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Abstracts

2-Aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (2-APP) was discovered as a novel removable bidentate directing group for copper-mediated aerobic oxidative C(*sp*²)-H bond amidation and sulfonamidation bearing a wide range of sulfonamides. When Cu(OAc)₂ was employed as the copper source, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (TMG) as an organic base, the reaction, optimally carried out overnight in DMSO at 80 °C in open air, produced a variety of products in moderate to excellent yields. In addition, C(*sp*²)-H bond chlorination has been developed by using this auxiliary, employing trichloroacetamide as a new chlorine source. Furthermore, this unprecedented directing group also can assist copper-mediated regio-selective hydroxylation, and *ortho*-alkynylation/annulation by using Cu(OAc)₂ as an oxidant.

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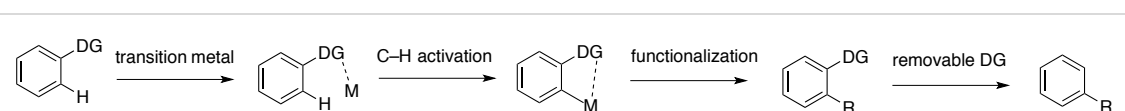
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Chapter 1: Introduction

Transition metal-catalyzed C–H functionalization has been widely explored since this has proven to be one of the more environmentally friendly routes to the formation of complex organic frameworks.^{1,2} Previously, chemists obtained desired products by using reactive functional groups such as halides or unsaturated bonds with metals to form a new C–M bond for further reactions. Grignard reagents and organolithium compounds are good examples for this category. In recent years, chemists have developed C–H activation as an efficient strategy to achieve direct catalytic cleavage and transformation of C–H bond, which also conquers the challenging problems: regioselectivity of reactions and eliminates the multiple steps and limitations associated with the preparation of functionalized starting materials.³ Furthermore, removable directing group is a preferred approach in synthetic strategies since the products can be further manipulated after the directing group is removed (Scheme 1).^{4,5}

This thesis highlights an interesting alternative to bidentate directing group for the development of new strategies for the functionalization of C–H bonds.

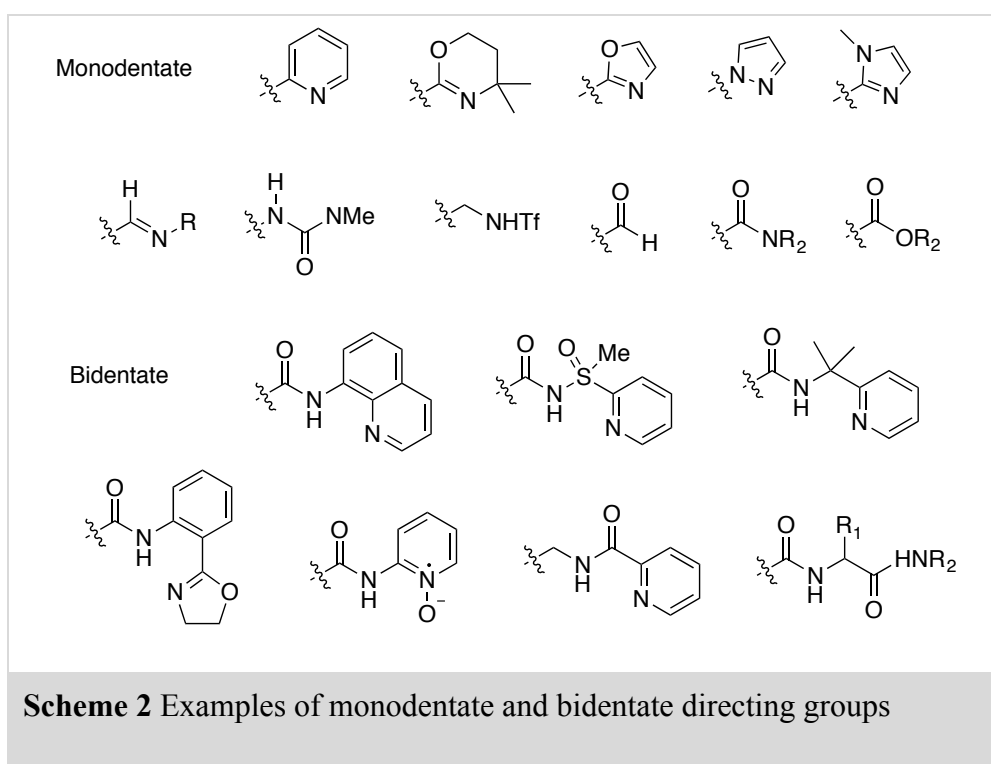


Scheme 1 Transitionmetal-catalyzed functionalization with removable directing group; DG = directing group

Chapter 2: Background

2.1 Removable bidentate directing groupS

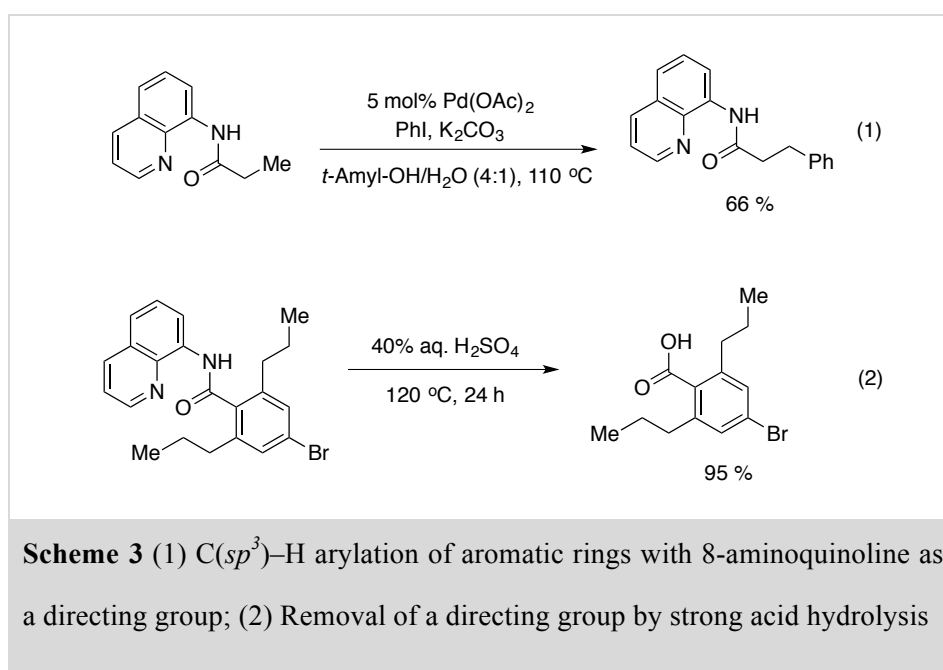
Directing group-assisted functionalization has been investigated in recent decades, and many research groups achieved significant breakthroughs in this area. Assorted directing groups such as pyridines, amides, esters, amidines, pyrazoles, aldehydes, ketones, etc. have been released by researchers. These directing groups can be classified as monodentate and bidentate as shown in Scheme 2.



C–H functionalization through the aid of monodentate directing group was a breakthrough in the area of organic synthesis; however, some inherent limitations still remain. By the efforts of chemists, the results demonstrated this limitation can be improved by a new type of directing group—bidentate one. This type of auxiliaries can achieve catalytic transformations that cannot be completed with conventional one: to get a stable metallacycle.⁶ Since it is a promising strategy to synthesize products

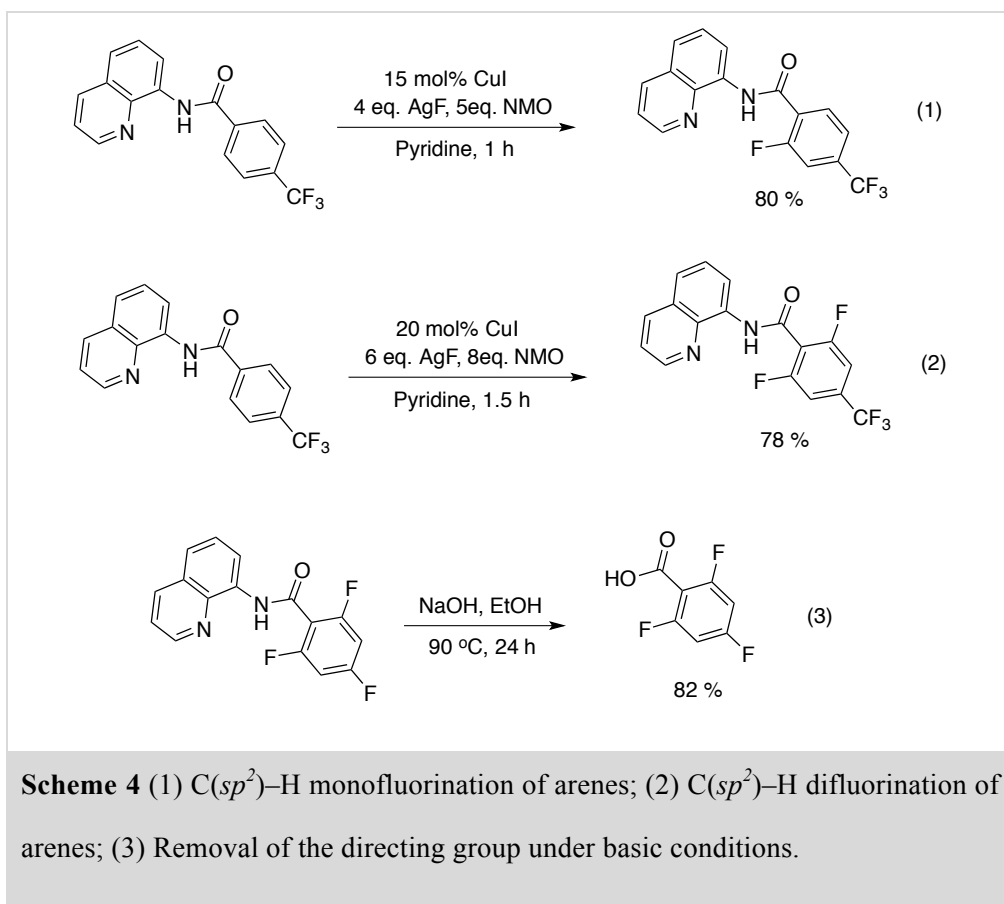
through metal-consisted catalysts, nowadays, researchers prefer conducting catalytic C–H activation with assistance of bidentate directing groups.

On the other hand, for further applications of substrates, many research groups have focused on exploring removable directing groups, which can be removed by hydrolysis reactions. Daugulis was the first to employ 8-aminoquinoline as a novel directing group in 2005 for the purpose of C–H bond activation.⁷ This report explored arylation of unactivated C(*sp*³)–H bond (Scheme 3),^{8,9} which encouraged others to use systems based on removable bidentate directing groups to develop methodologies for synthesizing desired C–H functionalization products.



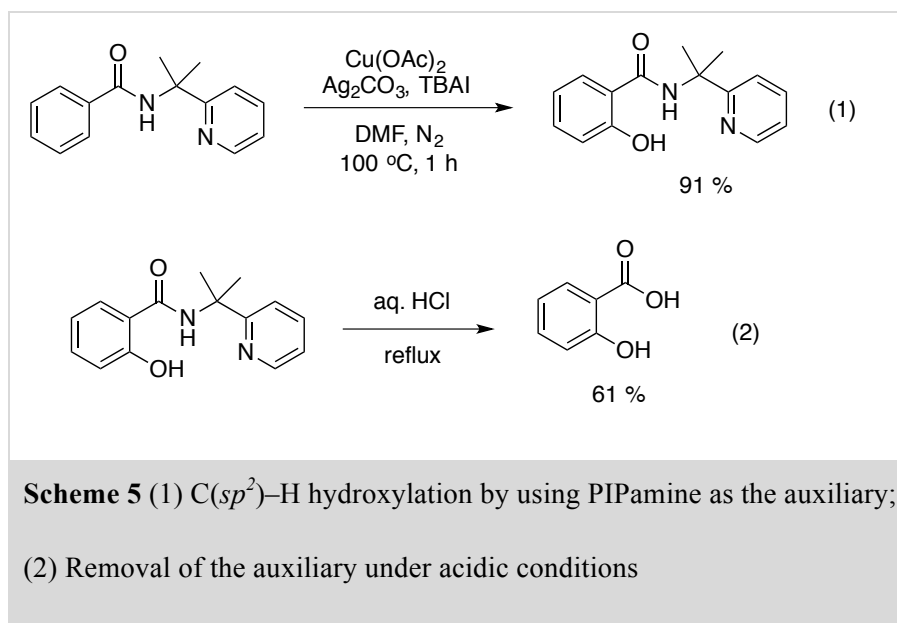
Subsequently, Daugulis's group discovered the auxiliary-assisted C–H fluorination¹⁰ employing CuI as the catalyst, AgF as the nucleophilic fluoride reagent and NMO as the oxidant. This reaction tolerates the wide scope of substrates and provides a straightforward way for the preparation of *ortho*-fluorinated benzoic acid derivatives. By adjusting the amount of CuI and AgF, selective mono- or di-fluorinated products can be obtained respectively in excellent yields. As a

removable auxiliary, 8-aminoquinoline can be cleaved under basic hydrolysis conditions (Scheme 4).



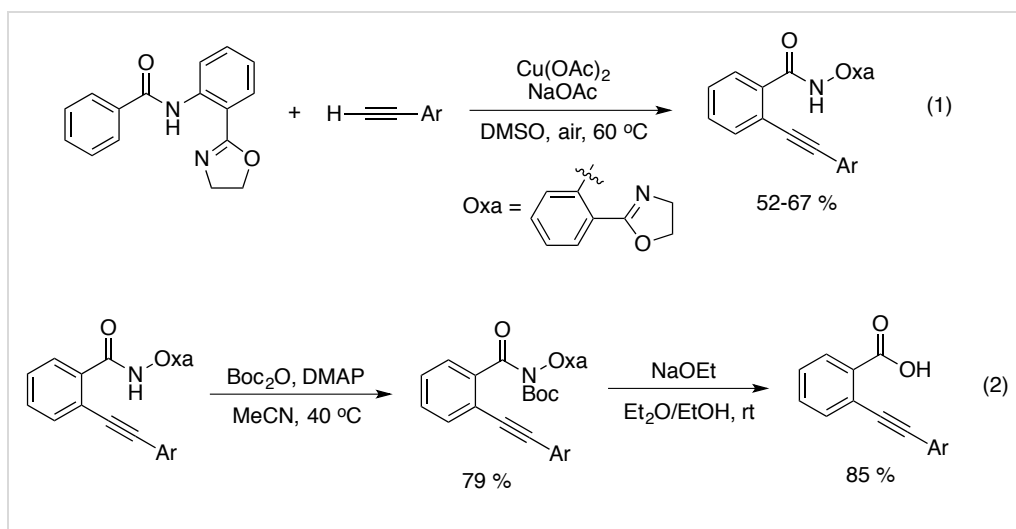
2-(Pyridine-2-yl)isopropylamine (PIPamine) also can be utilized to promote various C-H functionalization. In 2014, Shi's group reported copper-mediated hydroxylation¹¹ of arenes and heteroarenes employing this removable bidentate auxiliary. Although this reaction required excessive $Cu(OAc)_2$ to gain high conversions, the broad scope of substrates made this synthesis useful. The plausible mechanism they proposed indicated the hydroxyl group was possibly produced from the $-OAc$ group hydrolysis. Besides, this C-H hydroxylation reaction can be conducted smoothly in large-scale to obtain hydroxylation products in excellent yields, and a bidentate directing group (PIPamine) can be removed under acidic and high temperature conditions to obtain salicylic acid in 61% yield (Scheme 5). A year later,

Shi's group accomplished methoxylation¹² of C–H bonds by using the same directing group with Cu(II) as the catalyst, tolerating various types of arenes and heteroarenes.

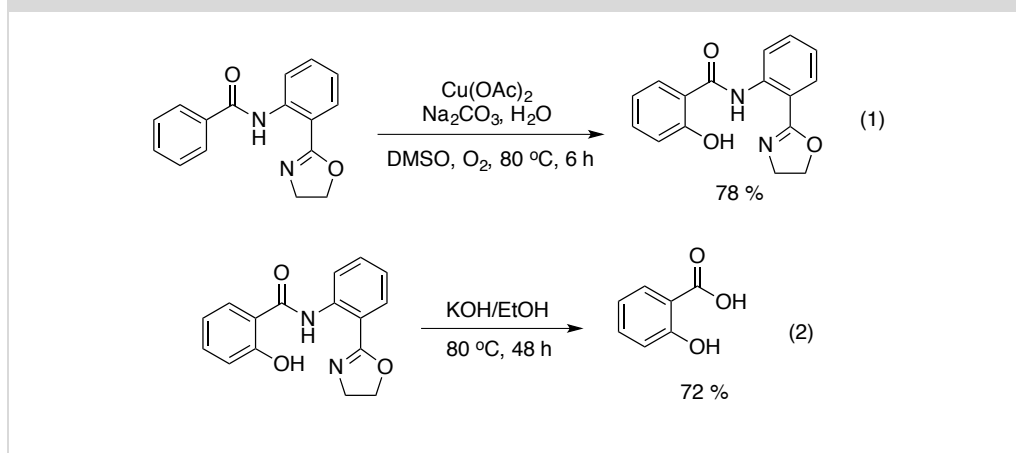


Yu and co-workers have discovered the phenyl-oxazoline auxiliary to facilitate C–H bond activation, and the results indicated that this bidentate auxiliary can achieve amidation, amination,¹³ hydroxylation,¹⁴ trifluoromethylation,¹⁵ alkylation,⁴⁶ etc. Alkylation is an important breakthrough since there are rare literatures relevant to alkylation and terminal alkyne homocoupling is easy to occur under oxidative conditions. Yu's group has used the phenyl-oxazoline directing group to obtain alkynylated compounds in moderated yields, bearing a wide scope of benzoic acid derivatives and numerous compatible terminal alkynes. Albeit stoichiometry amount of Cu catalyst is required, it is a straightforward route to get selective, ortho C–H alkylation arene products and an alternative disconnection to Sonogashira coupling.¹⁶ Because of steric hindrance of aryl alkyne, the removal of the directing group became more challenging, the two steps of procedure are necessary for hydrolysis: install Boc on amide bond (N atom) then proceed to conduct readily hydrolysis (Scheme 6). During their effort to optimize the alkylation synthesis, the side reaction is discovered, a surprising result, the hydroxylation¹⁴ products can be gained by using the same Cu catalyst under O₂. Oxygen and water play a crucial role

in this protocol, likewise, various substituted benzamides are tolerated and the directing group can be cleaved smoothly under basic conditions (Scheme 7).



Scheme 6 (1) $C(sp^2)$ -H alkylation with directing group; (2) Removing directing group with Boc_2O and NaOEt



Scheme 7 (1) $C(sp^2)$ -H hydroxylation by using auxiliary; (2) Removal of the auxiliary by hydrolysis

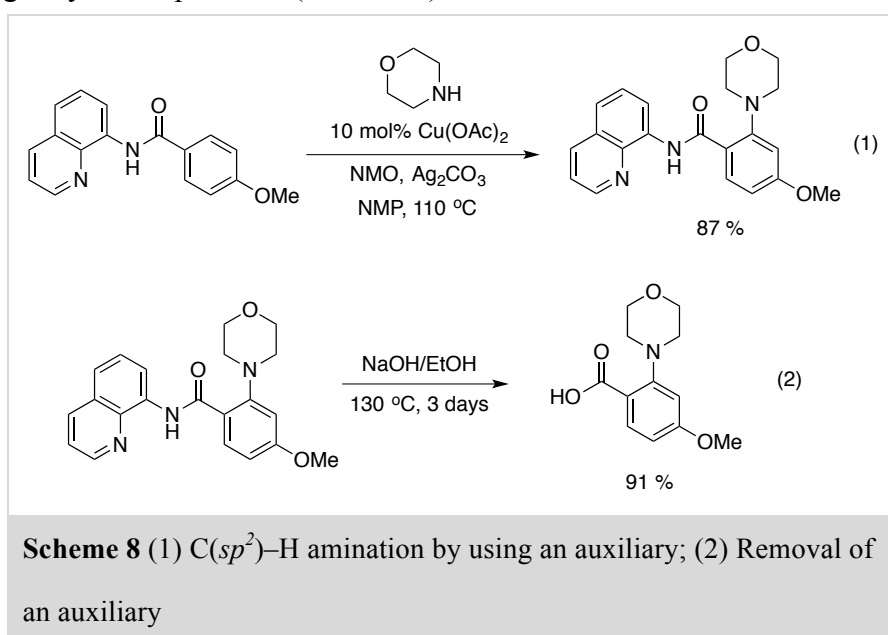
Until now, various bidentate directing groups have been developed in the area of metal-mediated C-H functionalizations, and more and more remarkable reactions are being discovered. Since some limitations still remain, chemists keep developing

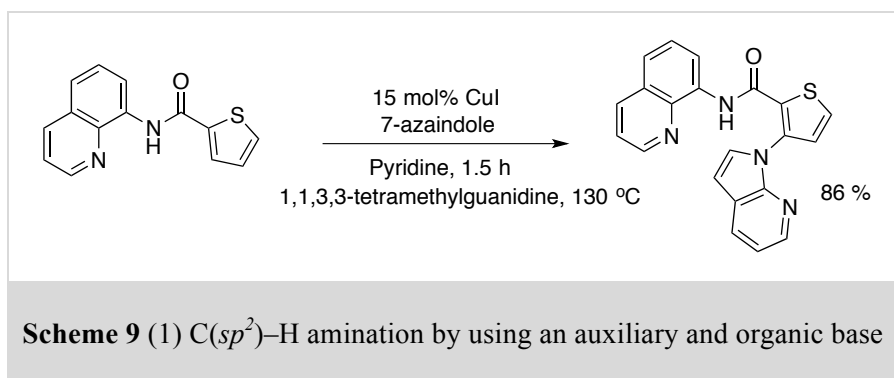
approaches to overcome problems and more significant results are expected to be reported in the near future.

2.2 Copper-mediated C–H amidation and sulfonimidation

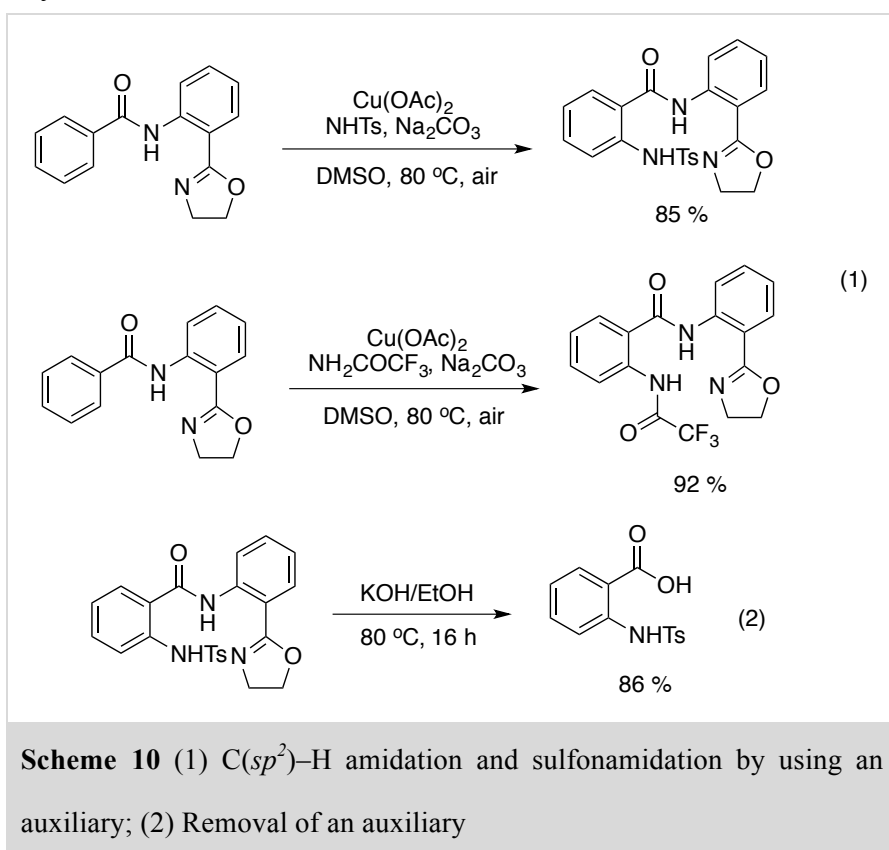
Since directly activating inert C–H bond can reduce wastes—chemists do not need to use traditional leaving groups and protecting groups,¹⁷ recently many researchers are interested in developing direct C–H functionalization. In order to achieve greener approaches in organic synthesis, inexpensive and nontoxic copper is applied increasingly as the metal of choice for the C–H activation.⁶⁴

In 2013, Daugulis described a directed amination of nonacidic arene C–H bonds using a Cu–Ag catalytic system.¹⁸ In this case, they hypothesized that the 8-aminoquinoline can be employed as an auxiliary to promote effectively *ortho*-amination. This assumption has been proven in this condition: copper acetate as the catalyst, NMO as the oxidant and Ag₂CO₃ as the additive to achieve 74% conversion into the product (Scheme 8). This auxiliary can be removed under basic conditions at high temperature. Recently, Daugulis published an extension to amination¹⁹ employing 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (TMG) as the organic base to reach higher yield of products (Scheme 9).





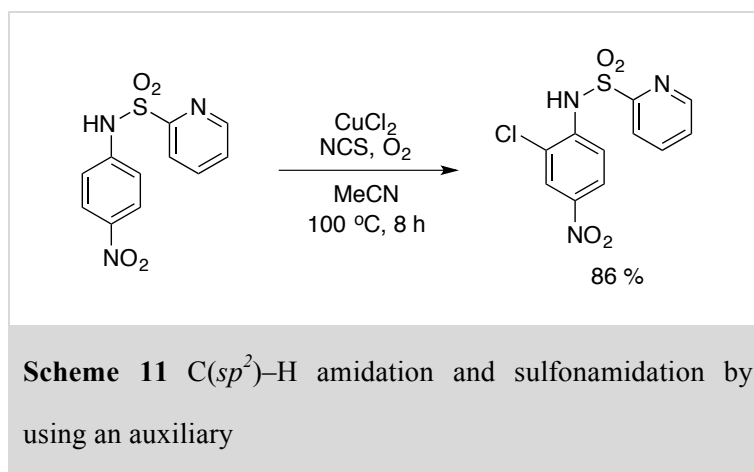
Yu's group reported a copper-mediated C–H amination and amidation in 2014.¹³ This reaction is assisted by a removable directing group and numerous amides, sulfonamides and anilines as applicable in this protocol. In addition, this method is an alternative to synthesize a family of inhibitors including 2-benzamidibenzoic acids and *N*-phenylaminobenzoates, which make this approach valuable and promising. By using $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ as a metal catalyst and Na_2CO_3 as a base in DMSO under air, the method achieves moderate yields of products (Scheme 10). The directing group can be smoothly removed under basic conditions.



2.3 Copper-mediated C–H chlorination

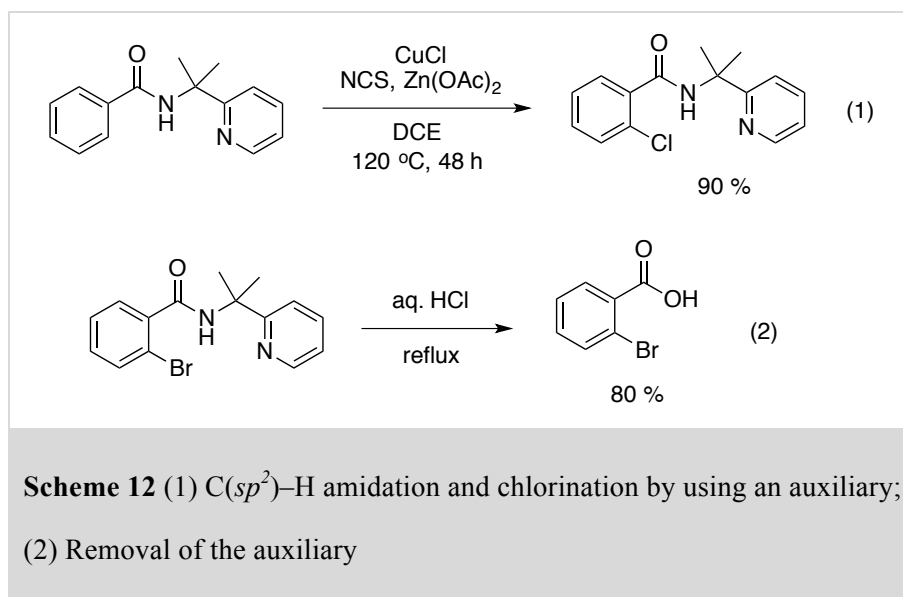
Organohalides are a class of the most useful chemicals due to their broad applications in the organic synthesis. The C–X bonds make contributions to construct natural products, medicinal, functional materials and agricultural chemicals.²⁰ Until now, more and more reactions relevant to copper-catalyzed or copper-mediated C–H halogenation are discovered by chemists since copper has distinct advantages such as low cost, high stability and flexible forms of presences.⁶⁴ Herein, some copper-catalyzed C–H chlorination is briefly described.

Carretero's group developed a method to achieve *o*-chlorination of anilines.²¹ When they optimized the reaction, they found the use of different protecting groups can obtain different products: *o*-chlorination, *p*-chlorination or di-chlorination products. Eventually the *N*-(Me)(SO₂Py)-aniline is found to be especially efficient to gain *o*-chlorination products in excellent yield. Furthermore, this optimal condition achieved mono-substitution selectivity, high *ortho*-regiocontrol and large functional group tolerance (Scheme 11).



In 2015, Shi revealed a copper-catalyzed halogenation²² by using PIPamine as the removable directing group. This reaction employed NCS, NBS and NIS as the halogen source and copper as the catalyst to produce the halides in moderate yields of products (Scheme 12). Although this method needs to be conducted at high temperature conditions in 24 h, it is still a valuable strategy since the broad scope of substrates including arenes and heteroarenes are tolerated. Furthermore, this reaction

can accomplish C–H *ortho*-chlorination, bromination and iodination. The auxiliary can be smoothly cleaved under acidic conditions as shown in Scheme 12.

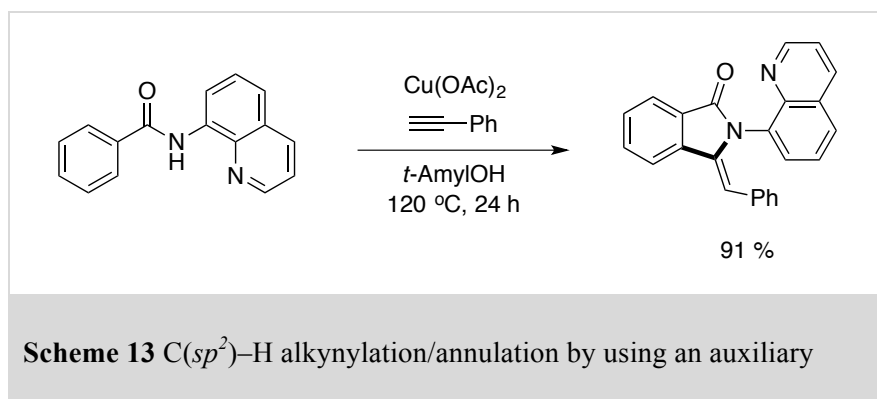


2.4 Copper-mediated C–H alkylation/annulation

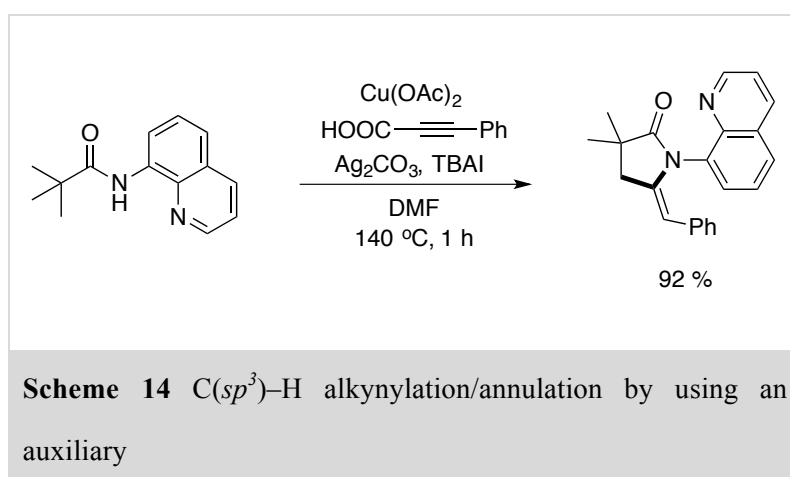
As mentioned previously, C–H functionalization is one of the most important topics in the area of organic chemistry; therefore, chemists developed many strategies to achieve C–H activation. Among of those methods, C–C bond formation is increasingly explored by researchers. For instance, alkylation is revealed as a straightforward alternative to the Sonogashira reaction. Furthermore, many researchers have found the surprising result when they conducted metal-mediated C–H alkylation, i.e., getting a cyclization product (annulation) instead of the alkylation one.

You's group described a method, which employs 8-aminoquinoline as a directing group to assist C (*sp*²)-H alkylation and annulation of arenes with terminal alkynes.⁶¹ In this case, they use excessive Cu(OAc)₂ since Cu(II) acts as both the promoter and terminal oxidant in the oxidative cross-coupling process. The excessive amount of terminal alkynes is also necessary because homocoupling would occur in the meantime. Despite the request for the huge amount of reagents, this reaction is simple, easily available and inexpensive, tolerating wide range of

substituted substrates and exclusive chemo-, region-, and stereoselectivity (Scheme 13).



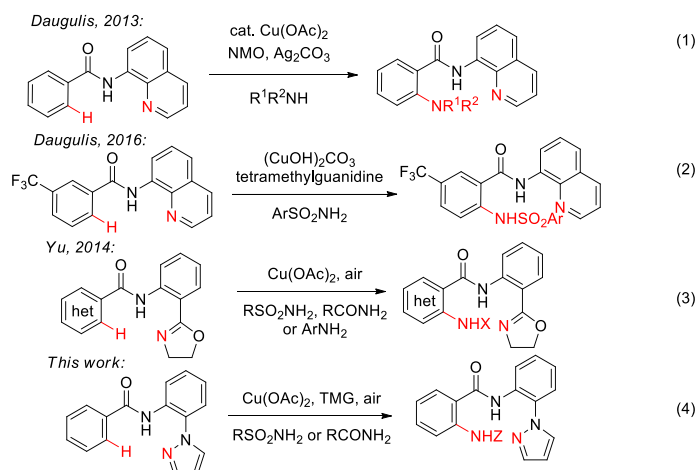
Zhang's group also reported the copper-catalyzed C–H alkylation/annulation²³ in 2016. Although they only used 20 mol% of Cu(II) to conduct this C–H functionalization, the 4 equivalent expensive silver and additives were required in this condition to achieve products (Scheme 14). However, this strategy makes effort on developing $\text{C}(sp^3)\text{-H}$ annulation novel, and the approach promising and warranting further investigation.



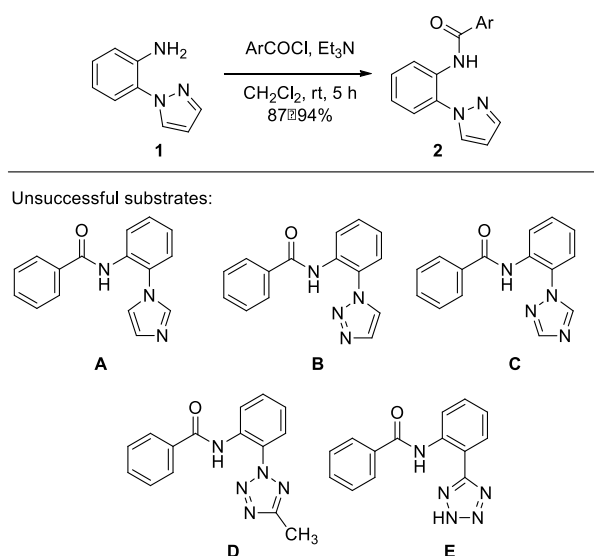
In summary, copper catalysis is popular in organic synthesis because it is inexpensive, nontoxic and ubiquitously available. Researchers have already done many investigations relevant to $\text{C}(sp^2)\text{-H}$ functionalization, but $\text{C}(sp^3)\text{-H}$ functionalization still remains challenging, which encourages chemists to explore newer strategies in the near future.

Chapter 3: Results and Discussions

3.1 Screening of Directing Groups



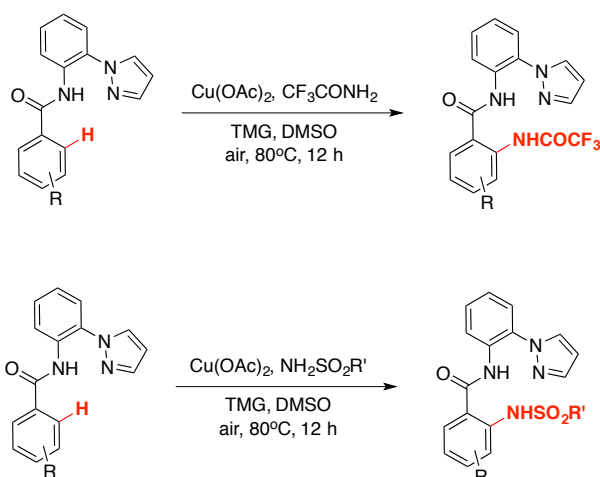
Akin to “rational drug design”, we proposed to rationally design removable DGs. It was speculated that 5-membered *N*-containing heteroaryls attached to an aniline in place of the 8-aminoquinoline and the 2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)aniline should serve as efficient removable DGs if a basic nitrogen atom occupies the strategic position to provide the requisite *N,N*-bidentate complex with copper to form a bicyclic complex [eq (4)]. To that end, we designed a series of 2-aminophenyl-5-membered heteroaryls as removable DGs and proceeded to test our hypothesis.



A total of six 5-membered 2-aminophenyl-5-membered heteroaryls were synthesized. In case of 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole, it was assembled in 87% yield in a 2-step sequence involving an S_NAr reaction of 1-fluoro-2-nitrobenzene with pyrazole with the aid of NaH in DMF, followed by a palladium-catalyzed hydrogenation. In terms of cost, **1** is less expensive than commercially available 8-aminoquinoline, and is considerably less expensive than 2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)aniline.

Similar chemistry offered a series of substrates bearing 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-heterocycle A–E. Benzamide substrates **2** were easily assembled by coupling aniline **1** with a variety of benzoyl chlorides.

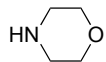

3.2 Copper-mediated C–H amidation and sulfonimidation



Optimization of copper-mediated amidation and sulfonamidation

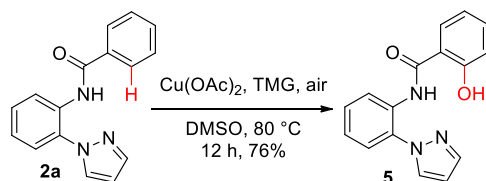
As shown in Table, initial screening of substrate did not show much promise at first. Experimentation with a variety of nitrogen sources (entries 1–7) including alkyl amines, anilines, carbamates, alkylsulfonamides, alkylamides, and arylamides with a combination of copper salts, oxidants, solvents and bases at 80 °C came to no avail. Only when trifluoroacetamide was employed as the nitrogen source did Cu(OAc)₂-mediated amidation take place smoothly with Cs₂CO₃ as the base and

DMF as the solvent to give anthranilamide in 76% yield (entry 8). Switching the solvent to DMSO boosted the yield an additional 5% (entry 9). Encouraged, Cu(TFA)₂ was chosen as the next “logical” choice of copper salt, which surprisingly failed to produce any amidation product (entry 10). An attempt using *N*-methylpiperidine (NMP, entry 11) as the solvent did not offer much advantage in terms of yields either. Later on, it was discovered that TMG provided the highest yield, presumably due to its higher solubility in DMSO than inorganic salts. As a testimony for how sensitive the reaction is for the nitrogen source, even 2,2-difluoroacetamide only produced a trace amount of the corresponding anthranilamide (entry 13). Gratifyingly, the methodology worked smoothly for all primary arylsulfonamides and alkylsulfonamides tested (entries 14 and 15, and *vide infra*).

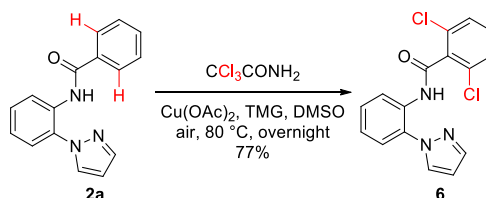
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1		CuBr	DMF	Li ₂ CO ₃	0
2		CuI	DMF	K ₂ CO ₃	0
3	CH ₃ CSNH ₂	Cu(NO ₃) ₂	DMF	Na ₂ CO ₃	0
4	<i>p</i> -O ₂ N-PhNH ₂	CuSO ₄	DMF	Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
5	C ₆ F ₅ NH ₂	CuSO ₄	DMF	Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
6	PhCONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	TMG	trace
7	CH ₃ CONH ₂	CuSO ₄	DMF	Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
8	CF ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	Cs ₂ CO ₃	76
9	CF ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	Cs ₂ CO ₃	81
10	CF ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(TFA) ₂	DMSO	Cs ₂ CO ₃	0
11	CF ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	NMP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	74
12	CF₃CONH₂	Cu(OAc)₂	DMSO	TMG	94
13	CHF ₂ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	trace
14	CH ₃ SO ₂ NH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	84
15	CF ₃ SO ₂ NH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	87

^aThe yield determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard.

Results of Products

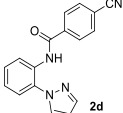
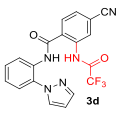
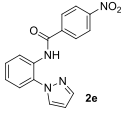
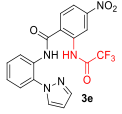
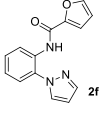
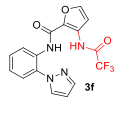
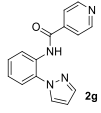
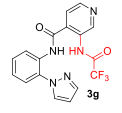
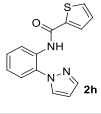
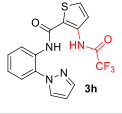
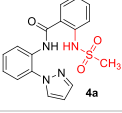

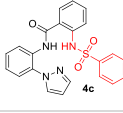
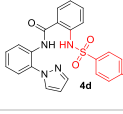
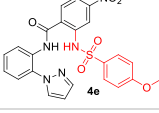
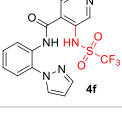
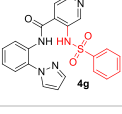
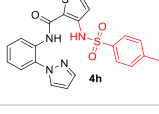


When the amidation failed to work well (entries 4–7, 13), a competing aerobic oxidation product, phenol **5**, was isolated. When the reaction was carried out without any nitrogen source, hydroxylation took place exclusively to offer phenol **5** in 76% yield (94% based on recovered starting material). While the reaction is catalytic for the copper source, stoichiometric amount of copper salts were employed due to their low cost.



It was intriguing to notice that when trichloroacetamide was employed as the nitrogen source, unexpectedly, no desired anthranilamide was isolated. Surprisingly, Cu(OAc)₂-mediated aerobic C(sp²-H) dichlorination product **6** was isolated in good yield (Scheme 3). To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of using trichloroacetamide as the chlorination agent for C–H halogenation.

substrate	product	yield ^b
 2a	 3a	94
 2b	 3b	53
 2c	 3c	44

 2d	 3d	75
 2e	 3e	72
 2f	 3f	27
 2g	 3g	67
 2h	 3h	69
2a	 4a	84
2a	 4b	87
2a	 4c	99
2a	 4d	93
2e	 4e	77
2g	 4f	86
2g	 4g	98
2h	 4h	70

^bThe yield determined by flash column.

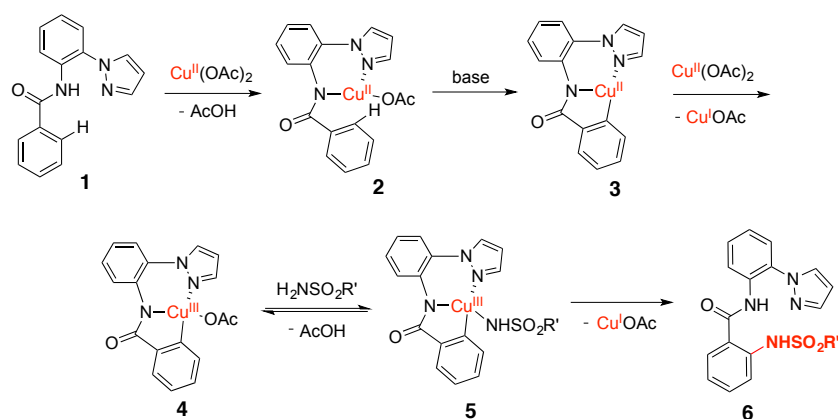
With reaction conditions optimized, the utility of Cu(OAc)₂-mediated C–H amidation using 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole as the removable DG was explored. As shown in Table, the reaction worked for a variety of substituted benzamide substrates **2a–2e** when trifluoroacetamide was used as the nitrogen source. While the parent benzamide **2a** afforded anthranilamide **3a** in 94% yield. The amidation reaction worked on benzamide **2b** with an electron-donating substituent as well as benzamides **2c–2e** with electron-withdrawing substituents.

Attention was then turned to heterocyclic substrates. For the furan substrate **2f**, the desired anthranilamide **3f** was isolated in only 27% yield (82% based on recovered starting material) even elevated temperature (150 °C!) and additional Cu(OAc)₂ did not drive the reaction to completion. Meanwhile, pyridine substrate **2g** and thiophene substrate **2h** offered the desired anthranilamides **3g**, and **3h** in 67% and 69% yield, respectively.

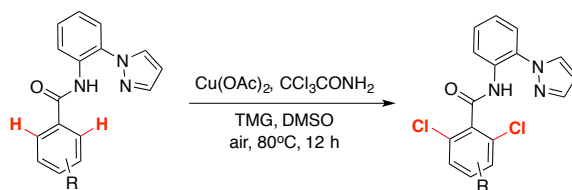
As a highlight, all substrates **2a–2h** were sulfonamidated in consistently high yields using this method. Methanesulfonamide, trifluoromethanesulfonamide, benzenesulfonamide, *p*-toluenesulfonamide, and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfonamide all worked smoothly as the nitrogen source to produce amide-sulfonamides **4a–4h** in 70–99%. Overall, 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole appears to be superior to existing removable DGs in terms of sulfonamidation, providing good yields for all primary sulfonamides tested.

Mechanism

A plausible mechanism is postulated for the copper-mediated C–H amidation employing our bidentate removable DG. Therefore, *chelation* of $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ with *N,N*-bidentate substrate **1** affords Cu(II)-complex **2**. With the aid of the base, complex **2** undergoes *C–H cupration* to afford Cu(II)-complex **3**, which is *oxidized* by $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ to produce Cu(III)-complex **4**. *Ligand exchange* with methanesulfonamide then gives rise to intermediate **5**, which subsequently undergoes a *reductive elimination* to deliver amide-sulfonamide **6**.



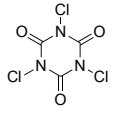
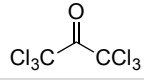
3.3 Copper-mediated C–H chlorination



Optimization of copper-mediated chlorination

Employing benzamide as our substrate, we investigated the validity of trichloroacetamide as a new chloronium ion source in comparison to other chlorine sources in the context of C–H chlorination using removable DG, 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole. As shown in Table 1, 2,2,2-trichloroacetonitrile failed to

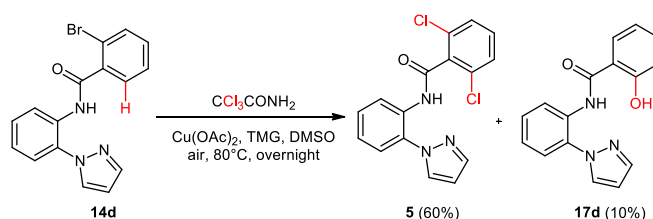
chlorinate the substrate when Cu(OAc)₂ was used as the copper salt and TMG as the organic base (Entry 1), so did tetrachloroethylene with CuI (Entry 2). Switching the copper salt to Cu(OAc)₂, tetrachloroethane provided the desired chlorinated product in 11% yield when the reaction was run at 55 °C (Entry 3). Since much left in the reaction was unreacted benzamide, it was logical to raise the temperature to 80 °C and the reaction was driven to completion to afford product in 77% yield (Entry 4). Trichloroisocyanuric acid, hexachloroacetone, and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) all proved to be viable chloronium ion sources with different degrees of success (Entry 5–9). We then turned our attention to trichloroacetamide as a new chloronium ion source fortuitously discovered in our laboratory. Experimentation (Entry 10–14) revealed that the optimal conditions for the C–H chlorination of substrate are: Cu(OAc)₂ as the copper salt, TMG as the organic base, trichloroacetamide was superior to other chlorine sources when the reaction was run overnight in DMSO at 80 °C, open to air (Entry 12).

Entry	Cl source	Cu salt	Solvent	Base	Yield(%) ^a
1	CCl ₃ CN	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	0
2	Cl ₂ CHCHCl ₂	CuI	DMSO	TMG	0
3	Cl ₂ CHCHCl ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	11
4	Cl ₂ CHCHCl ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	77
5		Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	38
6		Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	54
7	NCS	CuI	DMSO	TMG	0
8	NCS	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	44
9	NCS	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	76
10	CCl ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	Dioxane	TMG	0
11	CCl ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	48
12	CCl₃CONH₂	Cu(OAc)₂	DMSO	TMG	80

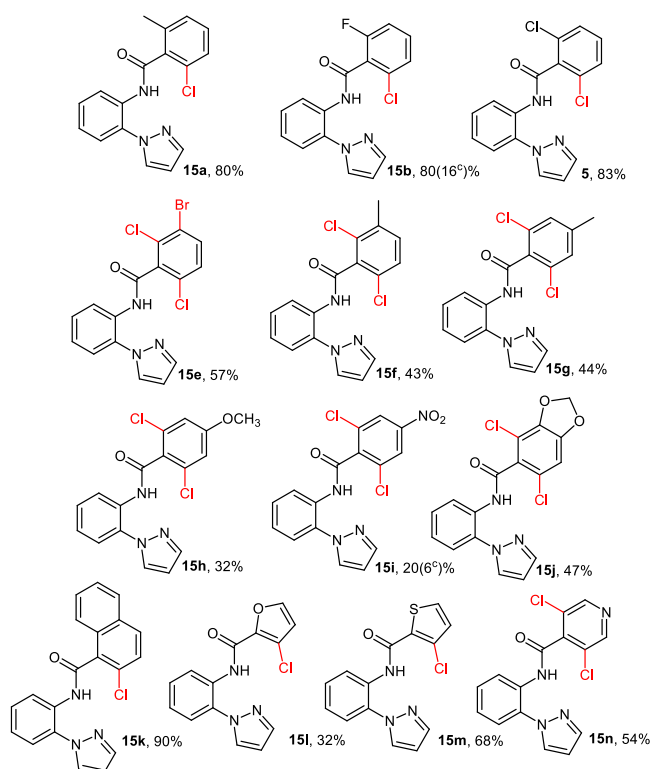
13	CCl ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	Cs ₂ CO ₃	53
14	CCl ₃ CONH ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	76

^aThe yield determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard.

Results of Products



More interestingly, when bromophenyl substrates **14d** was subjected to the C–H chlorination conditions, the Cl/Br halogen exchange reaction also took place to afford bis-chlorinated product **5** in 60% yield, along with debrominated and hydroxylated product **17d** in 10% yield (entry 4). This method adds one additional example to the small repertoire of copper-mediated Cl/Br halogen exchange reactions in the literature. In addition, instead of the Cl/Br halogen exchange, the copper-mediated C–H hydroxylation product **17d** lost its halogen atom. It is likely that a protonation reaction with the complex PhCuBr took place before the reductive elimination step. While the ramification on deciphering the detailed mechanism is not immediately clear, the Br/Cl and Br/H exchanges strongly suggest the participation of the DG in the processes of generating both **5** and **17d**. This is further evidenced by the fact that no Br/Cl and Br/H exchange products were observed from the *meta*-bromo-substrate **14e**, as the DG may affect the concerted metalation-deprotonation (CMD) with the aid of copper only on the *ortho* positions.



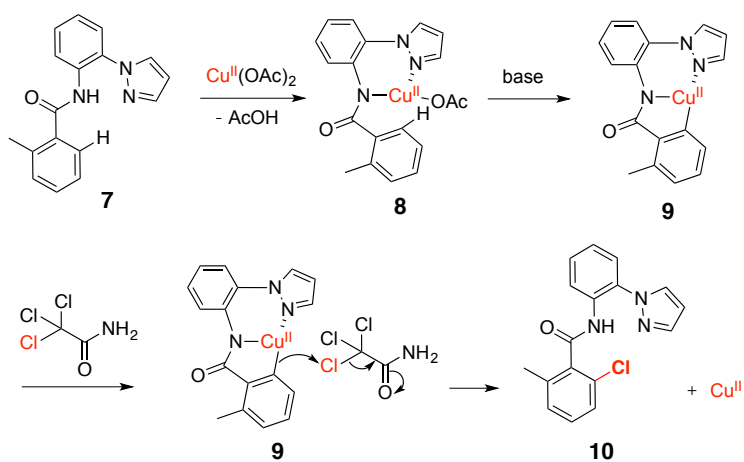
^bThe yield determined by flash column.

When there was no *ortho*-substituent to block one of the two *ortho* positions, bis-chlorination products were the major products as shown by *meta*-substituted substrates **14e** and **14f**, as well as *para*-substituted substrates **14g–14i**. As shown in entry 10, the methylenedioxy substrate **14j** afforded the bis-chlorination product **15j** in 47% isolated yield (62% based on recovered starting material). Naphthalenyl substrate **14k** gave an excellent isolated yield (90%) of the mono-chlorinated product **15k**, which has a very low solubility, presumably because of increased π -stacking effect.

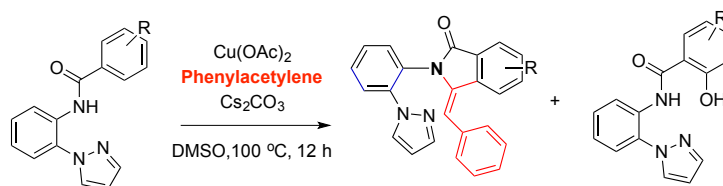
We then turned our attention to heteroaryl substrates. The chlorination reactions for both of the furan and thiophene substrates **14l** and **14m** could not be driven to completion even with elevated temperature and elongated reaction time. Mono-chlorinated furan product **15l** was isolated in 32% yield (72% based on recovered starting material). Similarly, mono-chlorinated thiophene product **15m** was isolated in 68% yield (91% based on recovered starting material). Finally, pyridyl substrate **14n** gave rise to bis-chloro-product **15n** in 54% yield.

Mechanism

A plausible mechanism is proposed as follows: *Chelation* of $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ with *N,N*-bidentate substrate **7** affords $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ -complex **8**. With the aid of the base TMG, complex **8** undergoes *concerted metalation-deprotonation* (CMD) to afford the cyclocupration product as $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ -complex **9**. In the presence of trichloroacetamide as the ion as an electrophile, $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ - complex **9** may serve as an organocuprate and attack the pseudo- chloronium ion directly, giving rise to the chlorination product **10**.



3.4 Copper-mediated C–H alkylation/annulation

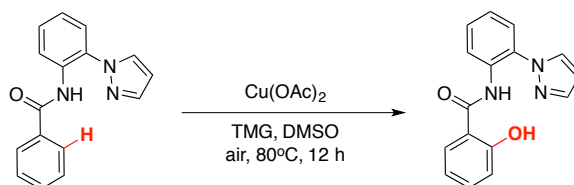


Optimization of copper-mediated alkylation/annulation

Entry	Cu salt	Solvent	Base	Additive	Yield(%) ^a	Yield(%) ^a
1	CuBr_2	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3		20	0
2	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMF	Cs_2CO_3		23	5
3	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	pyridine	25	6
4	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3		54	18
5	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	NMO	65	24
6	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	TMG		48	18
7	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	100 °C	75	18
8	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	120 °C	45	0
9	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	O_2	25	70
10	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DMSO	CsOAc		23	74

^aThe yield determined by ^1H NMR analysis of crude reaction using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard.

3.5 Copper-mediated C–H hydroxylation



Optimization of copper-mediated hydroxylation

Entry	Cu salt	Solvent	Base	Additive	Yield(%) ^a
1	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	Cs ₂ CO ₃		7
2	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG		31
3	2 eq. Cu(OAc)₂	DMSO	TMG		97
4	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	NMO	65
5	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TMG	O ₂	52
6	2 eq. Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	CsOAc		90

^aThe yield determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard.

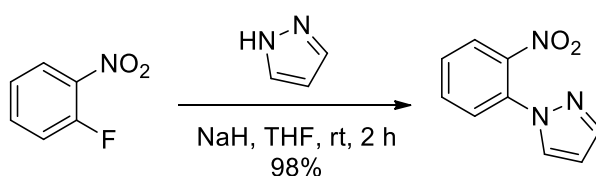
Chapter 4: Conclusion

In summary, an inexpensive removable bidentate directing group 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole has been discovered for copper-mediated aerobic oxidative C(*sp*²-H) bond amidation, sulfonamidation, chlorination and hydroxylation. They tolerate a wide range of substrates and especially can afford excellent yields for C-H sulfonamidation and hydroxylation products. In addition, this removable directing group can be applied to copper-mediated C-H alkynylation/annulation, employing Cu(OAc)₂ as a promoter and oxidant under high temperature conditions.

Chapter 5: Experimental Section

5.1 Preparation of substrates

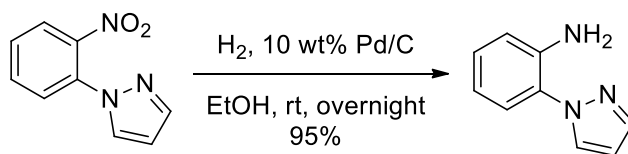
All reactions were performed in anhydrous solvents under a N₂ atmosphere. Solvents were purchased from Alfa Aesar and utilized without further purifications. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using Silica GTLC plates, 200 M with UV254 (SORBENT Technologies), with visualization by UV or iodine. Flash chromatography was performed using standard grade silica gel (60 Å, 230–400 mesh; SORBENT Technologies). Melting Points were taken using Vernier Melt Station LabQuest 2 and were not corrected. NMR spectra were acquired using an Agilent VNMRS spectrometer equipped with one NMR probe (500 MHz for ¹H, 125 MHz for ¹³C, 470 MHz for ¹⁹F). Spectra were processed using MNova software (Mestrelab). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm), coupling constants (*J*) in Hz and are calibrated to residual protonated solvent. Infrared spectra of neat samples were acquired using a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer, with solid samples analyzed using a Universal ATR (attenuated total reflectance) sampling accessory. GC–MS was performed on a Hewlett Packard HP6890 Series GC System and a 5973 Mass Selective Detector.



1-(2-Nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrazole

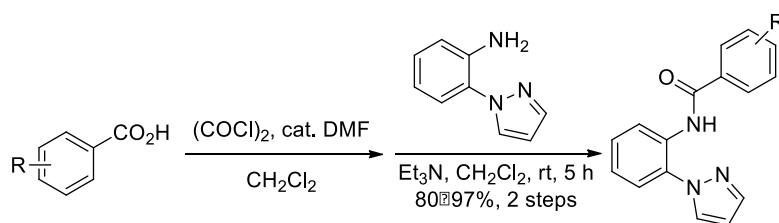
A 500 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 4.0 of NaH (60% in mineral oil, 99.3 mmol) followed by addition of 100 mL of THF. The suspension was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of pyrazole (5.79 g, 85.1 mmol) in 100 mL of THF was added dropwise via an additional funnel while H₂ bubbles were observed. After completion of addition, a solution of 1-fluoro-2-nitrobenzene (7.50 mL, 10.0 g, 70.9 mmol) in 100 mL of THF was added dropwise via an additional funnel. The ice-water bath was removed and the yellow solution was stirred at rt for 3 h, at which point an TLC

analysis showed the disappearance of the starting material 1-fluoro-2-nitrobenzene. The reaction was then poured to a separatory funnel charged with 100 mL of saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and, after separation, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×200 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue as a yellow solid was triturated with a mixture of acetone and hexanes (1:6) to give the desired product as a white crystalline solid that was pure enough to carry out the next step of palladium-catalyzed hydrogenation for the nitro group reduction (13.3 g, 98% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (dt, $J = 8.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 3.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.5, 142.2, 133.3, 133.1, 129.7, 128.4, 126.0, 124.9, 108.2.



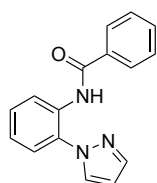
2-(1H-Pyrazol-1-yl)aniline

A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 1-(2-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrazole (5.00 g, 26.4 mmol) and 25 mL of EtOH. A catalytic amount of 10 wt% Pd/C (200 mg) was added and the flask was flushed with hydrogen. The reaction was then stirred overnight under a balloon of H_2 when the reaction was judged complete according to TLC. After flushing the flask with N_2 , the catalyst was filtered and the solution concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified via a flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:2) to give the desired aniline as an oil (4.0 g, 95% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.45 – 6.40 (m, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H, NH_2); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.13, 140.48, 129.90, 128.49, 126.45, 124.15, 124.13, 117.95, 117.92, 117.26, 106.39, 77.43.



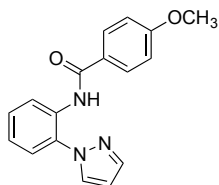
General procedure for amide formation

To a solution of the benzoic acid (3.66 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) at 0°C was added 3–5 drops of DMF. After effervescing subsided, oxalyl chloride (5.12 mmol) was added drop wise. After stirring at rt for 1 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the acid chloride as an oil. It was taken back with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), cooled back 0°C . A solution of 2-aminophenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (3.29 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added, followed by triethylamine (3.66 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 0°C for 10 min, and rt for 2 h when the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, and brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:6) to give the desired amide.



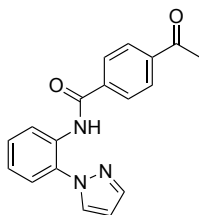
N-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)benzamide

White solid (4.6 g, 87%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.51$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.29 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.70 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 8.04, 1.62$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 5.9, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.19 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.26, 141.08, 134.80, 131.82, 131.73, 130.25, 129.00, 128.68, 127.97, 127.26, 124.01, 122.81, 122.11, 107.29, 77.37. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3185, 1672, 1599, 1536, 1503, 1452, 1313, 949, 744, 680.



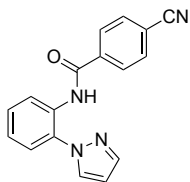
***N*-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methoxybenzamide**

White solid (0.52 g, 85%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.40$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.15 (s, 1H, NH), 8.65 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.35 (2H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.49 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.87, 162.43, 141.05, 132.00, 130.27, 129.13, 129.00, 128.06, 127.08, 123.73, 122.84, 122.19, 113.84, 107.21, 60.36, 55.41, 14.17. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 293.1164, found: 294.1232.



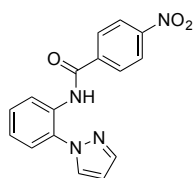
***N*-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-acetylbenzamide**

White solid (0.87 g, 87%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.30$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.54 (s, 1H, NH), 8.70 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 4H), 8.04 (qd, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 4H), 8.70 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.22 (q, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.42, 164.24, 141.70, 141.12, 139.33, 138.72, 131.36, 130.22, 129.83, 128.99, 128.59, 128.04, 127.96, 127.76, 127.55, 127.48, 125.12, 124.41, 124.37, 122.84, 122.47, 122.42, 121.96, 107.46, 107.39, 26.83. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 306.1243, found: 306.1230.



