

Supporting Information

A highly efficient one-pot synthesis of indenopyridine-fused spirocyclic systems

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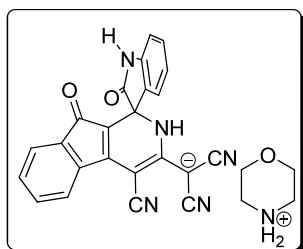
Materials and Methods. Melting points were determined with a melting point Thermo Scientific 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were taken with a Bomem FT-IR MB spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded with 300 and 400 MHz Bruker DRX Avance spectrometers. MS spectra were recorded with a Finnigan LCQ mass spectrometer in negative ion mode.

All chemicals were purchased from Merck or Aldrich and were used without further purification. 1,1-dicyanomethylene-3-indanone,¹ isatylidenemalononitrile² and indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxalin-11-ones³ were prepared by reported procedures.

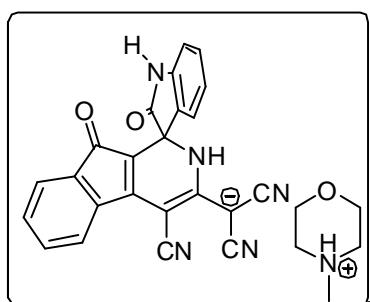
General procedure for synthesis of 4 or 10. To a stirred solution of 1,1-dicyanomethylene-3-indanone **1** or indeno[1,2-b]quinoxalin-11-ones **12** (1 mmol) and amine (1 mmol) in ethanol at room temperature, isatin **2** (1mmol), malononitrile **3** (1mmol) were added and continued stirring for about 12 hours. The completion of the reaction was indicated by the disappearance of the starting materials in thin layer chromatography. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated and the crude product was with cold ether to obtain the corresponding salt product **4** or **10**.

General procedure for synthesis of 6. Corresponding dicyano(4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indolin]-3-yl)methanide salt **4** (1mmol) was dissolved in ethanol and the aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid was slowly added until the amine is completely neutralized. After an hour, the precipitated solids were collected by filtration, washed thoroughly with water and dried to afford product **6**.

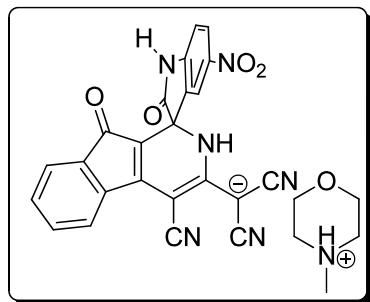
X-ray crystallography. The X-ray diffraction measurements were made with a STOE IPDS-II diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoKa radiation. Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection were obtained by least-squares refinement of diffraction data from 4998 unique reflections for **4f** and **6d**. Data were collected at a temperature of 298(2) K to a maximum 2q value of 51.988 and in a series of w scans in 18 oscillations and integrated using the Stoe X-AREA⁴software package. The data were corrected for Lorentz and Polarizing effects. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on F2 by full-matrix least-squares procedure. All hydrogen atoms were added at ideal positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with Uiso(H)= 1.2Ueq. All refinements were performed by using the X-STEP32 crystallographic software package.⁵ Complete crystallographic data for compound **4f** and **6d** has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication No. CCDC-1437636 and CCDC-1437637, respectively. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.



Morpholin-4-ium dicyano(4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)methanide (4a). Purple powder (yield 92%); m.p. 222-224 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3479, 3279, 2200, 2170, 1717, 1648. ESI: 338 [M- C₄H₁₀NO⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 3.05 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 3.70 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 6.76 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 6.85 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.06-7.16 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.16 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.27 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.36 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.85 (1H, s, H-Ar), 8.10 (1H, s, NH), 10.30 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _C (ppm) 43.4, 62.5, 63.9, 64.4, 108.3, 109.8, 119.2, 119.3, 120.0, 120.7, 122.1, 124.4, 129.4, 130.0, 131.3, 133.9, 135.8, 138.9, 142.3, 153.3, 159.8, 176.8, 184.9. Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₆O₃: C, 68.06; H, 4.23; N, 17.64%. Found: C, 67.85; H, 4.11; N, 17.82

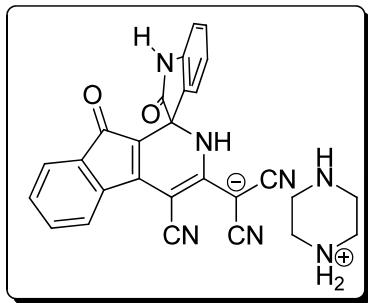


4-Methylmorpholin-4-ium dicyano(4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)methanide (4b). Purple powder (yield 88%); m.p. 246-248 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3276, 2205, 2177, 1720, 1620. ESI: 338 [M- C₅H₁₂NO⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 2.68 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.03 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 3.72 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 6.76 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 6.85 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.06-7.09 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.16 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.27 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.36 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.87 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 8.07 (1H, s, NH), 10.29 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _C (ppm) 43.5, 53.5, 62.9, 64.3, 64.9, 108.8, 110.2, 119.5, 119.7, 120.3, 121.1, 122.5, 124.8, 129.8, 130.4, 131.6, 134.3, 136.3, 139.4, 142.8, 153.7, 160.2, 177.1, 185.2. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₆O₃: C, 68.56; H, 4.52; N, 17.13%. Found: C, 68.37; H, 4.64; N, 17.26.

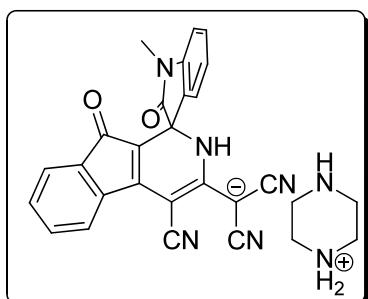


4-Methylmorpholin-4-ium dicyano(4-cyano-5'-nitro-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)methanide (4c). Purple powder (yield 90%); m.p. 175-177 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3362, 3223, 3096,

2837, 1726, 1650. ESI: 433 [M- C₅H₁₂NO⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_H (ppm) 2.70 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.06 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 3.73 (4H, bs, 2CH₂), 6.99 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=8.7 Hz, H-Ar), 7.11 (1H, d, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.30 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.40 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.90-7.93 (2H, m, H-Ar), 8.16-8.20 (2H, m, H-Ar and NH), 11.06 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_C (ppm) 43.6, 53.6, 62.6, 64.7, 64.8, 107.1, 110.3, 119.2, 120.1, 120.5, 121.5, 123.4, 127.1, 130.6, 131.7, 133.3, 135.1, 136.2, 139.1, 143.1, 149.6, 154.2, 160.3, 178.0, 184.6. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₁N₇O₅: C, 62.80; H, 3.95; N, 18.31%. Found: C, 62.72; H, 3.88; N, 18.25.

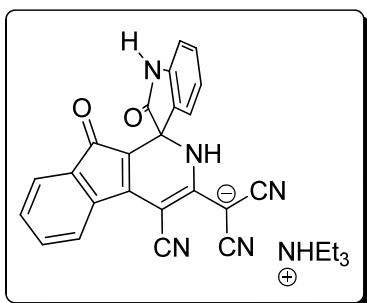


Piperazin-1-ium dicyano(4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)methanide (4d). Purple powder (yield 91%); m.p. 265 °C dec. IR (KBr) (v_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3487, 3257, 2211, 2181, 1734, 1574. ESI: 338 [M- C₄H₁₁N₂⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_H (ppm) 2.88 (8H, s, 4CH₂), 6.77 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 6.86 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.07-7.10 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.17 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.28 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.37 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.88 (1H, m, H-Ar), 8.07 (1H, s, NH), 10.30 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_C (ppm) 44.0, 62.9, 64.9, 108.8, 110.2, 119.6, 119.7, 120.3, 121.2, 122.5, 124.8, 129.8, 130.4, 131.6, 134.3, 136.3, 139.4, 142.8, 153.7, 160.2, 177.1, 185.2. .Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N₇O₂: C, 68.20; H, 4.45; N, 20.62%. Found: C, 68.31; H, 4.52; N, 20.53.



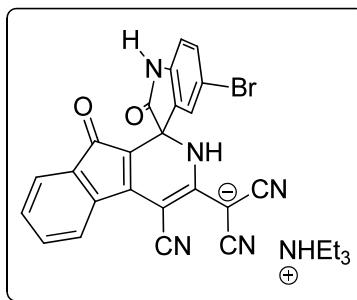
Piperazin-1-ium dicyano(4-cyano-1'-methyl-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indolin]-3-yl) methanide (4e). Purple powder (yield 88%); m.p. 251 °C dec. IR (KBr) (v_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3469, 3296, 2211, 2197, 1720, 1636. ESI: 402 [M-C₄H₁₁N₂⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_H (ppm) 2.86 (8H, s, 4CH₂), 3.08 (3H, s, NCH₃), 6.96 (2H, bs, H-Ar), 7.05-7.11 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.26-7.34 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.87-7.96 (2H, m, H-Ar and NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ_C (ppm) 27.1, 43.8, 62.5, 64.8, 108.5, 108.9, 119.5, 120.3, 121.2, 123.2, 124.3, 129.9, 130.4, 131.6, 133.7, 136.2, 139.3, 144.2,

153.7, 160.2, 175.6, 185.1..Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₇O₂: C, 68.70; H, 4.74; N, 20.03%. Found: C, 68.65; H, 4.61; N, 20.18.



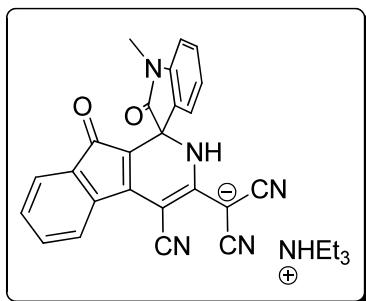
Triethylammonium dicyano(4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro-spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)methanide (4f). Purple powder (yield 94%); m.p. 266-268 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3447, 3288, 2201, 2181, 2168, 1731, 1696. ESI: 338 [M- C₆H₁₆N⁺]⁻. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 1.15 (9H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, 3CH₃), 3.05 (6H, q, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz 3CH₂), 6.76 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.8 Hz, H-Ar), 6.86 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.07-7.09 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.17 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.27 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.37 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.87 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 8.08 (1H, s, NH), 10.30 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _C (ppm) 9.0, 46.2, 62.5, 64.4, 108.3, 109.8, 119.2, 119.3, 120.0, 120.7, 122.1, 124.4, 129.4, 130.0, 131.3, 133.9, 135.8, 138.9, 142.3, 153.3, 159.8, 176.7, 184.9..Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₆N₆O₂: C, 71.00; H, 5.34; N, 17.13%. Found: C, 71.07; H, 5.40; N, 17.05.

X-Ray data for 4f: C₂₉H₂₆N₆O₂, M= 490.56 g/mol, triclinic system, space group P $\bar{1}$, a = 8.898(4), b = 11.774(6), c = 12.676(7) ?, α =80.45(4)^o, β =81.87(4)^o, γ =89.64(4)^o, V = 1296.2(12) ?³, Z = 2, D_c =1.257 g.cm⁻³, μ (Mo-K α)= 0.71073 ?, crystal dimension of 0.15 x 0.20 x 0.35 mm. The structure was solved by using SHELXS. The structure refinement and data reduction was carried out with SHELXL of the X-Step32 suite of programs. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full matrix least-squares on F² values to final R_1 =0.1464, wR_2 = 0.3138 and S =1.109 with 334 parameters using 6944 independent reflection (θ range = 2.20– 29.32^o). Hydrogen atoms were located from expected geometry and were not refined.

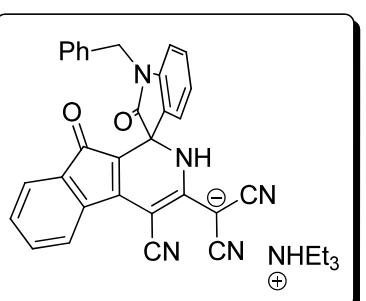


Triethylammonium (5'-bromo-4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydro-spiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl)di cyanomethanide (4g). Purple powder (yield 91%); m.p. 203-205 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3424, 3300, 2201, 2169, 1718, 1677. ESI: 467 [M- C₆H₁₆N⁺]⁻, 469 [M+2- C₆H₁₆N⁺]⁻

.¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 1.18 (9H, bs, 3CH₃), 3.07-309 (6H, m, 3CH₂), 6.73 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.10 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=5.7 Hz, H-Ar), 7.21 (1H, s, H-Ar), 7.29-7.36 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.89 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.3 Hz, H-Ar), 8.12 (1H, s, NH), 8.89 (1H, bs, NH), 10.45 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 9.7, 46.7, 63.0, 65.1, 107.8, 112.1, 113.9, 119.4, 120.4, 121.3, 127.5, 130.5, 131.7, 132.4, 136.3, 136.5, 139.3, 142.3, 154.0, 160.3, 176.9, 185.1. .Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅BrN₆O₂: C, 61.17; H, 4.43; N, 14.76%. Found: C, 61.22; H, 4.35; N, 14.82.

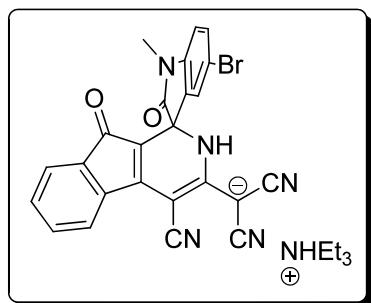


Triethylammonium dicyano(4-cyano-1'-methyl-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl) methanide (4h). Purple powder (yield 89%); m.p. 192-194 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3438, 3258, 2203, 2173, 1715, 1653. ESI: 402 [M- C₆H₁₆N⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 1.15 (9H, bs, CH₃), 3.08 (9H, bs, 3CH₂ and NCH₃), 6.96 (2H, bs, H-Ar), 7.07-7.12 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.27-7.36 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.88-7.97 (2H, m, H-Ar and NH), 8.84 (1H, bs, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 9.5, 27.1, 46.7, 62.5, 64.8, 108.6, 108.9, 119.4, 119.5, 120.3, 121.2, 123.2, 124.3, 129.9, 130.4, 131.6, 133.8, 136.2, 139.4, 144.2, 153.7, 160.2, 175.6, 185.2..Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₆O₂: C, 71.41; H, 5.59; N, 16.66%. Found: C, 71.49; H, 5.52; N, 16.60.



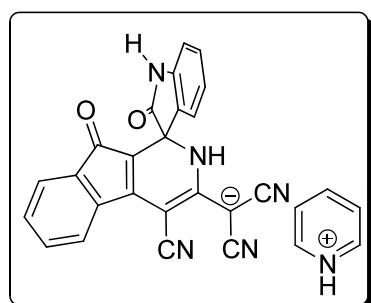
Triethylammonium (1'-benzyl-4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl) dicyanomethanide (4i). Purple powder (yield 79%); m.p. 200-201 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3436, 3256, 2198, 1718, 1680. ESI: 478 [M- C₆H₁₆N⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 1.14 (9H, bs, CH₃), 3.04-3.06 (6H, m, 3CH₂), 4.41, 5.29 (2H, ABq, J_{AB}=16.2 Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 6.96 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.16 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.31-7.35 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.60 (2H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.92 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 8.15 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 9.0, 44.3, 46.1, 62.2, 64.6, 107.9, 109.4, 119.1, 119.2, 120.2, 120.9, 123.0, 124.2, 127.3, 127.5, 127.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.5, 130.2, 131.4, 133.3, 135.8, 136.5,

138.9, 143.1, 153.6, 159.7, 175.6, 185.0. Anal. Calcd for $C_{36}H_{32}N_6O_2$: C, 74.46; H, 5.55; N, 14.47%. Found: C, 74.62; H, 5.42; N, 14.32.



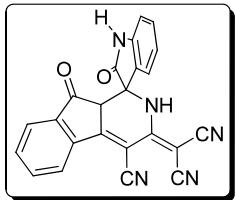
Triethylammonium (5'-bromo-4-cyano-1'-methyl-2',9-dioxo-2,9-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indoline]-3-yl) dicyanomethanide (4j). Purple powder (yield 85%); m.p. 174-176 °C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3417, 2200, 2170, 1731, 1655. ESI: 480 [M-C₆H₁₆N⁺]⁺, 482 [M+2-C₆H₁₆N⁺]⁺. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 1.14

(9H, bs, CH₃), 3.08 (9H, bs, CH₂ and NCH₃), 6.97 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.0 Hz, H-Ar), 7.06 (1H, bs, H-Ar), 7.27 (2H, bs, H-Ar), 7.32-7.38 (1H, m, H-Ar), 7.43-7.45 (1H, m, H-Ar), 7.89-7.90 (1H, m, H-Ar). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 9.4, 27.2, 46.8, 62.5, 65.2, 107.6, 111.3, 114.9, 119.4, 120.7, 121.4, 126.9, 130.9, 131.9, 132.8, 135.6, 136.0, 138.9, 143.6, 154.2, 160.2, 175.4, 185.4. Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{27}BrN_6O_2$: C, 61.75; H, 4.66; N, 14.40%. Found: C, 61.67; H, 4.61; N, 14.49.

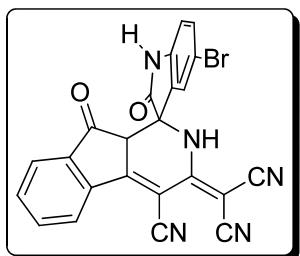


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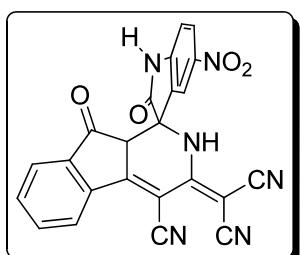
(ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3228, 2199, 2171, 1733, 1617. ESI: 338 [M-C₅H₆N⁺]⁺. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 6.76 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 6.86 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.06-7.09 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.17 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.27 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.36 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.75 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.3 Hz, H-py), 7.87 (1H, m, H-Ar), 8.08 (1H, s, NH), 8.21 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=6.3 Hz, H-py), 8.75-8.76 (2H, m, H-py), 10.31 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 6.9, 64.9, 108.8, 110.2, 119.6, 119.7, 120.4, 121.2, 122.5, 123.3, 124.8, 126.8, 129.8, 130.4, 131.6, 132.5, 134.3, 136.3, 139.4, 142.8, 143.3, 145.8, 153.8, 160.2, 177.1, 185.2. Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{16}N_6O_2$: C, 71.79; H, 3.44; N, 17.94%. Found: C, 71.80; H, 3.51; N, 17.81.



2-(4-Cyano-2',9-dioxo-9a-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indolin]-3(2H)-ylidene)malononitrile (6a). Olive powder (yield 93%); m.p. 215 °C dec IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3250, 2219, 2197, 1733, 1617. ESI: 389 [M]⁺. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 6.74 (1H, bs, H-Ar), 6.83-6.85 (1H, m, H-Ar), 7.06-7.16 (4H, m, H-Ar), 7.25-7.33 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.85 (1H, s, H-Ar), 8.10 (1H, s, NH), 10.30 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _C (ppm) 62.4, 64.9, 108.2, 109.8, 119.0, 119.1, 119.2, 120.0, 120.9, 122.1, 124.4, 129.4, 130.0, 131.3, 133.8, 135.8, 138.7, 142.4, 153.3, 159.8, 176.6, 184.8. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₁N₅O₂: C, 70.95; H, 2.85; N, 17.99%. Found: C, 71.04; H, 2.79; N, 17.89.

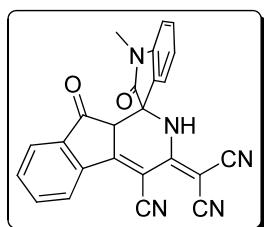


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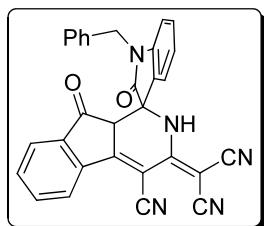
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130.9, 134.3, 135.3, 138.2, 142.2, 148.8, 153.3, 159.4, 177.2, 184.1. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₀N₆O₄: C, 63.60; H, 2.32; N, 19.35%. Found: C, 63.46; H, 2.42; N, 19.42.



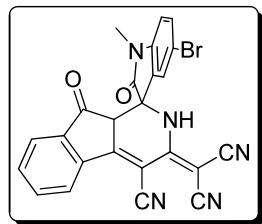
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X-Ray data for 6d: C₂₄H₁₃N₅O₂(CH₃CN), M= 444.45 g/mol, triclinic system, space group P $\bar{1}$, a = 8.0008(11), b = 11.6372(18), c = 12.3753(18) ?, α =87.946(12) $^\circ$, β =72.447(11) $^\circ$, γ =85.708(12) $^\circ$, V= 1095.4(3) ?³, Z= 2, D_c=1.347 g.cm⁻³, μ (Mo-K α)= 0.090 ?, crystal dimension of 0.16 x 0.15 x 0.13 mm. The structure was solved by using SHELXS. The structure refinement and data reduction was carried out with SHELXL of the X-Step32 suite of programs. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full matrix least-squares on F² values to final R₁= 0.0955, wR₂= 0.1727 and S= 1.038 with 319 parameters using 5821 independent reflection (θ range = 1.73 – 29.28 $^\circ$). Hydrogen atoms were located from expected geometry and were not refined.



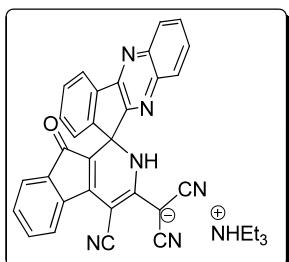
2-(1'-Benzyl-4-cyano-2',9-dioxo-9,9a-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indolin]-3(2H)-ylidene)malononitrile (6e). Olive powder (yield 87%); m.p. 227 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3225, 2222, 1741, 1612. ESI: 479 [M]⁺. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 4.40, 5.28 (2H, ABq, J_{AB} =16.2 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.8 Hz, H-Ar), 6.93 (1H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.15-7.19 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.24-7.42 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.60 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.91 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 8.14 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 44.3, 62.2, 65.2, 107.8, 109.3, 119.0, 119.1, 120.2, 121.0, 123.0, 124.2, 127.3, 127.5, 127.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.5, 130.2, 131.4, 133.3, 135.8, 136.5, 138.9, 143.1, 153.6, 159.7, 175.6, 185.0. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₁₇N₅O₂: C, 75.23; H, 3.53; N, 14.69%. Found: C, 75.15; H, 3.57; N, 14.61.

