

Supporting Information

Temperature Controlled Condensation of Nitriles: Efficient and Convenient Synthesis of β -Enaminonitriles, 4-Aminopyrimidines and 4-Amidinopyrimidines in One System

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1. Characterization Data for the Products

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-diphenylbut-2-enenitrile (**2a**): yield, 86% (40 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 112–113 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (ddd, J = 8.9, 6.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 11.4, 5.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.90, 135.93, 133.39, 129.35, 129.08, 128.99, 128.61, 127.56, 127.35, 122.13, 81.55, 40.44. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 257.1055; found, 257.1049.

(*E*)-2,4-di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-aminobut-2-enenitrile (**2b**): yield, 85% (66 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 9H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.82, 140.66, 140.56, 140.39, 140.19, 134.91, 132.45, 129.54, 129.00, 128.97, 128.96, 128.05, 127.88, 127.64, 127.58, 127.13, 127.07, 121.98, 81.75, 40.28. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 409.1681; found, 409.1676.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di-*p*-tolylbut-2-enenitrile (**2c**): yield, 74% (39 mg); pale red oil; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.9 Hz, 4H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.92, 137.17, 137.08, 132.91, 130.38, 129.97, 129.71, 128.89, 128.48, 122.30, 81.19, 39.96, 21.19, 21.11. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 285.1368; found, 285.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2d**): yield, 71% (49 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.48 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 170–171 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 1.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.65, 150.63, 150.43, 132.89, 130.55, 128.83, 128.35, 126.32, 126.10, 122.15, 81.88, 40.02, 34.72, 34.65, 31.45, 31.38. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 369.2307; found, 369.2301.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2e**): yield, 70% (41 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.13, 158.85, 156.78, 130.21, 130.17, 127.95, 125.51, 122.18, 114.82, 114.56, 81.35, 55.45, 39.52. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 317.1266; found, 317.1261.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(4-bromophenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2f**): yield, 73% (57 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.43, 134.68, 132.65, 132.36, 130.72, 130.35, 121.82, 121.42, 121.33,

81.38, 40.03. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{16}H_{12}N_2Br_2Na$, 412.9265; found, 412.9259.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2g**): yield, 72% (44 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.39–7.23 (m, 8H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.82, 134.22, 133.55, 133.16, 131.62, 130.26, 129.96, 129.59, 129.24, 121.60, 80.71, 39.82. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{16}H_{12}Cl_2N_2Na$, 325.0275; found, 325.0270.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2h**): yield, 63% (34 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.31 (d, J = 43.9 Hz), 160.85 (d, J = 45.4 Hz), 156.83, 131.56 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.63 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 128.99, 128.53, 121.76, 116.27 (dd, J = 40.8, 21.6 Hz), 80.93, 39.59. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{16}H_{12}F_2N_2Na$, 293.0867; found, 293.0861.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di-*m*-tolylbut-2-enenitrile (**2i**): yield, 71% (37 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 2.36 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.76, 139.22, 138.94, 135.85, 133.38, 129.85, 129.38, 129.23, 129.04, 128.42, 128.19, 126.14, 125.60, 122.16, 81.87, 40.42, 21.50. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{18}H_{18}N_2Na$, 285.1368; found, 285.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2j**): yield, 67% (39 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 124–125 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.29 (td, J = 7.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.93 (dt, J = 14.1, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.81 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.41, 160.25, 156.65, 137.32, 134.82, 130.44, 130.25, 121.87, 121.45, 120.88, 114.88, 114.14, 113.17, 113.06, 81.97, 55.45, 55.41, 40.55. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{18}H_{18}O_2N_2Na$, 317.1266; found, 317.1261.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(3-fluorophenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2k**): yield, 62% (34 mg); colorless liquid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36 (dtd, J = 9.9, 8.0, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.54 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 162.08 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 156.37, 138.01 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 135.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 131.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 124.79 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 124.33 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 121.23, 116.03 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 115.61 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 114.90 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 114.64 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 81.81, 40.33. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{16}H_{12}F_2N_2Na$, 293.0867; found, 293.0861.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di-*o*-tolylbut-2-enenitrile (**2l**): yield, 51% (27 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.56,

138.31, 137.57, 133.84, 131.52, 131.10, 130.98, 130.85, 130.23, 128.66, 128.03, 126.82, 126.63, 121.12, 80.37, 37.60, 19.72, 19.54. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{18}H_{18}N_2Na$, 285.1368; found, 285.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(2-fluorophenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2m**): yield, 55% (30 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.51 (td, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 (tdd, J = 7.5, 3.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (td, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (d, J = 45.3 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 161.73 (d, J = 114.8 Hz), 159.28 (d, J = 119.1 Hz), 157.60, 131.75 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 131.39 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 130.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 125.05, 123.23 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 121.21, 120.22 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 116.64 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 115.69 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 75.48, 33.35 (d, J = 2.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{16}H_{12}F_2N_2Na$, 293.0867; found, 293.0861.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2n**): yield, 47% (27 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.04 (s, 2H), 6.94 (s, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 2.32 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.67, 139.06, 138.86, 135.82, 133.37, 129.34, 129.11, 126.99, 126.37, 122.24, 82.04, 40.37, 21.42 (d, J = 1.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{20}H_{22}N_2Na$, 313.1681; found, 313.1675.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-bis(2,5-dimethylphenyl)but-2-enenitrile (**2o**): yield, 34% (20 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.15 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.37, 136.28, 136.06, 134.92, 134.30, 133.58, 131.29, 131.25, 131.04, 130.88, 130.82, 129.30, 128.58, 121.17, 80.38, 37.50, 20.93, 20.84, 19.12, 18.97. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{20}H_{22}N_2Na$, 313.1681; found, 313.1675.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enenitrile (**2p**): yield, 72% (48 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 116-117°C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.91 – 7.77 (m, 8H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.90, 133.72, 133.60, 133.39, 132.80, 132.44, 130.86, 129.28, 129.14, 128.08, 127.87, 127.83, 127.82, 127.74, 127.57, 126.85, 126.72, 126.66, 126.46, 126.44, 126.28, 122.09, 82.15, 40.78. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{24}H_{18}N_2Na$, 357.1368; found, 357.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-enenitrile (**2q**): yield, 70% (47 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 80-81°C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 4.58 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.07, 134.24, 134.06, 132.13, 131.62, 131.38, 129.65, 129.11, 129.04, 128.97, 128.82, 128.74, 128.31, 127.05, 126.87, 126.48,

126.39, 125.96, 125.57, 124.98, 123.57, 121.86, 78.25, 37.54. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{24}H_{18}N_2Na$, 357.1368; found, 357.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-5-phenylpent-2-enenitrile (**2r**): yield, 78% (41 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23 (dt, J = 12.3, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.37, 139.95, 137.83, 128.89, 128.75, 128.63, 128.00, 126.89, 126.65, 122.92, 77.75, 36.52, 34.59, 33.49. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{18}H_{18}N_2Na$, 285.1368; found, 285.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-phenethyl-6-phenylhex-2-enenitrile (**2s**): yield, 77% (45 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (tt, J = 9.2, 7.0 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.99, 141.48, 141.20, 128.64, 128.58, 128.54, 128.47, 126.36, 126.14, 122.49, 78.52, 35.22, 34.41, 34.28, 29.97, 29.39. HRMS m/z (ESI) $[M+Na]^+$: 313.1675. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{20}H_{22}N_2Na$, 313.1681; found, 313.1675.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-ethylhex-2-enenitrile (**2t**): yield, 78% (22 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.10 (s, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (dt, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.15 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.06, 122.48, 100.04, 36.49, 21.63, 19.99, 13.57, 12.47. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_8H_{14}N_2Na$, 161.1055; found, 161.1049.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enenitrile (**2u**): yield, 65% (22 mg); gummy liquid; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.21 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (dp, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 6H), 0.97 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.1 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.00, 121.24, 87.78, 43.74, 28.01, 25.59, 22.16, 21.43. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{10}H_{18}N_2Na$, 189.1368; found, 189.1362.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-propylhept-2-enenitrile (**2v**): yield, 76% (25 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.45 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.43 – 2.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.38 (dq, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.97 – 0.89 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.75, 122.69, 79.22, 34.51, 30.49, 28.87, 22.30, 21.29, 13.98, 13.83. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd For $C_{10}H_{18}N_2Na$, 189.1368; found, 189.1362.

2-aminocyclopent-1-enecarbonitrile (**2w**): yield, 62% (27 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 147-148°C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.47 (s, 2H), 2.56 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.97 – 1.87 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 162.51, 119.17, 74.53, 34.38, 31.33, 22.08. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₆H₈N₂Na, 131.0585; found, 131.0580.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,4-di(pyridin-2-yl)but-2-enenitrile (**2x**): yield, 72% (34 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 124-125°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.54 (dd, J = 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.89, 156.52, 156.24, 149.34, 146.80, 137.51, 136.63, 124.18, 122.59, 122.00, 120.15, 118.63, 77.73, 42.92. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₄H₁₂N₄Na, 259.0960; found, 259.0954.

3-aminocrotononitrile (**2y**), (45 : 55, (*E*)/(*Z*) mixture) : yield, 92% (15 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 80-81°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H) for (*E*) configuration; 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 1.90 (s, 3H) for (*Z*) configuration. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.98, 119.65, 62.73, 21.23 for (*E*) configuration; 161.49, 121.39, 65.03, 19.59 for (*Z*) configuration. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₄H₆N₂Na, 105.0429; found, 105.0423.

(*E*)-2-(amino(phenyl)methylene)butanenitrile (**3a**): yield, 88% (30 mg); colourless oil; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 2.02 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.90, 135.55, 129.85, 128.83, 128.00, 120.92, 81.03, 21.86, 14.59. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₁H₁₂N₂Na, 195.0898; found, 195.0893.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-3-phenylacrylonitrile (**3b**): yield, 89% (42 mg); colourless oil; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.54, 137.76, 136.10, 130.36, 128.95, 128.79, 128.07, 128.06, 126.98, 123.42, 78.22, 34.55. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd For C₁₆H₁₅N₂, 235.1235; found, 235.1228.

(*E*)-3-amino-3-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3c**): yield, 90% (40 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.375 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 115-116°C ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 8.45 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.02 (ddd, J = 7.0, 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.29, 156.57, 146.76, 136.99, 136.78, 130.57, 128.78, 127.97, 121.87, 120.47, 118.97, 78.53. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₄H₁₁N₃Na, 244.0851; found, 244.0845.

(*E*)-2-(amino(pyridin-2-yl)methylene)butanenitrile (**3d**): yield, 86% (30 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.3 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.7,

1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dt, $J = 8.1, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (tt, $J = 5.4, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (tdd, $J = 7.6, 4.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 2.24 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.89, 151.53, 148.93, 137.02, 124.60, 123.61, 122.67, 81.20, 21.91, 11.95. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 196.0851; found, 196.0845.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3e**): yield, 85% (40 mg); red oil; $R_f = 0.4$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.38, 151.08, 149.00, 137.27, 137.15, 128.98, 128.11, 127.08, 124.89, 123.78, 123.61, 77.80, 35.53. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 258.1007; found, 258.1001.

(*E*)-3-amino-2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3f**): yield, 83% (37 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.325$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 122–123 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.21 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.43, 156.60, 152.20, 149.48, 146.81, 136.99, 136.72, 125.21, 124.29, 122.29, 120.79, 119.19, 77.21. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Na}$, 245.0803; found, 245.0798.

(*E*)-2-(amino(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)butanenitrile (**3g**): yield, 62% (22 mg); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.275$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 2.20 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.06, 137.13, 129.02, 127.68, 127.23, 122.35, 82.17, 21.48, 12.29. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{S}$, 179.0643; found, 179.0637.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3h**): yield, 60% (29 mg); red oil; $R_f = 0.4$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.67, 137.44, 136.76, 129.51, 129.07, 128.10, 127.88, 127.65, 127.14, 123.20, 78.72, 35.03. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{SNa}$, 263.0619; found, 263.0613.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3i**): yield, 73% (35 mg); yellow oil; $R_f = 0.6$ in 50% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd, $J = 6.6, 5.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.17, 155.15, 146.70, 137.37, 136.83, 130.13, 128.30, 127.86, 121.88, 120.86, 119.20, 78.52. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{SNa}$, 250.0415; found, 250.0409.

(*E*)-2-(amino(naphthalen-2-yl)methylene)butanenitrile (**3j**): yield, 61% (27 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.325 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 118-119°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.61 (dt, J = 5.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 2.18 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.89, 133.86, 133.74, 132.82, 128.43, 128.39, 127.80, 127.72, 127.09, 126.63, 125.16, 122.81, 81.60, 21.02, 12.29. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 245.1055; found, 245.1049.

(*E*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3k**): yield, 65% (37 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.3 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 127-128°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 – 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.47, 137.80, 134.04, 133.36, 132.85, 128.95, 128.59, 128.53, 128.11, 127.97, 127.80, 127.29, 126.97, 126.78, 125.10, 123.52, 78.56, 34.58. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$, 307.1211; found, 307.1206.

(*Z*)-3-amino-2-benzyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3k'**): yield, 16% (9 mg); colourless oil; R_f = 0.35 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.29, 139.85, 133.86, 132.92, 132.44, 128.85, 128.69, 128.46, 128.20, 127.96, 127.88, 127.47, 127.08, 126.60, 125.19, 121.07, 78.48, 34.47.

(*E*)-3-amino-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**3l**): yield, 71% (39 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.4 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 200-201°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.18 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.70 (dd, J = 19.7, 9.0 Hz, 3H), 7.62 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.25, 156.72, 146.87, 136.95, 134.47, 134.26, 132.93, 128.83, 128.75, 128.11, 127.95, 127.57, 126.97, 125.02, 121.88, 120.71, 119.16, 79.30. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 294.1007; found, 294.1002.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (**4a**): yield, 97% (47 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 100-101°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.08 (tt, J = 7.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.74 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.66, 135.39, 128.79, 127.82, 124.84, 124.57, 64.53, 46.72, 23.30. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 266.1633; found, 266.1628.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (**4b**): yield, 96% (52 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.28 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 129-130°C; ^1H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, J = 20.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.12 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.67, 157.65, 130.07, 126.92, 124.46, 114.43, 65.08, 55.34, 46.85, 23.42. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₆H₂₃N₃NaO, 296.1739; found, 296.1733.

2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4c**): yield, 96% (57 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 99-100 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (qd, J = 12.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.66, 148.09, 132.04, 127.72, 125.87, 124.47, 65.53, 46.98, 34.45, 31.38, 23.43. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd For C₁₉H₃₀N₃, 300.2440; found, 300.2434.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(*p*-tolyl)acrylonitrile (**4d**): yield, 97% (50 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.30 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 121-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.68 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.70, 135.07, 131.95, 129.70, 128.35, 124.45, 65.68, 47.03, 23.48, 21.13. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd For C₁₆H₂₄N₃, 258.1970; found, 258.1965.

2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4e**): yield, 96% (63 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 173-174 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 (tt, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.69, 140.71, 137.58, 134.57, 128.87, 128.11, 127.52, 127.17, 126.83, 124.40, 64.88, 46.95, 23.50. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₂₁H₂₅N₃Na, 342.1946; found, 342.1941.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4f**): yield, 95% (61 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.30 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 137-138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.00 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (qd, J = 12.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.58, 134.65, 131.94, 129.39, 124.07, 118.13, 63.90, 46.88, 23.51. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₅H₂₀BrN₃Na, 344.0738; found, 344.0733.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4g**): yield, 95% (53 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.38 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 128-129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 4.03 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.75 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.61, 134.16, 130.17, 129.01, 128.95, 124.21, 63.57, 46.81, 23.45. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd For C₁₅H₂₀ClN₃Na, 300.1243; found, 300.1238.

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4h**): yield, 95% (50 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.30 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 101-102 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.88, 159.58 (d, J = 26.4 Hz), 131.07 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 130.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 124.32, 115.82 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 64.03, 46.85, 23.44. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_3$, 262.1720; found, 262.1714.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (**4i**): yield, 97% (53 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.63 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.64 (qt, J = 12.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.19, 159.85, 136.70, 129.91, 124.31, 120.44, 113.33, 111.12, 65.75, 55.35, 47.08, 23.53. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}$, 296.1739; found, 296.1733.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(*m*-tolyl)acrylonitrile (**4j**): yield, 99% (50 mg); pale yellow oil; R_f = 0.43 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.80, 138.66, 135.07, 128.96, 128.82, 126.03, 125.07, 124.47, 65.73, 47.03, 23.49, 21.52. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 280.1790; found, 280.1784.

2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4k**): yield, 92% (48 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.75 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.29 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 159.76, 138.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 130.30 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 124.07, 123.12 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 114.13 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 111.52 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 64.22, 46.95, 23.52. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_3$, 262.1720; found, 262.1714.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (**4l**): yield, 95% (52 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.25 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (ddd, J = 9.8, 5.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.9, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 5H), 3.66 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.52, 157.44, 132.40, 128.40, 124.14, 122.83, 121.10, 111.73, 61.64, 55.75, 47.02, 23.52. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}$, 274.1919; found, 274.1914.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(*o*-tolyl)acrylonitrile (**4m**): yield, 96% (49 mg); yellow oil; R_f = 0.45 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (dt, J = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 3.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.21 (dd, J = 40.2, 5.7 Hz, 6H), 1.00 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.35, 138.94, 132.50, 131.82, 130.74, 127.65, 126.37, 123.34, 64.80, 47.82, 46.31, 23.43 (s), 20.06. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 280.1790; found, 280.1784.

2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4n**): yield, 92% (48 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (tdd, J = 7.1, 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.99, 160.36, 158.53, 131.90 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 127.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.62 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.87, 122.52 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 116.18, 115.96, 57.51, 46.85, 23.45. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_3\text{Na}$, 284.1539; found, 284.1533.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**4o**): yield, 97% (47 mg); colorless oil; R_f = 0.53 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.21 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (ddd, J = 7.3, 5.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.90, 157.24, 145.84, 136.35, 123.86, 119.19, 116.52, 65.24, 48.23, 46.50, 23.67. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{Na}$, 267.1586; found, 267.1580.

2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4p**): yield, 93% (50 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 121-122°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (qd, J = 12.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.85, 138.51, 134.91, 127.02, 125.94, 124.49, 65.98, 47.11, 23.52, 21.42. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3$, 272.2127; found, 272.2121.

2-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4q**): yield, 88% (48 mg); pale yellow oil; R_f = 0.48 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.93 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 0.97 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.37, 135.83, 135.73, 132.48, 132.24, 130.65, 128.45, 123.39, 65.21, 47.91, 46.37, 23.50 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 20.93, 19.58. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 294.1946; found, 294.1941.

2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4r**): yield, 93% (53 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.30 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 110-111°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 4.03 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.79, 148.14, 145.71, 128.51, 124.30, 122.31, 109.52, 108.83, 101.14, 65.50, 47.40, 23.50. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$, 288.1712; found, 288.1707.

2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4s**): yield, 84% (51 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 104-105°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 3.87 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 8H), 3.58 (d, J = 15.2

Hz, 2H), 1.16 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz,) δ 159.79 , 149.24 , 147.14 , 127.30 , 124.44 , 121.11 , 112.12 , 111.67 , 65.64 , 56.02 , 55.95 , 42.25 , 23.53 . HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$, 304.2025; found, 304.2020.

2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-3,3-bis(isopropylamino)acrylonitrile (**4t**): yield, 85% (47 mg); pale red oil; R_f = 0.40 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 (td, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.96 (dd, J = 174.6, 11.8 Hz), 160.38, 158.61 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 132.73 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.4 Hz), 123.73, 118.60 (dd, J = 15.2, 3.8 Hz), 111.82 (dd, J = 21.1, 3.7 Hz), 104.36 (t, J = 25.9 Hz), 55.92, 46.74, 23.37. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 302.1445; found, 302.1439.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylonitrile (**4u**): yield, 90% (53 mg); pale yellow oil; R_f = 0.43 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.79 (p, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (tt, J = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H), 0.89 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.00, 134.22, 132.67, 130.98, 129.65, 128.48, 128.07, 126.34, 126.12, 125.80, 125.51, 124.12, 62.21, 47.74, 46.43, 23.39. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 316.1790; found, 316.1784.

3,3-bis(isopropylamino)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylonitrile (**4v**): yield, 92% (54 mg); pale yellow solid; R_f = 0.33 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 163-164°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.19 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.83, 134.05, 132.91, 131.38, 128.46, 127.69, 127.42, 126.81, 126.40, 125.89, 125.34, 124.51, 65.42, 47.03, 23.59. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$, 316.1790; found, 316.1784.

2,6-dimethylpyrimidin-4-amine (**5a**): yield, 77% (19 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.40 in 10% methanol in dichloromethane; melting point, 184-185°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.42, 165.86, 163.28, 100.83, 25.78, 23.95. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$, 124.0875; found, 124.0870.

2-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[*d*]pyrimidin-4-amine (**5b**) : yield, 63% (27 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.45 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 131-132°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.10 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.46, 163.95, 159.51, 138.62, 129.92, 128.44, 128.09, 114.07, 34.44, 26.91, 21.77. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3$, 212.1188; found, 212.1182.

5-ethyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-amine (**5c**): yield, 75% (41 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.40$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 144-145°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 2.50 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.09, 162.57, 161.33, 139.58, 138.33, 129.88, 128.60, 128.44, 128.25, 128.18, 128.04, 114.12, 19.95, 12.66. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3$, 276.1500; found, 276.1495.

5-ethyl-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5d**): yield, 72% (54 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 203-204°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.56 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.84 (m, 6H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.61 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.47, 162.62, 161.50, 137.14, 135.77, 134.52, 133.43, 133.36, 133.14, 129.22, 128.56, 128.07, 128.05, 128.03, 127.93, 127.87, 127.76, 126.71, 126.63, 126.46, 126.05, 125.54, 114.58, 20.26, 12.88. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3$, 376.1814; found, 376.1808.

5-ethyl-6-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5e**) : yield, 67% (38 mg); yellow solid; $R_f = 0.475$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 155-156°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.50 (p, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.19, 162.34, 158.15, 144.14, 139.30, 128.70, 128.60, 128.54, 128.25, 128.03, 127.94, 113.95, 20.10, 12.81. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{SNa}$, 304.0884; found, 304.0879.

5-ethyl-2,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5f**): yield, 85% (49 mg); yellow oil; $R_f = 0.40$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.78 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.88, 157.96, 155.69, 143.88, 143.09, 128.88, 128.77, 128.11, 128.08, 127.98, 127.75, 112.18, 20.05, 12.23. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$, 288.0629; found, 288.0624.

5-benzyl-6-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5g**) : yield, 71% (49 mg); yellow solid; $R_f = 0.35$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 180-181°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 1.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dt, $J = 7.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.74, 161.58, 158.83, 157.55, 148.51, 144.02, 138.56, 136.85, 128.98, 128.84, 128.33, 128.22, 128.02, 126.80, 124.72, 123.62, 111.87, 32.42. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{SNa}$, 367.0993; found, 367.0988.

5-ethyl-2-phenyl-6-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5h**) : yield, 63% (35 mg); colourless oil; $R_f = 0.35$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 5.4, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 (ddd, $J = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 2.76 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.14, 161.40, 161.12, 158.20, 148.49, 138.32, 136.72, 130.01, 128.37, 128.04, 124.52, 123.37, 115.50, 19.72, 12.72. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4$, 277.1453; found, 277.1448.

5-ethyl-2-phenyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-amine (**5i**) : yield, 65% (37 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.45$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 132-133 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 – 8.40 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 3.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 5.1, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 2.82 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.13, 161.24, 155.79, 143.71, 138.05, 130.15, 128.76, 128.39, 128.02, 127.89, 127.79, 112.45, 20.08, 12.22. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{S}$, 282.1065; found, 282.1059.

(Z)-*N'*-(5-ethyl-2,6-di(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)thiop-hene-2-carboximidamide (**6a**): yield, 86% (62 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 133-134 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 3.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.18 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.73, 156.14, 155.16, 144.16, 143.74, 142.43, 131.22, 128.90, 128.57, 128.30, 128.23, 127.95, 127.92, 127.62, 126.54, 125.71, 21.06, 13.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{S}_3$, 397.0615; found, 397.0610.

(Z)-*N'*-(5-ethyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-yl)benzimidamide (**6b**): yield, 76% (58 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 169-170 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.41 (m, 9H), 2.97 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.04, 165.59, 159.97, 140.17, 138.73, 136.77, 131.43, 130.02, 129.00, 128.82, 128.56, 128.54, 128.28, 127.98, 127.33, 21.32, 14.98. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd For $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4$, 379.1923; found, 379.1917.

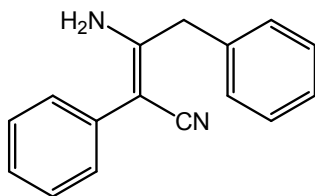
(Z)-*N'*-(5-ethyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-yl)picolinimide (**6c**): yield, 85% (65 mg); white solid; $R_f = 0.50$ in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 169-170 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 11.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 7H), 2.97 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.41, 165.53, 160.24, 156.98, 152.10, 148.37, 140.24, 138.85, 137.11,

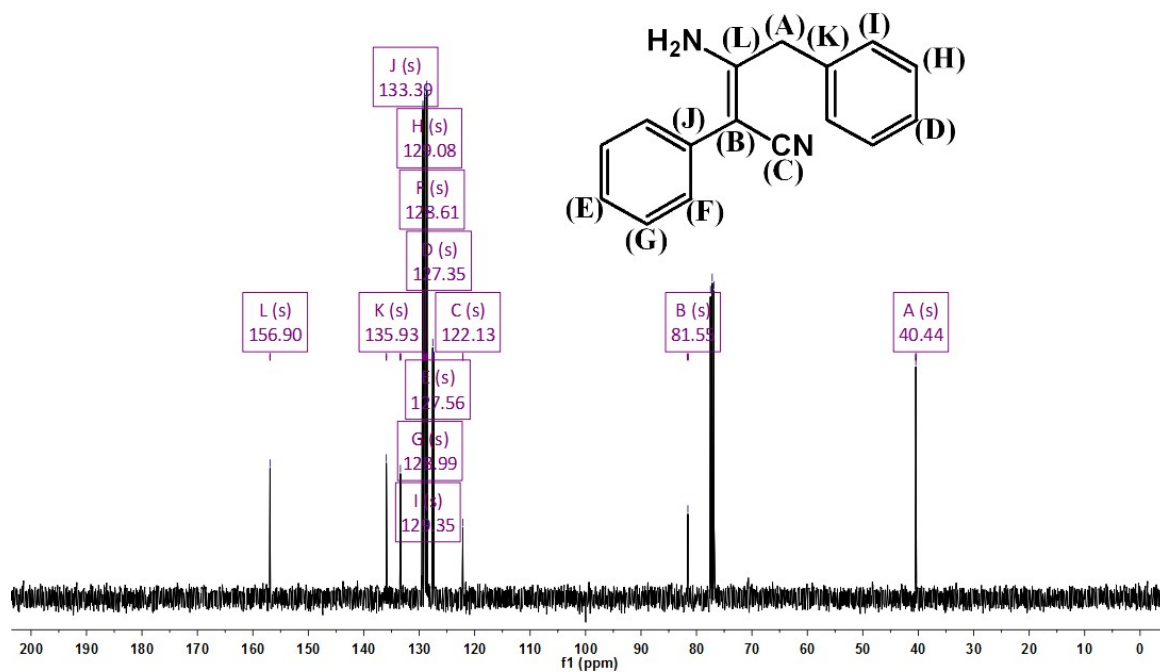
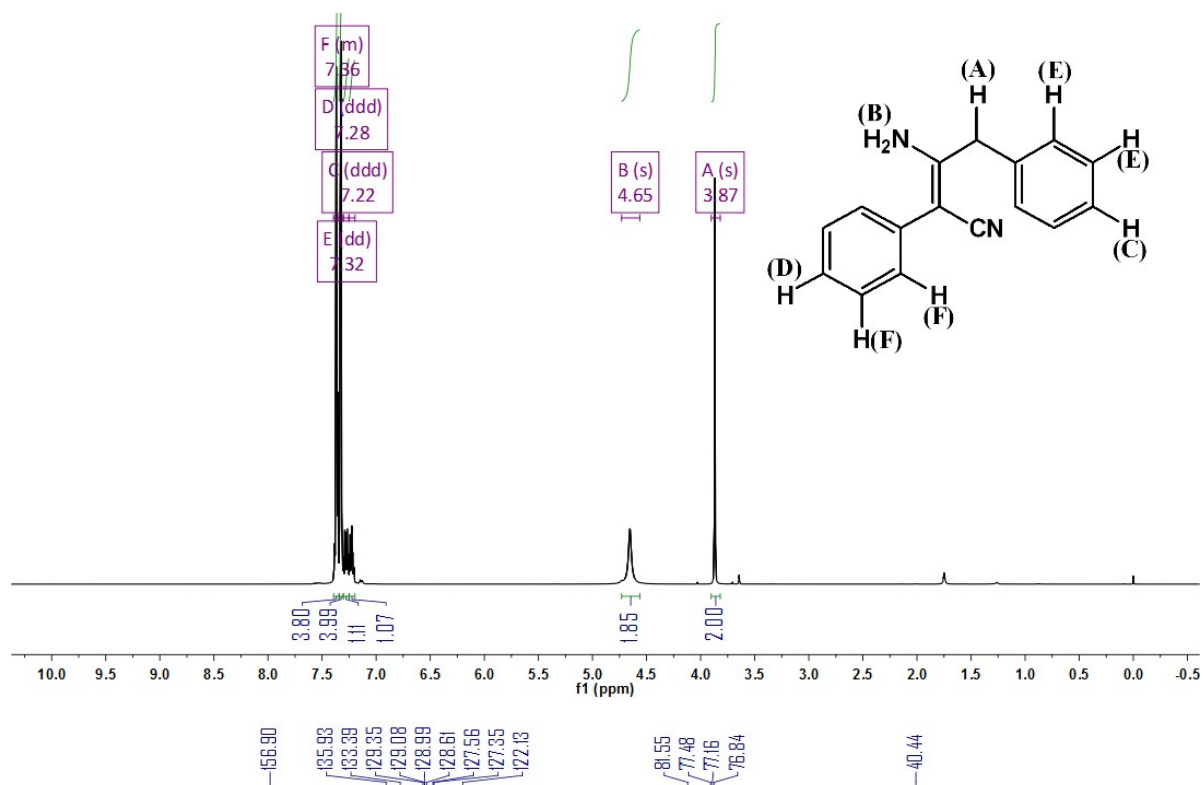
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(*Z*)-*N'*-(5-ethyl-6-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl)picolinimidamide (**6d**): yield, 86% (66 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.60 in 25% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 160-161 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (td, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.00, 165.39, 157.10, 156.71, 152.02, 148.34, 144.58, 139.90, 137.11, 129.00, 128.57, 128.26, 128.24, 128.18, 127.69, 127.65, 125.78, 122.61, 21.46, 14.96. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd For $C_{22}H_{20}N_5S$, 386.1439; found, 386.1434.

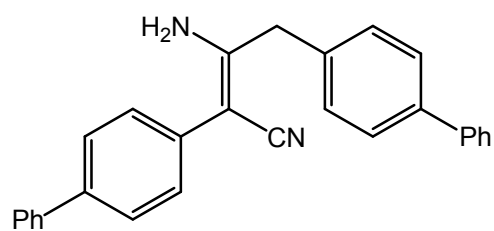
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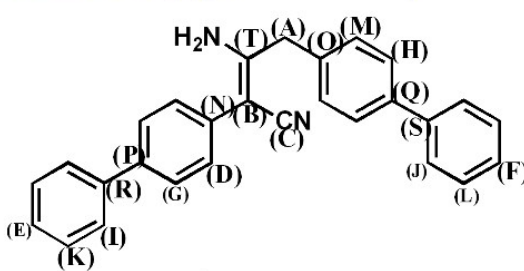
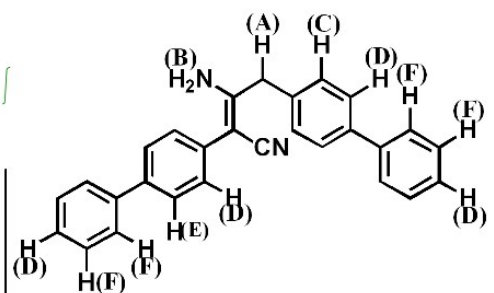
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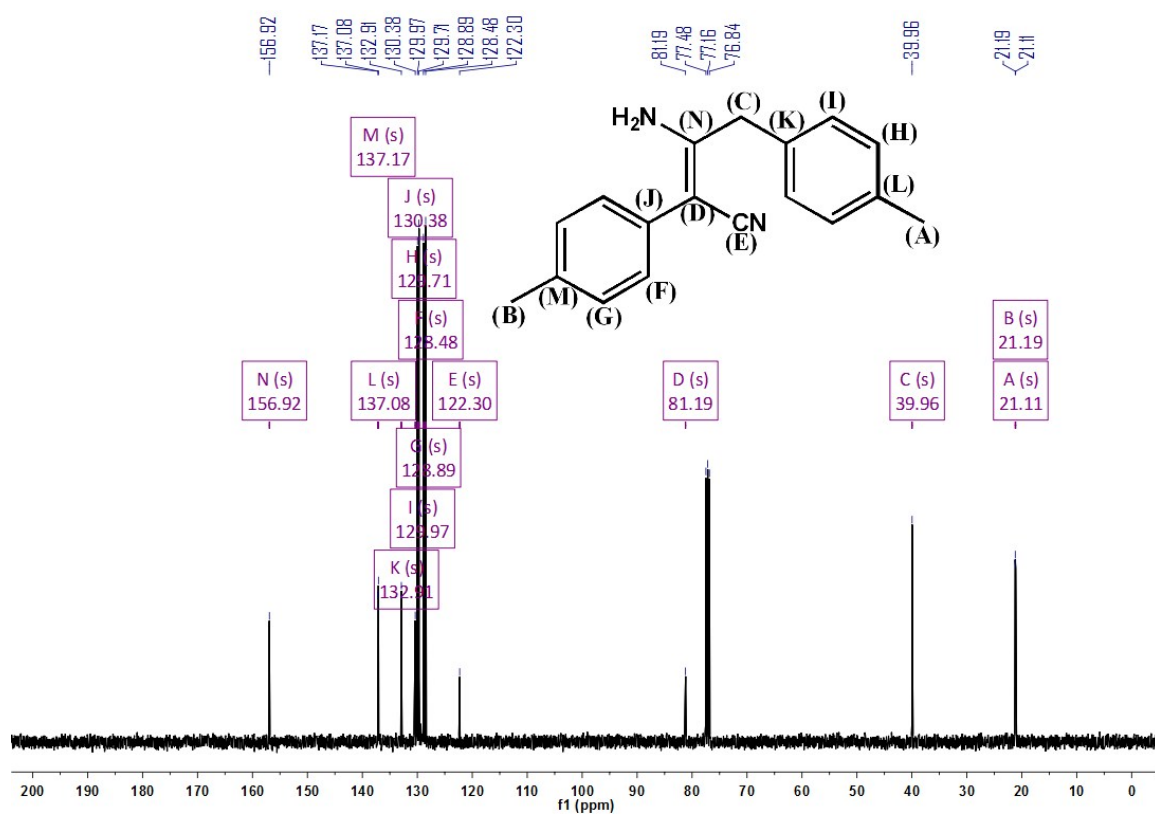
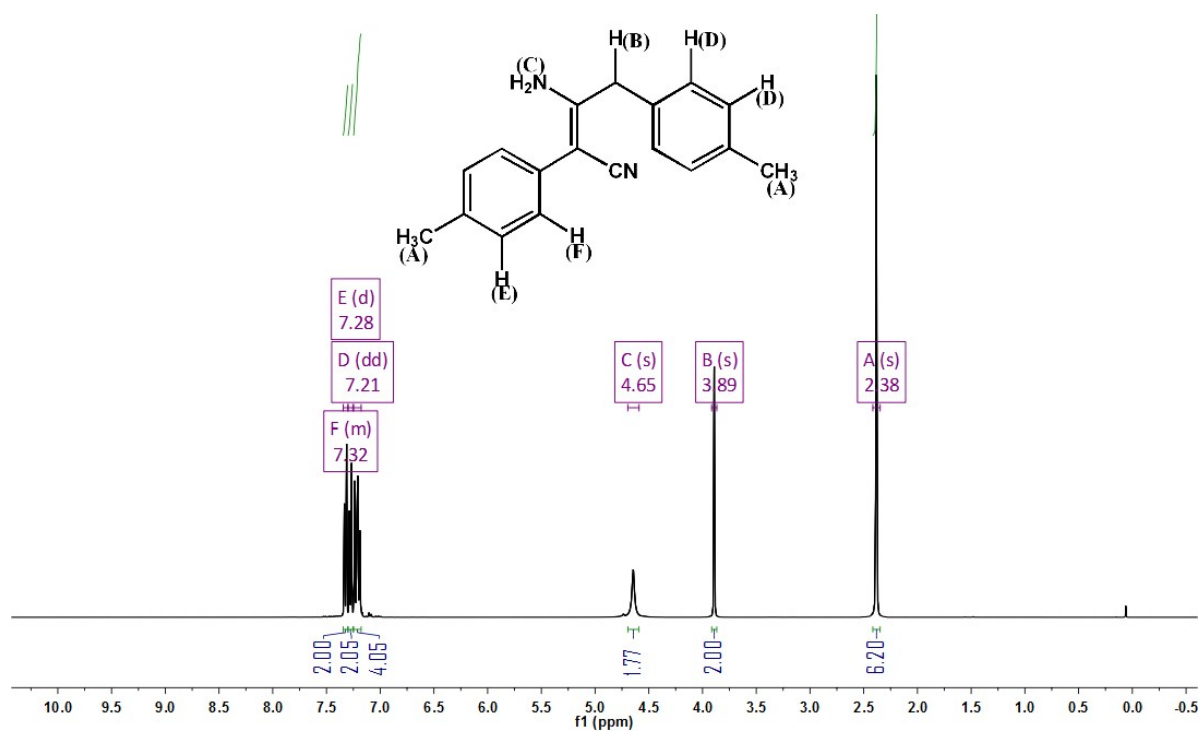


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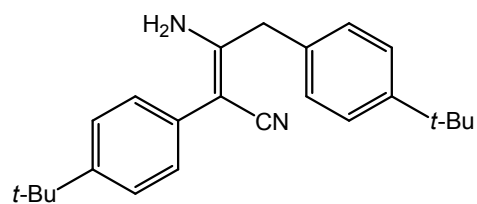


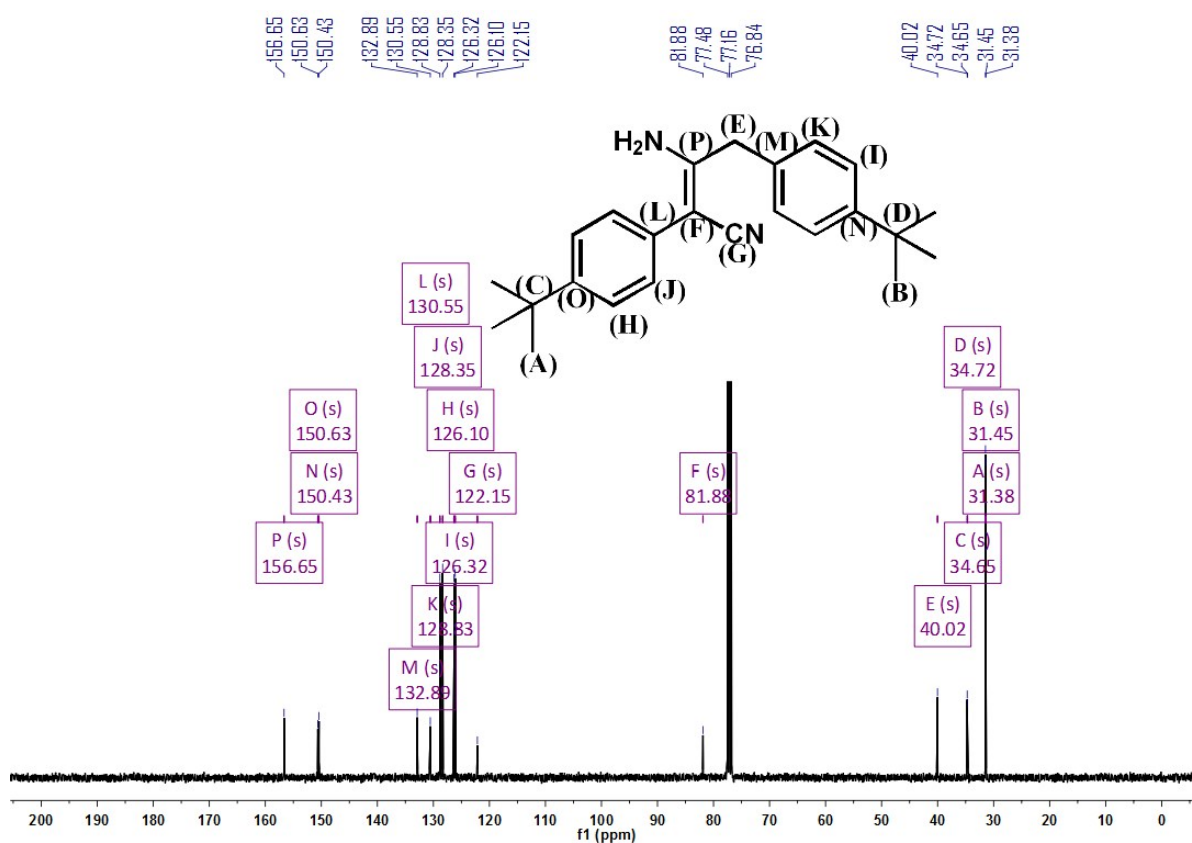
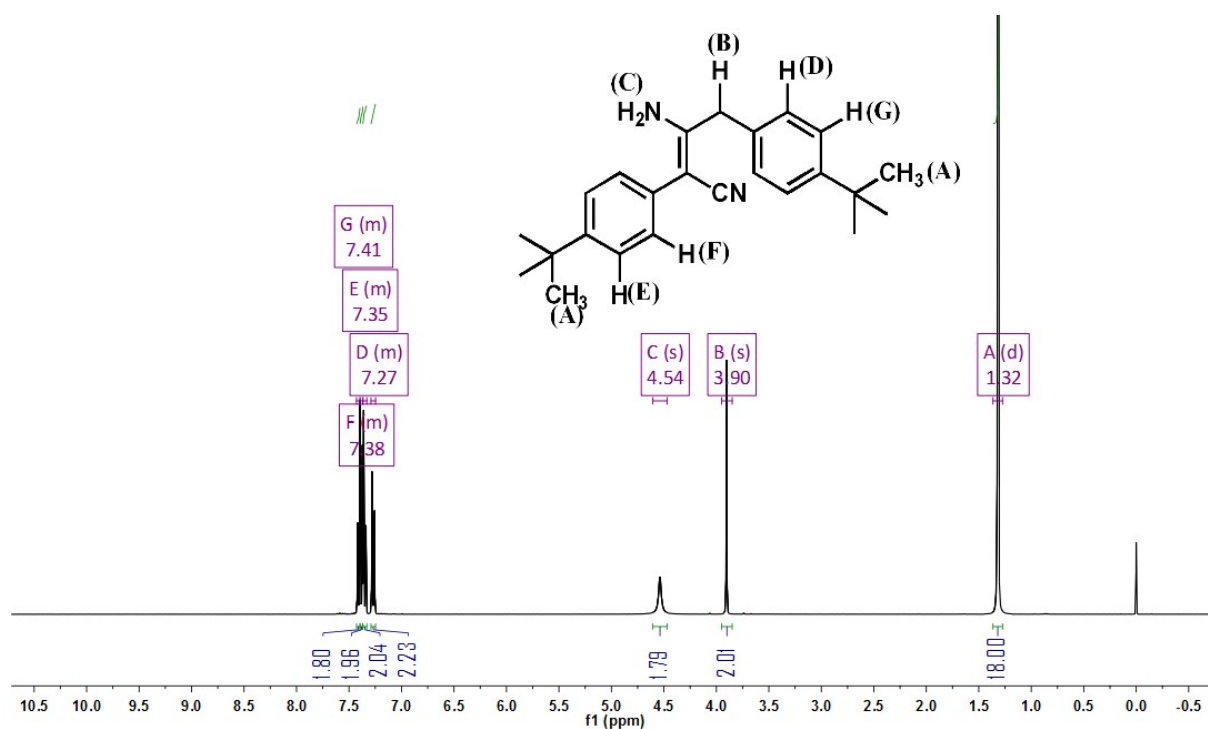


Chemical structure of 2-amino-3,3'-bis(4-methylphenyl)-2-cyano-1,3-bis(methylene)benzene (10). The structure shows a central 1,3-bis(methylene)benzene core. At the 2-position, there is an amino group (H₂N) and a cyano group (CN). At the 3-position, there is a cyano group (CN) and a 4-methylphenyl group (Me). The 4-methylphenyl group is attached to the 2-position via a methylene group. The 4-methylphenyl group is attached to the 3-position via a methylene group.

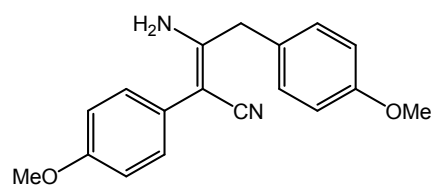


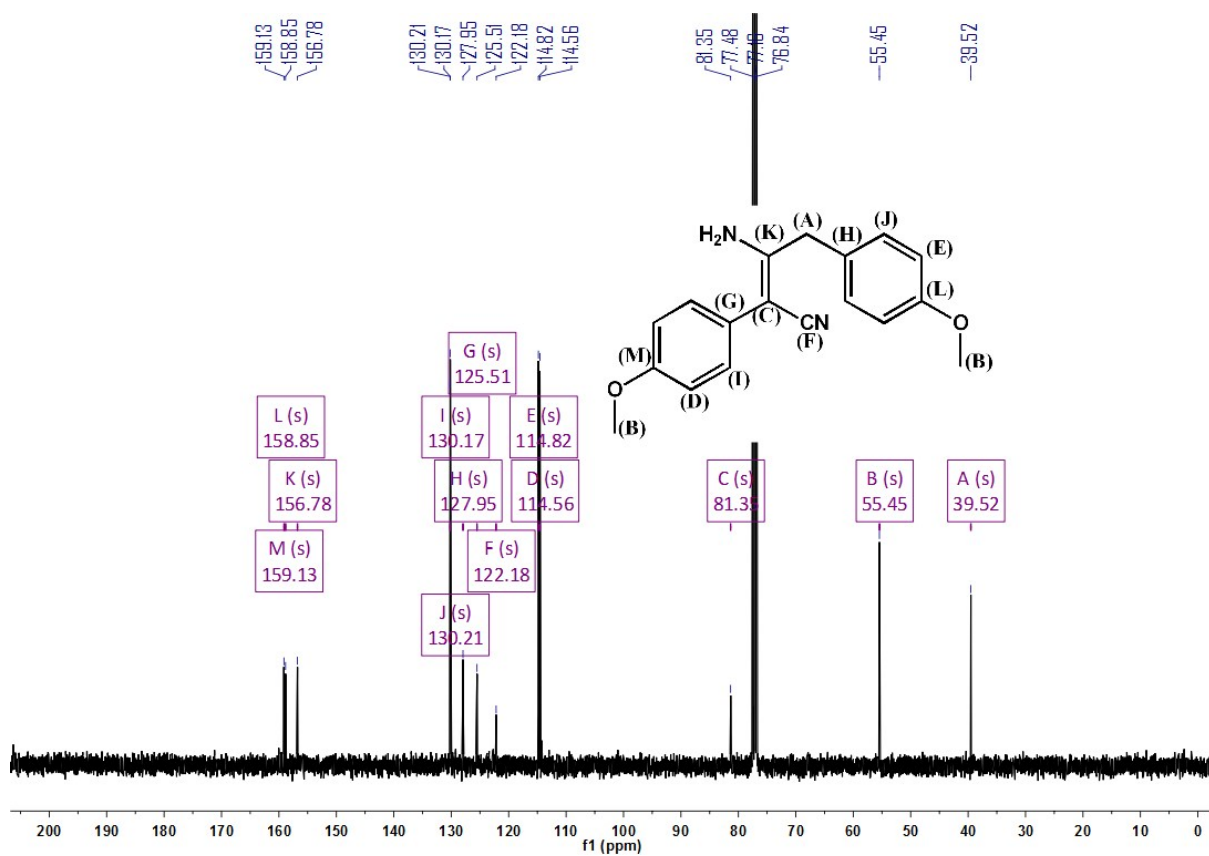
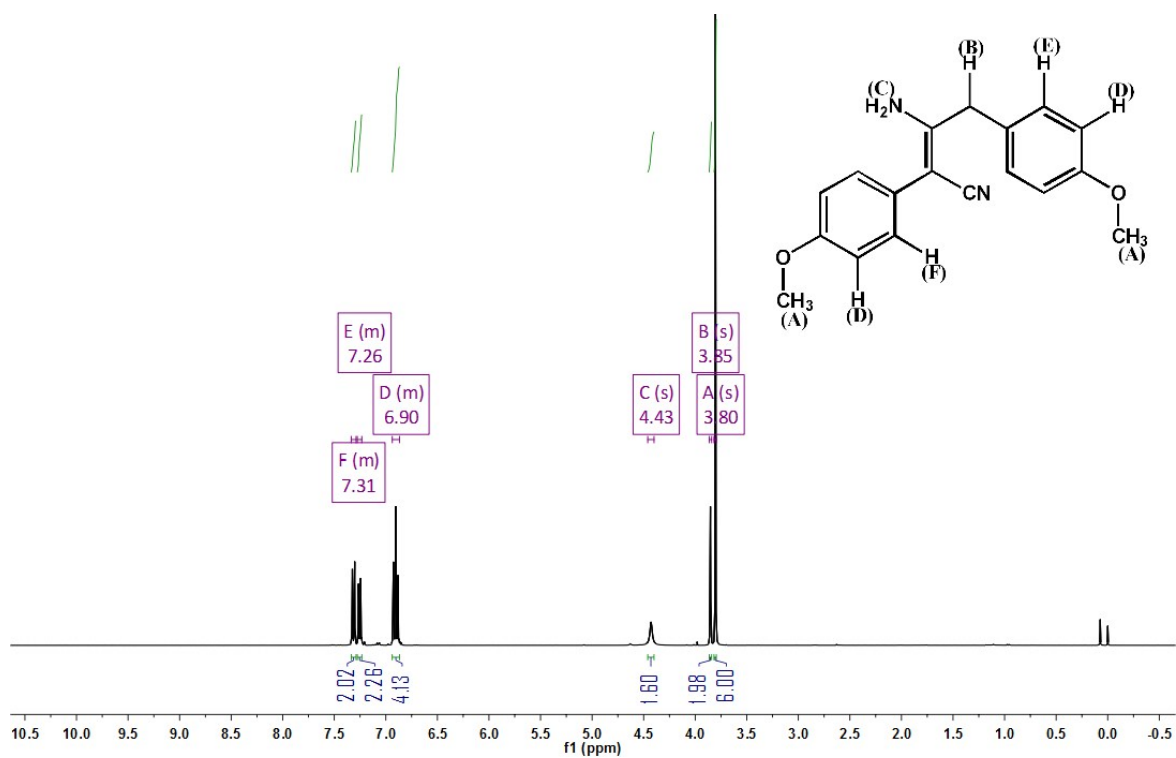
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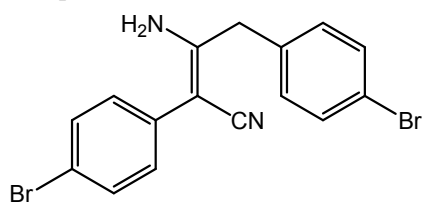


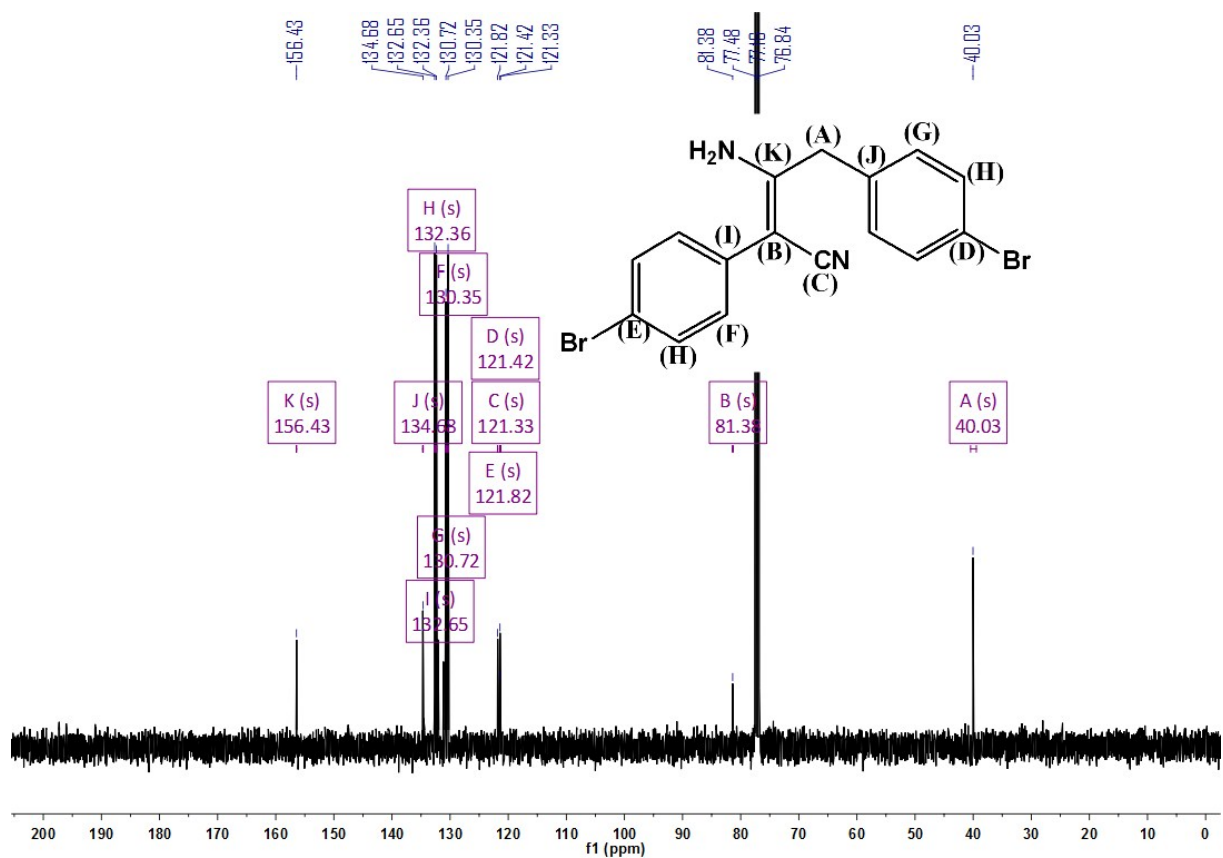
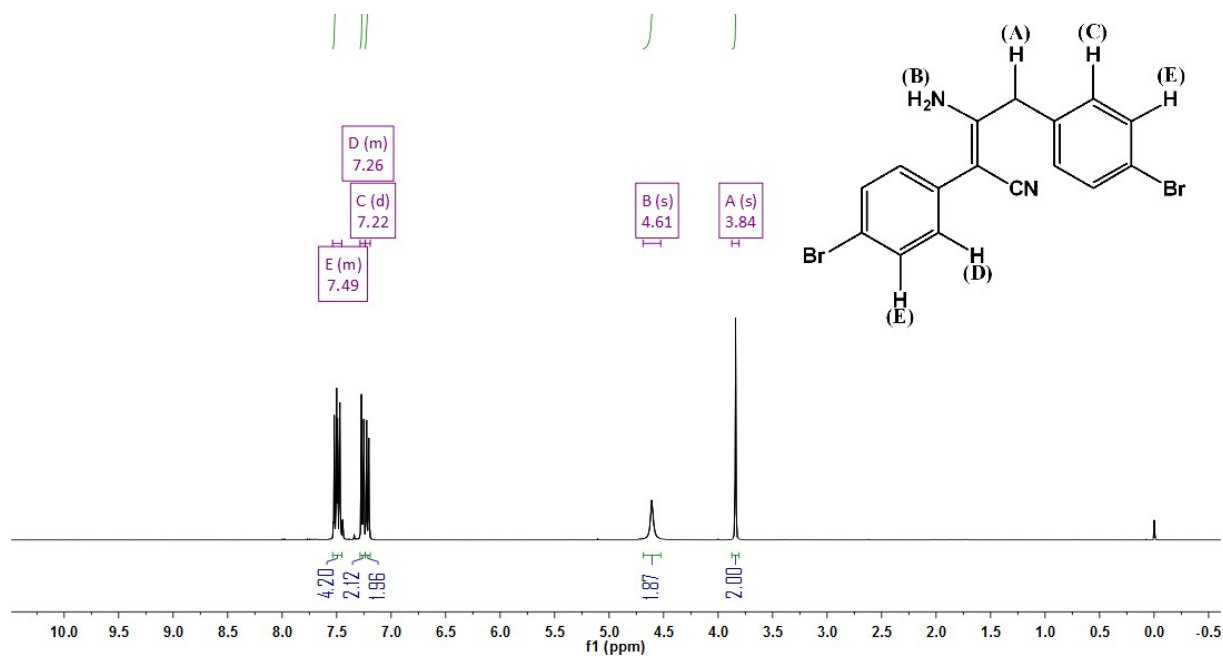
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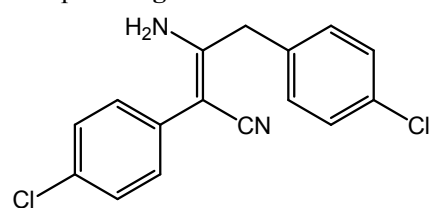