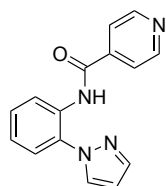
***N*-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-cyanobenzamide**

White solid (0.51 g, 86%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.61$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.64 (s, 1H, NH), 8.67 (d, $J = 8.22$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, $J = 8.30, 1.59$ Hz, 2H), 7.89 (t, $J = 1.73$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, $J = 1.70$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.40, 1.69$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td, $J = 9.31, 1.68$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, $J = 7.64, 1.41$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (q, $J = 1.09$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.34, 141.13, 138.76, 132.74, 132.52, 131.01, 130.92, 130.22, 128.93, 128.03, 127.91, 124.64, 122.84, 121.83, 118.01, 115.28, 107.48. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 289.1089, found: 289.1078.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-nitrobenzamide**

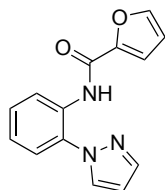
White solid (1.2 g, 97%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.48$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.74 (s, 1H, NH), 8.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.09, 149.73, 141.16, 140.44, 130.98, 130.22, 128.93, 128.42, 128.04, 124.73, 123.90, 122.83, 121.80, 107.52.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)isonicotinamide**

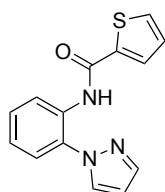
White solid (0.88 g, 80%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:1), $R_f = 0.20$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.71 (s, 1H, NH), 8.82 – 8.77 (m, 2H), 8.72 – 8.66 (m, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.40 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.54 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR

(126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.13, 150.54, 142.04, 141.16, 130.92, 130.19, 128.92, 127.99, 124.69, 122.85, 121.80, 121.03, 107.48.



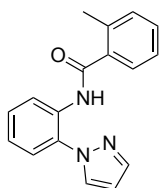
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)furan-2-carboxamide**

White solid (0.75 g, 94%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), R_f = 0.38 (CH₂Cl₂). FTIR (neat, ATR, cm⁻¹) 3184, 1673, 1599, 1537, 1450, 1394, 1316, 786, 731; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.19 (s, 1H, NH), 8.64 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.48 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.31, 148.10, 144.58, 141.12, 131.29, 130.11, 129.10, 128.03, 124.08, 122.77, 122.39, 114.89, 112.18, 107.24. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₃O₂ [M+1]: 254.0931, found: 254.0919.



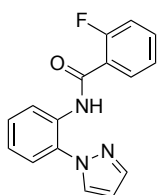
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide**

White solid, (0.73 g, 89%), flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:4), R_f = 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.34 (s, 1H, NH), 8.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.92, 141.06, 140.23, 131.46, 130.90, 130.24, 128.74, 128.31, 128.05, 127.76, 123.98, 122.72, 121.98, 107.32.



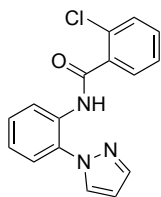
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-methylbenzamide**

White solid, 0.5 g, 91% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1: 3), $R_f = 0.61$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.63 (s, 1H, NH), 8.69 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.48 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.89, 141.17, 137.03, 136.18, 131.88, 131.37, 130.30, 130.19, 129.22, 128.12, 127.02, 125.89, 124.13, 122.86, 122.51, 107.18, 20.08. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 277.1215, found: 277.



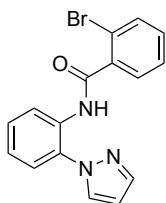
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-fluorobenzamide**

White solid, 0.42 g, 89% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1: 3), $R_f = 0.57$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.85 – 10.80 (m, 1H, NH), 8.64 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 15.8, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, $J = 11.6, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.79–161.28 (dd, $J = 63.88, 2.79$ Hz), 159.29, 141.25–141.24 (d, $J = 2.23$ Hz), 133.52–133.43 (dd, $J = 9.02, 2.25$ Hz), 131.91, 131.83, 130.10, 129.97 (d, $J = 2.47$ Hz), 128.22, 128.20, 124.61 (m), 124.48–124.46 (d, $J = 2.47$ Hz), 123.70 – 123.25–123.23 (d, $J = 2.47$ Hz), 122.15–122.06 (d, $J = 11.82$ Hz), 116.34–116.13 (dd, $J = 23.84, 2.86$ Hz), 107.20–107.18 (d, $J = 2.43$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –112.58. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$: 281.0964, found: 281.



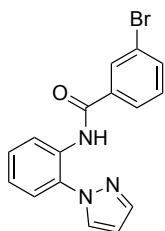
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-chlorobenzamide**

White solid, 0.47 g, 94% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1: 6), $R_f = 0.38$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.69 (s, 1H, NH), 8.68 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, $J = 16.1, 8.7, 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.47 (q, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.88, 141.28, 135.78, 131.48, 131.39, 131.18, 130.46, 130.18, 129.60, 129.44, 128.16, 126.99, 124.52, 123.11, 122.64, 107.21. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [M+1]: 298.0747, found: 298.0737.



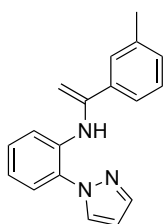
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-bromobenzamide**

Yellow solid, 0.45 g, 88% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1: 3), $R_f = 0.46$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.65 (s, 1H, NH), 8.67 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.48 (q, $J = 2.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.81, 141.29, 138.14, 133.67, 131.40, 131.37, 130.19, 129.40, 129.20, 128.13, 127.51, 124.55, 123.12, 122.52, 119.64, 107.22. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$: 341.0164, found: 341.



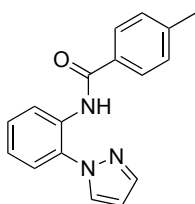
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-bromobenzamide**

White solid (0.14 g, 81%), flash chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/hexane (1:6), $R_f = 0.62$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.50 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.71, 141.14, 136.82, 134.70, 131.40, 130.66, 130.21, 128.98, 128.05, 125.79, 124.29, 122.89, 122.84, 121.91, 107.42. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$: 341.0164, found: 341.



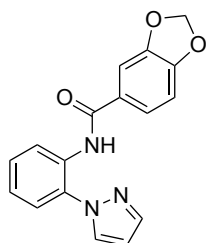
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-methylbenzamide**

White solid, 0.62 g, 95% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1:3), $R_f = 0.47$ [EtOAc/Hex (1:2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.26 (s, 1H, NH), 8.71 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, $J = 5.0, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 6.52 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.49, 141.03, 138.44, 134.76, 132.53, 131.88, 130.28, 129.09, 128.52, 128.11, 128.09, 124.21, 123.95, 122.88, 122.20, 107.27, 21.42. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 277.1215, found: 277.



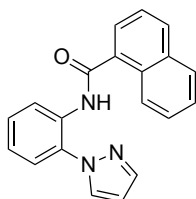
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzamide**

White solid, 0.24 g, 83% yield, flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/Hex (1:6), $R_f = 0.52$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.30, 142.27, 141.07, 132.01, 131.96, 130.26, 129.33, 129.07, 128.08, 127.28, 123.85, 122.89, 122.21, 107.23, 21.47. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for 277.1215: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$, found: 277.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carboxamide**

White solid (0.16 g, 92%), flash chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/hexane (1:4), $R_f = 0.38$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.21 (s, 1H), 8.68 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.54, 150.64, 148.06, 141.11, 131.86, 130.27, 129.07, 128.99, 128.05, 123.88, 122.84, 122.22, 122.13, 108.12, 107.80, 107.28, 101.74. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 308.1035; found: 308.1026.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-1-naphthamide**

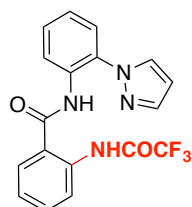
Yellow solid, 0.34 g, 85% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex

(1: 6), $R_f = 0.38$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.94 (s, 1H, NH), 8.80 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.49 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.46 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.43, 141.19, 134.30, 133.84, 131.91, 131.26, 130.32, 130.16, 129.32, 128.29, 128.13, 127.18, 126.41, 125.55, 125.49, 124.75, 124.30, 123.02, 122.47, 107.18. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [M+1]: 314.1293; found: 314.1284.

5.2 Copper-mediated C–H amidation and sulfonimidation

General procedure for amidation and sulfonamidation

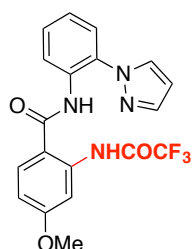
A 10 mL microwave vial was charged with the substrate (0.38 mmol), followed by the addition of the nitrogen source (0.76 mmol), copper acetate (0.38 mmol) and 1,1,3,3,-tetramethylguanidine (0.76 mmol). After adding the solvent DMSO (3 mL), the reaction was heated at 80 °C open to air. After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, and brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.



N-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)benzamide

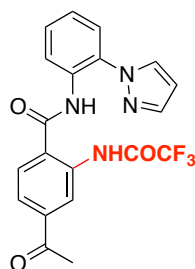
White solid, 0.18 g, 94% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.69$ (Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1: 2)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.74 (bs, 1H, NH), 11.74 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.64 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd, $J =$

8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H),), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, $J = 8.7$, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, $J = 16.8$, 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.53 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 155.5 (q, $J = 37.33$ Hz), 141.2, 138.2, 133.3, 130.5, 130.2, 129.4, 128.0, 127.2, 125.0, 124.9, 123.4, 122.0, 121.7, 120.8, 115.6 (q, $J = 288.84$ Hz), 107.5. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.15. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 375.1069, found: 375.1059.



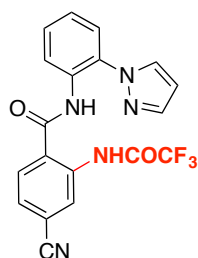
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)benzamide**

White solid, 0.07 g, 53% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.62$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.19 (s, 1H, NH), 11.58 (s, 1H, NH), 8.53 (dd, $J = 8.3$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, $J = 11.7$, 2.2, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, $J = 8.9$, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.84, 163.33, 155.56 (q, $J = 37.29$ Hz), 141.17, 140.62, 130.74, 130.19, 129.38, 128.66, 128.00, 124.74, 123.41, 122.03, 114.58 (q, $J = 288.53$ Hz), 111.56, 107.46, 105.89, 77.25, 77.19, 76.99, 76.74, 55.68. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.18. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 405.1176, found: 405.1162.



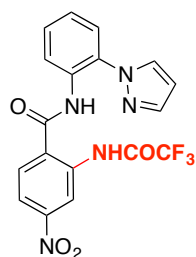
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-acetyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)benzamide**

White solid, 0.12 g, 44% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.51$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.75 (s, 1H, NH), 12.01 (s, 1H, NH), 9.24 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (td, $J = 8.4, 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.55 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 166.0, 155.5 (q, $J = 37.8$ Hz), 141.3, 140.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.3, 128.0, 127.5, 125.4, 124.0, 123.3, 121.8, 121.7, 112.0 (q, $J = 289.8$ Hz), 107.6, 26.8. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.12. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ [M+1]: 417.1175, found: 417.1165.



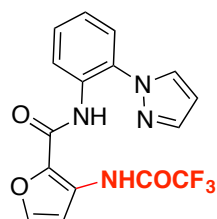
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4-cyano-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)benzamide**

White solid, 0.04 g, 75% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.77$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.75 (s, 1H, NH), 12.12 (s, 1H, NH), 9.02 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 2.0, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.57 (dd, $J = 2.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.25, 155.68 (q, $J = 37.29$ Hz), 141.27, 138.75, 130.16, 129.82, 129.22, 128.03, 127.99, 127.85, 125.66, 124.91, 124.33, 123.30, 121.67, 117.18, 116.80, 116.62, 114.32 (q, $J = 288.45$ Hz), 107.74. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.16. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ [M+1]: 400.1021, found: 400.1011.



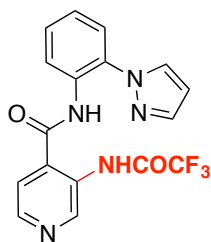
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Yellowish solid, 0.05 g, 72% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/ Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.66$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 12.12 (s, 1H, NH), 11.26 (s, 1H, NH), 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.57 (dd, $J = 2.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ –74.86. The ^{13}C NMR was not taken because the presence of the nitro-group and two amides makes this compound extremely insoluble in all solvents tested.



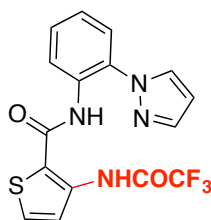
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White solid, 0.03 g, 27% isolated yield (82% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/ Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.63$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.40 (s, 1H, NH), 10.60 (s, 1H, NH), 8.54 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.25 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.09, 154.50 (q, $J = 38.56$ Hz), 144.13, 141.23, 132.84, 130.51, 130.27, 129.94, 129.29, 127.93, 124.79, 122.93, 122.22, 114.32 (q, $J = 287.92$ Hz), 107.40. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ –76.03. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+1]$: 365.0861, found: 365.0848.



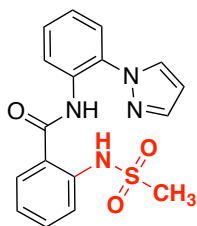
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Yellow solid, 0.15 g, 67% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Acetone (10:1), $R_f = 0.32$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.39 (s, 1H, NH), 12.20 (s, 1H, NH), 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.82, 155.24 (q, $J = 38.1$ Hz), 146.26, 144.14, 141.37, 133.58, 130.14, 129.70, 129.17, 127.95, 126.87, 125.71, 123.25, 121.62, 119.64, 113.00 (q, $J = 288.5$ Hz), 107.76. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -75.92.



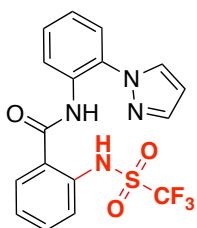
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)thiophene-2-carboxamide**

Yellowish solid, 0.13 g, 69% yield (91% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.66$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.15 (s, 1H, NH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH), 8.53 – 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 6.7, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.1, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.12, 154.36 (q, $J = 38.0$ Hz), 141.13, 141.08, 130.37, 129.90, 129.15, 128.64, 127.89, 124.85, 123.36, 122.86, 121.74, 116.78, 114.60 (q, $J = 288.1$ Hz), 107.47. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -75.88.



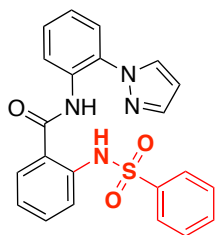
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White solid, 0.12 g, 84% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.45$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.65 (s, 1H, NH), 10.86 (s, 1H, NH), 8.56 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 8.1, 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.54 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, cdcl_3) δ 166.79, 141.22, 140.10, 133.38, 130.64, 130.22, 129.34, 127.94, 127.57, 124.93, 123.35, 123.18, 122.02, 120.34, 119.68, 107.52, 39.90. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 411.0739, found: 411.0730.



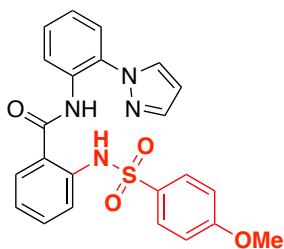
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White solid, 0.07 g, 87% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.73$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.22 (s, 1H, NH), 11.86 (s, 1H, NH), 8.55 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, $J = 21.8, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 (ddt, $J = 5.6, 4.2, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.56 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.75, 141.25, 138.05, 133.47, 130.20, 129.44, 127.92, 127.29, 125.29, 124.88, 123.44, 121.89, 120.92, 120.58, 120.11 (q, $J = 323.79$ Hz), 118.52, 115.95, 107.60. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.15. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 411.0739, found: 411.0730.



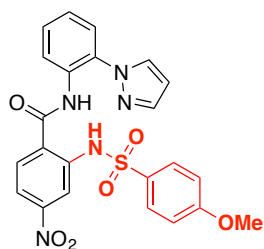
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonamido)benzamide**

White solid, 0.28 g, 99% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.59$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.34 (s, 1H, NH), 10.82 (s, 1H, NH), 8.50 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.54, 141.08, 139.20, 132.86, 132.63, 130.52, 130.07, 129.10, 128.76, 127.81, 127.12, 127.06, 124.85, 124.04, 123.05, 122.40, 121.99, 121.86, 107.49. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 419.1178, found: 419.1167.



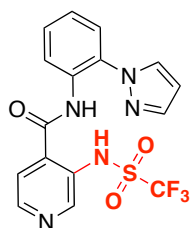
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonamido)benzamide**

White solid, 0.16 g, 93% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.45$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.33 (s, 1H, NH), 10.69 (s, 1H, NH), 8.52 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.8, 3.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, $J = 18.5, 8.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.58, 162.82, 141.07, 139.38, 132.78, 130.97, 130.74, 130.15, 129.33, 129.07, 127.88, 126.94, 124.69, 123.75, 122.98, 122.33, 121.93, 121.89, 113.99, 107.40, 55.35.



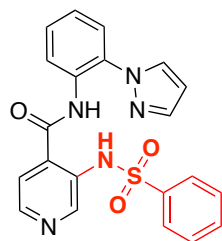
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonamido)-4-nitrobenzamide**

White solid, 0.08 g, 77% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.52$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 11.11 (s, 1H, NH), 10.63 (s, 1H, NH), 8.23 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J = 23.6, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 20.0, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 164.90, 163.43, 149.44, 141.39, 132.97, 131.36, 130.17, 129.88, 129.59, 128.02, 126.98, 126.22, 124.32, 119.22, 115.82, 115.12, 107.64, 56.13. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3129, 1652, 1593, 1547, 1523, 1499, 1332, 1132, 885, 762.



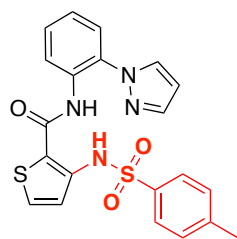
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethylsulfonamido)isonicotinamide**

Yellow solid, 0.11 g, 86% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Acetone (20:1), $R_f = 0.28$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.21 (s, 1H, NH), 9.07 (s, 1H, NH), 8.55 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.44, 142.99, 141.37, 130.28, 129.67, 129.59, 128.05, 125.95, 123.57, 122.03, 121.09, 120.25, 118.52, 107.76. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz CDCl_3) δ -76.34. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3129 (b, NH), 1667, 1596, 1513, 1323, 1167, 1127, 1100, 979, 754.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(phenylsulfonamido)isonicotinamide**

Yellow solid, 0.11 g, 98% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Acetone (20:1), $R_f = 0.35$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.76 (s, 1H, NH), 10.37 (s, 1H, NH), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.47 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.32 (q, $J = 10.6, 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 3H), 6.55 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.42, 145.17, 144.34, 141.16, 138.83, 132.97, 130.00, 129.79, 128.99, 128.90, 128.64, 127.84, 127.22, 125.45, 122.98, 121.51, 119.50, 107.66.



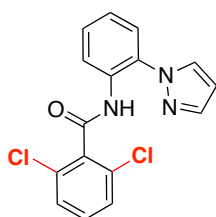
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)thiophene-2-carboxamide**

White solid, 0.06 g, 70% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (2:1), $R_f = 0.37$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.12 (s, 1H, NH), 10.58 (s, 1H, NH), 8.45 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 6.50 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.05, 143.86, 143.28, 141.00, 136.67, 130.66, 129.89, 129.69, 128.98, 128.44, 127.81, 126.99, 124.48, 123.10, 121.81, 121.51, 113.68, 107.36, 21.50.

5.3 Copper-mediated C–H chlorination

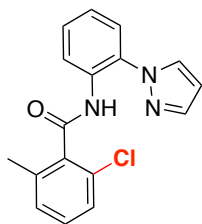
General procedure for chlorination

A 10 mL microwave vial was charged with the substrate (0.38 mmol), then was added the trichloroacetamide (0.76 mmol), copper acetate (0.38 mmol) and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (0.76 mmol). After adding the solvent DMSO (3 mL), the reaction was heated at 80 °C open to air. After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, and brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product as a white solid



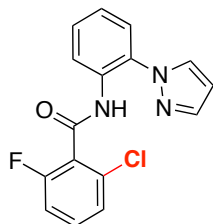
N-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-dichlorobenzamide

White solid, 0.19 g, 77% yield, flash chromatography eluting with dichloromethane/hexane (3:1), $R_f = 0.56$ (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.56 (s, 1H, NH), 8.54 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.46 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.63, 141.20, 136.07, 132.25, 130.73, 130.70, 130.10, 129.90, 128.11, 128.02, 125.12, 124.04, 122.39, 107.16. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm⁻¹) 3258 (NH), 1670 (amide carbonyl), 1454, 1429, 1393, 1308, 938, 776. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁Cl₂N₃O: 331.0279, found: 331.



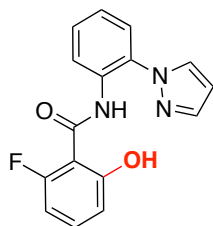
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-chloro-6-methylbenzamide**

White solid, 0.10 g, 80% yield (88% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with dichloromethane/hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.48$ [EtOAc/Hex (1:2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.34 – 10.30 (m, 1H, NH), 8.56 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 (q, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.53, 141.21, 137.02, 136.70, 131.05, 130.60, 130.16, 129.94, 129.89, 128.63, 128.09, 126.89, 124.88, 123.93, 122.57, 107.15. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [$M+1$]: 312.0904, found: 312.0895.



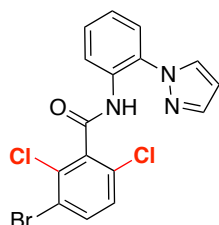
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-chloro-6-fluorobenzamide**

White solid, 0.09 g, 76% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1:6), $R_f = 0.46$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.72 (s, 1H, NH), 8.62 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, $J = 20.0, 8.2, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.56, 158.55, 141.18, 132.34, 131.28, 131.13, 130.84, 129.48, 127.95, 125.68, 124.93, 124.87, 123.46, 122.32, 122.28, 114.65, 107.12. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.8. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ [$M+1$]: 281.0964, found: 316.0643.



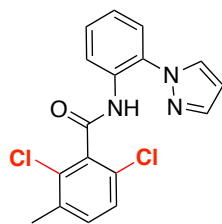
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-fluoro-6-hydroxybenzamide**

White solid, 0.03 g, 16% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1:6), $R_f = 0.50$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.91 (s, 1H, OH), 11.04 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H, NH), 8.40 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 12.4, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.52-163.88 (dd, $J = 327.13, 3.94$ Hz), 162.05, 160.07, 141.35, 134.14 (m), 130.64, 129.90, 127.94, 125.41, 124.93, 123.47, 114.52, 107.35, 105.90–105.63 (dd, $J = 25.28, 4.39$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –110.05. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 298.0992, found: 298.0981.



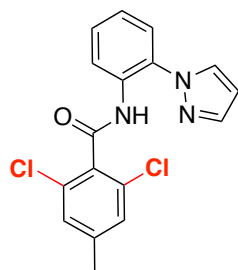
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2,3,6-trichlorobenzamide**

White solid, 0.03 g, 57% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.70$ (CH_2Cl_2) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.66 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 6.49 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.02, 141.28, 137.57, 134.55, 132.75, 131.13, 130.44, 130.04, 129.90, 129.02, 128.01, 125.31, 124.10, 122.25, 121.94, 107.25. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrCl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 409.9463, found: 409.9457.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-dichloro-3-methylbenzamide**

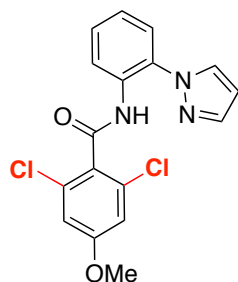
Yellow solid, 0.06 g, 43% yield (46% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with EtOAc/Hex (1:6), $R_f = 0.43$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 2)]. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.47 (s, 1H, NH), 8.54 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.46 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.17, 141.18, 136.09, 135.74, 132.08, 131.87, 130.79, 130.09, 129.94, 129.15, 128.03, 127.62, 125.05, 124.10, 122.43, 107.12, 19.94. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 345.0436, found: 345. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [M+1]: 346.0514, found: 346.0505.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-dichloro-4-methylbenzamide**

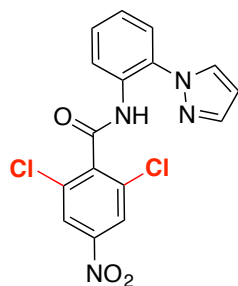
White solid, 0.04 g, 44% yield (79% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with CH_2Cl_2 /Hex (4:1), $R_f = 0.58$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 8.54 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 0H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.83, 141.56, 141.20, 141.18, 133.25, 131.84, 131.83, 130.86, 130.10, 130.08, 129.86, 128.66, 128.64, 128.05, 128.03, 124.98, 124.97, 123.98, 123.96, 122.42, 122.40, 107.12, 107.10, 20.94, 20.92. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 345.0436, found: 345. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$

[M+1]: 346.0514, found: 346.0506.



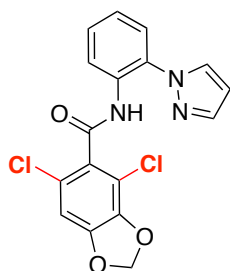
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White solid, 0.03 g, 32% yield (68% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with CH₂Cl₂/ Hex (4:1), *R_f* = 0.43 (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.45 (s, 1H, NH), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.46 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.73, 160.38, 141.20, 132.96, 130.94, 130.92, 130.13, 129.83, 128.79, 128.06, 124.94, 123.90, 122.45, 114.05, 107.12, 55.86, 29.68. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) for C₁₇H₁₄Cl₂N₃O₂ [M+1]: 362.0463, found: 362.0454.



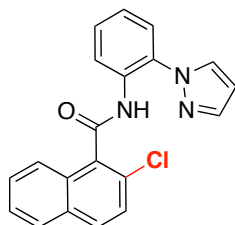
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2,6-dichloro-4-nitrobenzamide**

Yellow solid, 0.02 g, 20% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: CH₂Cl₂/Hex (4: 1), *R_f* = 0.56 (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.14 (s, 1H, NH), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.64, 156.99, 150.36, 141.59, 132.82, 132.11, 131.75, 131.34, 128.65, 125.45, 125.43, 125.11, 124.06, 114.21, 111.80, 107.74. GC-MS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀Cl₂N₄O₃: 376.0130, found: 376.



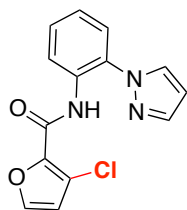
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-4,6-dichlorobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carboxamide**

White solid, 0.04 g, 47% yield (62% based on recovered starting material), flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/ Hexane (4:1), $R_f = 0.53$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 8.55 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.48 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.13, 148.91, 144.06, 141.27, 130.81, 130.12, 129.81, 129.71, 128.04, 125.05, 124.58, 123.87, 122.42, 112.35, 108.79, 107.19, 102.78, 77.30, 77.04, 76.79. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 376.0256, found: 376.0248.



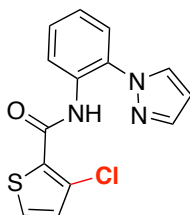
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-chloro-1-naphthamide**

White solid, 0.14 g, 90% yield, flash chromatography eluting with CH_2Cl_2 / Hex (4:1), $R_f = 0.46$ (CH_2Cl_2). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.66 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.89 – 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.03, 141.03, 140.11, 139.26, 136.67, 135.42, 131.25, 129.91, 129.44, 129.32, 129.04, 128.33, 128.15, 127.96, 127.38, 127.00, 124.32, 123.30, 122.71, 107.02. HRMS (ESI, m/z) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 348.0904, found: 348.0896.



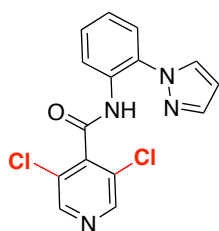
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-chlorofuran-2-carboxamide**

White solid, 0.03 g, 32% yield (78% based on recovered starting material). Flash chromatography solvent system: CH₂Cl₂/hex (3:1), *R_f* = 0.50 (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.05 (s, 1H, NH), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ. 155.38, 143.48, 141.59, 141.16, 131.13, 130.10, 129.34, 128.10, 124.35, 123.09, 122.60, 121.32, 114.83, 107.28. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) for C₁₄H₁₁ClN₃O₂ [M+1]: 288.0540, found: 288.0532.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide**

White solid, 0.08 g, 68% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: CH₂Cl₂/hex (4:1), *R_f* = 0.34 (CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.64 (s, 1H, NH), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.69, 141.38, 133.08, 131.59, 130.15, 129.71, 129.69, 128.32, 124.72, 124.66, 123.83, 123.62, 107.35. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) for C₁₄H₁₁ClN₃OS [M+1]: 304.0311, found: 304.0303.



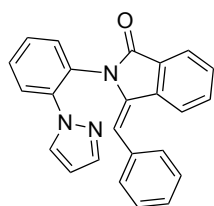
***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-3,5-dichloroisonicotinamide**

White solid, 0.08 g, 55% yield, flash chromatography eluting with CH₂Cl₂/Acetone (10: 1), *R_f* = 0.37 [EtOAc/ Hex (1: 2)]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 3H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.11, 147.87, 142.10, 141.28, 130.03, 129.99, 129.67, 128.94, 127.98, 125.53, 123.88, 122.05, 107.33. GC-MS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for: 332.0232, found: 332. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) for C₁₅H₁₁Cl₂N₄O [*M*+1]: 333.0310, found: 333.0303.

5.4 Copper-mediated C–H alkylation/annulation

General procedure for alkylation/annulation

A 10 mL microwave vial was charged with the substrate (0.32 mmol), then was added the phenylacetylene (0.96 mmol), copper acetate (0.64 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.64 mmol). After adding the solvent DMSO (3 mL), the reaction was heated at 100 °C open to air. After stirring at 100 °C for 12 h, the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, and brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product as a white solid



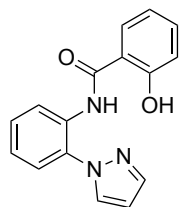
2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl-3-benzylideneisoindolin-1-one

White solid, 0.08 g, 72% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1:2), $R_f = 0.25$ (Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1:2)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 168.09, 140.91, 138.82, 137.46, 134.13, 132.93, 132.37, 130.66, 129.94, 129.61, 129.08, 129.02, 128.81, 128.73, 127.52, 127.42, 127.11, 126.64, 125.03, 123.95, 119.44, 107.60, 106.60. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for: $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+1$]: 363.1372, found: 363.

5.5 Copper-mediated C–H hydroxylation

General procedure for hydroxylation

A 10 mL microwave vial was charged with the substrate (0.38 mmol), then was added the copper acetate (0.76 mmol) and 1,1,3,3,-tetramethylguanidine (0.76 mmol). After adding the solvent DMSO (3 mL), the reaction was heated at 80 °C open to air. After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, and brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product as a white solid

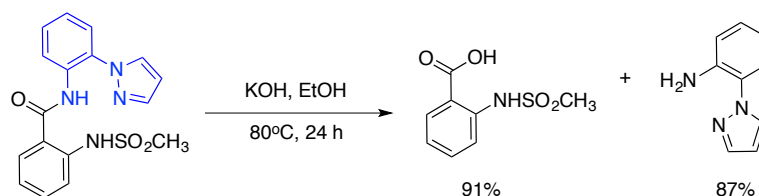


N-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-hydroxybenzamide

White solid, 0.09 g, 93% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Dichloromethane/Hexane (5:1), $R_f = 0.73$ (Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1: 2)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)

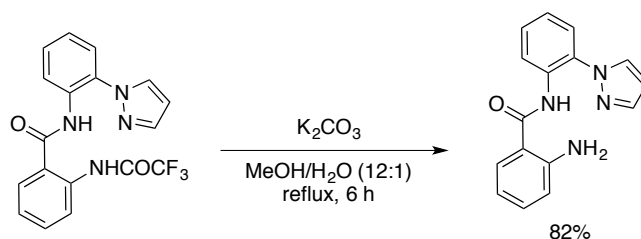
δ 12.23 (s, 1H, NH), 11.63 (s, 1H, OH), 8.53 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 11.8, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.68, 162.15, 141.21, 134.47, 130.55, 130.18, 129.48, 127.90, 126.04, 124.73, 123.52, 122.07, 118.94, 118.66, 114.88, 107.46. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3236, 3127 (b, OH), 1652, 1610, 1593, 1548, 1499, 1454, 1239, 1164, 1053, 940, 720; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [M+1]: 280.1086, found: 280.1077.

5.6 Removal of directing groups



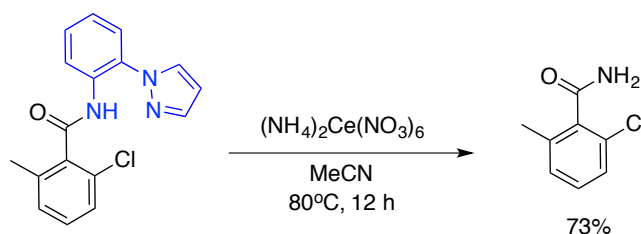
2-(Methylsulfonamido)benzoic acid

Greyish-brown solid, 0.20 g, 91% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:3), $R_f = 0.25$ (Ethyl Acetate/ Hexane (1:1)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.26 (s, 1H, NH), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.53, 141.50, 136.11, 132.72, 123.21, 118.13, 114.17, 40.28. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3300–2000 (broad), 1659, 1582, 1490, 1334, 1326, 1253, 1144, 1087, 966.



***N*-(2-(1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-aminobenzamide**

White solid, 0.13 g, 82% yield, flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1:2), $R_f = 0.36$ (Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1:2)). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dt, $J = 29.0, 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H, NH_2). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.57, 149.16, 141.15, 132.73, 131.79, 130.19, 129.43, 127.92, 127.53, 123.92, 123.91, 123.13, 122.40, 117.69, 117.00, 107.23. FTIR (neat, ATR, cm^{-1}) 3467, 3362, 3249, 1654, 1584, 1501, 1453, 1310, 1244, 1159, 947, 687.



2-Chloro-6-methylbenzamide

To a solution of the *N*-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-chloro-6-methylbenzamide (120 mg, 0.38 mmol) and CAN (2.08 g, 3.80 mmol) was added MeCN (5 mL). After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the reaction was judged complete by TLC. The filtrate was washed with saturated brine, the organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with Ethyl Acetate/Hexane (1:6) to give the desired amide as a white solid, 0.046 g, 73% yield. Flash chromatography solvent system: EtOAc/Hex (1: 6), $R_f = 0.40$ [EtOAc/Hex (1: 1)] ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.53 – 6.28 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.53, 136.86,

135.91, 130.10, 129.89, 128.60, 126.79, 19.36. GC-MS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}N_3O_2$: 169.0294, found: 169.

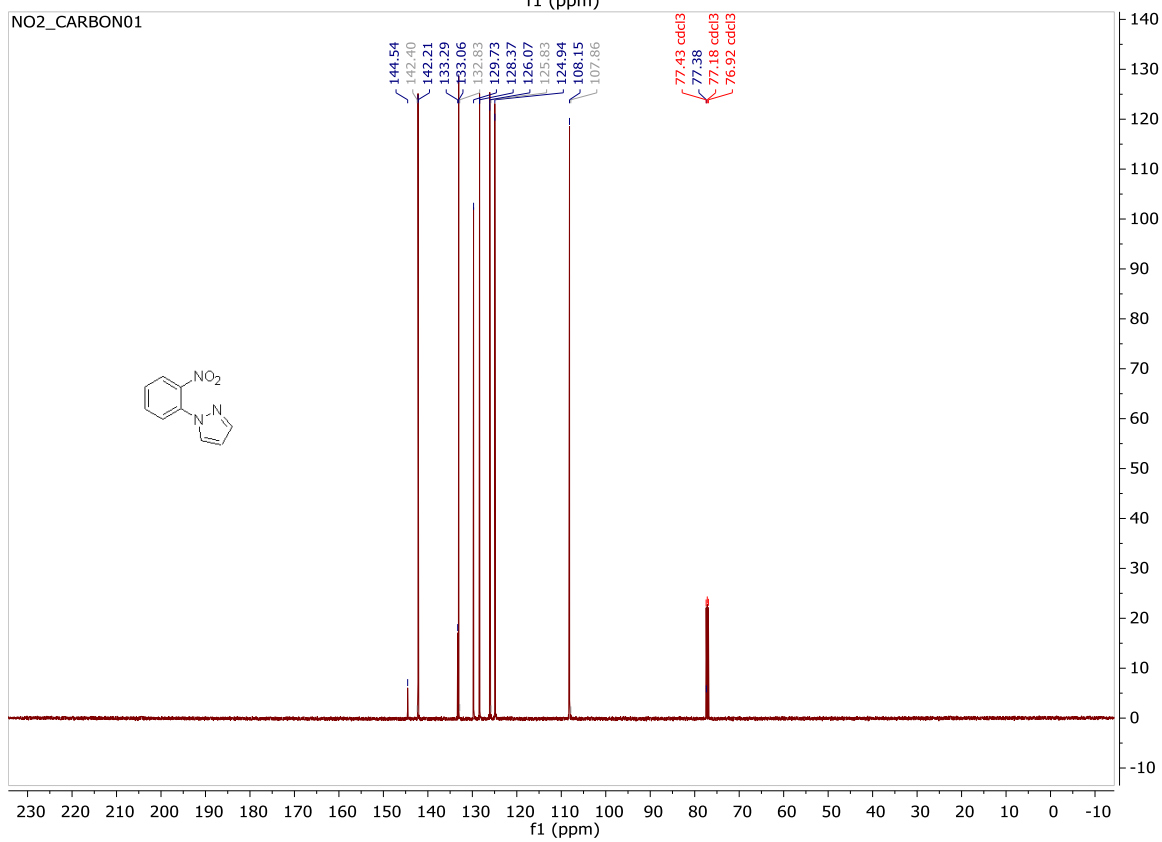
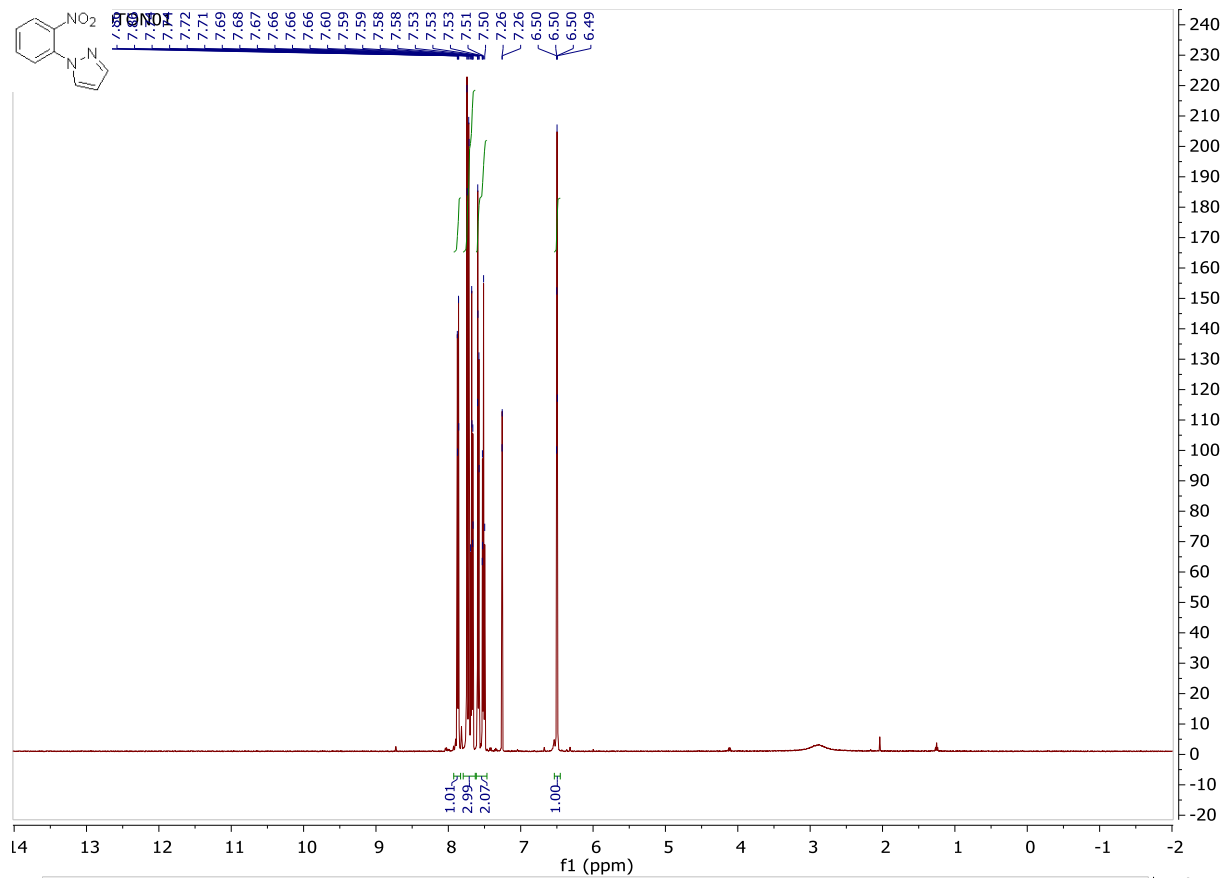
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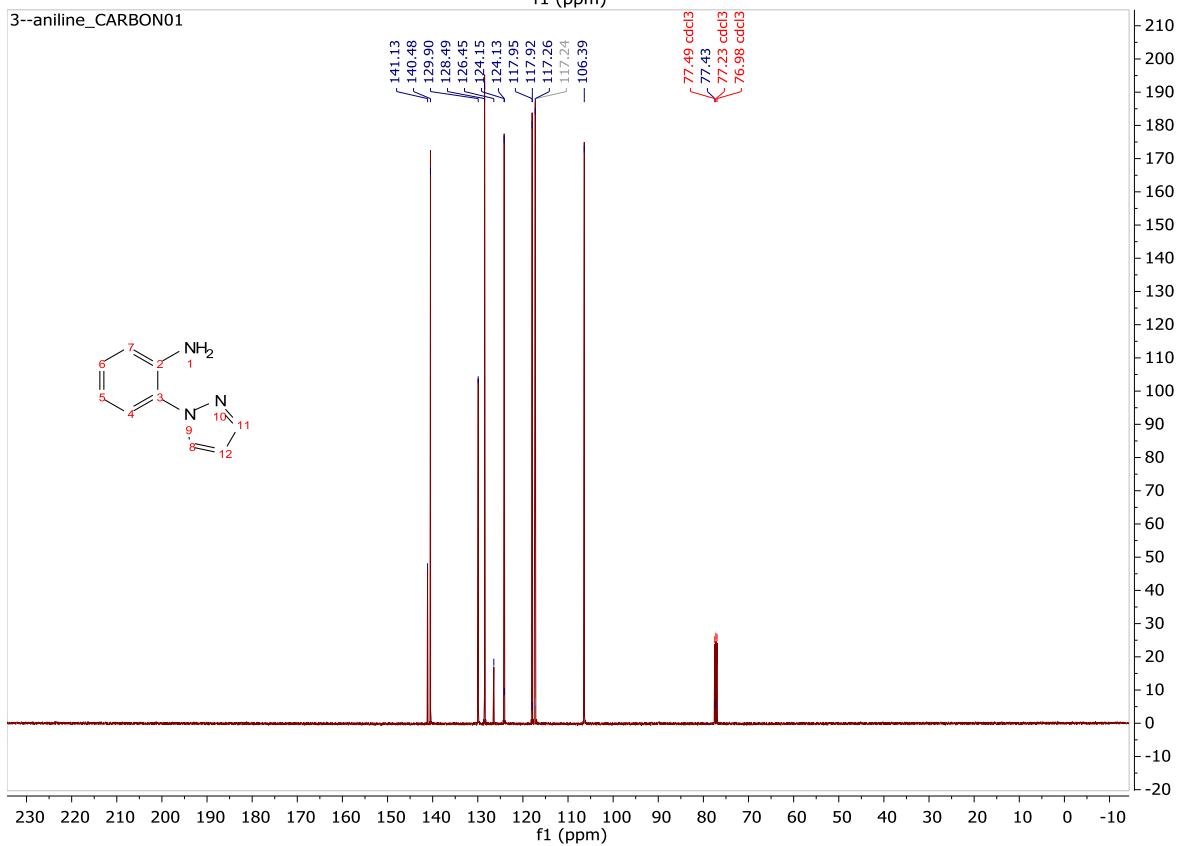
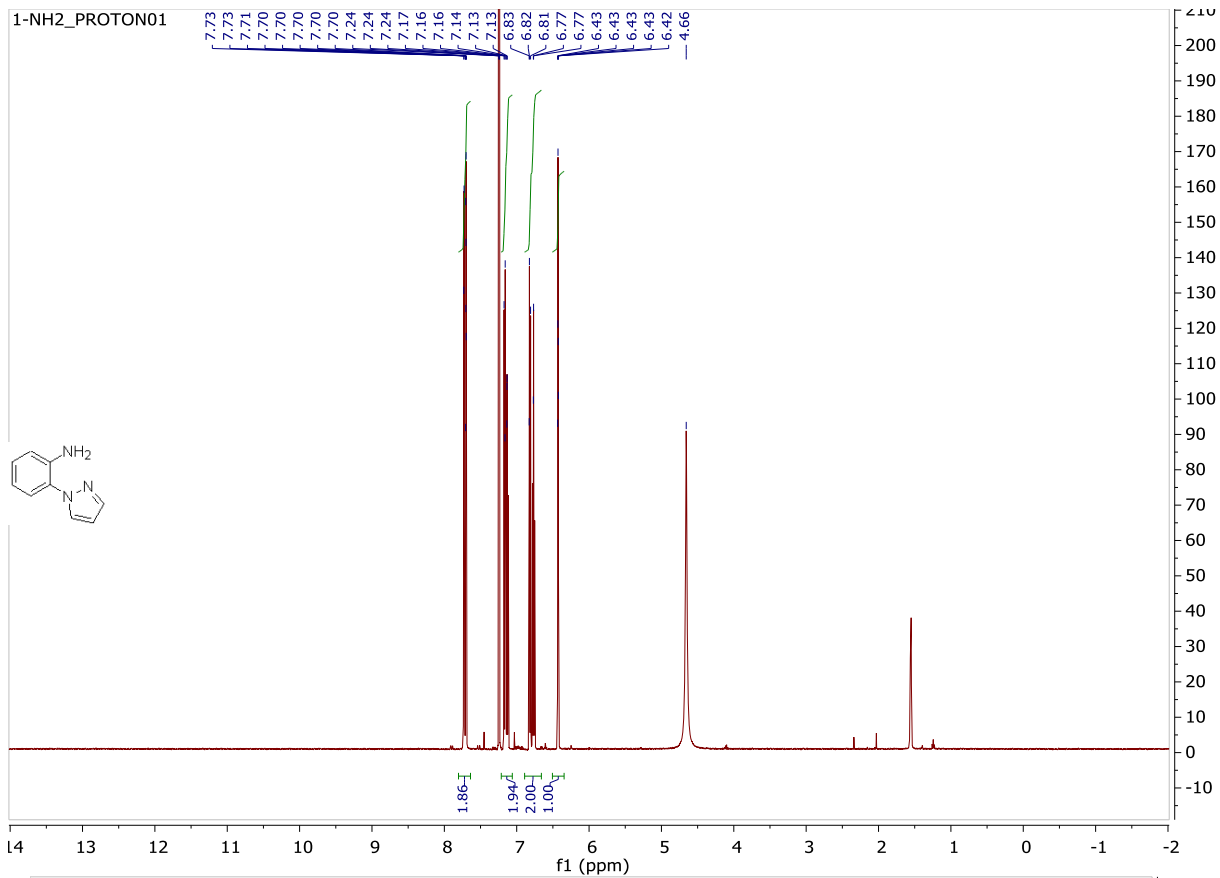
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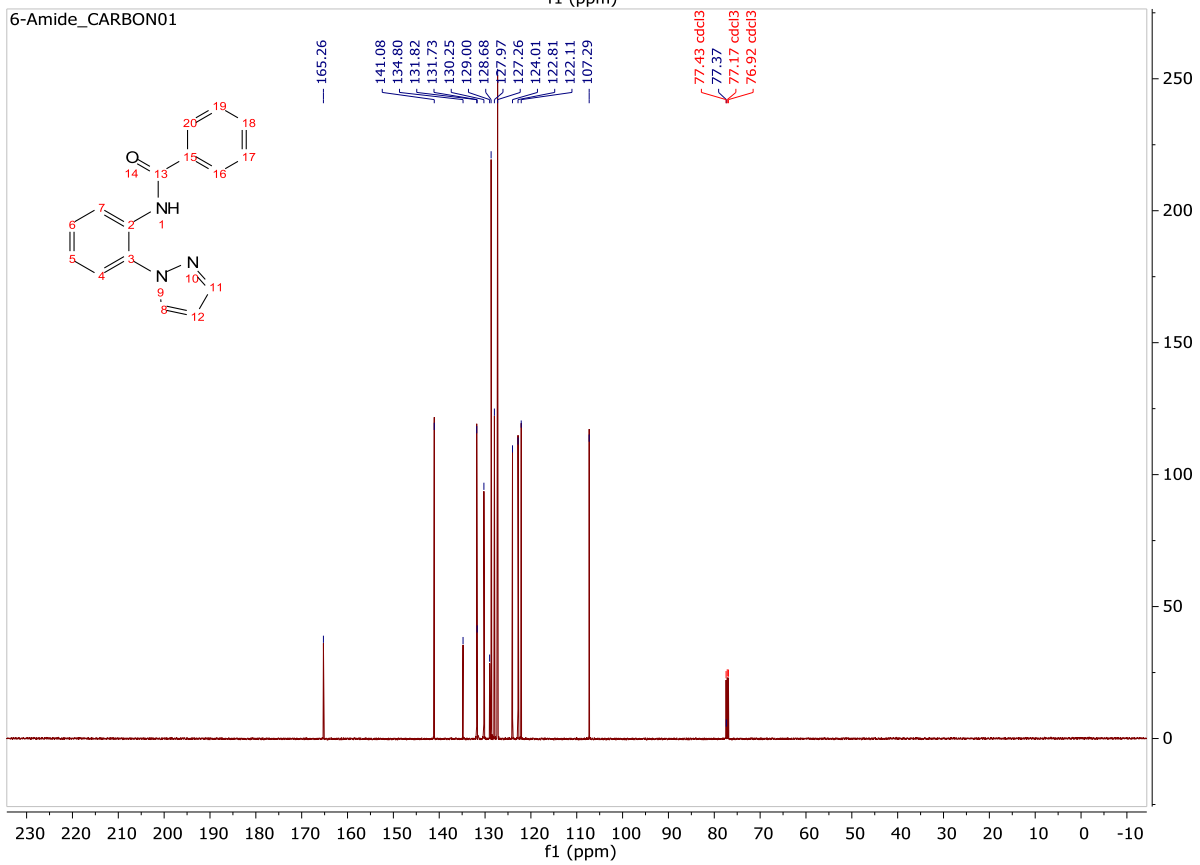
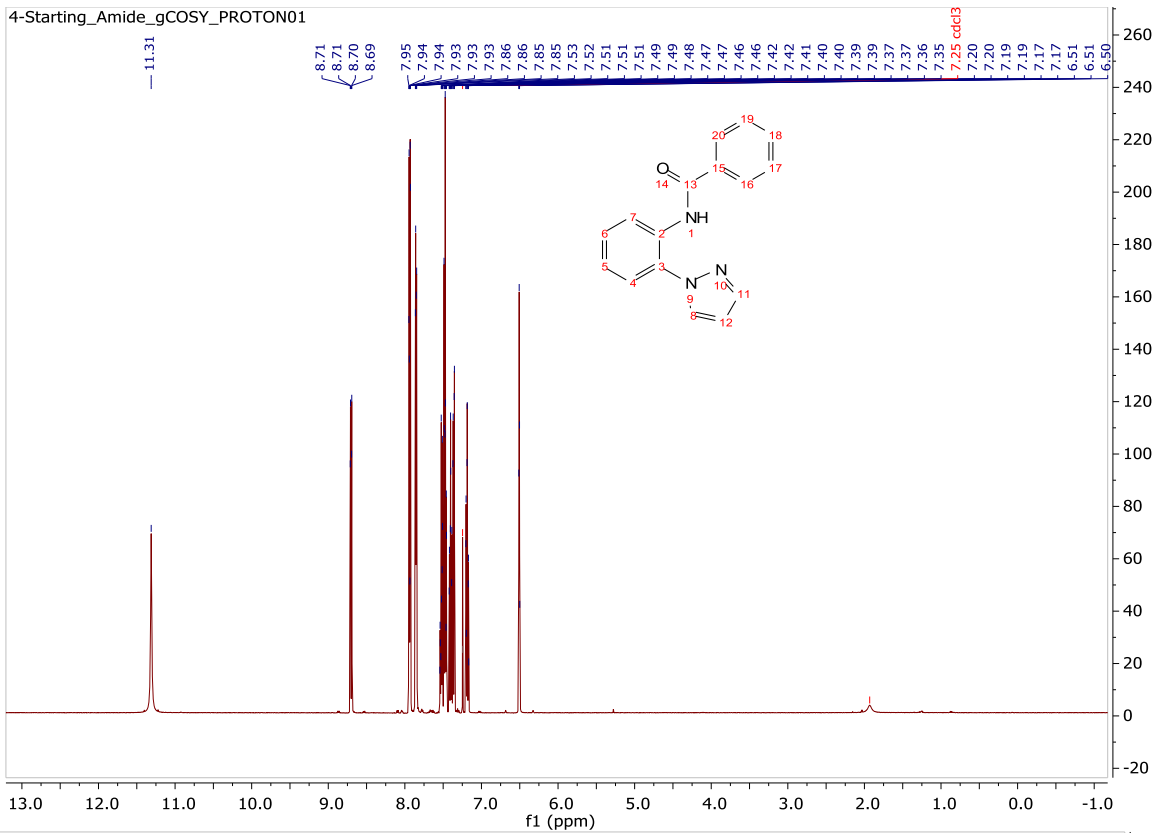
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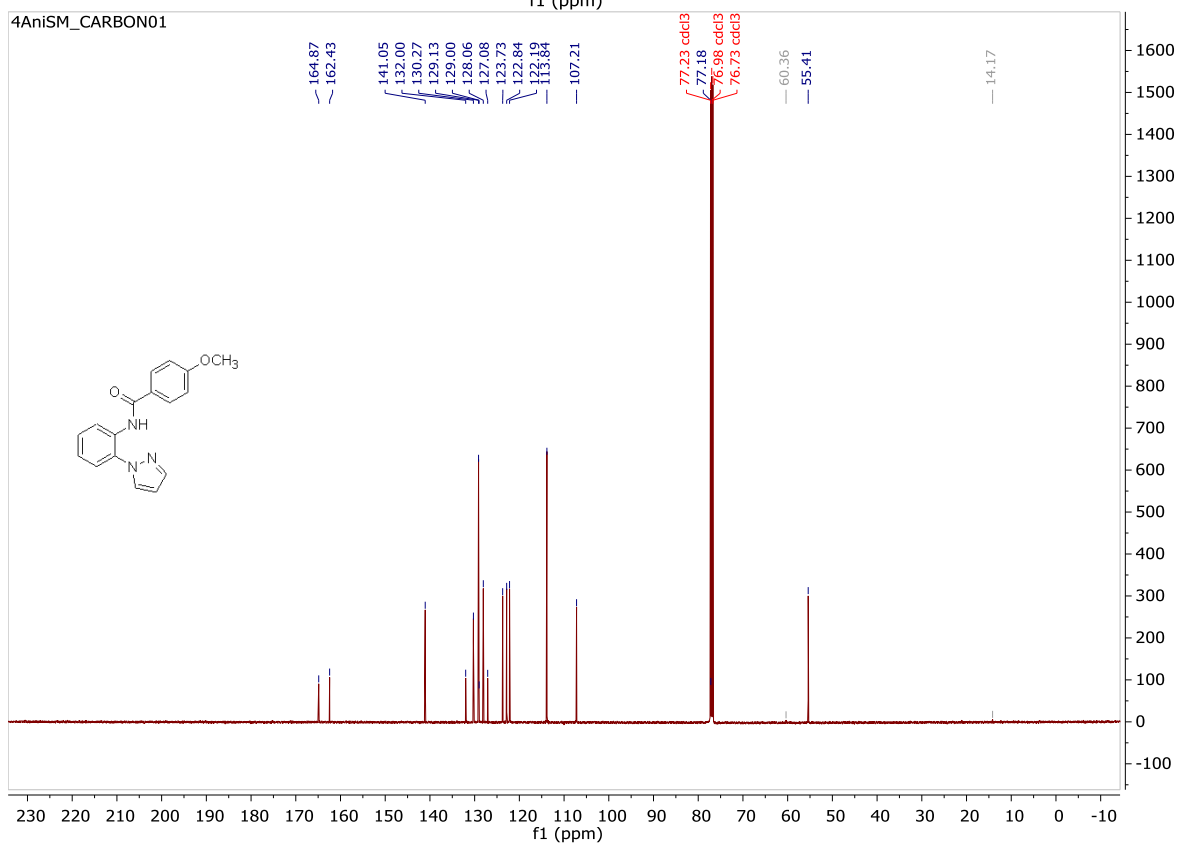
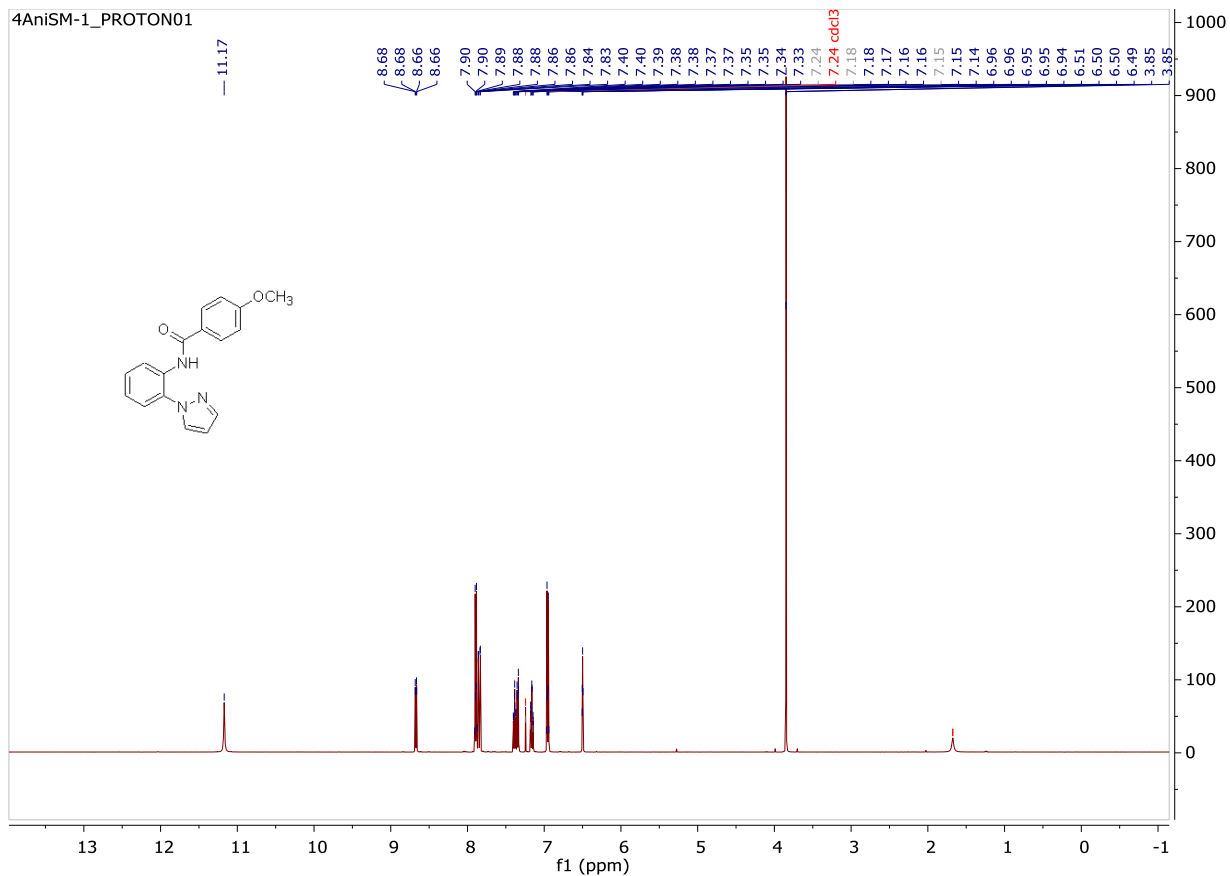
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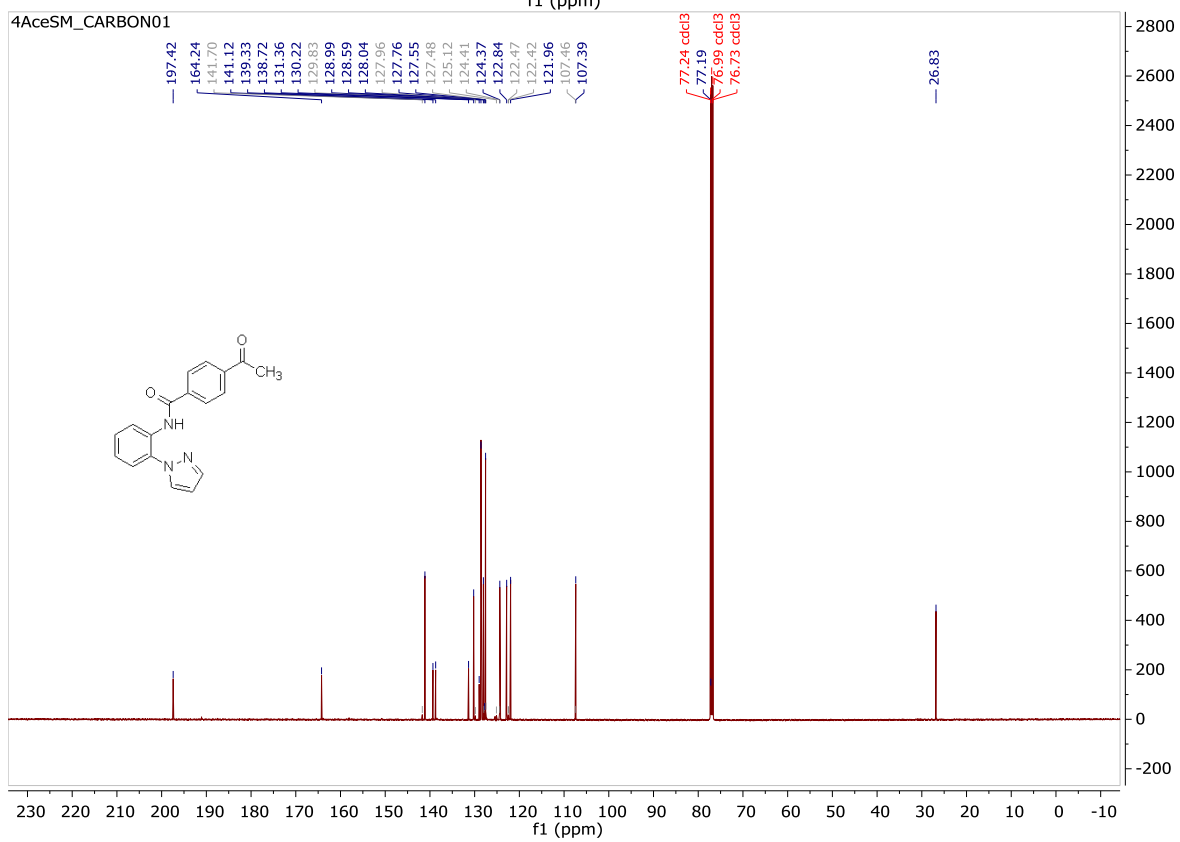
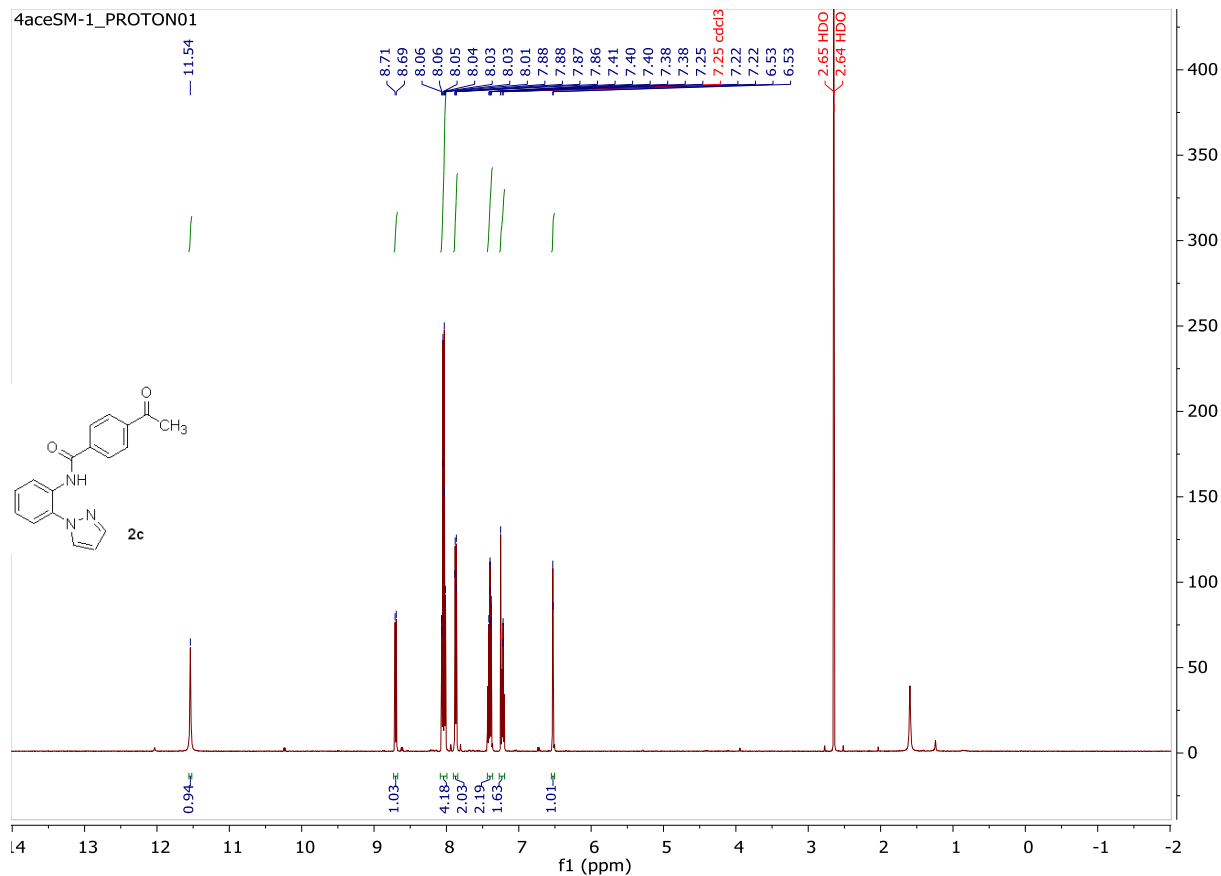
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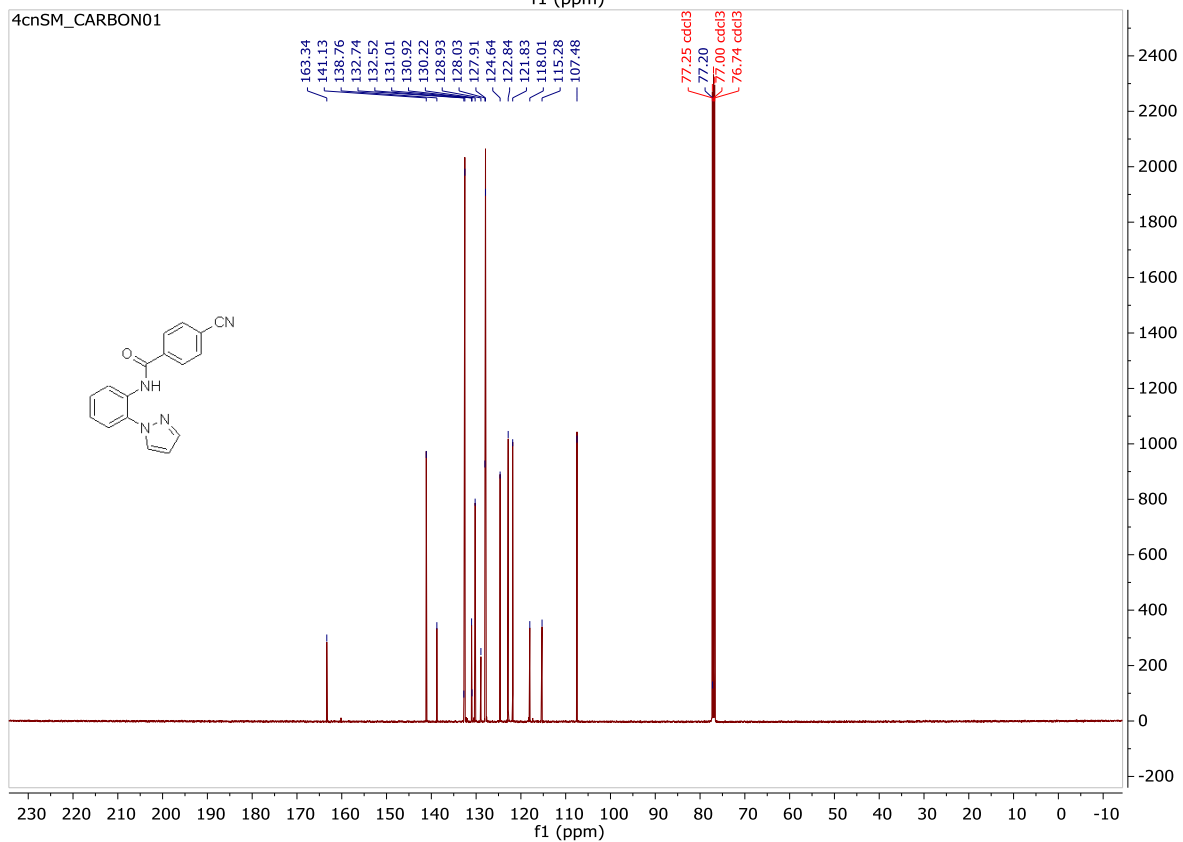
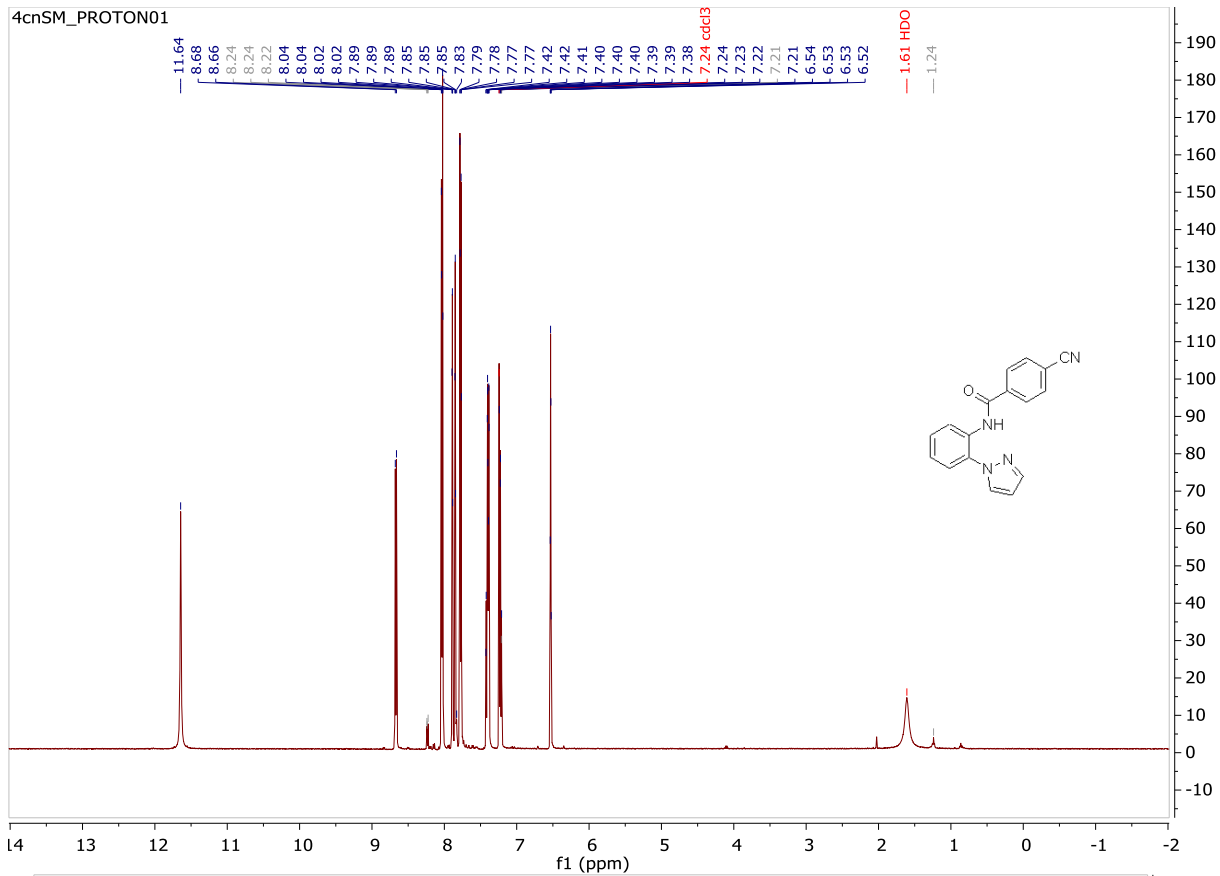


