

Supplementary Materials

Energetic [1,2,5]Oxadiazolo[2,3-*a*]pyrimidin-8-ium Perchlorates: Synthesis and Characterization

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Decomposition in non-isothermal conditions

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) were performed with a DSC 822e Mettler Toledo in the temperature range of 25–300 °C at different heating rates. The samples of 1–2 mg were analyzed in closed aluminum pans with pierced lids under dynamic nitrogen atmosphere. Kinetic data of the thermal decomposition were calculated using the Kissinger's equation [1], assuming the first order of decomposition reaction:

$$\ln \frac{\phi}{T_{max}^2} = \ln \frac{AR}{E_a} - \frac{E_a}{RT_{max}}, \quad \ln \frac{\phi E_a}{T_{max}^2 R} = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT_{max}} \quad (1)$$

where ϕ is heating rate, E_a is activation energy, A is preexponential factor, T_{max} is temperature of exotherm maximum.

Examples of the obtained DSC and TGA curves are shown in **Figure S1–S3**. The results of the calculation by the Kissinger's method are shown in the **Table S1**.

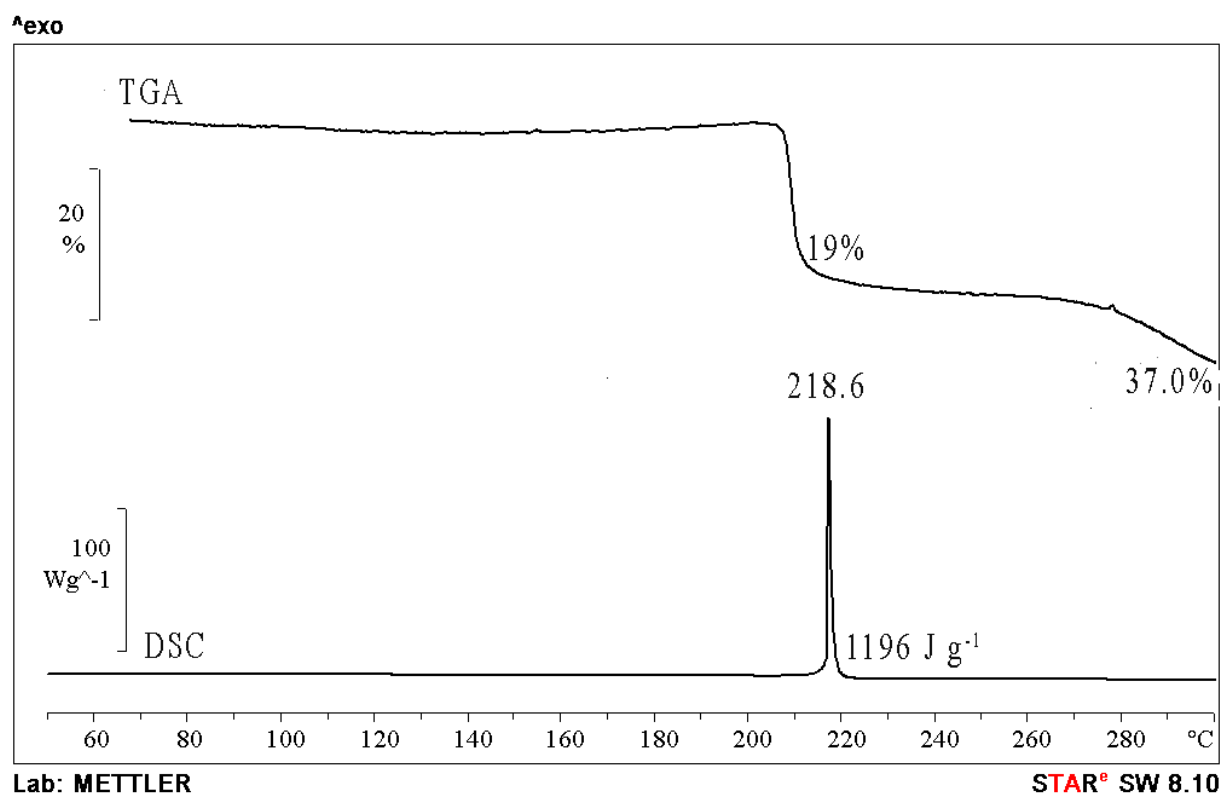


Figure S1. TGA and DSC curves of compound **10a** at a heating rate 10 °C min⁻¹.

