

Supporting information

**Enzyme-catalyzed domino reaction: Efficient construction of
spirocyclic oxindole skeleton using porcine pepsin**

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1. General information

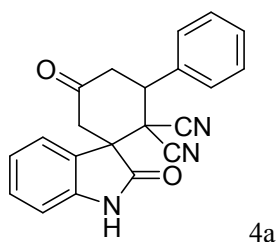
^1H NMR spectra and ^{13}C NMR spectra were respectively recorded on 300 MHz or 600 MHz and 75 MHz or 151 MHz NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm with TMS as internal standard, and coupling constants (J) were reported in Hz. Routine monitoring of reaction was performed by TLC using precoated Haiyang GF254 silica gel TLC plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (100–200 mesh) from Haiyang Chemical Industry Research Institute, Qingdao, P. R. China. Petroleum ether used was of boiling range 60–80°C. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Evaporation of solvent was performed at reduced pressure. Relative configurations of the products were determined by comparison with the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR analysis of known compounds. Some unknown compounds were further determined by HRMS. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

2. Enzymatic assay of pepsin

Unit definition (U mg^{-1}): One unit will produce a ΔA_{280} of 0.001 per min at pH 2.0 at 37 °C, measured as TCA-soluble products using hemoglobin as substrate. (Final volume = 16 mL. Light path = 1 cm.).

The enzymatic assay was conducted according to the literature.¹

3. Characterization data of the products

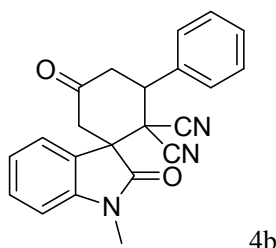


4a

2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 96% yield, 97:3 dr

Mp 247-249 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.42 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 7.23 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 208.28, 181.20, 148.35, 141.54, 137.36, 135.79, 135.40, 135.31, 132.41, 130.78, 129.28, 119.01, 118.43, 117.30, 59.34, 53.15, 48.92, 48.43, 47.59.

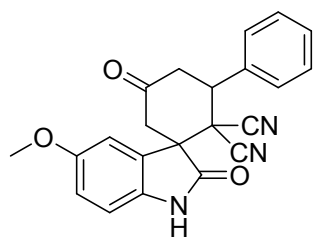


4b

1'-methyl-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 84% yield, 95:5 dr.

Mp 195-197 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.79 – 2.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.12, 173.47, 143.92, 135.58, 131.53, 129.87, 129.45, 129.38, 125.72, 124.55, 124.00, 112.96, 112.53, 110.48, 53.25, 47.36, 43.20, 42.40, 41.78, 27.22.

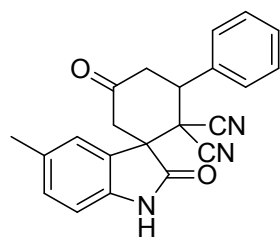


4c

5'-methoxy-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 99% yield, >99:1 dr

Mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dt, *J* = 21.0, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.13, 175.09, 155.82, 135.65, 135.47, 129.84, 129.43, 129.37, 127.61, 115.69, 113.05, 112.48, 112.26, 111.90, 56.05, 53.71, 47.25, 43.06, 42.68, 41.76.

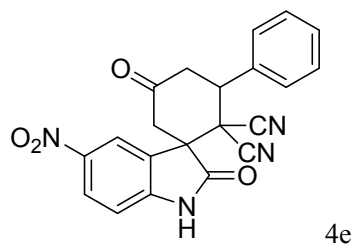


4d

5'-methyl-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 99% yield, 90:10 dr

Mp 151-153 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.30 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.74 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.16, 175.24, 139.98, 135.67, 132.36, 131.71, 129.83, 129.44, 129.36, 126.59, 125.35, 113.10, 112.51, 111.16, 53.48, 47.25, 43.07, 42.75, 41.80, 21.32.

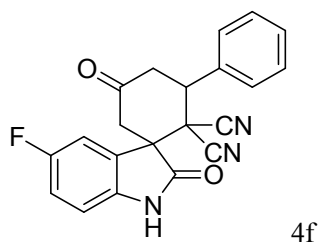


4e

5'-nitro-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Yellow solid, 75% yield 90:10 dr

Mp 174-176 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.11 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.73 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.73, 175.72, 148.93, 143.30, 135.33, 129.98, 129.44, 129.15, 128.44, 127.14, 120.95, 112.73, 112.22, 111.78, 53.49, 46.89, 43.09, 41.87, 41.72.

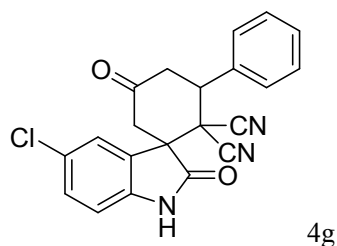


4f

5'-fluoro-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 72% yield, >99:1 dr

Mp 220-221 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.44 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.77 – 2.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.89, 175.21, 159.35, 157.76, 138.83, 135.52, 129.89, 129.44, 129.39, 127.86, 127.80, 118.10, 117.95, 113.01, 112.88, 112.83, 112.54, 112.49, 112.34, 53.78, 47.07, 42.99, 42.26.

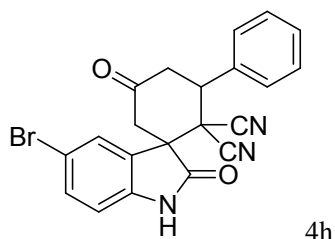


4g

5'-chloro-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Yellow solid, 99% yield 88:12 dr

Mp 220-222 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.92, 175.01, 141.54, 135.48, 131.41, 129.92, 129.44, 129.41, 128.25, 127.18, 125.18, 112.94, 112.88, 112.33, 53.61, 47.07, 43.00, 42.18, 41.73.

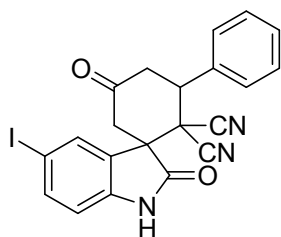


4h

5'-bromo-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 92% yield, 95:5 dr

Mp 146-148 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 27.6, 15.1 Hz, 2H), 2.78 – 2.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.86, 174.89, 141.95, 135.49, 134.24, 129.91, 129.40, 128.63, 127.88, 114.77, 113.39, 112.88, 112.35, 53.57, 47.09, 43.02, 42.24, 41.76.

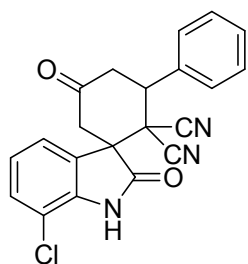


4i

5'-iodo-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 99% yield, 87:13 dr

Mp 190-192 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.65 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.93, 174.72, 142.34, 139.99, 135.49, 133.34, 132.05, 129.91, 129.43, 129.41, 128.89, 113.75, 112.92, 112.36, 53.34, 47.10, 43.01, 42.26, 41.75.

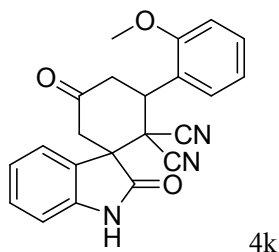


4j

7'-chloro-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Brown solid, 73% yield, 88:12 dr.

Mp 238-240 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.88 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 10.2, 5.2 Hz, 6H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.49 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.87, 175.31, 140.40, 135.48, 131.43, 129.91, 129.45, 129.39, 129.16, 128.18, 124.65, 123.56, 115.55, 112.92, 112.33, 54.23, 47.17, 43.04, 42.30, 41.73.



3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 85% yield, 82:18 dr

Mp 151-153 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 –

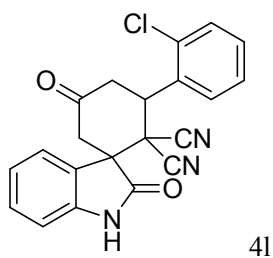
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Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.59 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.63 – 2.53 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.44, 175.15, 157.46, 142.50, 131.33, 130.85, 128.56,

126.64, 124.76, 123.99, 123.22, 121.17, 113.01, 112.84, 112.01, 111.23, 56.06, 53.30, 46.72,

42.79, 41.83, 33.61.



3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 99% yield, >99:1 dr

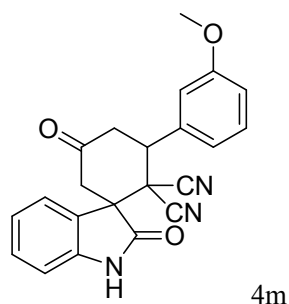
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7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43

(t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.0 Hz,

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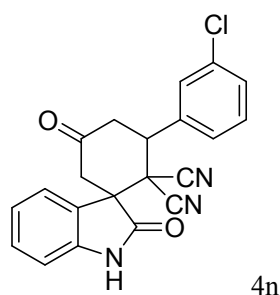
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3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 95% yield, 95:5 dr

Mp 156-158 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 15.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.75 – 2.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.06, 175.24, 159.87, 142.46, 137.16, 130.47, 126.51, 124.83, 123.34, 121.50, 115.31, 113.07, 112.63, 111.38, 55.67, 53.48, 47.15, 43.03, 42.66, 41.88.

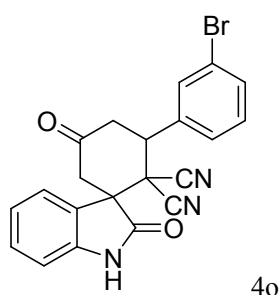


3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-purple solid, 86% yield, >99:1 dr

Mp 215-217 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s,

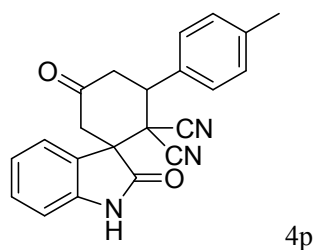
1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.43 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J = 7.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, $J = 13.6, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, $J = 15.6, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 201.88, 175.14, 142.46, 137.98, 133.95, 131.48, 131.21, 129.92, 129.37, 128.41, 126.39, 124.86, 123.39, 112.93, 112.34, 111.42, 53.38, 46.99, 42.65, 42.57, 41.42.



3-(3-bromophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-purple solid, 85% yield, 99:1 dr

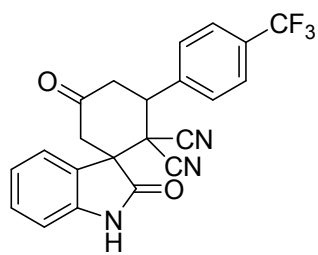
Mp 145-147 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dt, $J = 19.2, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, $J = 13.6, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 201.82, 175.14, 142.47, 138.21, 132.82, 132.23, 131.48, 131.46, 128.75, 126.39, 124.85, 123.39, 122.46, 112.93, 112.34, 111.43, 53.40, 47.02, 42.62, 41.44.



2',5-dioxo-3-(p-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 97% yield, 87:13 dr

Mp 175-177 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.17, 175.29, 142.45, 139.39, 132.68, 131.38, 129.92, 129.26, 126.56, 124.81, 123.33, 113.13, 112.60, 111.36, 53.45, 47.40, 42.75, 42.67, 41.91, 21.12.

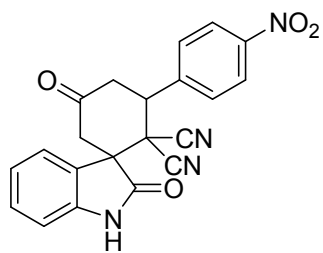


4q

2',5-dioxo-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 95% yield, 87:13 dr

Mp 200-202 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.44 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.81, 175.18, 142.46, 140.13, 131.51, 130.72, 132.60, 126.36, 126.27, 125.30, 124.86, 123.50, 123.40, 112.86, 112.27, 111.44, 53.42, 46.78, 42.77, 42.58, 41.31.

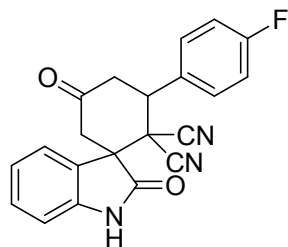


4r

3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Yellow solid, 98% yield, 87:13 dr

Mp 203-205 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.58, 175.14, 148.61, 142.61, 142.47, 131.54, 131.18, 126.31, 124.87, 124.31, 123.42, 112.76, 112.16, 111.46, 53.43, 46.57, 42.68, 42.58, 41.22.



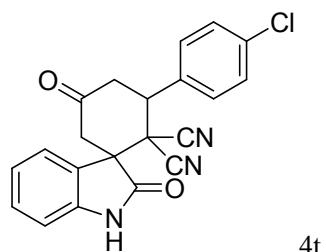
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3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 95% yield, 94:6 dr

Mp 187-189 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ

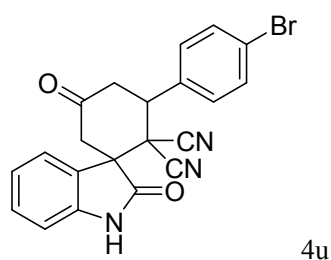
201.98, 175.22, 163.83, 162.19, 142.45, 131.71, 131.65, 131.43, 126.47, 124.83, 123.35, 116.33,
116.19, 113.02, 112.44, 111.39, 53.35, 47.28, 42.60, 42.37, 41.83.



3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 81% yield, 94:6 dr

Mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.78 – 2.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.85, 175.20, 142.46, 134.68, 134.60, 131.45, 131.36, 129.38, 126.44, 124.83, 123.37, 112.96, 112.39, 111.41, 53.39, 47.08, 42.63, 42.49, 41.60.

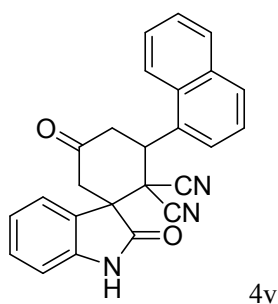


3-(4-bromophenyl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 81% yield, 92:8 dr

Mp 143-145 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,

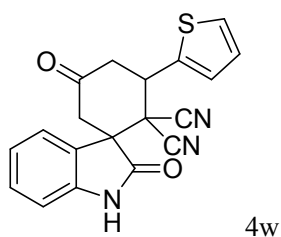
$J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, $J = 13.6, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, $J = 13.8, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.61 (dd, $J = 16.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 201.83, 175.20, 142.45, 135.01, 132.33, 131.64, 131.45, 126.43, 124.83, 123.38, 123.30, 112.96, 112.38, 111.42, 53.40, 46.99, 42.64, 42.56, 41.54.



3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

White solid, 82% yield, >99:1 dr

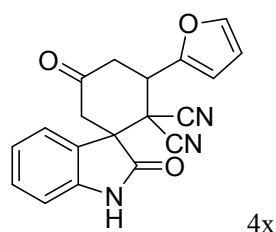
Mp 245-247 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta = 11.56$ (s, 1H), 8.12 – 8.01 (m, 3H), 7.98 (d, $J=7.3$, 1H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65 (t, $J=7.2$, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J=7.4$, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J=7.7$, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J=7.6$, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J=7.8$, 1H), 6.05 (dd, $J=13.7, 3.5$, 1H), 3.70 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J=16.1$, 1H), 2.83 – 2.72 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) $\delta = 202.33, 175.88, 142.36, 134.08, 132.03, 131.84, 131.45, 130.26, 129.57, 127.22, 126.75, 126.55, 126.54, 125.93, 124.87, 123.46, 122.75, 112.90, 112.82, 111.44, 53.58, 47.02, 42.97, 42.91, 35.03$.



2',5-dioxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Yellow solid, 72% yield, >99:1 dr

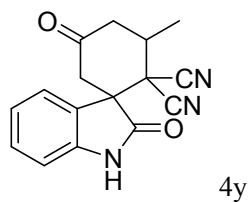
Mp 230-232 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.44 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.07, 175.24, 142.45, 138.26, 131.48, 128.78, 127.89, 127.71, 126.45, 124.75, 123.44, 113.17, 112.57, 111.47, 53.24, 47.86, 43.62, 42.55, 39.30.



3-(furan-2-yl)-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 76% yield, 99:1 dr

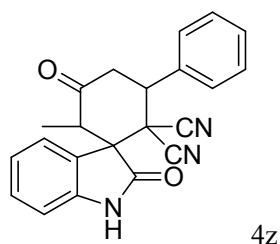
Mp 237-239 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.42 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, *J* = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 201.28, 175.24, 149.61, 144.67, 142.47, 131.48, 126.35, 124.74, 123.43, 112.98, 112.33, 111.51, 111.45, 110.67, 53.07, 45.46, 42.61, 40.58, 38.03.



3-methyl-2',5-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile²

Pale-yellow solid, 32% yield, 99:1 dr

Mp 170-172 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 202.17, 175.12, 142.41, 131.34, 126.63, 124.61, 123.29, 113.63, 112.29, 111.30, 53.05, 46.44, 43.68, 42.54, 33.87, 18.28.

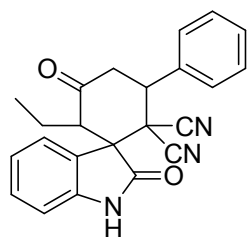


6-methyl-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile

White solid, 89% yield, 58:42 dr

Mp 155-157 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.47 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.37 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 4.64-4.31 (m, 1H), 3.67 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.86-2.74 (m, 1H), 0.63 (dd, *J* = 48.6, 6.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 203.18, 174.11, 142.98, 135.59, 131.42, 129.84, 129.58, 129.38, 129.07, 124.68, 123.62, 113.07, 111.37, 58.62, 48.15, 45.12, 42.95, 41.91, 9.33.

MS(ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₃O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 378.1213, found 378.1221.



