

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Post Synthetically Modified Metal–Organic Framework for Copper Catalyzed Denitrative C-N Coupling of Nitroarenes under Heterogeneous Condition

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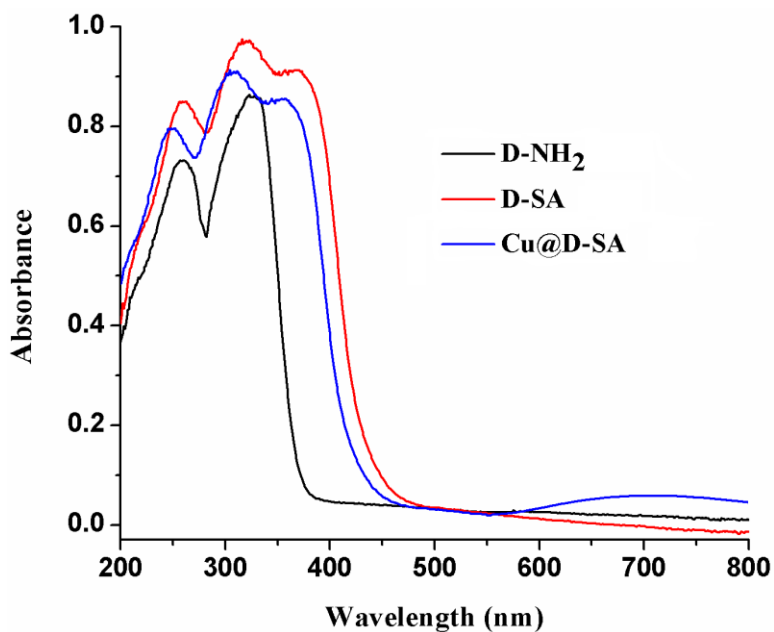
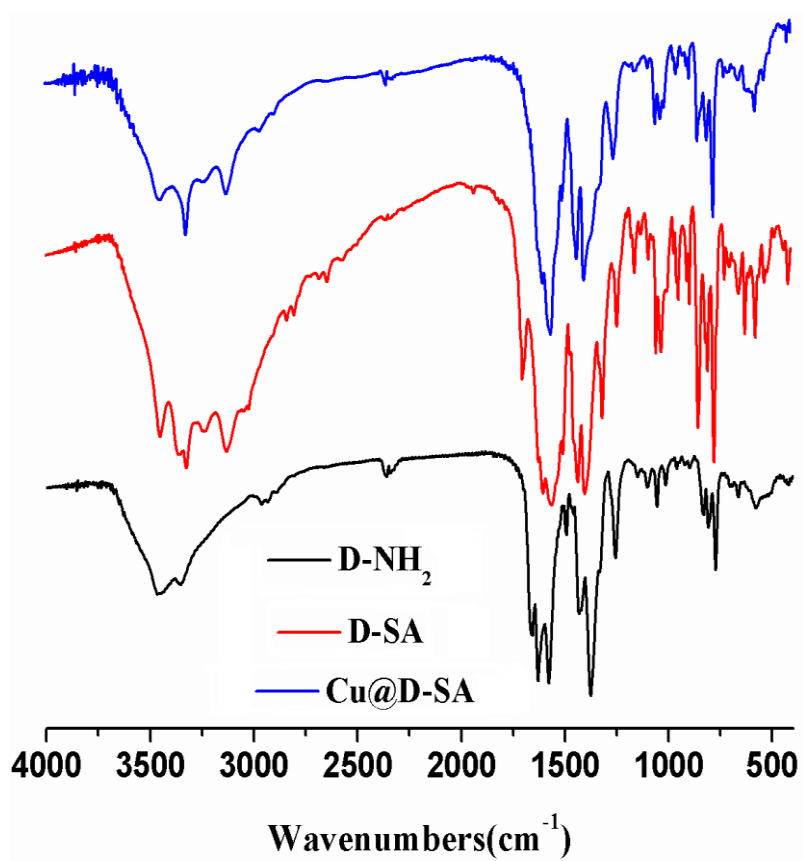
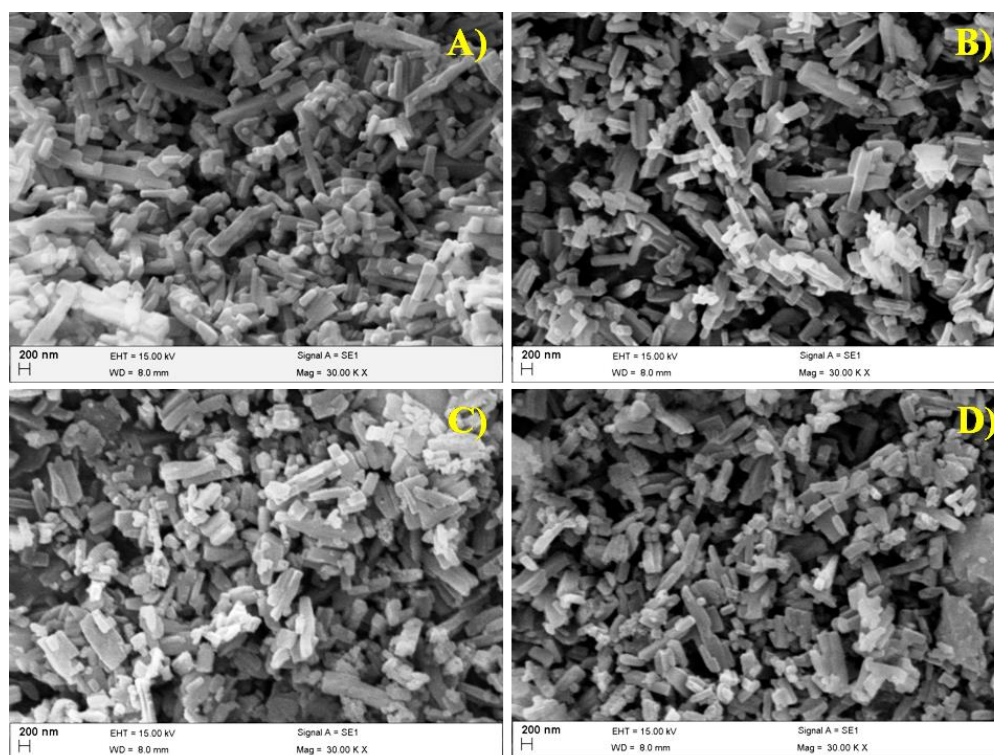


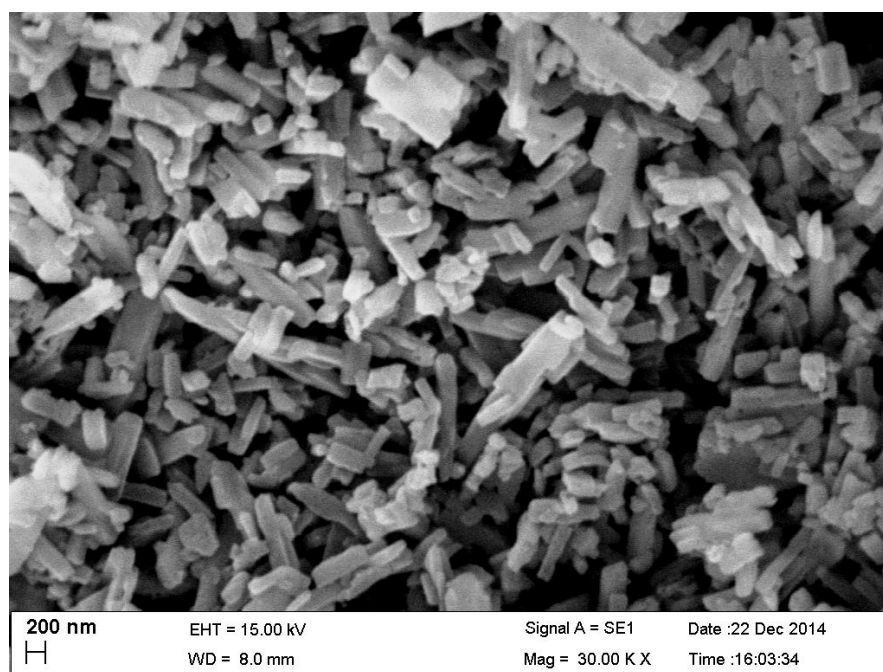
Fig. S1 Solid state diffuse reflectance UV-Vis spectra of D-NH<sub>2</sub>, D-SA and Cu@D-SA.



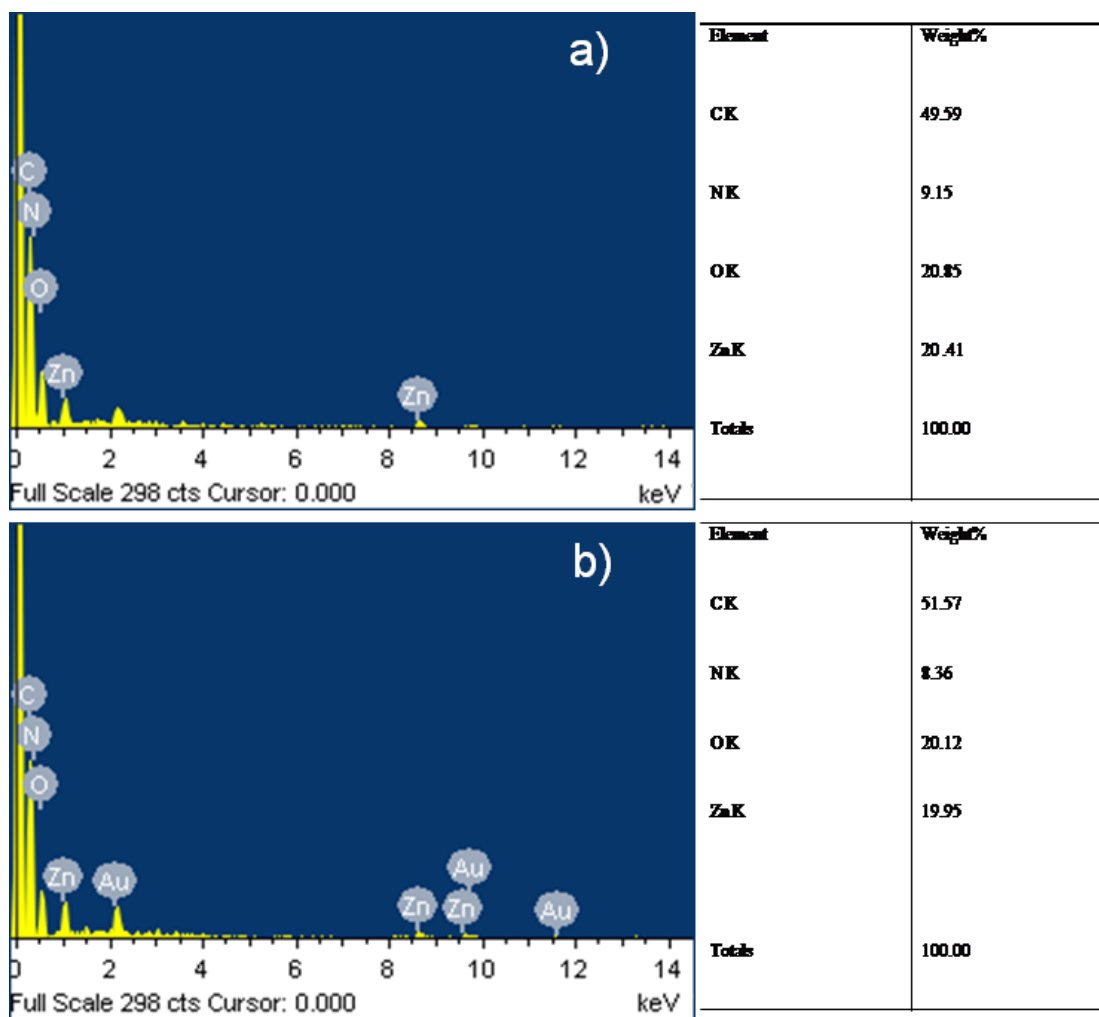
**Fig. S2** FTIR spectra of D-NH<sub>2</sub>, D-SA and Cu@D-SA.



**Fig. S3** SEM image of A) D-NH<sub>2</sub>, B) D-SA, C) Cu@D-SA (unreacted) and D) Cu@D-SA (recovered after 5th cycle).



**Fig. S4** SEM image of Cu@D-SA (recovered after 10th cycle)



**Fig. S5** EDS elemental analysis of a) D-NH<sub>2</sub> and B) D-SA. Au is present in spectra due to gold coating.

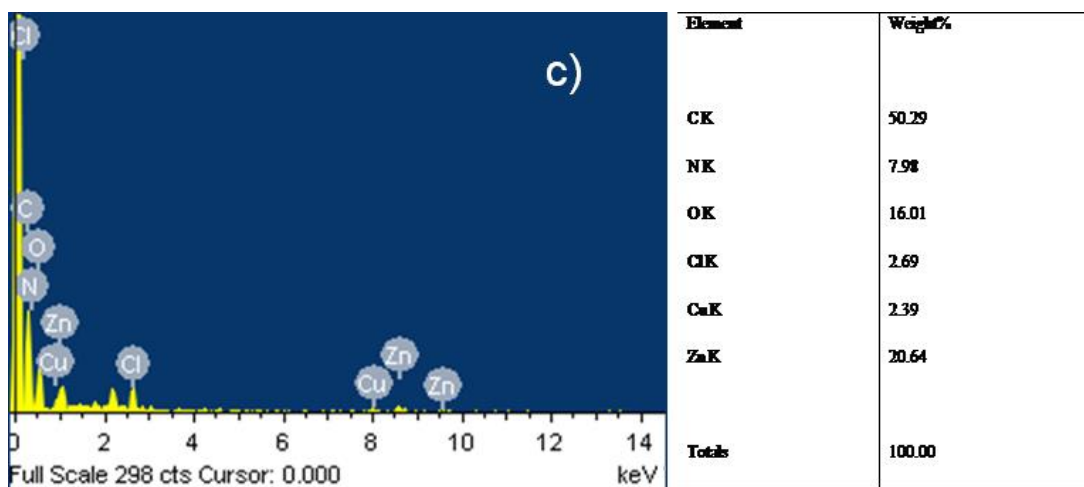


Fig. S6 EDS elemental analysis of c) Cu@D-SA.

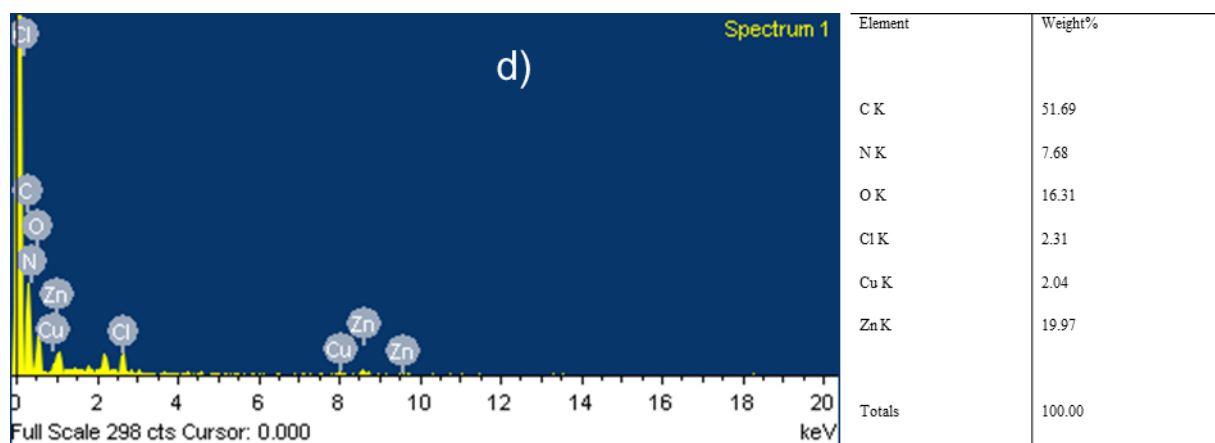
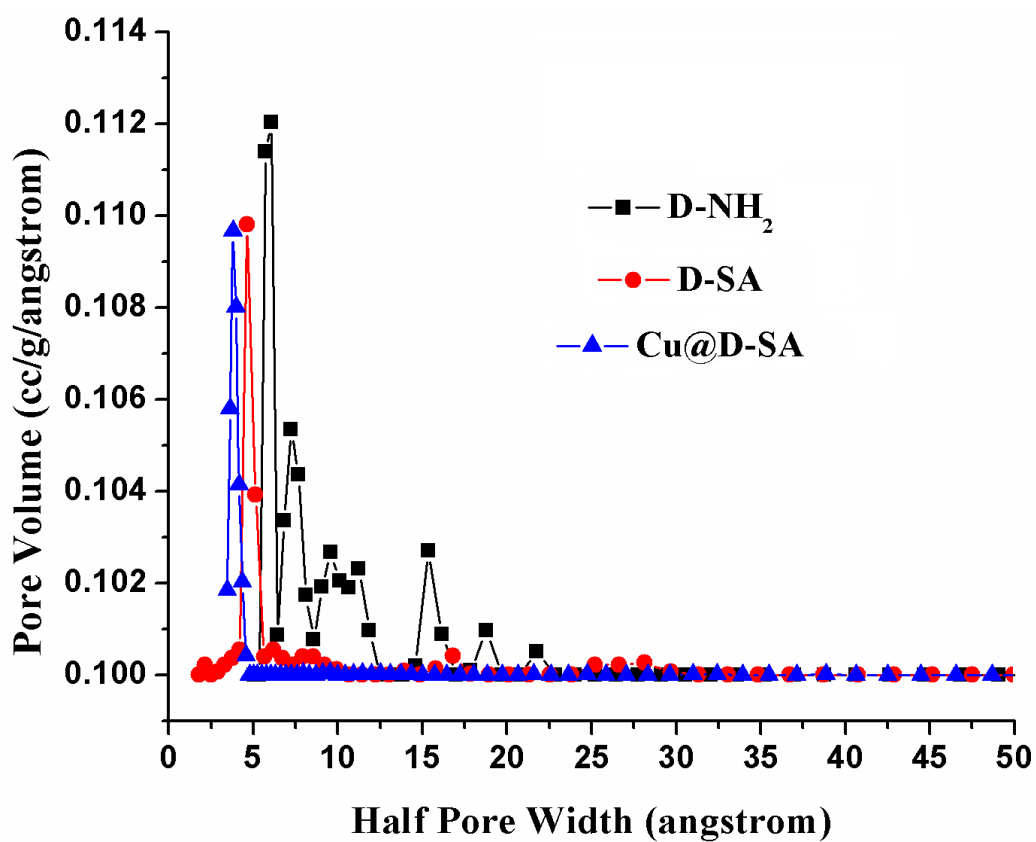
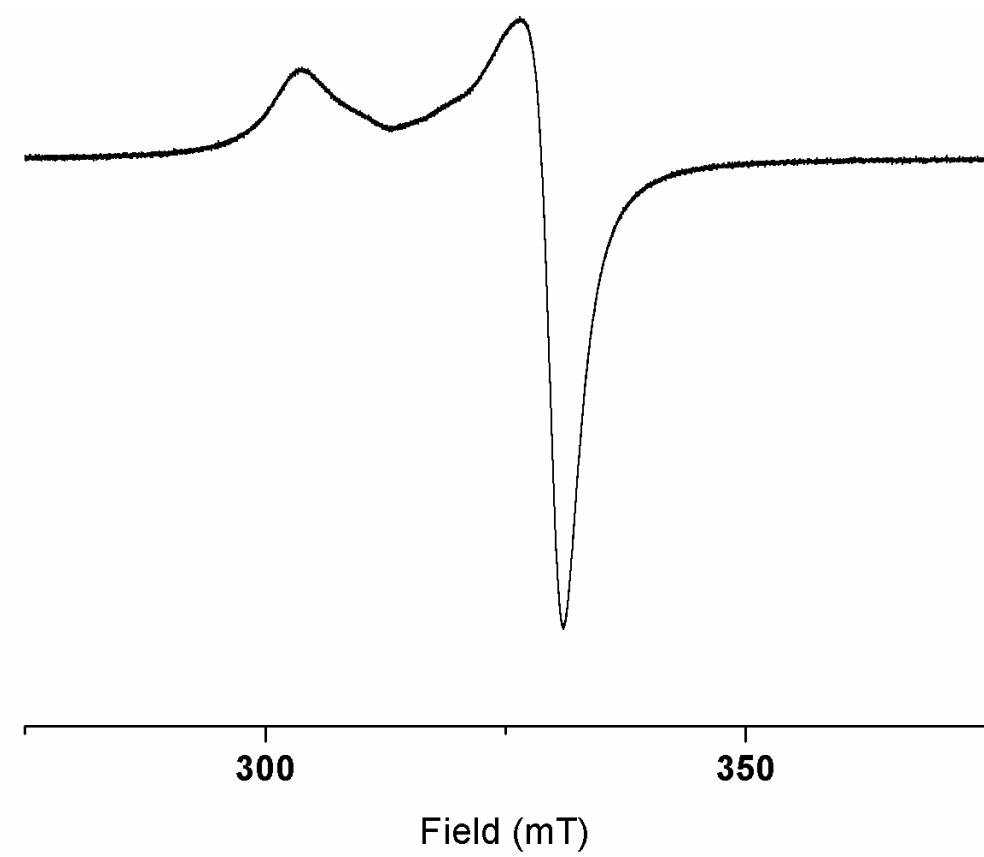


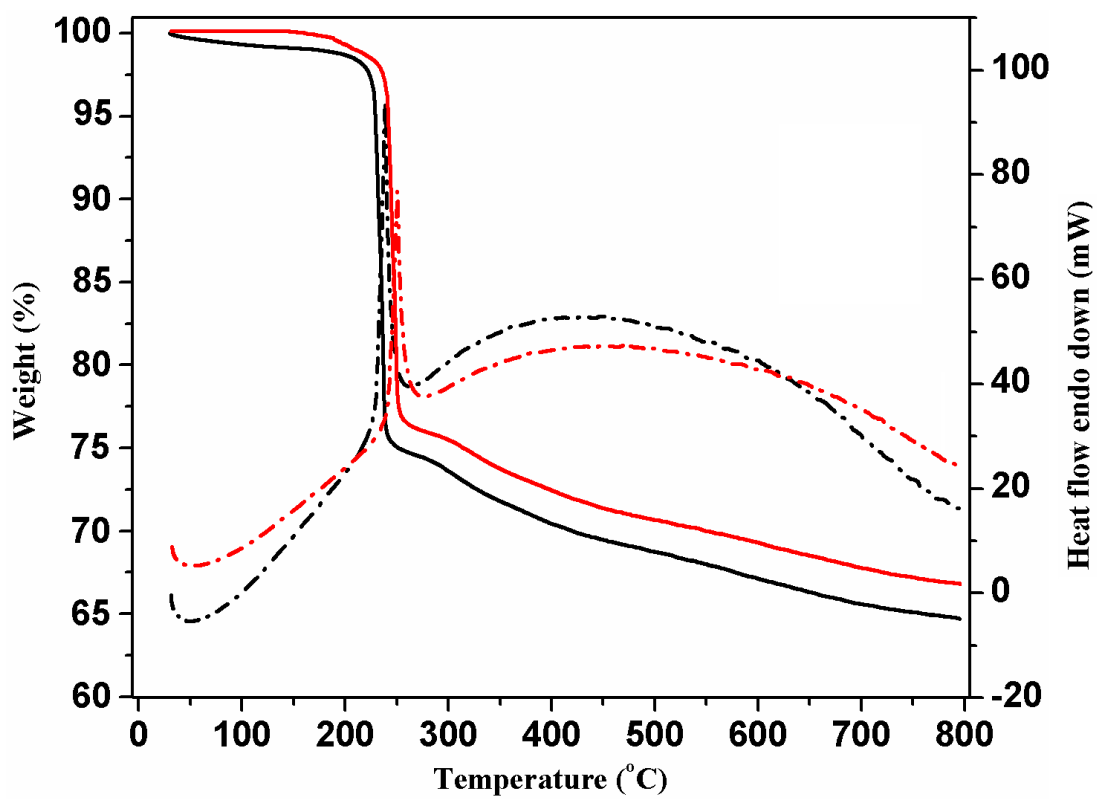
Fig. S7 EDS elemental analysis of d) Cu@D-SA recovered after 10<sup>th</sup> catalytic cycles.



