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**Solvent tailored $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ nano catalyst for amide-nitrile inter-conversion,
hydration of nitriles and transfer hydrogenation of $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ bond**

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S1. Solubility of Complex and Pd₃P_{0.95} (QD/Ps):

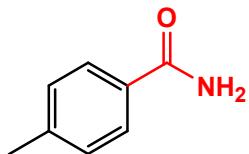
The complex Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ shows good solubility in DMF, DMSO, PhCH₃, CH₃CN, CHCl₃ and CH₂Cl₂. It has been found sparingly soluble in CH₃OH and diethyl ether and negligibly in hexane. On the other hand Pd₃P_{0.95} QD and Pd₃P_{0.95} NPs have been found insoluble in DMF, DMSO, EtOH, H₂O, CHCl₃, CH₃CN, CH₂Cl₂, diethyl ether, hexane and CH₃OH. The complex as well as catalyst can be stored for three to four months in vacuo under desiccators.

S2. NMR Data of Compounds 2a-2j, 4a-4j and 6a-6k:

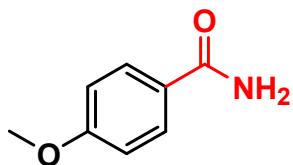
The NMR spectral data of compounds **2a**- **2j**, **4a-4j** and **6a-6k** were found as reported in literature.²⁻⁷



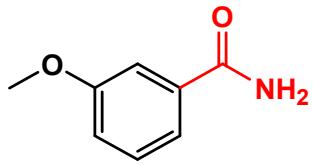
Benzamide (2a):¹ White solid (0.11 g, 92%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.04 (bs, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 169.41, 133.38, 131.99, 128.62, 127.33.



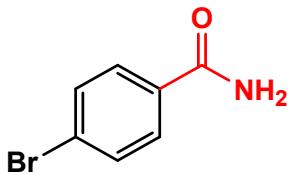
4-Methyl-benzamide (2b):¹ White solid (0.12 g, 86%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (bs, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 169.51, 142.48, 130.50, 129.24, 127.35, 21.44.



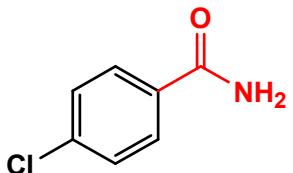
4-Methoxy-benzamide (2c):¹ White solid (0.13 g, 84%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (bs, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 168.96, 162.60, 129.27, 125.59, 113.79, 55.41.



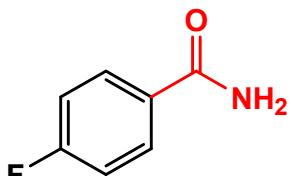
3-Methoxy-benzamide (2d):¹ White solid (0.11 g, 73%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.07 (bs, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 169.31, 159.86, 134.81, 129.59, 119.16, 118.26, 112.60, 55.44.



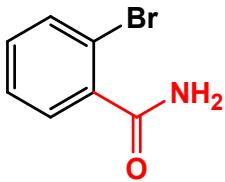
4-Bromo-benzamide (2e):¹ White solid (0.18 g, 91%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.7$, 2H), 5.82 (bs, 2H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 168.24, 132.13, 131.91, 128.95, 126.84.



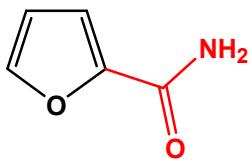
4-Chloro-benzamide (2f):¹ White solid (0.14 g, 90%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.4$, 2H), 6.01 (bs, 2H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 168.29, 138.36, 131.69, 128.92, 128.80.



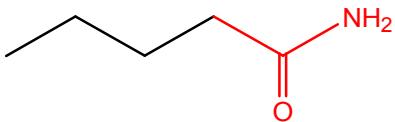
4-Fluoro-benzamide (2g):¹ White solid (0.12 g, 87%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.10 (t, $J = 8.4$, 2H), 6.06 (bs, 2H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 168.36, 166.72, 129.81, 129.69, 115.83.



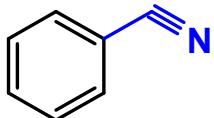
2-Bromo-benzamide (2h):¹ White solid (0.15 g, 74%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.66-7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.24 (bs, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 169.31, 136.67, 133.56, 131.63, 129.90, 127.57, 119.18.



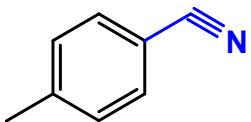
Furan-2-carbamide (2i):^{1,4} Light yellow solid (0.083 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.23-5.82 (bs, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 160.08, 147.42, 144.40, 115.26, 112.31.



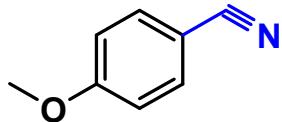
Pentanamide (2j):¹ White solid (0.075 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 5.82 (bs, 2H), 2.28-2.23 (t, *J* = 7.52H), 1.69-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.97-0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 163.53, 35.62, 27.59, 22.33, 13.75.



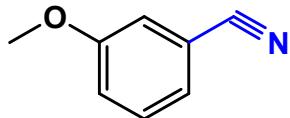
Benzonitrile (4a):² Colourless oil (0.091 g, 89%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 132.48, 132.13, 128.82, 118.50, 112.00.



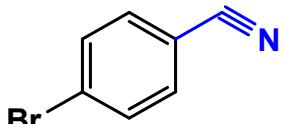
4-Methyl-benzonitrile (4b):² Colourless oil (0.10 g, 85%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 143.48, 131.72, 129.60, 118.87, 109.00, 21.52.



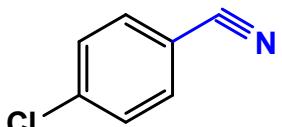
4-Methoxy-benzonitrile (4c):² White solid (0.11 g, 82%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 162.64, 133.71, 119.05, 114.55, 103.68, 55.33.



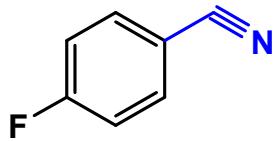
3-Methoxy-benzonitrile (4d):² Colourless oil (0.095 g, 72%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.48-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 159.38, 130.10, 124.15, 119.00, 118.45, 116.61, 112.93, 55.25.



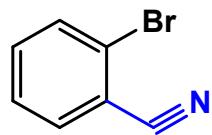
4-Bromo-benzonitrile (4e):² White solid (0.16 g, 88%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 133.26, 132.47, 127.83, 117.88, 111.08.



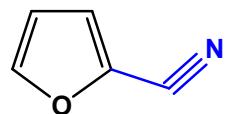
4-Chloro-benzonitrile (4f):³ White solid (0.12 g, 86%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 139.54, 133.35, 129.67, 117.93, 110.77.



4-Fluoro-benzonitrile (4g):⁴ White solid (0.10 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 166.65, 134.54, 117.94, 116.62, 108.51.



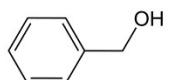
2-Bromo-benzonitrile (4h):³ White solid (0.13 g, 71%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 134.20, 133.85, 133.07, 127.57, 125.13, 117.01, 115.66.



2-Furonitrile (4i):^{4,5} Yellowoil (0.067 g, 72%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 148.02, 144.45, 114.89, 112.51, 112.05.



Pantanenitrile (4j):⁶ Colourless oil (0.058 g, 70%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 2.32 (t, J = 6.9, 2H), 1.67-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C vs Me₄Si): δ 119.65, 27.11, 21.60, 16.58, 12.98.



Phenylmethanol (6a):⁷ Colourlessliquid (0.104 g, 97%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 1.93 (s, br 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.36 (m, 5H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 65.33, 127.00, 127.65, 128.57, 140.88.



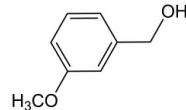
(4-bromophenyl)methanol (6b):⁷ White solid (0.173 g, 97%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 1.60 (s, br, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 7.24 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.48 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 64.60, 121.46, 128.58, 131.64, 139.79.



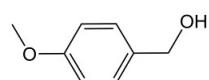
p-Tolylmethanol (6c):⁷ White solid (0.112 g, 92%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 1.63 (s, br, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 7.17 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 21.13, 65.30, 127.12, 129.25, 137.41, 137.93



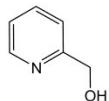
(4-Nitrophenyl)methanol (6d):⁷ Yellow solid (0.140 g, 96%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 1.96 (br, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 7.54 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 8.23 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 64.00, 123.73, 127.00, 147.32, 148.16.



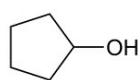
(3-methoxyphenyl)methanol (6e):⁷ Colourless liquid (0.131 g, 95%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 2.14 (s, br, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 7.26 (t, 1H, J = 9 Hz), 6.80-6.93 (m, 3H), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 55.23, 65.17, 112.28, 113.25, 119.13, 129.59, 142.58, 159.83



(4-methoxyphenyl)methanol (6f):⁷ Colourless liquid (0.131 g, 95%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 2.17 (br, s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.25 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 55.29, 64.88, 113.94, 128.63, 133.20, 159.16

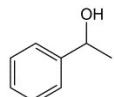


pyridine-2-ylmethanol (6g):⁷ Yellow liquid (0.102 g, 94%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm): 1.65 (br, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.71 (m, 1H), 8.57 (d, 1H),

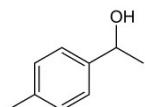


$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 64.33, 120.72, 122.25, 136.79, 148.46, 159.71.

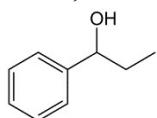
cyclopentanol (6h):⁷ Colorless liquid (0.077 g, 90%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 1.55-1.58 (m, 4H) 1.75-1.78 (m, 4H), 2.03 (br, s, 1H), 4.31-4.34 (m, 1H), $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 23.26, 35.52, 73.96.



1-phenylethanol (6i):⁷ Colorless liquid (0.108 g, 89%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 1.43 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.56 (s, 1H), 4.78-4.80 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 5H), $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 25.16, 70.29, 125.46, 127.41, 128.48, 145.92.



1-(*p*-tolyl)ethanol (6j):⁷ Colorless liquid (0.116 g, 86%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 1.47 (d, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.87 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.84-4.87 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz) $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 21.07, 25.07, 70.24, 125.35, 129.16, 137.14, 142.89.



1-phenylpropan-1-ol (6k):⁷ Colorless liquid (0.112 g, 83%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 7.29), 1.67-1.84 (m, 2H), 2.12 (br, 1H), 4.55 (t, 1H, J = 6.12 Hz), 7.29-7.33 (m, 5H), $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C, TMS): δ (ppm) 10.14, 31.87, 76.00, 126.01, 127.48, 128.39, 144.62.

S3. SEM-EDX Data:

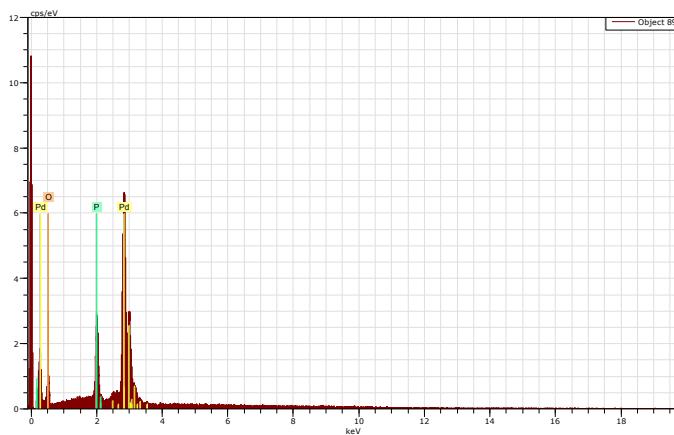


Figure S1. SEM-EDX of $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs.

