

Supporting Information

Metal-Free Aerobic Oxidative Direct C-H Amination of Electron-Deficient Alkenes via Photoredox Catalysis

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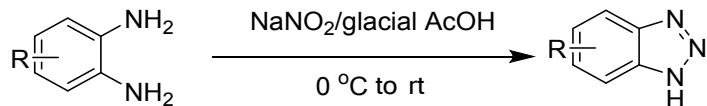
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1. General experimental details

Rose Bengal was purchased from aladdin industrial corporation Shanghai, China. R104993-1g. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) with Haiyang GF 254 silica gel plates (Qingdao Haiyang chemical industry Co Ltd, Qingdao, China) using UV light and vanillic aldehyde as visualizing agents. Flash column chromatography was performed using 200–300 mesh silica gel at increased pressure. ^1H NMR spectra and ^{13}C NMR spectra were respectively recorded on 600 MHz and 150 MHz NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm with TMS as the internal standard, and coupling constants (J) were reported in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained by using ESI ionization sources (Varian 7.0 T FTICR-MS) and ESI-TOF. Melting points were taken on a WPX-4 apparatus (Yice instrument equipment Co Ltd, Shanghai) and were uncorrected.

2. Experimental Procedures

2.1. General procedure for the preparation of substituted benzotriazoles **1**¹



1,2-phenylenediamine derivative (3.26 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 0.45 mL of glacial acetic acid and 1.2 mL of water and cooled to 4 °C. A solution of sodium nitrite (0.26 g, 3.76 mmol) in 1 mL of water was added. The reaction temperature rose to 50 °C for 30 min, and then was allowed to reach r.t. and stirred at this temperature for 12 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C for 1 h. Produced precipitate was collected by suction filtration, and washed with water, and dried to provide substituted benzotriazoles **1**.

2.2. General procedure for the preparation of benzylidenemalononitriles **2**²

Malononitrile (10.0 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of aromatic aldehyde (10.0 mmol) and piperidine (1.0 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h. A precipitate was formed and collected by suction filtration, and then purified by recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂ and petroleum ether to afford the products **2**.

2.3. General procedure for the synthesis of product 3

A round-bottom flask was charged with Rose Bengal (3 mol%, 6.1 mg), substituted azole **1** (0.2 mmol) and 2-benzylidenemalononitrile **2** (0.4 mmol) in acetone (1.0 ml). The resultant mixture was stirred at r.t. under irradiation of 12 W CFL (Philips) in air and monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo and purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1-4/1, v/v) to afford the products **3**.

3. Extra information for the optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1. Optimization of molar ratio of substrates ^a

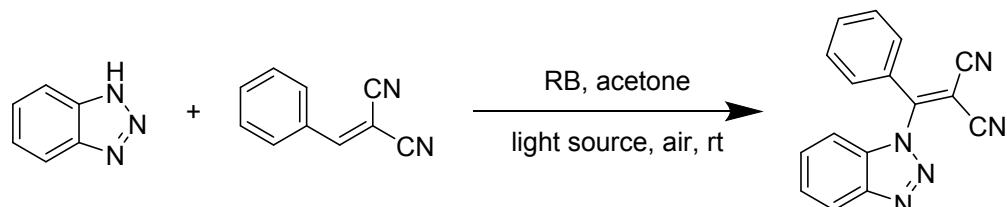


1a	2a	3aa
Entry	Molar ratio (1a:2a)	Yield (%) ^b
1	0.2:0.2	45
2	0.2:0.3	56
3	0.2:0.4	57
4	0.2:0.5	41
5	0.2:0.6	35
6	0.3:0.2	37
7	0.4:0.2	30

^a Reaction conditions: a mixture of **1a**, **2a**, and Rose Bengal (2 mol%) in acetone (1.0 mL) was irradiated using a 3 W green LED in air at rt for 24 h.

^b Yield of the isolated product.

Table S2. Optimization of light source ^a



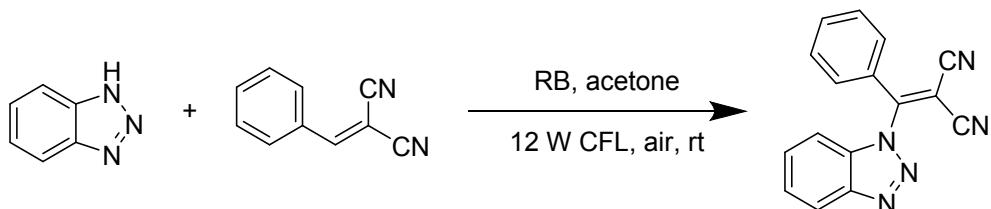
1a	2a	3aa
Entry	Light source	Yield (%) ^b

1	3 W green LED	57
2	8 W CFL	55
3	12 W CFL	64
4	23 W CFL	57

^a Reaction conditions: a mixture of **1a** (0.2 mol), **2a** (0.4 mol), and Rose Bengal (2 mol%) in acetone (1.0 mL) was irradiated using a light source in air at rt for 24 h.

^b Yield of the isolated product.

Table S3. Optimization of Rose Bengal dosage^a

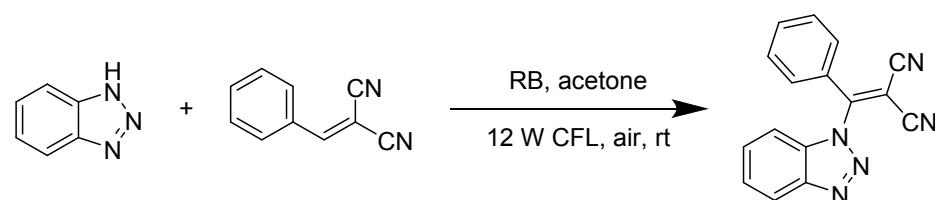


1a	2a	3aa
Entry	RB (mol%)	Yield (%) ^b
1	0.5	45
2	1	56
3	2	64
4	3	79
5	4	63
6	5	57

^a Reaction conditions: a mixture of **1a** (0.2 mol), **2a** (0.4 mol), and Rose Bengal in acetone (1.0 mL) was irradiated using a 12 W CFL in air at rt for 24 h.

^b Yield of the isolated product.

Table S4. Optimization of solvent volume^a



1a	2a	3aa
Entry	Acetone (ml)	Yield (%) ^b
1	0.5	55
2	1	79
3	2	76

^a Reaction conditions: a mixture of **1a** (0.2 mol), **2a** (0.4 mol), and Rose Bengal (3 mol%) in acetone was irradiated using a 12 W CFL in air at rt for 24 h.

^b Yield of the isolated product.

4. Crystallographic data

X-ray crystal structure analysis of **3aa**

Crystal	3aa
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₉ N ₅
Formula weight	271.28
Temperature/K	291.74(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	17.5111(7)
b/Å	18.0998(6)
c/Å	8.8623(3)
α/°	90
β/°	98.023(4)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2781.41(16)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.296
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.664
F(000)	1120.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.23 × 0.2 × 0.18
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.06 to 134.158
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -21 ≤ k ≤ 16, -10 ≤ l ≤ 8

Reflections collected	12400
Independent reflections	4794 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0328$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0321$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4794/19/379
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.092
Final R indexes [$I >= 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0585$, $wR_2 = 0.2017$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0739$, $wR_2 = 0.2344$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.24/-0.24
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₉ N ₅
Formula weight	271.28

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures reported in this work have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC 1553472. Copy of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge DB21EZ, UK (fax:+ 44 (1223) 336033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

5. The UV-visible absorption spectra

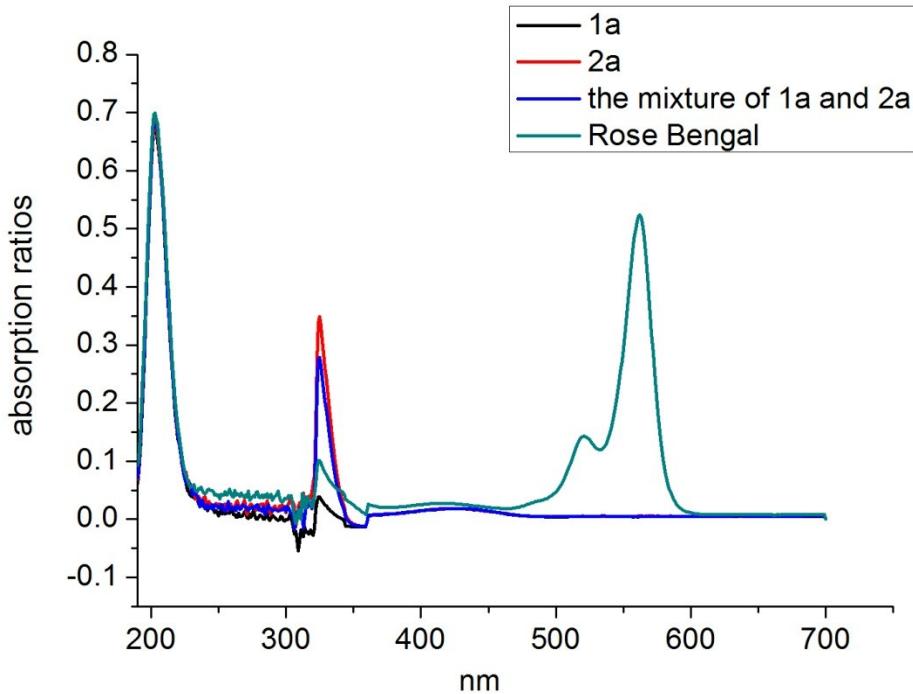


Figure S1. The UV-visible absorption spectra of Rose Bengal ($c=6\times 10^{-6}$ mol/L), **1a** ($c=2\times 10^{-5}$ mol/L), **2a** ($c=4\times 10^{-5}$ mol/L), the mixture of **1a** ($c=2\times 10^{-5}$ mol/L) and **2a** ($c=4\times 10^{-5}$ mol/L) recorded in MeCN.

6. Emission Quenching of Rose Bengal

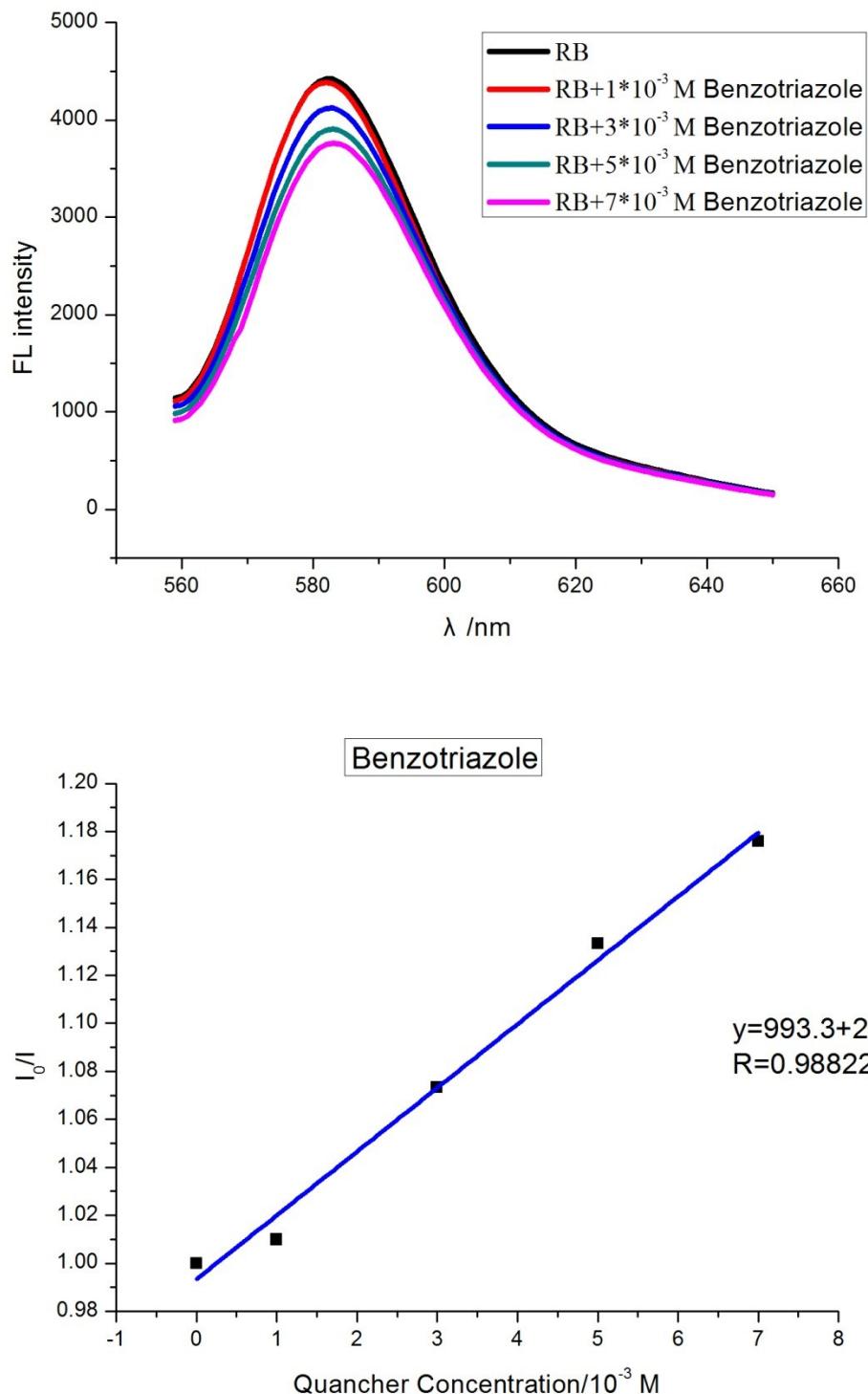


Figure S2. Fluorescence titration of $6*10^{-3}$ mM Rose Bengal (MeCN) with increasing concentration of Benzotriazole **1a**.

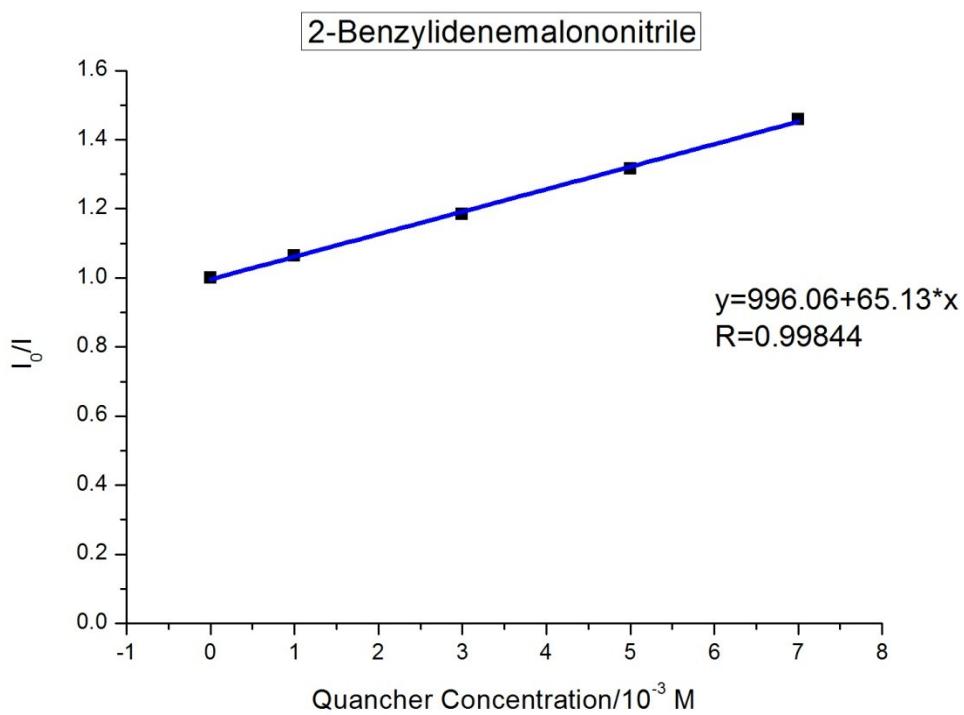
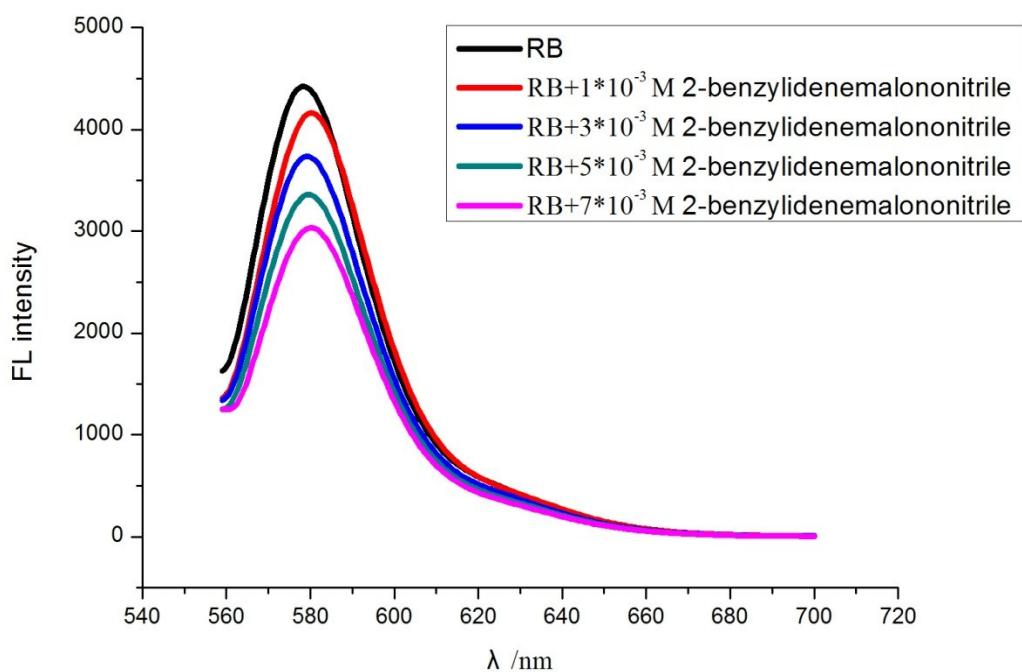


Figure S3. Fluorescence titration of 6×10^{-3} mM Rose Bengal (acetone) with increasing concentration of **2a**.

7. Cyclic voltammetry³

The electrochemical measurements were carried out by a computer-controlled electrochemical analyzer. Electrochemical measurements (cyclic voltammetry) were performed in a three-electrode cell (volume 10 mL; acetonitrile as solvent, $n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ 0.1 M as the supporting electrolyte, 2 mM concentration of the tested compound) with glassy carbon (diameter 3 mm) as the working electrode, Pt wire as the auxiliary electrode, and Ag/AgCl (3 M KCl) as the reference electrode. The scan speed was $100 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$. The potential ranges investigated for oxidations were 0 to +2.0 V vs Ag/AgCl (3 M KCl) for **1a** and **2a**.

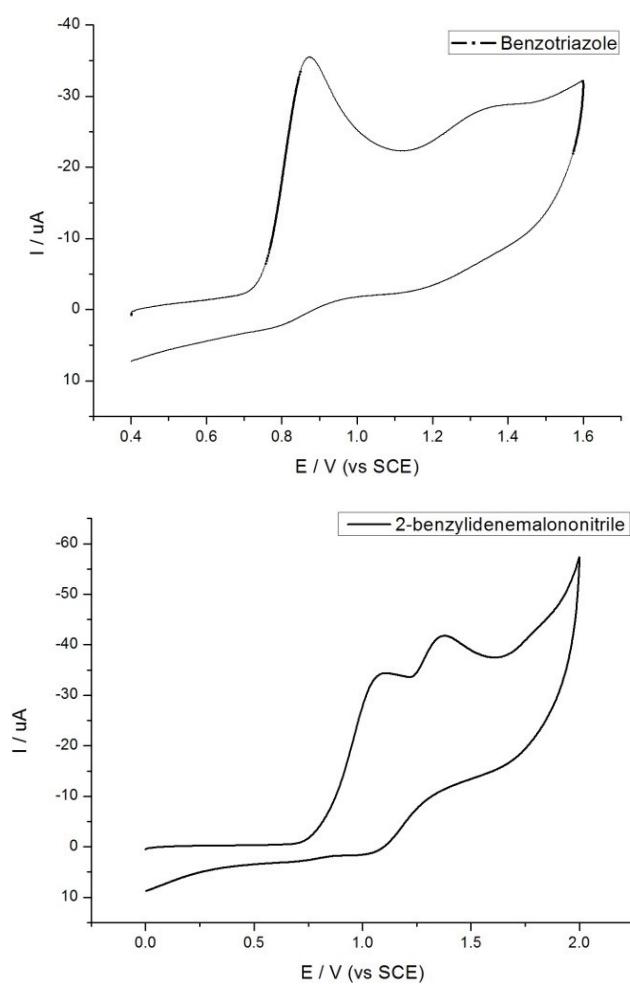
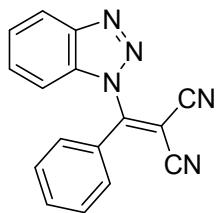


Figure S4. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) of benzotriazole and 2-benzylidenemalononitrile.

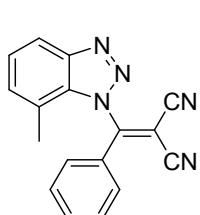
8. Characterization data of the products



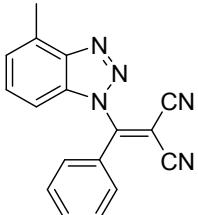
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*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3aa)*

White solid, m.p. 149-151 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.32-8.29 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 6.47-6.56 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 160.1, 146.6, 135.0, 132.5, 131.1, 130.7, 130.1, 129.2, 126.8, 121.2, 113.8, 113.1, 76.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₉N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 294.0750, found 294.0752.



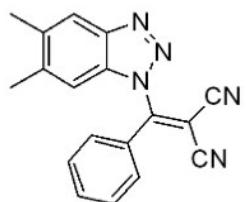
3ba



3ba'

*2-((7-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ba) and 2-((4-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ba')*

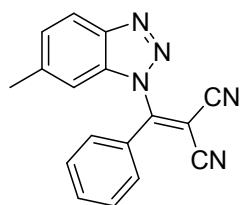
Isomer (1.5:1 based on NMR), white solid, m.p. 187-189 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.07 (m, 0.68H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 2.08H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 3.82H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 4.04H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 3.28H), 6.40-6.37 (m, 1H), 6.36-6.34 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 2.07H), 2.78 (s, 3.04H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 160.1, 160.1, 147.2, 146.4, 145.2, 141.3, 135.0, 132.9, 132.5, 132.4, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 126.7, 120.7, 120.1, 113.9, 113.2, 113.1, 113.1, 112.6, 112.3, 110.3, 76.8, 22.0, 16.7. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 286.1087, found 286.1088.



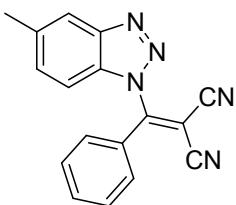
3ca

*2-((5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ca)*

White solid, m.p. 115-117 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 160.1, 145.6, 141.0, 136.7, 134.9, 131.4, 131.0, 130.1, 129.3, 120.1, 113.9, 113.1, 112.5, 76.3, 21.0, 20.1. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₃N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 322.1063, found 322.1065.



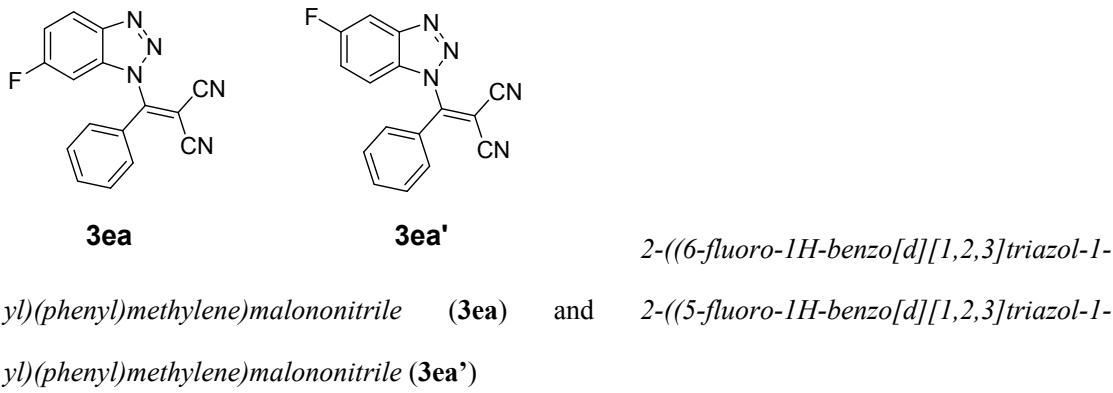
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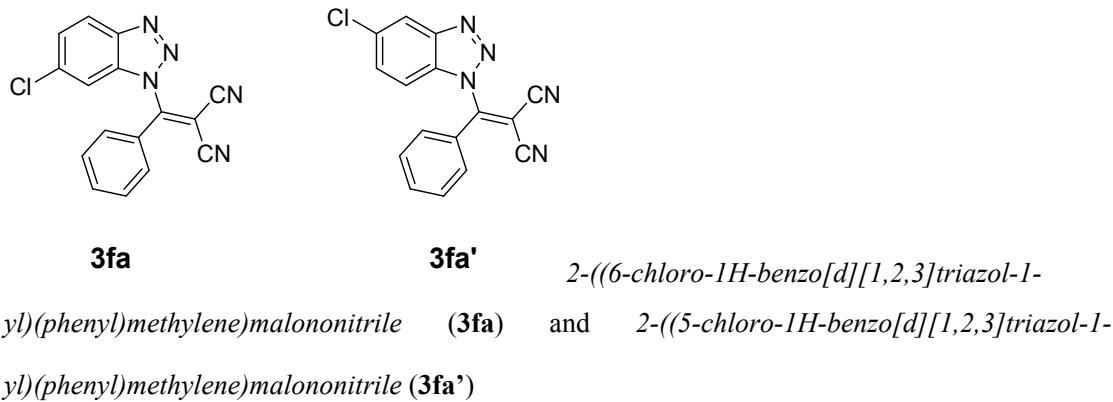
3da'

*2-((6-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3da) and 2-((5-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3da')*

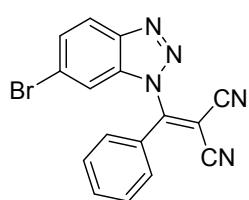
Isomer (1.5:1 based on NMR), white solid, m.p. 154-156 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.19-8.15 (m, 1H), 8.09-8.06 (s, 0.64H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 1.67H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 3.22H), 7.72-7.66 (m, 3.42H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2.09H), 6.40-6.37 (m, 0.68H), 6.36-6.34 (m, 0.99H), 2.46 (s, 1.82H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 160.1, 160.0, 147.2, 145.2, 141.3, 136.9, 135.0, 135.0, 132.9, 132.4, 131.1, 130.9, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 120.7, 120.1, 113.9, 113.9, 113.2, 113.1, 112.6, 112.3, 76.8, 76.4, 22.0, 21.2. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 286.1087, found 286.1088.



Isomer (1.5:1 based on NMR), pale yellow solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.44-8.35 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.19 (m, 0.63H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 1.62H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 3.17H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.46 (m, 1.68H), 6.63-6.57 (m, 0.66H), 6.48-6.41 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 163.8, 162.1, 159.8, 159.8, 143.4, 135.2, 131.2, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7, 123.4, 123.3, 120.1, 119.9, 116.4, 116.2, 114.6, 114.5, 113.7, 113.6, 112.9, 112.9, 106.4, 106.3, 99.8, 99.6, 77.7, 77.5. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₈FN₅ [M+Na]⁺ 312.0656, found 312.0655.



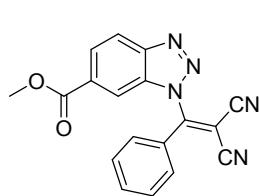
Isomer (1:1 based on NMR), pale yellow solid, m.p. 145-146 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.52-8.48 (m, 0.93H), 8.38-8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1.14H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.57(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 159.8, 159.7, 147.3, 145.3, 135.5, 135.2, 133.3, 131.3, 131.2, 131.2, 131.0, 130.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 122.7, 120.6, 114.5, 113.7, 113.6, 113.0, 112.9, 112.8, 77.9, 77.7. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₈ClN₅ [M+Na]⁺ 328.0360, found 328.0355.



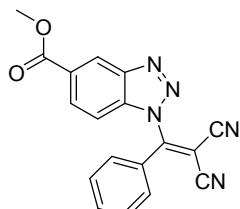
3ga

2-((6-bromo-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-*yl*)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ga**) and 2-((5-bromo-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-*yl*)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (**3ga'**)**

Isomer (1:1 based on NMR), white solid, m.p. 129-132 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.67-8.61 (m, 1H), 8.31-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.50 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 159.8, 159.7, 147.8, 145.5, 135.2, 135.2, 133.6, 133.6, 131.8, 131.2, 130.1, 130.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 124.1, 123.7, 122.8, 119.1, 116.0, 114.8, 113.7, 113.6, 112.9, 112.9, 77.9, 77.6. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₈BrN₅ [M+Na]⁺ 371.9855, found 371.9852.