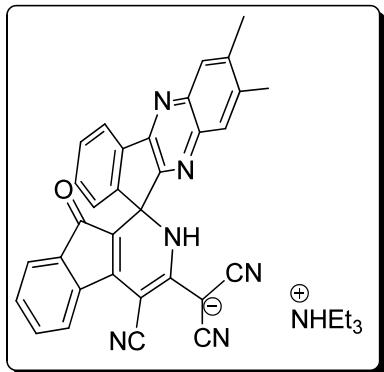


2-(5'-Bromo-4-cyano-1'-methyl-2',9-dioxo-9,9a-dihydrospiro[indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-1,3'-indolin]-3(2H)-ylidene) malononitrile(6f). Olive powder (yield 92%); m.p. 207 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3308, 2213, 1739, 1625. ESI: 481 [M]⁺, 483 [M+2]⁺. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 3.09 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.94 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=8.4 Hz, H-Ar), 7.08 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.6 Hz, H-Ar), 7.28-7.32 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.36-7.48 (3H, m, H-Ar), 7.90 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 8.00 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 26.4, 61.6, 64.0, 106.6, 110.2, 113.9, 118.4, 119.6, 120.5, 126.2, 129.7, 130.1, 130.9, 131.4, 135.0, 135.3, 138.3, 142.9, 159.3, 174.5, 184.0. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₁₂BrN₅O₂: C, 59.77; H, 2.51; N, 14.52%. Found: C, 59.67; H, 2.44; N, 14.61.

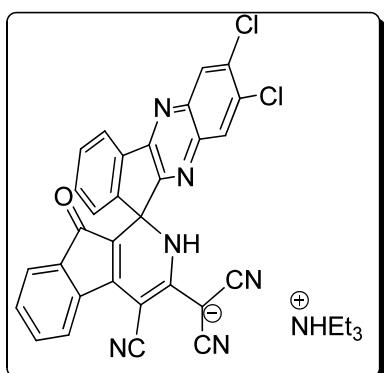
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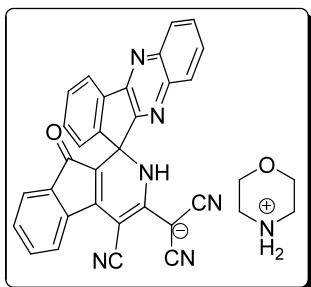
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Triethylammonium dicyano(4'-cyano-7,8-dimethyl-9'-oxo-2',9'-dihydrospiro[indeno[1,2-b]quinoxaline-11,1'-indeno[2,1-c]pyridin]-3'-yl)methanide(10b). Purple powder (yield 79%); m.p. 214 °C dec. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3443, 22196, 1630. ESI: 501 [M- C₆H₁₆N⁺]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ _H (ppm) 1.16 (9H, t, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, 3CH₃), 2.43 (3H, bs, CH₃), 3.08 (6H, q, ³J_{HH}=7.2 Hz, 3CH₂), 6.93(1H, d, ³J_{HH}=6.6 Hz, H-Ar), 7.24 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.38 (1H, d, ³J_{HH}=7.5 Hz, H-Ar), 7.54 (3H, bs, H-Ar), 7.81 (1H, m, H-Ar), 7.91-7.95 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.98-8.00 (1H, m, H-Ar), 8.12 (1H, s, NH), 8.91 (1H, bs, NH). Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₃₃N₇O: C, 75.60; H, 5.51; N, 16.24%. Found: C, 75.70; H, 5.42; N, 16.39.

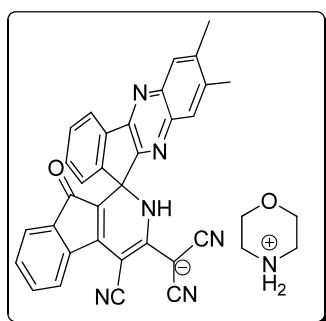


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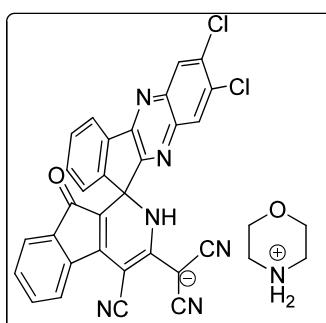


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t, $^3J_{HH}$ =7.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.38 (1H, t, $^3J_{HH}$ =6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.56 (3H, bs, H-Ar), 7.73-7.80 (3H, bs, H-Ar) 8.12 (s, 3H), 7.93 (1H, d, $^3J_{HH}$ =6.9 Hz, H-Ar), 8.03 (1H, bs, H-Ar), 8.12 (1H, s, NH), 8.67(2H, bs, NH₂). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₂₃N₇O₂: C, 72.72; H, 4.13; N, 17.46%. Found: C, 72.79; H, 4.18; N, 17.39.



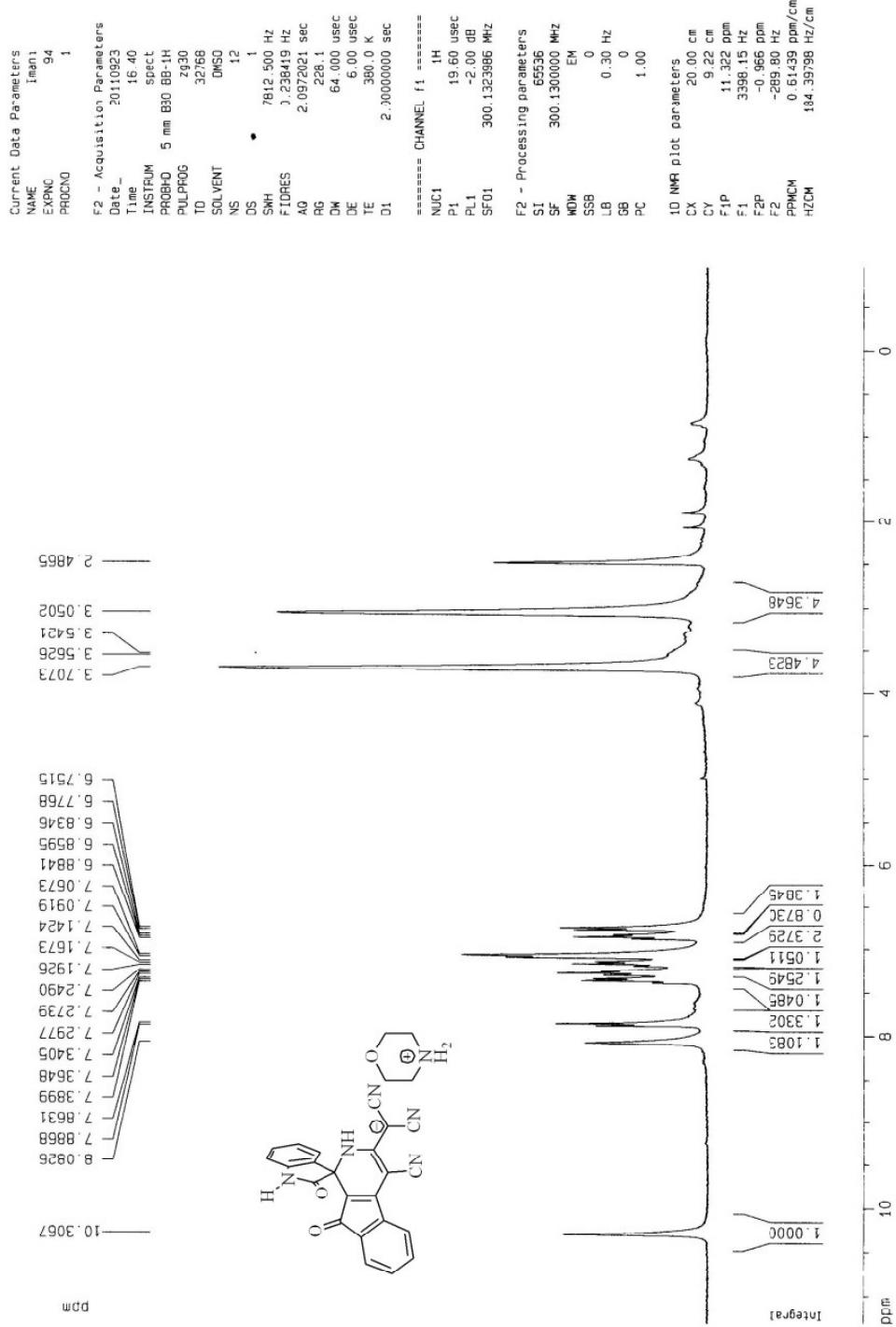
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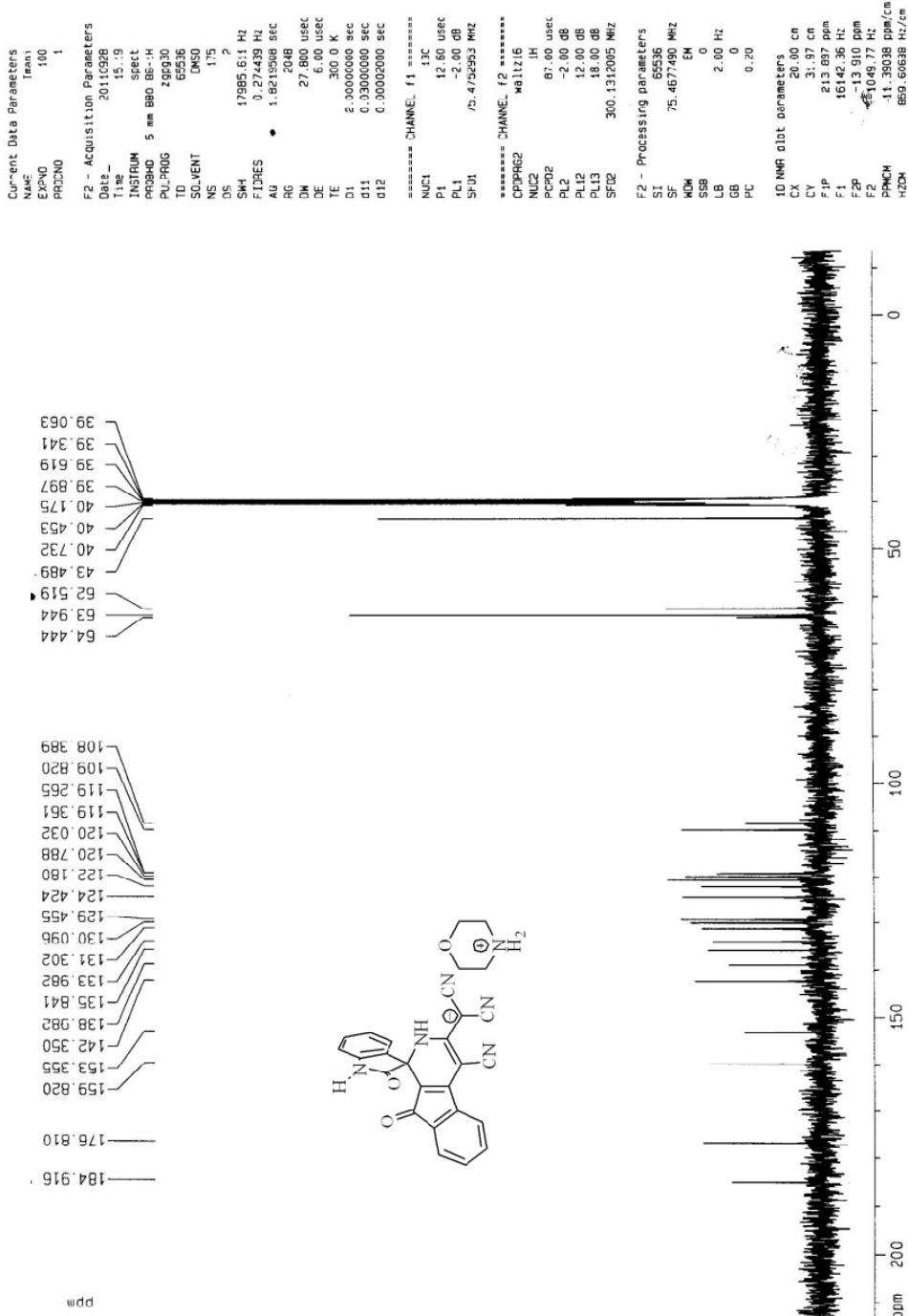