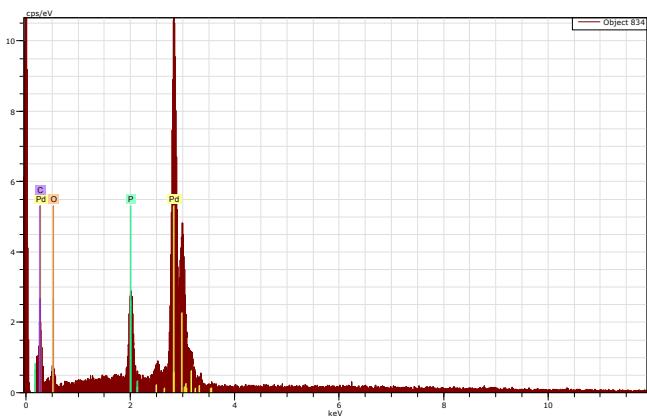


Figure S2. SEM-EDX of $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ NPs.

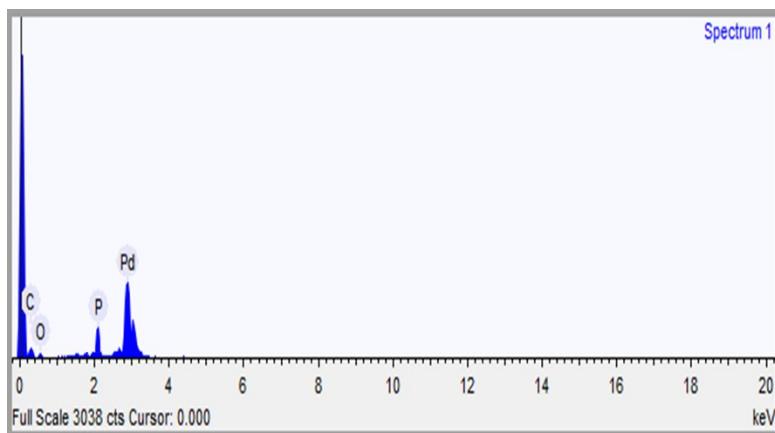


Figure S3. SEM-EDX of $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs after 3rd reaction cycle.

S4. Powder–XRD Data

The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs and NPs (Figure 2a,2b, and S3) was indexed on the basis of a orthorhombic unit cell⁶ (JCPDS # 89-3046) with the d values (hkl): 2.77 (210), 2.69 (121), 2.58 (201), 2.44 (211), 2.36 (102), 2.32 (220), 2.25 (112), 2.23 (031), 2.12 (221), 2.09 (131), 1.99 (122), 1.90 (230), 1.85 (301), 1.51 (123), 1.42 (401).

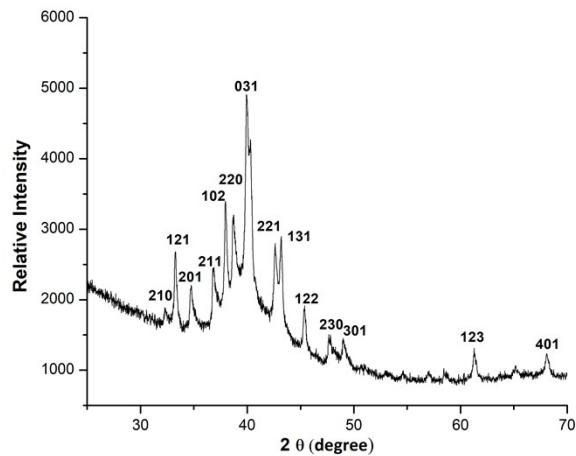


Figure S4. PXRD of $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs after 3rd reaction cycle.

S5. X-ray photoelectron spectra

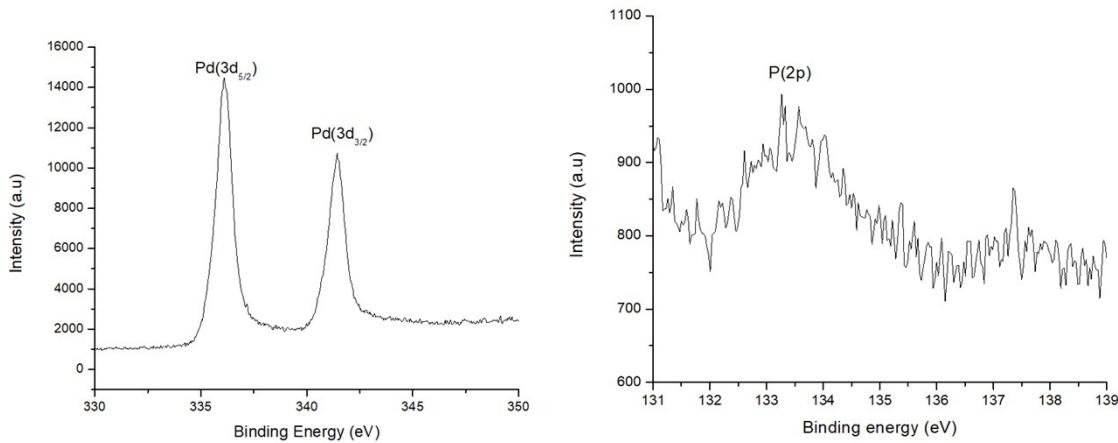


Figure S5. X-ray photoelectron spectra for recycled $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs

S6. Size Distribution Curve:

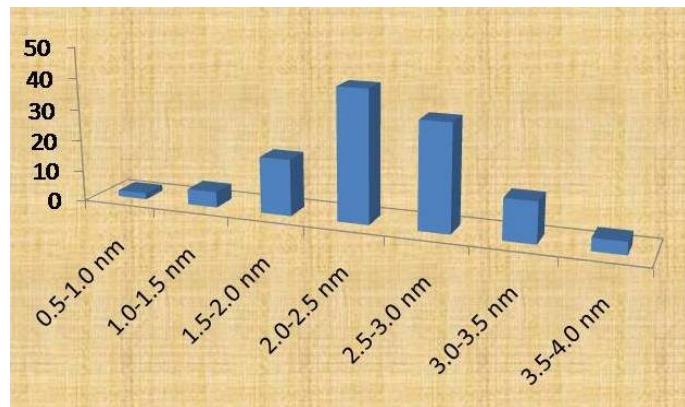


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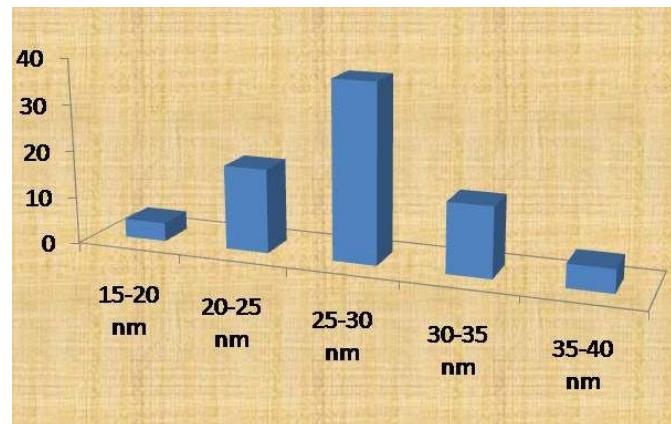


Figure S7. Size distribution curve of Pd₃P_{0.95} NPs.

S7. Temperature Dependant P³¹ NMR Spectra

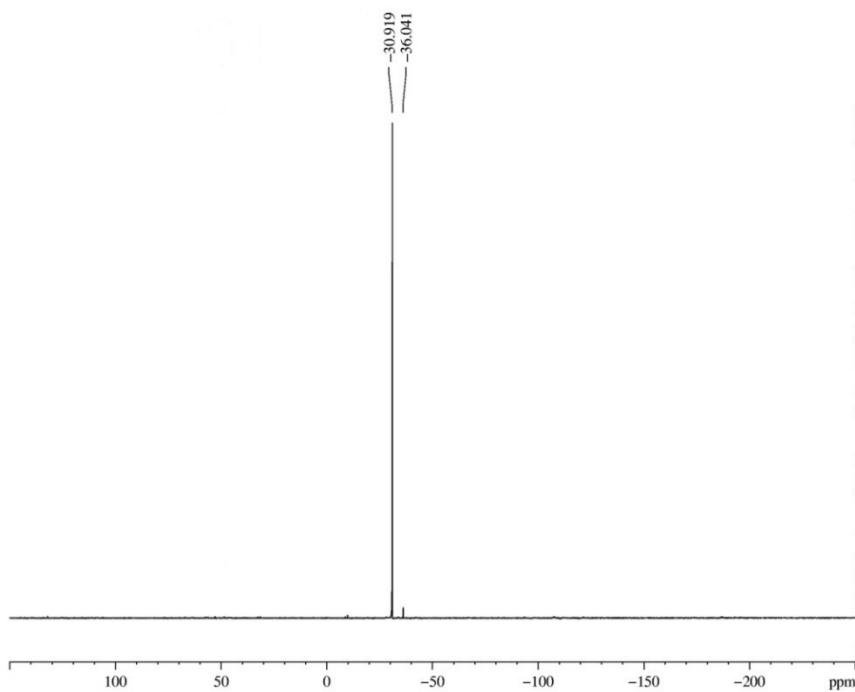


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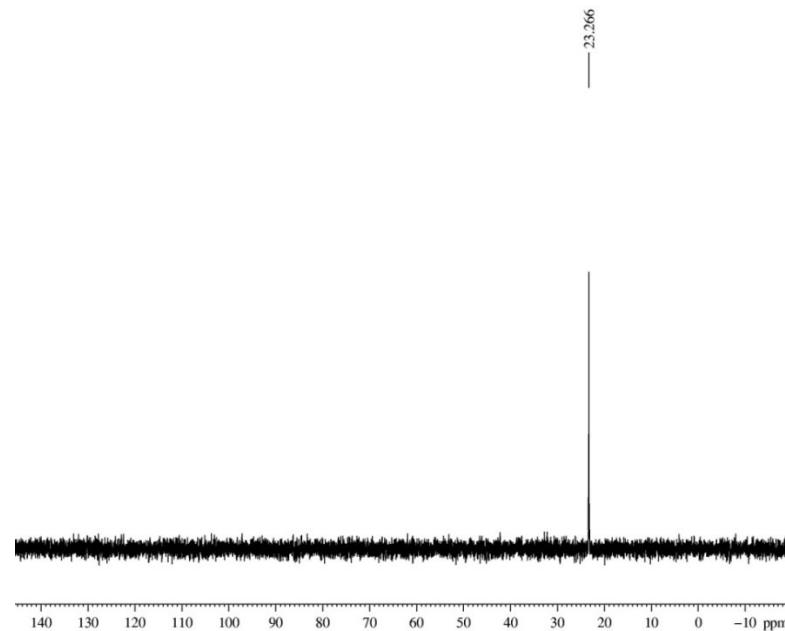


