

Supporting Information

Drug-Clinical Agent Molecular Hybrid: Synthesis of Diaryl(trifluoromethyl)pyrazoles as Tubulin Targeting Anticancer Agents

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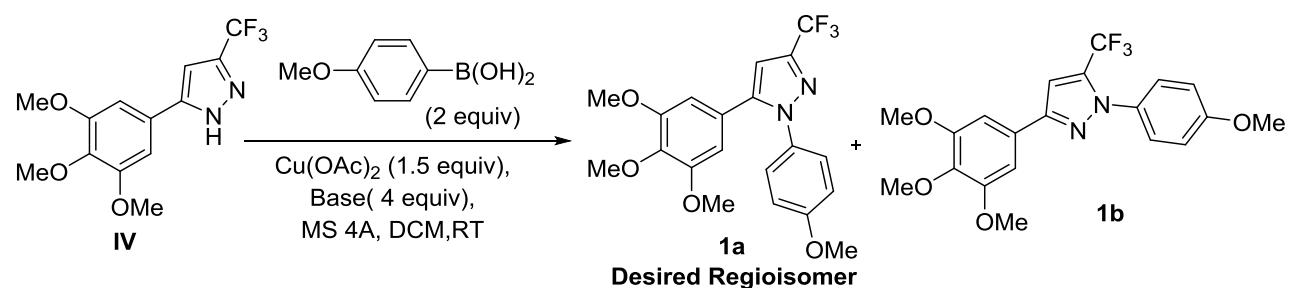
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1. Optimization studies towards the synthesis of the desired regioisomer, 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole

1.1 Supplementary Table S1. Evaluation of reaction conditions for *N*-arylation via Chan Lam coupling^a

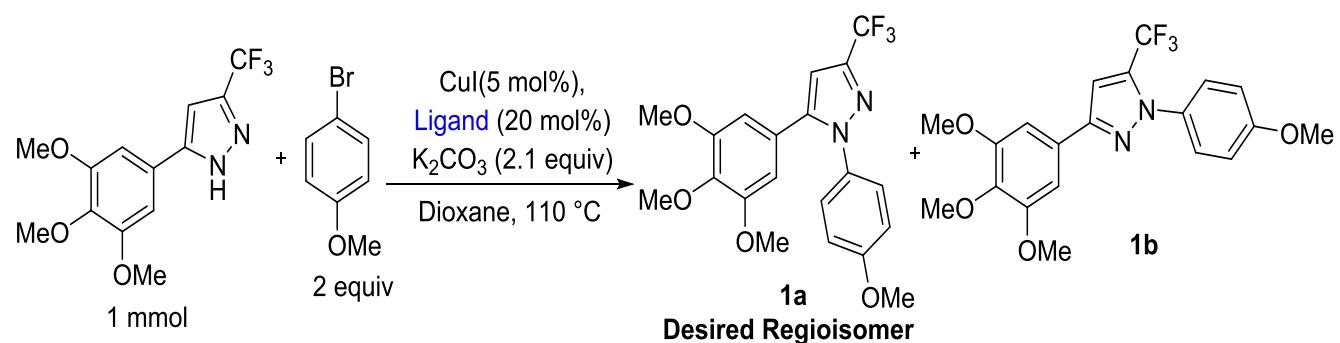


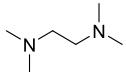
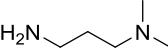
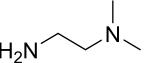
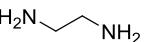
Entry	Base	Yield of 1a (%)	Yield of 1b (%)
1 ^b	Pyridine	36	13
2 ^b	Et ₃ N	42	13
3 ^{b,c}	Et ₃ N	43	12

^aReaction done at 0.5 mmol scale; ^bincomplete conversion after 48 h ;^c Under oxygen

1.2 Evaluation of reaction conditions for *N*-arylation via Ullmann-Goldberg coupling^a

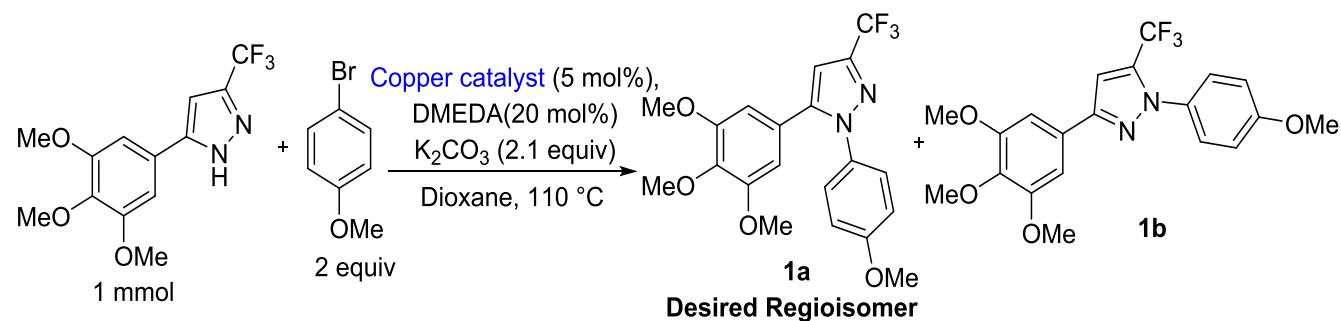
1.2.1 Supplementary Table S2. Evaluation of ligands^{a,d}



#	Ligand (20 mol%)	Yield (%) of desired regioisomer (1a, 1b)
1 ^b	Cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (cis +trans)	15, 4
2	Bipyridyl	NR
3	1,10-phenanthroline	NR
4 ^b	2-picolinic acid	5, 2
5 ^b	 TMEDA	0, several non-isolable side products.
6	 DMEDA	93, 4
7	 diethylamine	34, 11
8	 N,N-dimethylethylamine	28, 9
9	 diethylamine	trace
10	Et ₃ N	NR
11	Hunig's base	NR
12	Pyridine	trace
13	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylcyclohexaneamine	NR
14	Et ₂ NH	NR

^aReaction done at 0.25 mmol scale; ^bincomplete conversion; ^c40 mol % of monodentate ligand; ^dReaction monitored upto 48 h

1.2.2 Supplementary Table S3: Evaluation of copper catalysts:^{a,b}



#	Copper catalysts (5 mol%)	Yield(%) of desired regioisomer(1a, 1b)
1	CuI	93, 4
2	CuBr	87, 7
3	CuCl	89, 6
4	CuOTf	88, 8
5	Cu ₂ O	90, 4
6	CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O	81, 10
7	Cu(OAc) ₂	82, 9
8	CuBr ₂	86, 8
9	Cu(OTf) ₂	85, 9
10	CuCl ₂	81, 10
11	CuO	81, 9

^aReaction done at 0.25 mmol scale; ^bReaction monitored upto 12 h

2. General Procedures

2.1 Experimental procedure for synthesis of 3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (IV**):** A solution of hydrazine hydrate (5 mmol, 0.24 mL, 5 equiv) and 4,4,4-trifluoro-3-hydroxy-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one (1 mmol, 306 mg) in ethanol (2 mL) was heated at reflux with stirring. After completion of reaction (12 h), the mixture was cooled to 25 °C. The reaction mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure to give a crude solid which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane-ethyl acetate (2:1, v/v) as eluent. It provided 3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (**IV**) (181 mg, 60%).

2.2 Representative experimental procedure for synthesis of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (1**):** 3-(Trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (compound **IV**, 1mmol, 302 mg), CuI(0.05 mmol, 9.5 mg, 5 mol%,), potassium carbonate (2.10 mmol, 290 mg, 2.1 equiv) were taken under argon in an oven-dried sealed tube equipped with a rubber septum and magnetic bar. 4-Bromoanisole (2 mmol, 0.25 mL, 2 equiv), *N,N'*-Dimethylethylenediamine (DMEDA) (0.2 mmol, 0.02 mL, 0.2 equiv), and dioxane (anhyd., 2 mL) were then added successively under argon. The tube was then sealed. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C and the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction (12 h), the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (50 mL). The resultant mixture was filtered through celite and the filtrate was washed with10% aqueous ammonia solution (3×20 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with water (2×5 mL) and then with brine (1×5 mL), dried with anhyd. Na₂SO₄, and concentrated by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The column chromatographic purification of crude mass was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using Hexane-Dichloromethane (20:80) as eluting solvent. It provided 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (**1**) (379 mg, 93%).

Products (**2-23**, Table 1 of manuscript) were also prepared following this representative procedure.

3. Spectral data

Characterization data of the synthesized compounds (IV, 1-23)

3-(Trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (IV): White solid; 181 mg, 60%; mp 190 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.65 (s, 1H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 145.2, 143.4 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 32 Hz), 139.1, 123.4, 121.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 267 Hz), 102.9, 100.7, 60.9, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3137, 2947, 1593, 1473, 1253, 1118, 1042, 998 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₁₃H₁₄F₃N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 303.0956, found: 303.0941.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (1): White solid; 379 mg, 93%; mp 170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6, 153.2, 144.5, 142.7 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 38 Hz), 138.5, 132.4, 127.0, 124.4, 121.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 267 Hz), 114.2, 106.1, 104.7 (d(AB-q), J_{C-C-F} = 2 Hz), 60.9, 56.0, 55.6 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2926, 1609, 1585, 1239, 1112, 1003 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃N₂O₄ [M + Na]⁺ 431.1195, found: 431.1181.

1-(Quinolin-3-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (2): White solid; 300 mg, 70%; mp 170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.81 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.6, 147.0, 146.8, 145.3, 144.2 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 38 Hz), 139.1, 132.8, 131.1, 130.6, 129.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 123.8, 121.1 (q, J_{C-F} = 267 Hz), 106.4, 105.9 (d (AB-q), J_{C-C-F} = 1 Hz), 60.9, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2939, 1585, 1480, 1248, 1229, 1154, 1124, 1003 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₂H₁₉F₃N₃O₃ [M + H]⁺ 430.1378, found: 430.1373.

1-(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (3): White solid; 403 mg, 95%; mp 142 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.97 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 2H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.2, 146.8, 145.9, 144.6, 142.7 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 38 Hz), 138.6, 132.9, 124.4, 121.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 267 Hz), 117.7, 112.6, 110.3, 106.1, 104.7 (d

(AB-q), $J_{C-C-C-F} = 2$ Hz), 60.9, 56.2, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3399, 2940, 1587, 1481, 1238, 1153, 1124, 1099, 1004 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₀H₂₀F₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 425.1324, found: 425.1317.

1-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (4): White solid; 355 mg, 90%; mp 148 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.19 (dd, $J = 8.12$ Hz, $J = 8.08$ Hz, 1H), 6.91(dd, $J = 2.2$ Hz, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9, 153.2, 144.9, 142.9 (q, $J_{C-C-F} = 39$ Hz), 139.8, 138.6, 130.0, 124.0, 121.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 267$ Hz), 117.8, 116.3, 113.3, 106.1, 104.9, 60.9, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3568, 3139, 2942, 1587, 1480, 1260, 1244, 1154, 1124, 999 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₁₉H₁₈F₃N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 395.1218, found: 395.1214

1-(2-Methyl-6-quinolinyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (5): White solid; 332 mg, 75%; mp 146 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 9$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 6H), 2.76 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5, 153.4, 146.9, 144.9, 143.5 (q, $J_{C-C-F} = 38$ Hz), 138.8, 136.4, 136.3, 129.7, 126.7, 126.1, 124.2, 123.6, 123.2, 121.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 268$ Hz), 106.3, 105.5 (d (AB-q), $J_{C-C-C-F} = 1$ Hz), 60.9, 56.0, 25.4 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2938, 1585, 1478, 1232, 1121, 1097, 1002 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₃H₂₁F₃N₃O₃ [M + H]⁺ 444.1535, found: 444.1540.

1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (6): White solid; 412 mg, 94%; mp 154 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.93 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.2, 149.14, 149.11, 144.6, 142.8 (q, $J_{C-C-F} = 38$ Hz), 138.5, 132.4, 124.5, 121.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 267$ Hz), 118.1, 110.7, 109.2, 106.1, 104.8 (d (AB-q), $J_{C-C-C-F} = 1$ Hz), 60.9, 56.2, 56.11, 56.06 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2941, 1600, 1582, 1483, 1219, 1117, 1102, 1005 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₁H₂₂F₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 439.1481, found: 439.1471.

1-Phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (7): White solid; 340 mg, 90%; mp 167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 2H),

6.76 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.2, 144.6, 143.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-C-F}} = 38$ Hz), 139.3, 138.6, 129.2, 128.6, 125.7, 124.3, 121.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 267$ Hz), 106.1, 105.0 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C-C-C-F}} = 2$ Hz), 60.9, 55.9 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2946, 1587, 1479, 1241, 1127, 1108, 1004 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 379.1269, found: 379.1263.

1-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (8) : White solid; 372 mg, 85%; mp 132 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.46–6.45 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.70 (s, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.9, 153.2, 144.6, 142.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-C-F}} = 38$ Hz), 140.7, 138.7, 124.4, 121.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 268$ Hz), 106.1, 105.1 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C-C-C-F}} = 2$ Hz), 104.1, 100.9, 60.9, 56.1, 55.6 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2941, 1614, 1594, 1477, 1218, 1152, 1118, 998 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 439.1481, found: 439.1478.

1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (9) : White solid; 384 mg, 91%; mp 151 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.84–6.83 (m, 1H), 6.81–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.3, 147.9, 147.8, 144.7, 142.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-C-F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.7, 133.4, 124.3, 121.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 268$ Hz), 108.1, 107.2, 106.1, 104.8 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C-C-C-F}} = 2$ Hz), 101.9, 60.9, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2911, 1586, 1478, 1217, 1149, 1123, 1113, 1001 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 445.0988, found: 445.0976.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (10) : White solid; 355 mg, 87%; mp 114 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.87 (m, 3H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.1, 153.3, 144.7, 143.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-C-F}} = 37$ Hz), 140.3, 138.7, 129.8, 124.3, 121.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 267$ Hz), 117.9, 114.7, 111.2, 106.1, 105.1 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C-C-C-F}} = 2$ Hz), 60.9, 56.1, 55.6 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2925, 1605, 1588, 1480, 1220, 1118, 1000 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 431.1195, found: 431.1191.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (11) : White solid; 393 mg, 85%; mp 131 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H) ppm

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.4, 148.8 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 144.8, 143.6 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.9, 137.8, 127.1, 123.9, 121.7, 121.1 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 260$ Hz), 120.4 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 257$ Hz), 106.2, 105.5 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 61.0, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2942, 1586, 1480, 1260, 1126, 1010, 974 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 463.1092, found: 463.1093.

3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,5-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (12) : White solid; 412 mg, 88%; mp 148 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.71 (s, 6H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.34, 153.28, 144.6, 142.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.7, 138.2, 134.8, 124.4, 121.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 106.2, 104.9, 103.4, 61.02, 60.99, 56.3, 56.2 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2937, 1585, 1482, 1230, 1117, 1104, 1000 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 469.1586, found: 469.1580.

1-(*p*-Tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (13) : White solid; 353 mg, 90%; mp 160 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20 (AB-q, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.2, 144.6, 142.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.7, 138.5, 136.9, 129.7, 125.6, 124.4, 121.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 106.1, 104.9 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 60.9, 55.9, 21.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3005, 1587, 1480, 1260, 1125, 1113, 1007 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 393.1426, found: 393.1428.

3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (14) : White solid; 353 mg, 90%; mp 143 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.06 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 6H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.7, 150.8 (d of multiplet, $J = 251$ Hz), 145.0, 143.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 39$ Hz), 139.6 (d of dd, $J = 254$ Hz, $J = 16$ Hz, $J = 15$ Hz), 139.4, 134.4 (m), 123.5, 120.9 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 110.08 (d, $J = 25$ Hz), 110.08 (d, $J = 11$ Hz), 106.32 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 106.25, 61.0, 56.3 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2934, 1586, 1482, 1253, 1238, 1126, 1051, 1005, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 455.0807, found: 455.0797.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (15) : White solid; 317 mg, 80%; mp 154 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.07

(m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.2 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 248$ Hz), 153.3, 144.7, 143.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.8, 135.4 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3$ Hz), 127.5 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9$ Hz), 124.1, 121.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 117.2, 116.1 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23$ Hz), 106.1, 105.2 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1$ Hz), 60.9, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3008, 1586, 1479, 1259, 1225, 1111, 1002, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 397.1175, found: 397.1171.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (16) : White solid; 338 mg, 82%; mp 183 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.4, 144.7, 143.4 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 39$ Hz), 138.9, 137.8, 134.4, 129.3, 126.7, 124.1, 121.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 268$ Hz), 106.2, 105.5 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 61.0, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2938, 1585, 1479, 1237, 1129, 1114, 1006 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 435.0700, found: 435.0690.

1-(4-Acetyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (17) : White solid; 386 mg, 92%; mp 165 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H), 2.62 (s, 3H) ppm $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.4, 144.9, 143.8 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 39$ Hz), 138.9, 136.3, 129.2, 125.1, 124.1, 121.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 106.2, 106.1 (d (AB-q), $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1$ Hz), 61.0, 56.1, 26.7 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2925, 1682, 1585, 1479, 1234, 1124, 1007 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 443.1195, found: 443.1183.

1-(Indol-5-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (18): White solid; 313 mg, 75%; mp 203 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.6$ Hz, $J = 1.96$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.51 (dd, $J = 2.1$ Hz, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 6H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.0, 144.8, 142.4 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 38$ Hz), 138.2, 135.4, 131.9, 127.8, 126.3, 124.7, 121.5 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 267$ Hz), 119.9, 118.4, 111.3, 106.1, 104.3 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2$ Hz), 103.1, 60.9, 55.9 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3223, 3005, 1588, 1482, 1275, 1261, 1128, 998 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 418.1378, found: 418.1374.

1-(Pyridin-3-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (19): White solid; 296 mg, 78%; mp 130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63–8.61 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 149.3, 146.3, 145.2, 144.1 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 39 Hz), 139.1, 135.9, 132.5, 123.7, 123.5, 121.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 268 Hz), 106.3, 105.9 (d (AB-q), J_{C-C-C-F} = 2 Hz), 60.9, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2941, 1584, 1477, 1236, 1123, 1005 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₃N₃O₃ [M + H]⁺ 380.1222, found: 380.1215.

1-(Thiophen-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (20): White solid; 211 mg, 55%; mp 130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.3, 146.2, 143.6 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 39 Hz), 140.4, 138.9, 125.7, 124.6, 124.0, 123.6, 120.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 268 Hz), 106.0, 105.0 (d (AB-q), J_{C-C-C-F} = 2 Hz), 60.9, 56.1 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2925, 1584, 1481, 1275, 1261, 1155, 1000 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₃N₂O₃S [M + H]⁺ 385.0833, found: 385.0826.

1-(3-(Benzylxy)-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (21): Yellow semi-solid; 437 mg, 85%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.2, 149.8, 148.3, 144.5, 142.7 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 38 Hz), 138.5, 136.2, 132.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 124.4, 121.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 268 Hz), 118.7, 111.8, 111.3, 105.9, 104.7 (d (AB-q), J_{C-C-C-F} = 2 Hz), 71.2, 60.9, 56.2, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2938, 1586, 1480, 1234, 1124, 1099, 1003 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₇H₂₆F₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 515.1794, found: 515.1786.

1-(3-(Benzylxy)phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (22): Yellow semi-solid; 437 mg, 85%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.2, 153.2, 144.6, 143.1 (q, J_{C-C-F} = 38 Hz), 140.3, 138.7, 136.3, 129.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 124.3, 121.3 (q, J_{C-F} = 268 Hz), 118.3, 115.5, 112.4, 106.1, 105.0 (d (AB-q), J_{C-C-C-F} = 2 Hz), 70.3, 60.9, 56.0 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2939, 1586, 1479, 1241, 1123, 1101, 1005 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₆H₂₄F₃N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 485.1688, found: 485.1685.

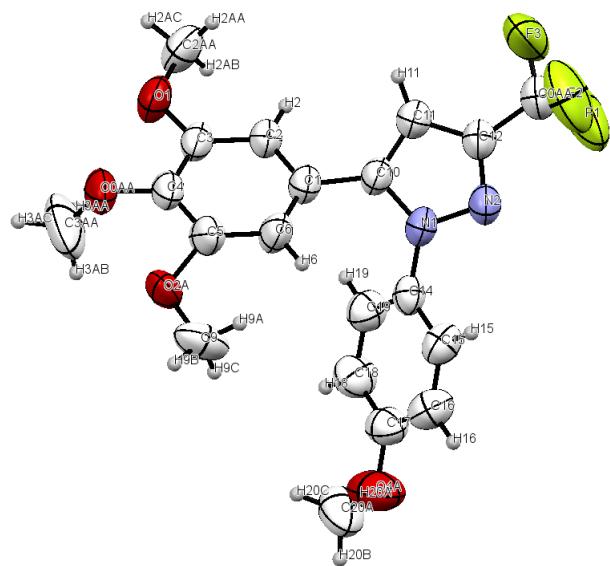
1-((4-methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (23) :White solid; 388 mg, 89%; mp 159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H) ppm ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0, 153.4, 144.9, 143.8 (q, *J*_{C-C-F} = 39 Hz), 142.7, 138.9, 130.5, 129.8, 125.10, 124.0, 121.1 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 267 Hz), 106.2, 105.9 (d (AB-q), *J*_{C-C-F} = 1 Hz), 61.0, 56.1, 52.4 ppm; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2990, 1724, 1585, 1479, 1235, 1126, 1009 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for C₂₁H₂₀F₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 437.1324, found: 437.1324.

4. X-ray crystallographic data and ORTEP diagrams for compound 1:

Crystal data and structure refinement for **1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (1 (Entry 1, Table 1)) (CCDC 1545464):**

Identification code	1
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ F ₃ N ₂ O ₄
Formula weight	408.37
Temperature	293 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Space group	P-1
Crystal system	triclinic
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.3321(5)$ Å, $\alpha = 71.842(12)$ °, $b = 9.3369(4)$ Å, $\beta = 79.501(13)$, $c = 12.2142(3)$ Å, $\gamma = 79.226(12)$ °
Volume	984.63(11) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.377 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	0.115 mm ⁻¹
F_{000}	424.0
Theta (max)	27.896
Absorption correction	Multi-scan
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.936

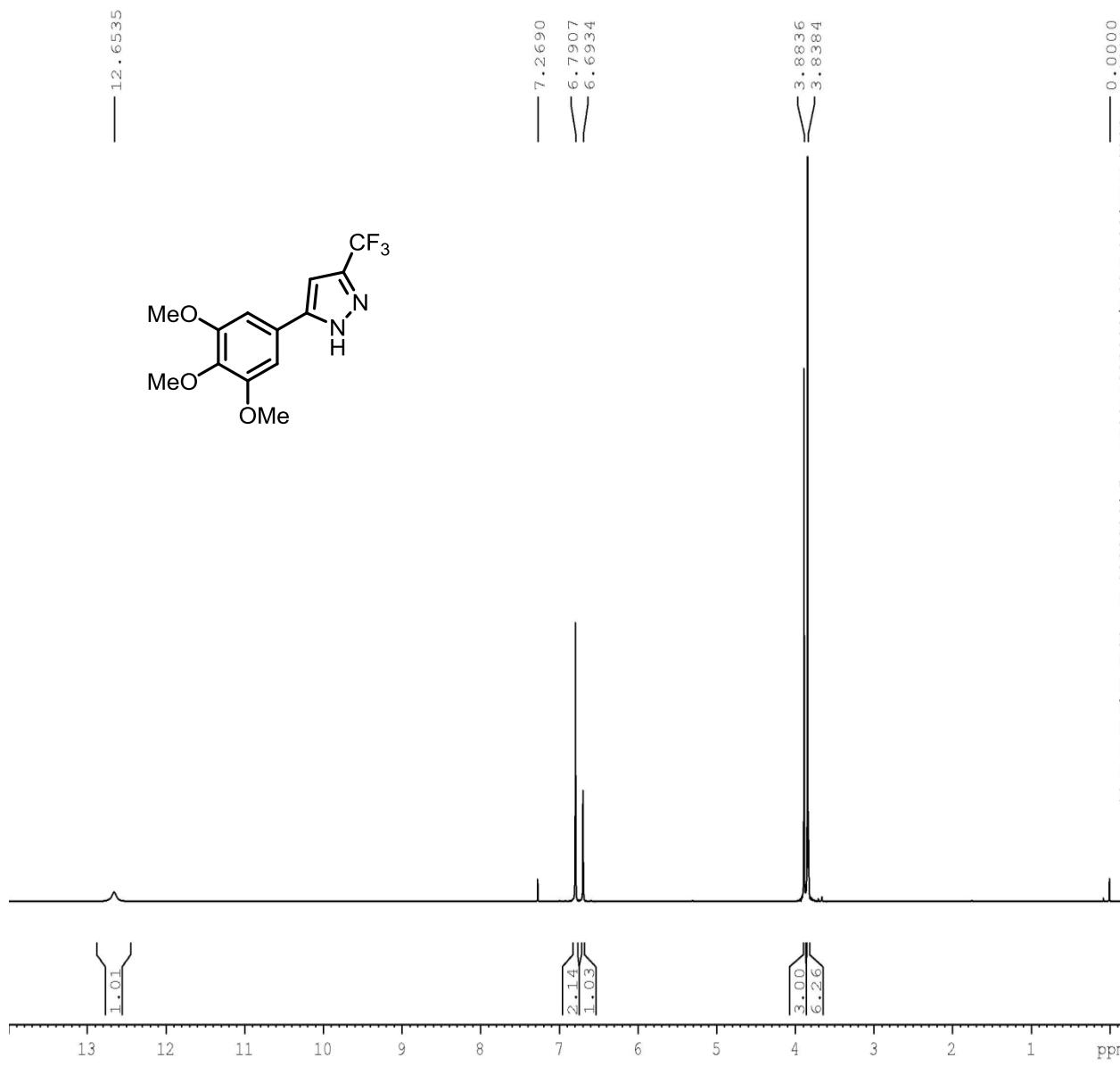
ORTEP Diagram for compound 1 (entry 1, Table 1)