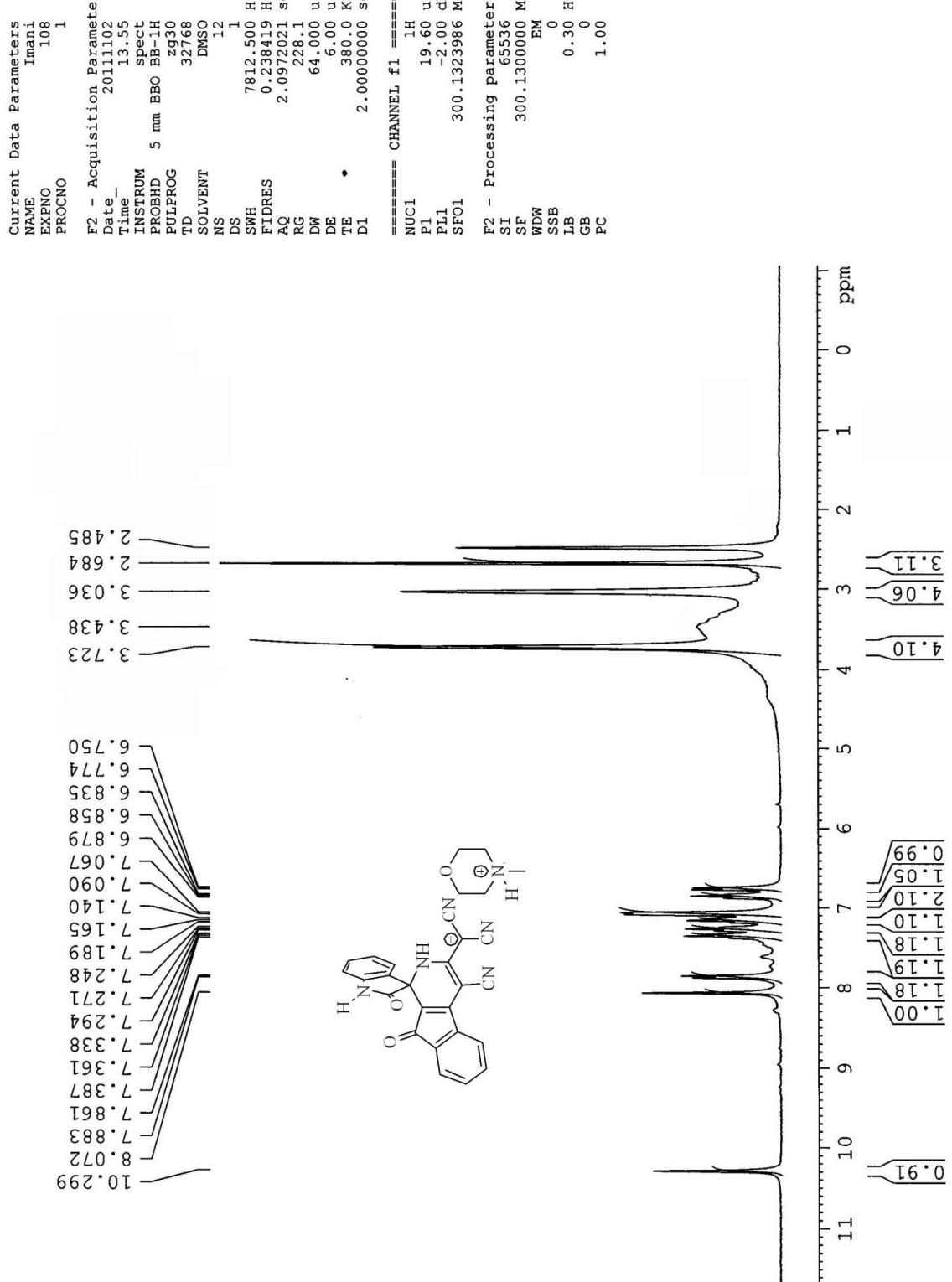
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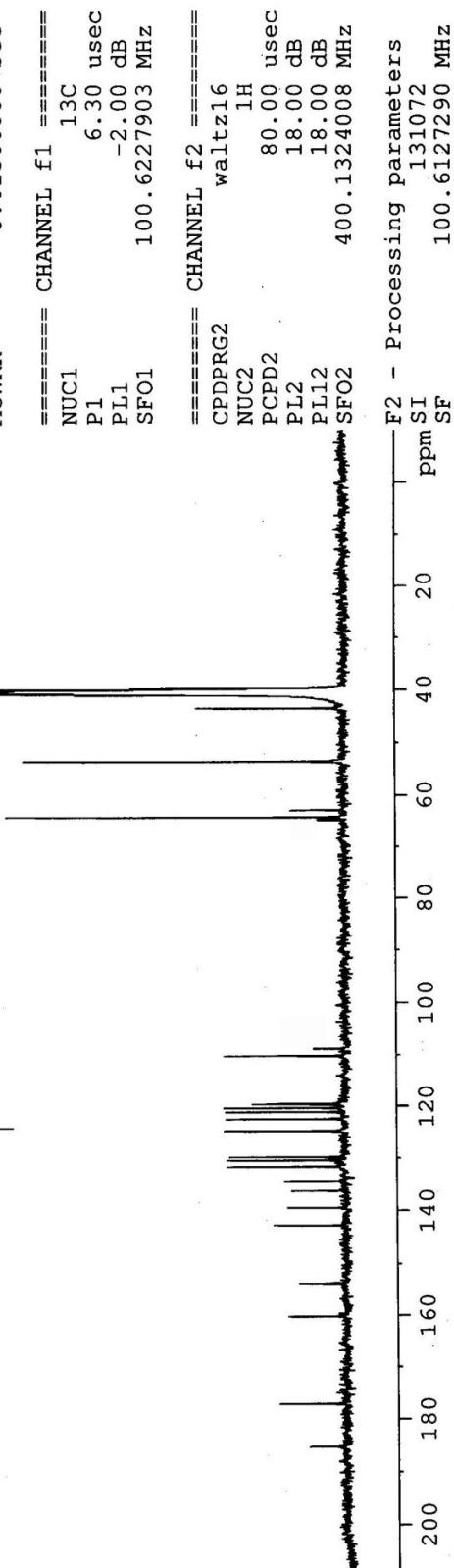
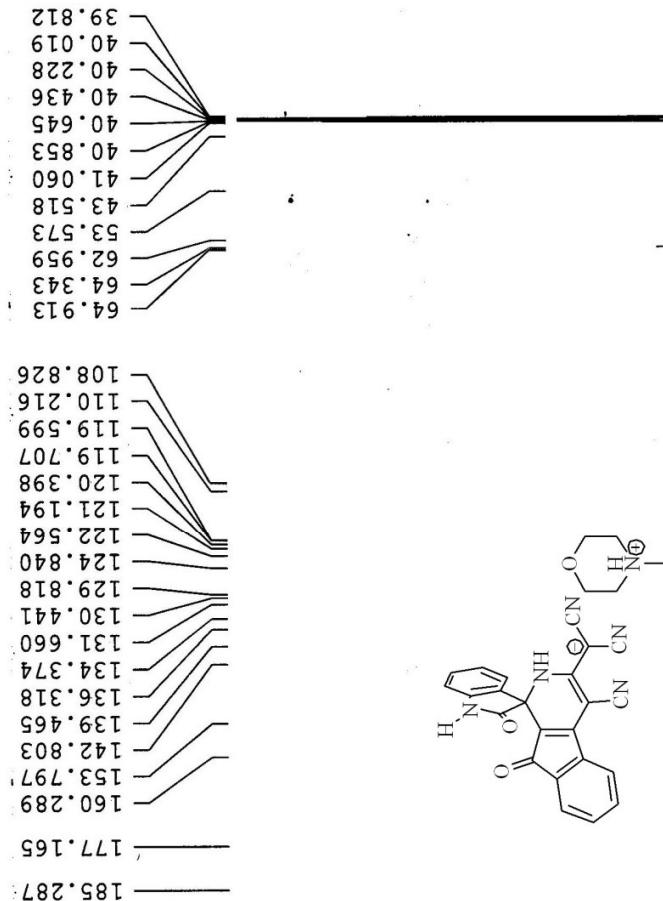
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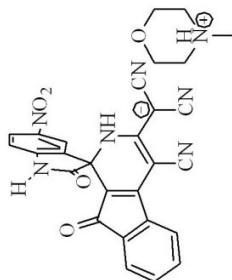
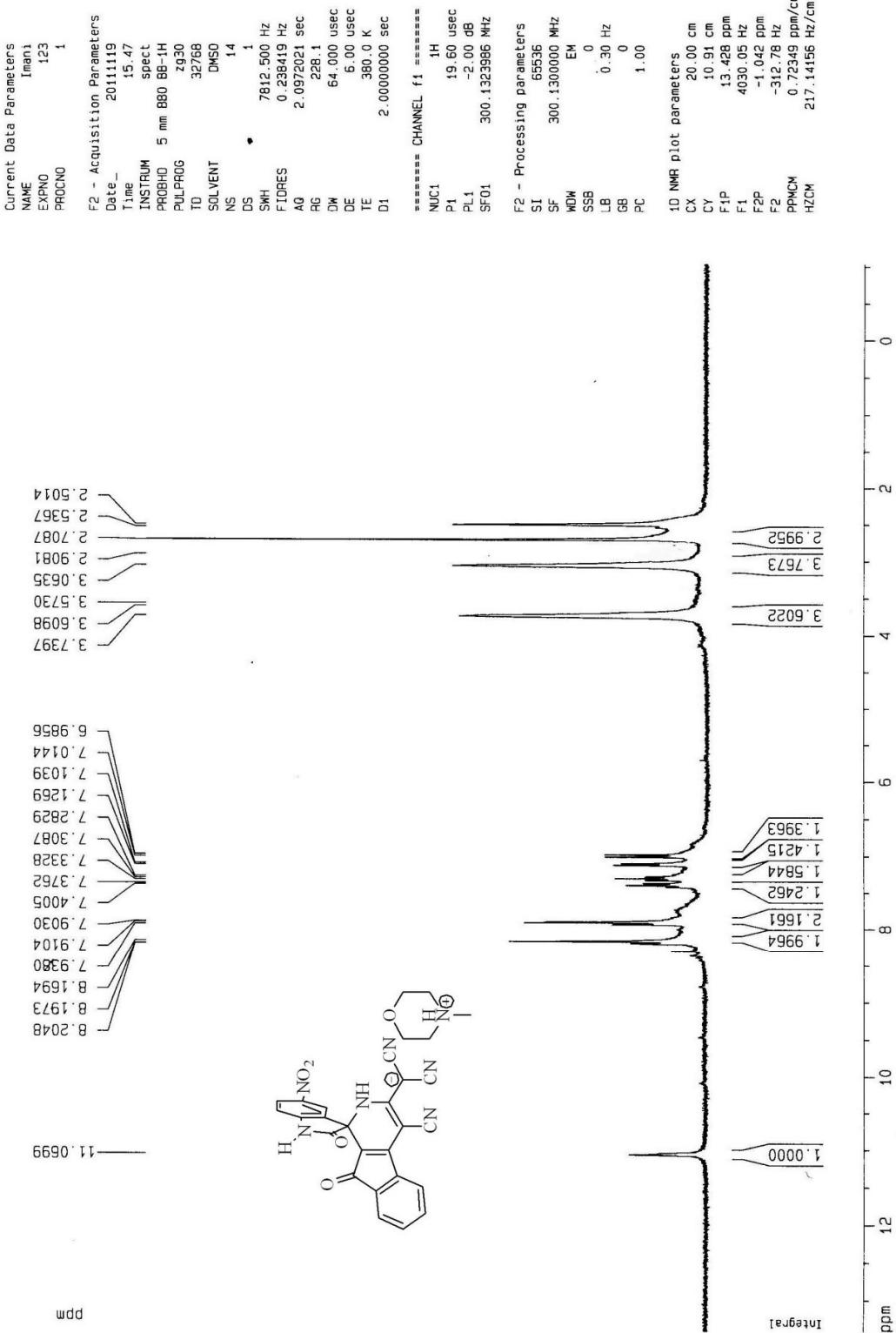
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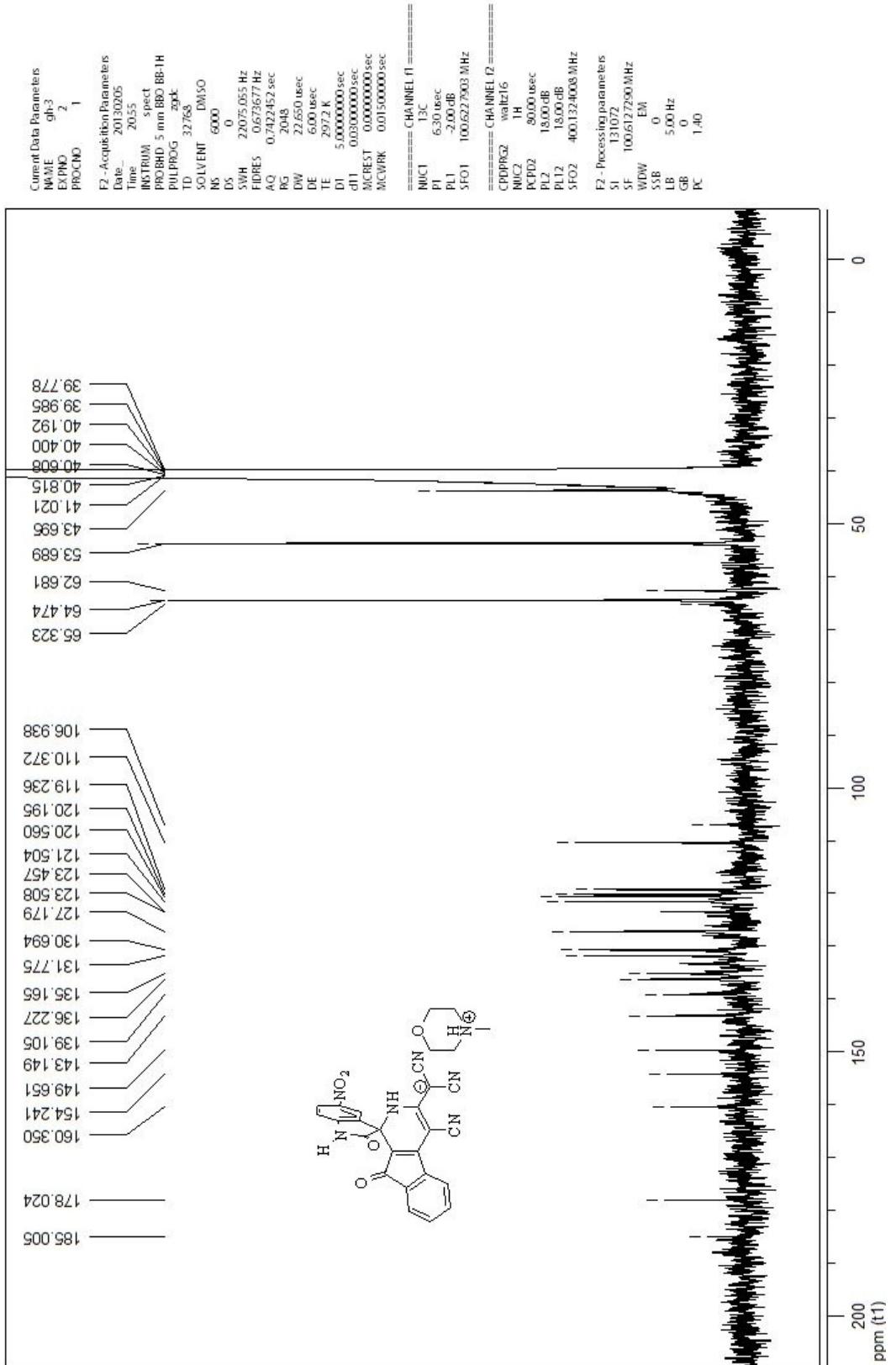
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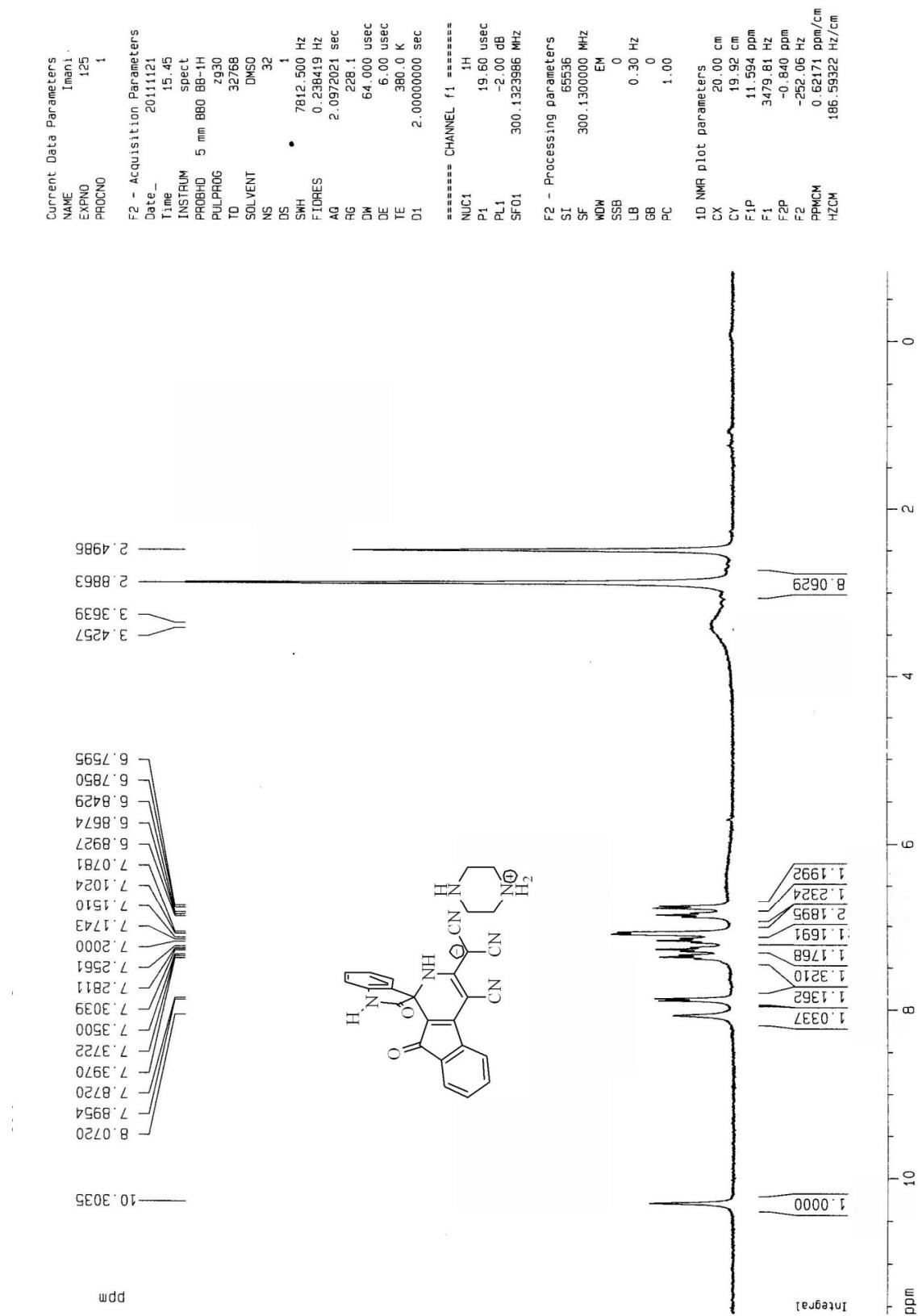
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====

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===== CHANNEL f2 =====

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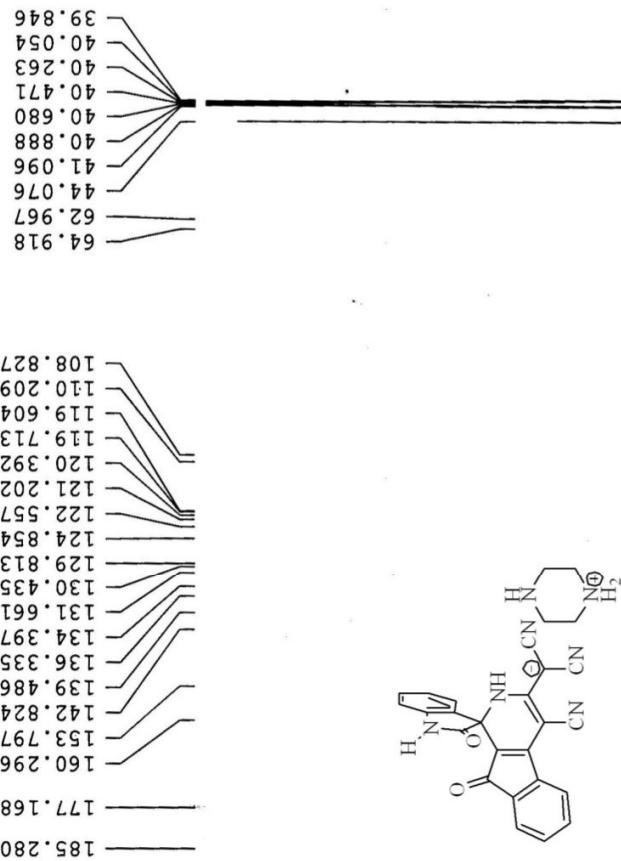
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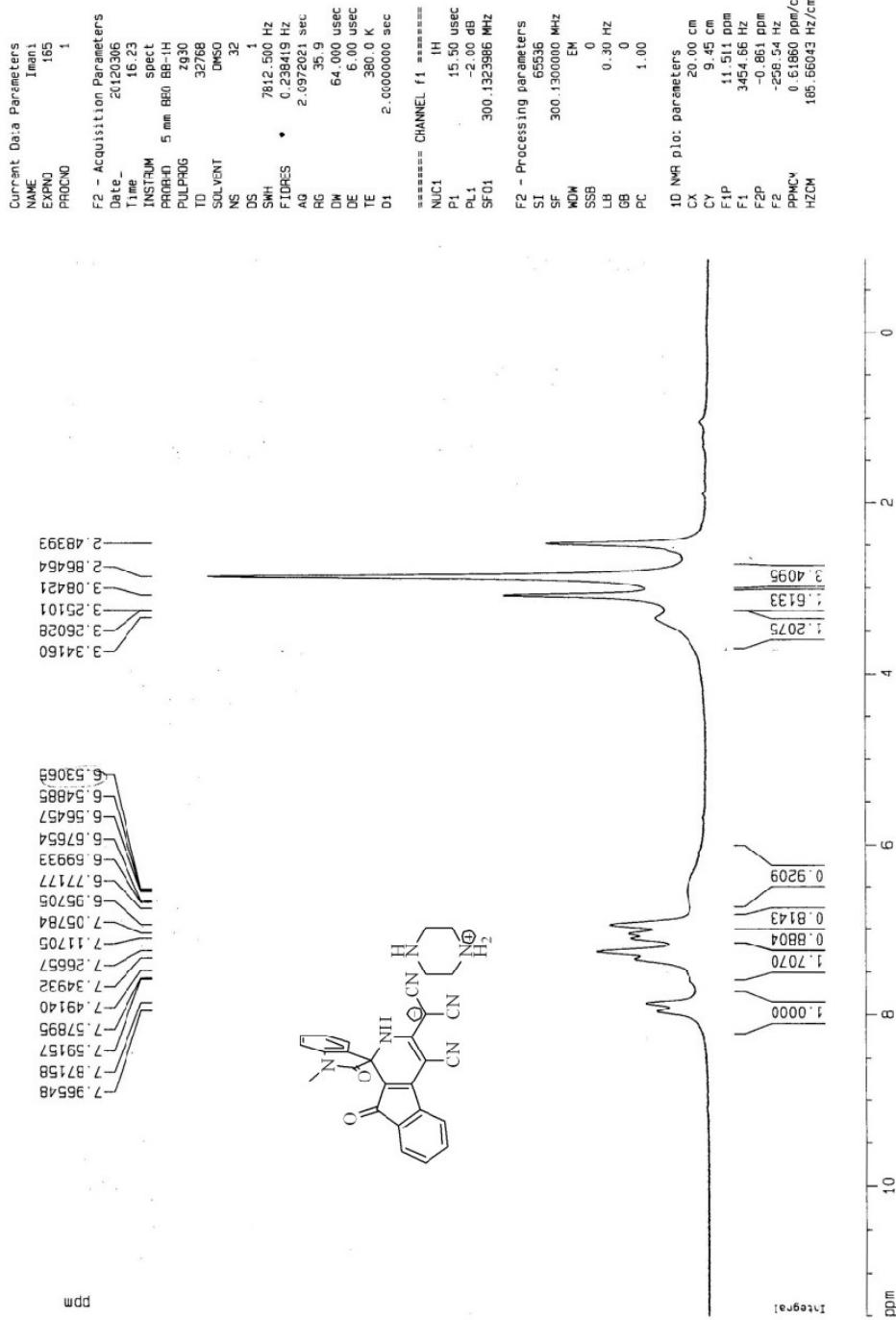
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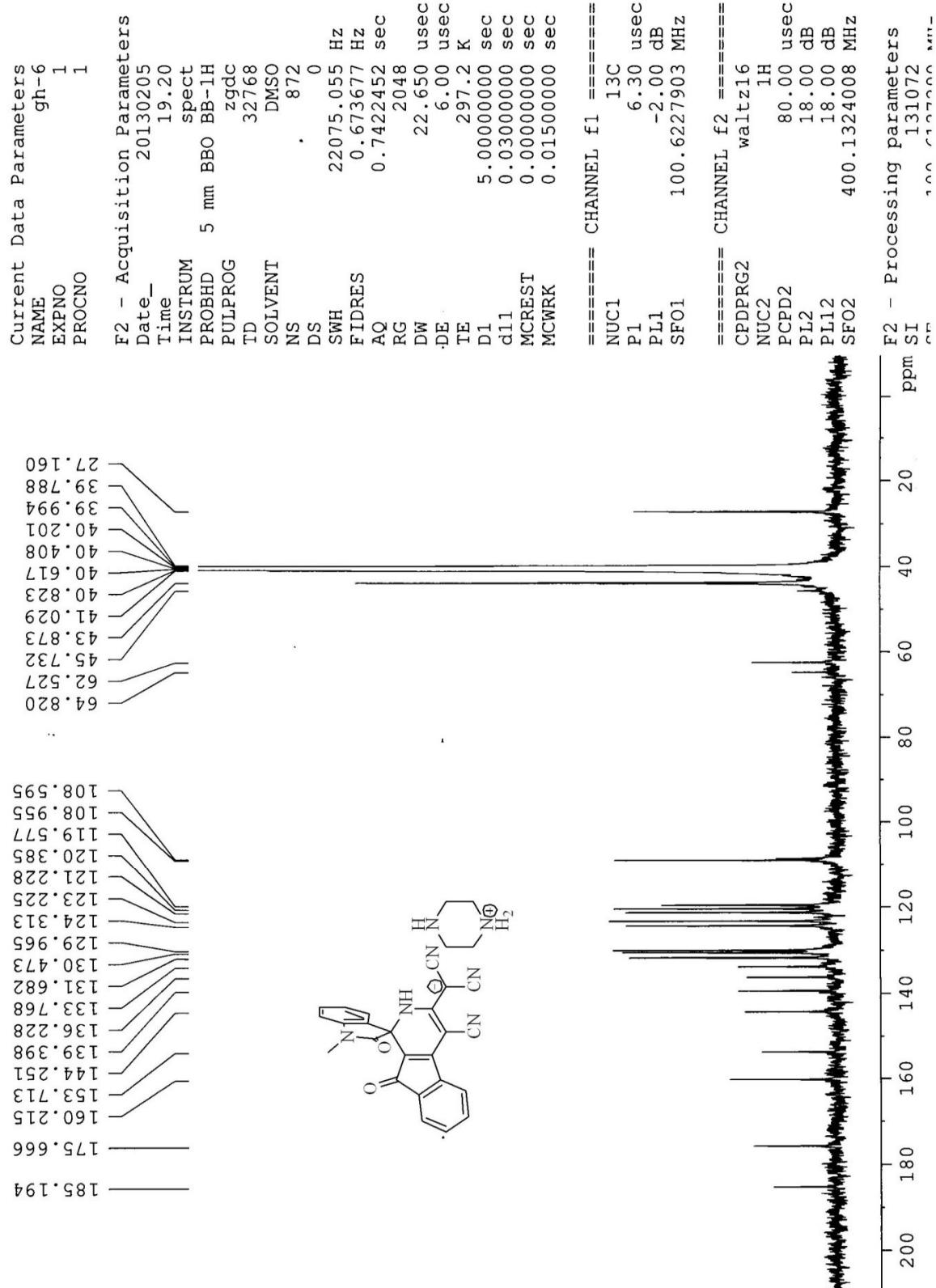
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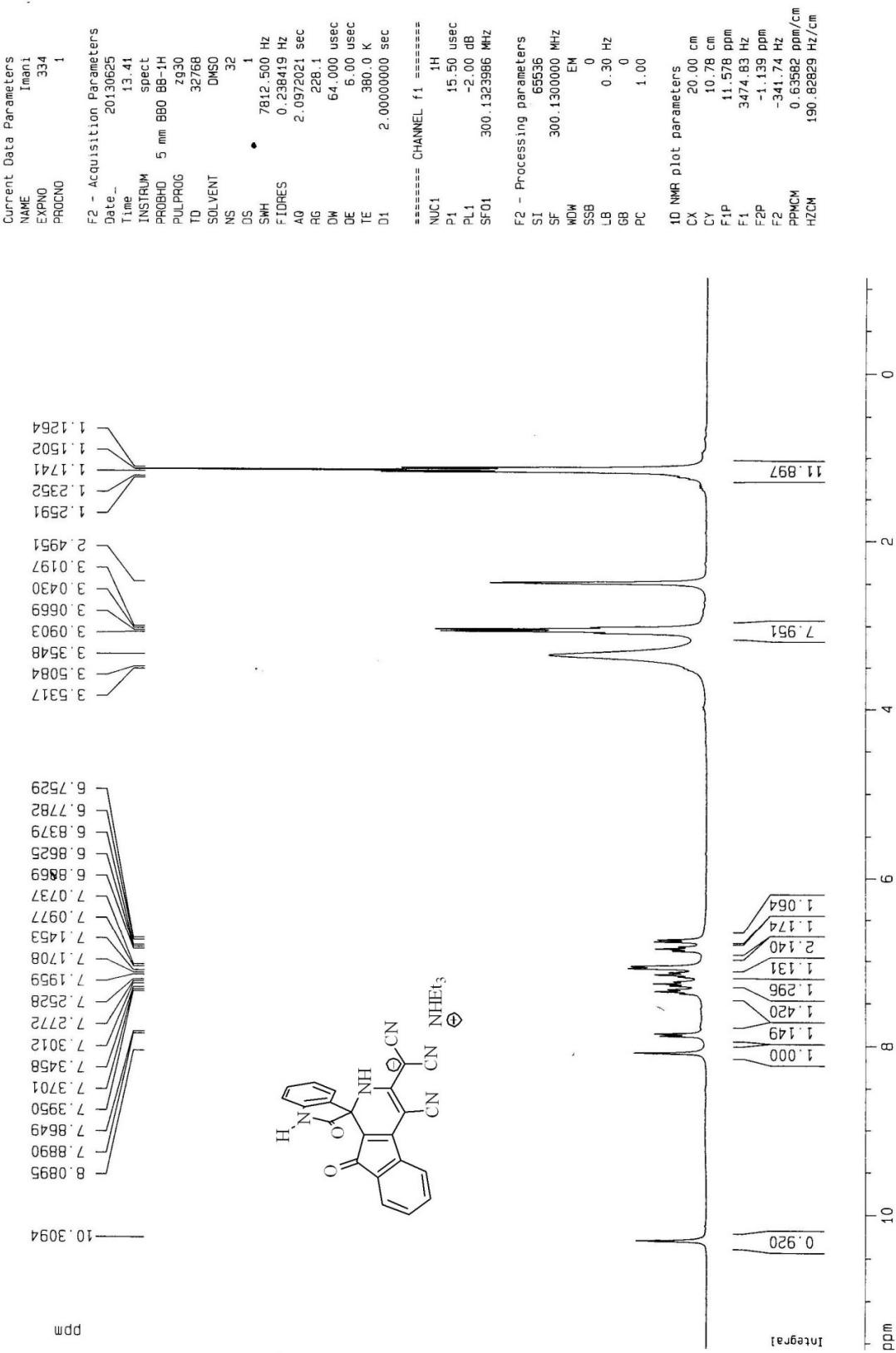
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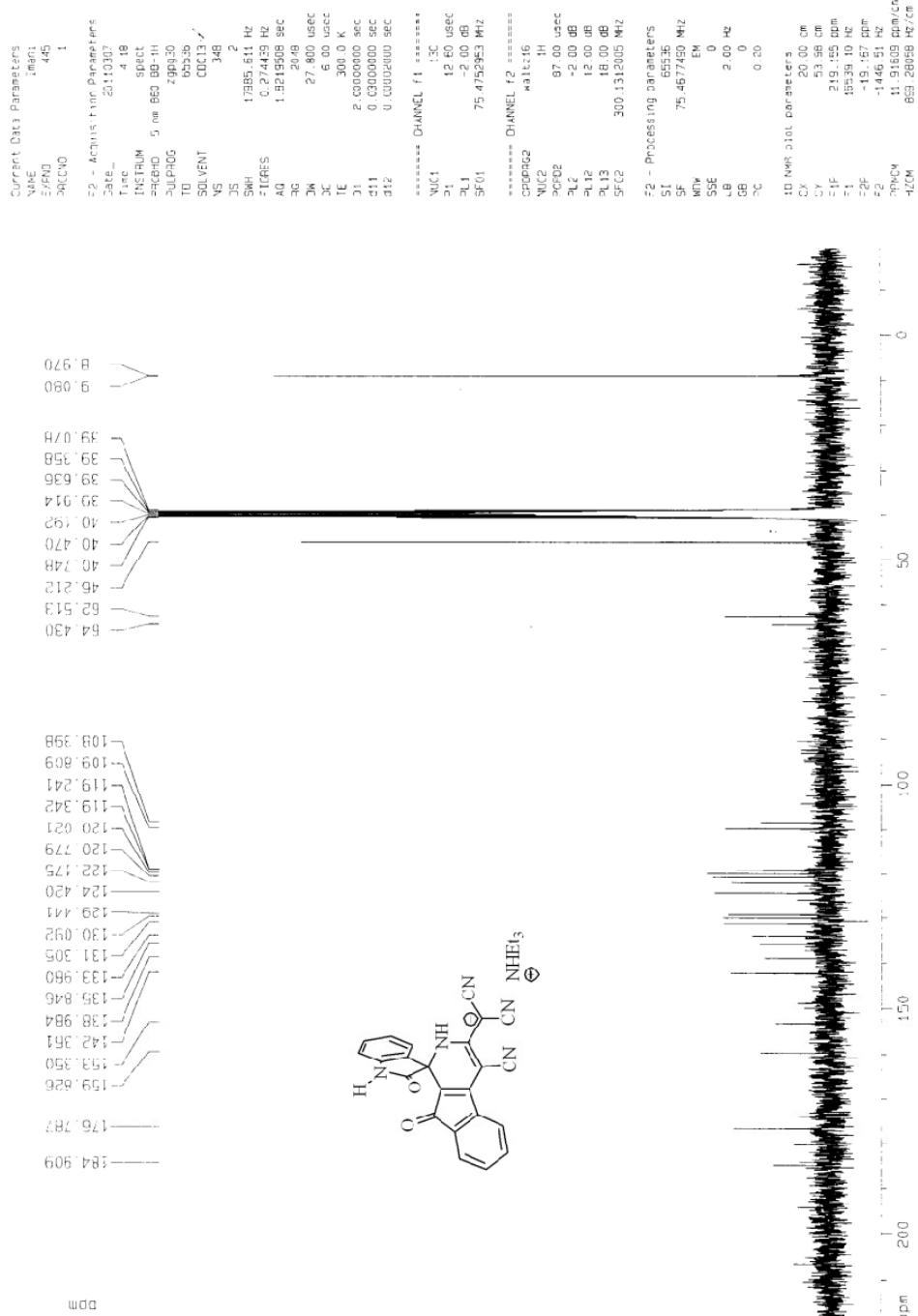
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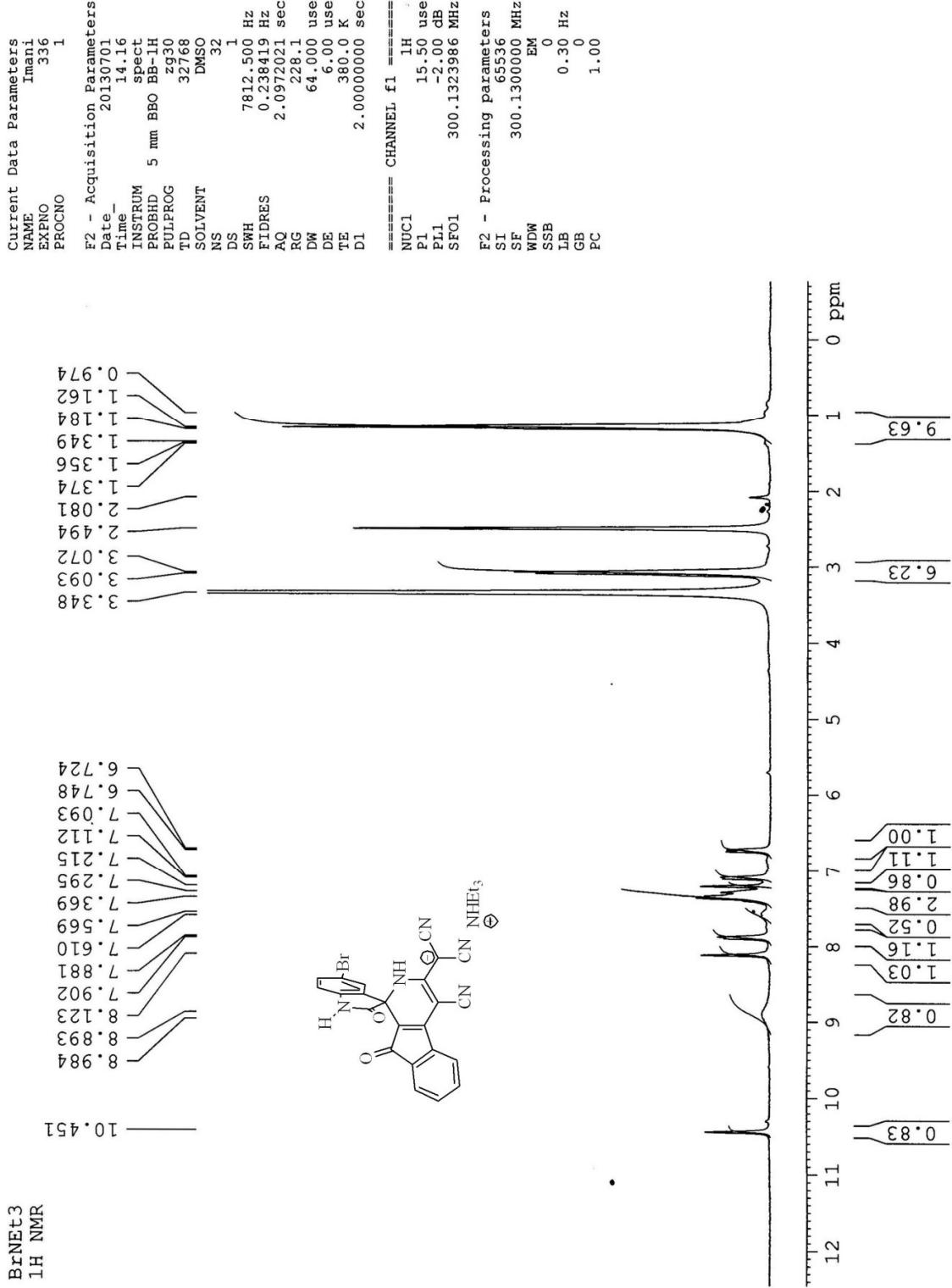