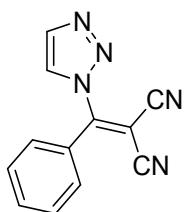
3ha



3ha'

*methyl 1-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-6-carboxylate (**3ha**) and methyl 1-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylvinyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-5-carboxylate (**3ha'**)*

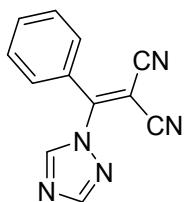
Isomer (2:1 based on NMR), pale yellow solid, m.p. 170-172 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.85-8.81 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.40 (m, 0.46H), 8.12-8.08 (m, 1.45H), 7.89-7.78 (m, 5H), 7.73-7.65 (m, 3.50H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 0.52H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 1.50H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ = 166.5, 165.6, 165.5, 159.8, 159.7, 148.6, 146.5, 135.3, 135.1, 135.0, 132.5, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 122.9, 121.6, 114.9, 113.6, 113.6, 112.9, 78.1, 77.8, 53.3, 53.1, 52.8. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₁N₅O₂ [M+Na]⁺ 352.0805, found 352.0809.



3ia

*2-((4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ia)*

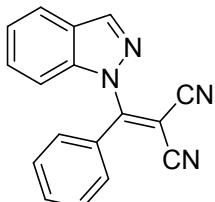
White solid, m.p. 176-178 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.50 (s, 2H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 161.0, 141.5, 133.4, 131.3, 129.9, 129.1, 114.1, 113.1, 74.1. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₂H₇N₅ [M+H]⁺ 222.0774, found 222.0775.



3ja

*2-(phenyl(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methylene)malononitrile (3ja)*

White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 159.9, 154.9, 148.9, 134.4, 131.2, 129.8, 129.0, 113.8, 112.7, 75.6. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₂H₇N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 244.0594, found 244.0591.

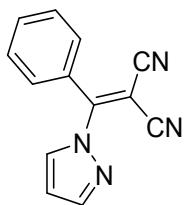


3ka

*2-((1*H*-indazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ka)*

Pale yellow solid, m.p. 150-152 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 7.98-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.02-5.95 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.6, 143.3, 140.1, 134.2, 130.8, 130.1,

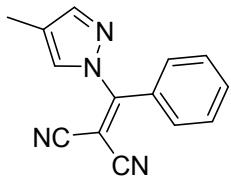
129.5, 127.6, 125.3, 123.1, 115.1, 114.2, 113.7, 70.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₀N₄ [M+Na]⁺ 293.0798, found 293.0802.



3la

*2-(phenyl(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methylene)malononitrile (3la)*

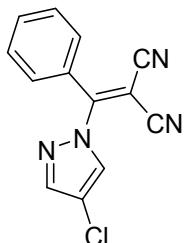
White solid, m.p. 163-165 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.22-8.18 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 3H), 6.76-6.71 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 162.1, 146.9, 134.8, 133.7, 130.9, 130.3, 129.6, 114.7, 113.7, 112.2, 71.7. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₄ [M+Na]⁺ 245.0798, found 245.0796.



3ma

*2-((4-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ma)*

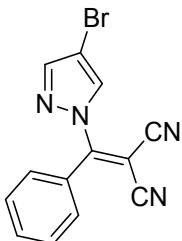
White solid, m.p. 138-140 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 161.8, 148.5, 133.5, 132.0, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 122.7, 114.9, 113.9, 70.0, 8.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₄ [M+Na]⁺ 235.0978, found 235.0980.



3na

*2-((4-chloro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (**3na**)*

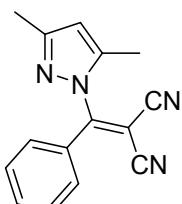
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 161.8, 144.9, 134.0, 132.1, 131.1, 129.75, 129.70, 115.7, 114.4, 113.3, 72.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₃H₇ClN₄ [M+H]⁺ 255.0432, found 255.0435.



3na

*2-((4-bromo-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (**3oa**)*

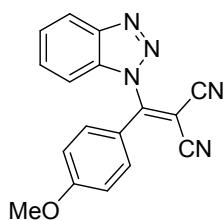
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 161.6, 146.8, 134.2, 134.0, 131.1, 129.8, 129.7, 114.4, 113.3, 100.2, 72.8. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₃H₇BrN₅ [M+H]⁺ 298.9927, found 298.9932.



3oa

*2-((3,4-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methylene)malononitrile (**3pa**)*

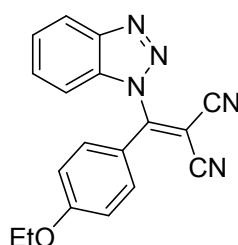
White solid, m.p. 155-157 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 7.75 (dt, J = 5.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.57 (m, 4H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 163.4, 153.9, 144.4, 134.3, 131.0, 130.7, 129.9, 114.7, 113.8, 113.8, 74.8, 13.8, 13.0. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂N₄ [M+Na]⁺ 271.0954, found 271.0956.



3ab *2-((1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(4-*

methoxyphenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ab)

White solid, m.p. 120-122 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.33-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 165.1, 159.8, 146.6, 133.7, 132.8, 130.6, 126.7, 121.1, 120.9, 115.7, 114.3, 113.4, 113.1, 74.9, 56.5. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₅O [M+Na]⁺ 324.0856, found 324.0857.

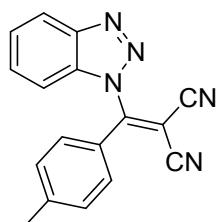


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2-((1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(4-

ethoxyphenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ac)

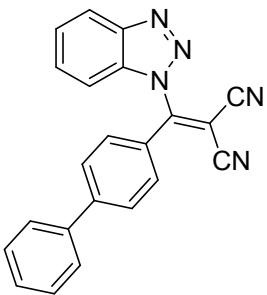
White solid, m.p. 147-149 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.33-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 164.5, 159.8, 146.6, 133.8, 132.7, 130.6, 126.7, 121.1, 120.7, 116.1, 114.3, 113.4, 113.1, 74.8, 64.7, 14.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₃N₅O [M+Na]⁺ 338.1012, found 338.1014.



3ad

2-((1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(p-tolyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ad)

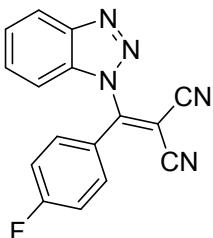
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.35-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.58 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 160.2, 146.6, 146.3, 132.6, 131.2, 130.7, 130.6, 126.8, 126.3, 121.2, 114.0, 113.2, 113.1, 76.3, 21.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5$ [M+Na] $^+$ 308.0907, found 308.0904.



3ae

2-((1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)(1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)methylene malononitrile (3ae)

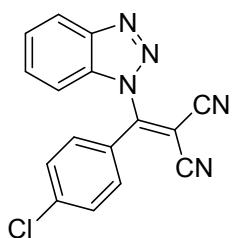
Pale yellow solid, m.p. >200 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.35-8.29 (m, 1H), 8.05-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 159.8, 146.6, 146.4, 138.5, 132.6, 132.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 121.2, 114.0, 113.2, 76.8. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5$ [M+Na] $^+$ 370.1063, found 370.1065.



3af

2-((1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3af)

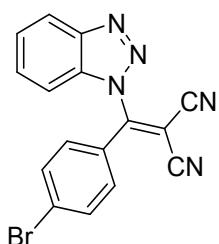
White solid, m.p. 137-139 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.33-8.28(m, 1H), 7.95-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 4H), 6.69-6.56 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 166.9, 165.2, 159.0, 146.6, 134.4, 134.3, 132.4, 130.8, 126.9, 121.2, 117.7, 117.5, 113.8, 113.2, 113.0, 76.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{FN}_5$ [M+Na] $^+$ 312.0656, found 312.0659.



3ag

*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ag)*

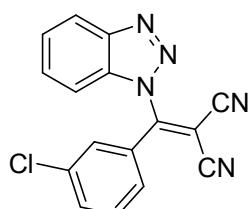
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.34-8.29 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.64 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 158.9, 146.6, 140.1, 133.0, 130.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.2, 126.9, 121.2, 113.7, 113.2, 113.0, 77.3. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₈ClN₅ [M+Na]⁺ 328.0360, found 328.0362.



3ah

*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(4-bromophenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ah)*

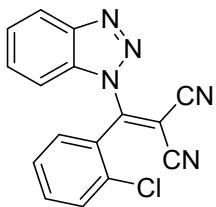
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.34-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.95-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.65 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 159.0, 146.6, 133.3, 133.0, 132.4, 130.8, 129.3, 8.3, 126.9, 121.2, 113.7, 113.2, 113.0, 77.3. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₈BrN₅ [M+H]⁺ 350.0036, found 350.0034.



3ai

*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(3-chlorophenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3ai)*

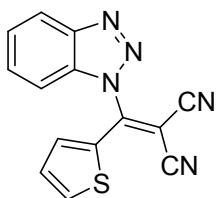
White solid, m.p. 154-156 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.34-8.28 (m, 1H), 8.02-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 6.64-6.57 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 158.4, 146.6, 134.7, 134.6, 132.3, 132.1, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.9, 127.0, 121.3, 113.6, 113.1, 112.9, 77.6. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{ClN}_5$ [M+Na]⁺ 328.0360, found 328.0357.



3aj

*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(2-chlorophenyl)methylene)malononitrile (3aj)*

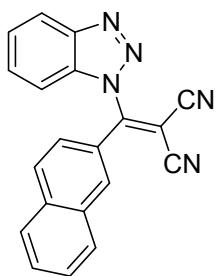
White solid, m.p. 125-127 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.36-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.24-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.41 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 156.9, 146.6, 136.1, 133.7, 133.0, 131.8, 131.6, 131.4, 129.3, 128.0, 127.3, 121.6, 113.0, 112.6, 112.2, 78.5. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{ClN}_5$ [M+Na]⁺ 328.0360, found 328.0365.



3ak

*2-((1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)malononitrile (3ak)*

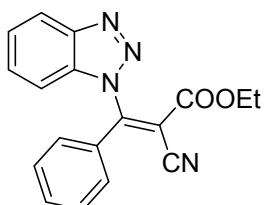
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.49-8.40 (m, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 153.2, 146.0, 140.4, 139.1, 133.0, 131.6, 130.6, 130.4, 126.7, 121.0, 113.9, 112.70, 112.67, 76.2. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{N}_5\text{S}$ [M+Na]⁺ 300.0314, found 300.0323.



3al

2-((1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methylene)malononitrile (3al)

White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.61-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.37-8.29 (m, 1H), 8.21-8.16 (m, 1H), 8.14-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 6.62-6.57(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 160.1, 146.7, 135.7, 133.3, 132.6, 132.5, 130.7, 130.4, 129.94, 129.92, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 126.4, 125.9, 121.2, 114.0, 113.18, 113.15, 77.0. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₁N₅ [M+Na]⁺ 344.0907, found 344.0905.



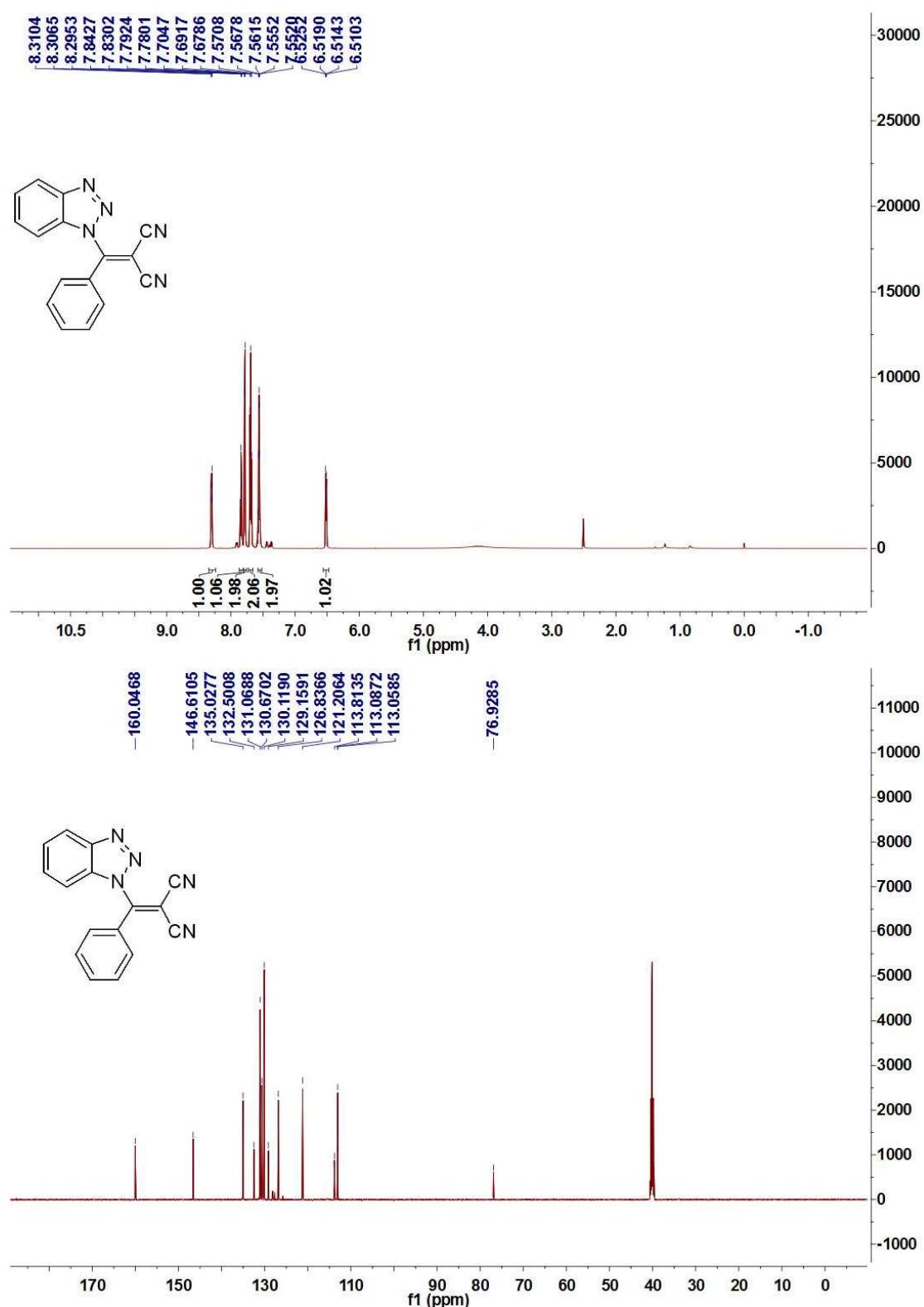
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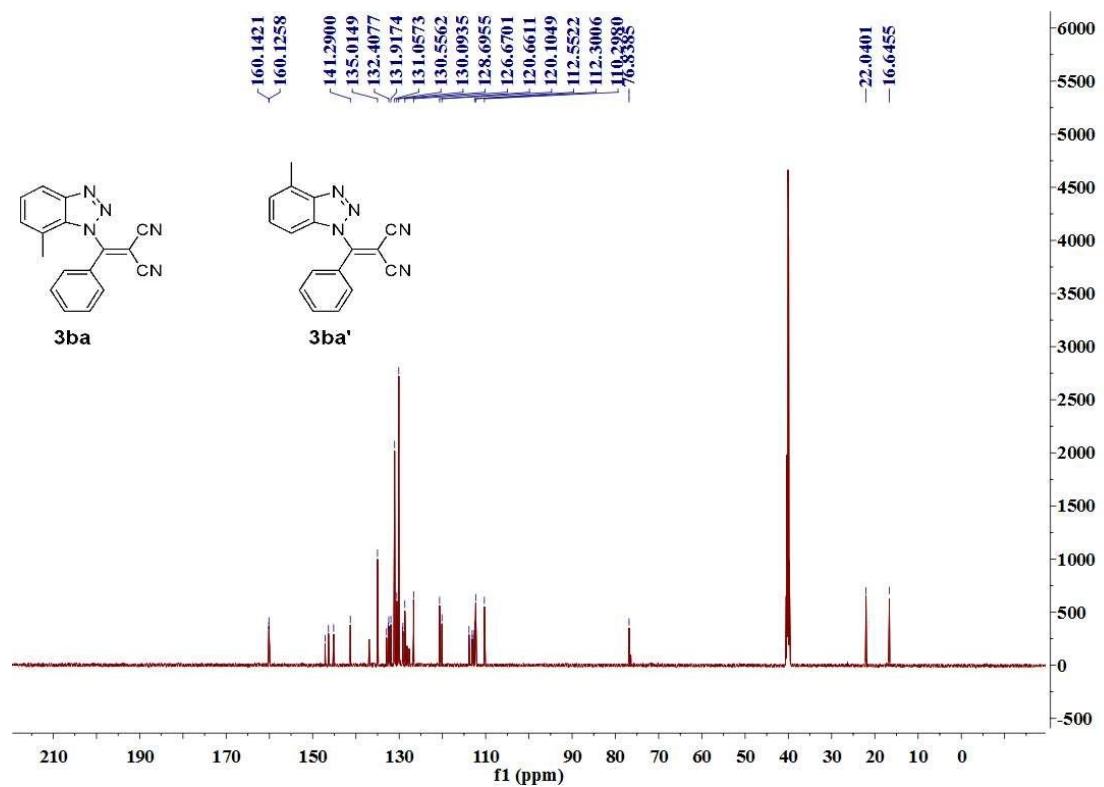
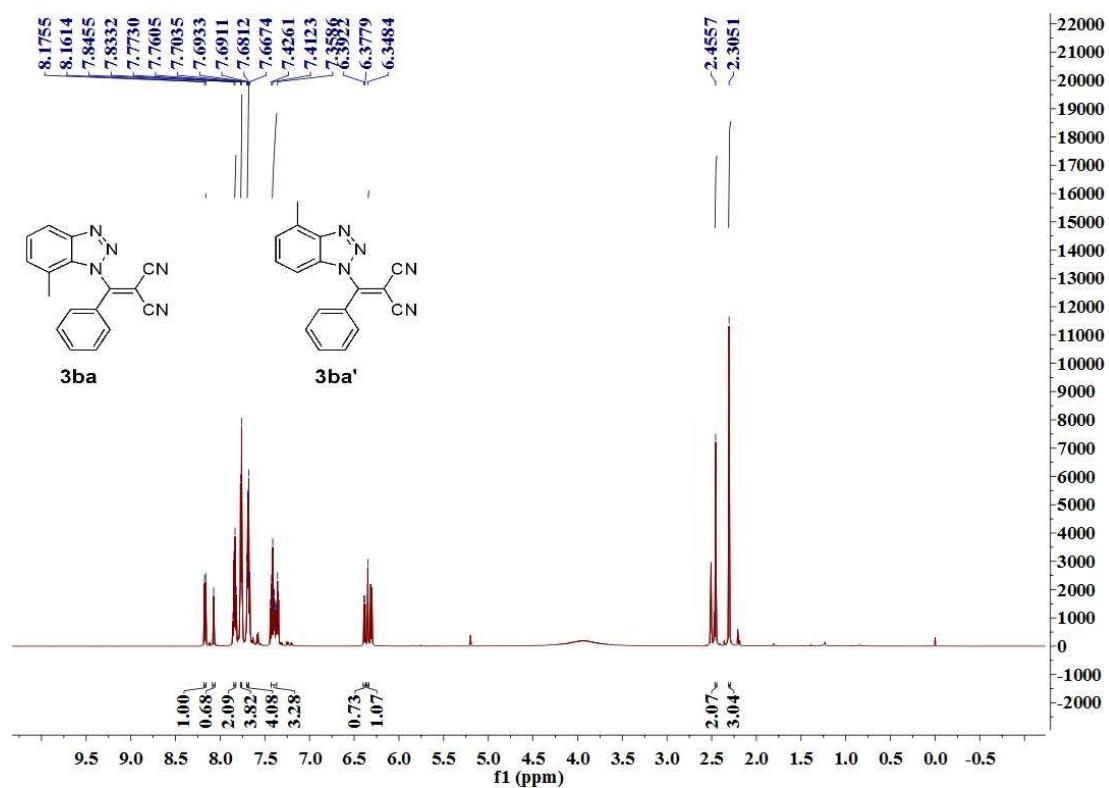
White solid, m.p. >200 °C, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 8.29-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 161.1, 154.3, 146.3, 134.5, 133.1, 131.0 , 130.9, 130.2, 130.0, 126.1, 120.8, 116.1, 111.7, 100.6, 62.9, 13.9. HRMS(ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 319.1190, found 319.1198.

9. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of products

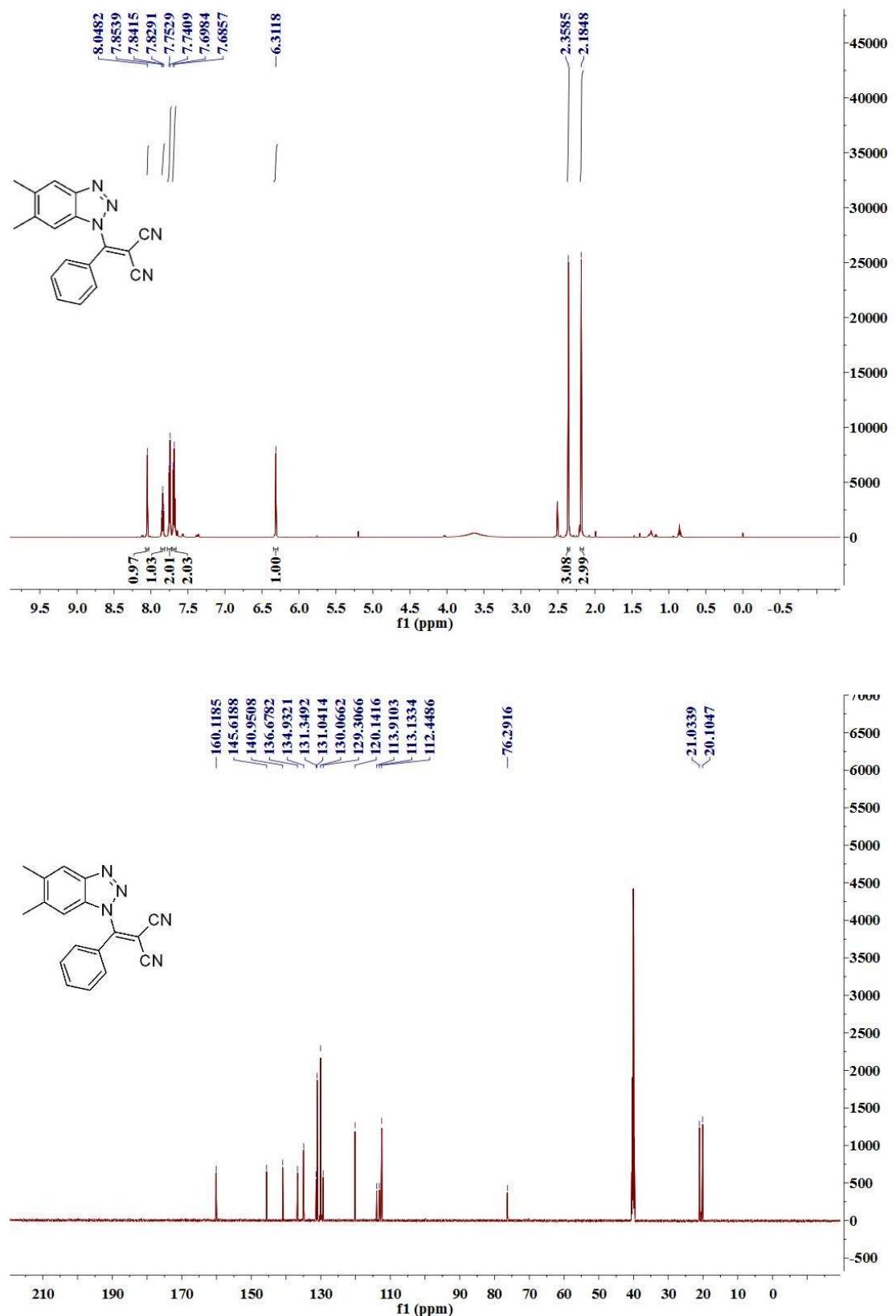
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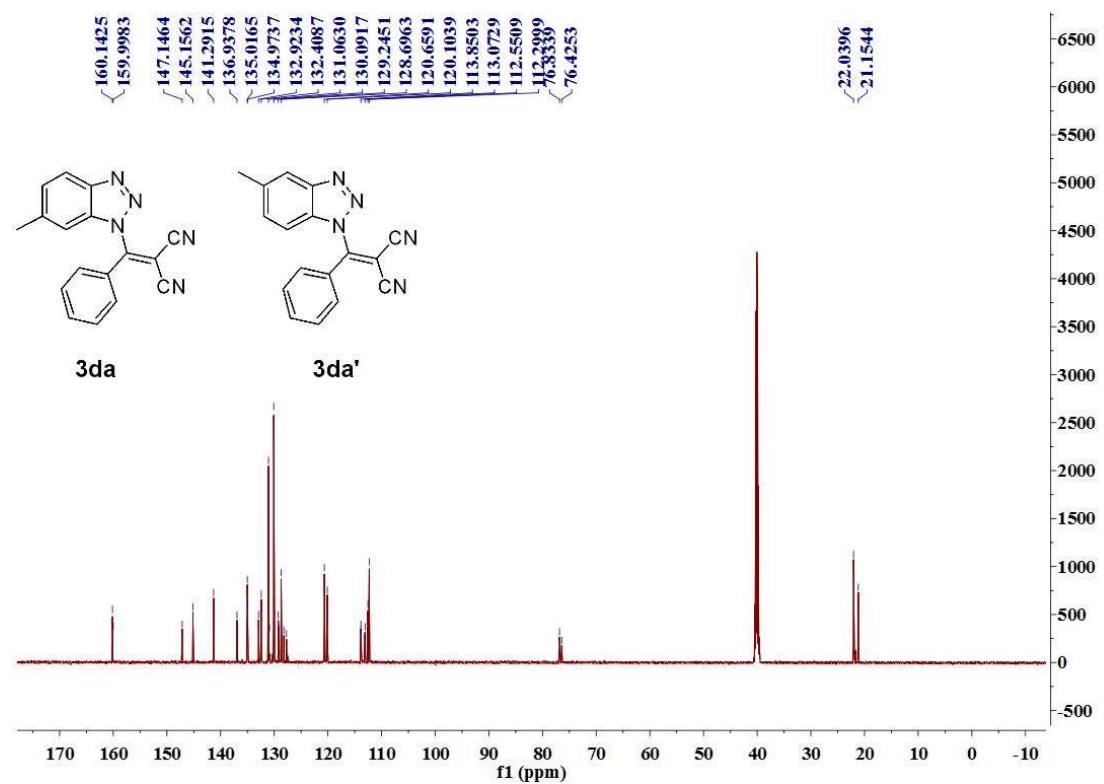
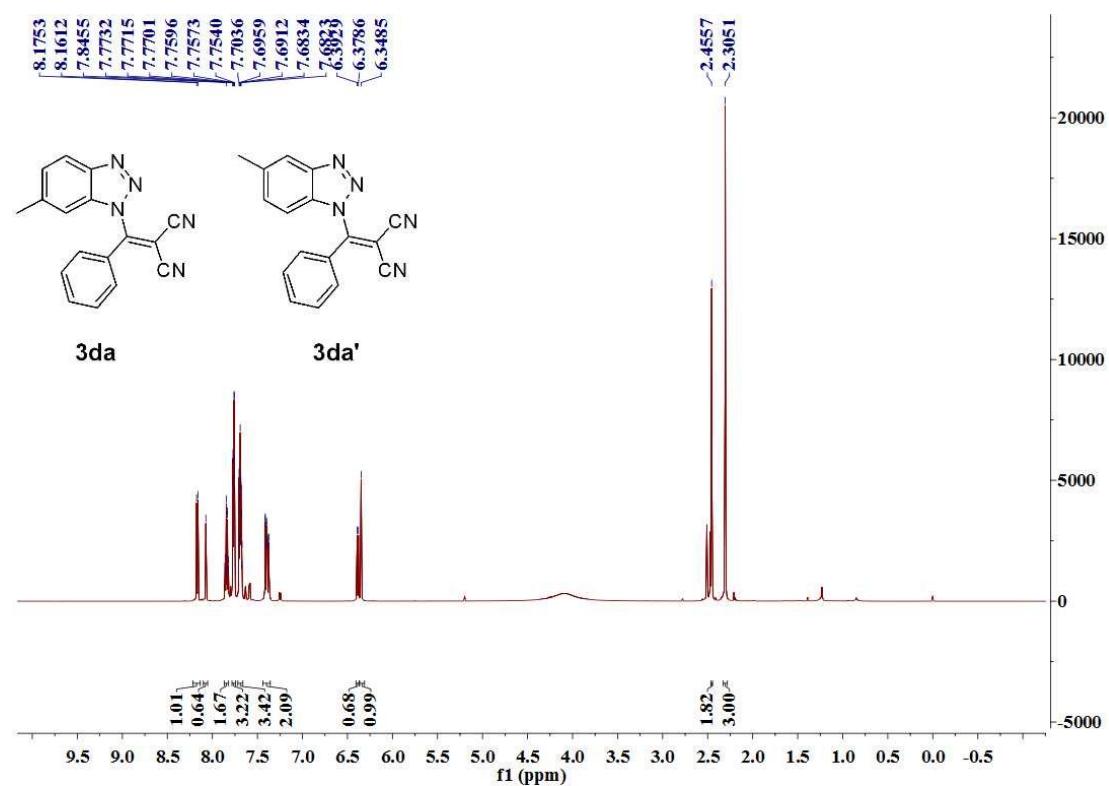
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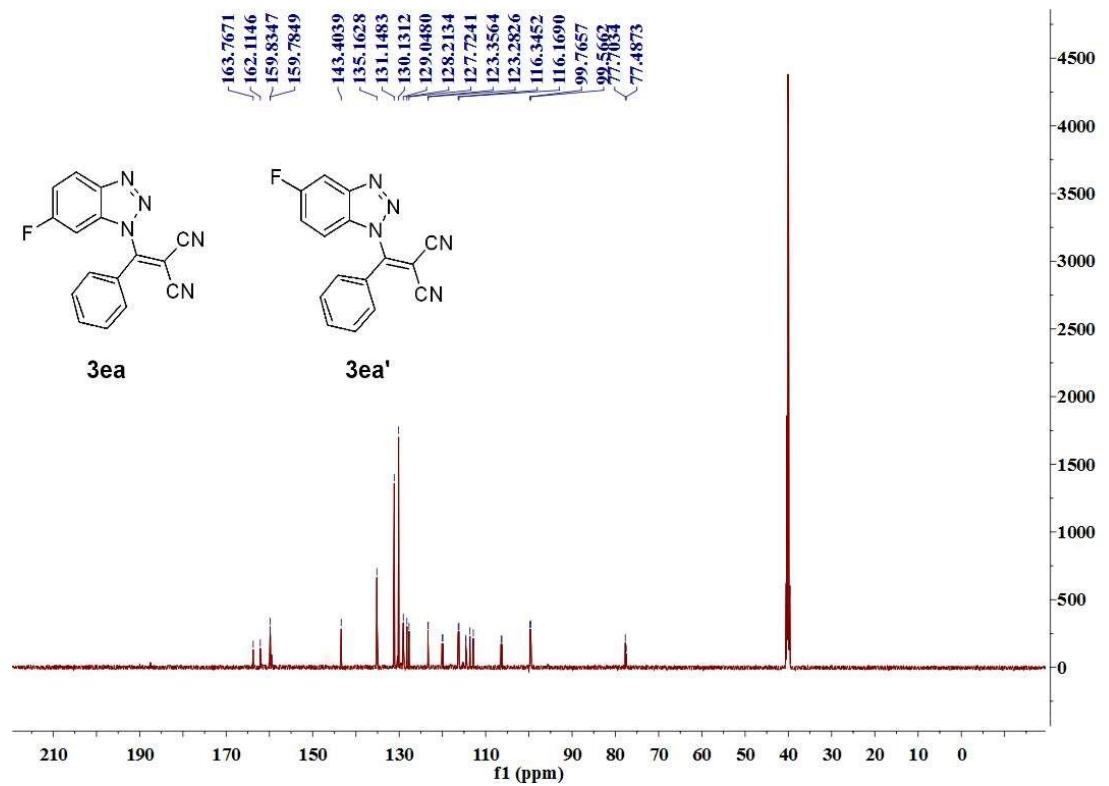
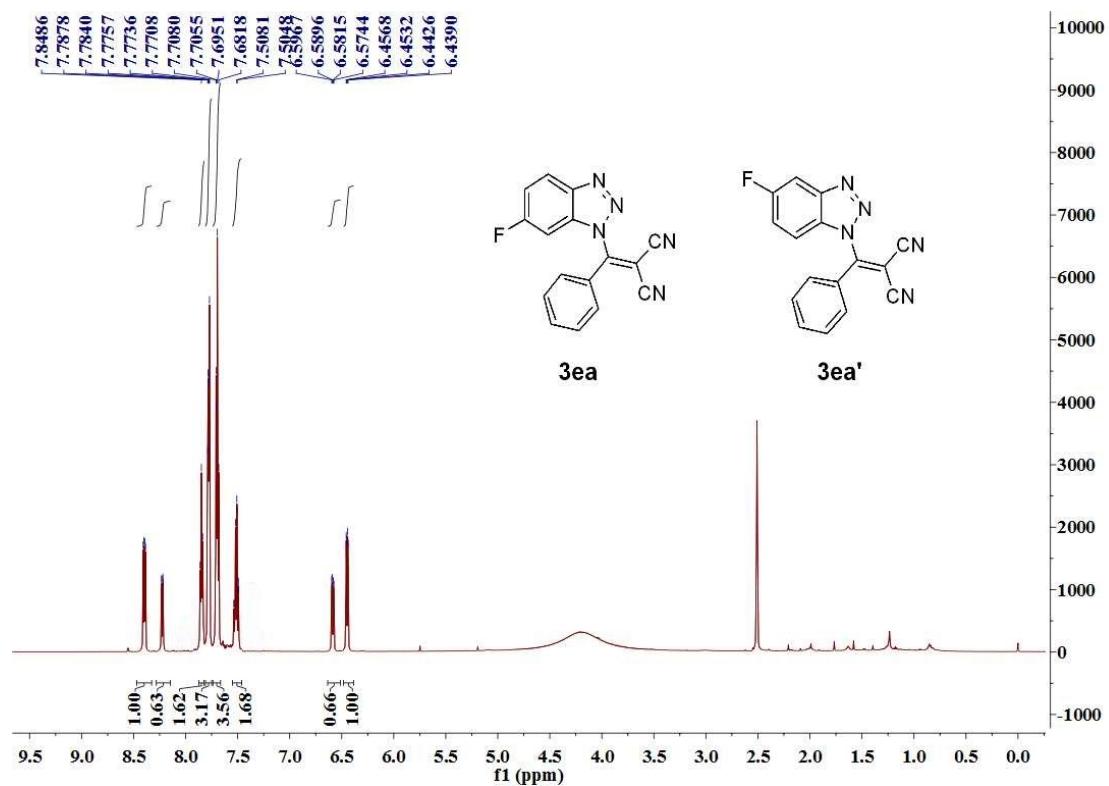
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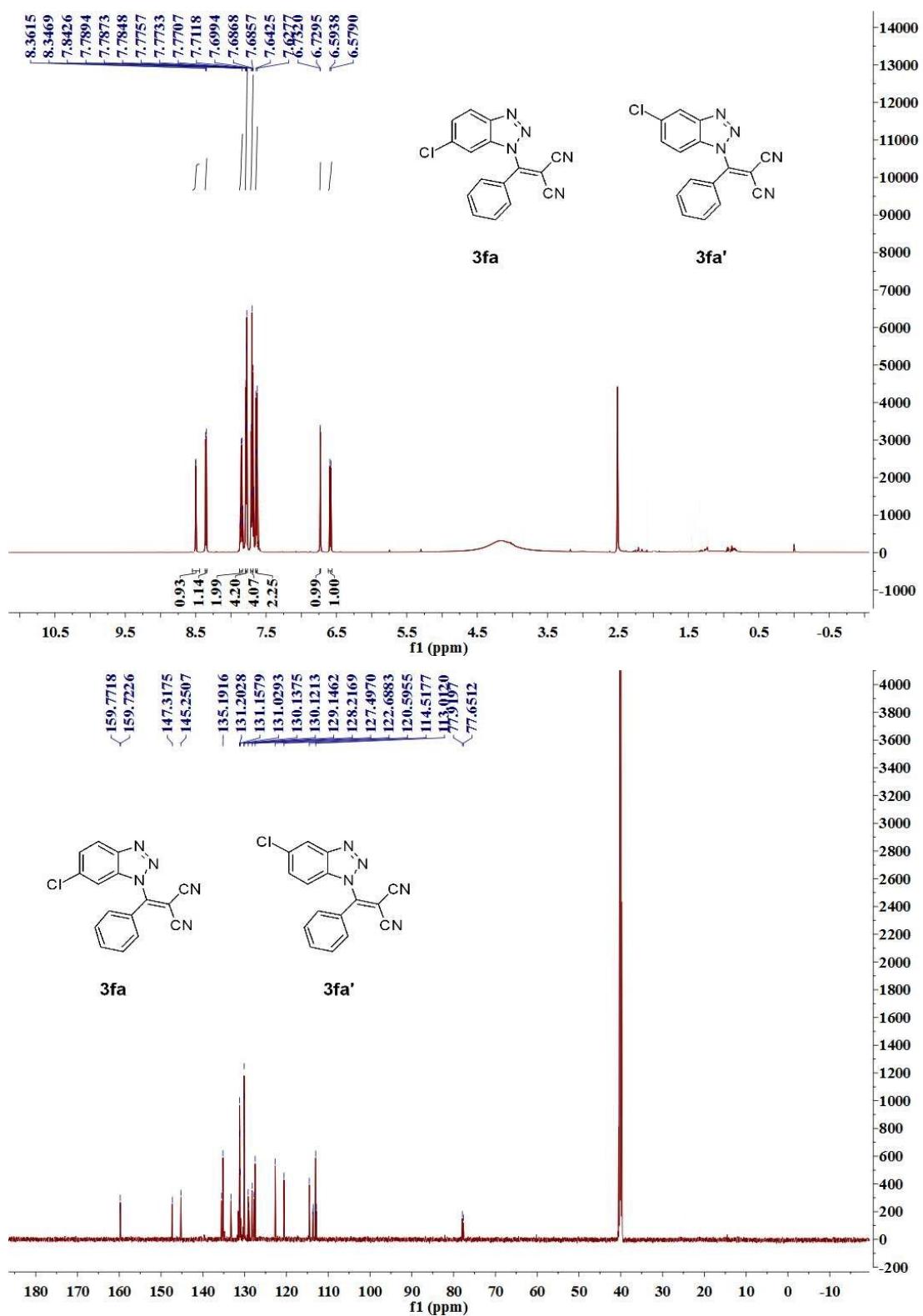
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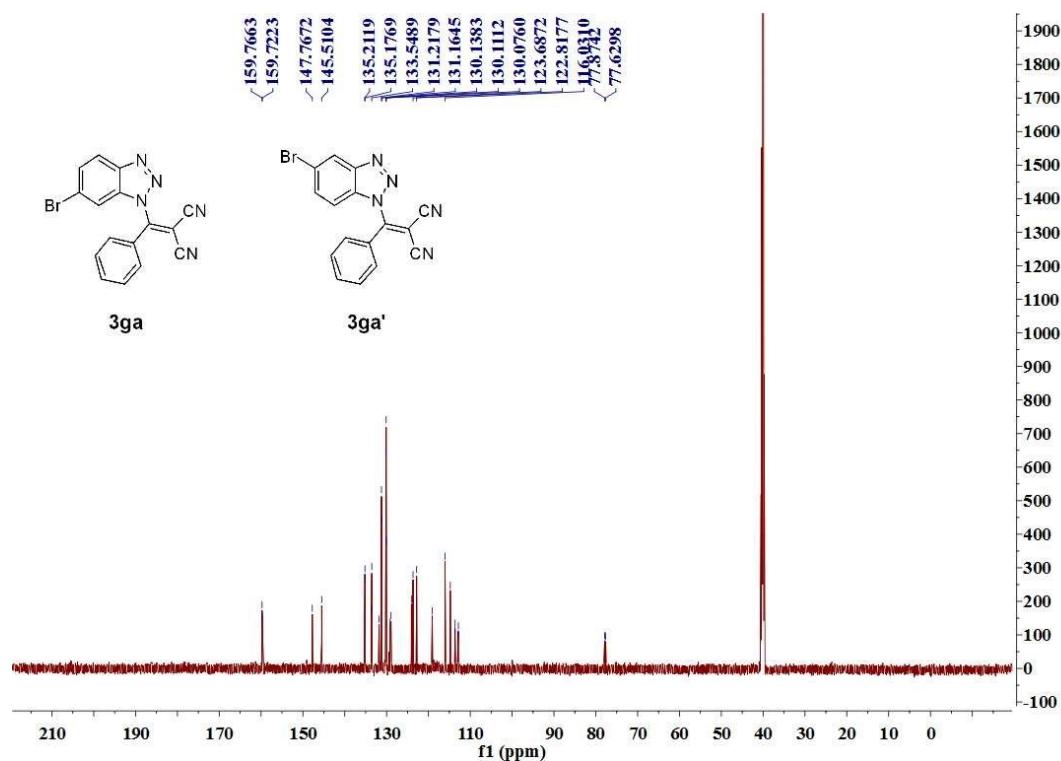
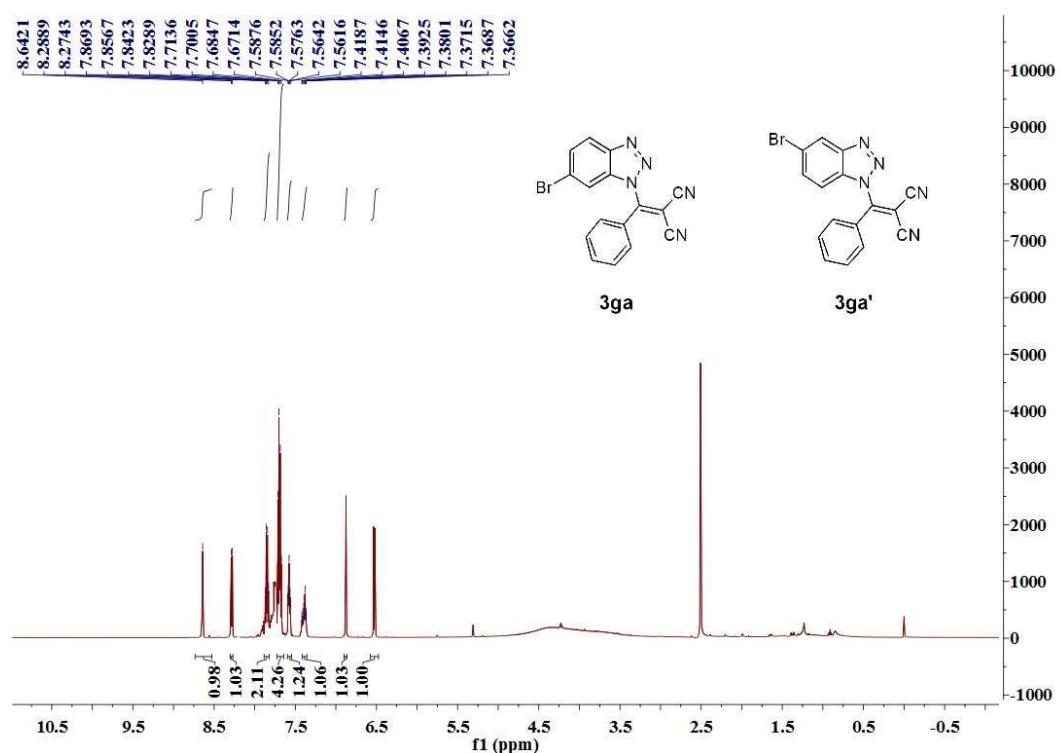
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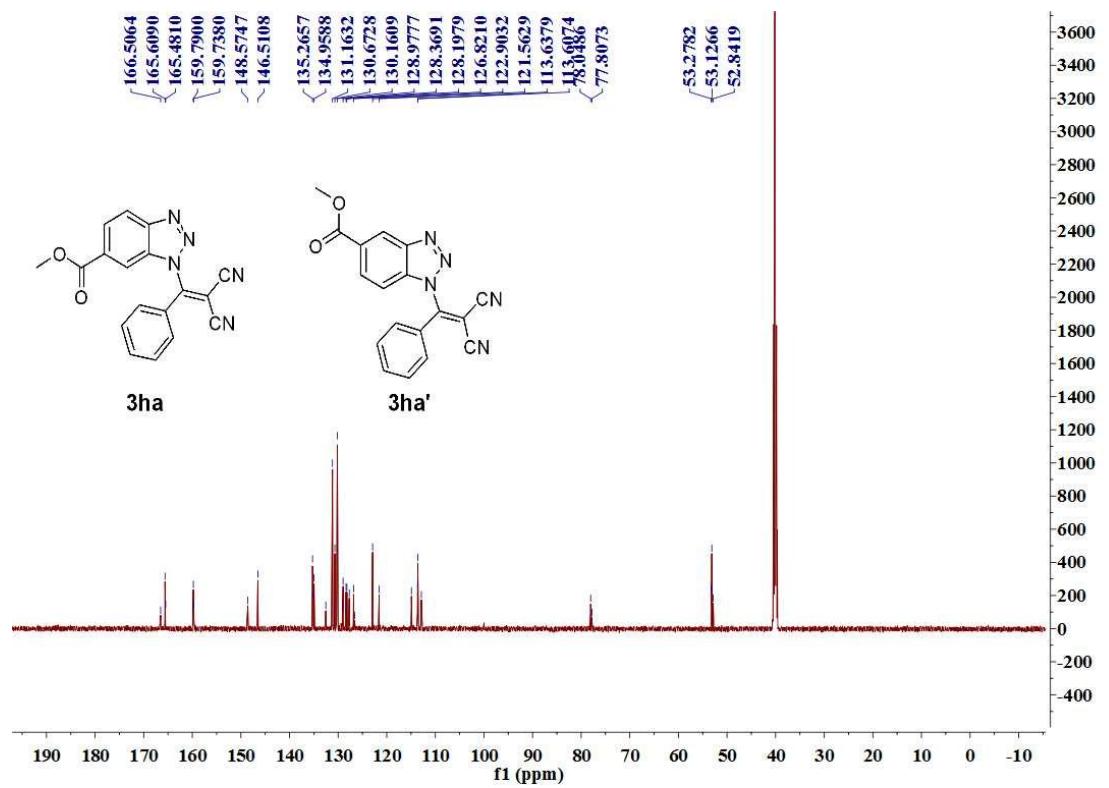
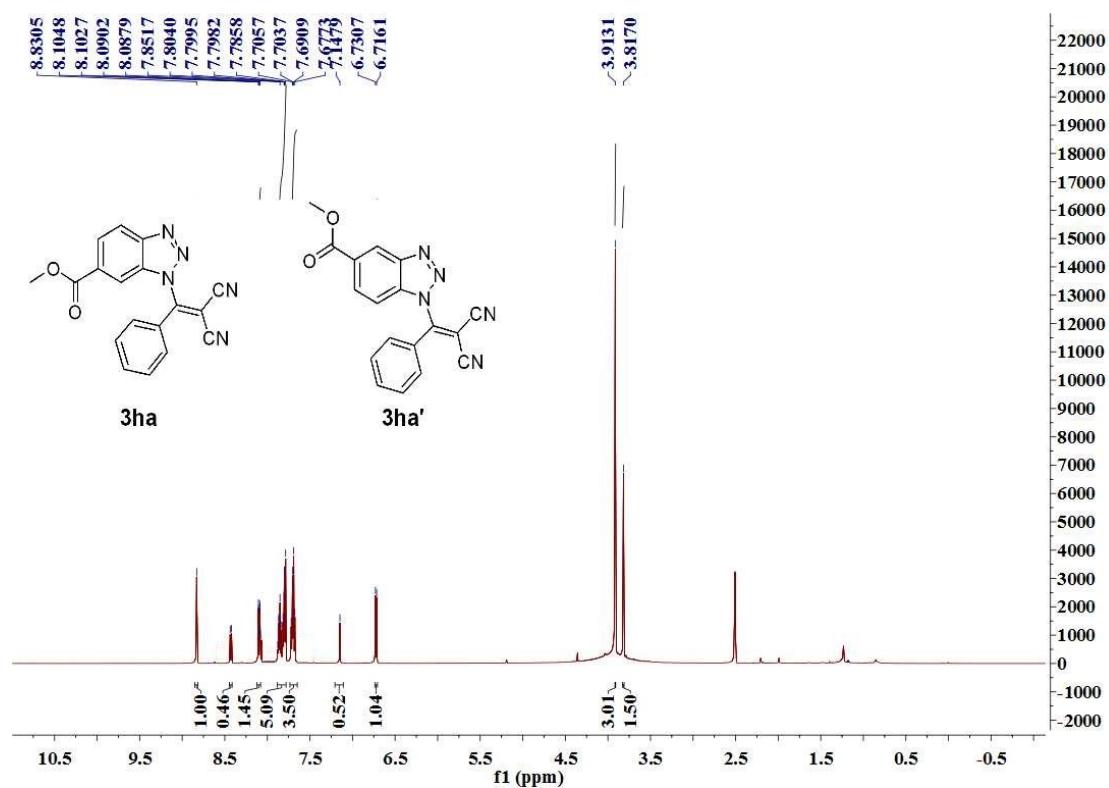
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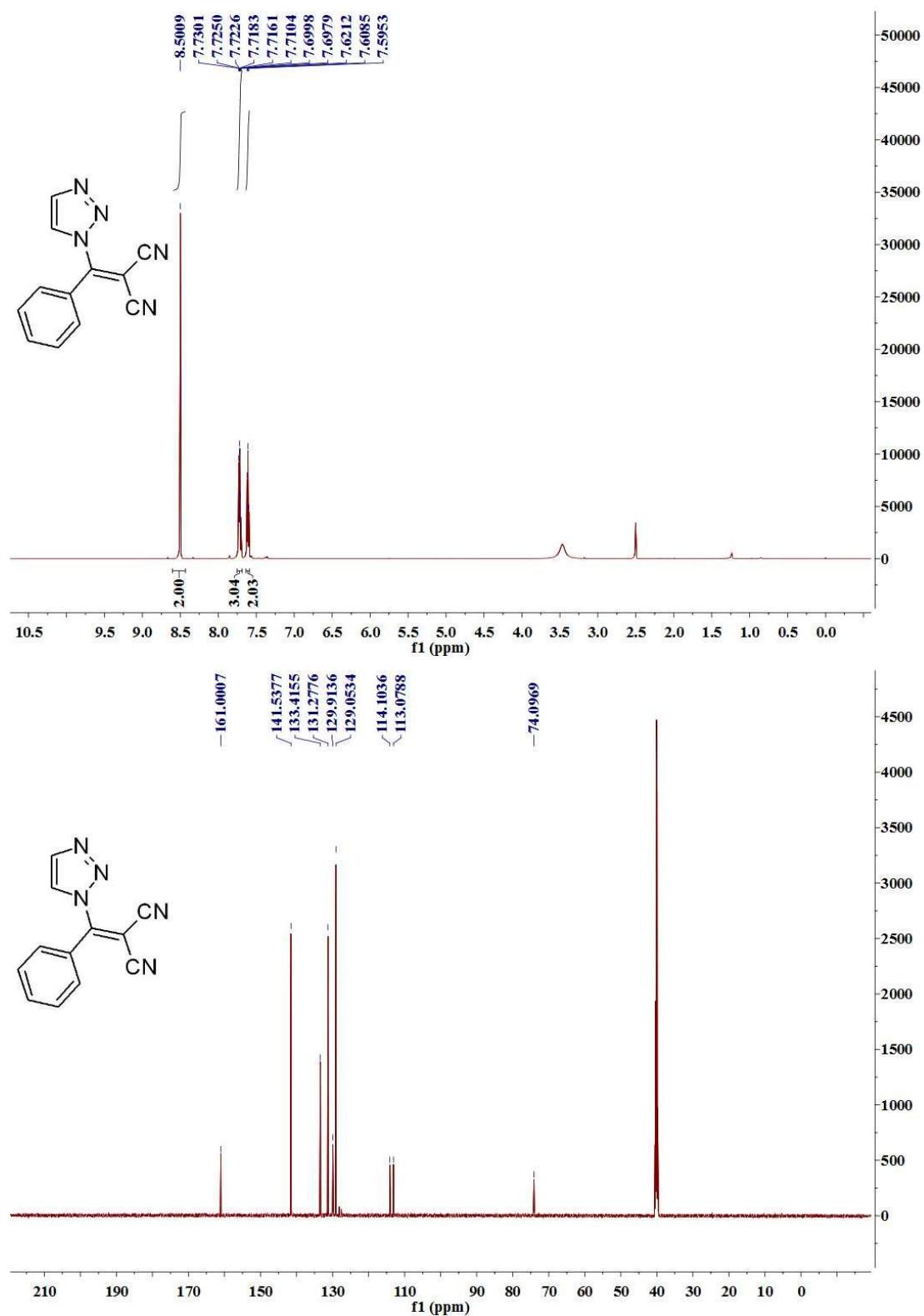
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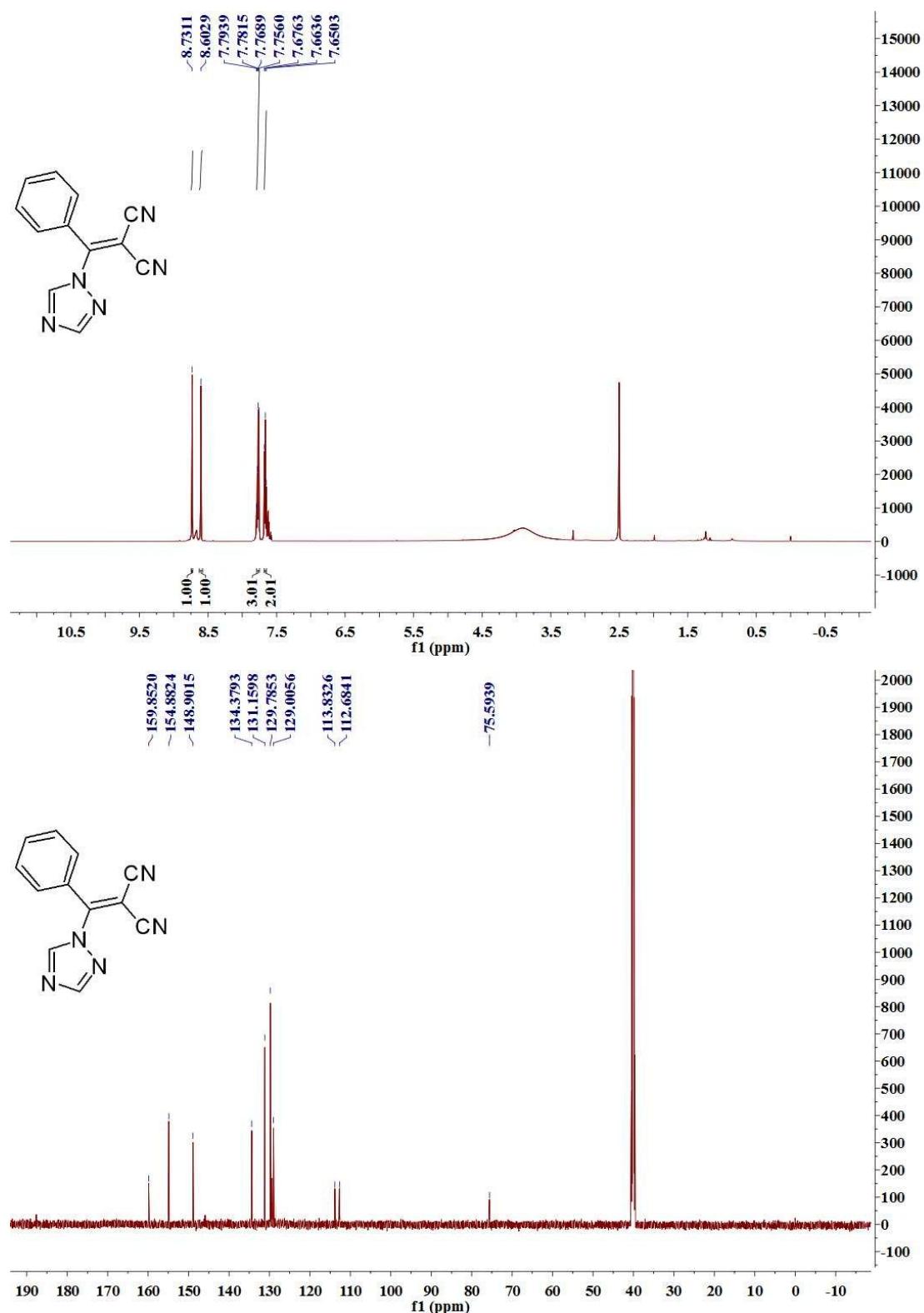
