

# Trifluoromethyl Ketones from Enolizable Carboxylic Acids via Enediolate Trifluoroacetylation/Decarboxylation

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**General.** Compounds **2-16** were prepared according to the general procedure on 10.0 mmol scale and in the yields listed in Tables 1 and 2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless indicated otherwise. Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded neat.

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**General procedure for conversion of carboxylic acids to trifluoromethyl ketones.**

**2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-indan-2-yl-ethanone (11).** To a solution of indane-2-carboxylic acid (1.62 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at -20 °C was added dropwise LDA (14.7 mL, 22.0 mmol, 1.5 M in cyclohexane) over 10 min. The temperature of the reaction mixture was allowed to rise to 10 °C during the addition of LDA. The reaction mixture was then aged at 20 °C for 4 h. In a separate flask, a solution of ethyl trifluoroacetate (3.6 mL, 30.0 mmol) and THF (10 mL) was cooled to -65 °C. The enediolate solution was added dropwise via cannula to the ethyl trifluoroacetate solution. Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was aged for 15 min at -65 °C and then quenched with 6 N HCl (20 mL) [Caution: CO<sub>2</sub> is evolved during the quench]. The reaction mixture is diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), the layers are separated, and the organic phase dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes) gave **11** (1.48 g, 69% yield) as a colorless oil.

**Data for 6,7,10 & 11:**

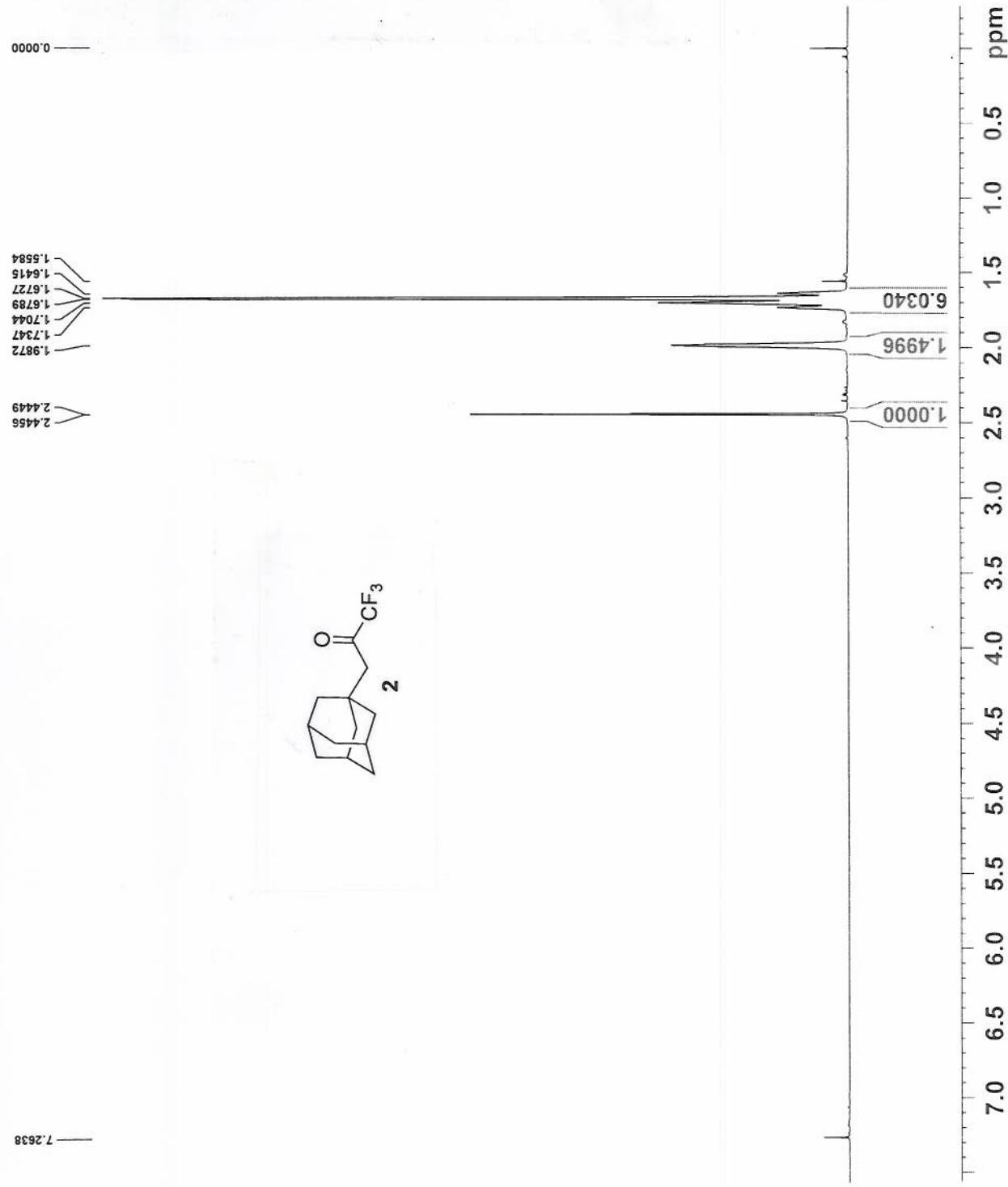
**1,1,1-Trifluoro-12-phenoxydodecan-2-one (6).** White solid; mp 61-63 °C; IR 2916, 2852, 1755, 1603, 1587, 1497, 1473, 1246, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 7.21-7.14 (m, 2 H), 6.85-6.79 (m, 3 H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.59-1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.40-1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.26-1.18 (m, 10 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 191.6 (q, *J* = 35 Hz), 159.2, 129.4, 120.5, 115.6 (q, *J* = 291 Hz), 114.5, 67.8, 36.4, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.7, 26.1, 22.4; Anal. calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.44; H, 7.63. Found: C, 65.70; H, 7.78.

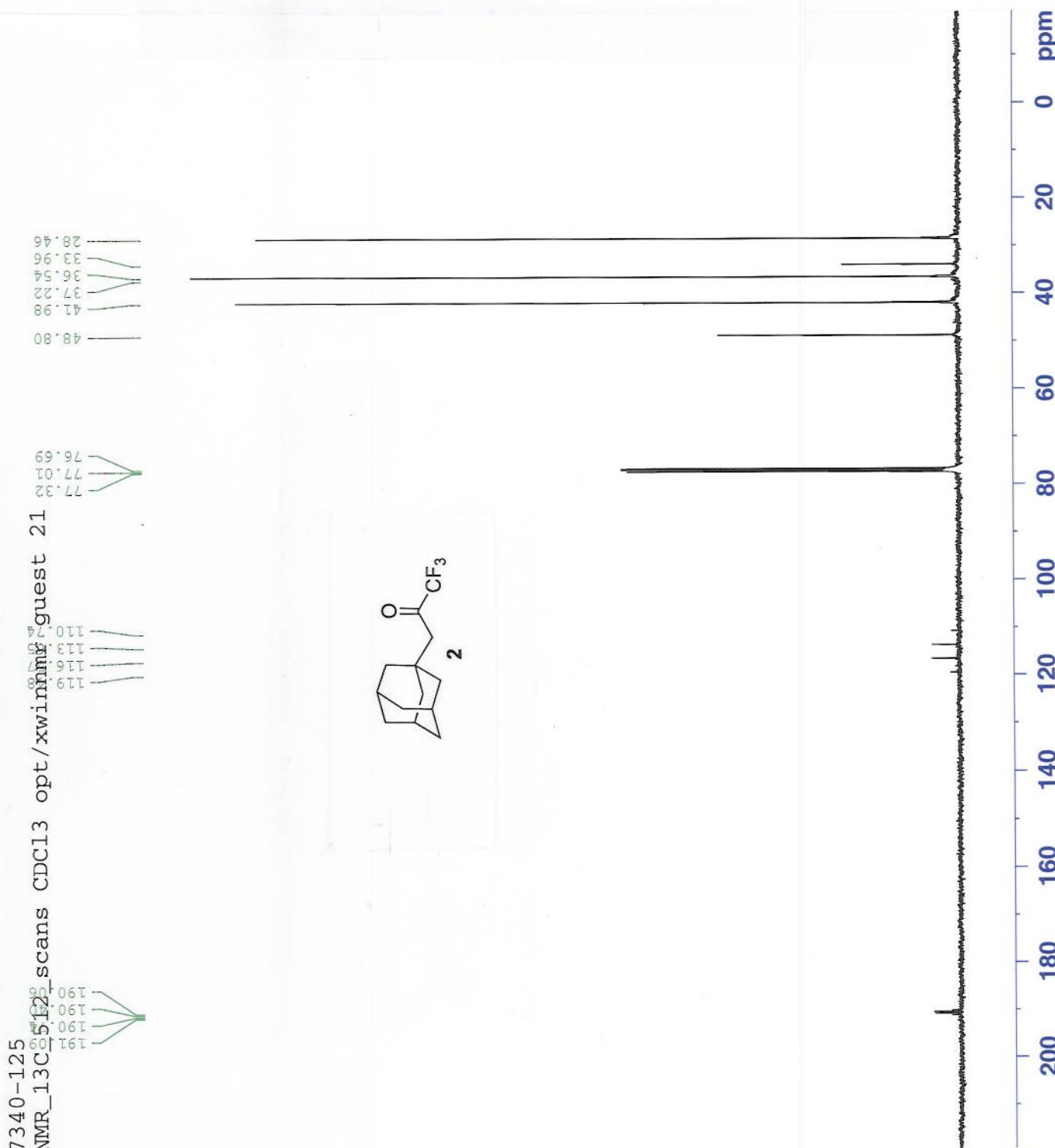
**13-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1,1,1-trifluorotridecan-2-one (7).** Colorless oil; IR 2932, 1760, 1472, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 3.55 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.48-1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.31-1.20 (m, 14 H), 0.85 (s, 9 H), 0.00 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 191.6 (q, *J* = 35 Hz), 115.6 (q, *J* = 291 Hz), 63.3, 36.4, 32.9, 29.5, 29.43, 29.38, 29.3, 29.1, 28.7, 26.0, 25.8, 22.4, 18.4, -5.3; Anal. calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: C, 59.65; H, 9.75. Found: C, 59.78; H, 9.69.

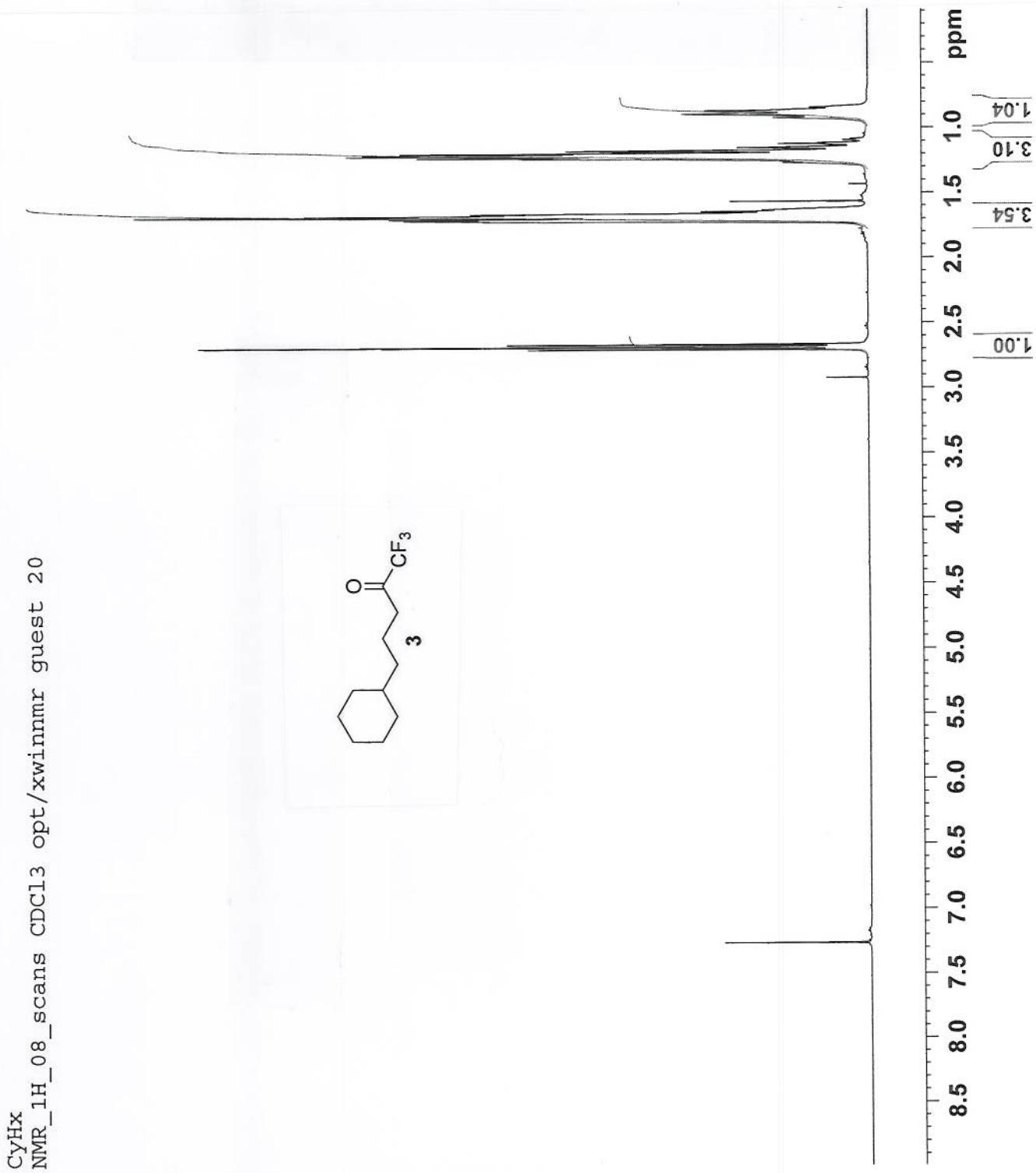
**1-Cyclododecyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanone (10).** Colorless oil; IR 2959, 2865, 1756, 1471, 1203, 1143 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 3.10-3.04 (m, 1 H), 1.74-1.60 (m, 4 H), 1.47-1.28 (m, 18 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 195.3 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 115.8 (q, *J* = 321 Hz), 42.2, 29.7, 23.5, 23.44, 23.40, 23.3, 22.3; Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O: C, 63.61; H, 8.77. Found: C, 63.80; H, 8.65.

