

Iodine Mediated Oxidative Annulation for One Pot Synthesis of Pyrazines and Quinoxalines Using Multipathway Coupled Domino Strategy†

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Figure S1. Pharmaceutical and Bioactive natural Pyrazines and Quinoxalines

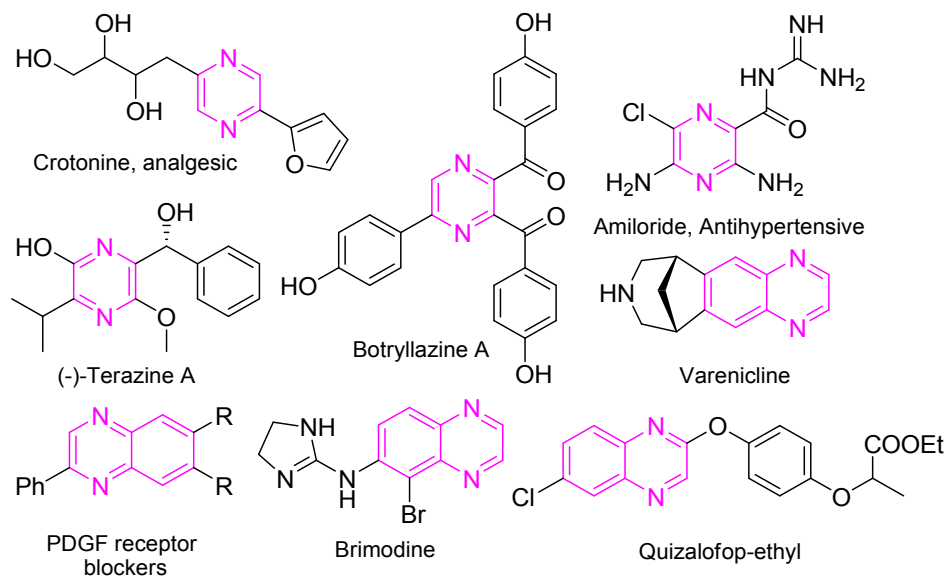


Figure S2. X-ray crystal structure of compound 5k (CCDC -975936)

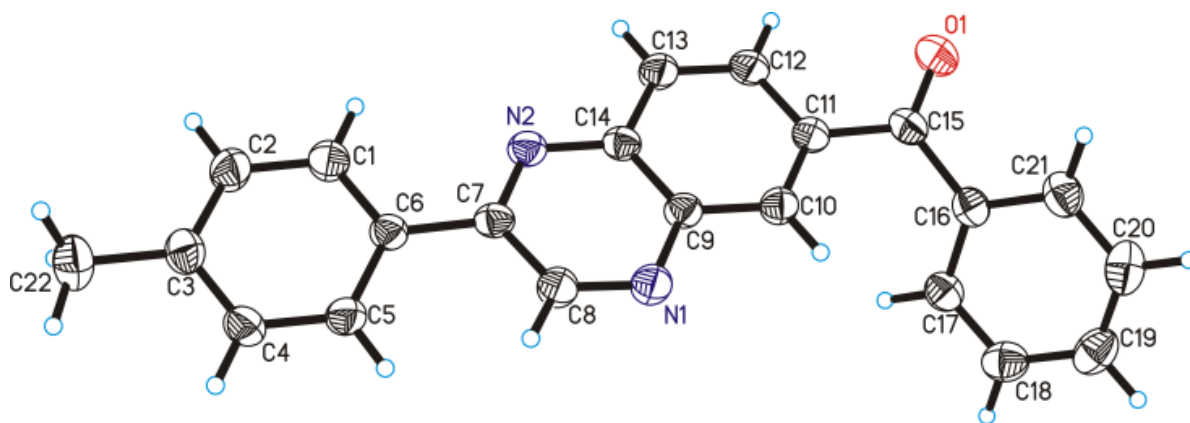


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement details for compound **5k**.

Compound	5k
Empirical formula	C ₂₂ H ₁₆ N ₂ O
Formula weight	324.37
Crystal System	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.182(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	28.80(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	9.743(6)
α (°)	90.00
β (°)	106.28(1)
γ (°)	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1664.8(18)
<i>Z</i>	4
D _c (g/cm ³)	1.294
<i>F</i> ₀₀₀	680
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.08
θ_{\max} (°)	25.38
Total reflections	12951
Unique reflections	3029
Reflections [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	2154
Parameters	226
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0533
Goodness-of-fit	1.151
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2 σ (<i>F</i> ²)]	0.0678
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ² , all data)	0.2328
CCDC No.	975936

Table S2. Details regarding the use of DMSO in stoichiometric amounts for the iodine mediated Pyrazines and Quinoxalines synthesis via MPCD strategy.

The reaction scheme shows the synthesis of pyrazines (4a) and quinoxalines (5a) from phenylacetylene (1a) and diamines (2a or 3a) using I₂ (2 equiv.) and K₂CO₃ (1.2 equiv.) in a solvent at 100 °C.

entry	solvent	DMSO (equiv.)	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) ^b
1	CCl ₄	2	100	12	n.r.
2	DCE	2	100	12	n.r.
3	THF	2	100	12	n.r.
4	dioxane	2	100	12	n.r.
5	THF	3	100	12	n.r.
6	CCl ₄	4	100	12	n.r.
7	THF	4	100	12	n.r.
8	dioxane	4	100	12	n.r.

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a**/K₂CO₃ (1.0 mmol/1.2 mmol) or **3a** (1.0 mmol) DMSO (2 to 4 mmol) I₂ (2.0 mmol), heated in different solvents at 100 °C for 12 h. ^b Isolated yield. CCl₄ = carbon tetrachloride, DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane, THF = tetrahydrofuran.

1. General Information

All reactions, unless noted, were carried out under an open air atmosphere in flame-dried or oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Dynamic Adsorbents precoated (0.25 mm thickness) silica gel plates with F254 indicator. Visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (60-120 or 100–200 mesh) as the stationary phase. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer, and chemical shifts were reported in ppm. The peak information was described as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet, bs = broad singlet; coupling constant(s) in Hz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 (75 or 100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on QToF and MALDI-ToF/ToF mass spectrometer.

2. General procedure:

2A Pyrazines and Quinoxalines from terminal aryl alkynes: Aryl acetylene **1** (1.0 mmol), I₂ (2.0 mmol), and ethane-1, 2-diamine **2** (1.0 mmol)/K₂CO₃ (1.2 mmol) or benzene-1, 2-diamine **3** (1.0 mmol) were dissolved in DMSO (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The extract was washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (5% w/w, aq.), brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **4** or **5**.

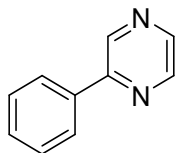
2B Pyrazines and Quinoxalines from terminal aryl alkenes: To a clear solution of IBX (2.0 mmol) in 10 mL of DMSO was added the terminal aryl alkenes **6** (1.0 mmol) followed by iodine (2.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2-3 h, ethane-1, 2-diamine **2** and K₂CO₃ (1.0 mmol/1.2 mmol) or benzene-1, 2-diamine **3** (1.0 mmol) were added, the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h. Upon completion, the mixture was filtered, diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The extract was washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (5% w/w, aq.), brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **4** or **5**.

2C Pyrazines and Quinoxalines from aromatic ketones: A mixture of aromatic ketone **7** (1.0 mmol), and I₂ (2.0 mmol) in 10 mL of DMSO was stirred at 100 °C for 2-3 h. After disappearance of the reactant, then added ethane-1, 2-diamine **2** and K₂CO₃ (1.0 mmol/1.2 mmol) or benzene-1, 2-diamine **3** (1.0 mmol) and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 10 h. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The extract was washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (5% w/w, aq.), brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **4** or **5**.

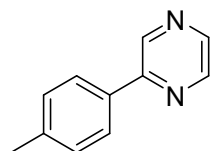
2D Synthesis of 2-iodo-1-phenylethanone (A): phenyl acetylene **1a** (1.0 mmol), and I₂ (2.0 mmol) were dissolved in DMSO (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The extract was washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (5% w/w, aq.), brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford intermediate **A**.

3. Spectral data

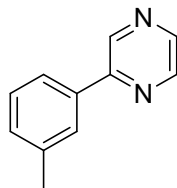
3.1. Spectral data of Pyrazines



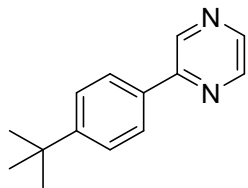
2-Phenylpyrazine (4a):¹ general procedure **2A/2B/2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.50$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 8:2); yield 72% (224 mg); light yellow solid; mp 73-74 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.03$ (d, $J = 1.28$ Hz, 1H), 8.64 (dd, $J = 3.92, 1.59$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 151.8, 143.1, 141.9, 141.2, 135.3, 128.9, 128.0, 125.9$; IR (KBr) $\nu: 3019, 1637, 1469, 1080, 756, 668$ cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 157.3.



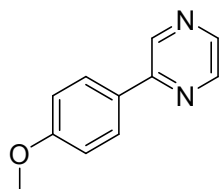
2-(p-Tolyl)pyrazine (4b):¹ general procedure **2A/2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 75% (254 mg); pale yellow solid; mp 56-57 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.00$ (s, 1H), 8.60 (bs, 1H), 8.47 (d, $J = 2.15$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.97$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.91$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 152.9, 144.1, 142.6, 142.1, 140.2, 133.6, 129.8, 126.9, 21.4$; IR (KBr) $\nu: 3436, 1637, 1467, 1078, 1016, 815, 756$ cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 171.3.



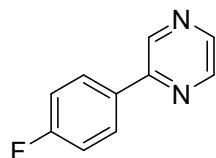
2-(m-Tolyl)pyrazine (4j):¹ general procedure **2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc) : $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 71% (241 mg); light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.02$ (s, 1H), 8.62 (bs, 1H), 8.50 (bs, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.68$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.59$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.47$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 153.0, 144.1, 142.8, 142.3, 138.8, 136.3, 130.7, 128.9, 127.6, 124.0, 21.5$; IR (KBr) $\nu: 3436, 1637, 1467, 1078, 1016, 815, 756$ cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 171.3.



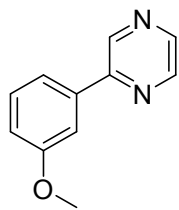
2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)pyrazine (4k): general procedure **2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc) : $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 76% (322 mg); white solid; mp 86-87 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.01$ (d, $J = 1.46$ Hz, 1H), 8.61 (dd, $J = 1.58, 2.43$ Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, $J = 2.53$ Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 153.4, 153.0, 144.3, 142.7, 142.2, 133.7, 126.8, 126.2, 34.9, 31.4$; IR (KBr) v: 3437, 3021, 1621, 1426, 1215, 1052, 759, 692 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 213.2.



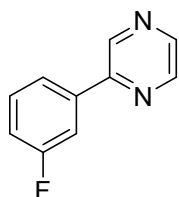
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrazine (4c):¹ general procedure **2A/2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 76% (283 mg); colorless solid; mp 86-87 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.97$ (d, $J = 1.46$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, $J = 2.50, 1.60$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 2.53$ Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 160.2, 152.6, 144.0, 143.0, 142.3, 137.7, 130.0, 119.2, 115.9, 112.0, 55.4$; IR (KBr) v: 3436, 1637, 1403, 769, 692 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 187.3.



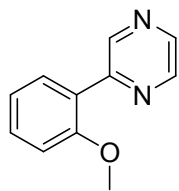
2-(4-Fluorophenyl)pyrazine (4d):¹ general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 65% (225 mg); yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.00$ (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, $J = 1.36$ Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, $J = 2.27$ Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.0$ (d, $J = 250.3$ Hz), 151.8, 144.1, 142.8, 141.8, 132.5, 128.8 (d, $J = 8.46$ Hz), 116.1 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz); ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 175.3.



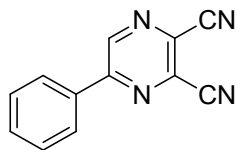
2-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazine (4f):¹ general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 68% (252 mg); pale yellow solid; mp 85-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.02$ (d, $J = 1.46$ Hz, 1H), 8.63 (dd, $J = 2.33, 1.68$, Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 2.47$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.41 (t, $J = 8.09$ Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.04 (m, 1H) 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 157.1, 152.0, 146.5, 142.1, 131.2, 131.0, 125.8, 121.3, 111.4, 55.6$; IR (KBr) ν : 3435, 3020, 1638, 1463, 1216, 758; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 187.3.



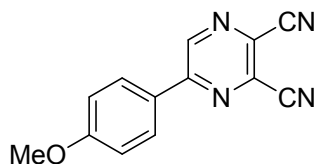
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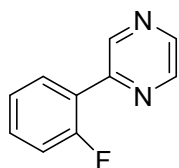
2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazine (4h):² general procedure **2A/2B** has been used, Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 68% (245 mg); yellow oil, mp 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.15$ (d, $J = 1.46$ Hz, 1H), 8.65-8.64 (m, 1H), 8.54 (d, $J = 2.56$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 7.63, 1.75$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 157.1, 151.9, 146.5, 144.1, 142.1, 131.2, 131.0, 125.8, 121.3, 111.4, 55.6$; IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 1637, 1403, 769, 692 cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 187.3.



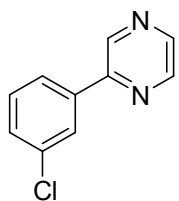
5-phenylpyrazine-2,3-dicarbonitrile (4l):³ general procedure **2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 65% (267 mg); white solid; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.29$ (s, 1H), 8.14-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 154.9, 144.1, 133.0, 132.6, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 128.0$; IR (KBr) ν : 3405, 3021, 1635, 2200, 1406, 1215, 760, 670 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 207.3.



5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarbonitrile (4m):⁴ general procedure **2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc); $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 67% (316 mg); yellow solid; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.22$ (s, 1H), 8.14-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 163.8, 154.4, 143.4, 133.3, 130.0, 129.6, 125.0, 115.4, 113.5, 113.2, 55.8$; IR (KBr) ν : 3410, 3019, 1635, 1216, 760, 676 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.3.

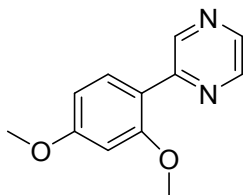


2-(2-fluorophenyl)pyrazine (4o):⁵ general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.6$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 69% (240 mg); pale yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.09$ (dd, $J = 2.16, 1.68$ Hz, 1H), 8.68 (dd, $J = 2.38, 1.65$ Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 2.47$ Hz, 1H), 7.98-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 160.7$ (d, $J = 251.10$ Hz), 149.6, 145.7 (d, $J = 12.00$ Hz), 144.6, 143.3, 131.7 (d, $J = 8.49$ Hz), 131.1 (d, $J = 2.38$ Hz), 125.0 (d, $J = 3.10$ Hz), 124.6 (d, $J = 12.30$ Hz), 116.6 (d, $J = 22.71$ Hz); IR (KBr) ν : 3401, 1623, 1400, 1148, 1074, 762, 669 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 175.2.