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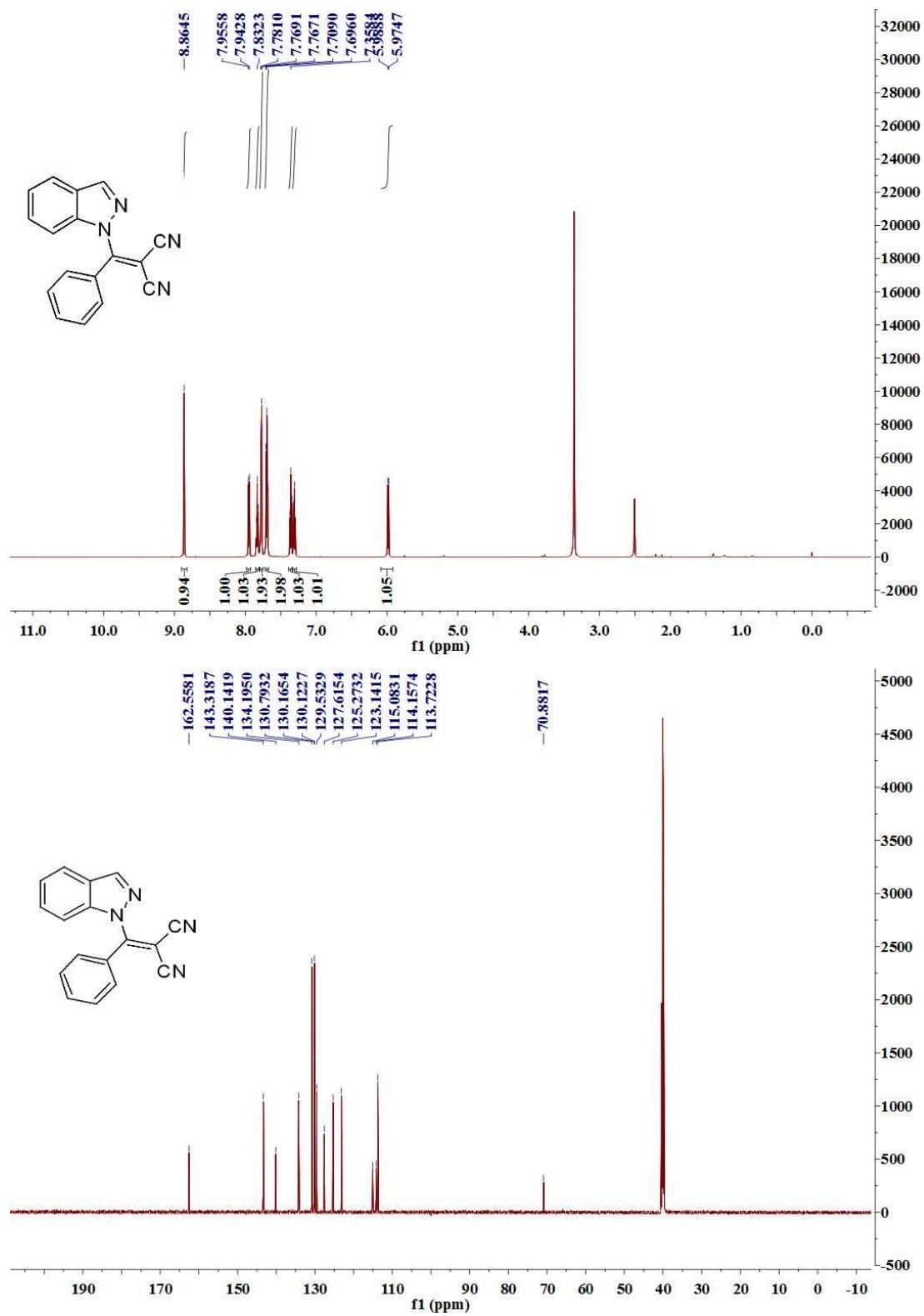
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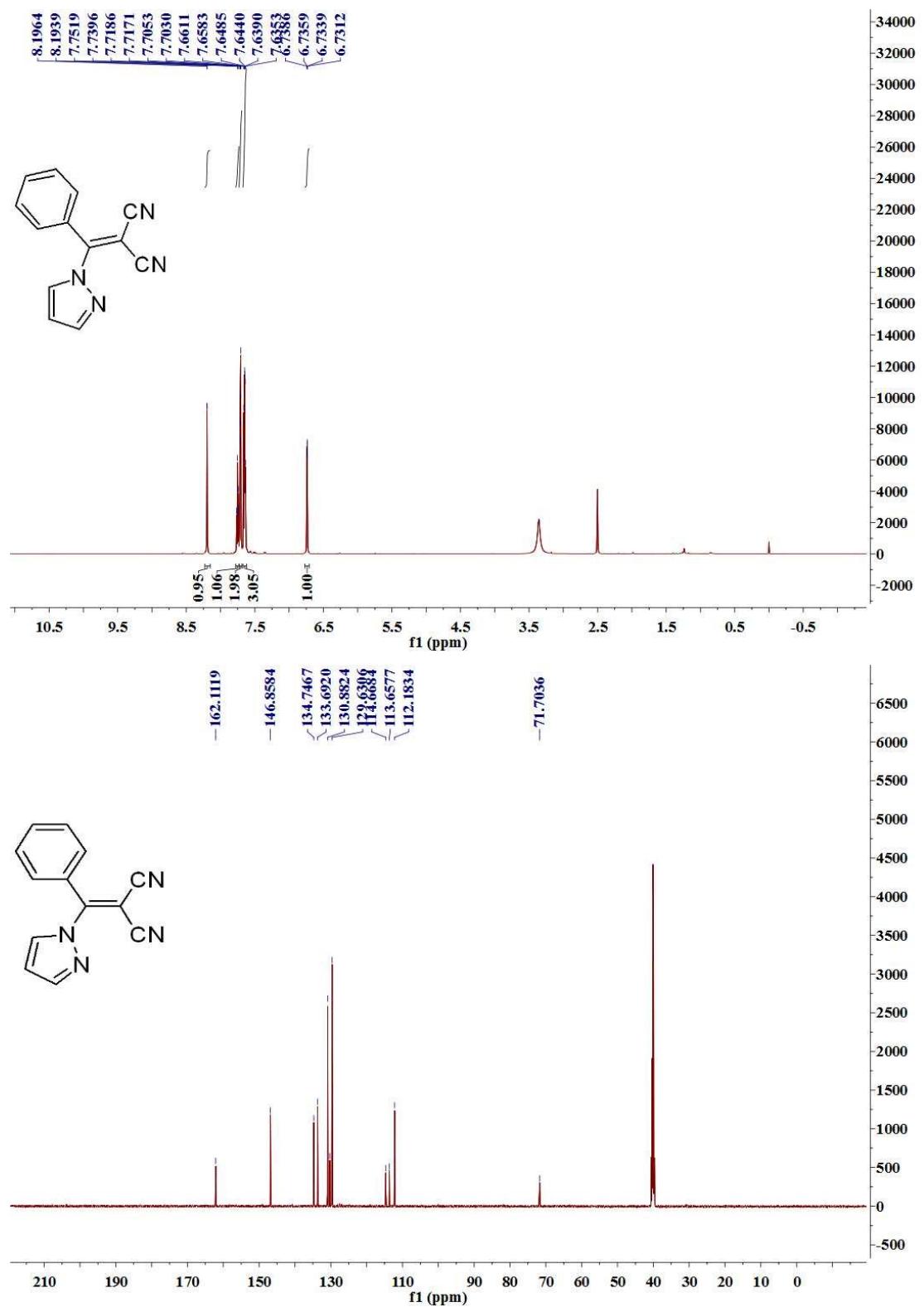
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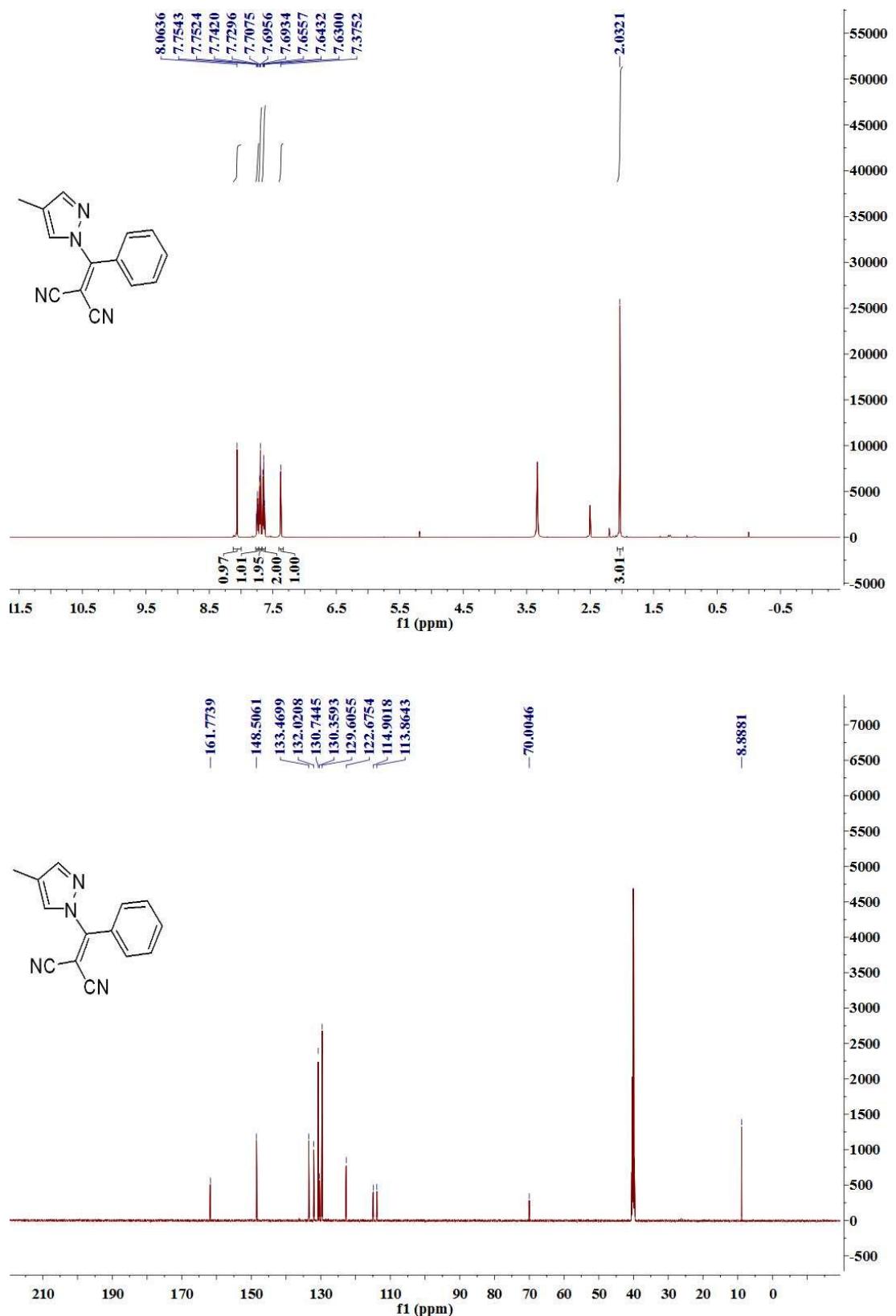
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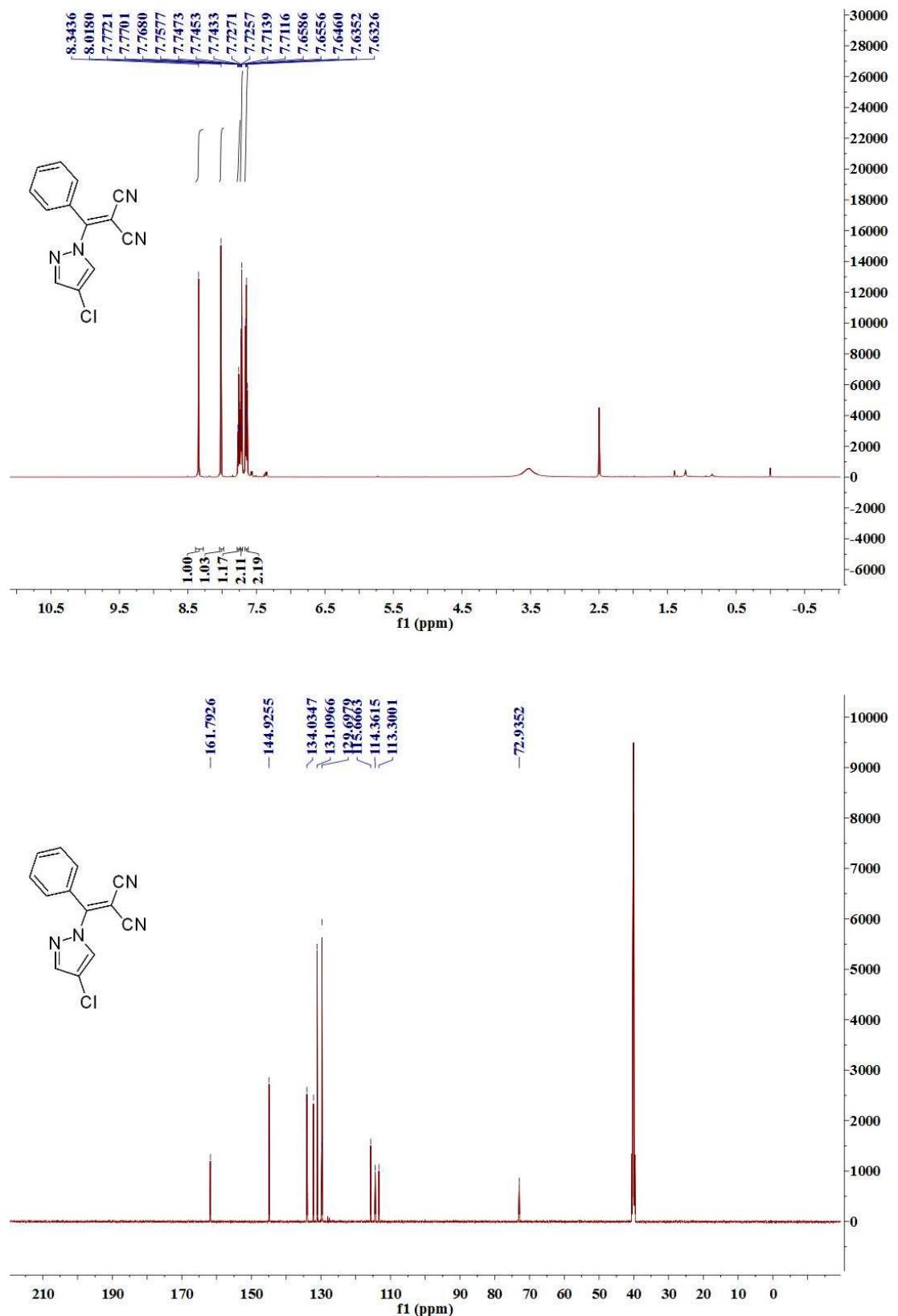
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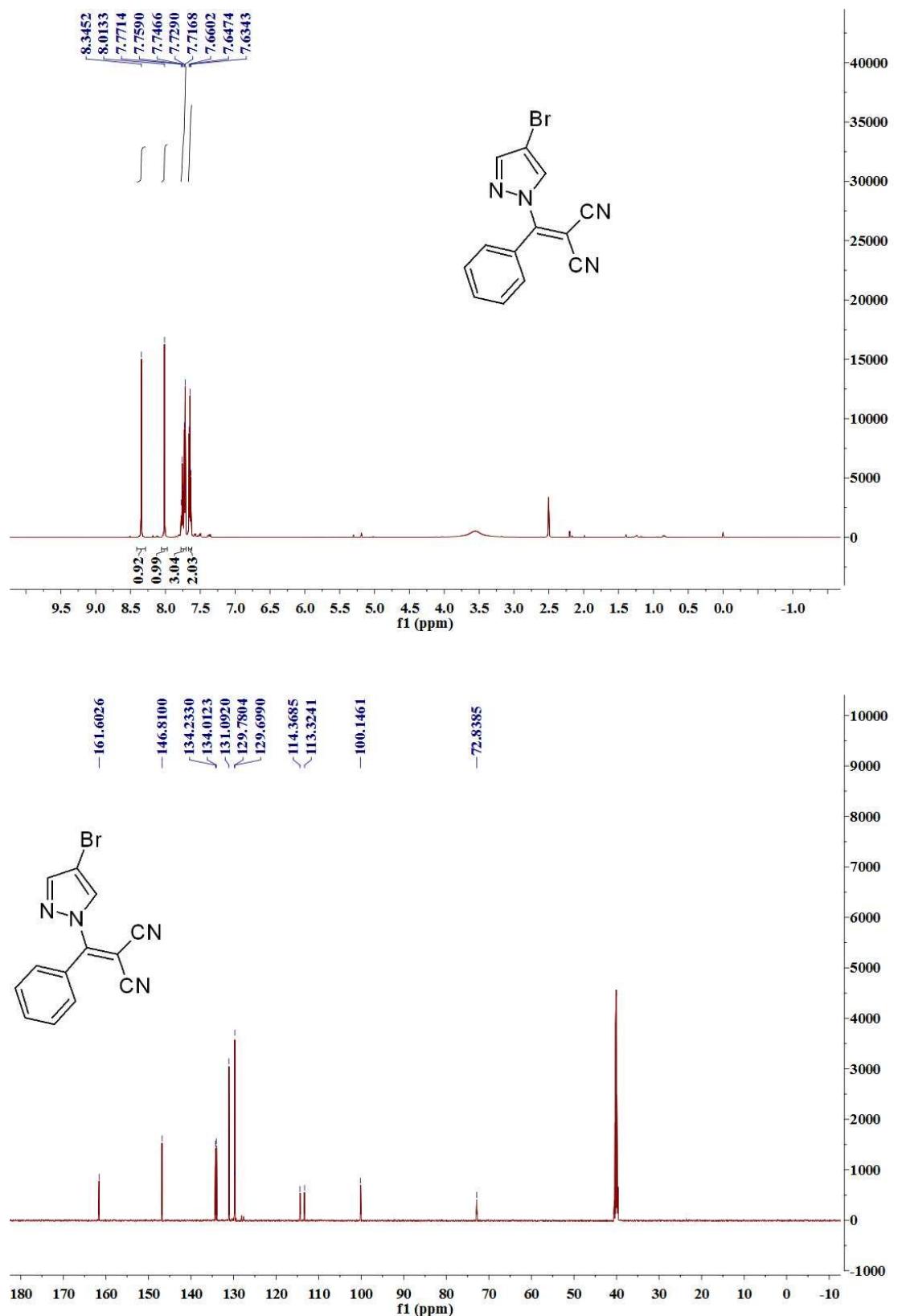
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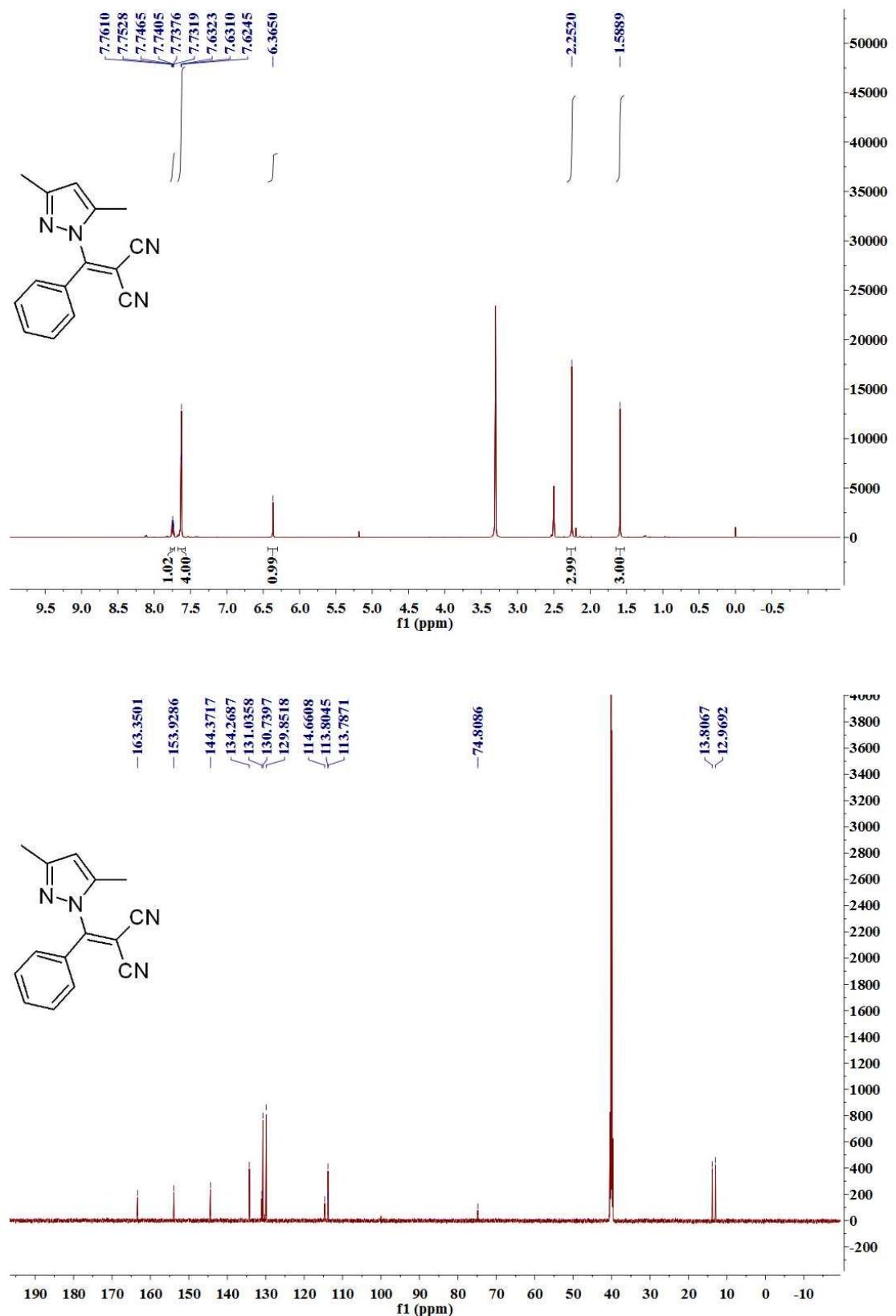
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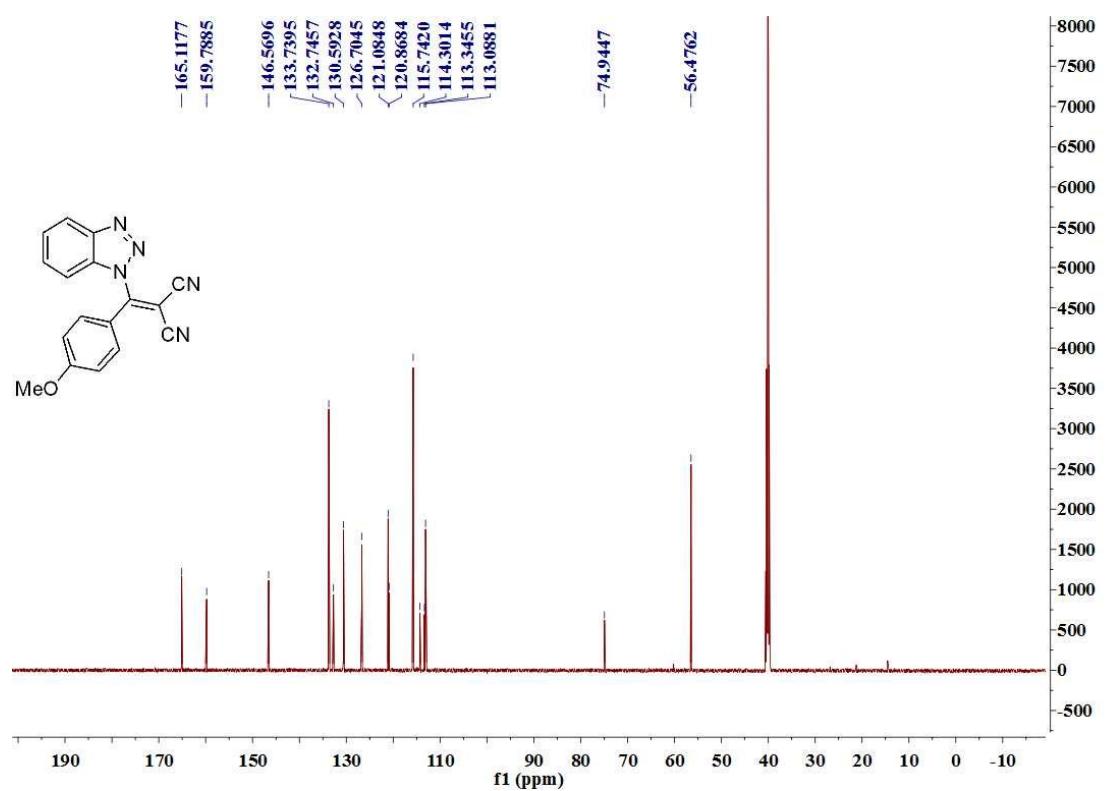
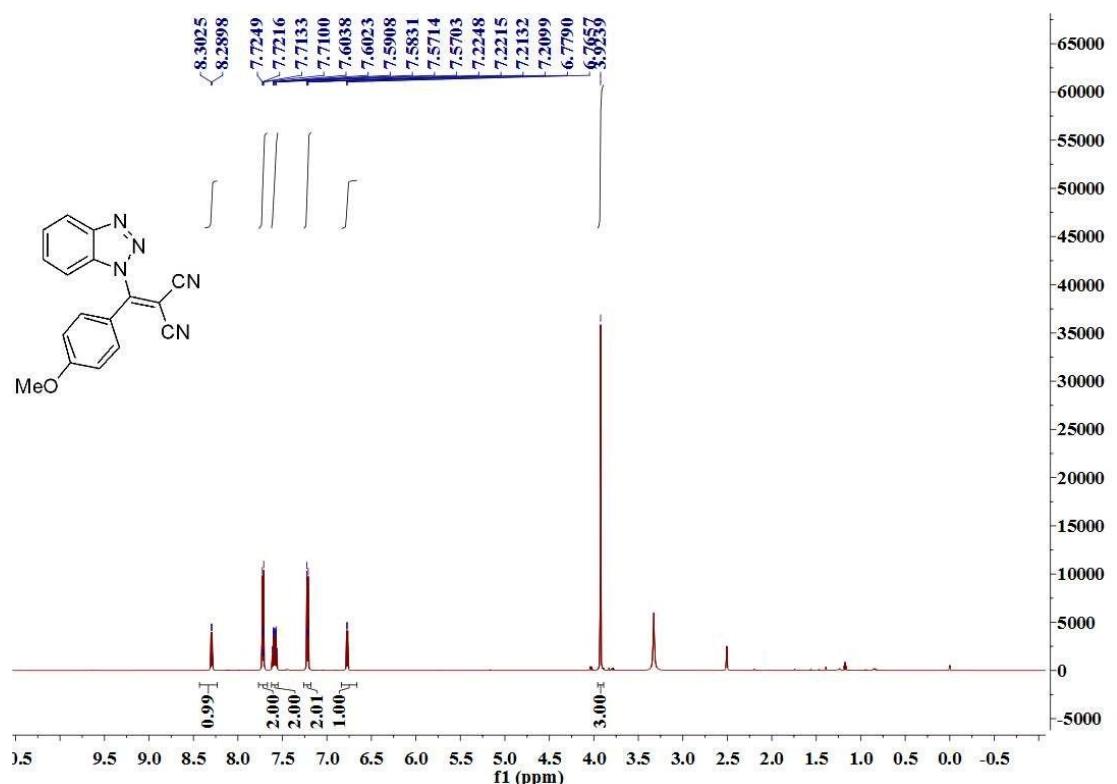
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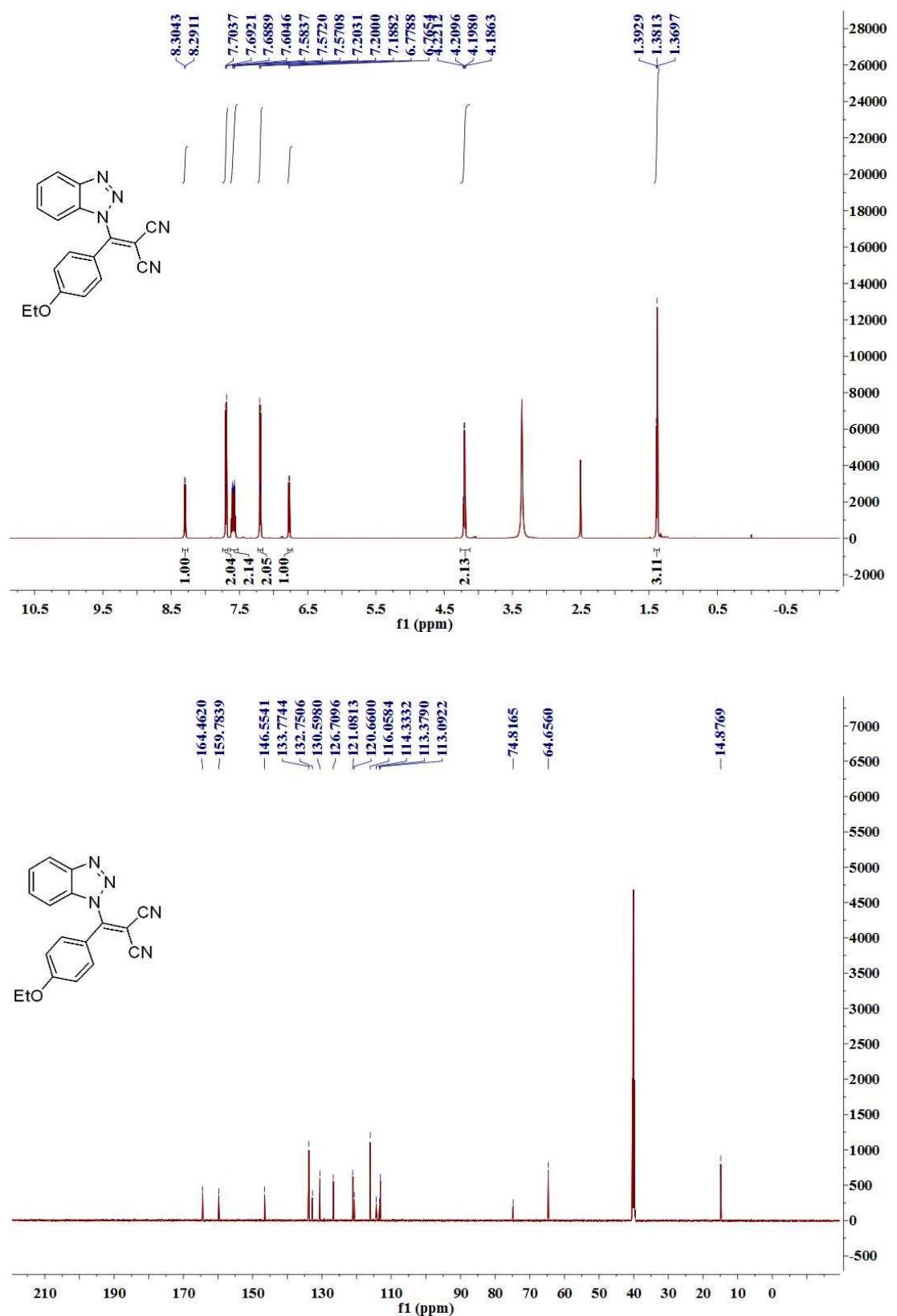
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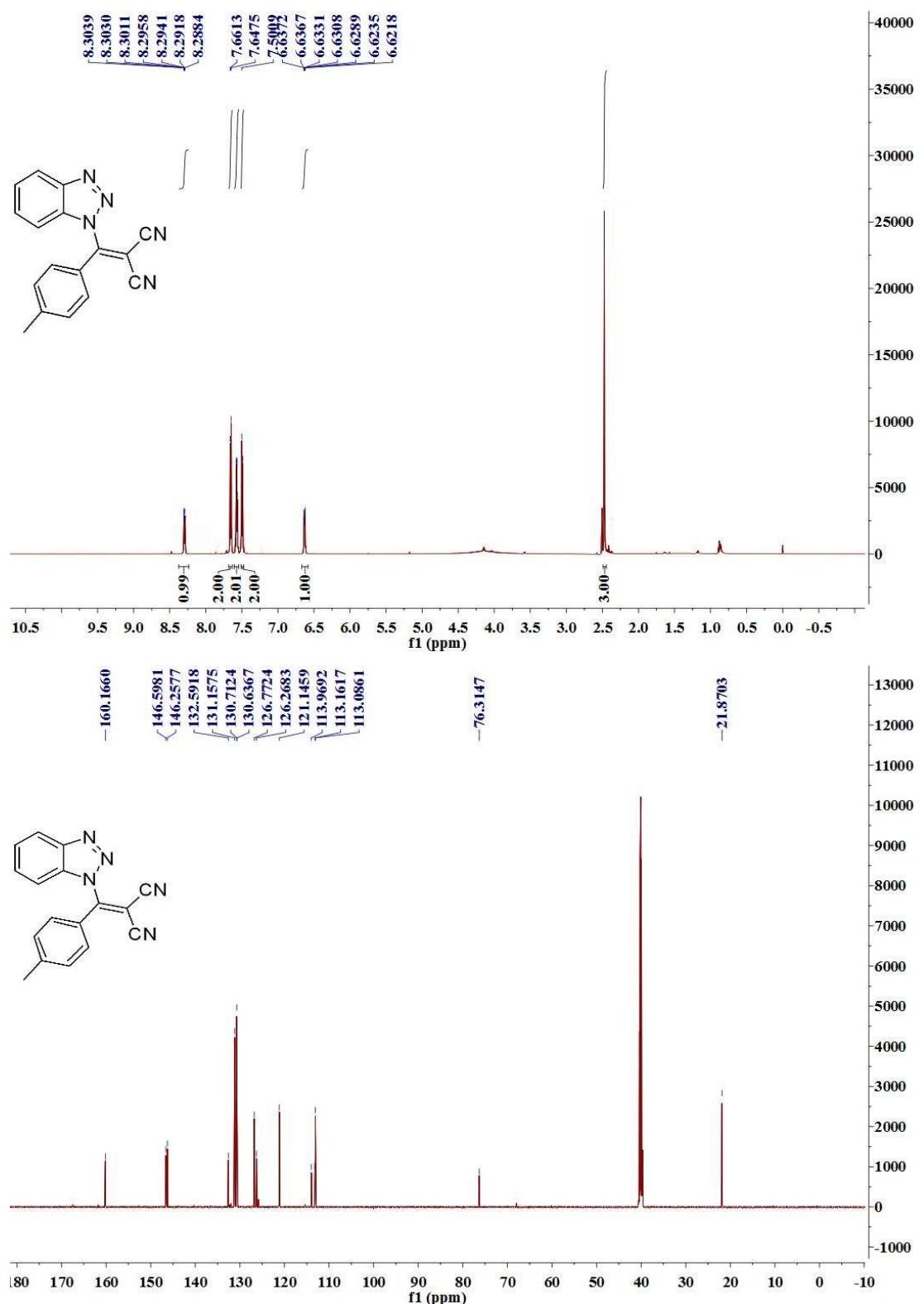
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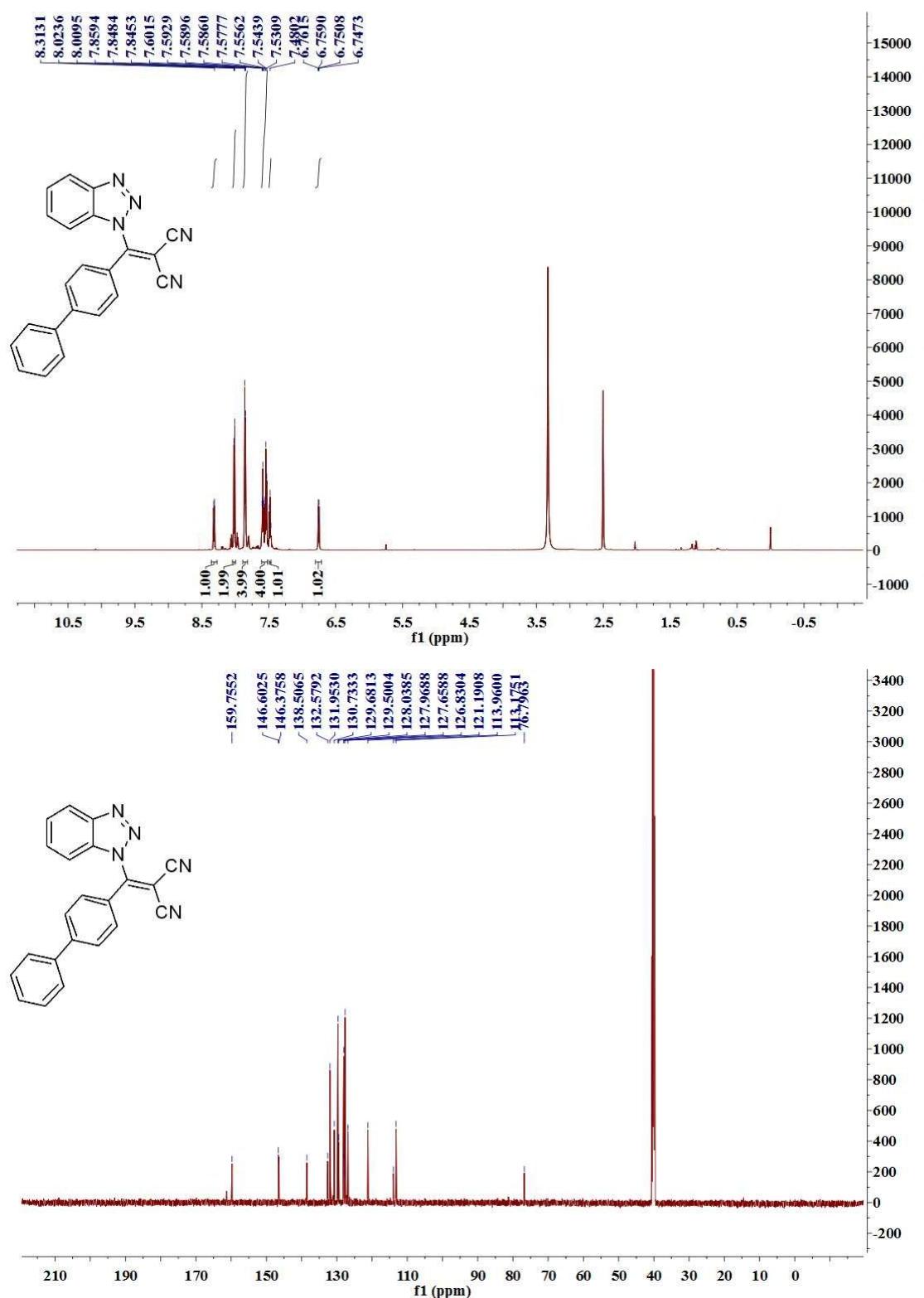
