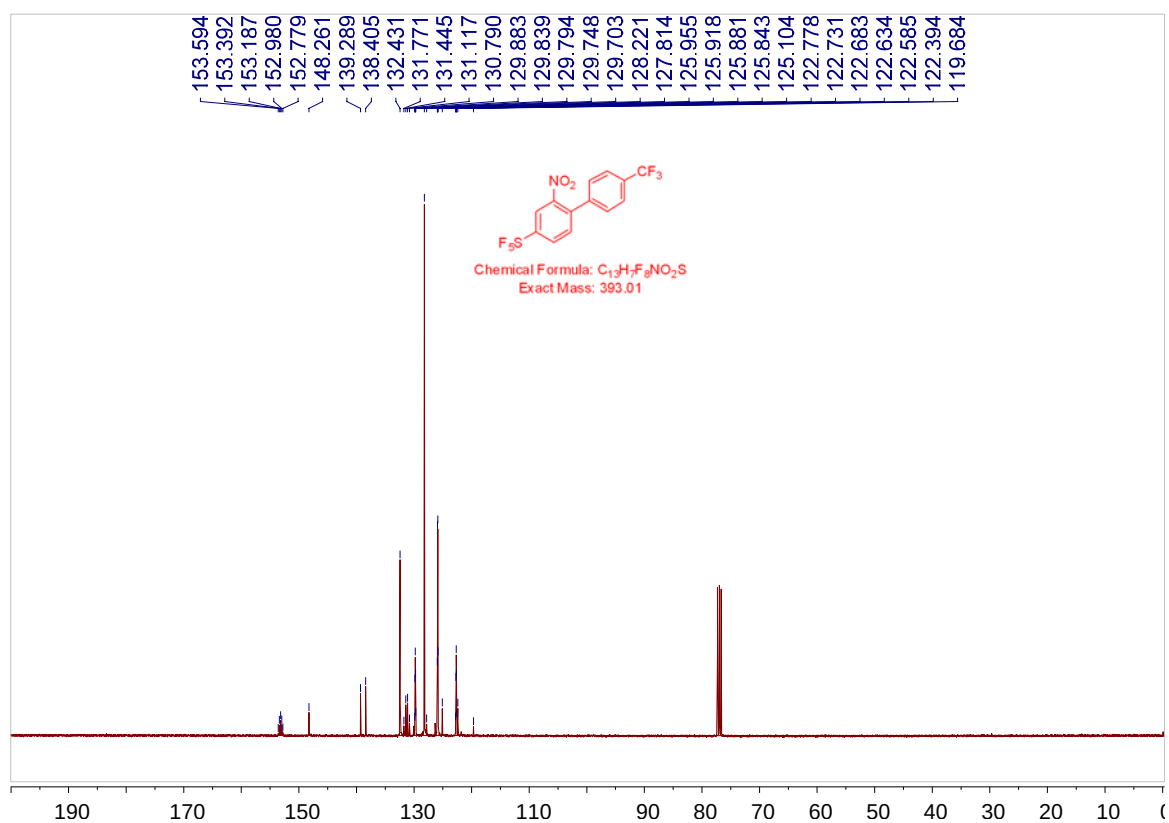
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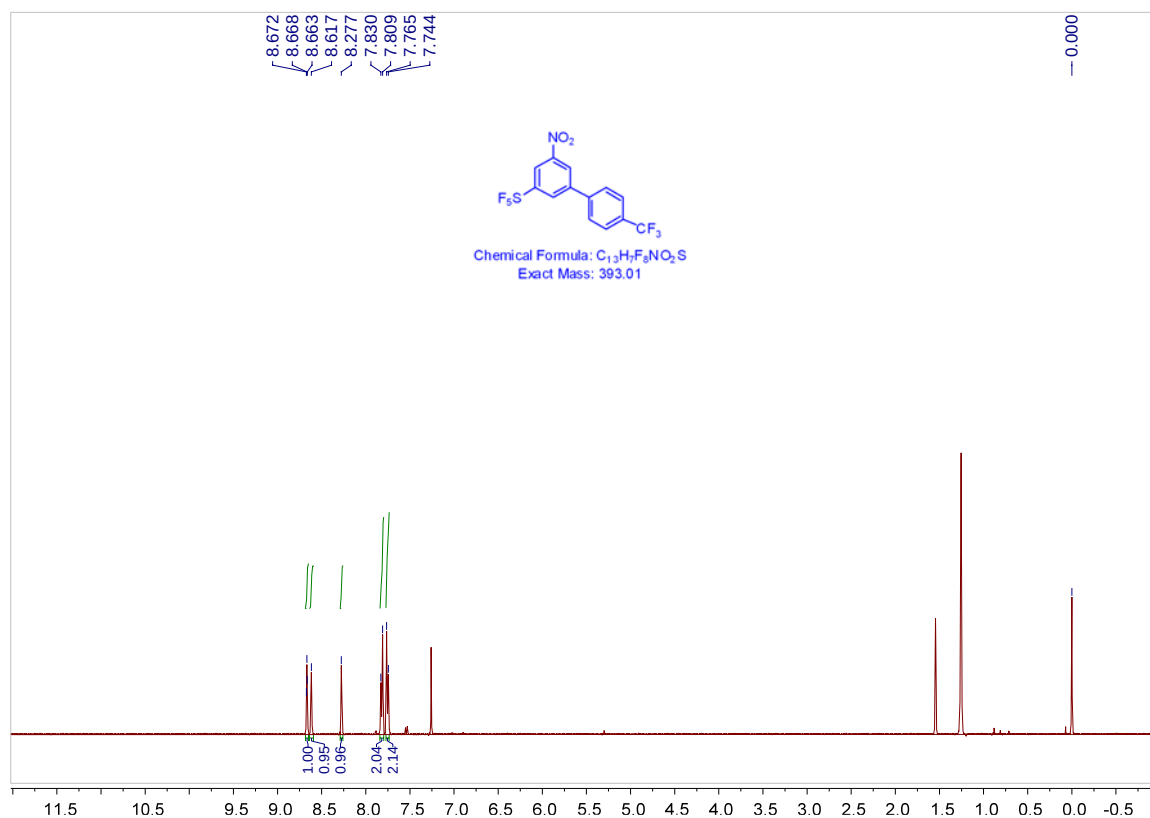


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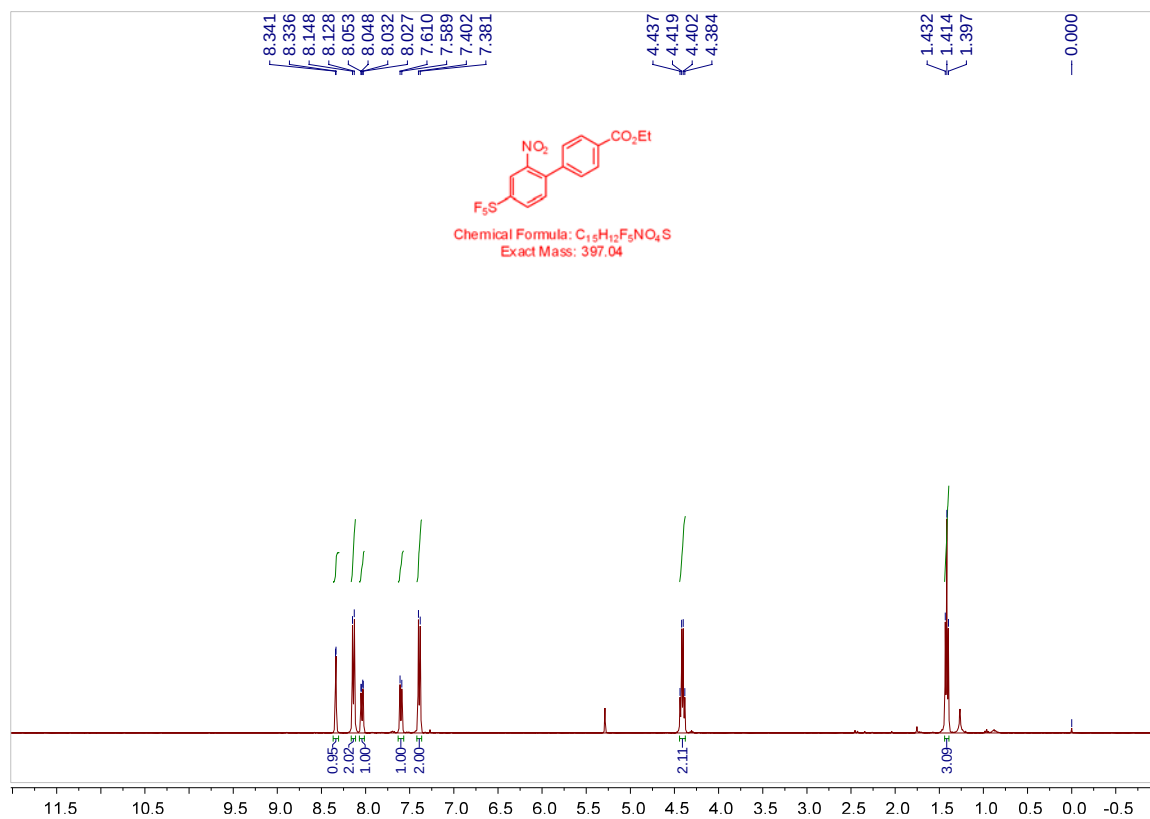


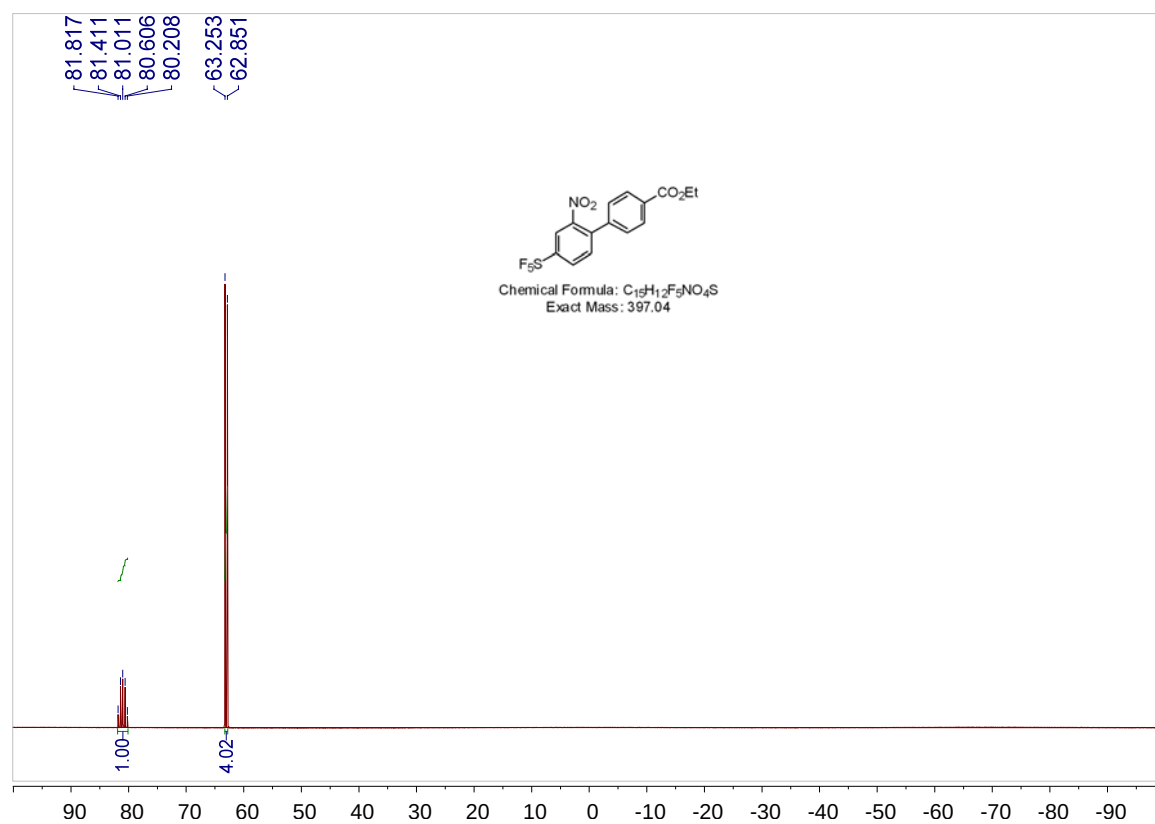
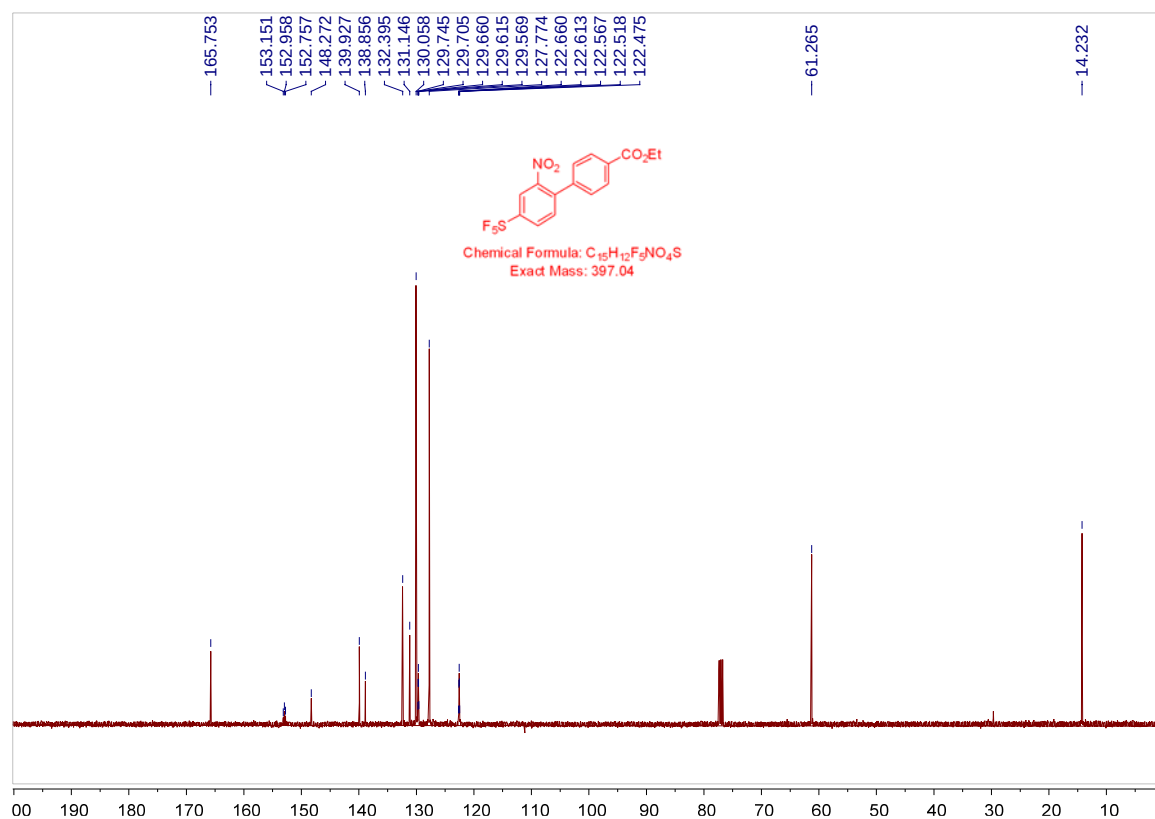


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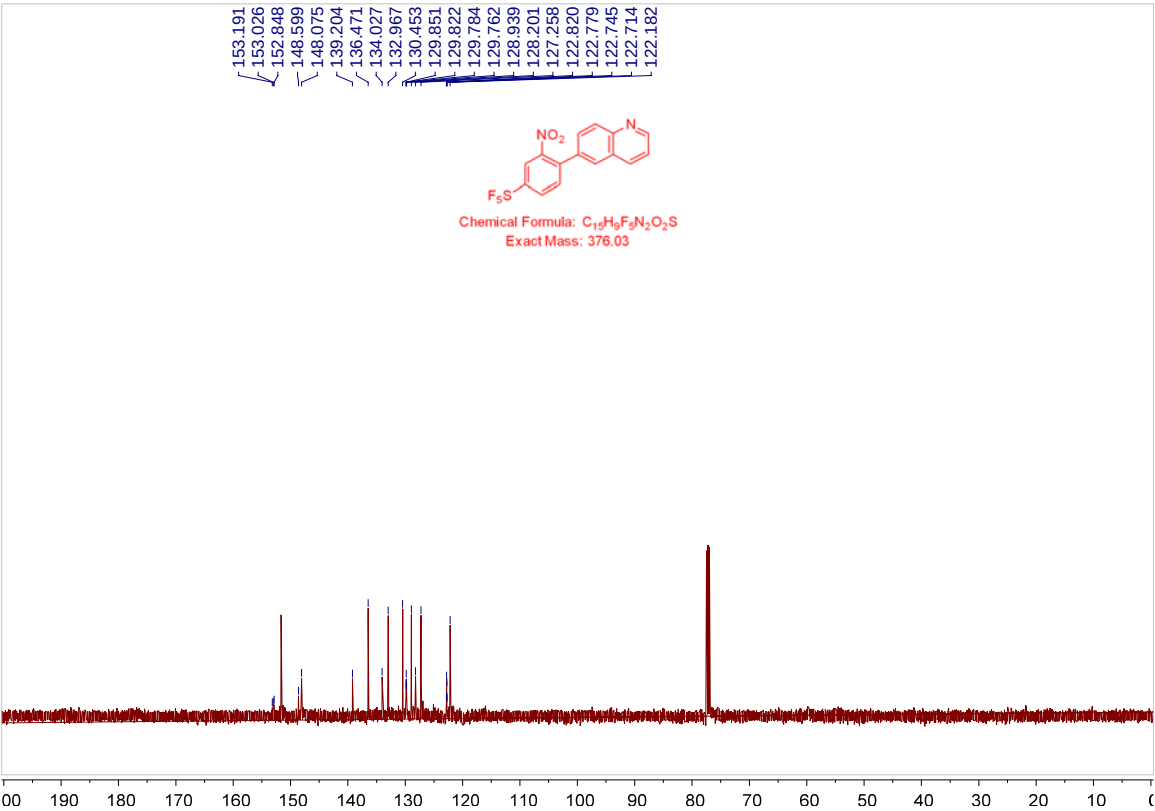
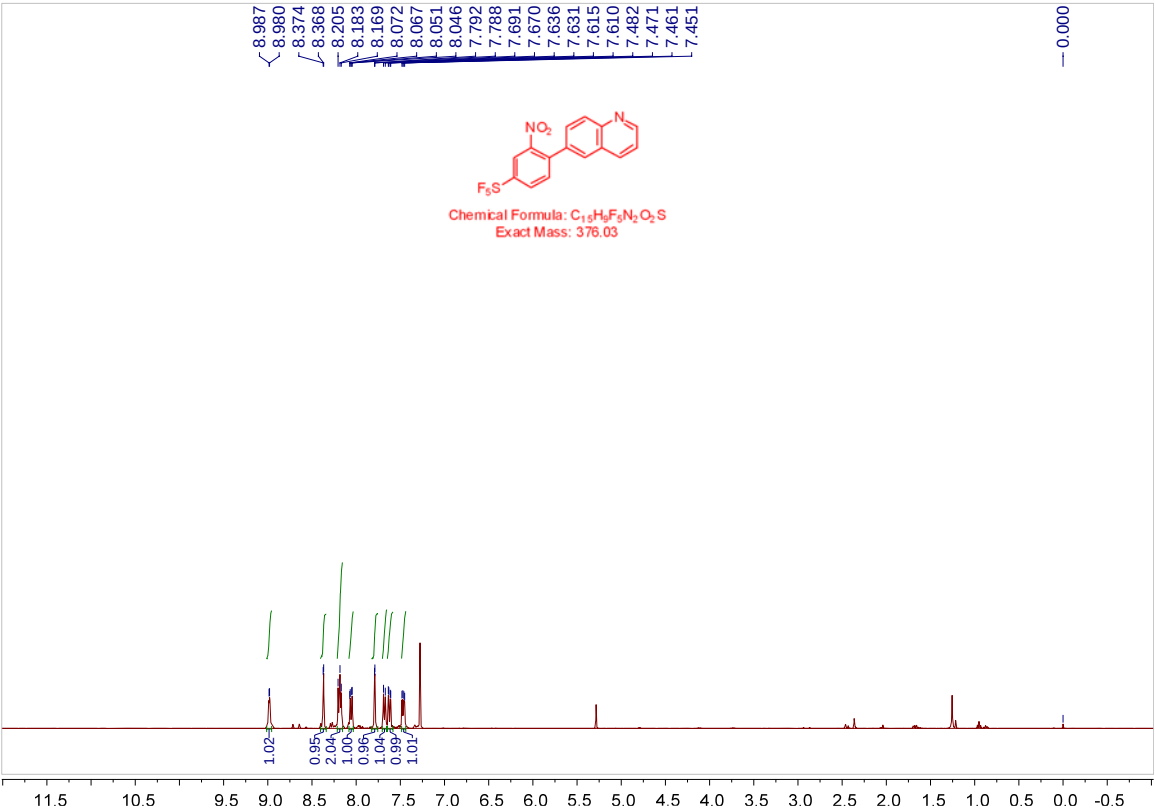


