

## Supplementary Information

# Efficient three-component one-pot synthesis of fully substituted pyridin-2(1*H*)-ones via tandem Knoevenagel condensation/ring-opening of cyclopropane/intramolecular cyclization

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## I. General

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively, and TMS as internal standard. Elemental analyses were measured on an E-2400 analyzer (Perkin-Elmer). Mass spectra were recorded on Agilent 1100 LCMsD mass spectrometer.

## II. Synthesis and analytical data of 2a-j.

The substituted acetylacetamide substrates **1**, were prepared according to procedures reported by our group. For reference, see: Z. Zhang, Q. Zhang, S. Sun, T. Xiong, Q. Liu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2007, **46**, 1726–1729; and Pan, W.; Dong, D.; Wang, K.; Zhang, J.; Wu, R.; Xiang, D.; Liu, Q. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 2421–2423.

General procedure for the preparation of **2** (**2a** as an example): 2 mmol 1-acetyl-*N*-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide was dispensed in 5 ml DMF. 1.1 mmol malononitrile was added at room temperature, and then 2 mmol piperidine was added and stirring for 2.5 hours. After the starting material **1a** was consumed as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water ( $3 \times 20$  mL), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by recrystallization in ethanol.

### 2-amino-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-phenyl-5-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (**2a**)

White solid. m.p. 148-150 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.42 (s, 2H), 1.56-1.59 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.41 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 4H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.7, 23.8, 24.0, 25.6, 54.0, 57.2, 73.0, 116.4, 117.3, 128.0, 129.7, 130.3, 134.2, 146.45, 152.9, 161.0. MS calcd  $m/z$  336.2, Found 337.2  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ : C, 71.40; H, 7.19; N, 16.65; Found: C, 71.84; H, 7.04; N, 16.28.

**2-amino-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2b)**

White solid. m.p. 164-166 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ = 1.43 (s, 2H), 1.58 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 4H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ = 17.7, 23.9, 24.1, 25.6, 53.9, 57.3, 71.4, 113.4, 117.9, 130.1, 130.9, 133.9, 134.2, 147.0, 154.3, 160.8. MS calcd *m/z* 370.2, Found 371.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O: C, 64.77; H, 6.25; N, 15.11; Found: C, 64.88; H, 6.55; N, 14.89.

**2-amino-4-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1-p-tolyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2c)**

White solid. m.p. 176-178 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ = 1.42 (s, 2H), 1.56-1.59 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.42 (m, 5H), 2.48 (s, 4H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ = 17.9, 21.2, 24.0, 24.3, 25.8, 54.2, 57.4, 73.2, 116.5, 117.6, 127.8, 131.2, 131.6, 140.2, 146.6, 153.3, 161.4. MS calcd *m/z* 350.2, Found 351.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 71.97; H, 7.48; N, 15.99; Found: C, 71.84; H, 7.04; N, 16.28.

**2-amino-1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2d)**

White solid. m.p. 118-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ = 1.42 (s, 2H), 1.57 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.41 (m, 5H), 2.47 (s, 4H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ = 17.0, 17.9, 21.1, 24.0, 24.3, 25.8, 54.2, 57.4, 72.9, 116.5, 117.7, 127.7, 130.6, 132.7, 135.6, 140.3, 146.6, 153.0, 160.8. MS calcd *m/z* 364.2, Found 365.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 72.50; H, 7.74; N, 15.37; Found: C, 72.42; H, 7.58; N, 15.45.

**2-amino-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-phenyl-5-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)propyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2f)**

White solid. m.p. 74-76 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ = 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz,

3H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.56 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.56 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 4H), 2.75–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 15.2, 18.5, 24.8, 26.4, 29.1, 49.6, 59.3, 73.5, 117.7, 128.2, 128.3, 130.1, 130.7, 134.5, 146.7, 153.0, 161.6$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  350.2, Found 351.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ : C, 71.97; H, 7.48; N, 15.99; Found: C, 71.59; H, 7.19; N, 16.11.

**2-amino-4-methyl-5-(2-morpholinoethyl)-6-oxo-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2g)**

White solid. m.p. 222–224 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 2.34$  (s, 3H), 2.41–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 4H), 2.68–2.71 (m, 2H), 3.70 (t,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 4H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.61 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 18.0, 23.9, 53.4, 57.0, 66.8, 73.3, 116.1, 117.5, 128.2, 130.0, 130.6, 134.3, 146.9, 157.2, 161.3$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  338.2, Found 339.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 67.44; H, 6.55; N, 16.56; Found: C, 67.82; H, 6.31; N, 16.28.

**2-amino-1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-methyl-5-(2-morpholinoethyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2h)**

White solid. m.p. 200–202 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 2.06$  (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.40–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.52 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 4H), 2.71 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 4H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 17.0, 17.9, 21.1, 23.8, 53.4, 57.1, 66.8, 72.9, 116.0, 117.6, 127.7, 128.7, 130.5, 132.8, 135.6, 140.4, 146.7, 153.1, 160.8$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  366.2, Found 369.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 68.83; H, 7.15; N, 15.29; Found: C, 68.49; H, 7.04; N, 15.34.

**2-amino-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-5-(2-morpholinoethyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2i)**

White solid. m.p. 218–220 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 2.23$  (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 4H), 2.52 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 4H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 7.38–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.67 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125

MHz)  $\delta$  = 18.3, 24.2, 53.8, 57.6, 66.8, 71.8, 113.7, 118.3, 129.5, 131.1, 131.6, 131.8, 132.5, 133.3, 147.9, 150.5, 160.6. MS calcd  $m/z$  372.1, Found 373.1 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 61.21; H, 5.68; N, 15.03; Found: C, 61.49; H, 5.49; N, 15.29.

**2-amino-1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (2j)**

White solid. m.p. 166-168 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.78 (s, 4H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 4H), 2.73-2.76 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.0, 17.9, 21.1, 23.3, 26.2, 53.8, 54.5, 73.0, 116.1, 117.6, 127.7, 128.7, 130.6, 132.7, 135.6, 140.4, 146.8, 153.1, 160.9. MS calcd  $m/z$  350.2, Found 351.2 [(M + 1)]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 71.97; H, 7.48; N, 15.99; Found: C, 72.22; H, 7.58; N, 15.45.

**III. Synthesis and analytical data of 3a-f.**

General procedure for the preparation of **3** (**3a** as an example): 2 mmol 1-acetyl-*N*-phenylcyclopropanecarboxamide was dispensed in 5 ml DMF. 2.1 mmol malononitrile was added at room temperature, and then 0.2 mmol piperidine was added and stirring for 2.5 hours. After the starting material **1a** was consumed as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3 × 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by recrystallization in ethanol.

**2-(2-(6-amino-5-cyano-4-methyl-2-oxo-1-phenyl-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethyl)malononitrile (3a)**

White solid. m.p. 219-221 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.04-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.66, 21.91, 23.50, 28.63, 71.84, 112.39, 114.48, 117.76, 128.73, 129.46, 130.15, 135.03, 147.80,

154.59, 161.04. MS calcd  $m/z$  317.1, Found 318.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_5O$ : C, 68.13; H, 4.76; N, 22.07; Found: C, 68.39; H, 4.59; N, 21.96.

**2-(2-(6-amino-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-4-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethyl)malononitrile (3b)**

White solid. m.p. 158-160 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 2.05 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.9, 22.1, 23.6, 28.9, 71.2, 112.4, 114.7, 118.0, 130.5, 131.0, 134.2, 134.4, 148.5, 154.8, 161.3. MS calcd  $m/z$  351.1, Found 352.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}ClN_5O$ : C, 61.46; H, 4.01; N, 19.91; Found: C, 61.22; H, 4.12; N, 19.99.

**2-(2-(6-amino-5-cyano-4-methyl-2-oxo-1-p-tolyl-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethyl)malononitrile (3c)**

White solid. m.p. 202-204 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.99-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.6, 20.8, 21.8, 23.5, 28.6, 71.7, 112.3, 114.4, 117.7, 128.4, 130.6, 132.3, 138.8, 147.6, 154.7, 161.0. MS calcd  $m/z$  331.1, Found 332.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_5O$ : C, 68.87; H, 5.17; N, 21.13; Found: C, 68.50; H, 5.33; N, 21.01.

**2-(2-(6-amino-5-cyano-1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethyl)malononitrile (3d)**

White solid. m.p. 176-178 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.89 (s, 3H), 2.02-2.07 (m, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  = 17.4, 18.4, 21.5, 22.6, 24.3, 29.3, 72.5, 113.1, 115.1, 118.5, 129.0, 129.2, 132.0, 132.8, 136.1, 139.8, 148.8, 155.0, 161.3. MS calcd  $m/z$  345.2, Found 346.2  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_5O$ : C, 69.55; H, 5.54; N, 20.28; Found: C, 69.26; H, 5.33; N, 20.55.

**2-(1-(6-amino-5-cyano-4-methyl-2-oxo-1-phenyl-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)propan-2-yl)malononitrile (3e)**

White solid. m.p. 170-172 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.06 (d,  $J$  = 6.5

Hz, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.55 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 2H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 17.5, 18.7, 28.8, 31.1, 35.2, 72.7, 112.4, 114.2, 114.7, 118.5, 129.3, 129.5, 130.2, 130.9, 135.7, 149.2, 155.3, 162.1$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  331.1, Found 332.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : C, 68.87; H, 5.17; N, 21.13; Found: C, 68.39; H, 4.99; N, 21.01.

**2-(2-(6-amino-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-4-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl)ethyl)malononitrile (3f)**

White solid. m.p. 162-164 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 2.24$ -2.30 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.79-2.84 (m, 2H), 3.83 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.67 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 18.2, 22.4, 24.0, 29.0, 72.1, 112.4, 114.9, 118.1, 129.2, 129.9, 131.1, 131.5, 133.1, 135.5, 149.0, 154.8, 160.6$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  351.1, Found 352.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}$ : C, 61.46; H, 4.01; N, 19.91; Found: C, 61.67; H, 3.89; N, 19.69.

**IV. Synthesis and analytical data of 4b-c, 5a-c.**

Similar procedure as that of **2a-k** was applied for the preparation of **4a-c** and **5a-c**.

**9-(4-chlorophenyl)-8-imino-6-methyl-10-oxospiro[4.5]dec-6-ene-7-carbonitrile (4b)**

White solid. m.p. 156-158 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 1.86$  (s, 2H), 1.97 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.04 (s, 4H), 7.42 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 19.2, 28.2, 39.2, 54.9, 107.3, 113.7, 121.97, 129.9, 130.2, 143.2, 144.1, 167.5, 174.4$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  312.1, Found 313.1  $[(M + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ : C, 69.12; H, 5.48; N, 8.96; Found: C, 69.39; H, 5.22; N, 8.77.

**8-imino-9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-10-oxospiro[4.5]dec-6-ene-7-carbonitrile (4c)**

White solid. m.p. 152-154 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 1.86$  (s, 2H), 1.97 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.04 (s, 4H),

7.42 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 19.4, 28.6, 39.5, 55.1, 55.8, 107.8, 115.3, 122.0, 129.9, 138.8, 143.3, 144.1, 157.2, 167.0, 174.6$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  308.2, Found 309.2  $[(\text{M} + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 74.00; H, 6.54; N, 9.08; Found: C, 73.88; H, 6.39; N, 8.89.

**4,4-dicyano-2,2-diethyl-3-methyl-N-phenylbut-3-enamide (5a)**

White solid. m.p. 160-162 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 0.83$  (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.77–1.85 (m, 2H), 2.18–2.23 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.85 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 8.2, 16.5, 31.0, 55.1, 110.0, 112.6, 127.6, 128.6, 129.2, 132.1, 150.1, 162.9, 170.3$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  281.2, Found 282.2  $[(\text{M} + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ : C, 72.57; H, 6.81; N, 14.94; Found: C, 72.39; H, 6.99; N, 14.66.

**N-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(1,1-dicyanoprop-1-en-2-yl)cyclopentanecarboxamide (5b)**

White solid. m.p. 180-182 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 1.87$  (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.91–1.95 (m, 2H), 2.04 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.19-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 19.2, 28.2, 39.2, 54.9, 107.3, 113.7, 122.0, 129.9, 130.2, 143.2, 144.1, 167.5, 174.4$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  313.1, Found 314.1  $[(\text{M} + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ : C, 65.07; H, 5.14; N, 13.39; Found: C, 64.95; H, 4.98; N, 13.41.