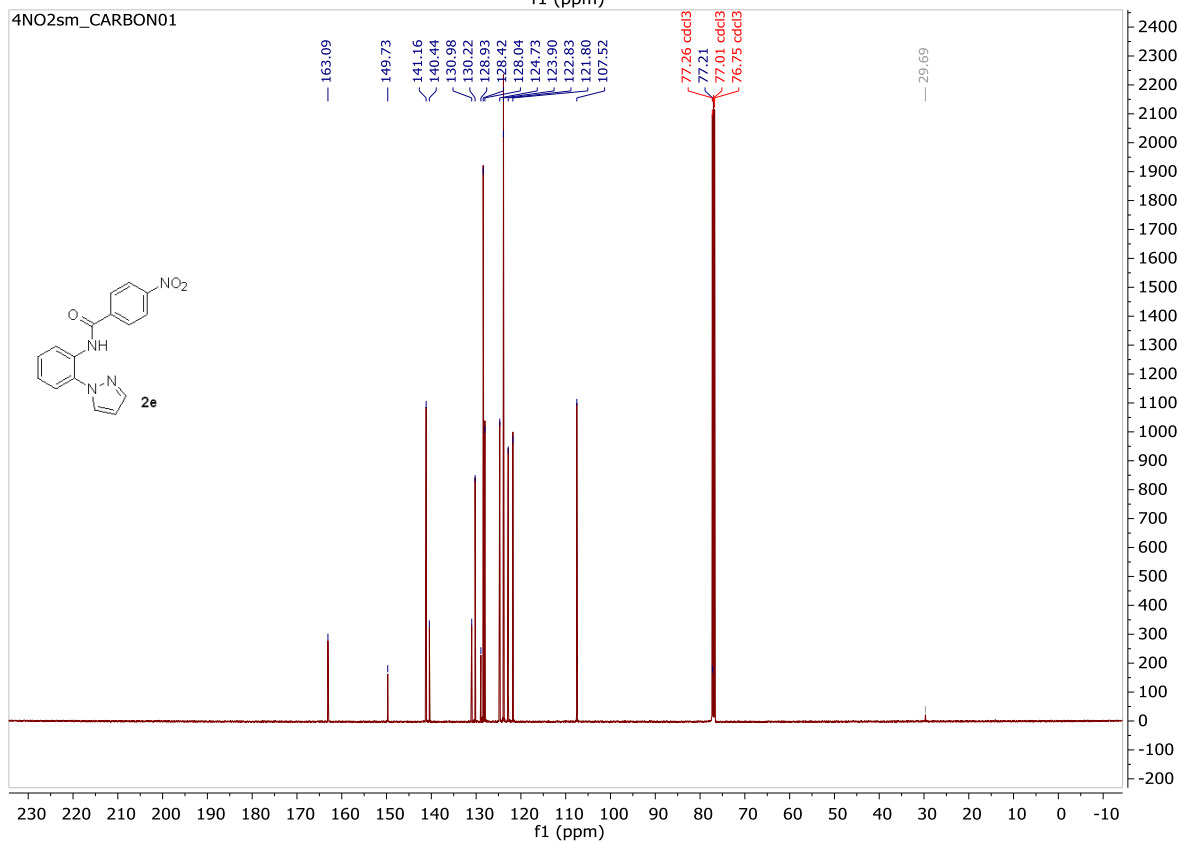
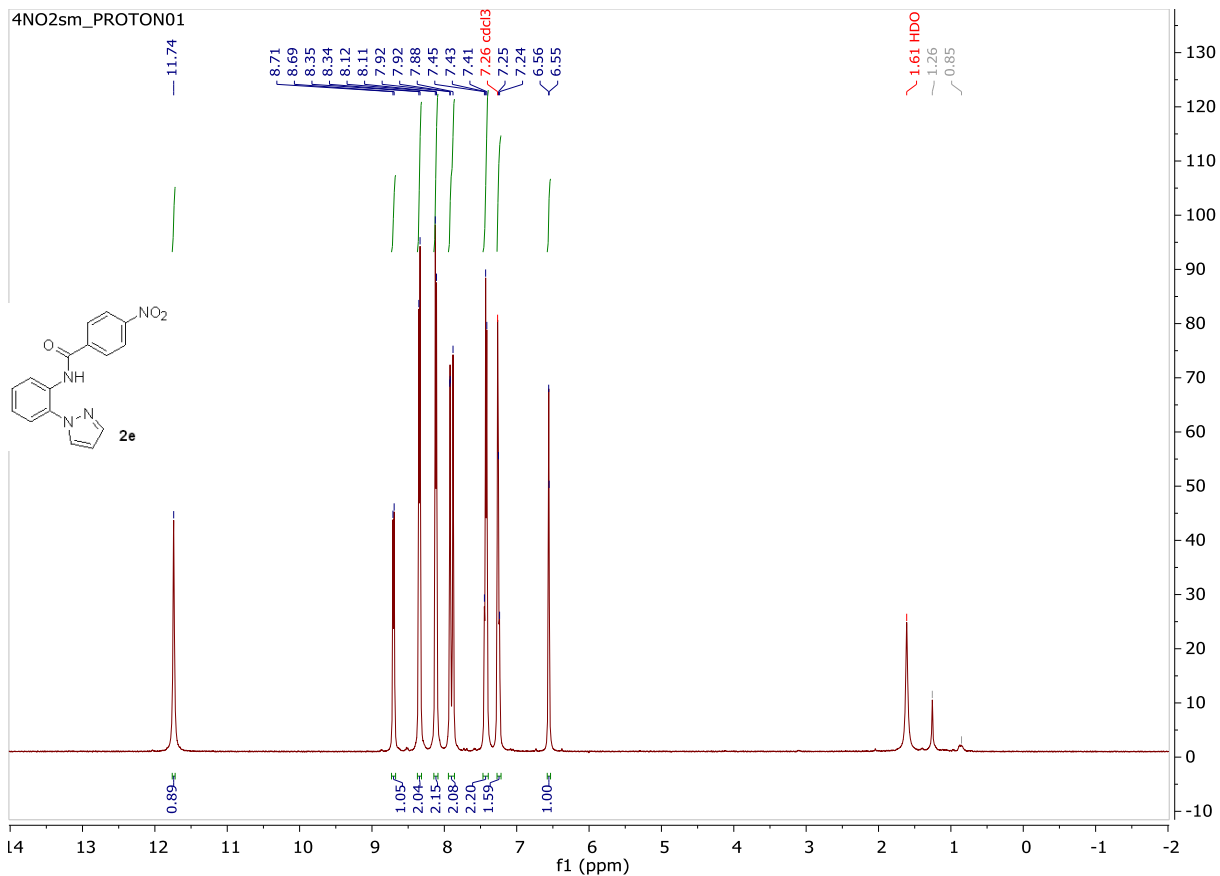


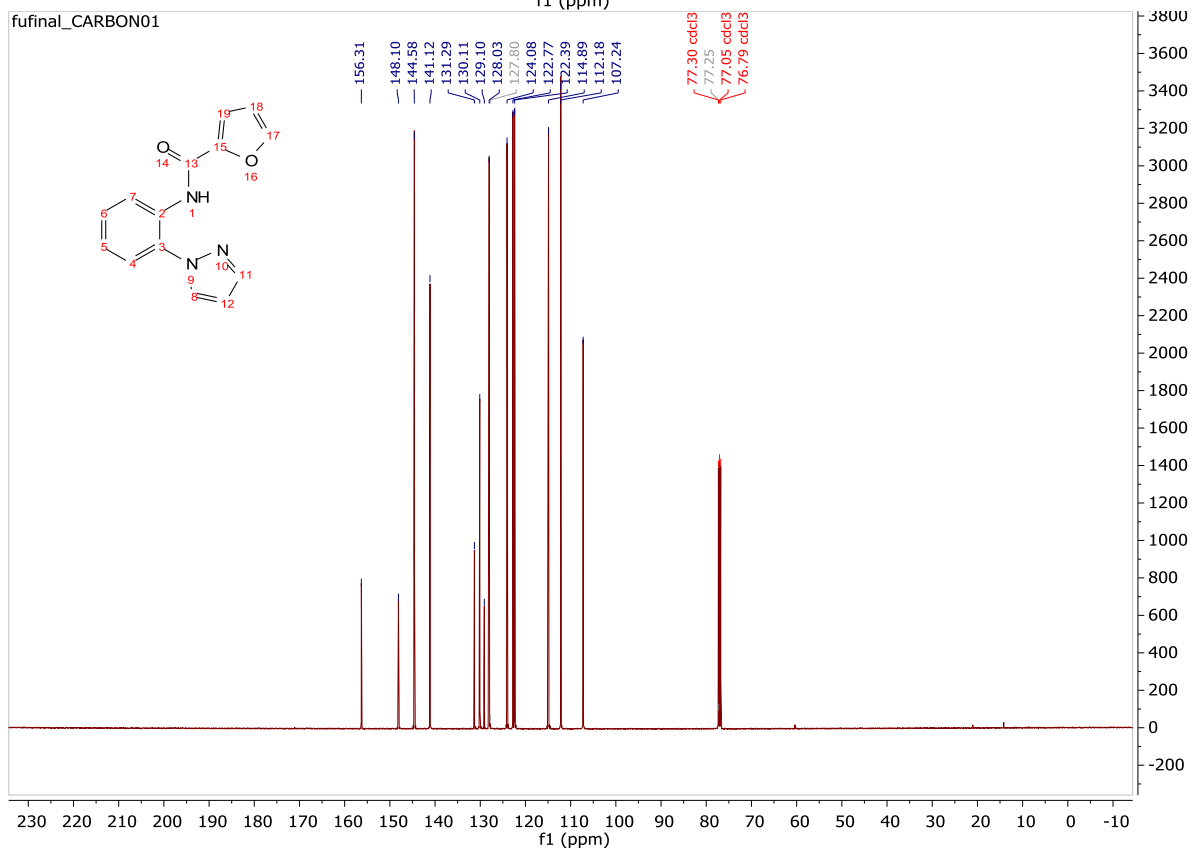
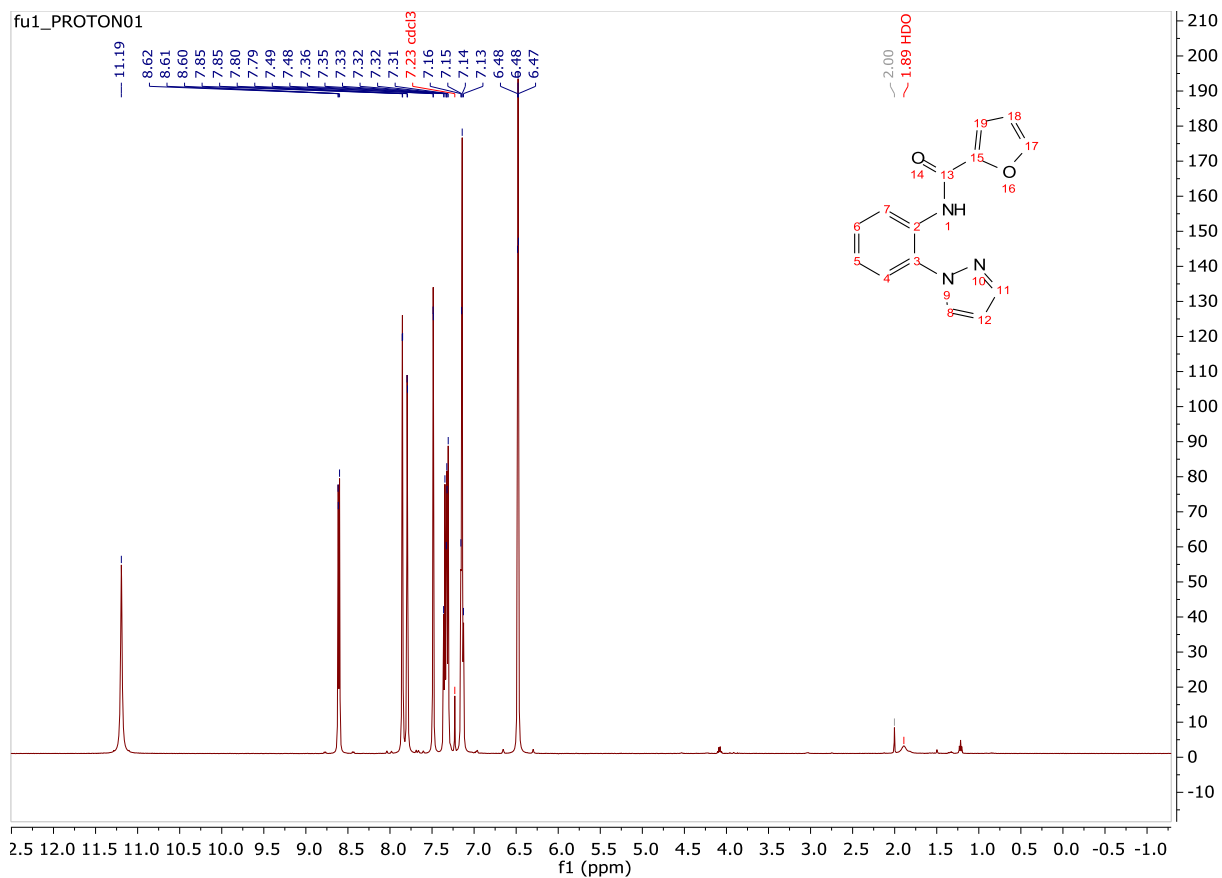


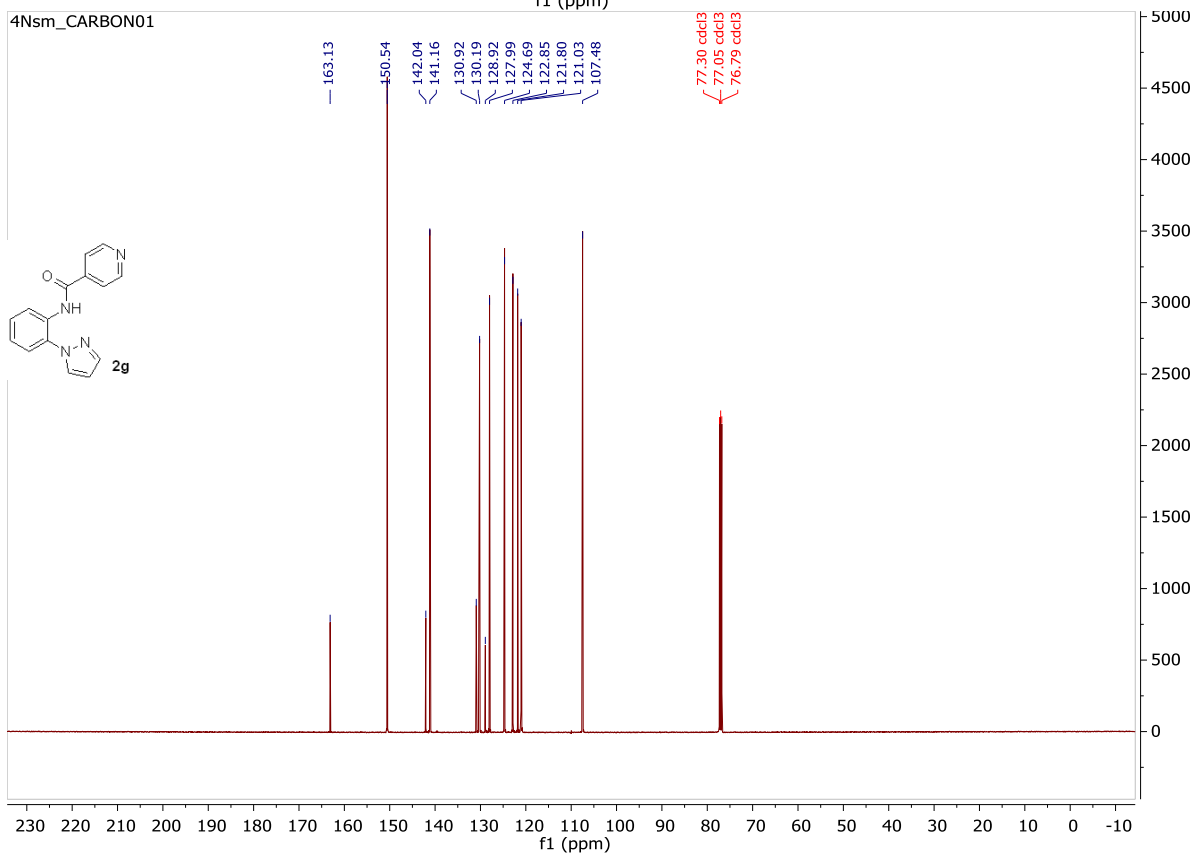
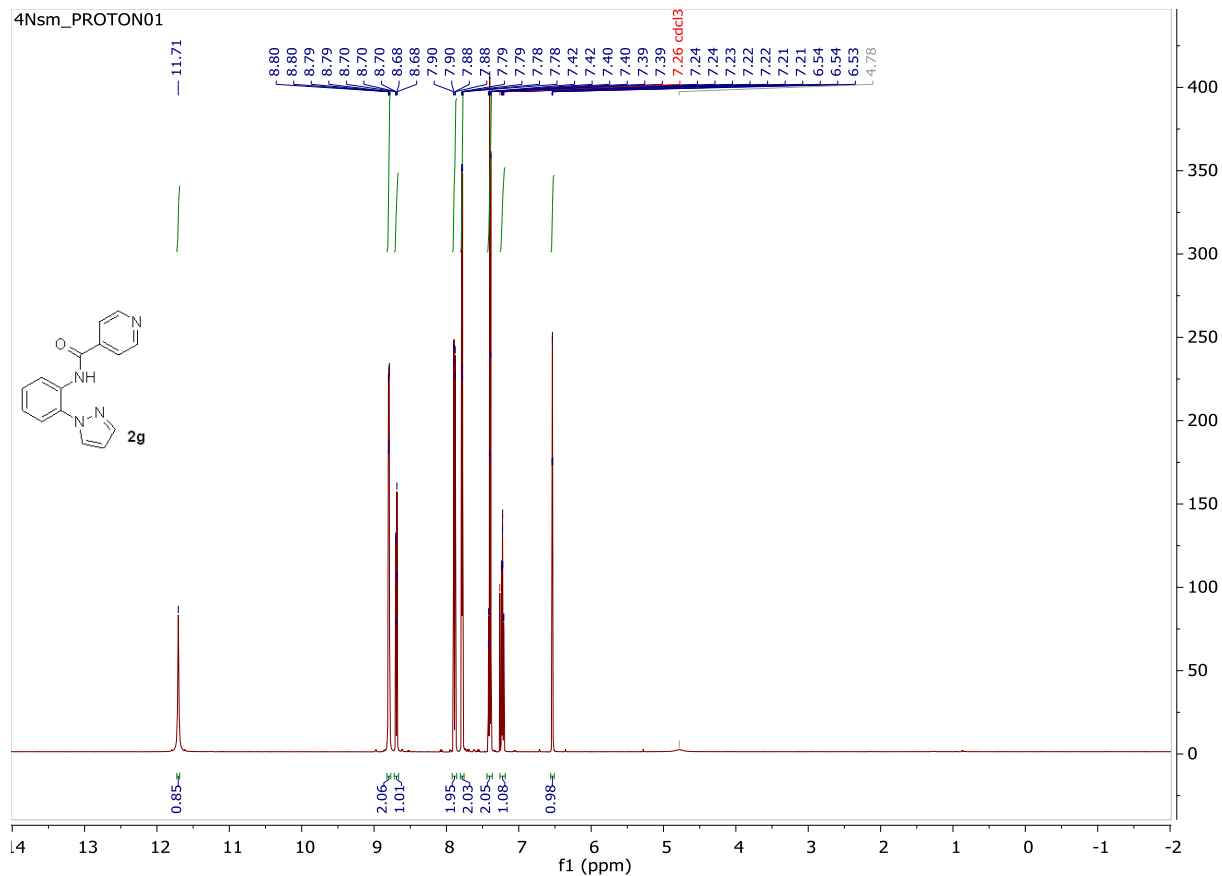


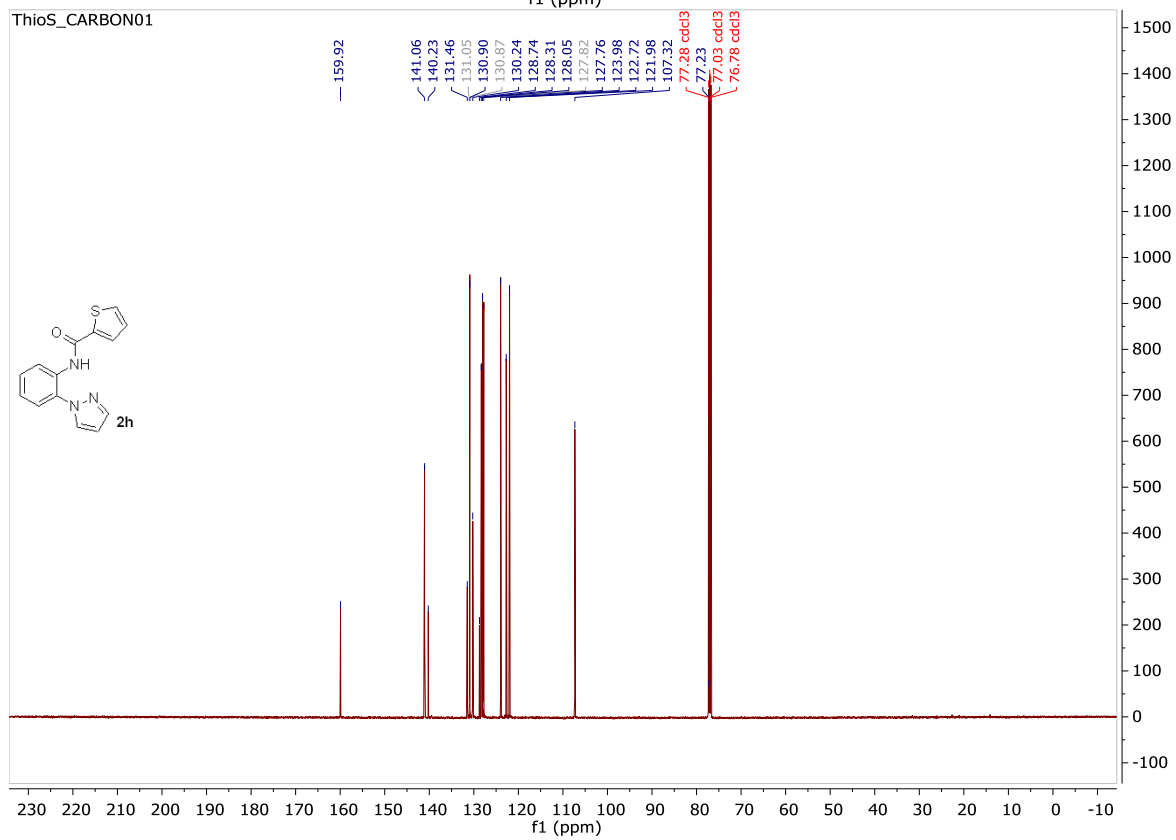
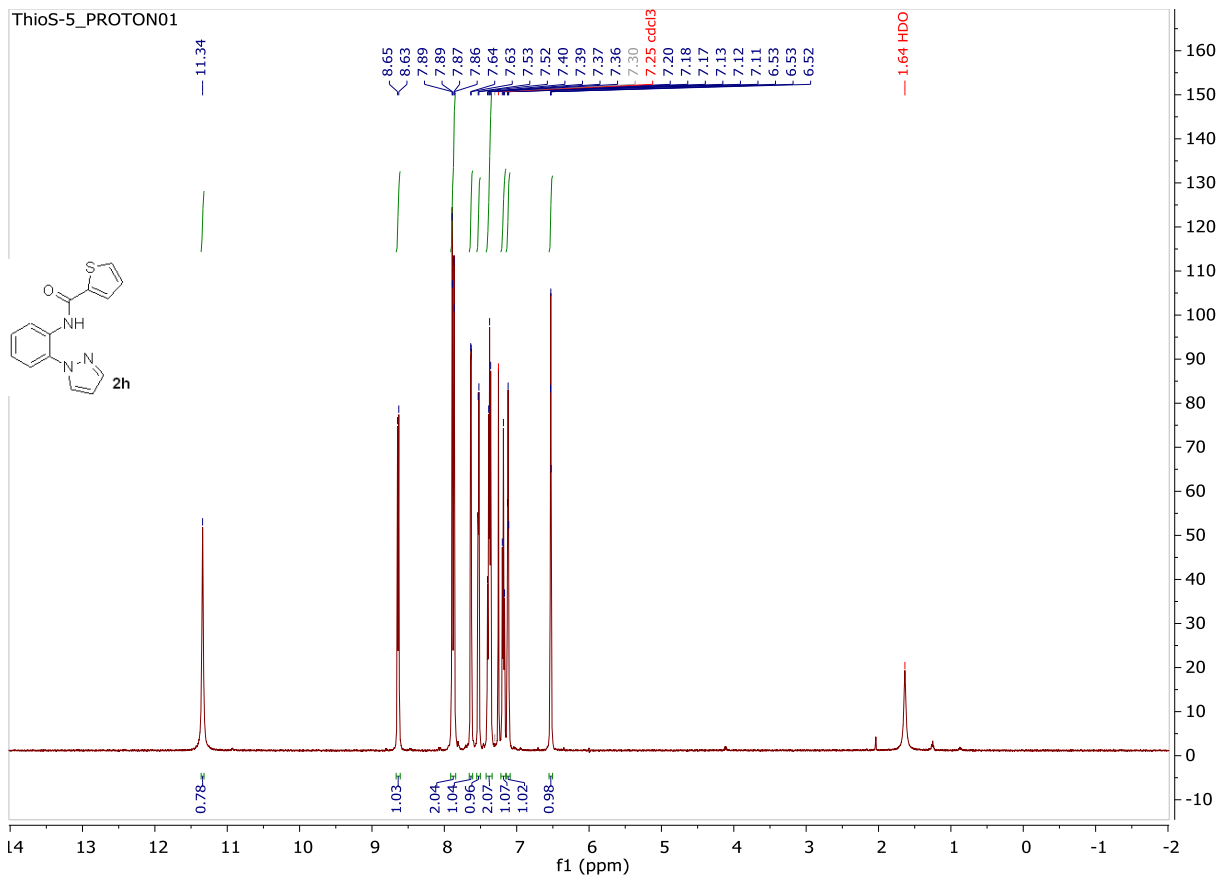


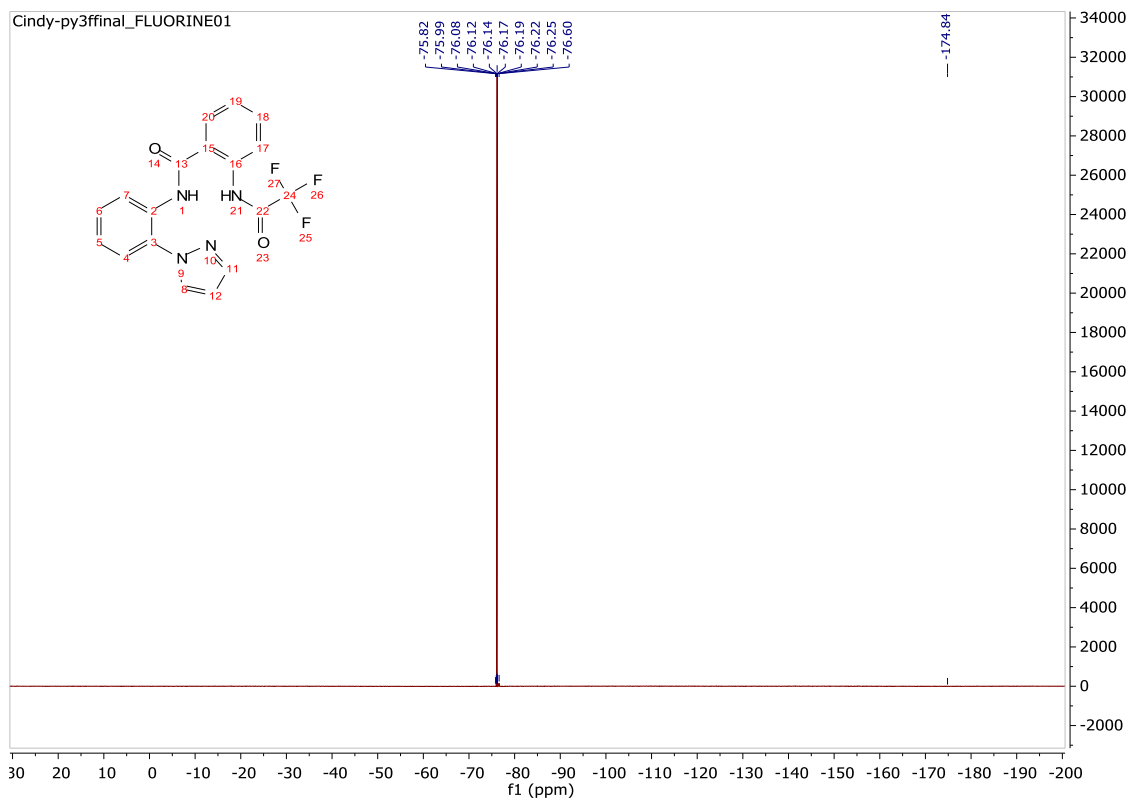
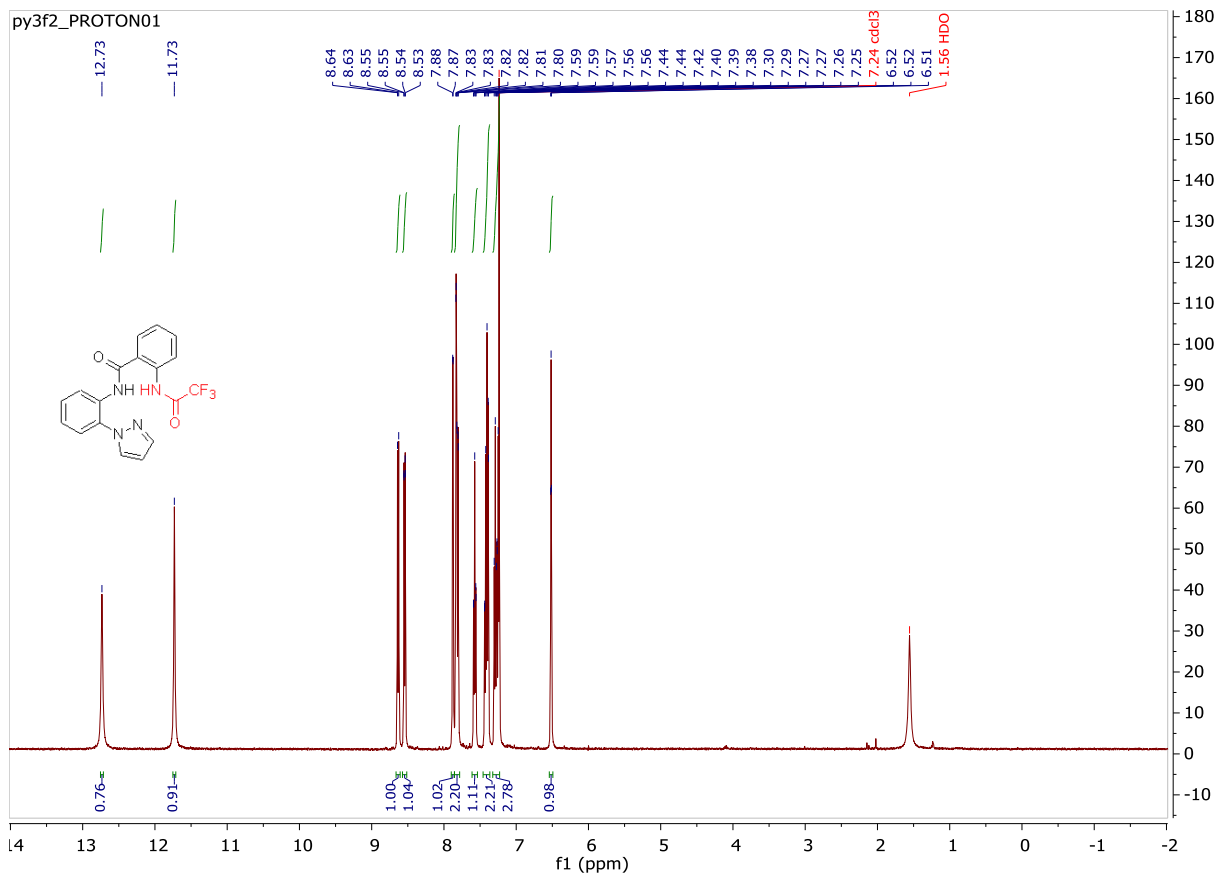


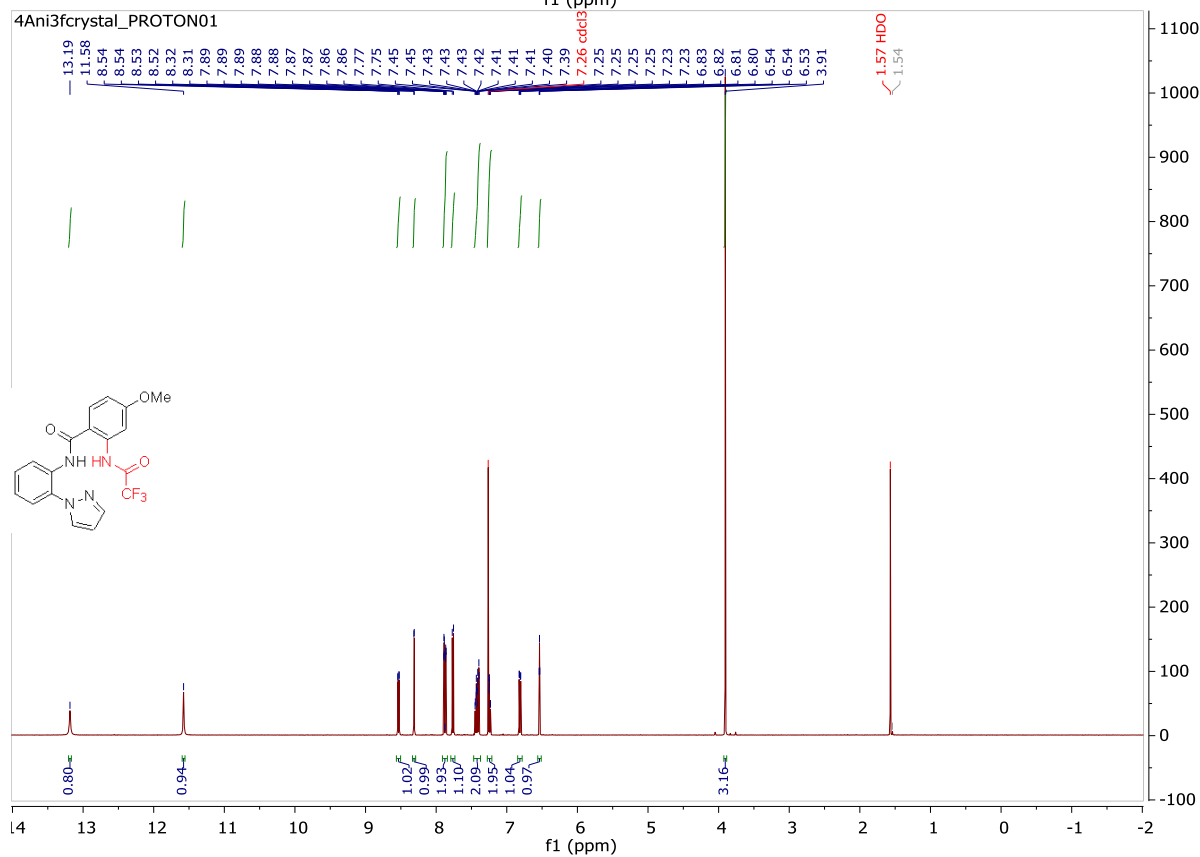
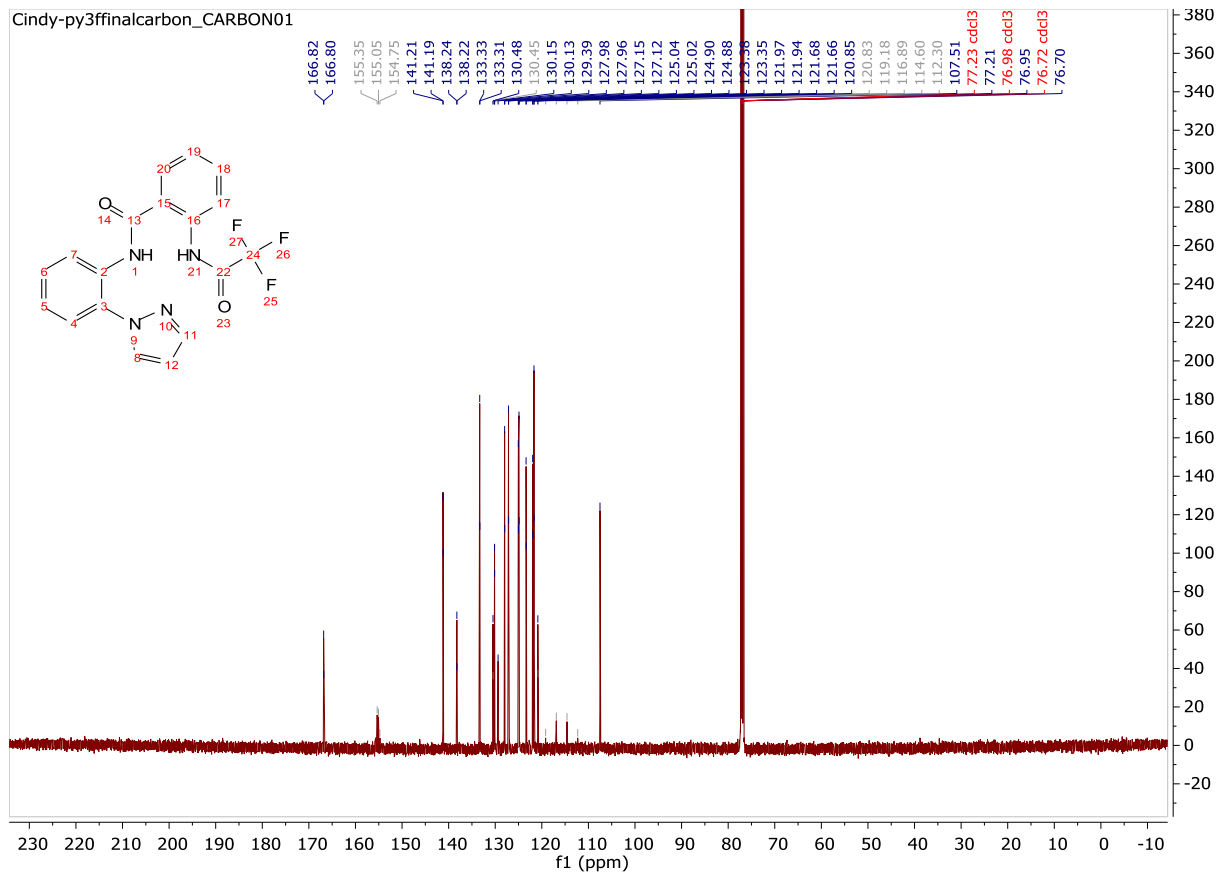


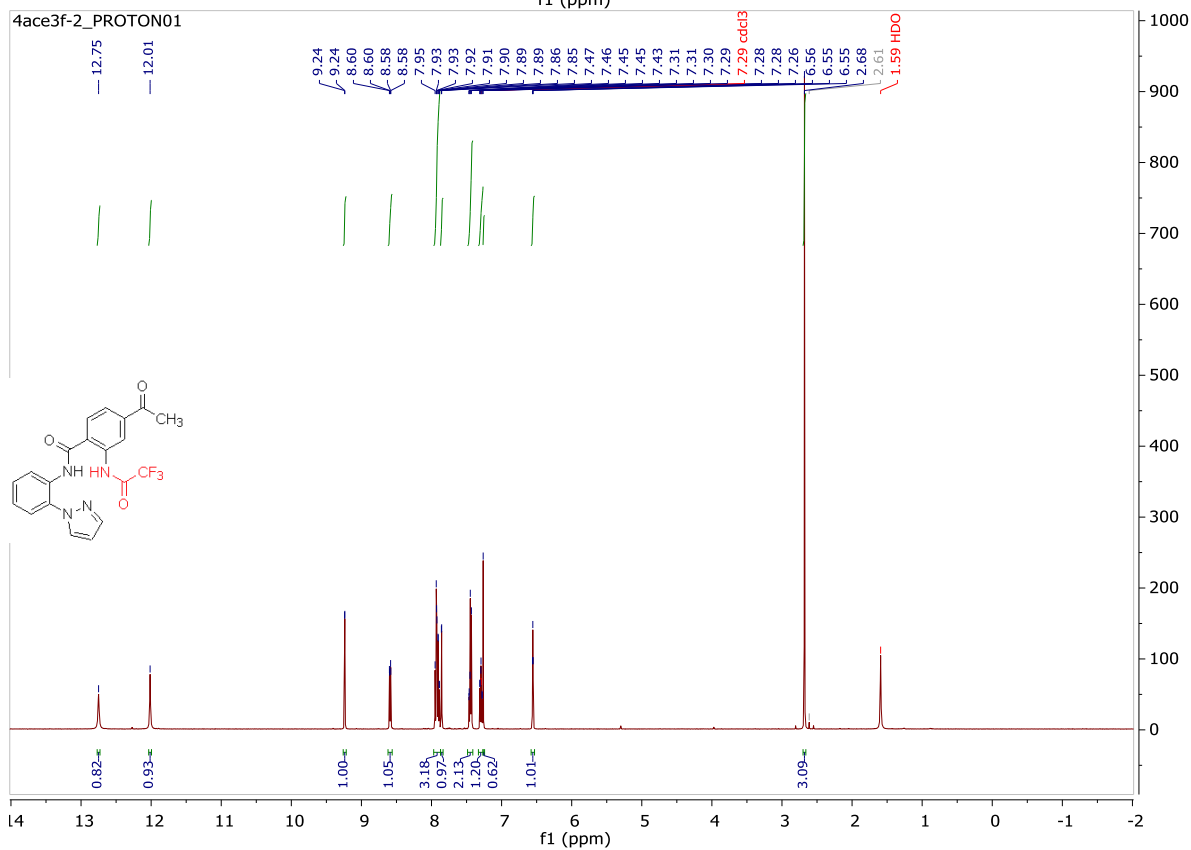
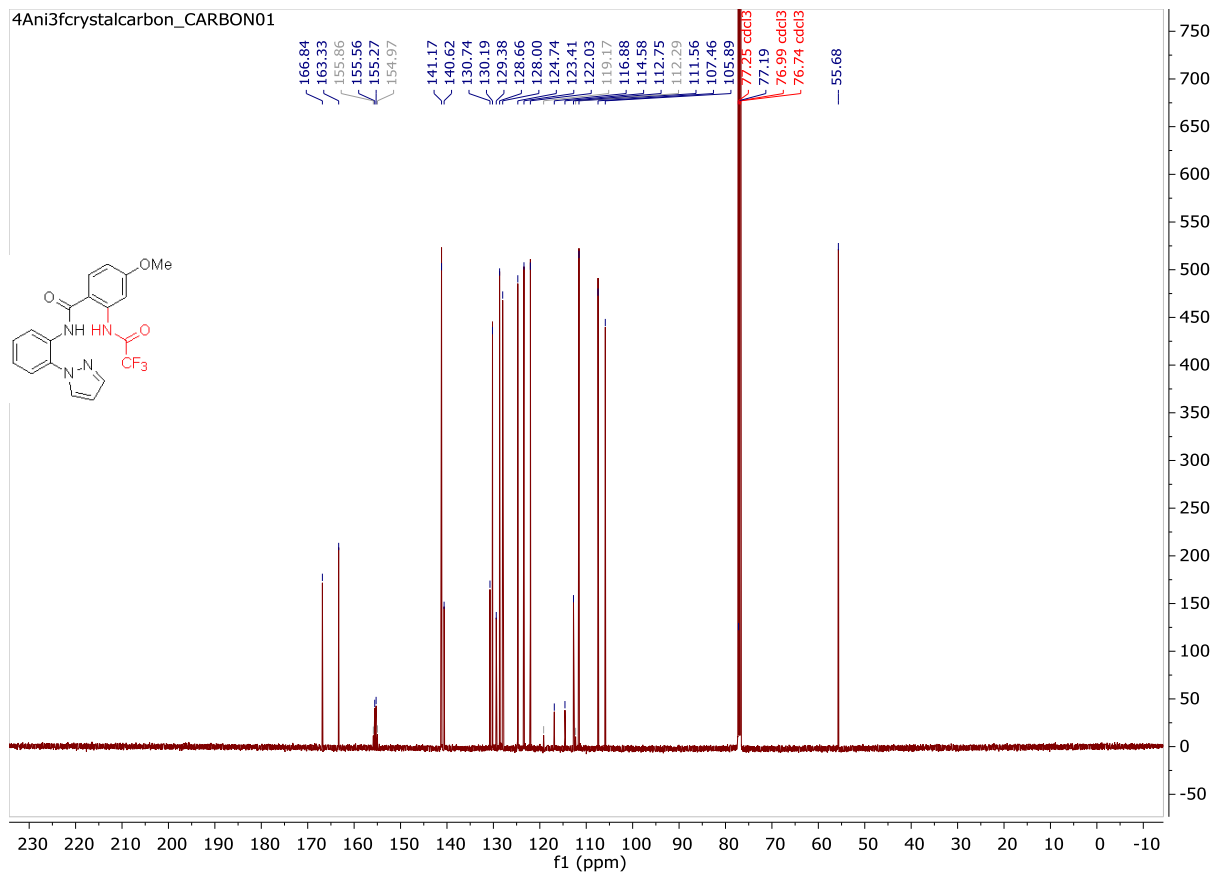


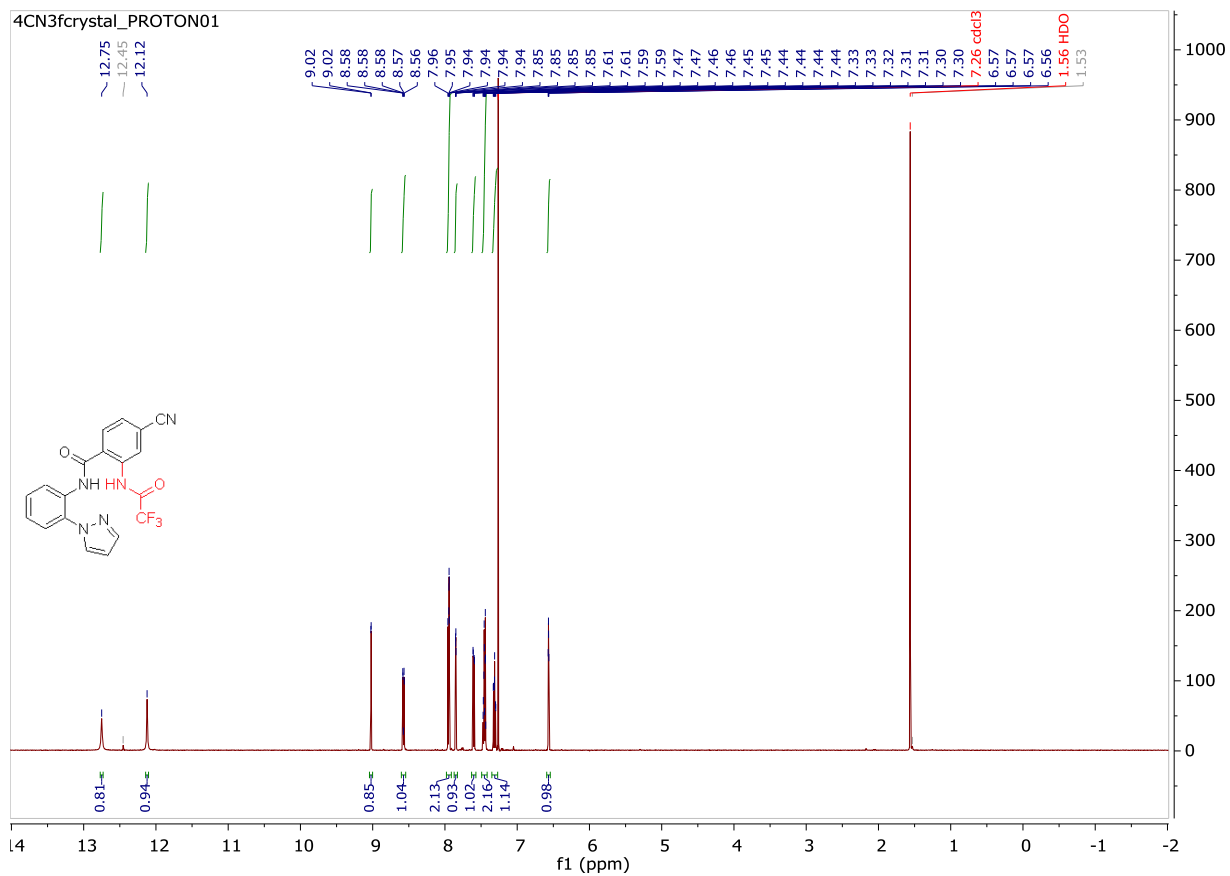
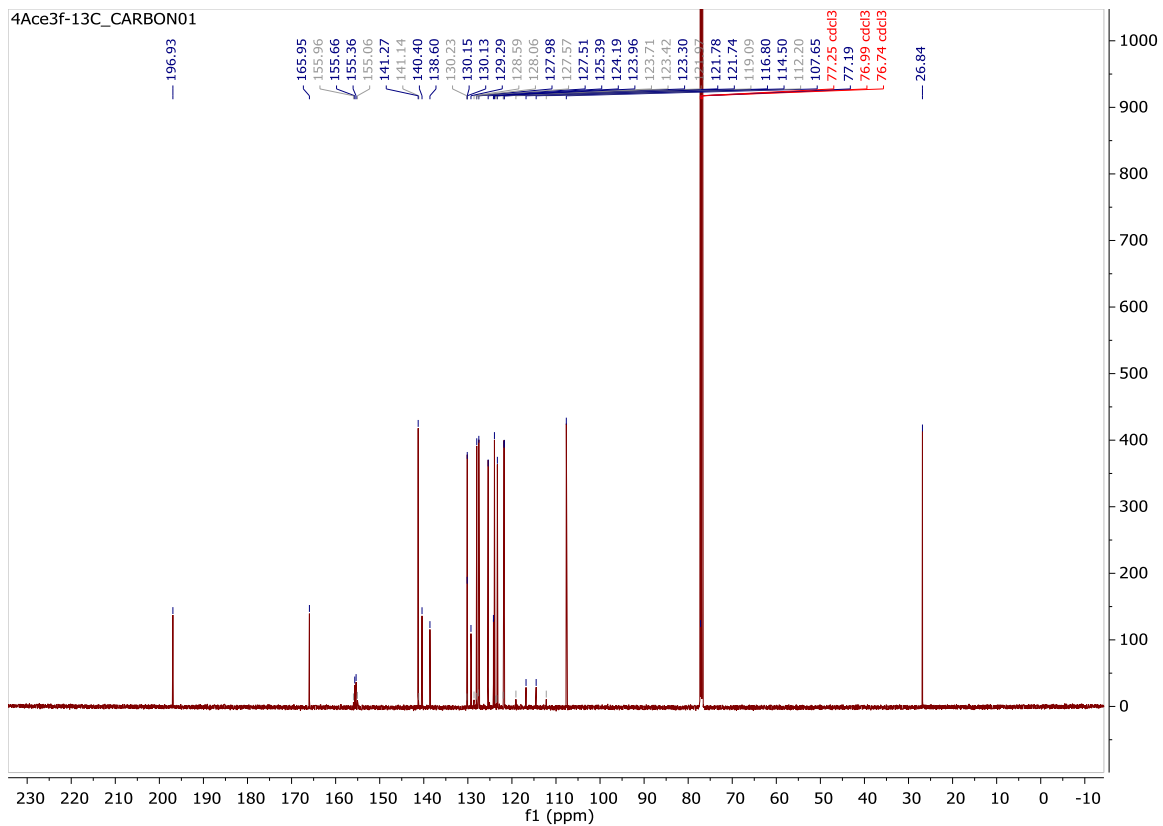


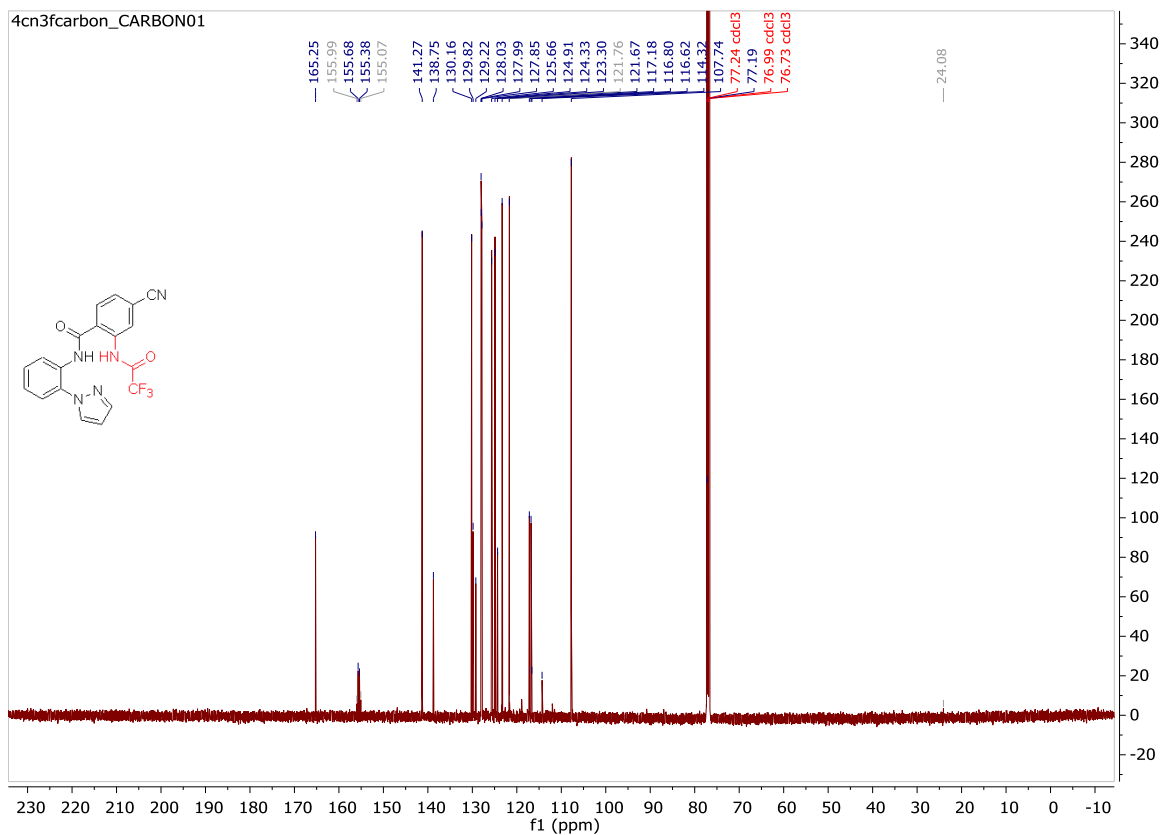
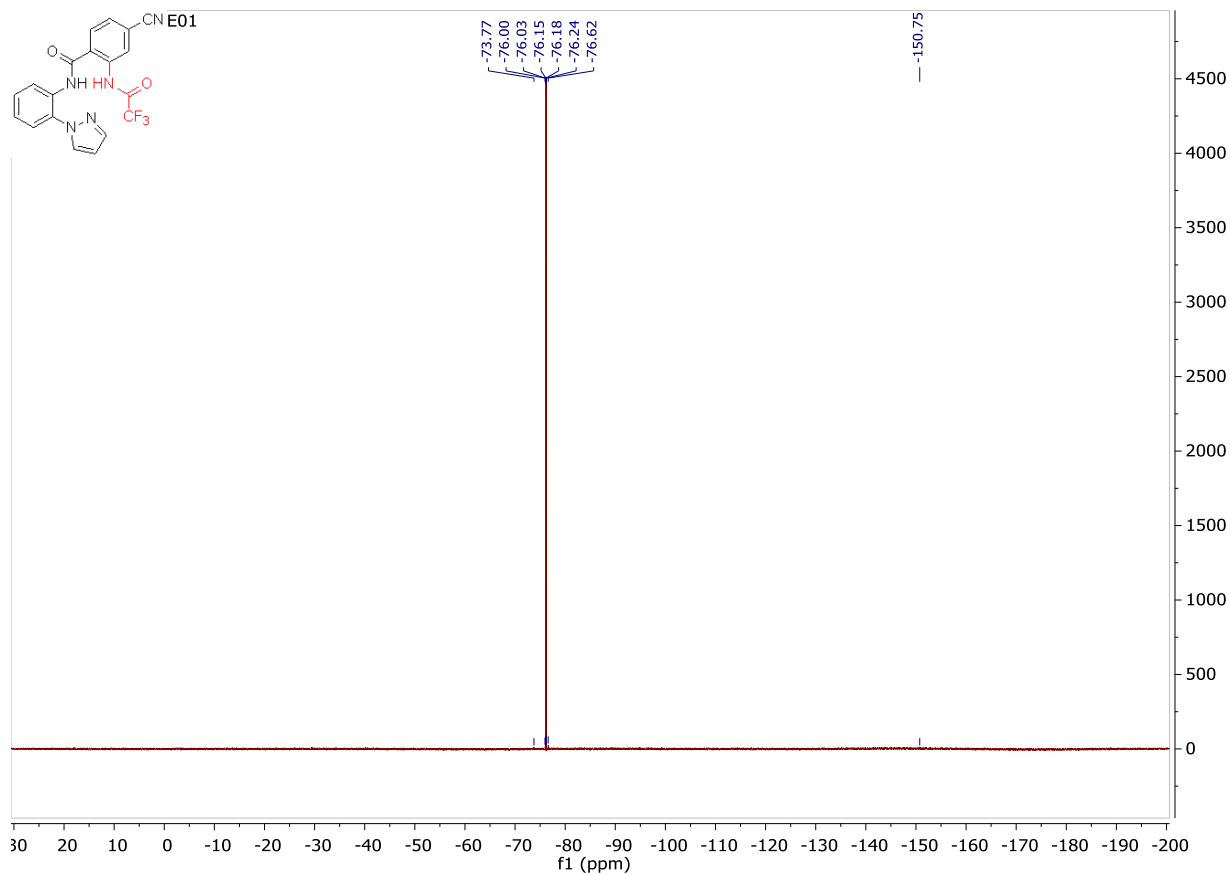