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6-ethyl-2',5-dioxo-3-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarbonitrile

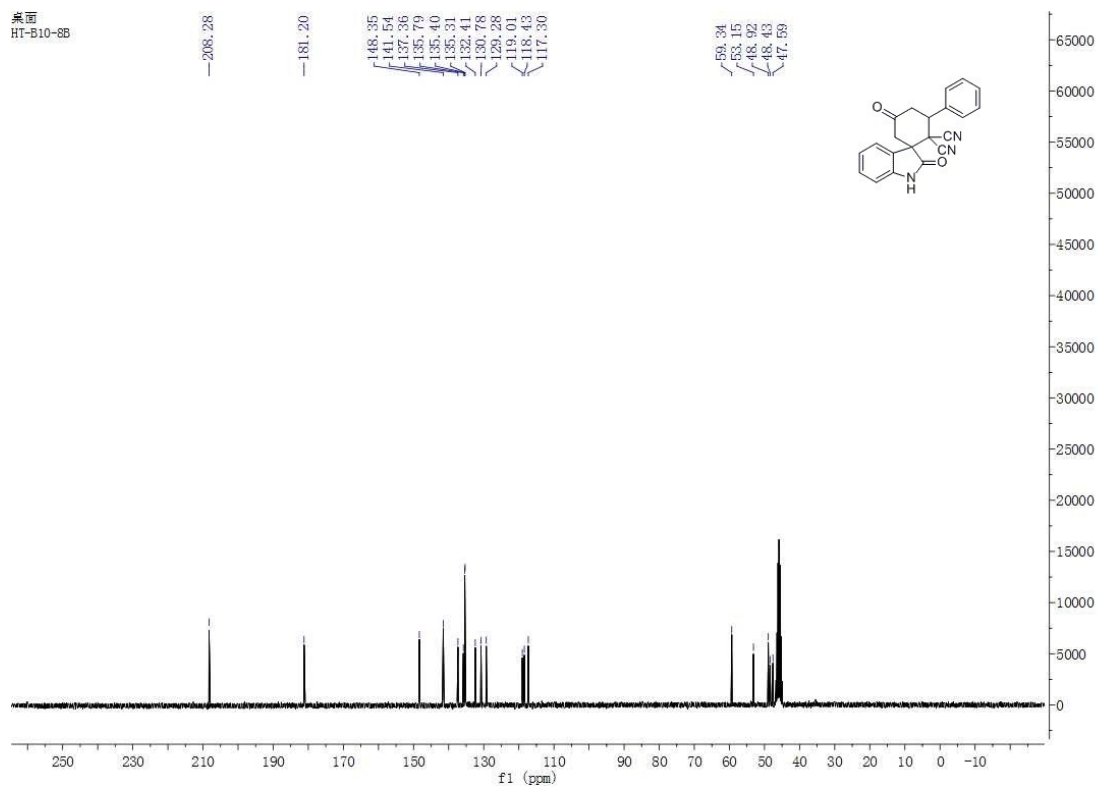
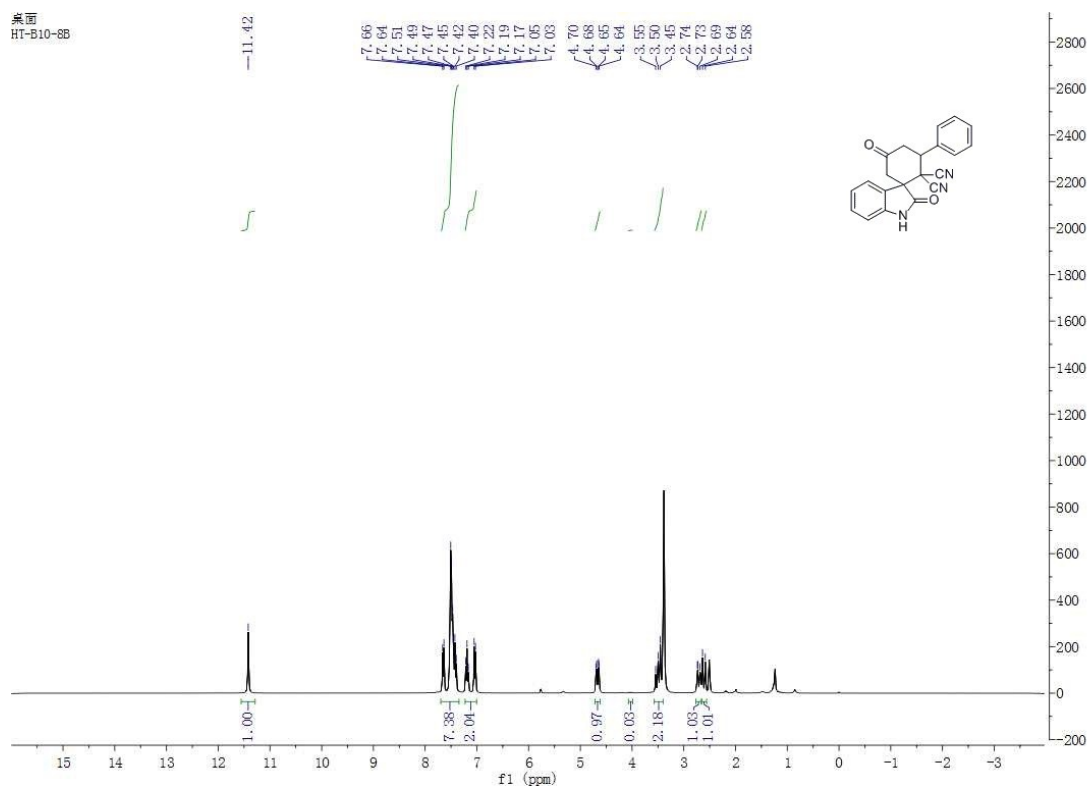
White solid, 71% yield, 73:27 dr

Mp 140-142 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.47 (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.26 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.27 (m, 1H), 3.67 (dt, $J = 64.2, 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 14.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.71 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 0.79 (dd, $J = 22.7, 15.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 202.63, 174.08, 143.09, 131.47, 129.8, 129.56, 129.34, 129.05, 126.01, 124.70, 123.59, 112.99, 111.35, 58.43, 51.55, 48.43, 43.18, 42.53, 17.74, 13.40.

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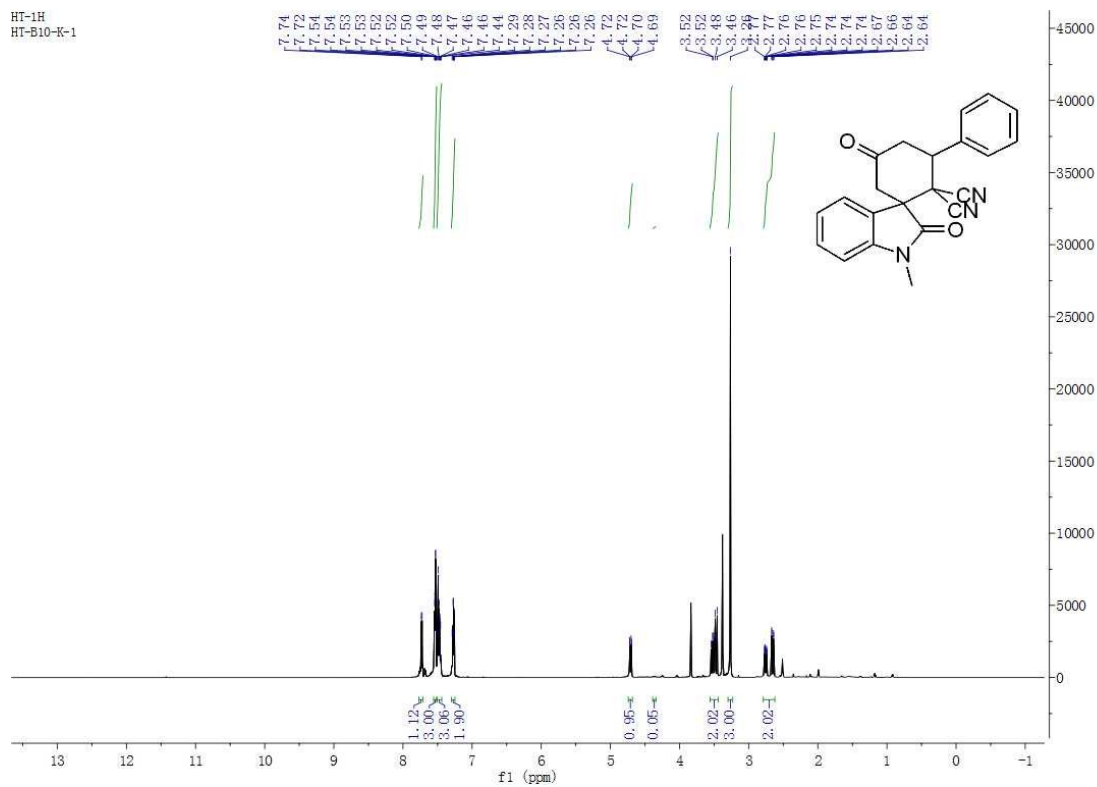
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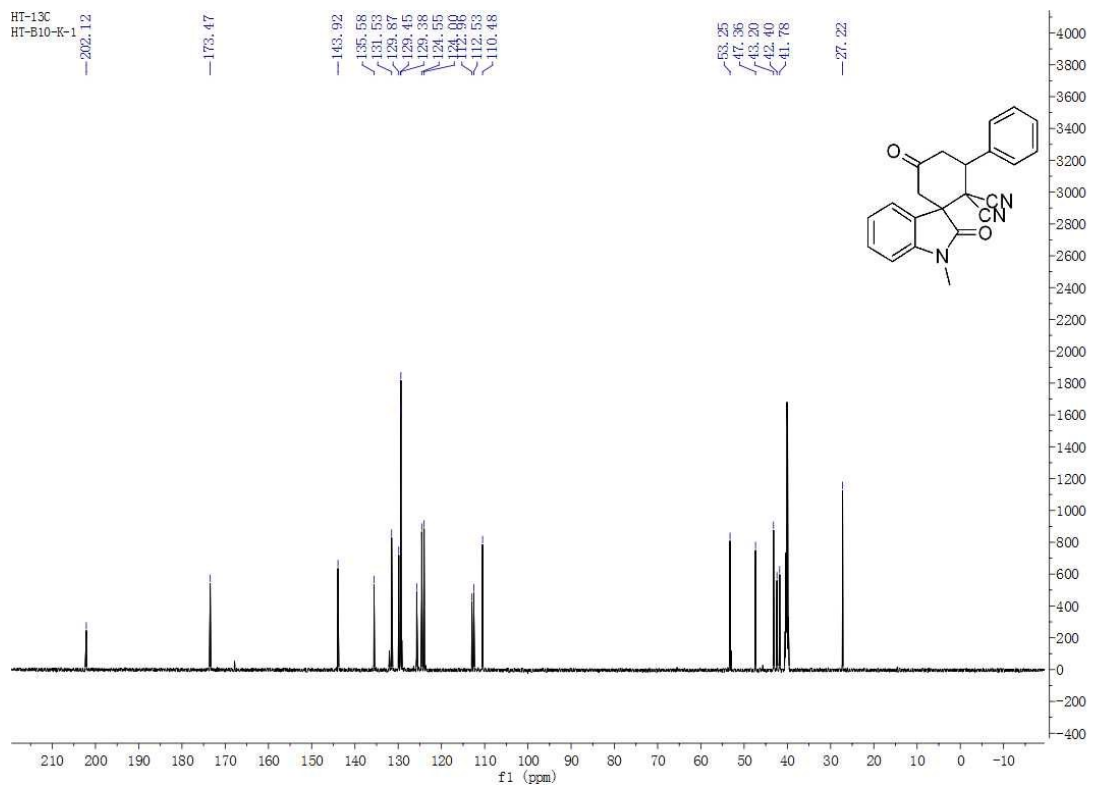


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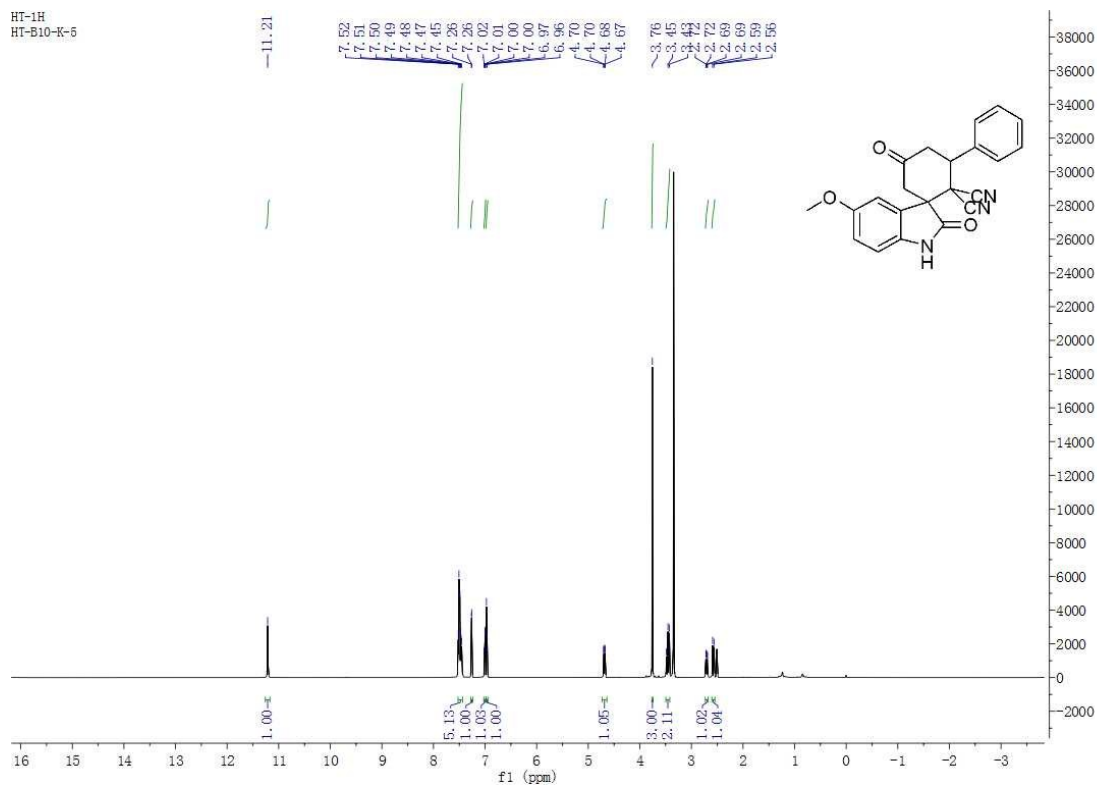


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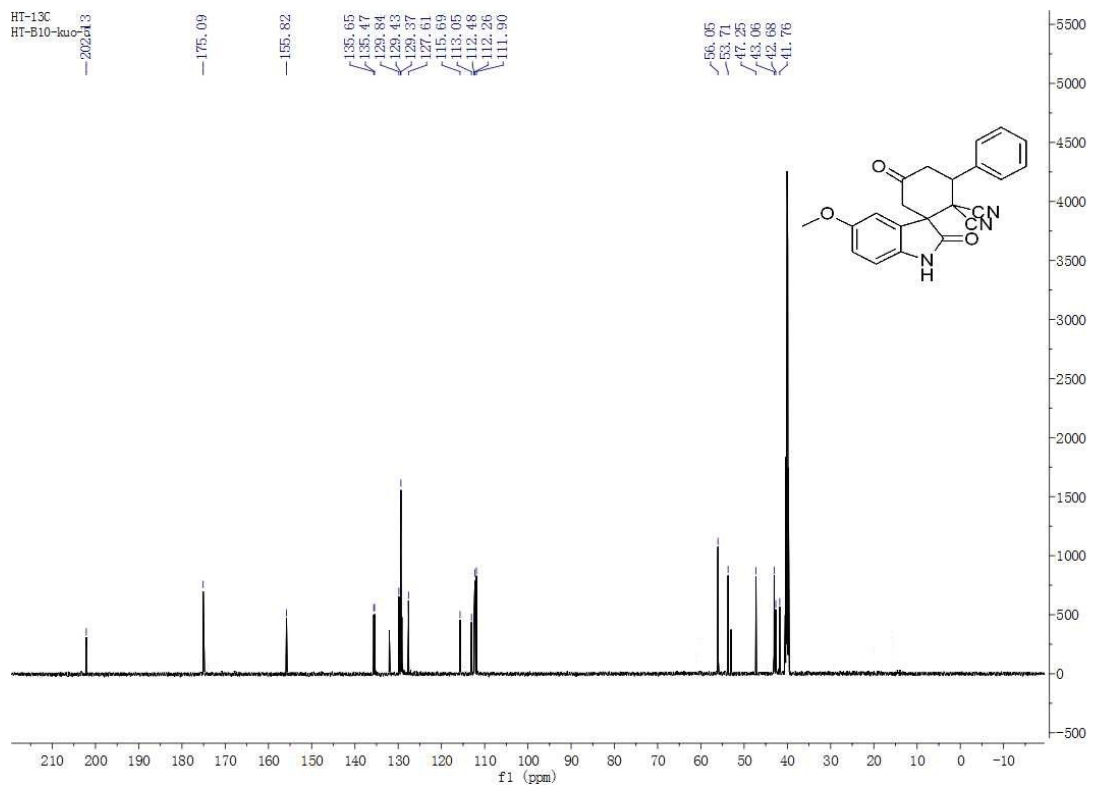


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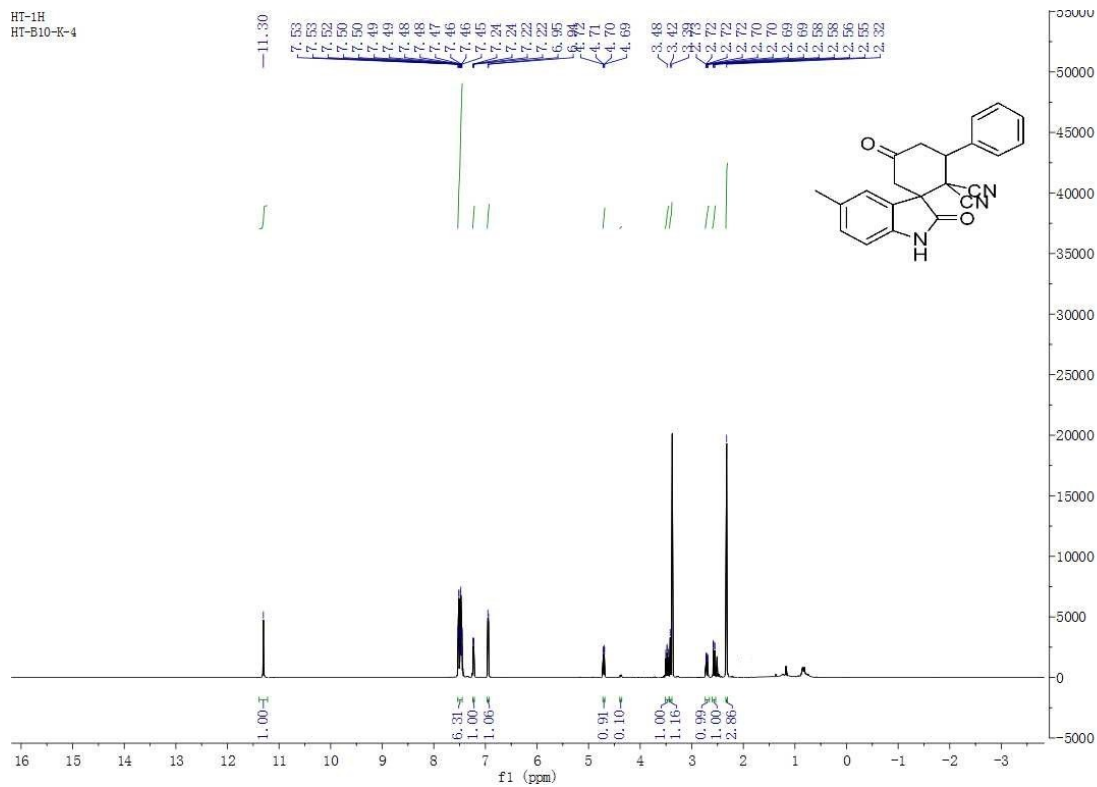


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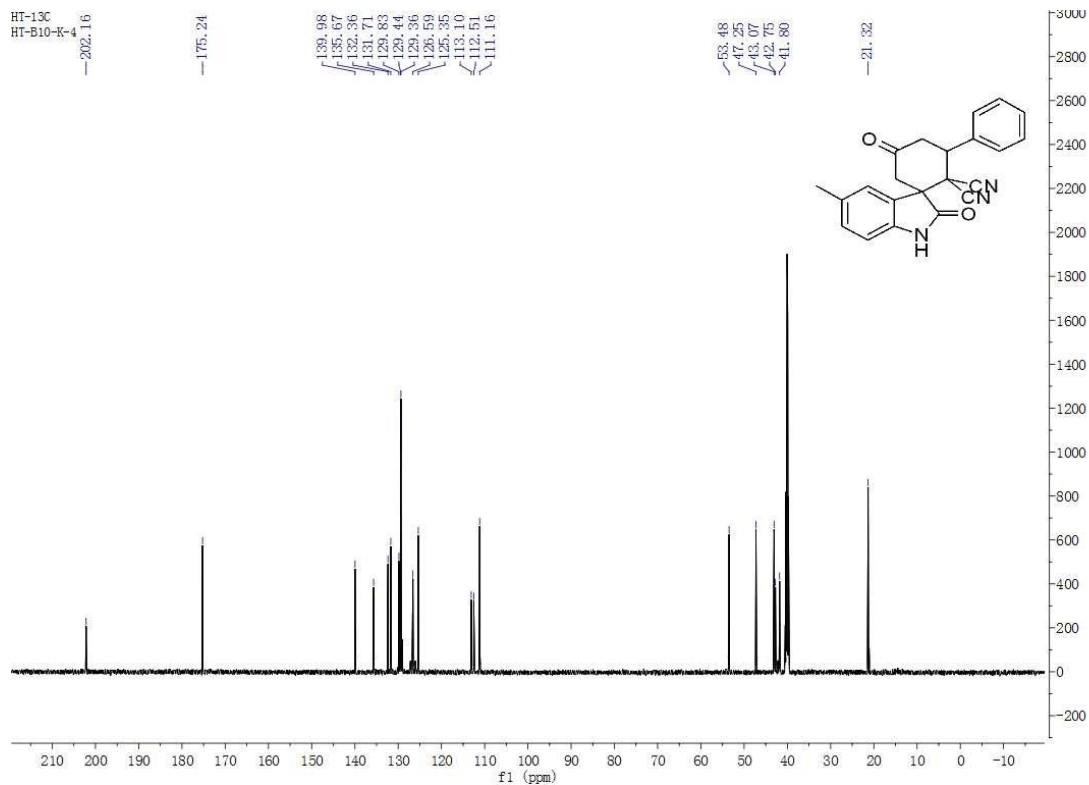