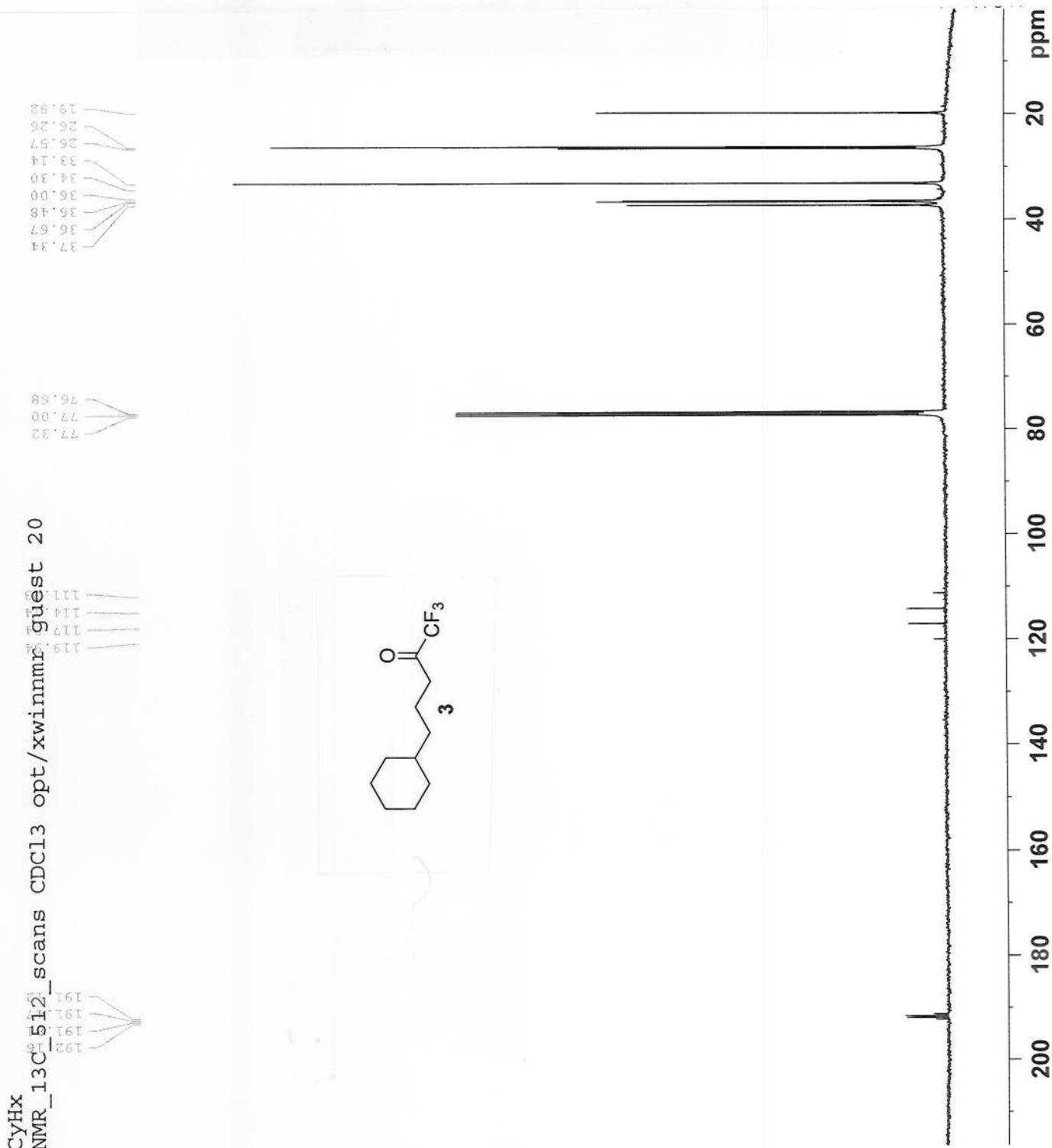
**2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-indan-2-yl-ethanone (11).** Colorless oil; IR 3028, 2955, 2859, 1755, 1486, 1450, 1205, 1115 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24-7.14 (m, 4 H), 3.80 (p, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.34-3.23 (m, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.7 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 140.2, 126.9, 124.3, 115.9 (q, *J* = 290 Hz), 45.5, 34.9; Anal. calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O: C, 61.68; H, 4.24. Found: C, 61.39; H, 4.13.

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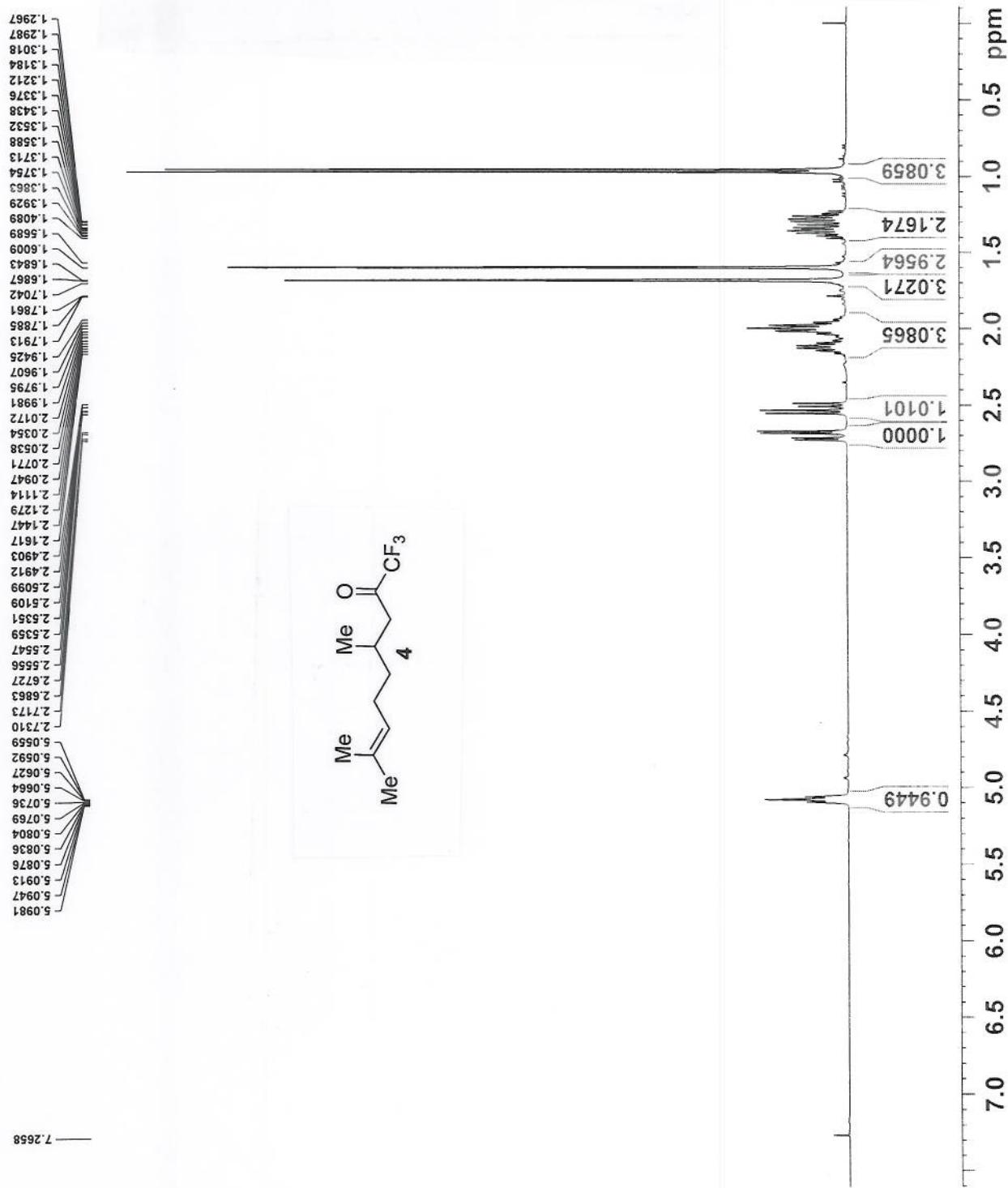