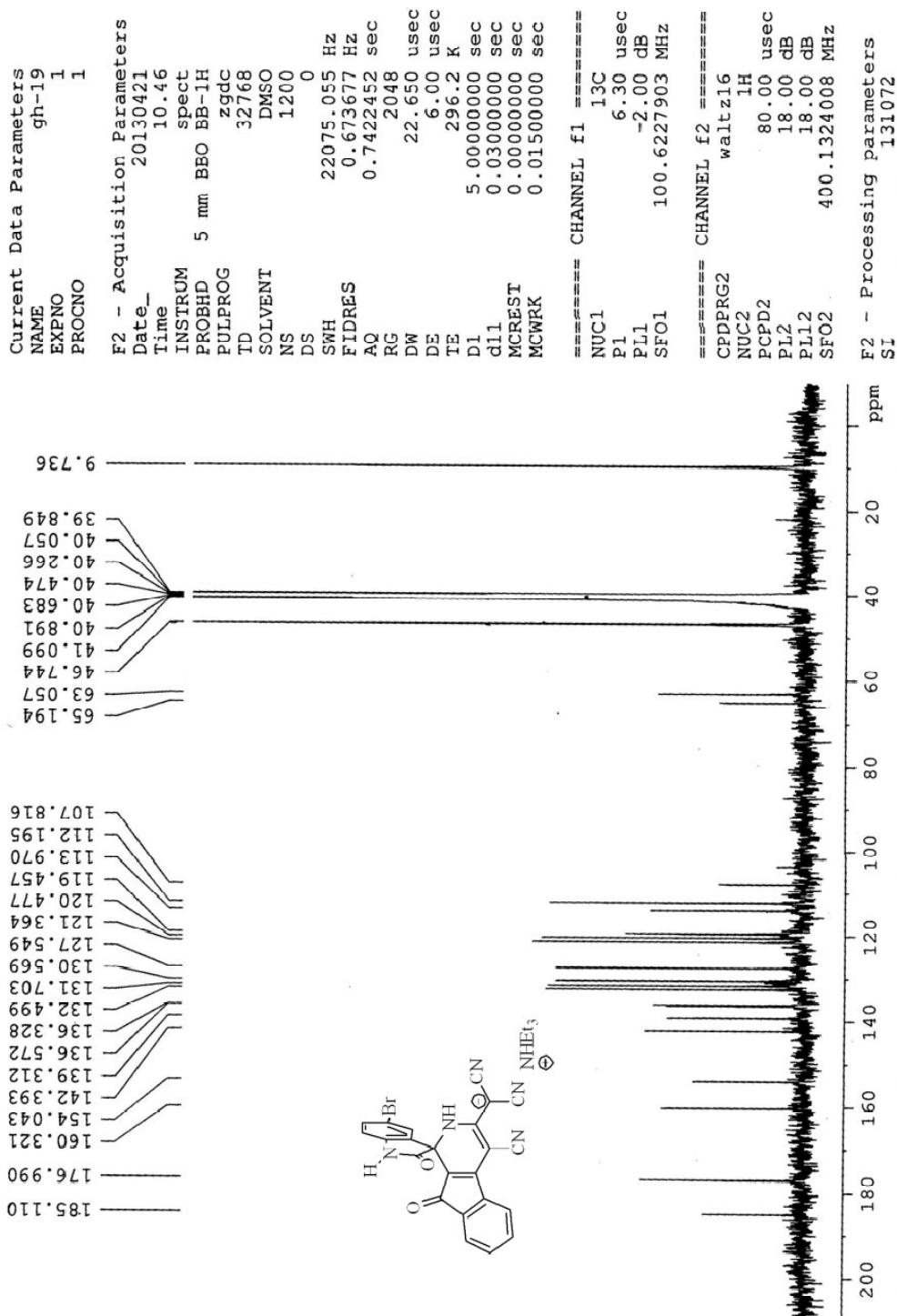


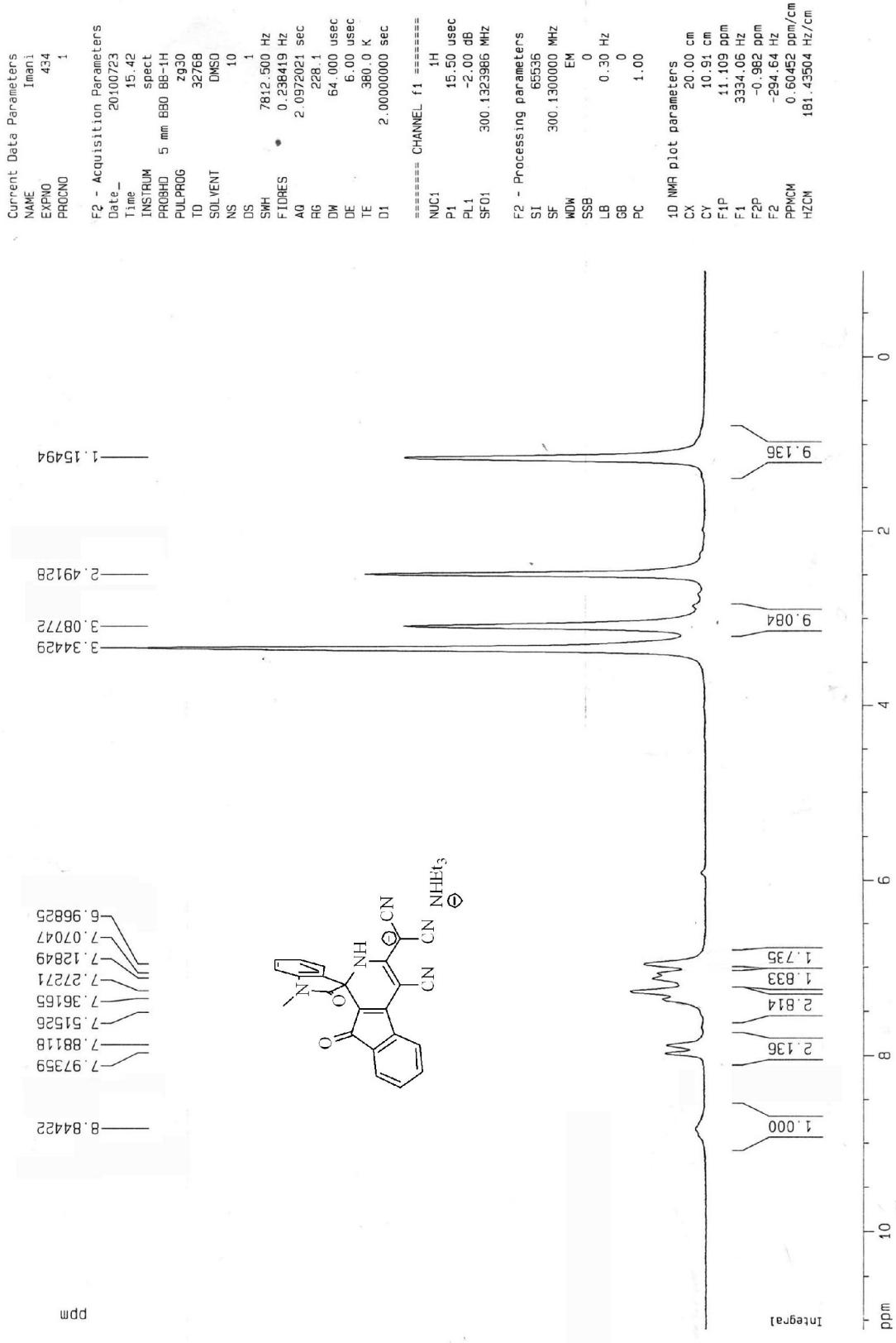


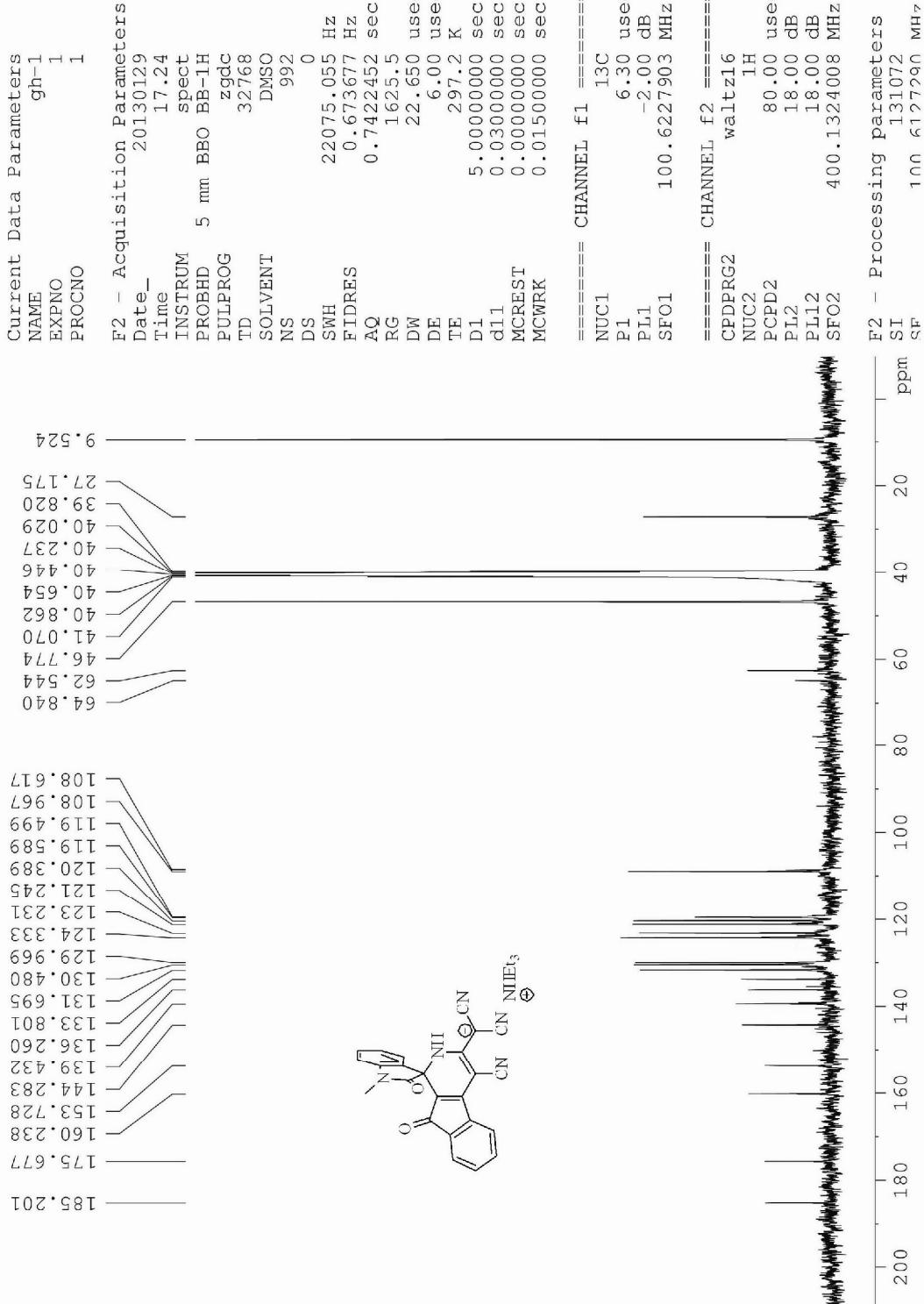
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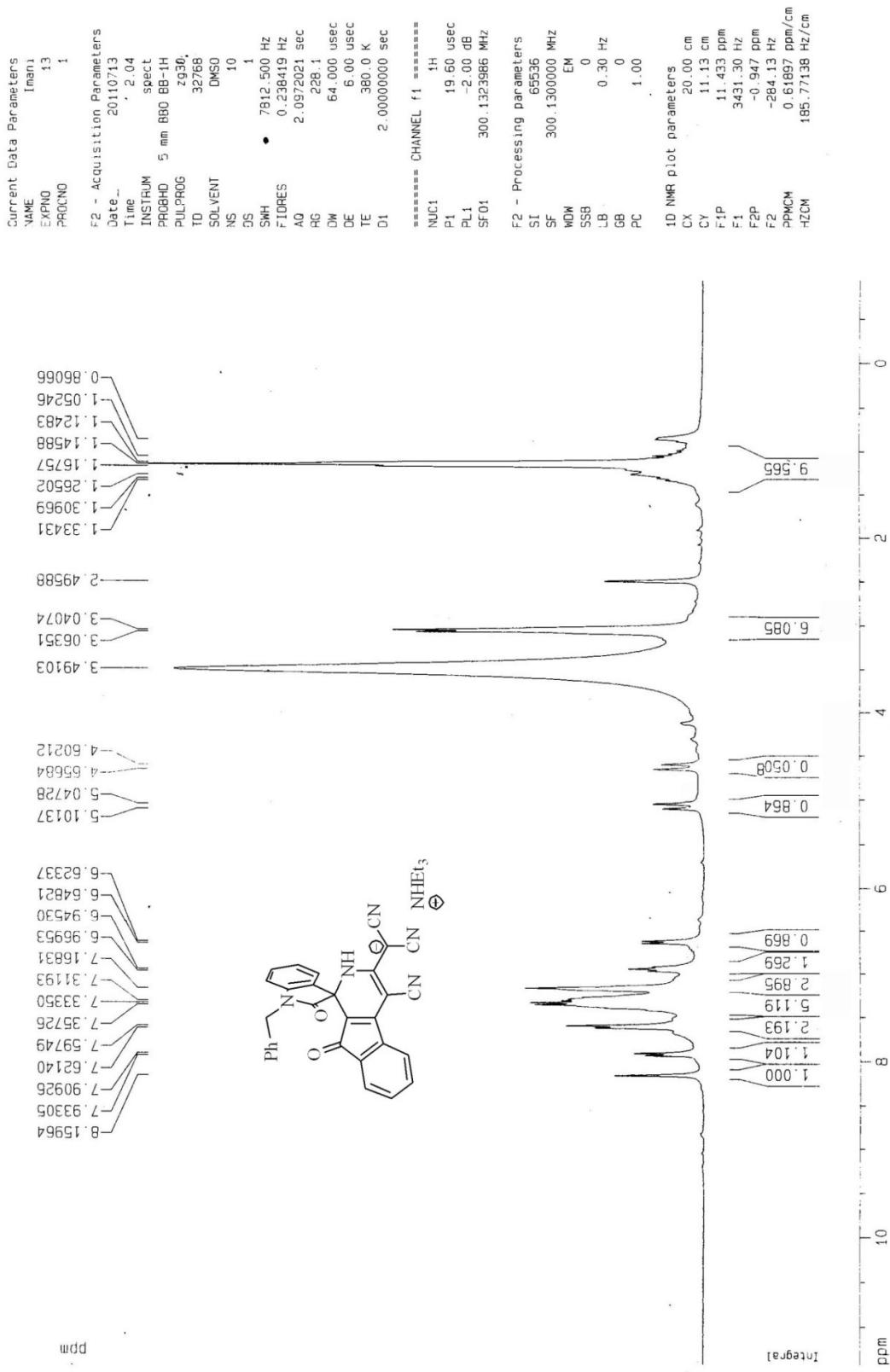
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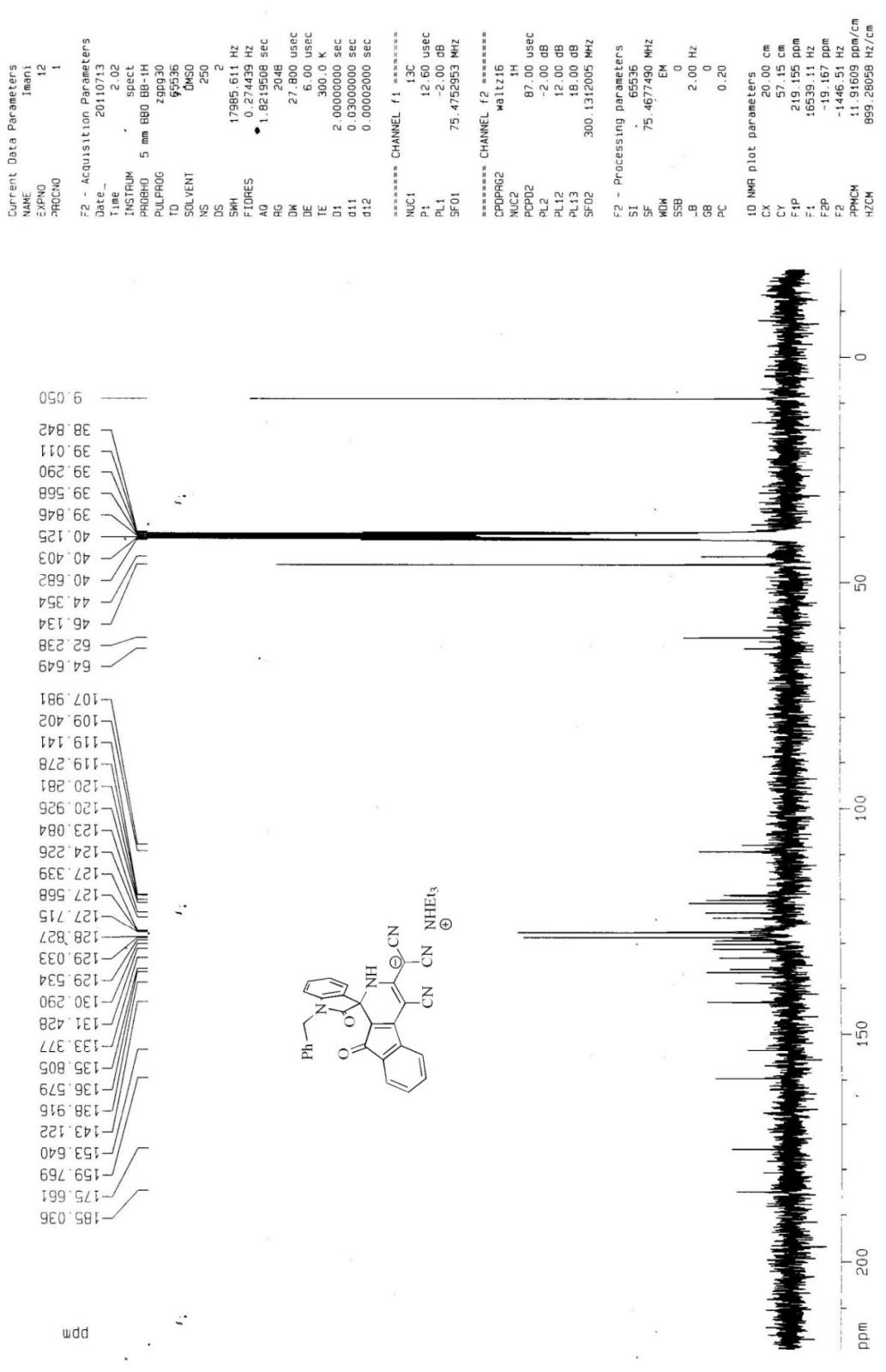


