

Electrochemical C-H functionalization and subsequent C-S and C-N bond formation: Paired electrosynthesis of 3-amino-2-thiocyanato α,β -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives mediated by bromide ion

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1. Experimental

1.1 Instruments and reagents

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets. All the material **1a-1n** and solvents were commercially available and used without further purification.

1.2 Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3-amino-2-thiocyanato-2-butenoate **3 by constant current electrolysis.**

A 50 mL beaker-type cell was equipped with a Pt anode and a Pt plate cathode and connected to a DC regulated power supply. To the cell was added ethyl acetoacetate **1** (1 mmol), amine **2** (1.5 mmol) and NH₄Br (50 mol%) dissolved in 15 mL of CH₃CN. The mixture was electrolyzed using constant current conditions (~5 mA/cm²) at 40 °C while stirring. The electrolysis was terminated when the starting material **1** was consumed as determined by TLC. After the electrolysis, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and extraction was carried out using ethyl acetate (3×15 mL); the combined organic layers were washed with a saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ solution, and dried over MgSO₄. Purified product was obtained after column chromatography on silica gel using a solvent mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

1.3 Cyclic voltammetry experiments

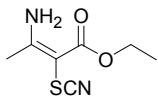
Cyclic voltammograms were recorded at room temperature using a Princeton Applied Research Model 273A Potentiostat/Galvanostat equipped with electrochemical analysis software and a conventional three-electrode cell. A glassy carbon (GC) disk electrode (ca. $\phi = 3$ mm) or a Pt disk electrode (ca. $\phi = 1$ mm) was used as the working electrode and a Pt wire as the counter electrode. Ag/AgNO₃ (0.1 M in CH₃CN) was used as a reference electrode. All electrodes for CV experiments were purchased from CH Instruments, Inc. USA.

The working electrodes were carefully polished on a polishing pad before each experiment using a fine mesh alumina slurry, and then ultrasonically rinsed with

acetone. All solutions were degassed by sparging dry nitrogen through the solution for 10 min prior to conducting each electrochemical experiment; a nitrogen atmosphere was maintained throughout. In each measurement, the three electrodes were fixed in place, and were not allowed to be disturbed in any manner.

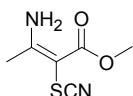
2. Spectroscopic Data

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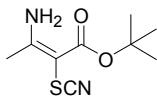
White solid; m.p. 111 - 113 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 9.32 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.4, 23.2, 60.75, 75.5, 113.7, 168.4, 168.6; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3417, 2986, 2142, 1622, 1269; **HRMS** calcd for C₇H₉N₂O₂S: 185.0385, found: 185.0355.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-but-2-enoic acid methyl ester (3b)²



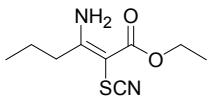
White solid; m.p. 90 - 93 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 9.31 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.4, 52.0, 76.0, 113.3, 128.8, 168.5, 168.8; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3427, 3329, 2950, 2146, 1633, 1276; **HRMS** calcd for C₆H₉N₂O₂S: 173.0385, found: 173.0381.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-but-2-enoic acid tert-butyl ester (3c)³



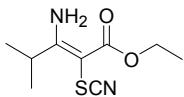
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 82 - 84 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.56 (s, 9H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 9.25 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.5, 28.3, 81.2, 113.6, 167.3, 168.0; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3292, 3101, 1597, 1527, 1430; **HRMS** calcd for C₉H₁₅N₂O₂S: 215.0854, found: 215.0847.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-hex-2-enoic acid ethyl ester (3d)¹



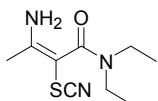
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 121 - 123 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.69-1.78 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.71 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 9.41 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.7, 14.4, 21.3, 38.1, 60.8, 75.7, 113.7, 168.7, 171.8; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3410, 3295, 2965, 2146, 1621, 1266; **HRMS** calcd for C₉H₁₃N₂O₂S: 213.0698, found: 213.0707.

(E)-3-Amino-4-methyl-2-thiocyanato-pent-2-enoic acid ethyl ester (3e)



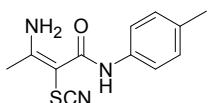
Brown oil; liquid; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.64-3.71 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 9.55 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.4, 20.3, 32.5, 60.8, 74.3, 113.9, 168.4, 176.5; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3424, 2982, 2143, 1668, 1612, 1161; **HRMS** calcd for C₉H₁₃N₂O₂S: 213.0698, found: 213.0707.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-but-2-enoic acid diethylamide (3g)



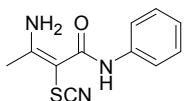
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 135 - 136 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 5.34 (s, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.6, 16.3, 41.6, 113.6, 148.7, 163.8, 167.2; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3293, 3144, 2149, 1592, 1272; **HRMS** calcd for C₉H₁₆N₃OS: 214.1014, found: 214.1010.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-but-2-enoic acid p-tolylamide (3h)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 123 - 125 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 10.15 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.9, 24.0, 75.4, 111.7, 121.1, 129.5, 134.1, 135.1, 166.8, 167.8; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3330, 2156, 1592, 1503, 1231, 803; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₃OS: 248.0858, found: 248.0853.

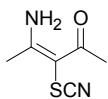
(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-but-2-enoic acid phenylamide (3i)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 139 - 140 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 10.17 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.0, 75.4, 111.7, 120.9, 124.4, 129.0, 137.8, 166.9, 168.0; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3387, 3335, 2152, 1529, 1230,

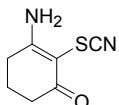
751; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₃OS: 234.0701, found: 234.0695.

(E)-4-Amino-3-thiocyanato-pent-3-en-2-one (3j)³



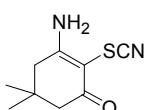
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 122 - 123 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 10.97 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.0, 29.0, 87.0, 113.0, 169.5, 198.1; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3419, 2978, 2150, 1612, 1255; **HRMS** calcd for C₆H₇N₂OS: 155.0279, found: 155.0289.

