



## Supporting Information

for

### Flow synthesis of oxadiazoles coupled with sequential in-line extraction and chromatography

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## 1. Materials and methods.

Unless otherwise stated, all solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Substrates and reagents were purchased from Fluorochem or Sigma-Aldrich and used as received.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz, 500 MHz, and 600 MHz instruments and are reported relative to residual solvent:  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm),  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  ( $\delta$  2.50 ppm).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on the same instruments (100 and 125 MHz) and are reported relative to the corresponding solvent:  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm),  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  (39.52 ppm).

Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ / ppm) (integration, multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz)). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, m = multiplet. Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ / ppm) and multiplicity (C, CH,  $\text{CH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_3$ ). COSY, HSQC and HMBC experiments were used in the structural assignment.

IR spectra were obtained by use of a Bruker Platinum spectrometer (neat, ATR sampling) with the intensities of the characteristic signals being reported as weak (w, <20% of tallest signal), medium (m, 21–70% of tallest signal) or strong (s, >71% of tallest signal).

High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed using the indicated techniques on a micromass LCT orthogonal time-of-flight mass spectrometer with leucine-enkephalin (Tyr-Gly-Phe-Leu) as an internal lock mass.

Melting points were recorded on a Stuart SMP10 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Photochemical experiments were performed on a Vapourtec E-series system with the UV150 photoreactor that is equipped with a medium-pressure Hg lamp (150 W) and used in combination with a low pass filter (see emission spectra below). Continuous flow experiments were performed on a Vapourtec E-series system equipped with heated glass column.

Liquid chromatography was carried out using an Advion puriFlash 5.250 chromatography system equipped with two sets of two PF-15SIHC-F0004 silica columns used as received from Advion. HPLC grade cyclohexane and ethyl acetate were used as received from Sigma-Aldrich without further purification.

## 2. General procedures.

### 2.1 Synthesis of acyl hydrazine.

Hydrazine hydrate (55% in water, 8.5 mL, 146 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to a stirring solution of methyl benzoate (4.0 g, 29.4 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL, 1.5 M). The mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 4 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was washed with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine solution (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* affording the desired product as a white solid. The material was used for subsequent reactions without further purification.

### 2.2 Synthesis of acyl hydrazones 1a–j.

Aldehyde (3 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of acyl hydrazine (3 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL, 0.6 M). The mixture was heated to reflux and stirred until completion as indicated by TLC analysis. Upon cooling to 0 °C a precipitate formed, which was isolated *via* vacuum filtration. The solid was washed using cold EtOH and dried under suction. The resulting material was used for subsequent reactions without further purification.

### 2.3 Synthesis of 1,3,4-oxadiazole.

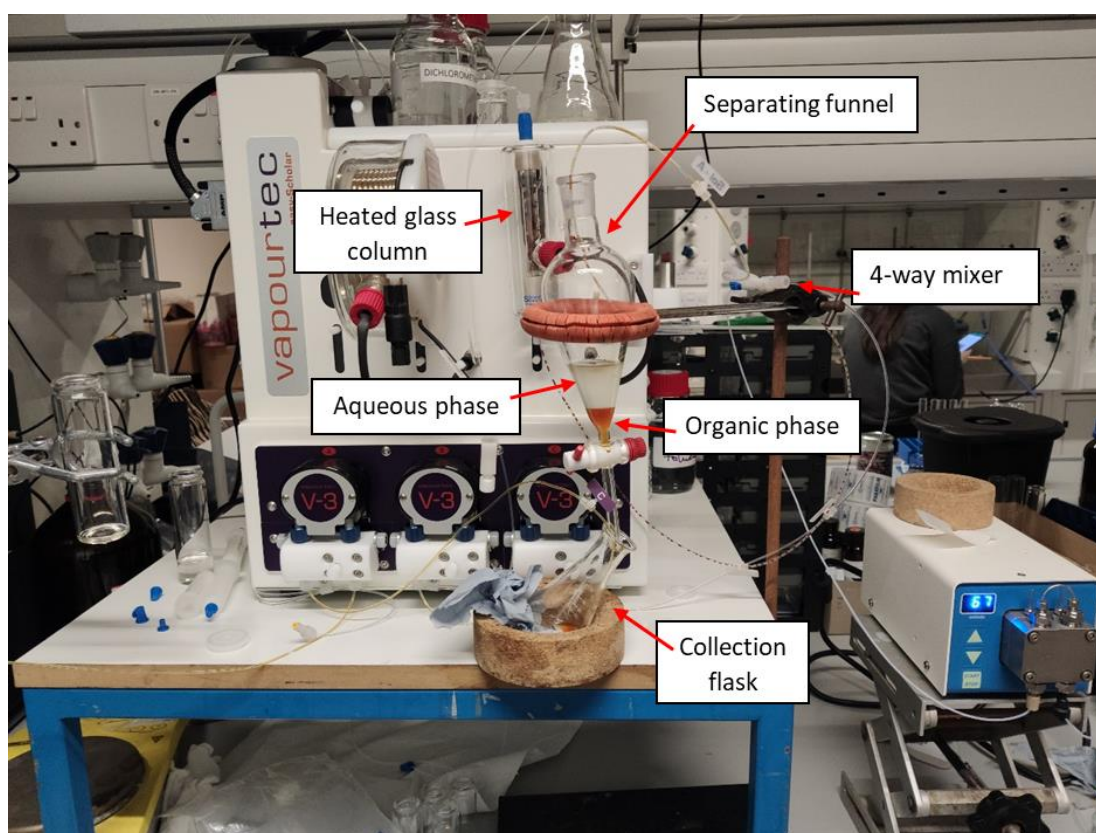
Acyl hydrazone **1a–j** (1 mmol) and iodine (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were dissolved in DMSO (4 mL, 0.25 M). The mixture was passed through a glass column containing K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> heated to 100 °C at a flow rate of 0.2 mL min<sup>-1</sup> (approximately 10-minute residence time). The output material was collected in a flask containing a stirring mixture of EtOAc and 5% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was washed with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine solution (5 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the desired crude product. The crude material was purified by column chromatography.

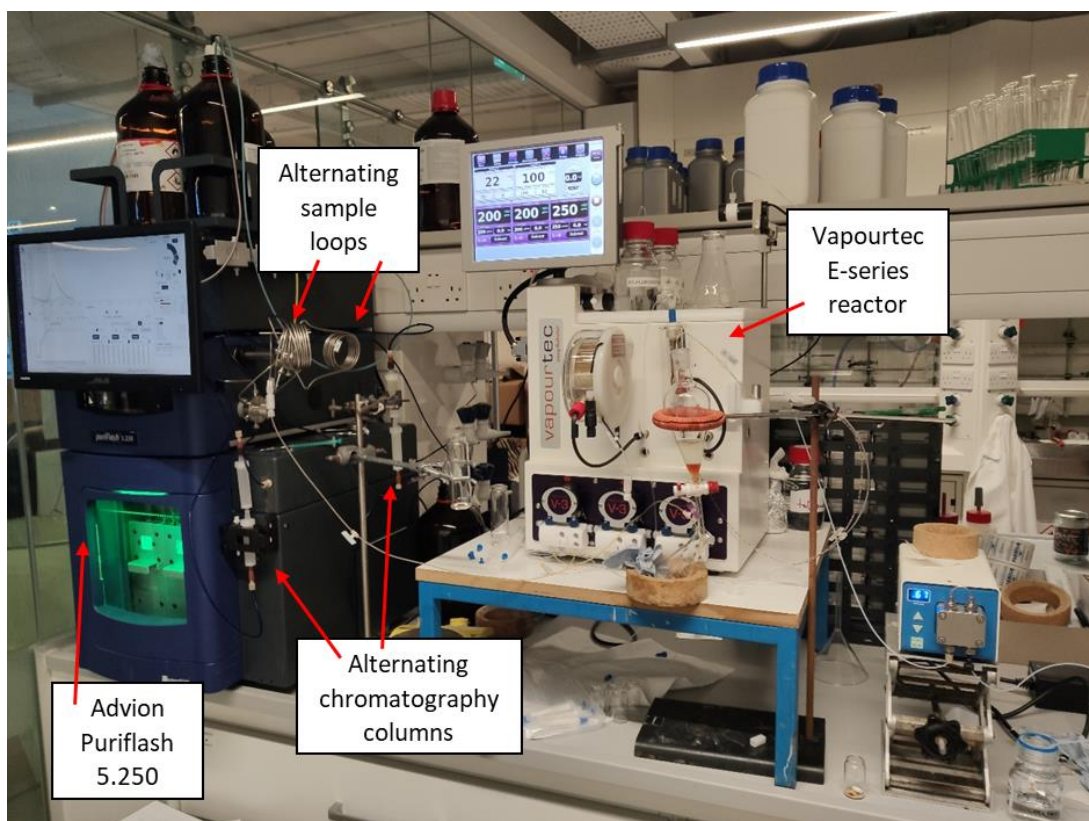
### 2.4 Multigram synthesis of 2j.

A solution of **1j** (3.5 g, 14 mmol) and I<sub>2</sub> (5.3 g, 21 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in DMSO (35 mL, 0.4 M) was passed through a glass column containing K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> at 100 °C at a flow rate of 1.8 mL min<sup>-1</sup> (approximately 10-minute residence time). The output material was mixed with separate streams of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL min<sup>-1</sup>) and 5% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2 mL min<sup>-1</sup>) solution in a 4-way mixer. The biphasic mixture was collected in a separating funnel and the organic phase was collected in a conical flask. The organic solution was washed with brine solution (3 × 15 mL) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the desired crude product. The crude material was purified by column chromatography.

### 3. Continuous flow setup.

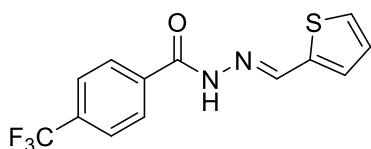
As depicted below; the continuous flow setup consisted of a Vapourtec E-series reactor equipped with heated glass column, a 4-way mixer, a separating funnel, and an Advion Puriflash 5.250 LC. The glass column (small column: i.d. 7 mm, length 7 cm; larger column: i.d. 15 mm, length 12 cm) was packed with 1 cm of sand and then the remaining volume was filled with  $K_2CO_3$ .





## 4. Spectroscopic data:

### *N'*-(Thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-4-(trifluoromethyl) benzohydrazide (1a):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS  
Exact Mass: 298.0388

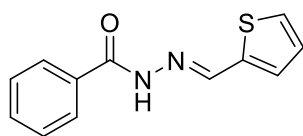
**Yield:** 75% (872 mg, 2.92 mmol).

**Appearance:** Off-white solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup>: 299.0460, found: 299.0459.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)** δ 11.99 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (m, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)** δ 161.8 (C), 143.7 (CH), 138.9 (C), 137.7 (C), 131.5 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 131.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.5 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 123.9 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 376 Hz)** δ -61.39 (s). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3180 (br w), 3044 (w), 1645 (s), 1588 (m), 1561 (m), 1429 (w), 1323 (m), 1166 (m), 1126 (s), 1067 (m), 856 (m), 714 (s), 685 (s), 470 (m).

### *N'*-(Thiophen-2-ylmethylene)benzohydrazide (1b):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS  
Exact Mass: 230.0514

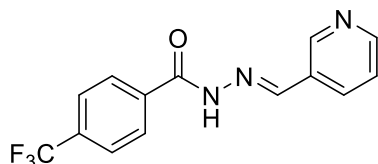
**Yield:** 73% (501 mg, 2.18 mmol).

**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup>: 231.0587, found: 231.0589.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)** δ 11.81 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)** δ 163.0 (C), 142.9 (CH), 139.1 (C), 133.4 (C), 131.8 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.6 (CH). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3250 (br w), 3086 (w), 1637 (s), 1594 (m), 1551 (s), 1489 (m), 1324 (m), 1280 (s), 1076 (m), 900 (m), 732 (s), 687 (s), 498 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>1</sup>.

### *N'*-(Pyridine-3-ylmethylene)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzohydrazide (1c):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O  
Exact Mass: 293.0776

**Yield:** 85% (750 mg, 2.56 mmol).

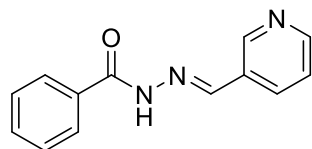
**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 294.0849, found: 294.0848.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)** δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dt, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 162.2 (C), 150.9 (CH), 148.9 (CH), 145.9 (CH), 137.1 (C), 133.6 (CH),

131.7 (q,  $J = 32$  Hz, C), 130.1 (C), 128.7 (2 CH), 125.5 (q,  $J = 4$  Hz, 2 CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.9 (q,  $J = 271$  Hz, C).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 376 Hz)**  $\delta$  -61.39. **IR (neat):**  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3192 (br w), 3017 (br w), 1673 (m), 1558 (m), 1416 (m), 1324 (m), 1276 (s), 1164 (m), 1107 (s), 1056 (m), 854 (s), 810 (m), 668 (m), 491 (w).

***N'*-(Pyridine-3-ylmethylene)benzohydrazide (1d):**



Chemical Formula:  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$   
Exact Mass: 225.0902

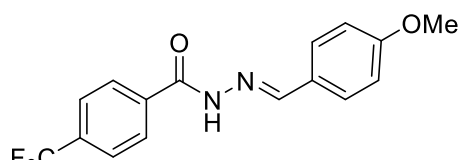
**Yield:** 77% (517 mg, 2.30 mmol).

**Appearance:** Off-white solid.

**HR-MS (QTOF)**  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$ : 226.0975, found: 226.0975.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)**  $\delta$  12.03 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)**  $\delta$  163.3 (C), 150.7 (CH), 148.8 (CH), 145.1 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 133.2 (C), 131.9 (CH), 130.3 (C), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.7 (2 CH), 124.1 (CH). **IR (neat):**  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3405 (br w), 3218 (br w), 3056 (br w), 1632 (m), 1611 (m), 1592 (s), 1422 (m), 1294 (s), 1142 (m), 1067 (m), 1024 (m), 954 (w), 693 (s), 595 (m), 505 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>2</sup>.

***N'*-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-4-(trifluoromethyl) benzohydrazide (1e):**



Chemical Formula:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   
Exact Mass: 322.0929

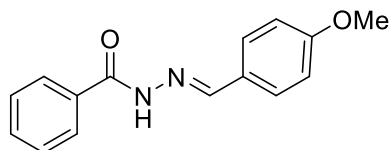
**Yield:** 92% (893 mg, 2.77 mmol).

**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS (QTOF)**  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ : 323.1002, found: 323.1004.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)**  $\delta$  11.91 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)**  $\delta$  161.8 (C), 161.0 (C), 148.6 (CH), 137.4 (C), 131.5 (q,  $J = 33$  Hz, C), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 126.7 (C), 125.5 (q,  $J = 4$  Hz, 2 CH), 123.9 (q,  $J = 271$  Hz, C), 114.4 (2 CH), 55.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 470 Hz)**  $\delta$  -61.40. **IR (neat):**  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3168 (br w), 3019 (w), 1643 (m), 1597 (m), 1313 (m), 1258 (m), 1165 (s), 1111 (s), 1017 (m), 915 (m), 823 (s), 685 (s), 534 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>3</sup>.

***N'*-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)benzohydrazide (1f):**



Chemical Formula:  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   
Exact Mass: 254.1055

**Yield:** 64% (481 mg, 1.89 mmol).

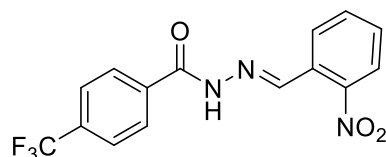
**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS (QTOF)**  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ : 255.1128, found: 255.1132.



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 11.71 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 163.0 (C), 160.9 (C), 147.7 (CH), 133.6 (C), 131.6 (CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.6 (2 CH), 126.9 (C), 114.4 (2 CH), 55.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3199 (br w), 3023 (w), 1639 (s), 1603 (m), 1548 (m), 1509 (m), 1283 (m), 1253 (s), 1166 (m), 1023 (s), 831 (s), 695 (s), 664 (s), 606 (m), 534 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>4</sup>.

***N'*-(2-Nitrobenzylidene)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzohydrazide (1g):**



Chemical Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
Exact Mass: 337.0674

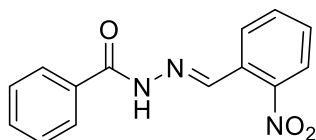
**Yield:** 68% (692 mg, 2.05 mmol).

**Appearance:** Yellow solid.

**HR-MS (QTOF)** *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>: 338.0747, found: 338.0747.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 12.39 (s, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 162.2 (C), 148.3 (C), 143.9 (CH), 136.8 (C), 133.8 (CH), 131.8 (q, *J* = 32 Hz, C), 130.9 (CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.6 (C), 128.1 (CH), 125.5 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 124.7 (CH), 123.9 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 376 Hz)** δ -61.40. **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3193 (br w), 3056 (br w), 1653 (m), 1551 (m), 1522 (m), 1323 (s), 1161 (m), 1111 (s), 1063 (s), 859 (m), 743 (m), 685 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>5</sup>.

***N'*-(2-Nitrobenzylidene)benzohydrazide (1h):**



Chemical Formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
Exact Mass: 269.0800

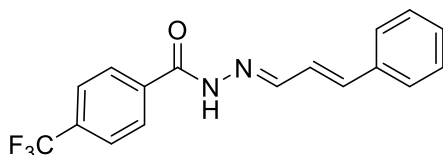
**Yield:** 77% (625 mg, 2.32 mmol).

**Appearance:** Yellow solid.

**HR-MS (QTOF)** *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>: 270.0873, found: 270.0874.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 163.8 (C), 148.7 (C), 143.3 (CH), 134.2 (CH), 133.2 (C), 132.5 (CH), 131.1 (CH), 129.2 (C), 129.0 (2 CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.2 (2 CH), 125.1 (CH). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3155 (br w), 3002 (br w), 1643 (s), 1557 (m), 1522 (s), 1342 (s), 1290 (m), 1150 (m), 1068 (m), 917 (m), 858 (m), 737 (m), 672 (s), 522 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>3</sup>.

***N'*-((1*E*,2*E*)-3-Phenylallylidene)-4-(trifluoromethyl) benzohydrazide (1i):**



Chemical Formula: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O  
Exact Mass: 318.0980

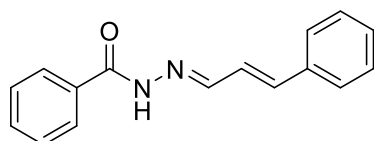
**Yield:** 84% (806 mg, 2.53 mmol)

**Appearance:** Off white solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}F_3N_2O^+$ : 319.1053, found: 319.1058.

**$^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)**  $\delta$  11.93 (s, 1H), 8.25 (dd,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)**  $\delta$  161.9 (C), 150.6 (CH), 139.7 (CH), 137.3 (C), 135.9 (C), 131.5 (q,  $J$  = 32 Hz, C), 129.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (2 CH), 127.2 (2 CH), 125.50 (2 CH), 125.48 (q,  $J$  = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 123.9 (q,  $J$  = 271 Hz, C).  **$^{19}F$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 376 Hz)**  $\delta$  -61.40. **IR (neat)**:  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 3254 (w), 1656 (m), 1623 (m), 1546 (m), 1321 (m), 1126 (s), 1046 (m), 992 (m), 858 (m), 747 (m), 691 (m), 653 (m), 507 (m).

***N'*-((1*E*,2*E*)-3-Phenylallylidene)benzohydrazide (1j):**



**Yield:** 66% (498 mg, 1.99 mmol).

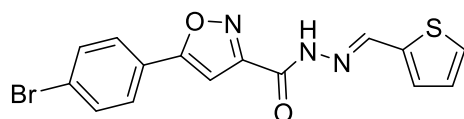
**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}N_2O^+$ : 251.1179, found: 251.1183.

Chemical Formula:  $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O$   
Exact Mass: 250.1106

**$^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)**  $\delta$  11.75 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)**  $\delta$  163.0 (C), 149.8 (CH), 139.0 (CH), 135.9 (C), 133.4 (C), 131.7 (CH), 128.8 (3 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 127.6 (2 CH), 127.1 (2 CH), 125.7 (CH). **IR (neat)**:  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 3255 (br w), 1643 (m), 1622 (m), 1536 (s), 1488 (m), 1368 (m), 1277 (s), 1132 (m), 1048 (m), 983 (s), 949 (m), 900 (m), 746 (m), 688 (m), 639 (m), 507 (m).

**5-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N'*-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)isoxazole-3-carbohydrazide (1m):**



**Yield:** 94% (353 mg, 0.94 mmol).

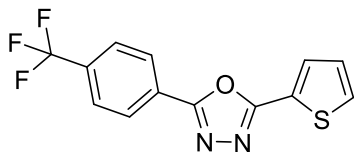
**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}BrN_3O_2S^+$ : 375.9750, found: 375.9571.

Chemical Formula:  $C_{15}H_{10}BrN_3O_2S$   
Exact Mass: 374.9677

**$^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)**  $\delta$  8.70 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J$  = 3.6, 1.4 Hz).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  169.5 (C), 158.9 (C), 154.7 (C), 144.7 (CH), 138.6 (C), 132.4 (2 CH), 131.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.8 (2 CH), 125.3 (C), 124.5 (C), 100.9 (CH). **IR (neat)**:  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 3366 (m), 3210 (w), 1668 (m), 1592 (m), 1557 (s), 1444 (m), 1315 (m), 1239 (s), 1044 (m), 915 (m), 872 (s), 753 (s), 710 (s), 542 (m), 424 (m).

### 2-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2a):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS  
Exact Mass: 296.0231

**Yield:** 89% (266 mg, 89%)

**Appearance:** Pale yellow crystalline solid.

**Melting range:** 135-138°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

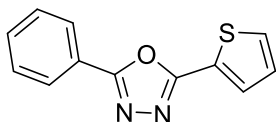
**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.38 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NOS<sup>+</sup> 297.0304;

Found 297.0301.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 162.9 (C), 161.5 (C), 133.4 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 130.8 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.3 (2 CH), 126.6 (C), 125.8 (q, *J* = 3 Hz, 2 CH), 124.5 (C), 123.3 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 Hz)** δ -63.11 (CF<sub>3</sub>). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3121 (w), 1584 (m), 1558 (m), 1489 (m), 1323 (m), 1154 (m), 1108 (s), 1062 (s), 1016 (m), 846 (s), 714 (s), 693 (m), 474 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>6</sup>.

### 2-Phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2b):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS  
Exact Mass: 228.0357

**Yield:** 86% (197 mg, 0.86 mmol)

**Appearance:** Pale yellow crystalline solid.

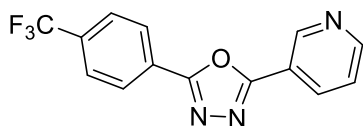
**Melting range:** 118-120°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.35 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup>: 229.0430, found: 229.0432.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.10 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 164.0 (C), 160.9 (C), 131.8 (2 CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 126.9 (2 CH), 125.2 (C), 123.7 (C). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3105 (w), 1584 (m), 1548 (m), 1484 (m), 1446 (m), 1271 (w), 1060 (m), 1024 (m), 843 (m), 715 (s), 684 (s), 506 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>7</sup>.

### 2-(Pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2c):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O  
Exact Mass: 291.0619

**Yield:** 93% (272 mg, 0.93 mmol).

**Appearance:** White crystalline solid.

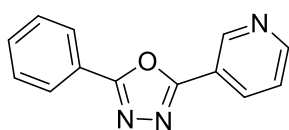
**Melting range:** 165-167°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.20 (2% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 292.0692, found: 292.0694.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.43 – 8.39 (m, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 164.0 (C), 163.2 (C), 152.8 (CH), 148.0 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.7 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 127.5 (2 CH), 126.8 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, C), 126.3 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.6 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C), 120.2 (C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 Hz)** δ -63.17. **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3065 (w), 1600 (m), 1558 (m), 1483 (m), 1410 (m), 1324 (m), 1152 (m), 1108 (s), 1064 (m), 965 (m), 845 (s), 696 (s), 593 (m), 472 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>8</sup>. **Crystal data (CCDC-2129202):** C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O, f.w. 291.23, T = 103 K, triclinic, space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n* (14), *a* 27.8276(3) Å, *b* 6.02750(10) Å, *c* 7.72790(10) Å, α = 90°, β = 109.1900(10)°, γ = 90°, V = 1224.18 Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, Dx = 1.580 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, R-factor (%) 3.1.

## 2-Phenyl-5-(pyridine-3-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2d):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O

Exact Mass: 223.0746

**Yield:** 77% (171 mg, 0.77 mmol).

**Appearance:** Off-white crystalline solid.

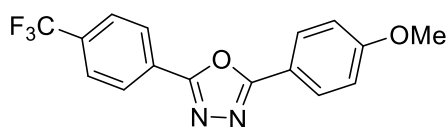
**Melting range:** 116-118°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.19 (2% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**HR-MS (QTOF) m/z:** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 224.0818, found: 224.0820.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)** δ 9.32 (dd, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)** δ 165.1 (C), 162.5 (C), 152.5 (CH), 147.9 (CH), 134.2 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 127.1 (2 CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.5 (C), 120.5 (C). **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3059 (w), 1599 (m), 1552 (m), 1479 (m), 1449 (m), 1411 (m), 1269 (w), 1067 (m), 1019 (m), 992 (m), 813 (m), 719 (s), 684 (s), 503 (w). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>9</sup>.

## 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2e):



Chemical Formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Exact Mass: 320.0773

**Yield:** 84% (268 mg, 0.84 mmol).

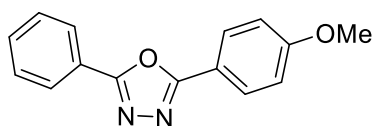
**Appearance:** White solid.

**Melting range:** 161-163°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.29 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

**HR-MS (QTOF) m/z:** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 321.0845, found: 321.0844.

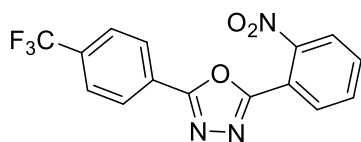
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)** δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.09 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)** δ 165.2 (C), 163.1 (C), 162.8 (C), 133.2 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 129.0 (2 CH), 127.4 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 127.2 (2 CH), 126.2 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2CH), 116.1 (C), 114.7 (2 CH), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 Hz)** δ -63.08. **IR (neat):** ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3016 (w), 1610 (m), 1494 (m), 1322 (m), 1249 (m), 1164 (m), 1103 (s), 1062 (m), 1027 (m), 967 (m), 844 (s), 705 (m), 618 (m), 521 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>10</sup>.

**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2f):****Yield:** 83% (160 mg, 0.63 mmol).**Appearance:** Whitesolid.**Melting range:** 150-152°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).Chemical Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Exact Mass: 252.0899

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.28 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 253.0972, found: 253.0972.

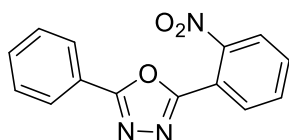
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.13 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 8.08 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 164.7 (C), 164.3 (C), 162.5 (C), 131.6 (CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 128.8 (2 CH), 126.9 (2 CH), 124.2 (C), 116.6 (C), 114.6 (2 CH), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **IR** (neat): ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3011 (w), 1614 (m), 1552 (m), 1500 (s), 1313 (m), 1261 (s), 1015 (s), 960 (m), 831 (s), 737 (s), 683 (s), 521 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>11</sup>.

**2-(2-Nitrophenyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2g):****Yield:** 77% (135 mg, 0.40 mmol).**Appearance:** White solid.**Melting range:** 168-170°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).Chemical Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Exact Mass: 335.0518

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.22 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>: 336.0591, found: 336.0596.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.10 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 164.5 (C), 162.0 (C), 148.4 (C), 133.9 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 133.4 (CH), 133.0 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 127.6 (2 CH), 126.7 (q, *J* = 1 Hz, C), 126.4 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 125.0 (CH), 123.6 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C), 118.5 (C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 Hz) δ -63.19. **IR** (neat): ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3106 (w), 1555 (m), 1525 (s), 1415 (m), 1347 (m), 1320 (s), 1162 (m), 1109 (s), 1064 (s), 1012 (m), 849 (m), 729 (m), 693 (m), 596 (m), 478 (m).

