

Supplementary information for

**Fluorescence and chemiluminescence properties of indolylmaleimides:
experimental and theoretical studies**

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Experimental Section

Reagents and solutions

Deionized and distilled water purified by a Milli-Q system (Japan Millipore, Tokyo, Japan) was used. 2,3-Dibromomaleimide, potassium *tert*-butoxide (THF), methyl magnesium chloride (3M in THF), Iron (II) bromide were purchased from Aldrich (Milwaukee, USA). Indole, 2-phenylindole, 2-acetonaphthone, 2-iodoaniline, ammonium nitrate, palladium black, palladium acetate, tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium, acetone, benzene, chloroform, dichloromethane, dimethylformamide, ethyl acetate, hexane, methanol, sodium hydroxide, toluene and hydrogen peroxide (30 %) were purchased from Wako Chemicals (Osaka, Japan). 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (98%, DDQ), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (*p*-TsOH), acetonitrile, ethanol and tetrahydrofuran were purchased from Nacalai Tesque (Kyoto, Japan). All other chemicals and solvents were of analytical reagent grade.

Apparatus and its operations

The ¹H-NMR spectra were obtained using a Varian UNITY plus (USA) spectrometer at 500 MHz. The FAB MS spectra of **1**–**15** were obtained using a JEOL JMS 600 (Tokyo, Japan). The absorbance and fluorescence spectra of **1**–**15** were obtained using a Jasco V-530 absorptiometer and an FP-6500 fluorometer (Tokyo, Japan).

Spectra data of compounds **1**, **2**, **4**, **7** and **13**

3-Bromo-4-(1H-3-indolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrroledione (**1**). m.p.: 182–184°C. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 7.11–7.19 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.2–7.22 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.48–7.50 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87–7.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01–8.02 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 11.3 (s, 1H, maleimide NH), 12 (s, 1H, indole NH), FAB MS: *m/z* = 292.05 [M+H]⁺, C₁₂H₇BrN₂O₂, calc. (%): H; 2.42, C; 49.51, N; 9.62. Found (%): H; 2.58, C; 49.86, N; 9.34.

3-Bromo-4-(2-phenyl-1H-3-indolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrroledione (**2**). m.p.: 245–247°C. ¹H-NMR(DMSO-*d*₆): 7.08–7.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.19–7.22 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.44–7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 11.3 (s, 1H, maleimide NH), 12 (s, 1H, indole NH), FAB MS: *m/z* = 368.1 [M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₁BrN₂O₂, calc. (%): H; 3.02, C; 58.88, N; 7.63. Found (%): H; 3.26, C; 59.29, N; 7.36.

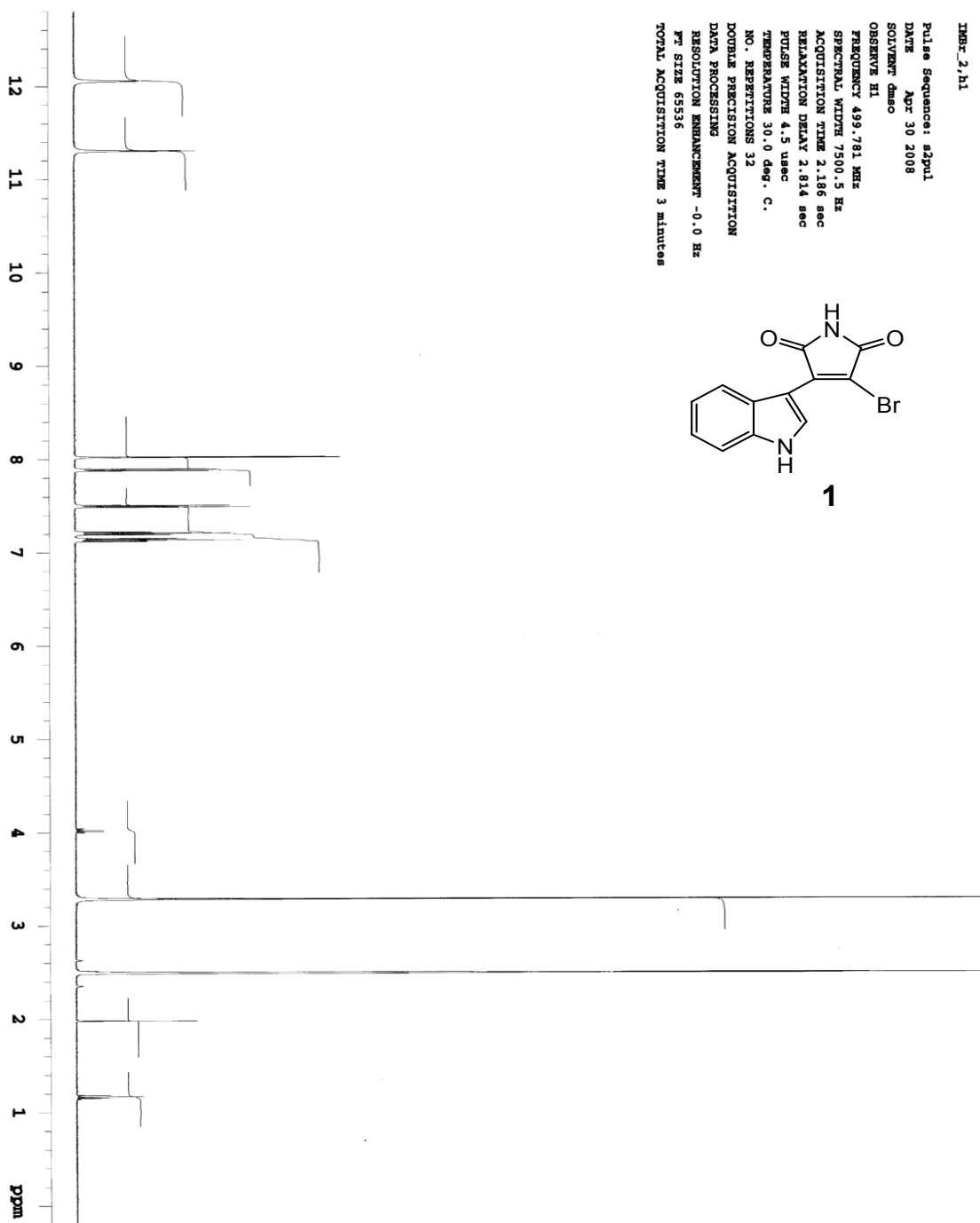
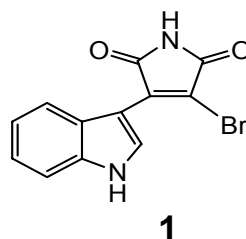
3-(1H-3-indolyl)-2,5-pyrrolidinedione (**4**). m.p.: 108–111°C. ¹H-NMR(DMSO-*d*₆): 2.72–2.77 (dd, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H), 3.14–3.20 (dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.3–4.33 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.98 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.07–7.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.29–7.30 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.36 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40–7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 10.9 (s, 1H, maleimide NH), 11.2 (s, 1H, indole NH). FAB MS: *m/z* = 214.16 [M]⁺, C₁₂H₁₀N₂O₂ · 3 / 4 H₂O, calc. (%): H; 5.09, C; 63.29, N; 12.30. Found (%): H; 4.96, C; 63.17, N; 11.54.

3-(1H-3-indolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-2,5-pyrroledione (**7**). m.p.: 200–203°C. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 6.76 (s, 1H, Olefin H), 7.17–7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50–7.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93–7.95 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.33–8.34 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 10.70 (s, 1H, maleimide NH), 11.97 (s, 1H, indole NH), FAB MS: *m/z* = 213.15 [M+H]⁺, C₁₂H₈N₂O₂, calc. (%): H; 3.80, C; 67.92, N; 13.20. Found (%): H; 3.92, C; 67.69, N; 13.05.

Methyl-3-(indole-3-yl)pyruvic acid (**13**). m.p.: 165–168°C. ¹H-NMR(DMSO-*d*₆): 3.78 (s, 1H, -OCH₃), 6.81 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.04–7.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11–7.14 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39–7.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.69–7.71 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.879–7.884 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, -CH₂-), 8.916–8.919 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, -CH₂-), 11.39 (s, 1H, indole NH), FAB MS: *m/z* = 217.14 [M+H]⁺, C₁₂H₁₁NO₃, calc. (%): C; 66.35, H; 5.10, N; 6.45. Found (%): C; 66.27, H; 5.15, N; 6.44.

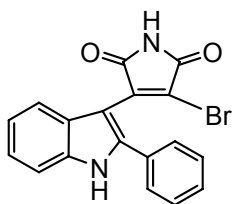
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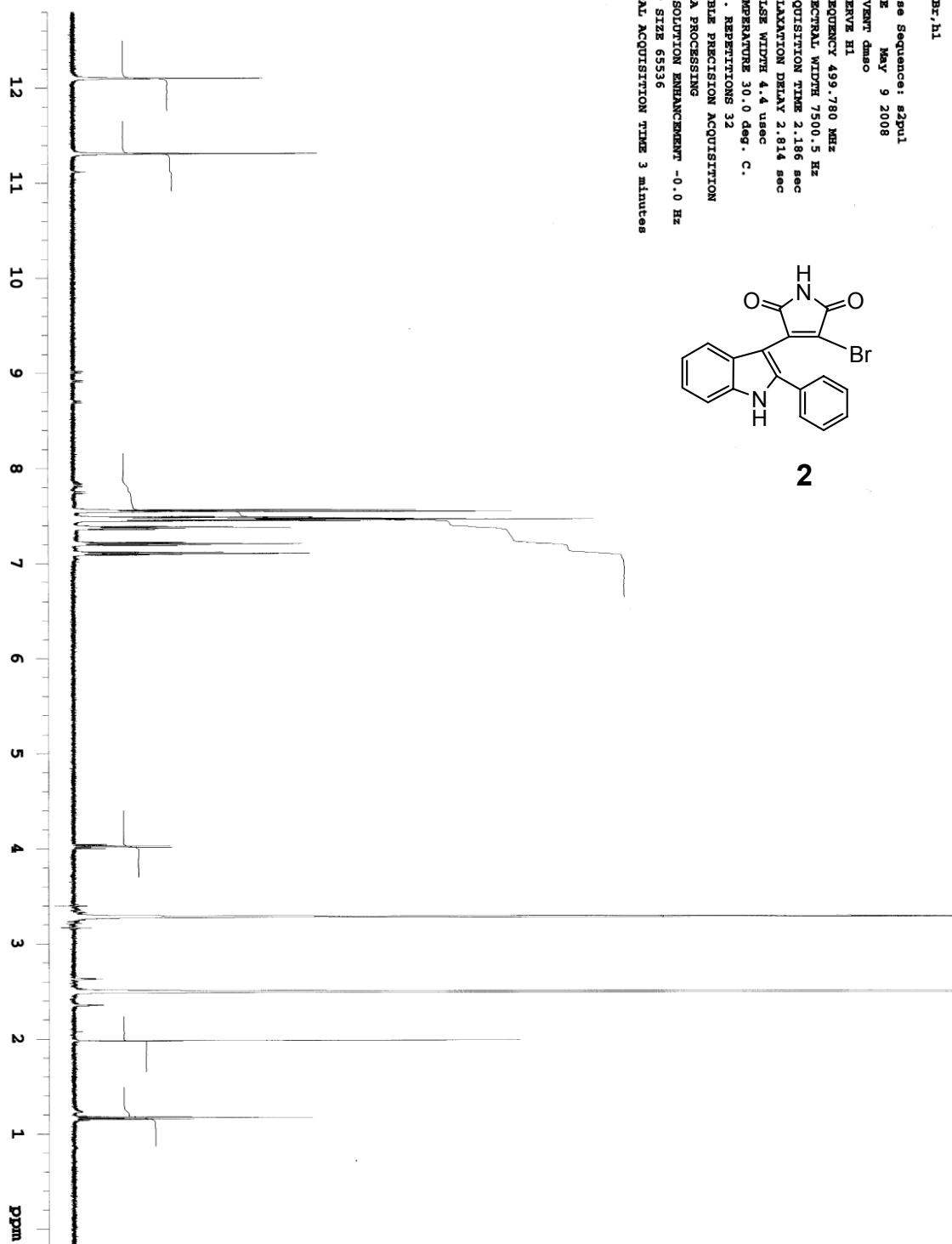


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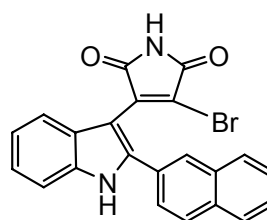
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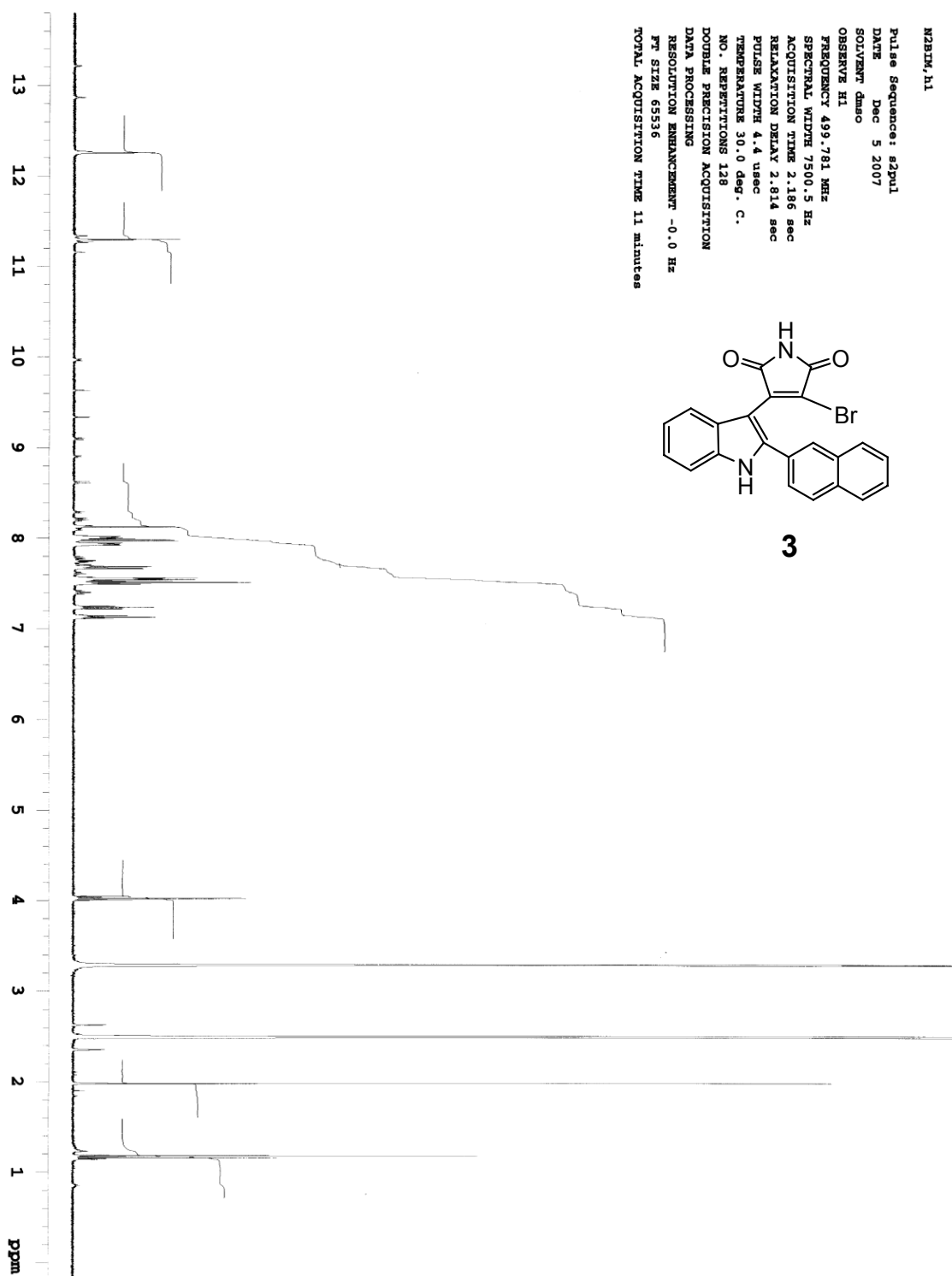
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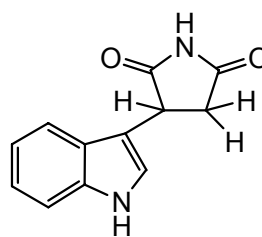