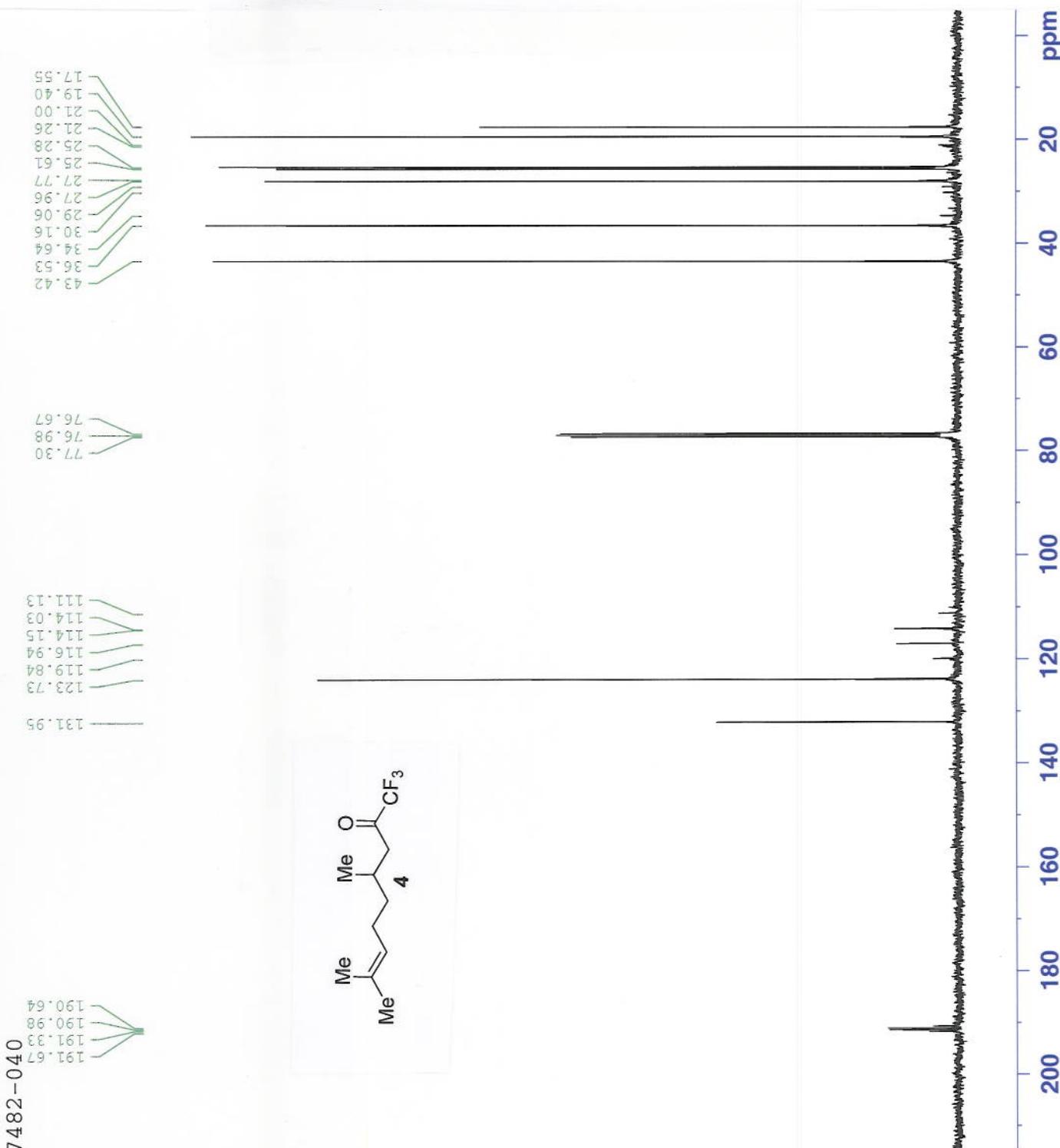


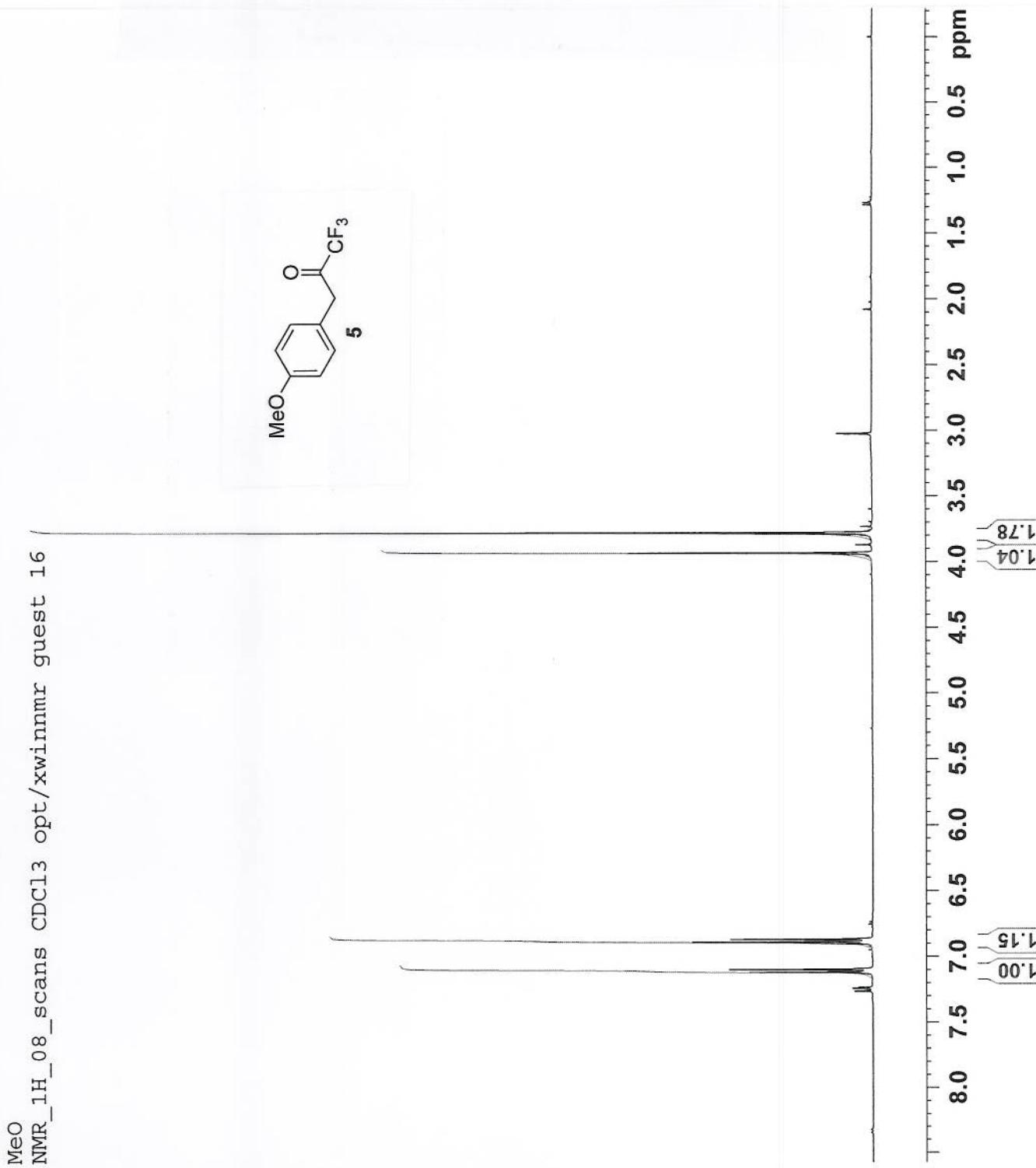


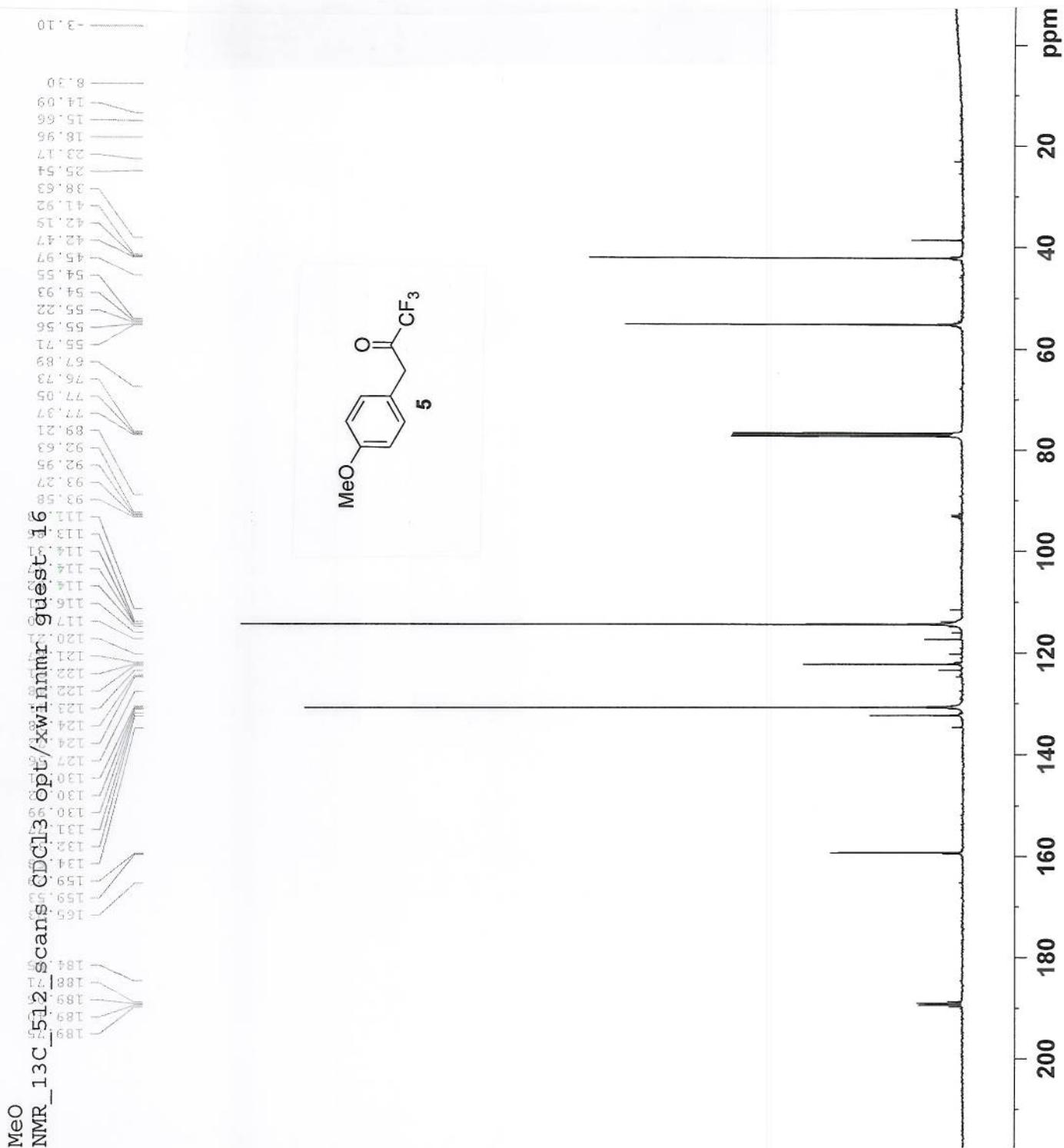


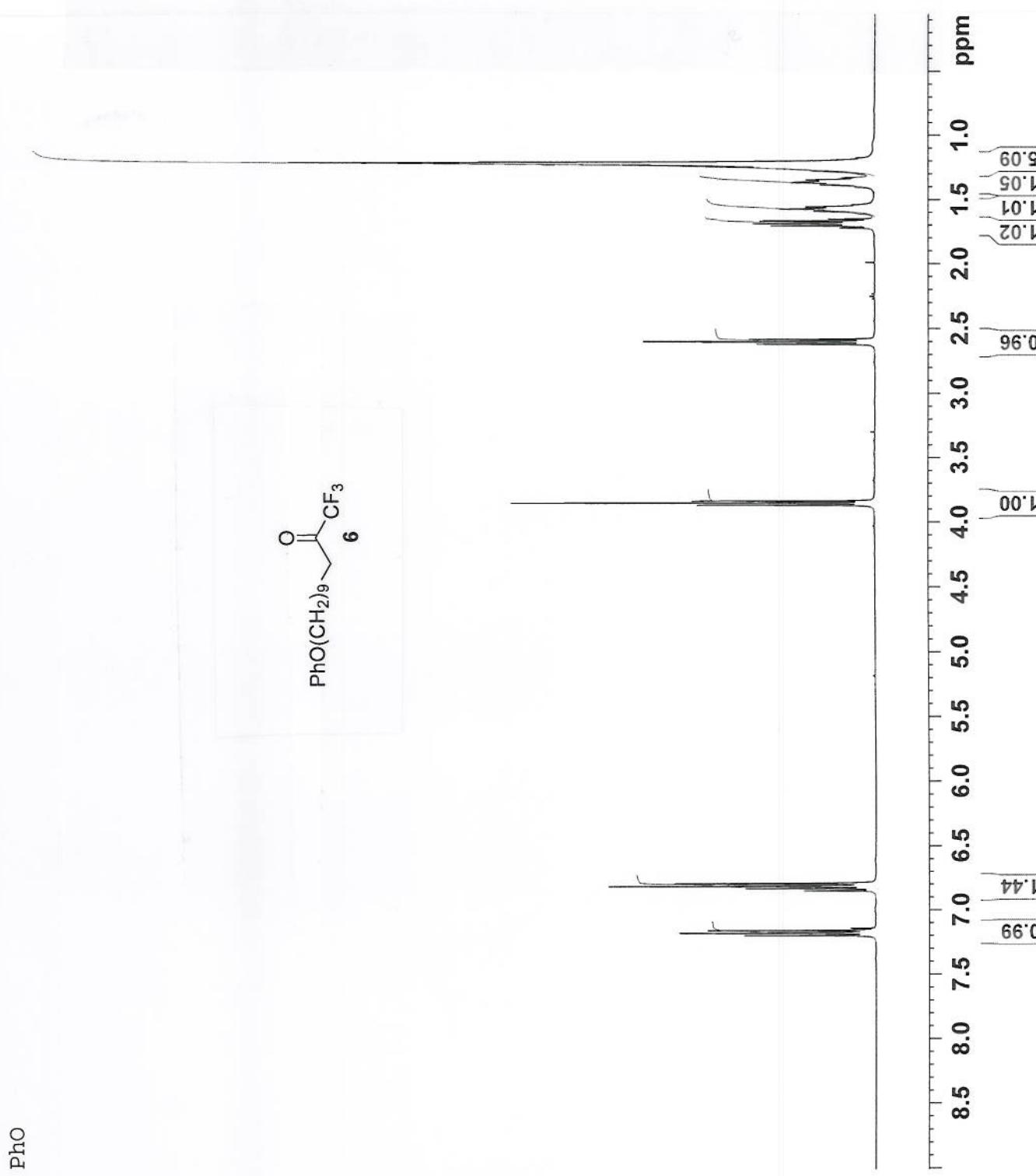
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