(E)-3-Amino-2-thiocyanato-cyclohex-2-enone (3k)⁴



Deep green solid; m.p. 96 - 100 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.78-1.84 (m, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 20.6, 30.3, 37.2, 86.7, 112.9, 171.6, 190.3; **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3396, 3311, 3193, 2148, 1615, 1522, 1297; **HRMS** calcd for C₇H₇N₂OS : 167.0279, found: 167.0285.

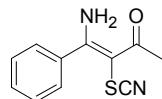
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Pale yellow solid; m.p. 149 - 151 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.11 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆):

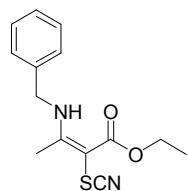
δ 27.8, 31.8, 43.4, 50.6, 85.4, 112.9, 170.0, 189.8; **IR** (KBr) (cm^{-1}): ν 3392, 3311, 3182, 2964, 2145, 1622, 1527, 1318; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: 195.0592, found: 195.0600.

(E)-3-Amino-1-phenyl-2-thiocyanato-but-2-en-1-one (3m)



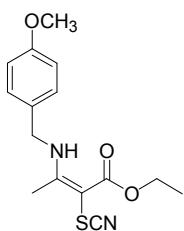
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 141 - 144 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.54 (s, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 11.22 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.4, 86.7, 113.6, 126.8, 128.1, 129.9, 141.0, 171.9, 196.3; **IR** (KBr) (cm^{-1}): ν 782, 729, 699, 658, 540; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: 217.0436, found: 217.0444.

(E)-ethyl-3-(benzylamino)-2-thiocyanatobut-2-enoate (3o)



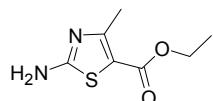
Pale yellow oil; liquid; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.53 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 5H), 10.57 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.4, 17.9, 48.4, 60.7, 74.8, 113.8, 126.9, 128.0, 129.1, 136.6, 169.3, 169.5; **IR** (KBr) (cm^{-1}): ν 2981, 2147, 1575, 1455, 1235, 1069; **HRMS** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 275.0854, found: 275.0792.

(E)-ethyl 3-(4-methoxybenzylamino)-2-thiocyanatobut-2-enoate (3p)



White solid; m.p. 64 - 66 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 10.48 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.4, 17.9, 48.0, 55.3, 60.7, 74.6, 113.9, 114.5, 128.4, 128.4, 159.4, 169.3, 169.3. **IR** (KBr) (cm⁻¹): ν 3447, 2148, 1635, 1576, 1516, 1252; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O₃S: 305.0960, found: 305.0965.