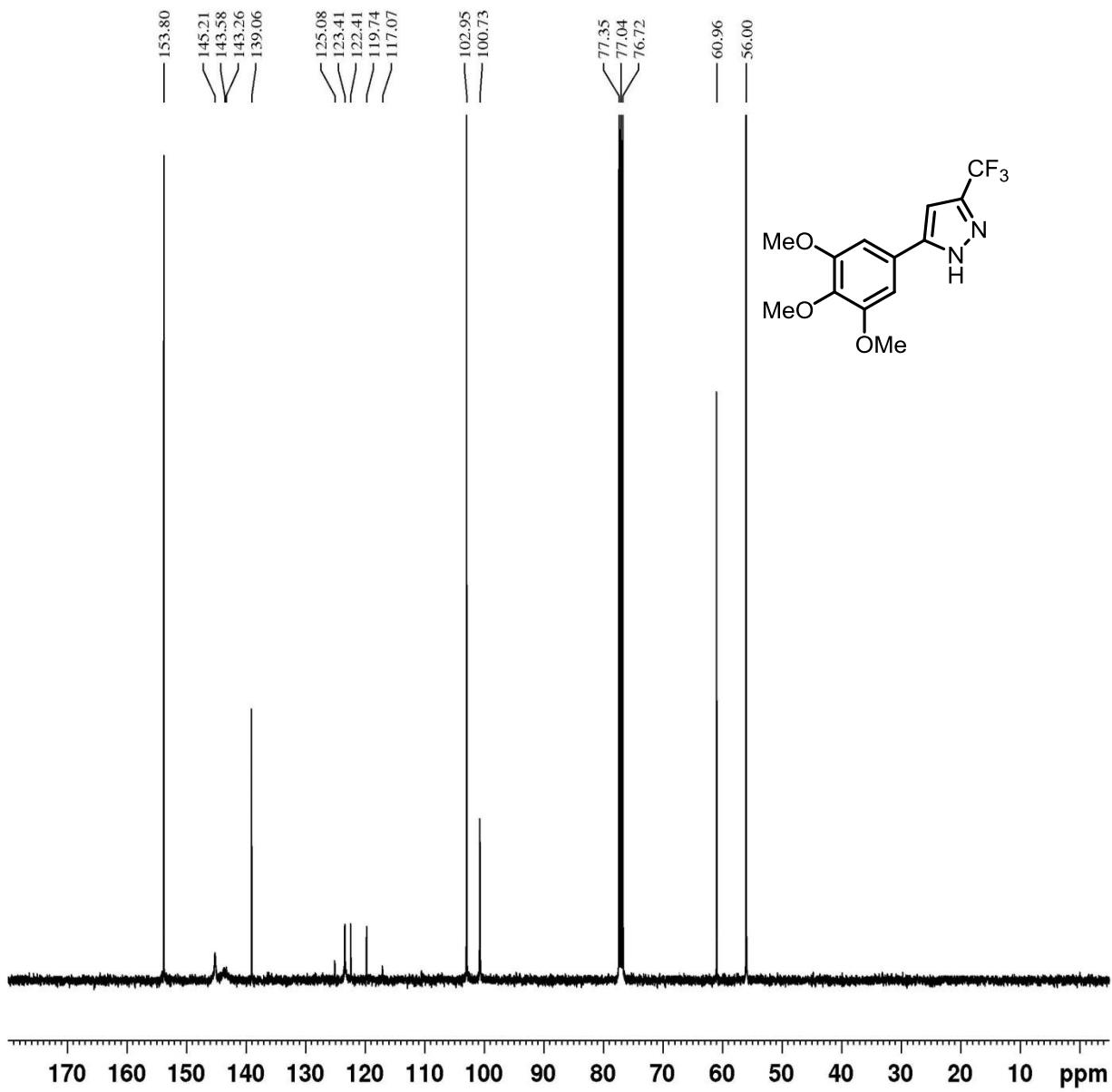
Supplementary Figure S1. The molecular structure of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (1), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

5. NMR spectra of compounds (IV, 1-23)

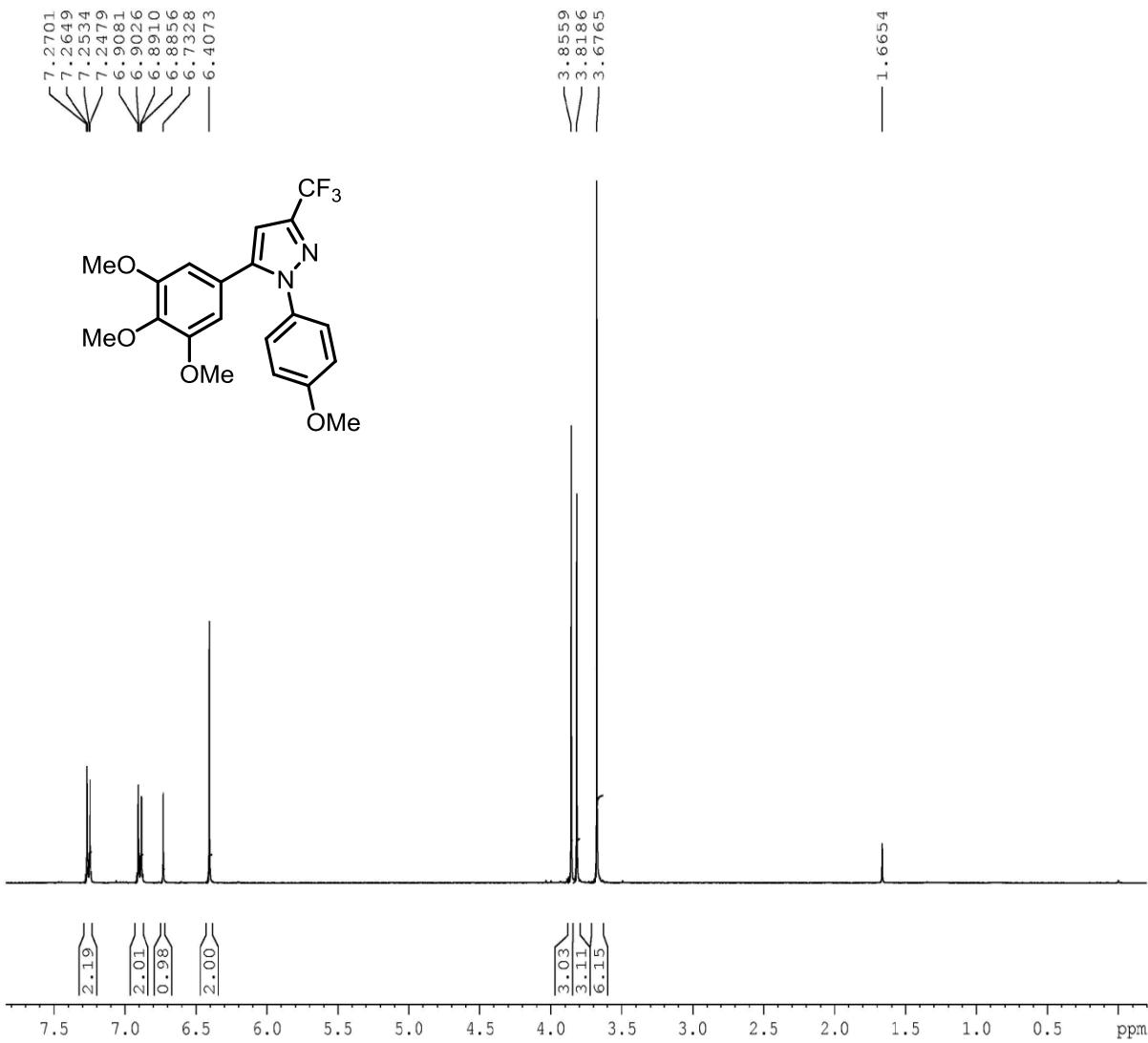
Supplementary Figure S2 (Scheme 1, Compound IV: ^1H NMR)



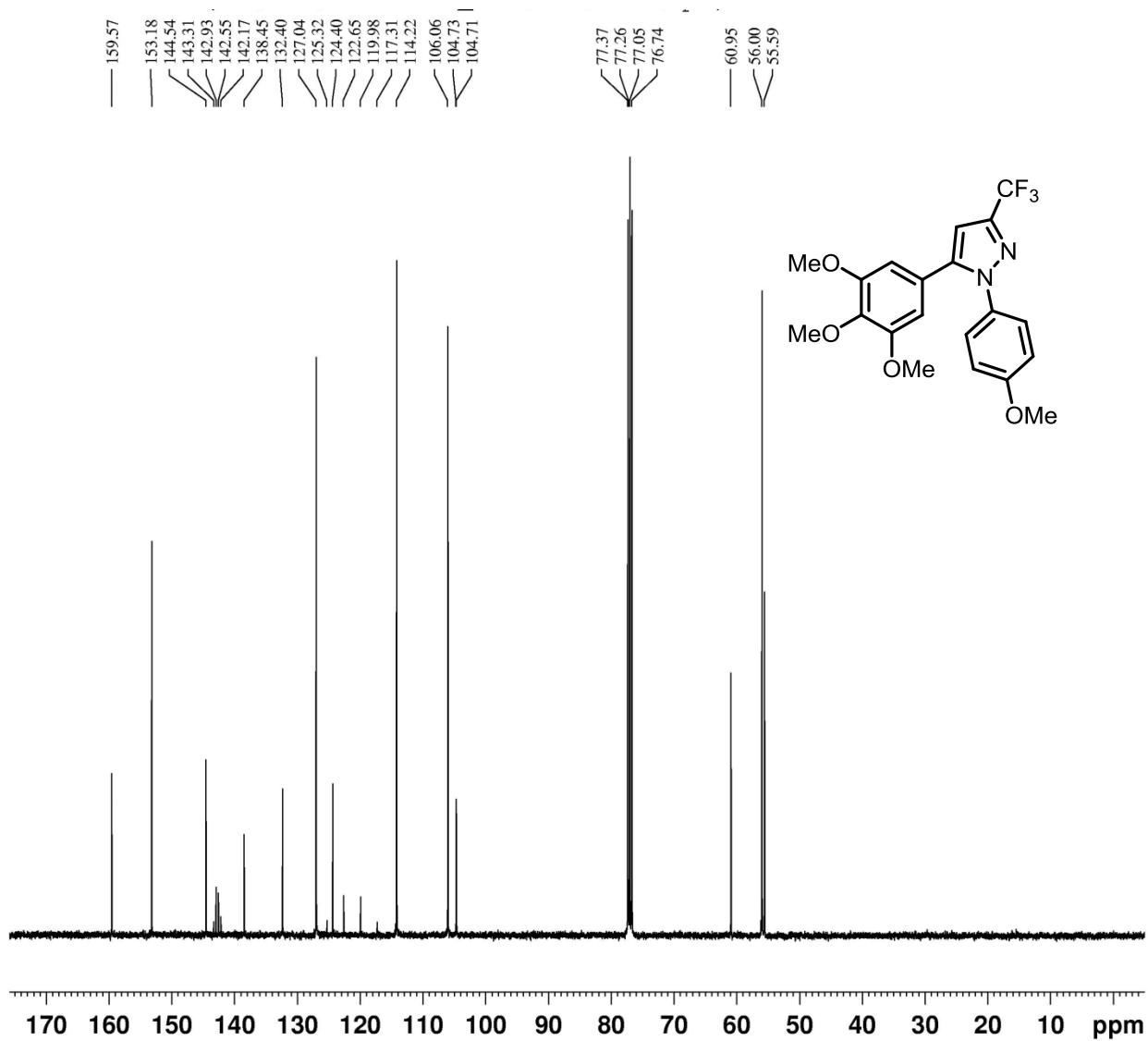
Supplementary Figure S3 (Scheme 1, Compound IV: ^{13}C NMR)



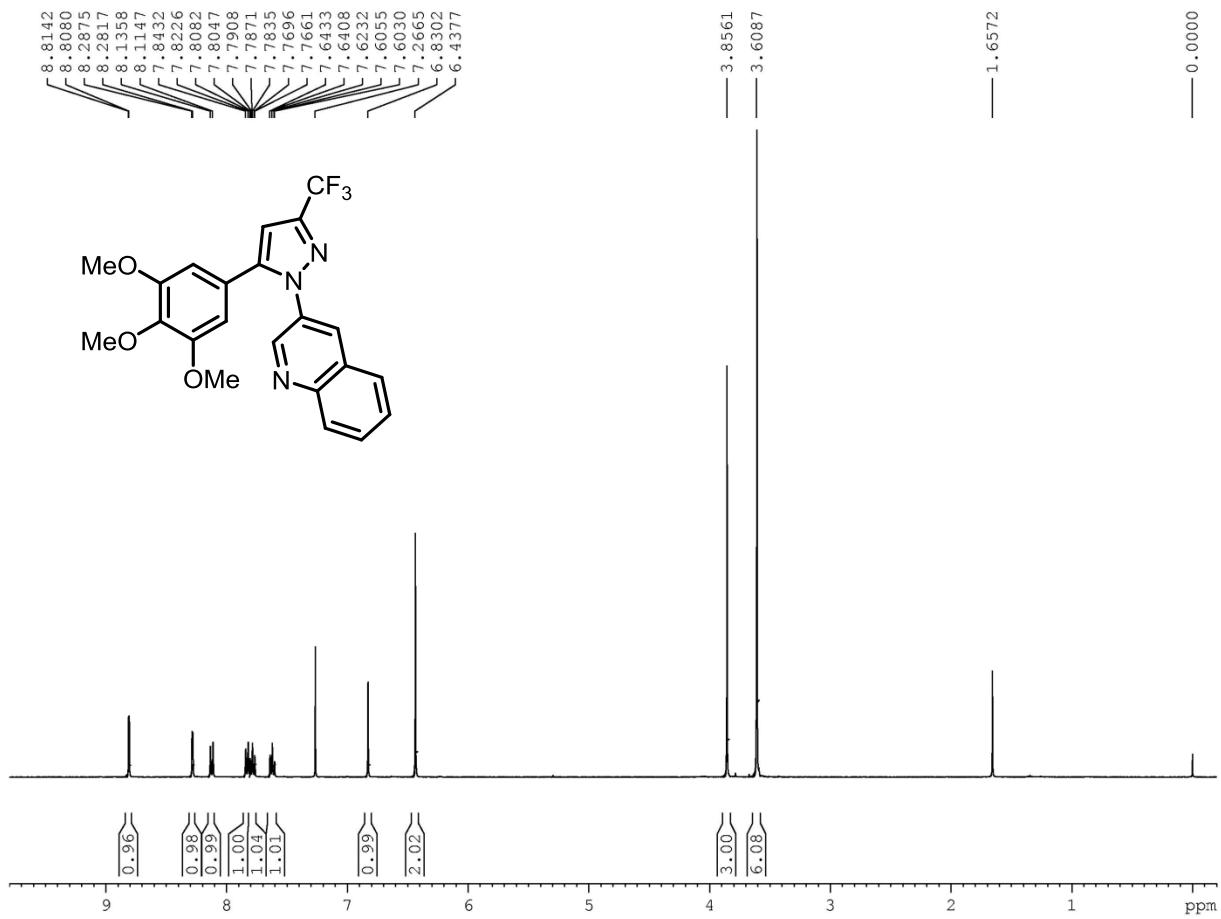
Supplementary Figure S4 (Table 1, Entry 1 (1): ^1H NMR)



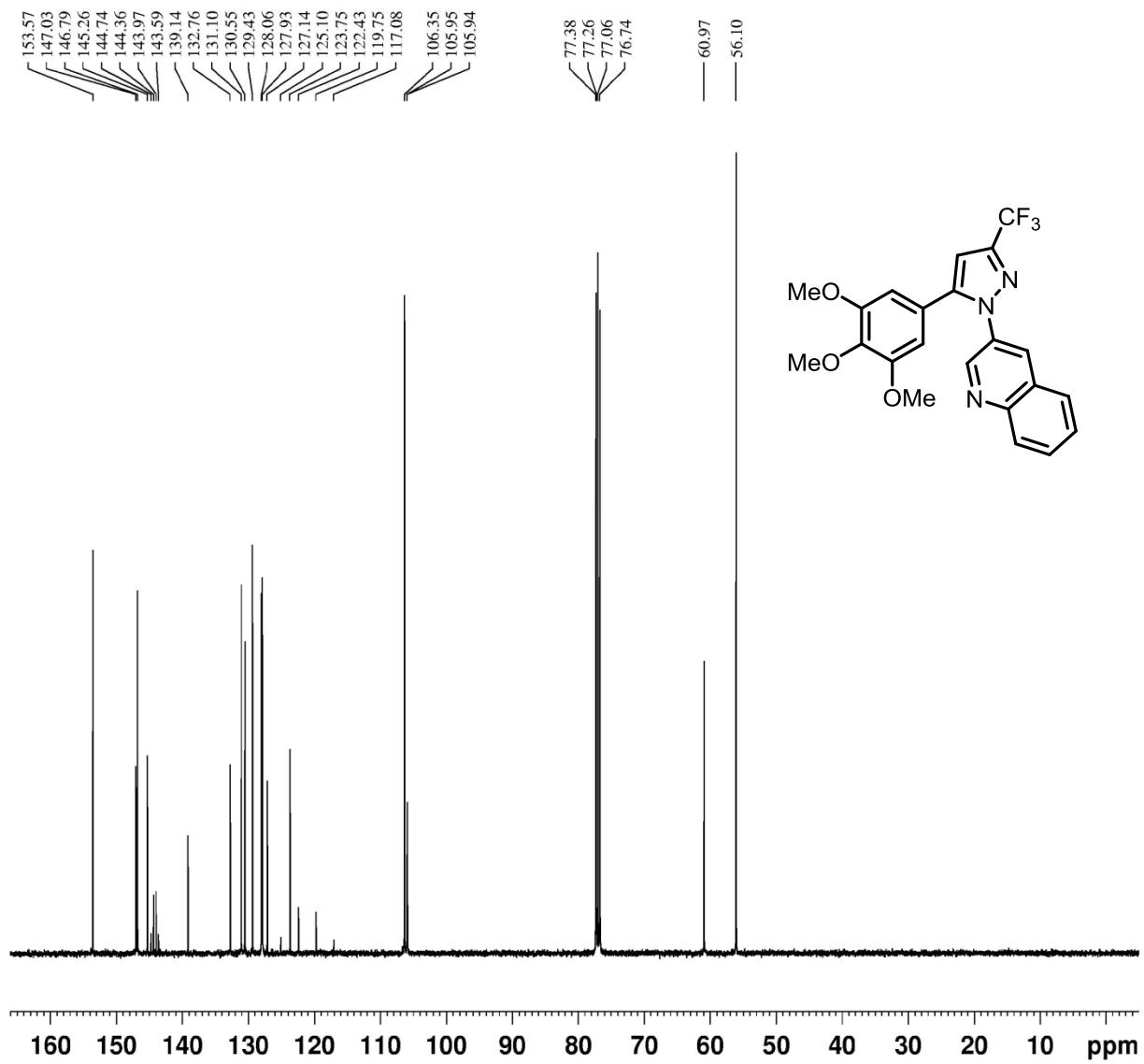
Supplementary Figure S5 (Table 1, Entry 1 (1): ^{13}C NMR)



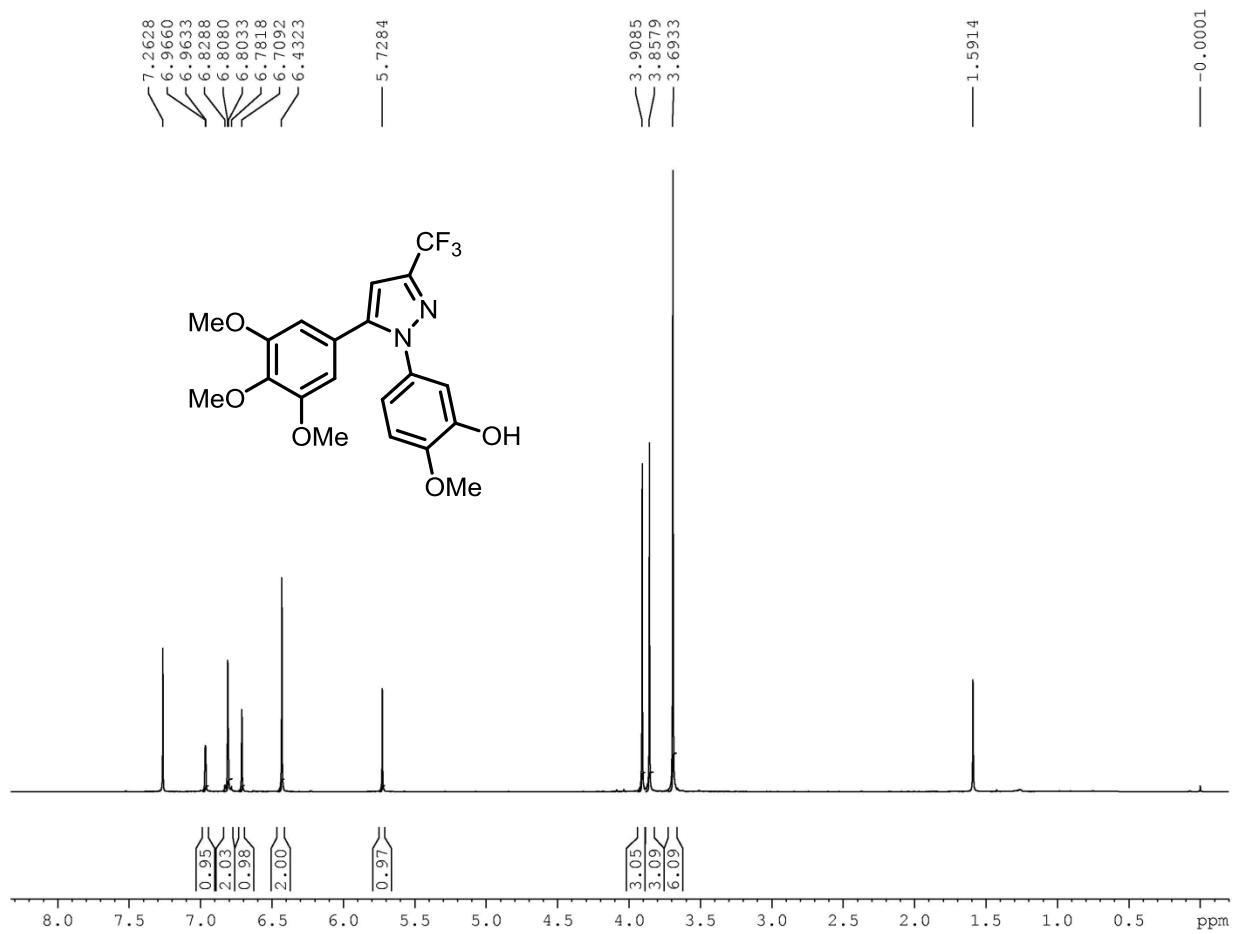
Supplementary Figure S6 (Table 1, Entry 2 (2): ^1H NMR)



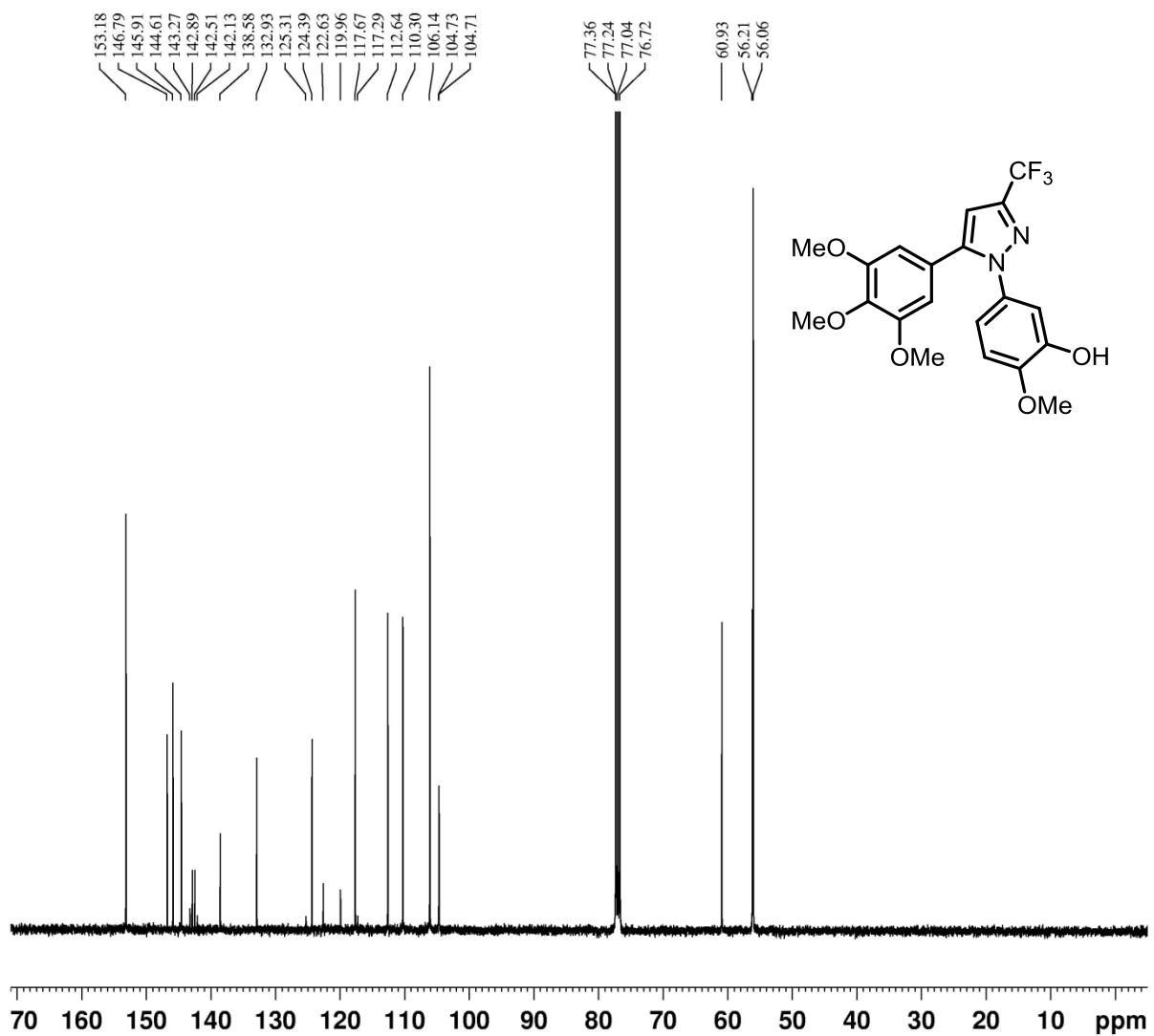
Supplementary Figure S7 (Table 1, Entry 2 (2): ^{13}C NMR)