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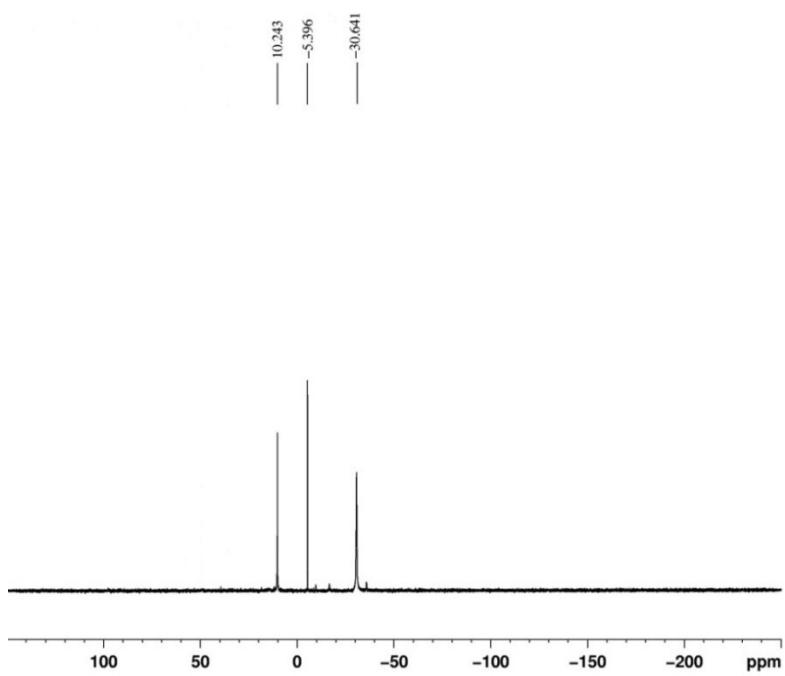


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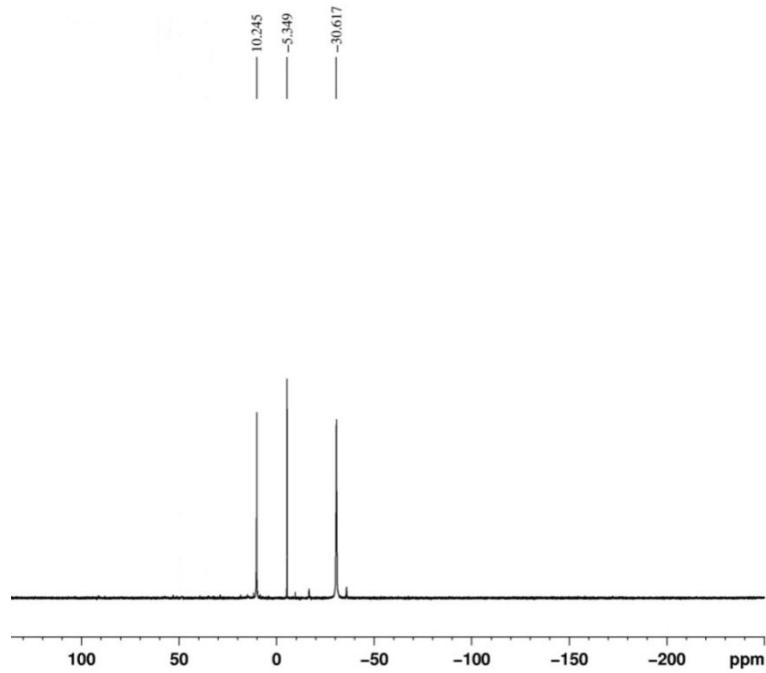


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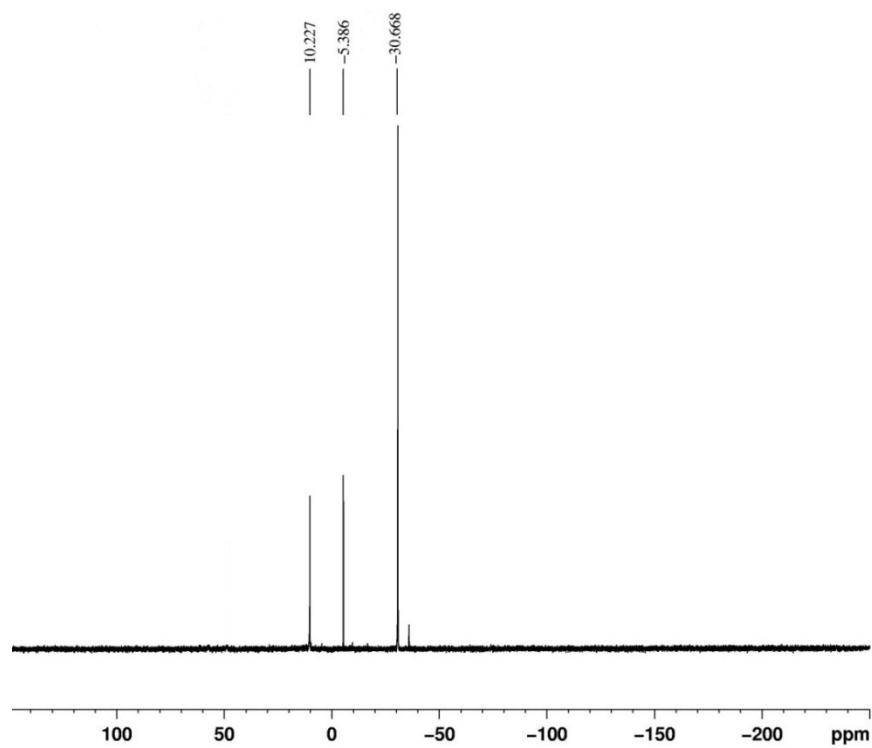


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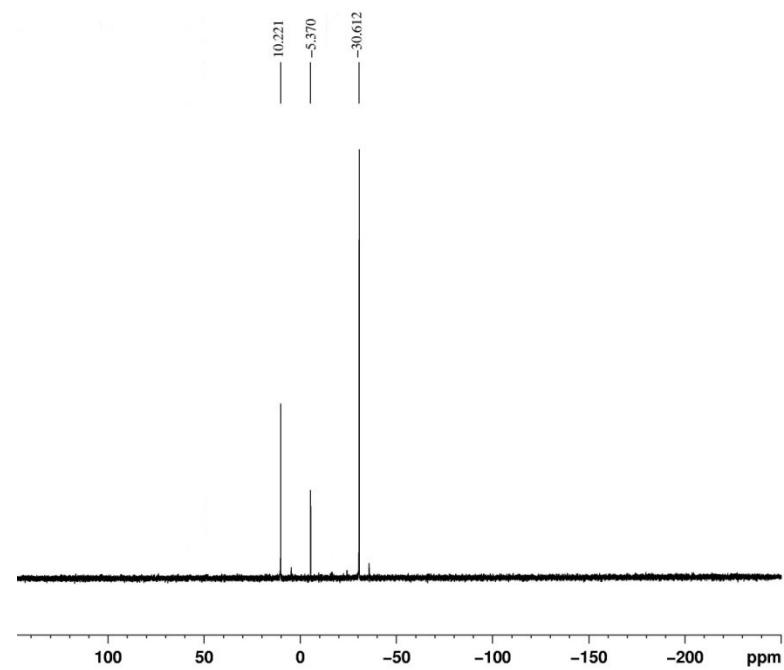


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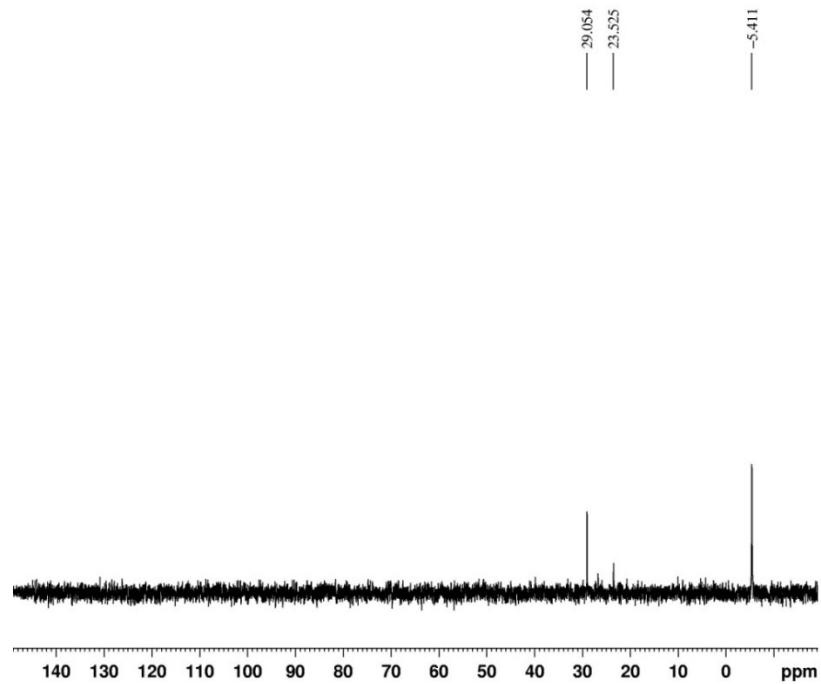
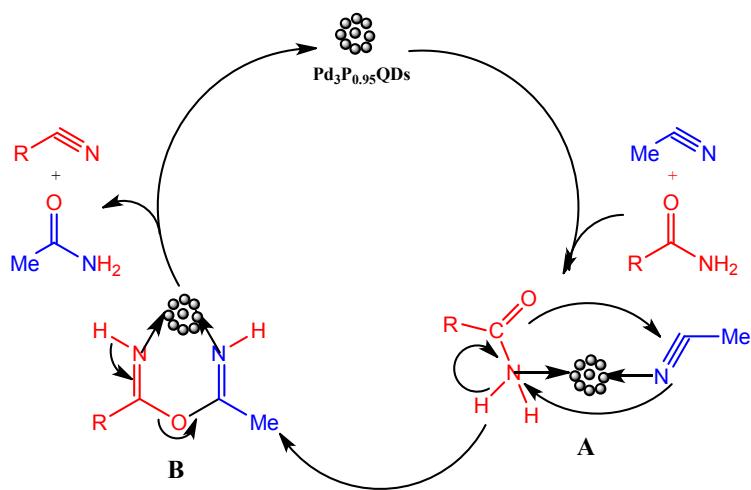


Figure S16. $P^{31}\{^1H\}$ NMR of $[Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$ in OA+ODE at 200 °C.

S8. Tentative mechanism of amide-nitrile interconversion



Scheme S1.Tentative mechanism of amide-nitrile interconversion with $\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ QDs.