Ethyl 2-amino-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (4a)⁵

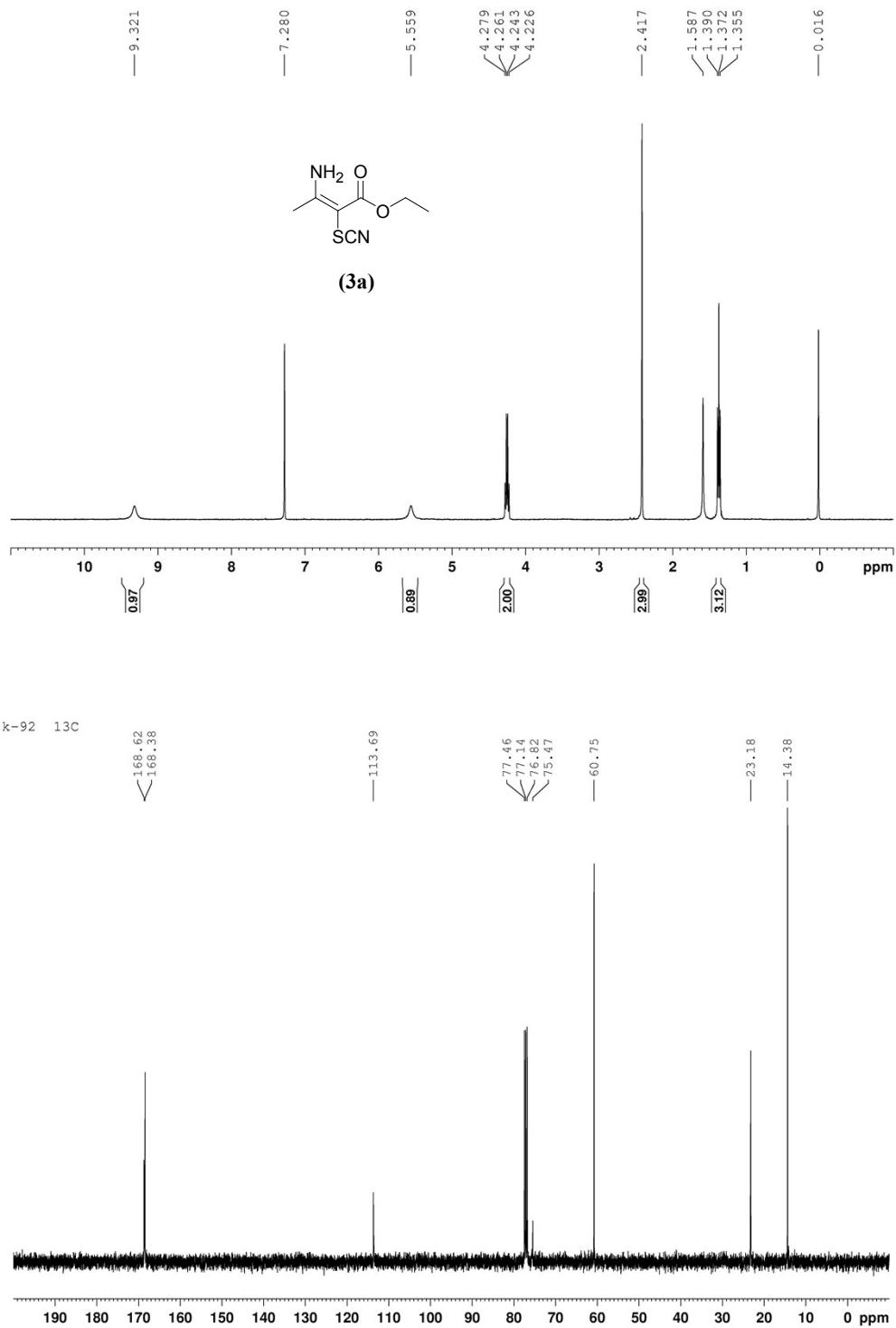


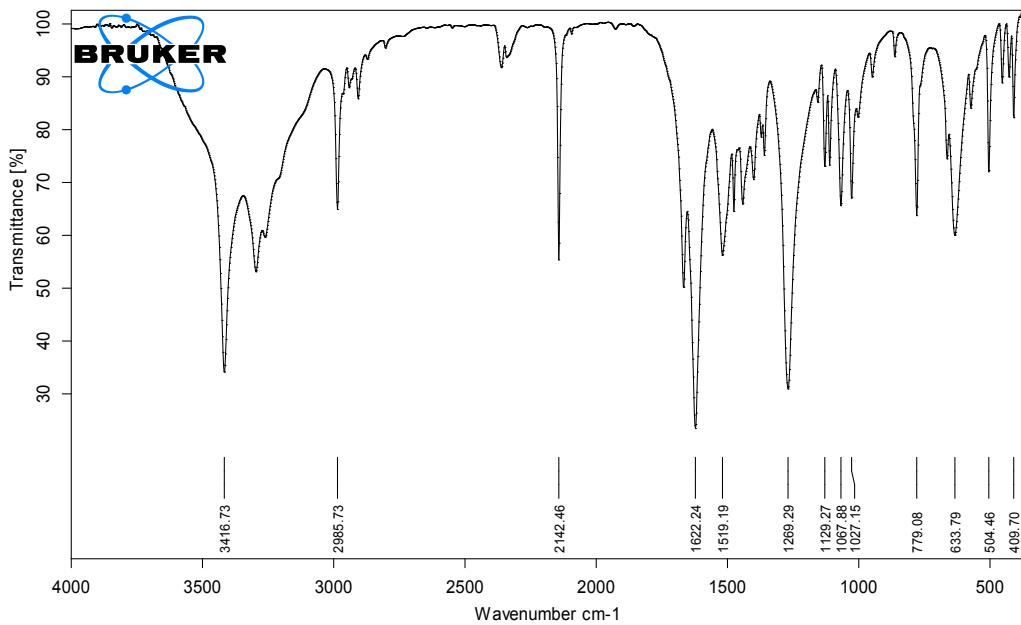
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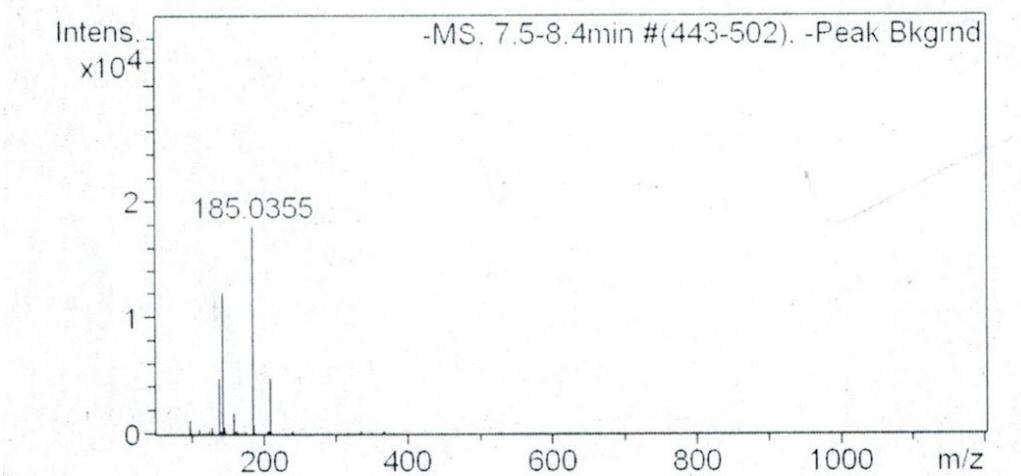