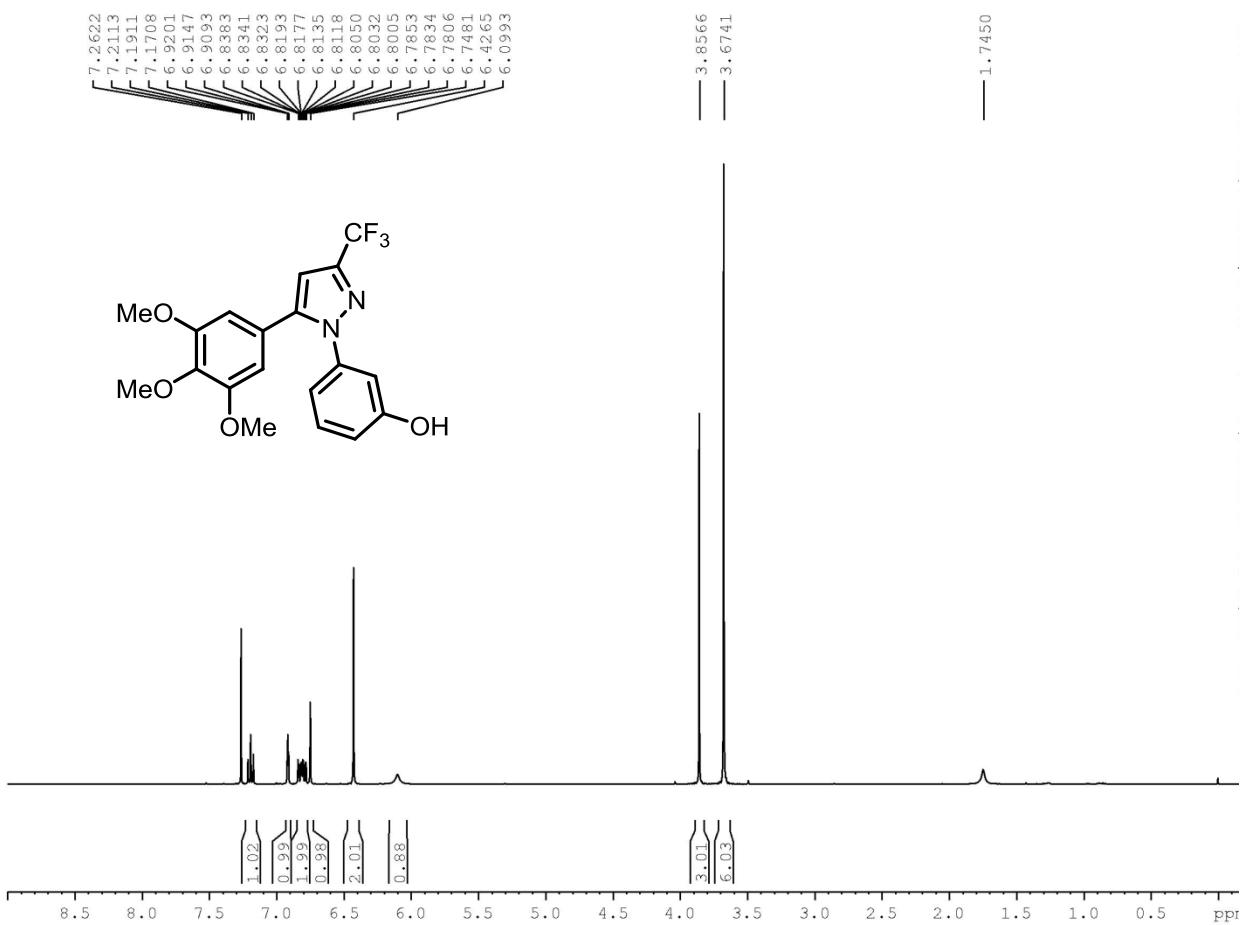
Supplementary Figure S8 (Table 1, Entry 3 (3): ^1H NMR)



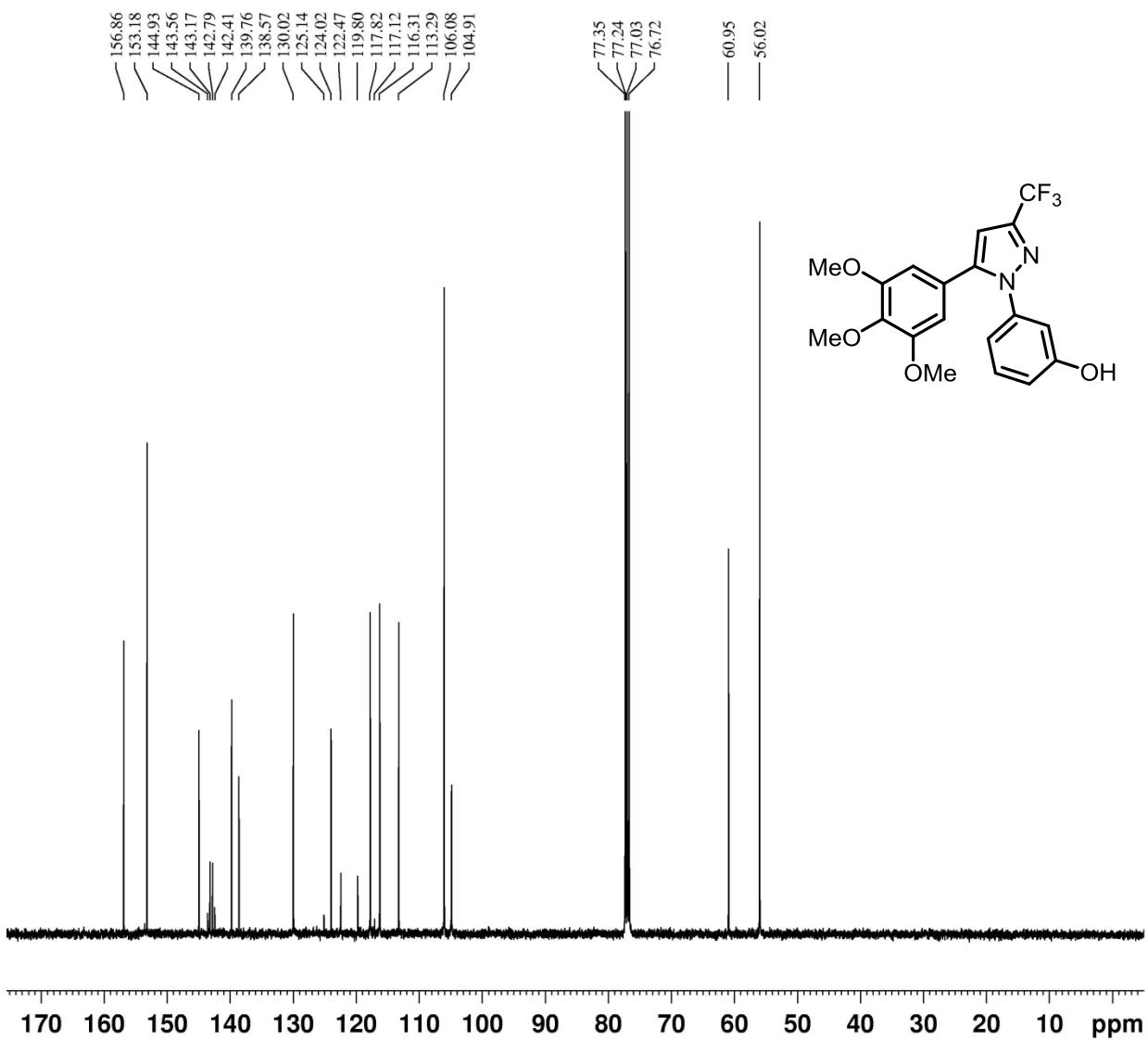
Supplementary Figure S9 (Table 1, Entry 3 (3): ^{13}C NMR)



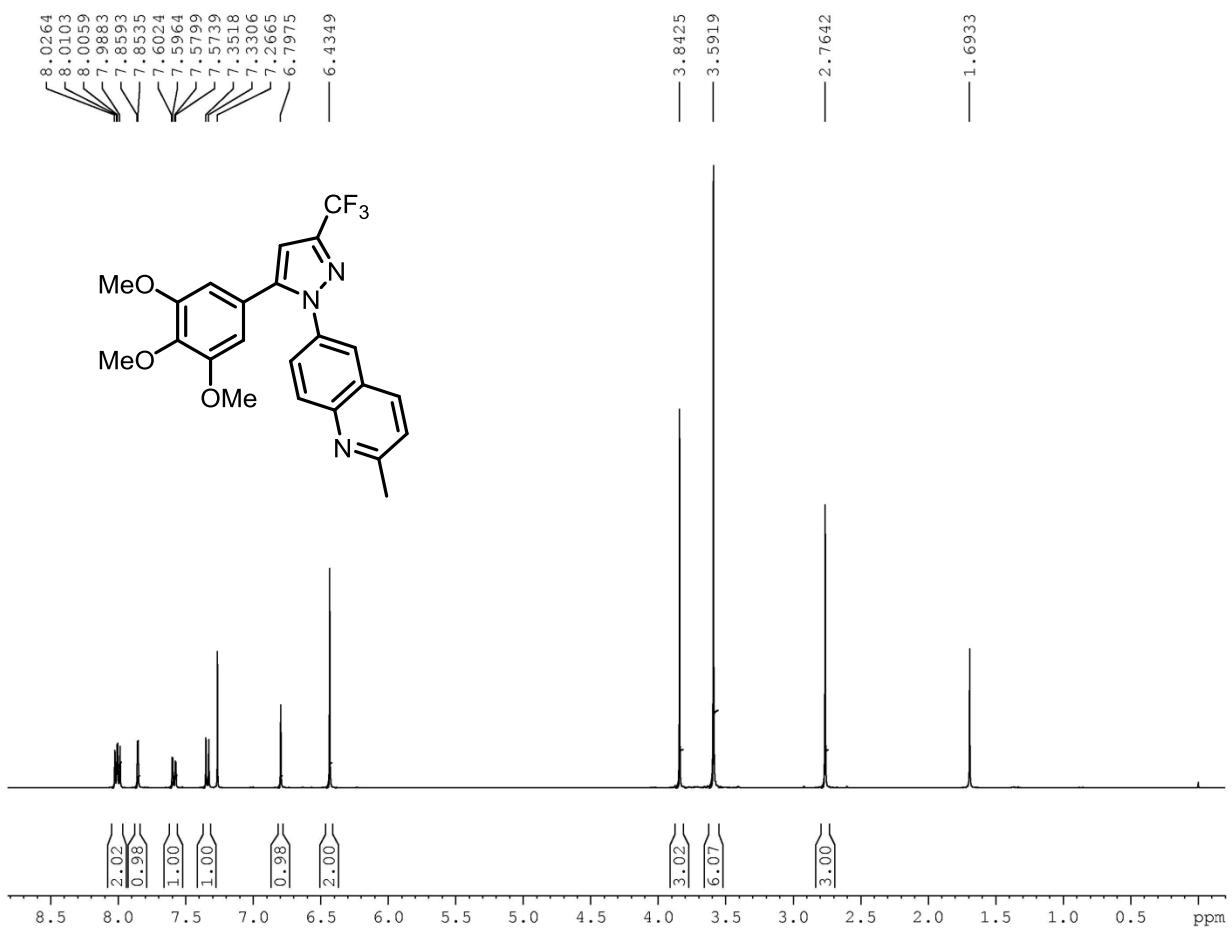
Supplementary Figure S10 (Table 1, Entry 4 (4): ^1H NMR)



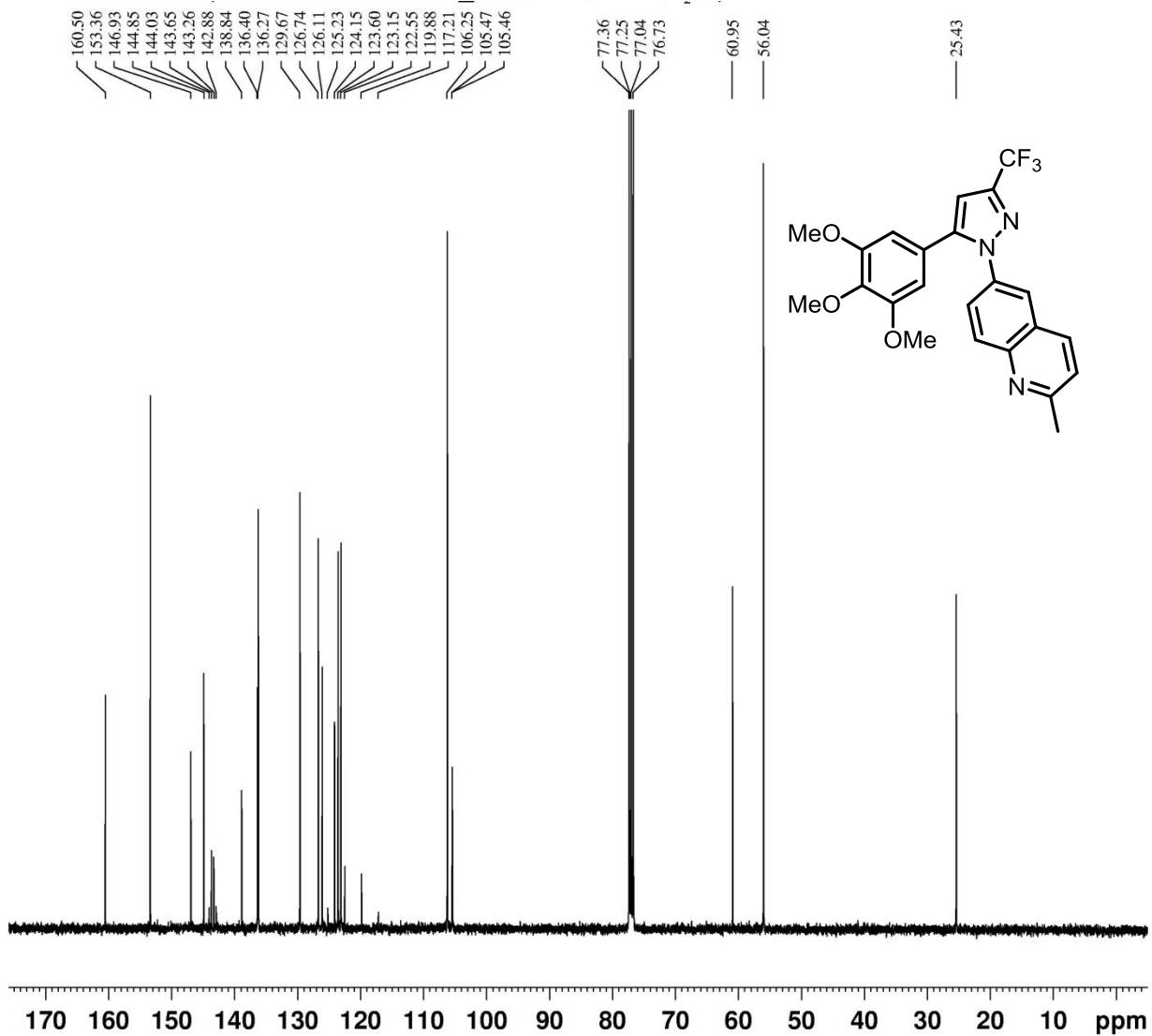
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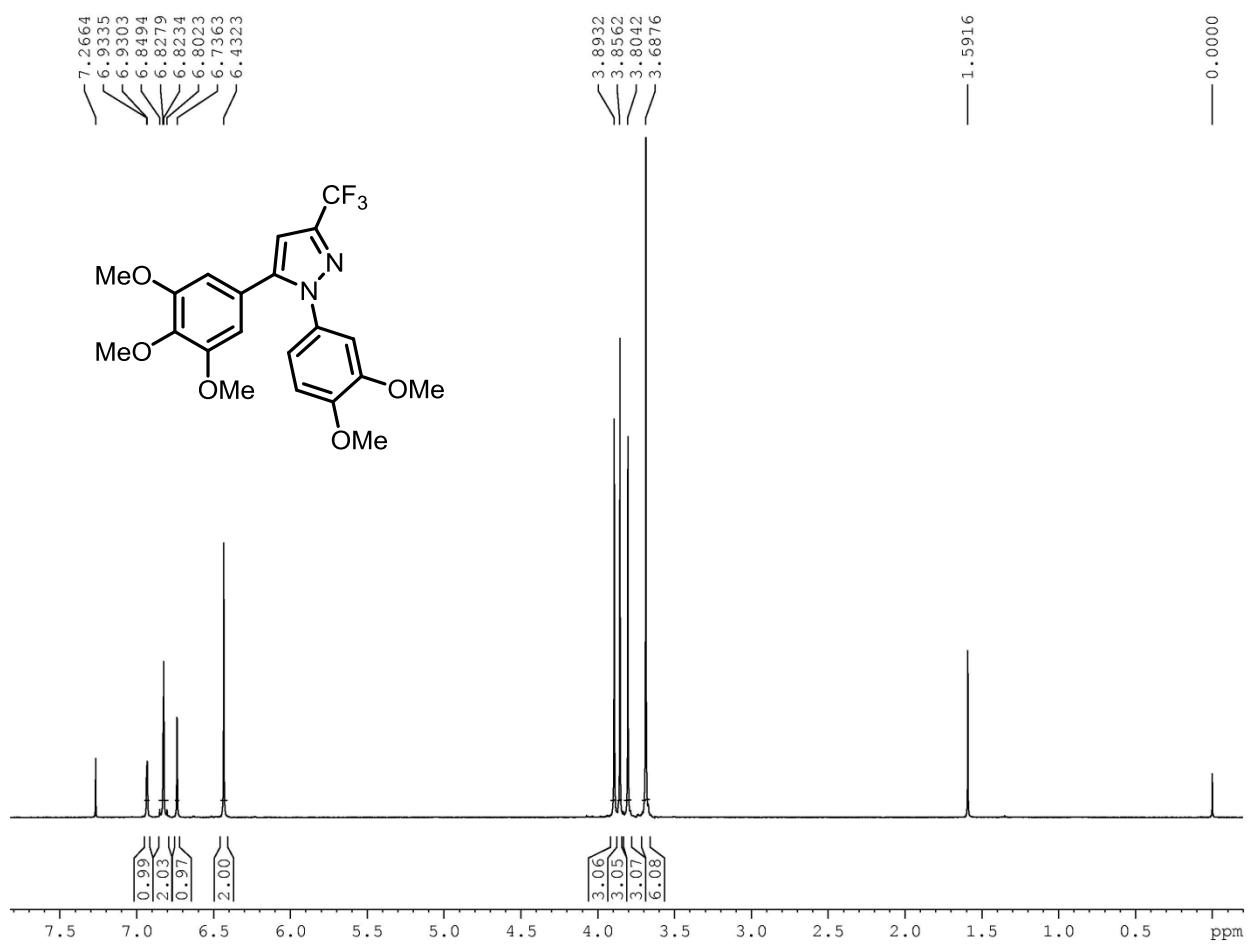
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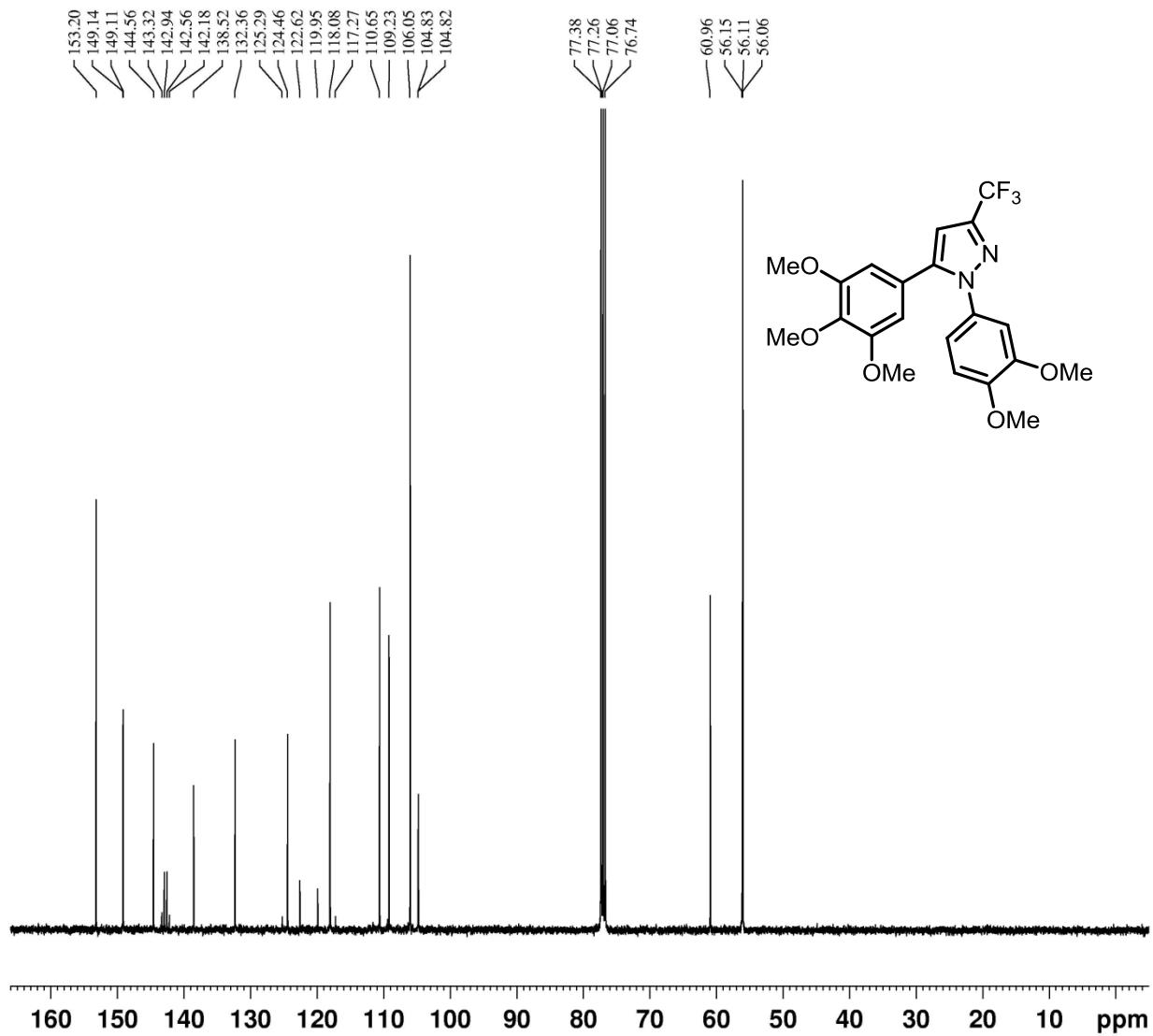
Supplementary Figure S13 (Table 1, Entry 5 (5): ^{13}C NMR)