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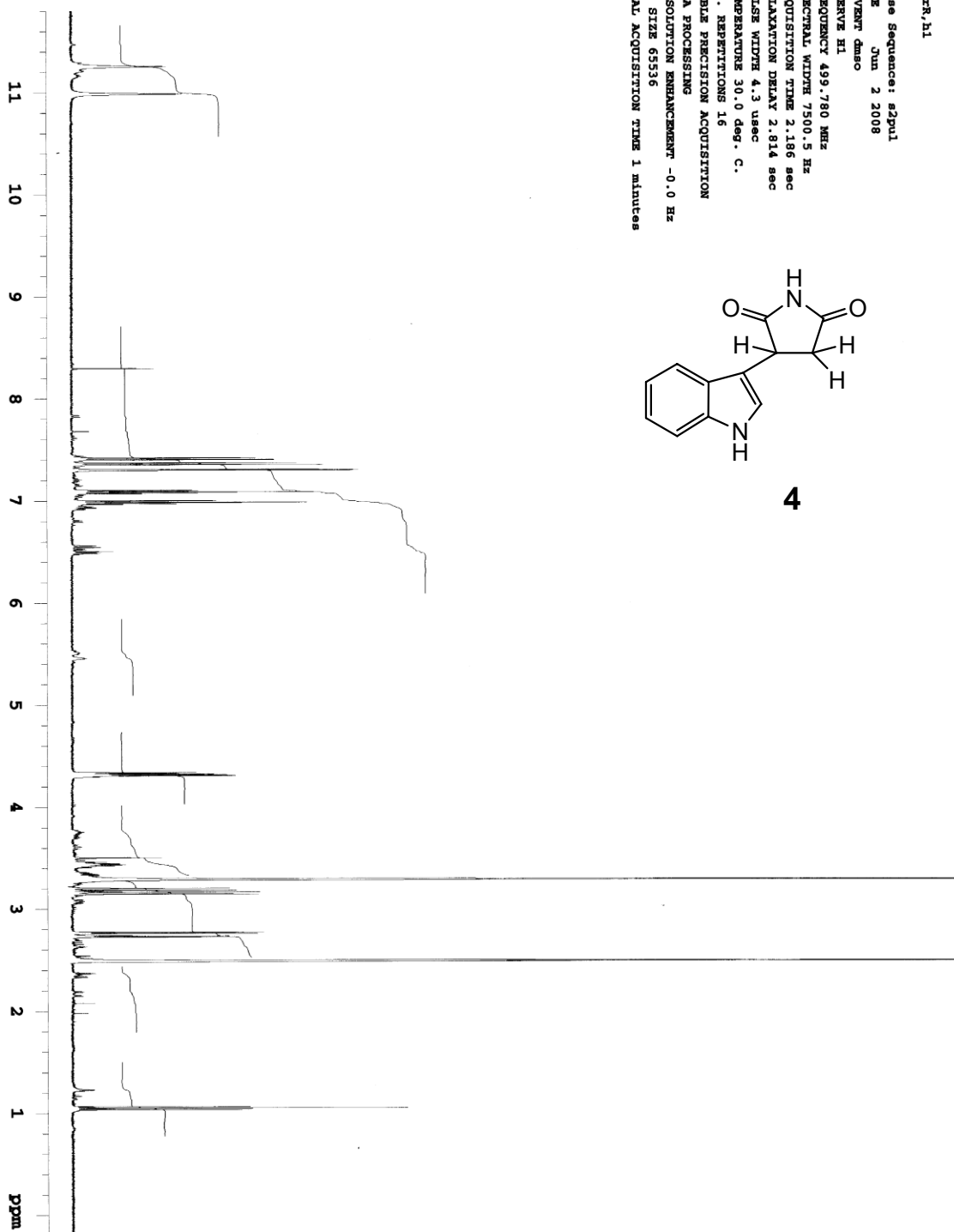


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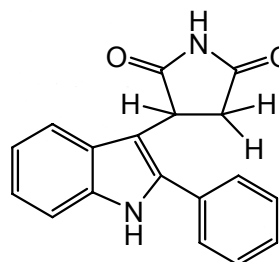


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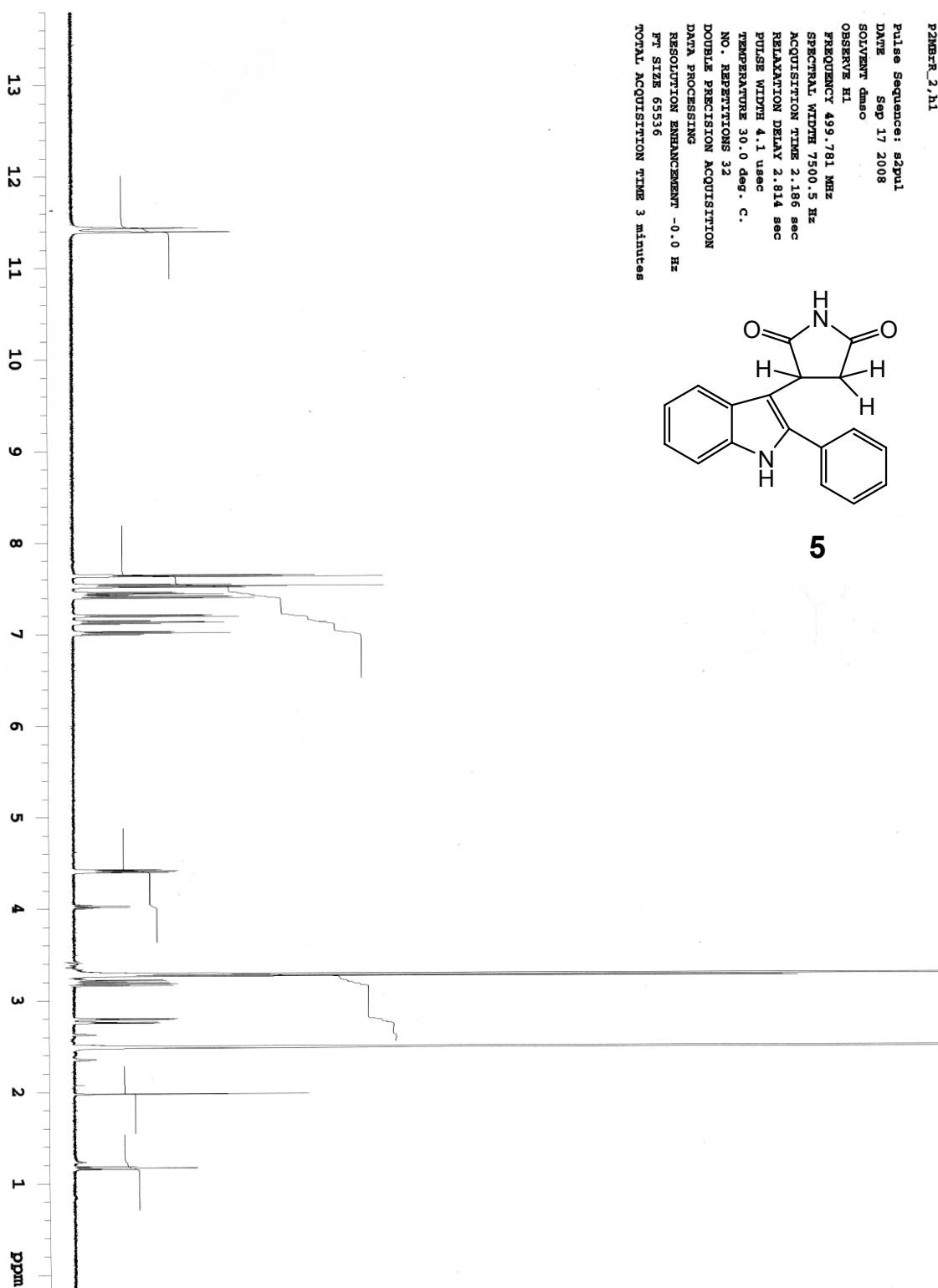


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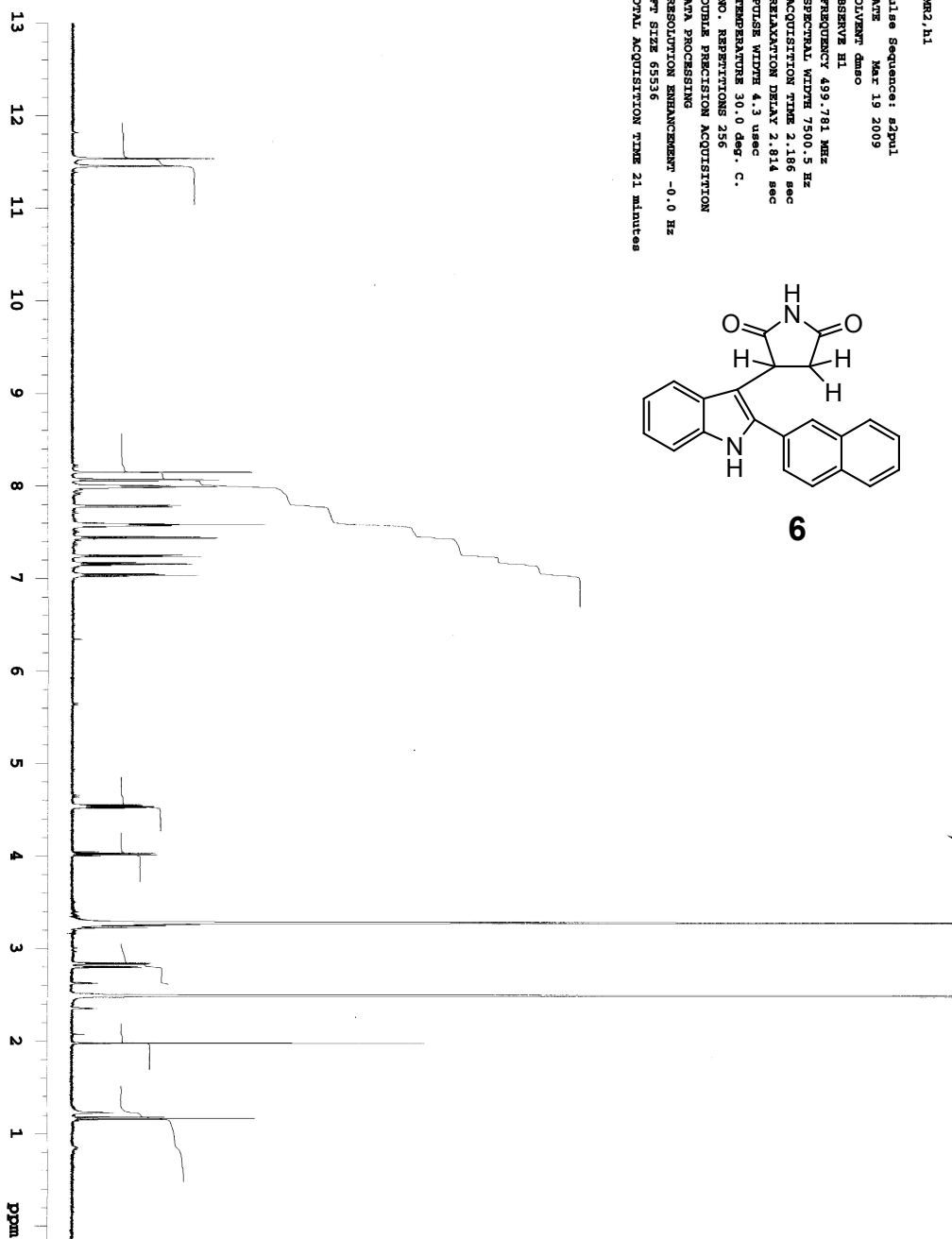
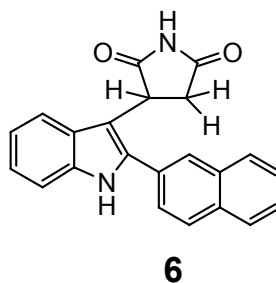
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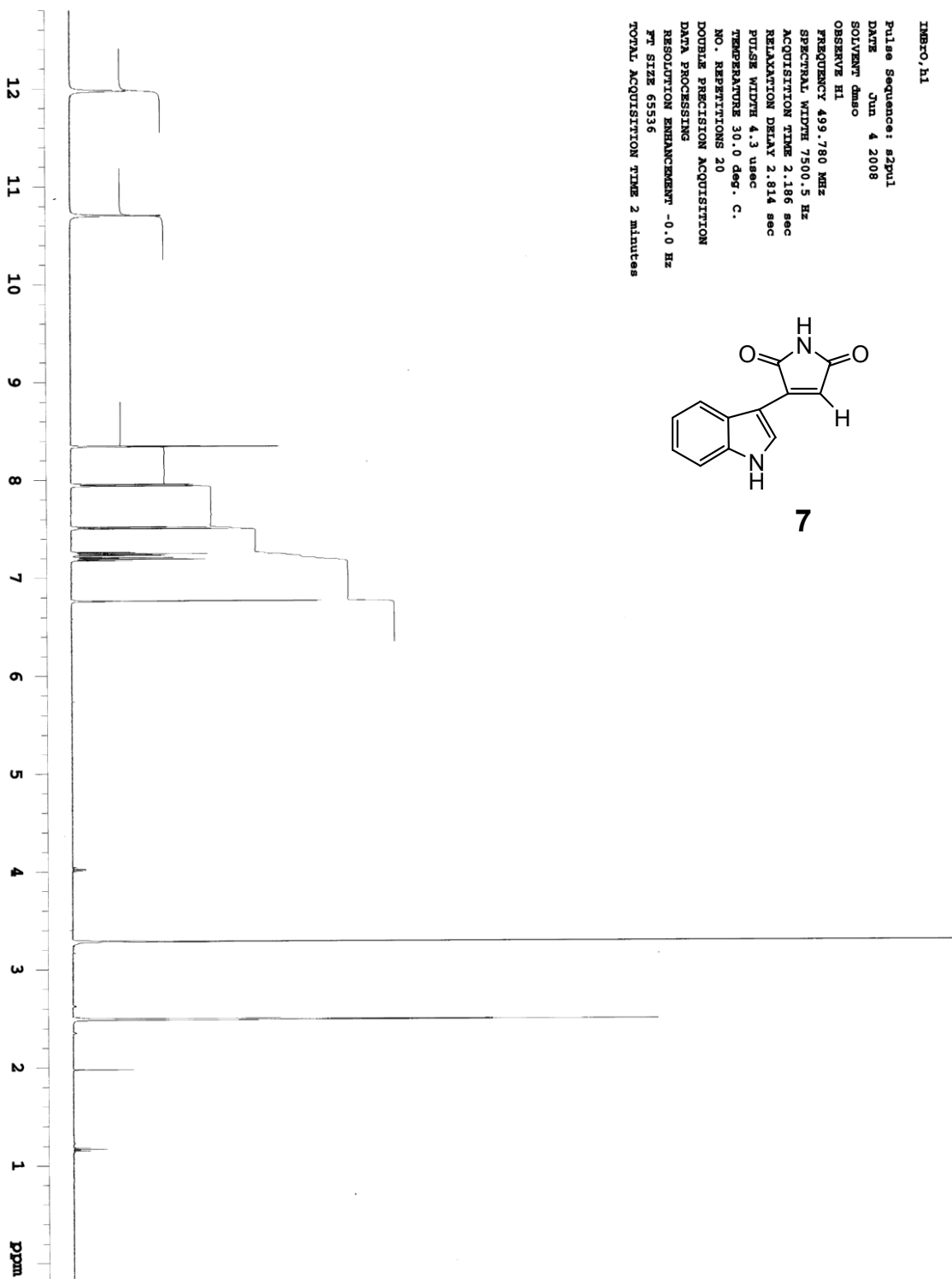
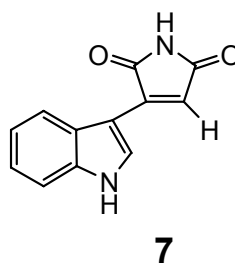