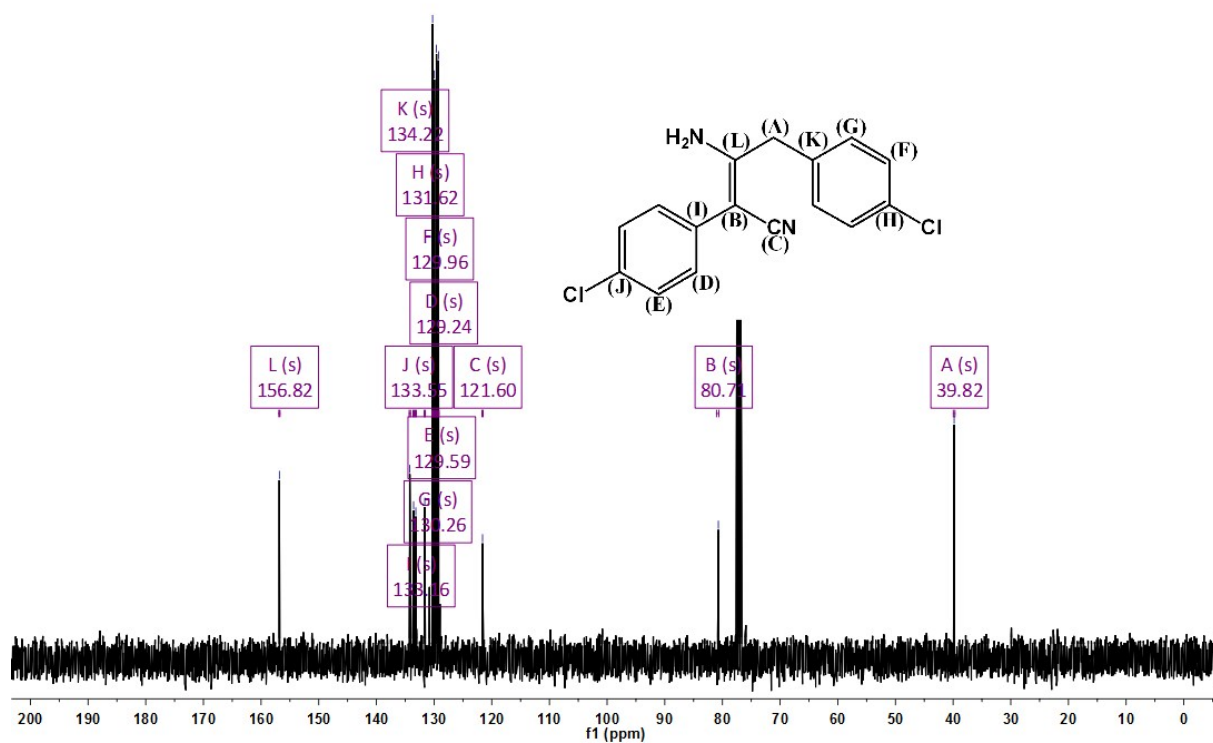
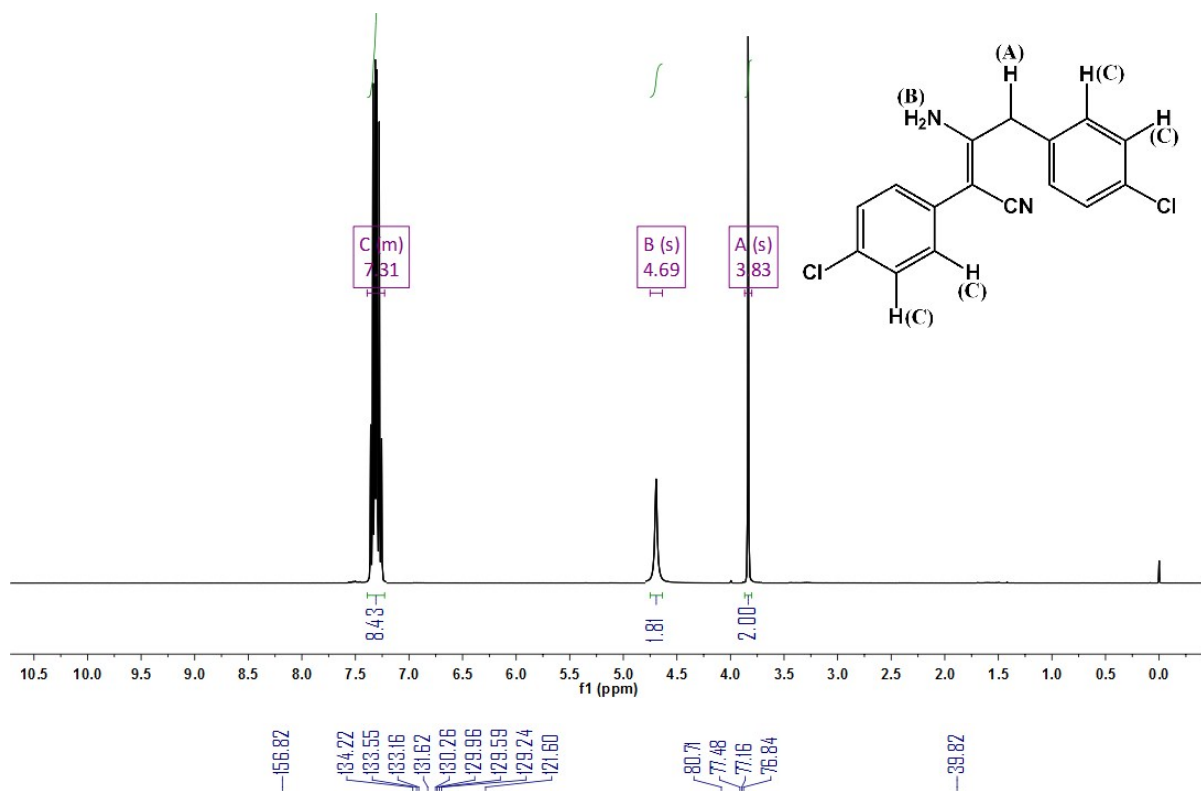
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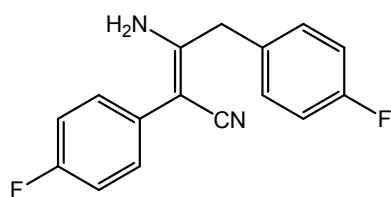


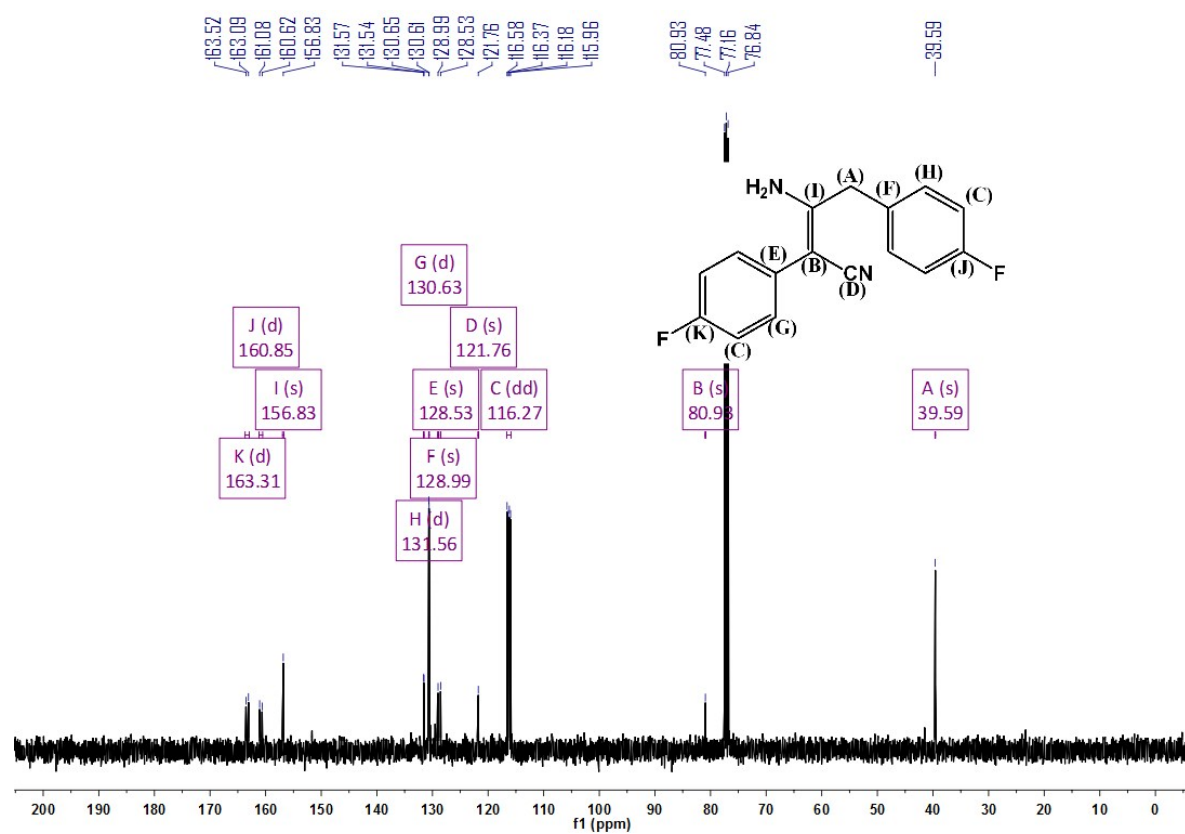
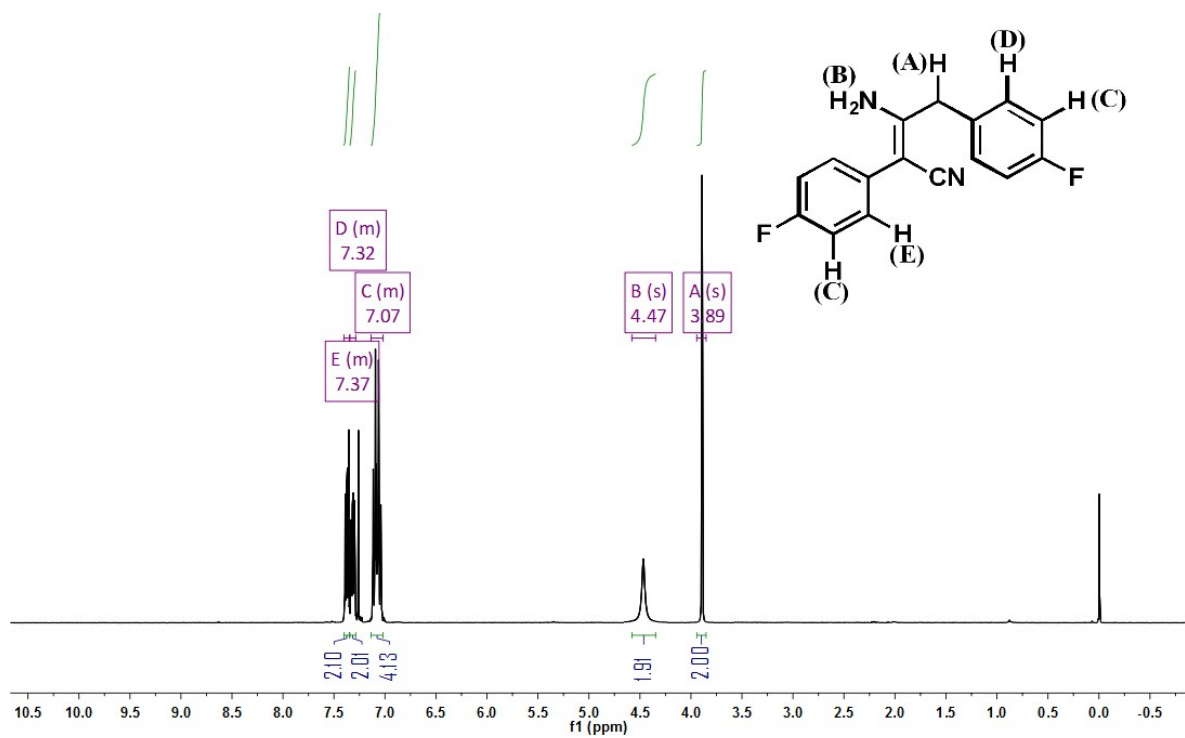
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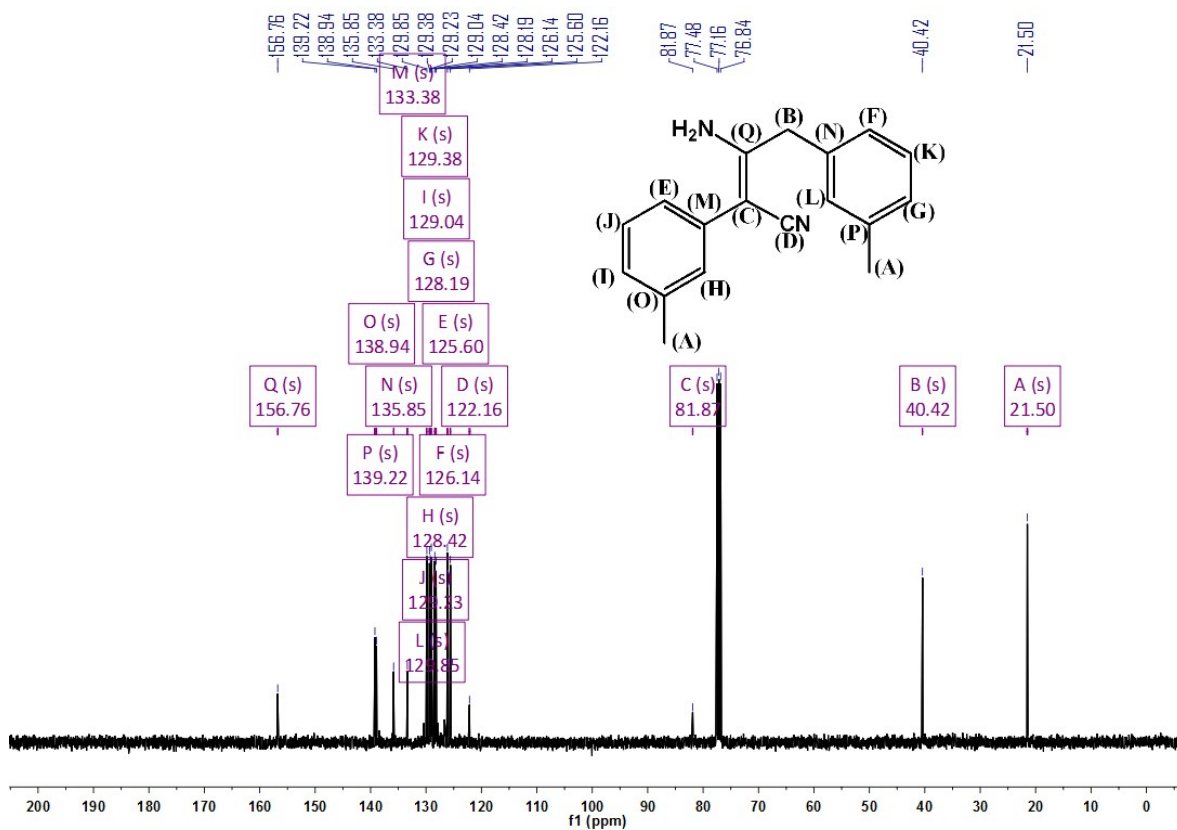
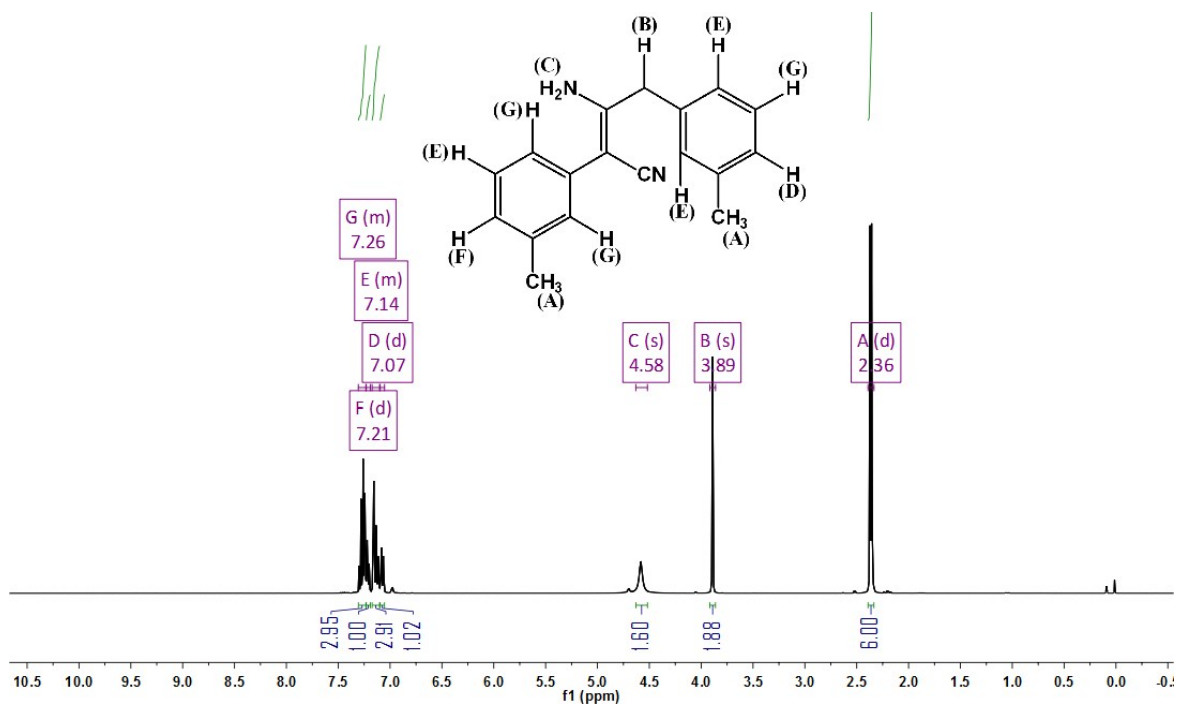
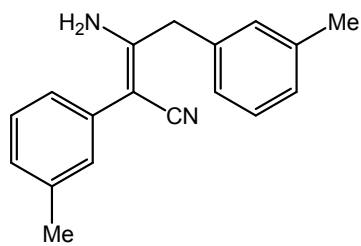


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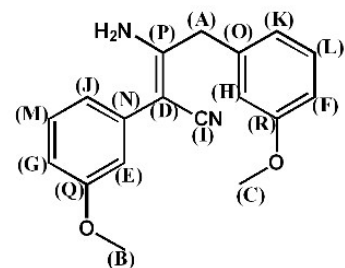
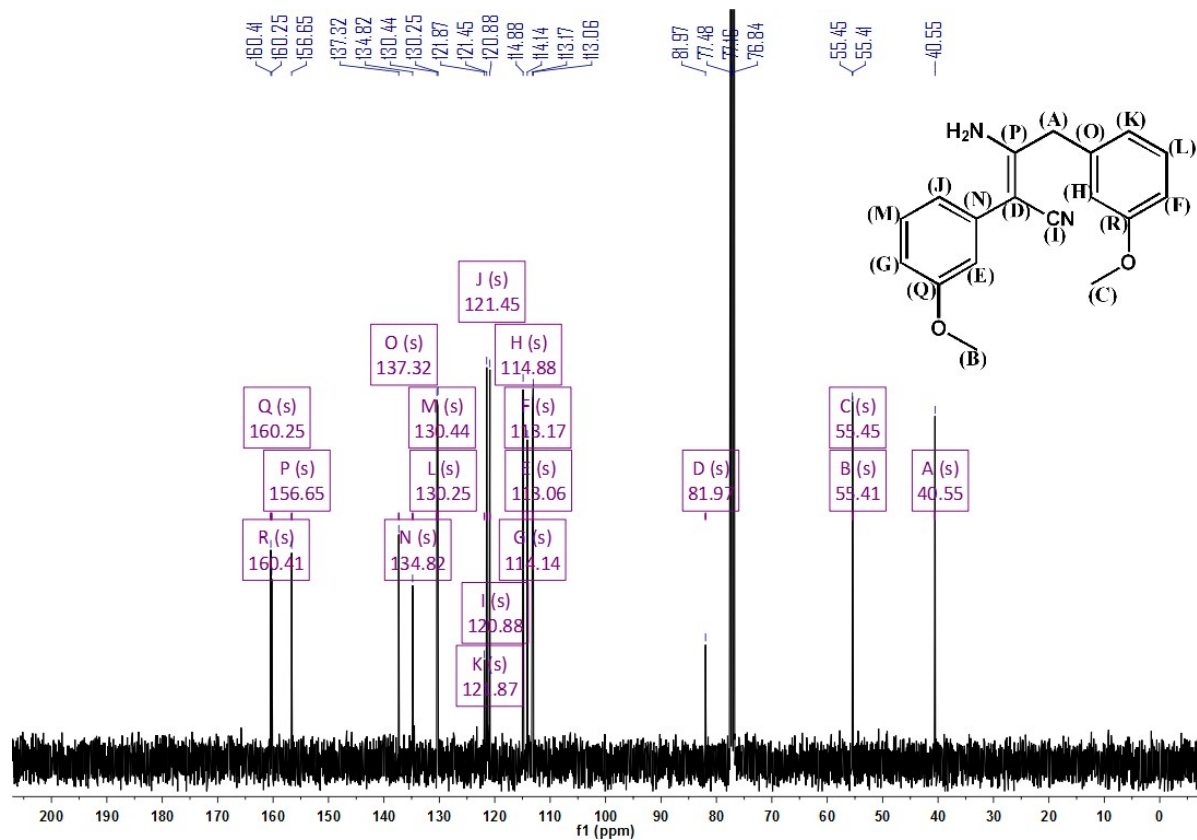
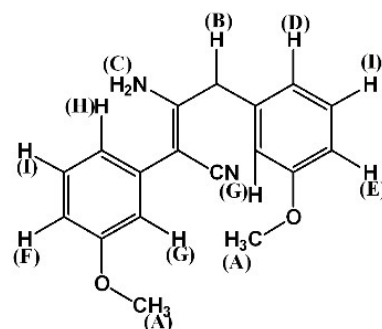
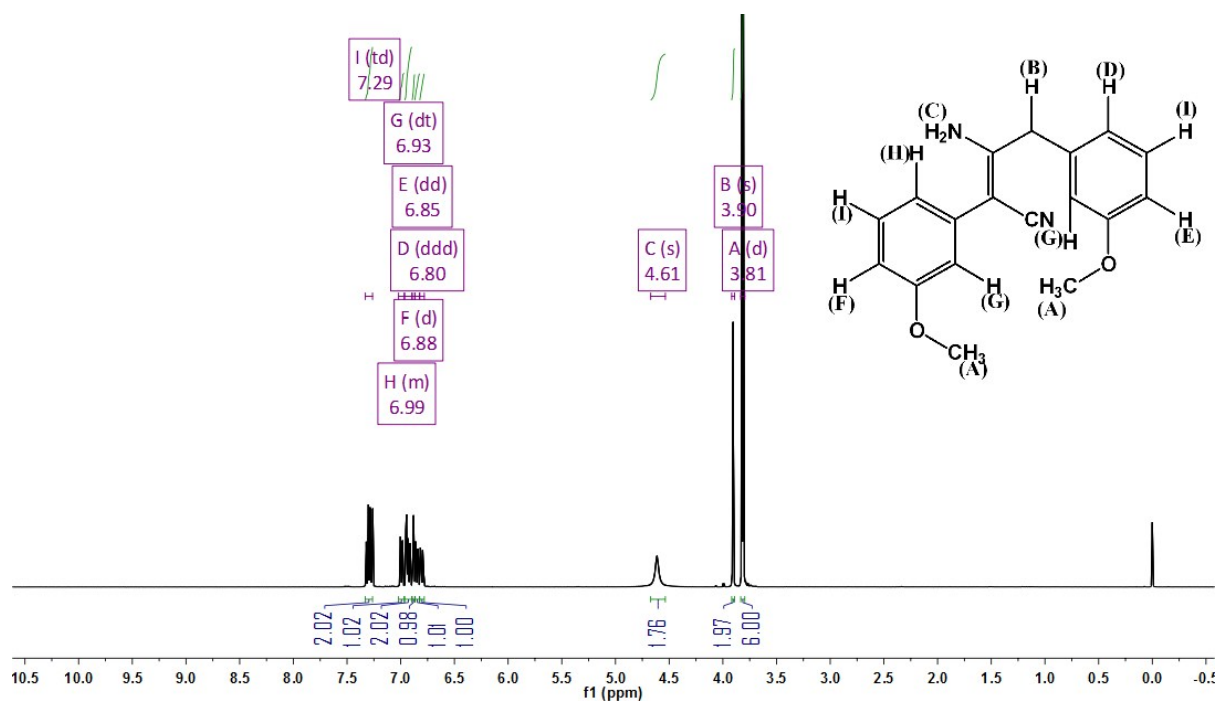
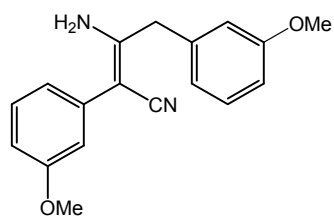




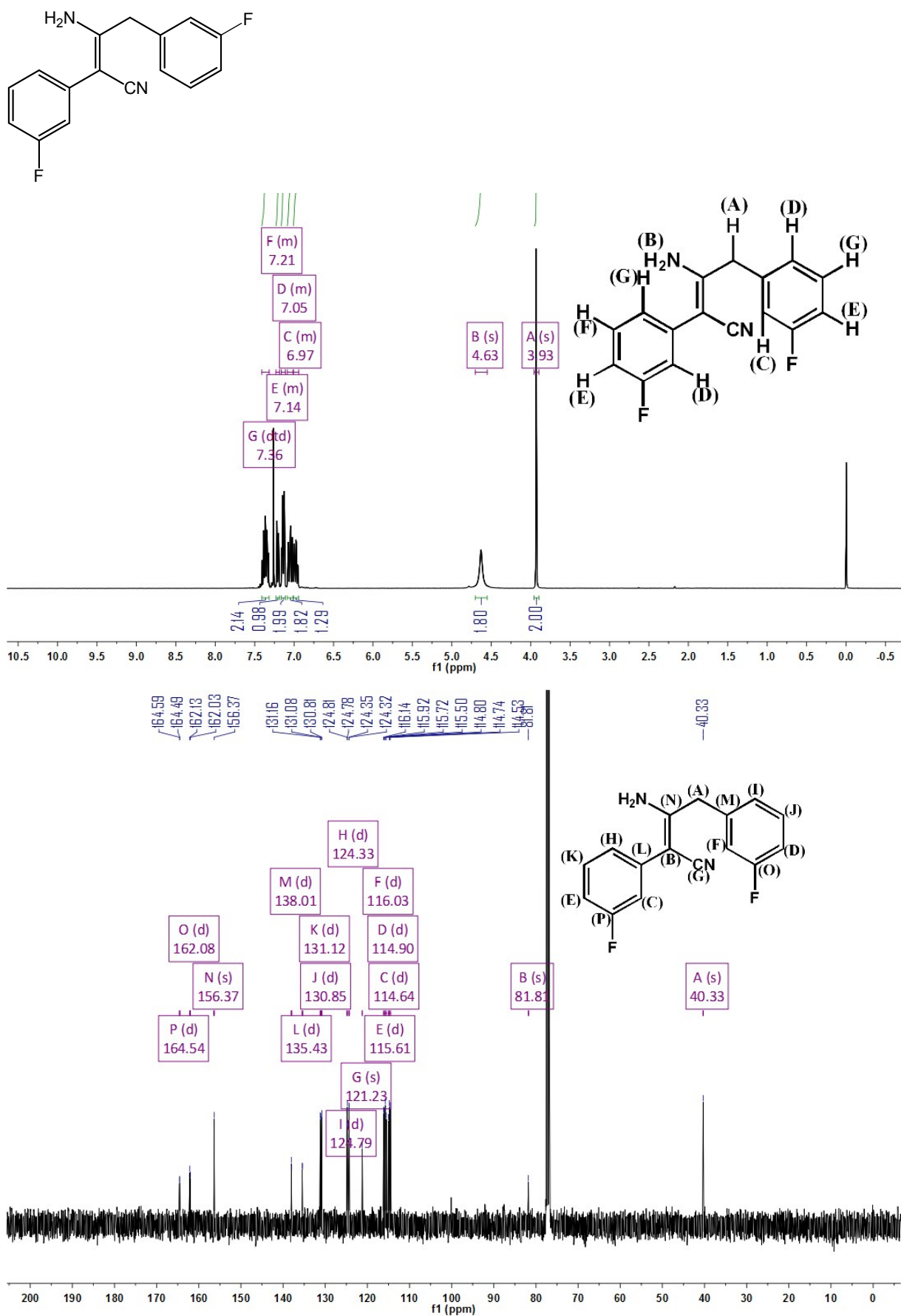
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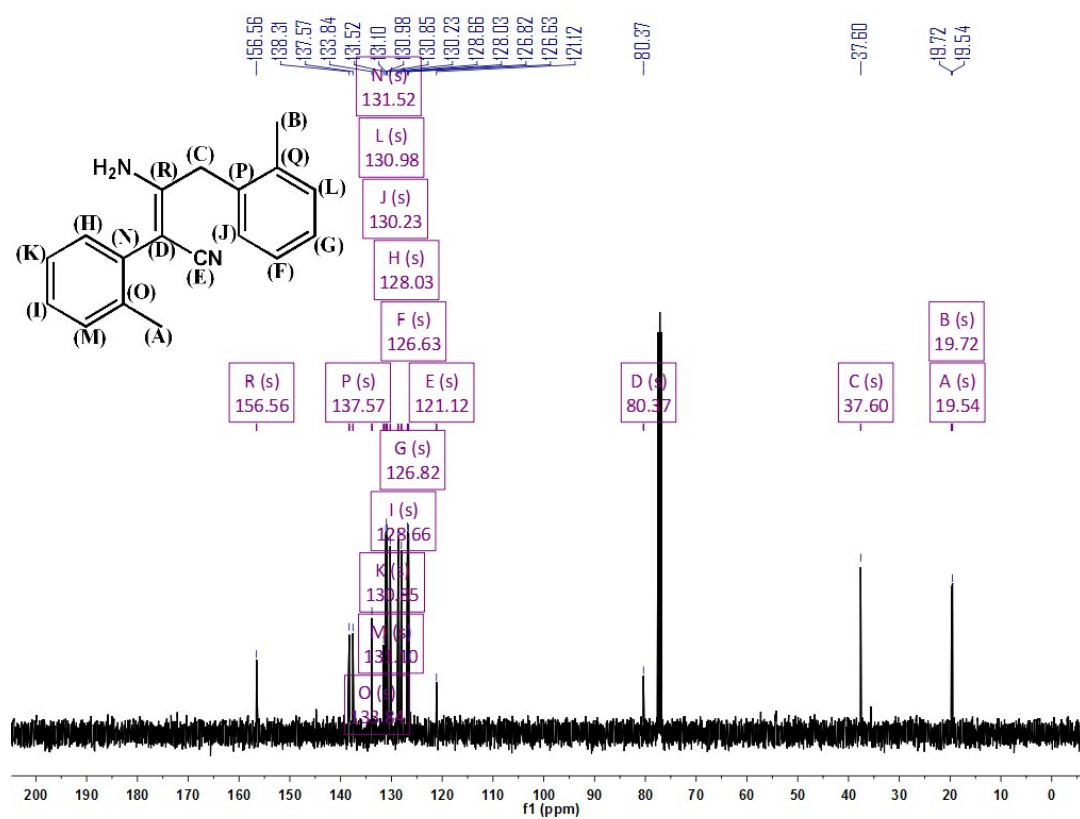
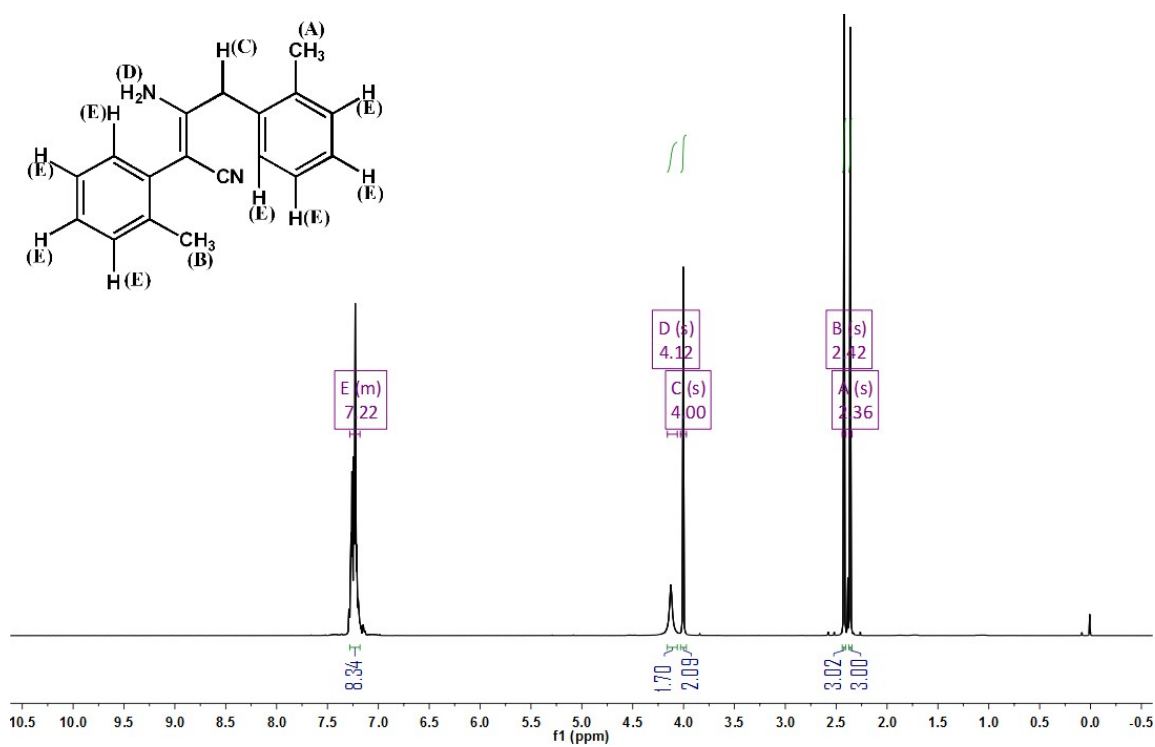
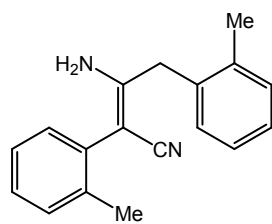
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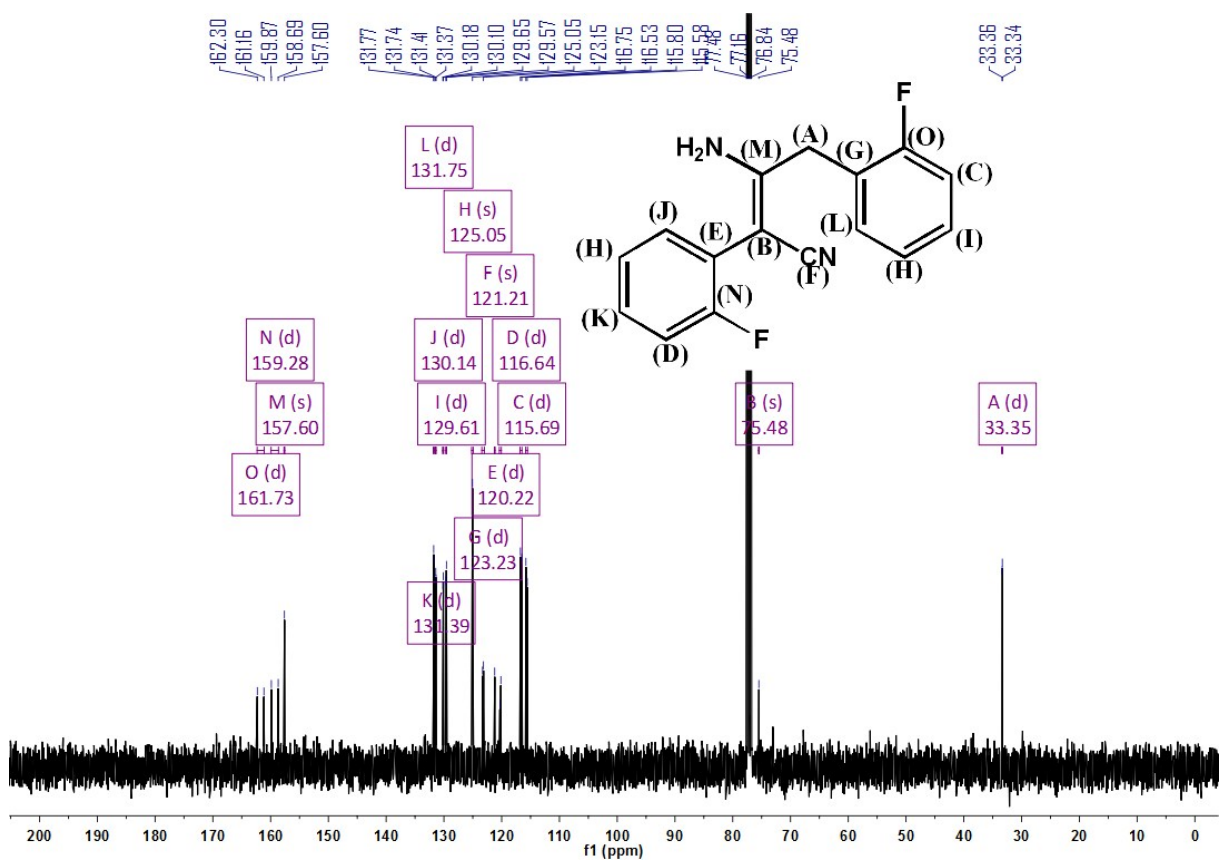
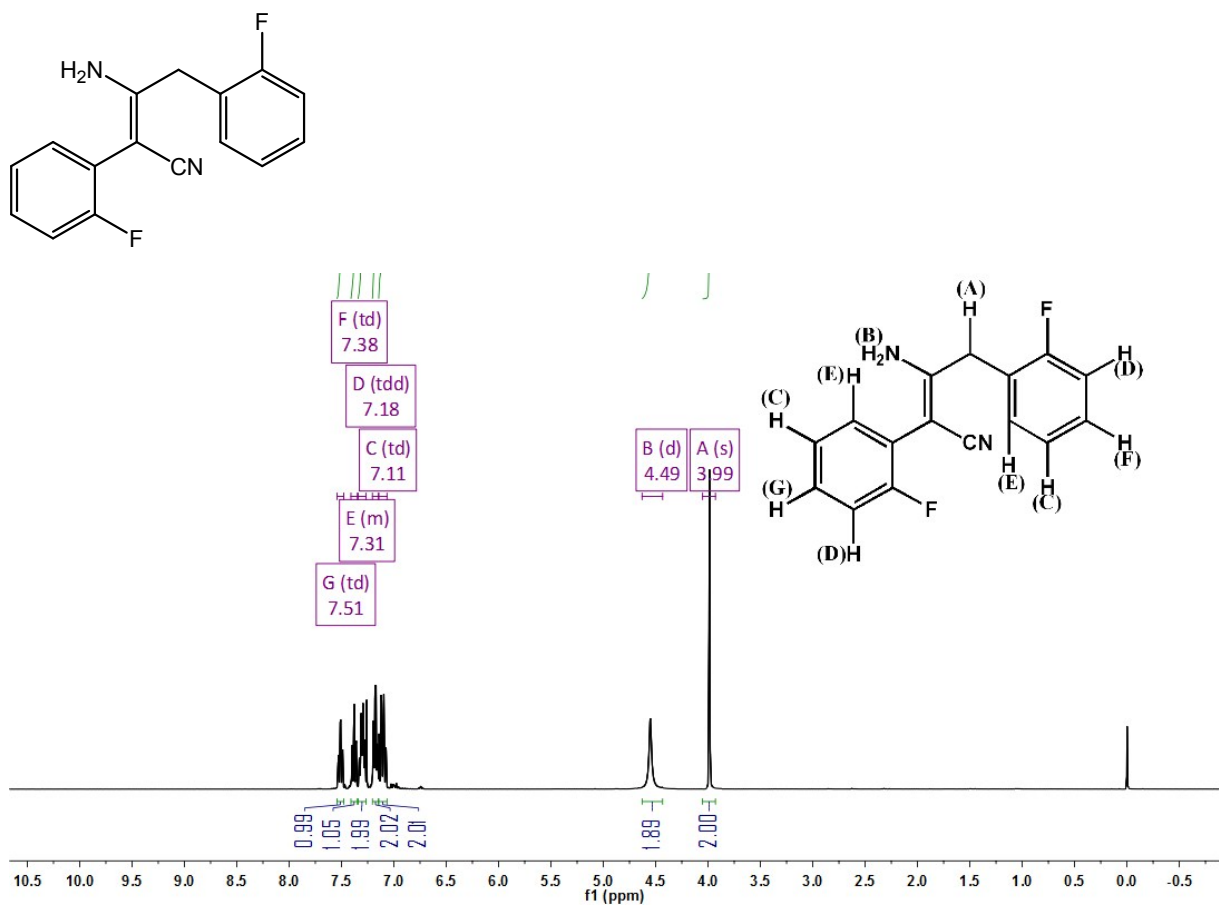
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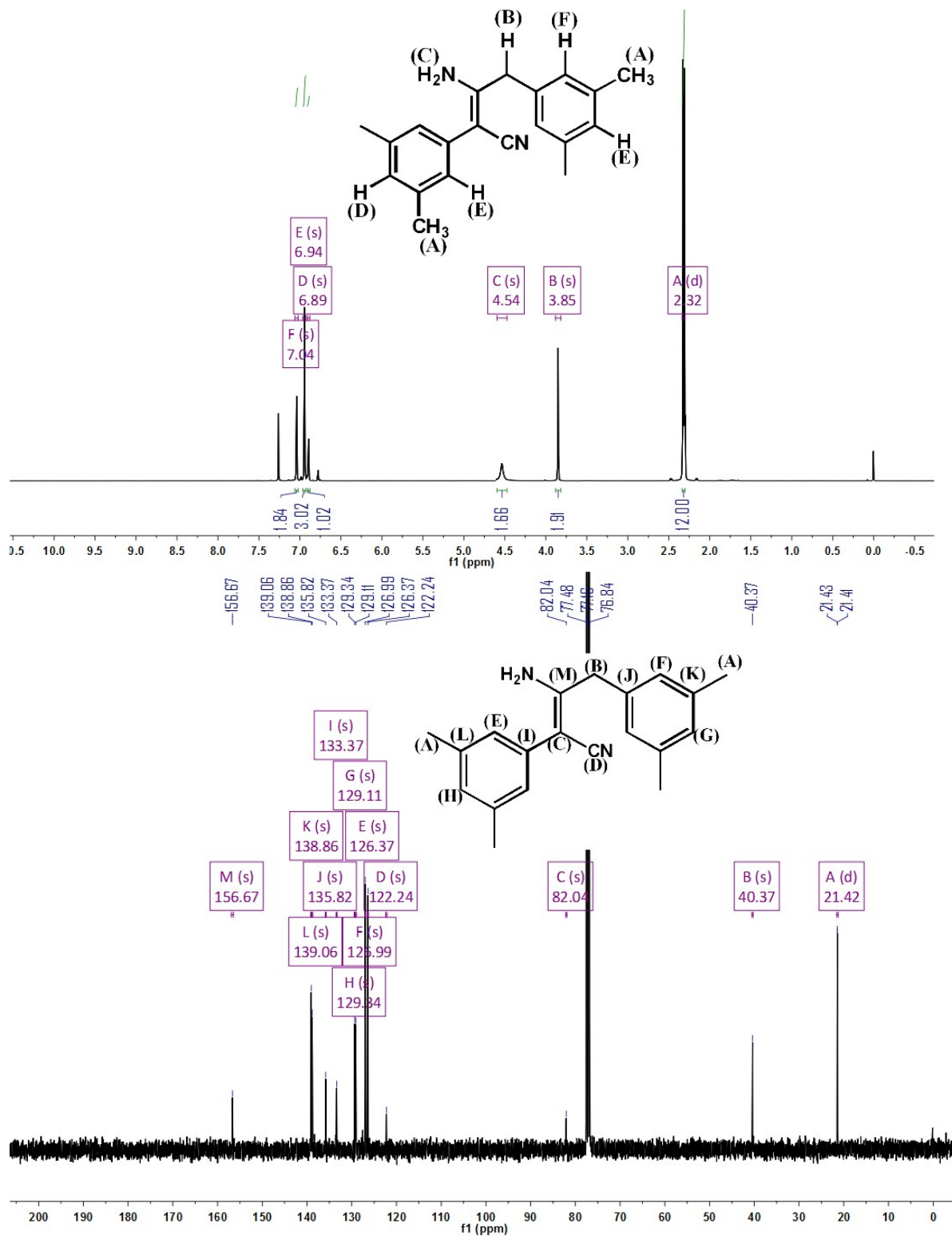
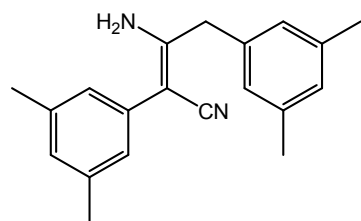
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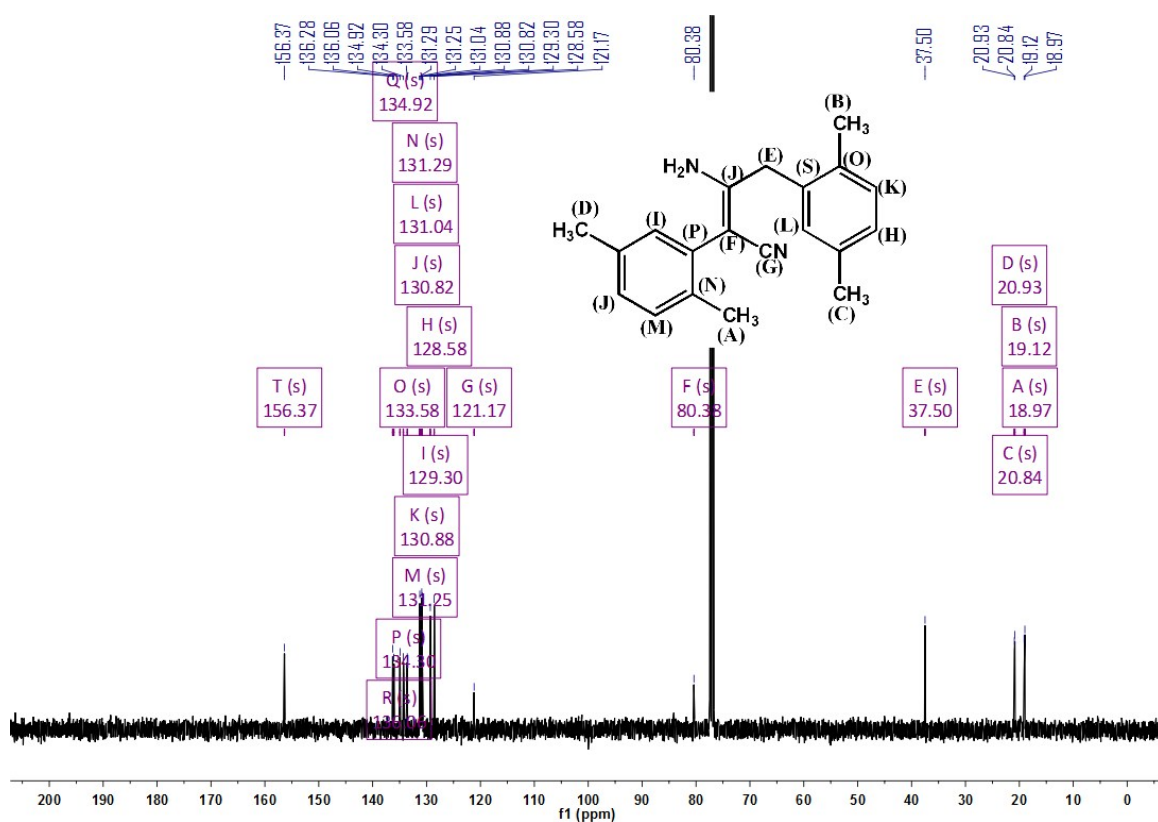
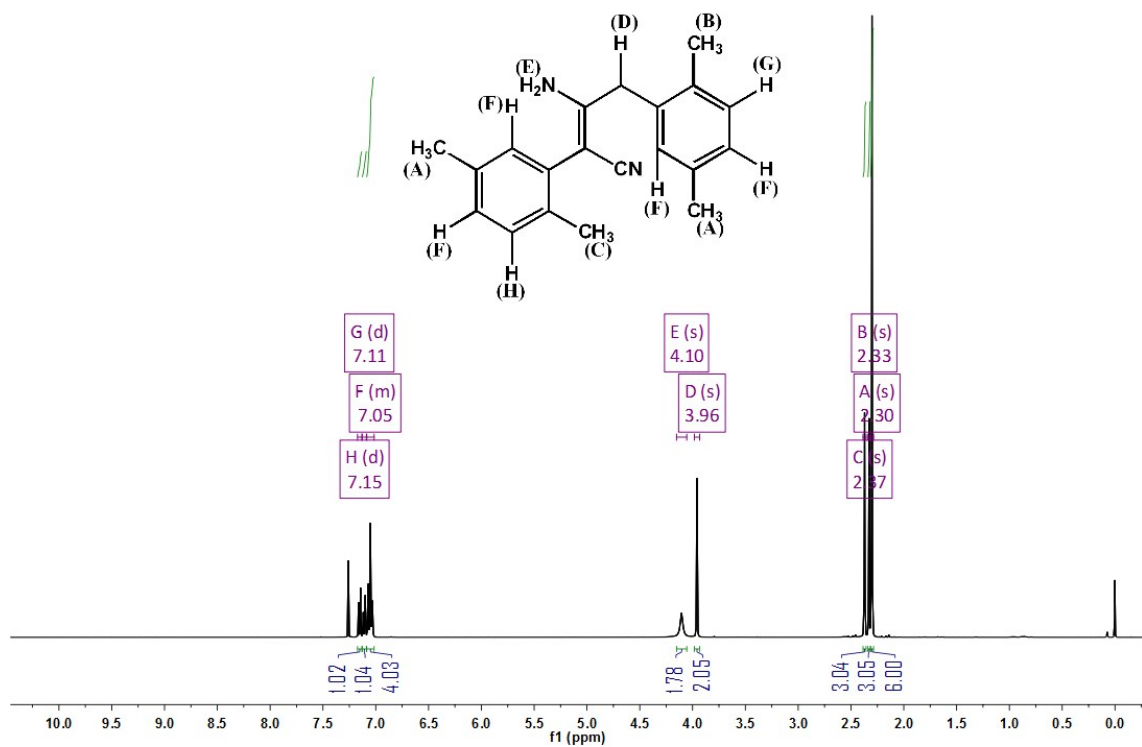
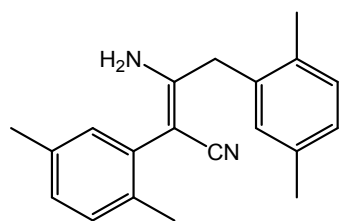
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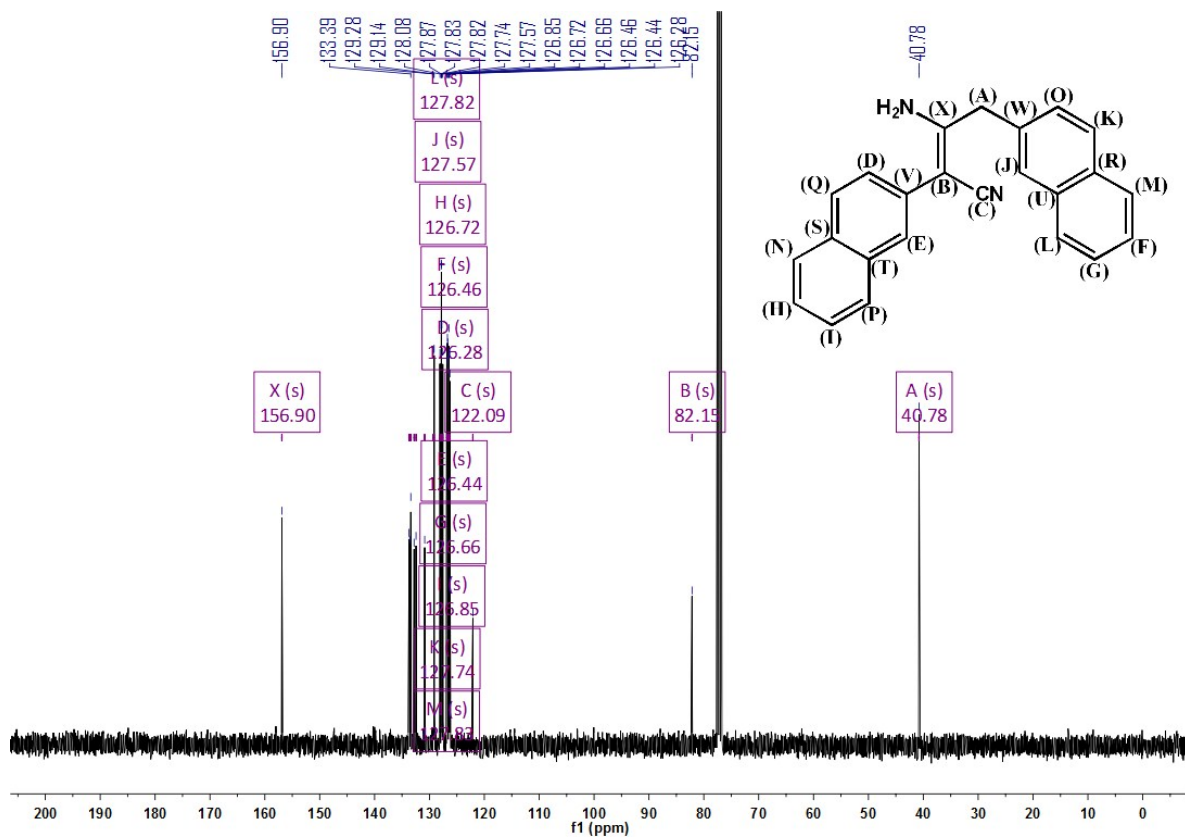
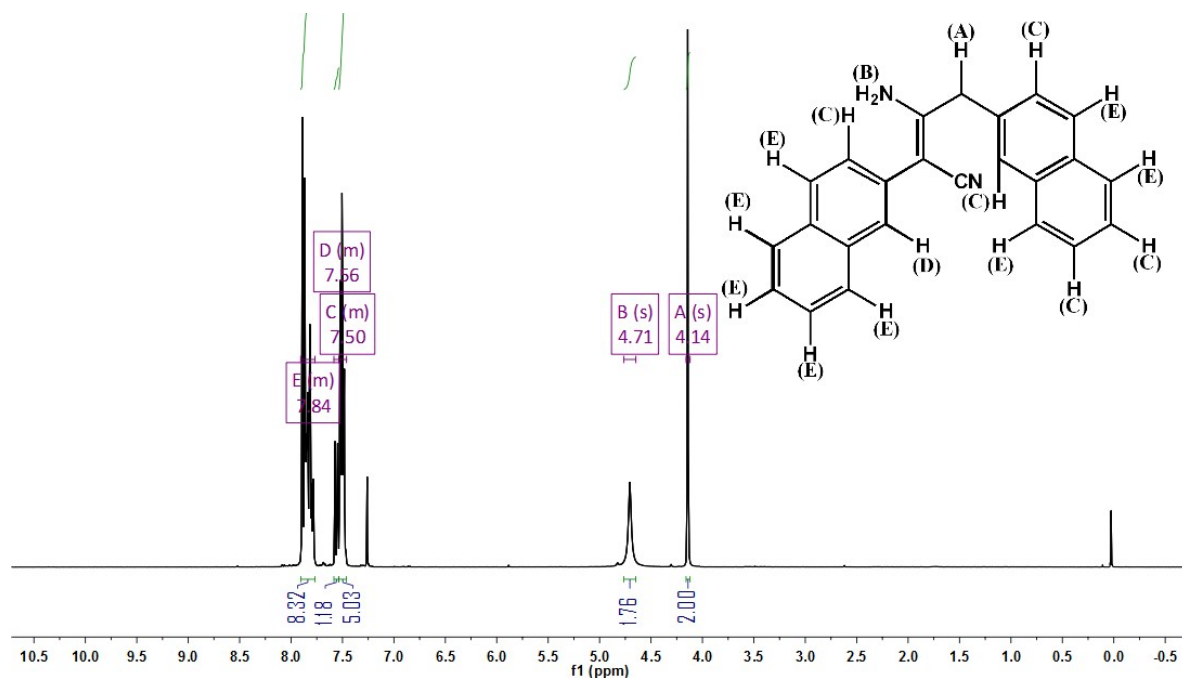
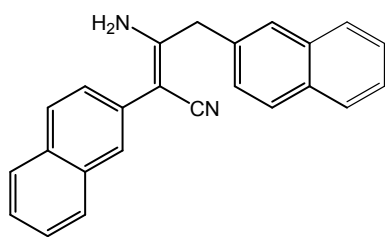
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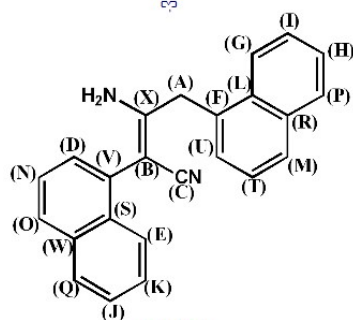
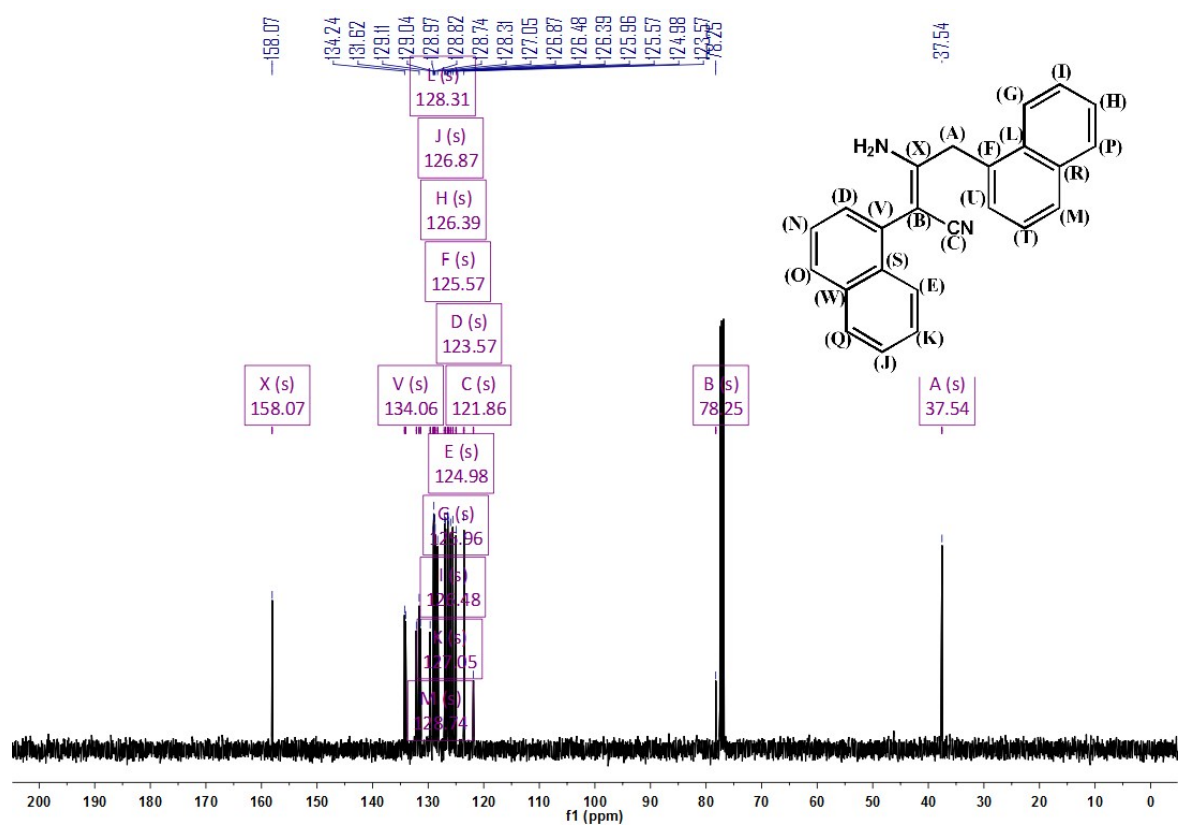
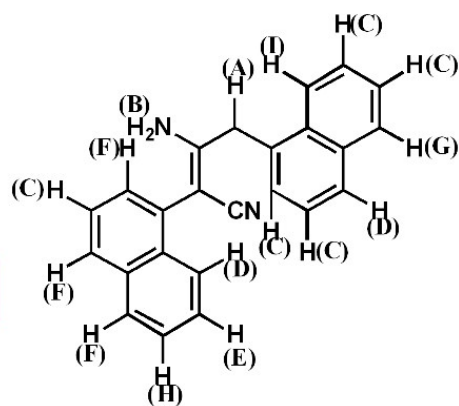
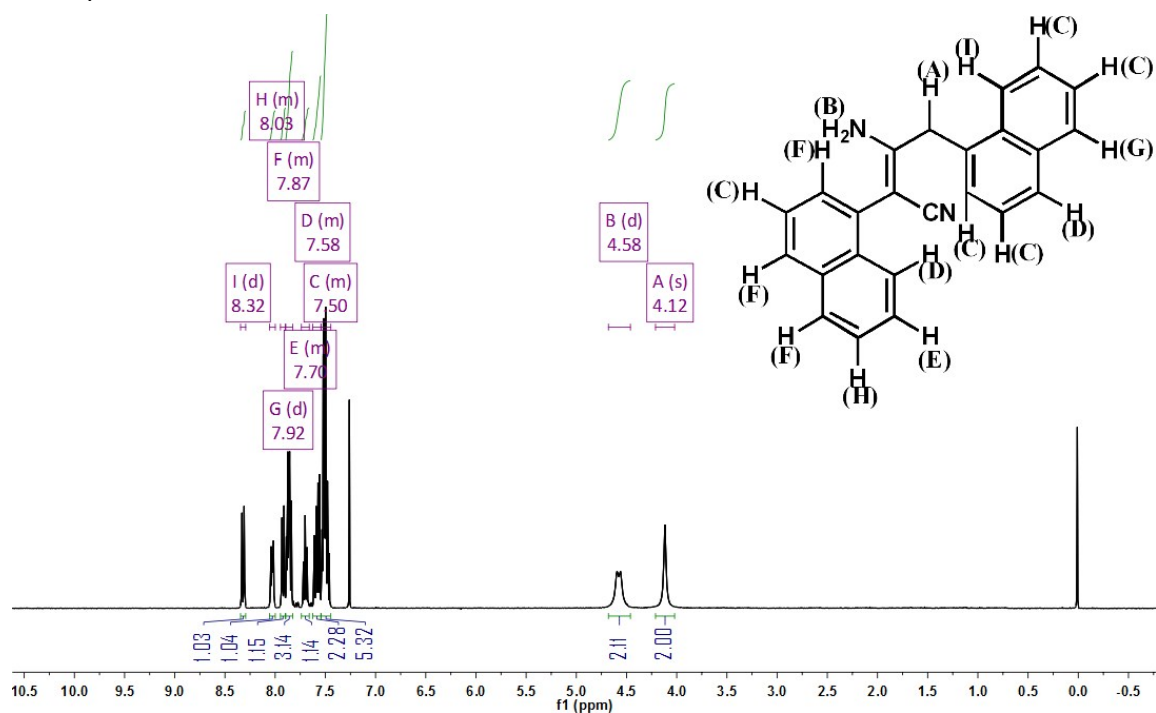
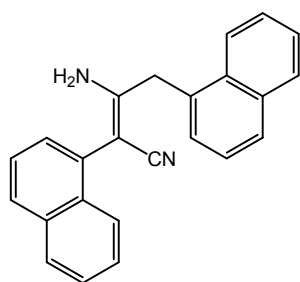


