

Electronic Supplementary information

Silver(I)-*N*-heterocyclic carbene catalyzed multicomponent reactions: a facile synthesis of multisubstituted pyridines

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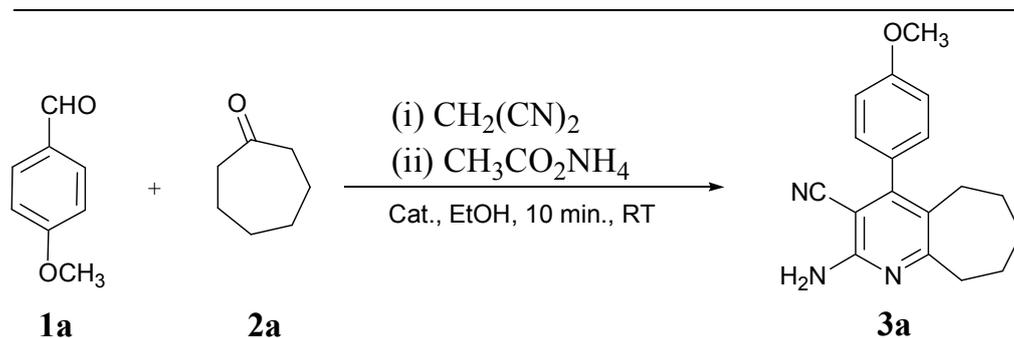
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1. **Table S1.** Optimization of reaction parameters for the synthesis of **3a**.

Entry	Catalyst	Time (min.)	Yield (%) ^a
1	No Catalyst	360	--
2	AgOAc	120	--
3	AgOTf	120	--
4	AgSbF ₆	120	--
5	AgNO ₃	120	--
6	Ag(I)-NHC (a)	10	94
7	Ag(I)-NHC (b)	12	86
8	Ag(I)-NHC (c)	10	90
9	Ag(I)-NHC (d)	10	90
10	Ag(I)-NHC (e)	10	88
11	Ag(I)-NHC (f)	15	91
12	Organo-NHC	40	32
13	Organo-NHC + AgOAc	15	84
14	Organo-NHC + AgOTf	15	80
15	DABCO	30	65
16	PPh ₃	45	50
17	AgOTf + DABCO	40	74
18	AgOTf + TEA	40	58
19	AgOTf + K ₂ CO ₃	40	52
20	AgOAc + DABCO	40	70
21	AgOTf + DBU	35	75
22	AgOAc + NaOAc	35	65
23	Cu(OAc) ₂ + DBU	60	55
24	Al(OTf) ₃ + DBU	60	45
25	Cu(OTf) ₂	120	--
26	Ni(OTf) ₂	120	--
27	Organo-NHC + Cu(OTf) ₂	30	68
28	Organo-NHC + Al(OTf) ₃	30	62
29	Organo-NHC + Sc(OTf) ₃	45	70
30	Organo-NHC + Ni(OTf) ₂	40	65

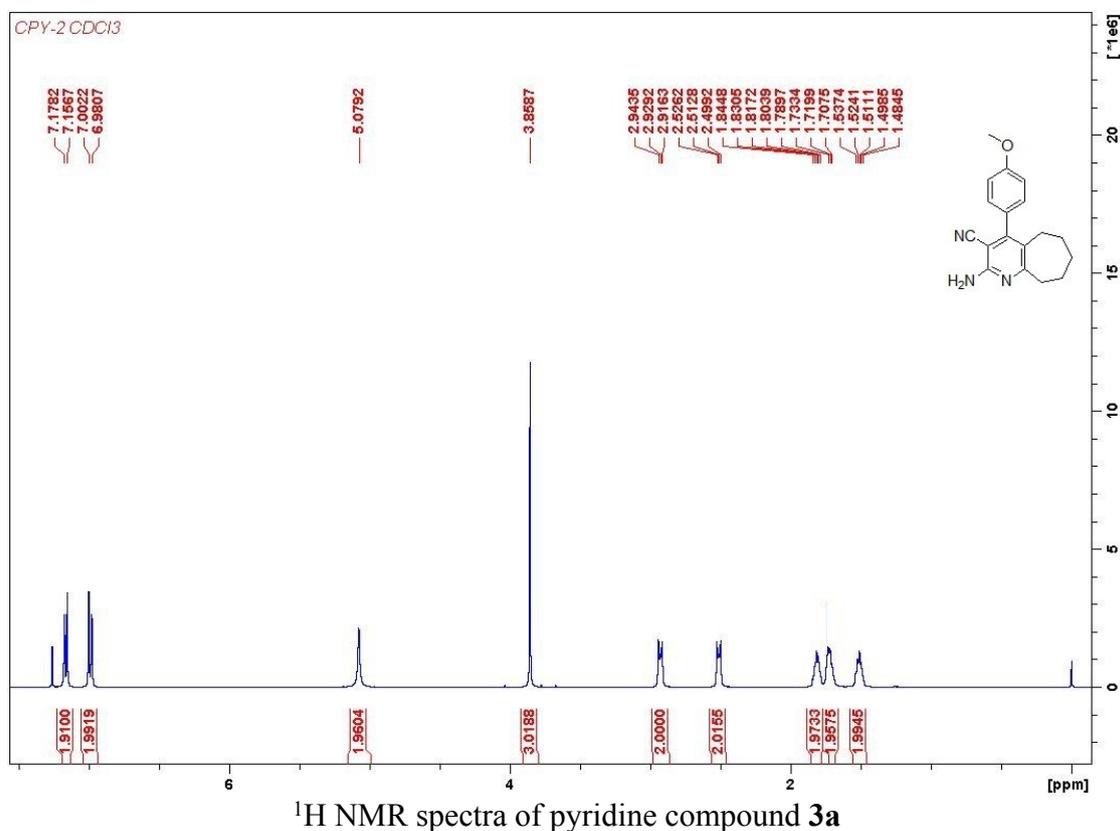
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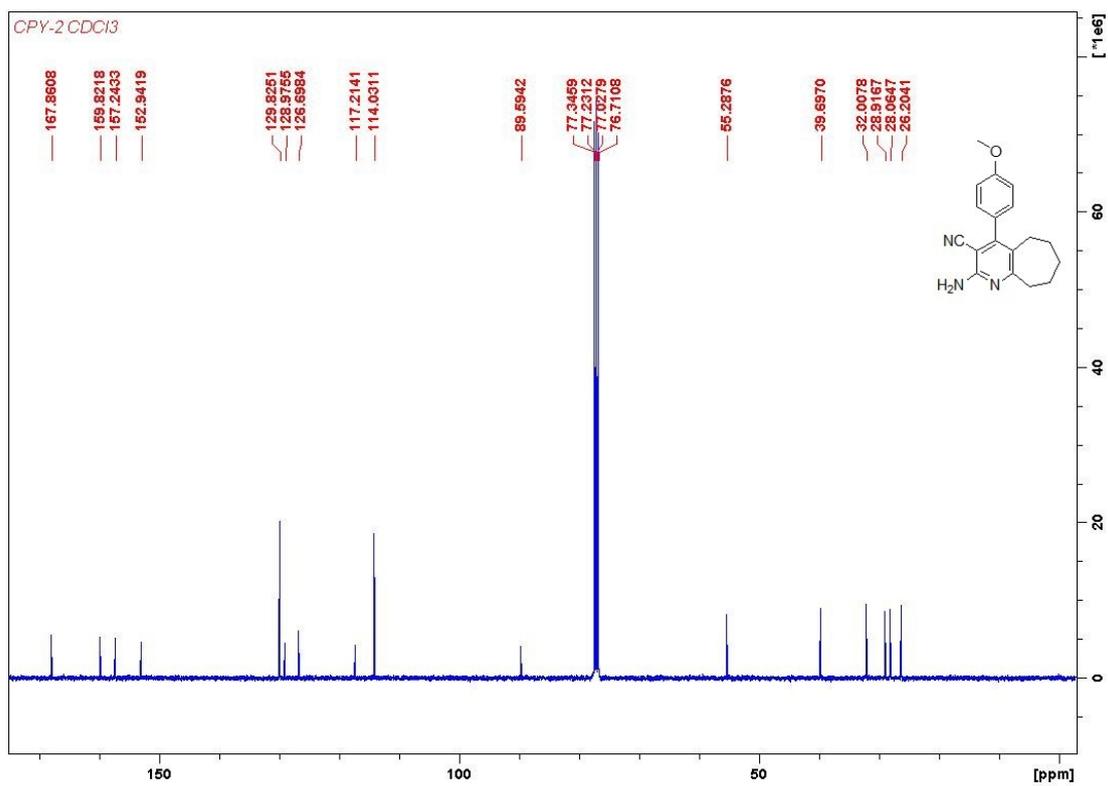
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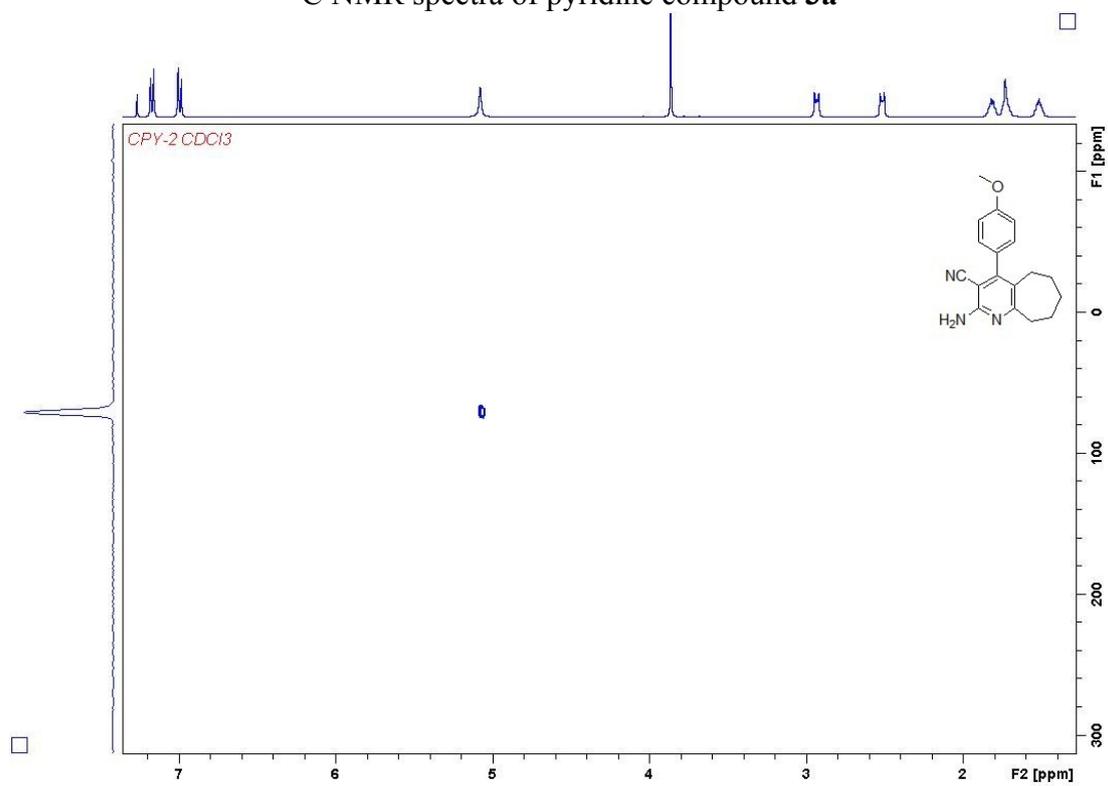
Entry	Ag(I)-NHC (a)	GC yield (%)
1	2.0 mol%	94
2	3.0 mol%	96
3	3.5 mol%	96
4	4.0 mol%	96