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IMPRO, h1

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DATE Oct 21 2008

SOLVENT dmsc

OBSERVE H1

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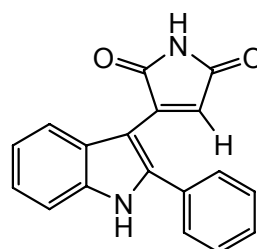
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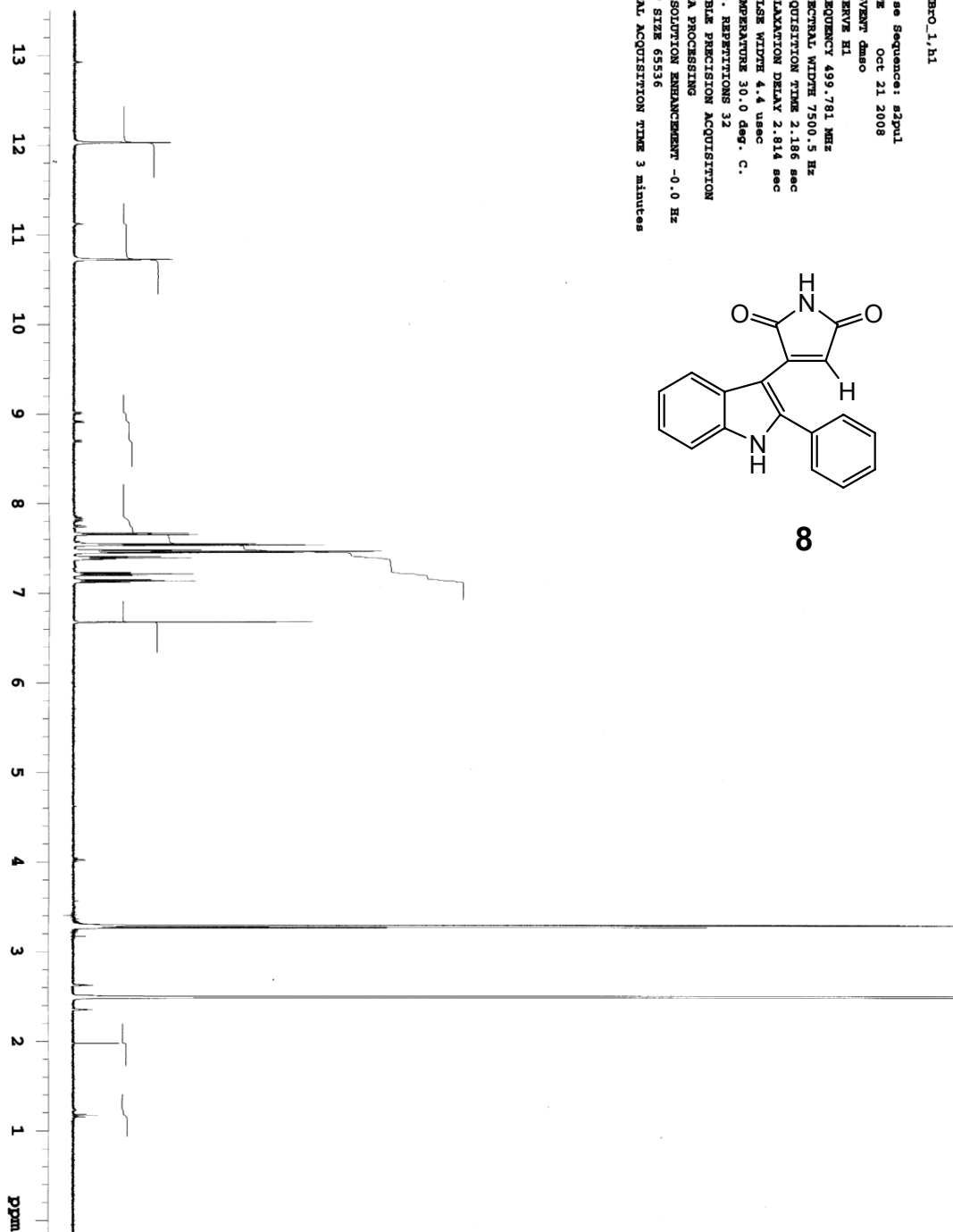
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DATE Nov 11 2008

SOLVENT dmsd

PROBHD 5mm

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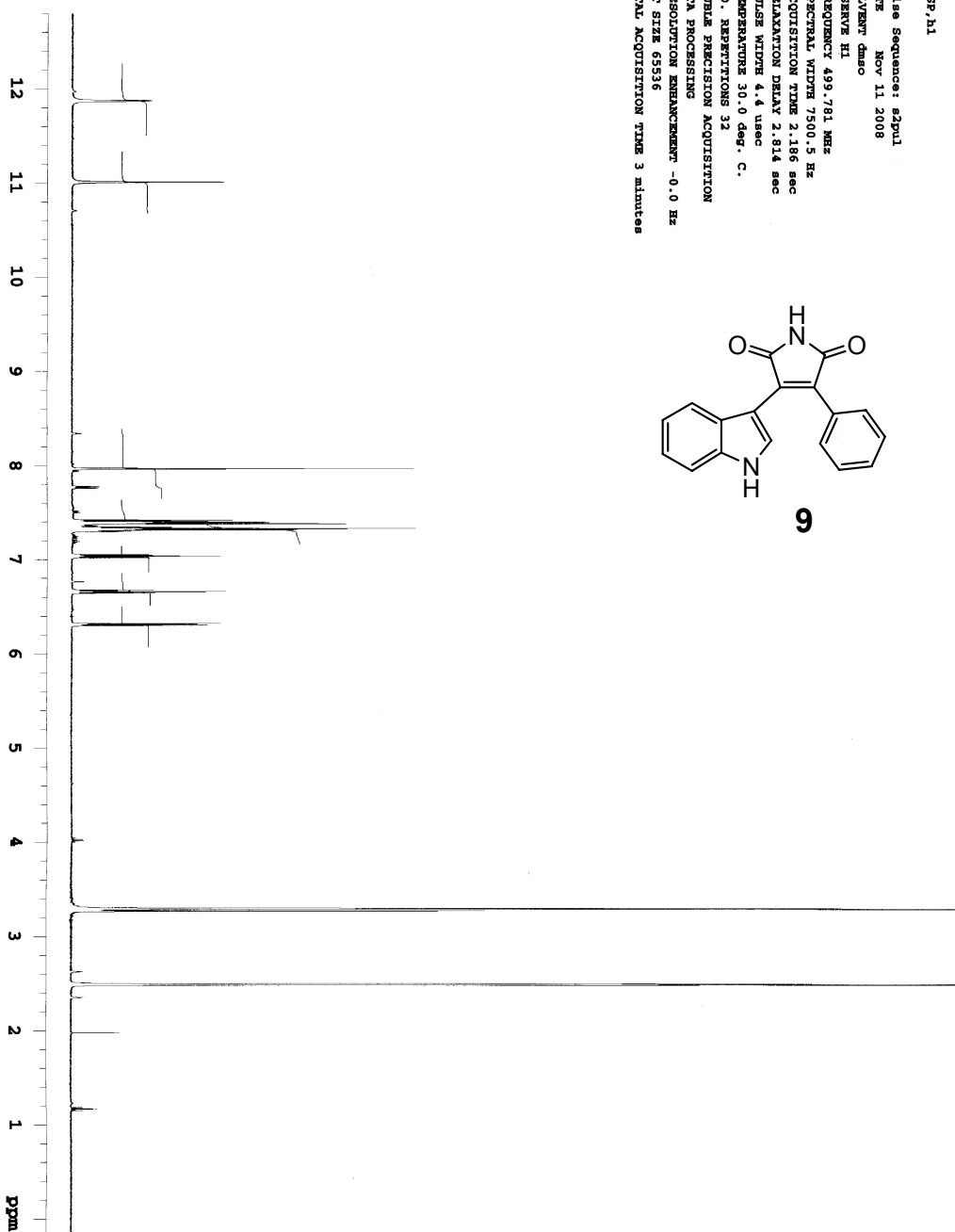
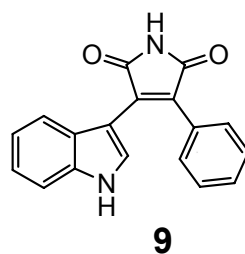
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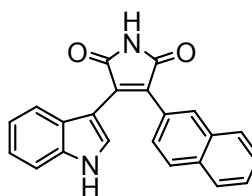
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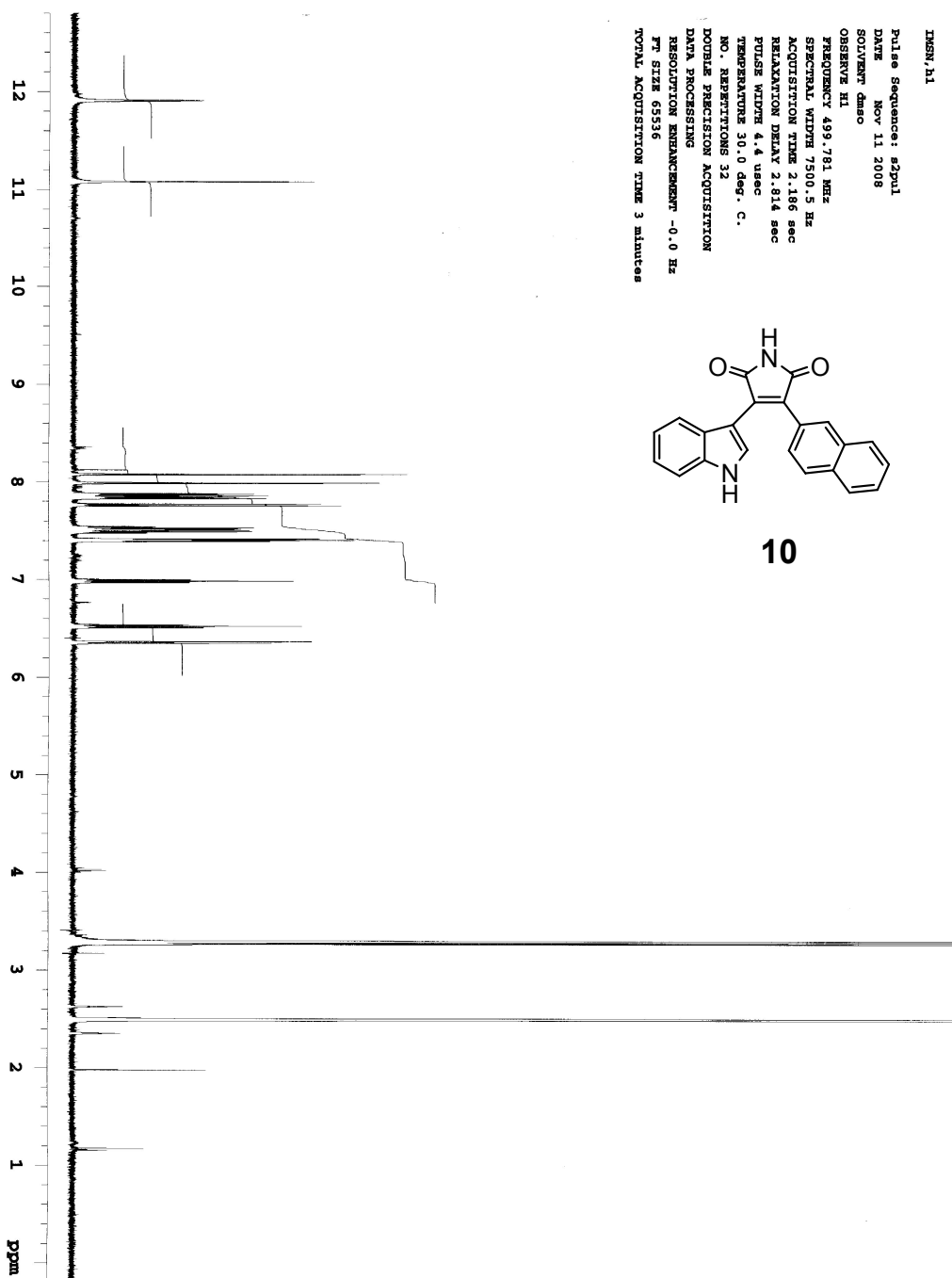


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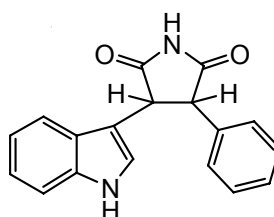