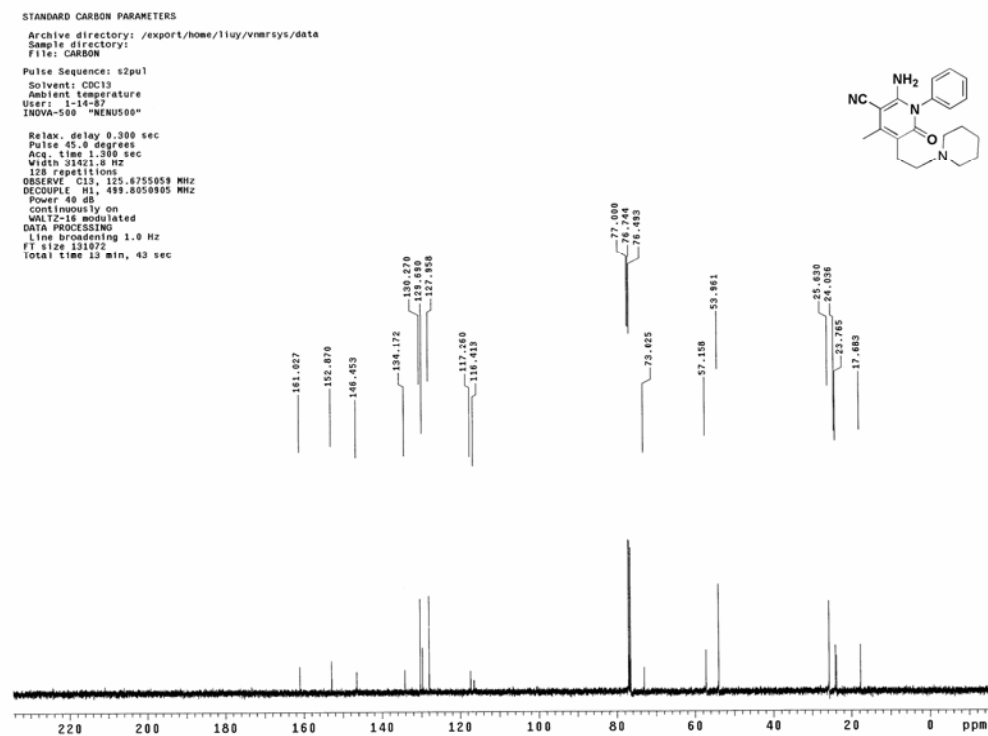
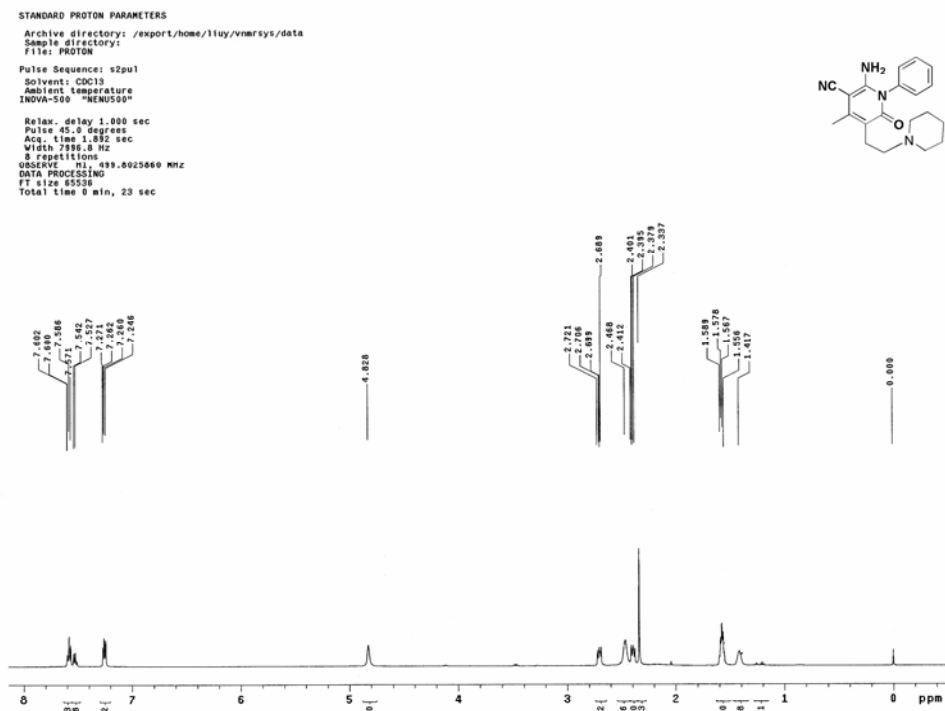
**1-(1,1-dicyanoprop-1-en-2-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopentanecarboxamide (5c)**

White solid. m.p. 170-172 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta = 1.86$  (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.89–1.96 (m, 2H), 2.04 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.20-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta = 19.4, 28.6, 39.5, 55.1, 55.8, 107.8, 115.3, 122.0, 130.0, 138.8, 143.3, 144.1, 157.2, 167.0, 174.6$ . MS calcd  $m/z$  309.2, Found 310.2  $[(\text{M} + 1)]^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : C, 69.88; H, 6.19; N, 13.58; Found: C, 69.59; H, 6.22; N, 13.41.

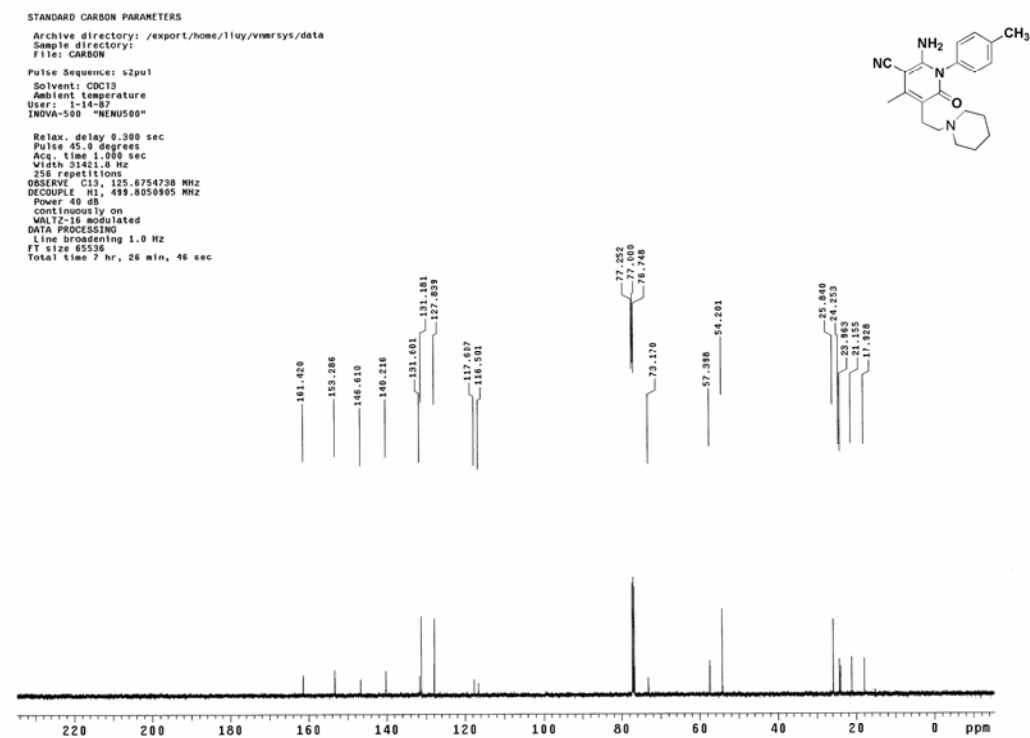
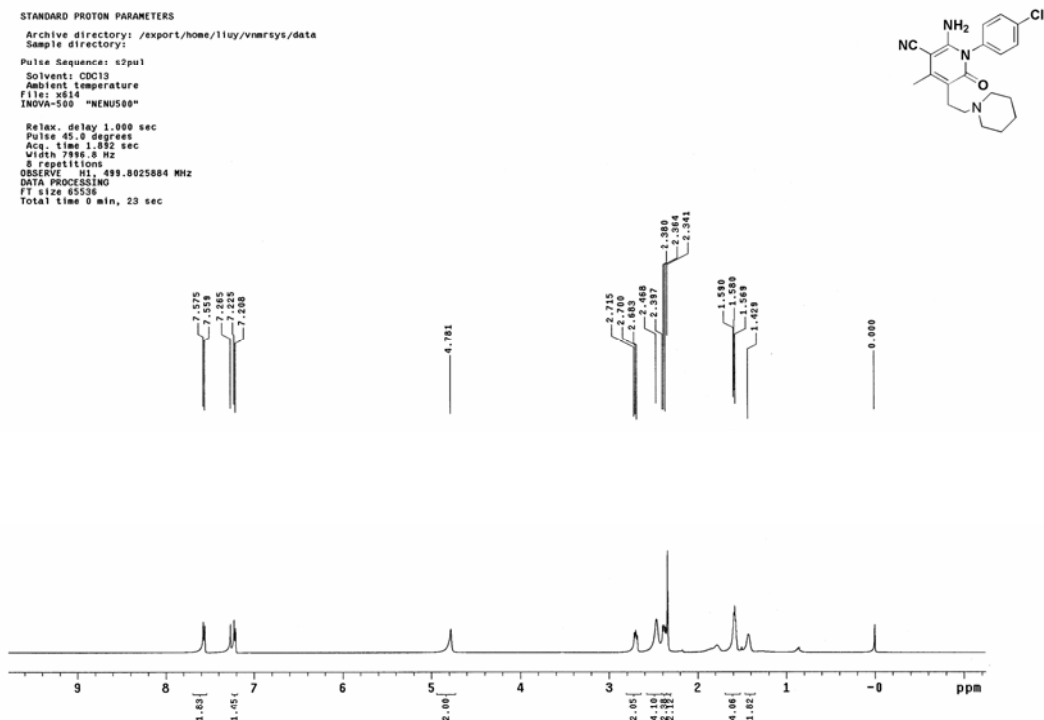