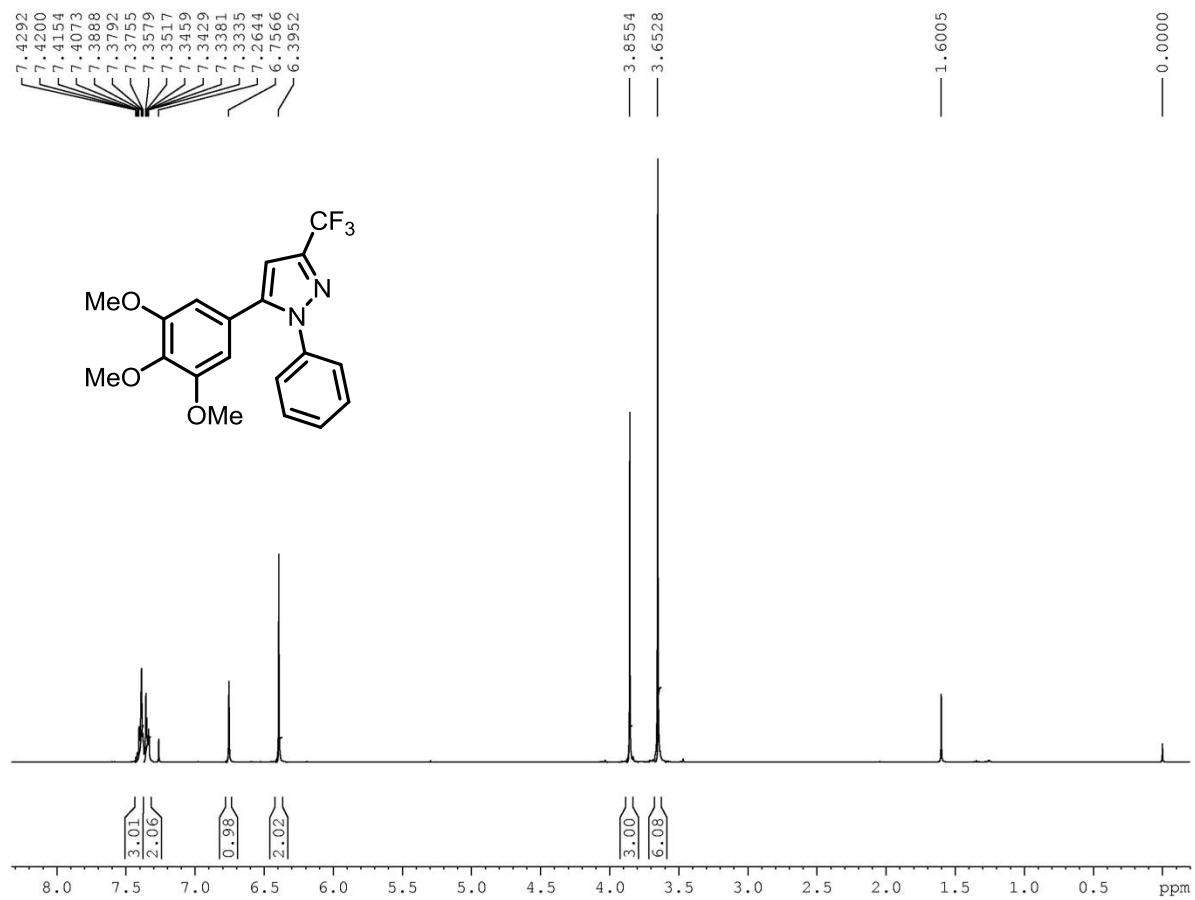
Supplementary Figure S14 (Table 1, Entry 6 (6): ^1H NMR)



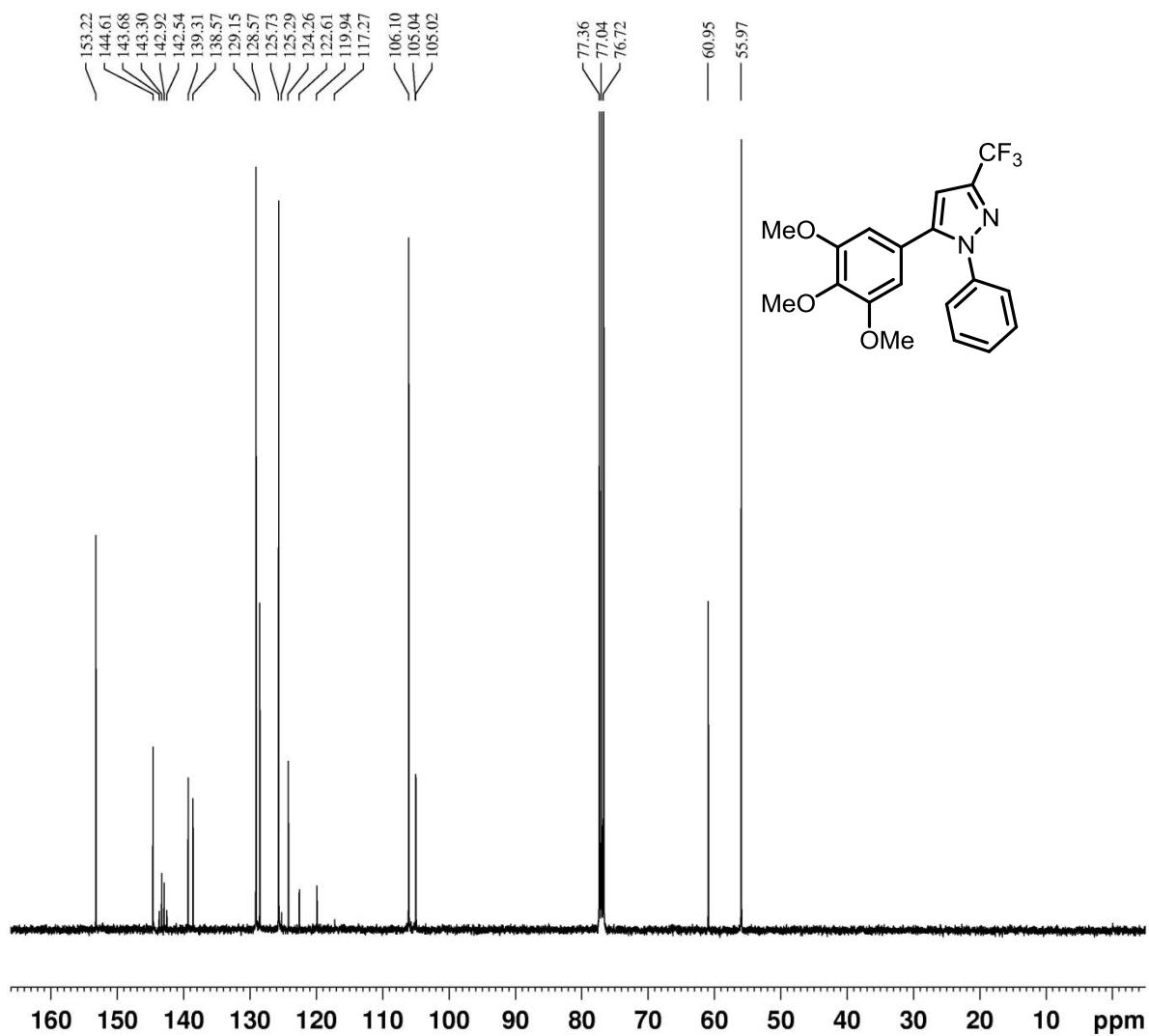
Supplementary Figure S15 (Table 1, Entry 6 (6): ^{13}C NMR)



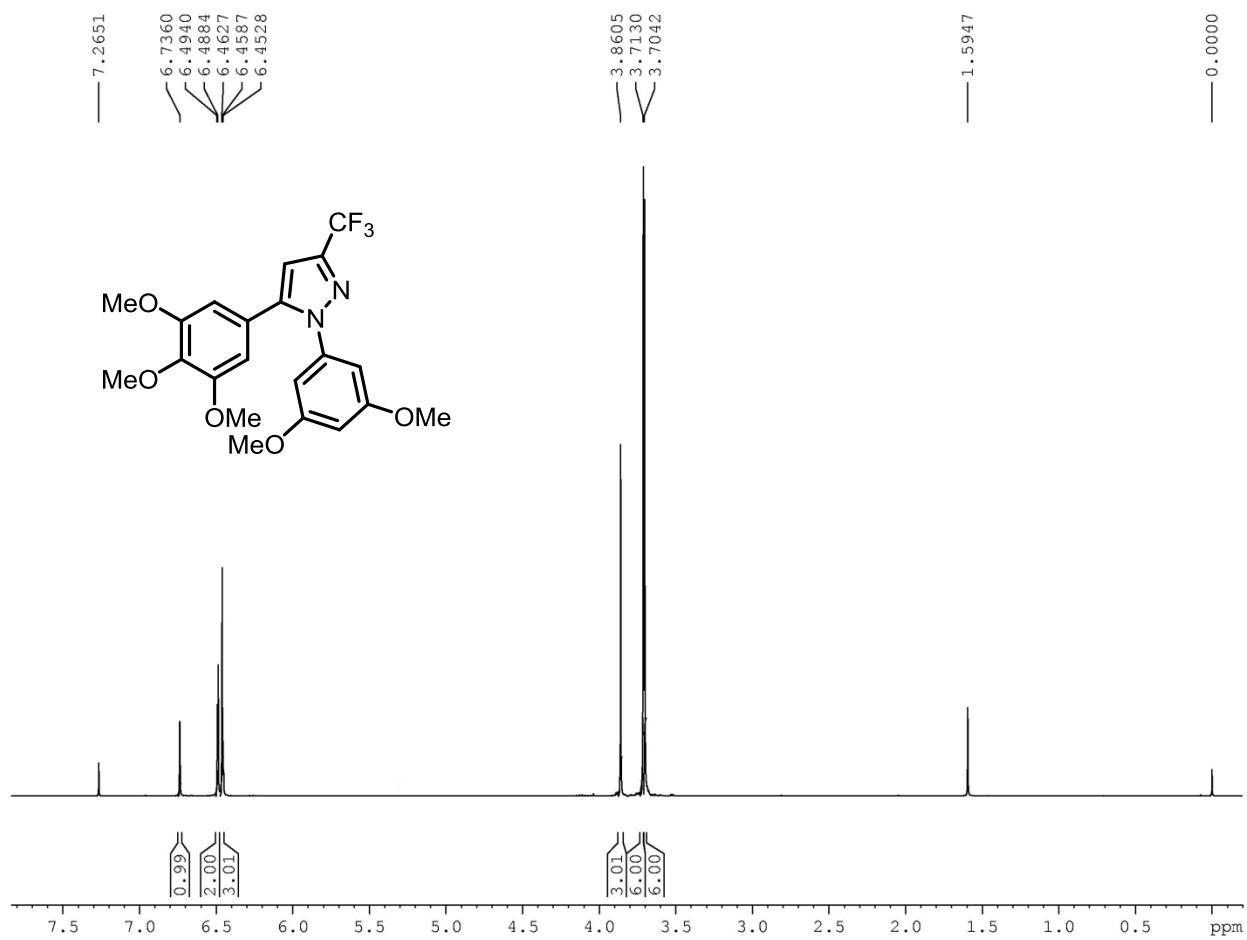
Supplementary Figure S16 (Table 1, Entry 7 (7): ^1H NMR)



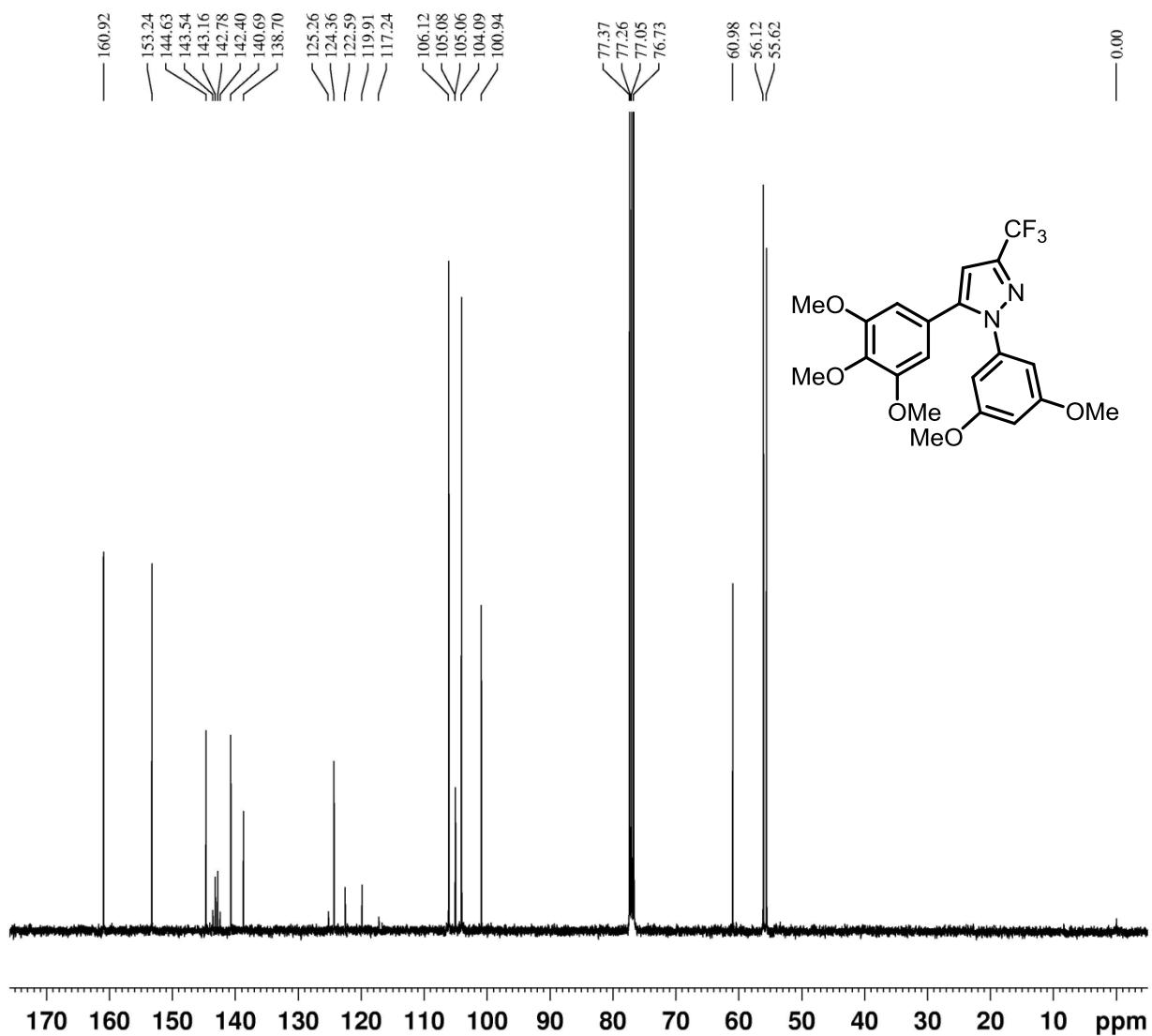
Supplementary Figure S17 (Table 1, Entry 7 (7): ^{13}C NMR)



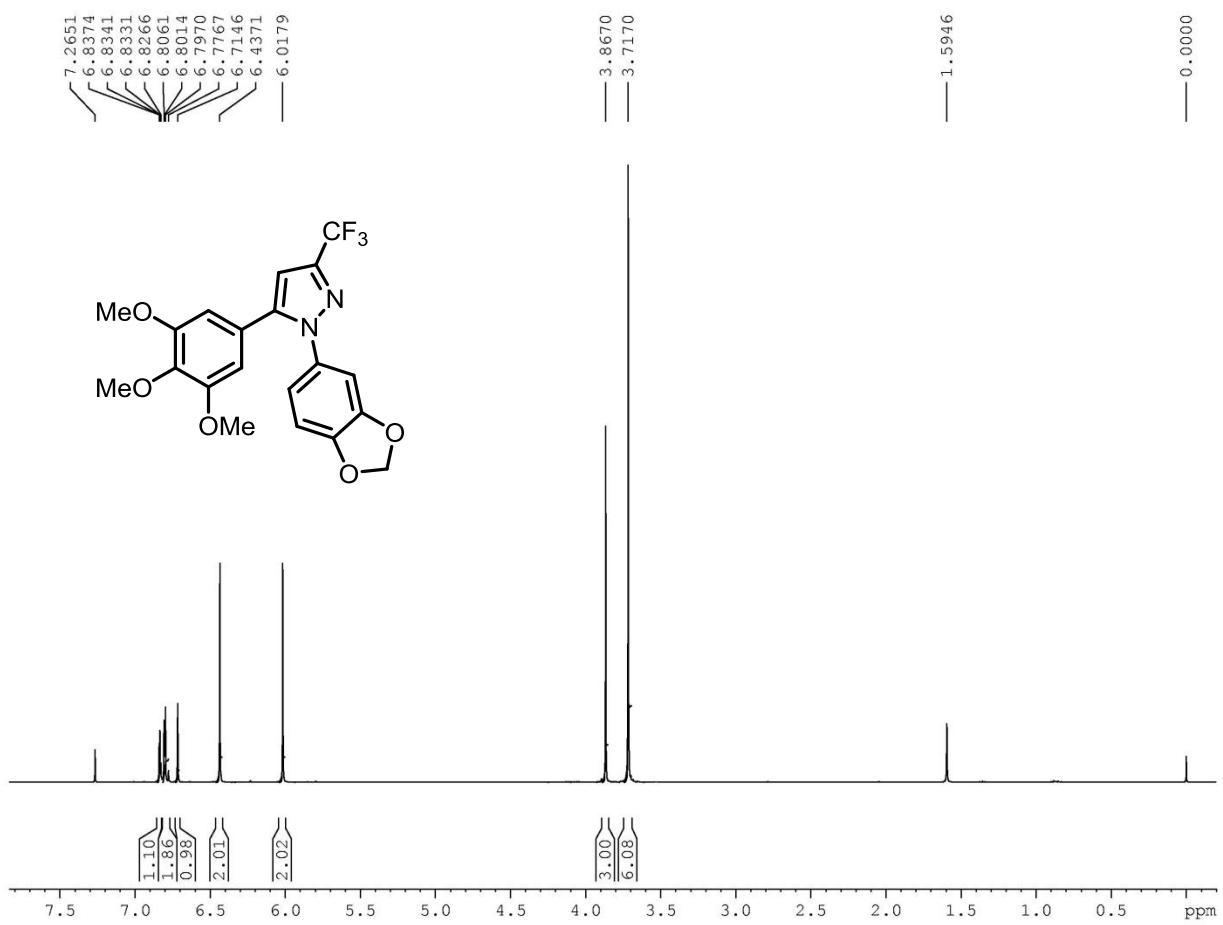
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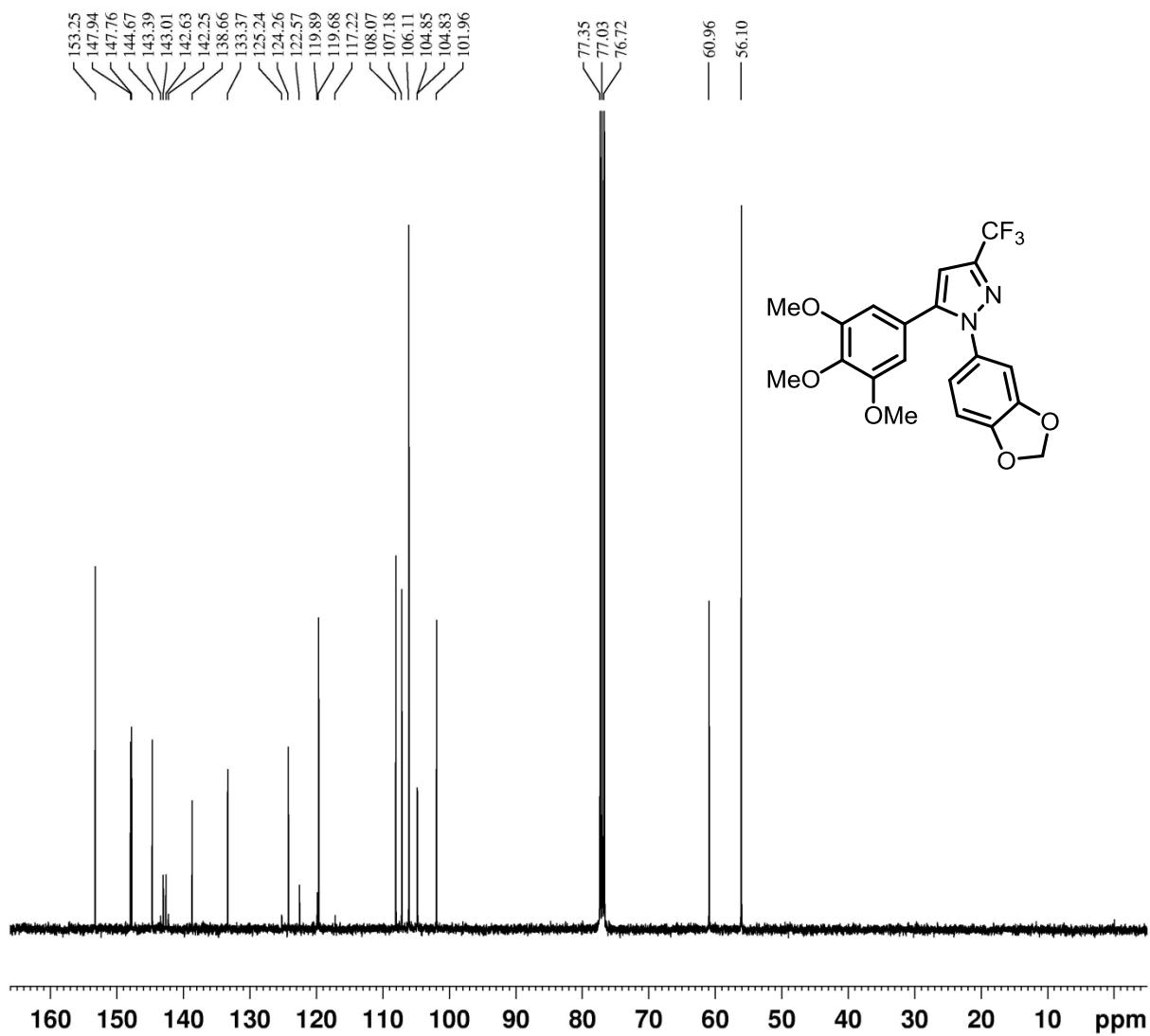
Supplementary Figure S19 (Table 1, Entry 8 (8): ^{13}C NMR)