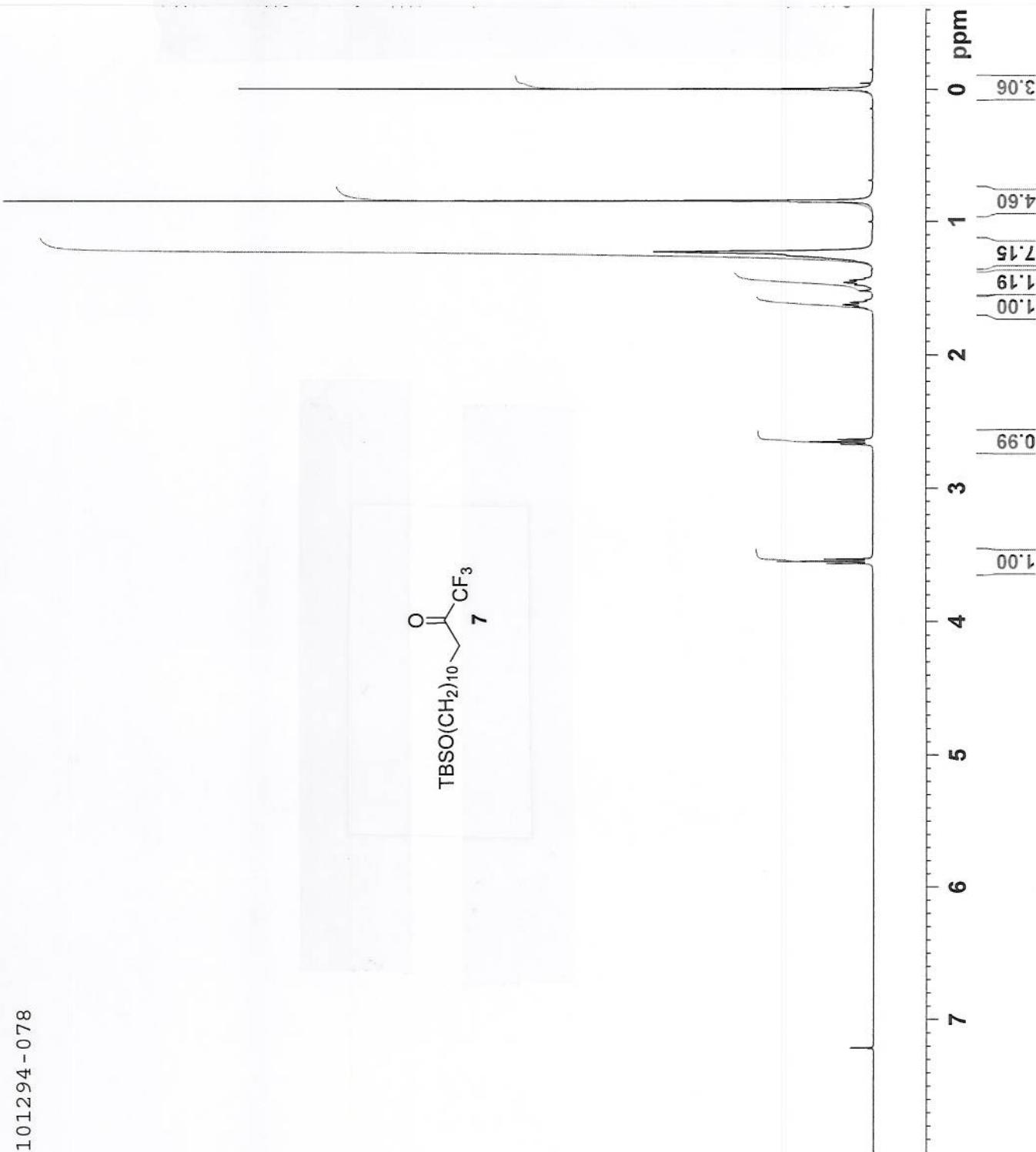




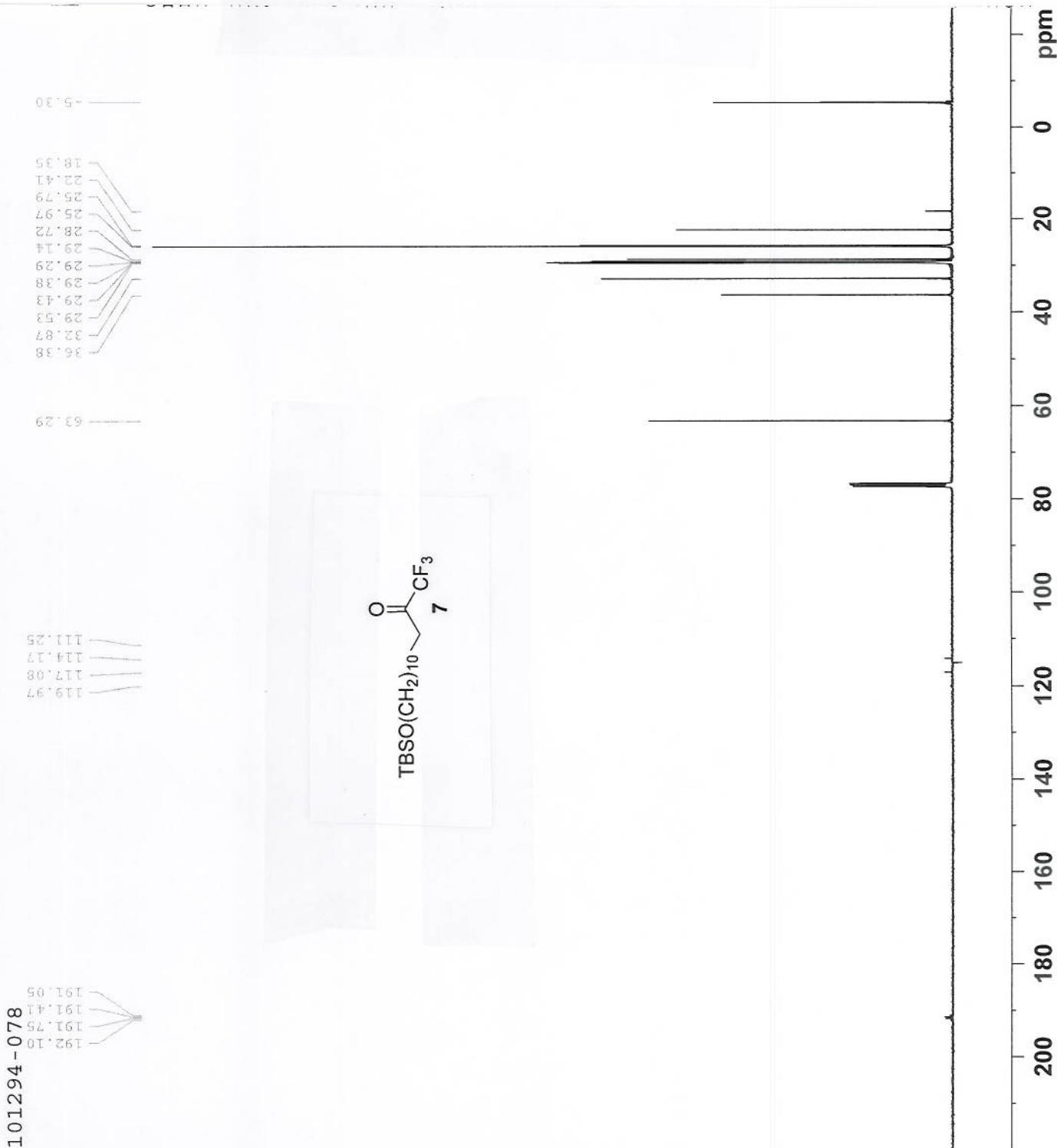


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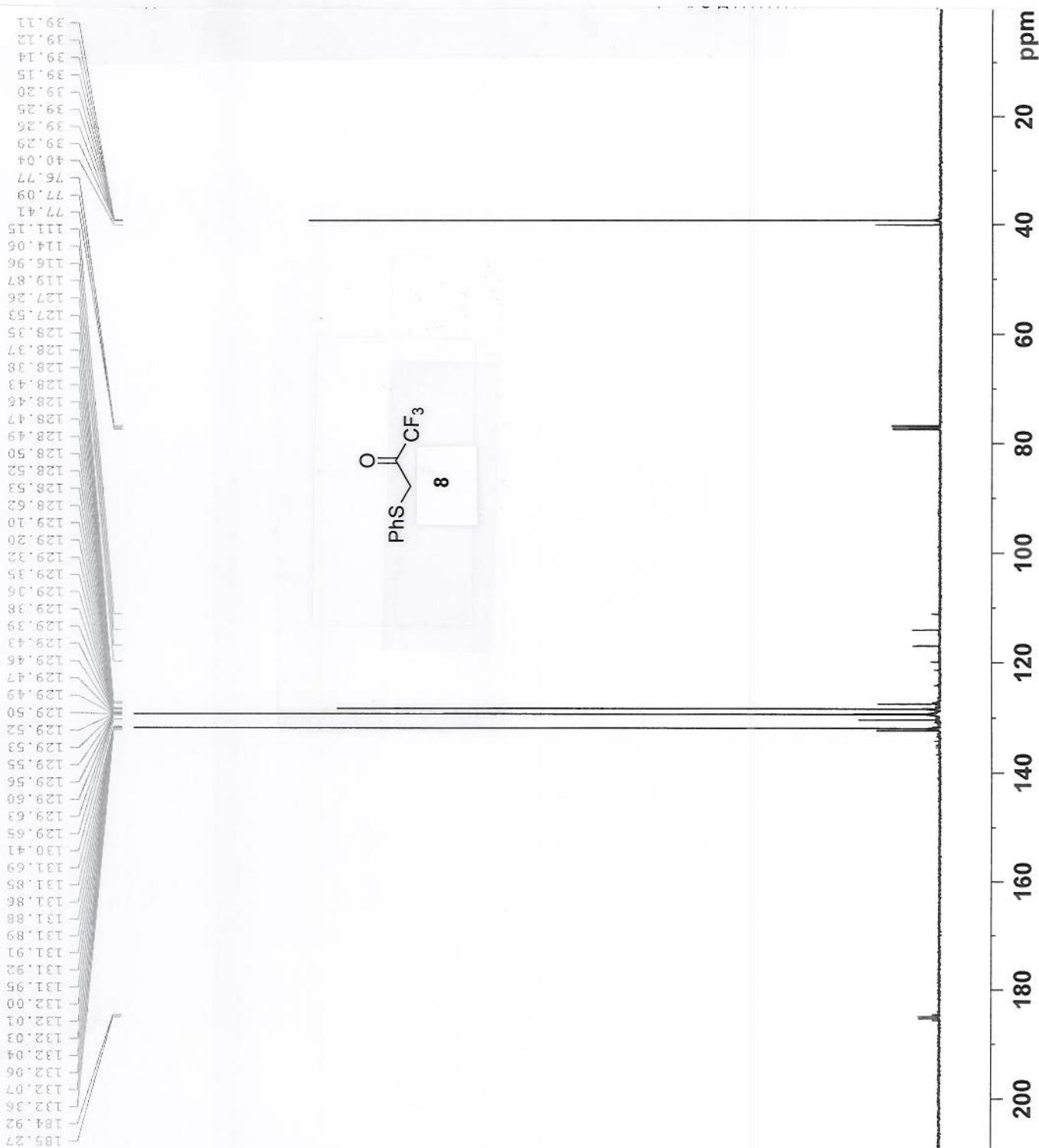