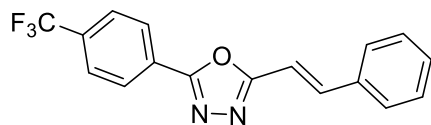
**2-(2-Nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2h):****Yield:** 85% (226 mg, 0.85 mmol)**Appearance:** White solid.**Melting range:** 121-123°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).Chemical Formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Exact Mass: 267.0644

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.23 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>: 268.0717, found: 268.0719.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 4H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 165.9 (C), 161.4 (C), 148.4 (C), 133.2 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 129.3 (2 CH), 127.2 (2 CH), 124.8 (CH), 123.4 (C), 118.7 (C). **IR** (neat): ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3093 (w), 1520 (s), 1446 (m), 1350 (s), 1253 (m), 1062 (m), 962 (m), 854 (m), 789 (m), 720 (s), 684 (s), 490 (w). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>12</sup>.

**(E)-2-Styryl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2i):**



Chemical Formula: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

Exact Mass: 316.0823

**Yield:** 85% (267 mg, 0.85 mmol)

**Appearance:** White solid.

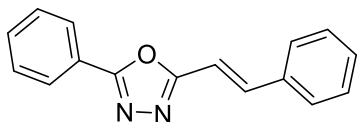
**Melting range:** 155-157°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.31 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>:317.0896, found: 317.0897.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 139.8 (CH), 137.3 (C), 134.7 (C), 133.4 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C), 130.4 (CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 127.7 (2 CH), 127.4 (2 CH), 126.3 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 CH), 123.7 (q, *J* = 271 Hz, C), 109.8 (CH). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 Hz) δ -63.09. **IR** (neat): ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3066 (w), 1644 (m), 1519 (m), 1326 (s), 1167 (m), 1109 (s), 1065 (s), 975 (m), 848 (s), 757 (s), 691 (s), 597 (m), 510 (m), 462 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>8</sup>.

**(E)-2-Phenyl-5-styryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2j):**



Chemical Formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

Exact Mass: 248.0950

**Yield:** 70% (174 mg, 0.70 mmol).

**Appearance:** Yellow crystalline solid.

**Melting range:** 128-129°C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.36 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

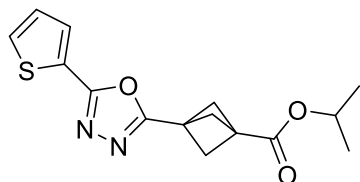
**HR-MS** (QTOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>:249.1022, found: 249.1023.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.13 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 164.4 (C), 164.2 (C), 139.1 (CH), 134.9 (C), 131.9 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 129.22 (2 CH), 129.18 (2 CH), 127.7 (2 CH), 127.1 (2 CH), 124.0 (C), 110.2 (CH). **IR** (neat): ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3062 (w), 1644 (m), 1545 (m), 1523 (m), 1488 (m), 1446 (m), 1270 (w), 1014 (m), 970 (m), 758 (s), 686 (s), 584 (m), 502 (m). Data is consistent with that previously reported <sup>11</sup>. **Crystal data** (CCDC-2129203): C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, f.w. 248.10, T = 100.3 K, triclinic, space group *Pbcn* (60), *a* 11.2646(2) *b* 11.4951(2) *c* 19.4343(3), Å, α = 90, β = 90, γ = 90°, V = 2516.5 Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 8, Dx = 1.311 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, R-factor (%) 4.56.

**Isopropyl 3-(5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylate (2k):**

**Experimental procedure:** To a solution of [1.1.1]propellane (**3**, 1 mmol, 0.2 M in diethyl ether/pentane) was added isopropyl 2-chloro-2-oxoacetate (**4**, 151 mg, 1 mmol) and acetone (2 drops). The mixture was pumped through a Vapourtec E-Series UV-150 photochemical reactor (medium pressure mercury lamp, 10 mL reactor volume) at a flow rate of 2 mL min<sup>-1</sup> (5 min residence time). The output was cooled to 0 °C and slowly added to a solution of hydrazine hydrate (15 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL, 3M). The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes before warming to room temperature for a further 1 hour. The reaction mixture was then washed with water (10 mL) and the aqueous phase was further extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL × 3). The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*

and the resulting residue was dissolved in EtOH (1 mL), to which 2-thiophene carboxaldehyde (0.6 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 2 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was treated according to general procedure 2.3.



Chemical Formula:  $C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_3S$   
Exact Mass: 304.0882

**Yield:** 9% (27 mg, 89  $\mu$ mol).

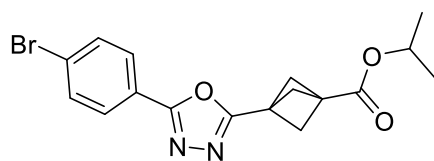
**Appearance:** Yellow amorphous solid.

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.21 (3:1 cyclohexane: ethyl acetate).

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{17}N_2O_3S^+$ : 305.0954, found: 305.0954.

**$^1H$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.74 (dd,  $J$  = 3.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 5.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (sept,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 6H), 1.26 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.5 (C=O), 163.1 (C), 161.2 (C), 130.3 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 125.2 (C), 68.6 (CH), 53.9 (3  $CH_2$ ), 39.8 (C), 32.2 (C), 21.9 (2  $CH_3$ ). **IR** (neat):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 3063 (w), 2978 (w), 1722 (s), 1567 (m), 1466 (w), 1374 (m), 1305 (m), 1205 (s), 1105 (s), 1012 (s), 847 (m), 729 (s), 541 (m), 458 (m).

#### Isopropyl 3-(5-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylate (2I):



Chemical Formula:  $C_{17}H_{17}BrN_2O_3$   
Exact Mass: 376.0423

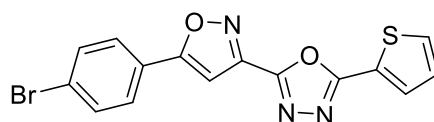
**Yield:** 7% (19 mg, 51  $\mu$ mol).

**Appearance:** White amorphous solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}BrN_2O_3^+$ : 377.0495, found: 377.0495.

**$^1H$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 5.03 (sept,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.27 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  168.5 (C=O), 164.3 (C), 163.9 (C), 132.6 (2 CH), 128.5 (2 CH), 126.6 (C), 122.9 (C), 68.7 (CH), 54.0 (3  $CH_2$ ), 39.9 (C), 32.3 (C), 21.9 (2  $CH_3$ ). **IR** (neat):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 2979 (w), 1722 (s), 1643 (m), 1478 (m), 1374 (m), 1319 (m), 1282 (s), 1103 (s), 1025 (m), 837 (m), 735 (m), 501 (m), 478 (m).

#### 2-(5-(4-Bromophenyl)isoxazol-3-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (2m):



Chemical Formula:  $C_{15}H_8BrN_3O_2S$   
Exact Mass: 372.9521

**Yield:** 8% (10 mg, 27  $\mu$ mol).

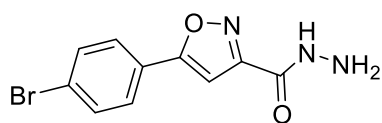
**Appearance:** White solid.

**HR-MS** (QTOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{15}H_9BrN_3O_2S^+$ : 373.9593, found: 373.9595.

**$^1H$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.94 (dd,  $J$  = 3.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  171.0 (C), 162.2 (C), 156.5 (C), 151.0 (C), 132.7 (2 CH), 131.5 (C), 131.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.7 (2 CH),

125.8 (C), 125.3 (C), 124.3 (C), 99.2 (CH). **IR (neat):**  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3105 (w), 2920 (w), 1614 (m), 1482 (m), 1399 (m), 1226 (m), 1066 (m), 1008 (m), 948 (m), 819 (s), 711 (s), 674 (m), 499 (m).

**5-(4-Bromophenyl)isoxazole-3-carbohydrazide (SI1):**



**Yield:** 86% (485 mg, 1.72 mmol).

**Appearance:** White solid.

Chemical Formula:  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2$   
Exact Mass: 280.9800

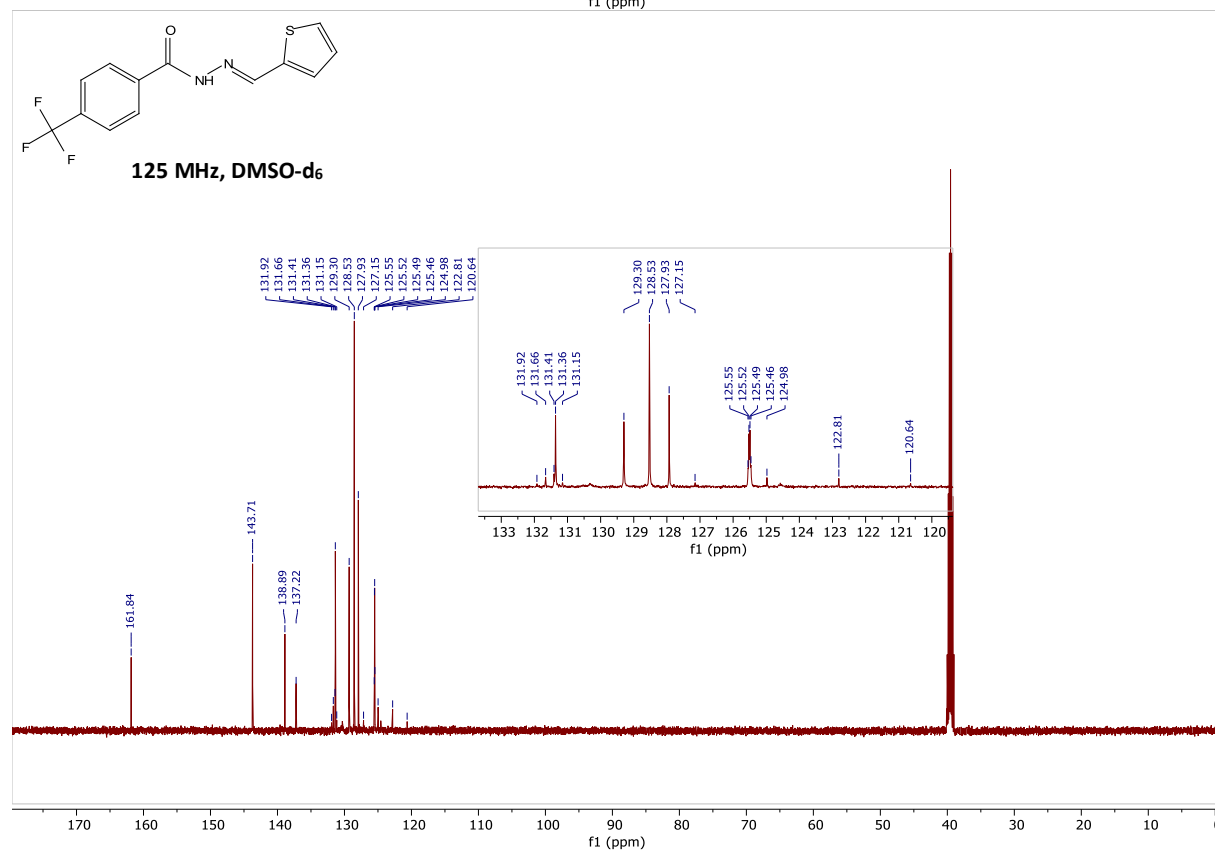
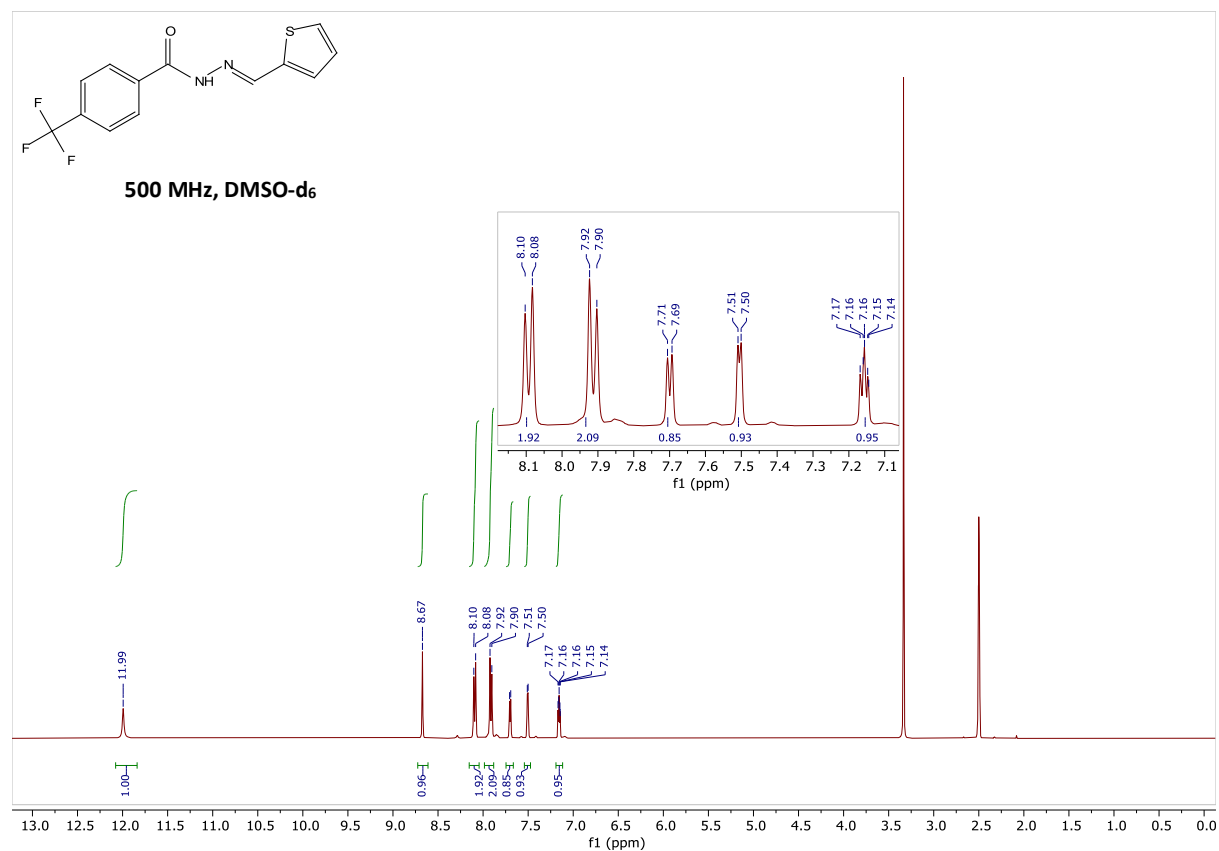
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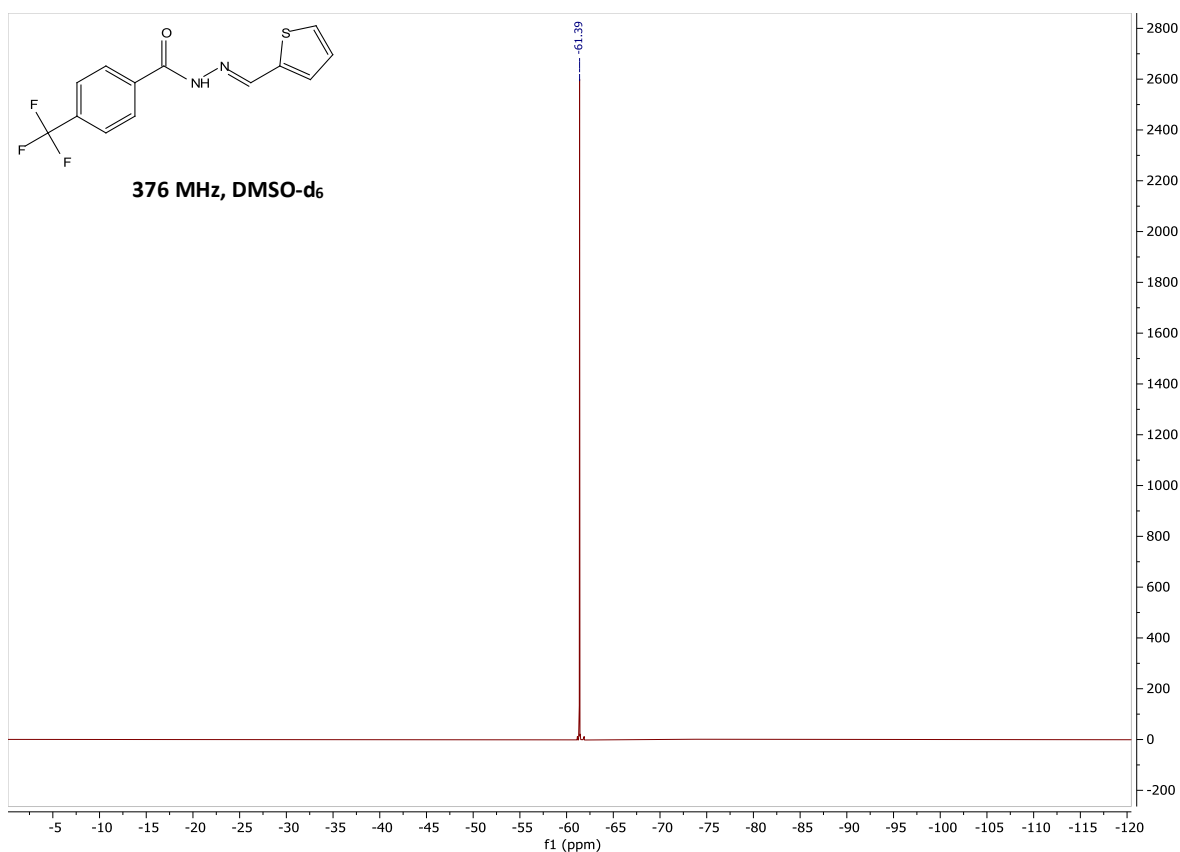
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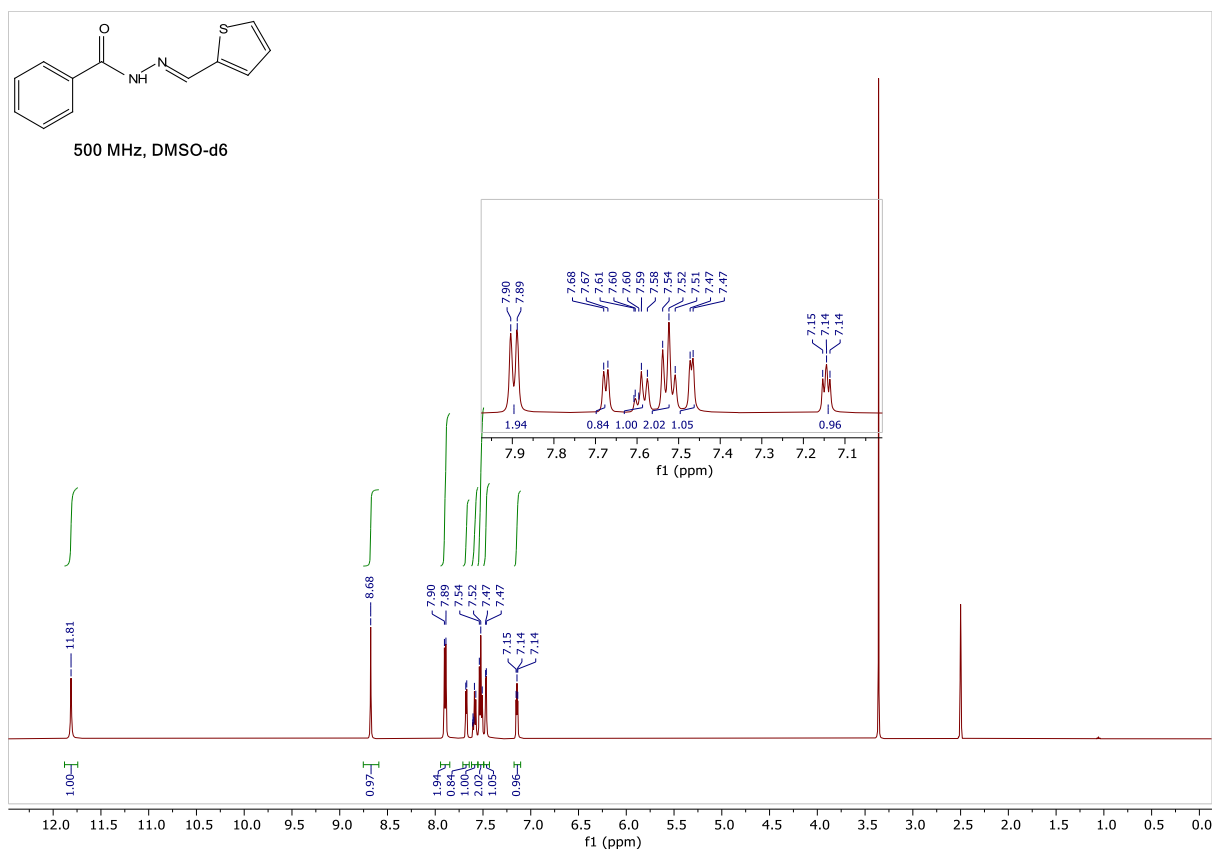
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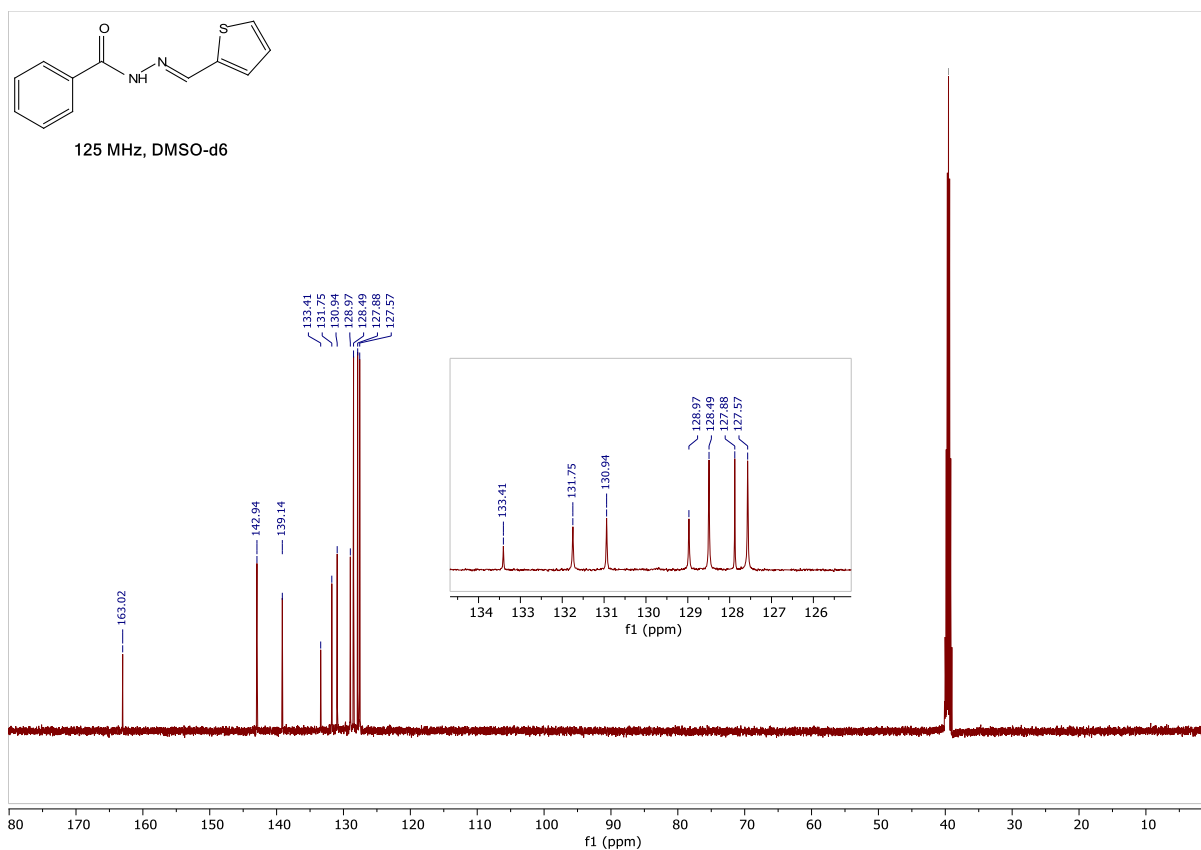
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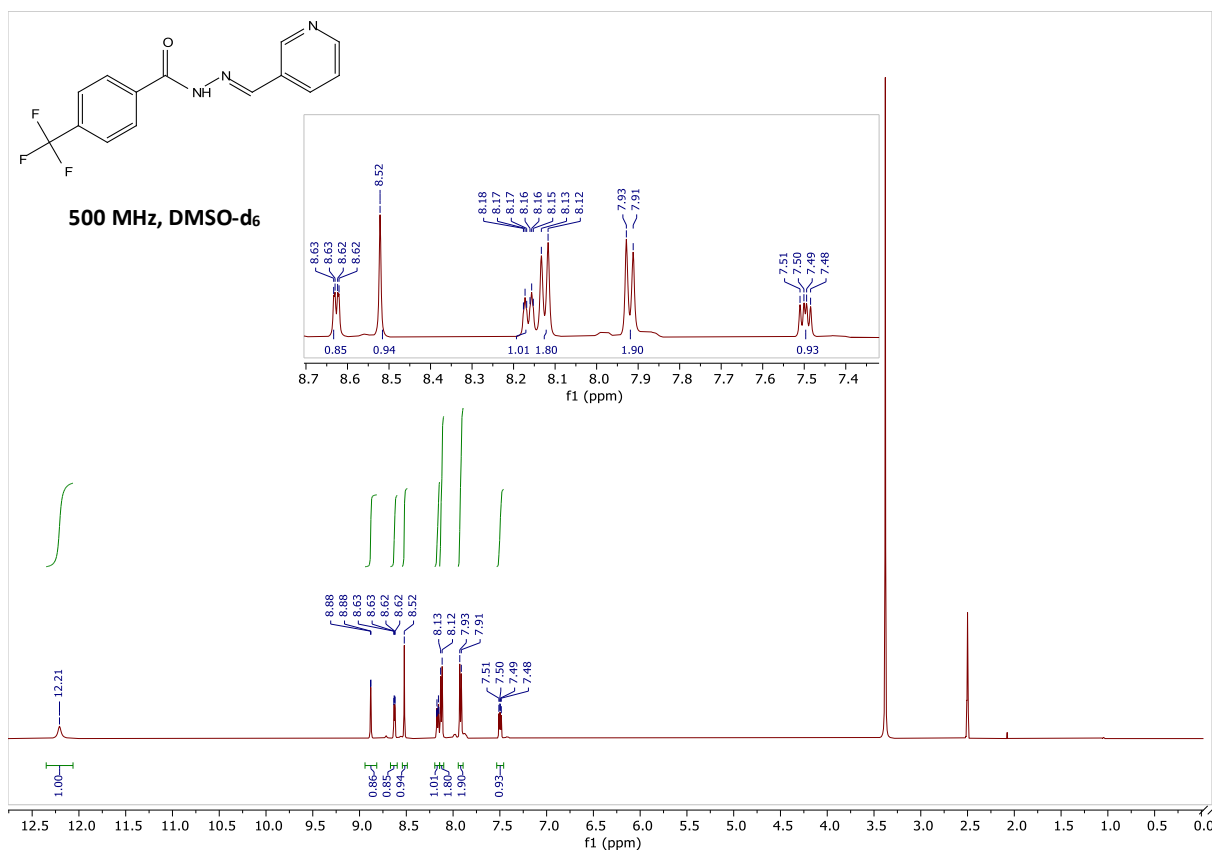


