

A rearrangement involving solid state melt reaction for the synthesis of multifunctional tetrasubstituted olefins

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General Information:

All reagents were procured from commercial sources and utilized without further purification. Solvents were distilled prior to use. Silica gel used for Column chromatography purification as stationary phase. FTIR-Nicolet iS10 spectrophotometer using for IR spectral studies. ^1H NMR (300 & 400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (75 & 100 MHz) were recorded on a Bruker spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent and TMS as an internal standard; chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on a Agilent 1200 LC/MS-6110 mass spectrometer. Melting points are uncorrected. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using glass plates coated with silica gel (ACME, 254F). Spots were visualized using UV lamp and iodine vapour.

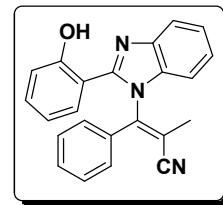
Experimental Section

Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of compounds (5a-q)

A mixture of (*E*)-2-((2-Formylphenoxy)methyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile (**1a**, 1mmol), and *o*-phenylenediamine (**4**, 1 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask and melted at 160 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh), using ethylacetate : hexanes (0.5 : 9.5) to afford **5a** as a colourless solid in 84% yield.

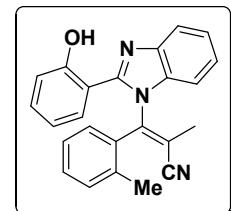
(*E*)-3-(2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-3-phenylacrylonitrile (**5a**)

Yield : 84%; M. P : 162-164 °C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.81 (s, 3H), 6.80 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.52 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 13.03 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.29, 108.53, 110.35, 111.86, 118.32, 118.74, 118.95, 119.38, 124.26, 124.73, 125.74, 128.22, 129.26, 131.64, 132.33, 133.03, 134.13, 140.52, 148.43, 150.75, 159.13; IR (KBr) : 1625, 3030, 3246, 3414 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 352.1450, found 352.1451.



(*E*)-3-(2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-3-*o*-tolylacrylonitrile (**5b**)

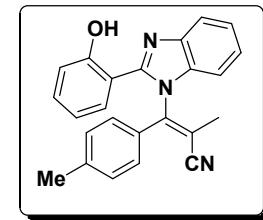
Yield : 80%; M. P : 161-163 °C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 6.85 (t, $J=1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J=0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.0-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.35 (d, $J=1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J=0.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 17.17, 19.42, 109.19, 109.69, 111.06, 117.07,



117.29, 117.58, 118.29, 122.97, 123.42, 124.93, 125.10, 128.82, 129.88, 130.82, 131.08, 131.44, 133.02, 136.44, 139.36, 146.79, 149.64, 157.53; IR (KBr) : 1621, 3010, 3236, 3434cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺ 366.1606, found 366.1595.

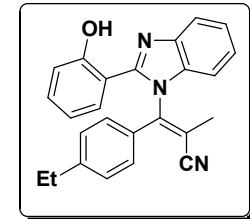
(E)-3-(2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-3-*p*-tolylacrylonitrile (5c)

Yield: 85%; M. P : 162-164°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 6.79 (t, J=7.5Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.43 (m, 10H), 7.64 (q, J=1.2Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 13.08 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 18.16, 21.50, 107.40, 110.41, 111.90, 118.30, 118.94, 118.97, 119.32, 124.19, 124.68, 125.79, 128.15, 129.98, 130.23, 132.28, 134.16, 140.49, 142.37, 148.46, 150.74, 159.15; IR (KBr) : 1620, 3037, 3240, 3419cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺ 366.1606, found 366.1589.



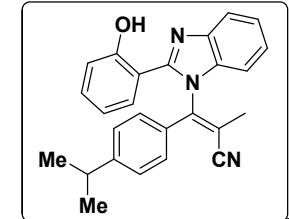
(E)-3-(4-Ethylphenyl)-3-(2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5d)

Yield : 84%; M. P : 163-165°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.20 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.64 (q, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.8 (t, J=7.5Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.47 (m, 9H), 7.64 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J=7.8Hz 1H), 13.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.93, 18.15, 28.74, 107.41, 110.41, 111.90, 118.29, 118.96, 119.29, 124.17, 124.65, 125.74, 128.22, 128.79, 130.37, 132.26, 134.15, 140.47, 148.48, 150.71, 159.15; IR (KBr) : 1635, 3043, 3231, 3434cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O [M+H]⁺ 380.1763, found 380.1746.



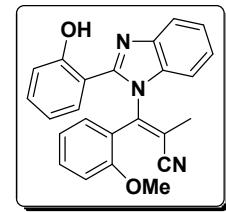
(E)-3-(2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5e)

Yield : 83%; M. P : 161-163°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.20 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.89 (sep, J=6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.83 (m, 1H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.63 (m, 7H), 7.66 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 1H), 13.01 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 18.13, 23.55, 34.05, 107.48, 110.44, 111.93, 118.31, 118.99, 119.28, 124.16, 124.65, 125.73, 127.41, 128.25, 130.46, 132.27, 134.16, 140.48, 148.46, 150.71, 153.02, 159.18; IR (KBr) : 1621, 3043, 3231, 3440cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺ 394.1919, found 394.1907.



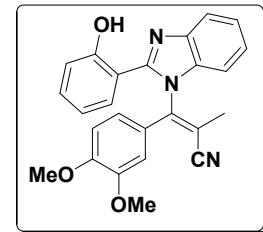
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Yield : 82%; M. P : 164-166°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.89 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.80-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 12.78 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.00, 55.21, 110.67, 111.13, 111.85, 112.41, 117.92, 118.41, 118.53, 119.19, 120.76, 122.42, 123.90, 124.41, 126.71, 130.20, 132.03, 132.77, 134.44, 140.37, 144.85, 150.89, 157.43, 159.00; IR (KBr) : 1622, 3023, 3239, 3419 cm $^{-1}$; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 382.1556, found 382.1543.



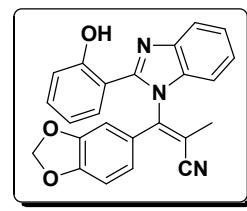
(E)-3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5g)

Yield : 81%; M. P : 168-170°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.74 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.74-6.87 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.90 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.09, 55.98, 56.15, 105.71, 110.44, 110.82, 111.25, 111.89, 118.32, 118.95, 119.30, 121.95, 124.20, 124.67, 125.41, 125.76, 132.30, 134.24, 140.46, 148.13, 149.23, 150.87, 151.89, 159.13; IR (KBr) : 1622, 3038, 3240, 3412 cm $^{-1}$; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [M+H] $^+$ 412.1661, found 412.1688.

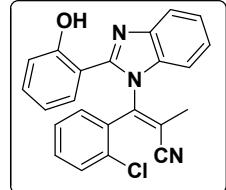


(E)-3-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5h)

Yield : 80%; M. P : 171-173°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.75 (s, 3H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 6.75-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.62 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 13.04 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.16, 102.05, 106.52, 107.97, 108.87, 110.35, 111.83, 118.33, 118.96, 119.37, 123.73, 124.26, 124.74, 125.75, 126.89, 132.32, 134.08, 140.45, 147.85, 148.50, 150.50, 150.68, 159.15; IR (KBr) : 1618, 3024, 3236, 3427 cm $^{-1}$; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [M+H] $^+$ 396.1348, found 396.1351.



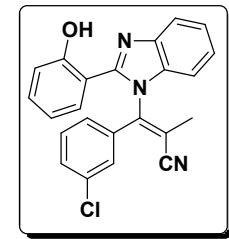
(E)-3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5i)



Yield : 82%; M. P : 160-162°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 7.09-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.82 (t, J = 7.8Hz, 3H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 6.9Hz, 1H), 12.76 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.09, 110.64, 111.82, 112.58, 117.13, 118.37, 118.62, 119.12, 123.64, 124.15, 125.51, 126.73, 126.80, 130.70, 131.01, 131.34, 131.77, 133.19, 133.99, 140.48, 144.68, 150.48, 158.42; IR (KBr) : 1631, 3050, 3237, 3434cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 386.1060, found 386.1054.

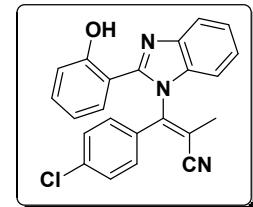
(E)-3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylo nitrile (5j)

Yield : 80%; M. P : 161-163°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 6.70 (t, J = 7.5Hz, 1H), 7.02 (q, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.50 (m, 8H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 1H), 12.84 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.39, 110.08, 110.19, 111.71, 118.25, 118.47, 119.04, 119.55, 124.46, 124.93, 125.55, 126.47, 128.04, 130.55, 131.74, 132.51, 133.94, 134.81, 135.43, 140.58, 146.92, 150.62, 159.13; IR (KBr) : 1623, 3036, 3241, 3419cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 386.1060, found 386.1055.



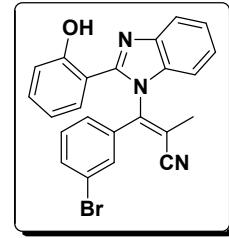
(E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylo nitrile (5k)

Yield : 84%; M. P : 158-160°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.82 (s, 3H), 6.82 (q, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.09 (q, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.57 (m, 8H), 7.83 (d, 7.8Hz, 1H), 12.87 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.32, 109.06, 110.18, 111.74, 118.44, 118.48, 119.00, 119.53, 124.43, 124.88, 125.59, 129.48, 129.61, 131.48, 132.47, 133.97, 137.87, 140.57, 147.31, 150.68, 159.14. IR (KBr) : 1630, 3040, 3251, 3431cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 386.1060, found 386.1056.



(E)-3-(3-Bromophenyl)-3-(2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylo nitrile (5l)

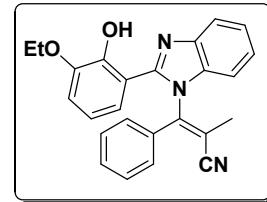
Yield : 83%; M. P : 166-168°C; Reaction time : 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.80 (s, 3H), 6.81-6.87 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.85 (m, 9H), 12.89 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 18.36, 29.70, 110.11, 110.19, 111.70, 118.21, 118.47, 119.04, 119.55, 123.36, 124.45, 124.92, 125.52, 126.90, 130.73, 130.89, 132.50, 133.92, 134.66, 135.03, 140.59,



146.80, 150.62, 159.12; IR (KBr) : 1631, 3029, 3237, 3434cm⁻¹ ; HRMS calculated for C₂₃H₁₇BrN₃O [M+H]⁺ 430.0555, found 430.0559.

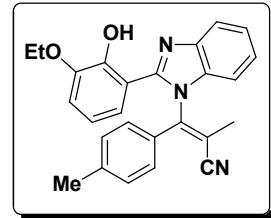
(E)-3-(2-(3-Ethoxy-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-3-phenylacrylo nitrile (5m)

Yield : 83%; M. P : 159-161°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.50 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J=8.1, 1H), 7.23-7.52 (m, 9H), 7.83 (d, J=7.8, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.86, 18.29, 64.63, 108.36, 110.38, 112.27, 115.22, 117.71, 118.55, 118.80, 119.45, 124.18, 124.66, 128.24, 129.18, 131.52, 133.14, 134.10, 140.57, 148.45, 149.46, 150.99; IR (KBr) : 1620, 3031, 3243, 3434cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 396.1712, found 396.1703.



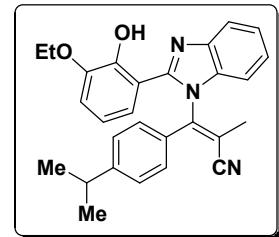
(E)-3-(2-(3-Ethoxy-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-3-*p*-tolylacrylo nitrile (5n)

Yield: 83%; M. P : 163-165°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.50 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J=7.5Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.42 (m, 7H), 7.82 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 13.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.87, 18.15, 21.47, 64.62, 107.25, 110.42, 112.26, 115.21, 117.70, 118.49, 119.02, 119.38, 124.11, 124.60, 128.17, 129.91, 130.31, 134.12, 140.51, 142.24, 148.48, 149.53, 150.98; IR (KBr) : 1630, 3021, 3236, 3432cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 410.1869, found 410.1870



(E)-3-(2-(3-Ethoxy-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2- methylacrylonitrile (5o)

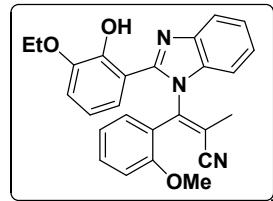
Yield : 81%; M. P : 160-162°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.20 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 2.88 (sep, J=6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 7.20- 7.47 (m, 7H), 7.81(d, J=8.1Hz 1H), 13.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.89, 18.13, 23.55, 34.03, 64.64, 107.36, 110.47, 112.30, 115.27, 117.70, 118.55, 119.05, 119.33,



124.11, 124.60, 127.33, 128.28, 130.58, 134.13, 140.50, 148.47, 148.48, 149.58, 150.97, 152.88; IR (KBr) : 1632, 3041, 3239, 3430cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₈H₂₈N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 438.2182, found 438.2167.

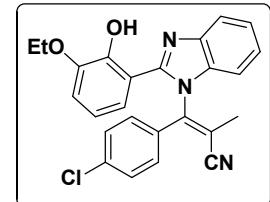
(E)-3-(2-(3-Ethoxy-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5p)

Yield : 79%; M. P : 162-164°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.48 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.71-6.92 (m, 3H), 7.05(d, J=7.5Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J=7.8Hz 1H), 7.34 (d, J=7.8Hz 3H), 7.44 (d, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 7.8 (d, J=7.8Hz 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.89, 18.00, 55.19, 64.63, 110.73, 110.92, 111.79, 112.86, 115.12, 118.10, 118.50, 118.71, 119.26, 120.68, 122.51, 123.80, 124.33, 130.31, 132.67, 134.43, 140.42, 144.96, 148.17, 149.35, 151.06, 157.44; IR (KBr) : 1622, 3036, 3241, 3429cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 426.1818, found 426.1817.



(E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5q)

Yield : 79%; M. P : 159-161°C; Reaction time : 1h; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 1.50 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.43 (m, 7H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.1H z, 1H), 12.66 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 14.85, 18.33, 64.64, 108.78, 110.20, 112.21, 115.24, 117.62, 118.56, 118.65, 119.63, 124.33, 124.79, 129.51, 131.61, 133.96, 137.74, 140.68, 147.35, 148.48, 149.35, 150.92; IR (KBr) : 1631, 3045, 3240, 3429cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₂₅H₂₁ClN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 430.1322, found 430.1320.



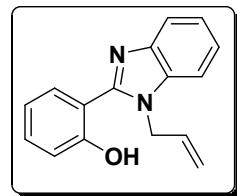
Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of compounds (8a-e)

A mixture of 2-(allyloxy)benzaldehyde (**7a**, 1mmol), and *o*-phenylenediamine (**4**, 1 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask and melted at 160 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, The crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica

gel (Acme 60-120 mesh), using ethylacetate : hexanes (0.5 : 9.5) to afford **8a** as a colourless semi-solid in 84% yield.

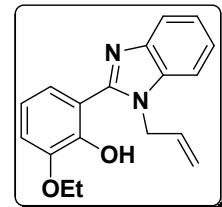
2-(1-Allyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenol (8a)

Yield : 84%; Semi-solid; Reaction time: 1h; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 3.37 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 5.11 (m, 2H), 6.06 – 6.16 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.53 (m, 7H), 7.63 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 34.20, 111.60, 115.71, 116.07, 118.10, 118.63, 122.51, 123.34, 124.22, 129.20, 132.17, 132.54, 136.58, 137.44, 151.71, 156.94; IR (KBr) : 1607, 3015, 3226, 3406 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 251.1184, found 251.1175.



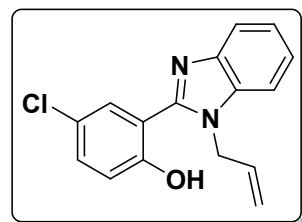
2-(1-Allyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-6-ethoxyphenol (8b)

Yield : 83%; Reaction time: 1h; Semi-solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 1.47 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 3.32 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.06 (t, $J=9.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.86–5.99 (m, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.27 (q, $J=3.9$ Hz 4H), 7.63 (q, $J=3.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 14.88, 39.82, 64.85, 112.68, 115.28, 116.04, 116.91, 117.14, 117.28, 120.03, 123.18, 125.55, 126.36, 130.97, 137.32, 146.37, 147.75, 151.11; IR (KBr) : 1616, 3024, 3231, 3401 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 295.1447, found 295.1443.



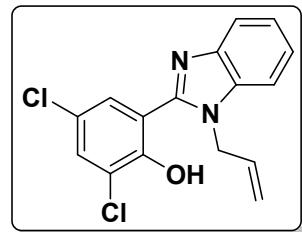
2-(1-allyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4-chlorophenol (8c)

Yield : 82%; M.P. : 185-187, Reaction time: 1h; Solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 3.58 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.23 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.08 – 6.17 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.59-7.68 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 34.13, 112.78, 112.90, 116.64, 117.86, 119.79, 122.30, 123.44, 123.69, 127.90, 131.15, 131.65, 132.90, 135.83, 150.70, 155.56 ; IR (KBr) : 1623, 3020, 3224, 3412 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0795, found 285.0790.



2-(1-allyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4,6-dichlorophenol (8d)

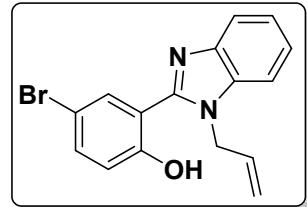
Yield : 81%; M.P. : 188-190, Reaction time: 1h; Solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 3.50 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.12 - 5.18 (m, 2H), 5.99 - 6.09 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32(q, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (q, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 34.16, 112.66, 116.71, 120.04, 122.20, 123.92, 124.03, 125.03, 131.43,



131.90, 132.48, 135.79, 139.34, 150.49, 155.59 ; IR (KBr) : 1624, 3017, 3242, 3412 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ 319.0405, found 319.0404.

2-(1-allyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-bromophenol (8e)

Yield : 86%; M.P. : 174-177, Reaction time: 1h; Solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 3.50 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12 – 5.15 (m, 2H), 6.02 – 6.06 (m, 1H), 6.68 (q, J = 2.7Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.79 (m, 1H), 7.30 (q, J = 2.4Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 1.8Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 34.10, 110.48, 112.88, 113.39, 113.45, 116.66, 117.92, 119.81, 125.17, 131.72, 131.91, 132.89, 134.52, 135.84, 150.53, 156.12; IR (KBr) : 1628, 3014, 3240, 3422 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** calculated for C₁₆H₁₄BrN₂O [M+H]⁺ 329.0290, found 329.0289.



Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of intermediates (5a)

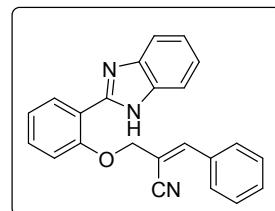
A mixture of (*E*)-2-((2-Formylphenoxy)methyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile (**1a**, 1mmol), and *o*-phenylenediamine (**4**, 1 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask and melted at 160 °C for 20 minutes. The crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh), using ethylacetate : hexanes (3.5 : 6.5) to afford intermediate **5a** as a yellow liquid.

Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of intermediate (5b)

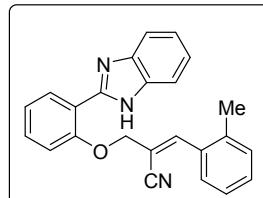
A mixture of (*E*)-2-((2-formylphenoxy)methyl)-3-(*o*-tolyl)acrylonitrile (**1b**, 1mmol), and *o*-phenylenediamine (**4**, 1 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask and melted at 160 °C for 20 minutes. The crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh), using ethylacetate : hexanes (5 : 5) to afford intermediate **5b** as a red liquid.

(E)-2-((2-(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)phenoxy)methyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile (Intermediate of 5a)

Reaction time : 20 min; liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 4.98 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.40 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80-7.83 (m, 2H); 8.57(t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : 870.54, 105.79, 112.65, 118.17, 118.74, 122.94, 123.02, 129.29, 129.42, 131.00, 131.37, 131.70, 132.32, 146.85, 149.04, 154.87. **HRMS** calculated for C₂₃H₁₇N₃O [M+H]⁺ 352.1451, found 352.1445.



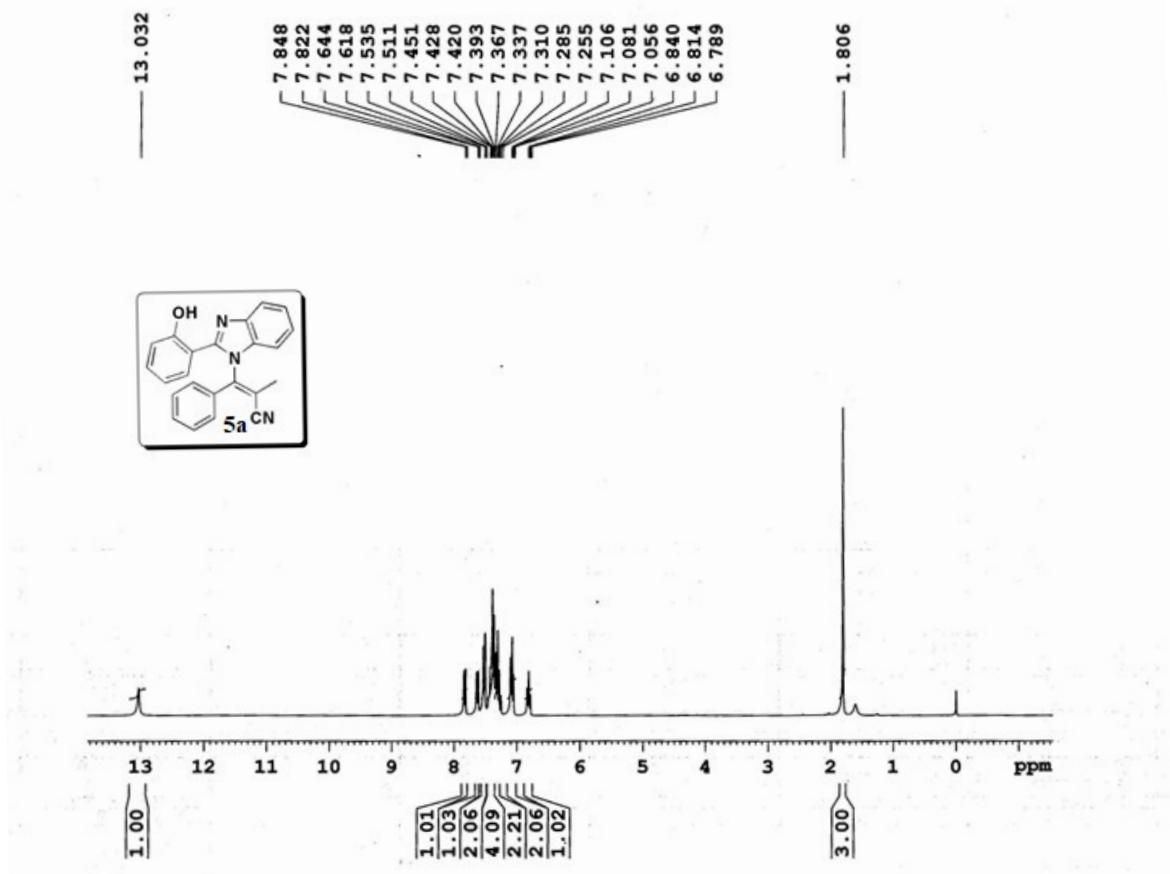
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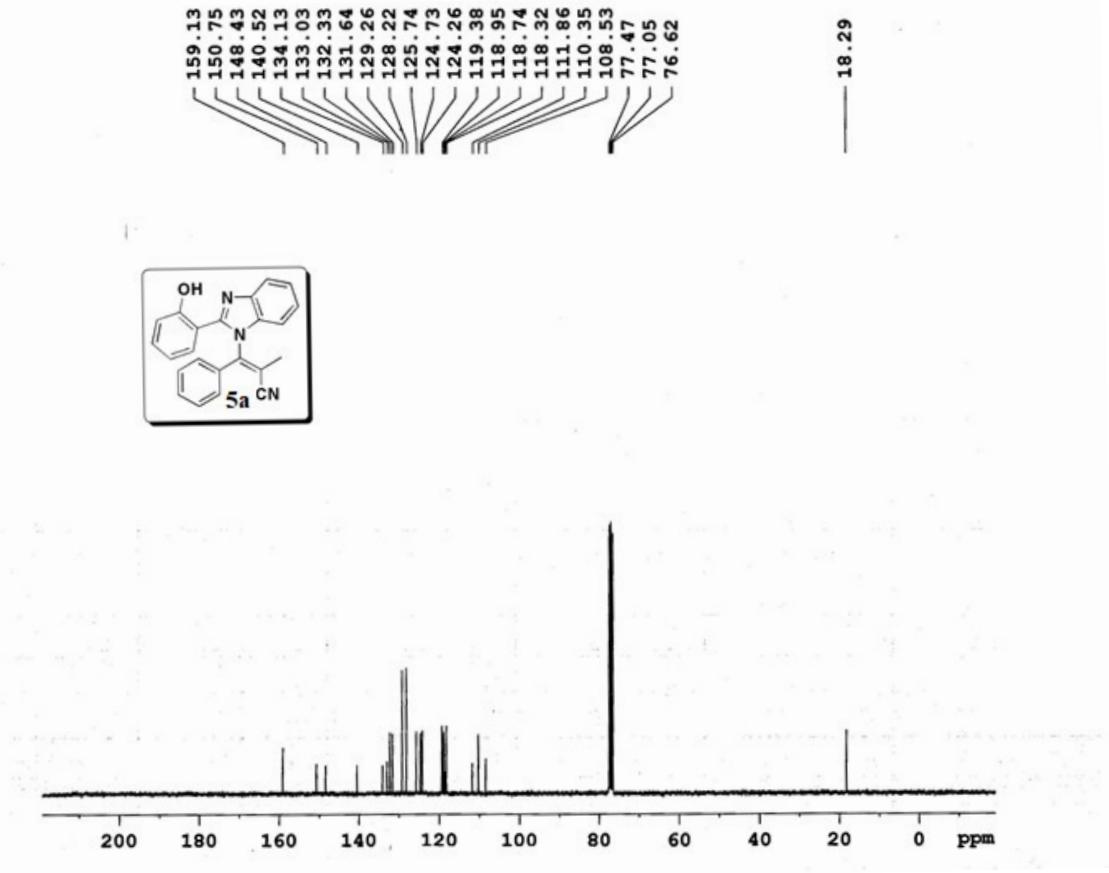


Reaction time : 20 min; liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) : δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.40 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) : 19.84, 70.18, 107.89, 112.66, 117.97, 118.90, 122.85, 122.99, 126.71, 128.01, 130.86, 131.00, 131.25, 131.60, 137.65, 145.56, 149.05, 154.76.