3. Spectra of pyridine compounds (**3a-i** & **4a-d**).

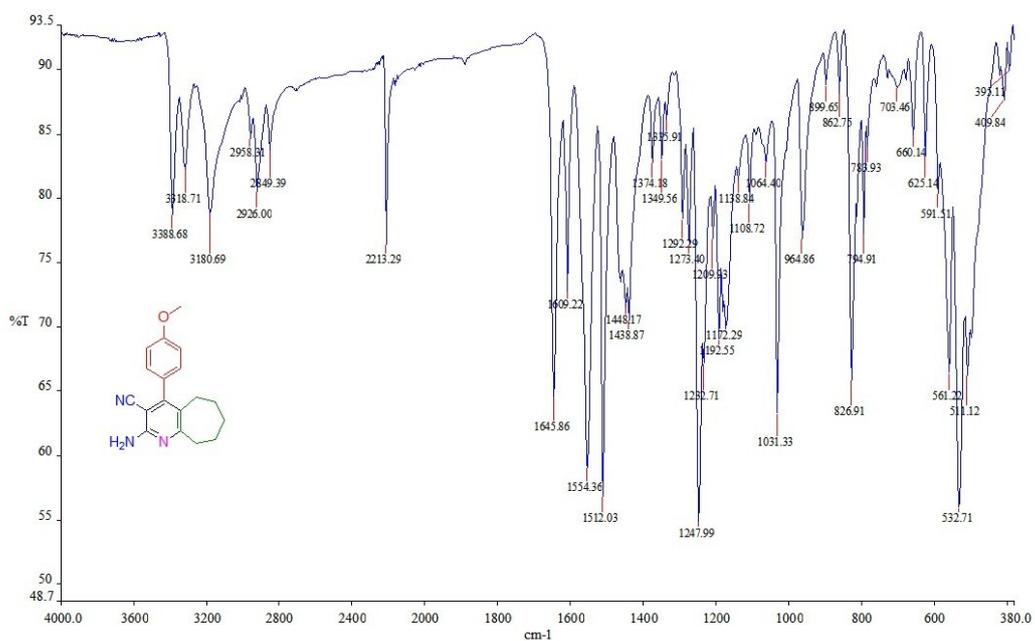




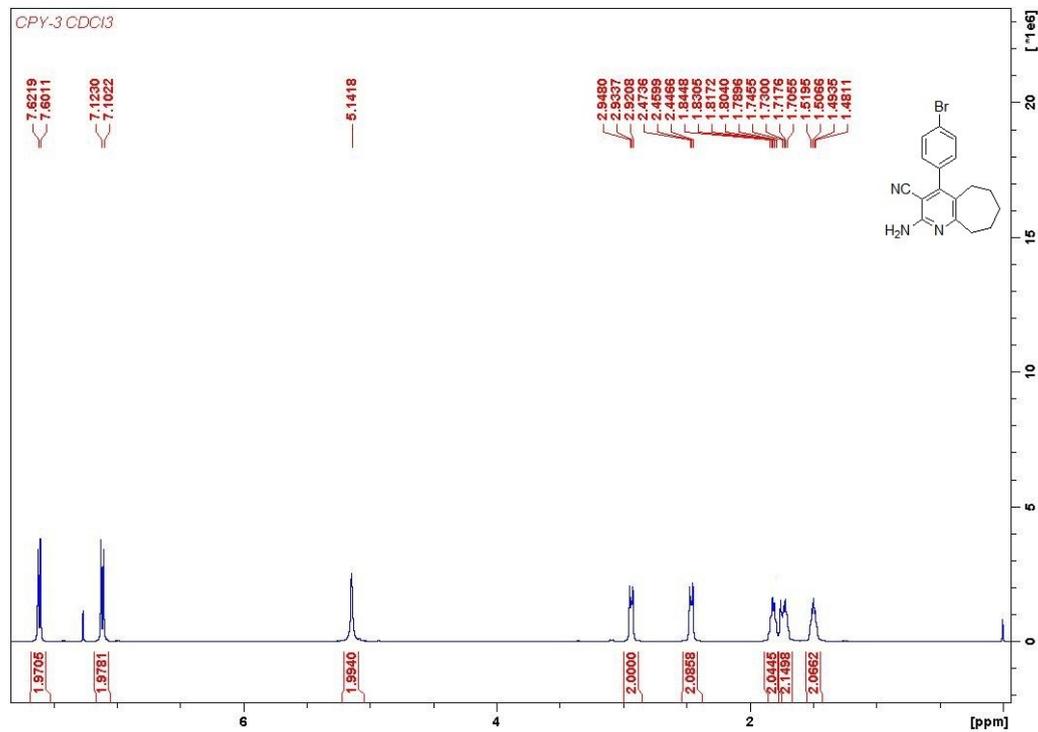
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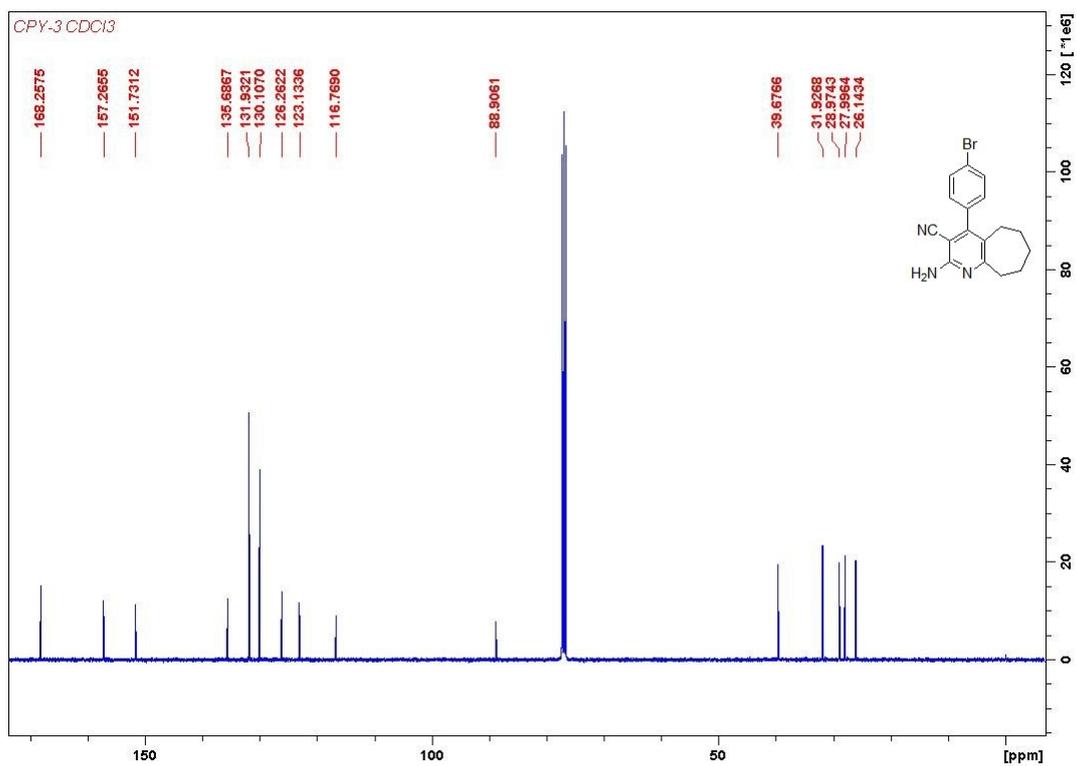
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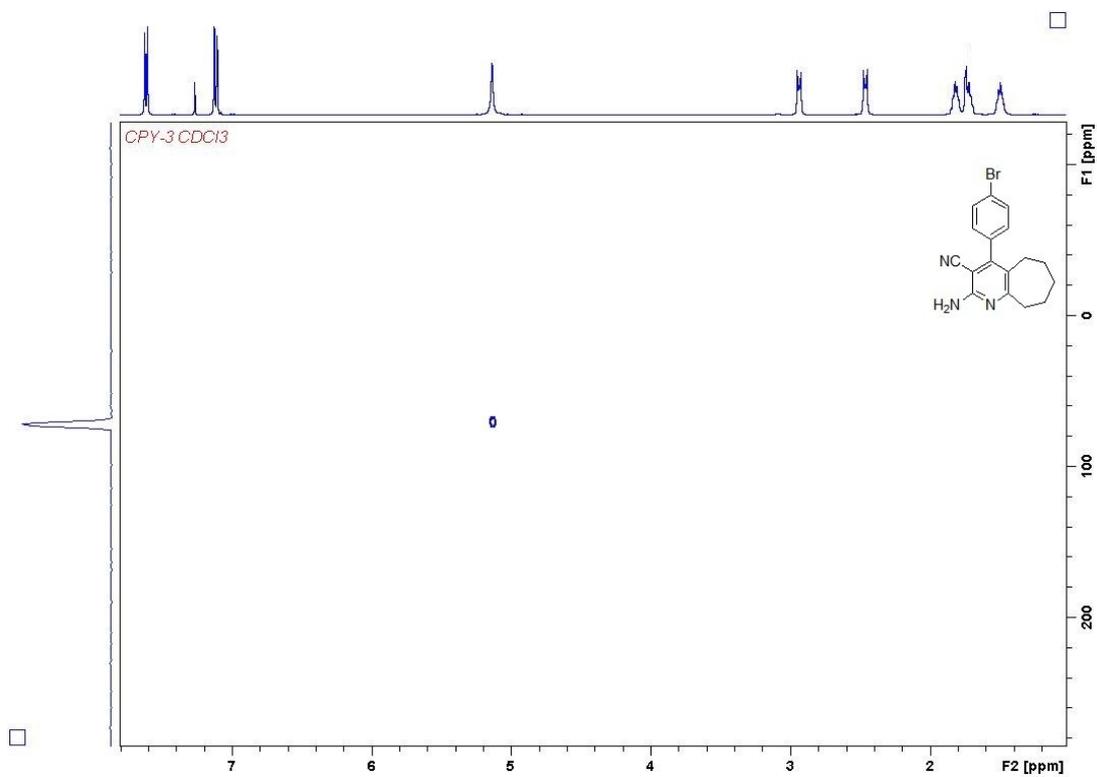
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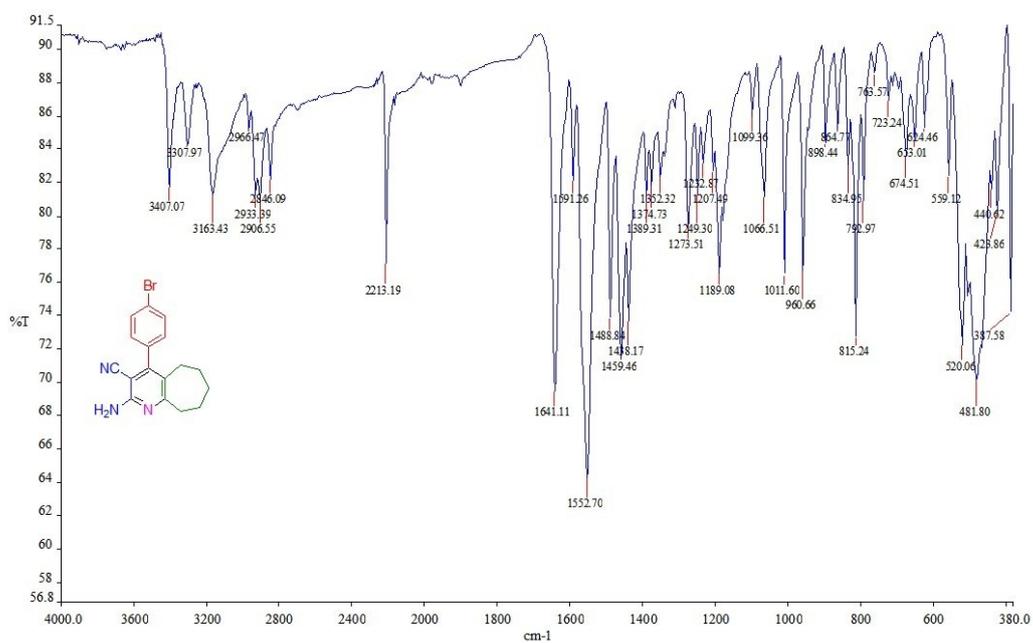
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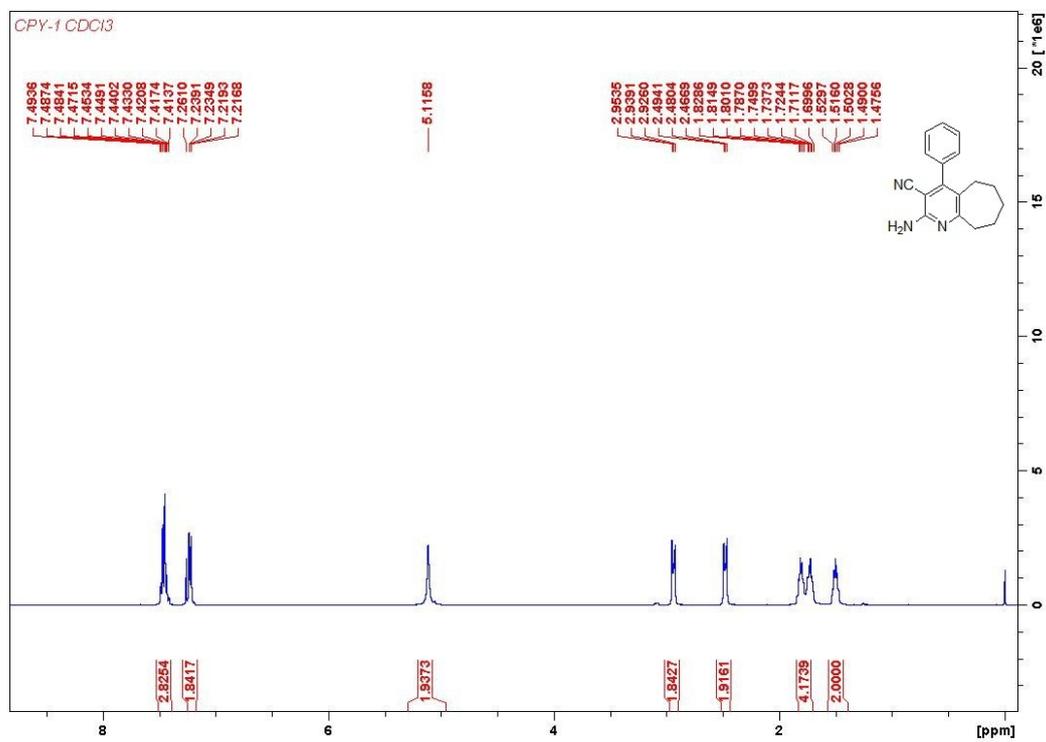
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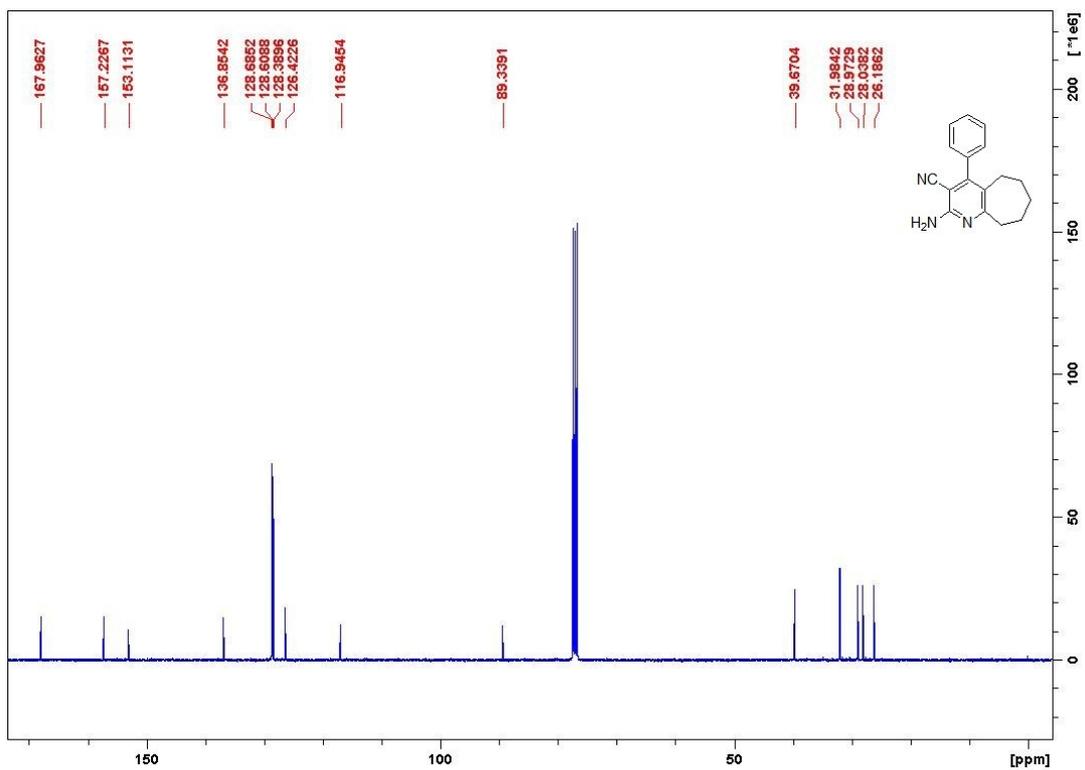
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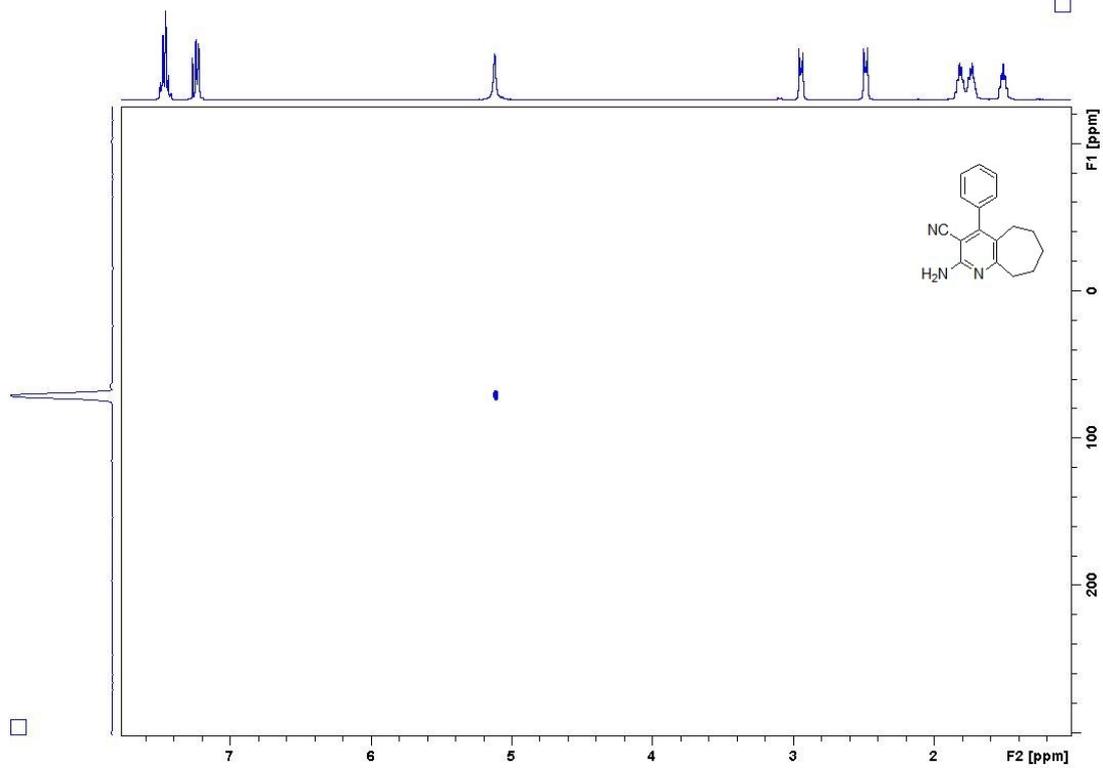
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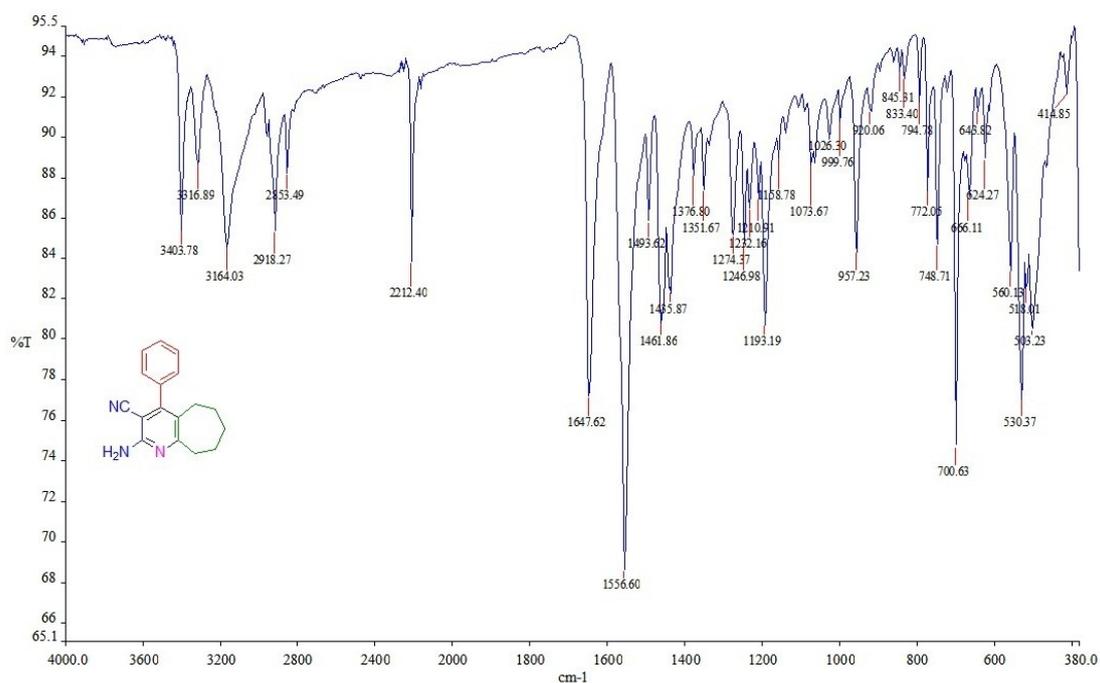
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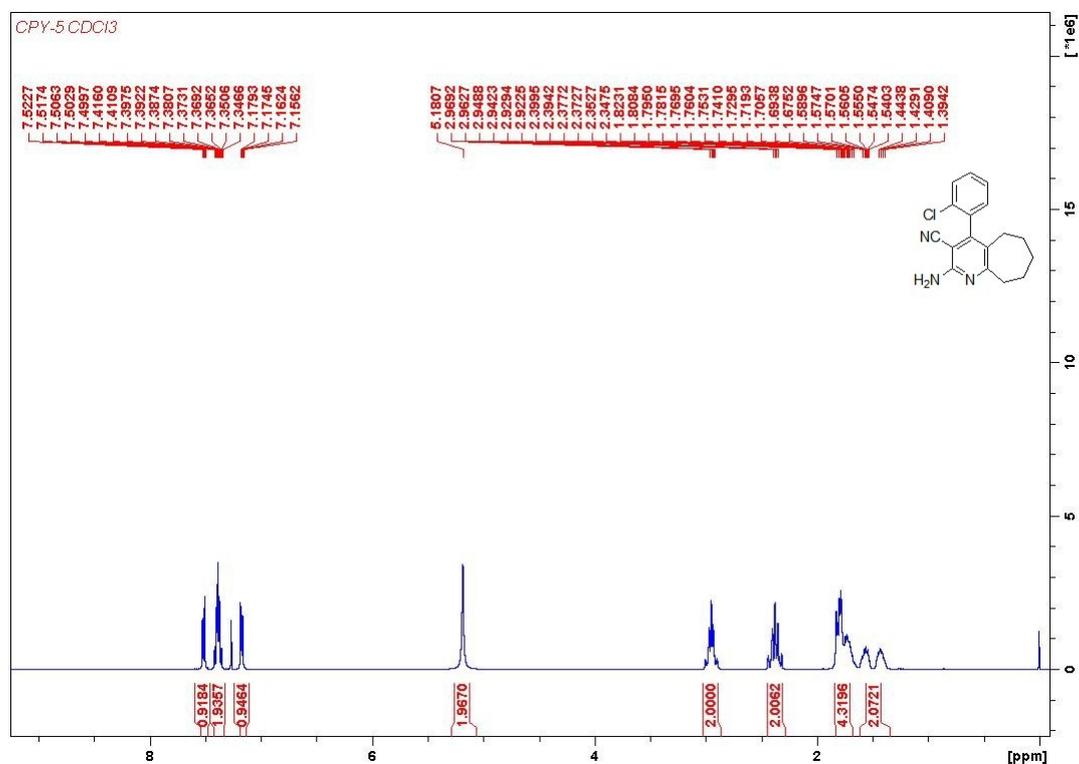
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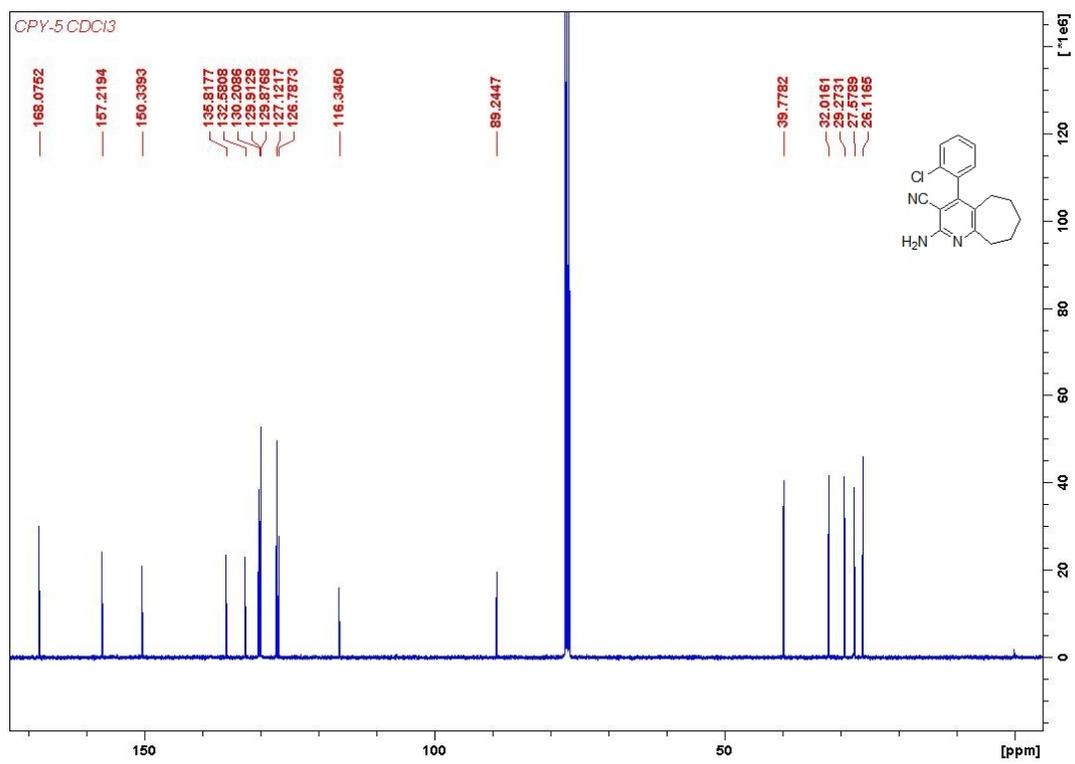
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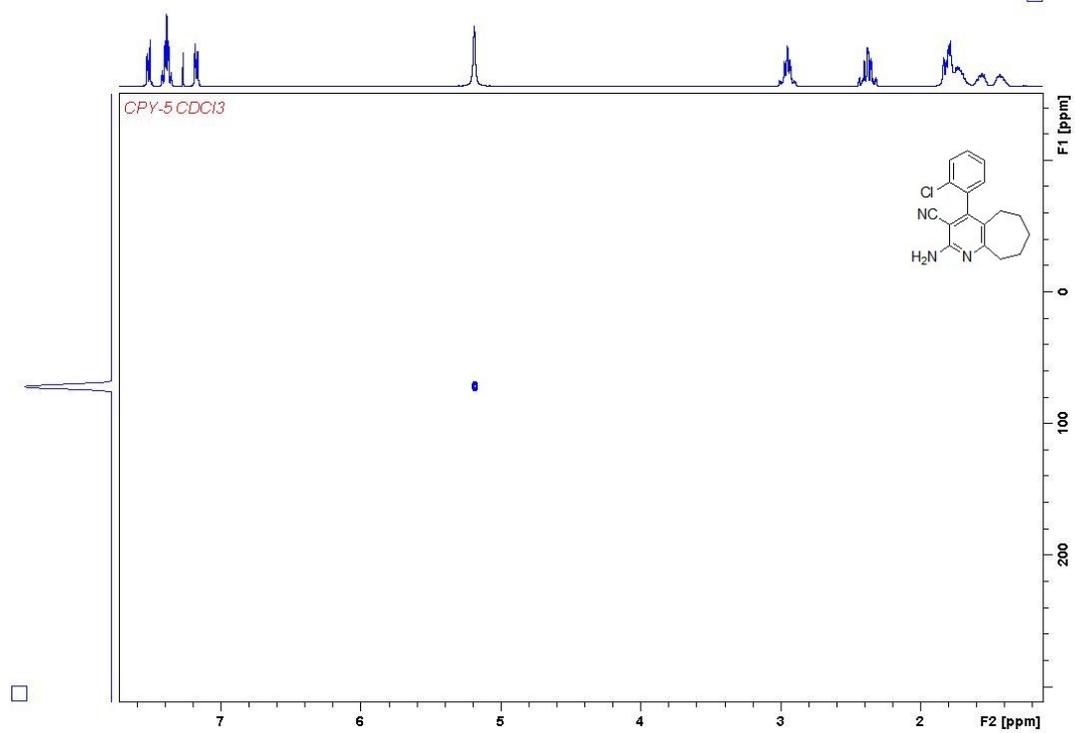
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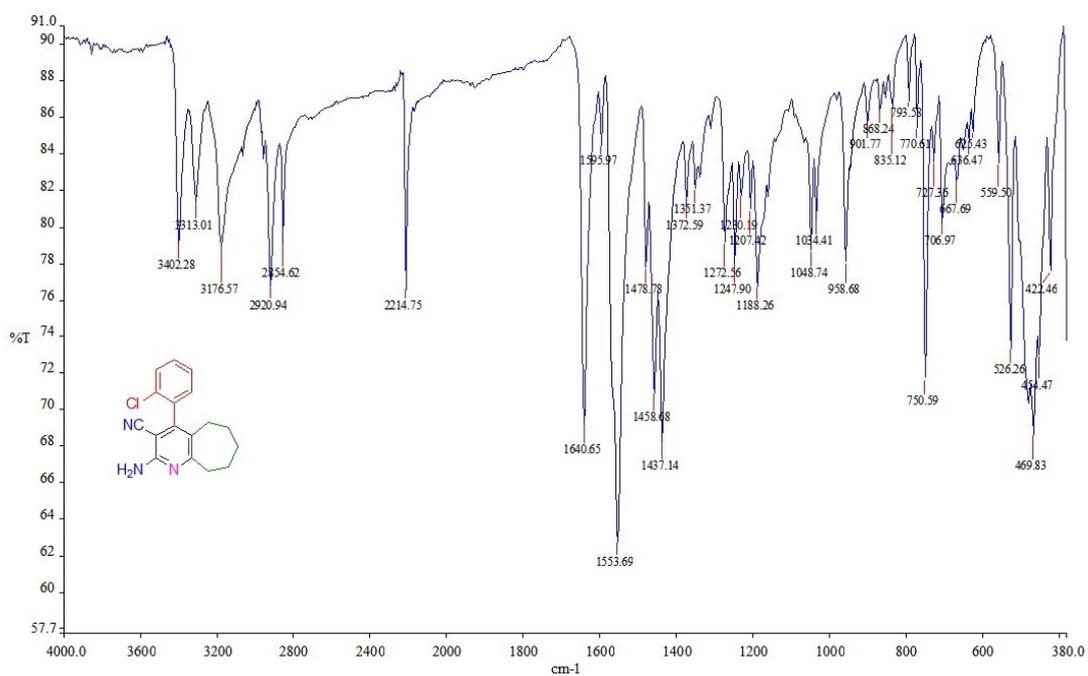
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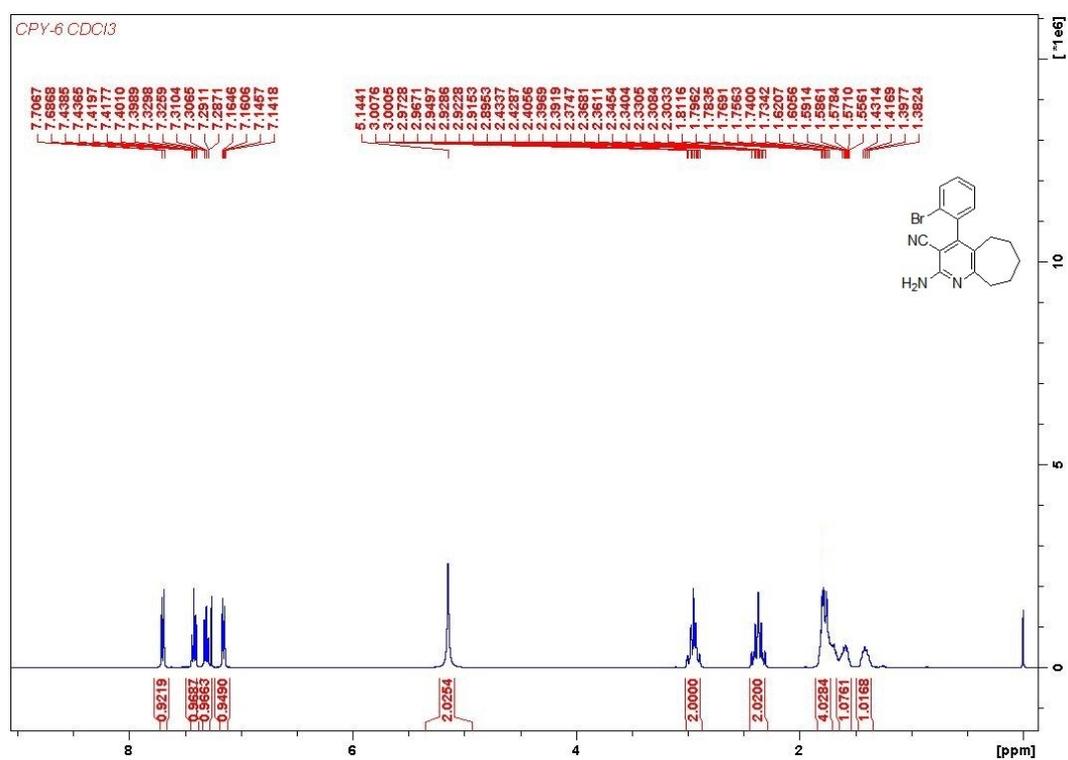
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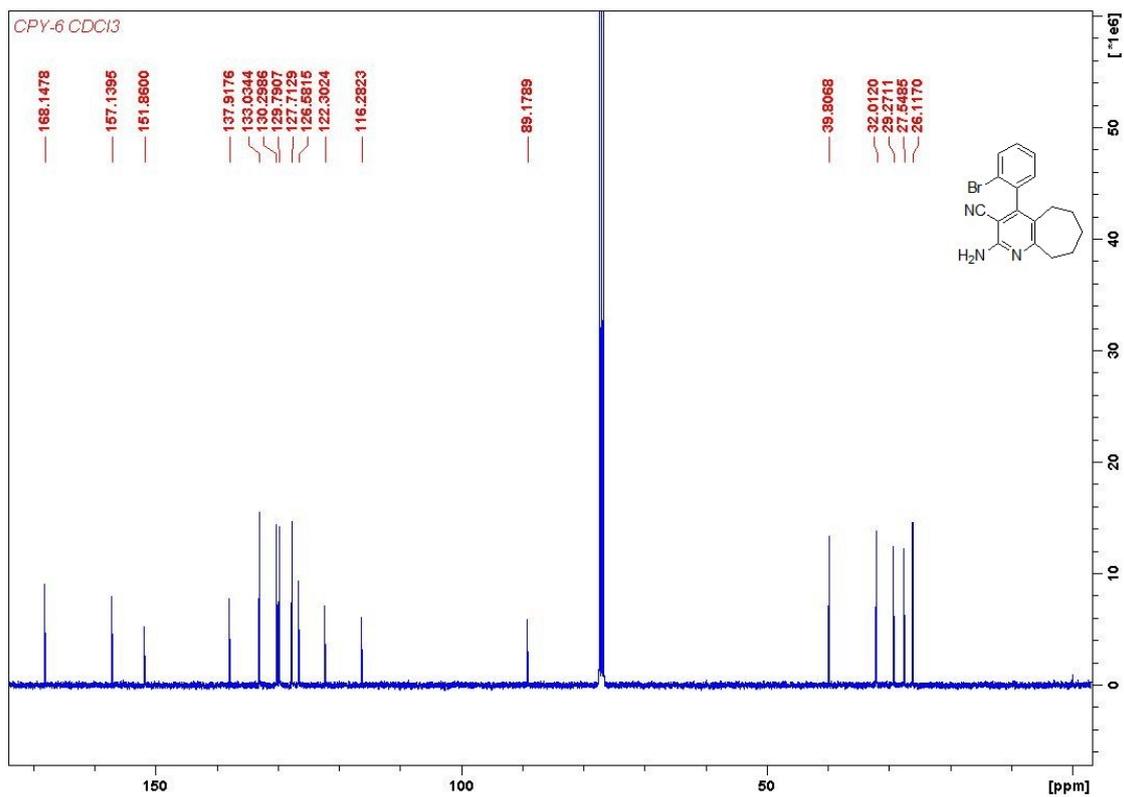
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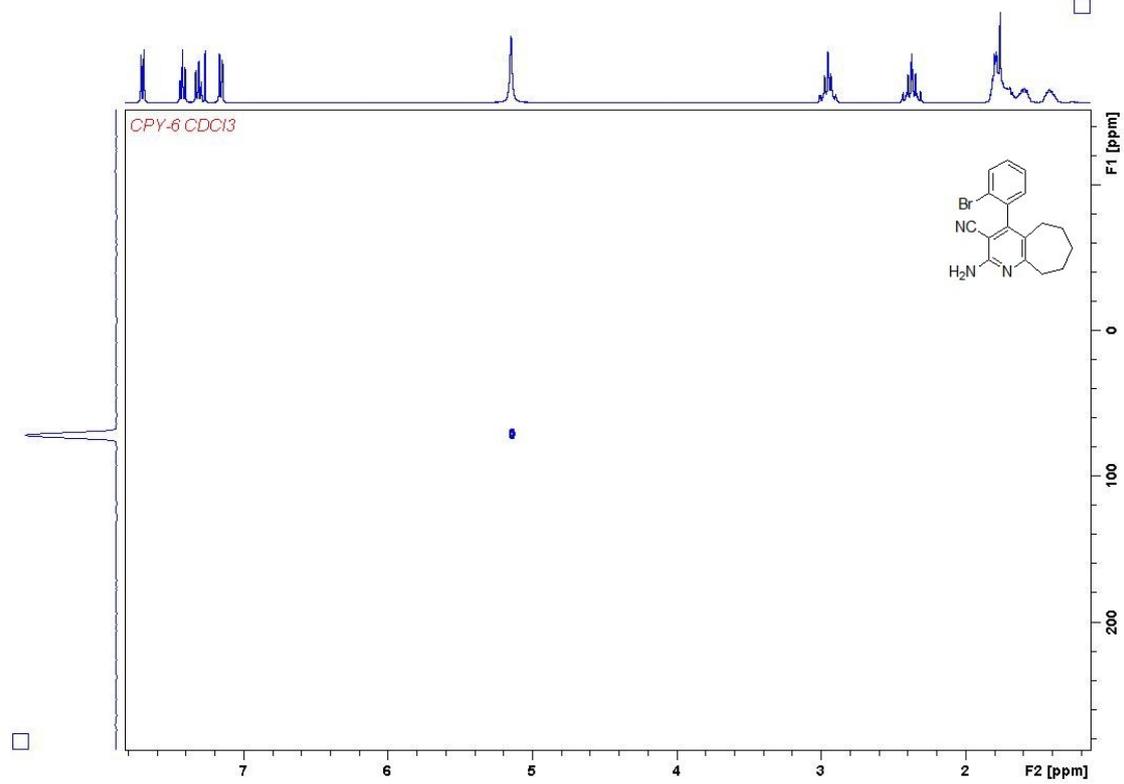
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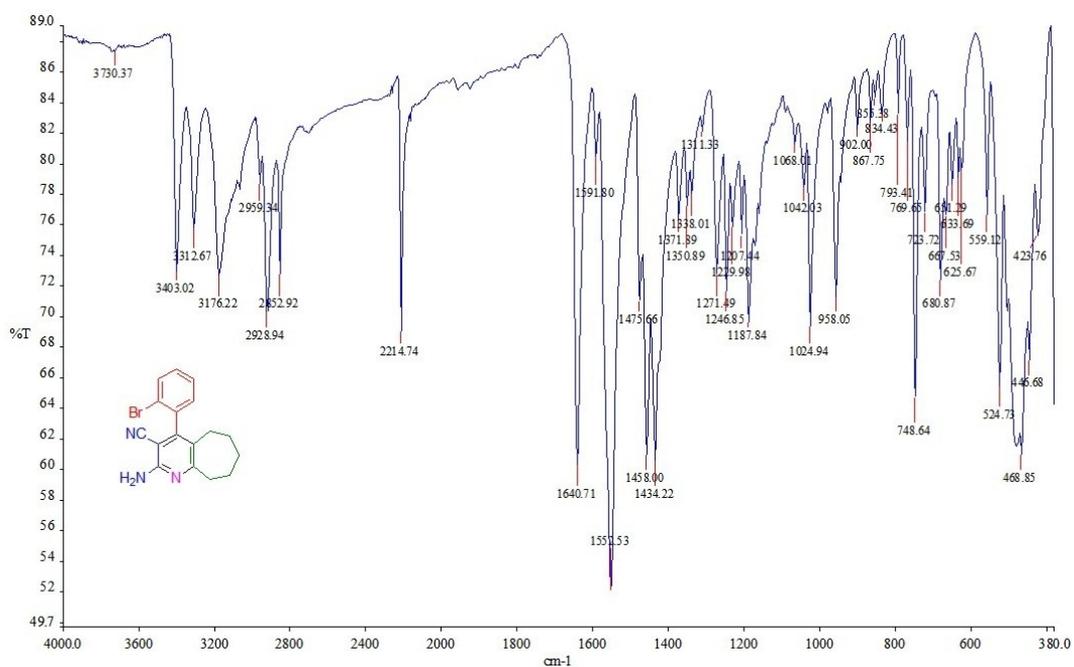
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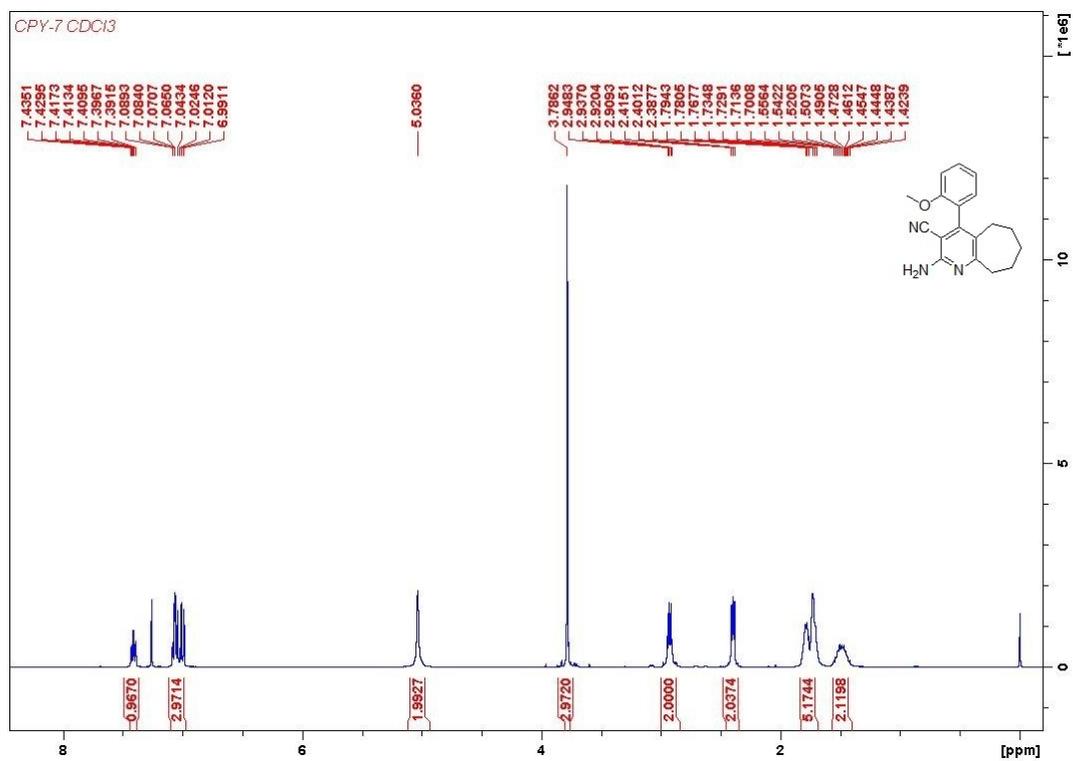
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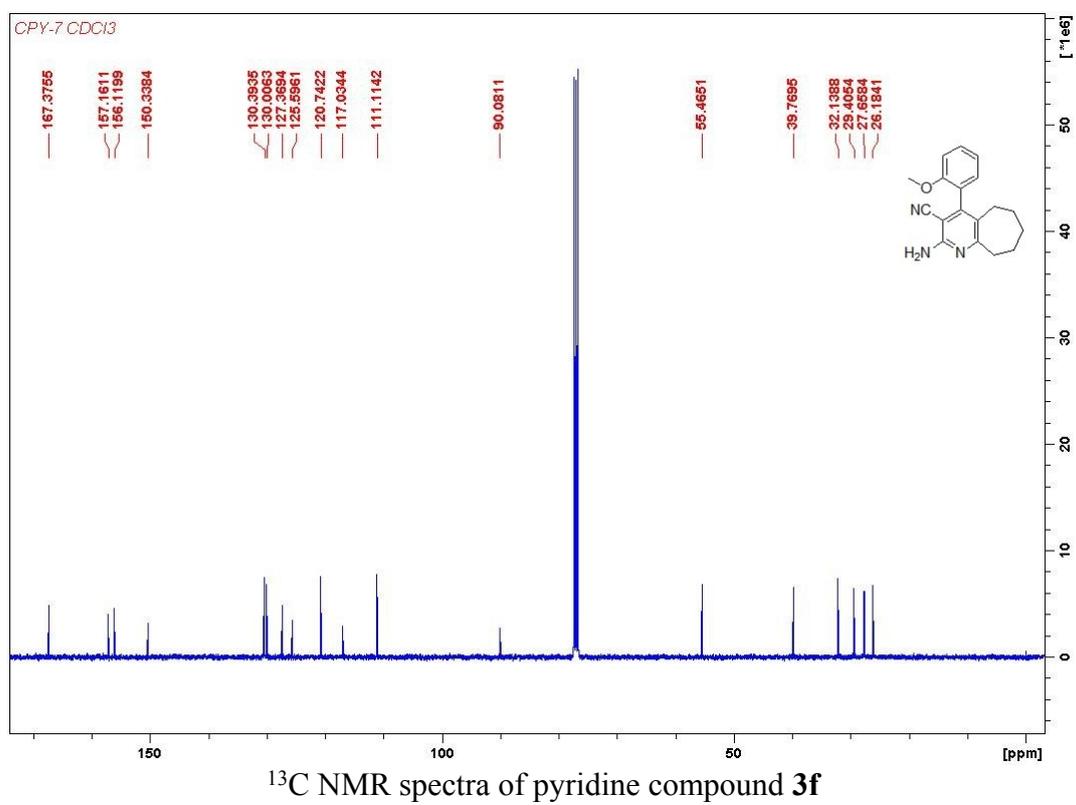
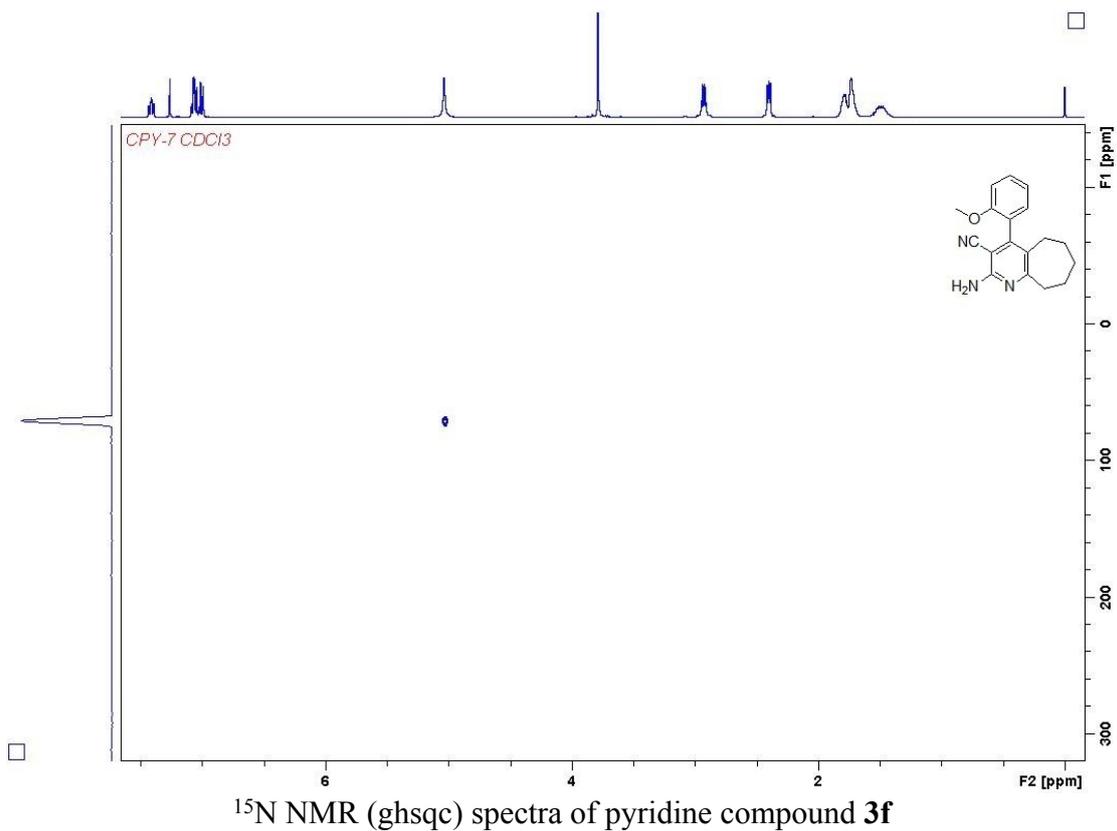
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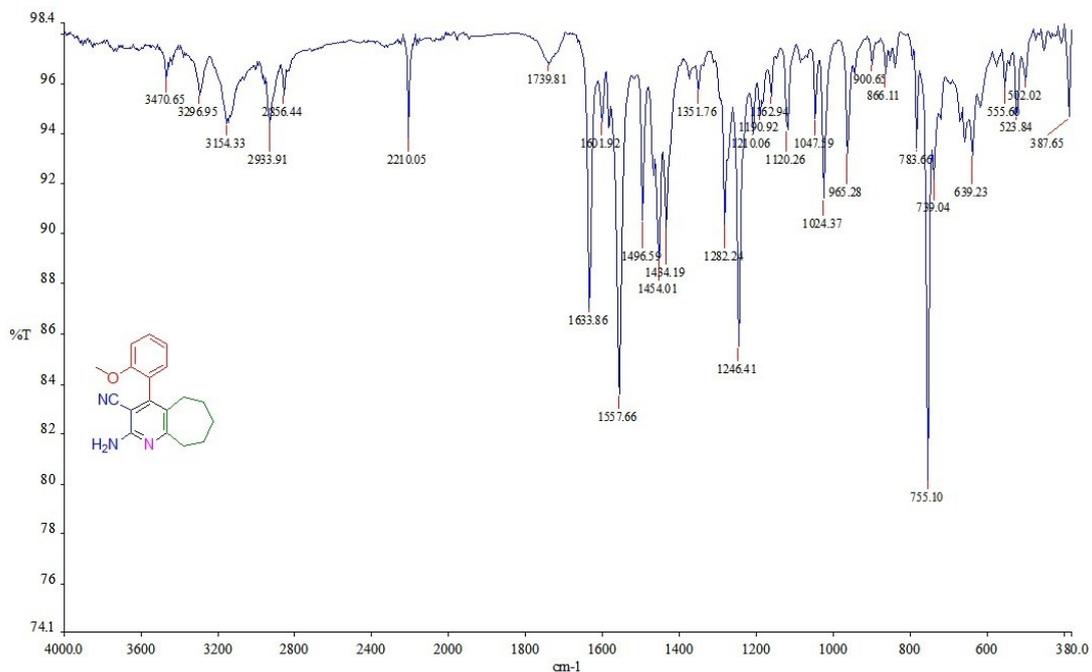