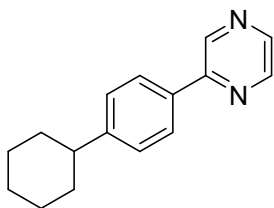


2-(3-chlorophenyl)pyrazine (4n):¹ general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc); $R_f = 0.6$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 66% (396 mg); light

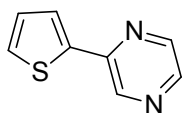
yellow solid; mp 95-96 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.01 (d, J = 1.44 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (dd, J = 2.44, 1.57 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 2.49 Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 151.6, 144.5, 143.7, 142.3, 138.3, 135.5, 130.52, 130.17, 127.3, 125.1; IR (KBr) ν : 3402, 1635, 1463, 1146, 1079, 760, 670 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 191.2.



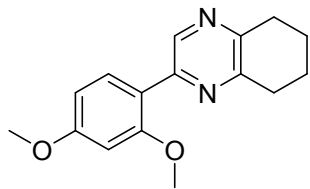
2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)- pyrazine (4p):⁶ general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): R_f = 0.4 (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 76 % (328 mg); white solid; mp 75-76 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.14 (d, J = 1.57 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (dd, J = 2.54, 1.66 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 2.57 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 8.60, 2.34 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 2.32, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 162.5, 158.6, 152.0, 146.3, 144.1, 141.6, 132.3, 118.8, 105.8, 99.0, 55.8, 55.7; IR (KBr) ν : 3404, 1612, 1462, 1126, 1029, 929, 762, 669 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 217.



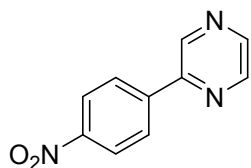
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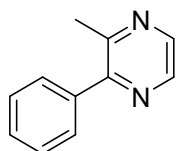
2-(thiophen-2-yl)- pyrazine (4q):¹ general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): R_f = 0.4 (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 76% (246 mg); Slight yellow solid; mp 97-98 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.96 (d, J = 1.48 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 2.52, 1.64 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 2.58 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 3.70, 1.04 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 5.04, 1.02, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 4.99, 3.72 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 148.7, 144.2, 142.5, 141.5, 140.8, 129.2, 128.6, 126.0; IR (KBr) ν : 3400, 1631, 1466, 1216, 1069, 928, 759, 670 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 163.3.



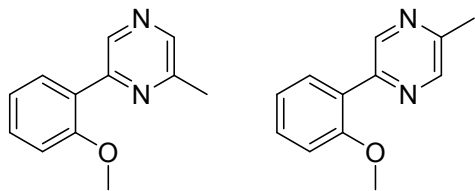
2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoxaline (4u): general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.4$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 71 % (383 mg); green oil ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.80$ (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.56$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 8.51, 2.35$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 2.35$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.851 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.99 (m, 4H), 1.93 –1.94 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 161.9, 158.4, 152.1, 149.7, 148.6, 142.9, 132.0, 119.5, 105.6, 99.0, 55.78, 55.70, 32.3, 31.8, 23.0$; IR (KBr) ν : 3404, 1612, 1452, 1128, 1033, 928, 760, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 271.1447 found 271.1445.



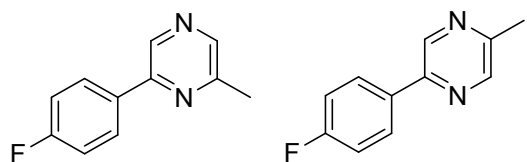
2-(4-nitrophenyl)- pyrazine (4s): general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.5$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 56 % (224 mg); light yellow solid; mp 178-179 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.12$, (d, $J = 1.16$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, $J = 2.36$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.85$ Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.90$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 150.5, 148.9, 144.7, 144.6, 142.7, 142.4, 128.0, 124.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3403, 2402, 1632, 1401, 1022, 761, 669 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 202.2.



2-methyl-3-phenylpyrazine (4t):⁷ general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.6$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 70% (190 mg); white solid; mp 36-37 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.48$ (dd, $J = 2.49, 0.59$ Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 2.47$, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.51 (m, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 154.2, 152.0, 142.3, 141.7, 138.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 23.3$; IR (KBr) ν : 3402, 1634, 1399, 927, 760, 669 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:171.2.

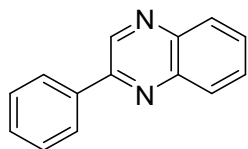


2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylpyrazine and 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylpyrazine (4i): general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 81% (324 mg); colorless liquid; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.00$ (d, $J = 1.49$ Hz, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.07(m, 2H); 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H); 3.87 (s, 3H); 2.61(s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 160.25, 160.23, 153.2, 152.1, 151.5, 149.6, 143.8, 142.7, 141.0, 139.1, 138.1, 137.9, 130.0, 119.3, 118.9, 115.6, 115.5, 112.3, 111.9, 55.4, 21.7, 21.2$; IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 3019, 2401, 1680, 1470, 1216, 1039, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 201.1028 found 201.1024.

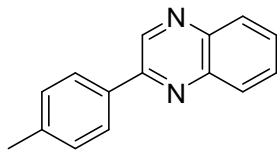


2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methylpyrazine and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylpyrazine (4e): general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 77% (290 mg); yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.88$ (d, $J = 1.35$ Hz, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 0.98$ Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.7 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 2H) 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 162.1, 153.4, 152.6, 150.3, 148.5, 143.9, 143.2, 140.8, 138.8, 130.5, 130.4, 122.4, 121.1, 116.6, 116.4, 116.2, 114.0, 113.8, 113.7, 113.5, 21.6, 21.2$; IR (KBr) ν : 3432, 3019, 2400, 1633, 1404, 1215, 757 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{FN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 189.0828 found 189.0835.

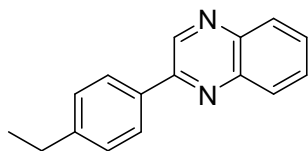
3.2. Spectral data of Quinoxalines



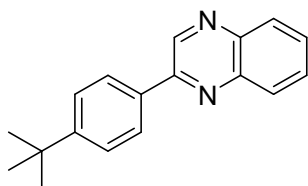
2-Phenylquinoxaline (5a):¹ general procedure **2A/2B/2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.50$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 76% (314 mg); light yellow solid; mp 80-81 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.33$ (s, 1H), 8.21-8.11 (m, 4H), 7.80-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 151.9, 143.3, 142.3, 141.6, 136.8, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 127.5$; IR (KBr) ν : 3437, 3019, 1634, 1409, 1050, 759 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 207.3.



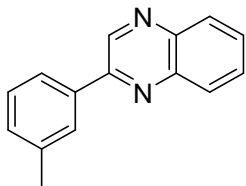
2-(p-Tolyl)-quinoxaline (5b):¹ general procedure **2A/2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 78 % (343 mg); light yellow solid; mp 89-90 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.29$ (s, 1H), 8.13–8.08 (m, 4H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 151.8, 143.3, 142.3, 141.4, 140.5, 134.0, 130.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 127.4, 21.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3435, 3019, 1636, 1421, 1215, 1048, 928, 757, 669 cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 221.3.



2-(4-ethylphenyl)-quinoxaline (5e):³ general procedure **2A/2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 77 % (360 mg); pale yellow solid; mp 77-78 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.31$ (s, 1H), 8.15–8.09 (m, 4H), 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.20$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (q, $J = 15.01, 7.47$ Hz, 2H) 1.30 (t, $J = 7.52$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 151.9, 146.8, 143.3, 142.3, 141.4, 134.2, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.5, 28.7, 15.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3434, 3019, 2400, 1637, 1422, 1216, 757 cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 235.3.

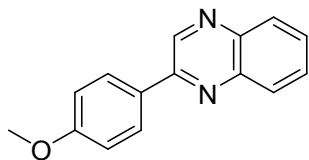


2-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-quinoxaline (5d):⁸ general procedure **2A/2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 79% (414 mg); colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.31$ (s, 1H), 8.16-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.79-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.60 -7.58 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 153.6, 151.9, 143.4, 142.4, 141.5, 134.1, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 127.4, 126.2, 34.9, 31.3$; IR (KBr) ν : 3437, 3021, 1621, 1426, 1215, 1052, 759 cm⁻¹; ESIMS m/z [M+H]⁺: 263.2.

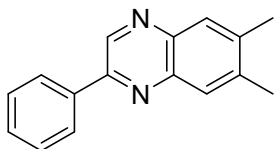


2-m-tolylquinoxalin (5f):³ general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); yield 74% (329 mg); colorless solid; mp 83-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.31$ (s, 1H), 8.17-8.11 (m, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.98-7.96

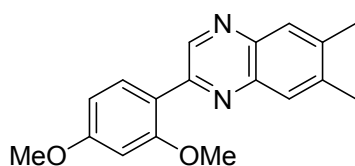
(m, 1H), 7.81-7.33 (m, 2H) 7.46 (T, $J = 7.63$ Hz, 1H) 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H) 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 152.1, 143.5, 142.3, 141.5, 138.9, 136.7, 131.0, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 124.7, 21.5$; IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 1637, 1403, 1215, 758 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 221.3.



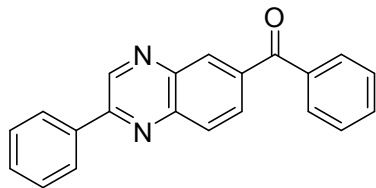
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-quinoxaline (5c):¹ general procedure **2A/2B/2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 8:2); yield 80% (378 mg); colorless solid; mp 104-105 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.16$ (s, 1H), 8.05–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.93(m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 161.4, 151.4, 143.0, 142.3, 141.2, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 129.07, 129.03, 128.9, 114.5, 55.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3440, 3020, 1613, 1423, 1216, 759 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.3.



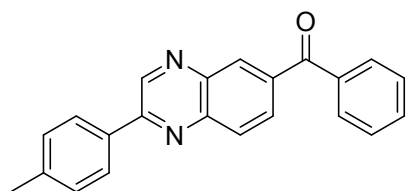
6,7-dimethyl-2-phenylquinoxaline (5m):⁹ general procedure **2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 8:2); yield 79% (354 mg); Yellow solid; Mp 120-121 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.22$ (s, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 3H) 2.51 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 151.0, 142.5, 141.3, 140.8, 140.7, 140.2, 137.2, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 20.49, 20.46$; IR (KBr) ν : 3416, 3020, 1622, 1393, 1215, , 759 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 235.3.



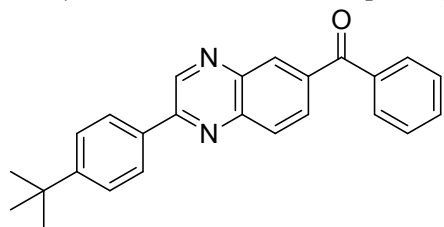
2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dimethylquinoxaline (5n): general procedure **2C** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.4$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 8:2); yield 88 % (517 mg); white solid ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.23$ (s, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 2.38, 8.60$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 2.32$ Hz, 1H), 3.887 (s, 3H), 3.886 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 162.5, 158.8, 151.2, 146.5, 141.8, 140.2, 139.9, 139.5, 132.7, 128.6, 128.2, 120.0, 106.0, 99.6, 55.8, 55.7, 20.5, 20.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3407, 2924, 2852, 1608, 1282, 1209, 1030, 871, 831 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 295.1447 found 295.1445.



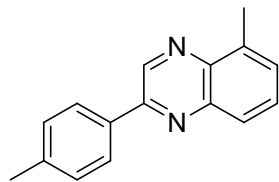
Phenyl(2-phenylquinoxalin-6-yl)methanone (5j):³ general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 69% (427 mg); colorless solid; mp 131-132 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.42$ (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.27-8.24 (m, 4H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.52 (m, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 195.8$, 153.5, 144.5, 144.3, 140.7, 138.0, 137.2, 136.4, 133.0, 132.4, 130.9, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6; IR (KBr) ν : 3406, 2958, 1651, 1319, 1309, 840, 695 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 311.3.



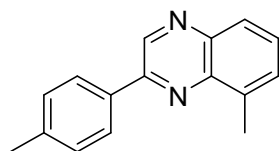
Phenyl (2-p-tolylquinoxalin-6-yl)methanone (5k): general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 76% (492 mg); light yellow solid; mp 156-157 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.38$ (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.02$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.36$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.35$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.49$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.98$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 195.6$, 153.2, 144.3, 144.2, 141.2, 140.4, 137.6, 137.1, 133.4, 132.8, 132.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 128.5, 127.6, 21.5; IR (KBr) ν : 3436, 3019, 1656, 1421, 1215, 1048, 757 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.1341 found 325.1352.



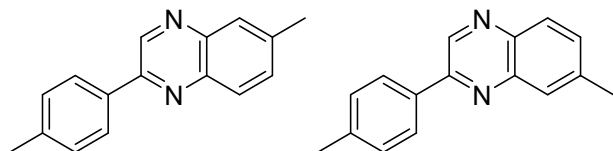
2-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-quinoxalin-6-yl]-phenyl-methanone (5l): general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 73% (534 mg); colorless solid; mp 179-180 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.39$ (s, 1H), 8.485-8.483 (m, 1H), 8.254-8.252 (m, 2H), 8.20-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 1.4 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 195.7$, 154.4, 153.4, 144.5, 144.3, 140.5, 137.7, 137.3, 133.5, 132.9, 132.4, 130.27, 130.24, 130.1, 128.6, 127.6, 126.4, 35.0, 31.3; IR (KBr) ν : 3435, 3019, 1654, 1404, 1215, 757 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1810 found 367.1807.



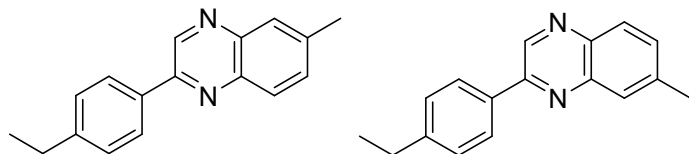
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8-Methyl-2-p-tolylquinoxaline (5i): general procedure **2A/2B** has been used; Column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc): $R_f = 0.45$ (Hexane/EtOAc, 9:1); yield 36% (168 mg); light yellow solid; mp 94-95 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.31$ (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.97$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.37$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.37$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 6.89$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.88$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 151.4, 142.5, 141.9, 140.6, 140.3, 137.3, 134.1, 129.98, 129.91, 129.4, 127.48, 127.43, 21.4, 17.3$; IR (KBr) $\nu: 3437, 3022, 1632, 1414, 1216, 1050, 759$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 235.1235 found 235.1234.