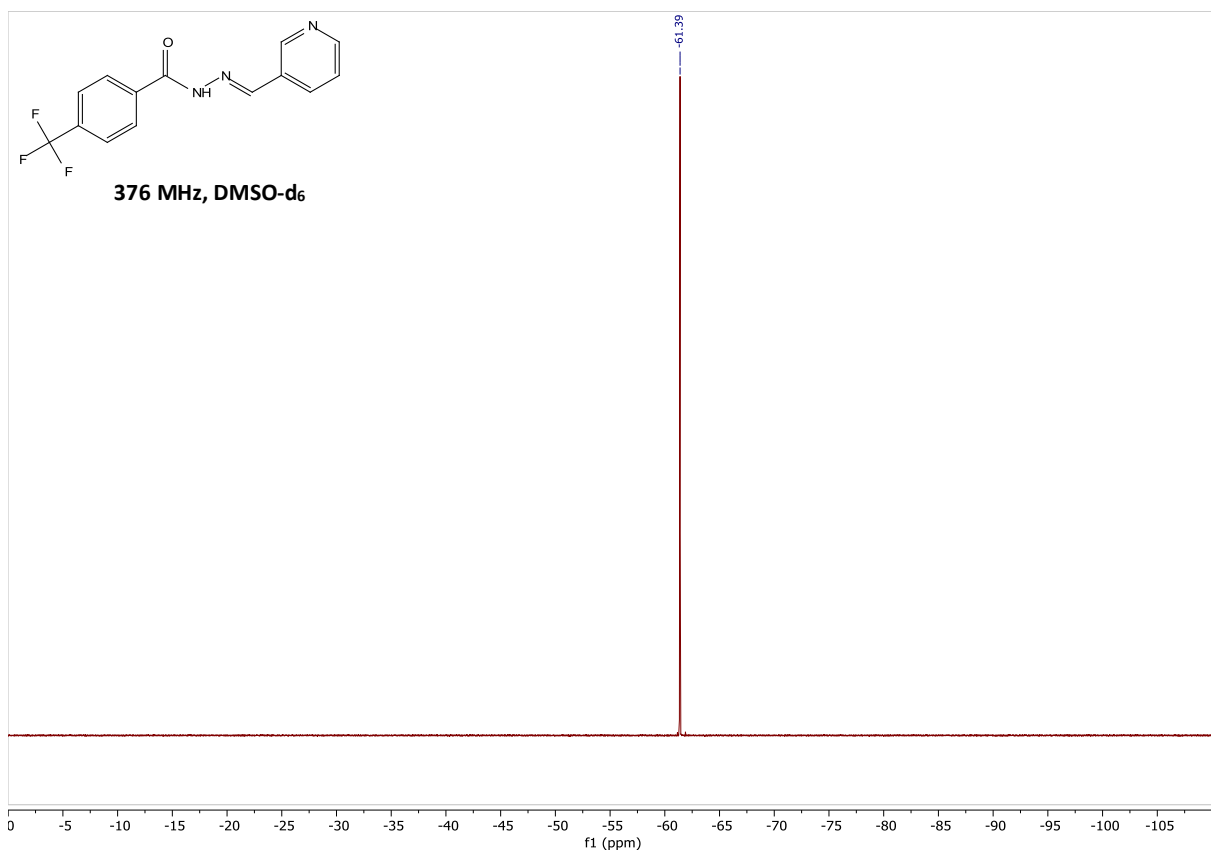
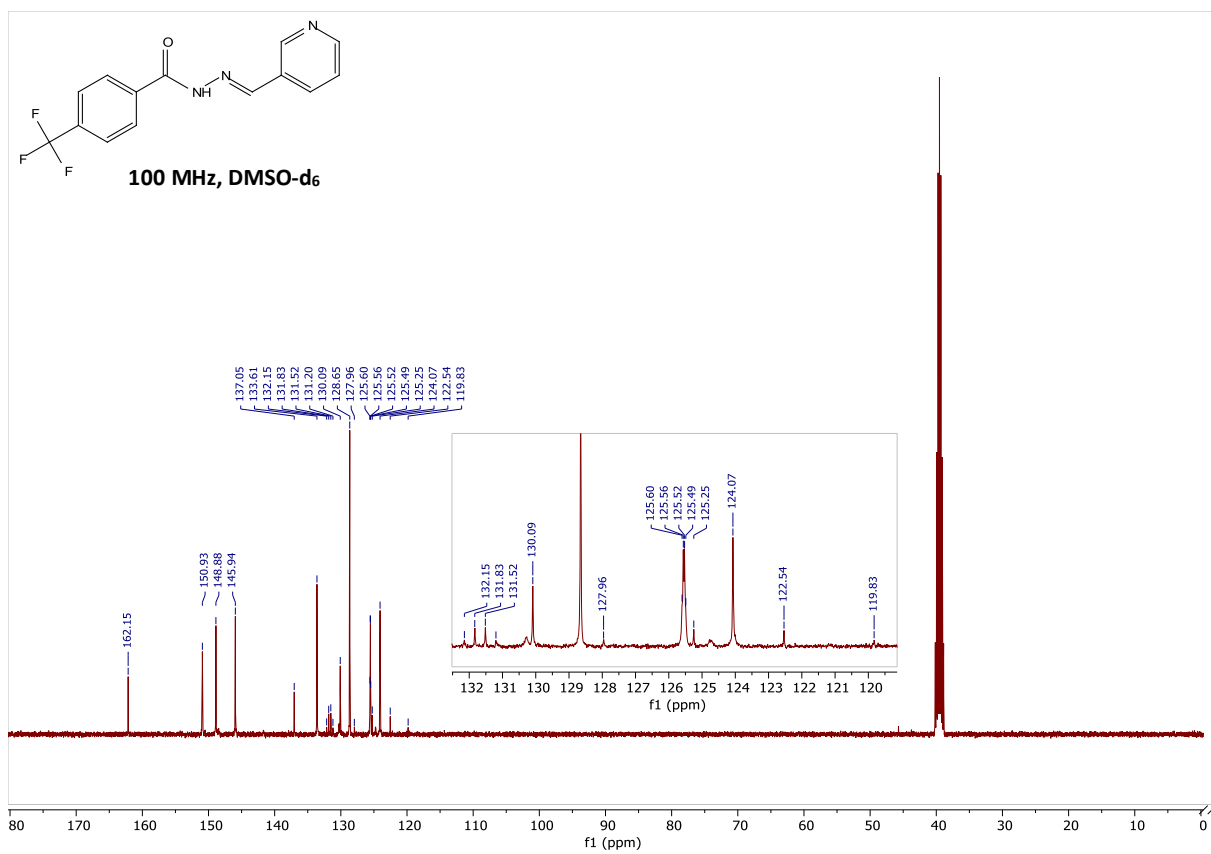
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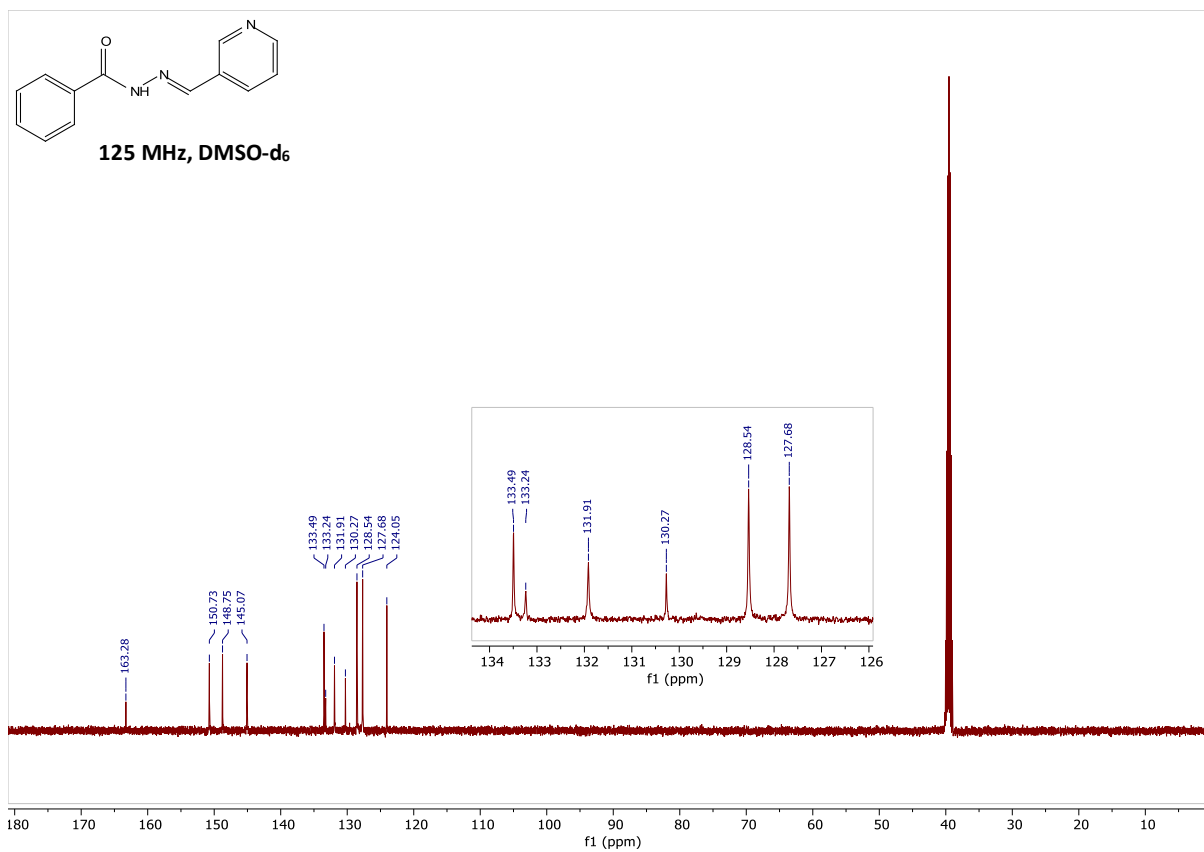
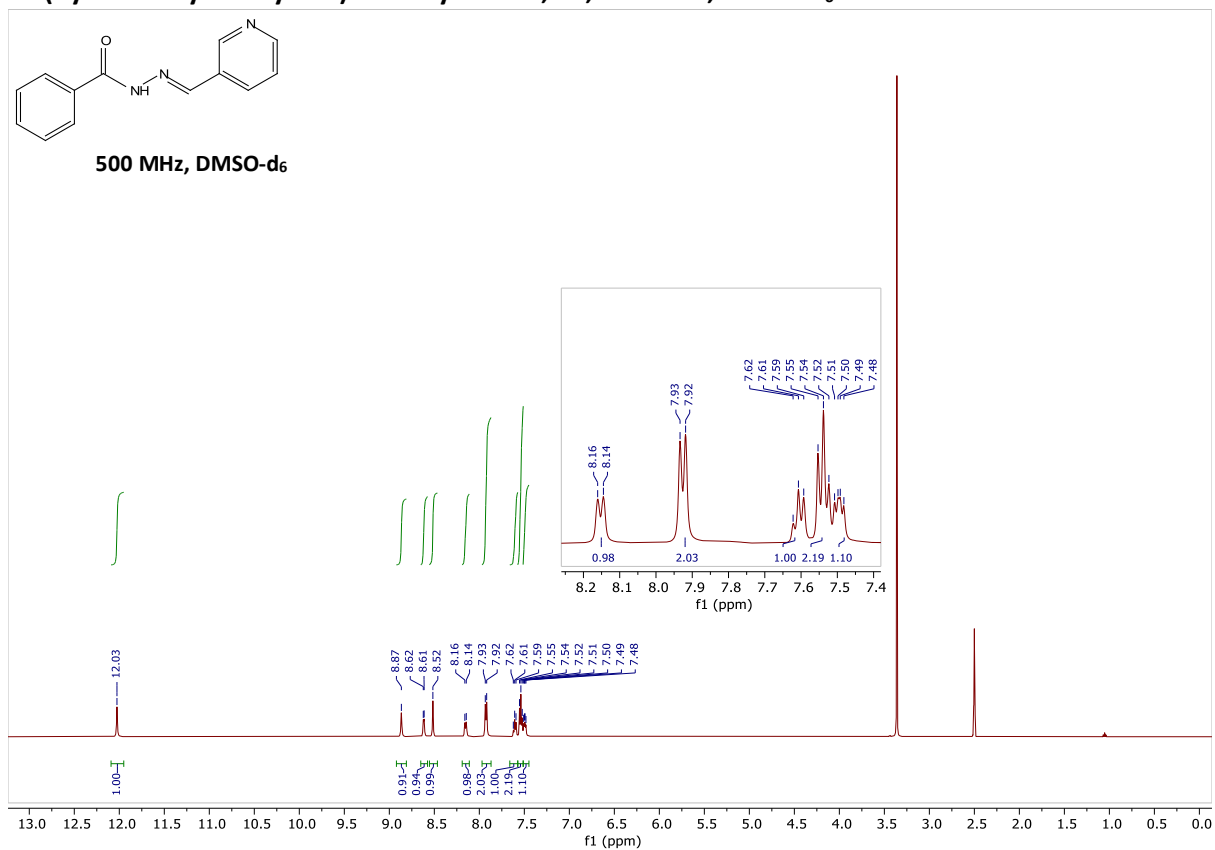


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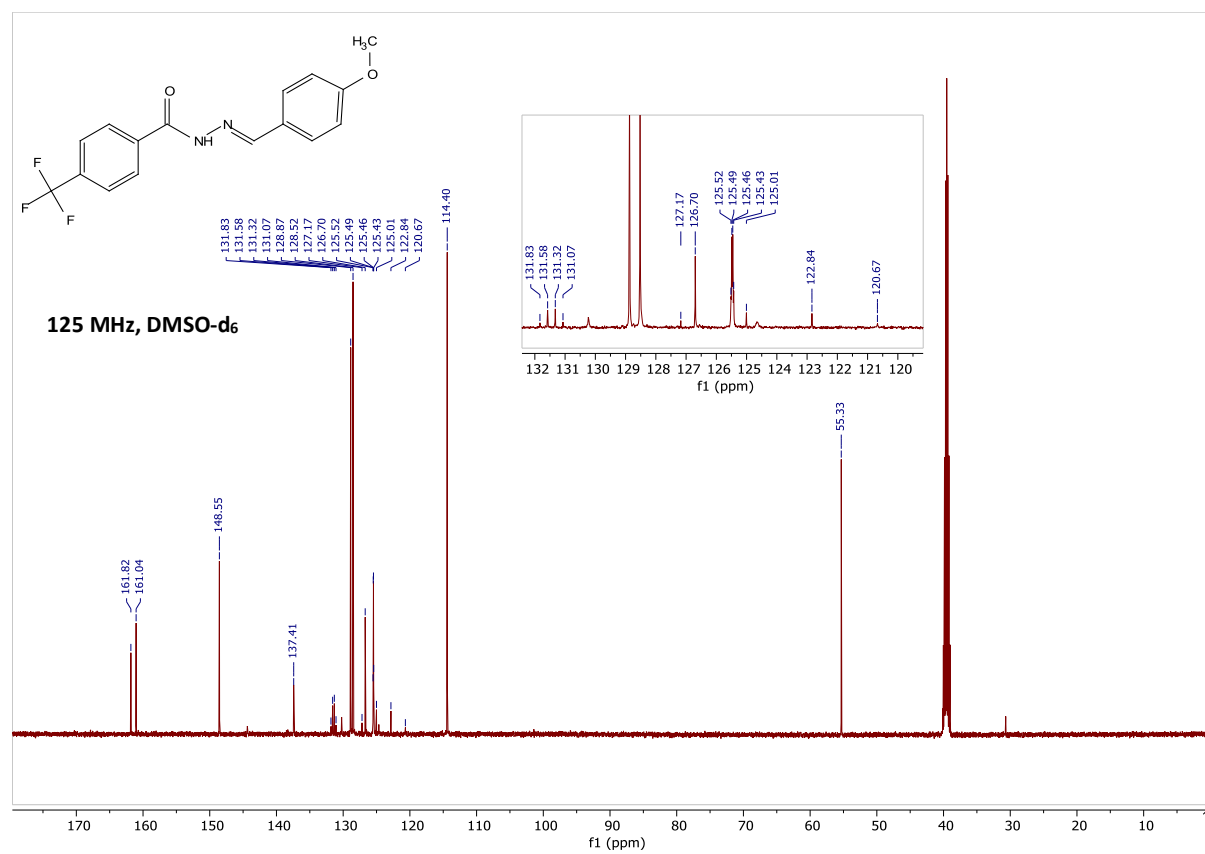
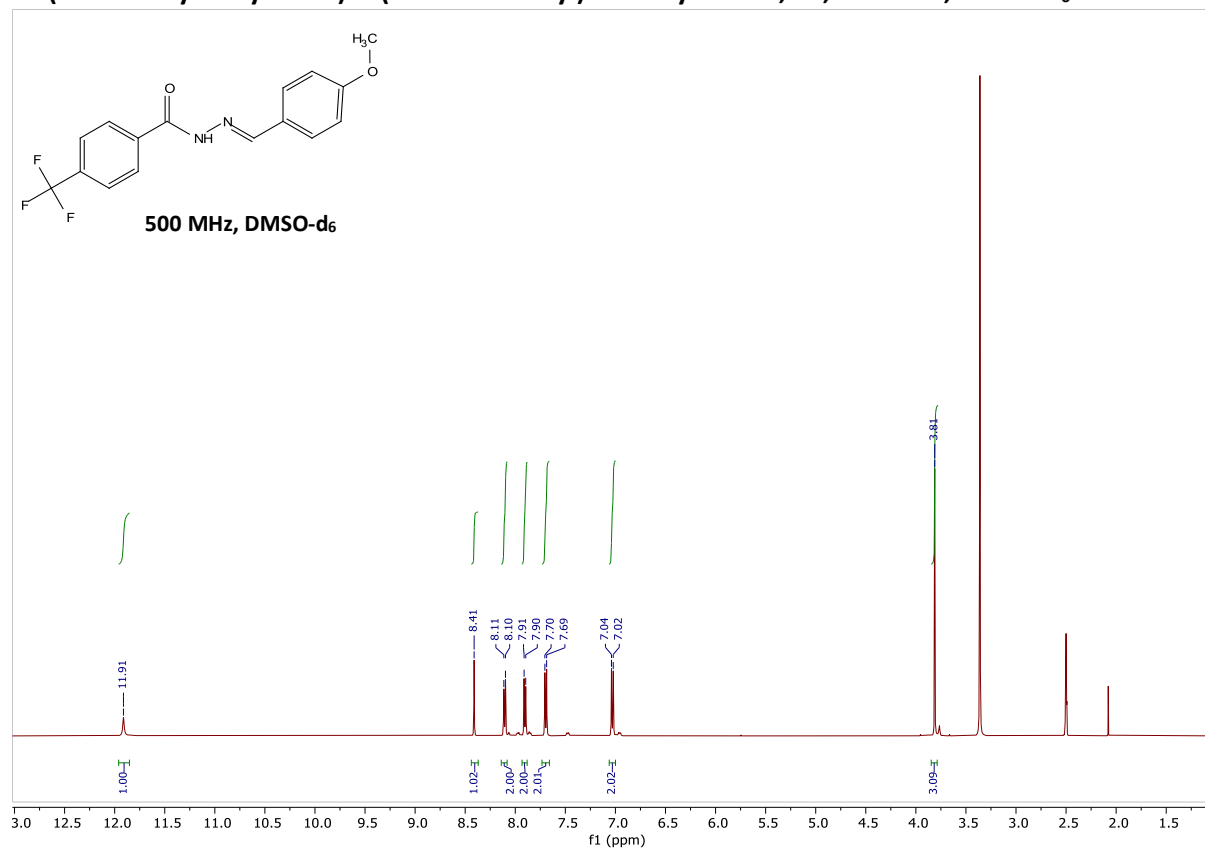


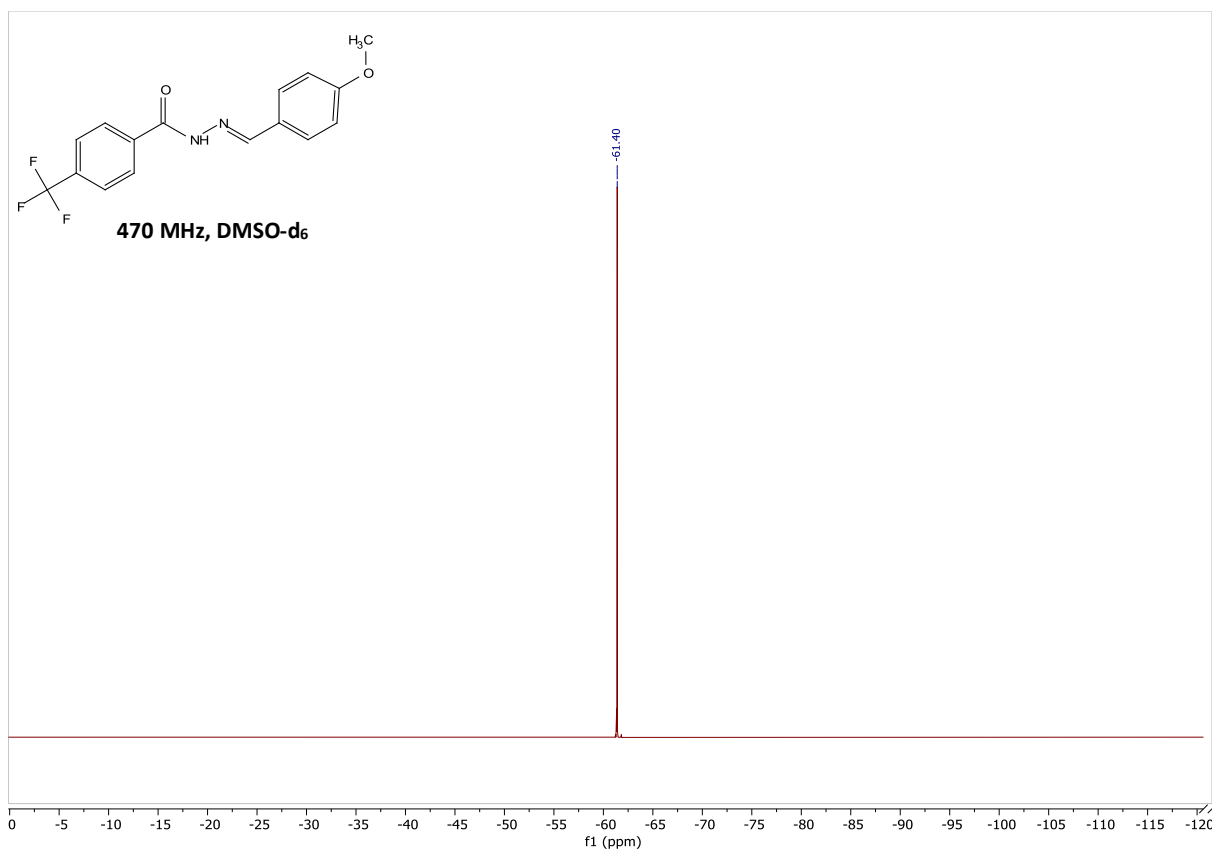


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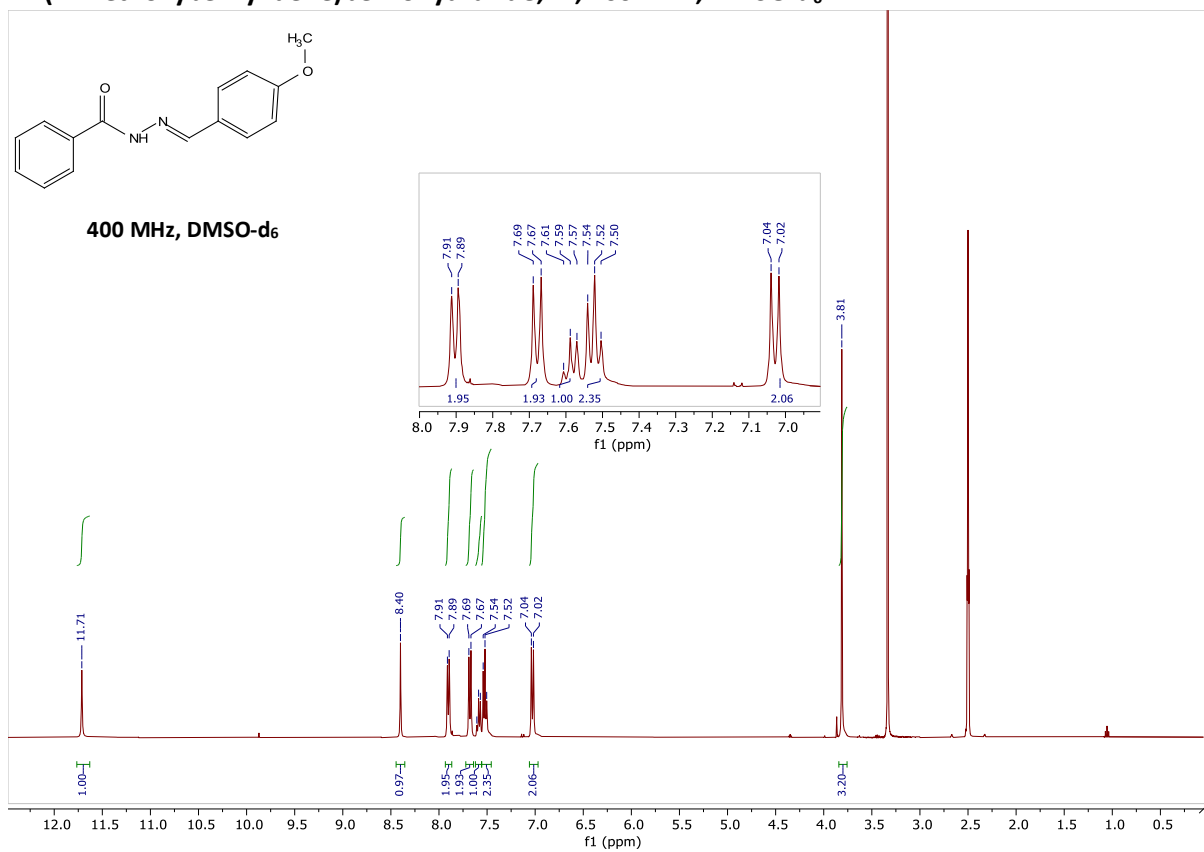