**Fig. S8** Pore size distribution of 1) D-NH<sub>2</sub> (half pore width – 6.1 Å), 2) D-SA (half pore width – 4.6 Å) and 3) Cu@D-SA (half pore width – 3.7 Å).

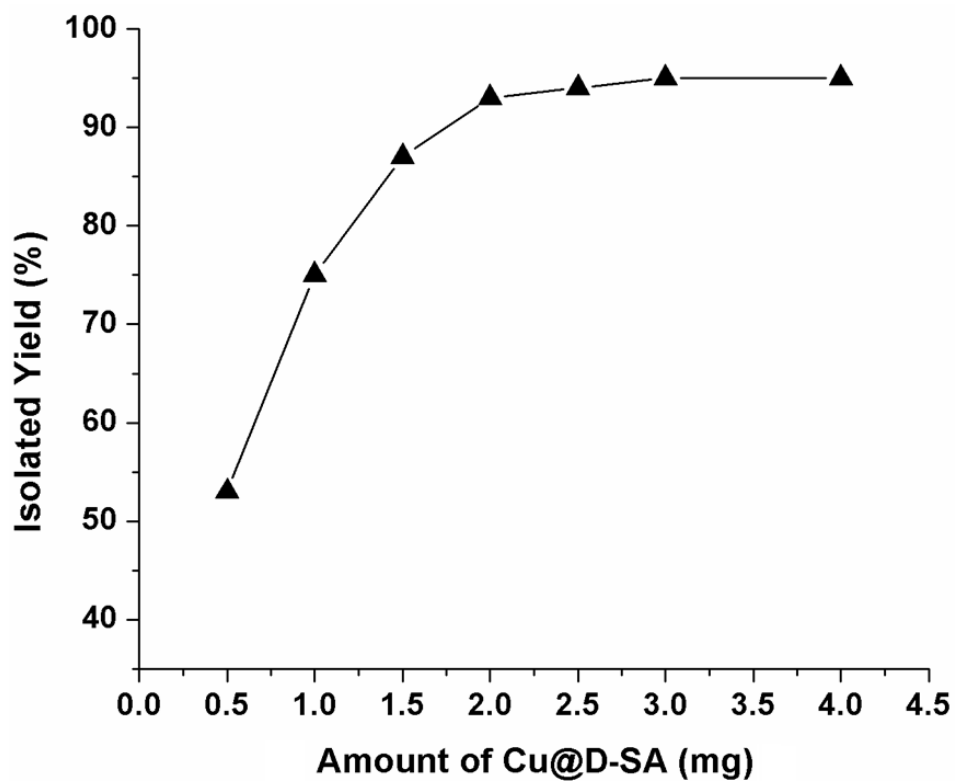


**Fig. S9** X-band EPR spectrum of the catalyst Cu@D-SA.



**Fig. S10** TG(—)/DTA(— - —) curve for a) Cu@D-SA (black) and b) dehydrated ( $10^{-2}$  Torr, 4 hours at 90 °C) Cu@D-SA (red).





**Fig. S11** Plot showing progress of reaction for optimization of amount of catalyst Cu@D-SA in N-arylation reaction of 1,4-dinitrobenzene with pyrazole.

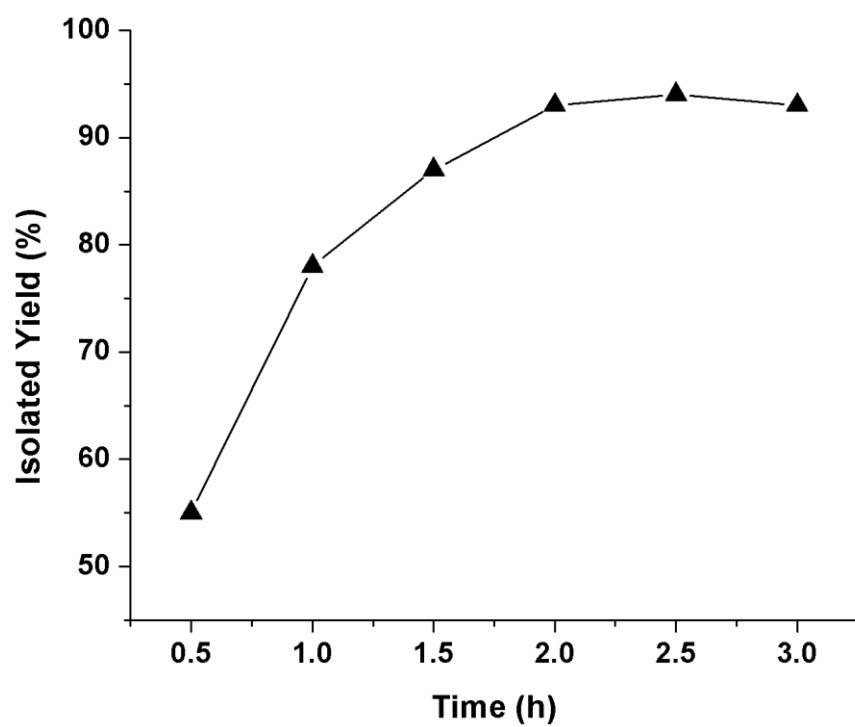
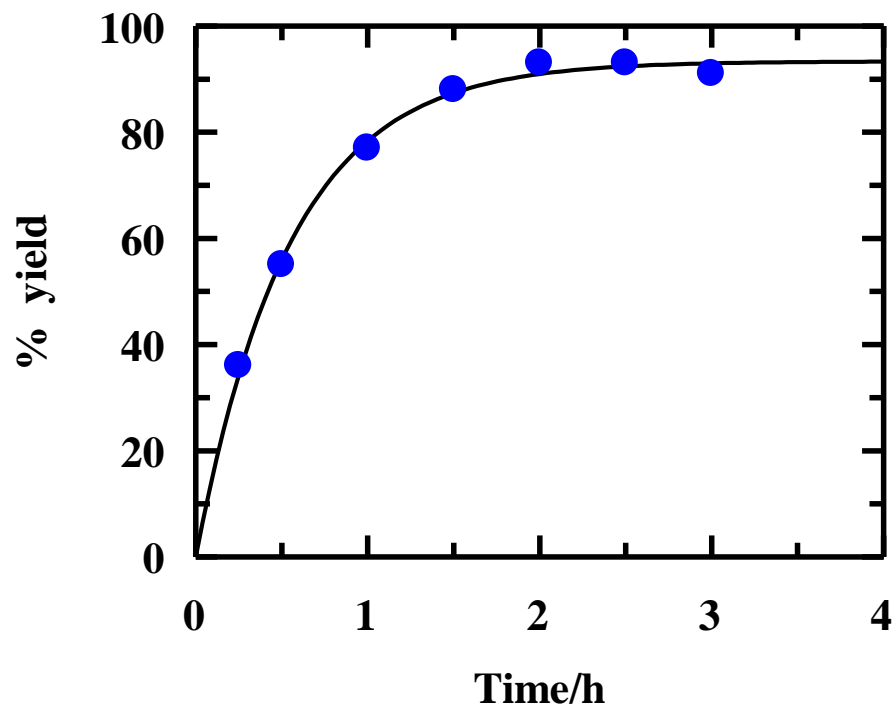
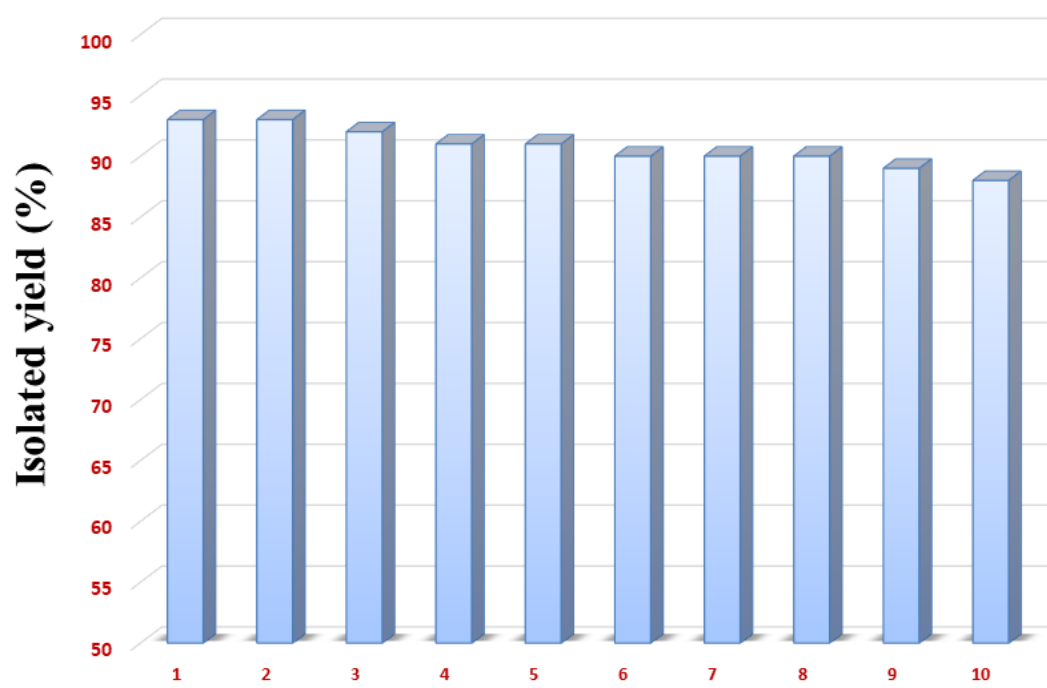


Fig. S12 Reaction propagation plot for N-arylation reaction of 1,4-dinitrobenzene with pyrazole.



**Fig. S13** Plot showing fitting of first order rate equation of N-arylation reaction of 1,4-dinitrobenzene with pyrazole (Rate equation,  $C_0 - C = C_0[1 - e^{-kt}]$  gives  $k = 1.83 \text{ h}^{-1}$  and  $t_{1/2} \approx 0.4 \text{ h}$ ).



**Fig. S14** Recycling of the catalyst (up to 10 successive cycles).

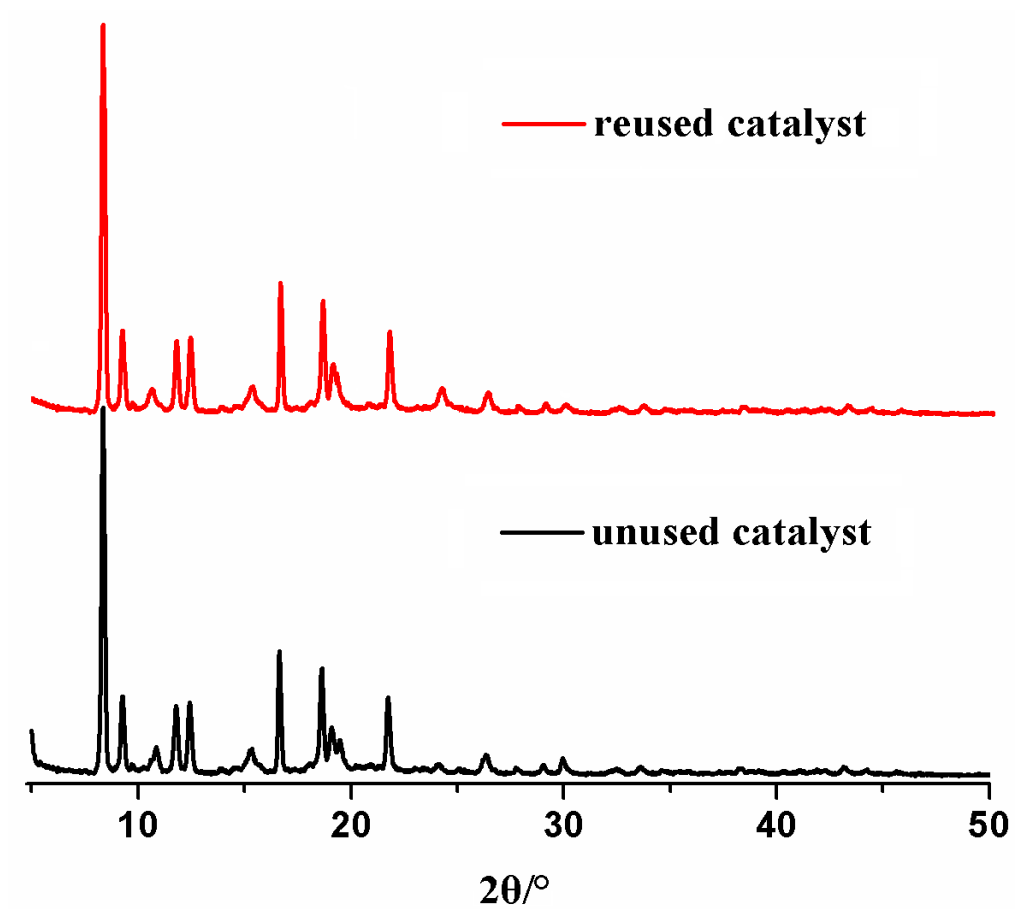
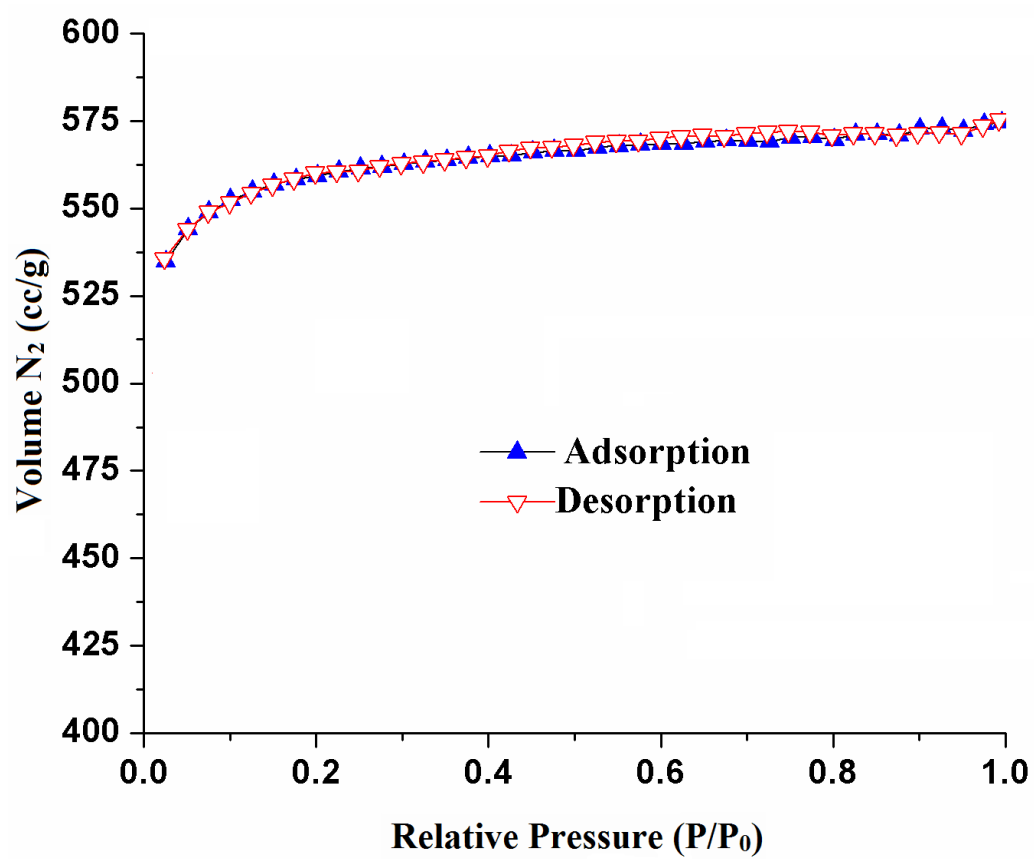
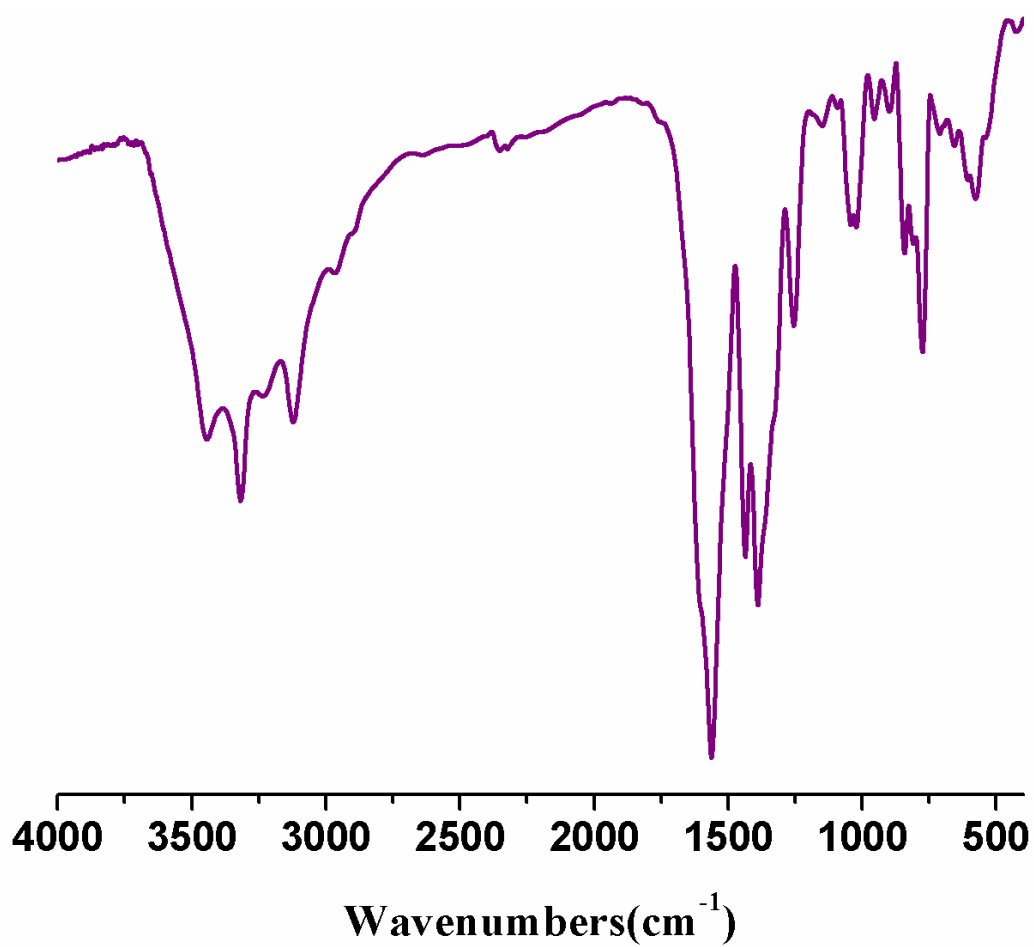


Fig. S15 PXRD of Cu@D-SA before and after catalytic reaction.



**Fig. S16** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm at 77 K of recovered Cu@D-SA catalyst after fifth cycles (BET – 1518 cm<sup>2</sup>/g).



