

## Supplementary Materials

### Improved process for the synthesis of 3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)propanal for more sustainable production of Cinacalcet HCl<sup>†</sup>

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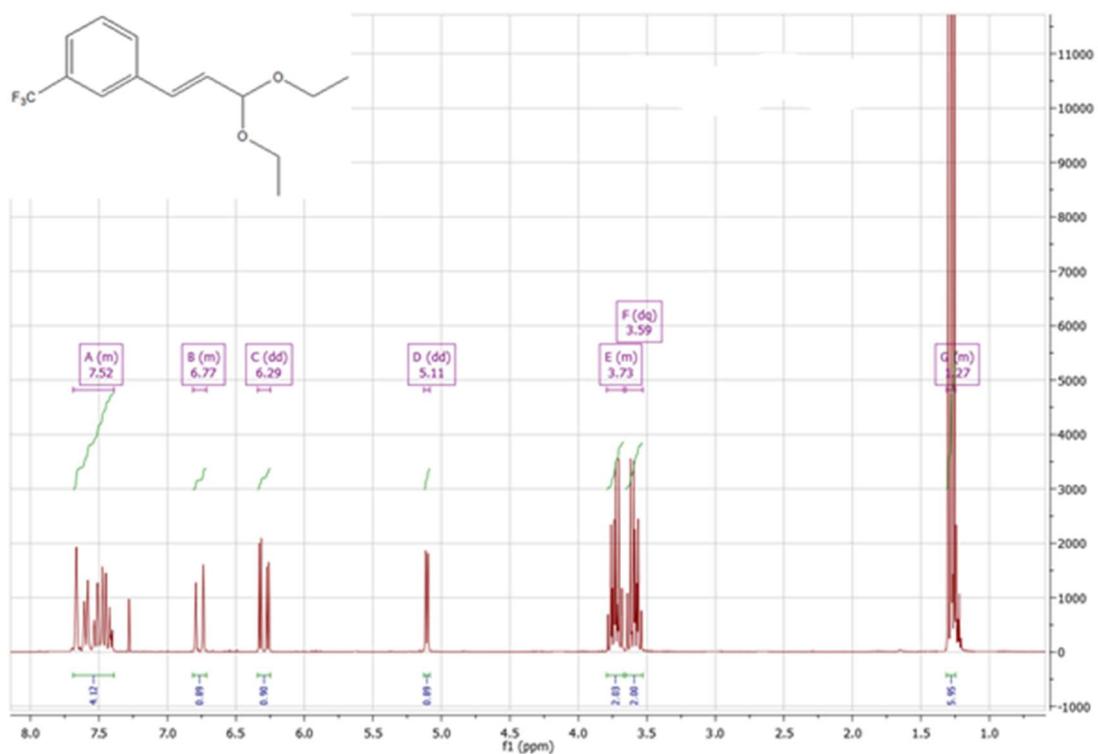
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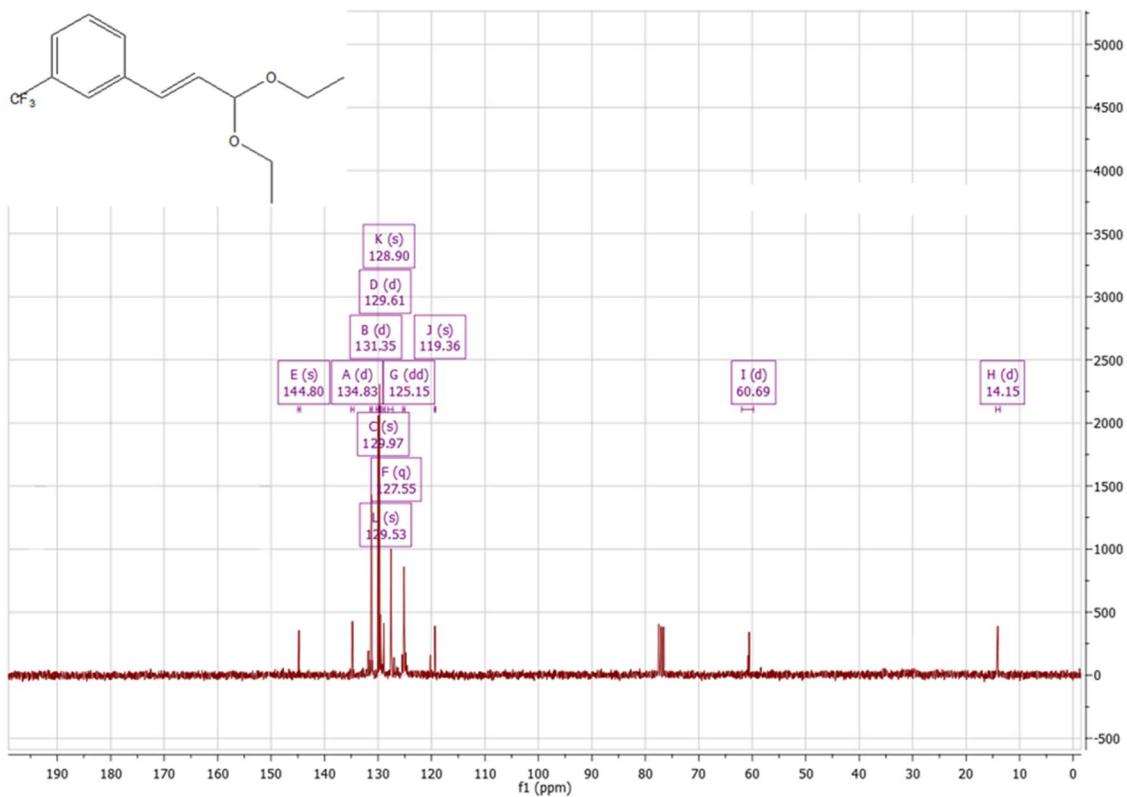
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### Spectra data of the products

