

Experimental:

^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer, using CDCl_3 as solvent. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100.6 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to internal TMS. Coupling constant J is quoted in hertz Hz. IR spectra were performed on a Perkin-Elmer FT 1600 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were carried out with JEOL Gcmate spectrometer. Melting points (mp) were determined on a Stuart SMP3 apparatus and are uncorrected. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel using precoated plates of silica 60 F₂₅₄.

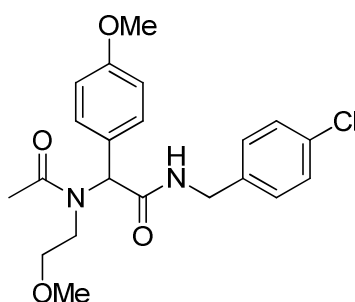
General procedure I: Synthesis of Ugi adducts

To a solution of aldehyde in methanol 1M, amine (1.0 equiv), carboxylic acid (1.0 equiv), and isocyanide (1.0 equiv) were subsequently added under argon atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1-3 days. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the obtained crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to get the pure product.

General procedure II: Synthesis of pyrroles and pyrrolines

In a microwave vial, Ugi adduct (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in trifluoroethanol (1.5 mL). To this solution, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile or methyl acrylate (6.0 equiv) were subsequently added. The resulting mixture was subjected to microwave irradiation (140°C, 30 min, CEM Discover microwave, 150 W). After completion of the reaction, the vial was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (15 mL), extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product.

***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)acetamido)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide (2a)**



Mol. Wt. = 404.887 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), 2-methoxyethylamine (88 μ l, 1.0 mmol), acetic acid (57 μ l, 1.0 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (150 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated as a 3:1 mixture of rotamers isolated in 78% yield (318 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 102.3-102.8°C

Rf: 0.3 (100 Ethyl acetate)

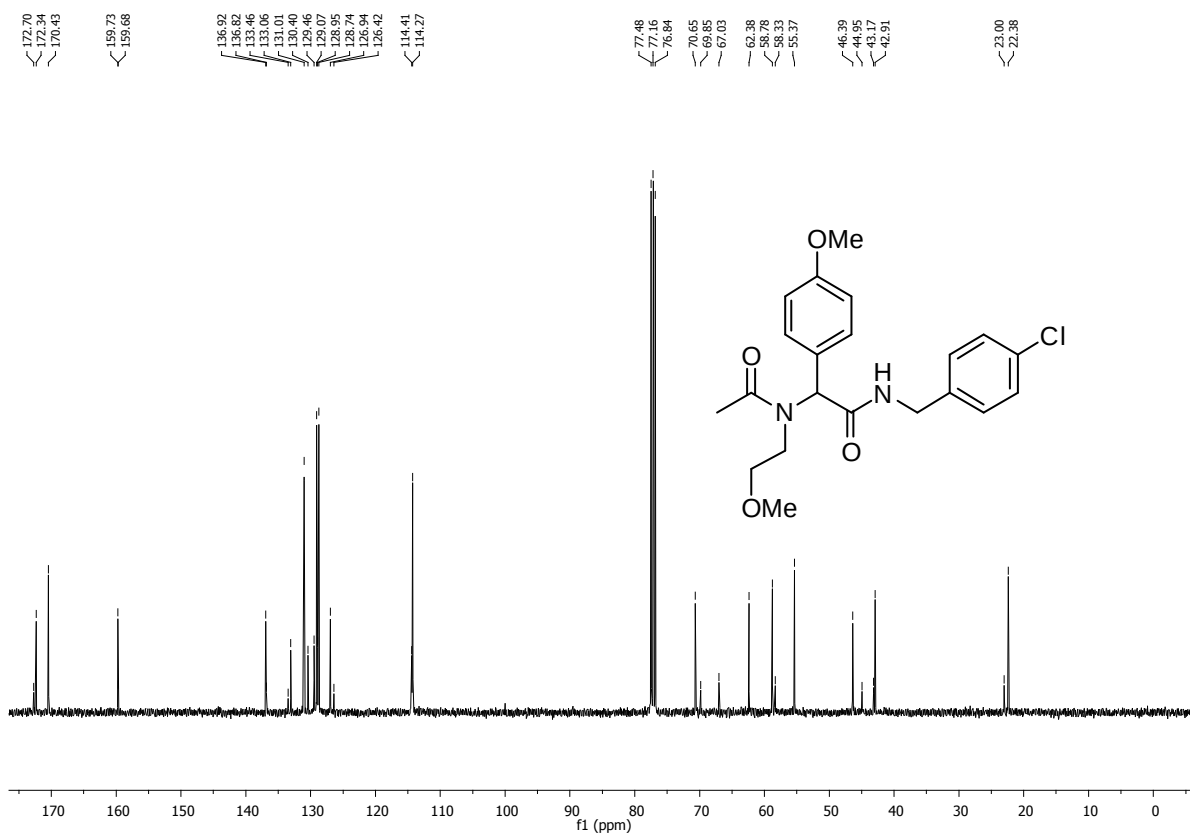
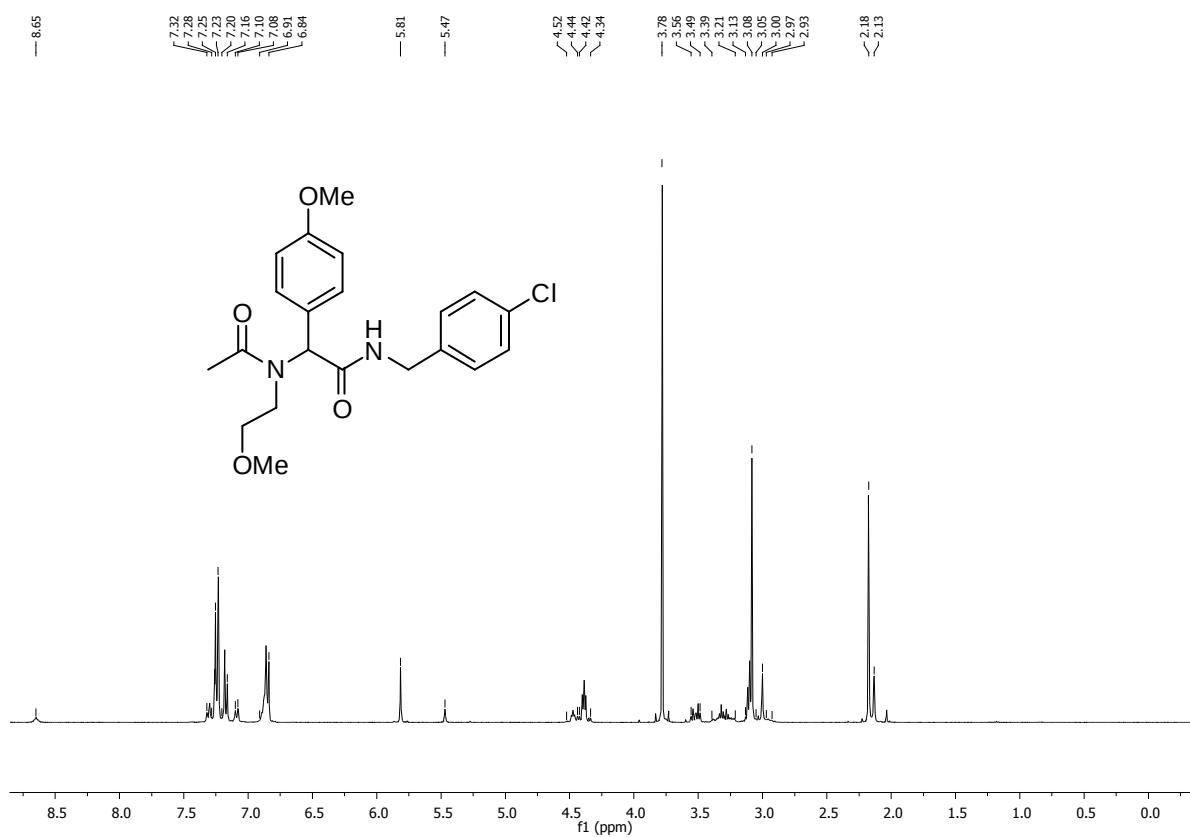
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.65 (br s, 1H, NH, minor), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H-ar, minor), 7.25-7.23 (m, 6H, 2H-ar major and 4H-ar minor), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H-ar, major), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H-ar, minor), 6.91-6.84 (m, 5H, NH major, 2H-ar major and 2H-ar minor), 5.81 (s, 1H, major), 5.47 (s, 1H, minor), 4.52-4.42 (m, 2H, minor), 4.44-4.34 (m, 2H, major), 3.82-3.75 (m, 1H, minor), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2 OMe, major and minor), 3.56-3.49 (m, 1H, major), 3.39-3.21 (m, 3H, 1H major and 2H minor), 3.13-3.06 (m, 2H, major), 3.08 (s, 3H, OMe, major), 3.00 (s, 3H, OMe, minor), 2.97-2.93 (m, 1H, minor), 2.18 (s, 3H, major), 2.13 (s, 3H, minor).

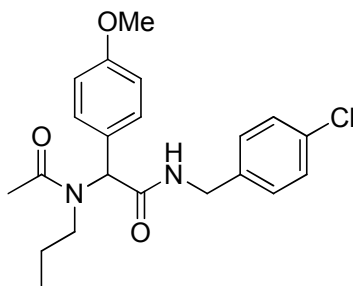
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): major rotamer δ 172.3, 170.4, 159.7, 136.9, 133.0, 131.0, 129.0, 128.7, 126.9, 114.2, 70.6, 62.3, 58.7, 55.3, 46.3, 42.9, 22.3. Minor rotamer δ 172.7, 170.4, 159.6, 136.8, 133.4, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 126.4, 114.4, 69.8, 67.0, 58.3, 55.3, 44.9, 43.1, 23.0.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅ClN₂O₄: 404.1503, Found: 404.1501.

I.R. (thin film): 3286, 3066, 2931, 1631, 1513, 1411, 1248, 1179, 1179, 1114, 1032, 1014 cm^{-1} .



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(*N*-propylacetamido)acetamide (2b)**



Mol. Wt. = 388.887 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (248 μ l, 2.0 mmol), propylamine (166 μ l, 2.0 mmol), acetic acid (114 μ l, 2.0 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (300 μ l, 2.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 74% yield (582 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 111.1-111.6°C

Rf: 0.2 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

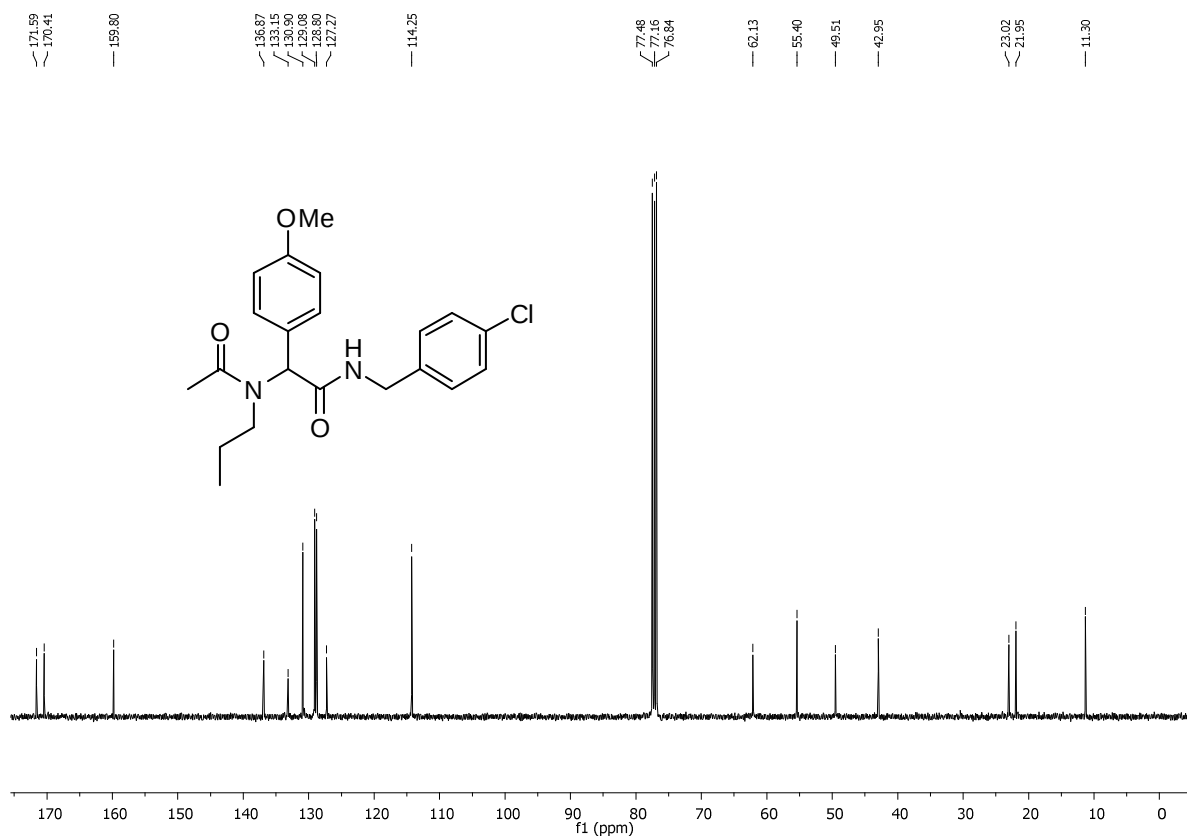
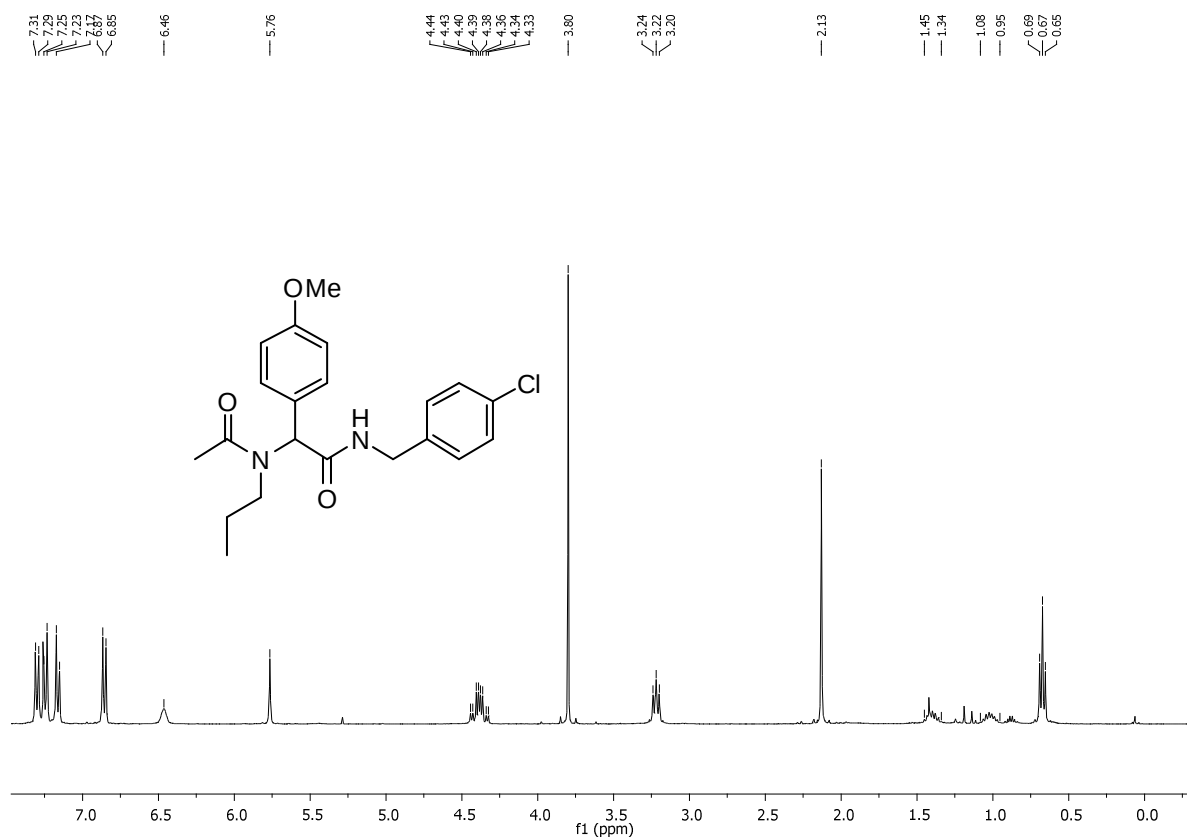
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.22 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.08-0.95 (m, 1H), 0.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

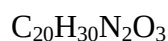
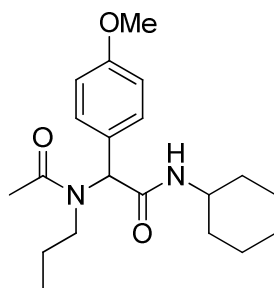
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.5, 170.4, 159.8, 136.8, 133.1, 130.9, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 114.2, 62.1, 55.4, 49.5, 42.9, 23.0, 21.9, 11.3.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅ClN₂O₃: 388.1554, Found: 388.1549.

I.R. (thin film): 3291, 3065, 2962, 2933, 1611, 1510, 1412, 1248, 1033 cm⁻¹.



***N*-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(*N*-propylacetamido)acetamide (2c)**



Mol. Wt. = 346.463 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μl , 1.0 mmol), propylamine (83 μl , 1.0 mmol), acetic acid (57 μl , 1.0 mmol), and cyclohexyl isocyanide (124 μl , 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 73% yield (254 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 150.0-150.5°C

Rf: 0.4 (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

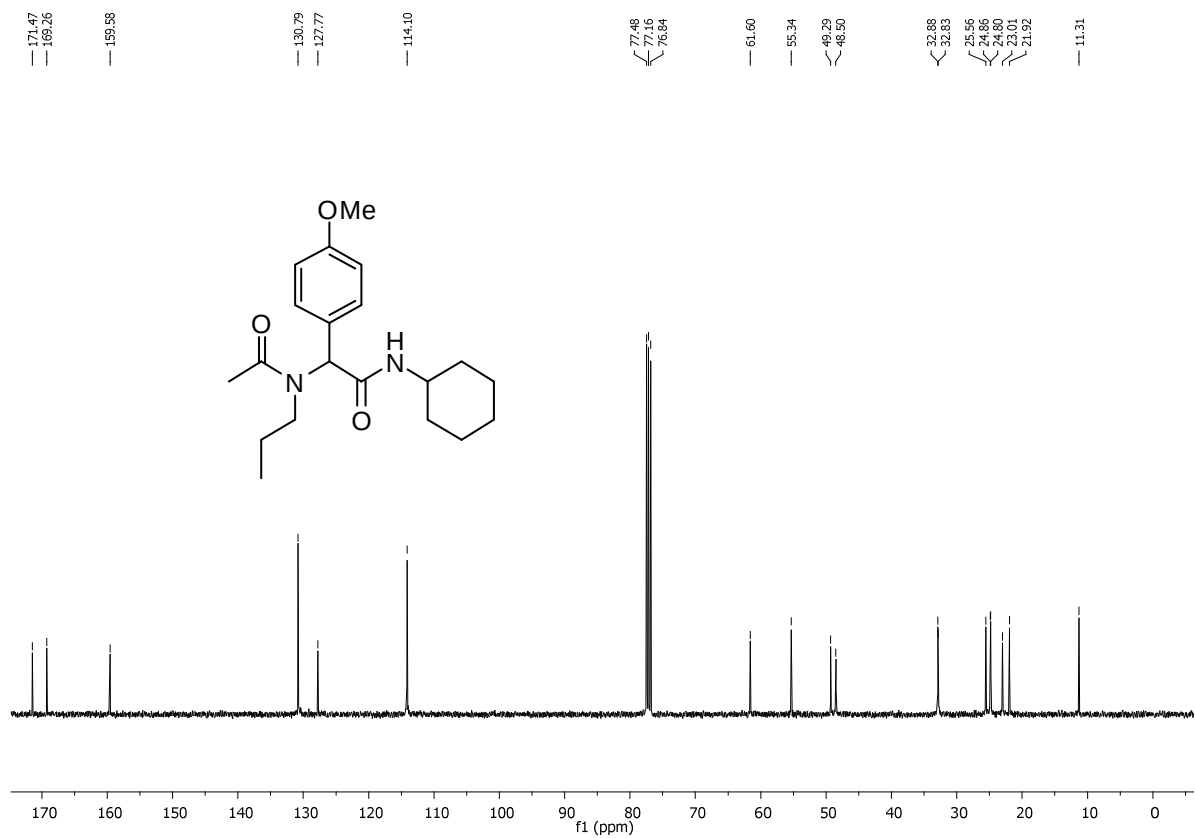
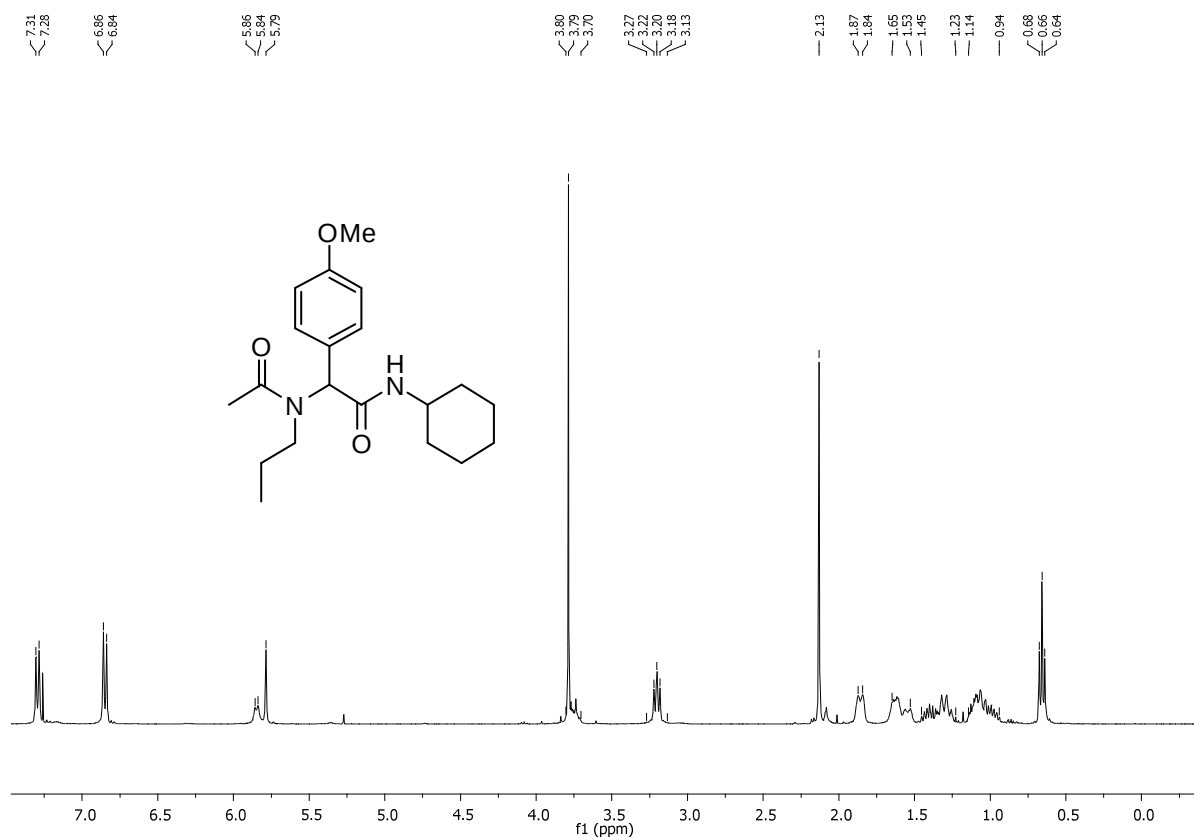
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.80-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.27-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.23 (m, 3H), 1.14-0.94 (m, 4H), 0.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

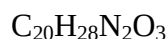
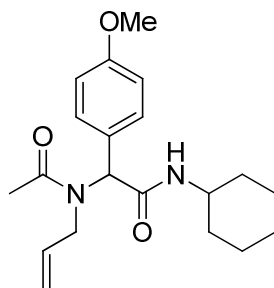
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₀H₃₀N₂O₃: 346.2256, Found: 346.2263.

I.R. (thin film): 3290, 3054, 2928, 2852, 1609, 1509, 1412, 1245, 1176, 1028, 836, 730 cm⁻¹.



2-(*N*-allylacetamido)-*N*-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide (2d)



Mol. Wt. = 344.447 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (248 μl , 2.0 mmol), allylamine (153 μl , 2.0 mmol), acetic acid (114 μl , 2.0 mmol), and cyclohexyl isocyanide (253 μl , 2.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 84% yield (578 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 133.6-134.1°C

Rf: 0.4 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

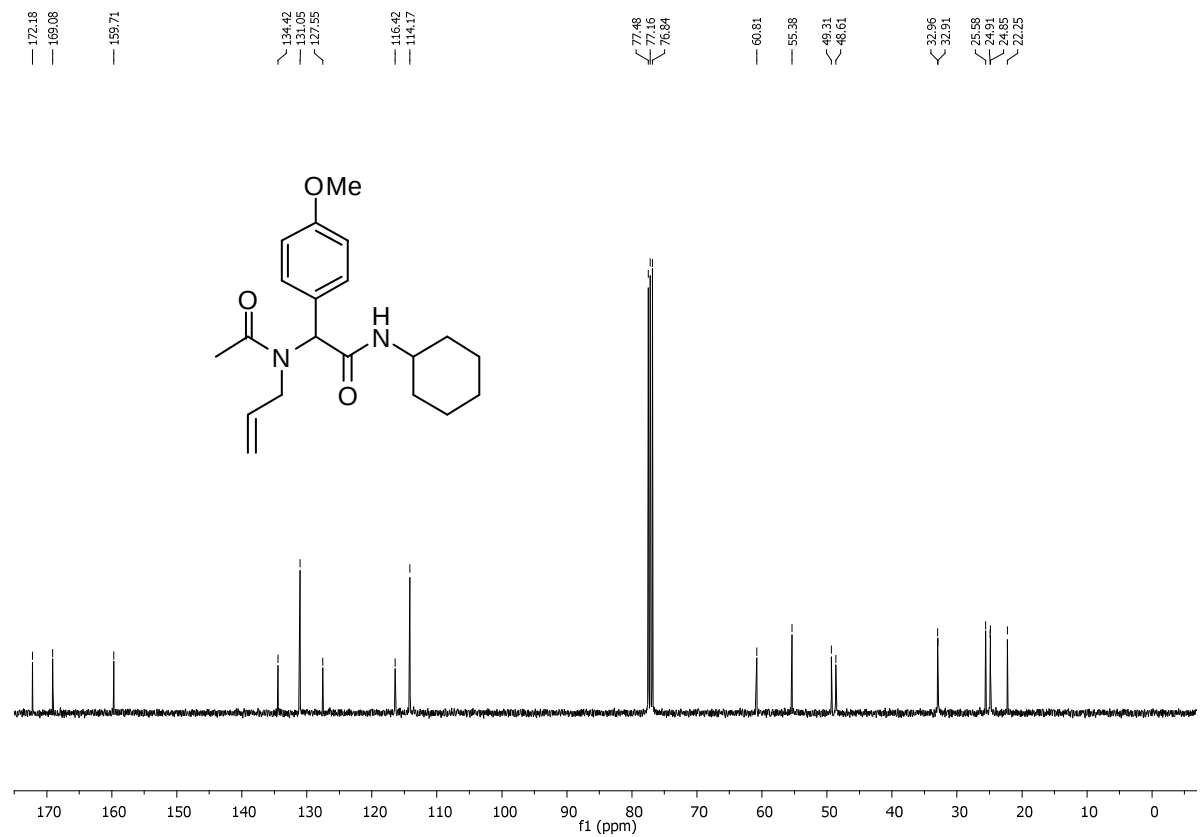
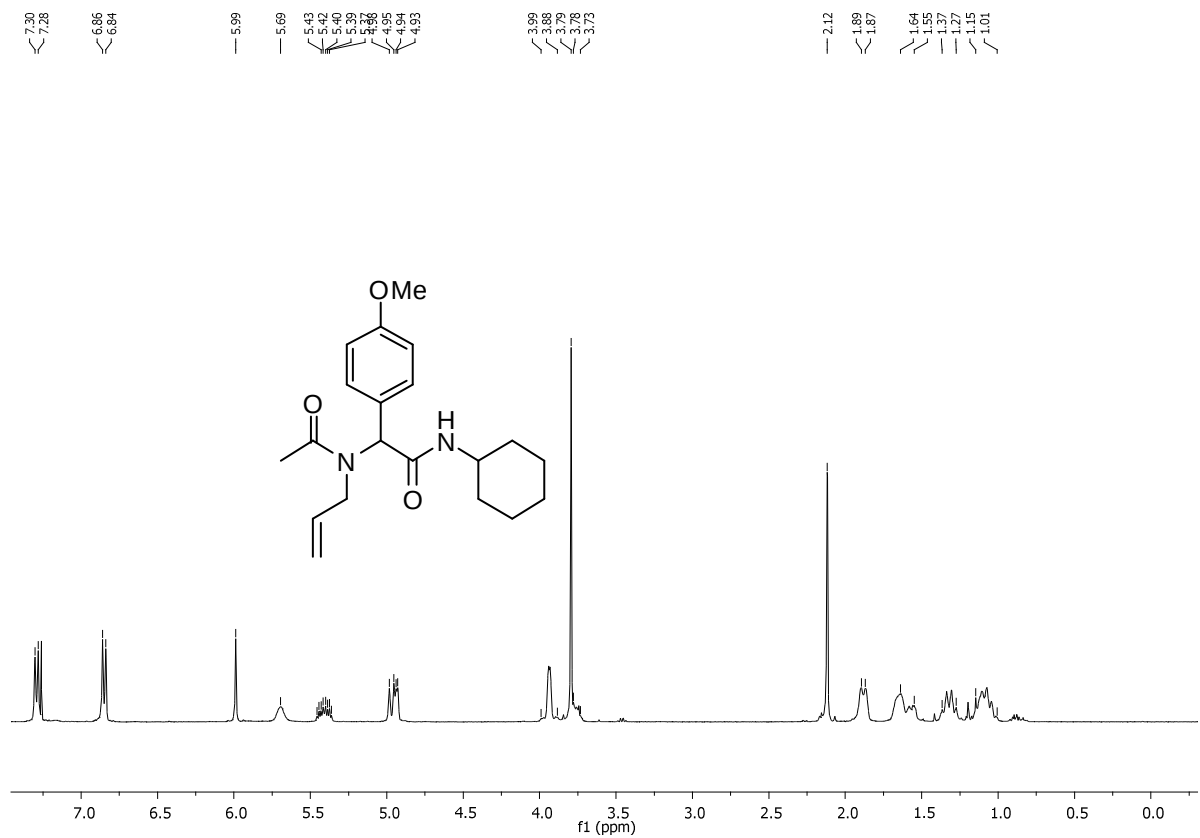
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.69 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.41 (ddt, J = 15.8, 10.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.78-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.87 (m, 2H, H-Cy), 1.64-1.55 (m, 3H, H-Cy), 1.37-1.27 (m, 2H, H-Cy), 1.15-1.01 (m, 3H, H-Cy).