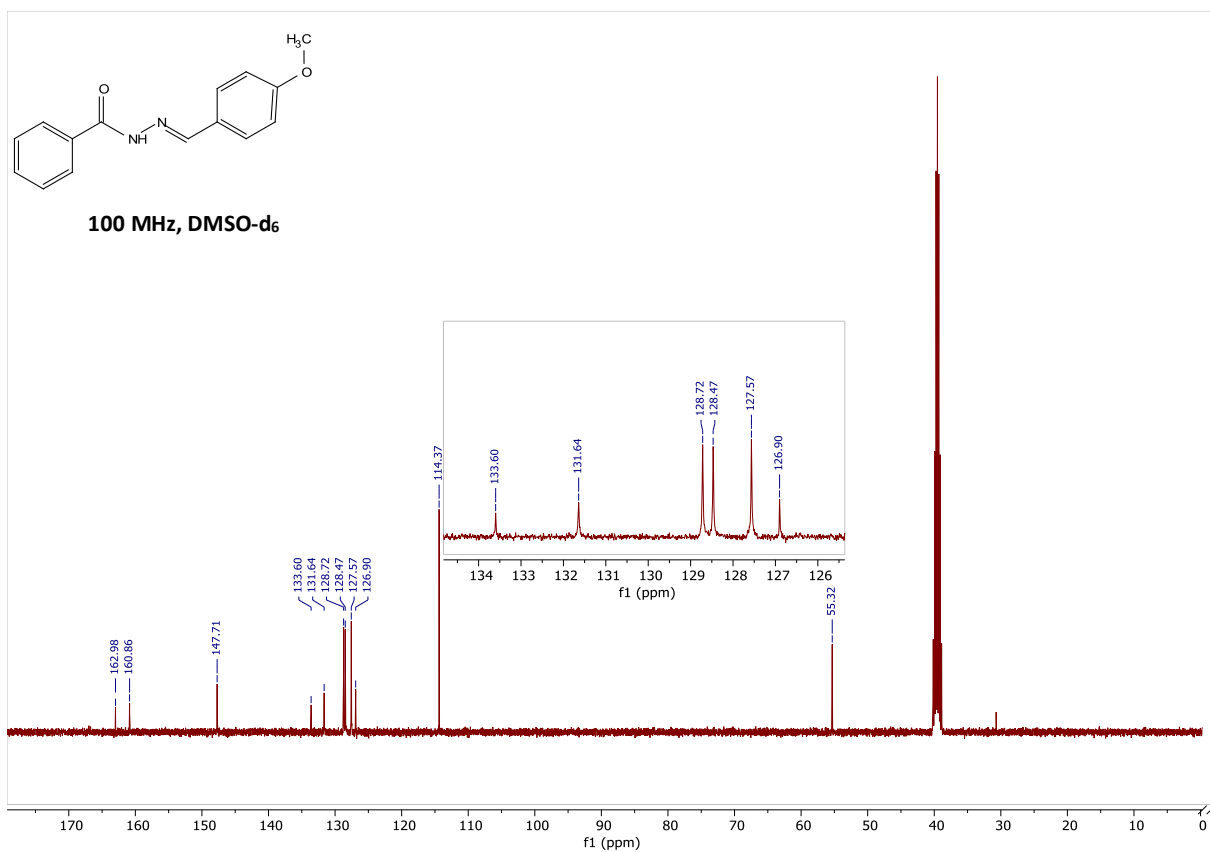
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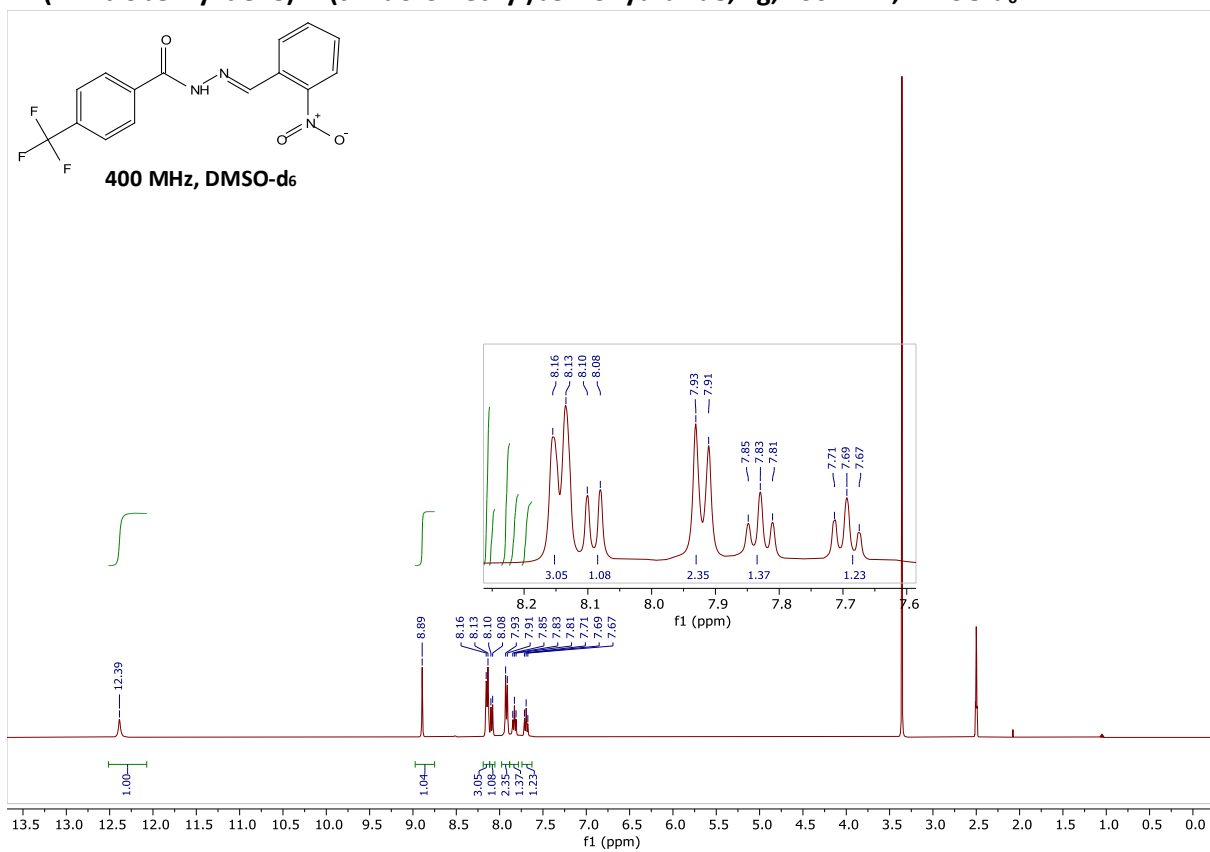


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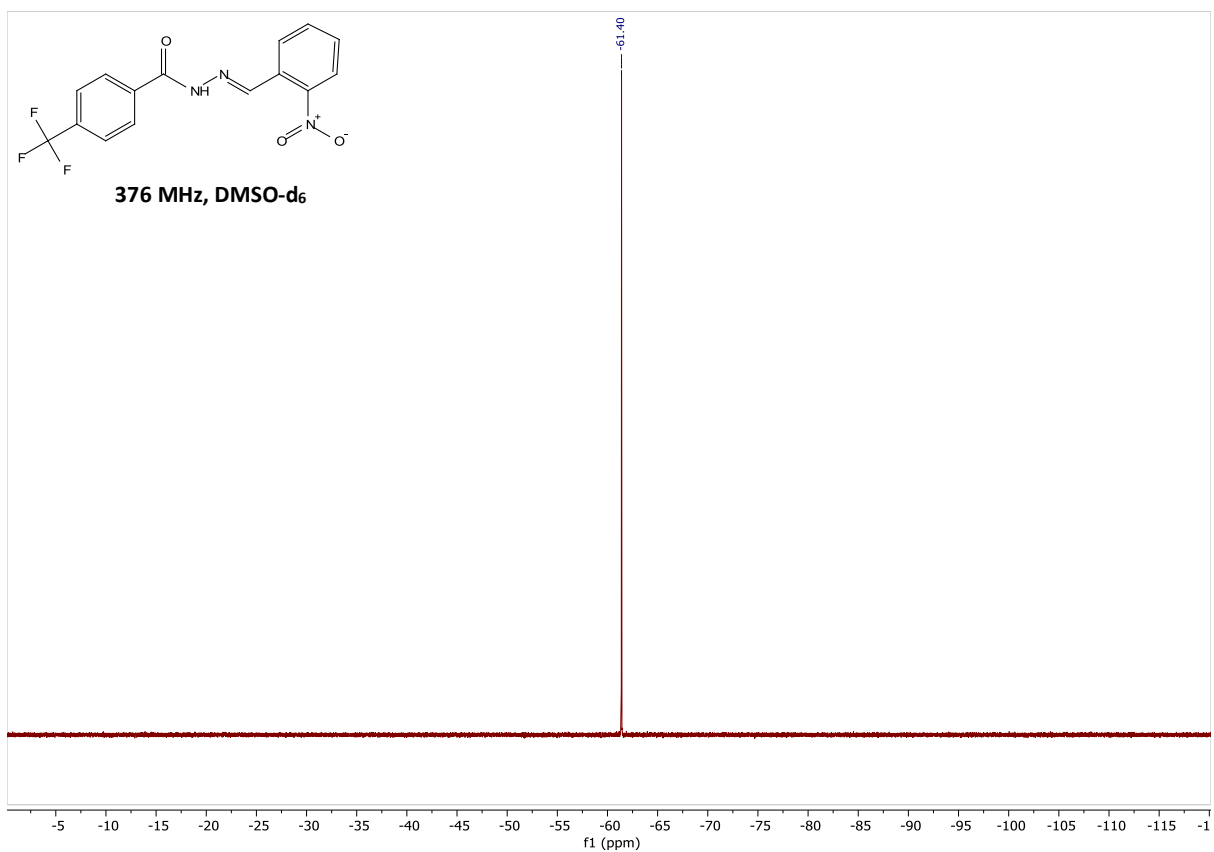
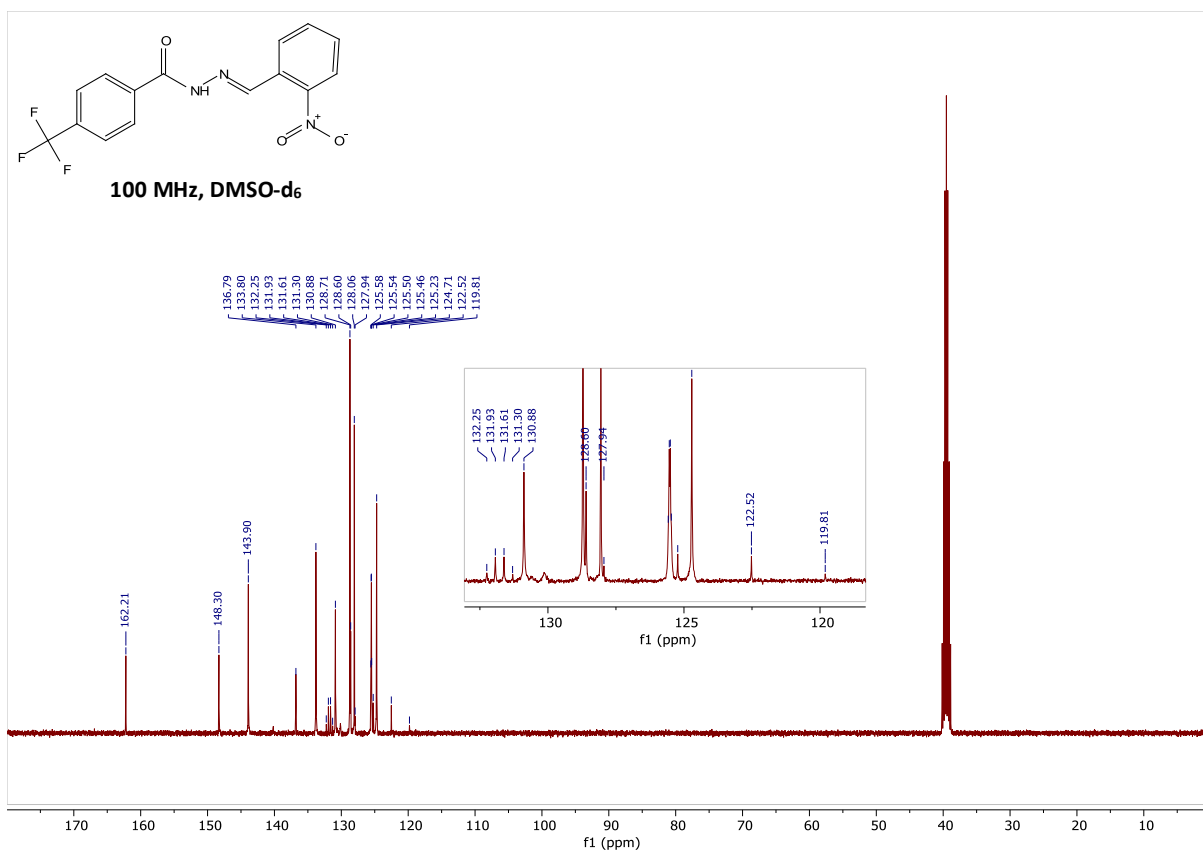




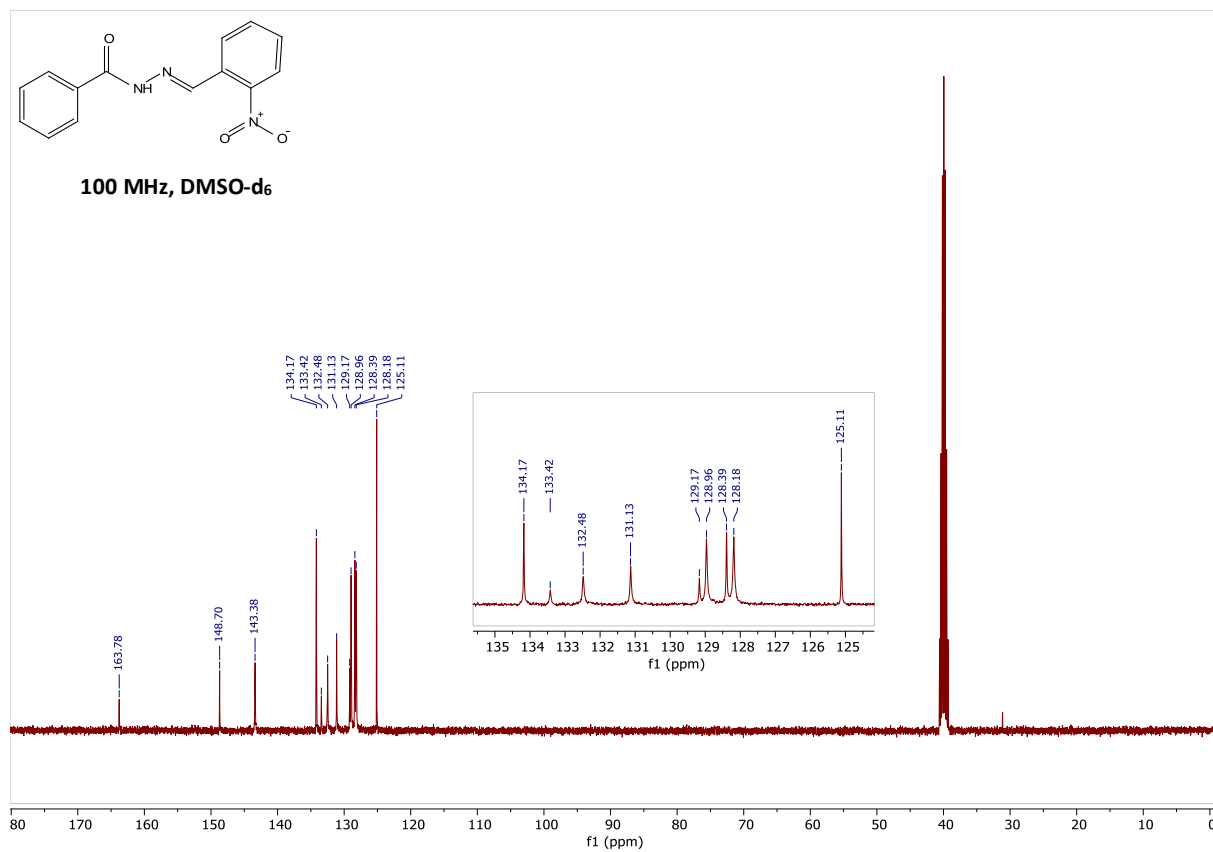
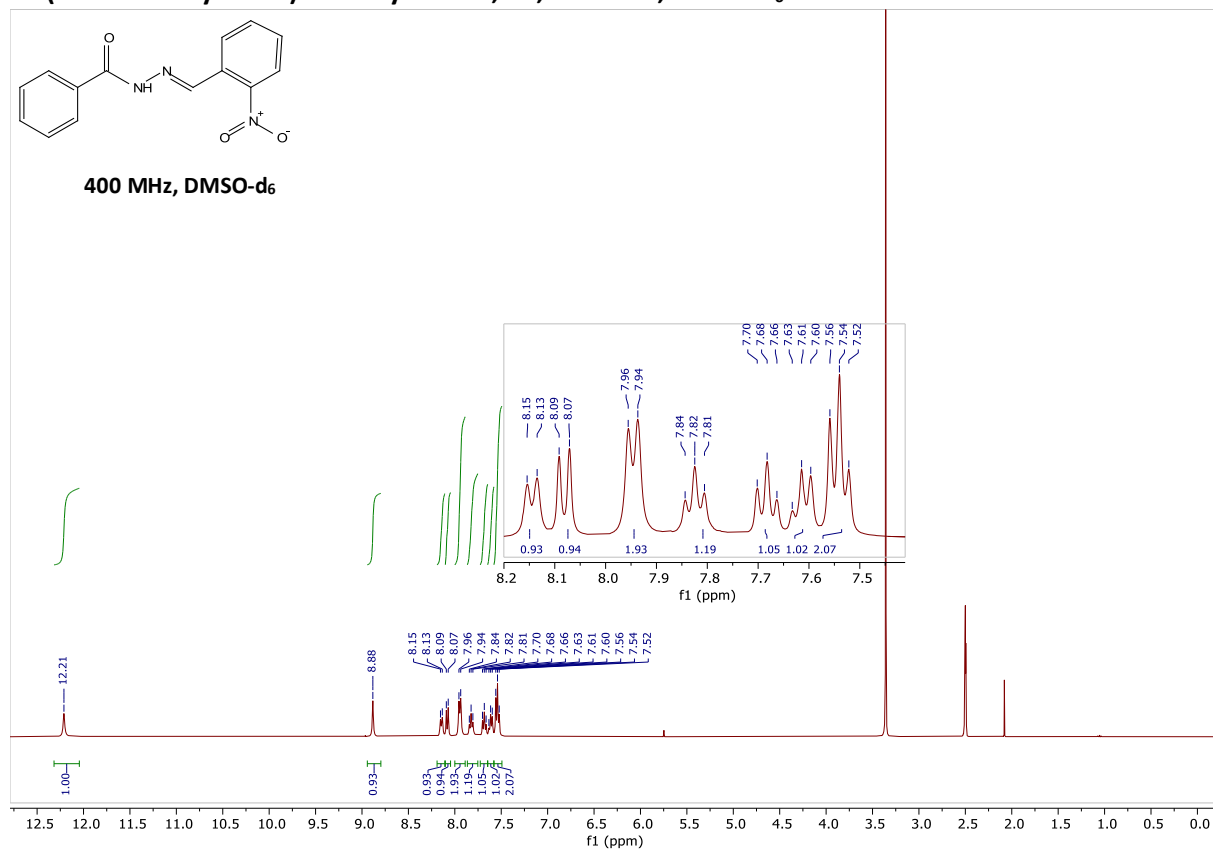
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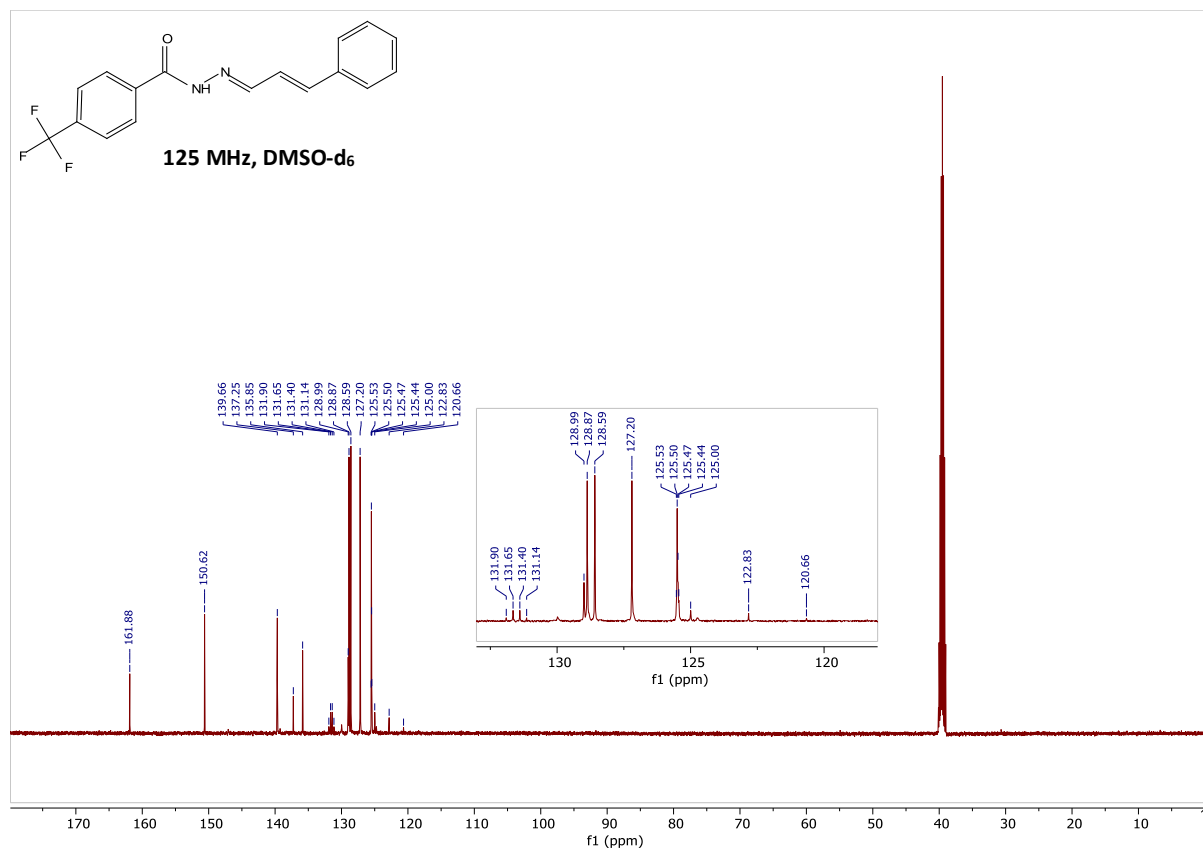


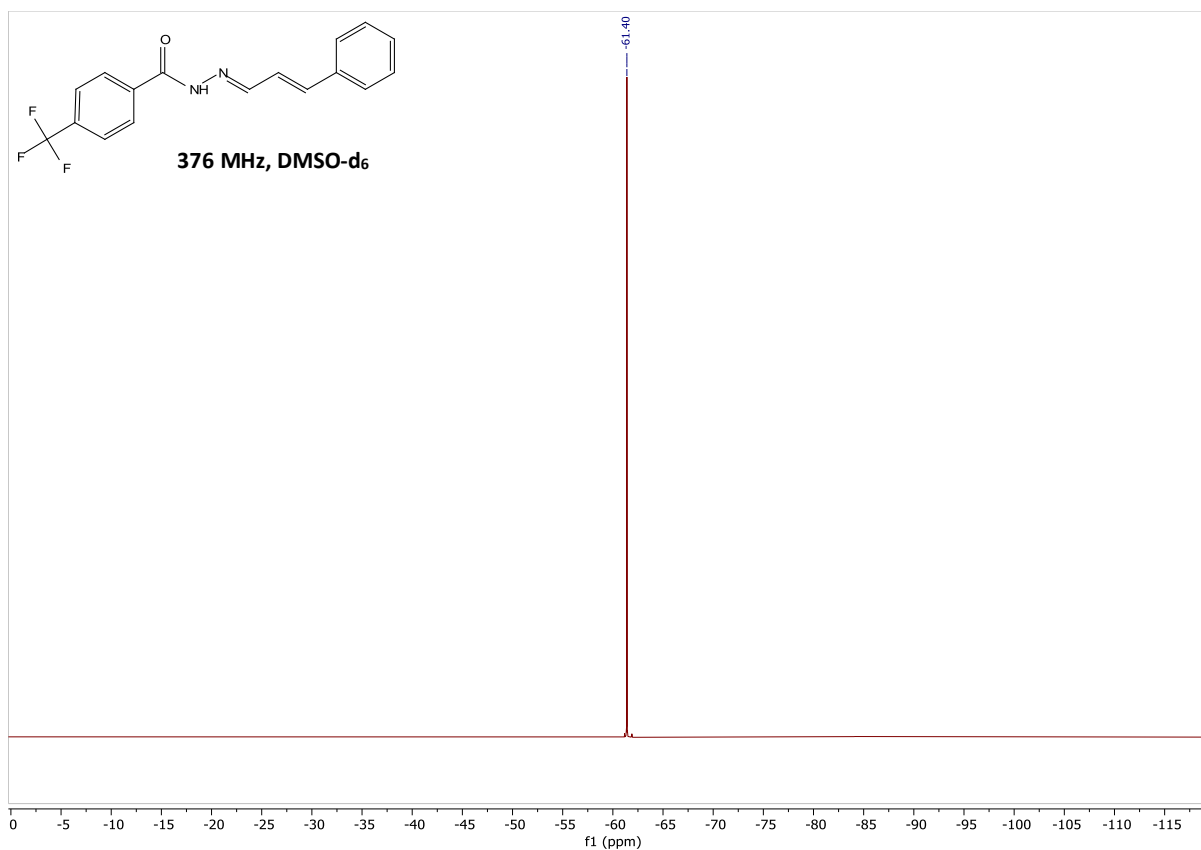




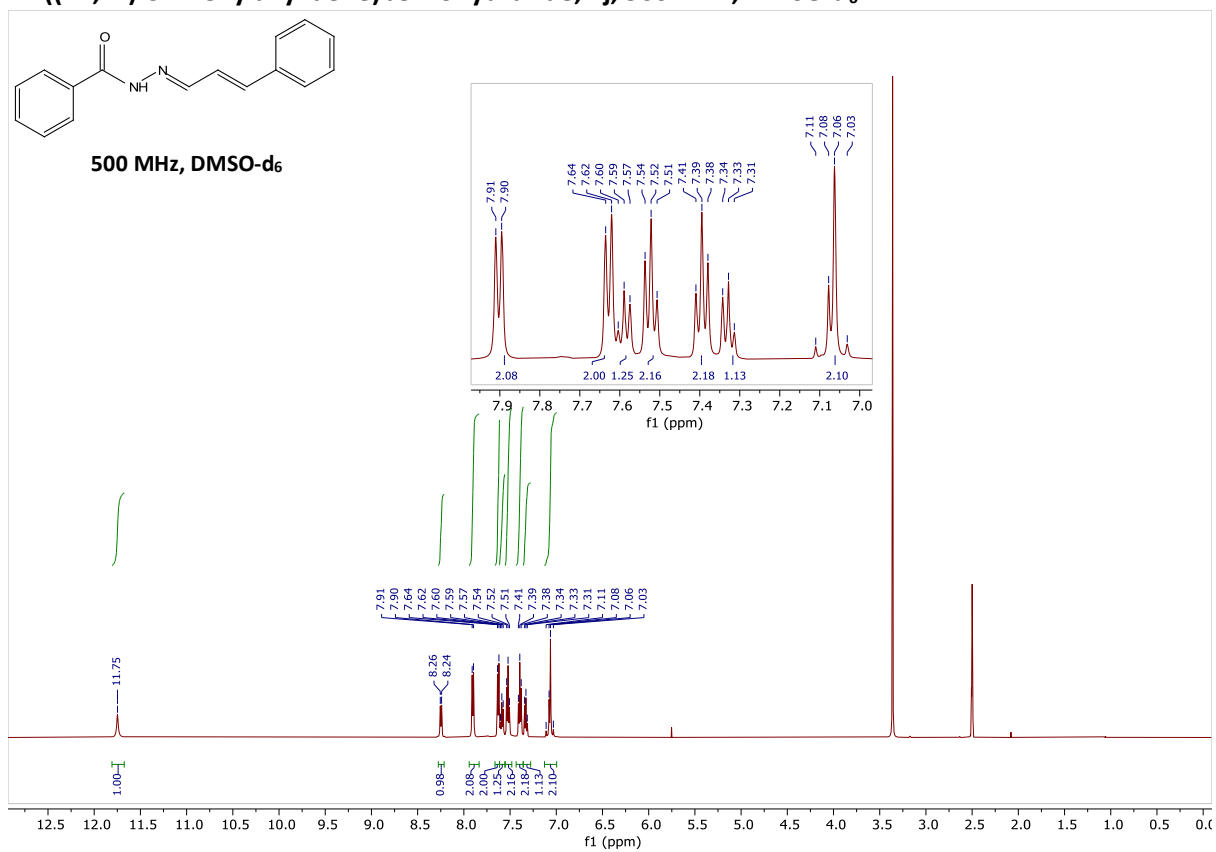
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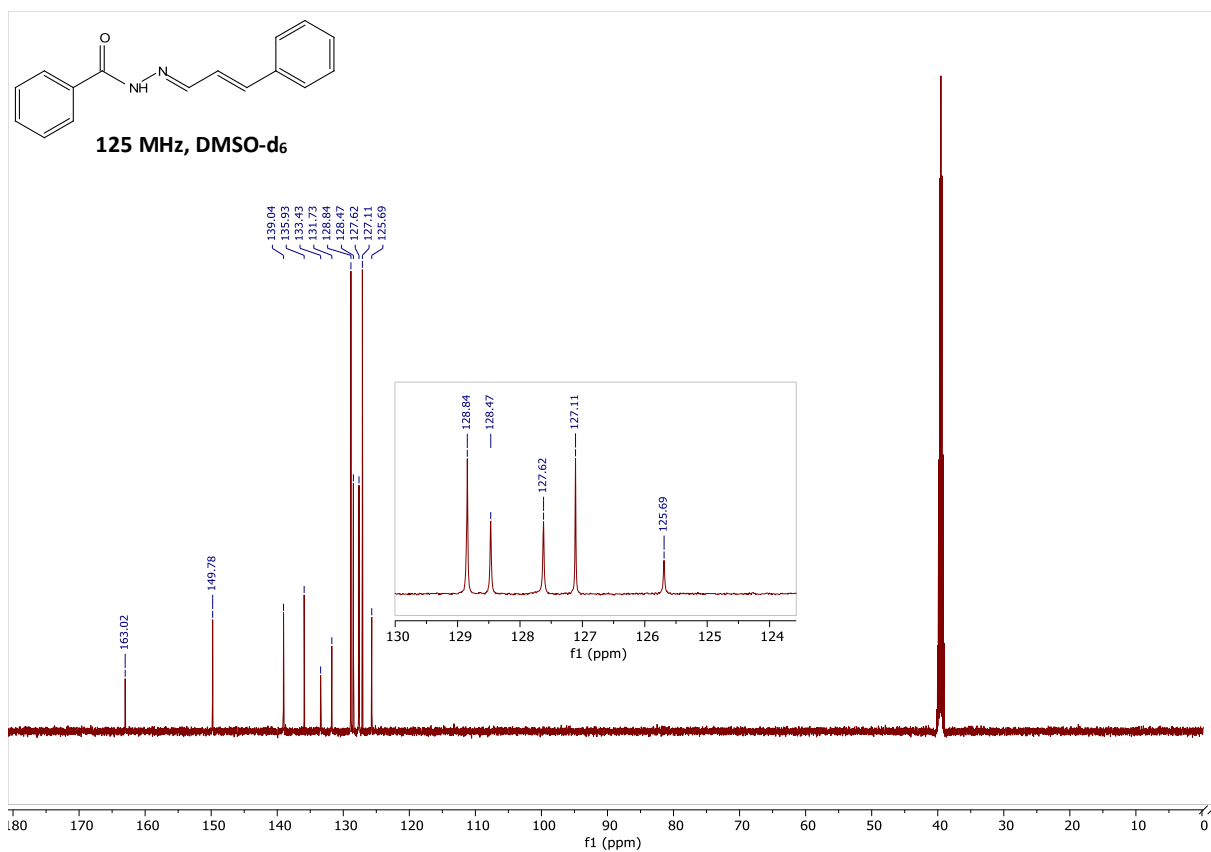