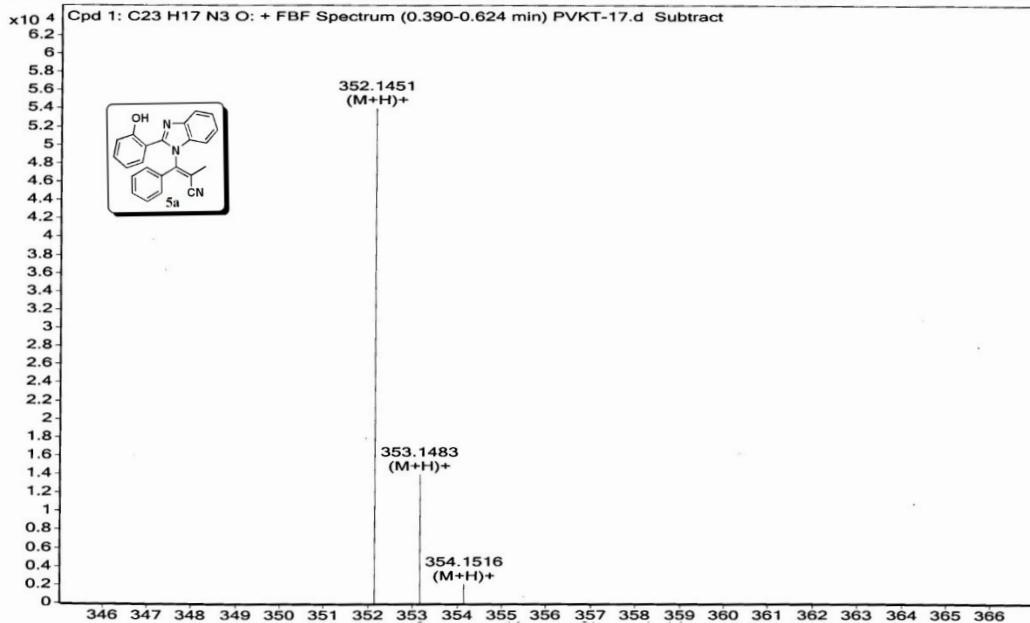
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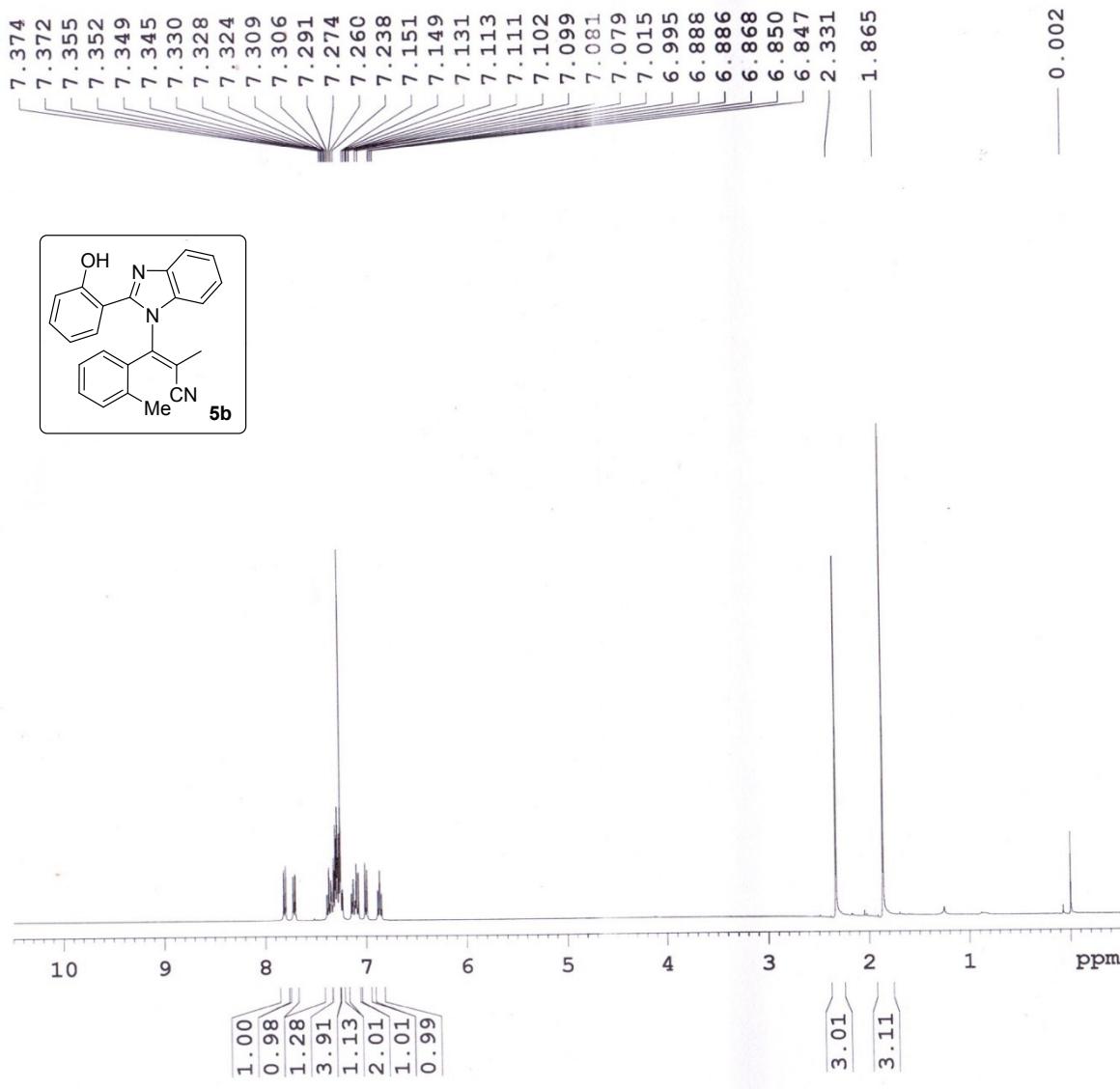
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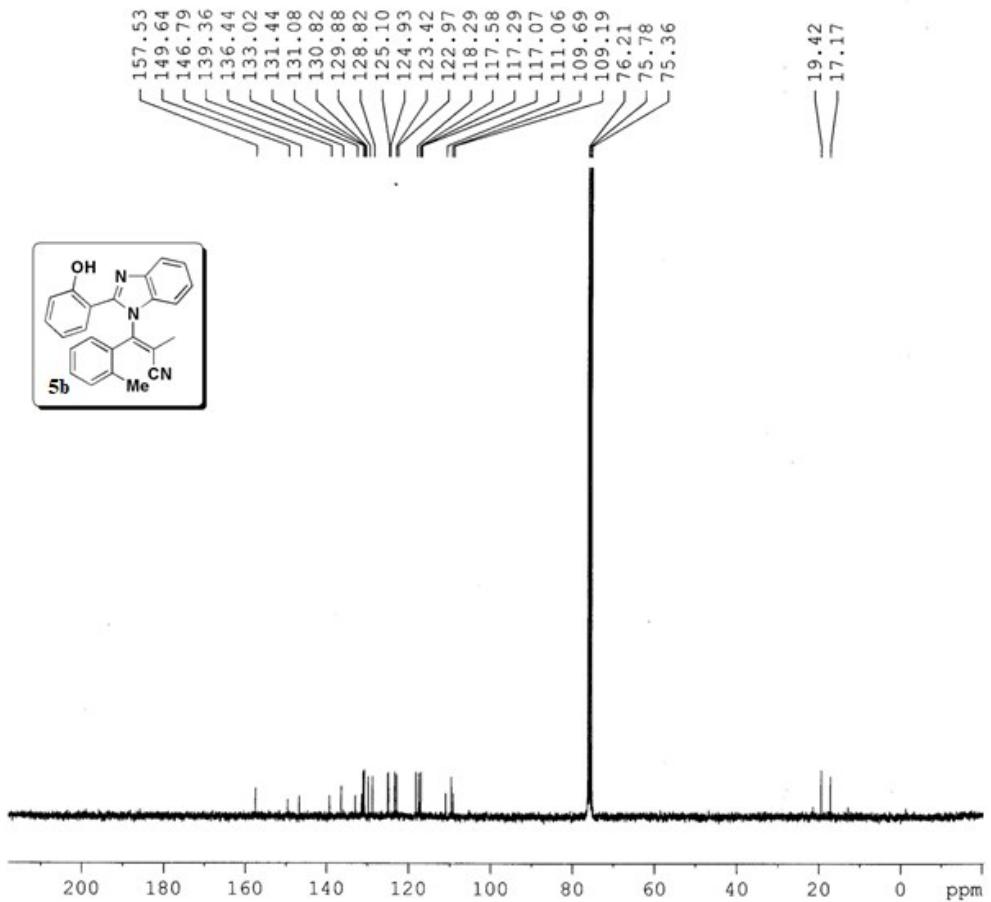




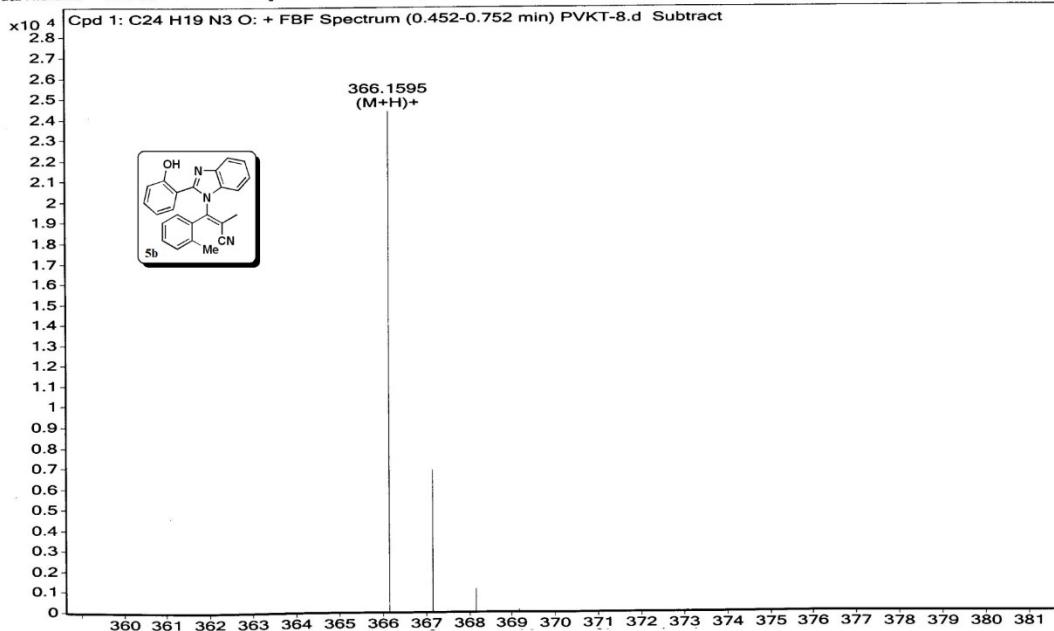
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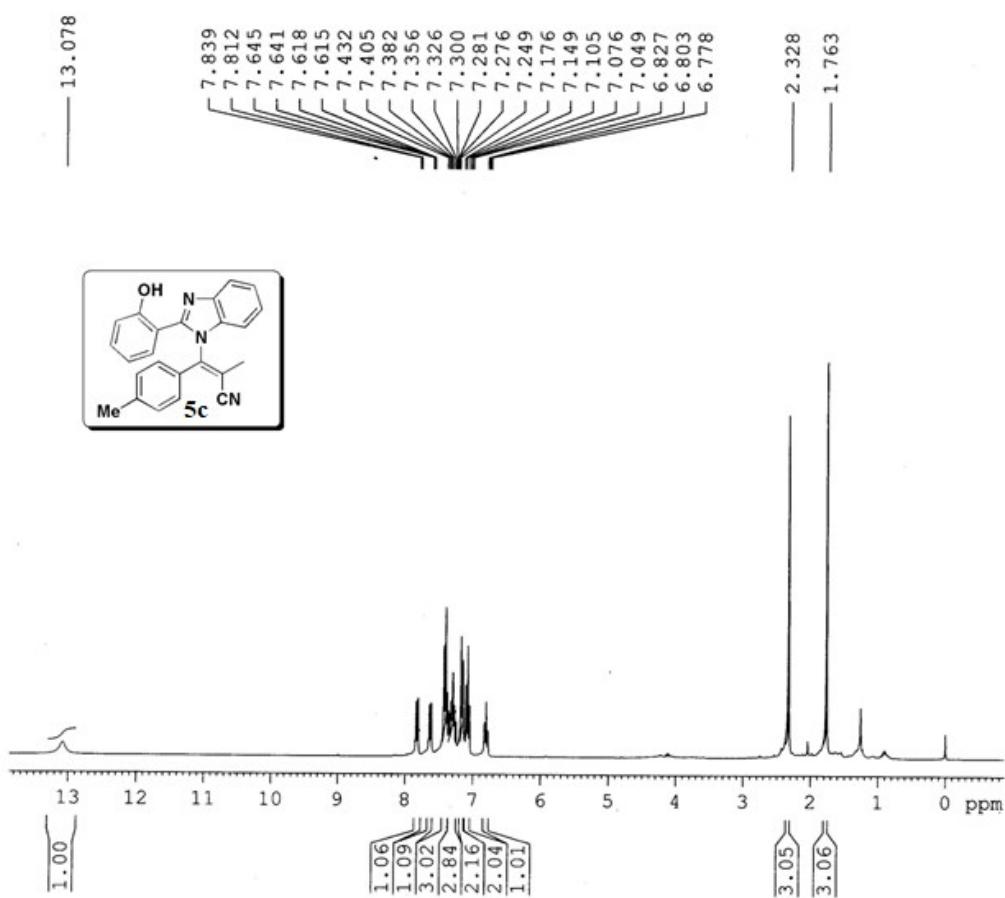


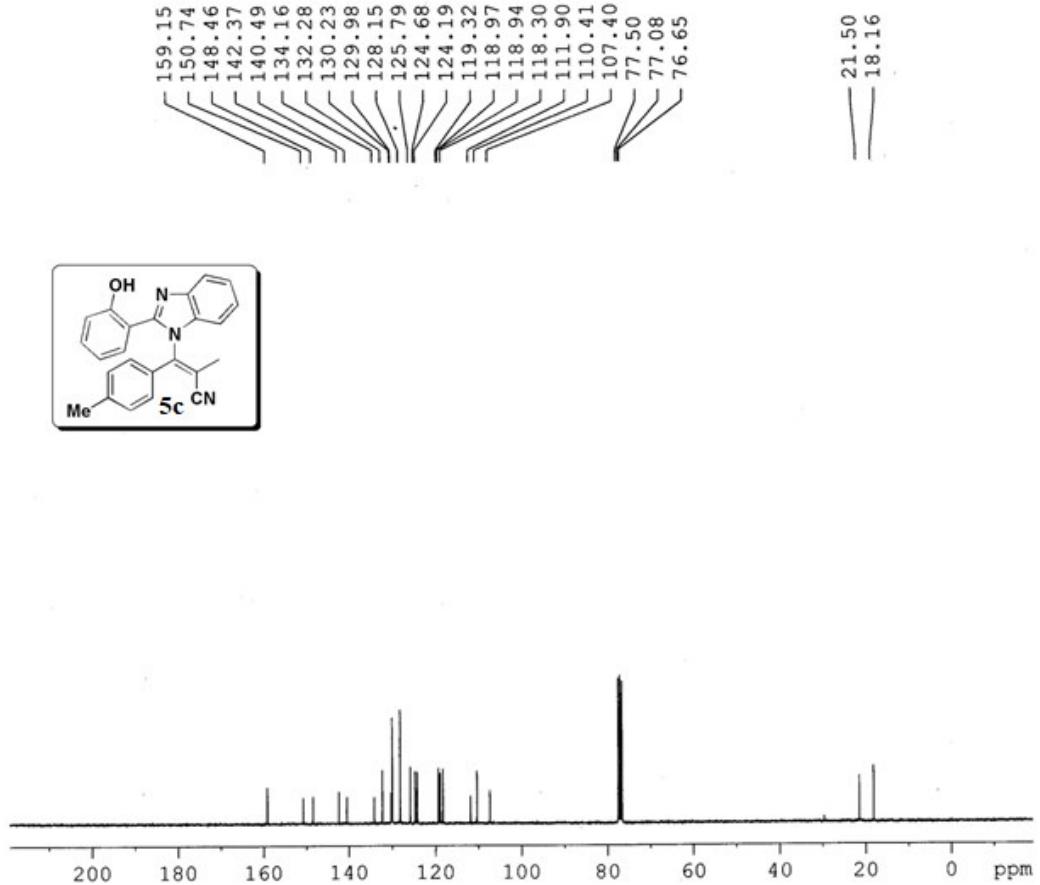




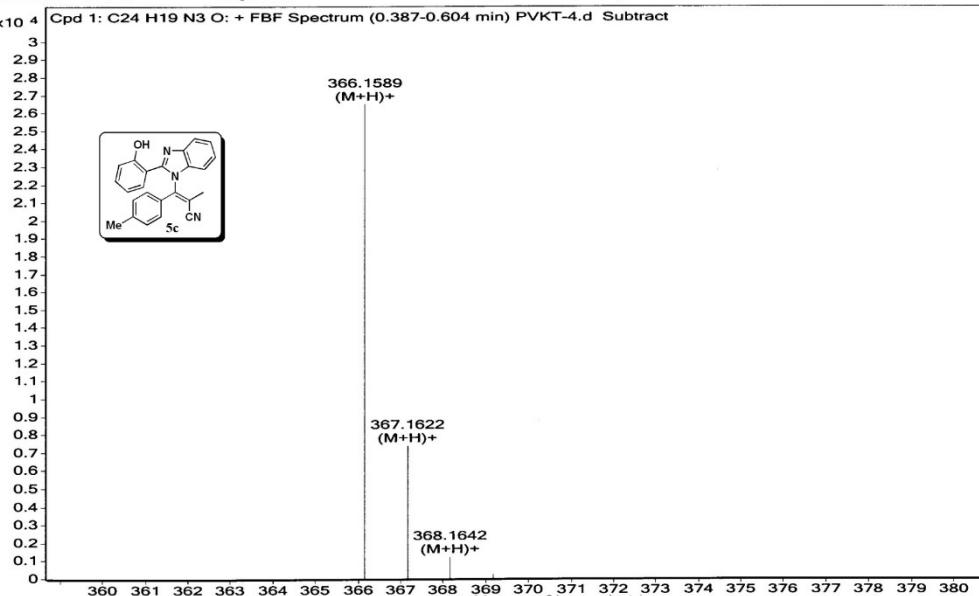
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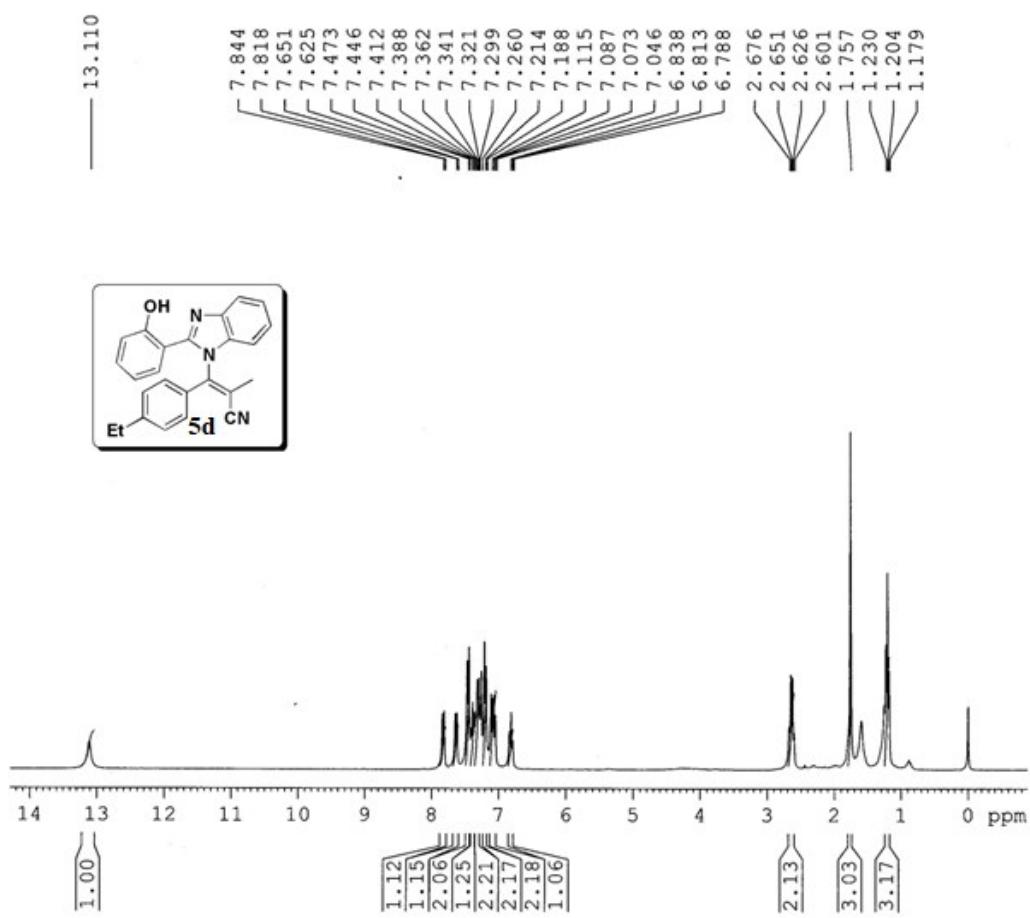


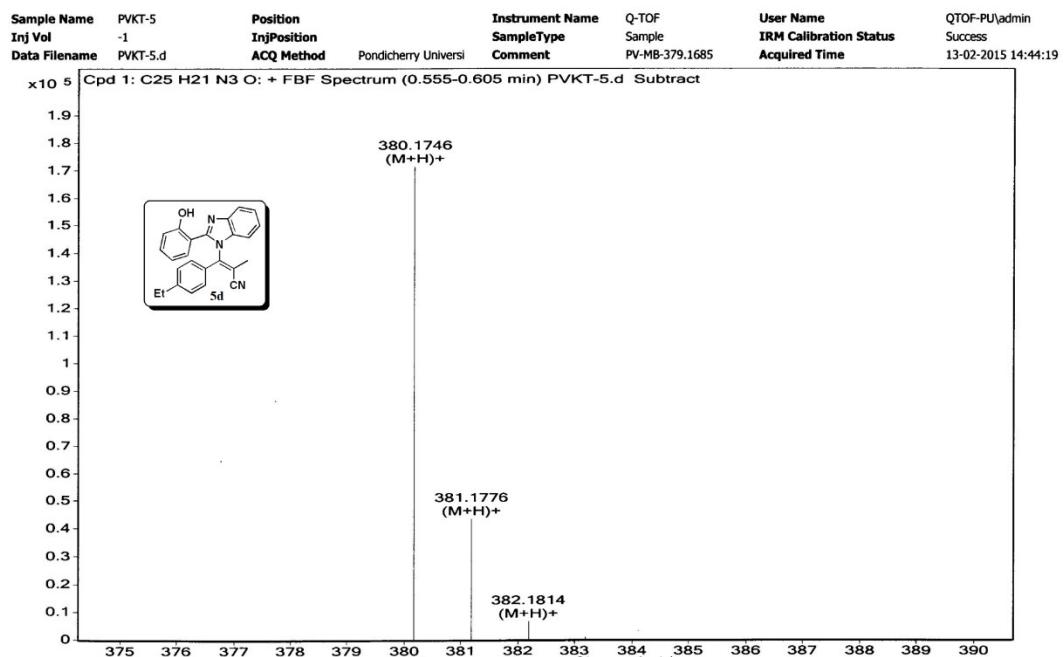
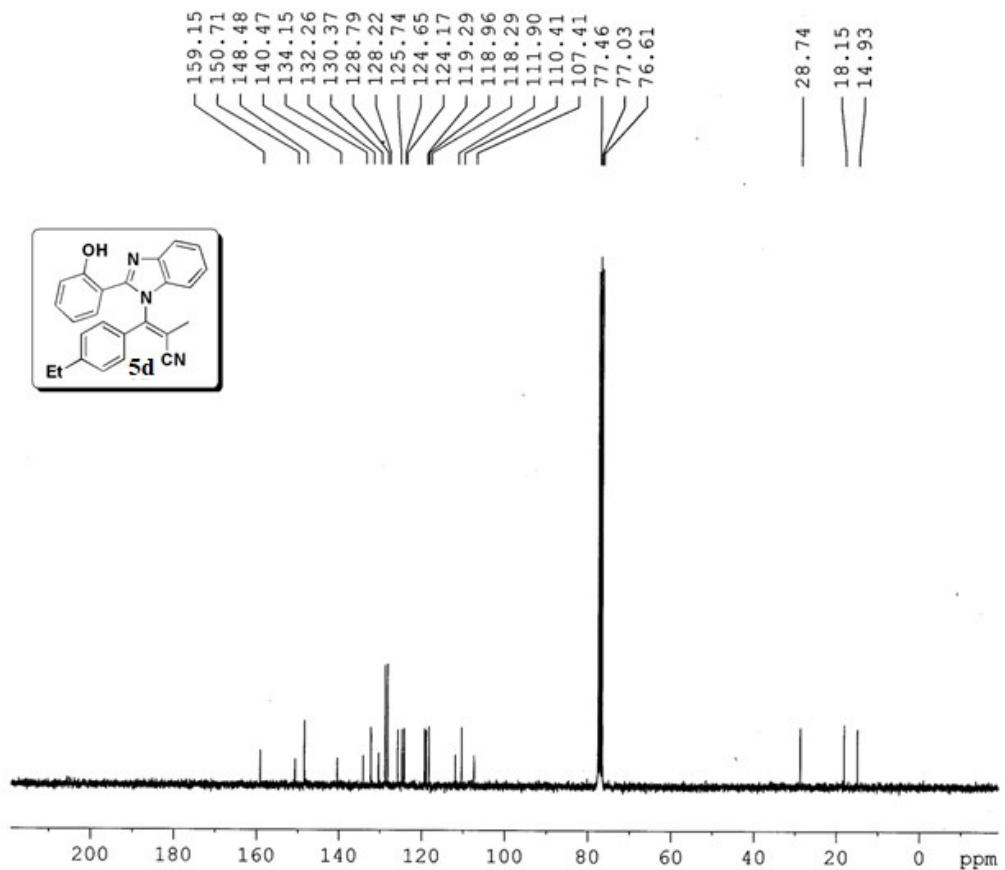