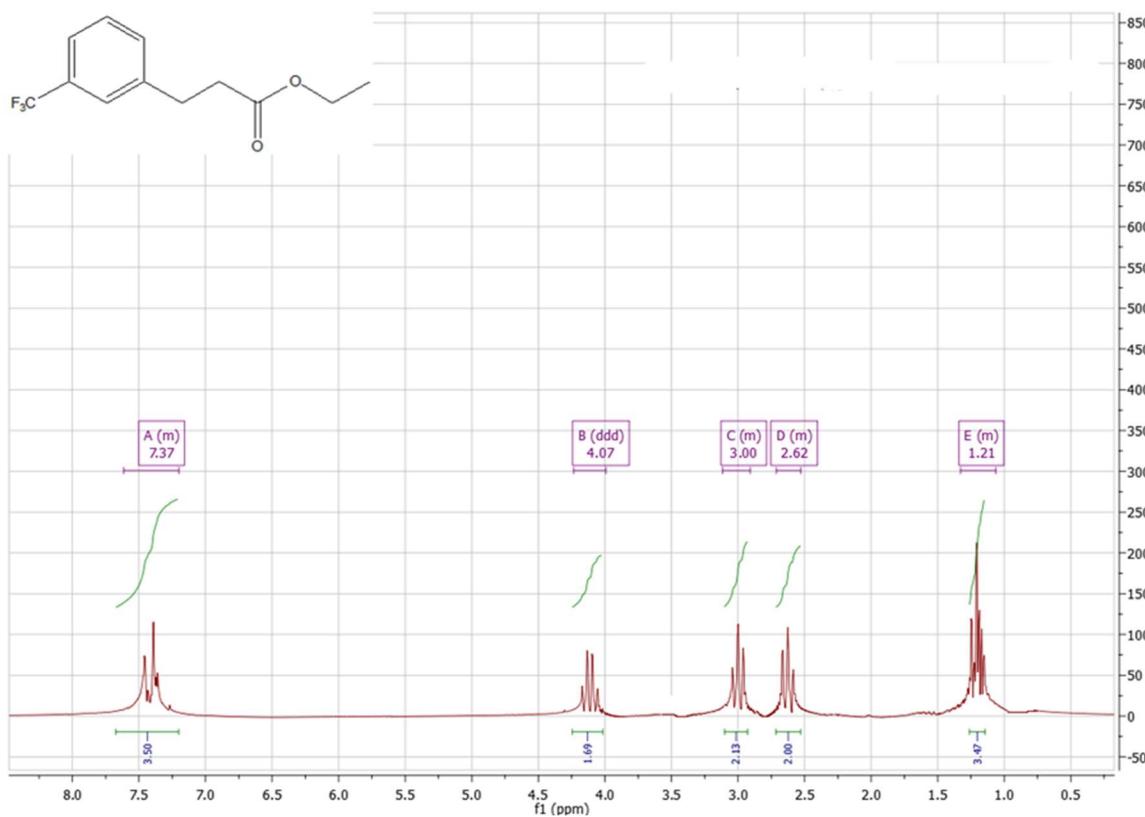
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of the compounds prepared in this work are reported here as well as <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectra of Sodium 1-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)propane-1-sulfonate and of 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-N-((R)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)propan-1-amine hydrochloride. All compounds are known but for compounds 1-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**III**) and 1-((E)-3,3-Diethoxyprop-1-enyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**VI**), at the best of our knowledge, NMR spectra were not previously reported.



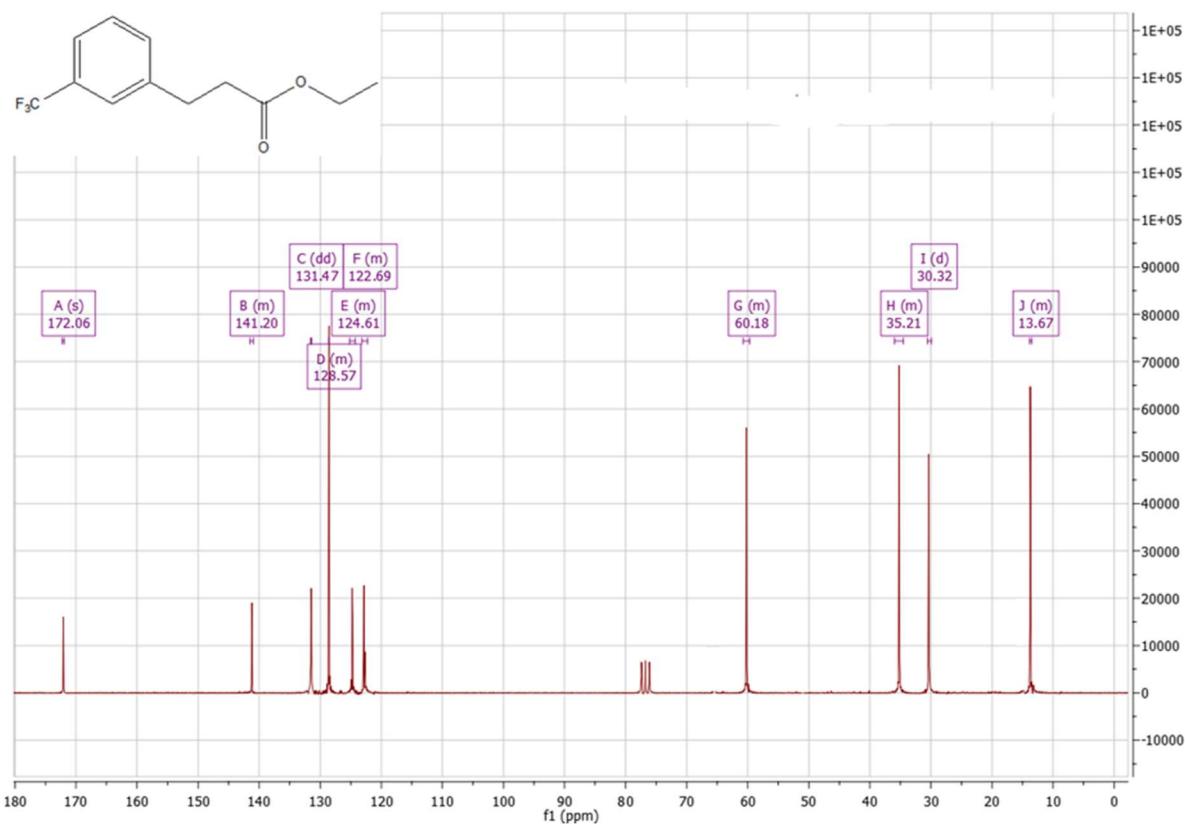
**Fig S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 1-((E)-3,3-Diethoxyprop-1-enyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (VI) (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.66-7.44 (m, 4H), 6.79-6.74 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.33-6.26 (dd,  $J = 16.2$ , 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.09 (dd,  $J = 4.8$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.70 (q,  $J = 6.9$ , 9.3 Hz), 3.61-3.56 (q,  $J = 7.2$ , 9.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30-1.25 (t,  $J = 14.1$  Hz, 6H).