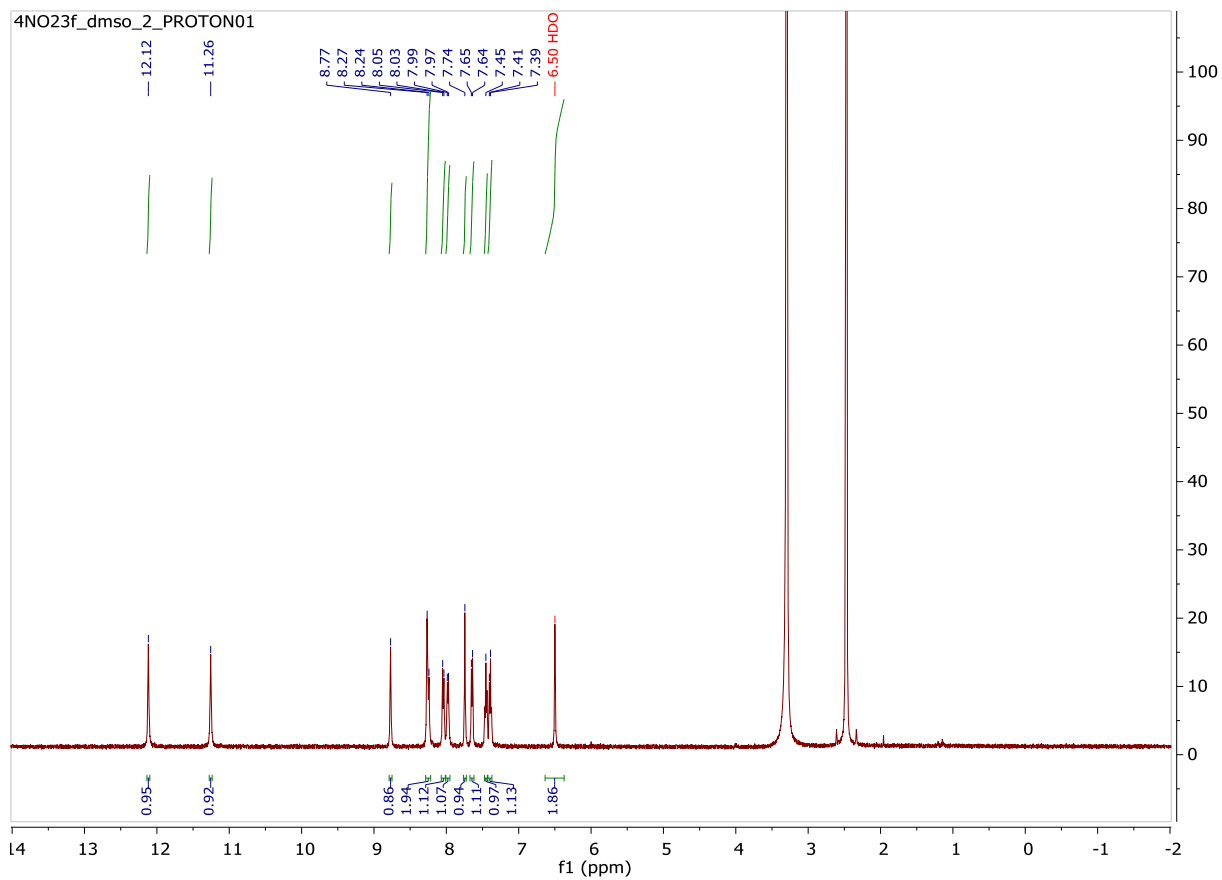
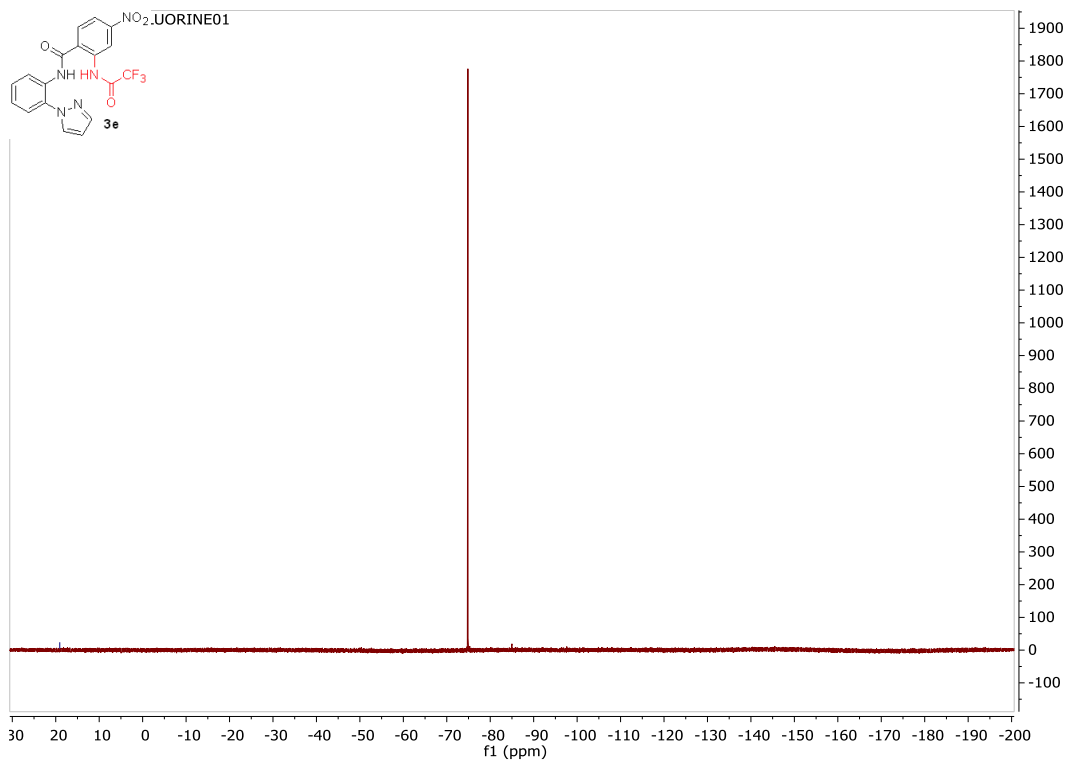


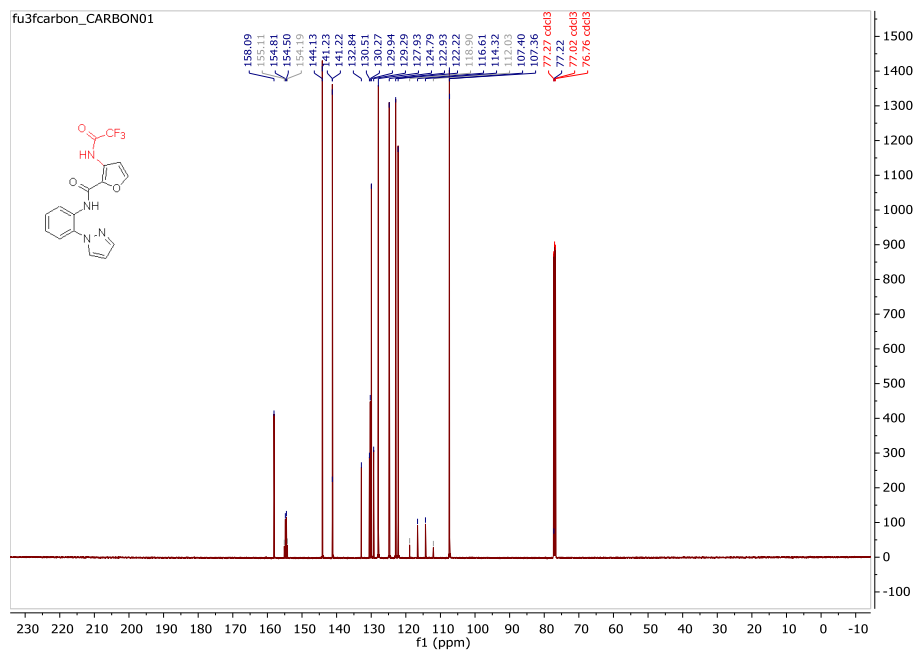
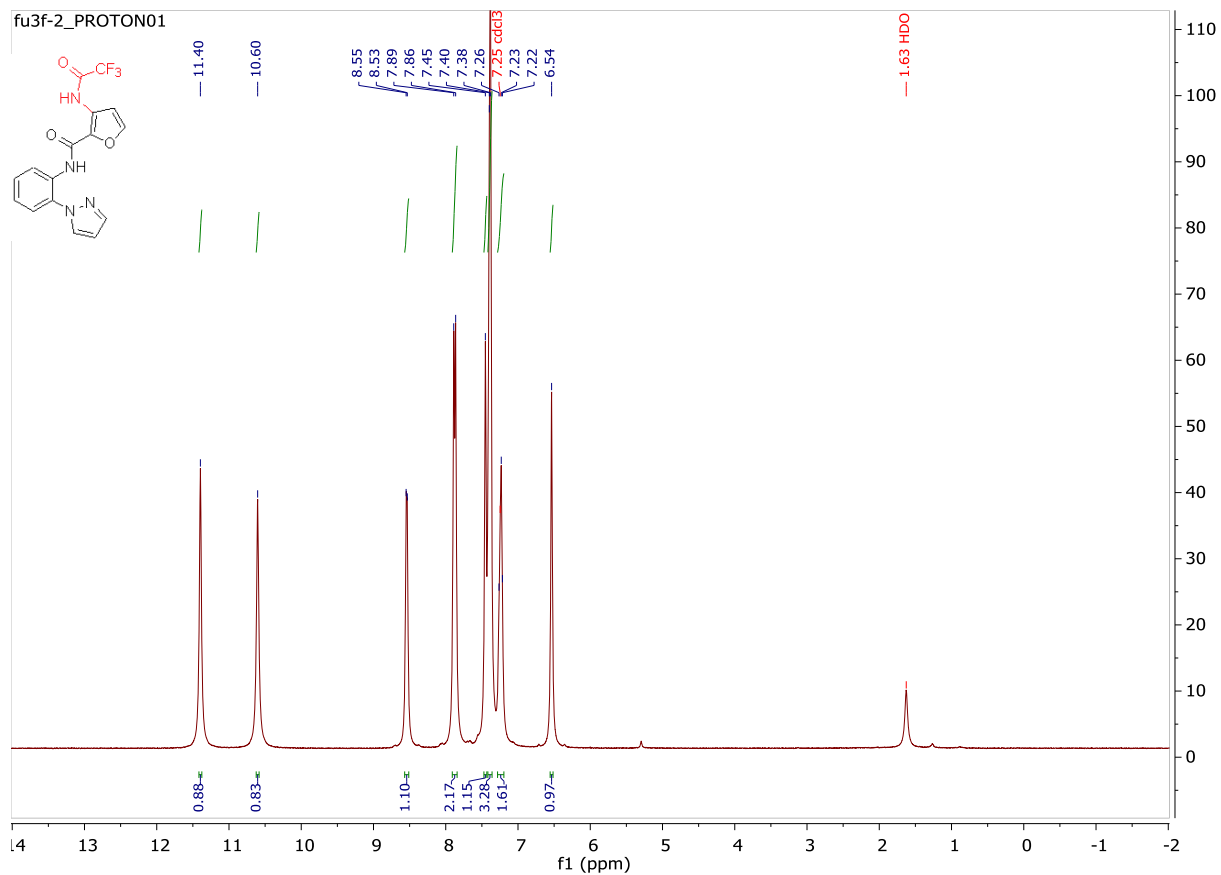


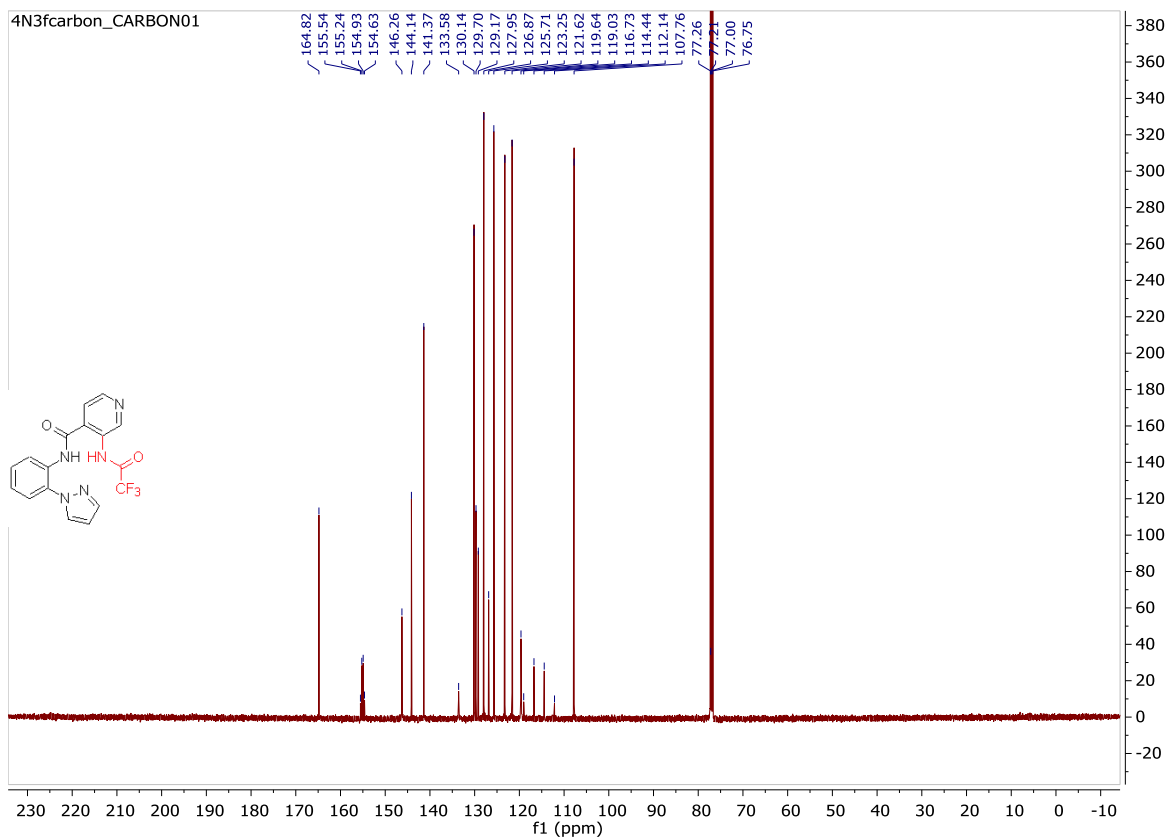
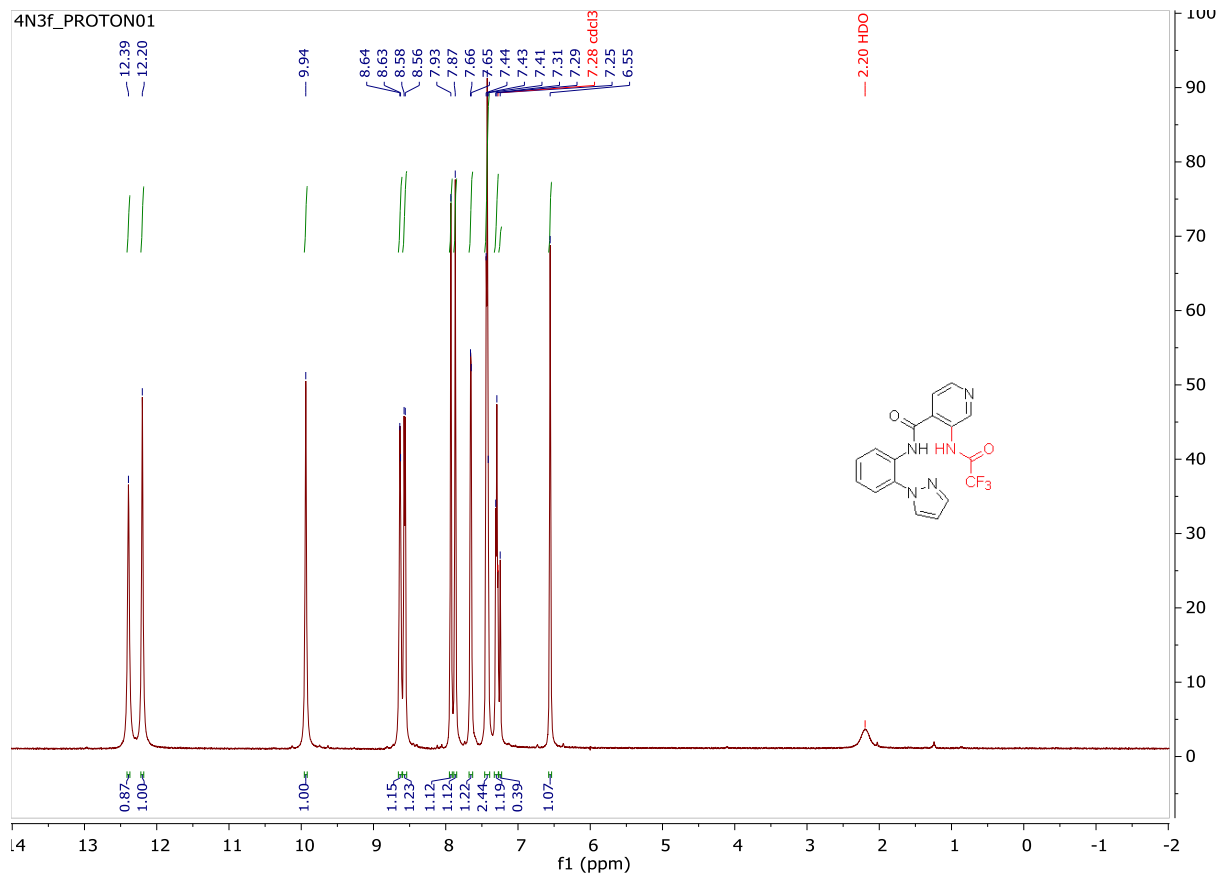


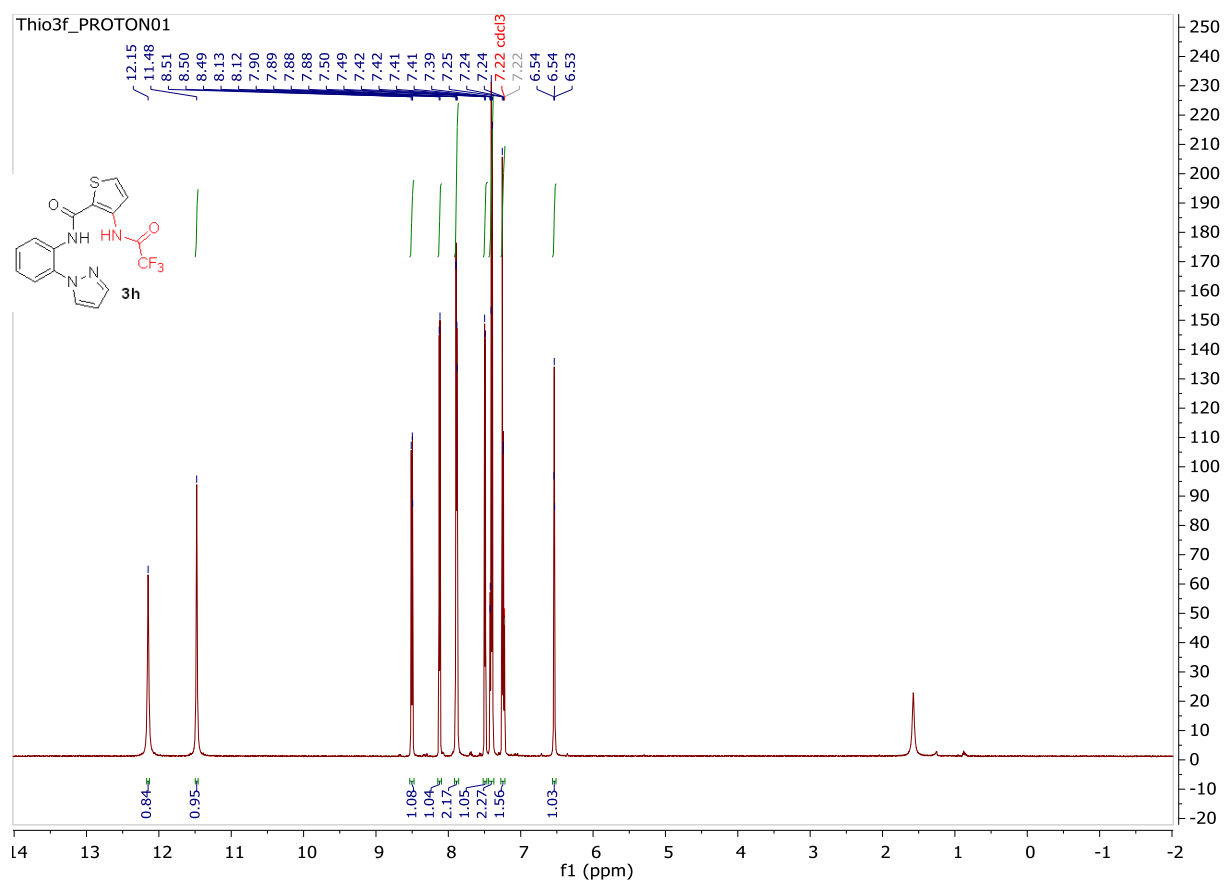
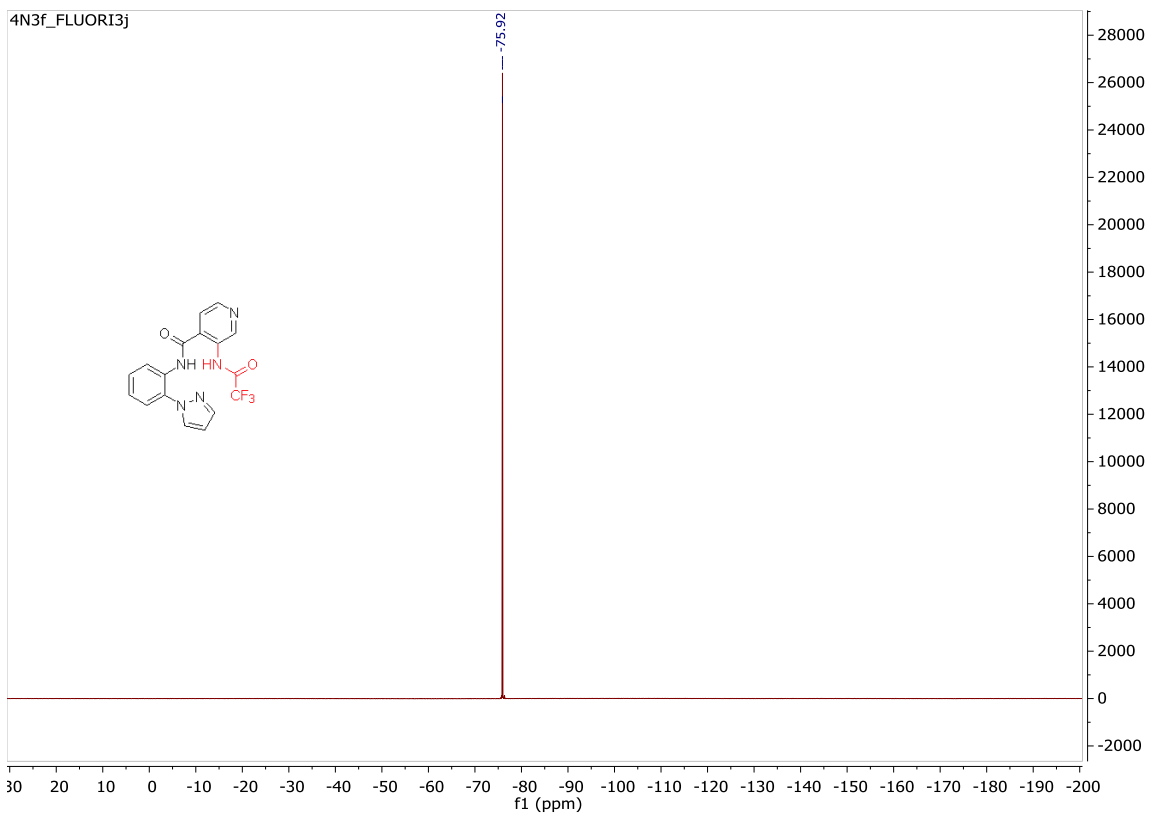


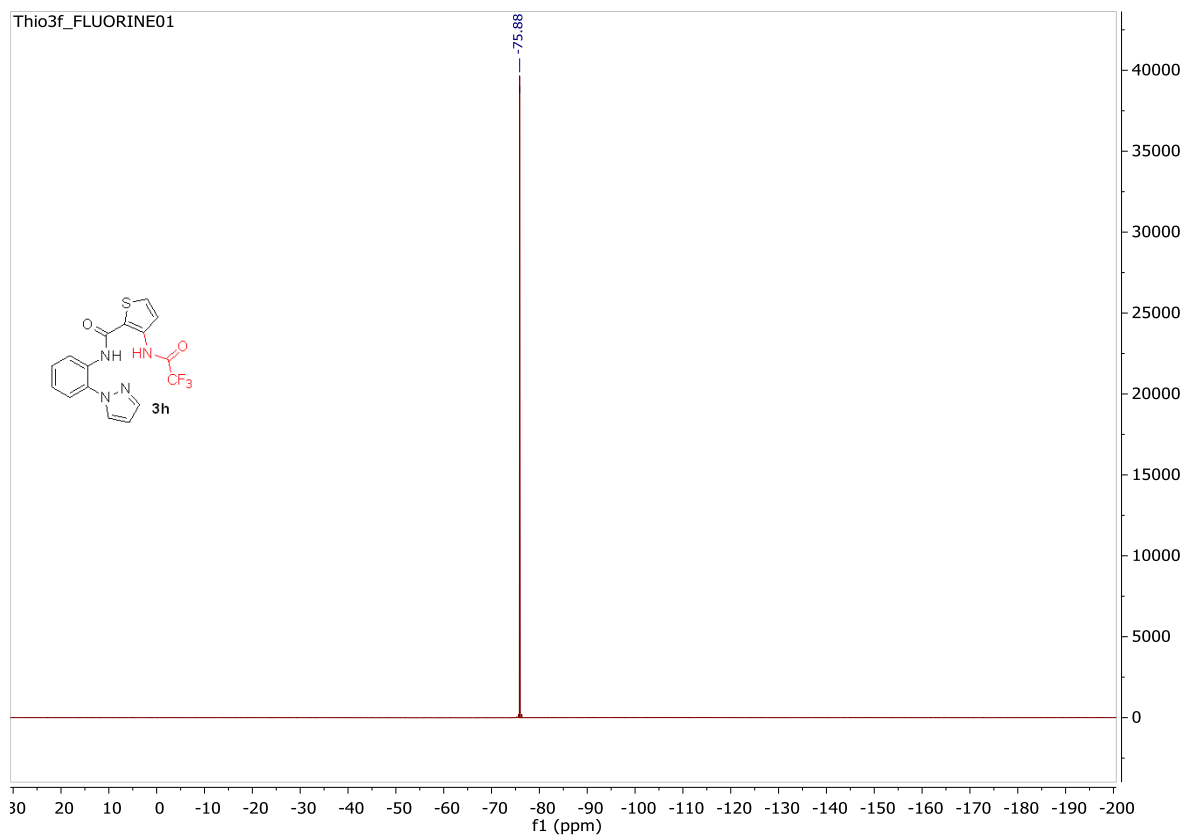
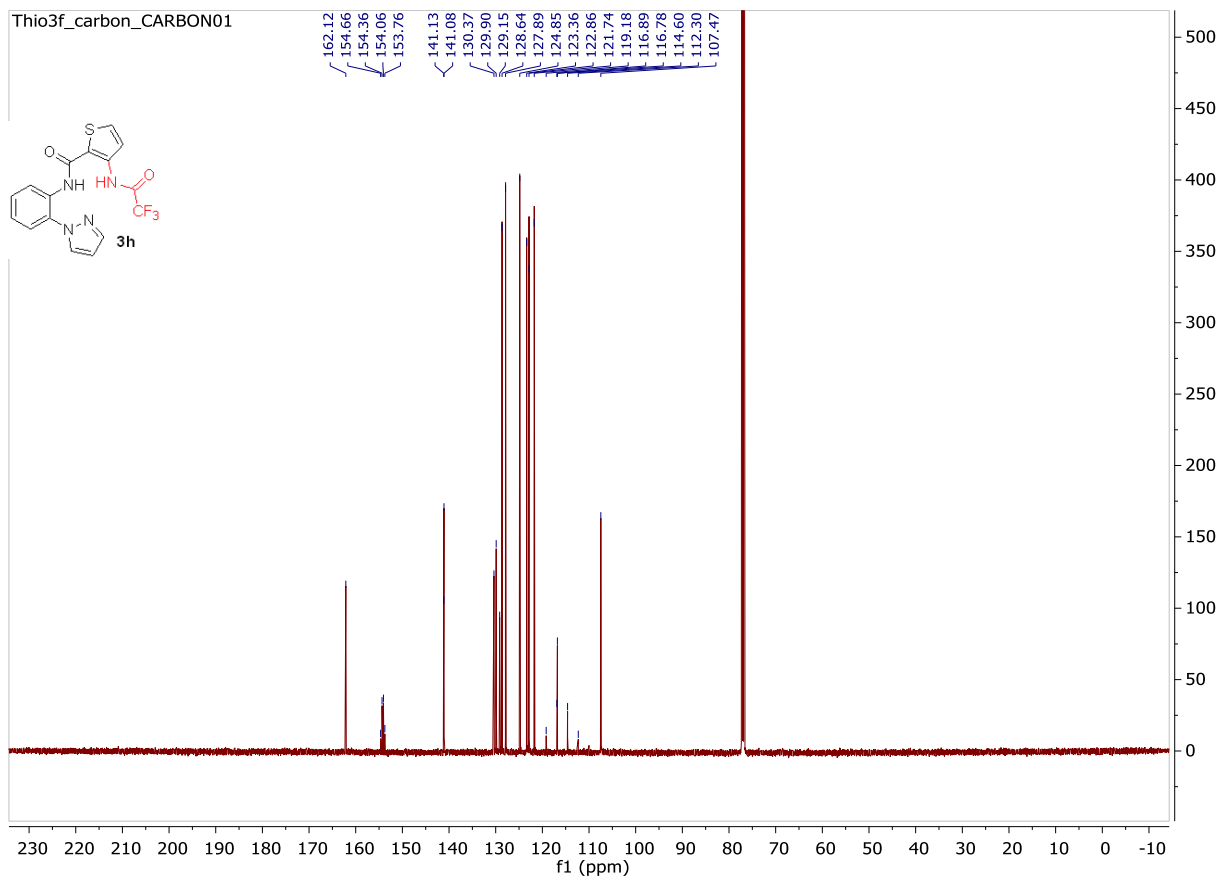


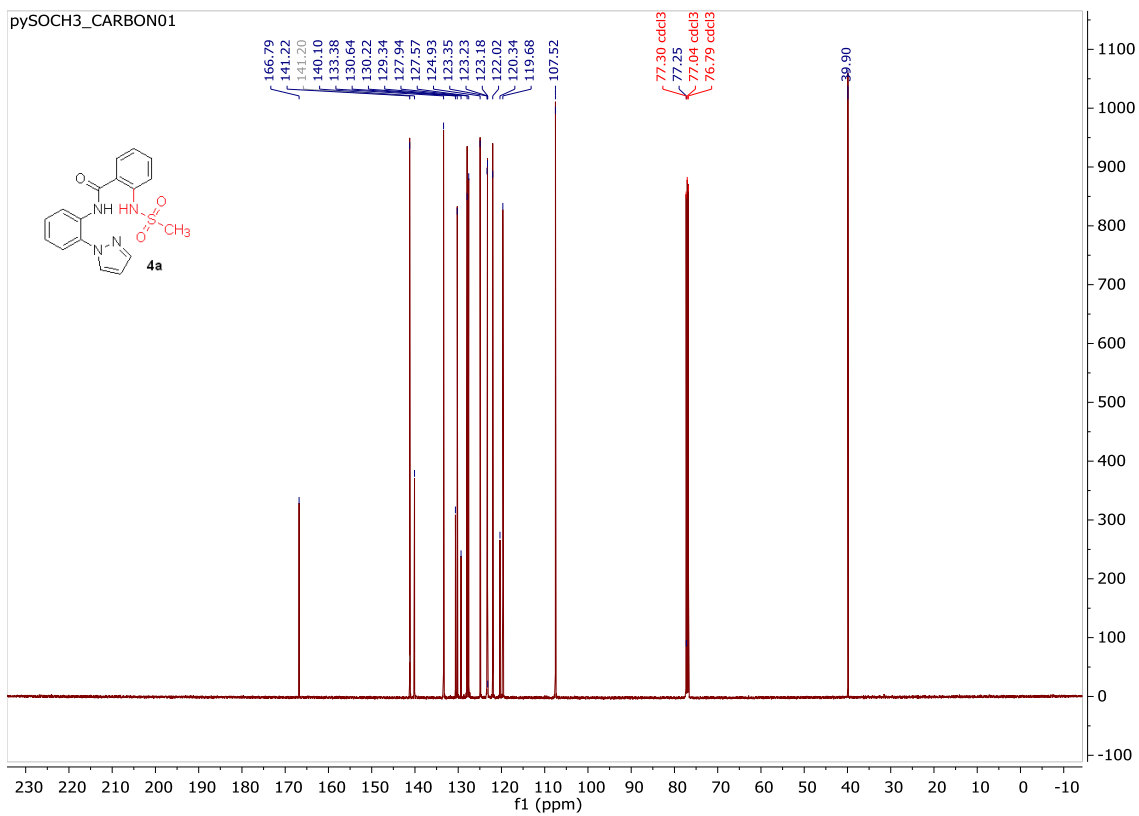
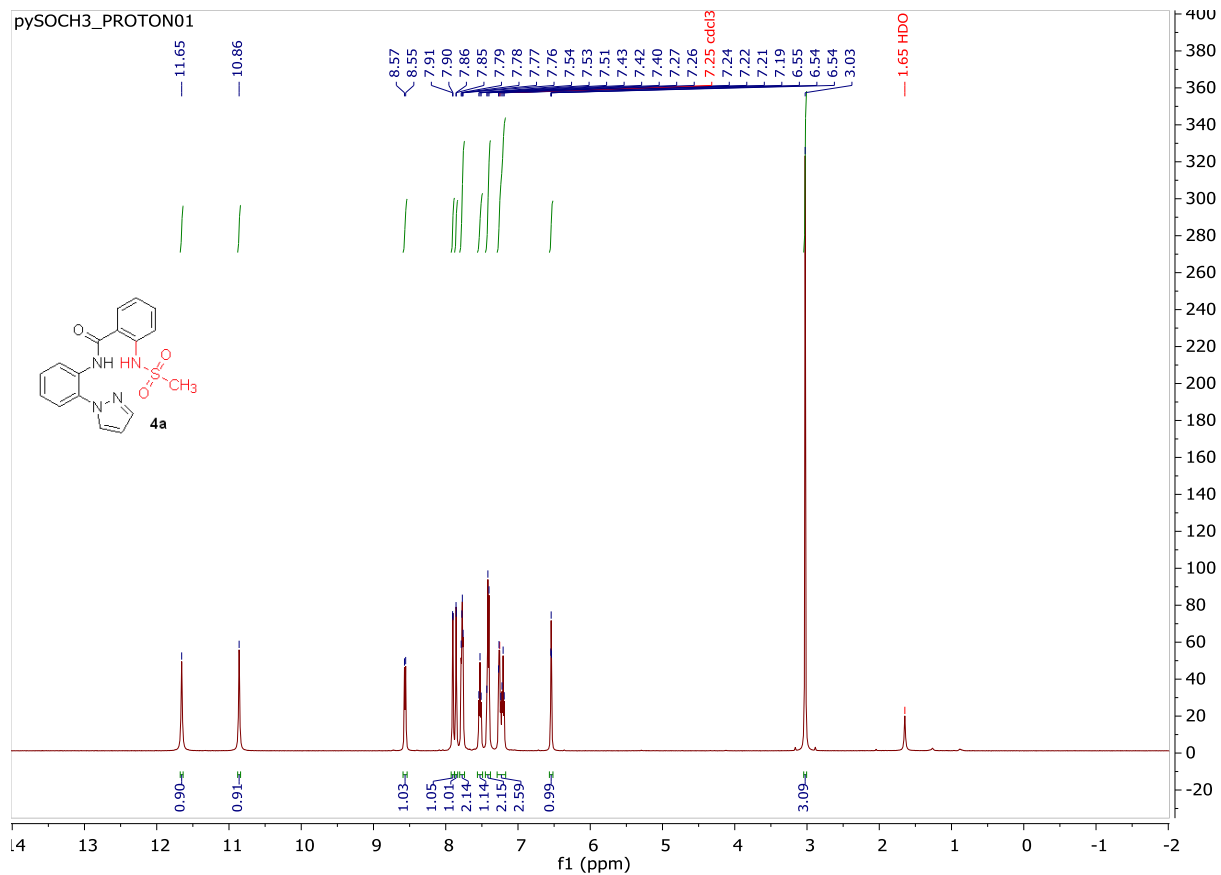


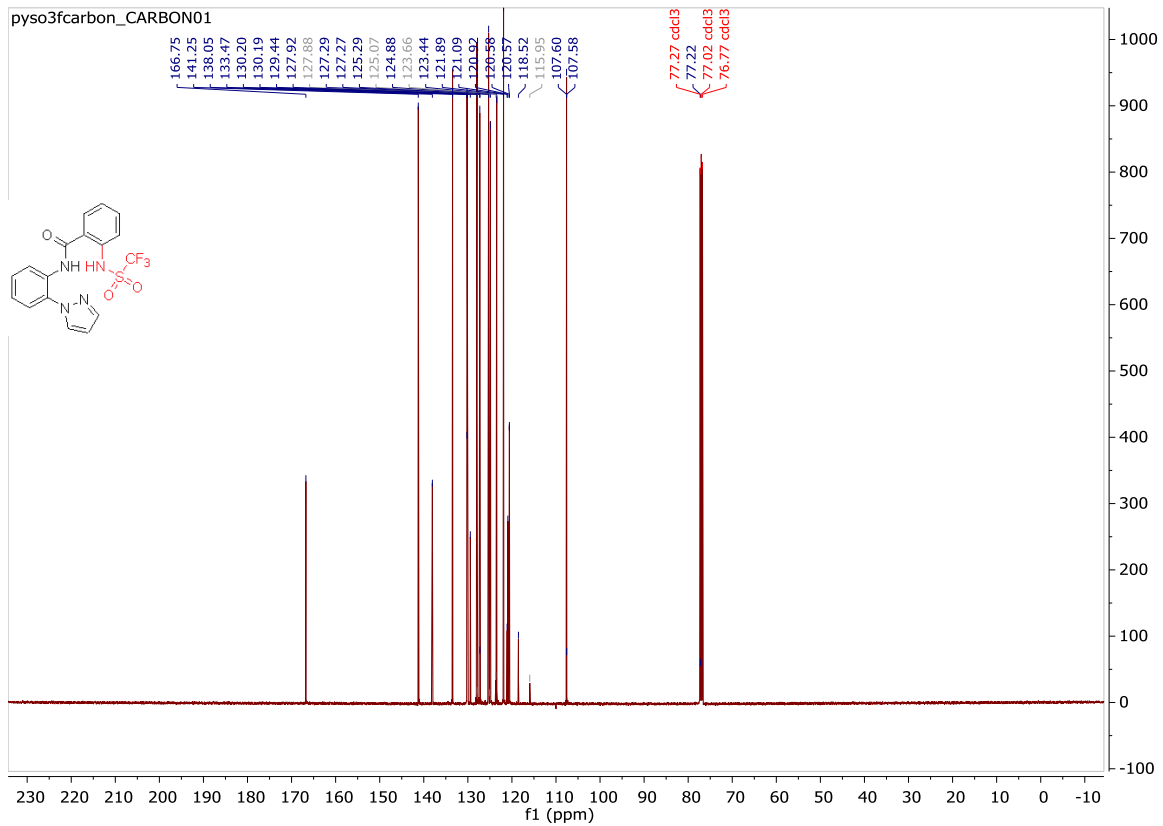
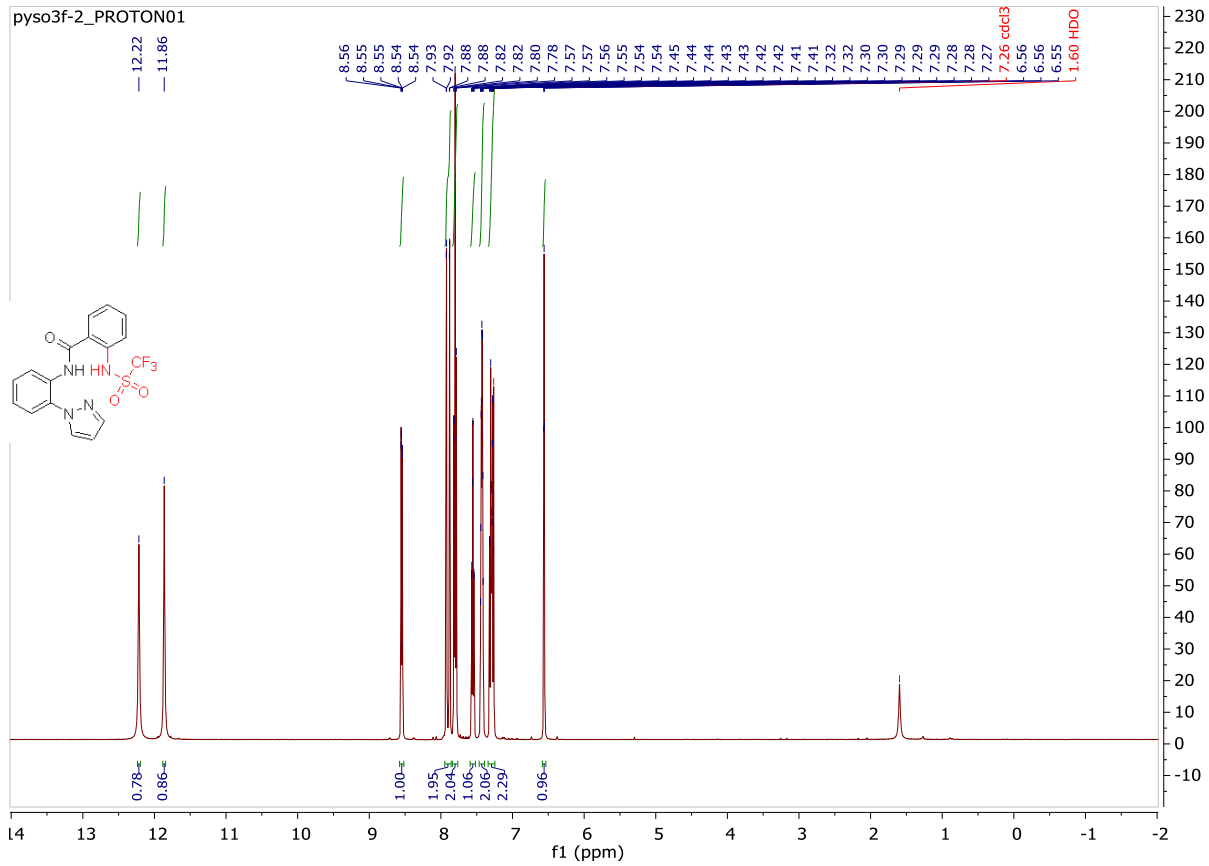


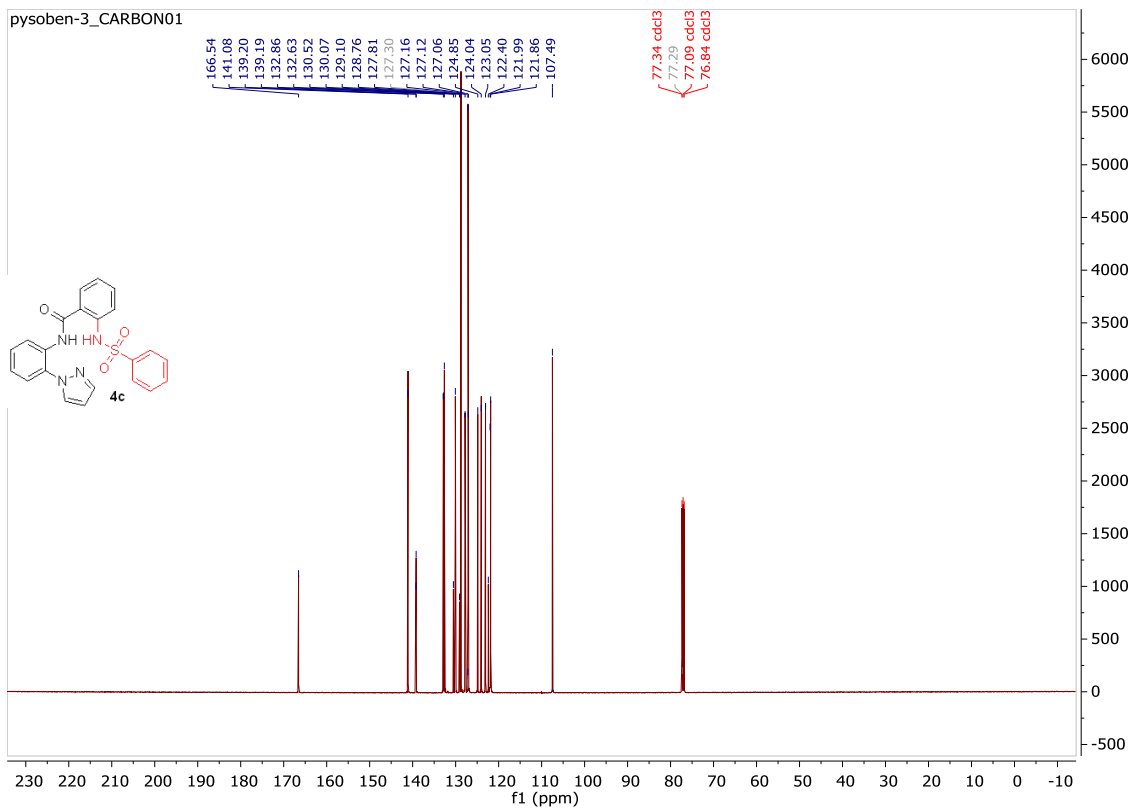
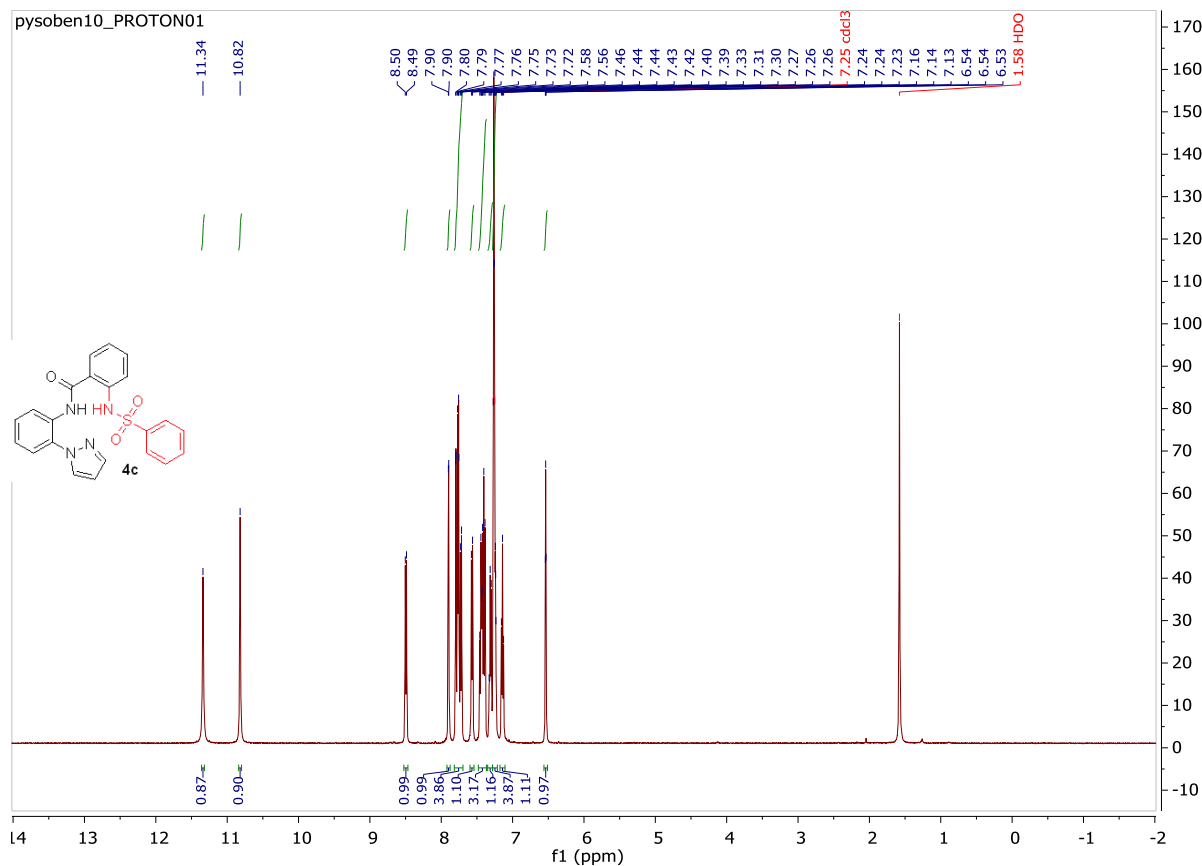


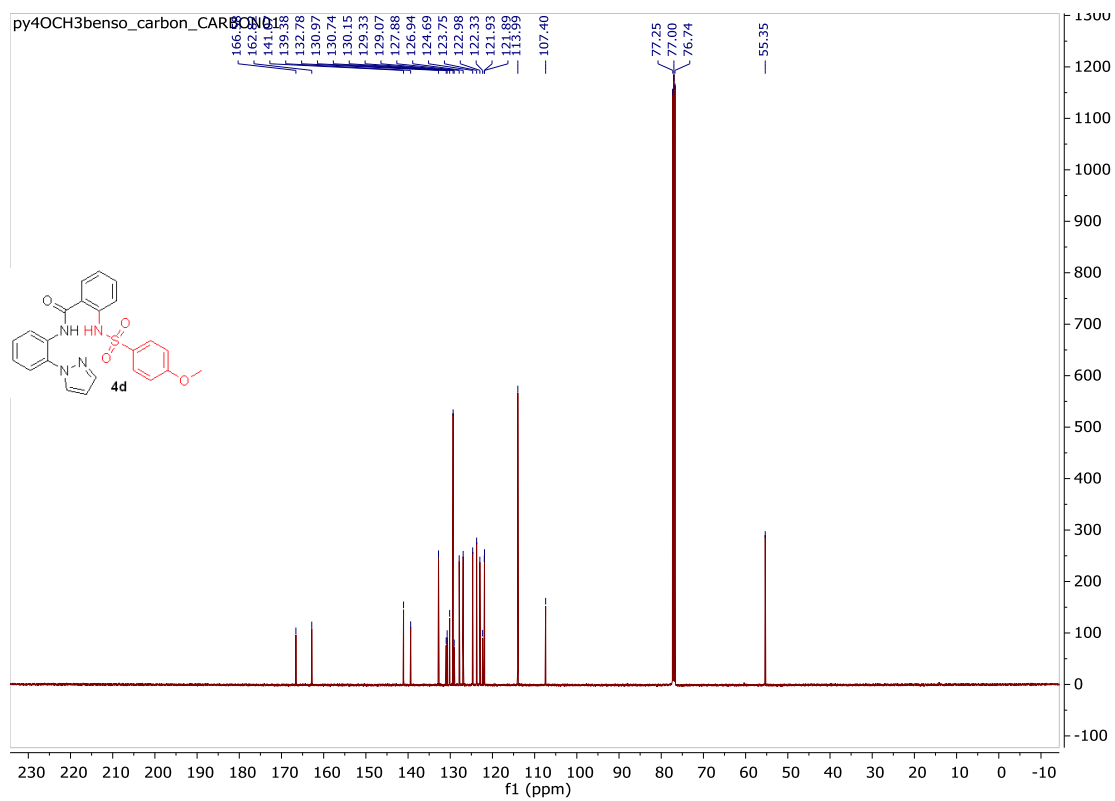
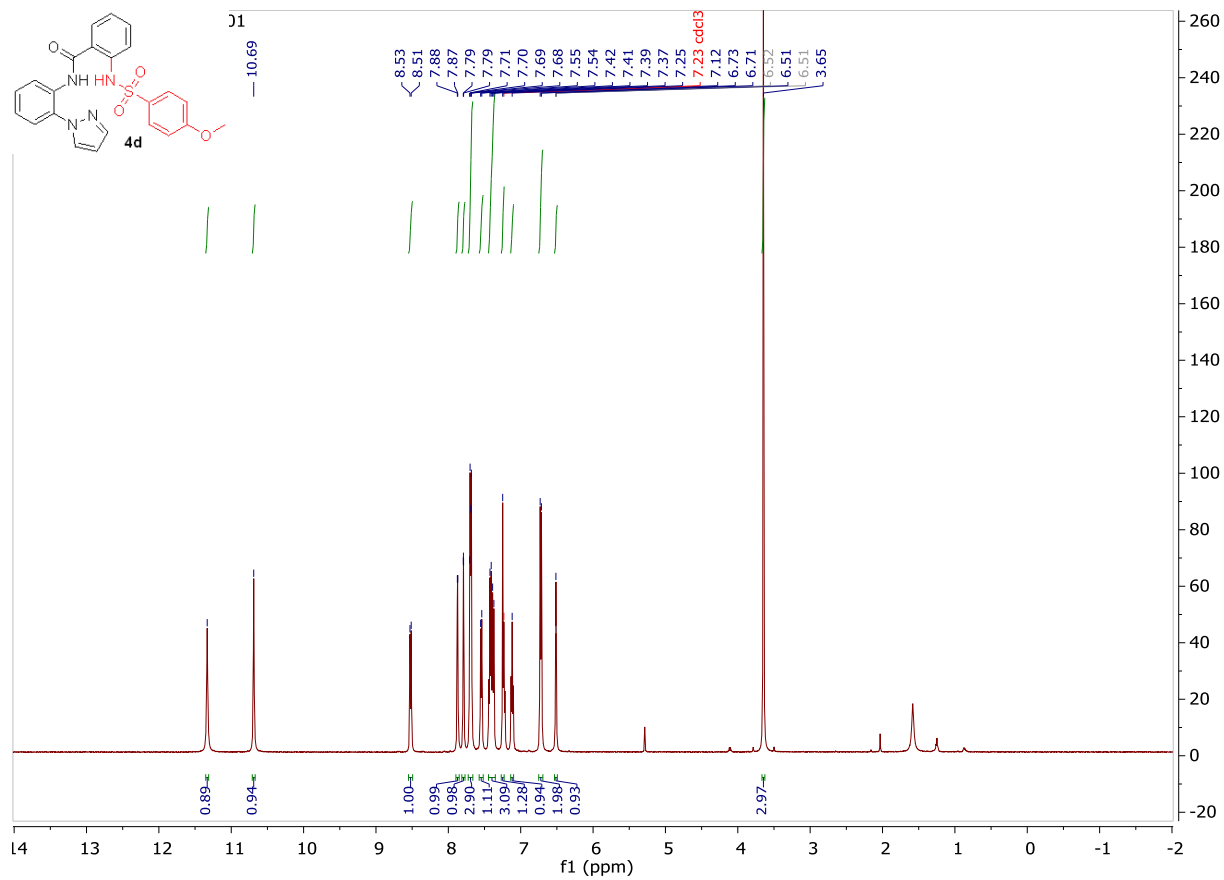


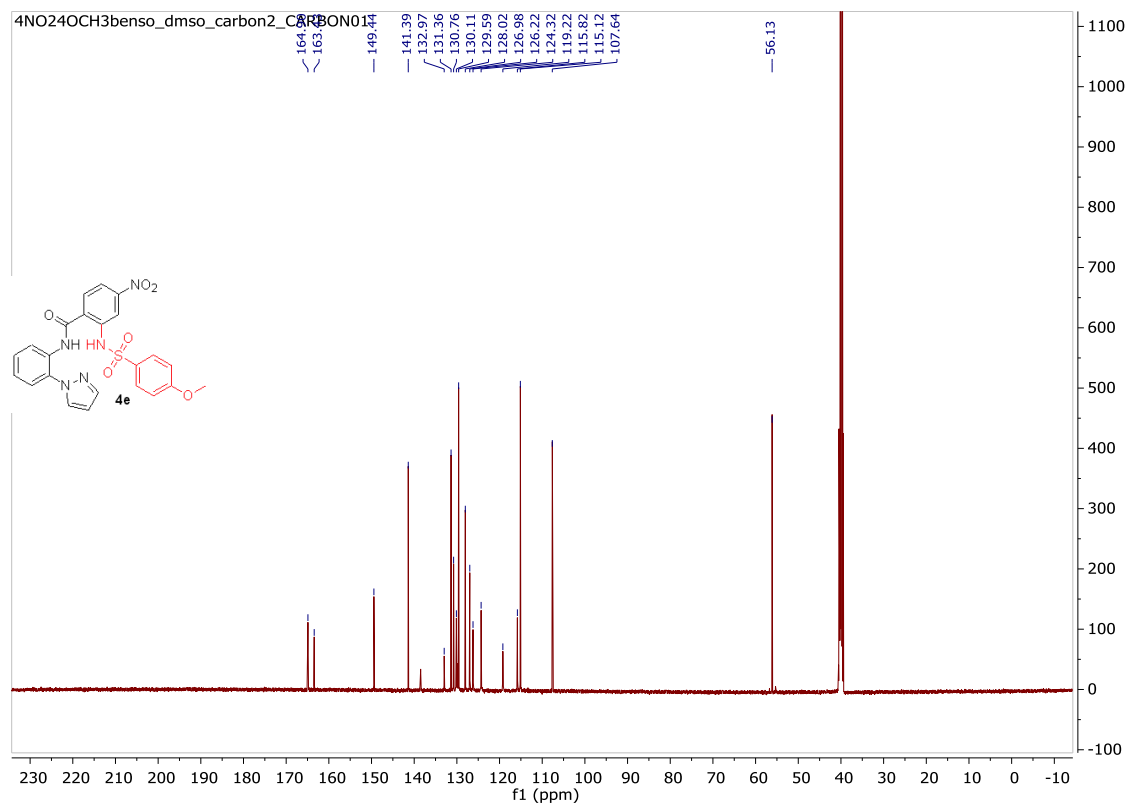
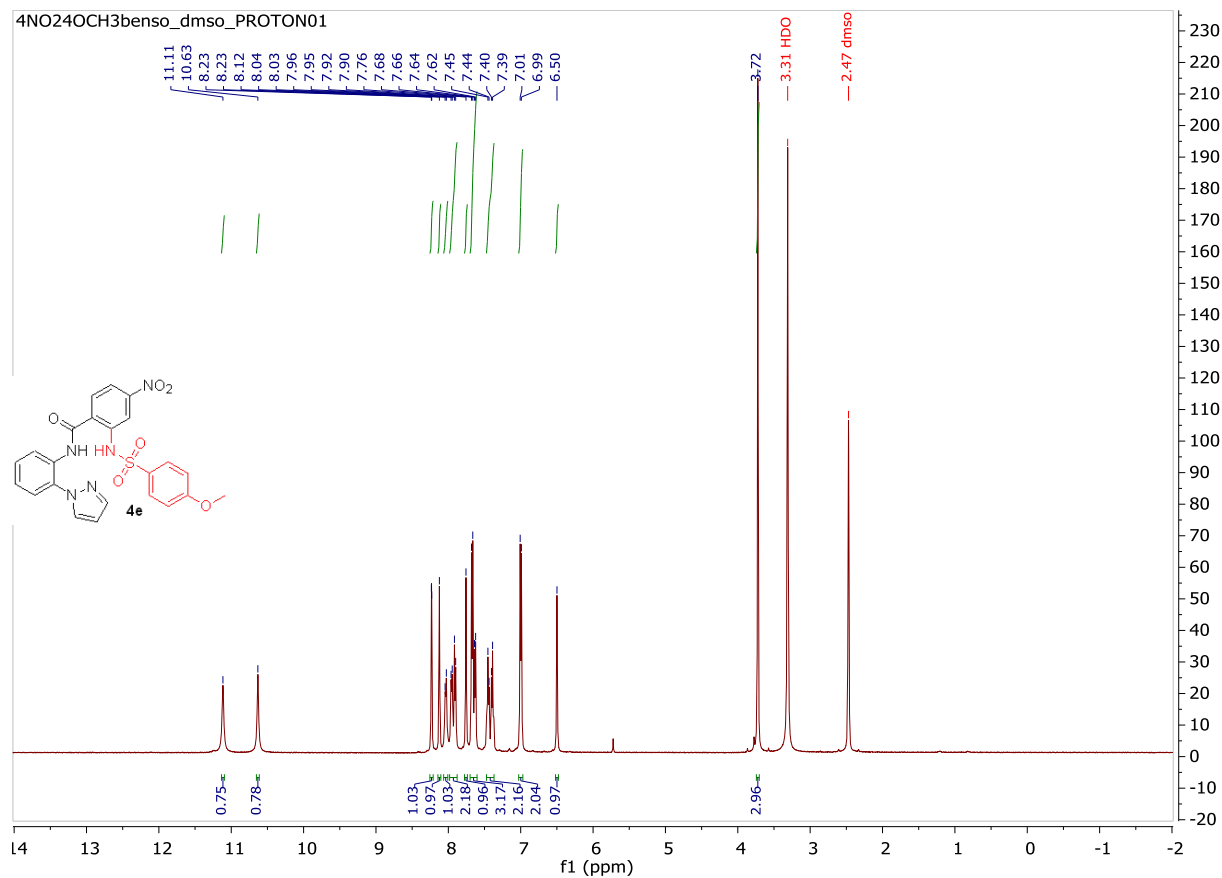