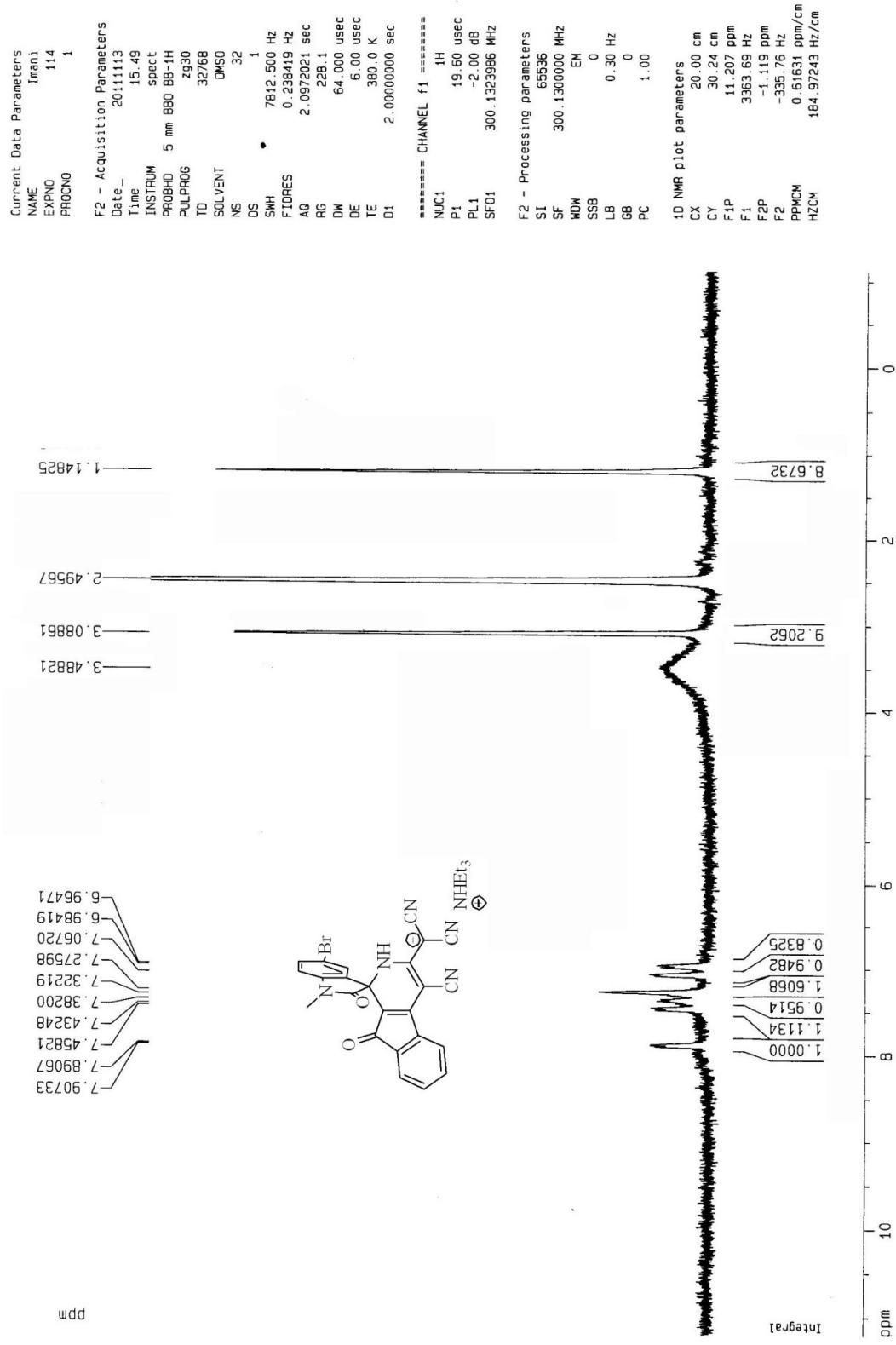


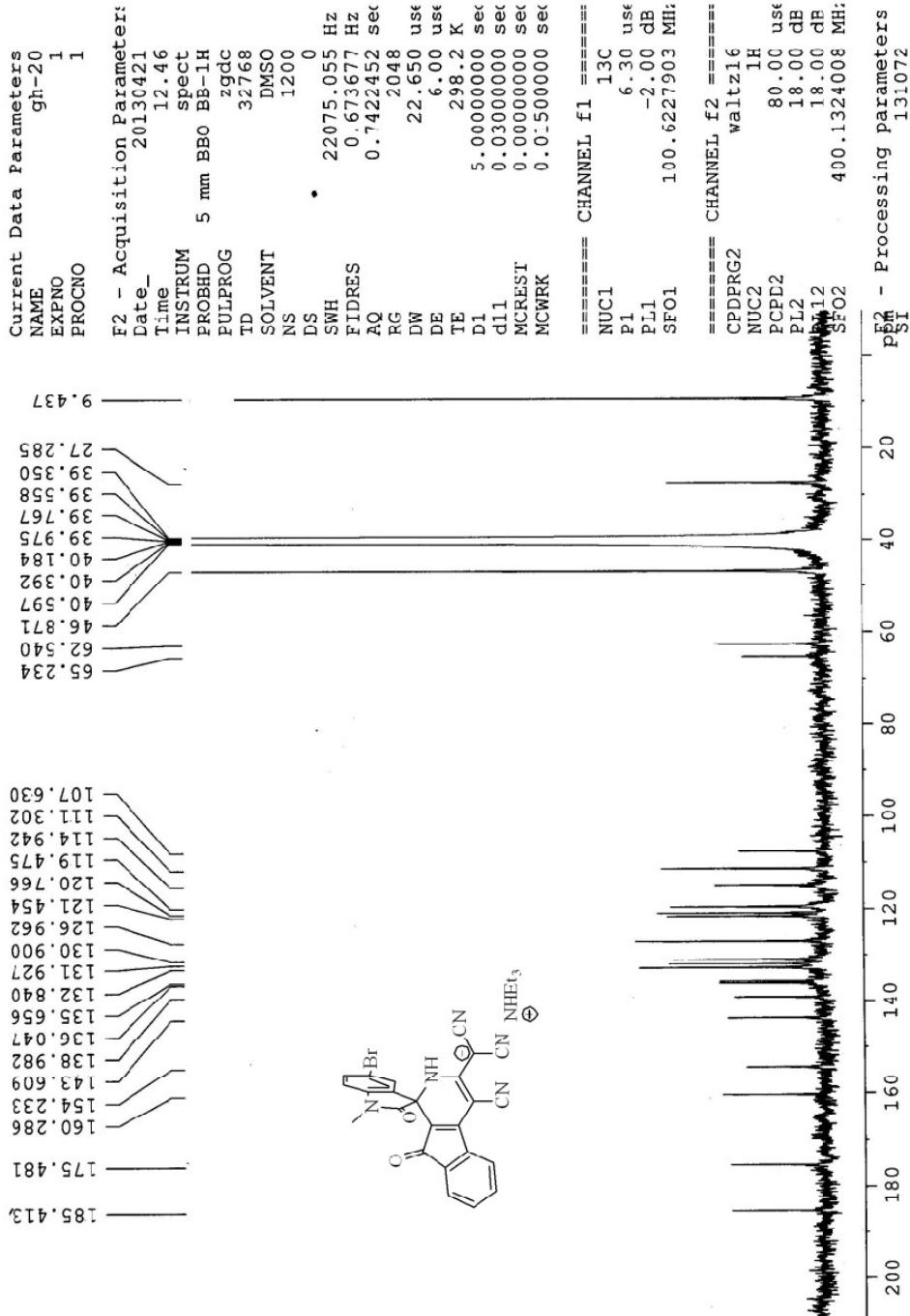


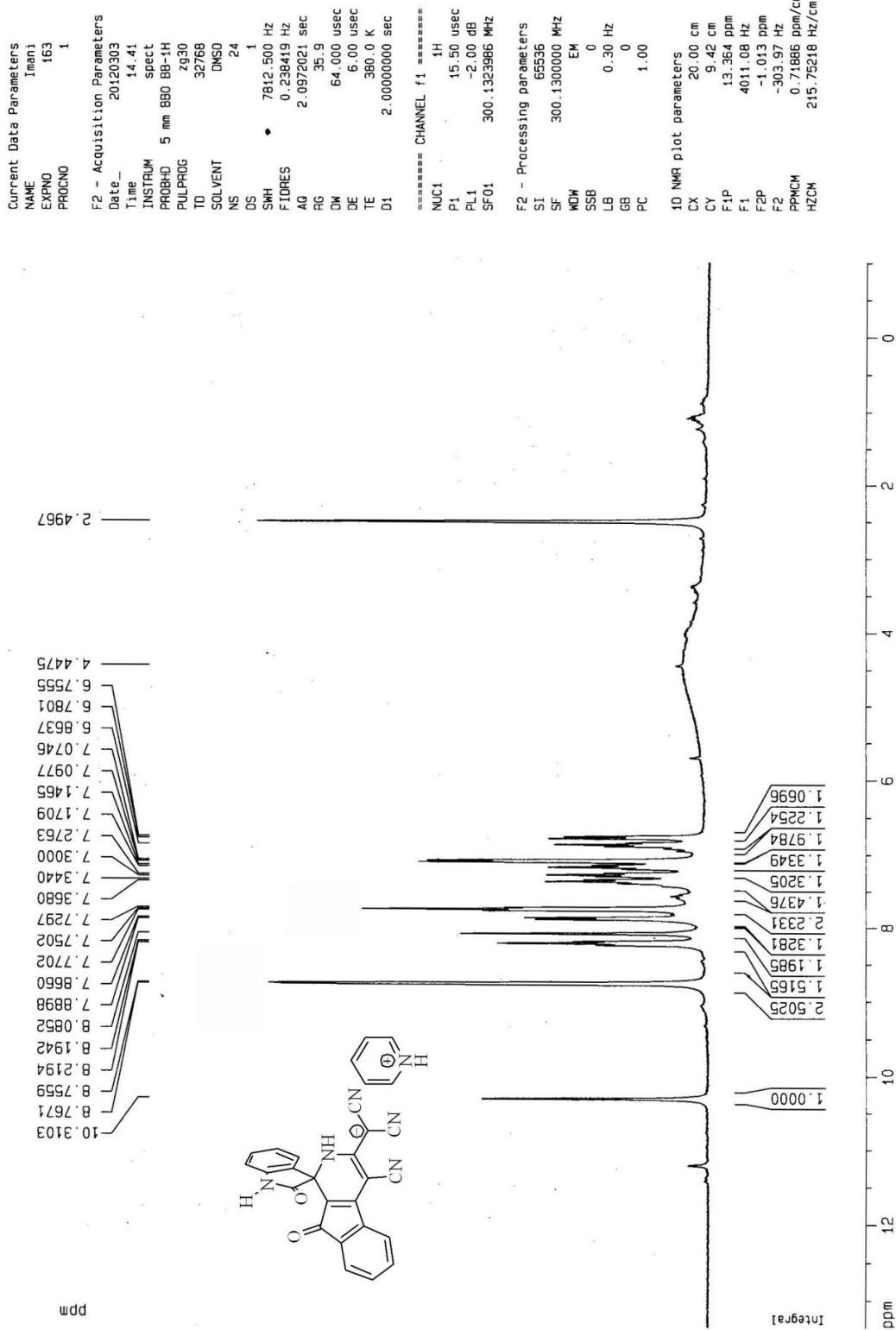


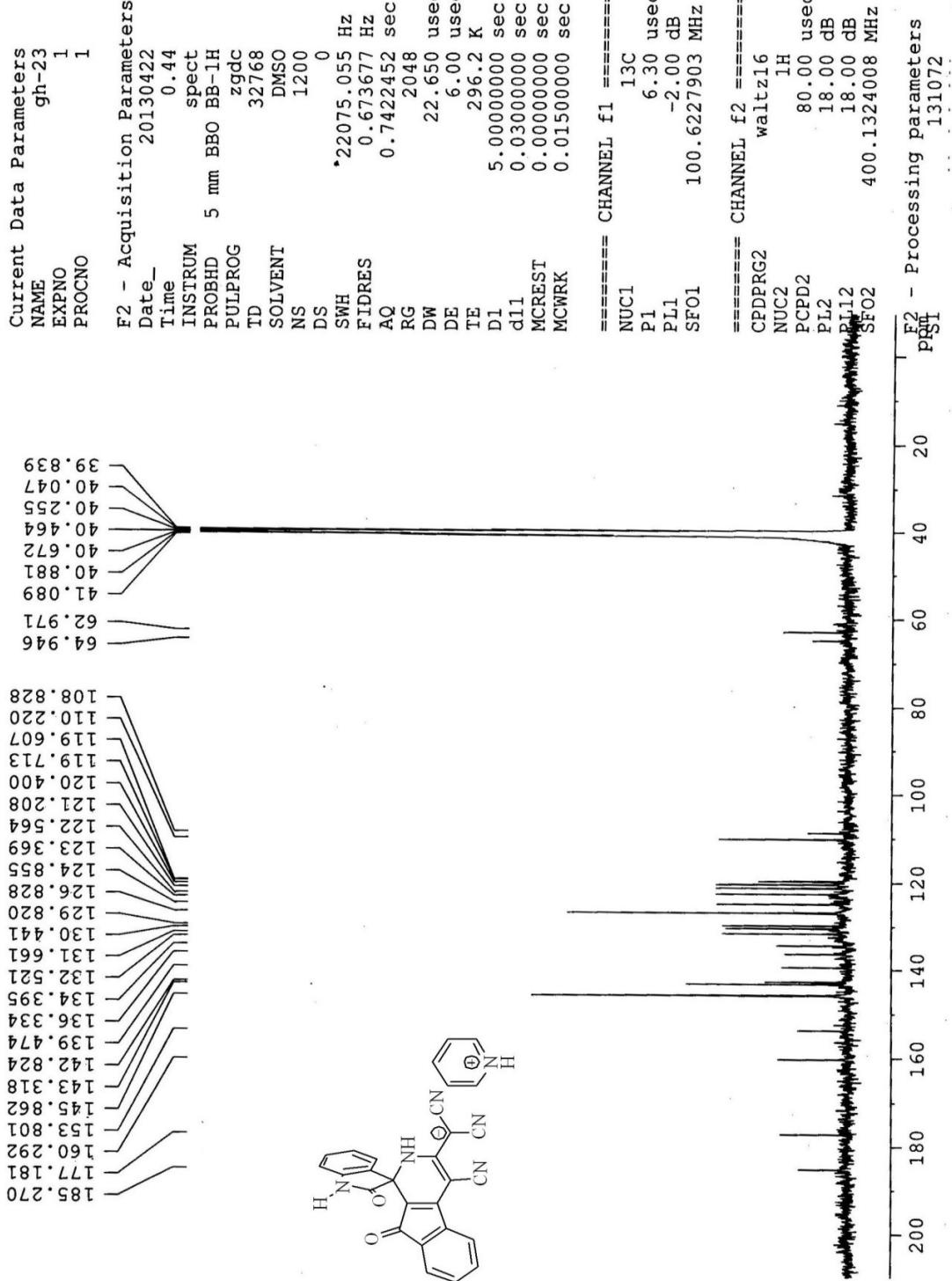


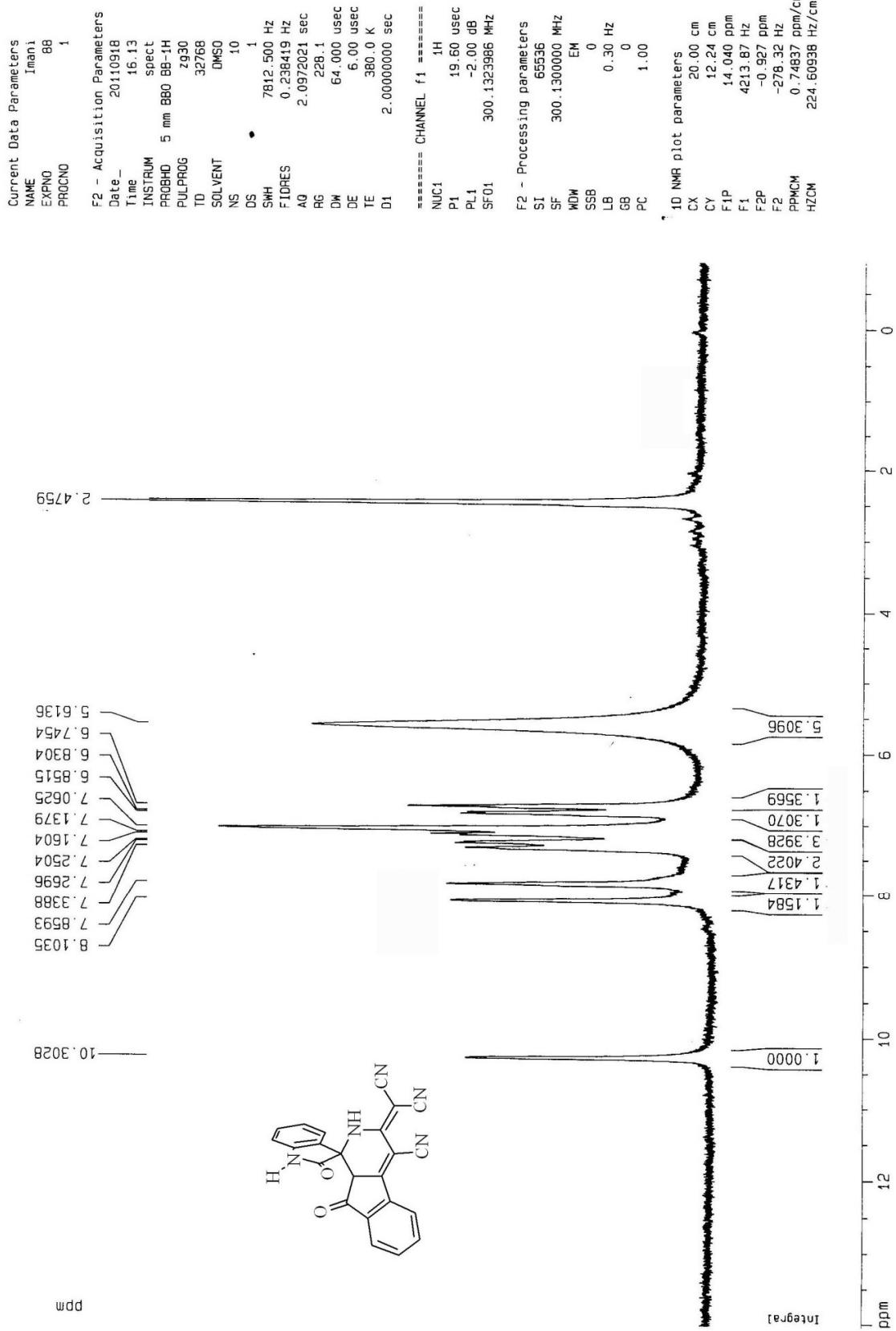


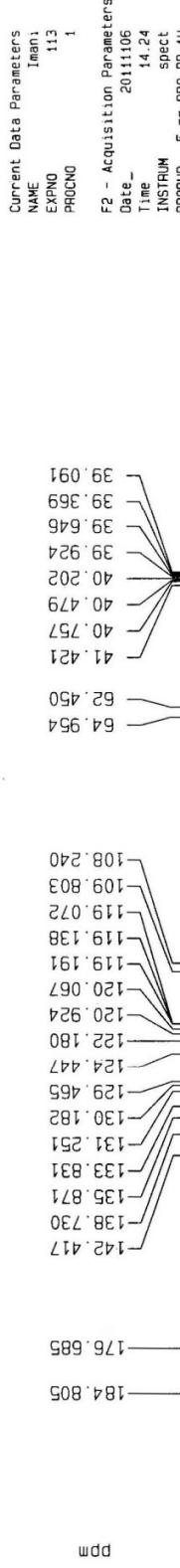




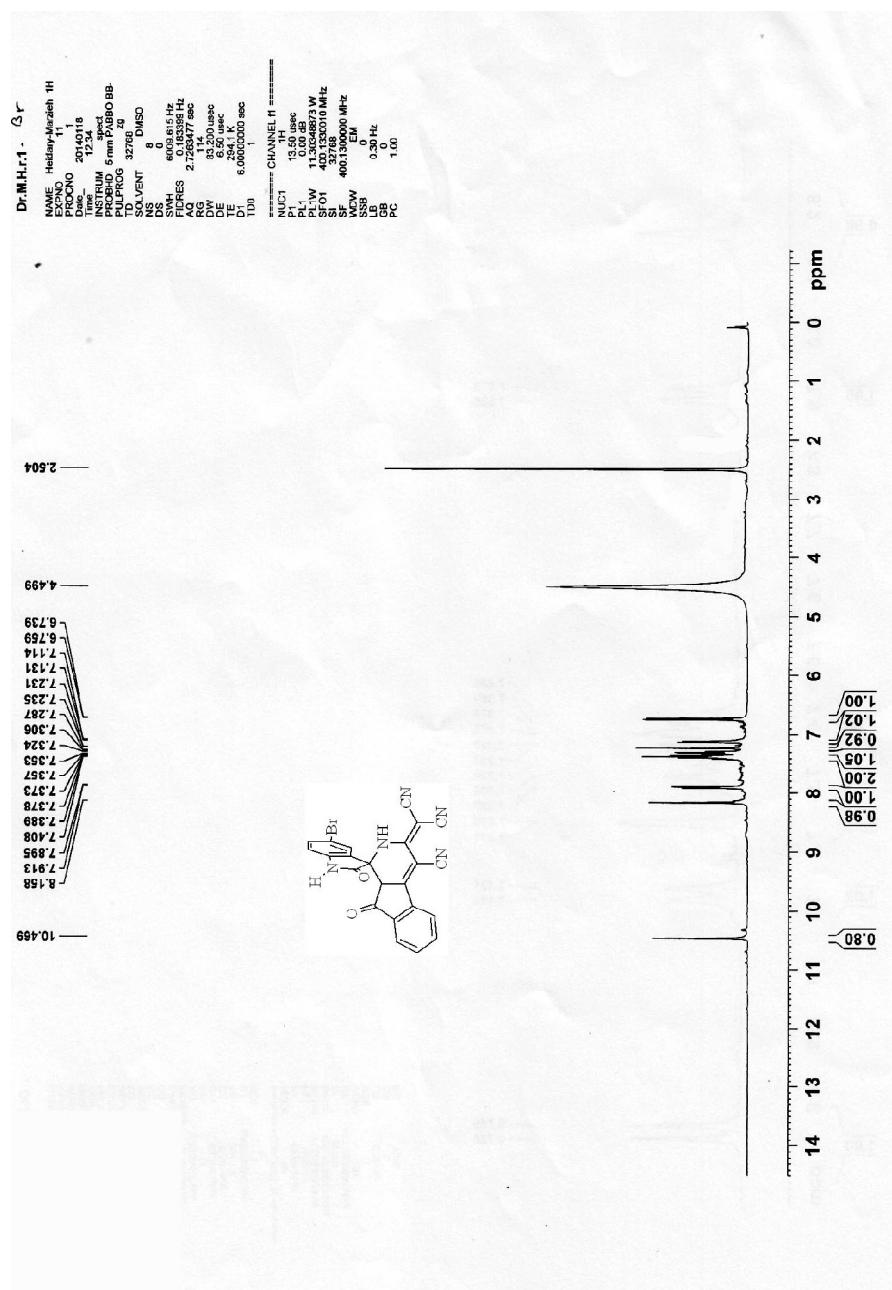