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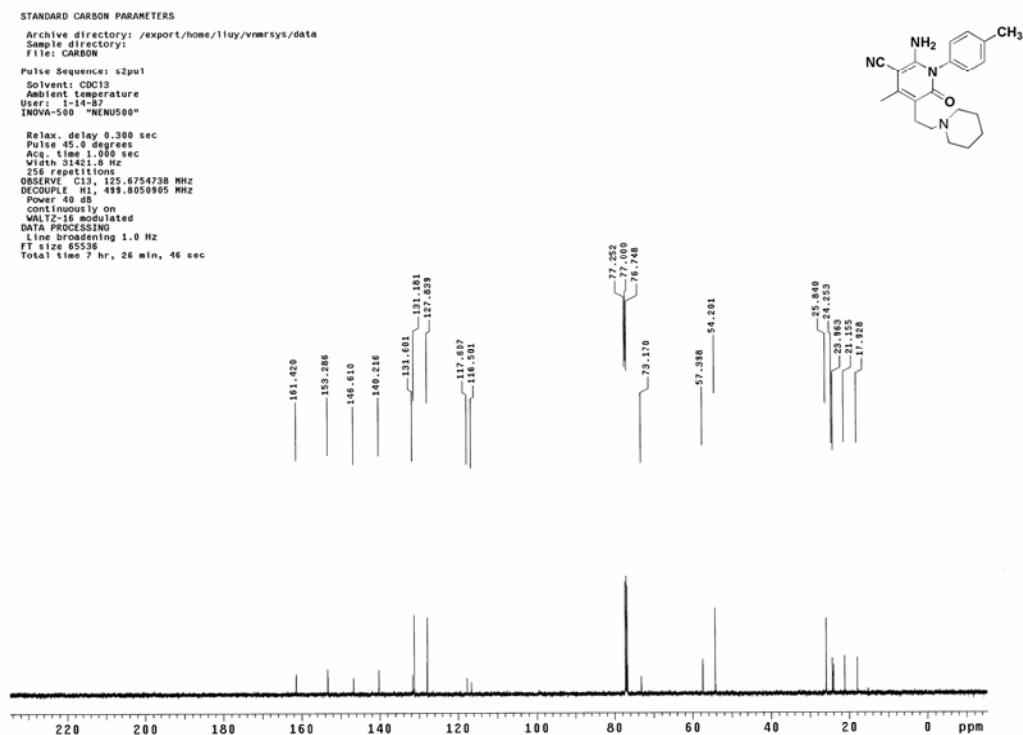
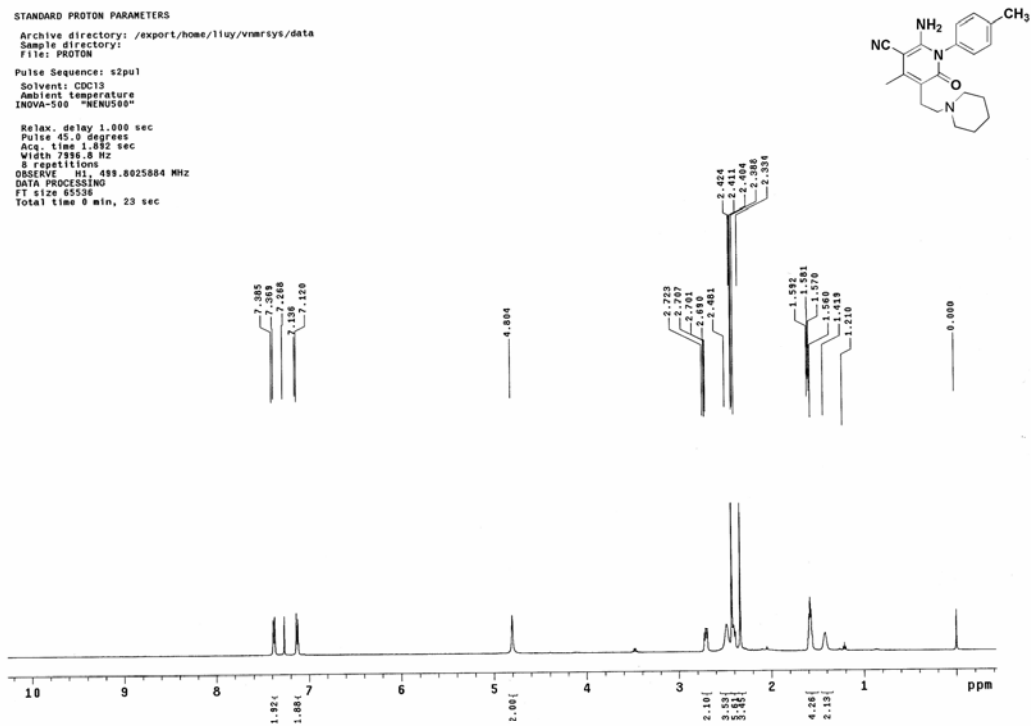
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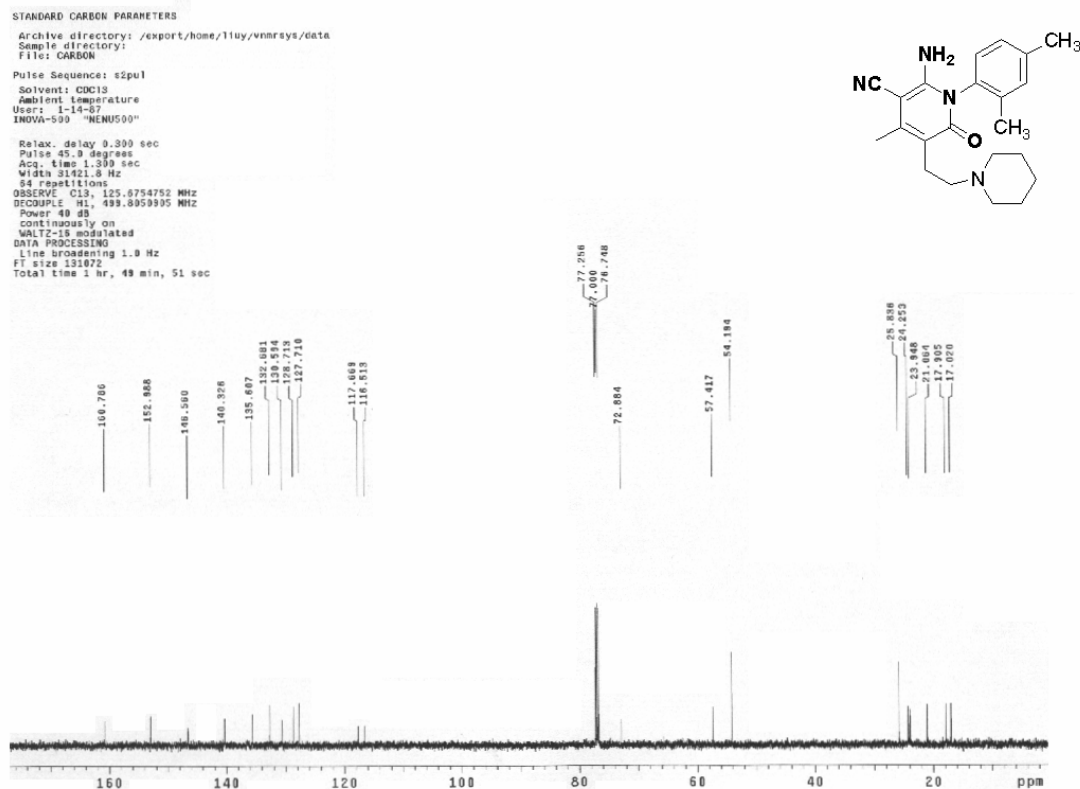
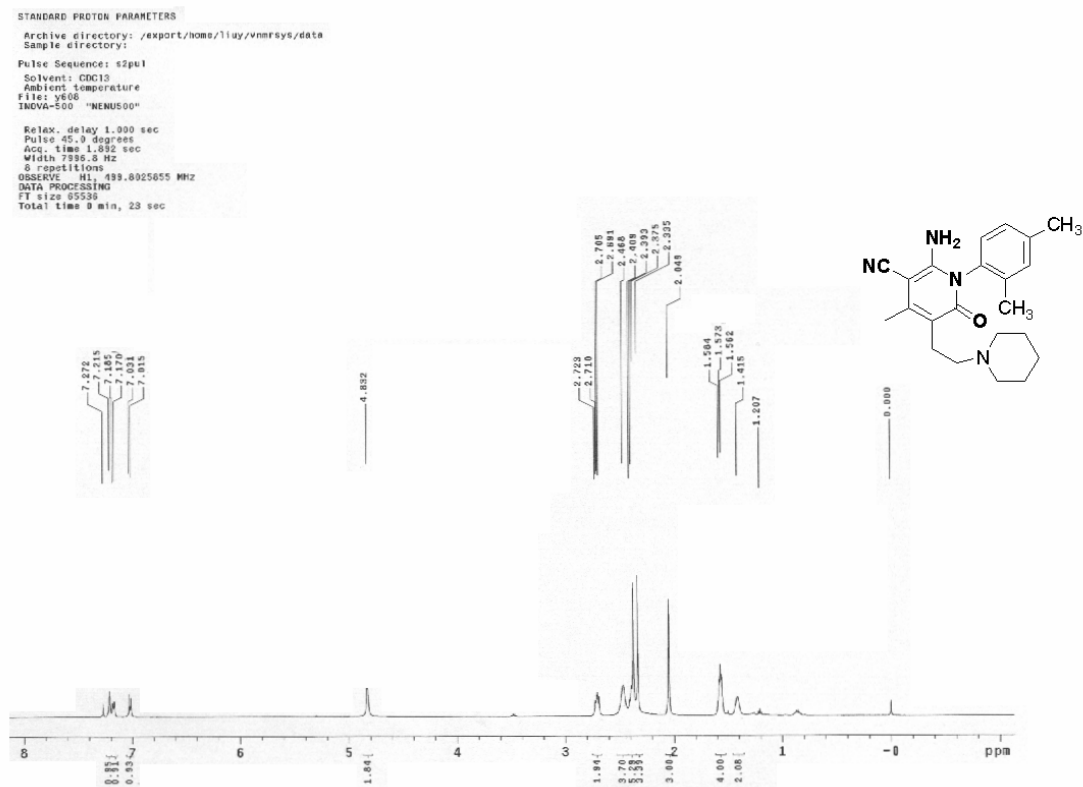
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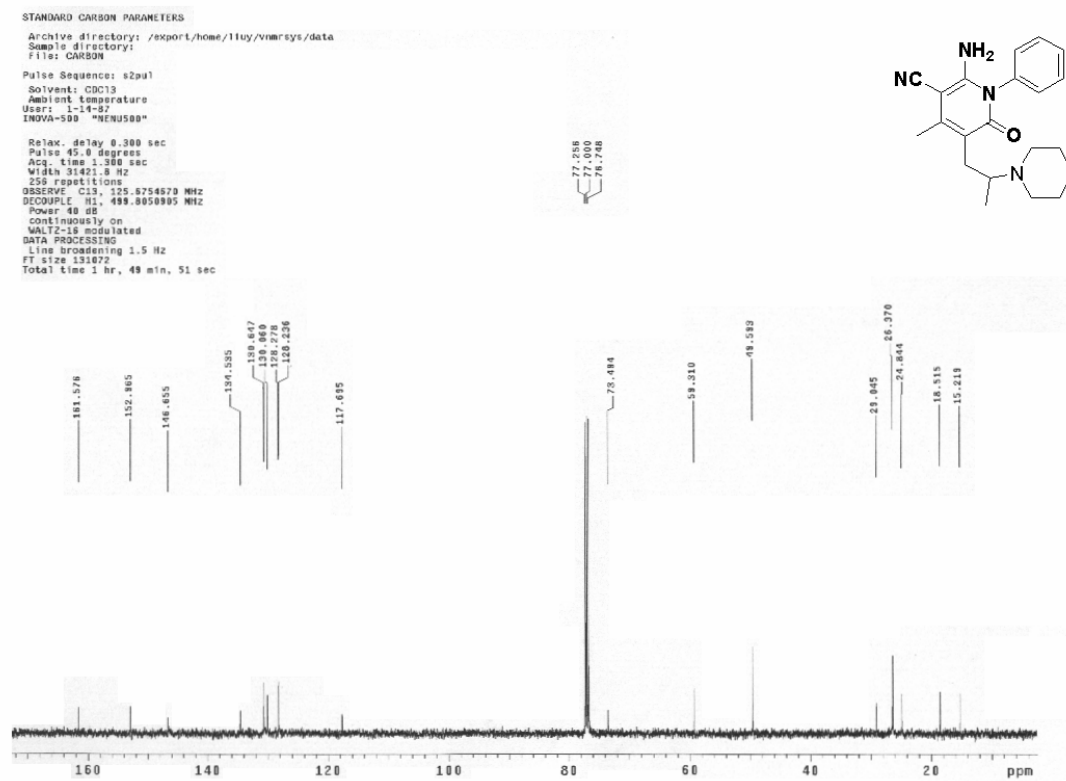
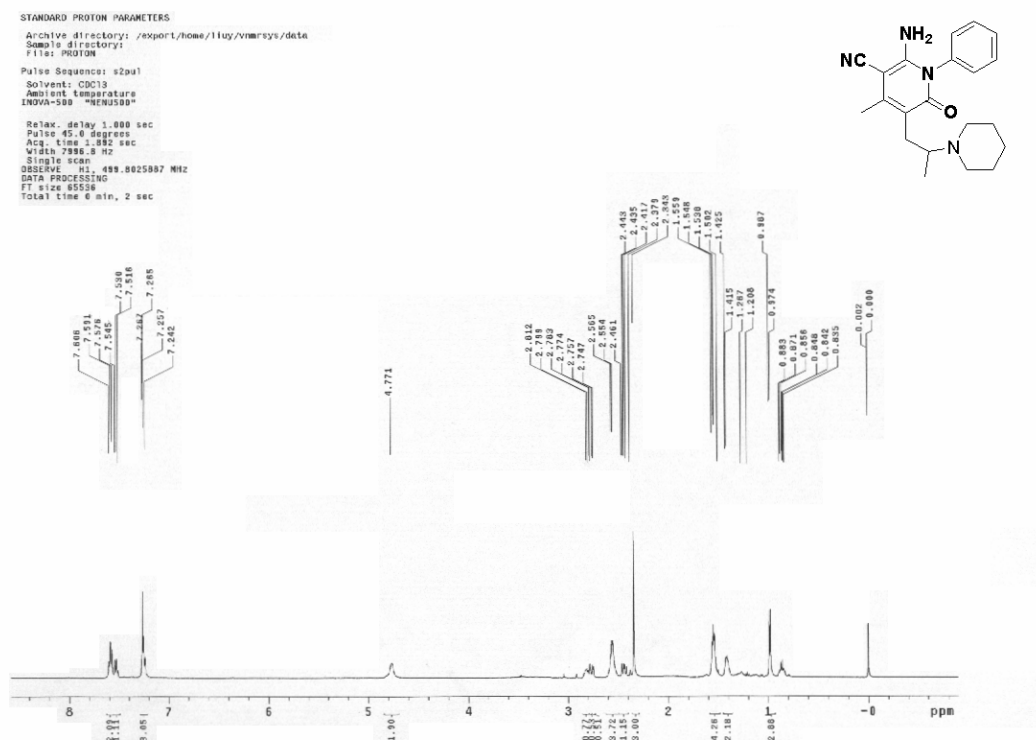
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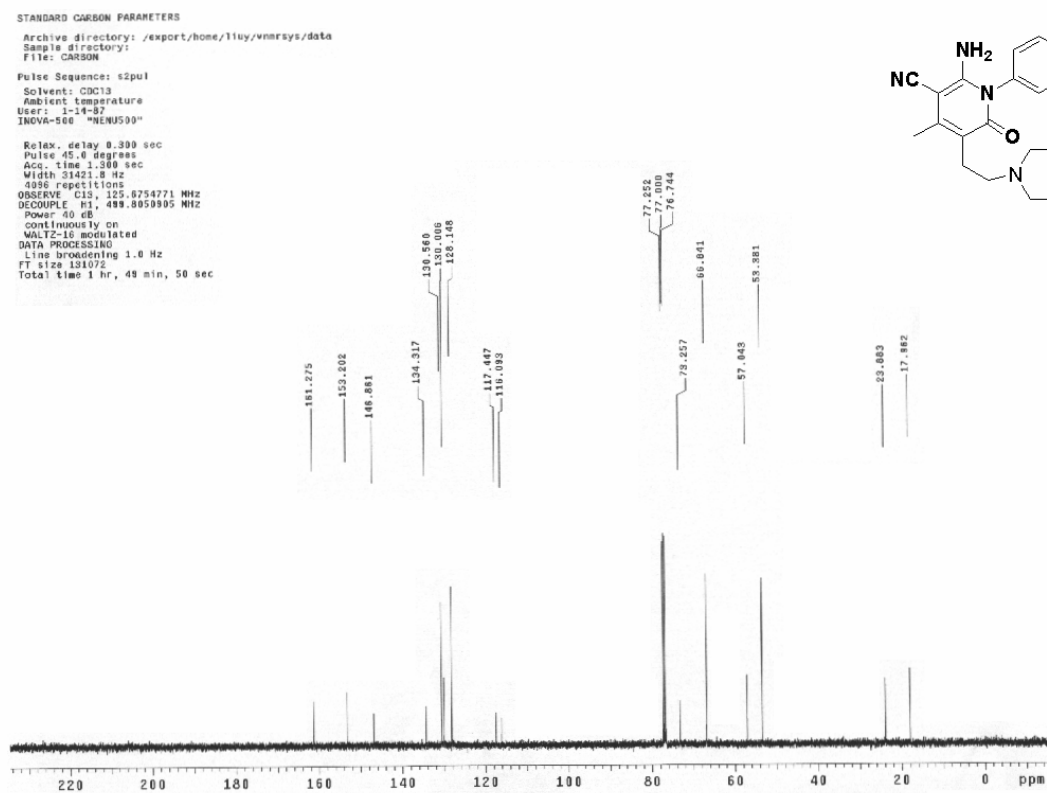