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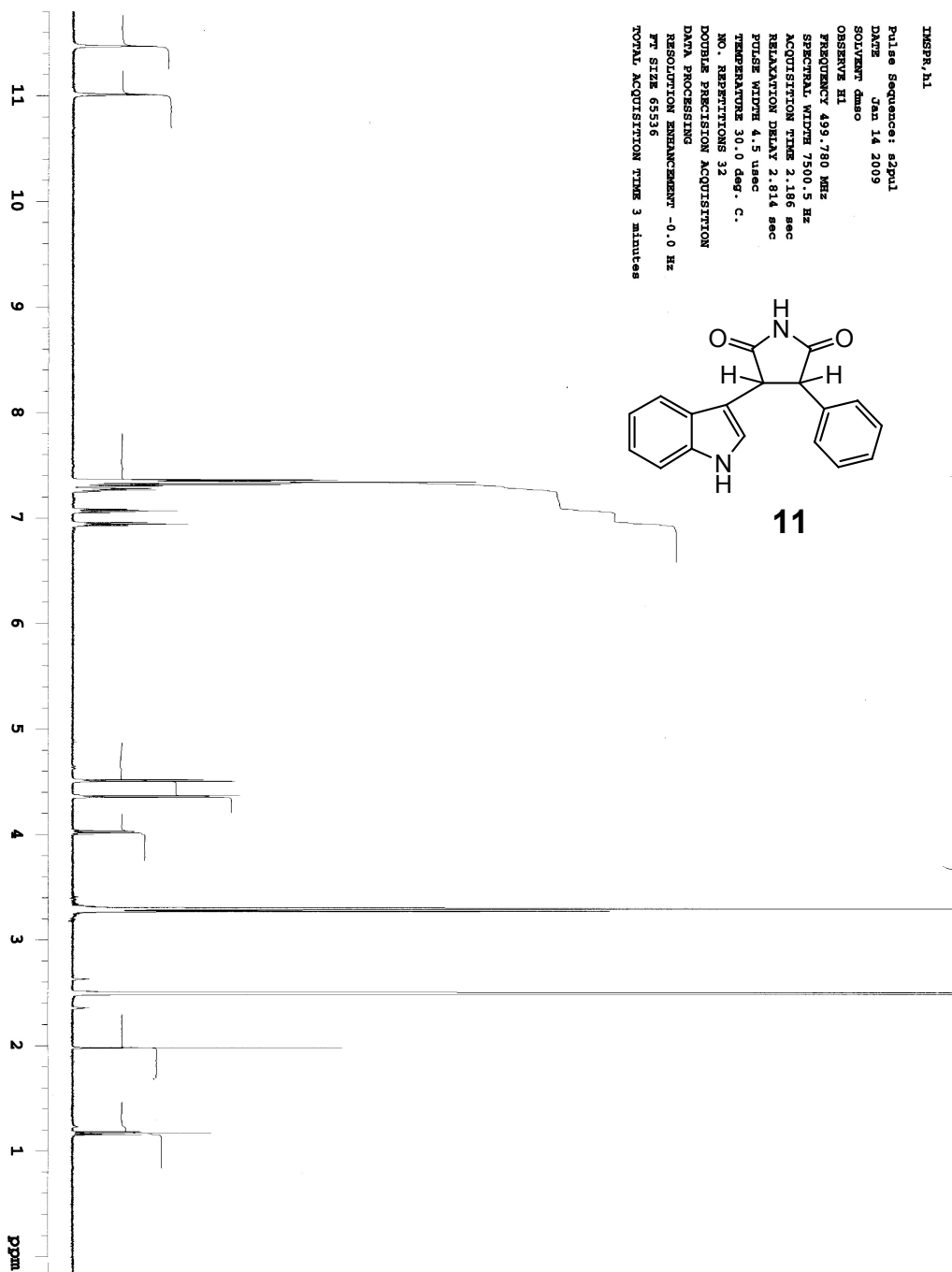


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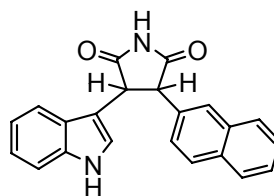
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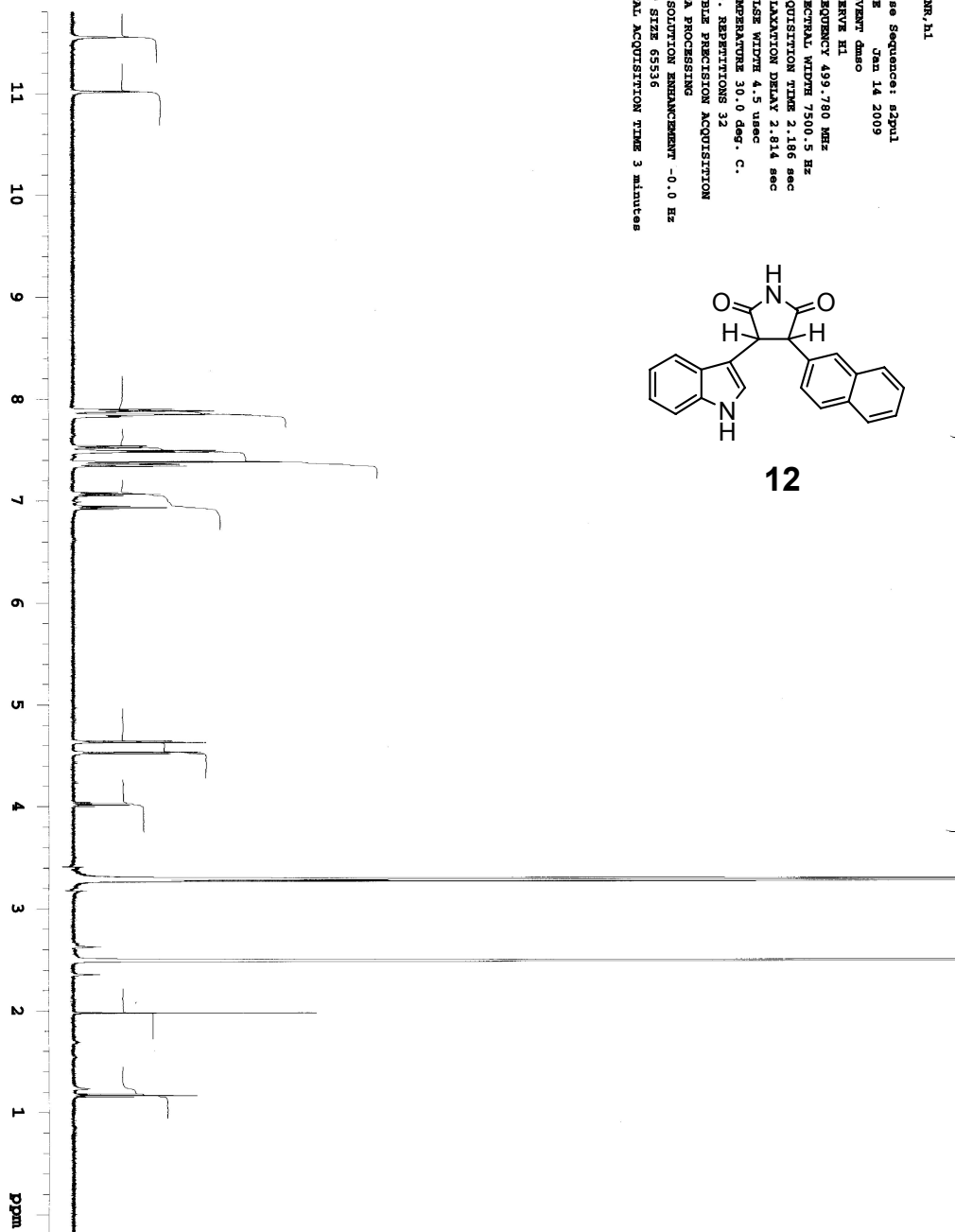
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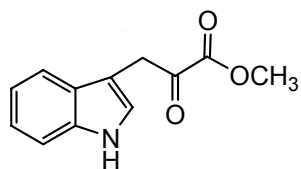


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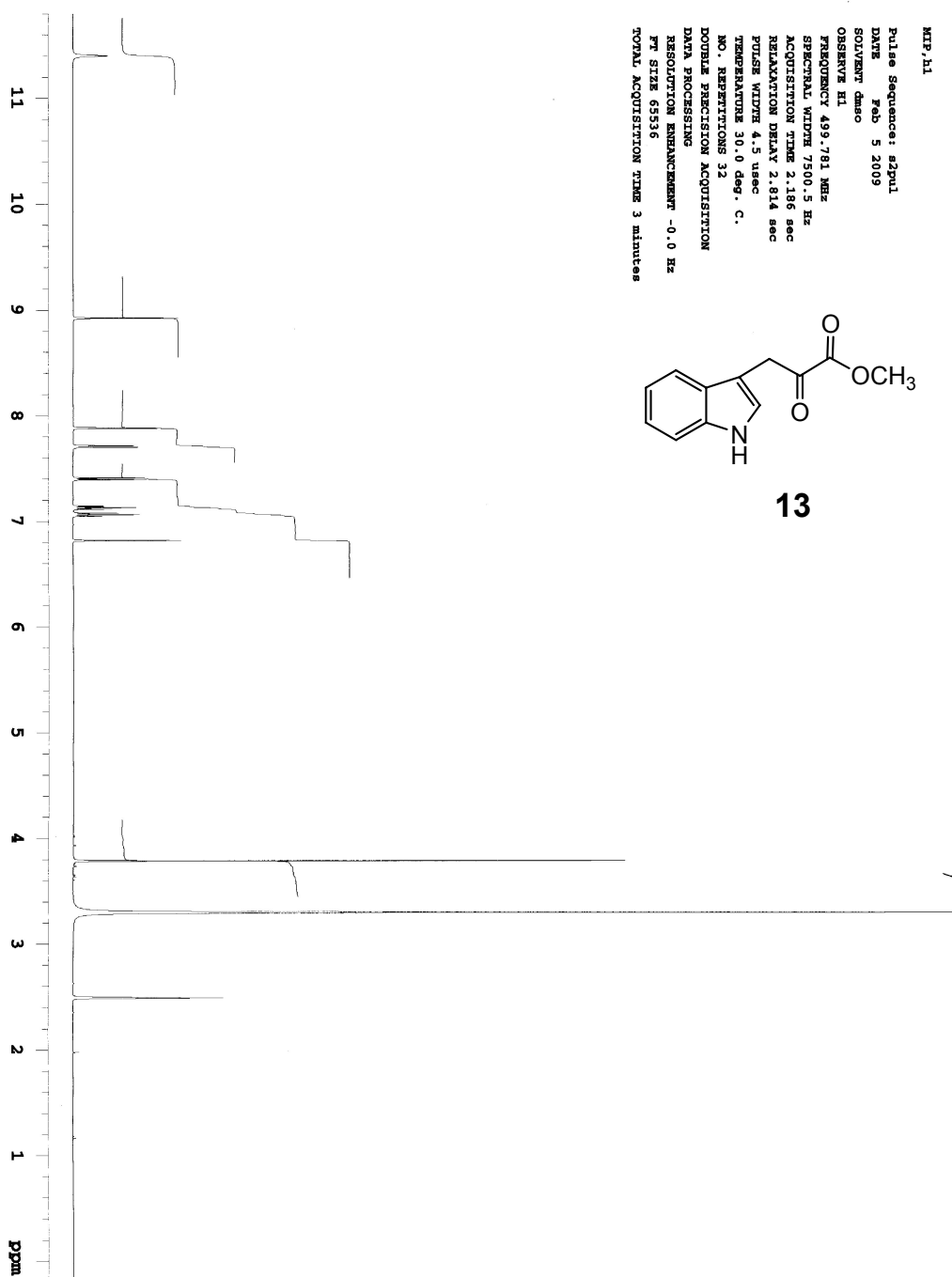


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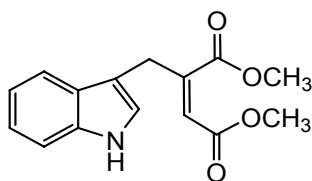
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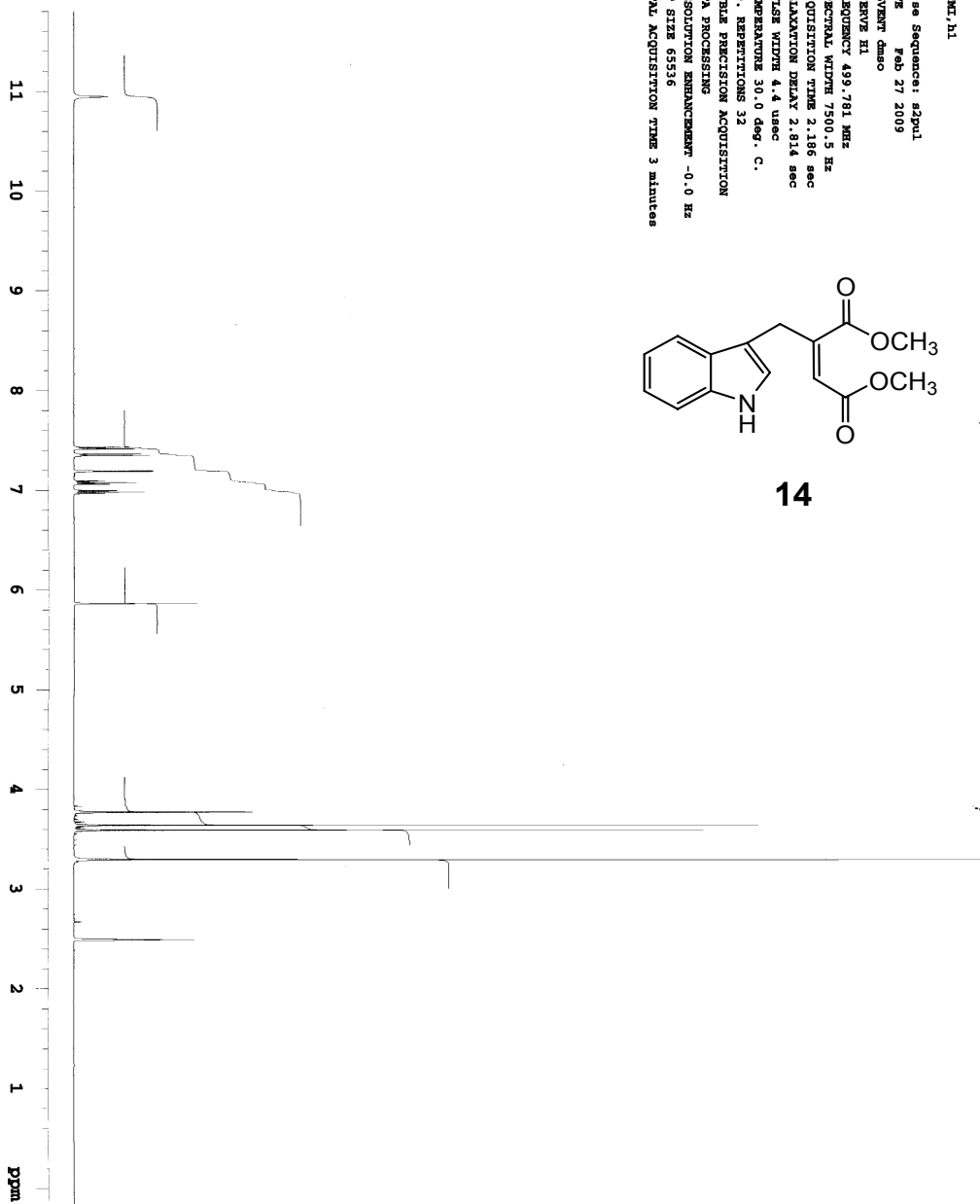
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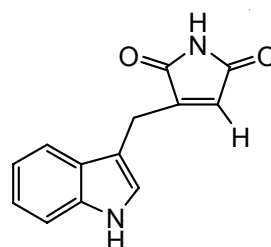