Table S1. Comparison of activity with other catalyst for hydration of nitriles

S. No.	Catalyst	Solvent	Time (h)	Catalyst Loading (mol%)	T (°C)	Reusability
1 ⁸	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2 + \text{TBA-SiW10}$	$\text{DMF} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	5-48	5	90	
2 ⁹	Pd/C	H_2O	24	2-3	120-135	3
3 ^{10a}	Ag NPs	H_2O	1-6	0.3		3
4 ^{10b}	AgHAP	H_2O			140-280	4
5 ¹¹	Os-NHCs Catalyst	$\text{H}_2\text{O}/2$ Propanol with base	0.5-24	3		
6 ^{12a}	$[\{\text{Au}(\text{IPr})_2(\text{m-OH})\}\text{X}]$	$\text{THF}: \text{H}_2\text{O}$	2	2	140	1
7 ^{12b}	$[(\text{IPr})\text{Au}(\text{NTf}_2)]$	$\text{THF}: \text{H}_2\text{O}$	2	2	140	
8 ¹³	CeO_2	$\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{Acetone}$ $\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{Isopropyl alcohol}$	0.25-24			
9 ¹⁴	MnO_2	H_2O	2-20 (min)	600		
10 ¹⁵	NiNPs/HT (hydrotalcite-clay supported)	H_2O	10-24		150-170	1
12 ²⁰	Ag NPs	$\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Toluene}$	1-6		150-170	5
13	$\text{Pd}_3\text{P}_{0.95}$ (Present work)	Water	4 h	2 mol %	90	4

Table S2. Comparison of activity with other catalyst for TH of carbonyl compounds

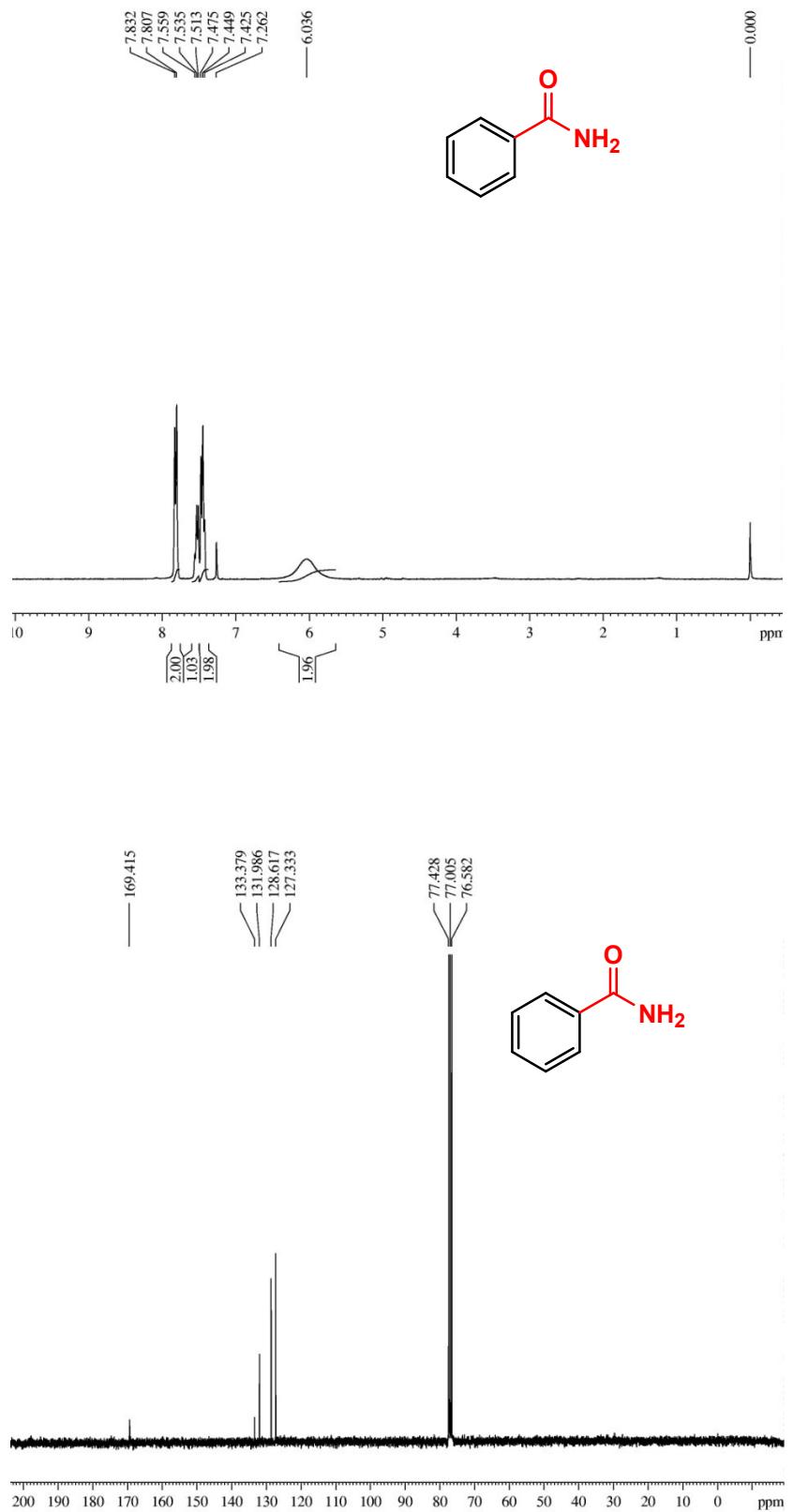
S. No.	Catalyst	H-Source	Time (h)	Catalyst Loading (mol%)	Temperature (°C)	Reusability
1 ¹⁶	Ru/C	2 Propanol	10	5	120-200	
2 ¹⁷	Pd/Fe ₂ O ₃	2 Propanol	7.5	10	180	
3 ¹⁸	Pd/Urea-MCF catalyst	Ammonium formate	12-24	10	60	10
4 ¹⁹	Polyurea-encapsulated palladium	Formic acid	18-48	10	24	5
5 ²⁰	Silica-supported mesoporous Rh catalysts	Sodium formate	1	4	40	3
6	Pd ₃ P _{0.95} (Present work)	2-Propanol	3	1	80	6

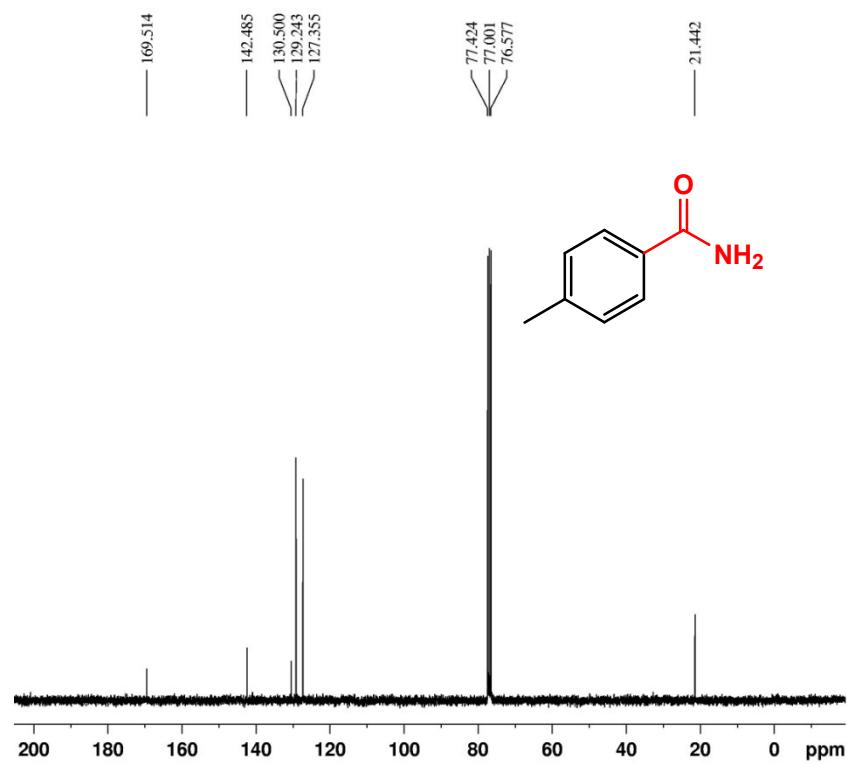
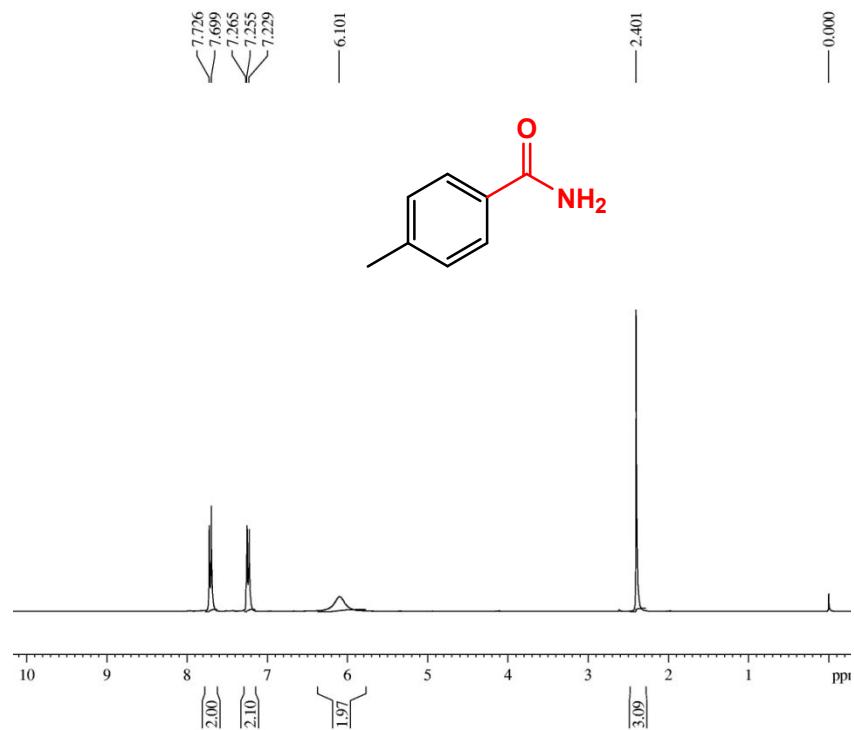
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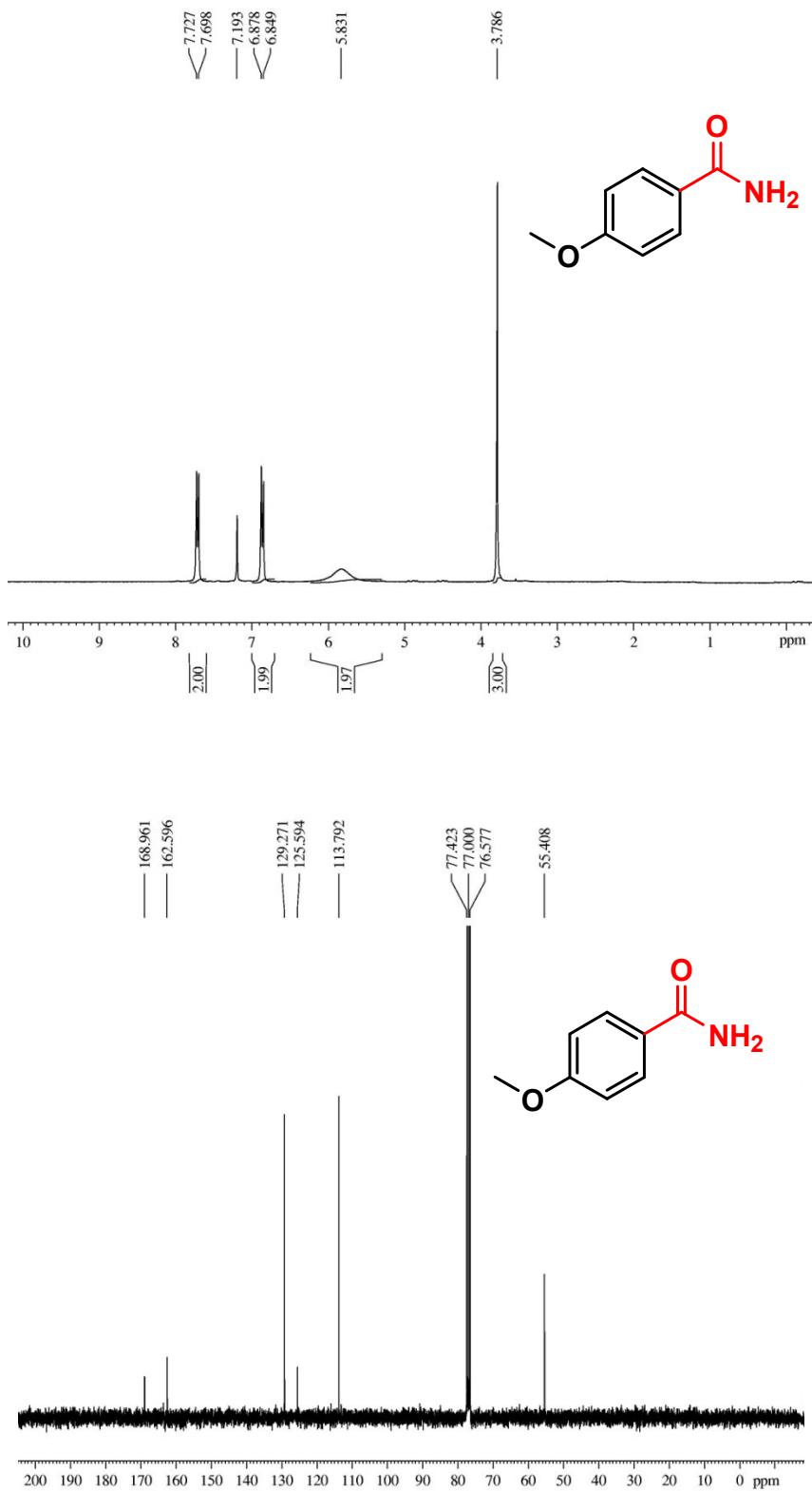
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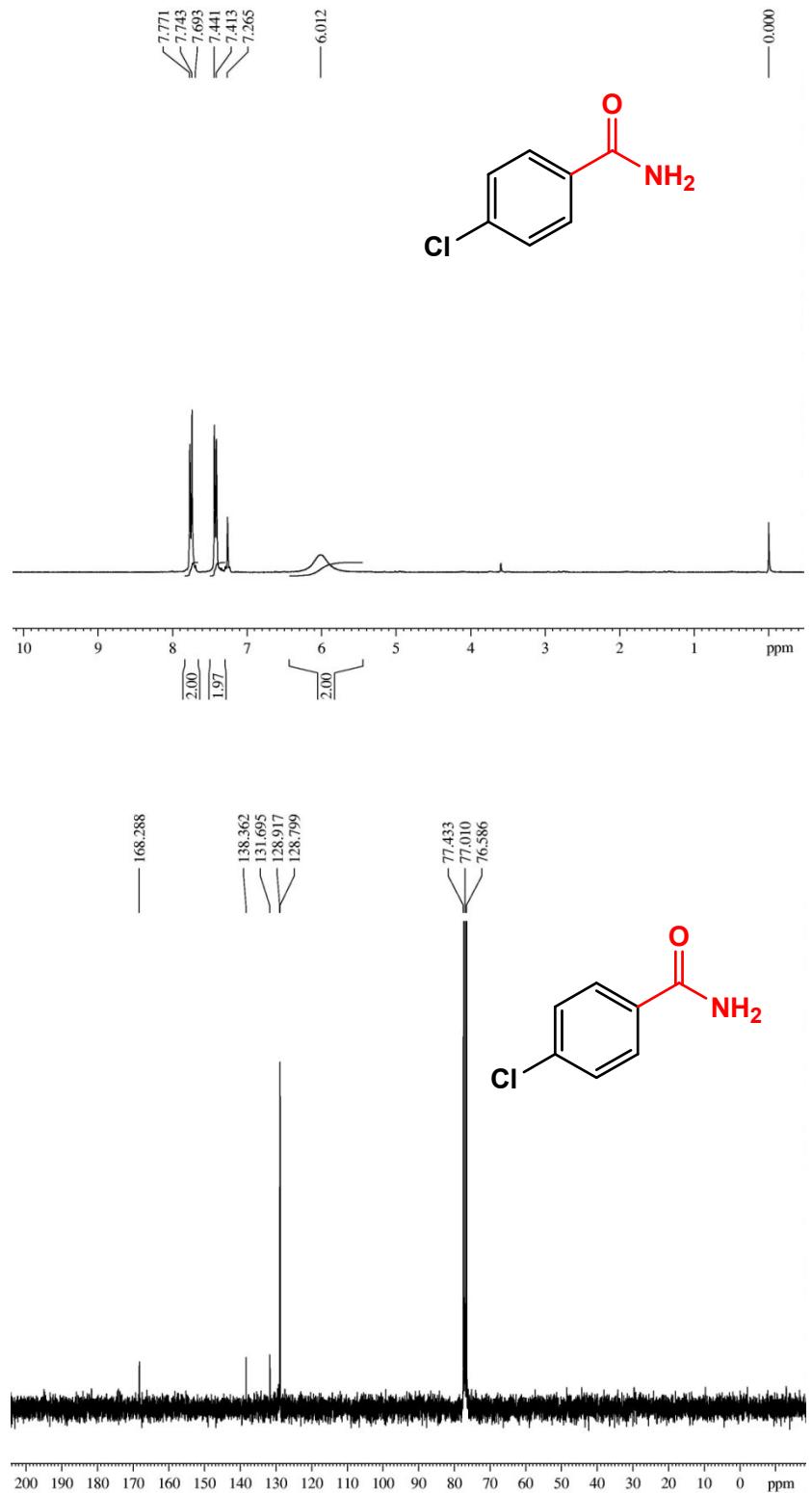