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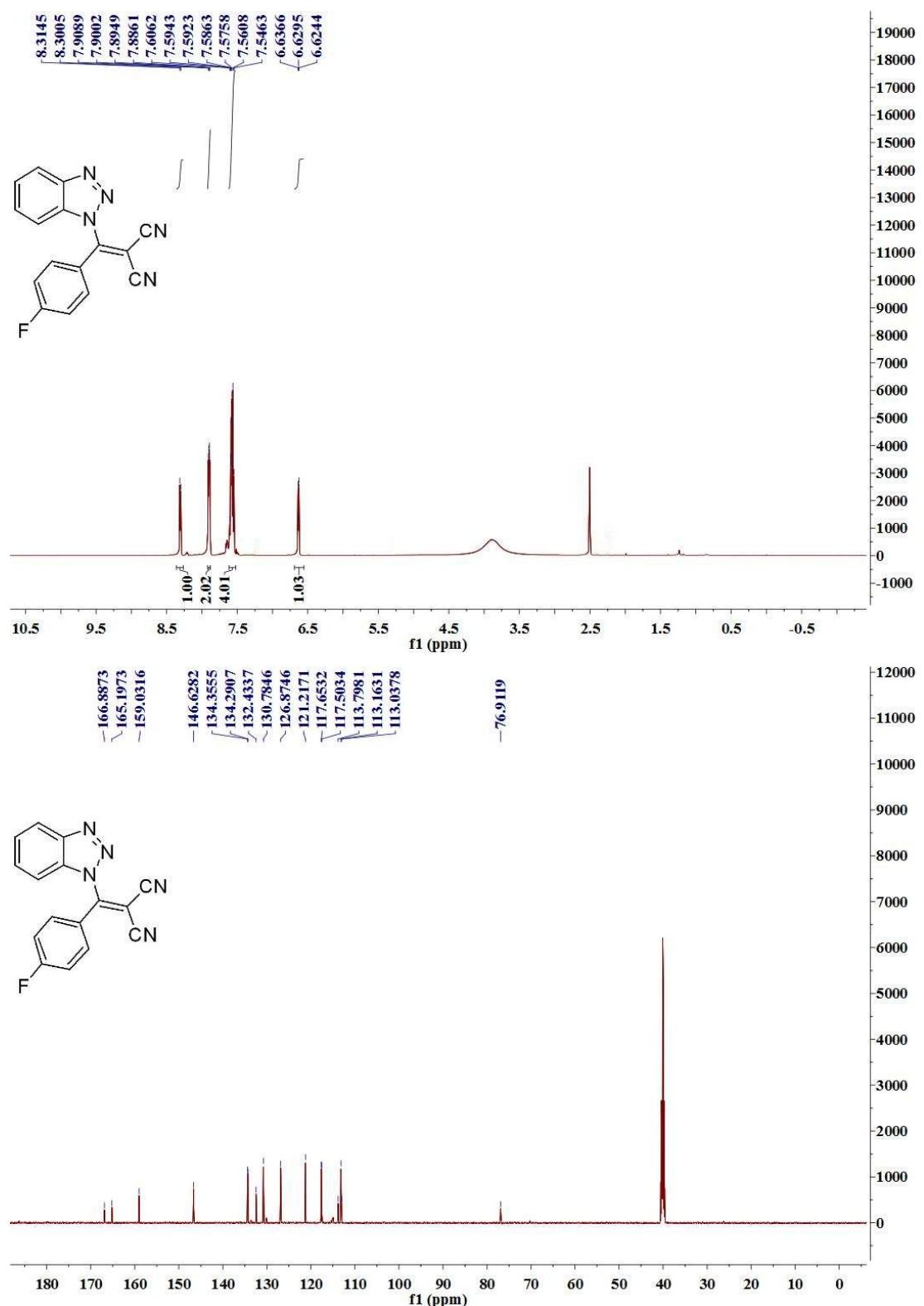
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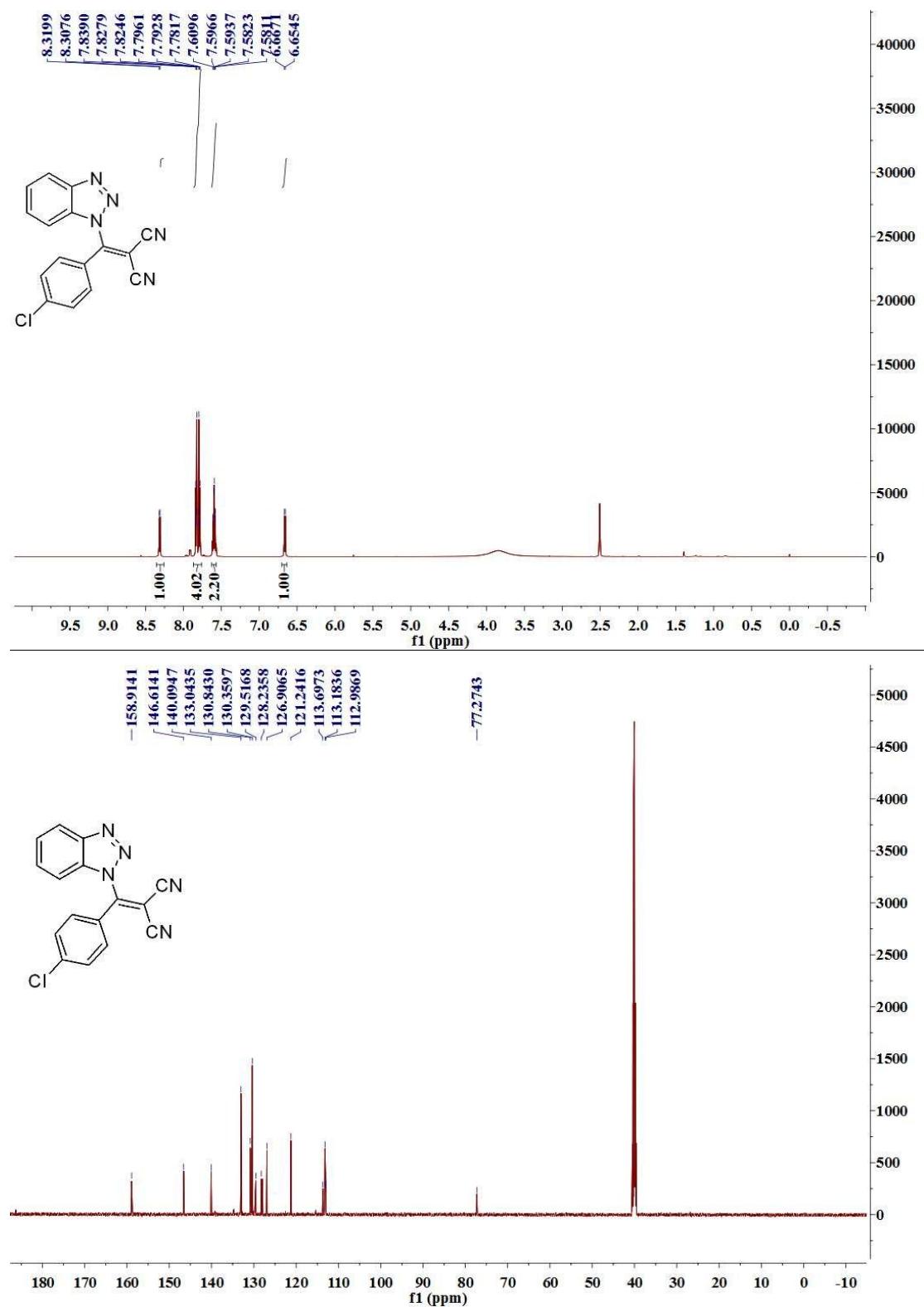
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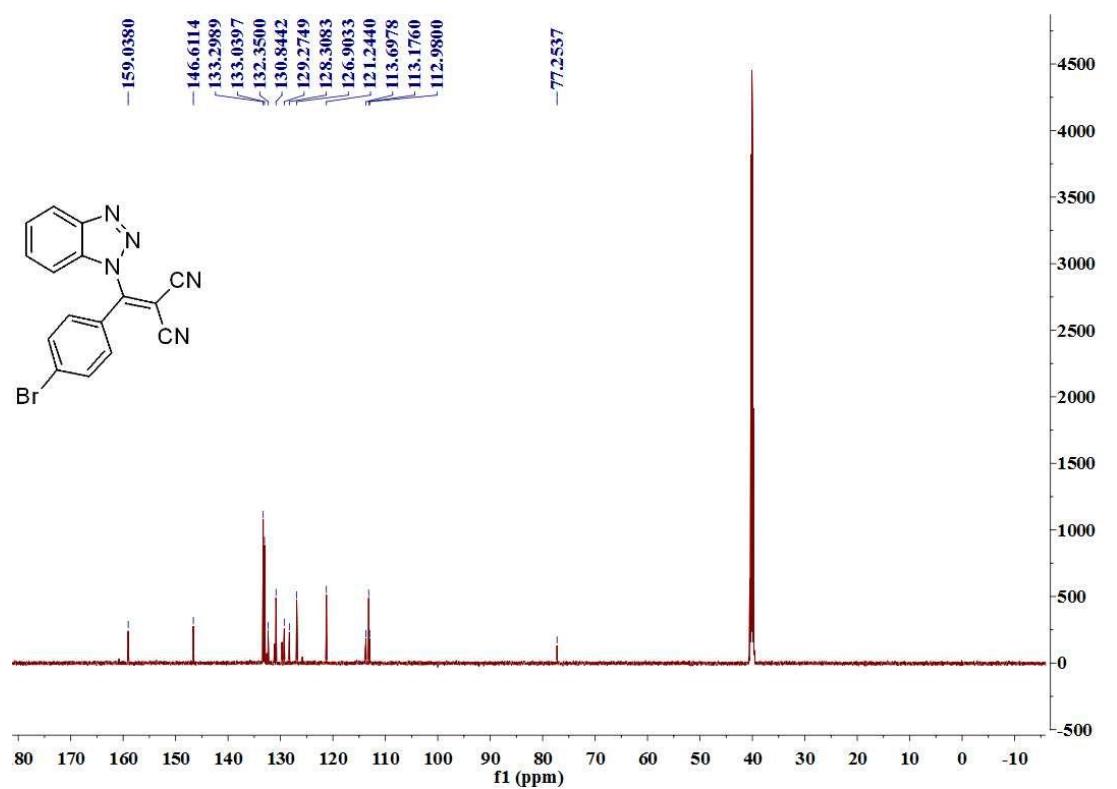
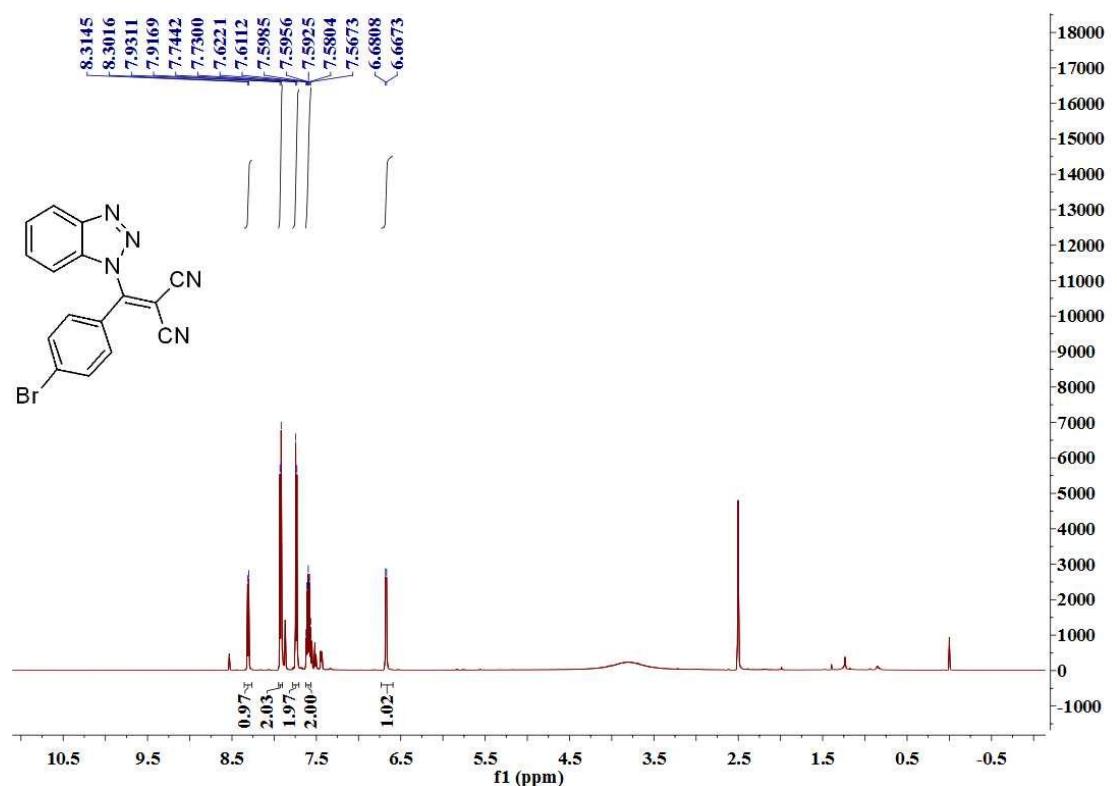
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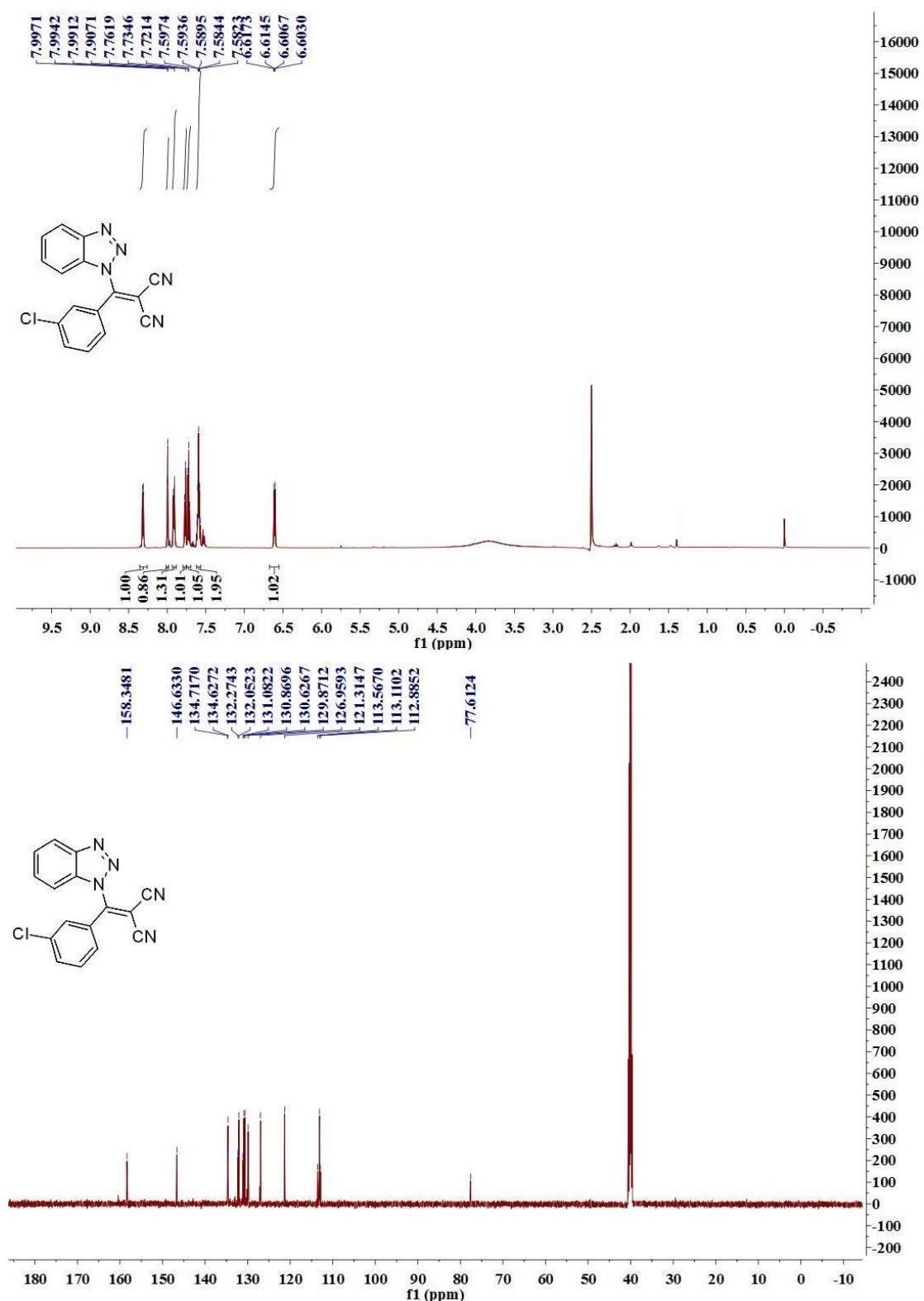
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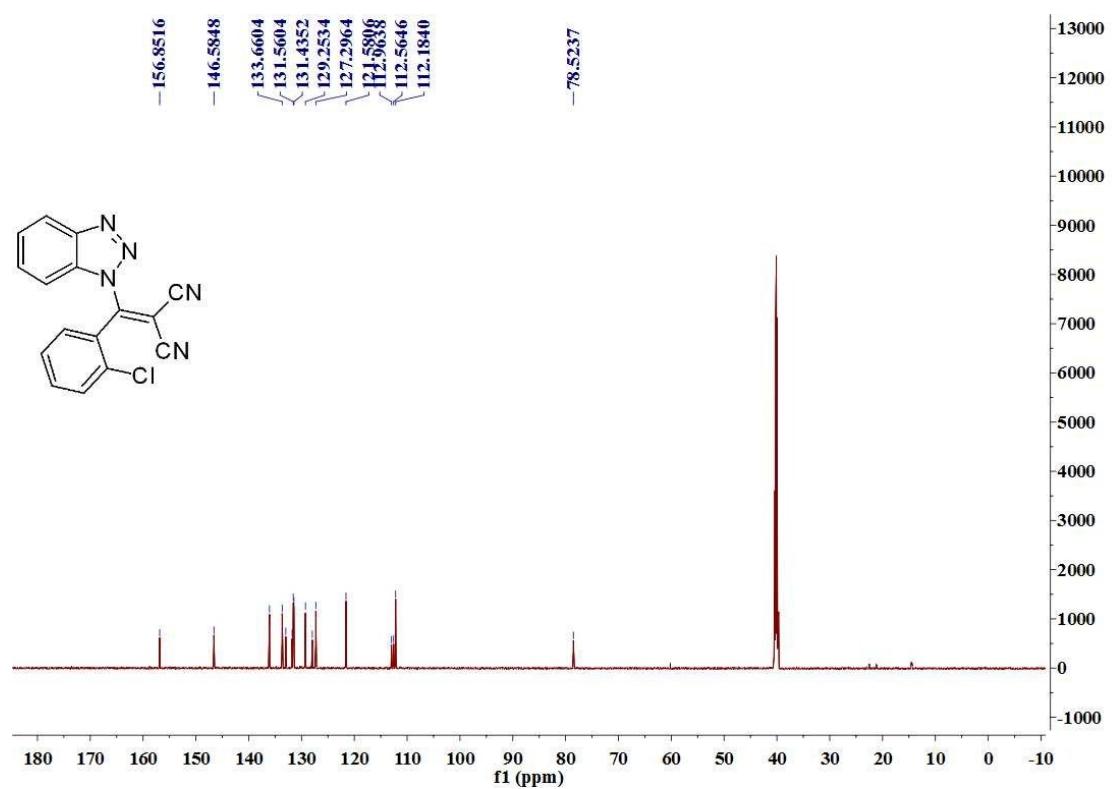
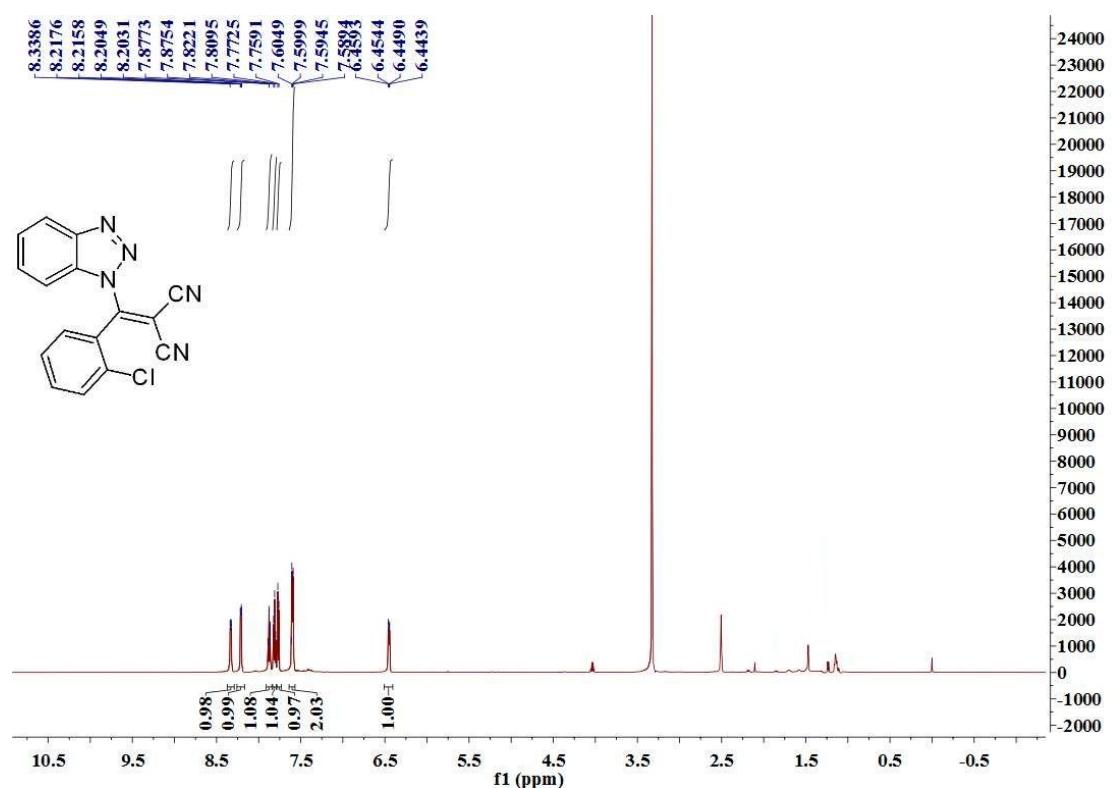
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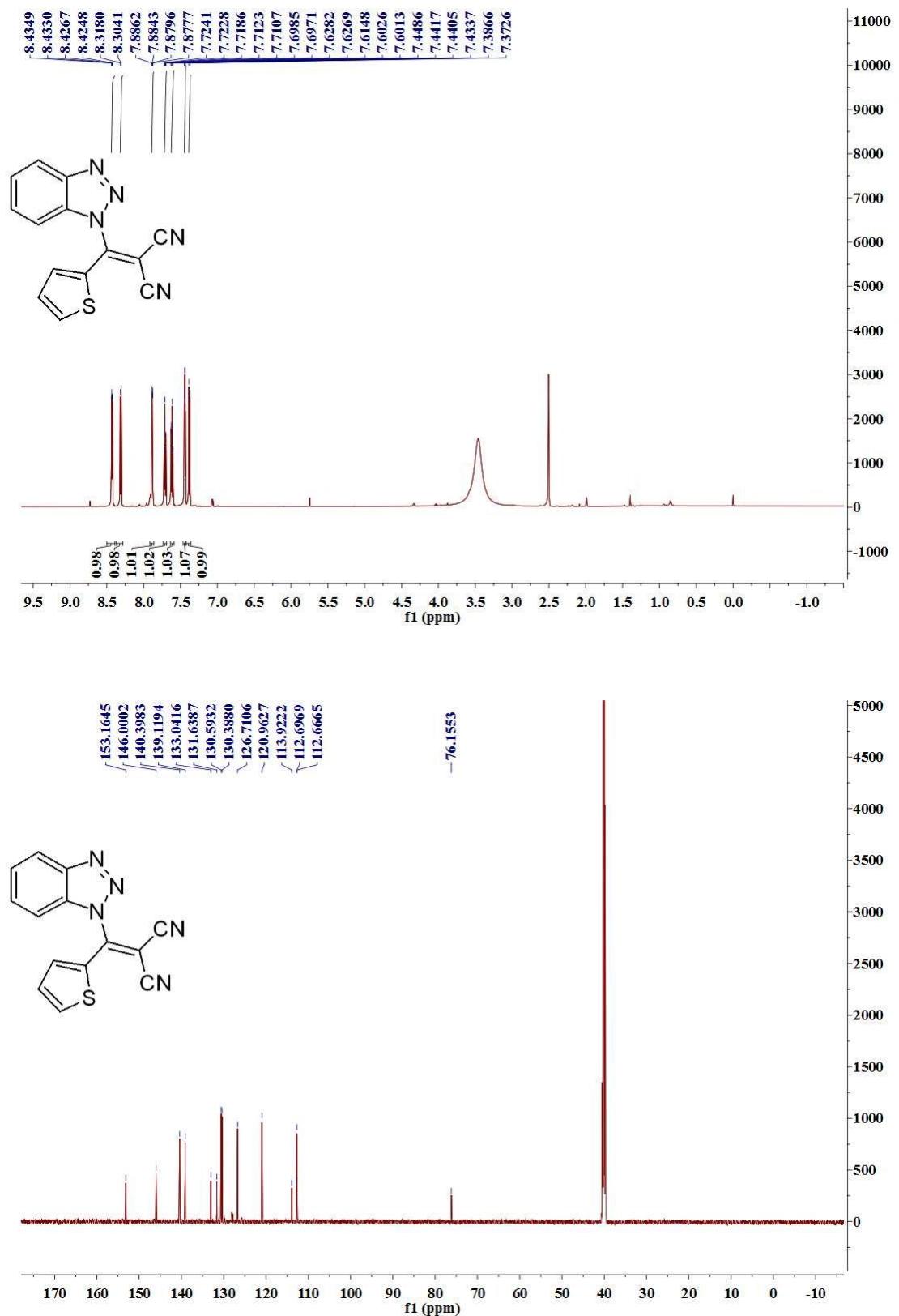
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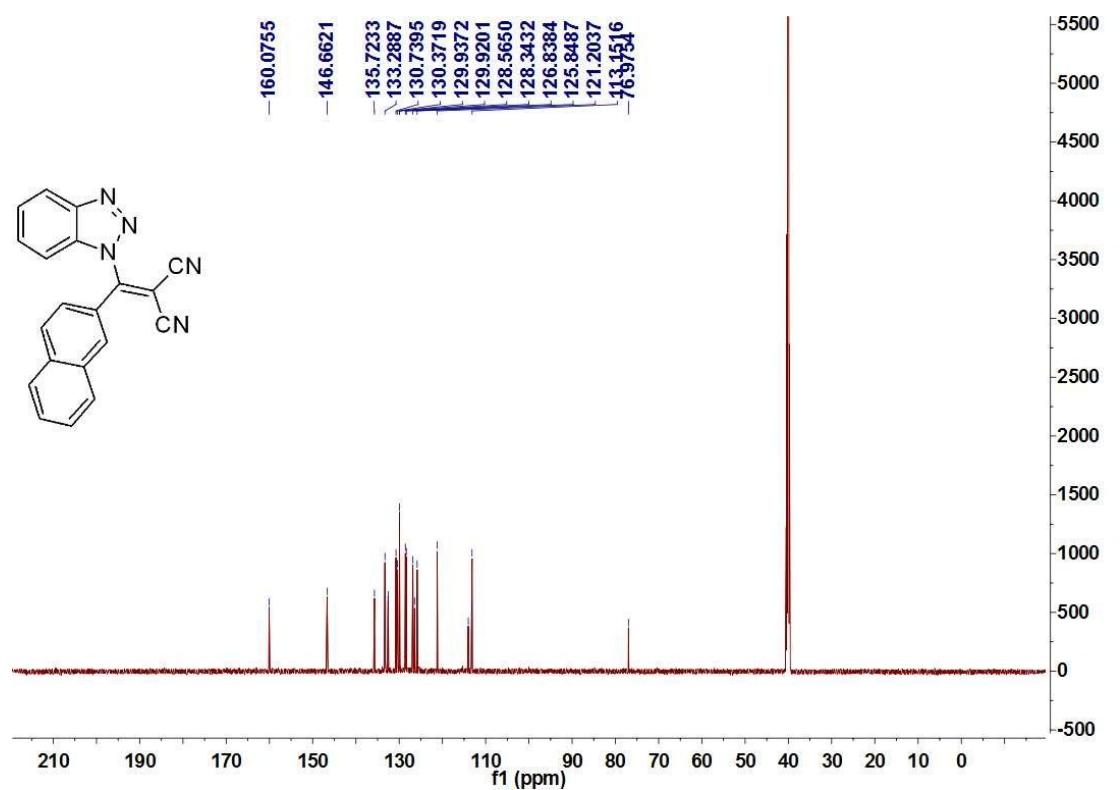
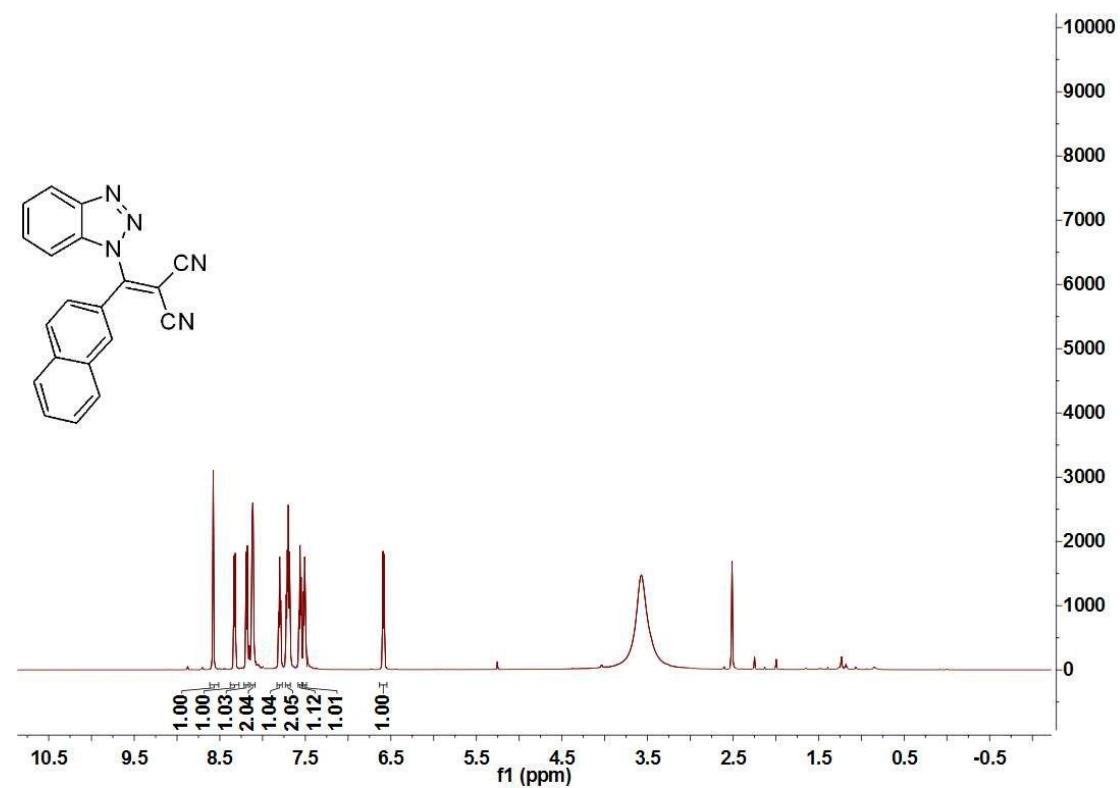
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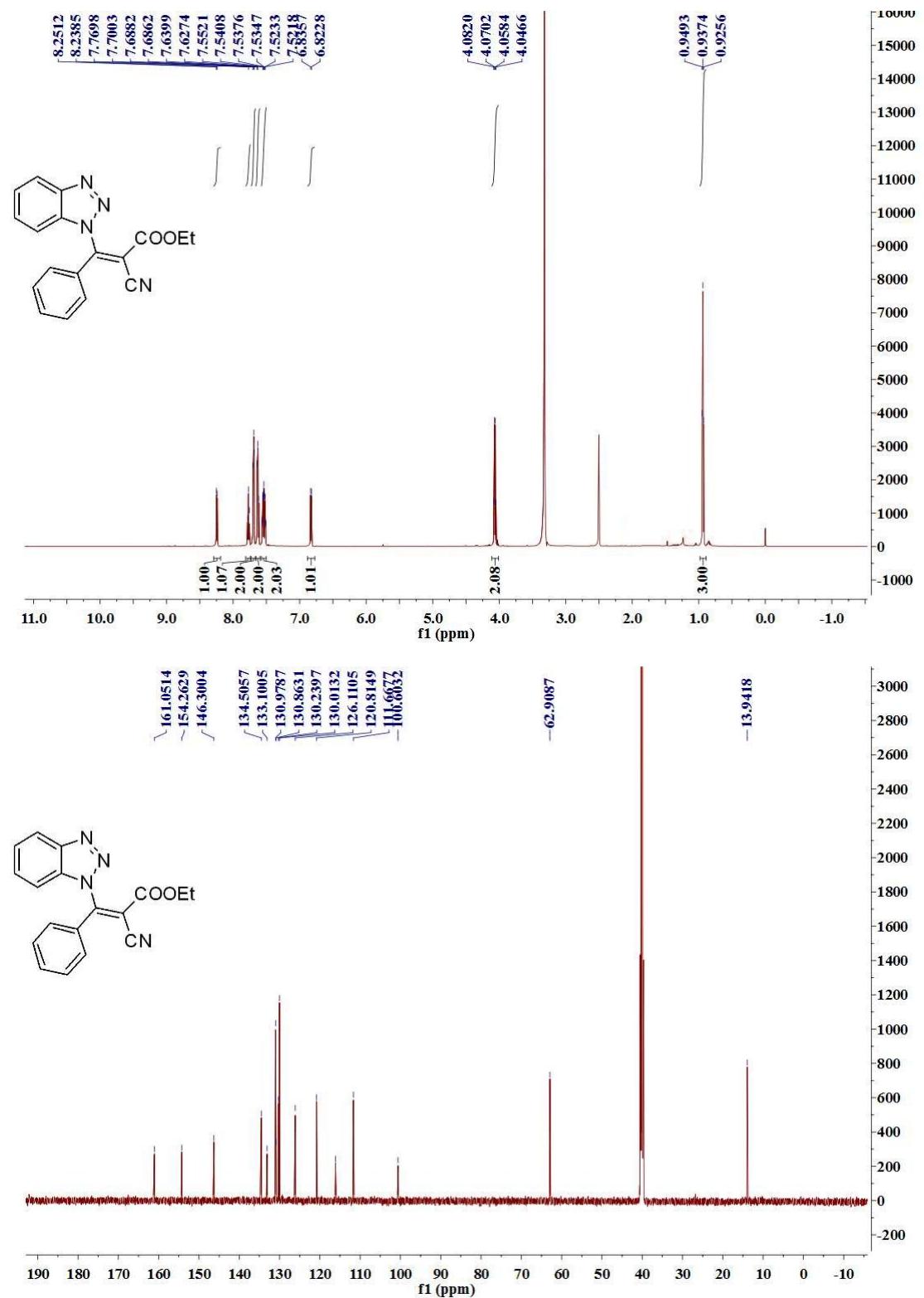
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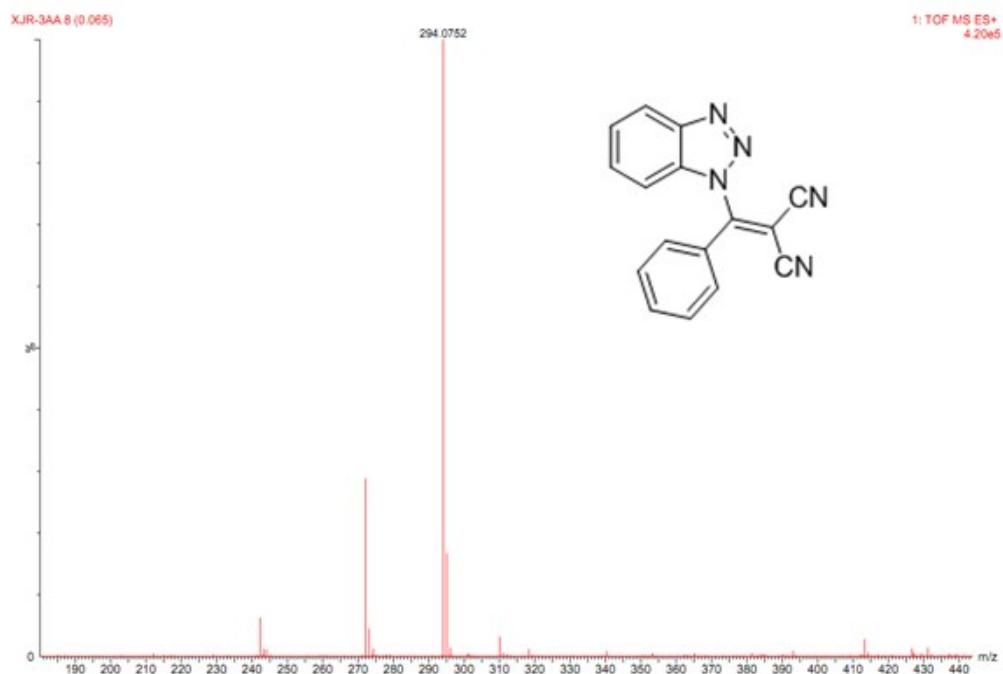