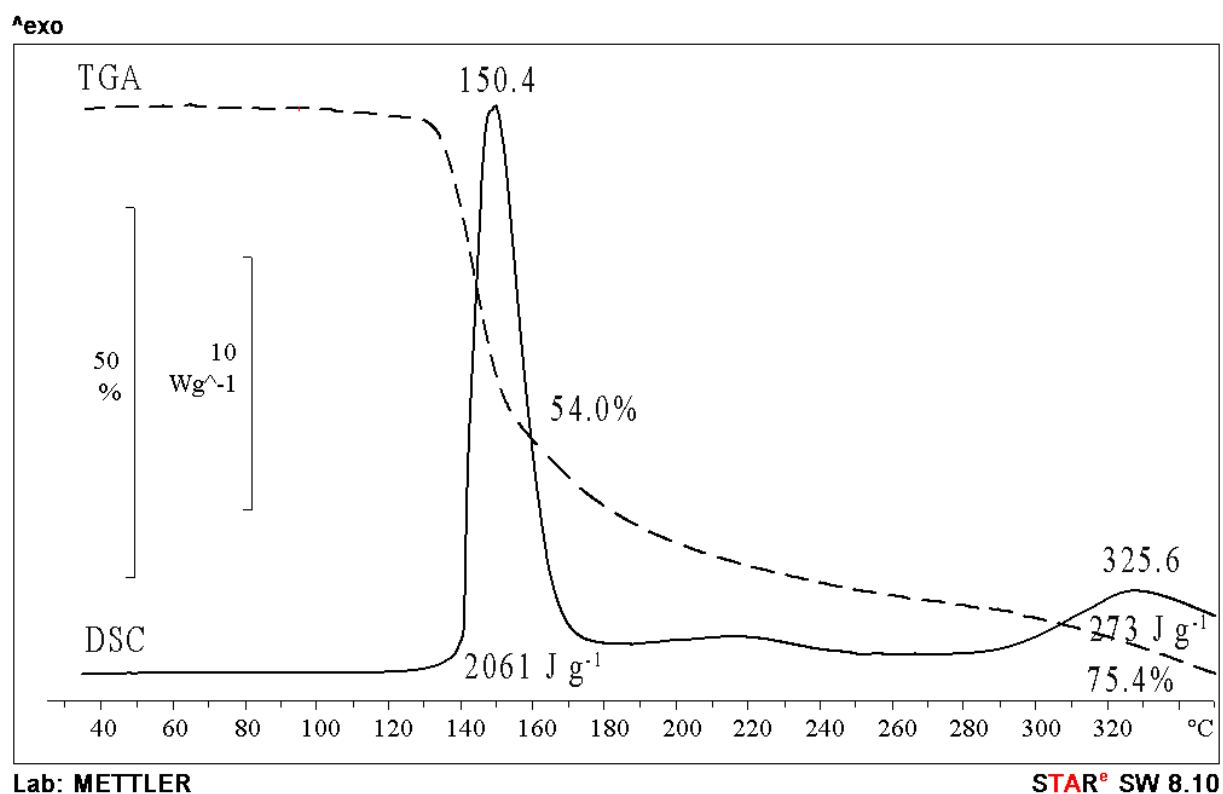


Figure S2. TGA and DSC curves of compound **10g** at a heating rate 10 °C min⁻¹.

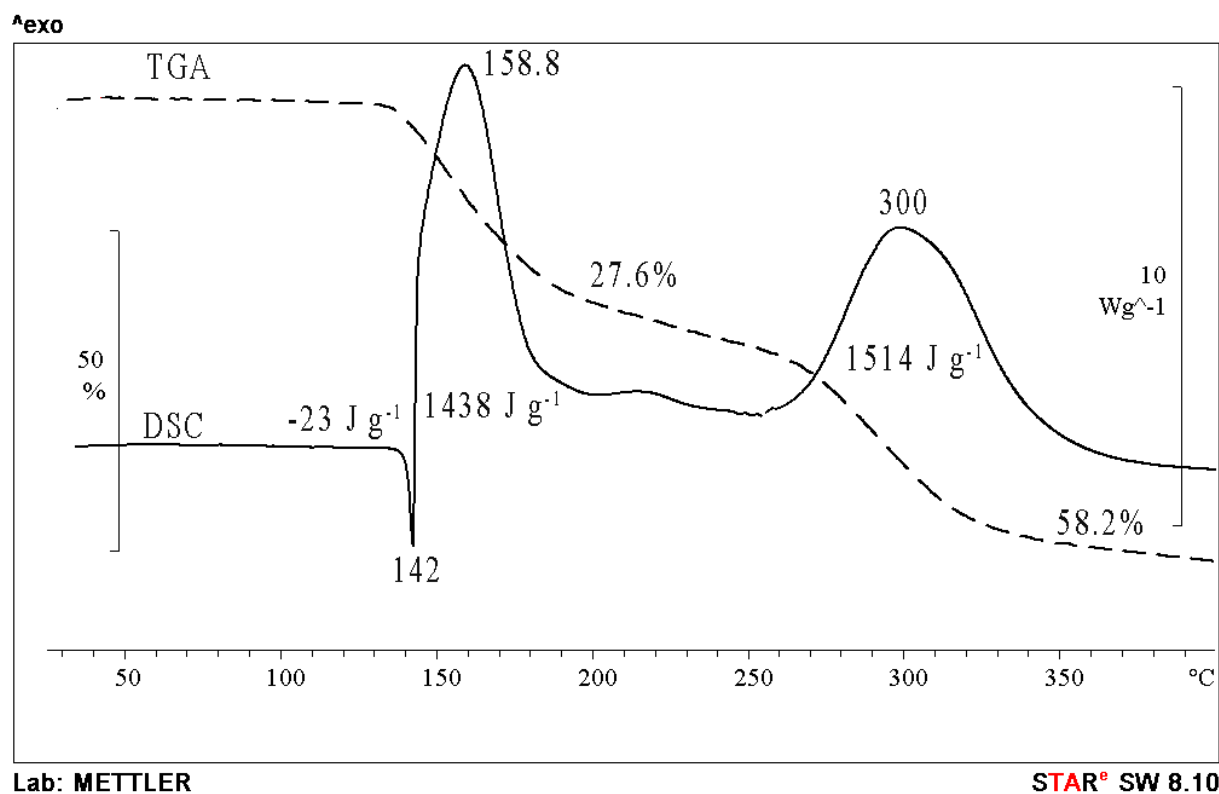


Figure S3. TGA and DSC curves of compound **10f** at a heating rate 10 °C min⁻¹.

Table S1. Results of DSC study for compounds of this study.

Heating rate, $^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$	Exotherm temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and rate constant (s^{-1}) for different compounds					
	10a		10g		10f	
	T_{max}	$k \cdot 10^2$	T_{max}	$k \cdot 10^2$	T_{max}	$k \cdot 10^2$
2	201	0.27	140	0.34	142	0.24
4	218	0.51	148	0.65	152	0.45
8	218	1.02	153	1.27	162	0.86
10	220	1.26	151	1.61	159	1.10
16	224	2.0	161	2.45	171	1.66

Decomposition in isothermal conditions

The experiments on the decomposition of perchlorate salts under isothermal conditions were carried out in thin-walled glass manometers of the compensation type (the Bourdon glass gauge). Samples of about 10 mg weight were loaded into a glass manometer with a volume of 10–12 cm^3 . The ampules were vacuumed to 0.1 Torr, sealed, and put in a thermostat with the Wood's alloy. Pressure of gases evolved in the decomposition experiments (the accuracy of pressure measurements was ± 1 mm Hg) was converted to the gas volume (V) at normal conditions. The description of the experimental dependence of gas release on time $V(t)$ by a suitable model allows one to obtain the rate constants.

For compound **10a**, the decomposition under isothermal conditions (**Figure S4**) was carried out in Bourdon gauges at the load density (ratio of sample mass to gauge volume, m/V) $\sim 1 \text{ mg cm}^{-3}$ in the temperature interval of 160–180 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. The decomposition of **10a** produces 60–95 $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ or 0.7–1.1 moles of gases per one mole of the initial substance before the process stops.