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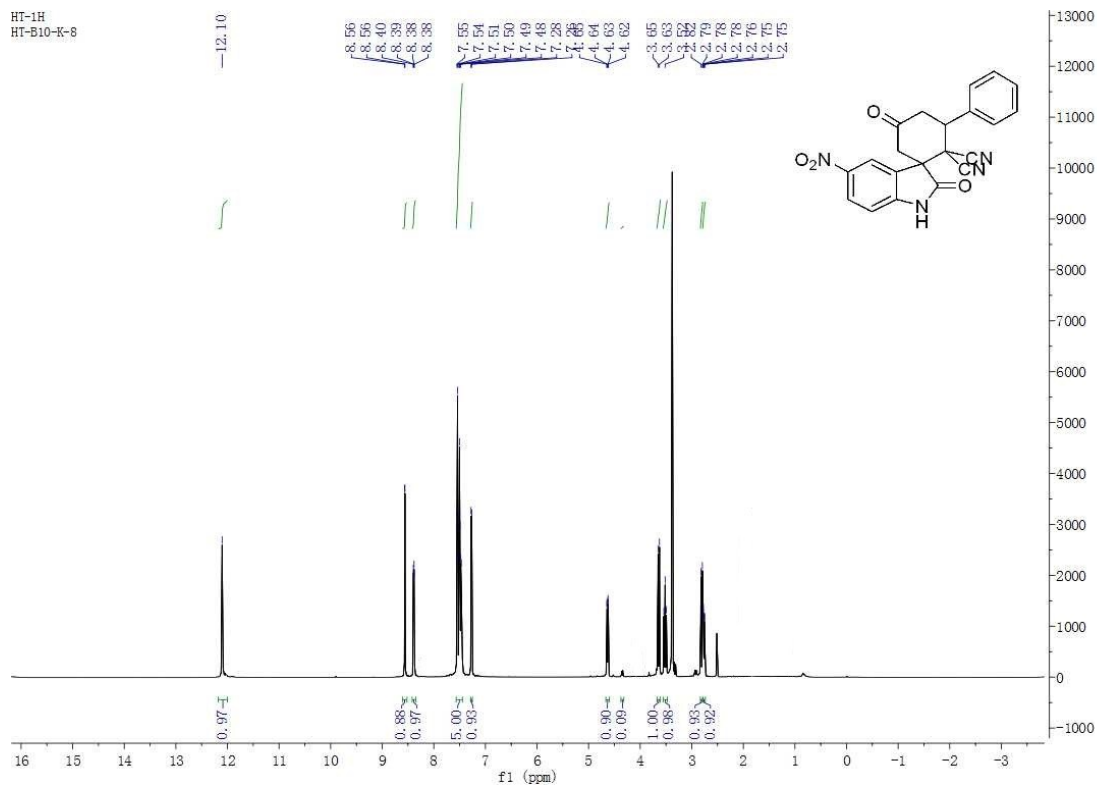


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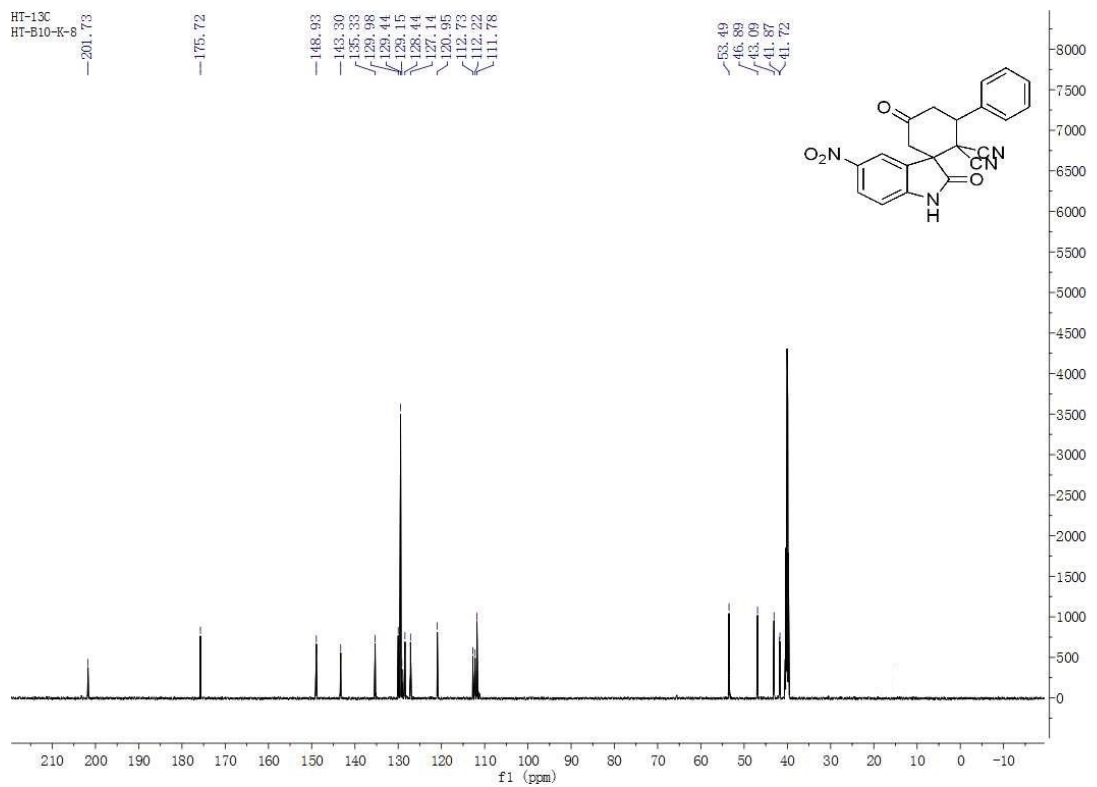


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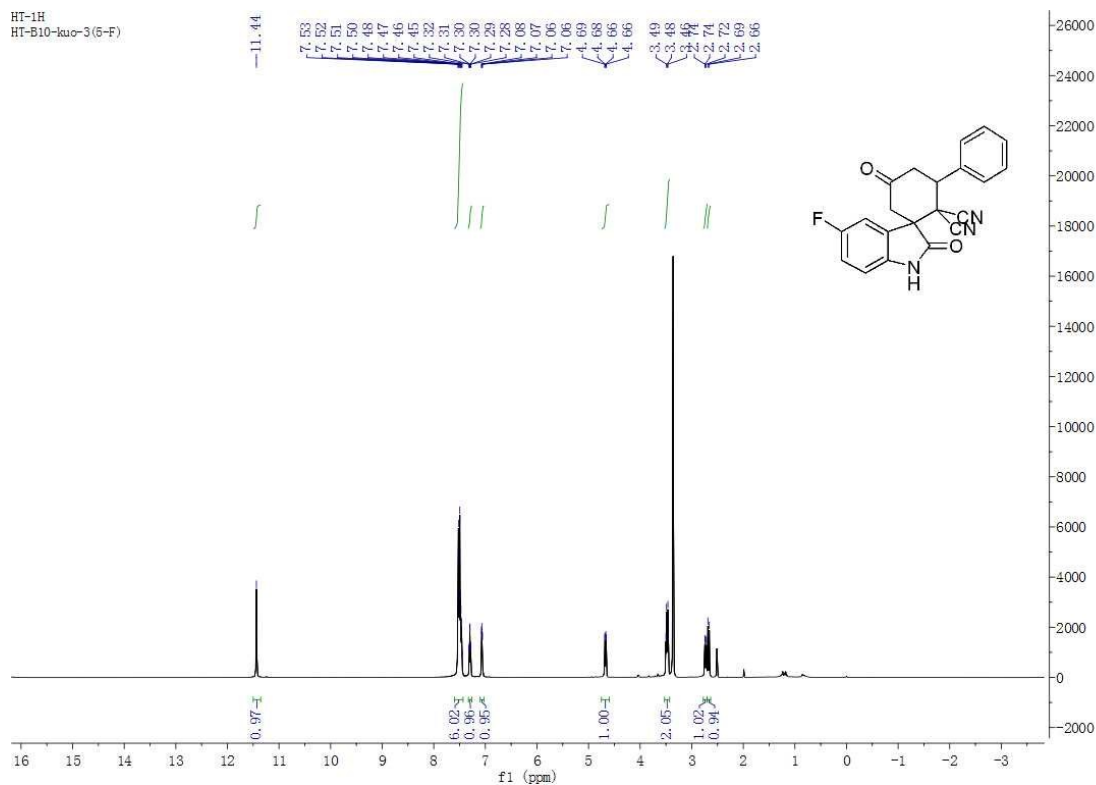


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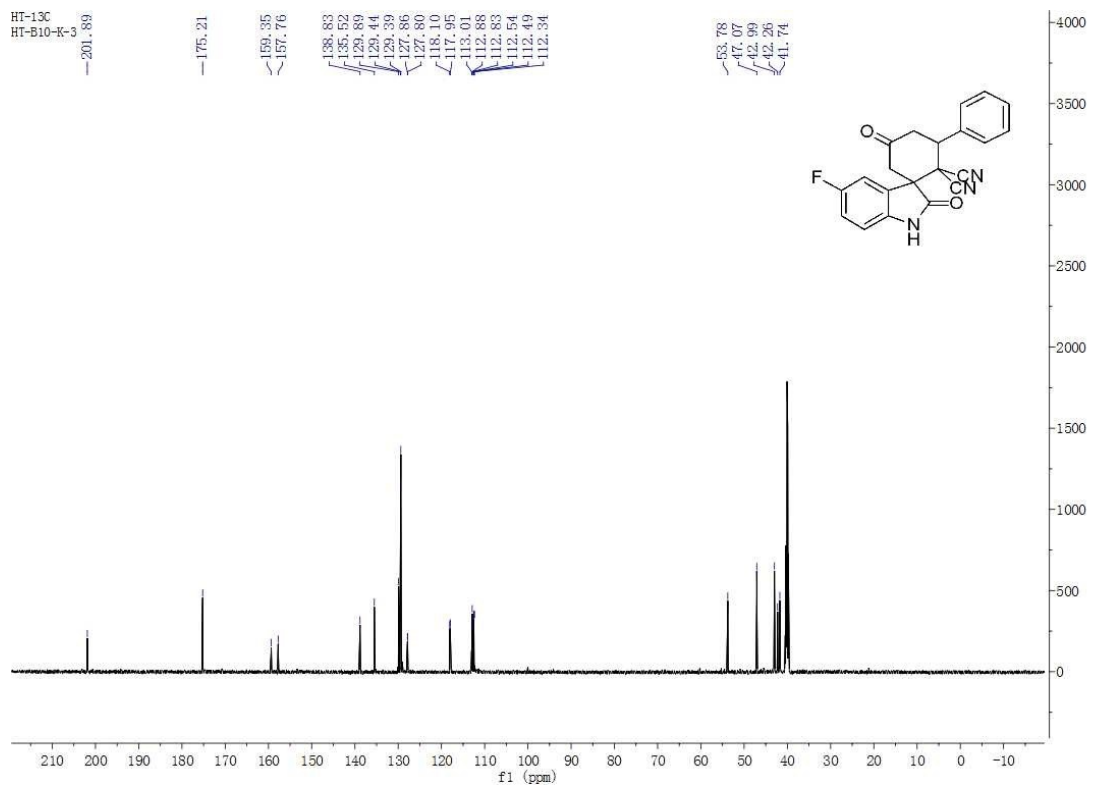


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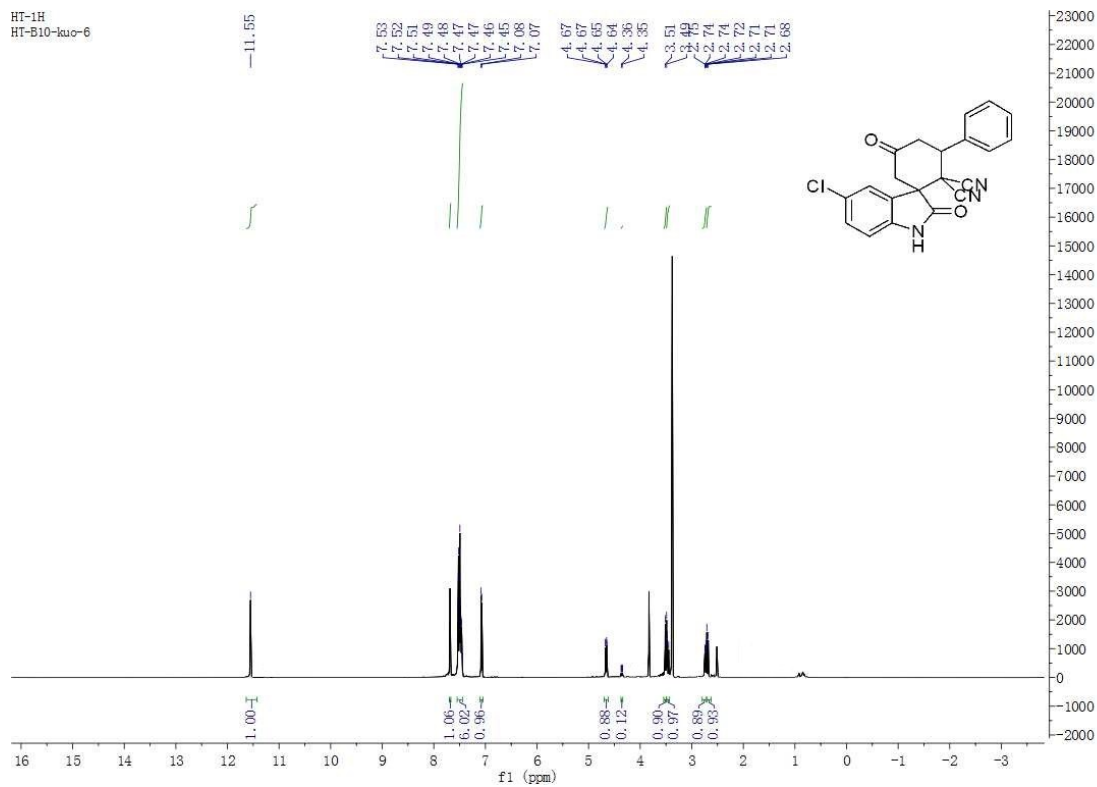


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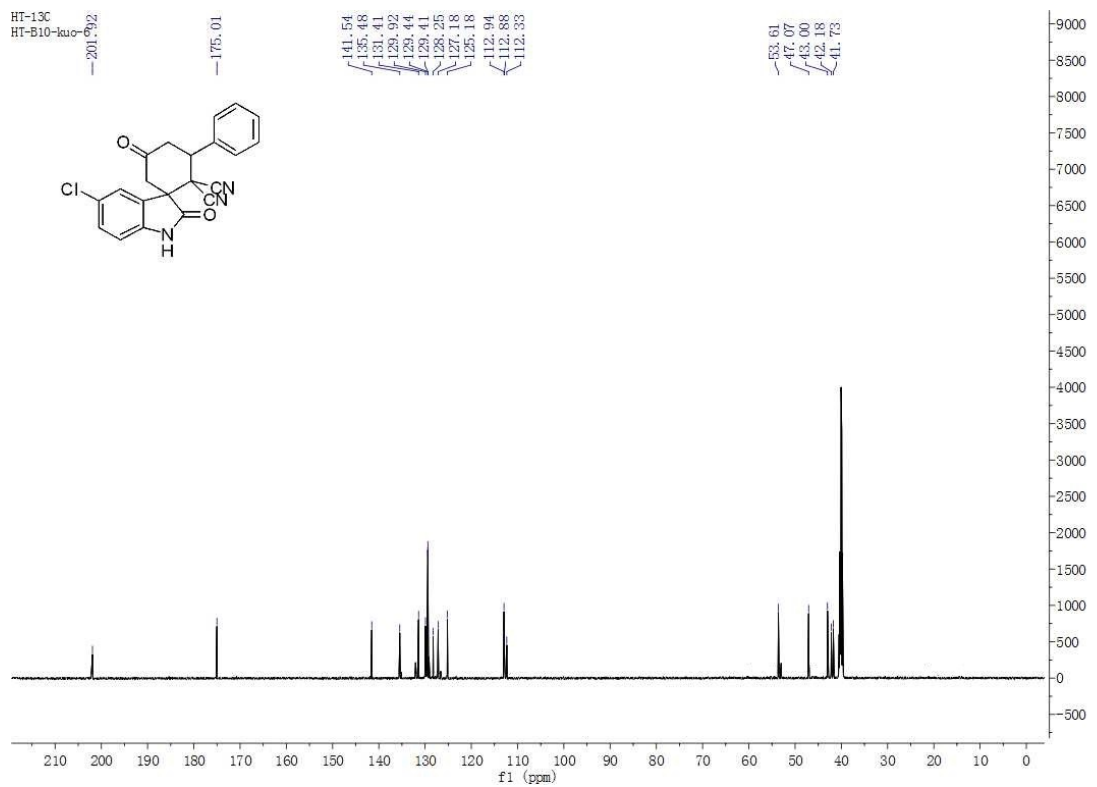


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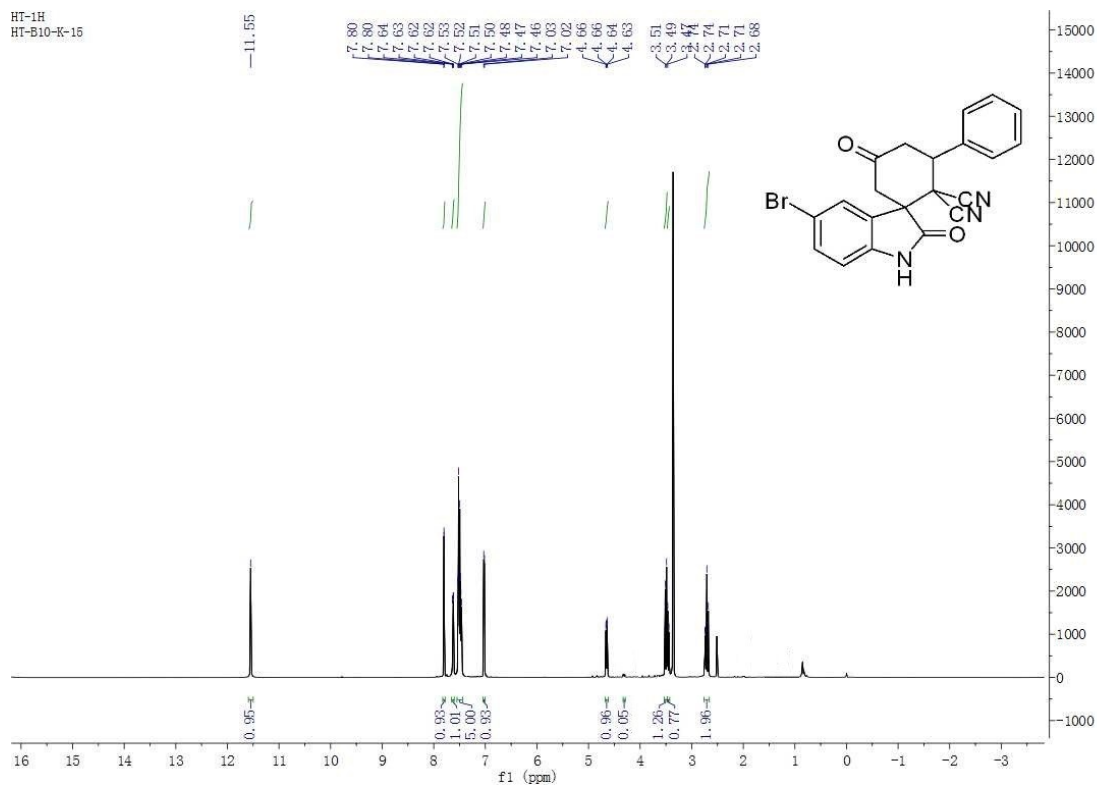