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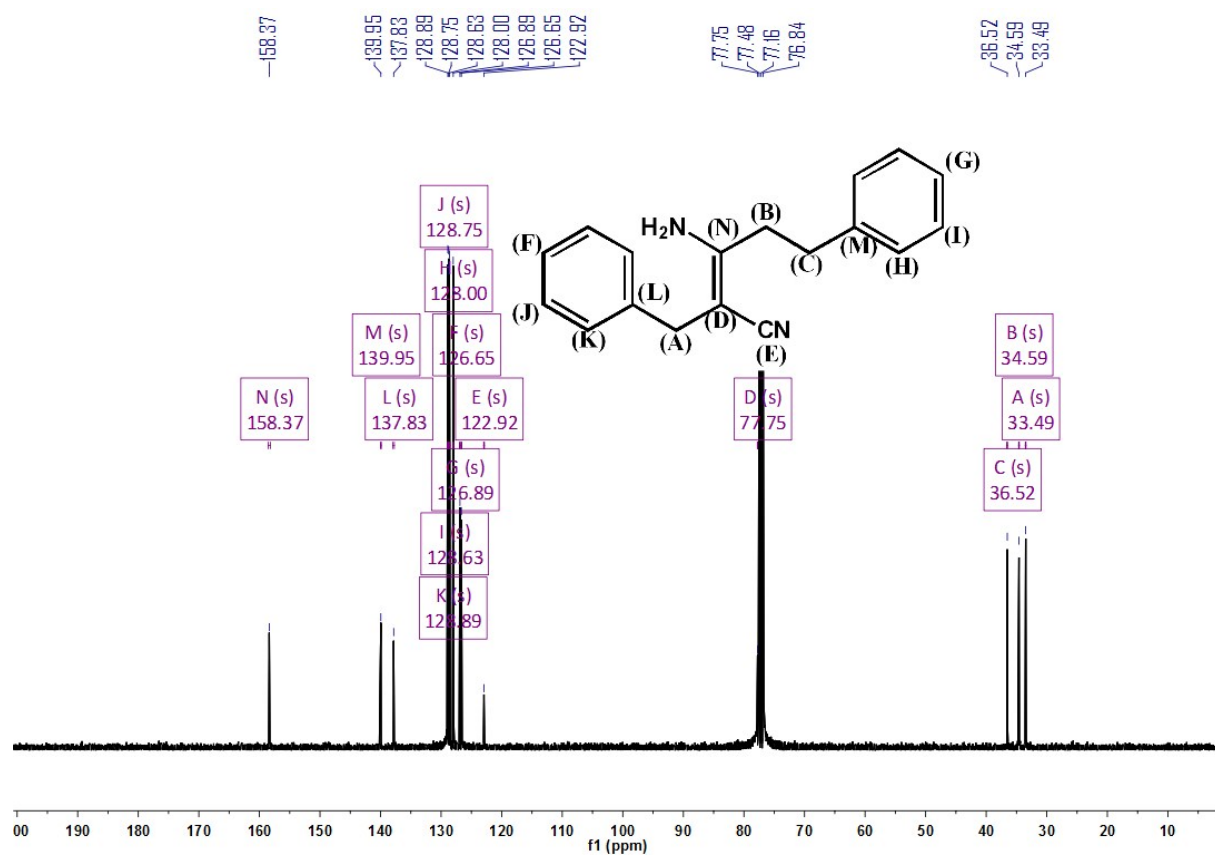
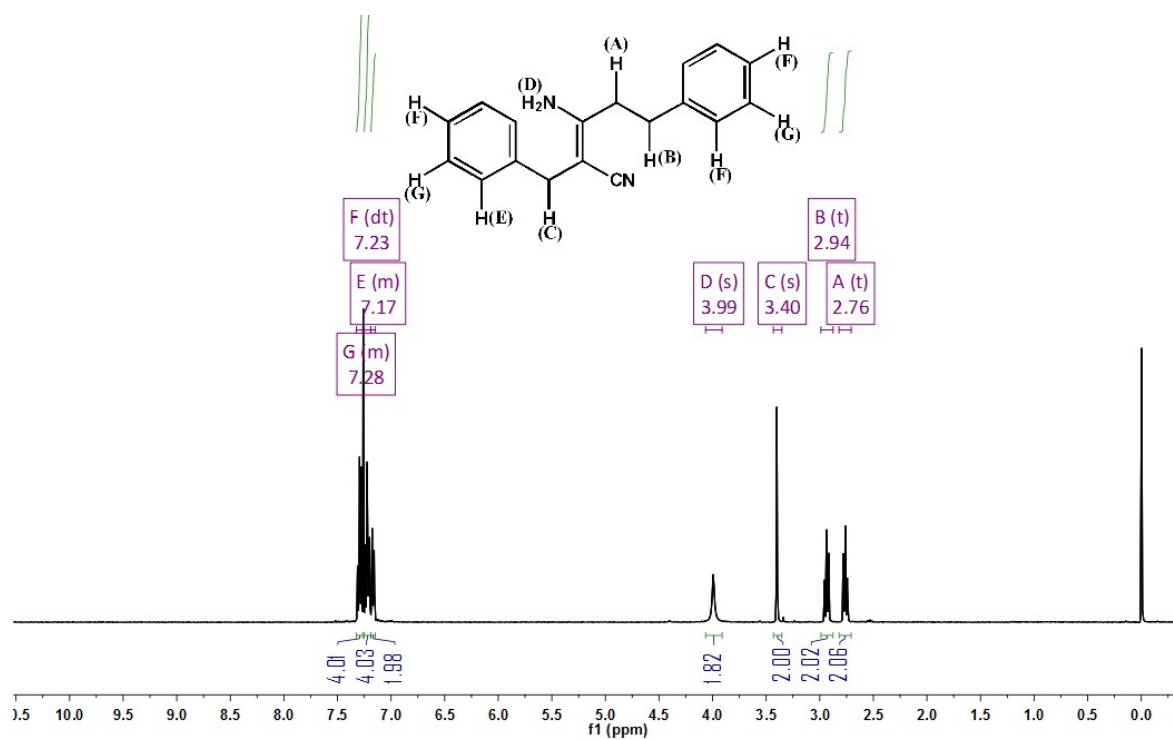
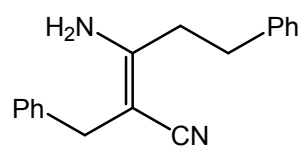


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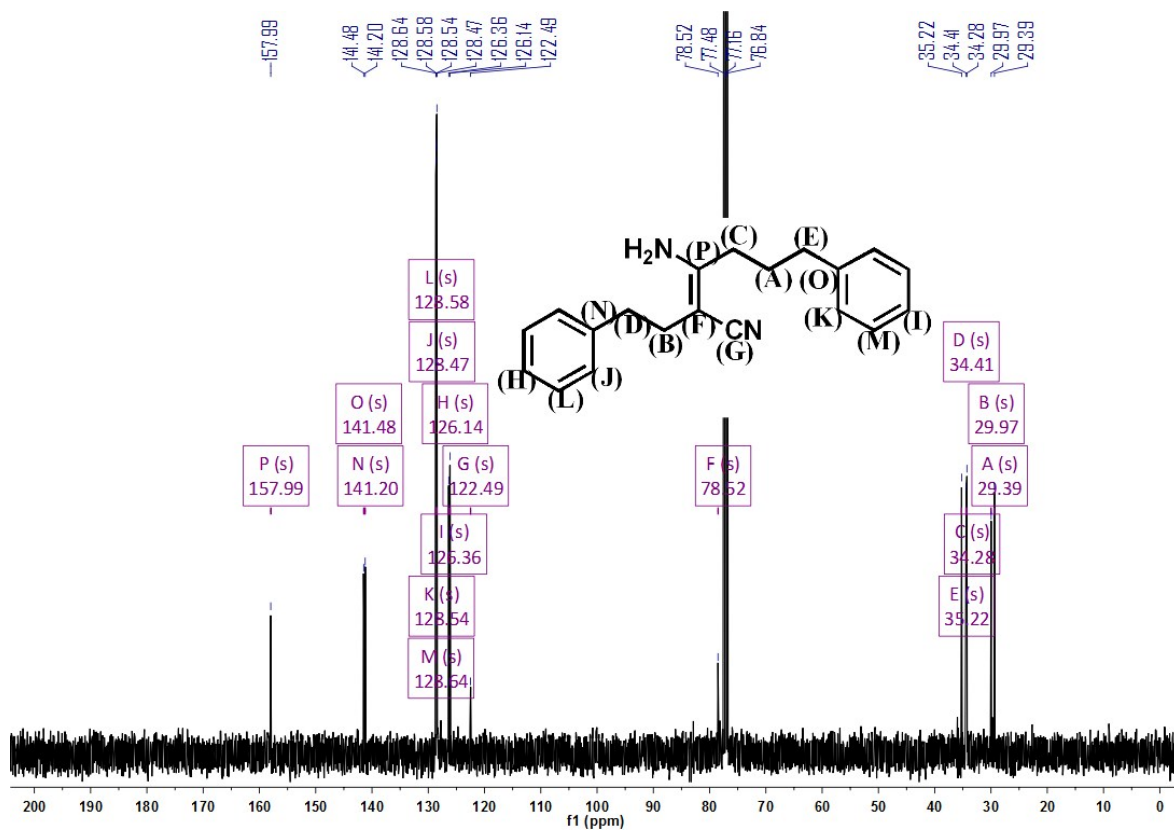
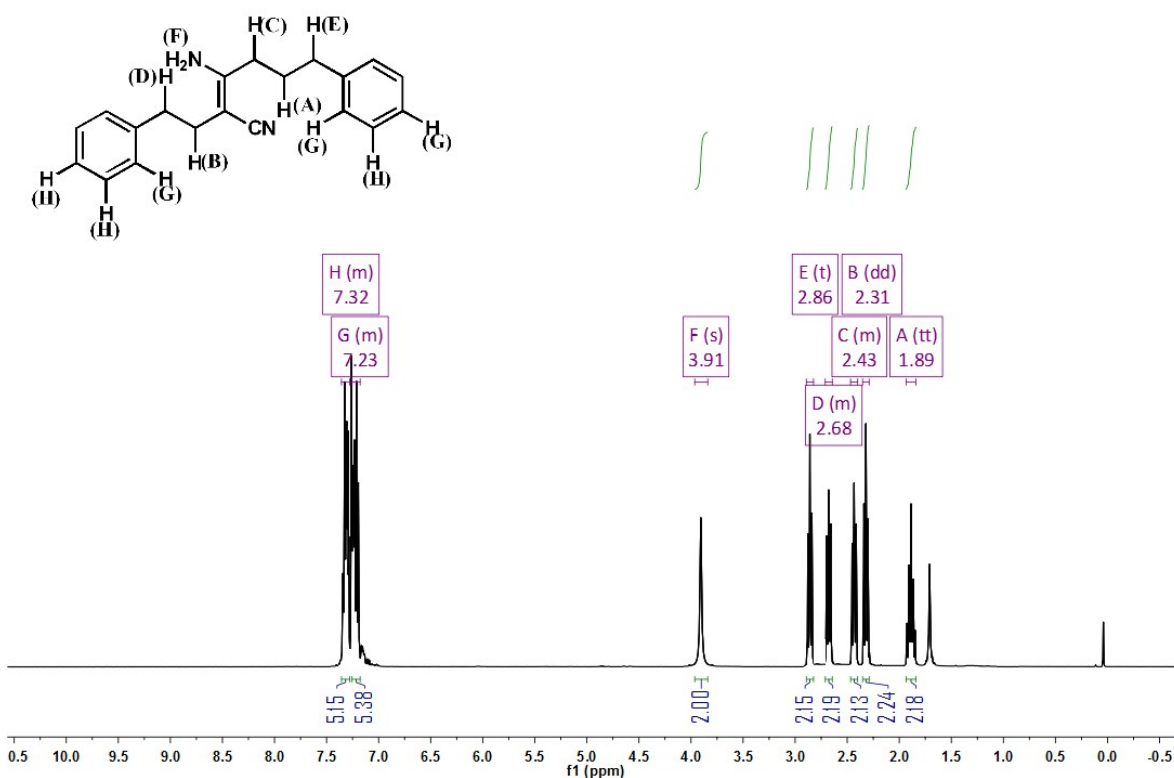
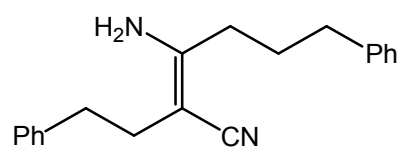