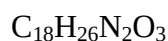
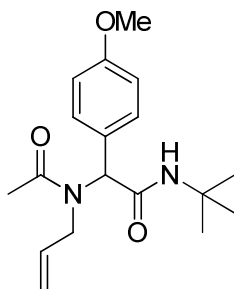
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.1, 169.0, 159.7, 134.4, 131.0, 127.5, 116.4, 114.1, 60.8, 55.3, 49.3, 48.6, 32.9, 32.9, 25.5, 24.9, 24.8, 22.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈N₂O₃: 344.2100, Found: 344.2097.

I.R. (thin film): 3285, 3069, 2926, 2852, 1620, 1509, 1406, 1245, 1177, 1031 cm⁻¹.



2-(*N*-allylacetamido)-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide (2e)



Mol. Wt. = 318.410 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), allylamine (76.5 μ l, 1.0 mmol), acetic acid (57 μ l, 1.0 mmol), and *tert*-butyl isocyanide (113 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 66% yield (212 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 152.7-153.2°C

Rf: 0.4 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

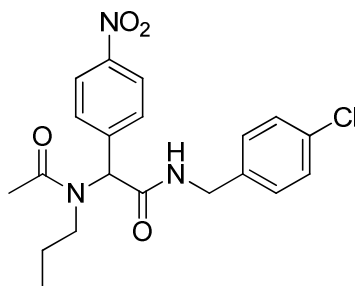
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.58 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.35 (ddd, J = 22.4, 10.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.90 (m, 2H), 3.99-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.1, 169.4, 159.7, 134.4, 131.0, 127.7, 116.3, 114.1, 60.9, 55.3, 51.6, 49.1, 28.7, 22.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₆N₂O₃: 318.1943, Found: 318.1937.

I.R. (thin film): 3311, 3075, 2967, 1680, 1626, 1512, 1413, 1249, 1179, 1033 cm⁻¹.

***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(*N*-propylacetamido)acetamide (2f)**



Mol. Wt. = 403.859 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (231 mg, 1.5 mmol), propylamine (125 μ l, 1.5 mmol), acetic acid (86 μ l, 1.5 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 70% yield (424 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 135.8-136.3°C

Rf: 0.2 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

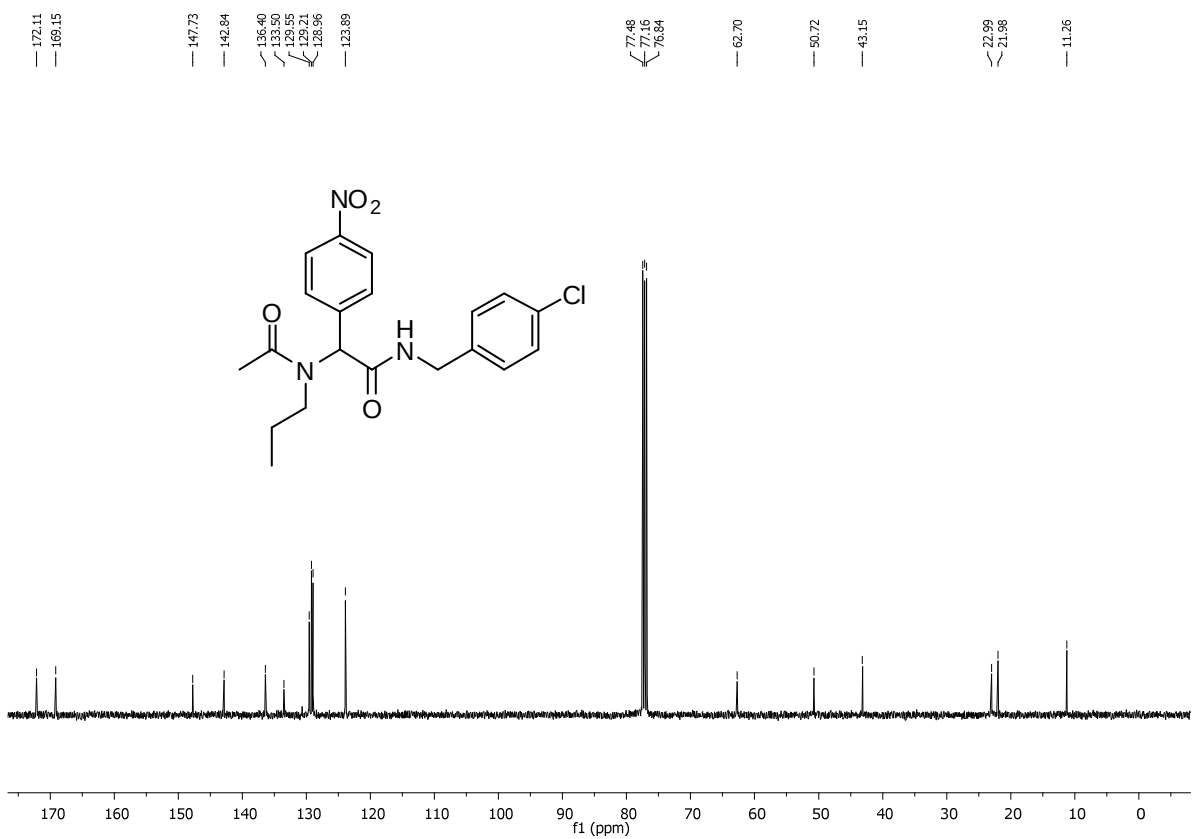
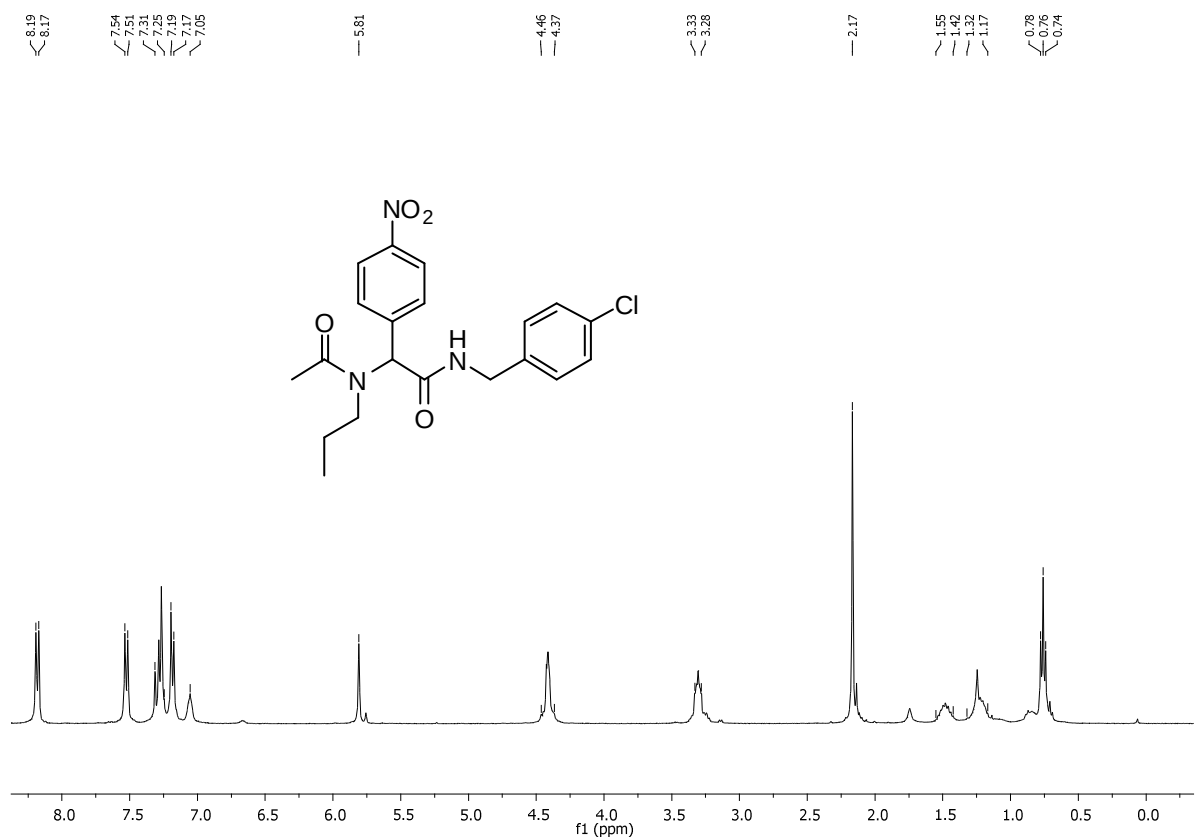
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.37 (m, 2H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.17 (m, 1H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H)

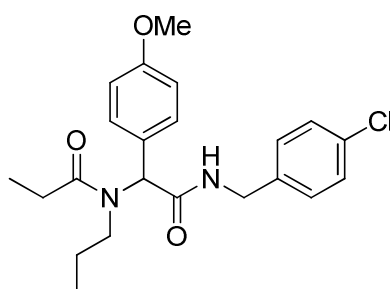
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂ClN₃O₄: 403.1299, Found: 403.1314.

I.R. (thin film): 3281, 3053, 2963, 2931, 2873, 1622, 1518, 1407, 1344, 1228, 1013 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(2-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-*N*-propylpropionamide (2g)**



Mol. Wt. = 402.914 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (186 μ l, 1.5 mmol), propylamine (125 μ l, 1.5 mmol), propionic acid (112 μ l, 1.5 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 86% yield (524 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 148.1-148.7°C

Rf: 0.6 (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

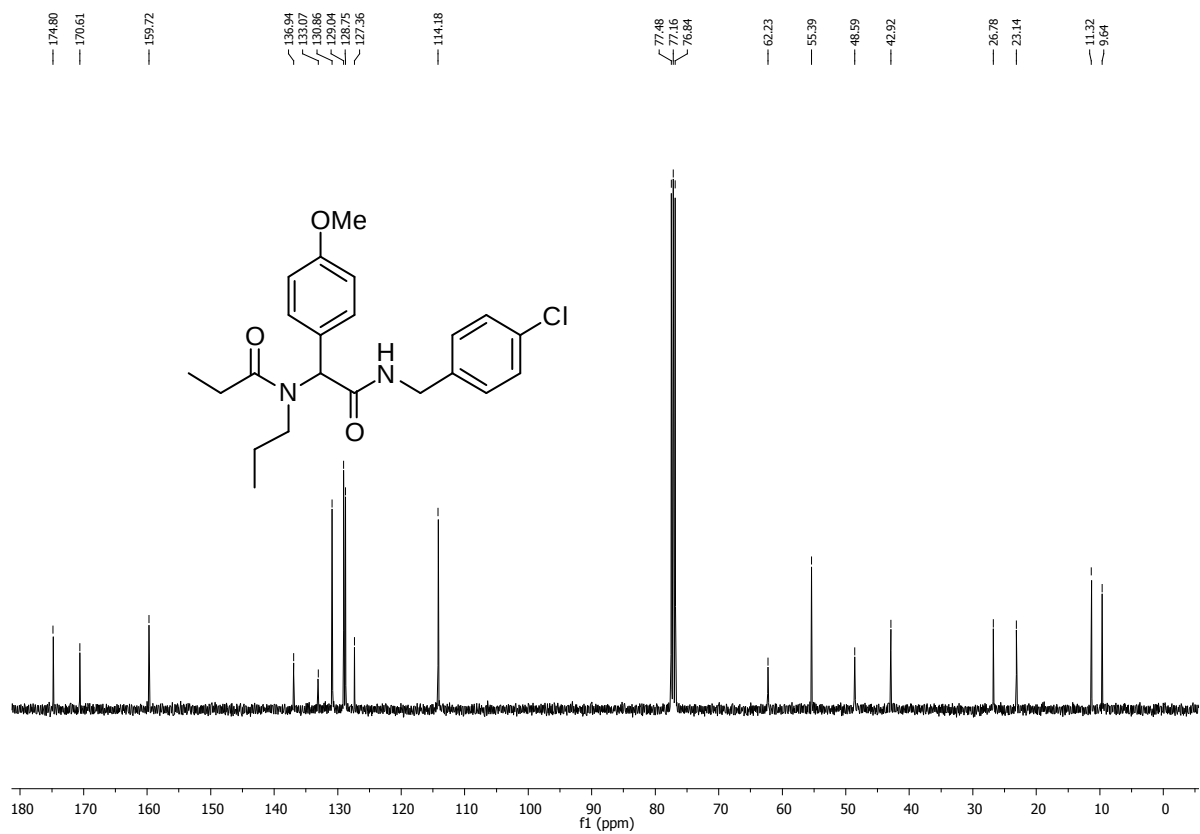
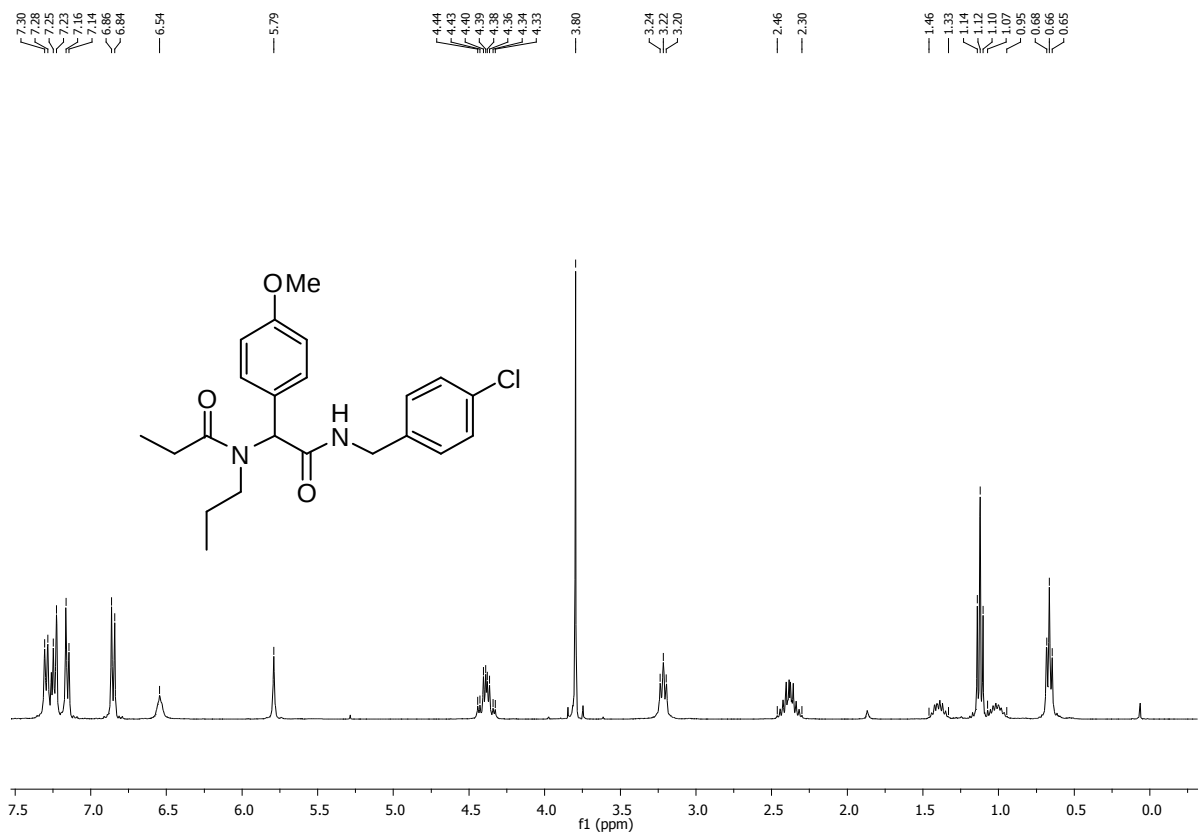
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.22 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.07-0.95 (m, 1H), 0.66 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

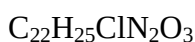
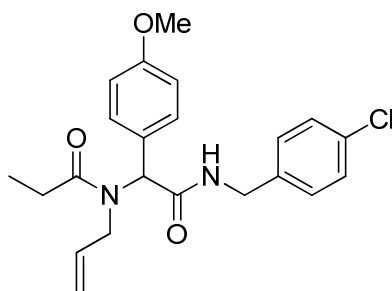
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇ClN₂O₃: 402.1710, Found: 402.1707.

I.R. (thin film): 3291, 3066, 3962, 2934, 1611, 1510, 1419, 1248, 1178, 1032 cm⁻¹.



***N*-allyl-*N*-(2-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)propionamide (2h)**



Mol. Wt. = 400.898 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), allylamine (76.5 μ l, 1.0 mmol), propionic acid (75 μ l, 1.0 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (150 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 89% yield (360 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 115.4-115.9°C

Rf: 0.6 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

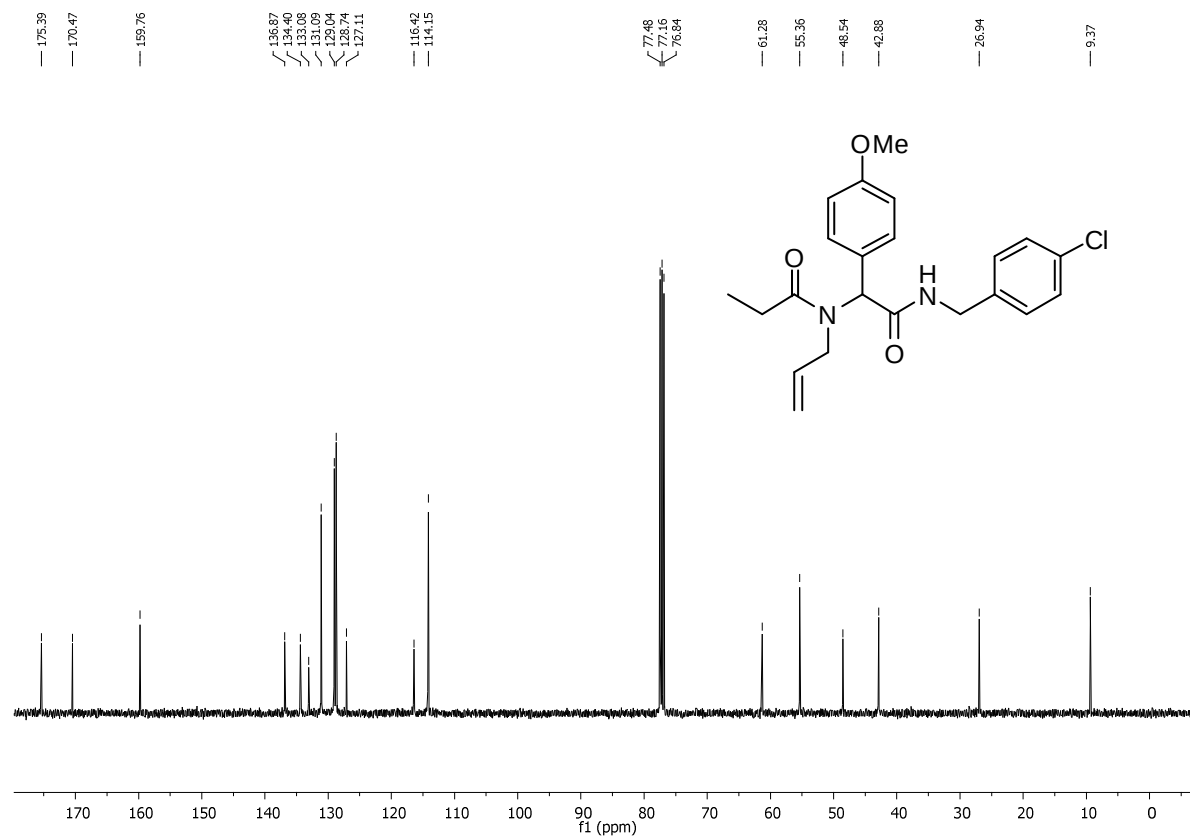
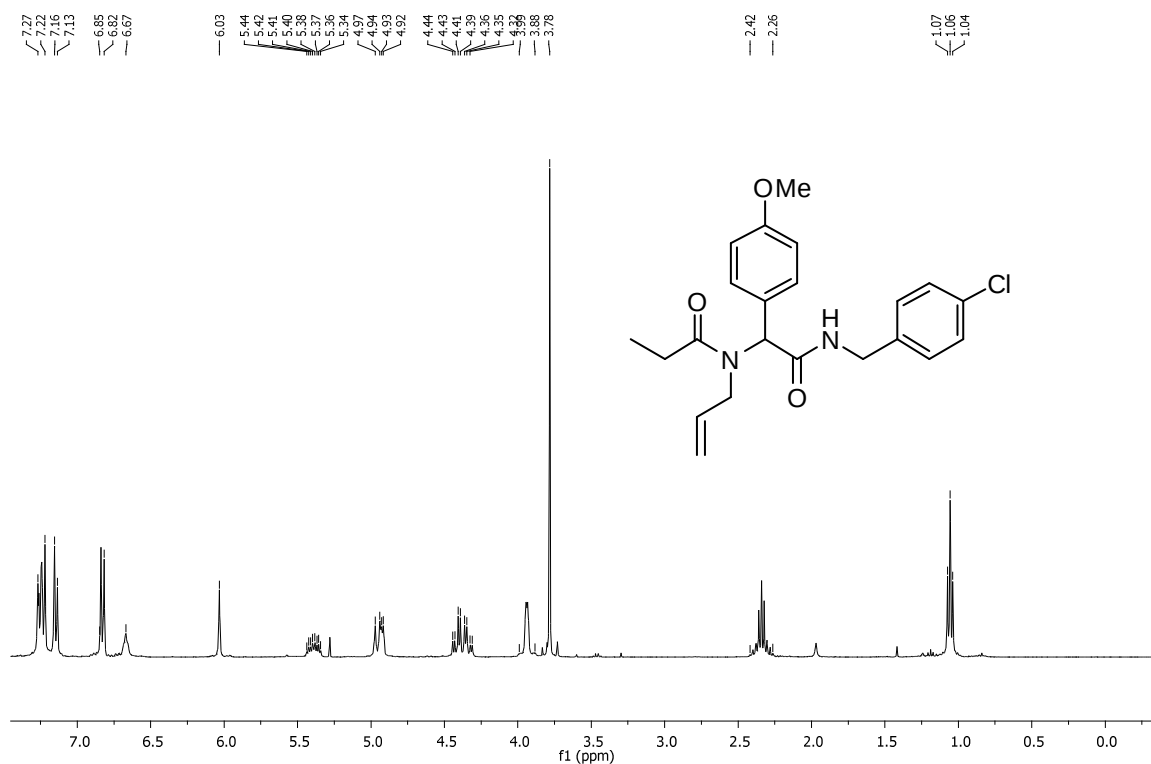
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.27-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.67 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.39 (ddd, J = 22.3, 10.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 12.4, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 4.8, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.42-2.26 (m, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

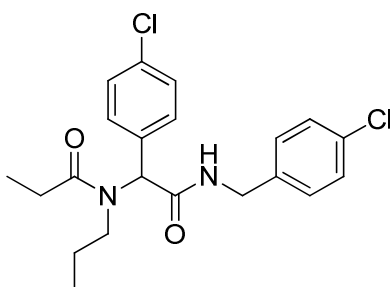
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 175.3, 170.4, 159.7, 136.8, 134.4, 133.0, 131.0, 129.0, 128.7, 127.1, 116.4, 114.1, 61.2, 55.3, 48.5, 42.8, 26.9, 9.3.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃: 400.1554, Found: 400.1559.