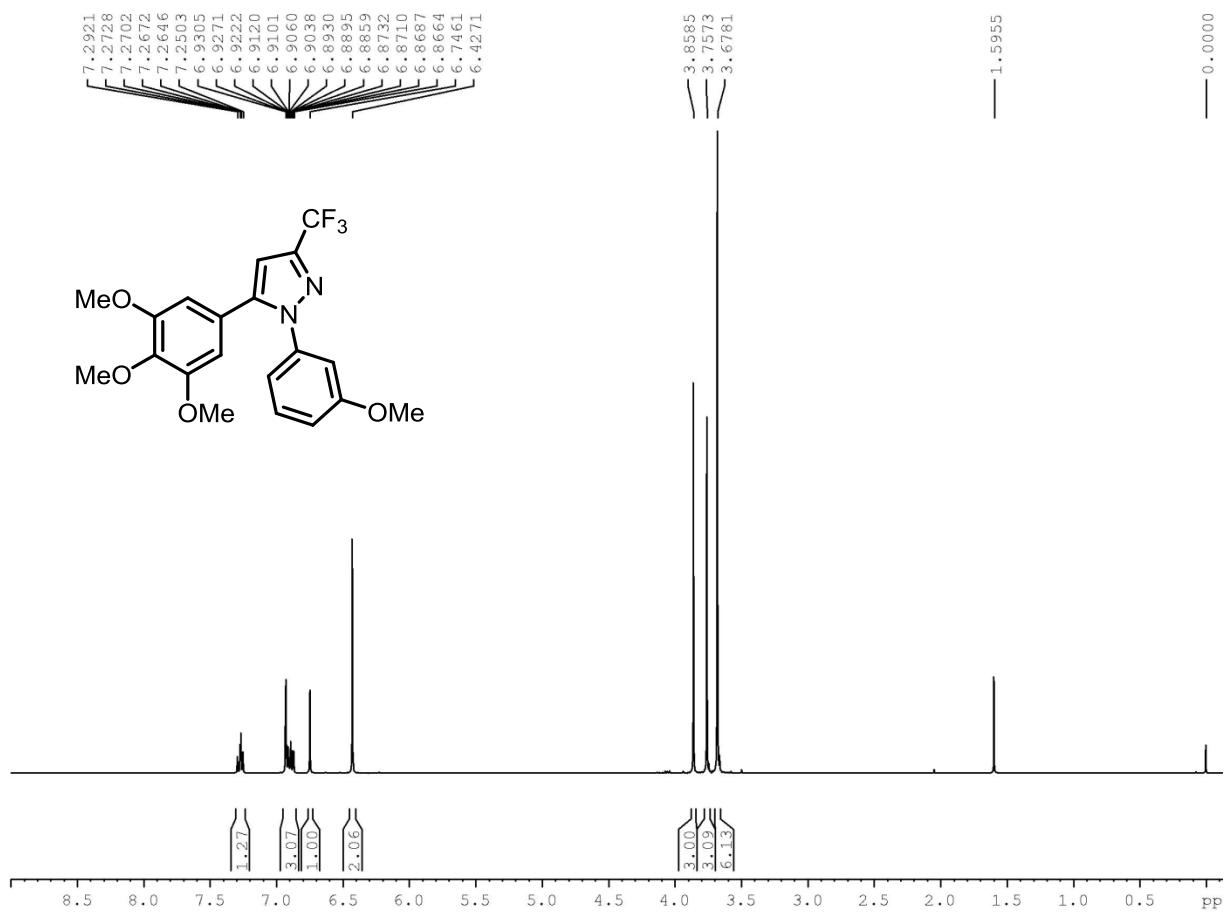
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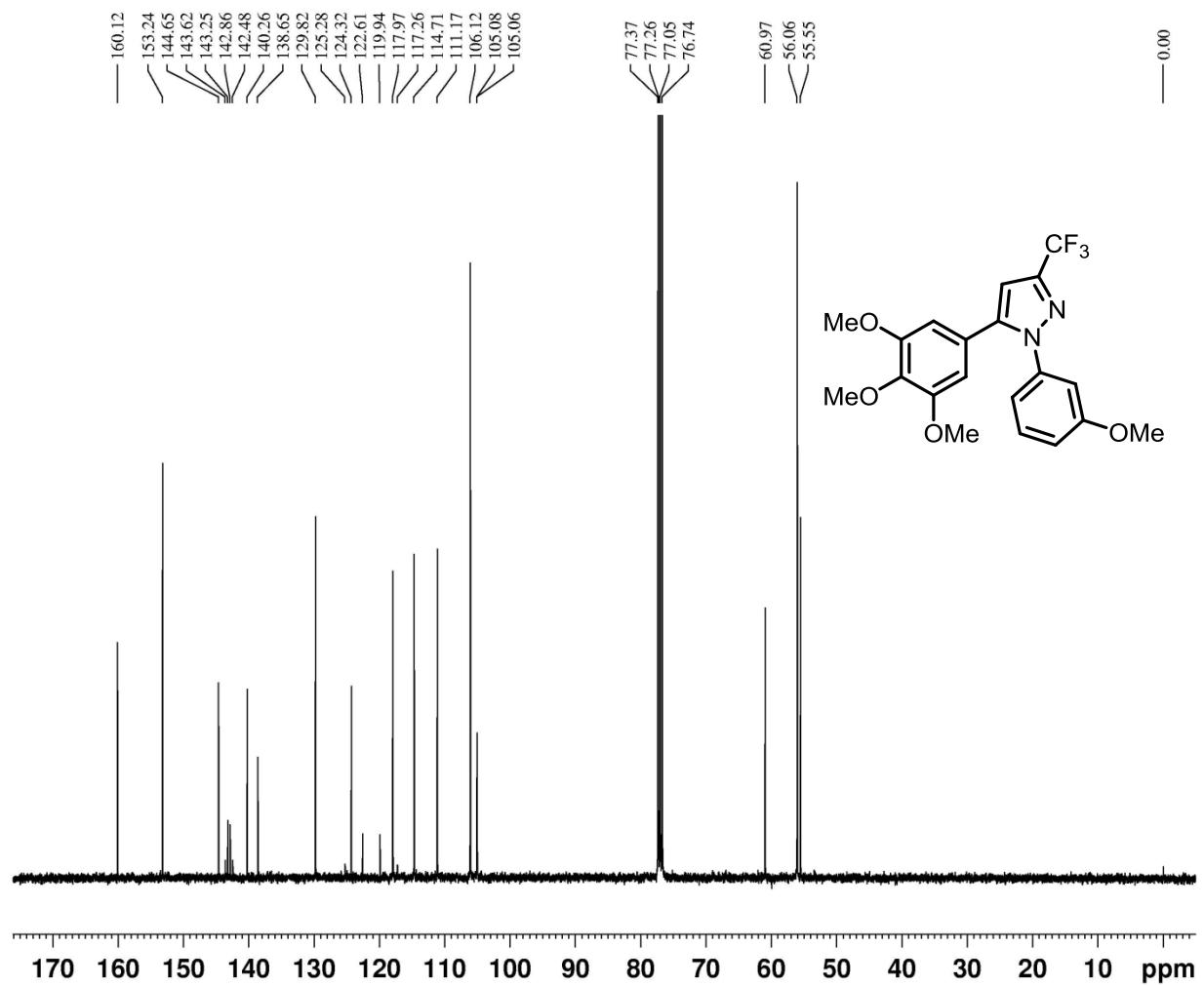
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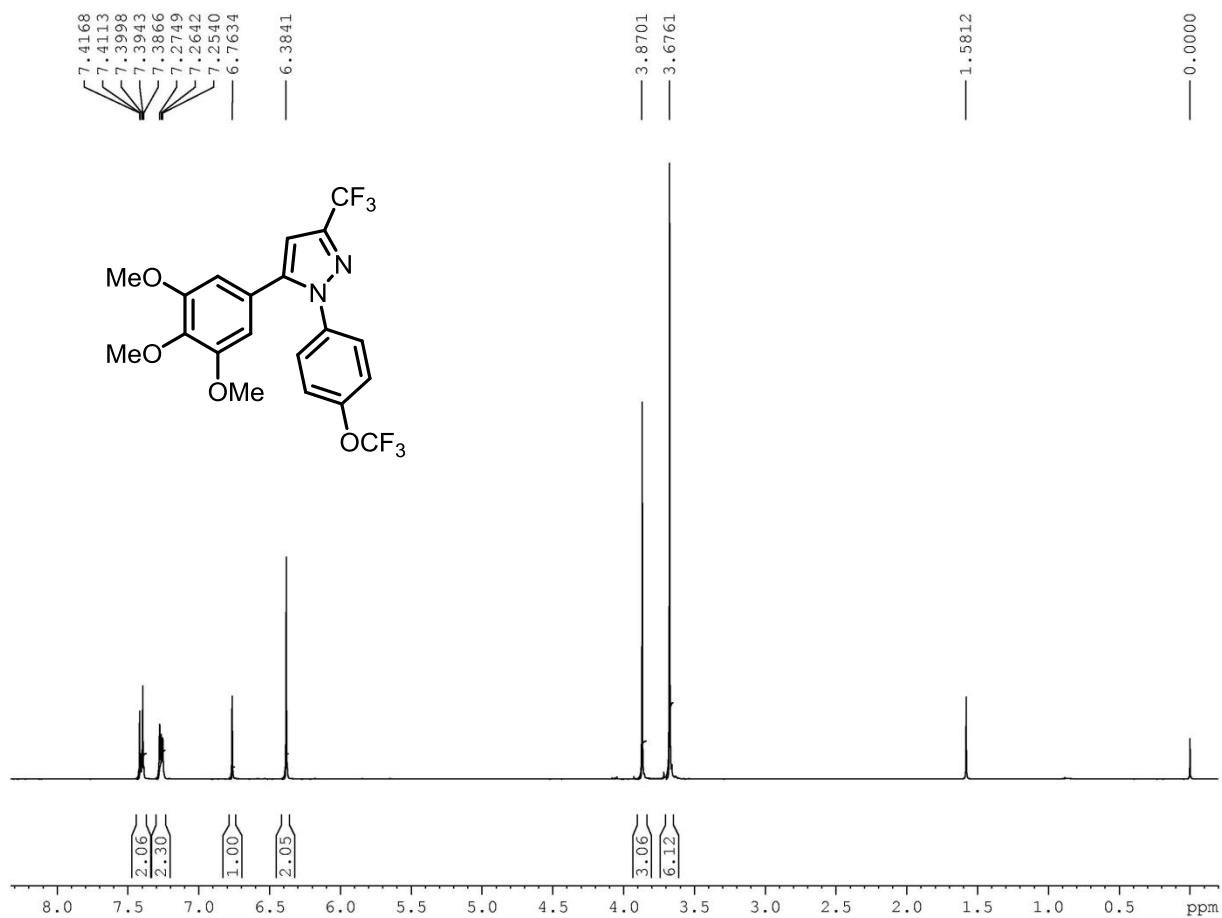
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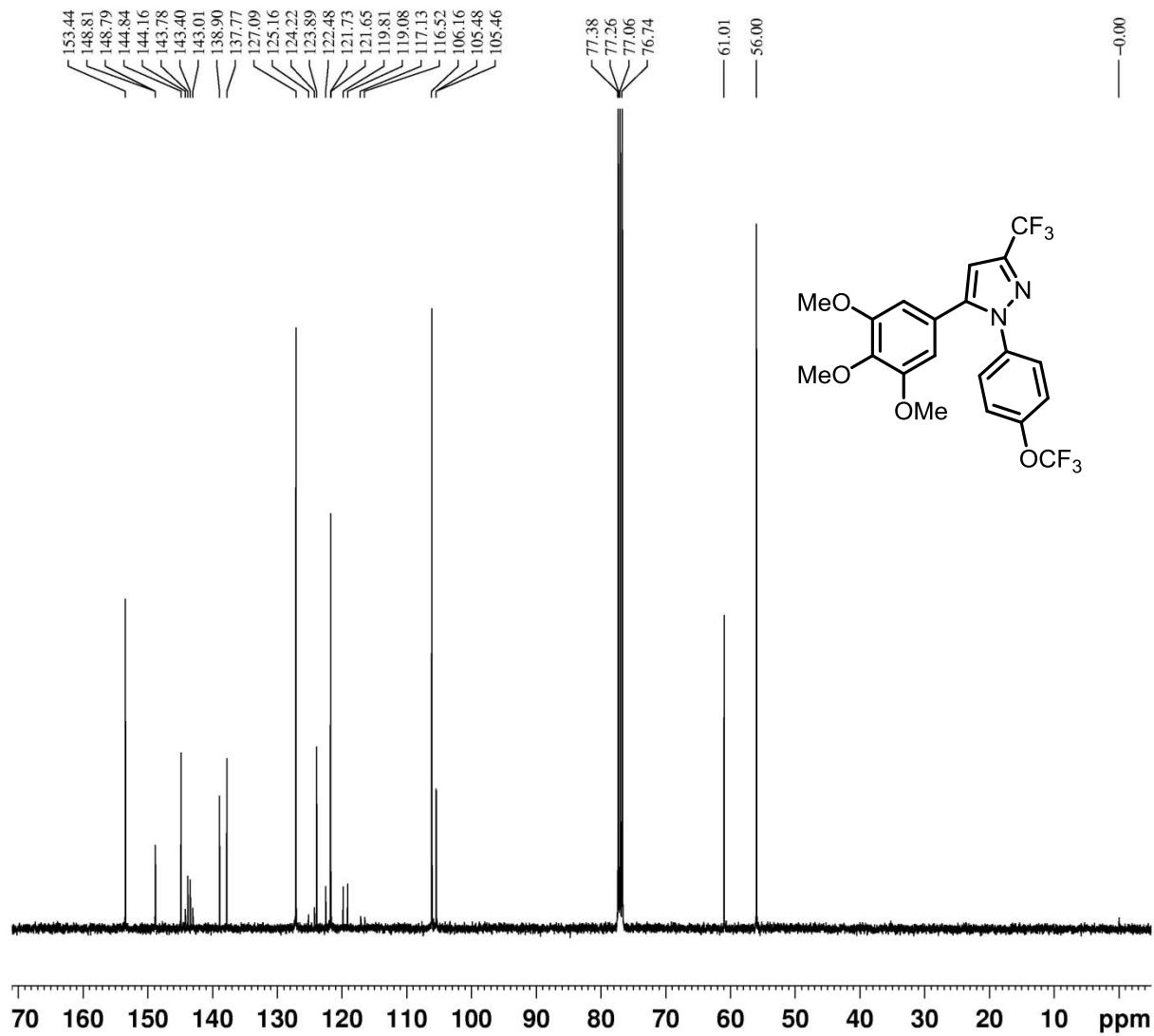
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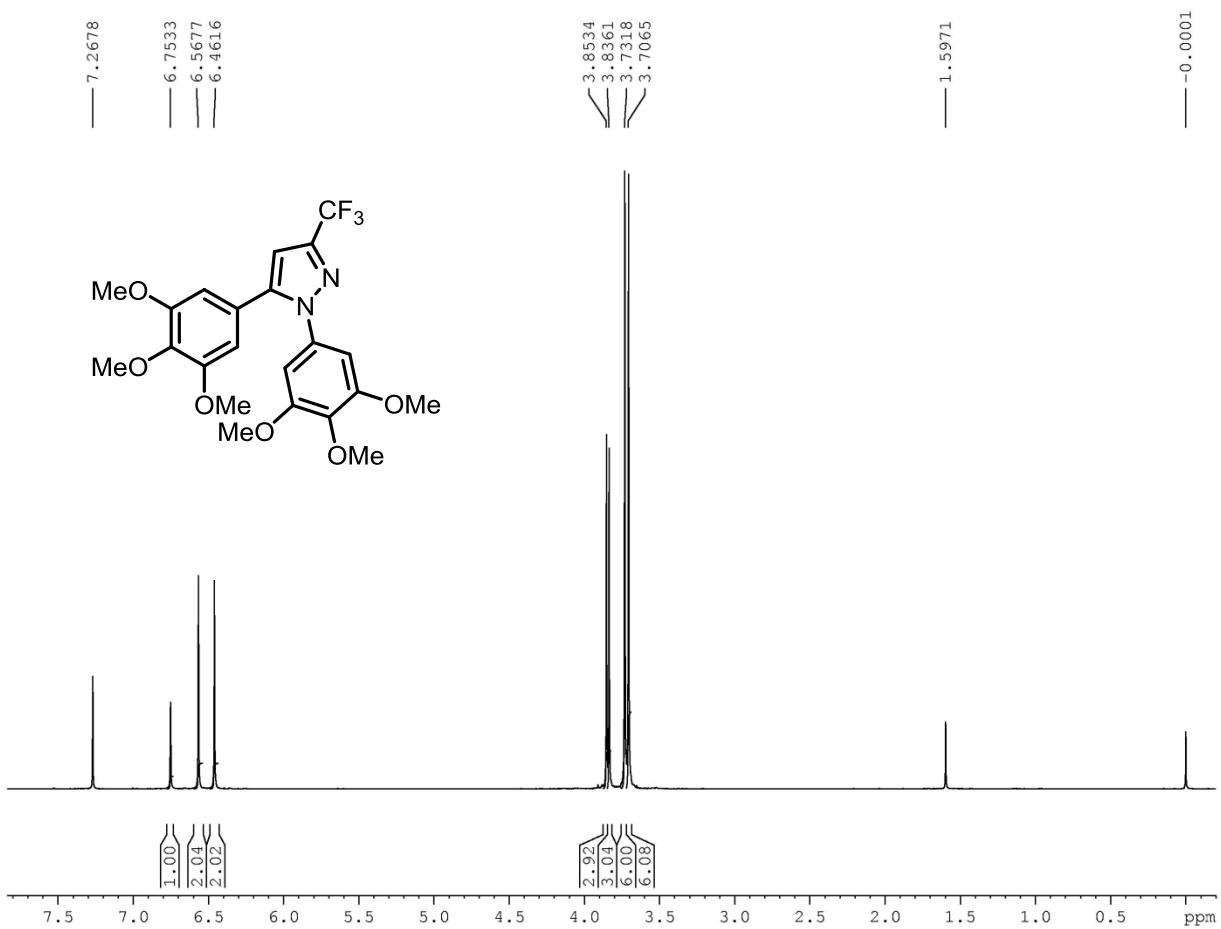
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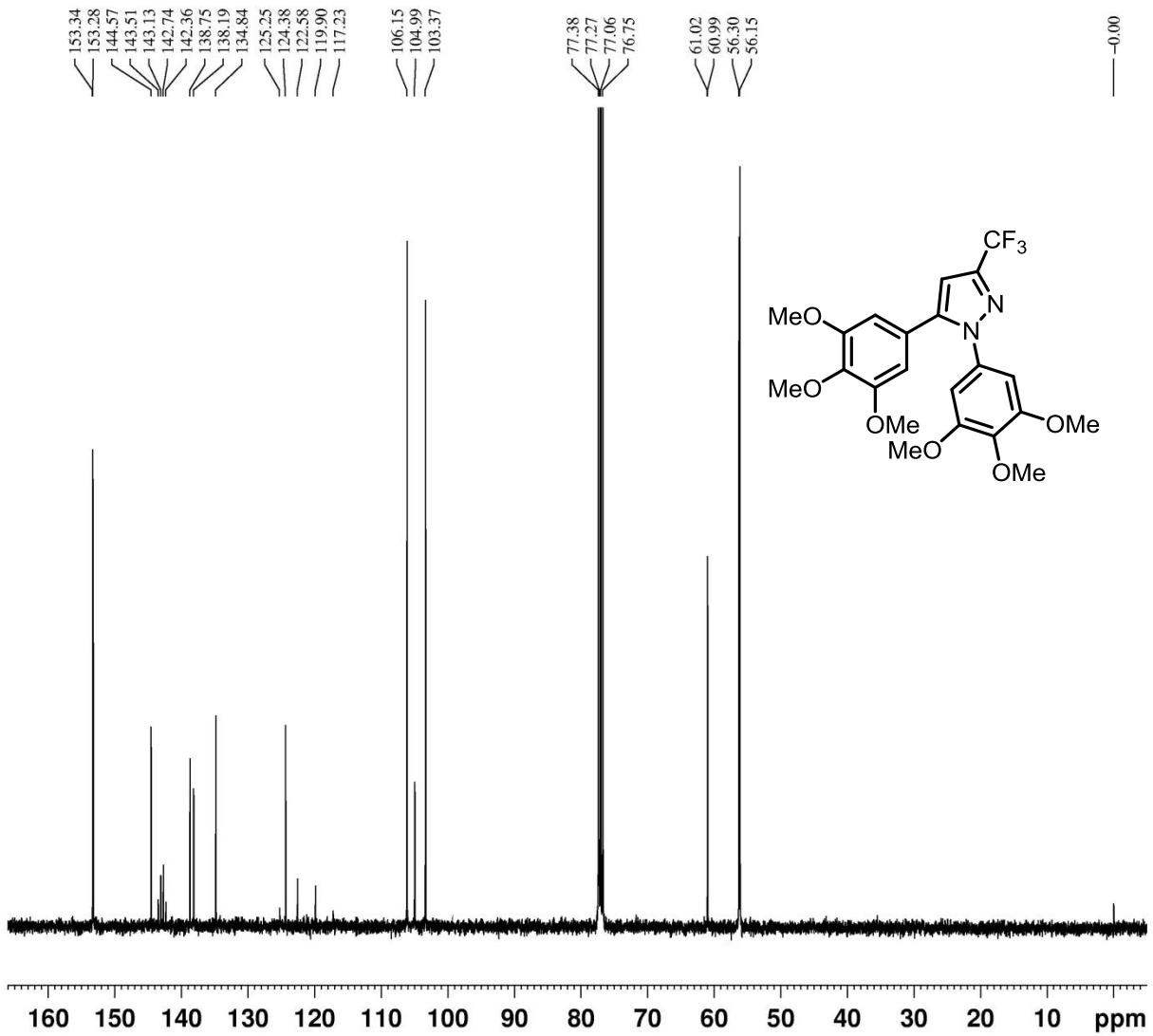
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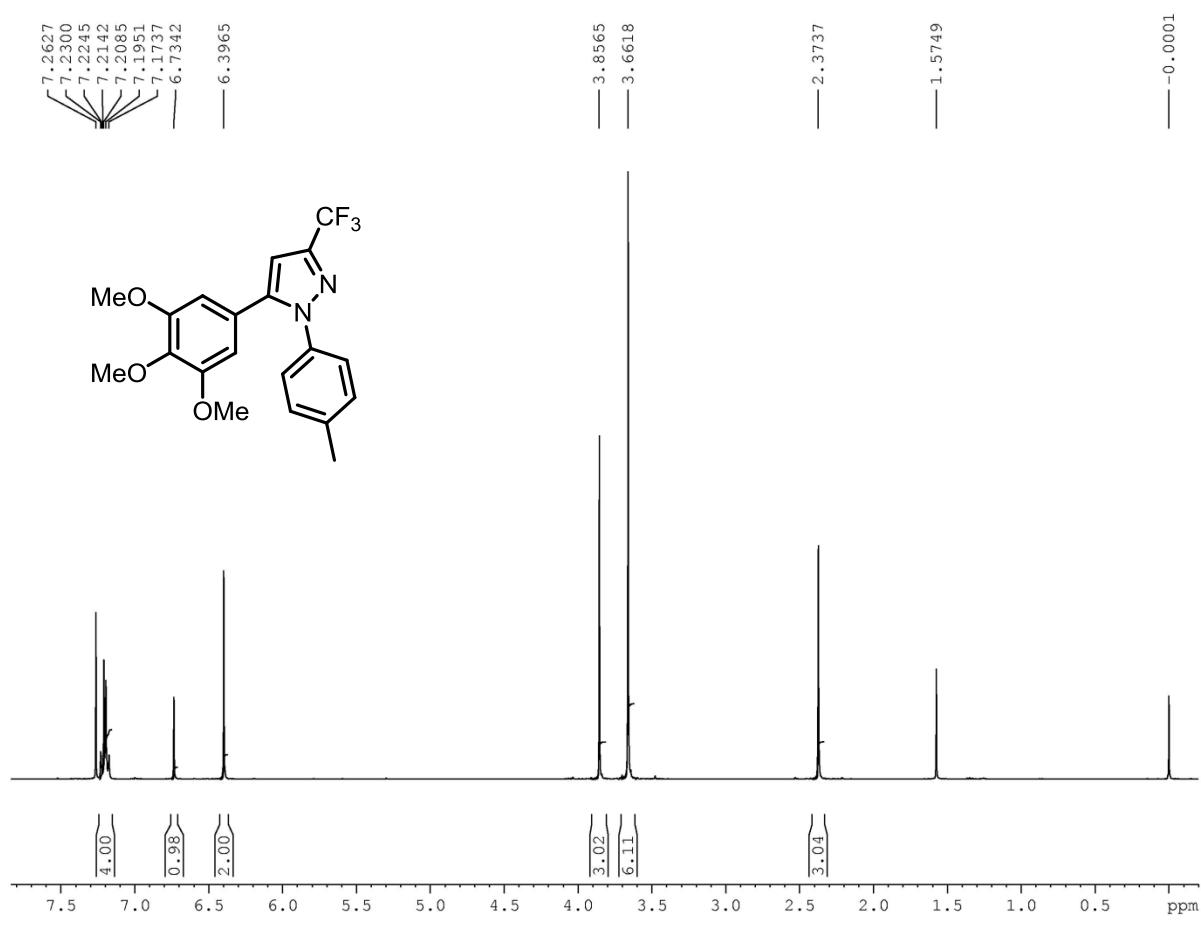
Supplementary Figure S26 (Table 1, Entry 12 (12): ^1H NMR)