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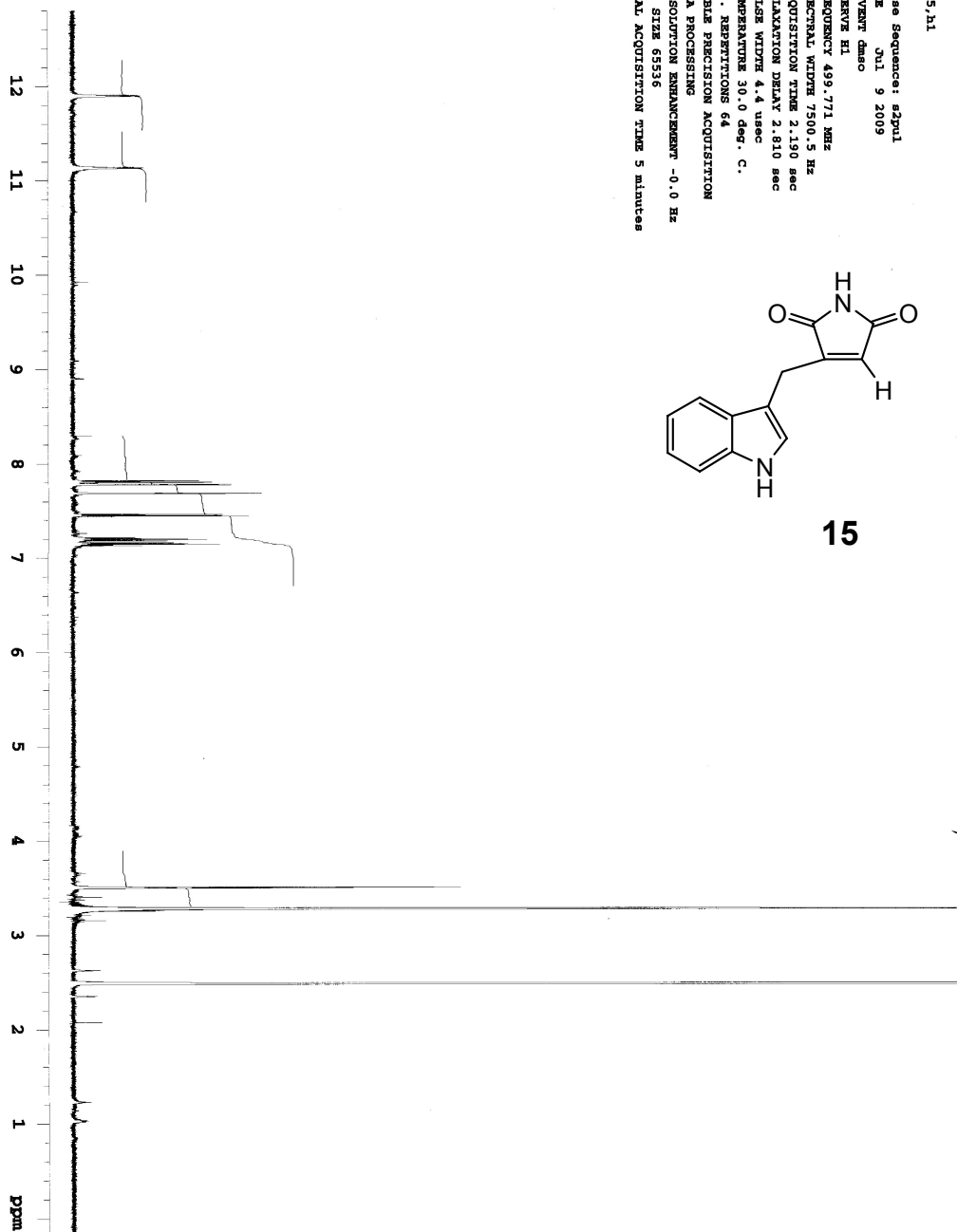


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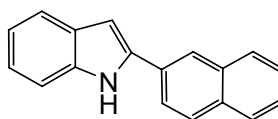


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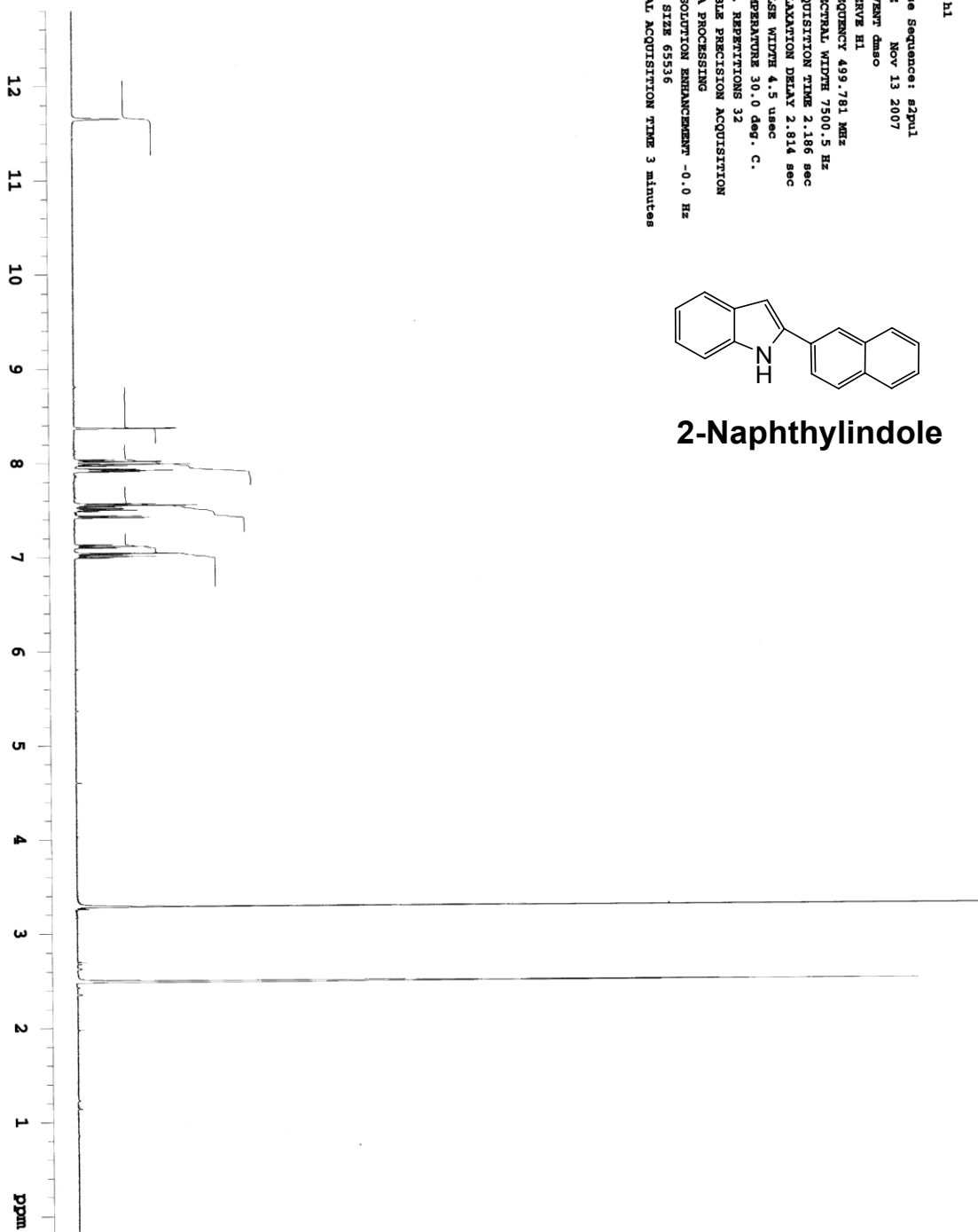


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2-Naphthylindole



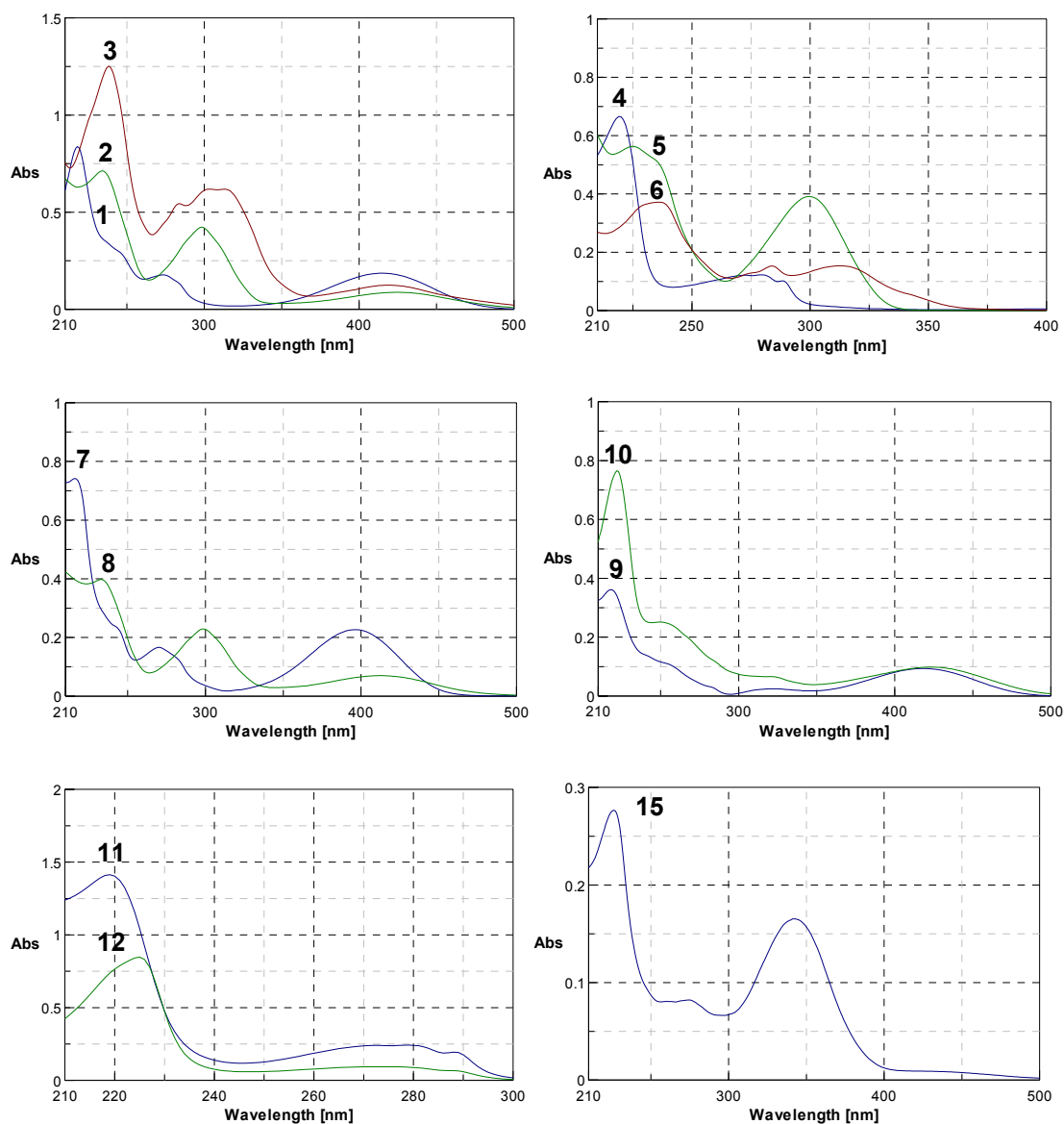
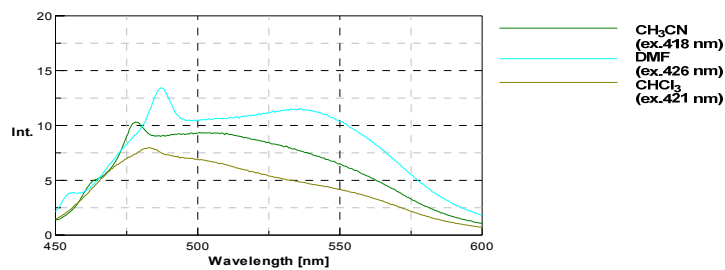
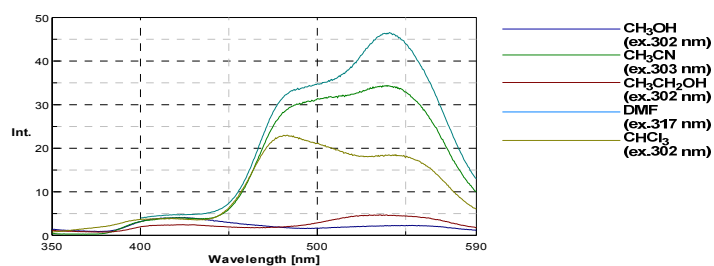
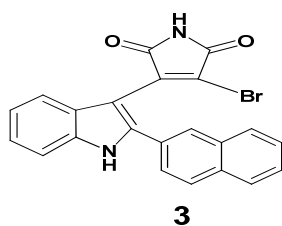
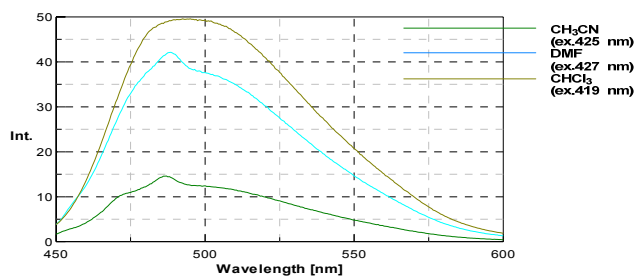
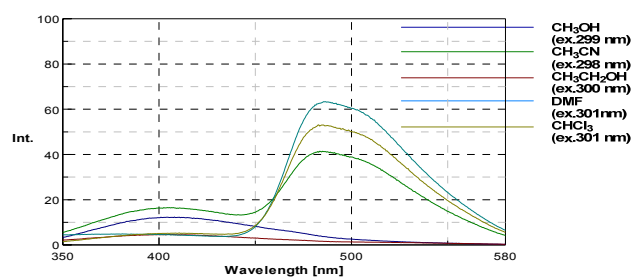
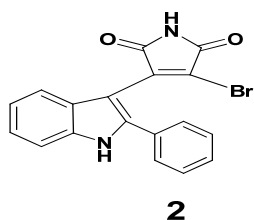
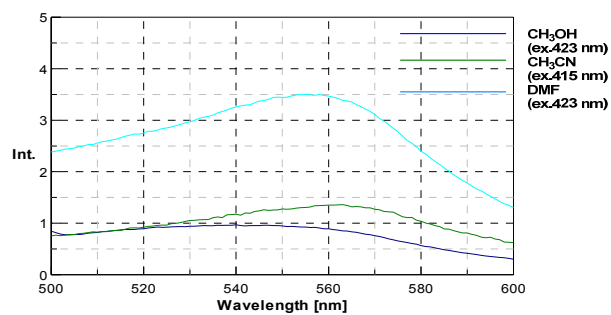
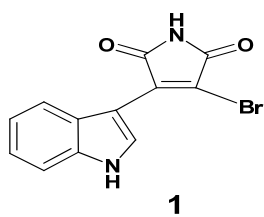
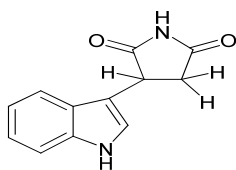
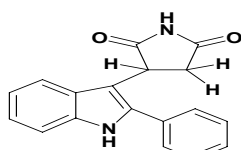
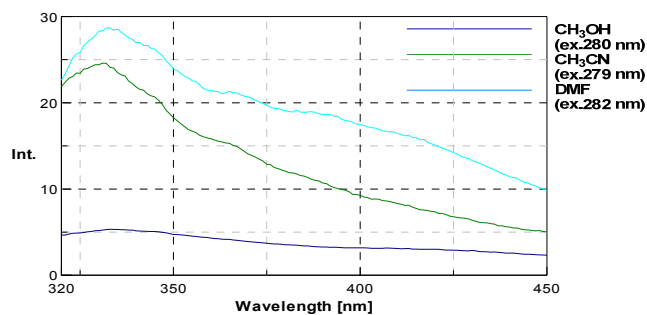


Fig. S1. Absorption spectra of compounds **1–12** and **15** in CH_3CN . The concentration of compounds **1–5** and **7** is 0.02 mM. The concentration of compounds **6, 8, 9, 10, 12** and **15** is 0.01 mM. The concentration of compound **11** is 0.1 mM.