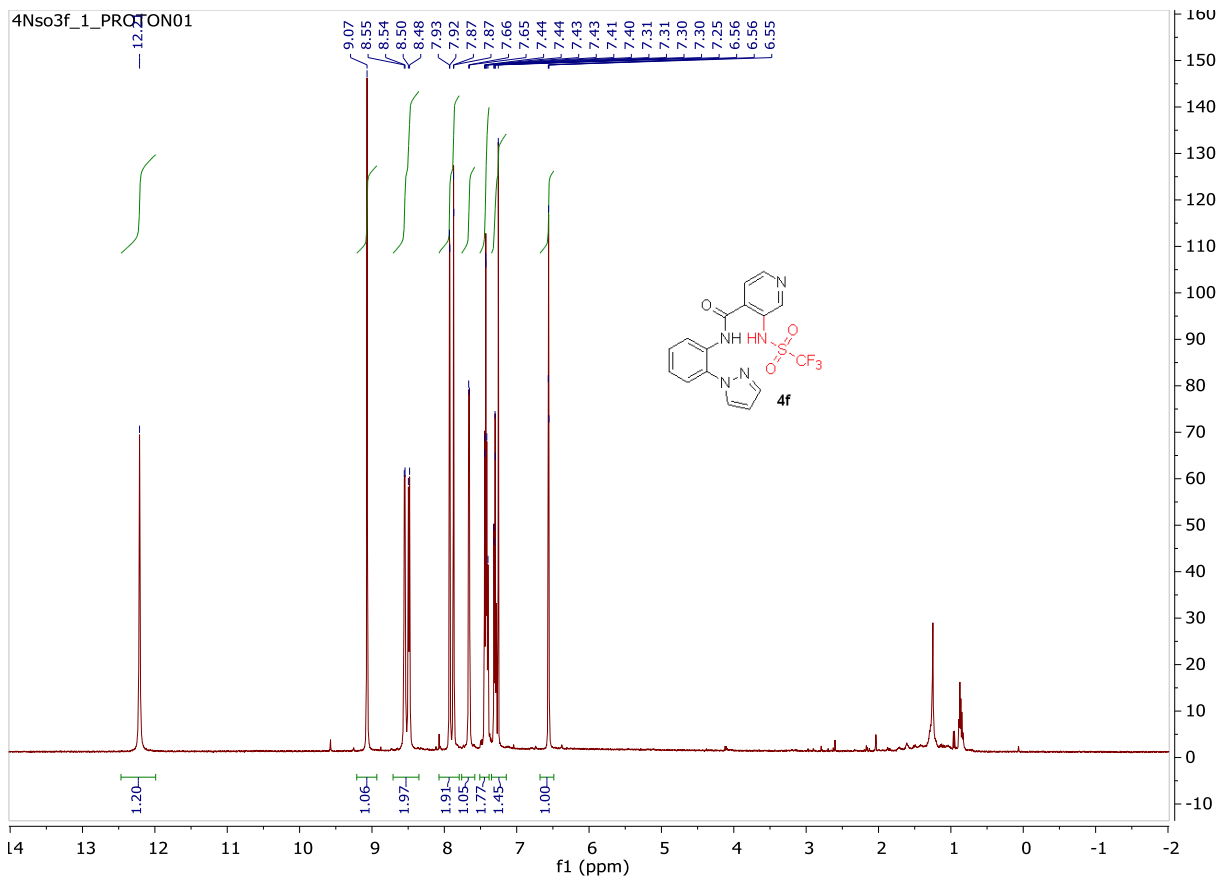
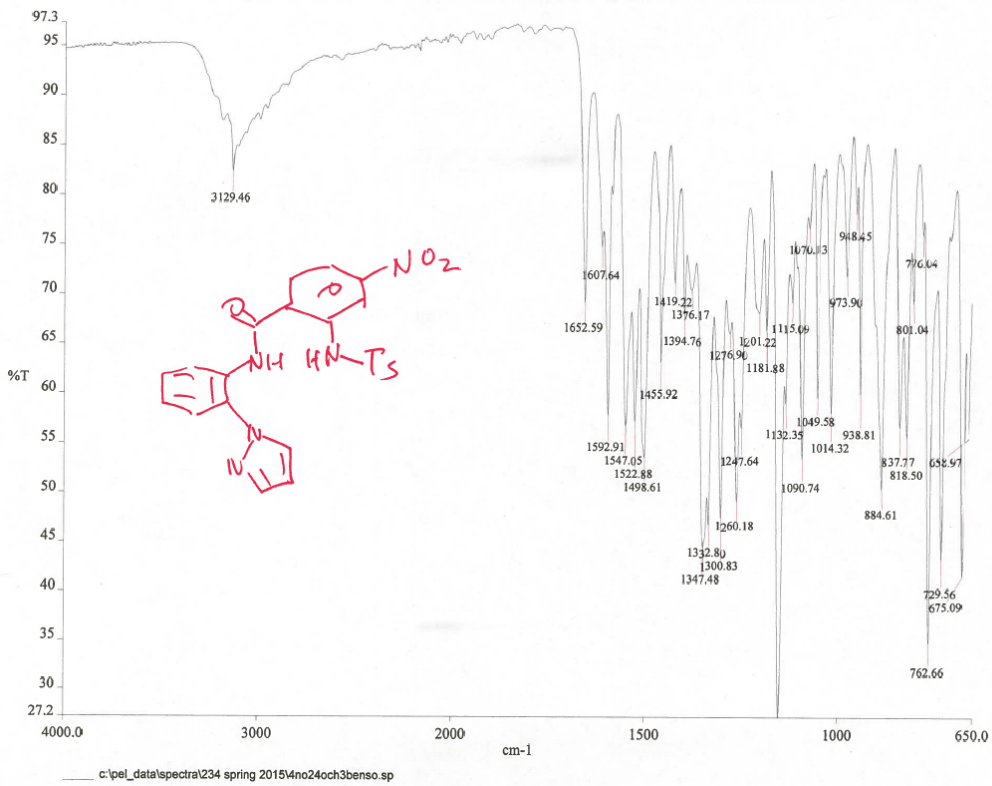


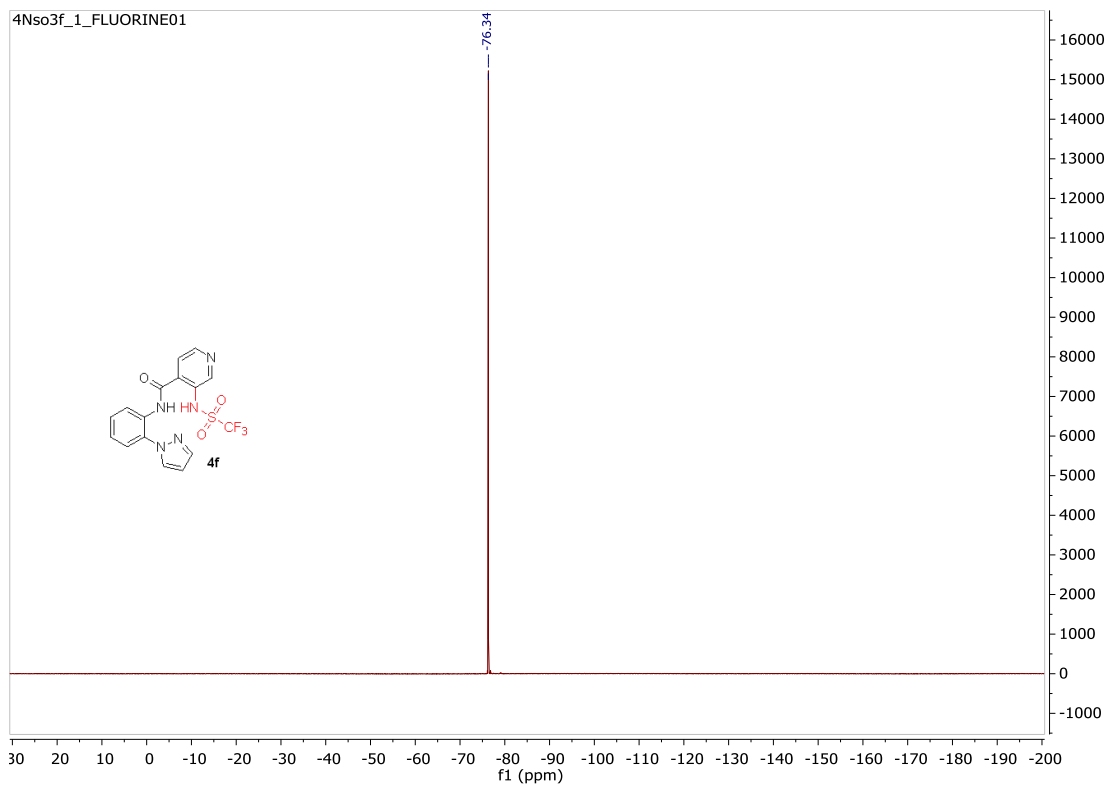
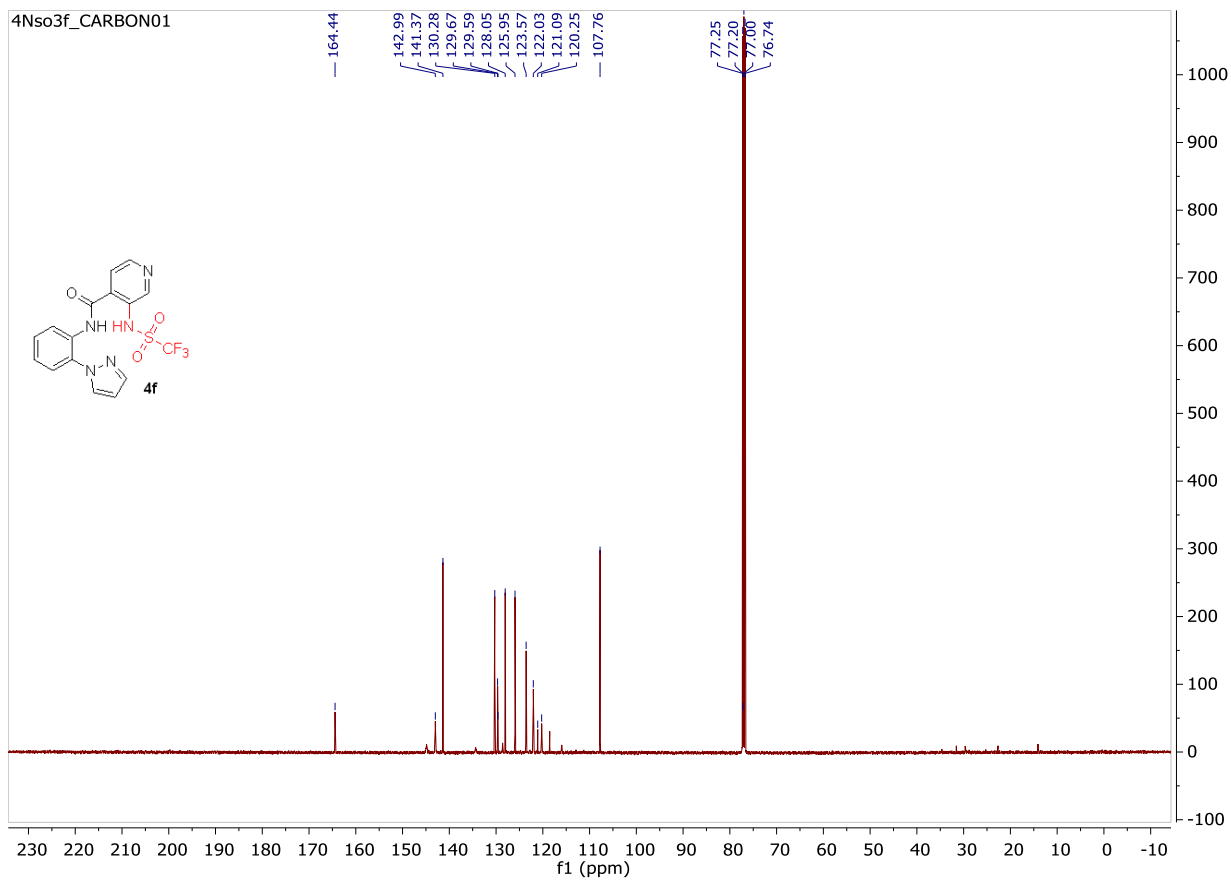


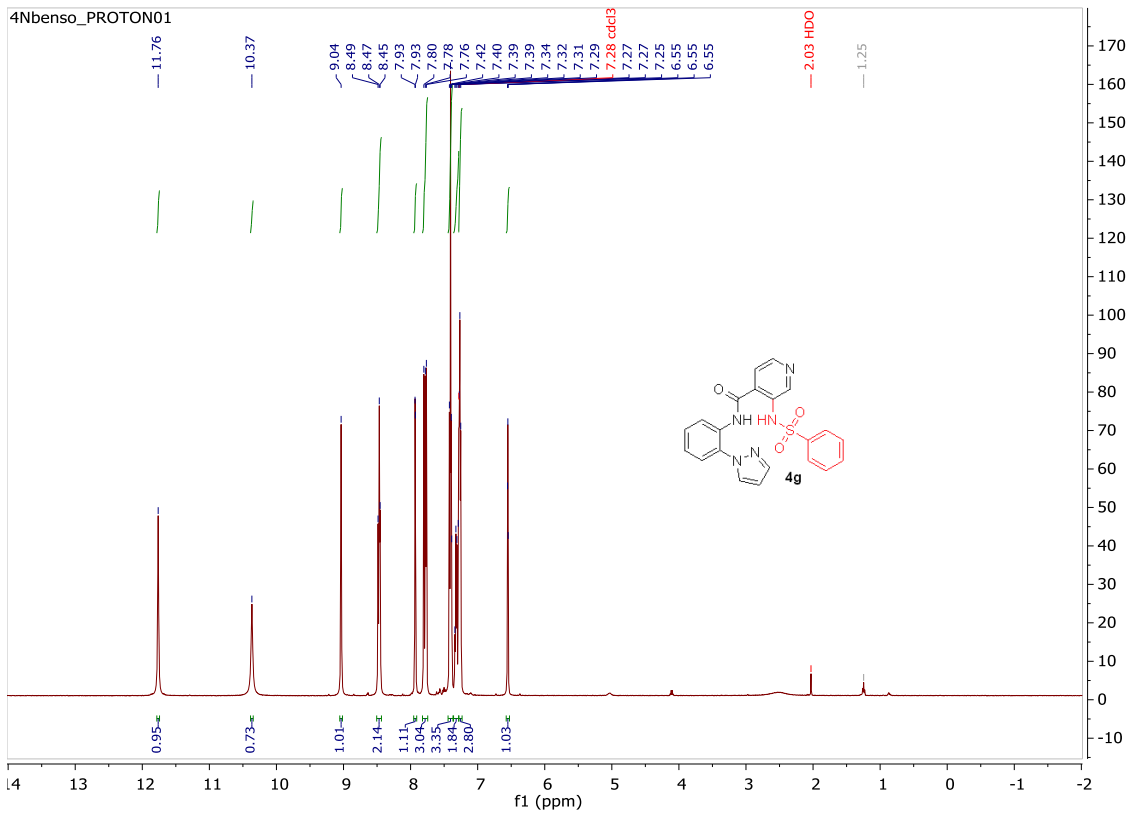
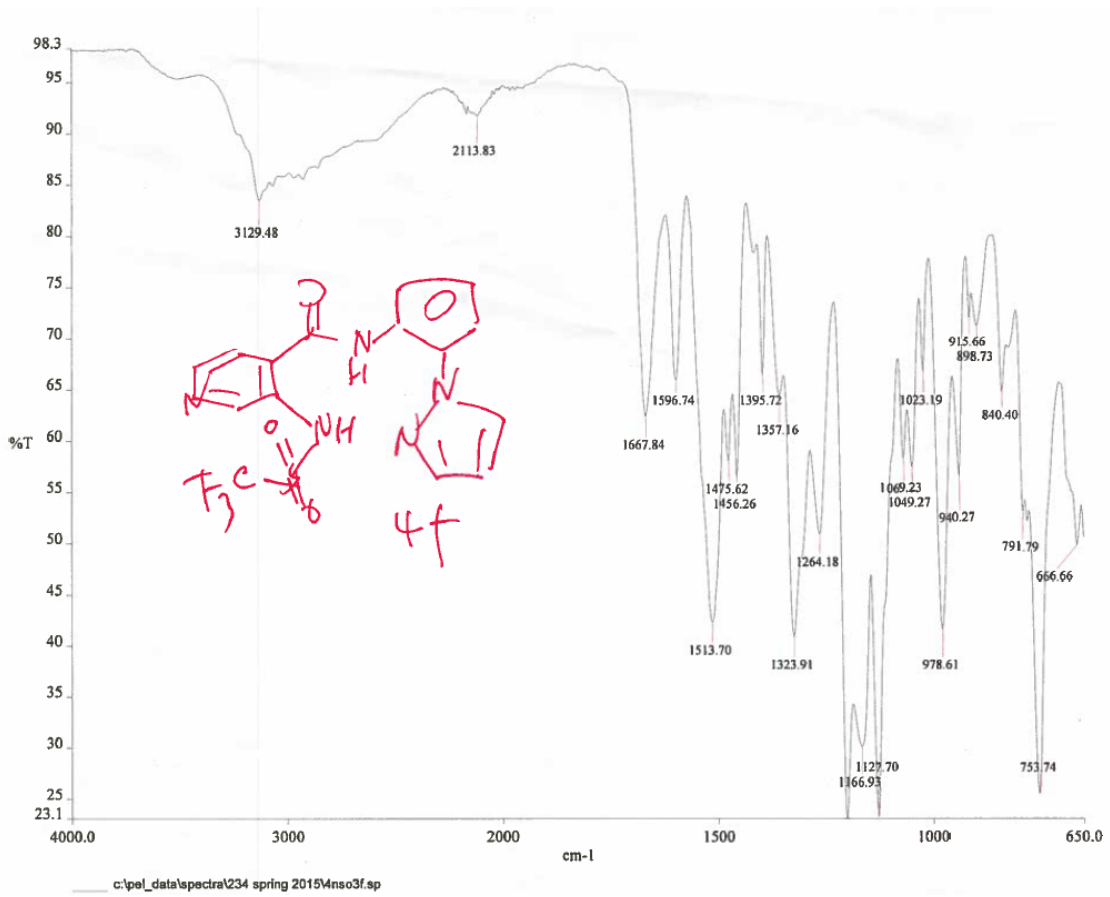


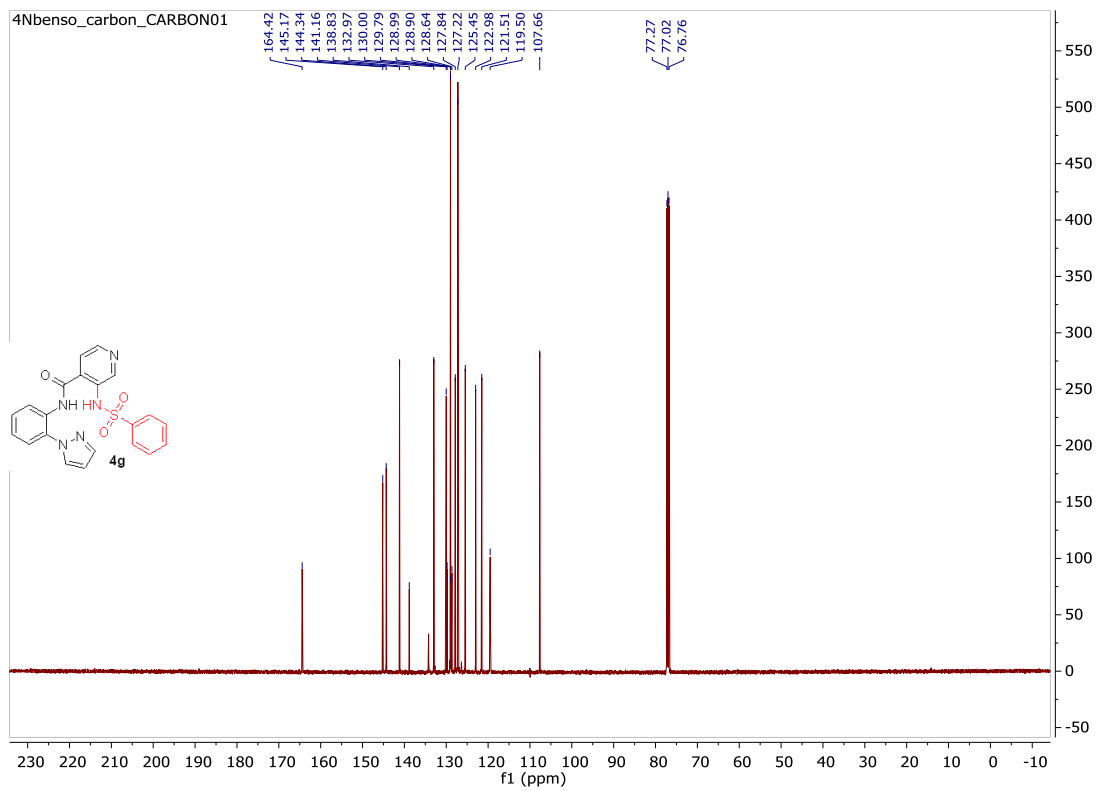


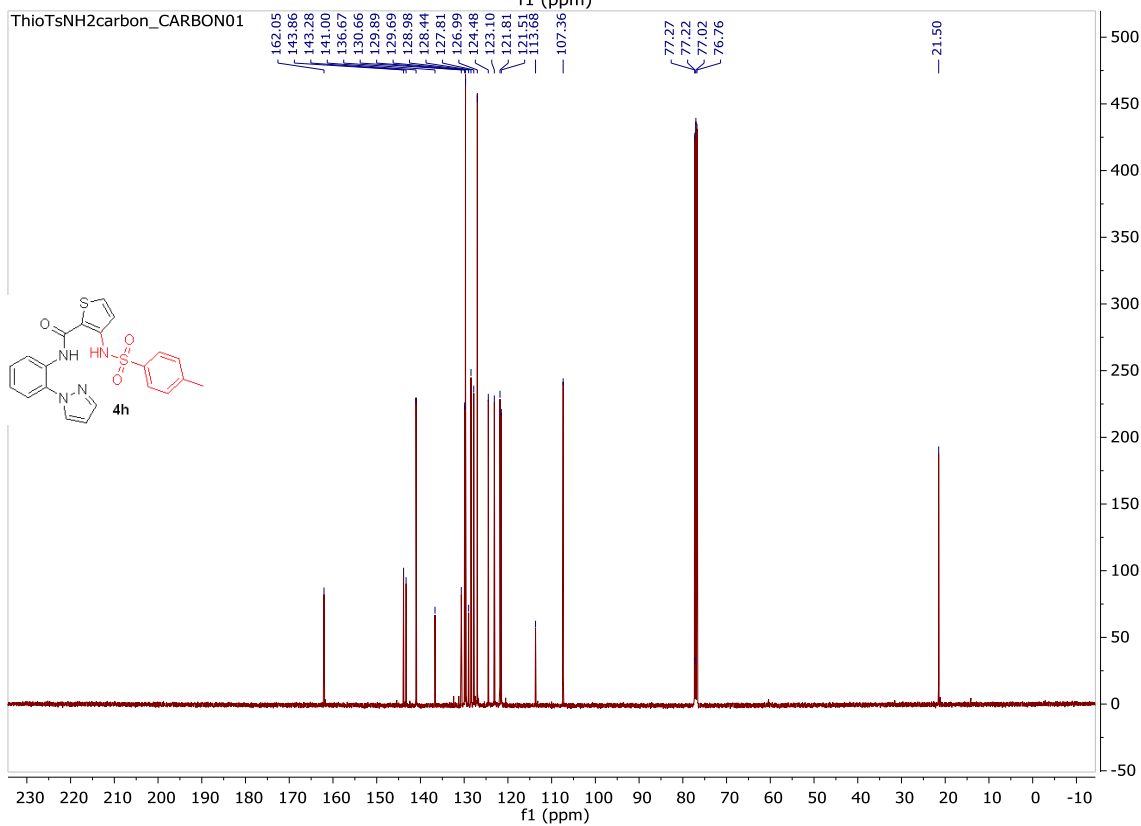
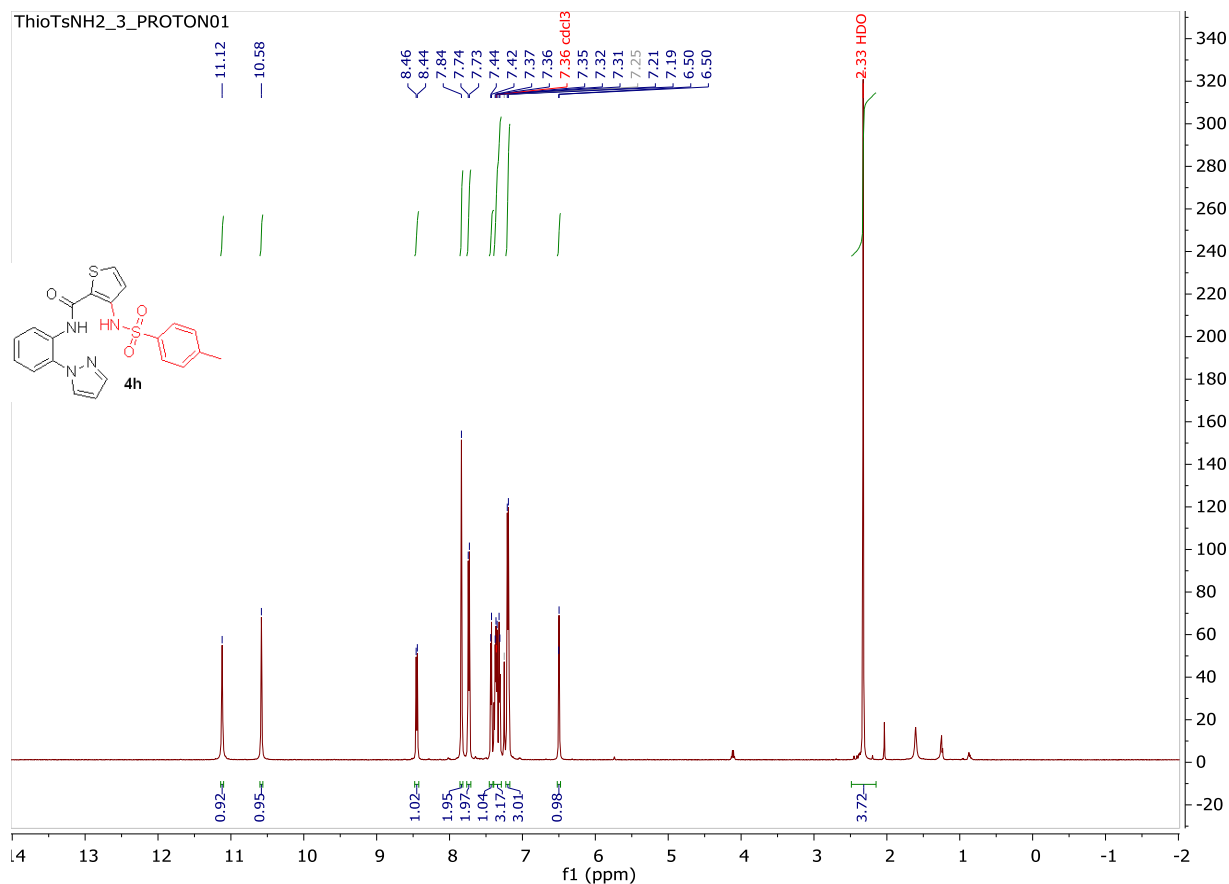


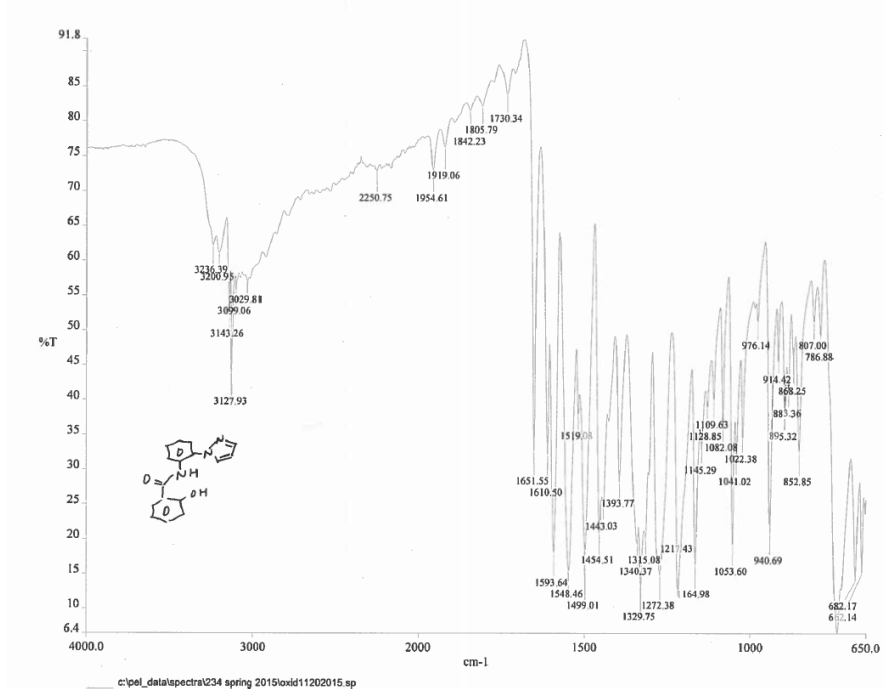
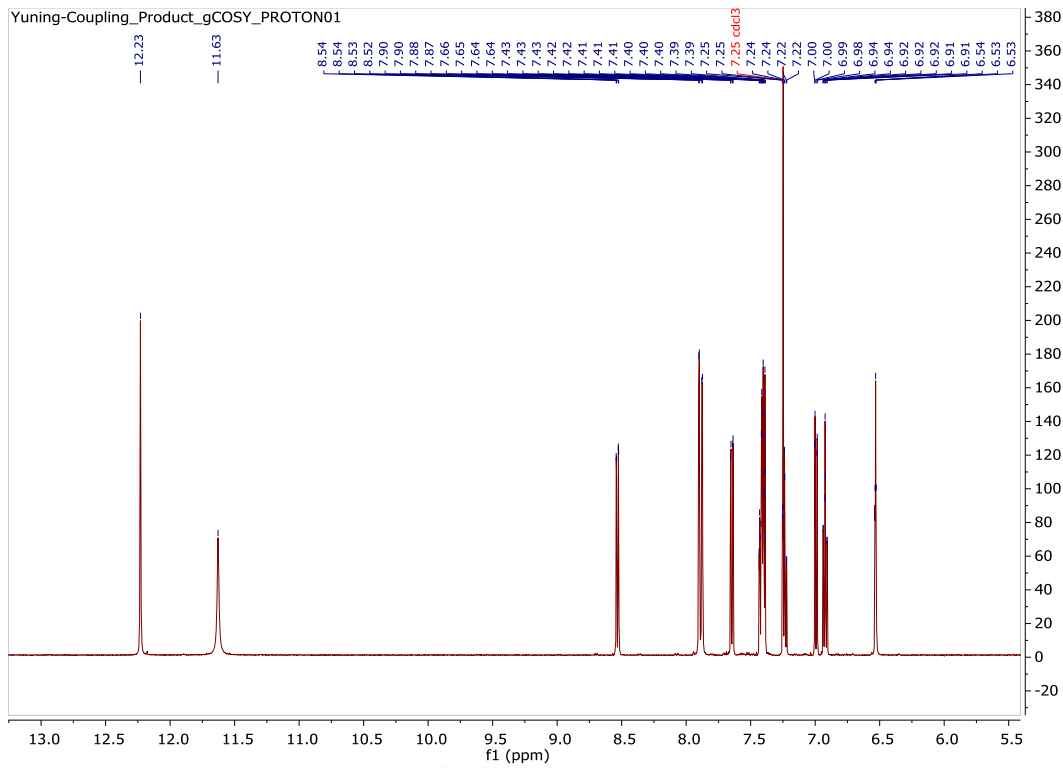
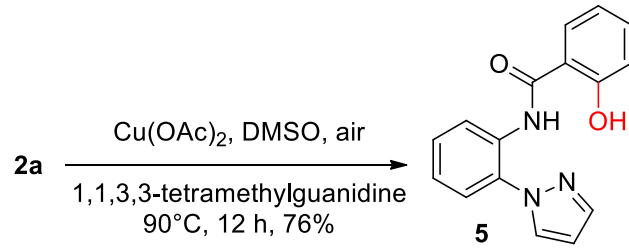


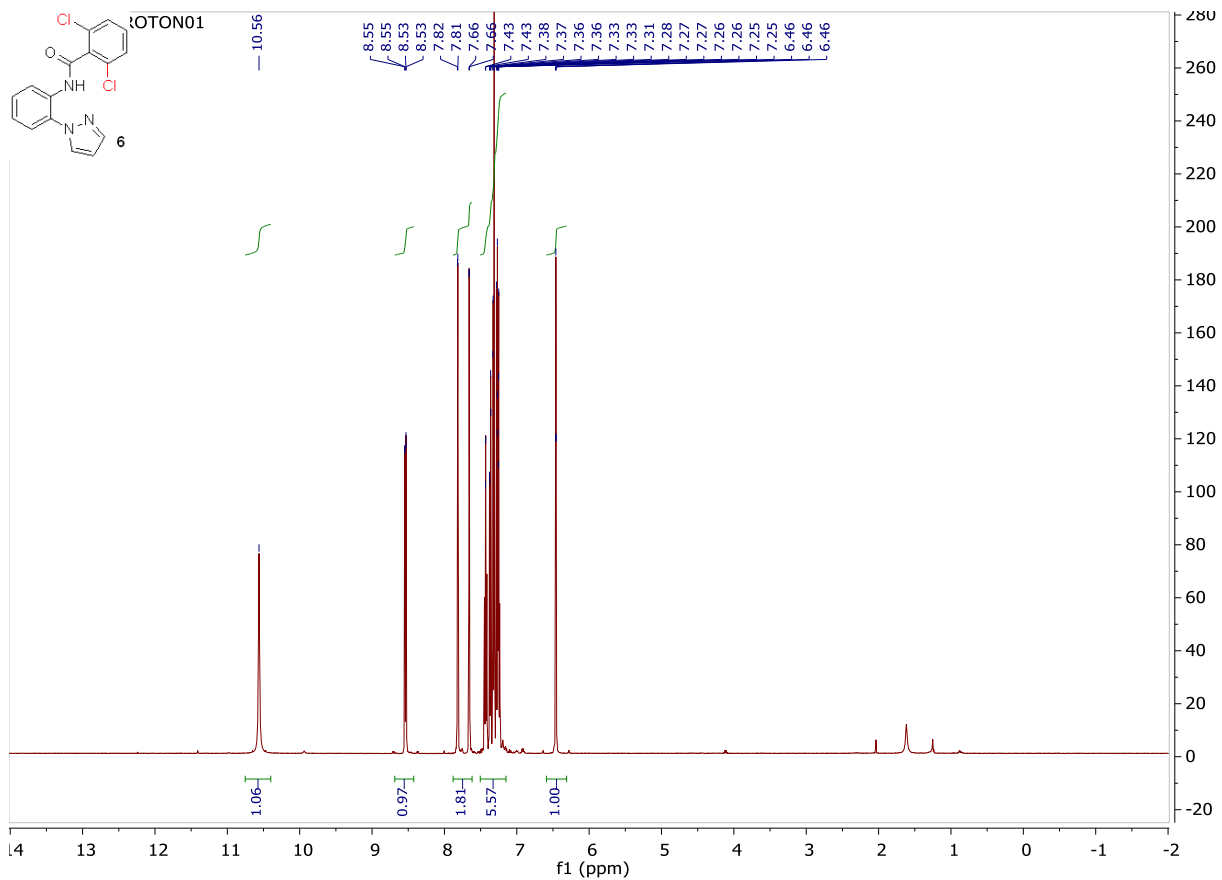
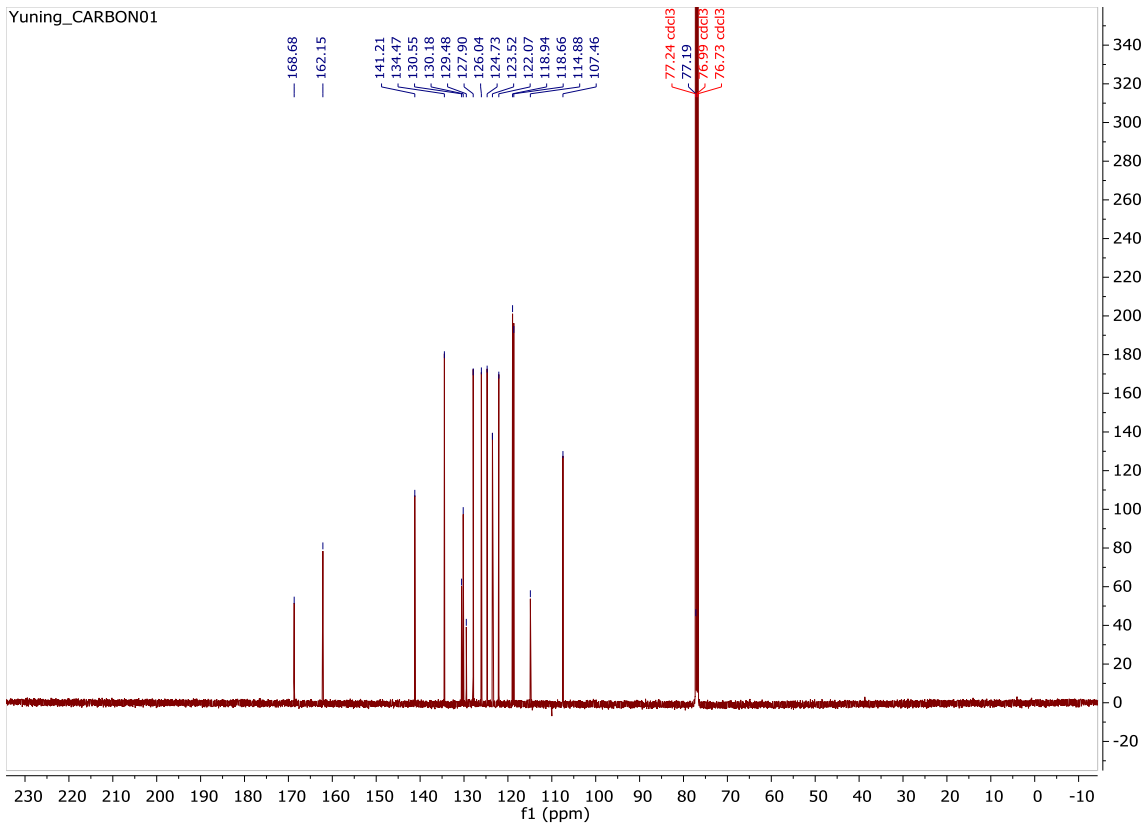


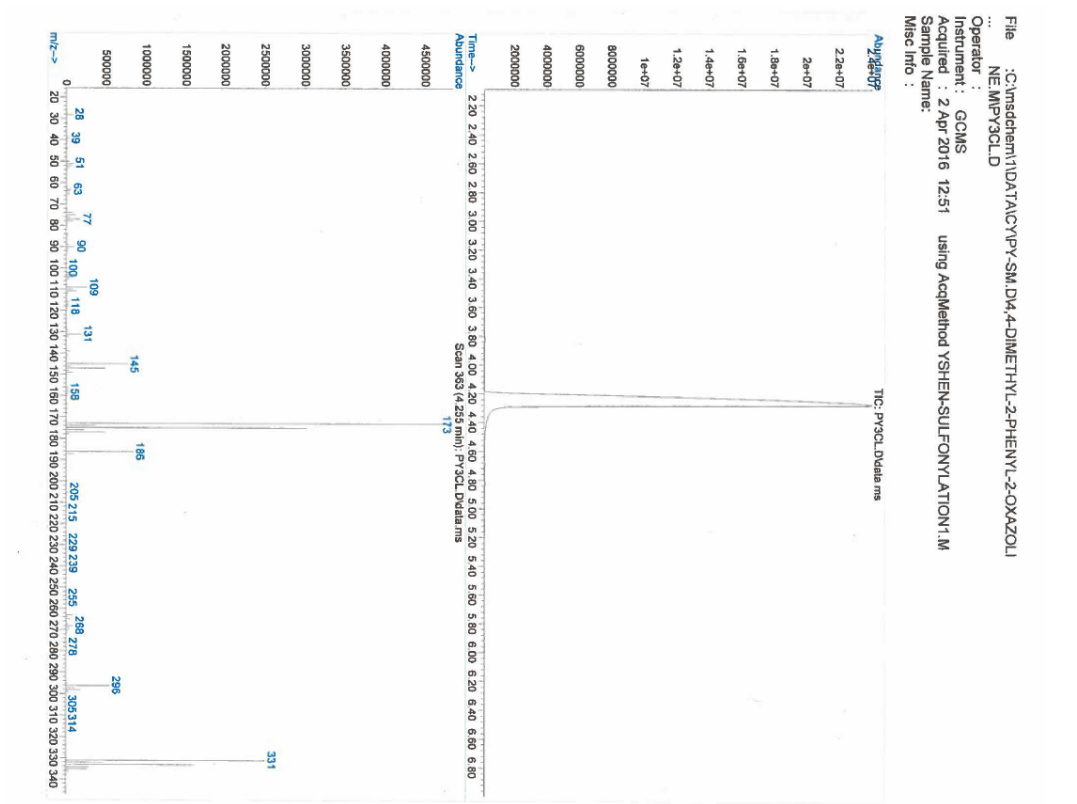
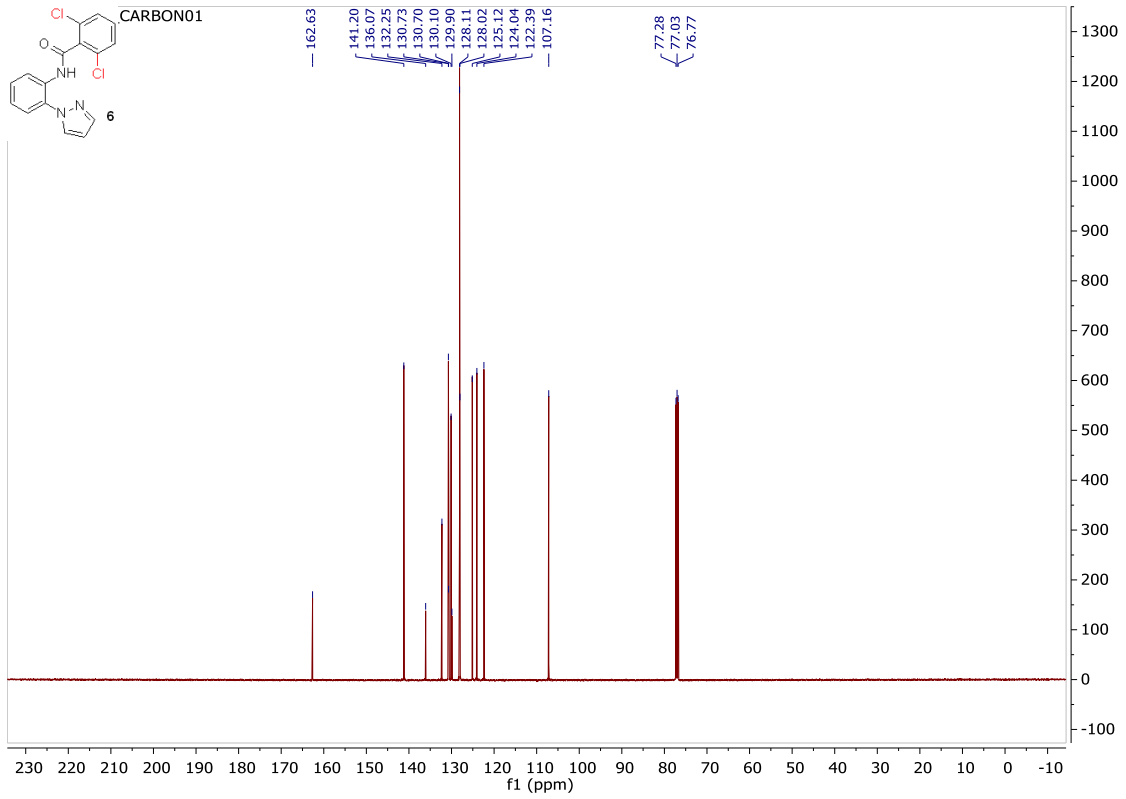


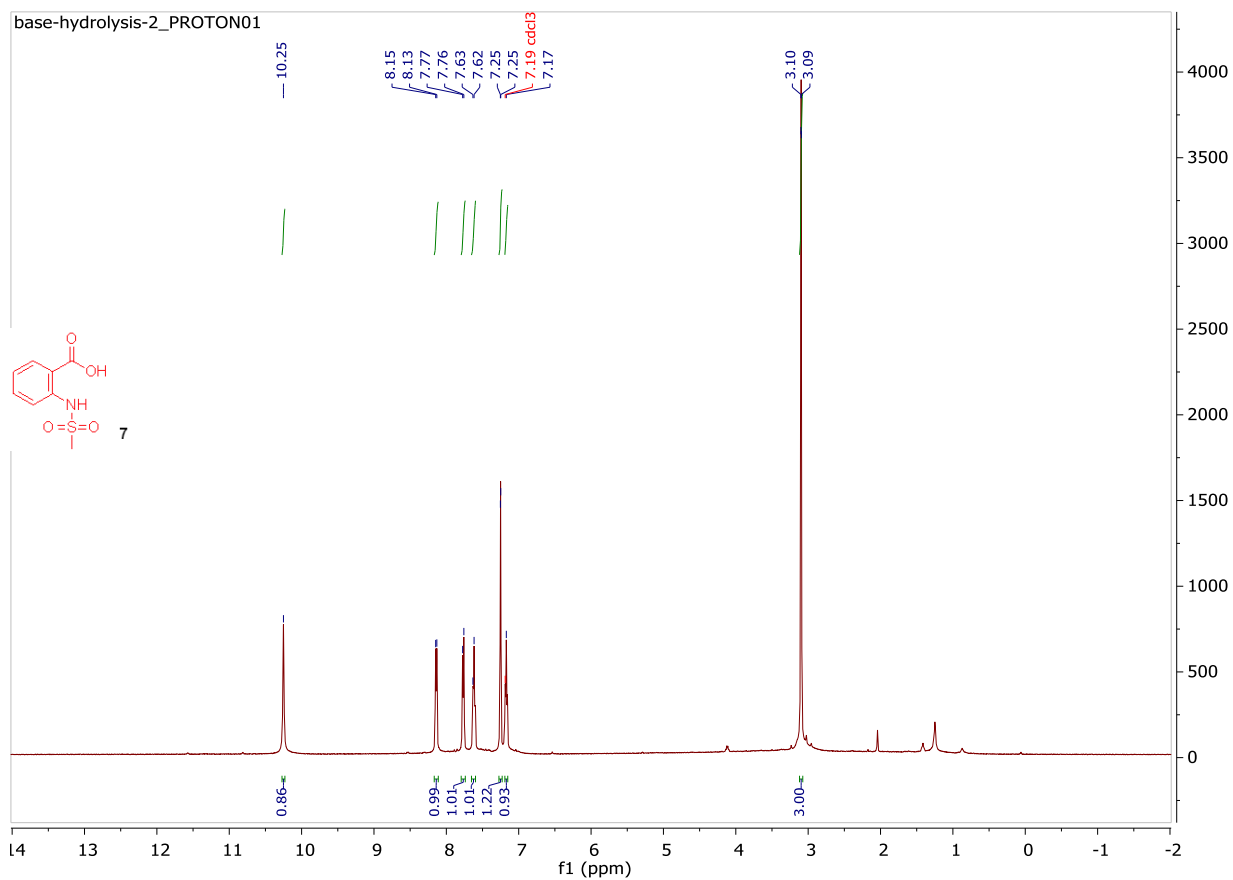
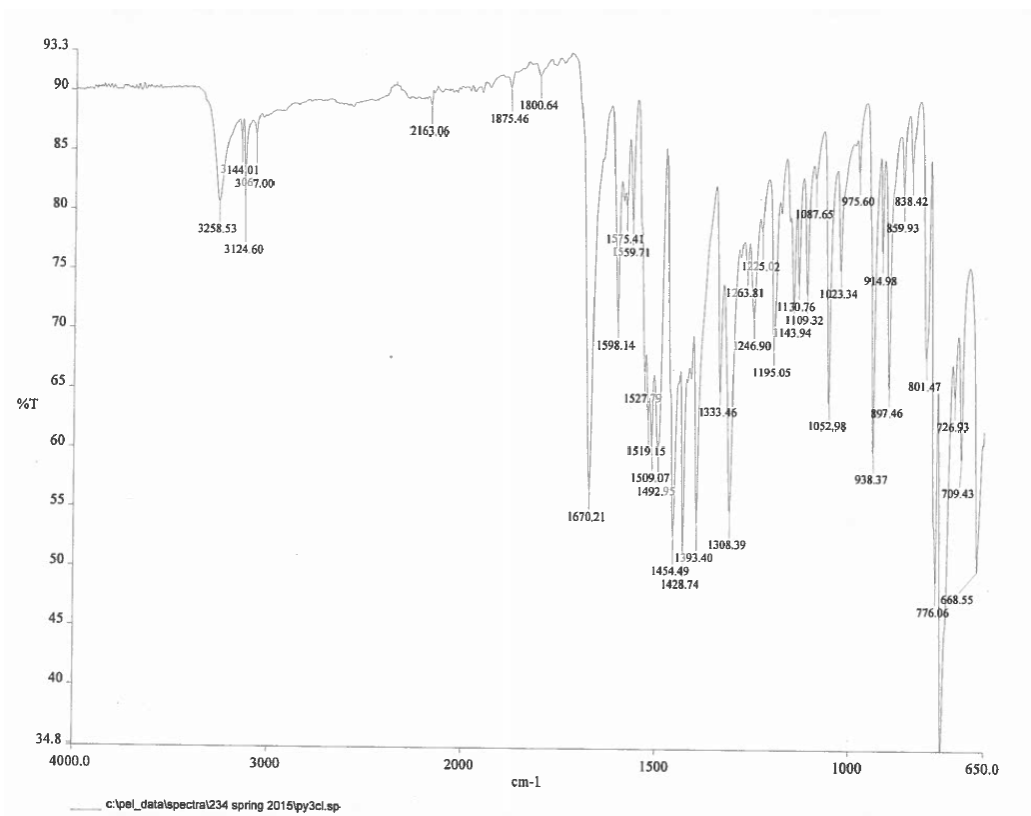


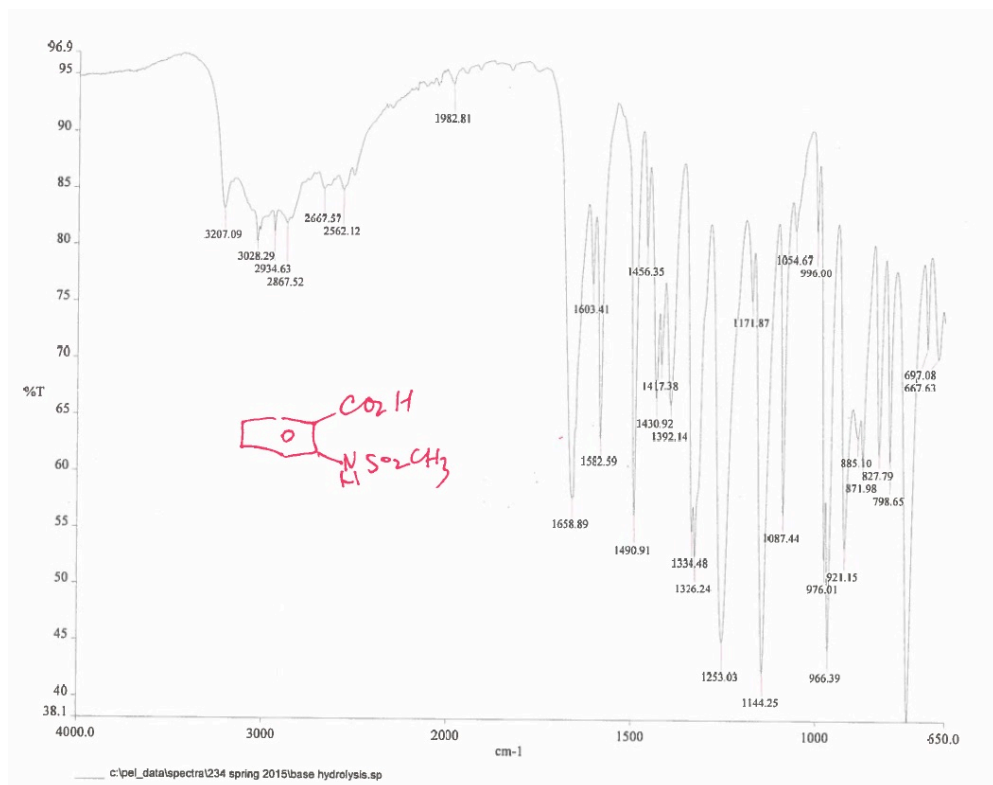
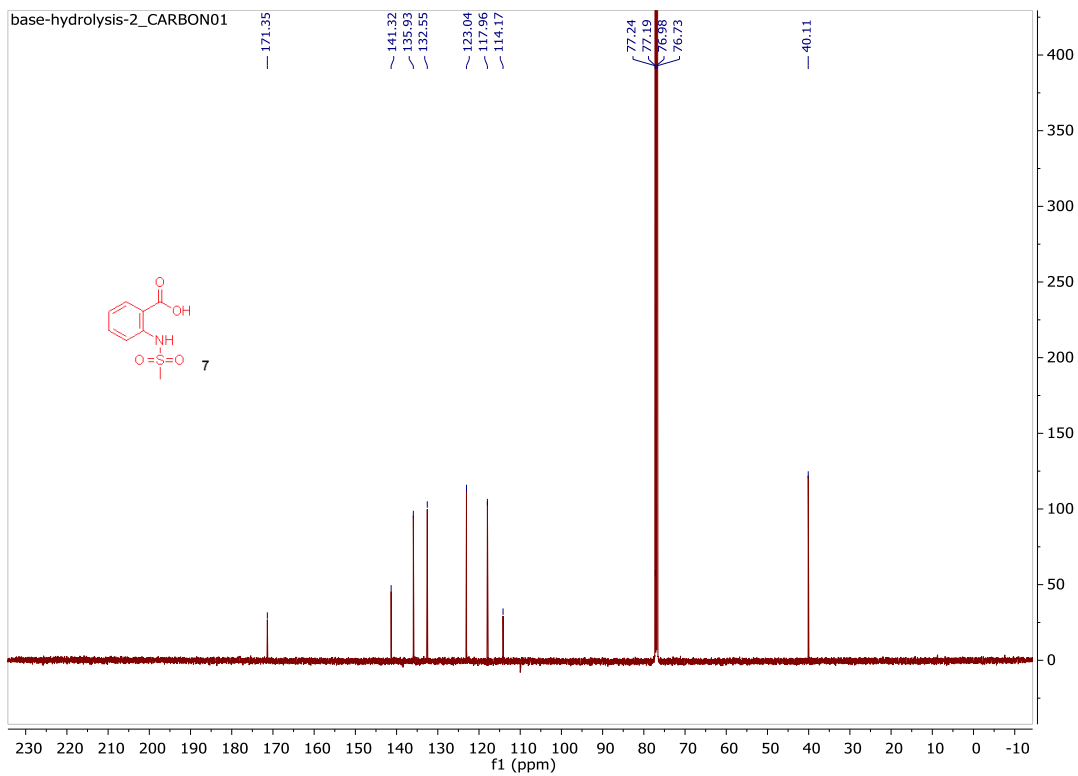


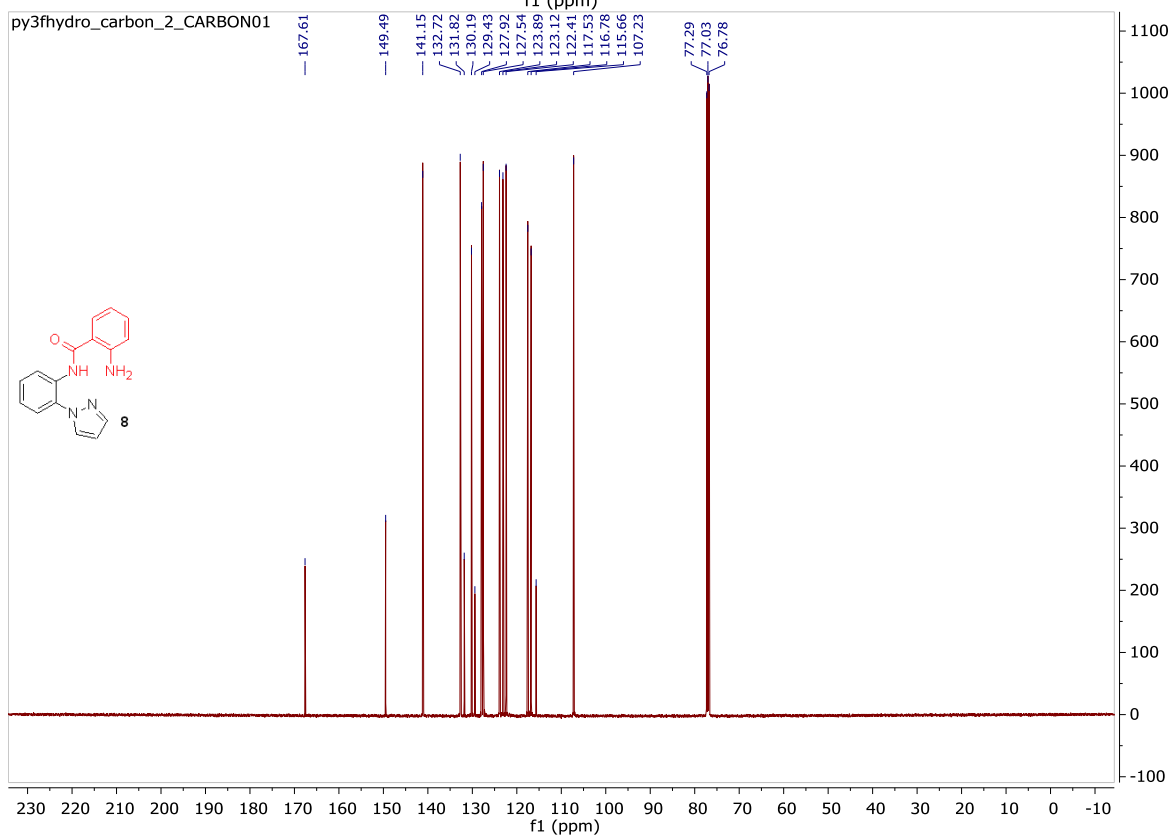
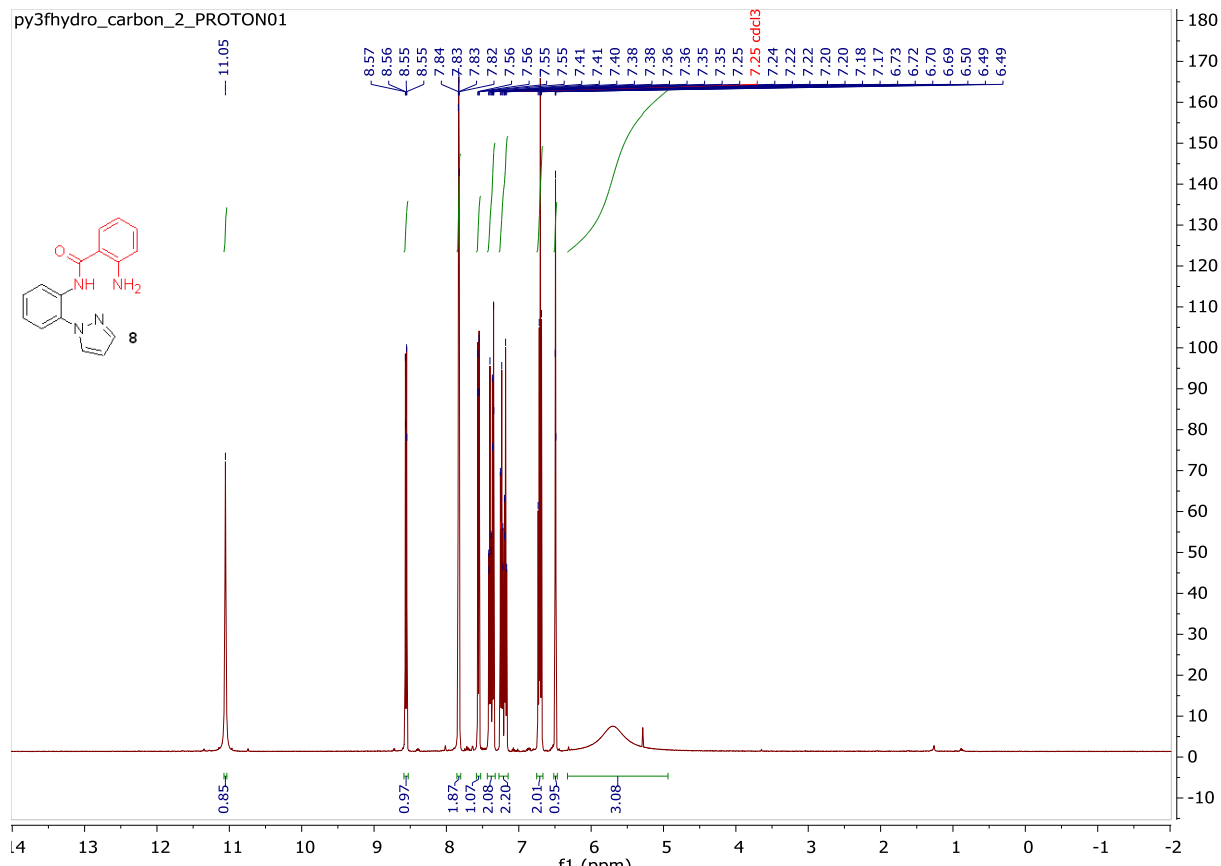