**Fig. S17** FTIR spectrum of Cu@D-SA (recovered after fifth cycle catalytic reaction).

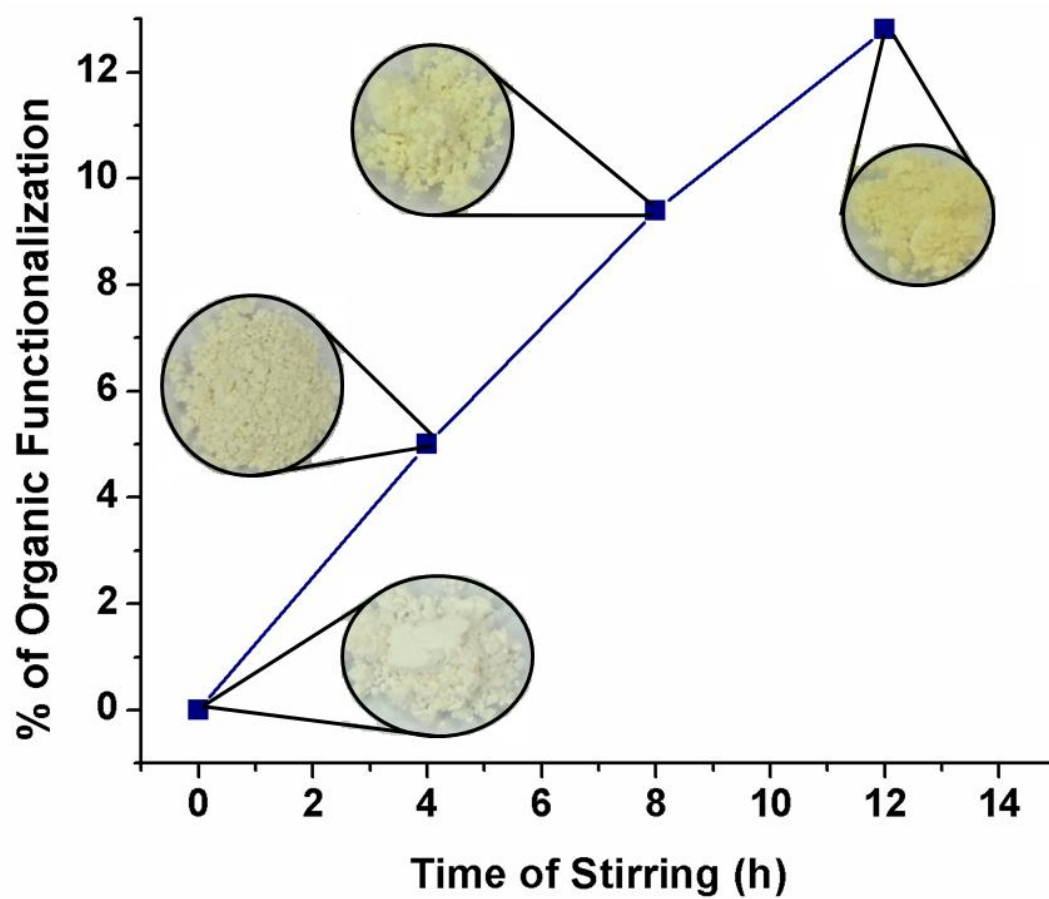
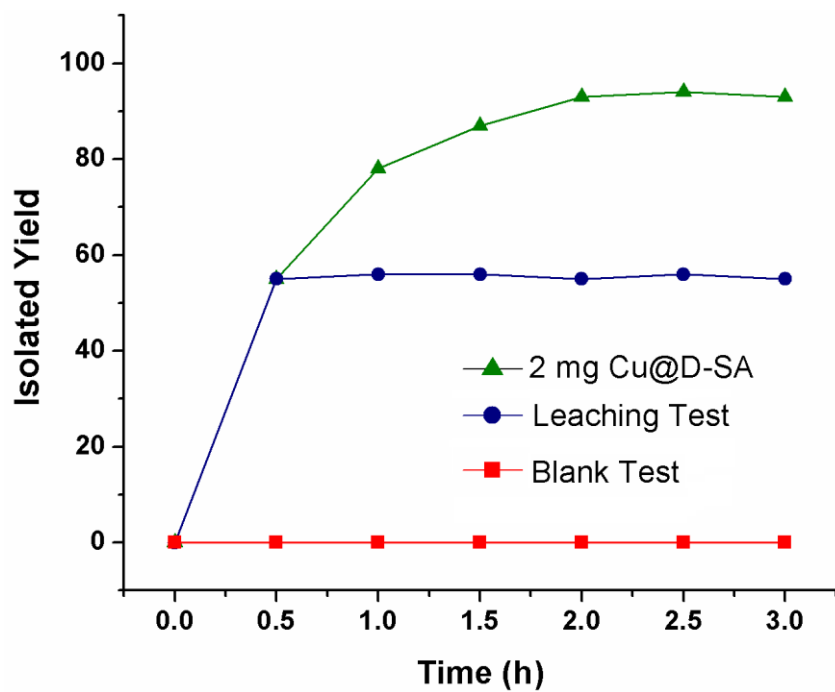
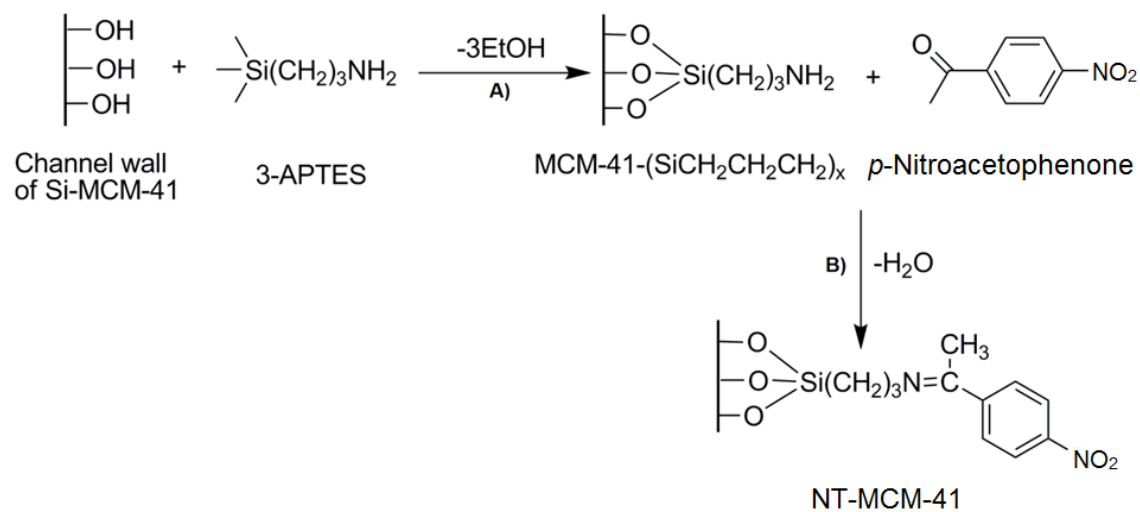


Fig. S18 Plot showing amine functionalization in DMOF-NH<sub>2</sub> along with visual color change.

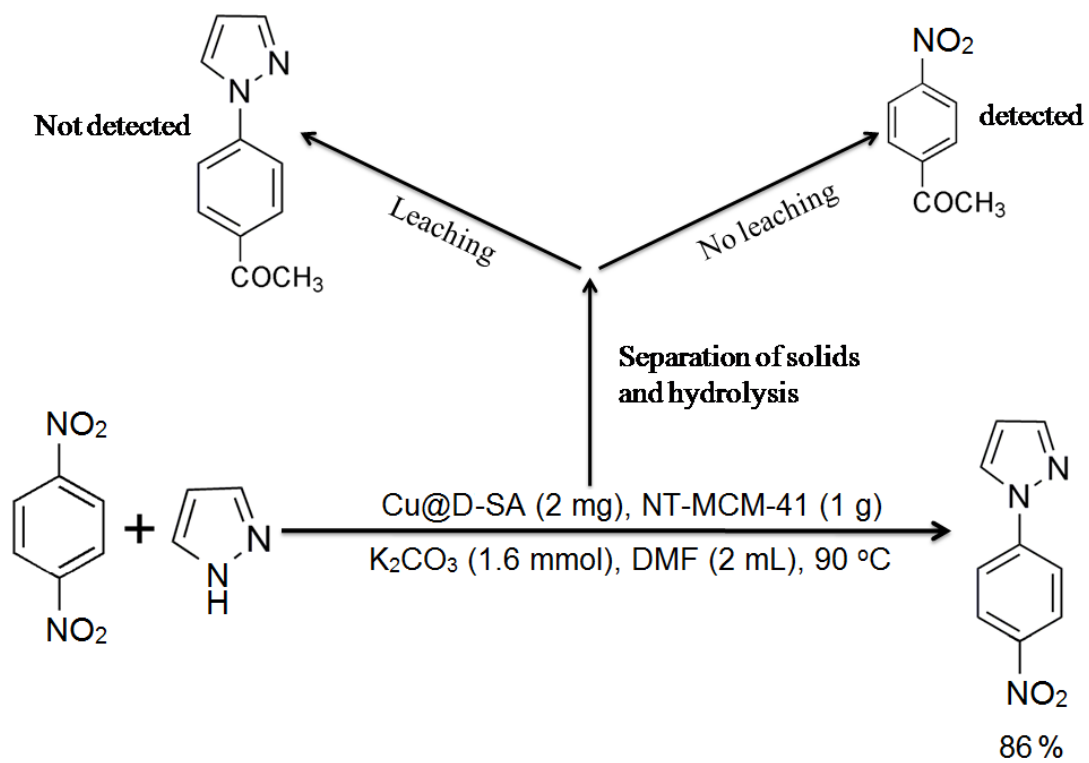




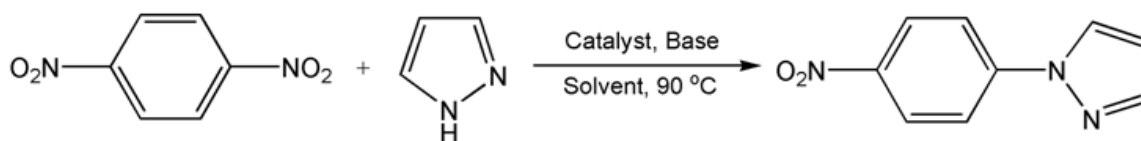
**Fig. S19** Plot supporting no leaching of copper from the catalyst.



**Scheme S1** A) Organic modification of Si-MCM-41: APTES/CHCl<sub>3</sub> and B) anchoring of *p*-nitroacetophenone onto MCM-41(in ethanol).



**Scheme S2** Three-phase test for N-arylation reaction.

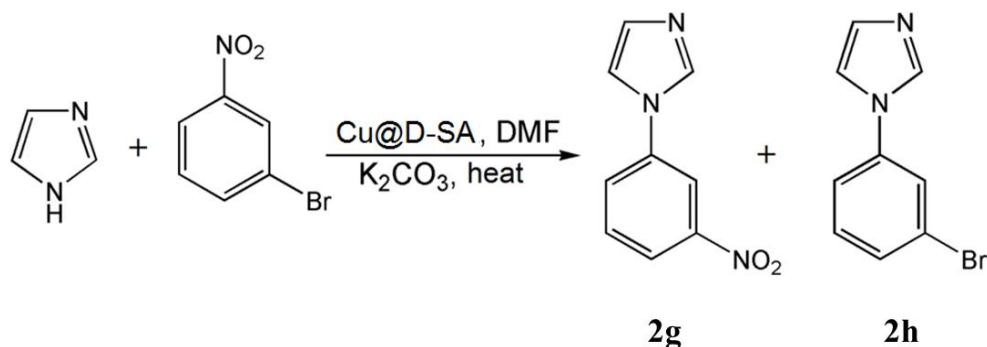
**Table S1** Optimization of reaction condition

S1a = Cu@D-SA  
 S1b = DMOF-NH<sub>2</sub>  
 S1c = DMOF-NH<sub>2</sub>+CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O  
 S1d = DMOF-SA+CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O  
 S1e = Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O  
 S1f = Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O  
 S1g = CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Entry <sup>a</sup>	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	80	10	S1b	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	-
2	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Toluene	-	11	S1c	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	32
3	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	27	12	S1d	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	37
4	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	93	13	S1e	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	24
5	S1a	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	47	14	S1f	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	39
6	S1a	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	79	15	S1g	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	31
7	S1a	KOH	DMF	69	16 <sup>c</sup>	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	59
8	S1a	NaOH	DMF	58	17 <sup>d</sup>	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	94
9	S1a	-	DMF	-	18 <sup>e</sup>	S1a	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	91

<sup>a</sup> Reaction Condition: pyrazole (1 mmol), 1,4-dinitrobenzene (1.2 mmol), imidazole (1.0 mmol), base (1.6 mmol), 0.002 g catalyst, solvent (2 mL) at 90 °C upto 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> at 60 °C. <sup>d</sup> at 120 °C. <sup>e</sup> fifth cycle of the recovered catalyst (entry 4). DMF = dimethyl formamide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide.

**Table S2** Control experiment of *m*-bromonitrobenzene with imidazole to demonstrate the thermally induced chemoselectivity



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Temperature (°C)	Conversion <sup>b</sup>	Selectivity
			2g : 2h
1	70	67%	94 : 6
2	90	78%	79 : 21
3	110	85%	56 : 44
4	130	86%	27 : 73
5	150	89%	9 : 91

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: *m*-bromonitrobenzene (1.2 mmol), imidazole (1.0 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.6 mmol), Cu@D-SA (0.002 g), DMF (2 mL) at heating for 2 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. Reactions have been performed both in inert and open atmosphere, however, no variation of selectivity of products was observed in low and high temperatures.

**Table S3** TOF values in each recycled catalytic step using 1,4-dinitrobenzene and pyrazole as reactants under the optimized reaction conditions

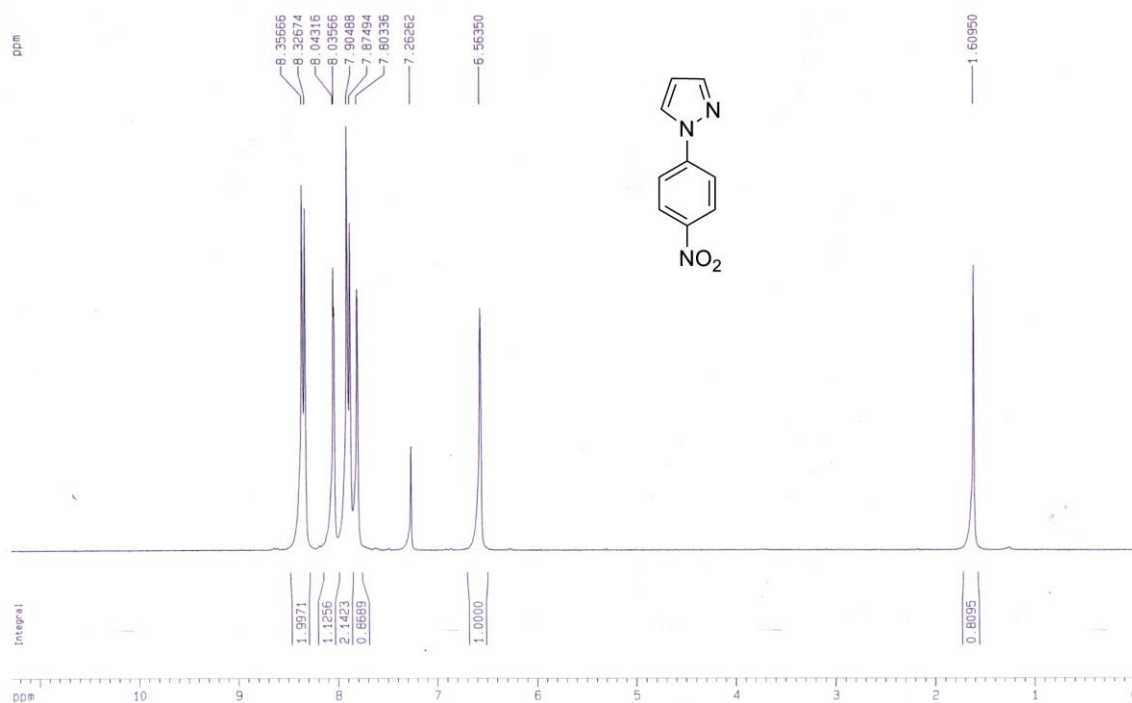
Cycle <sup>a</sup>	Isolated yield <sup>b</sup>	TOF (min <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>
1	93	315
2	93	315
3	92	312
4	91	308
5	91	308
6	90	305

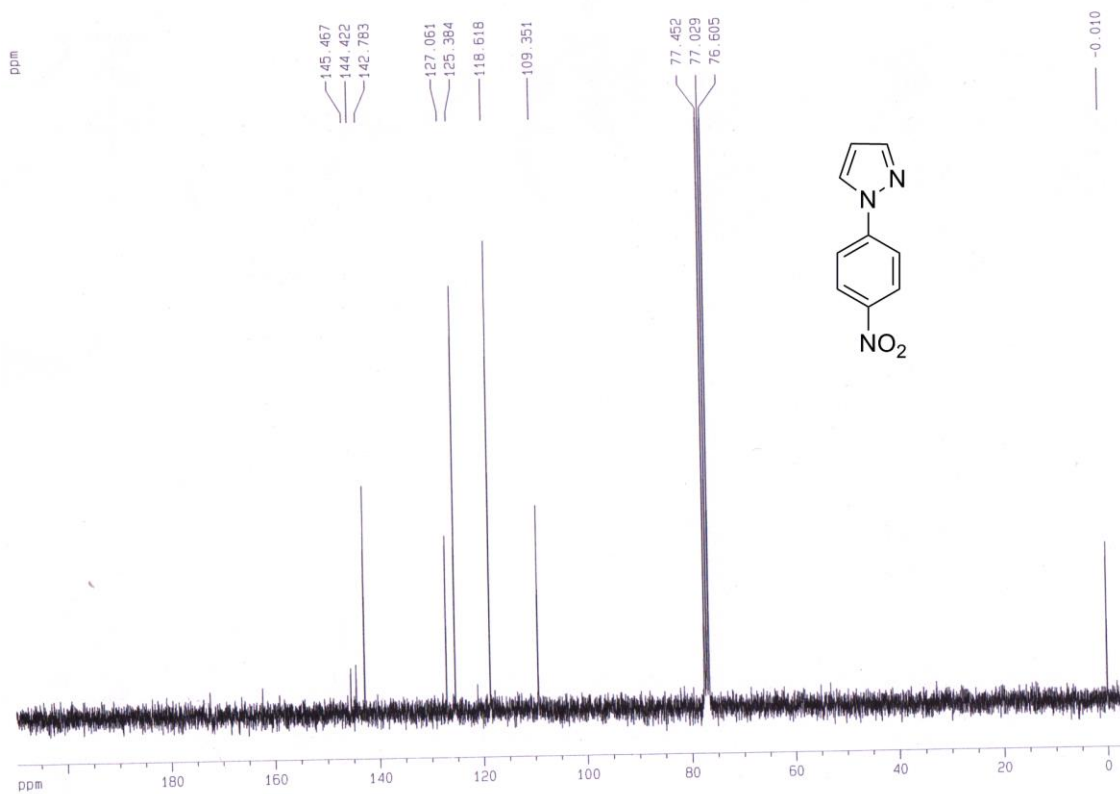
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8	90	305
9	89	298
10	88	298

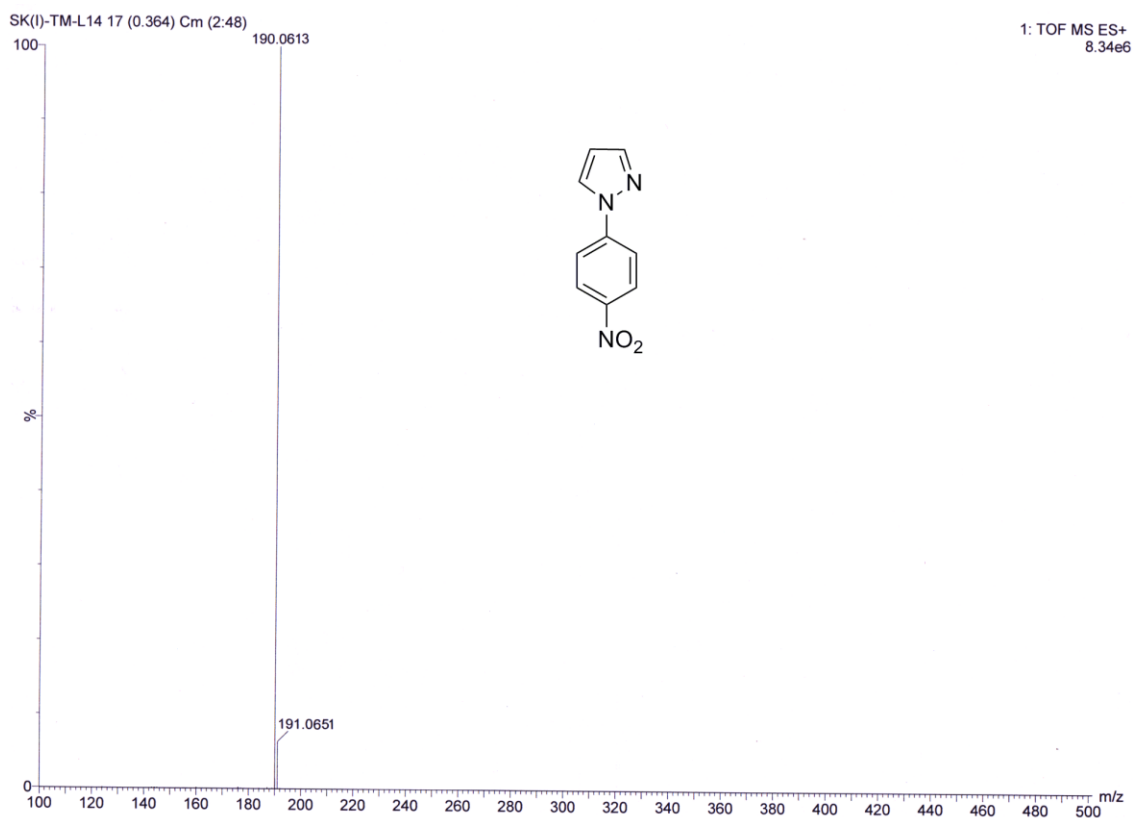
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### Characterization of Products