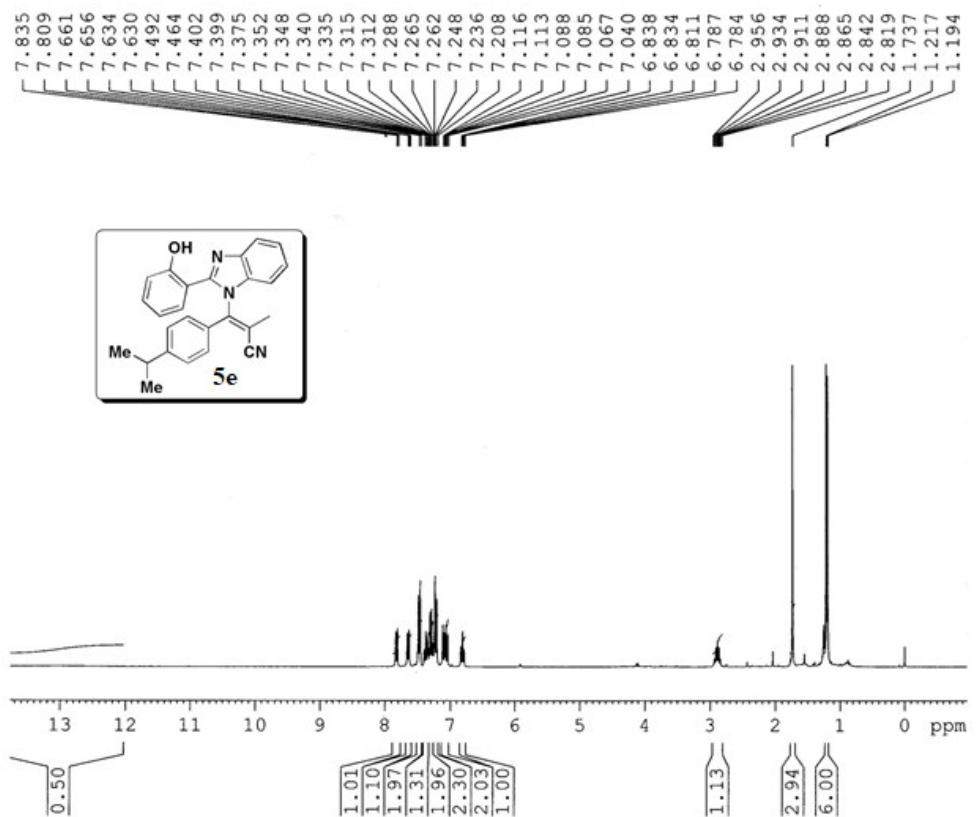


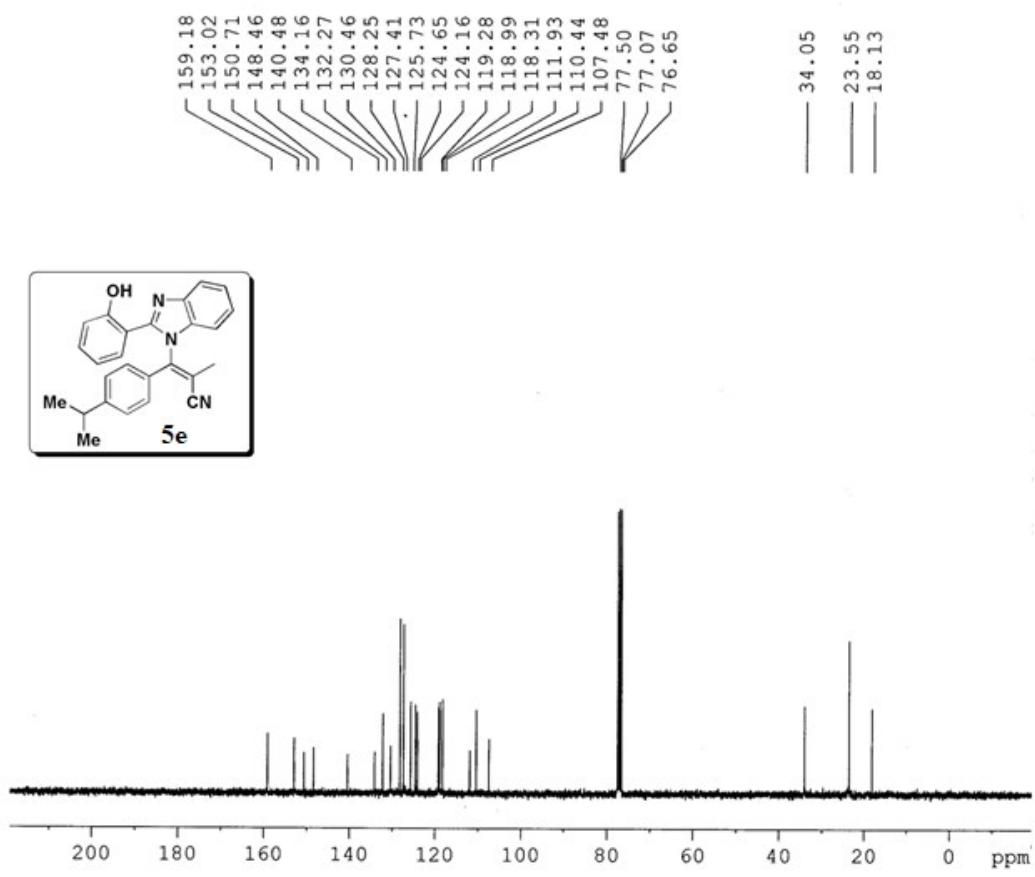
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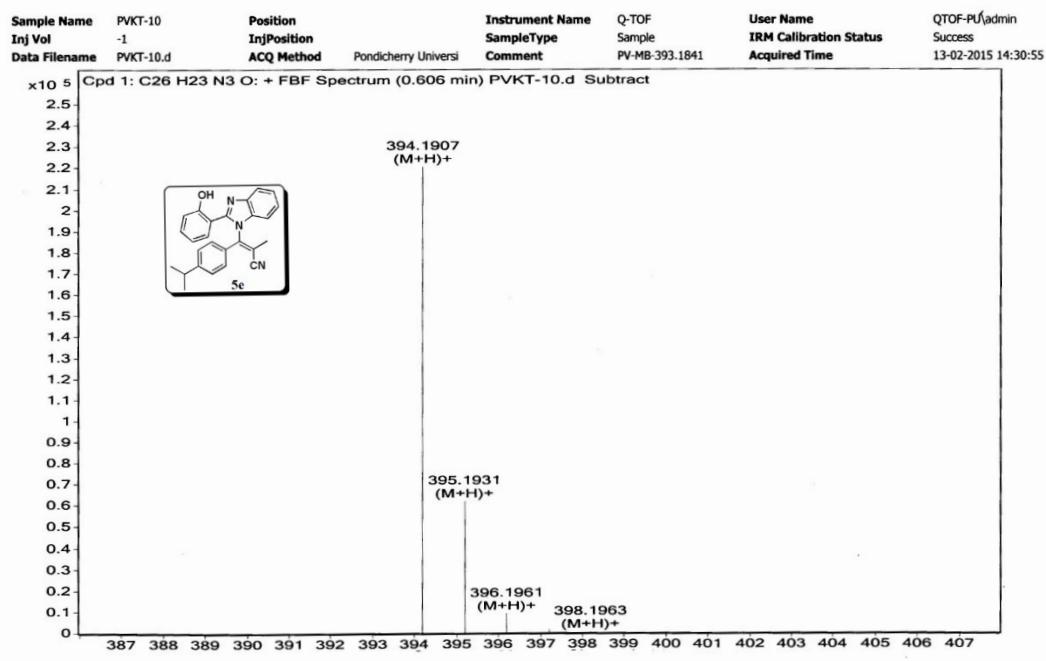


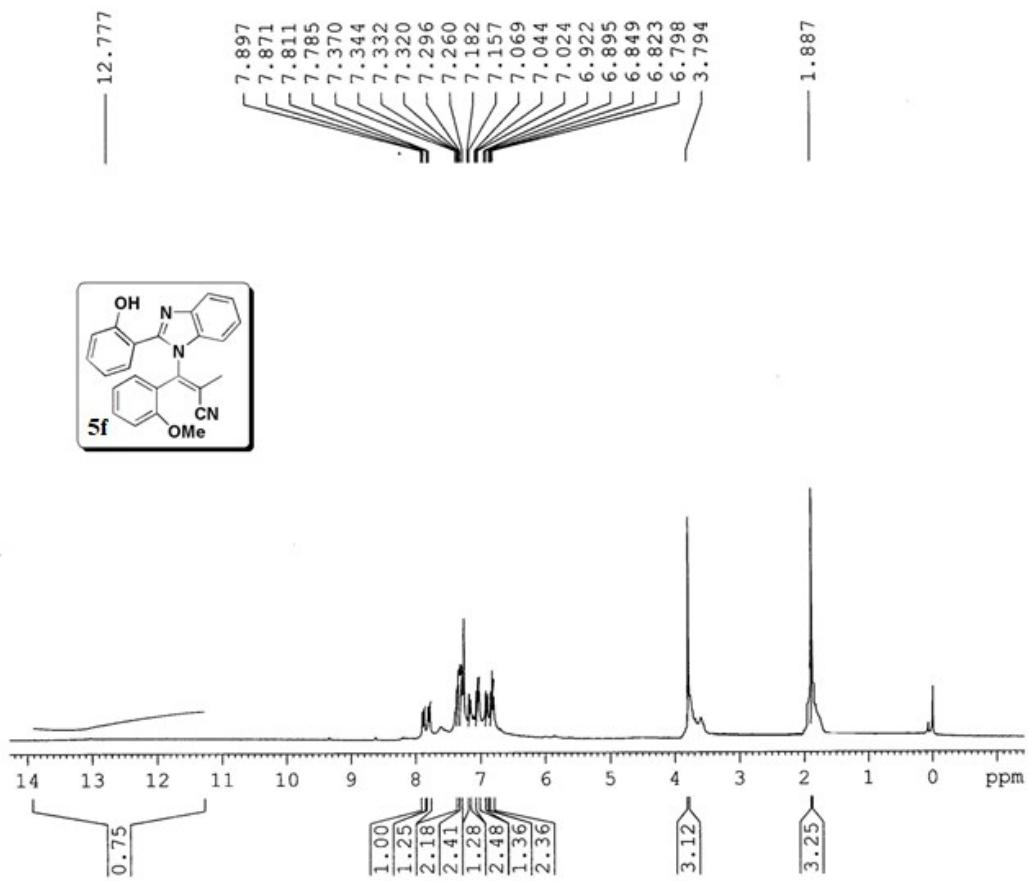


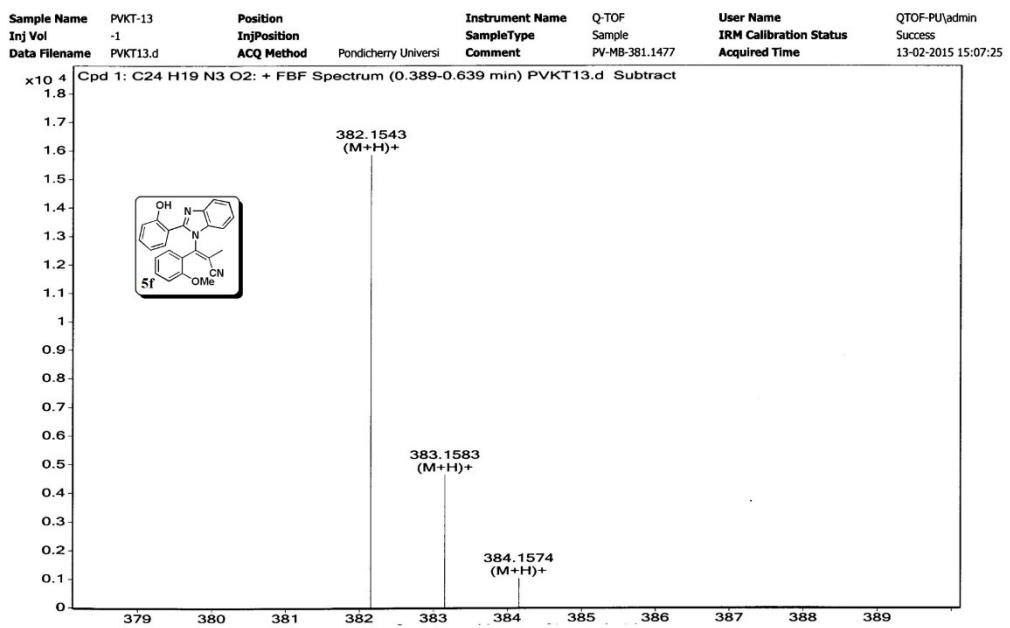
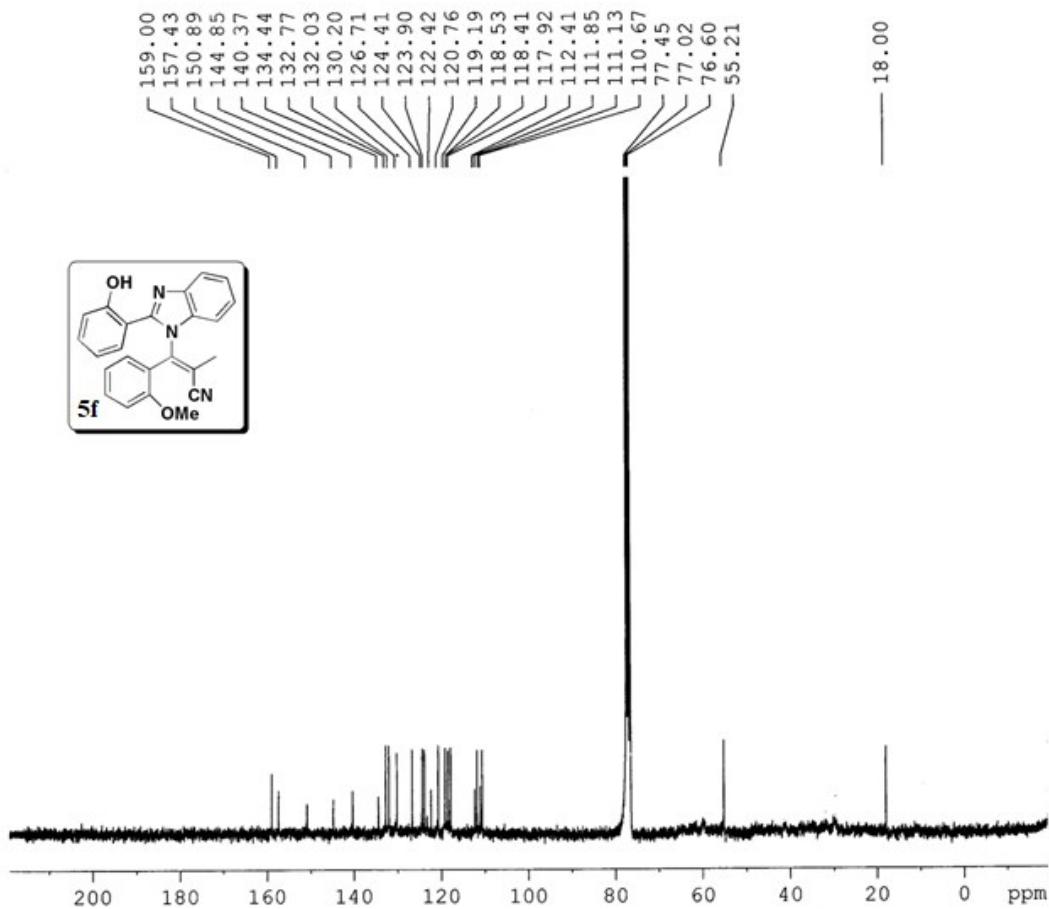


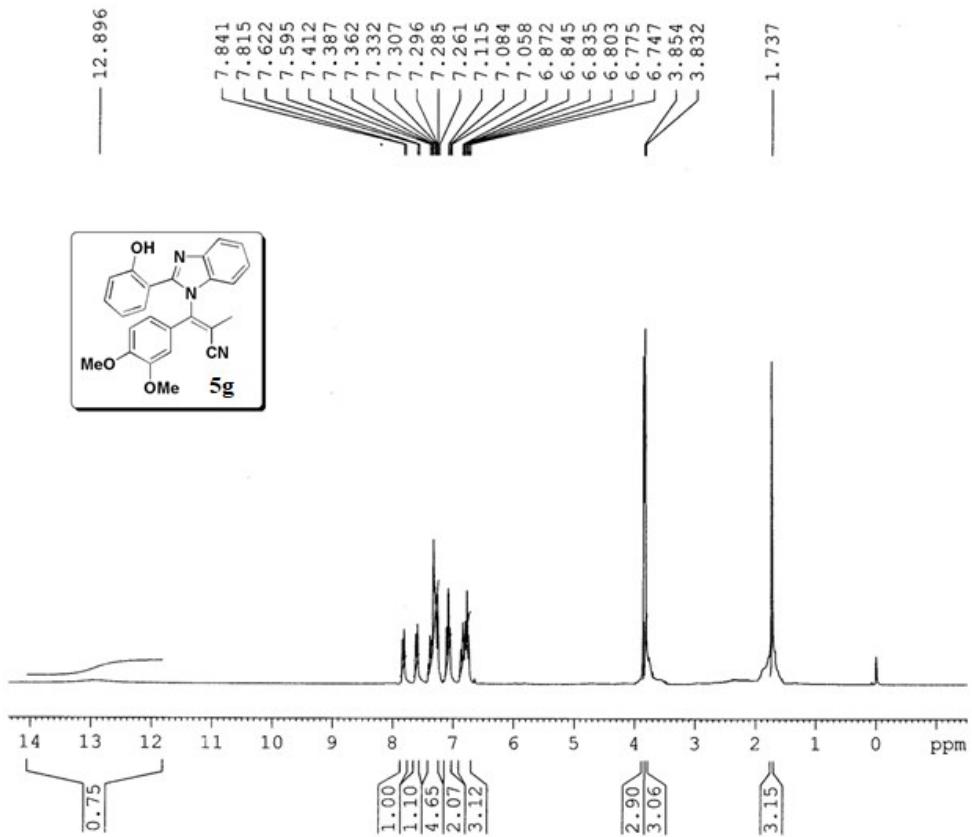


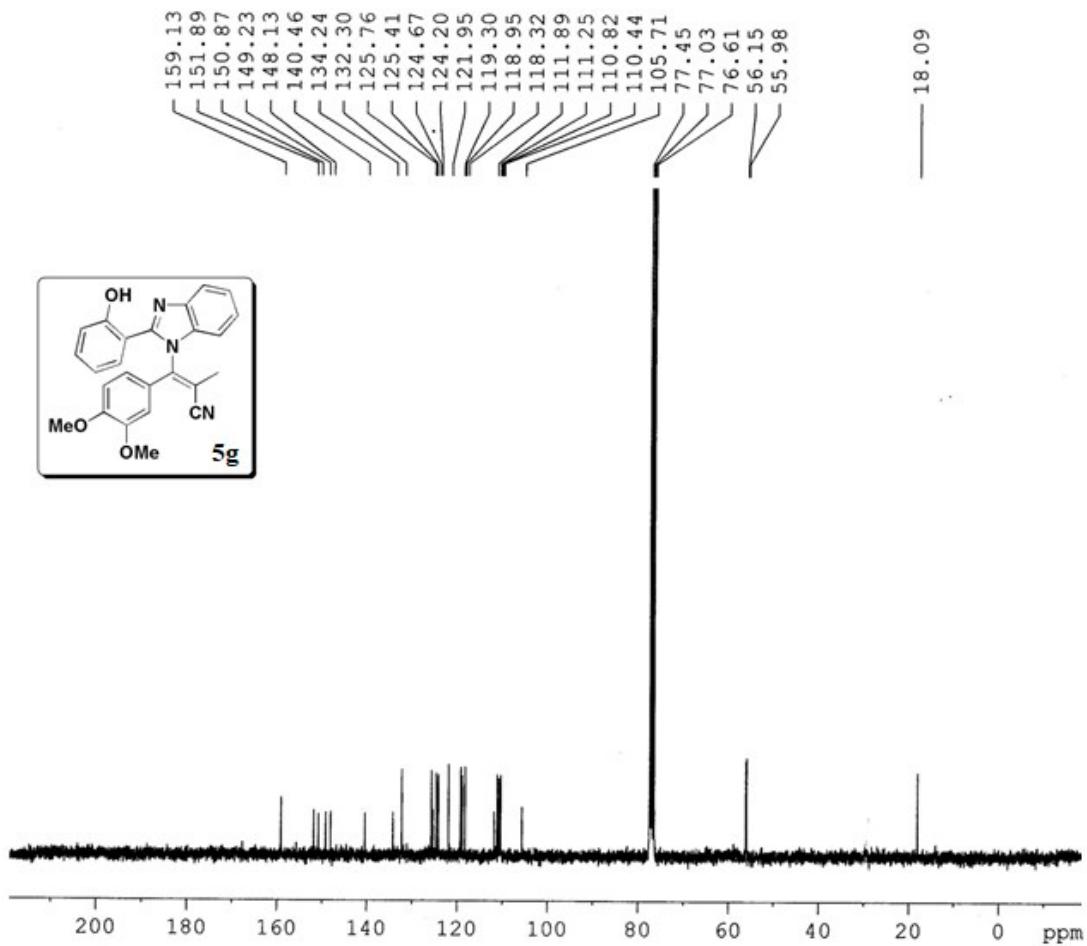




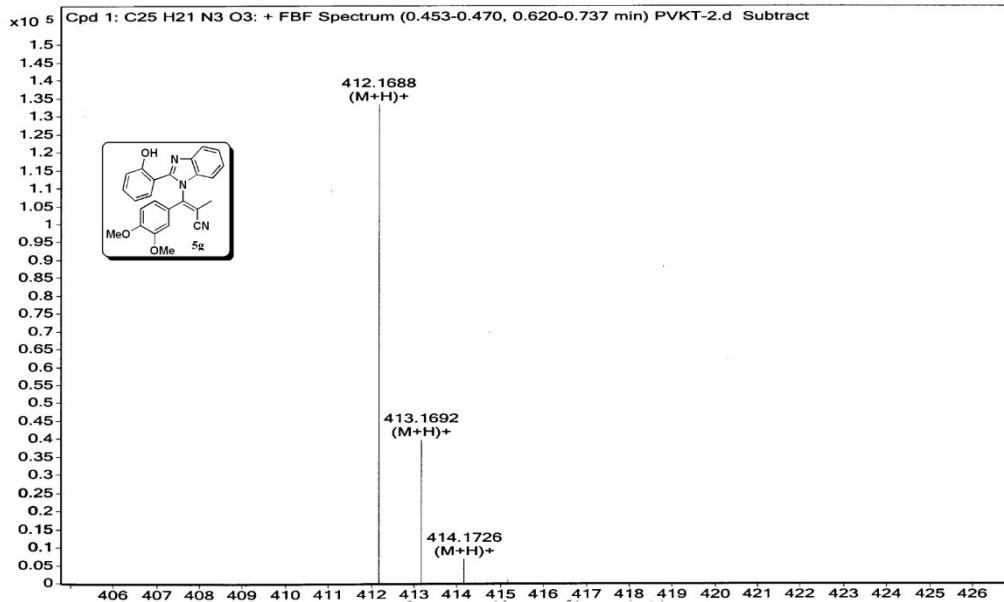


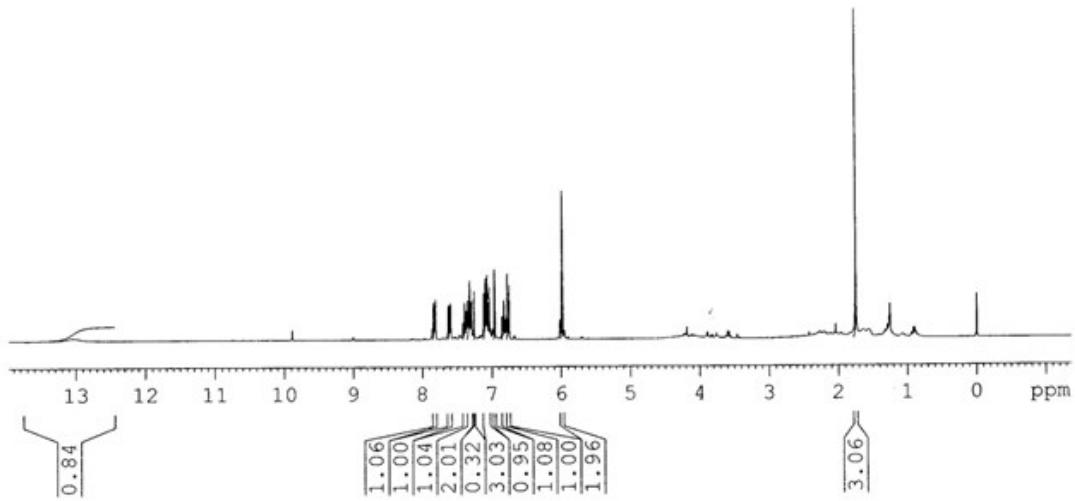
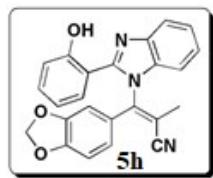
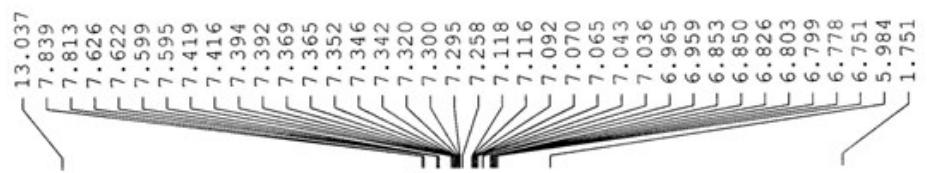