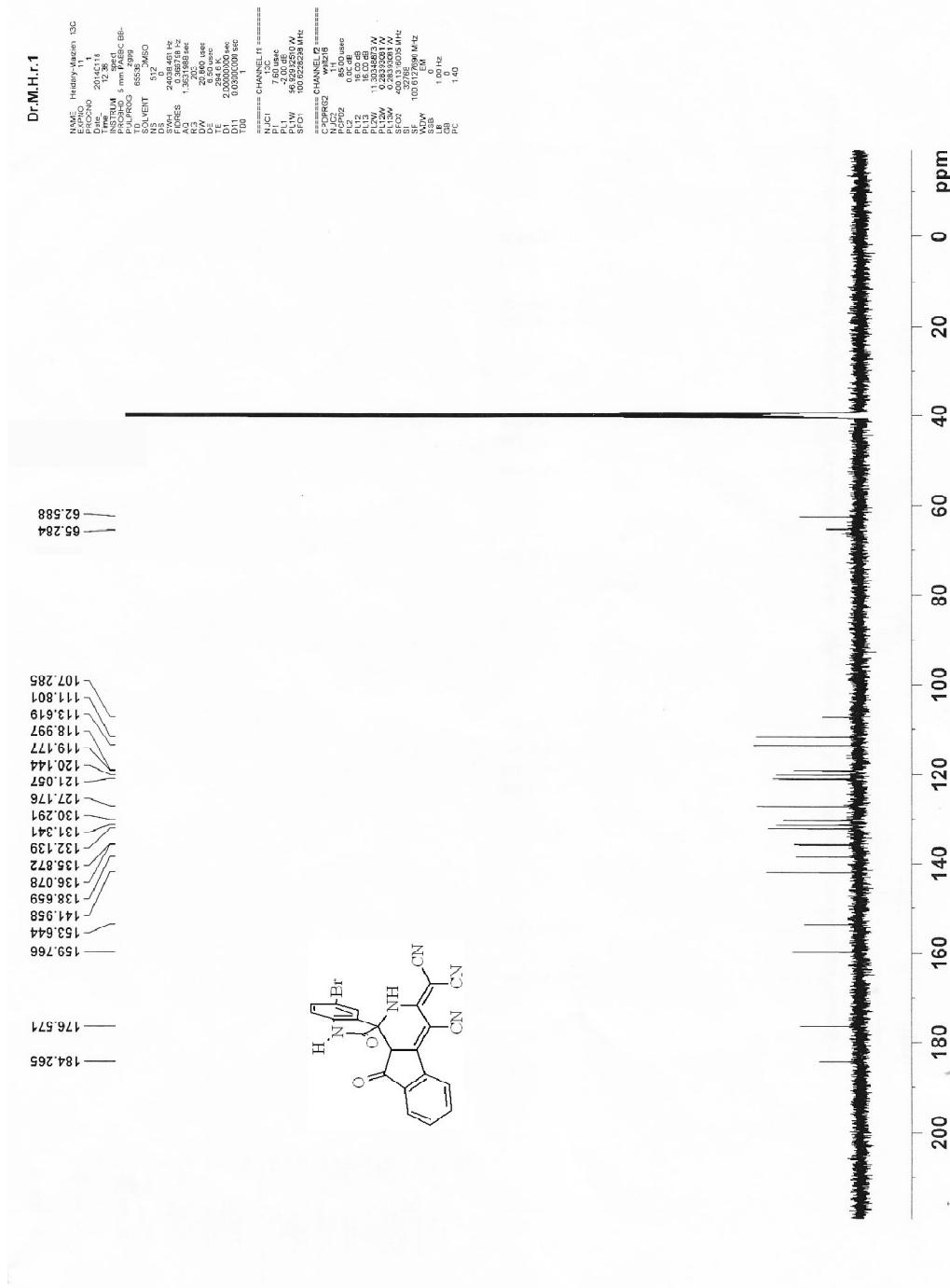


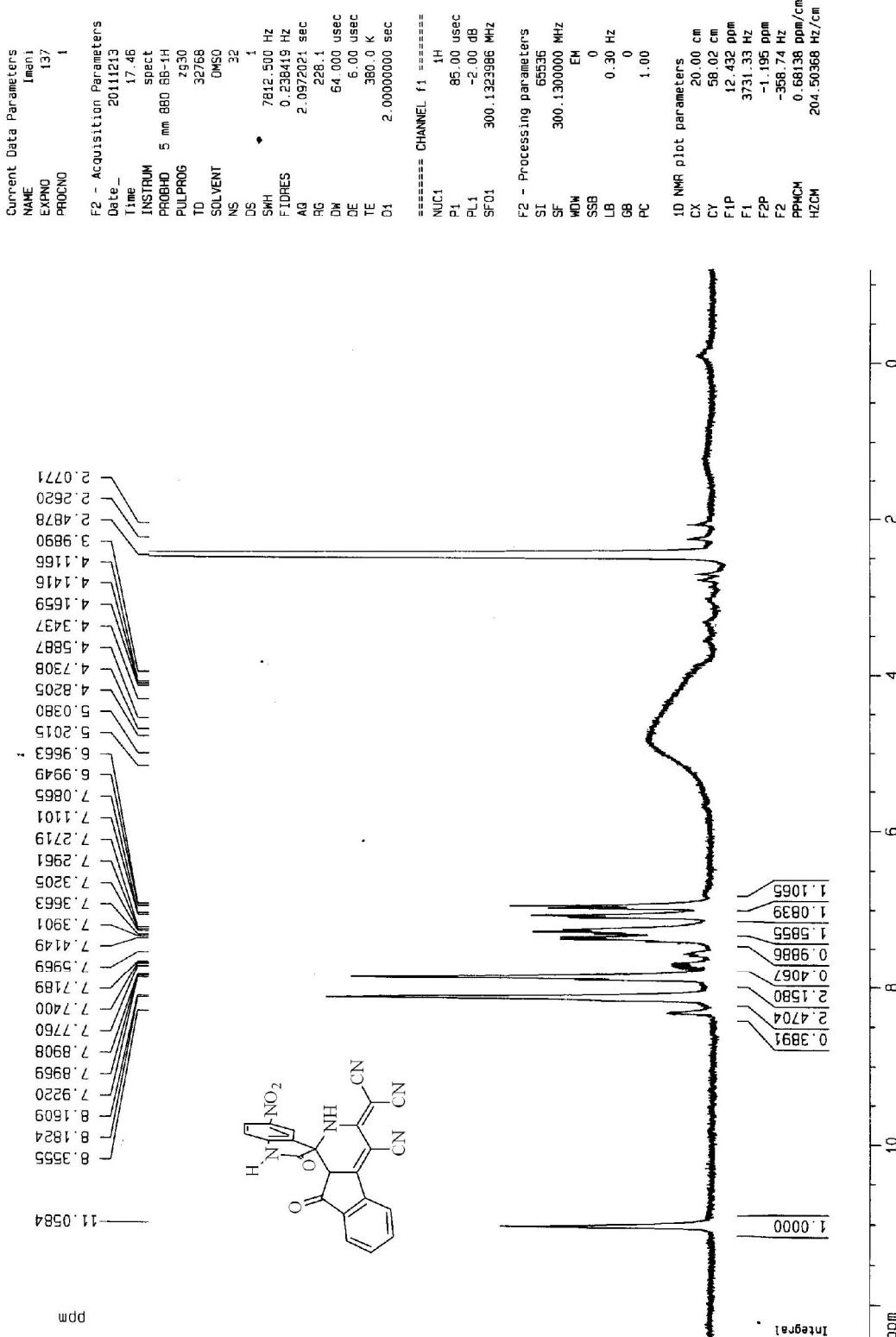


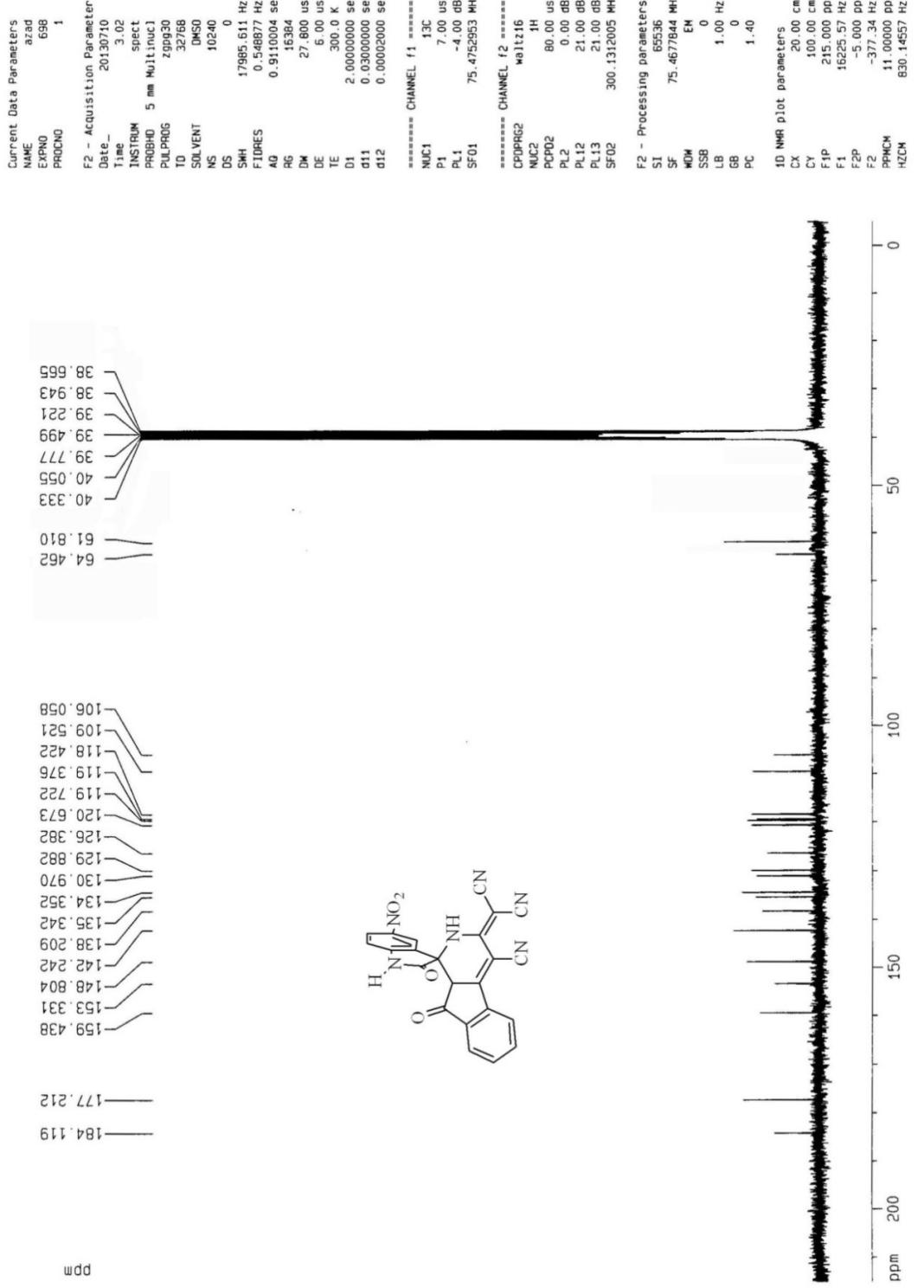


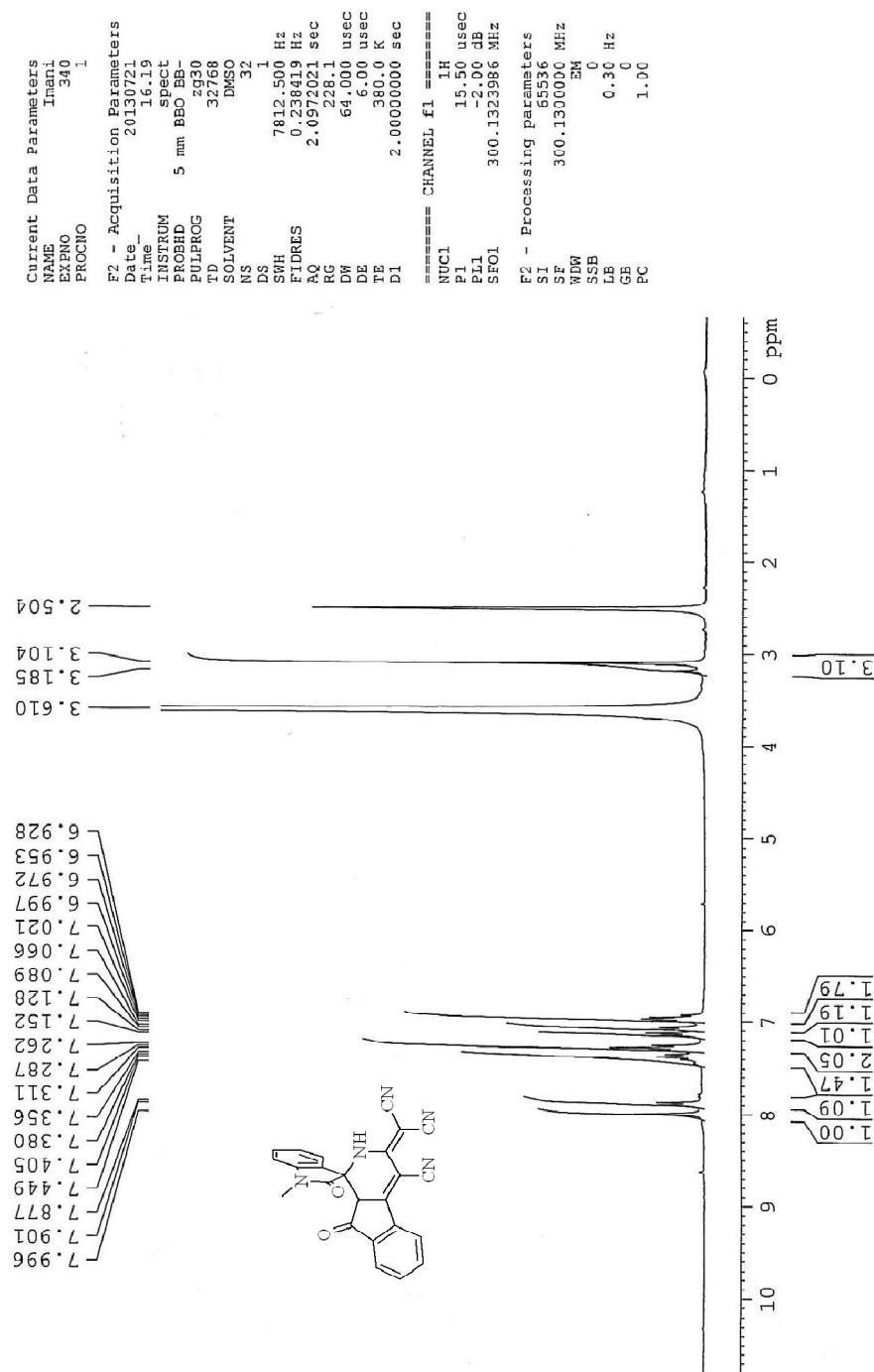
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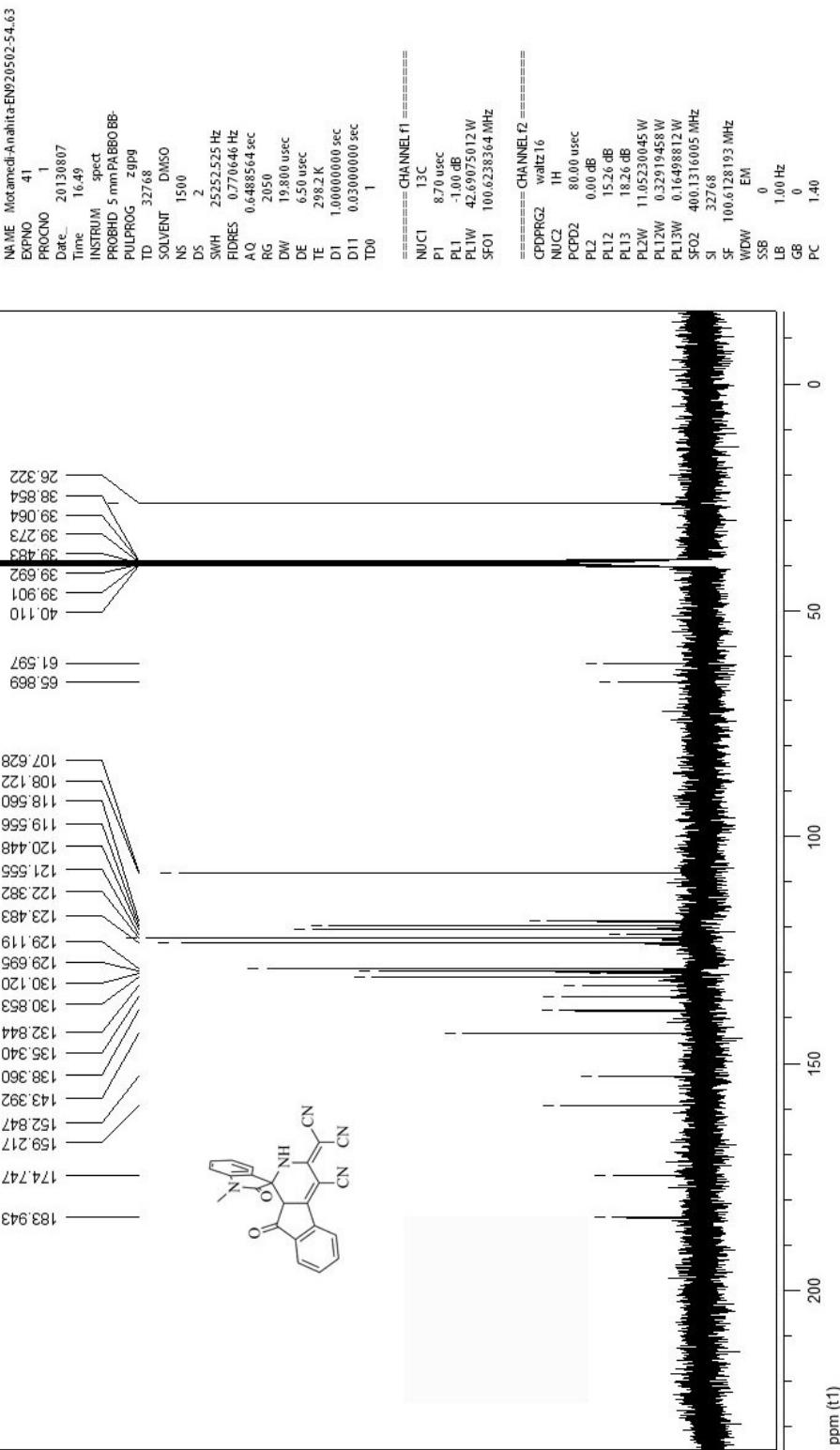