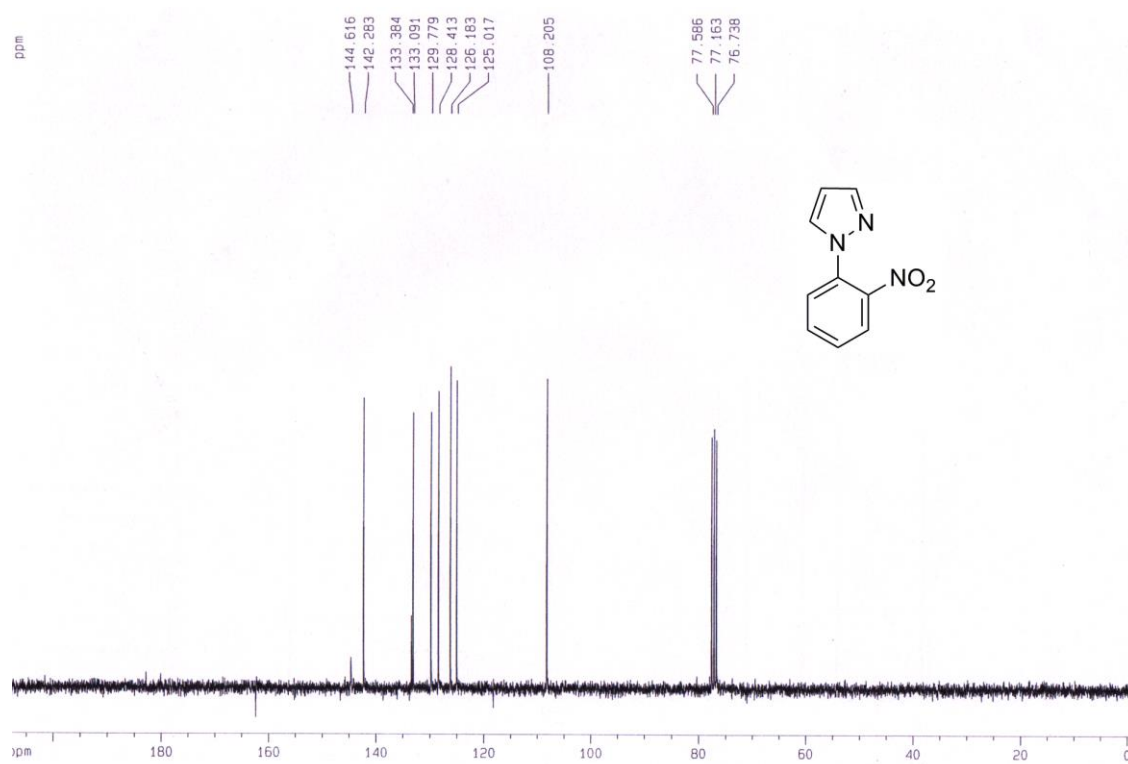
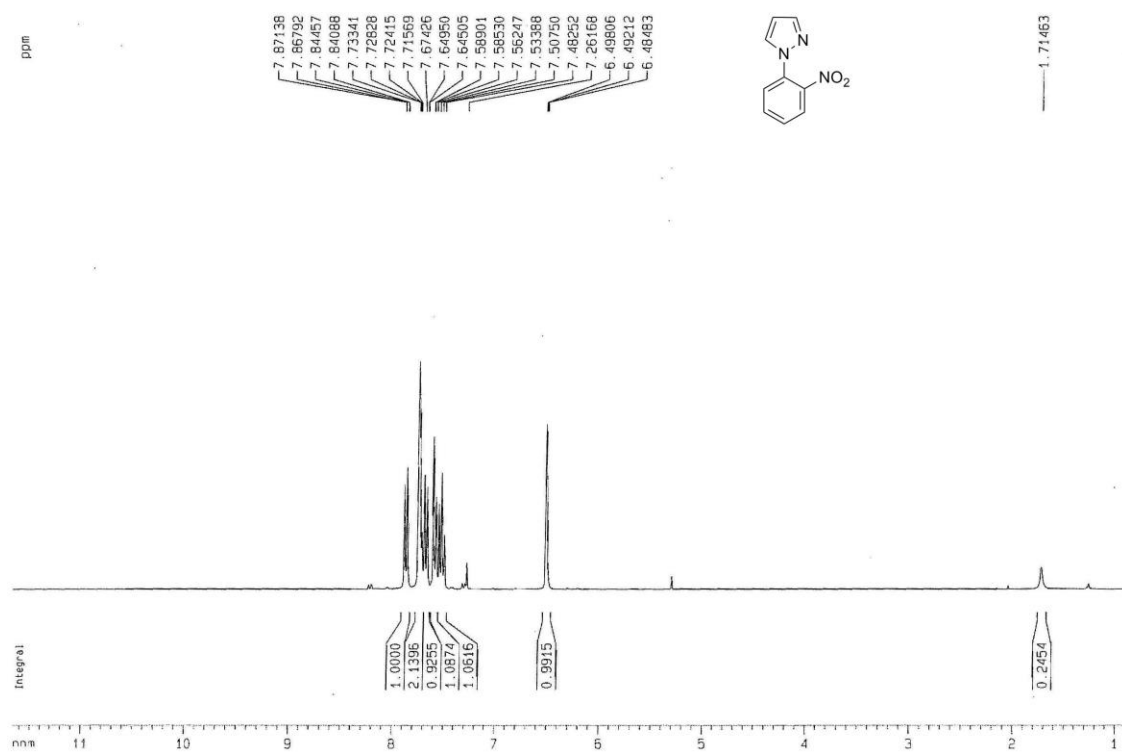
pyrazole-*p*-nitrobenzene (Table 1, entry 1a): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.98 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.25 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.98 Hz, 2H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 145.47, 144.42, 142.78, 127.06, 125.38, 118.62, 109.35; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) requires *m/z* 190.0617, found 190.06613; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.14%; H, 3.73%; N, 22.21%. Found: C, 57.17%; H, 3.74%; N, 22.19%.



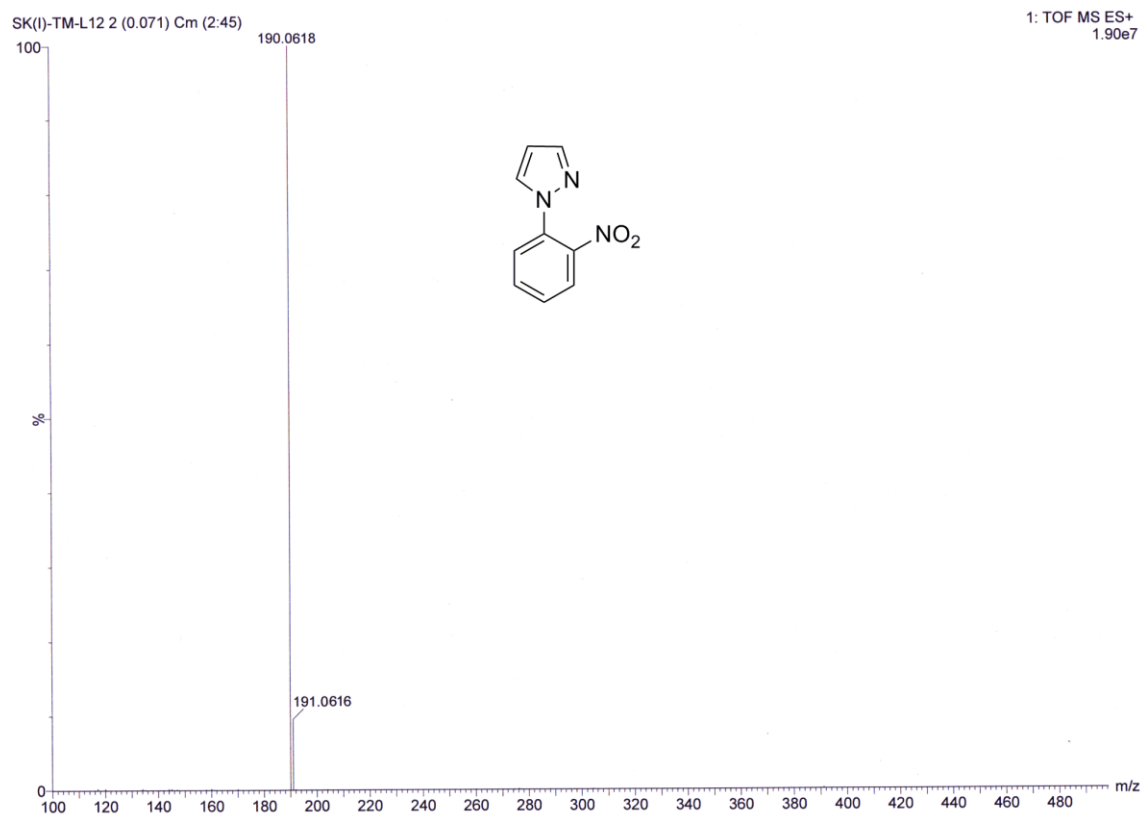




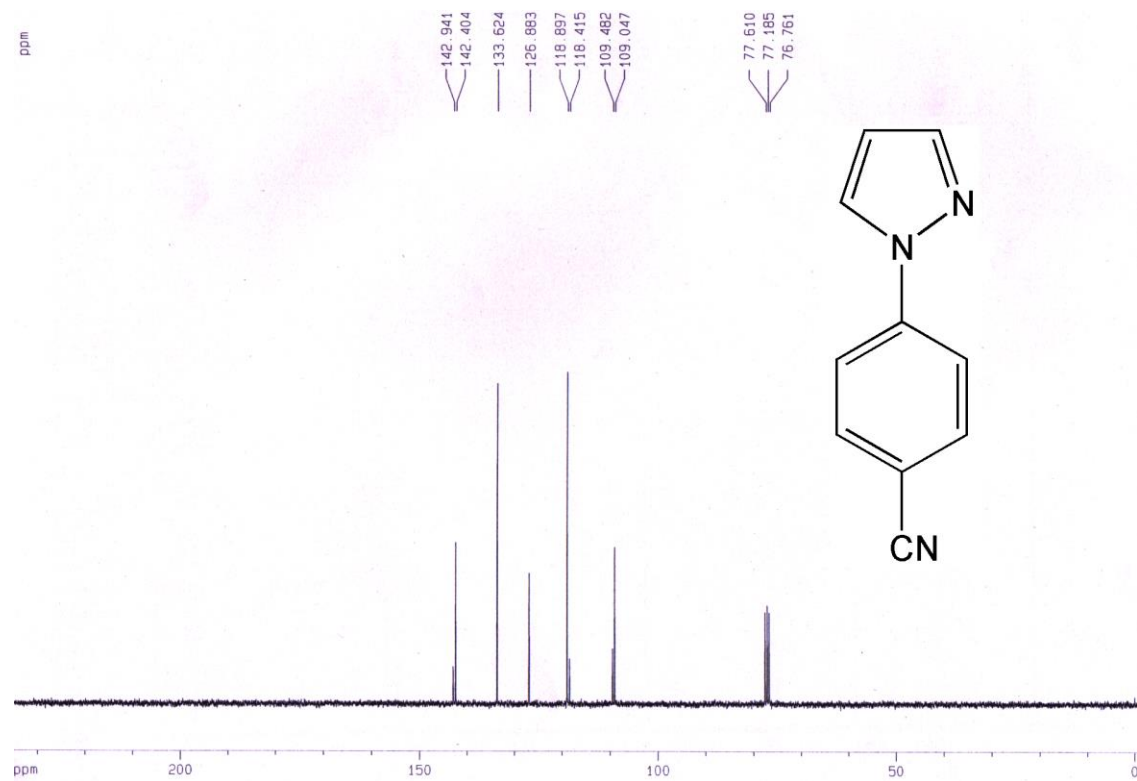
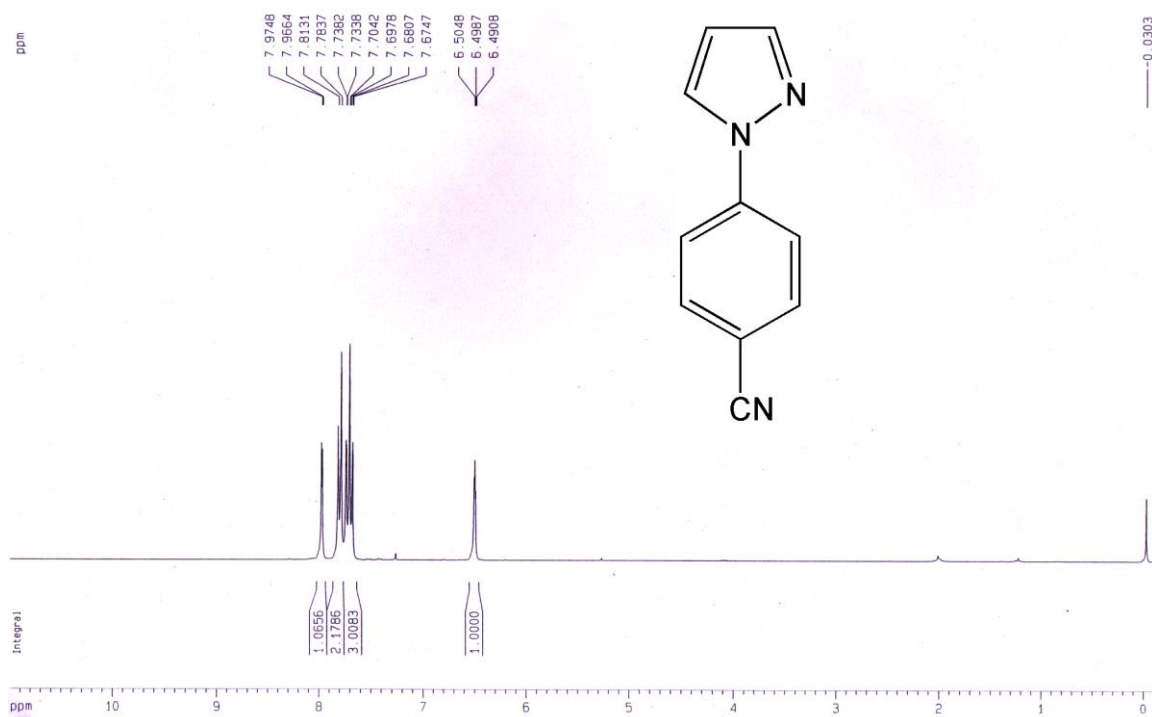
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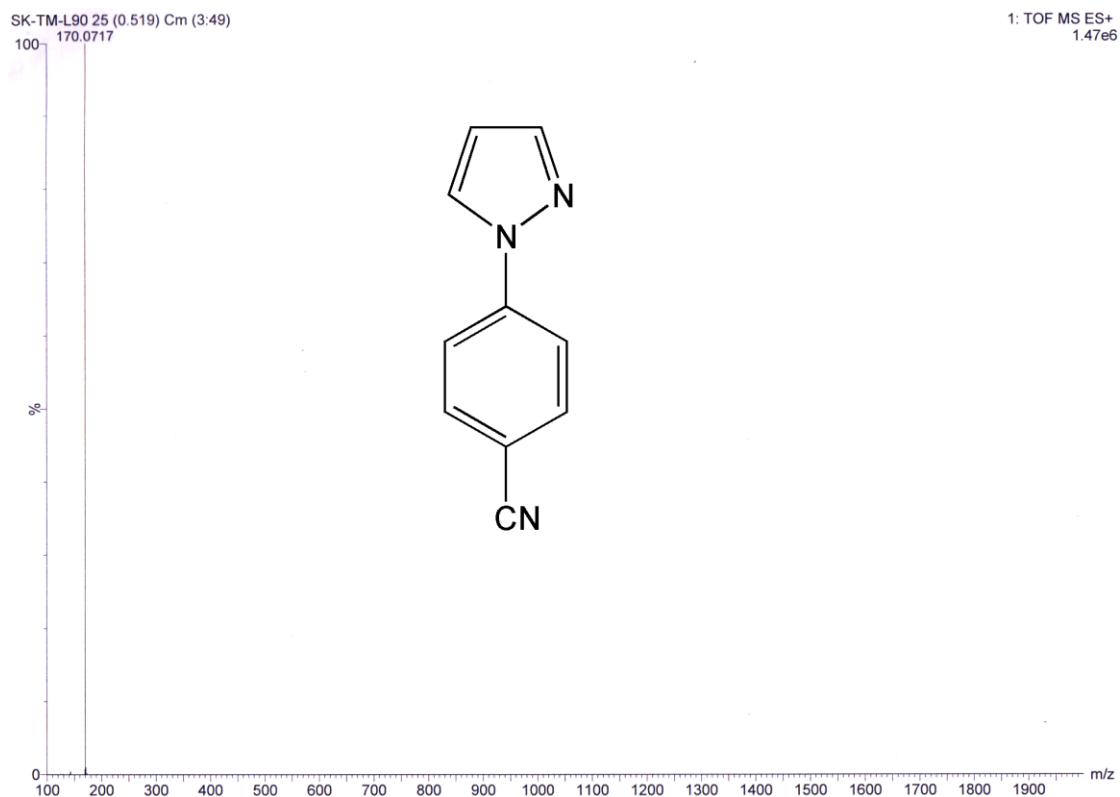




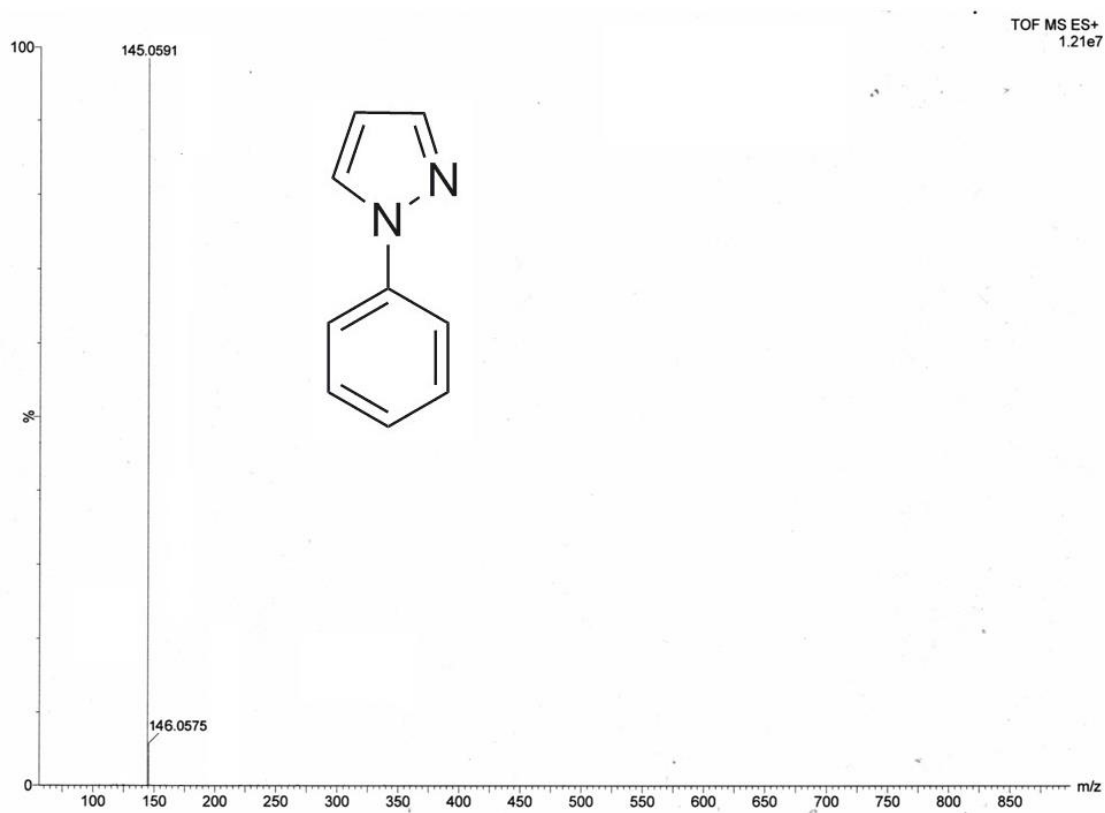
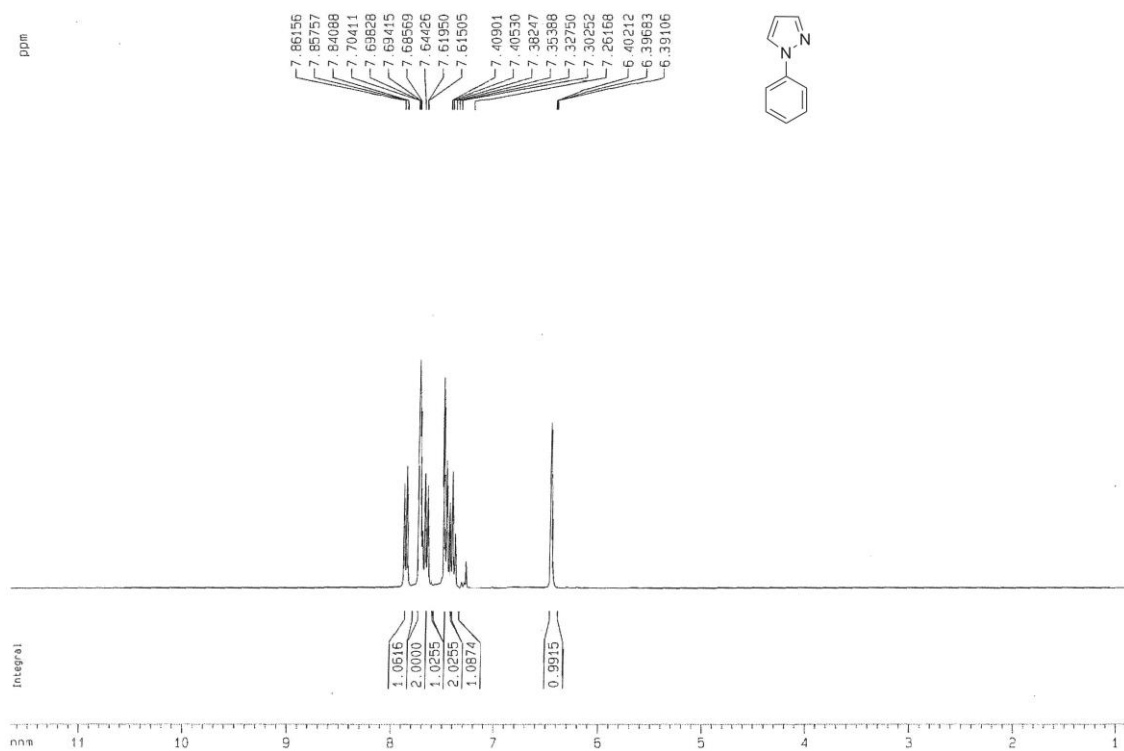