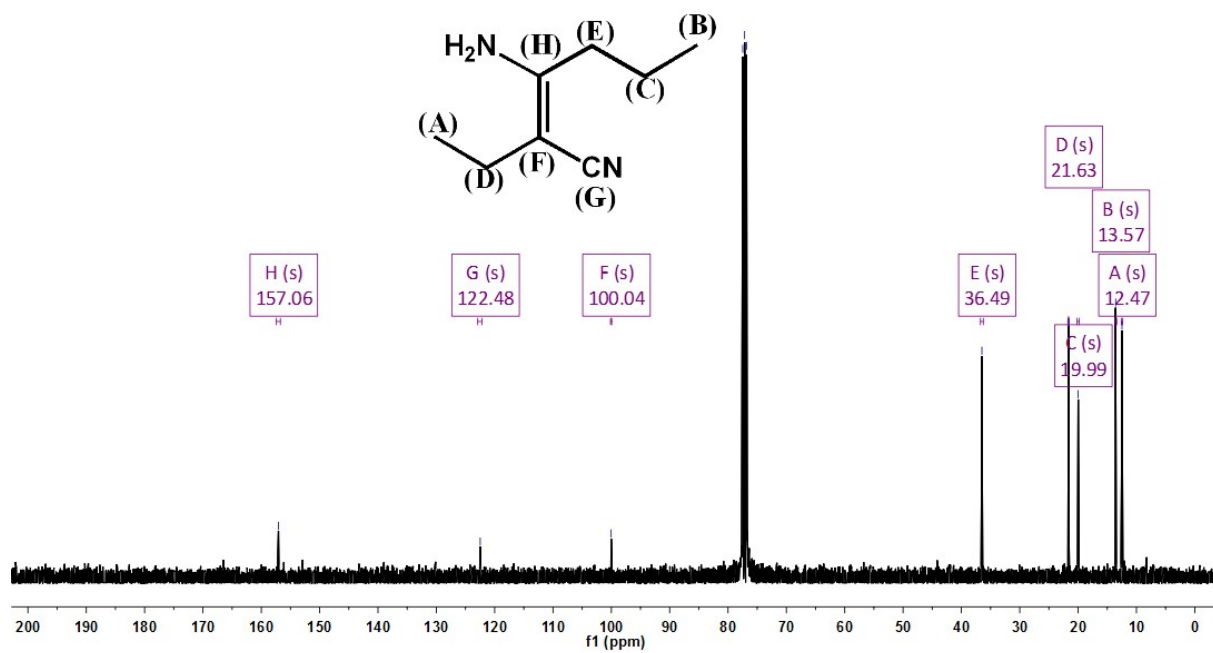
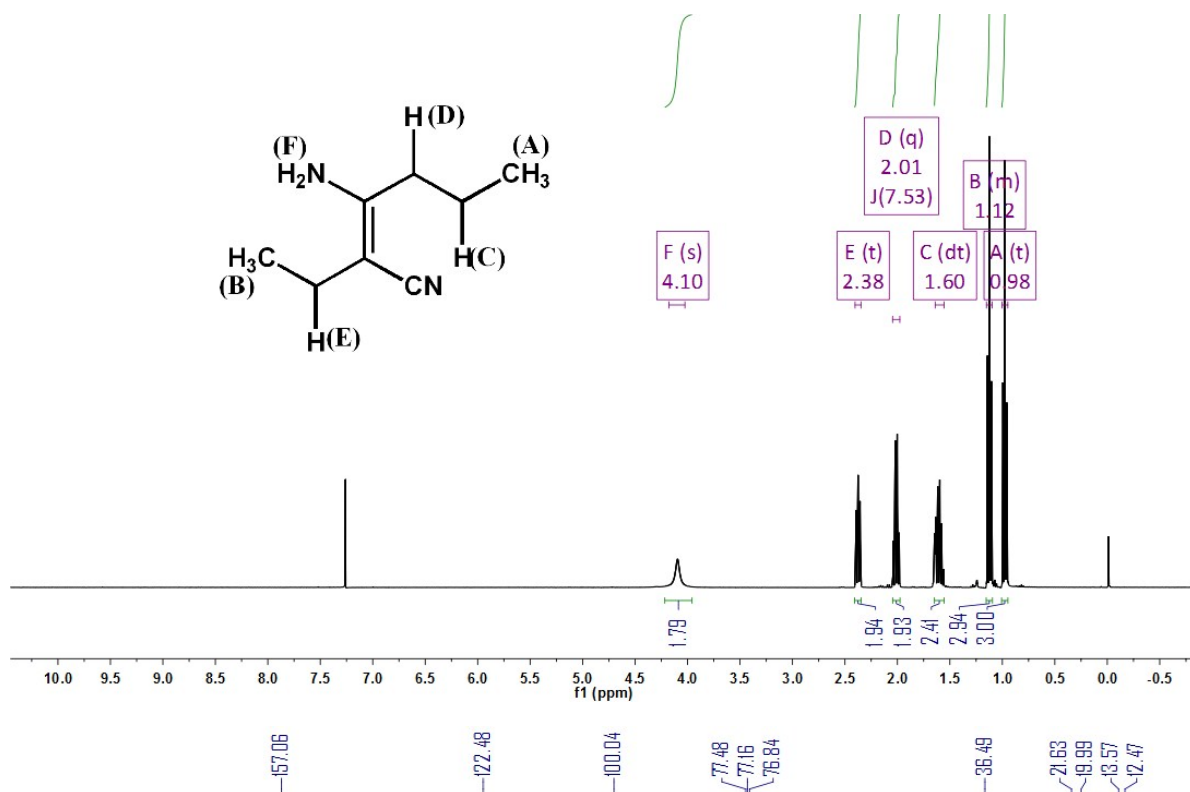
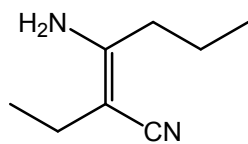
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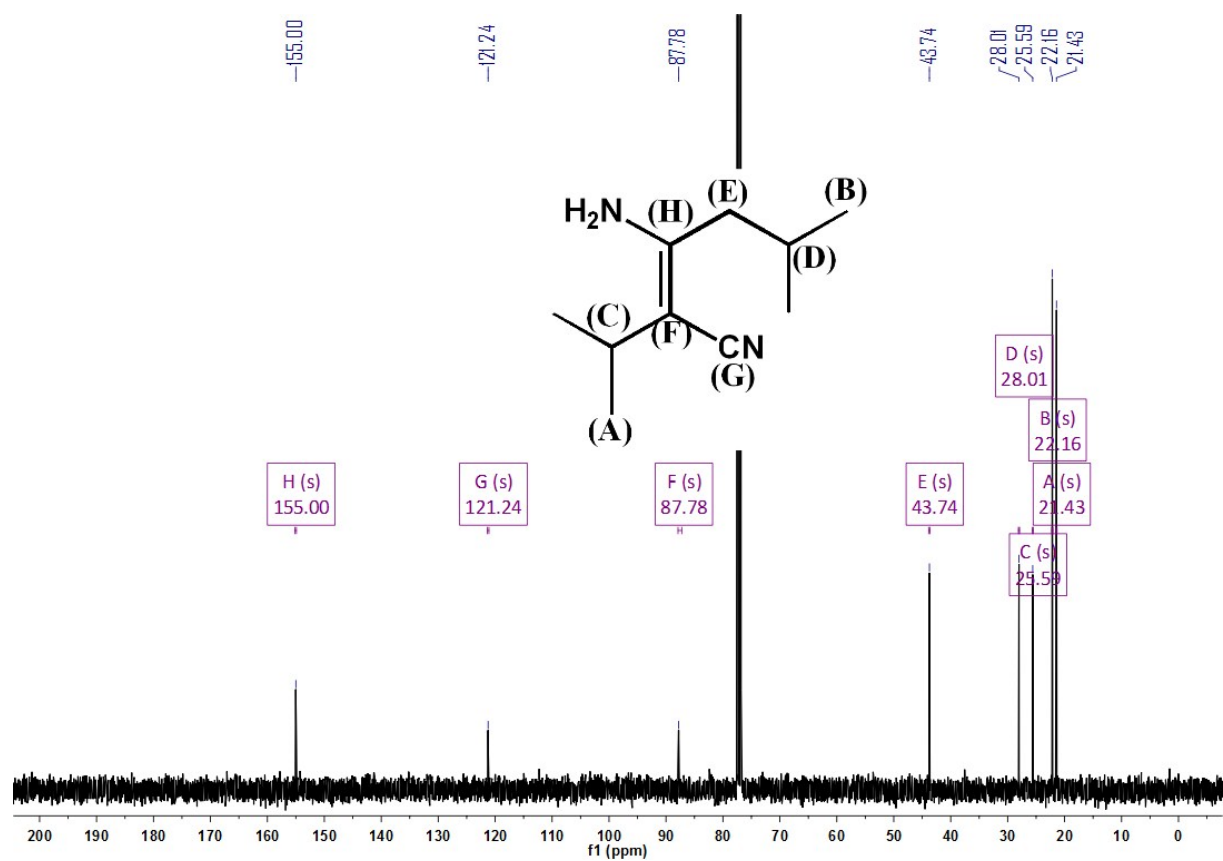
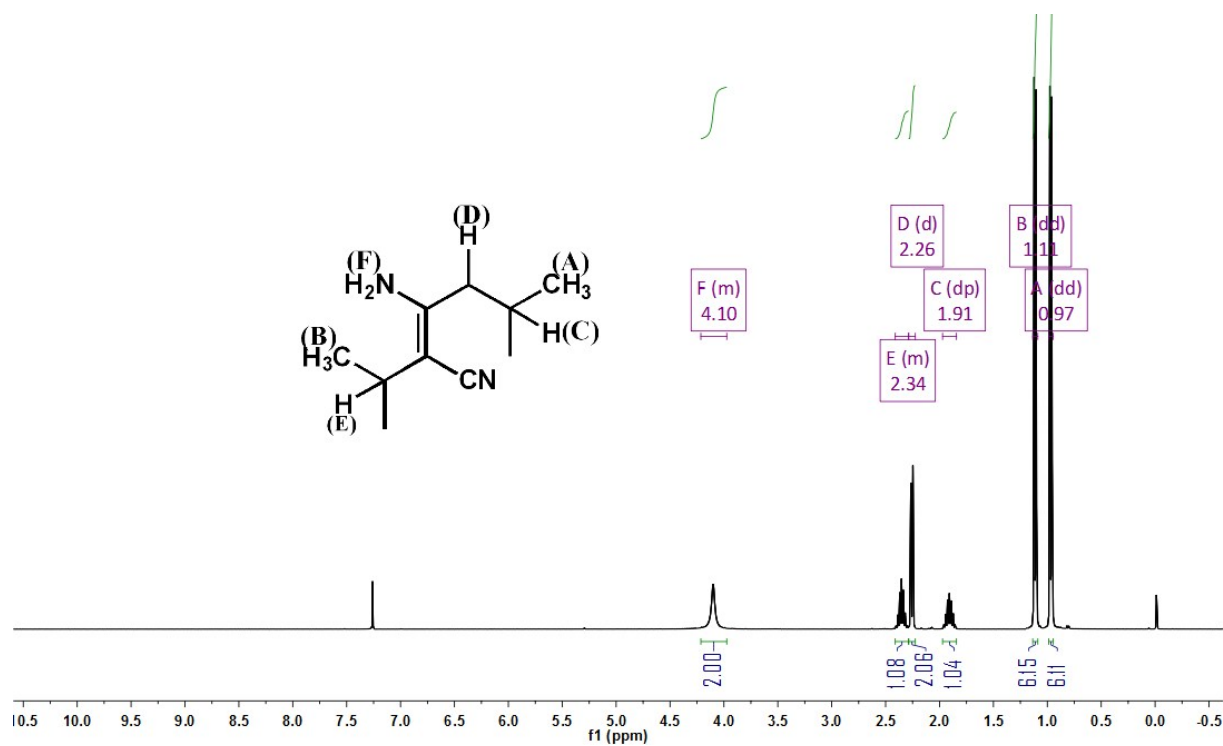
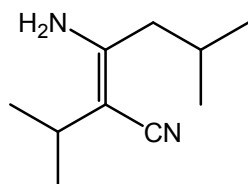
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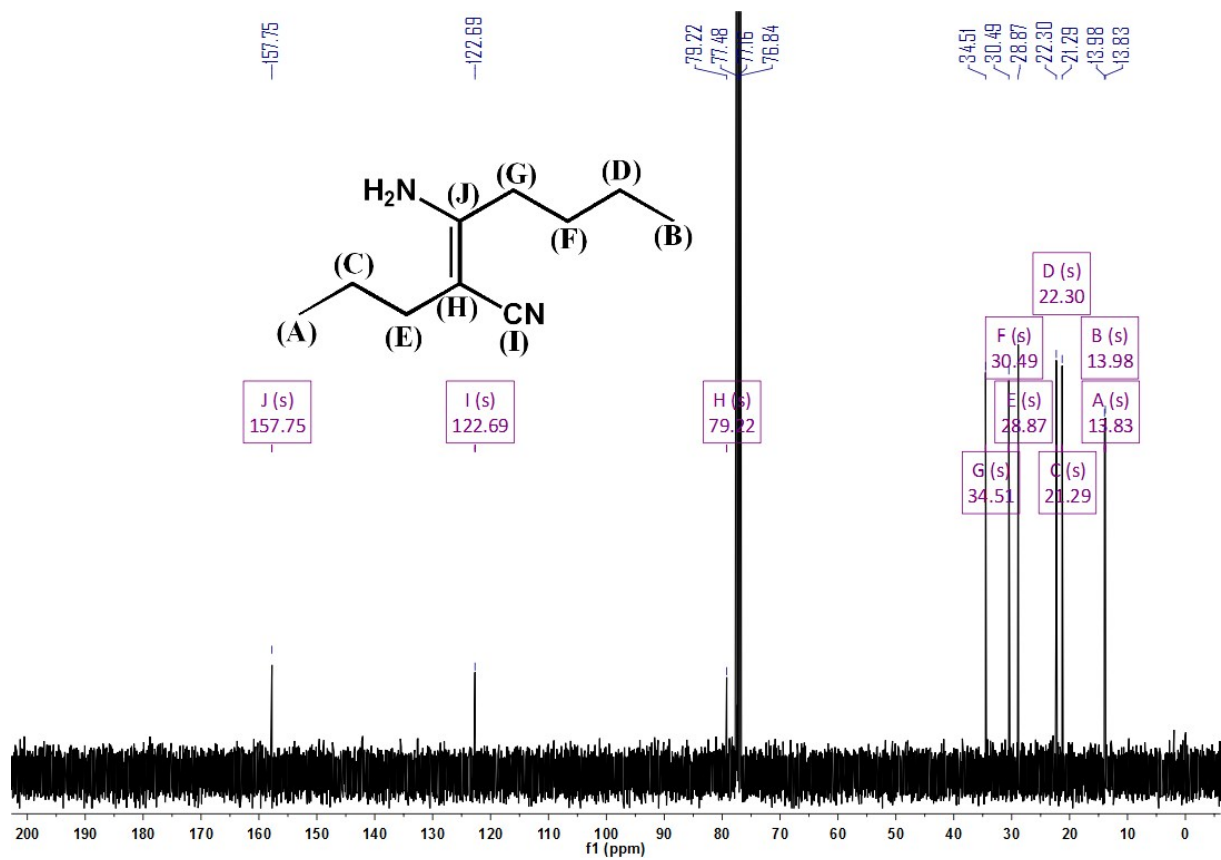
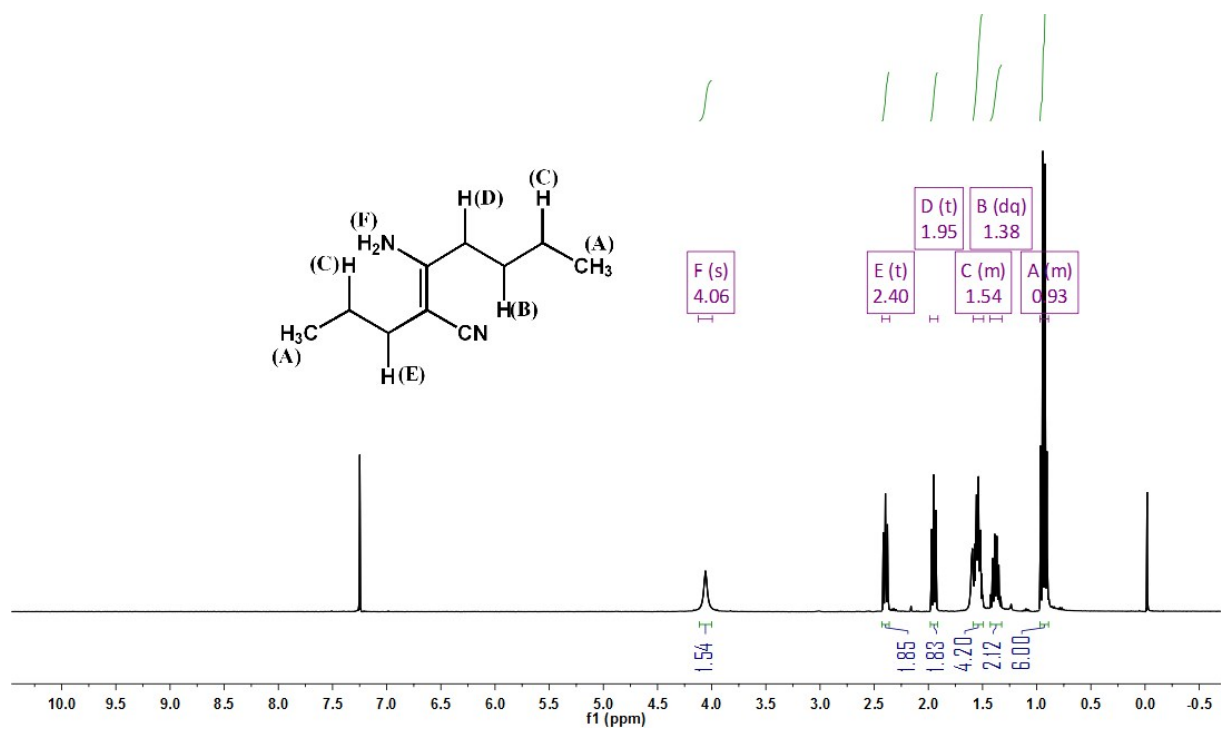
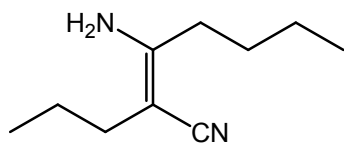
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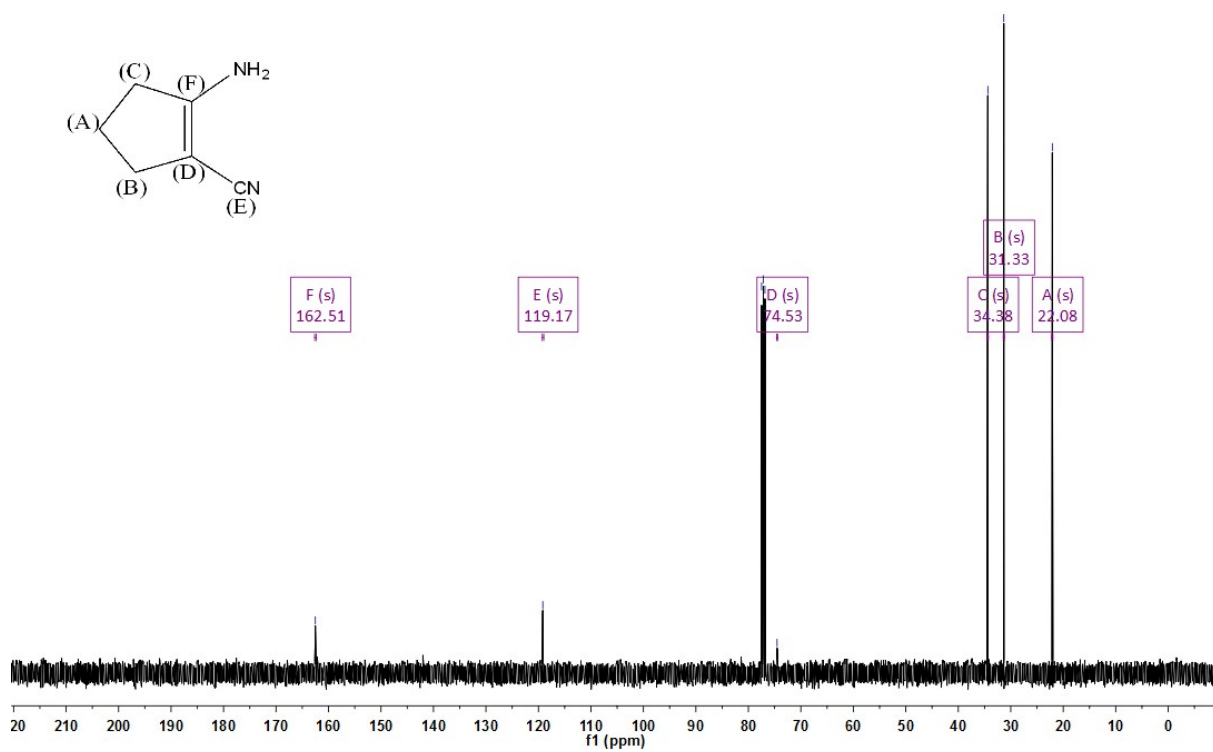
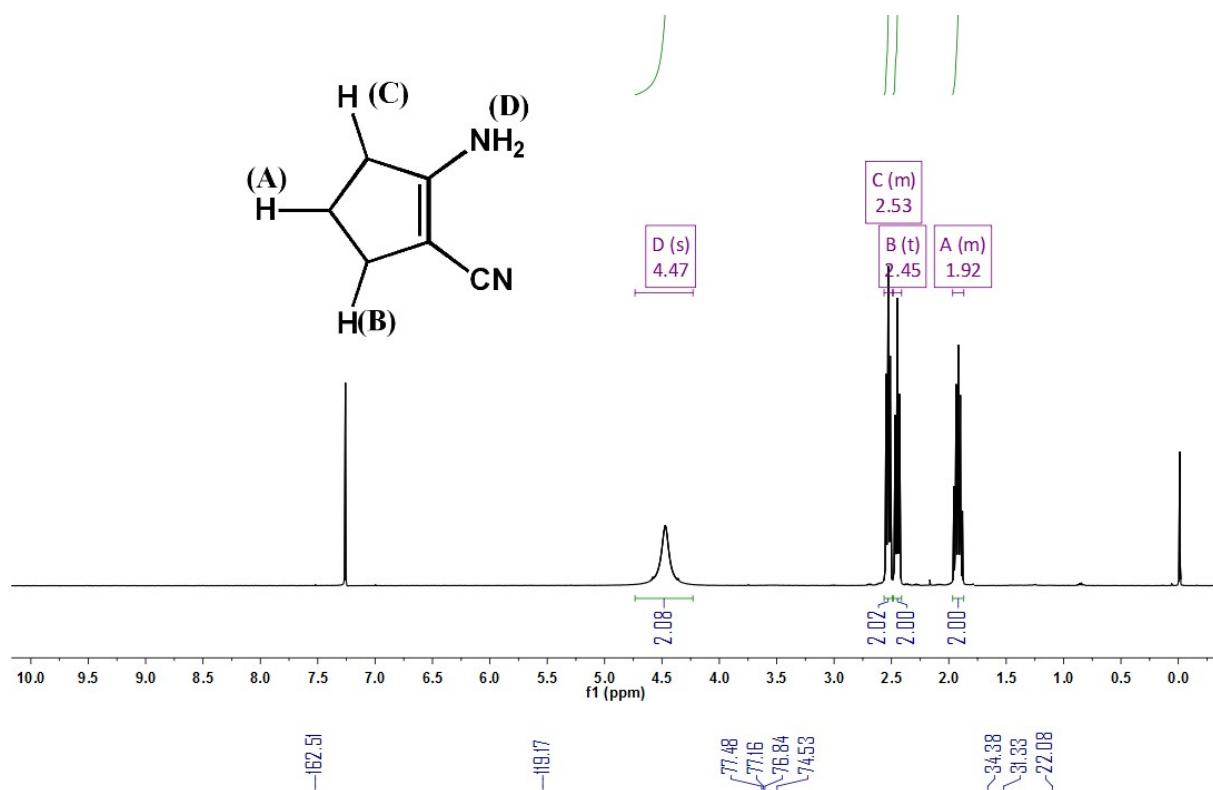
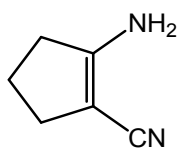
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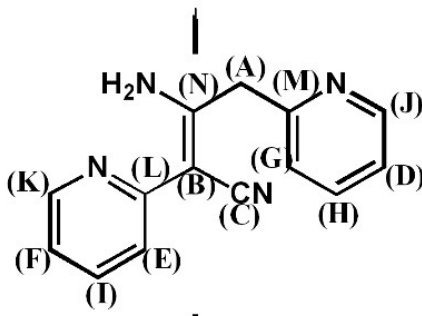
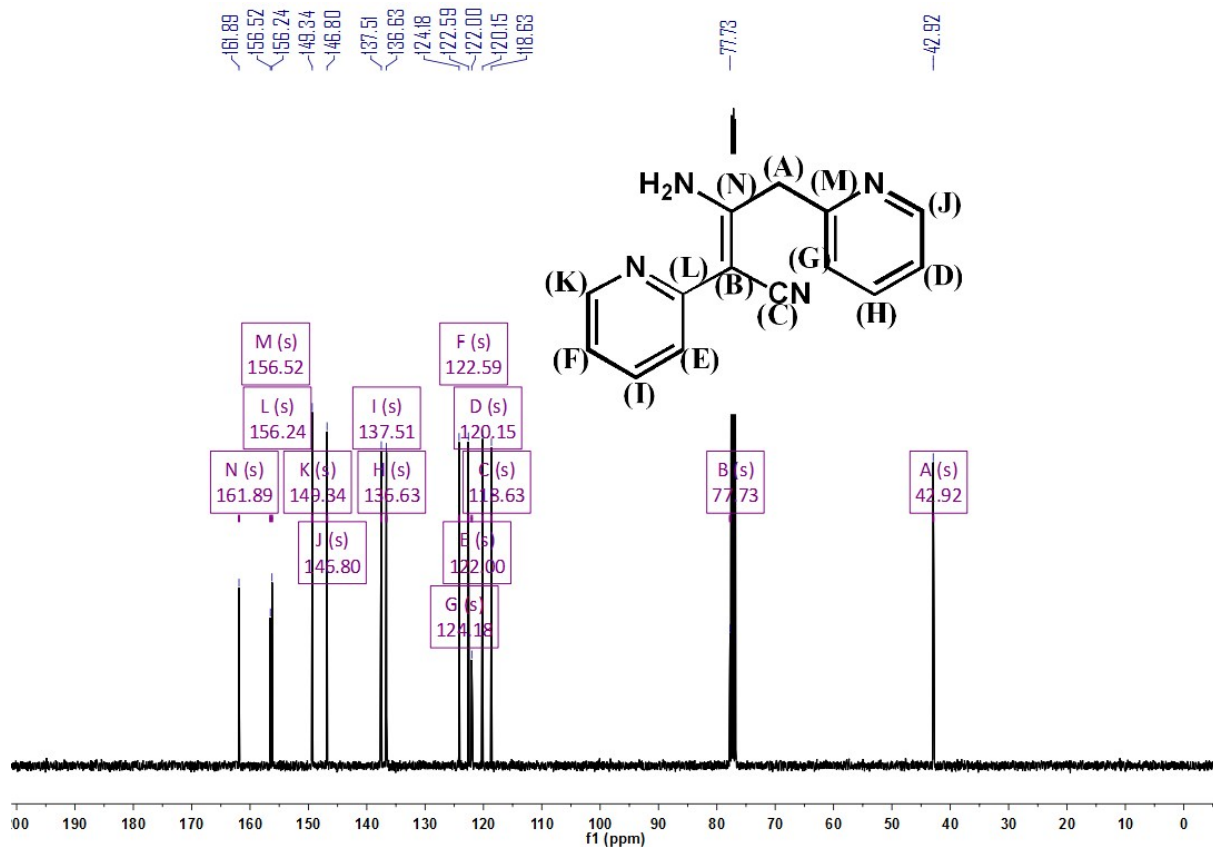
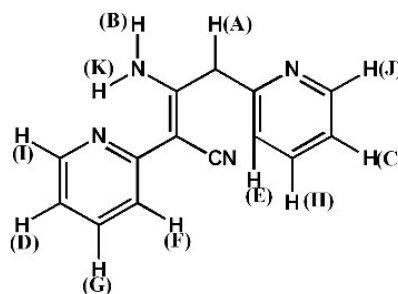
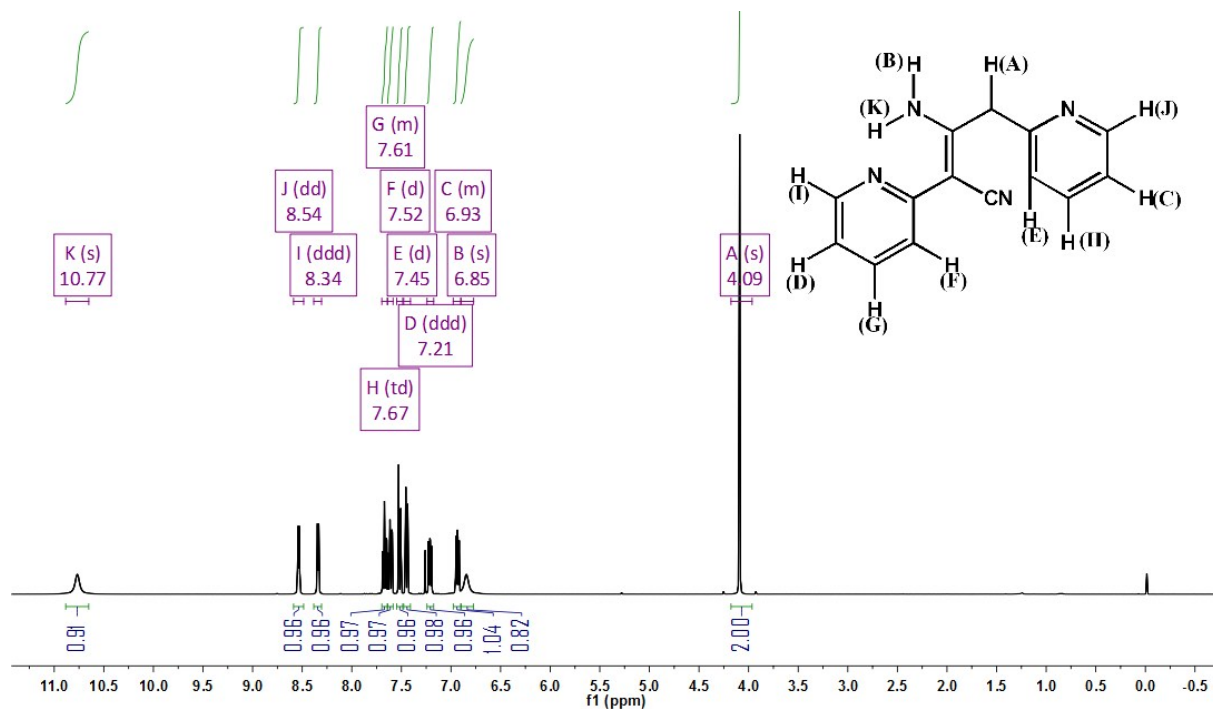
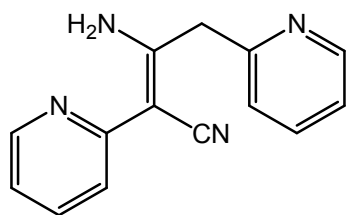
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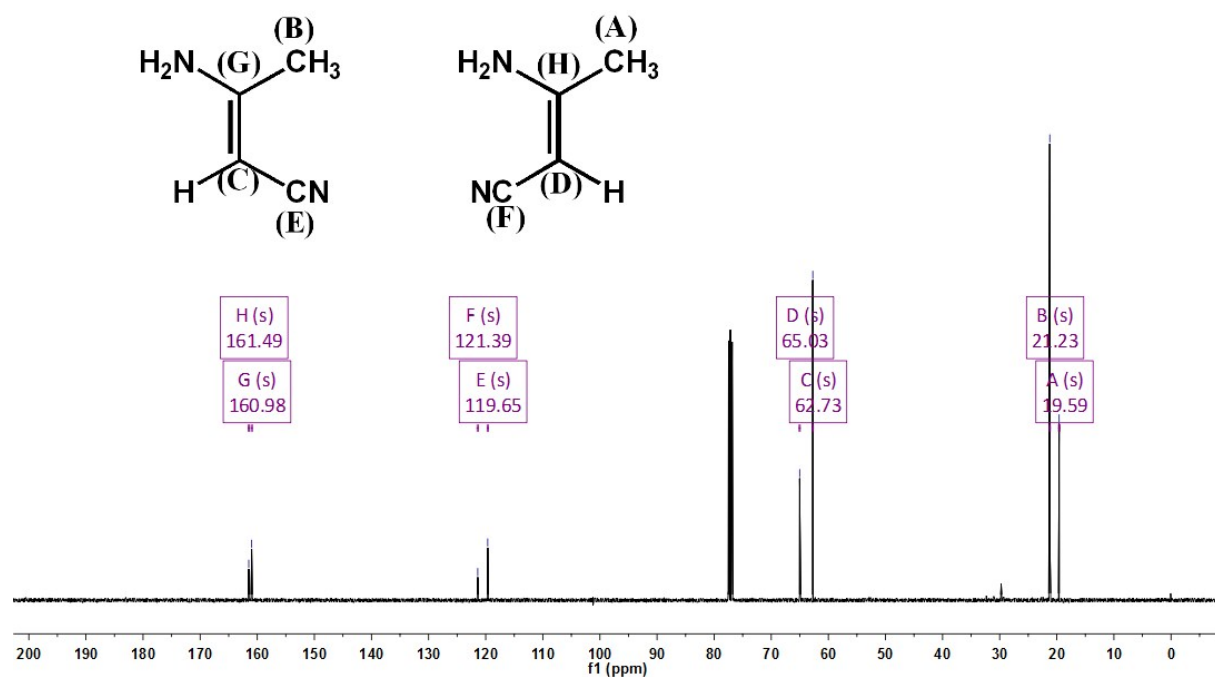
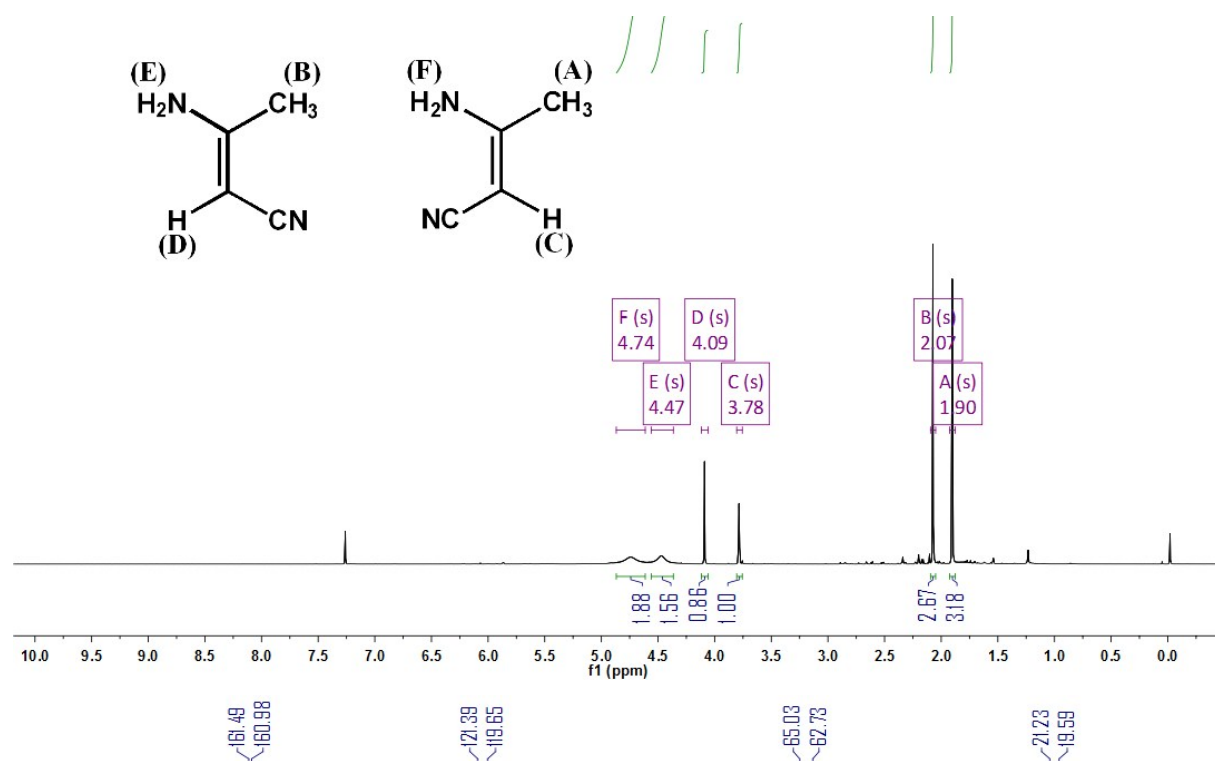
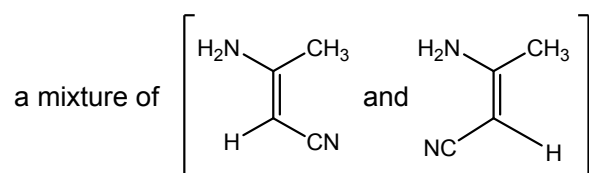
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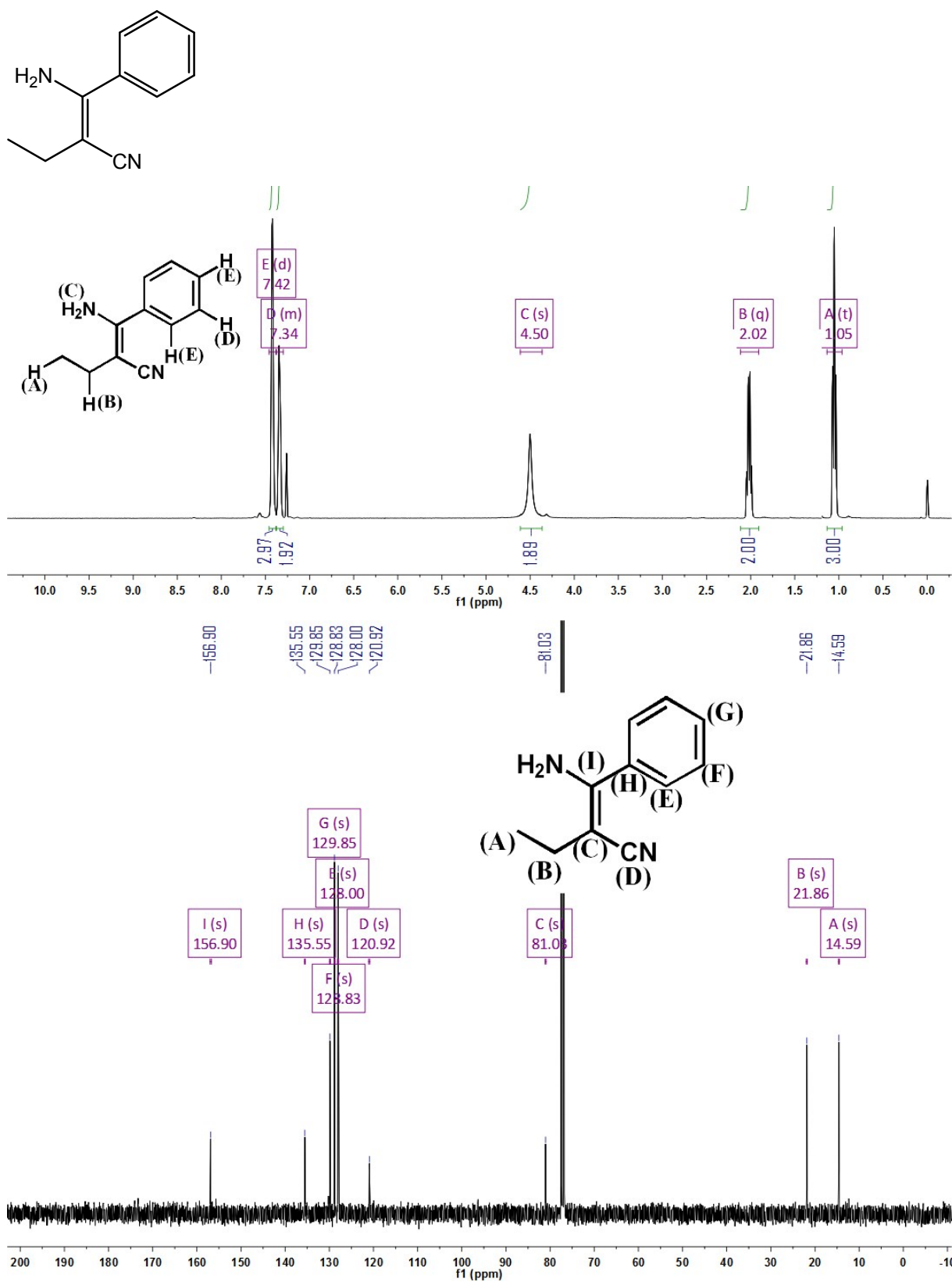
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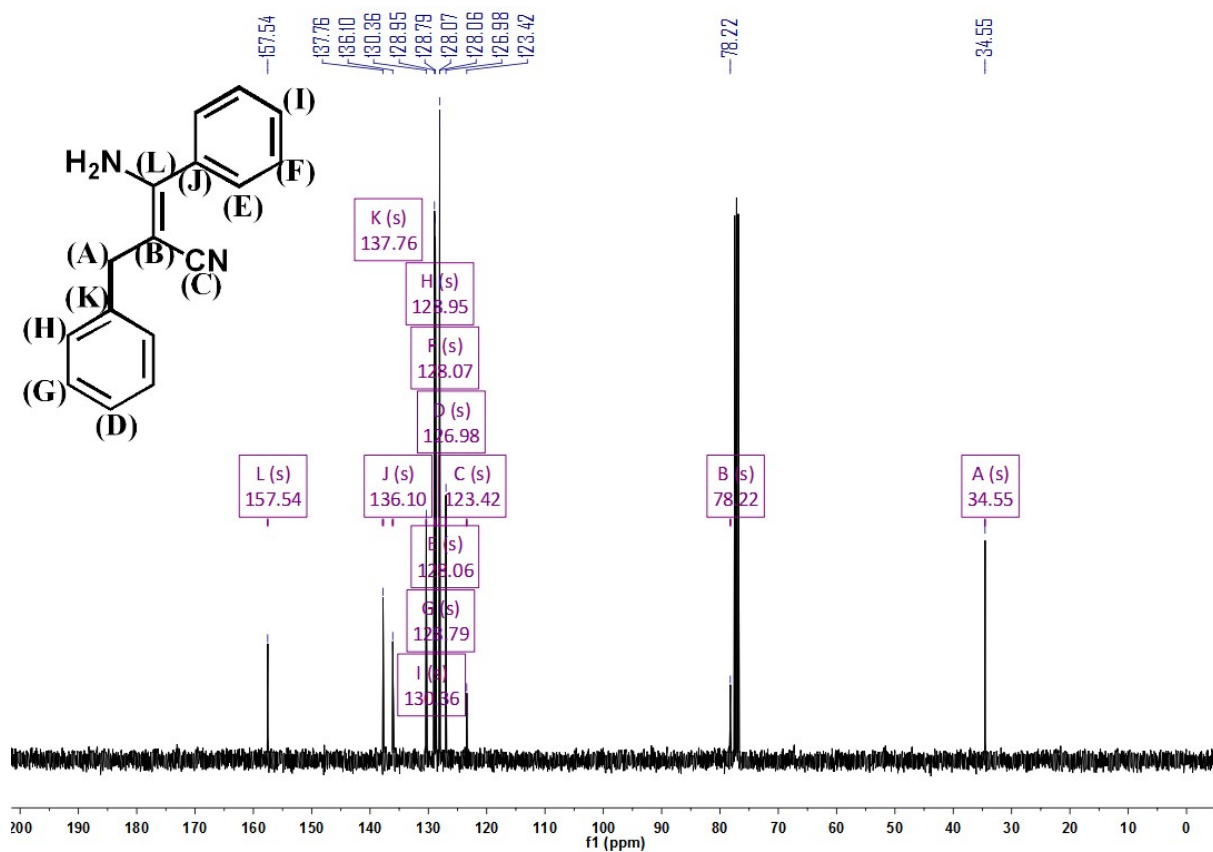
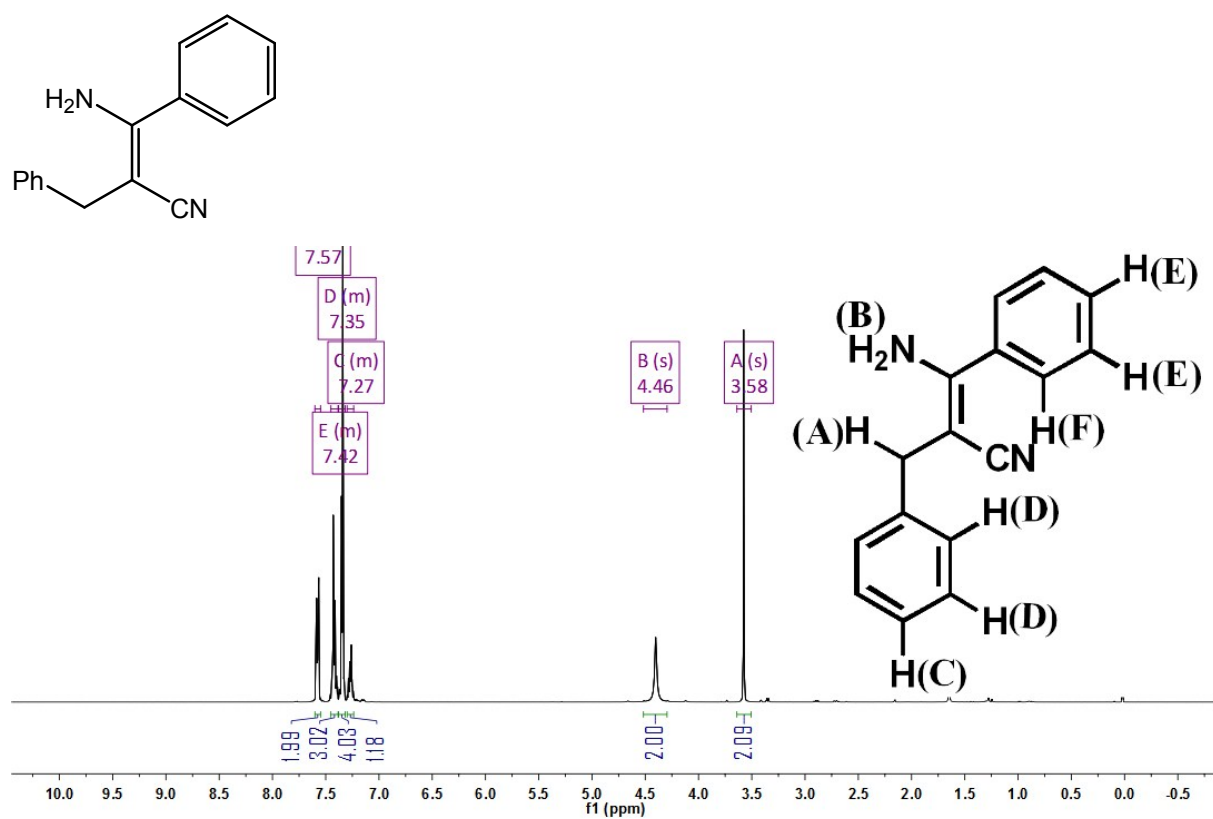
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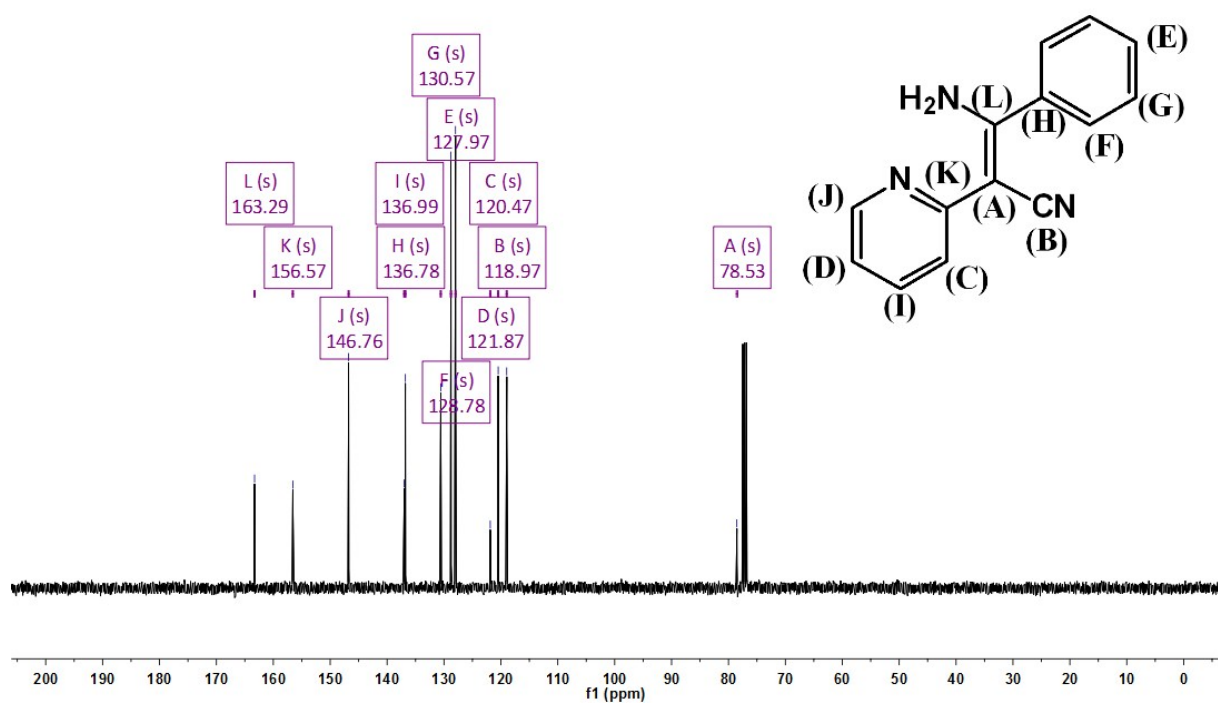
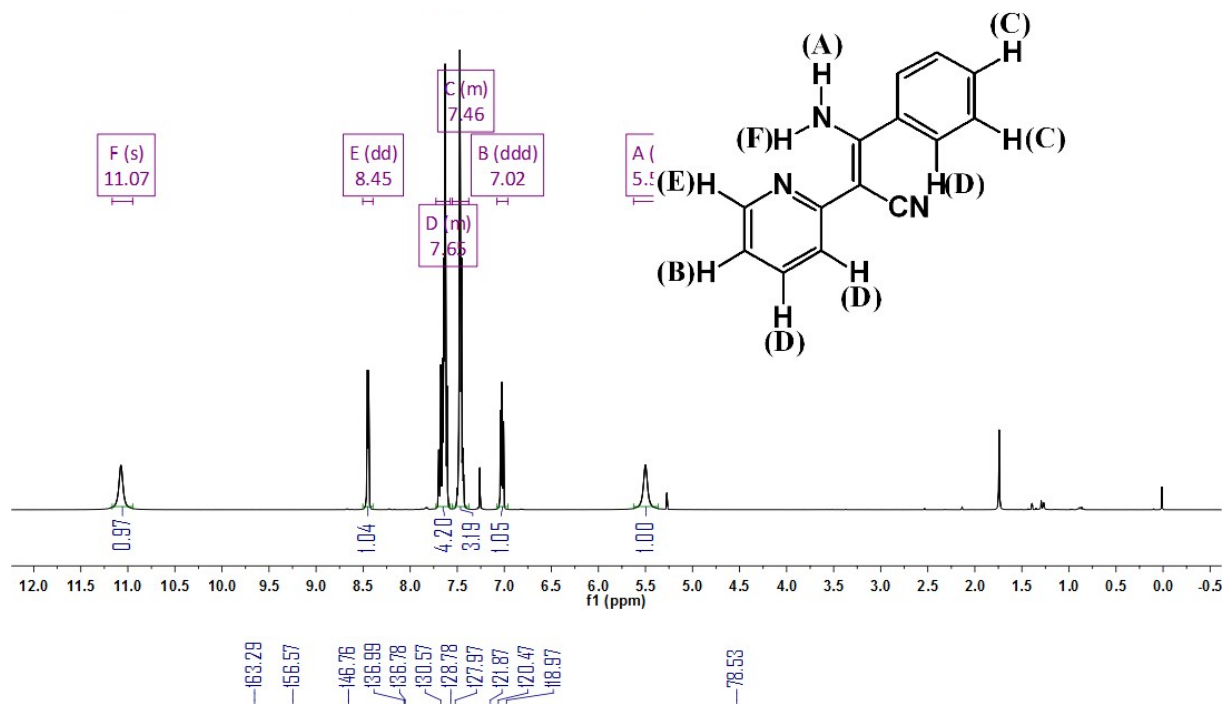
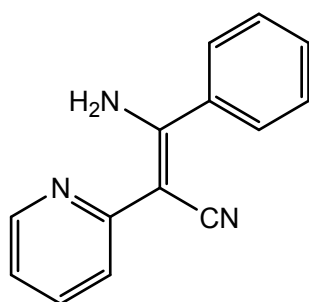
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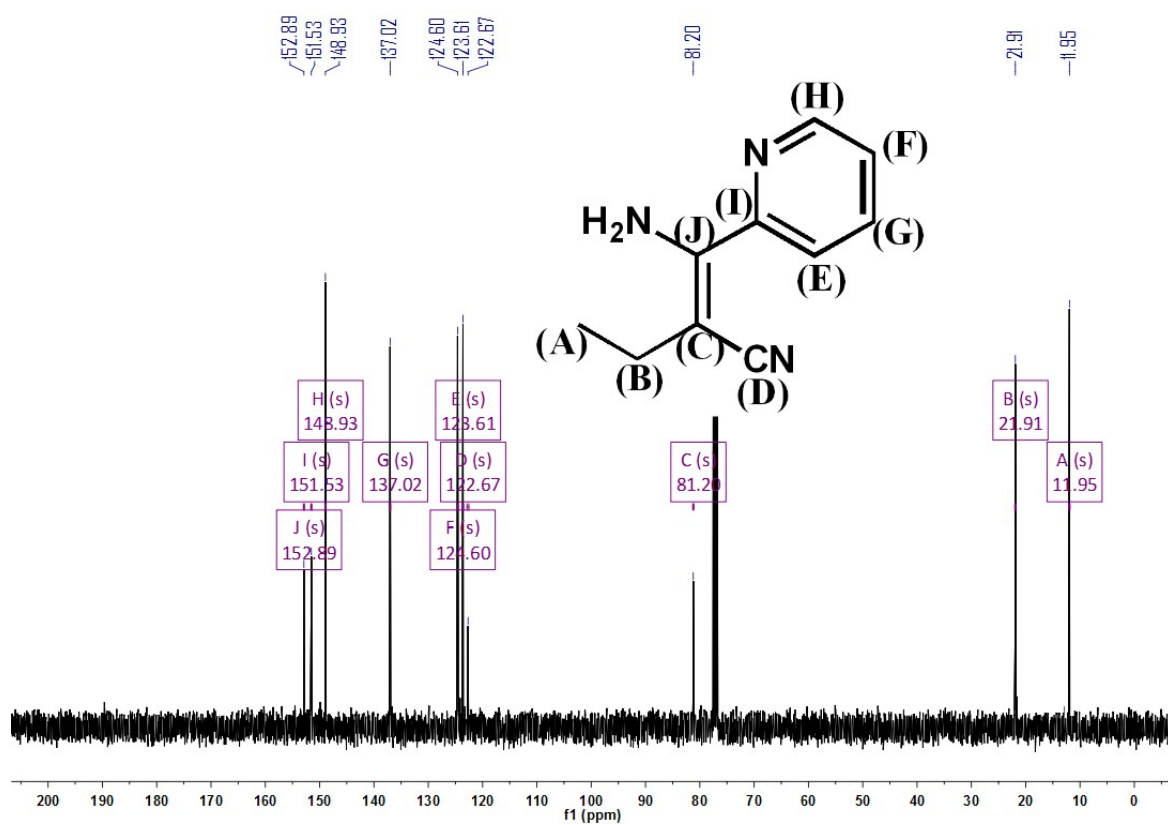
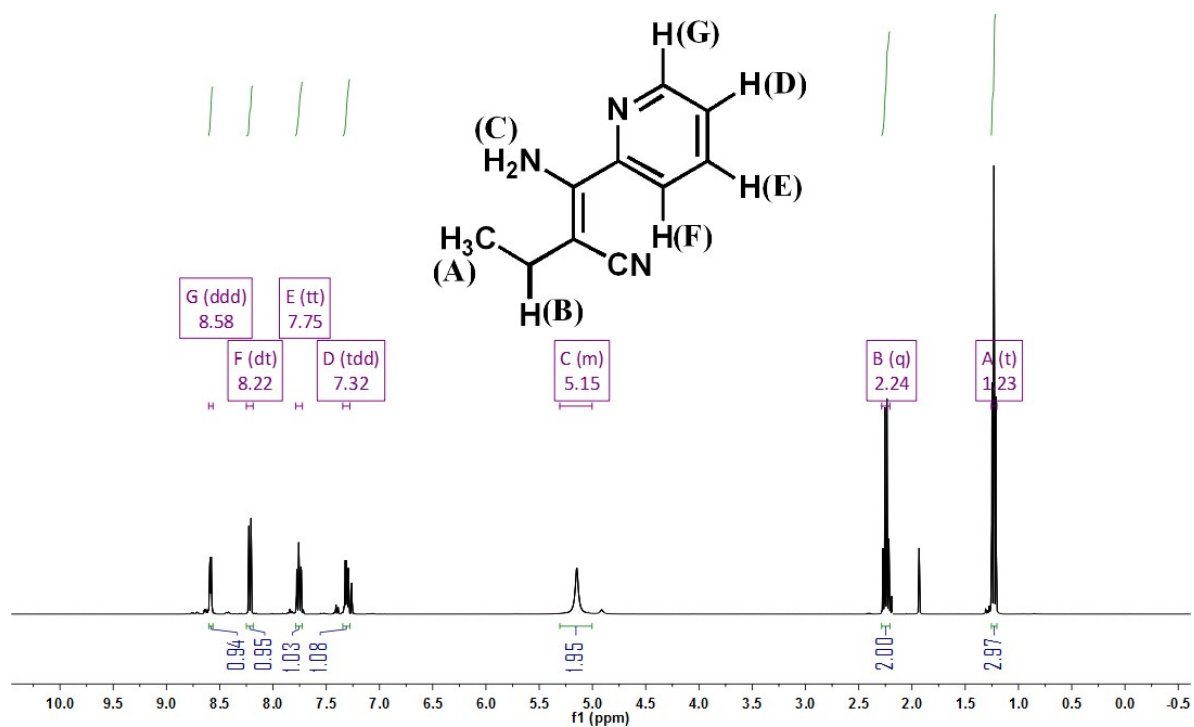
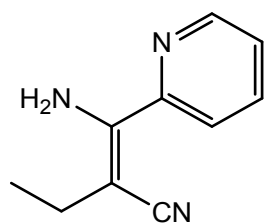
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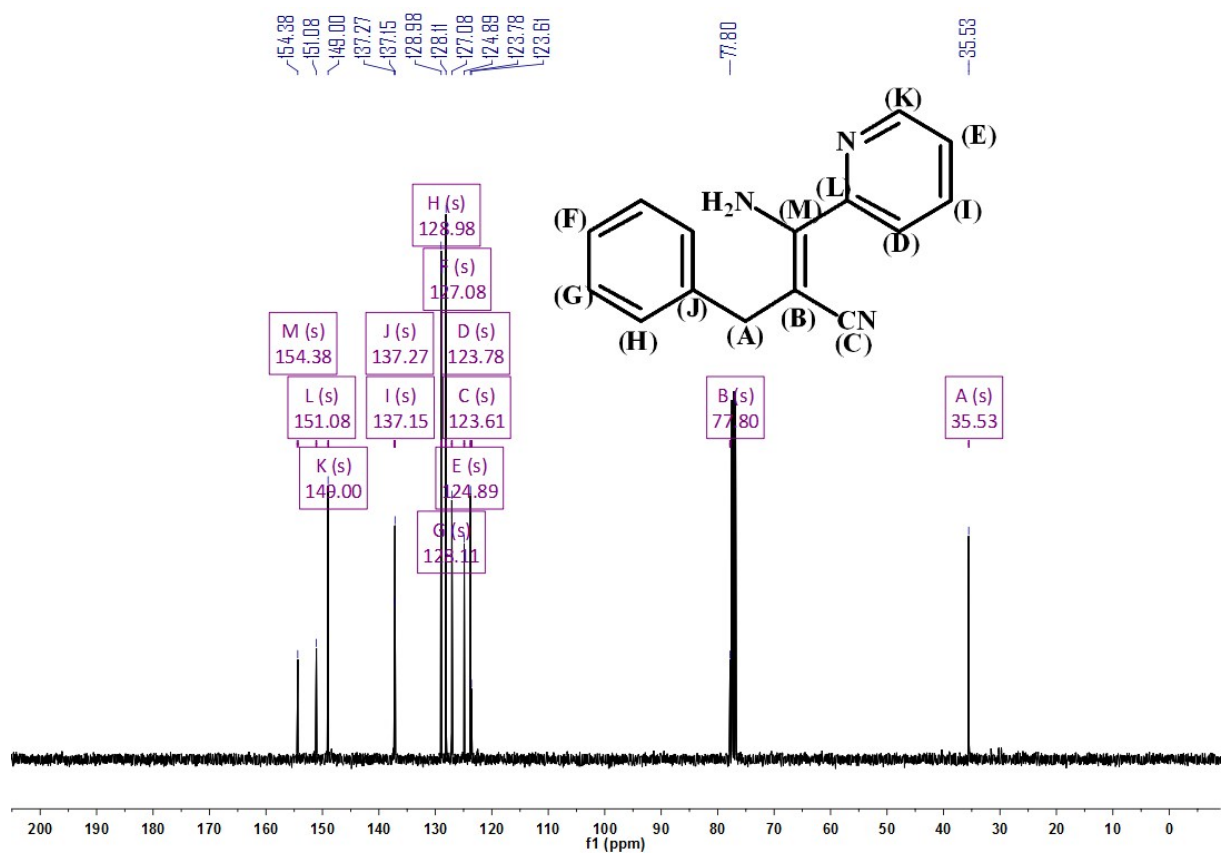
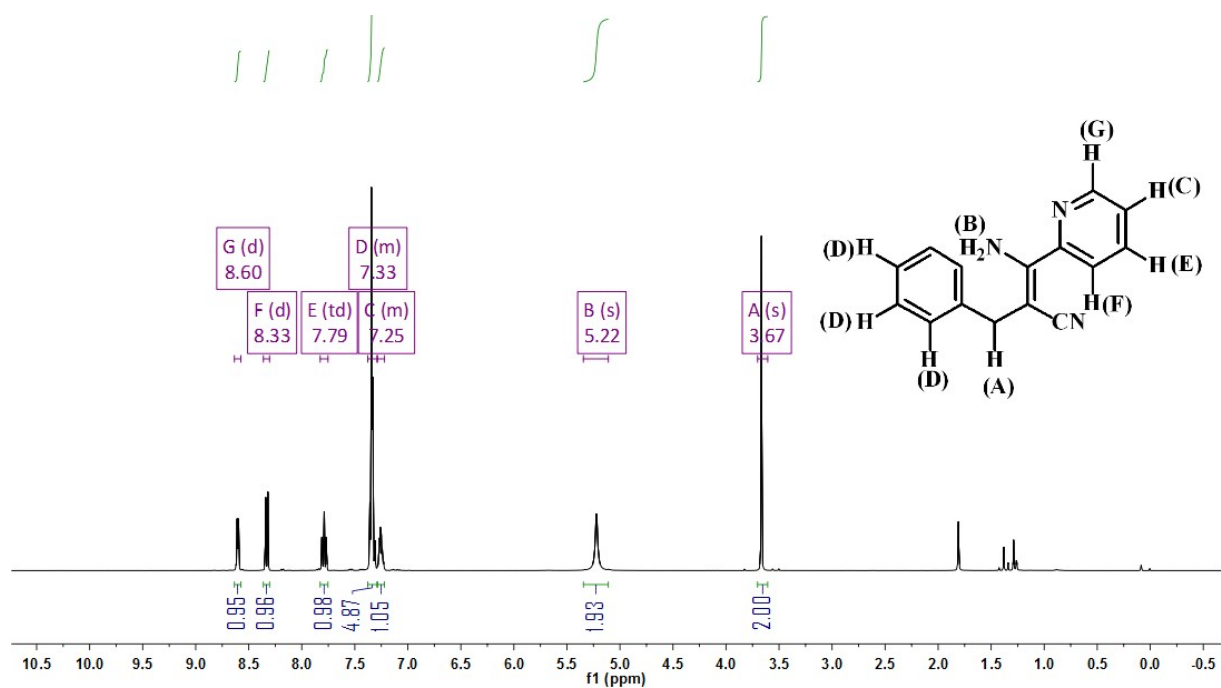
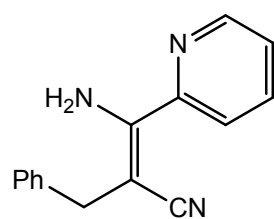
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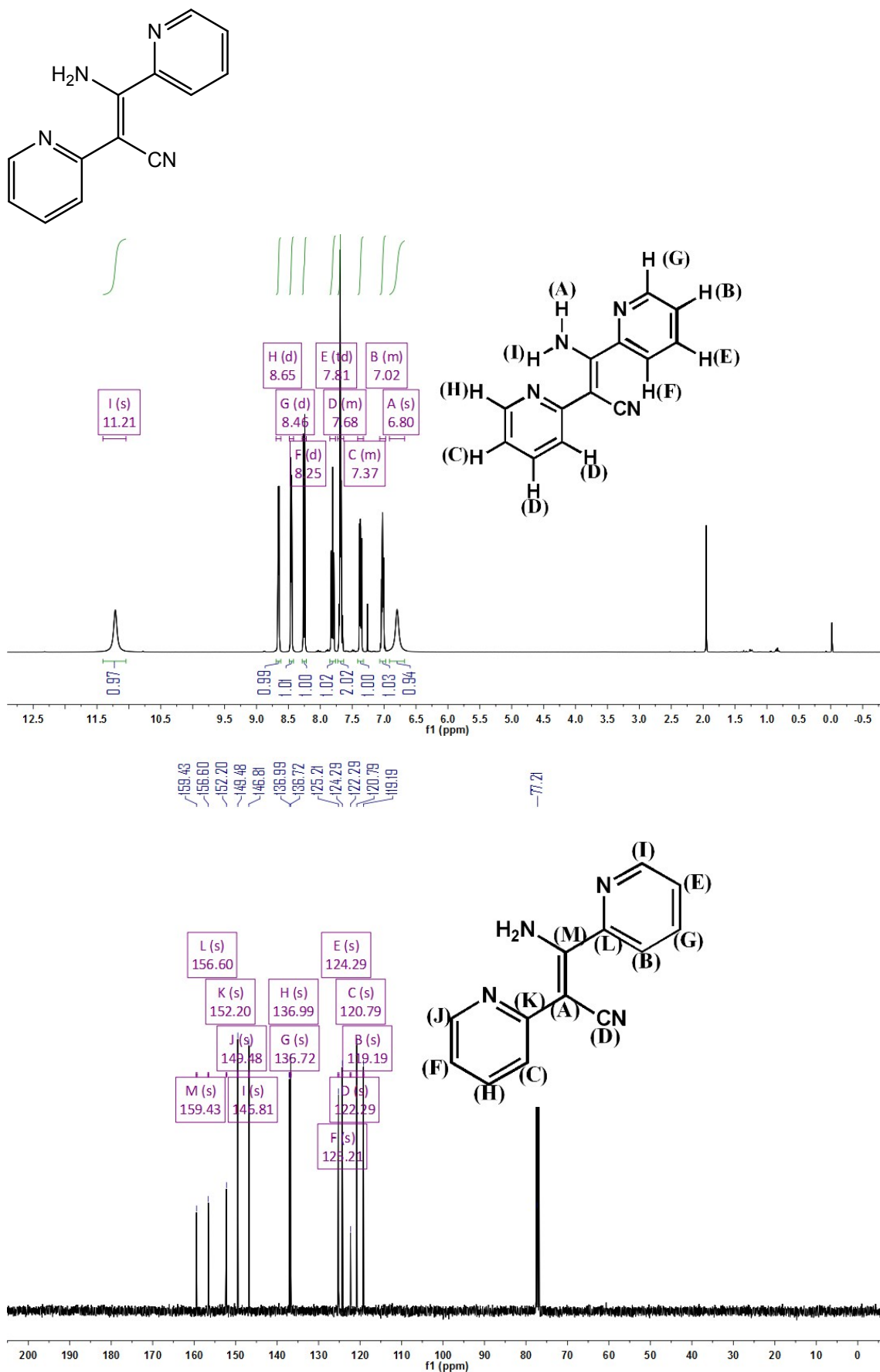
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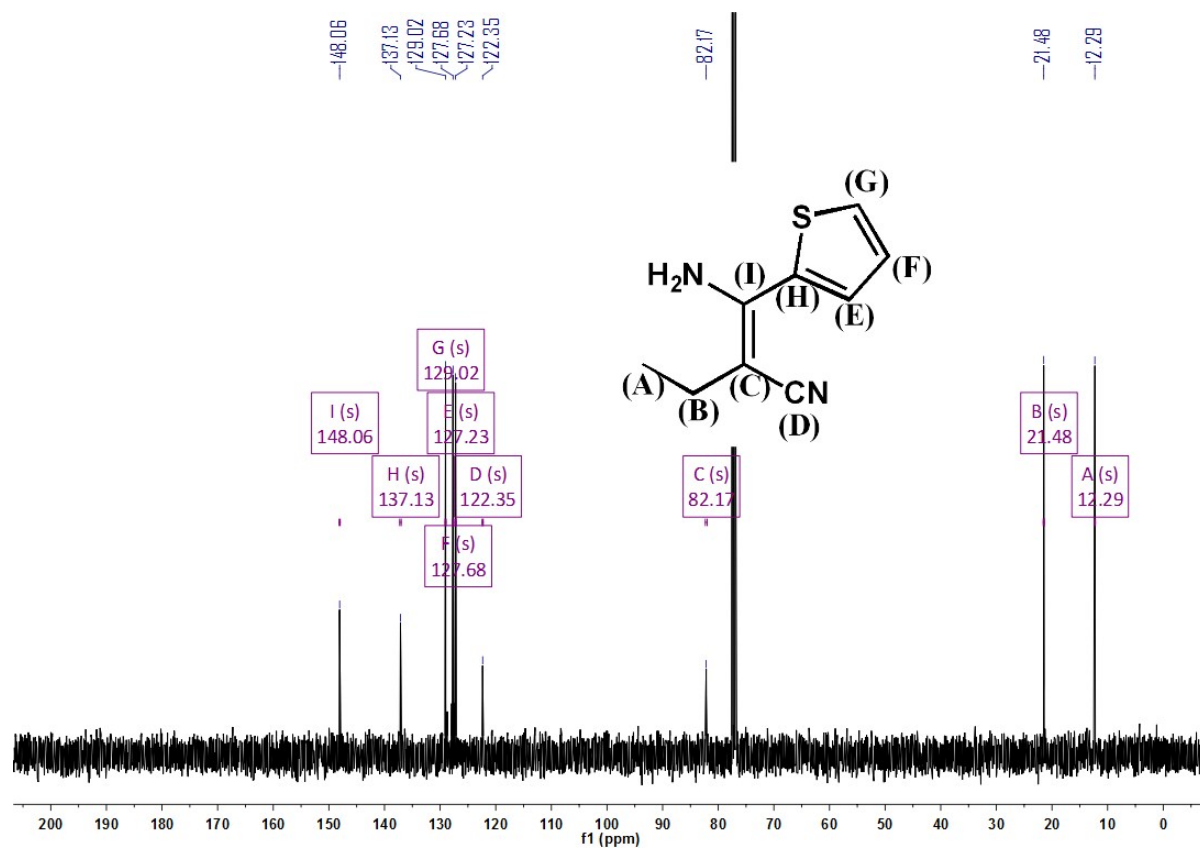
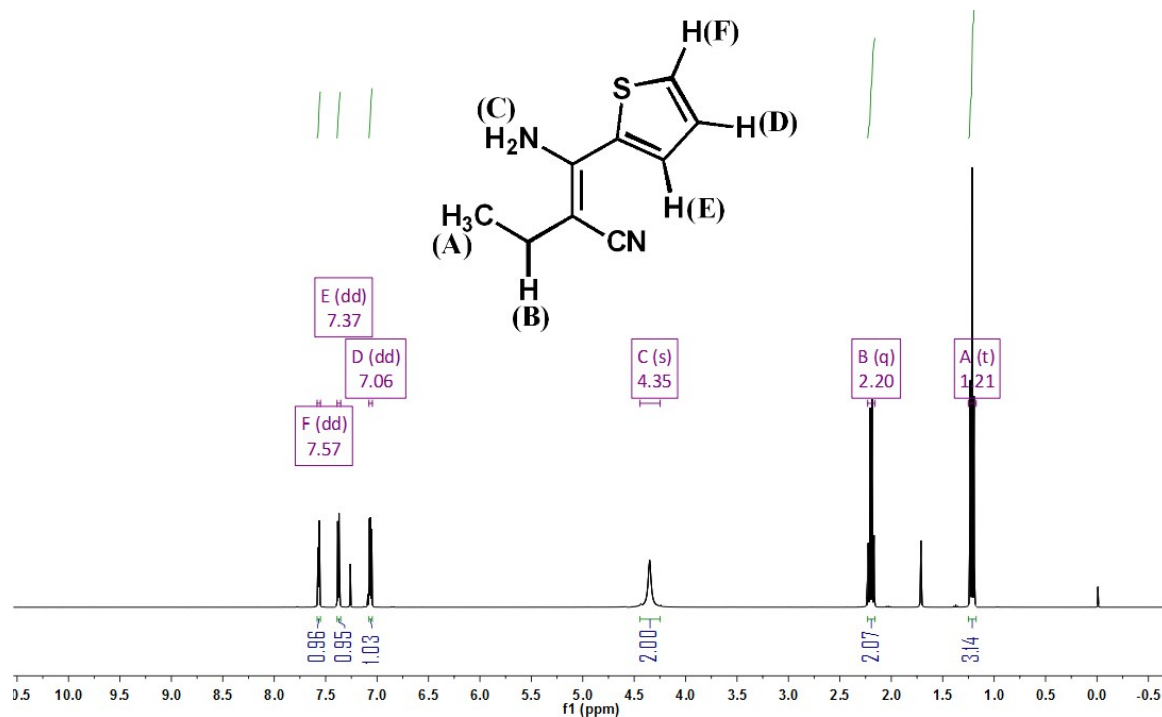
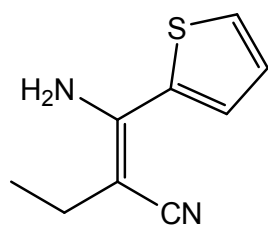