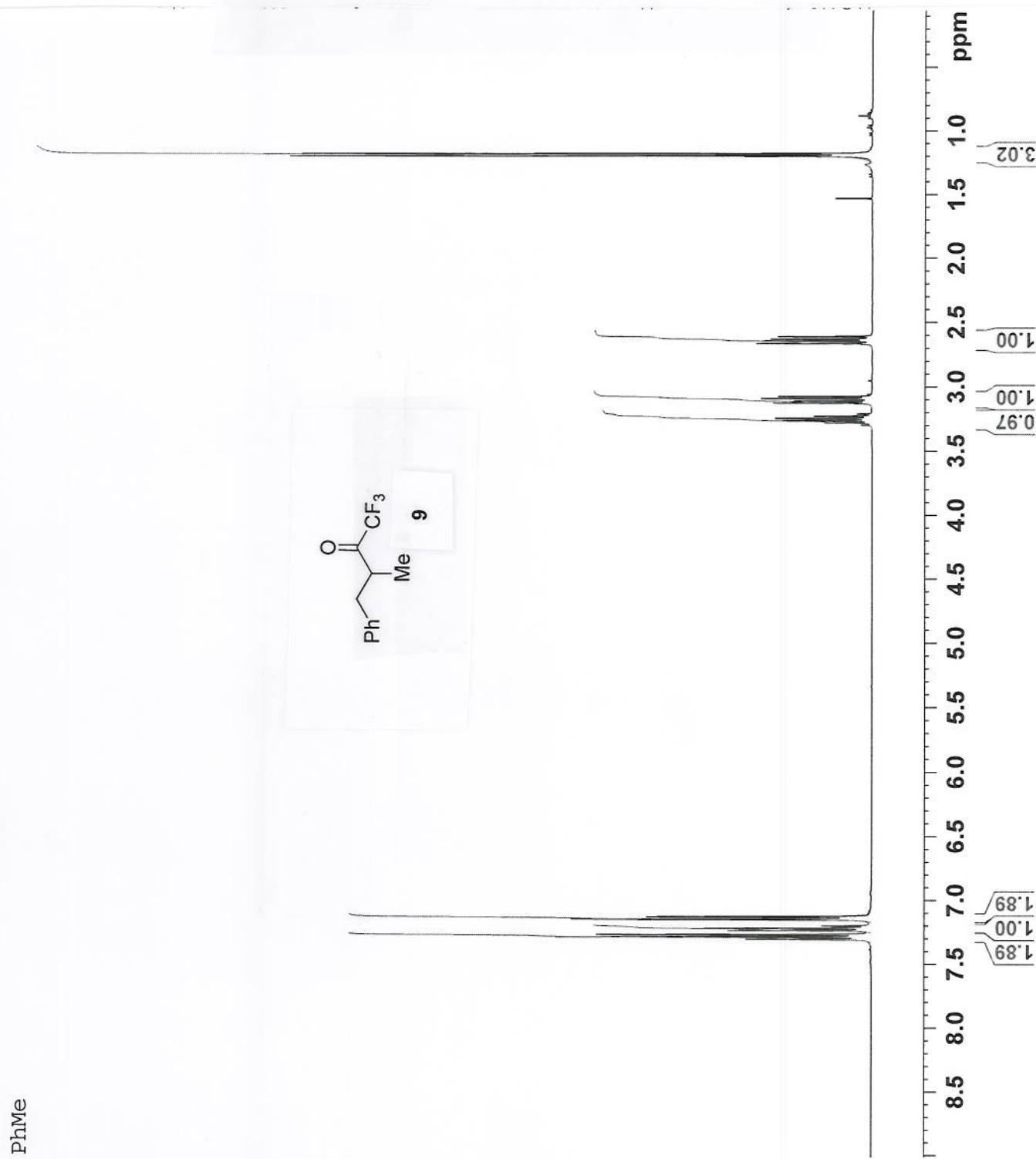
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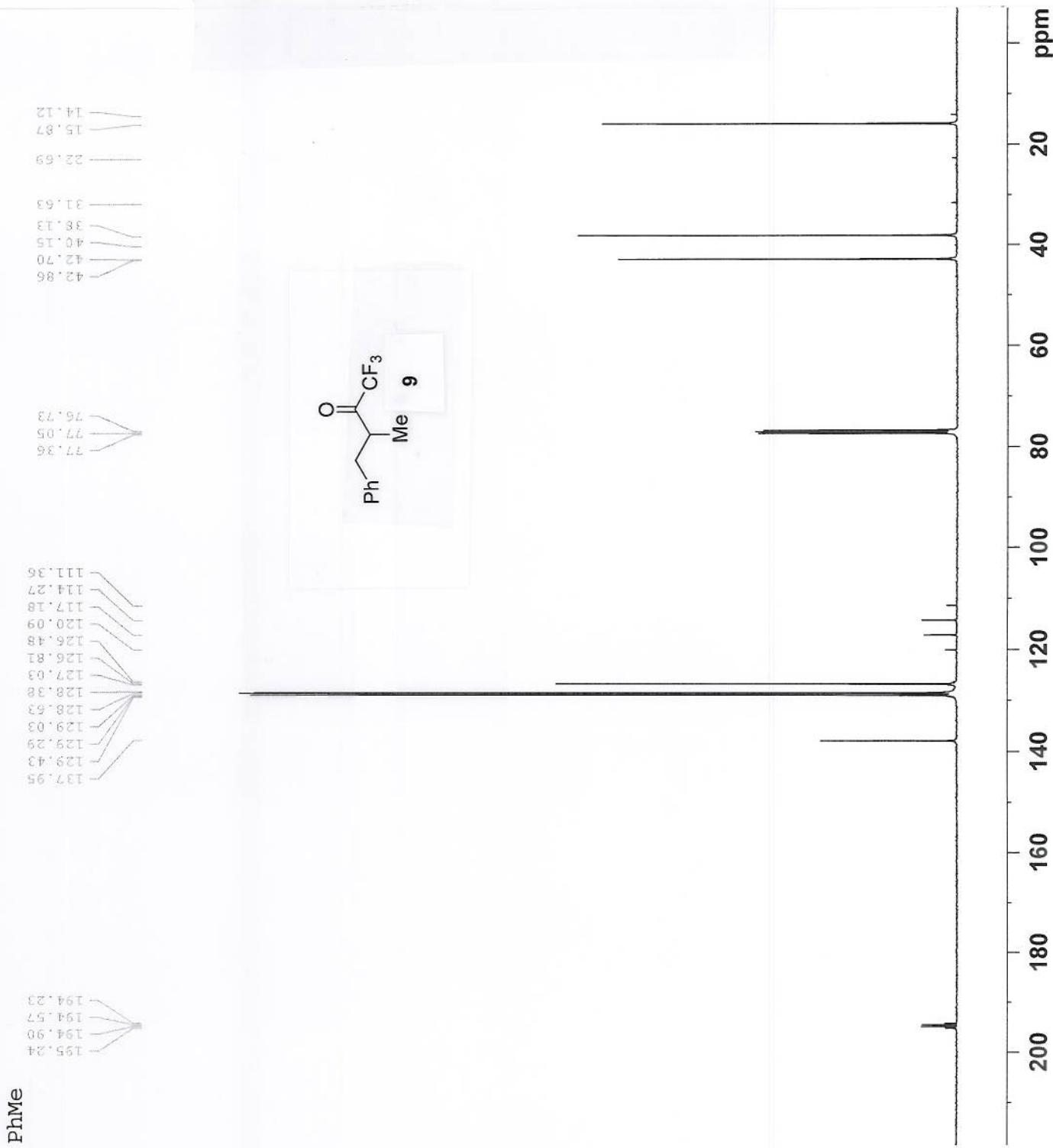




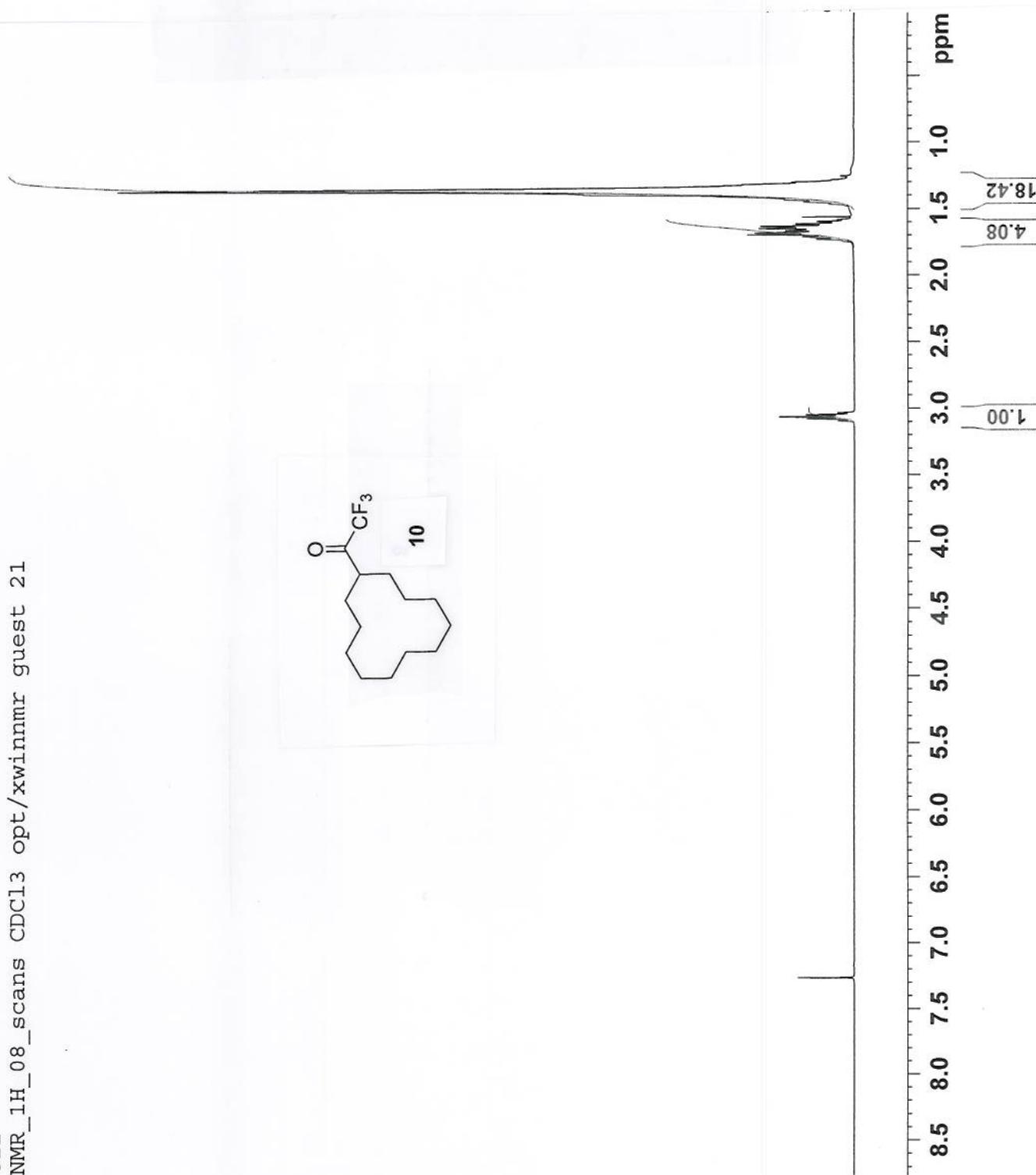
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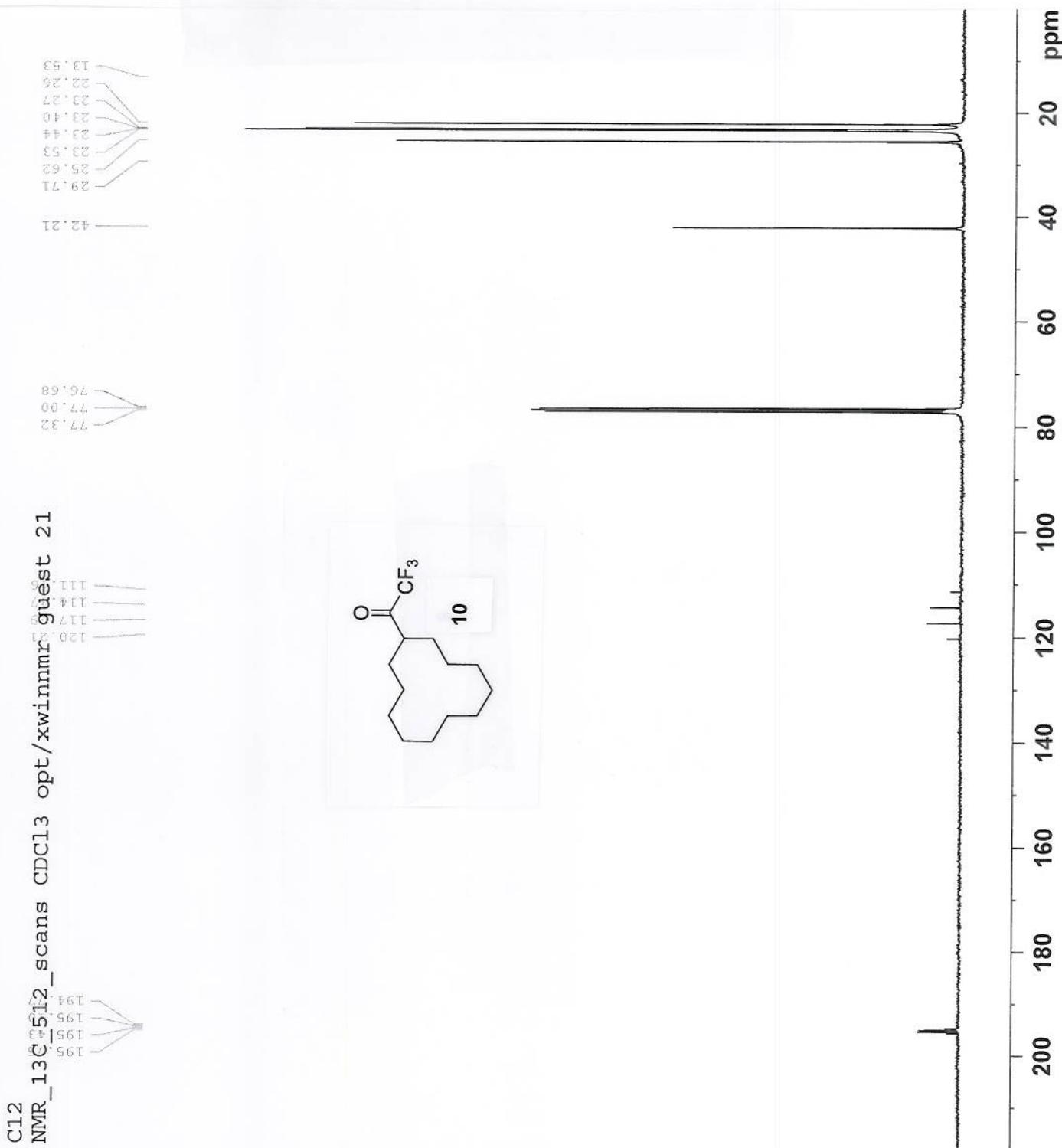