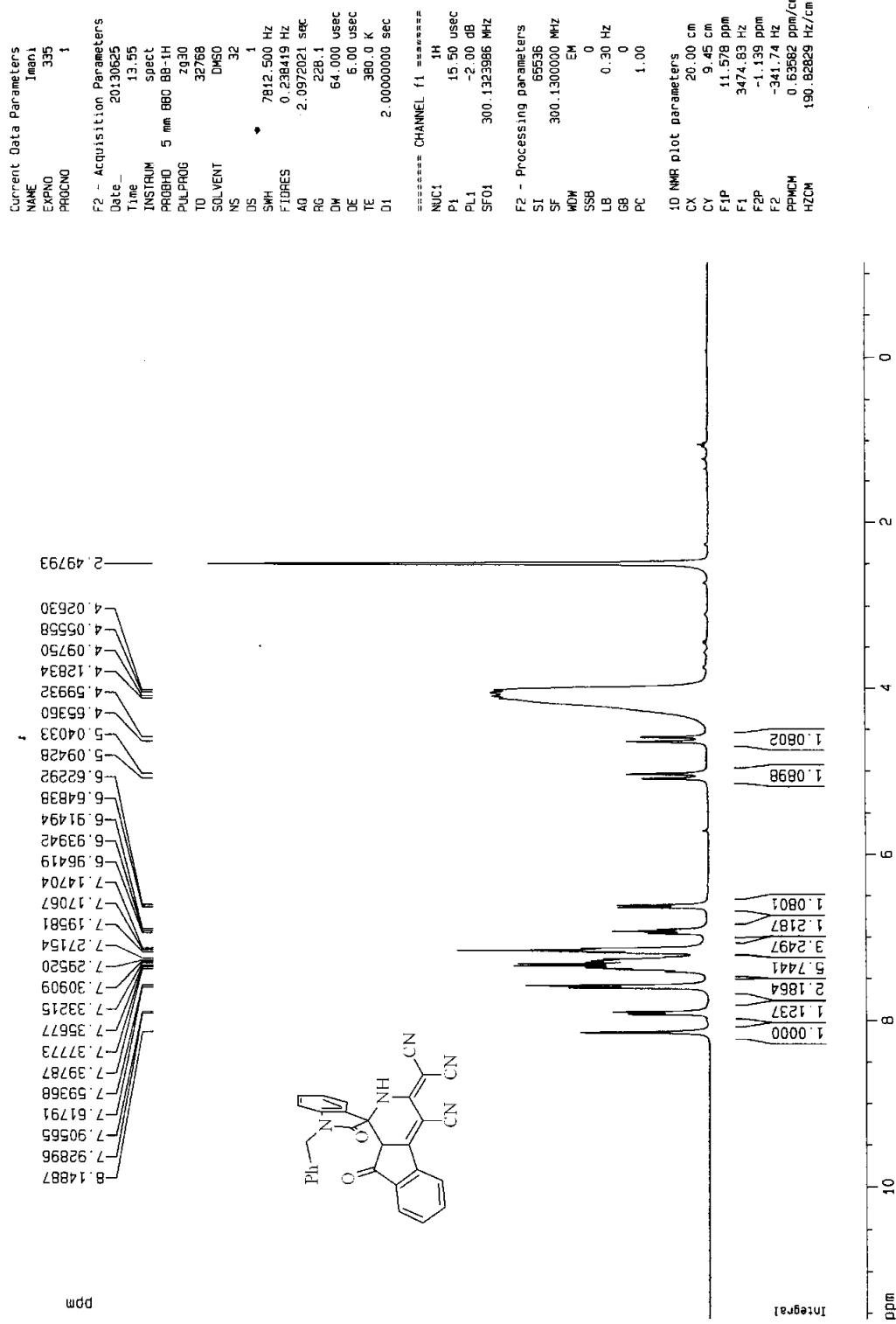


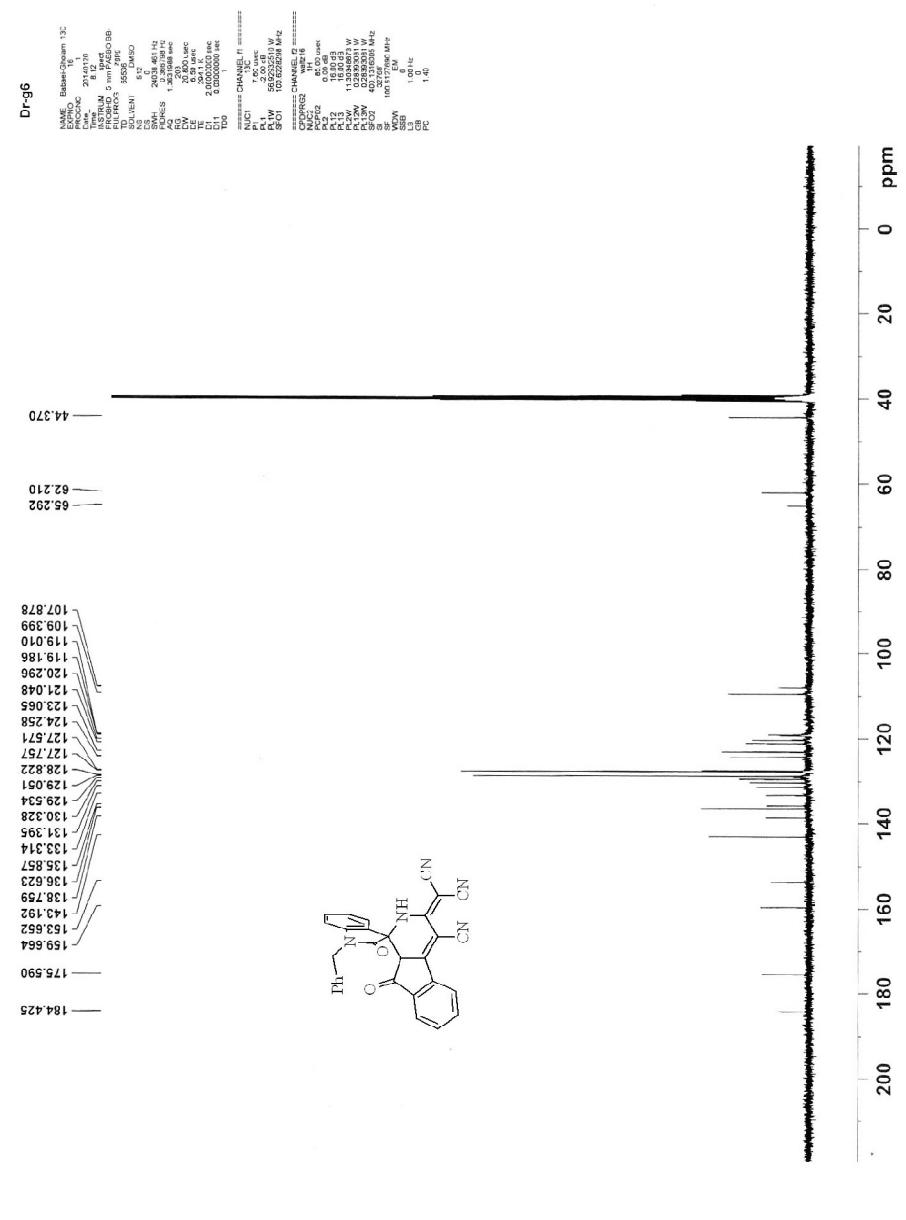


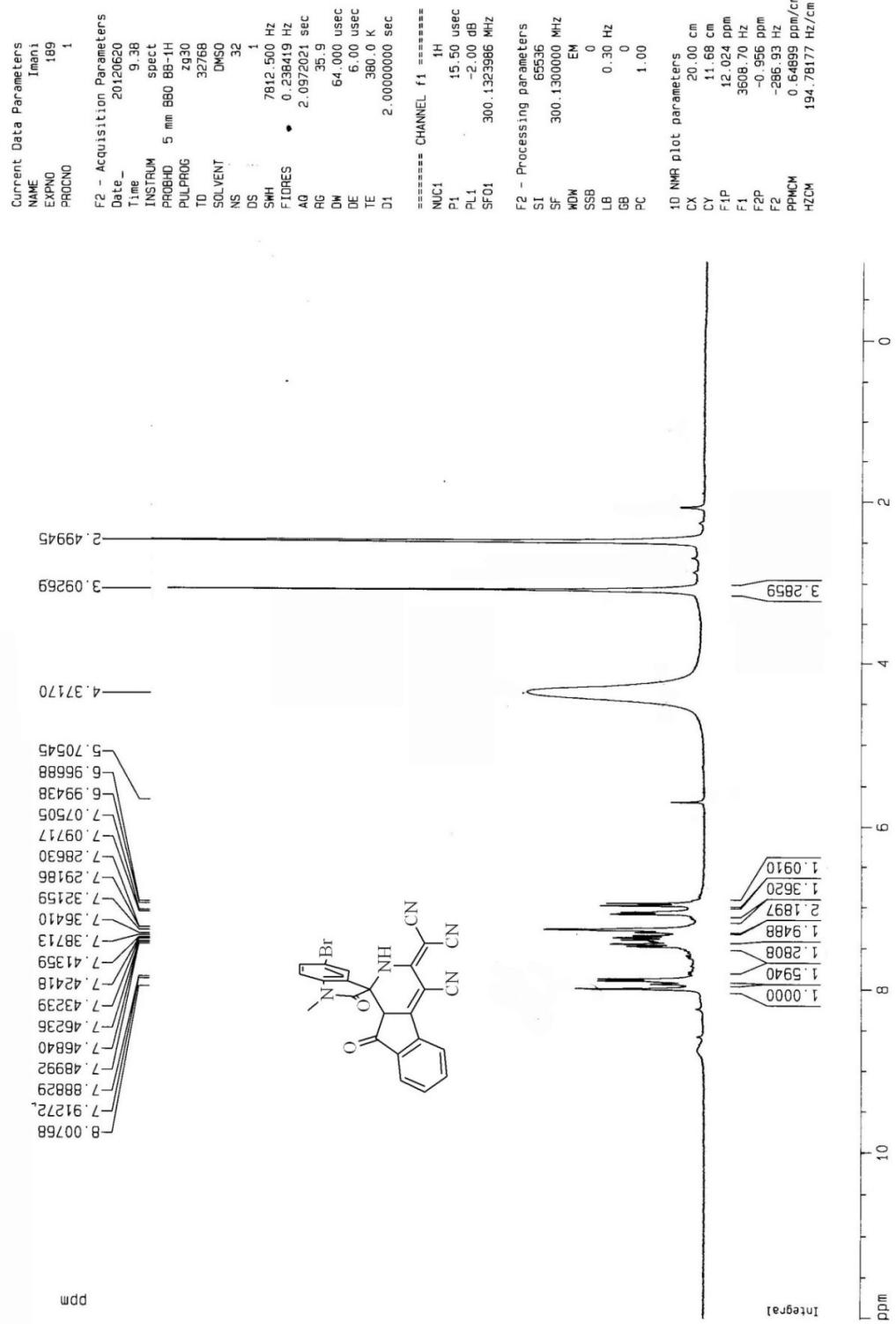


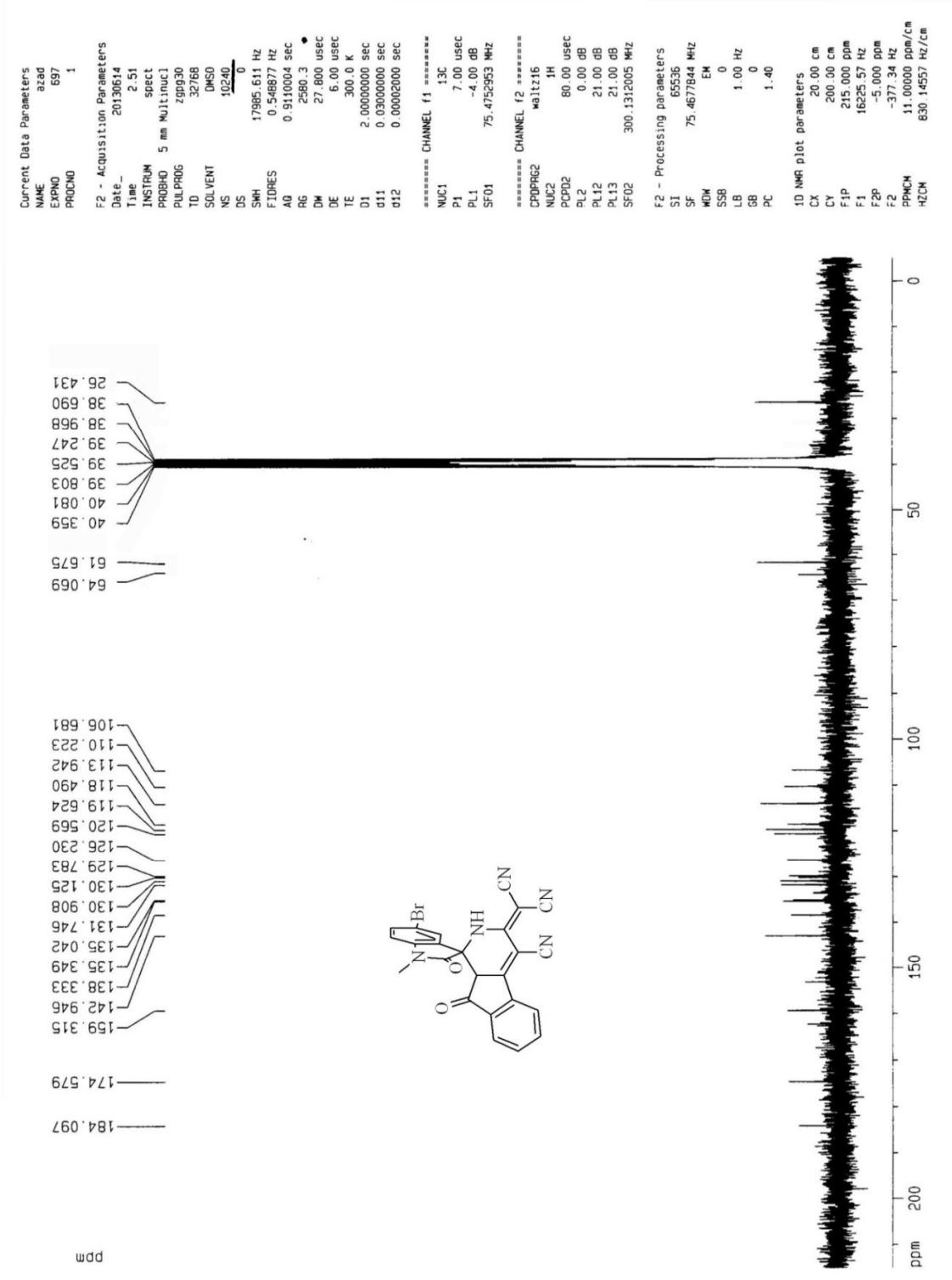


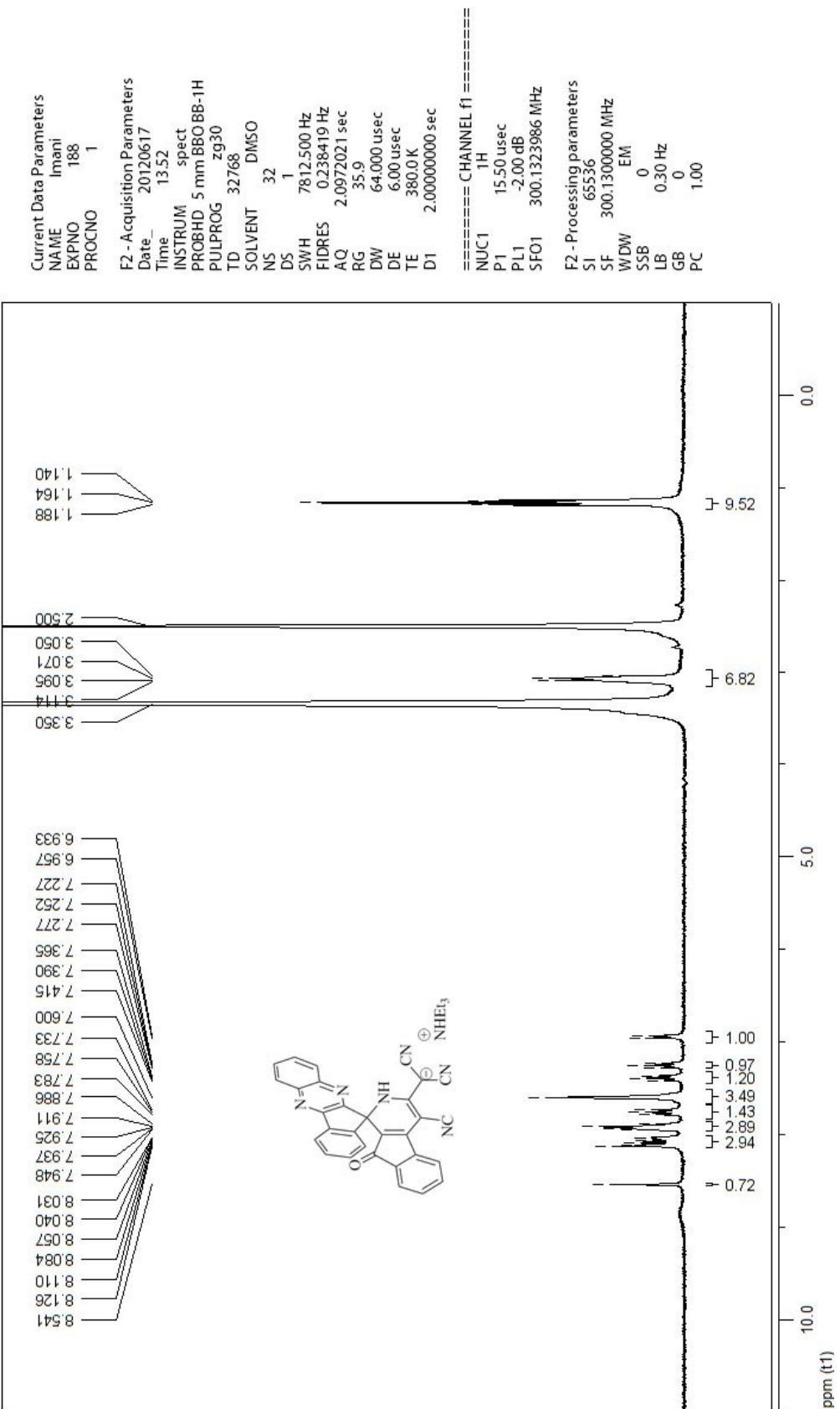


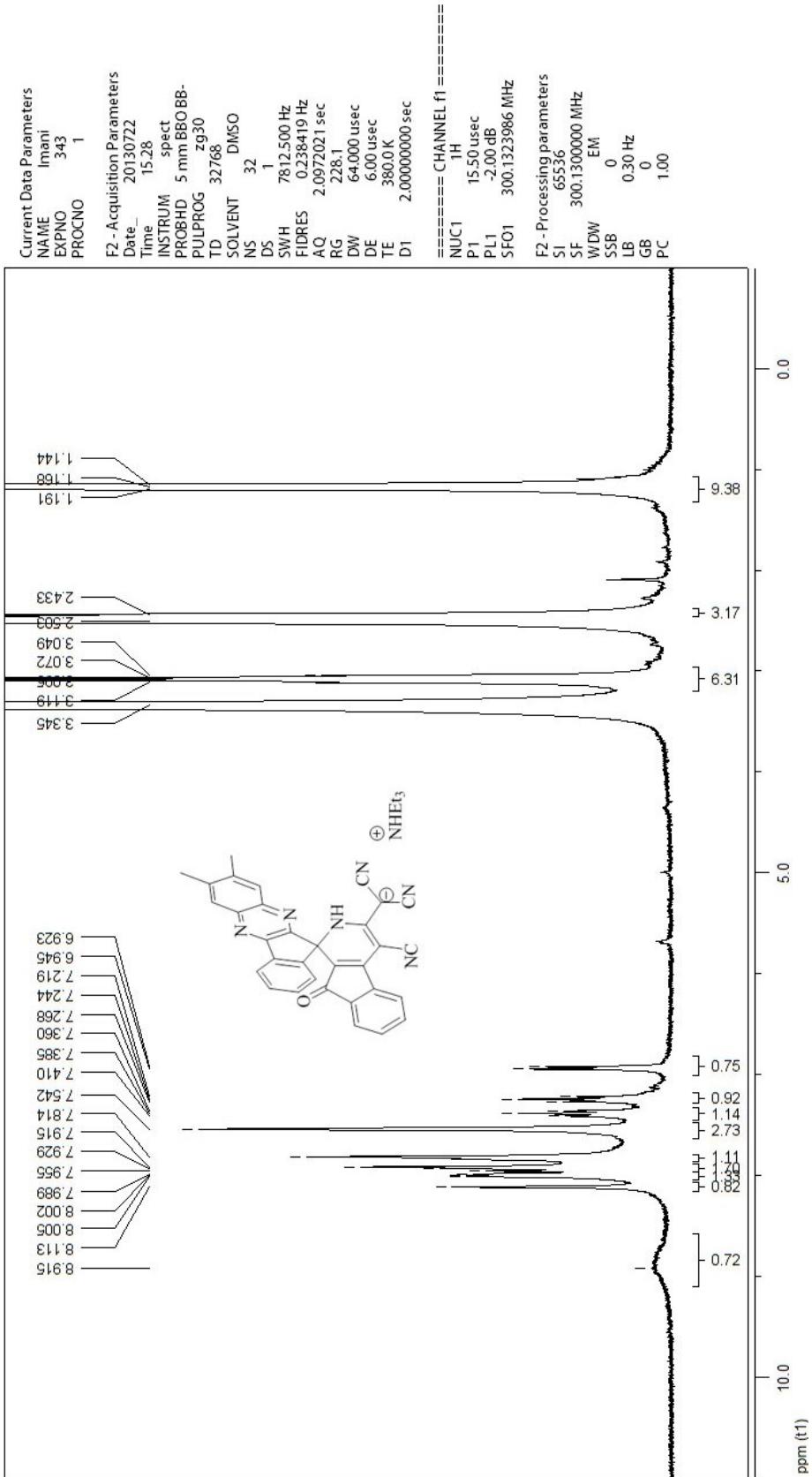


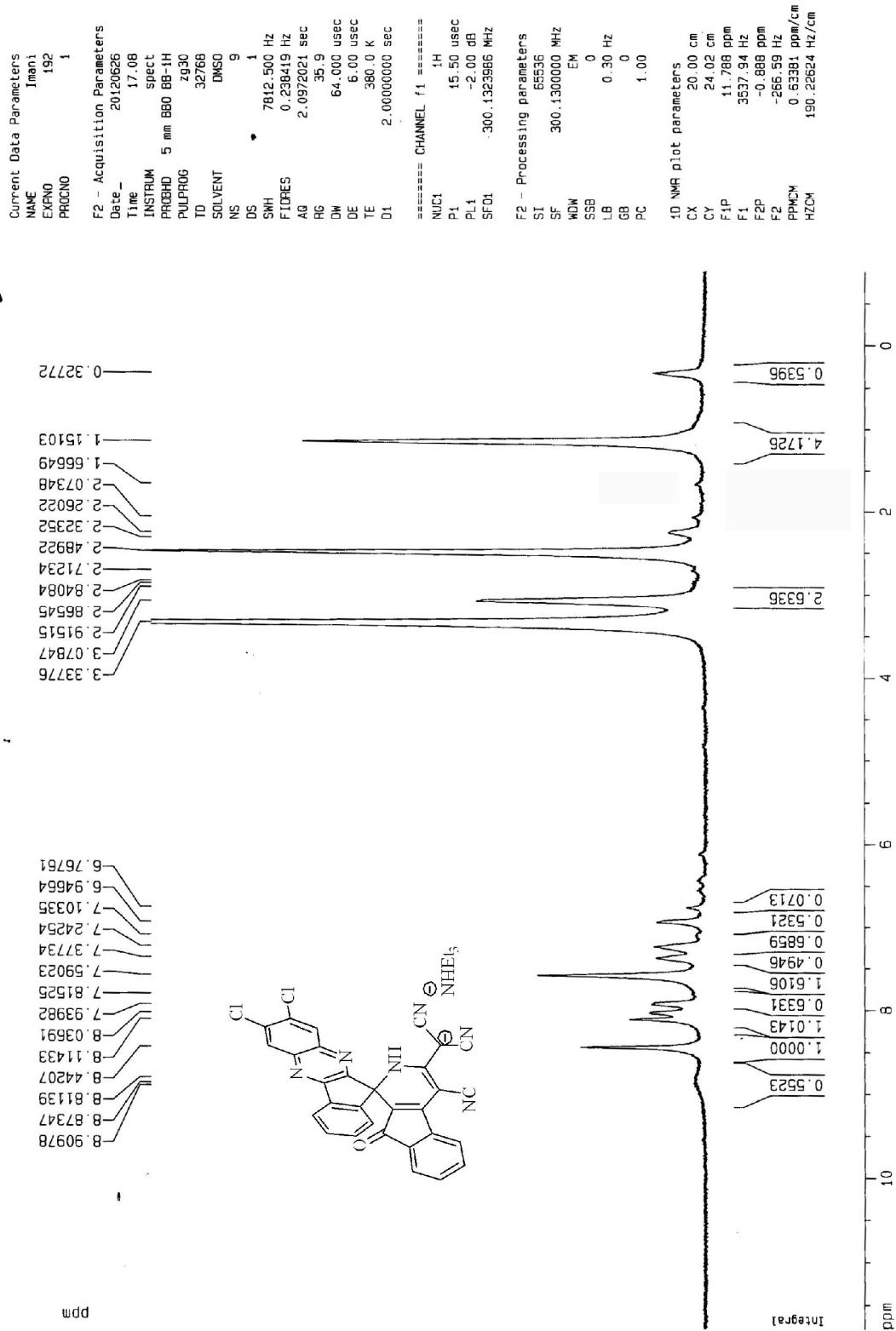