6-Methyl-2-p-tolylquinoxaline and 7-Methyl-2-p-tolylquinoxaline (5g):¹¹ general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.60$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 78% (368 mg); Brown solid; mp 102-103 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.24$ (d, $J = 9.82$ Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.06 (m, 2H), 8.02-7.96 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 17.86$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.94$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 151.6, 151.0, 143.1, 142.3, 141.4, 140.7, 140.6, 140.2, 140.1, 139.9, 139.7, 134.1, 132.4, 131.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 21.8, 21.7, 21.3$; IR (KBr) $\nu: 3437, 3021, 1634, 1414, 1215, 1050, 759$ cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 235.3.



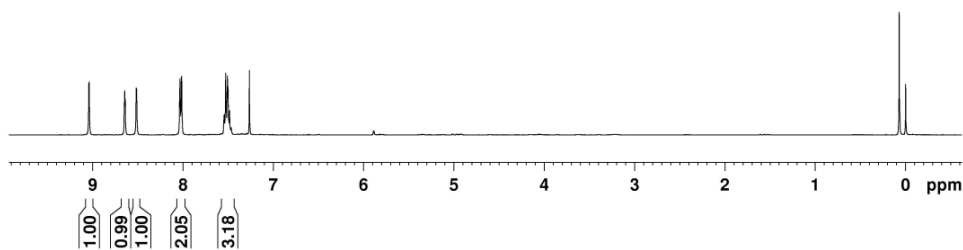
2-(4-ethylphenyl)-6-methylquinoxaline and 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-7-methylquinoxaline (5h): general procedure **2A** has been used; Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc): $R_f = 0.40$ (Hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1); yield 85% (421 mg); light yellow solid; mp 95-96 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.24$ (d, $J = 9.81$ Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.09 (m, 2H), 8.03-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 17.86$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.94$ Hz, 2H), 2.74 (q, $J = 15.08$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.62$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 151.8, 151.1, 146.6, 146.5, 143.2, 142.4, 141.5, 140.7, 140.6, 139.9, 139.8, 134.4, 132.4, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 28.7, 21.84, 21.80, 15.4$; IR (KBr) ν : 3437, 3021, 1621, 1426, 1215, 1052, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 249.1392 found 249.1390.

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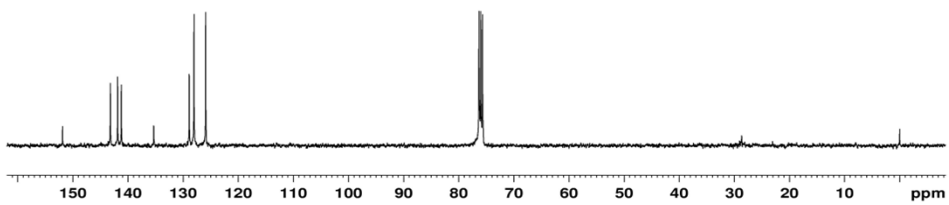
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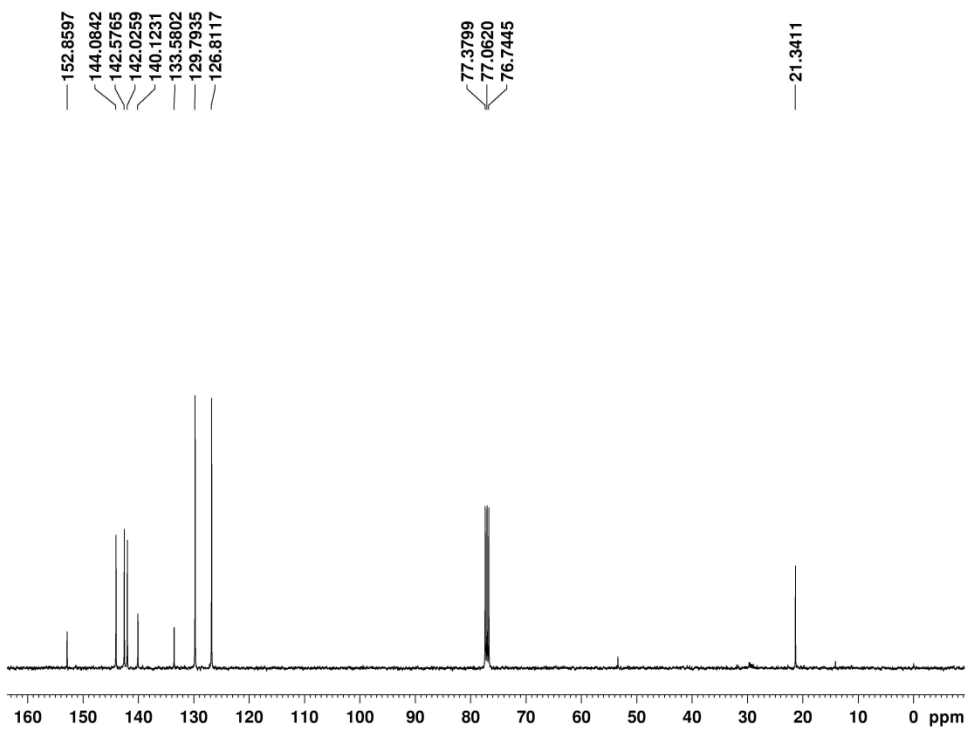
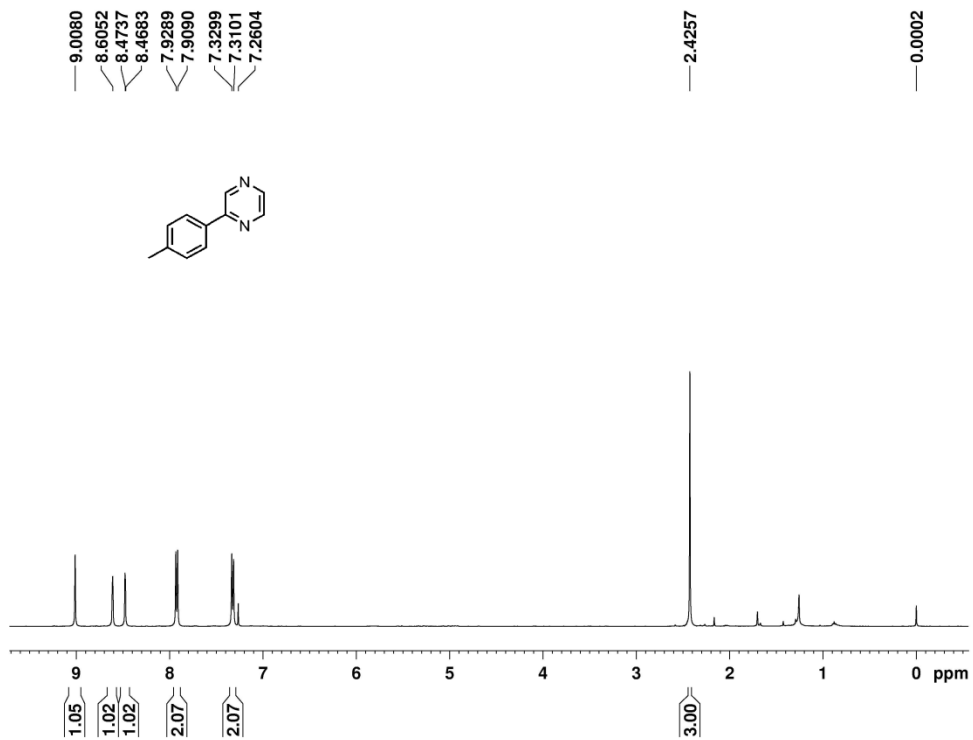