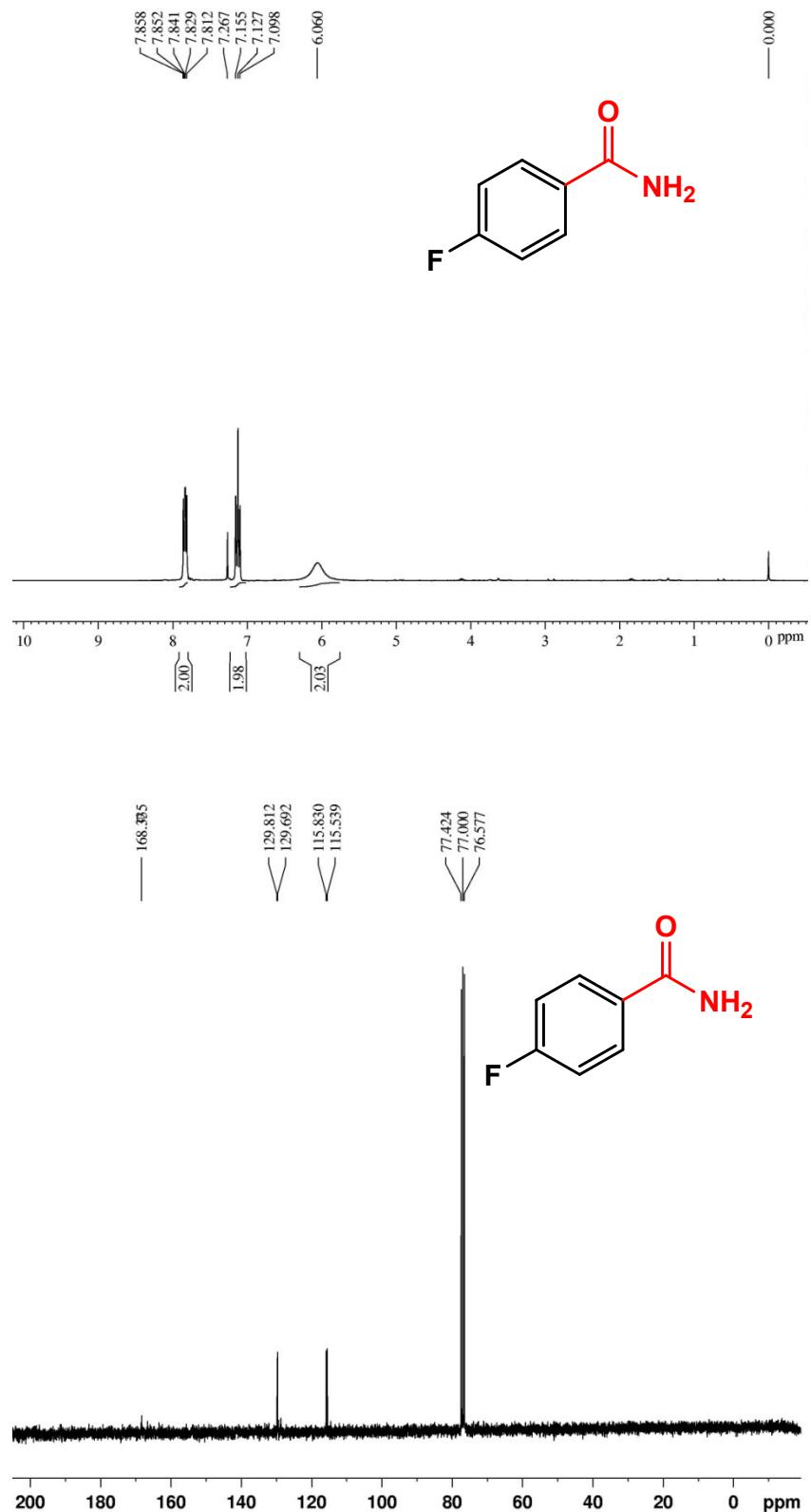


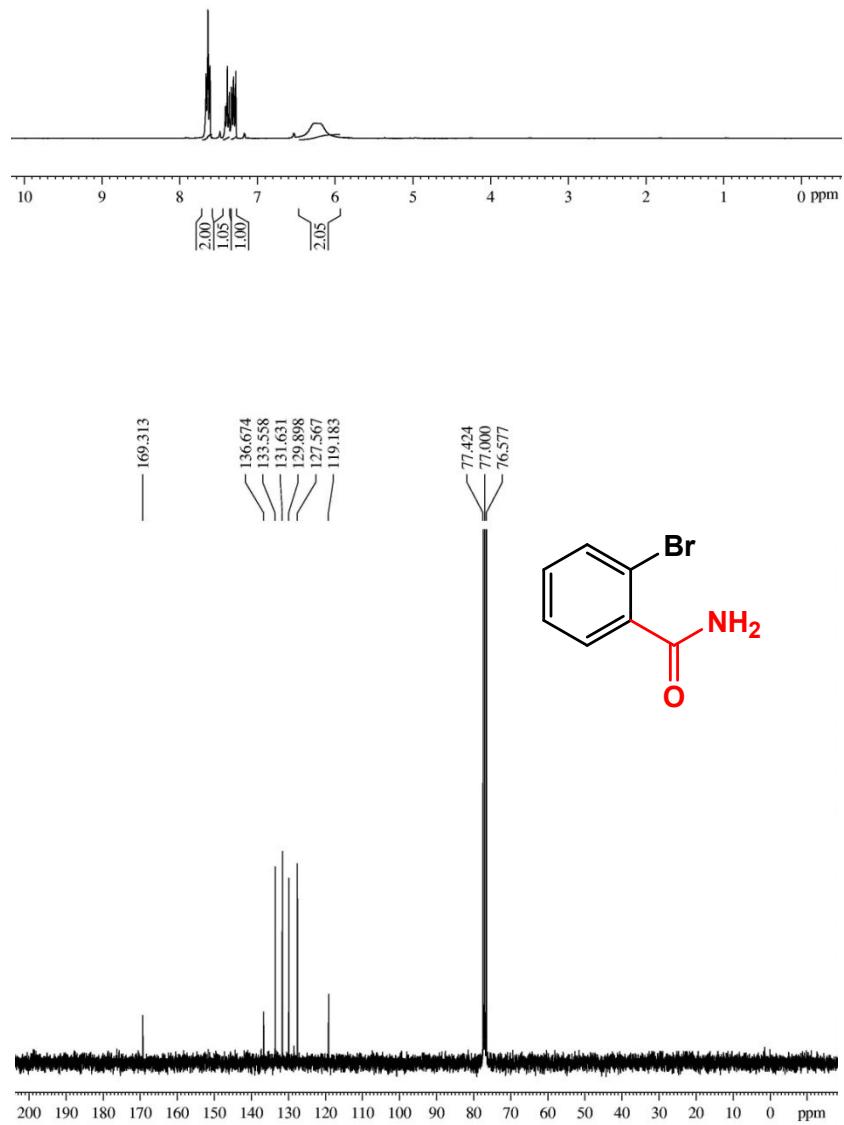
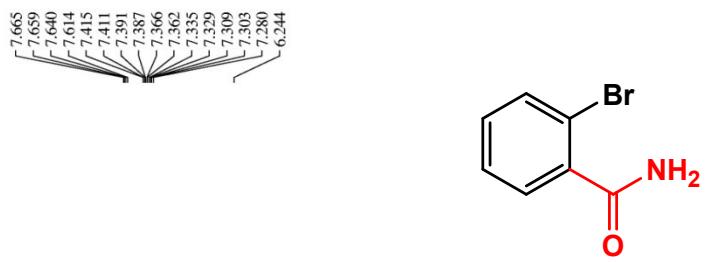