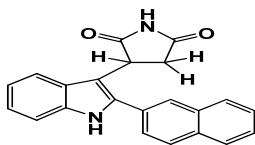
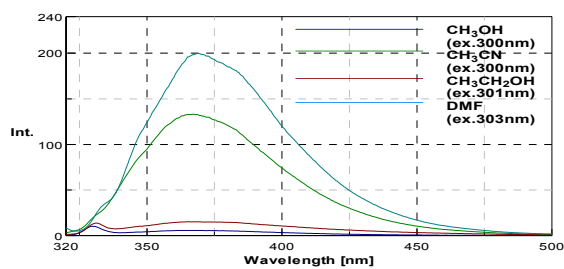




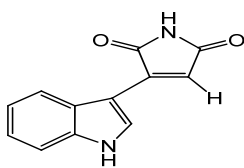
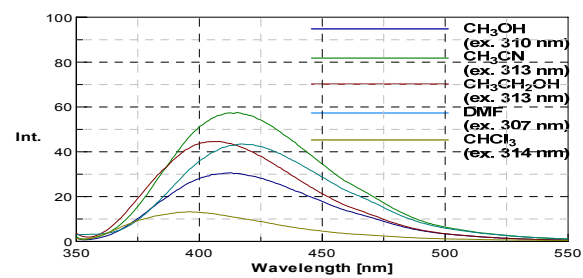
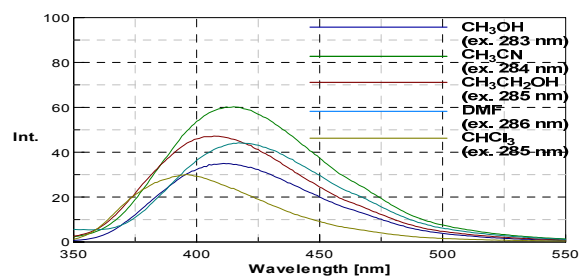
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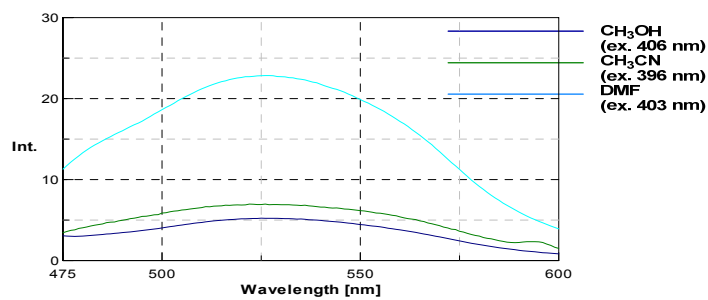
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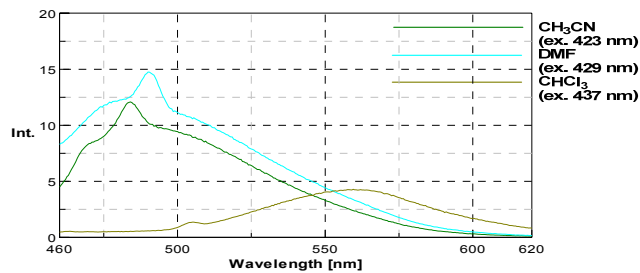
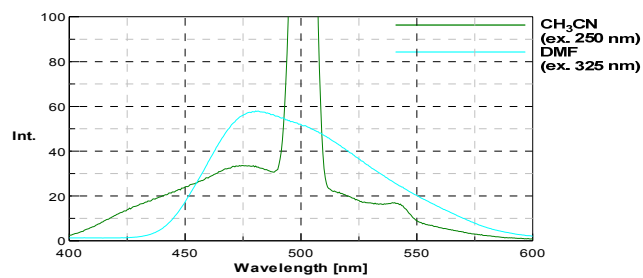
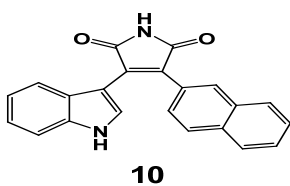
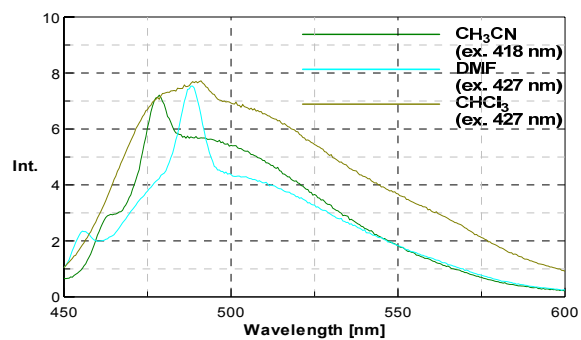
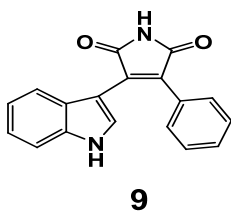
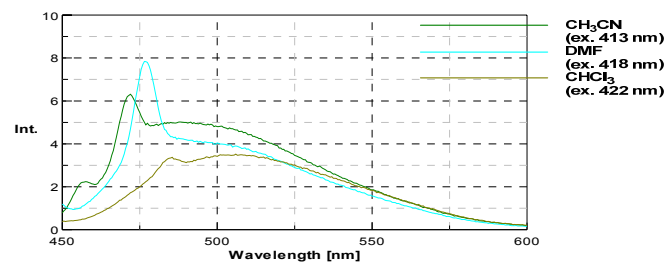
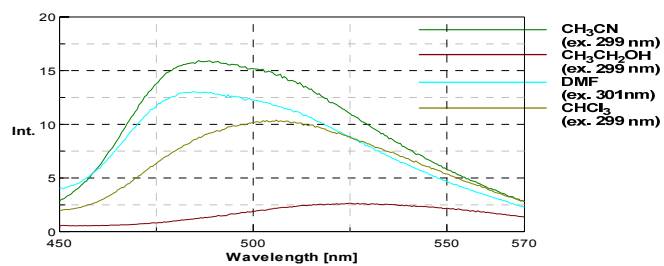
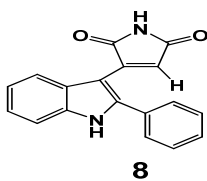