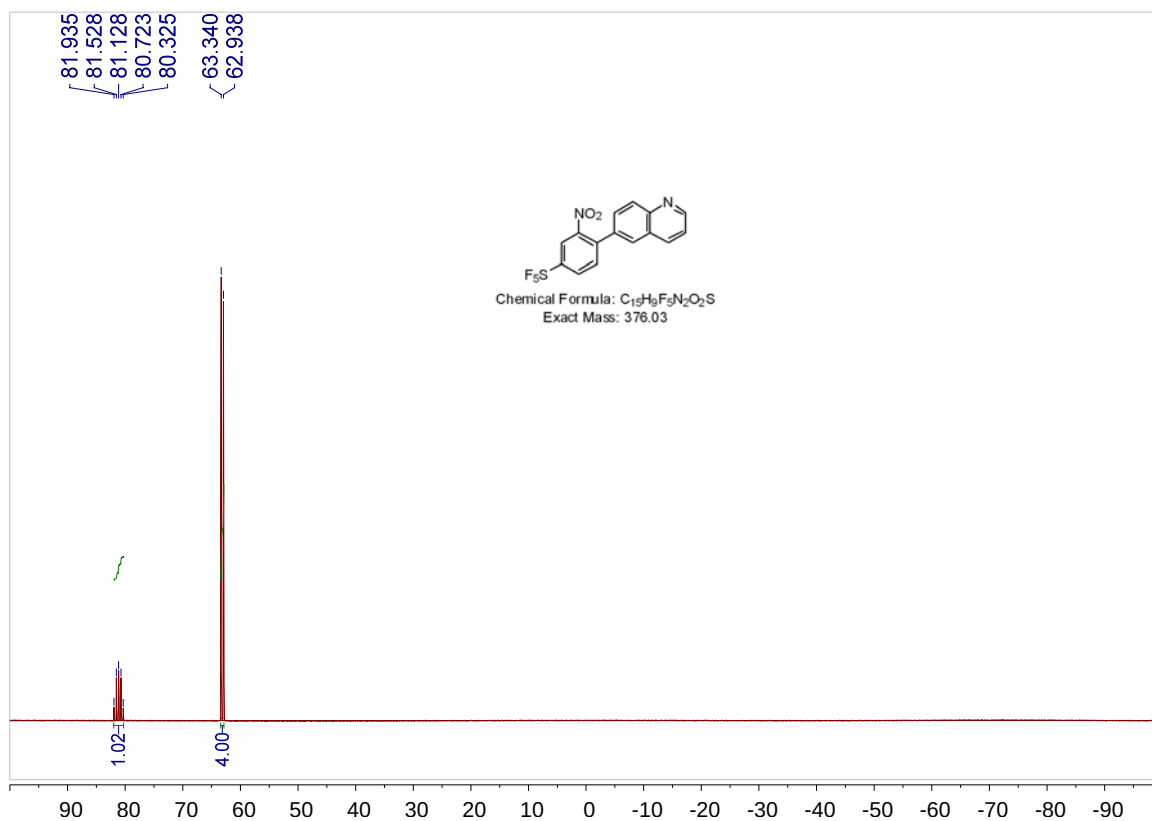
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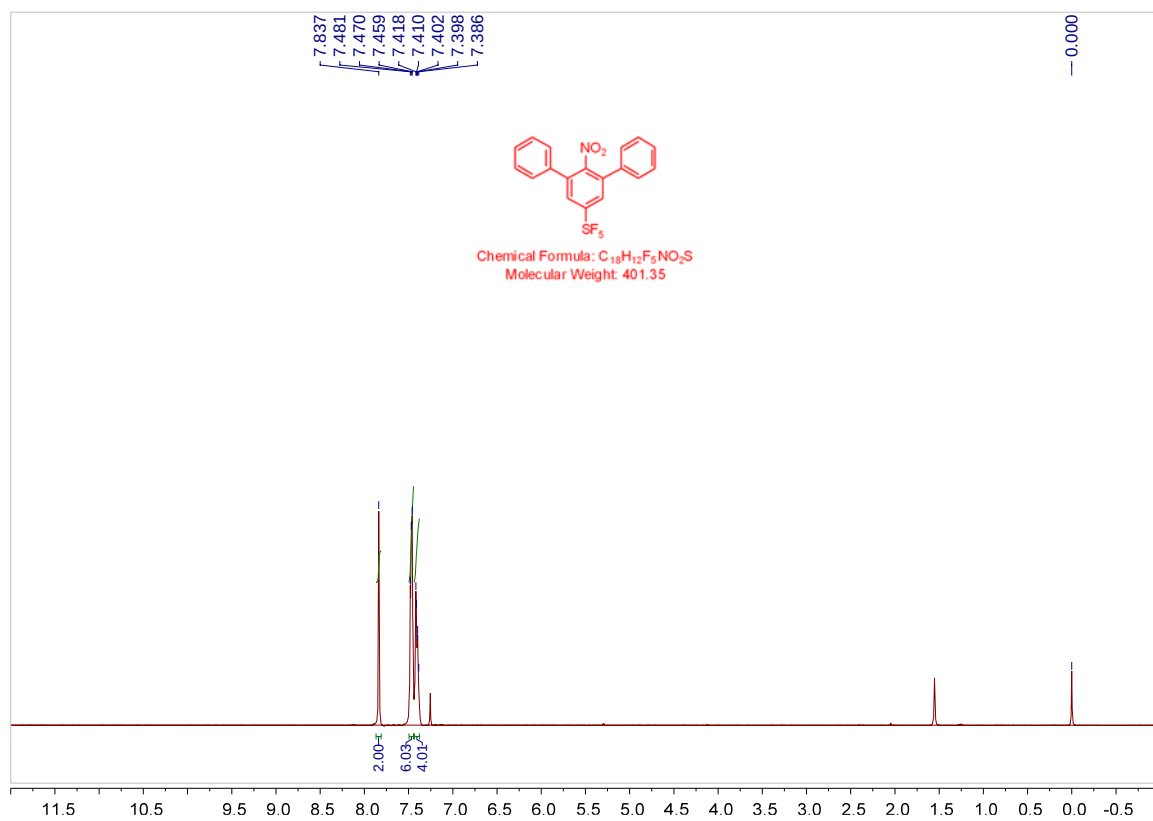


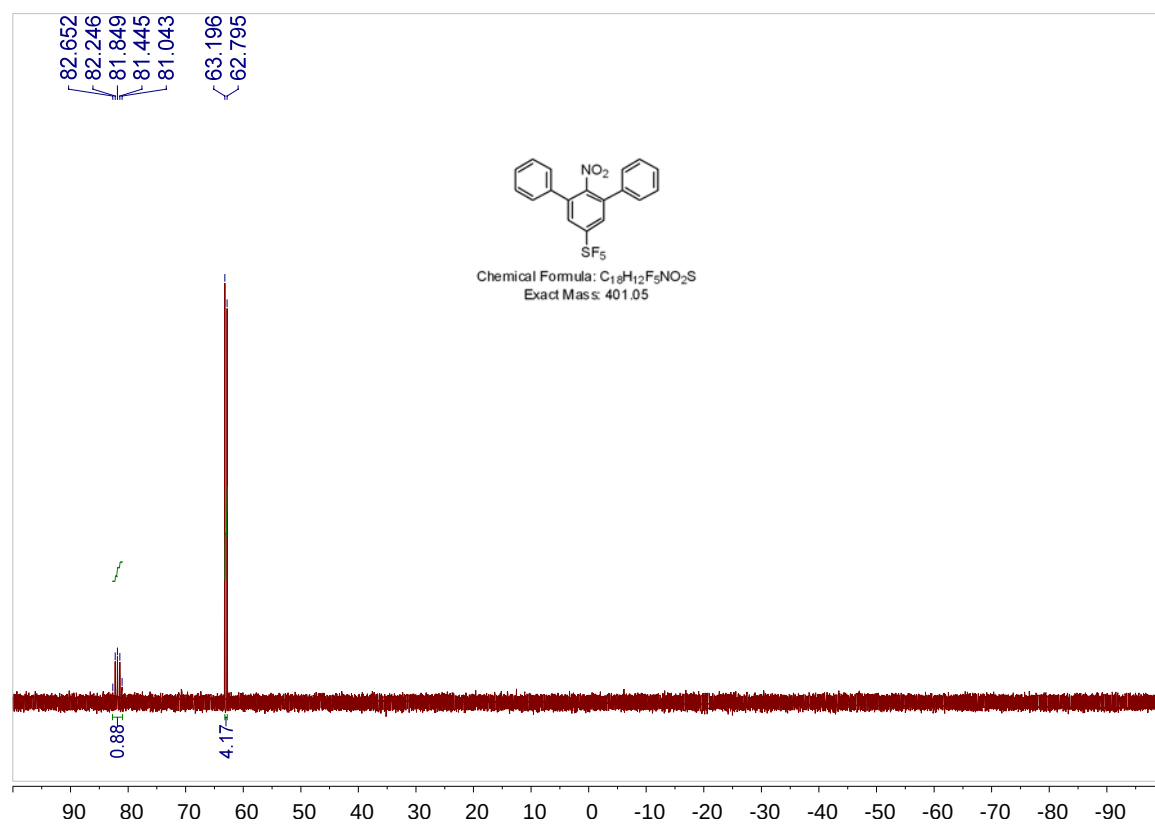
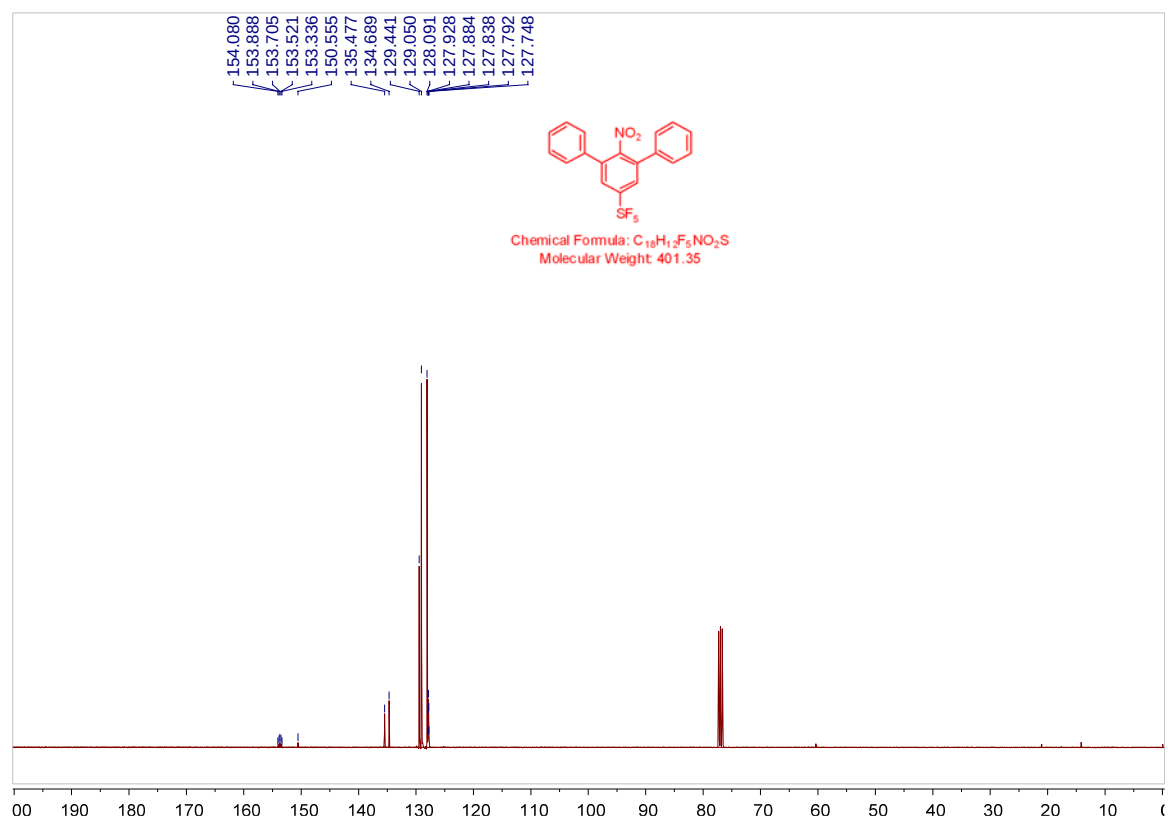
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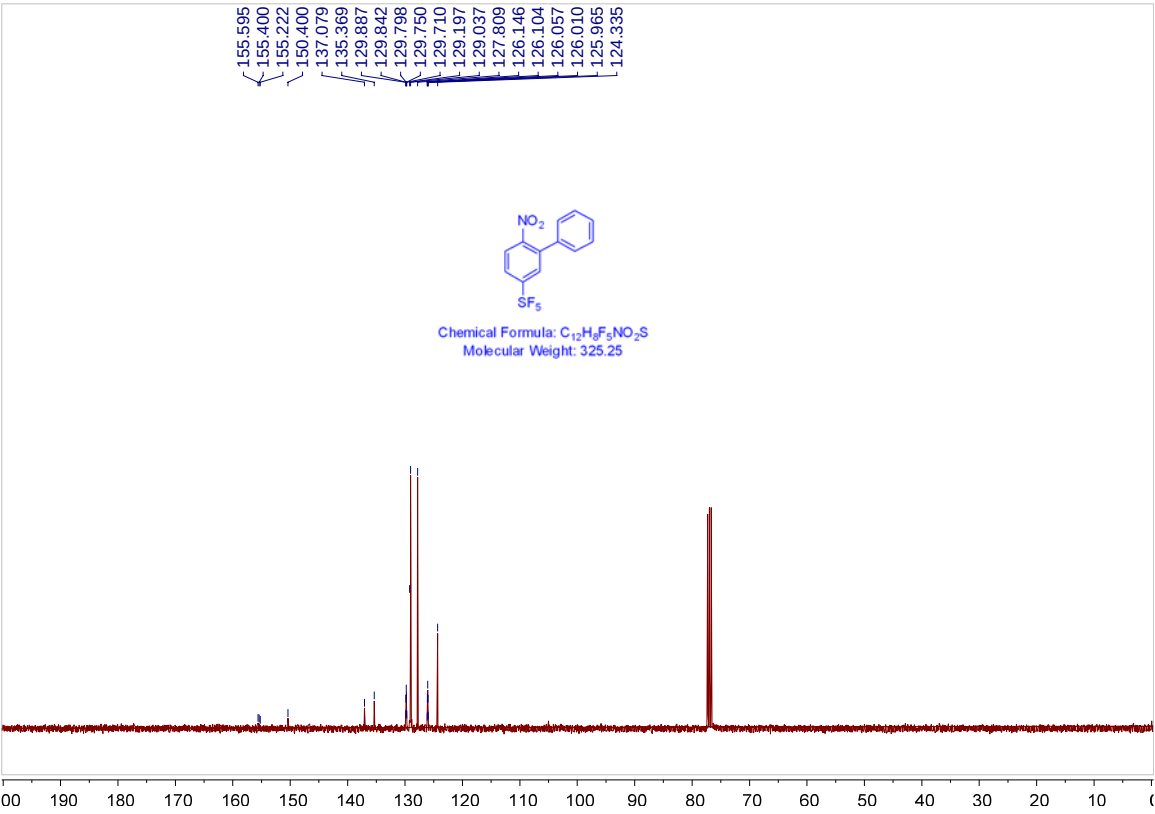
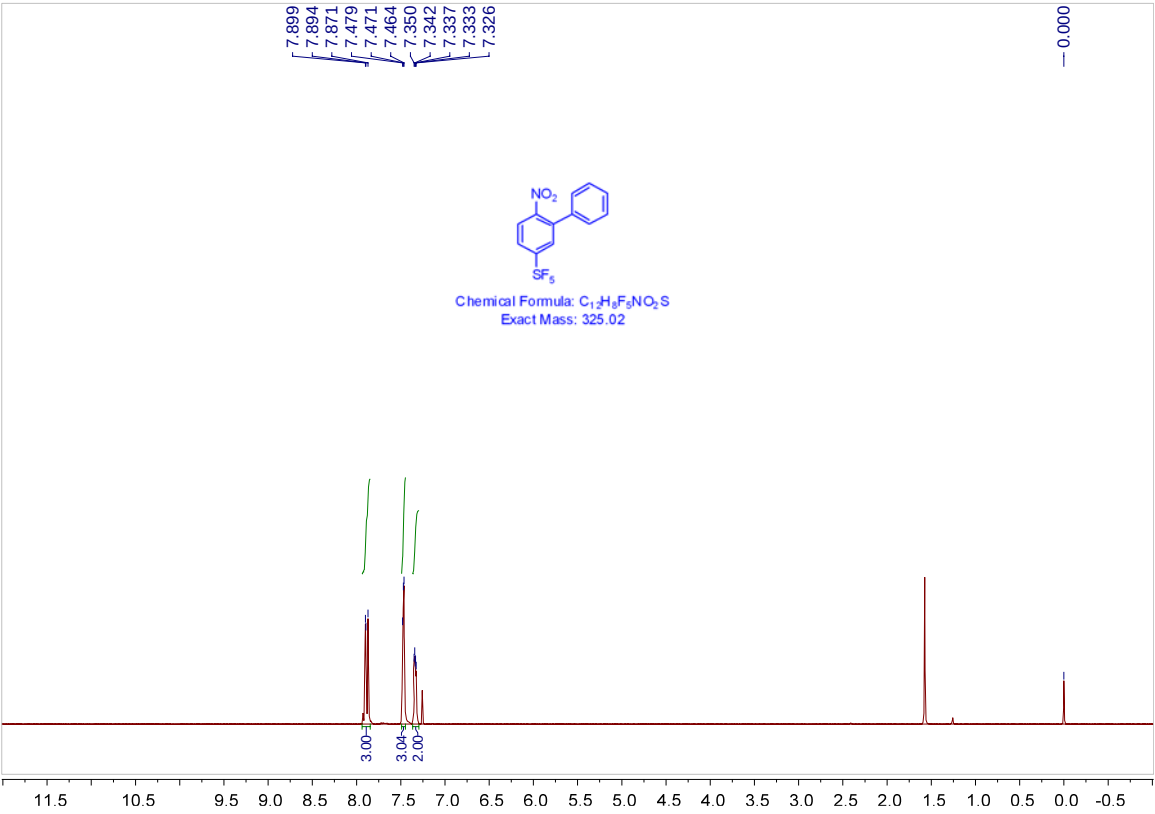


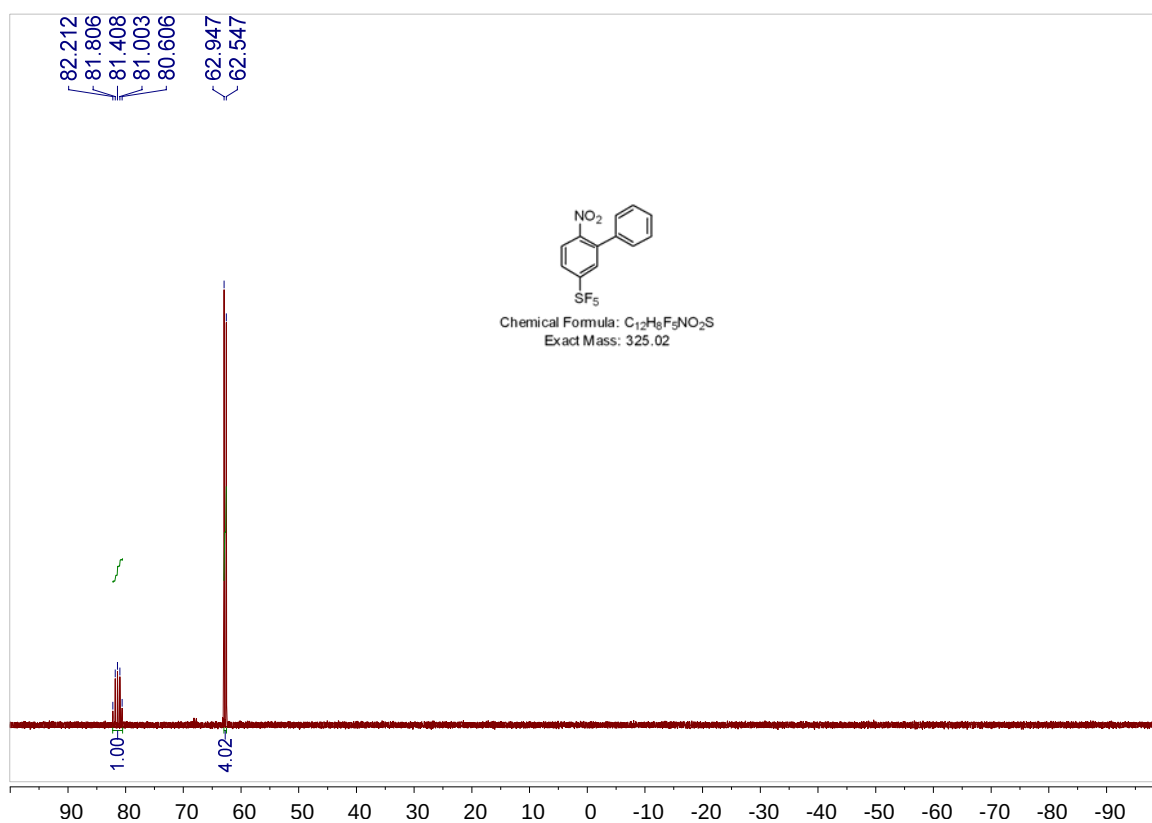
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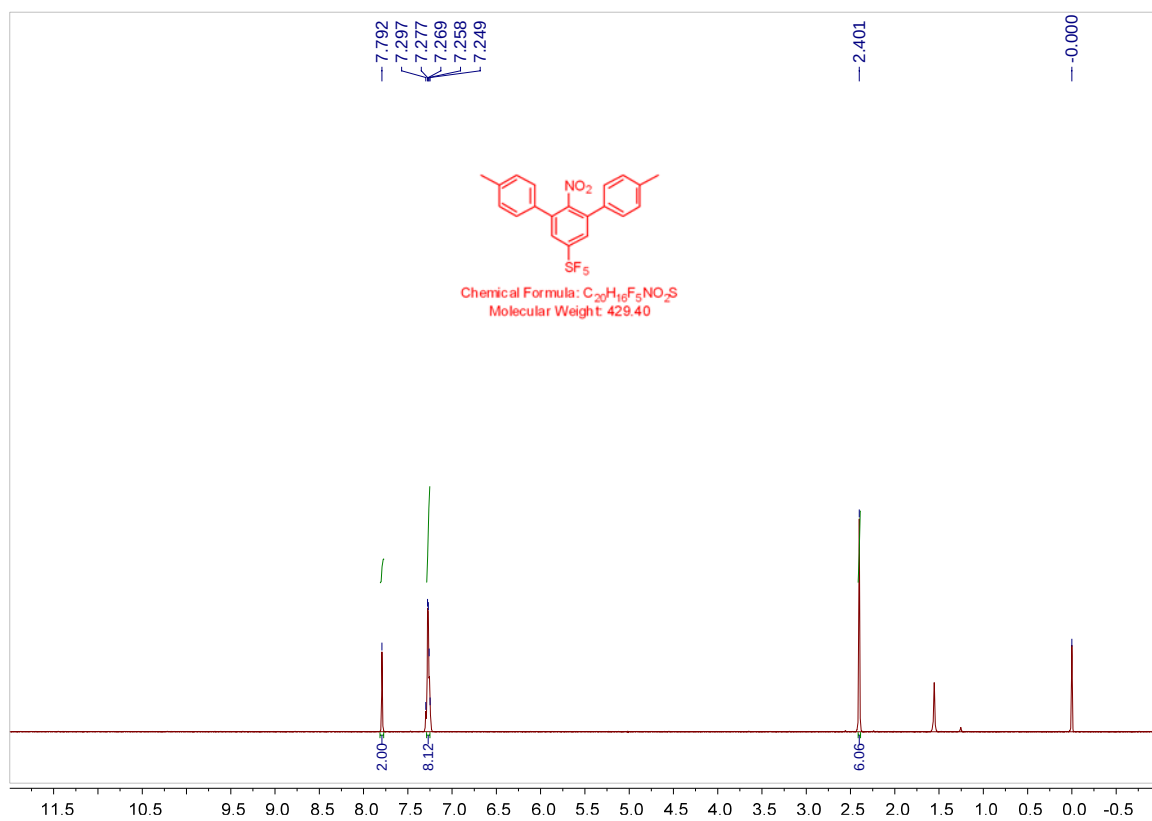