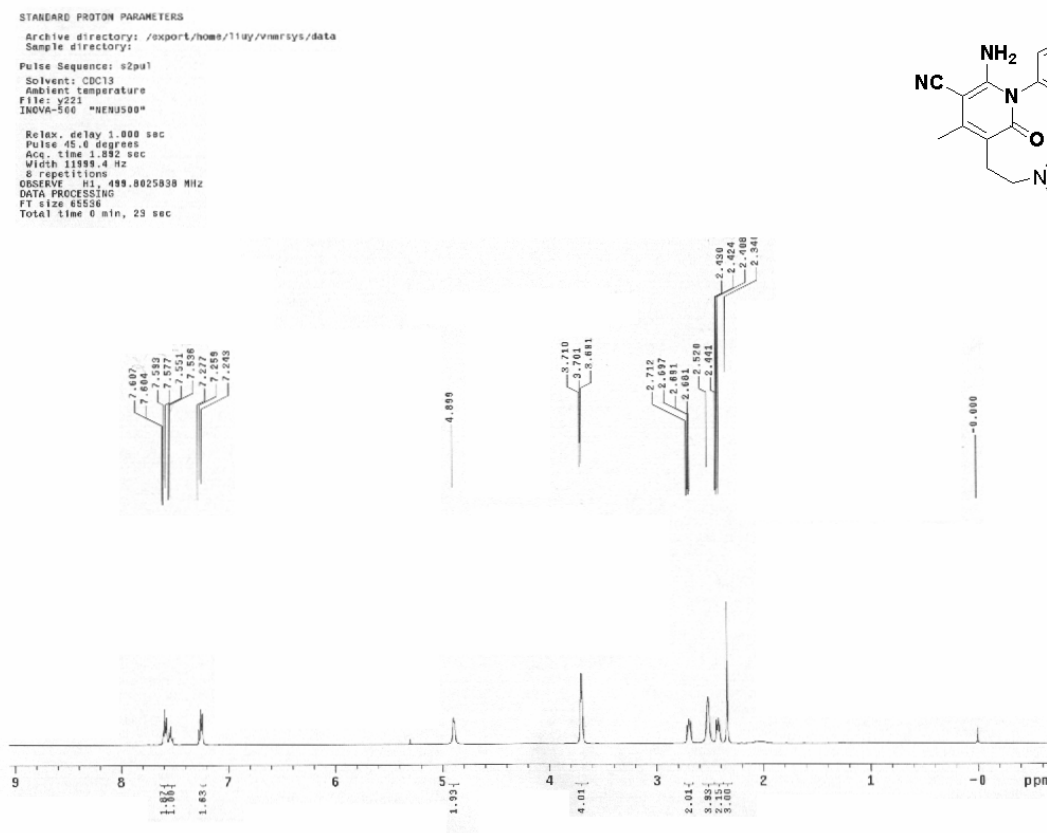
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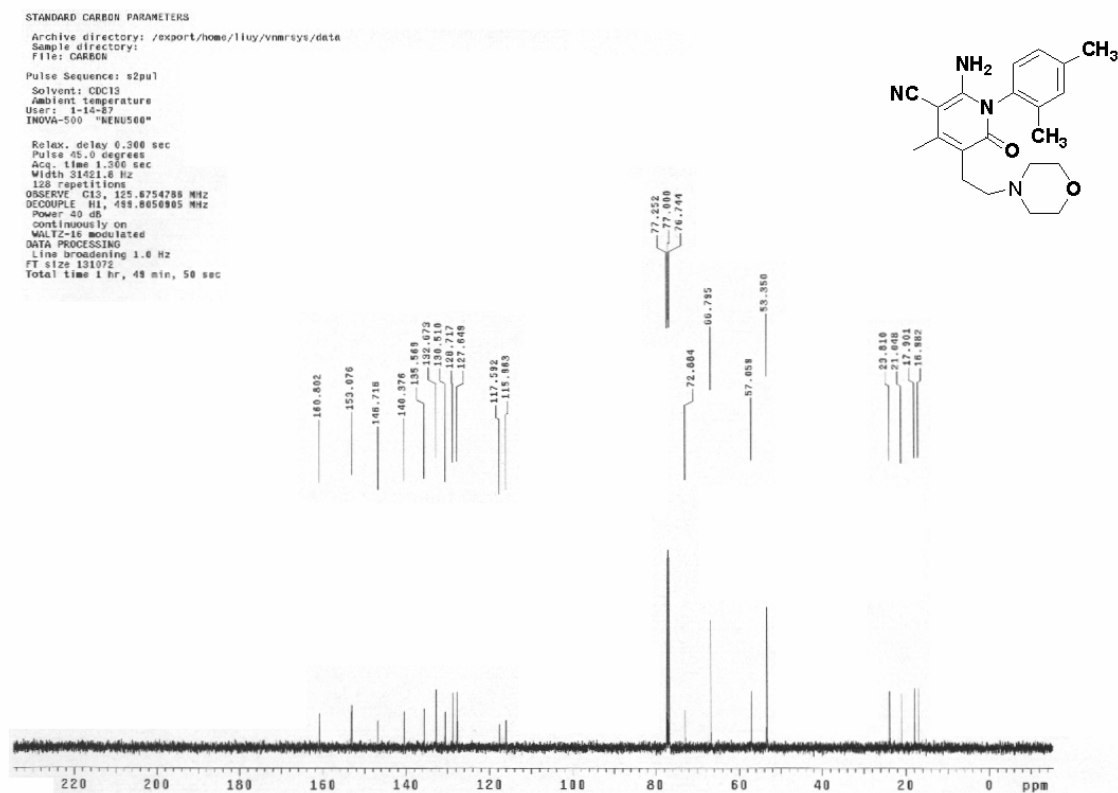
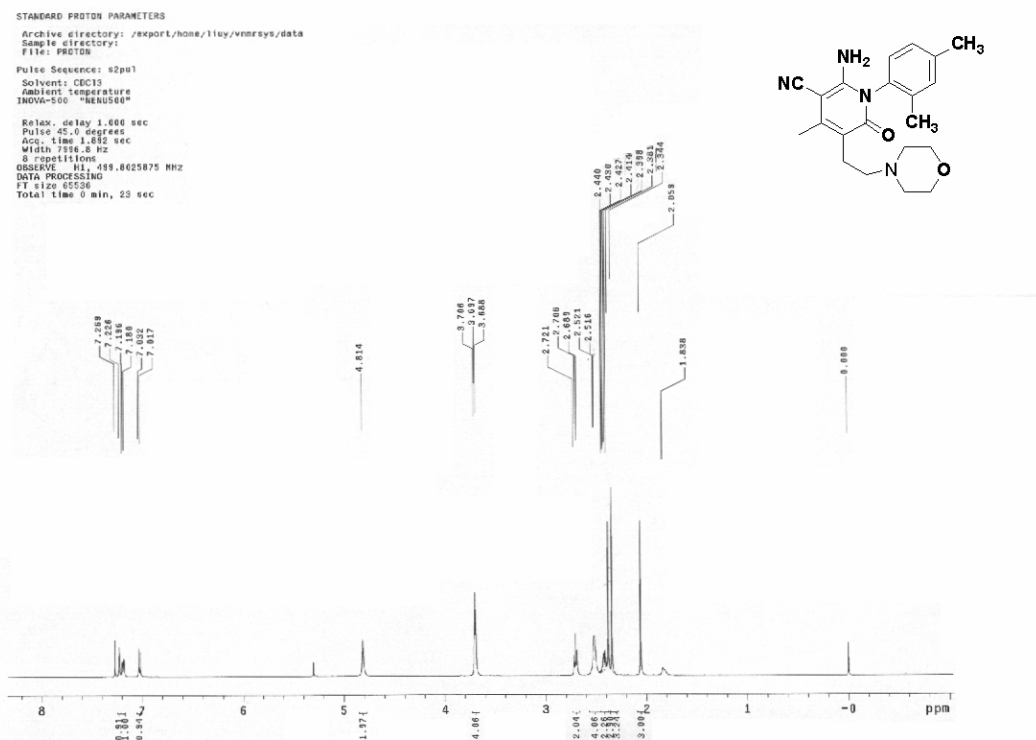
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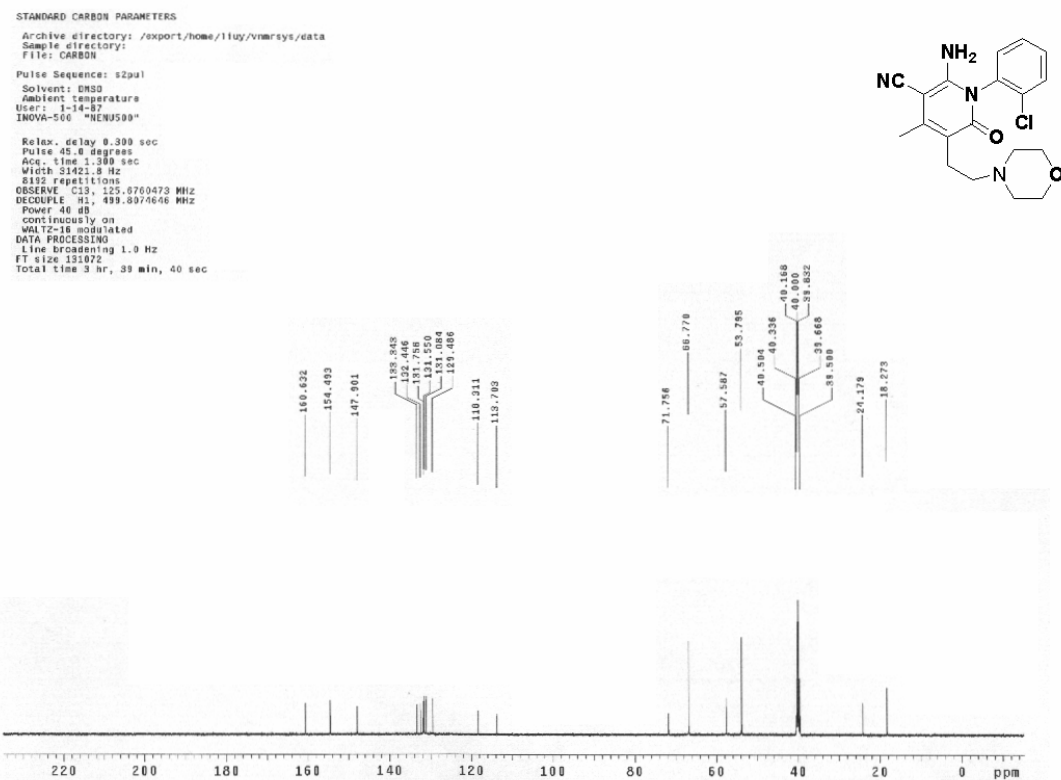
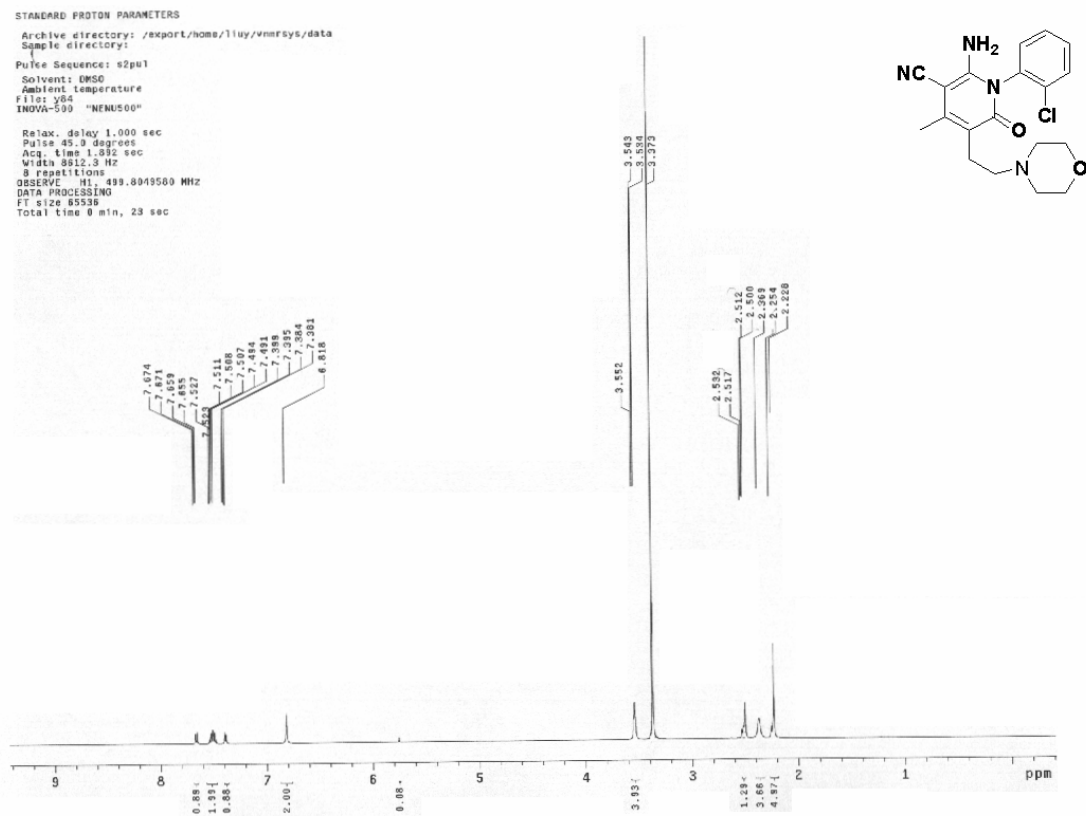
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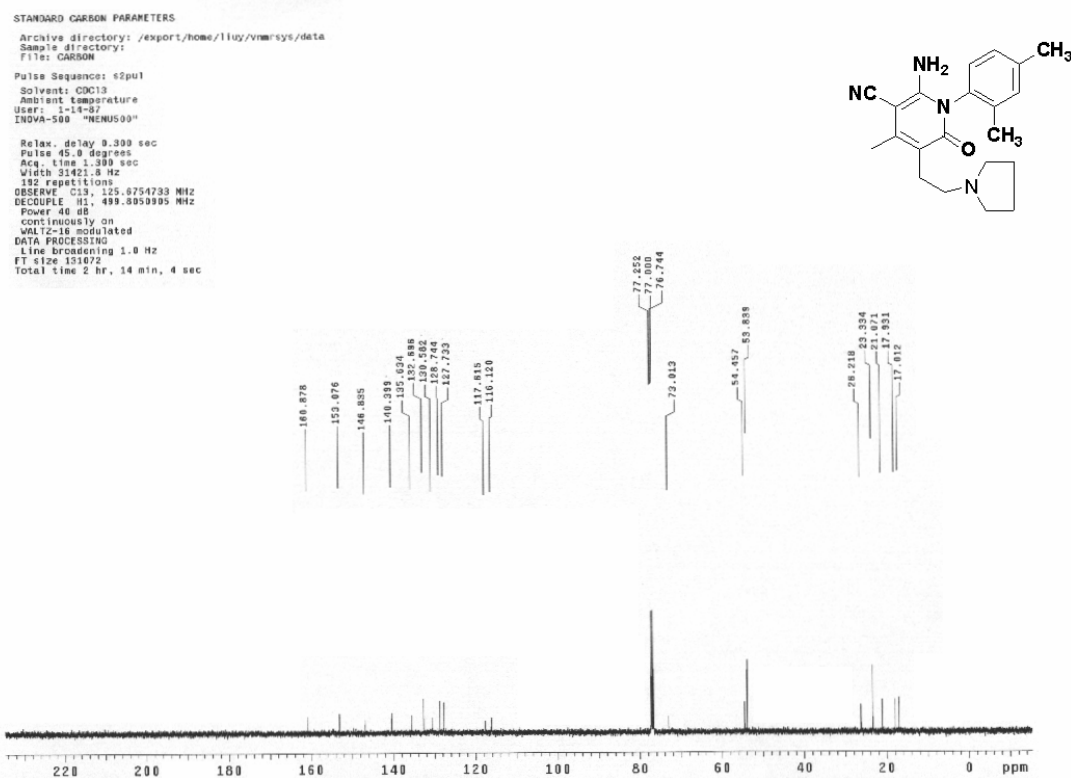
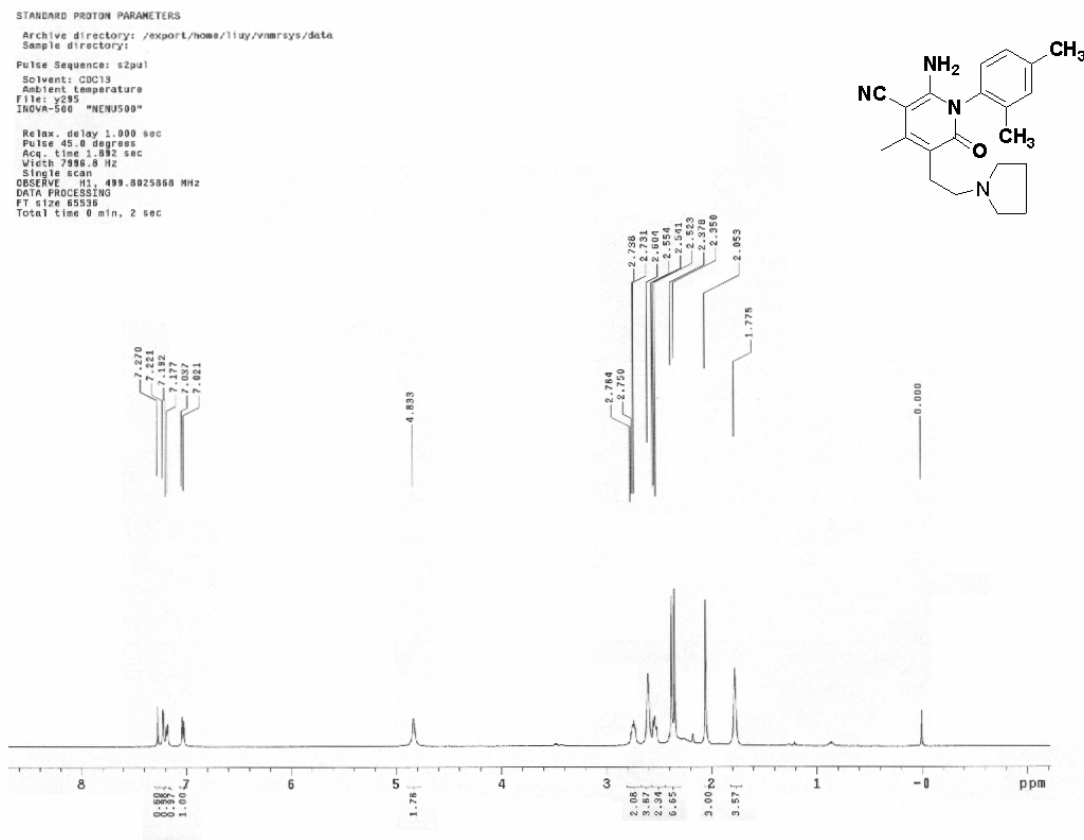