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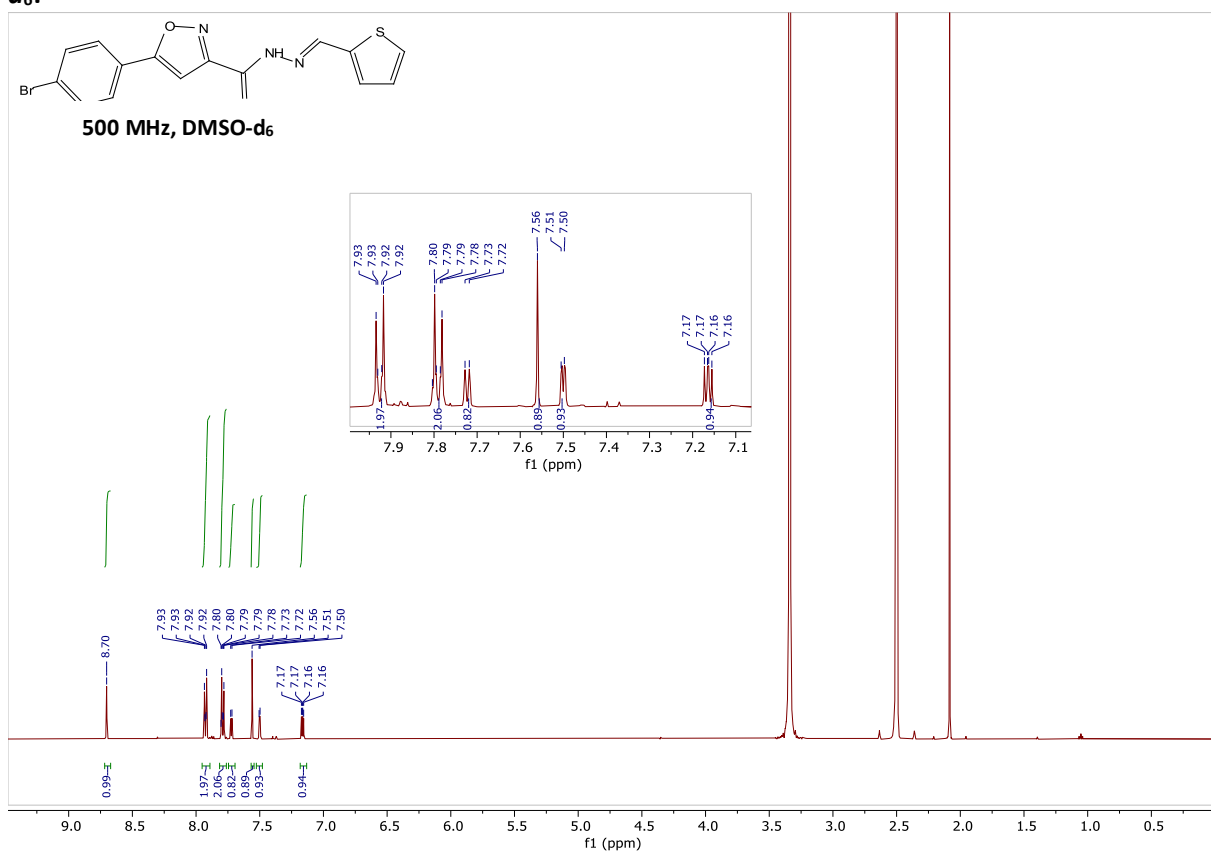


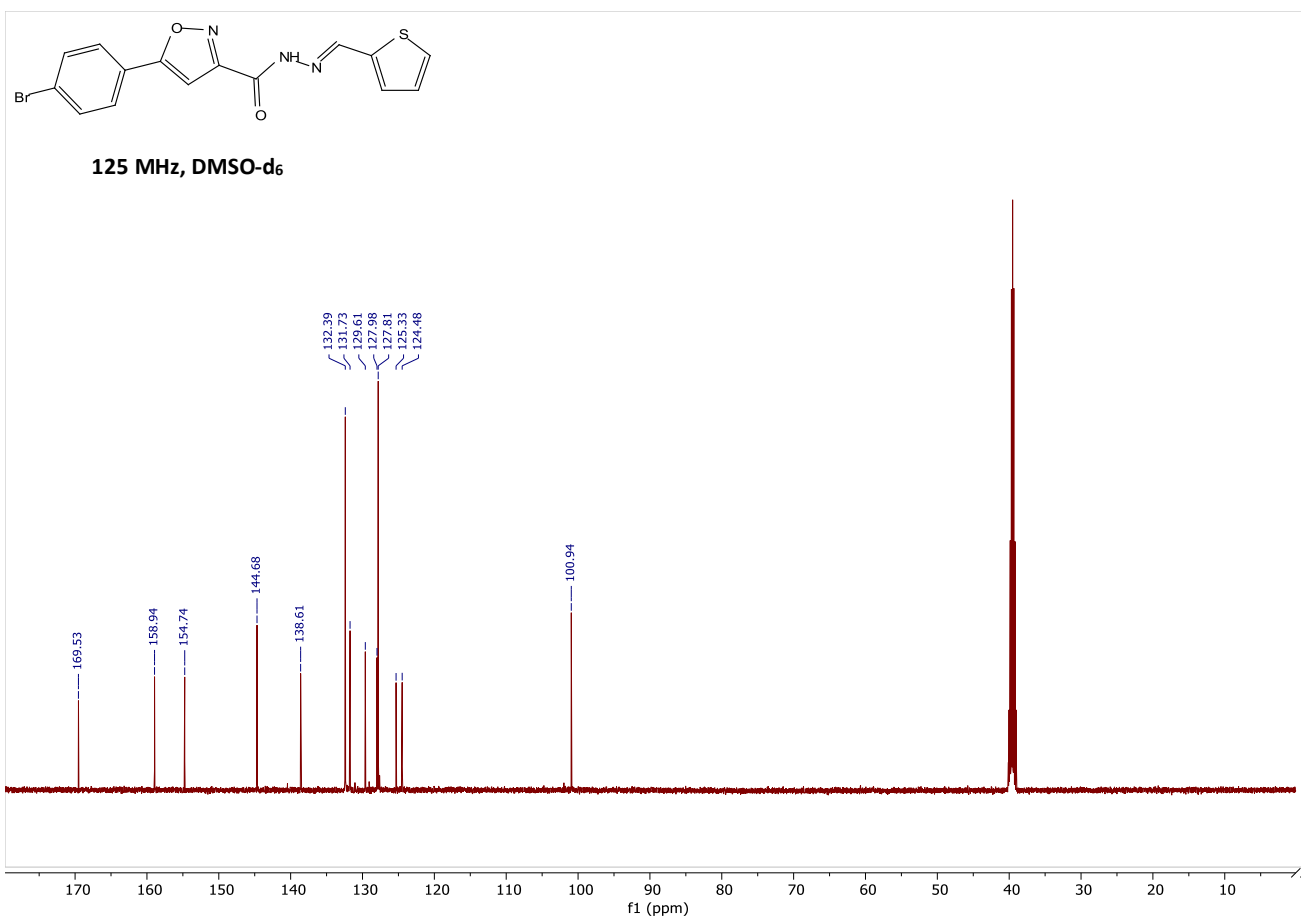
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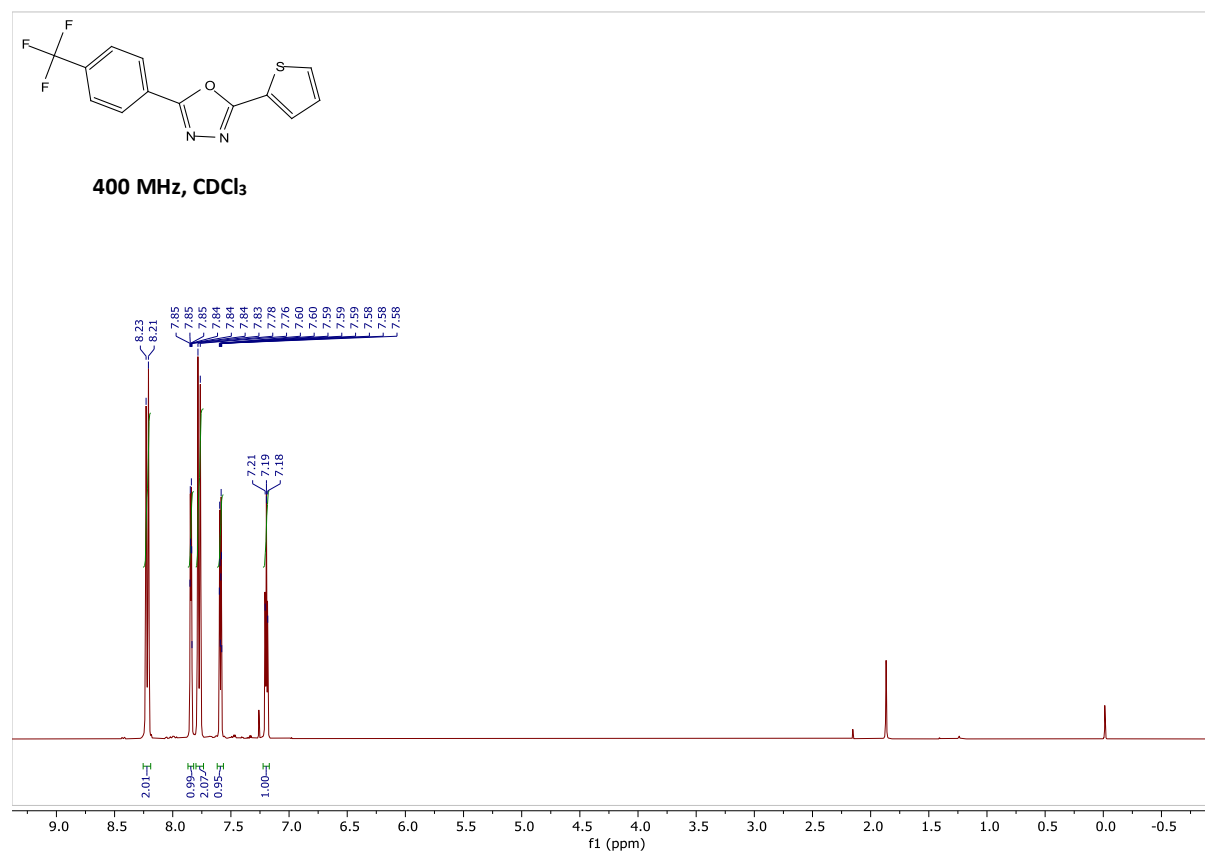


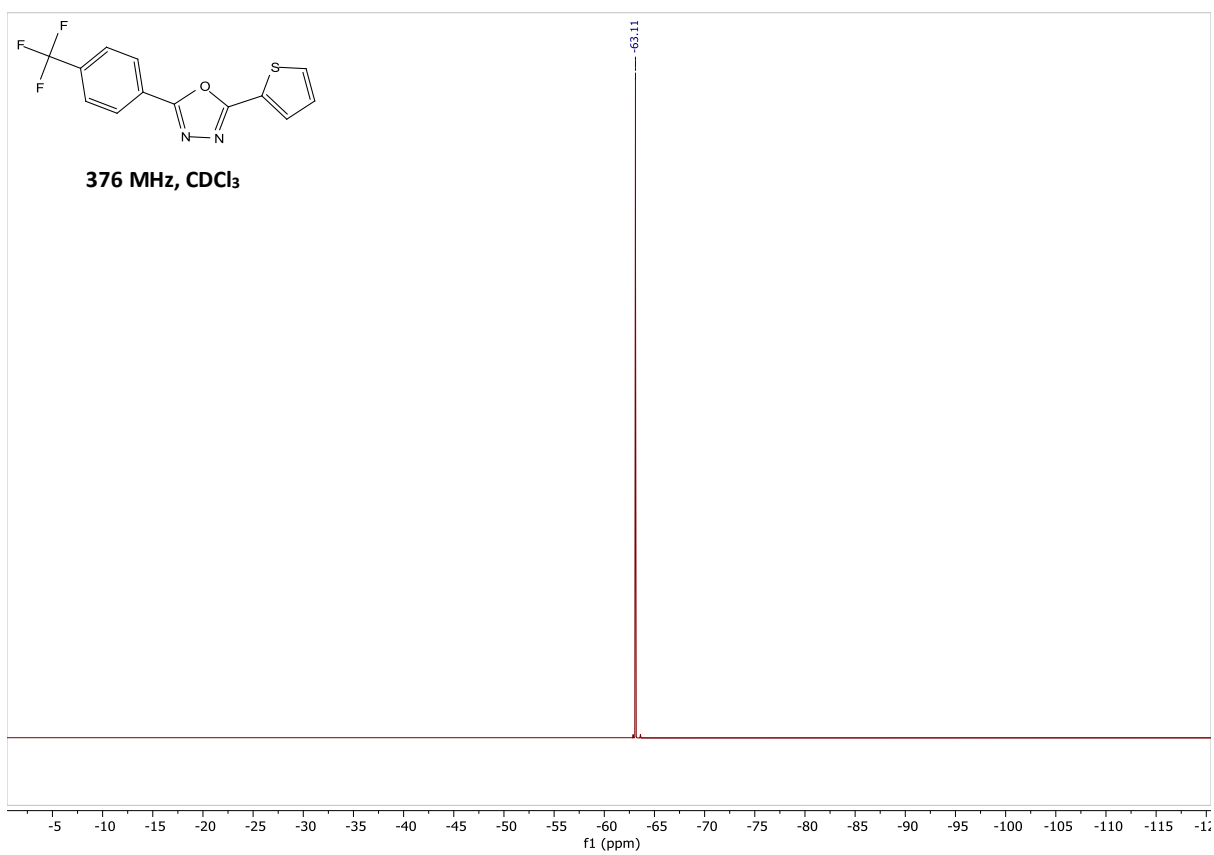
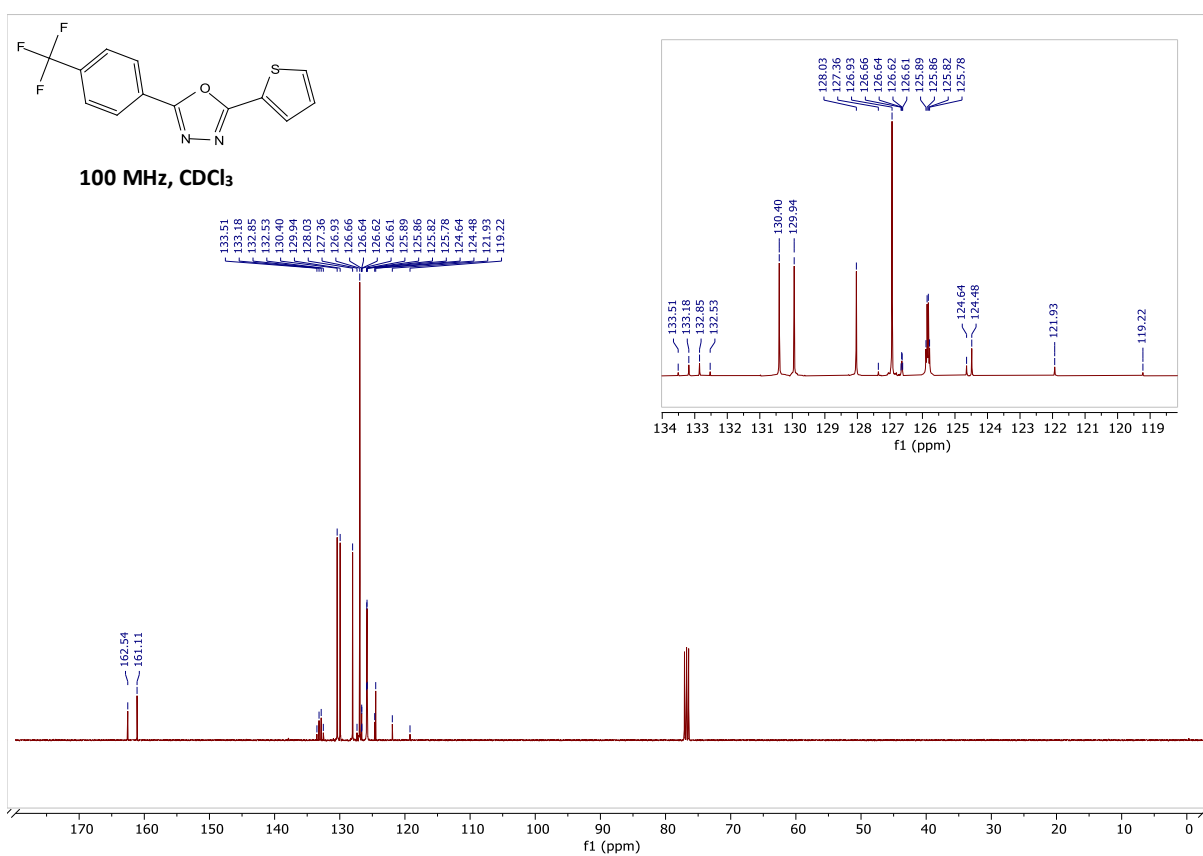
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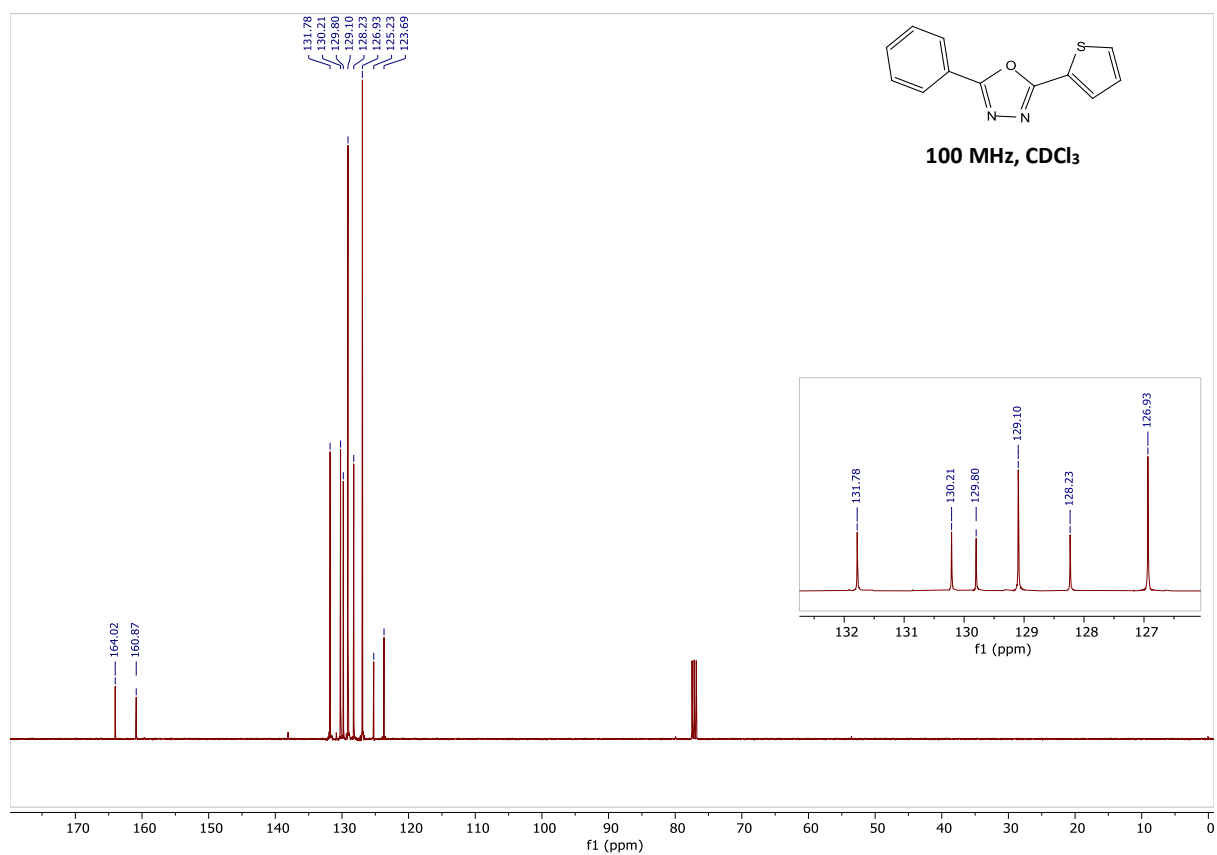
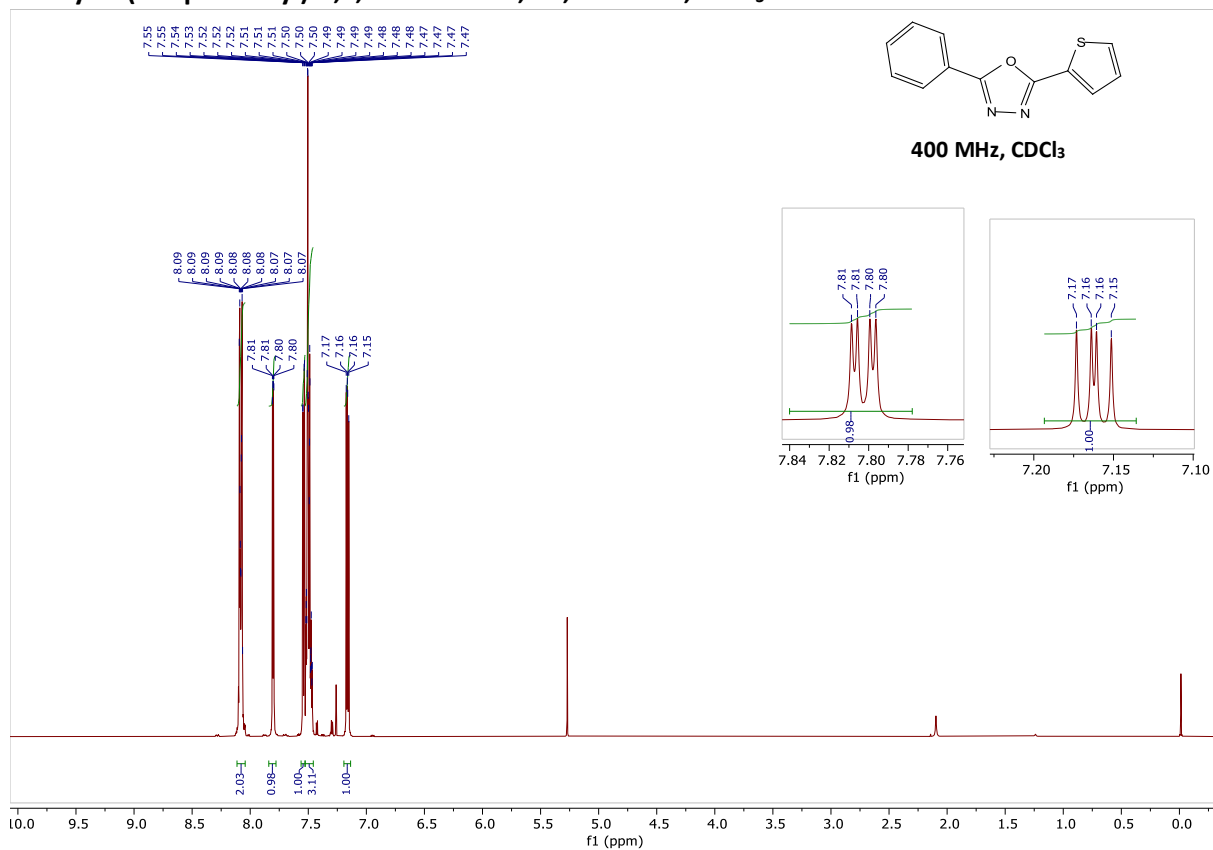