I.R. (thin film): 3291, 3069, 2974, 2936, 2836, 1623, 1510, 1409, 1247, 1177, 1032 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(2-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-*N*-propylpropionamide (2i)**



Mol. Wt. = 407.333 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.5 mmol), propylamine (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol), propionic acid (112 μ l, 1.5 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 61% yield (378 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 148.3-148.8°C

Rf: 0.4 (50:50 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

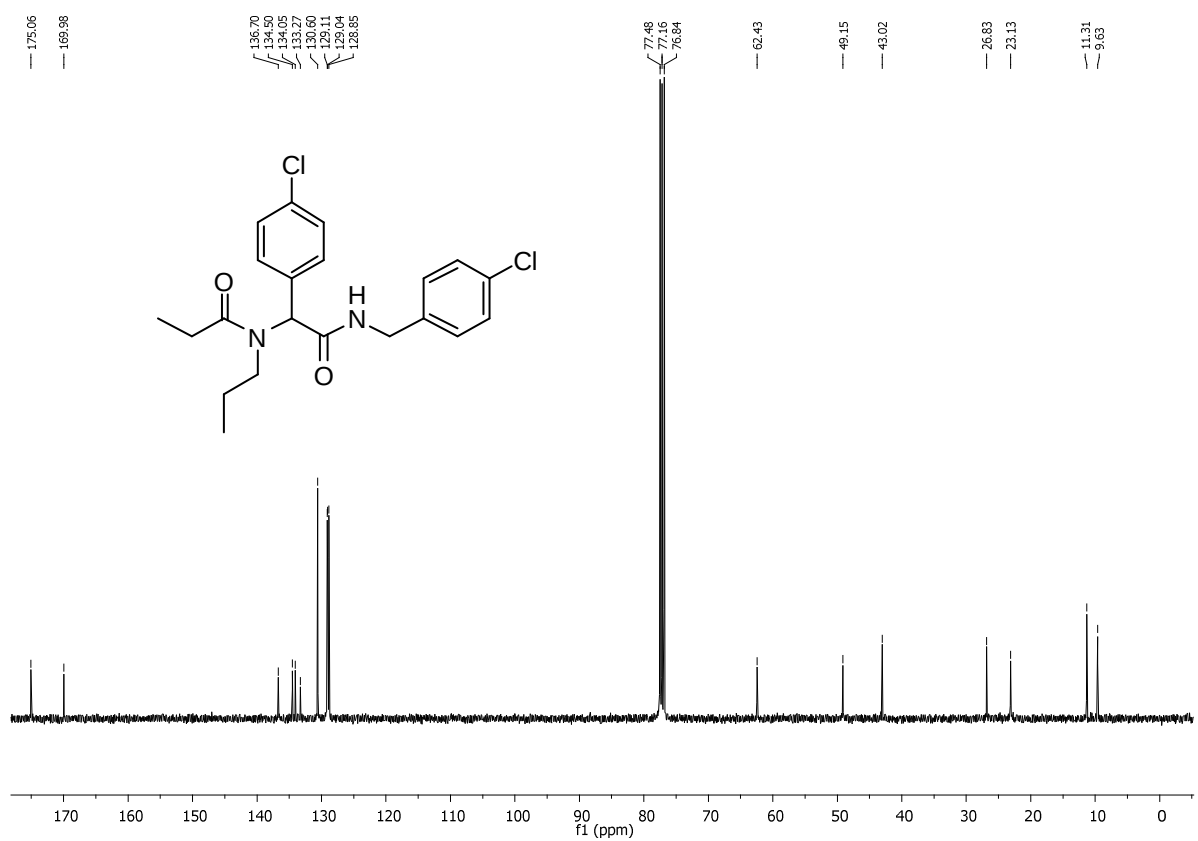
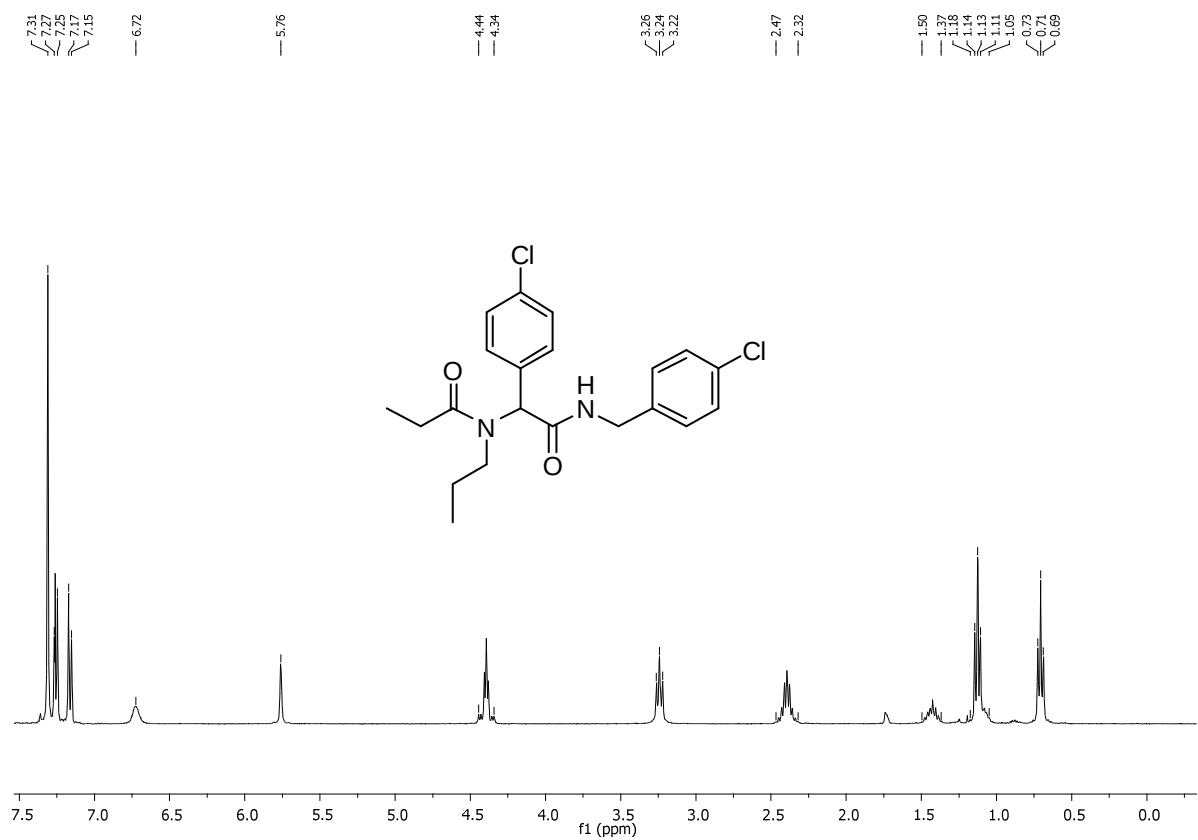
Flash chromatography: (70:30 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.31 (s, 4H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.44-4.34 (m, 2H), 3.24 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.06 (m, 1H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.71 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

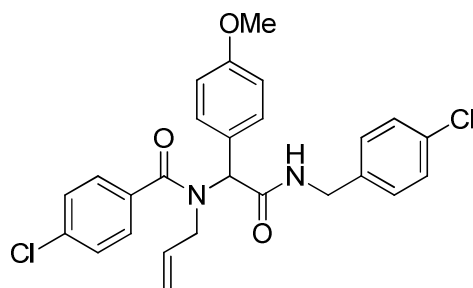
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 175.0, 169.9, 136.7, 134.5, 134.0, 133.2, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 62.4, 49.1, 43.0, 26.8, 23.1, 11.3, 9.6.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄Cl₂N₂O₂: 406.1215, Found: 406.1218.

I.R. (thin film): 3292, 3066, 2967, 2935, 1625, 1546, 1491, 1420, 1231, 1091 cm⁻¹.



***N*-allyl-4-chloro-*N*-(2-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)benzamide (2j)**



Mol. Wt. = 483.386 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), allylamine (76.5 μ l, 1.0 mmol), 4-chlorobenzoic acid (158 mg, 1.0 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (150 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 88% yield (429 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 136.8-137.3°C

Rf: 0.7 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

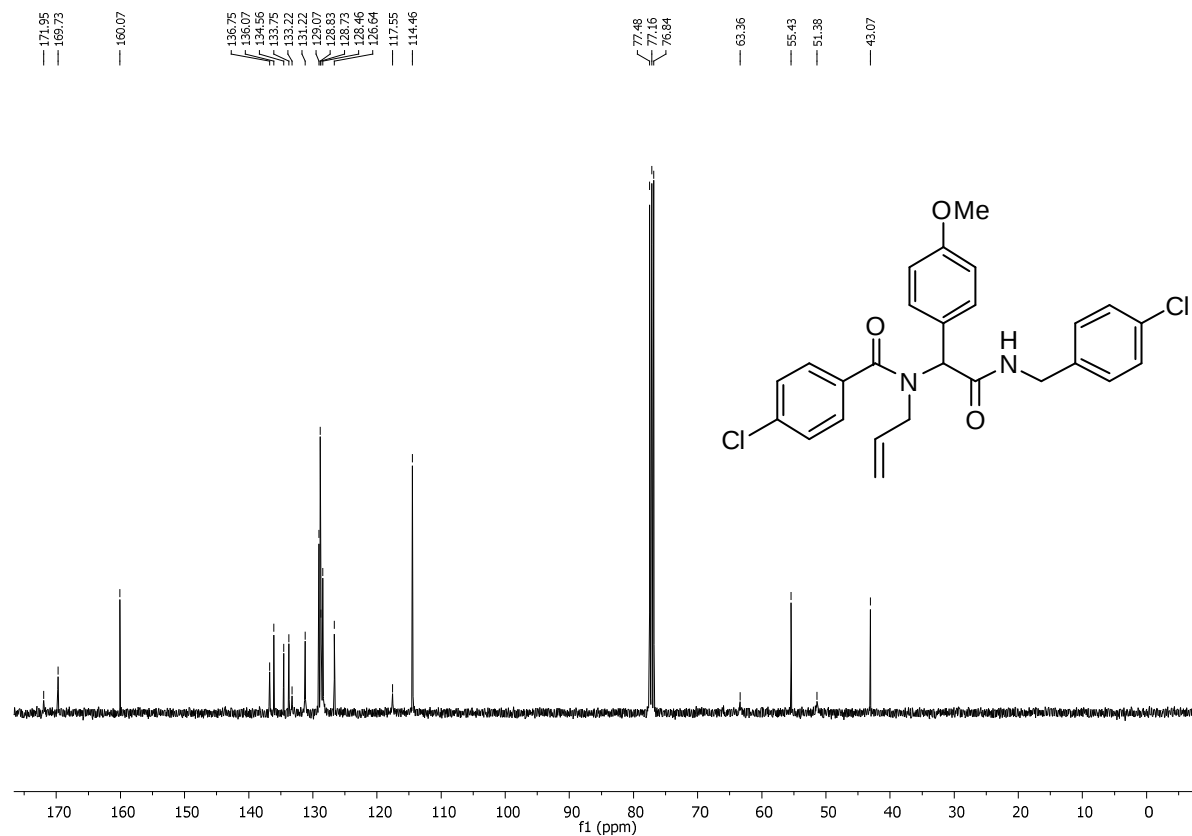
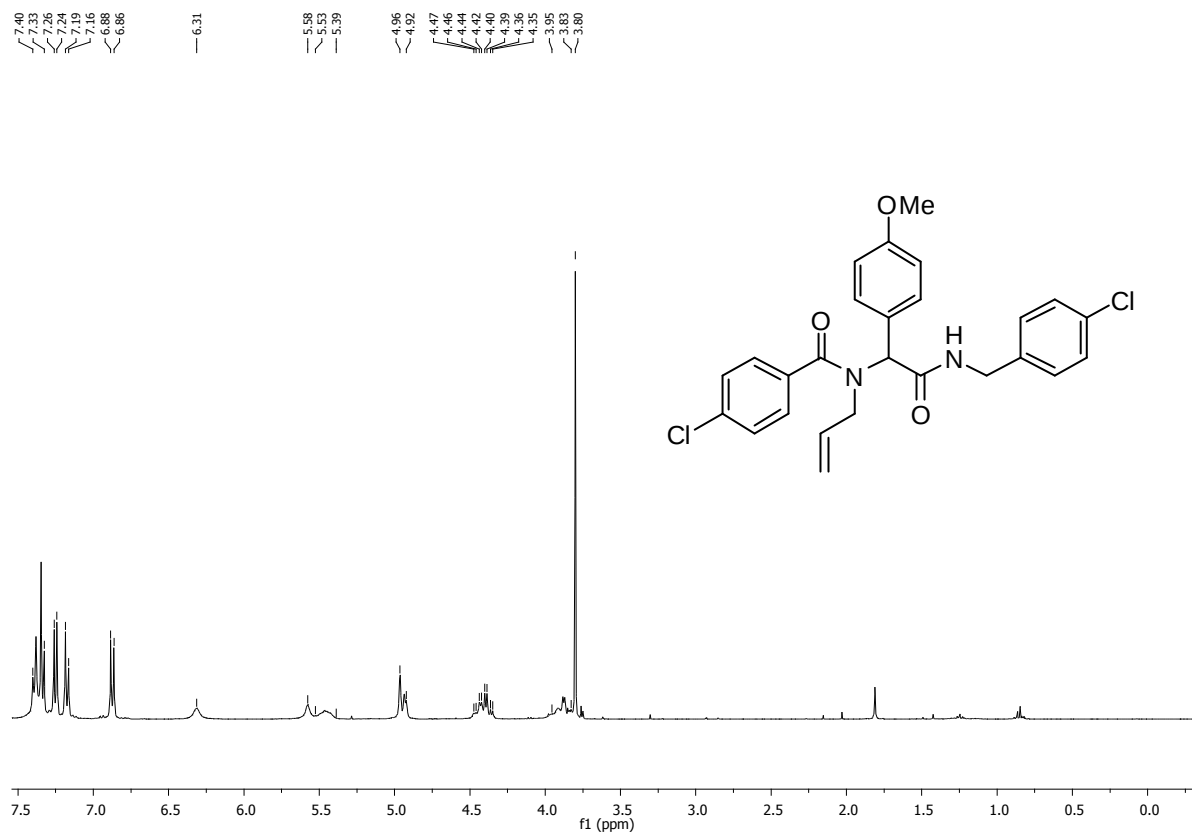
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.40-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.53-5.39 (m, 1H), 4.96-4.92 (m, 2H), 4.45 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe).

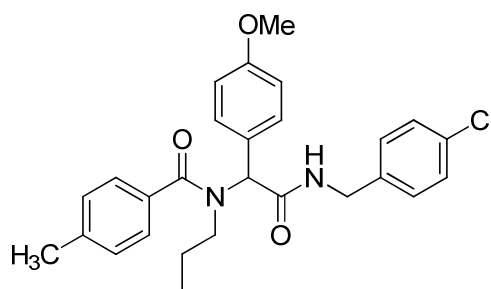
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄Cl₂N₂O₃: 482.1164, Found: 482.1166.

I.R. (thin film): 3287, 3067, 2933, 2837, 1609, 1404, 1246, 1176, 1088, 924, 829 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(2-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-methyl-*N*-propylbenzamide (2k)**



Mol. Wt. = 464.983 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (186 μ l, 1.5 mmol), propylamine (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol), p-toluic acid (208 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225 μ l, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 65% yield (453 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 142.9-143.4°C

Rf: 0.7 (70:30 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

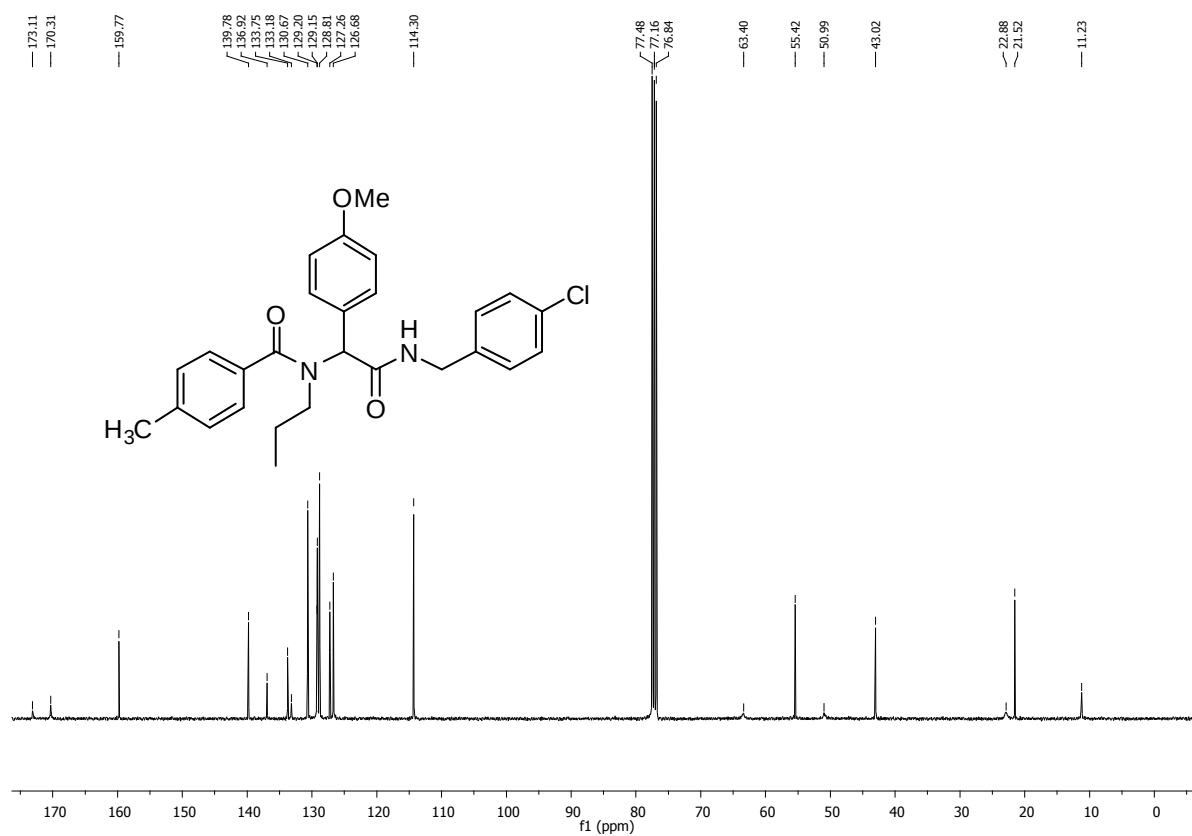
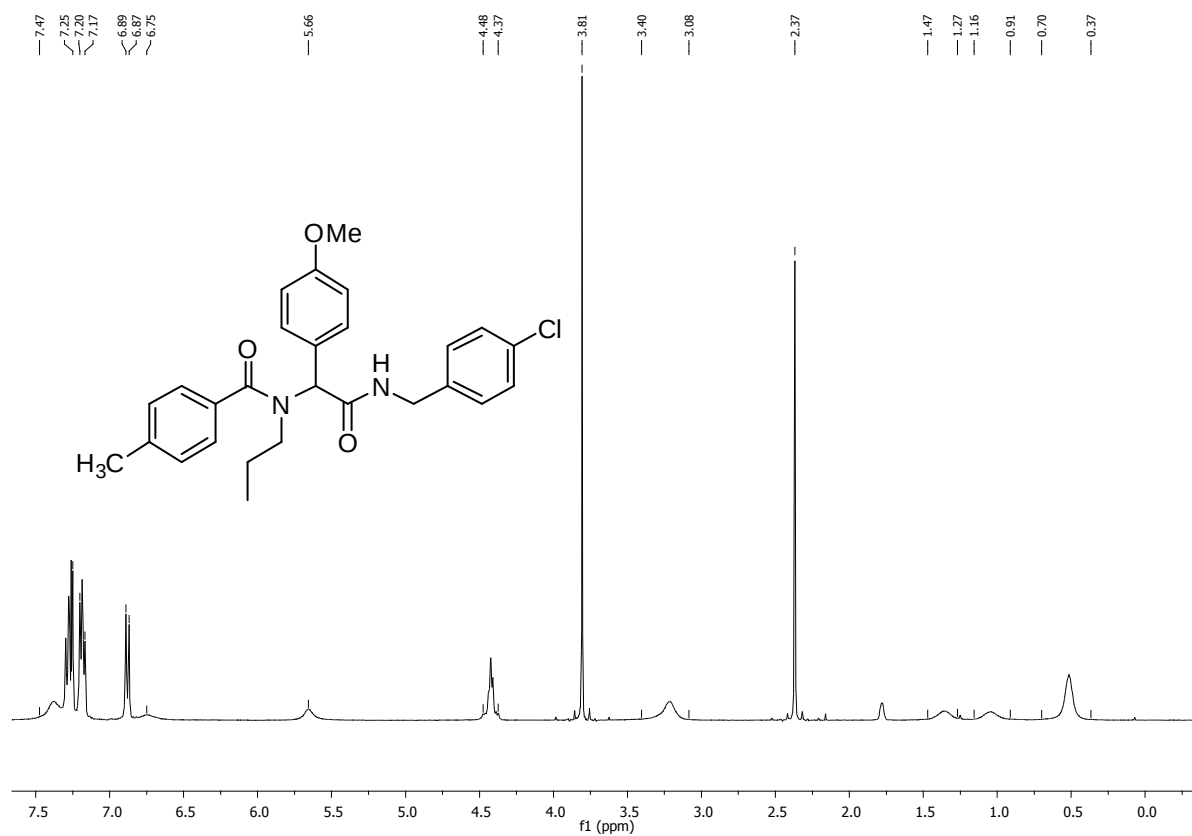
Flash chromatography: (60:40 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

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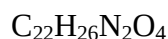
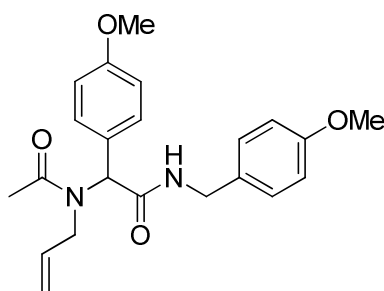
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 173.1, 170.3, 159.7, 139.7, 136.9, 133.7, 133.1, 130.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.2, 126.6, 114.3, 63.4, 55.4, 50.9, 43.0, 22.8, 21.5, 11.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₉ClN₂O₃: 464.1867, Found: 464.1868.

I.R. (thin film): 3292, 3064, 2961, 2933, 1670, 1609, 1511, 1411, 1249, 1178, 1093 cm⁻¹.



2-(*N*-allylacetamido)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide (2l)



Mol. Wt. = 382.452 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), allylamine (76.5 μ l, 1.0 mmol), acetic acid (57 μ l, 1.0 mmol), and 4-methoxybenzyl isocyanide (150 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 70% yield (271 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 104.0-140.5°C

Rf: 0.2 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

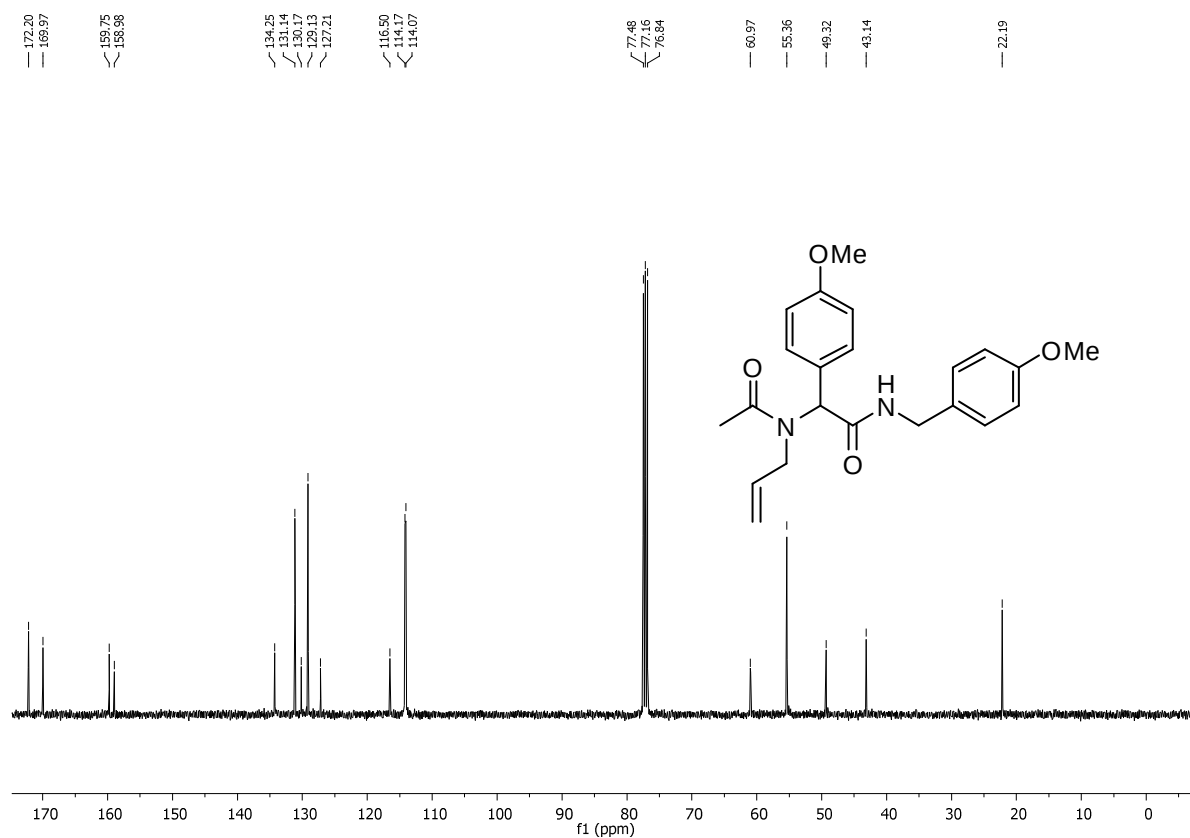
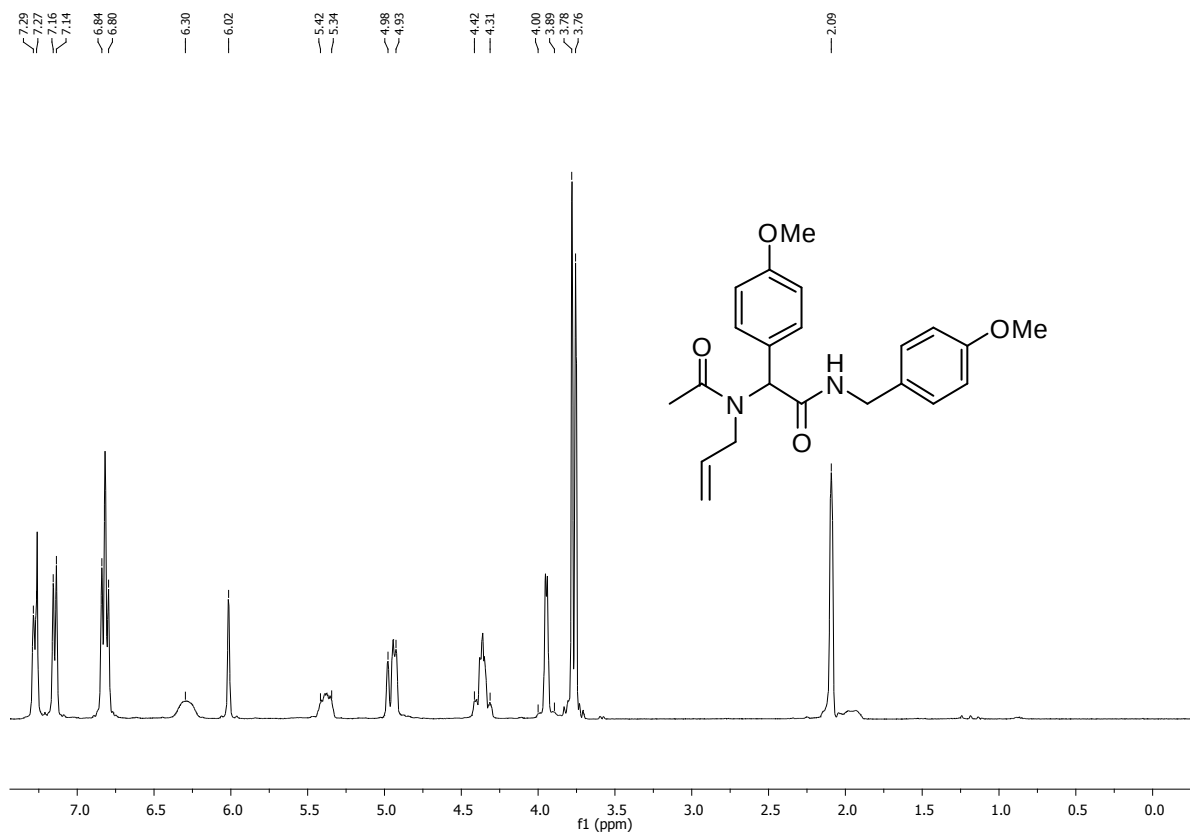
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 4H), 6.30 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.02 (s, 1H), 5.42-5.34 (m, 1H), 4.98-4.93 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.31 (m, 2H), 4.00-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.76 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.09 (s, 3H).