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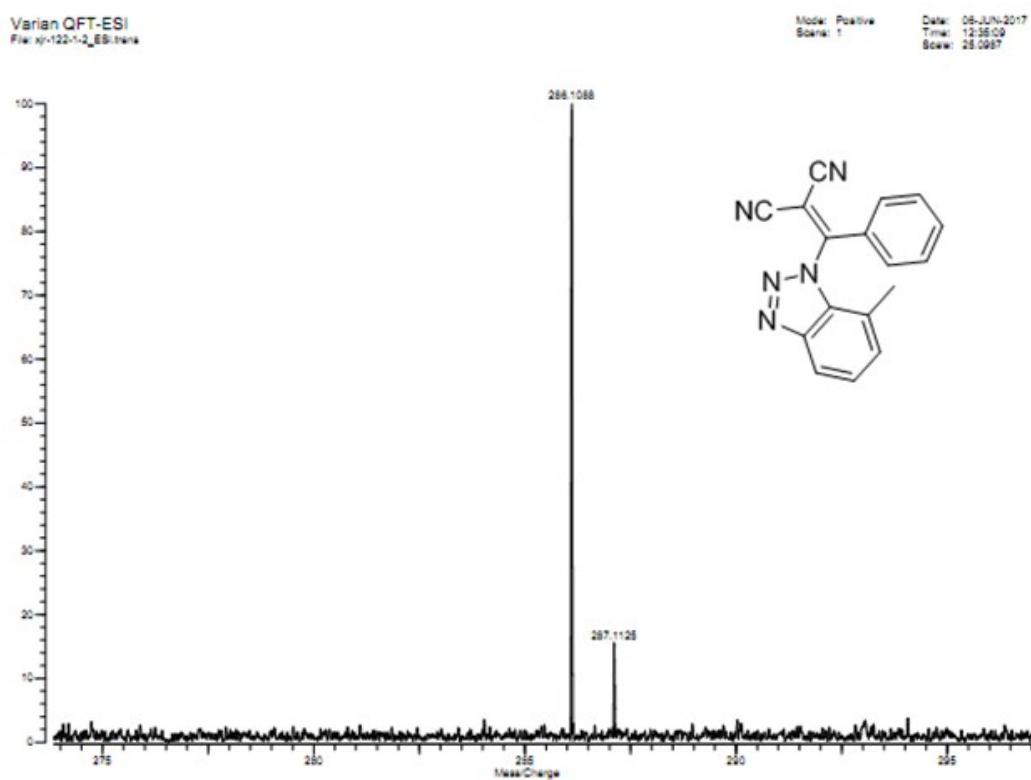