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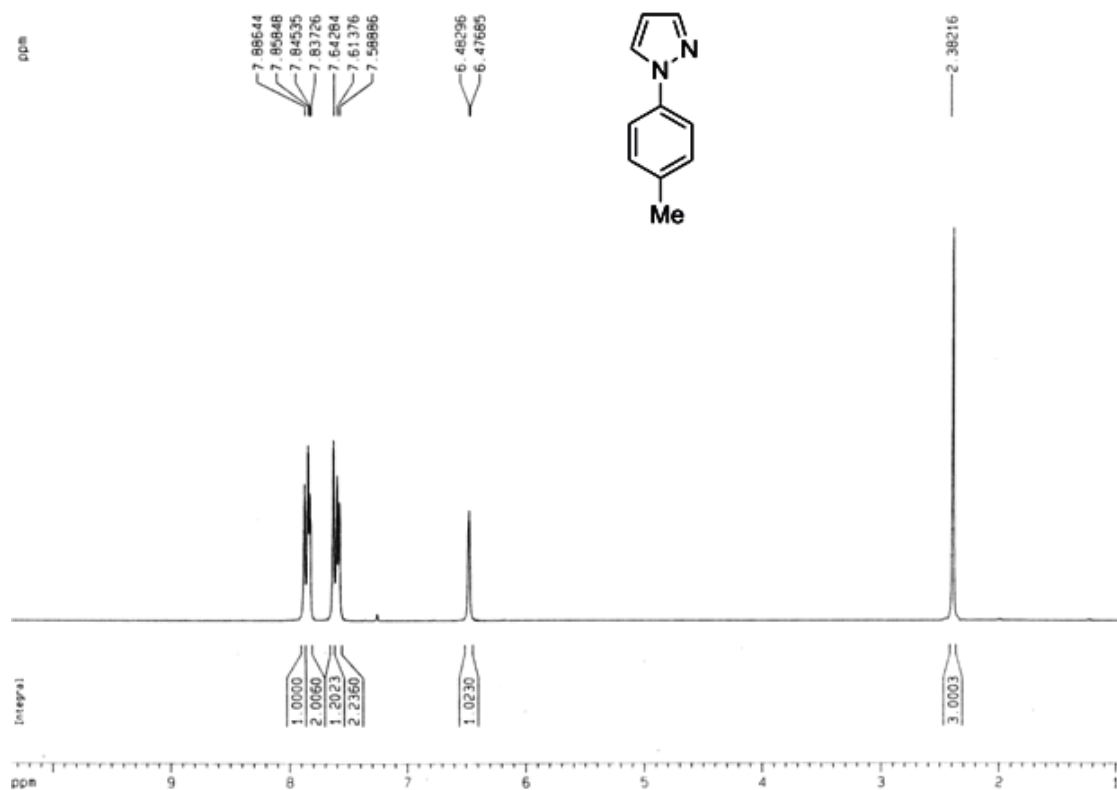


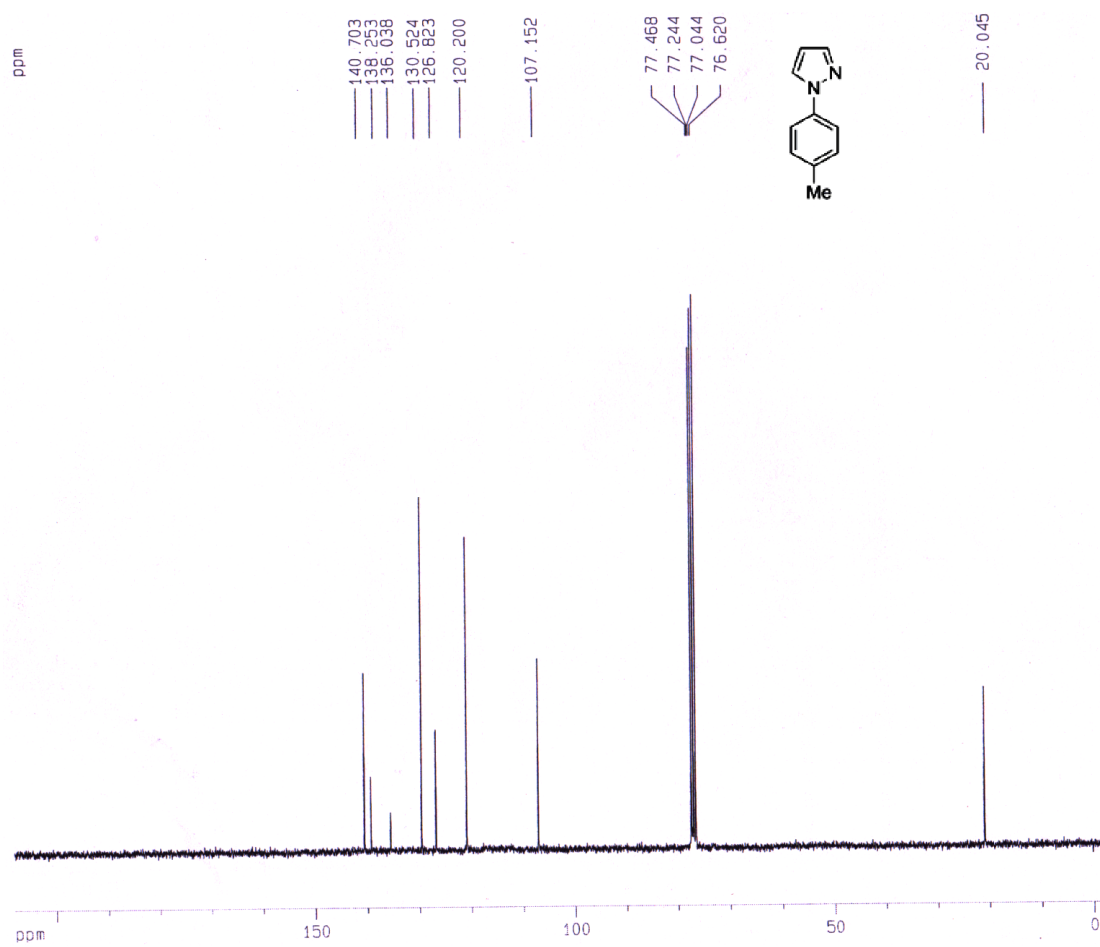


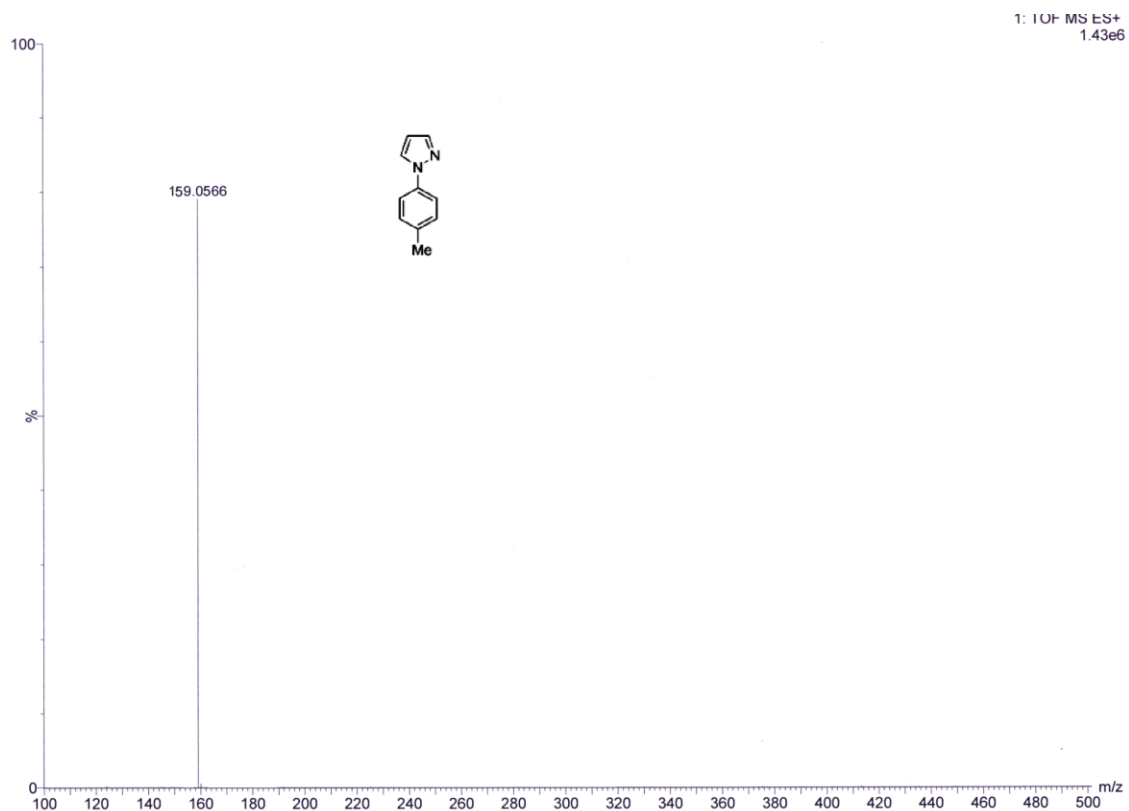
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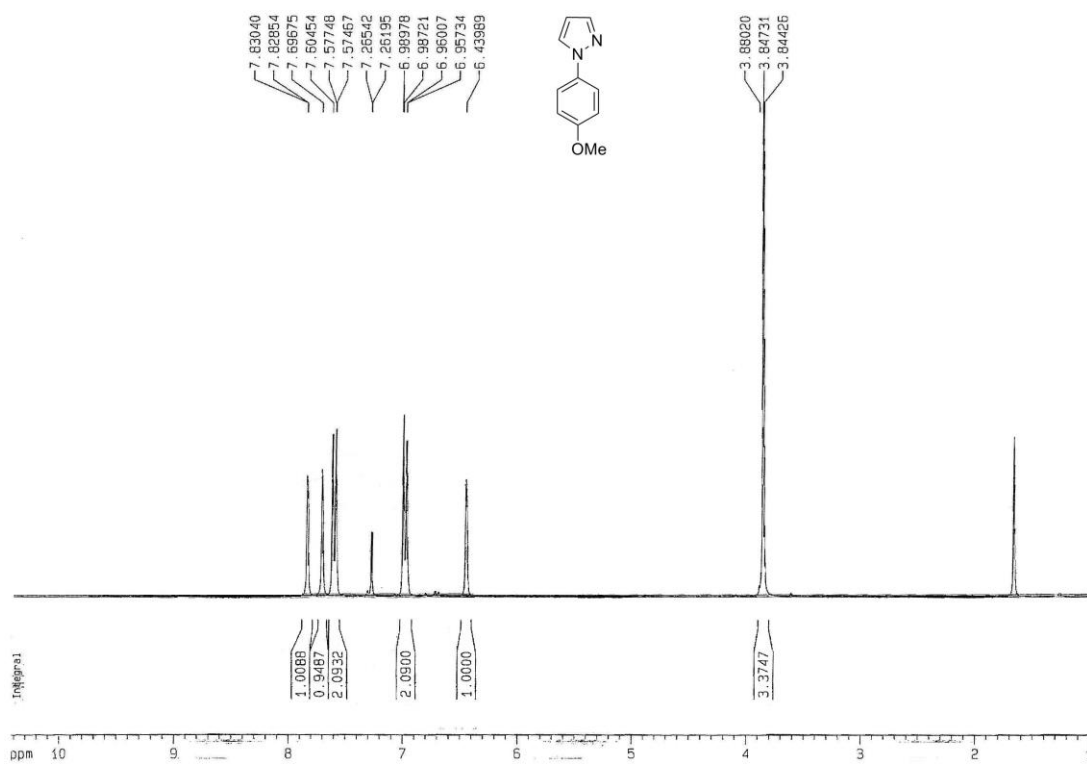
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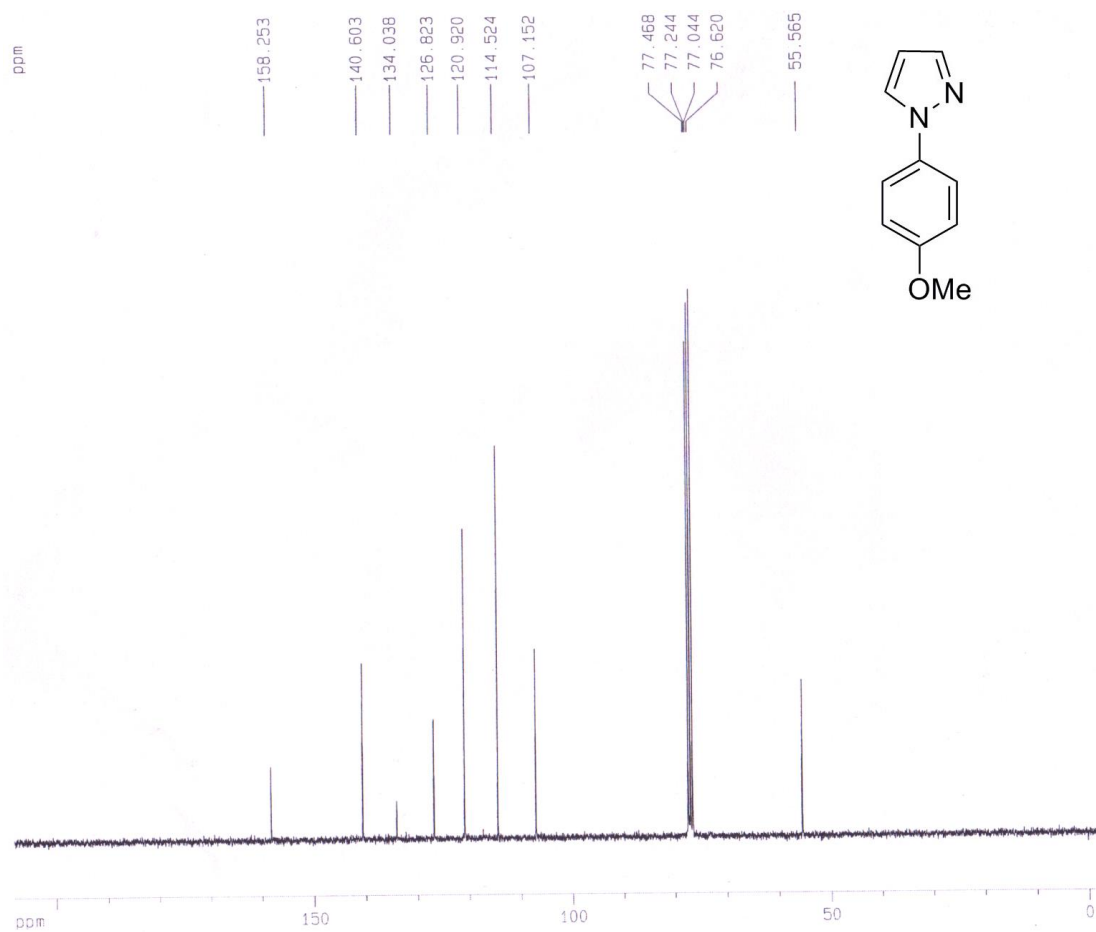


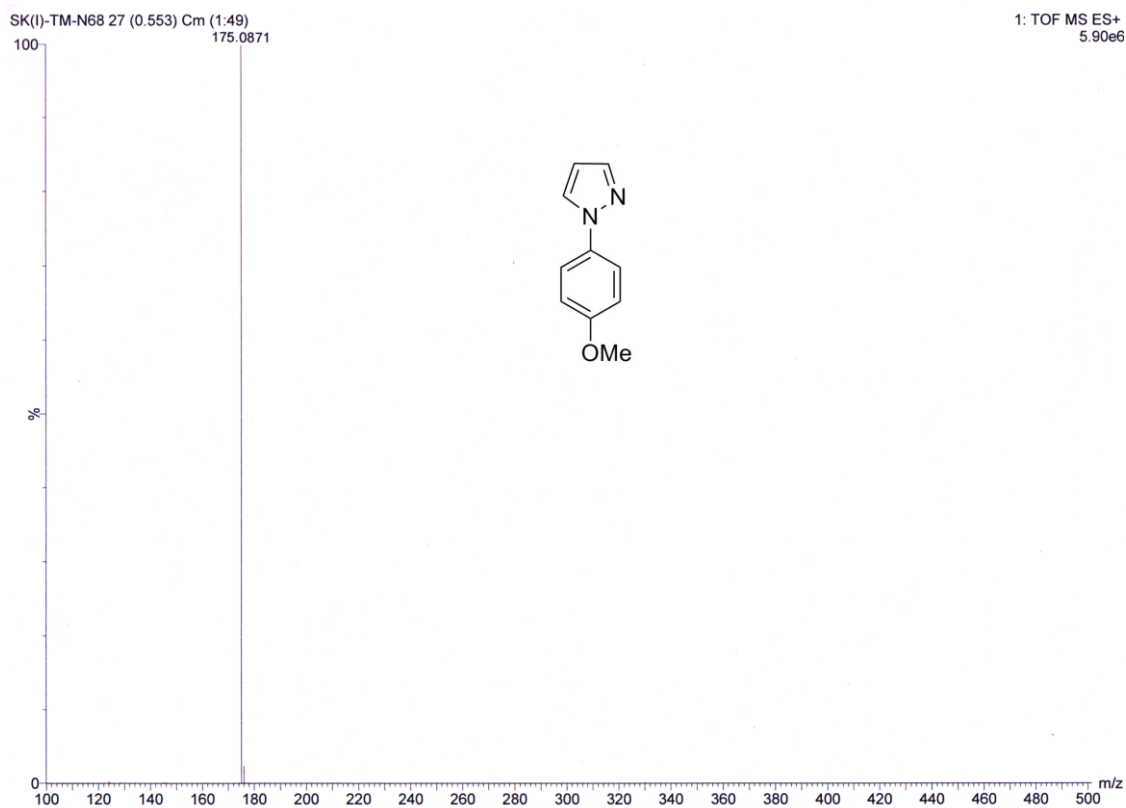


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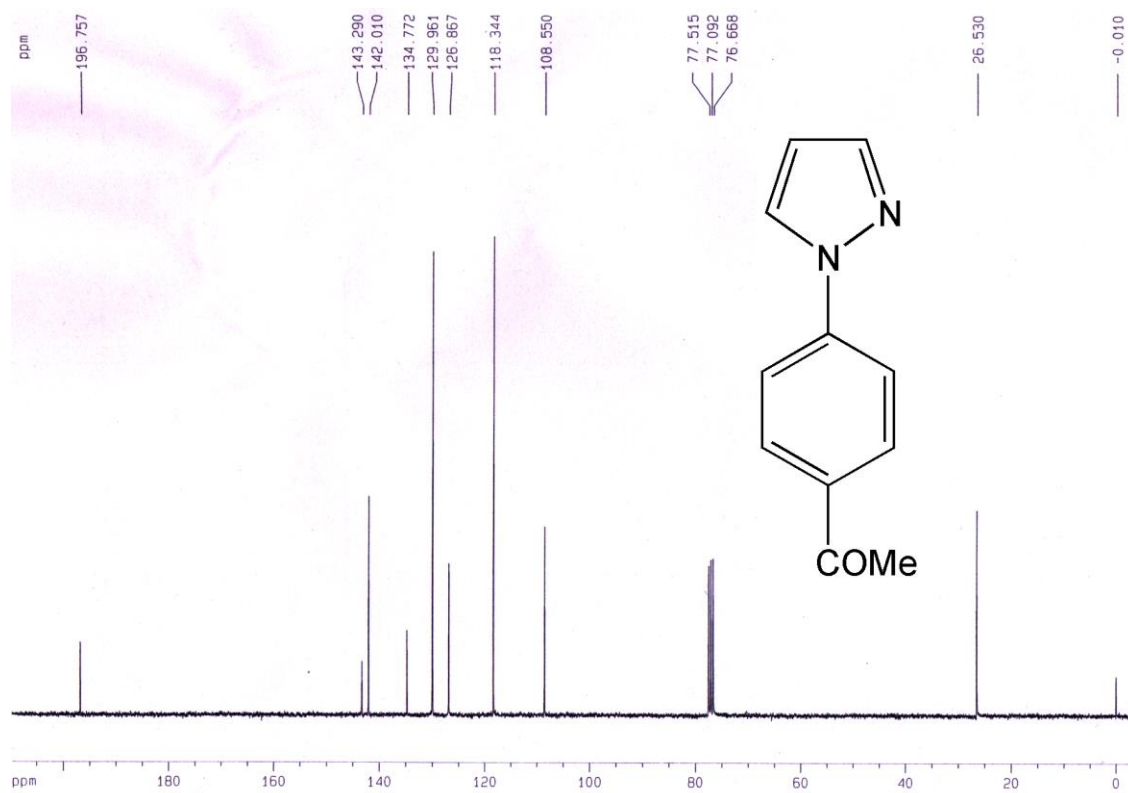
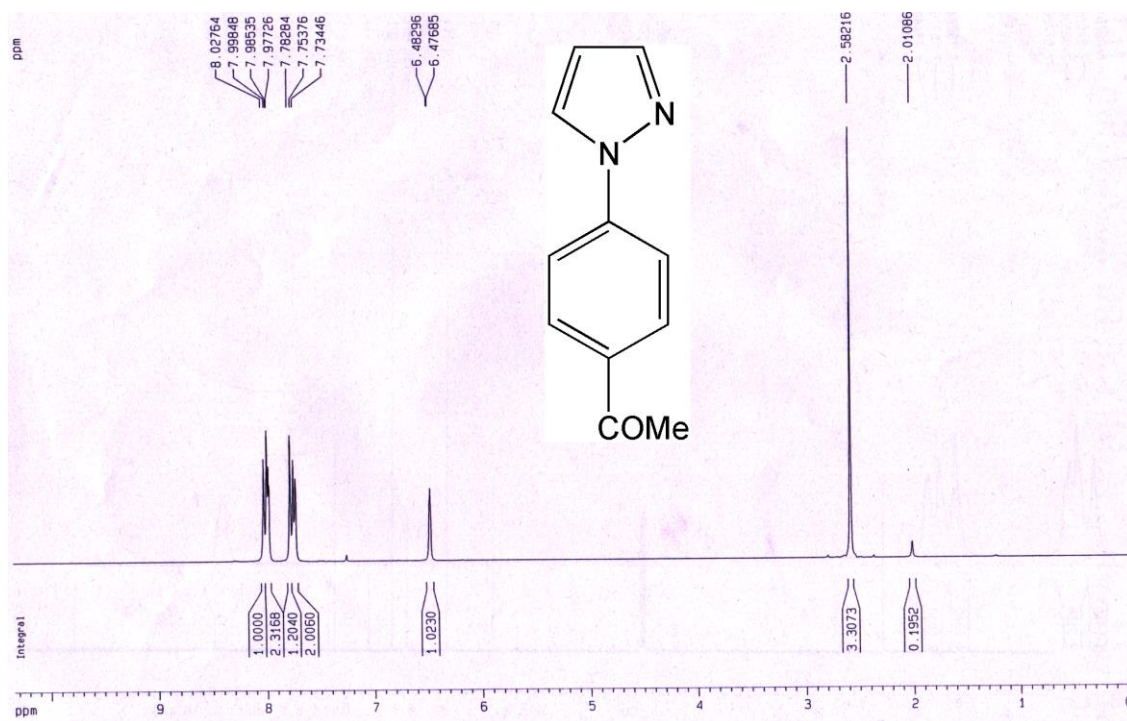