The decomposition of compound **10g** under isothermal conditions (**Figure S5**) was carried out in glass Bourdon gauges ($m/V \sim 1 \text{ mg cm}^{-3}$) in the temperature interval of 80–110 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. The decomposition reaction of compound **10g** also proceeds with acceleration in time and produces about 120 $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ or 1.58 mol/mol before the process stops.

The decomposition of compound **10f** under isothermal conditions (**Figure S5**) was carried out in glass Bourdon gauges ($m/V \sim 1 \text{ mg cm}^{-3}$) in the temperature interval of 110–130 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ before melting. The decomposition reaction of compound **10f** proceeds with acceleration in time and produces about 120 $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ or 1.66 mol/mol before the process stops.

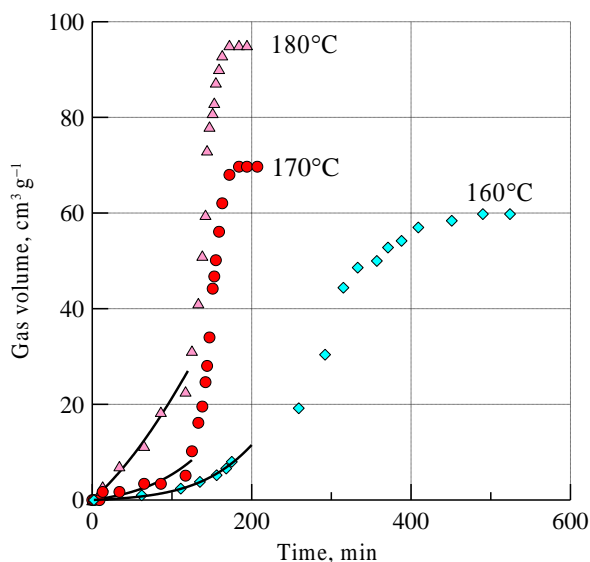


Figure S4. Gas release curves of compound **10a** at different temperatures. Points are experiment, lines are fittings

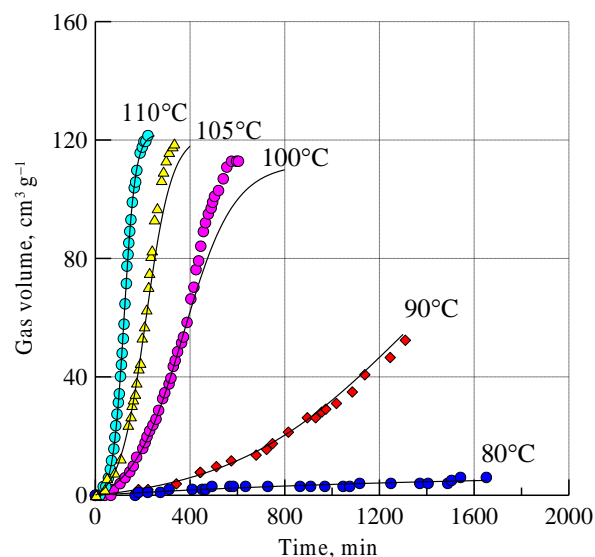


Figure S5. Gas release curves of compound **10f** at different temperatures. Points are experiment, lines are fittings

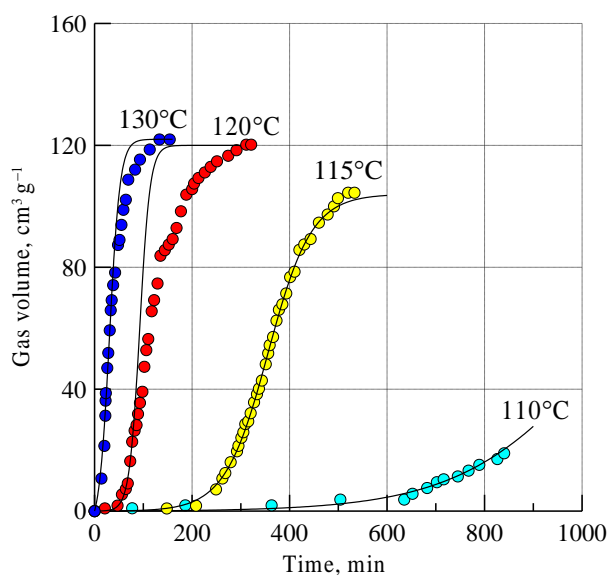


Figure S6. Gas release curves of compound **10f** at different temperatures. Points are experiment, lines are fittings

In the view of the complex nature of the decomposition process, the rate constants were calculated using the model of first-order reaction with self-acceleration

$$V = V_{\infty} \cdot k_1 (\exp((k_1 + k_2) \cdot t) - 1) / (k_2 + k_1 \cdot \exp((k_1 + k_2) \cdot t)) \quad (2)$$

where V_{∞} is maximum volume of gas evolved per gram of compound, k_1 is rate constant of non-catalytic stage, k_2 is pseudo first-order rate constant of catalytic stage, and t is time. The results obtained are shown in **Figure S7**.

Comparison of the decomposition rates for compounds of this study depending on the Hammett constants characterizing the inductive effect of substituents at the 1,2,5-oxadiazole ring is shown in **Figure S8**.

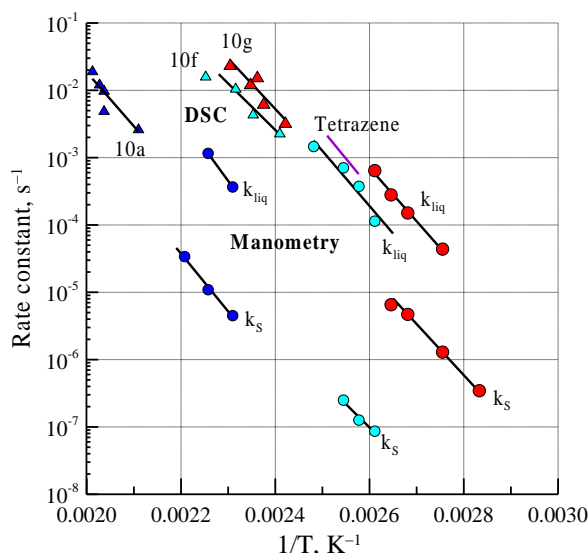


Figure S7. Comparison of decomposition kinetic data for compounds **10a**, **10f**, **10g** and tetrazene obtained in non isothermal (DSC, triangles) and isothermal (Manometry, points) conditions.