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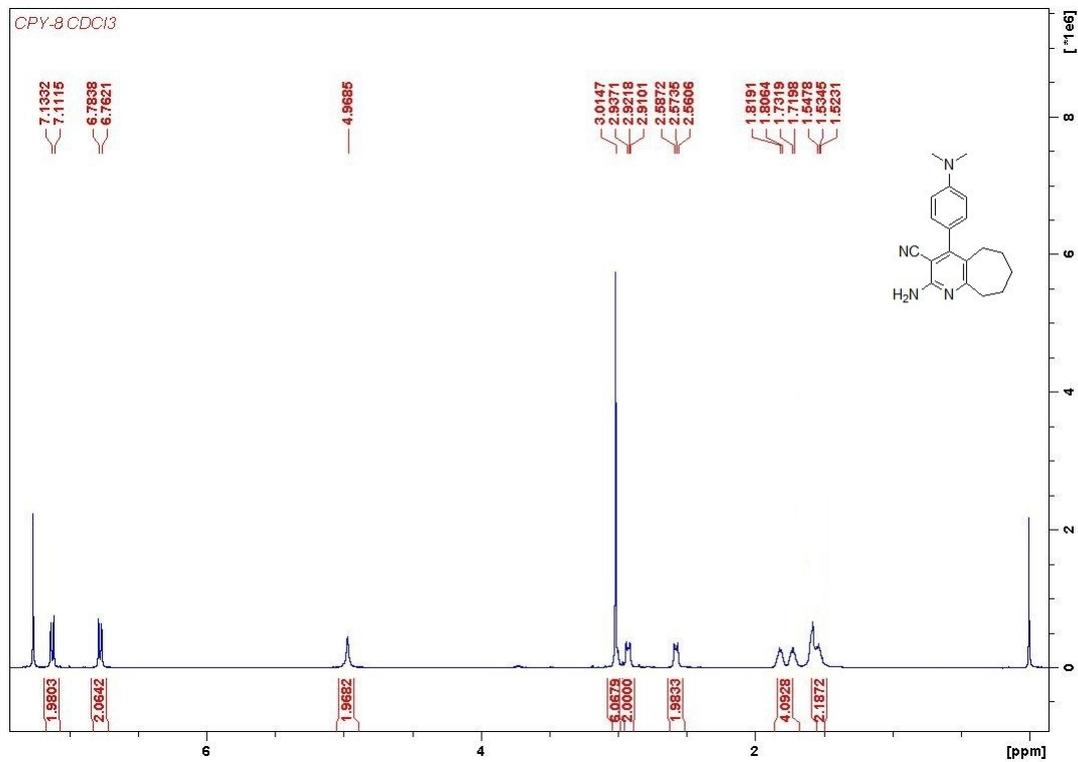