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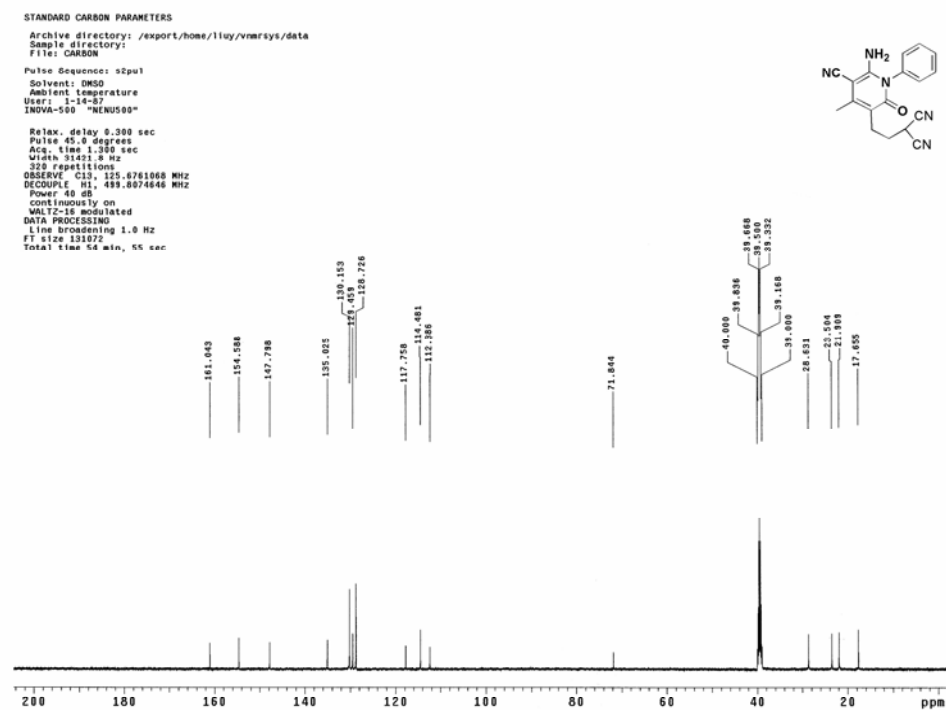
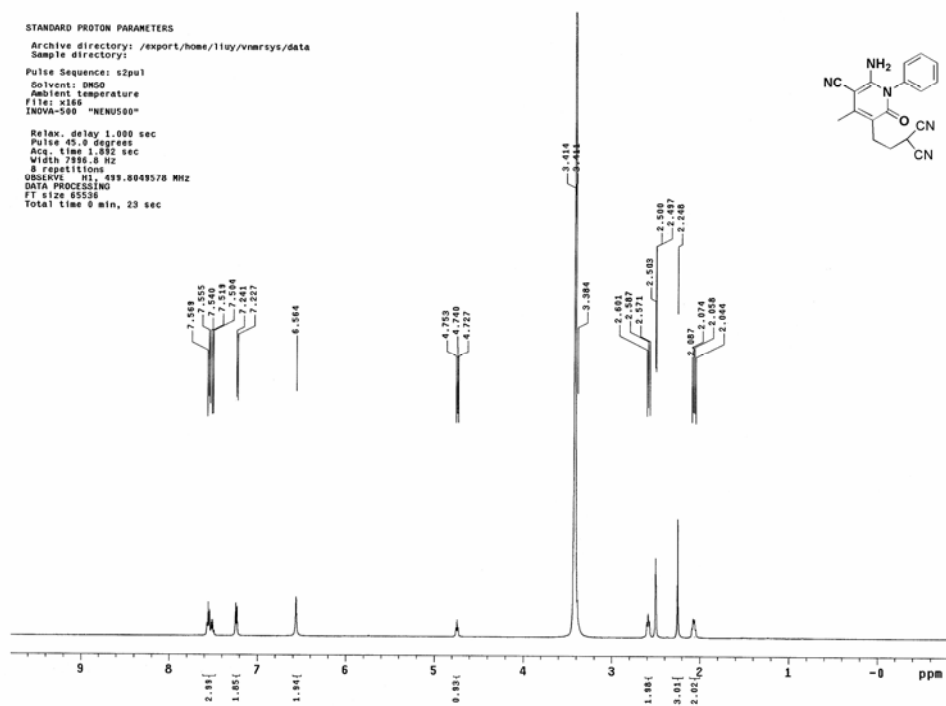