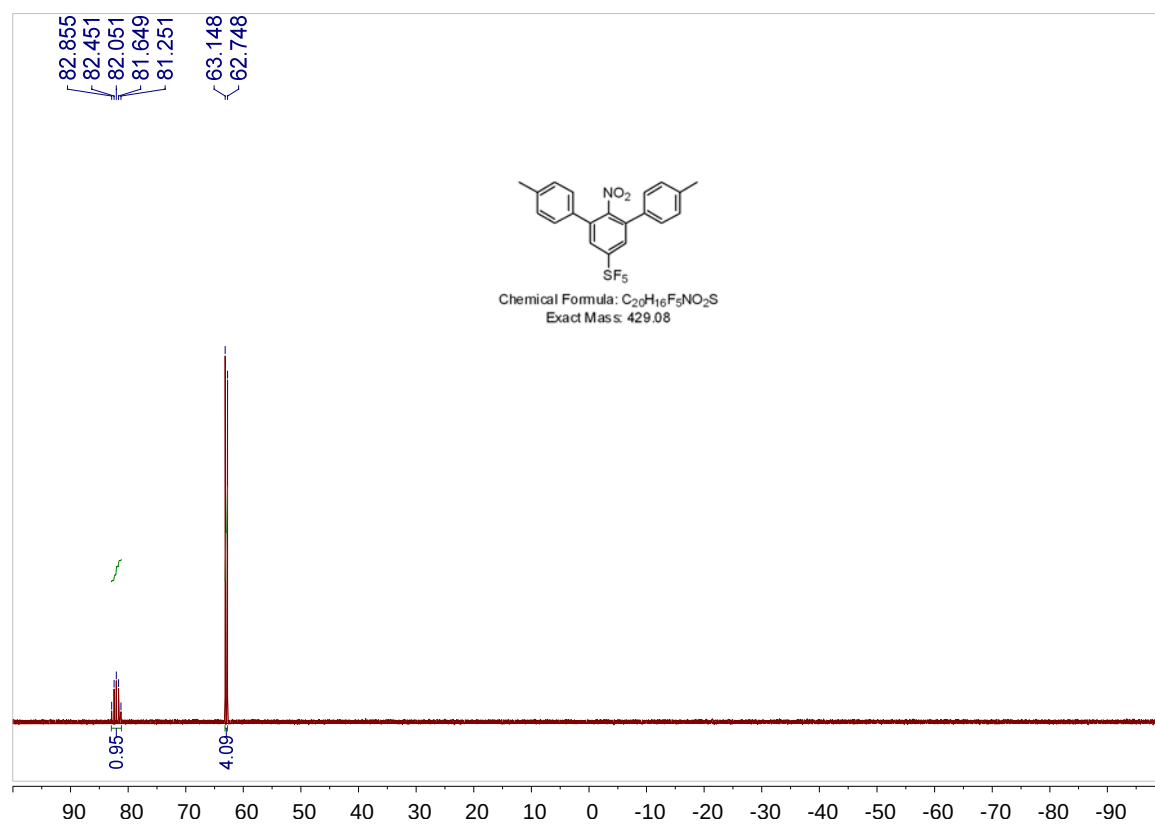
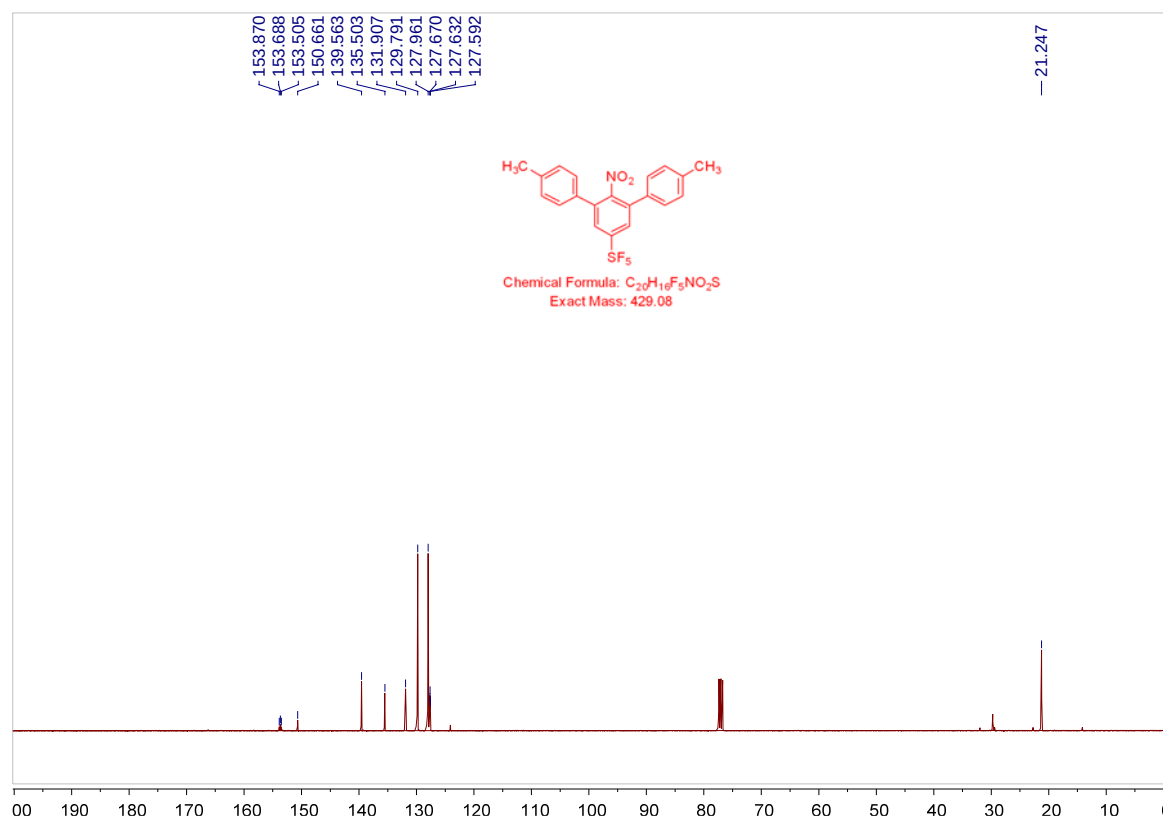
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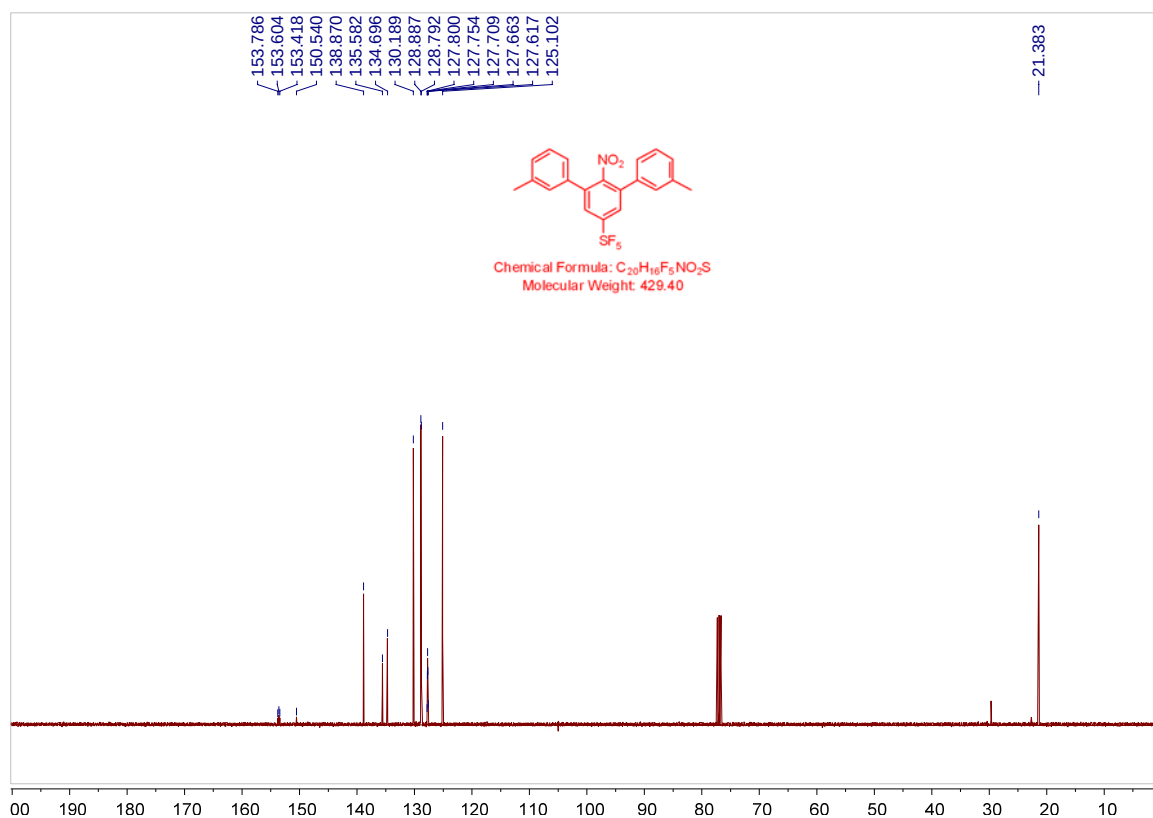
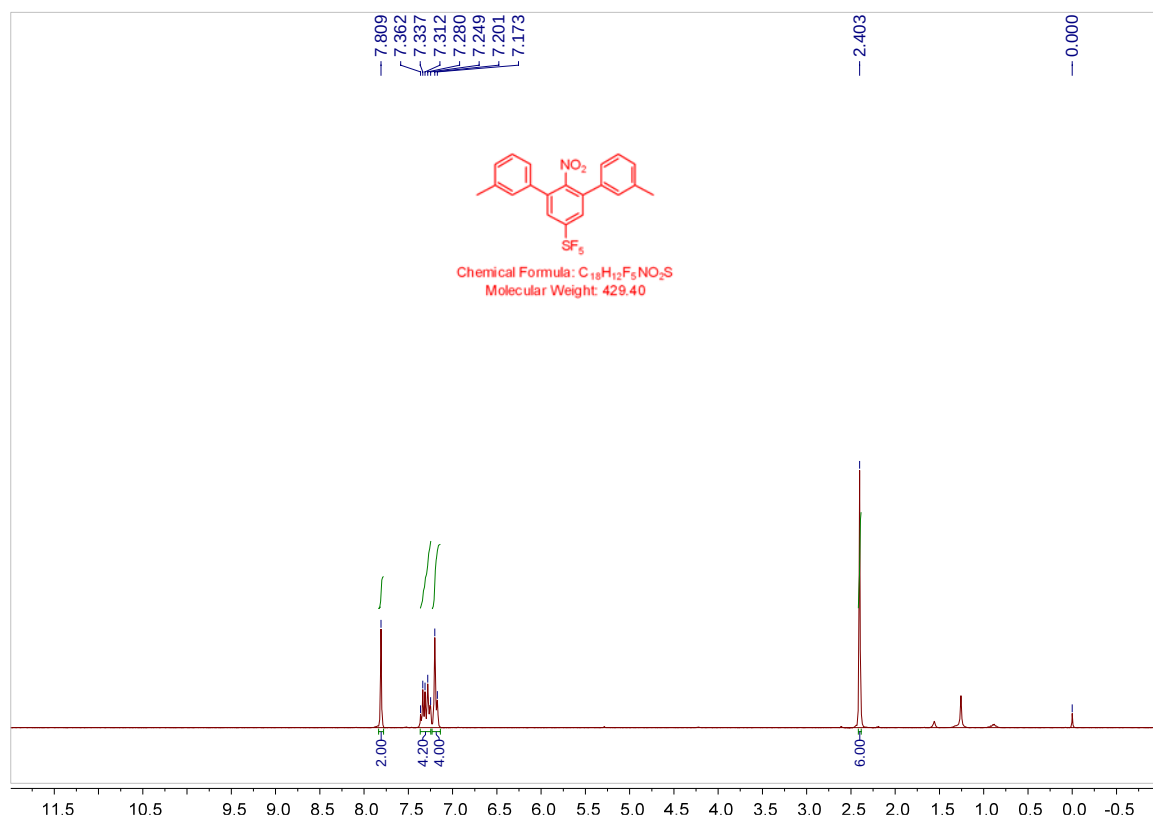


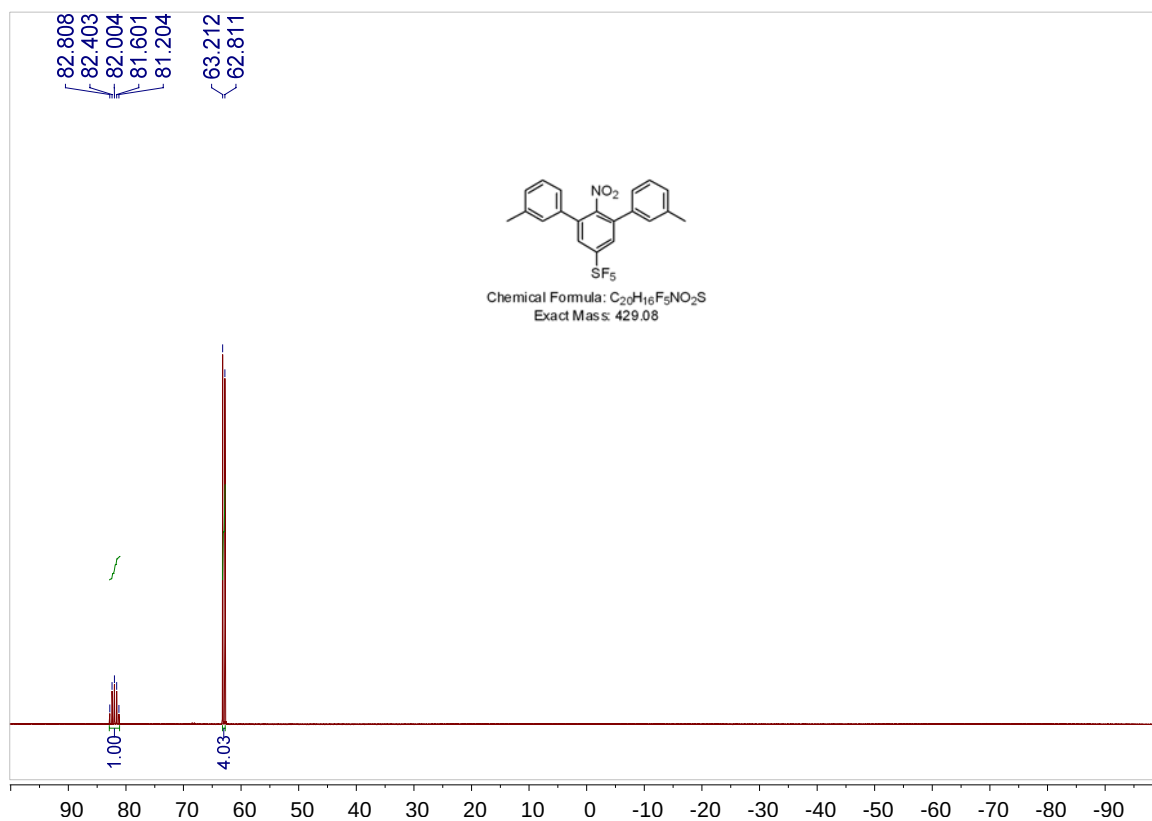
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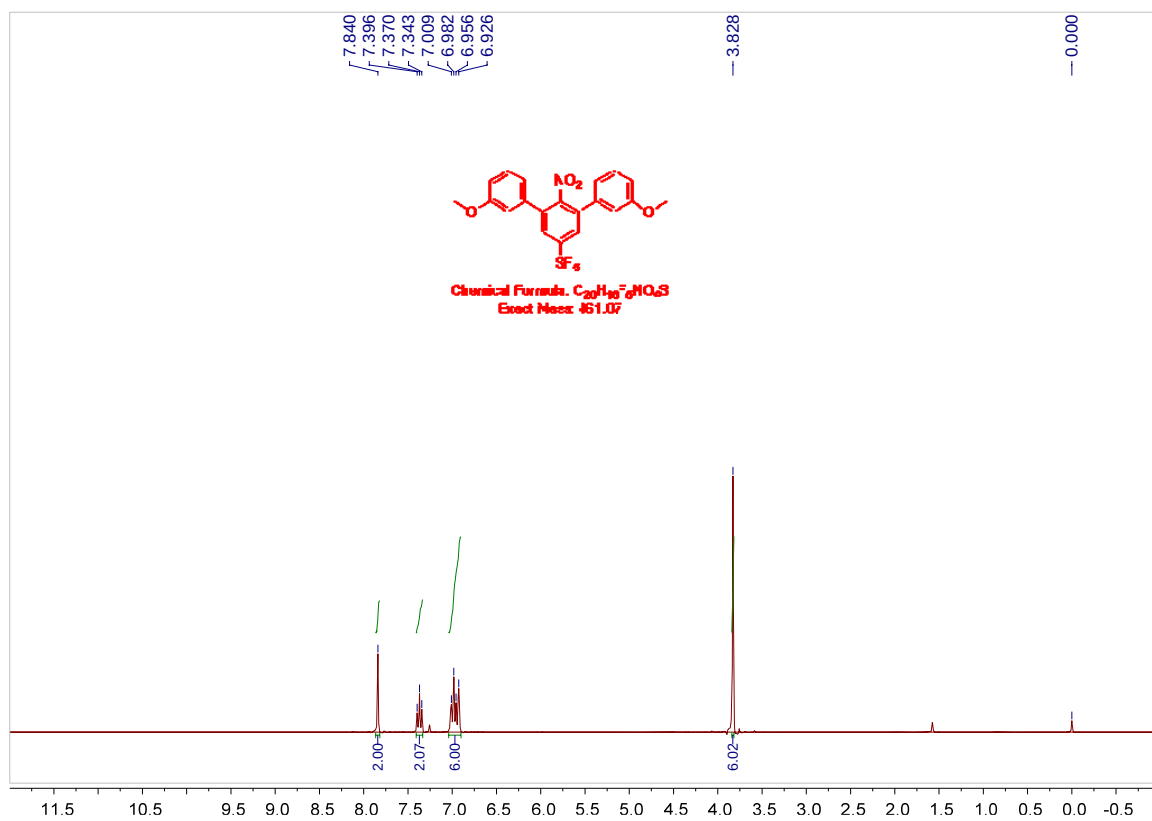