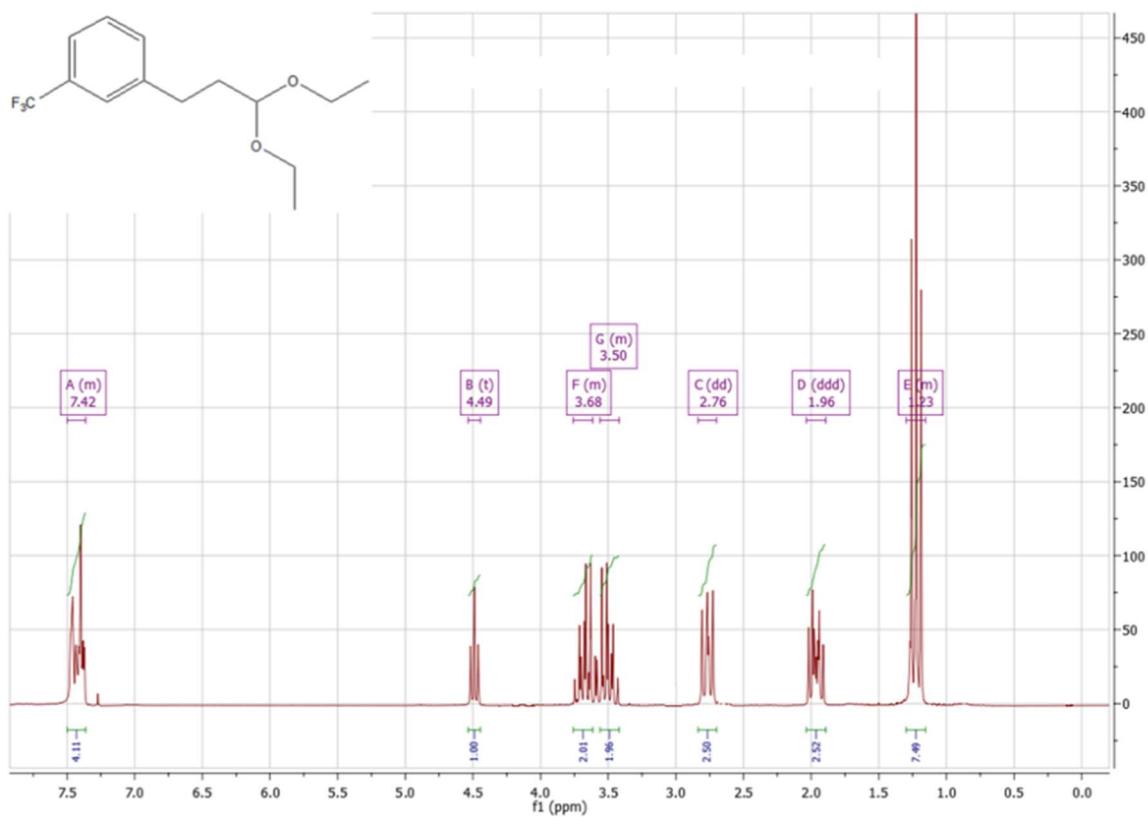
**Fig S2.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 1-((E)-3,3-Diethoxyprop-1-enyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (VI) (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 144.80, 134.83, 131.35, 129.97, 129.61, 129.53, 128.90, 127.55, 125.15, 119.36, 60.69, 14.15.



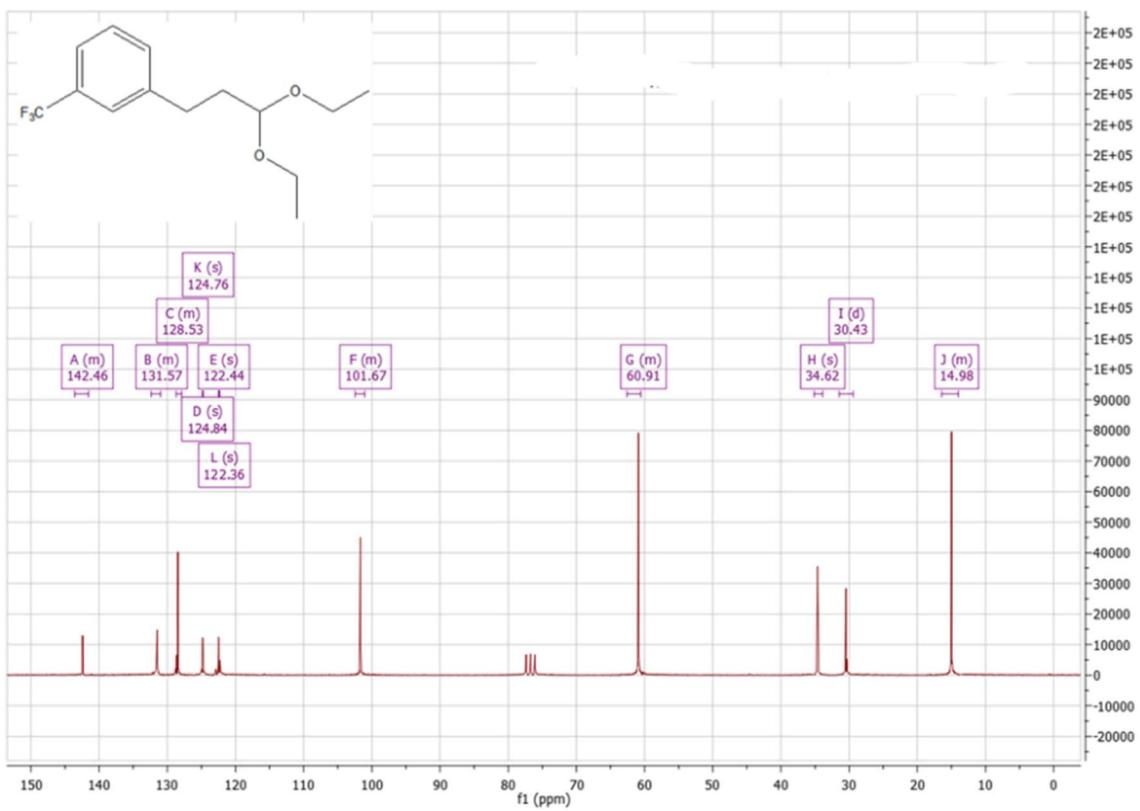
**Fig S3.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of Ethyl 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoate (IV) (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.47-7.37 (m, 4H), 4.18-4.07 (q,  $J = 16.2, 7.2$  Hz, 2H ), 3.05-3.00 (t,  $J = 16.5, 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.68-2.62 (t,  $J = 16.8, 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.26-1.21 (t,  $J = 9.3, 6.9$  Hz, 3H).