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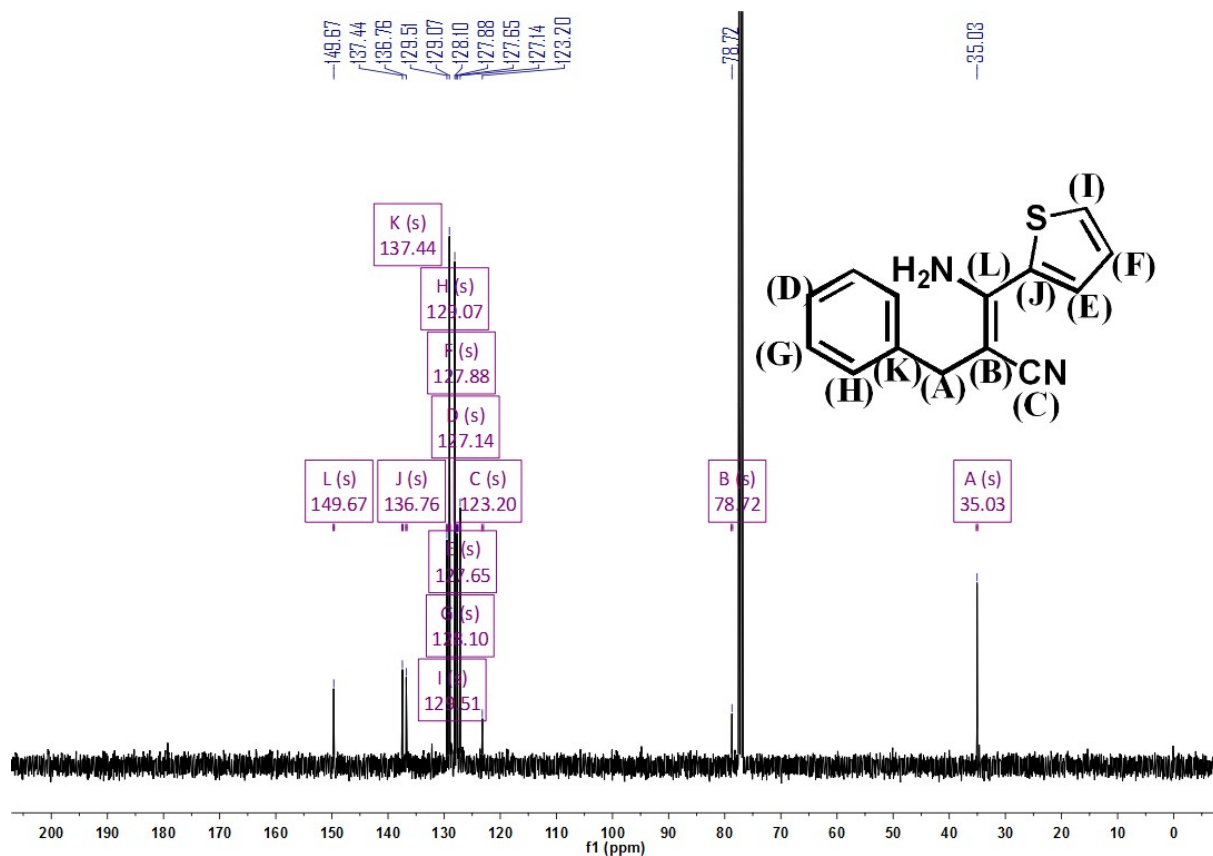
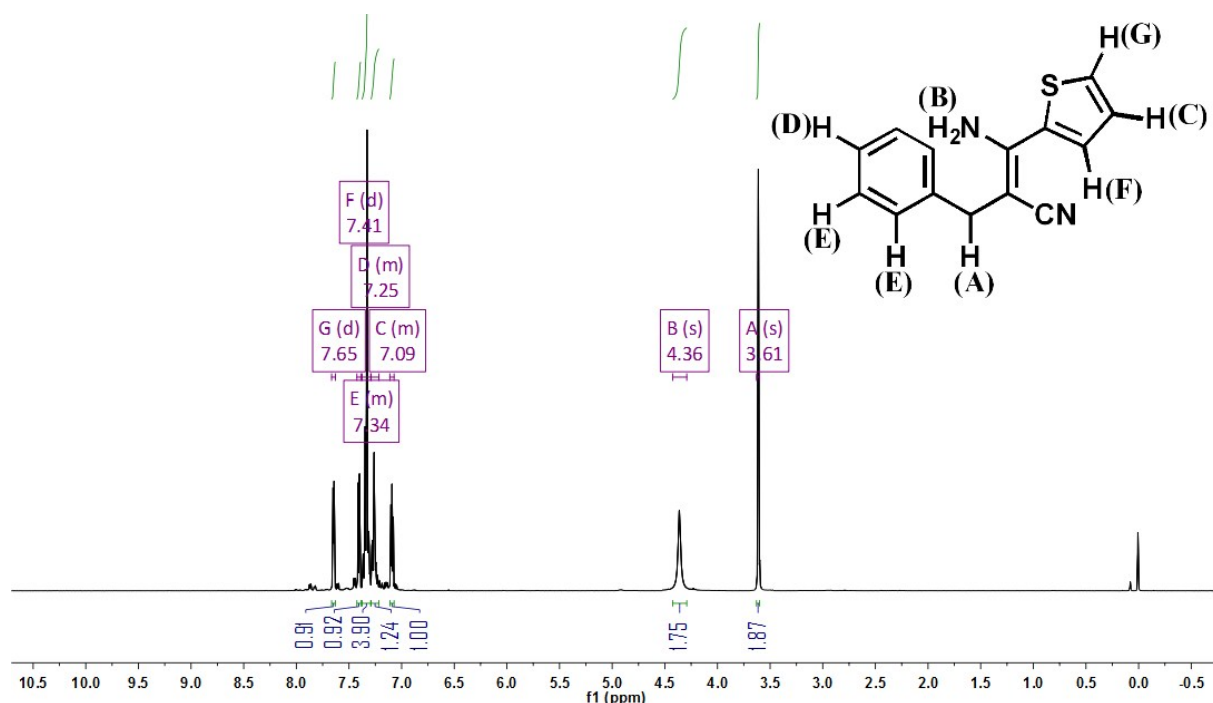
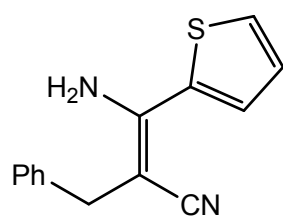
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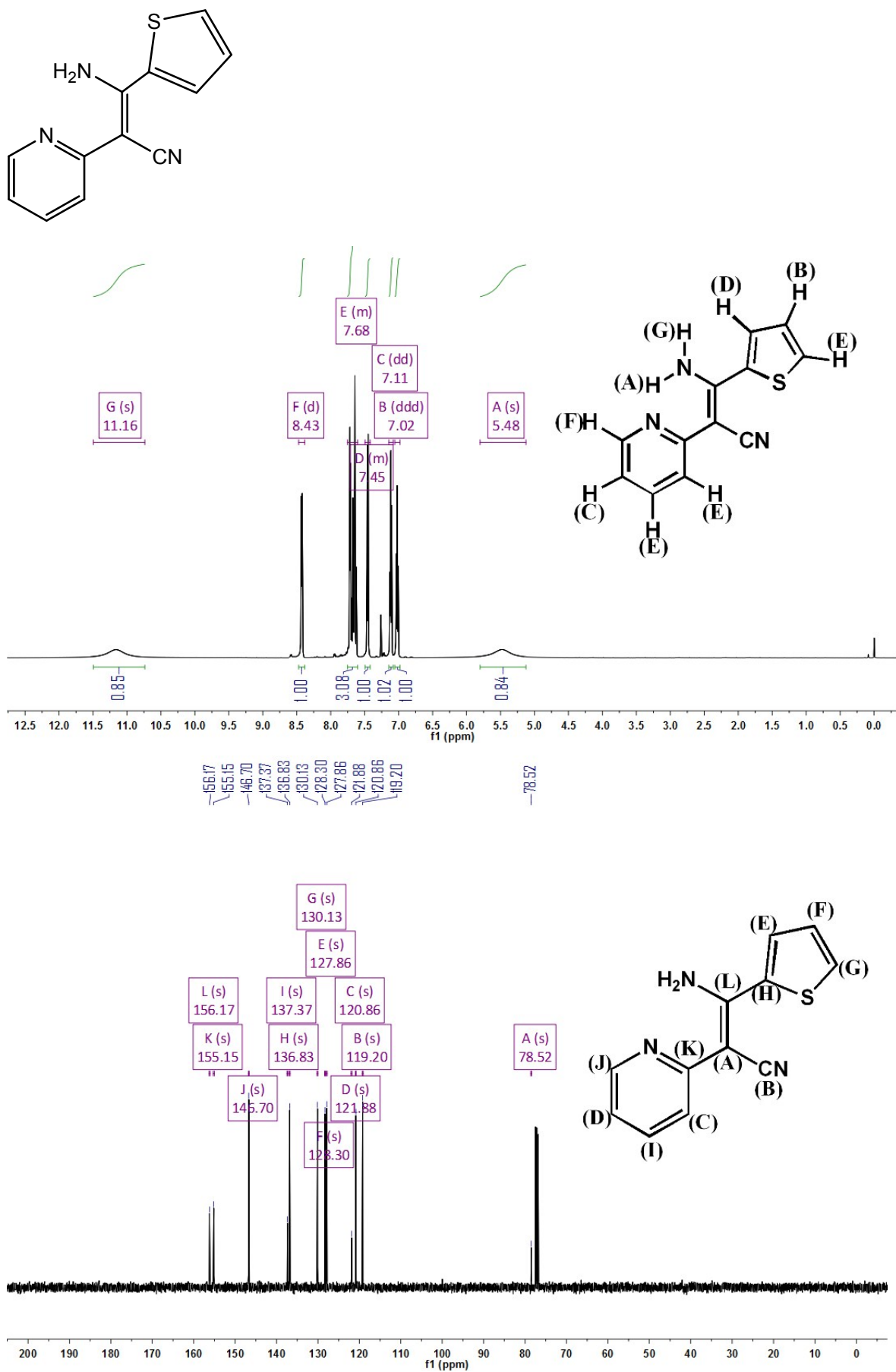
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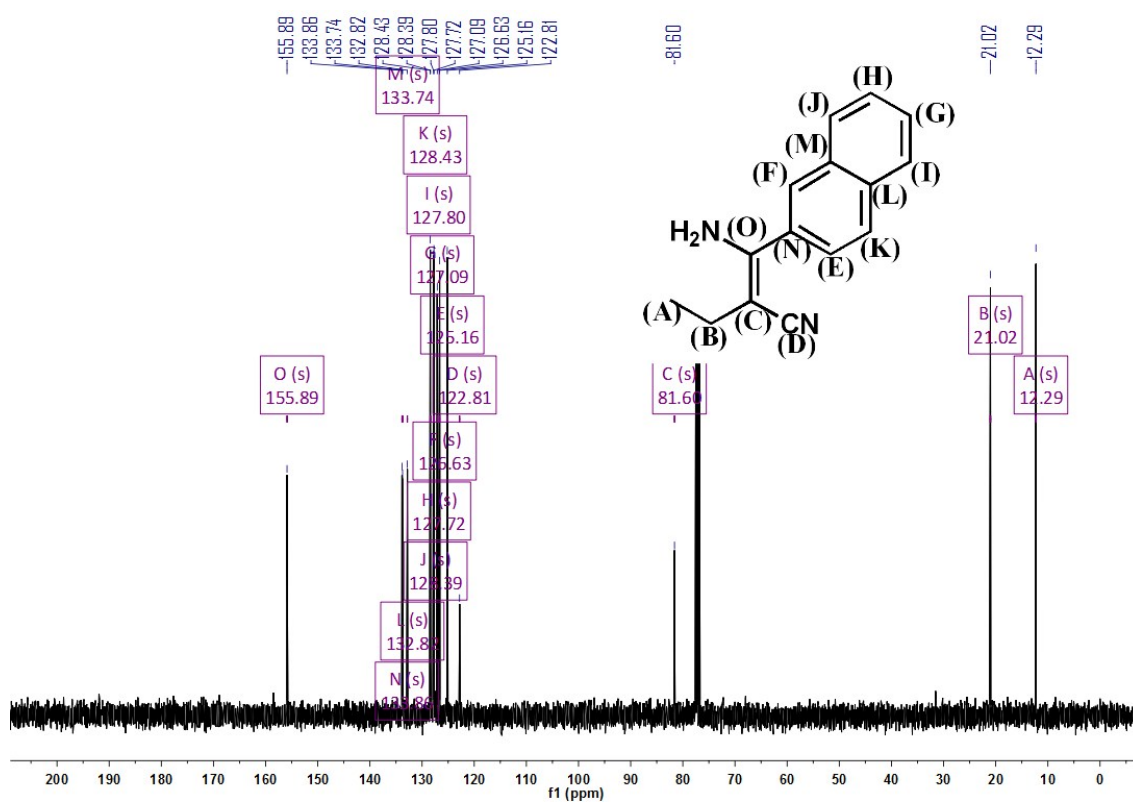
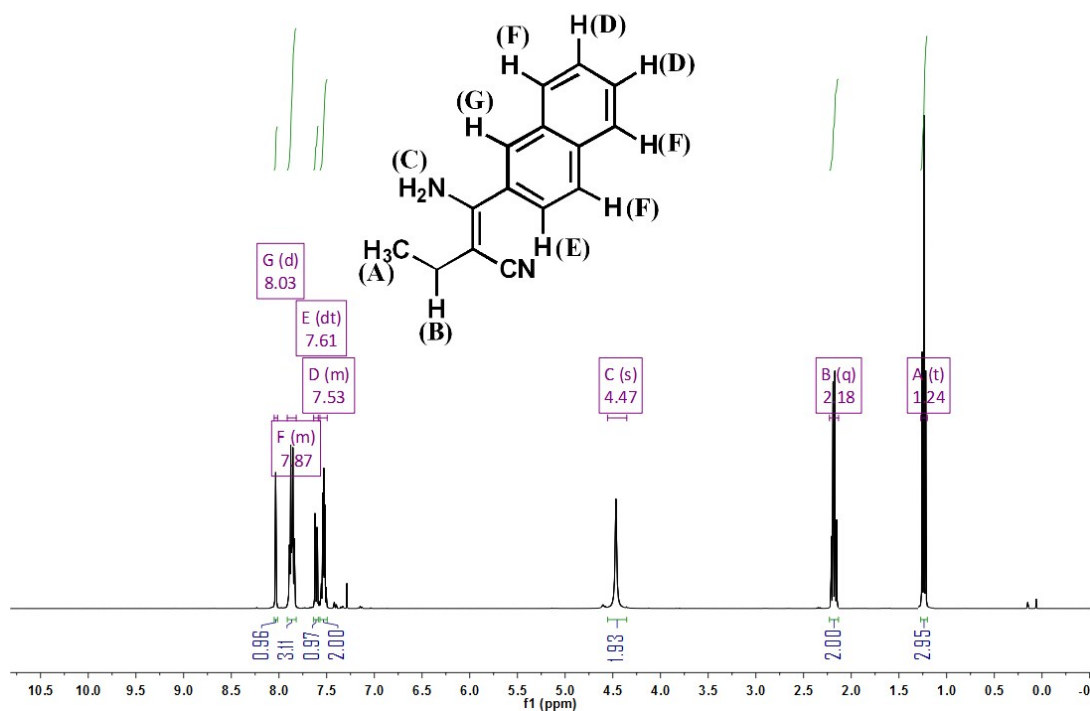
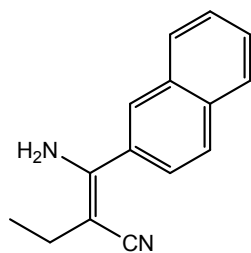
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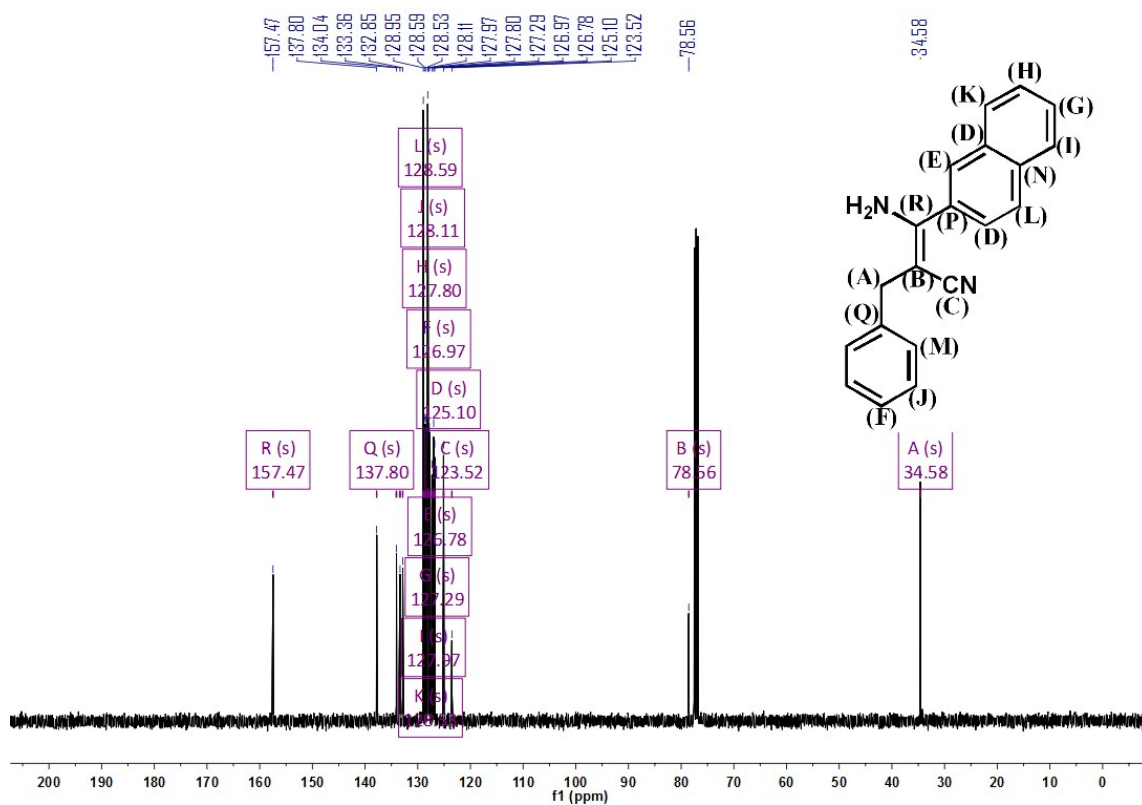
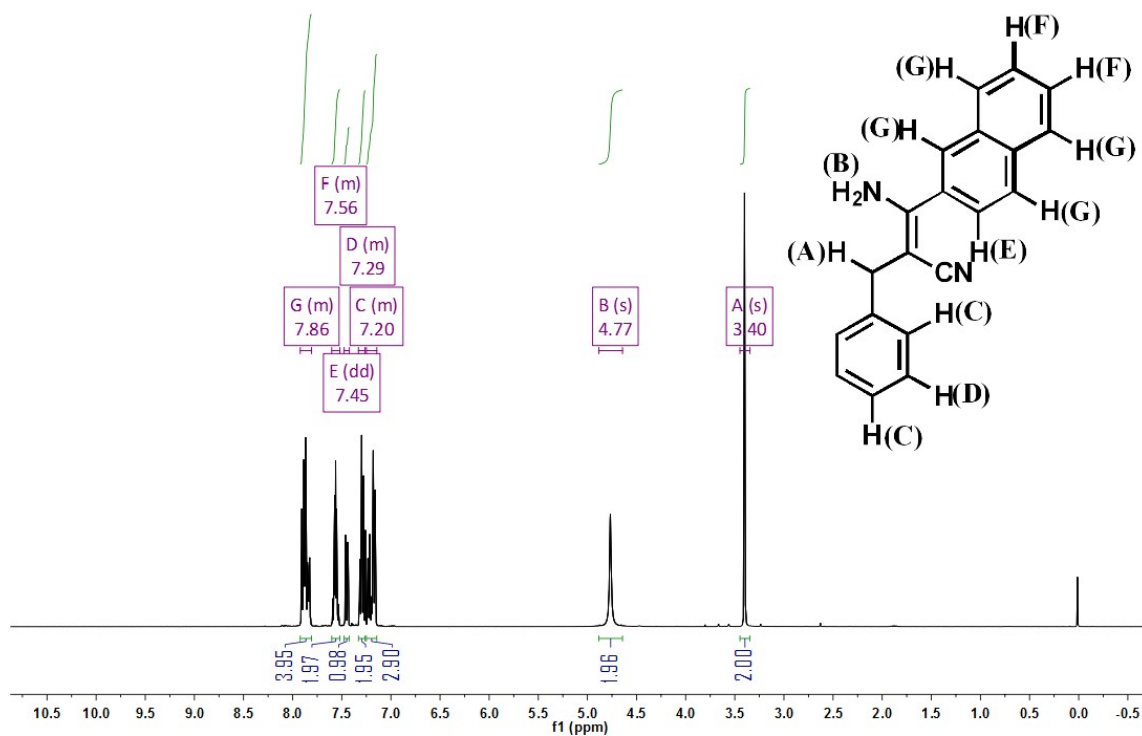
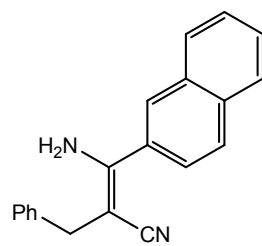
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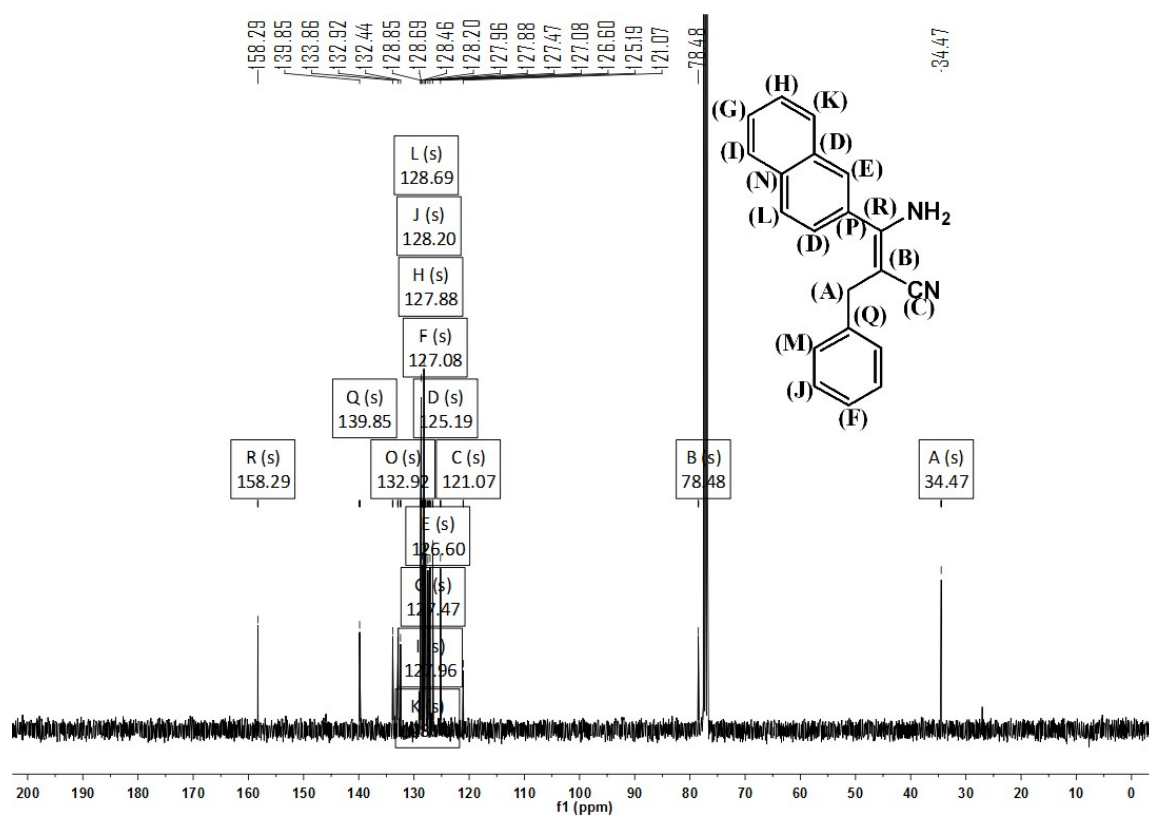
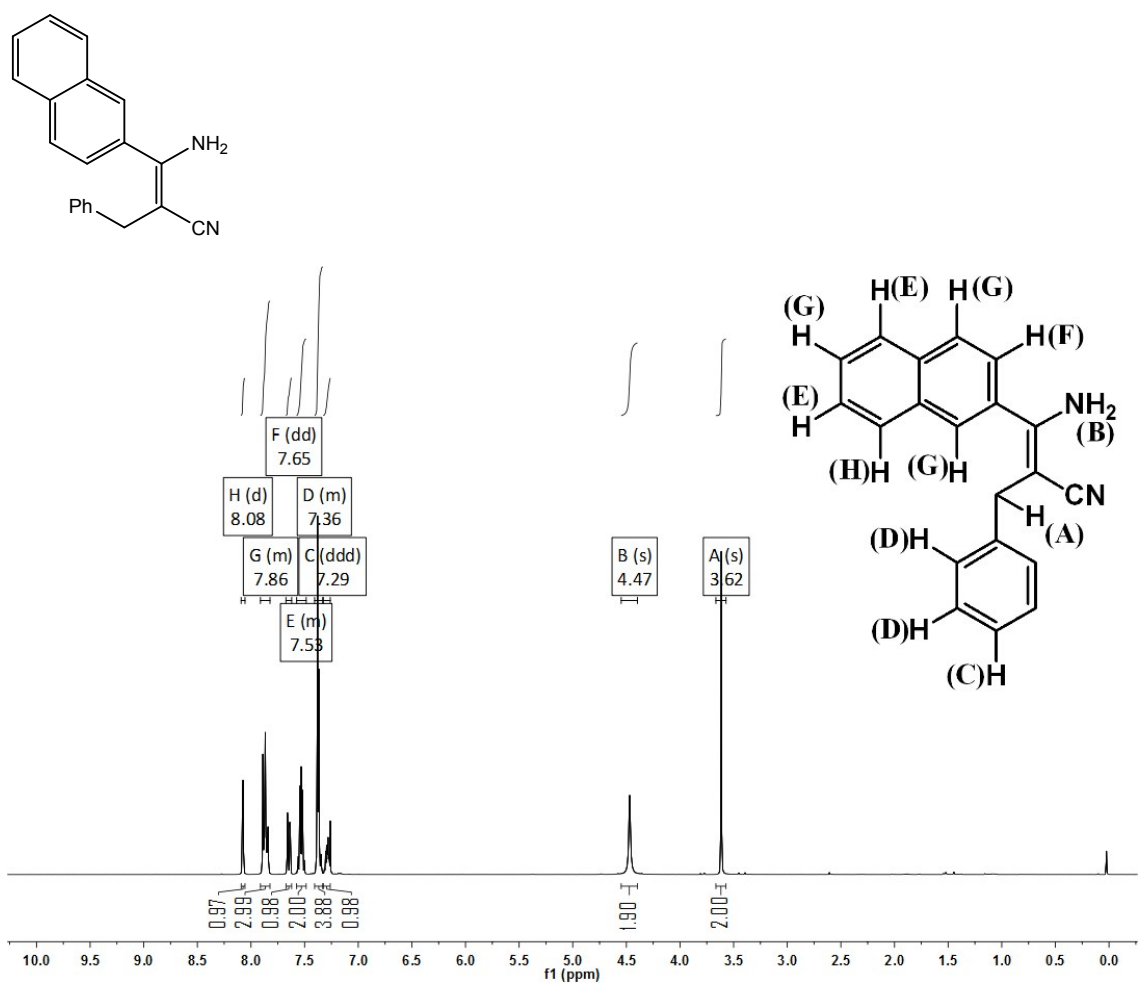
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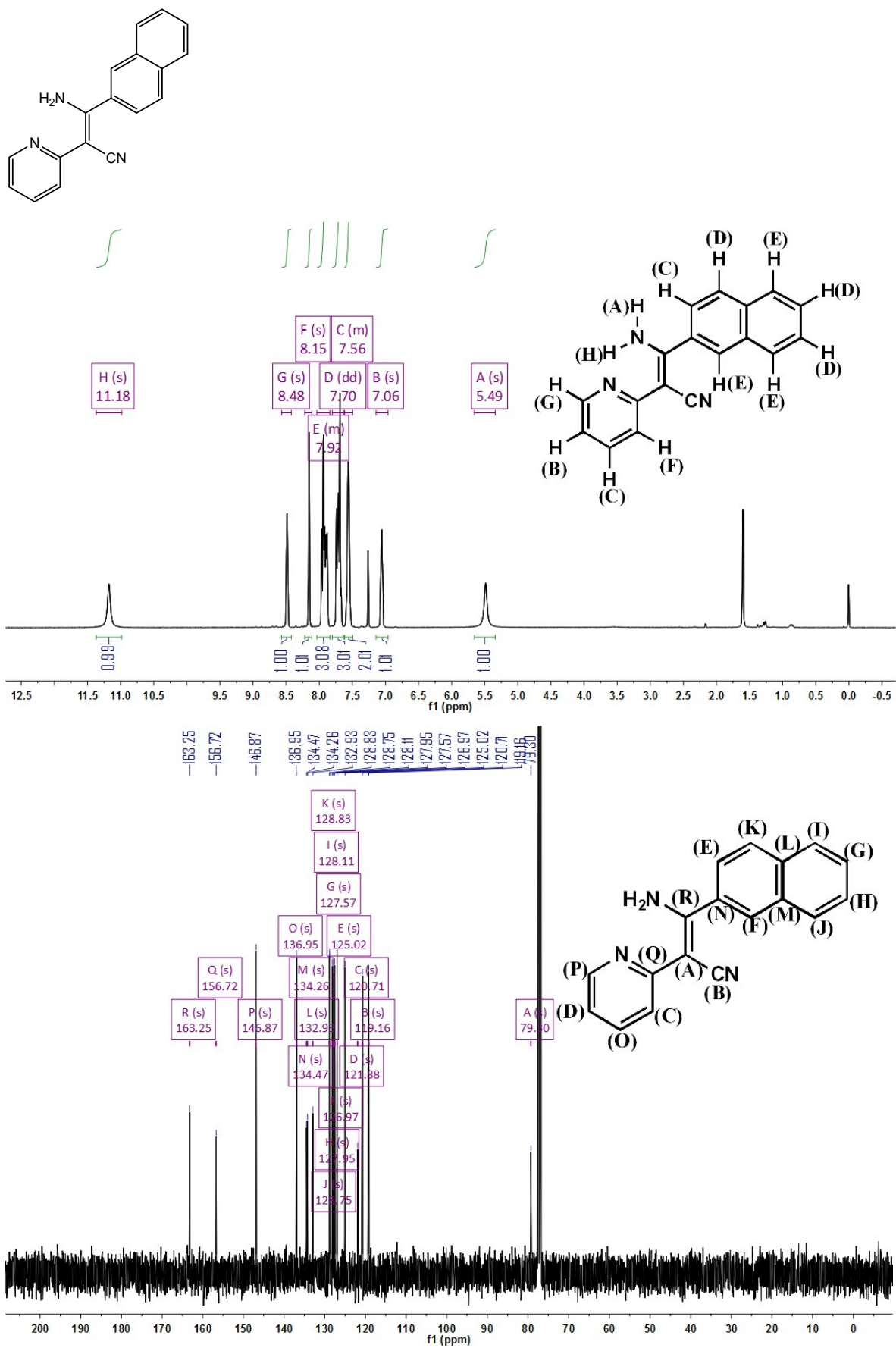
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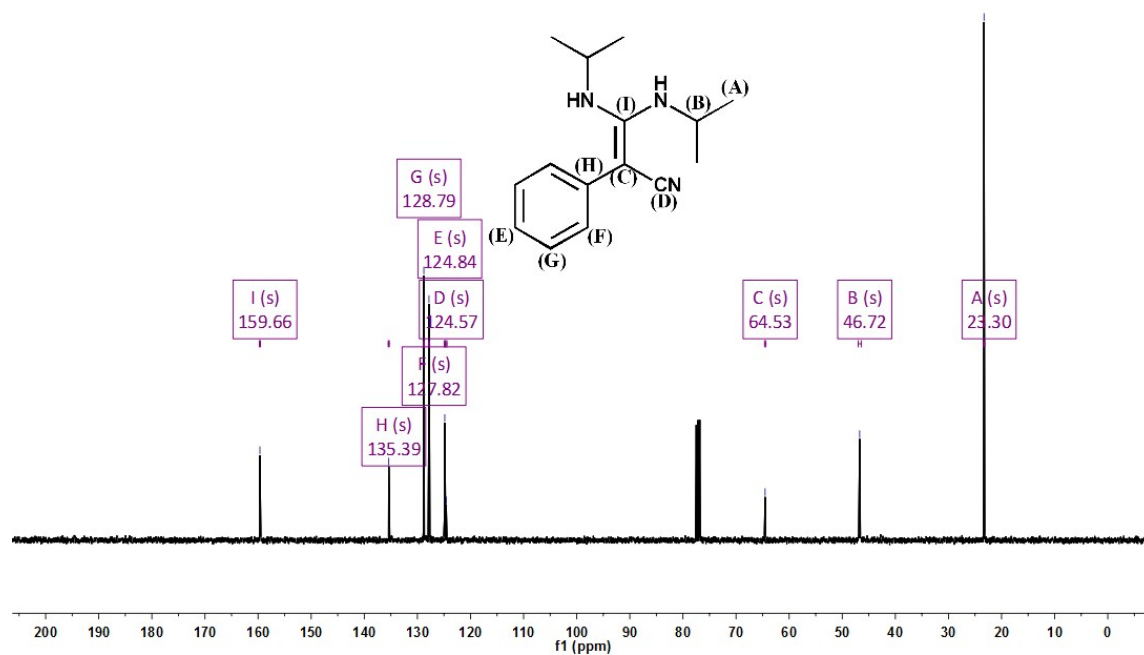
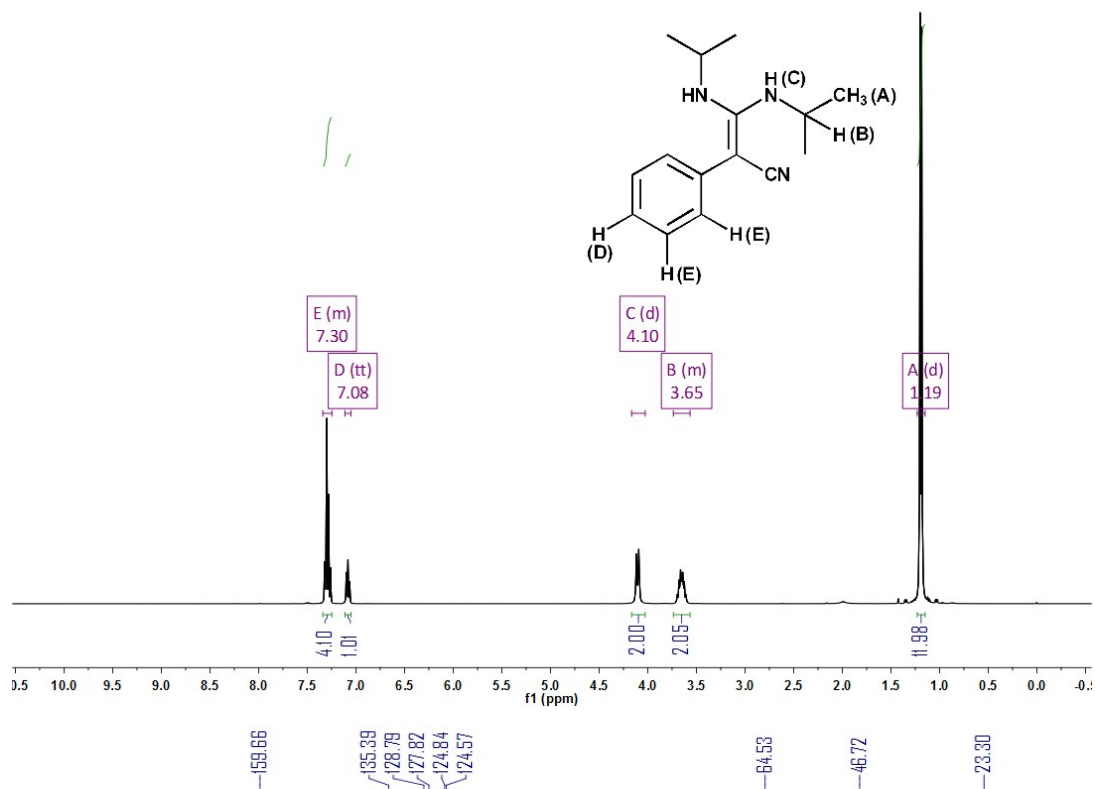
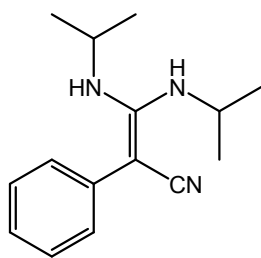
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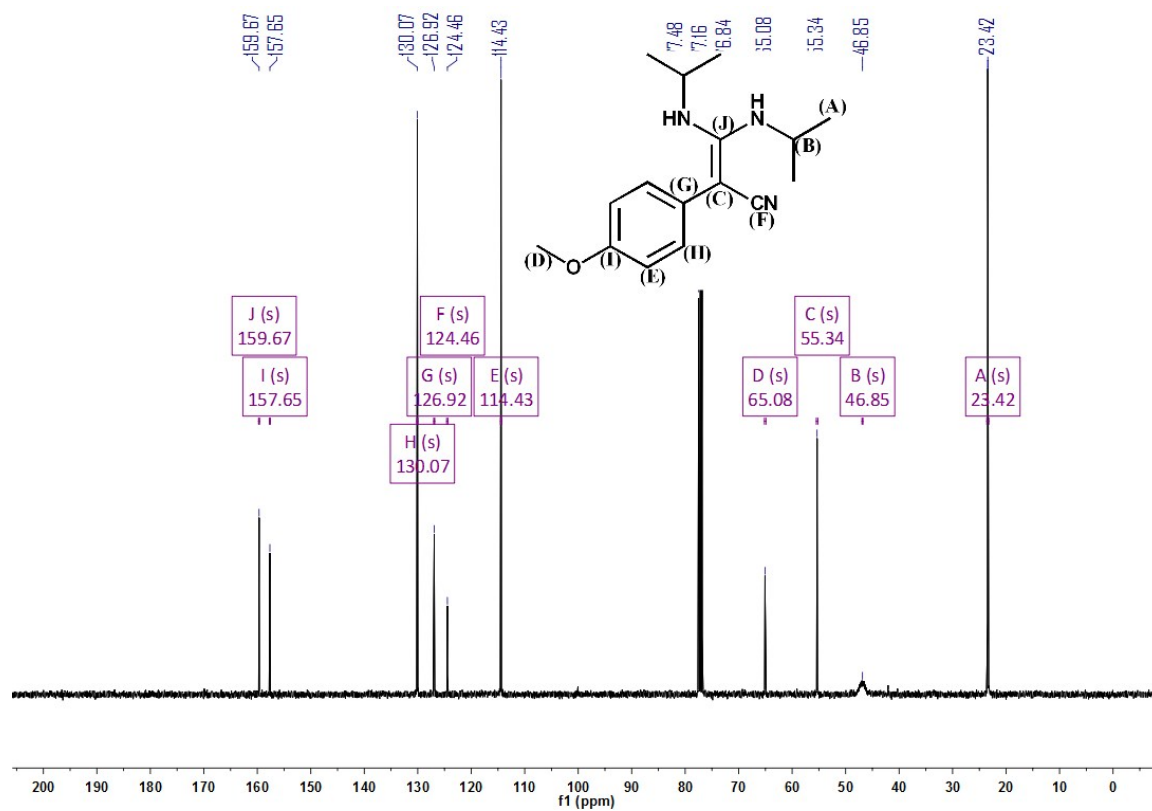
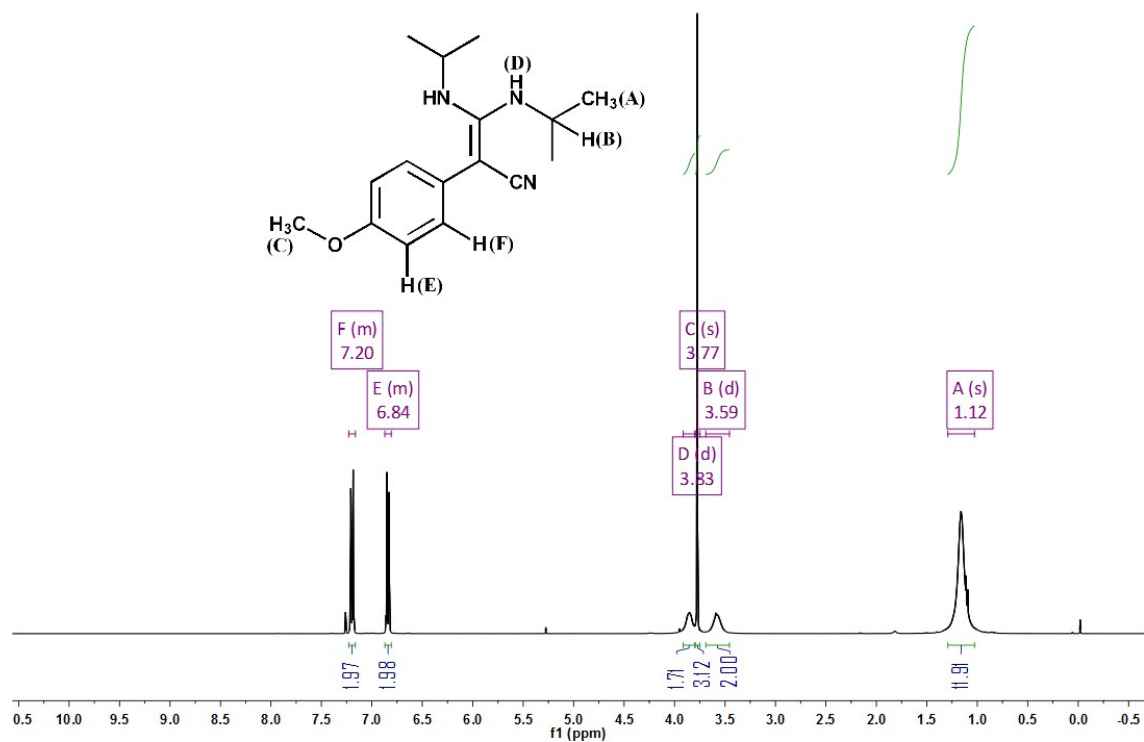
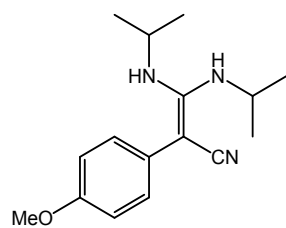
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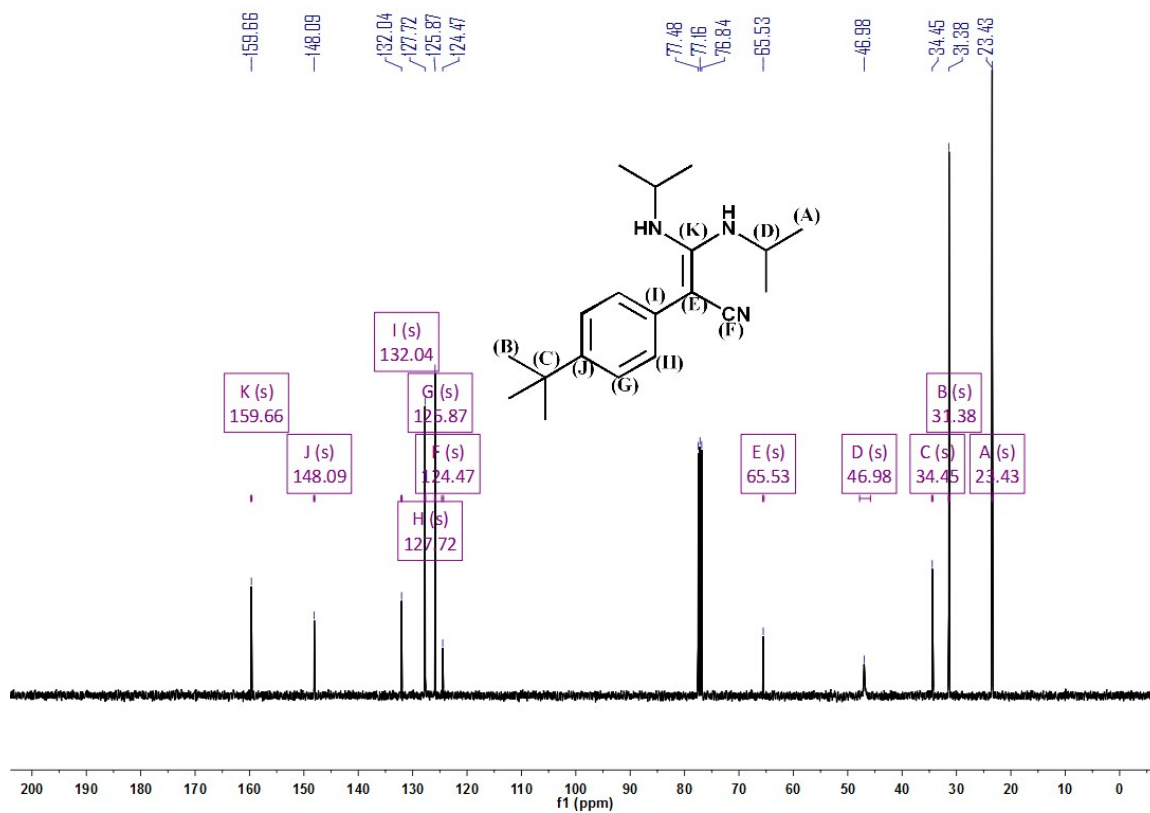
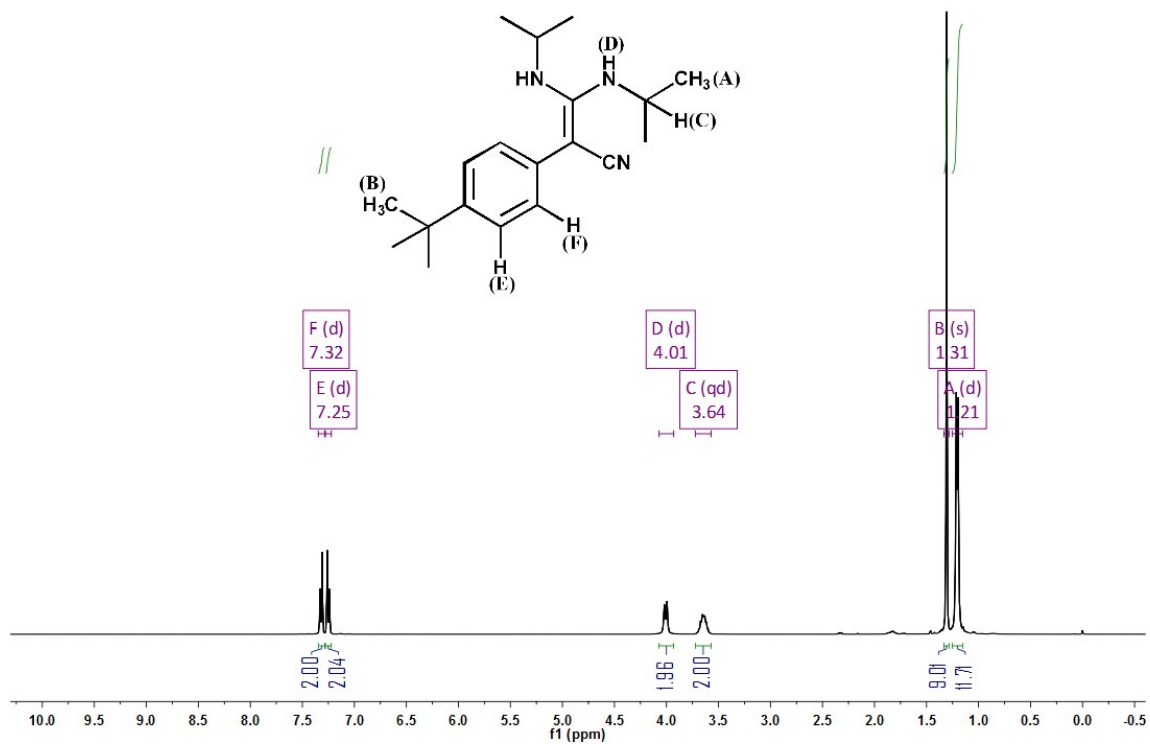
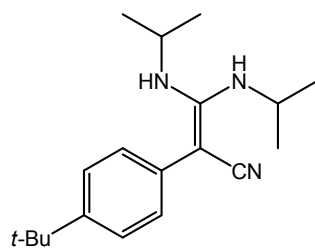
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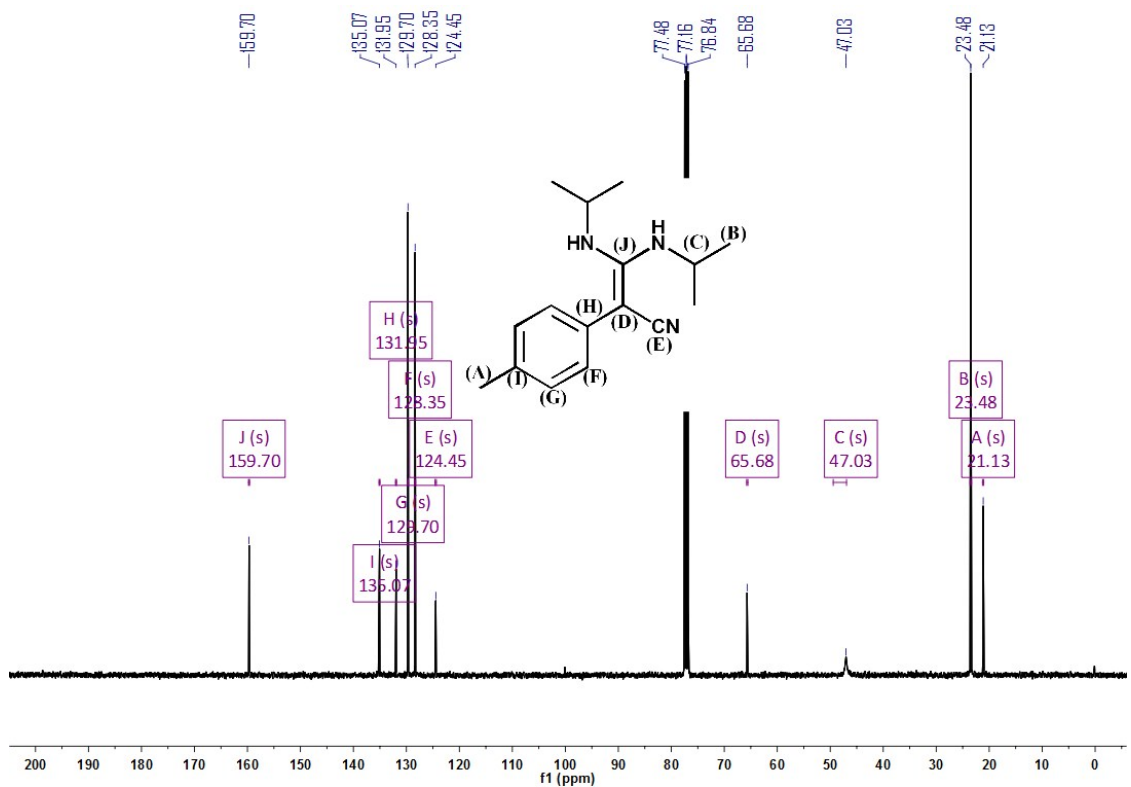
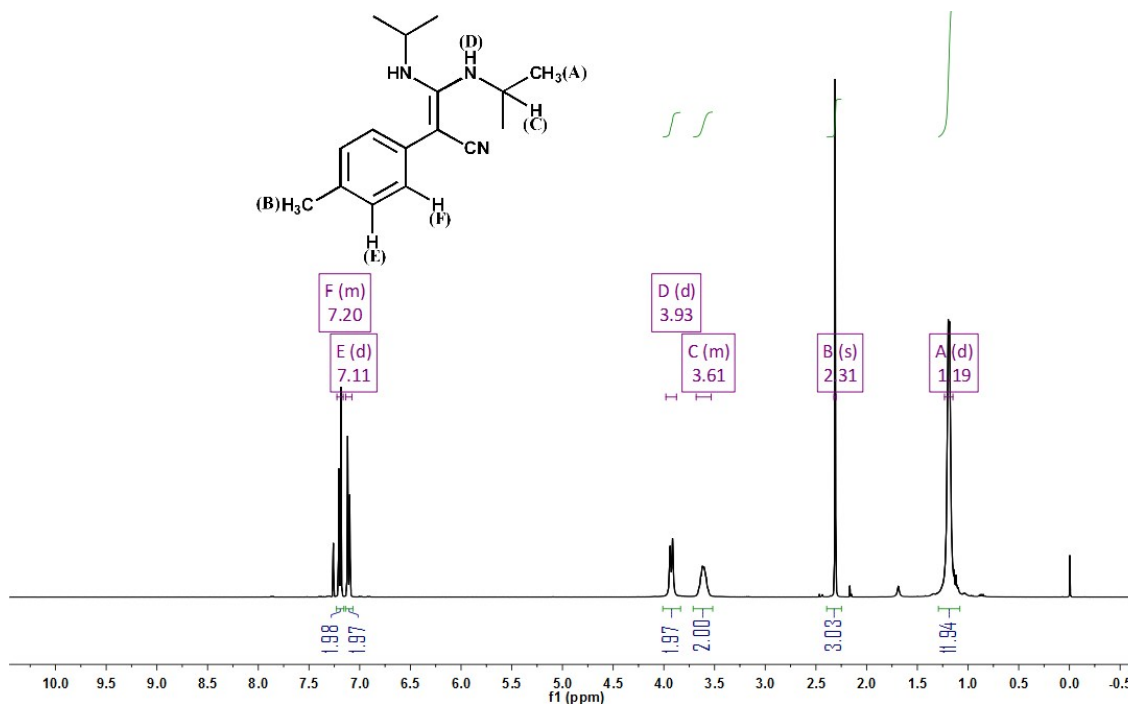
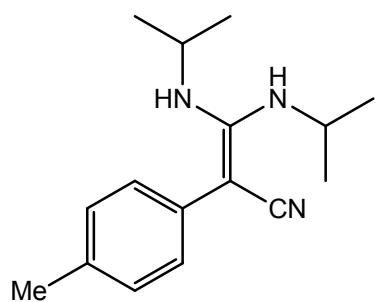
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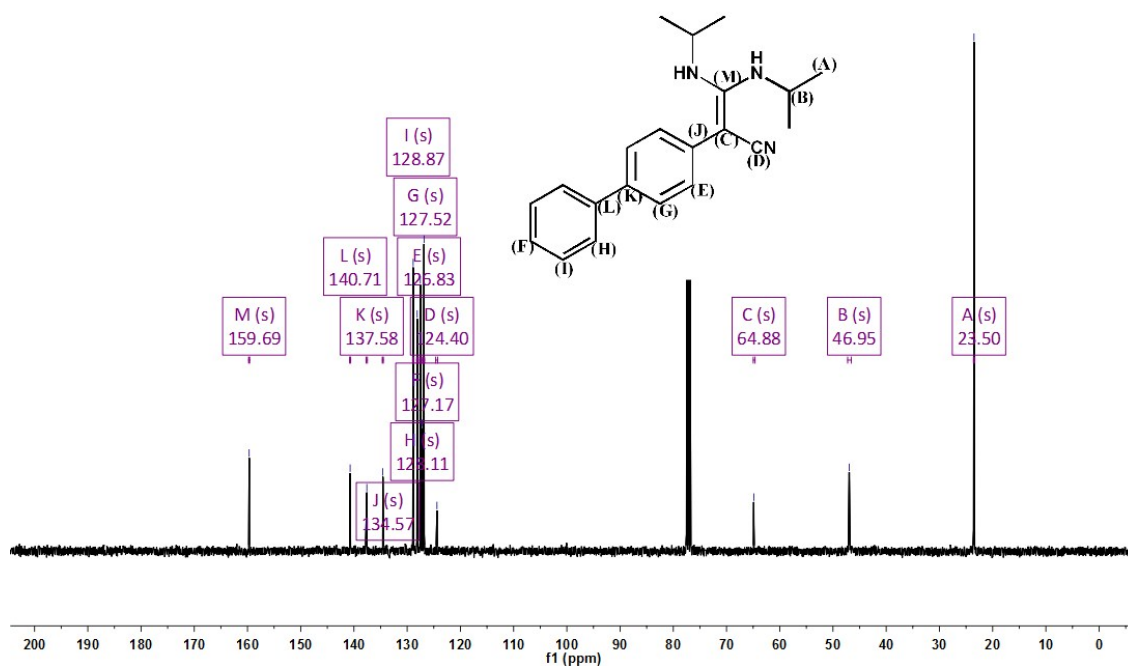
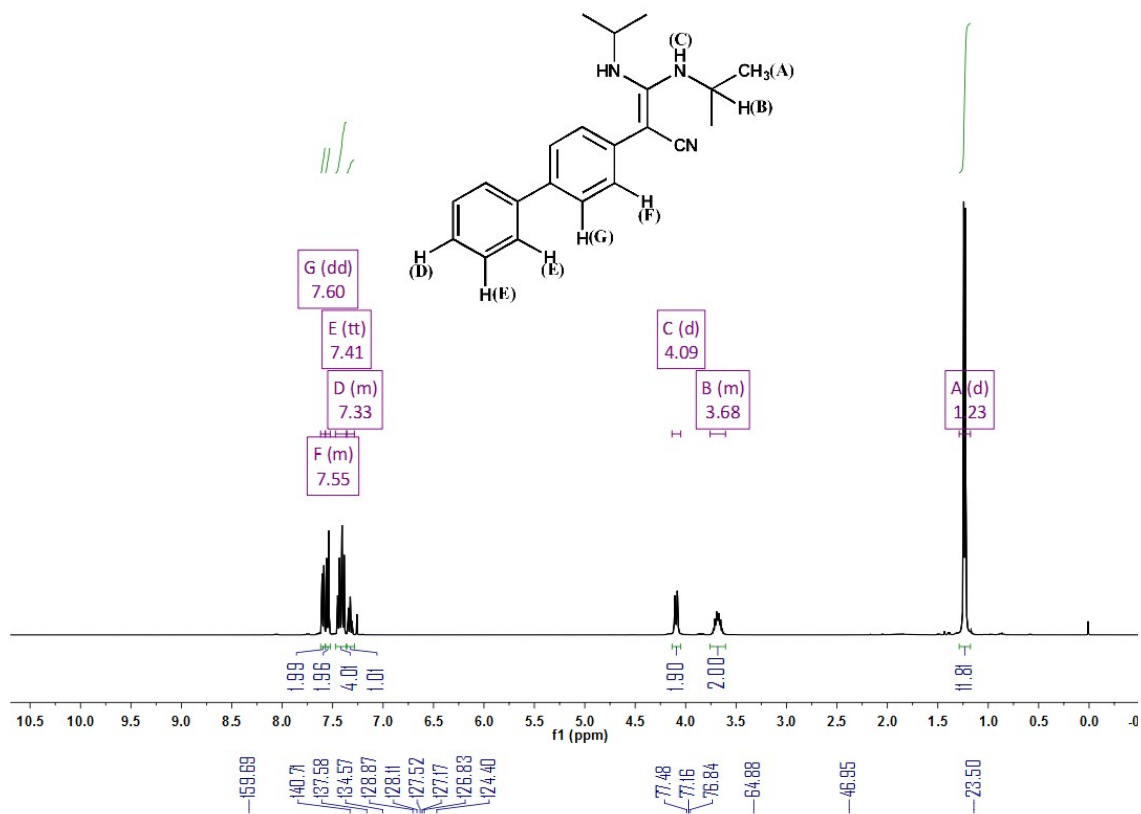
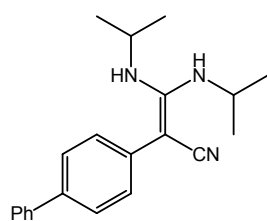
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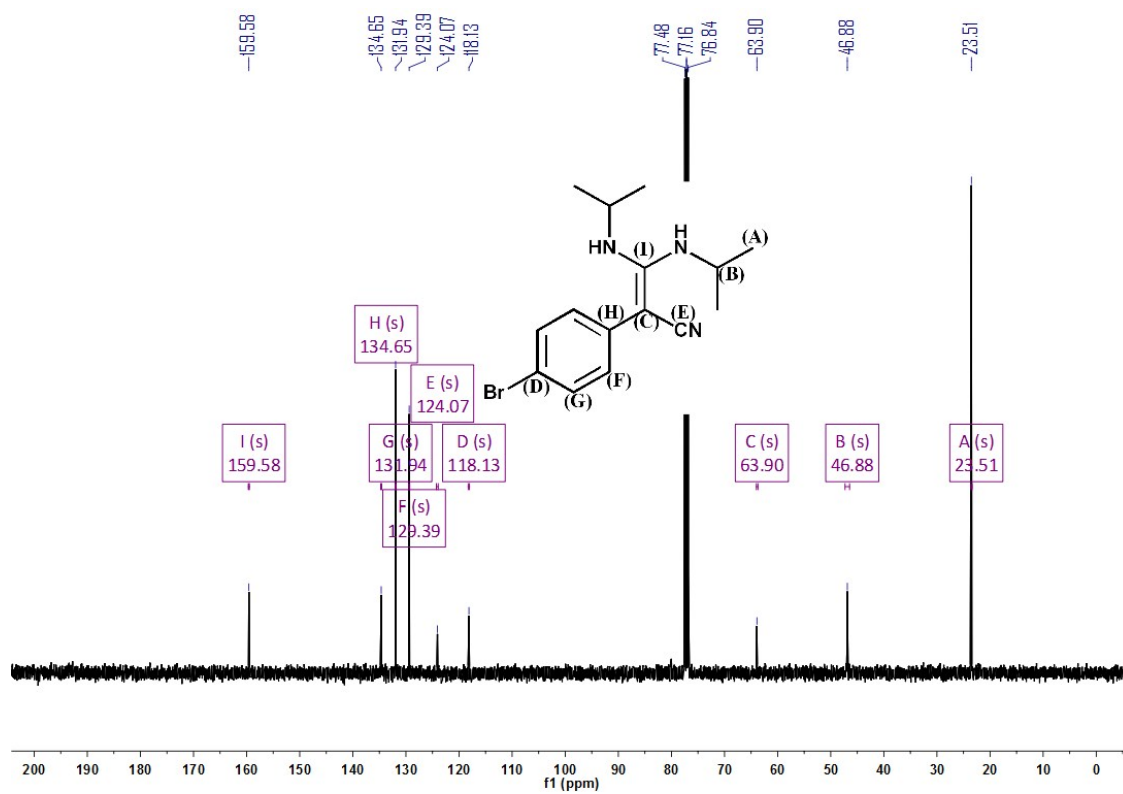
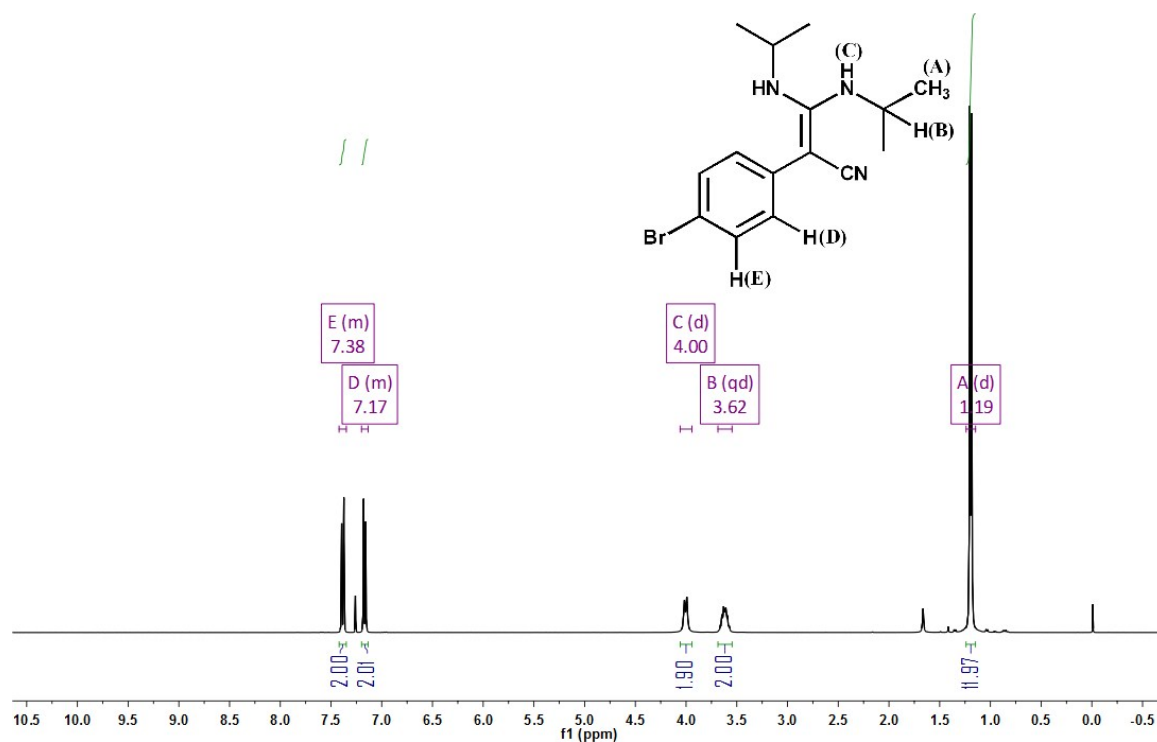
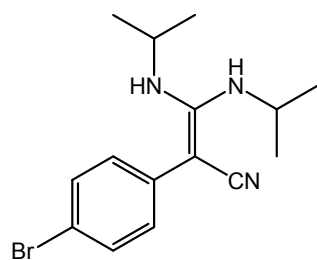
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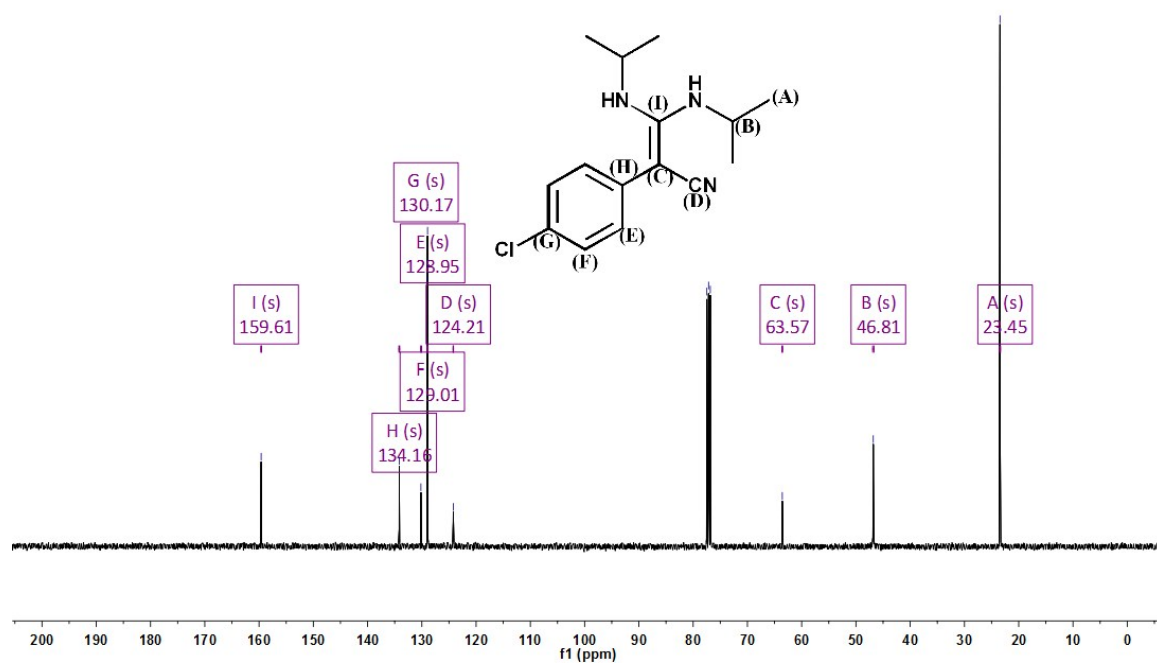
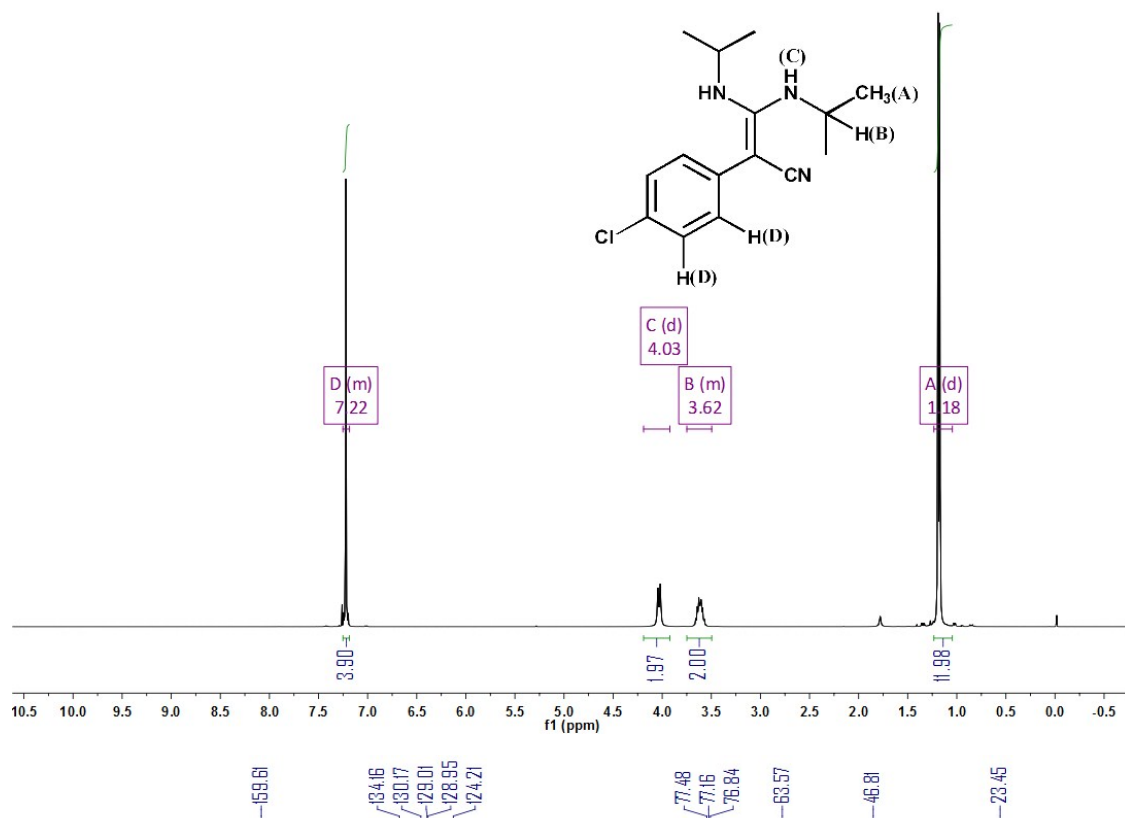
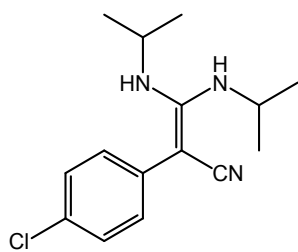
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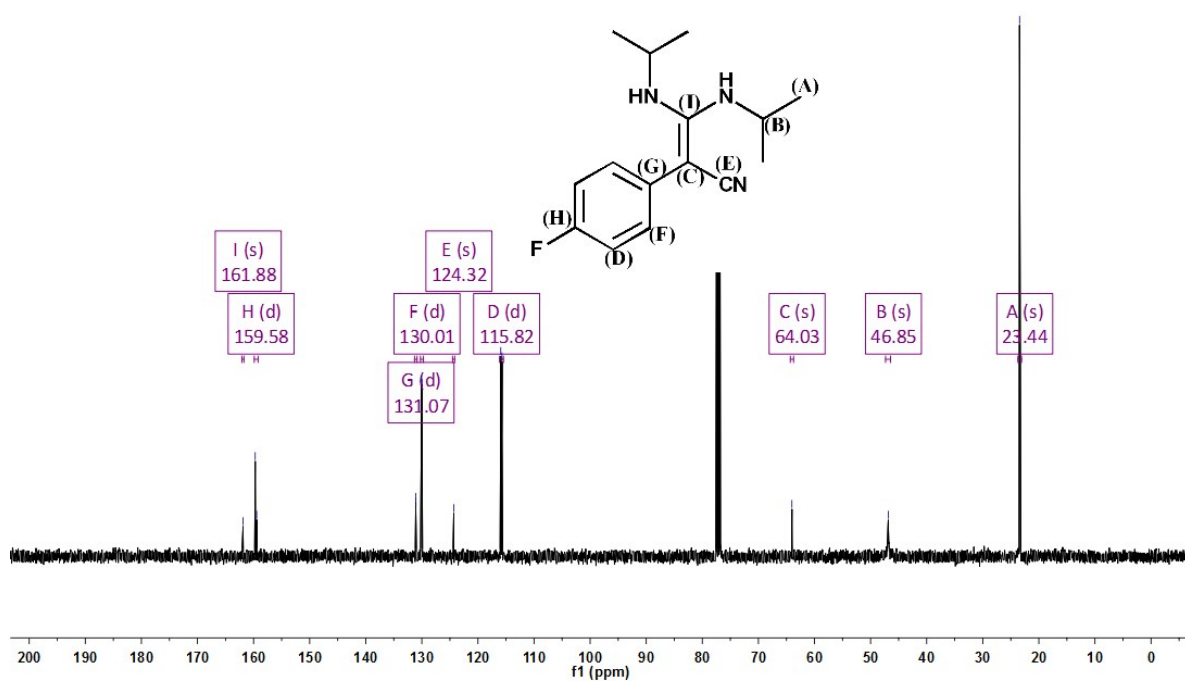