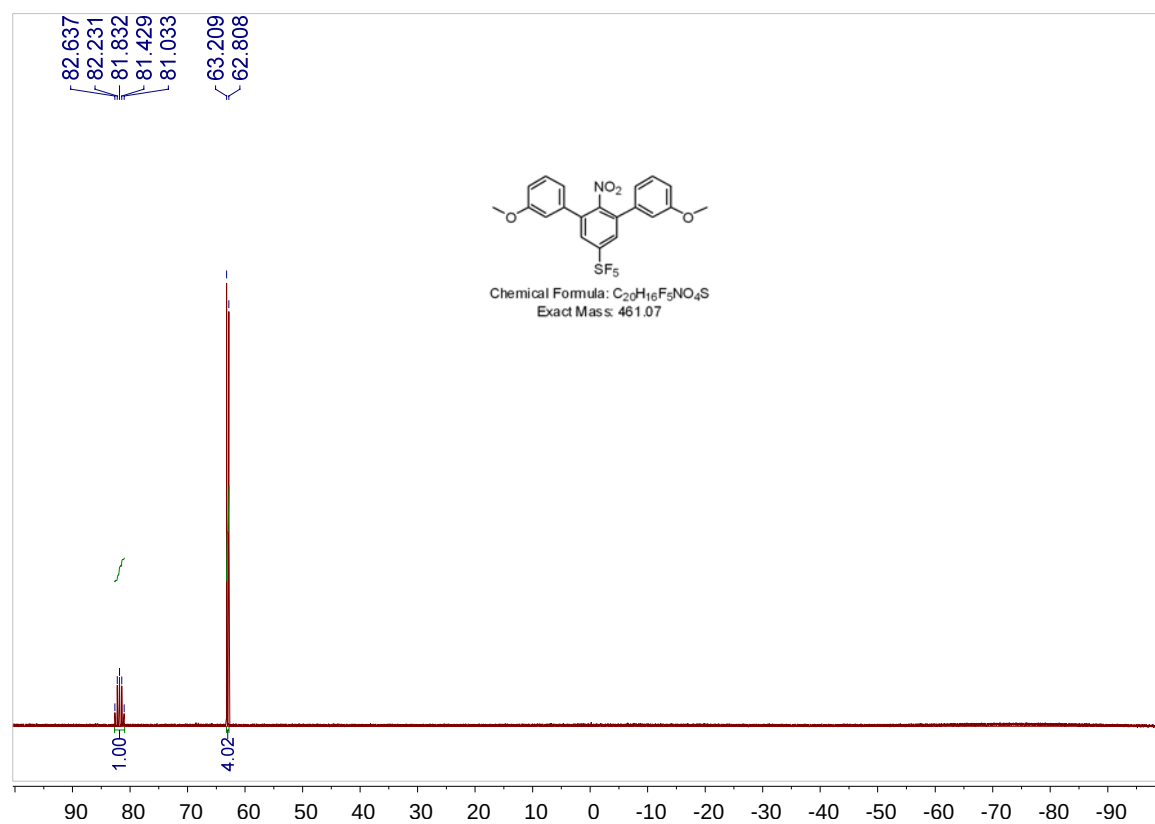
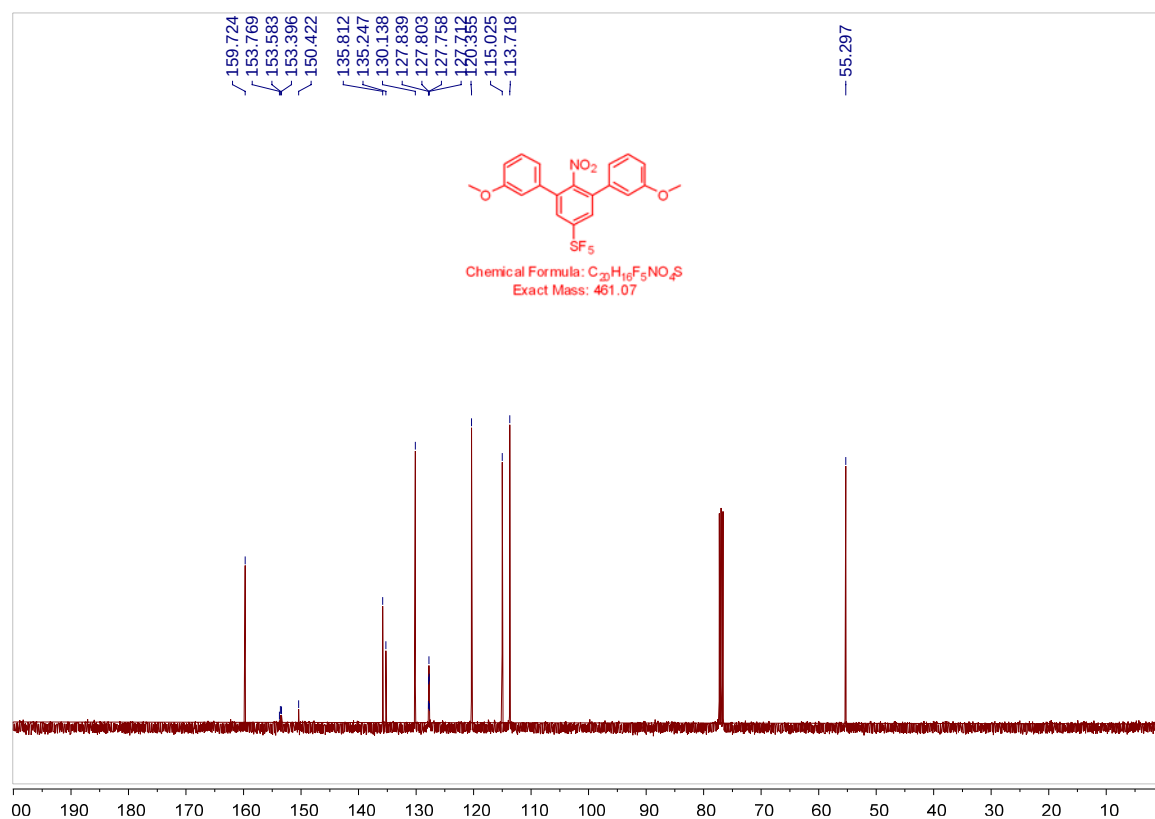
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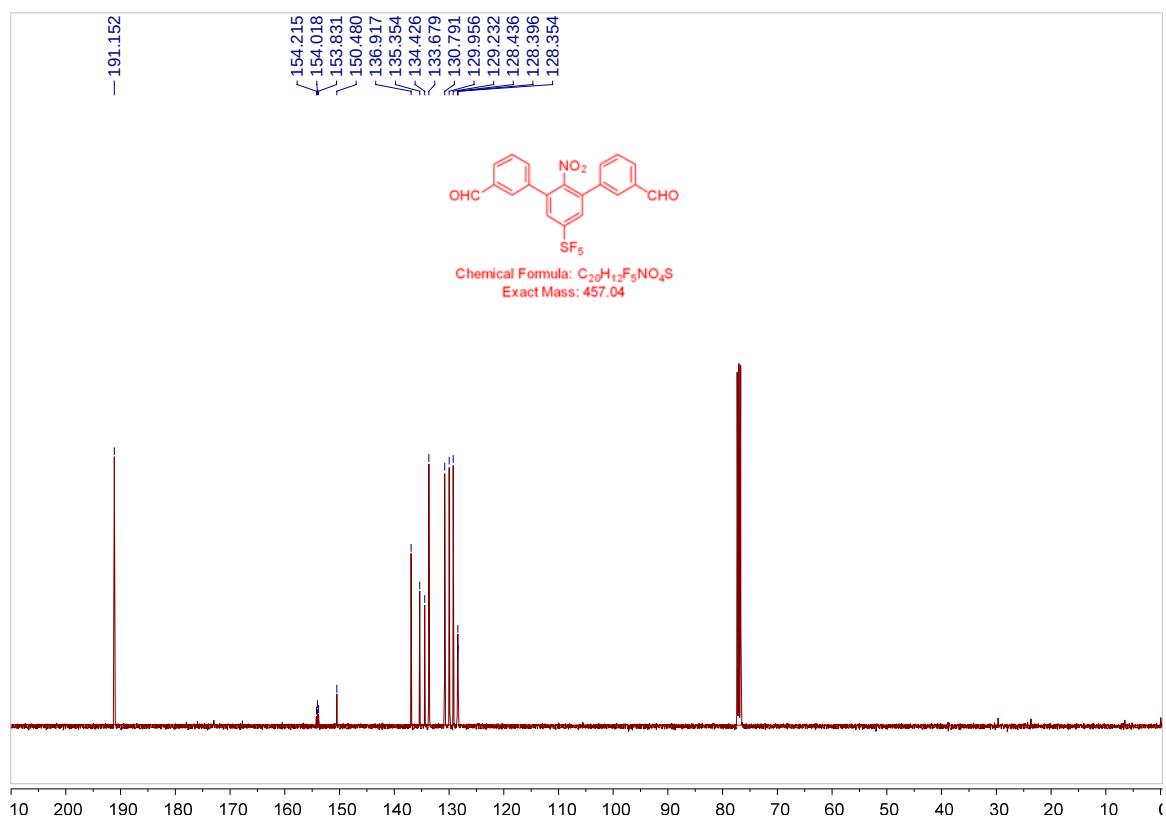
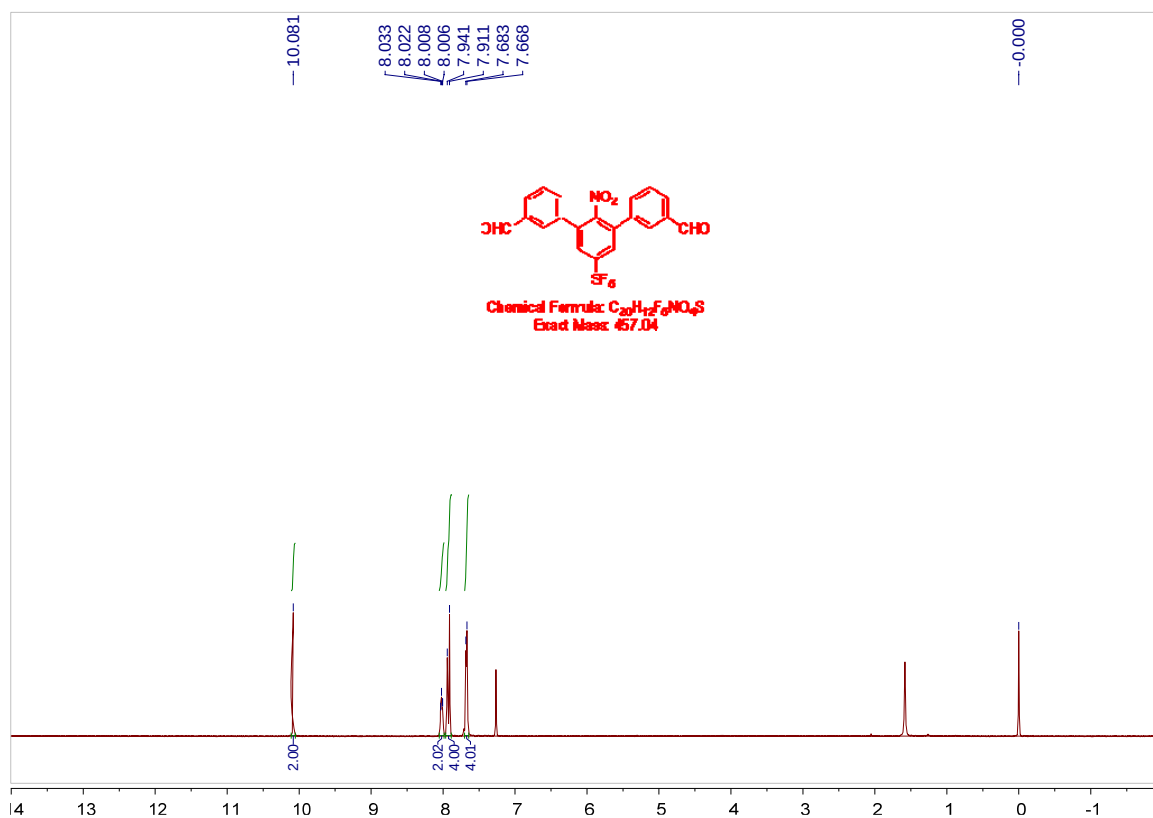


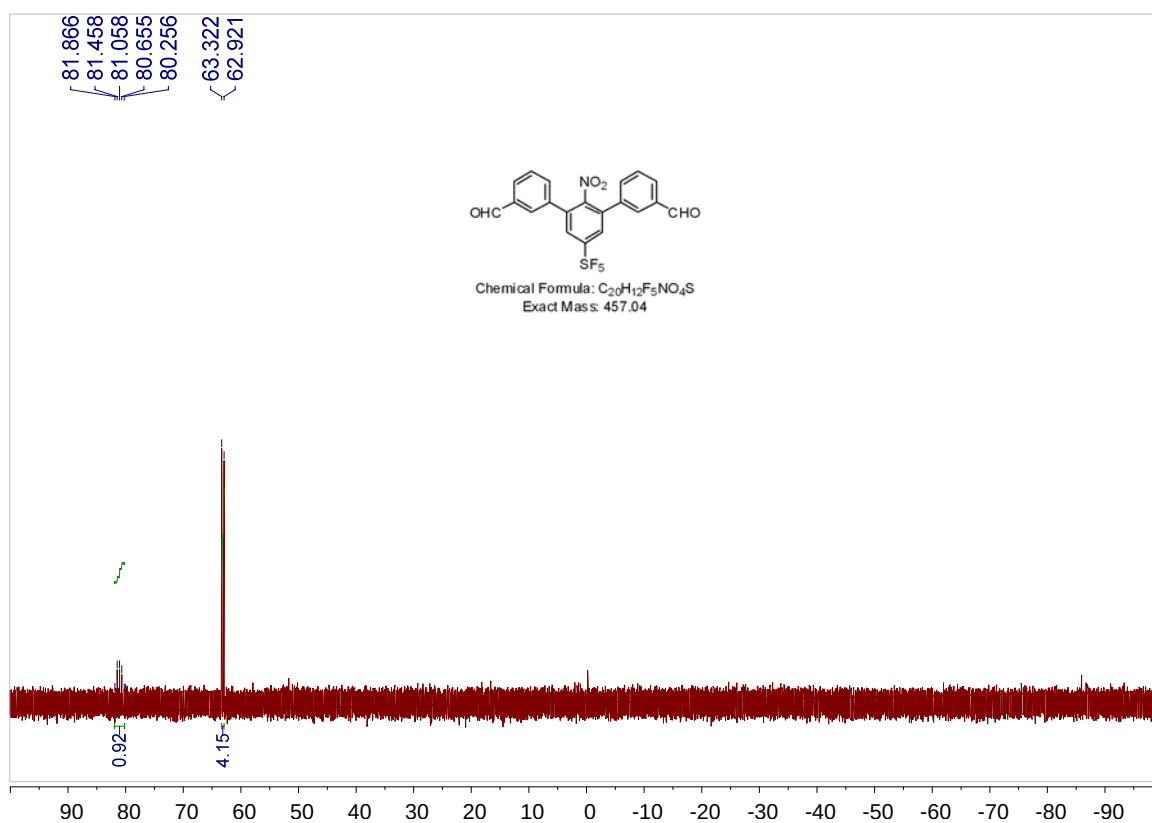
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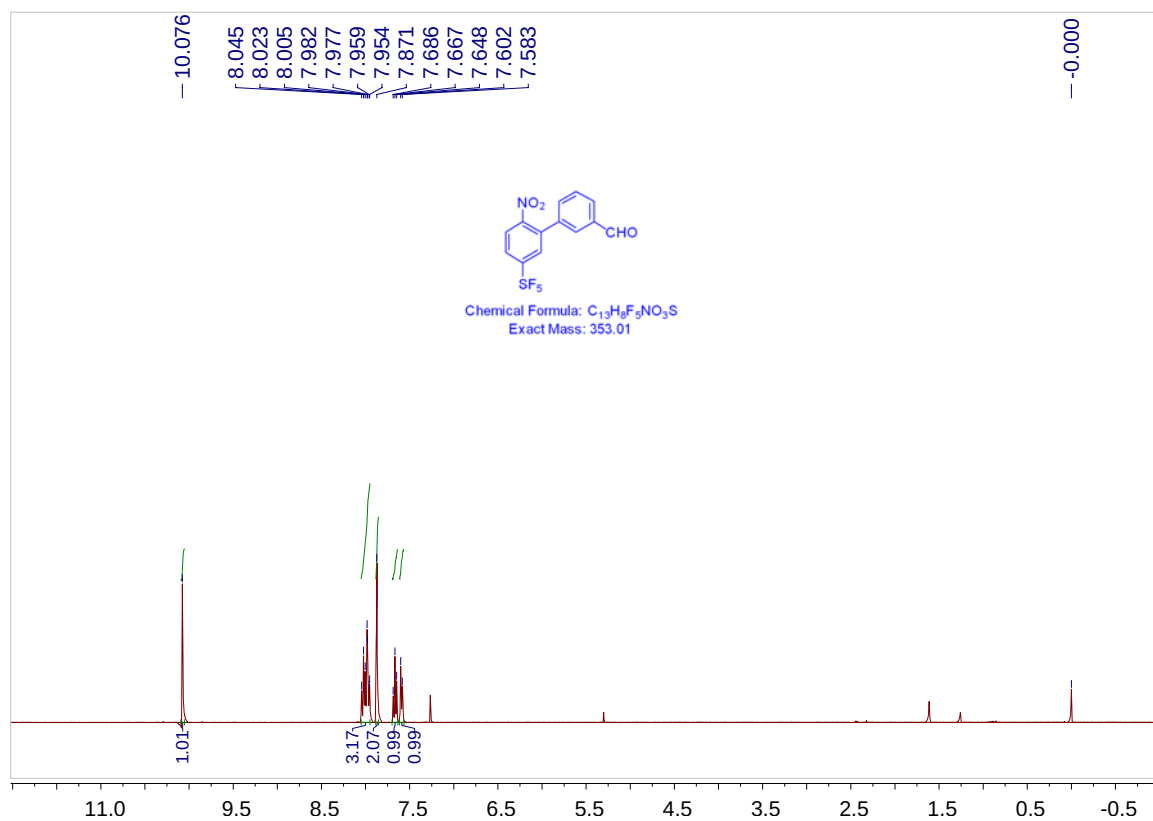