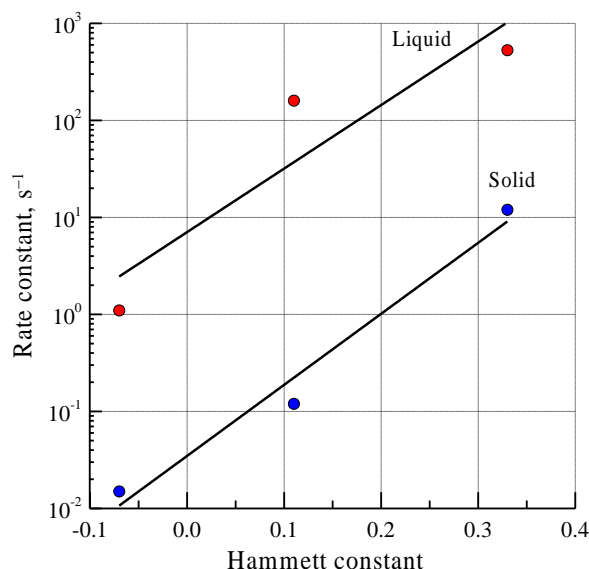


Figure S8. Effect of Hammett constants of substituent constants at the 1,2,5-oxadiazole ring on the decomposition rate in liquid and solid state. Temperature is 150°C

Combustion Study

Burning rates (r_b) of perchlorate salts were measured in a window constant-pressure bomb of 1.5-liter volume in the pressure range of 0.1–10 MPa. The bomb was pressurized with nitrogen gas. Samples to test were prepared as pressed cylinders of pure substances of 4–5 mm height confined in transparent acrylic tubes of 4 mm i.d. and 6 mm o.d. Prior to pressing, the material was carefully milled in order to produce samples with a minimum possible pore size, thus minimizing the possibility of flame propagation between particles. The combustion process was recorded with a high-speed video camera. The burning rate was determined by measuring the position of the flame front over the time.

Since the combustion of perchlorates of this study in tubes switched to the convective regime at high pressures, compound **10f** was studied in charges in the form of thin (~ 1 mm thick) plates pressed to a high density. The use of such charges makes it possible to avoid the penetration of hot gases into pores and to prevent the transition of layer-by-layer combustion to convective.

Enthalpies of formation

The Born-Haber (BH) thermodynamic cycle (Figure. S9) along with the volume-based thermodynamics (VBT) and quantum chemical calculations were employed to estimate the standard (solid-state) enthalpies of formation $\Delta_f H_{solid}^0$ of the energetic salts studied. More specifically, in the framework of the BH cycle, the enthalpies of formation in the crystalline state read as:

$$\Delta_f H_{solid}^0 = -\Delta H_{lat} + \left(\Delta_f H_{gas}^0(An) + \Delta_f H_{gas}^0(Cat) \right), \quad (3)$$

where $\left(\Delta_f H_{gas}^0(An) + \Delta_f H_{gas}^0(Cat) \right)$ is a sum of the gas phase enthalpies of formation of the ions comprising the salts **10a**, **10f**, and **10g** and ΔH_{lat} is a lattice enthalpy. The latter value was estimated using the VBT approach via the empirical formula proposed by Jenkins et al. [2,3]:

$$\Delta H_{lat} = 2 \left(\alpha / \sqrt[3]{V} + \beta \right), \quad (4)$$

where V is the molecular volume of the lattice, which is equal to the sum of the volumes of the perchlorate anion and heterocyclic cations calculated at the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPP level, and α and β are empirical parameters.

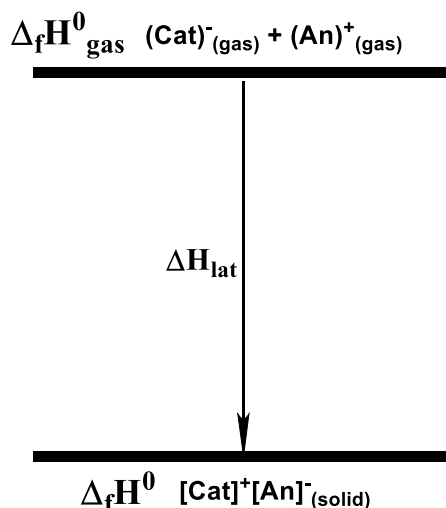


Figure S9. The Born-Haber thermodynamic cycle employed for the estimation of the formation enthalpy of the crystalline salts **10a**, **10f**, and **10g**.

The breakdown of the enthalpy components is given in Table S2.

Table S2. The Thermochemical Properties of compounds **10a**, **10f**, and **10g**.

Compound	$V(an)+V(cat)$, ^a mL mol	$\Delta H_f^0(\text{gas})$, ^b kJ mol ⁻¹	ΔH_{lat} , ^c kJ mol ⁻¹	$\Delta_f H^0_{solid}$, ^d kJ mol ⁻¹
10a	174.2	610.0	462.9	147.1
10f	203.0	998.1	445.3	552.8
10g	170.1	1023.0	465.8	557.2