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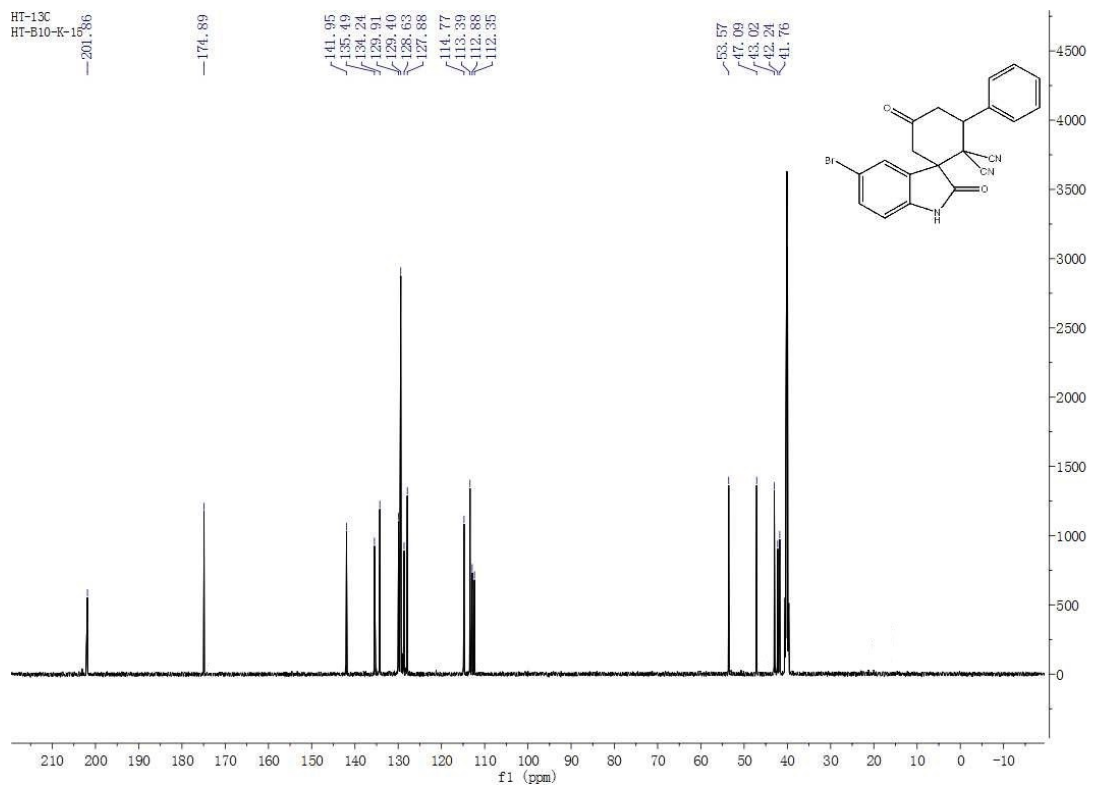


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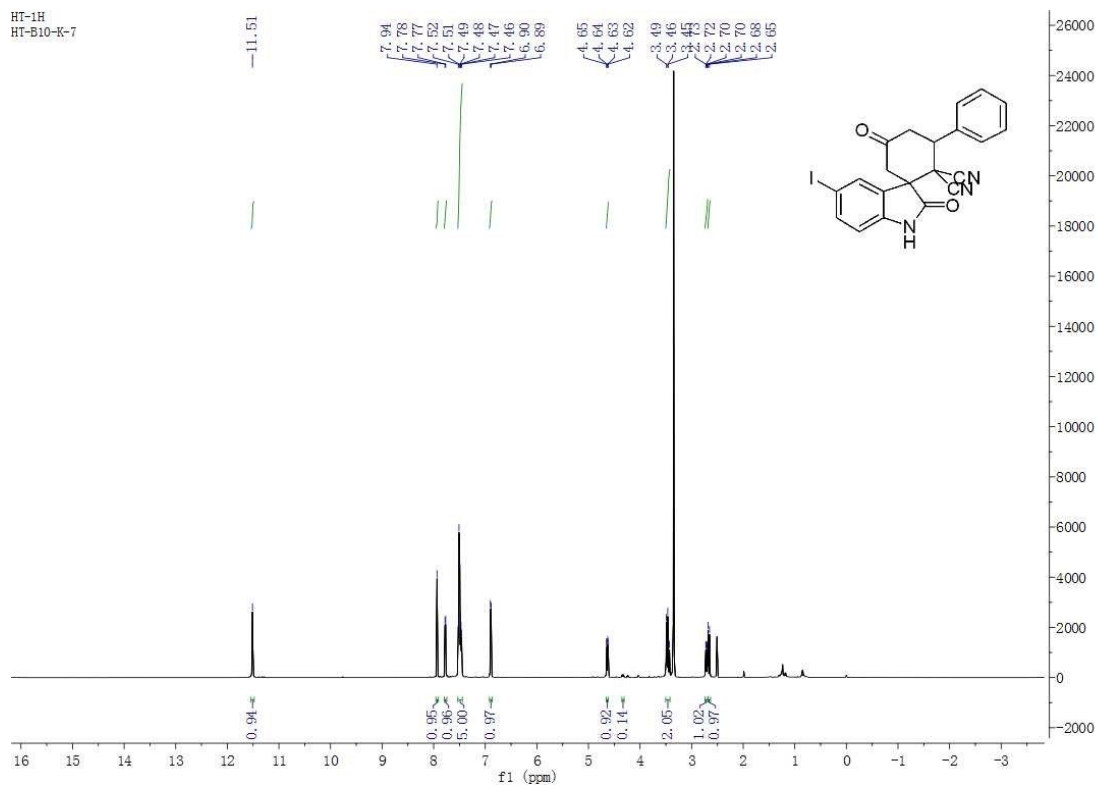


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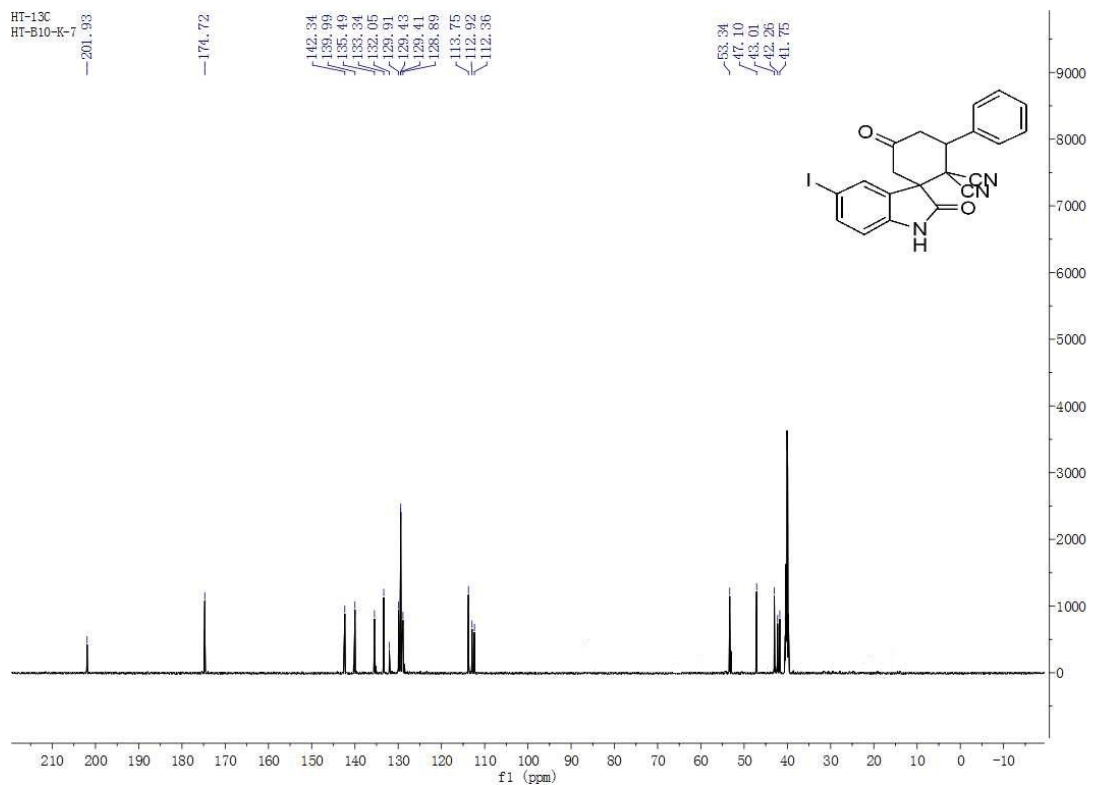


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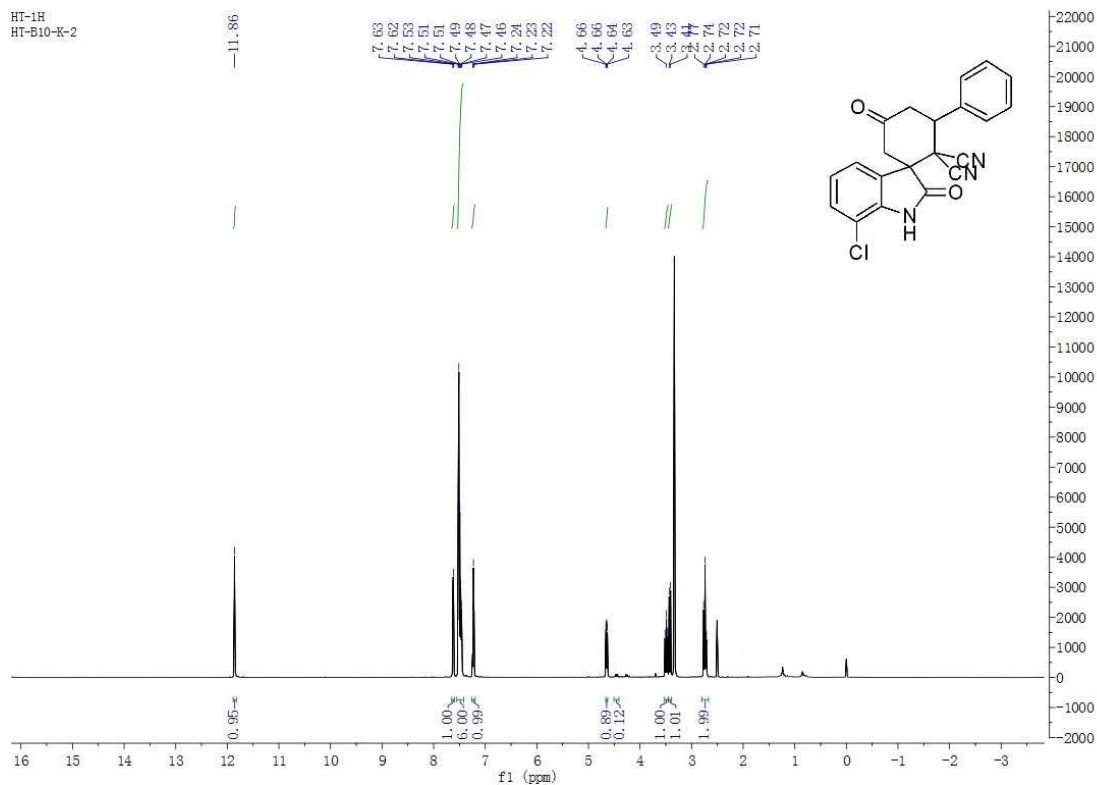


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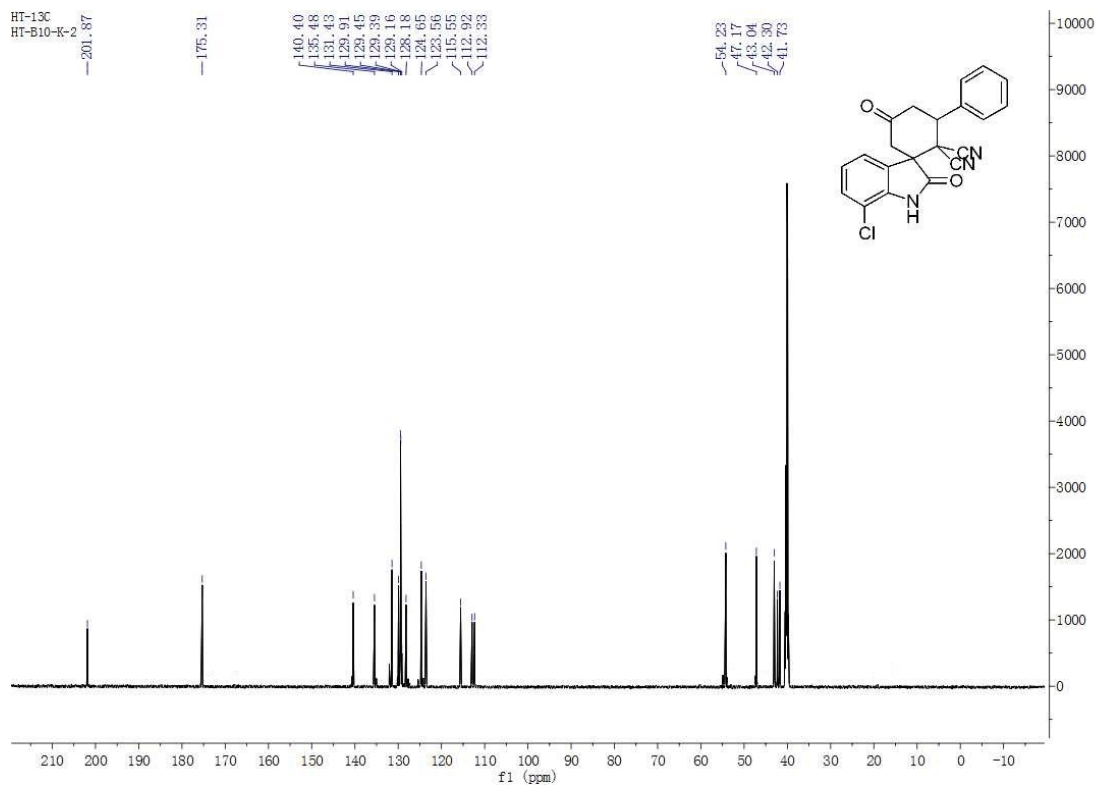


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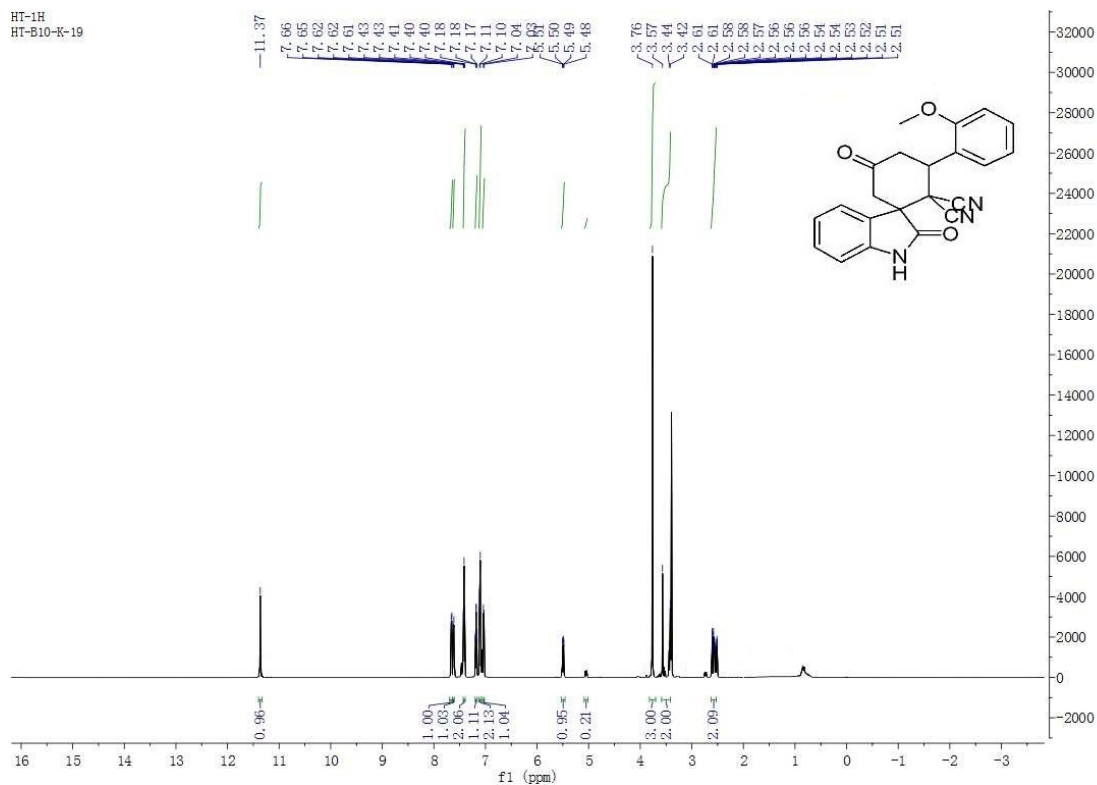


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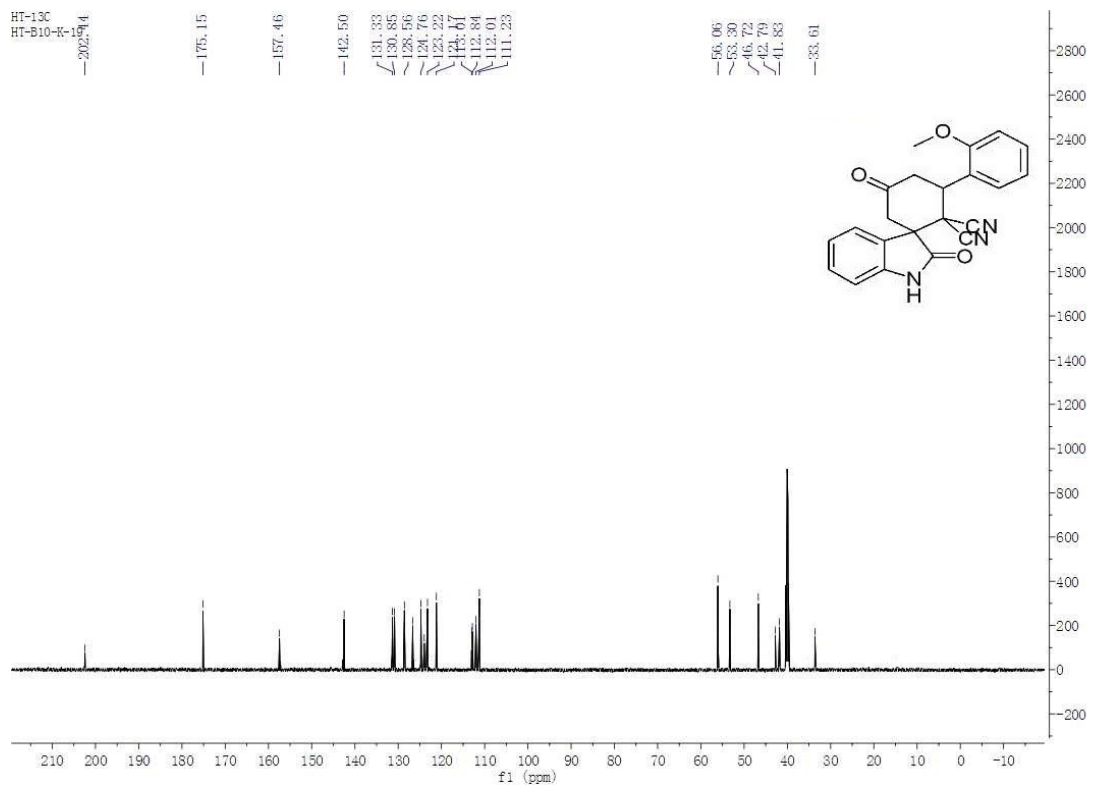