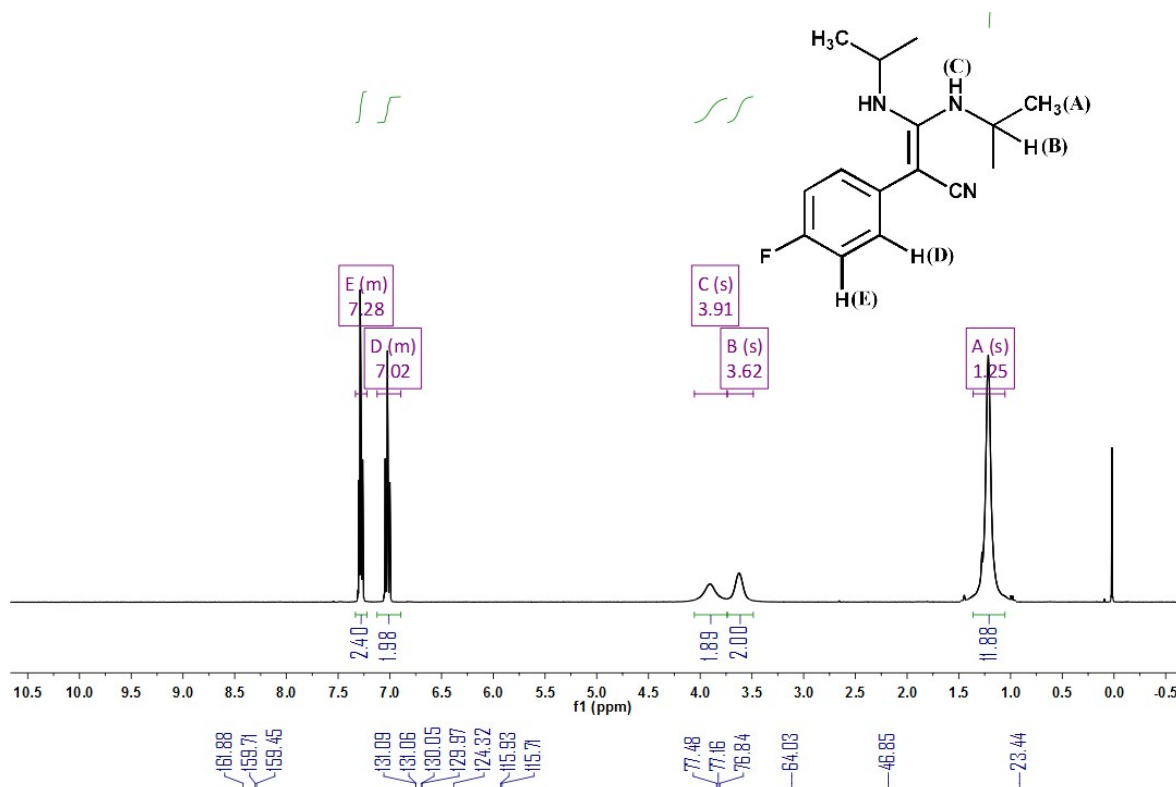
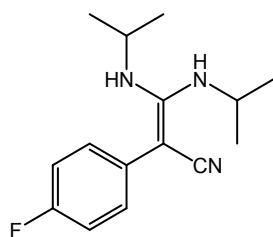
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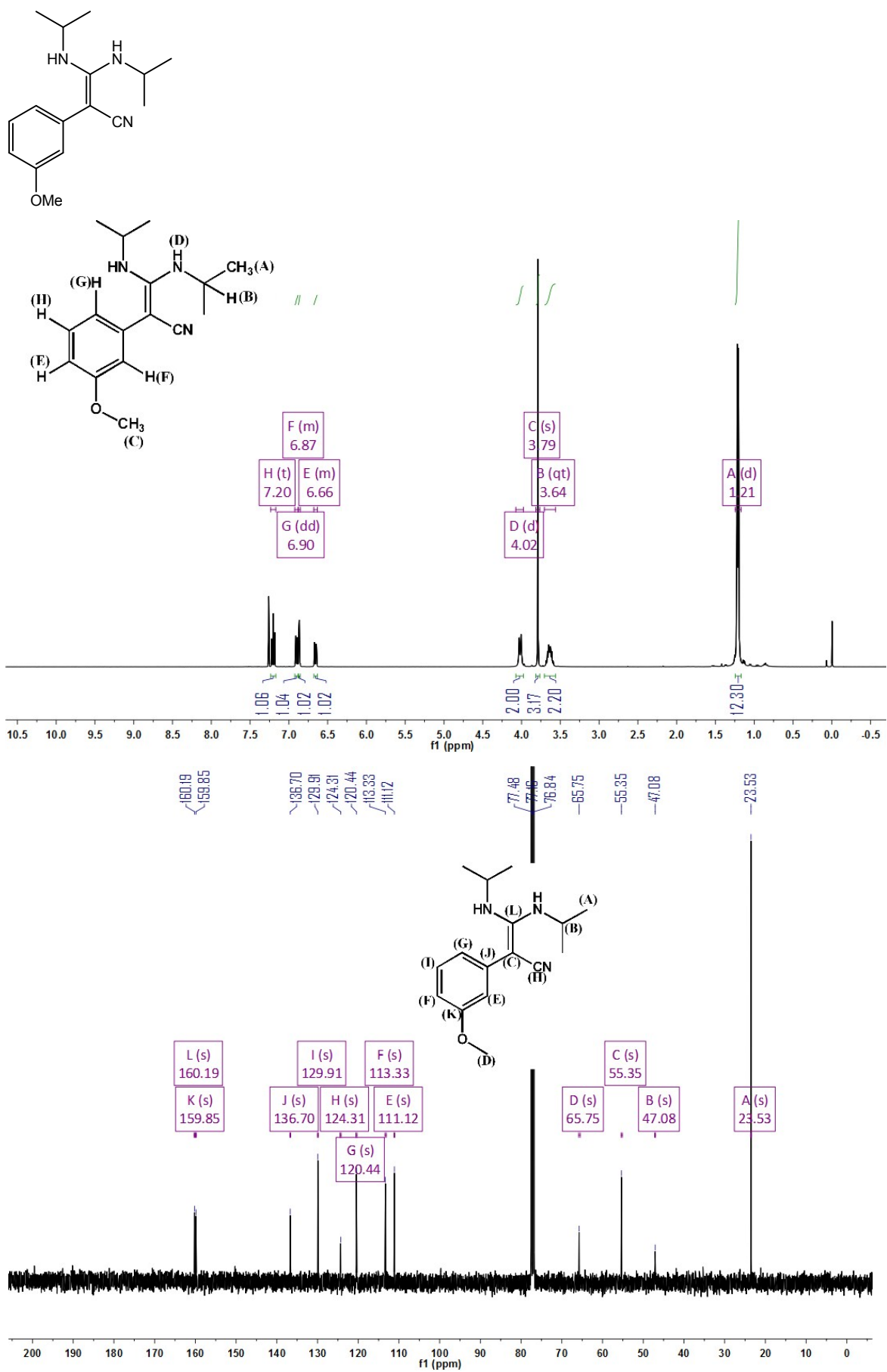
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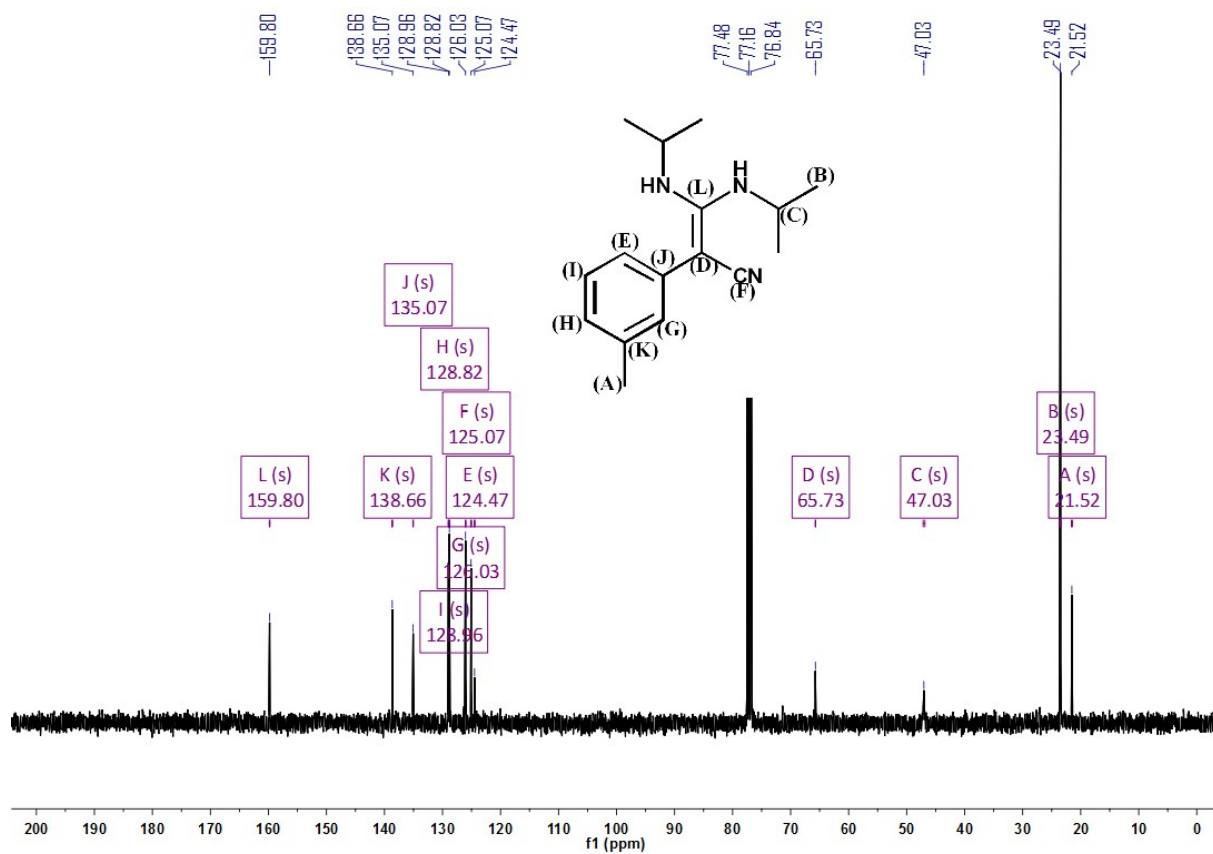
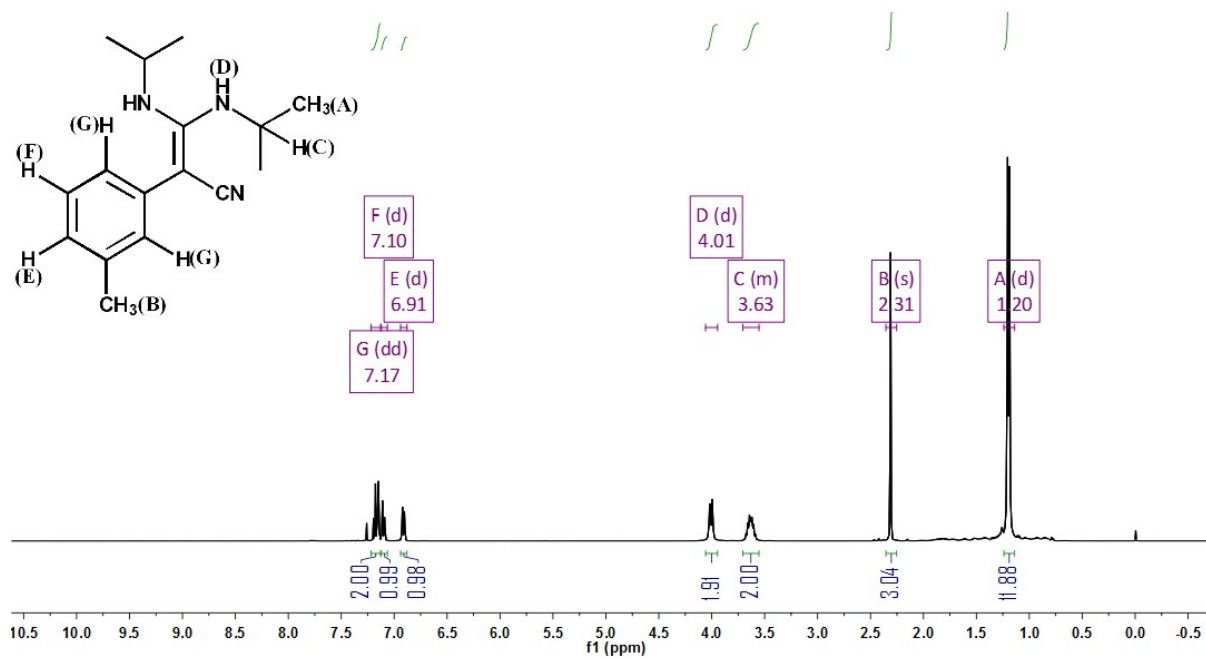
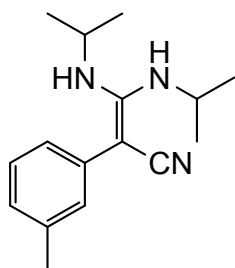
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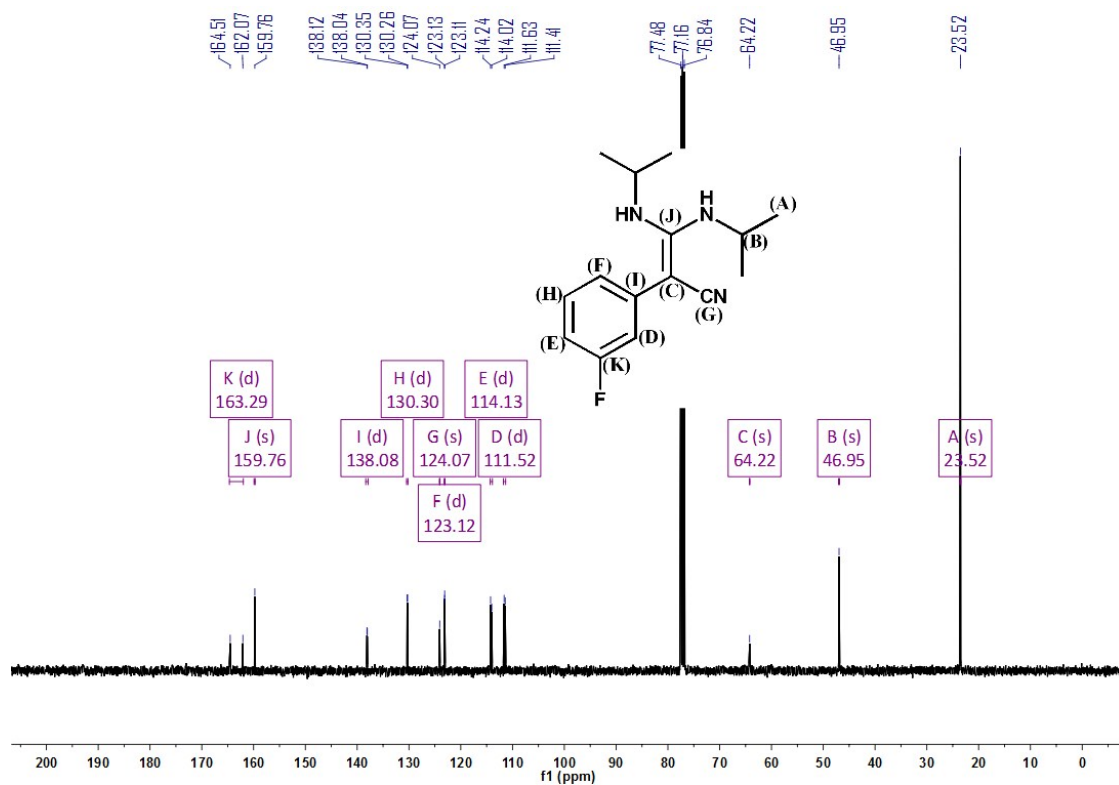
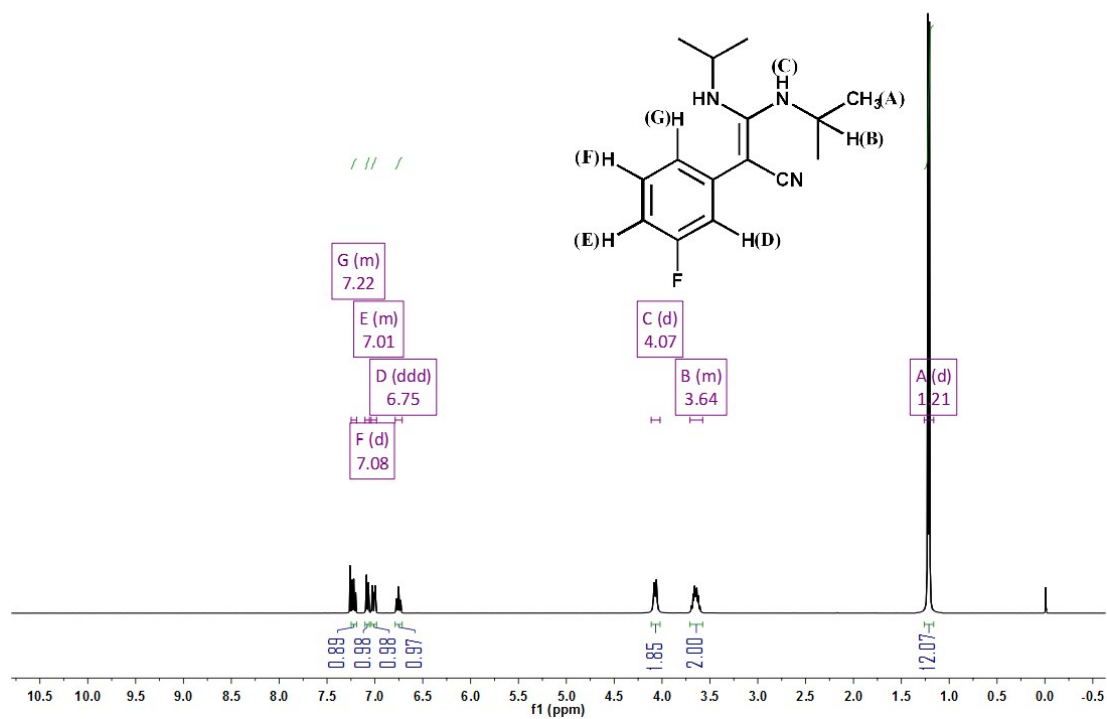
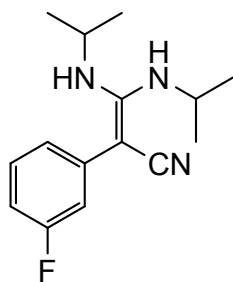
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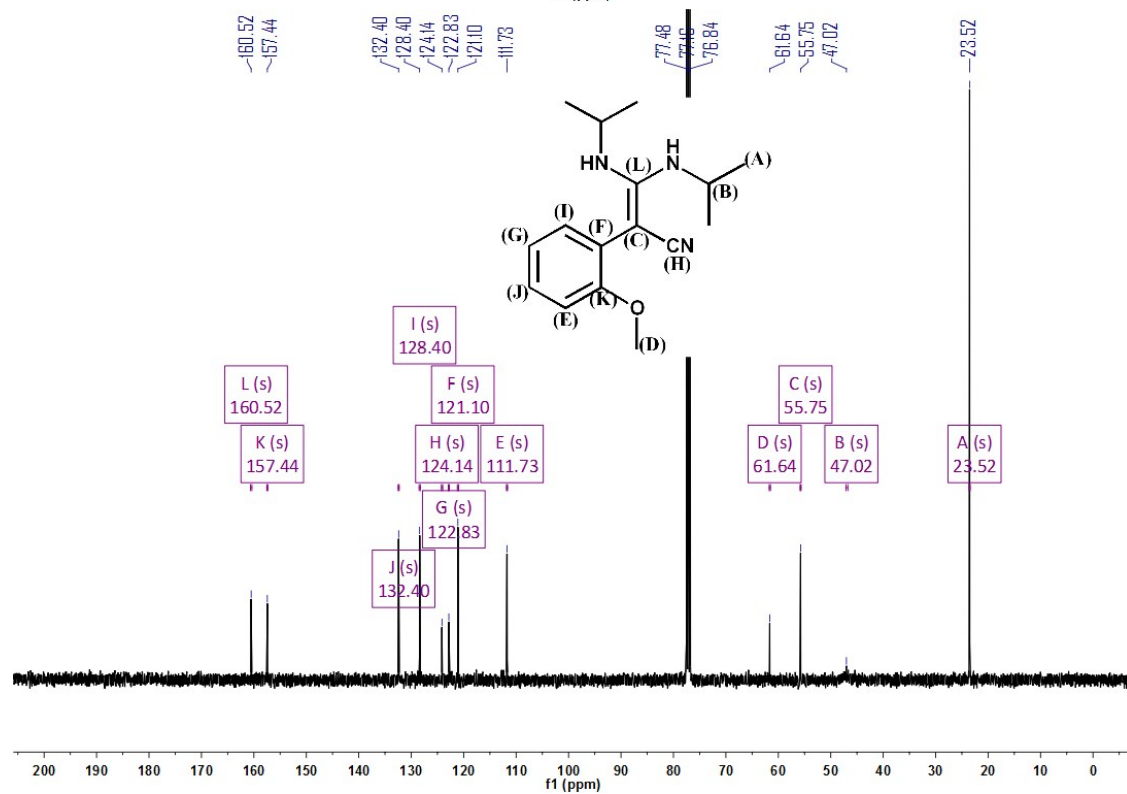
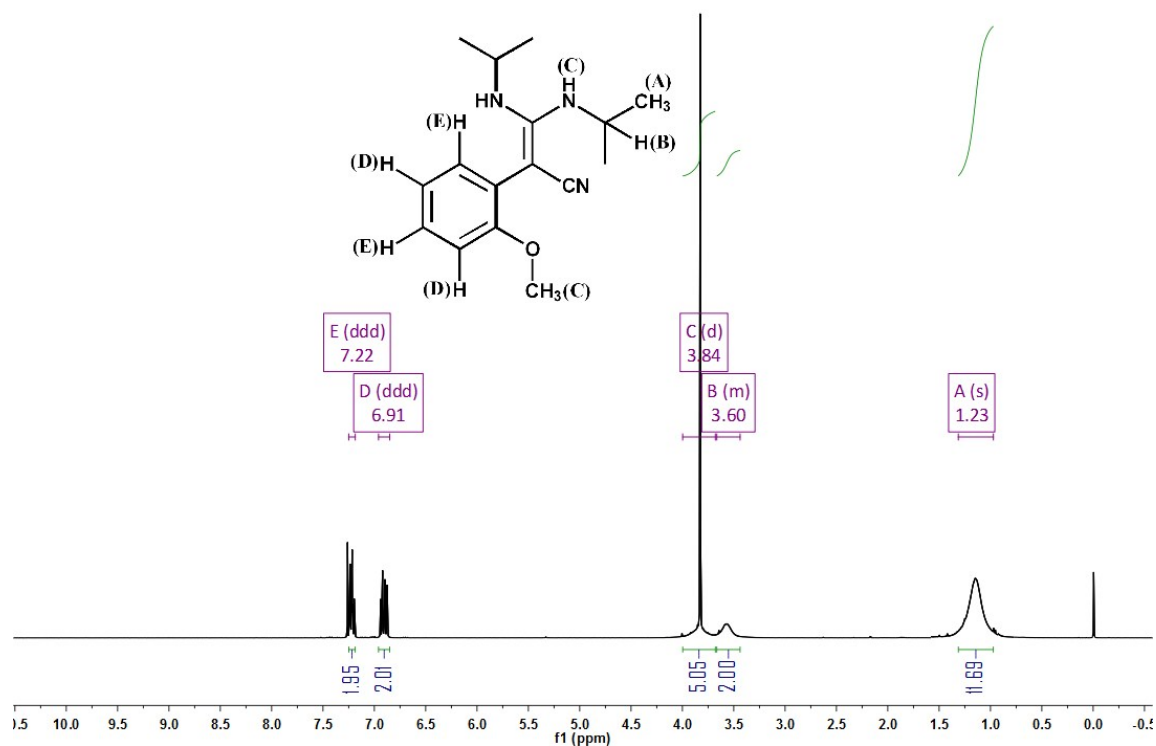
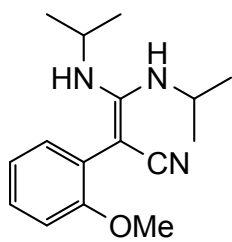
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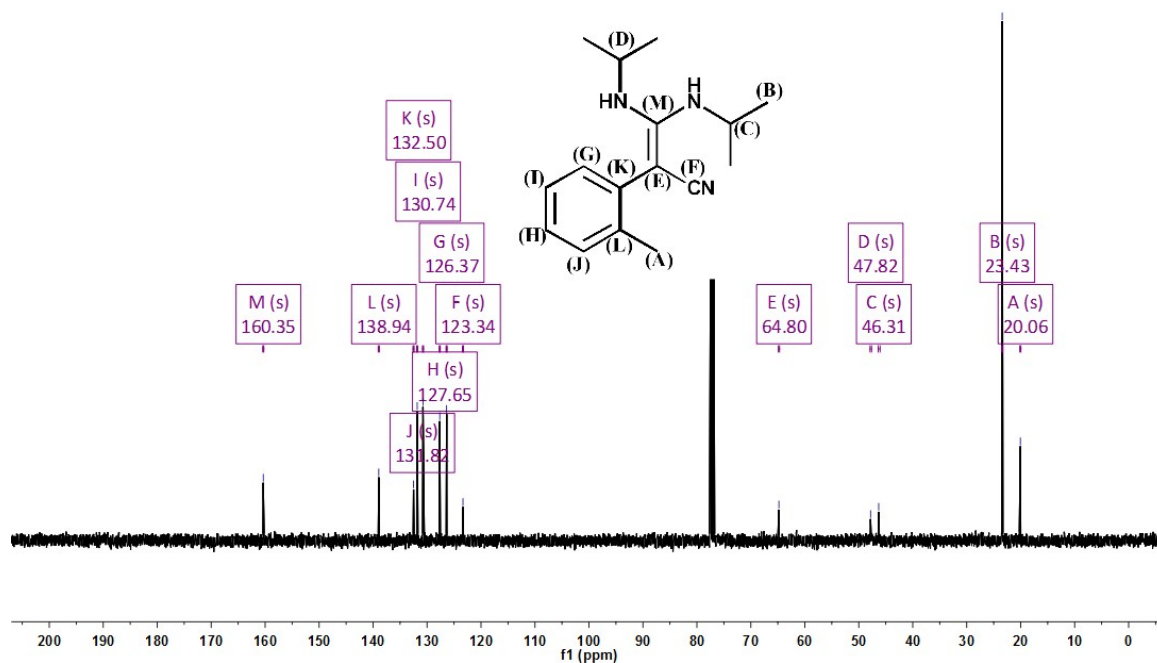
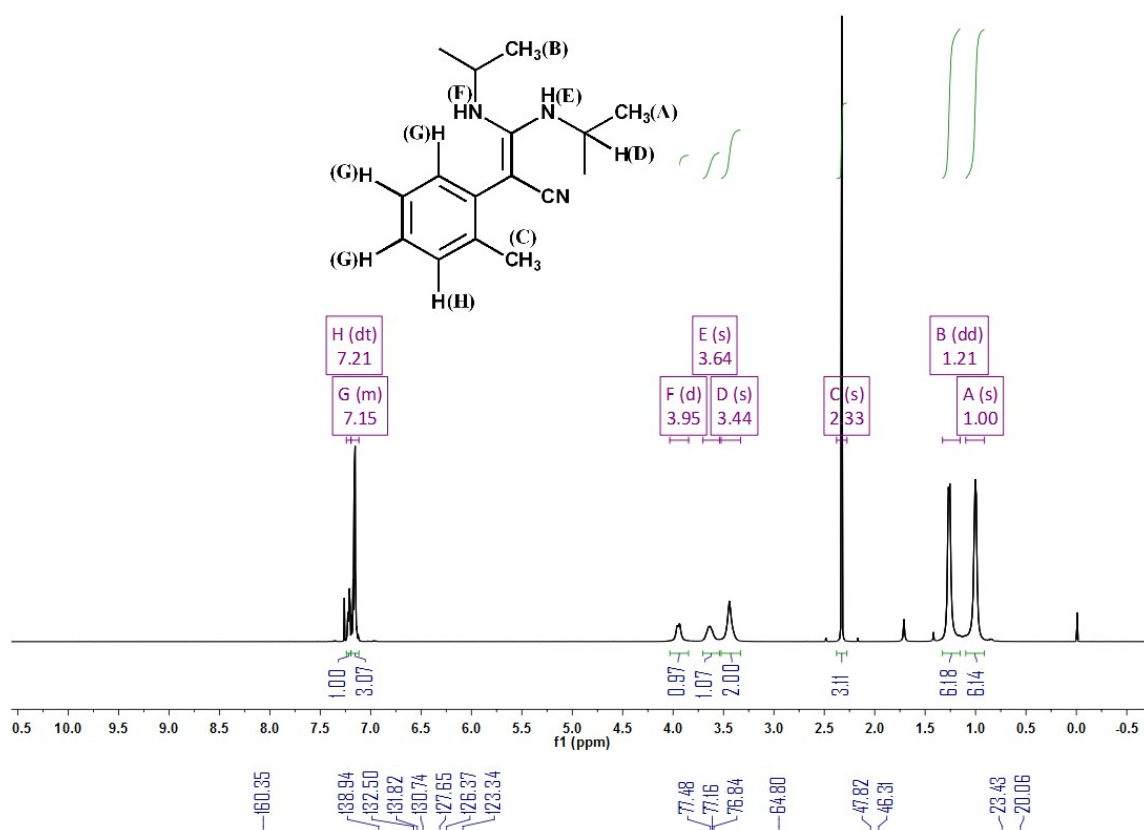
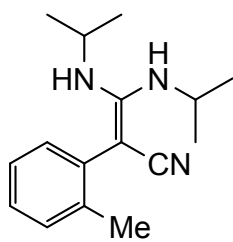
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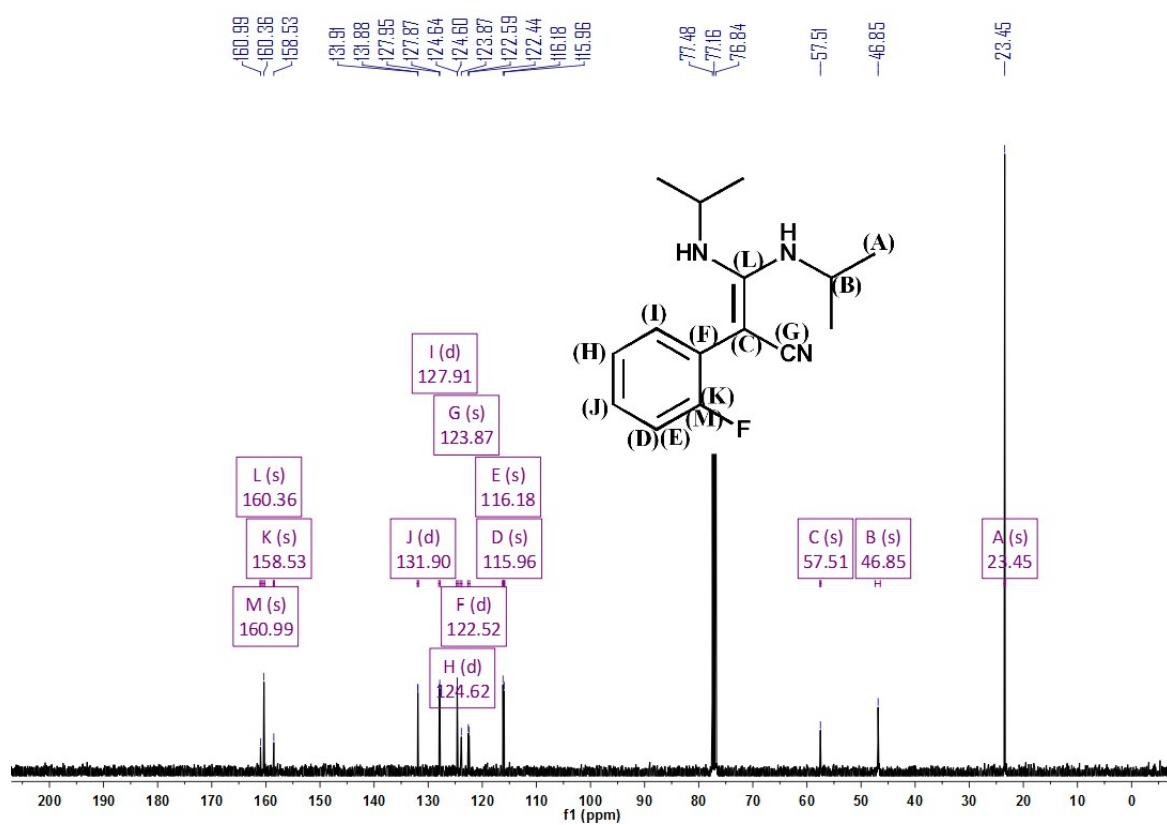
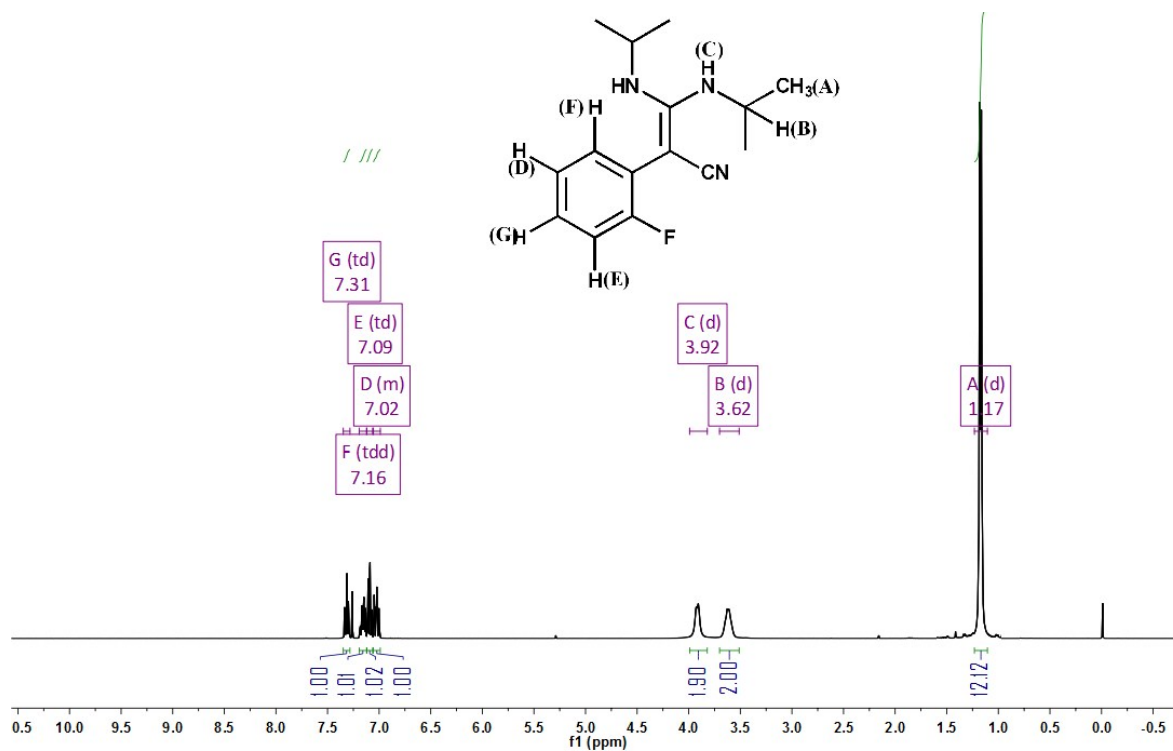
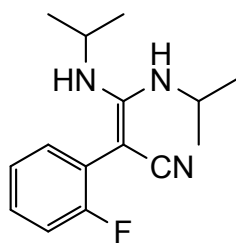
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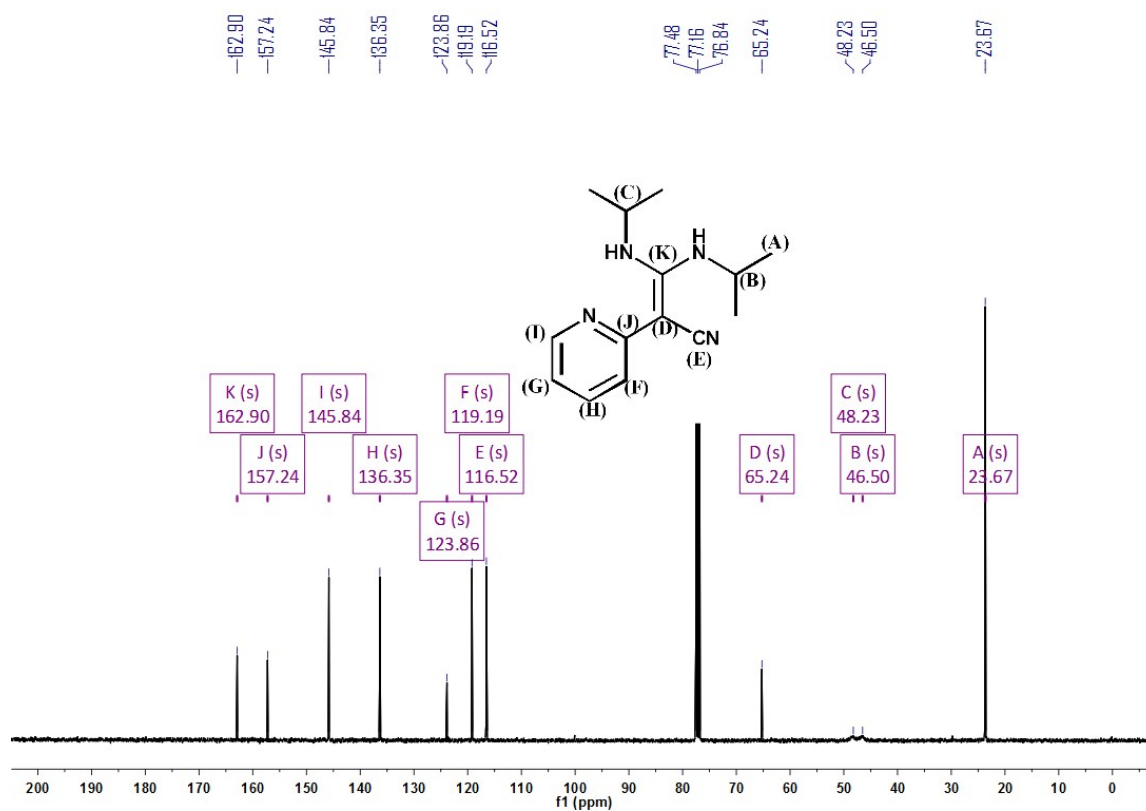
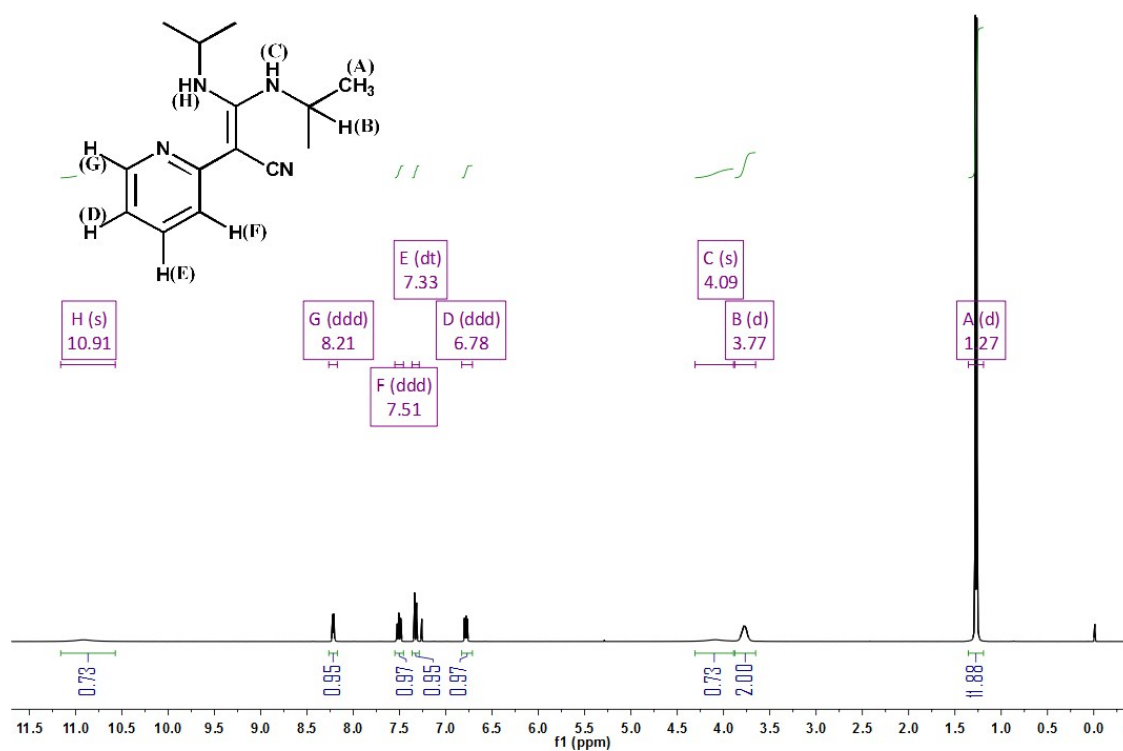
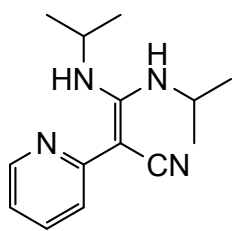
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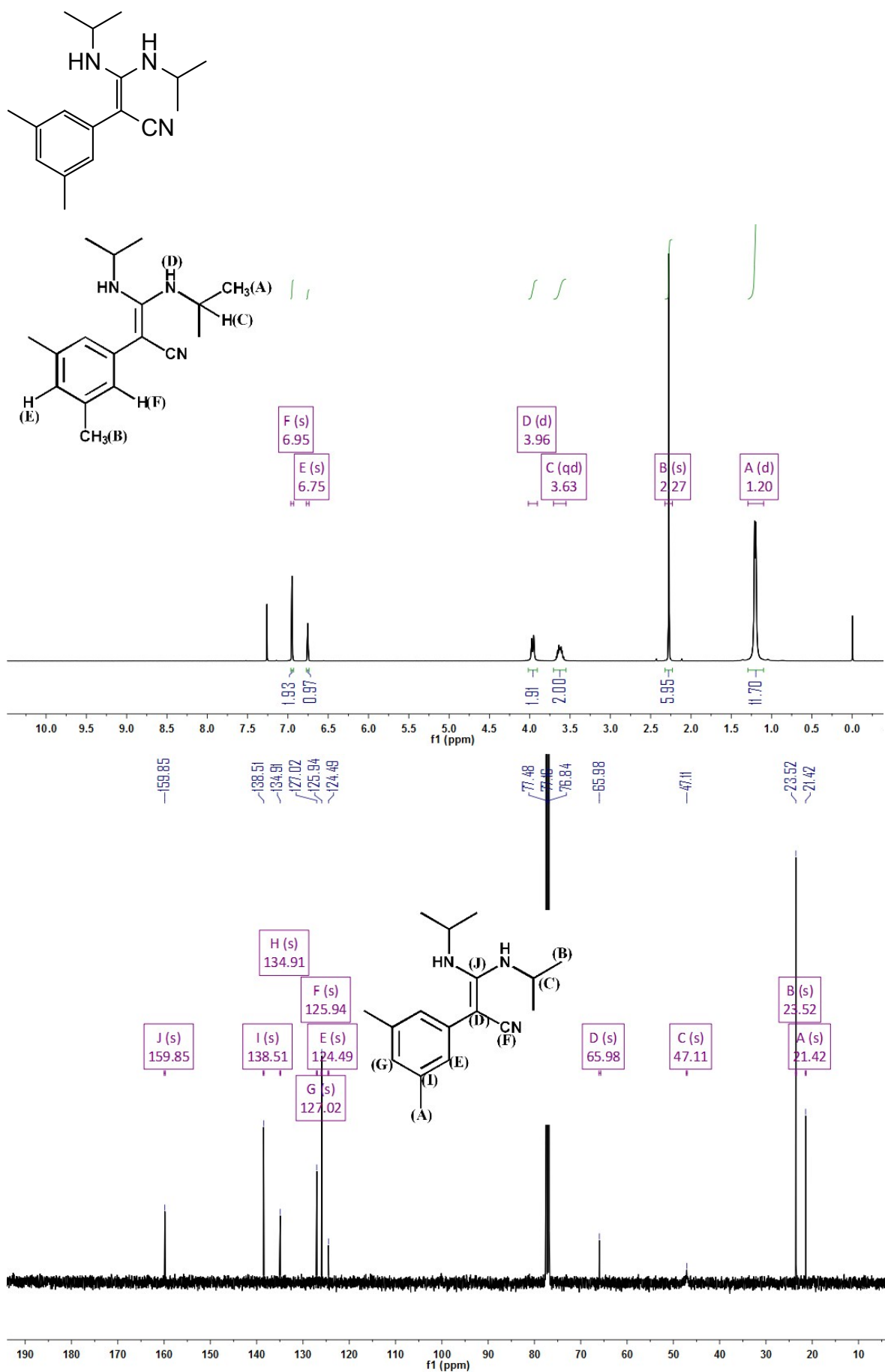
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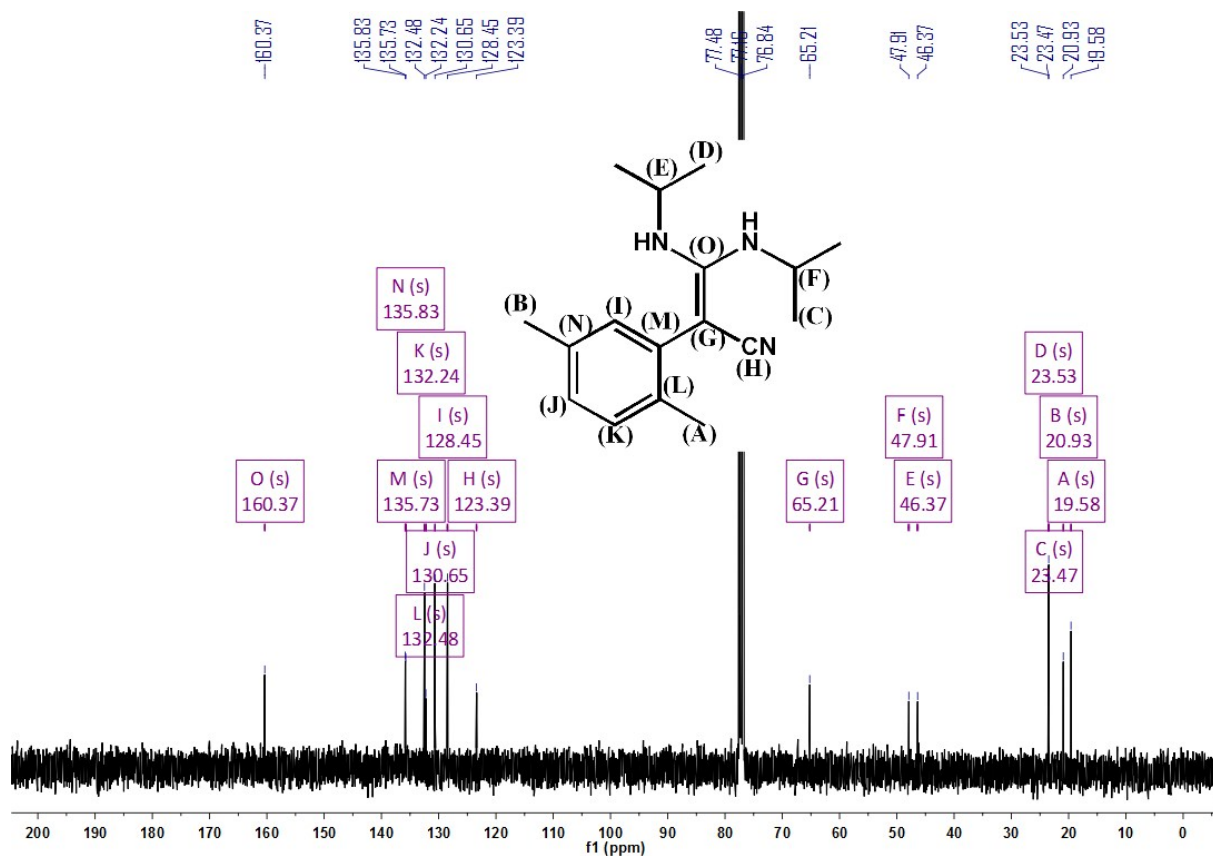
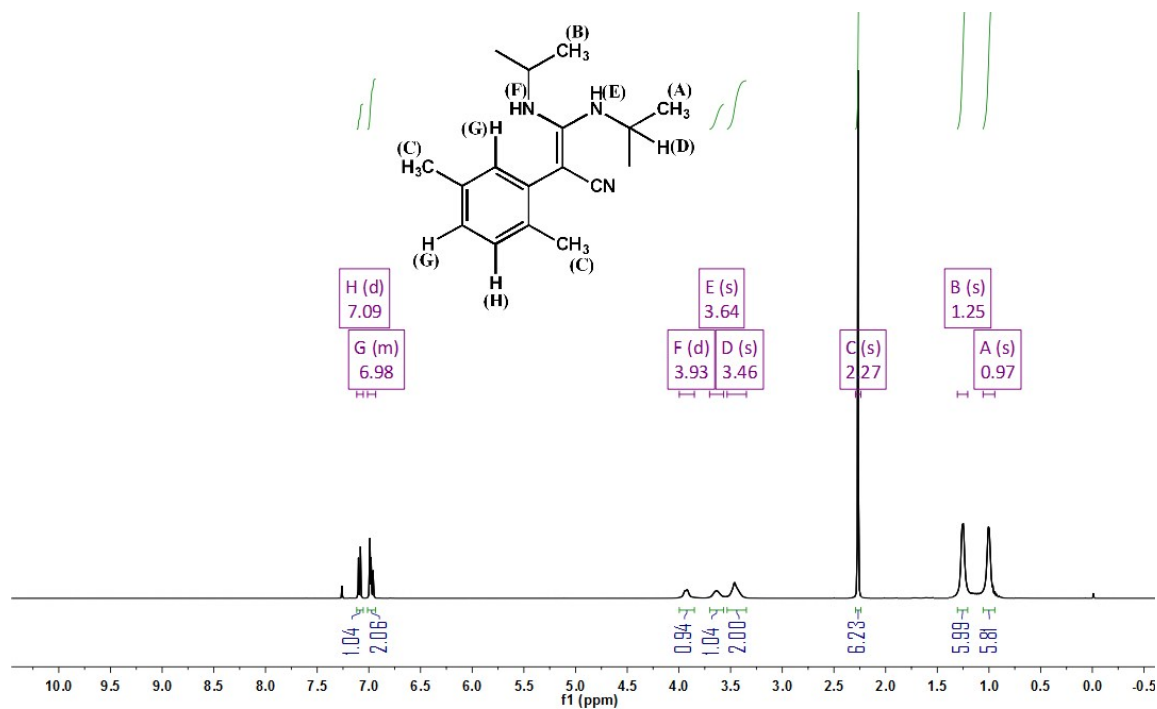
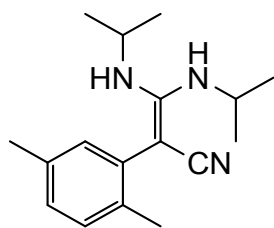
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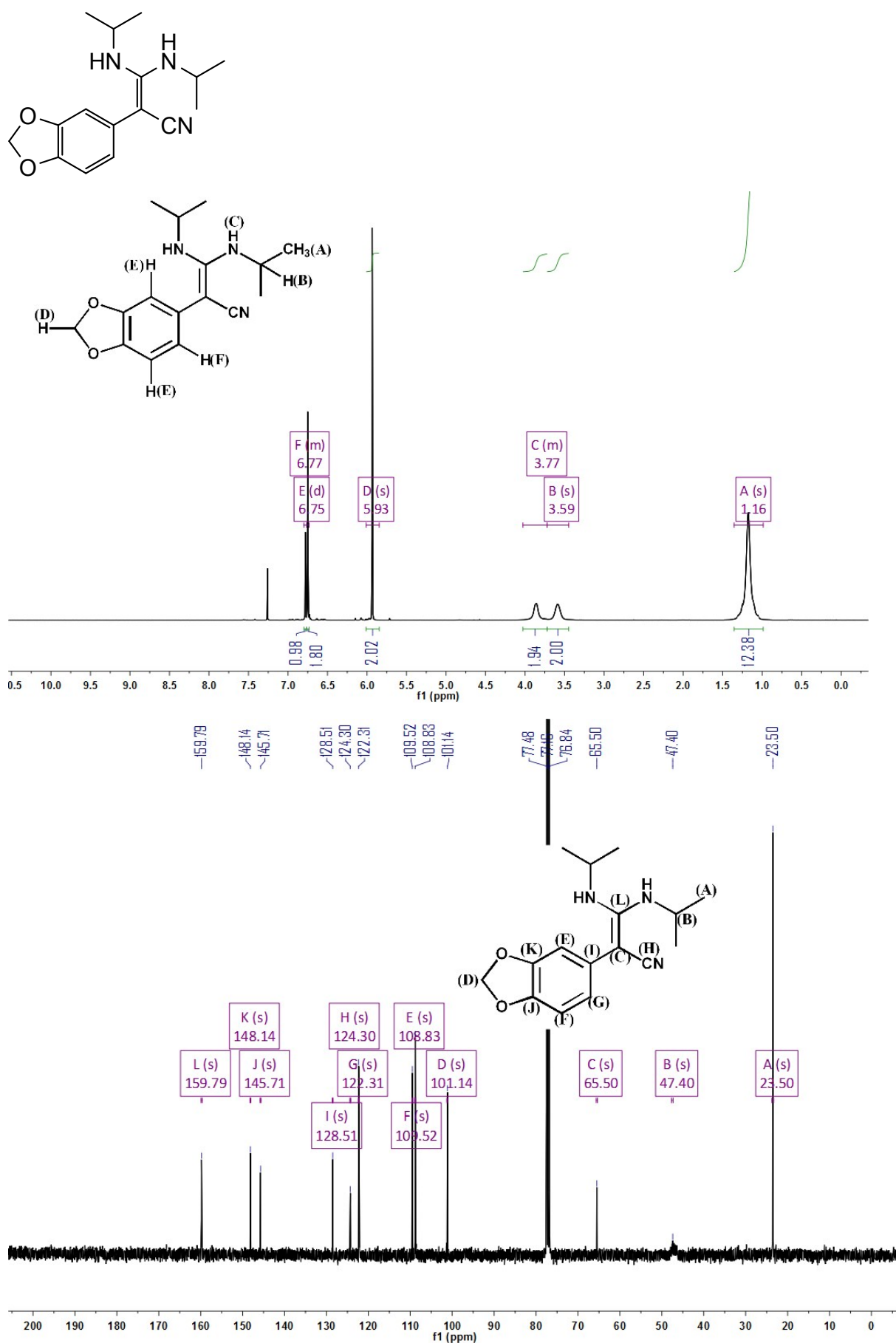
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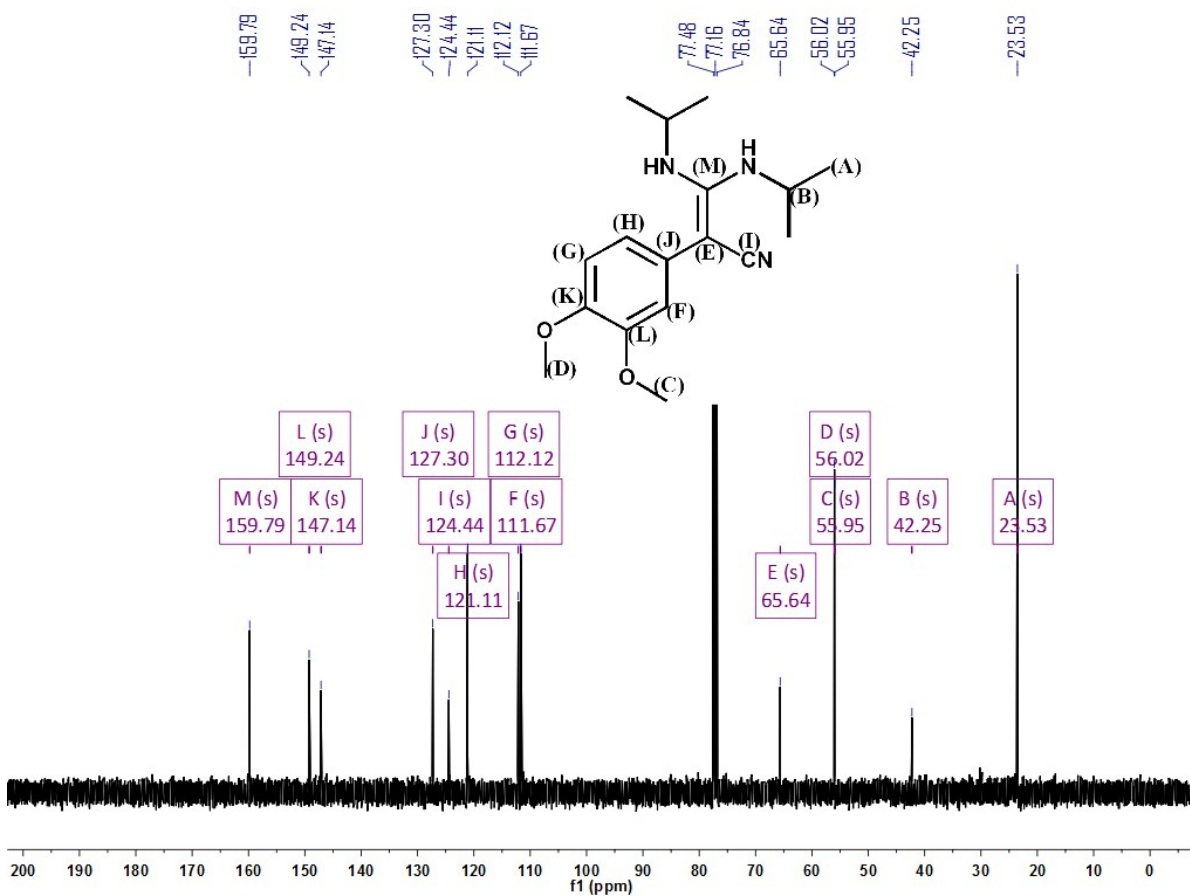
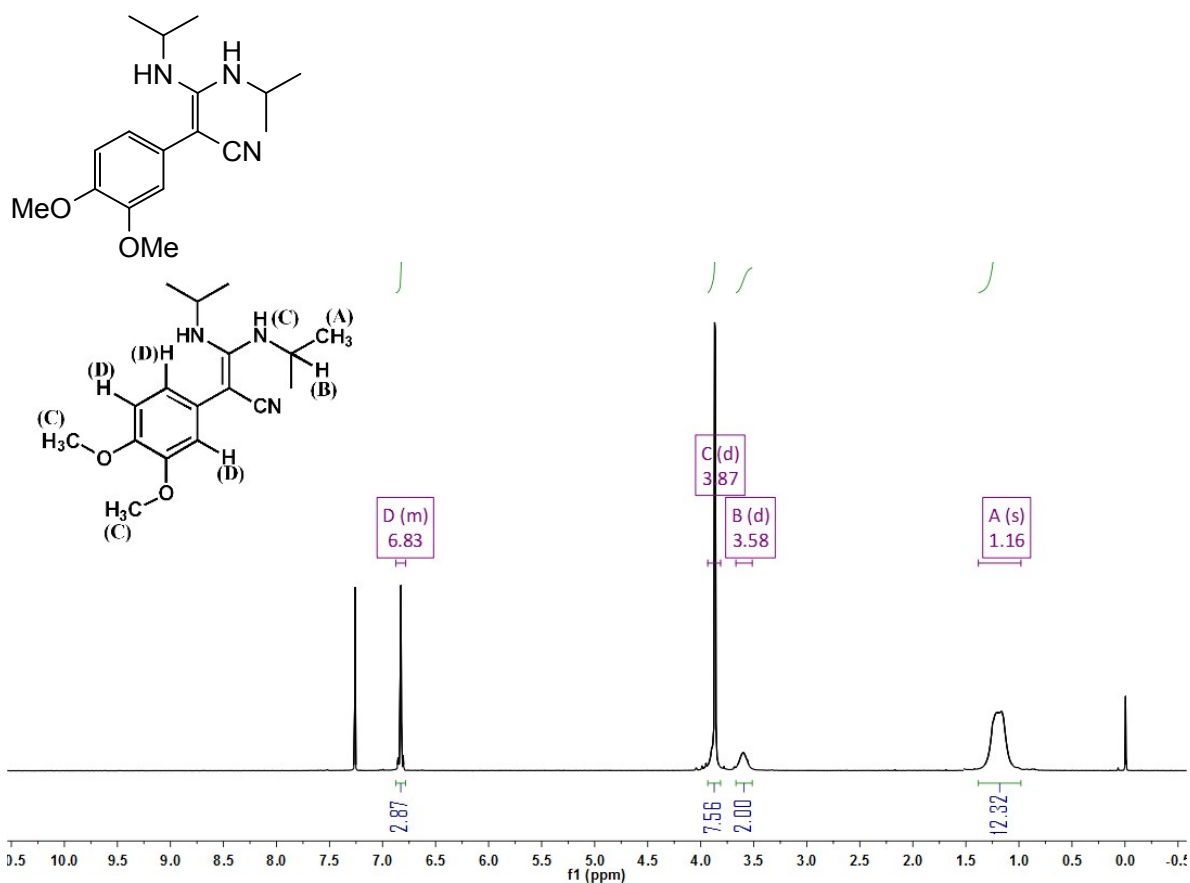
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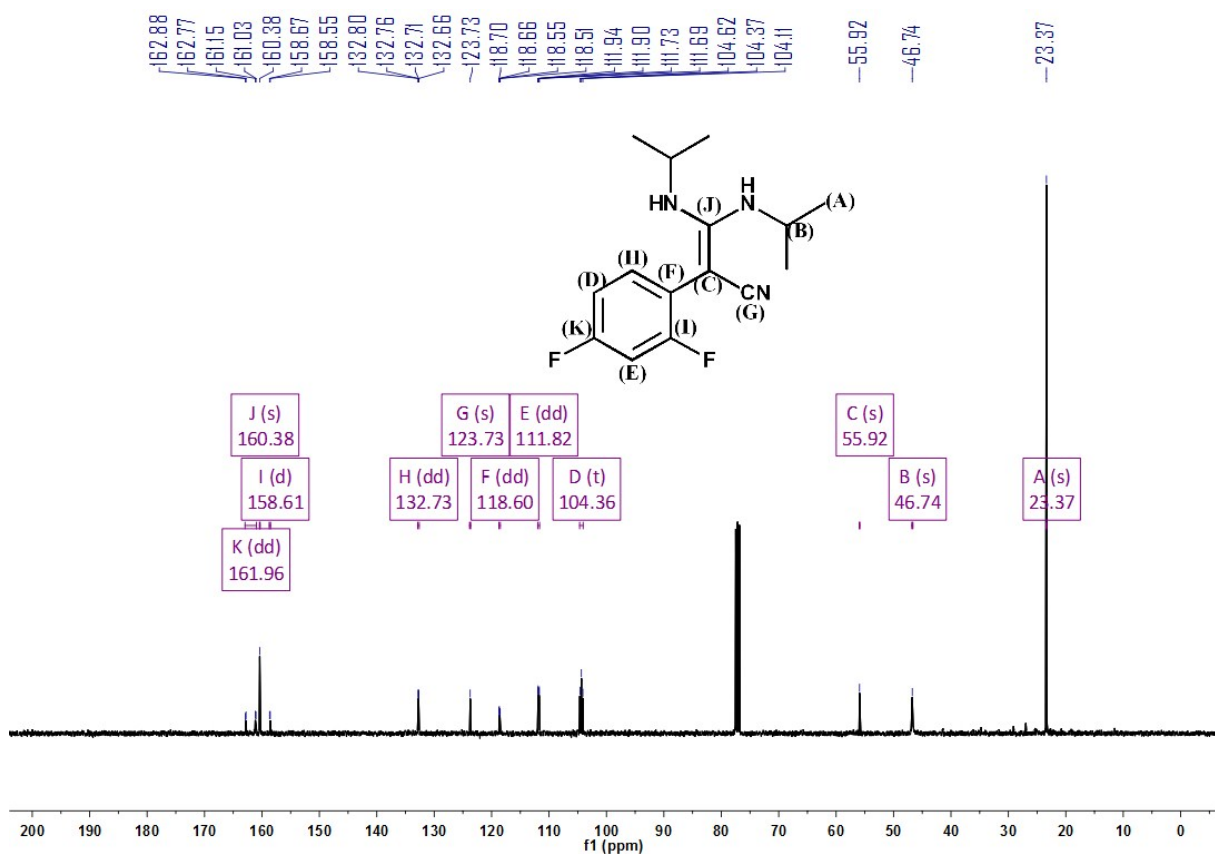
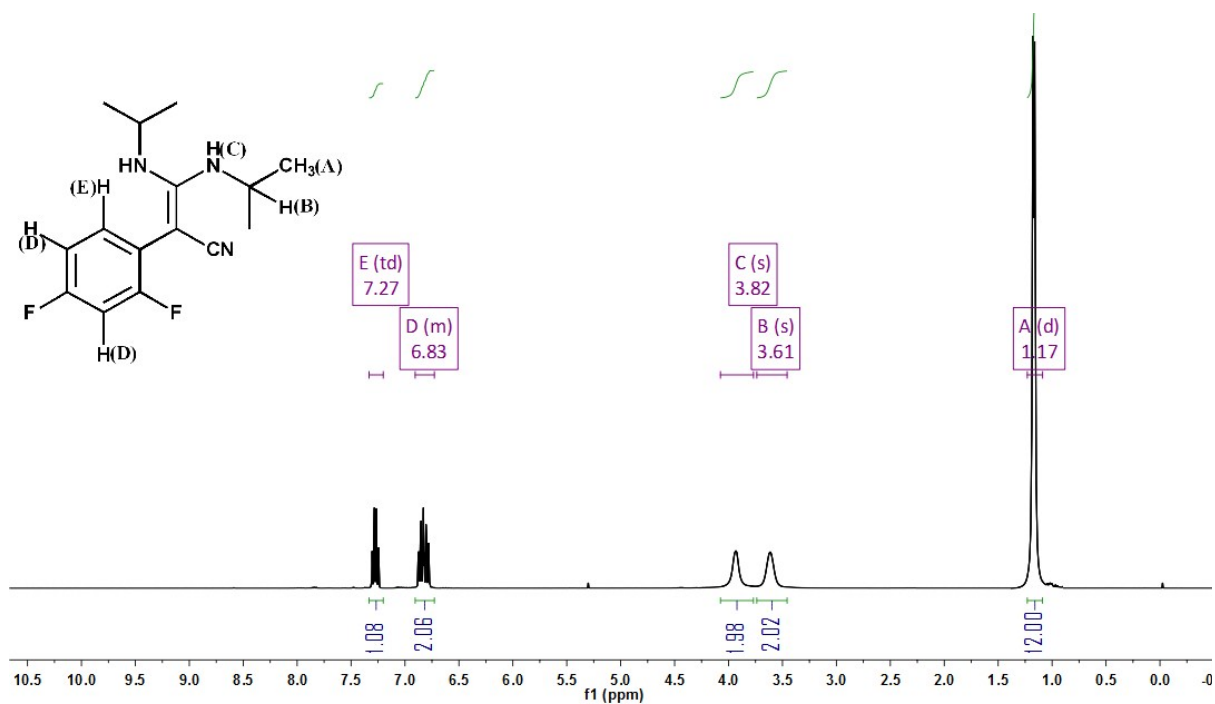
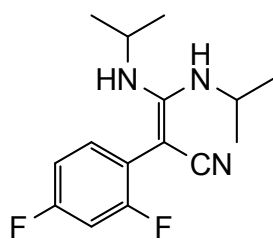
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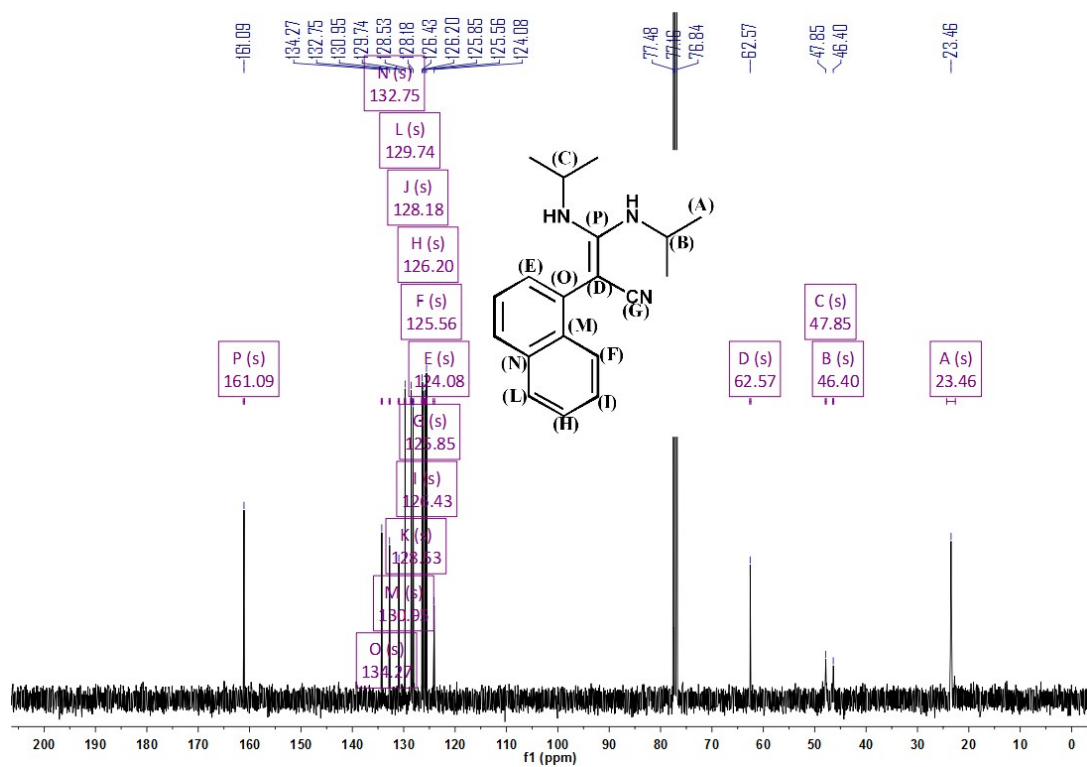
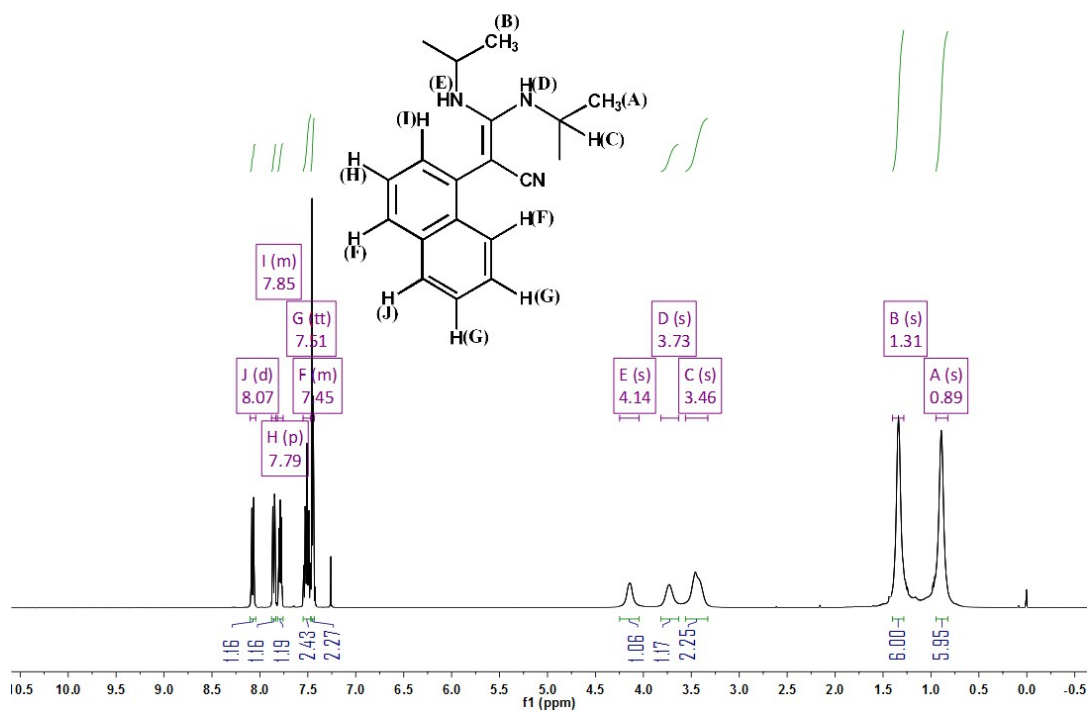
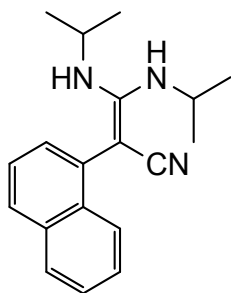
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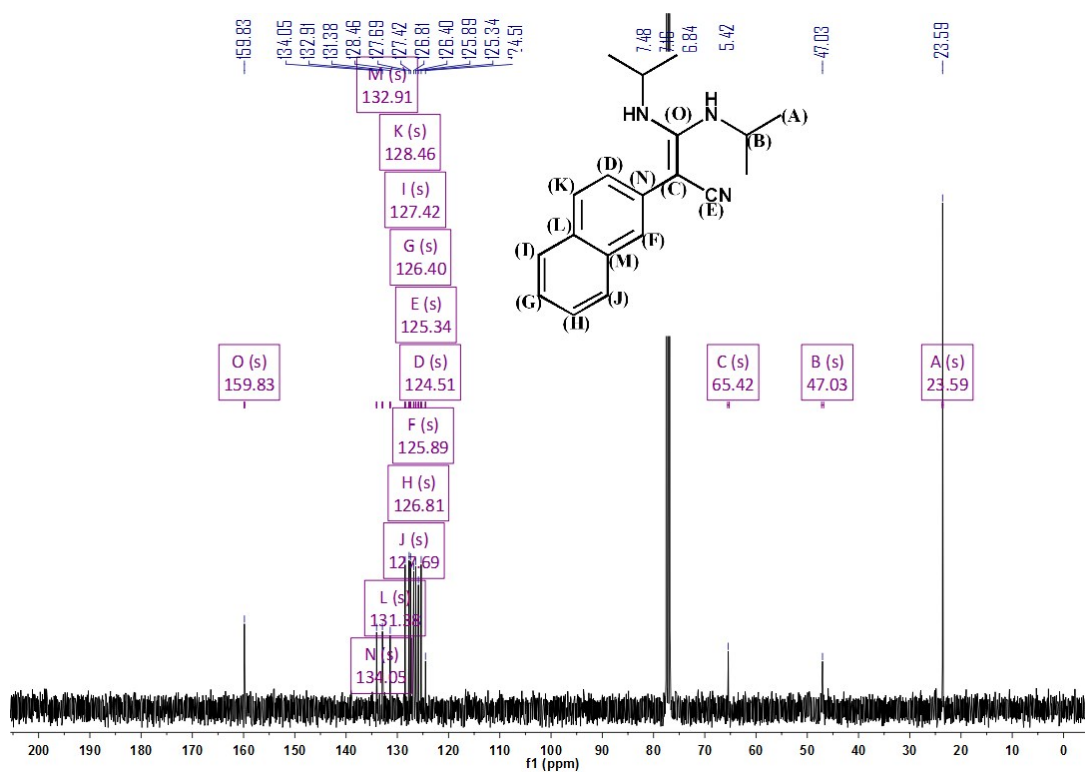