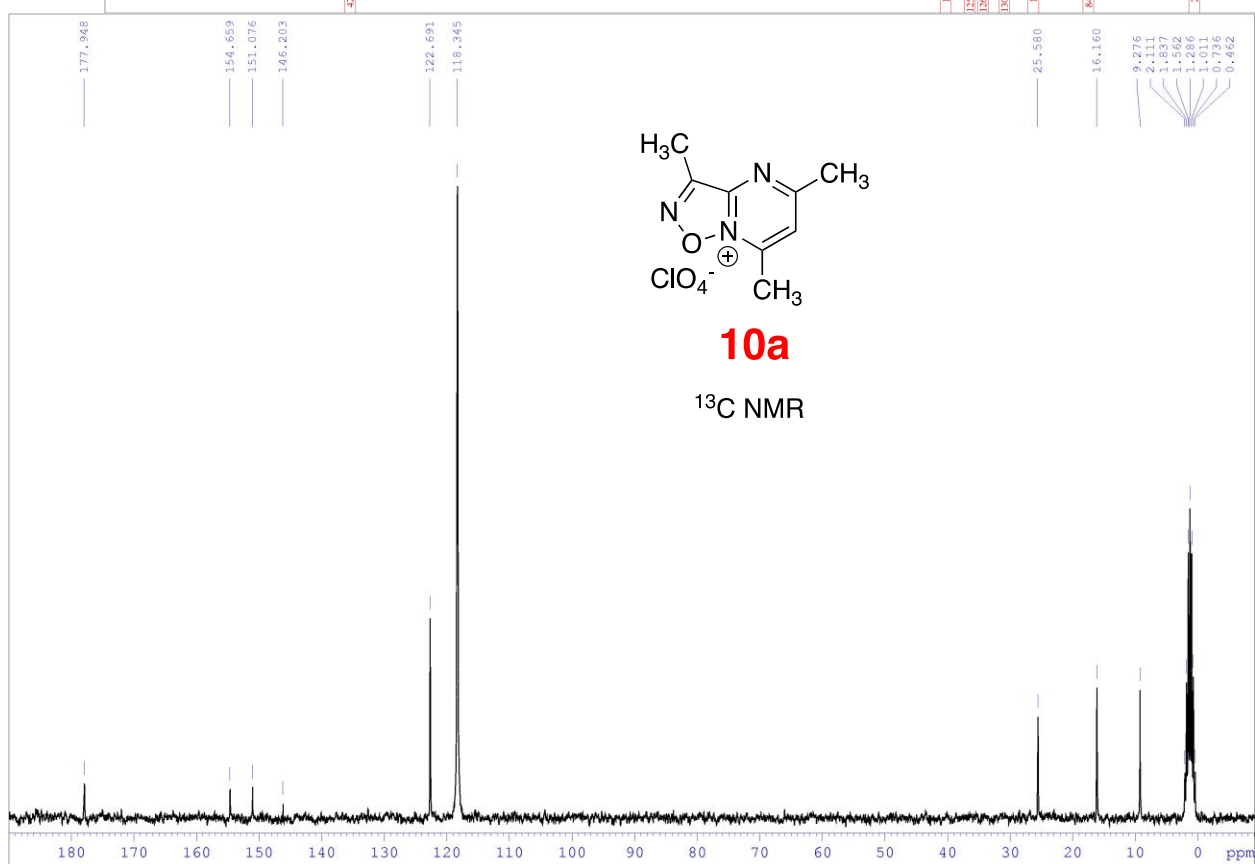
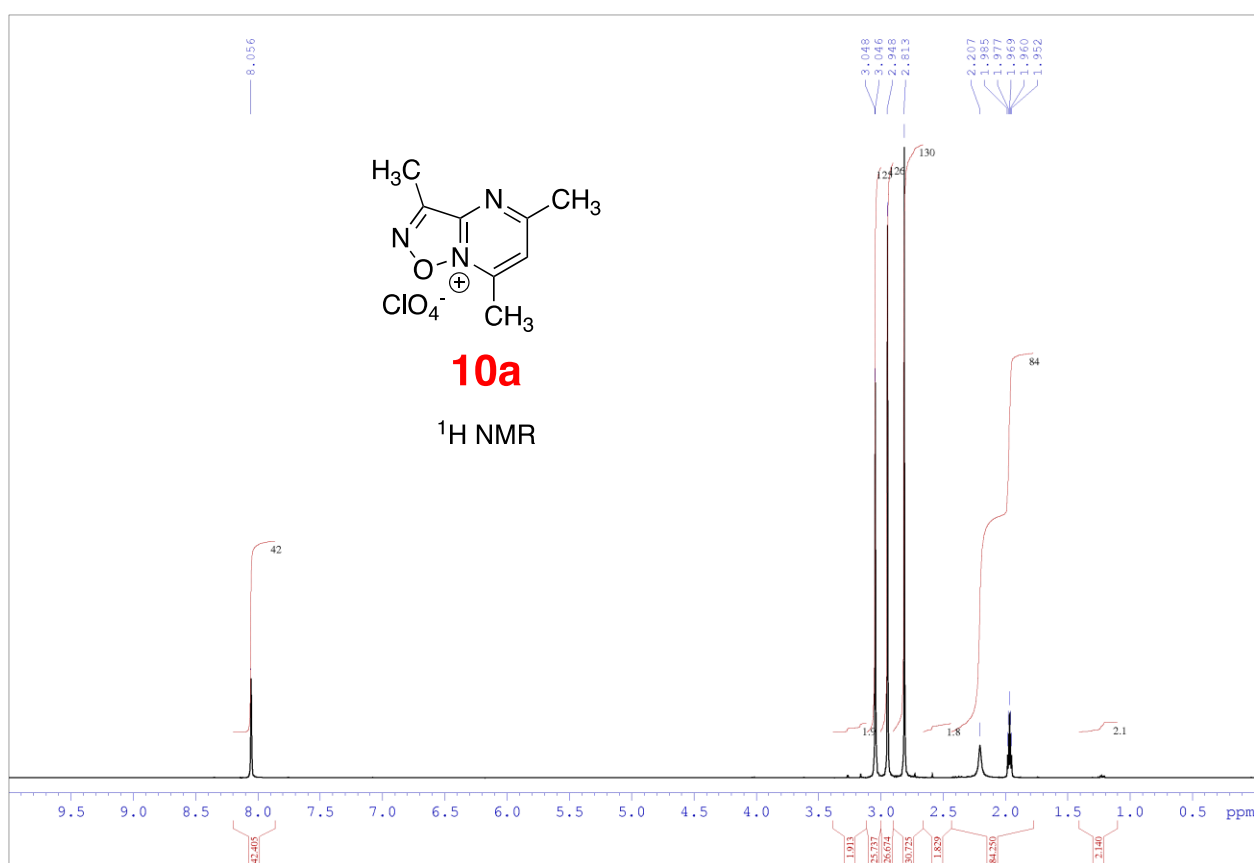
^a The individual ion volumes were taken as those inside the 0.001 a.u. contour of the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPP electron density. A Gaussian 09 keyword “volume=tight” (i.e., 100 points per cubic Bohr) was used in the Monte Carlo integration to obtain the desired level of accuracy, a reproducible calculated volume to better than 1%. ^b The sum of the gas phase enthalpies of formation of the ions comprising the salts **10a**, **10f**, and **10g** calculated at the W1-F12 level of theory using the atomization energy approach [4]. ^c Calculated using volume-based thermodynamics [2], Eq. (4). ^d Calculated in accordance with Eq (3).