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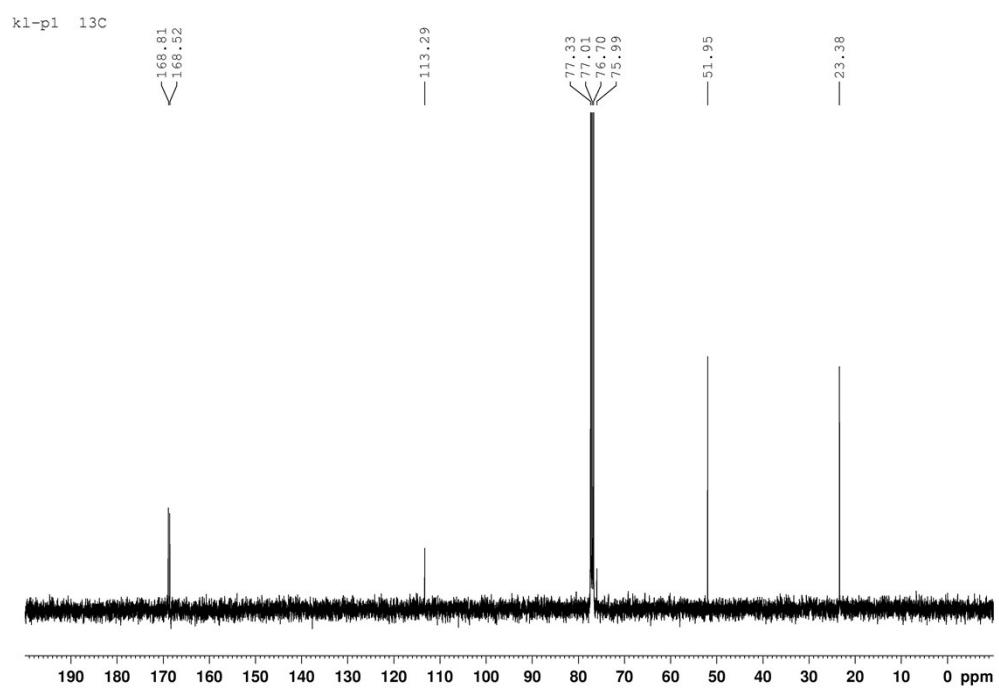
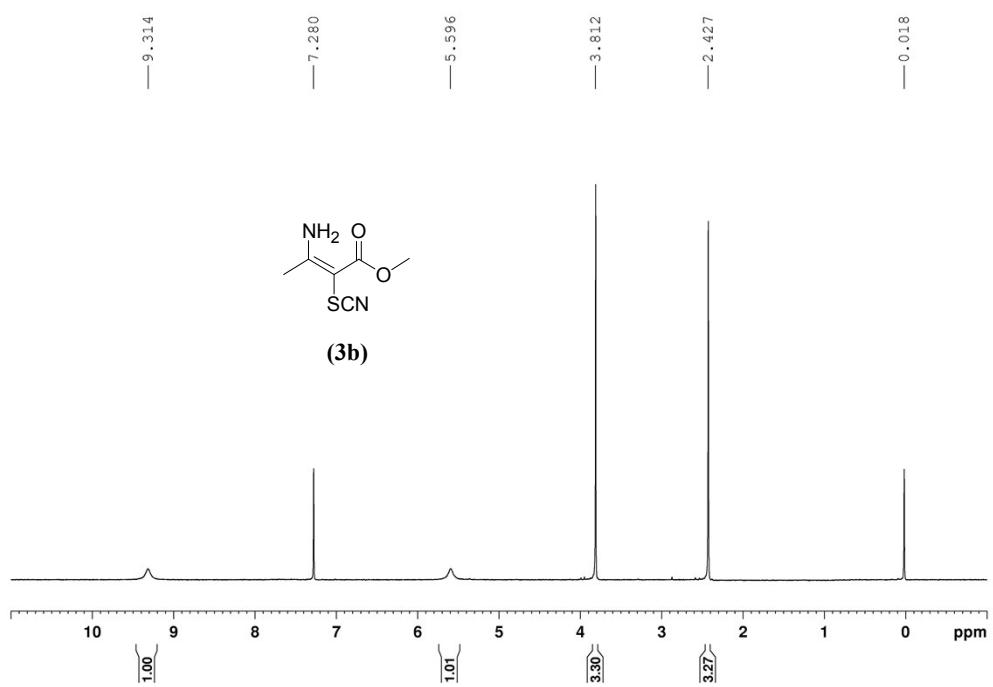
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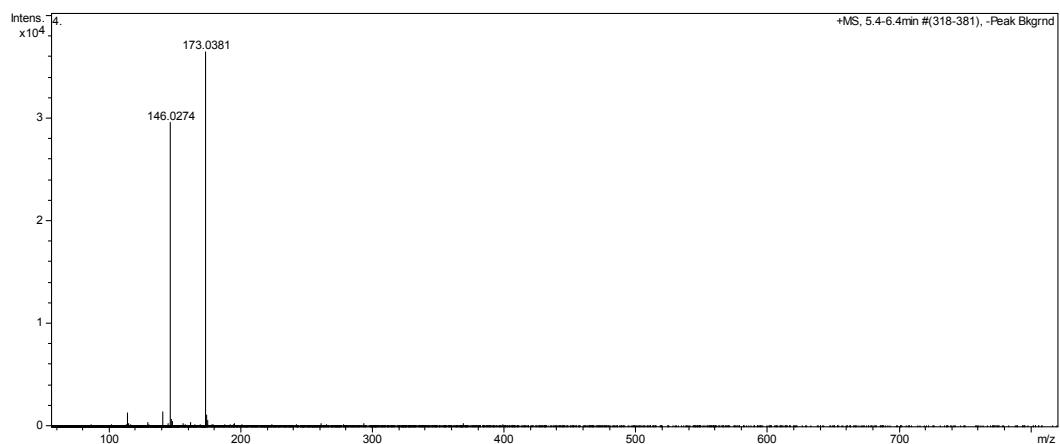
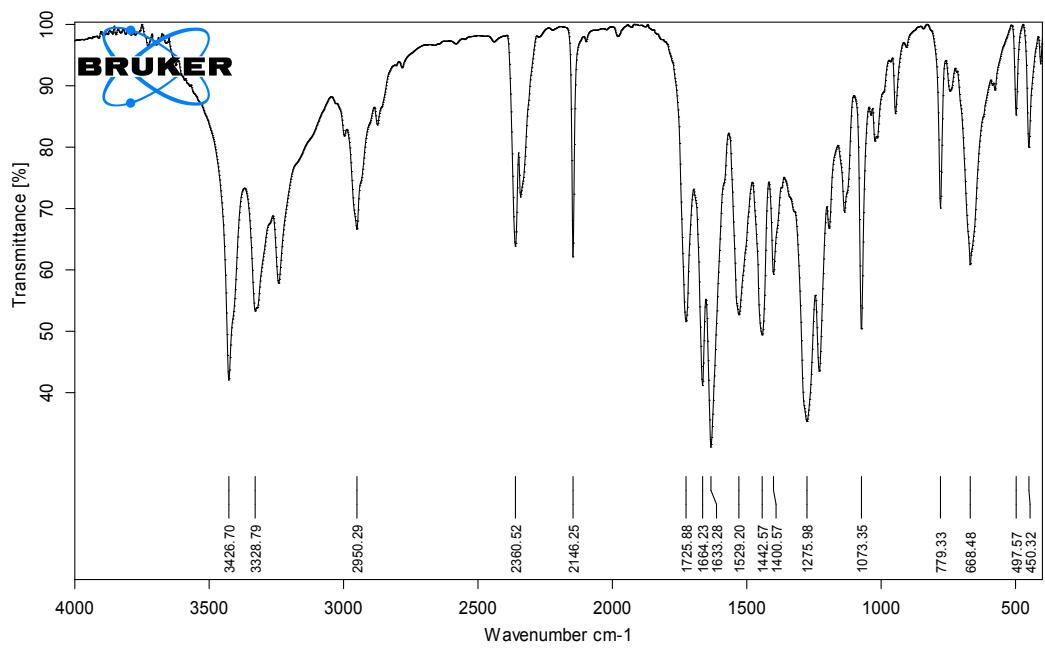