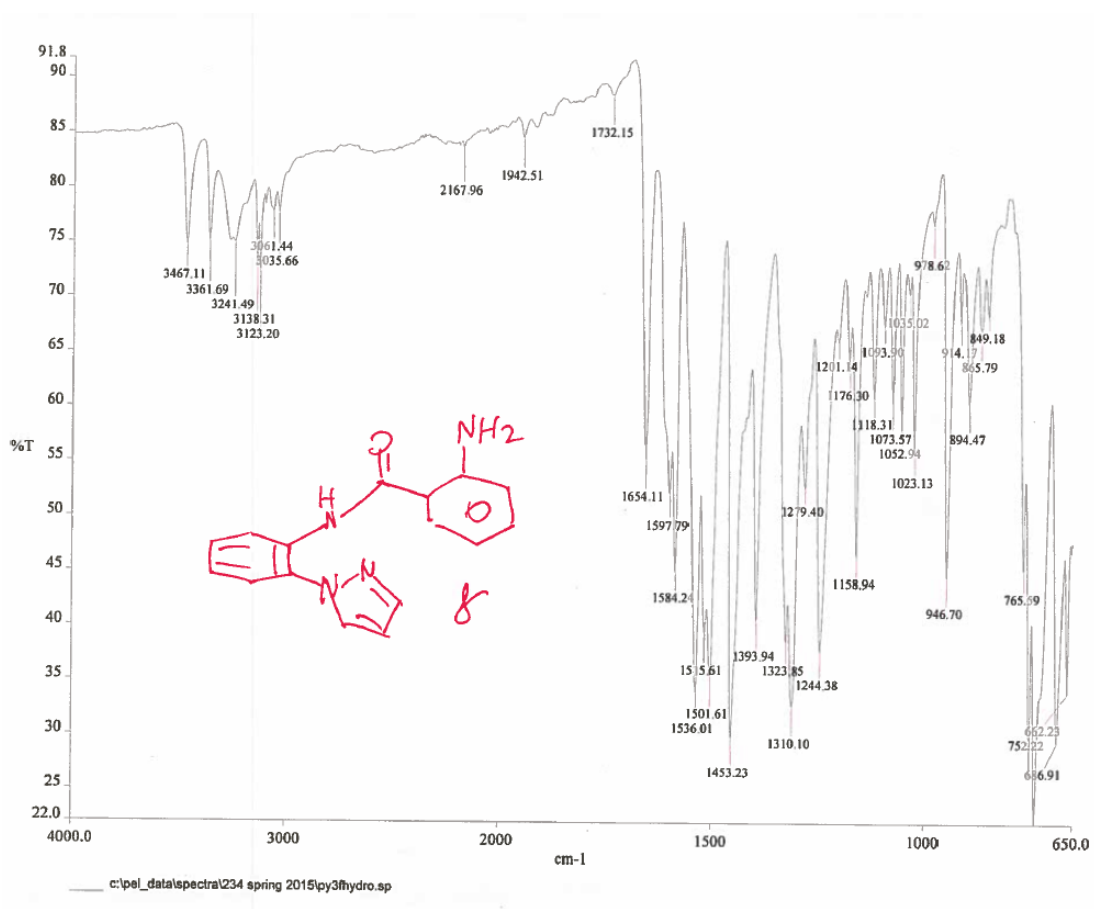








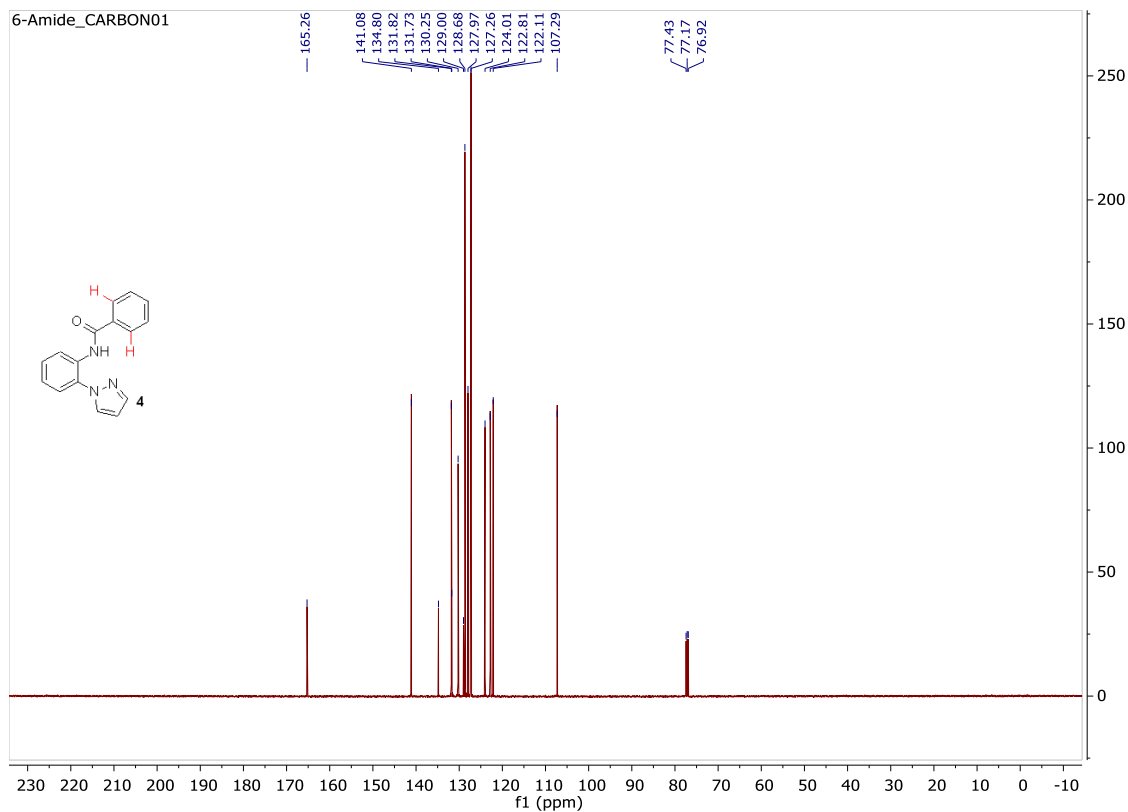
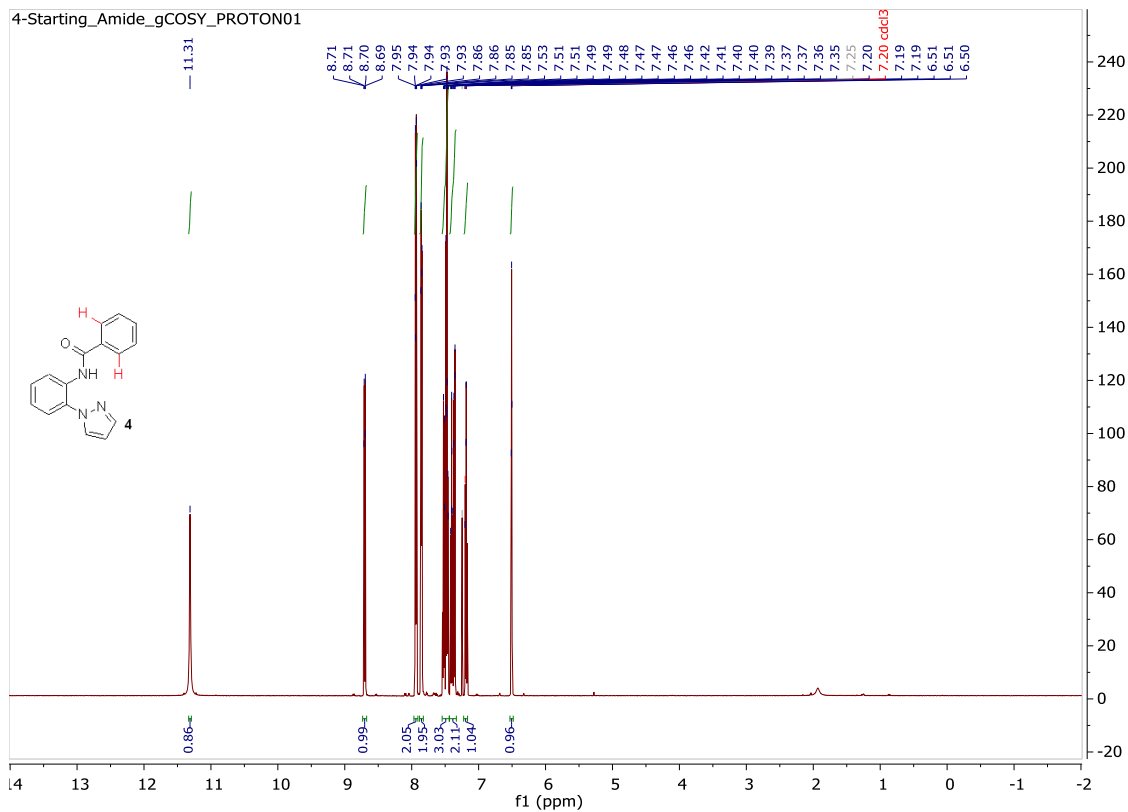




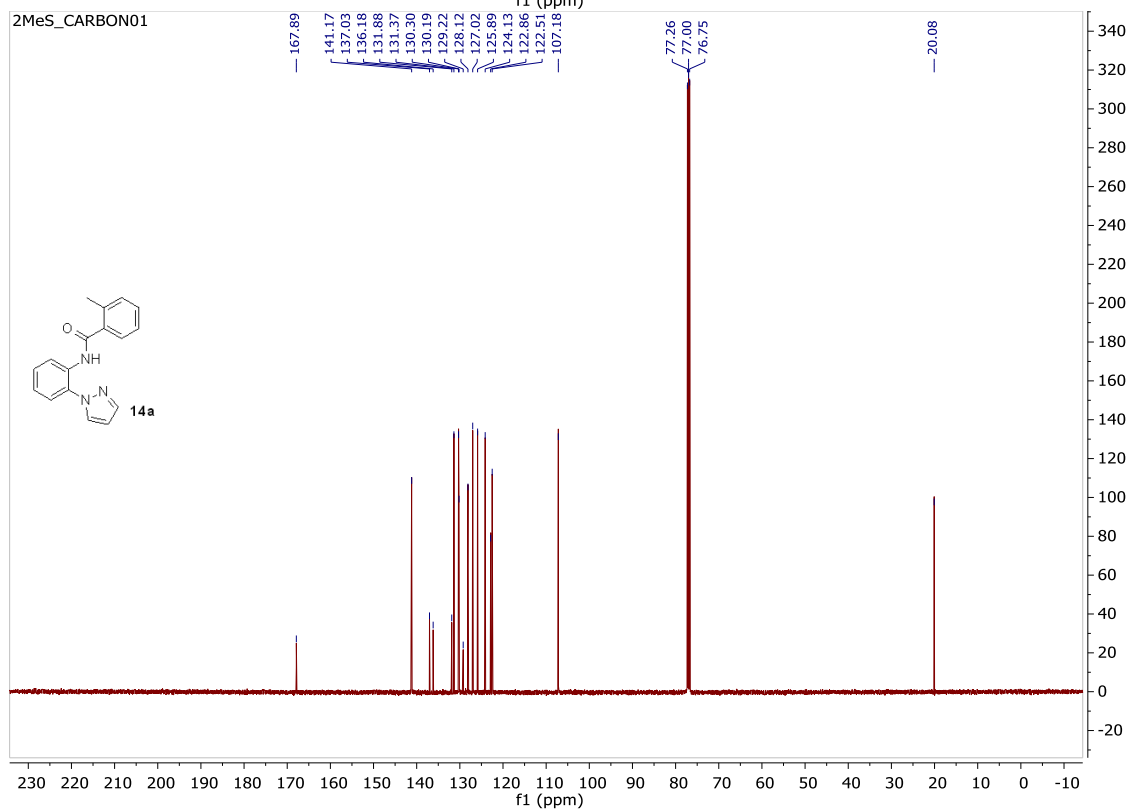
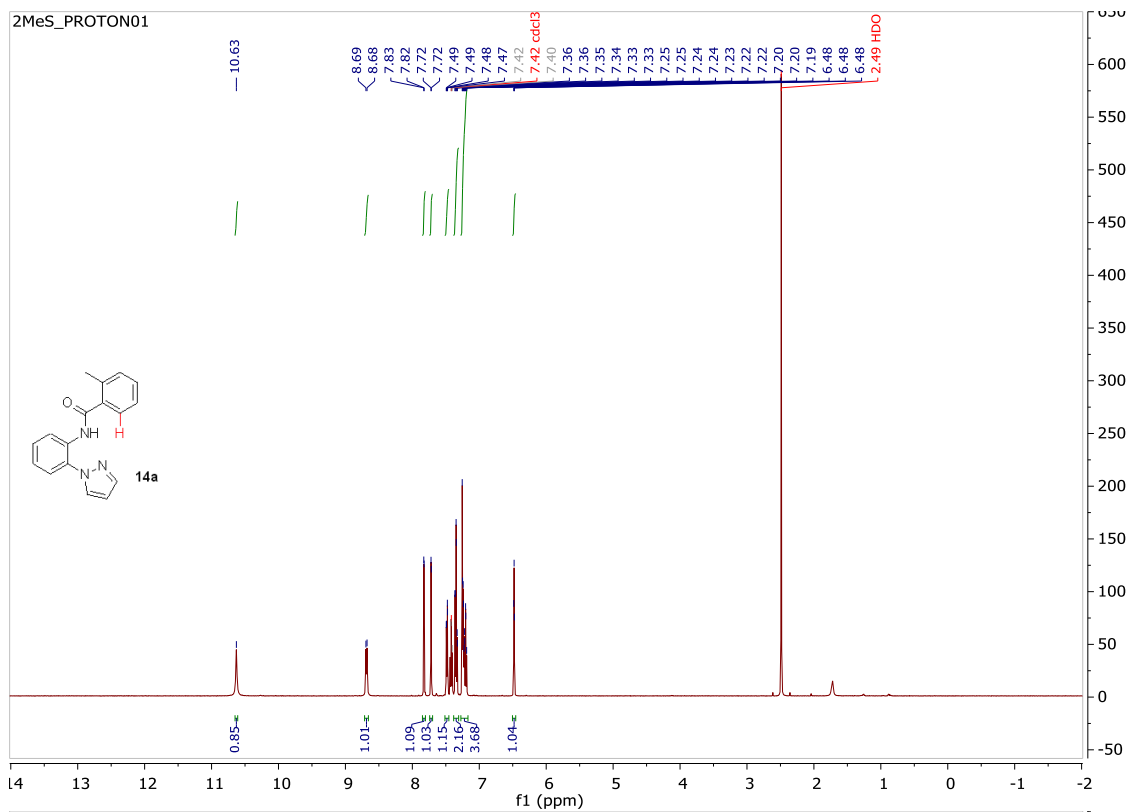
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5. NMR Spectra of Substrates

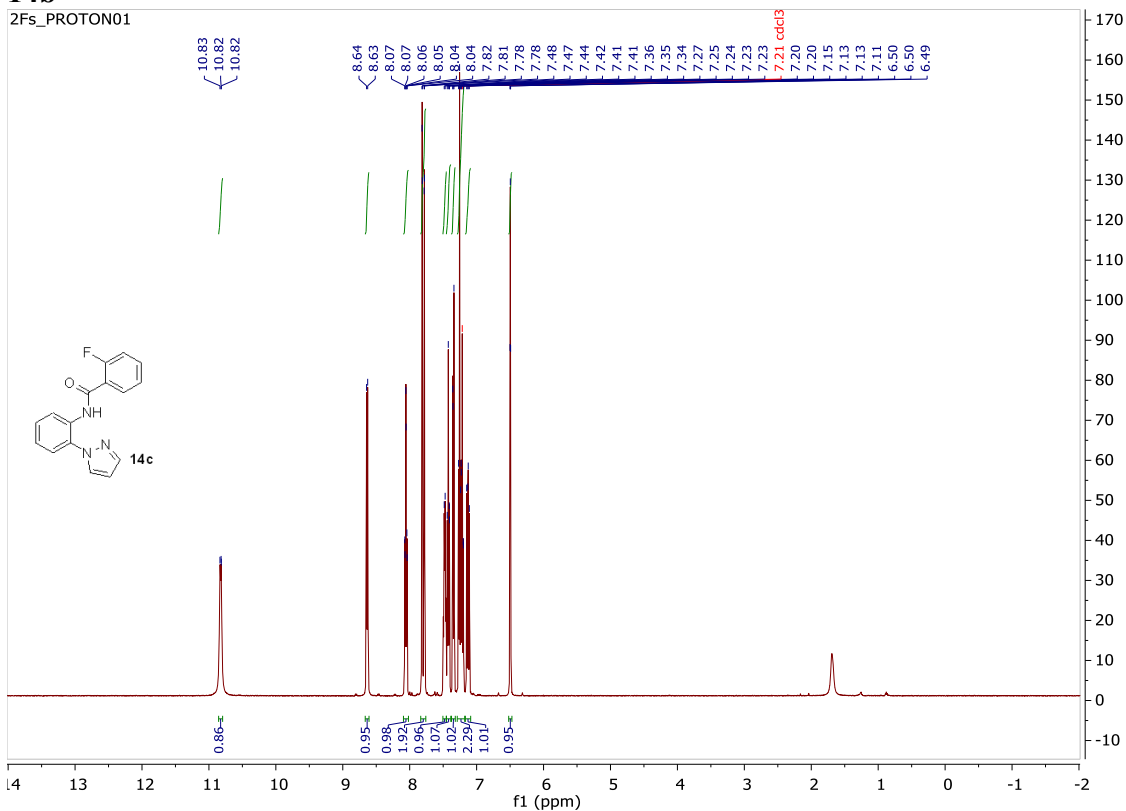


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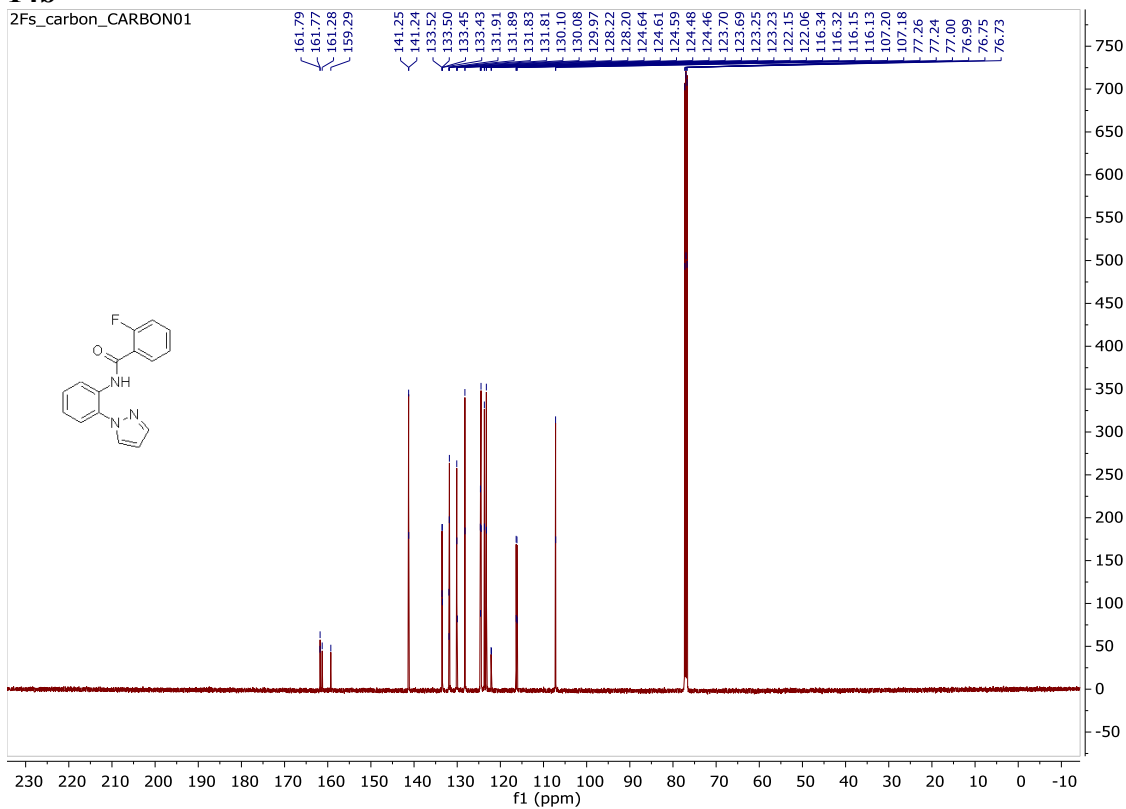


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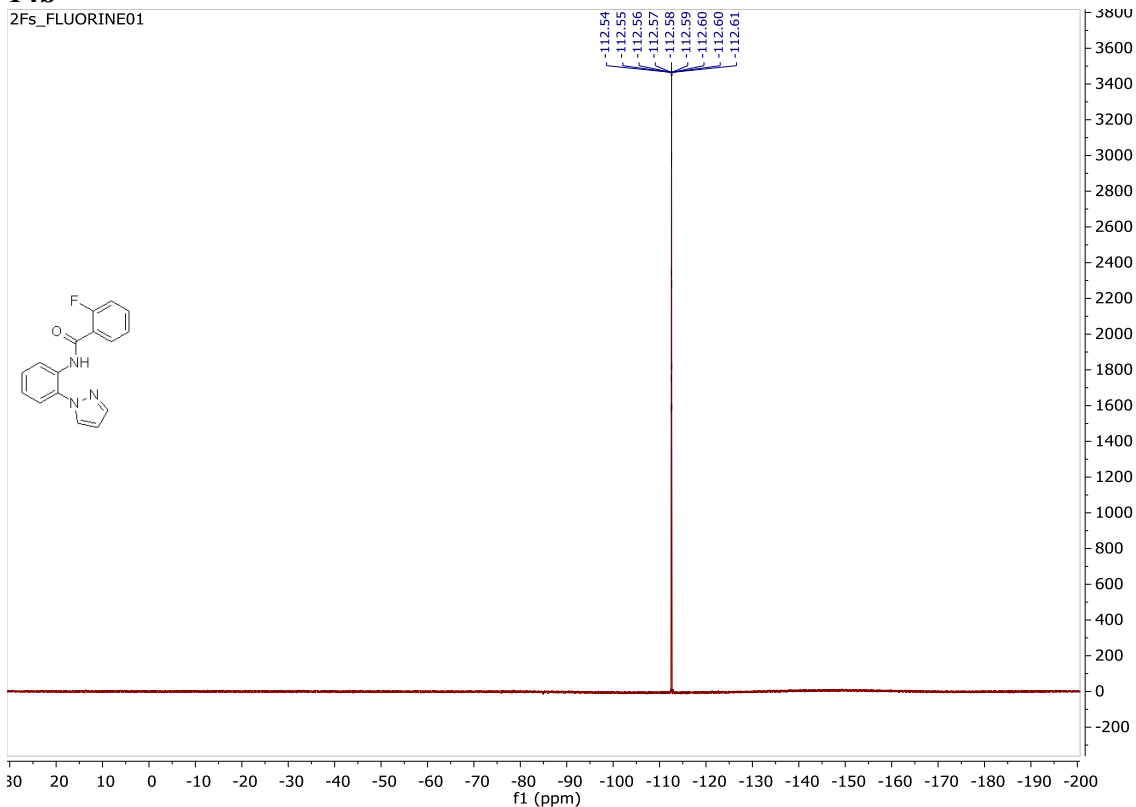


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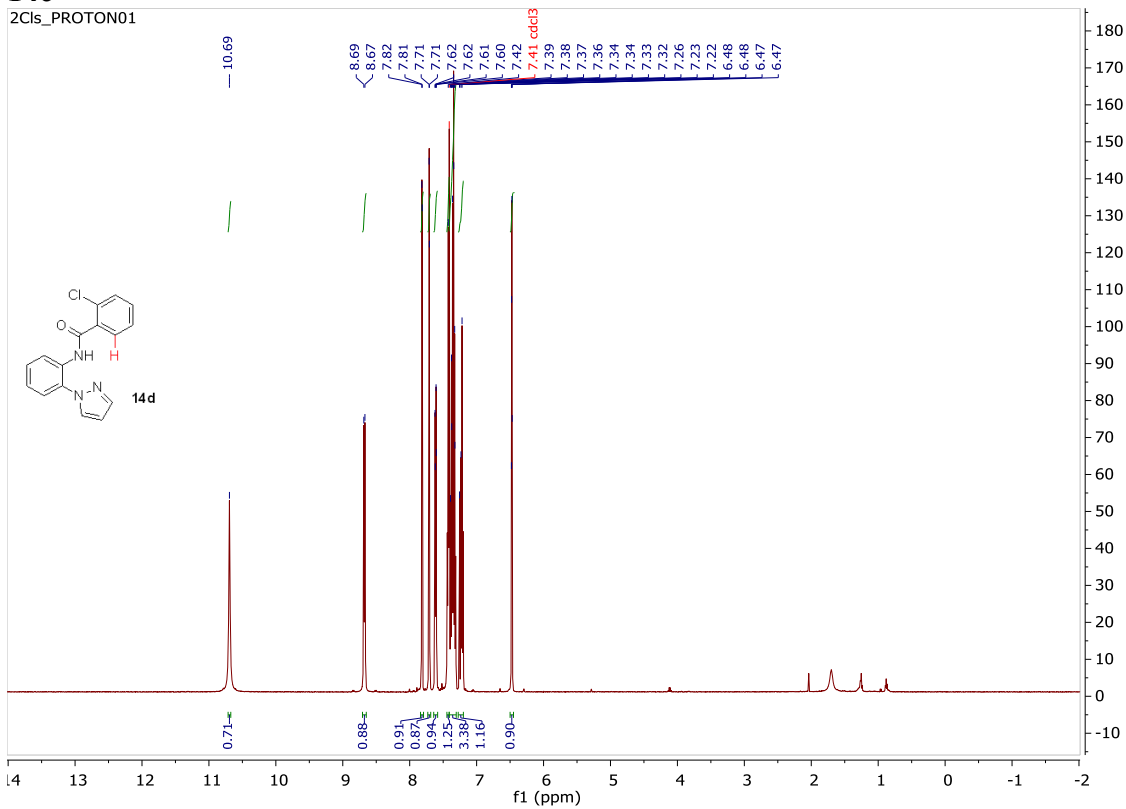


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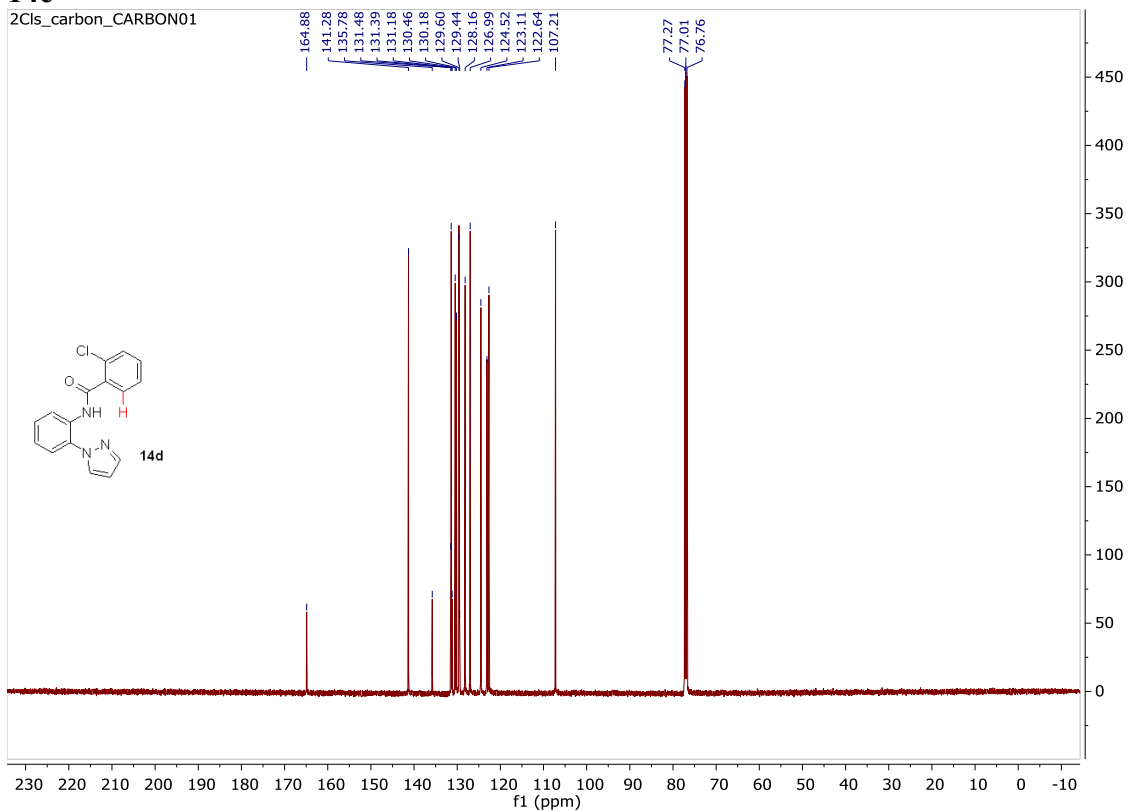


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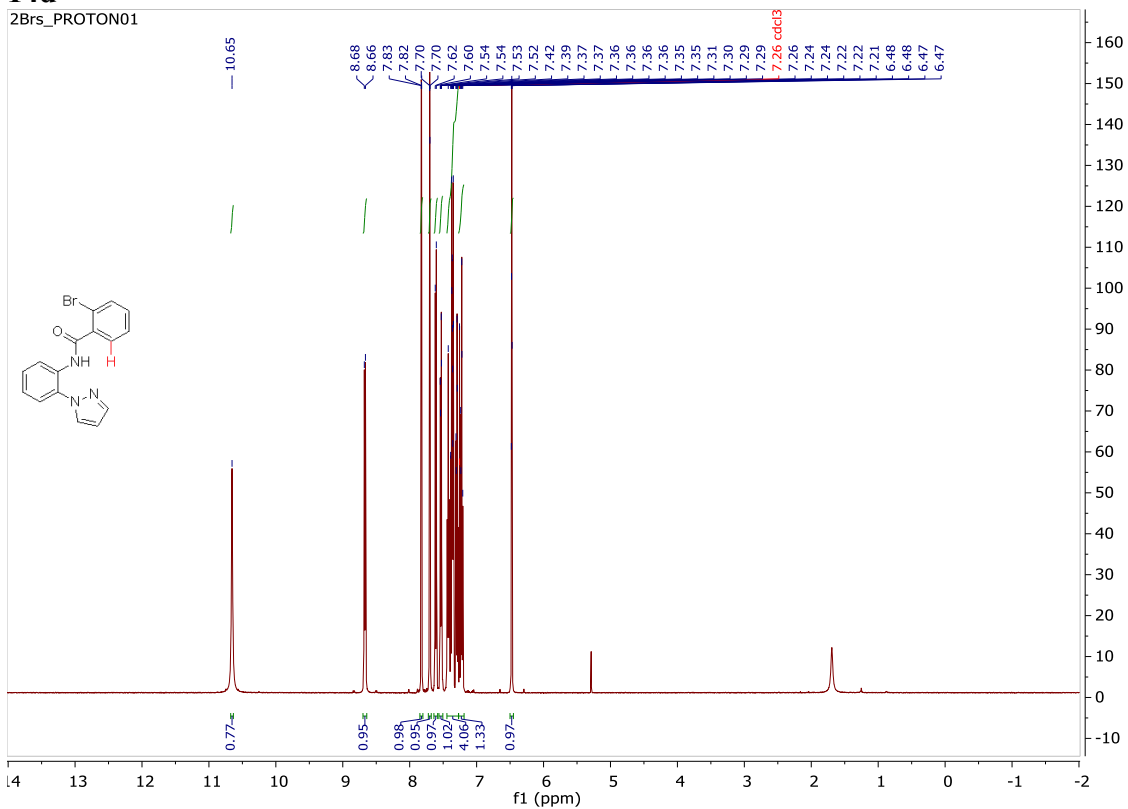


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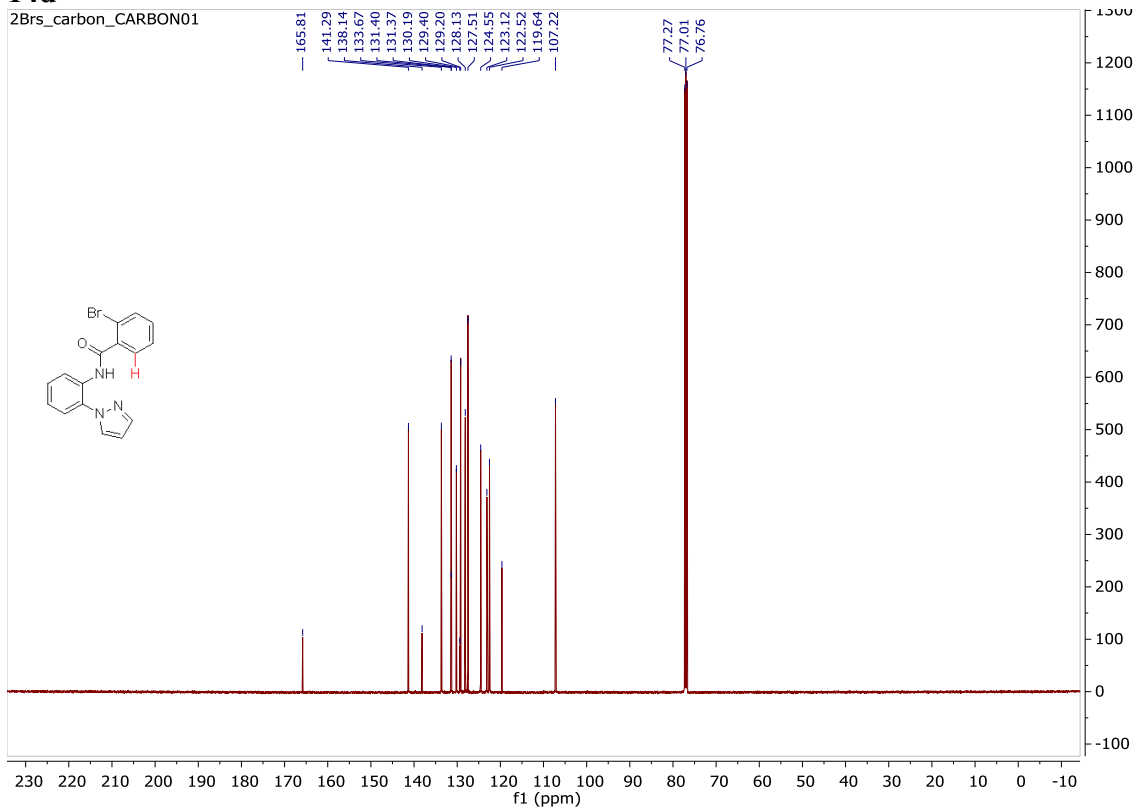


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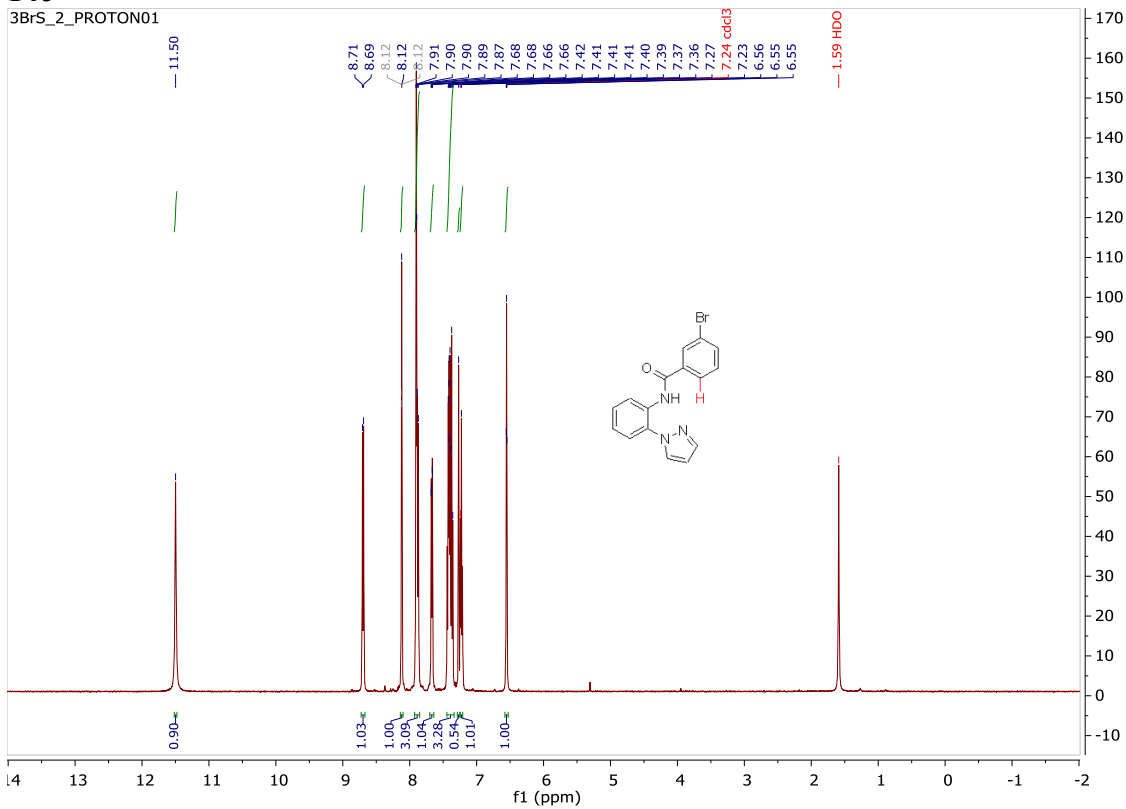


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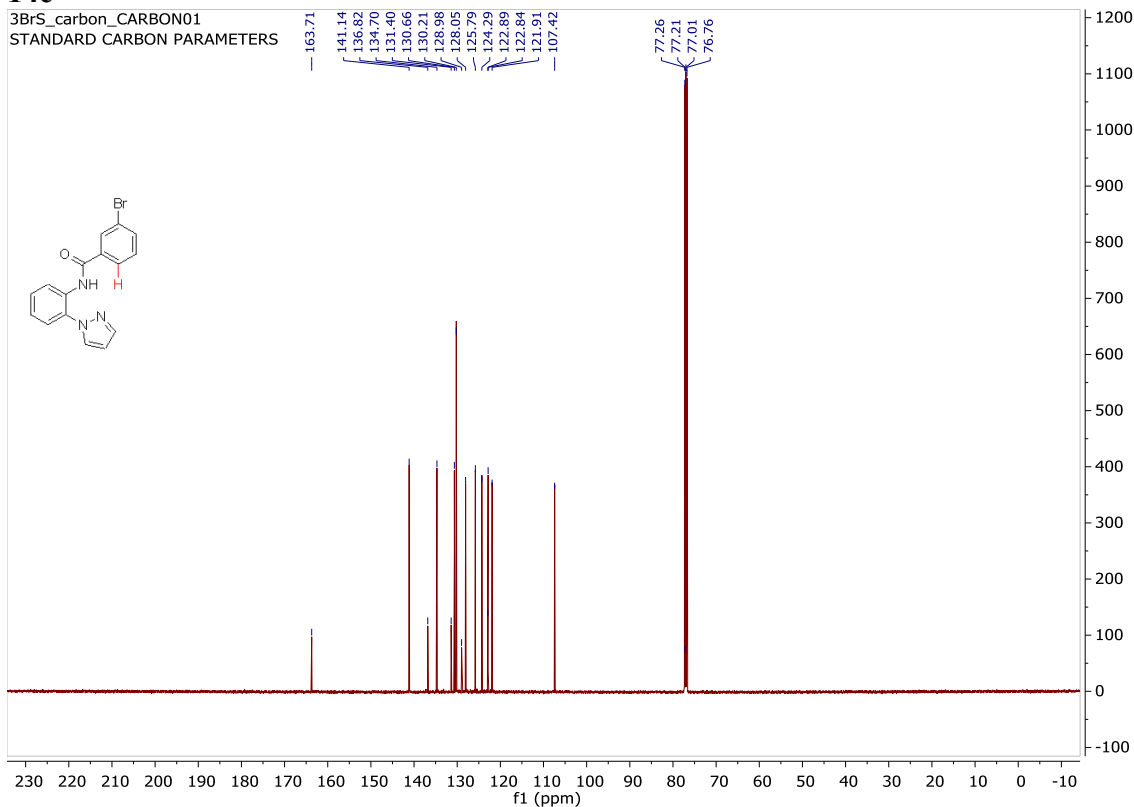


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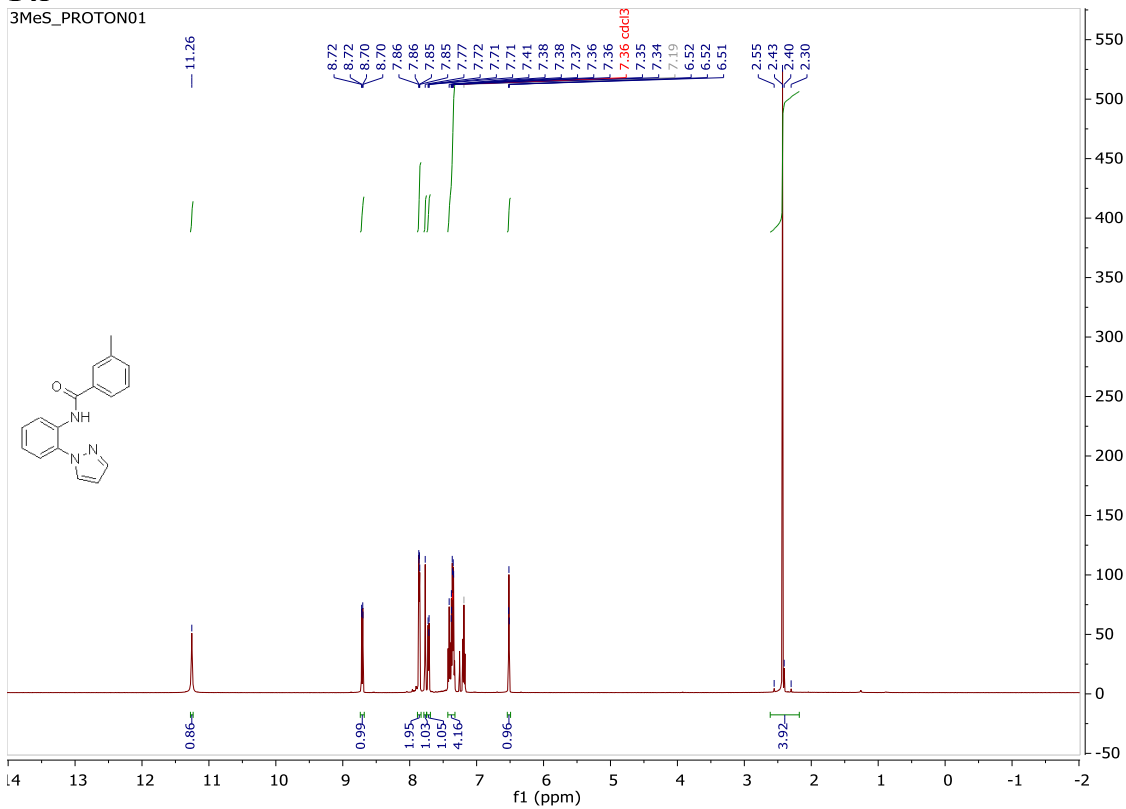


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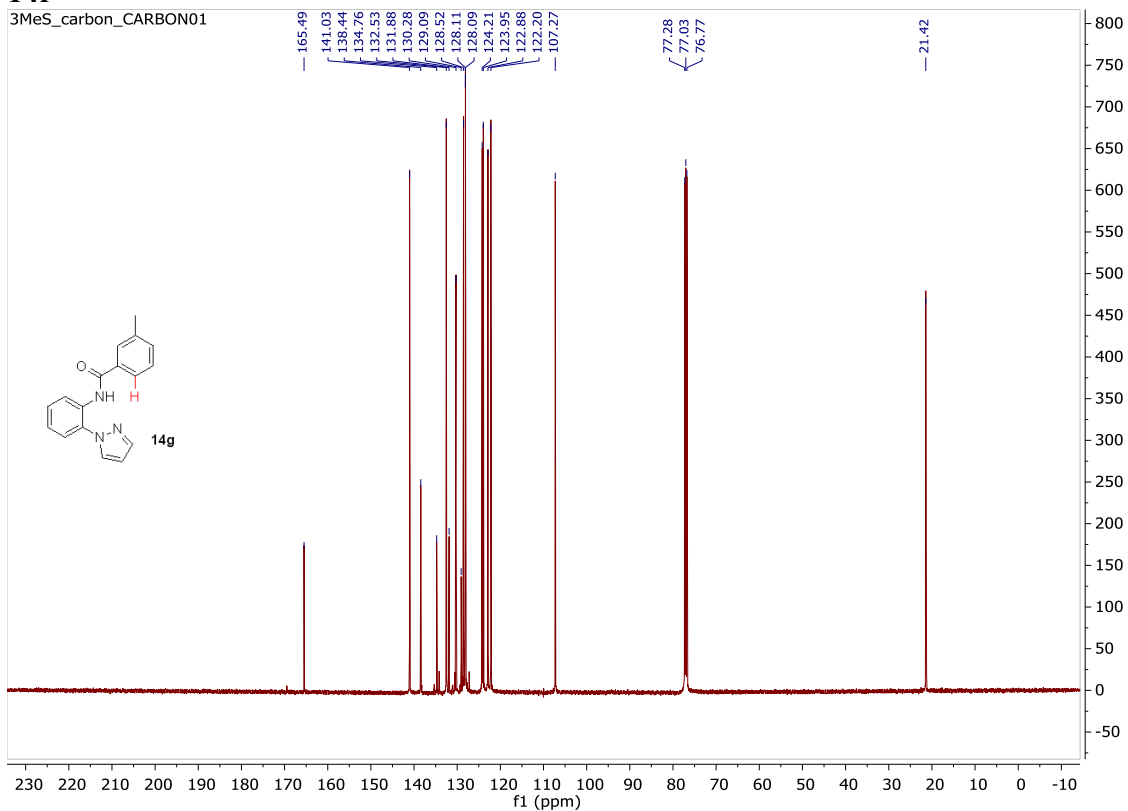


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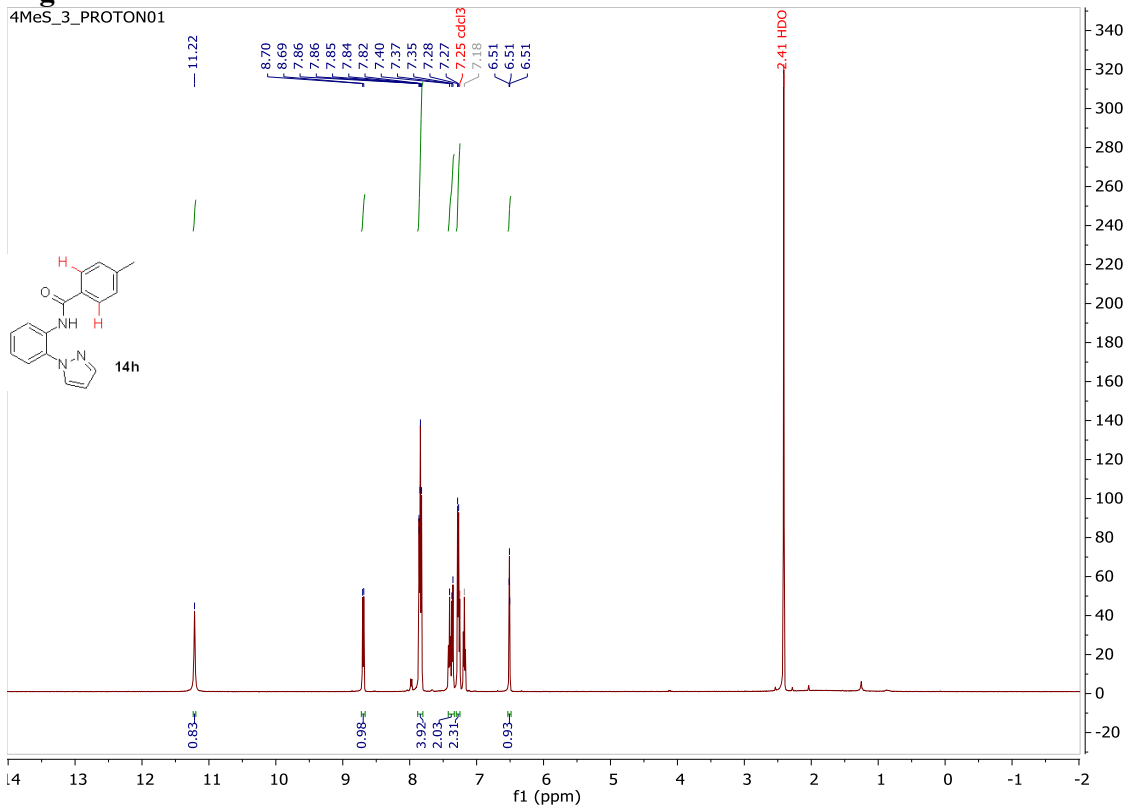


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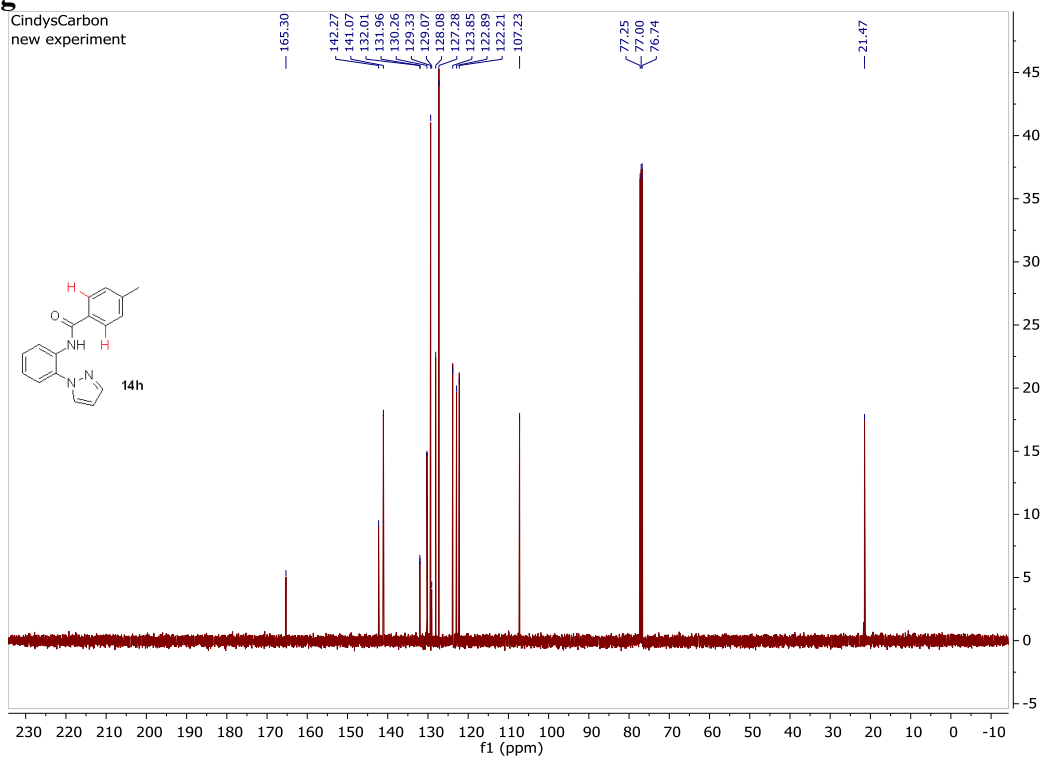


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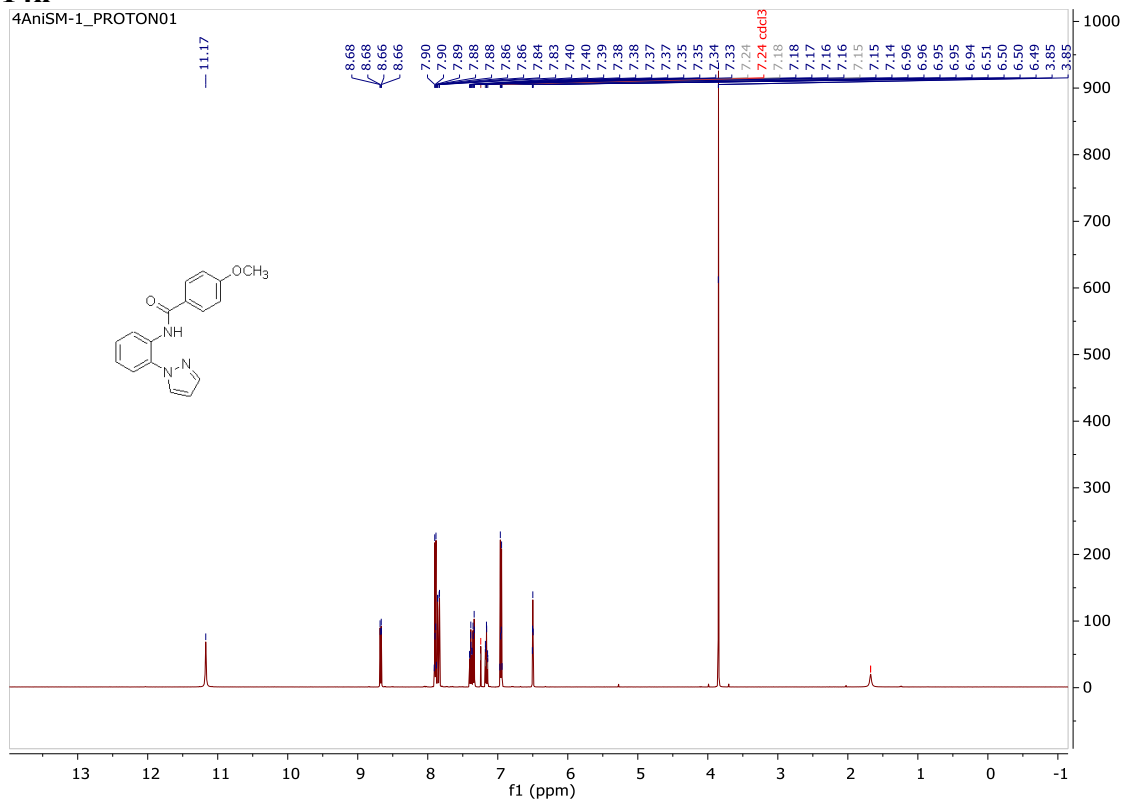


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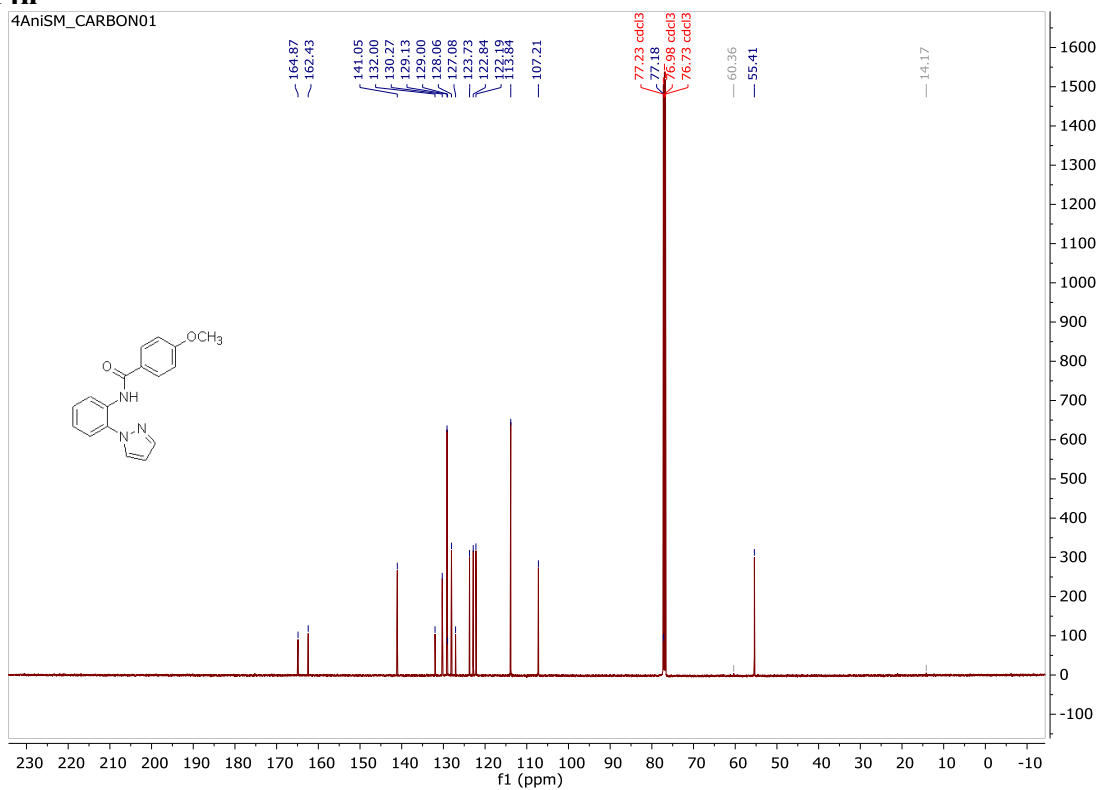


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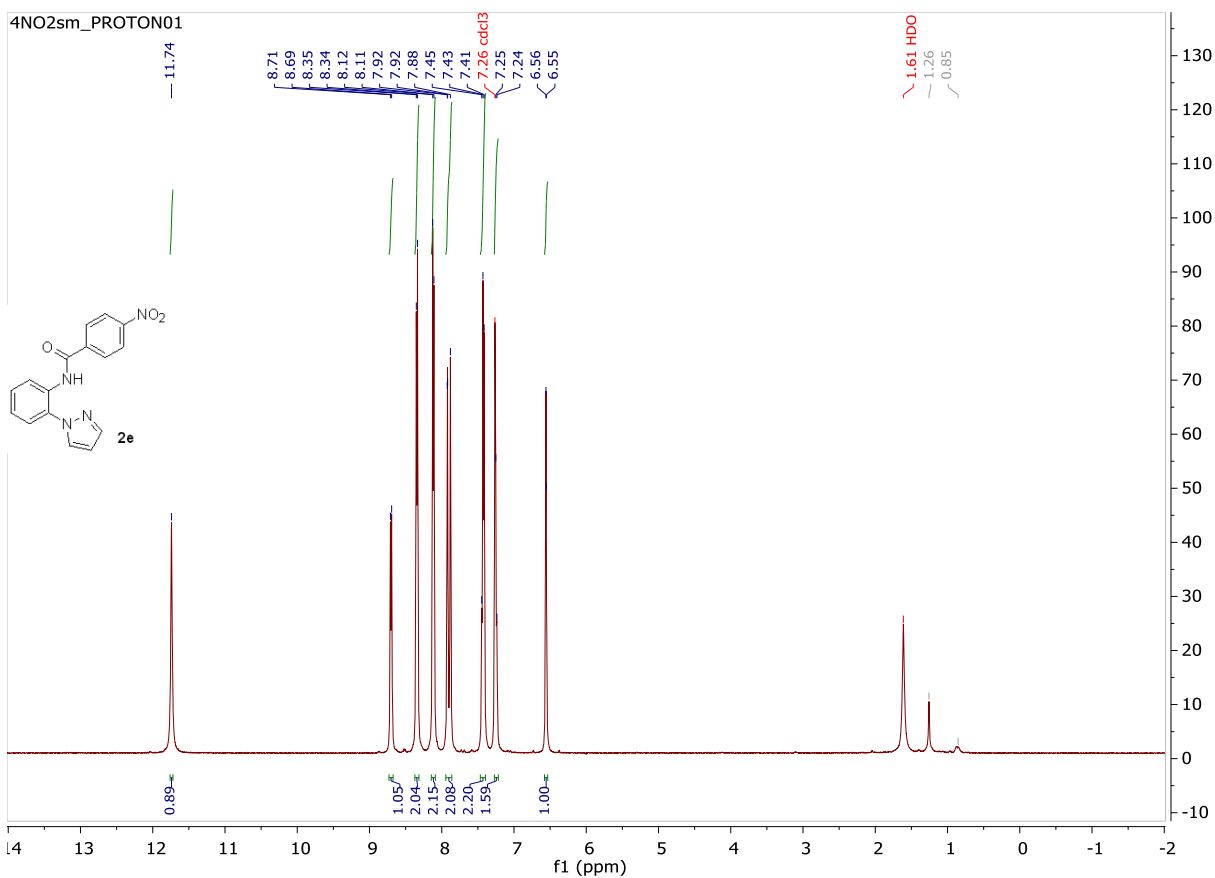
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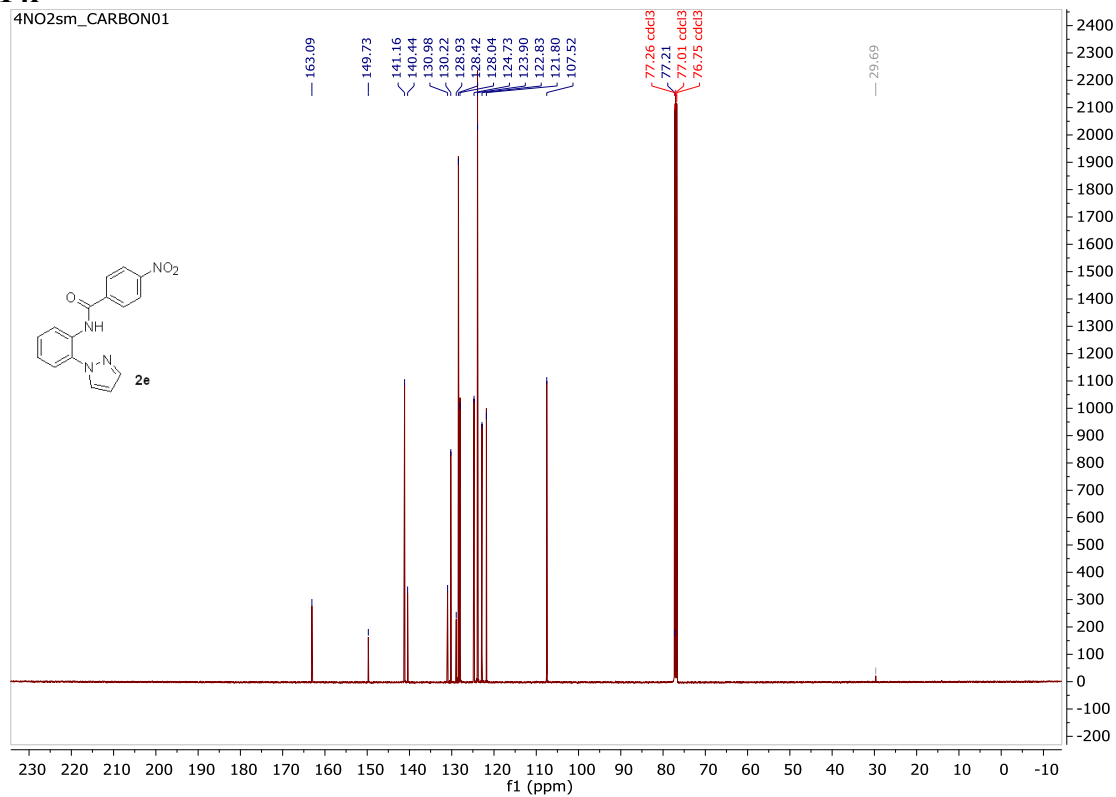


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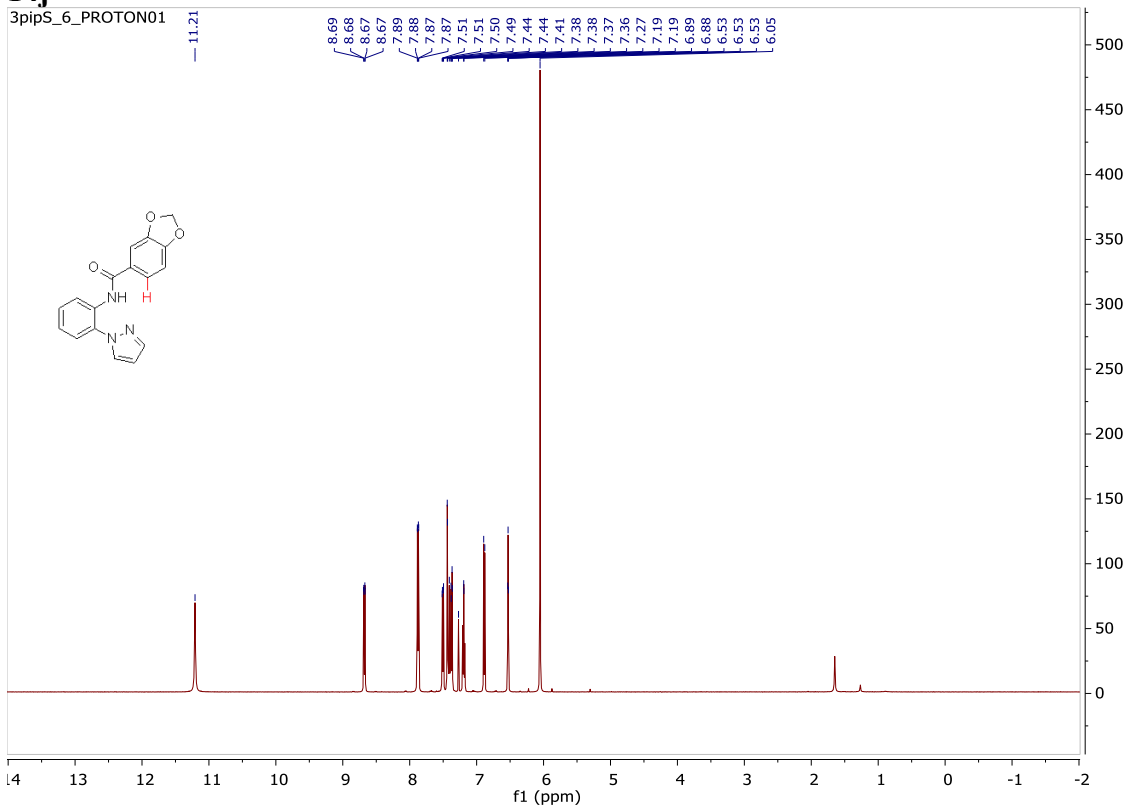