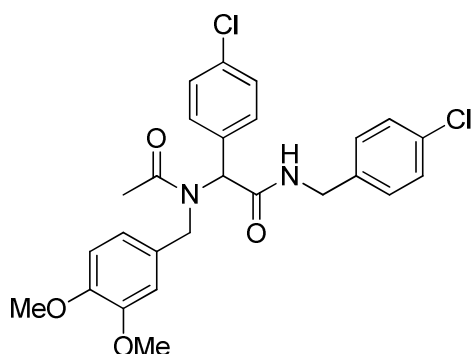
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.2, 169.9, 159.7, 158.9, 134.2, 131.1, 130.1, 129.1, 127.2, 116.5, 114.1, 114.0, 60.9, 55.3, 49.3, 43.1, 22.1.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆N₂O₄: 382.1893, Found: 382.1898.

I.R. (thin film): 3284, 3070, 2933, 2835, 1609, 1509, 1407, 1240, 1176, 1030, 837 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(*N*-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)acetamido)acetamide (2m)**



Mol. Wt. = 501.401 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.5 mmol), veratryl amine (229 μ l, 1.5 mmol), acetic acid (86 μ l, 1.5 mmol), 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 74% yield (562 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 111.3-111.8°C

Rf: 0.4 (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

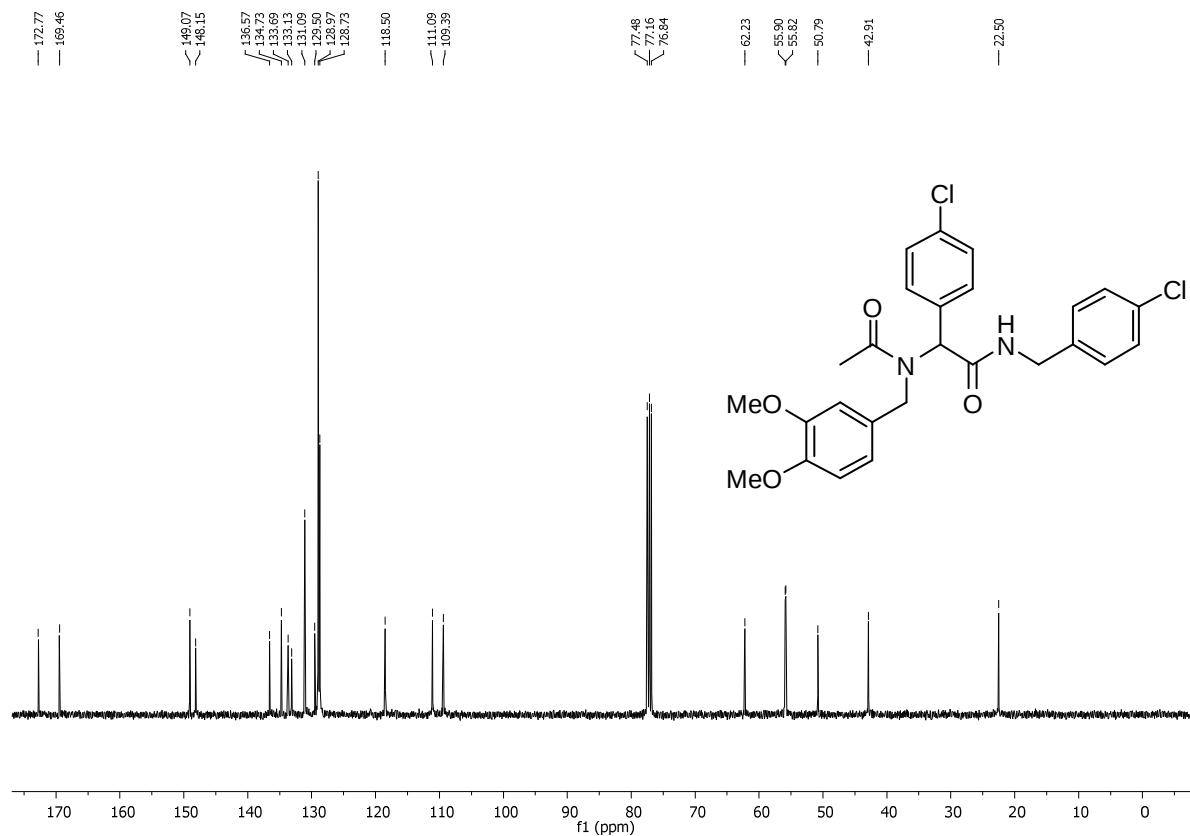
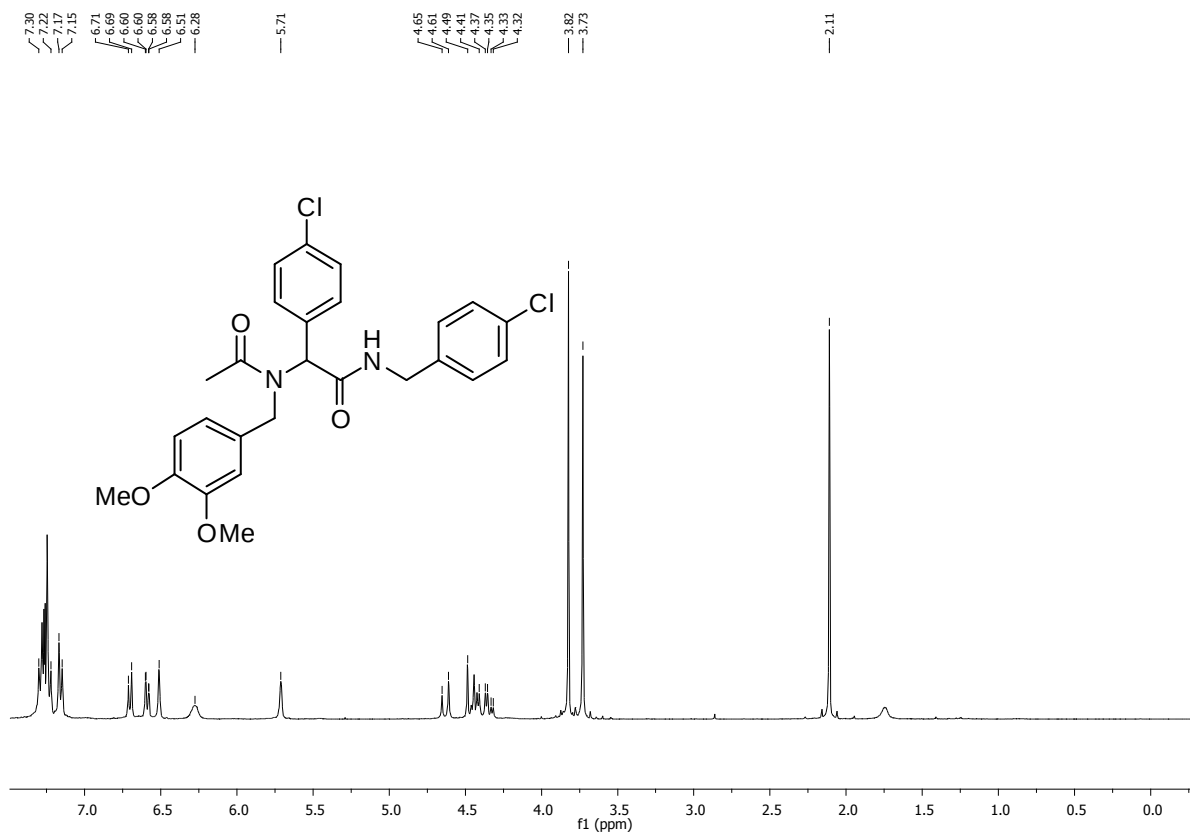
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.30-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.28 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.34 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.11 (s, 3H).

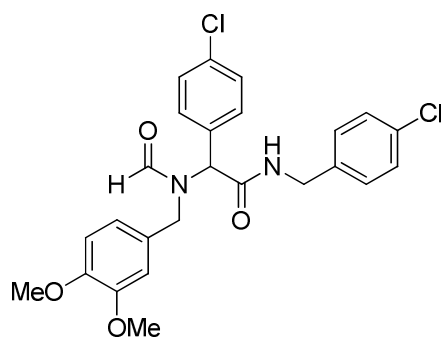
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.7, 169.4, 149.0, 148.1, 136.5, 134.7, 133.6, 133.1, 131.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 118.5, 111.0, 109.3, 62.2, 55.9, 55.8, 50.7, 42.9, 22.5.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆Cl₂N₂O₄: 500.1270, Found: 500.1266.

I.R. (thin film): 3309, 3066, 2935, 2836, 1628, 1515, 1409, 1235, 1140, 1091 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(*N*-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)formamido)acetamide (2n)**



Mol. Wt. = 487.375 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (143 mg, 1.0 mmol), veratryl amine (153 μ l, 1.0 mmol), formic acid (38 μ l, 1.0 mmol), 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (150 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated as a 2:1 mixture of rotamers isolated in 84% yield (411 mg).

Nature: Colorless oil

Rf: 0.4 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

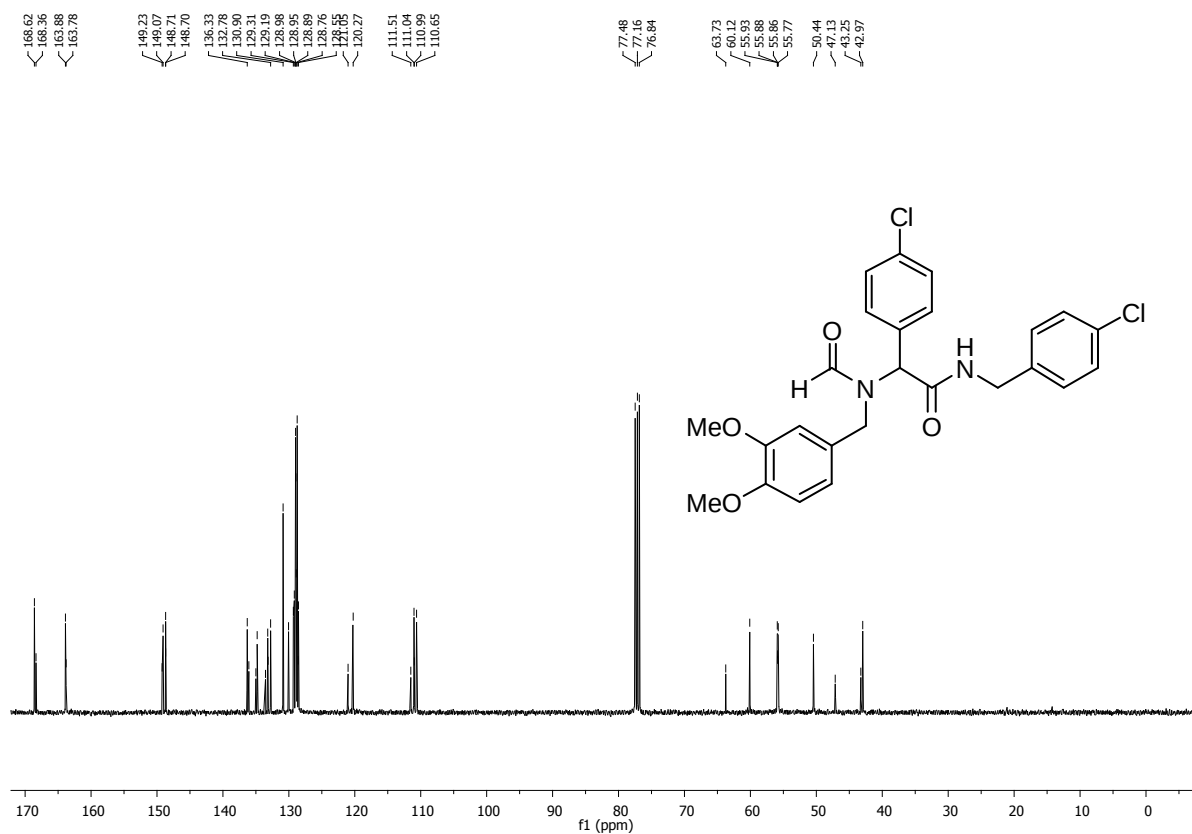
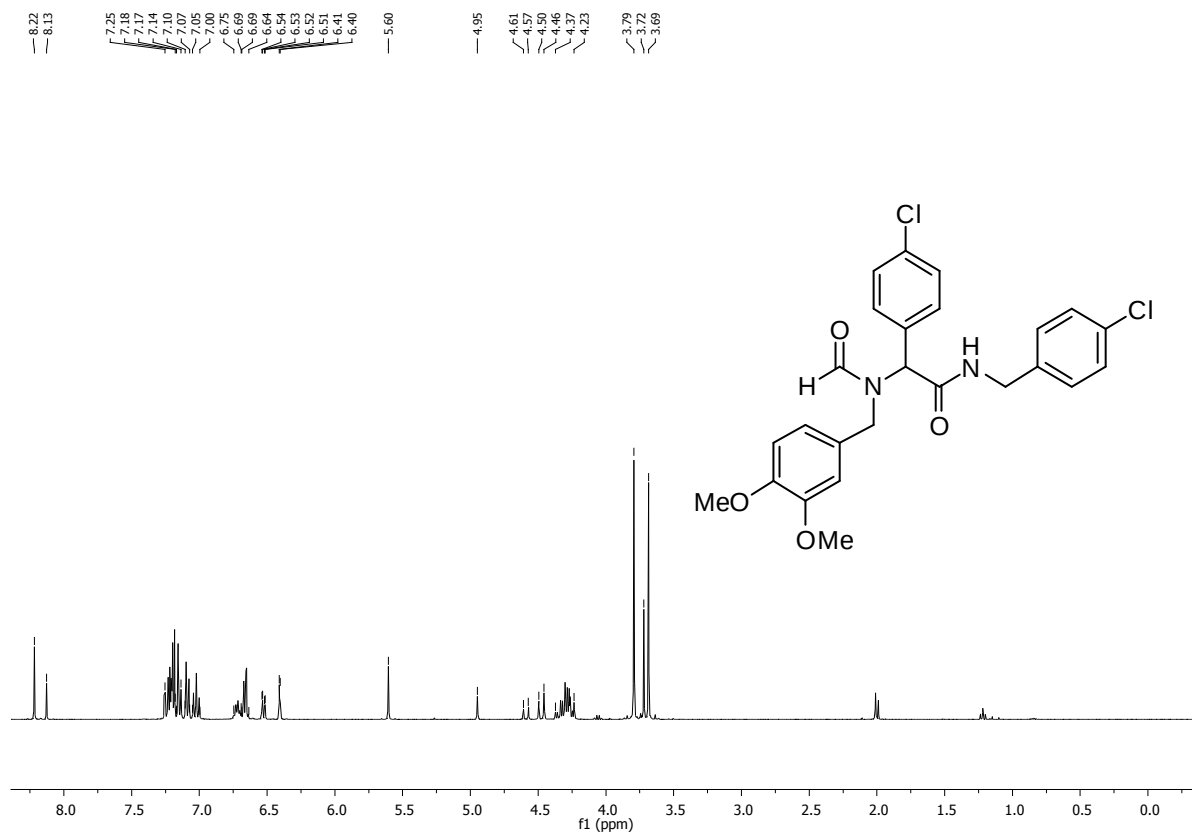
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.22 (s, 1H, major), 8.13 (s, 1H, minor), 7.25-7.18 (m, 10H, major and minor), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H, major), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H, major), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H, major), 6.75-6.69 (m, 2H, NH, major and minor), 6.69-6.64 (m, 4H, major and minor), 6.53 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H, major), 6.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, major), 5.60 (s, 1H, major), 4.95 (s, 1H, minor), 4.59 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H, minor), 4.48 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, major), 4.37-4.23 (m, 6H, minor and major), 3.79 (s, 6H, OMe, major and minor), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe, minor), 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe, major).

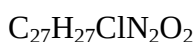
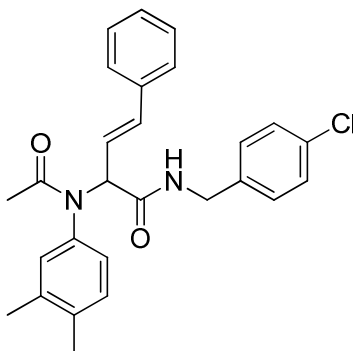
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): major rotamer δ 168.6, 163.8, 149.0, 148.7, 136.3, 134.8, 133.2, 132.7, 130.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 120.2, 111.0, 110.6, 60.1, 55.9, 55.7, 50.4, 42.9. Minor rotamer δ 168.3, 163.7, 149.2, 148.7, 136.0, 135.0, 133.5, 133.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 121.0, 111.5, 110.9, 63.7, 55.8, 55.8, 47.1, 43.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄Cl₂N₂O₄: 486.1113, Found: 486.1121.

I.R. (thin film): 3292, 3059, 3000, 2933, 2835, 1647, 1512, 1490, 1406, 1257, 1234, 1090, 1015, 802, 731 cm⁻¹.



(E)-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(N-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)acetamido)-4-phenylbut-3-enamide (2o)



Mol. Wt. = 446.968 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using *trans*-cinnamaldehyde (192.6 μ l, 1.5 mmol), 3,4-dimethylaniline (185 mg, 1.5 mmol), acetic acid (86 μ l, 1.5 mmol), 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (225, 1.5 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 66% yield (447 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 139.4-139.9°C

Rf: 0.7 (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

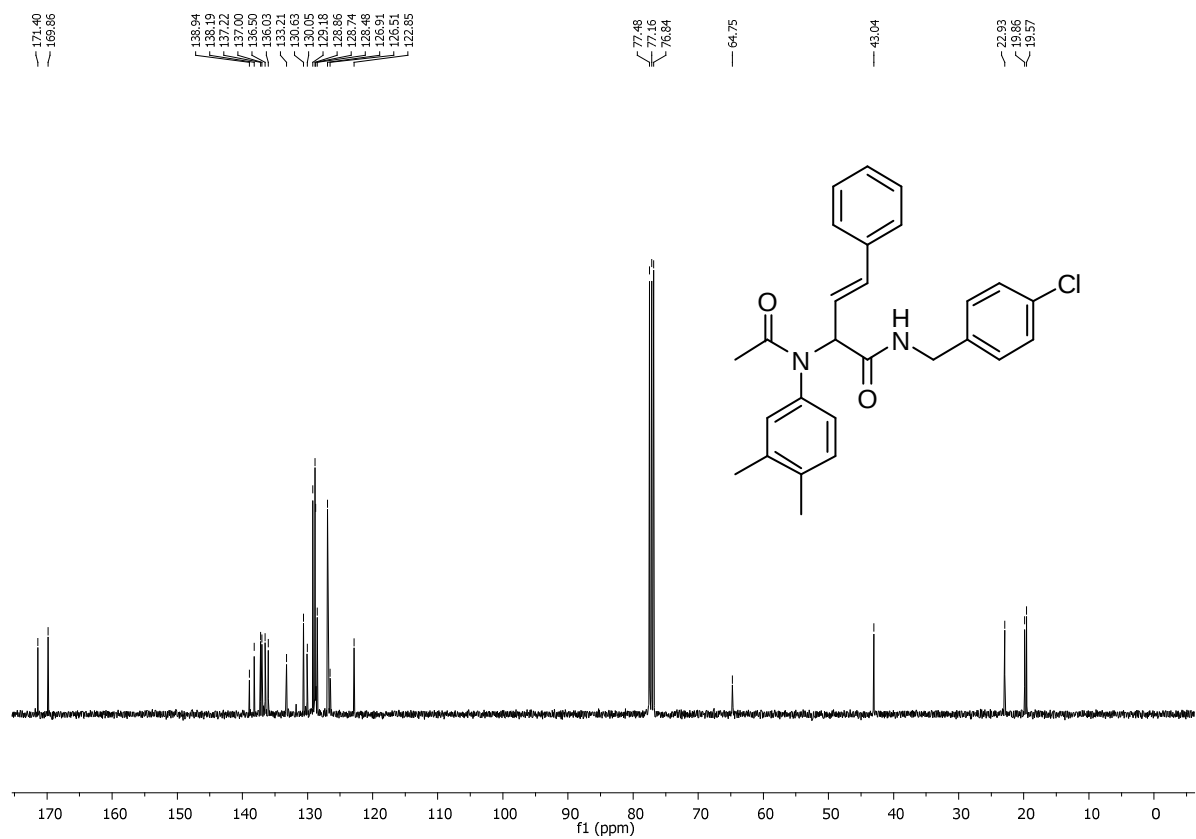
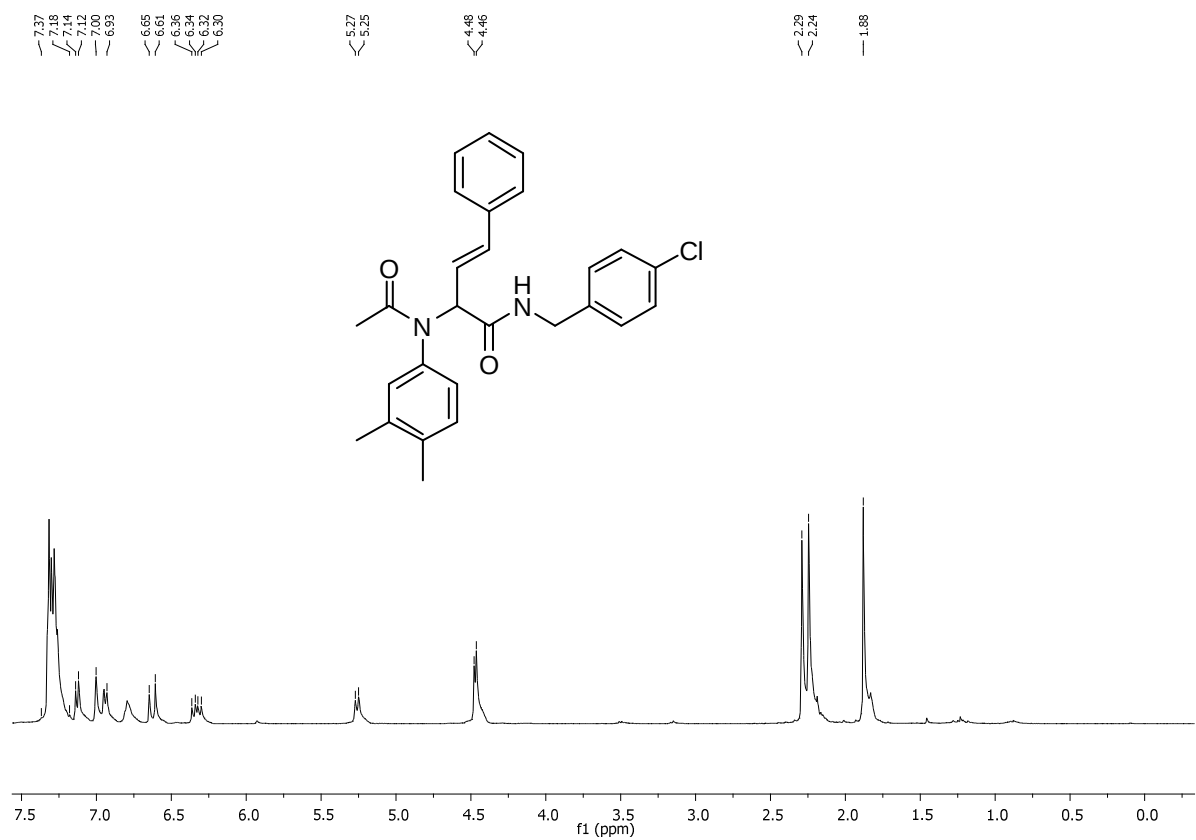
Flash chromatography: (60:40 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.37-7.18 (m, 9H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.79 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.63 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J = 15.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H).

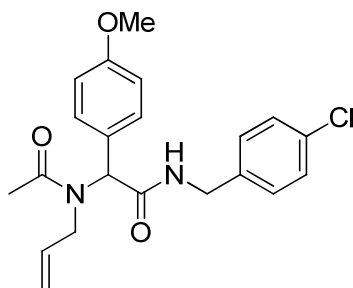
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.4, 169.8, 138.9, 138.1, 137.2, 137.0, 136.5, 136.0, 133.2, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 126.5, 122.8, 64.7, 43.0, 22.9, 19.8, 19.5.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₇ClN₂O₂: 446.1761, Found: 446.1763.

I.R. (thin film): 3294, 3051, 2919, 1633, 1491, 1377, 1303, 1240, 1088, 967, 731, 691 cm⁻¹.



2-(*N*-allylacetamido)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide (2p)



Mol. Wt. = 386.871 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **I**, using of 4-anisaldehyde (124 μ l, 1.0 mmol), allylamine (76.5 μ l, 1.0 mmol), acetic acid (57 μ l, 1.0 mmol), and 4-chlorobenzyl isocyanide (300 μ l, 1.0 mmol). The desired product was isolated in 80% yield (312 mg).