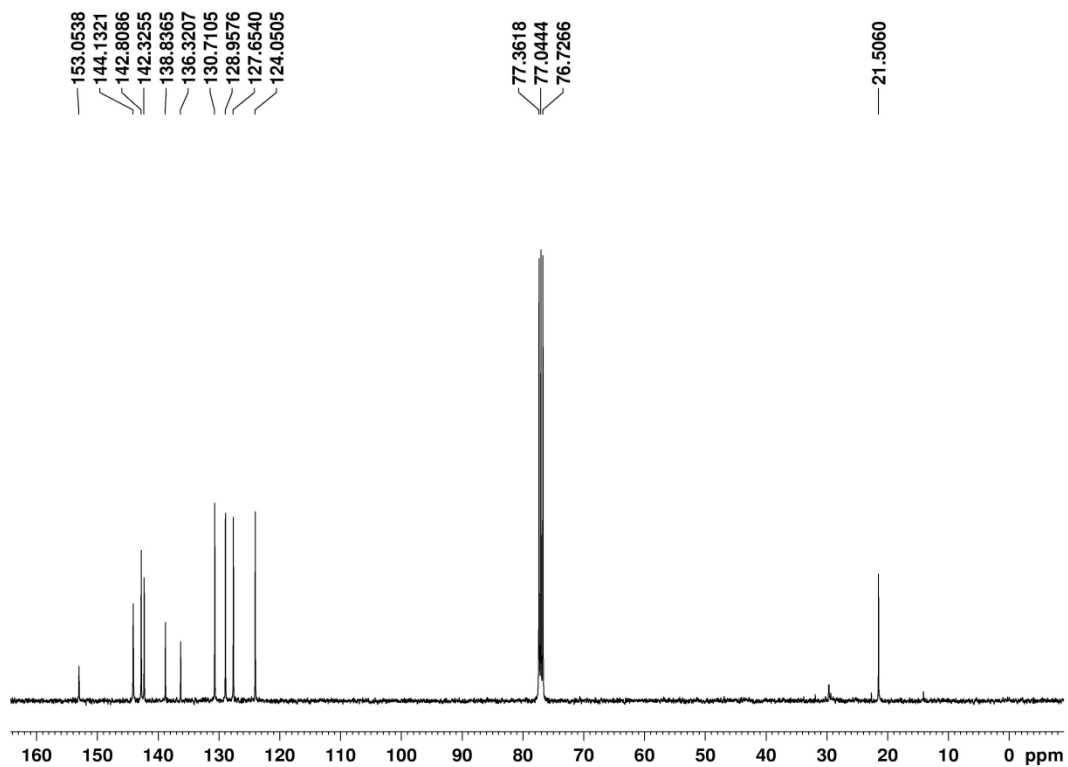
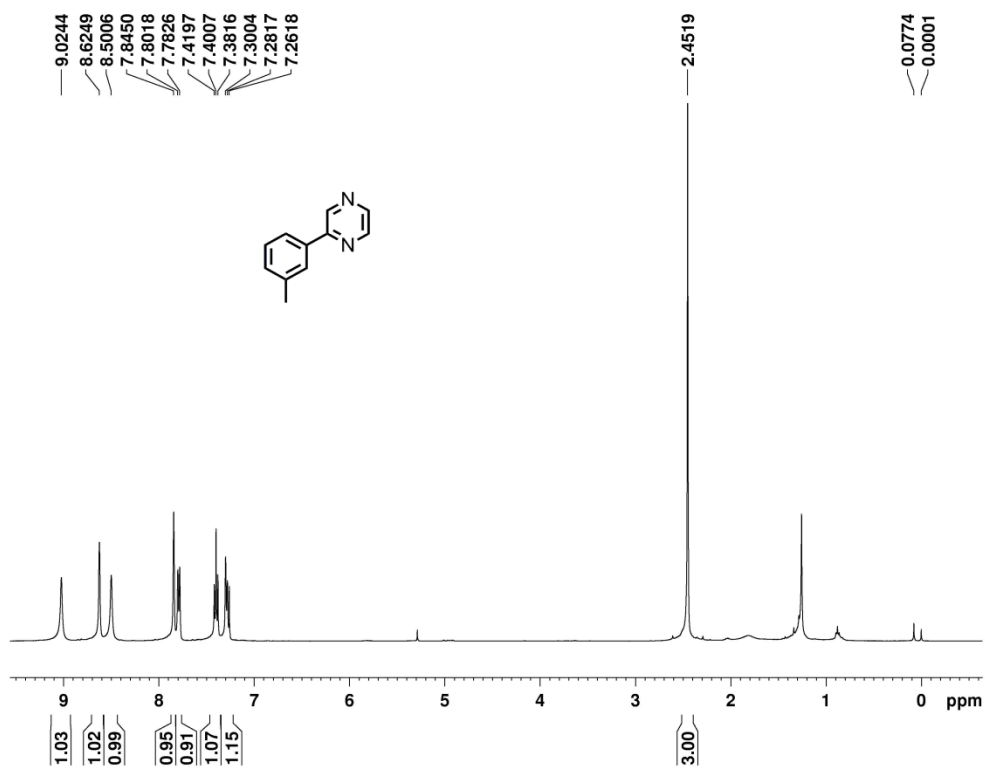
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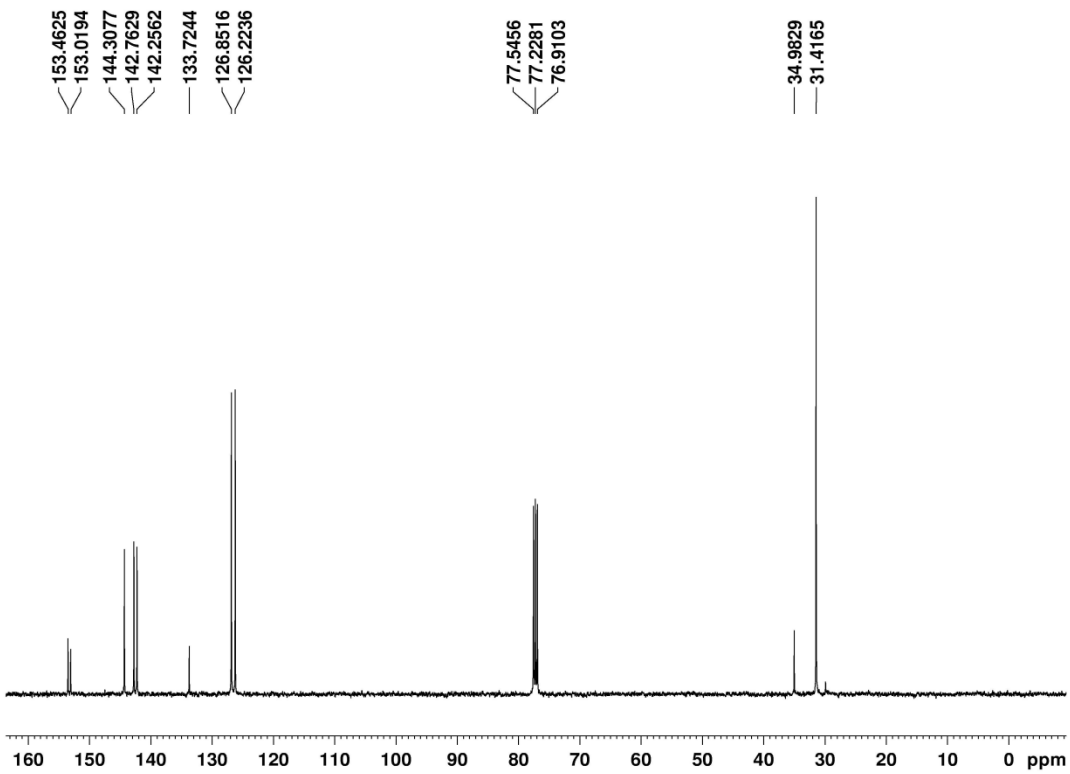
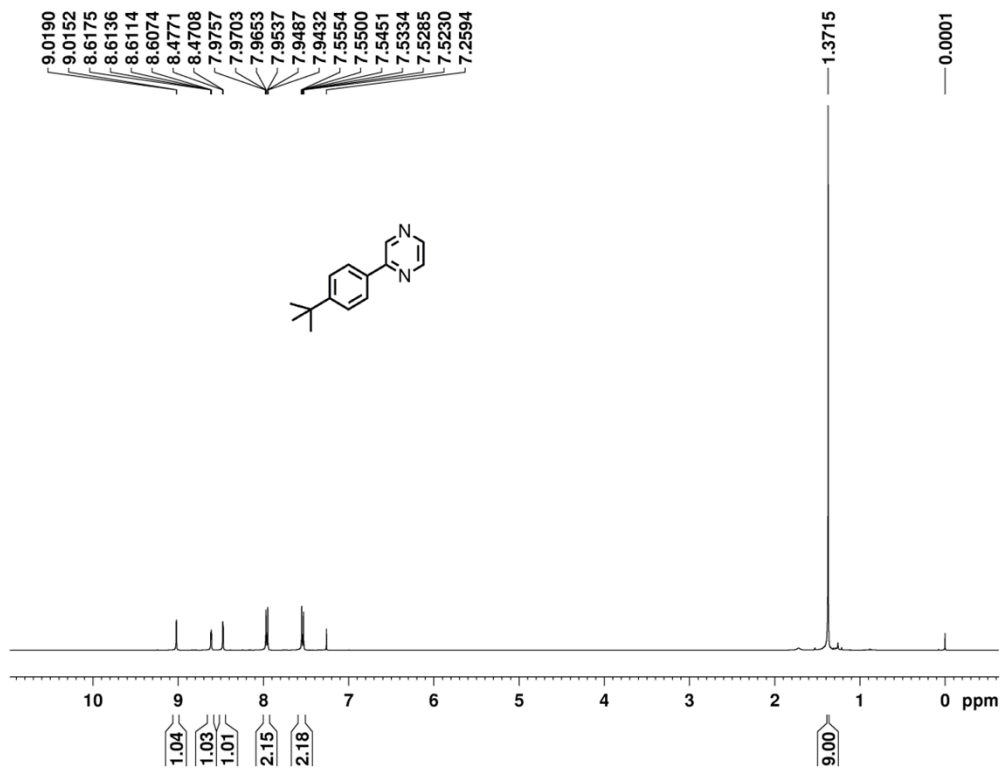
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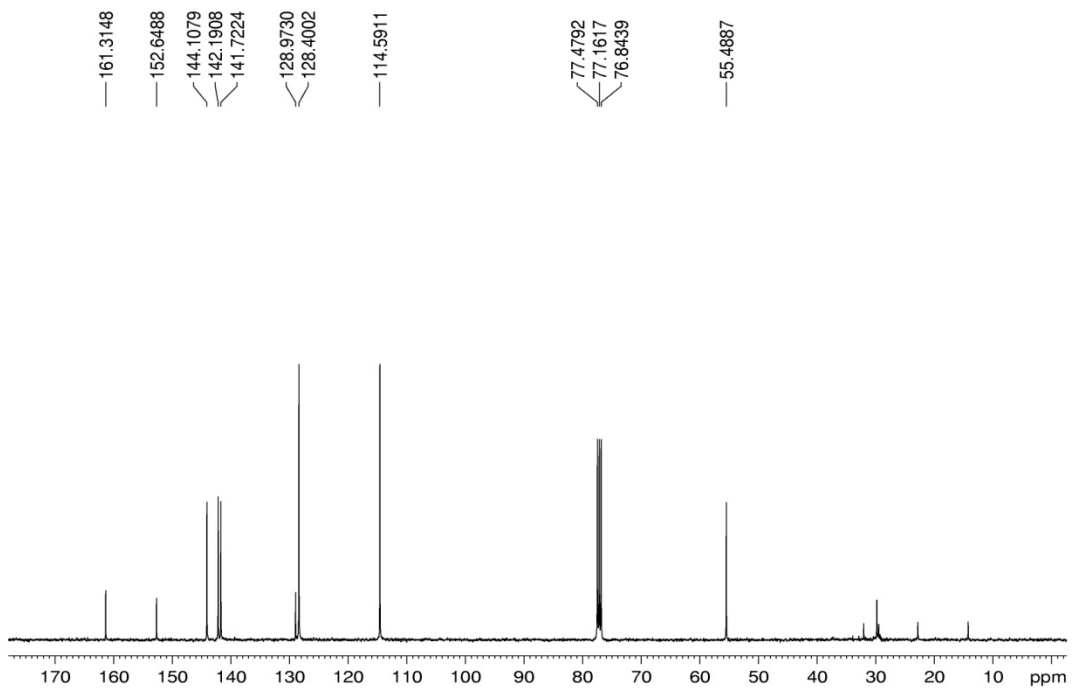
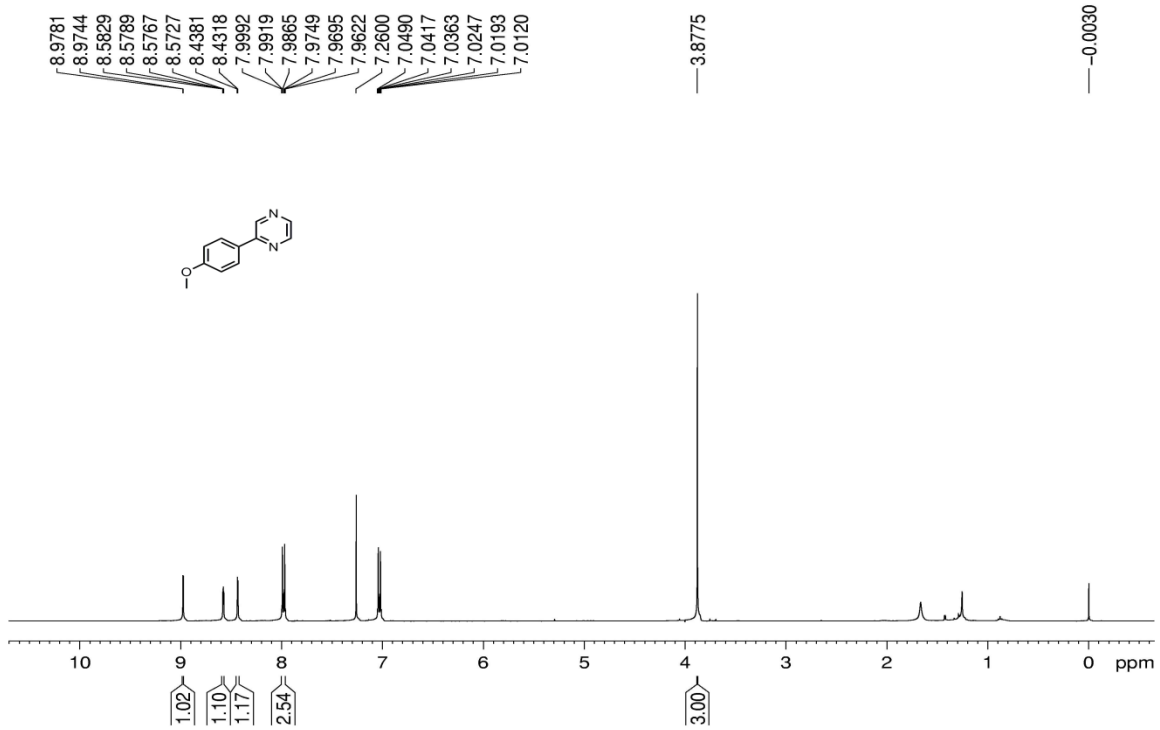
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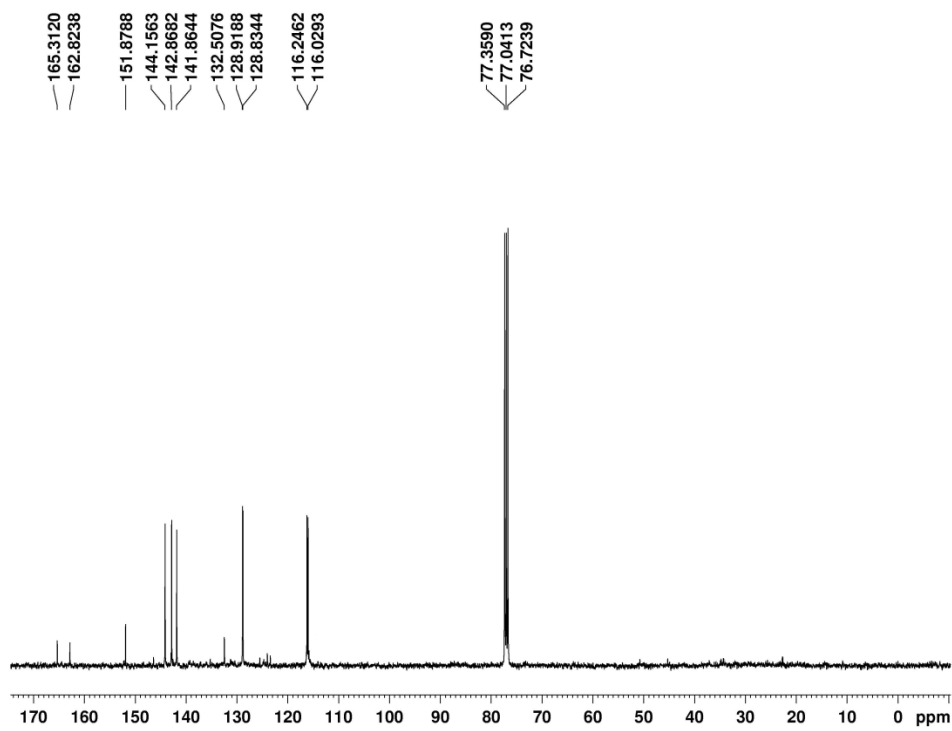
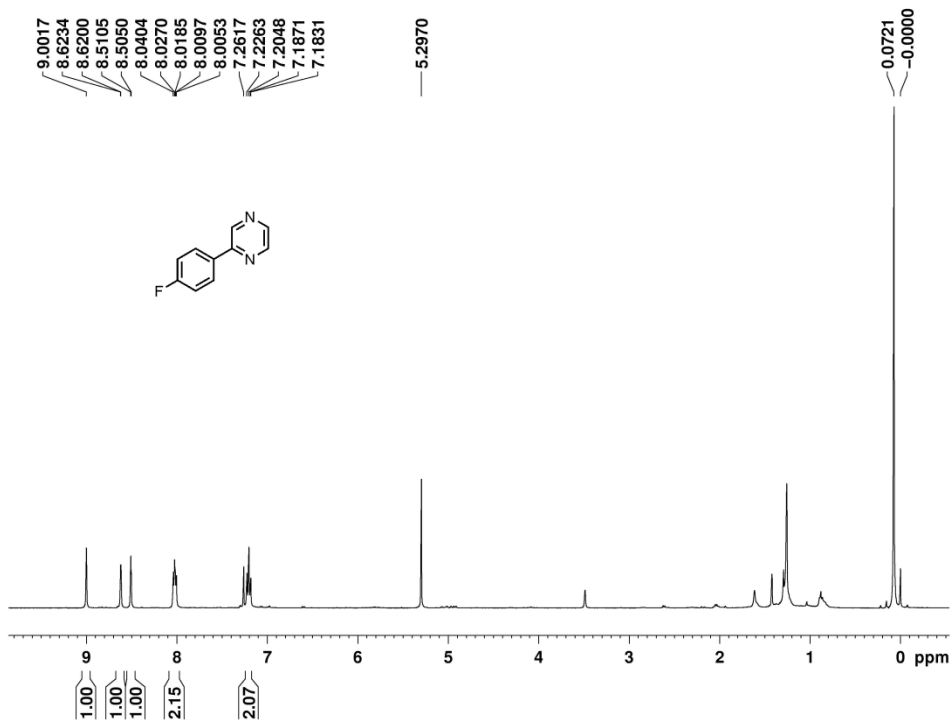