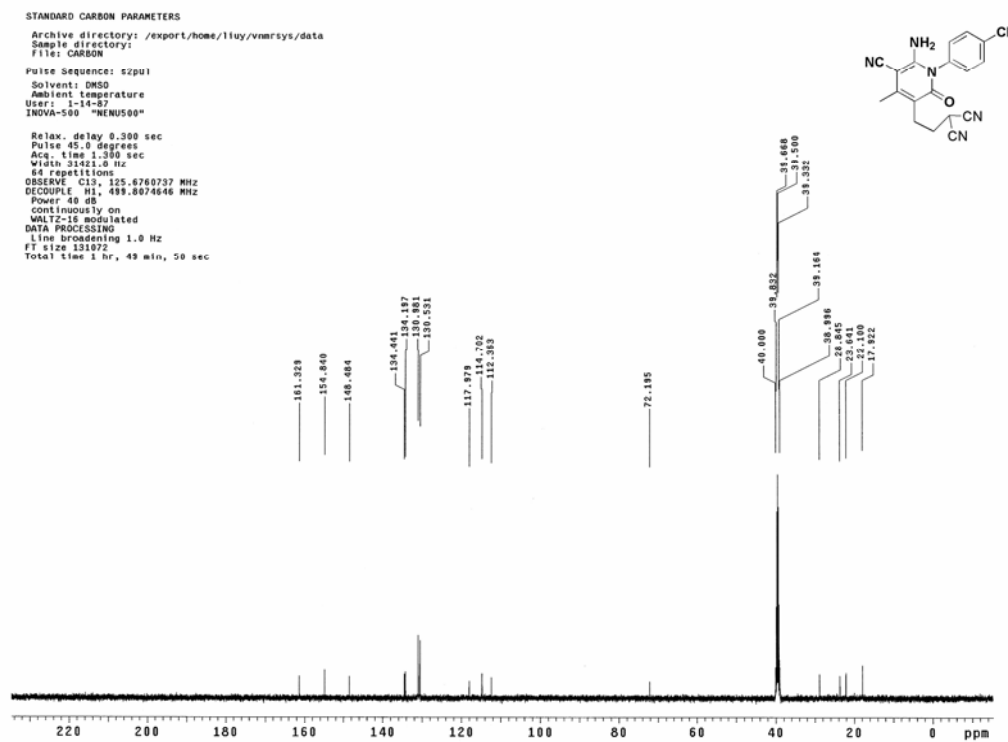
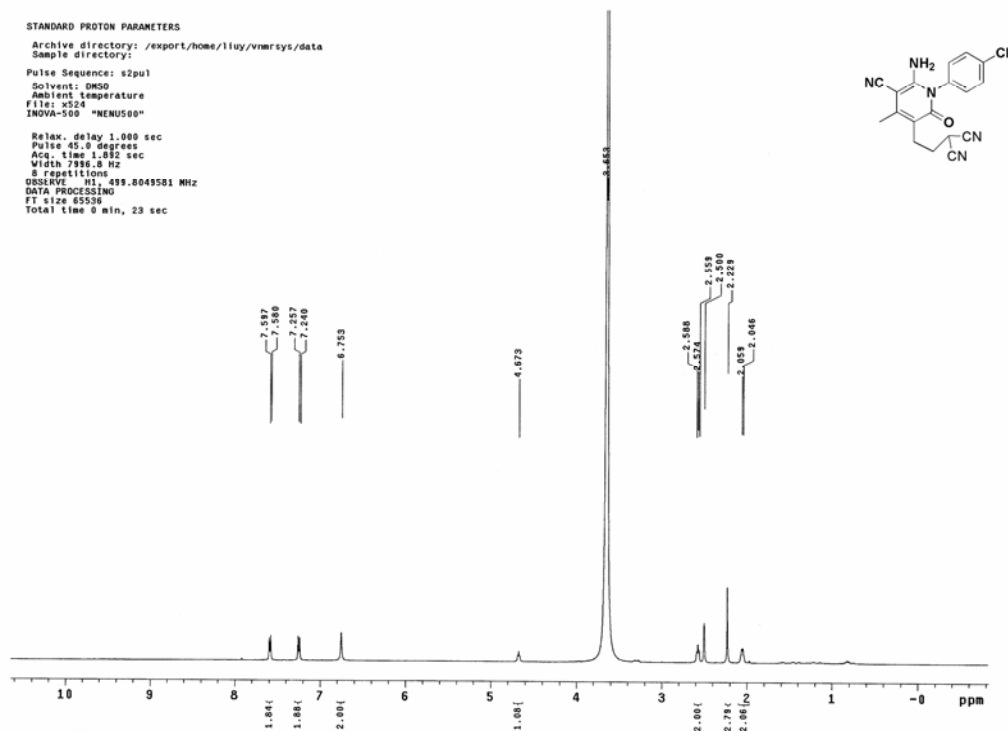
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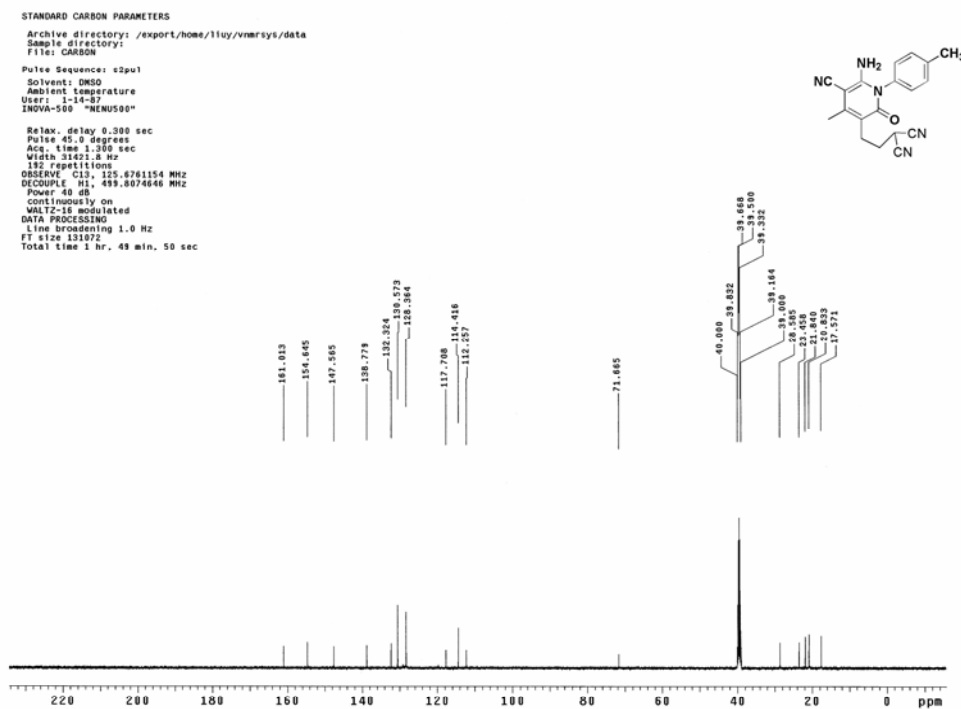
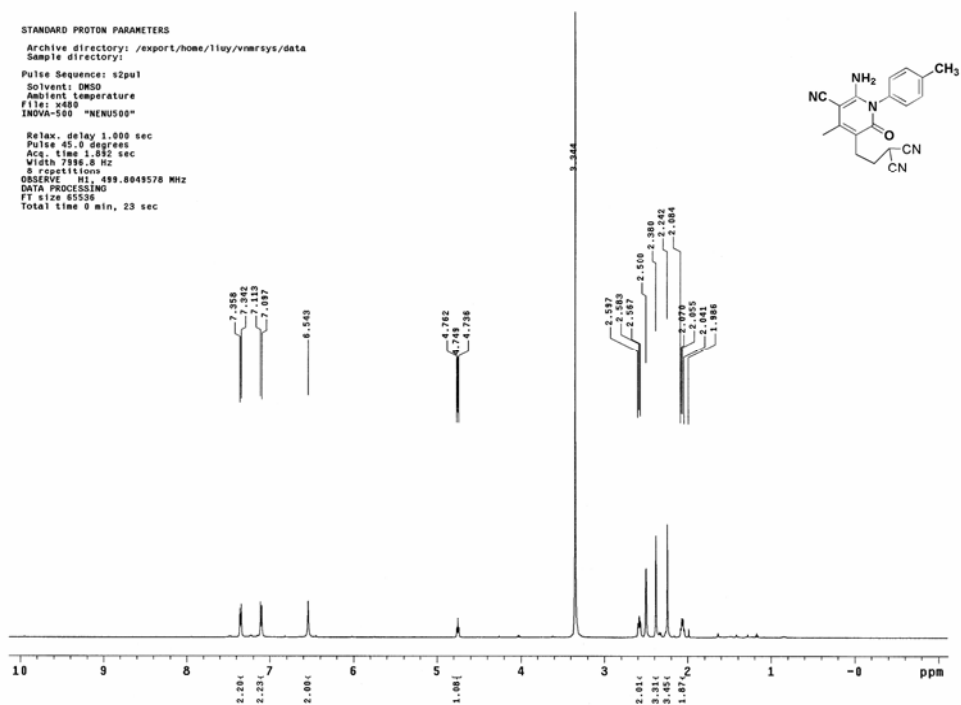
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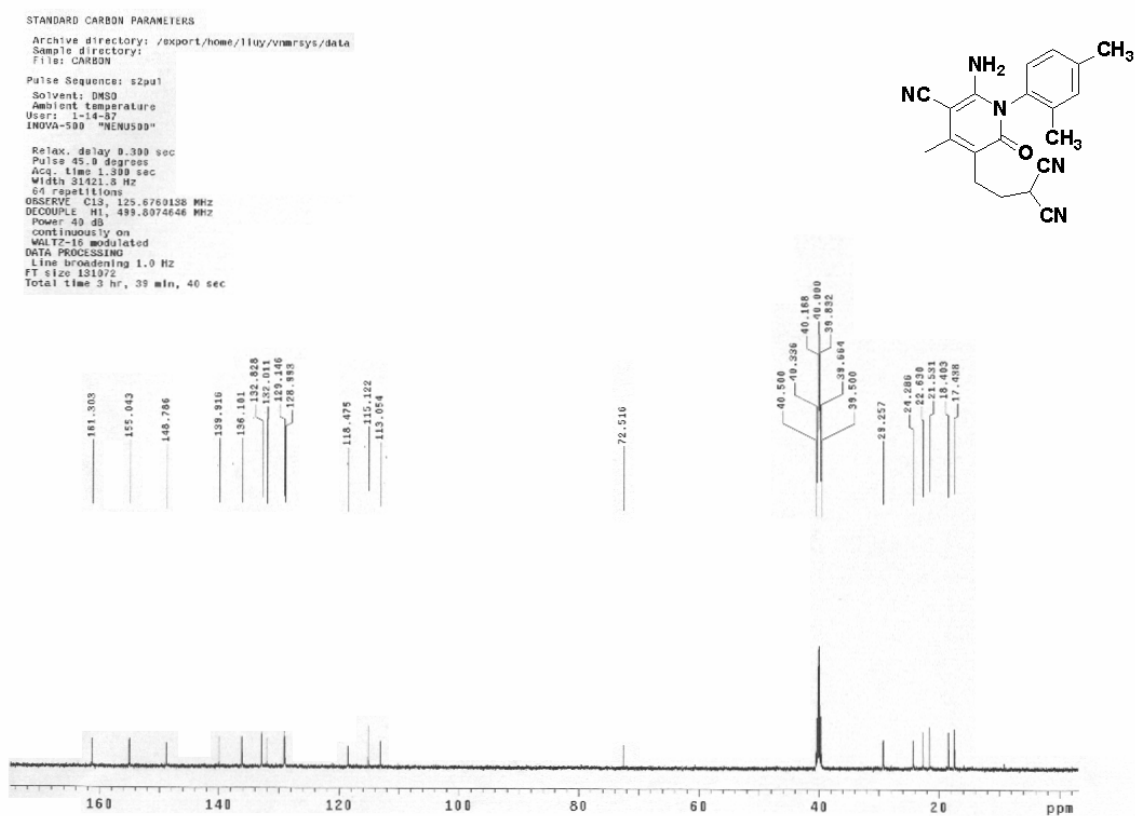
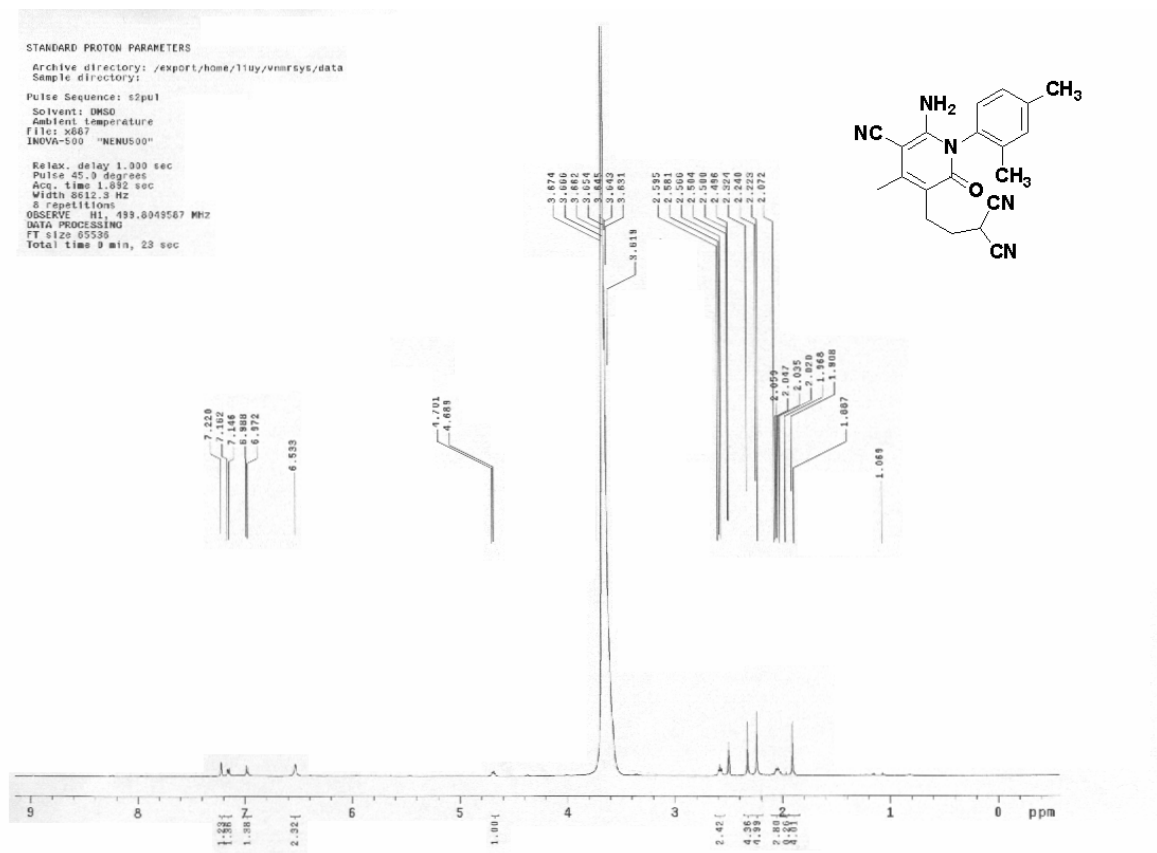
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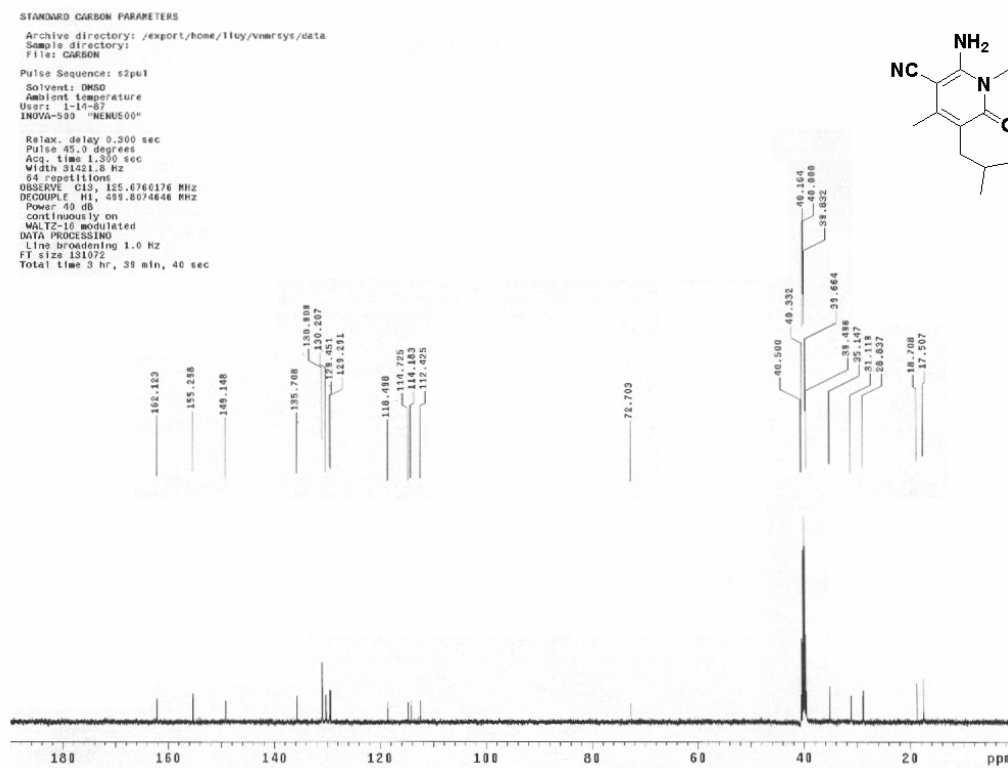
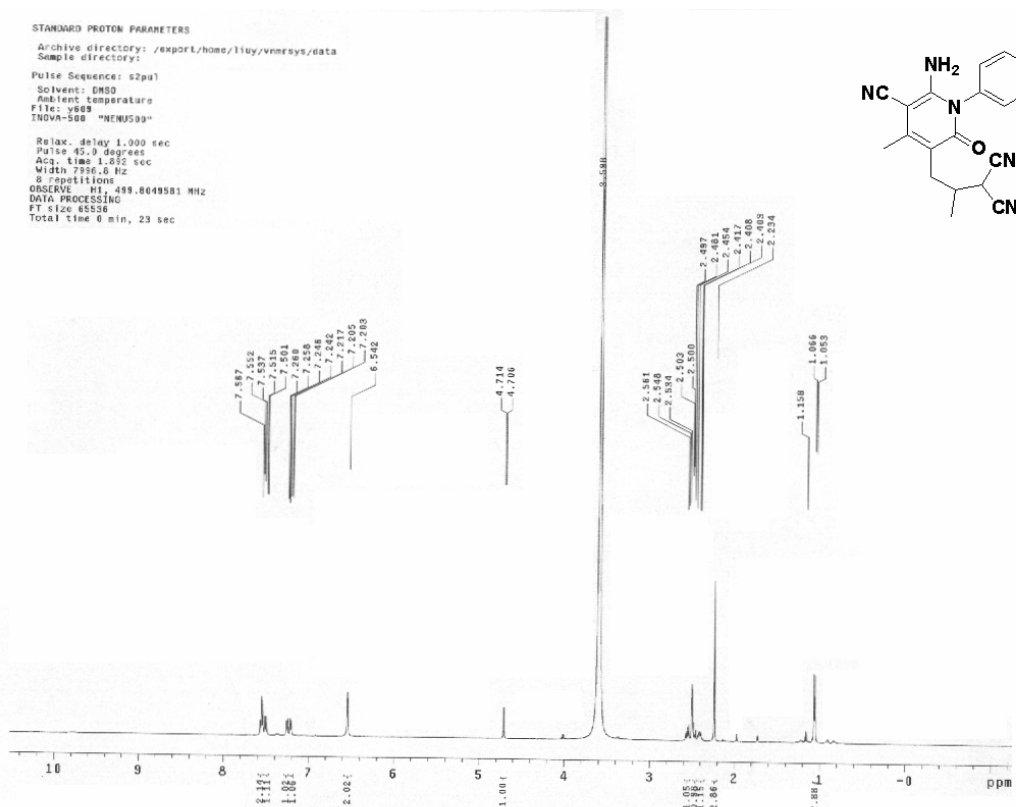
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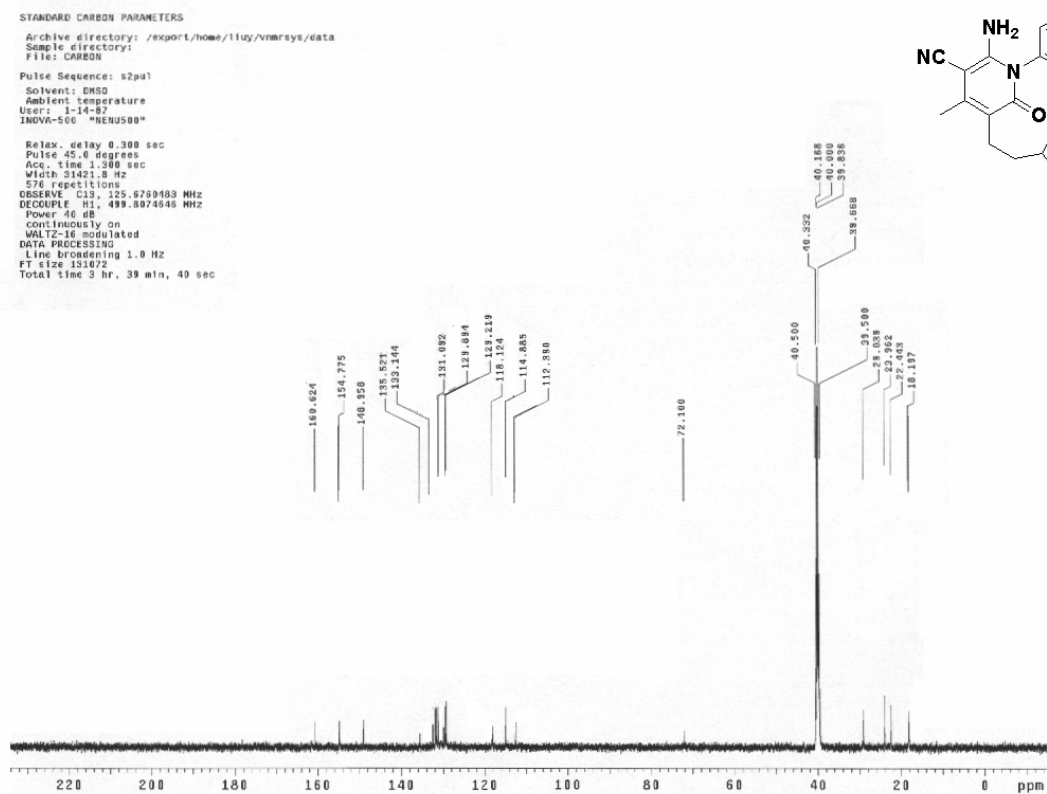