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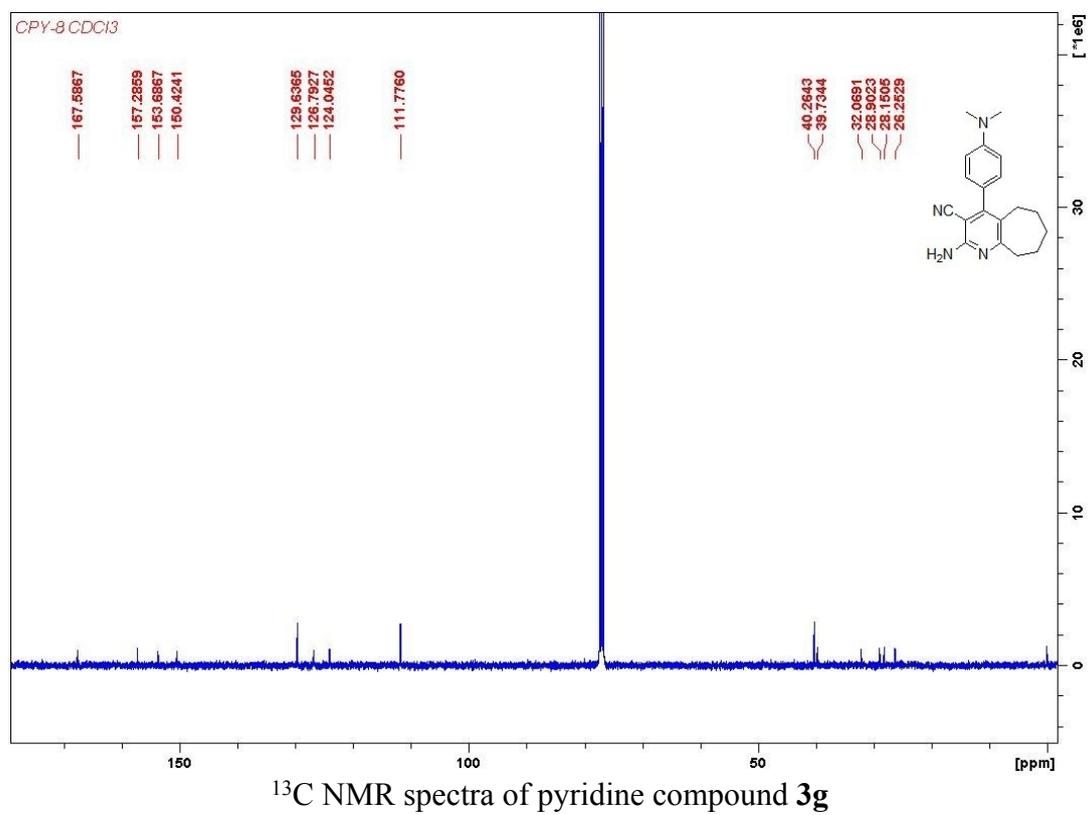
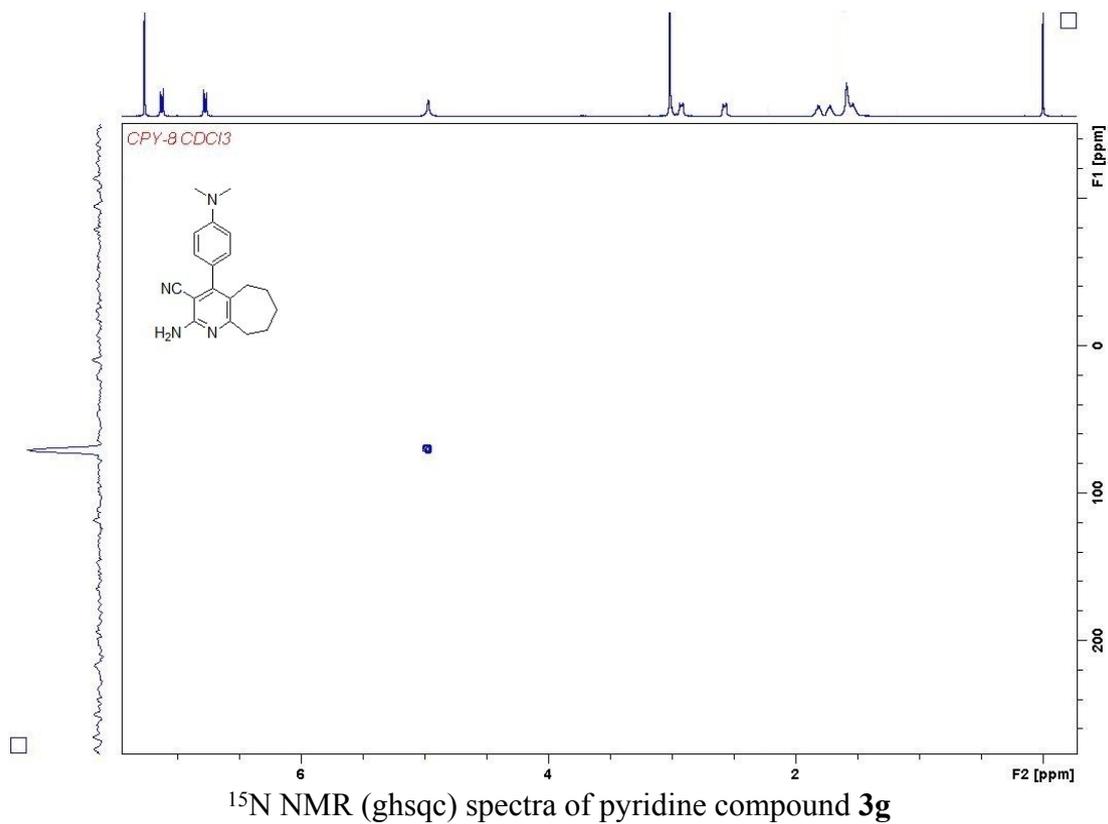


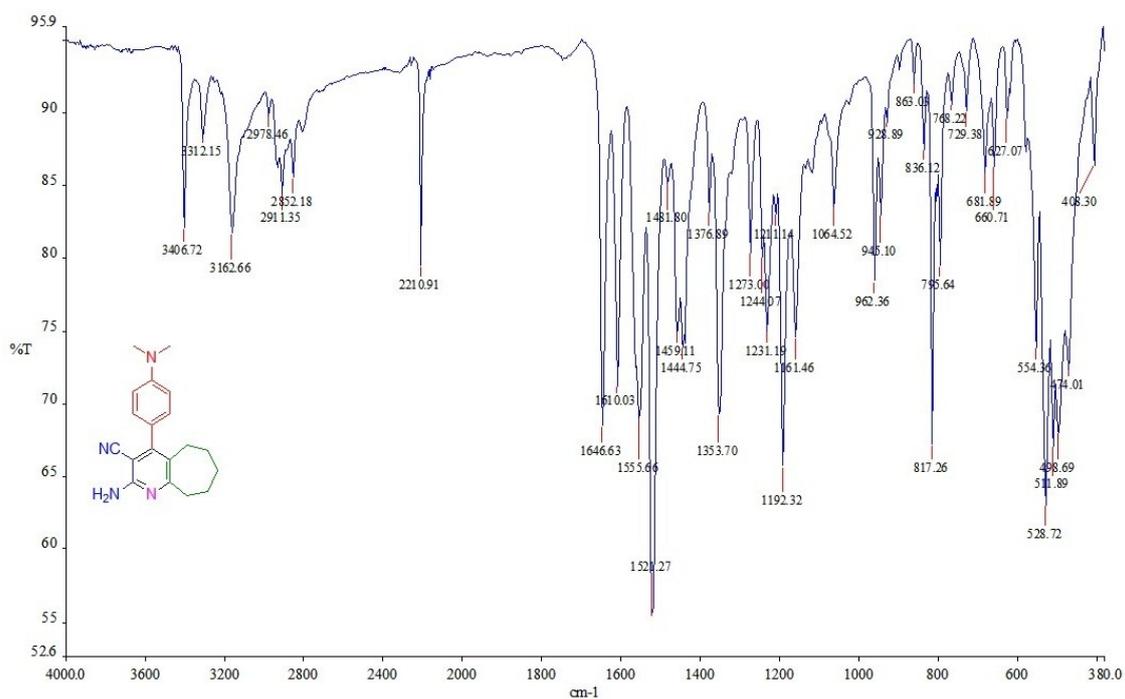


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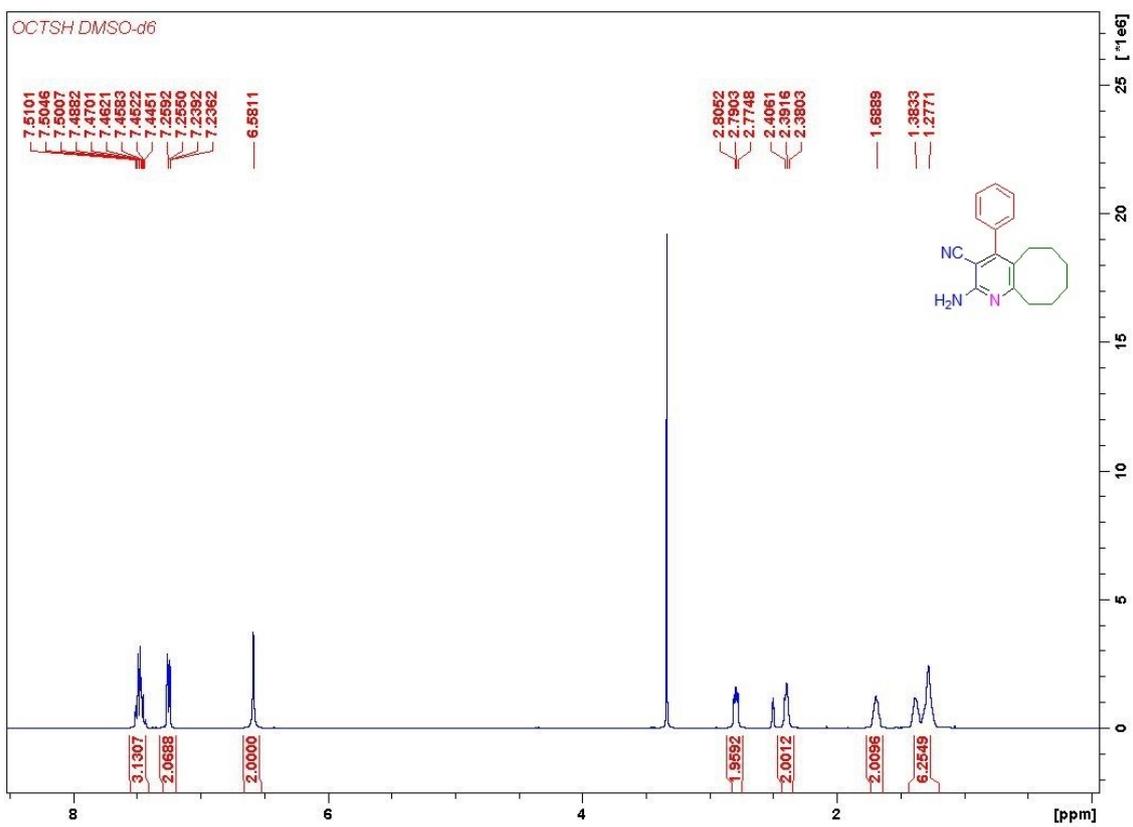


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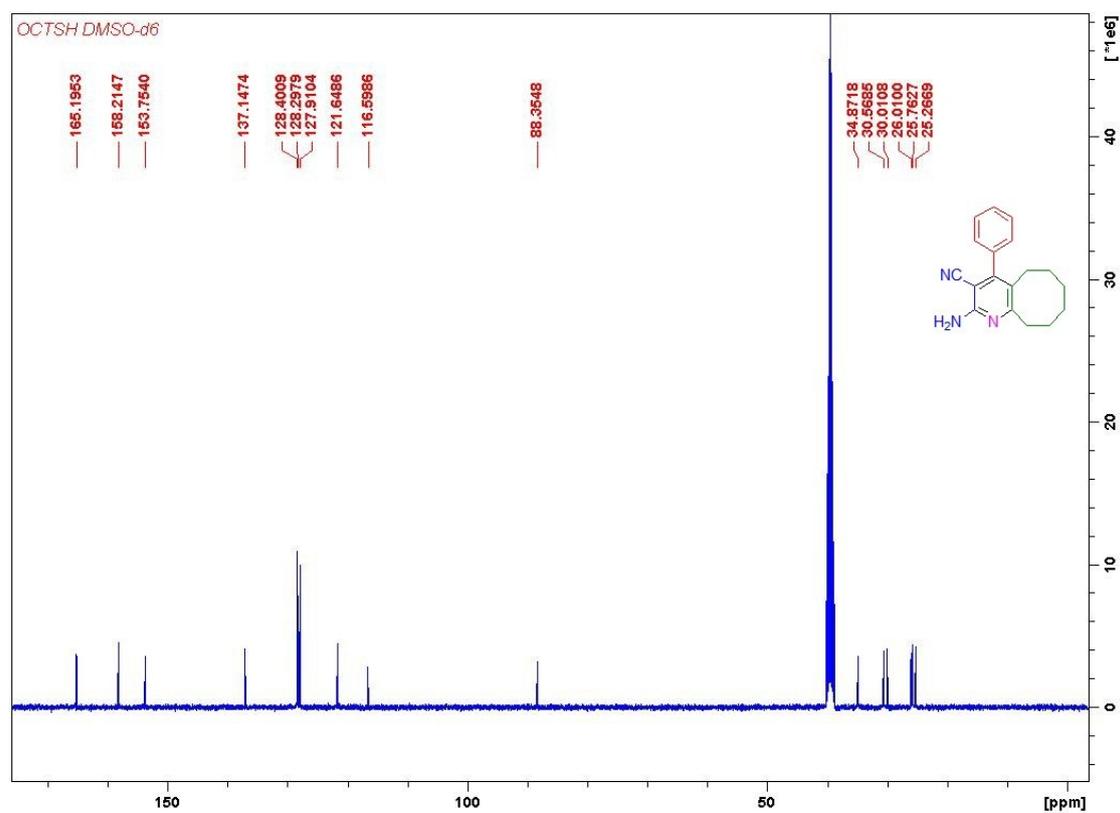
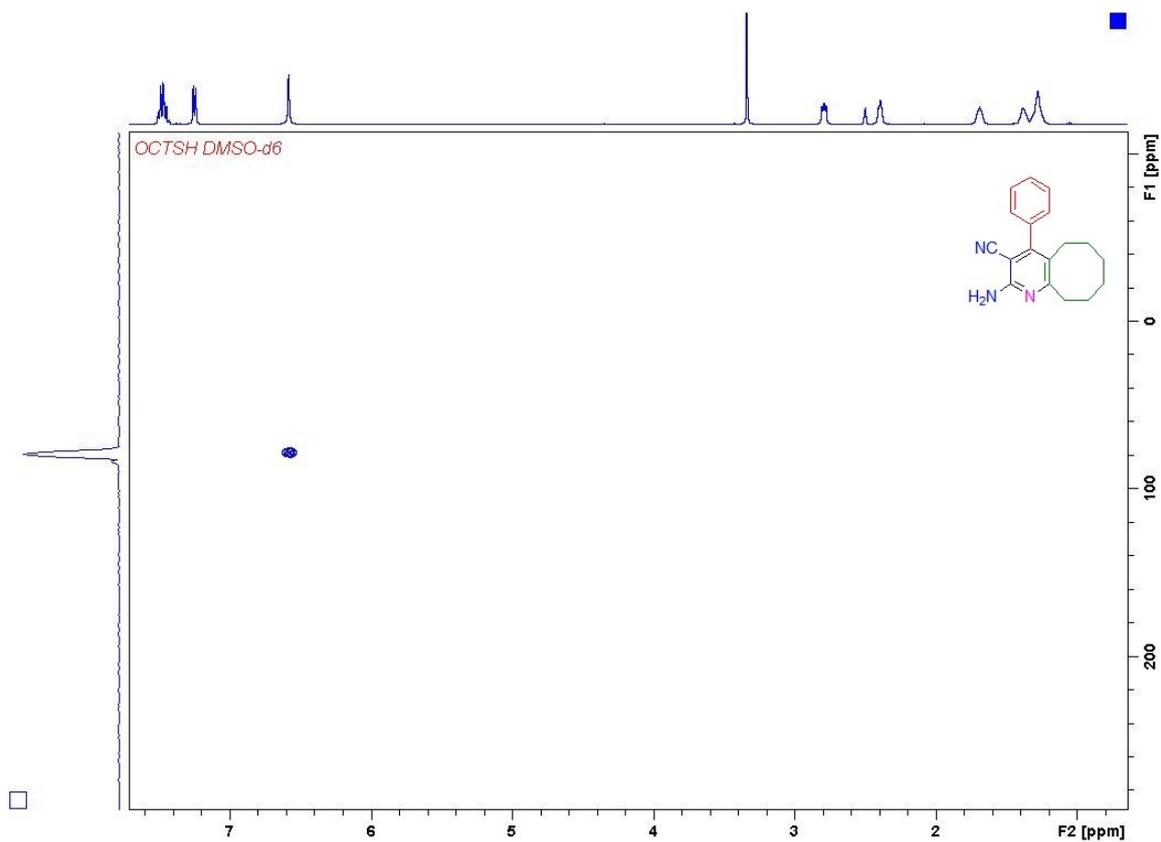