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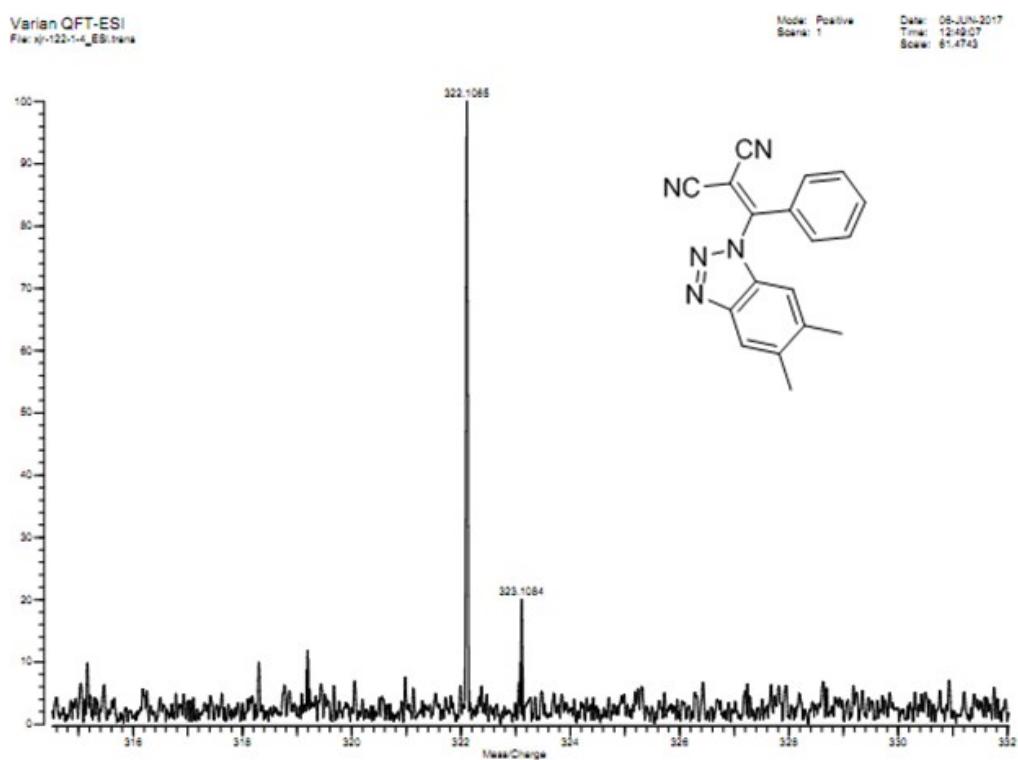
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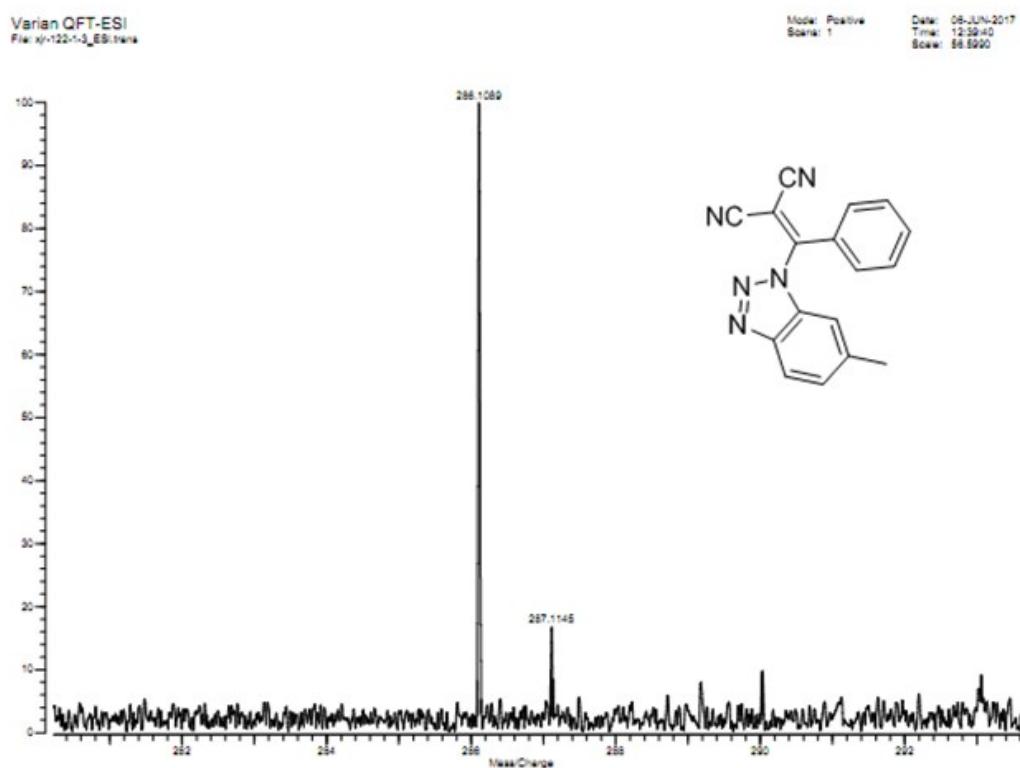
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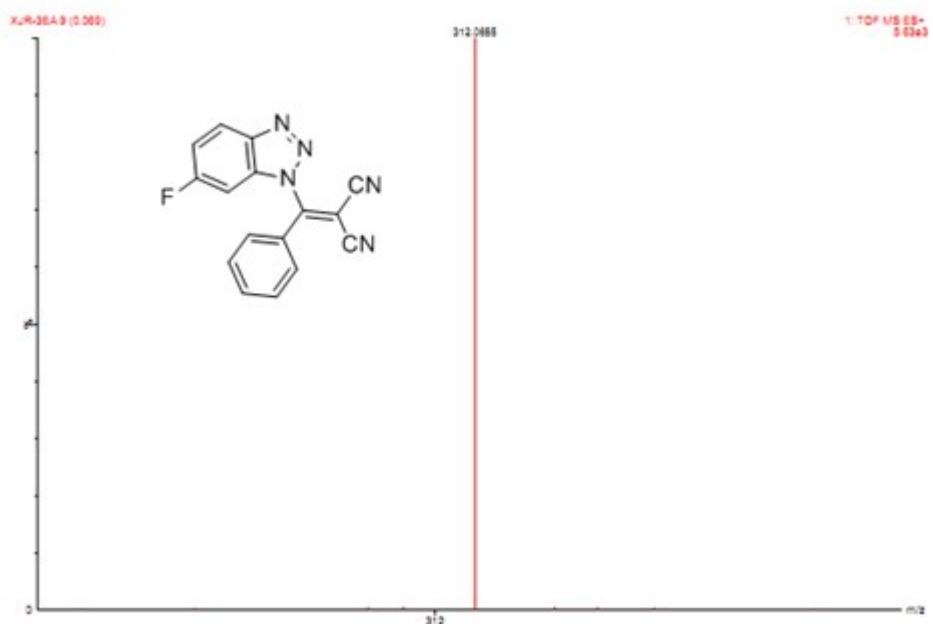
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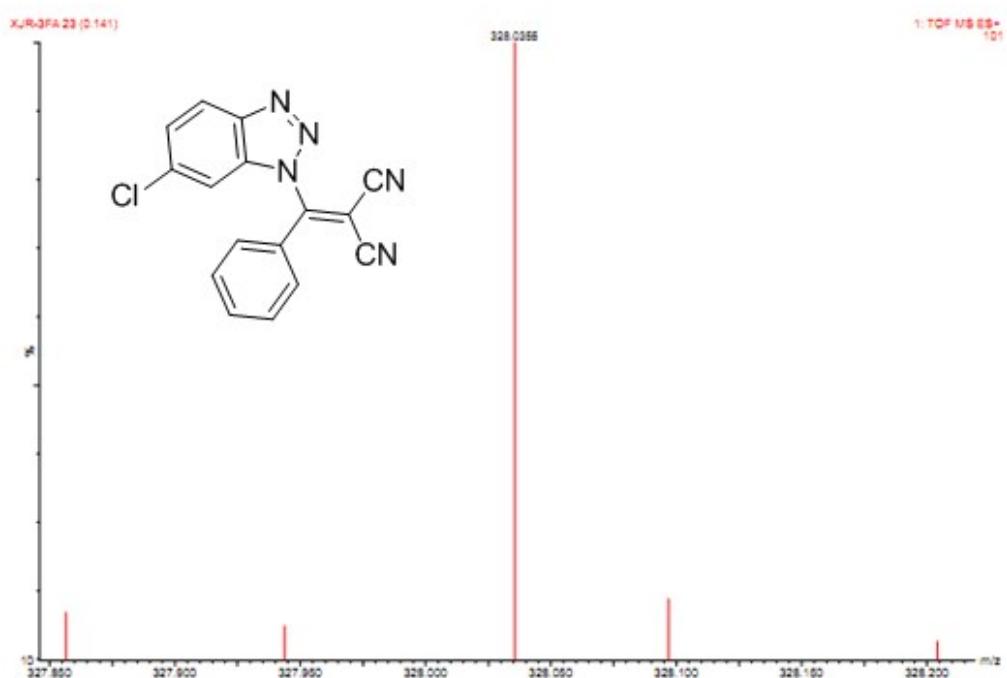
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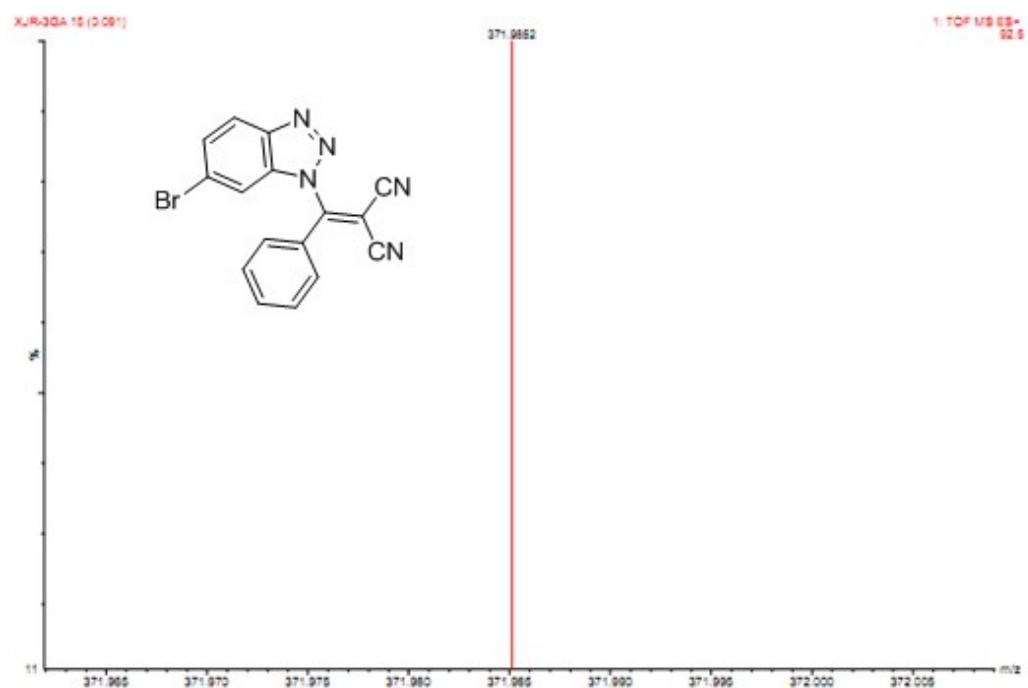
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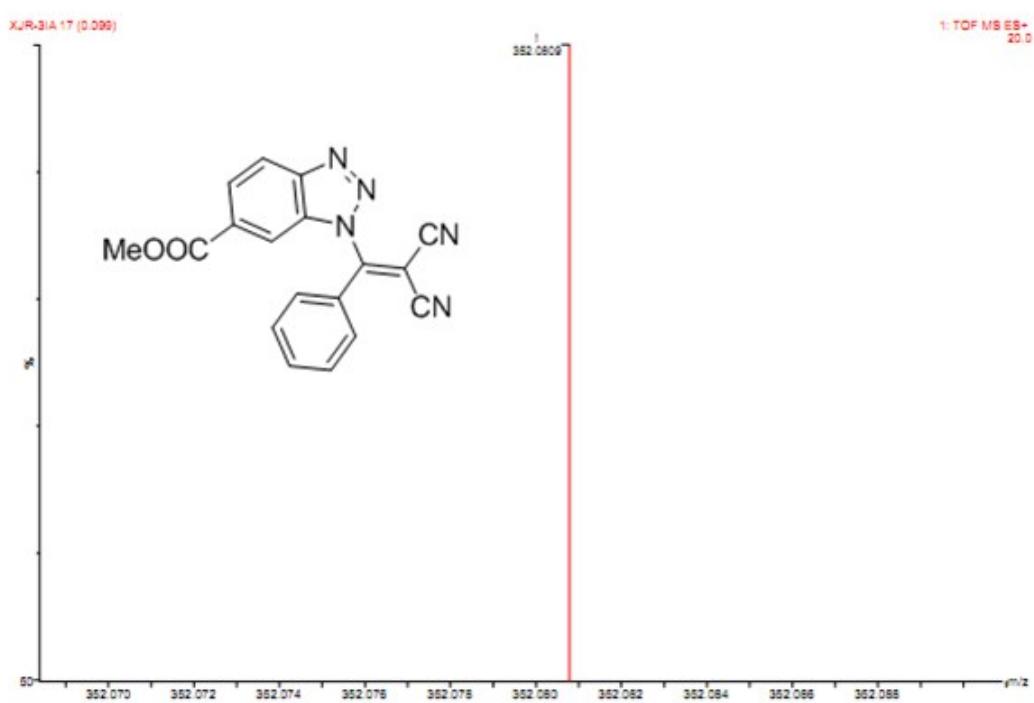
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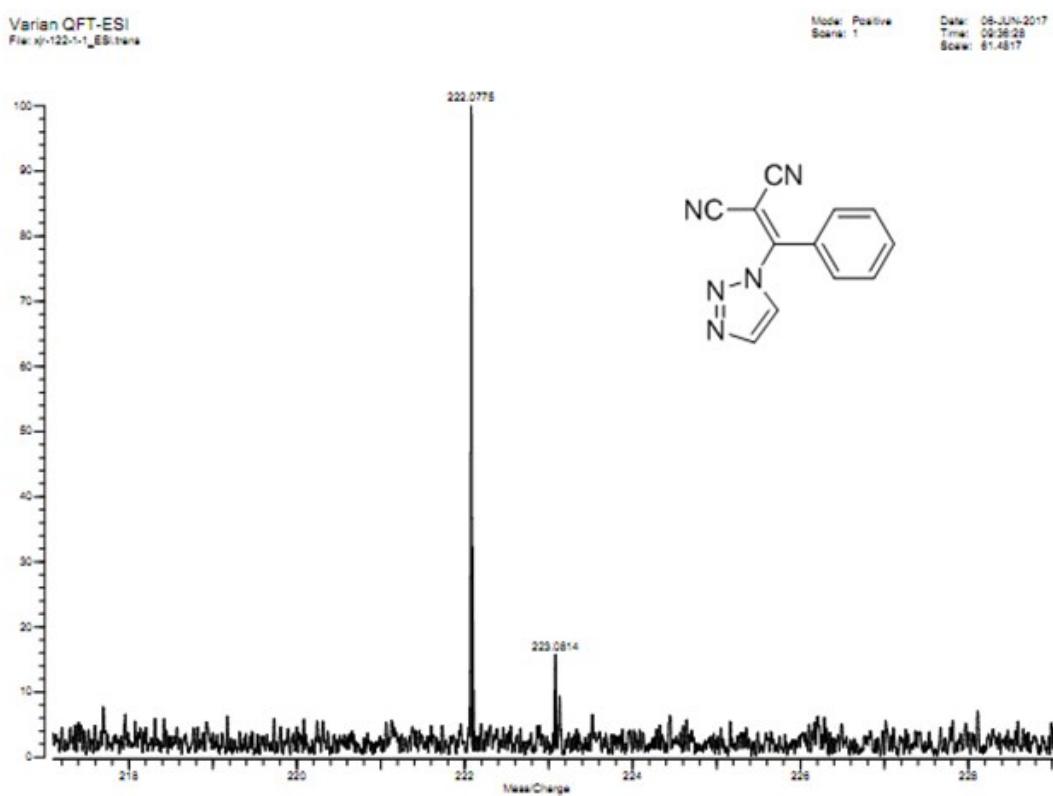
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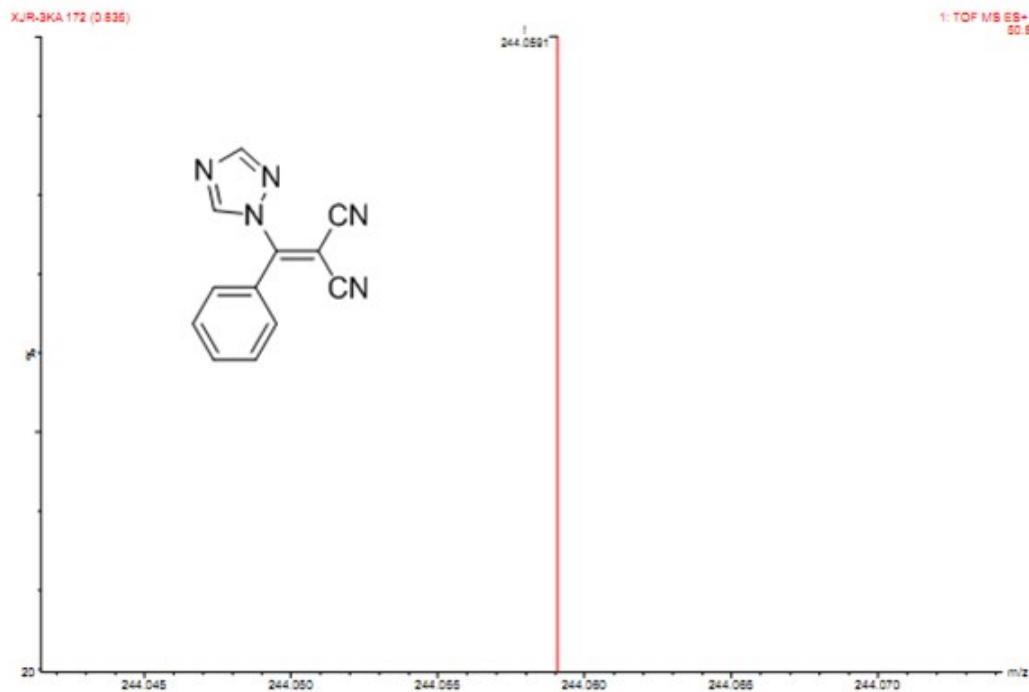
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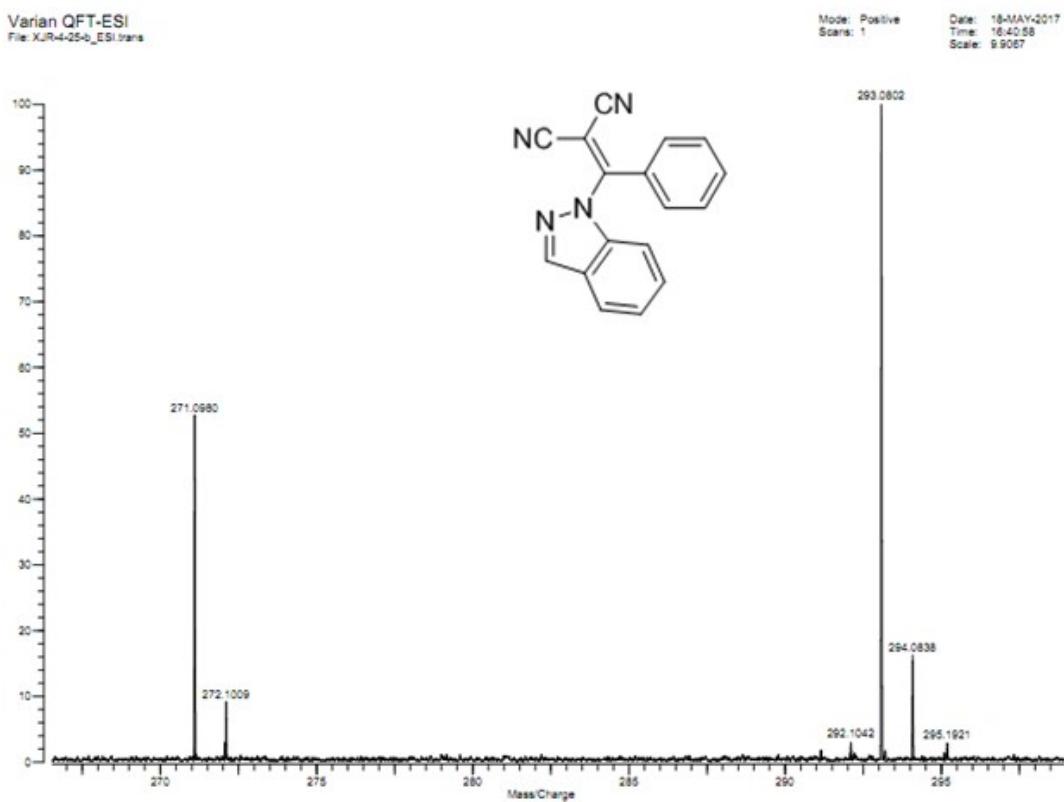
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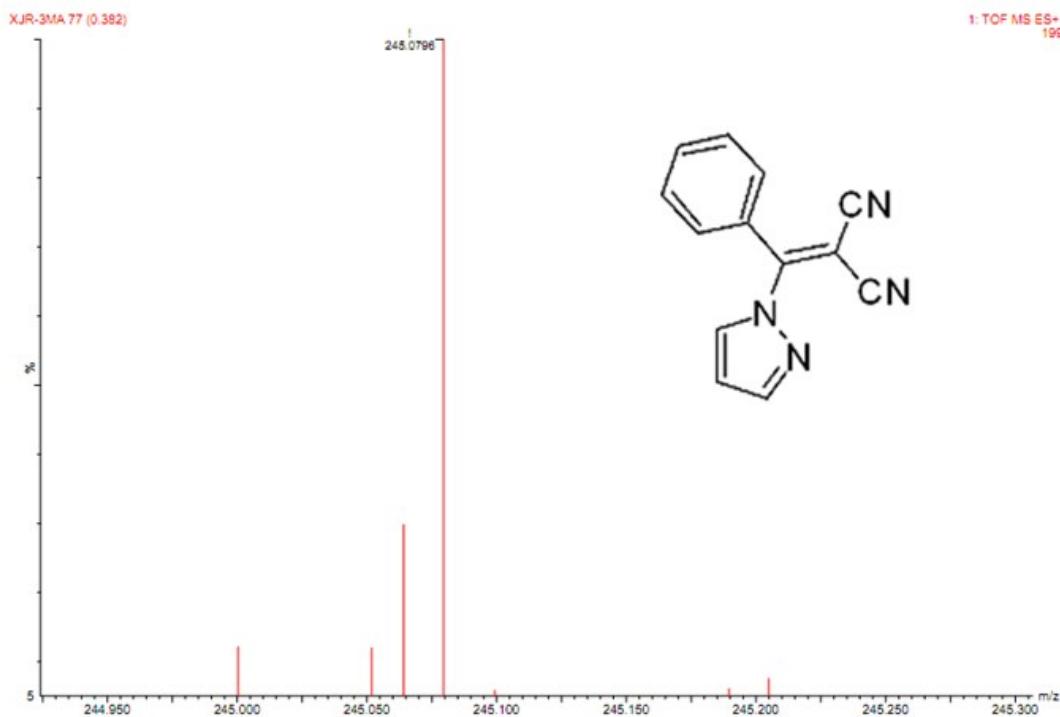
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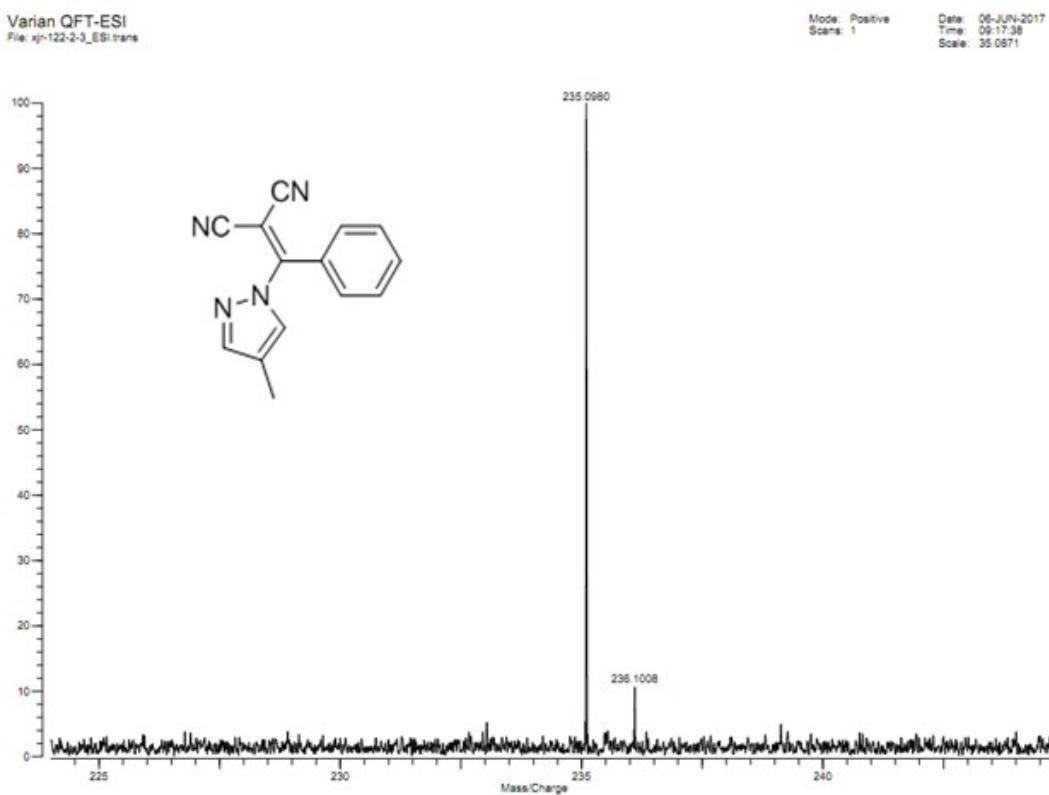
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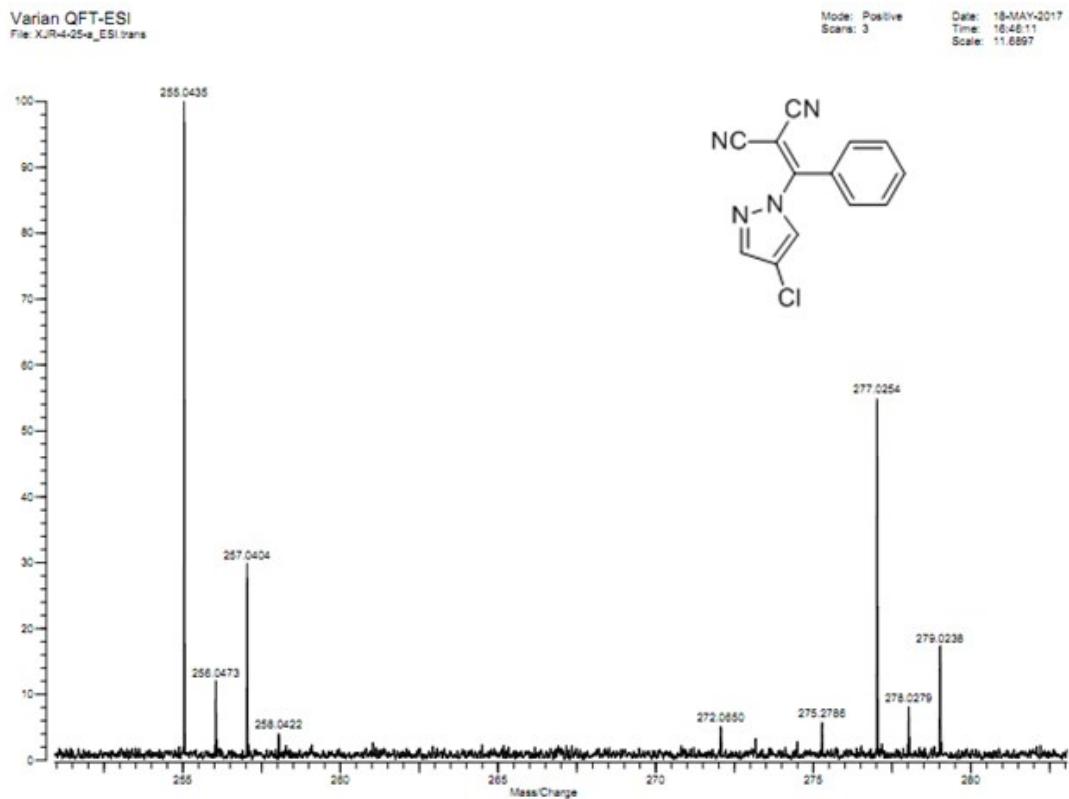
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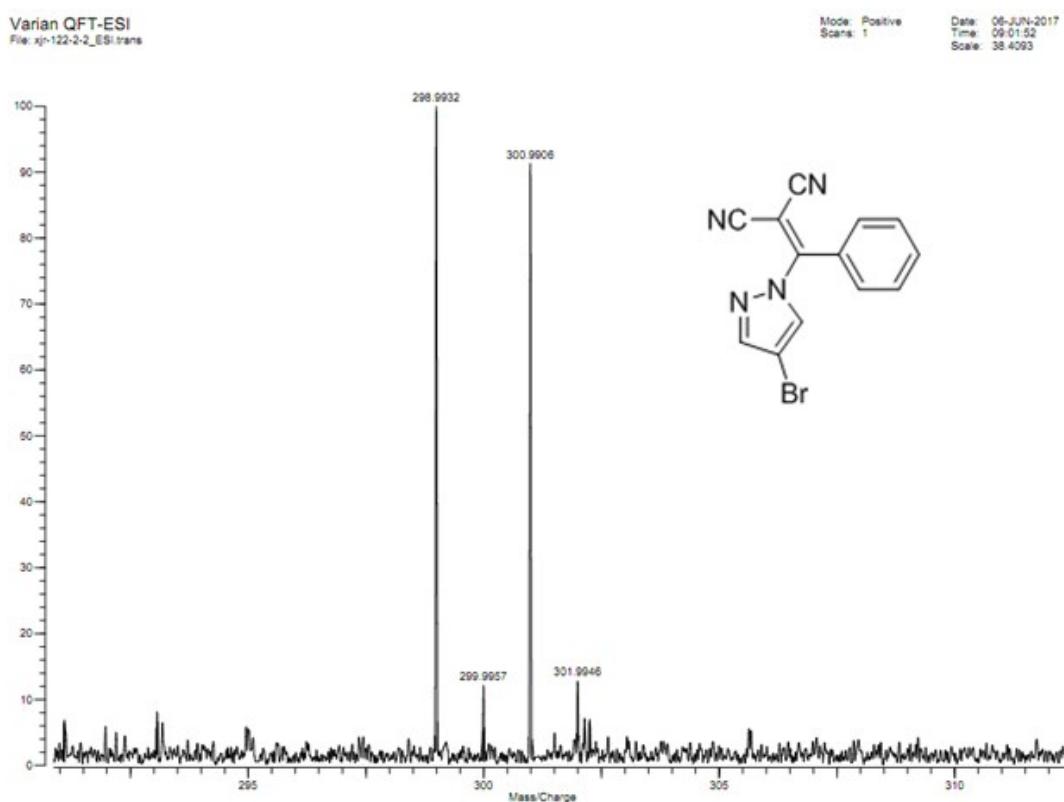
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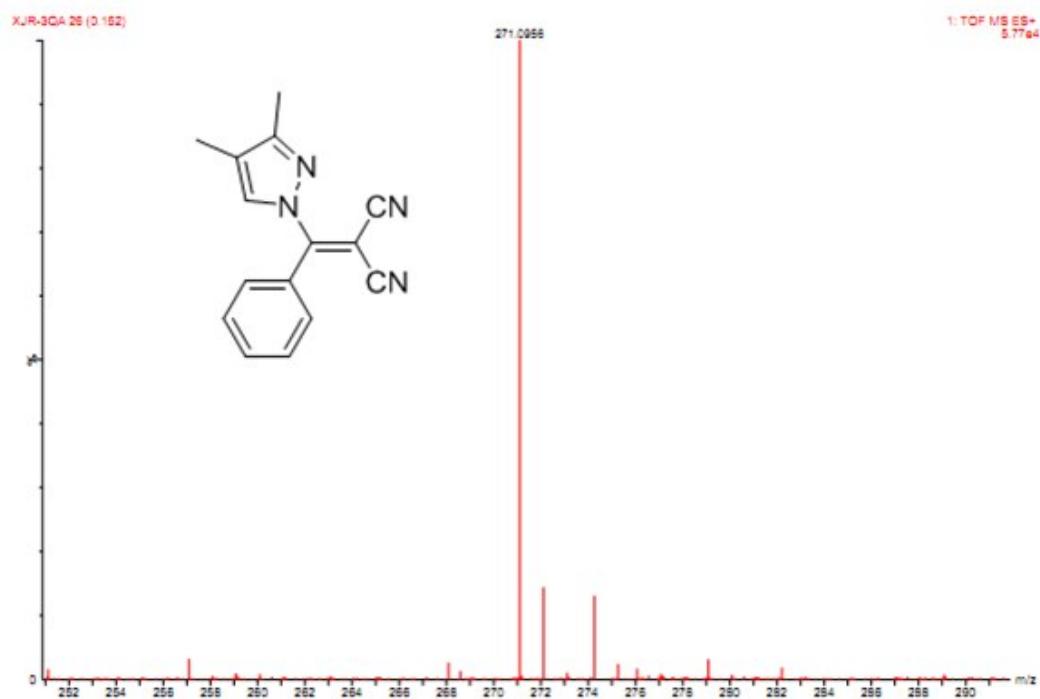