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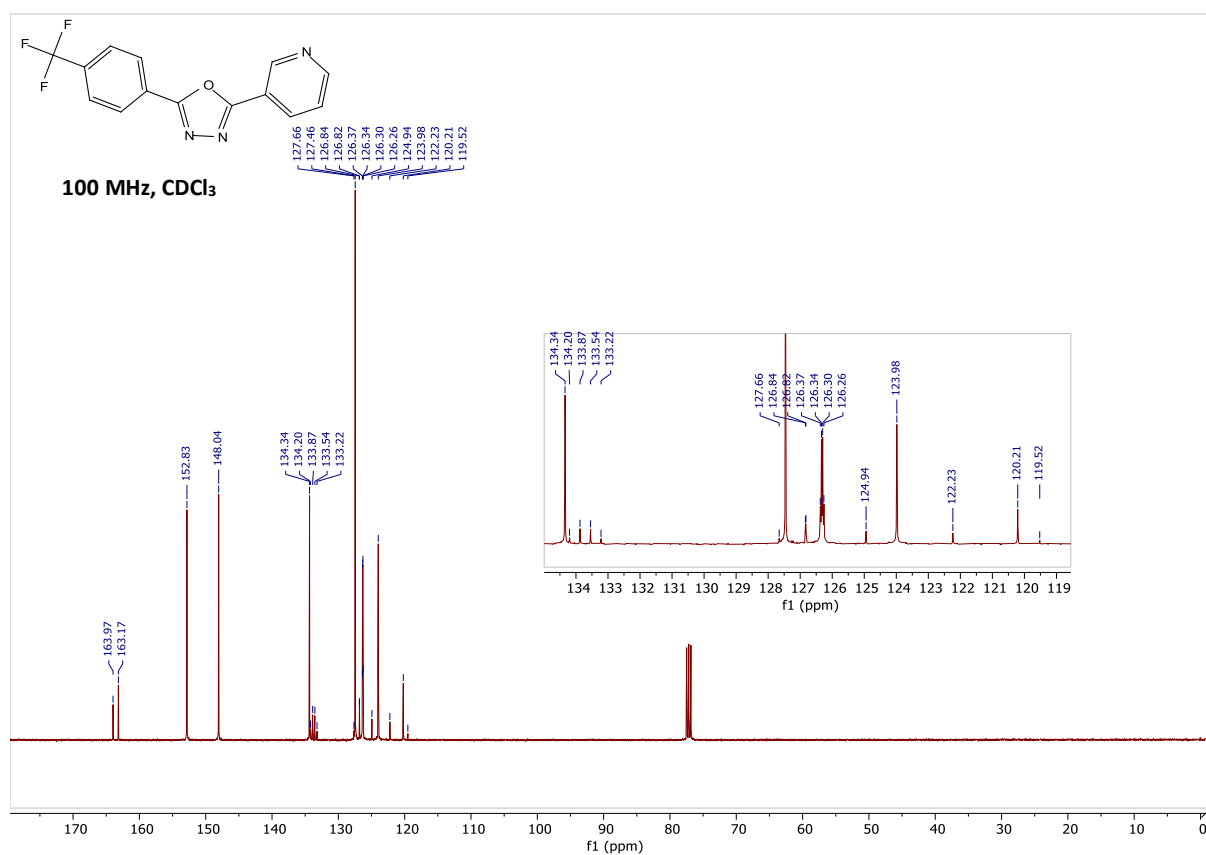
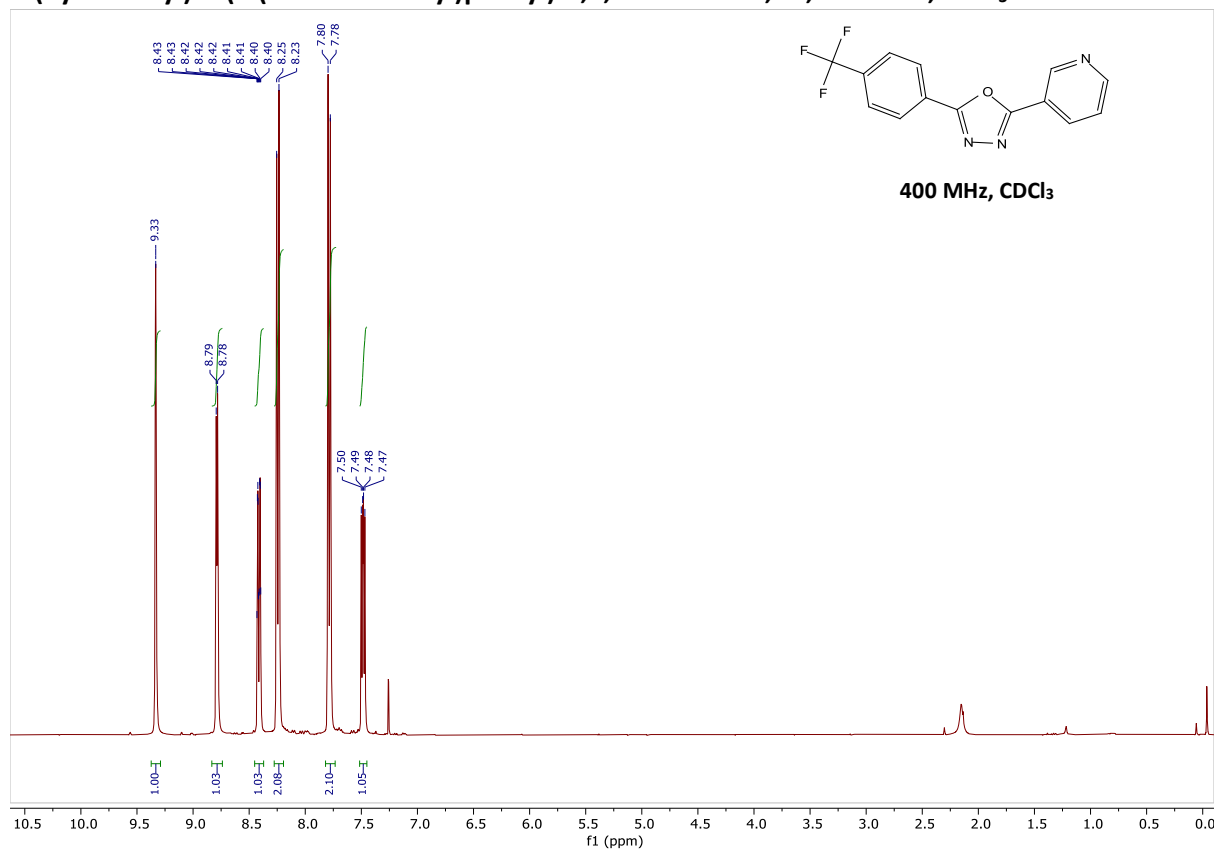


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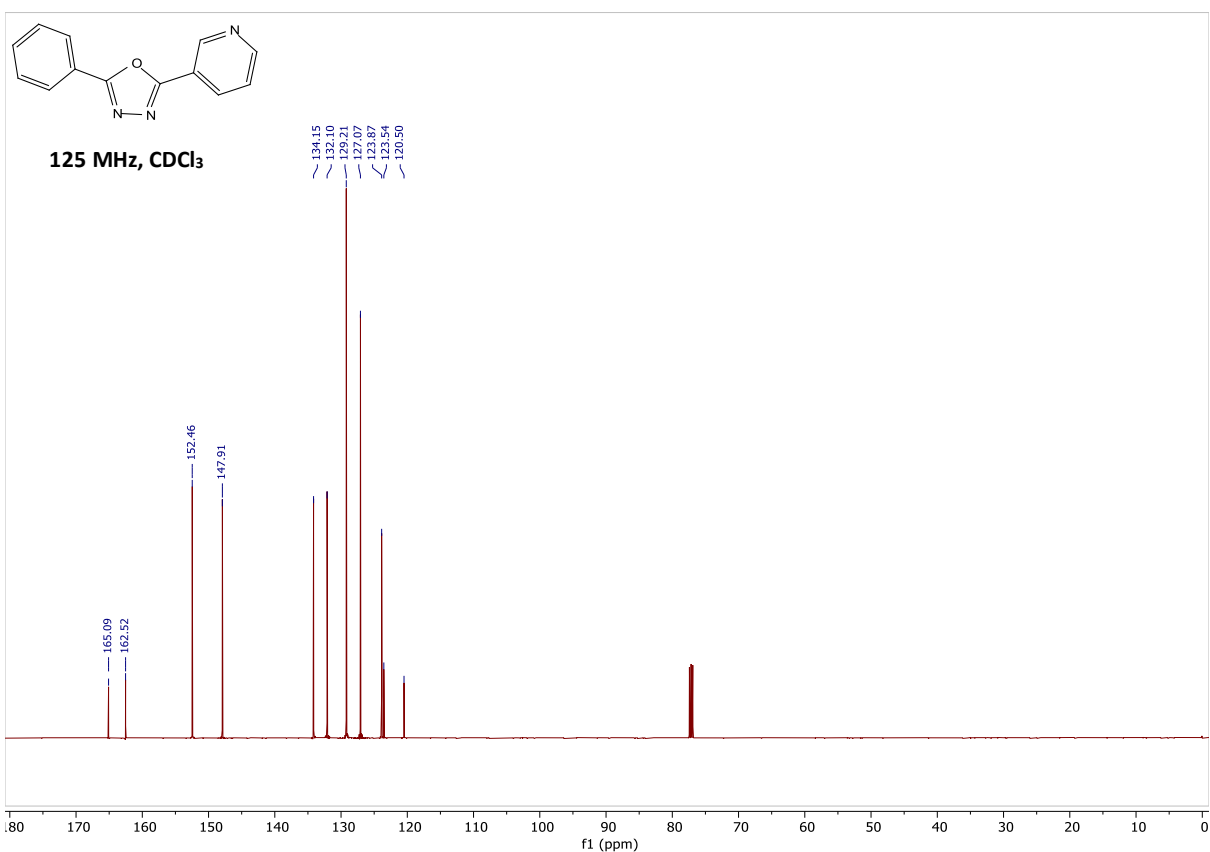




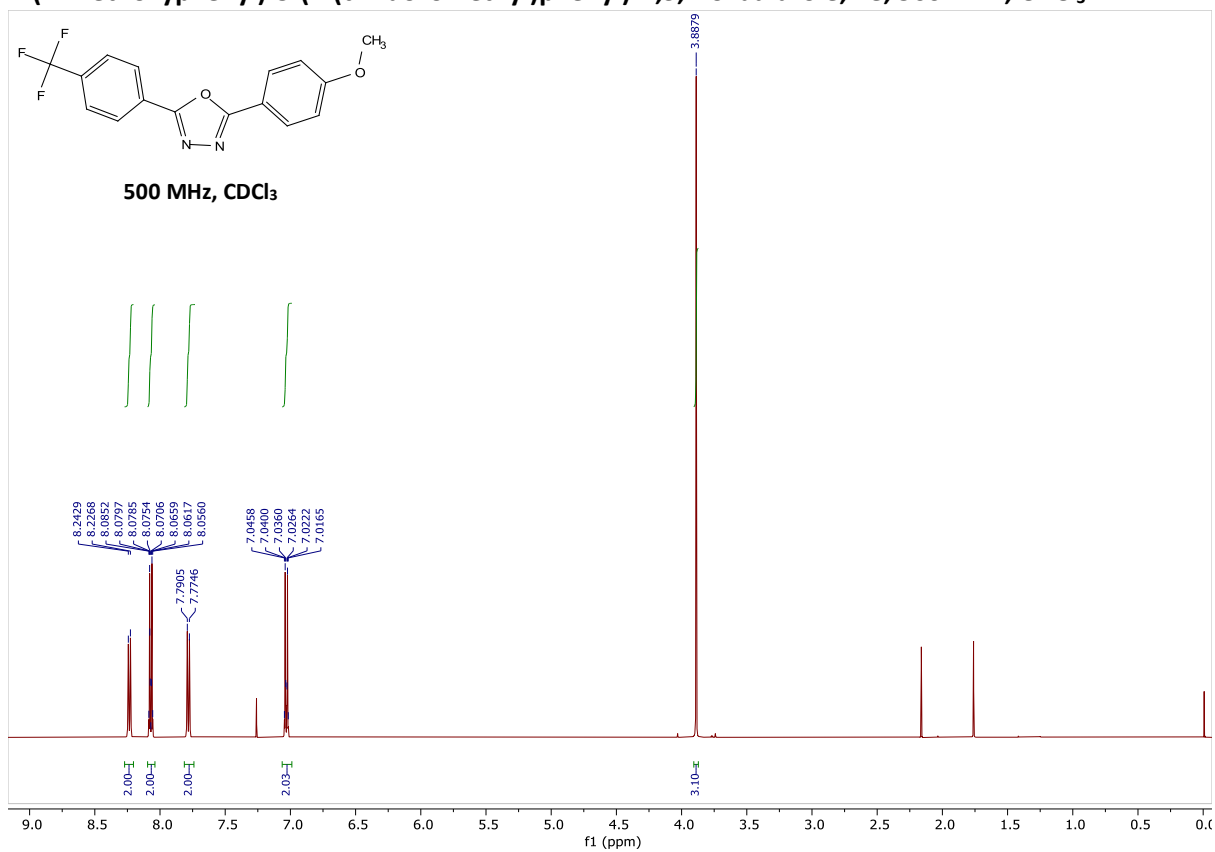
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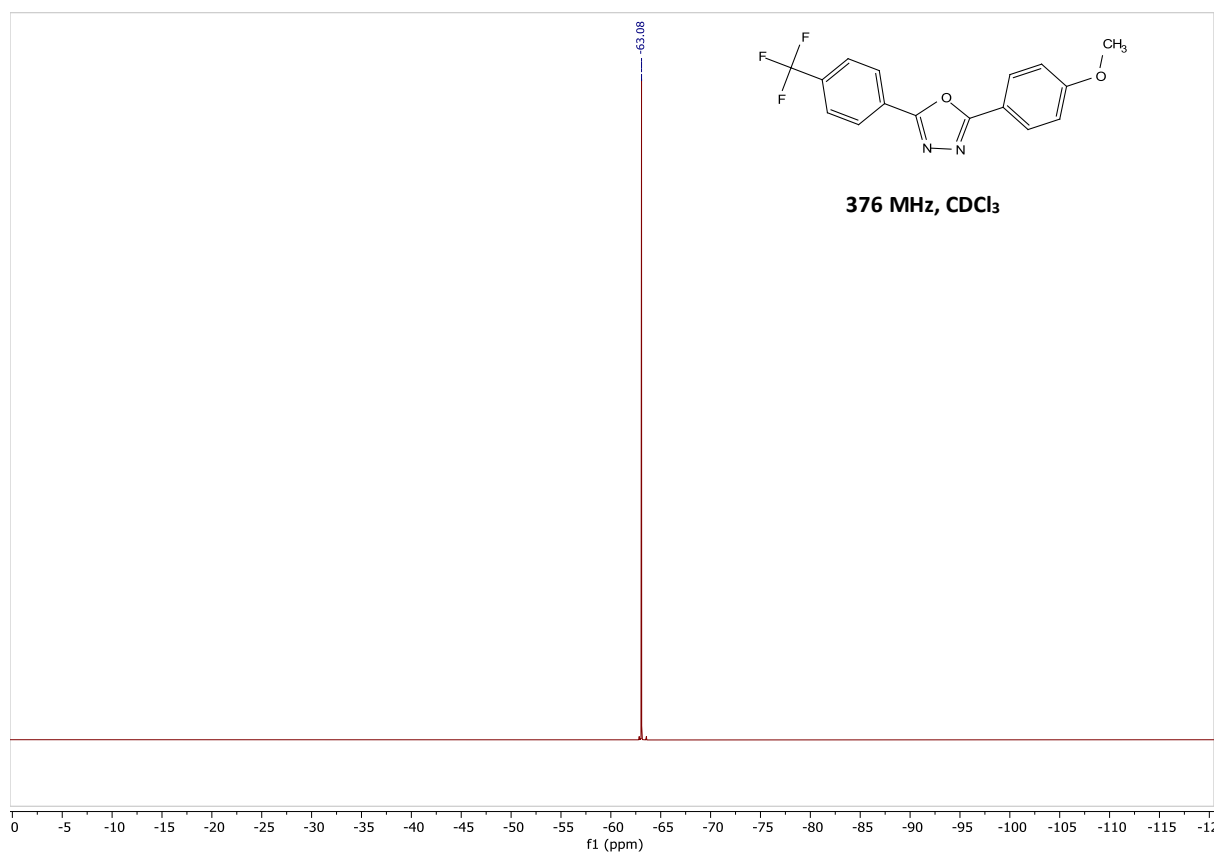
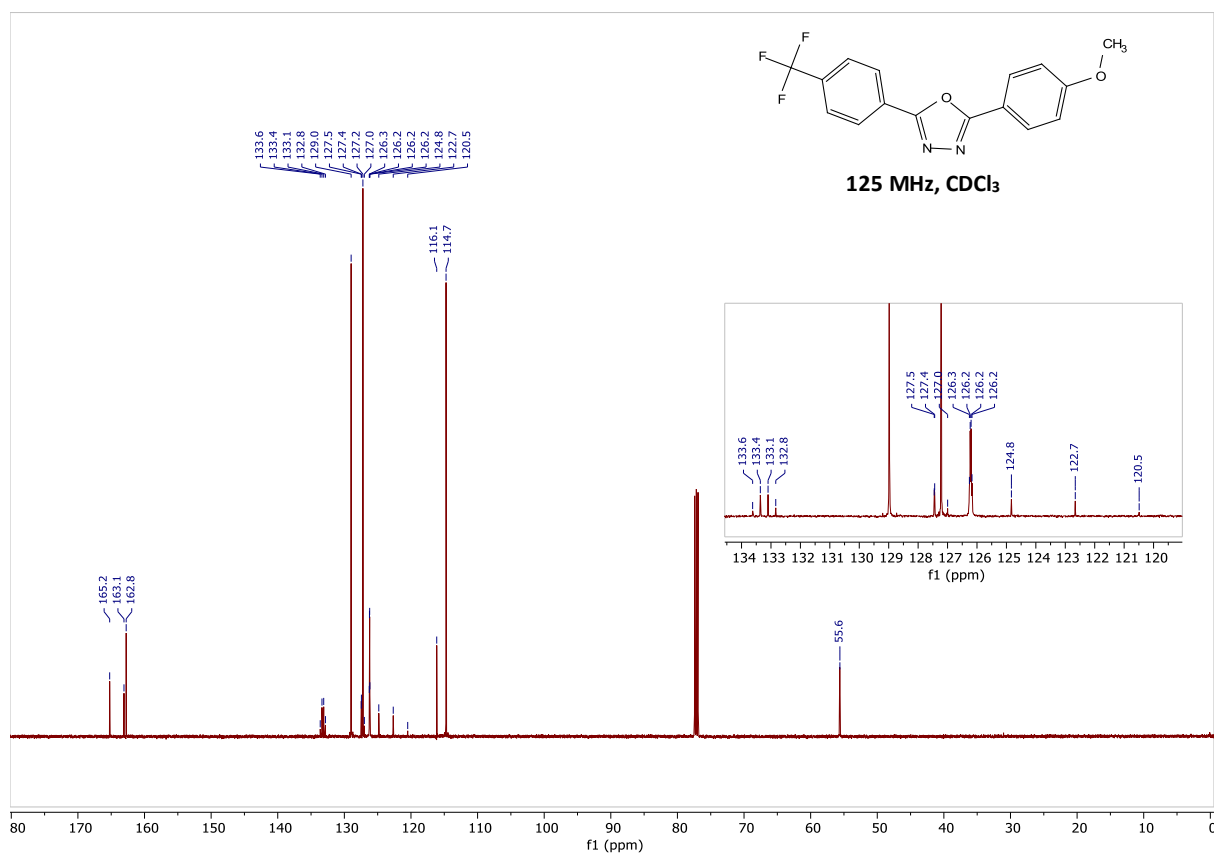




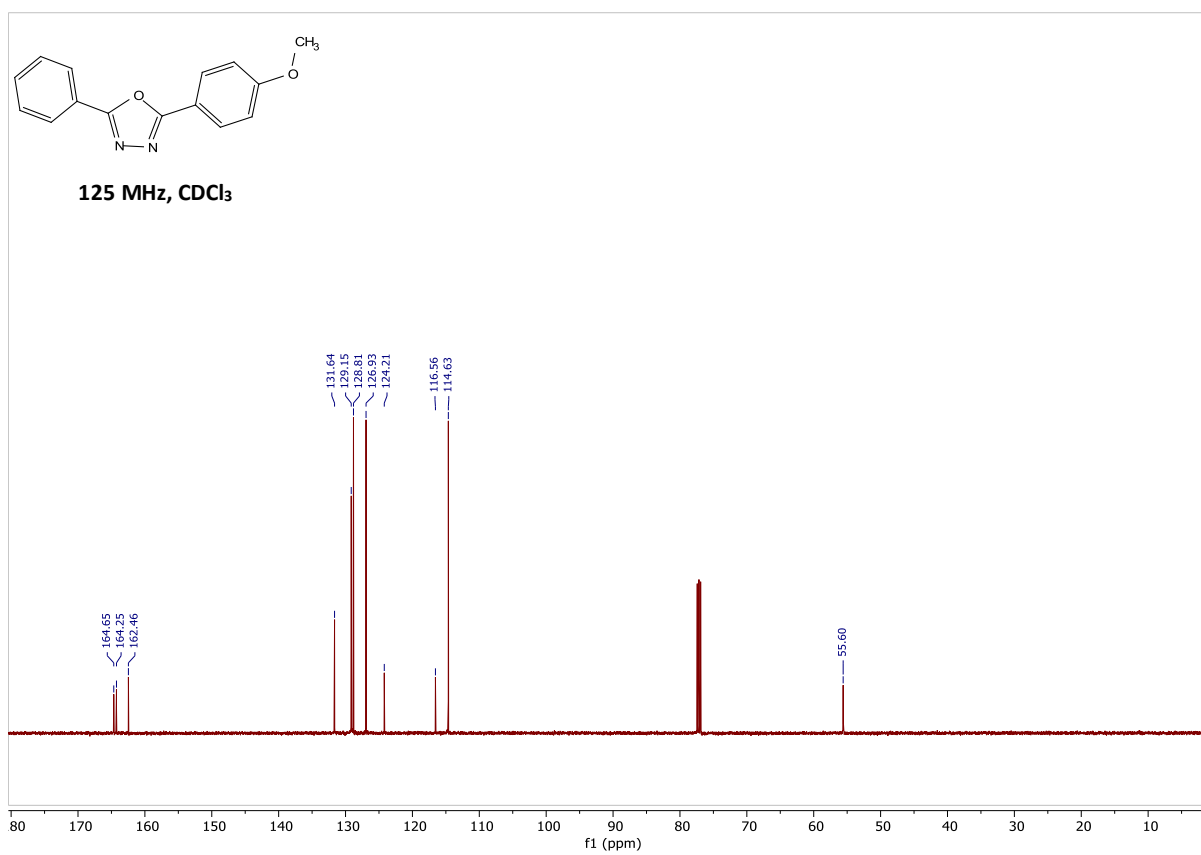
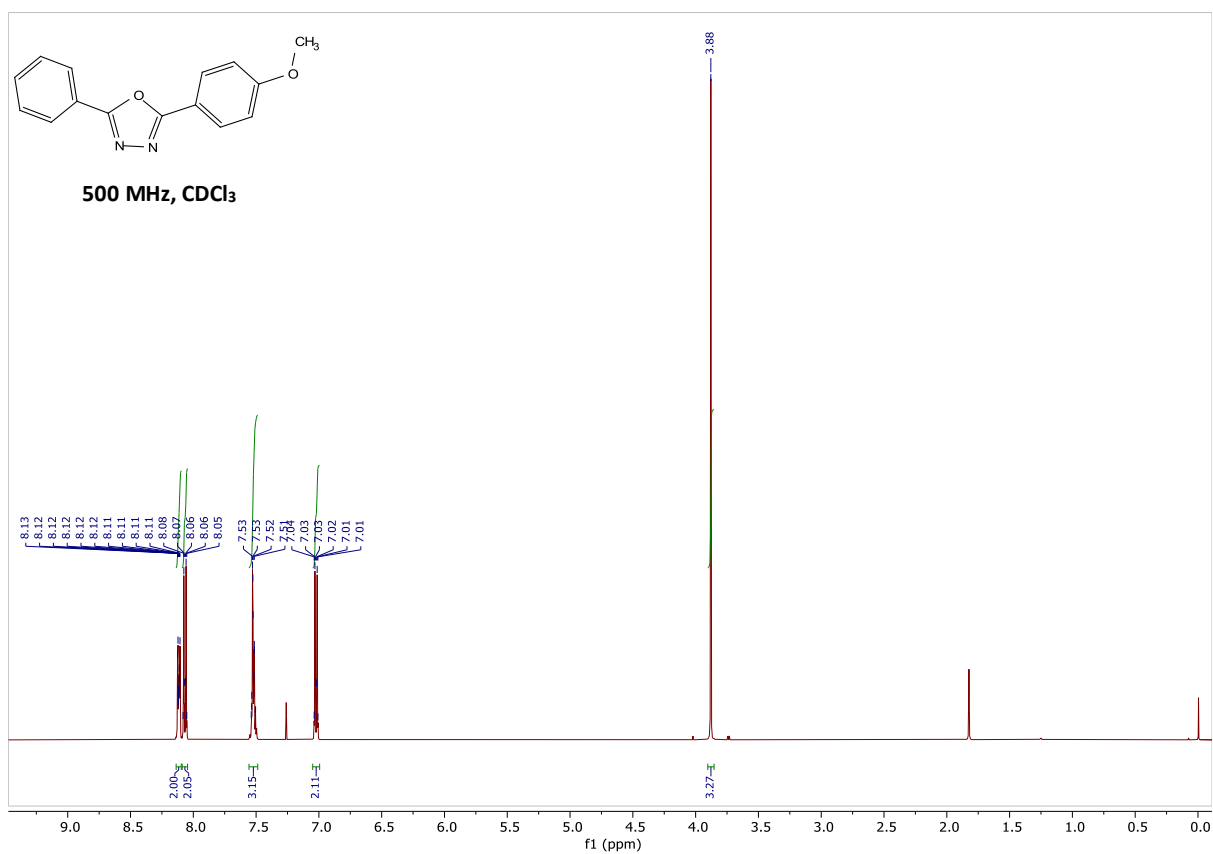


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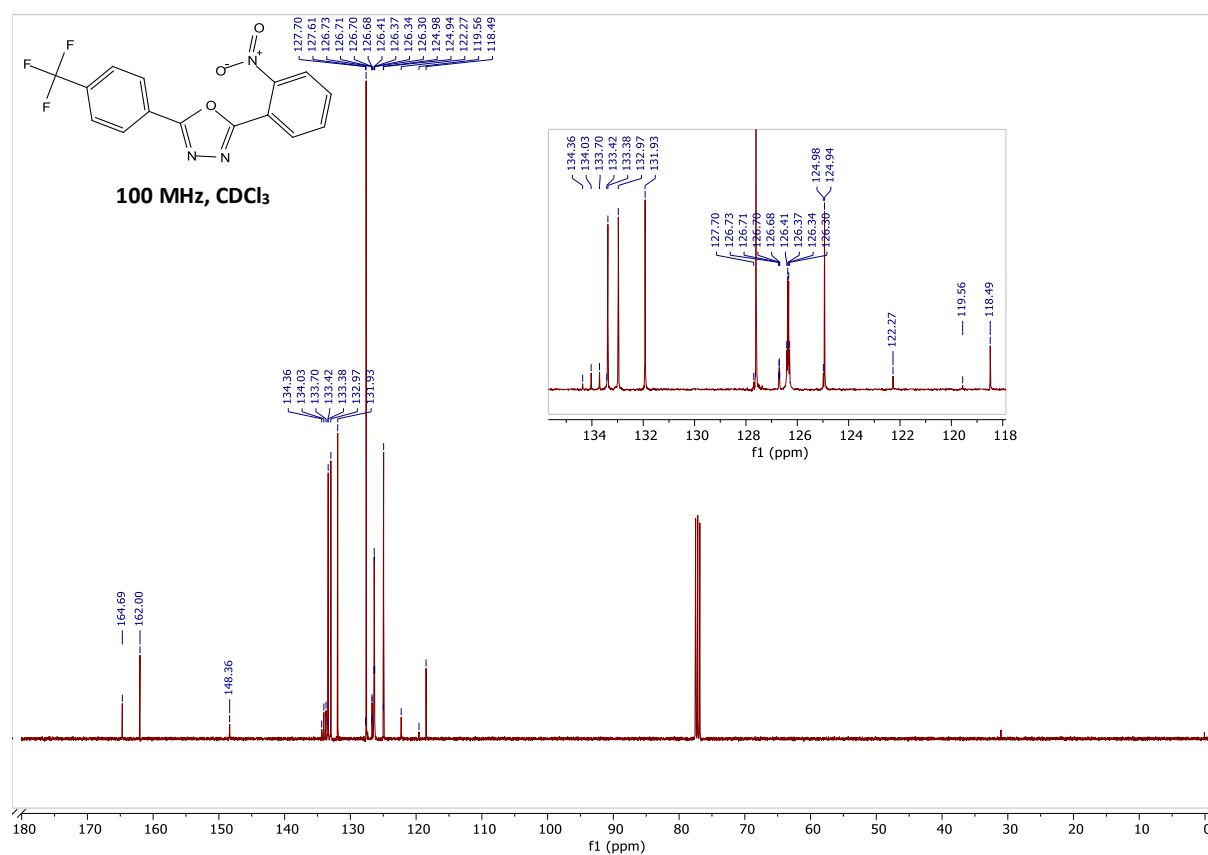
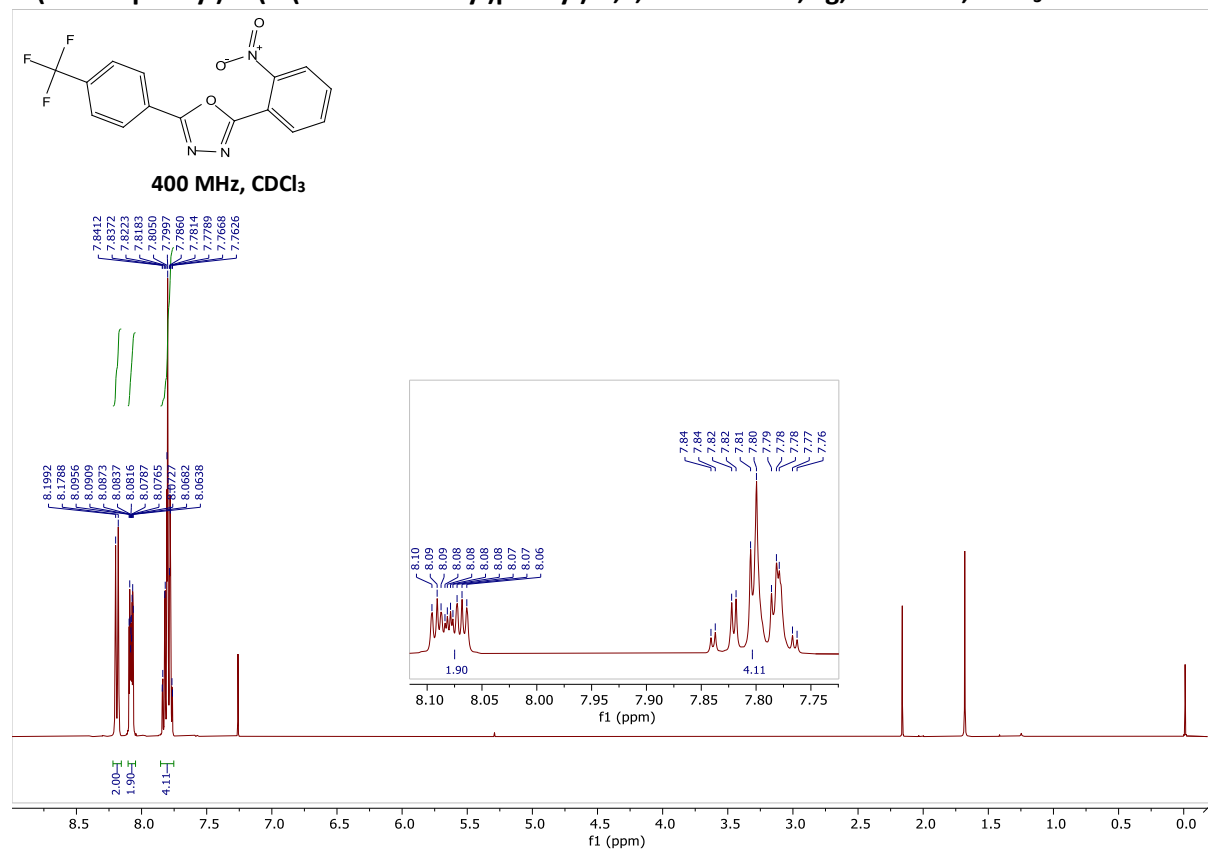