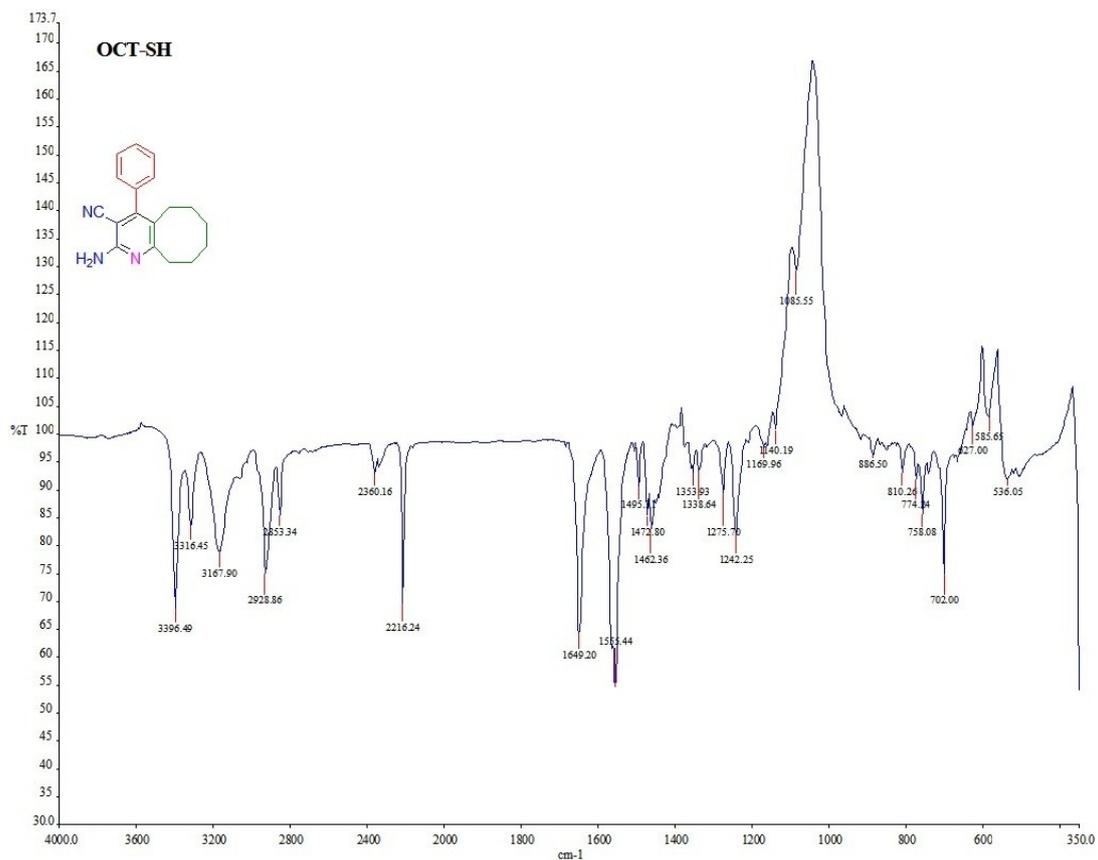


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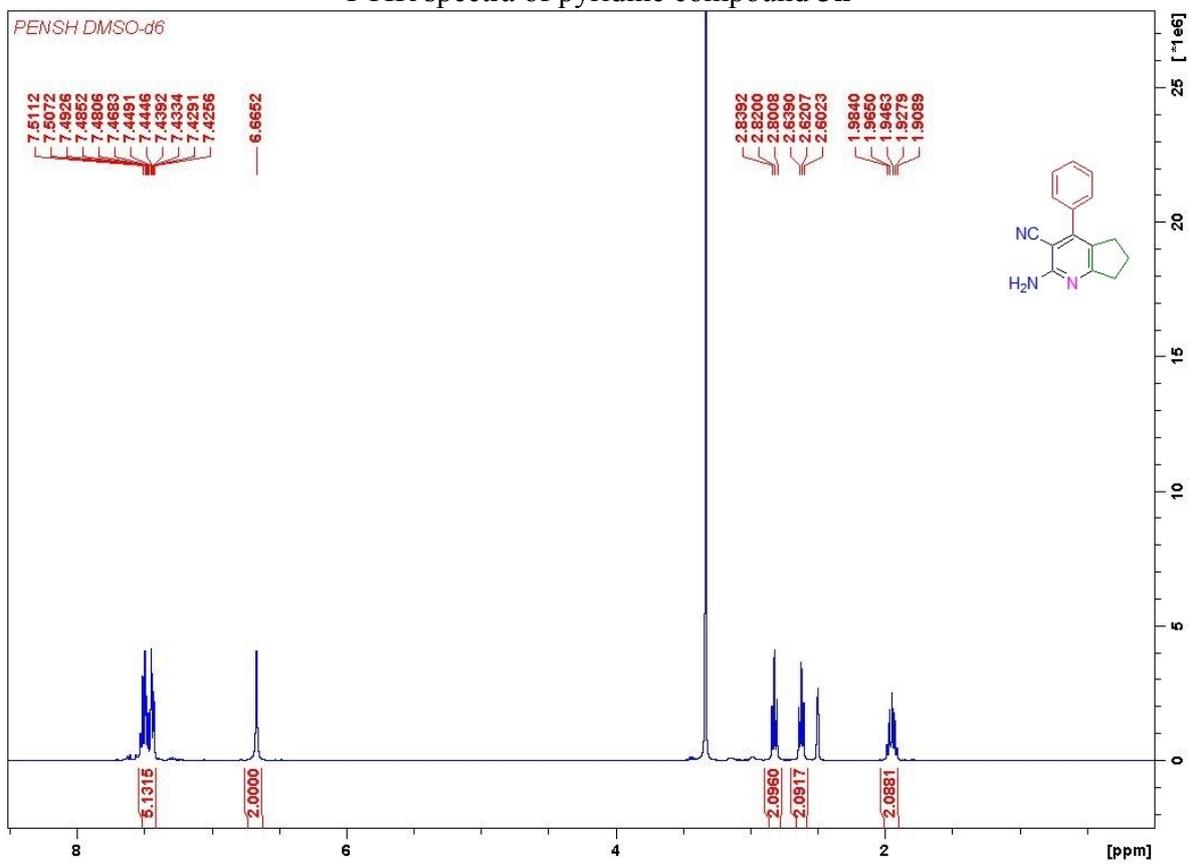


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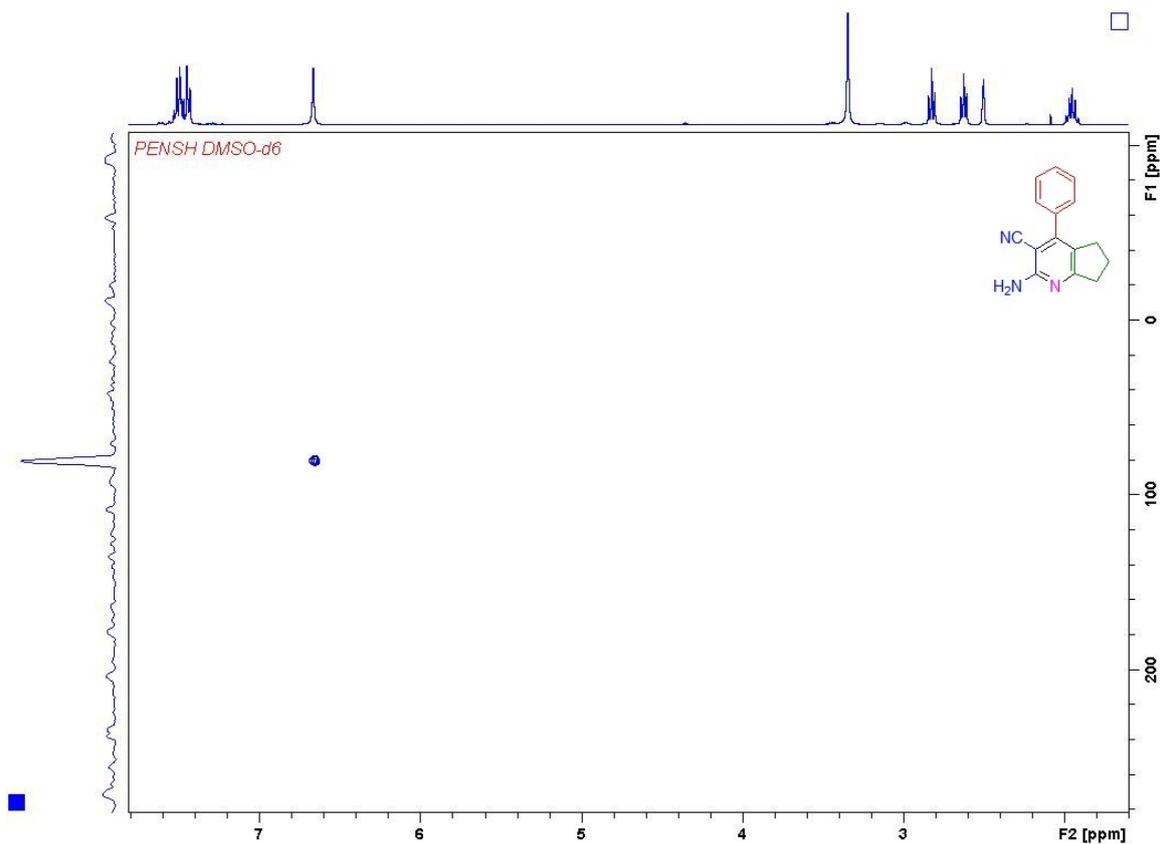




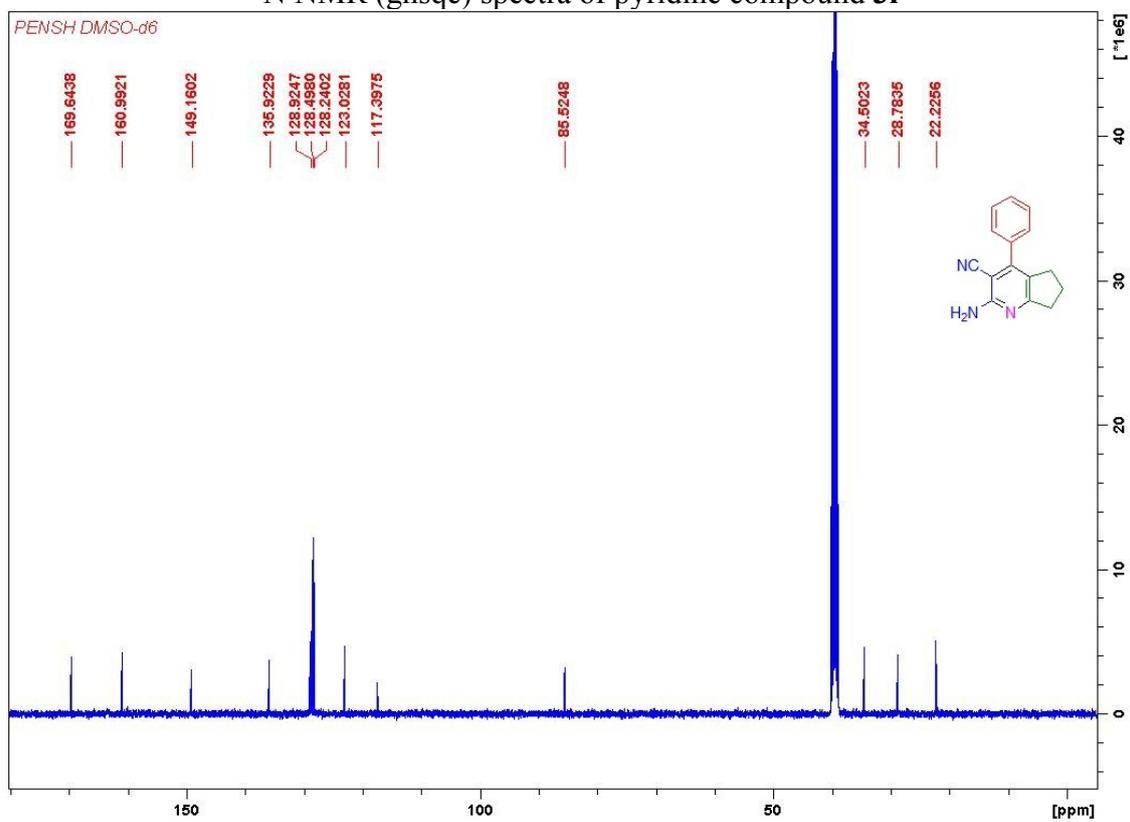
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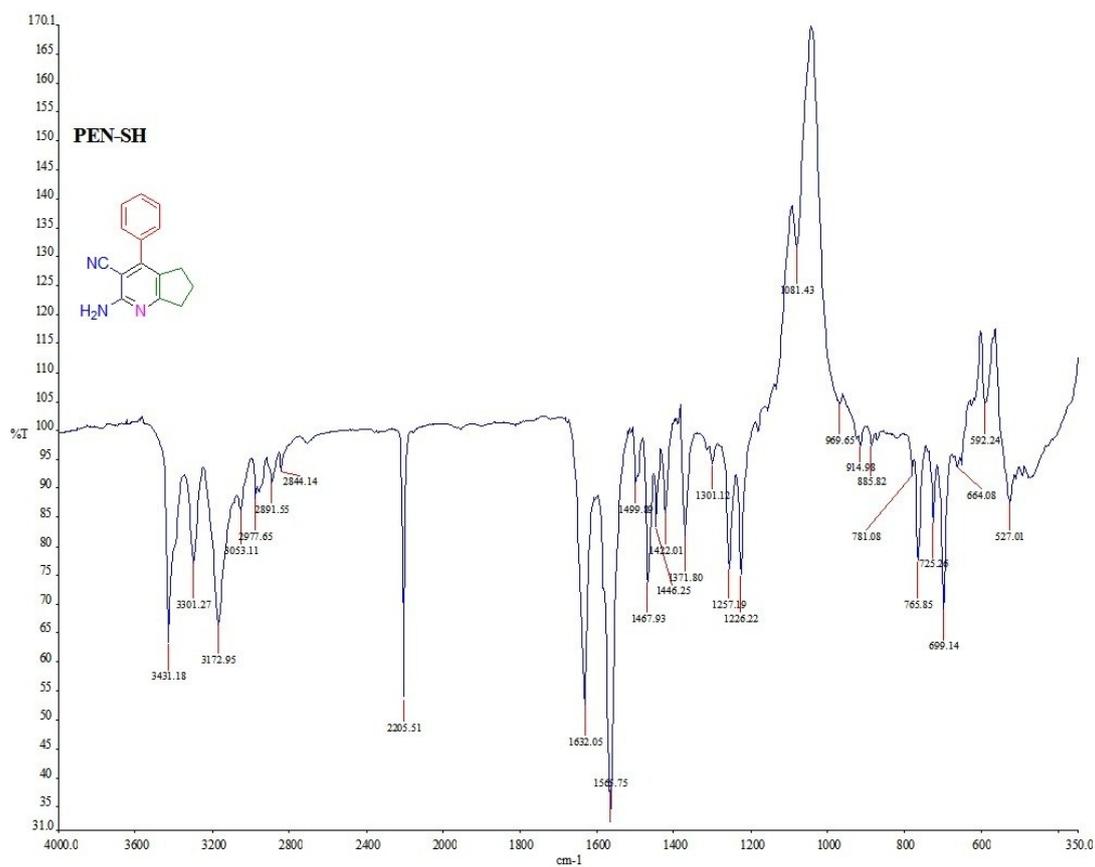
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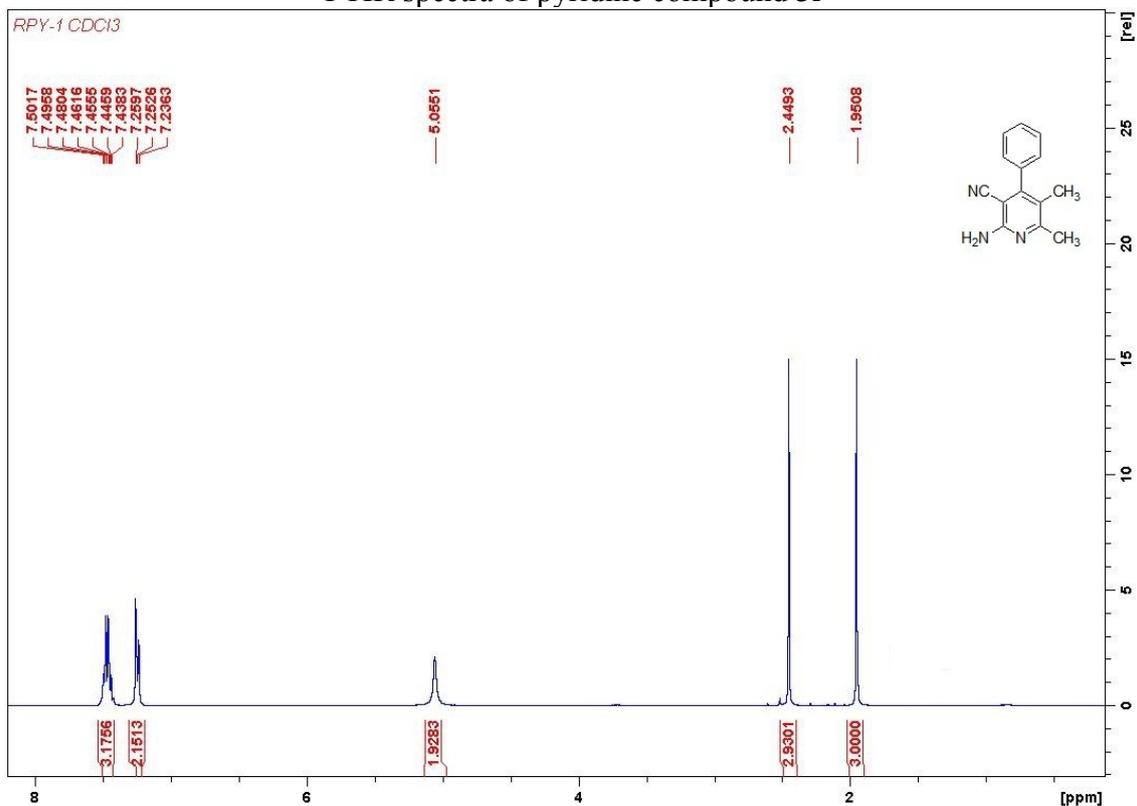
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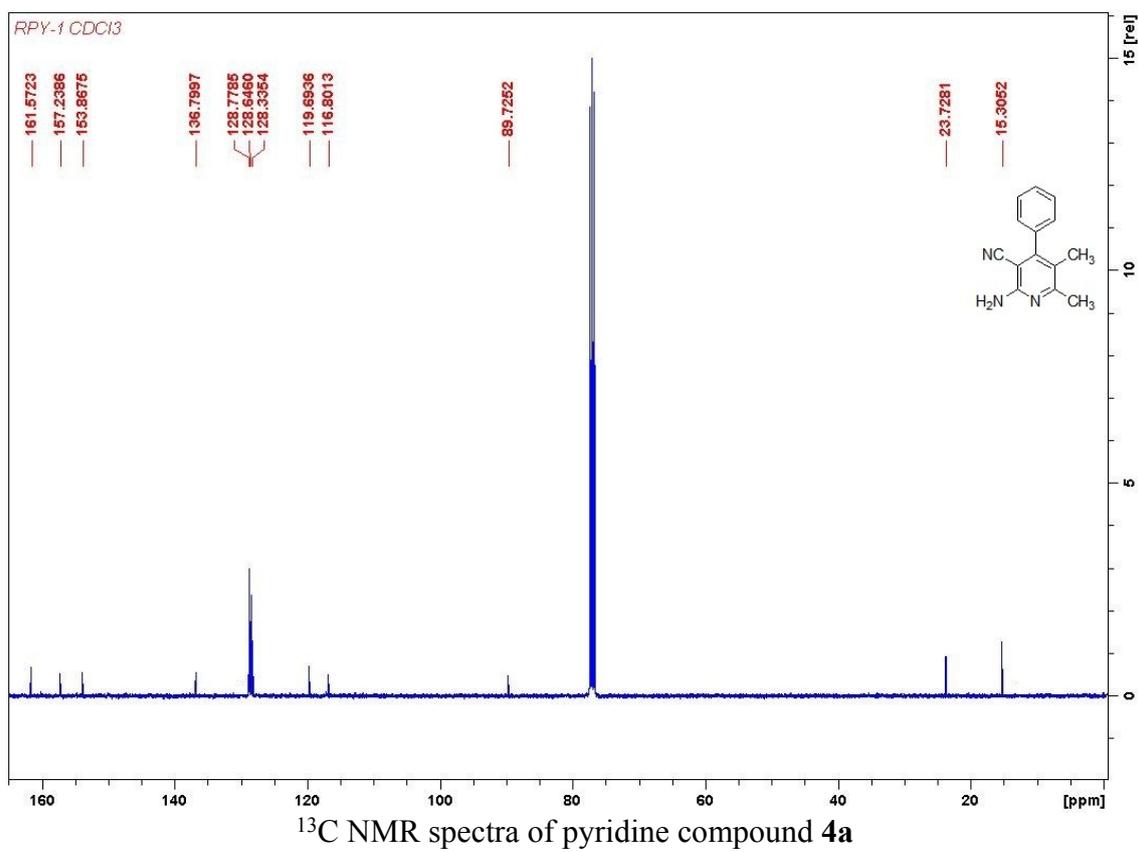
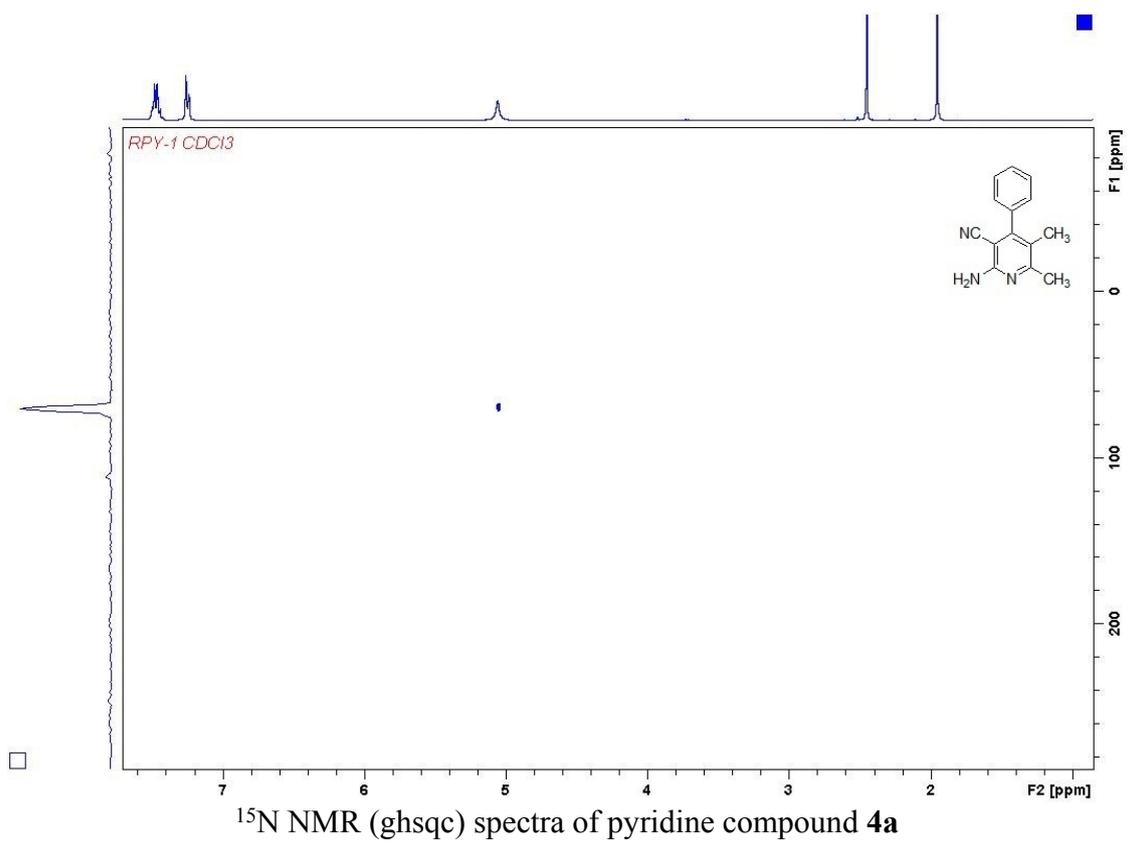
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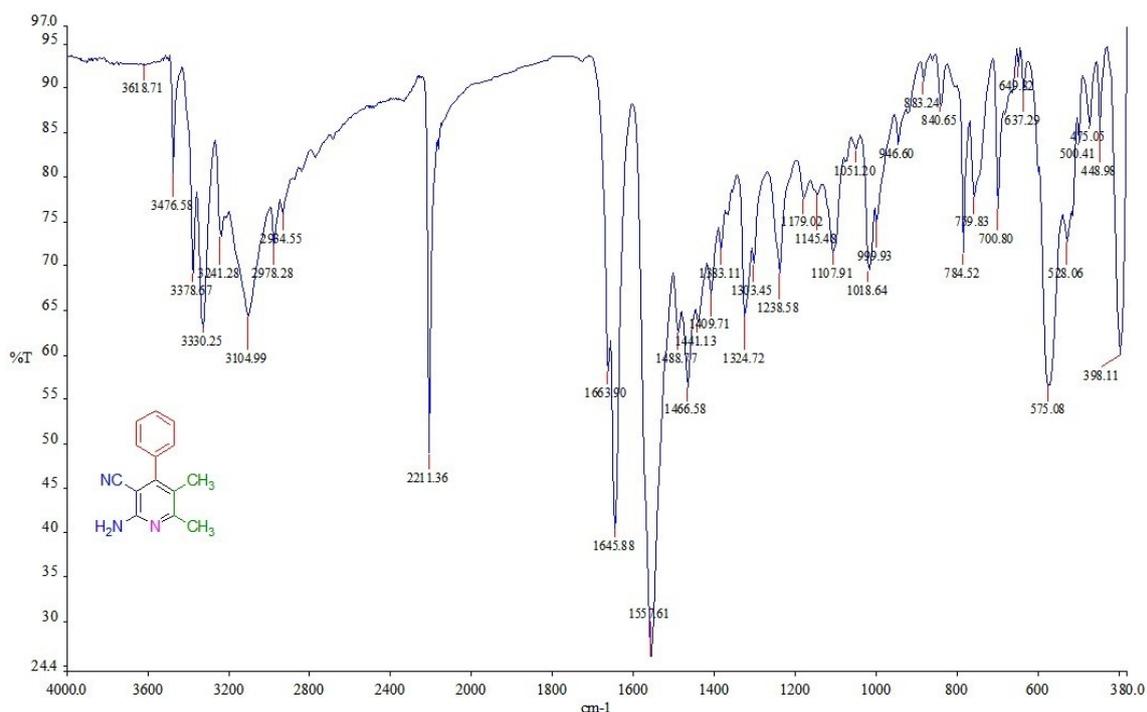