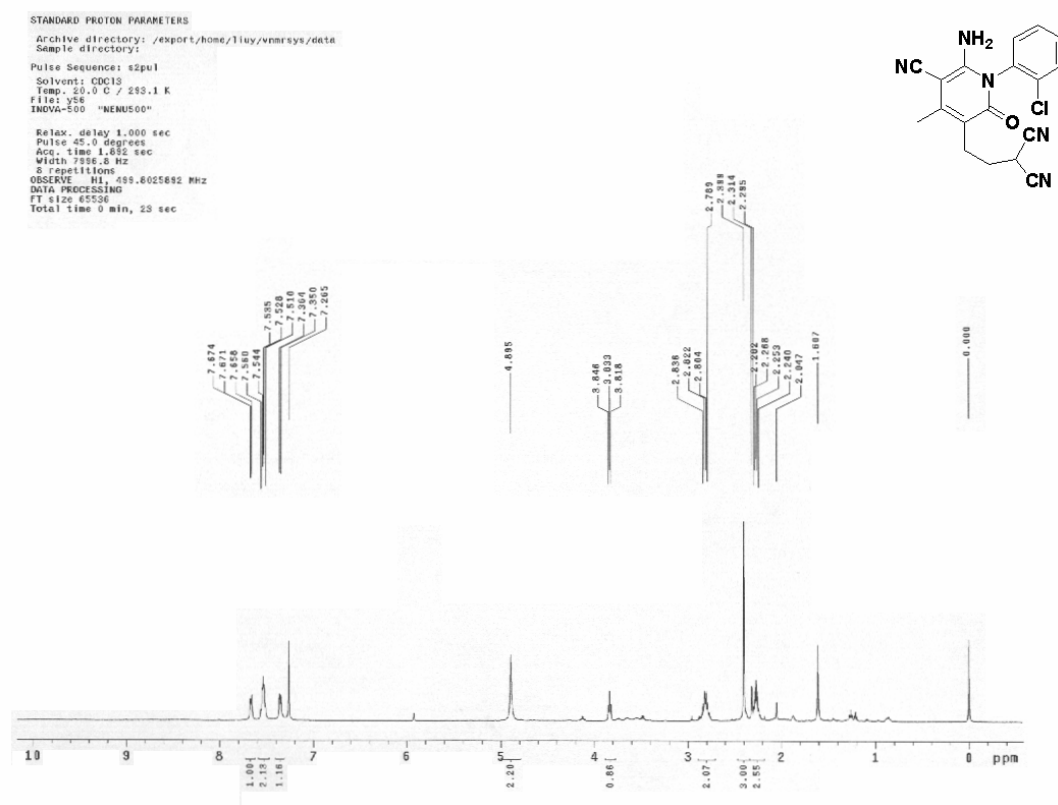
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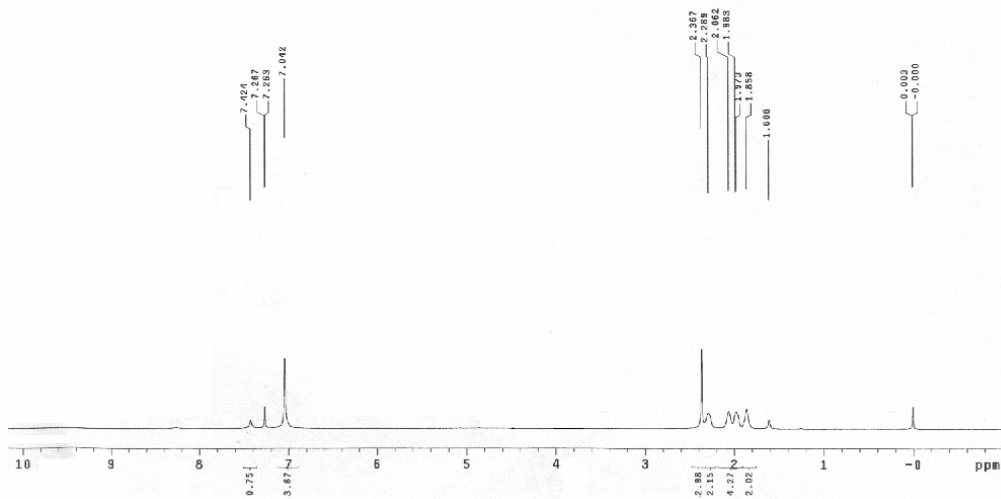
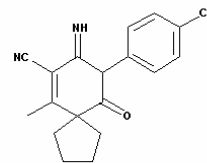
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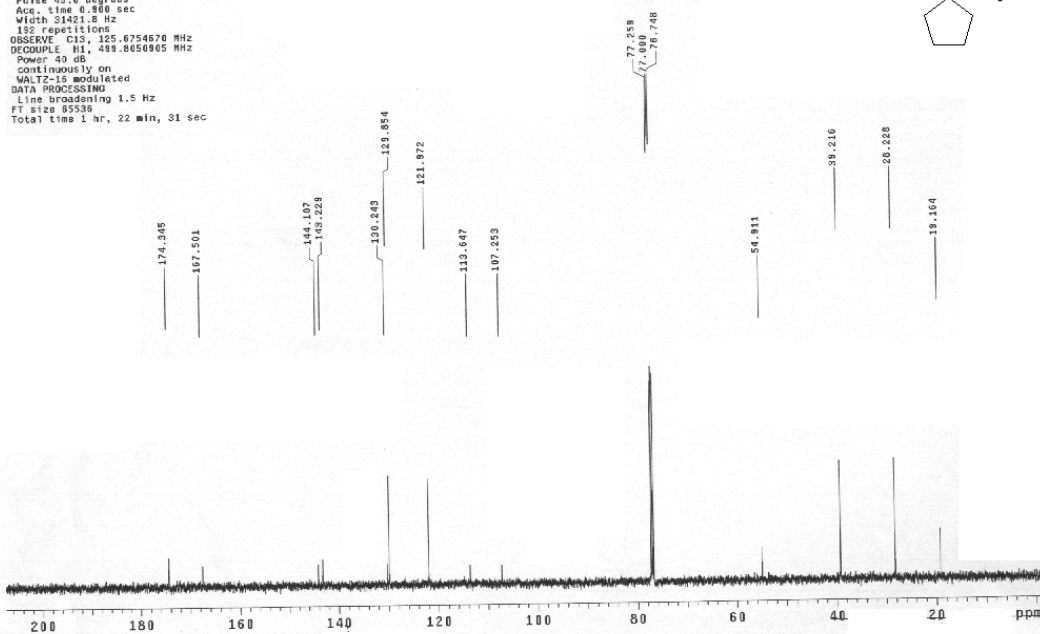
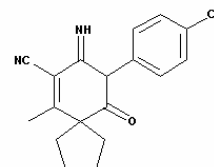
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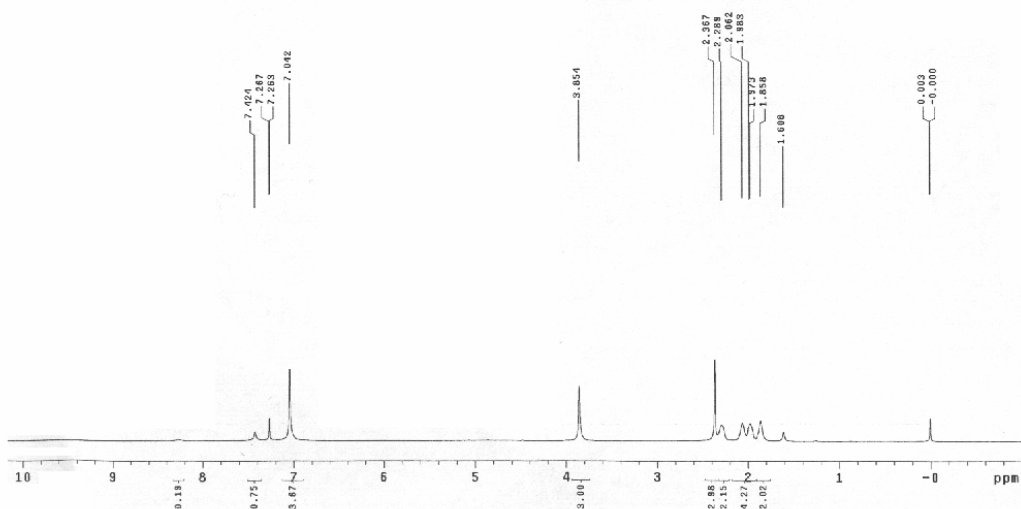
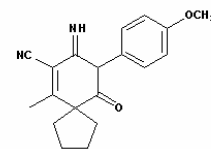
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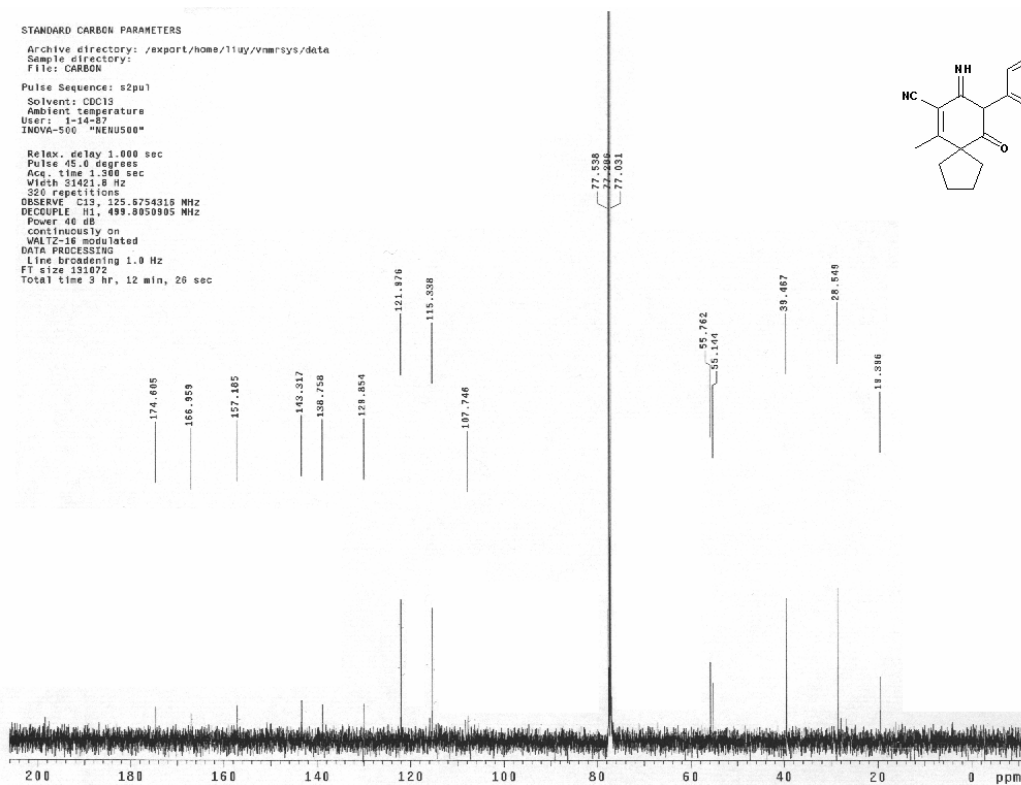
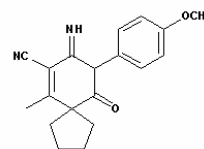