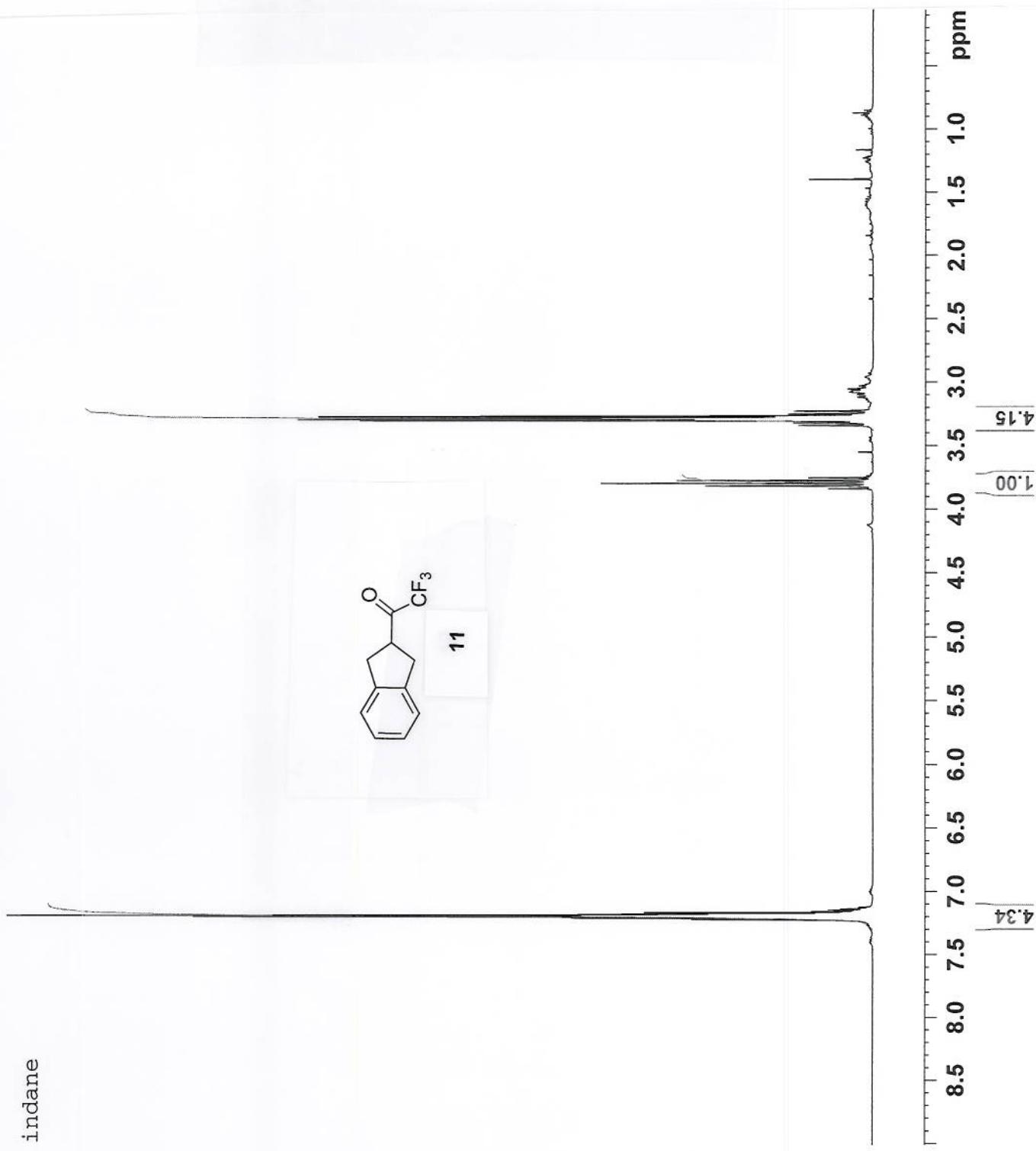


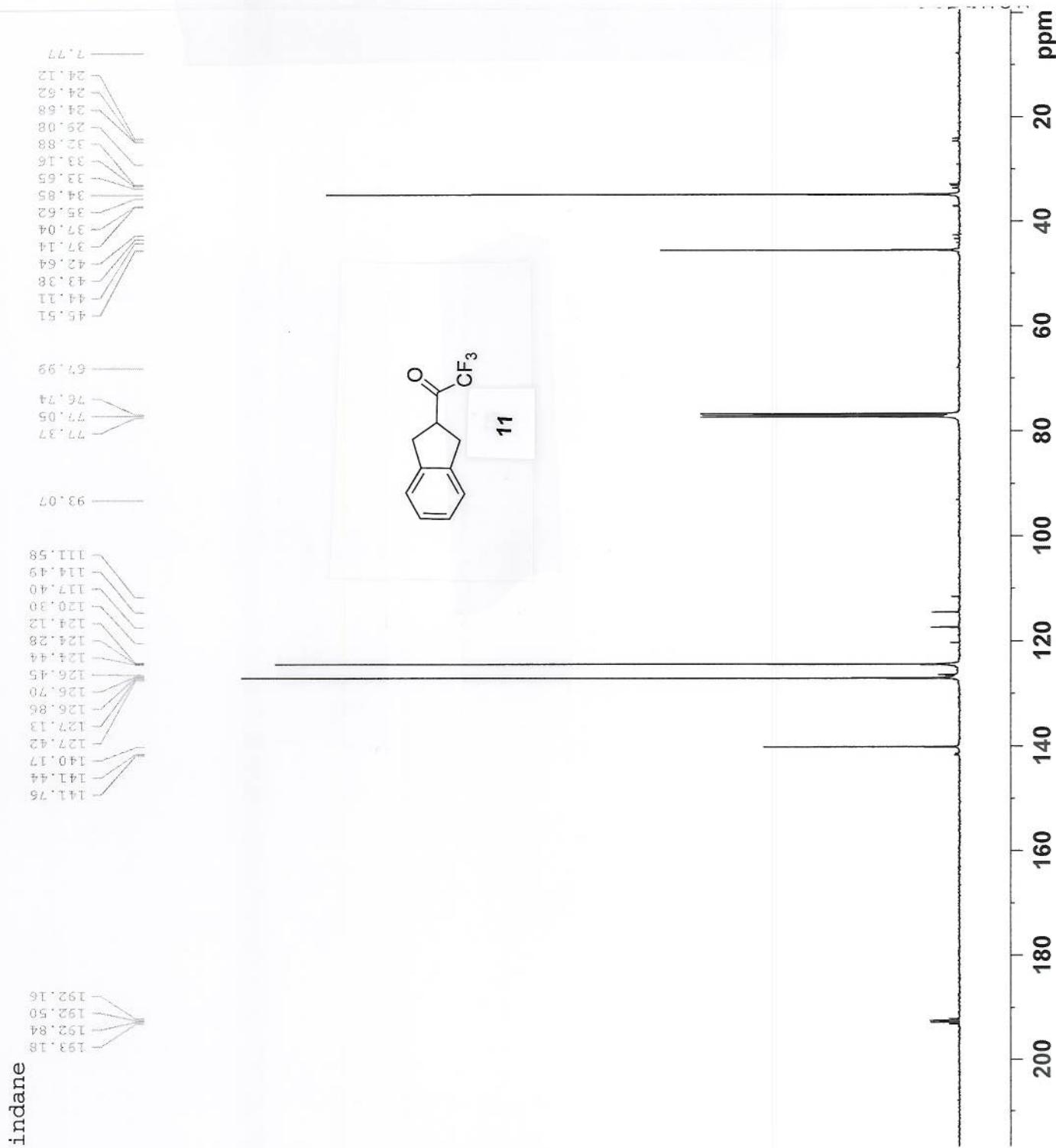


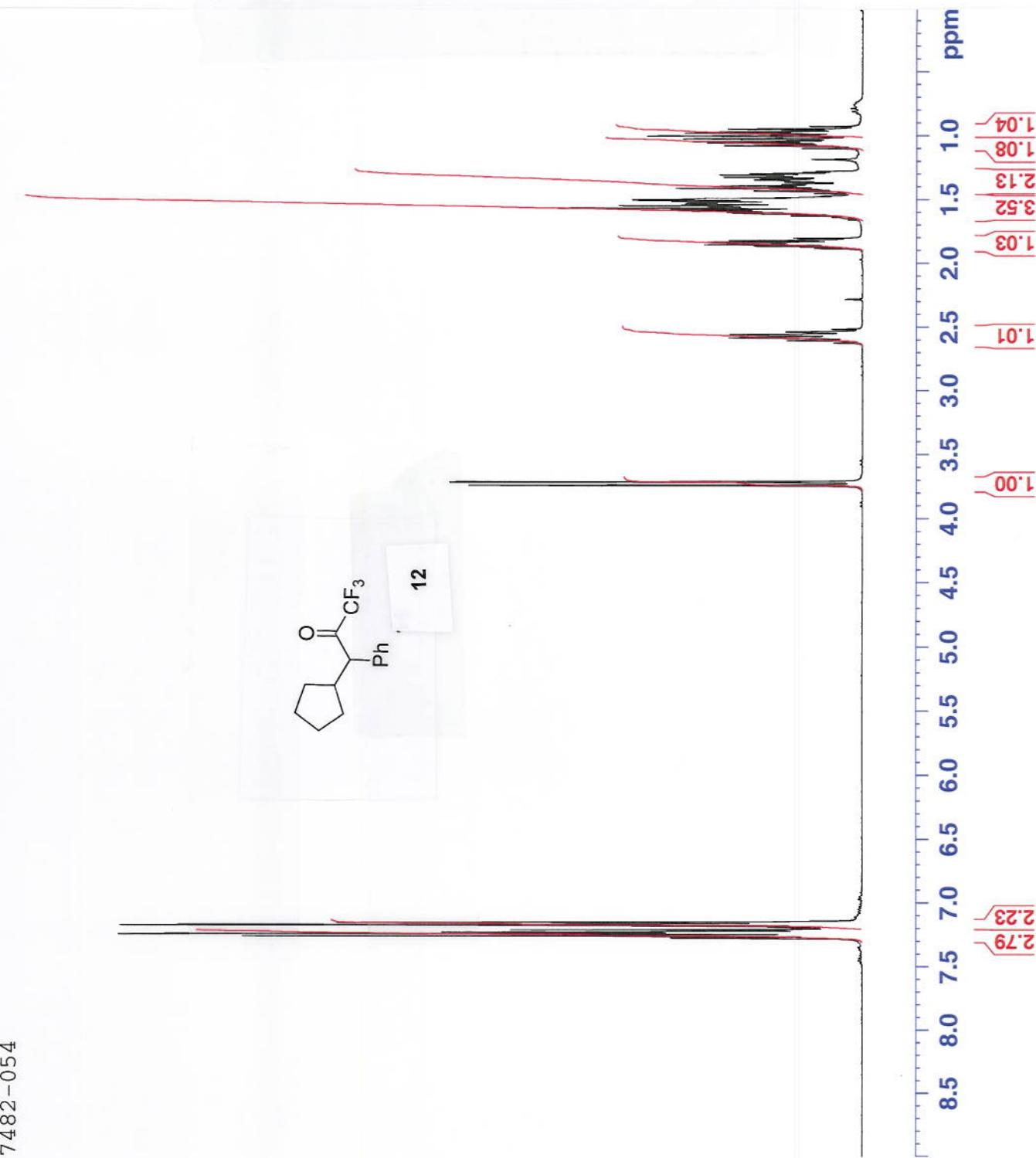
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