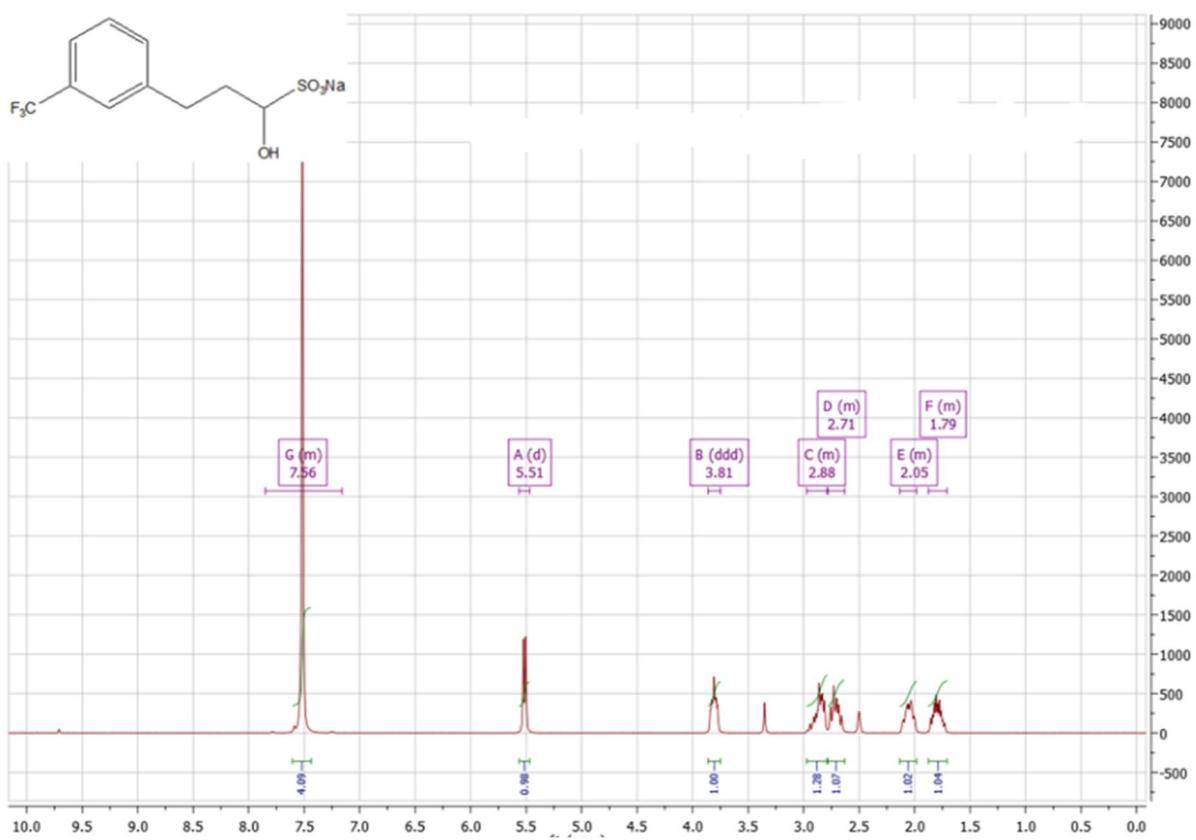
**Fig S4.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Ethyl 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanoate (IV) (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 172.06, 141.20, 131.47, 128.57, 124.61, 122.69, 60.18, 35.21, 13.69.



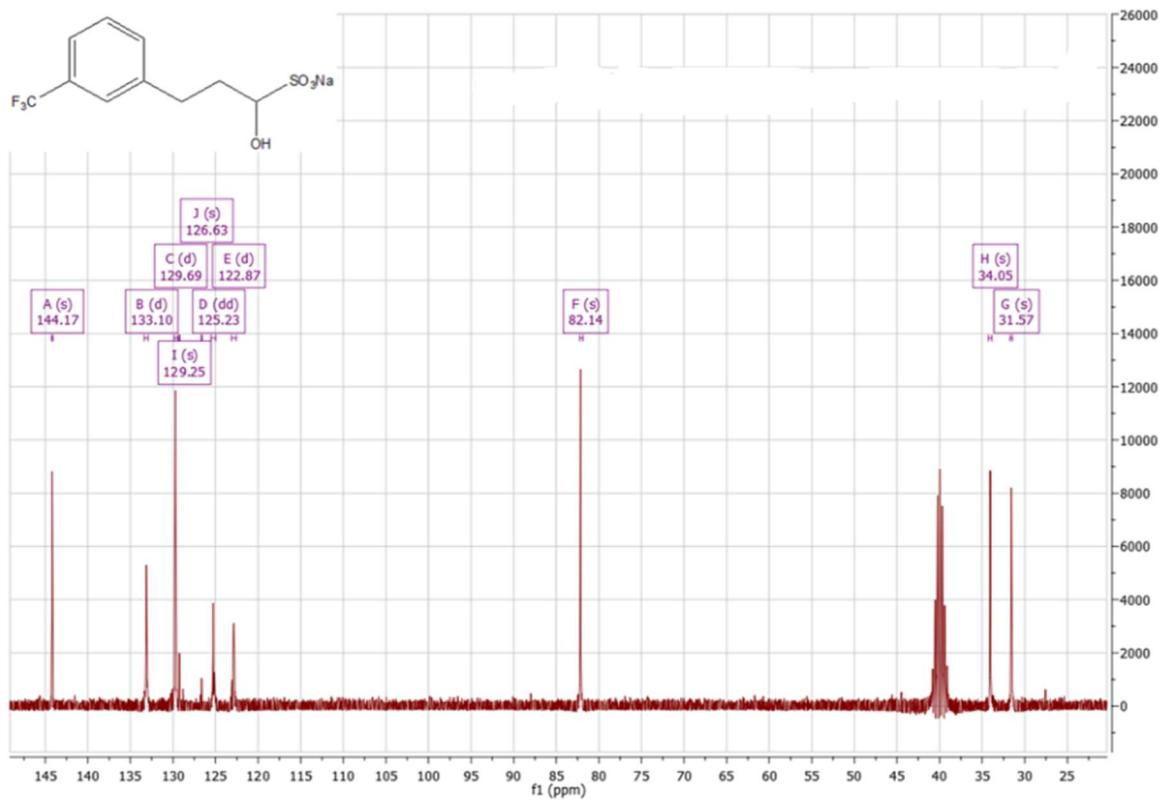
**Fig S5.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of 1-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**III**) (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.47-7.37 (m, 4H), 4.52-4.46 (t,  $J = 5.7, 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.63 (q,  $J = 7.2, 9.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.54-3.43 (q,  $J = 6.9, 9.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.81-2.73 (q,  $J = 8.1, 10.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.91 (q,  $J = 8.1, 10.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.26-1.22 (t,  $J = 7.2, 11.4$  Hz, 6H).