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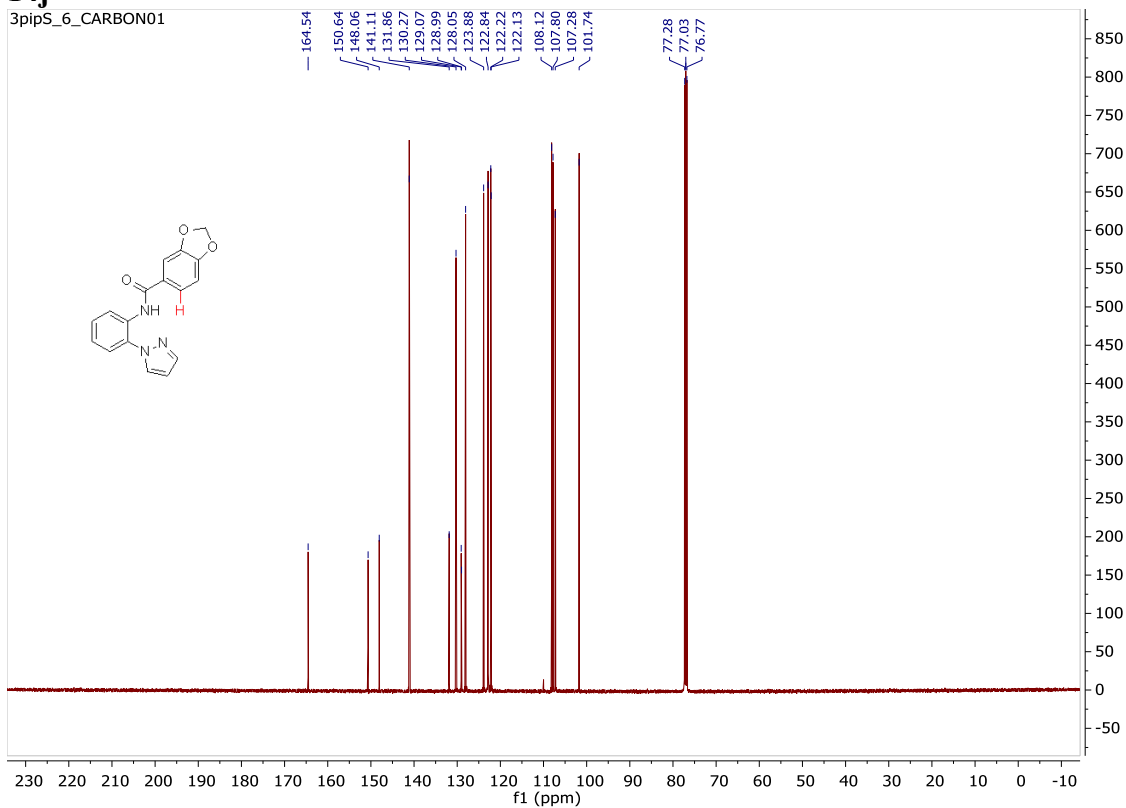


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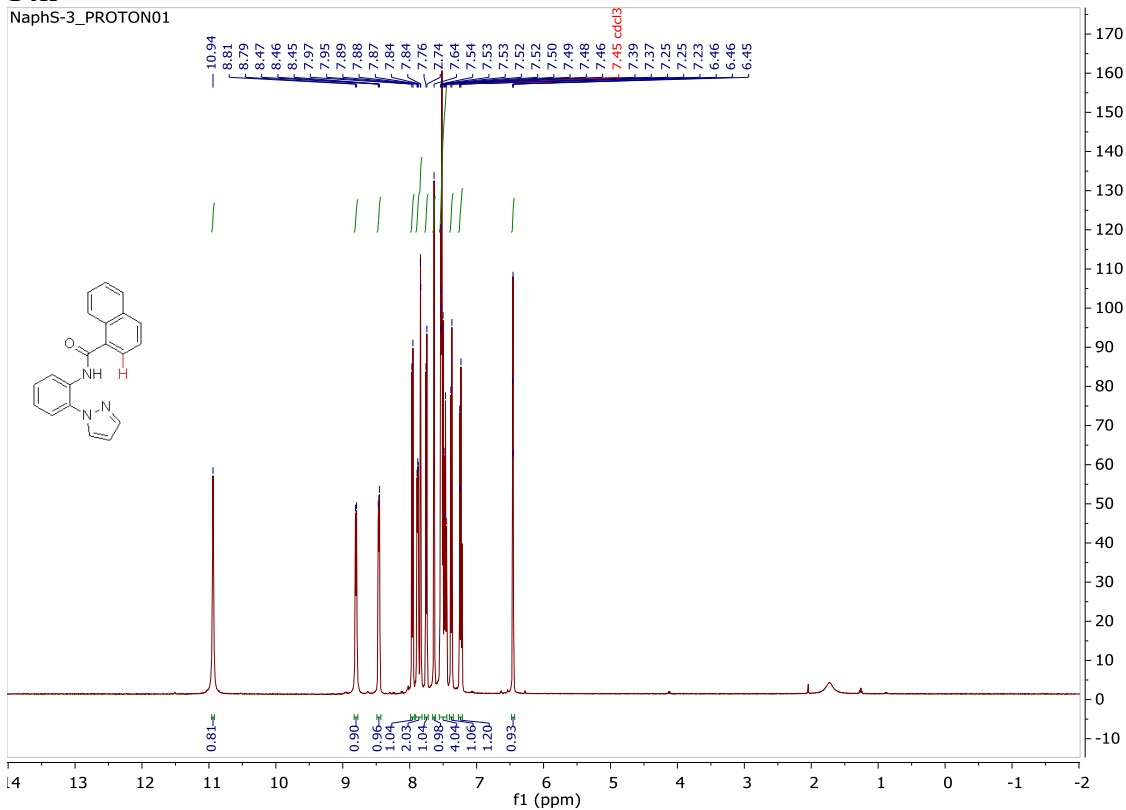
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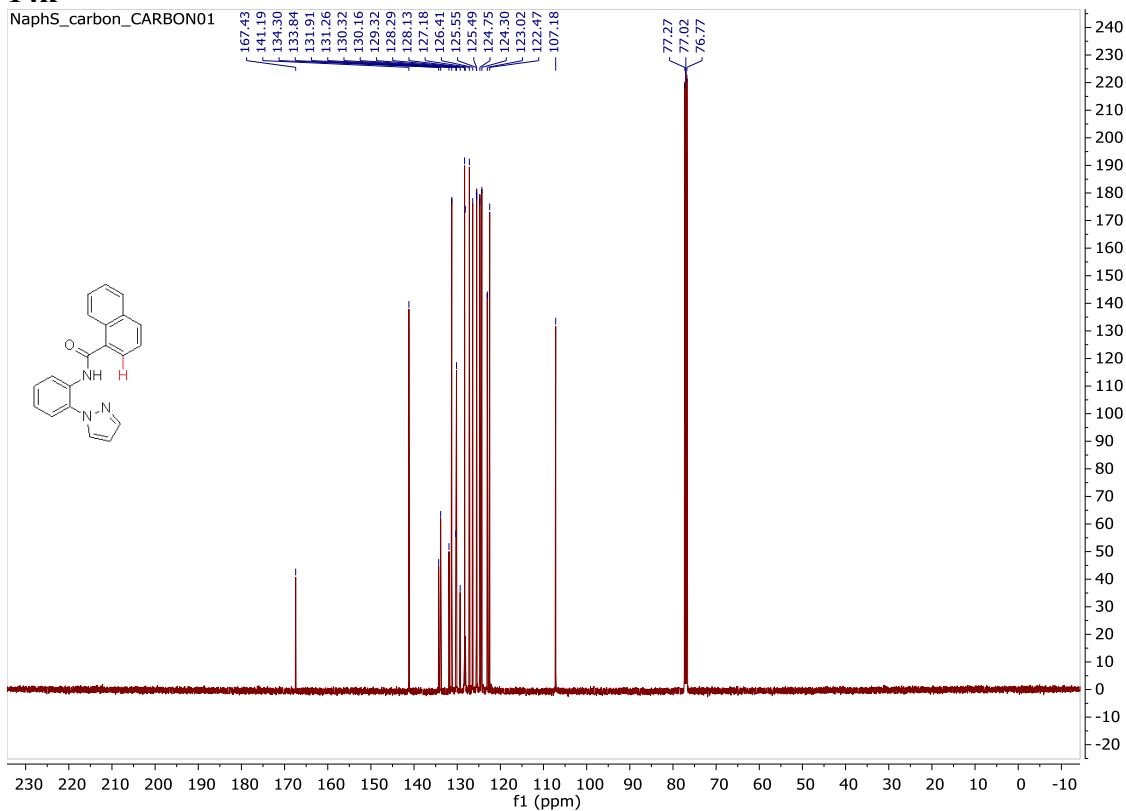
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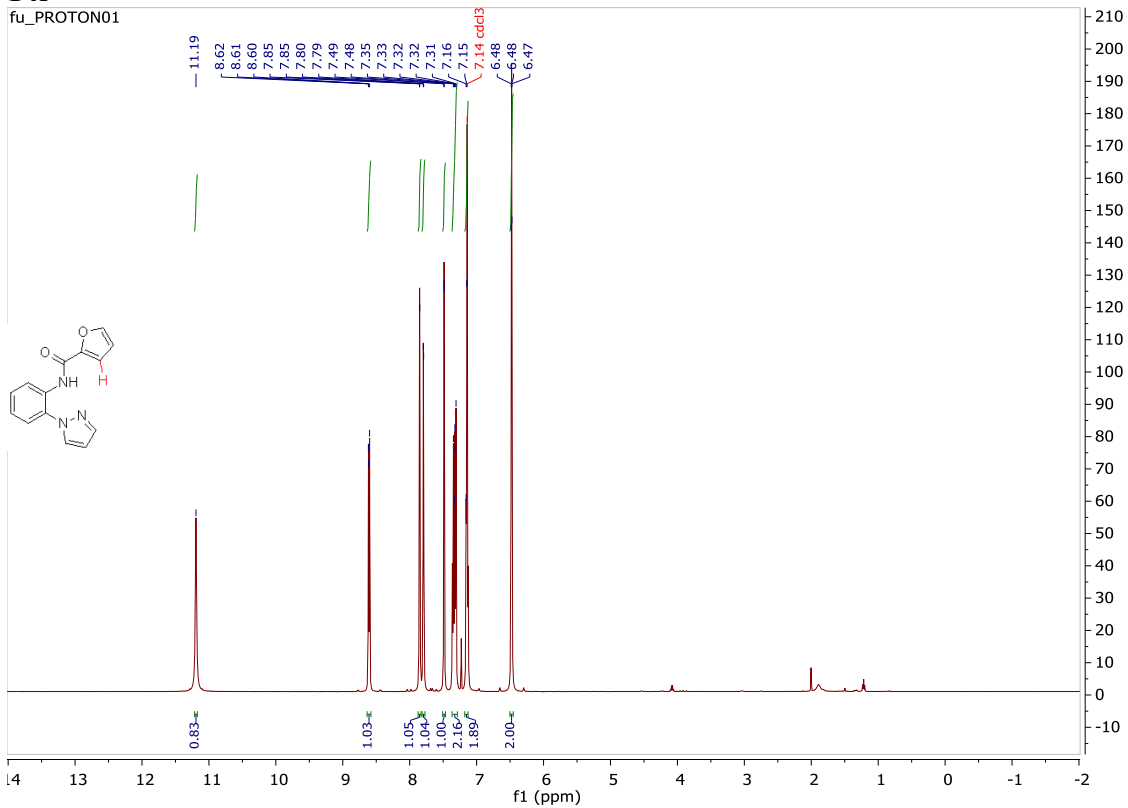
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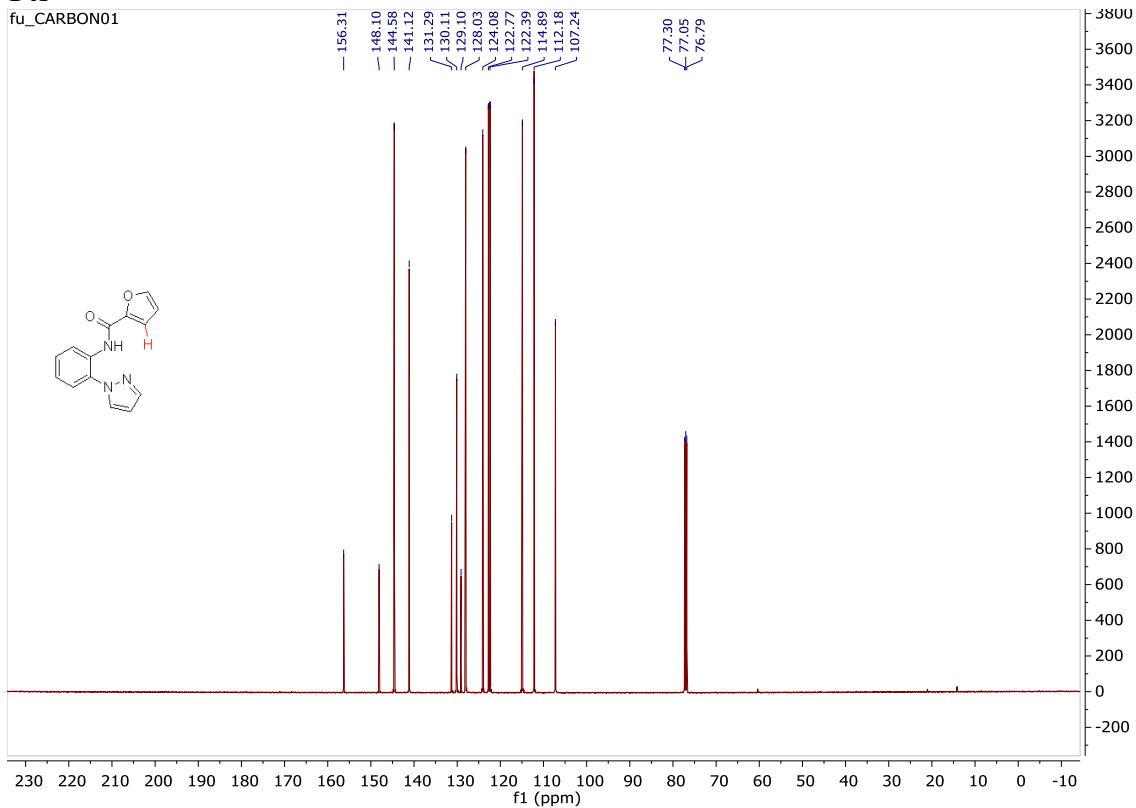


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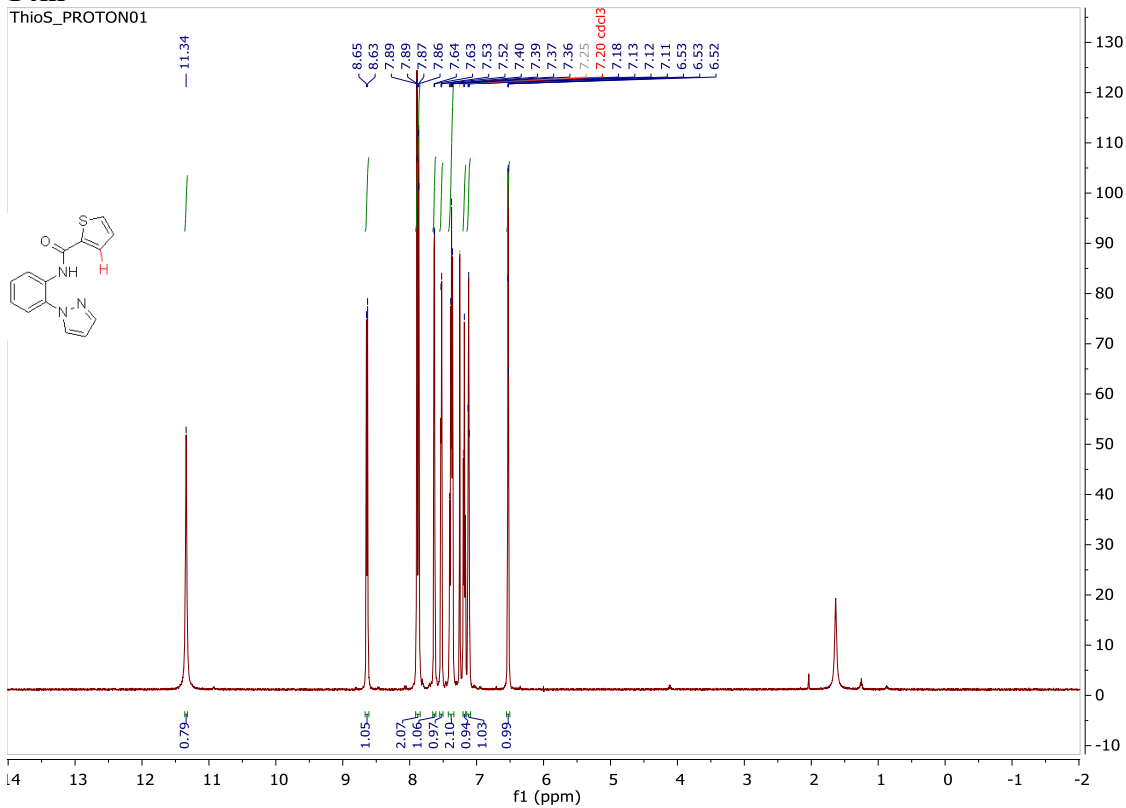


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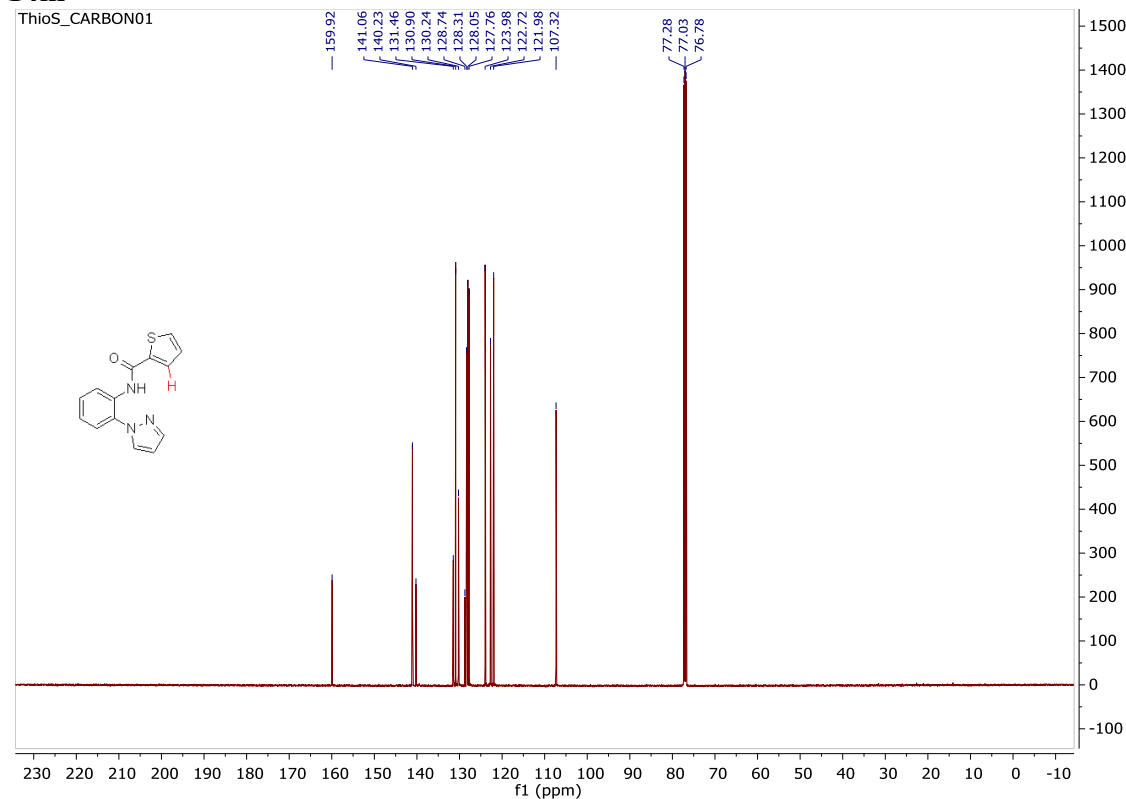


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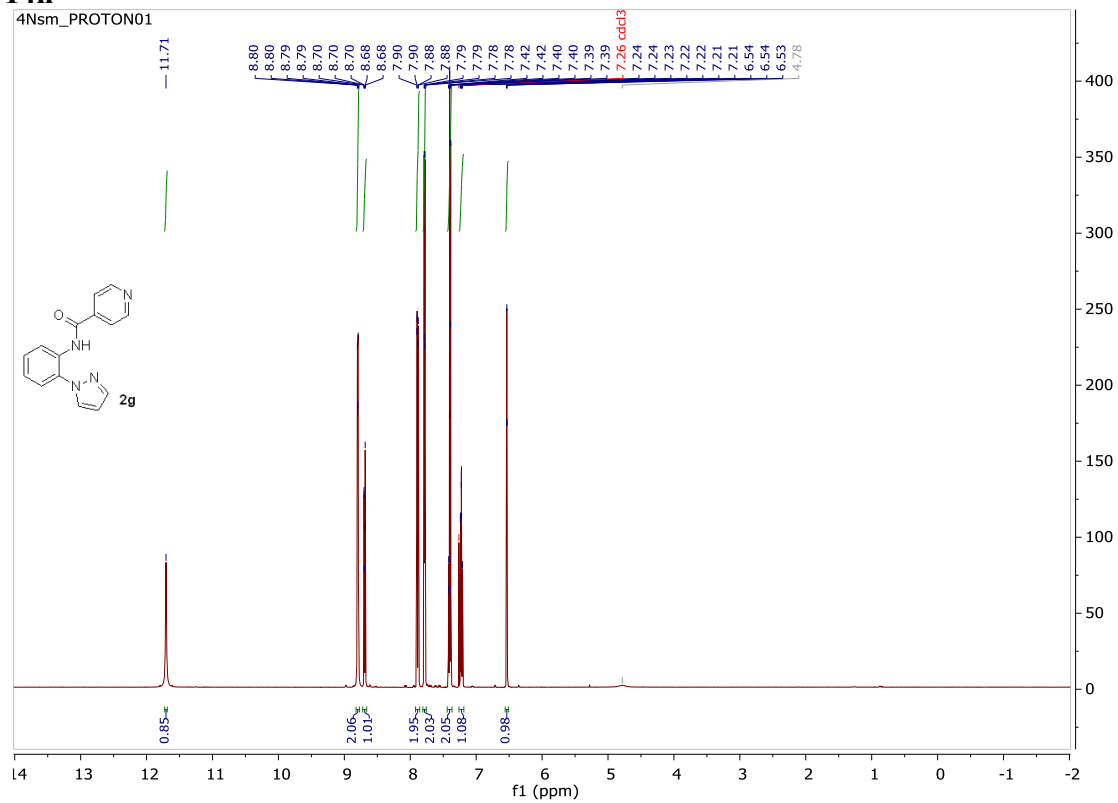


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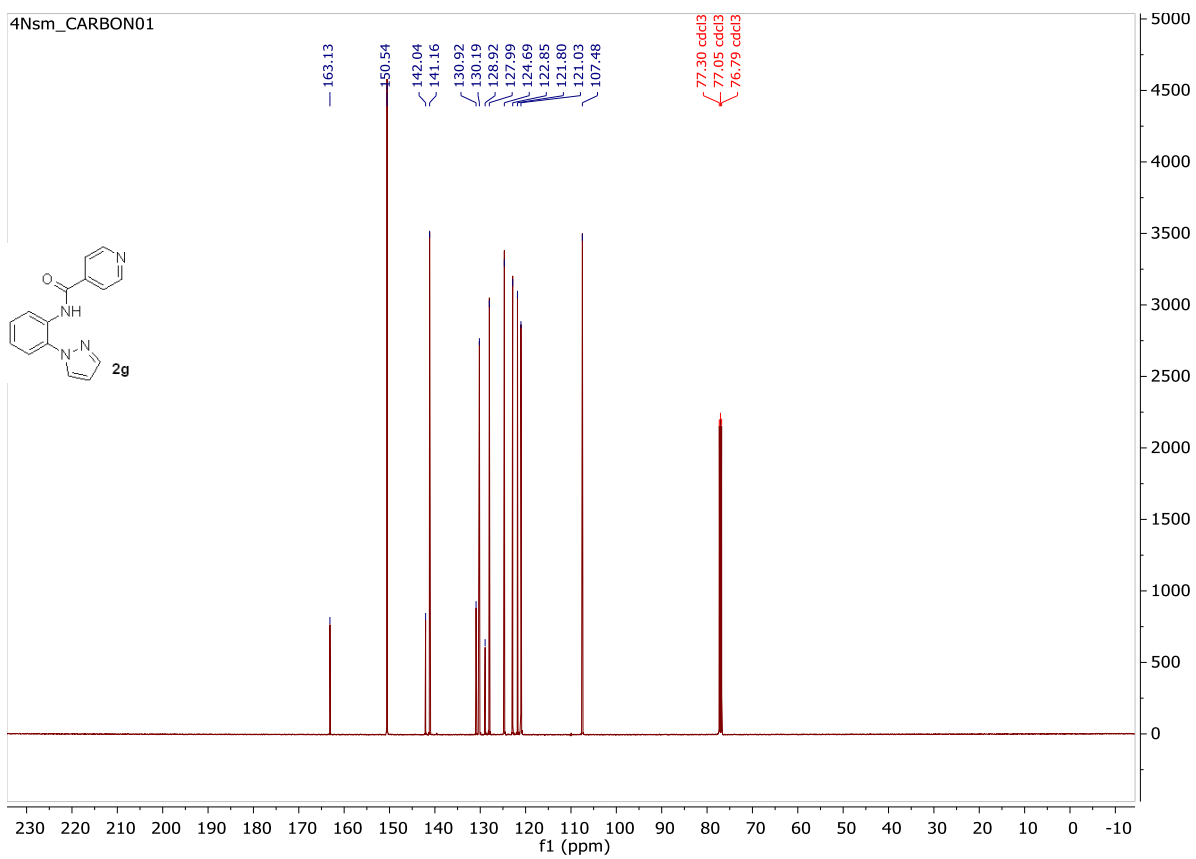
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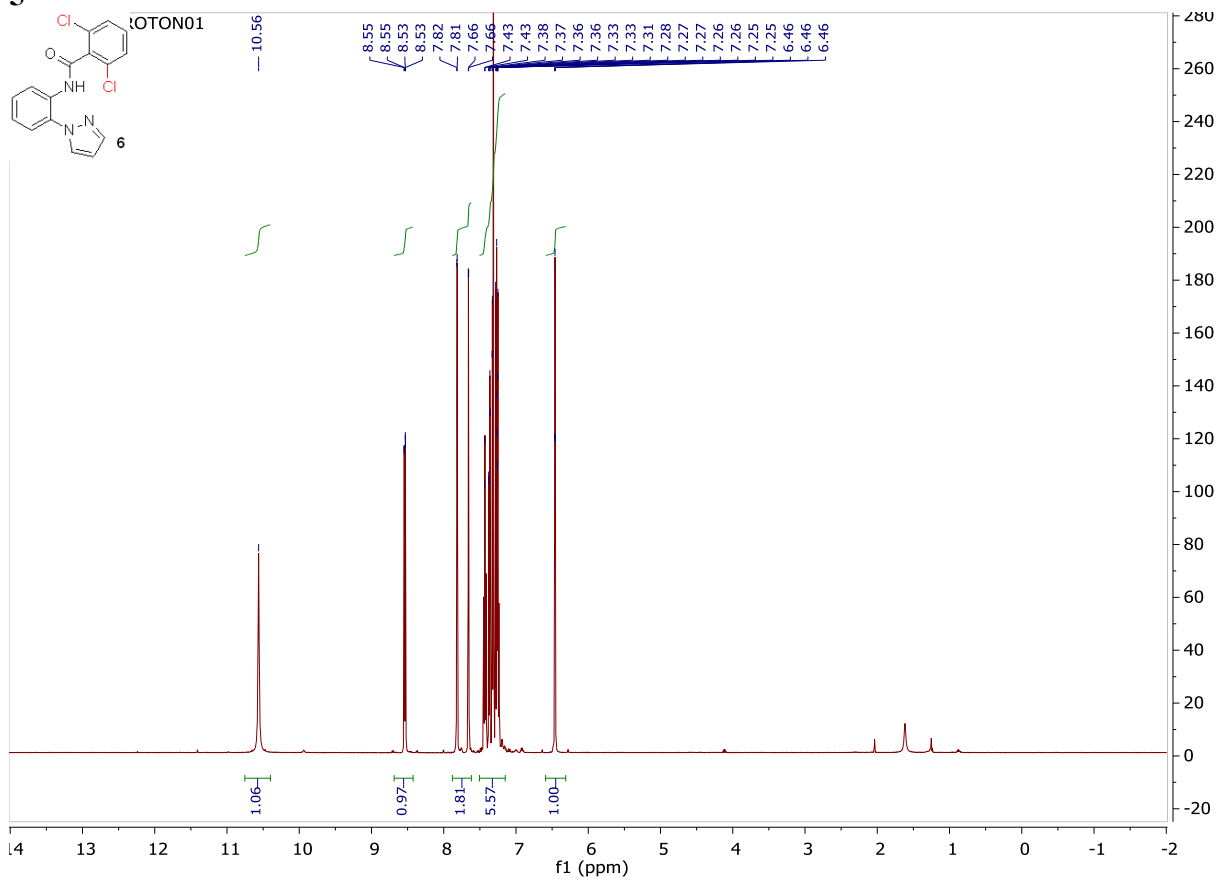
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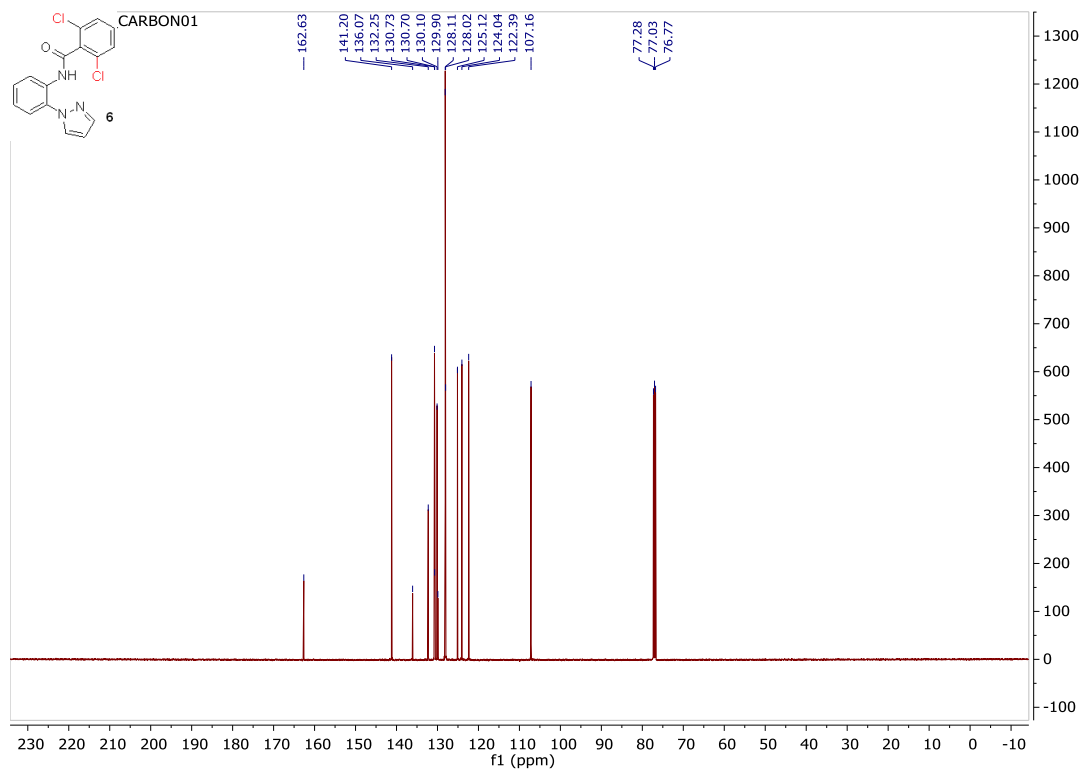
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6. NMR Spectra of Products

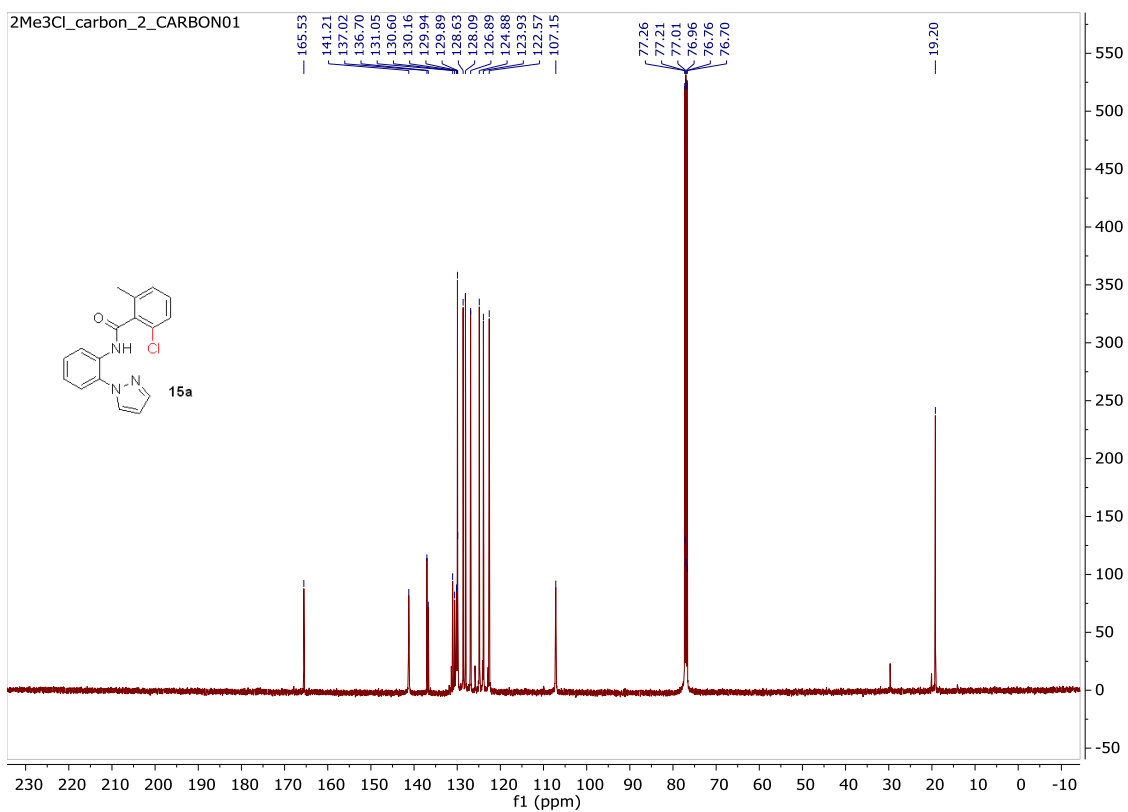
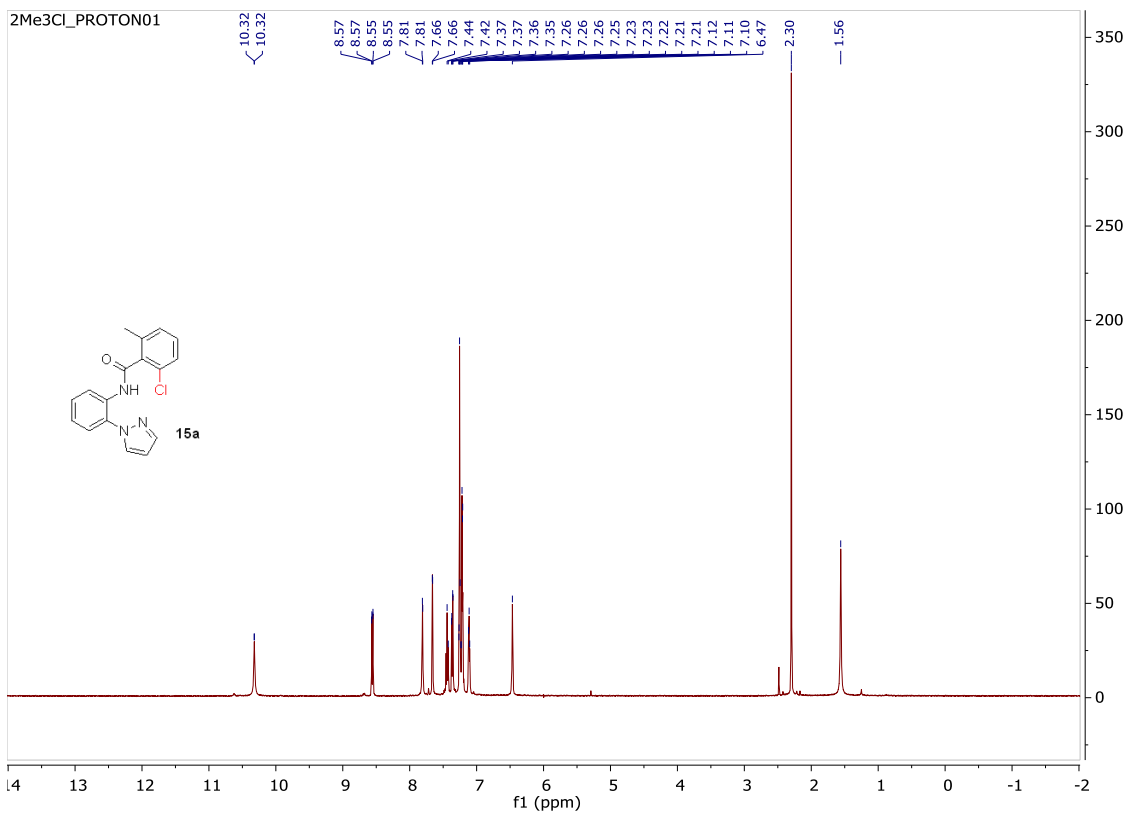
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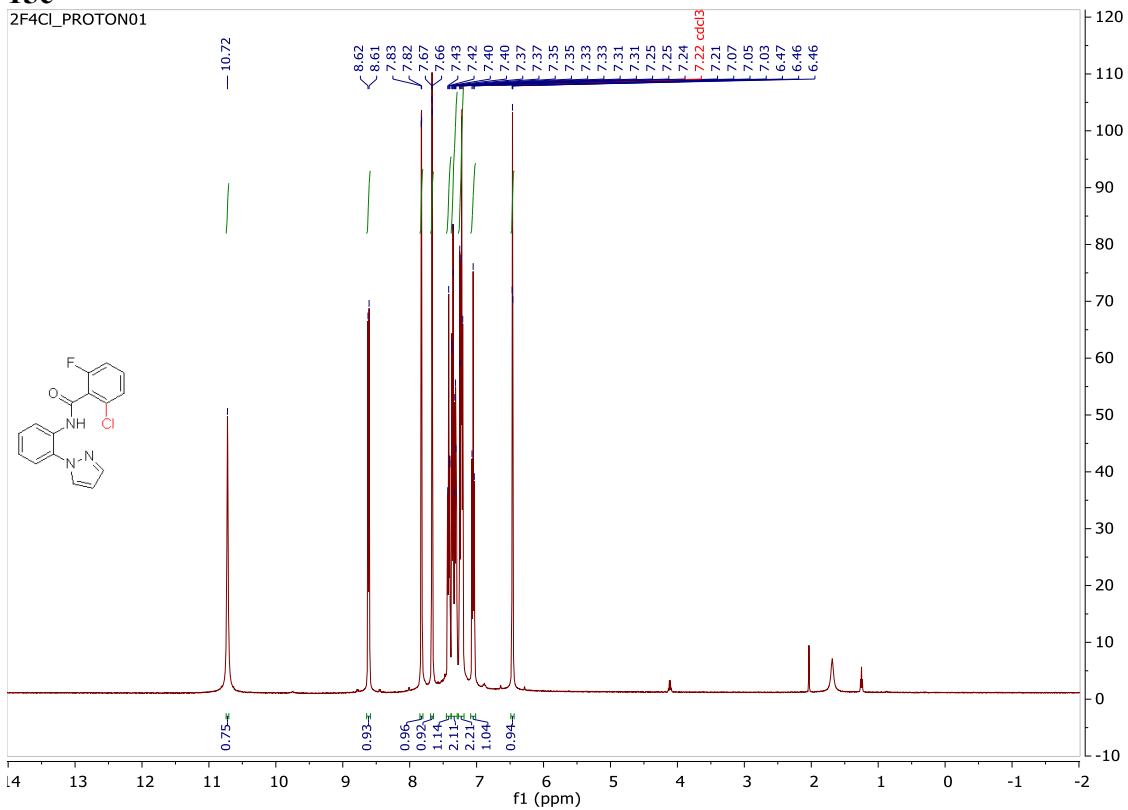
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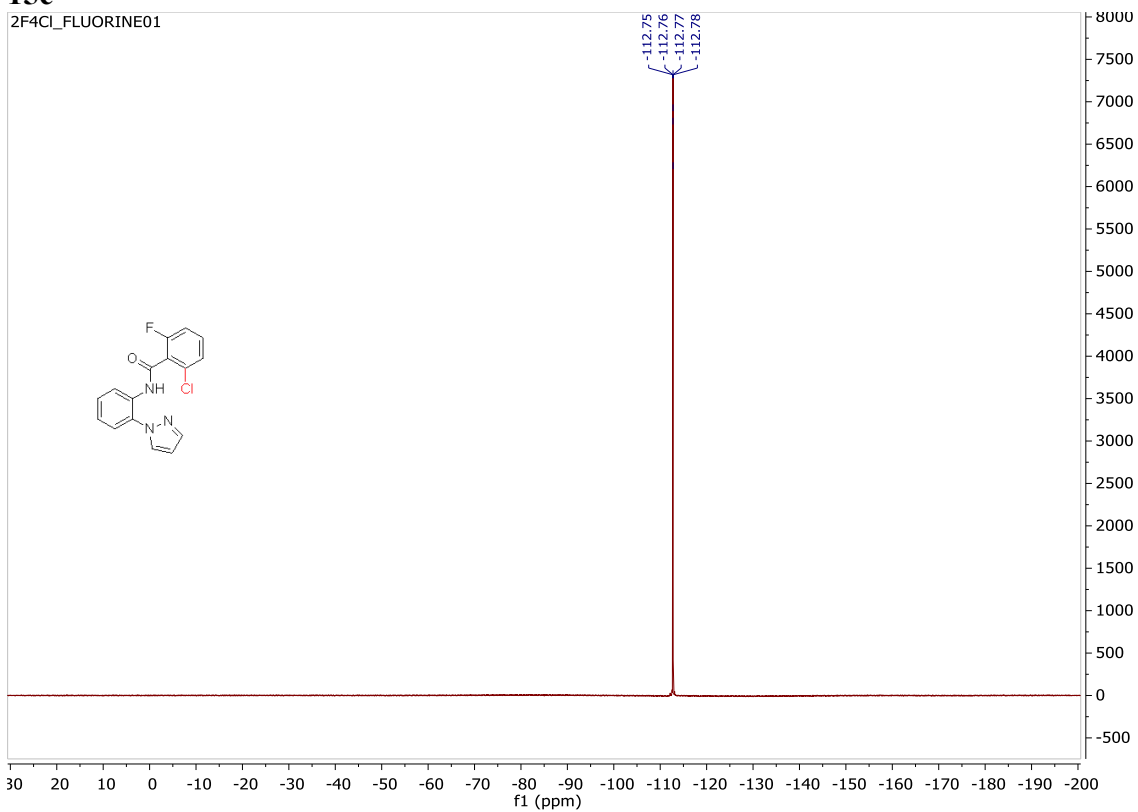
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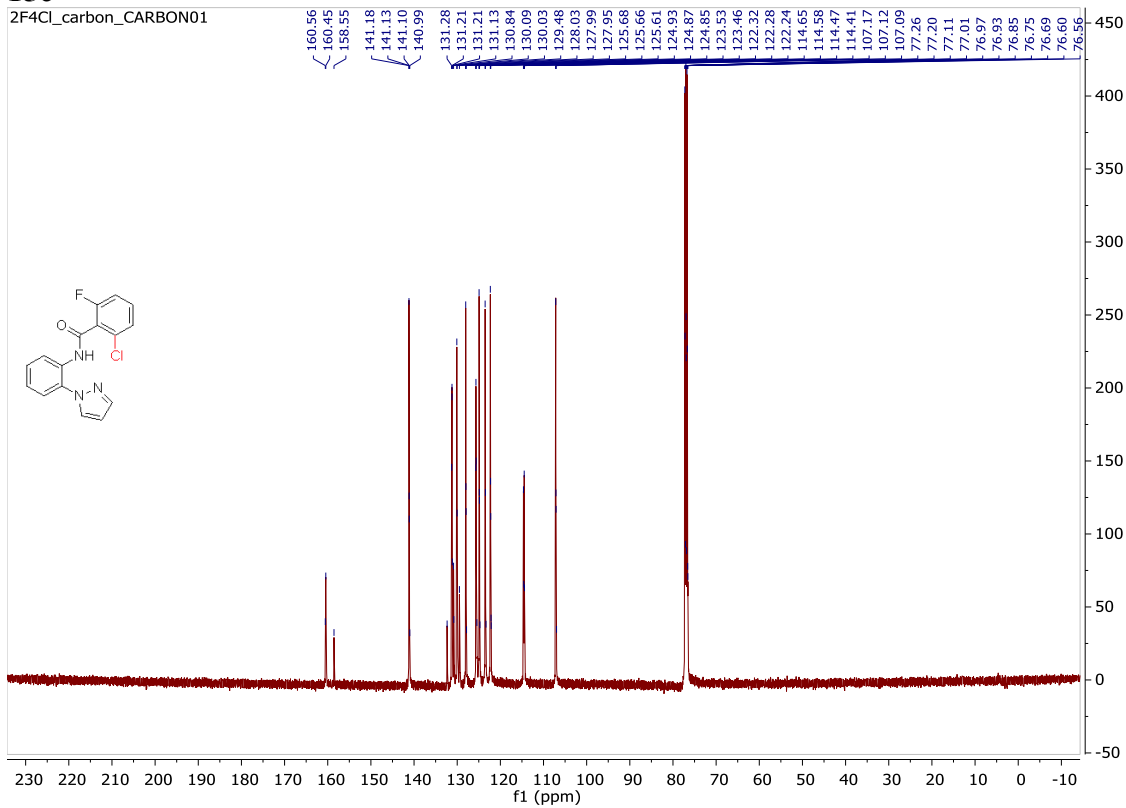
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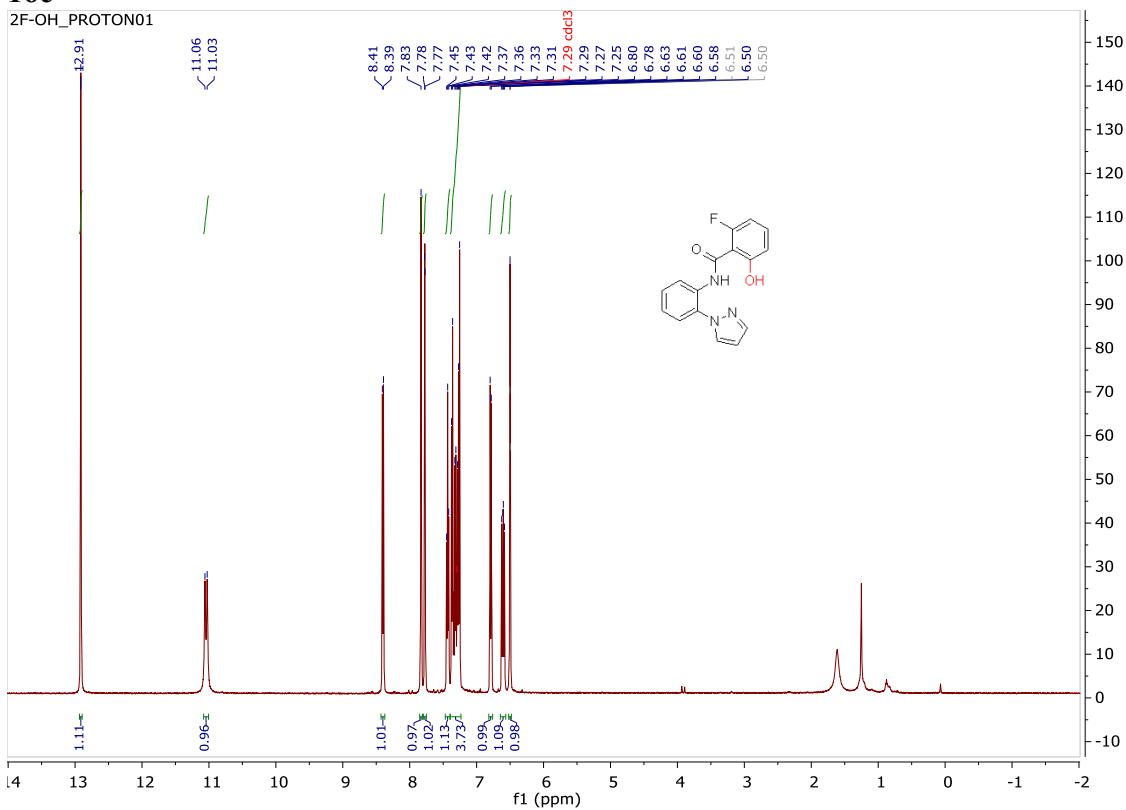


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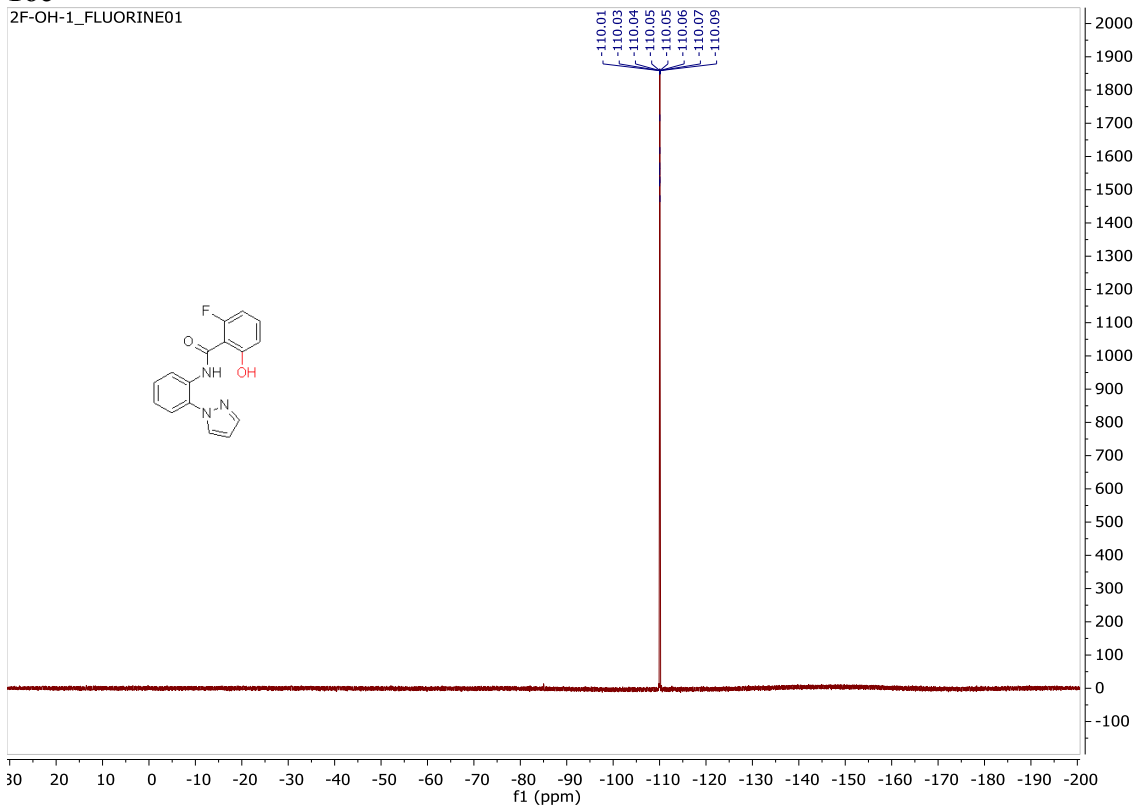
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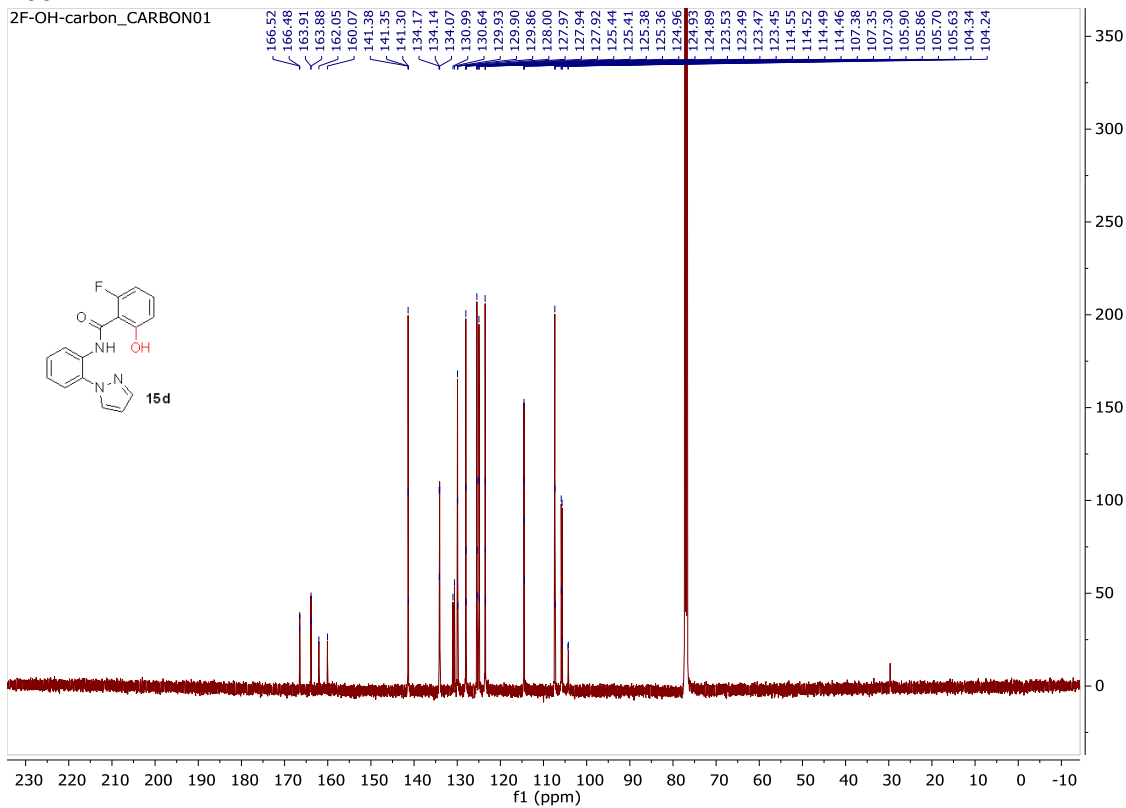
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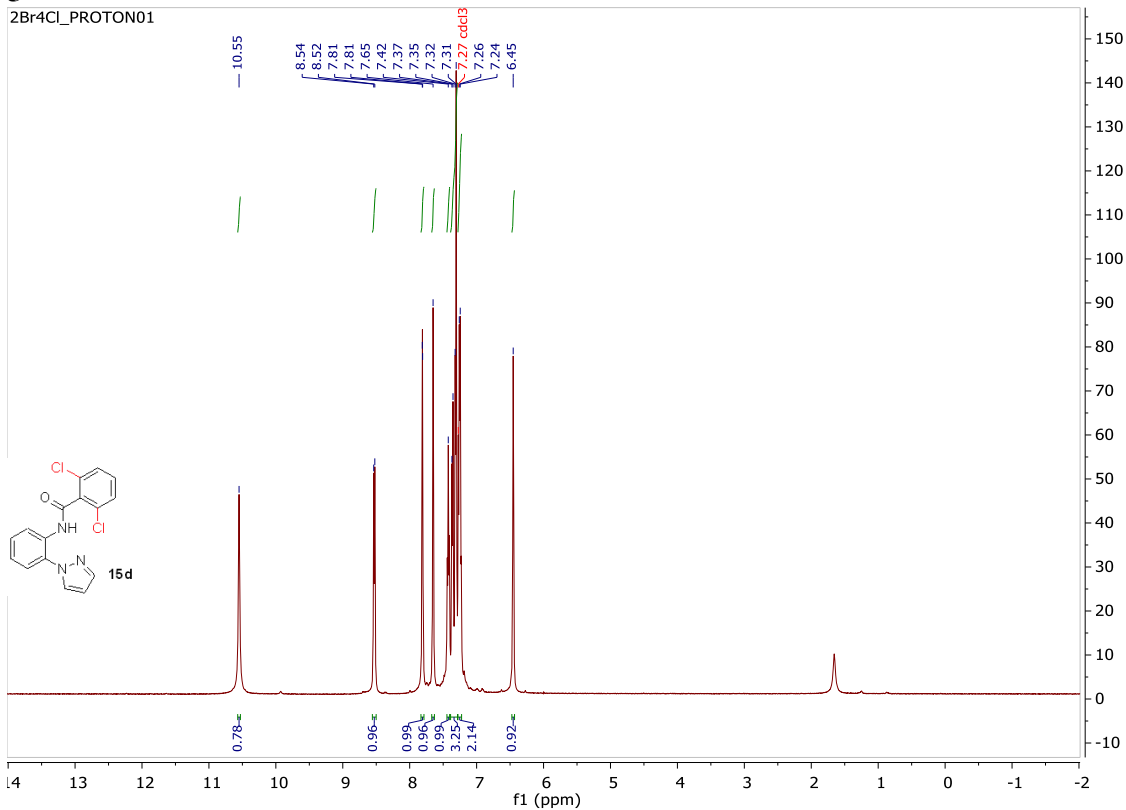
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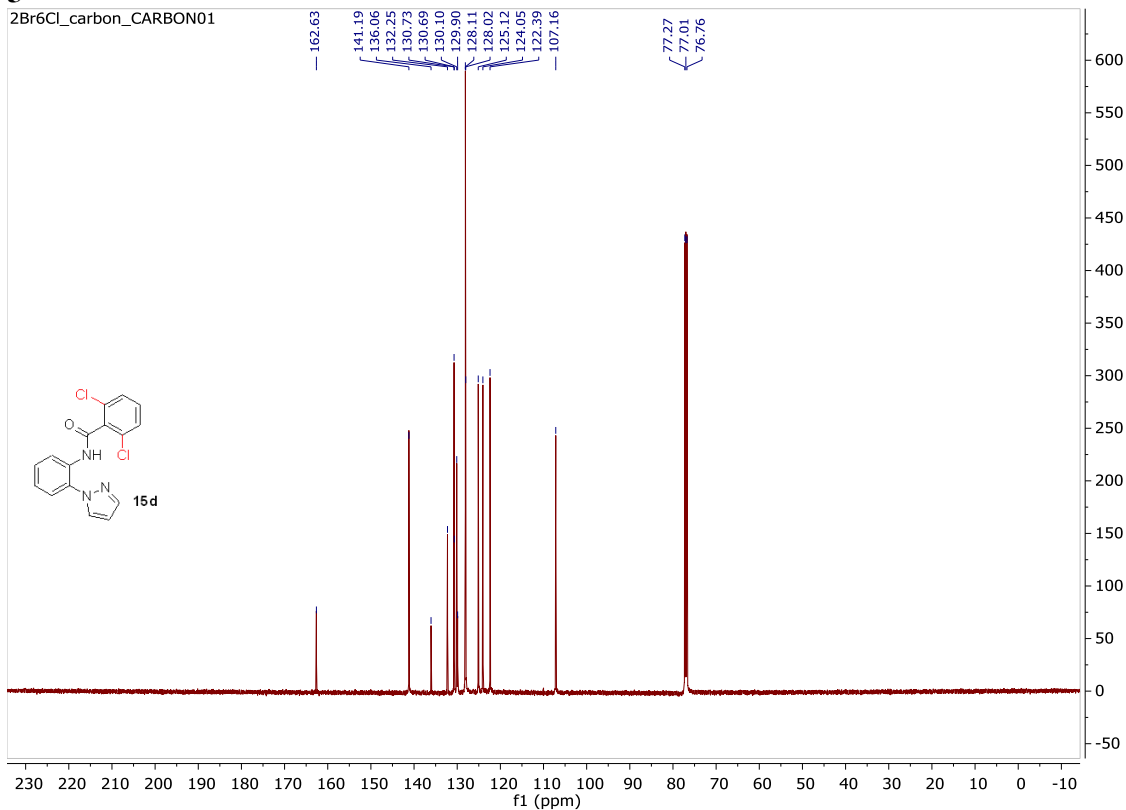


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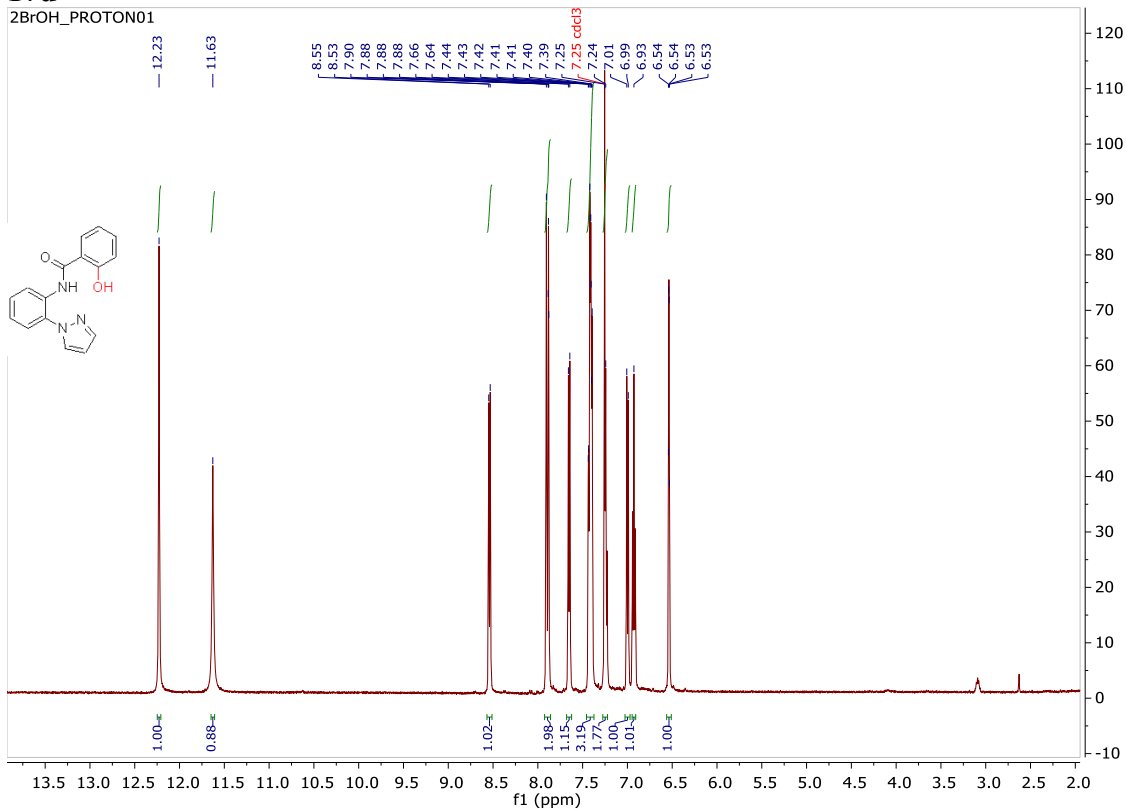