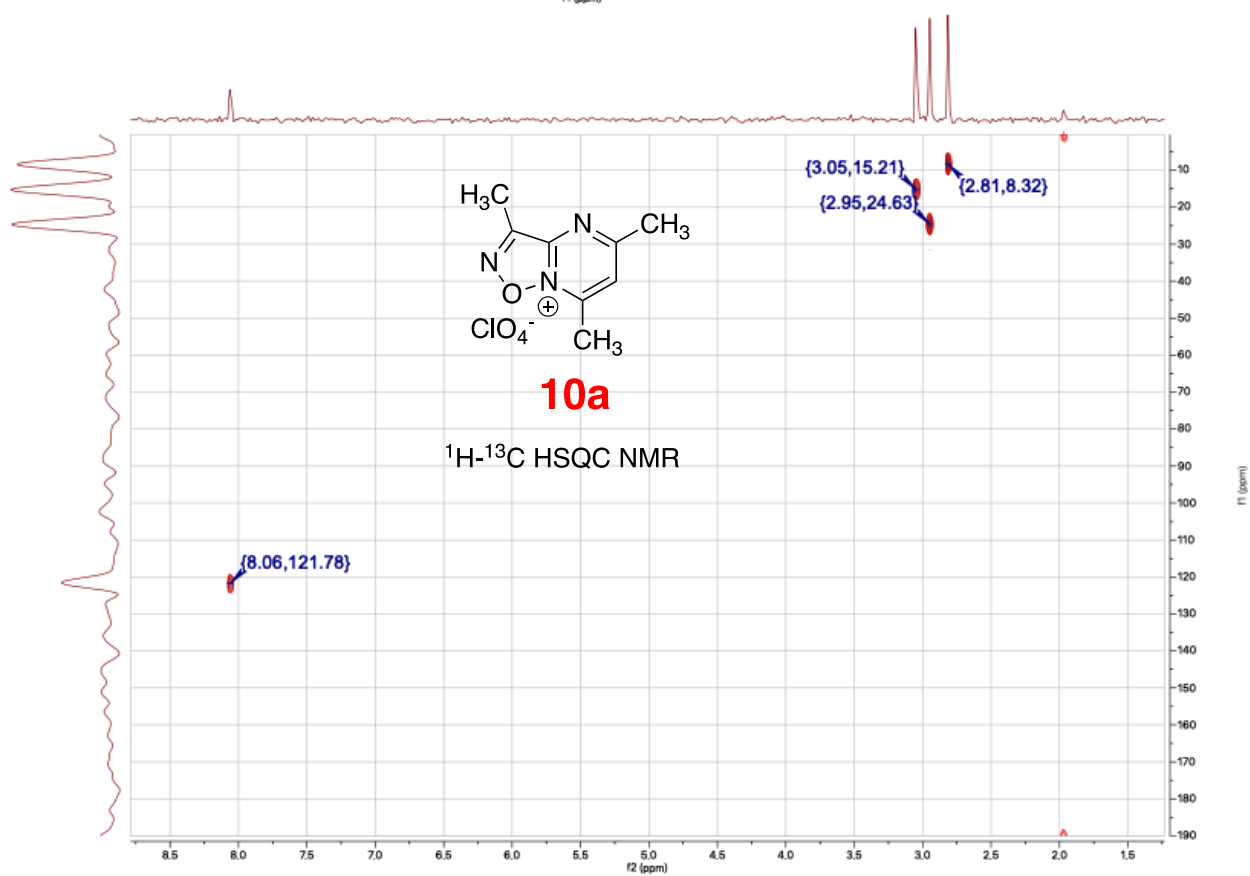
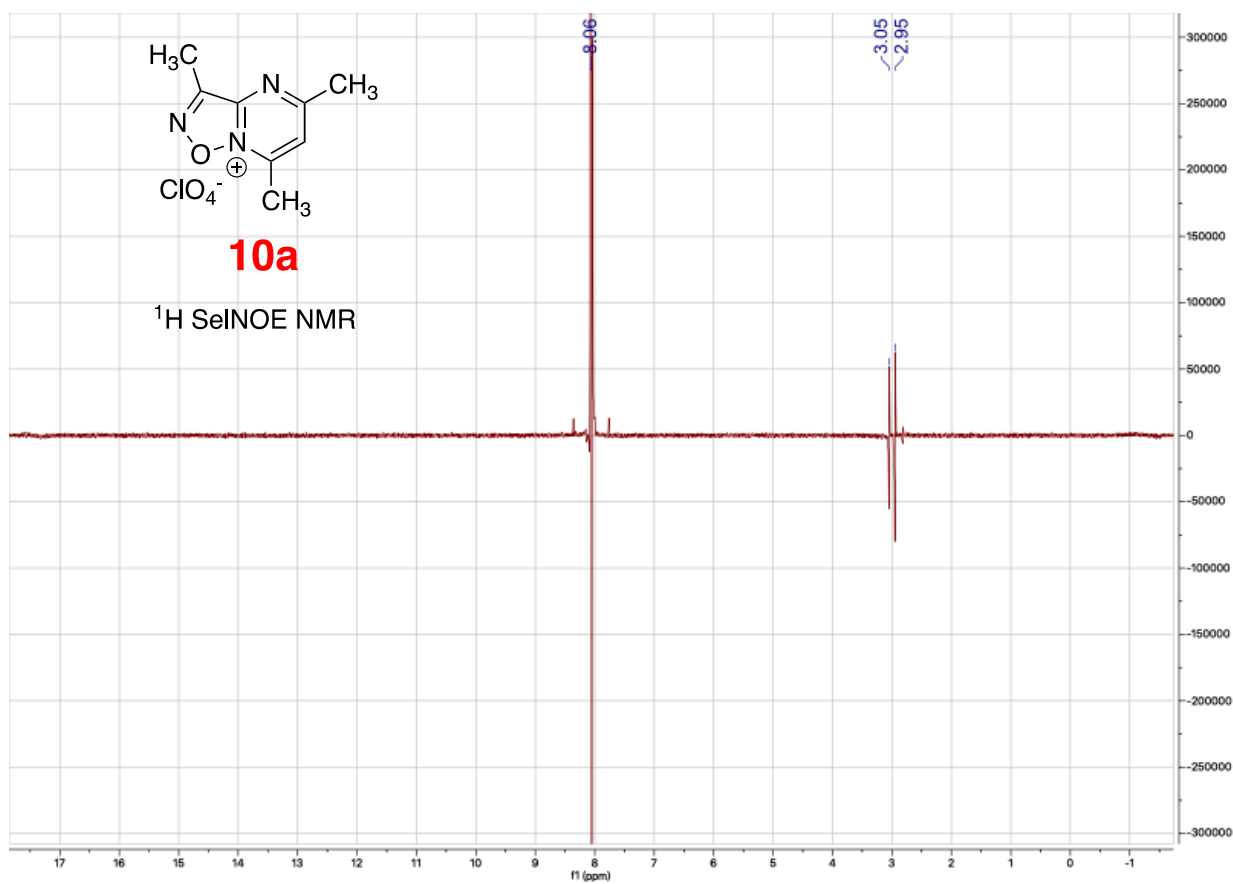
Electronic structure calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 [5], and Molpro 2010 [6]. The gas phase enthalpies of formation of the ions comprising the salts **10a**, **10f**, and **10g** at $p^0 = 1$ bar and $T = 298.15$ K ($\Delta_f H^0_{\text{gas}}$) were calculated using the explicitly correlated W1-F12 multi-level procedure [7] and the atomization energy approach described in detail elsewhere [5]. Note that the W1-F12 procedure employed in the present work had been slightly modified in comparison with the originally proposed technique: namely, the B3LYP-D3BJ/def2-TZVPP optimized geometries (the ZPE correction factor of 0.99) were used [8-9] and the diagonal Born-Oppenheimer corrections were omitted. The W1-F12 procedure employed in the present work was benchmarked on a series of energetic high-nitrogen heterocycles and polynitro compounds and exhibited a decent performance close to the average “thermochemical” accuracy (~ 4 kJ mol⁻¹) [10-13]. The multireference character of the wave functions of the species considered in the present work was estimated using the T1 diagnostic for the CCSD calculation [14]. The modest T1 values obtained in all cases (< 0.020) justify the reliability of single reference-based electron correlation procedure employed in the present study. The heats of formation at 0 K for the elements in the gas phase $\Delta_f H^{0K}_{\text{gas}}$ (C) = 169.98 kcal mol⁻¹, $\Delta_f H^{0K}_{\text{gas}}$ (H) = 51.63 kcal mol⁻¹, $\Delta_f H^{0K}_{\text{gas}}$ (N) = 112.53 kcal mol⁻¹, and $\Delta_f H^{0K}_{\text{gas}}$ (O) = 58.99 kcal mol⁻¹ were taken from the NIST-JANAF tables [15].