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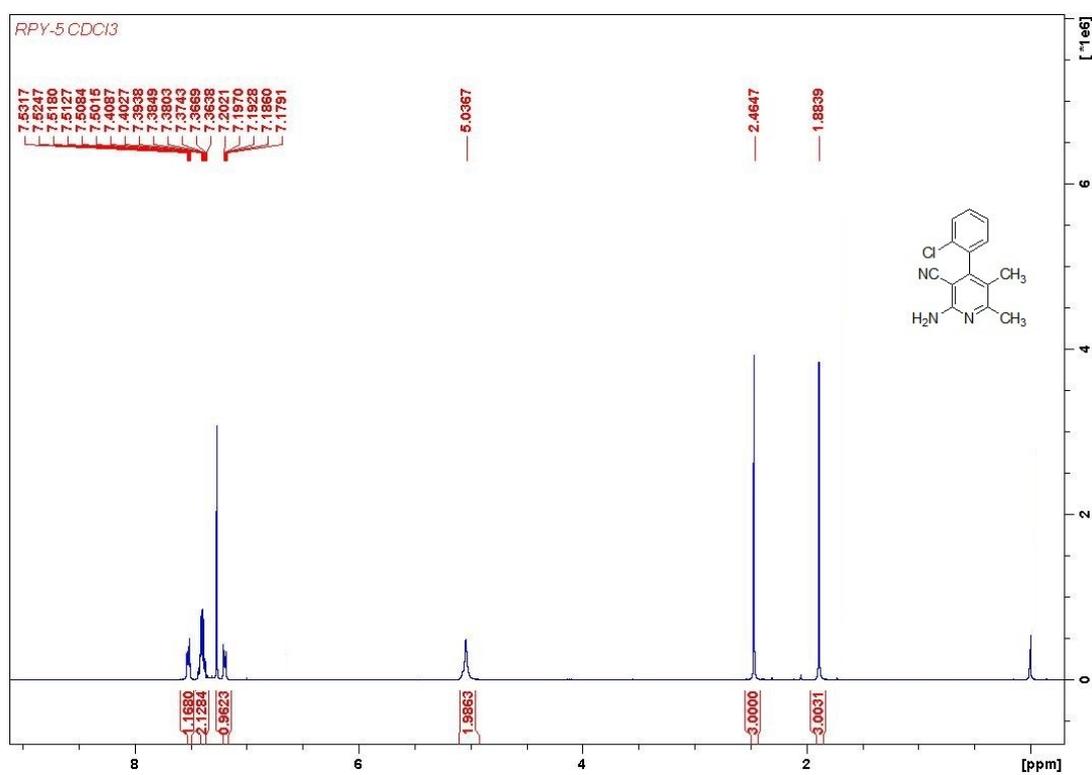


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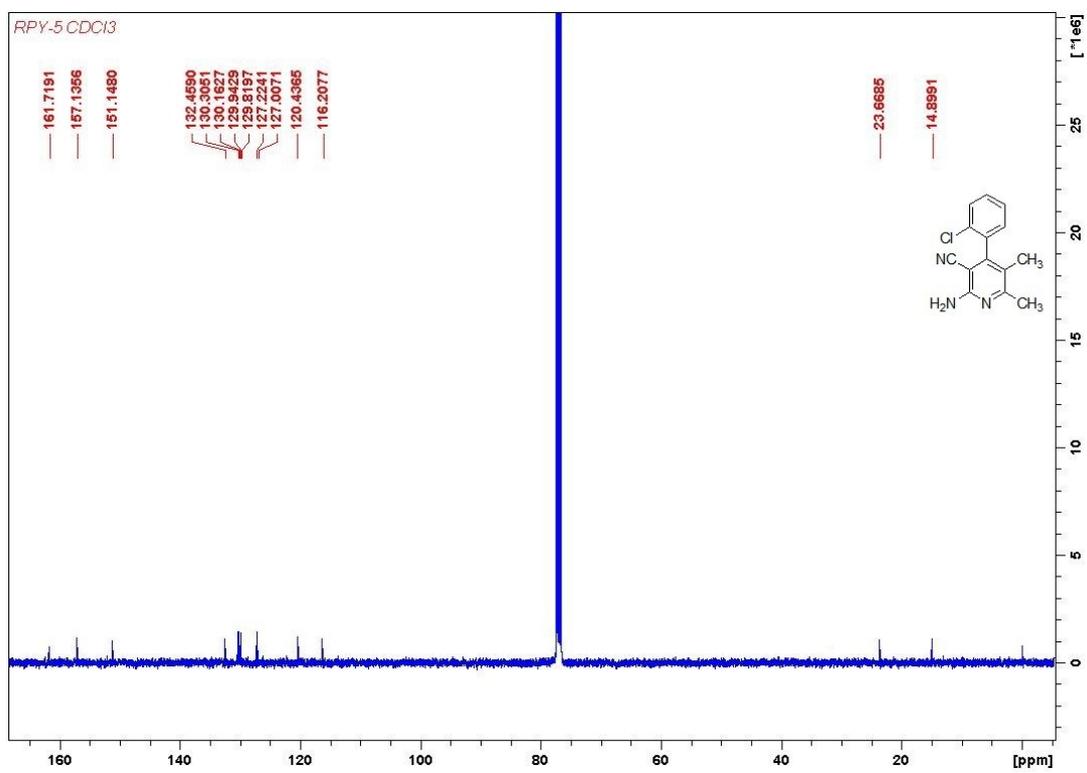
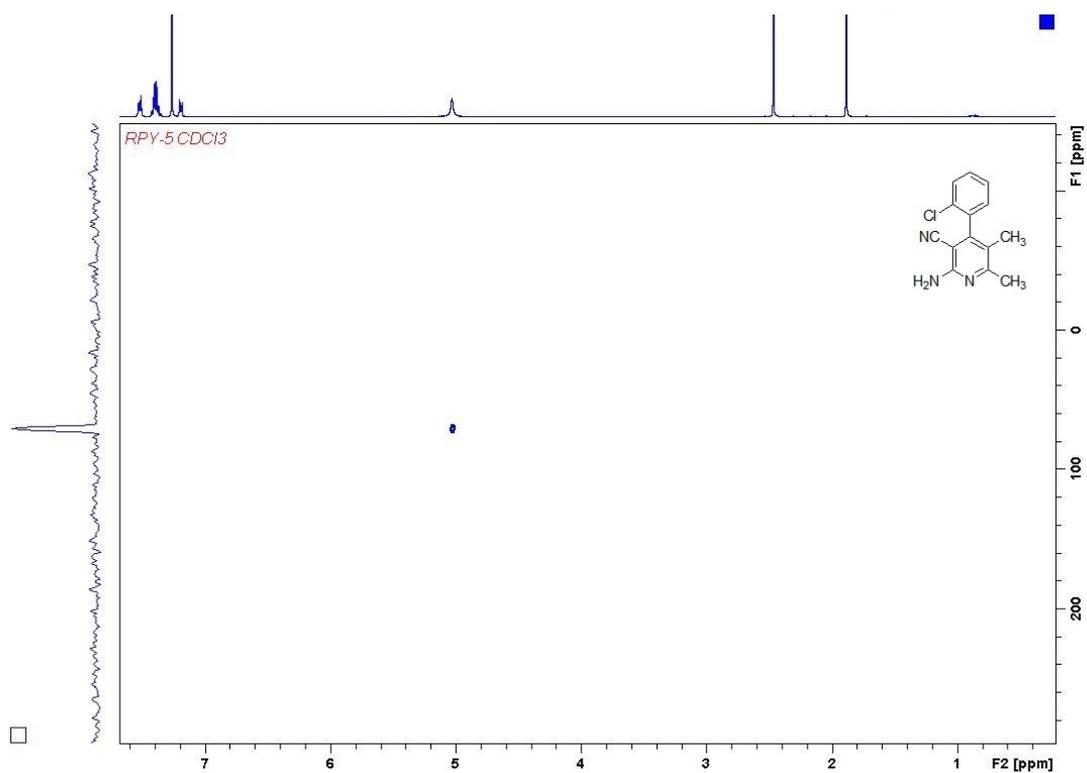


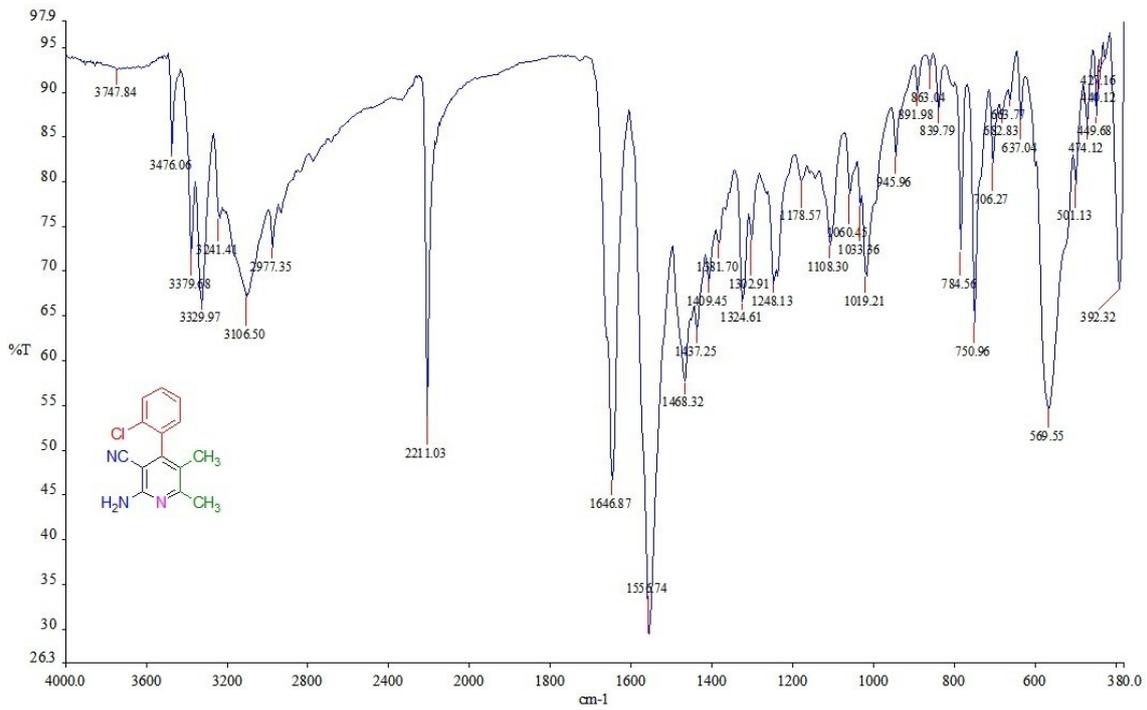


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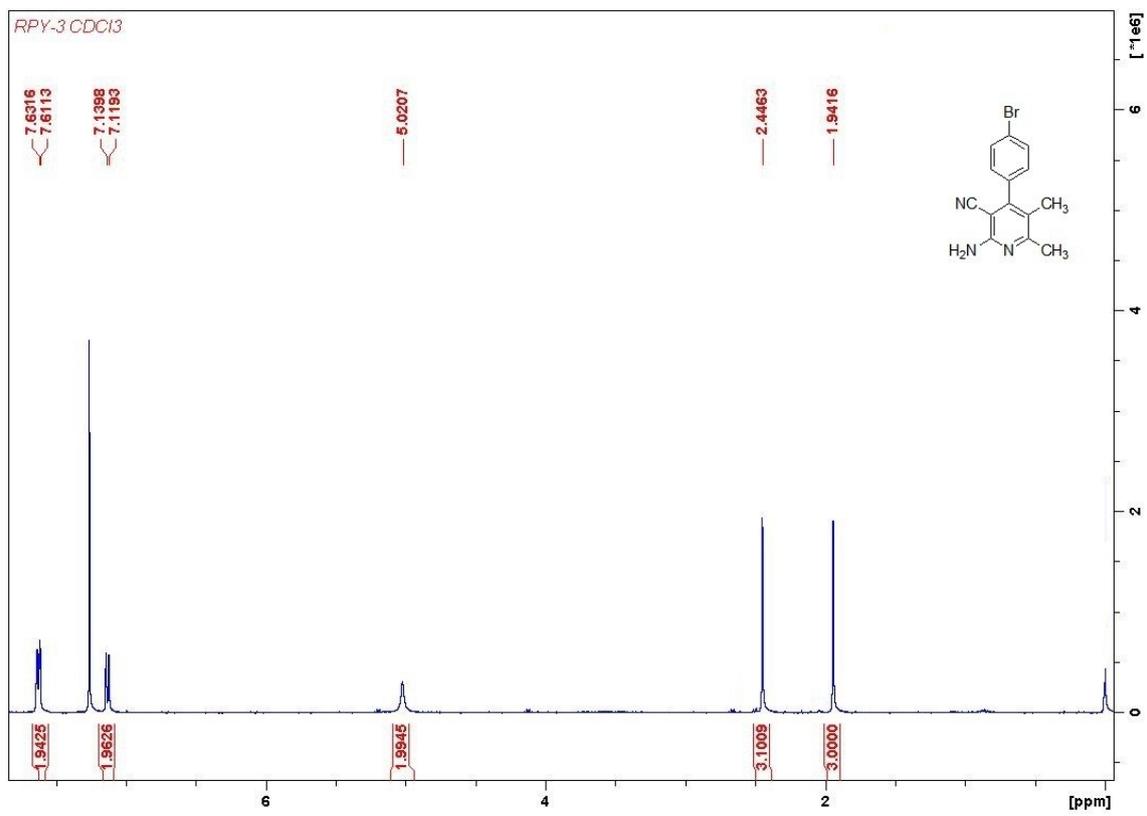