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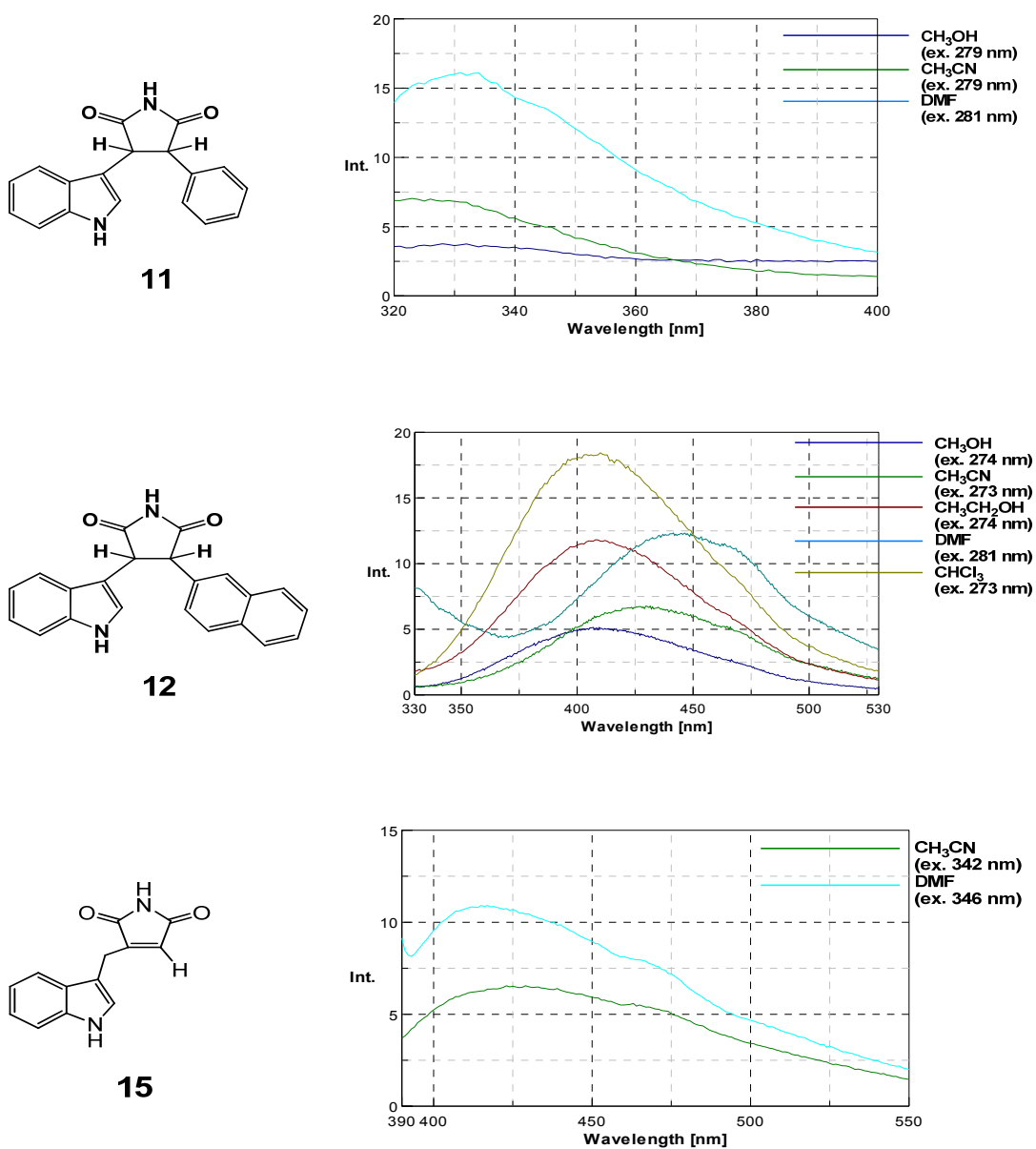
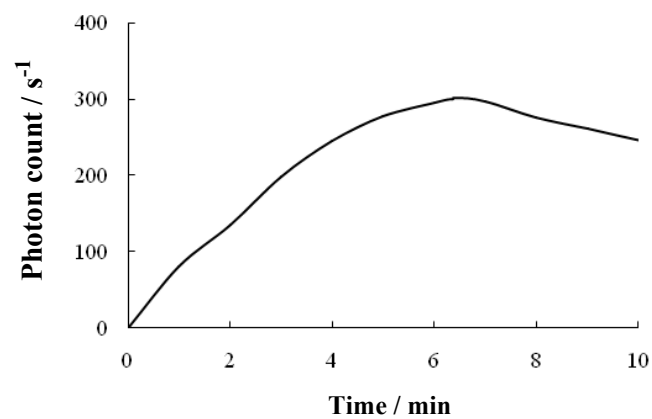
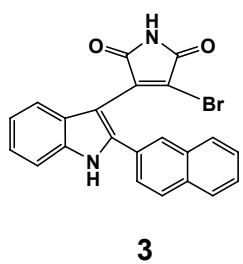
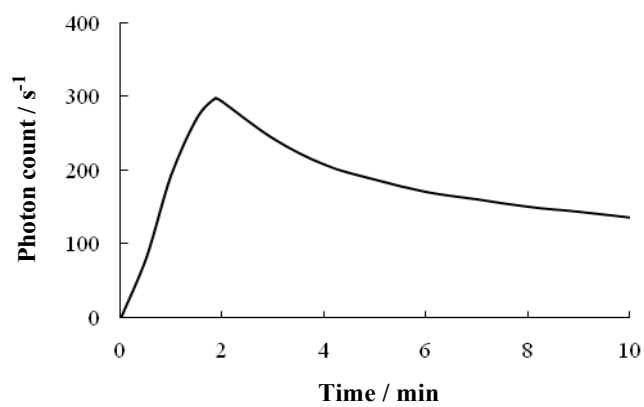
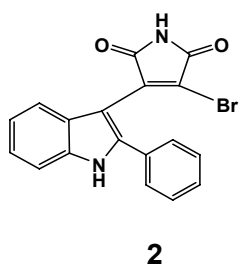
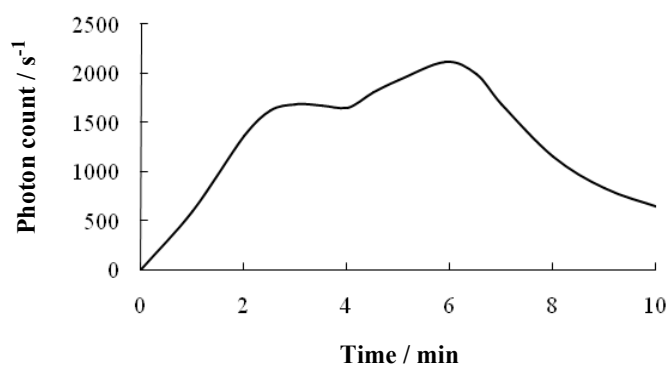
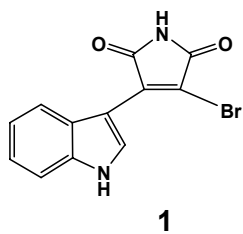
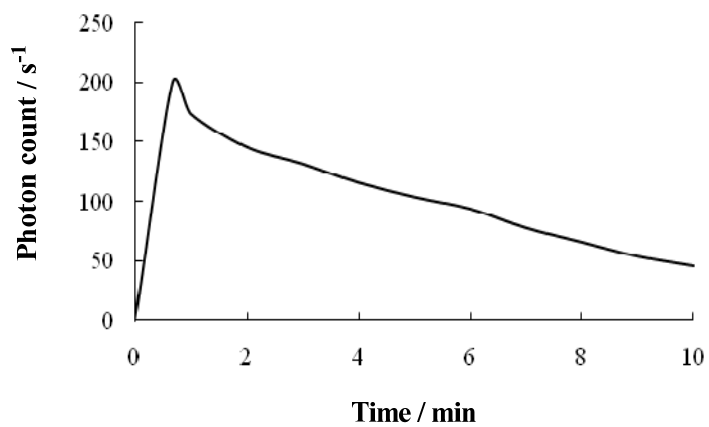
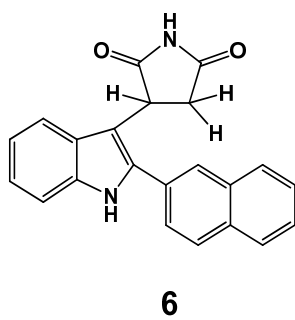
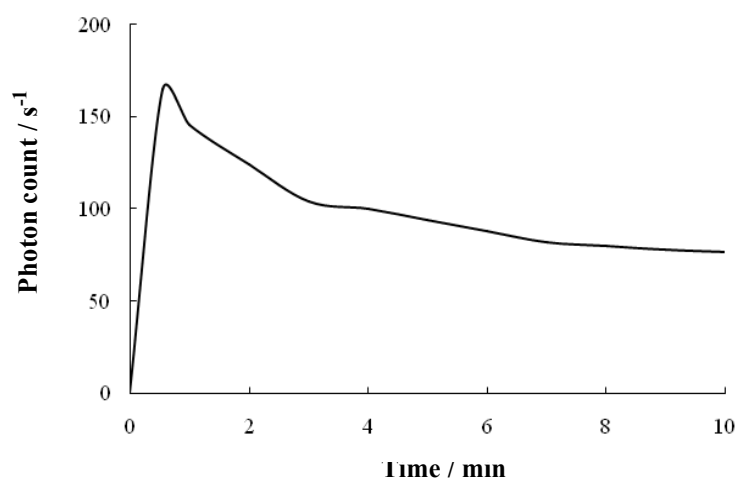
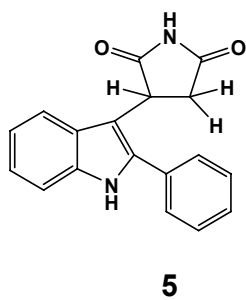
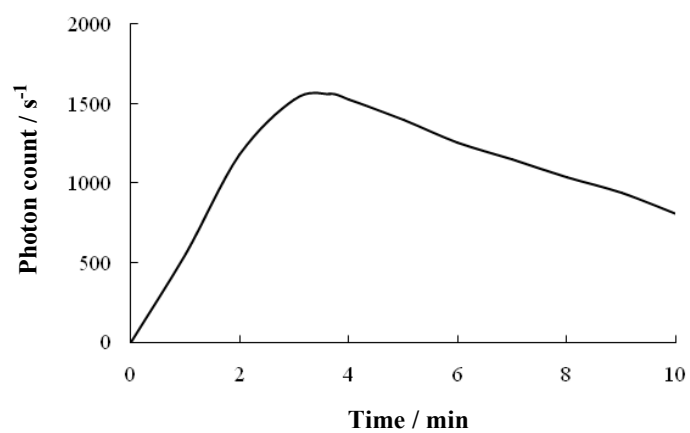
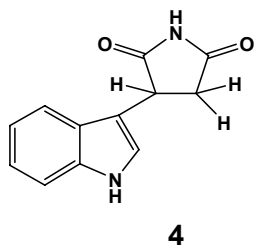
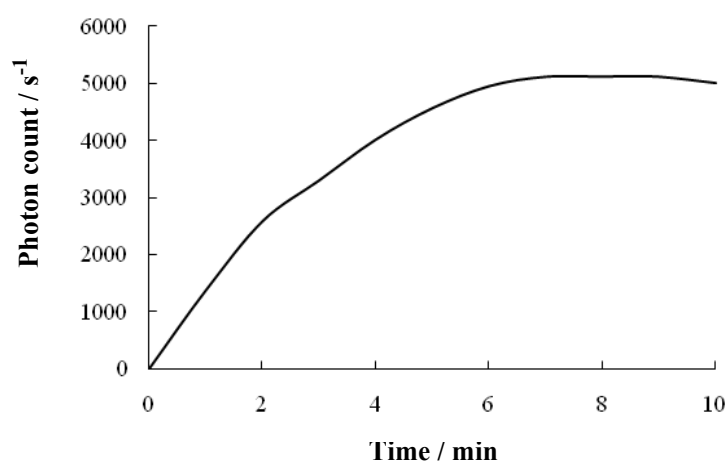
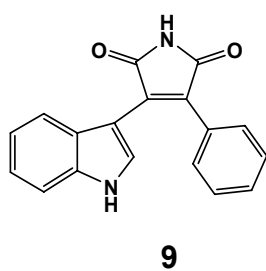
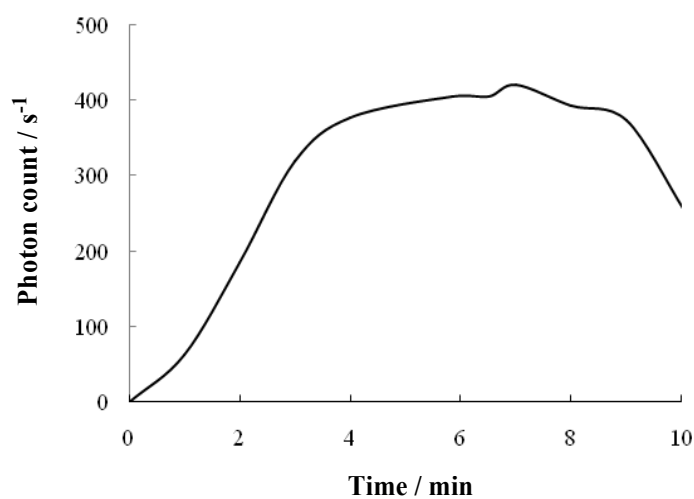
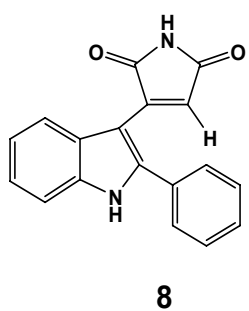
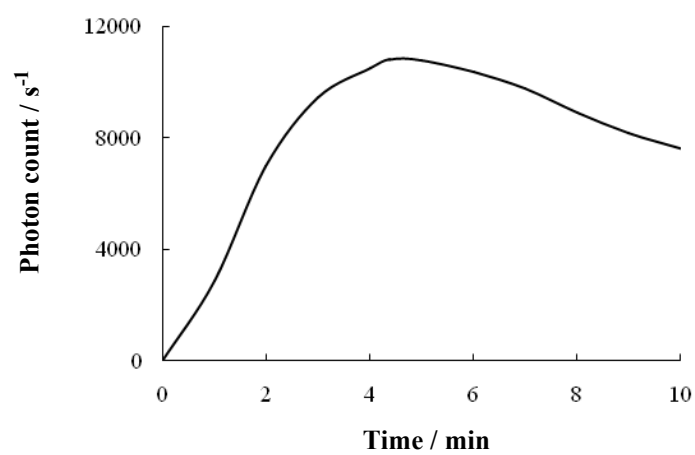
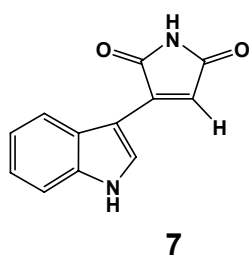


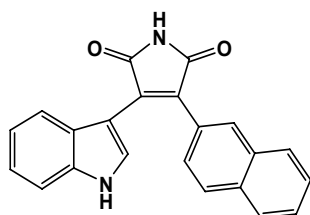
Fig. S2. FL spectra of compounds **1–12** and **15**

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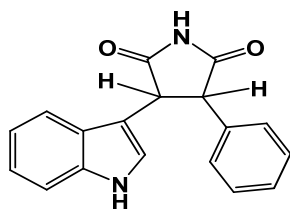
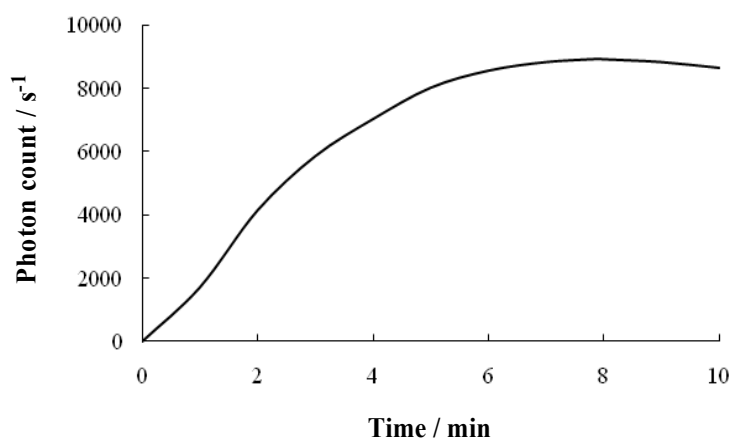




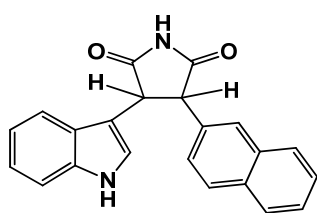
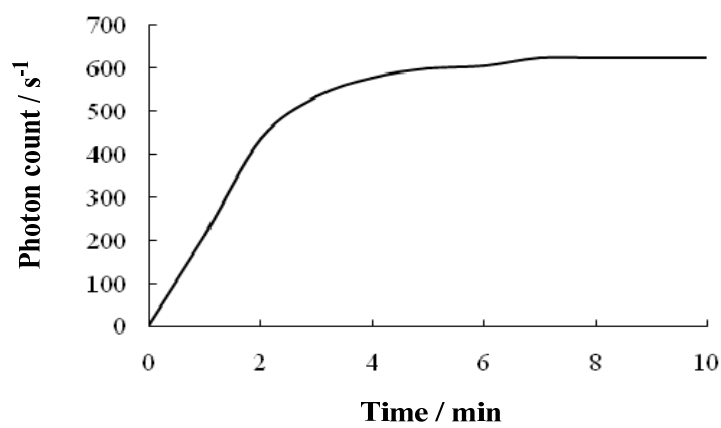




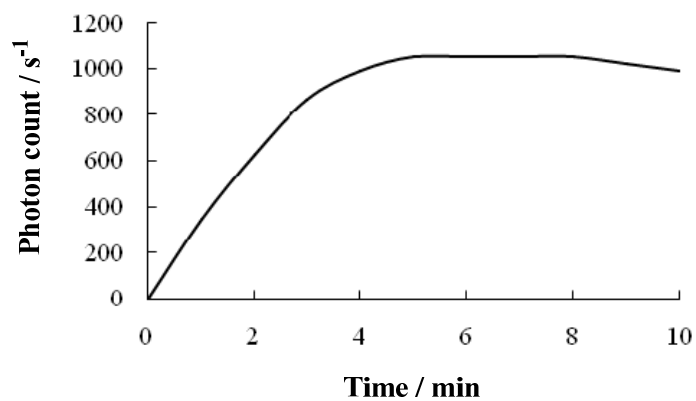
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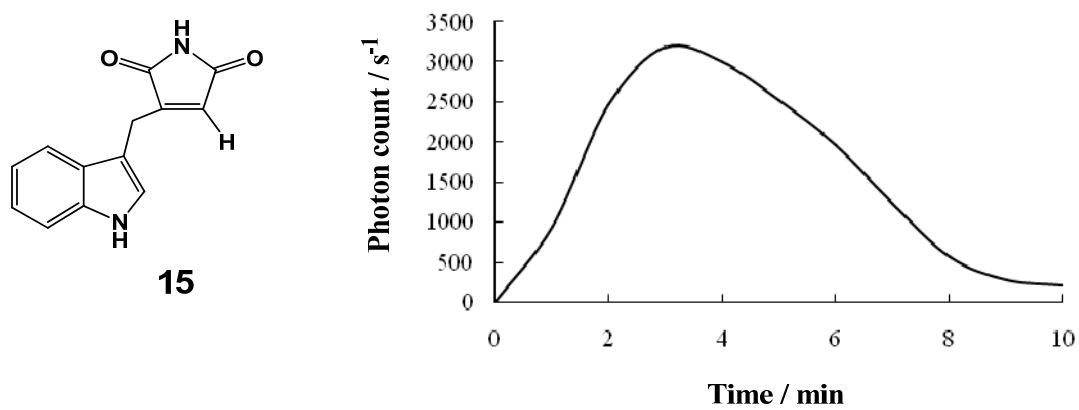