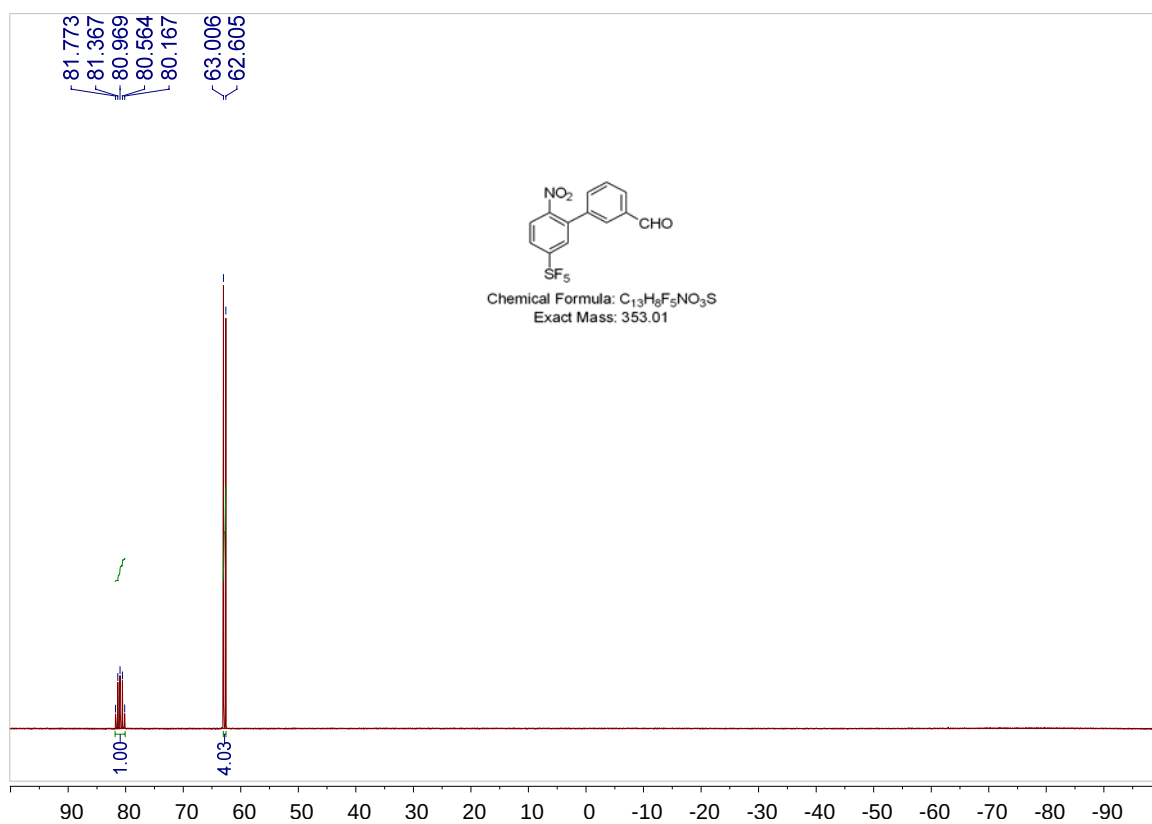
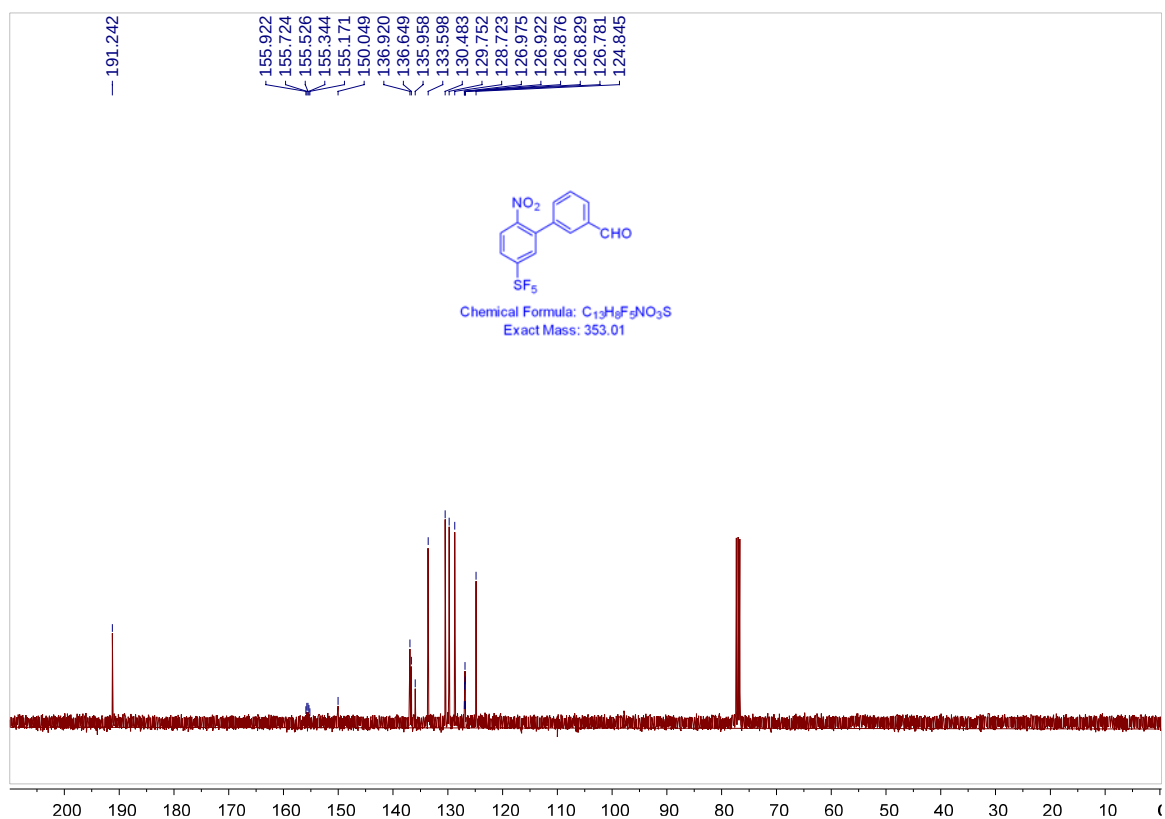
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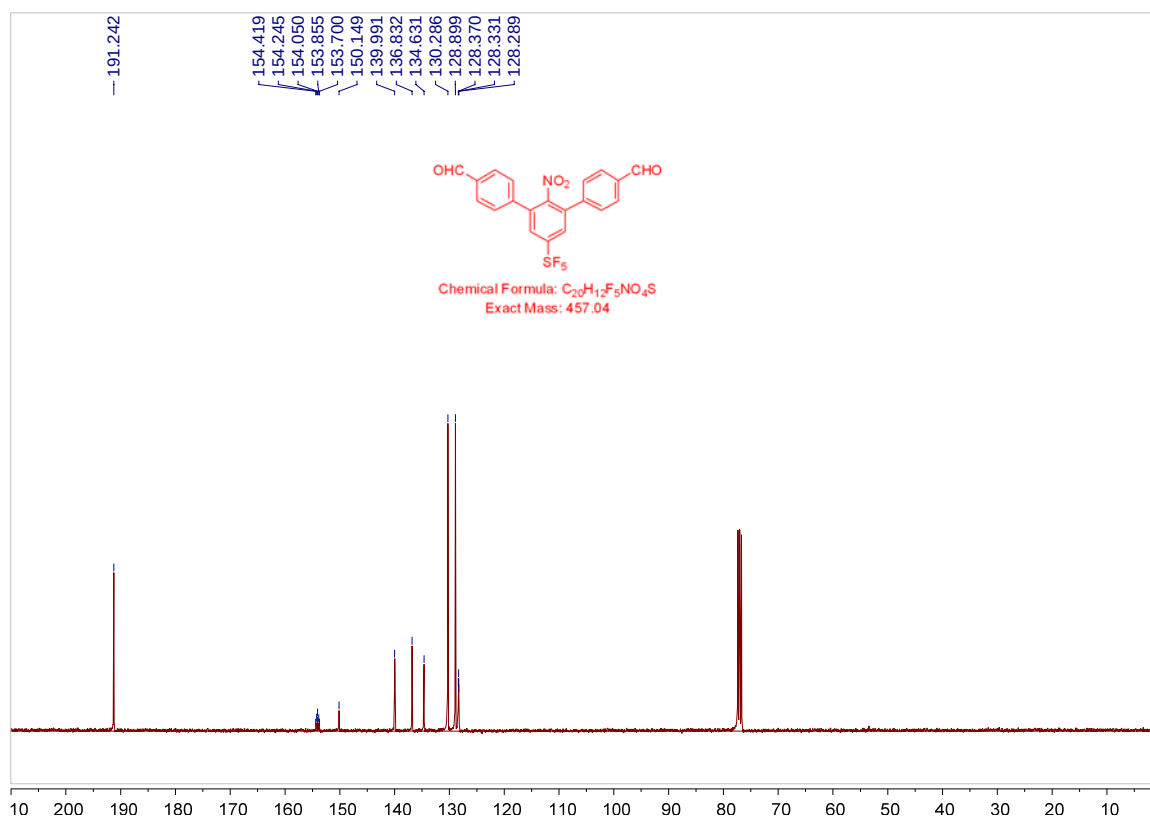
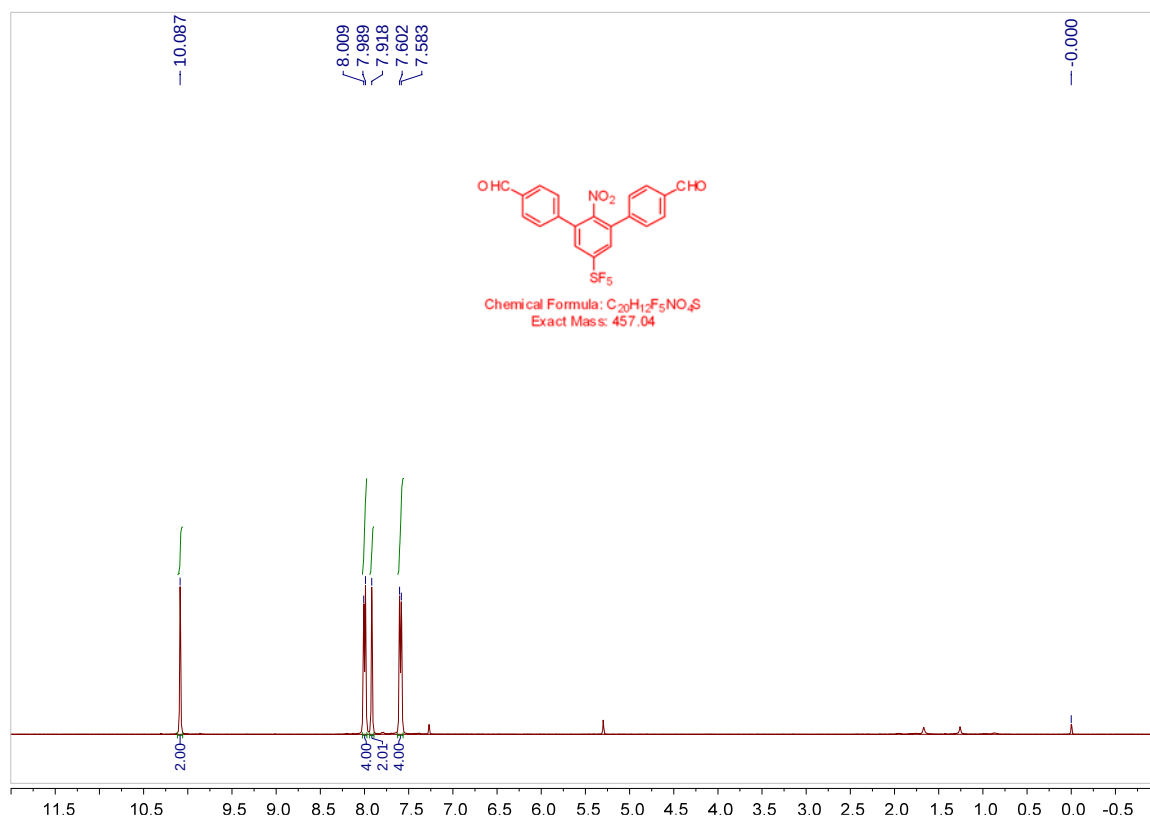


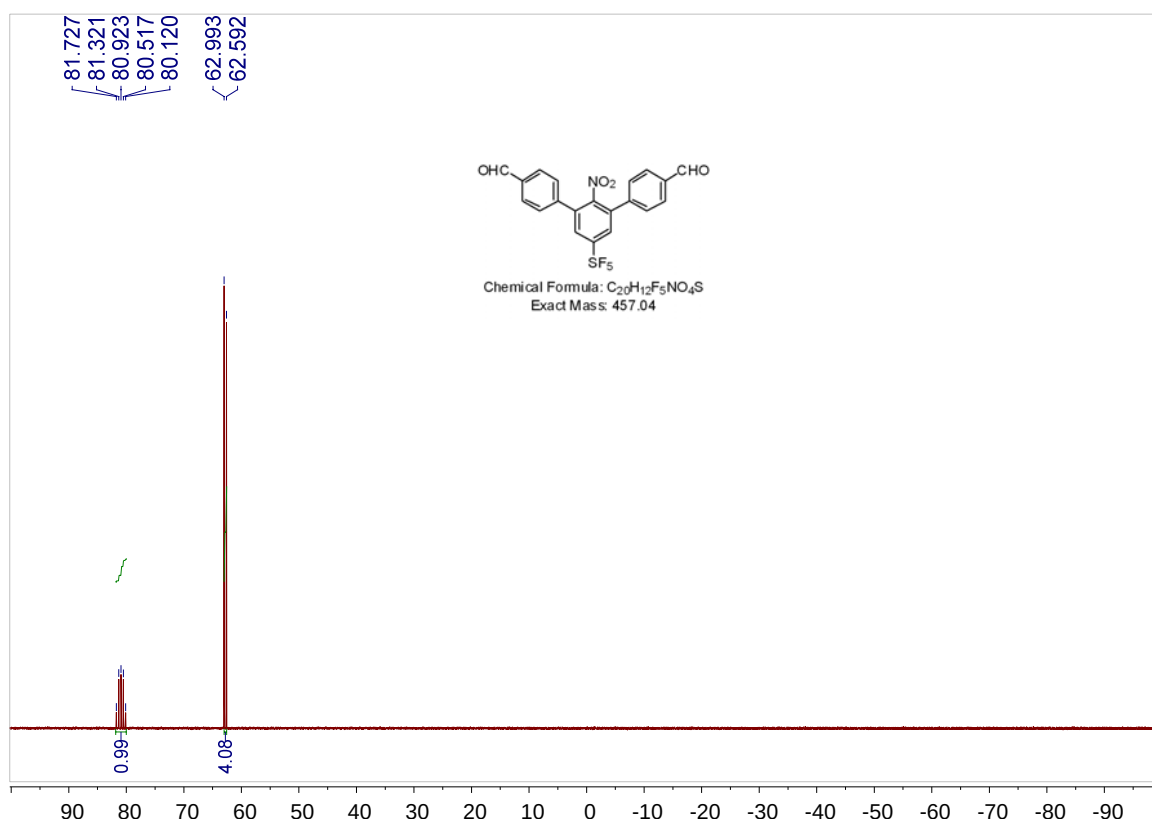
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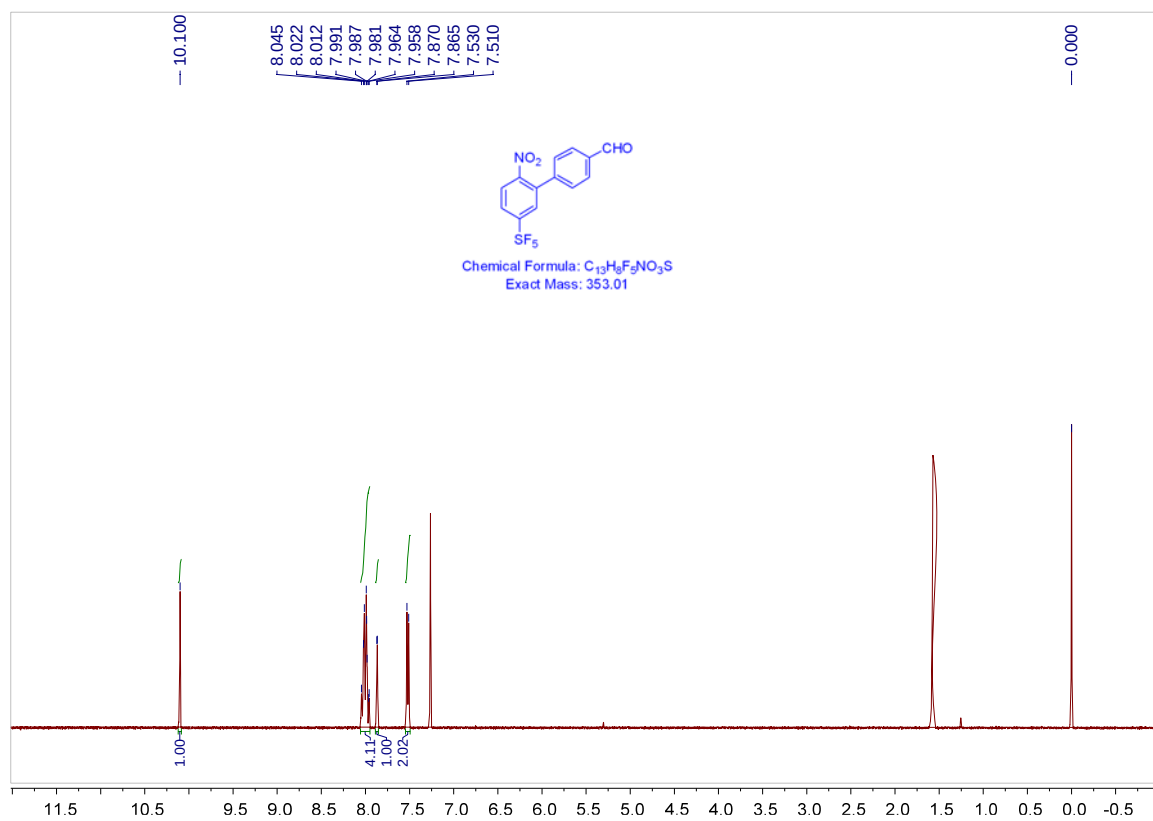


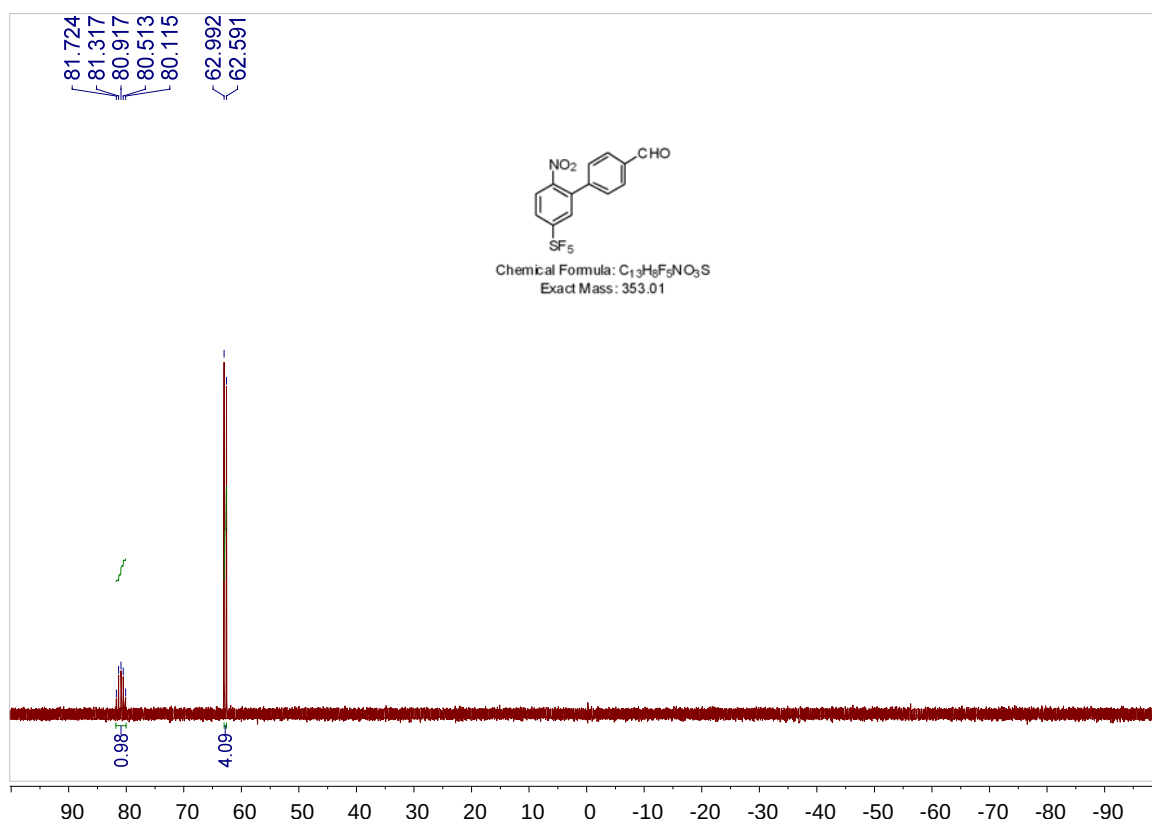
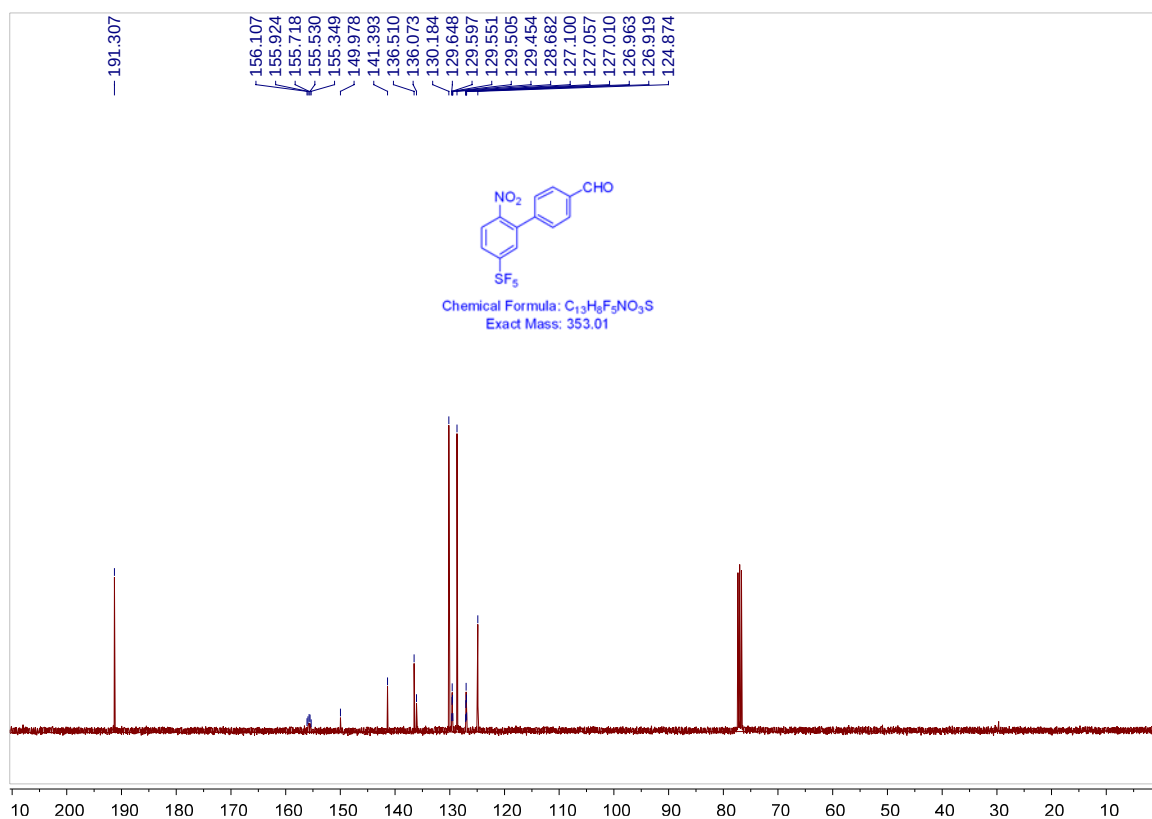
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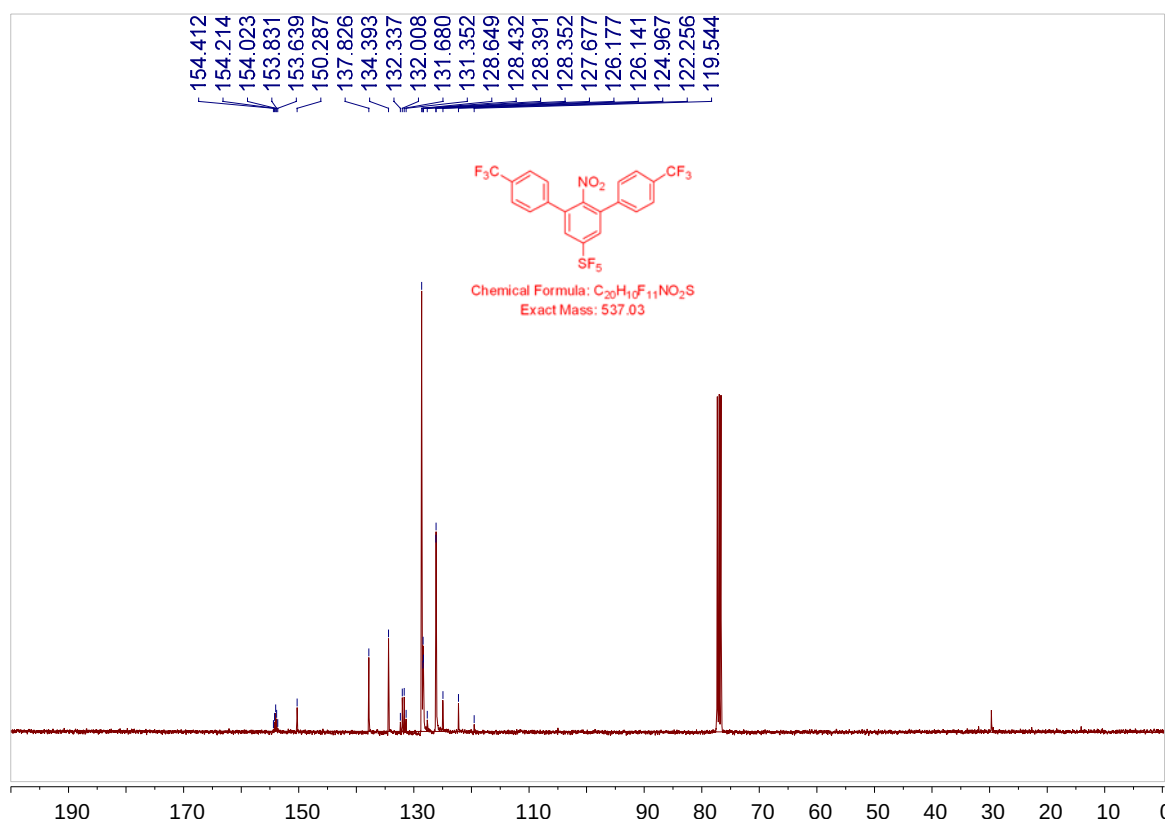
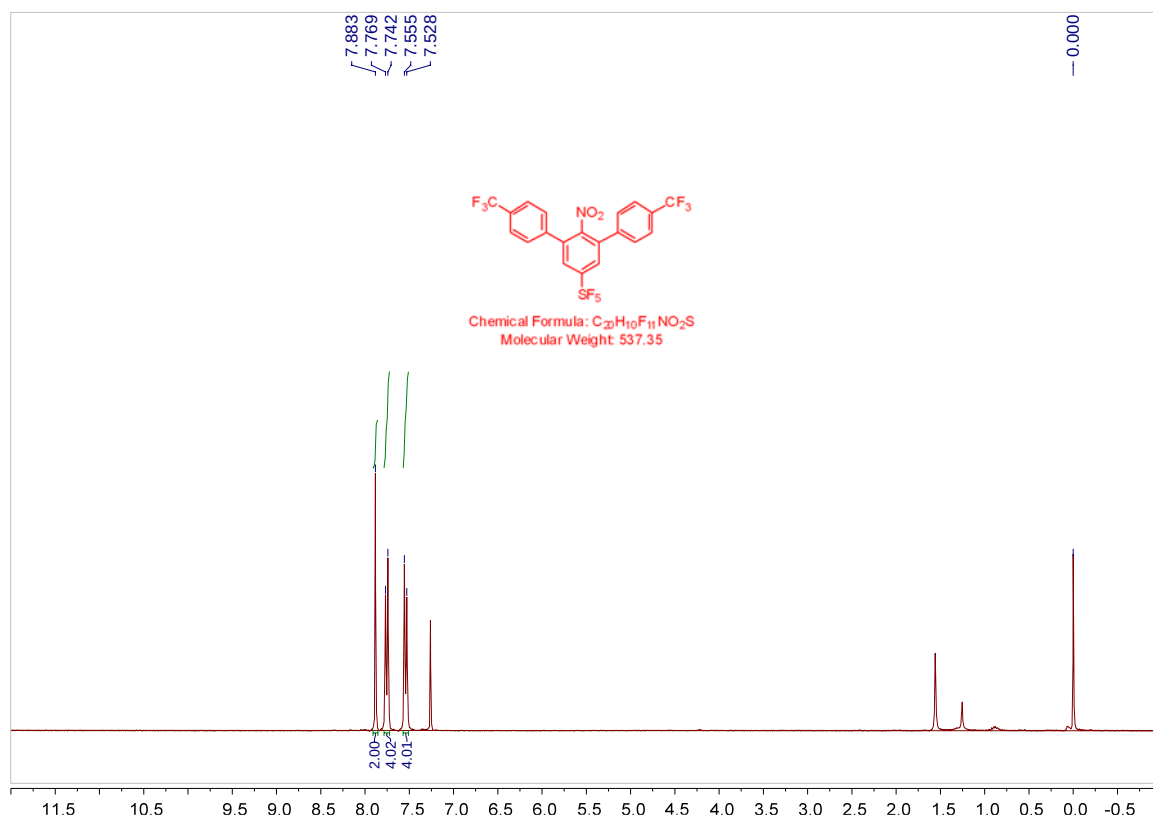