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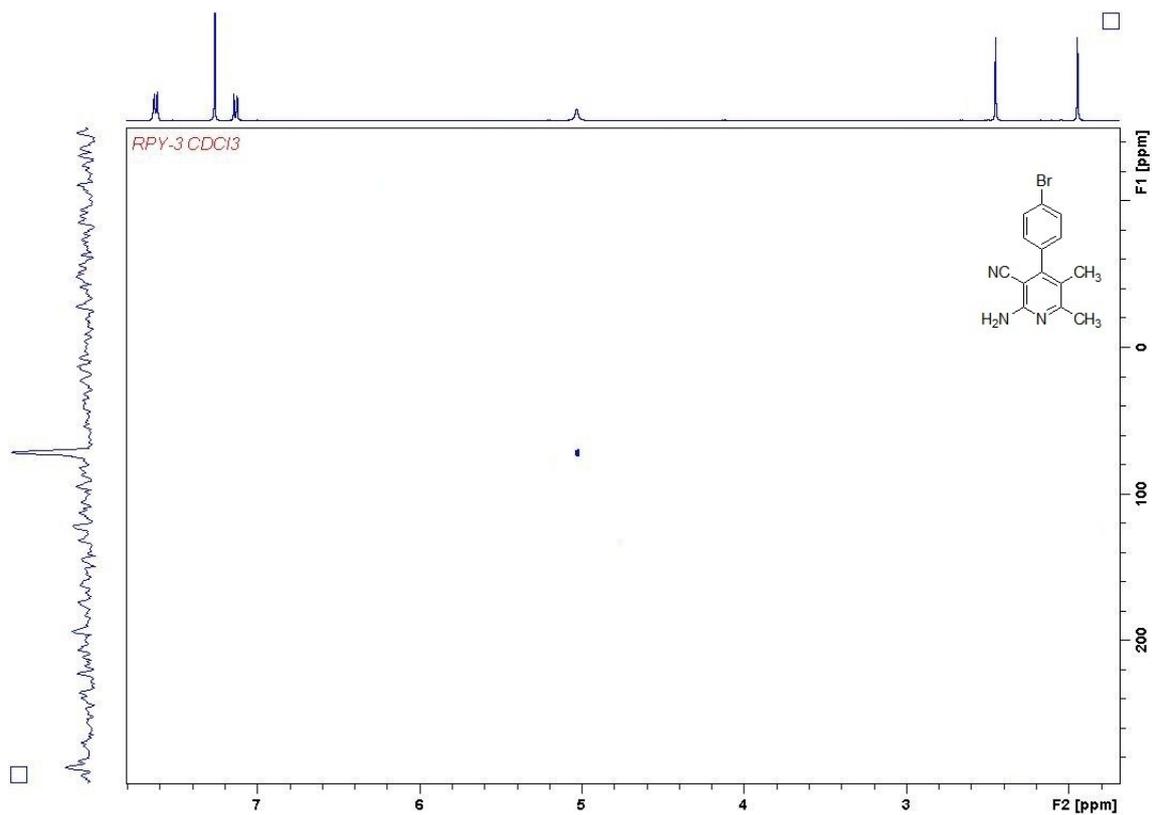




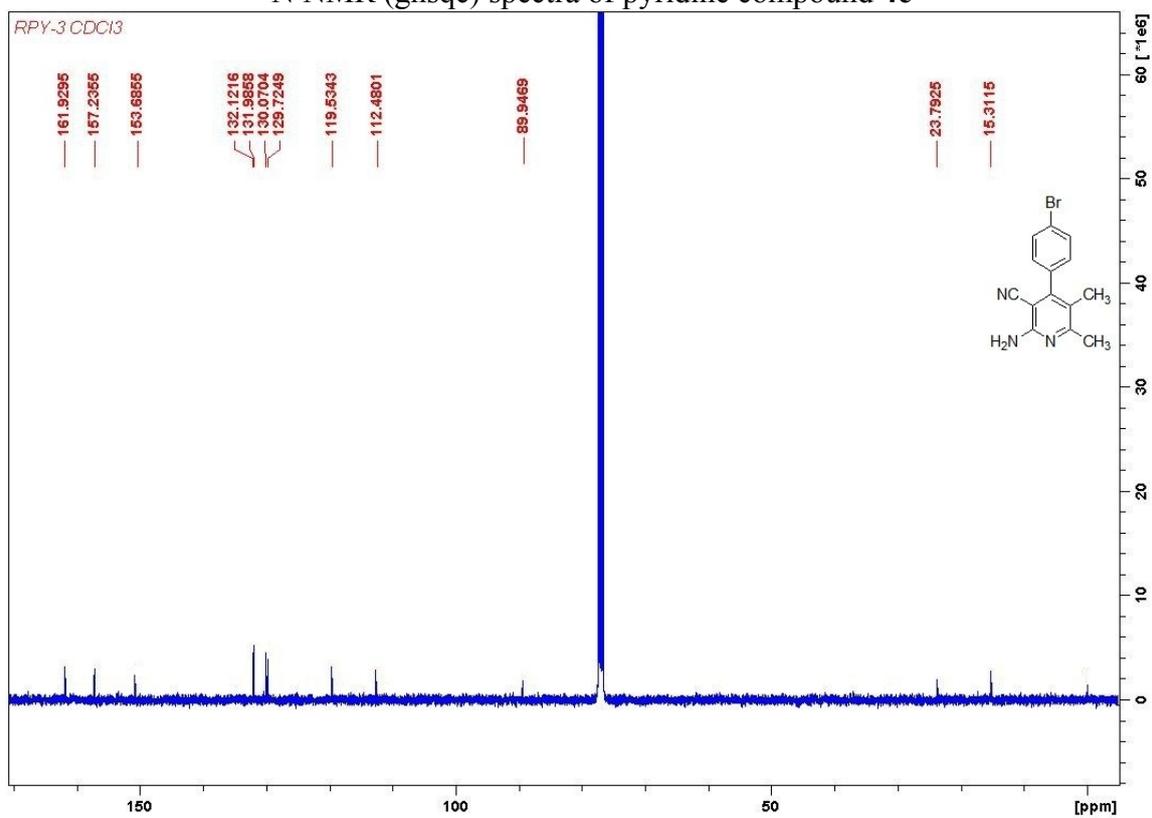
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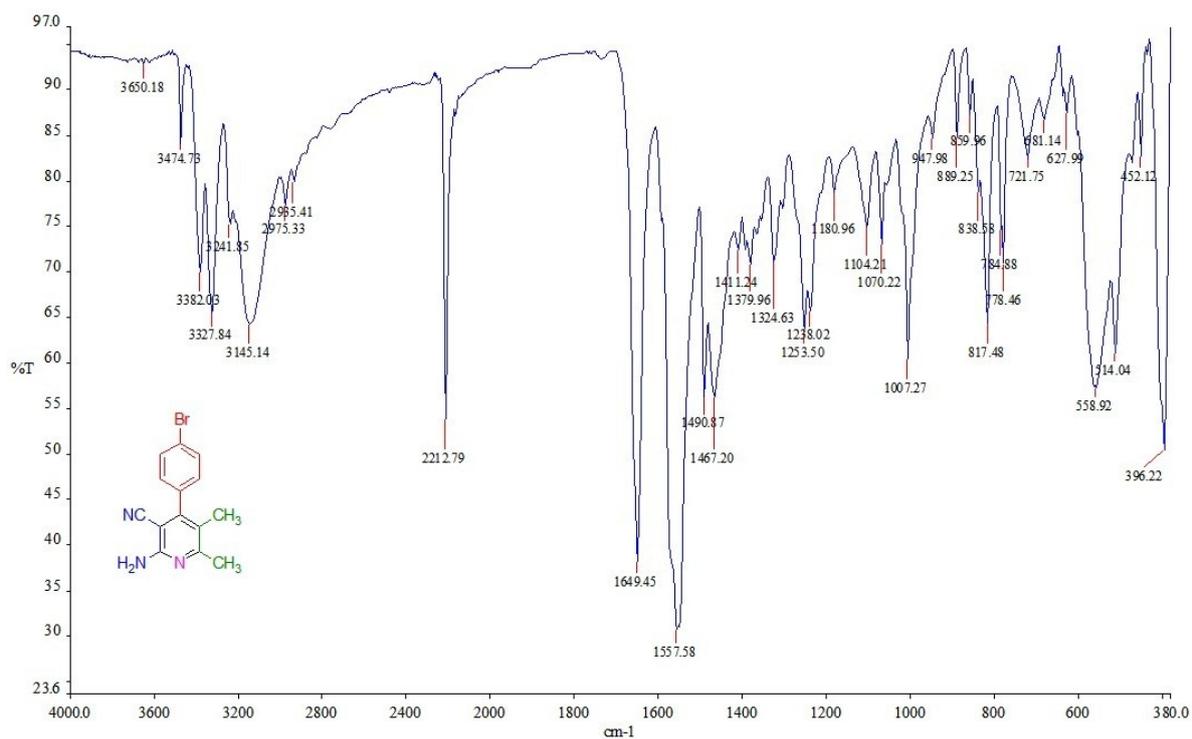
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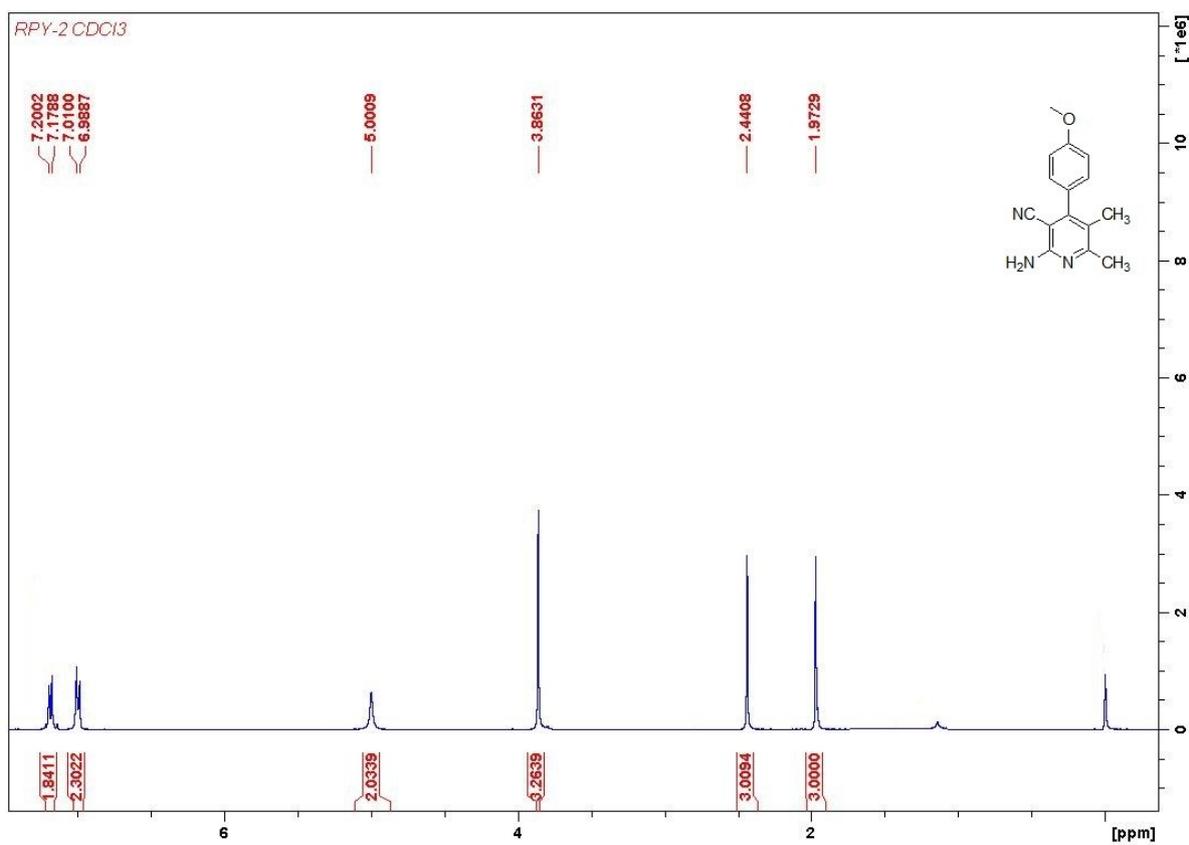
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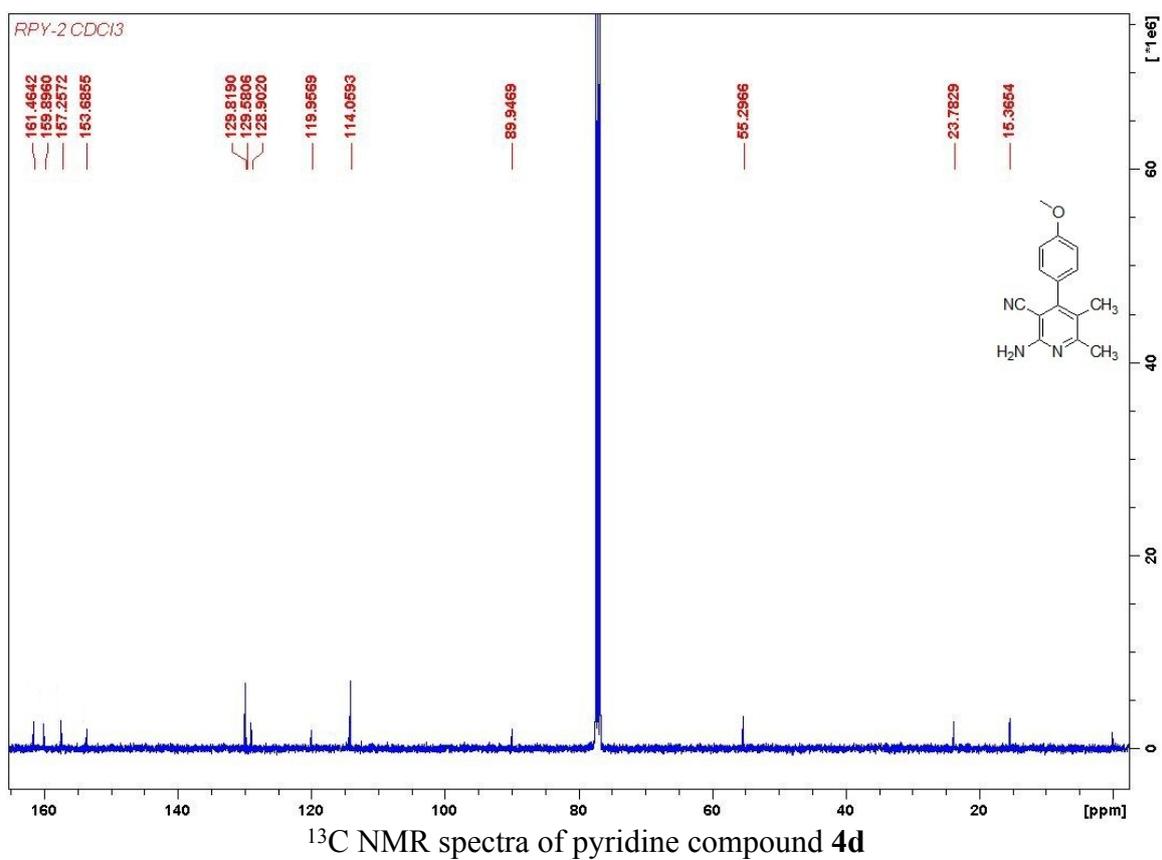
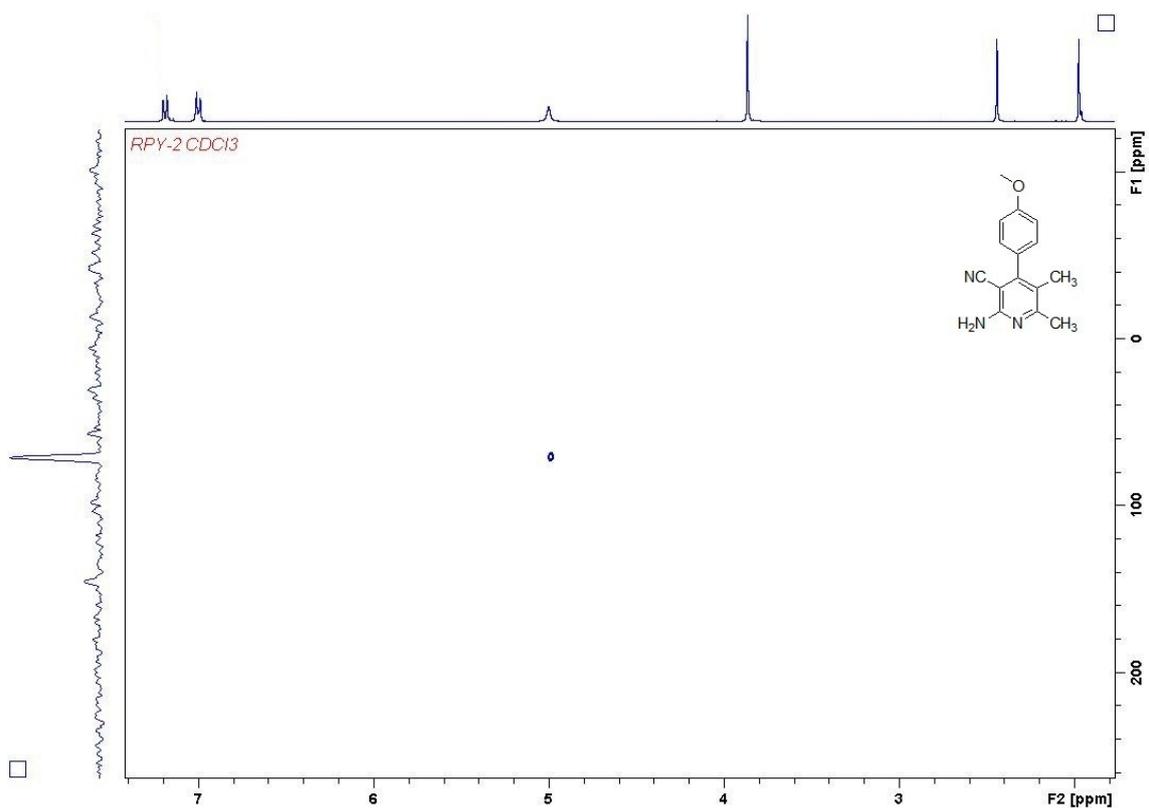
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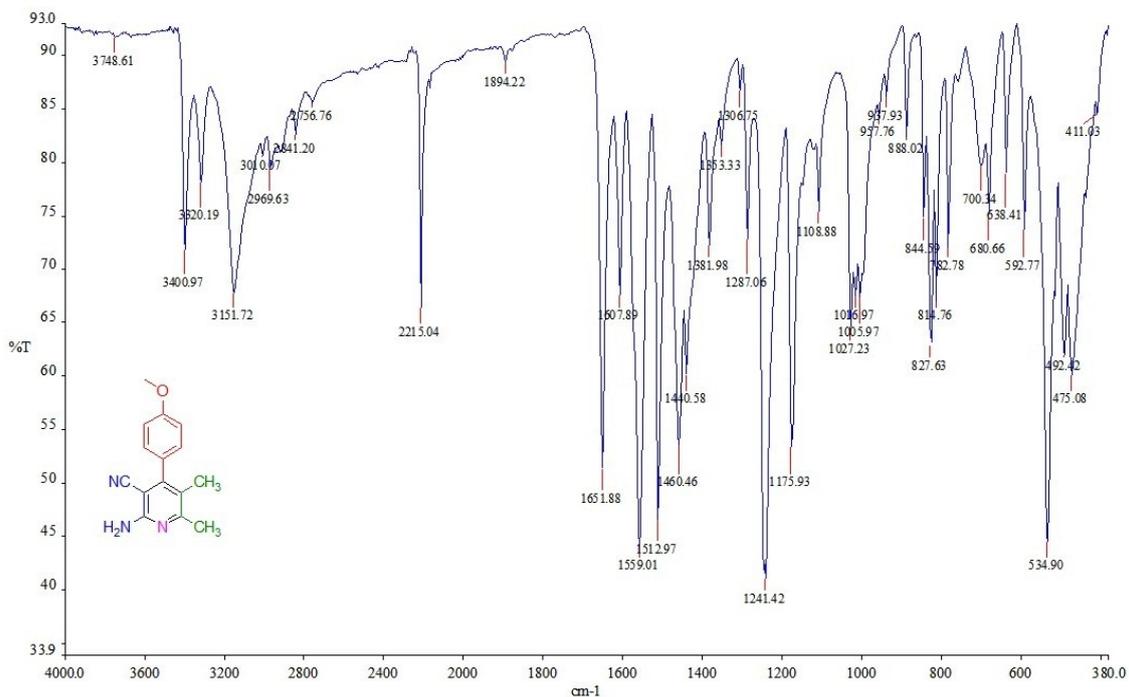