Nature: Pale solid

M.P. = 124.9-125.4°C

Rf: 0.3 (60:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

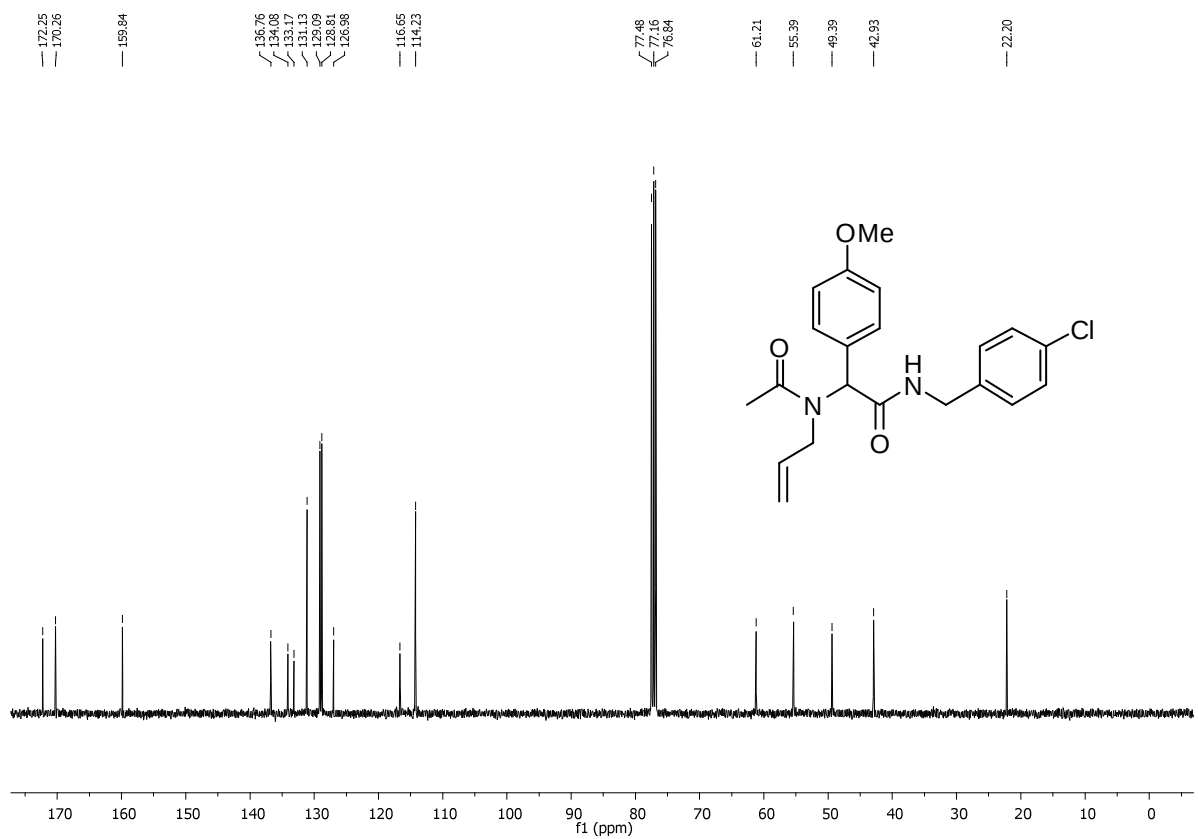
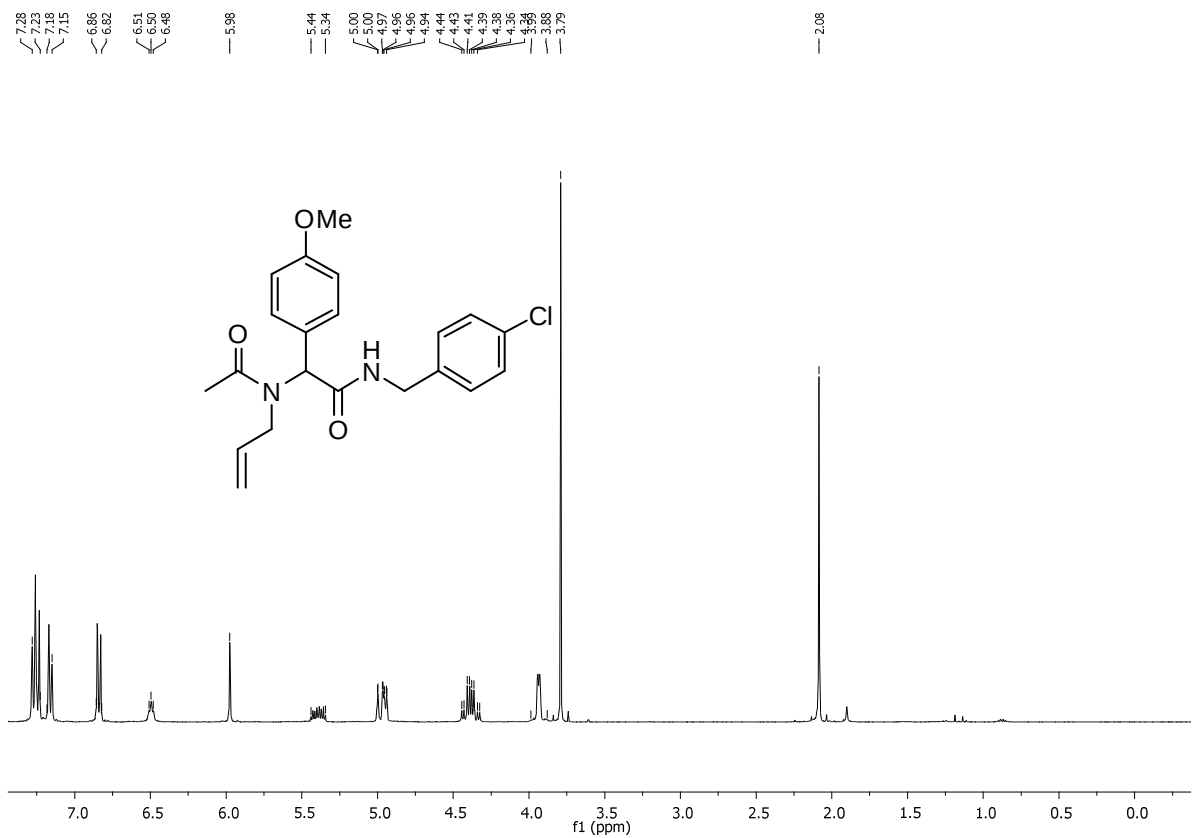
Flash chromatography: (80:40 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.28-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.50 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.44-5.34 (m, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J = 13.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 6.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 15.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.08 (s, 3H).

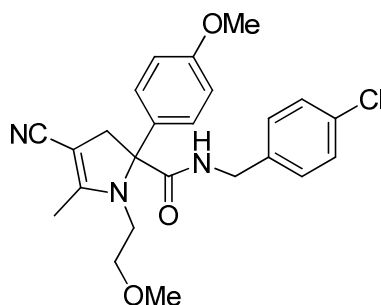
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.2, 170.2, 159.8, 136.7, 134.0, 133.1, 131.1, 129.0, 128.8, 126.9, 116.6, 114.2, 61.2, 55.3, 49.3, 42.9, 22.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃ClN₂O₃: 386.1397, Found: 386.1397.

I.R. (thin film): 3284, 3069, 2933, 2837, 1620, 1510, 1407, 1248, 1178, 1032, 838, 803 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-1-(2-methoxyethyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3a)**



Mol. Wt. = 439.934 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II** using Ugi adduct **2a** (150 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 67% yield (110 mg).

Nature: Bright oil

Rf: 0.6 (55:45 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

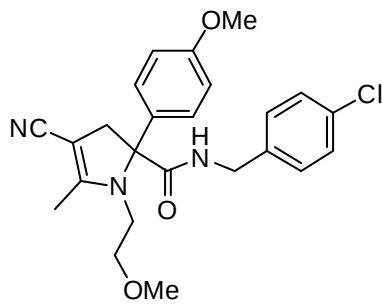
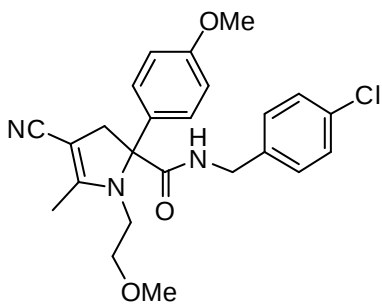
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.16 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 4.52-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.37 (s, 2H), 3.10-3.07 (m, 2H), 3.05-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.82-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H).

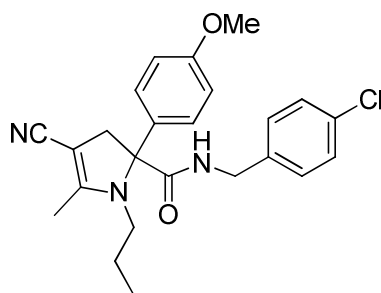
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 173.4, 161.8, 159.5, 136.7, 133.3, 131.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 119.4, 114.1, 77.4, 76.1, 70.1, 58.5, 55.3, 44.9, 44.3, 43.2, 14.1.

HRMS: Calcd. For C₂₄H₂₆ClN₃O₃: 439.1663, Found: 439.1653.

I.R. (thin film): 3301, 3051, 2930, 2836, 2182, 1656, 1606, 1510, 1407, 1251, 1182, 1089, 728, 699 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3b)**



Mol. Wt. = 423.935 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2b** (160 mg, 0.411 mmol), DIPEA (36 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (162 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 60% yield (105 mg).

Nature: Dark red oil

Rf: 0.5 (45:55 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

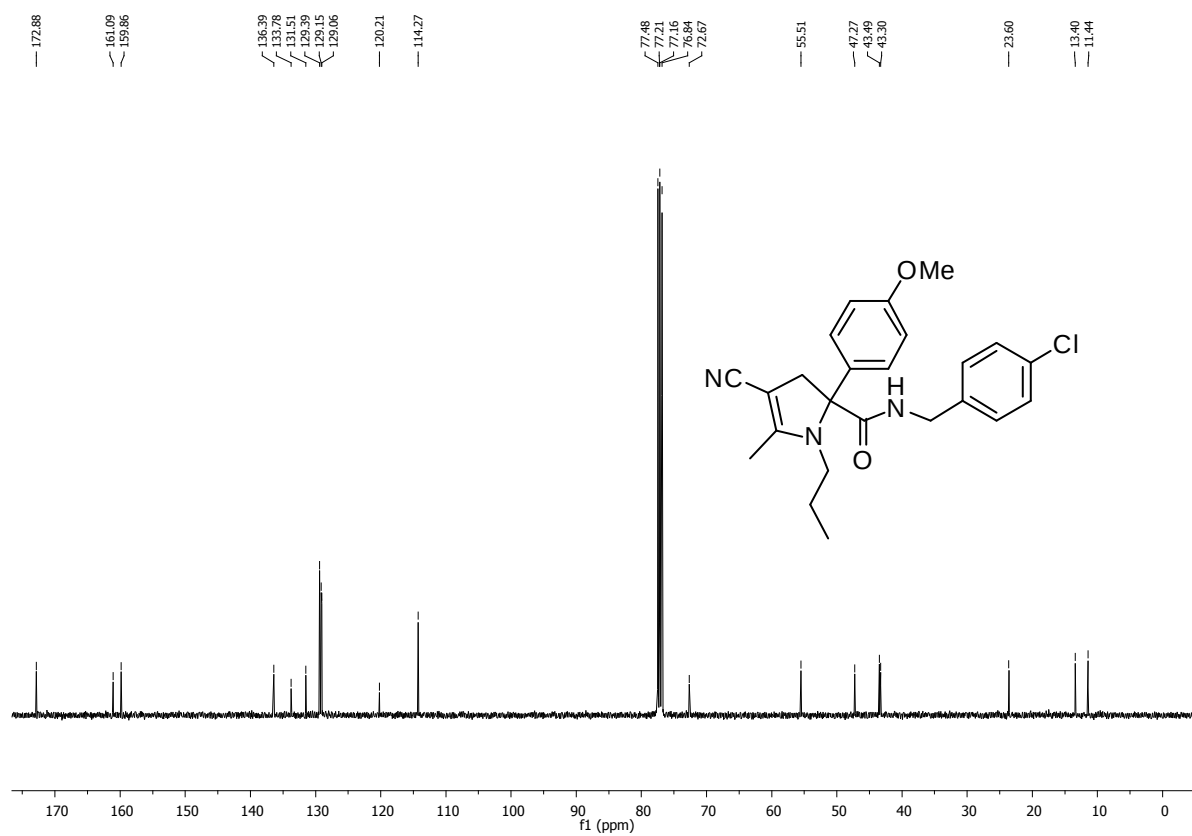
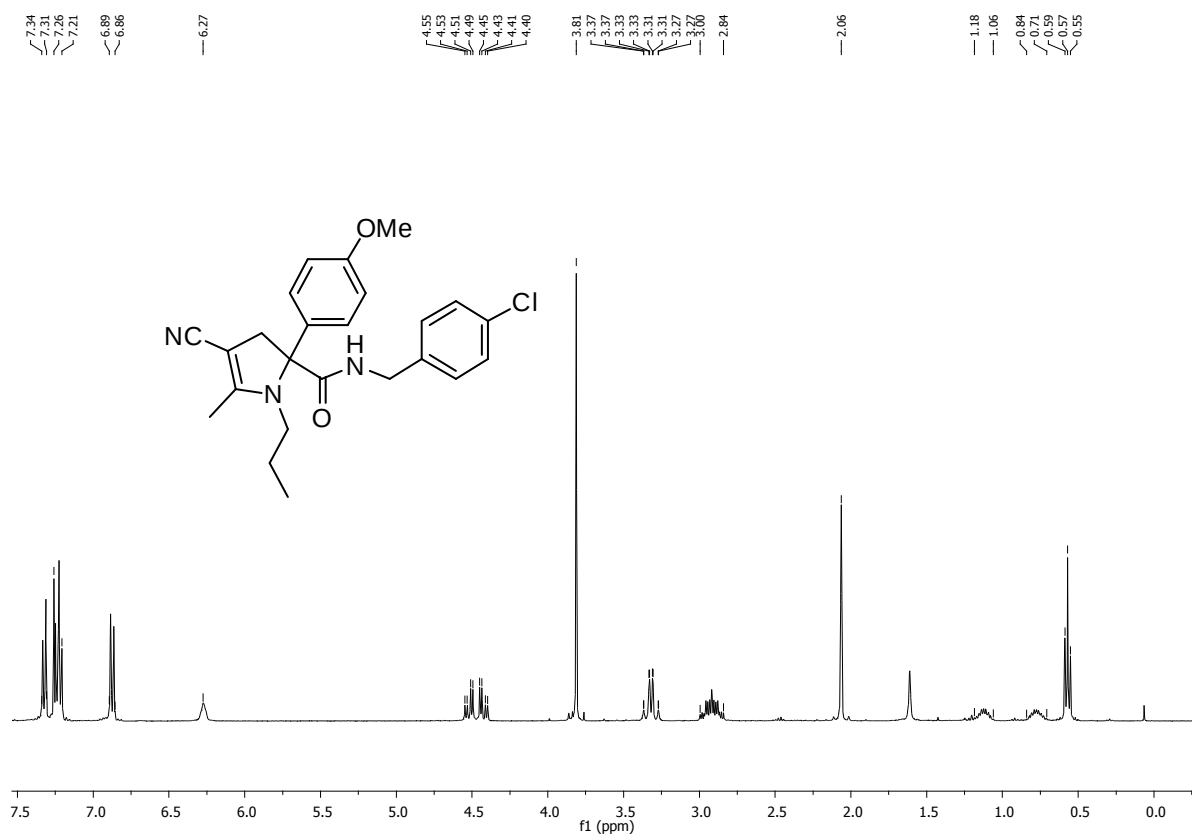
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

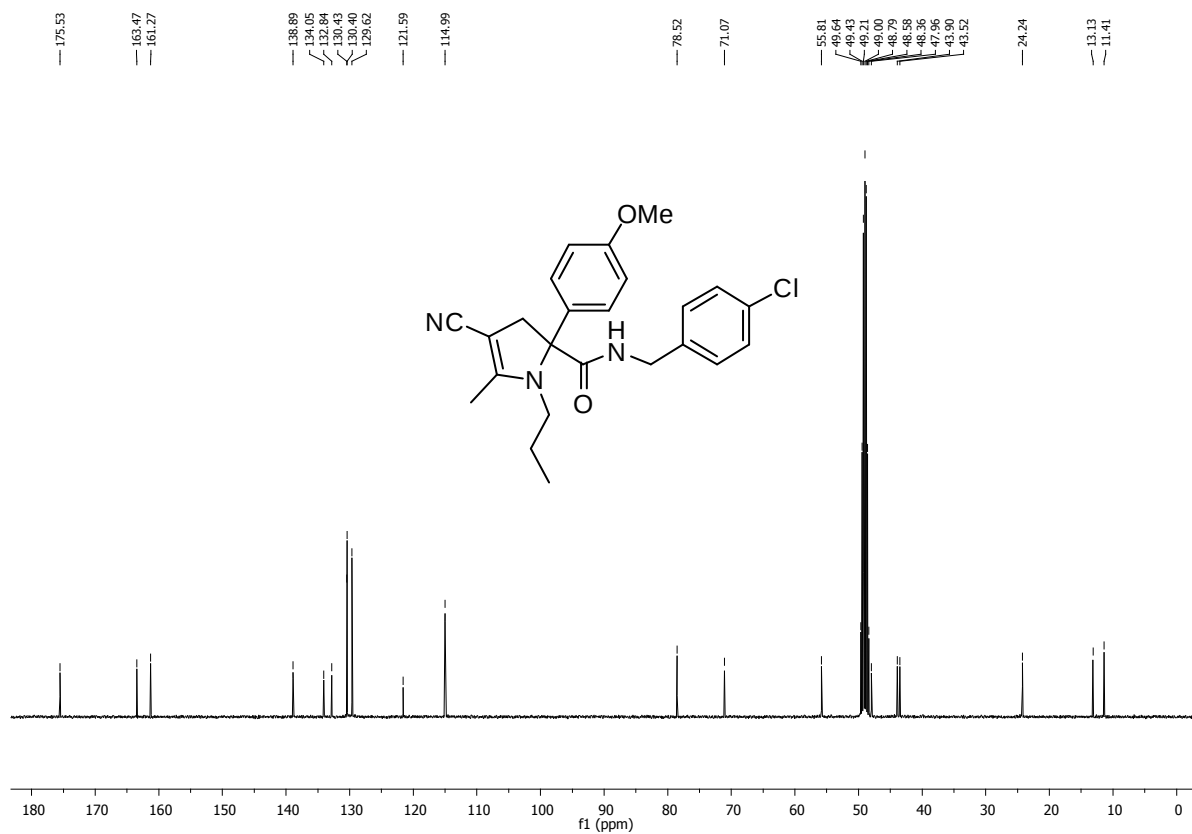
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.27 (br s, 1H, NH), 4.52 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.35 (dd, J = 14.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 14.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.18 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 0.84 – 0.71 (m, 1H), 0.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.8, 161.0, 159.8, 136.3, 133.7, 131.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 120.2, 114.2, 77.2, 72.6, 55.5, 47.2, 43.4, 43.3, 23.6, 13.4, 11.4.

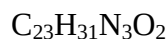
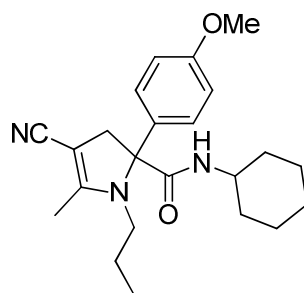
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I.R. (thin film): 3309, 3051, 2961, 2931, 2872, 2837, 2175, 1651, 1595, 1406, 1249, 1179, 1013, 828, 730 cm⁻¹.





4-cyano-*N*-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3c)



Mol. Wt. = 381.511 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2c** (128 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 17% yield (25 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 150.6-151.2°C

Rf: 0.4 (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

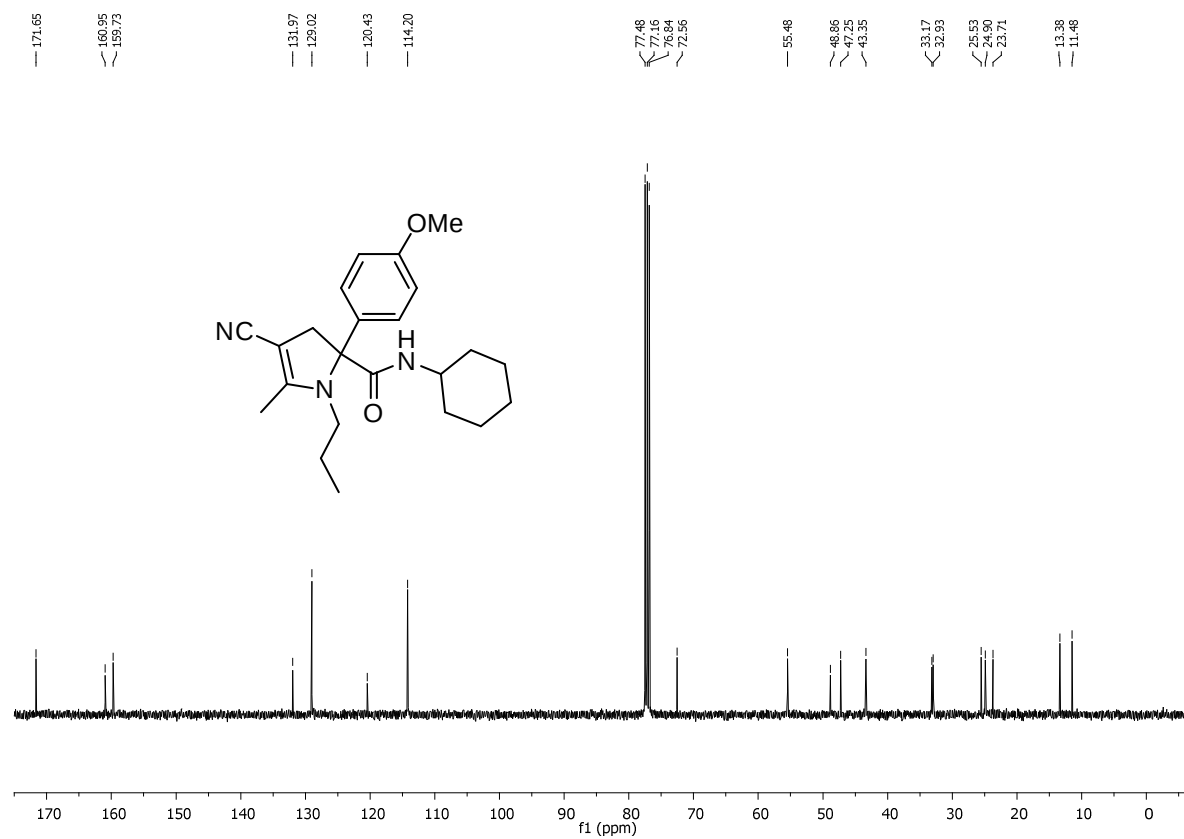
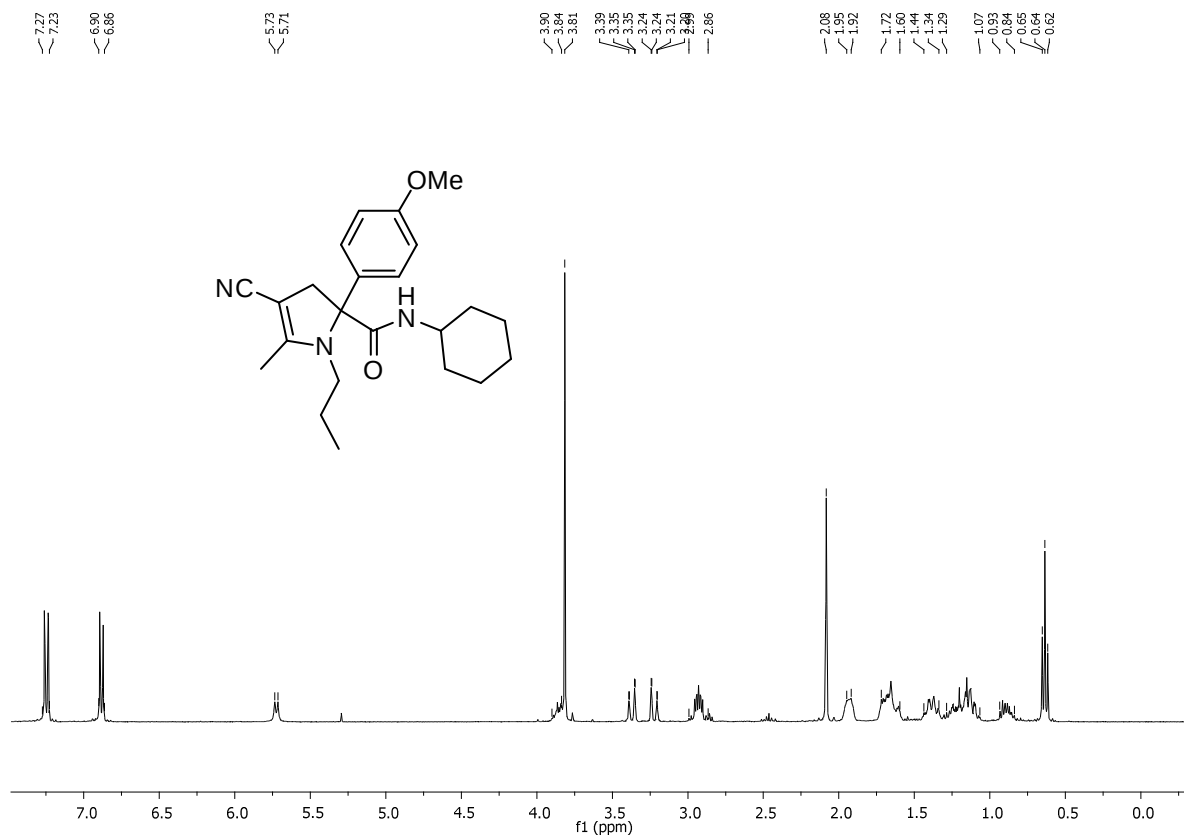
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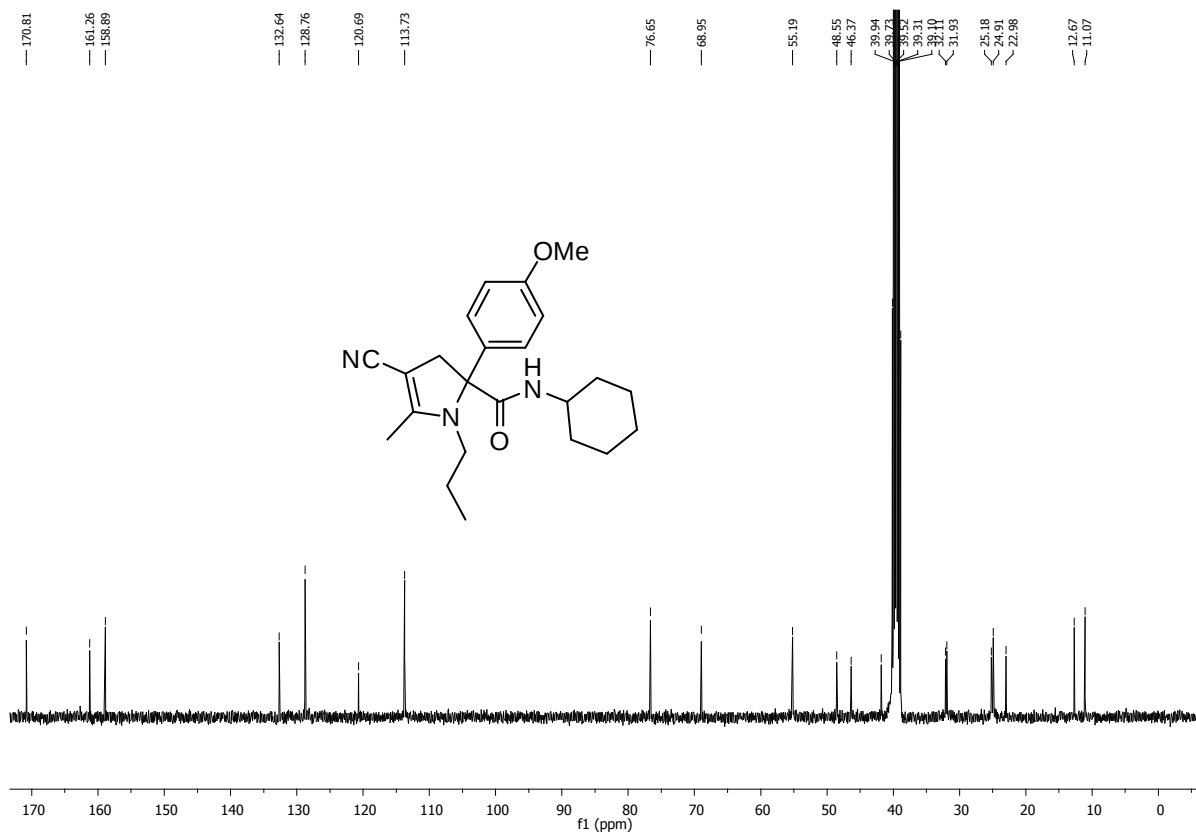
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.6, 160.9, 159.7, 131.9, 129.0, 120.4, 114.2, 76.8, 72.5, 55.4, 48.8, 47.2, 43.3, 33.1, 32.9, 25.5, 24.9, 23.7, 13.3, 11.4.

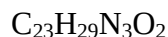
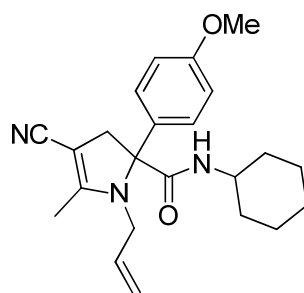
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I.R. (thin film): 3374, 2931, 2854, 2178, 1653, 1605, 1512, 1420, 1300, 1251, 1183, 1025, 828 cm⁻¹.