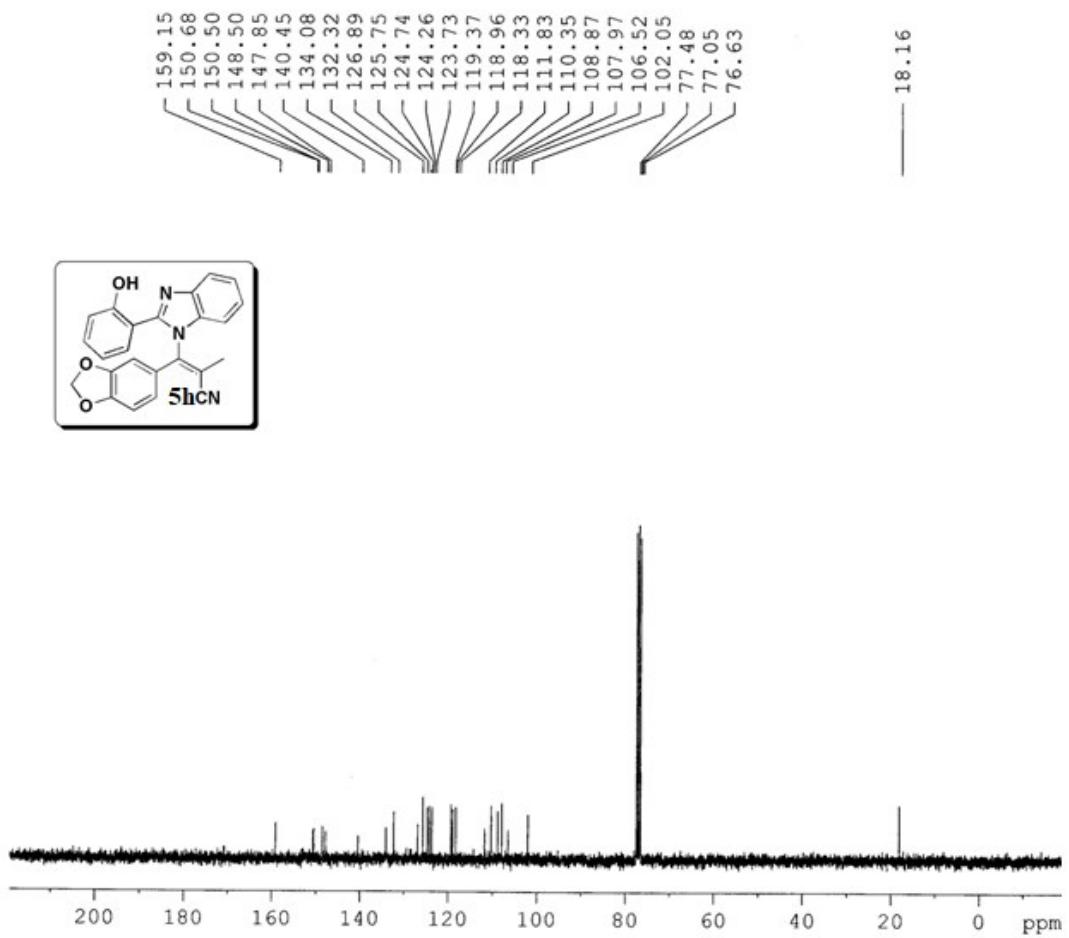




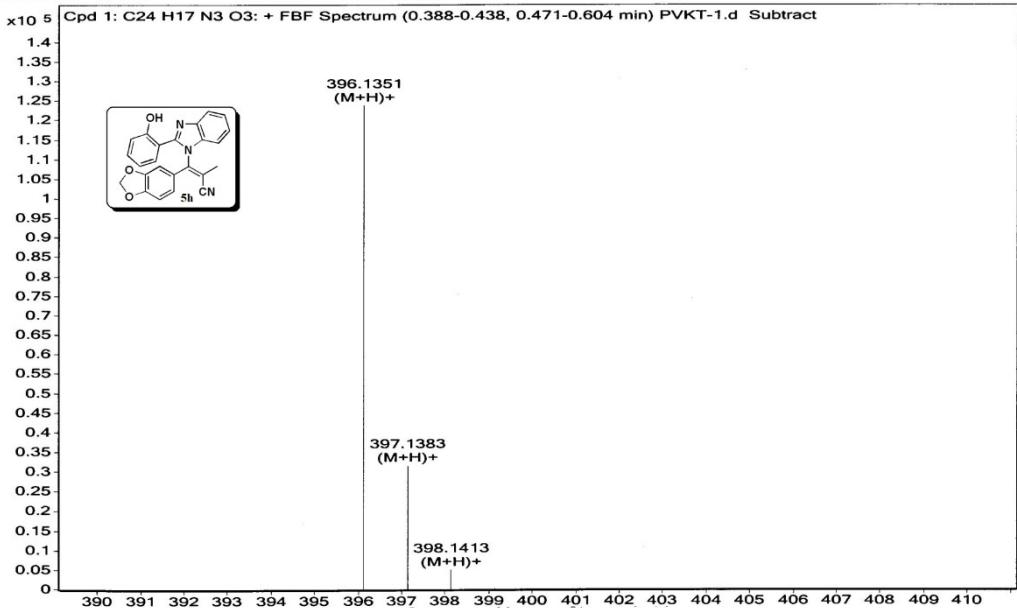
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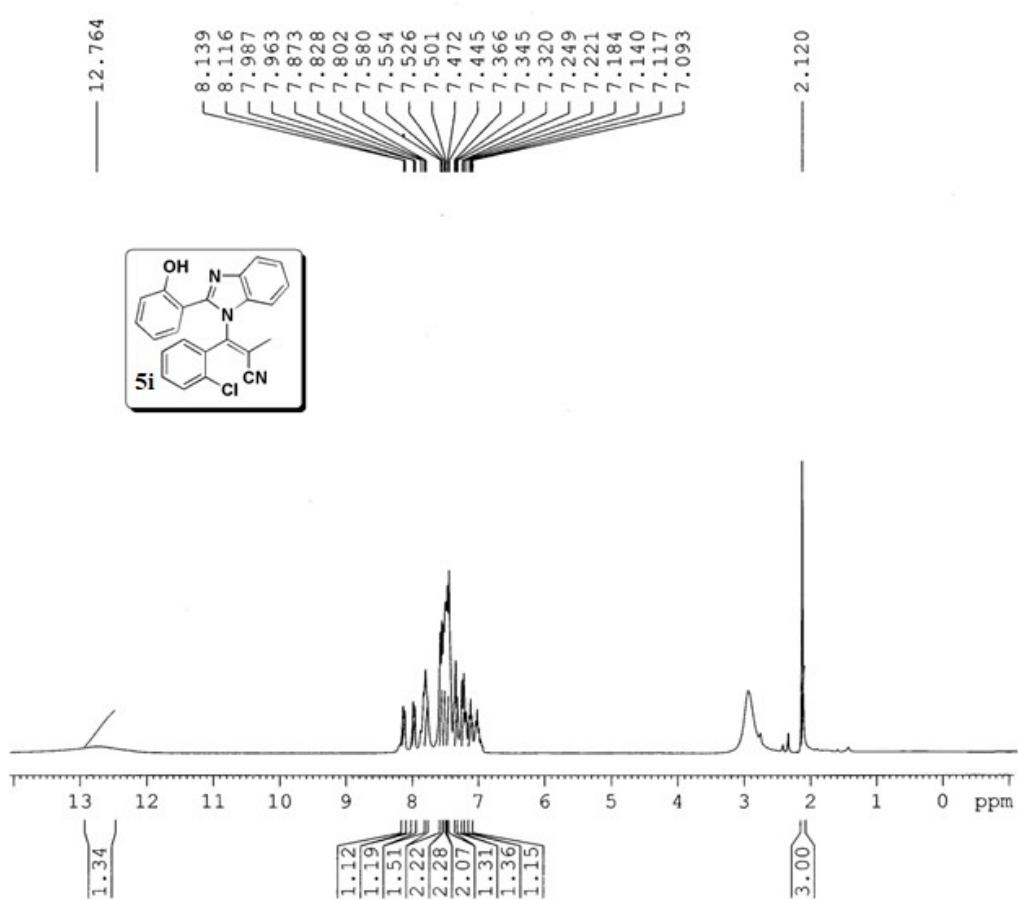


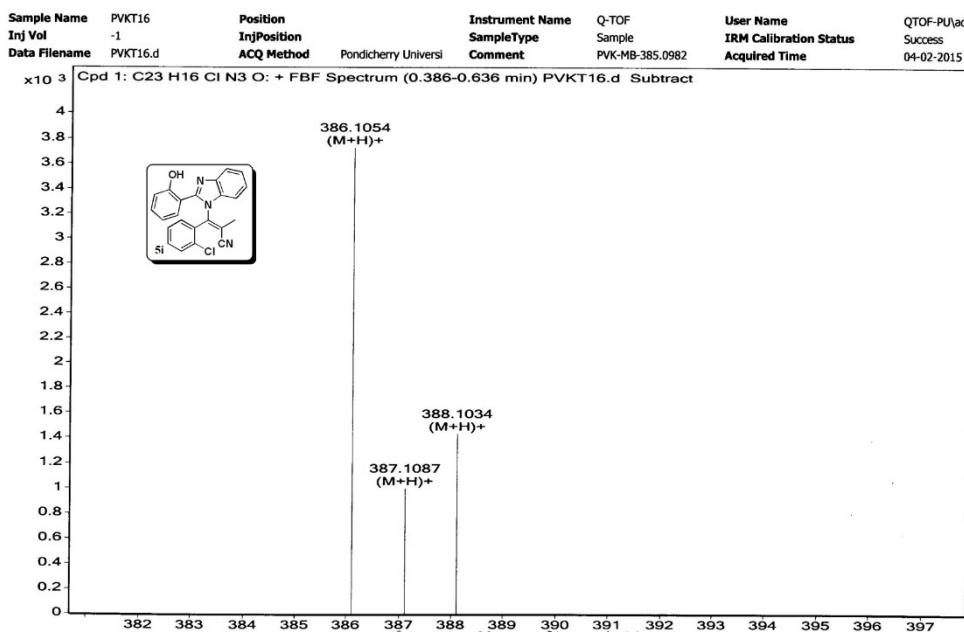
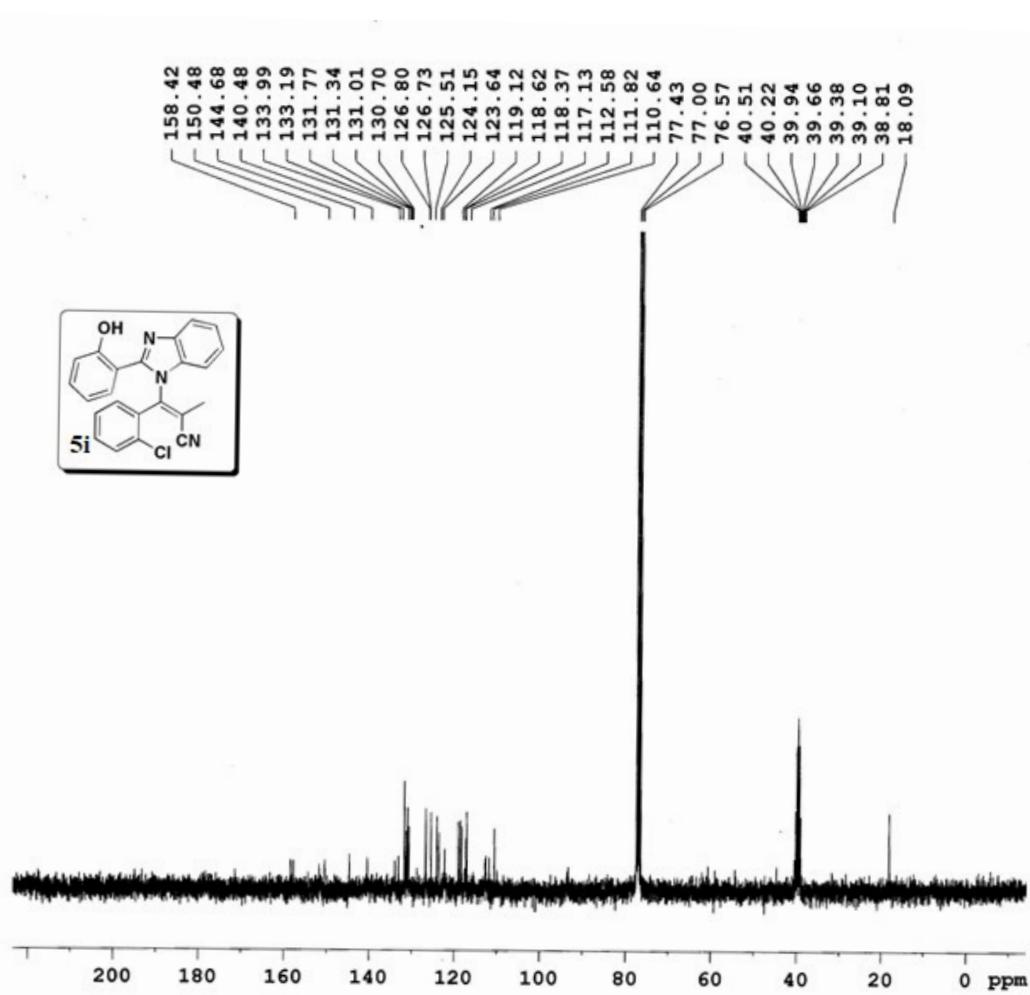


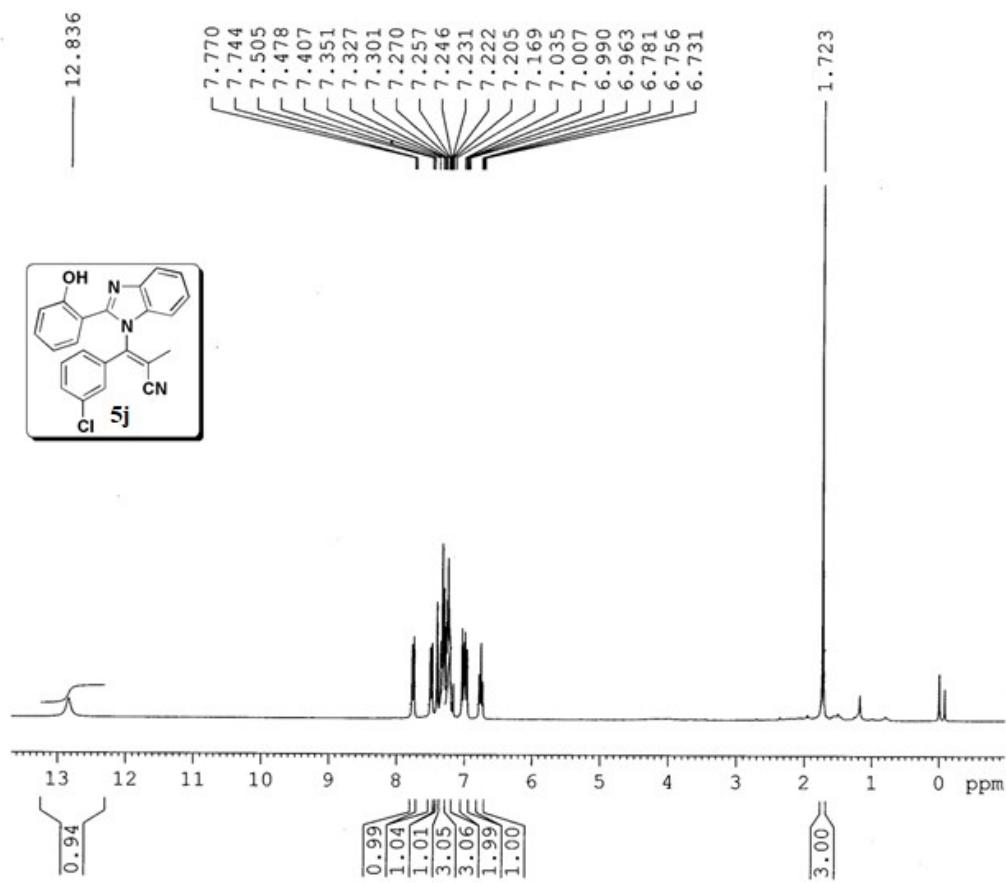


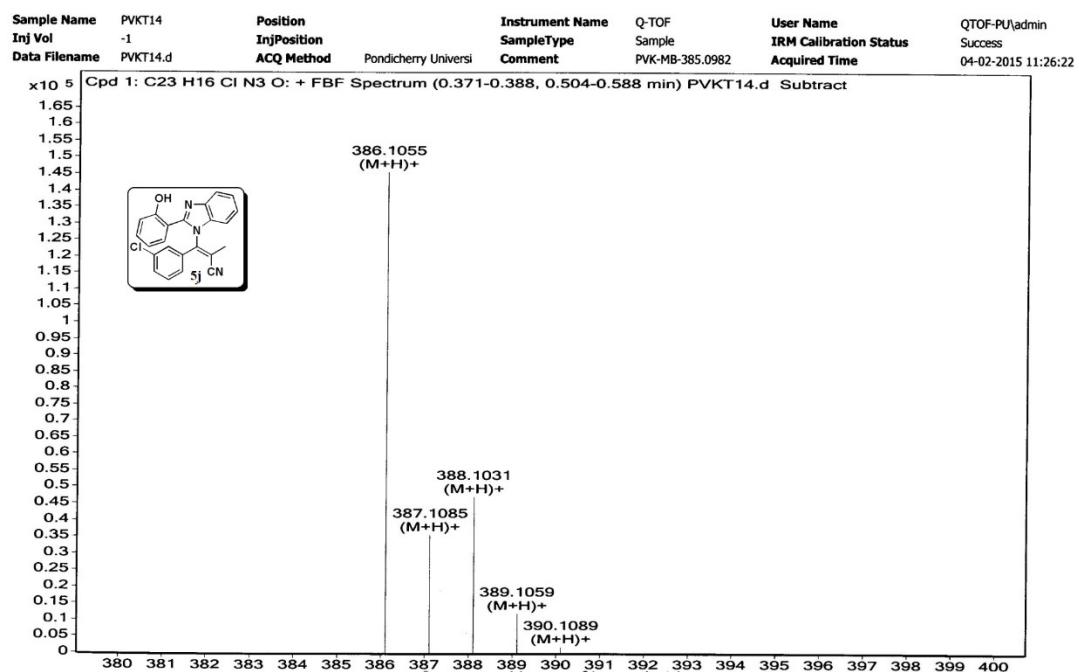
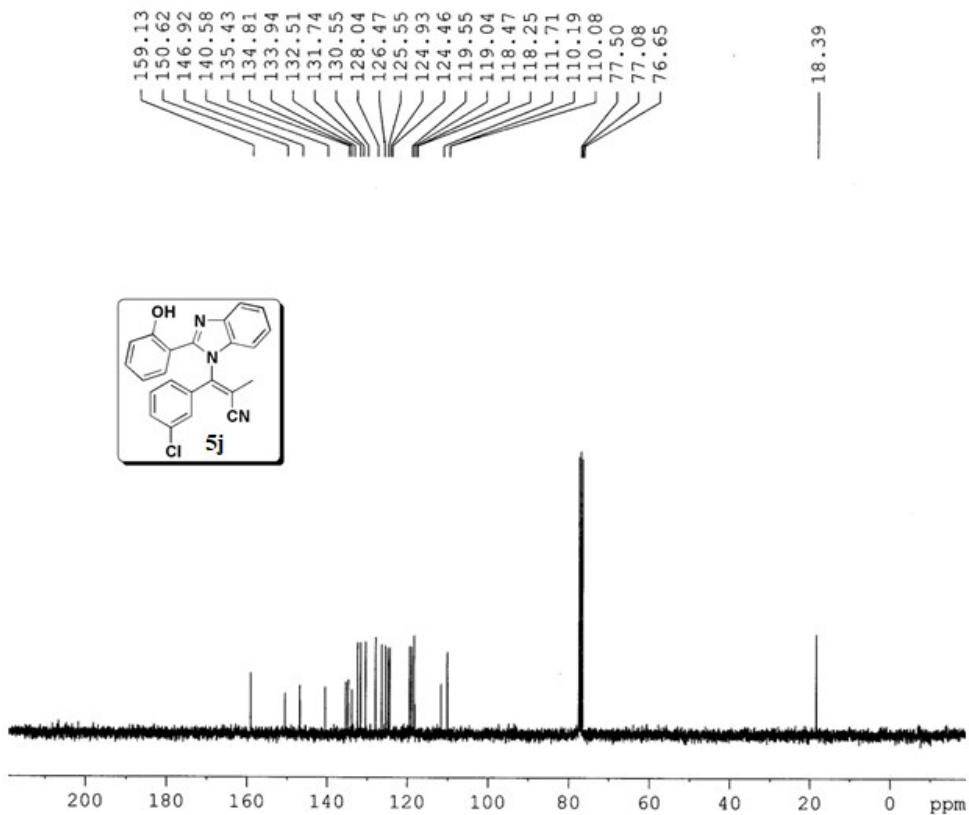
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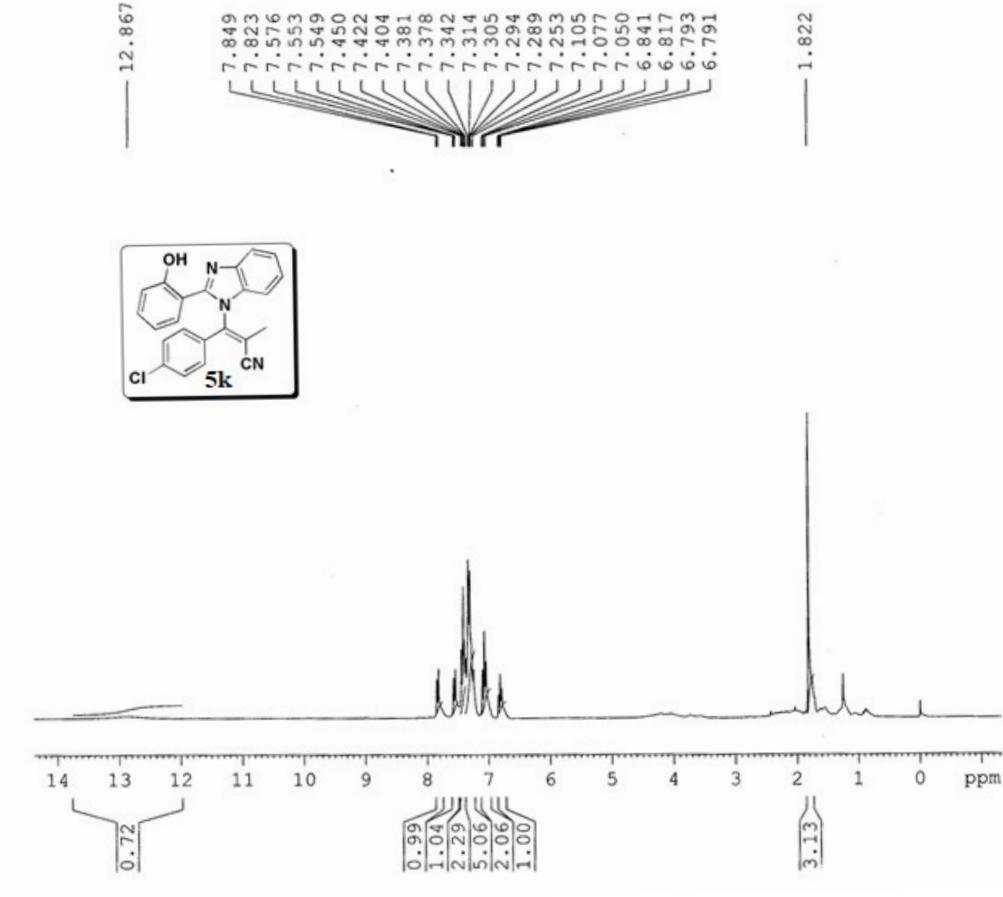


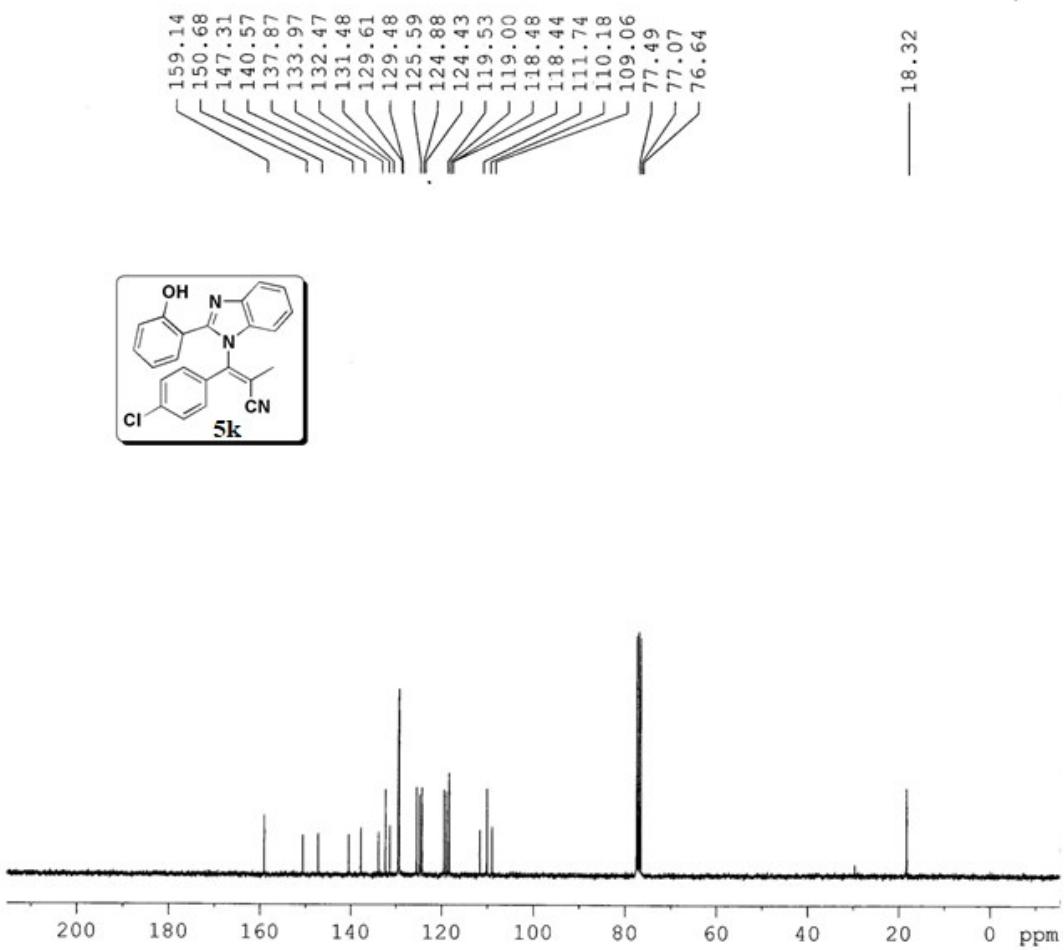


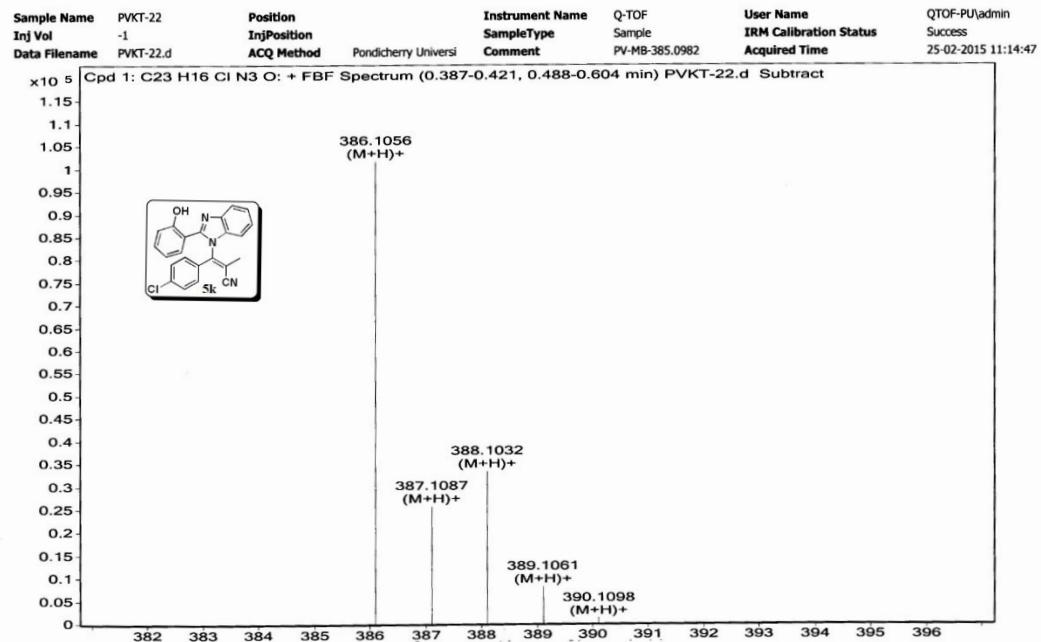


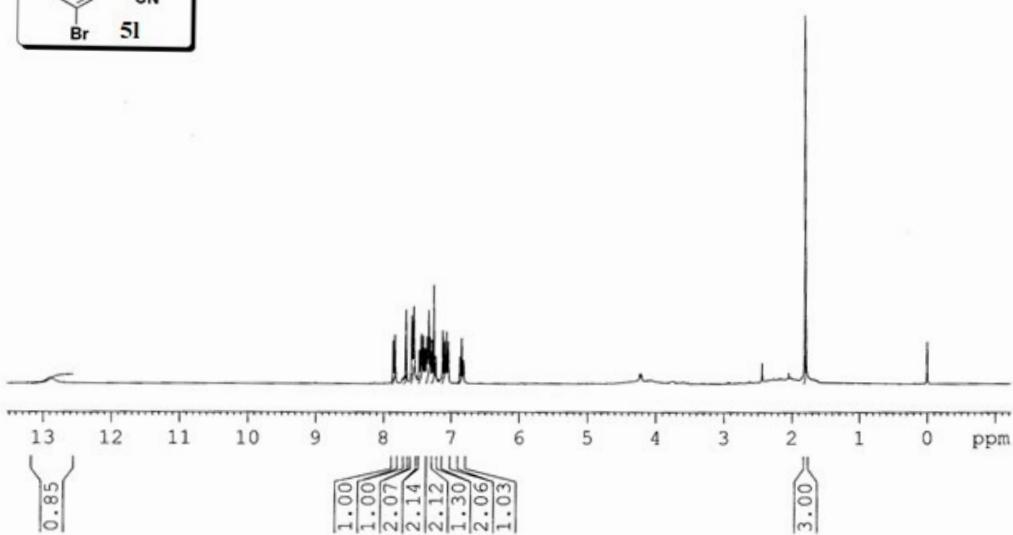
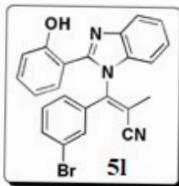
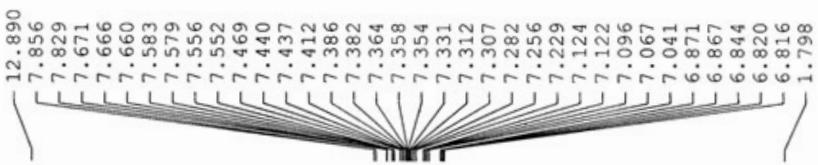