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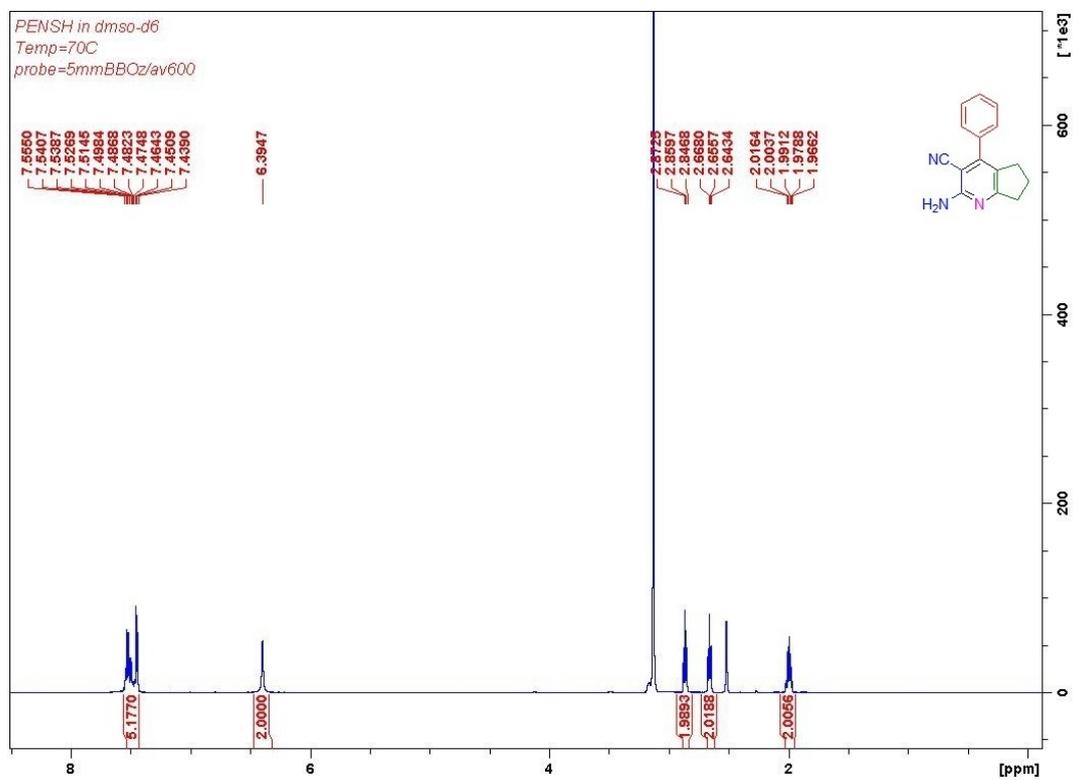
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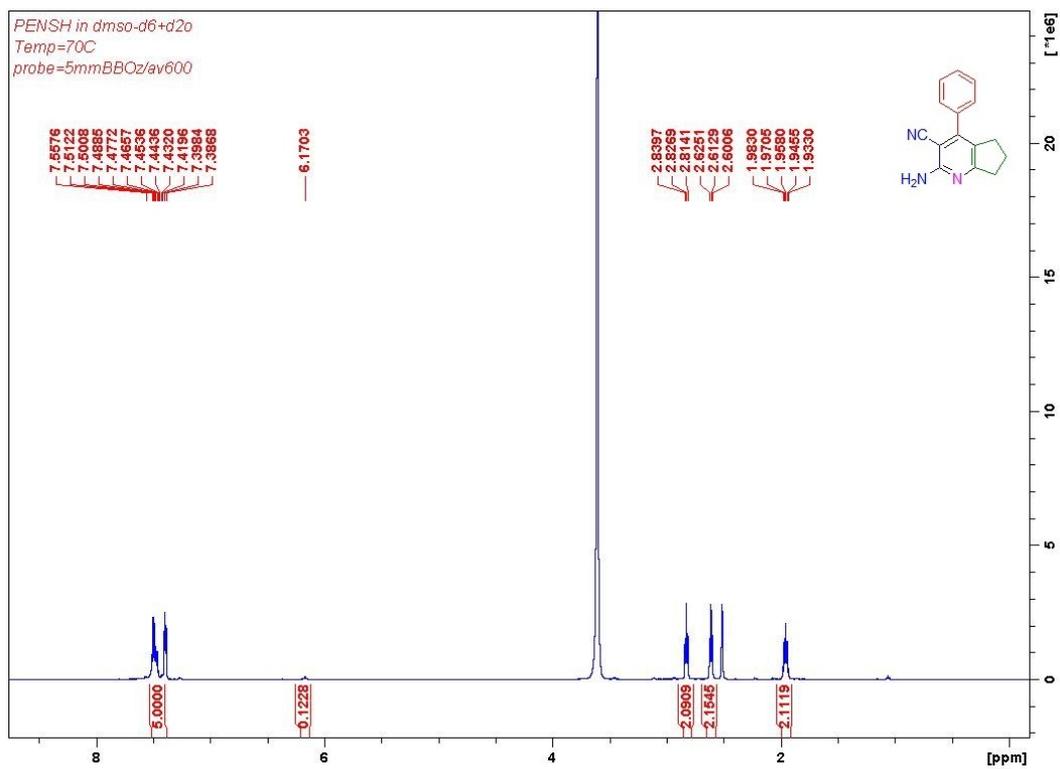


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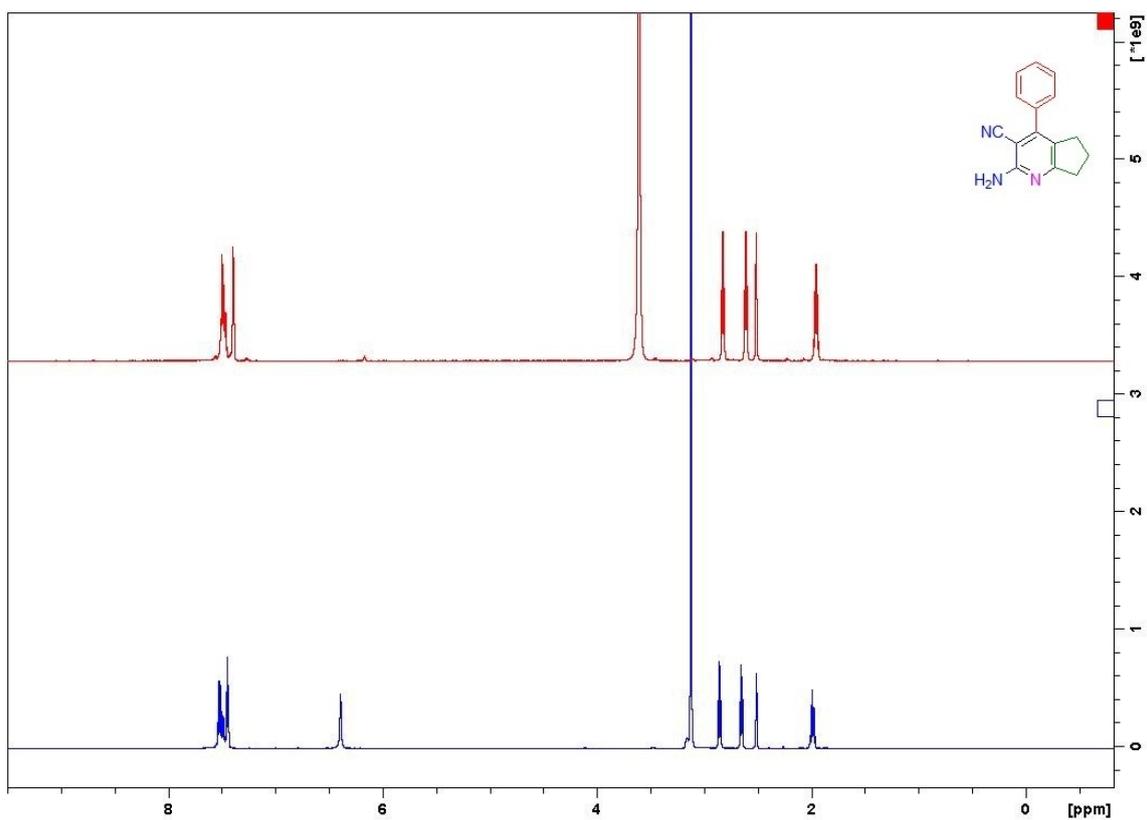
4. D₂O exchange study of compound (**3i**).



¹H NMR spectra of compound **3i** (DMSO-d₆)



^1H NMR spectra of compound **3i** (DMSO- d_6 + D_2O). Absence of $-\text{NH}_2$ peak



^1H NMR comparison spectra of compound **3i** (Blue: DMSO- d_6 ; Red: DMSO- d_6 + D_2O)

5. Single Crystal X-ray data of compound (3a).

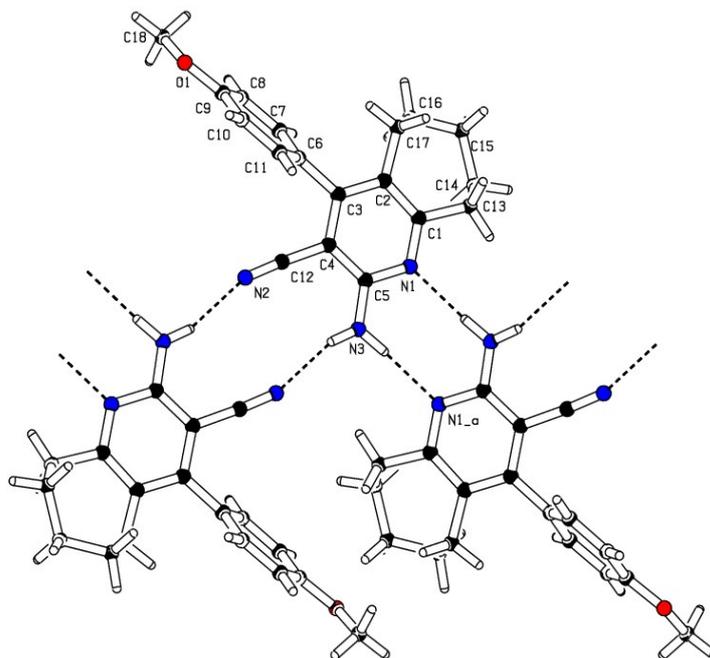


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma.

Identification code	shelx	
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ N ₃ O	
Formula weight	293.36	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P b c n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.7449(9) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 10.7620(7) Å	β = 90°.
	c = 18.2213(12) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	3087.5(3) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.262 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.080 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1248	
Crystal size	0.380 x 0.300 x 0.260 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.235 to 27.996°.	
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -14 ≤ k ≤ 13, -15 ≤ l ≤ 24	
Reflections collected	37338	
Independent reflections	3725 [R(int) = 0.0484]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.979 and 0.970	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	3725 / 0 / 207	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.130	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0577, wR2 = 0.1617	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0701, wR2 = 0.1728	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.372 and -0.246 e.Å ⁻³	

Table 2. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
C(1)	7988(1)	3498(2)	2588(1)	31(1)
C(2)	7341(1)	3643(2)	3113(1)	31(1)
C(3)	7579(1)	4011(2)	3818(1)	31(1)
C(4)	8446(1)	4210(2)	3963(1)	31(1)
C(5)	9054(1)	4045(2)	3403(1)	31(1)
C(6)	6957(1)	4226(2)	4423(1)	32(1)
C(7)	6479(1)	3258(2)	4715(1)	35(1)
C(8)	5921(1)	3452(2)	5297(1)	39(1)
C(9)	5833(1)	4643(2)	5584(1)	39(1)
C(10)	6289(1)	5614(2)	5286(1)	43(1)
C(11)	6854(1)	5407(2)	4714(1)	40(1)
C(12)	8735(1)	4559(2)	4677(1)	39(1)
C(13)	7780(1)	3126(2)	1811(1)	37(1)
C(14)	7416(1)	1804(2)	1740(1)	46(1)
C(15)	6483(1)	1680(2)	1933(1)	45(1)
C(16)	6261(1)	2017(2)	2720(1)	44(1)
C(17)	6428(1)	3389(2)	2911(1)	37(1)
C(18)	4874(2)	3930(3)	6500(1)	65(1)
N(1)	8815(1)	3680(2)	2724(1)	33(1)
N(2)	9006(1)	4848(2)	5234(1)	59(1)
N(3)	9893(1)	4228(2)	3510(1)	42(1)
O(1)	5313(1)	4929(2)	6157(1)	53(1)

Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma.

C(1)-N(1)	1.341(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.405(2)
C(1)-C(13)	1.507(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.396(2)
C(2)-C(17)	1.509(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.407(2)
C(3)-C(6)	1.493(2)
C(4)-C(5)	1.410(2)
C(4)-C(12)	1.428(3)
C(5)-N(3)	1.350(2)
C(5)-N(1)	1.350(2)
C(6)-C(11)	1.388(3)
C(6)-C(7)	1.390(3)
C(7)-C(8)	1.393(3)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.392(3)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-O(1)	1.362(2)
C(9)-C(10)	1.379(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.388(3)
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(11)-H(11)	0.9500
C(12)-N(2)	1.144(3)
C(13)-C(14)	1.539(3)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9900
C(13)-H(13B)	0.9900
C(14)-C(15)	1.516(3)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9900
C(14)-H(14B)	0.9900
C(15)-C(16)	1.519(3)
C(15)-H(15A)	0.9900
C(15)-H(15B)	0.9900
C(16)-C(17)	1.539(3)
C(16)-H(16A)	0.9900
C(16)-H(16B)	0.9900

C(17)-H(17A)	0.9900
C(17)-H(17B)	0.9900
C(18)-O(1)	1.422(3)
C(18)-H(18A)	0.9800
C(18)-H(18B)	0.9800
C(18)-H(18C)	0.9800
N(3)-H(1N)	0.96(3)
N(3)-H(2N)	0.87(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	124.16(16)
N(1)-C(1)-C(13)	115.07(16)
C(2)-C(1)-C(13)	120.78(15)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	117.59(16)
C(3)-C(2)-C(17)	122.09(16)
C(1)-C(2)-C(17)	120.32(16)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	118.52(16)
C(2)-C(3)-C(6)	123.21(15)
C(4)-C(3)-C(6)	118.26(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.15(16)
C(3)-C(4)-C(12)	121.39(16)
C(5)-C(4)-C(12)	118.45(15)
N(3)-C(5)-N(1)	116.53(16)
N(3)-C(5)-C(4)	122.72(16)
N(1)-C(5)-C(4)	120.75(15)
C(11)-C(6)-C(7)	118.47(17)
C(11)-C(6)-C(3)	120.06(17)
C(7)-C(6)-C(3)	121.46(16)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	121.38(18)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	119.3
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	119.3
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	119.11(19)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	120.4
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	120.4
O(1)-C(9)-C(10)	116.30(19)
O(1)-C(9)-C(8)	123.8(2)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	119.92(18)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	120.47(19)

C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	119.8
C(11)-C(10)-H(10)	119.8
C(6)-C(11)-C(10)	120.62(19)
C(6)-C(11)-H(11)	119.7
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	119.7
N(2)-C(12)-C(4)	176.6(2)
C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	113.98(17)
C(1)-C(13)-H(13A)	108.8
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	108.8
C(1)-C(13)-H(13B)	108.8
C(14)-C(13)-H(13B)	108.8
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B)	107.7
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	114.98(18)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14A)	108.5
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	108.5
C(15)-C(14)-H(14B)	108.5
C(13)-C(14)-H(14B)	108.5
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B)	107.5
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	114.93(17)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	108.5
C(16)-C(15)-H(15A)	108.5
C(14)-C(15)-H(15B)	108.5
C(16)-C(15)-H(15B)	108.5
H(15A)-C(15)-H(15B)	107.5
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	113.80(17)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16A)	108.8
C(17)-C(16)-H(16A)	108.8
C(15)-C(16)-H(16B)	108.8
C(17)-C(16)-H(16B)	108.8
H(16A)-C(16)-H(16B)	107.7
C(2)-C(17)-C(16)	113.00(16)
C(2)-C(17)-H(17A)	109.0
C(16)-C(17)-H(17A)	109.0
C(2)-C(17)-H(17B)	109.0
C(16)-C(17)-H(17B)	109.0
H(17A)-C(17)-H(17B)	107.8
O(1)-C(18)-H(18A)	109.5

O(1)-C(18)-H(18B)	109.5
H(18A)-C(18)-H(18B)	109.5
O(1)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
H(18A)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
H(18B)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
C(1)-N(1)-C(5)	118.82(15)
C(5)-N(3)-H(1N)	119.1(16)
C(5)-N(3)-H(2N)	123.6(18)
H(1N)-N(3)-H(2N)	117(2)
C(9)-O(1)-C(18)	117.25(18)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^2 U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
C(1)	28(1)	35(1)	30(1)	0(1)	-2(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	27(1)	35(1)	31(1)	0(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)
C(3)	26(1)	35(1)	31(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)
C(4)	26(1)	39(1)	28(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)	-3(1)
C(5)	25(1)	38(1)	30(1)	0(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)
C(6)	24(1)	41(1)	29(1)	-2(1)	-3(1)	1(1)
C(7)	32(1)	38(1)	36(1)	-1(1)	3(1)	5(1)
C(8)	34(1)	46(1)	37(1)	5(1)	4(1)	6(1)
C(9)	32(1)	57(1)	29(1)	-3(1)	1(1)	11(1)
C(10)	41(1)	44(1)	44(1)	-12(1)	-3(1)	3(1)
C(11)	32(1)	43(1)	45(1)	-7(1)	-1(1)	-5(1)
C(12)	26(1)	58(1)	33(1)	-3(1)	2(1)	-5(1)
C(13)	34(1)	49(1)	29(1)	-4(1)	0(1)	-9(1)
C(14)	44(1)	48(1)	45(1)	-11(1)	-5(1)	-6(1)
C(15)	46(1)	46(1)	45(1)	-3(1)	-8(1)	-14(1)
C(16)	35(1)	56(1)	41(1)	2(1)	-5(1)	-14(1)
C(17)	25(1)	51(1)	34(1)	-1(1)	-4(1)	0(1)
C(18)	72(2)	74(2)	48(1)	16(1)	26(1)	29(1)
N(1)	26(1)	42(1)	29(1)	-3(1)	0(1)	-3(1)
N(2)	36(1)	105(2)	35(1)	-12(1)	-4(1)	-12(1)
N(3)	24(1)	67(1)	36(1)	-10(1)	-1(1)	-7(1)
O(1)	55(1)	64(1)	40(1)	-2(1)	15(1)	16(1)

Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(7)	6535	2448	4513	43
H(8)	5604	2779	5495	46
H(10)	6215	6431	5474	52
H(11)	7173	6081	4521	48
H(13A)	8303	3184	1511	45
H(13B)	7364	3723	1608	45
H(14A)	7498	1519	1228	55
H(14B)	7747	1243	2062	55
H(15A)	6306	811	1843	55
H(15B)	6151	2219	1600	55
H(16A)	6597	1487	3056	53
H(16B)	5653	1832	2805	53
H(17A)	6271	3912	2485	44
H(17B)	6059	3630	3328	44
H(18A)	4523	4253	6900	97
H(18B)	5286	3335	6696	97
H(18C)	4511	3515	6138	97
H(1N)	10278(17)	4080(20)	3115(15)	52(7)
H(2N)	10108(17)	4500(20)	3920(16)	54(7)

Table 6. Torsion angles [°] for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma.

N(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	0.7(3)
C(13)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-178.86(17)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(17)	-178.63(17)
C(13)-C(1)-C(2)-C(17)	1.8(3)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-0.3(3)
C(17)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	178.98(17)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(6)	178.66(17)
C(17)-C(2)-C(3)-C(6)	-2.0(3)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	0.4(3)
C(6)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-178.63(16)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(12)	-178.50(18)
C(6)-C(3)-C(4)-C(12)	2.4(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-N(3)	179.68(18)
C(12)-C(4)-C(5)-N(3)	-1.4(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-N(1)	-0.8(3)
C(12)-C(4)-C(5)-N(1)	178.11(18)
C(2)-C(3)-C(6)-C(11)	-115.1(2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(6)-C(11)	63.9(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(6)-C(7)	65.8(2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(6)-C(7)	-115.2(2)
C(11)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	-1.4(3)
C(3)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	177.75(17)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	0.9(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-O(1)	-179.23(18)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	0.7(3)
O(1)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	178.15(18)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-1.8(3)
C(7)-C(6)-C(11)-C(10)	0.3(3)
C(3)-C(6)-C(11)-C(10)	-178.85(18)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(6)	1.3(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	114.29(19)
C(2)-C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	-66.1(2)
C(1)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	79.1(2)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	-61.4(3)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	63.8(3)

C(3)-C(2)-C(17)-C(16)	-114.2(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(17)-C(16)	65.1(2)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(2)	-82.9(2)
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)-C(5)	-1.1(3)
C(13)-C(1)-N(1)-C(5)	178.48(16)
N(3)-C(5)-N(1)-C(1)	-179.33(17)
C(4)-C(5)-N(1)-C(1)	1.2(3)
C(10)-C(9)-O(1)-C(18)	-176.5(2)
C(8)-C(9)-O(1)-C(18)	3.5(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table 7. Hydrogen bonds for 14ub_sbj_sk1a_1_0ma [\AA and $^\circ$].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	\angle (DHA)	Symmetry operations
N(3)—H(1N)...N(1)	0.96(3)	2.14(3)	3.090(2)	177(2)	-x,y,1/2-z
N(3)—H(2N)...N(2)	0.87(3)	2.19(3)	3.038(3)	163(3)	-x,1-y,-z