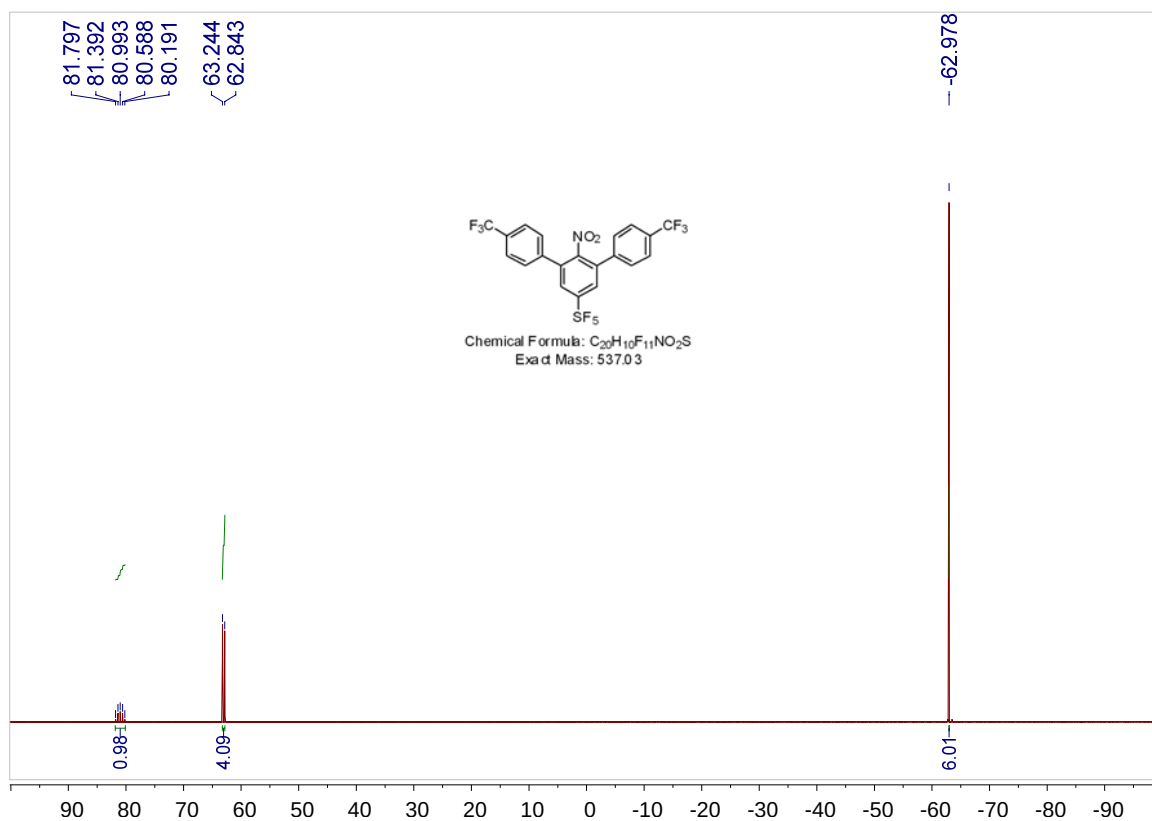
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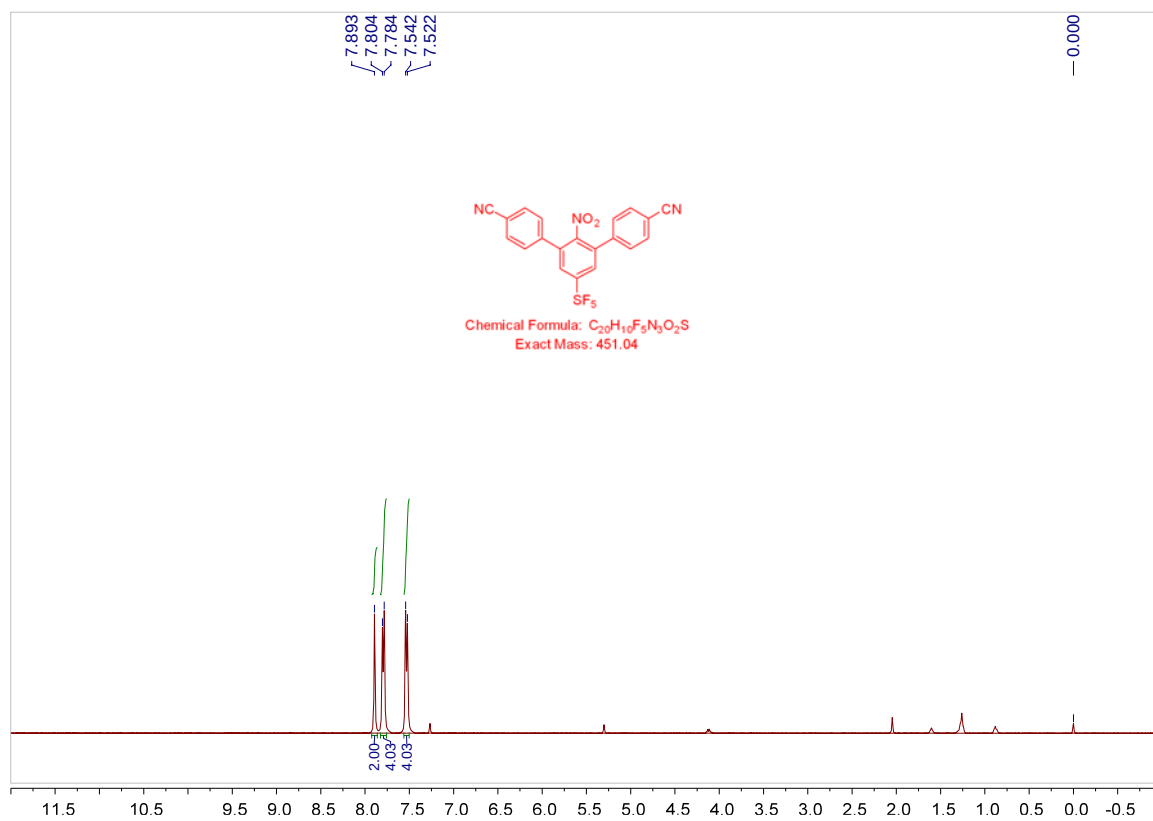


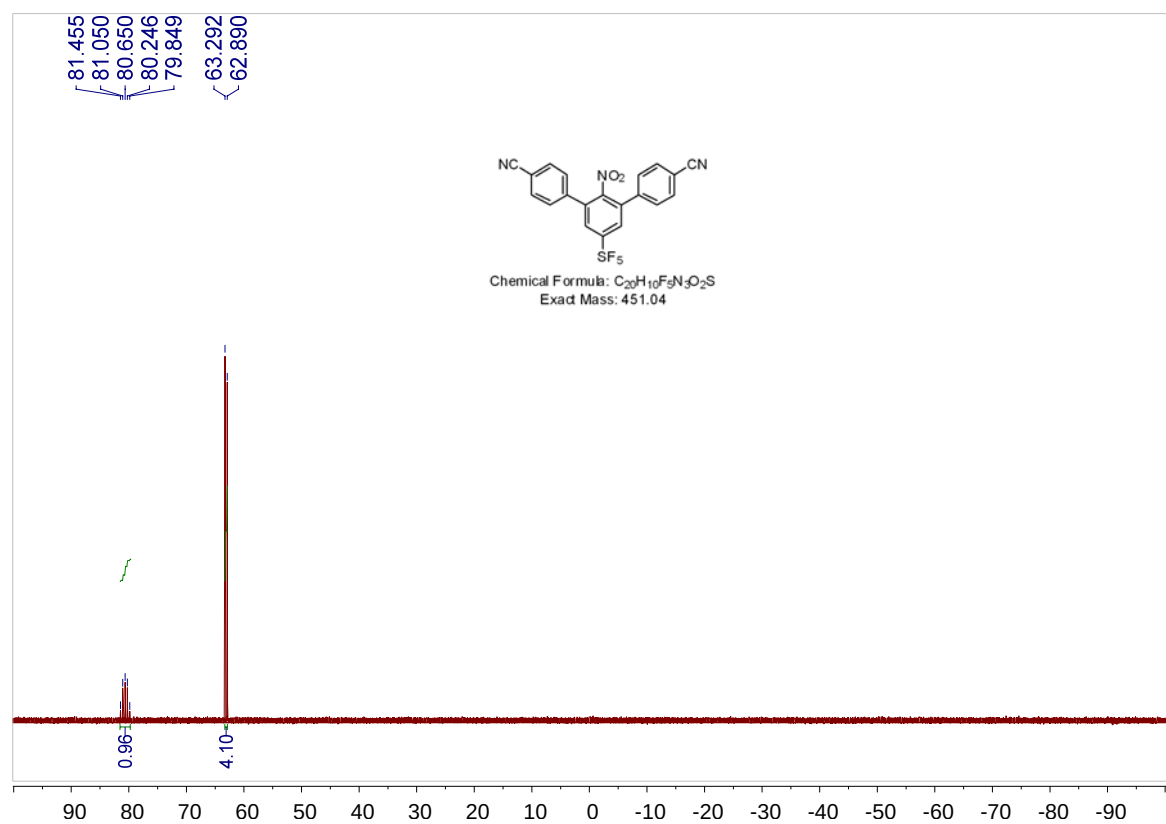
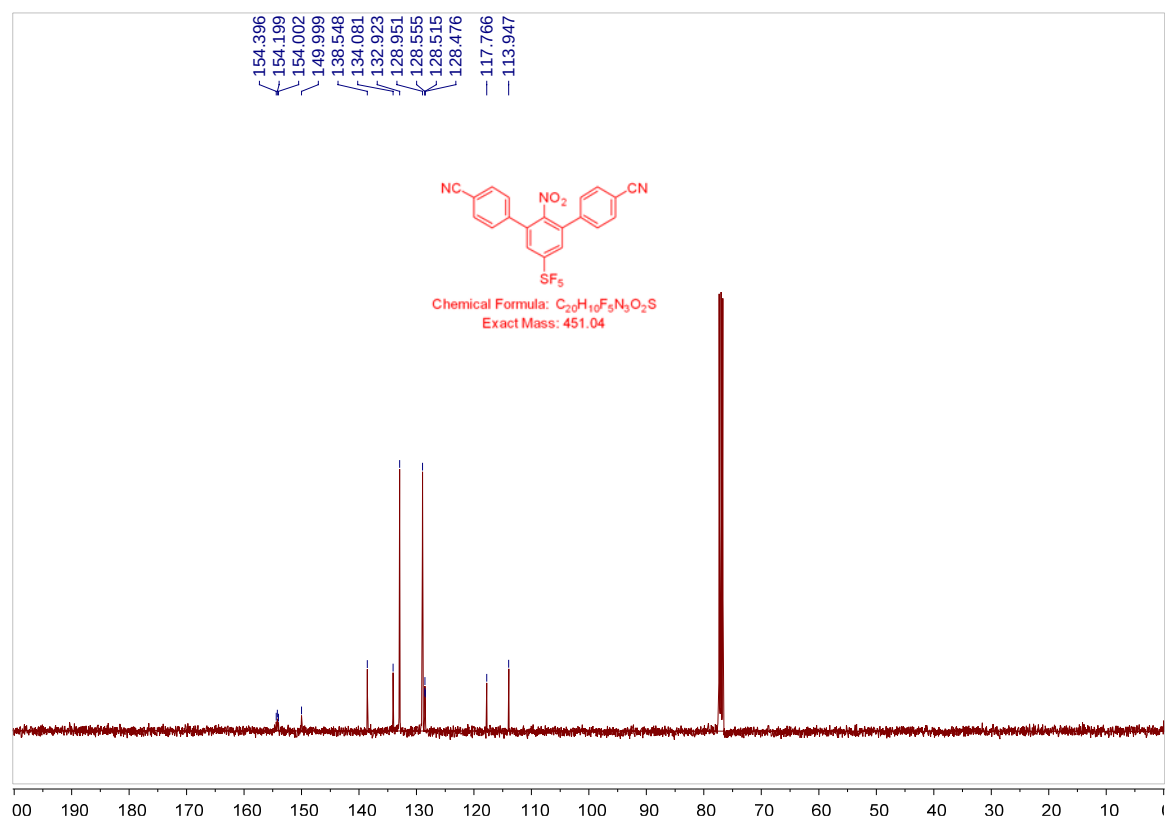
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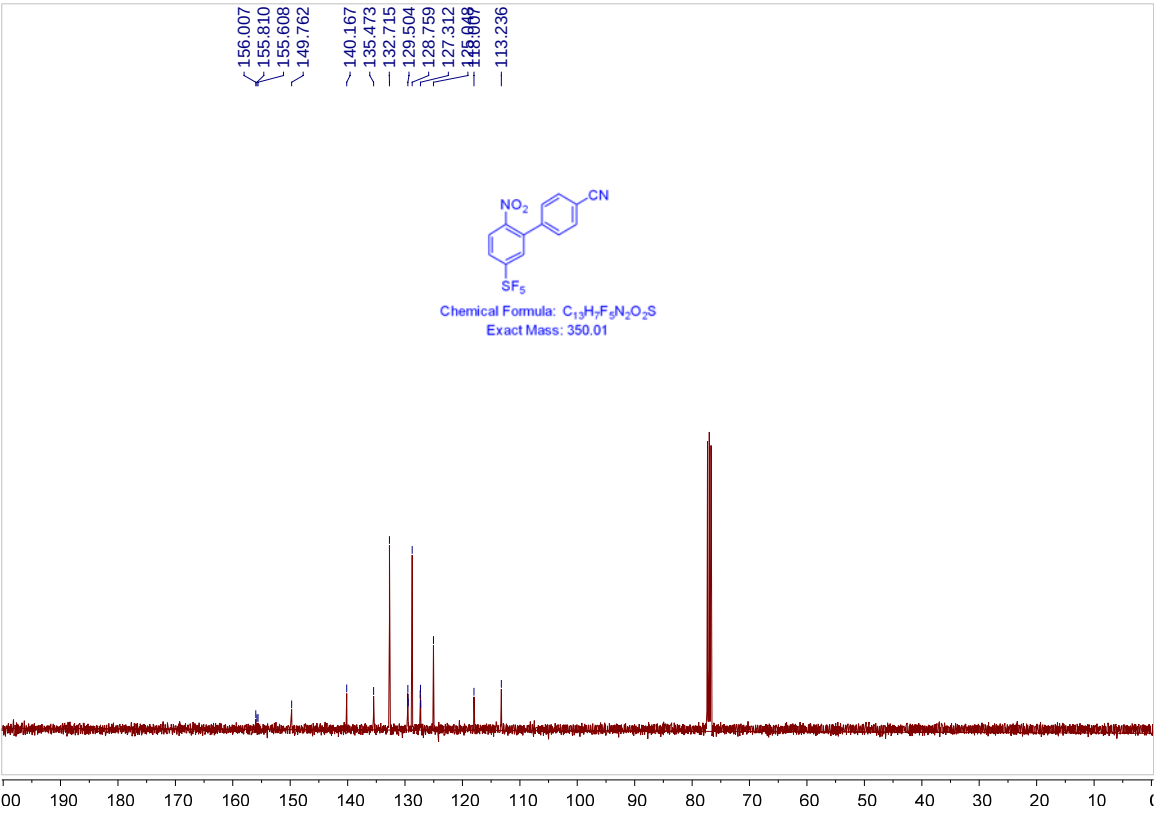
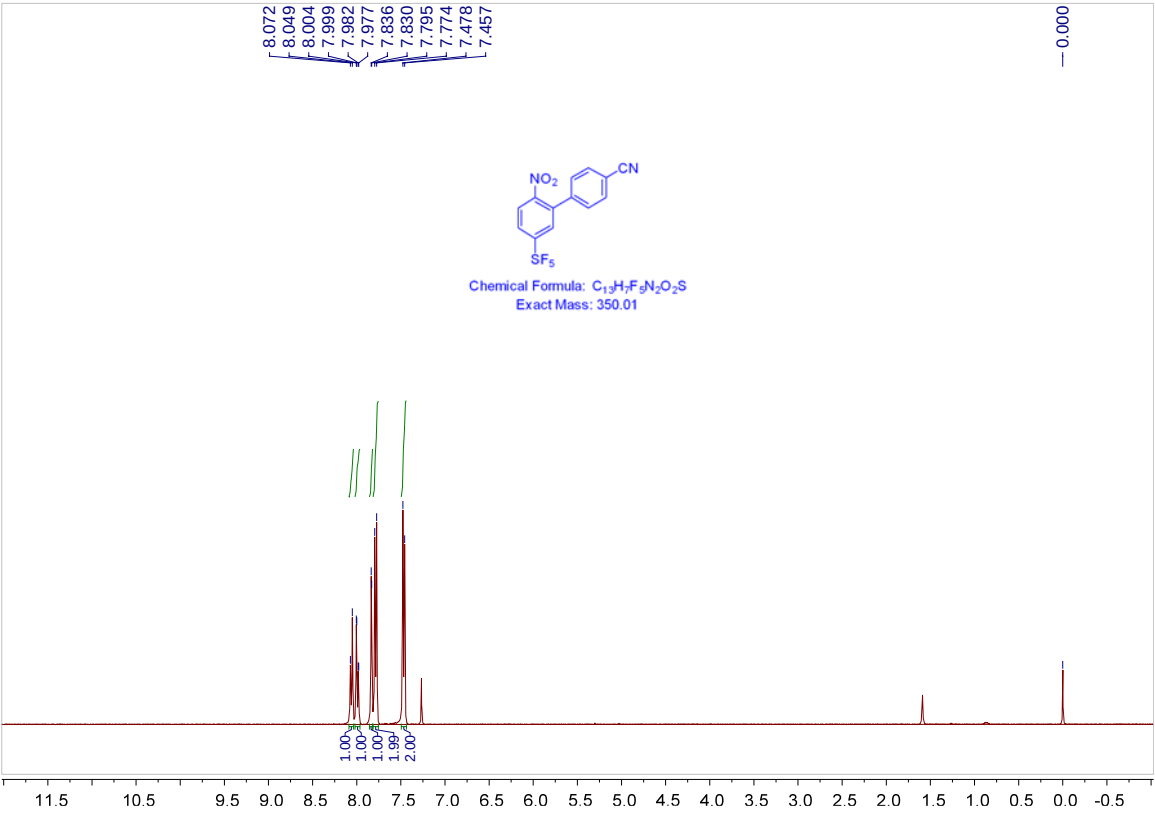