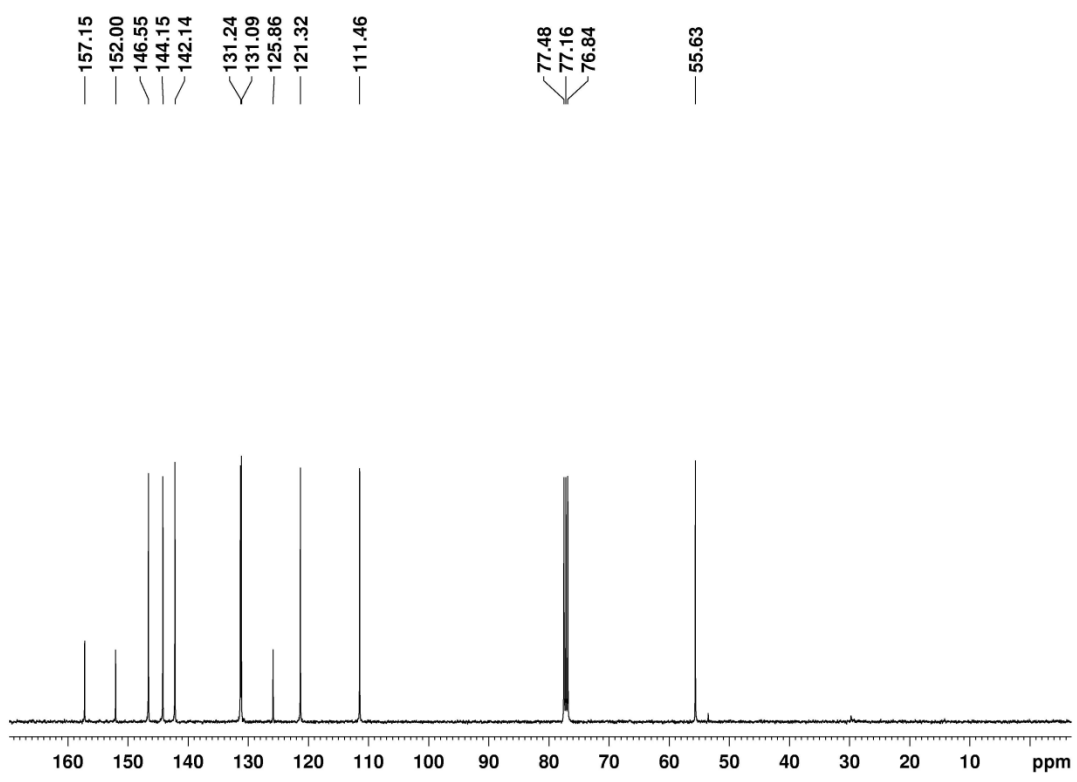
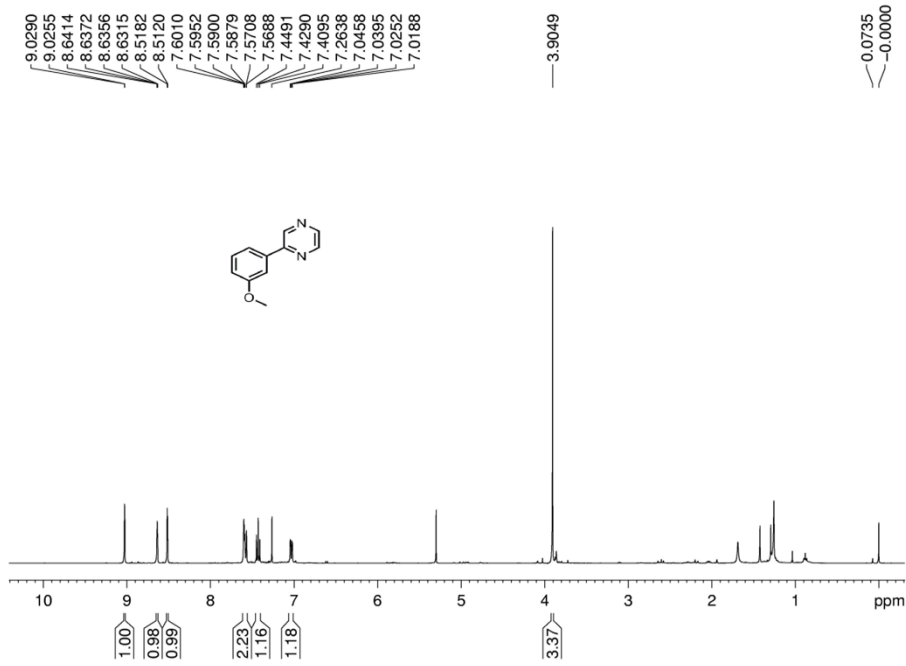






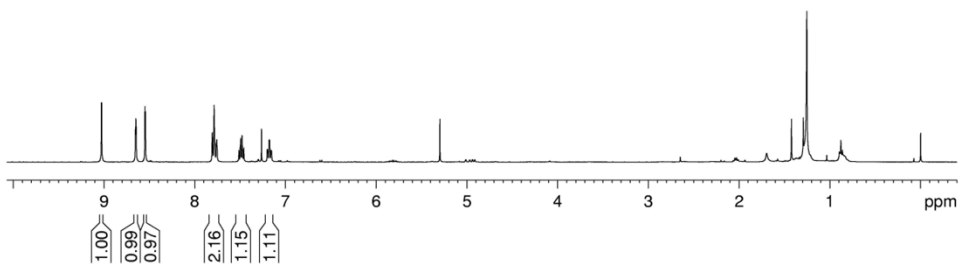
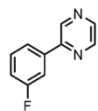




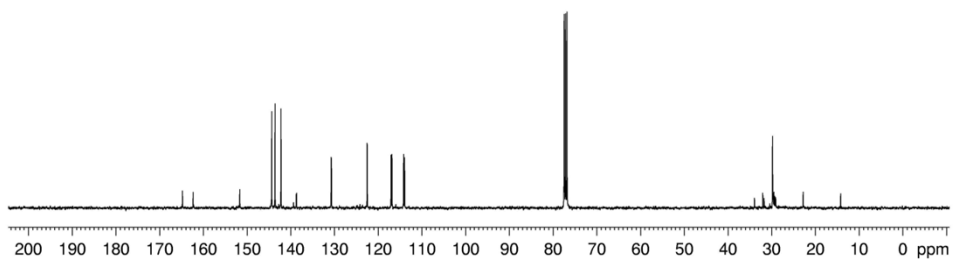


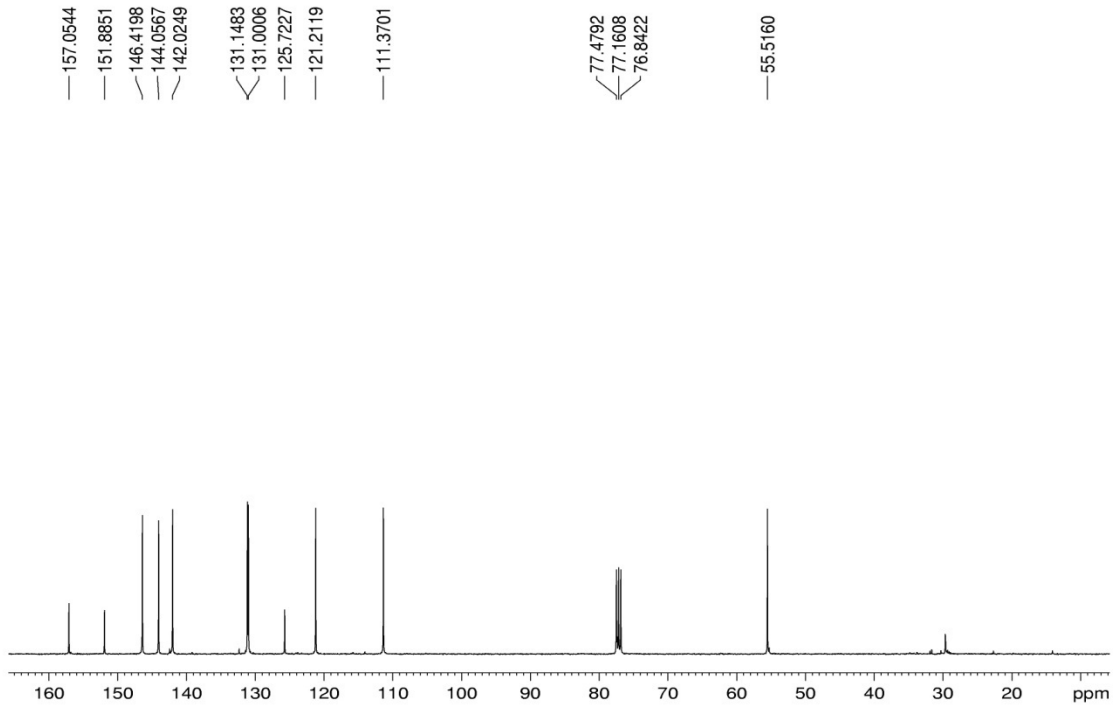
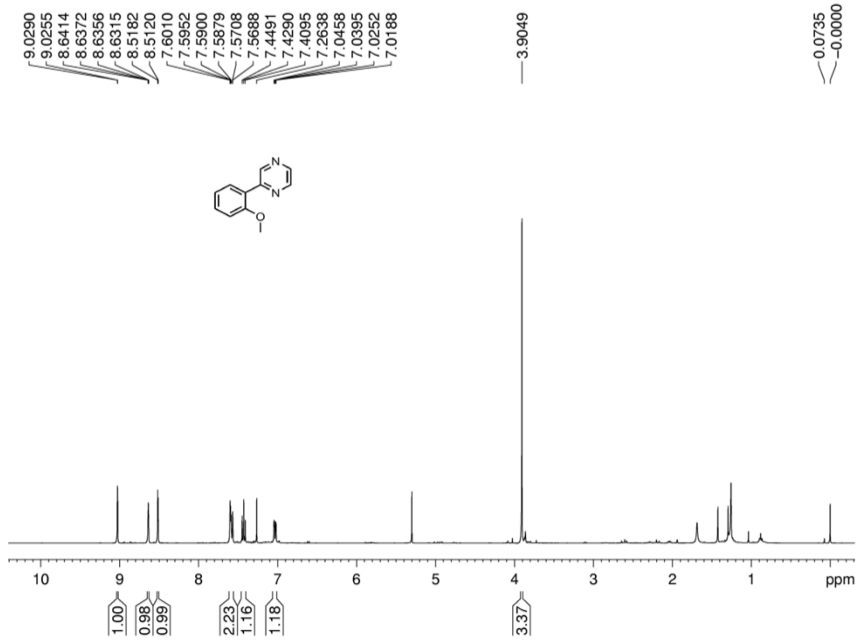
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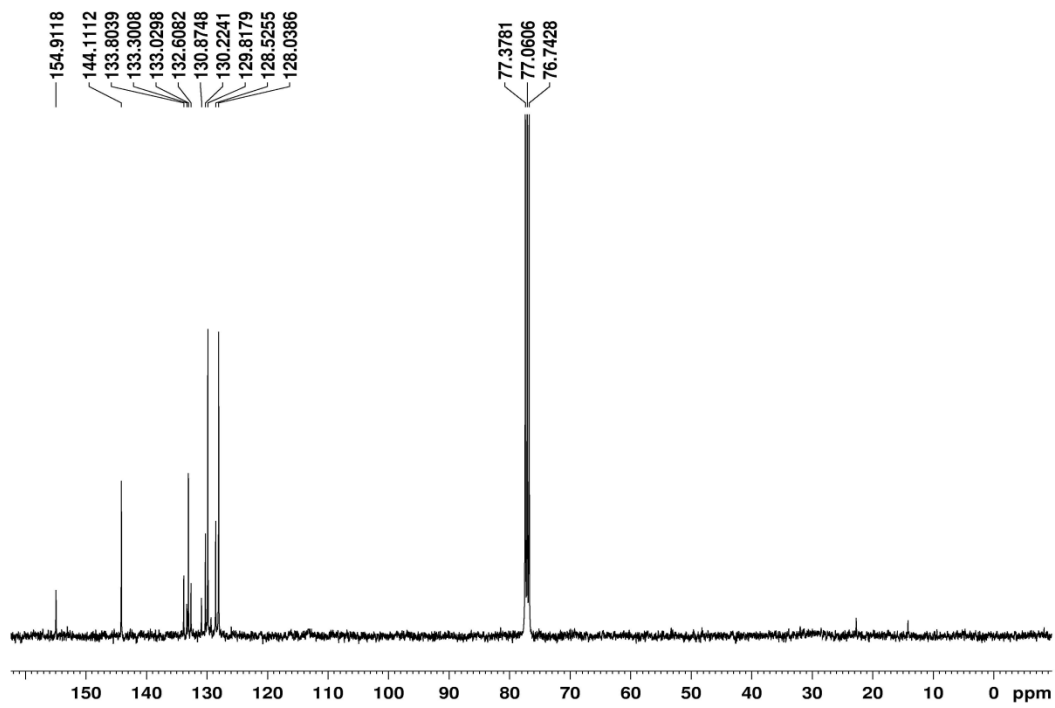
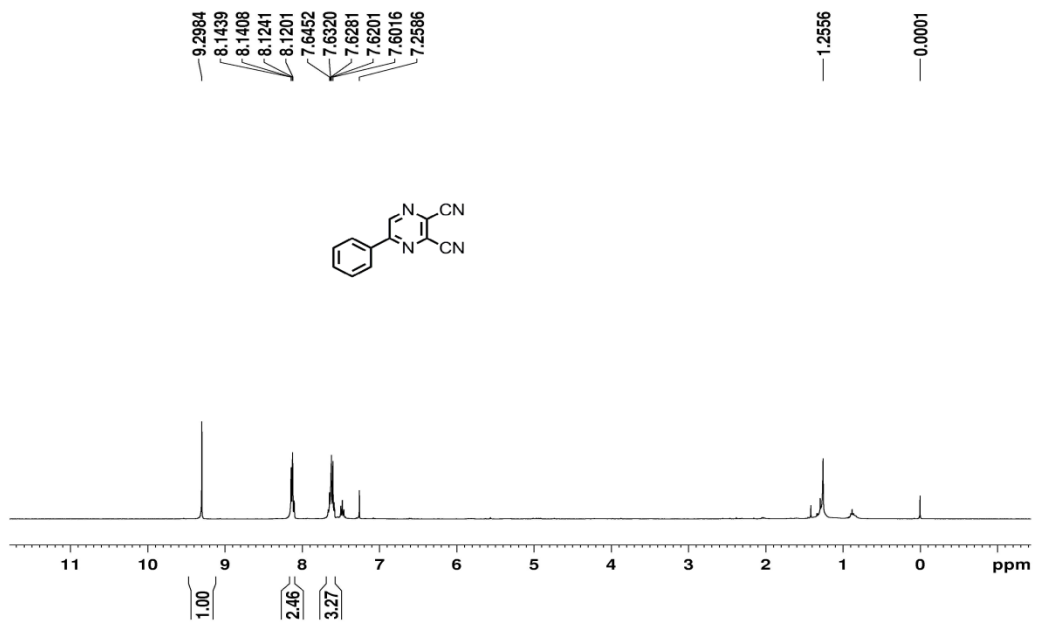
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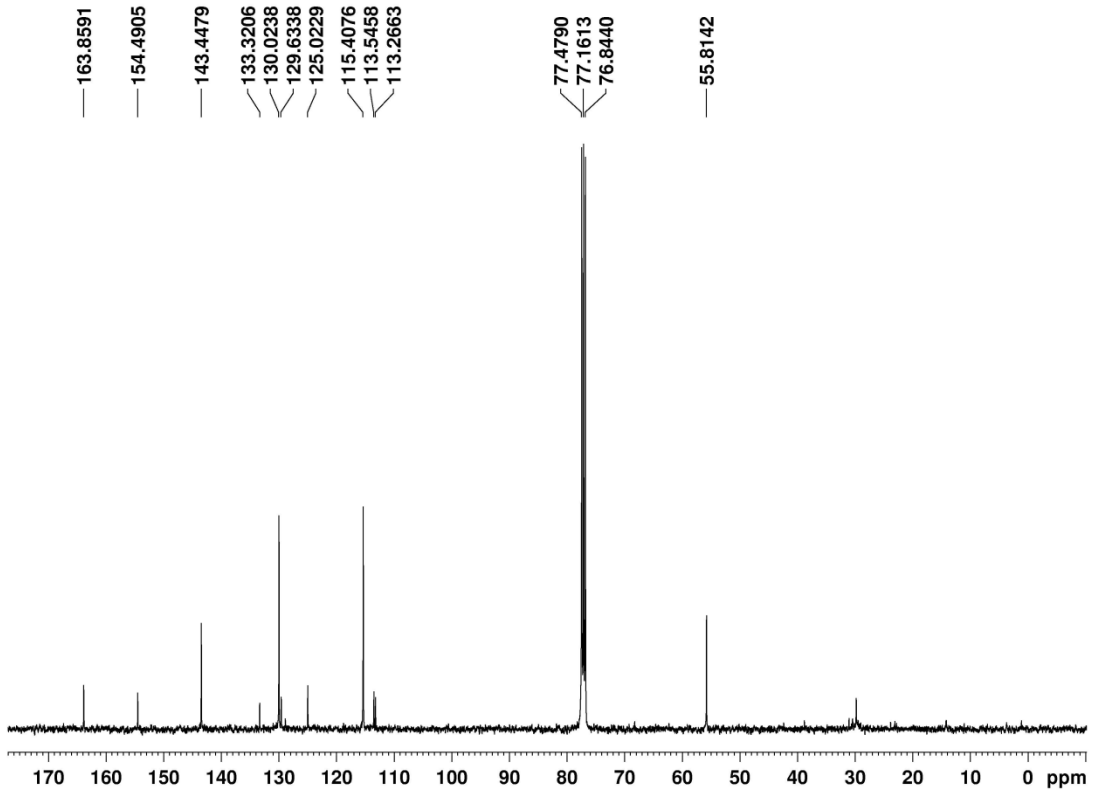
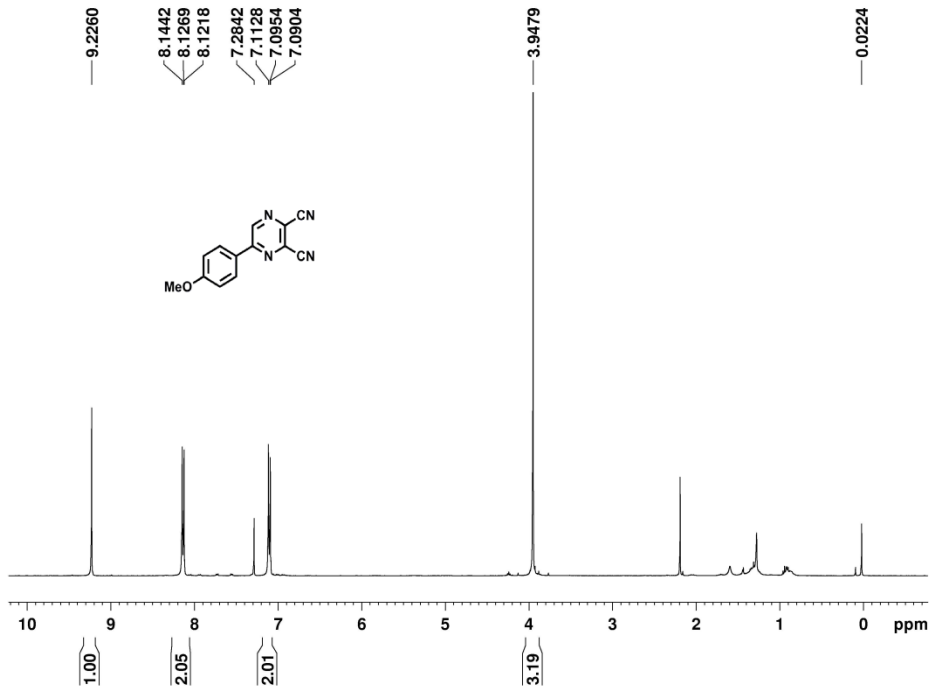