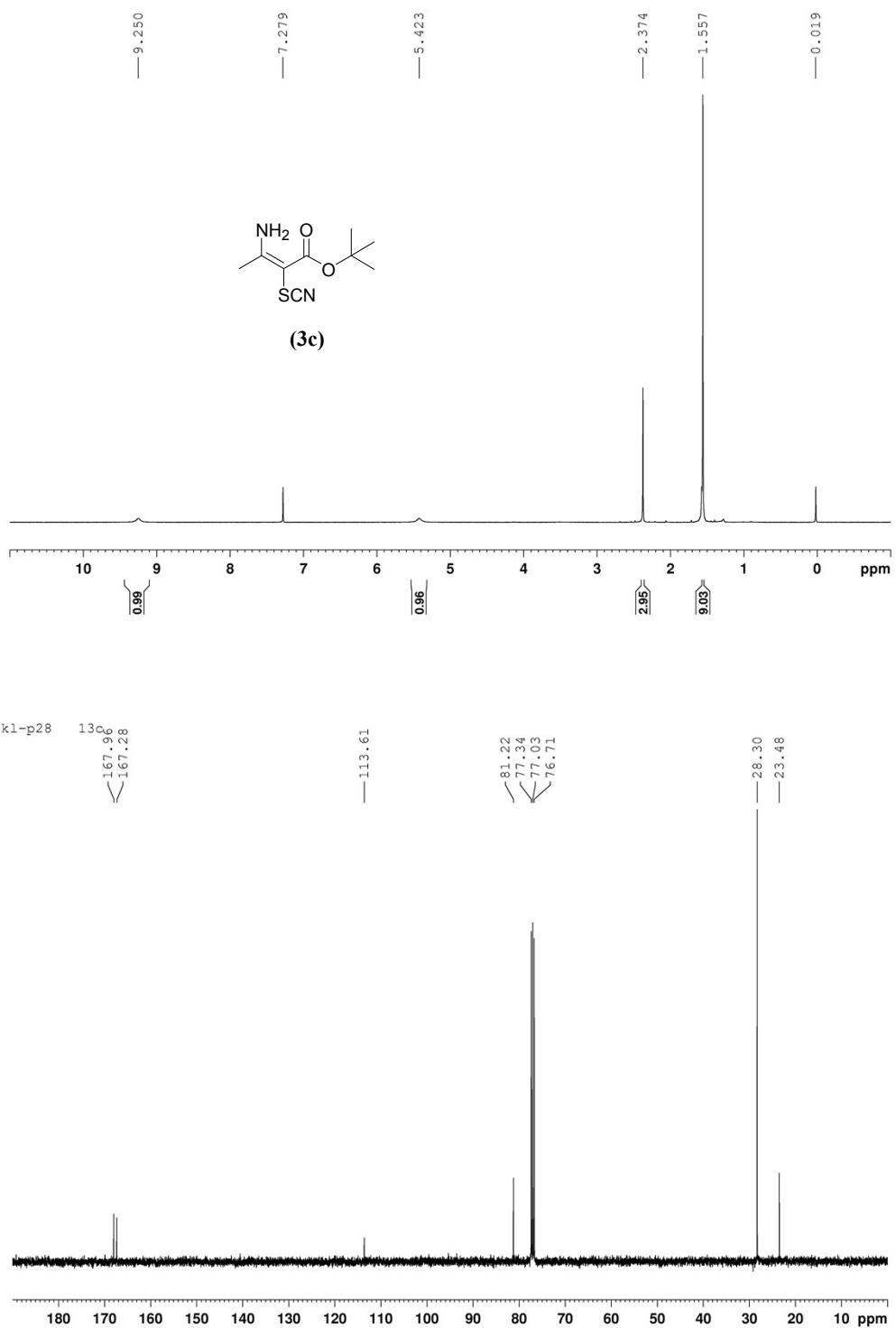


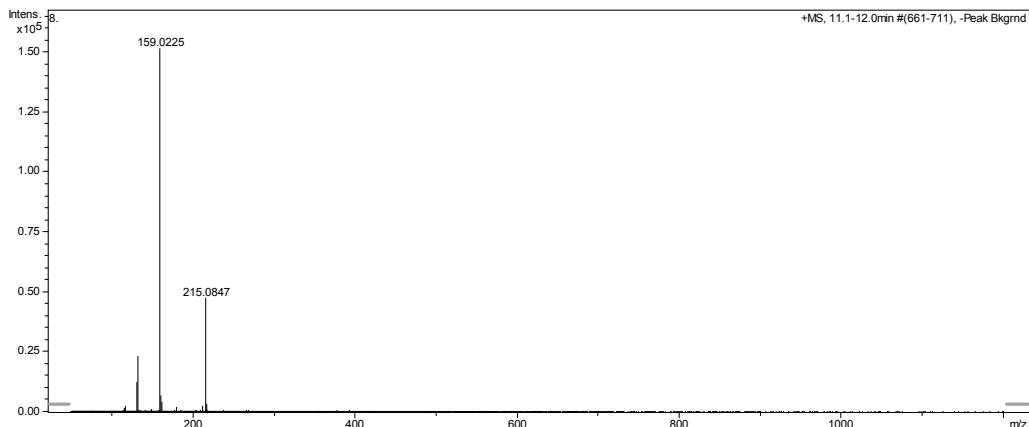
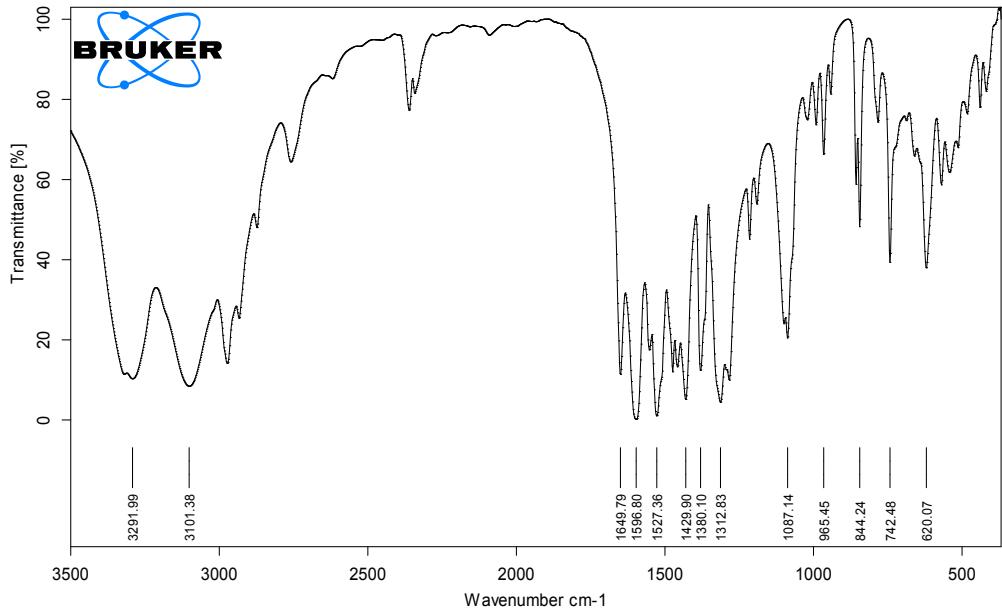