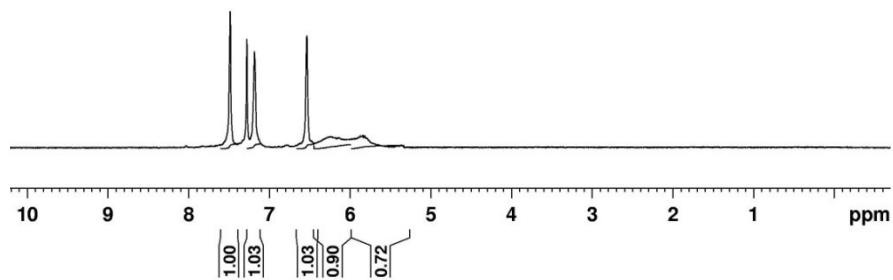
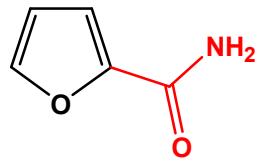








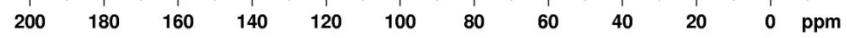
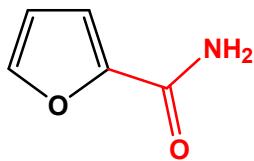
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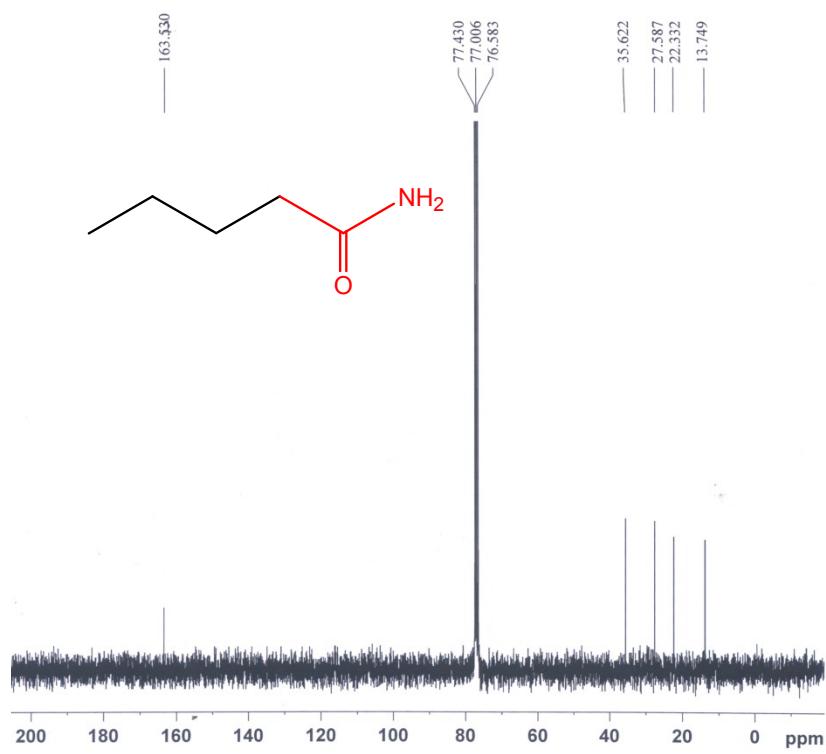
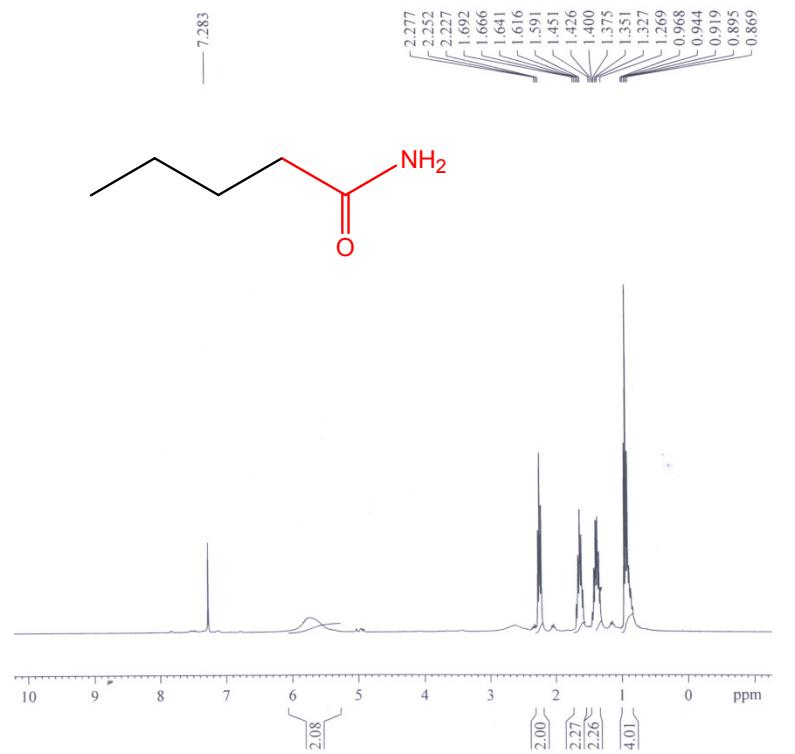