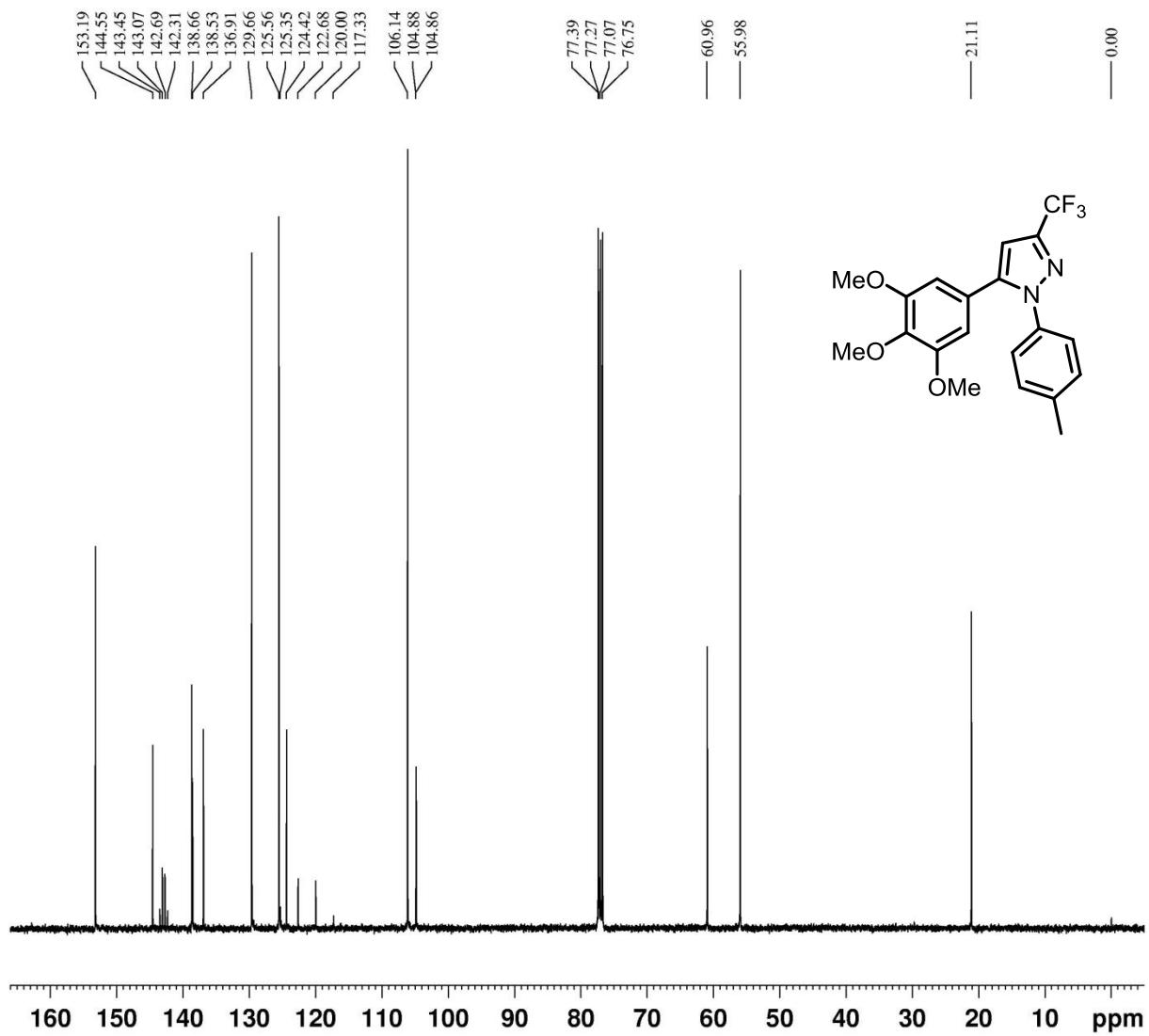
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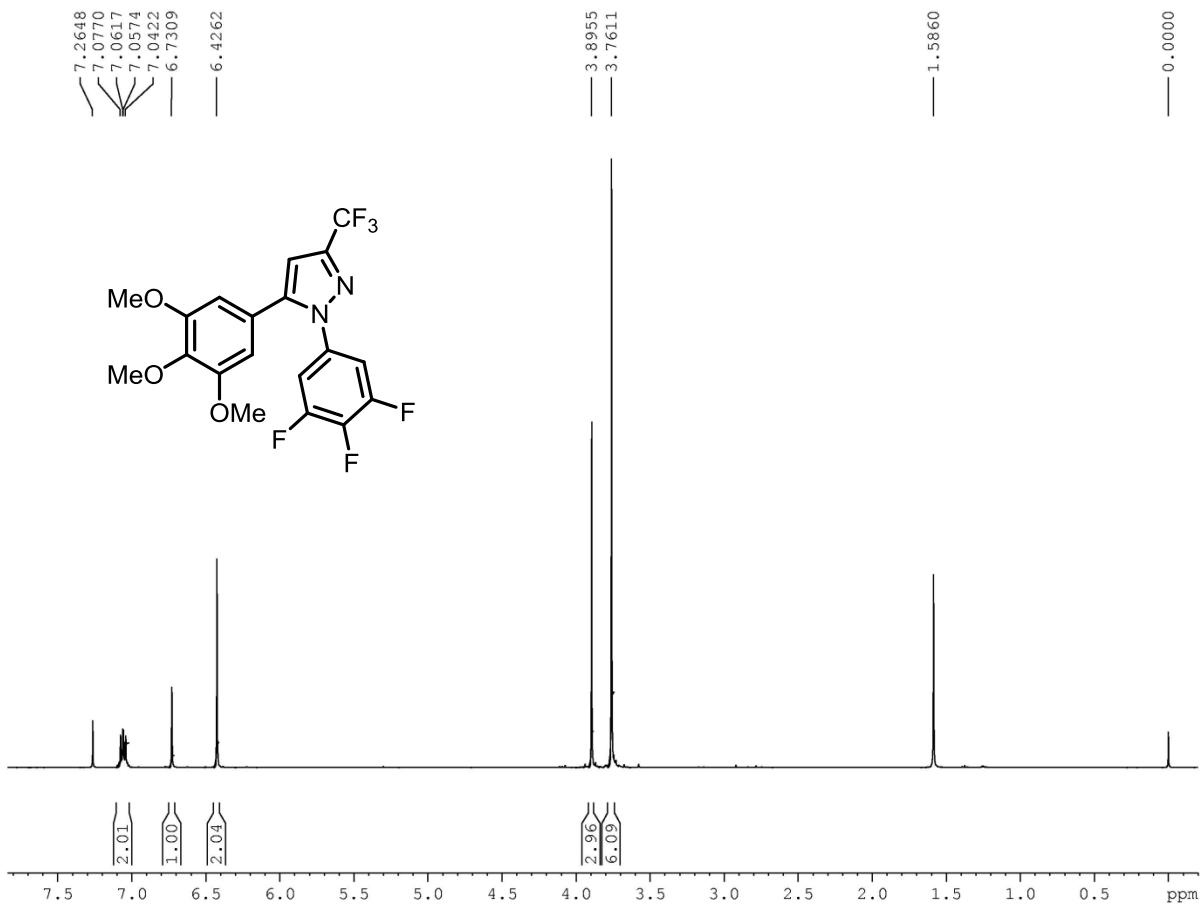
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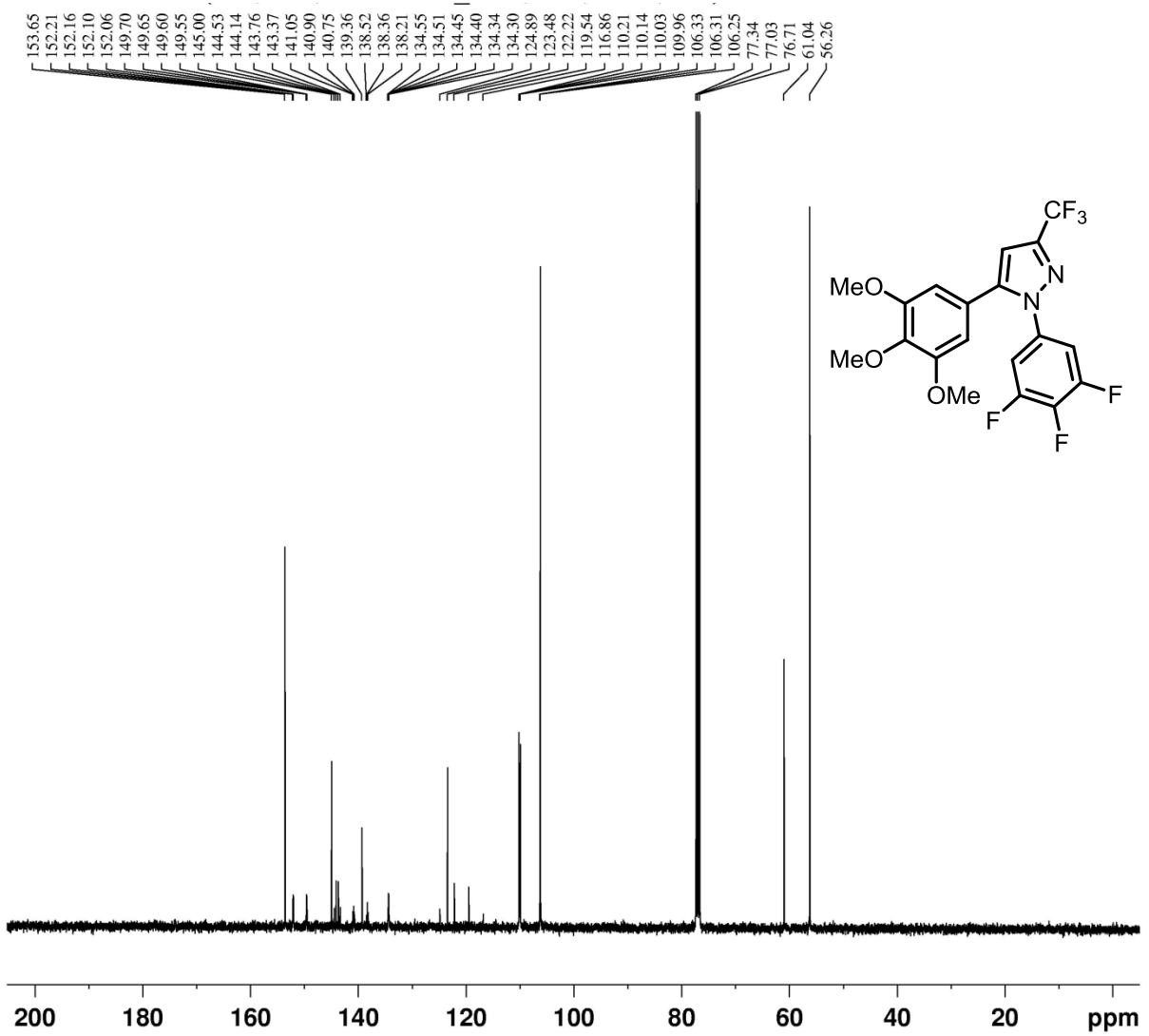
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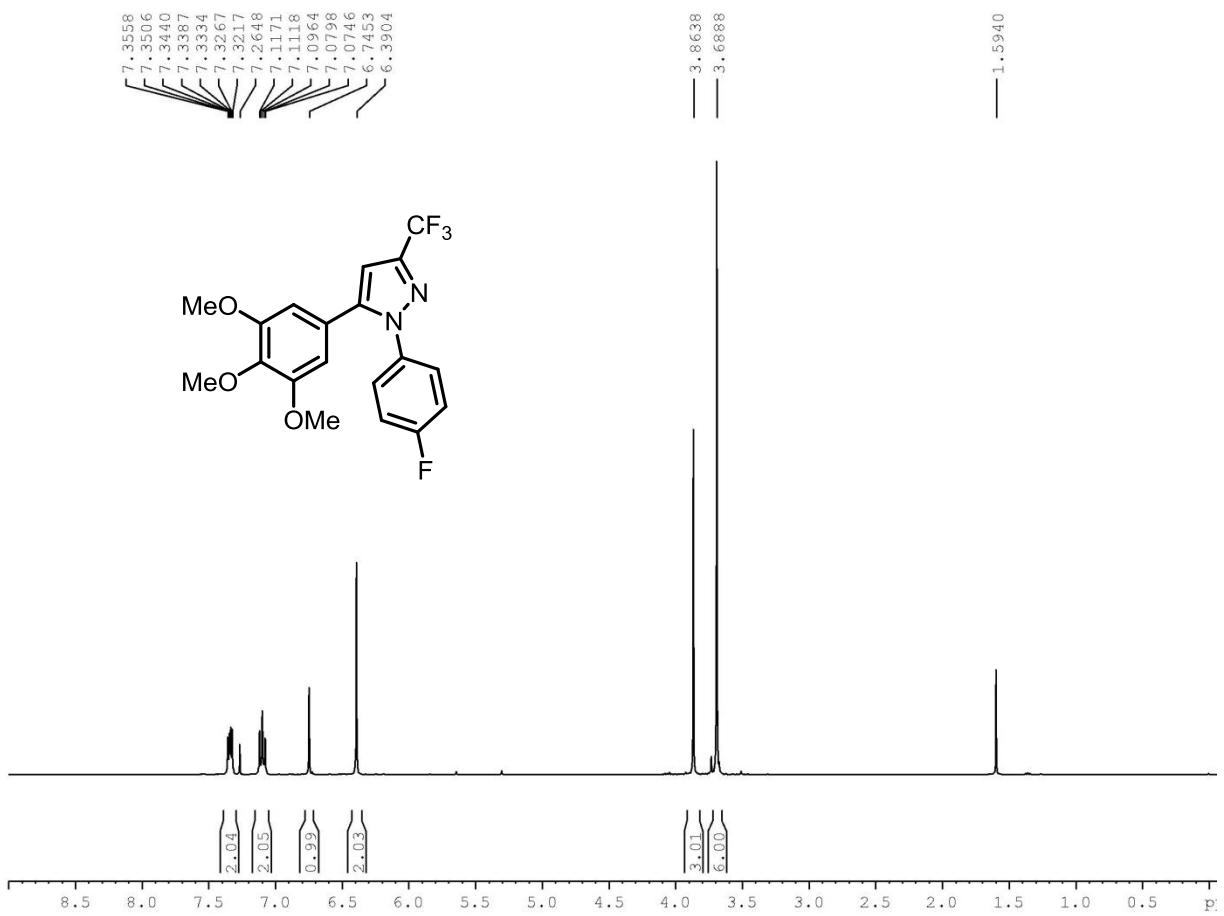
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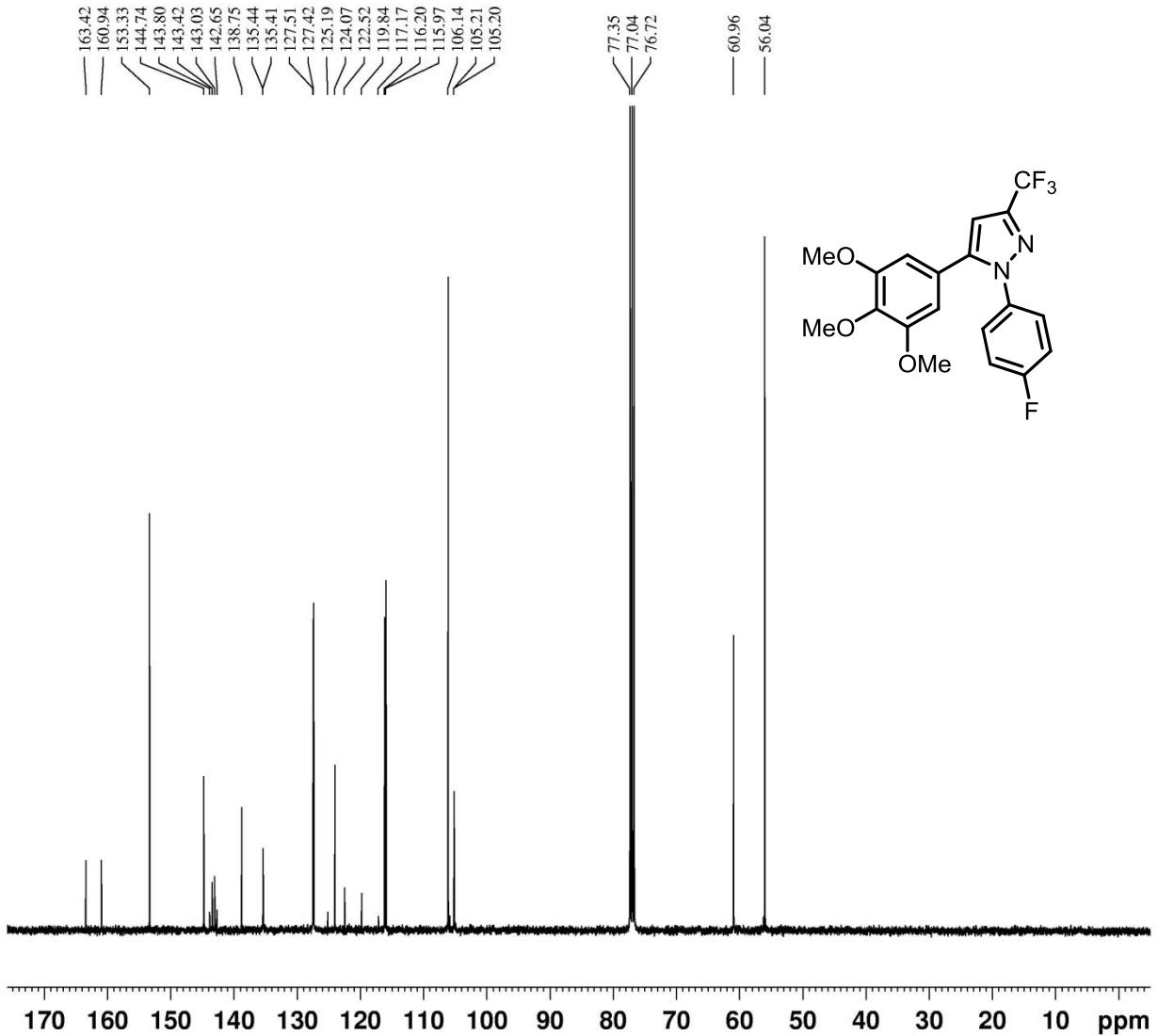
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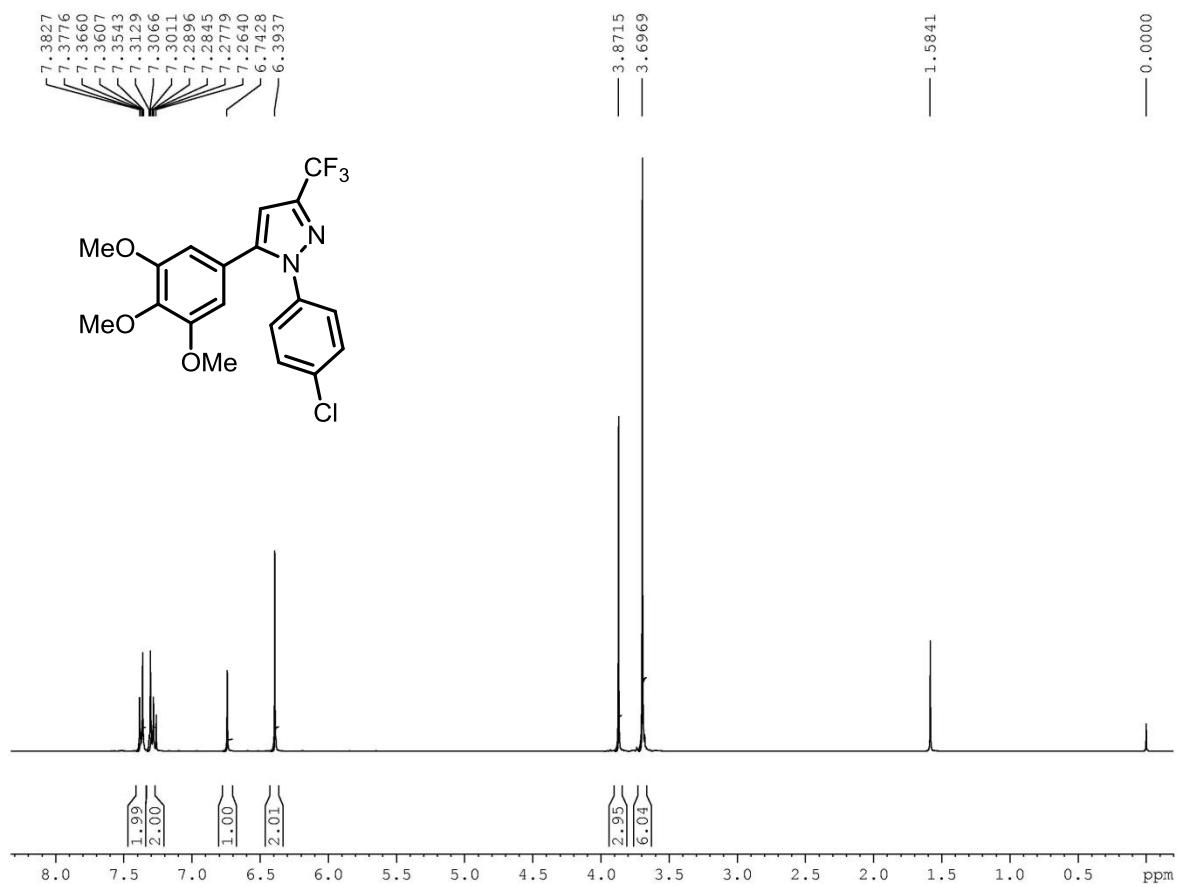
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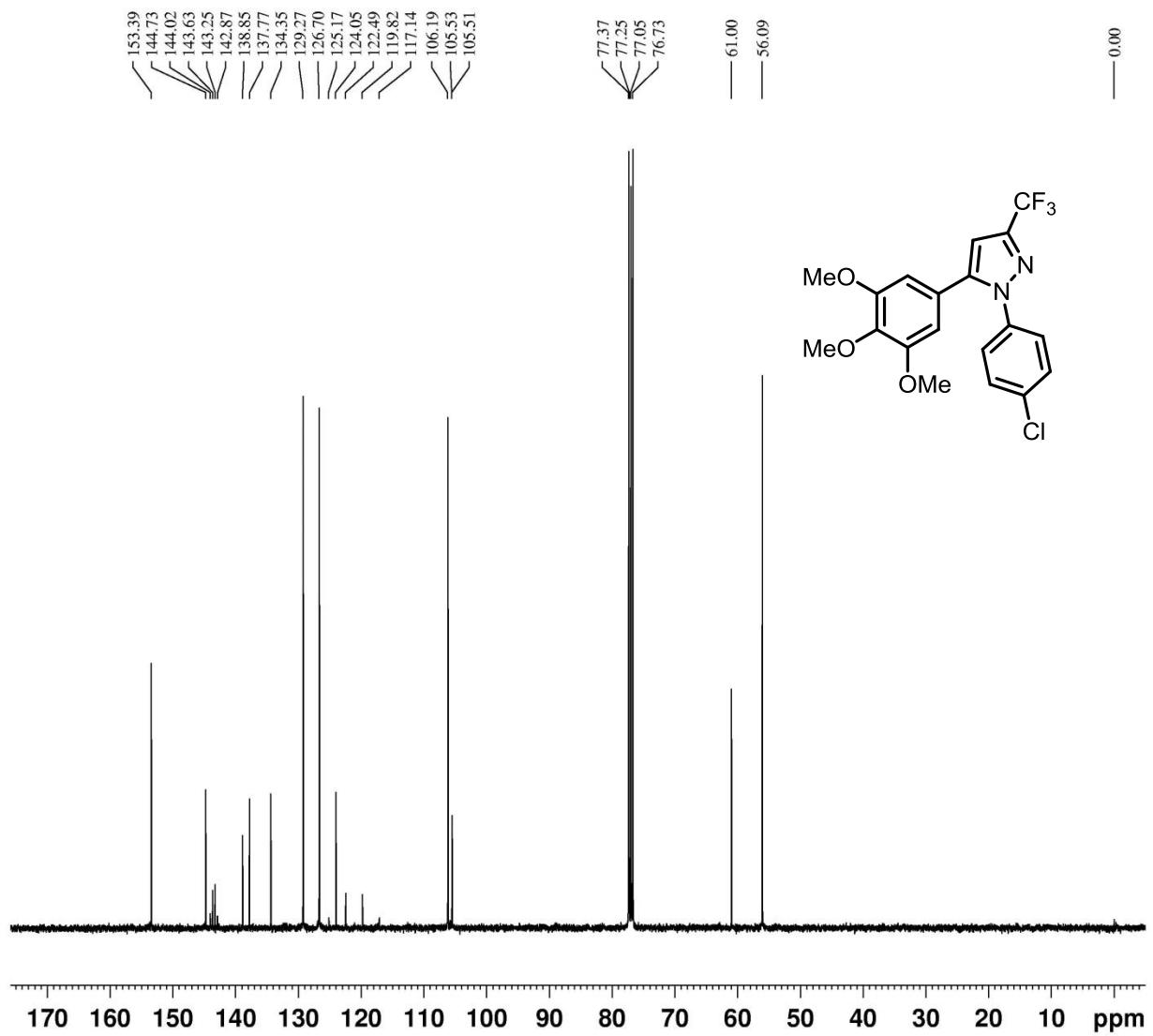
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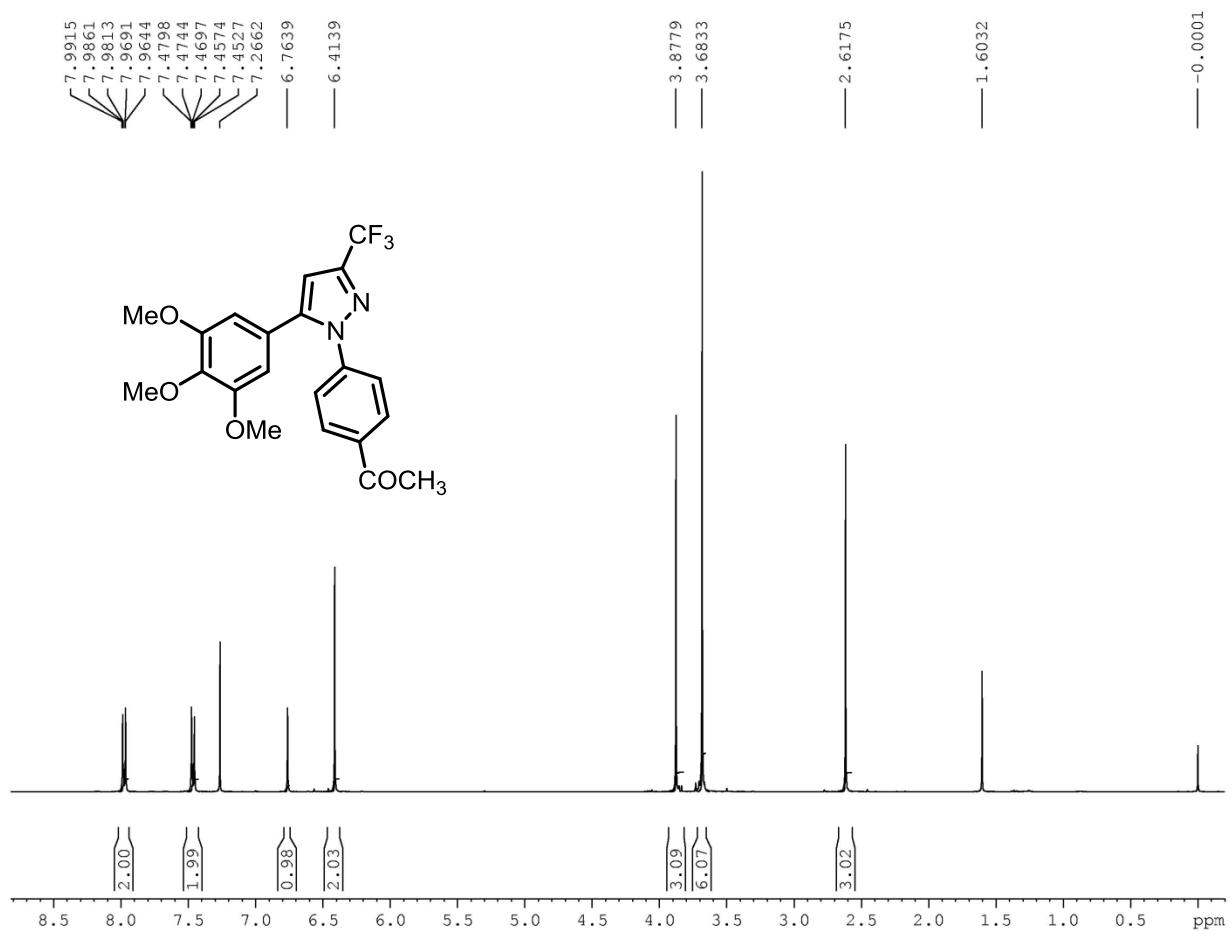
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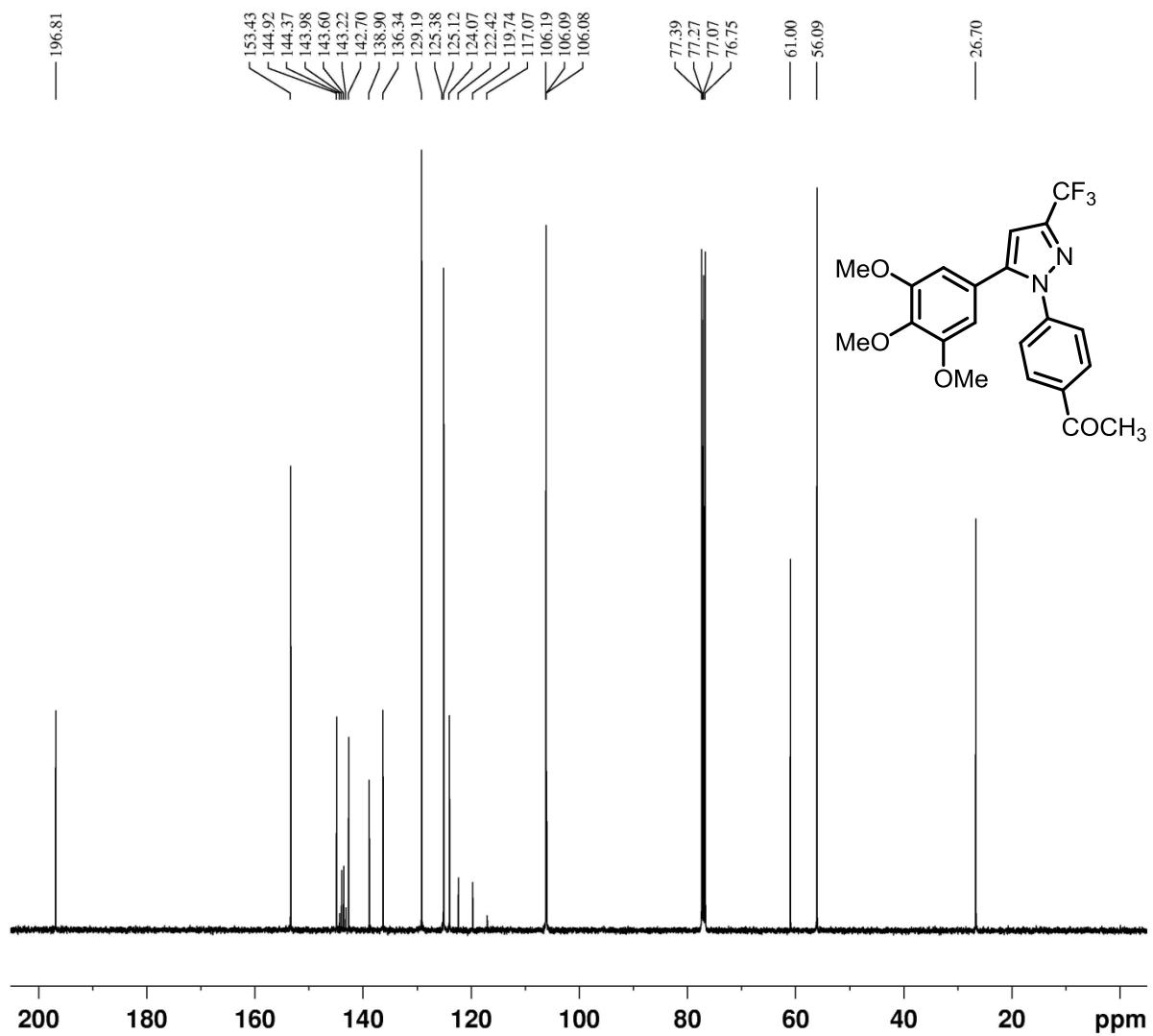
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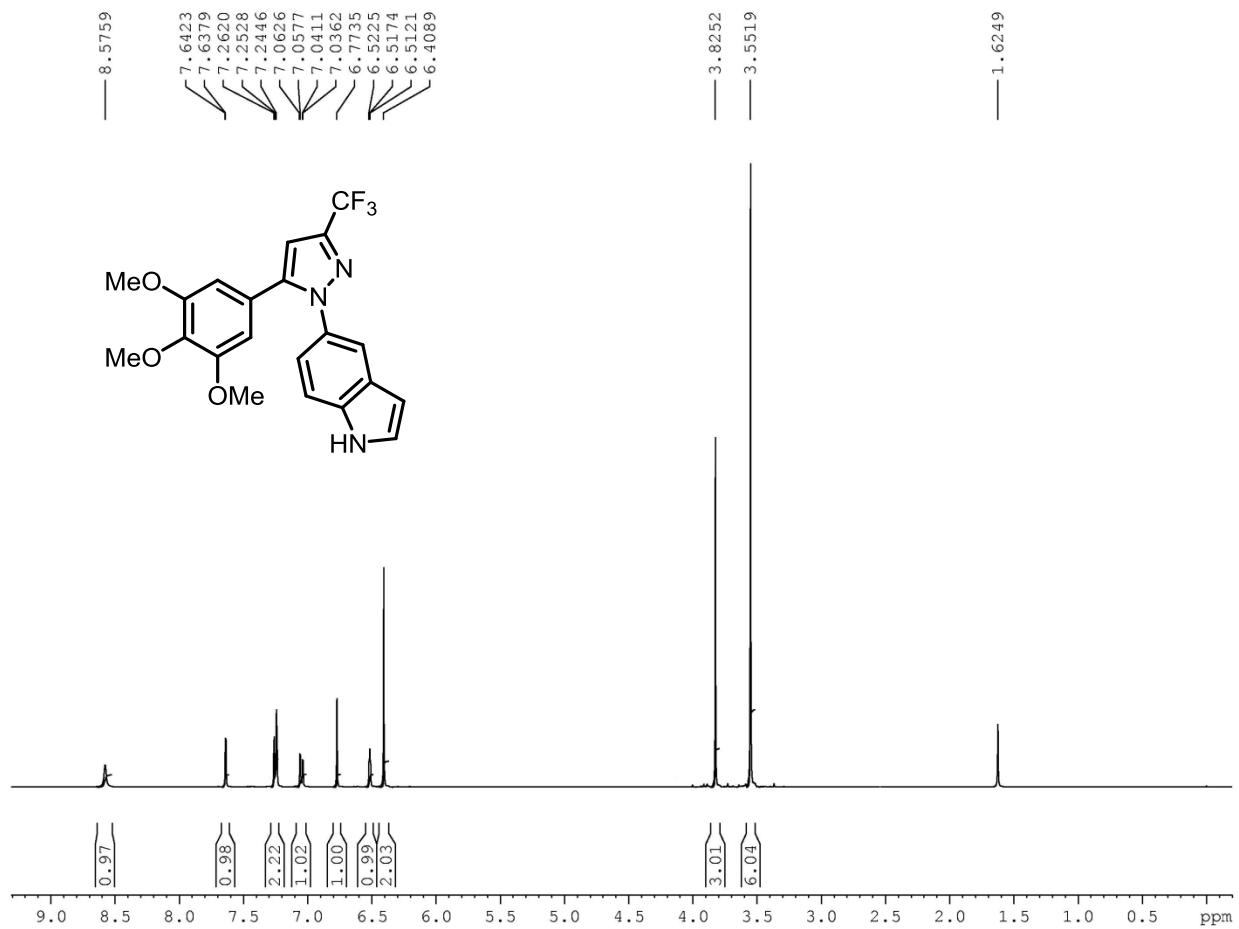