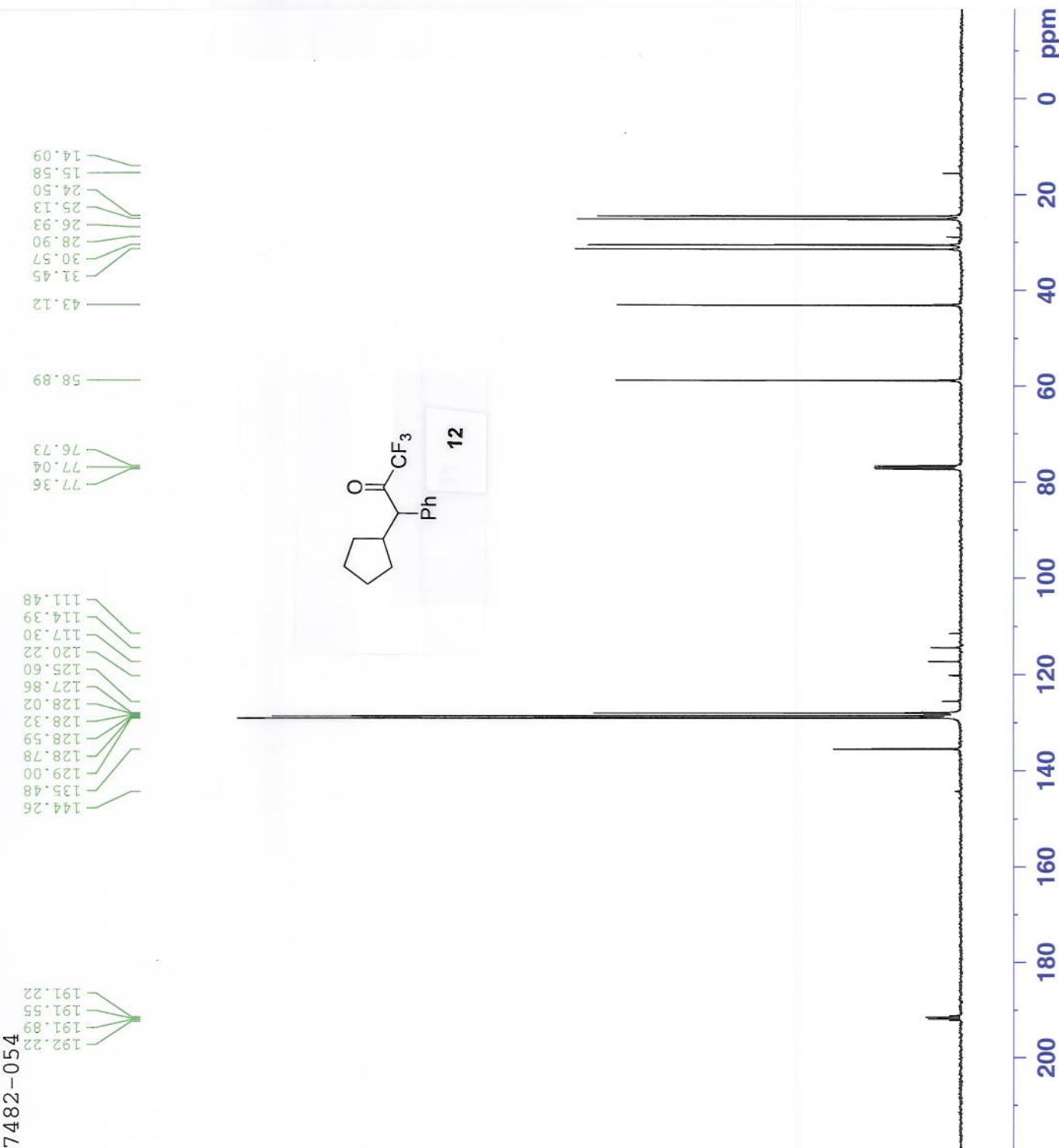




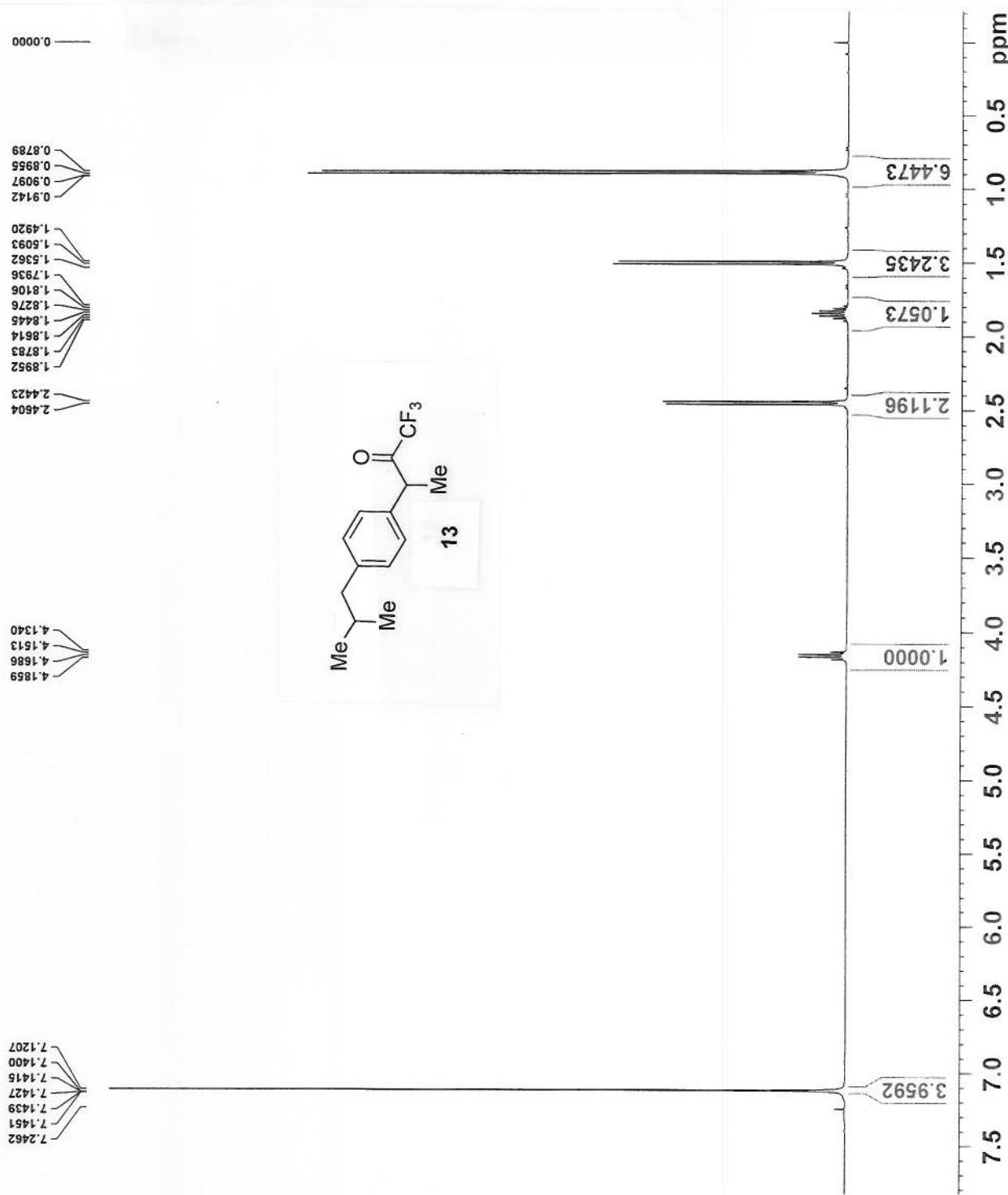




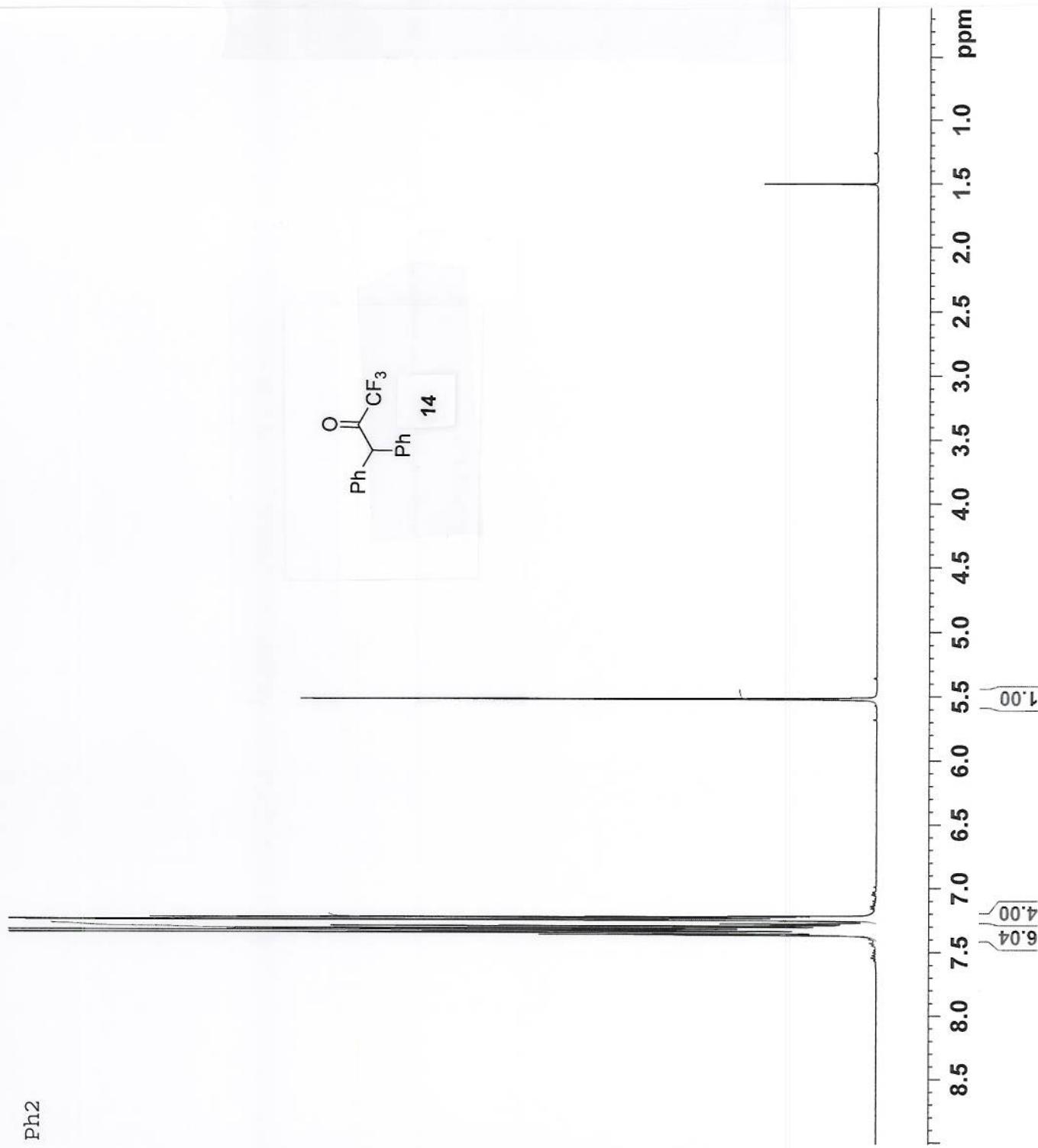
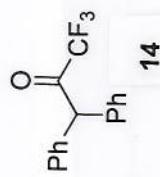