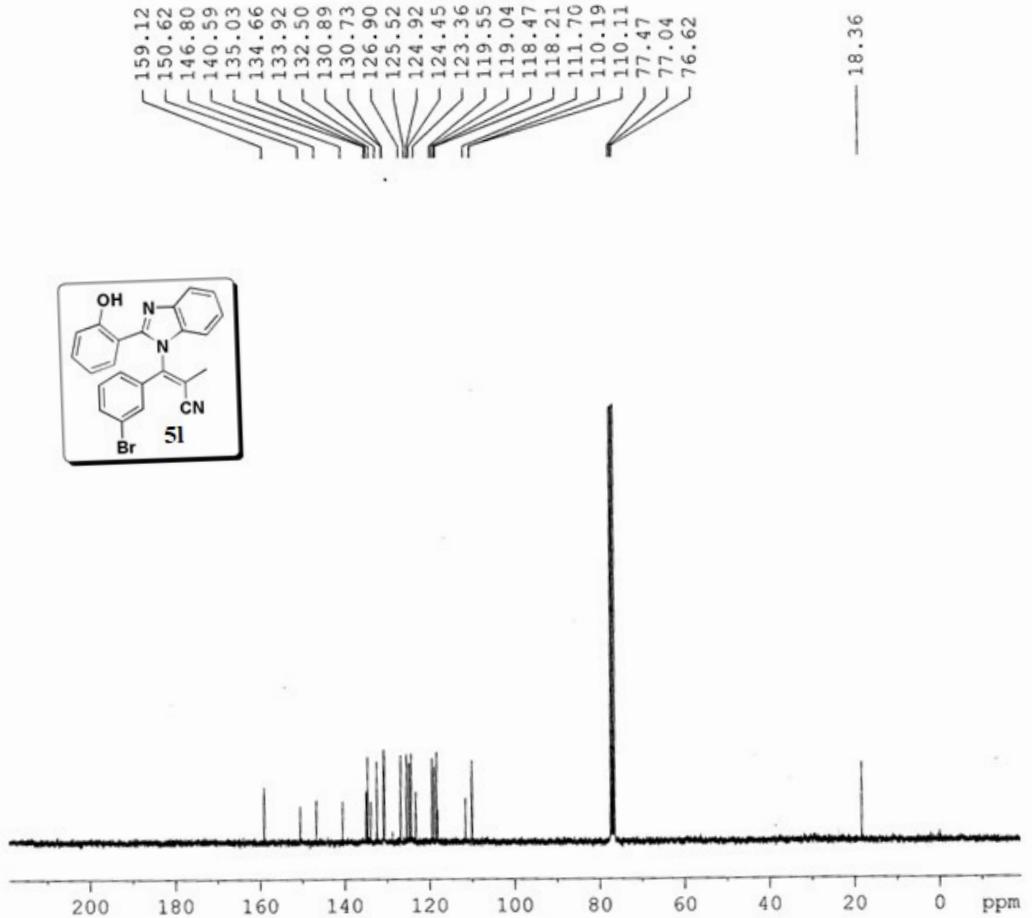


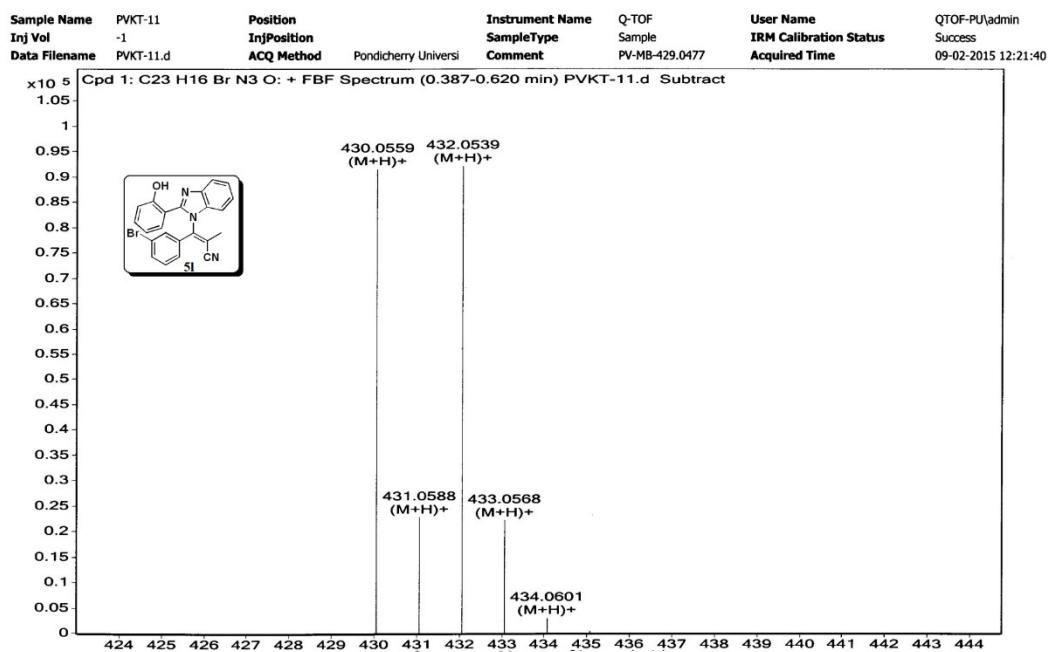


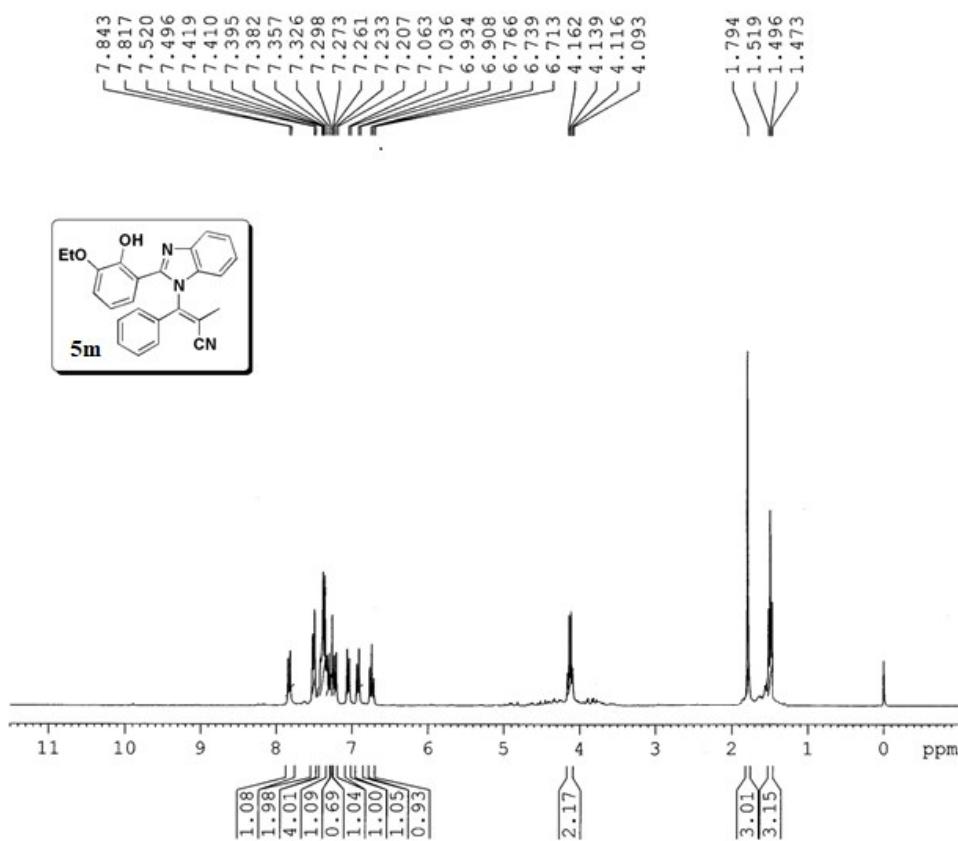


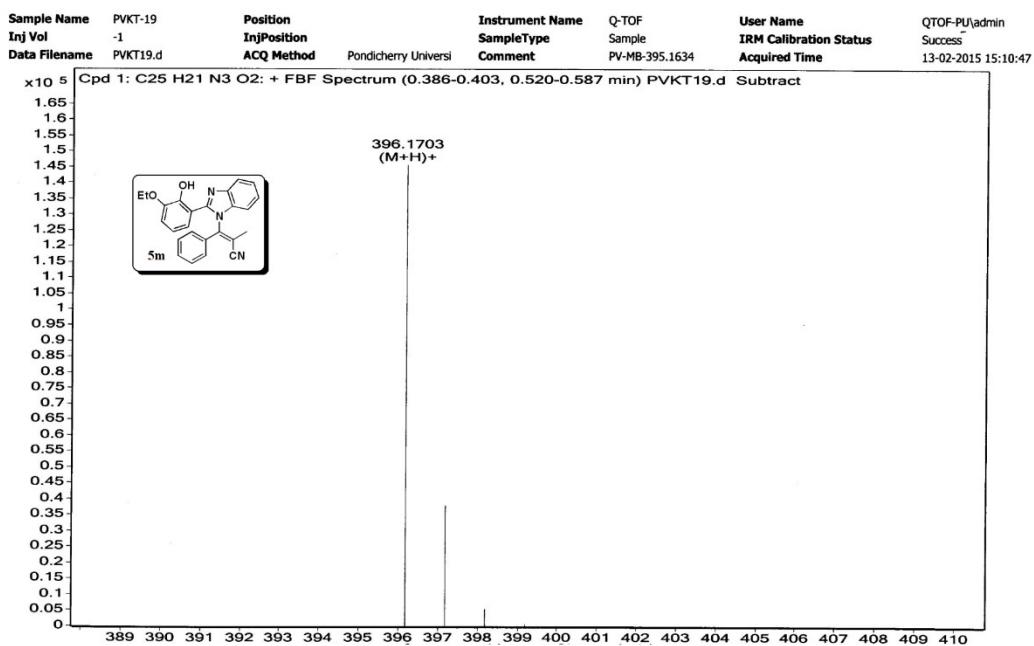
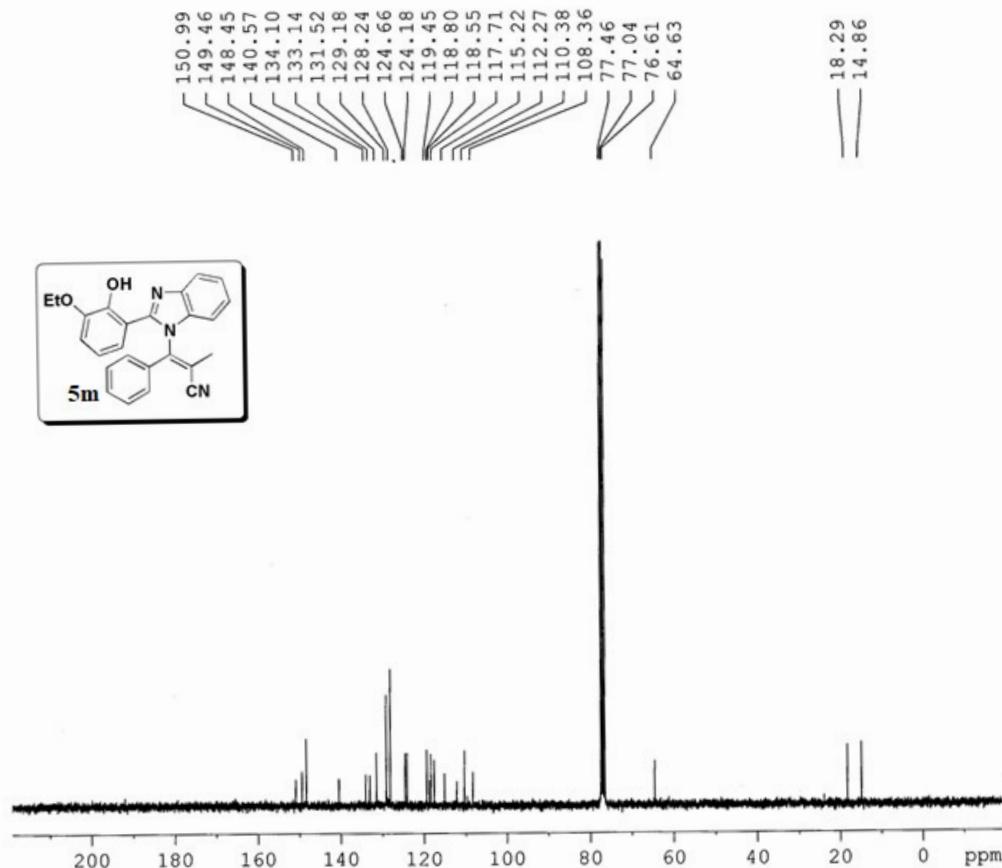


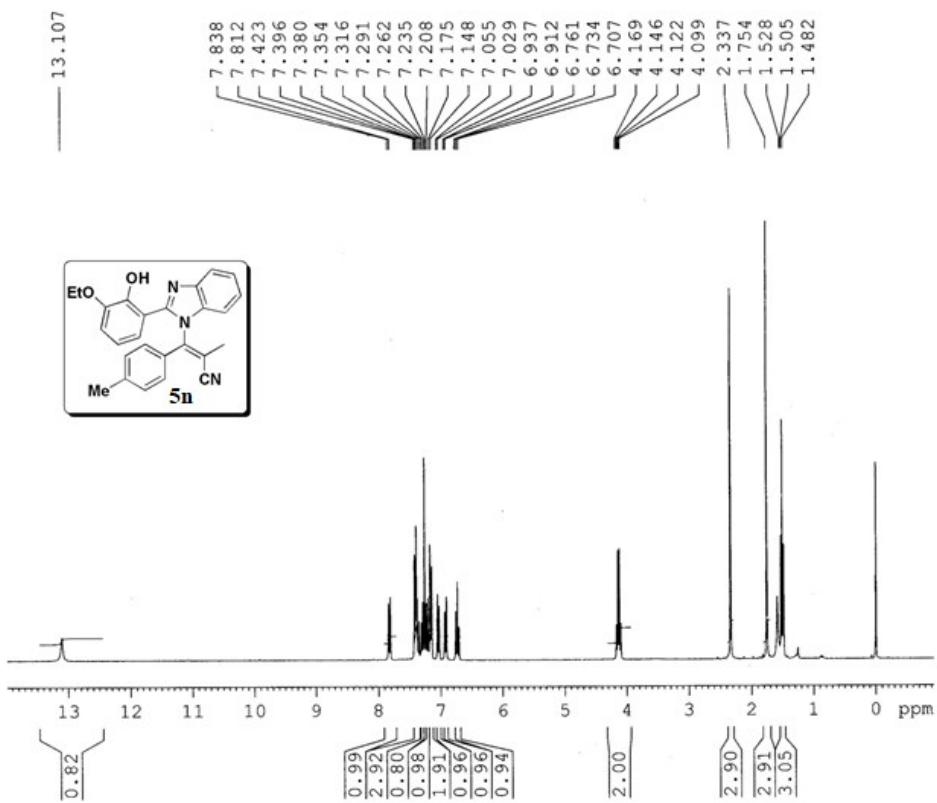


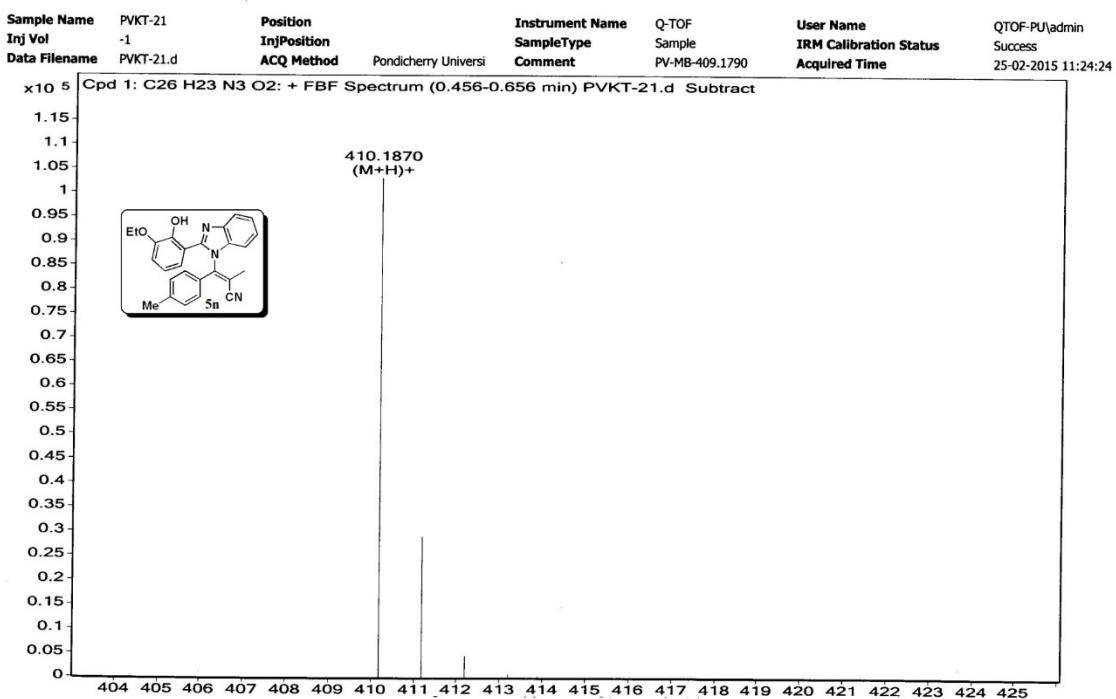
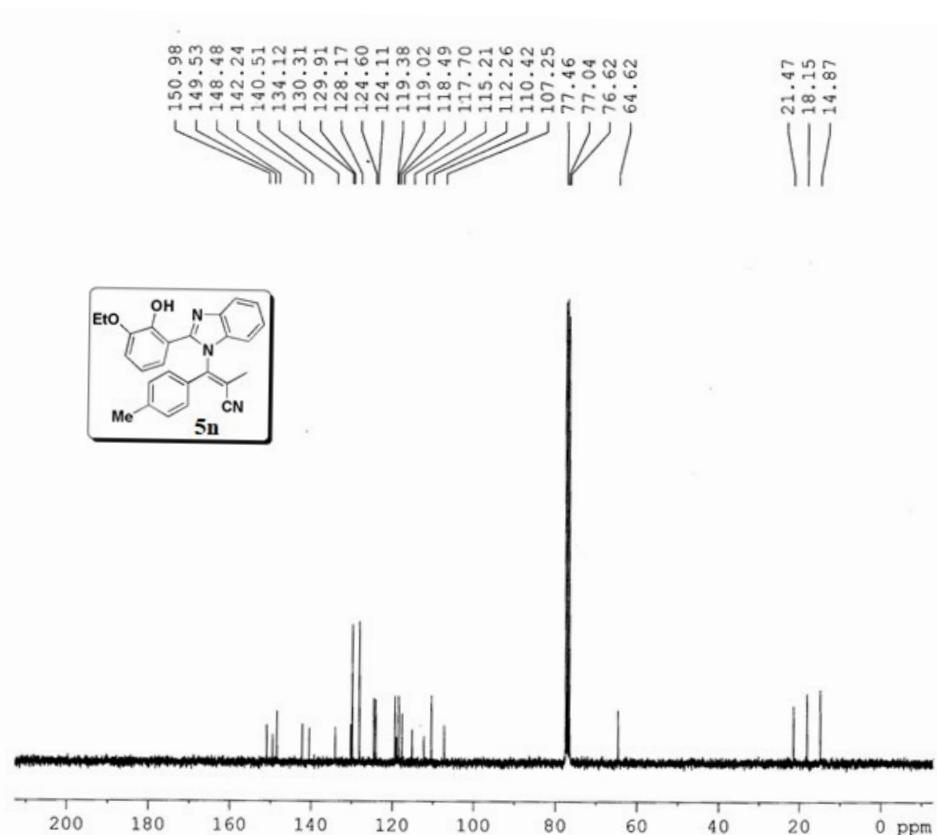




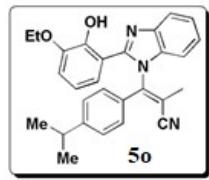
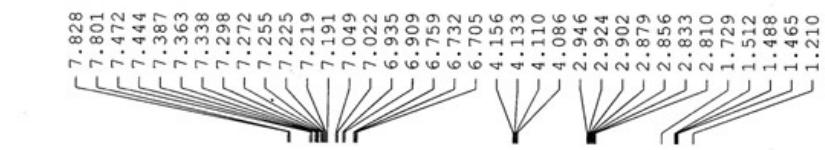


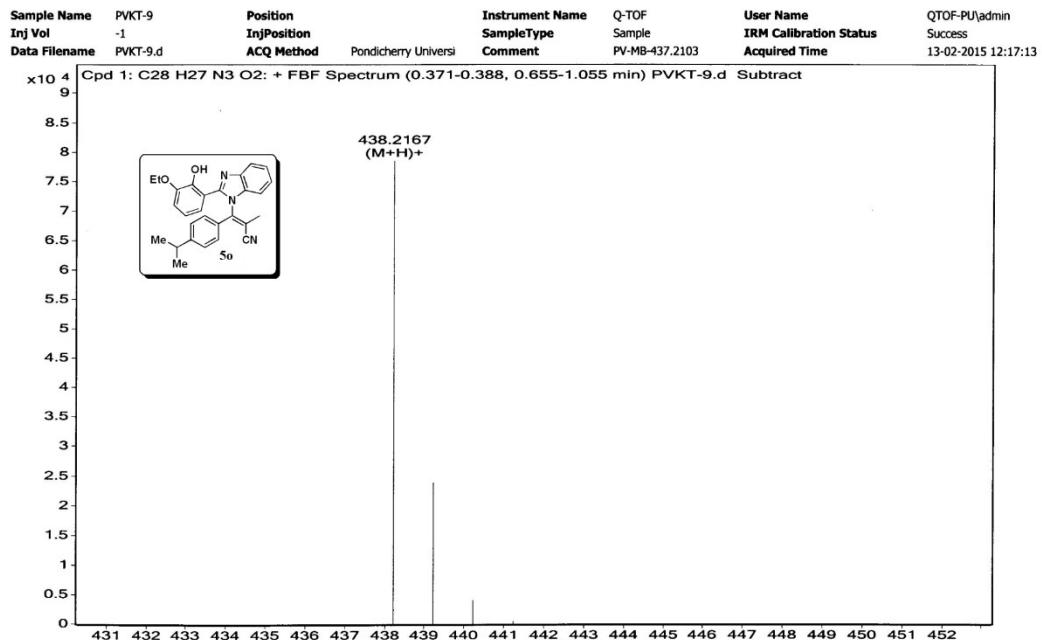
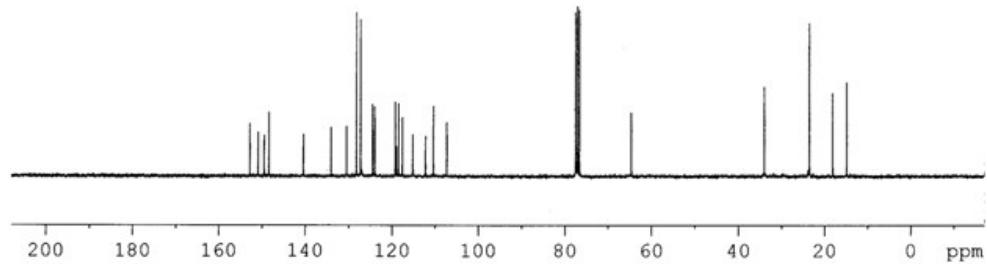
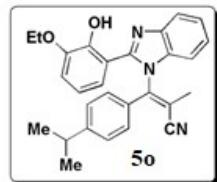
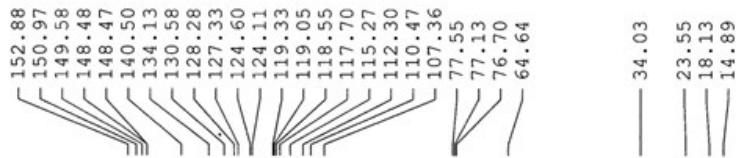