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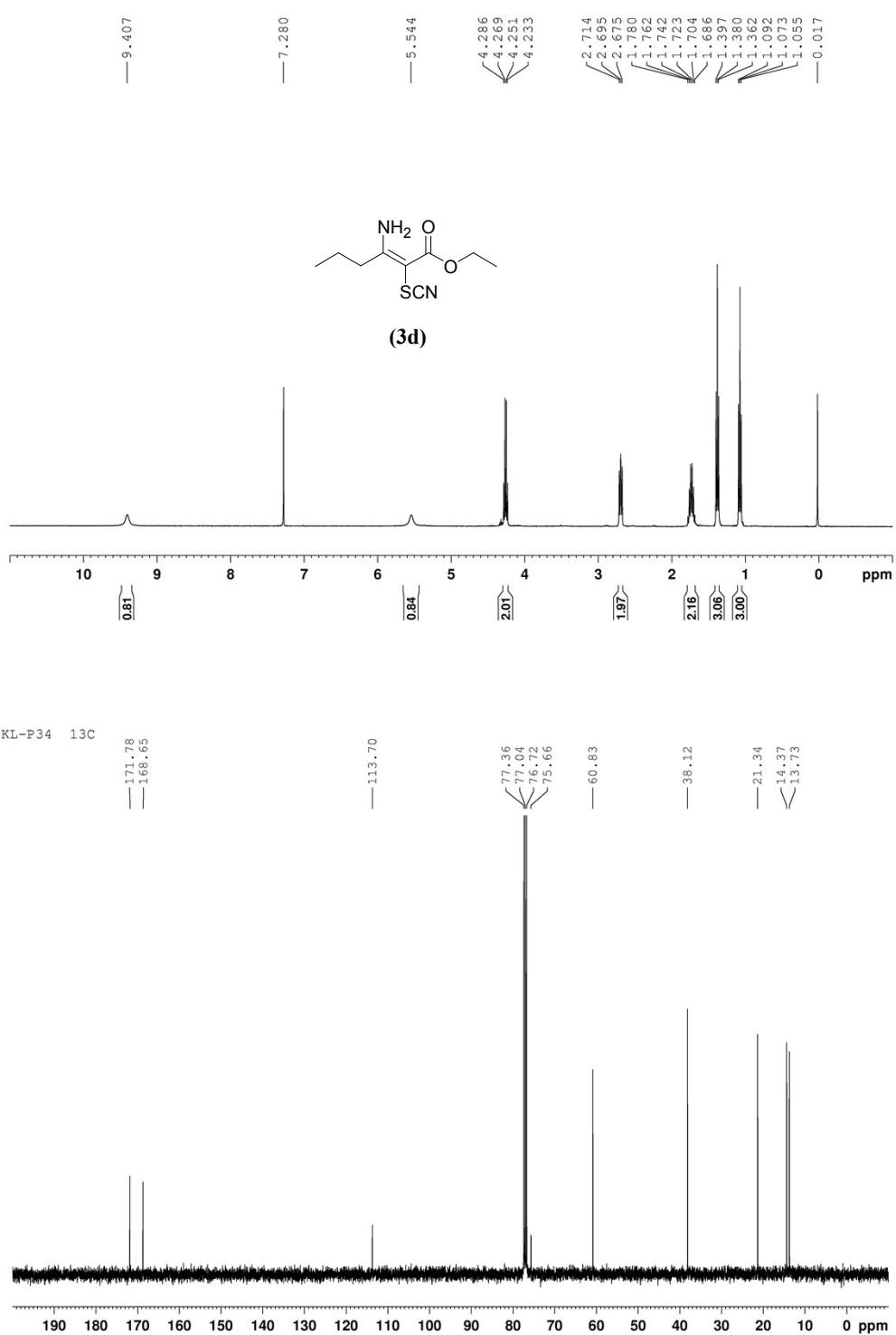