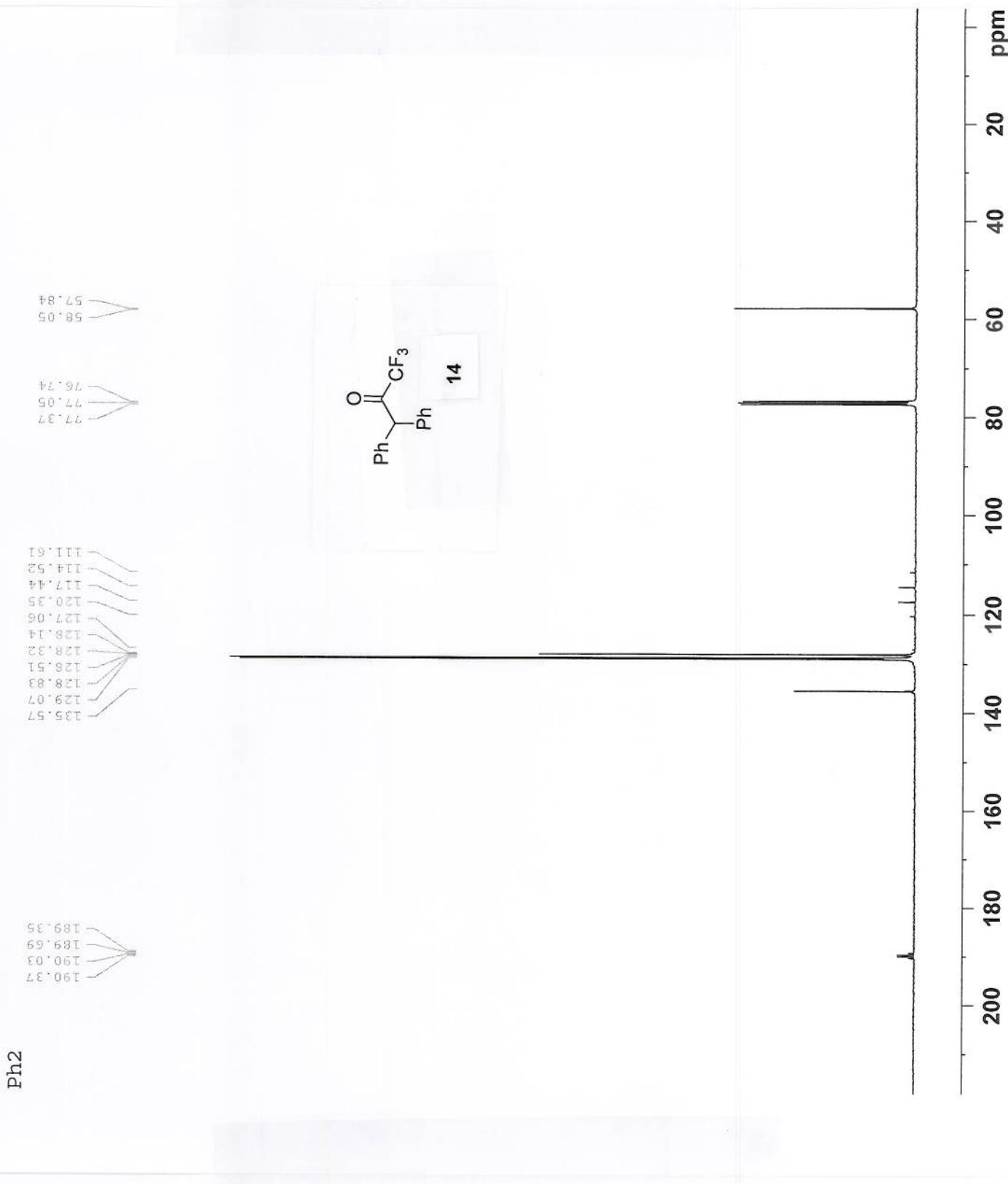


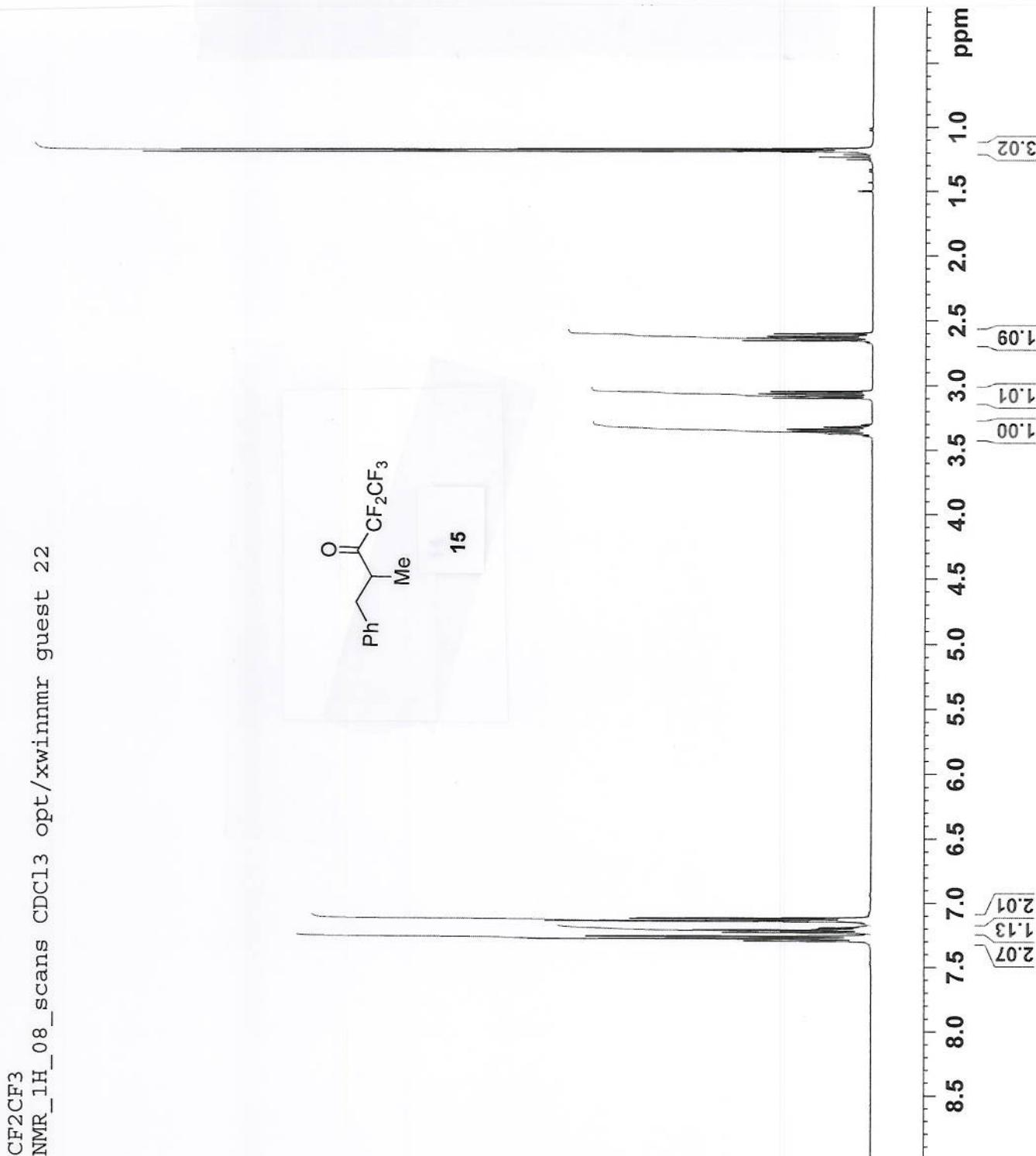
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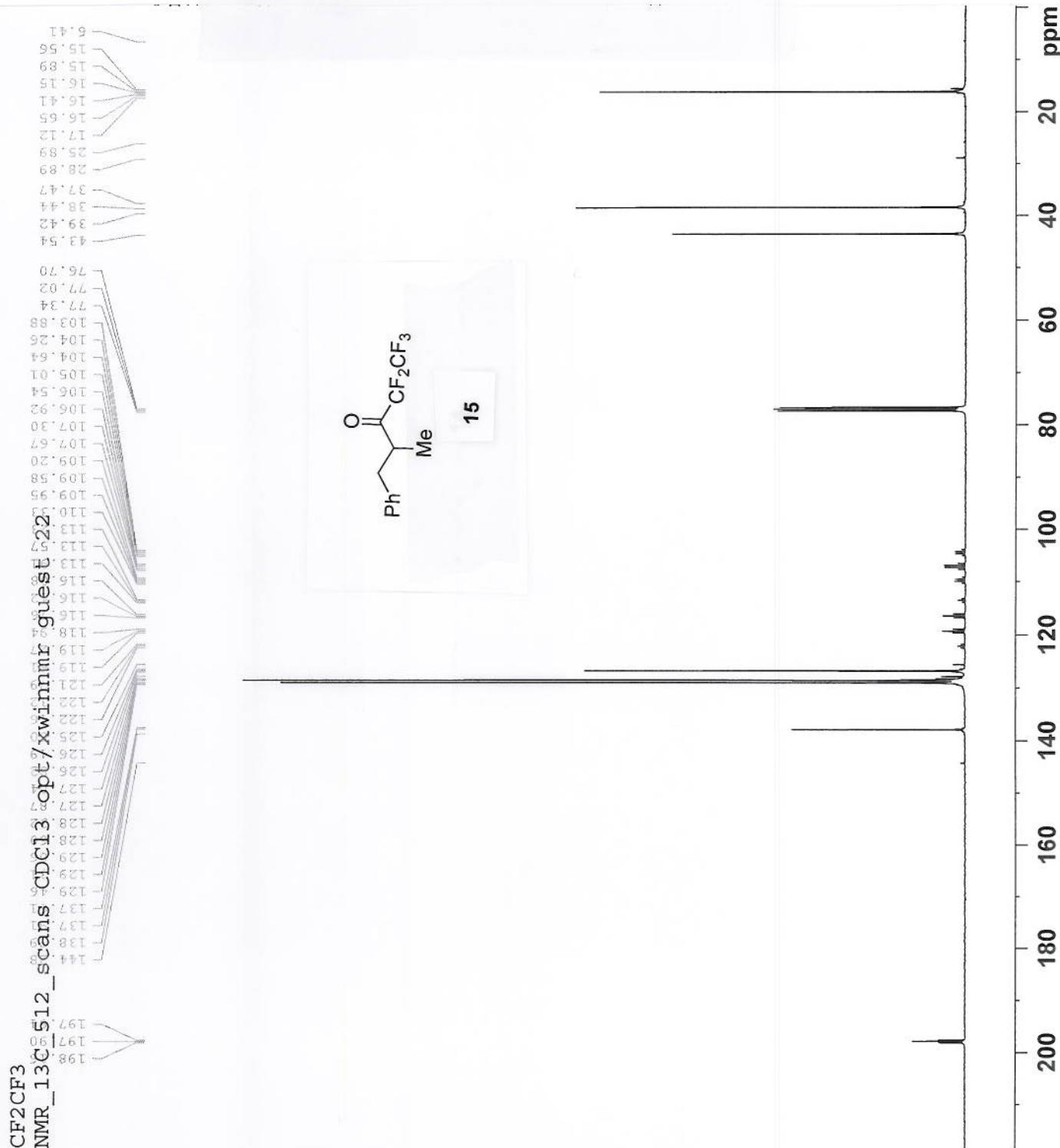


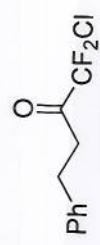










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