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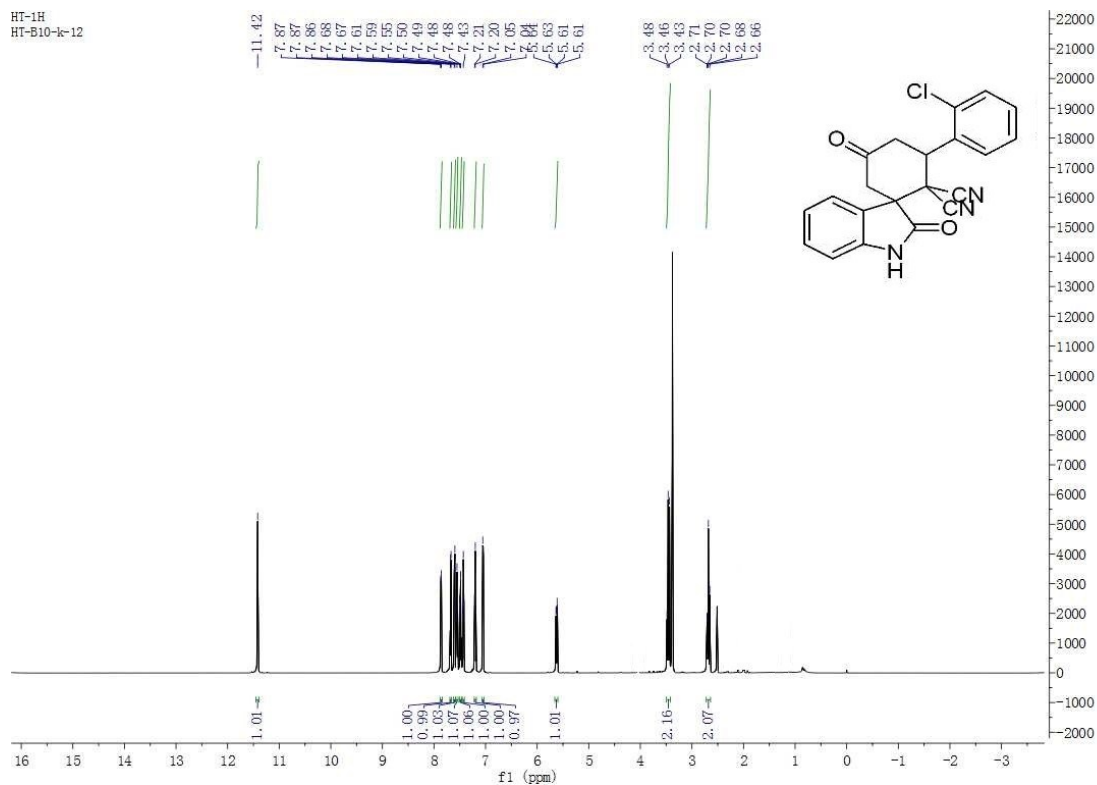


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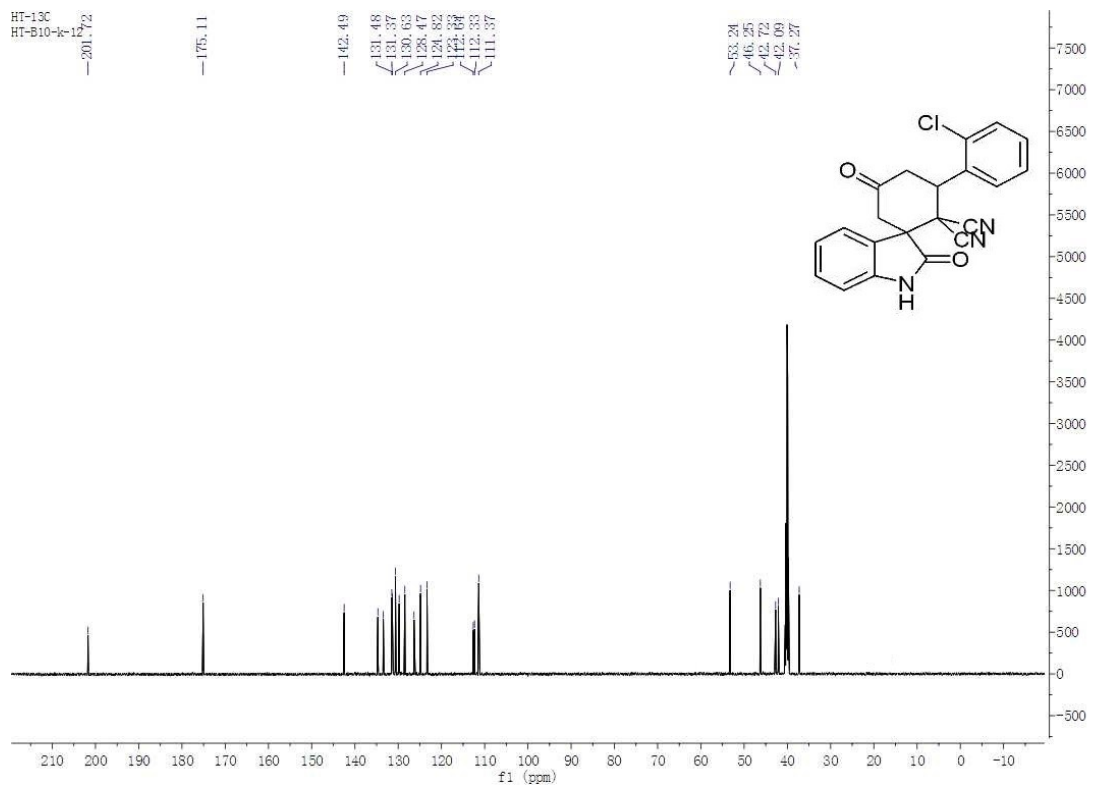


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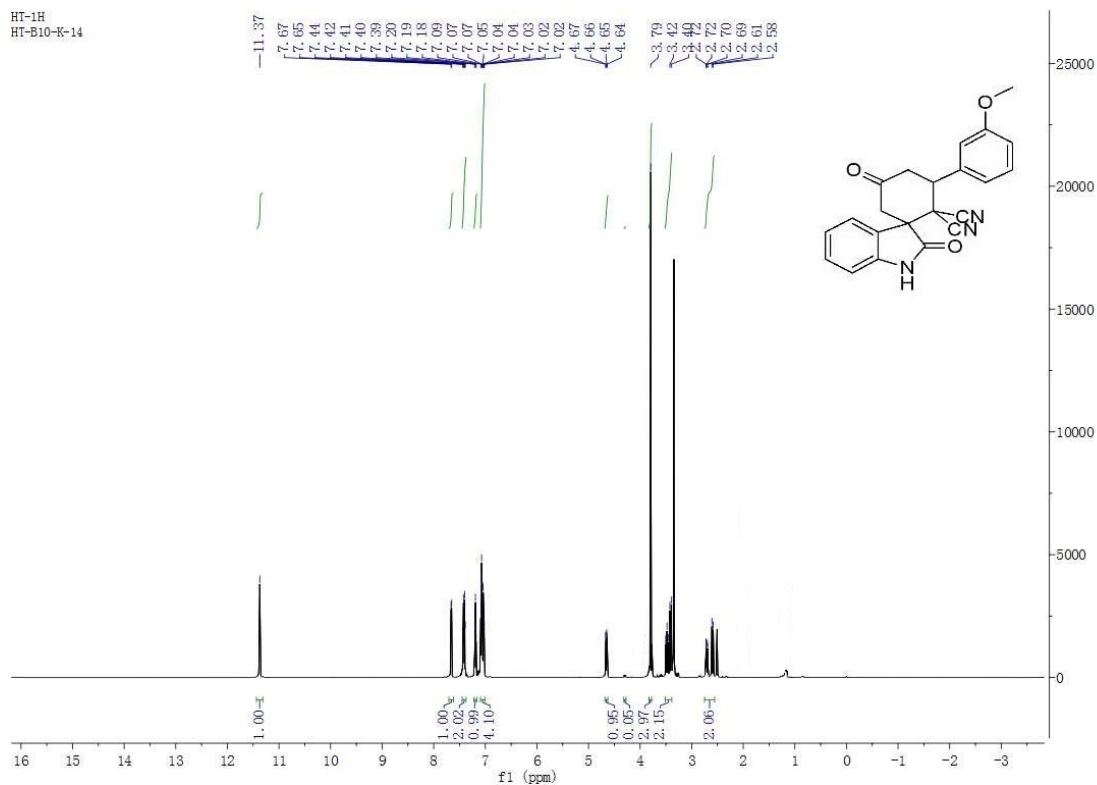


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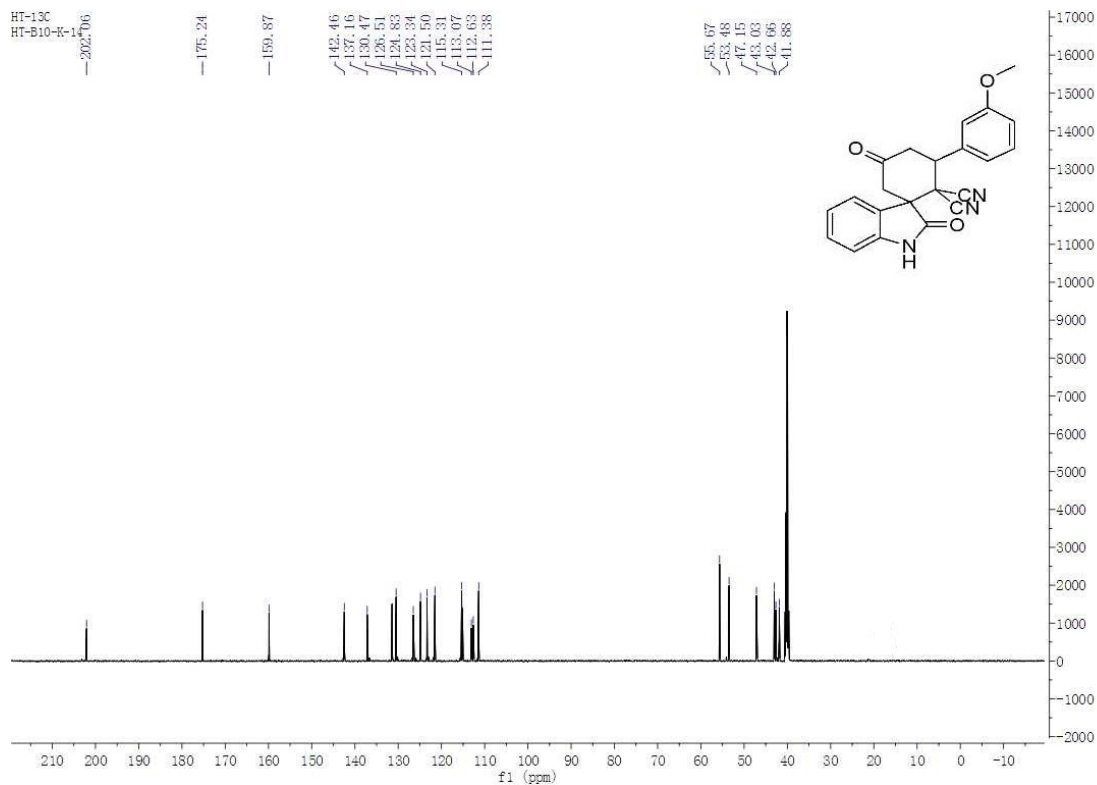


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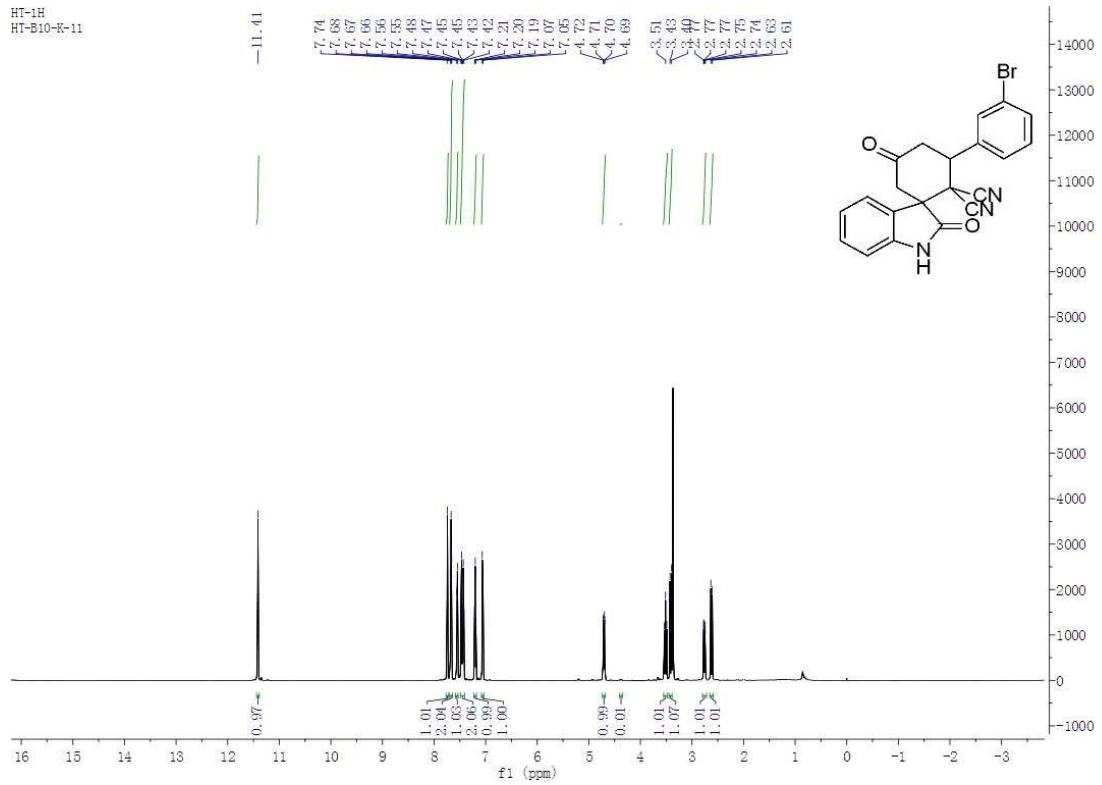


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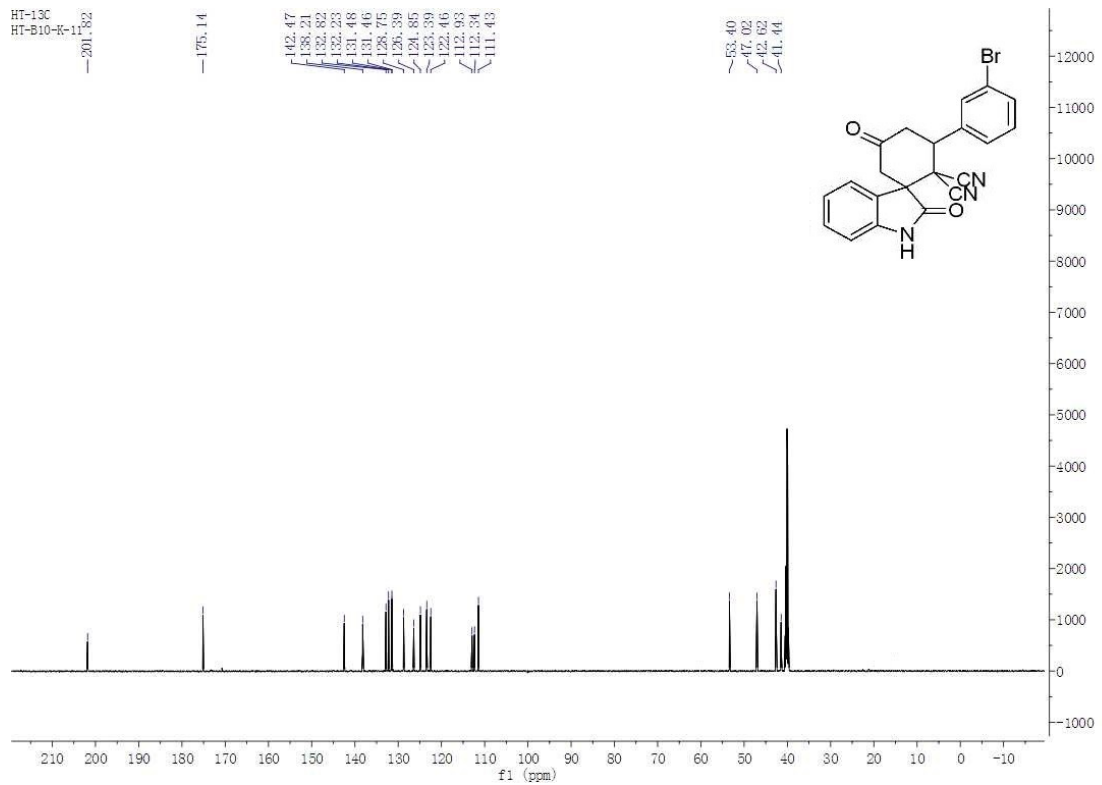


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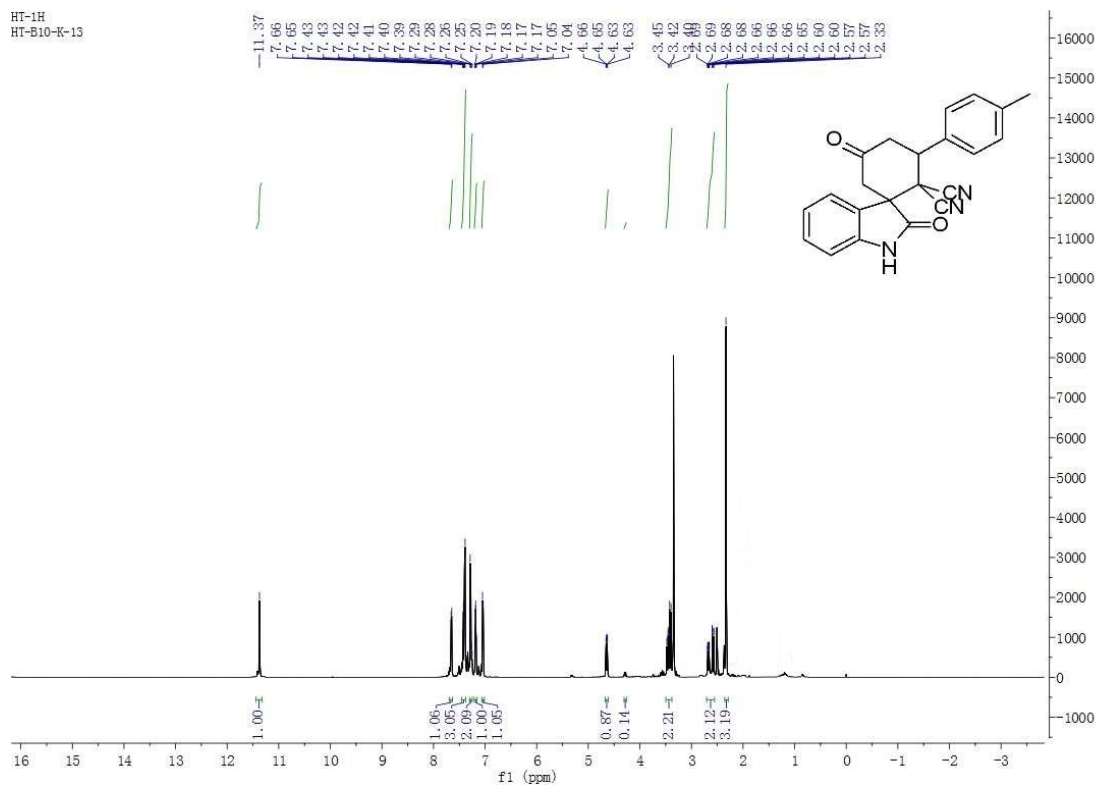