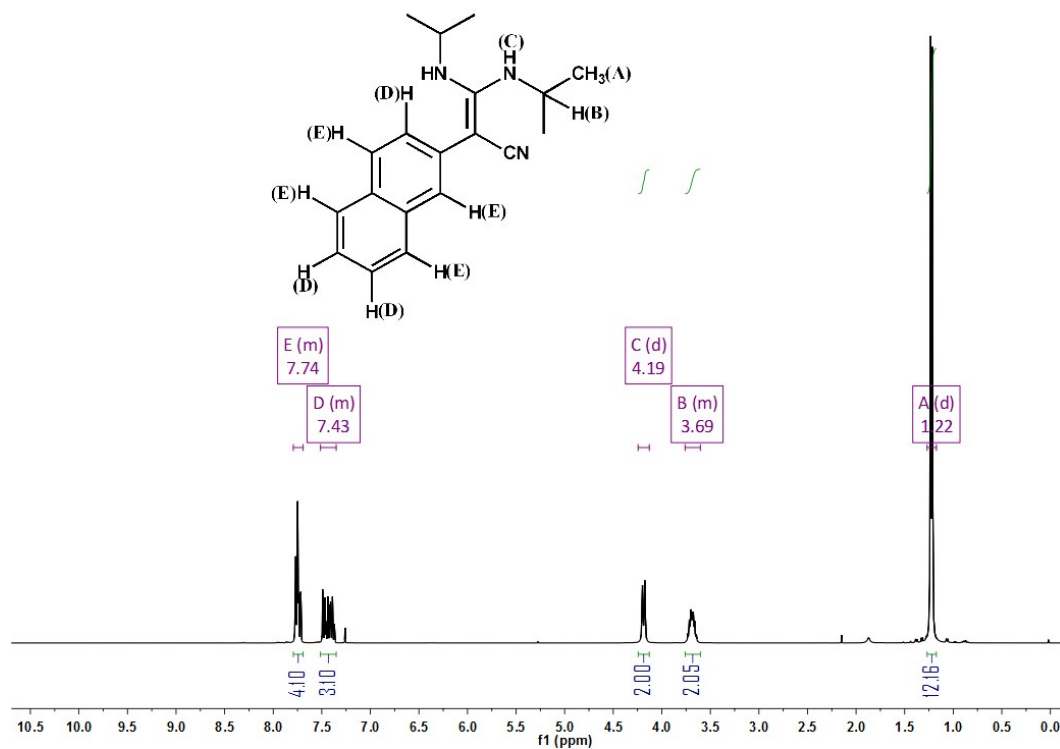
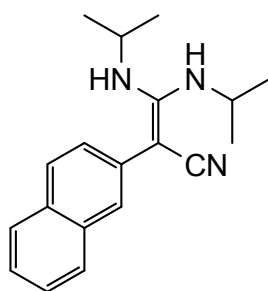
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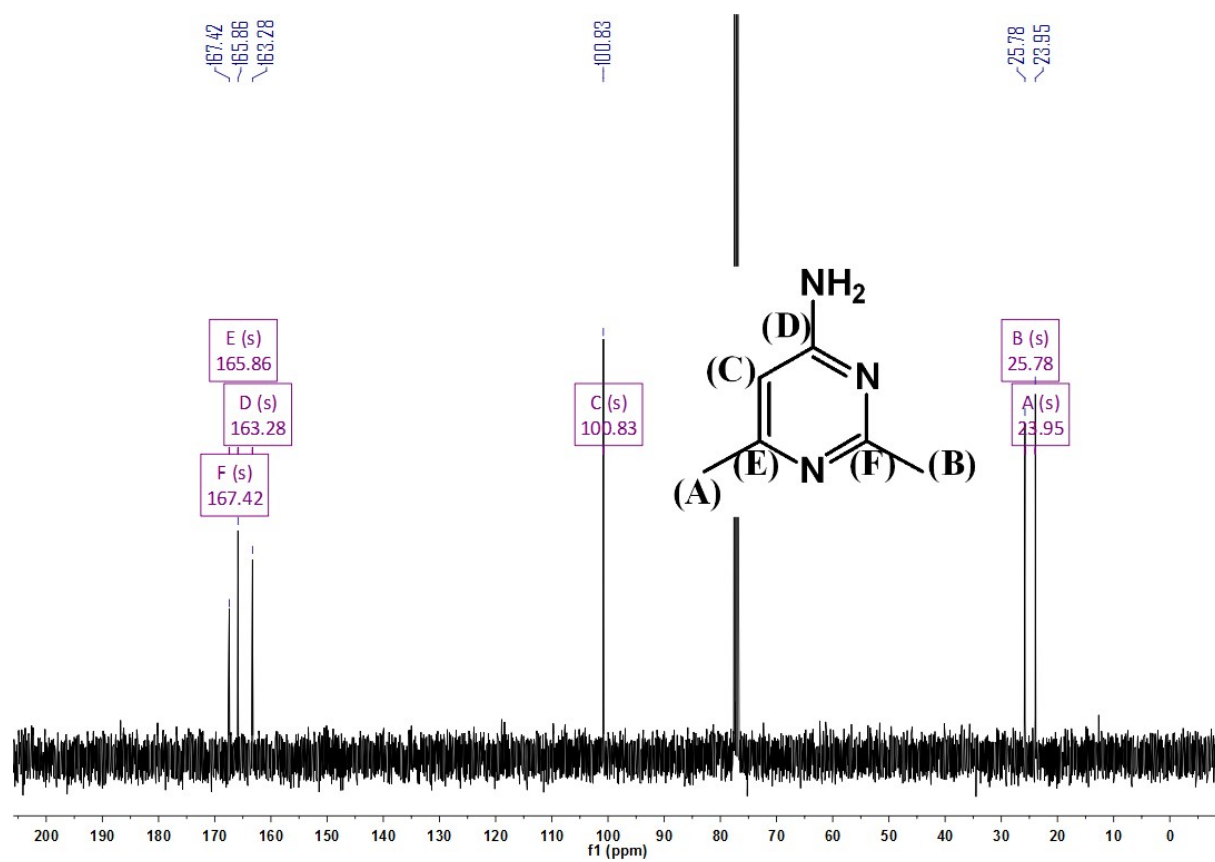
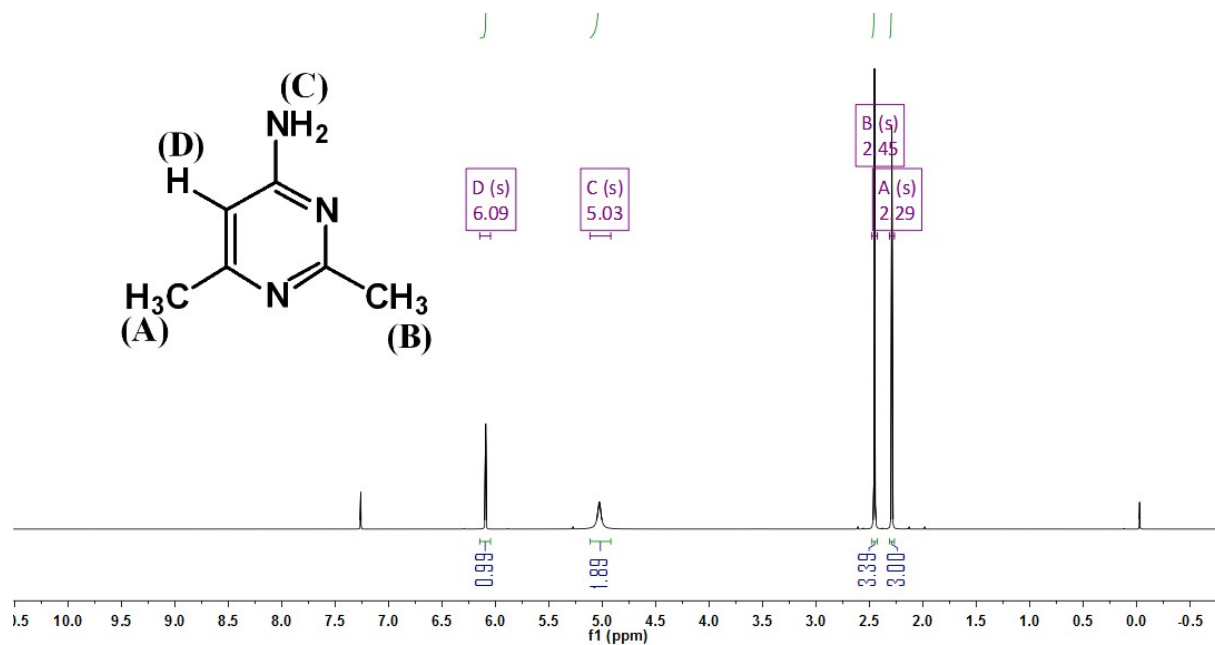
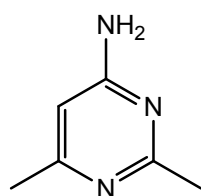
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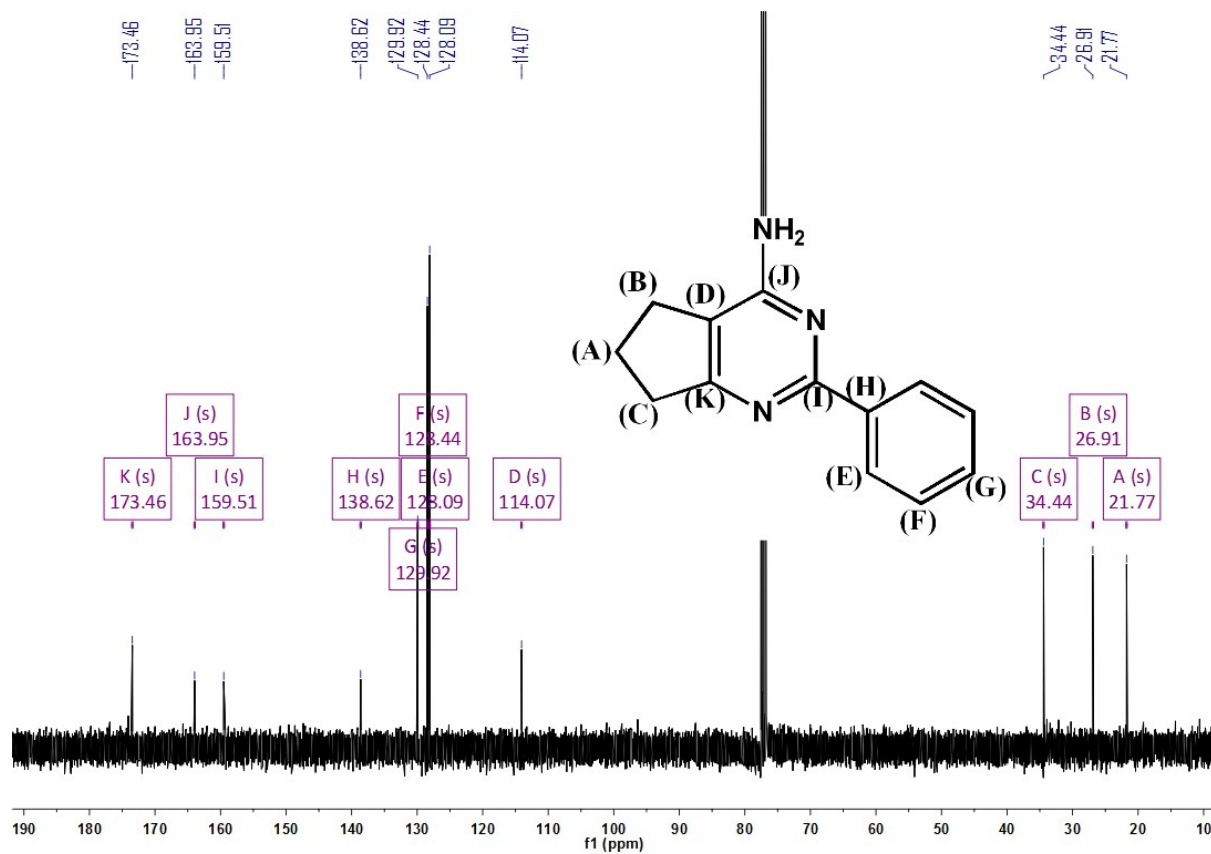
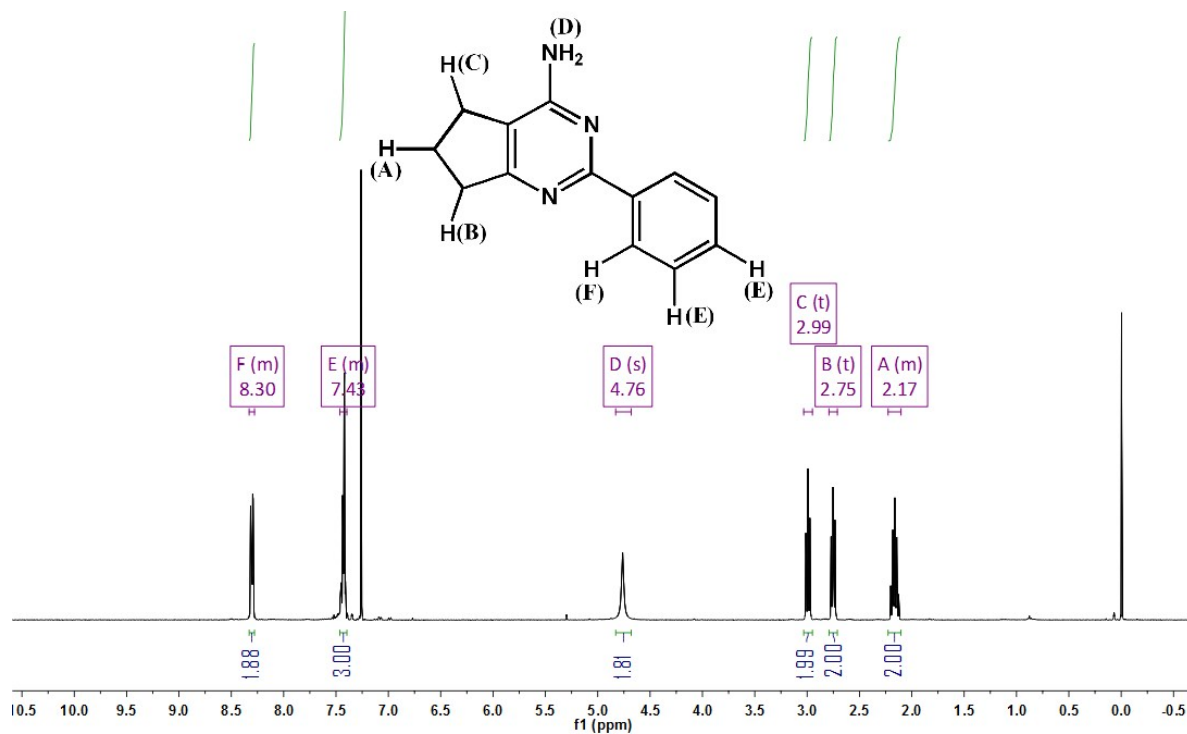
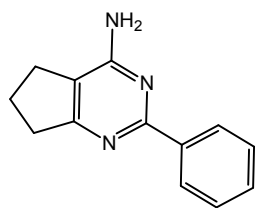
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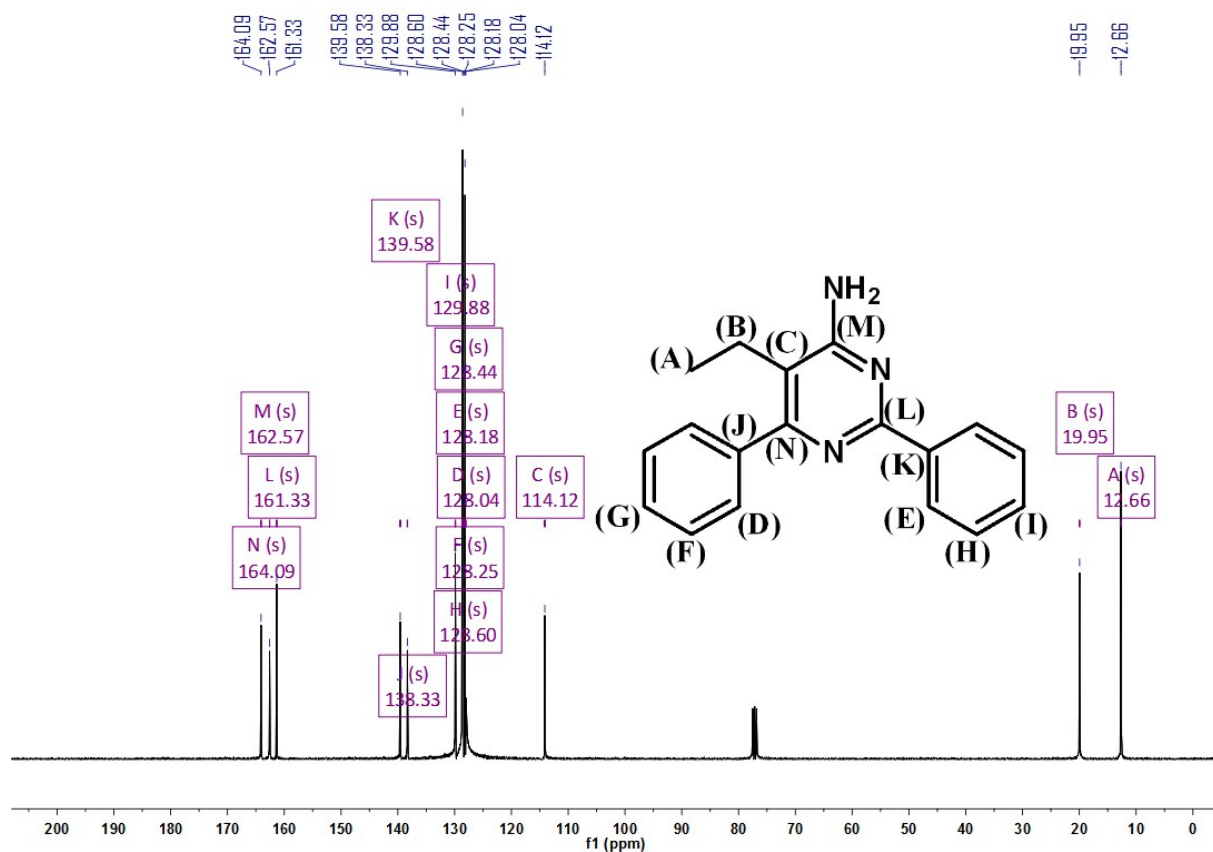
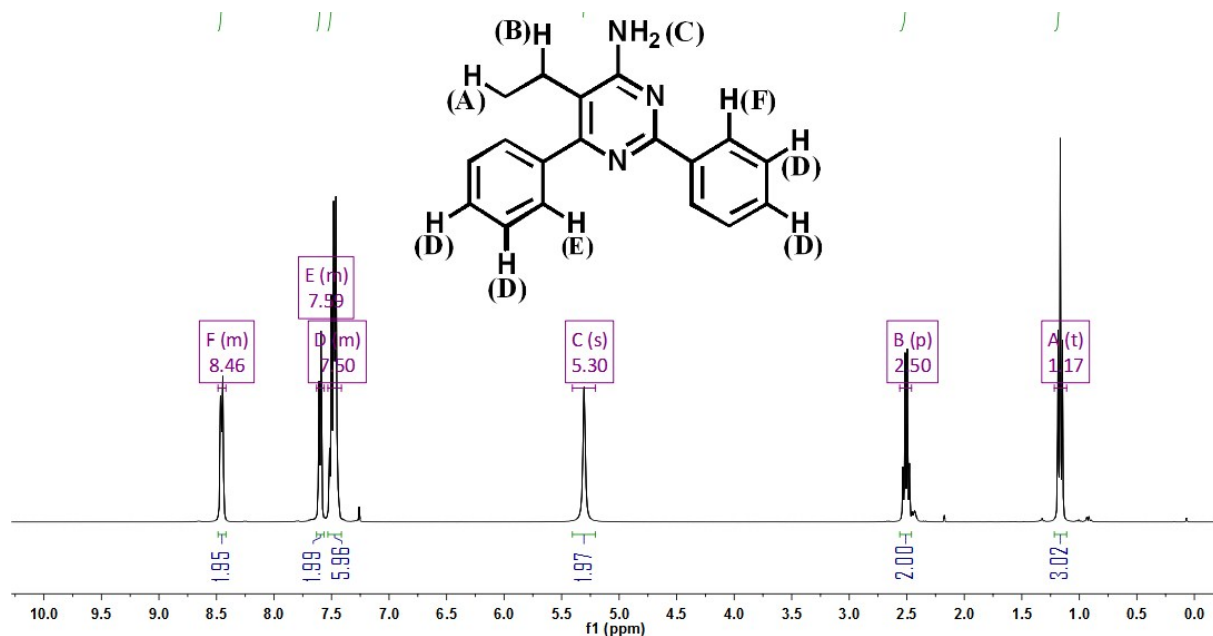
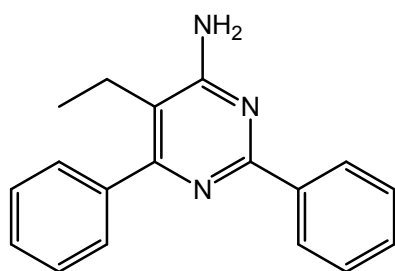
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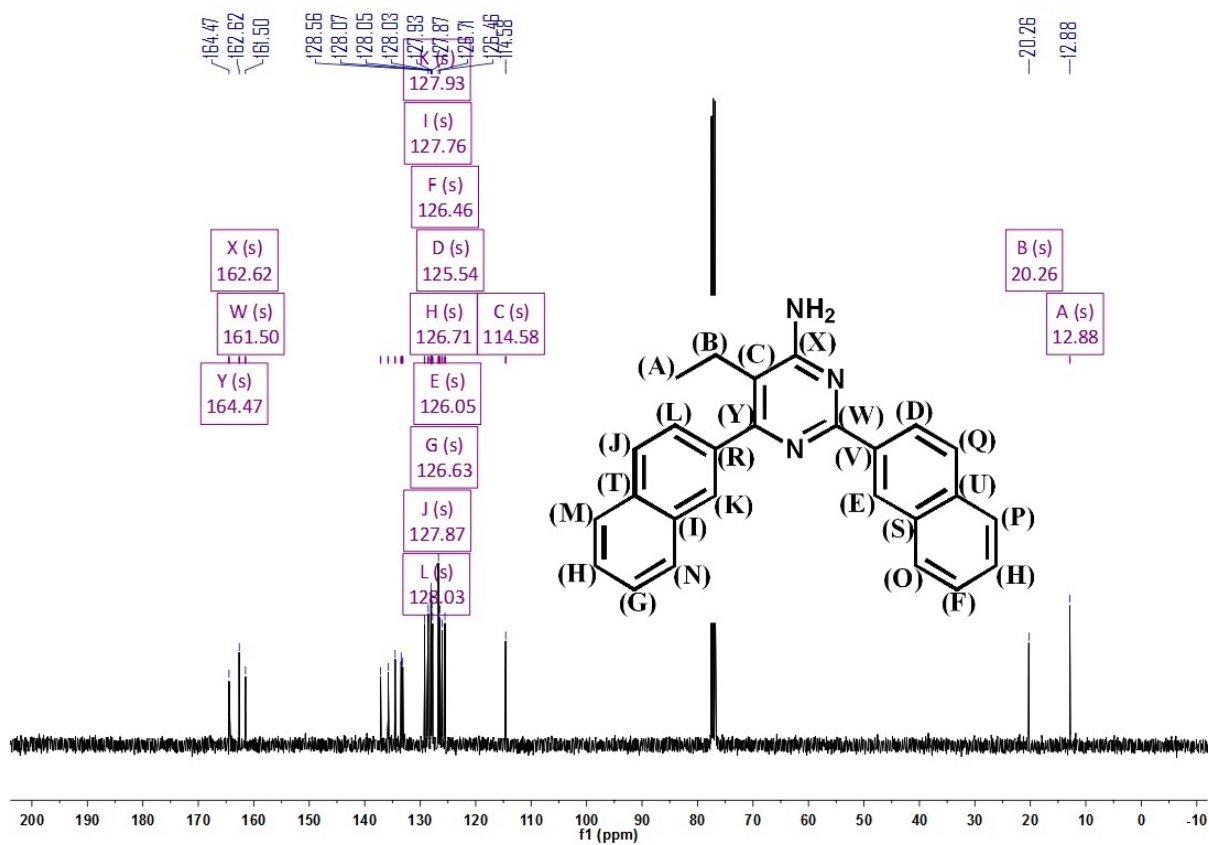
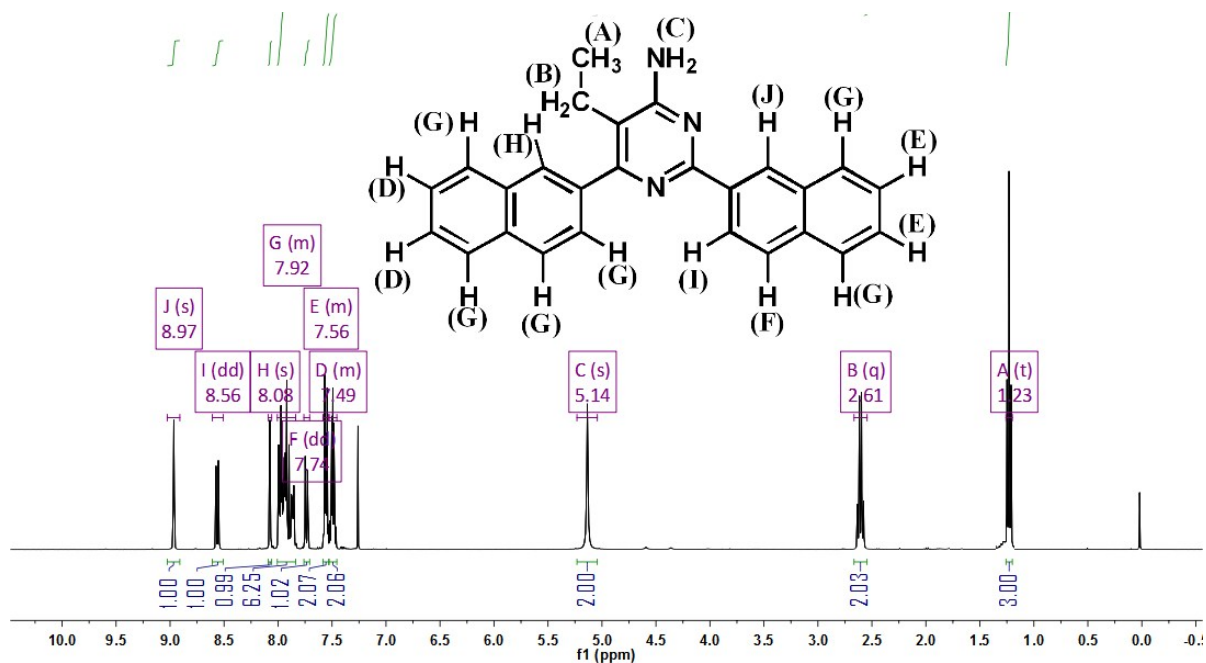
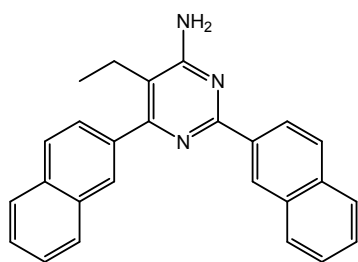
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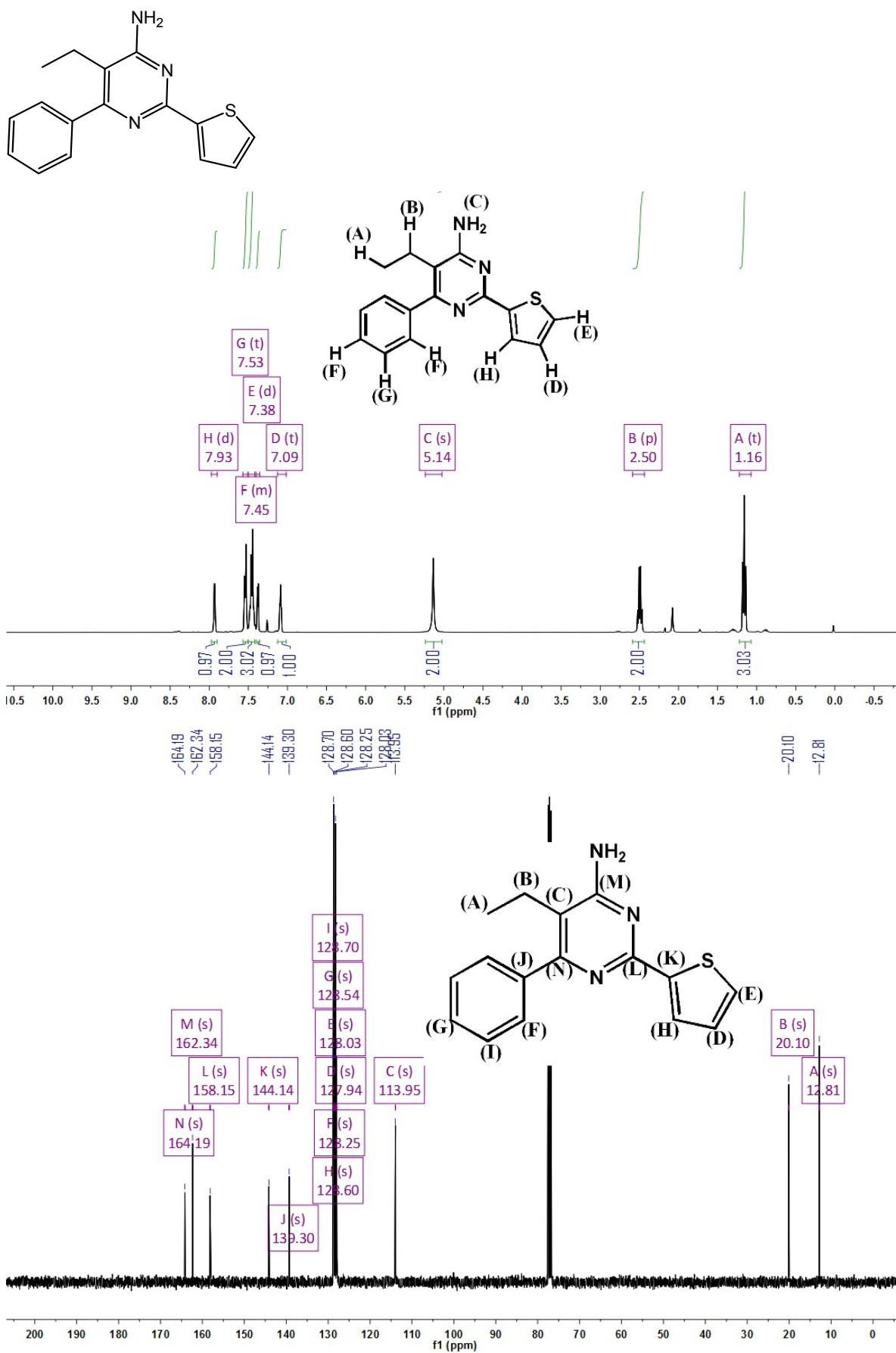
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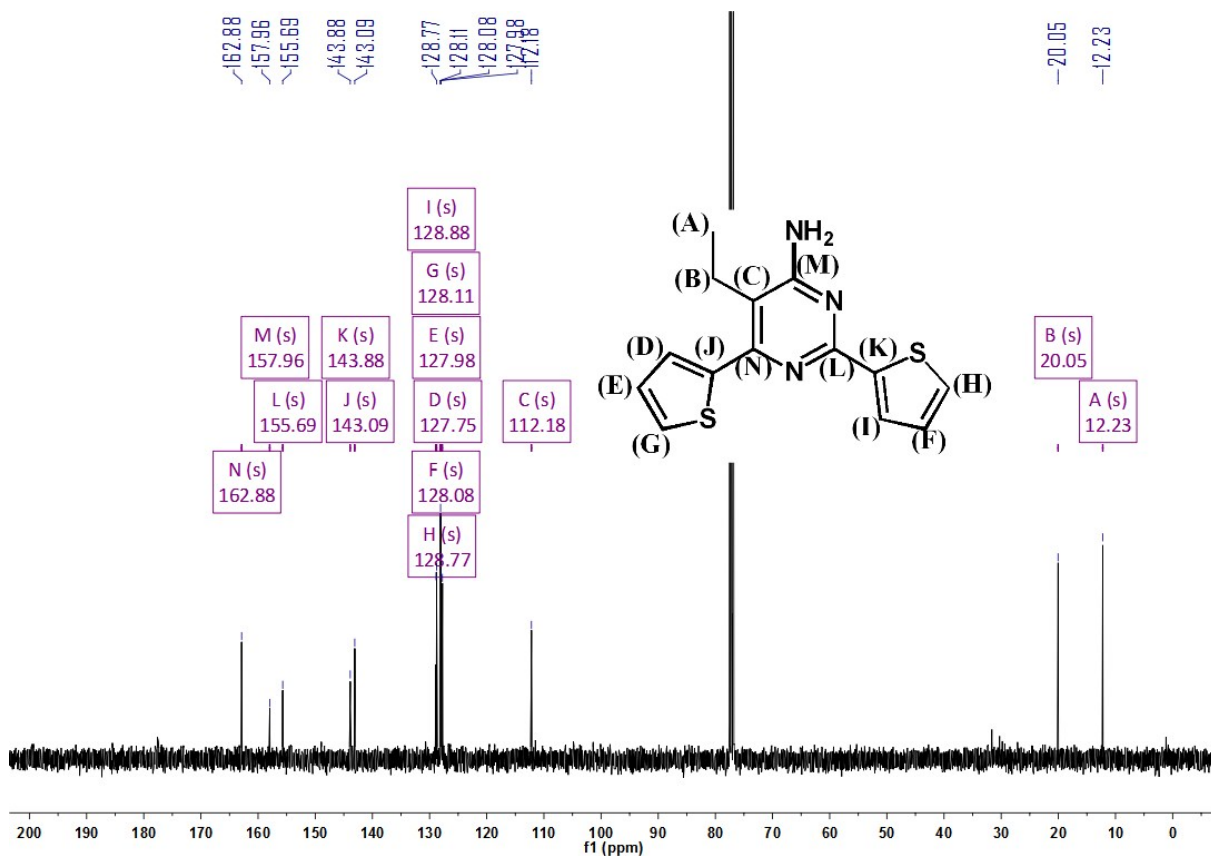
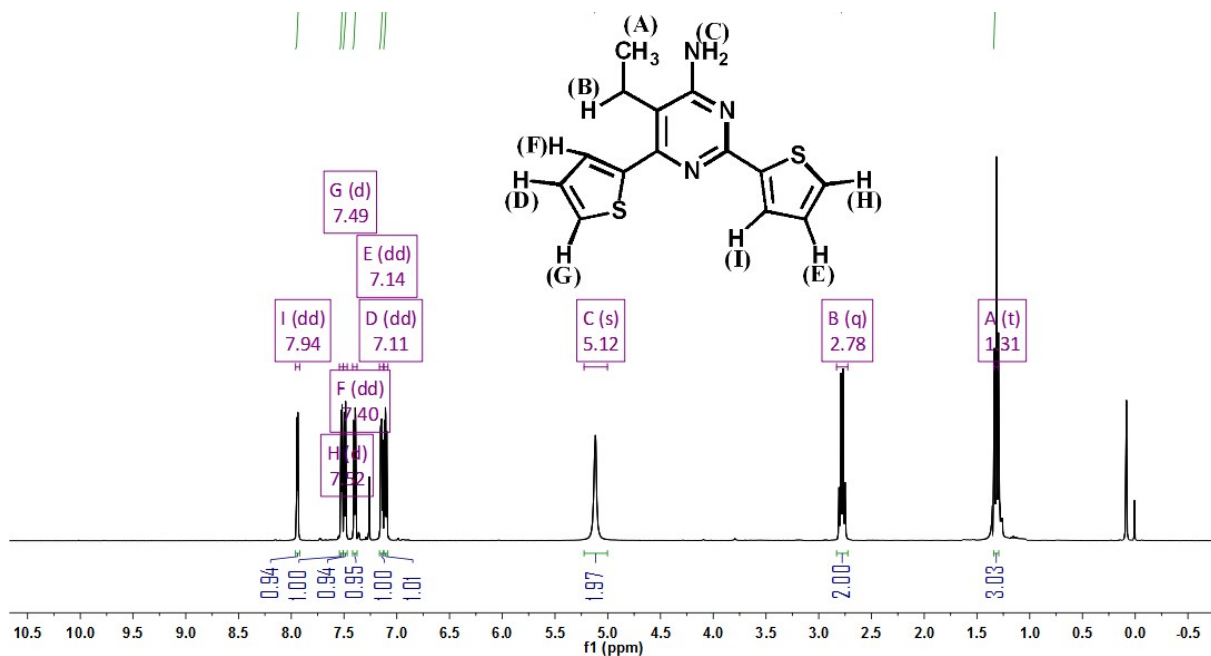
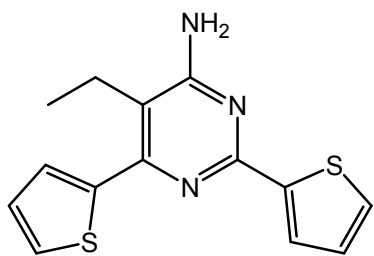
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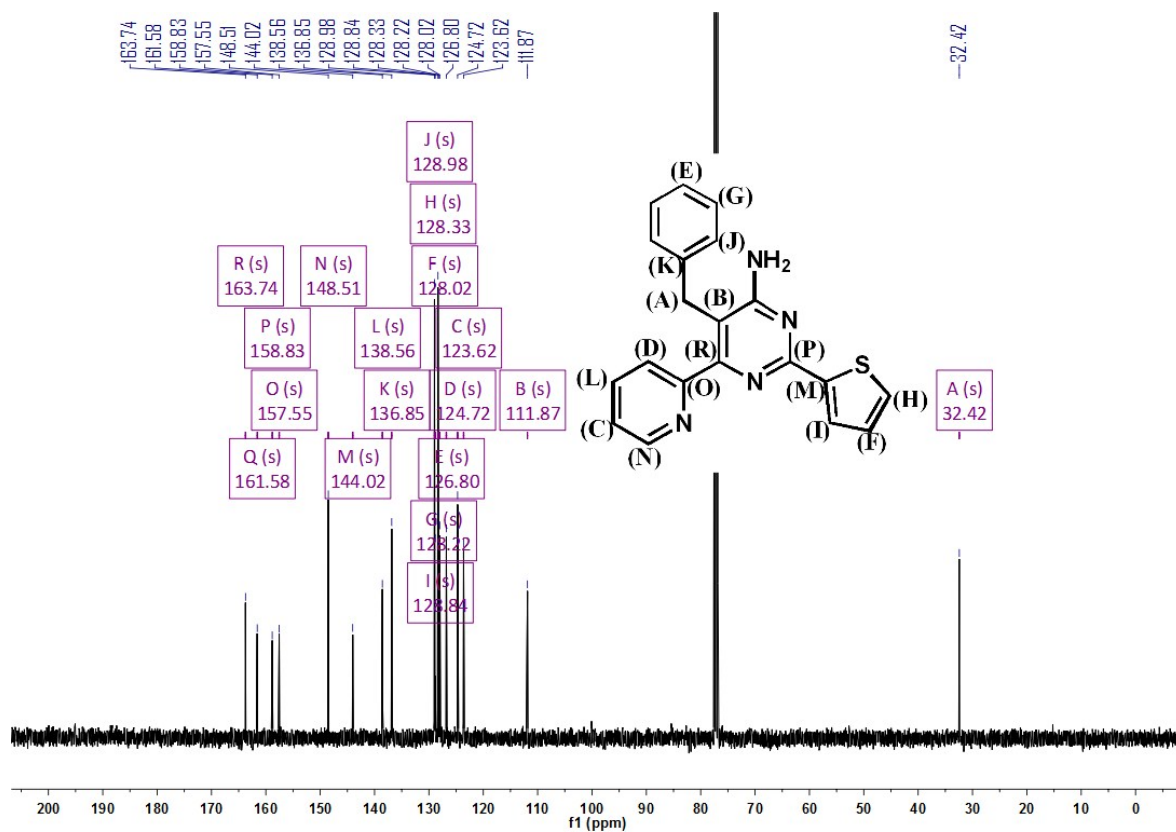
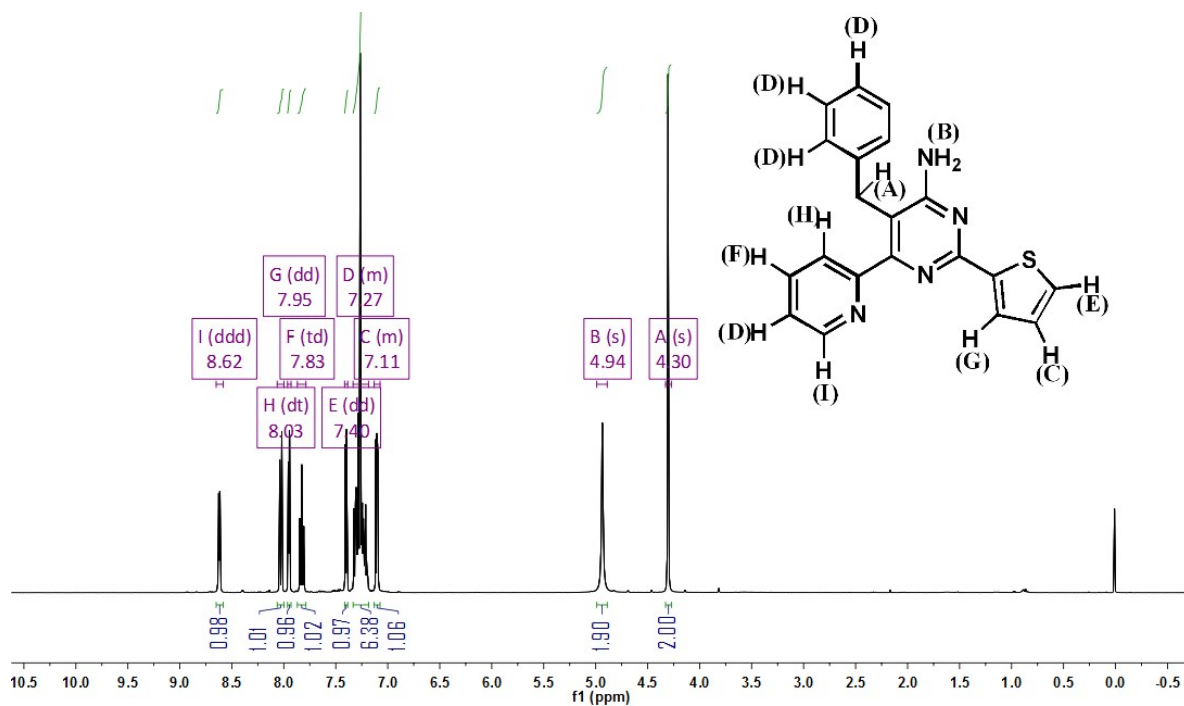
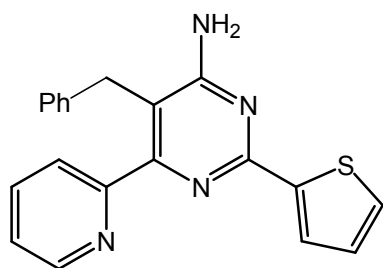
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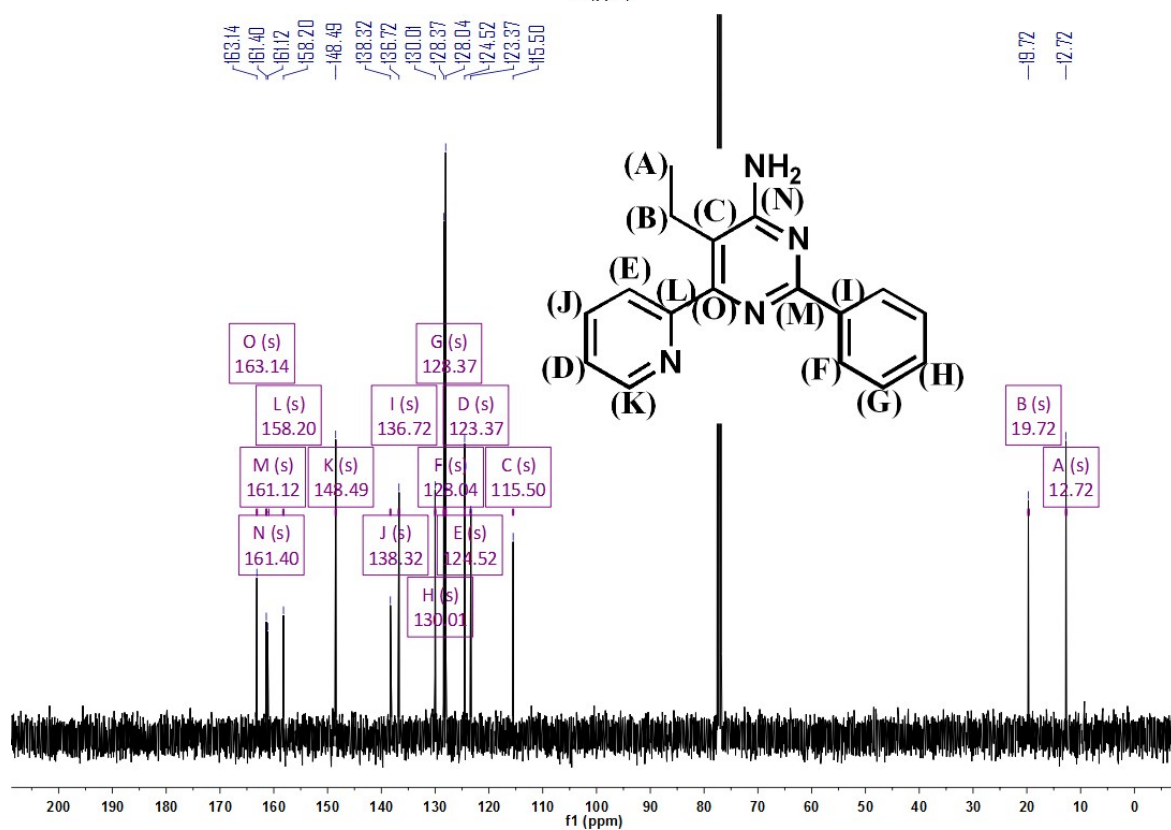
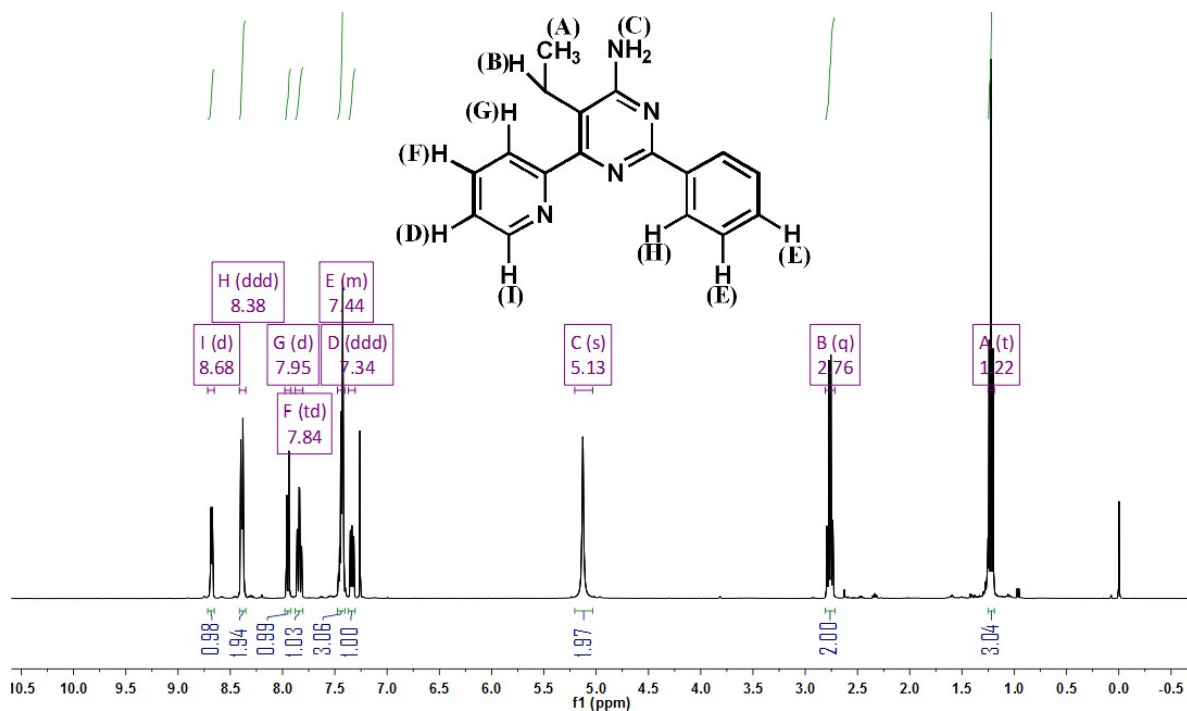
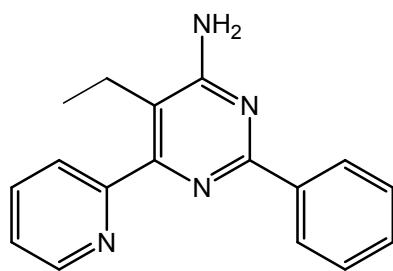
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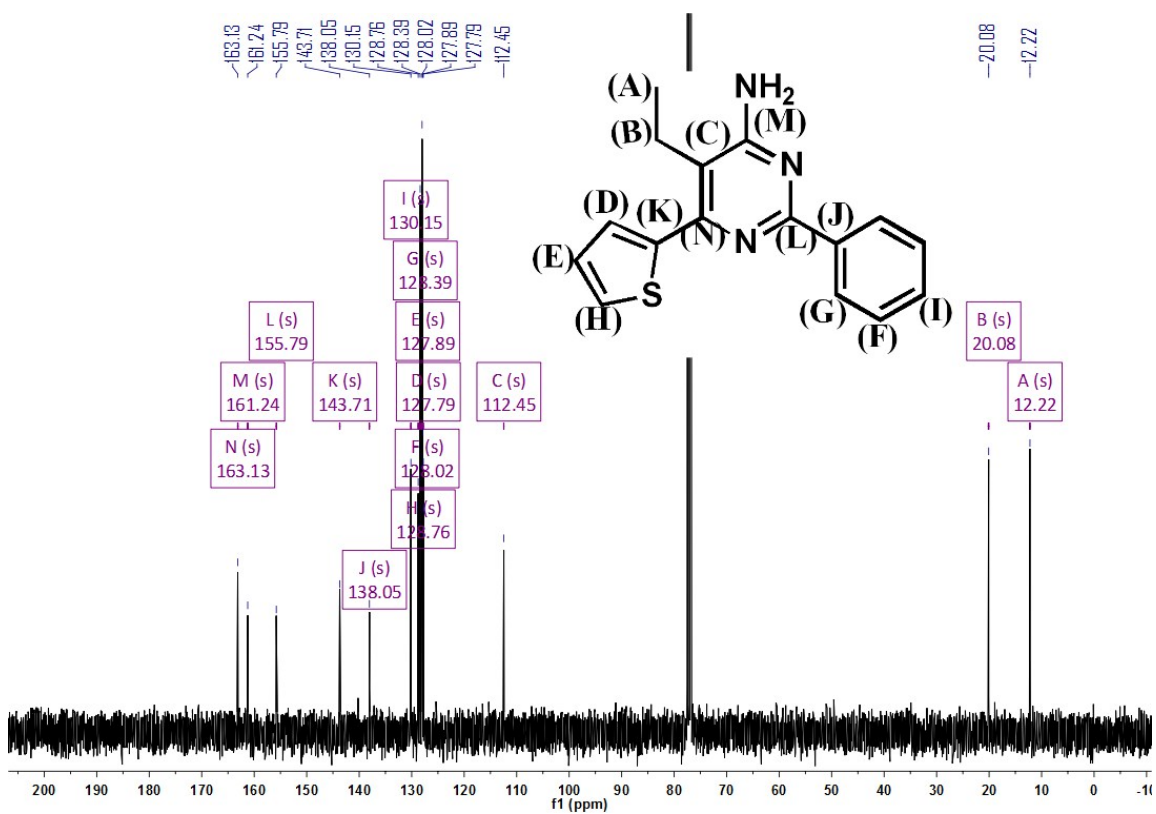
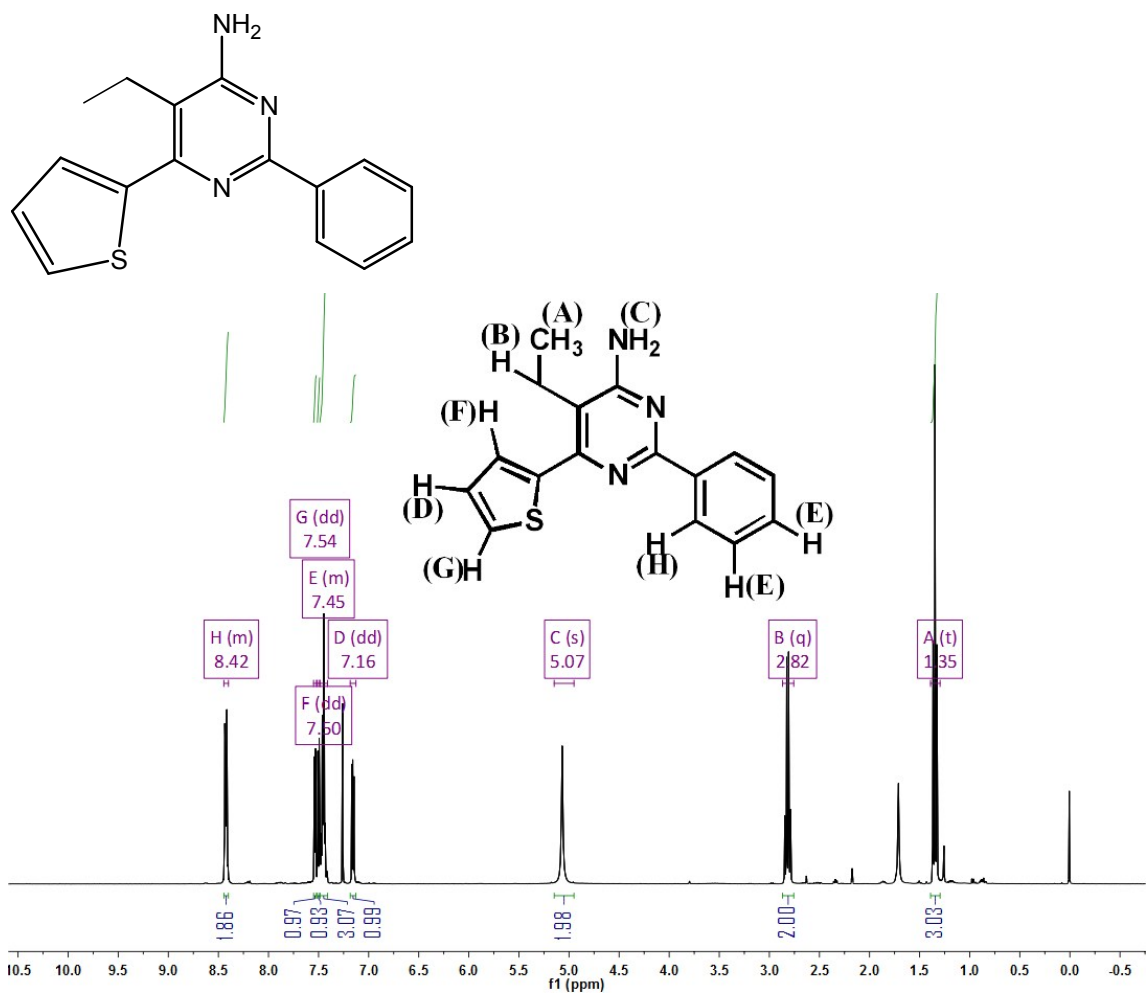
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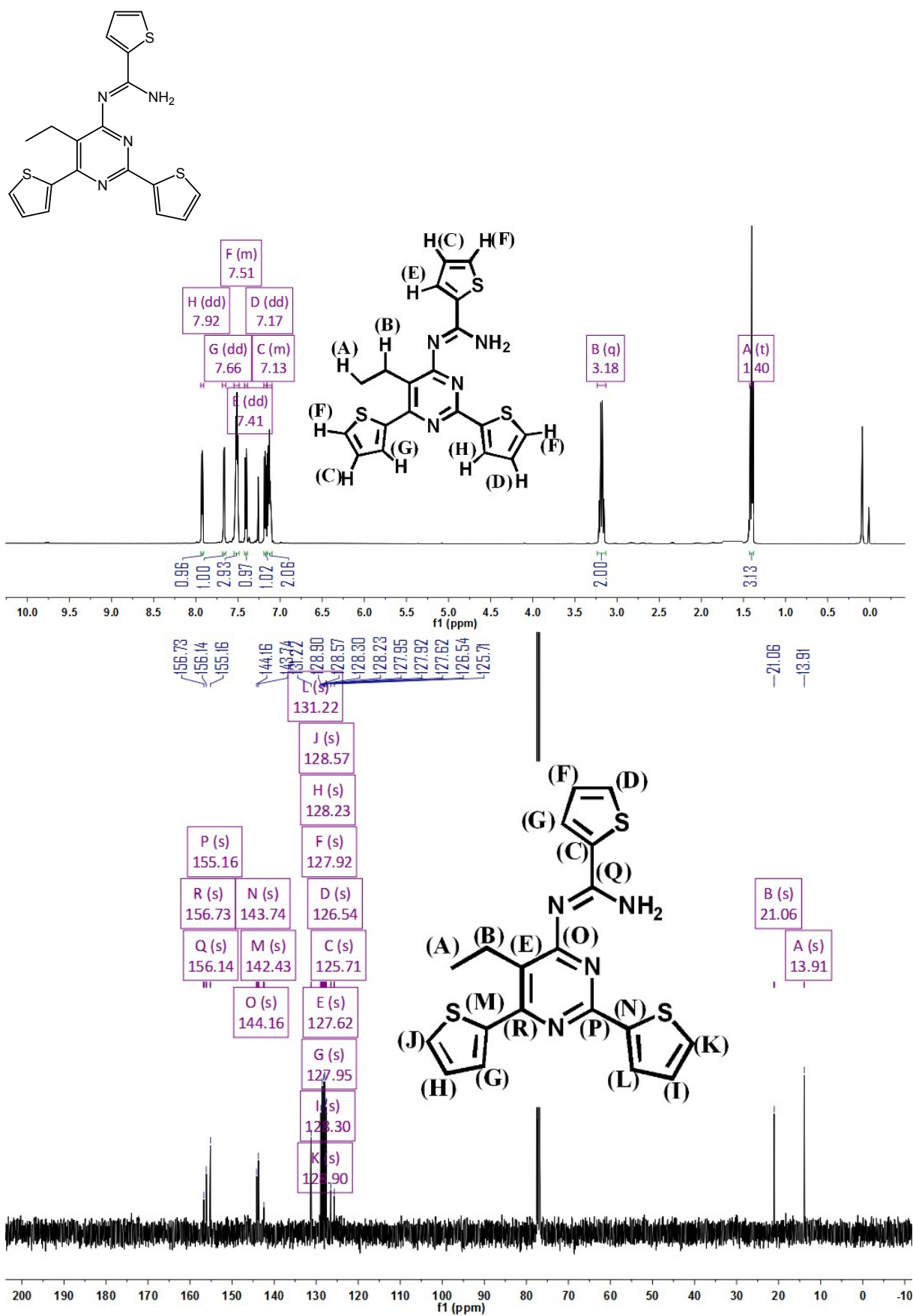
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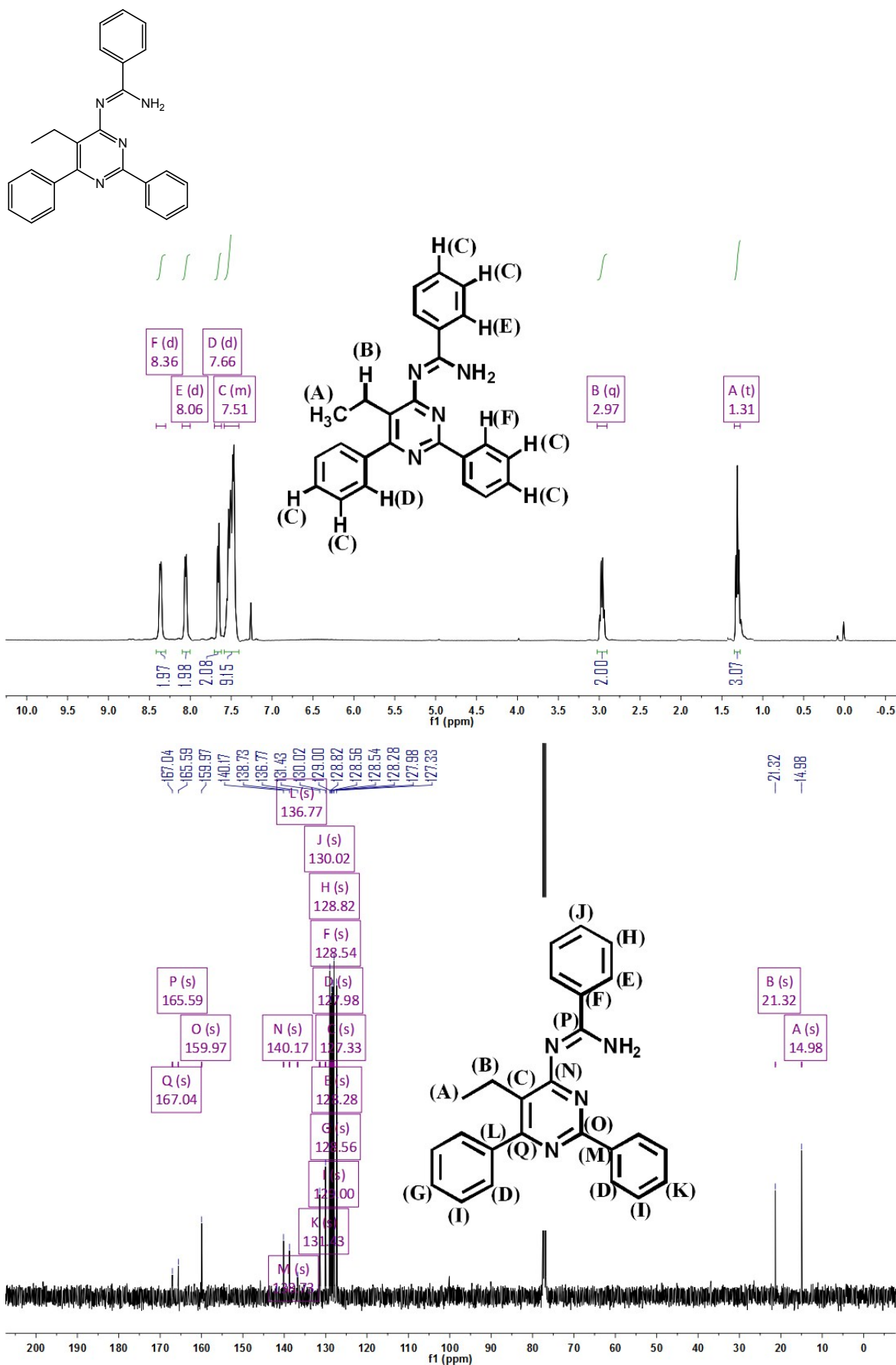
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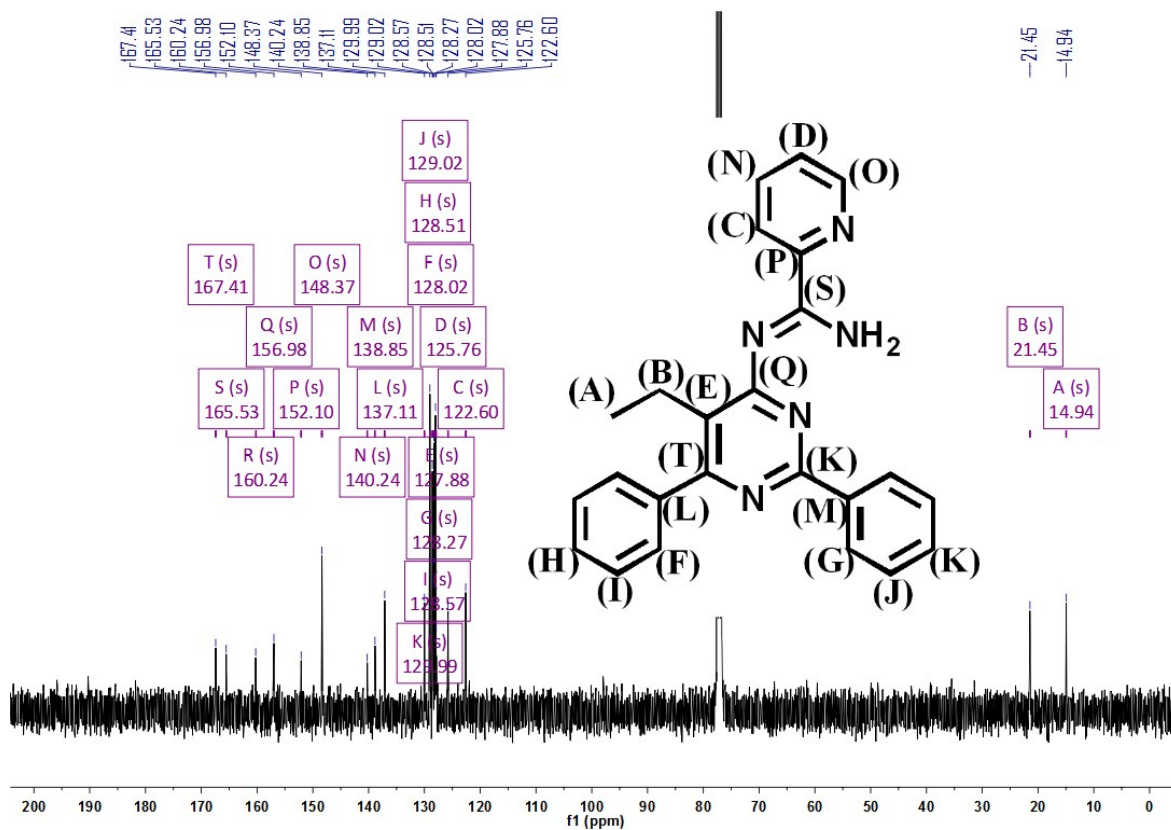
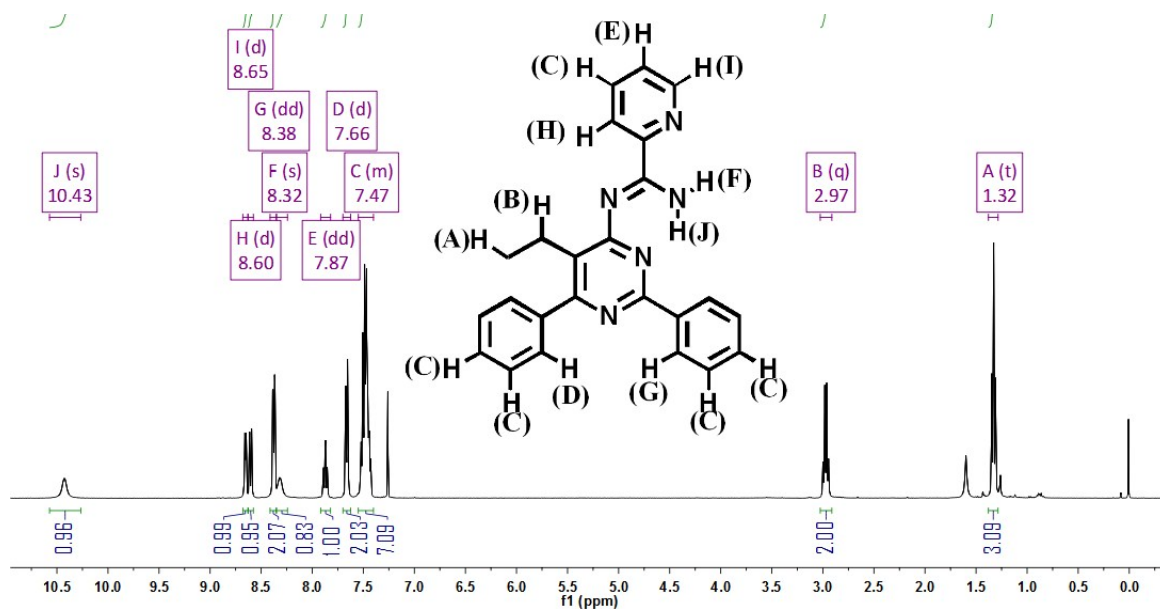
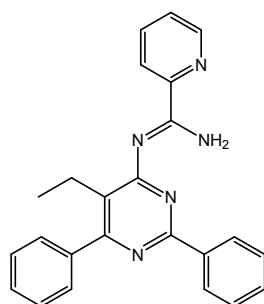
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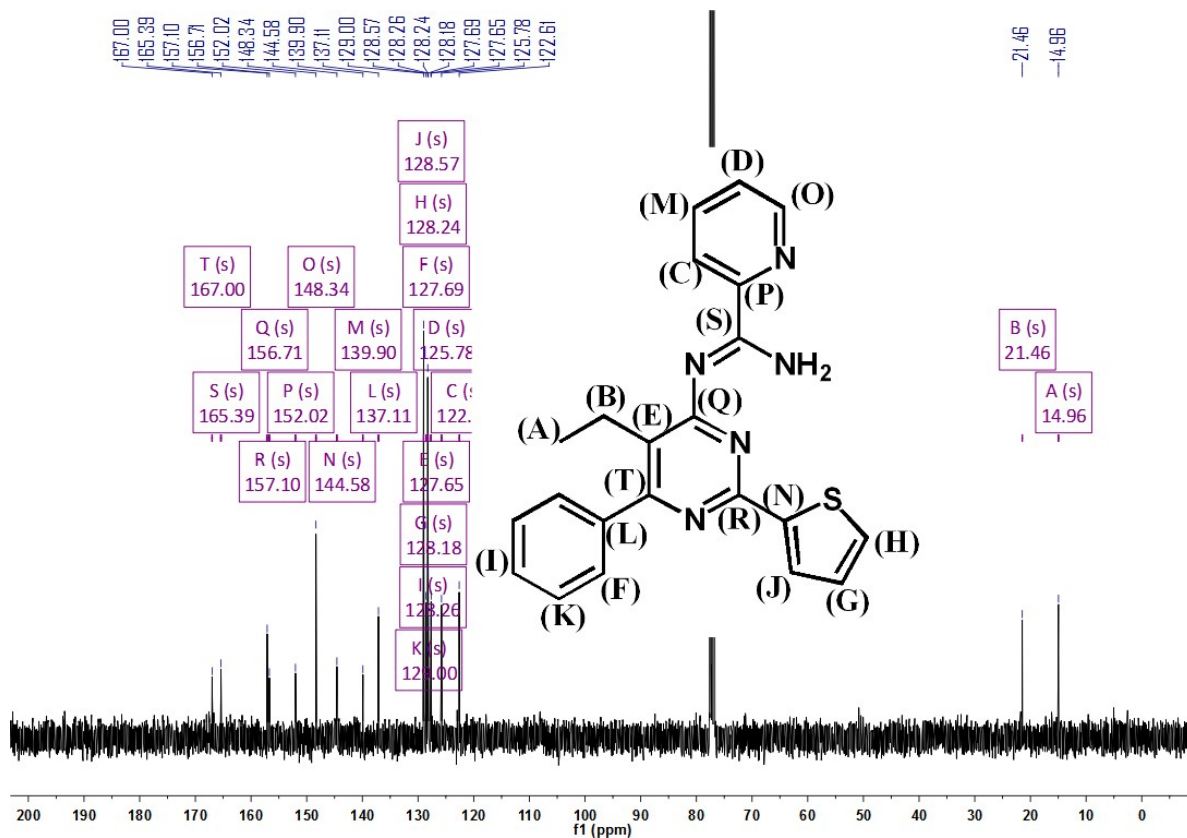
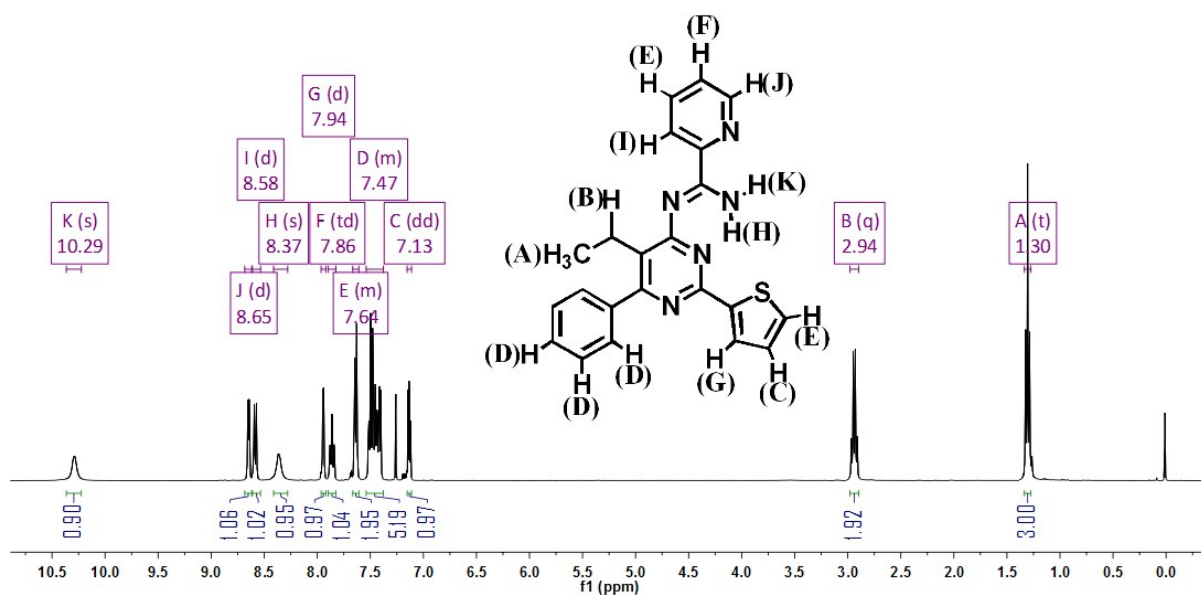
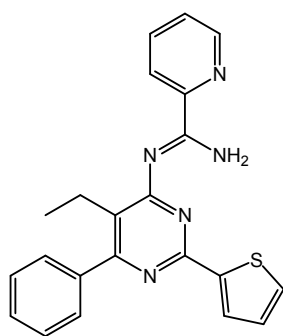
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Compound 6c