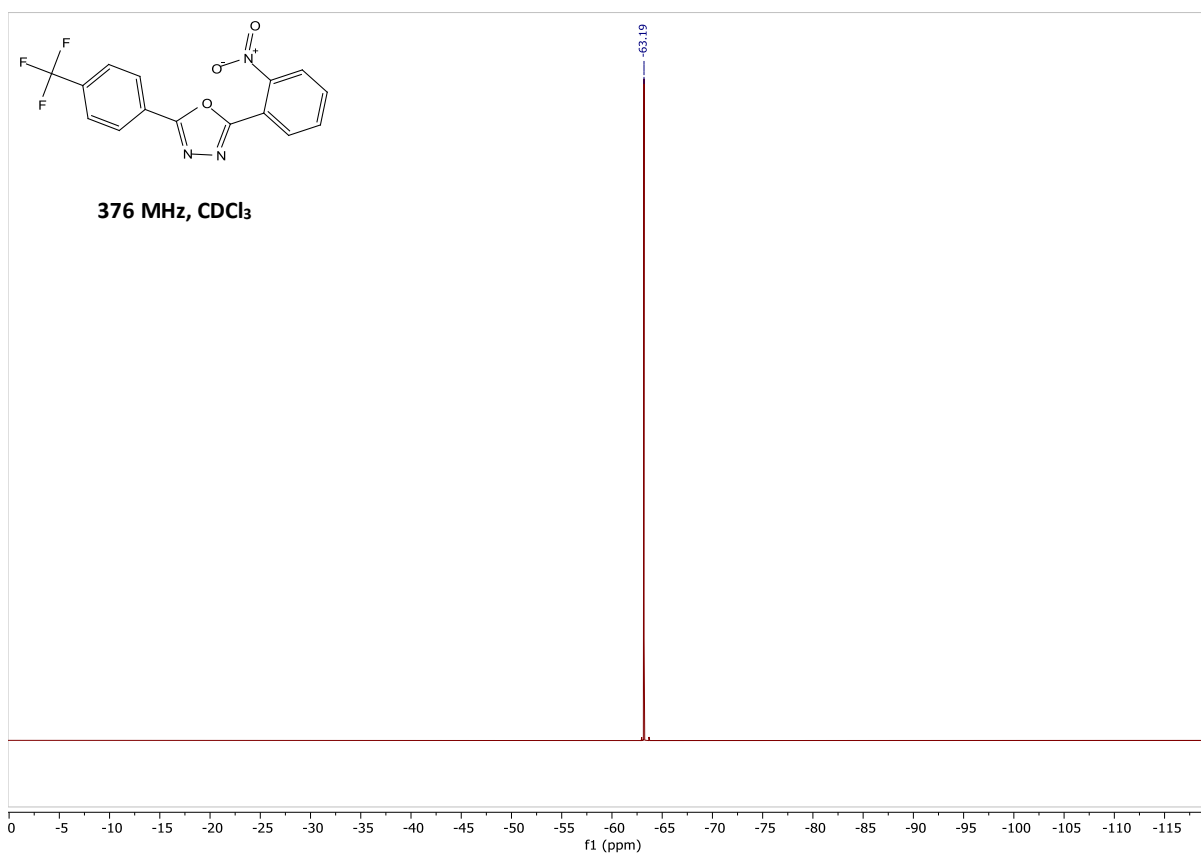


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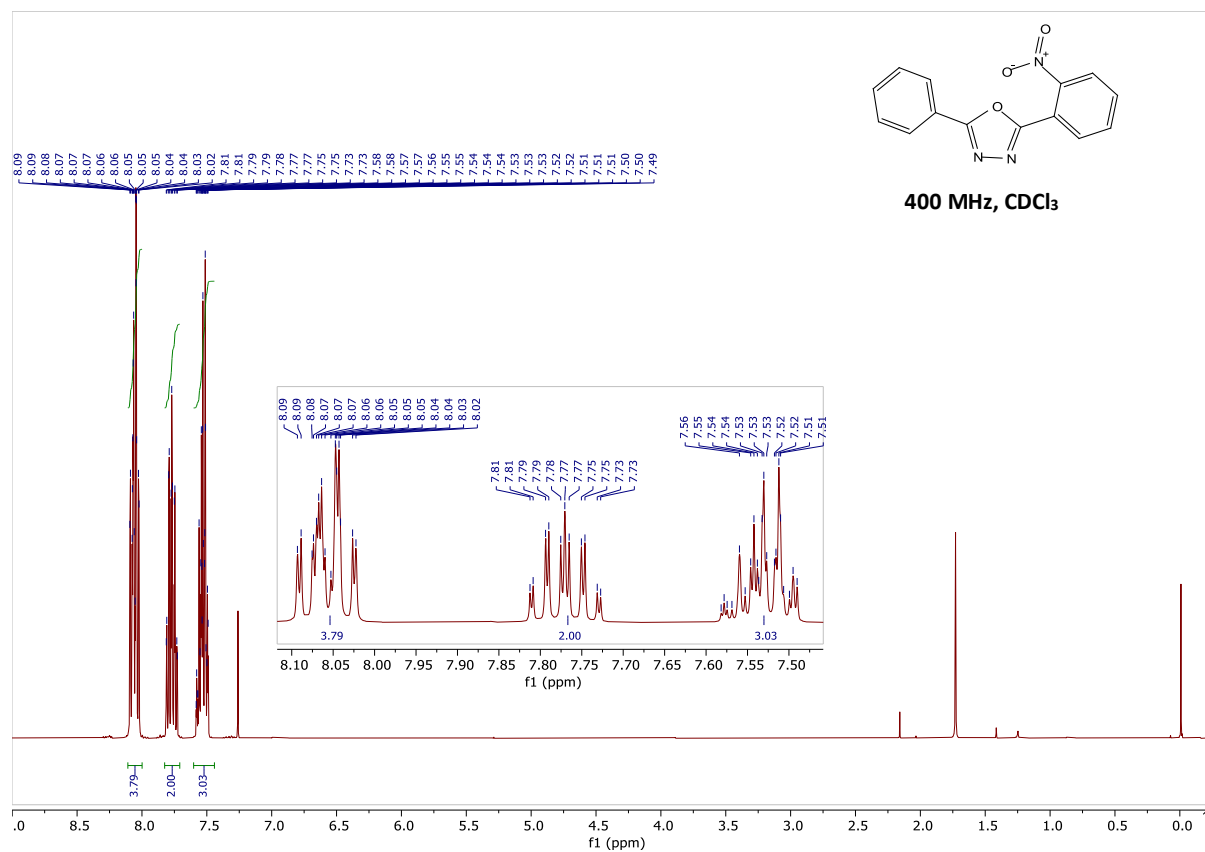


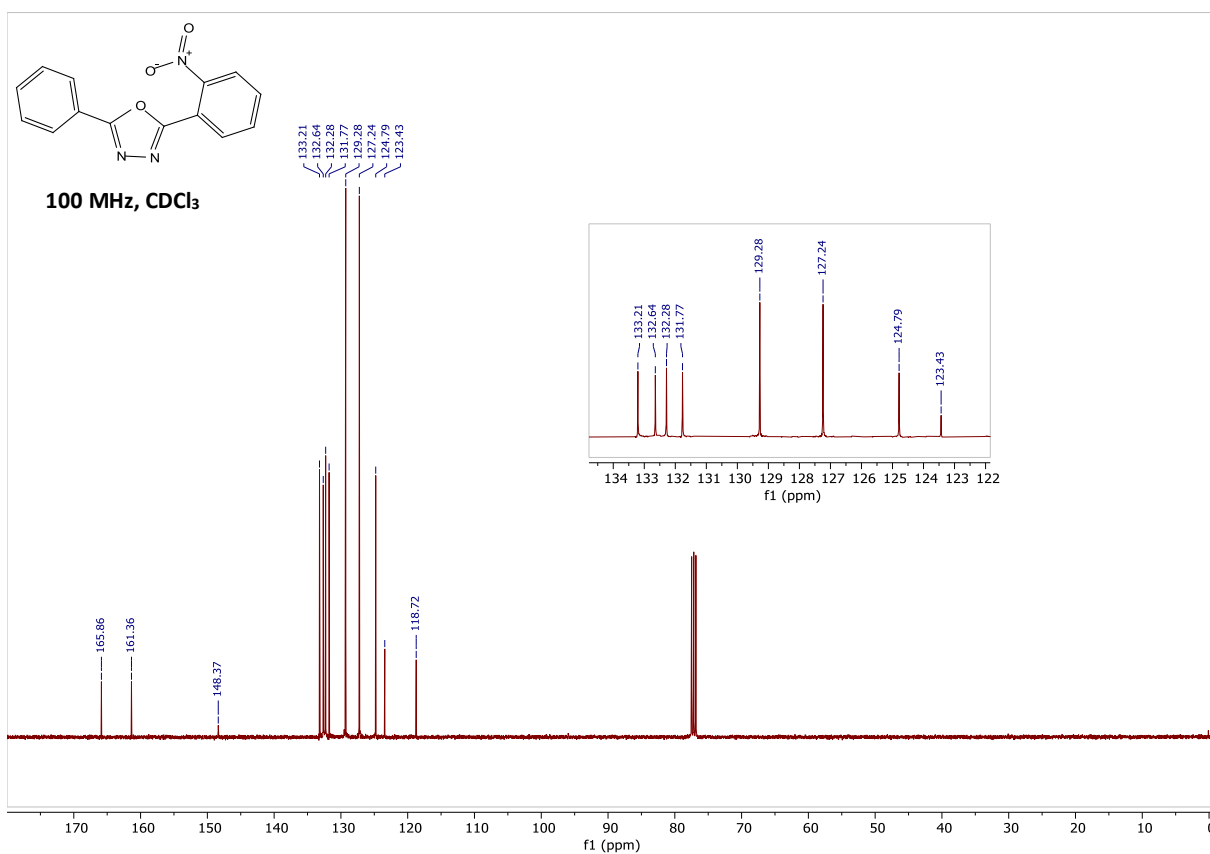
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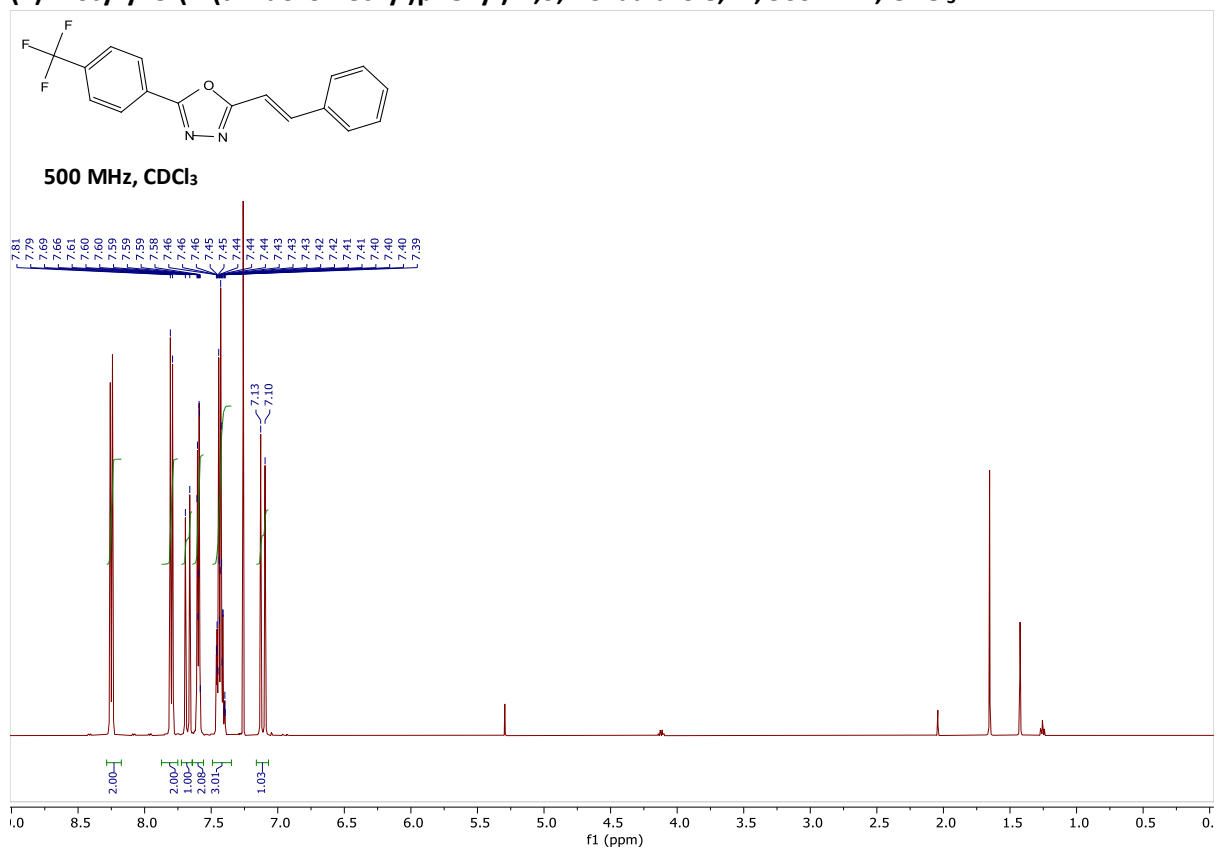


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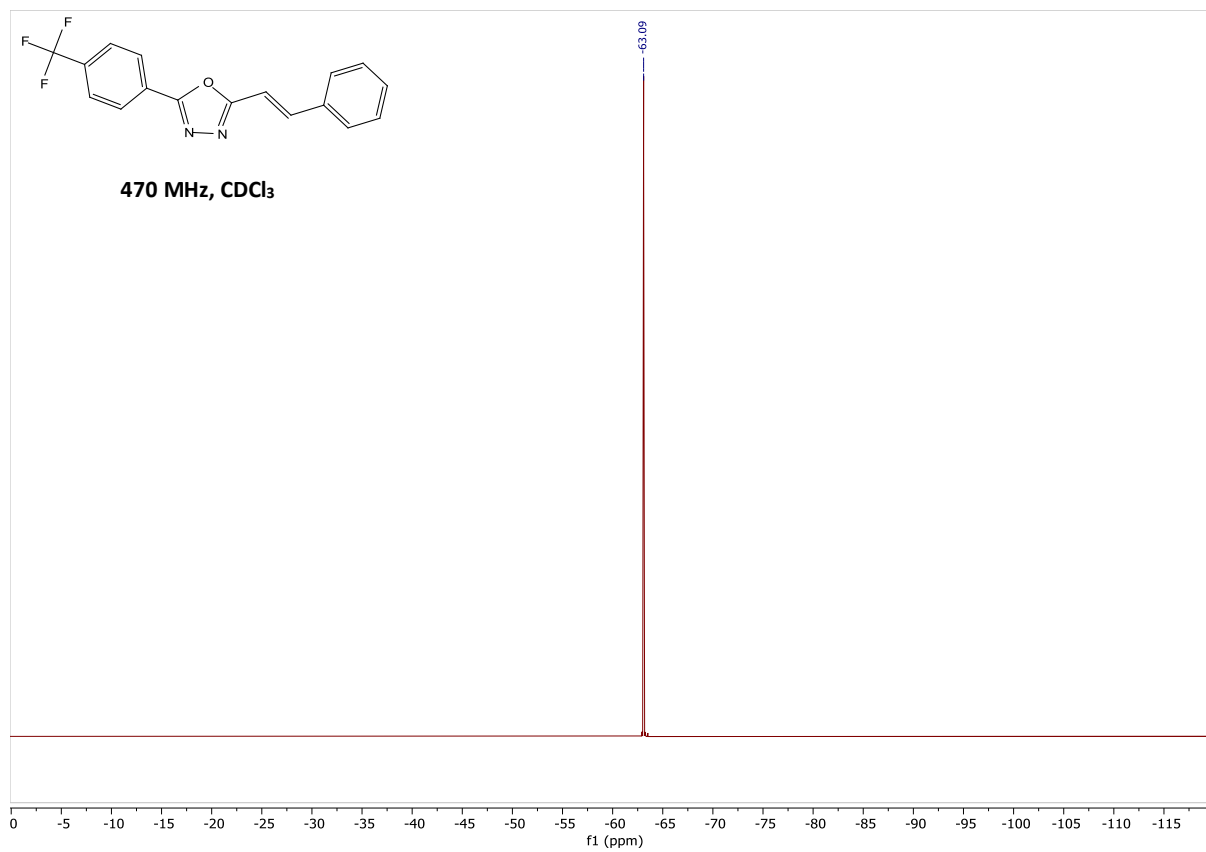
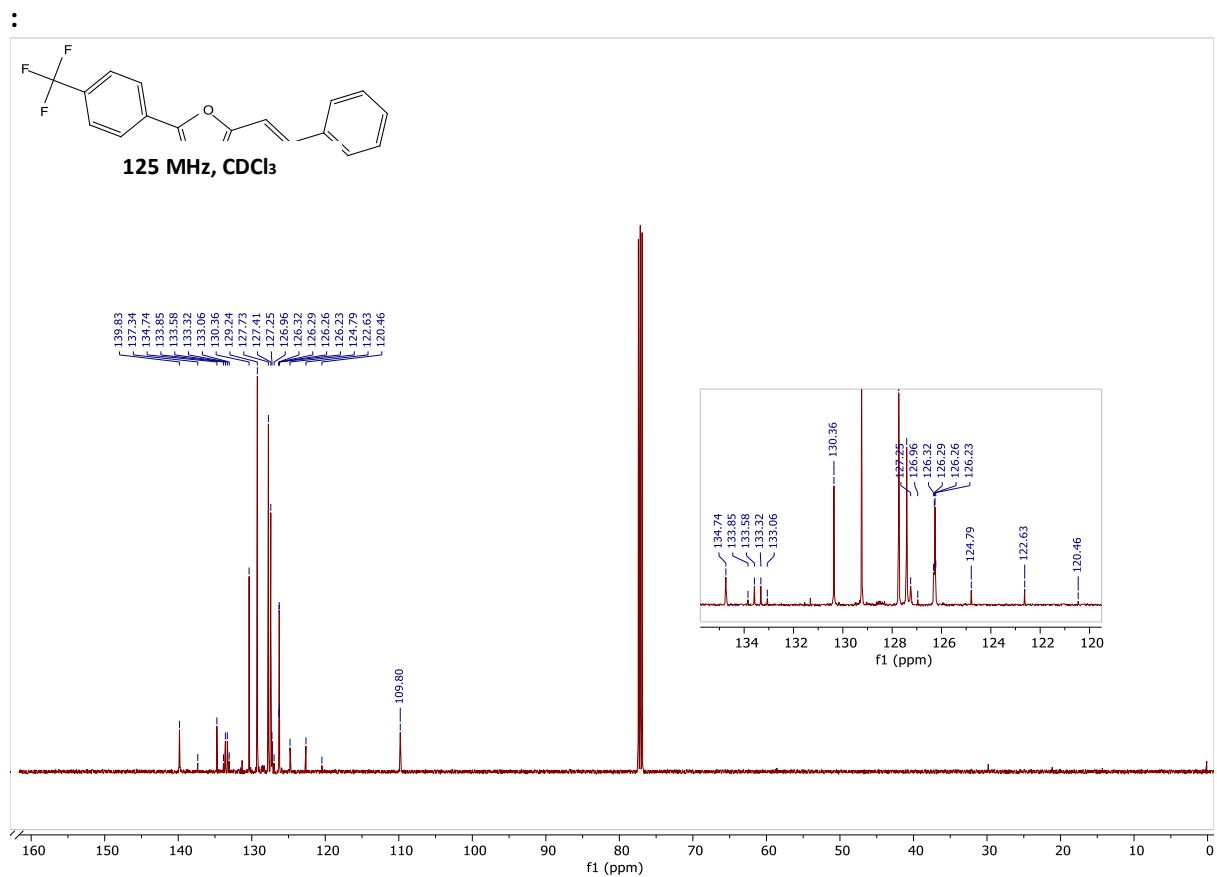