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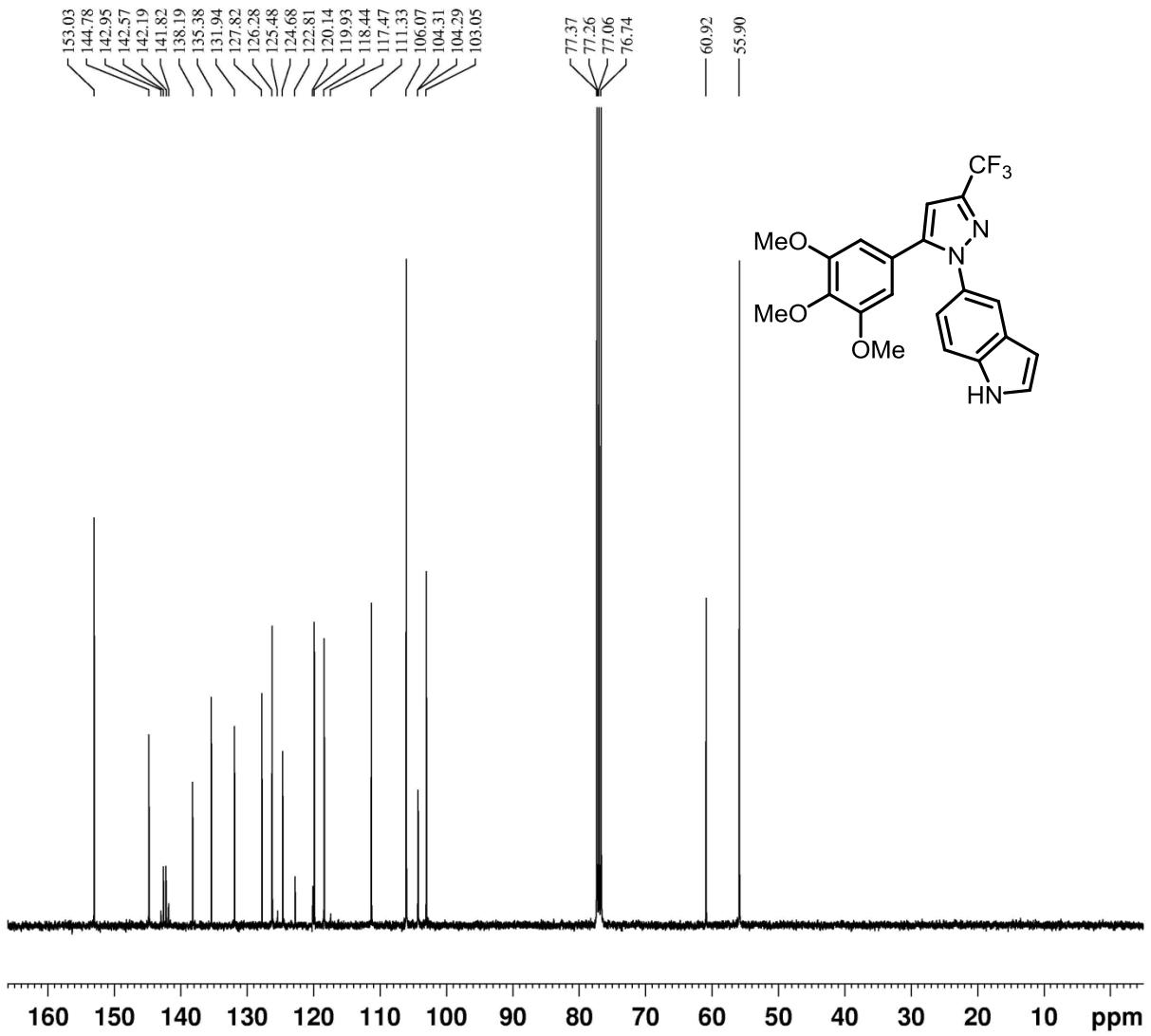
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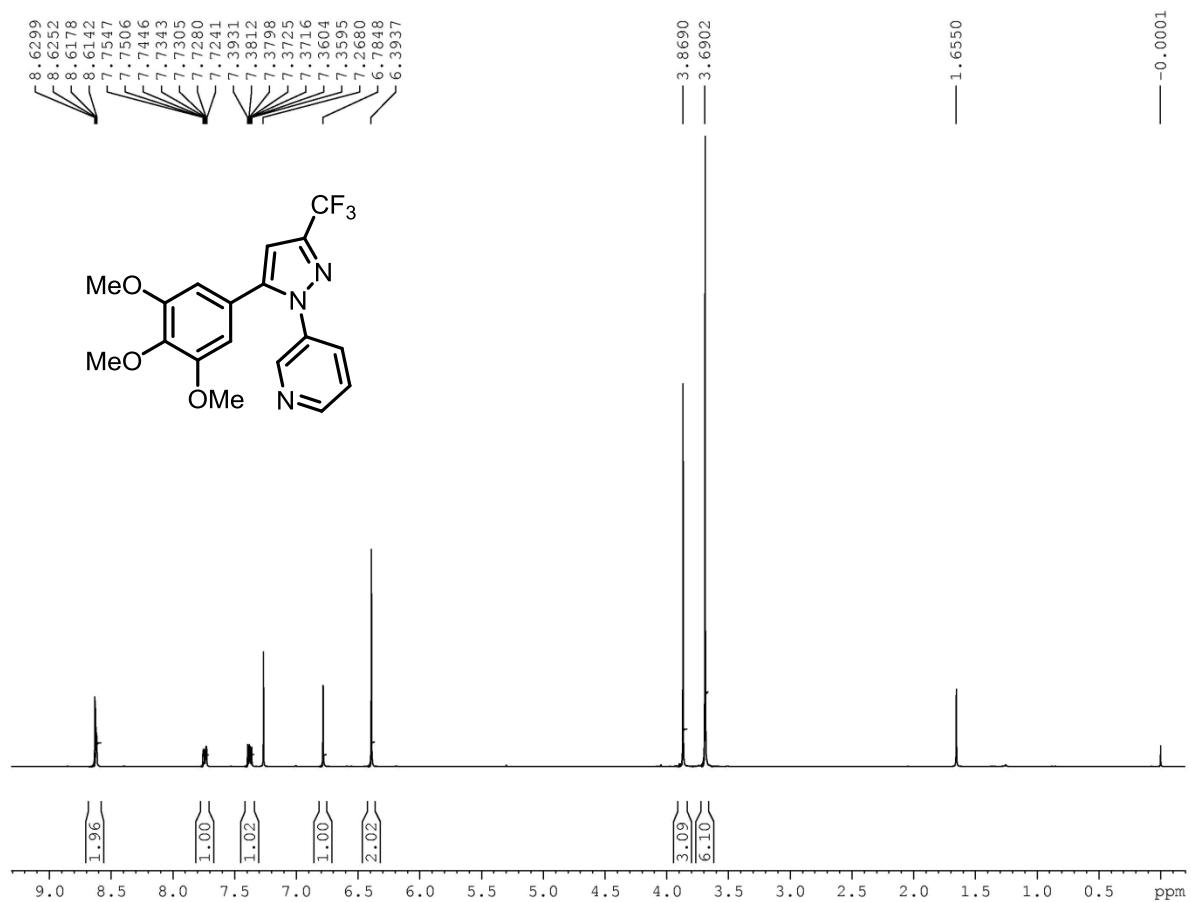
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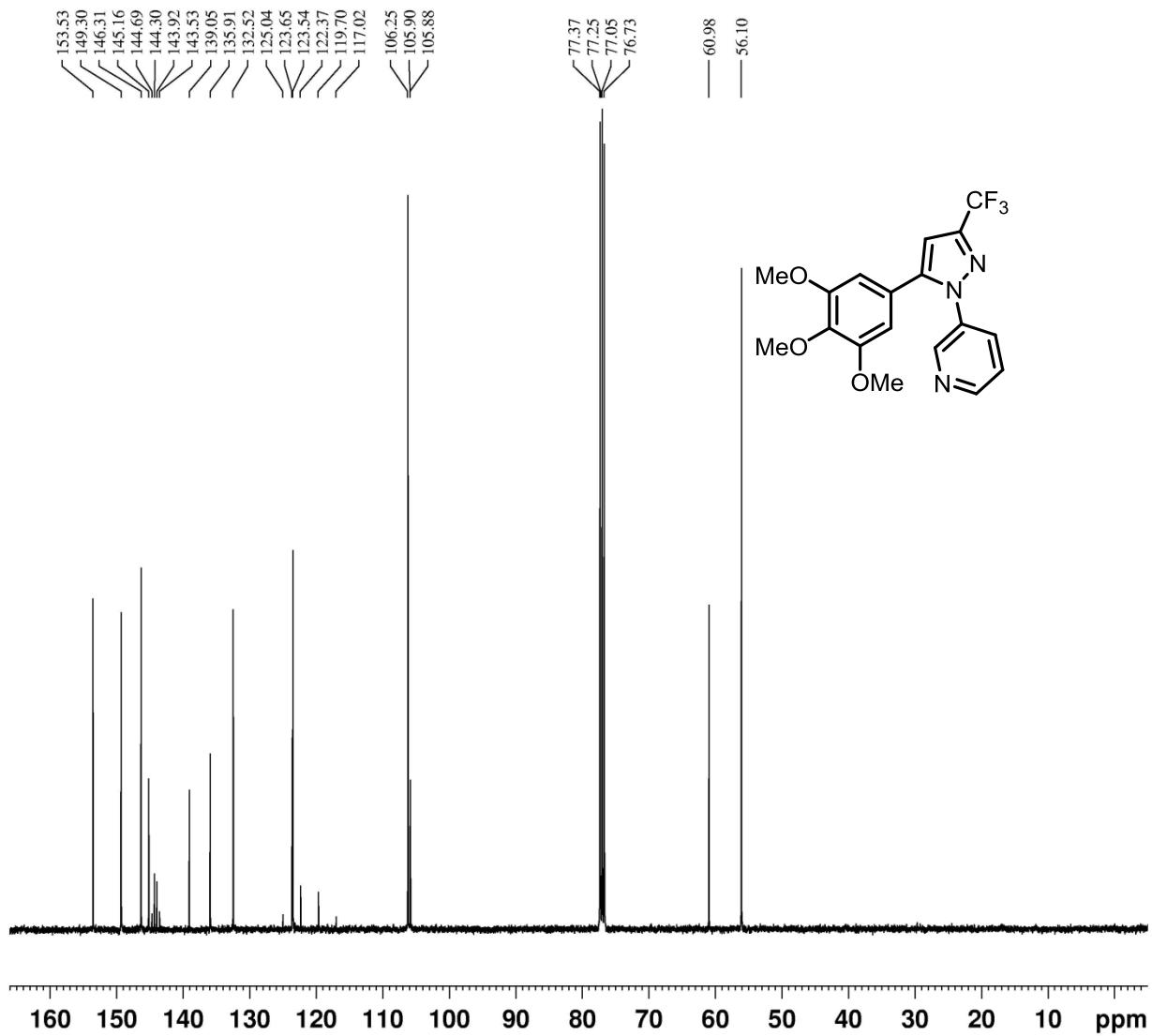
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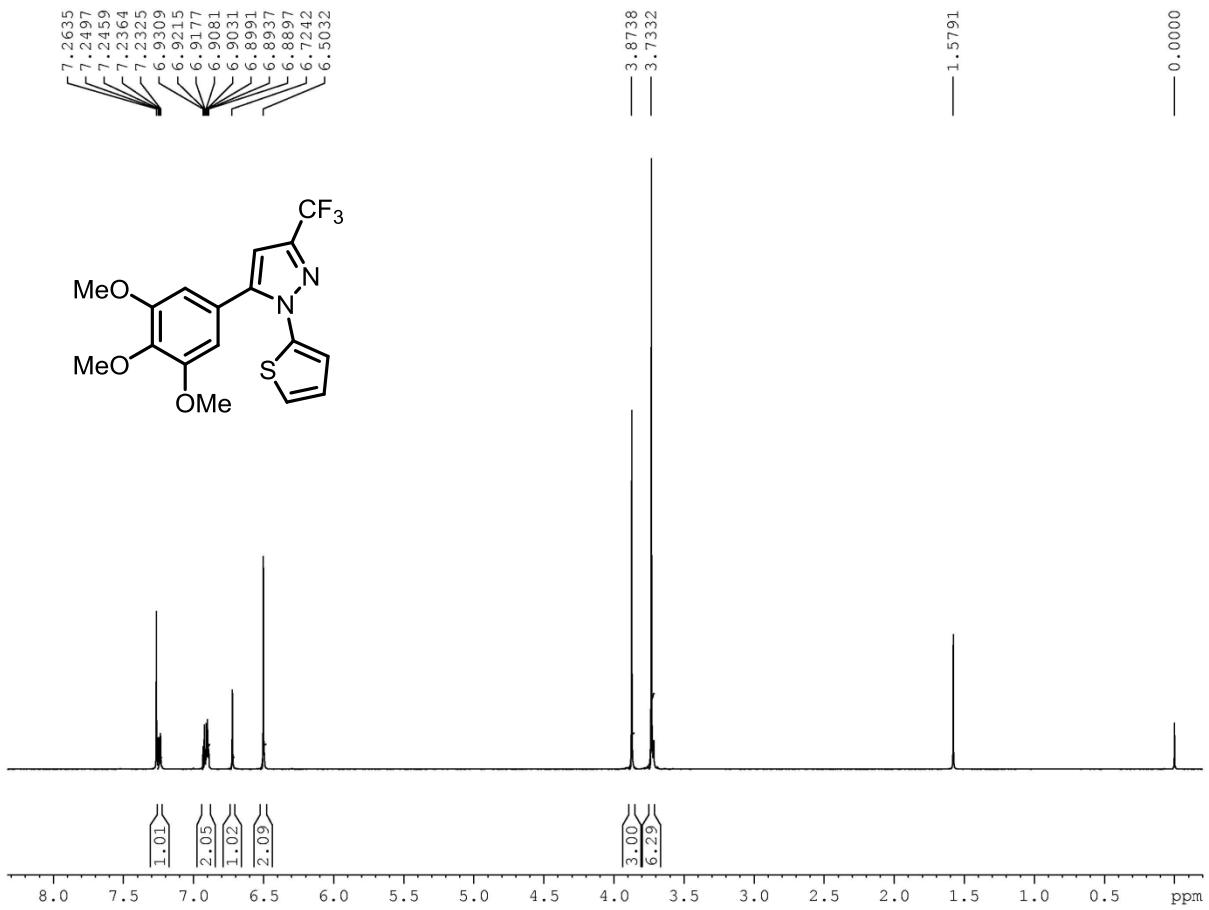
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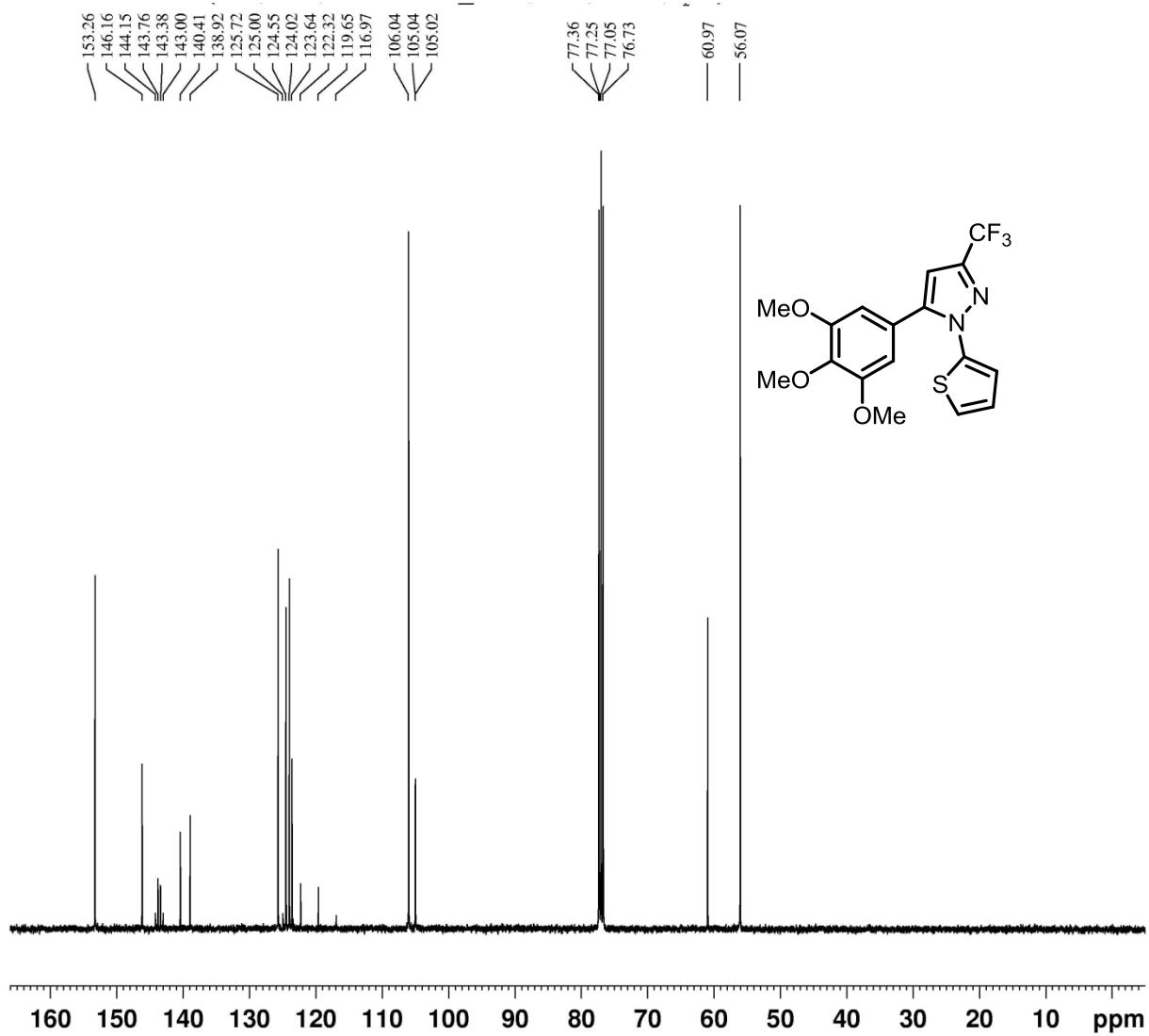
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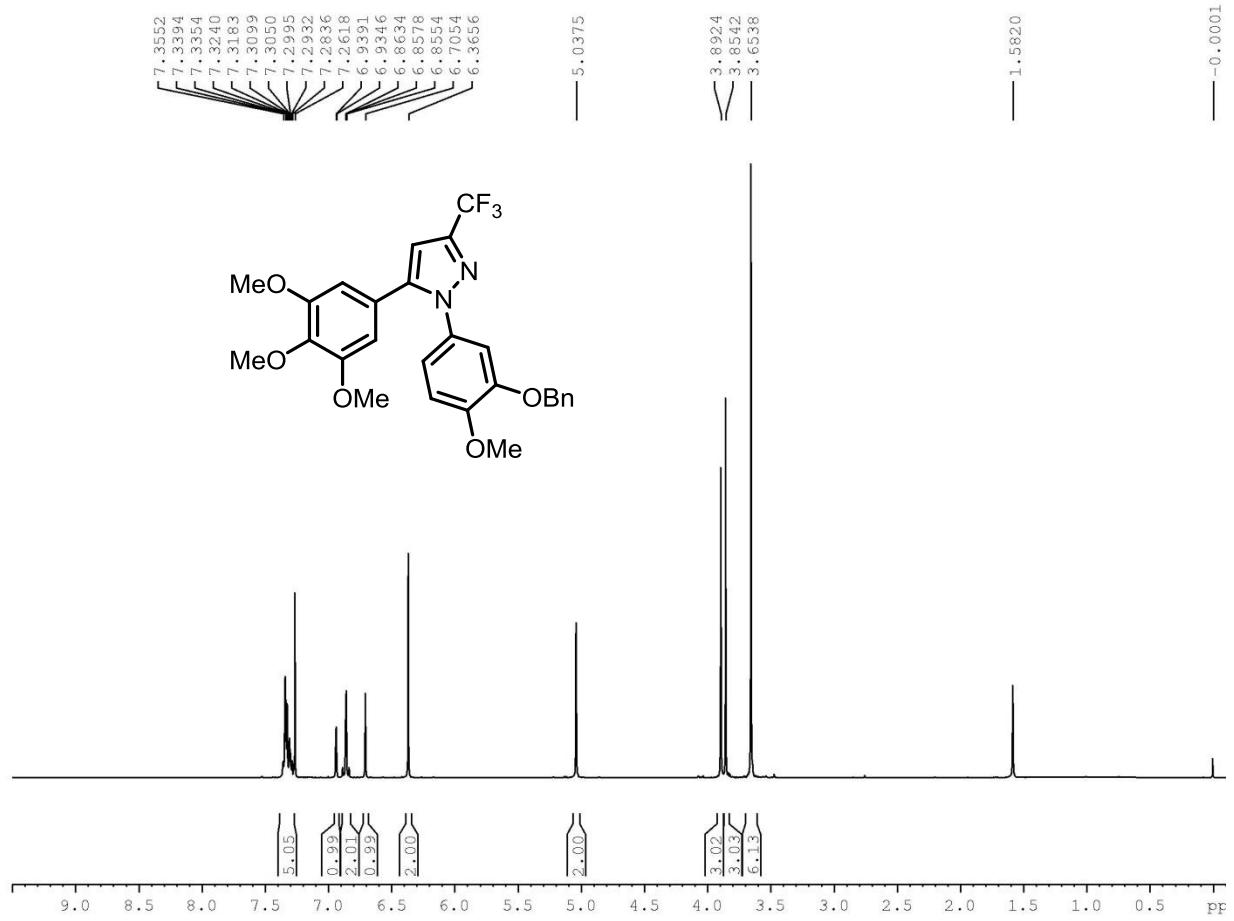
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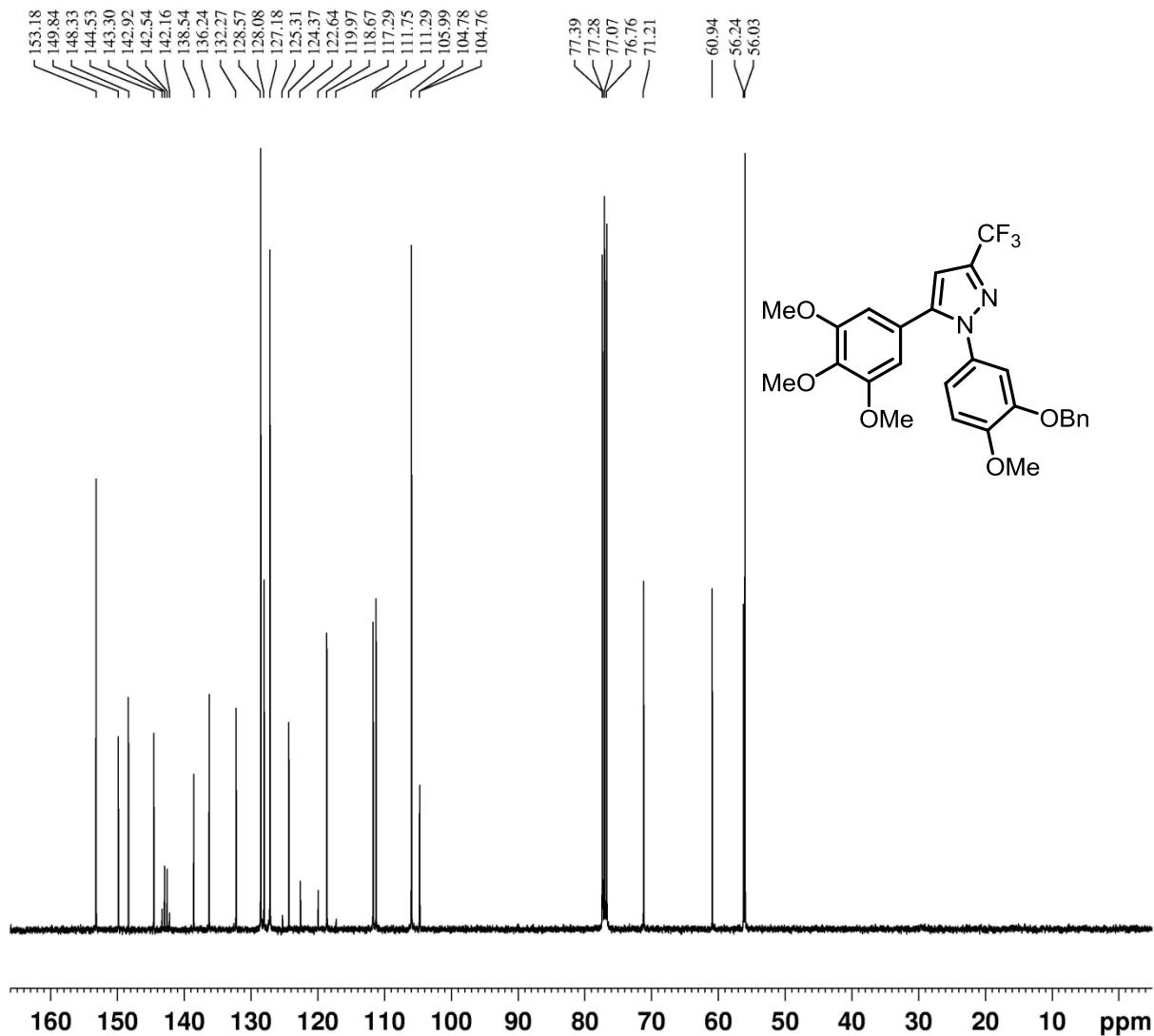
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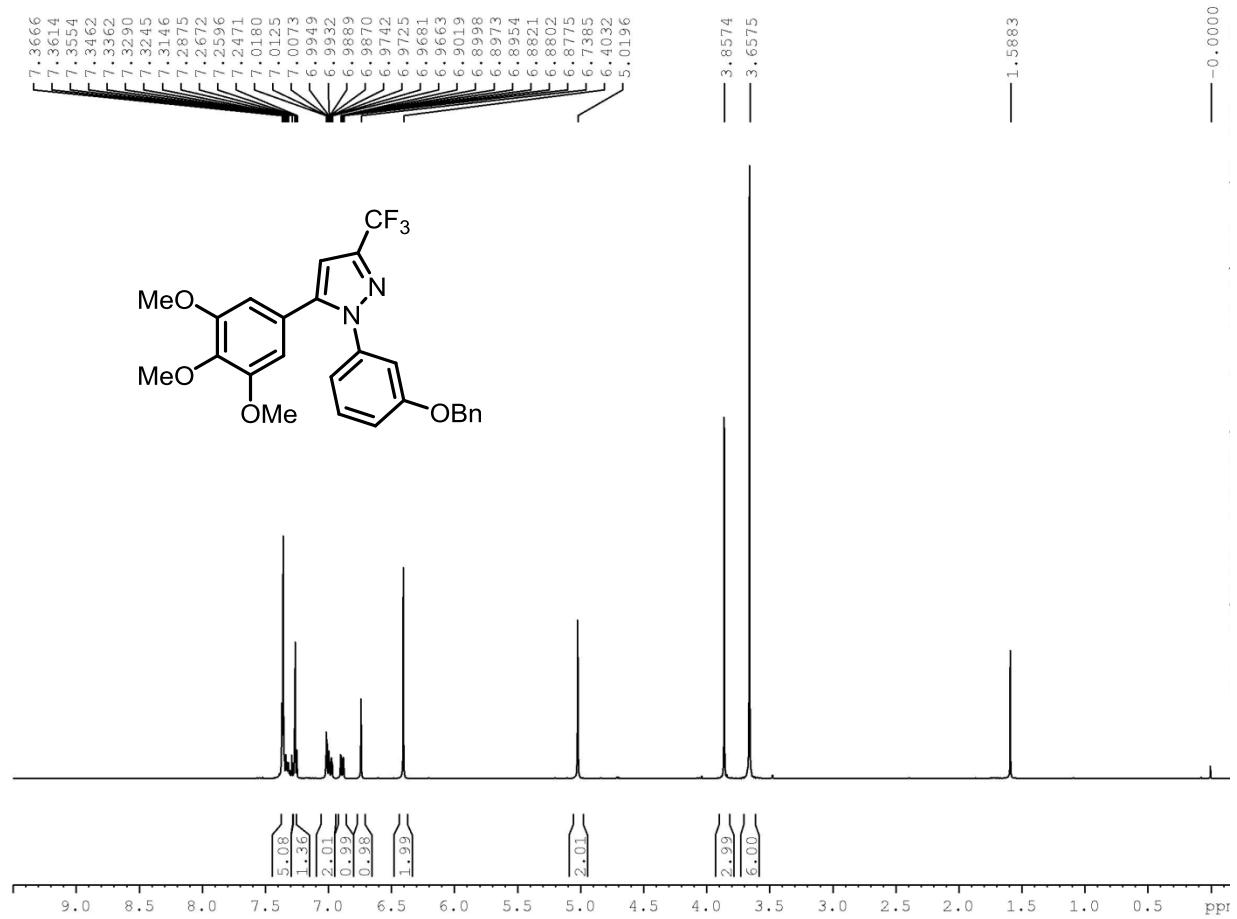
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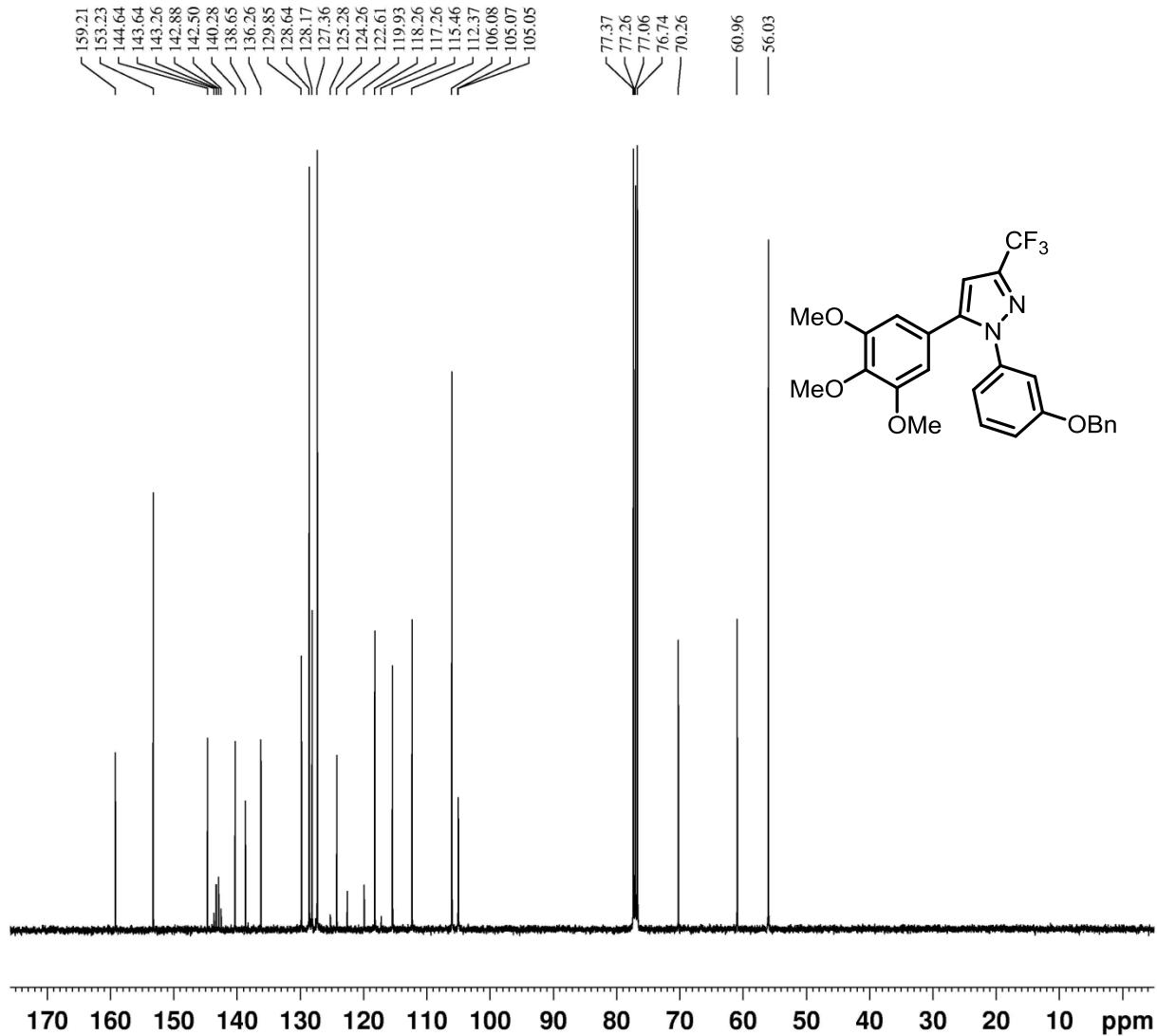