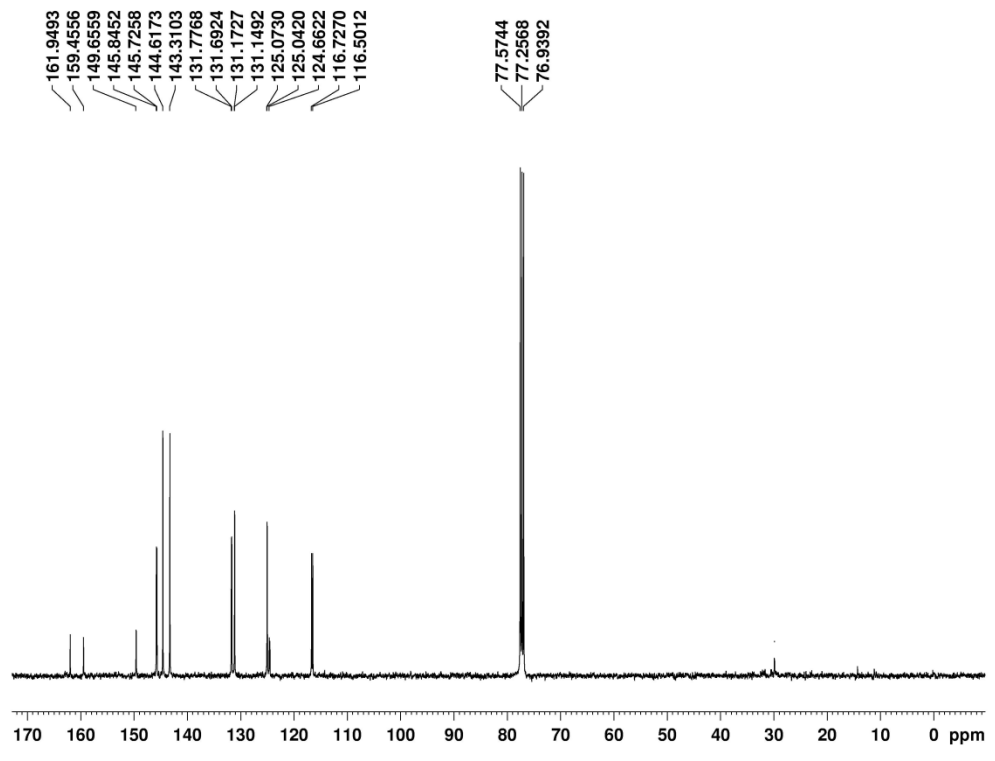
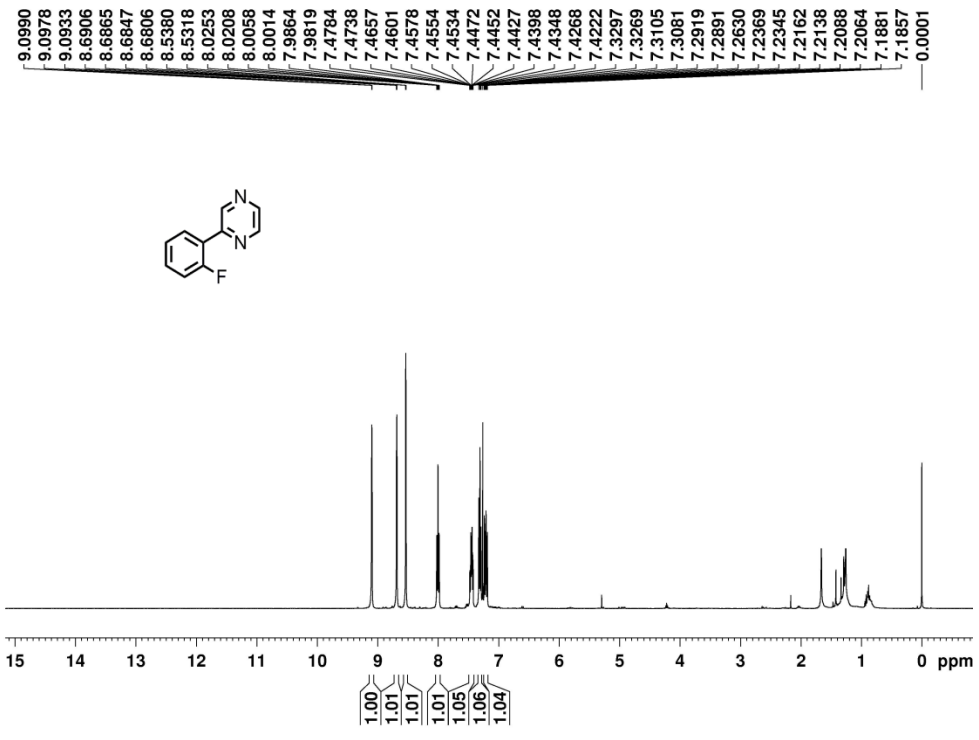
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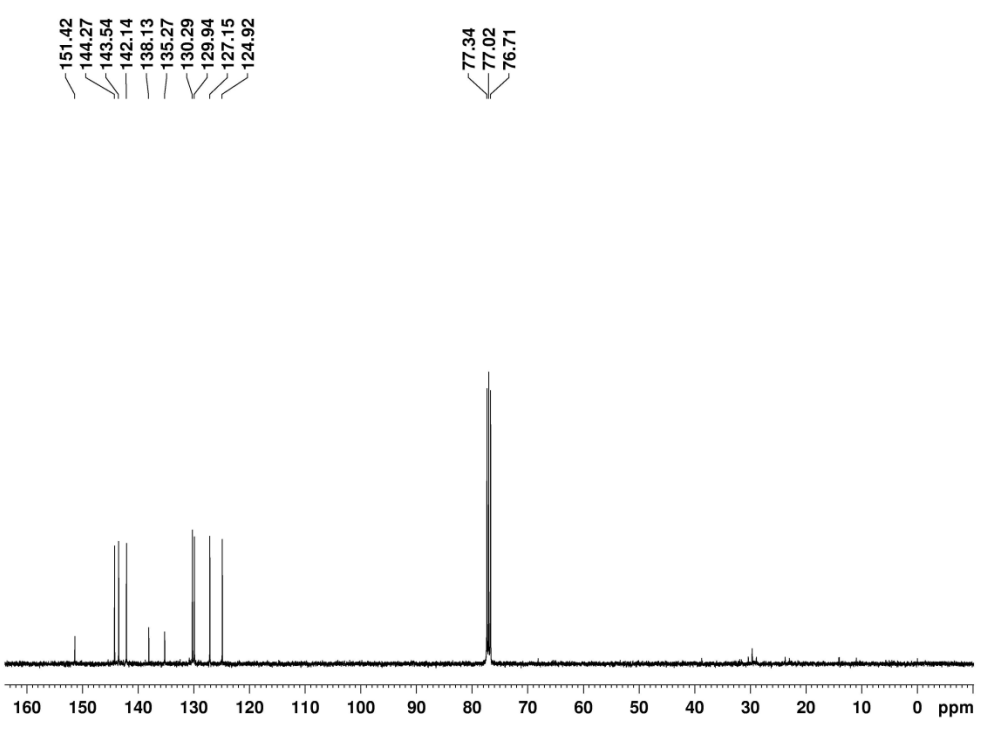
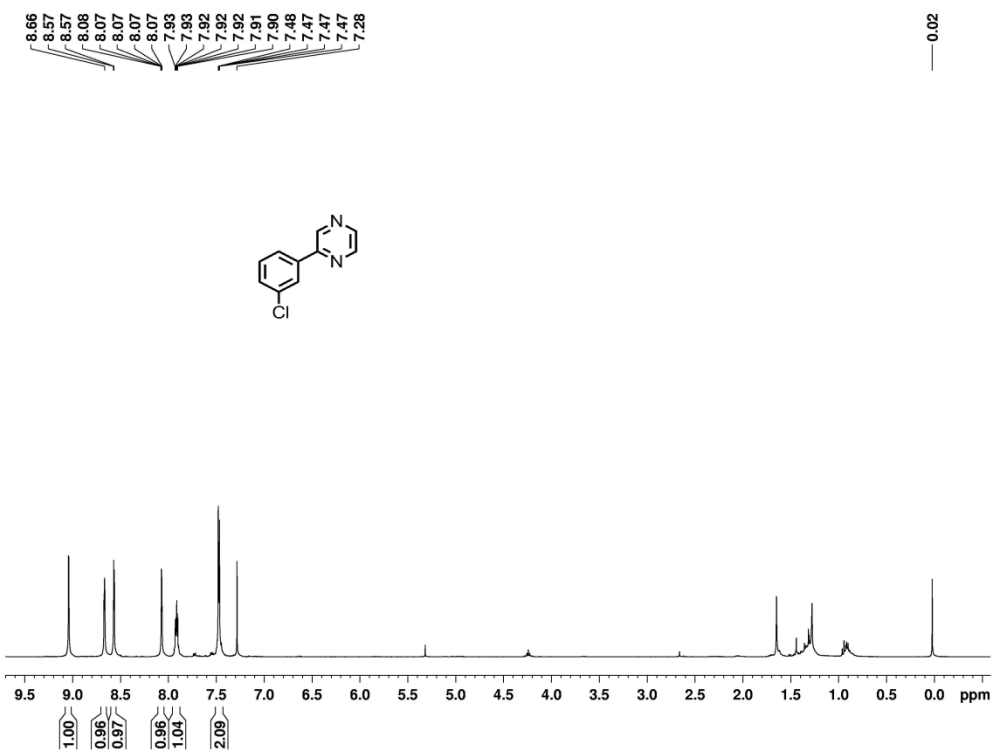