1-allyl-4-cyano-N-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3d)



Mol. Wt. = 379.495 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2d** (127 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 26% yield (37 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 148.3-148.8°C

Rf: 0.6 (45:55 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

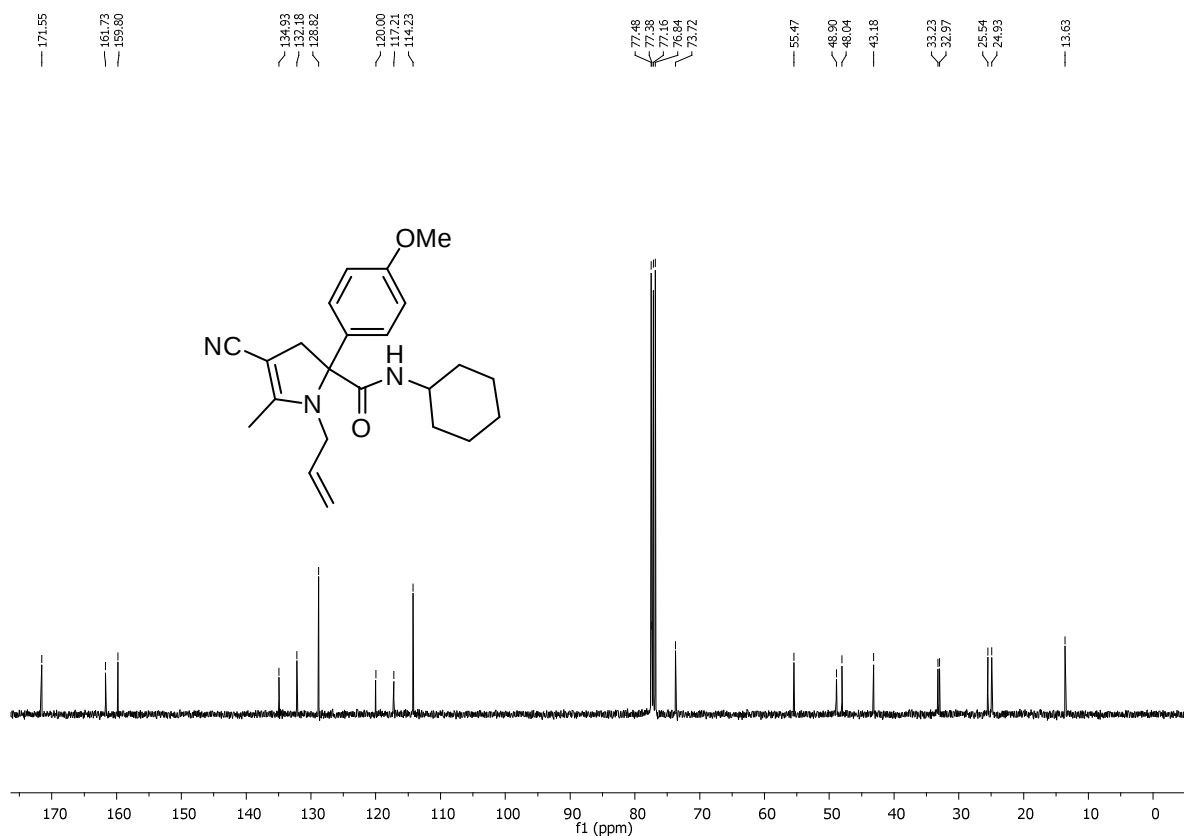
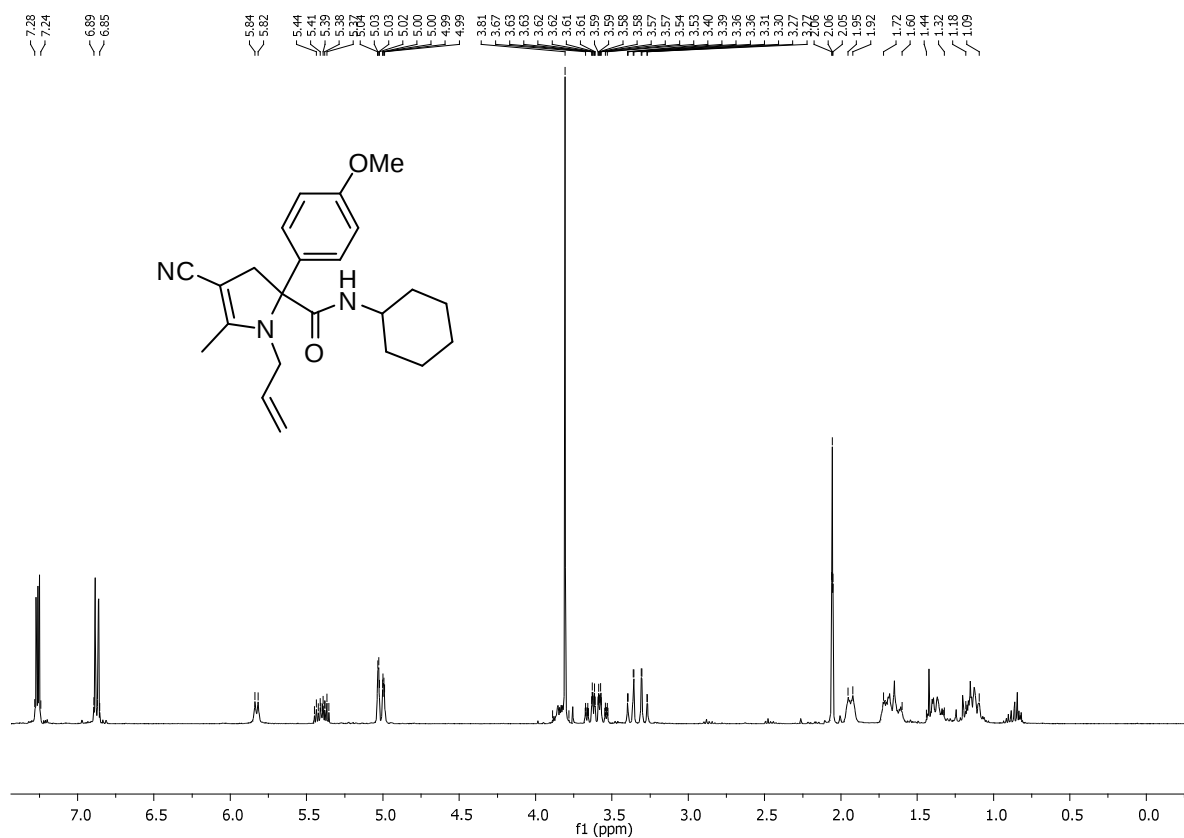
Flash chromatography: (60:40 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

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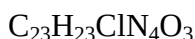
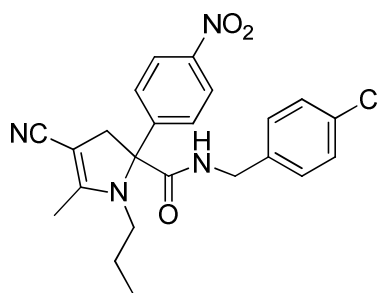
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₉N₃O₂: 379.2260, Found: 379.2252.

I.R. (thin film): 3309, 2930, 2854, 2180, 1653, 1606, 1511, 1409, 1250, 1183, 1030, 929, 831 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3f)**



Mol. Wt. = 438.906 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2f** (150 mg, 0.371 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 51% yield (83 mg).

Nature: Brown solid

M.P. = 173.2-173.6°C

Rf: 0.6 (50:50 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

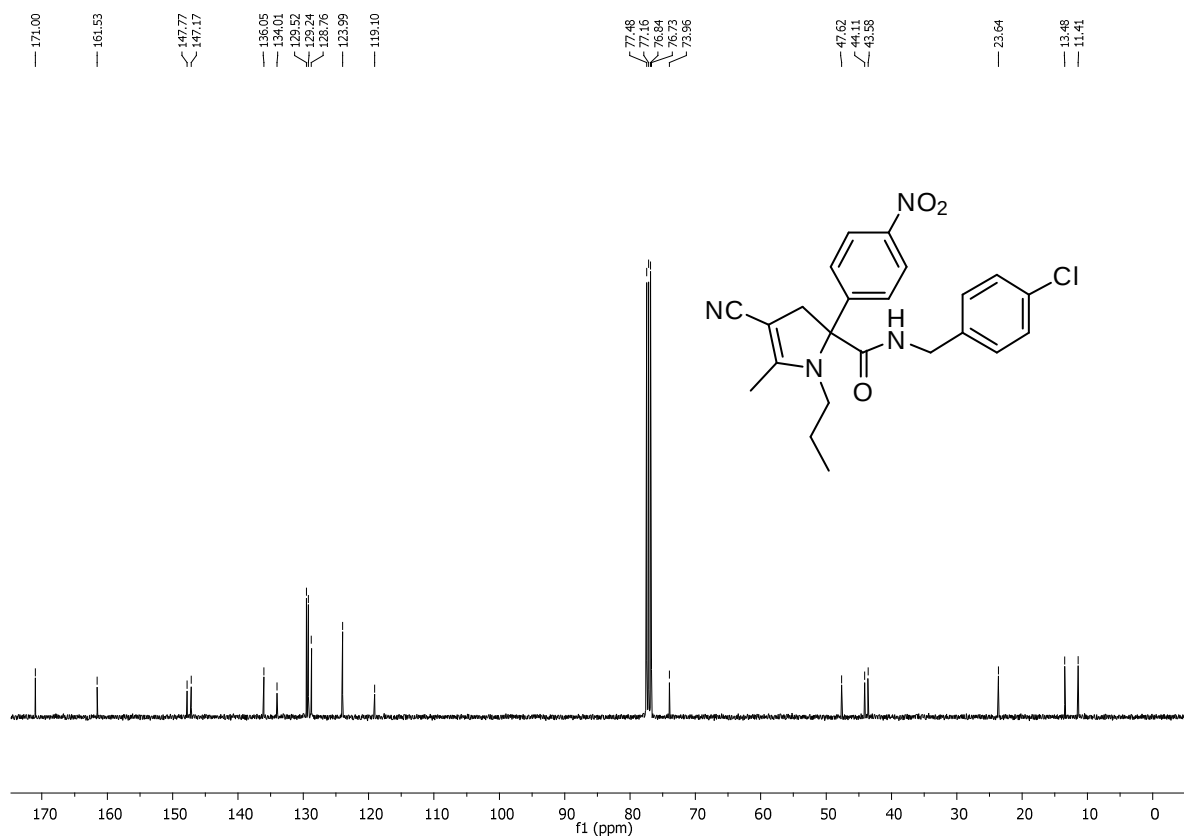
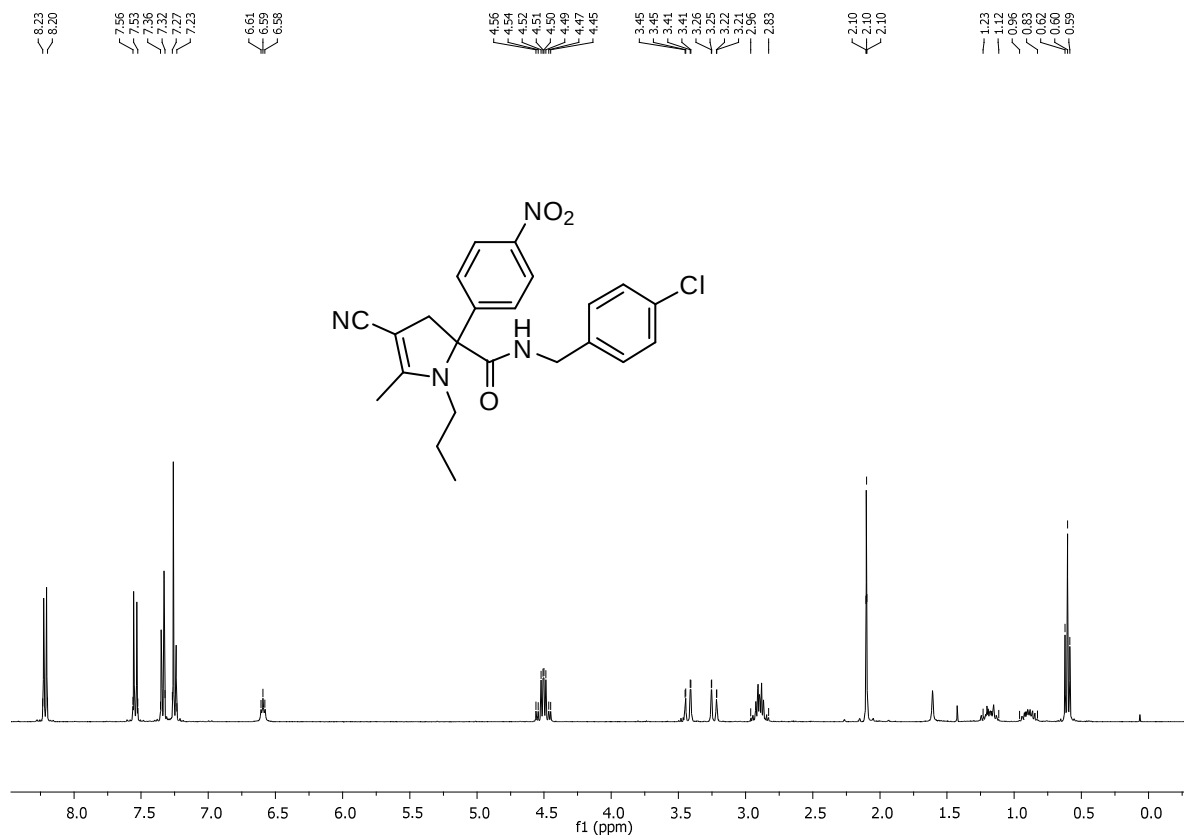
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.23-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.59 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.53 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 15.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 15.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.10 (t, J = 1.4, 3H), 1.23-1.12 (m, 1H), 0.96-0.83 (m, 1H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

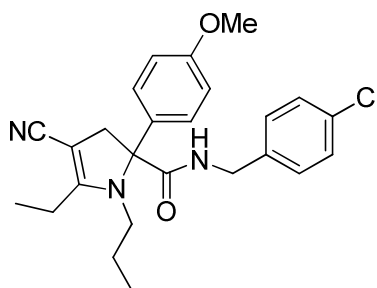
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃ClN₄O₃: 438.1459, Found: 438.1455.

I.R. (thin film): 3311, 3054, 2965, 2930, 2874, 2181, 1661, 1596, 1518, 1416, 1347, 1239, 1090, 1013, 851, 734 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-5-ethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3g)**



Mol. Wt. = 437.961 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2g** (160 mg, 0.397 mmol), DIPEA (34 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (156 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 49% yield (86 mg).

Nature: Dark red oil

Rf: 0.6 (90:10 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

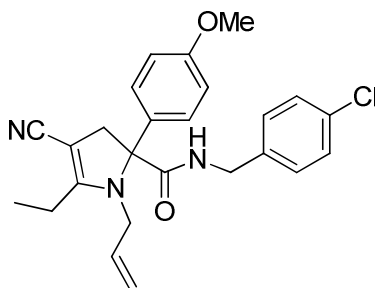
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.34 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.50-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.34 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.07 (m, 1H), 0.83-0.73 (m, 1H), 0.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.9, 166.2, 159.7, 136.3, 133.7, 131.3, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 120.0, 114.2, 77.0, 71.7, 55.4, 46.9, 43.4, 43.3, 23.7, 20.5, 12.8, 11.4.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈ClN₃O₂: 437.1870, Found: 437.1851.

I.R. (thin film): 3306, 3049, 2963, 2932, 2873, 2837, 2174, 1656, 1586, 1509, 1417, 1249, 1180, 1090, 1014, 908, 727 cm⁻¹.

1-allyl-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-5-ethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3h)



Mol. Wt. = 435.945 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2h** (148 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 55% yield (90 mg).

Nature: Bright oil

Rf: 0.7 (50:50 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

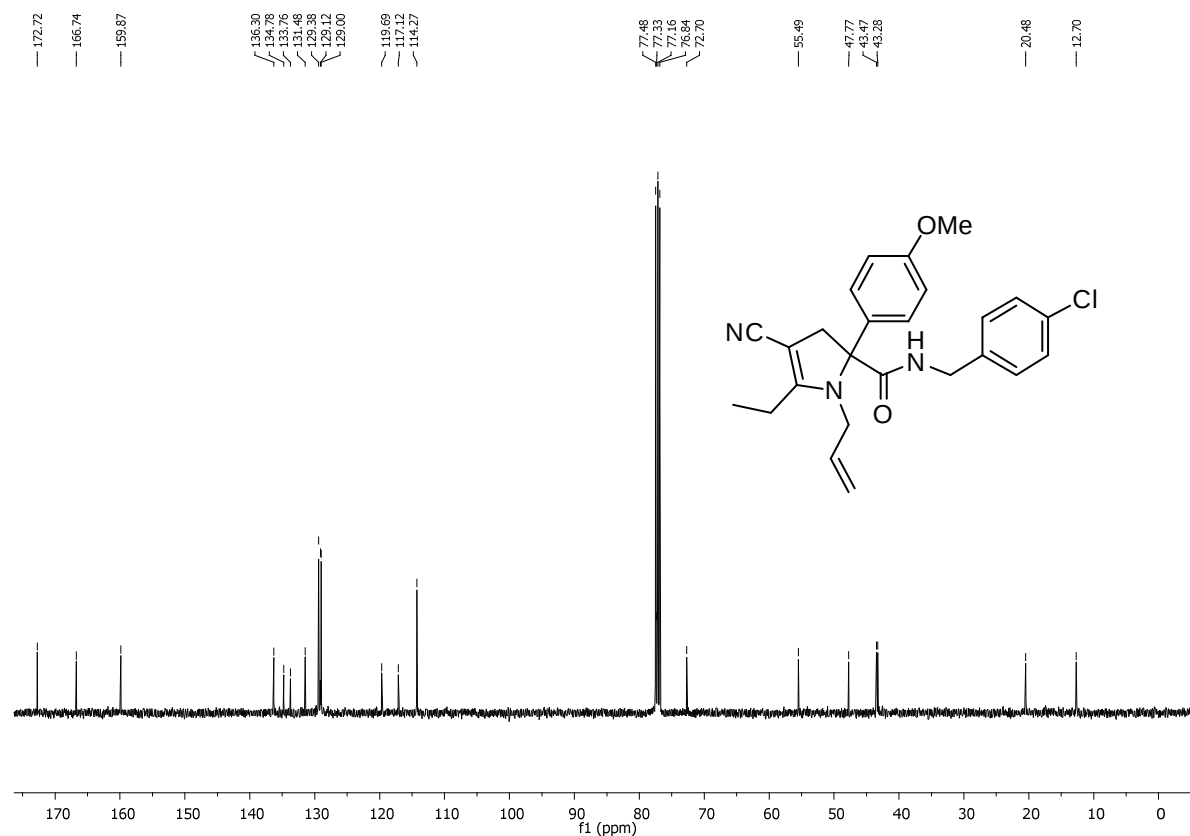
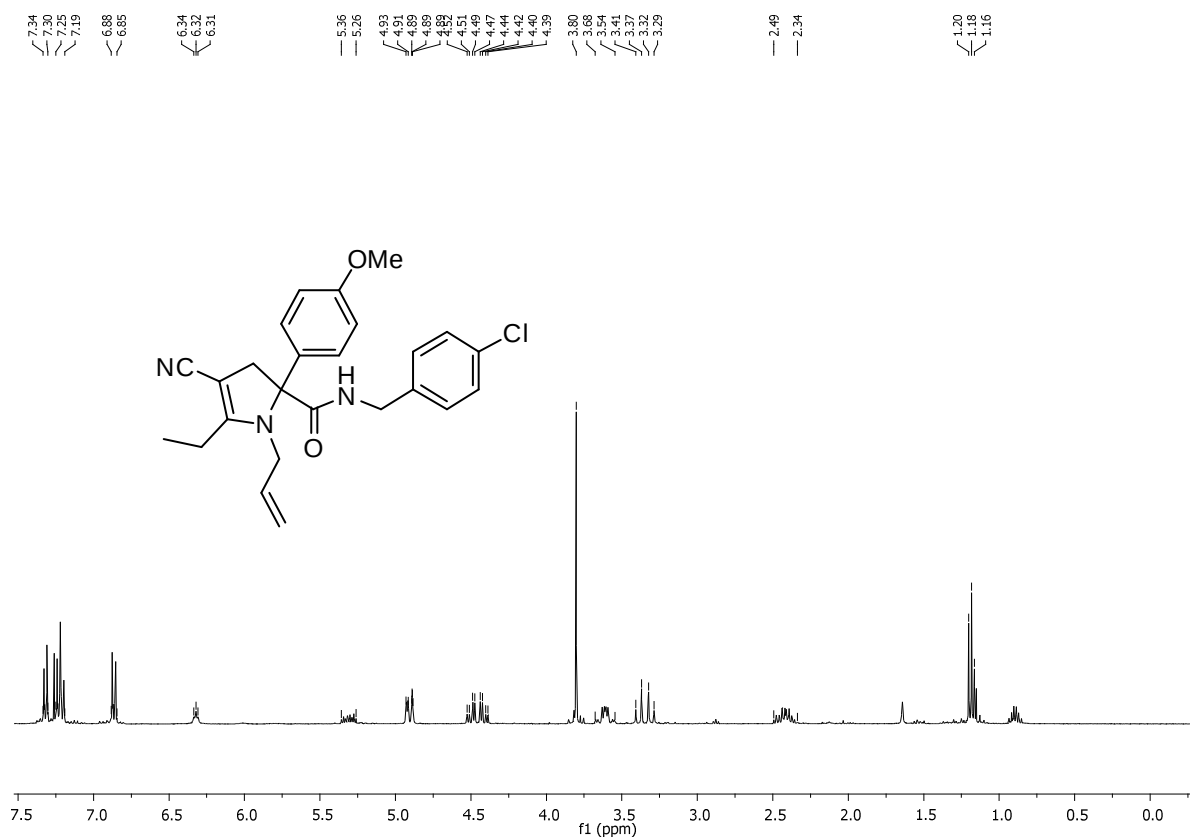
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.32 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.31 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.91 (m, 1H), 4.89 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.68-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.39 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.36 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

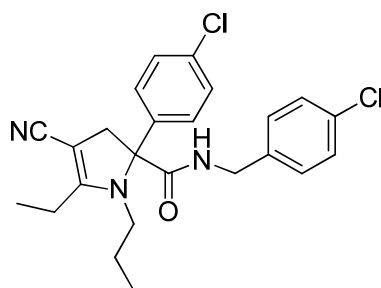
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₆ClN₃O₂: 435.1714, Found: 435.1703.

I.R. (thin film): 3309, 3052, 2934, 2837, 2179, 1659, 1594, 1509, 1407, 1249, 1180, 1089, 1014, 730 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyano-5-ethyl-1-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3i)**



Mol. Wt. = 442.380 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2i** (160 mg, 0.392 mmol), DIPEA (34 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (155 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 64% yield (112 mg).

Nature: Yellow oil

Rf: 0.3 (55:45 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

Flash chromatography: (40:60 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.36-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.41 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.52-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.31 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.17-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.93-0.78 (m, 1H), 0.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.1, 166.4, 138.2, 136.1, 134.7, 133.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 119.4, 76.7, 72.3, 47.1, 43.7, 43.5, 23.7, 20.5, 12.8, 11.4.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₅Cl₂N₃O: 441.1375, Found: 441.1386.

I.R. (thin film): 3293, 3054, 2998, 2933, 2835, 1625, 1511, 1404, 1252, 1231, 1137, 1089 1014, 798, 729 cm⁻¹.

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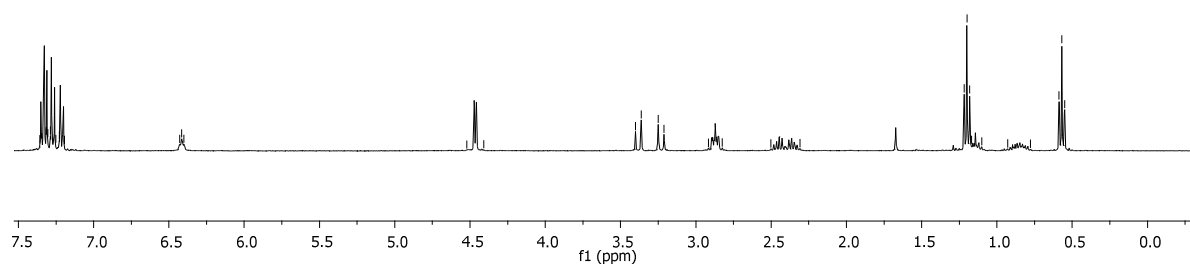
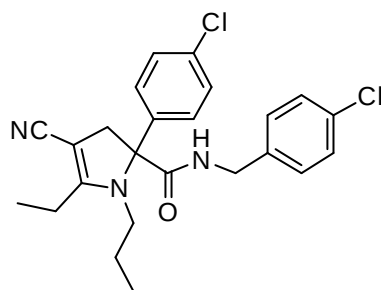
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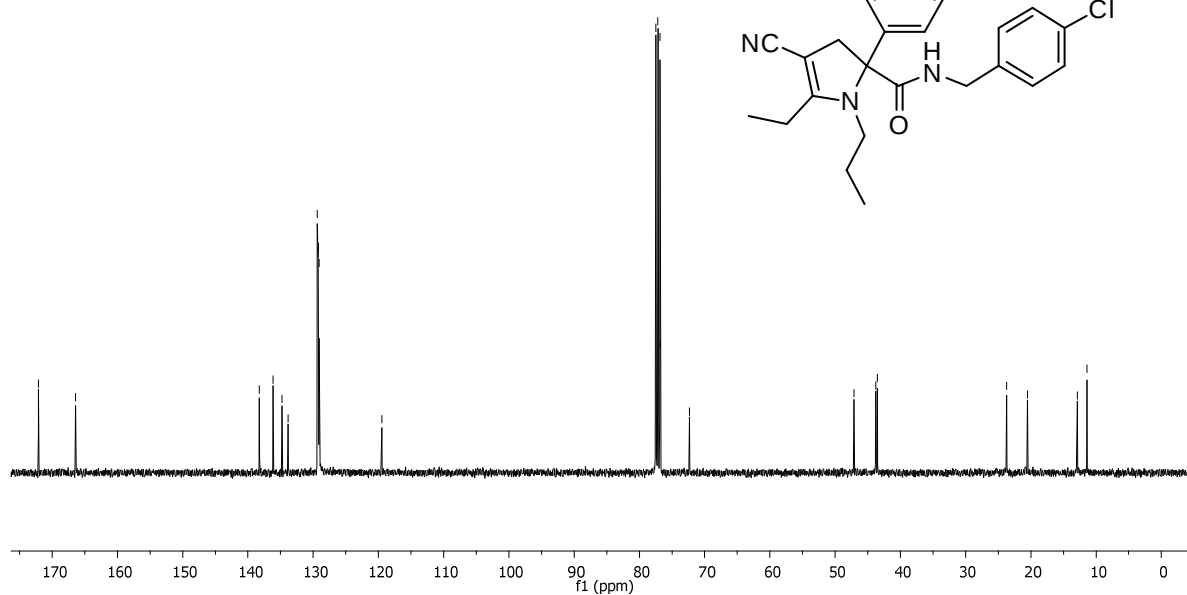
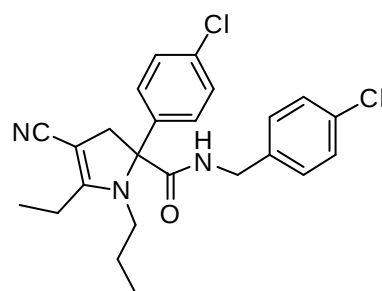
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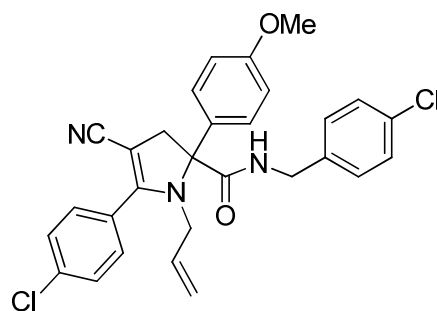
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1-allyl-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyano-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3j)



Mol. Wt. = 518.433 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2j** (179 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 54% yield (104 mg).