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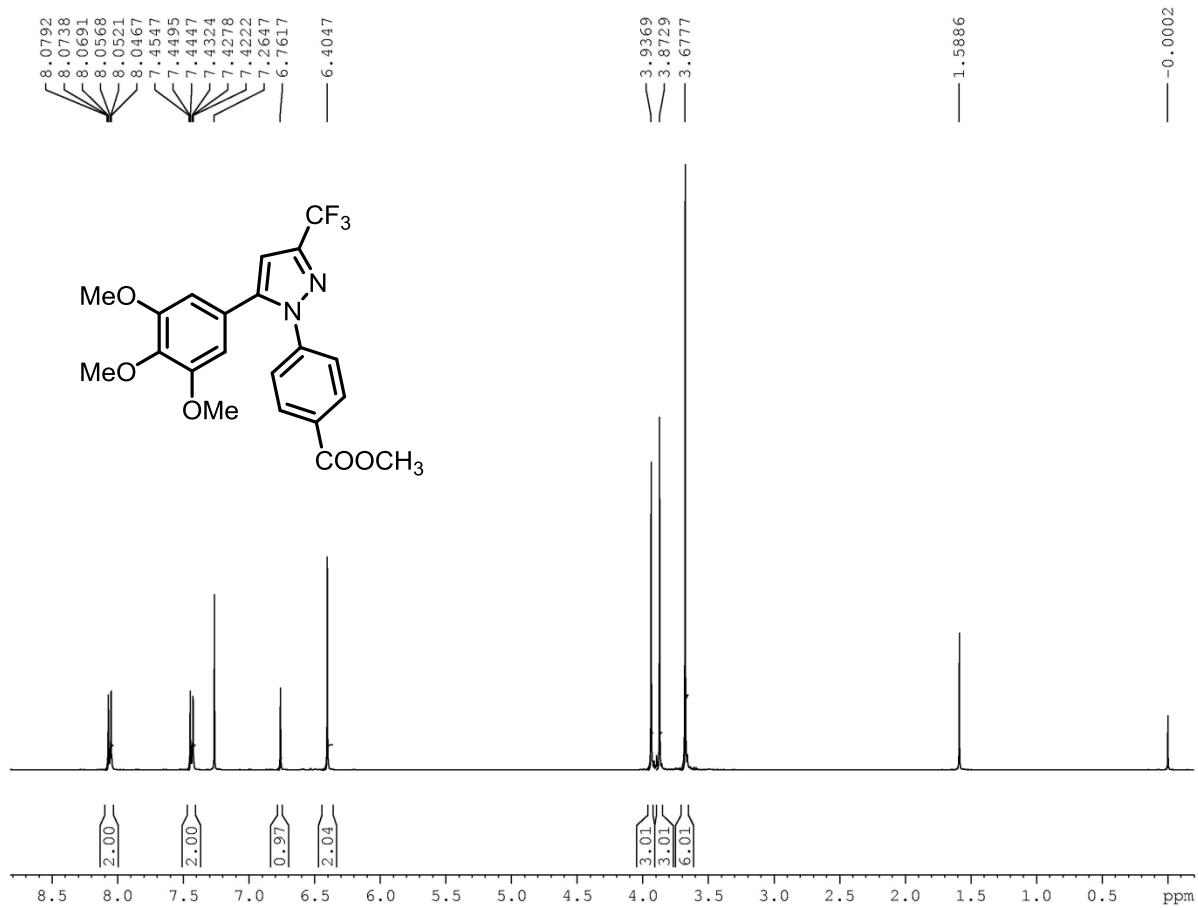
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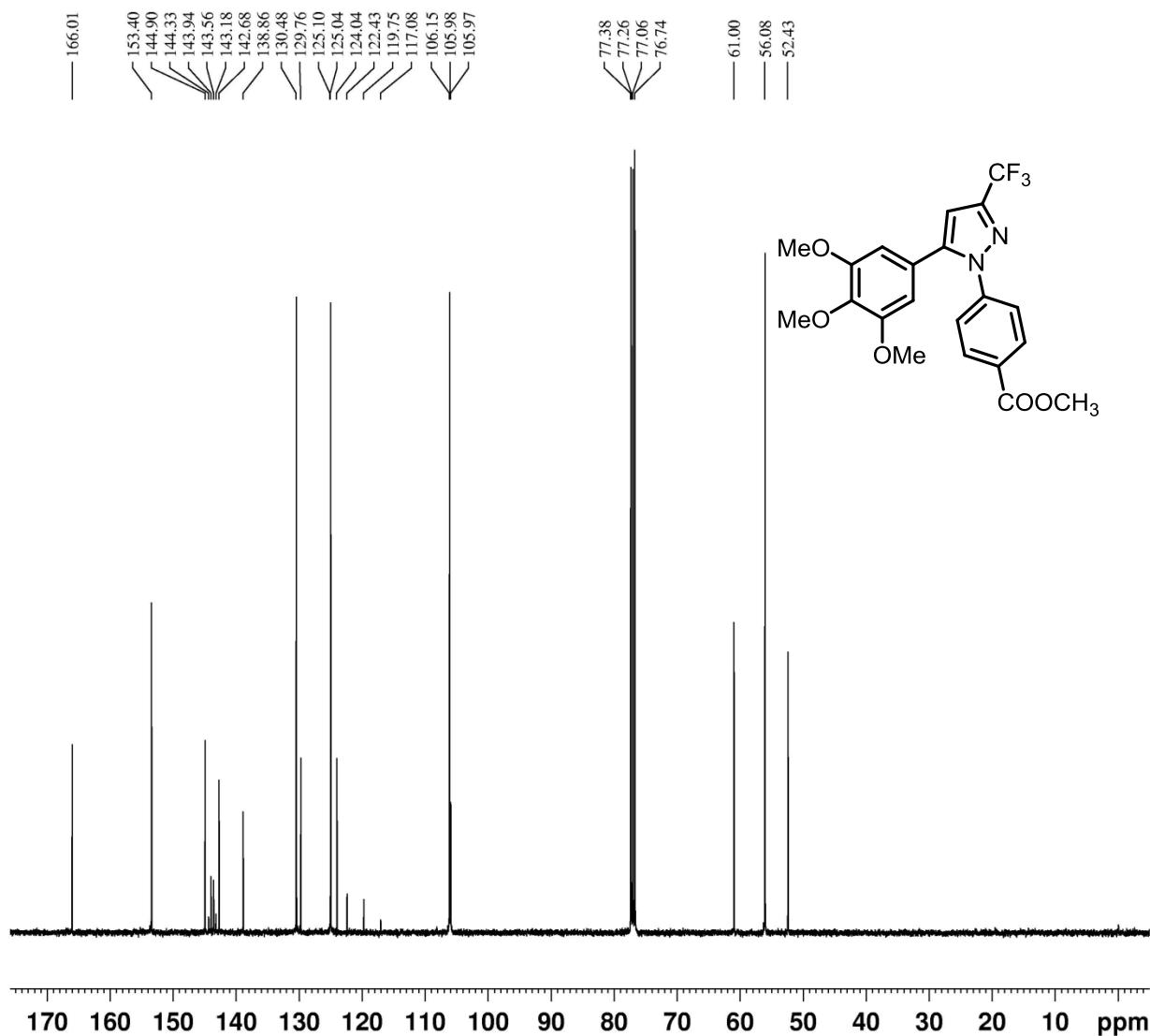
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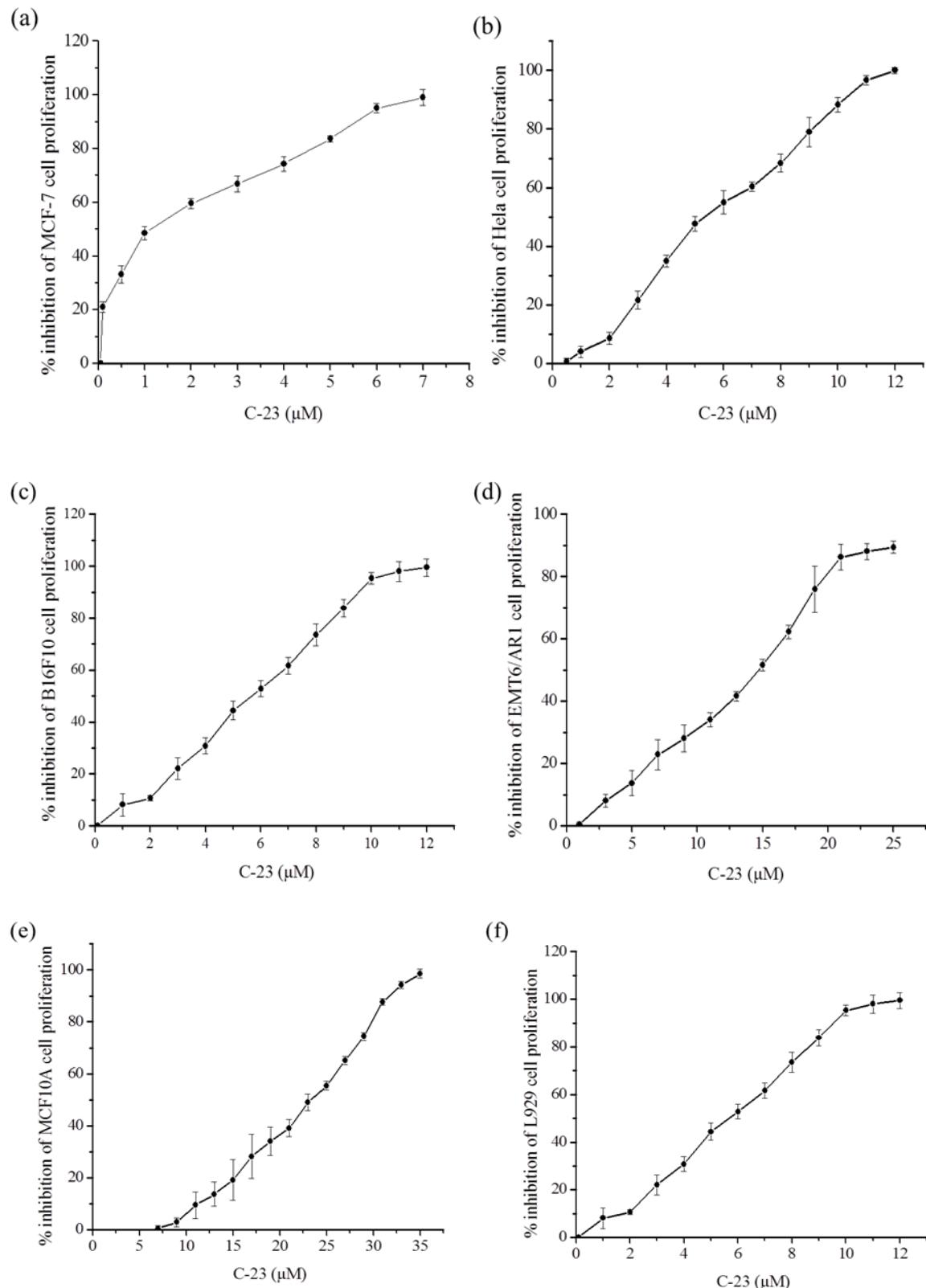
Supplementary Figure S48 (Table 1, Entry 23 (23): ^1H NMR)



Supplementary Figure S49 (Table 1, Entry 23 (23): ^{13}C NMR)



6. Biological results



Supplementary Figure S50. Antiproliferative activity of C-23 against various cells. Effect of C-23 on the proliferation of cancer cell lines (a) MCF-7 (b) HeLa (c) B16F10 and (d) EMT6/AR1 and noncancerous cells (e) MCF10A and (f) L929 measured using sulforhodamine B assay. The experiment was done three times and average data was plotted. Error bar represents standard deviation.