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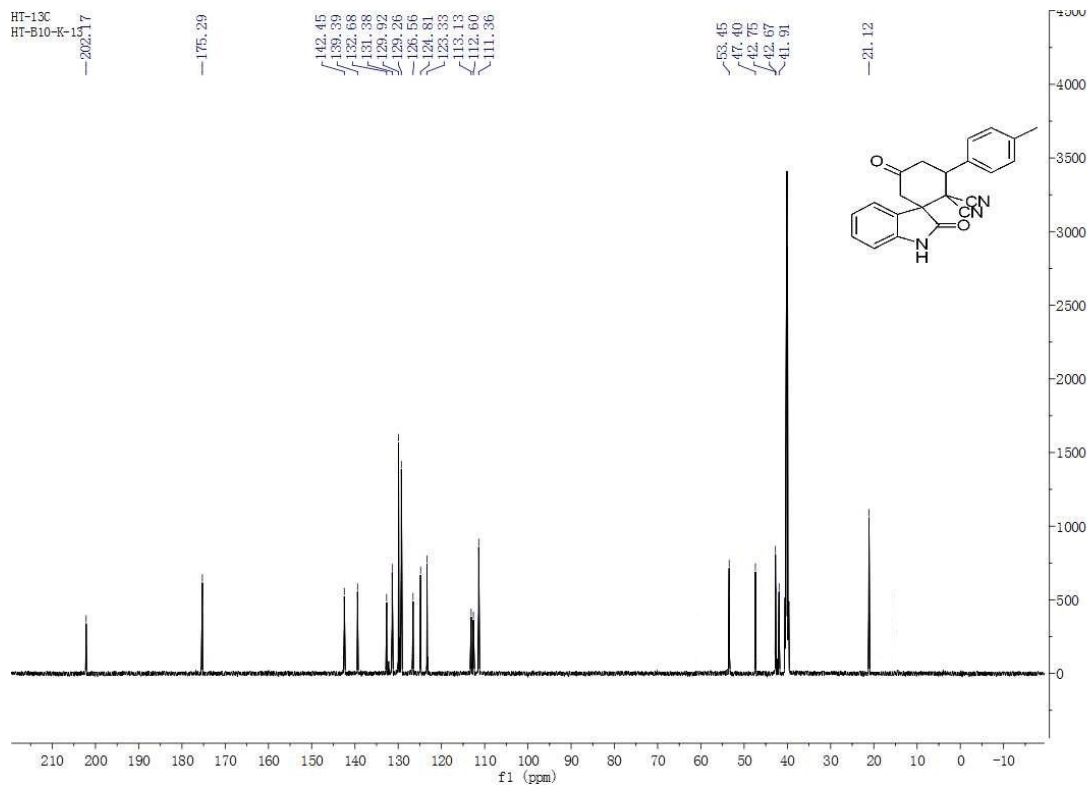


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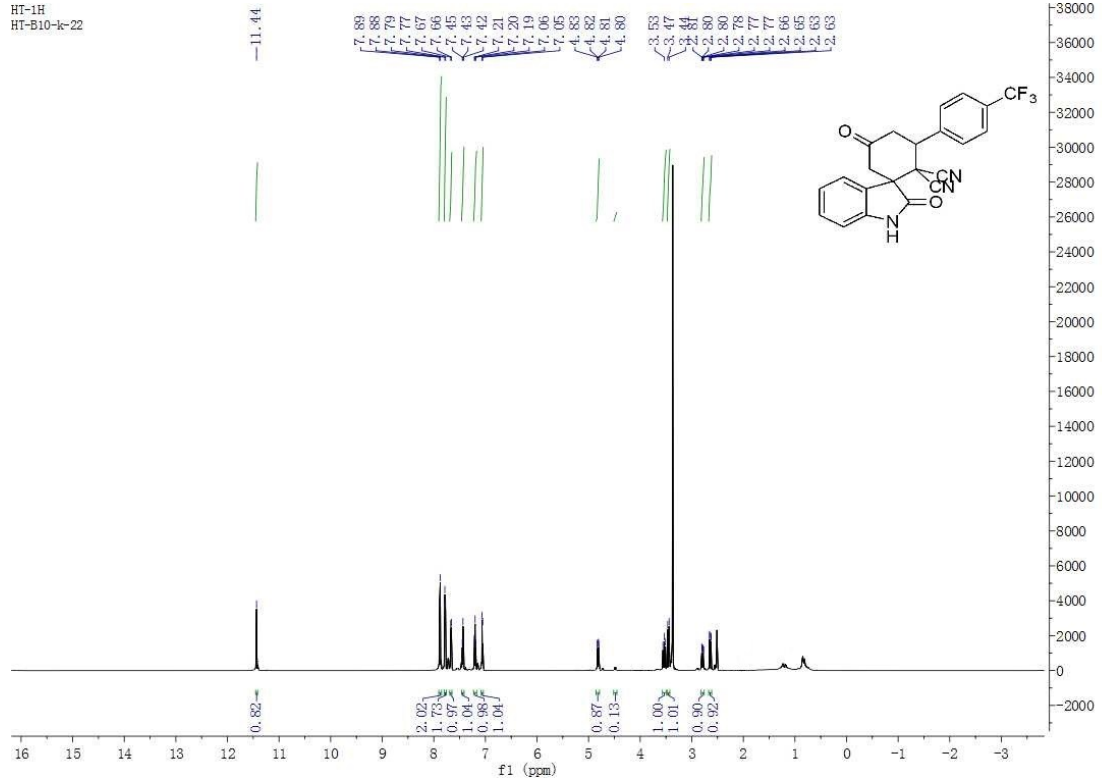


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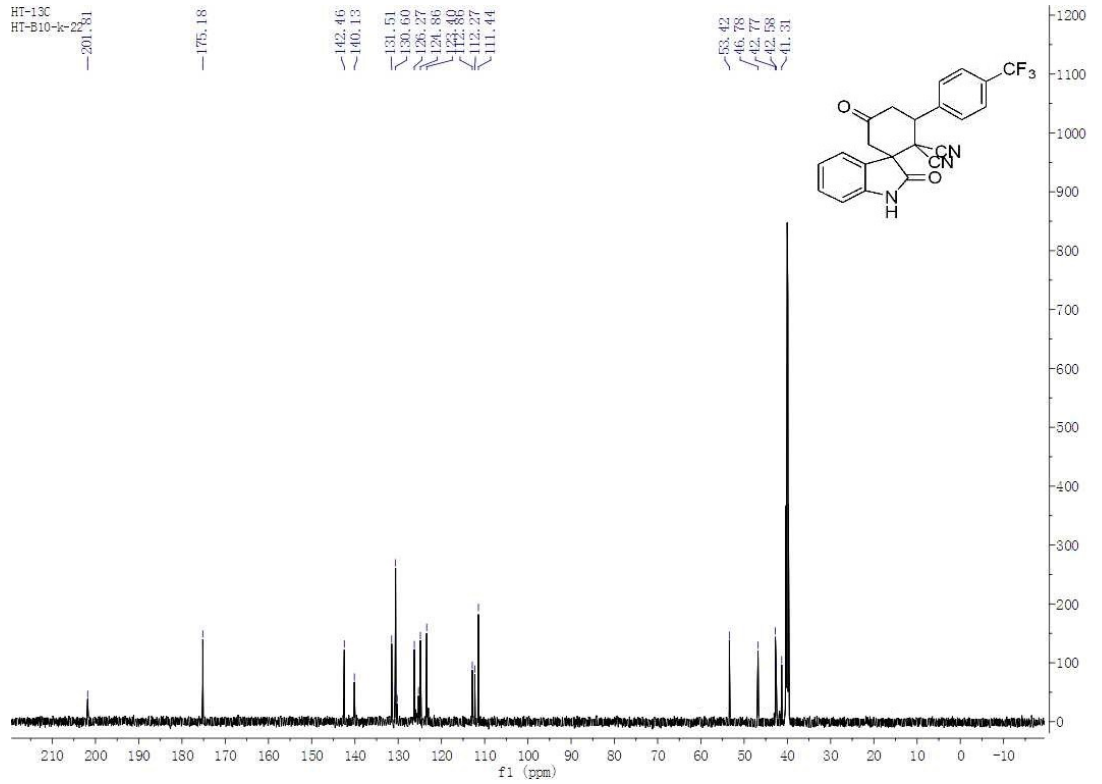


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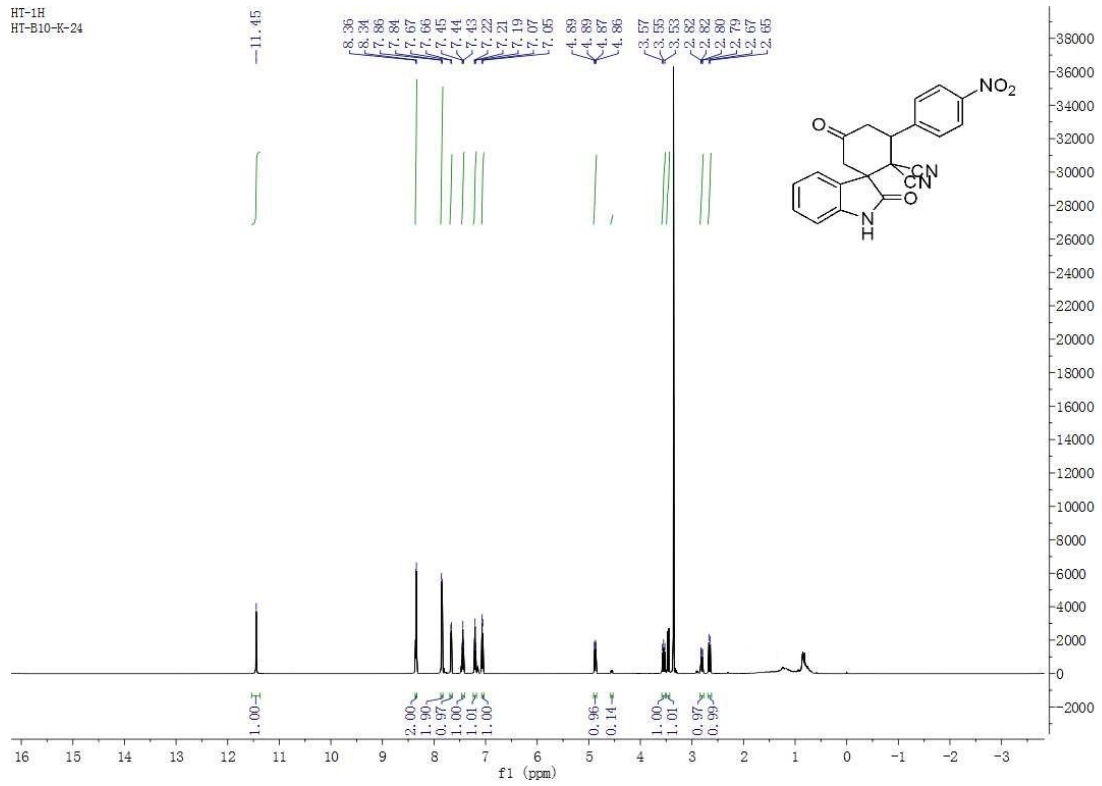


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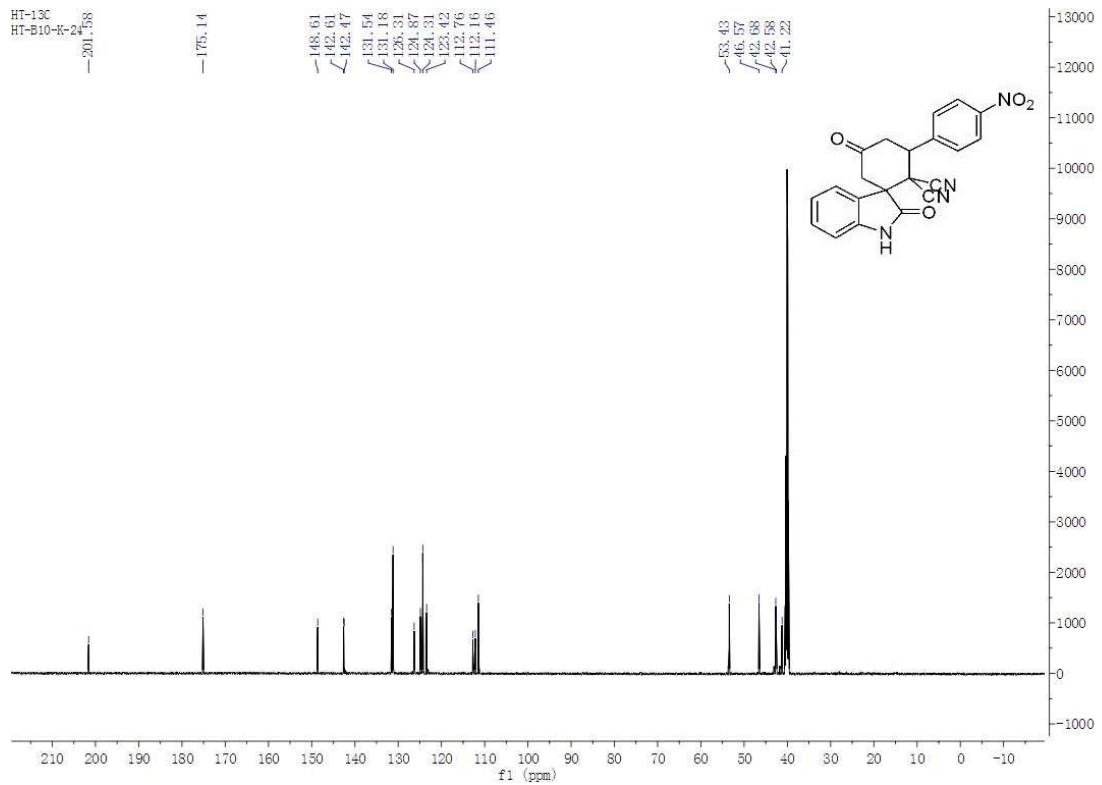


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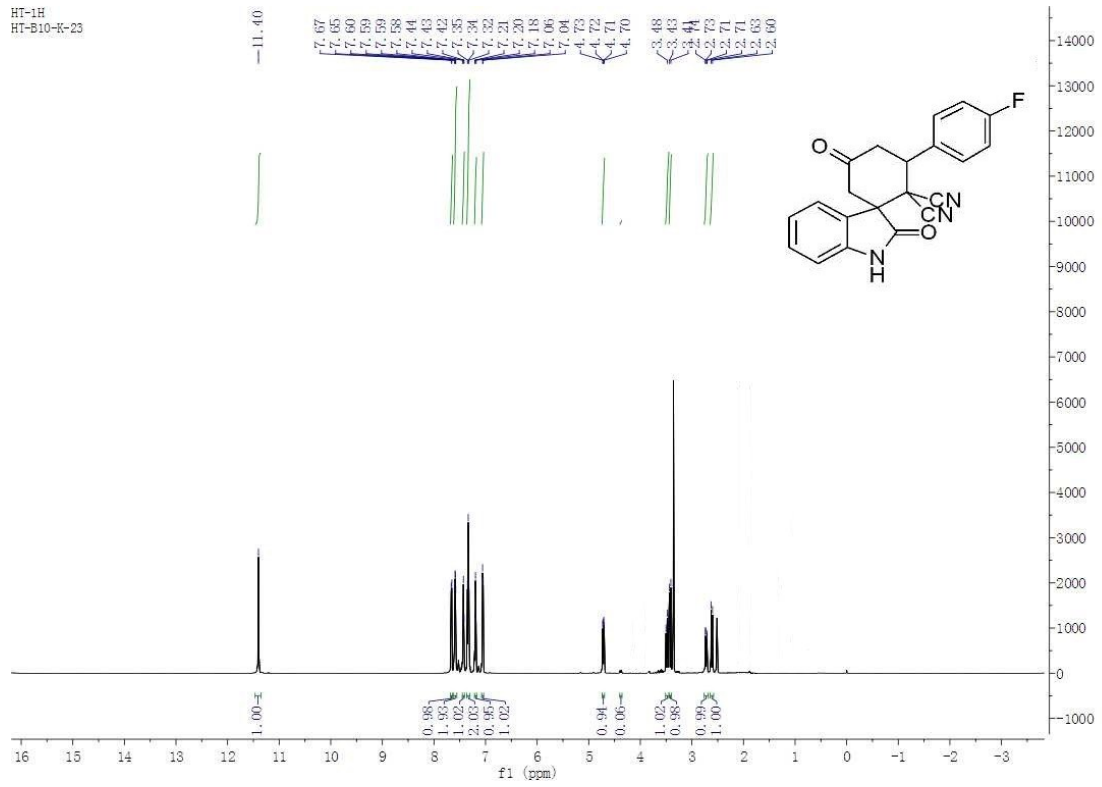