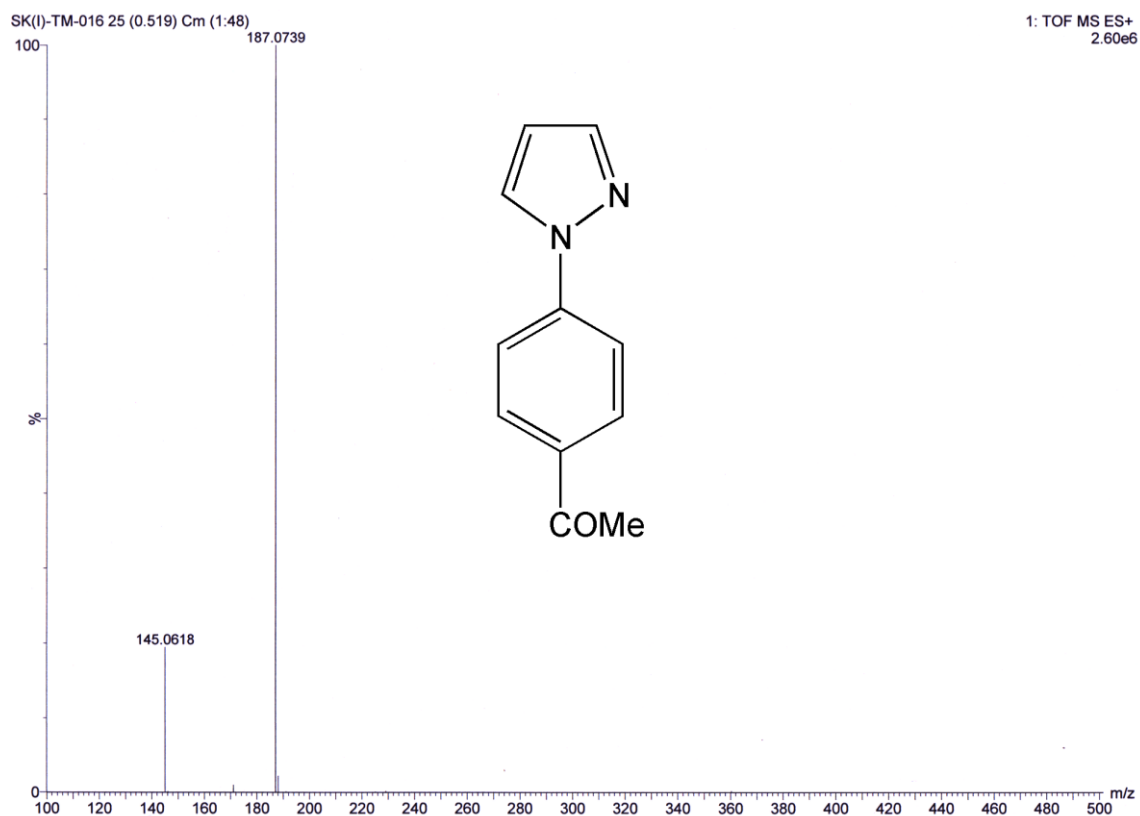




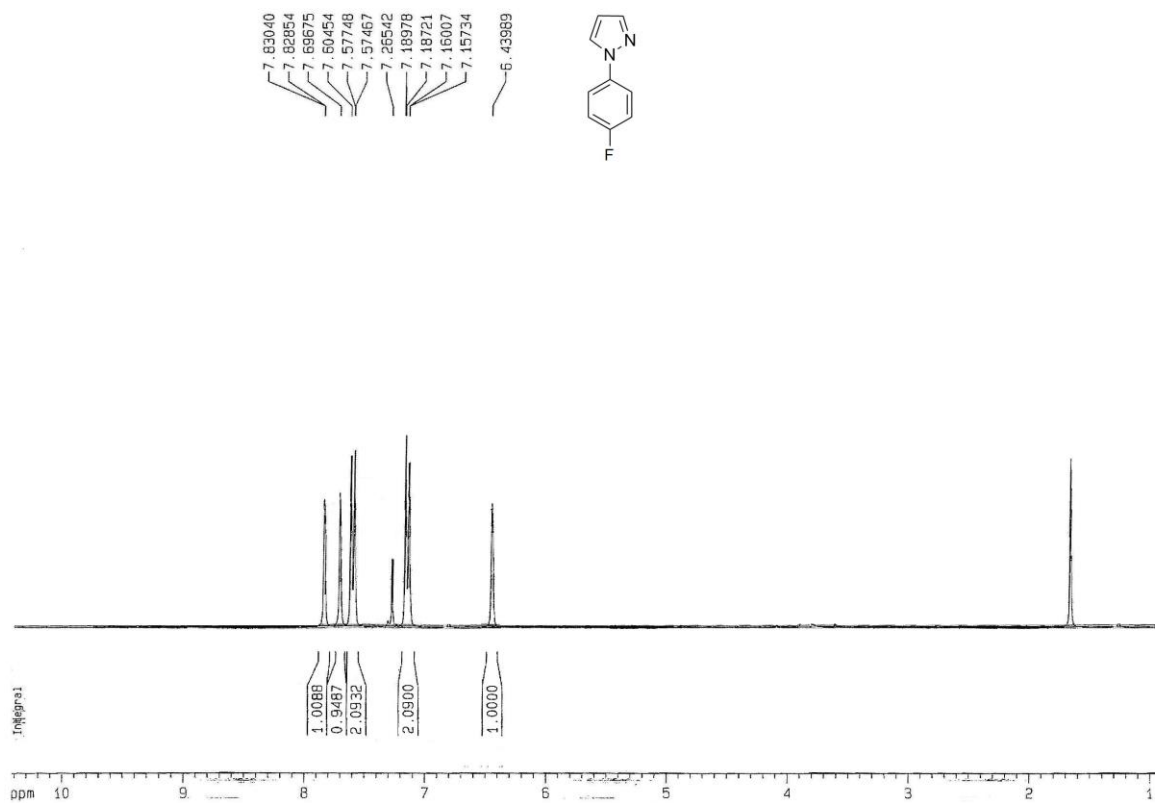


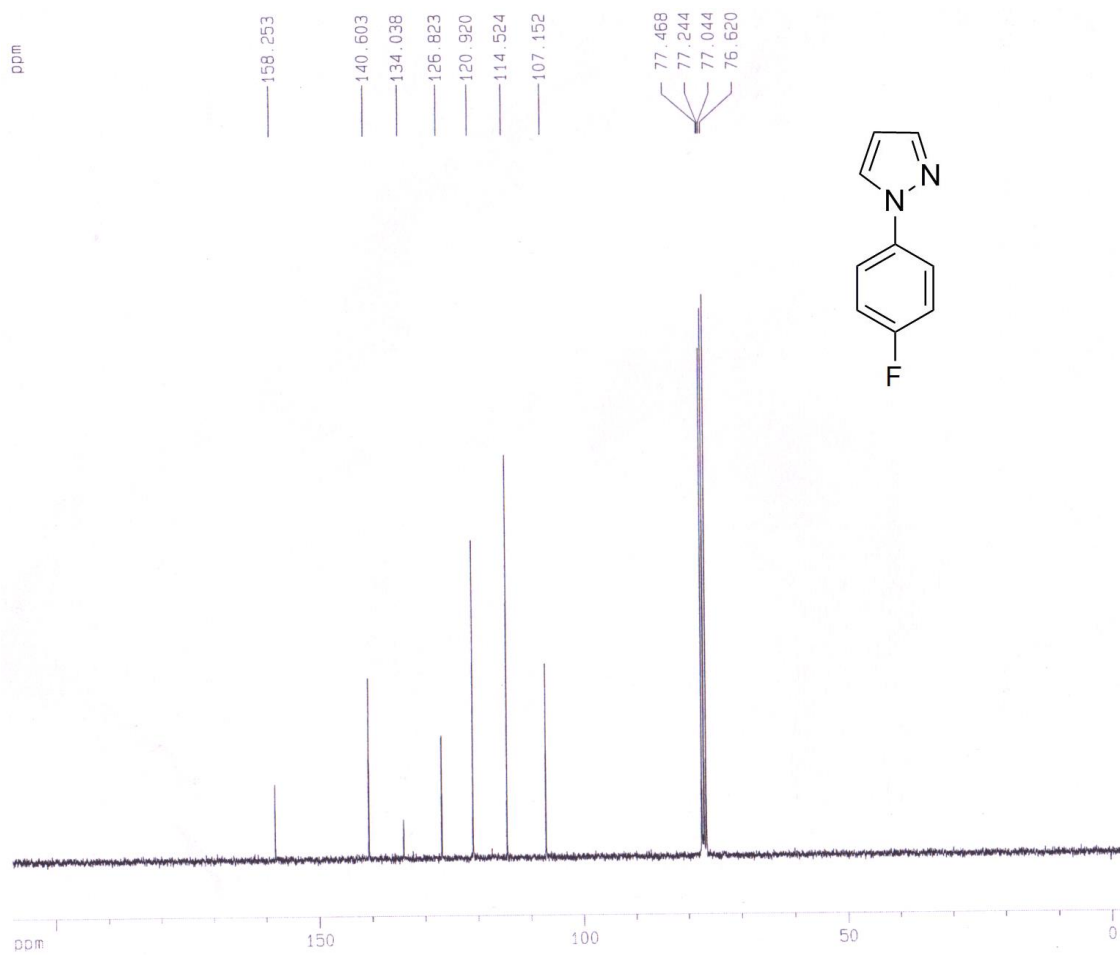
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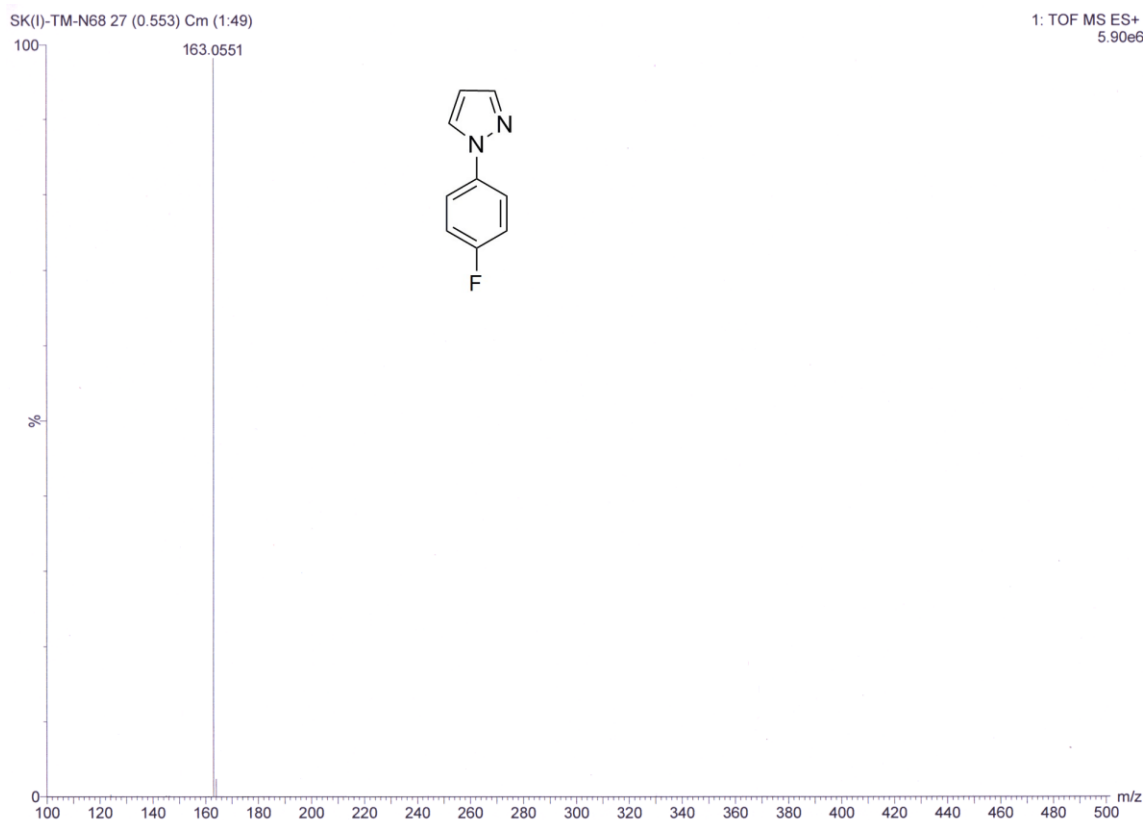




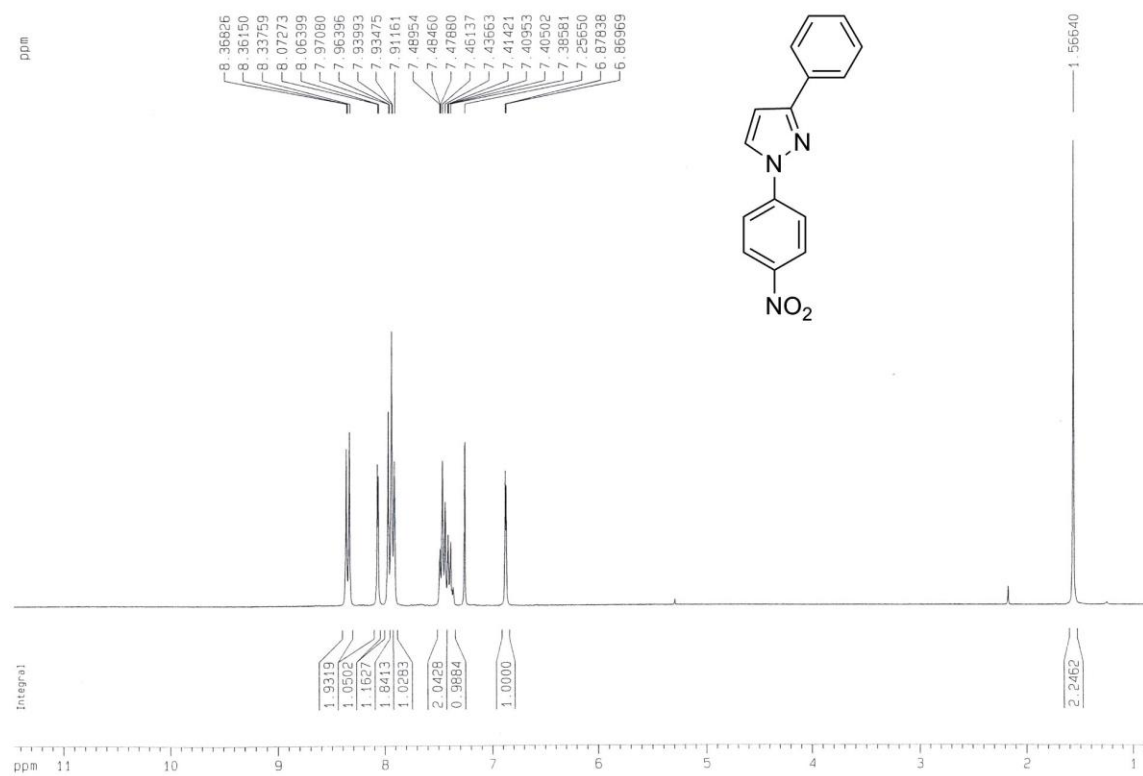
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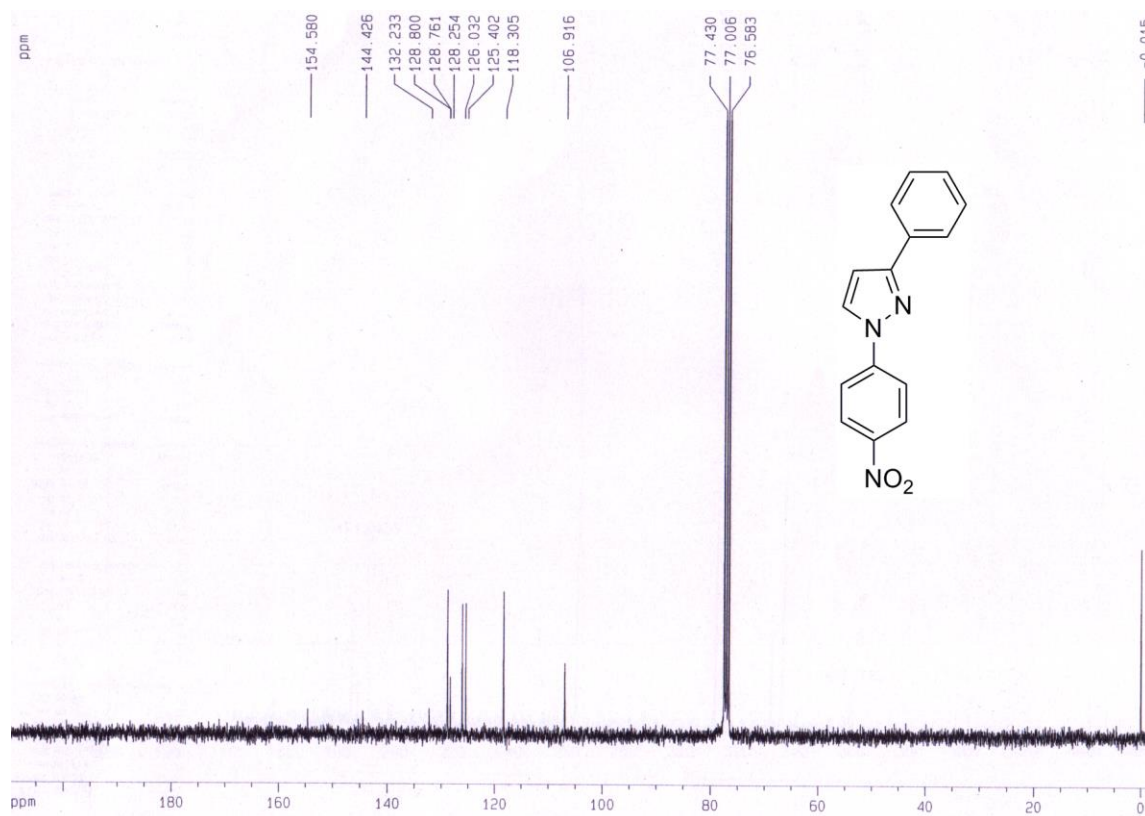


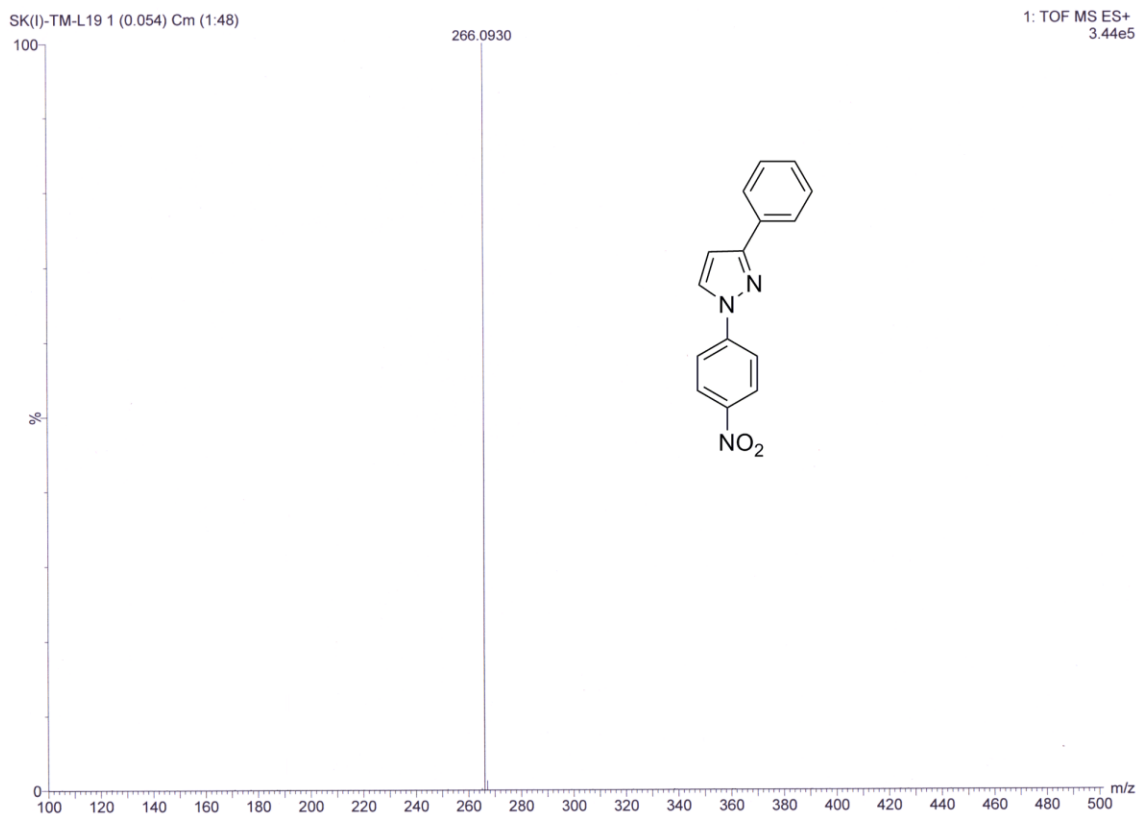


3-phenyl-pyrazole-*p*-nitrobenzene (Table 2, entry 2a):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.36 (t,  $J = 2.03$  Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 2.62$  Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.49 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 2.60$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 154.58, 144.43, 132.23, 128.8, 128.76, 128.25, 126.03, 125.40, 118.30, 106.92; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  266.0930, found 266.0930; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : C, 67.92%; H, 4.18%; N, 15.84%. Found: C, 67.95%; H, 4.19%; N, 15.82%.