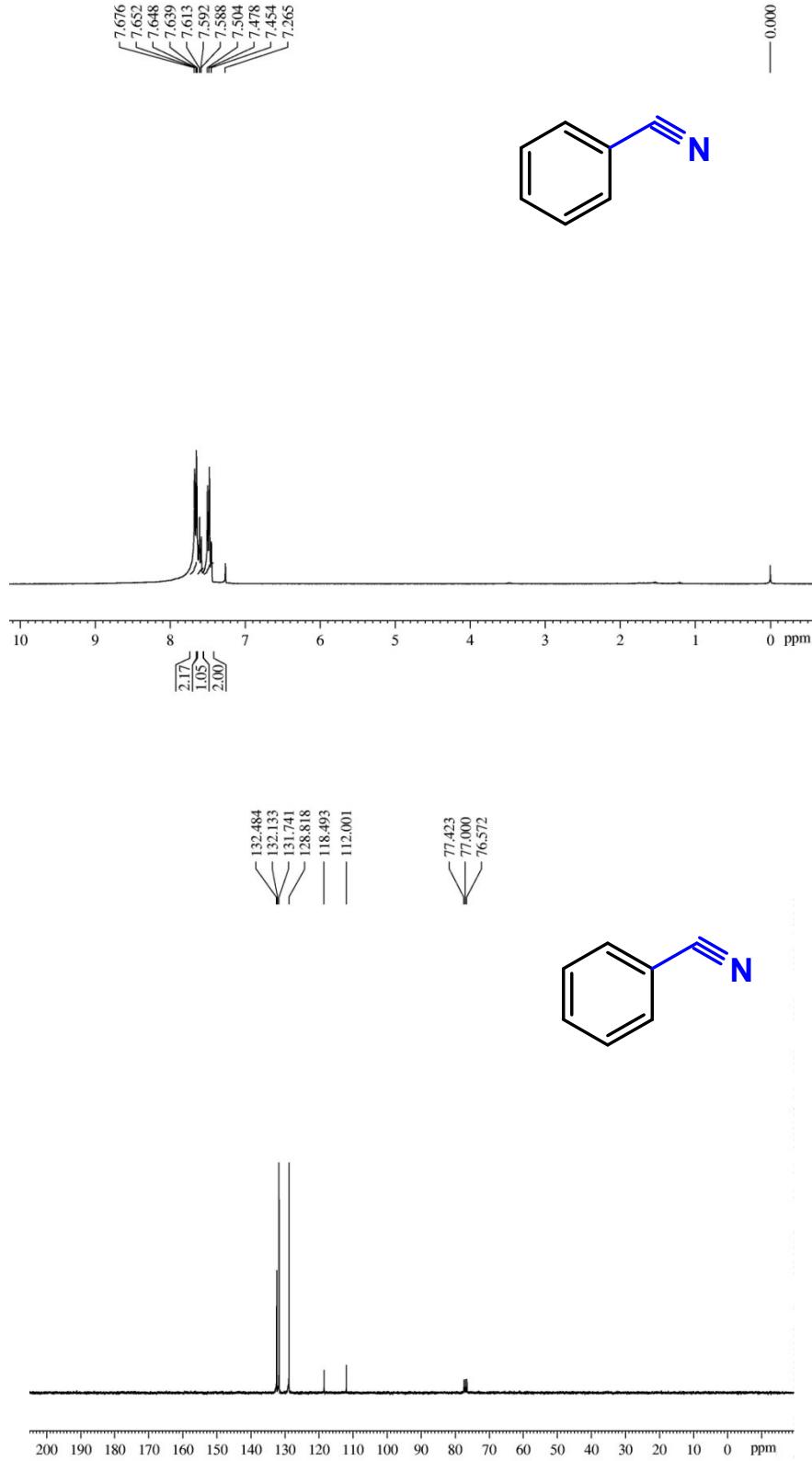
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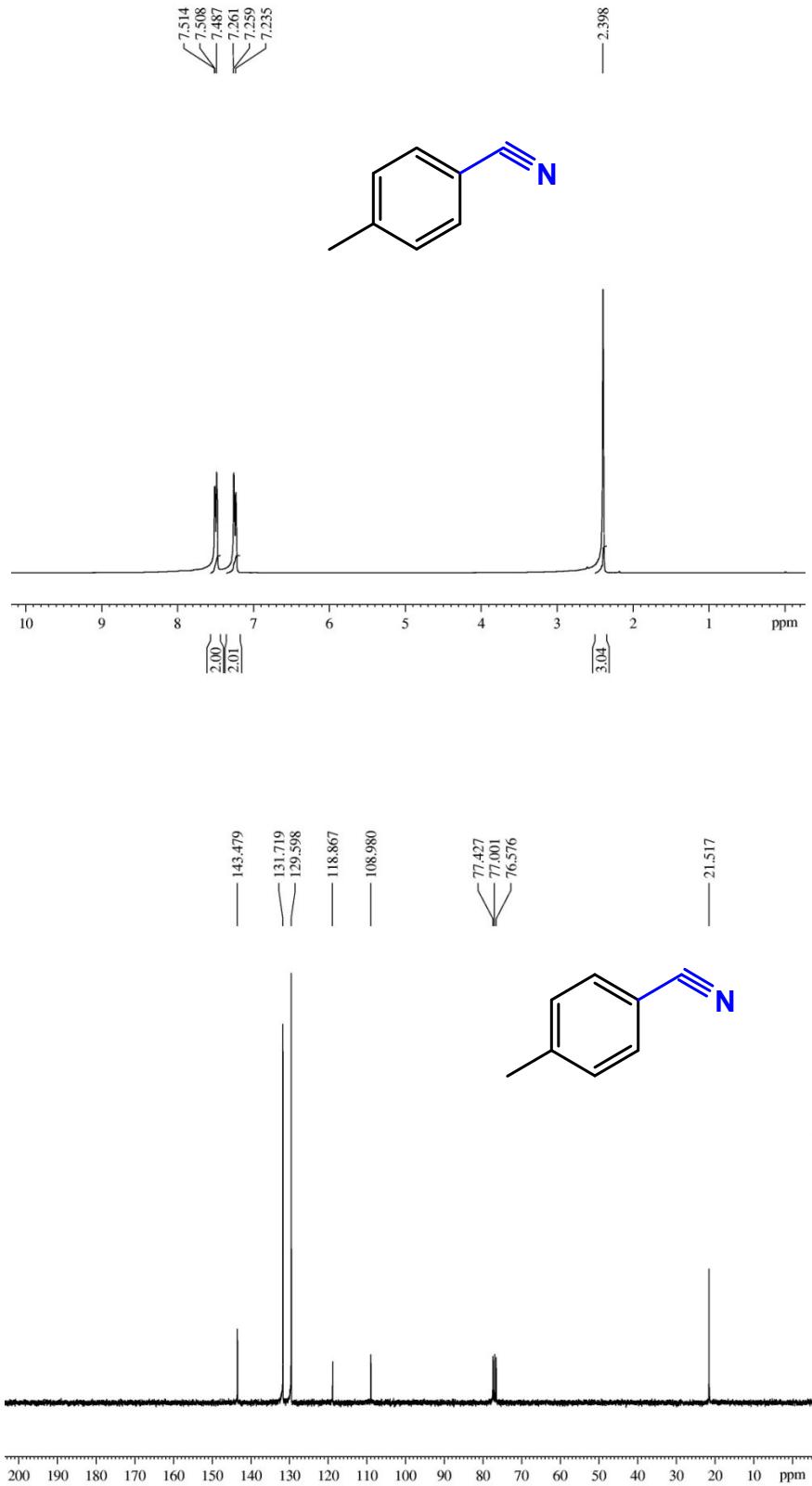
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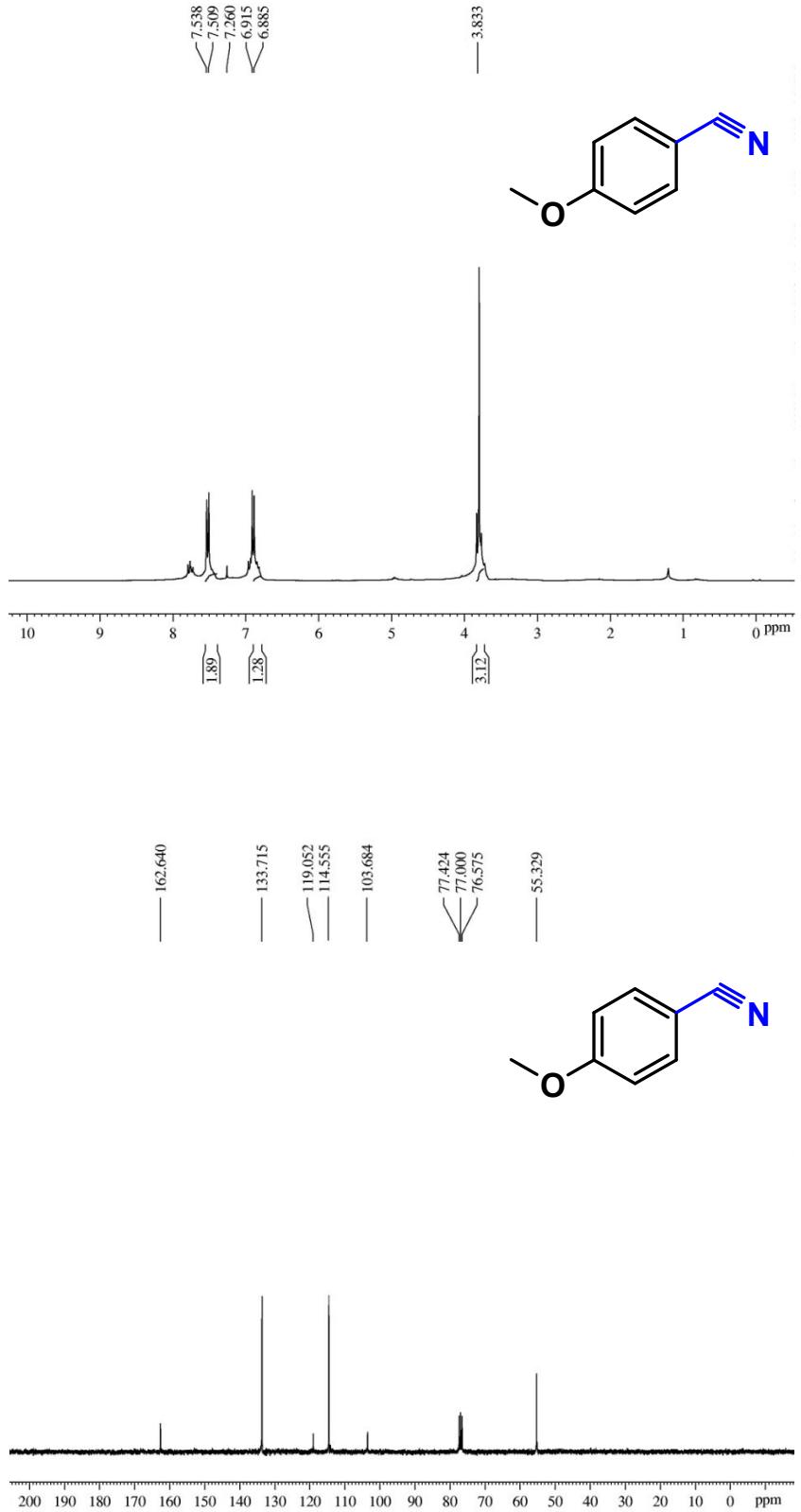
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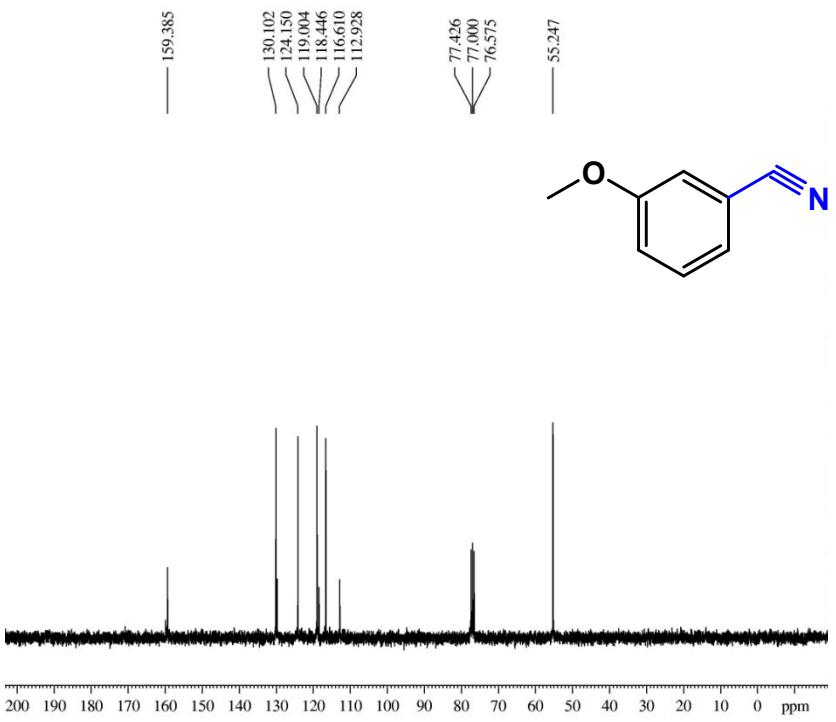
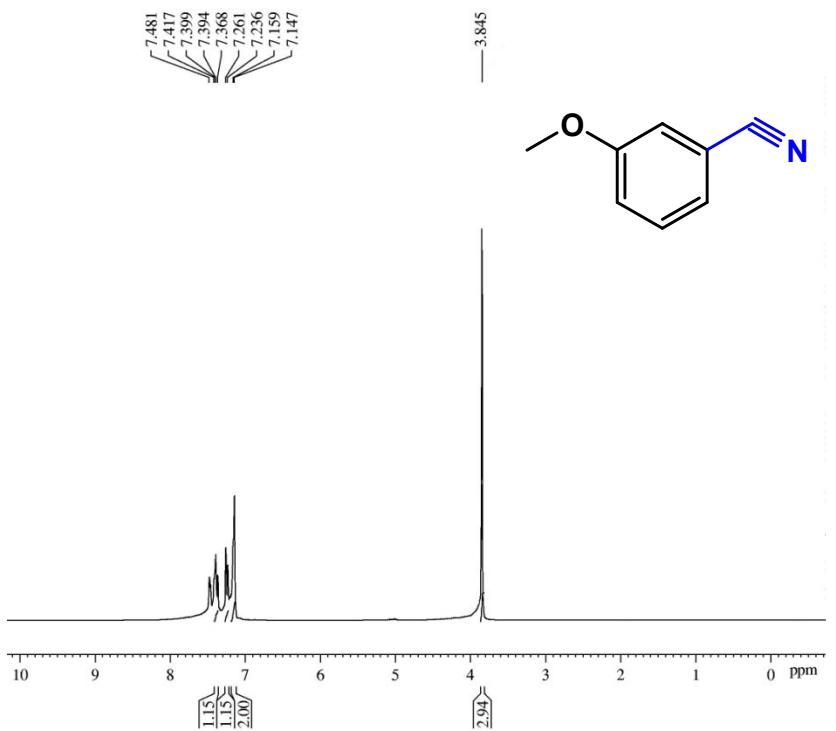