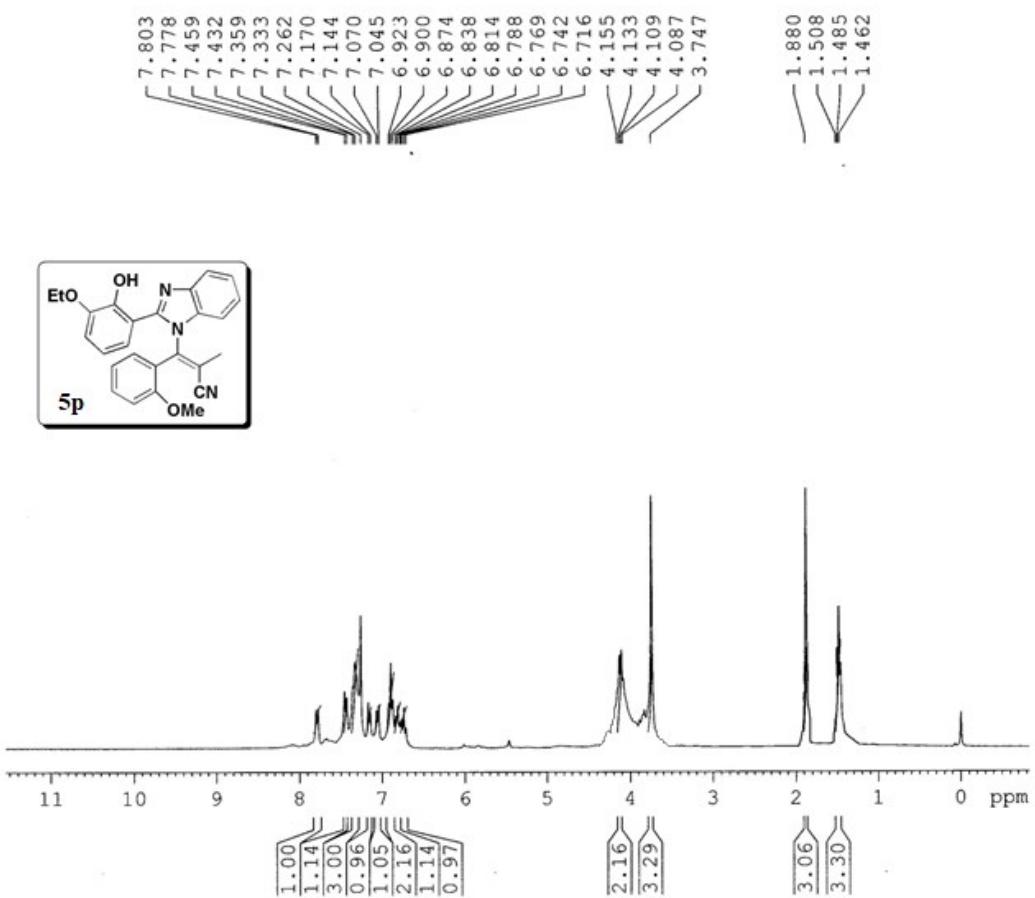


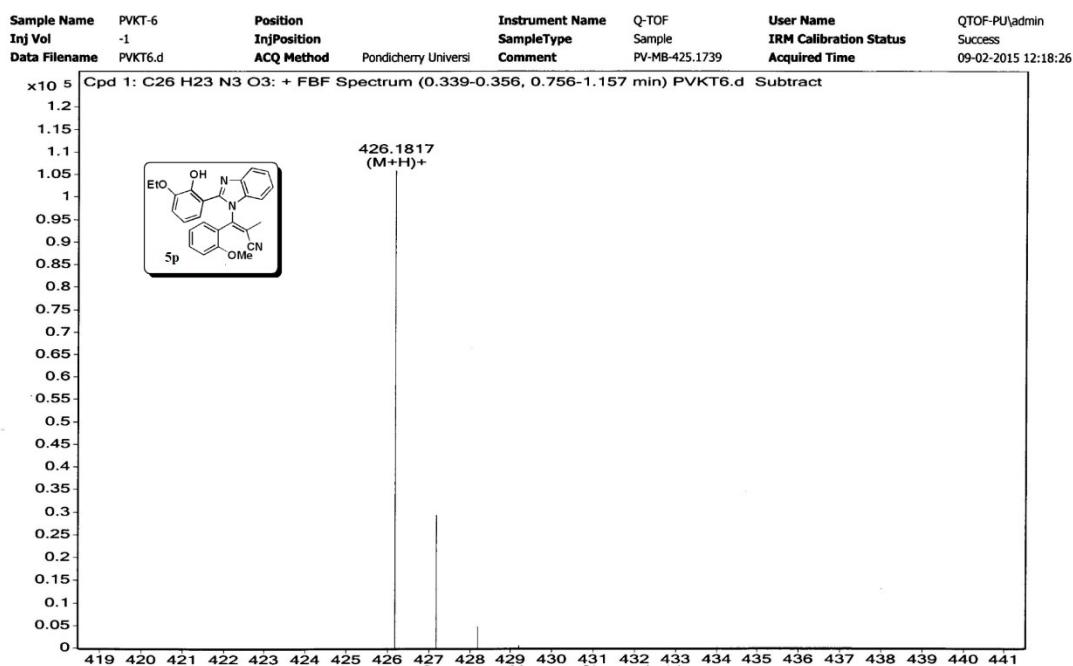
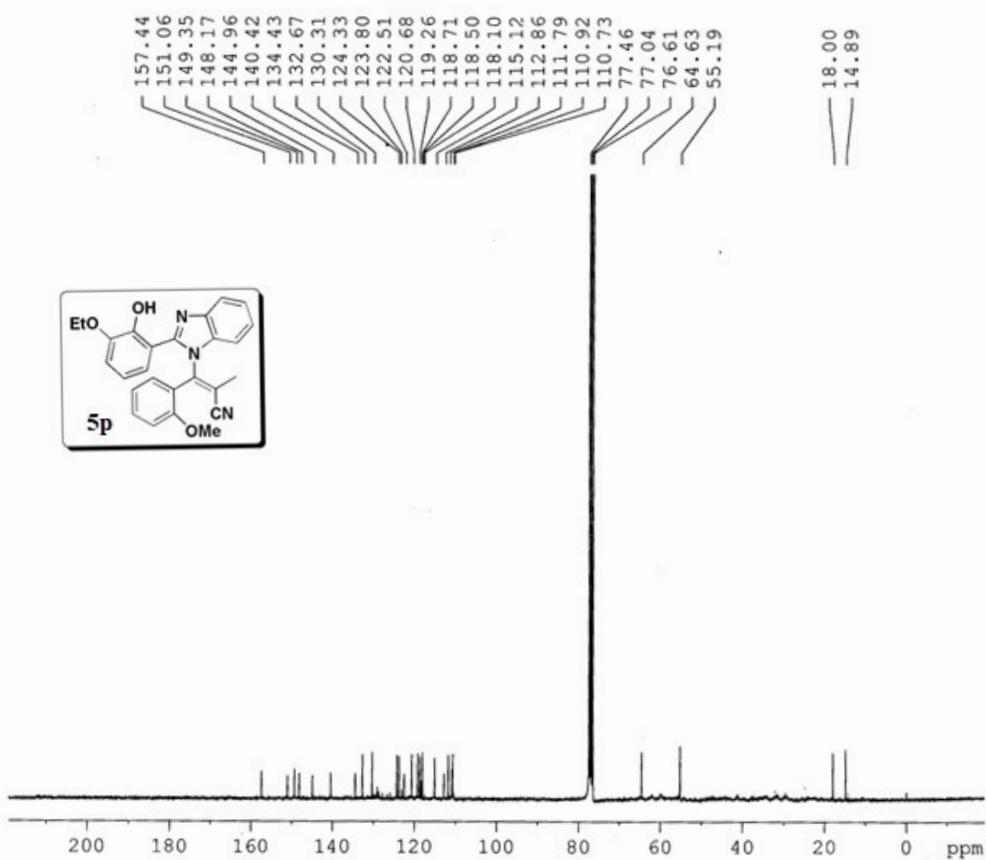


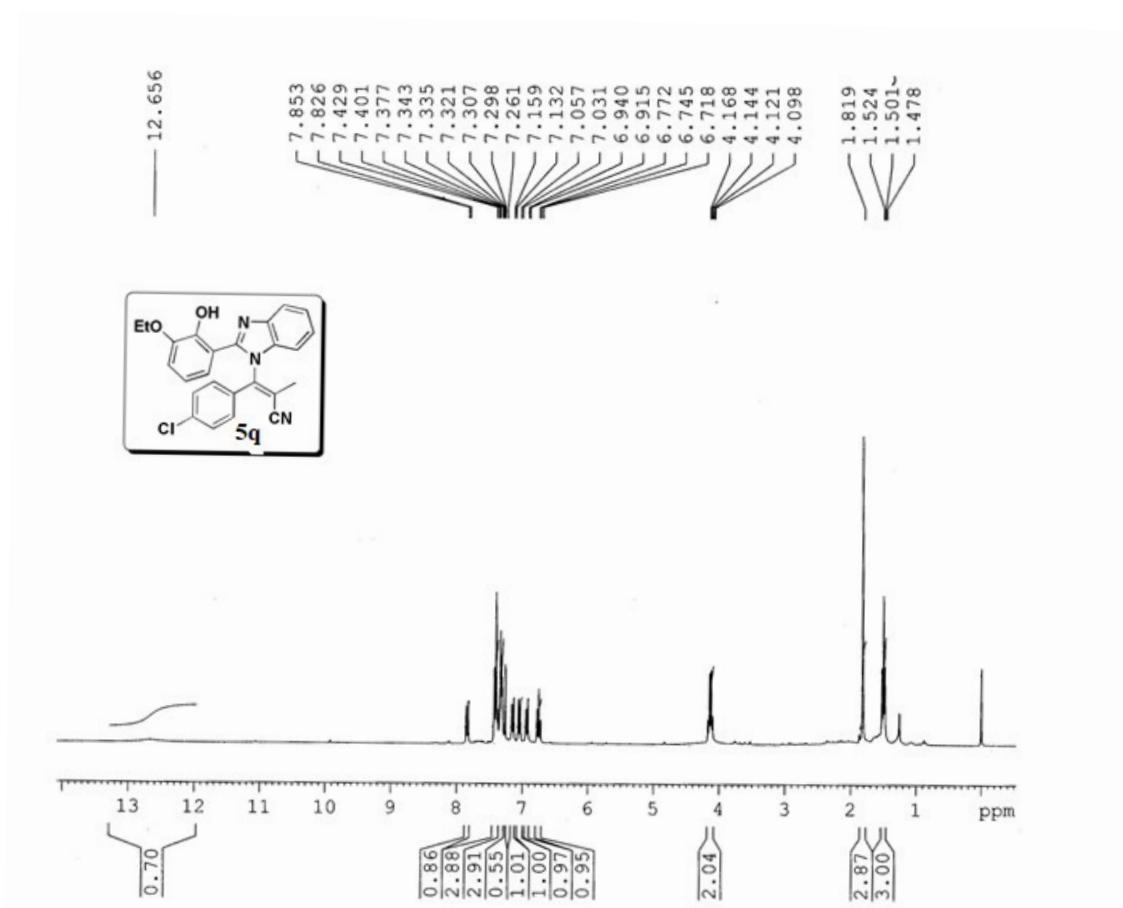
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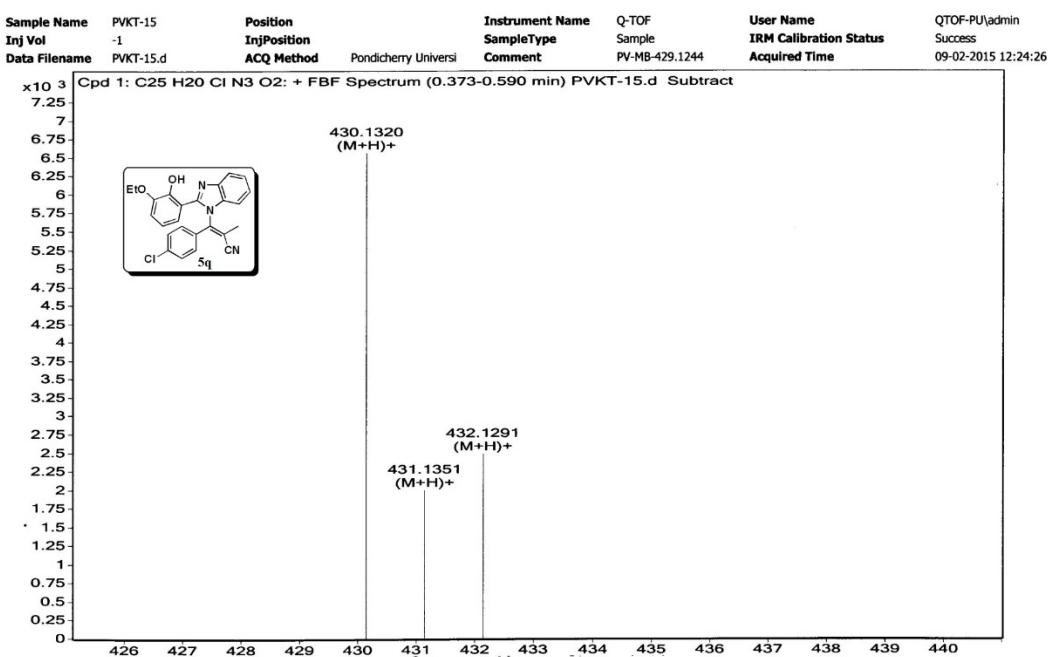
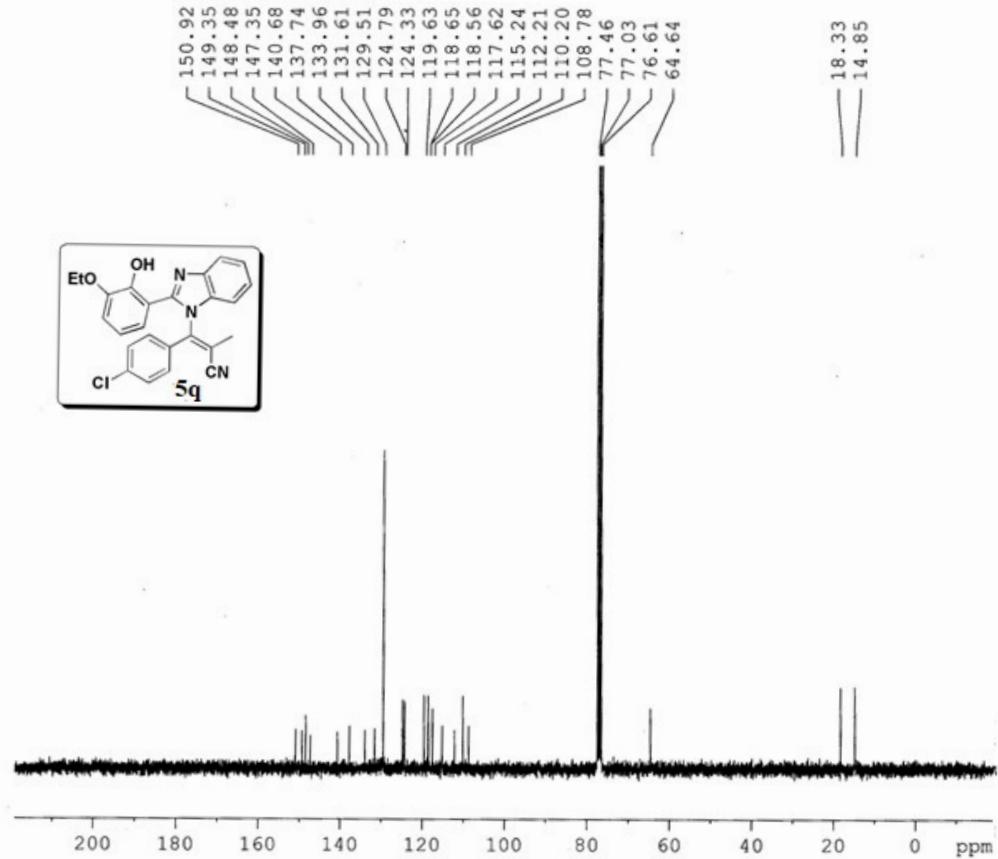