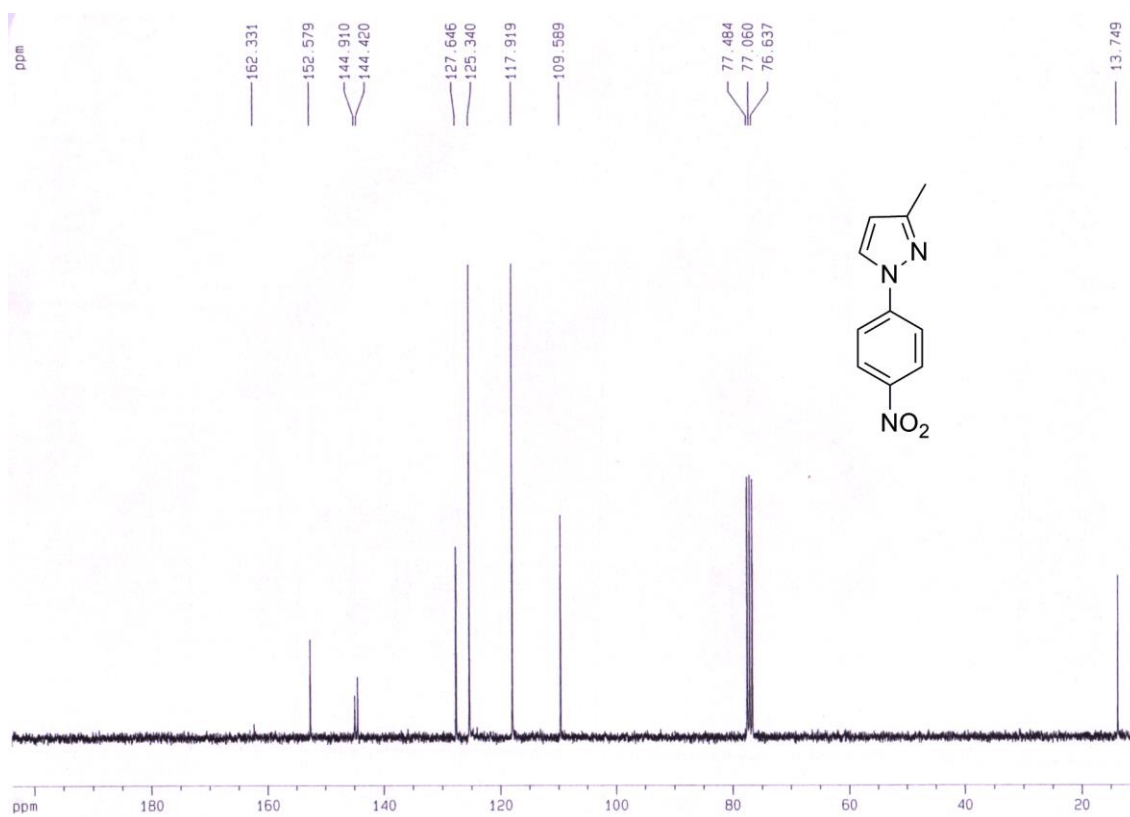
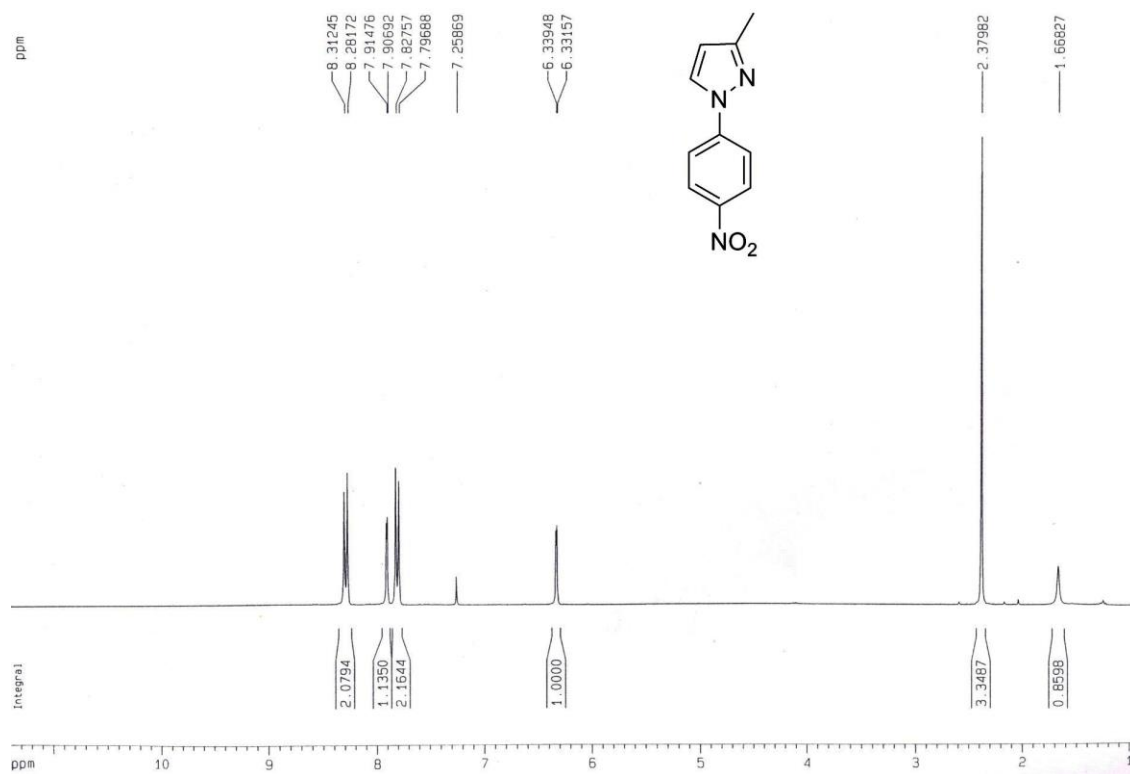


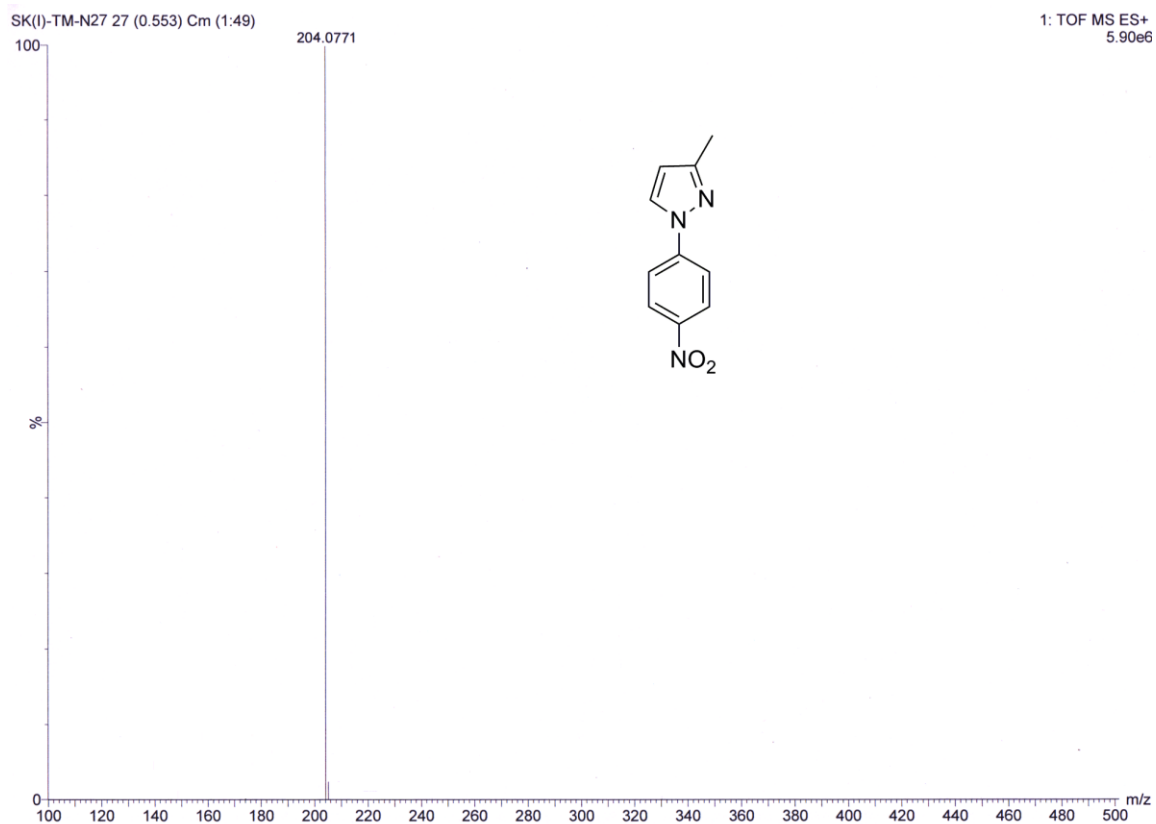




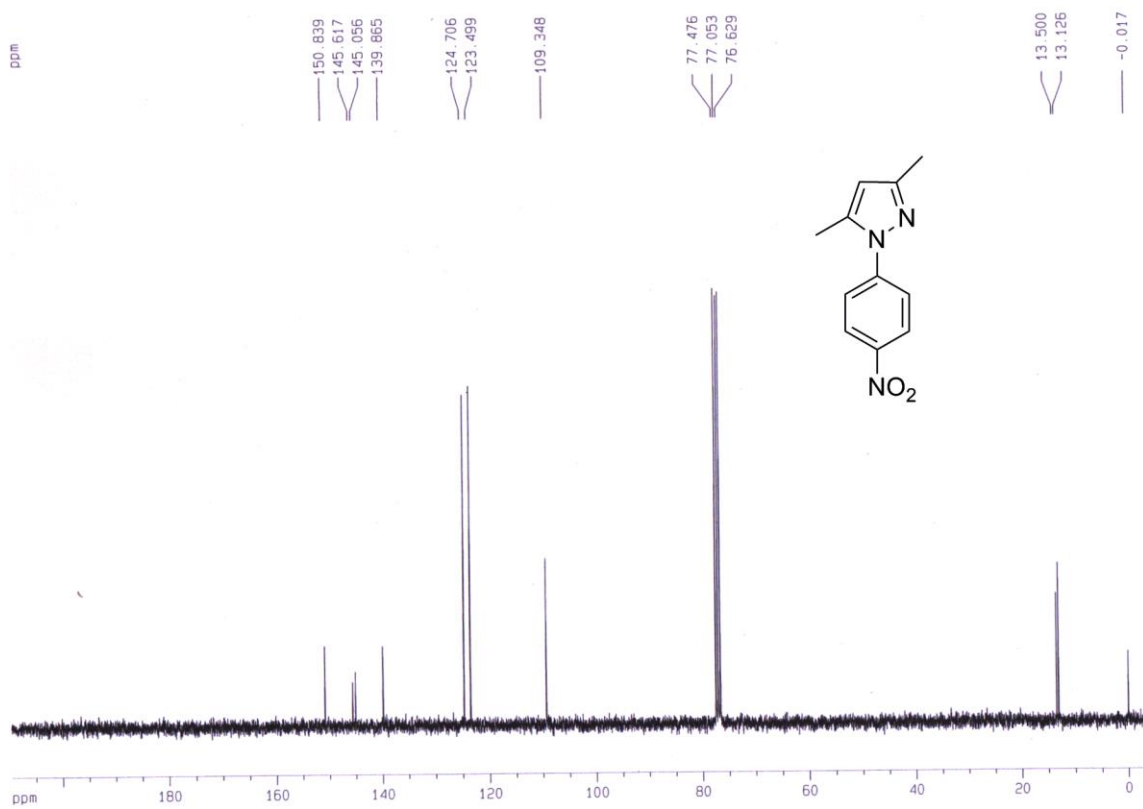
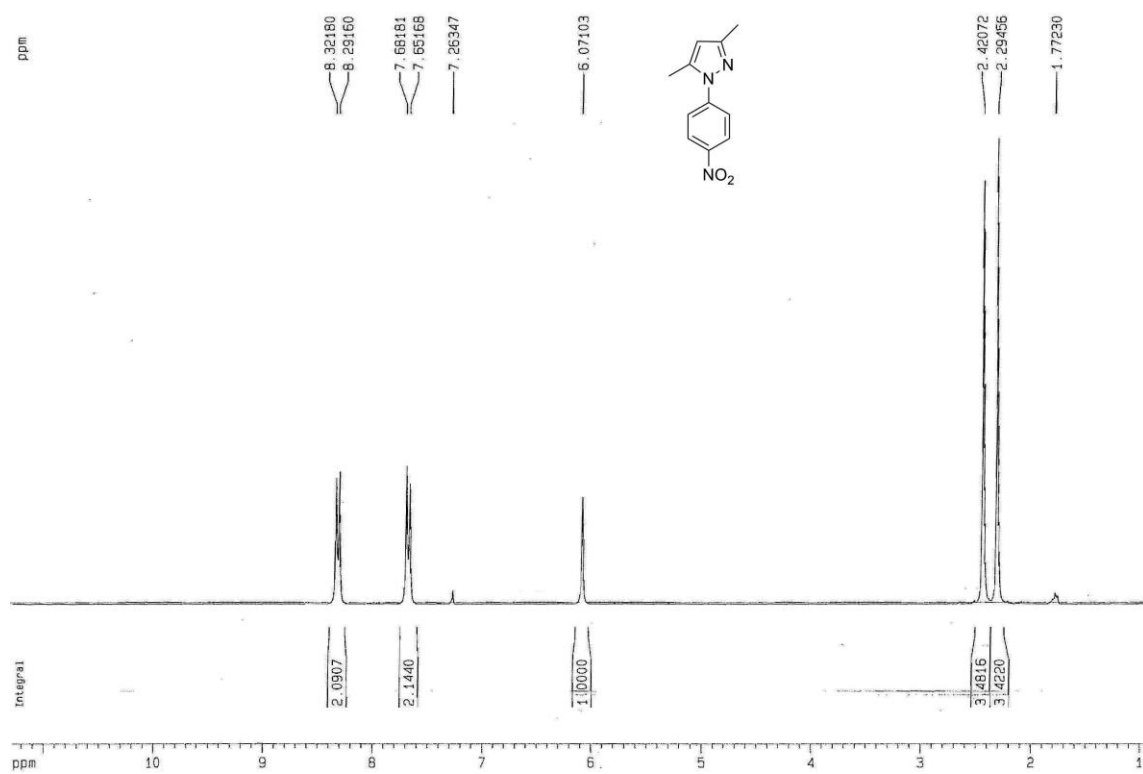