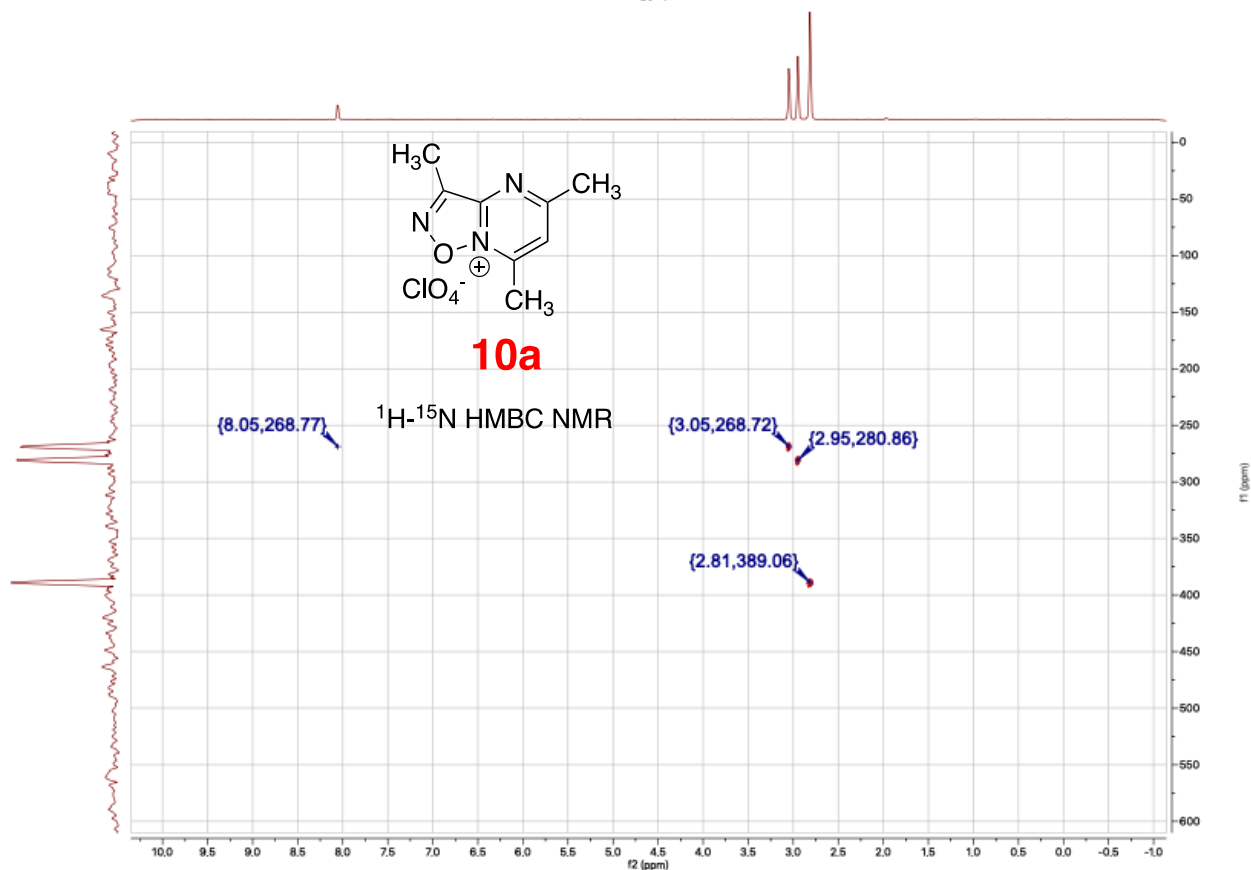
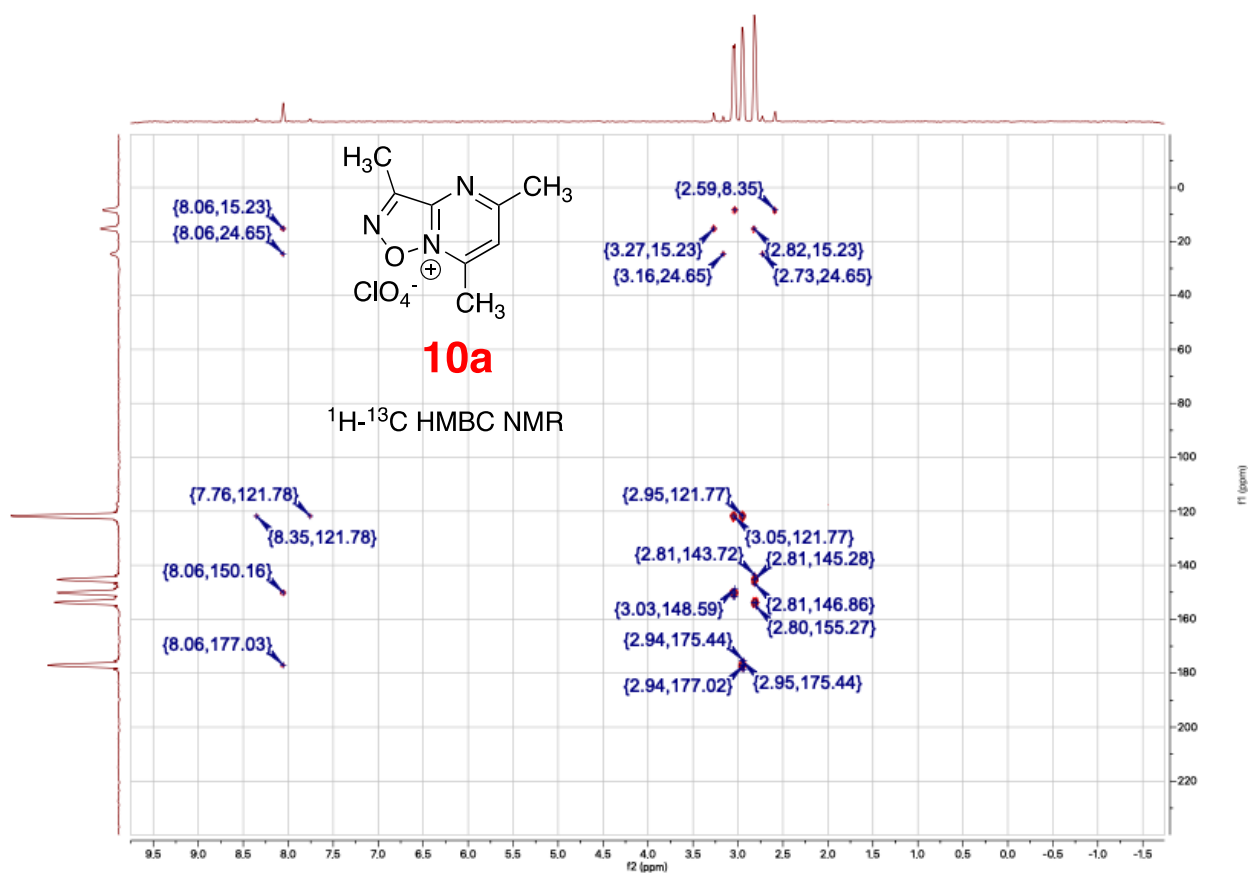
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