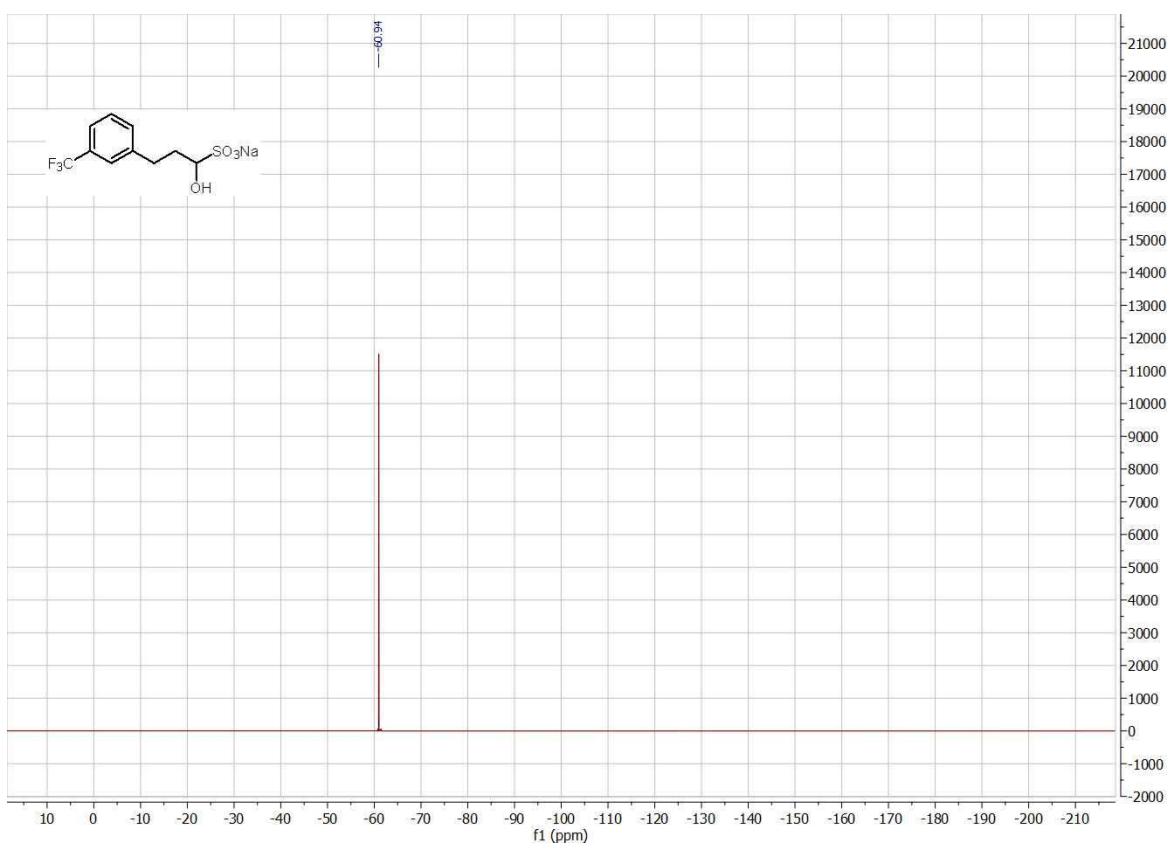
**Fig S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR of 1-(3,3-Diethoxypropyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**III**) (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 142.46, 131.57, 128.53, 124.84, 124.76, 122.44, 122.36, 101.67, 60.91, 34.62, 30.43, 14.98.