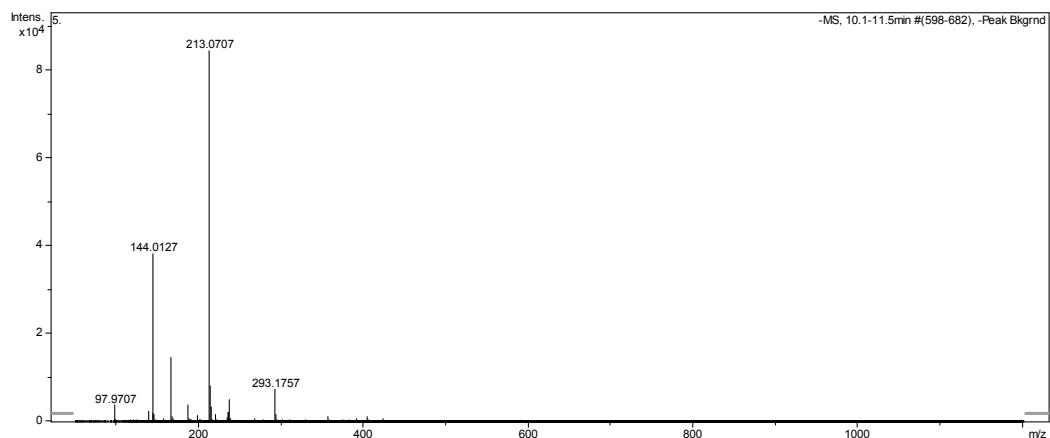
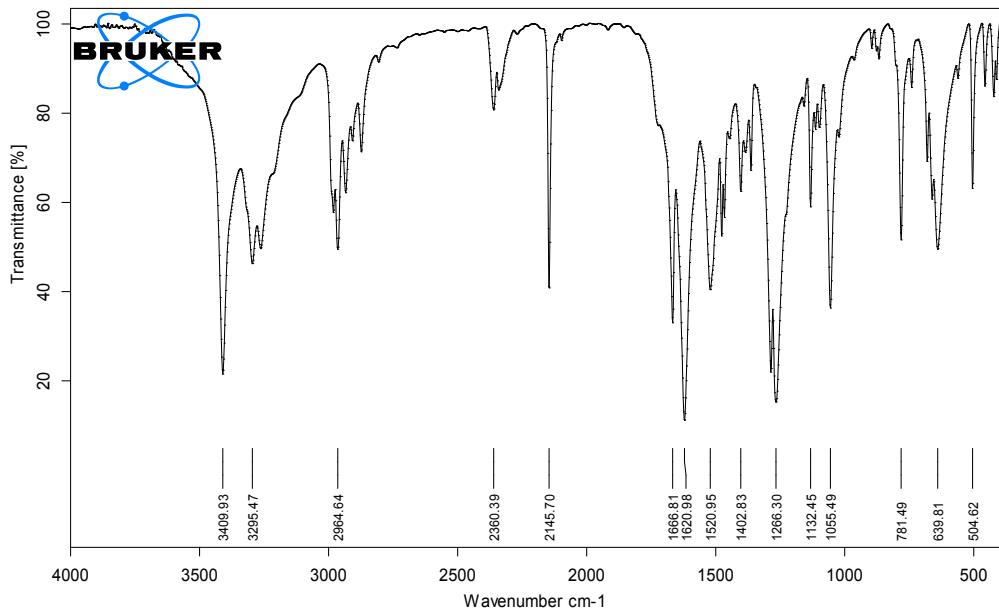