Fig. S3. Time course of CL of compounds **1–12** and **15**

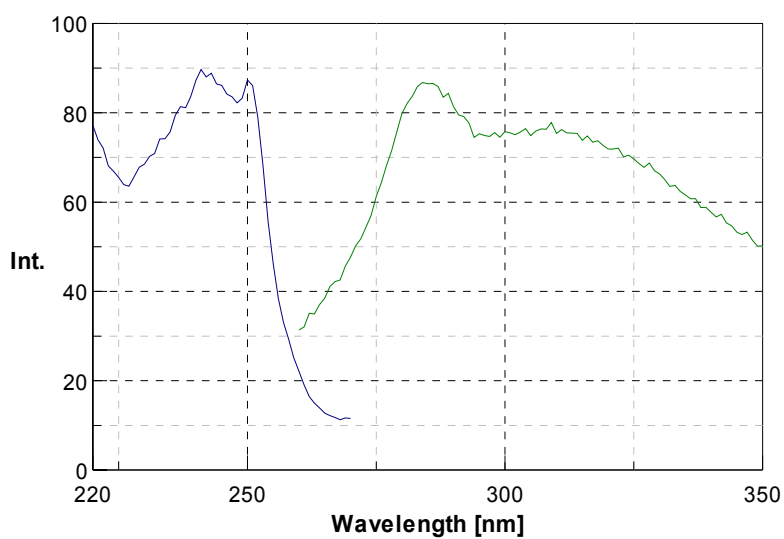
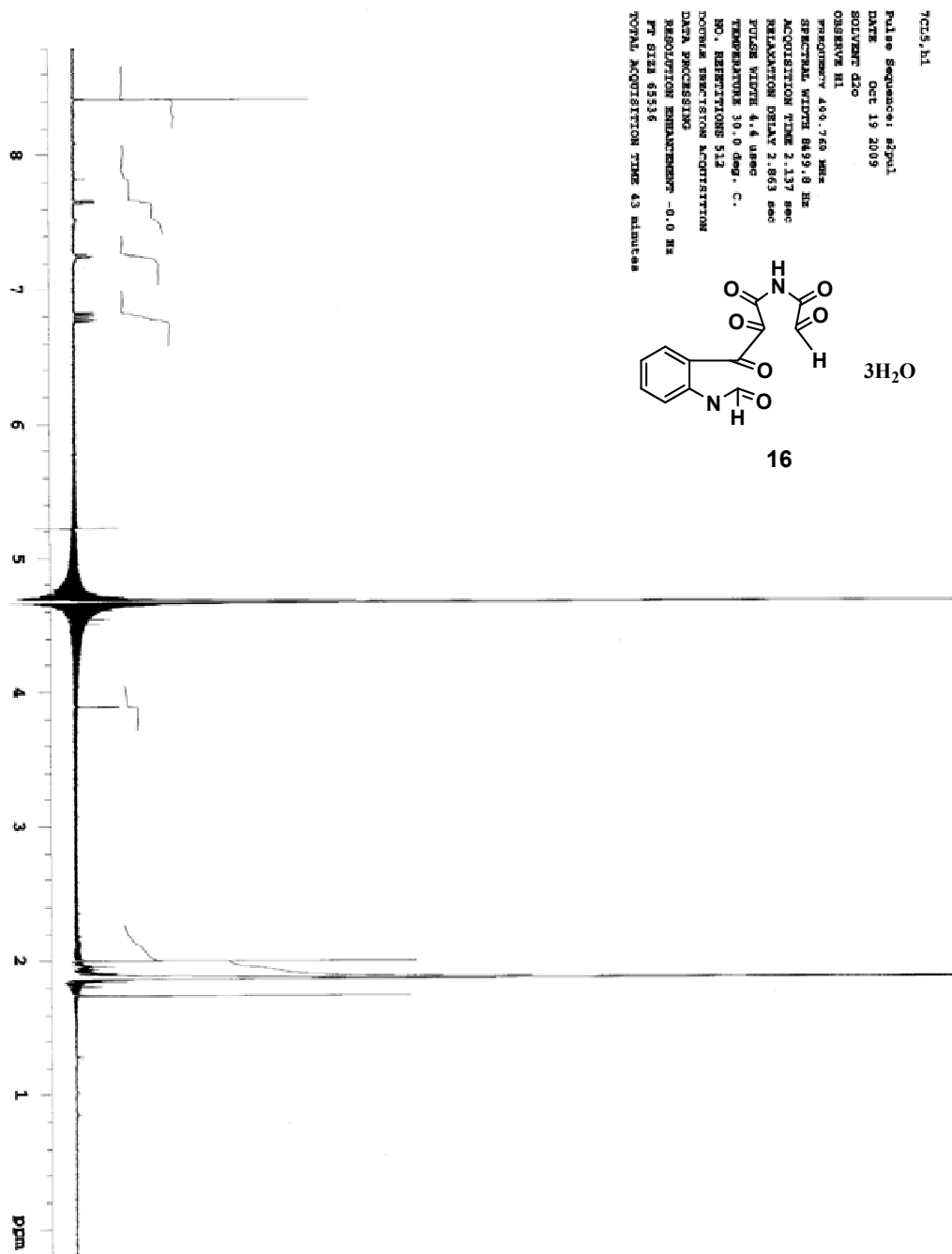
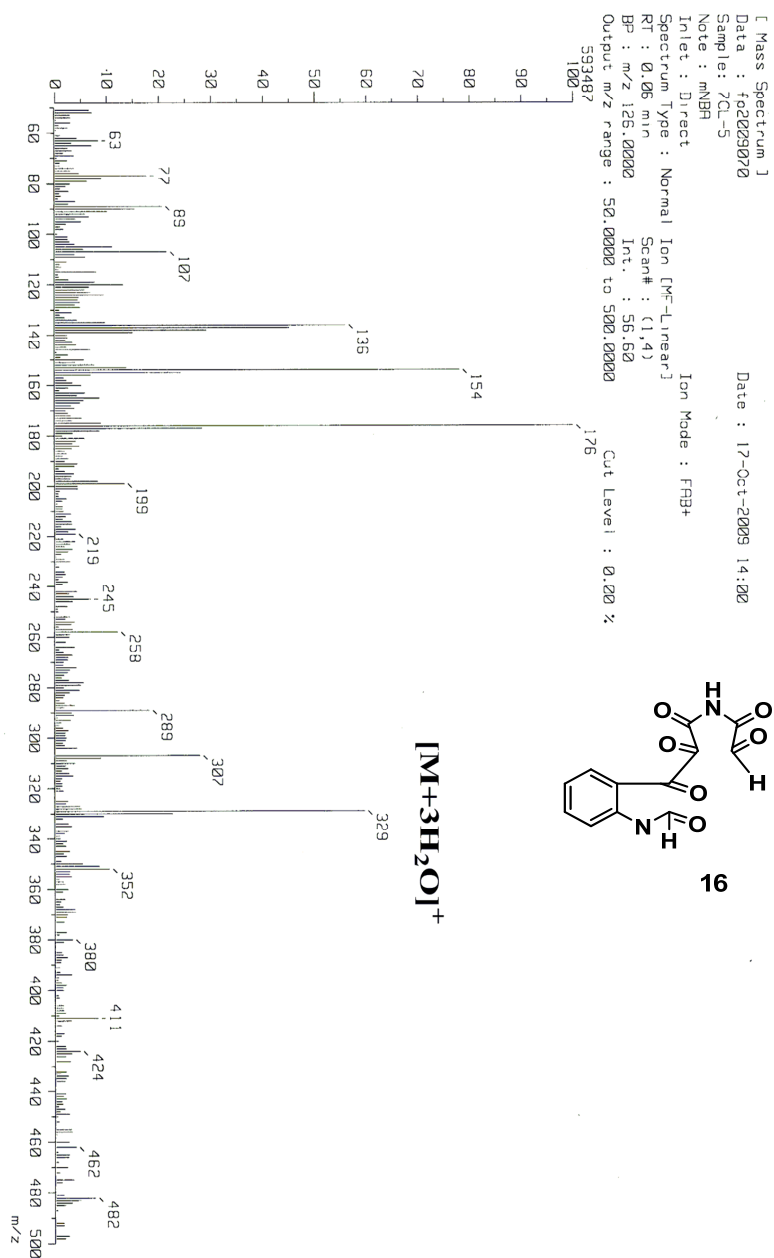


Fig. S4. FL spectrum of compound **16** in H₂O

¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 16



FAB MS of compound 16



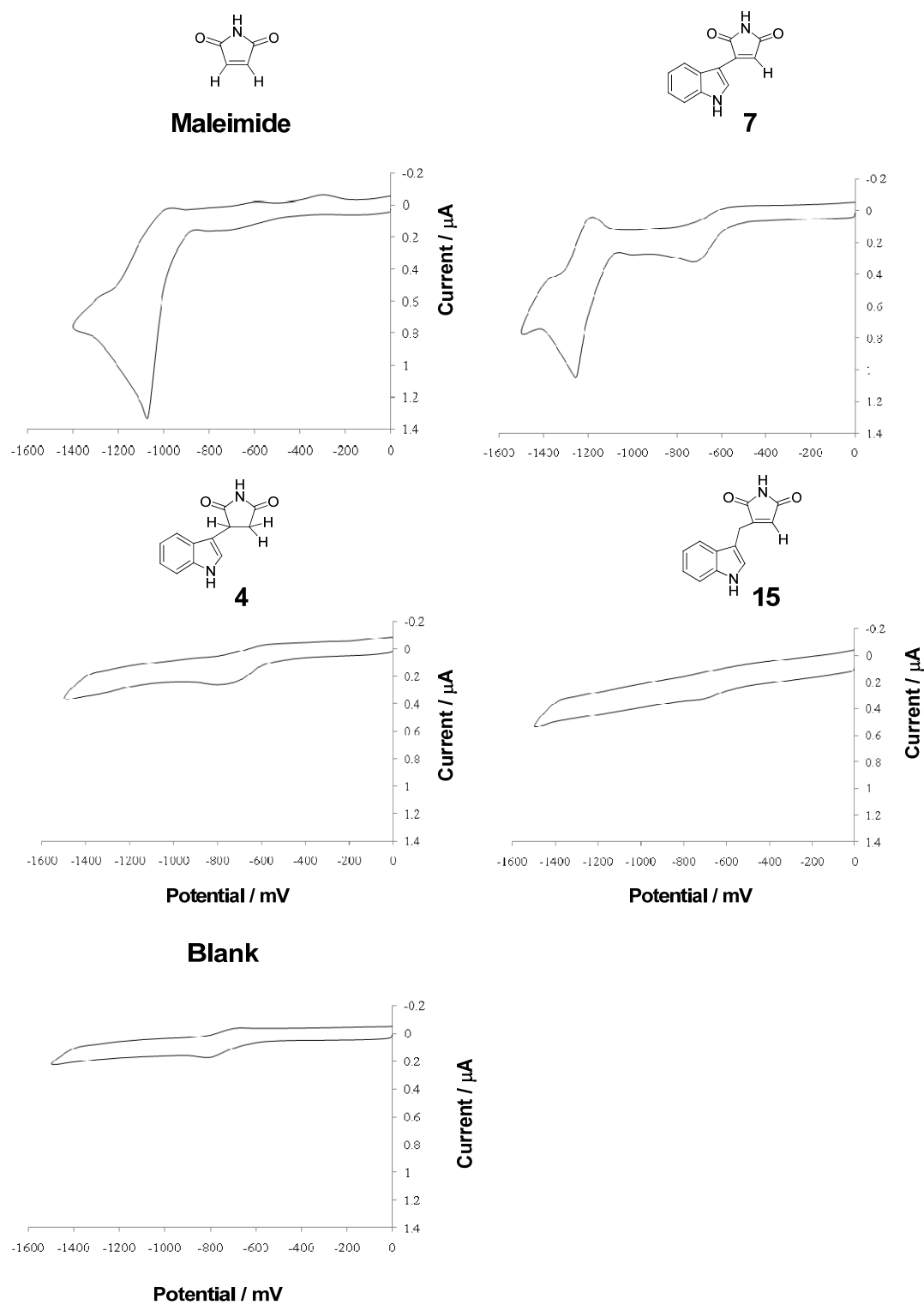


Fig. S5. Cyclic voltammograms of maleimide, compounds 4, 7 and 15

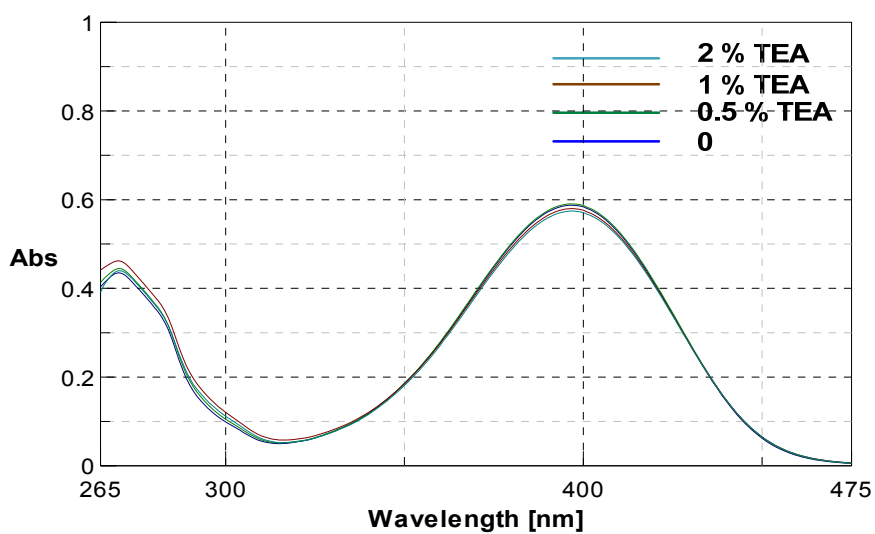


Fig. S6. Absorption spectra of compound **7** (0.05 mM) in 0, 0.5, 1 or 2 % triethylamine-CH₃CN solution

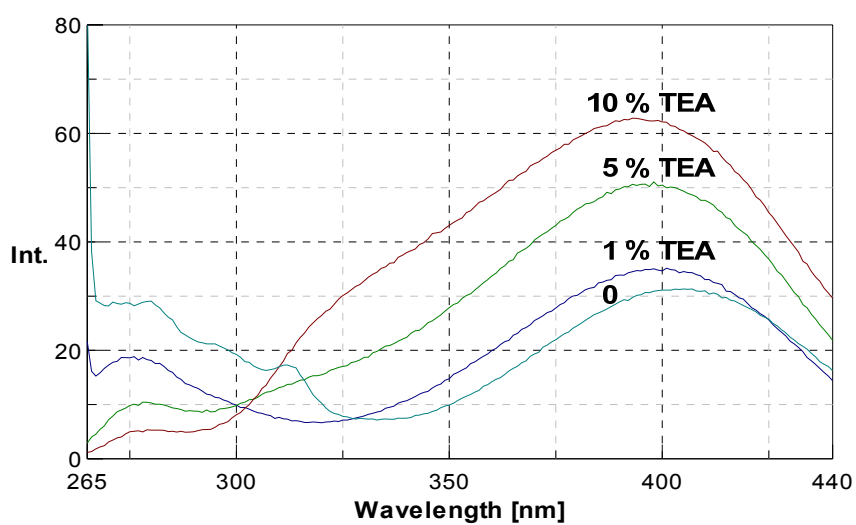


Fig. S7. The FL excitation spectra of compound **7** (10 μM) in 0, 1, 5 or 10 % triethylamine-CH₃CN solution

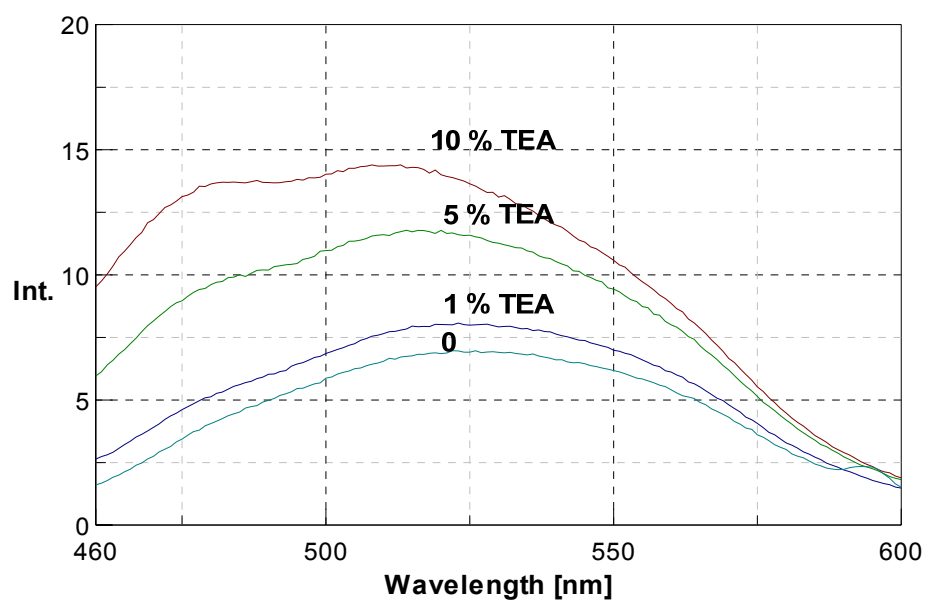


Fig. S8. The FL emission spectra of compound 7 (10 μM) in 0, 1, 5 or 10 % triethylamine- CH_3CN solution (ex. 396 nm)