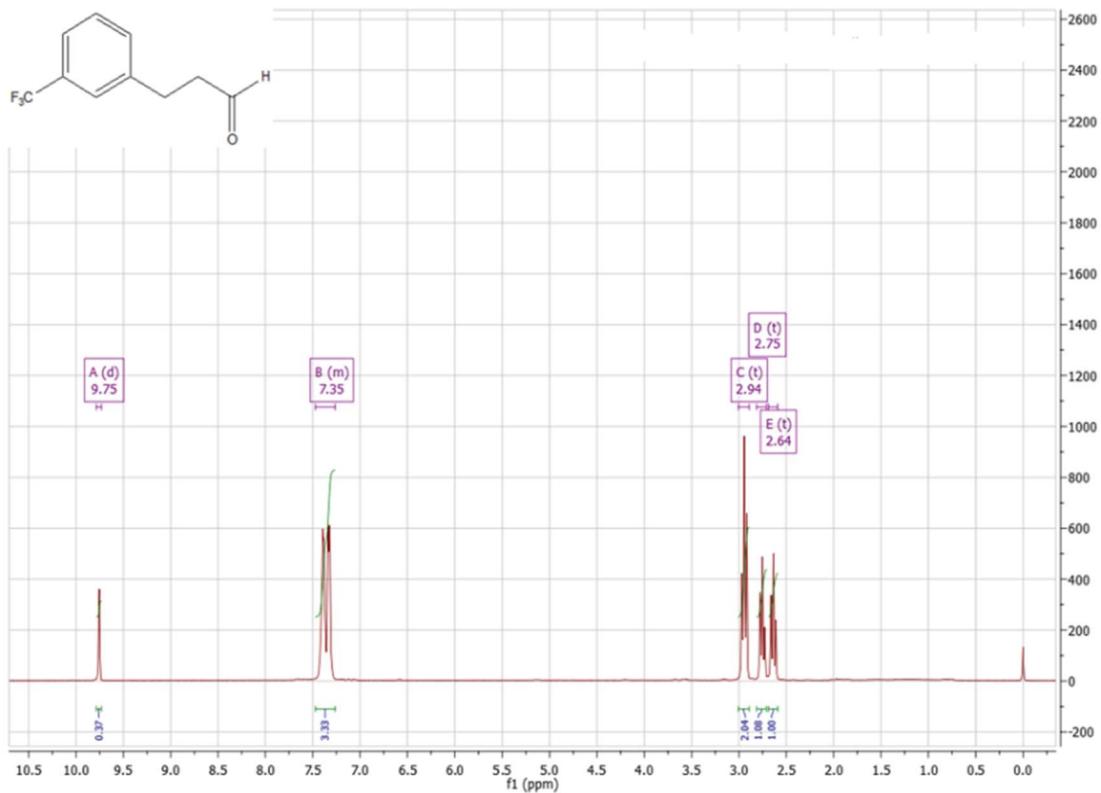
**Fig S7.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of Sodium 1-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)propane-1-sulfonate (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ): 7.81-7.25 (m, 4H), 5.52-5.50 (d,  $J = 6$  Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.73 (m, 1H).



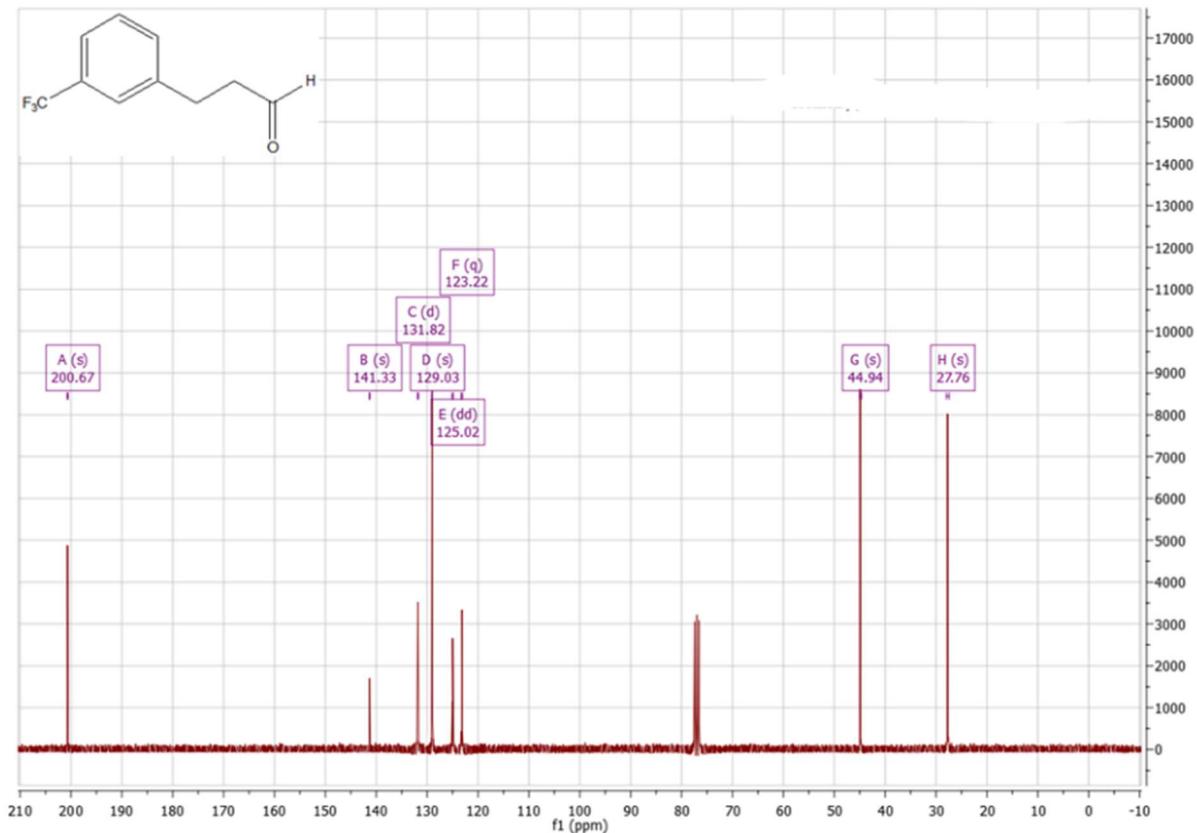
**Fig S8.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Sodium 1-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)propane-1-sulfonate (76 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) : 144.17, 133.10, 129.69, 129.25, 126.63, 125.23, 122.87, 82.14, 34.05, 31.57.