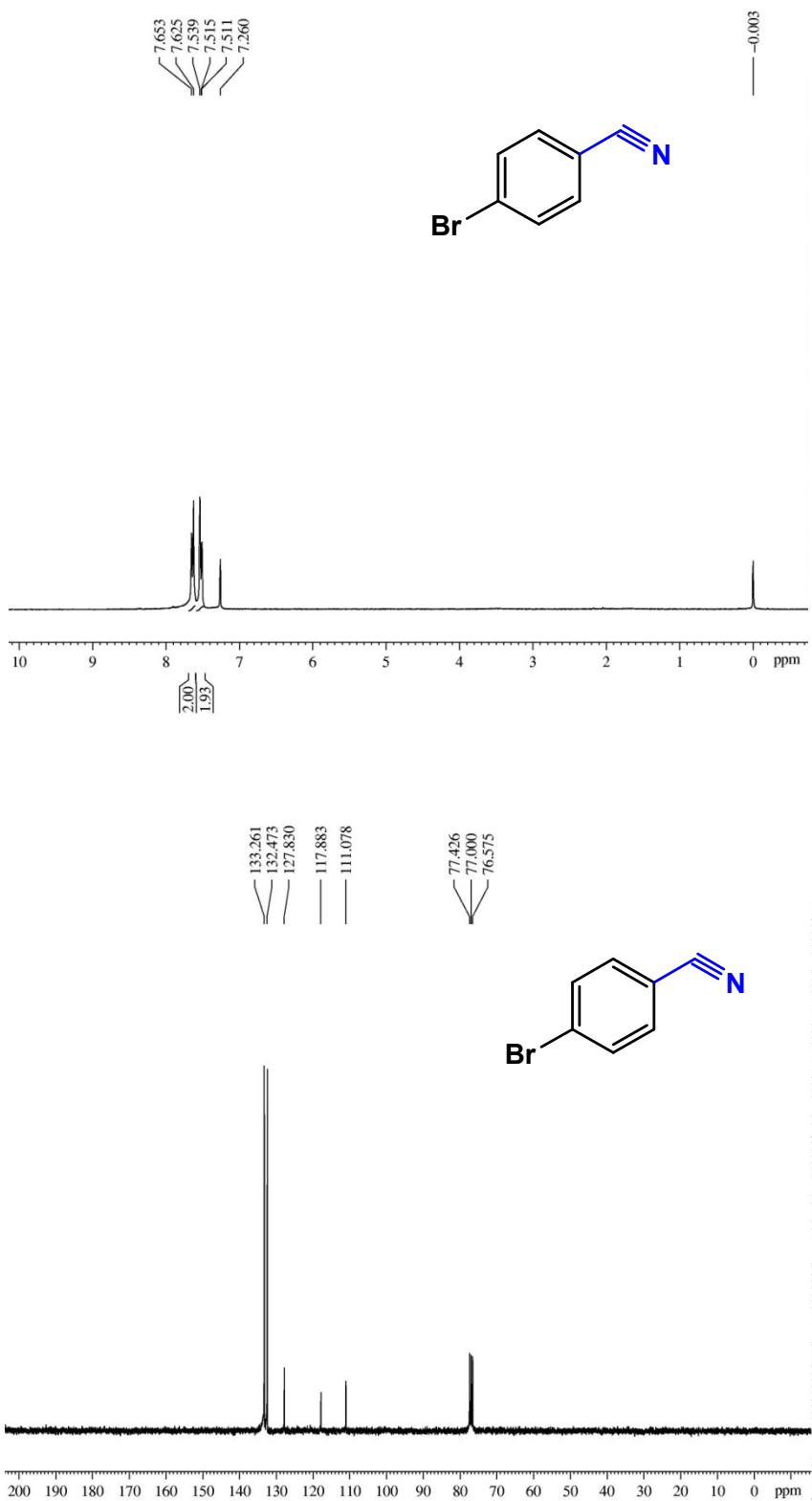


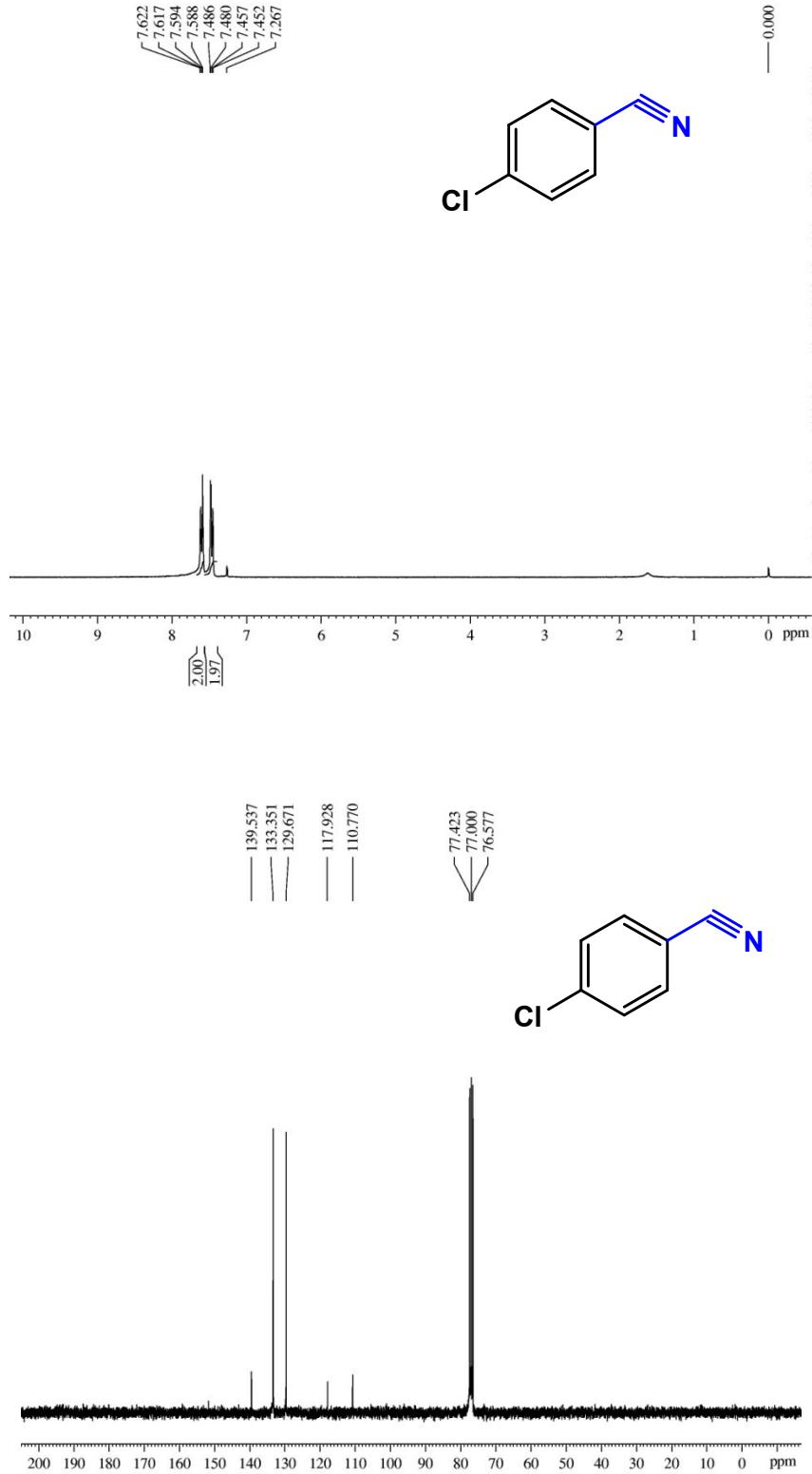


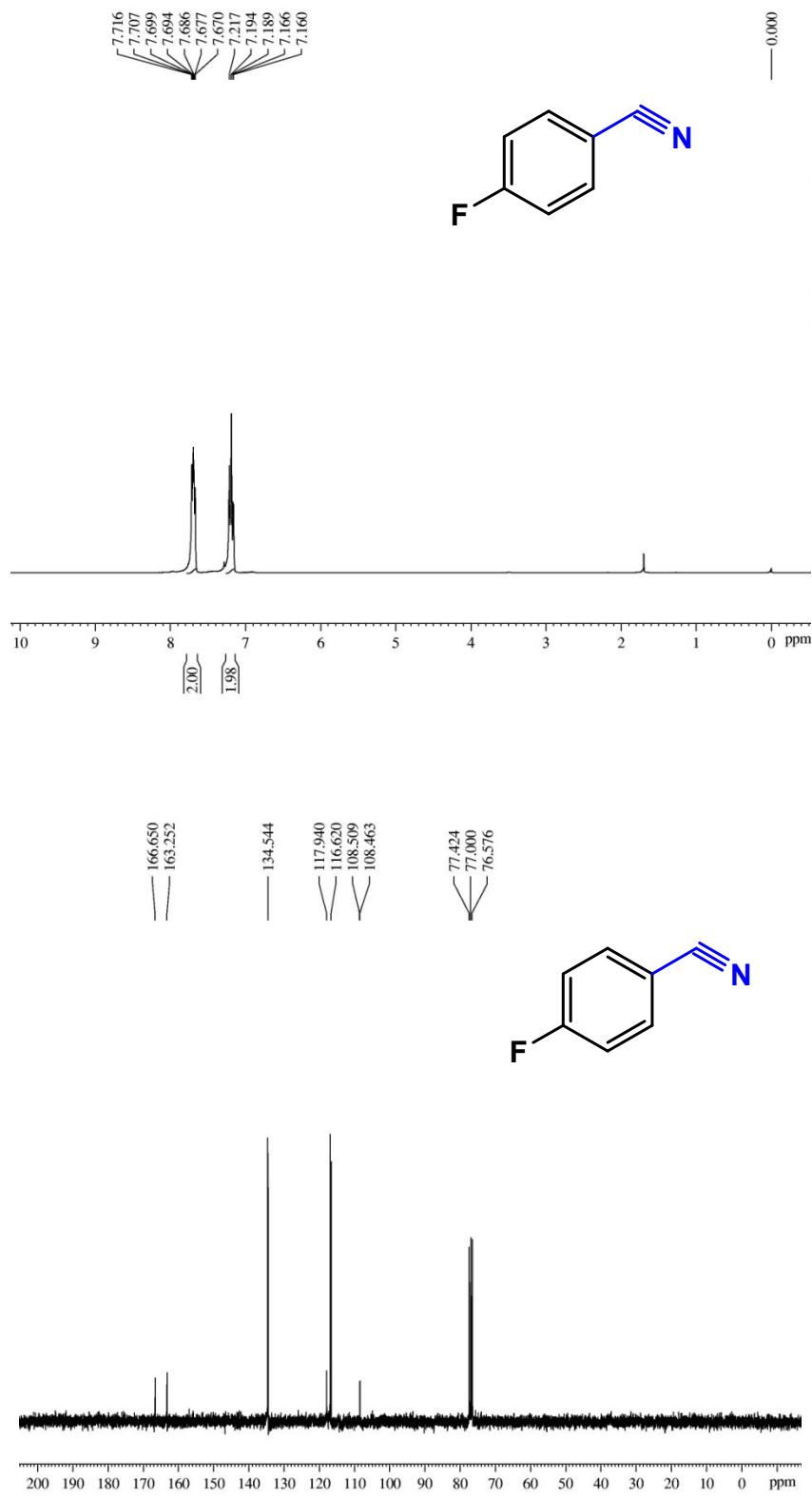




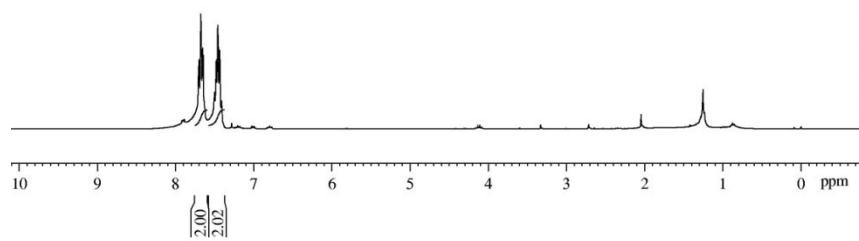
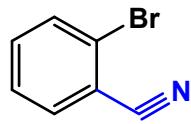






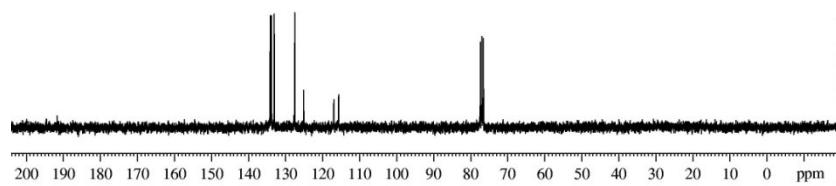
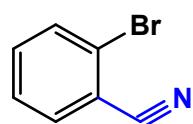


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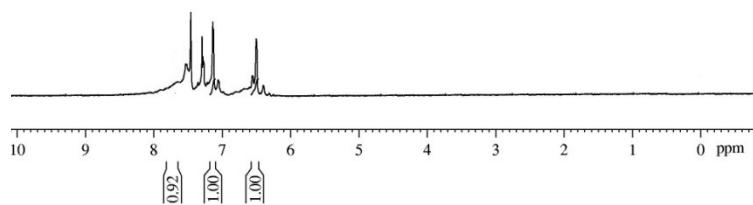
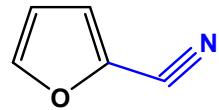


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