Nature: Yellow oil

Rf: 0.8 (50:50 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

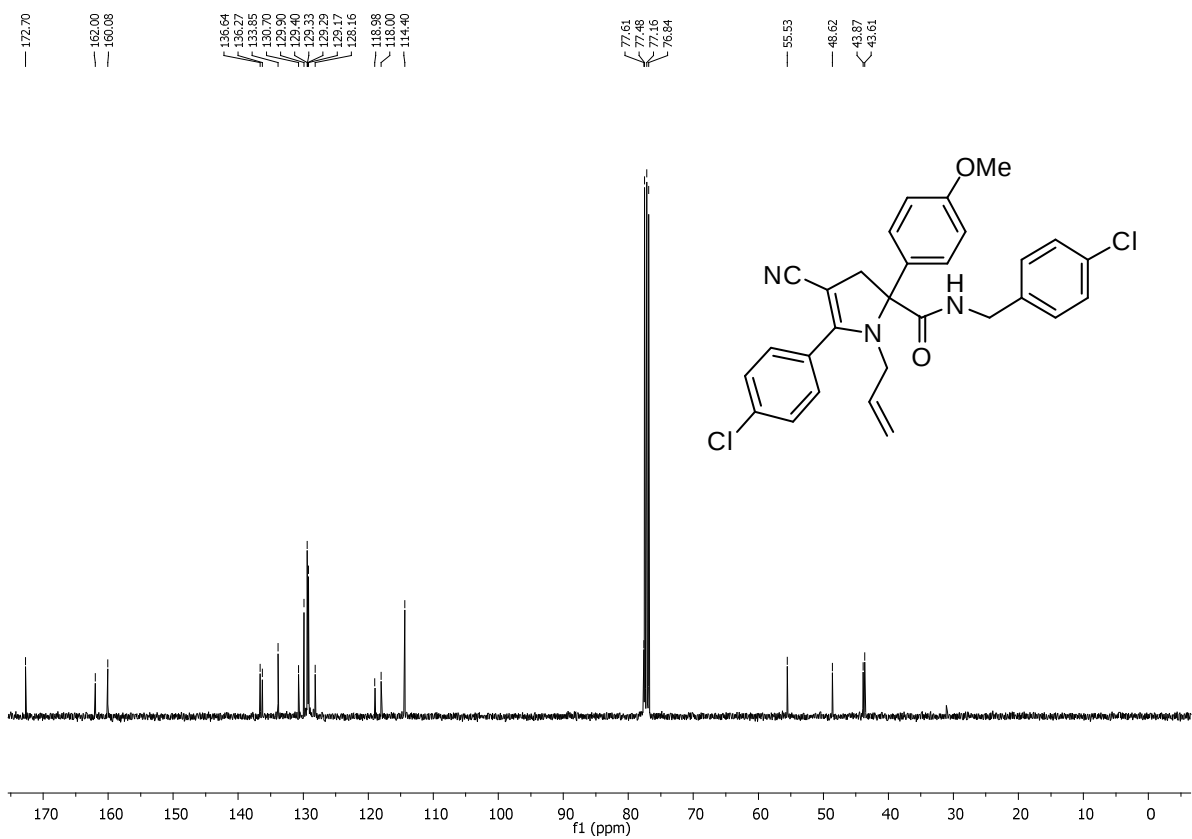
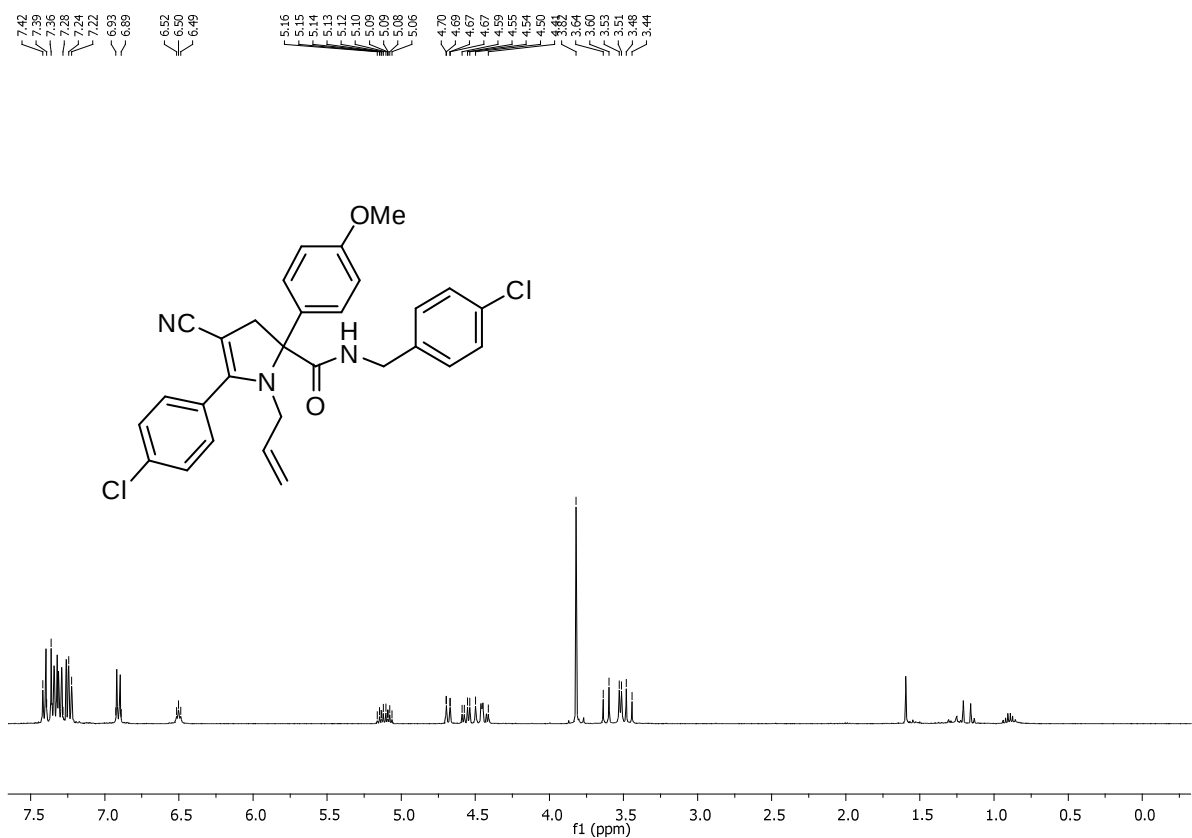
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

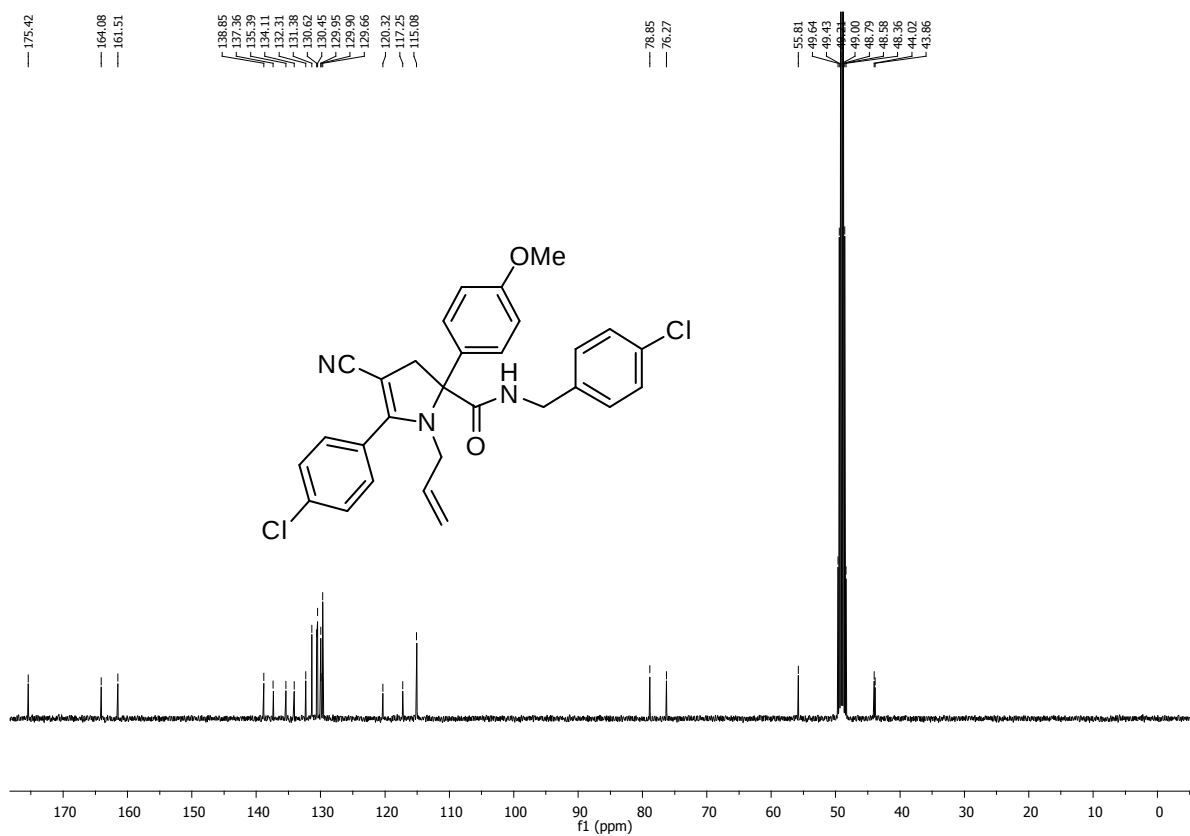
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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.7, 162.0, 160.0, 136.6, 136.2, 133.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 118.9, 118.0, 114.4, 77.6, 77.4, 55.5, 48.6, 43.8, 43.6.

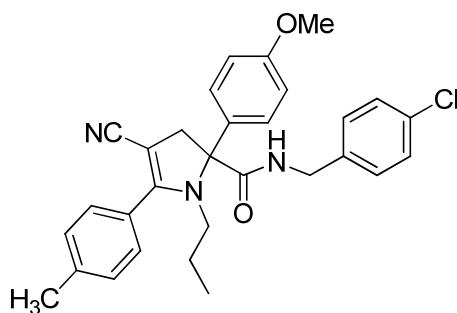
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I.R. (thin film): 3337, 3072, 2933, 2190, 1660, 1609, 1513, 1492, 1252, 1183, 1092, 1015, 832 cm⁻¹.





***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3k)**



Mol. Wt. = 500.031 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2k** (150 mg, 0.322 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (146 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 42% yield (68 mg).

Nature: Yellow oil

Rf: 0.6 (40:60 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

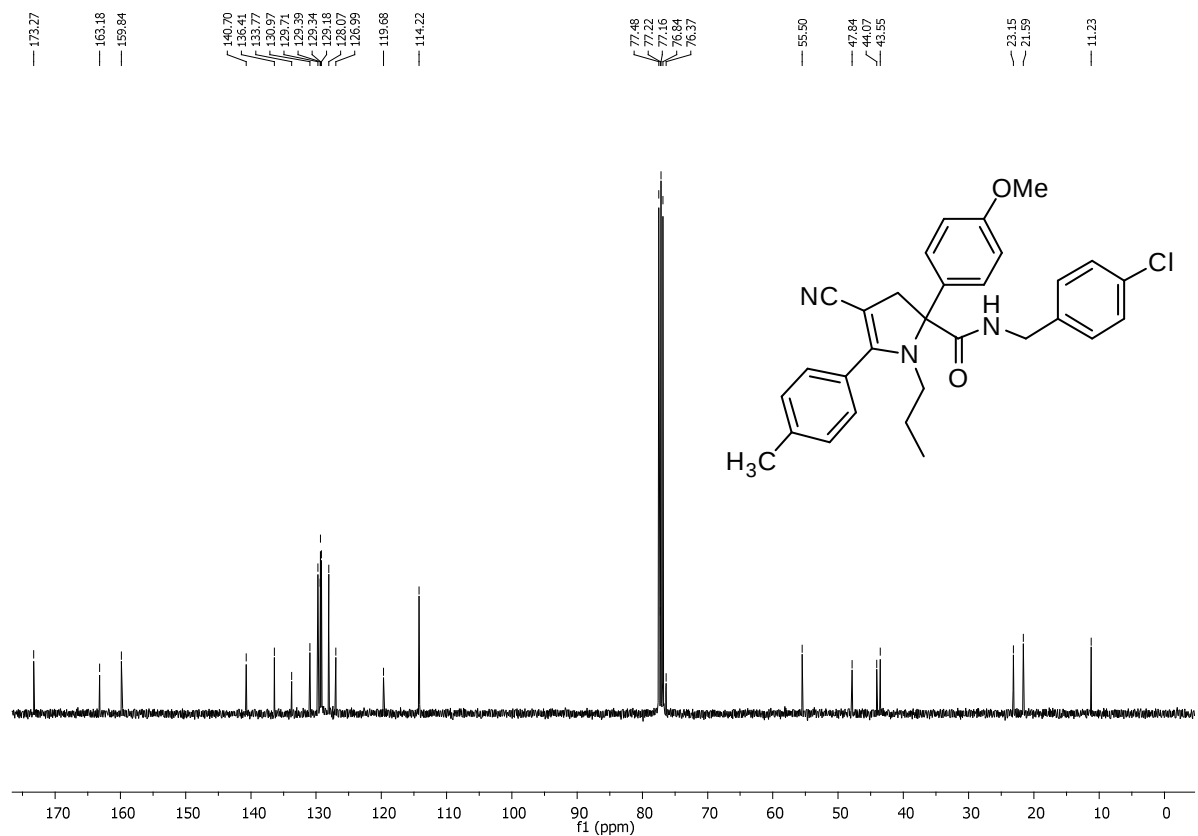
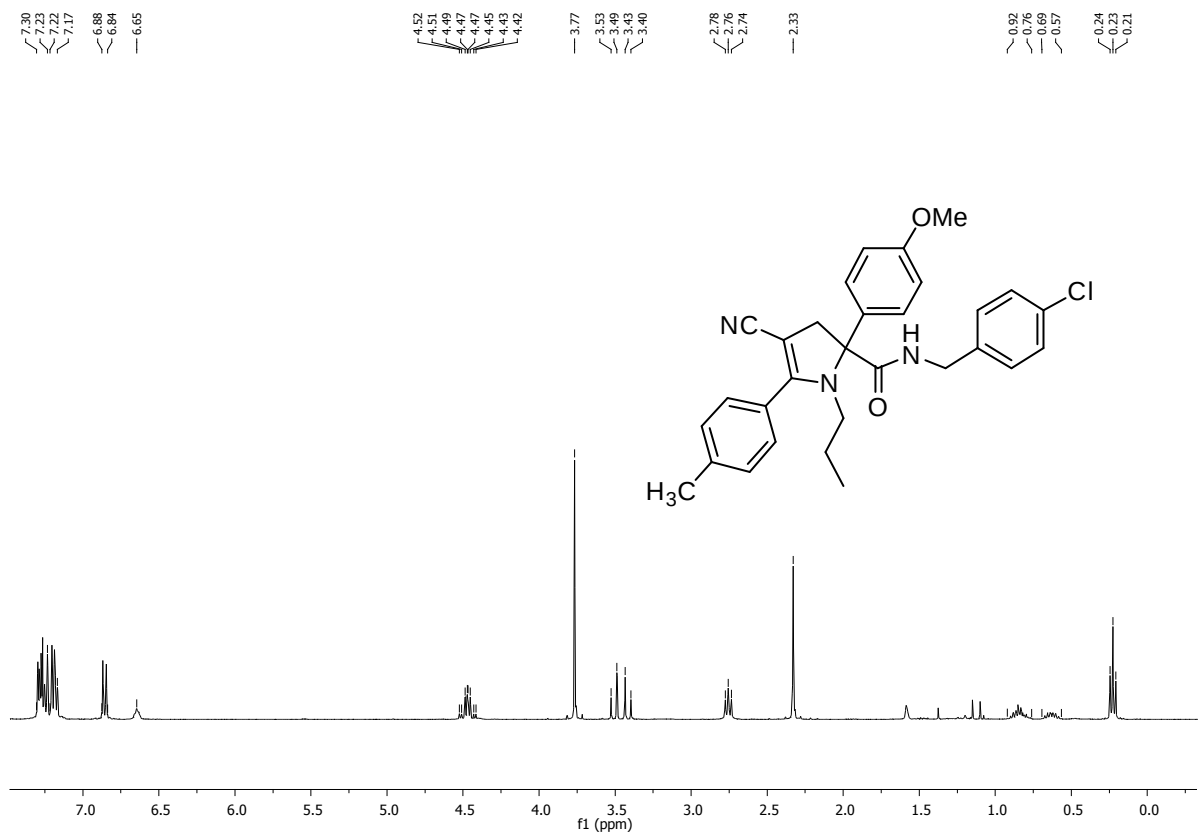
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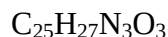
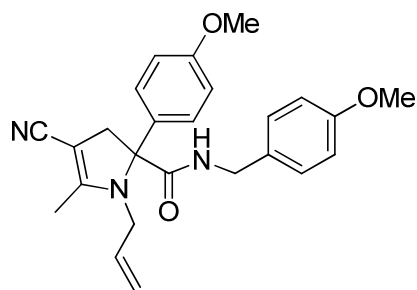
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HRMS: Calcd. for C₃₀H₃₀ClN₃O₂: 499.2027, Found: 499.2050.

I.R. (thin film): 3325, 3034, 2961, 2930, 2871, 2181, 1656, 1609, 1591, 1508, 1408, 1251, 1180, 1089, 823, 734 cm⁻¹.



1-allyl-4-cyano-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3l)



Mol. Wt. = 417.500 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2l** (141 mg, 0.368 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (145 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 57% yield (88 mg).

Nature: Bright oil

Rf: 0.7 (55:45 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

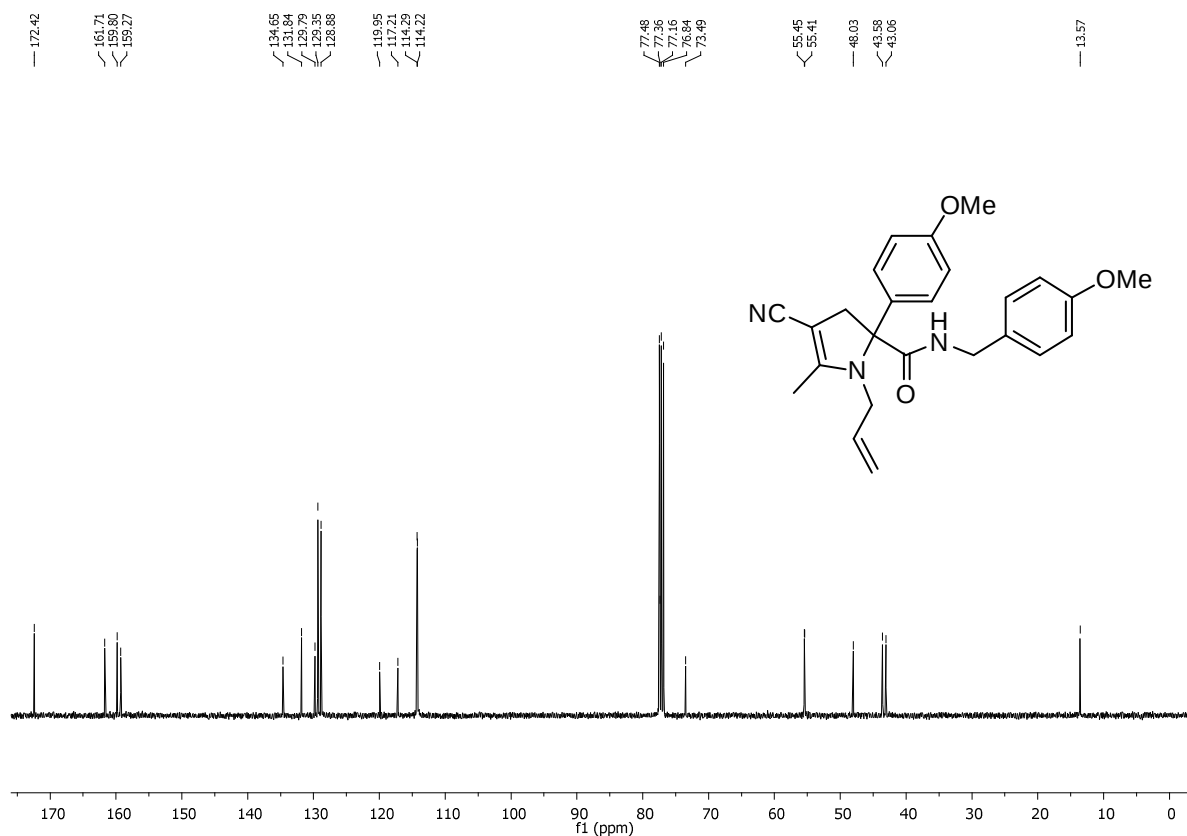
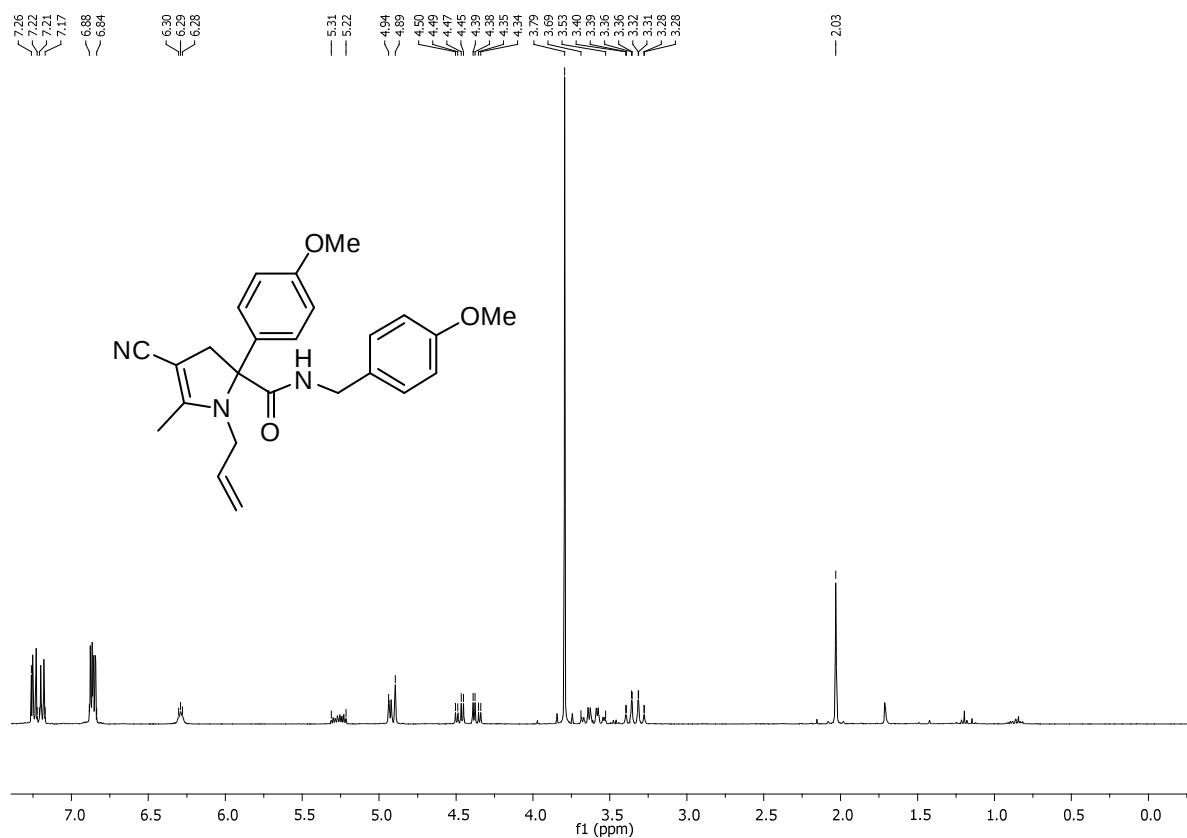
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 4H), 6.29 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.31-5.22 (m, 1H), 4.94-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.48 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2 OMe, 6H), 3.69-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.34 (qd, J = 15.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H).

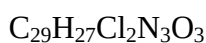
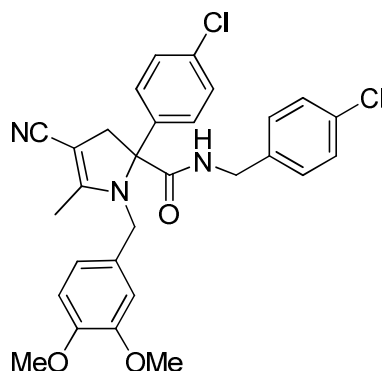
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 172.4, 161.7, 159.8, 159.2, 134.6, 131.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 119.9, 117.2, 114.2, 114.2, 77.3, 73.4, 55.4, 55.4, 48.0, 43.5, 43.0, 13.5.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₇N₃O₃: 417.2052, Found: 417.2070.

I.R. (thin film): 3323, 2933, 2836, 2180, 1659, 1608, 1511, 1409, 1249, 1181, 1032, 930, 831 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyano-1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3m)**



Mol. Wt. = 536.449 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2m** (100 mg, 0.199 mmol), DIPEA (17 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (78 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 59% yield (63 mg).