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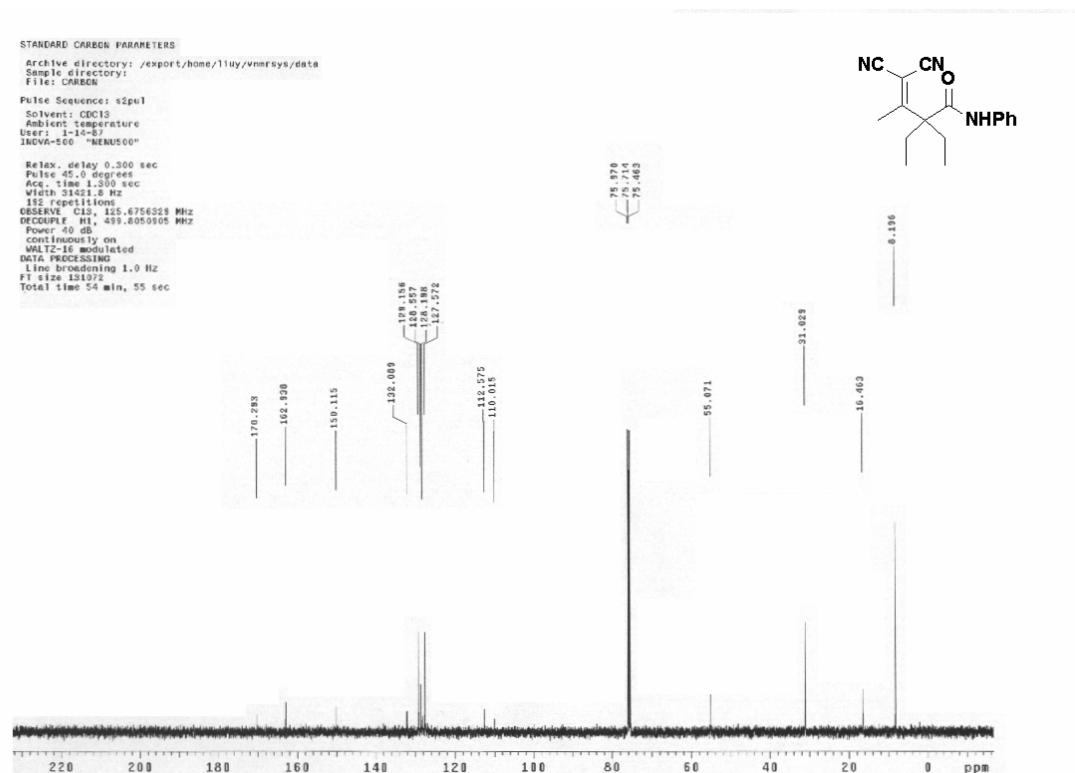
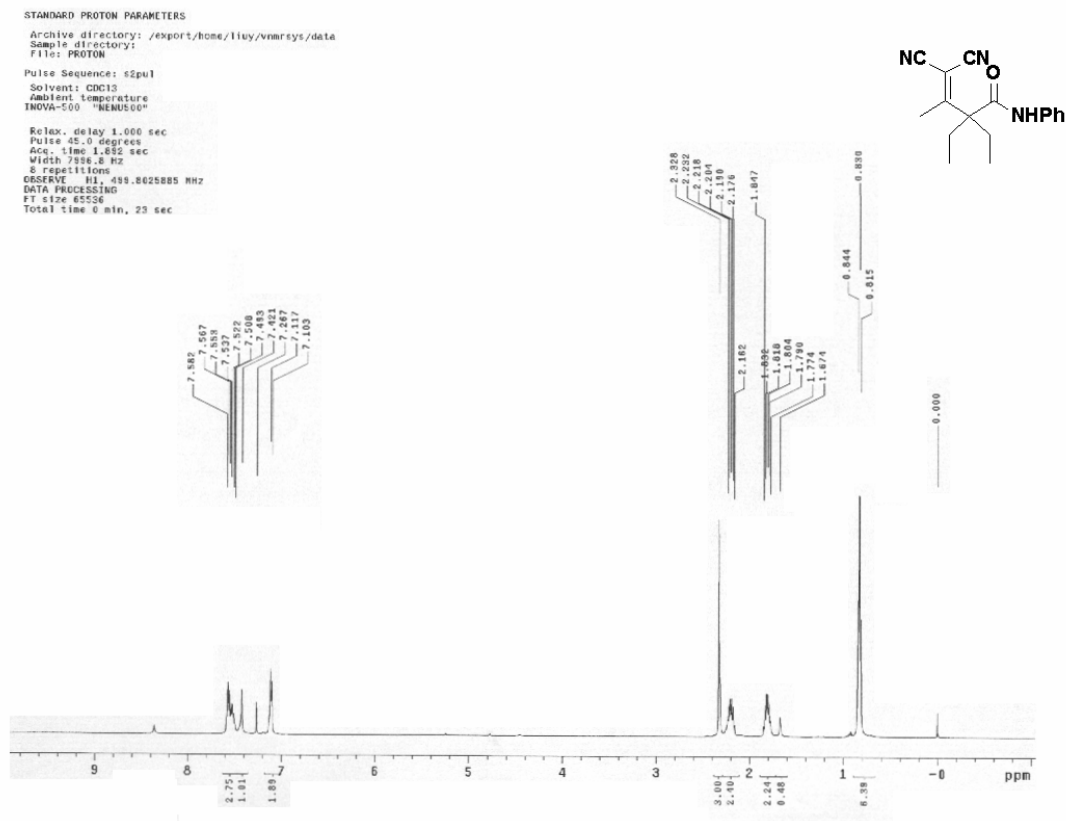
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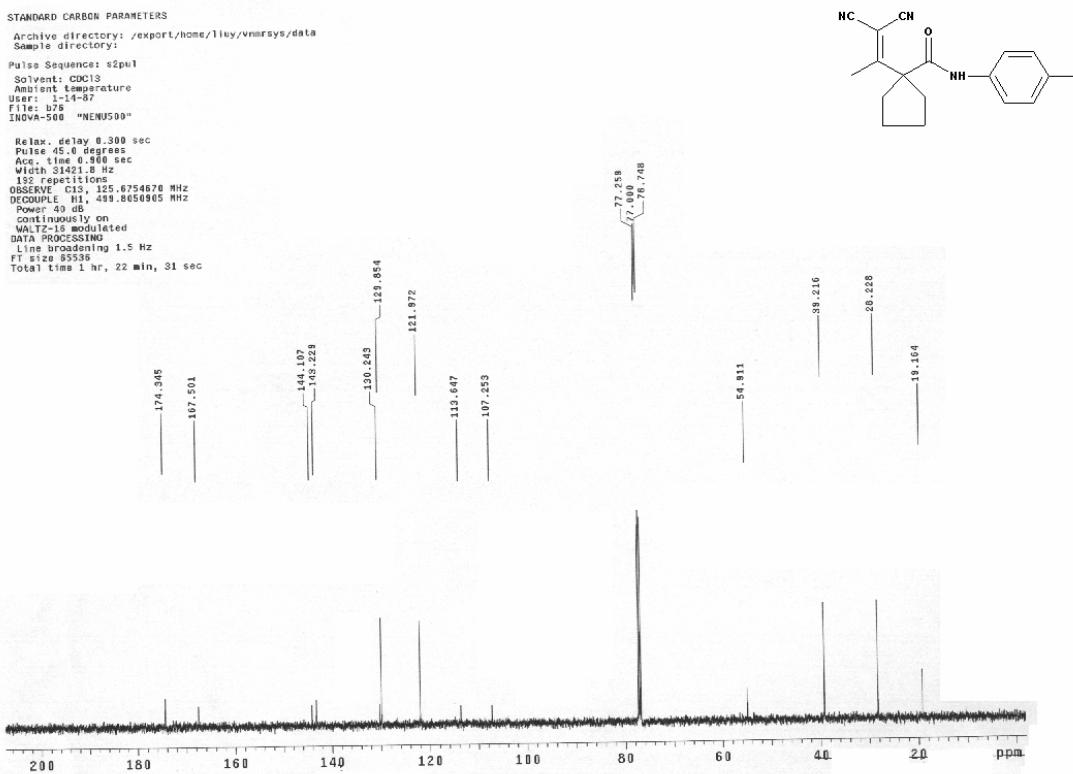
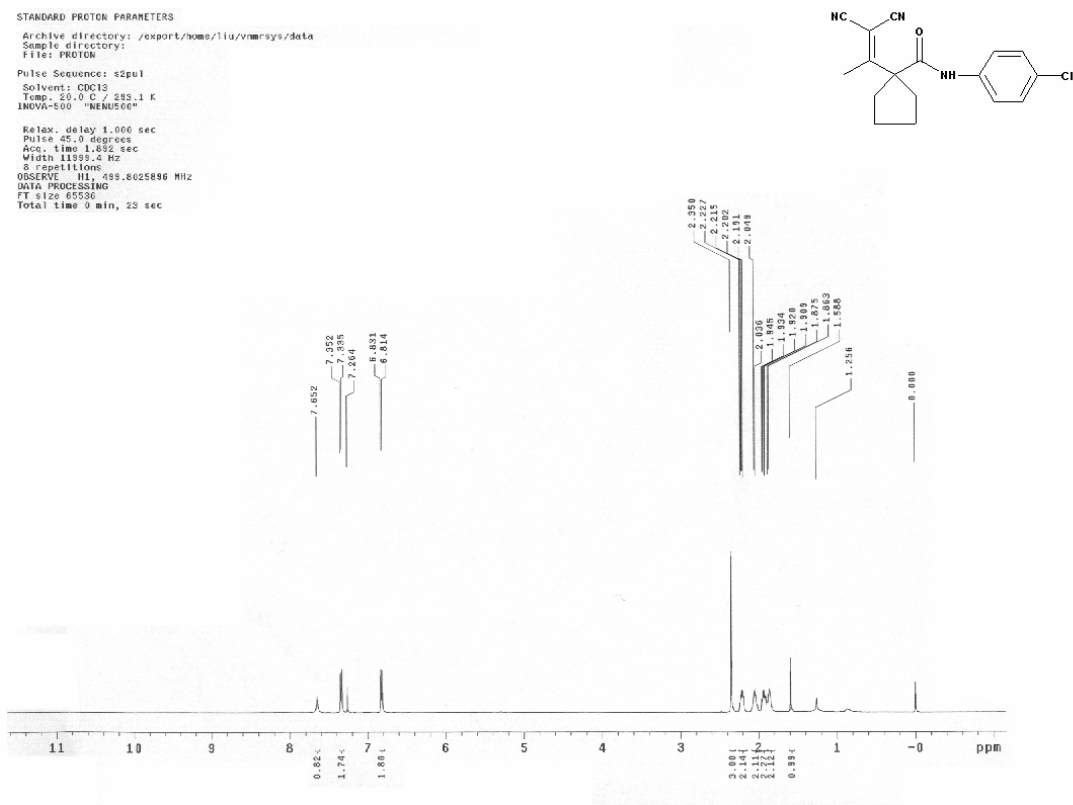
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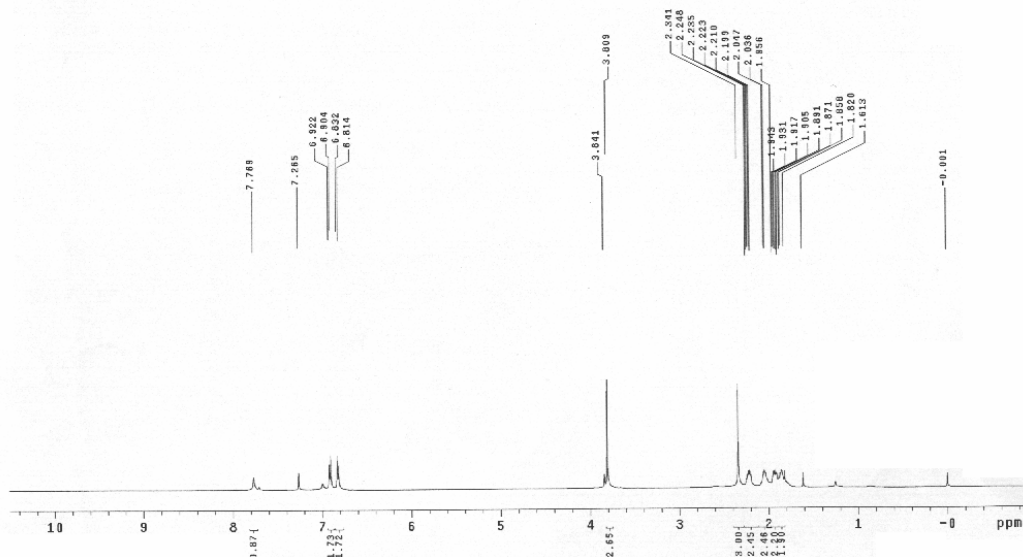
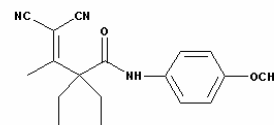
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