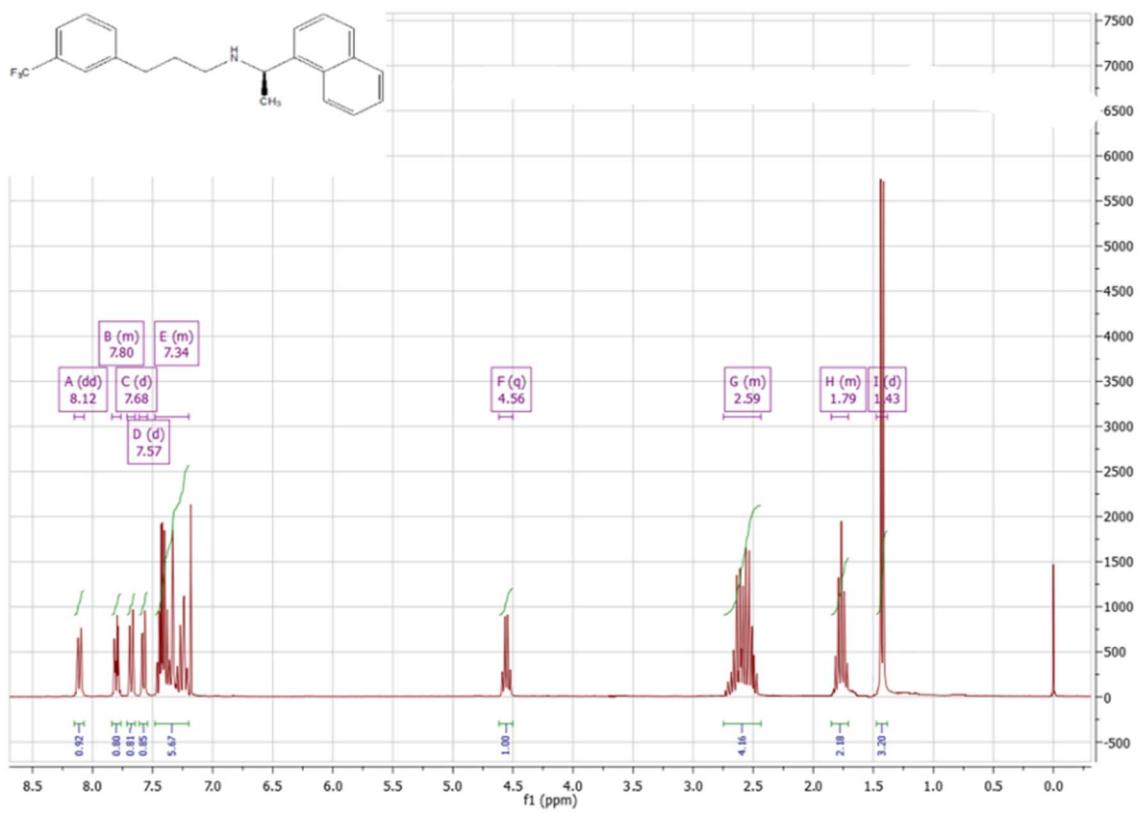
**Fig S9.**  ${}^{19}\text{F}$  NMR of Sodium 1-hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)propane-1-sulfonate  
(400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) : -60,9

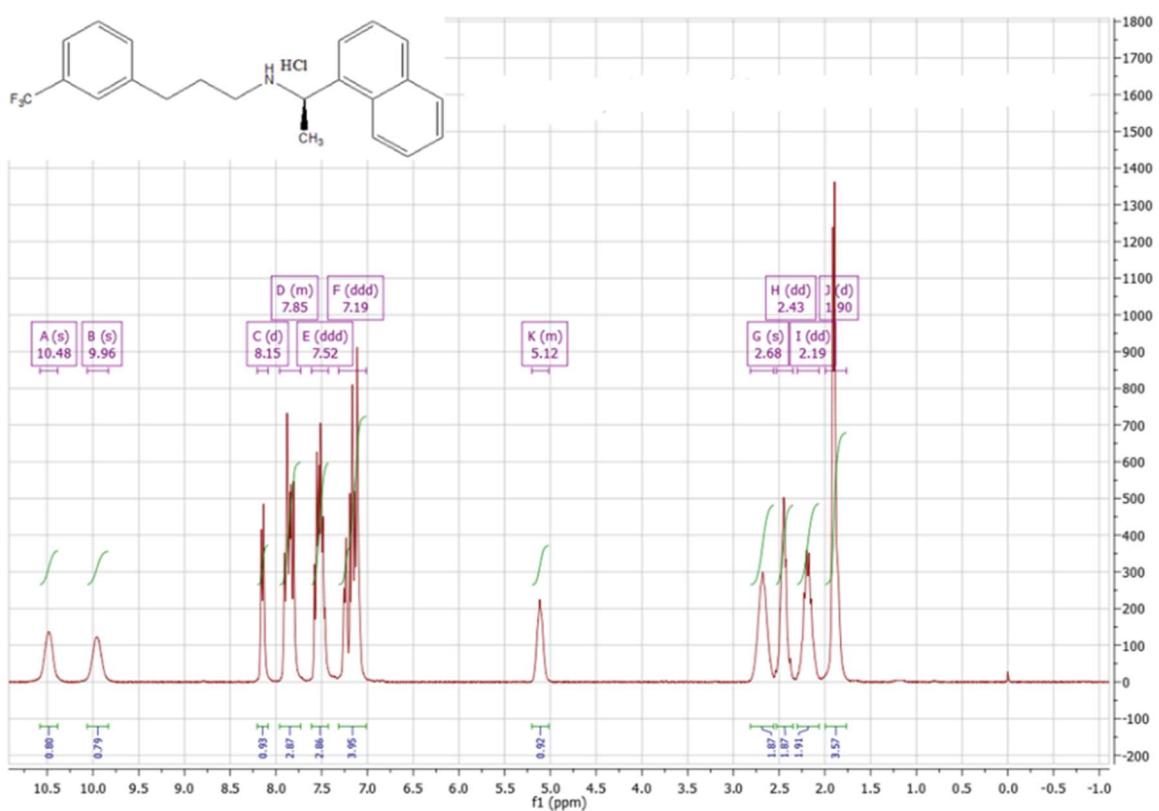


**Fig S10.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanal (II) (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 4H), 2.95-2.91 (t,  $J = 7.5, 15$  Hz, 2H), 2.77-2.73 (t,  $J = 7.8, 14.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.62 (t,  $J = 7.5, 15$ , 1H).