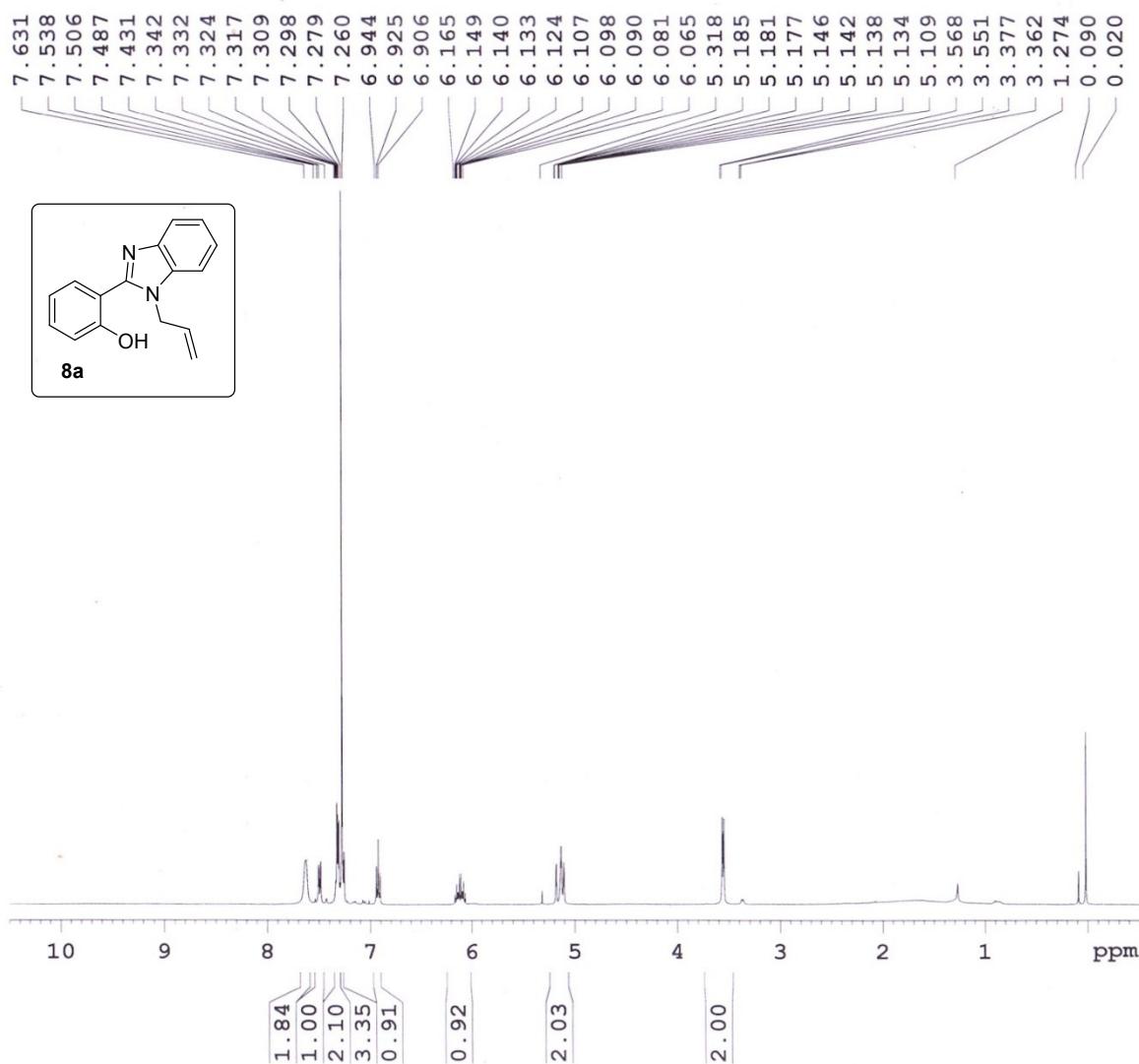


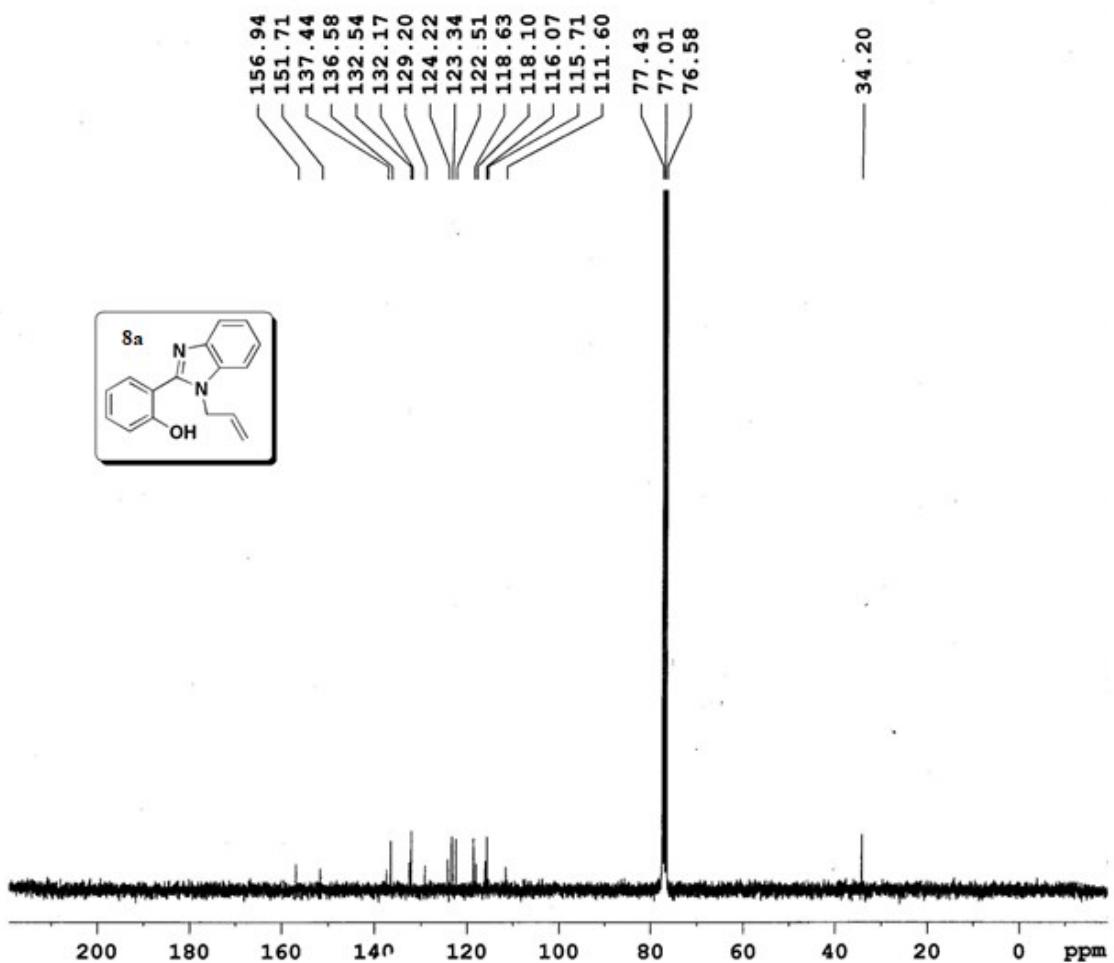


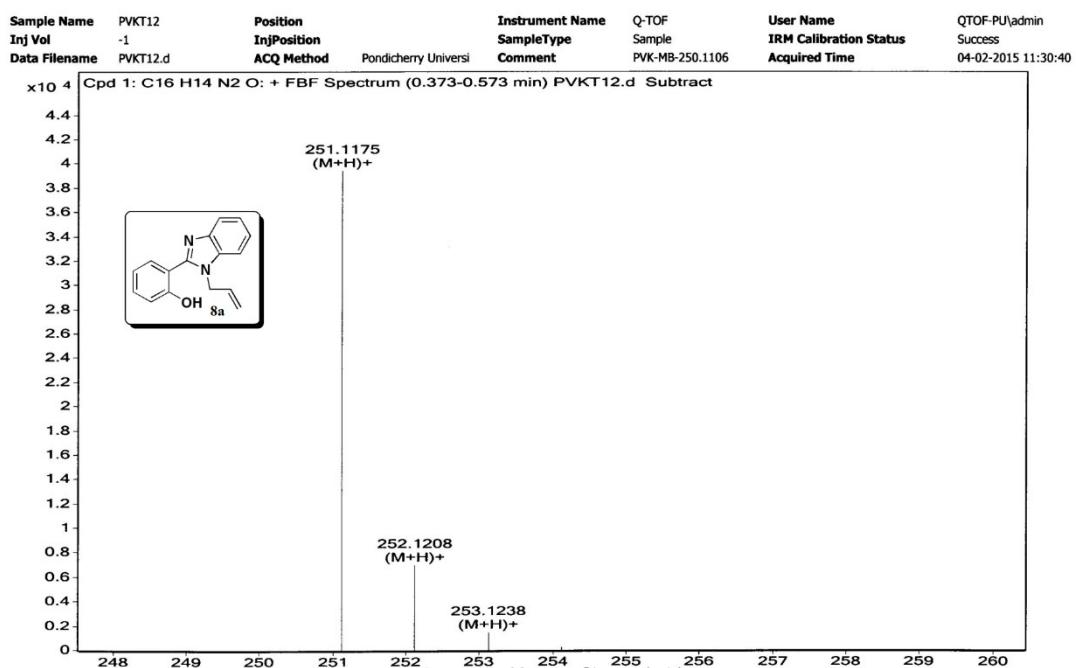


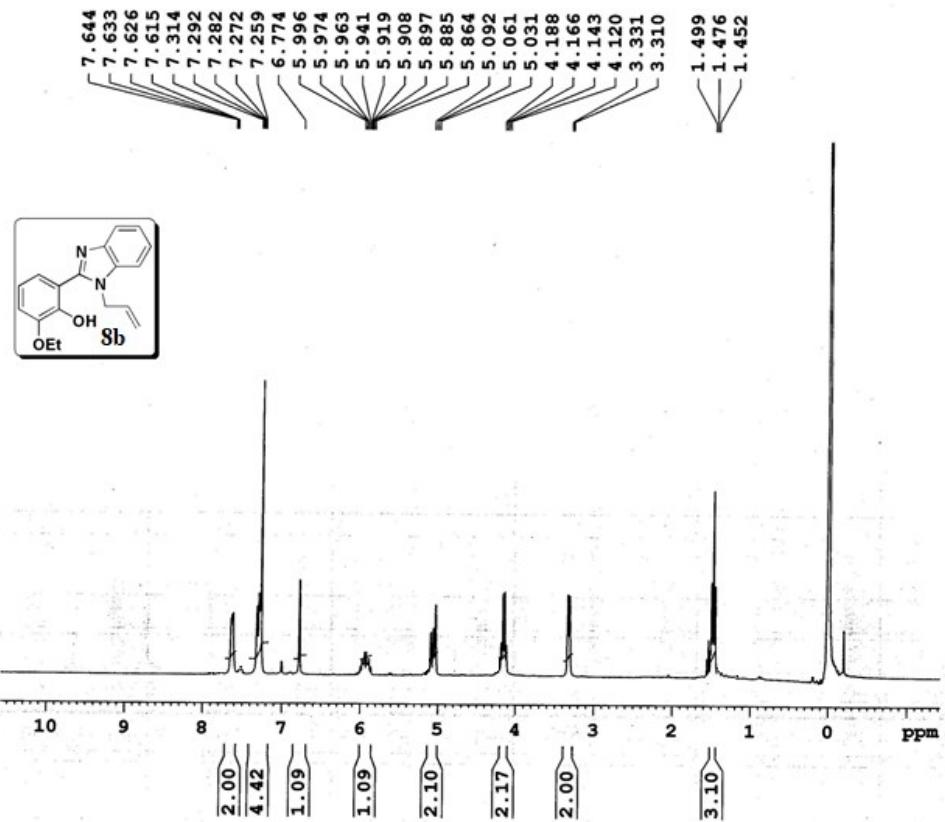


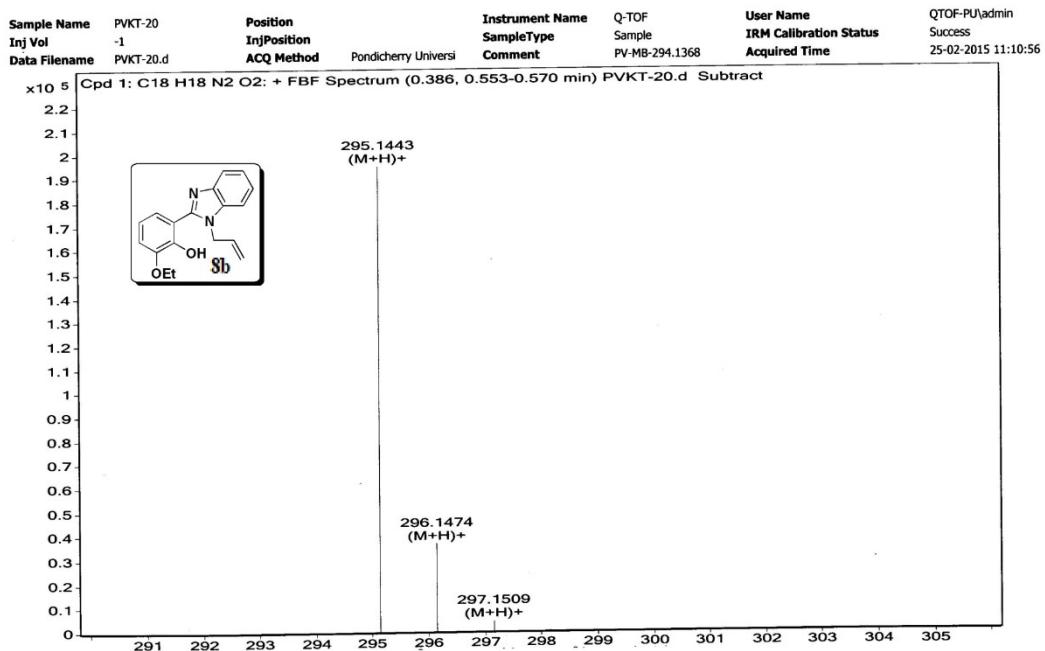
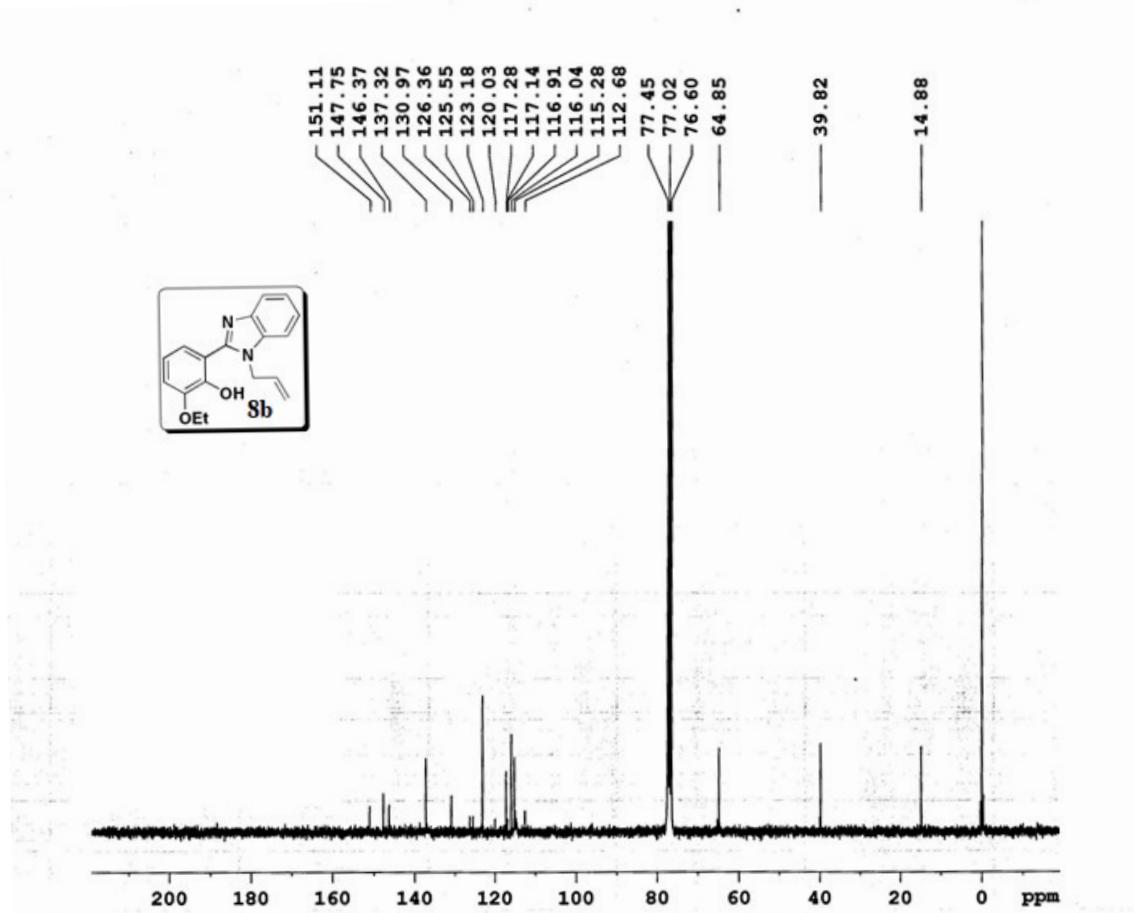
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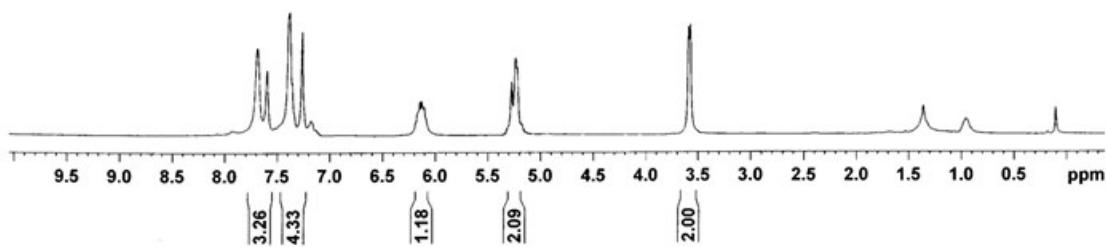
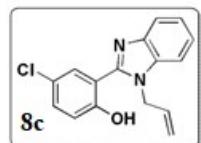
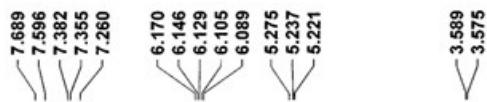