Compound **6d**



3. X-ray crystal structures of compounds 2j, 4a and 5e

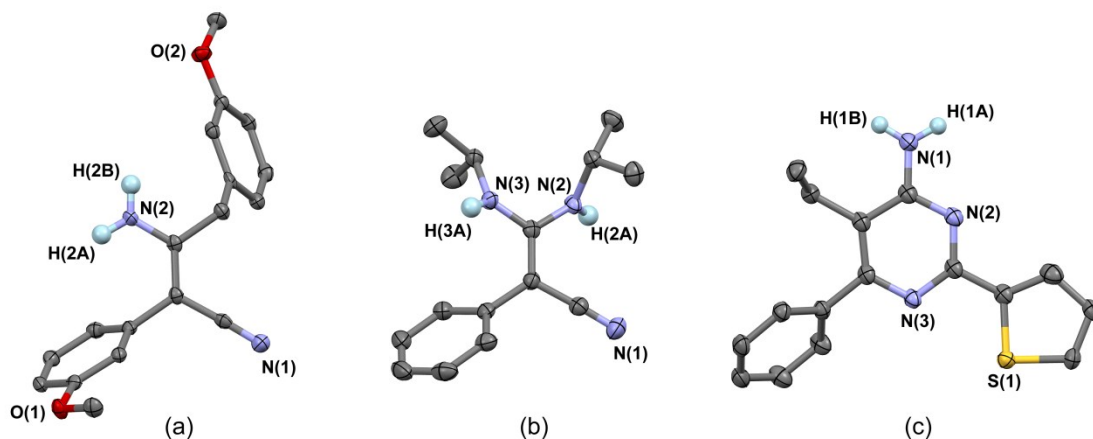


Figure S1. Crystal structures of compounds **2j** (CCDC number: 1956320) (a), **4a** (1956322) (b) and **5e** (1956323) (c).

4. Synthesis and Characterization of 2,3,3-triphenylacrylonitrile

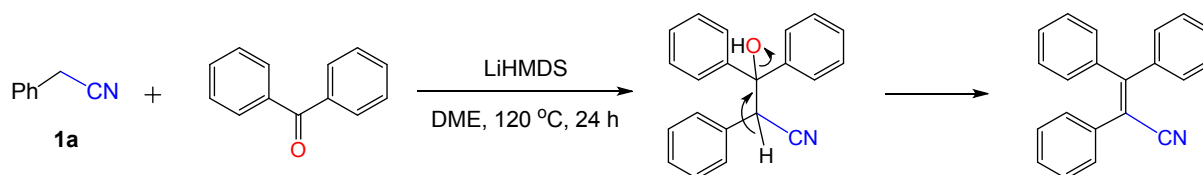


Figure S2. Investigation of the reaction of phenylacetonitrile (**1a**) with benzophenone.

Synthesis of 2,3,3-triphenylacrylonitrile: phenylacetonitrile (0.20 mmol), benzophenone (0.2 mmol), lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.20 mmol) and dried DME (1 mL) were mixed in a 50 mL Teflon screw-cap sealed tube. The tube was charged with N₂ (1 atm) and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL), filtered through a pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on a silica gel column eluted with petroleum ether/acetone (25 : 1 v/v) to afford 2,3,3-triphenylacrylonitrile.

2,3,3-triphenylacrylonitrile: yield, 80% (45 mg); white solid; R_f = 0.60 in 4% acetone in petroleum ether; melting point, 167-168 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.90, 140.54, 139.20, 134.95, 130.91, 130.05, 130.00, 129.84, 129.11, 128.61, 128.59, 128.48, 128.36, 120.25, 111.76.