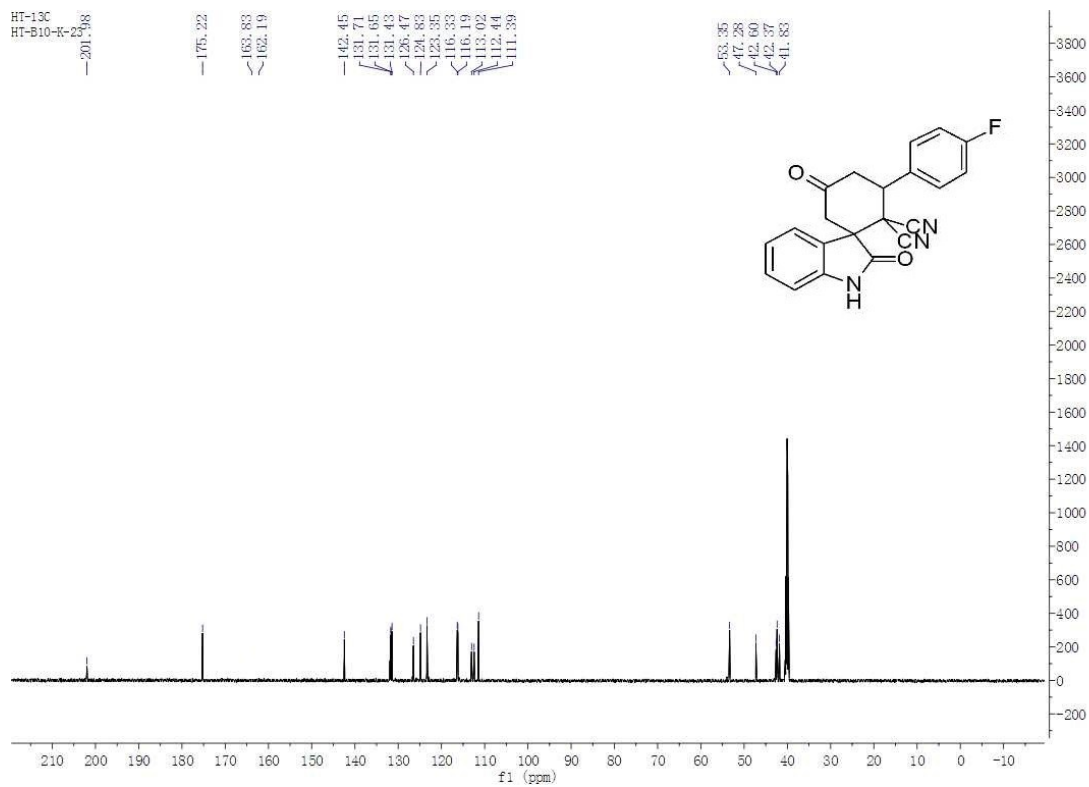
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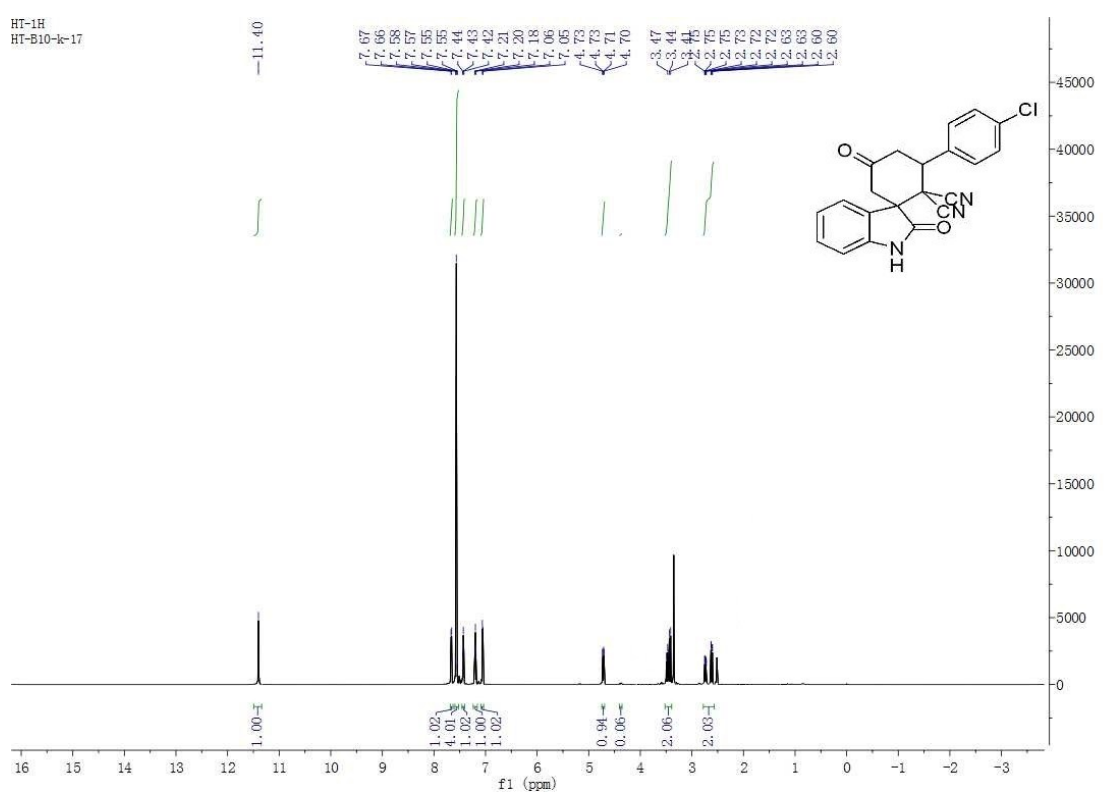
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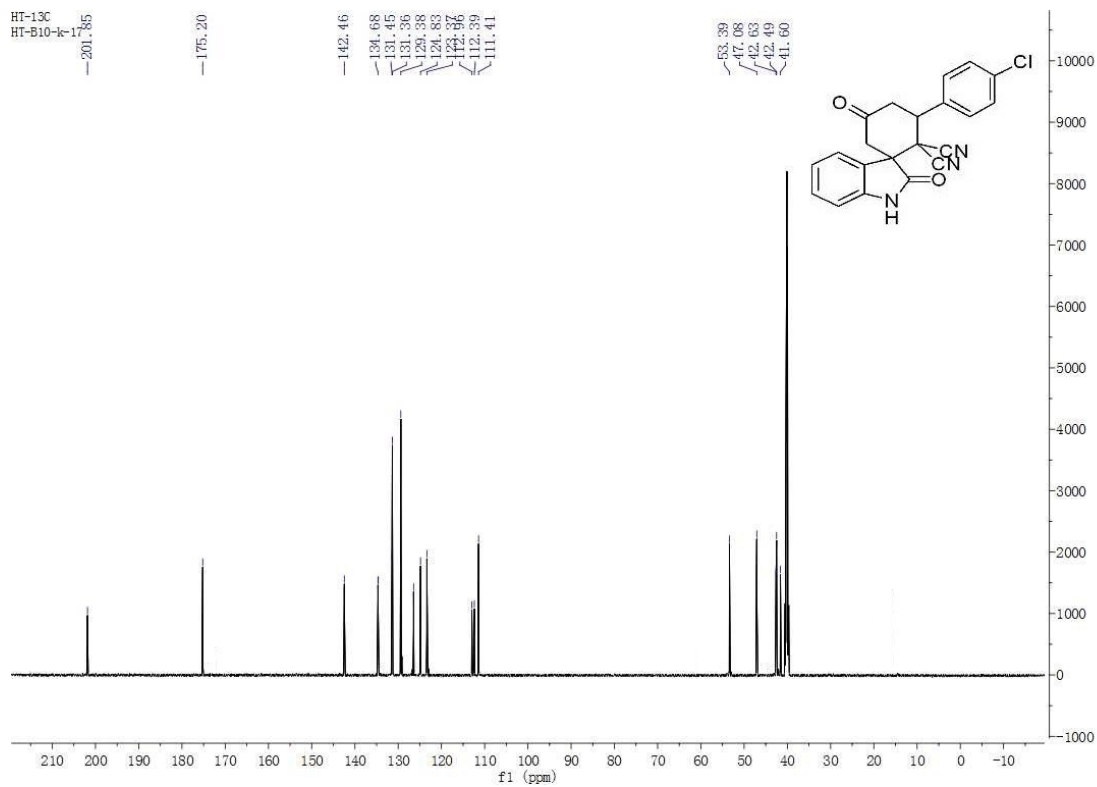
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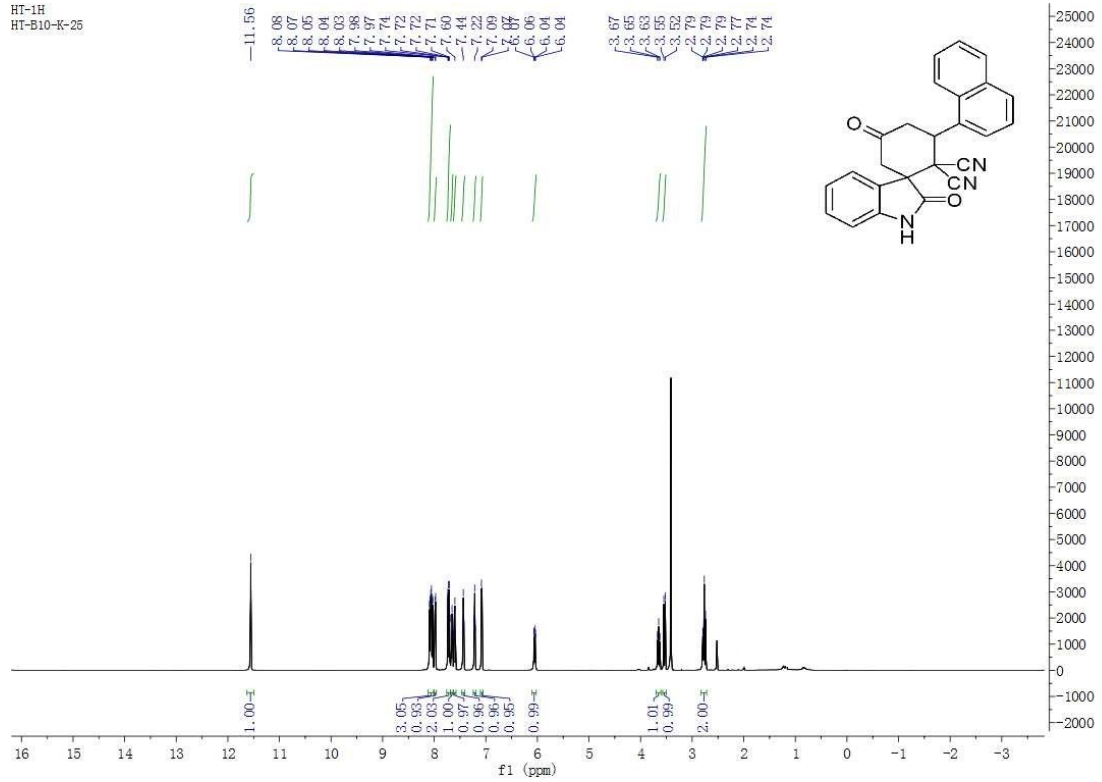




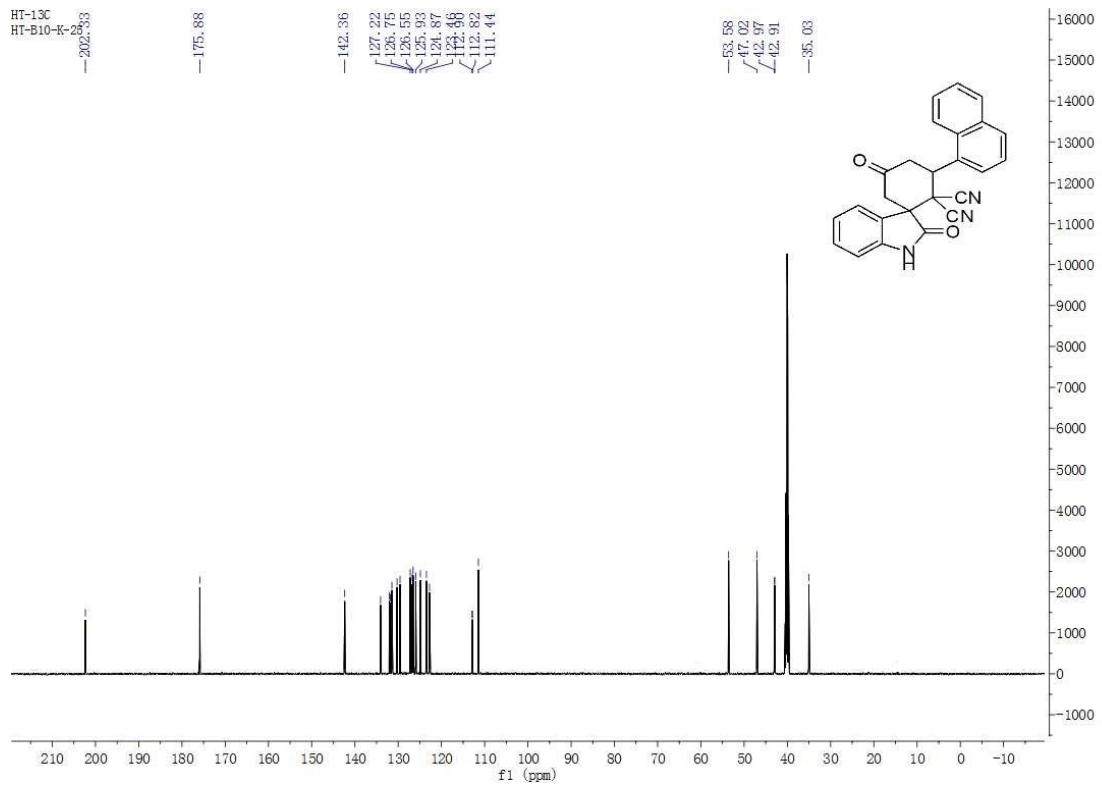
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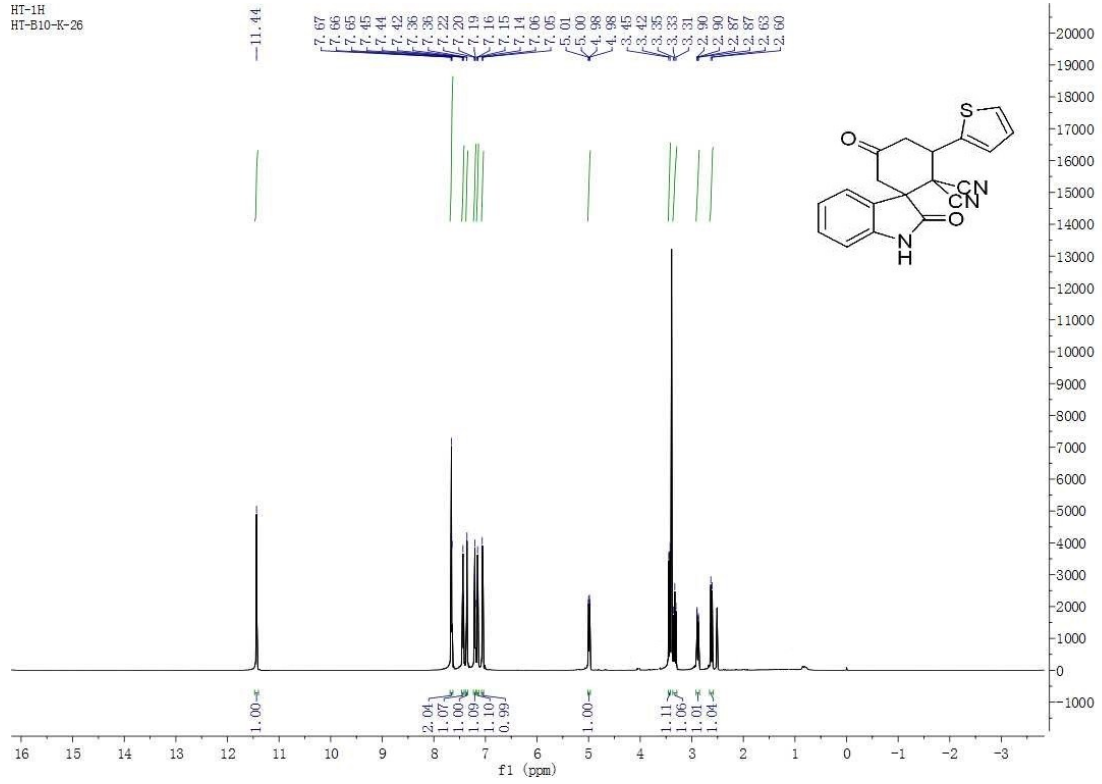


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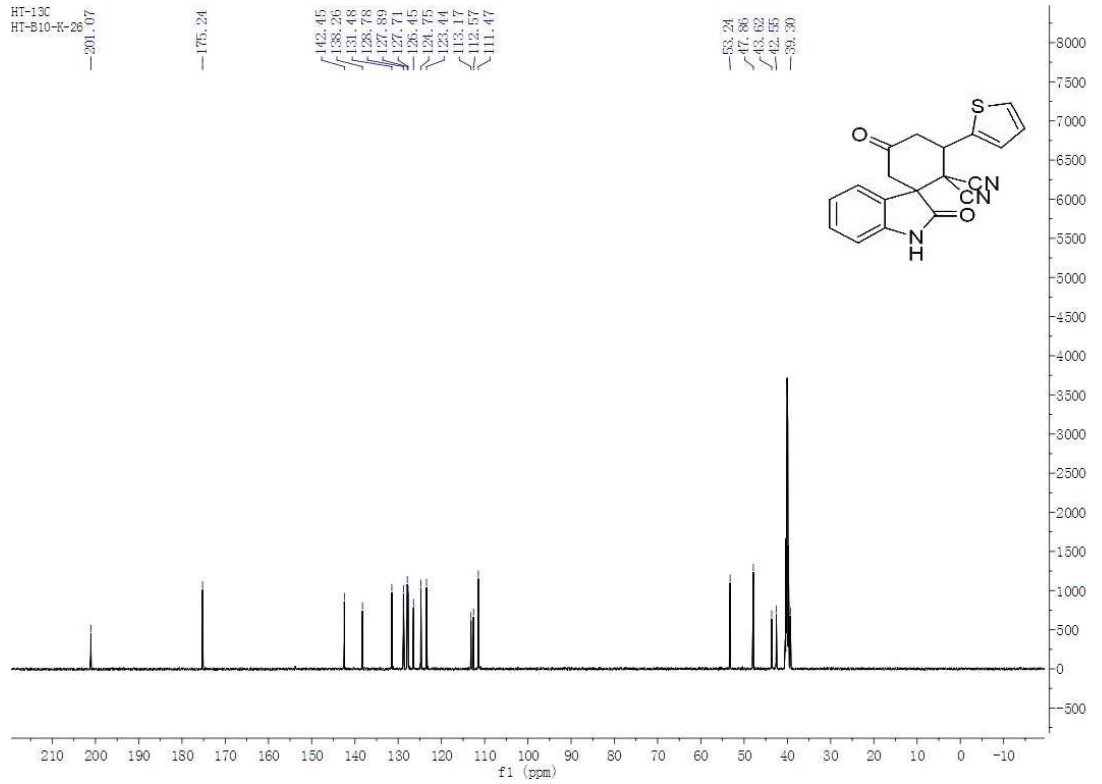


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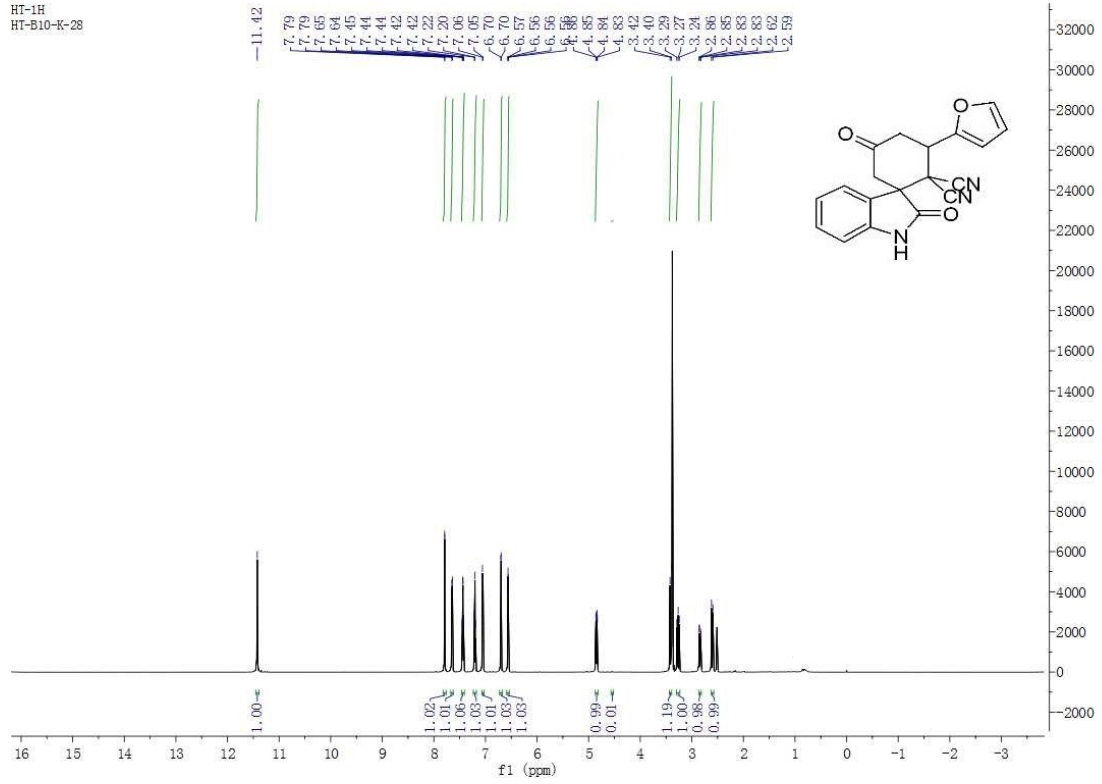


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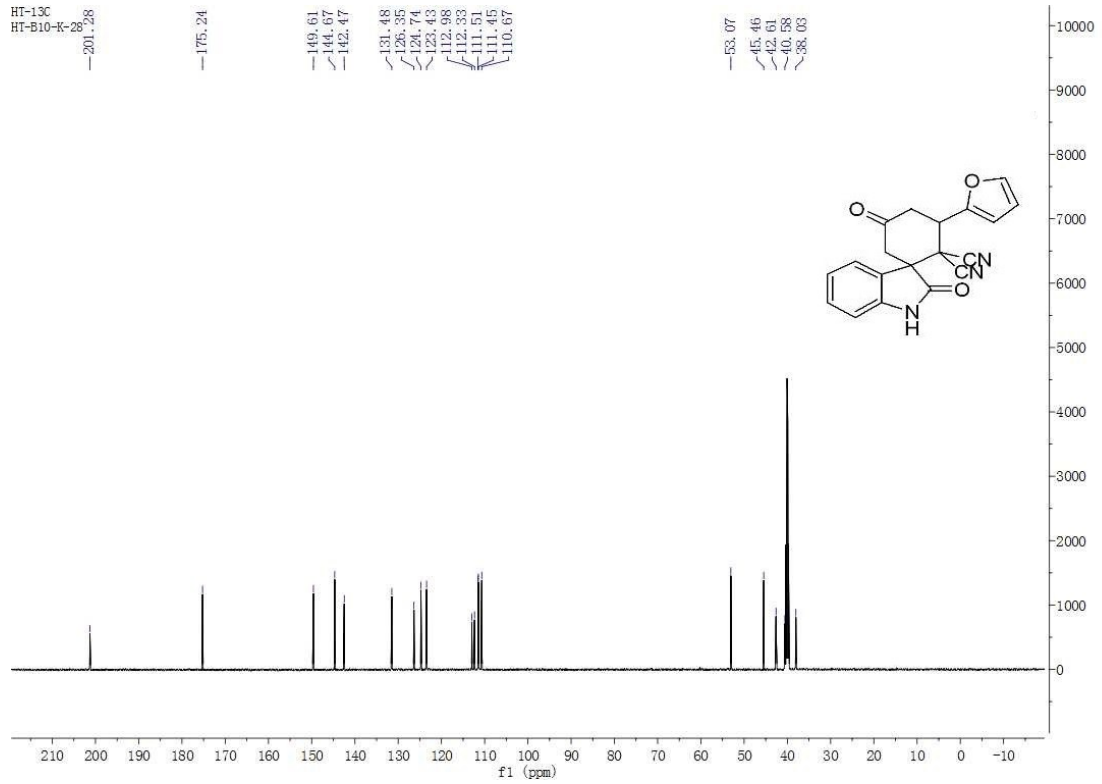