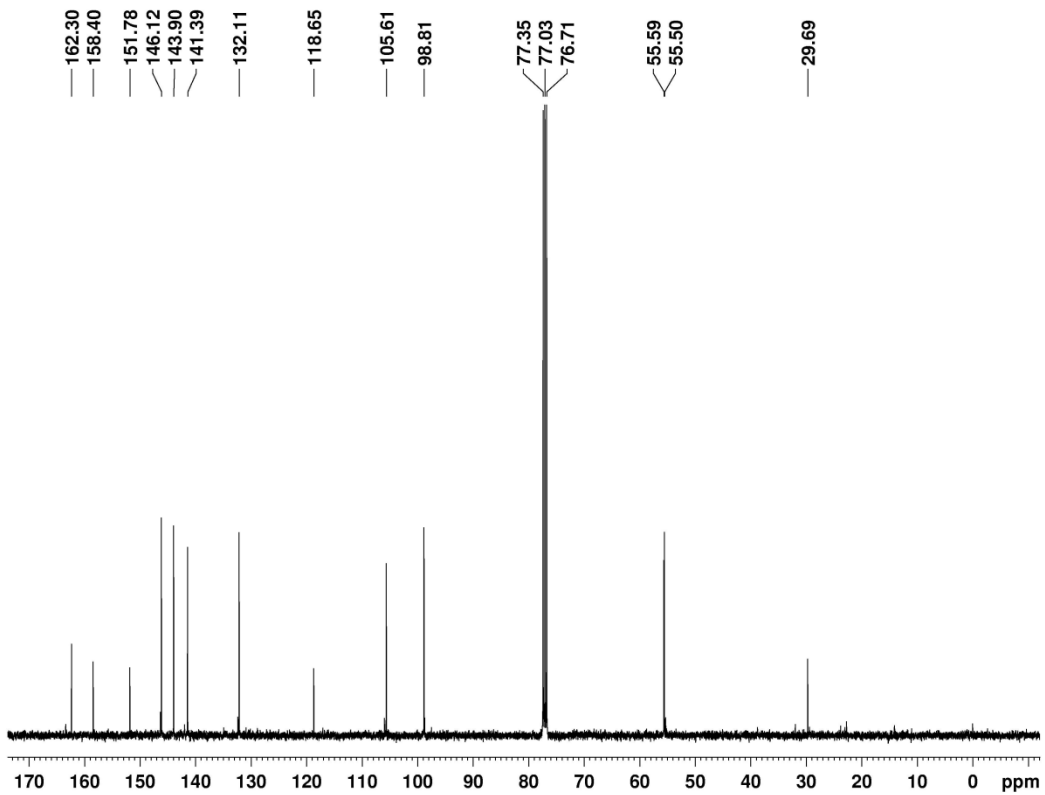
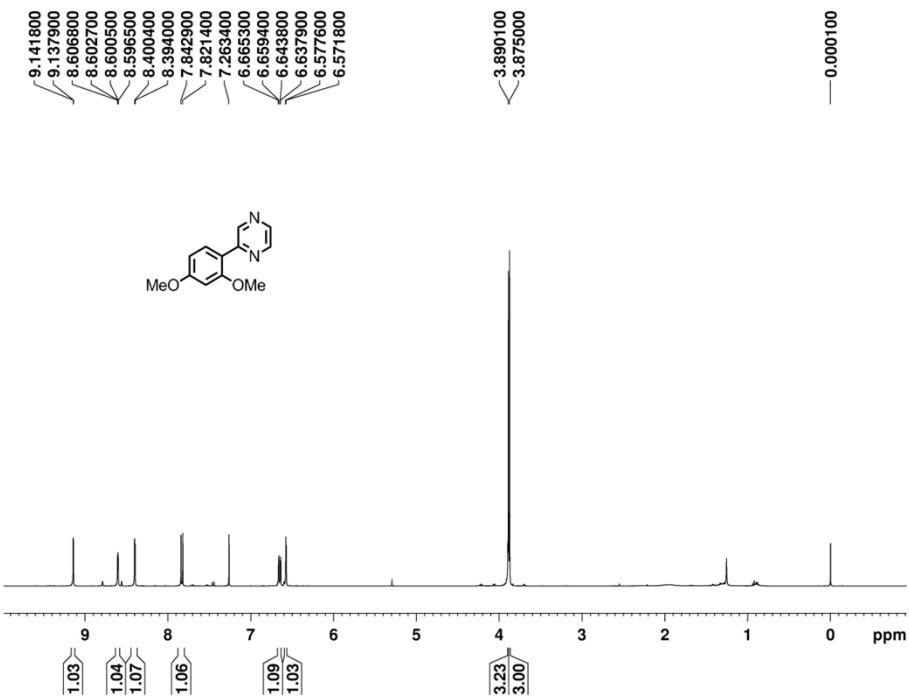






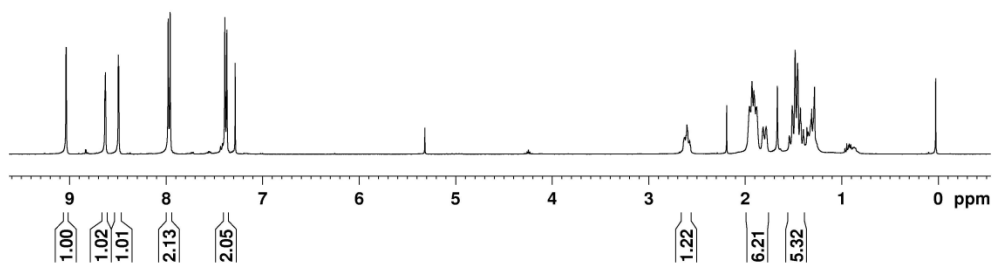
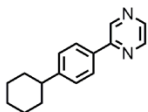






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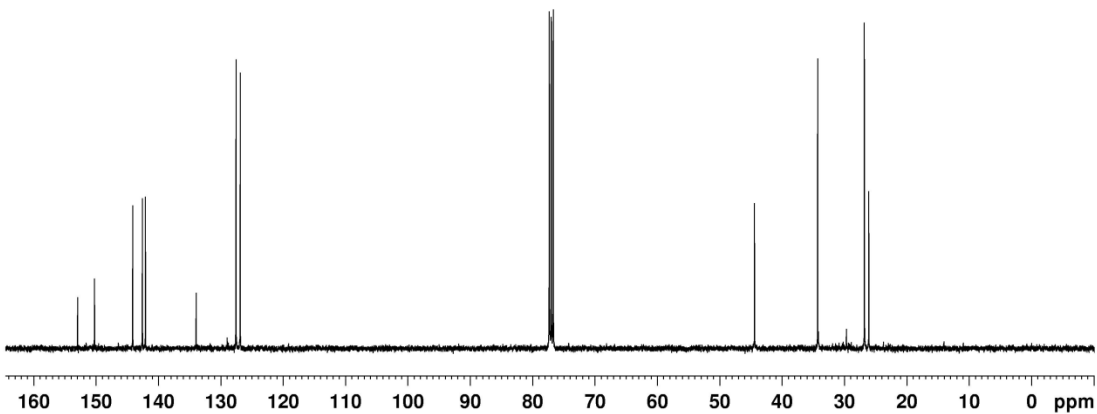
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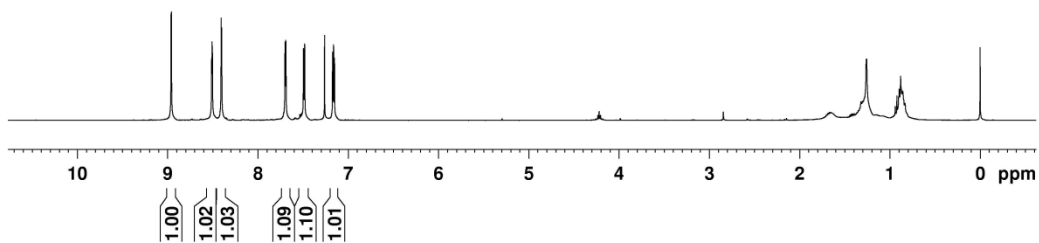
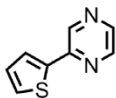
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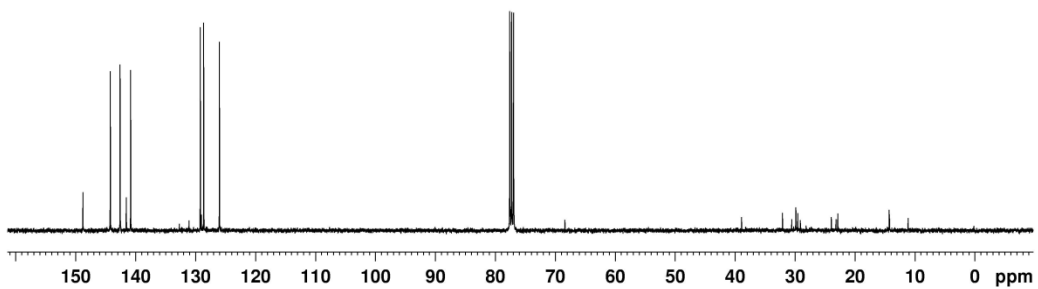
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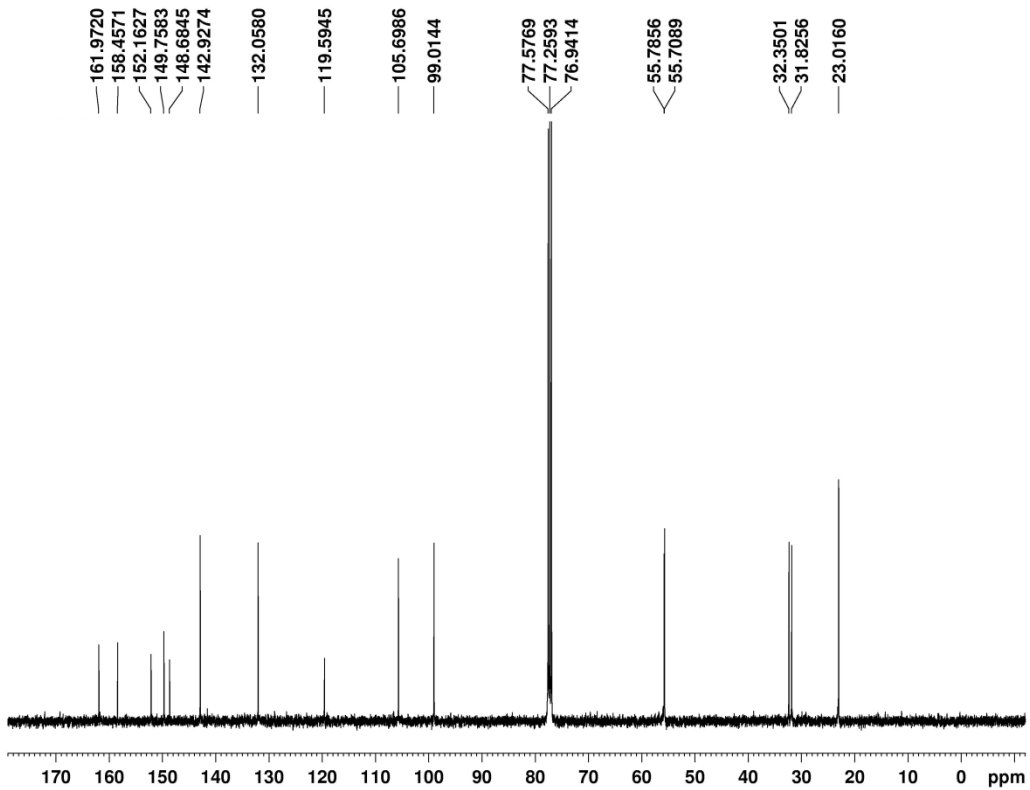
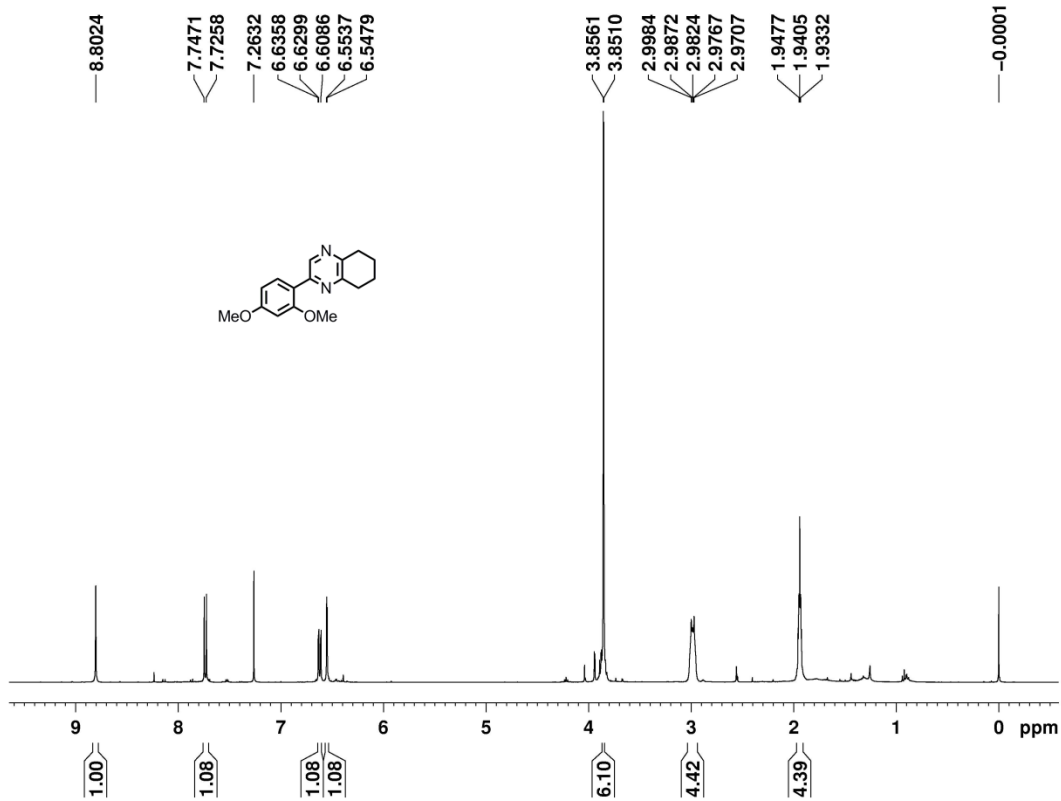
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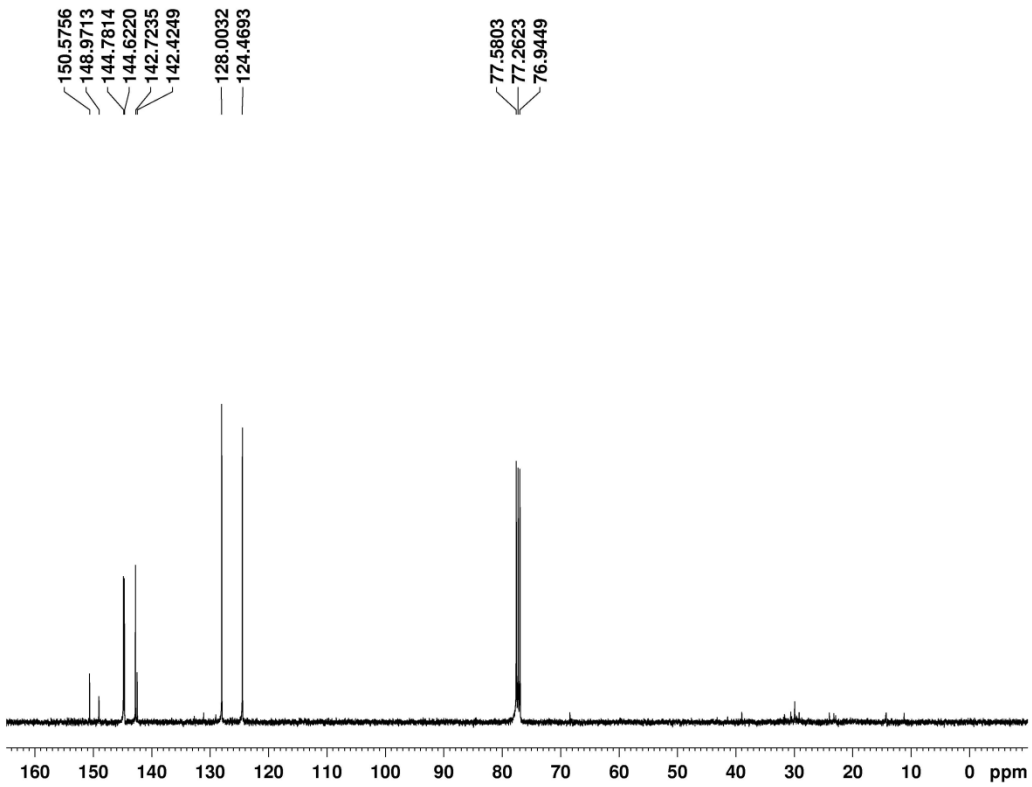
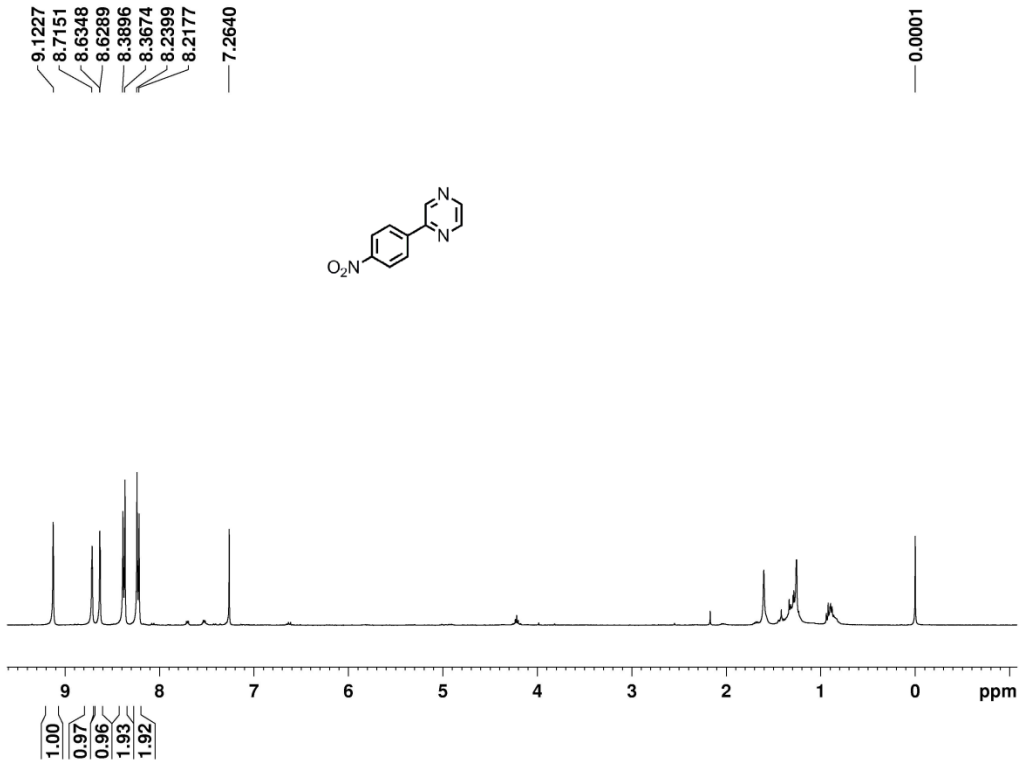