Nature: Orange oil

Rf: 0.4 (45:55 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

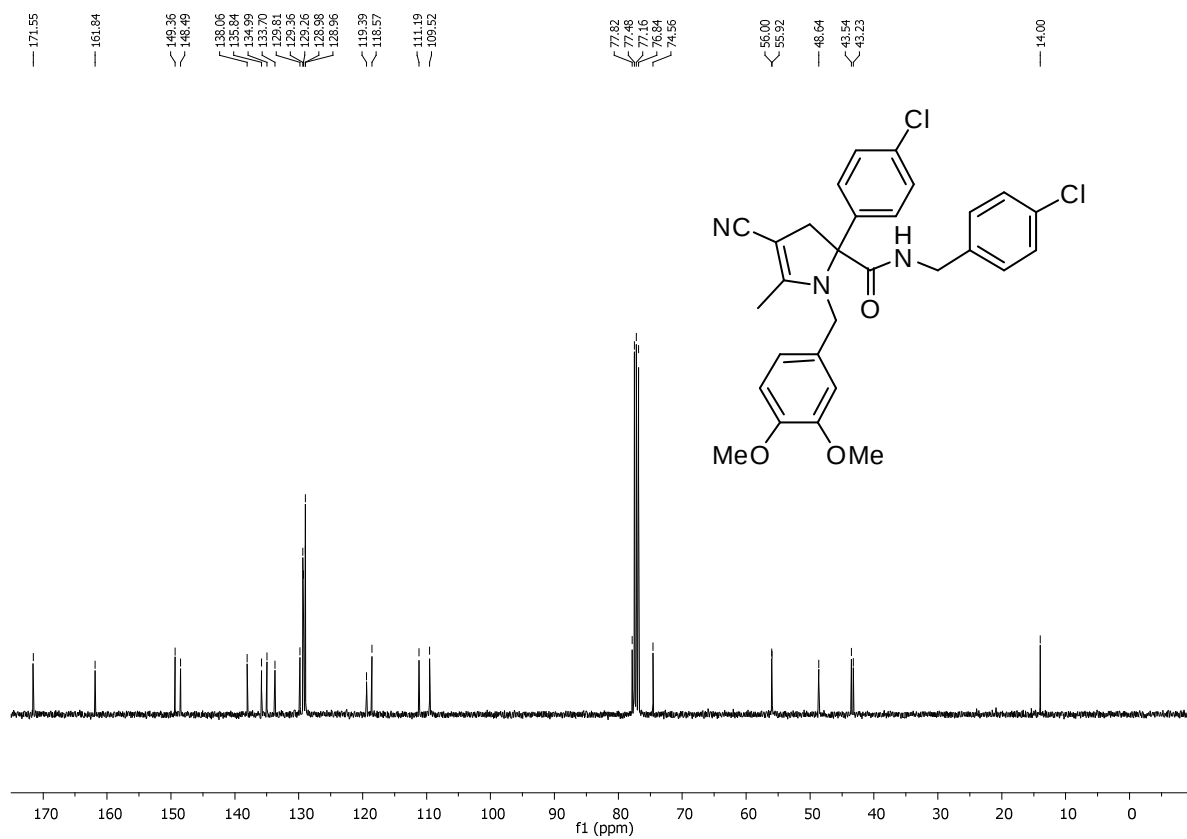
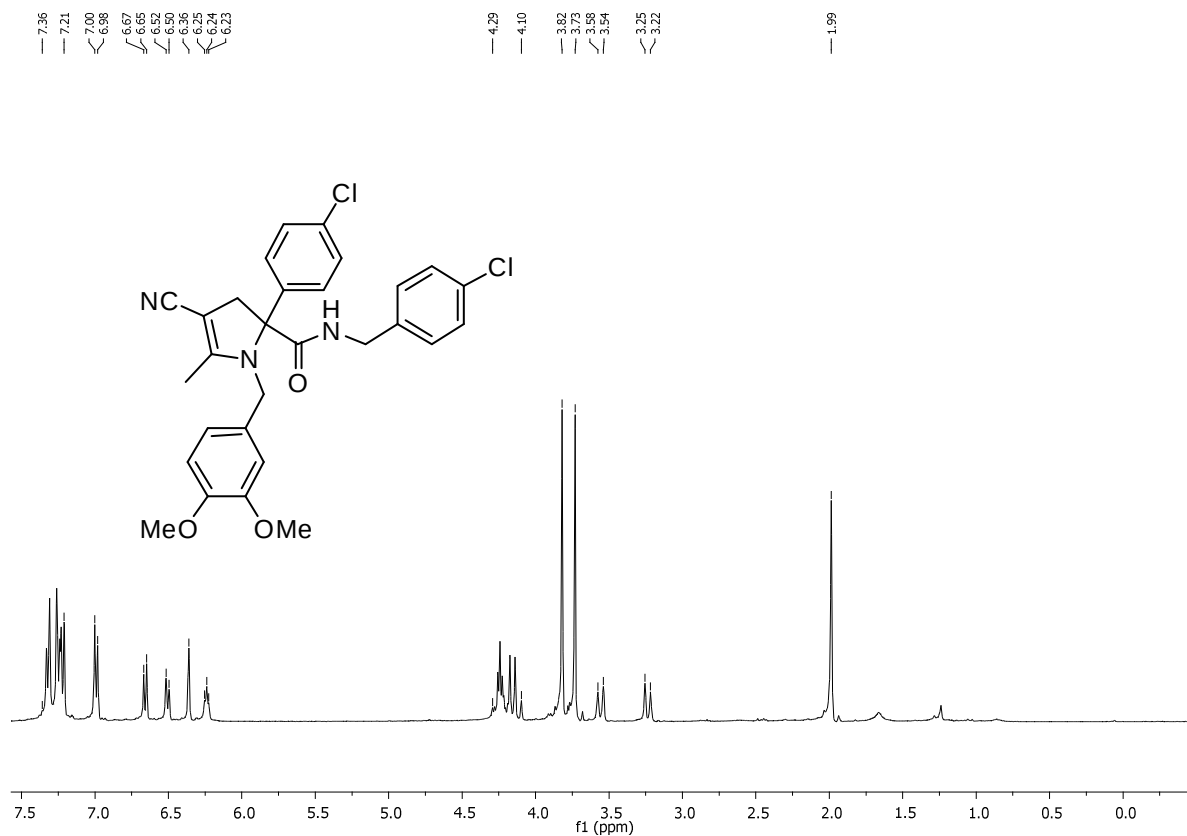
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.36-7.21 (m, 6H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.24 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.29-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.56 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

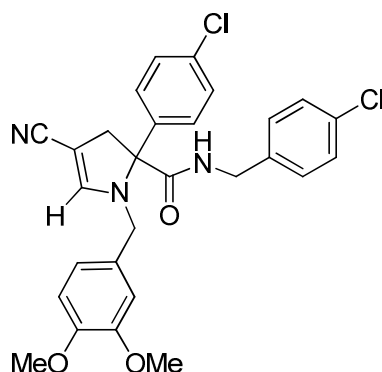
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.5, 161.8, 149.3, 148.4, 138.0, 135.8, 134.9, 133.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 119.3, 118.5, 111.1, 109.5, 77.8, 74.5, 56.0, 55.9, 48.6, 43.5, 43.2, 14.0.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₇Cl₂N₃O₃: 535.1429, Found: 535.1408.

I.R. (thin film): 3338, 3057, 2934, 2183, 1664, 1604, 1514, 1409, 1236, 1139, 1093 cm⁻¹.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyano-1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3n)**



Mol. Wt. = 522.422 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2n** (180 mg, 0.369 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (145 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 54% yield (105 mg).

Nature: Orange oil

Rf: 0.4 (40:60 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

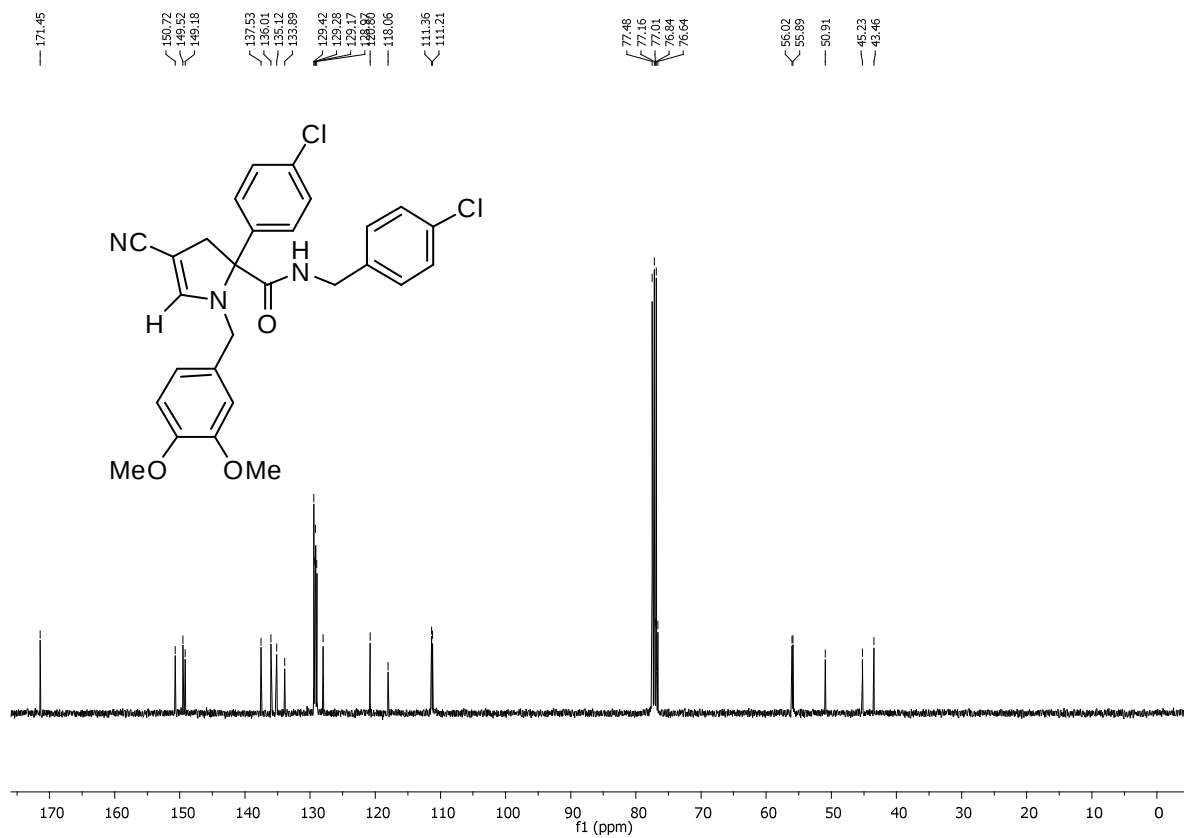
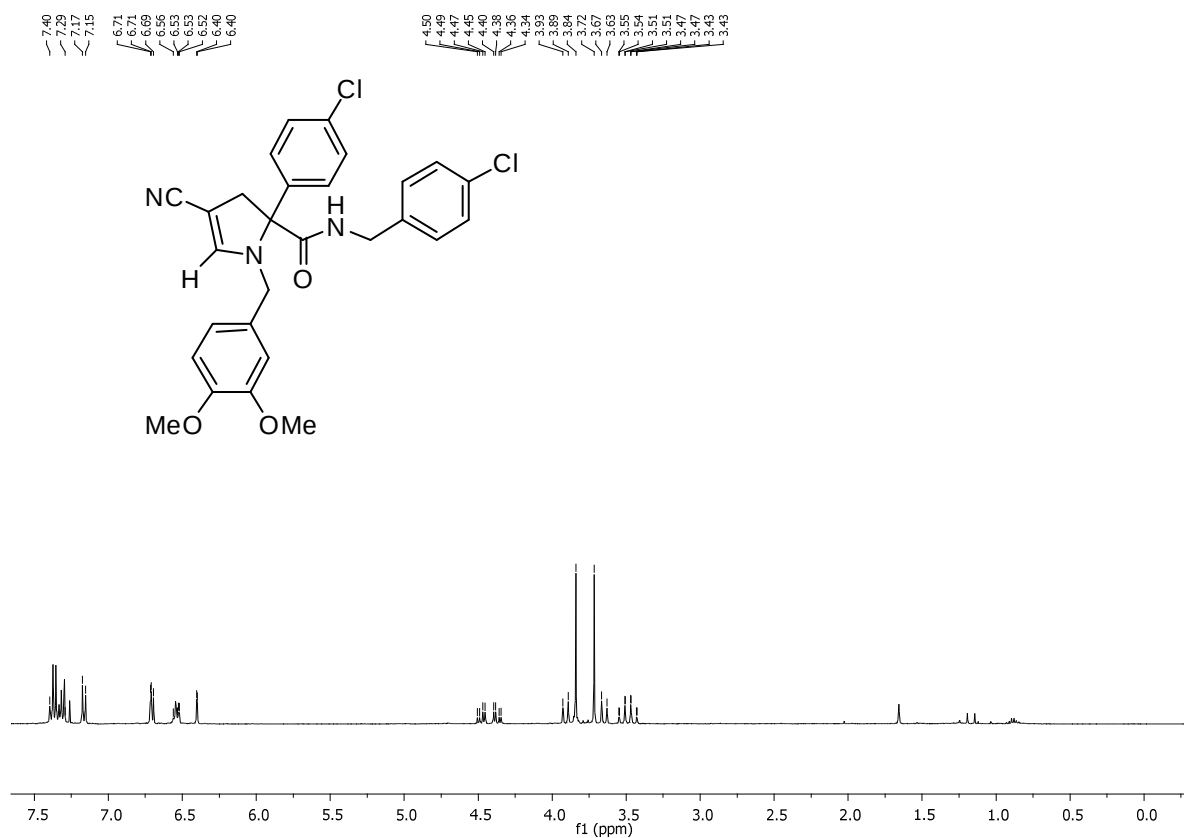
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.40-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.56-6.53 (m, 1H, NH), 6.52 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 14.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.65 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 15.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H).

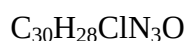
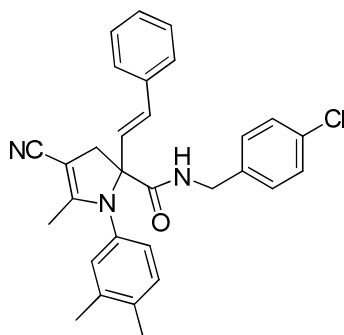
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.4, 150.7, 149.5, 149.1, 137.5, 136.0, 135.1, 133.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 120.8, 118.0, 111.3, 111.2, 77.0, 76.6, 56.0, 55.8, 50.9, 45.2, 43.4.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₅Cl₂N₃O₃: 521.1273, Found: 521.1270.

I.R. (thin film): 3325, 3057, 2933, 2835, 2188, 1663, 1592, 1511, 1403, 1348, 1256, 1234, 1091, 1014, 813, 730 cm⁻¹.



(*E*)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-cyano-1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-5-methyl-2-styryl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxamide (3o)



Mol. Wt. = 482.015 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2o** (165 mg, 0.369 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and acrylonitrile (145 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 57% yield (102 mg).

Nature: White solid

M.P. = 174.4-174.8°C

Rf: 0.7 (45:55 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

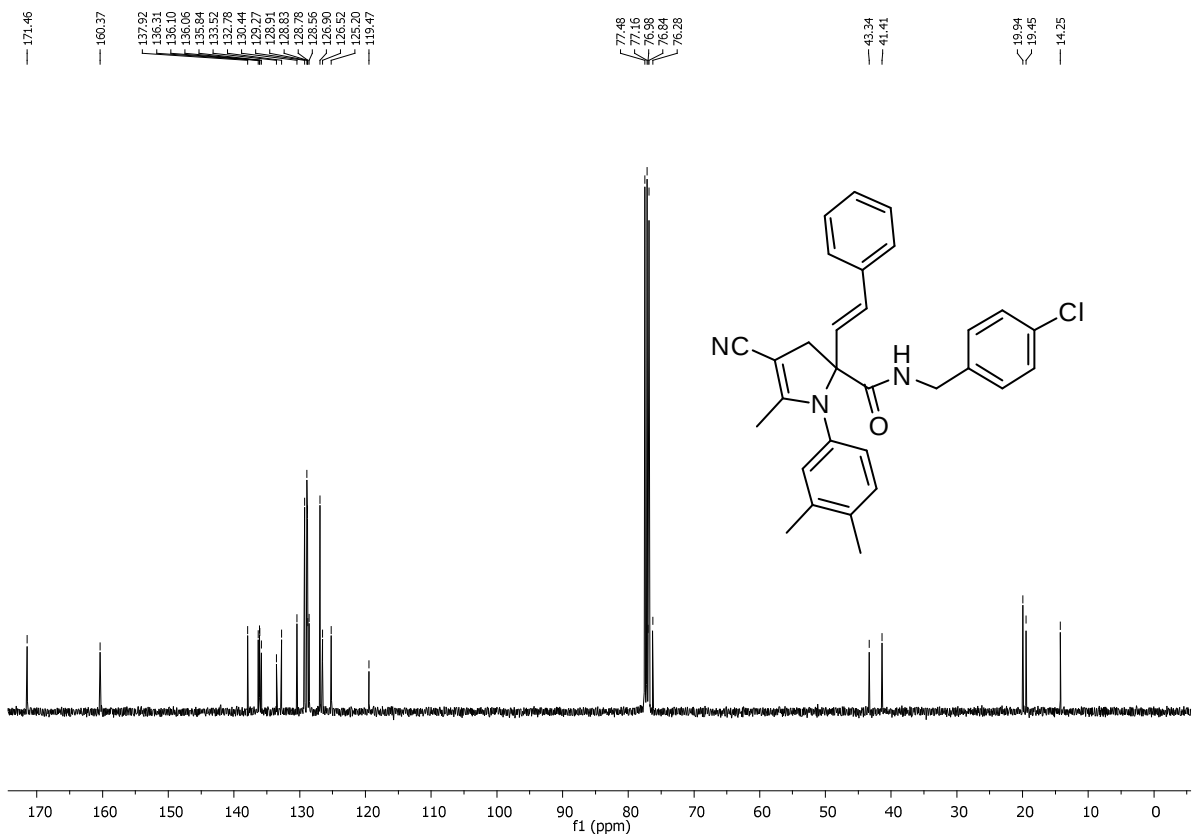
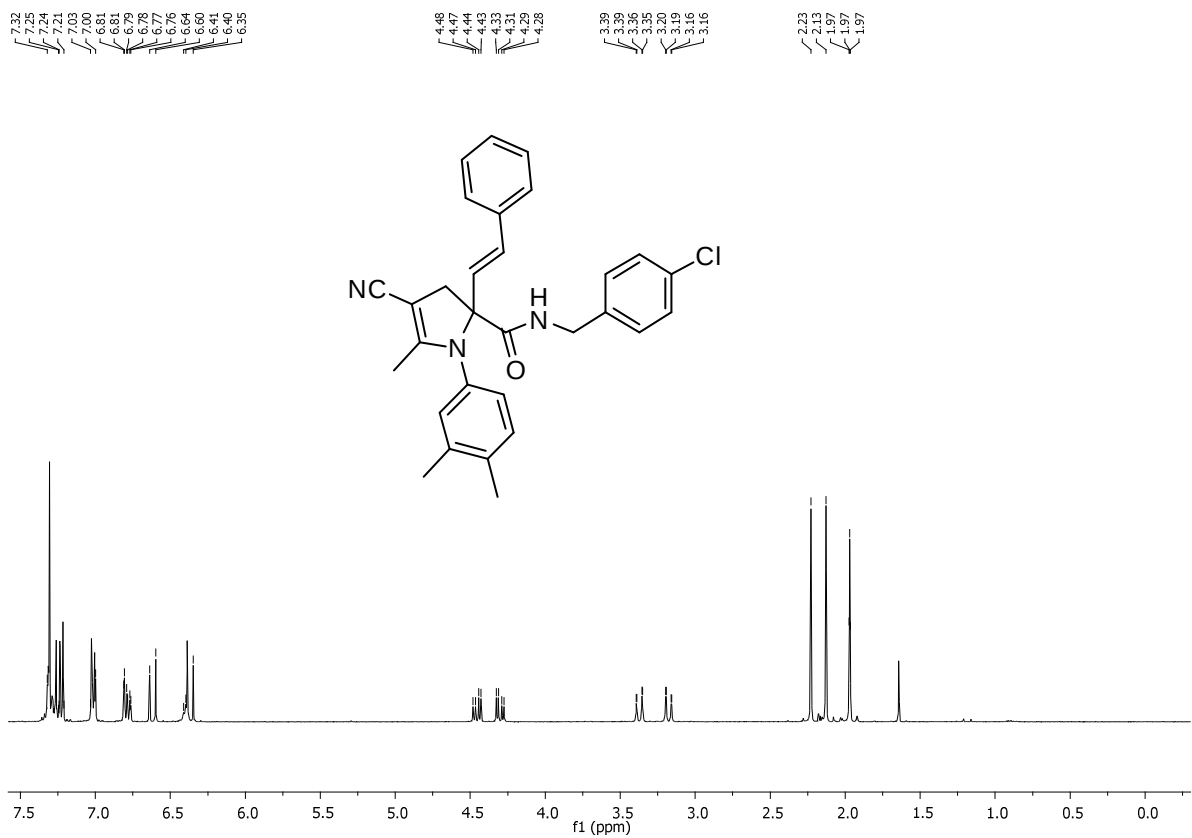
Flash chromatography: (40:60 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.32-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42-6.38 (m, 1H, NH), 6.37 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 14.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 14.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 14.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.97 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H).

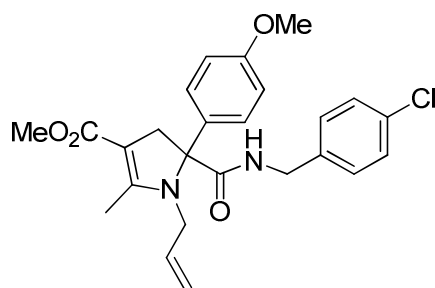
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 171.4, 160.3, 137.9, 136.3, 136.1, 136.0, 135.8, 133.5, 132.7, 130.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 126.9, 126.5, 125.2, 119.4, 76.9, 76.2, 43.3, 41.4, 19.9, 19.4, 14.2.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈ClN₃O: 481.1921, Found: 481.1935.

I.R. (thin film): 3329, 3053, 2922, 2186, 1666, 1602, 1502, 1393, 1365, 1091, 1015 cm⁻¹.



methyl 1-allyl-5-((4-chlorobenzyl)carbamoyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3p)



Mol. Wt. = 454.945 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2p** (143 mg, 0.369 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and methyl acrylate (201 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 22% yield (38 mg).

Nature: Bright oil

Rf: 0.6 (50:50 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

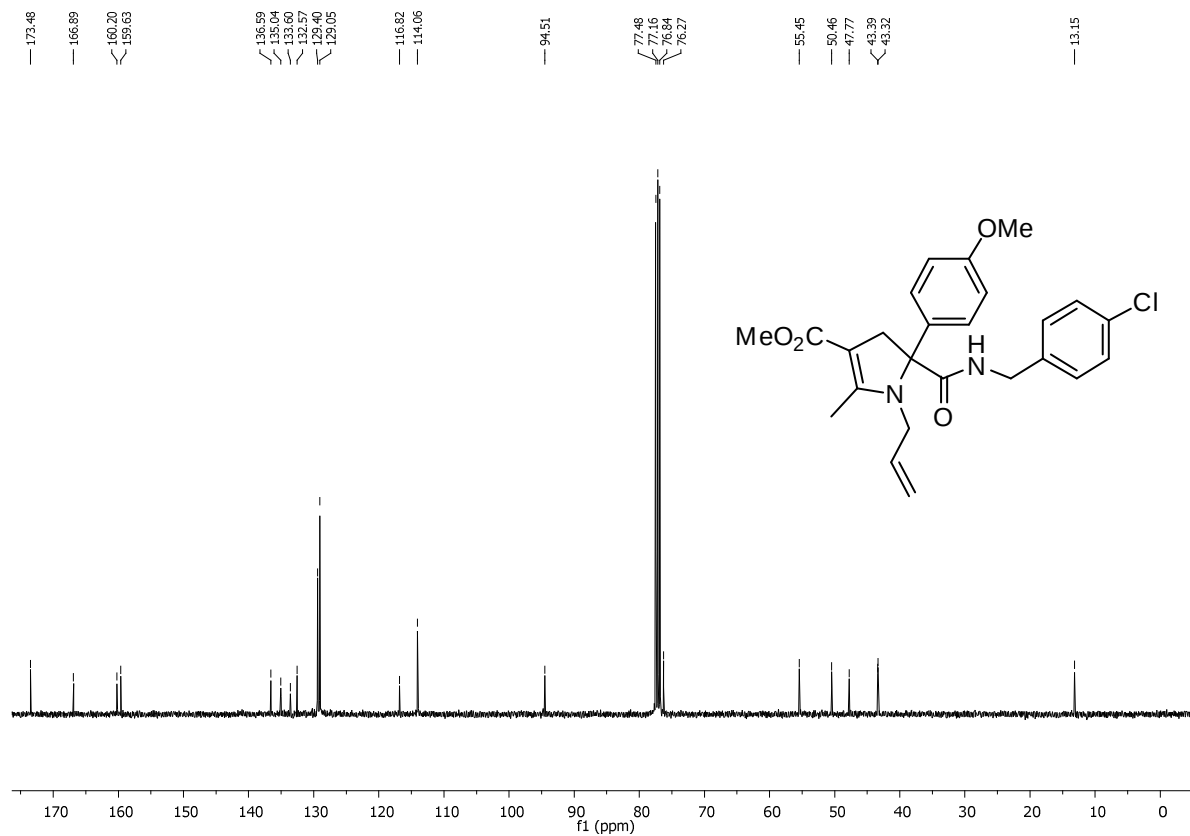
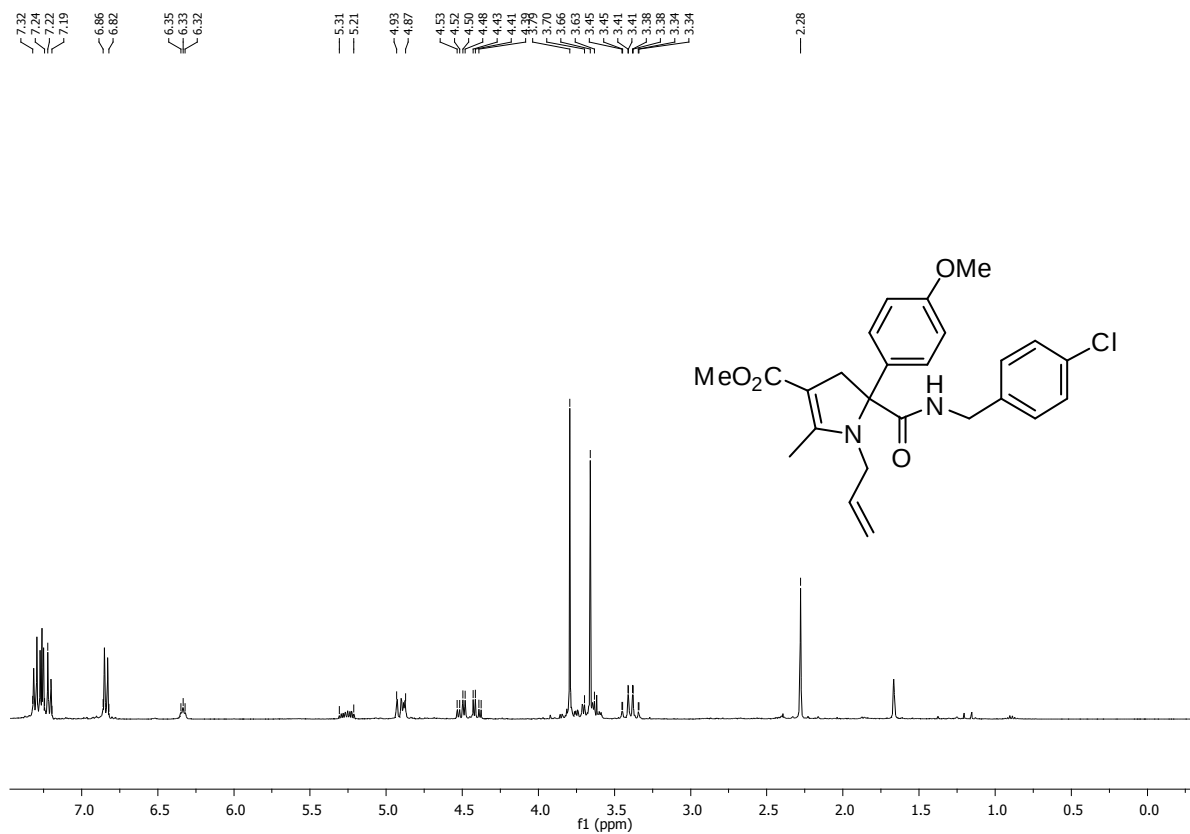
Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.32-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.33 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.31-5.21 (m, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 11.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 14.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.70-3.63 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.43 (dd, J = 15.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 15.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

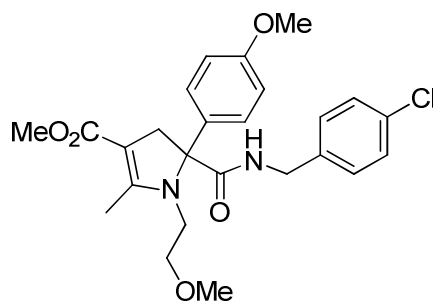
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 173.4, 166.8, 160.2, 159.6, 136.5, 135.0, 133.6, 132.5, 129.4, 129.0, 116.8, 114.0, 94.5, 76.2, 55.4, 50.4, 47.7, 43.3, 43.3, 13.1.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₇ClN₂O₄: 454.1659, Found: 454.1660.

I.R. (thin film): 3307, 3052, 2945, 2837, 1702, 1654, 1580, 1509, 1399, 1245, 1177, 1128, 1013, 730 cm⁻¹.



methyl 5-((4-chlorobenzyl)carbamoyl)-1-(2-methoxyethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3q)



Mol. Wt. = 472.961 g.mol⁻¹

This compound was synthesized according to the general procedure **II**, using Ugi adduct **2a** (150 mg, 0.370 mmol), DIPEA (32 μ l, 0.5 equiv) and methyl acrylate (202 μ l, 6.0 equiv). The crude product thus obtained after extraction was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product in 25% yield (45 mg).

Nature: Yellow oil

Rf: 0.1 (30:70 Ethyl acetate/ Petroleum ether)

Flash chromatography: (80:20 Diethyl ether/ Petroleum ether)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.91 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.30-7.22 (m, 6H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.53-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.65 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.03 (m, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.87-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ 174.0, 166.8, 160.1, 159.3, 137.0, 133.2, 132.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 113.9, 96.7, 76.3, 70.4, 58.6, 55.3, 50.4, 44.8, 44.5, 43.2, 13.3.

HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₉ClN₂O₅: 472.1765, Found 472.1786.

I.R. (thin film): 3308, 2933, 2837, 1734, 1633, 1606, 1512, 1407, 1252, 1183, 1141, 1118, 831 cm⁻¹.