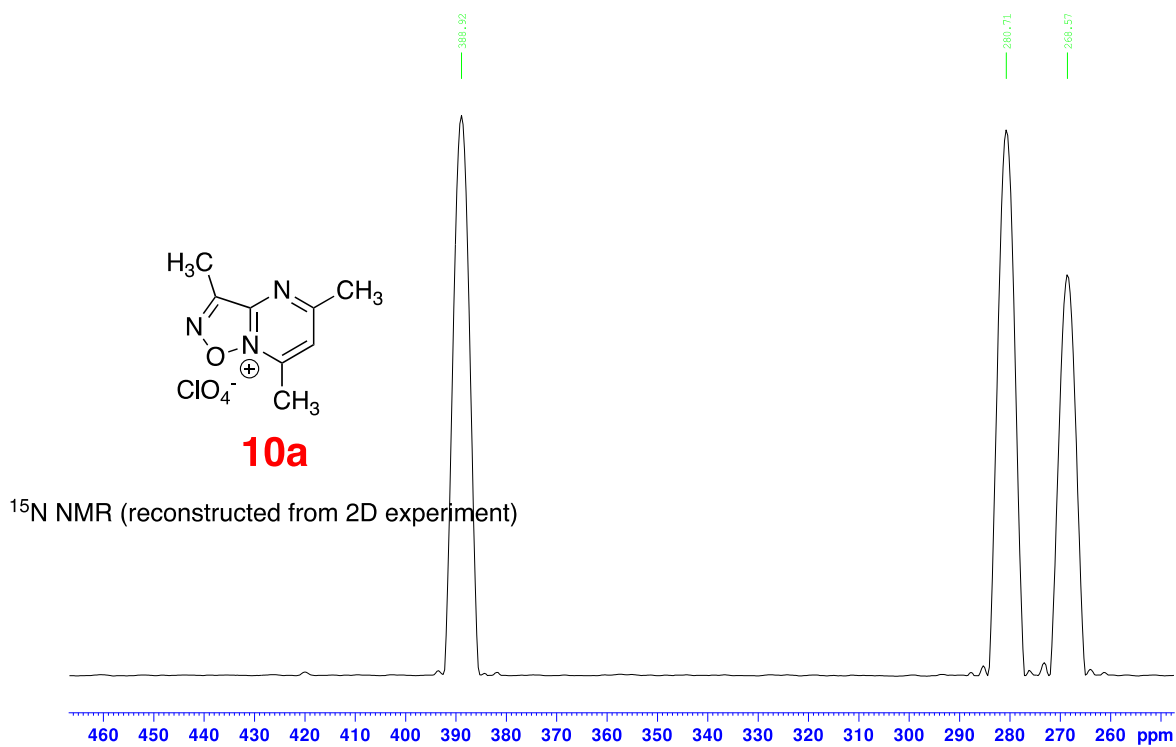
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