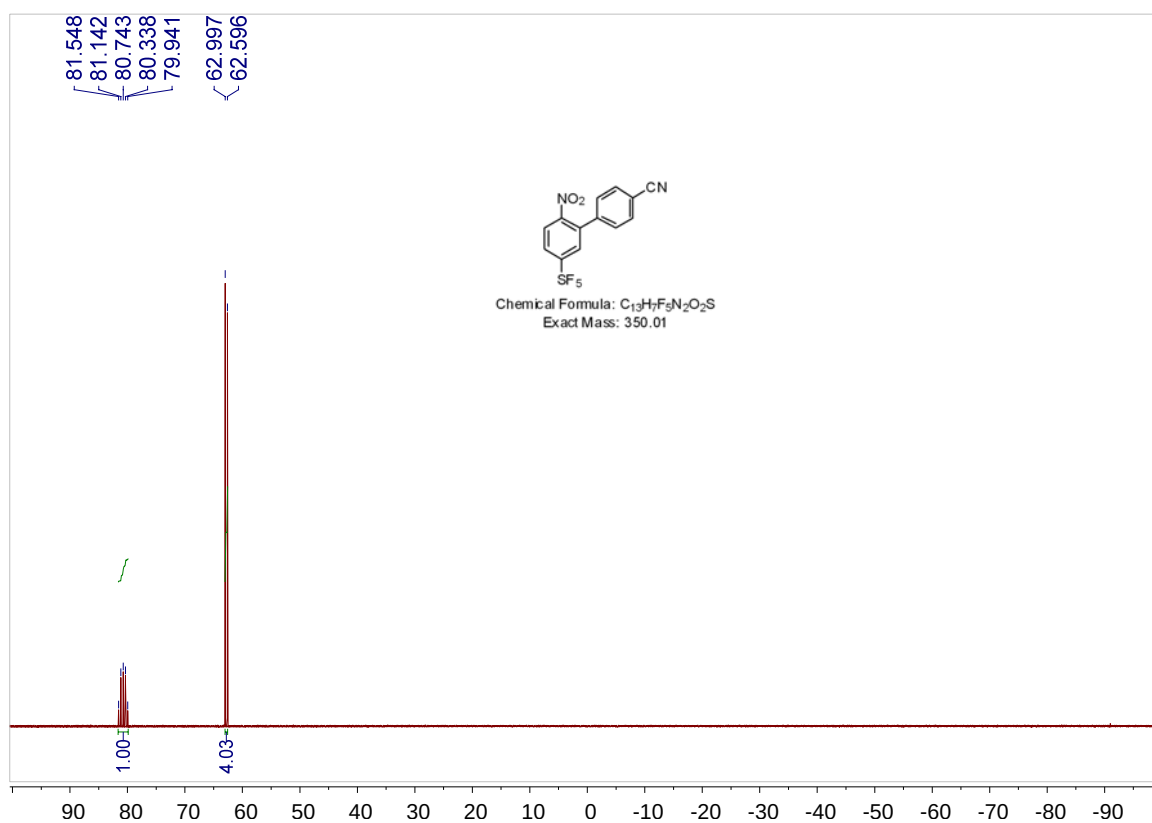
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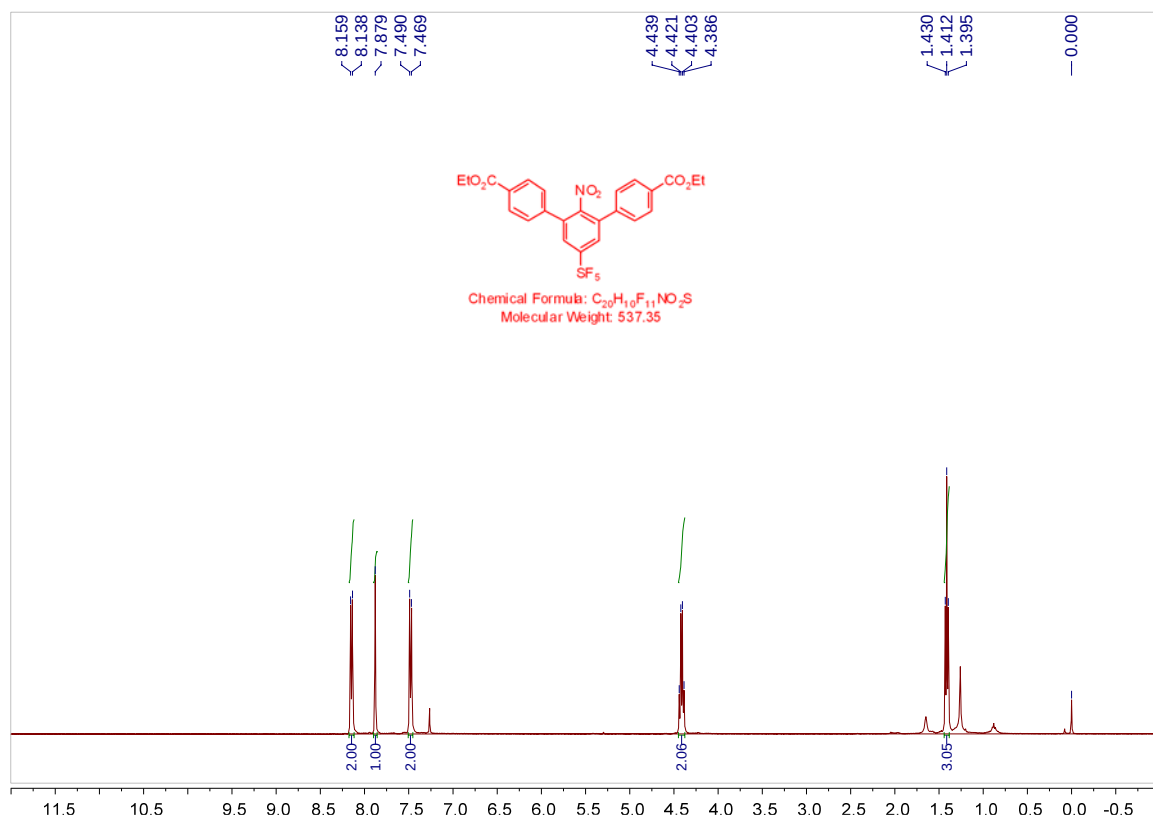


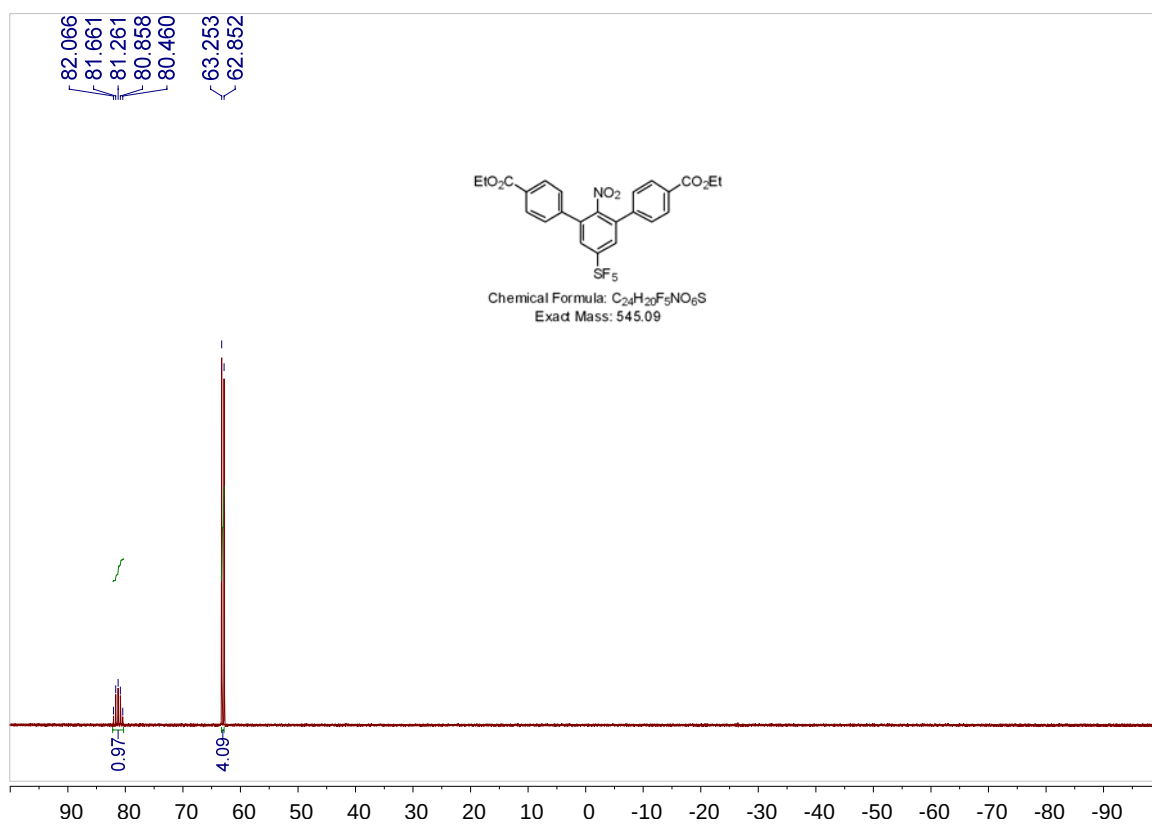
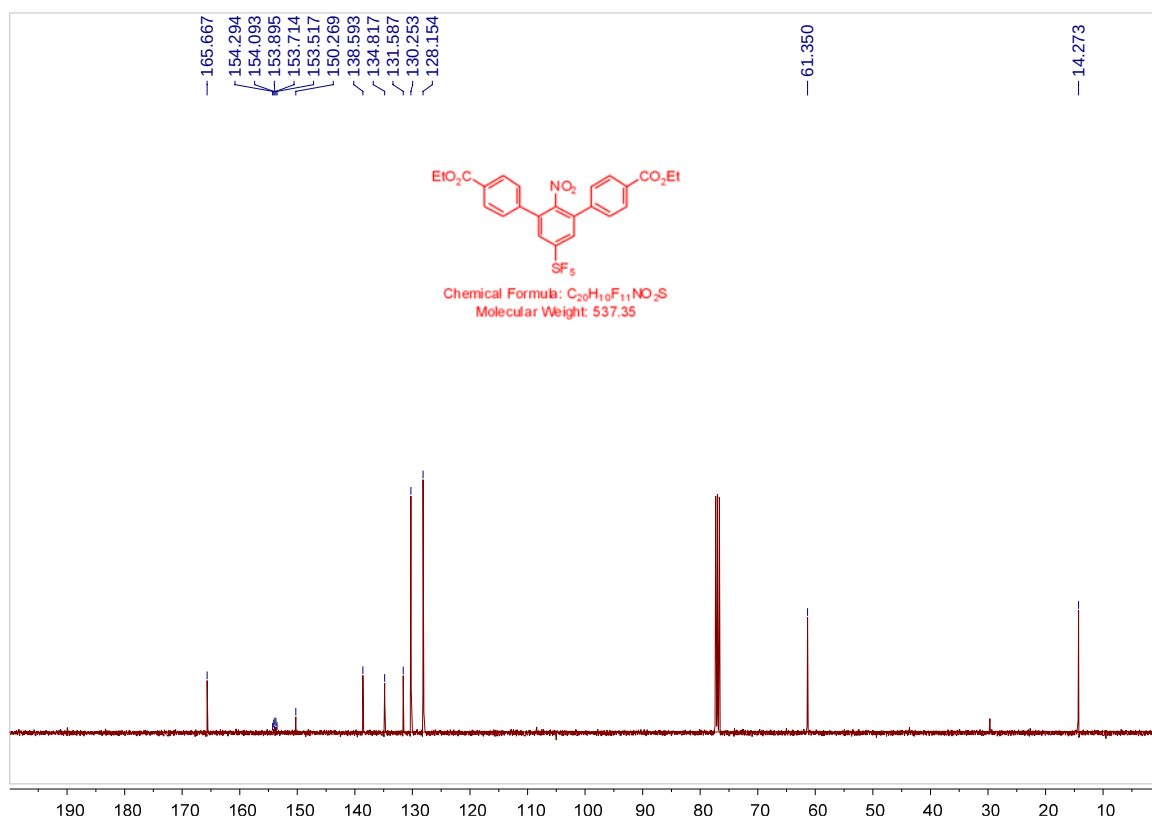
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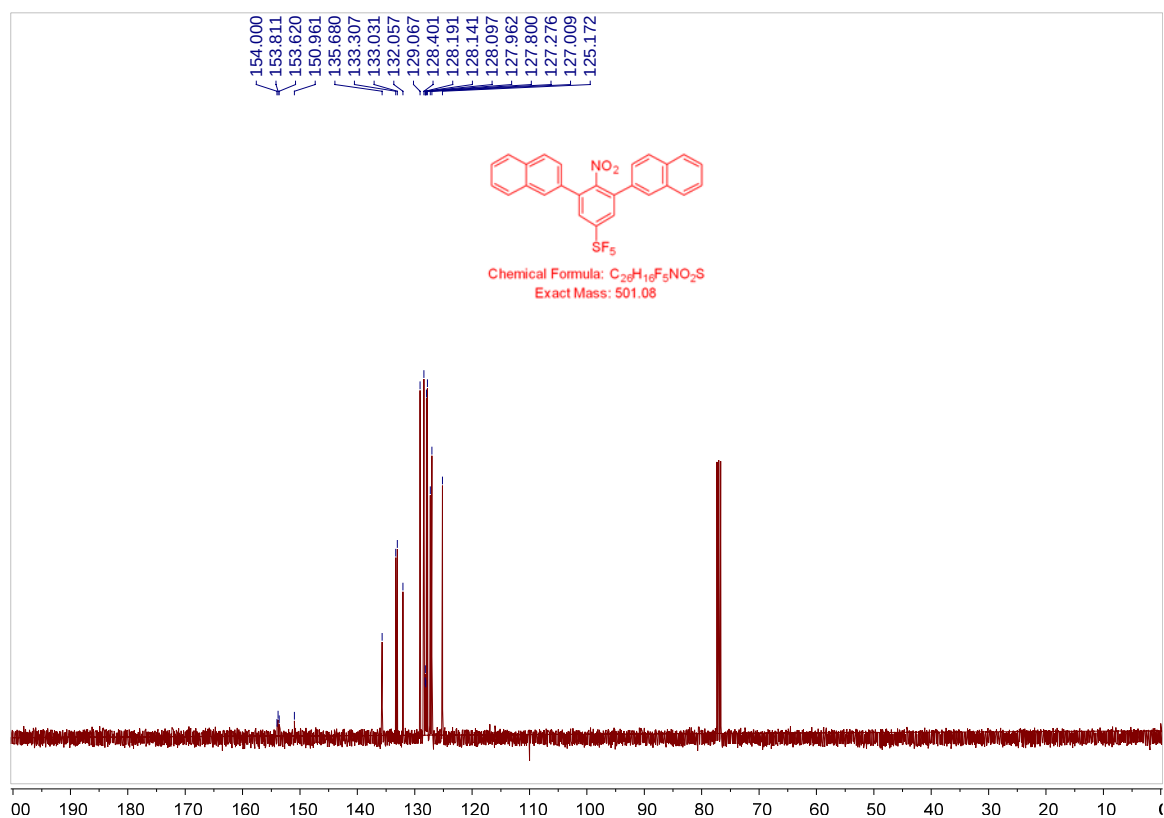
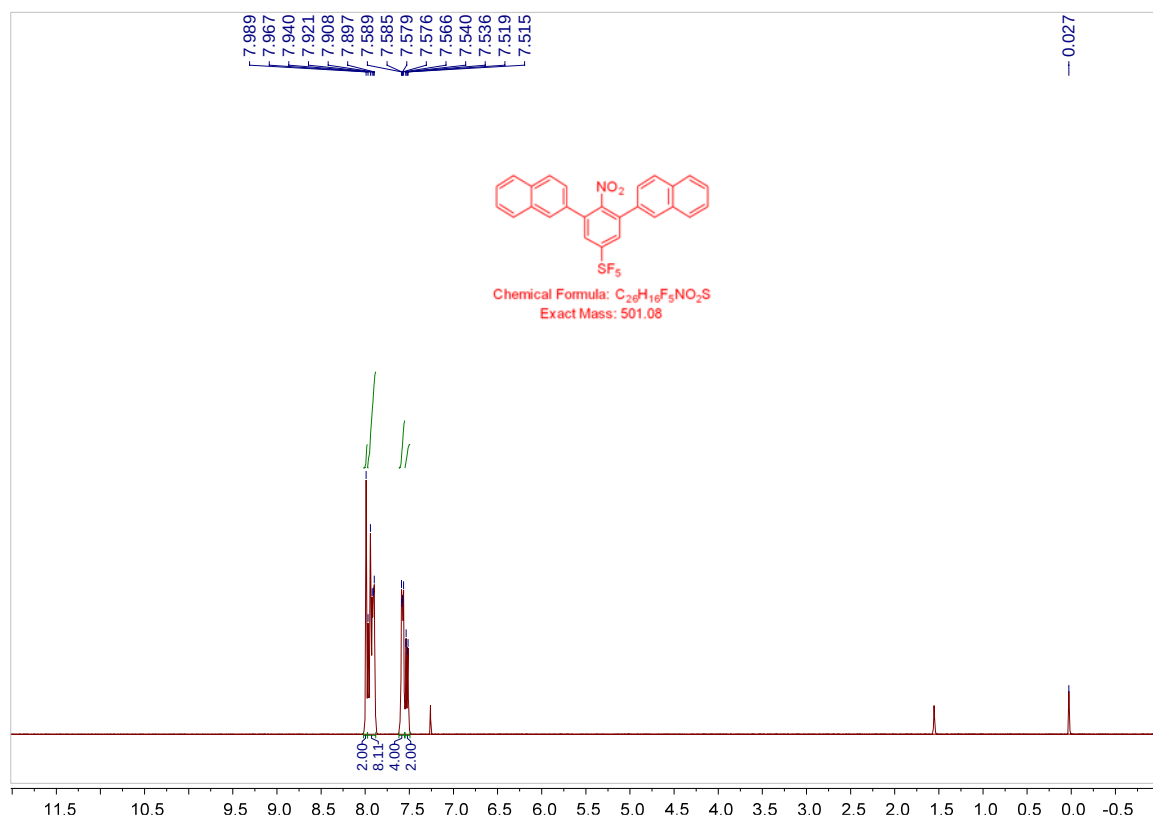