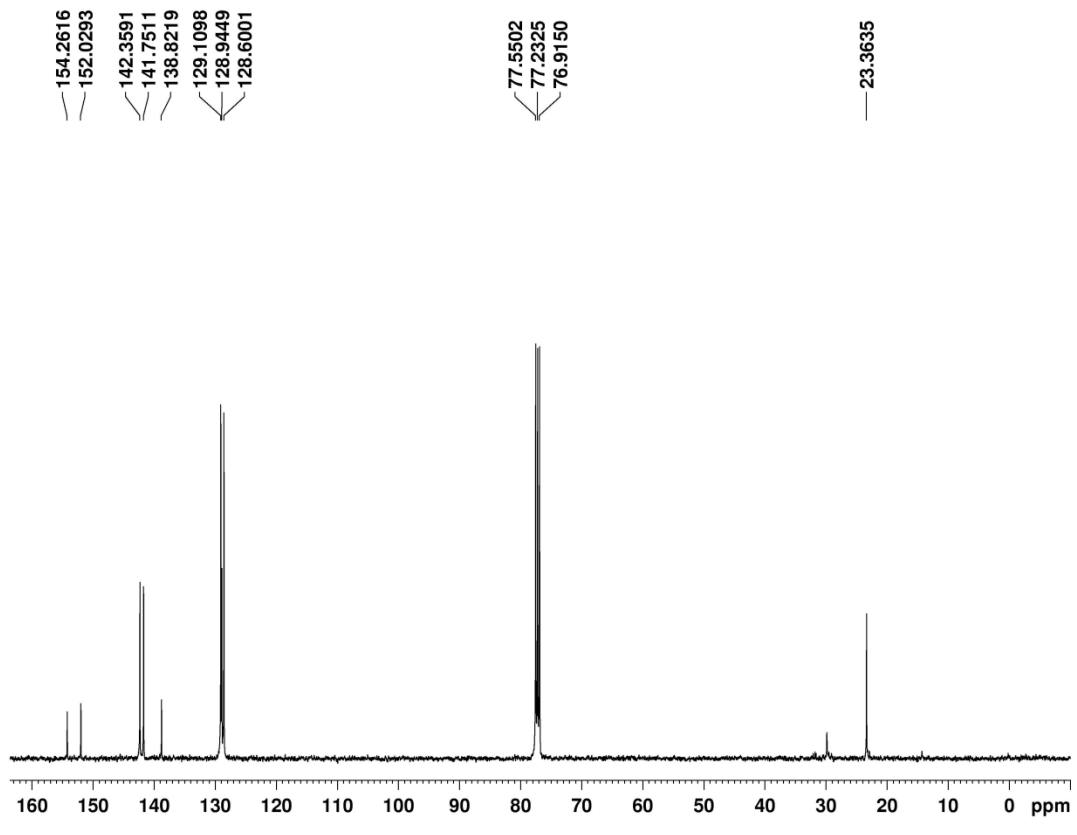
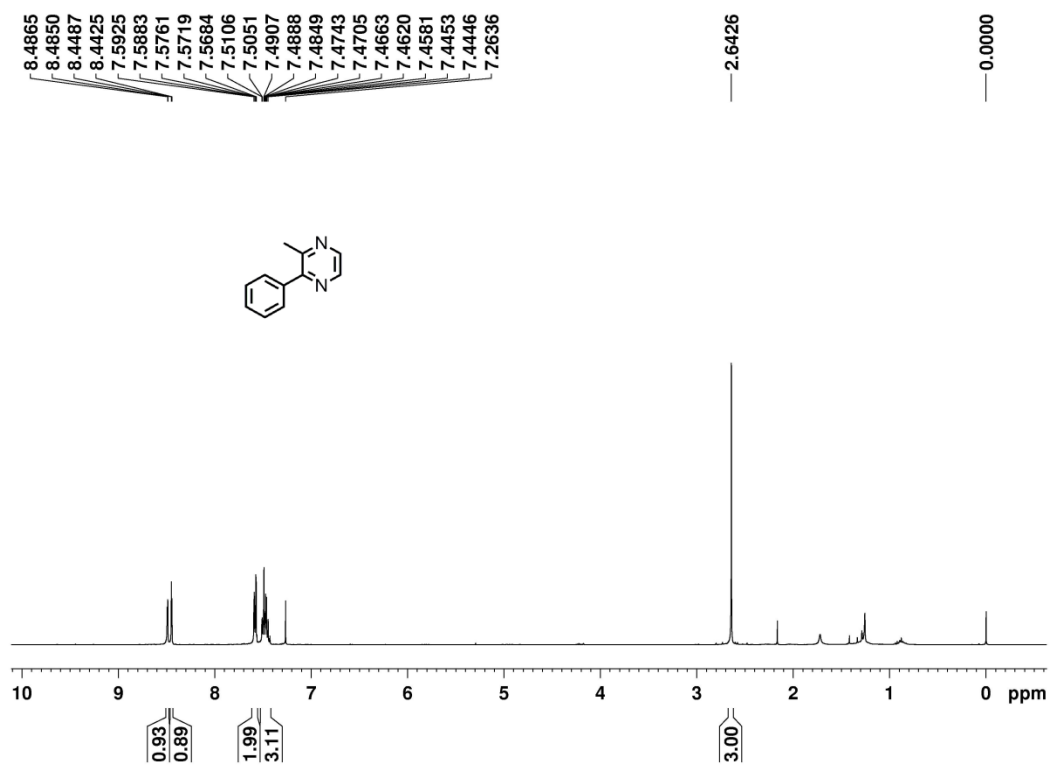
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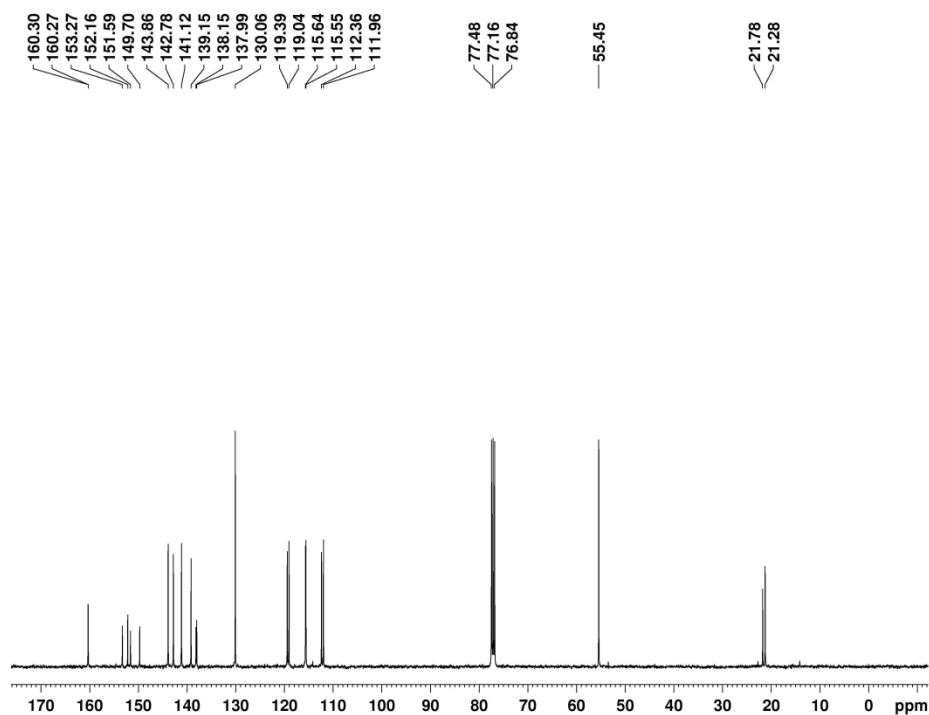
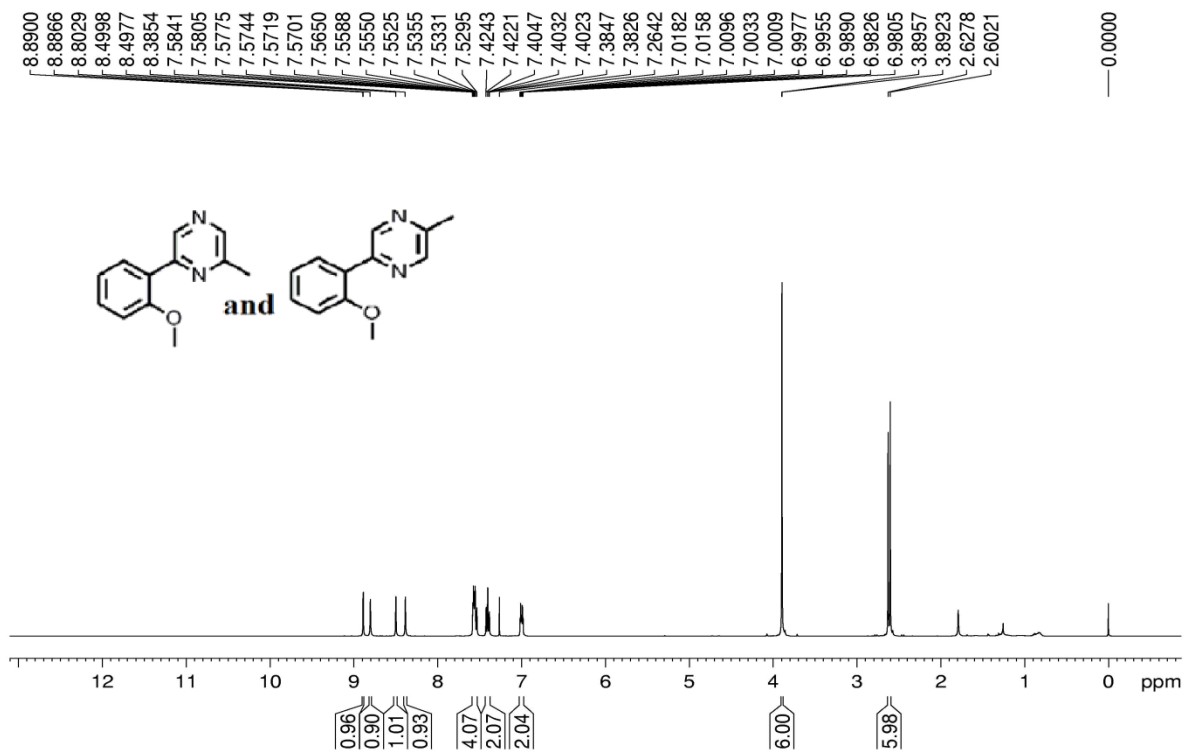
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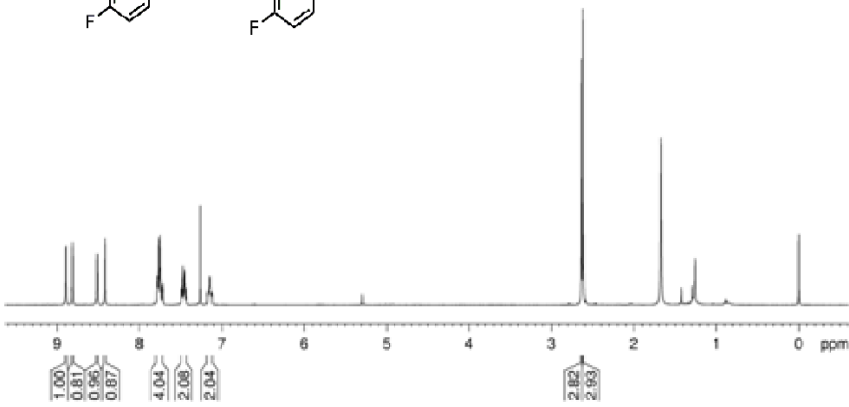
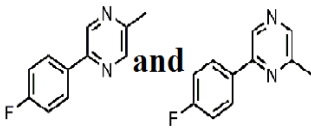








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