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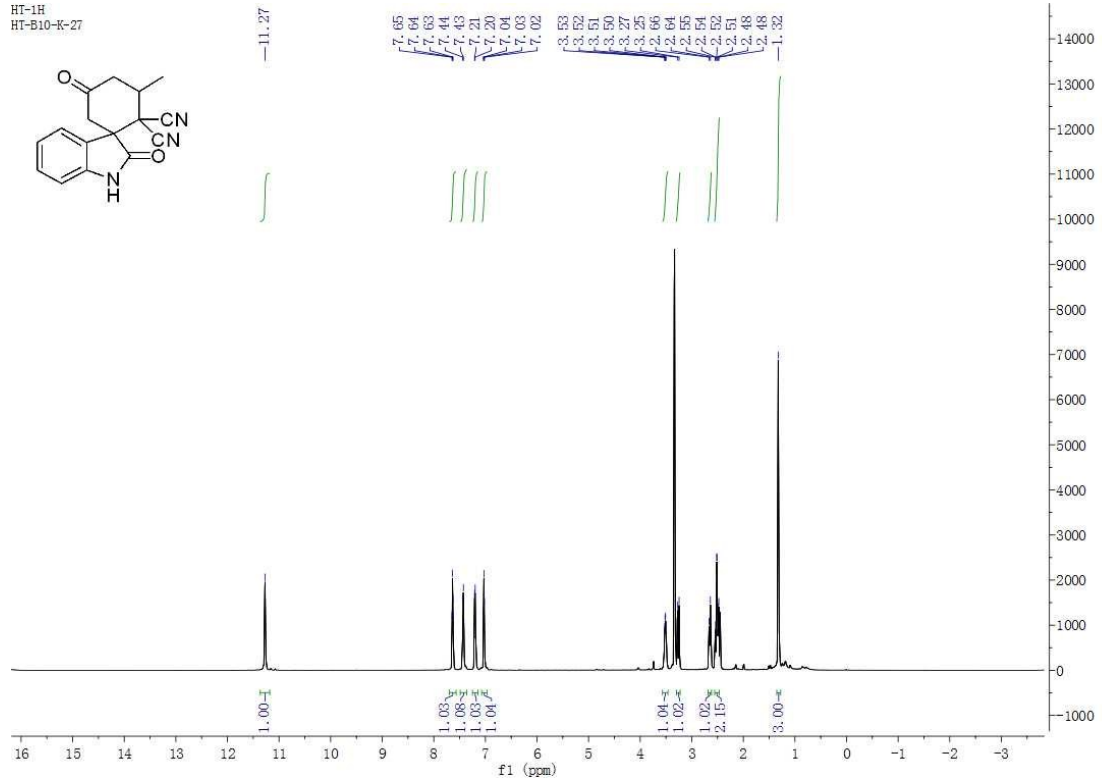


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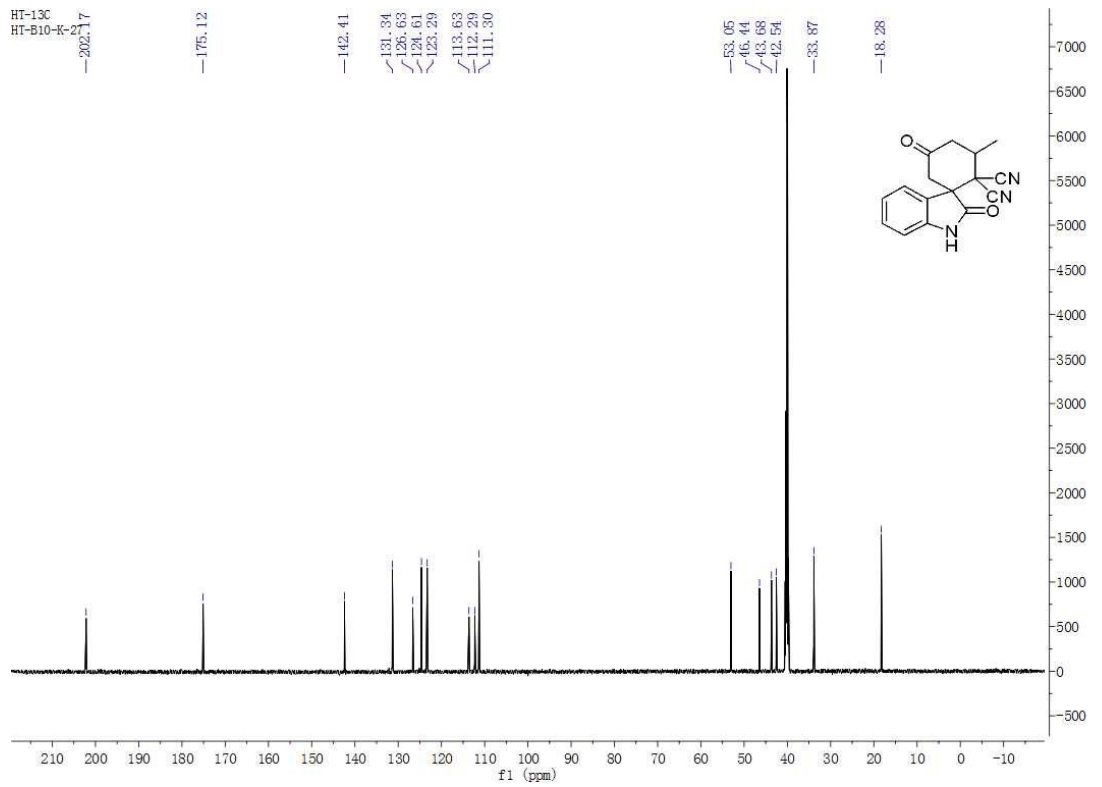


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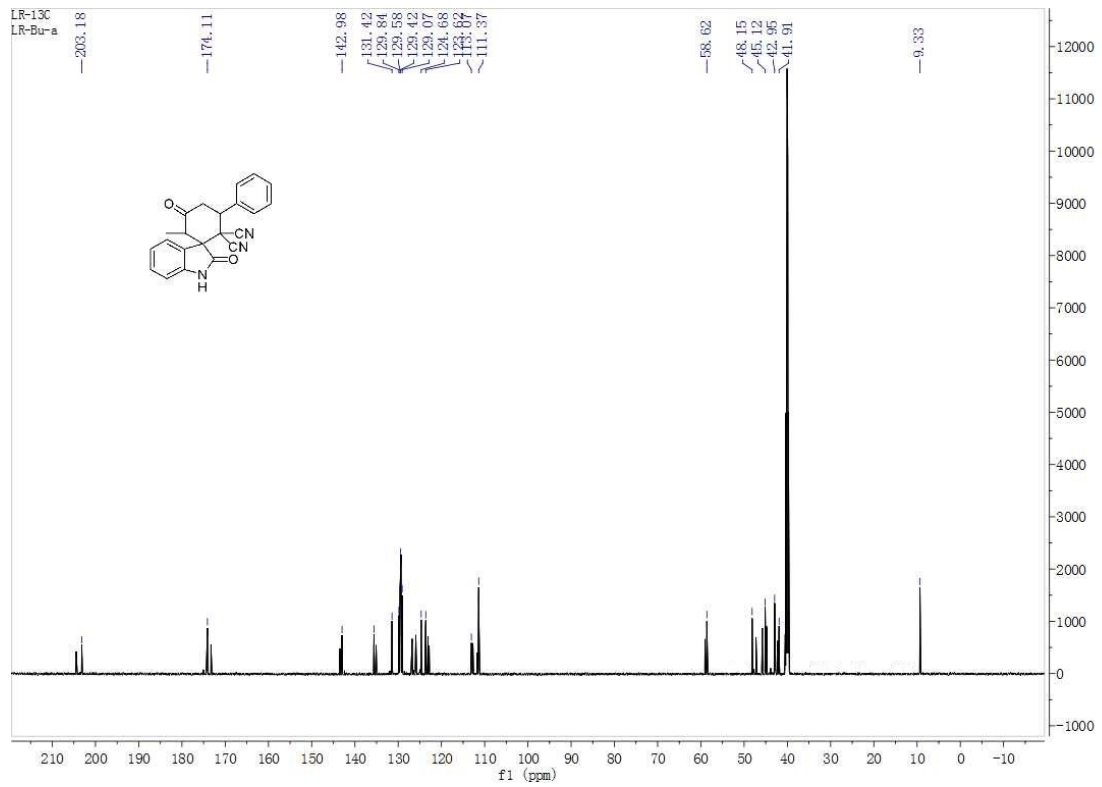
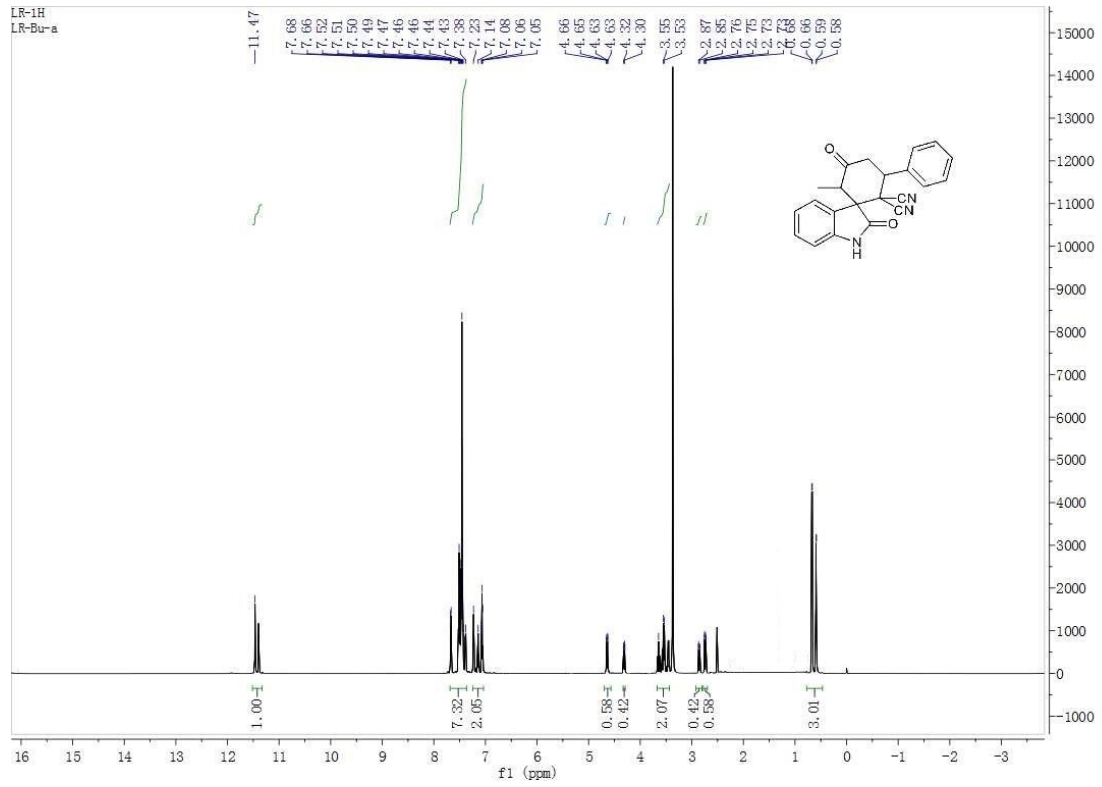
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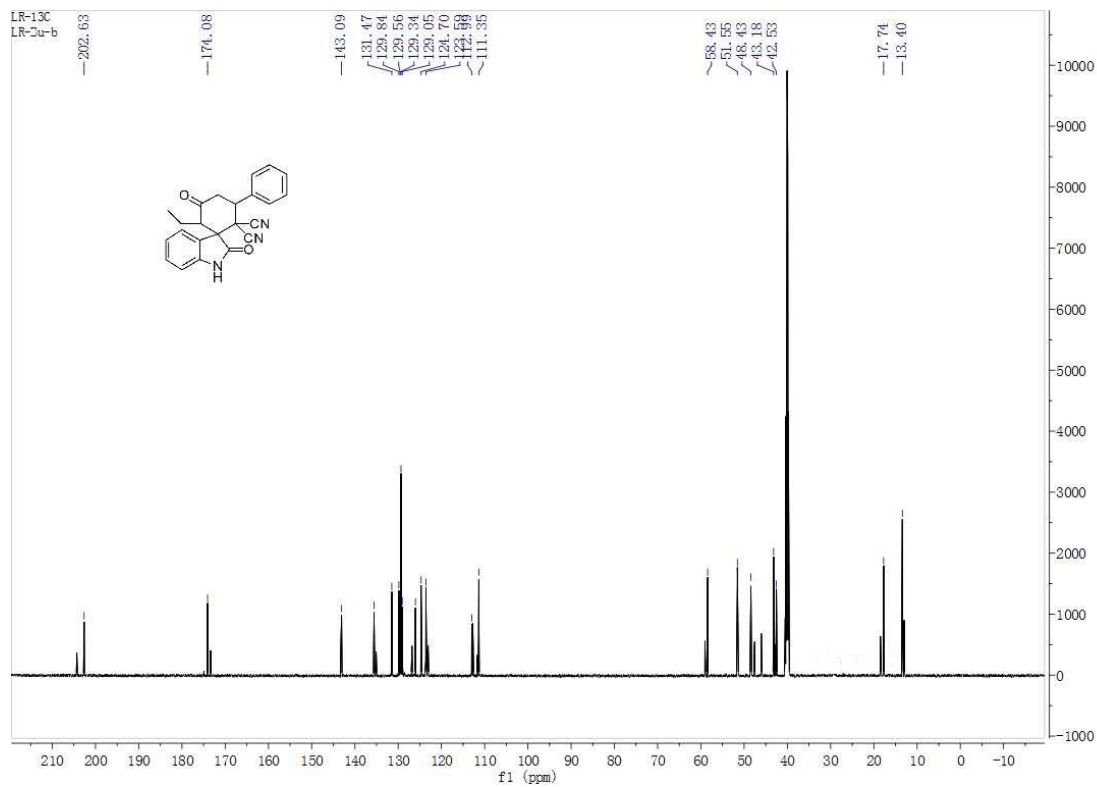
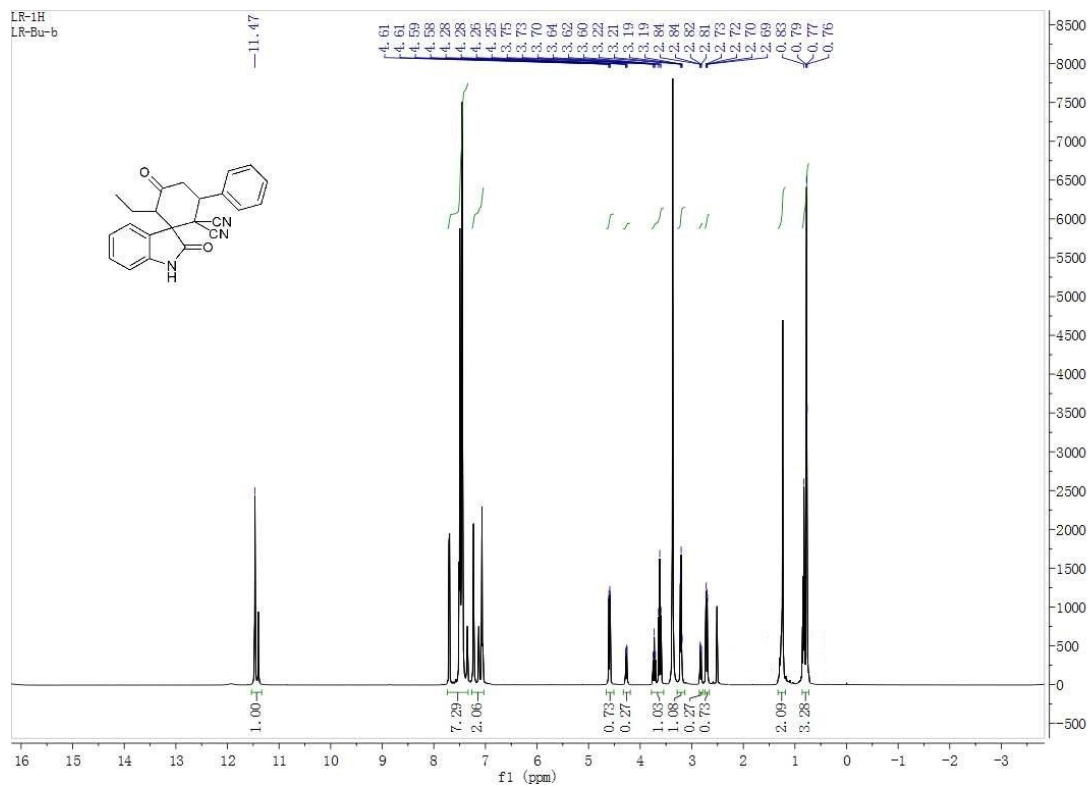
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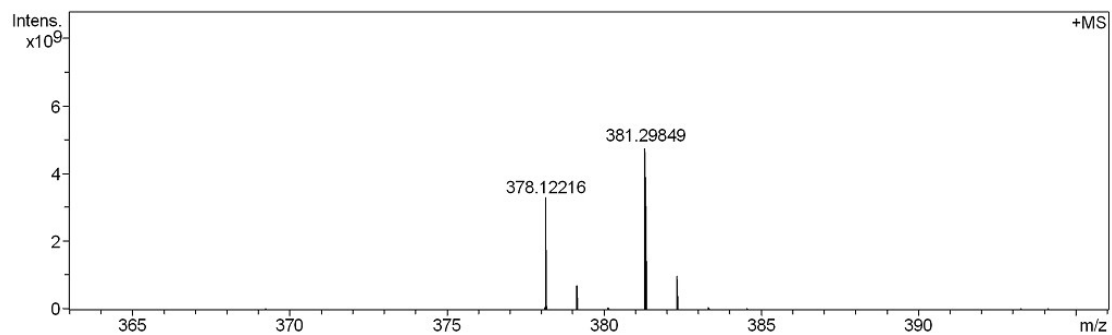
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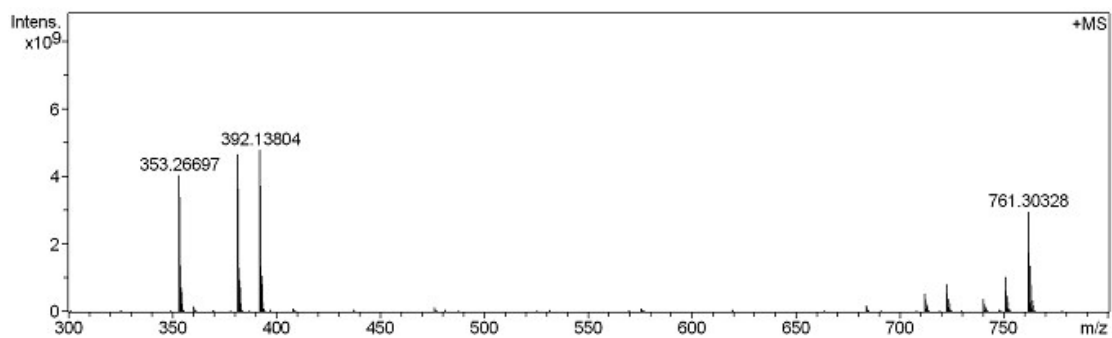
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