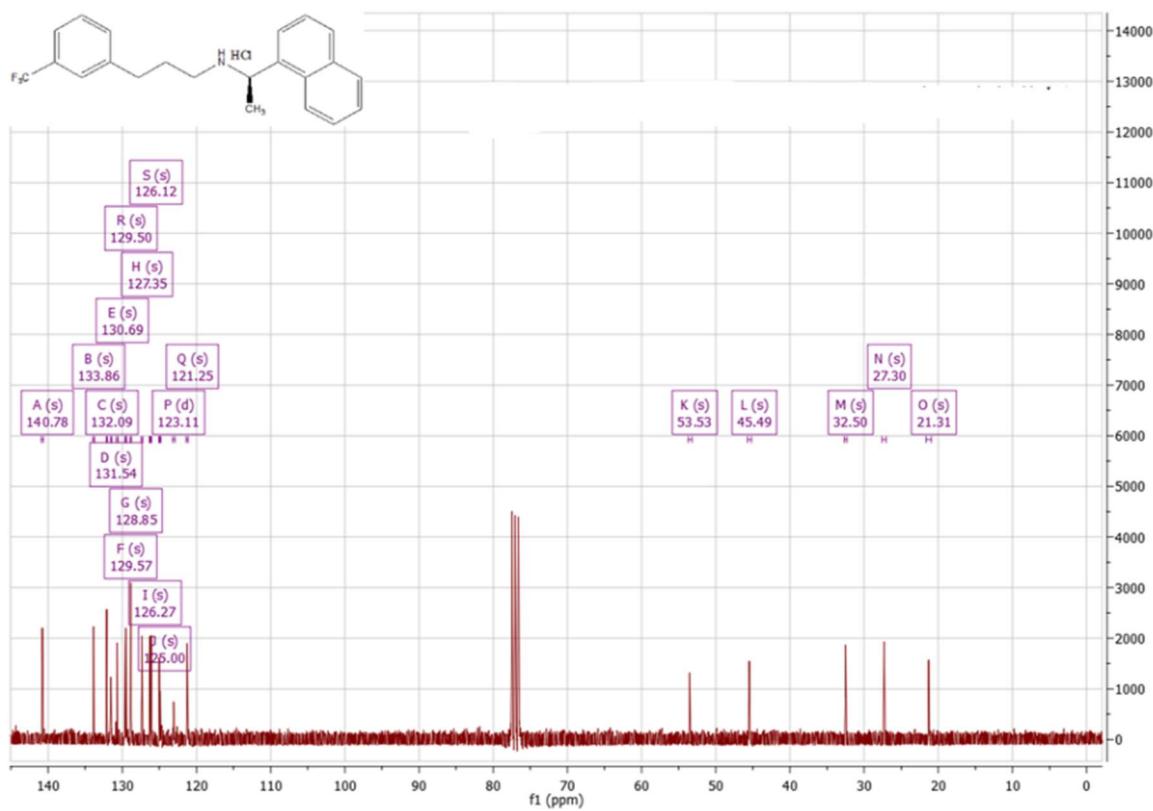


**Fig S11.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 3-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanal (II) (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 200.67, 141.33, 131.82, 129.03, 125.02, 123.22, 44.94, 27.76.

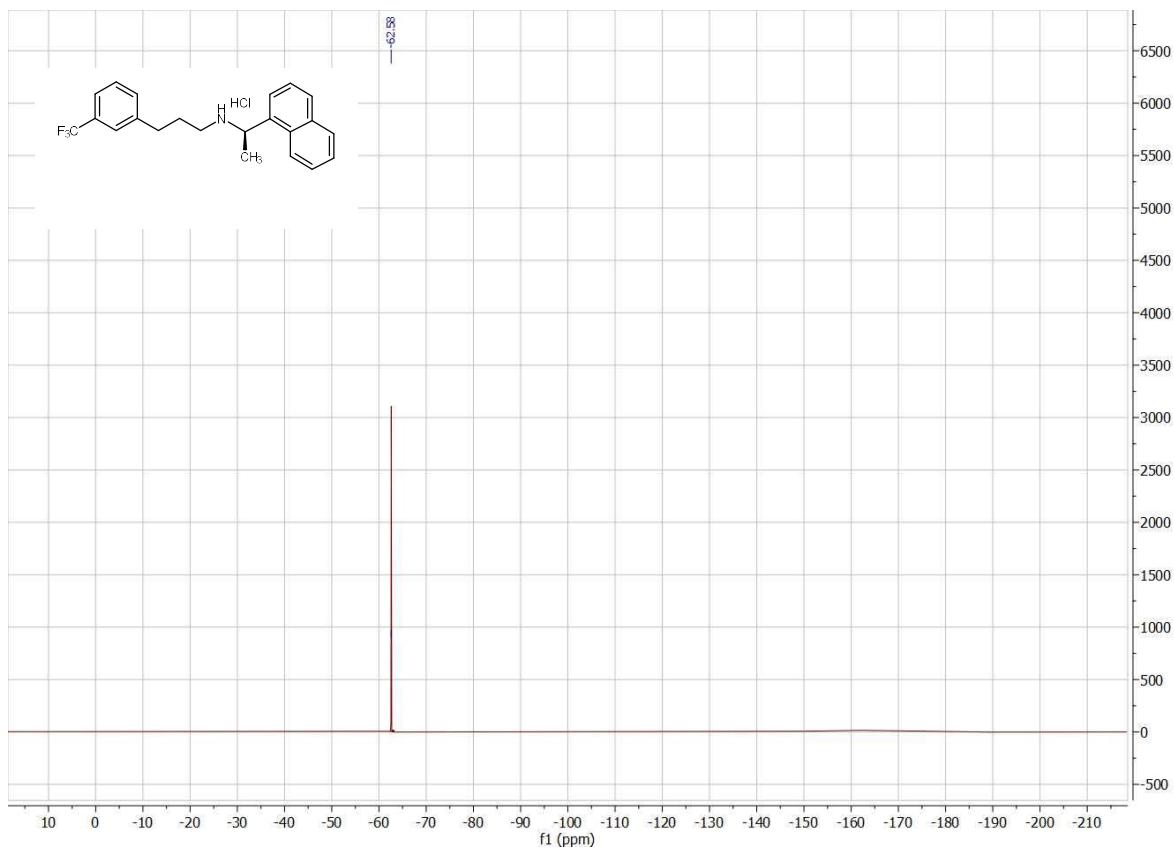




**Fig S13.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-N-((R)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)propan-1-amine hydrochloride (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 10.48 (broad s, 1H), 9.96 (broad s, 1H), 8.16-8.14 (d,  $J$  = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.12 (m, 4H), 5.16-5.08 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.86 (d,  $J$  = 6 Hz 1H).



**Fig S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR of 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-N-((*R*)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)propan-1-amine hydrochloride (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 140.78, 133.86, 132.09, 131.54, 130.69, 129.57, 129.50, 128.85, 127.35, 126.27, 126.12, 125.00, 124.90, 123.1, 121.25, 53.53, 45.49, 32.50, 27.30, 21.31.



**Fig S15.**  ${}^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR of 3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-*N*-((*R*)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)propan-1-amine hydrochloride (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -62,6