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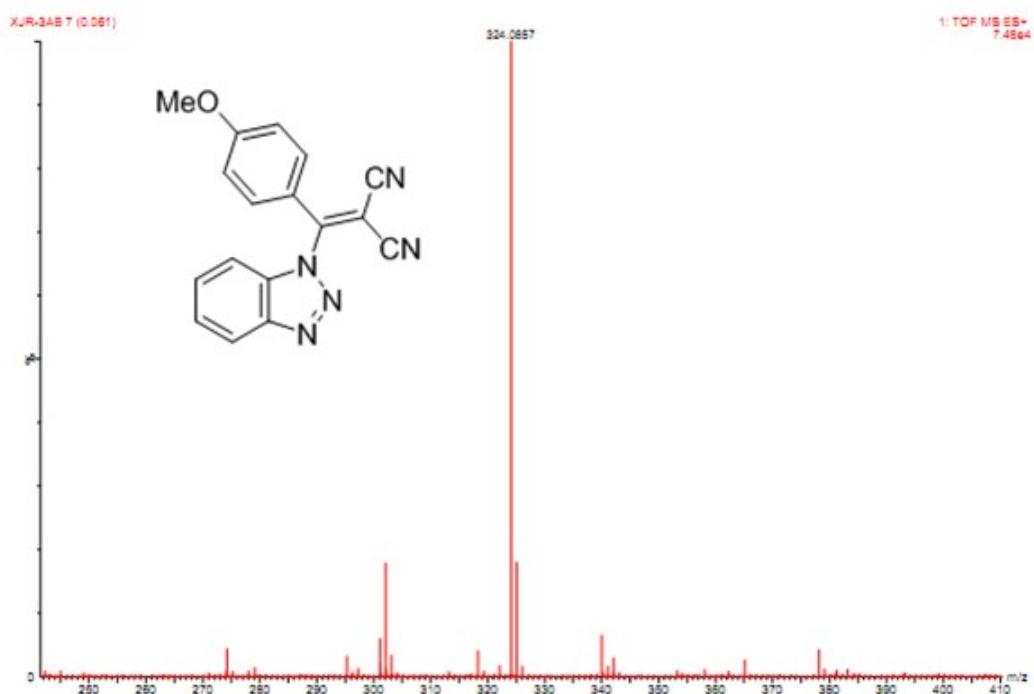
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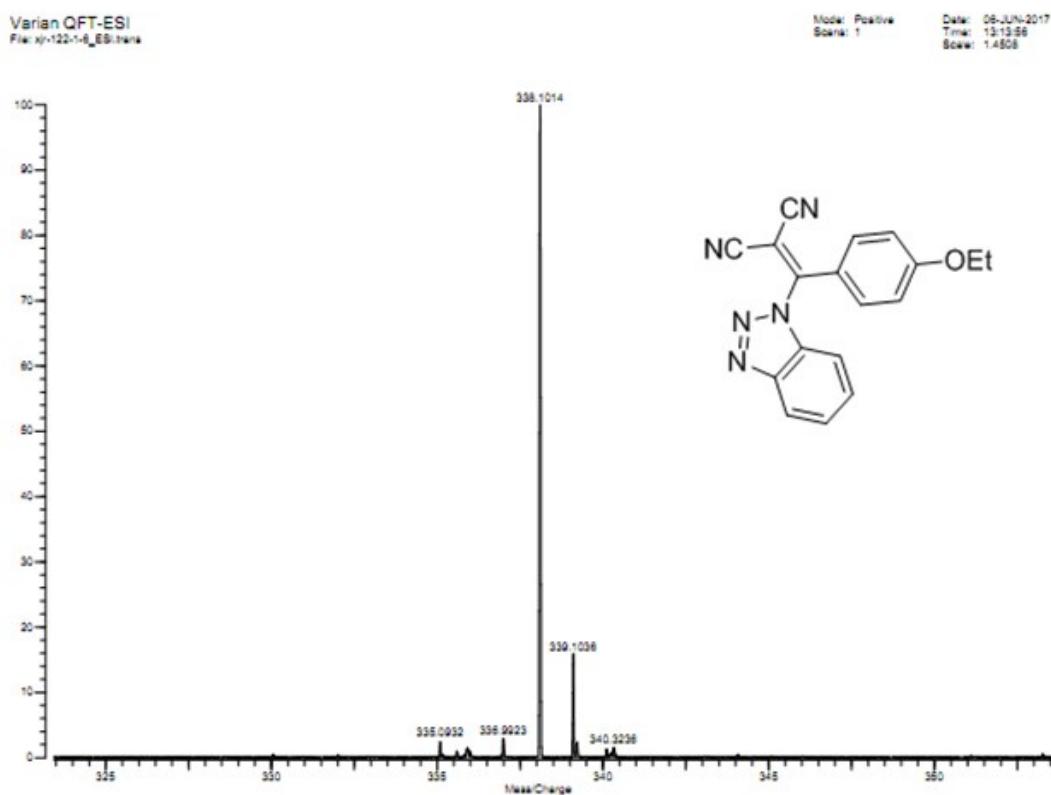
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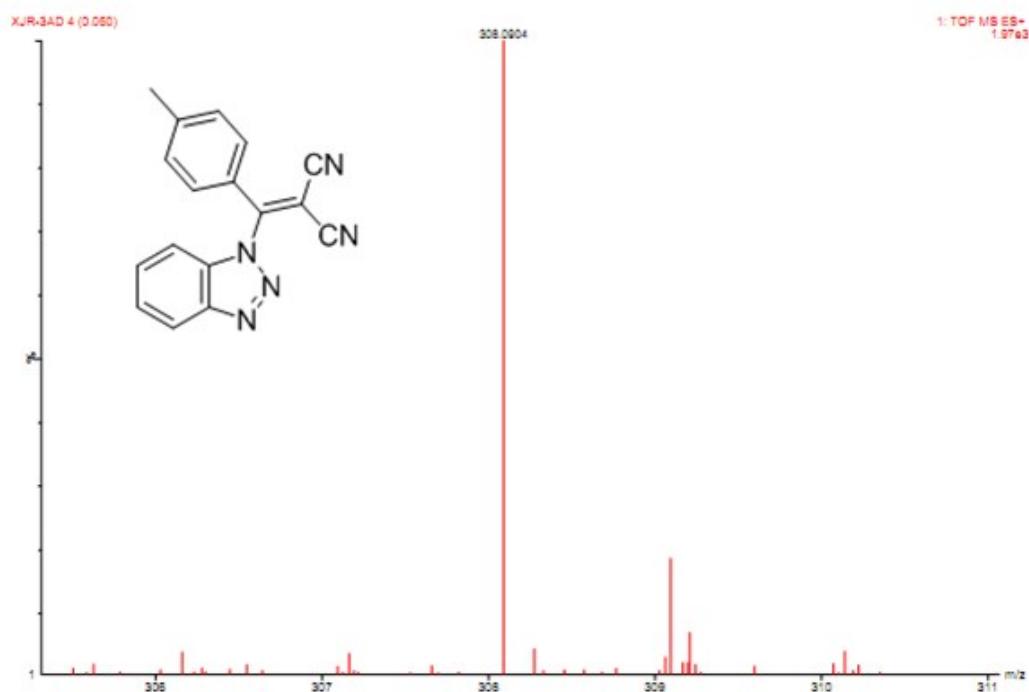
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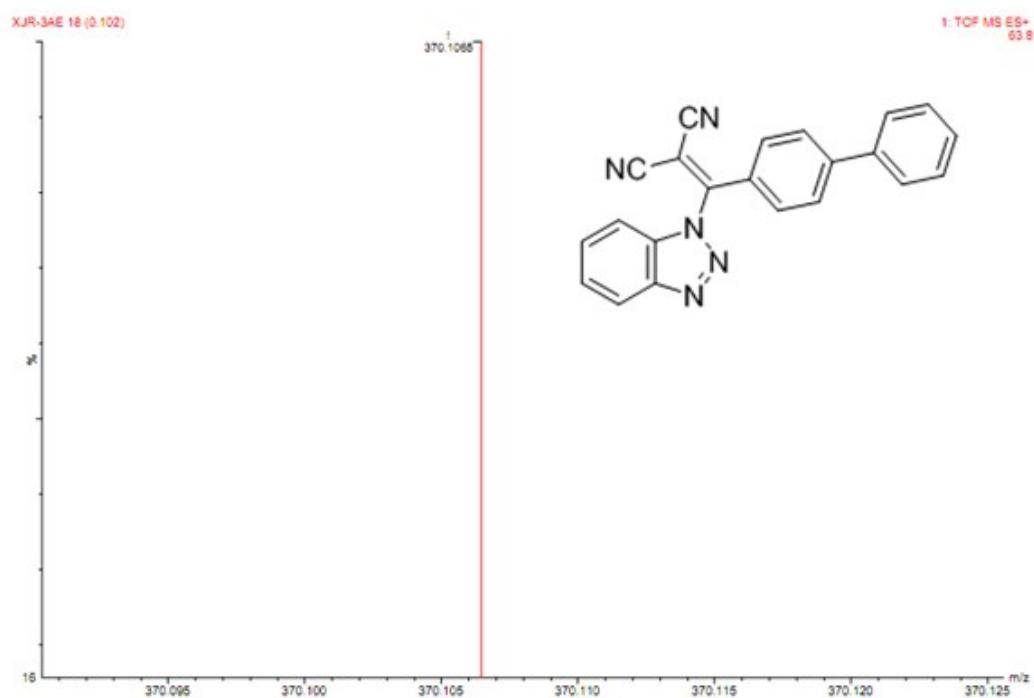
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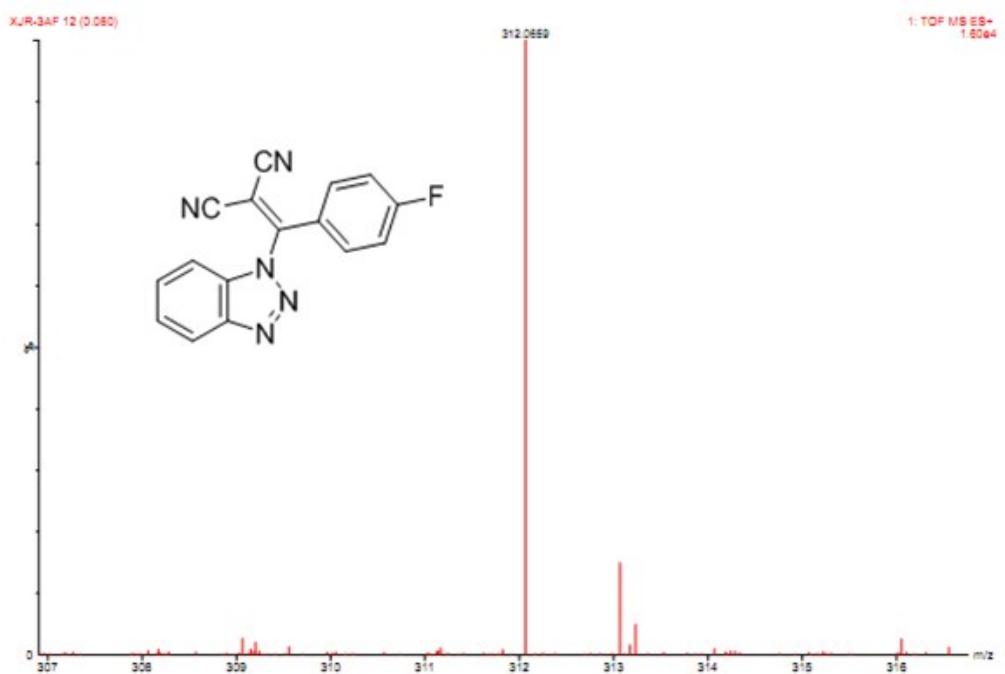
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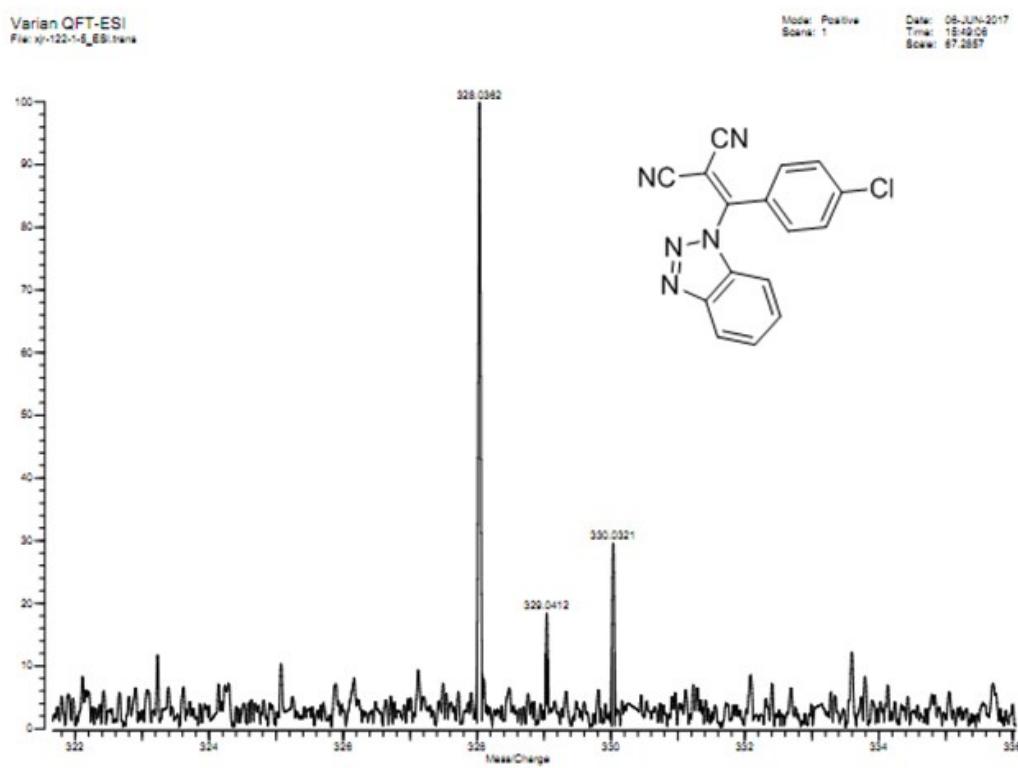
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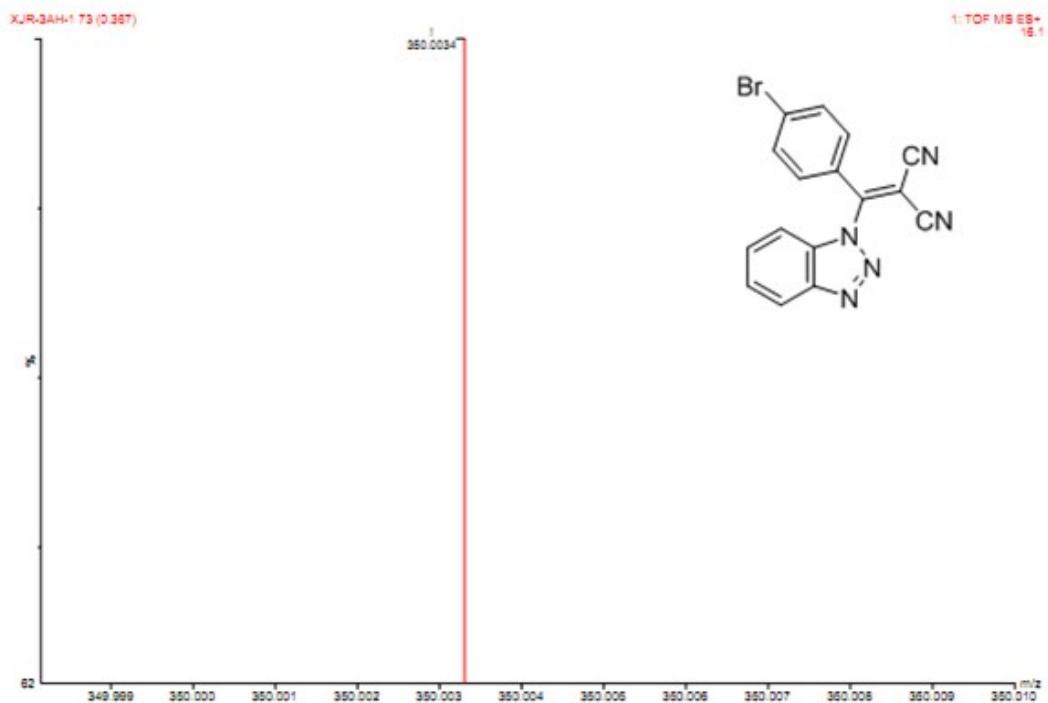
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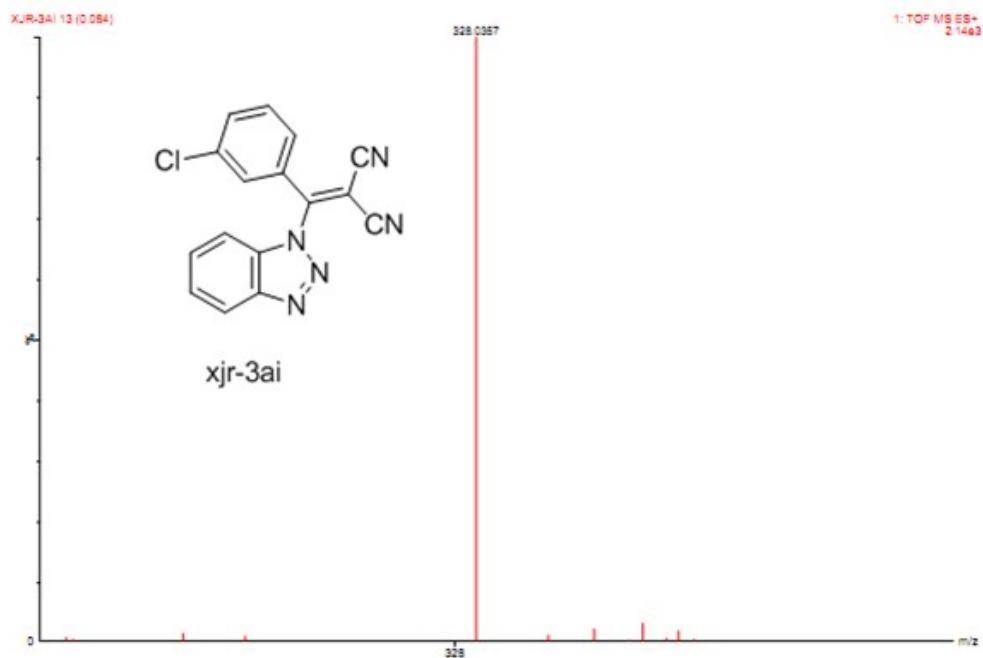
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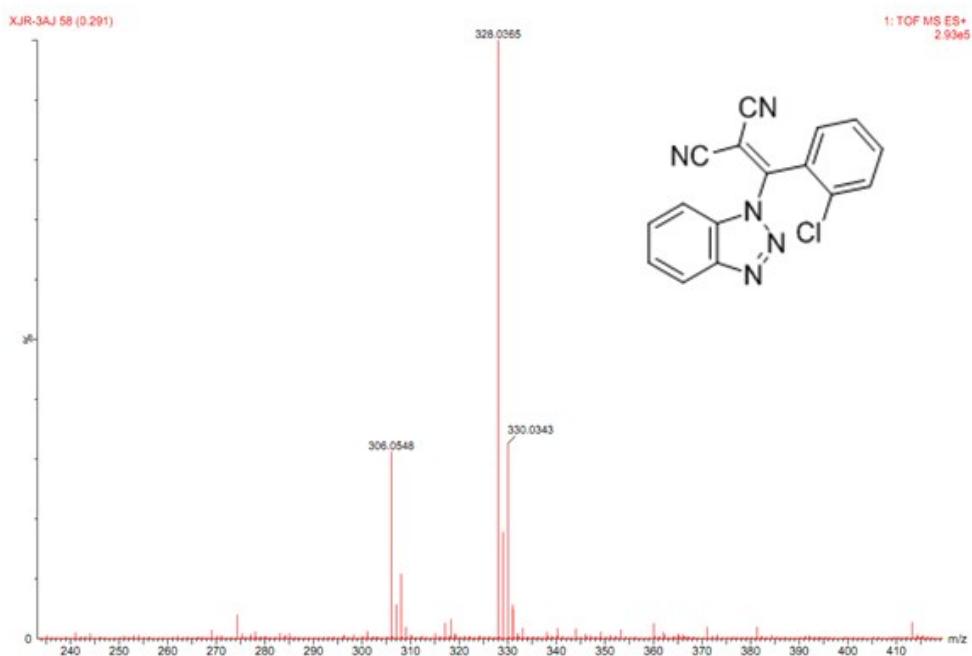
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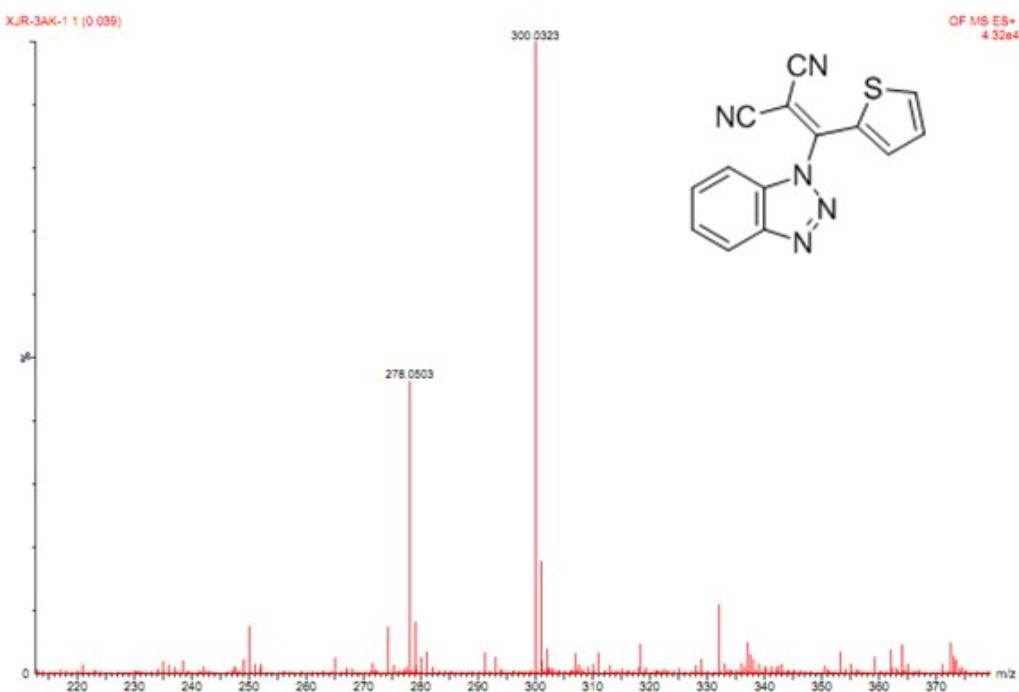
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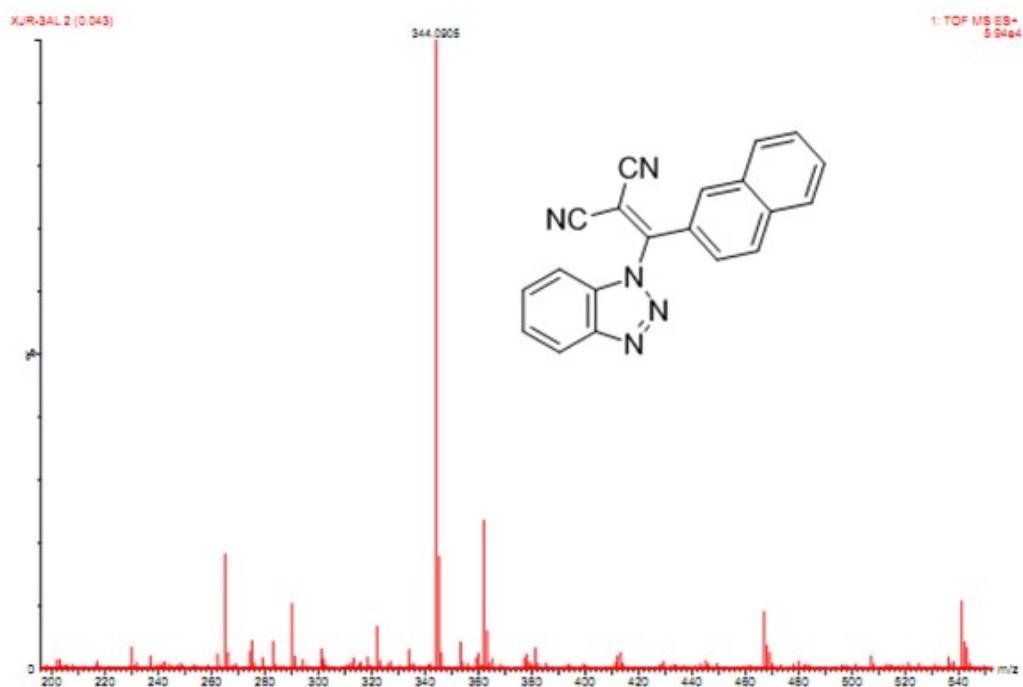
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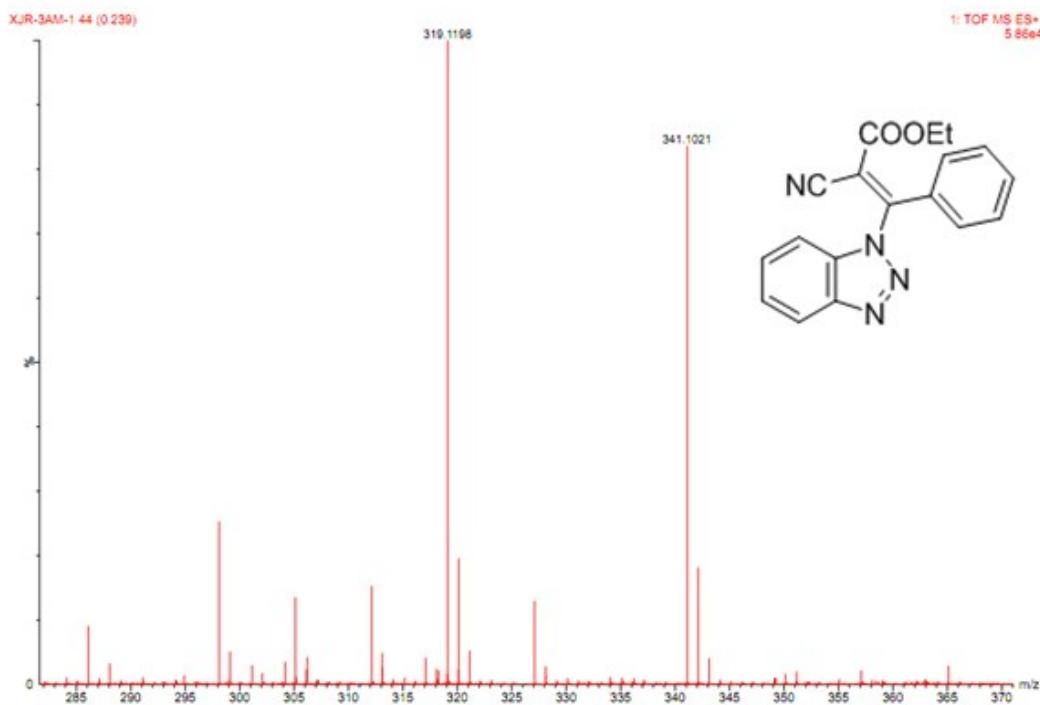
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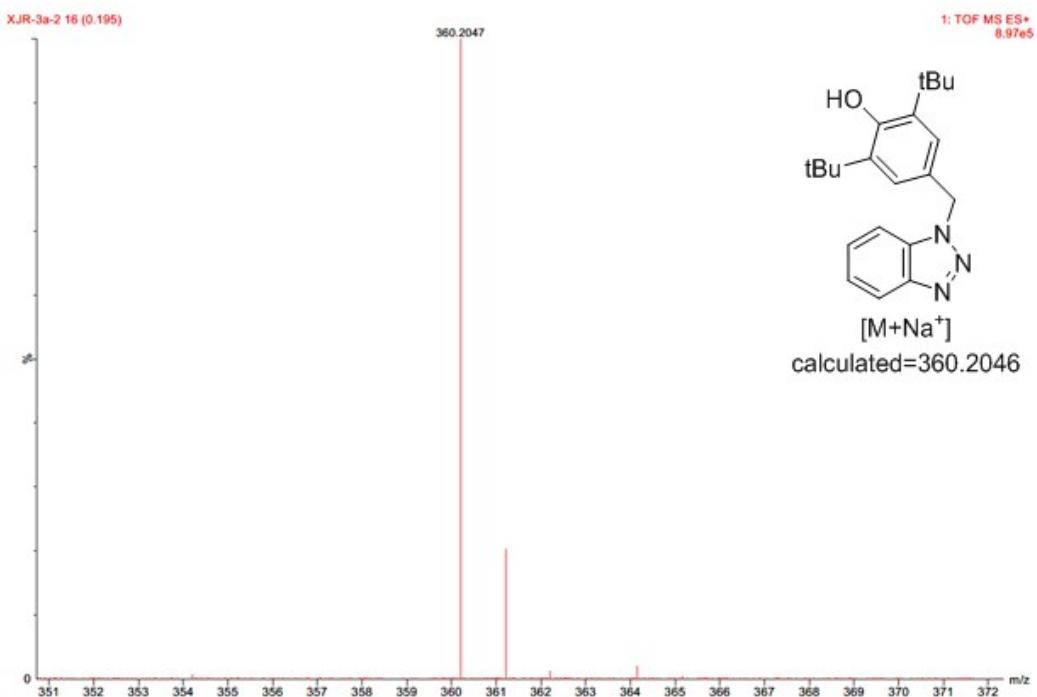
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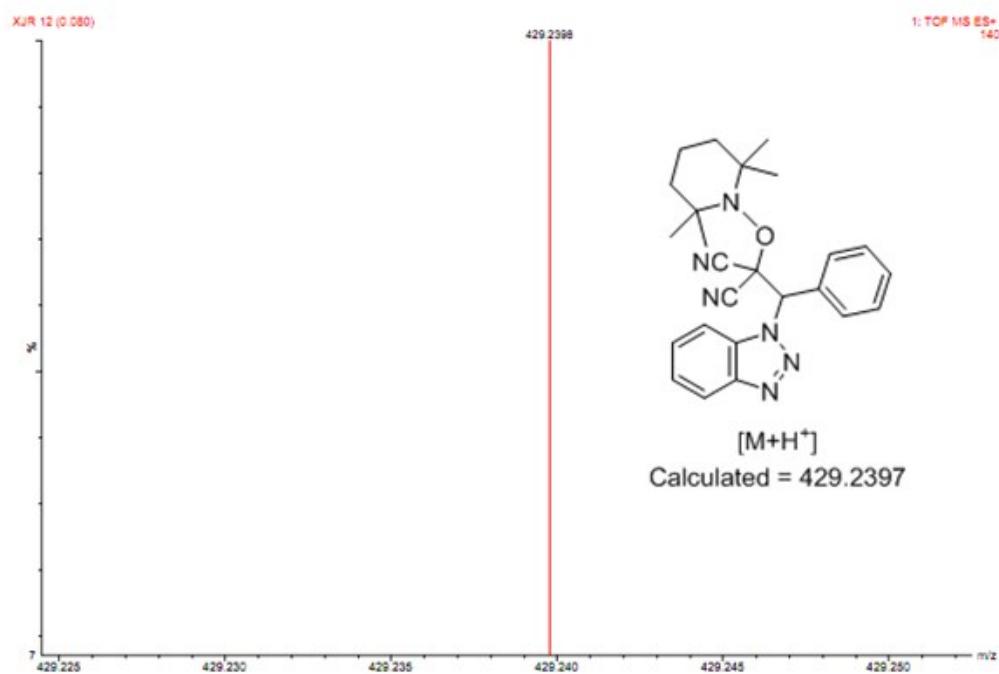
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