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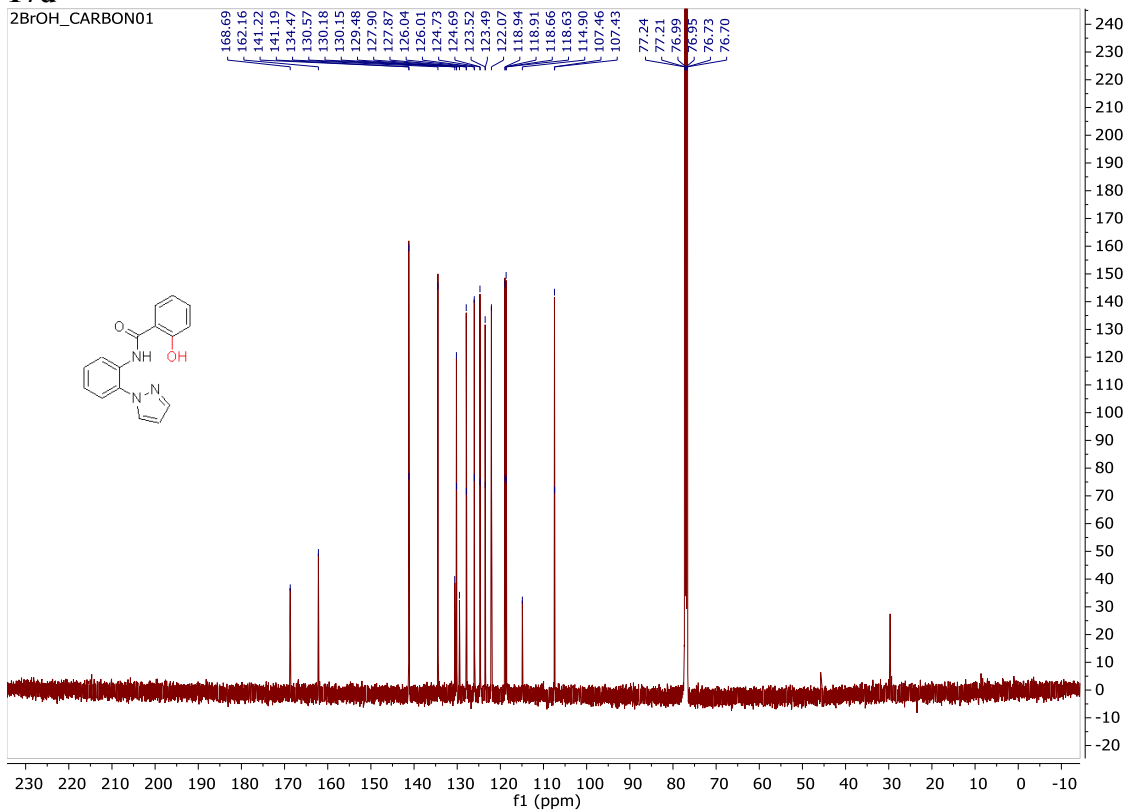


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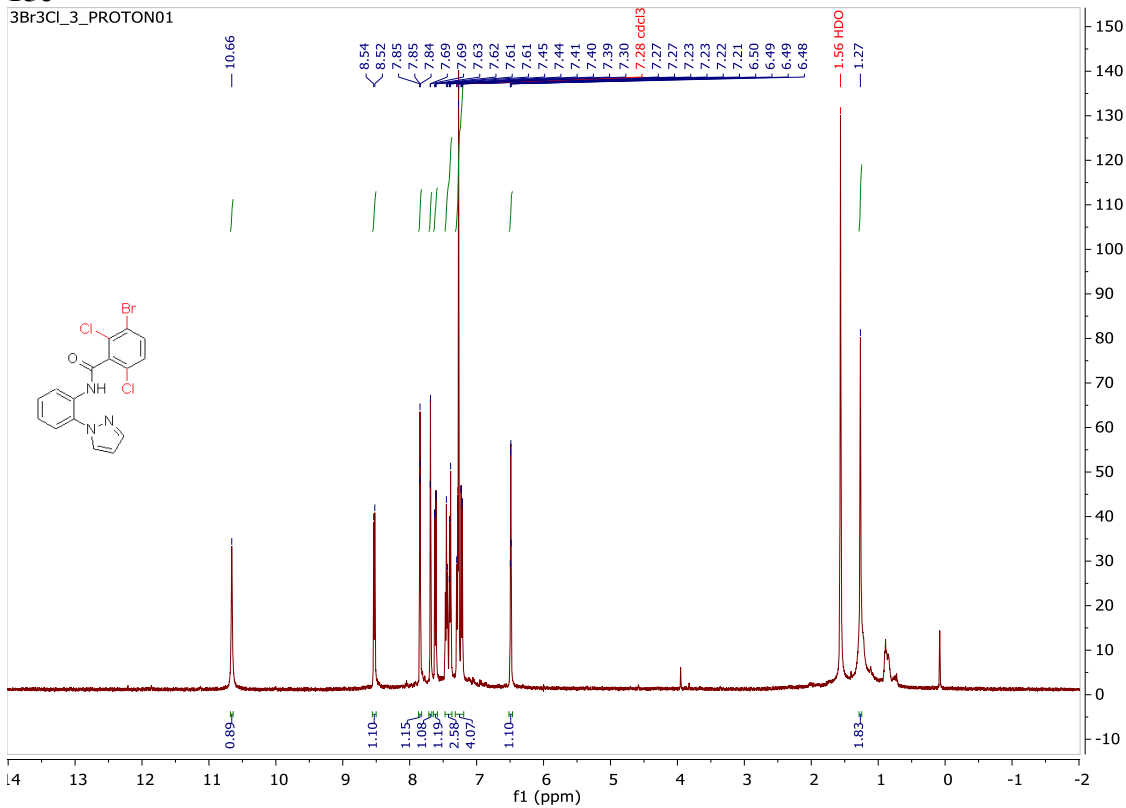


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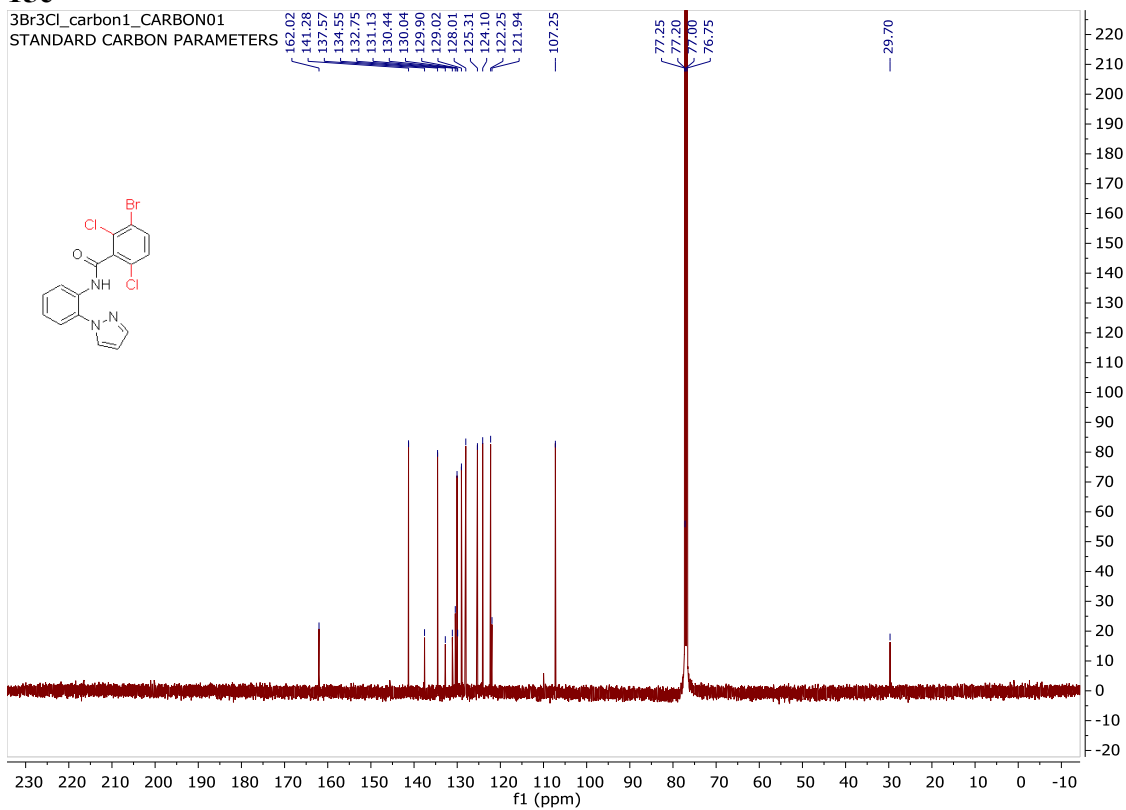


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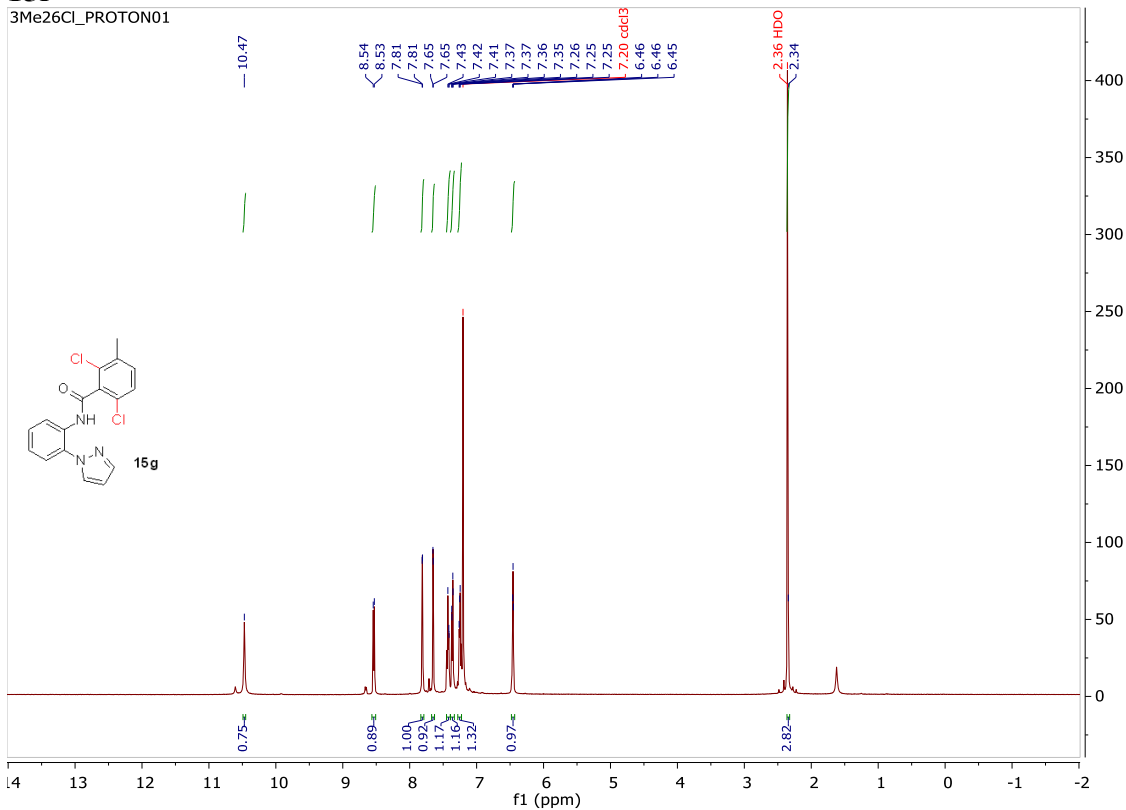
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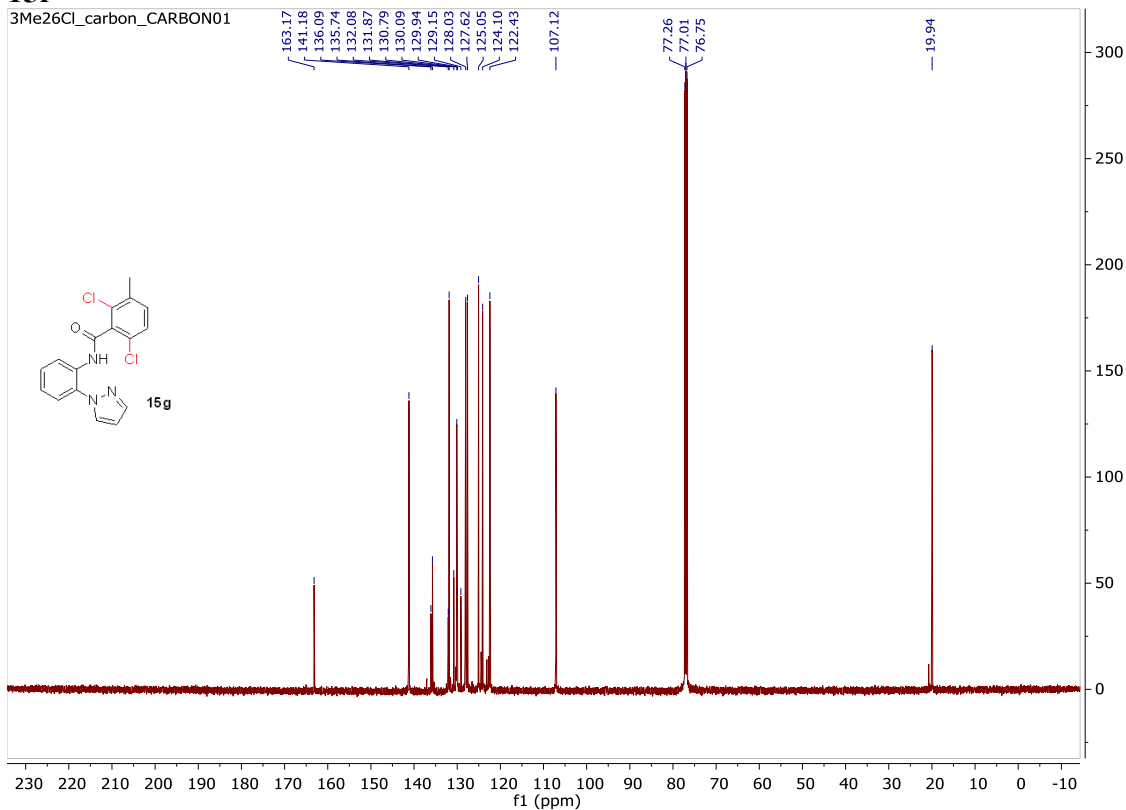
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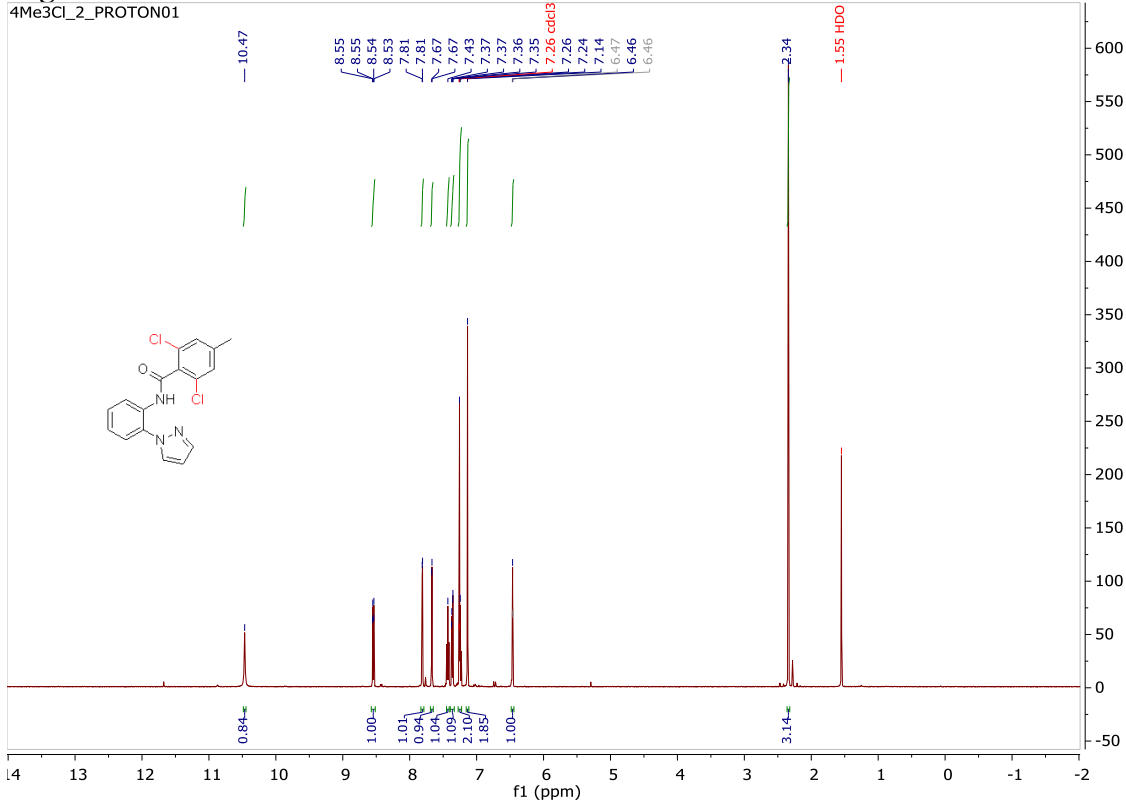
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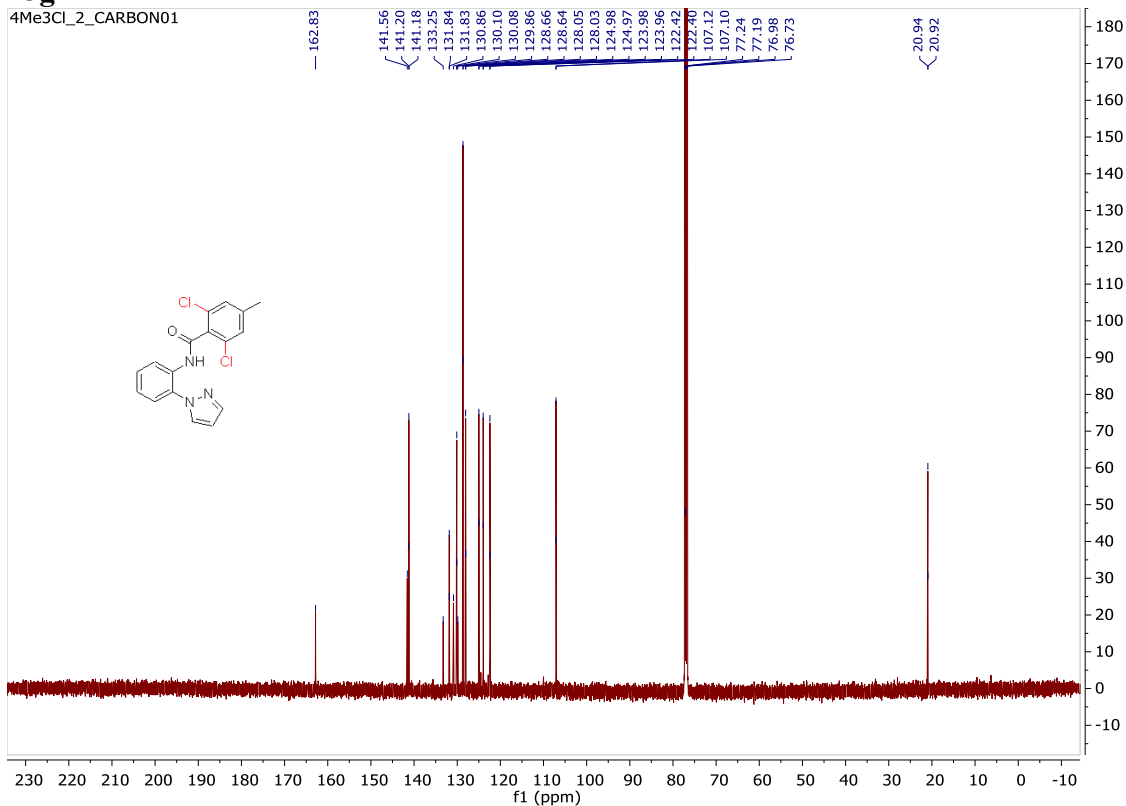
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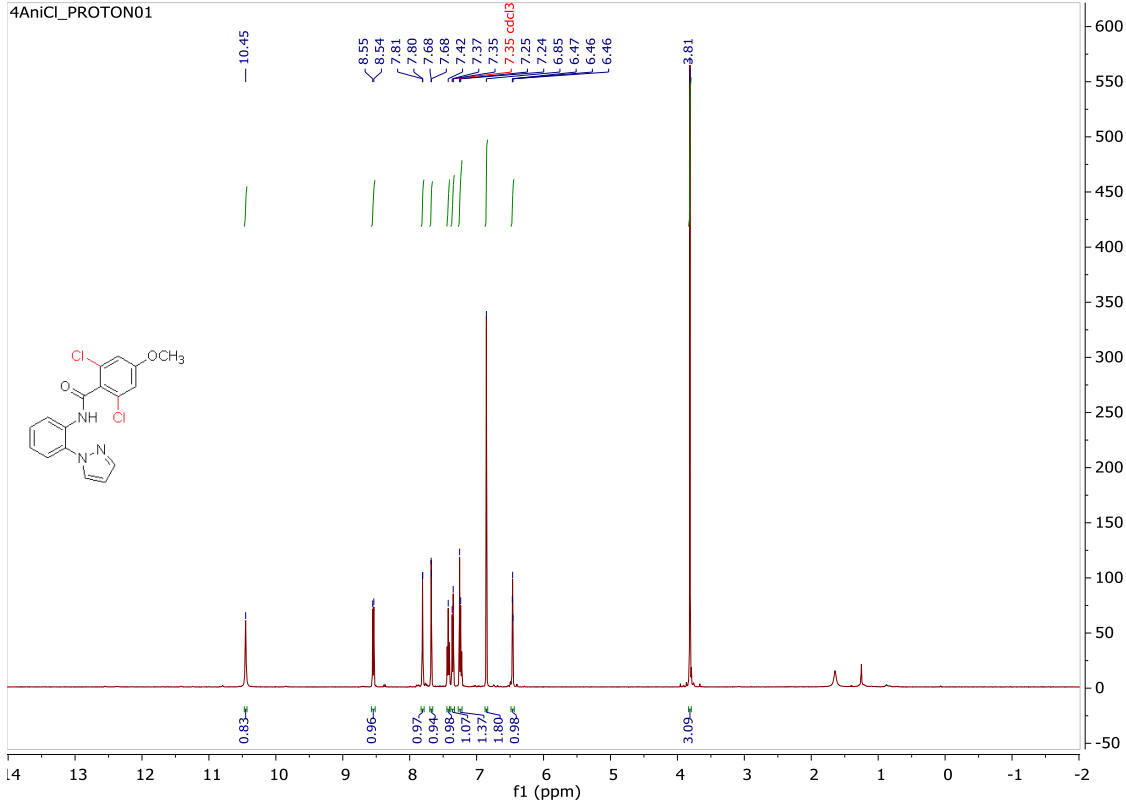
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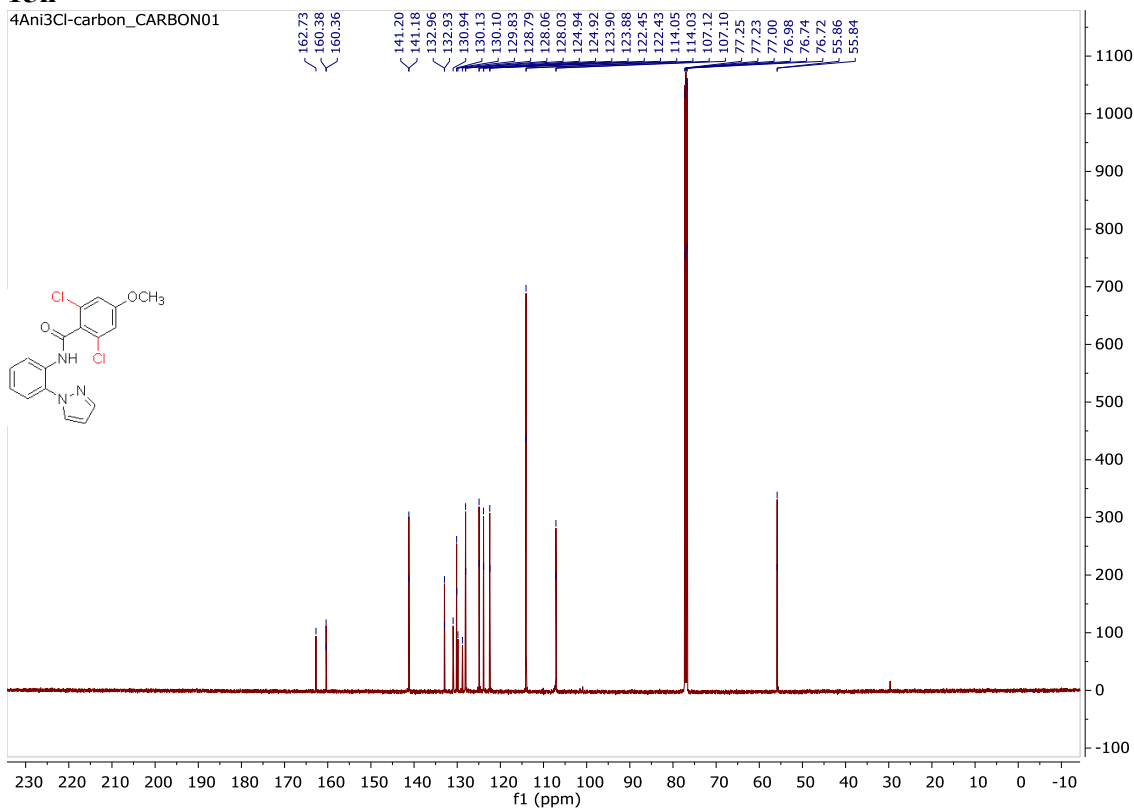
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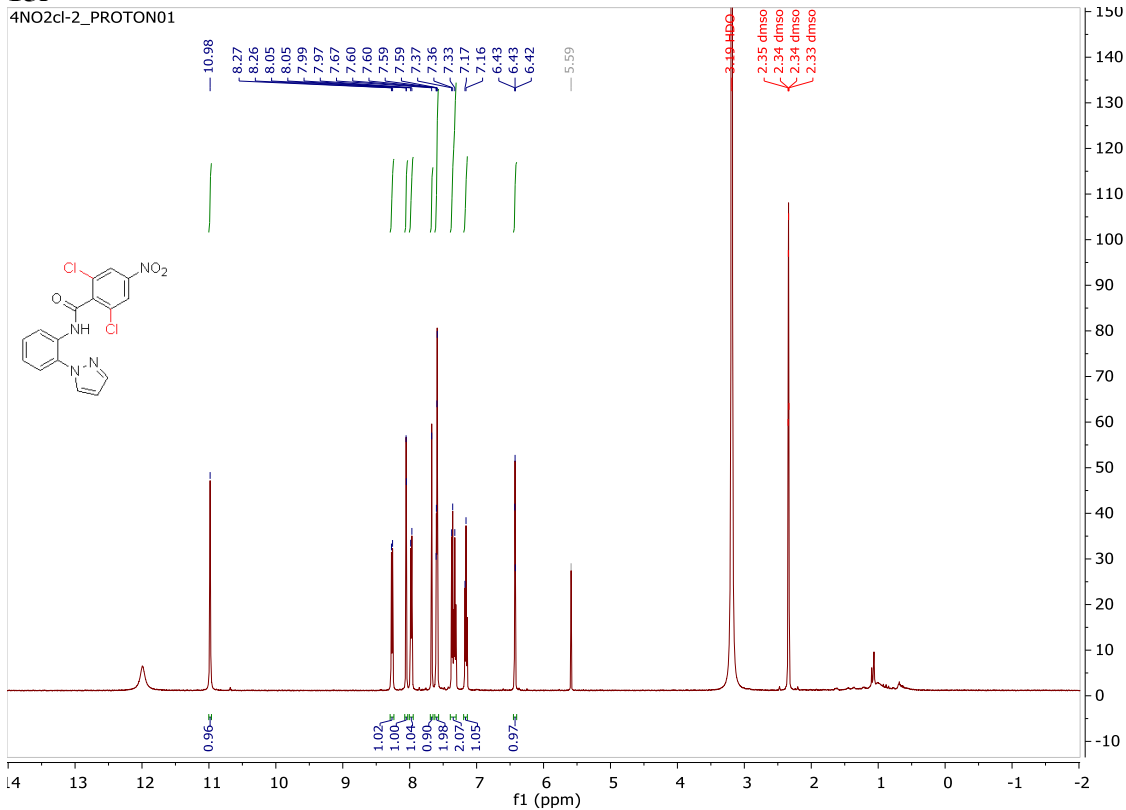
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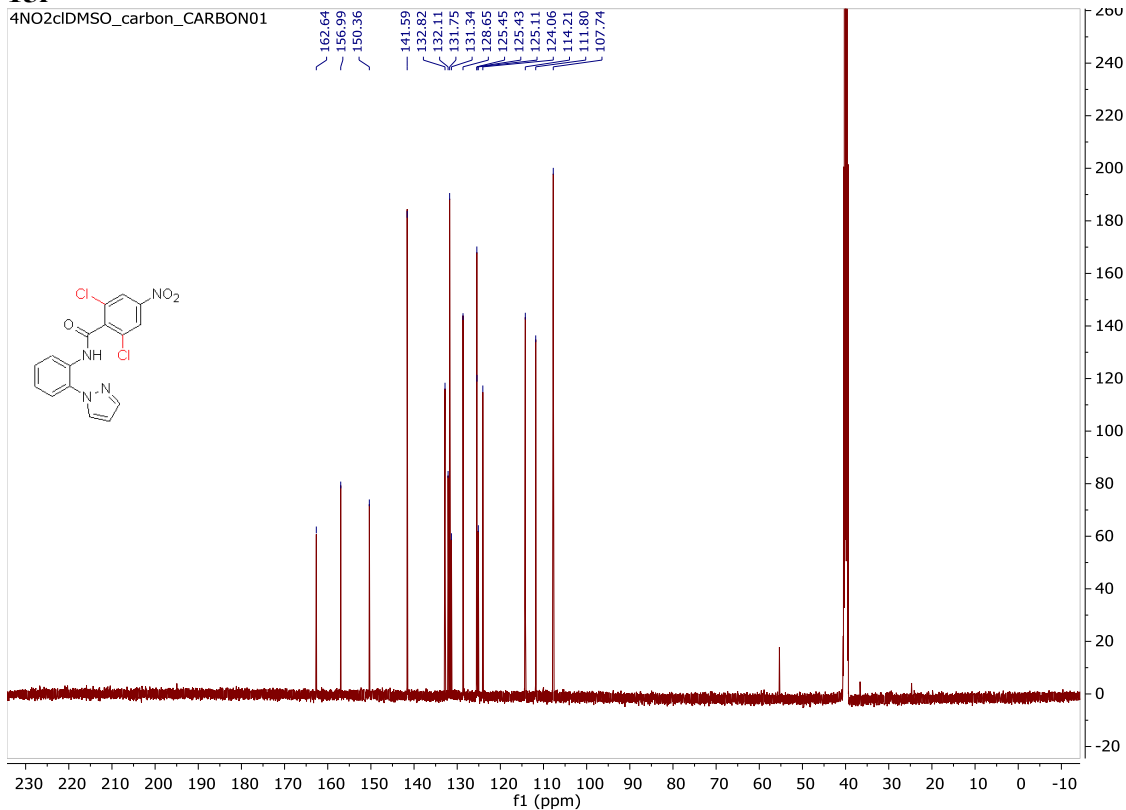


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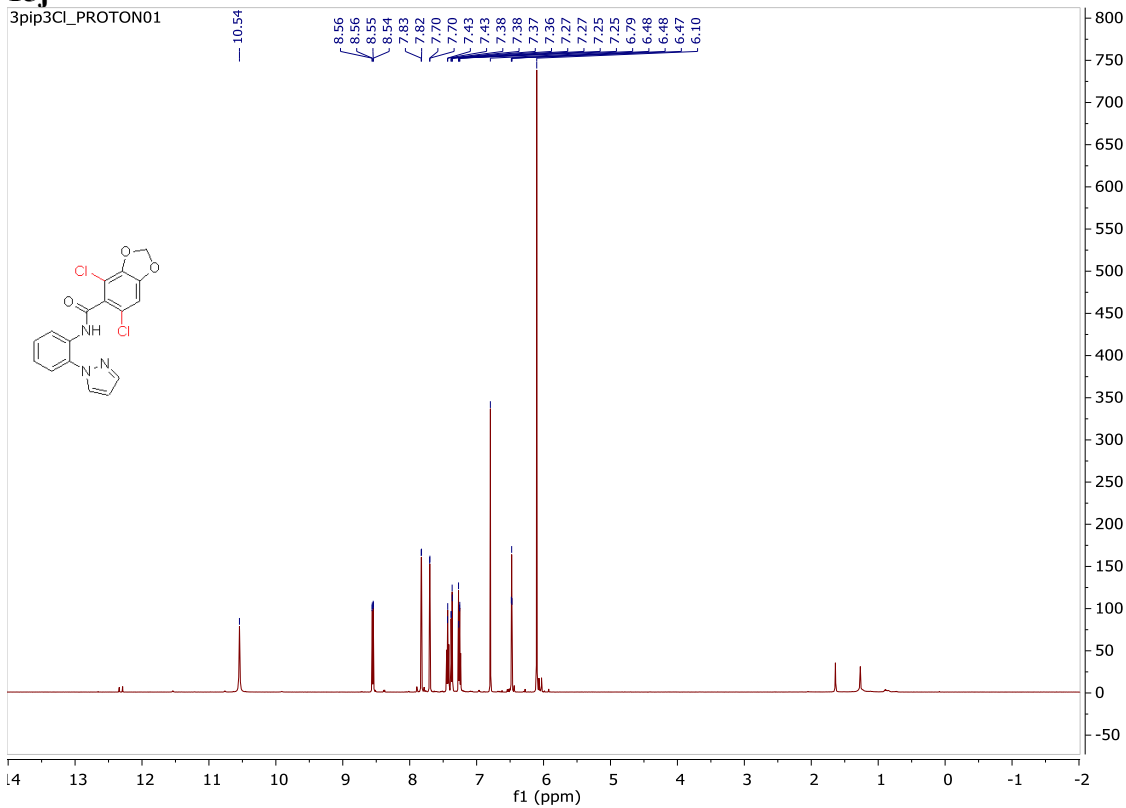
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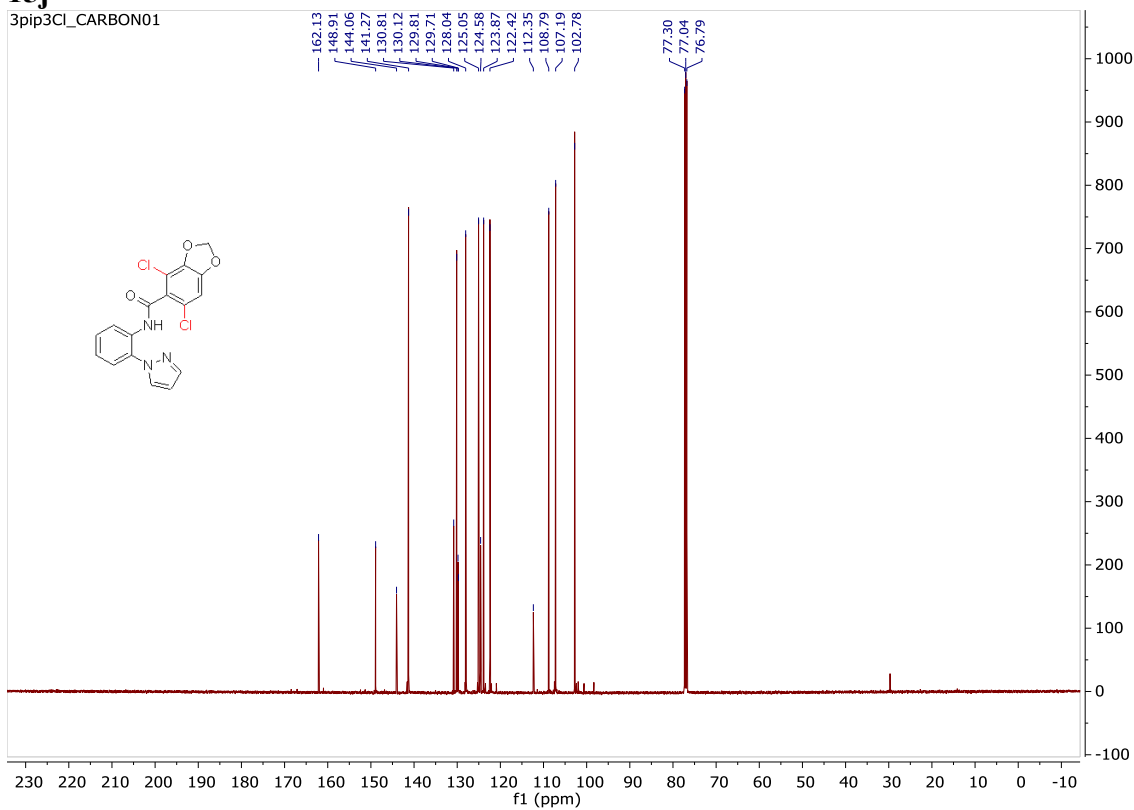
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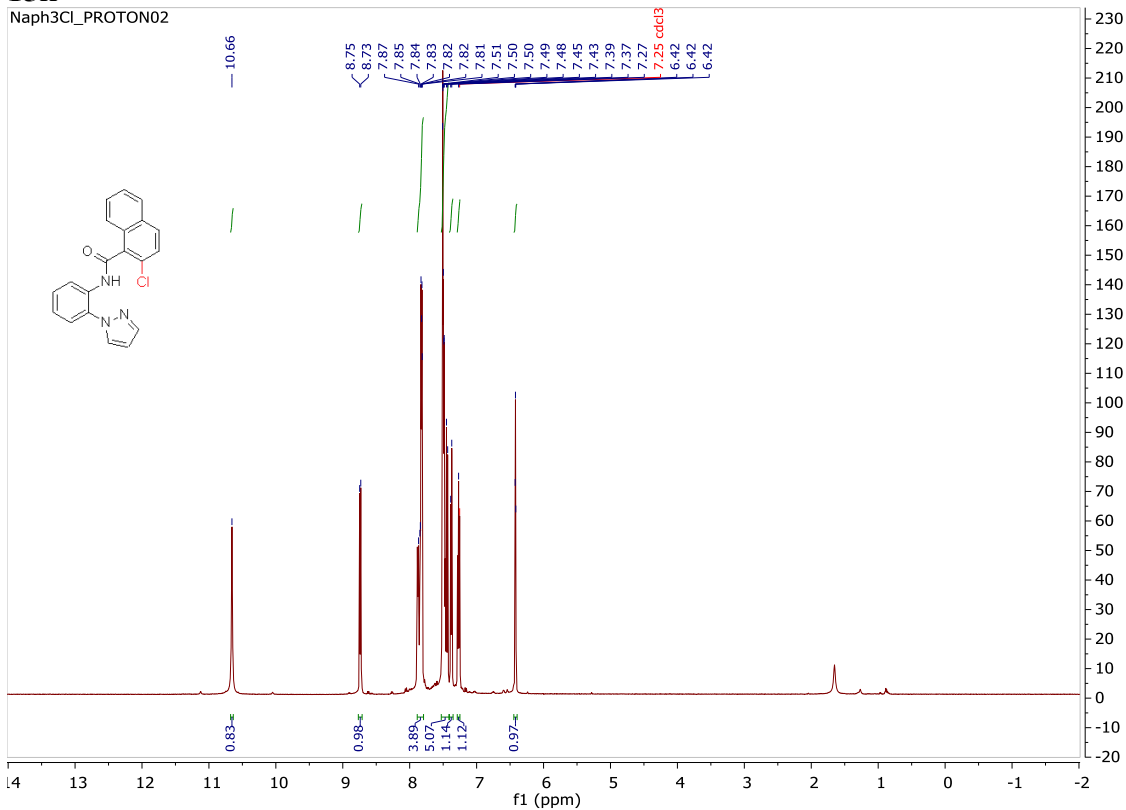
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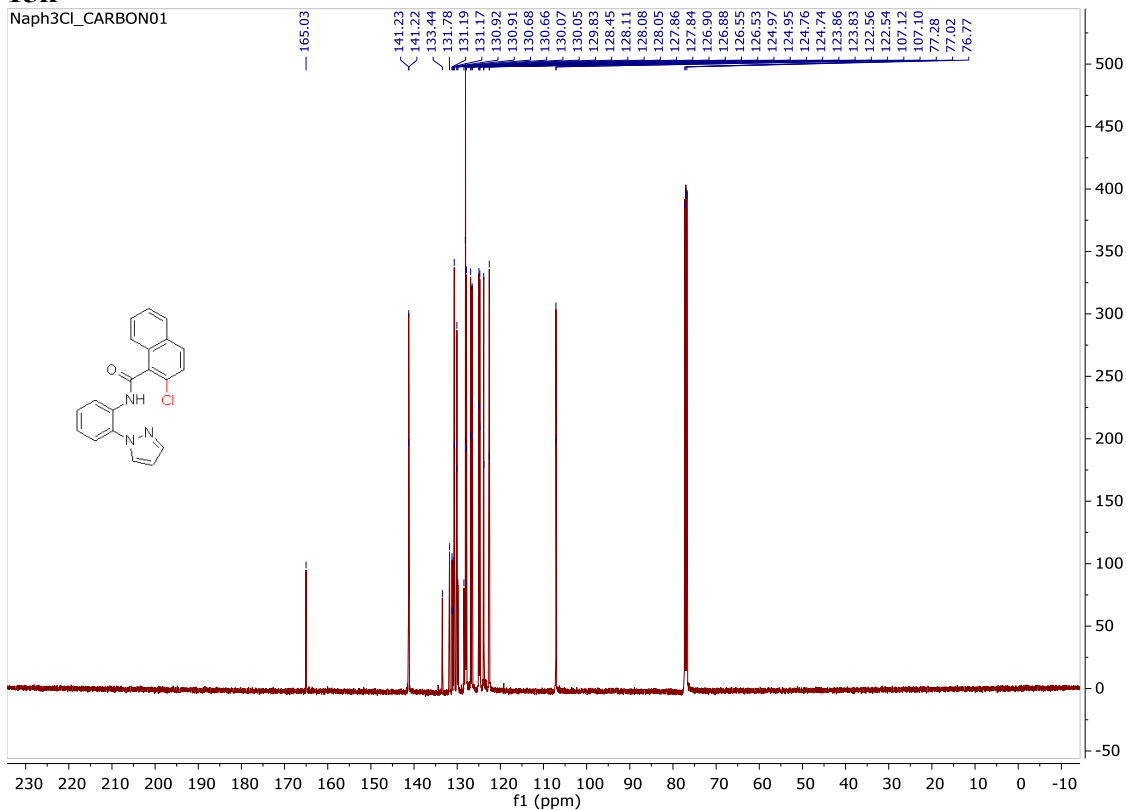
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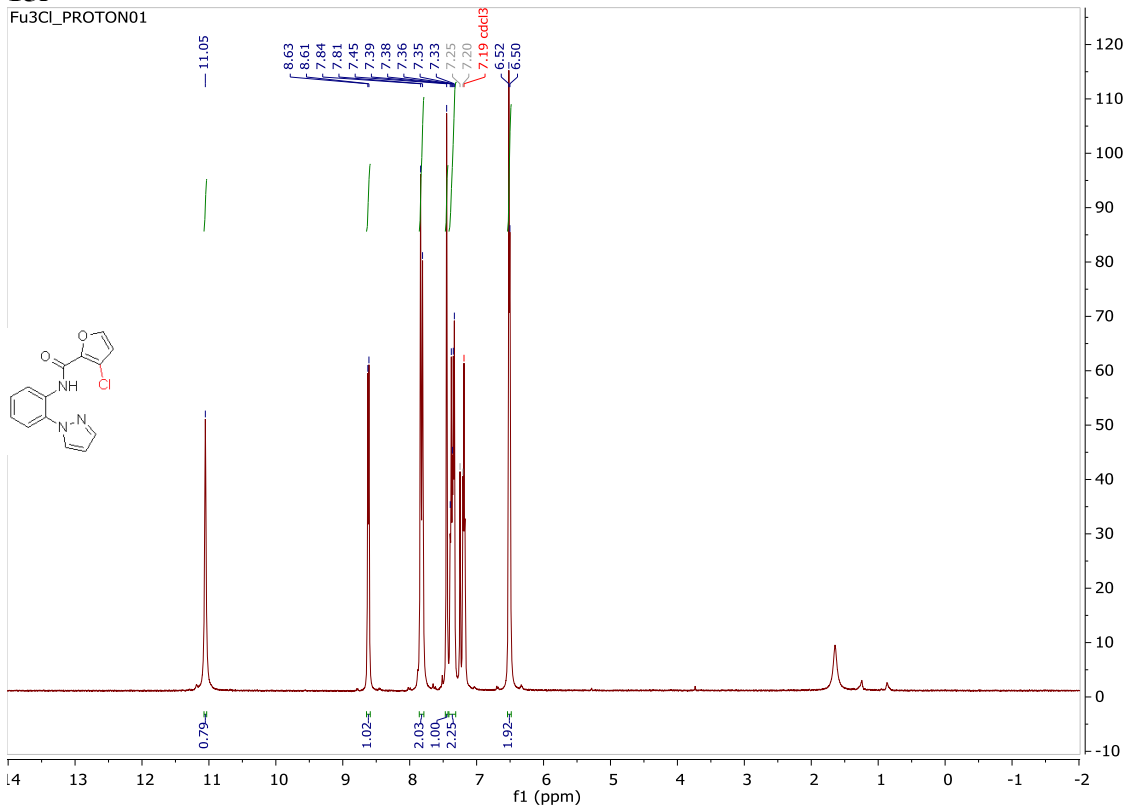
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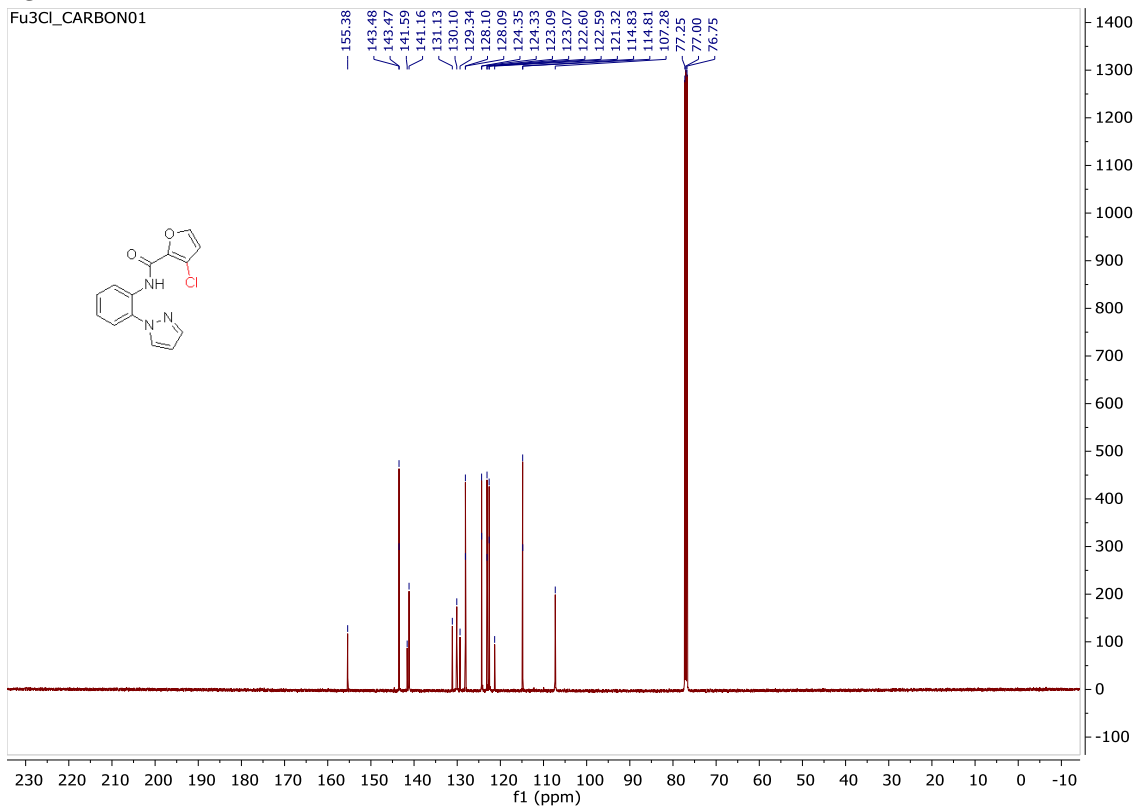
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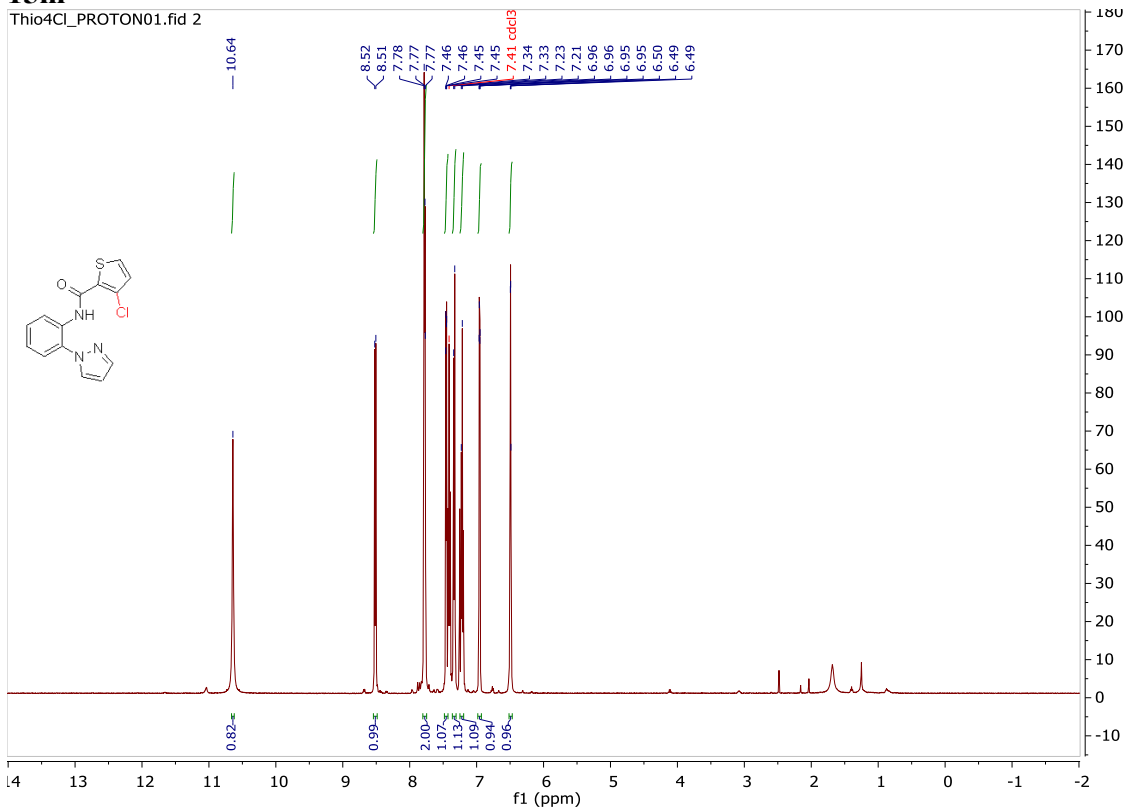
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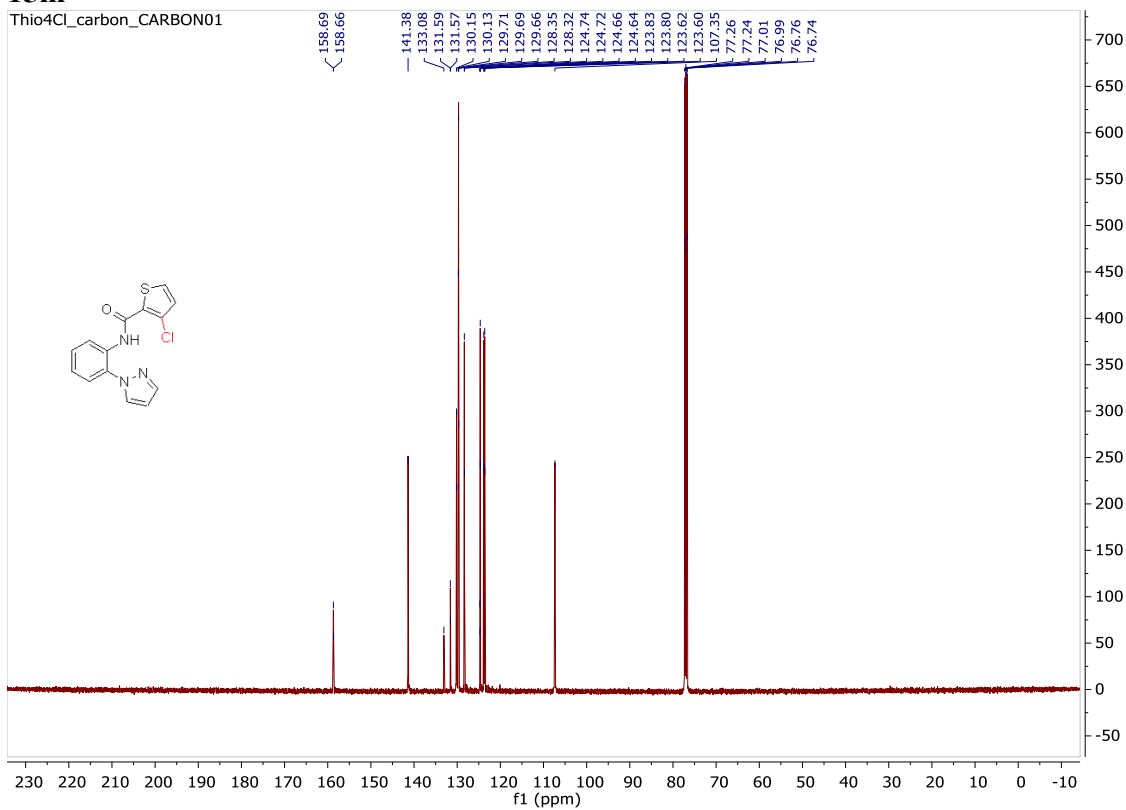


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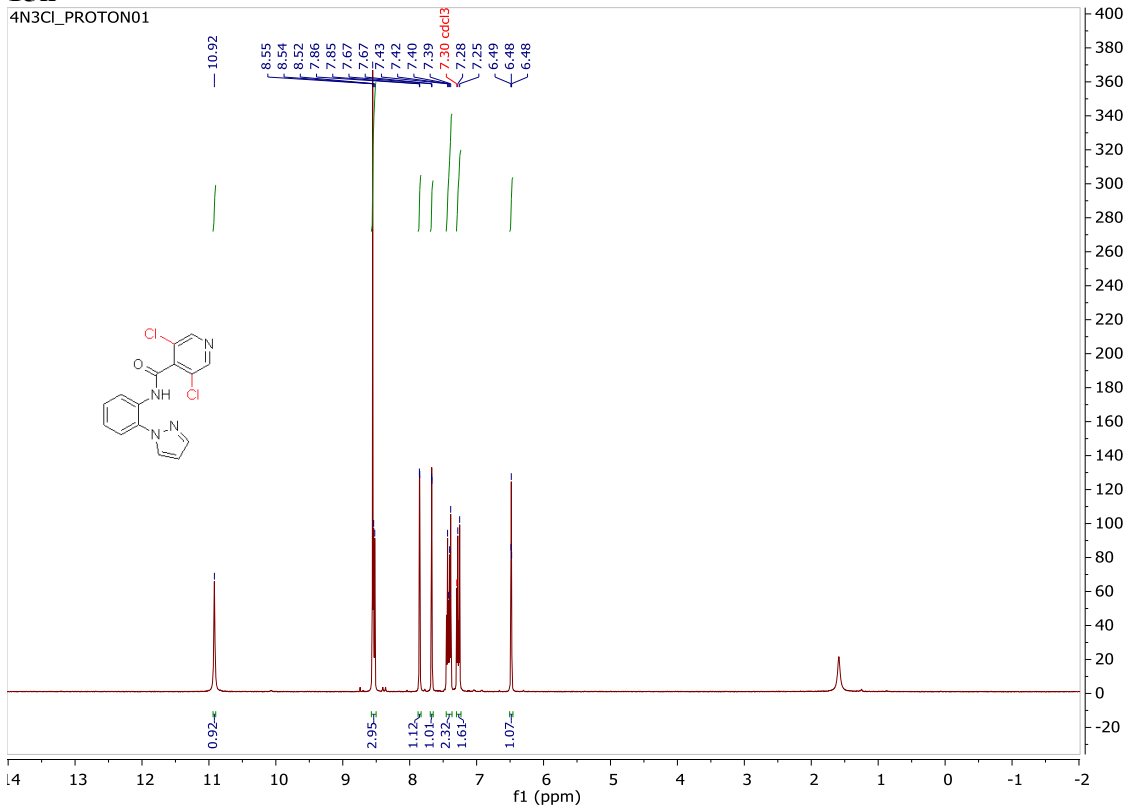


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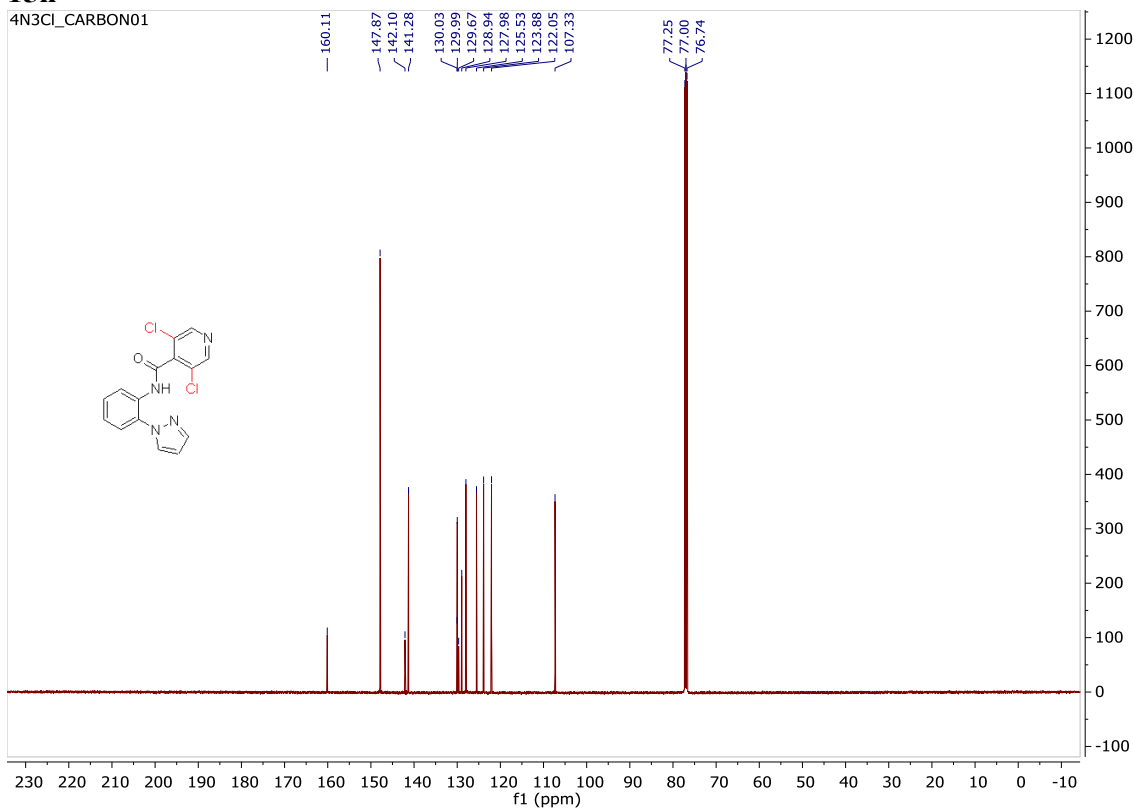


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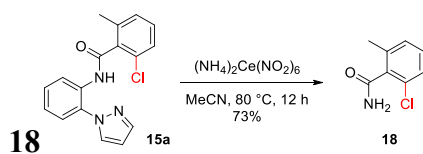
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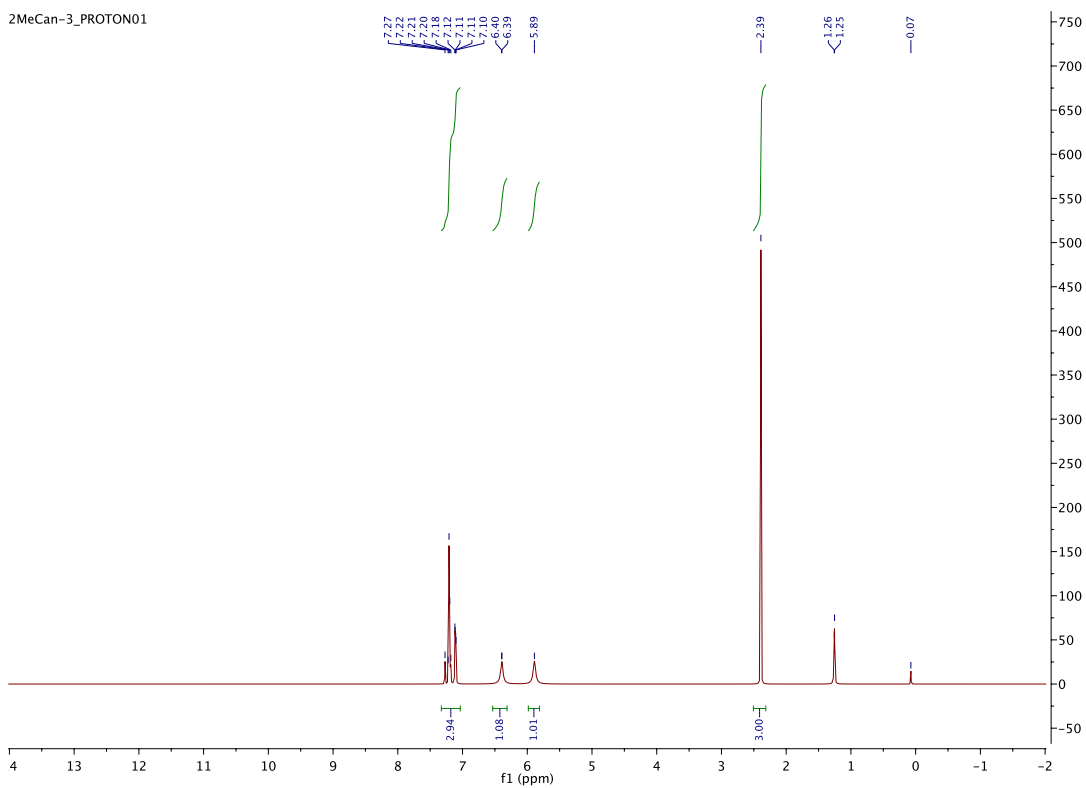
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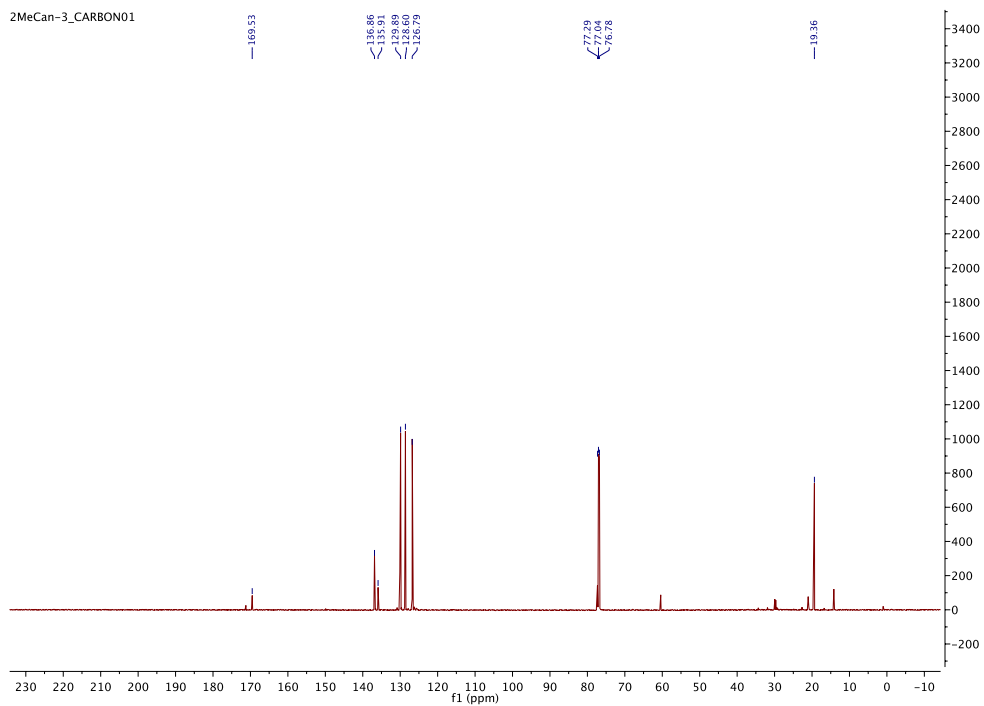


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2MeCan-3_CARBON01



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