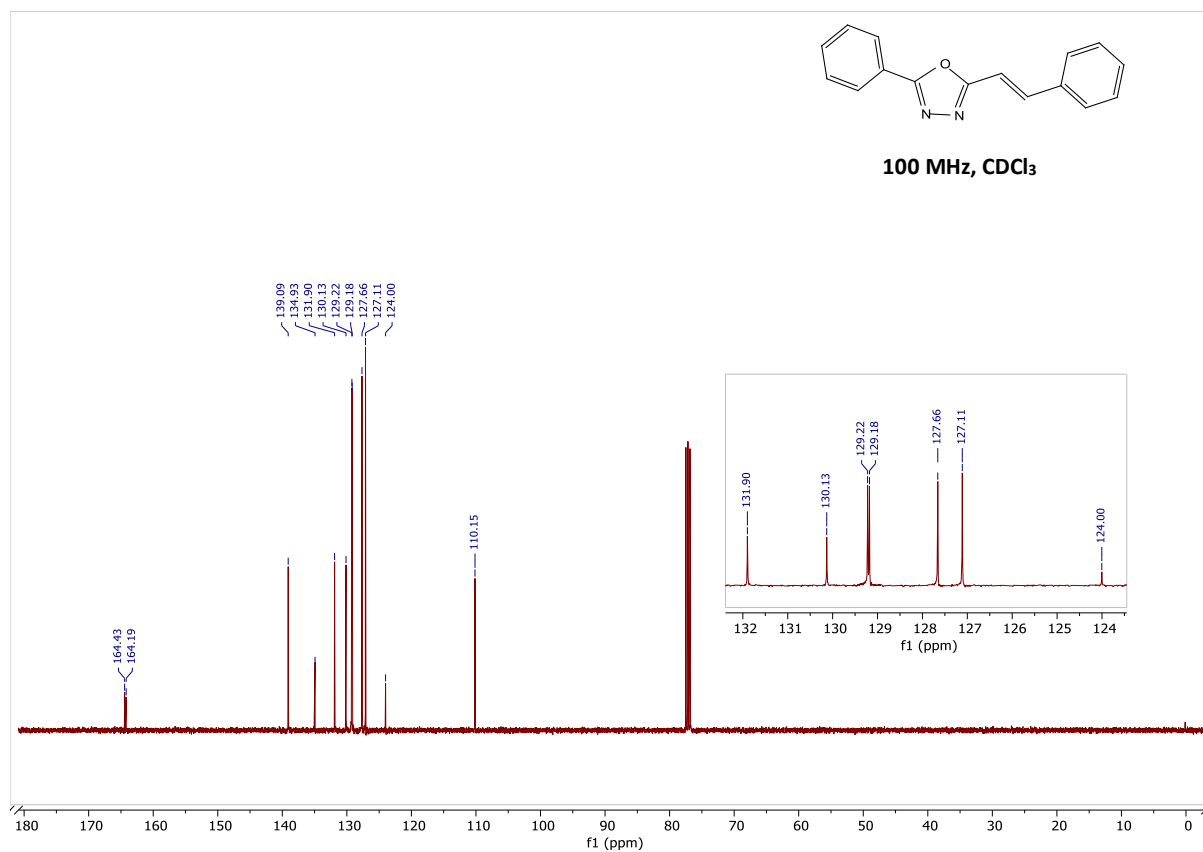
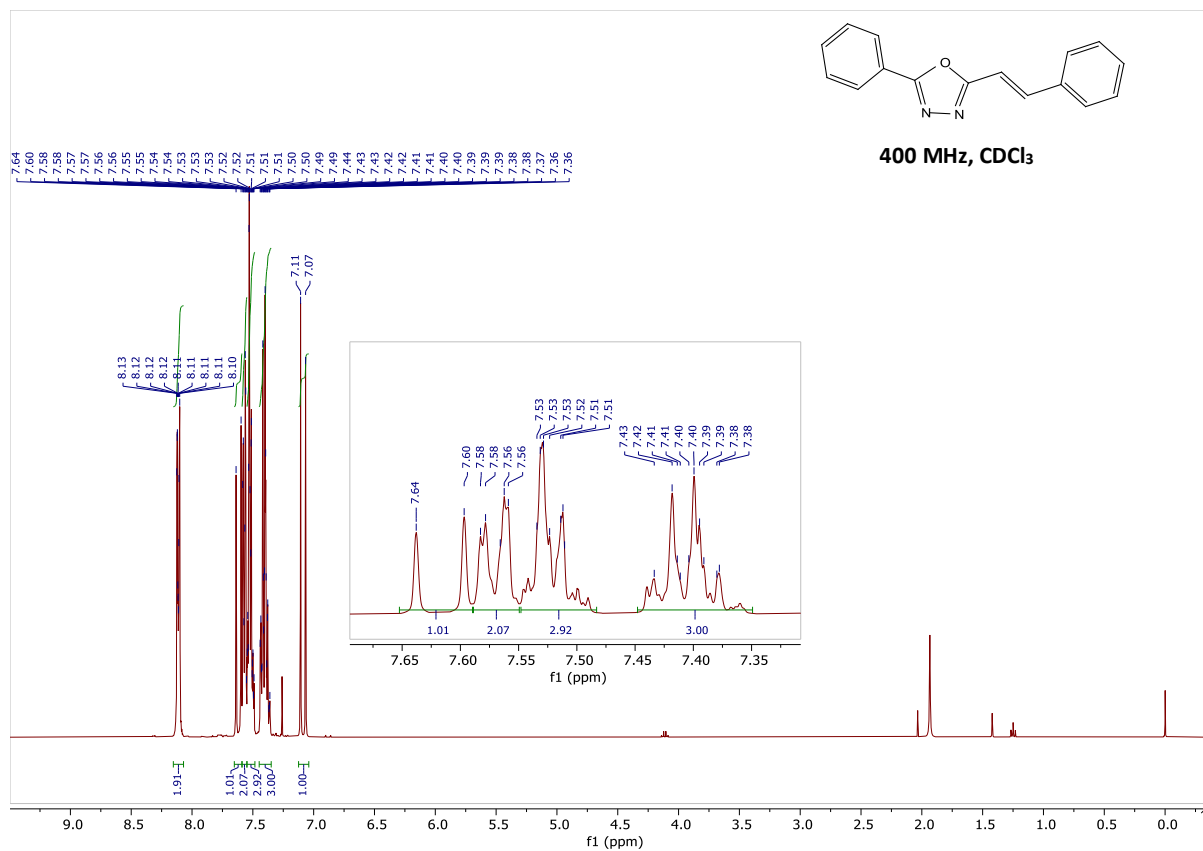
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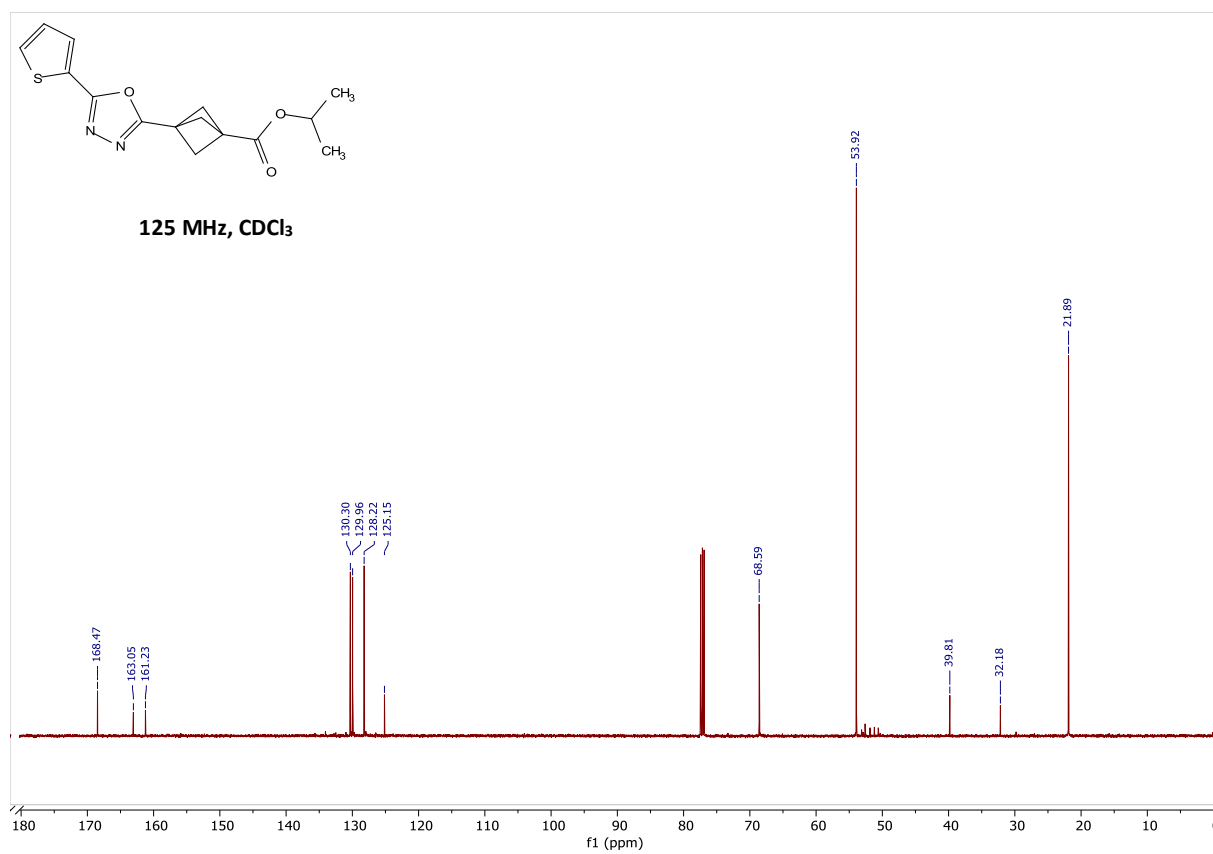
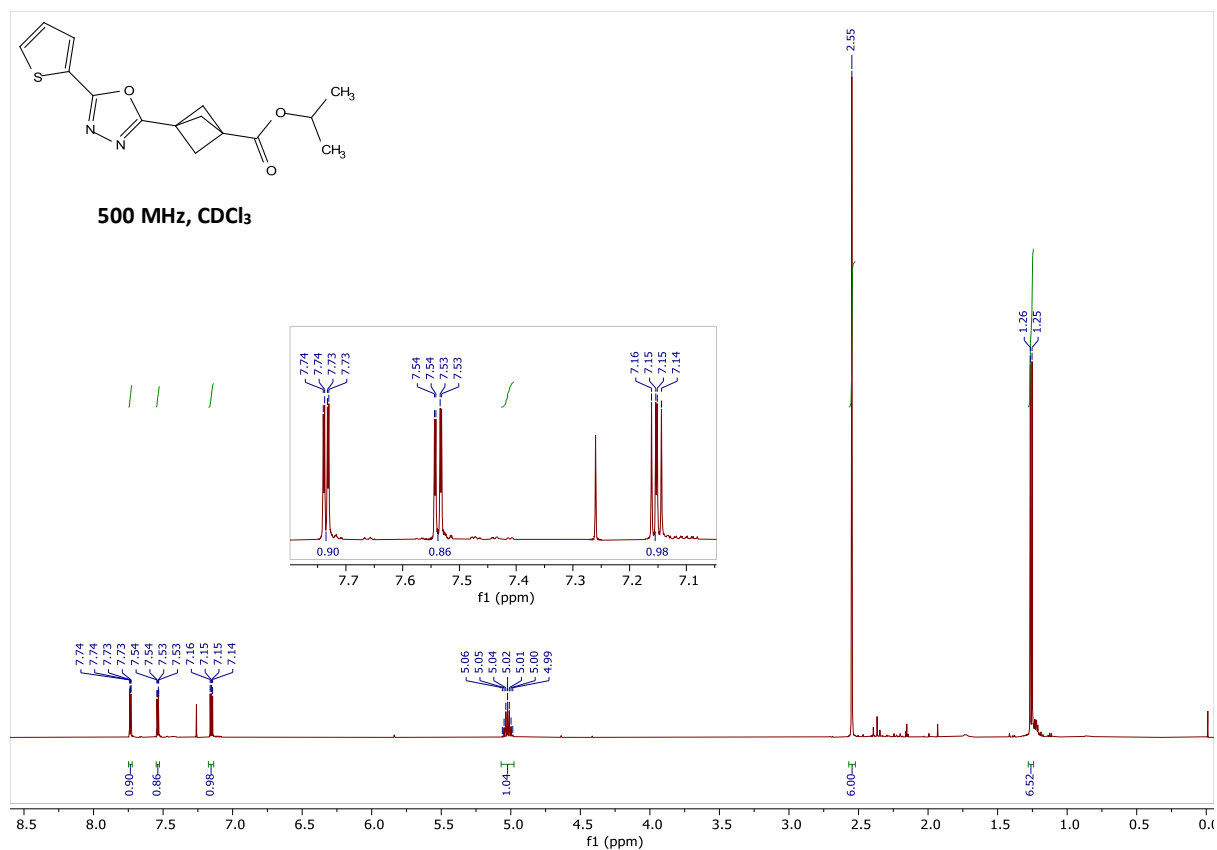




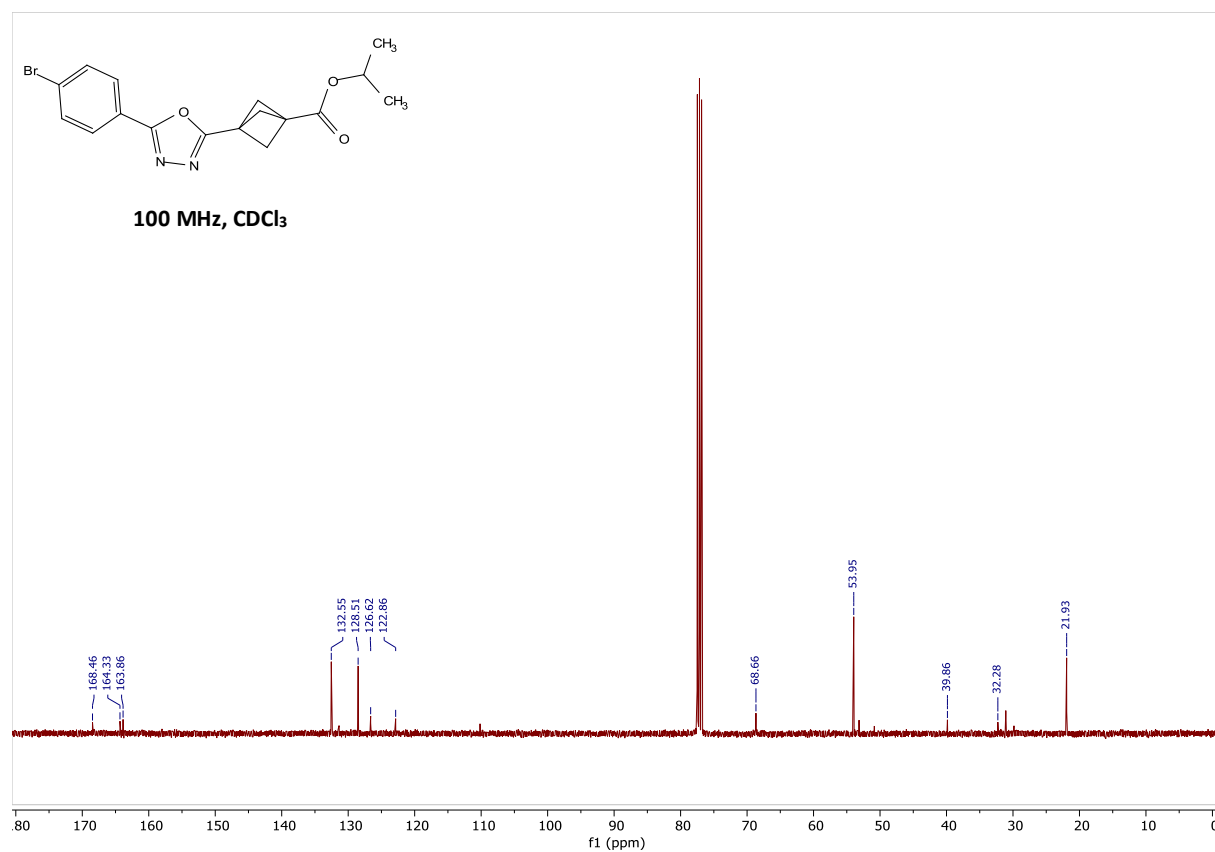
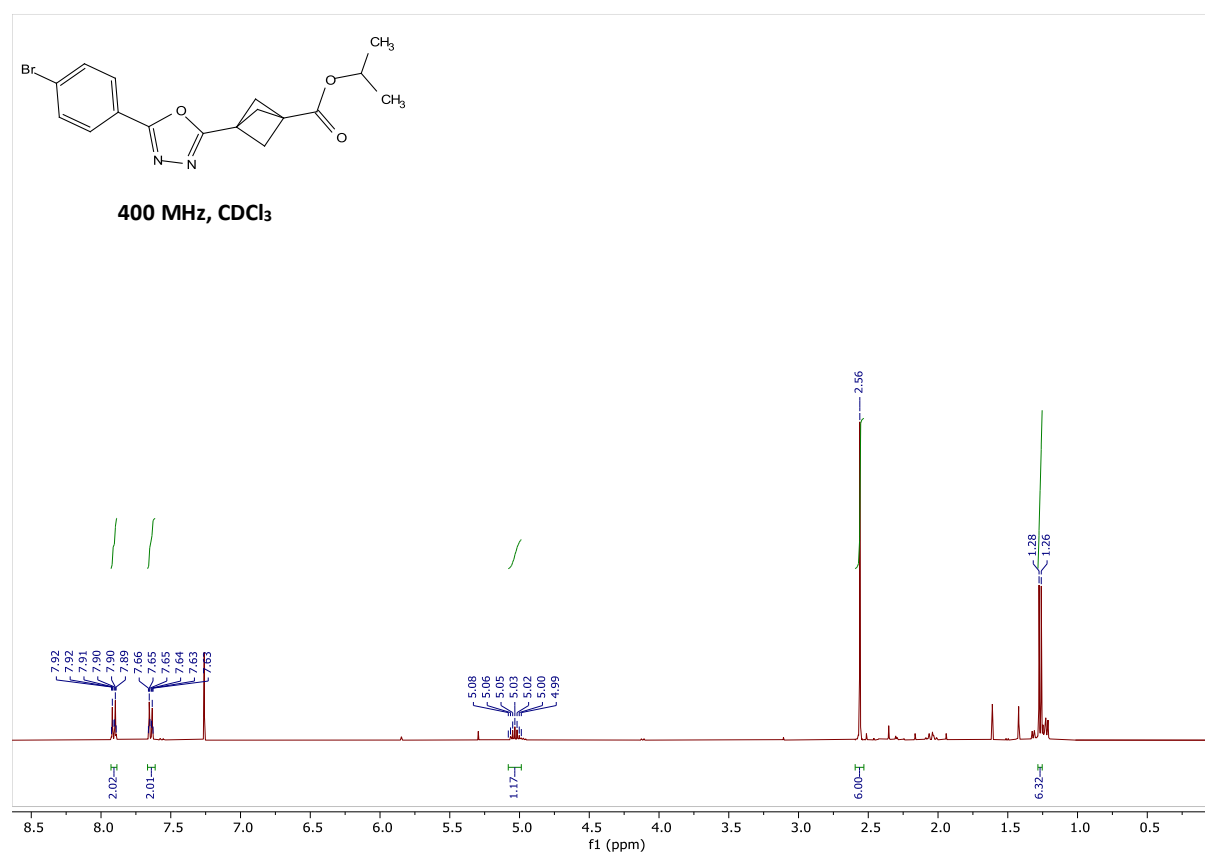
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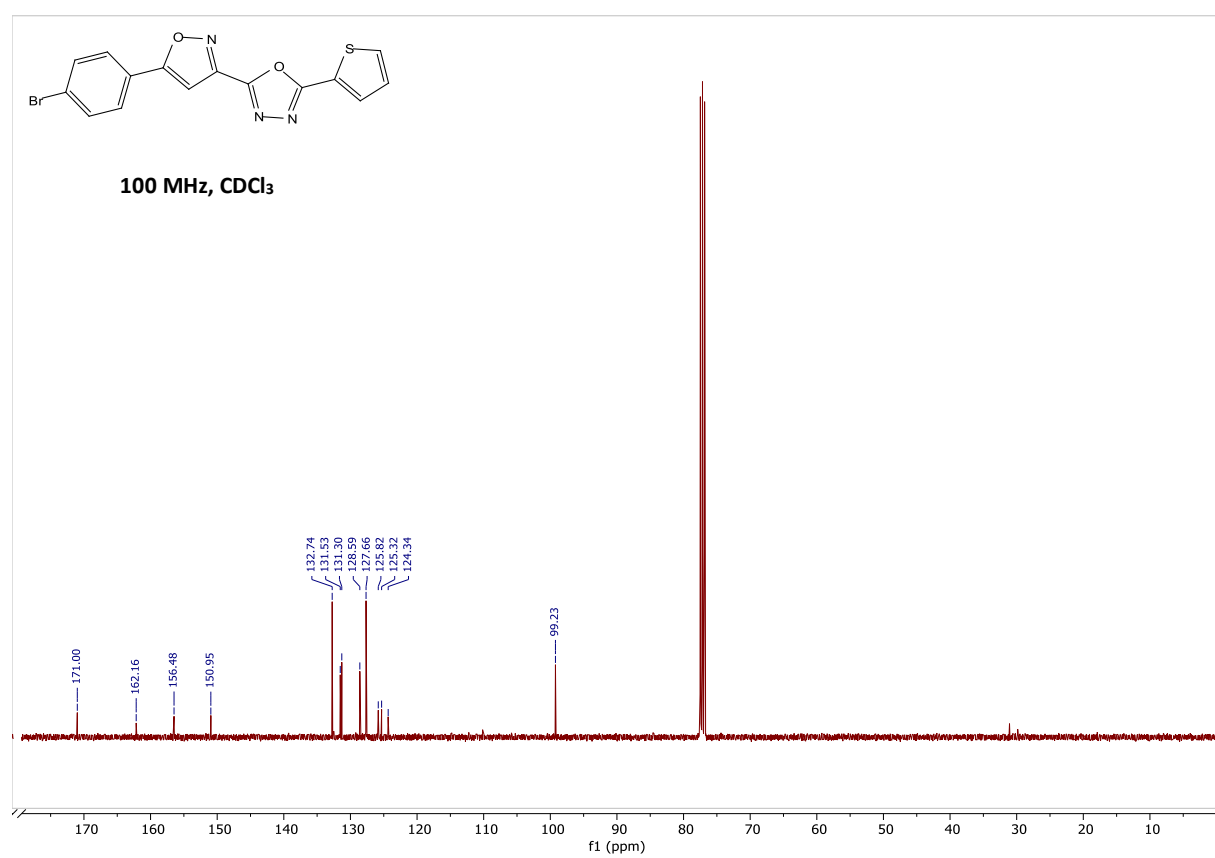
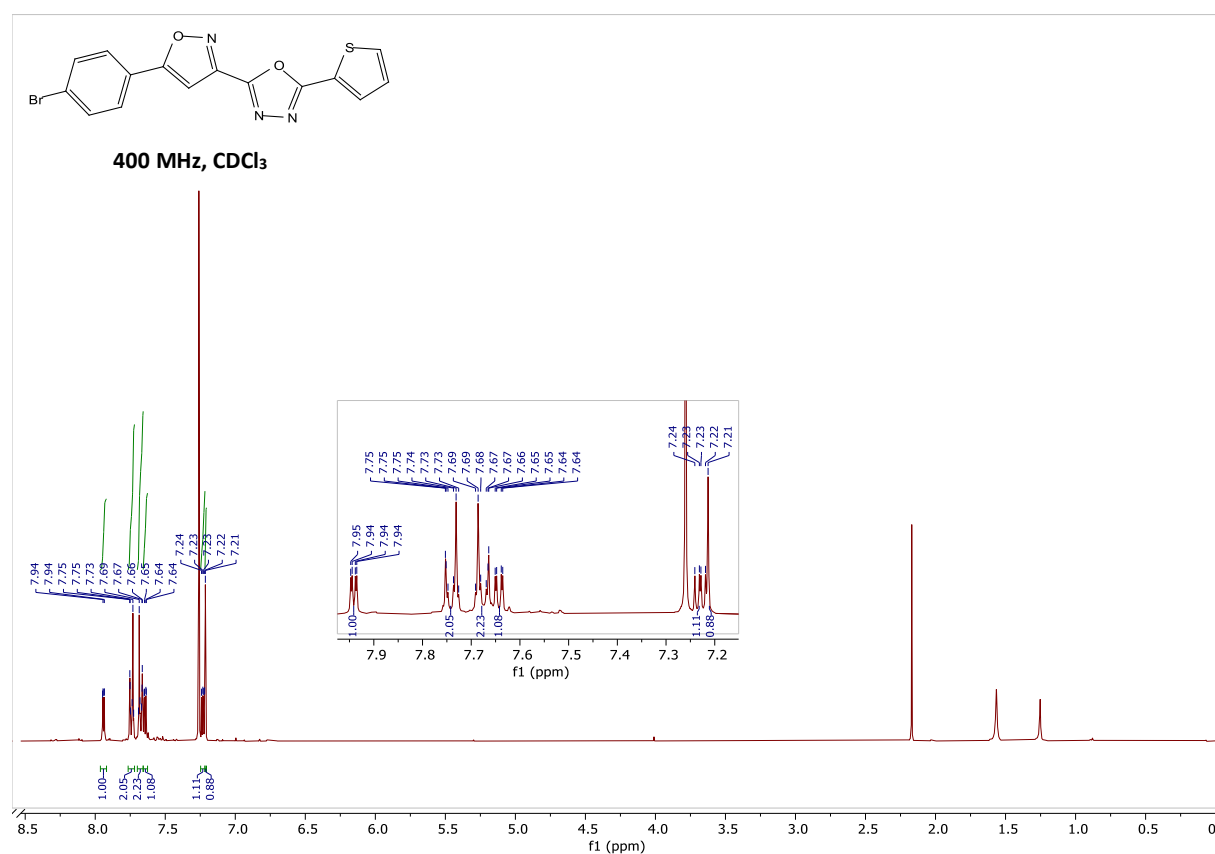
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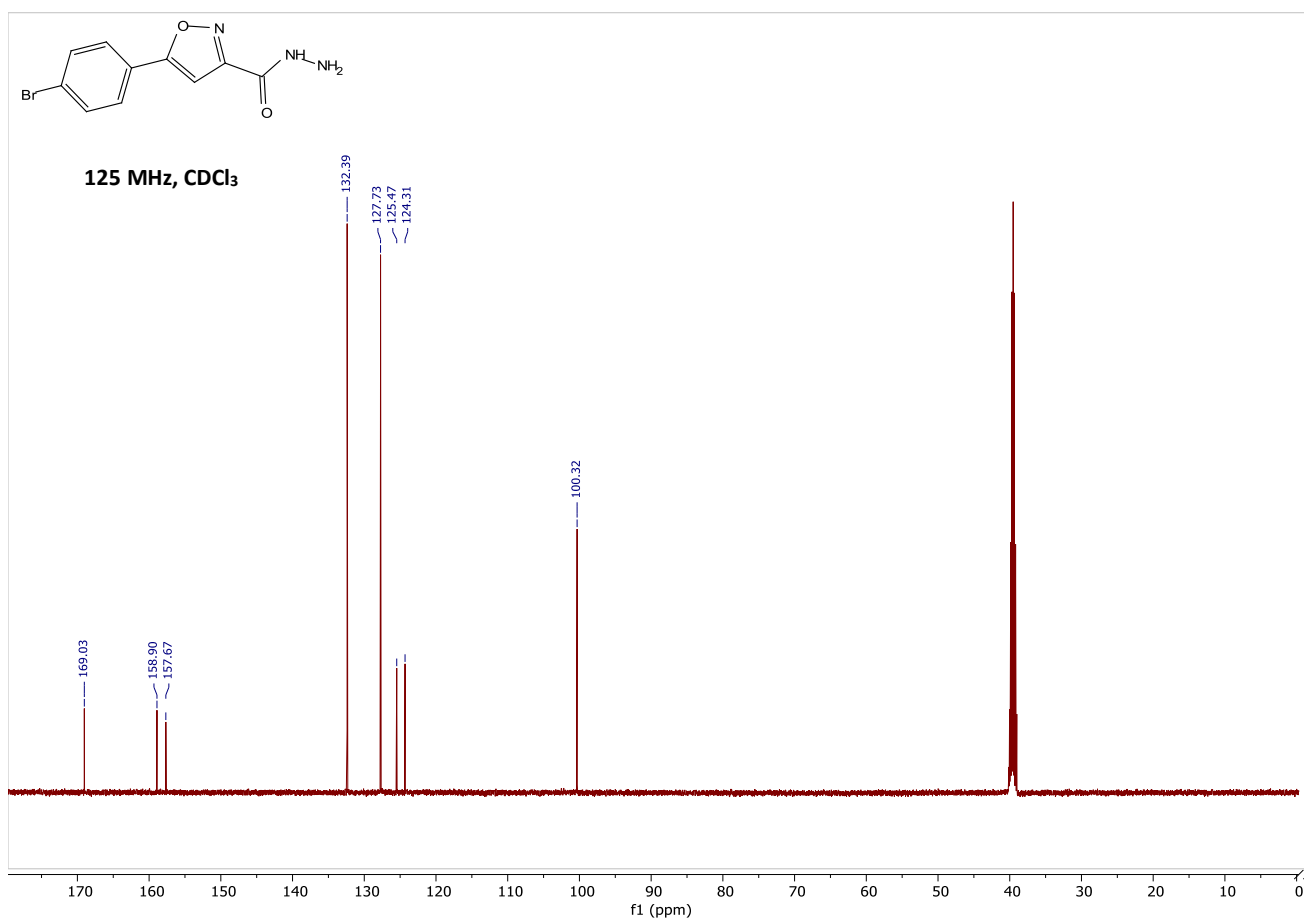
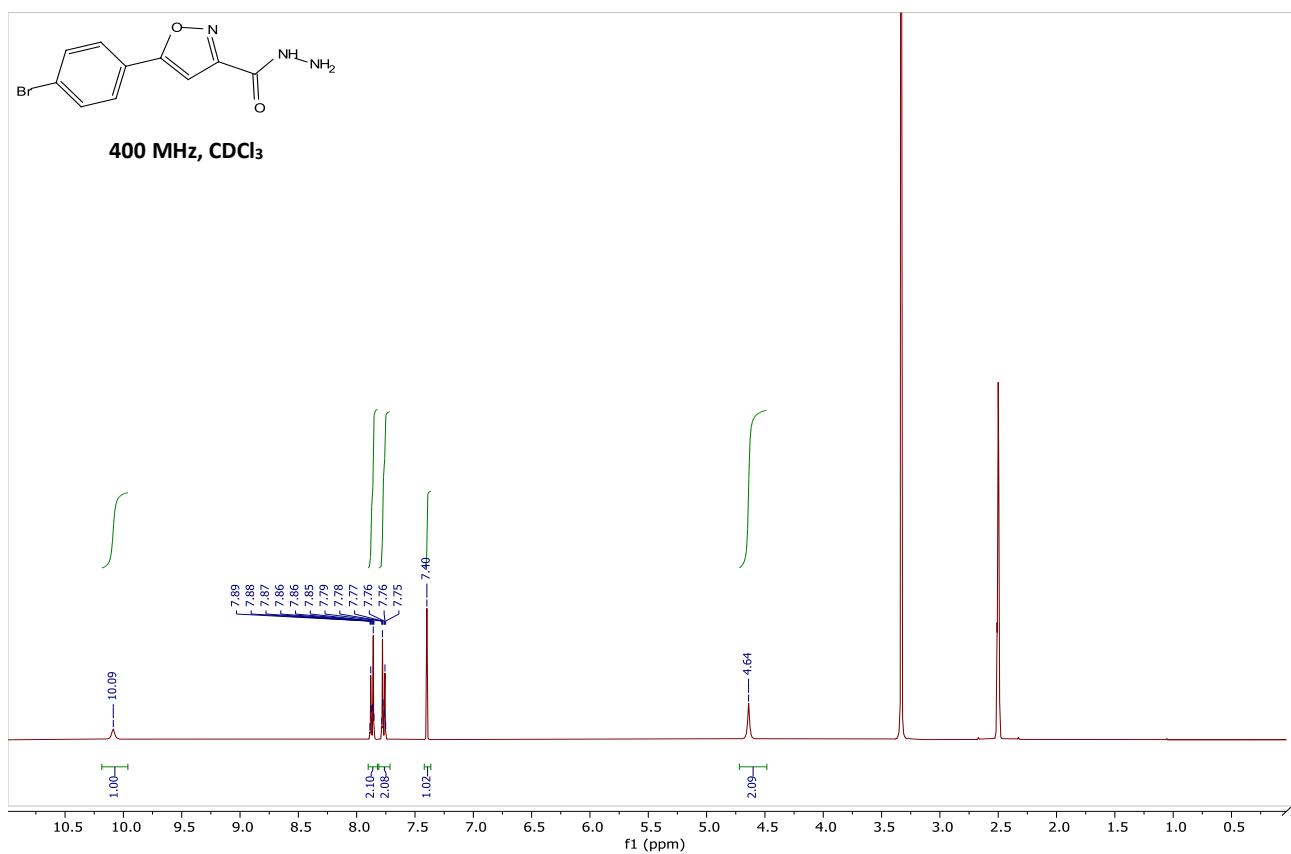
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**2-(5-(4-Bromophenyl)isoxazol-3-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole, 2m, 400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>:**



**5-(4-Bromophenyl)isoxazole-3-carbohydrazide, 6, 400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>**



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