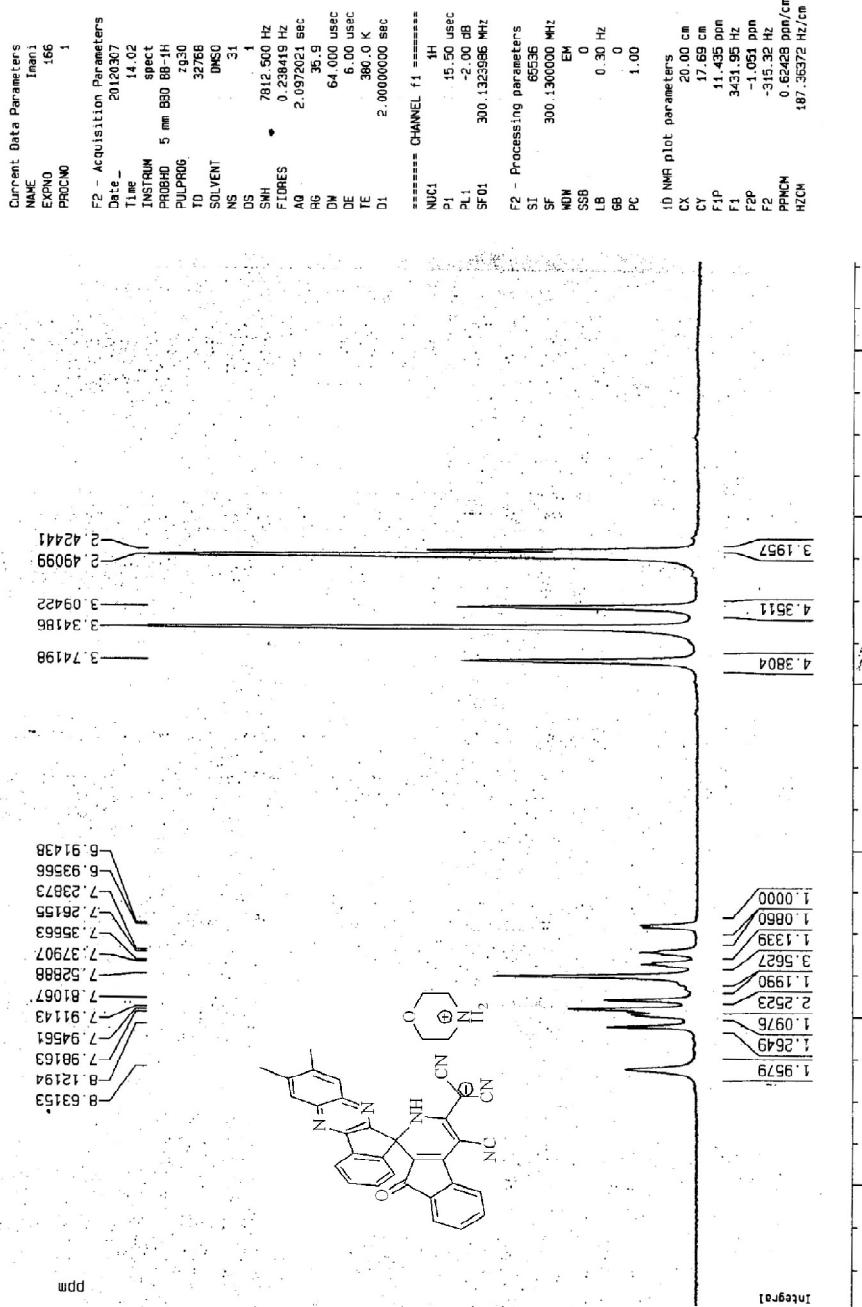


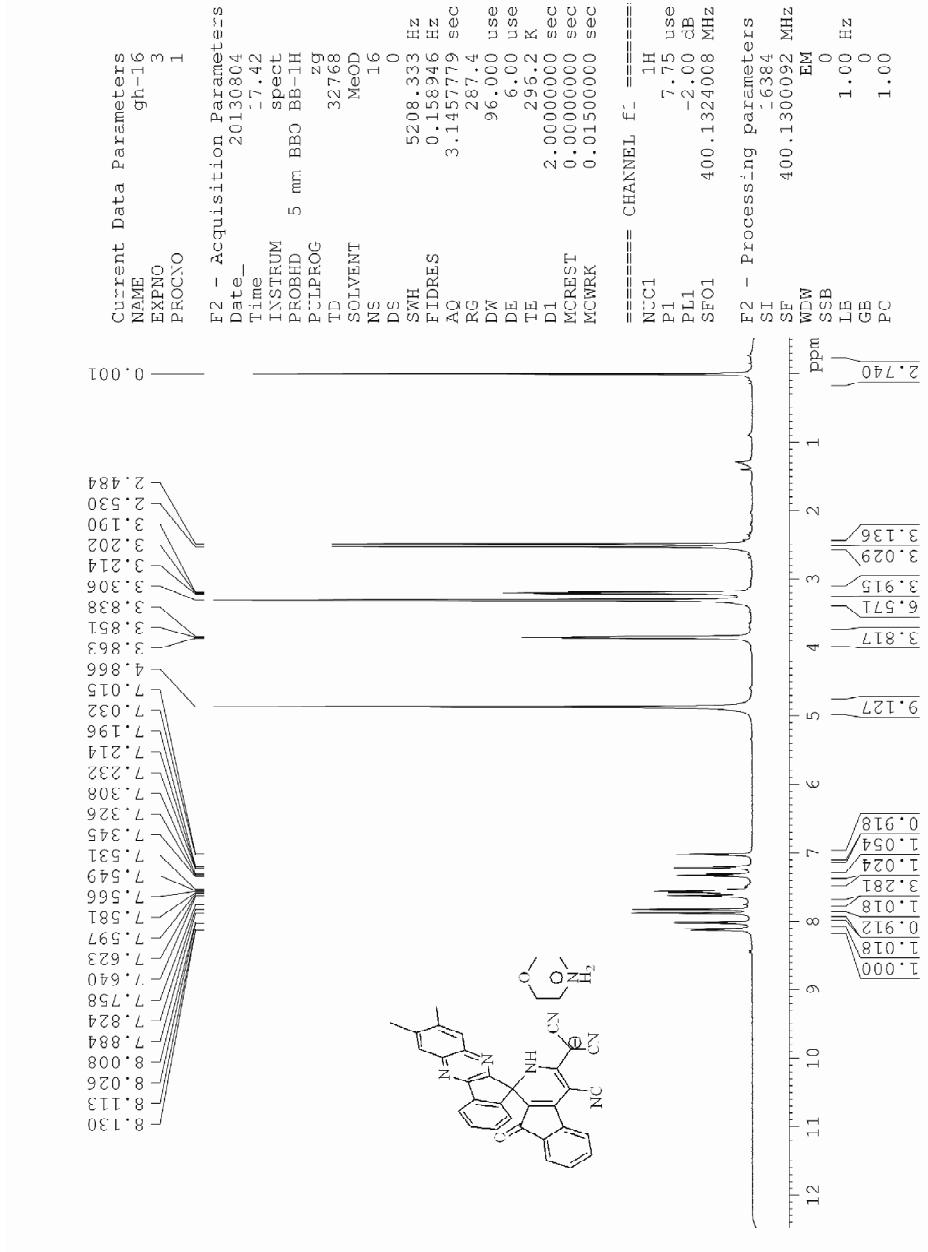


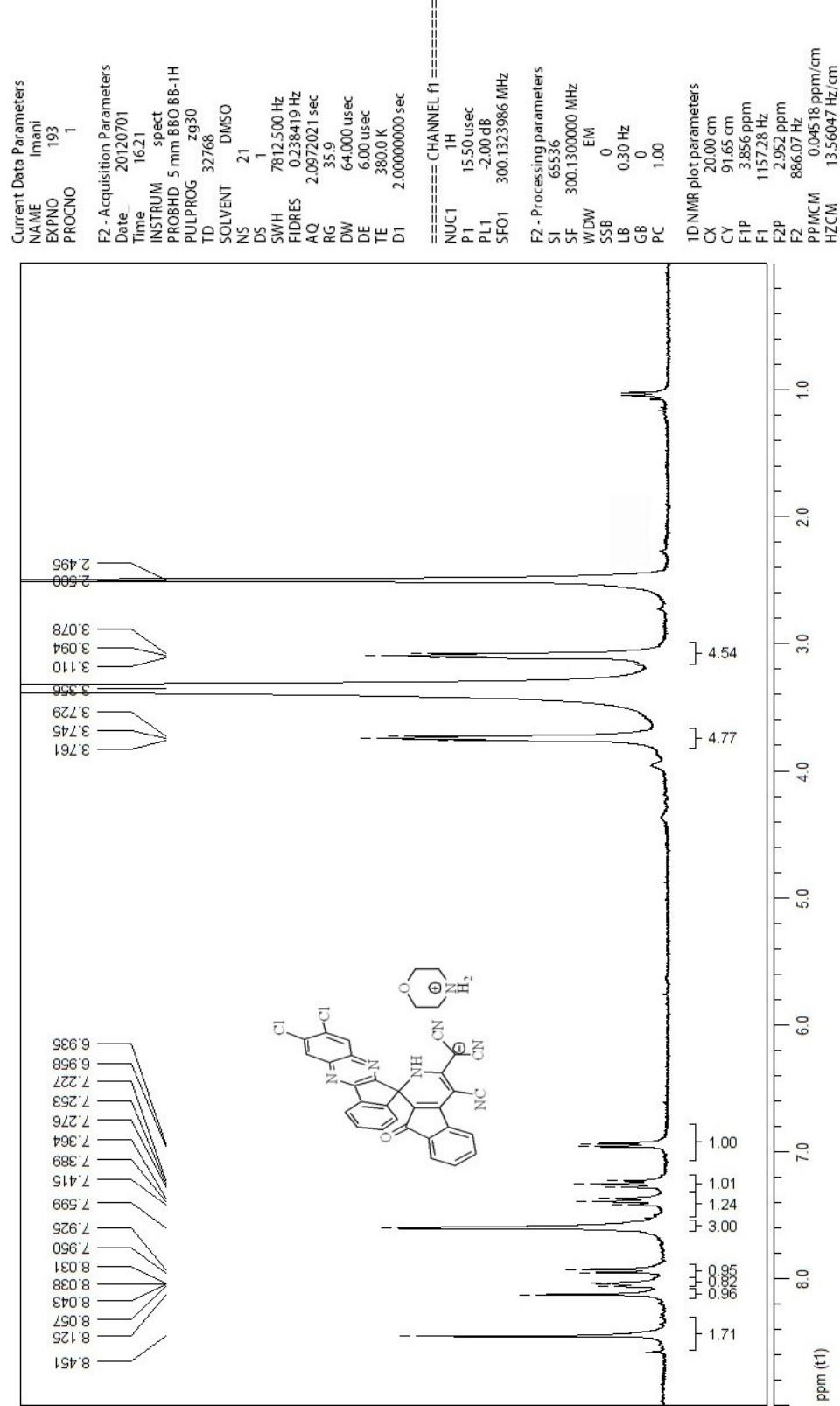




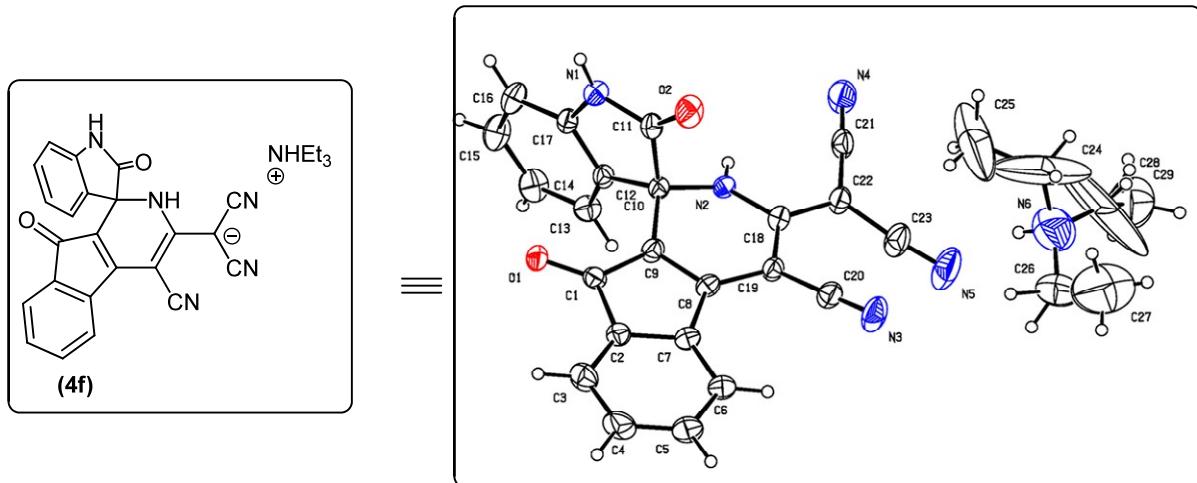




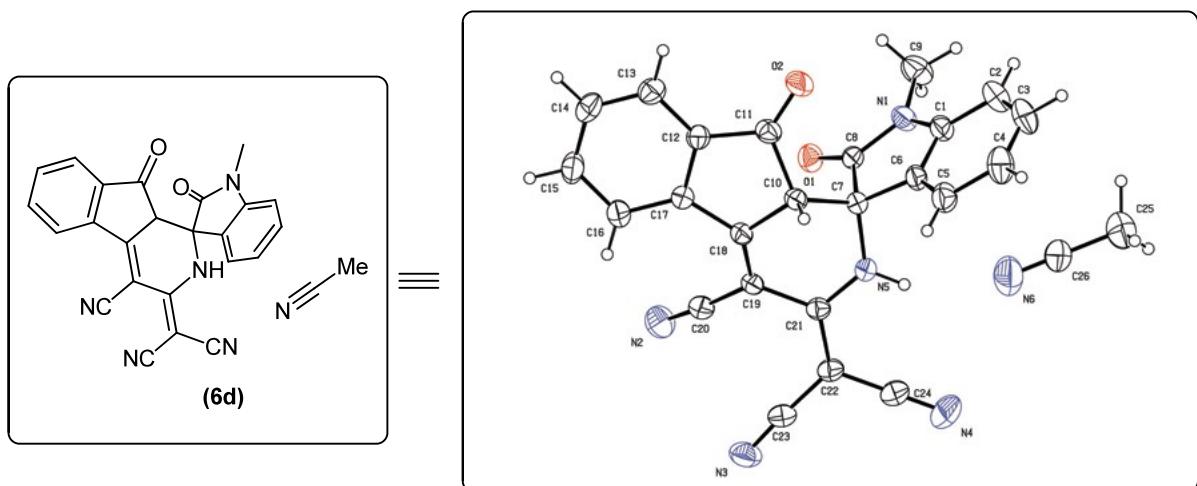




X-ray crystal structure of 4f.



X-ray crystal structure of 6d.



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