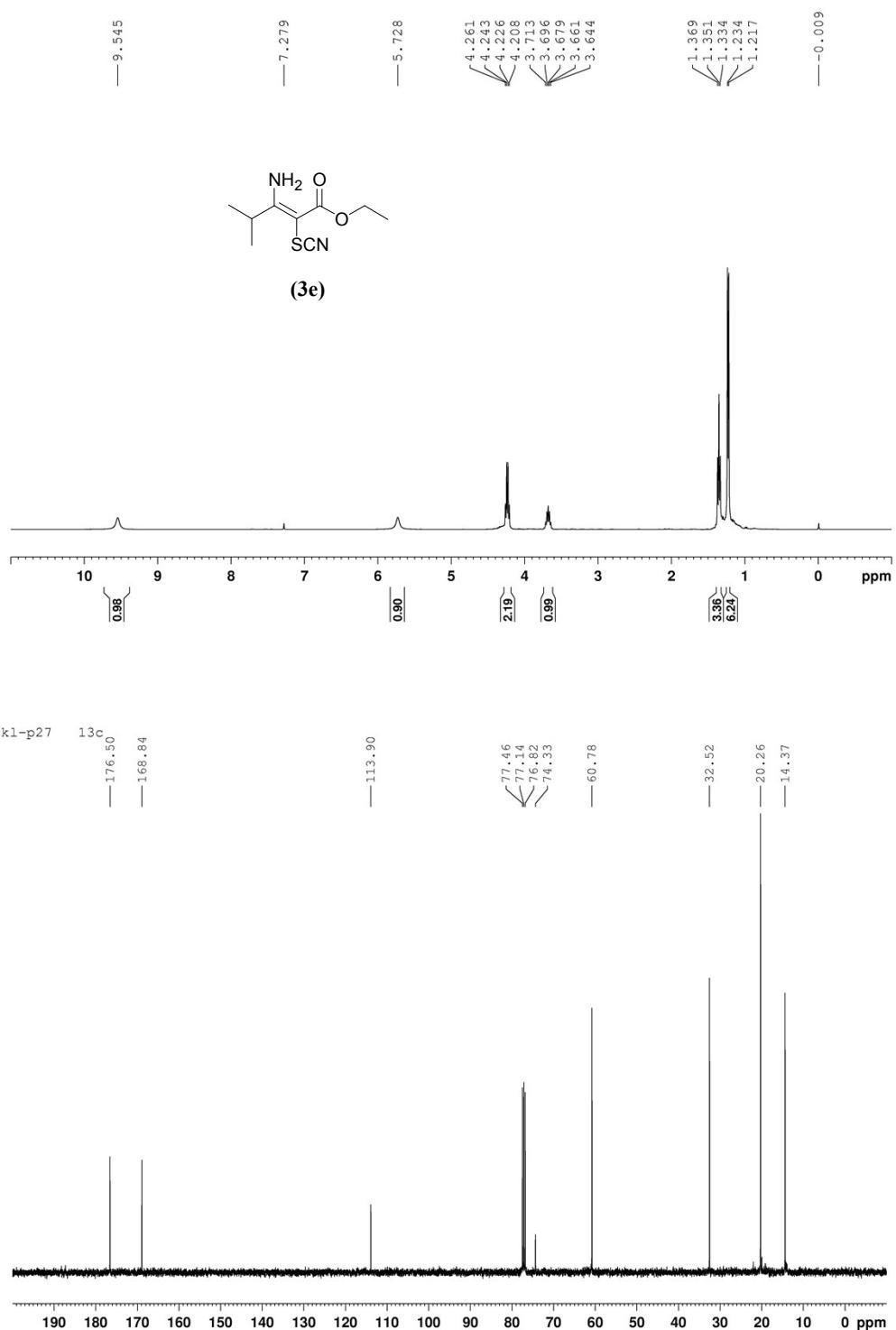


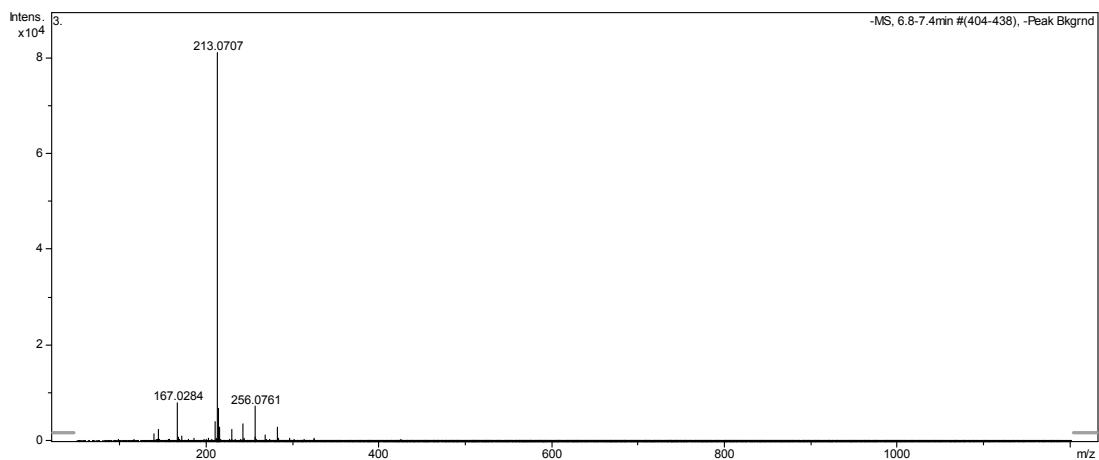
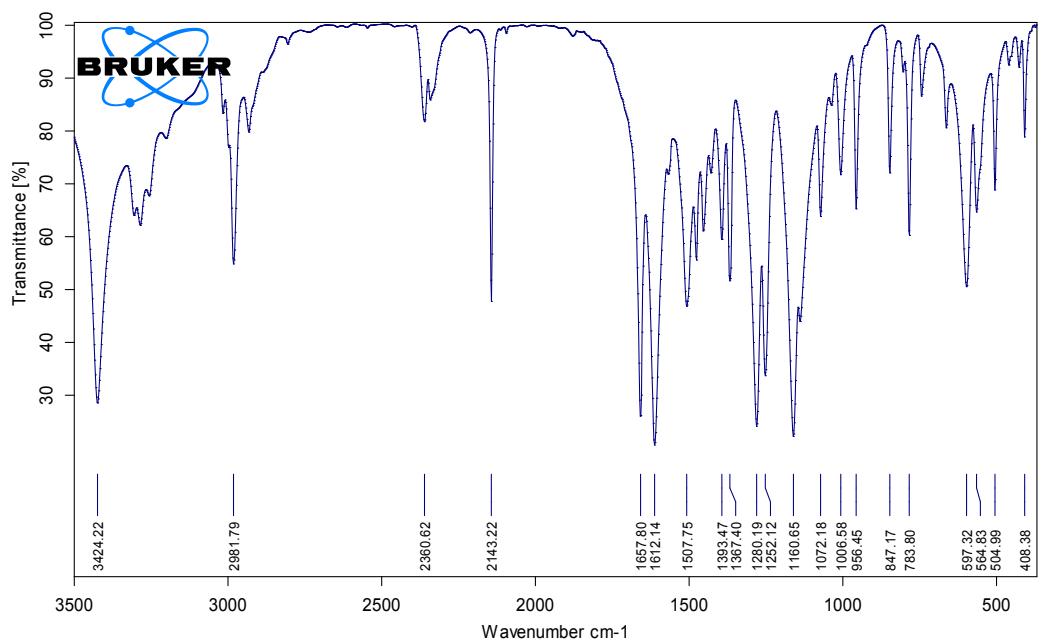


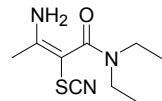












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