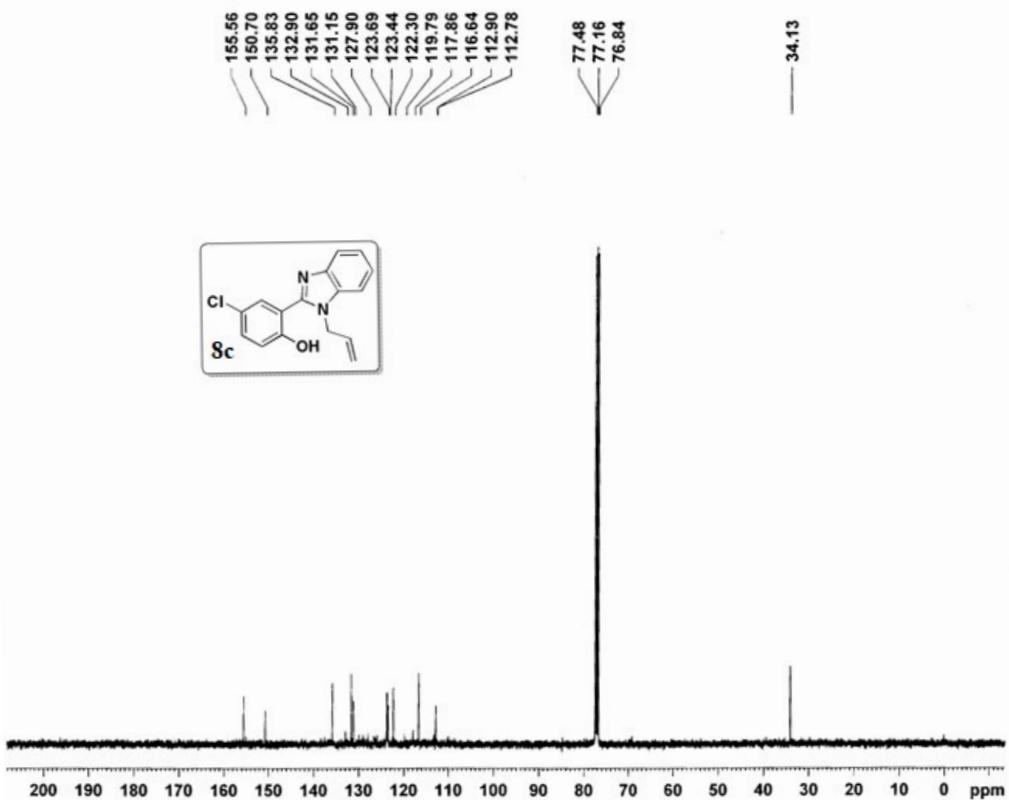


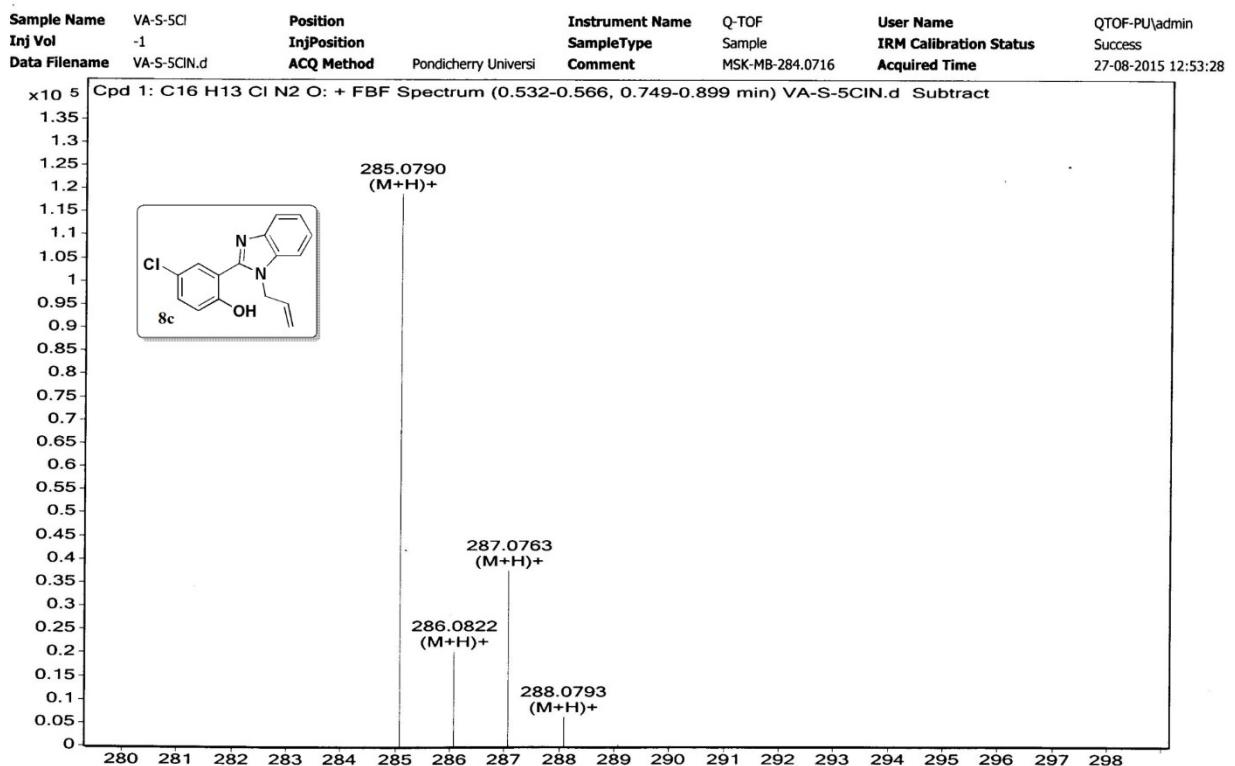


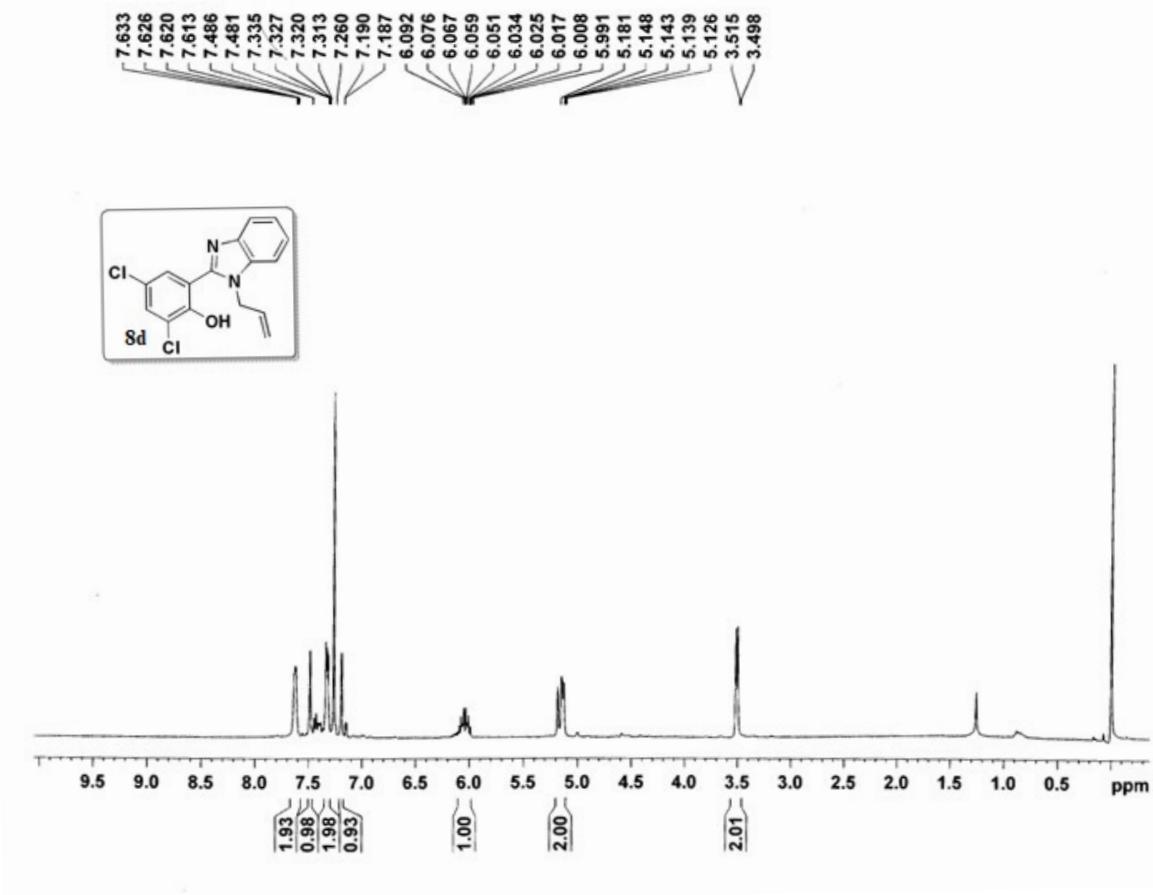


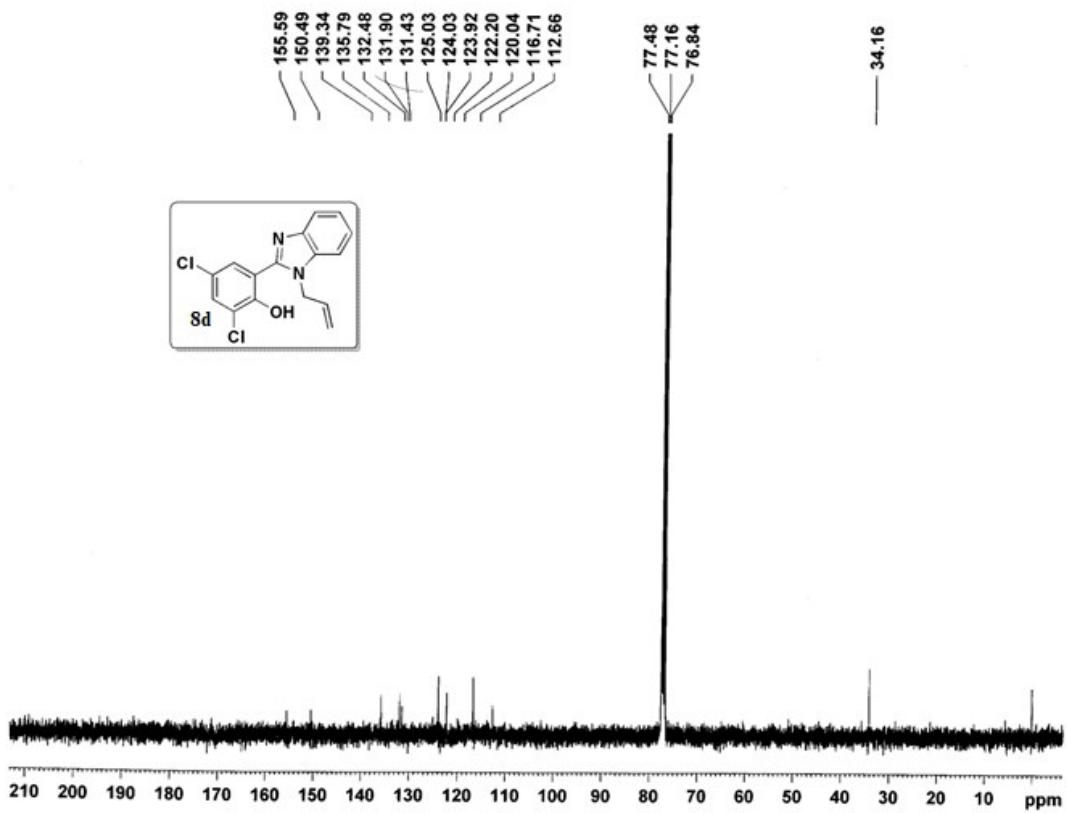




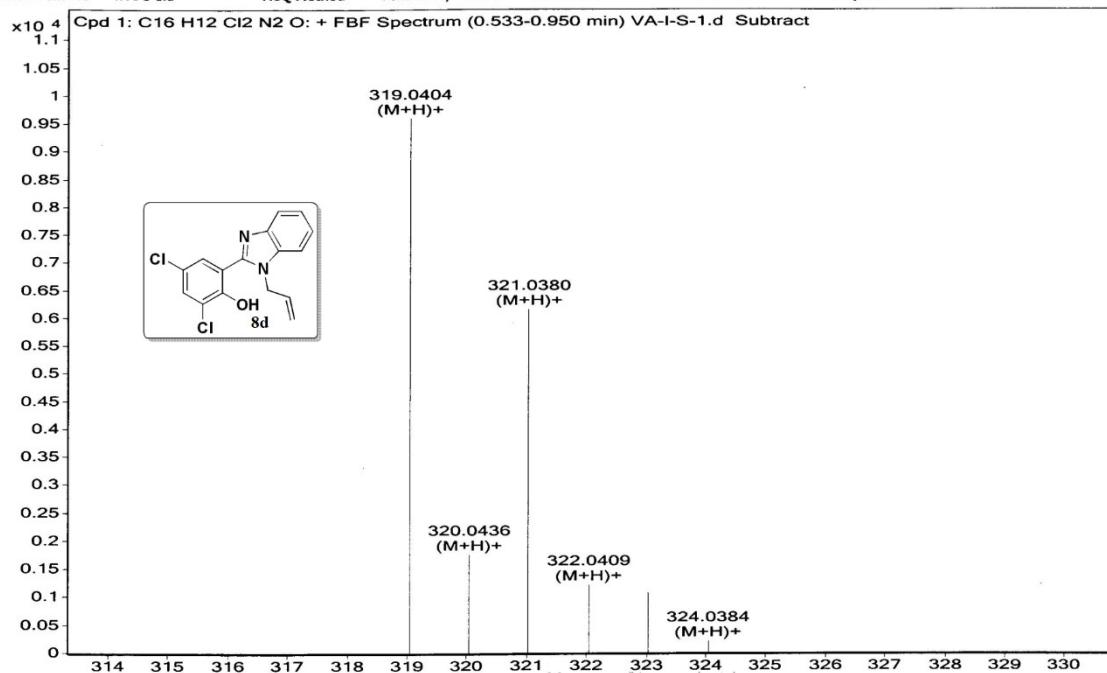


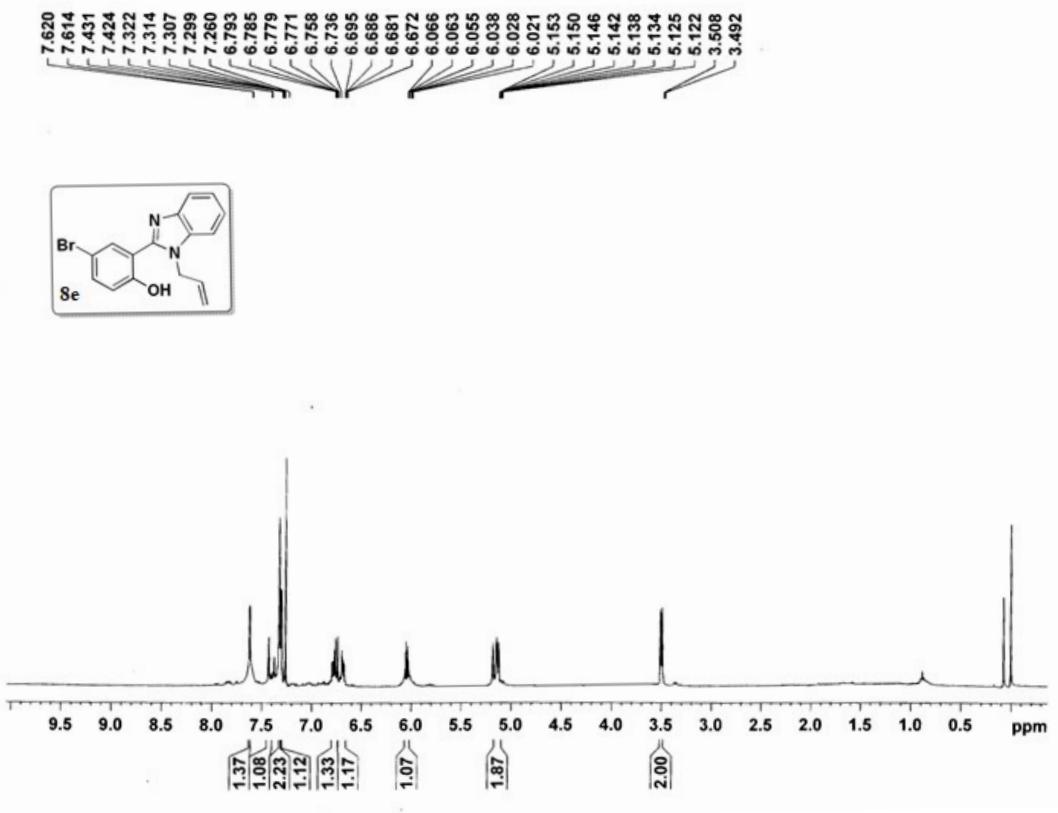


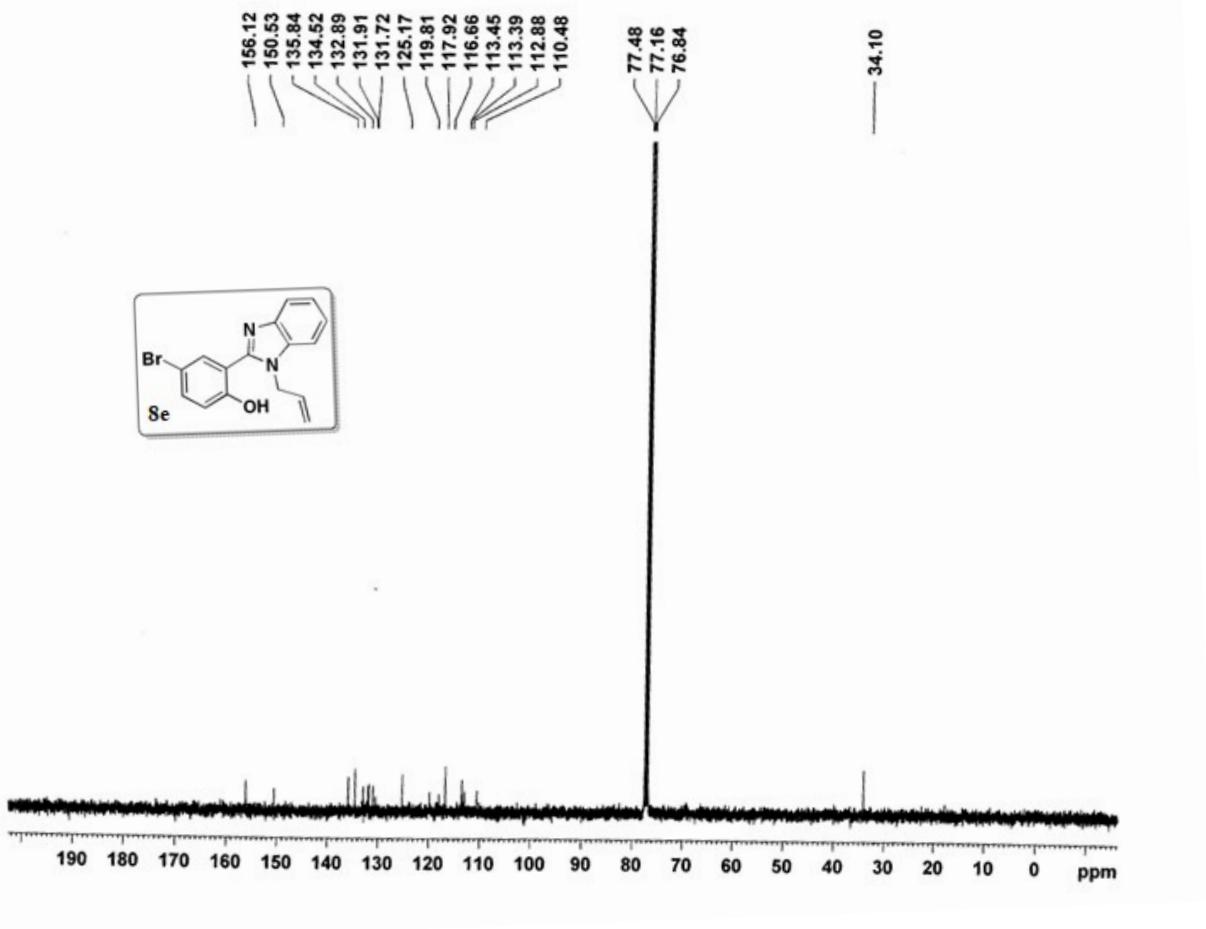




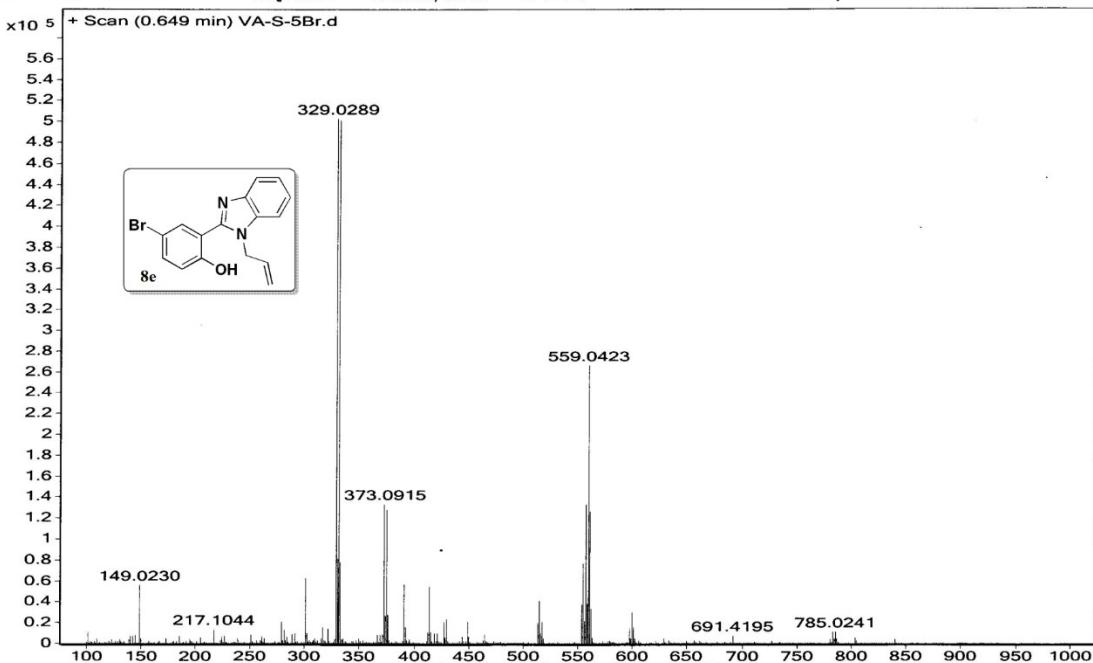
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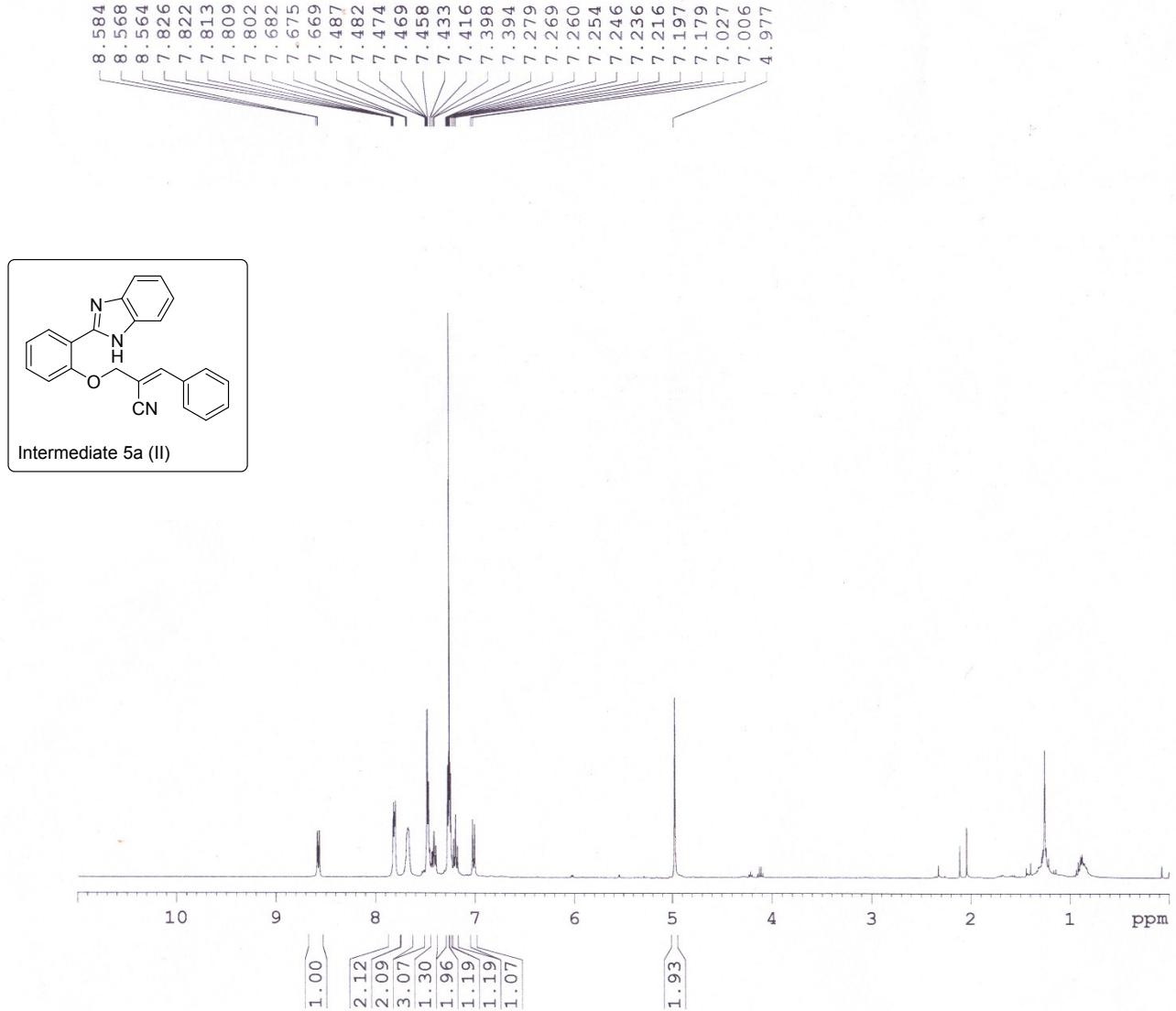




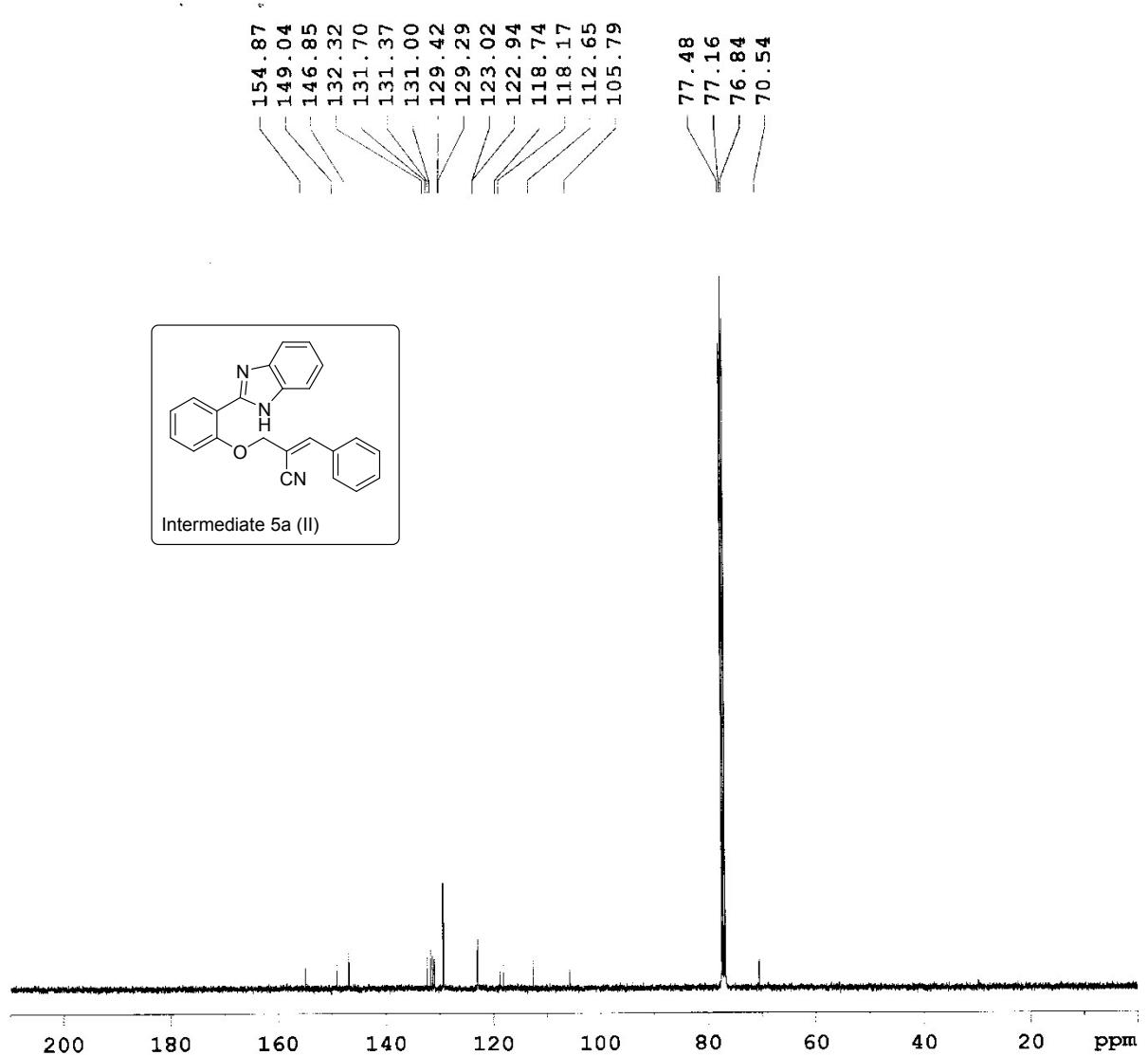
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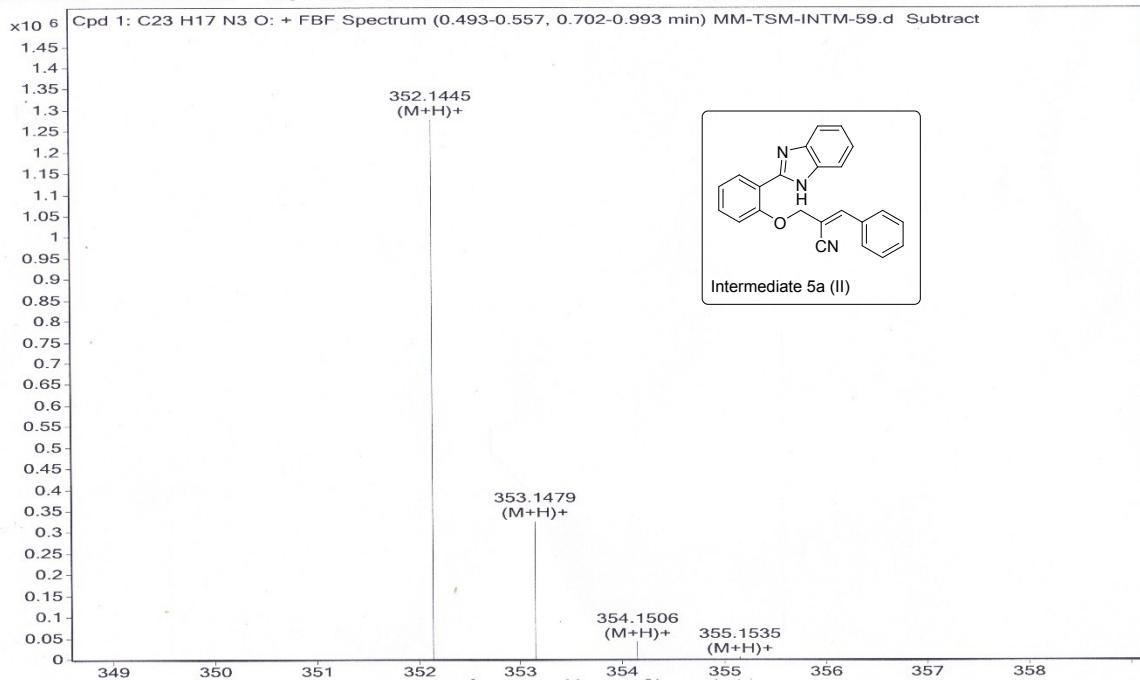
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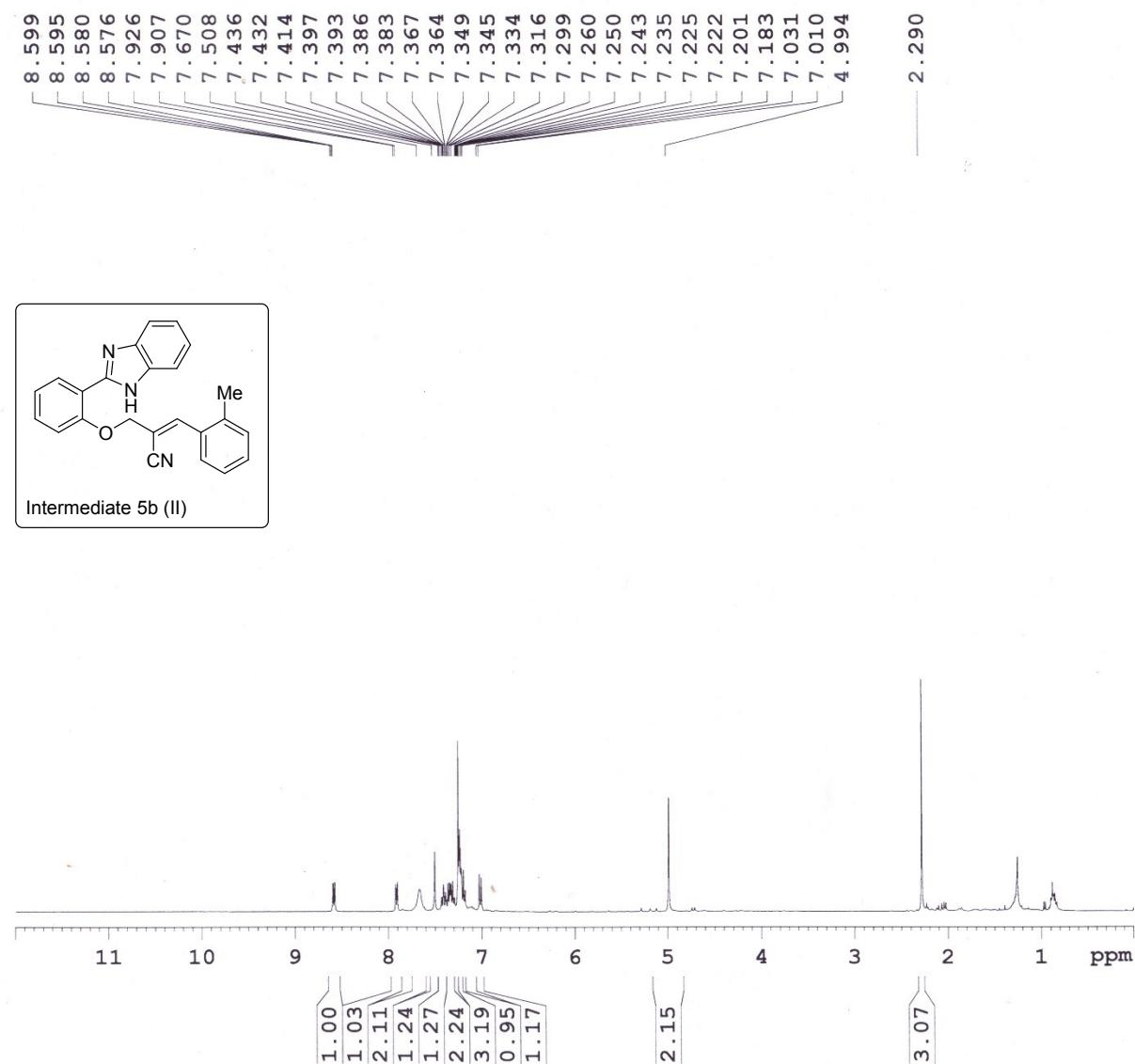
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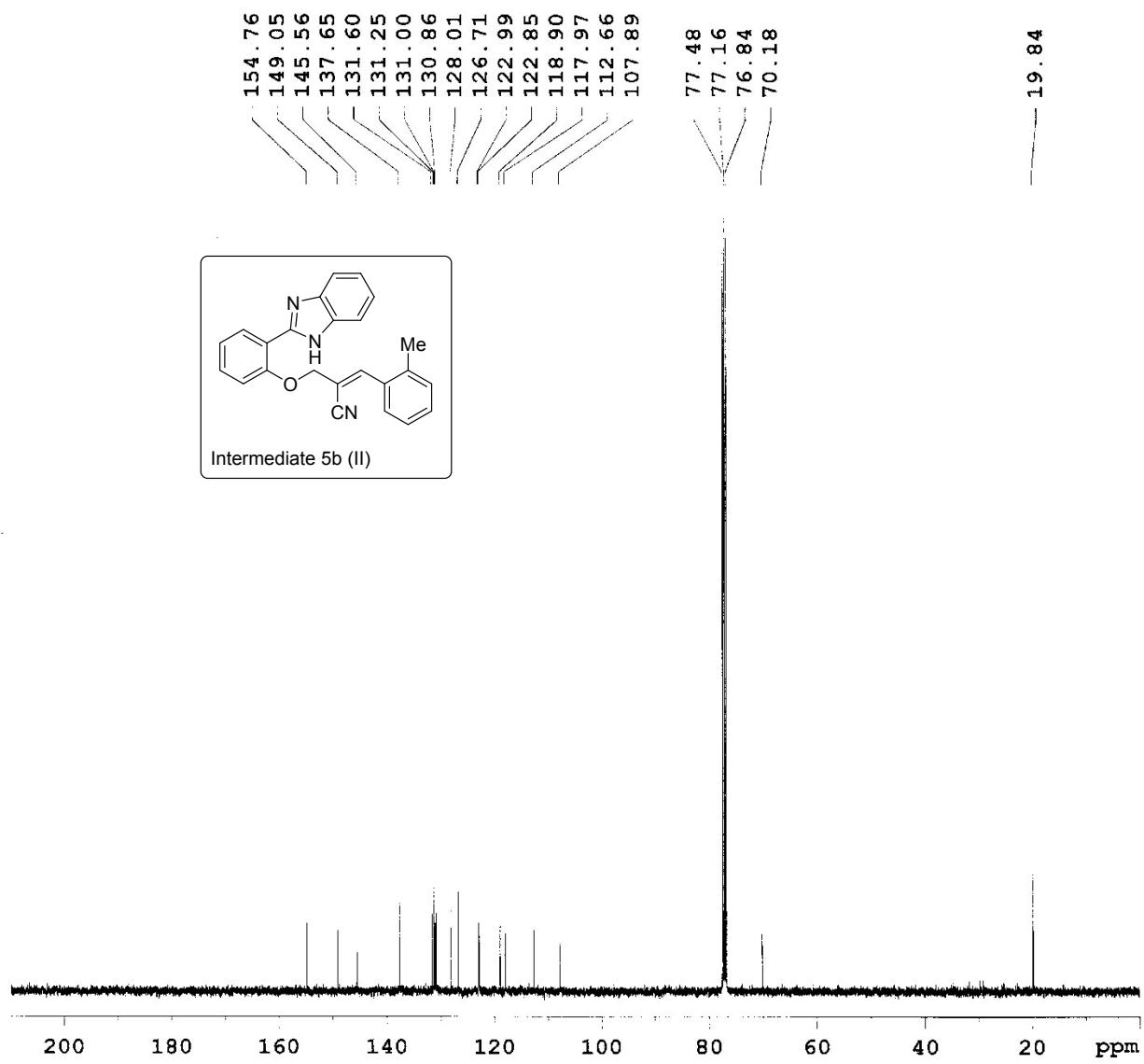
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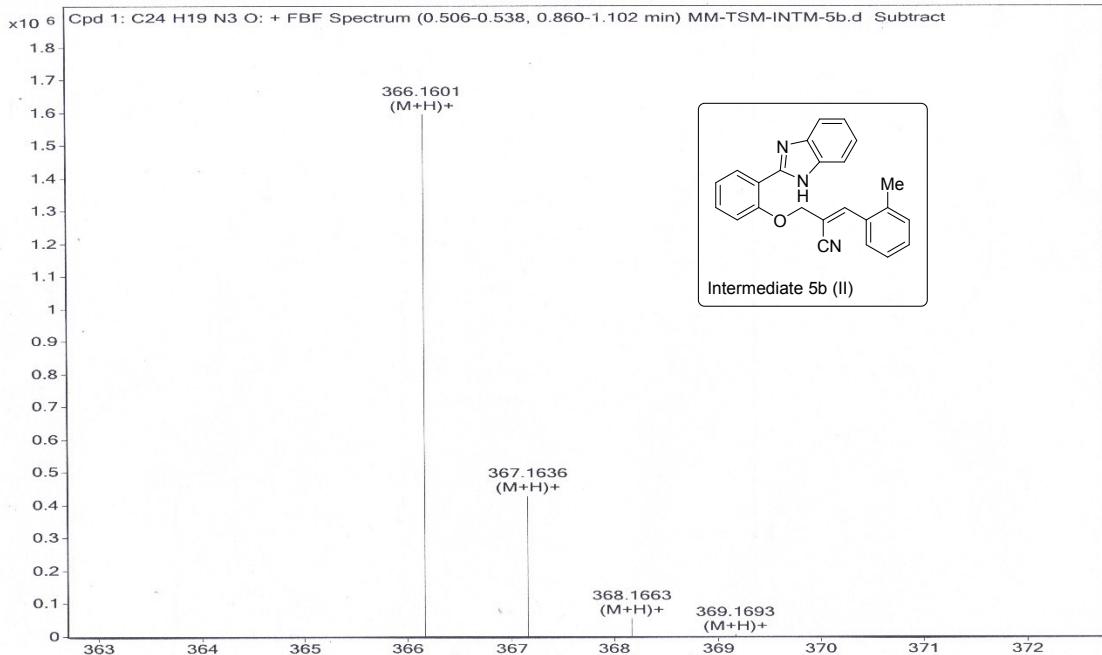
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Crystal Structure of **5a**

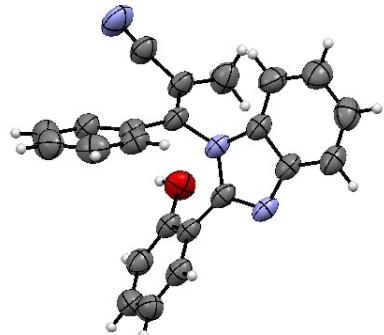


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **5a.**

Identification code	MB-MN-688-S
Empirical formula	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ N ₂ O _{0.07}
Formula weight	199.40
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pca2 ₁
a/Å	20.4023(13)
b/Å	16.0765(13)
c/Å	11.2547(7)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3691.5(4)
Z	14
ρ _{calcd} /g/cm ³	1.256
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.076
F(000)	1492.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.36 × 0.34 × 0.24
Radiation	MoKα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.956 to 58.36
Index ranges	-27 ≤ h ≤ 16, -20 ≤ k ≤ 18, -13 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	10778
Independent reflections	6348 [R _{int} = 0.0335, R _{sigma} = 0.0538]
Data/restraints/parameters	6348/1/491
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.025
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0495, wR ₂ = 0.0987
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0945, wR ₂ = 0.1219
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.17/-0.15
Flack parameter	-0.1(10)