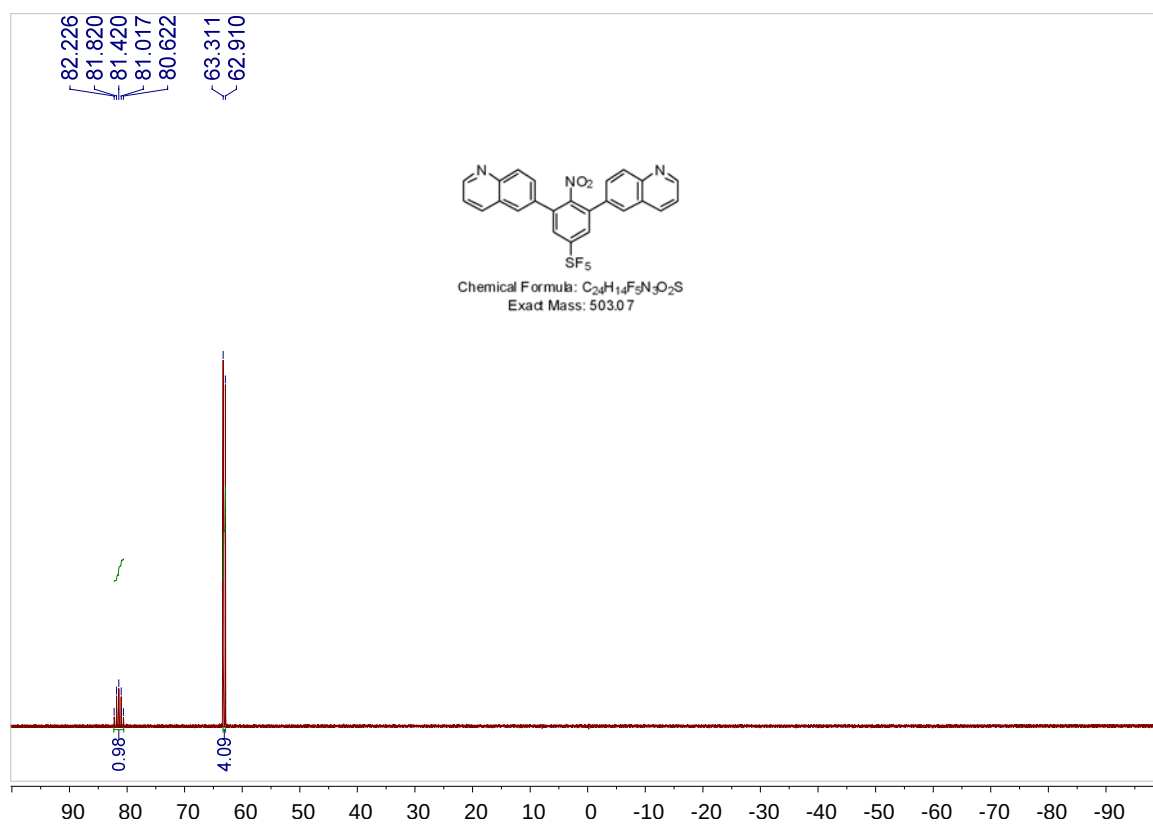
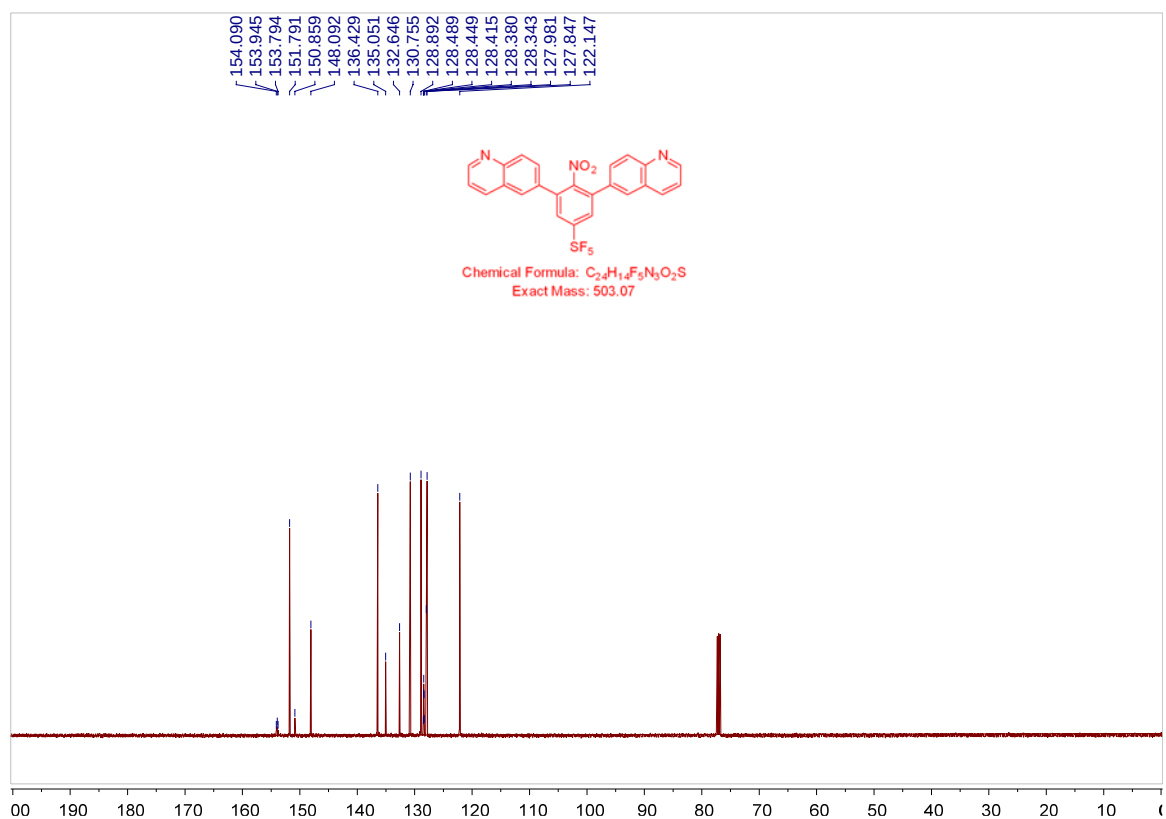
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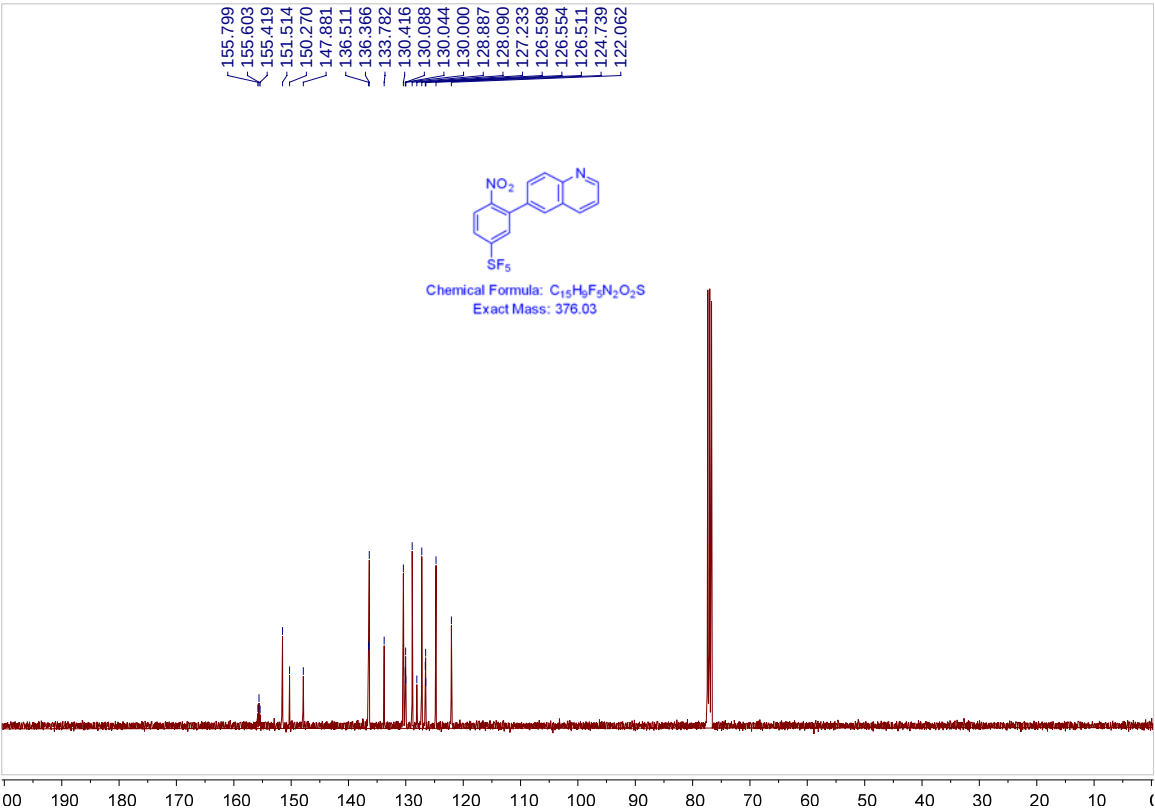
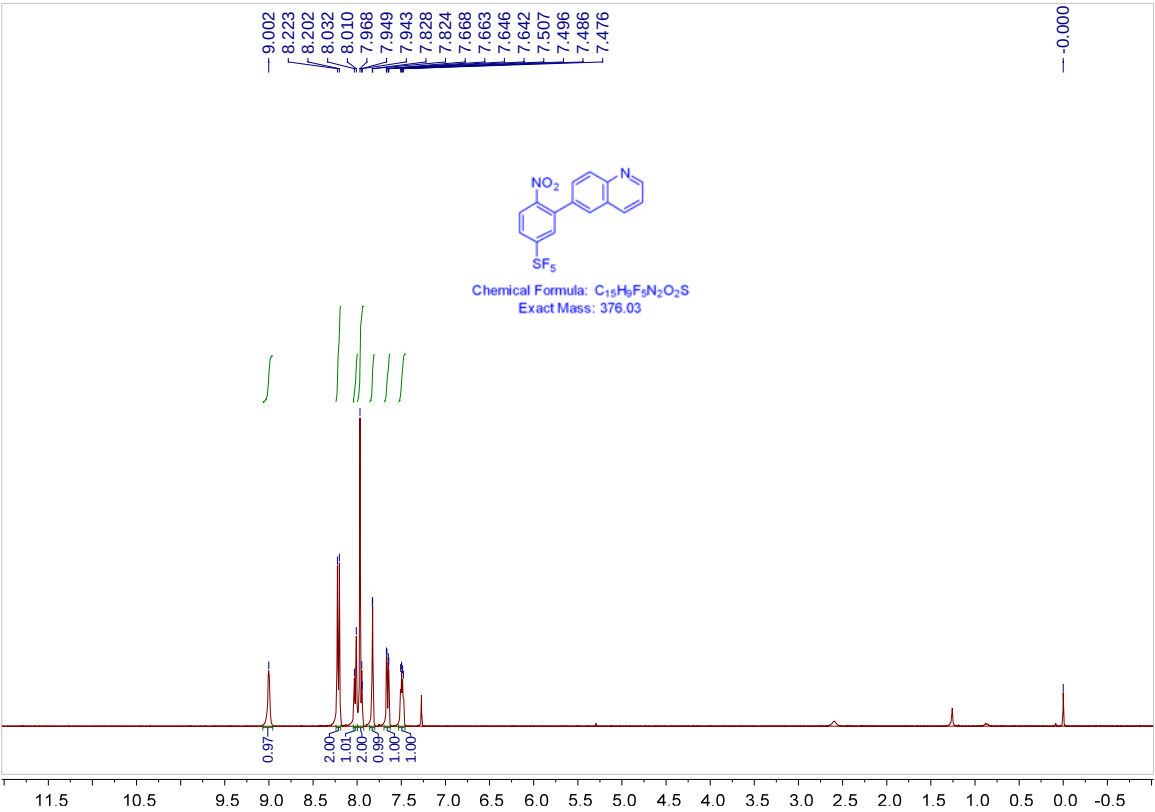


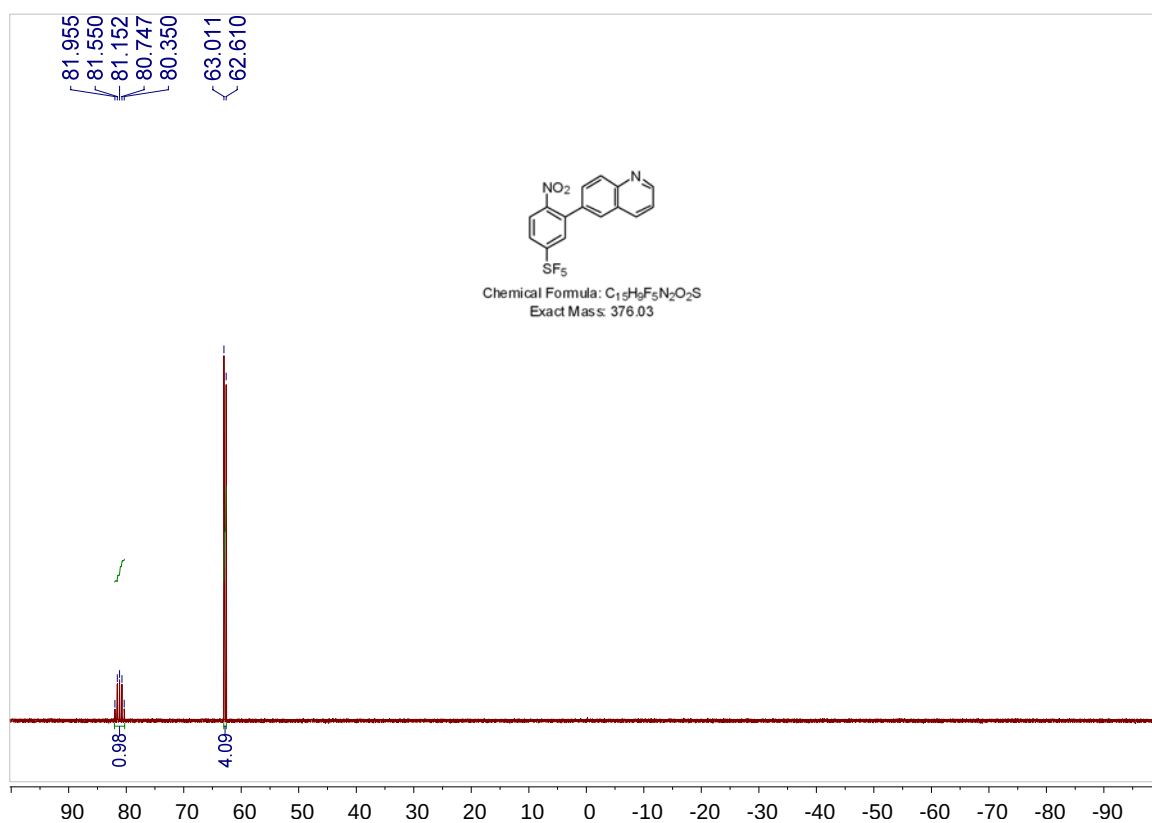
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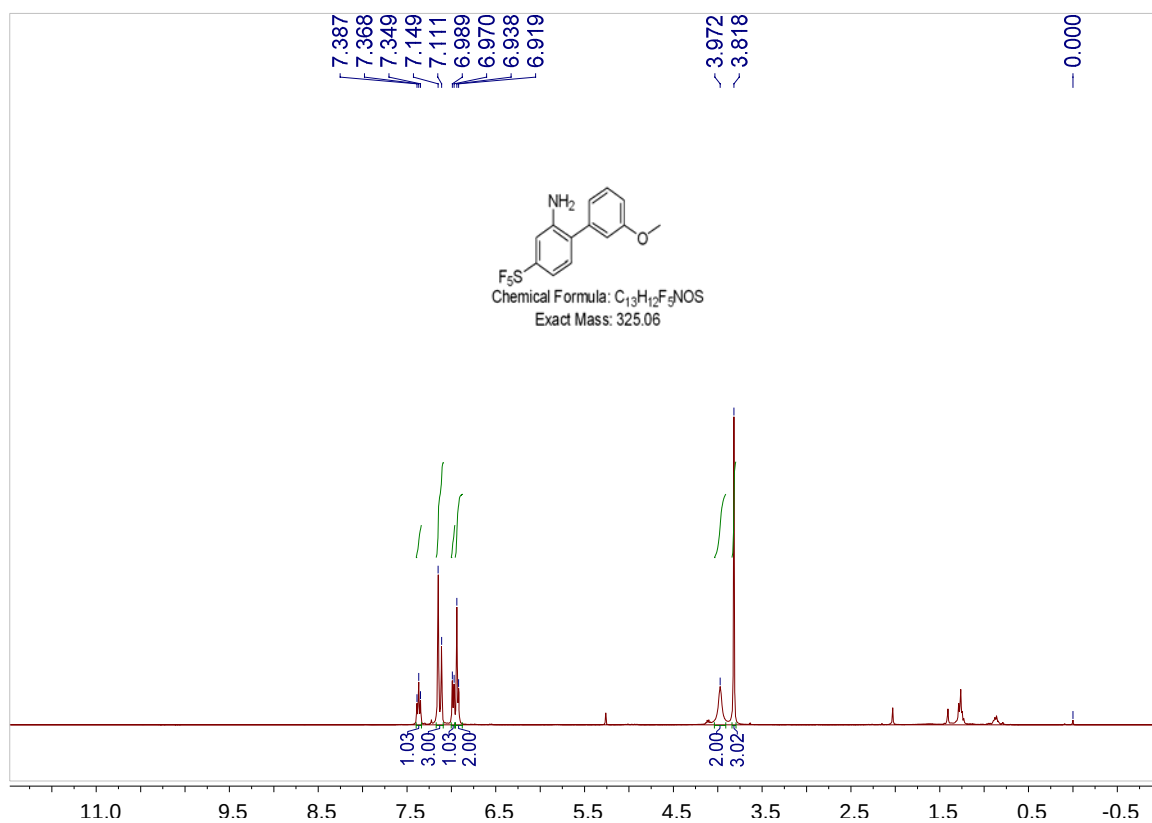


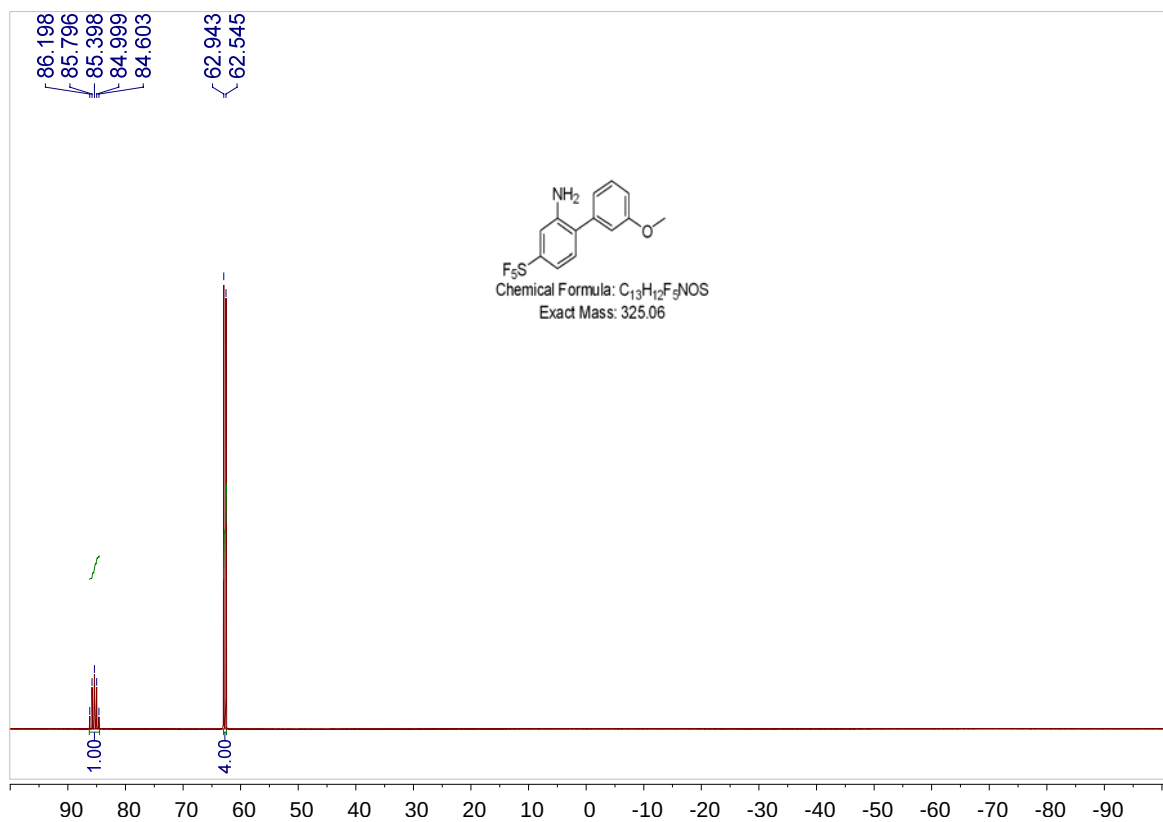
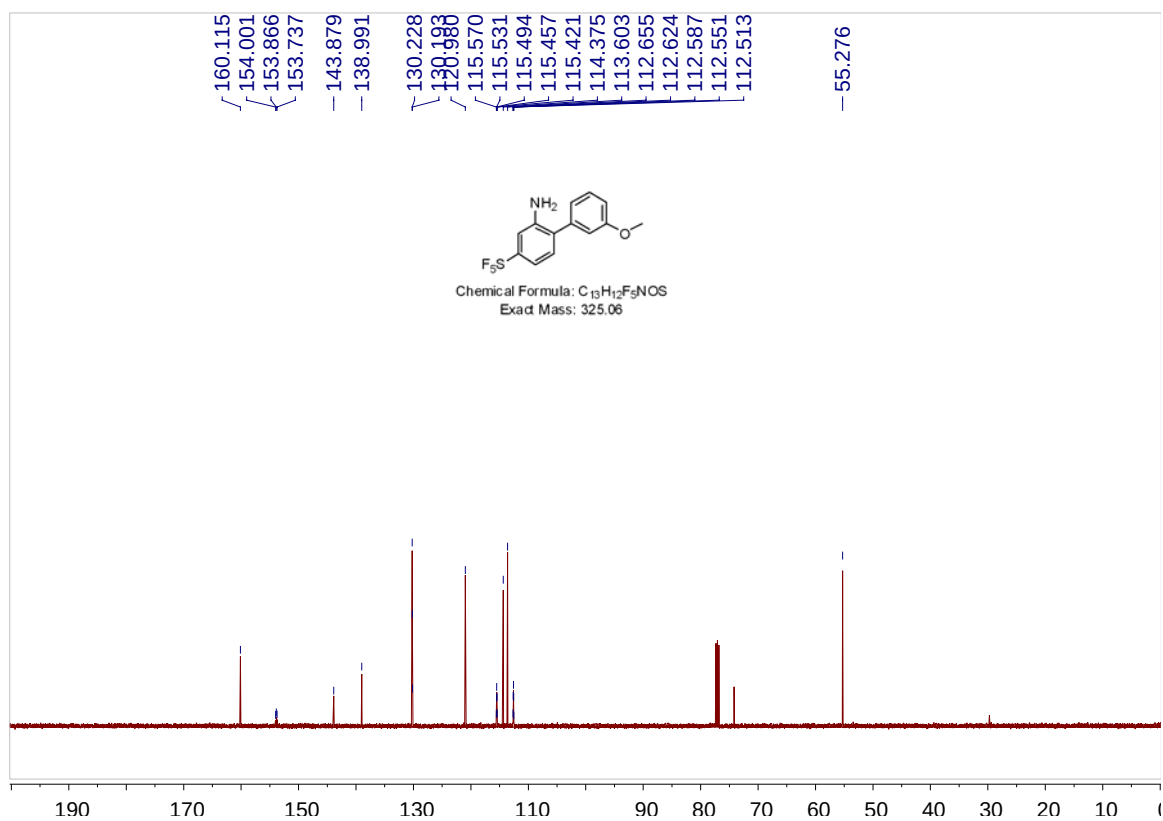
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