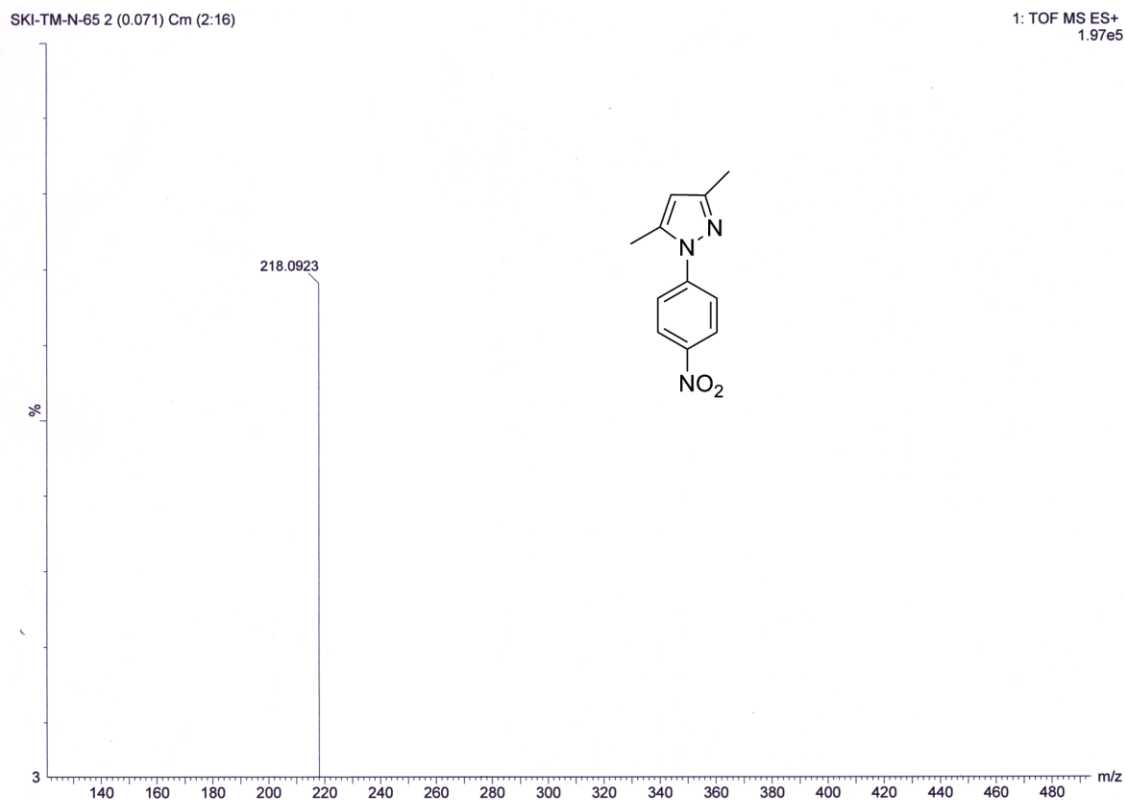
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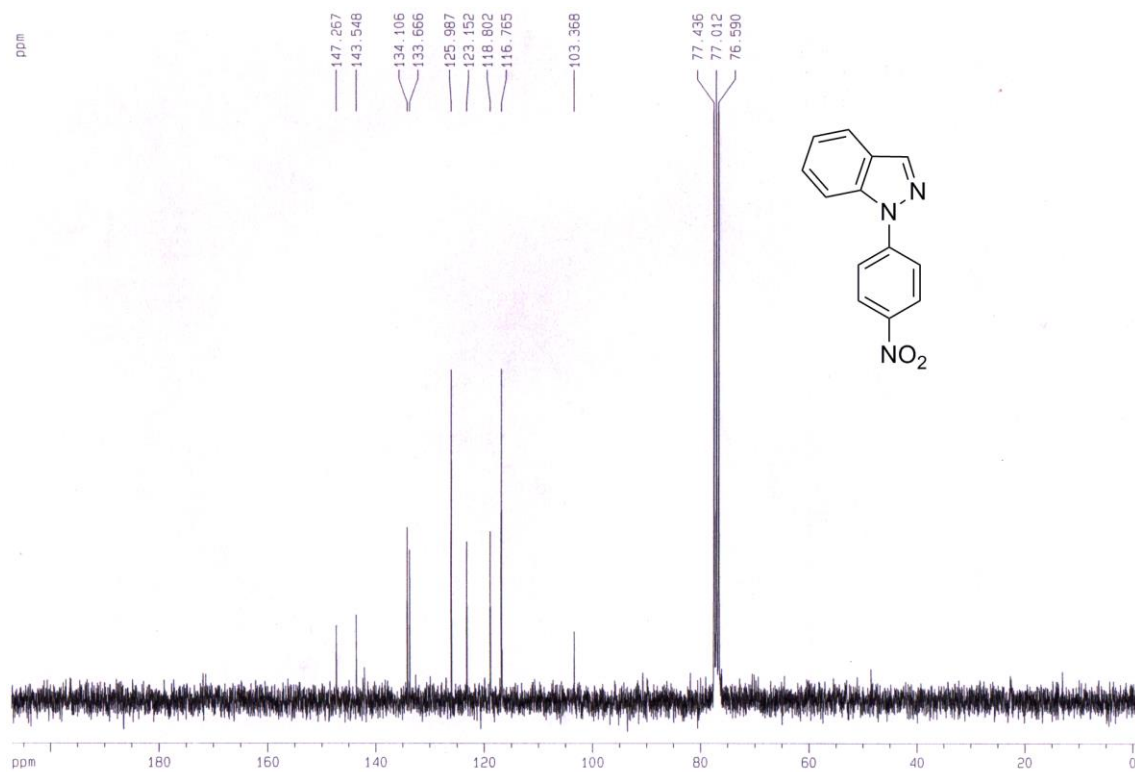
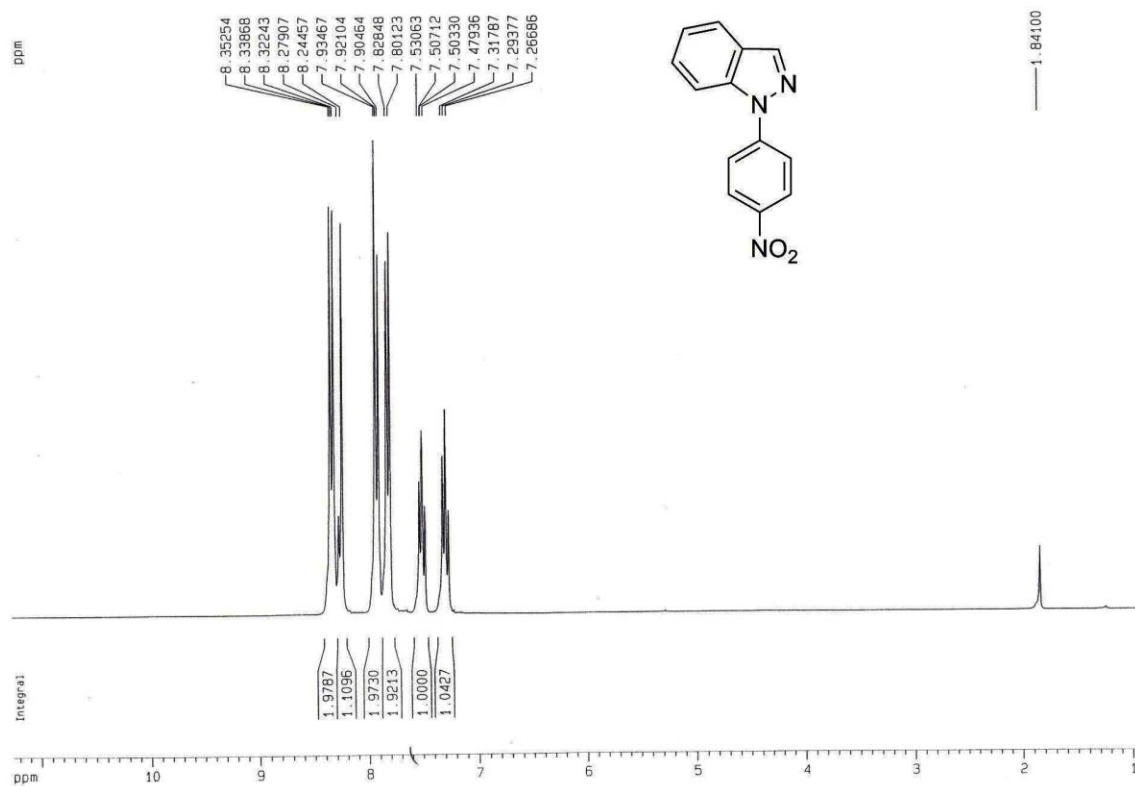


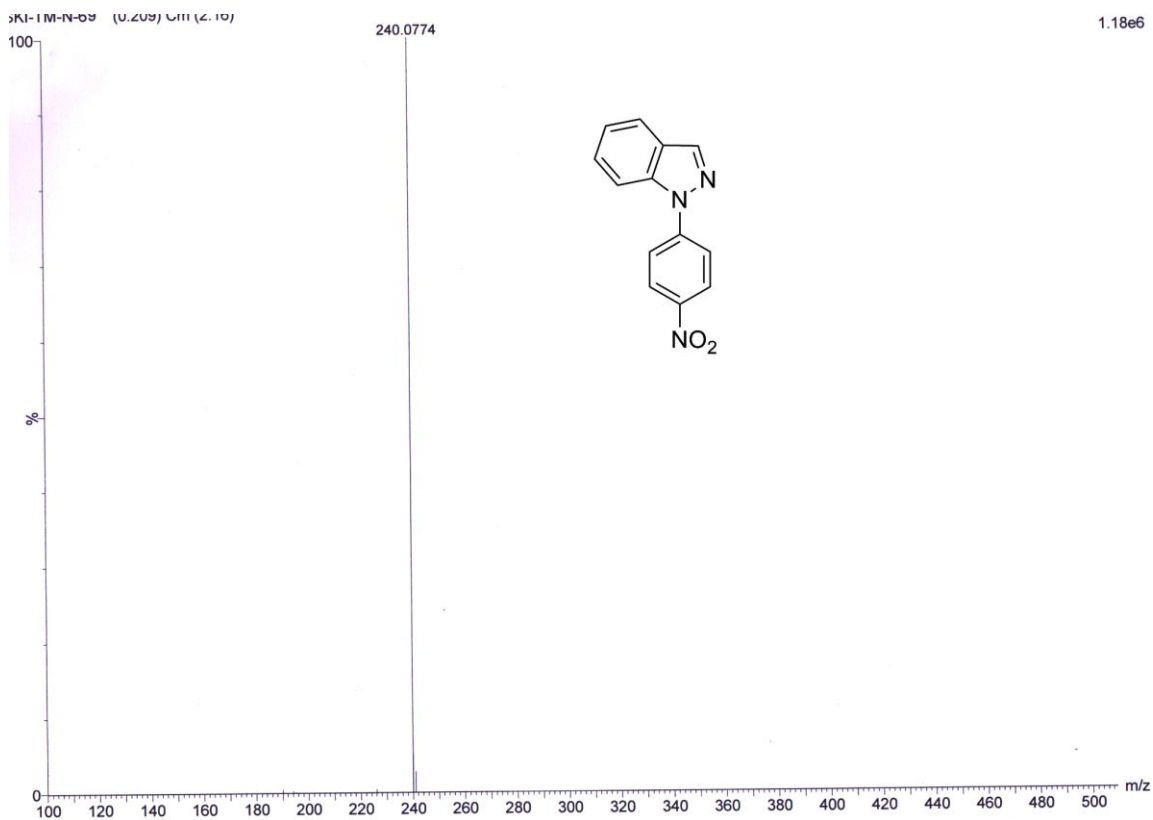
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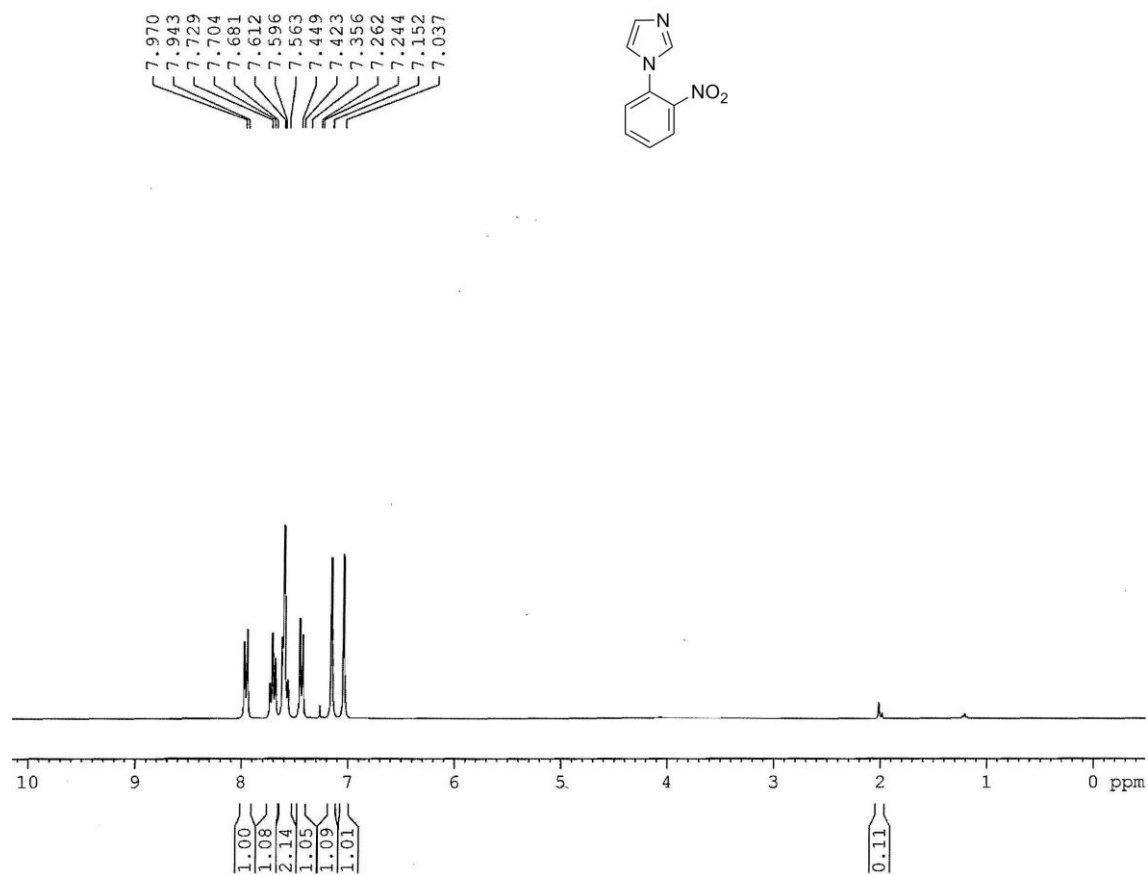
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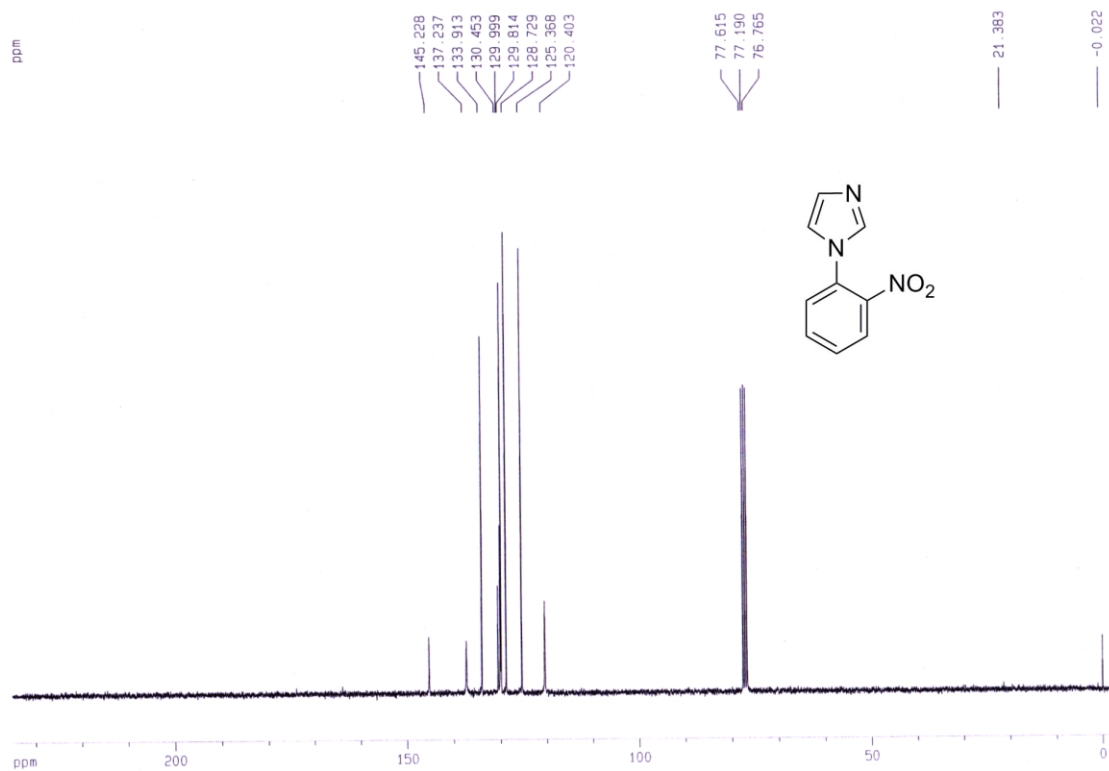




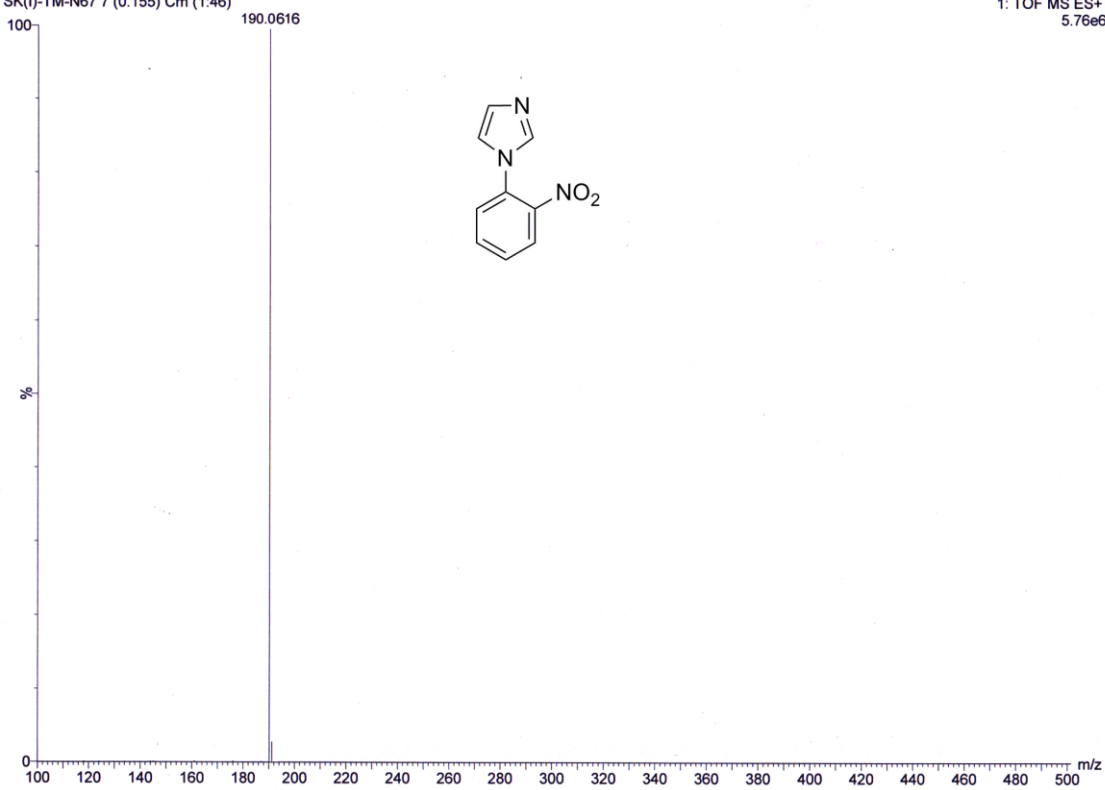
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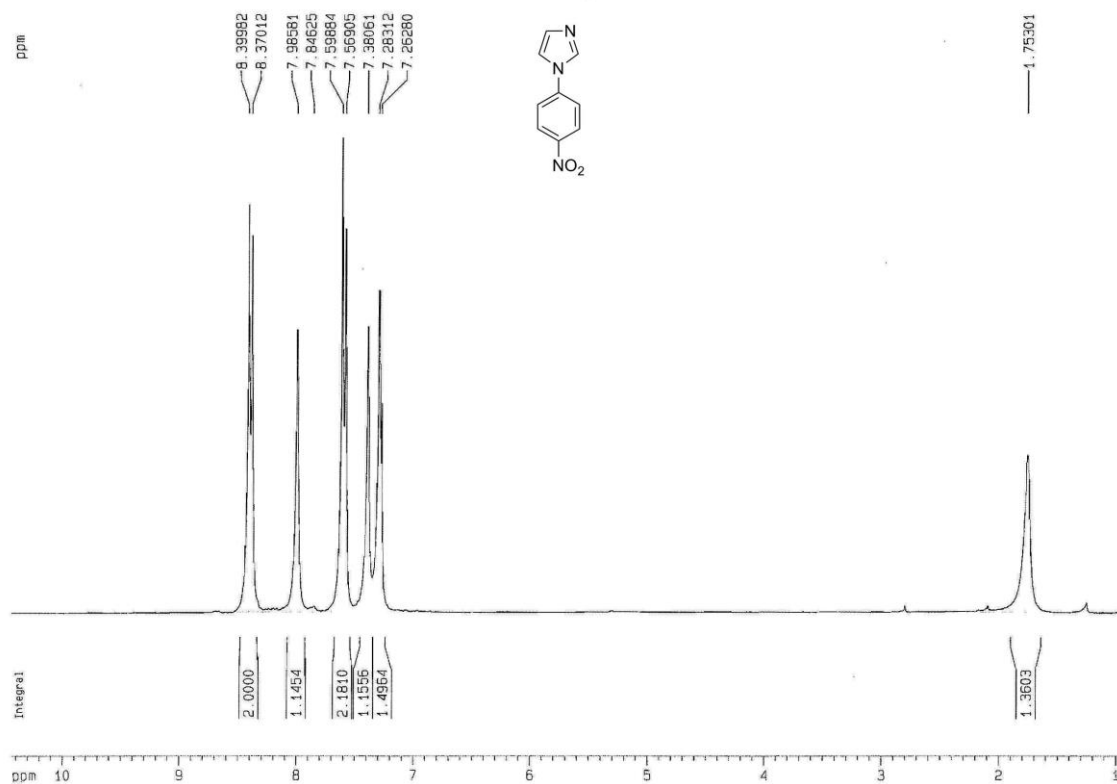


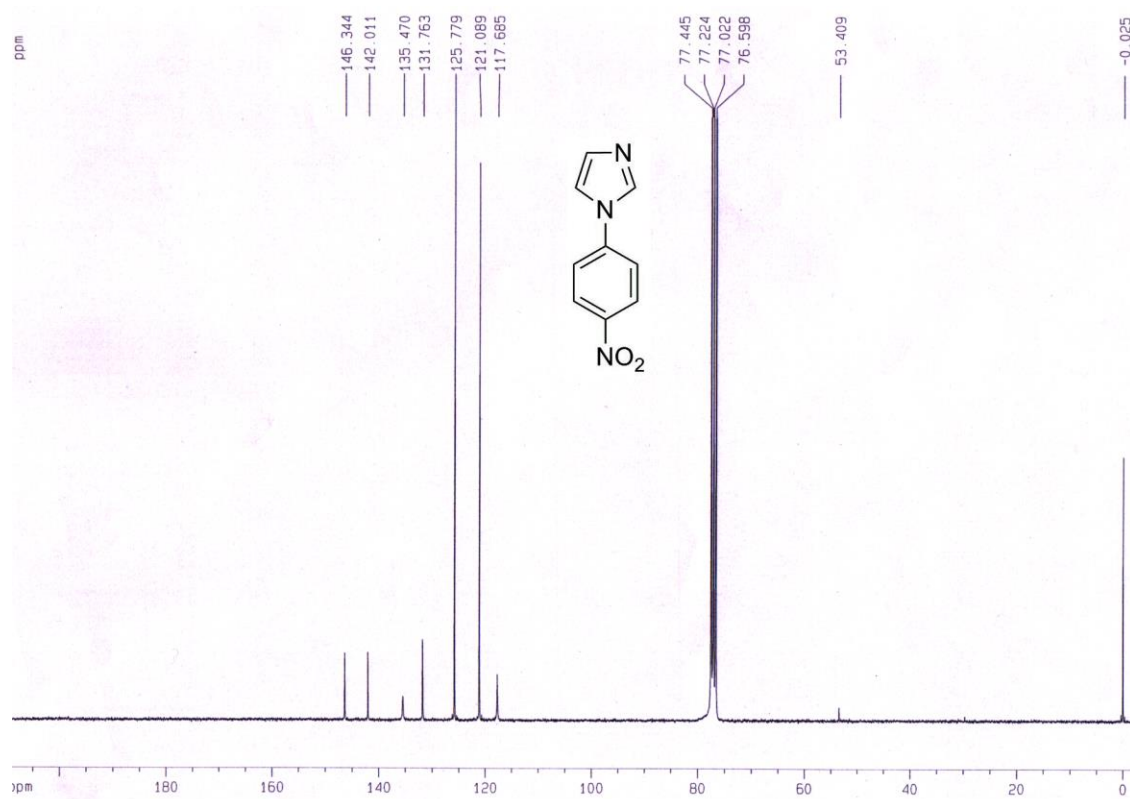


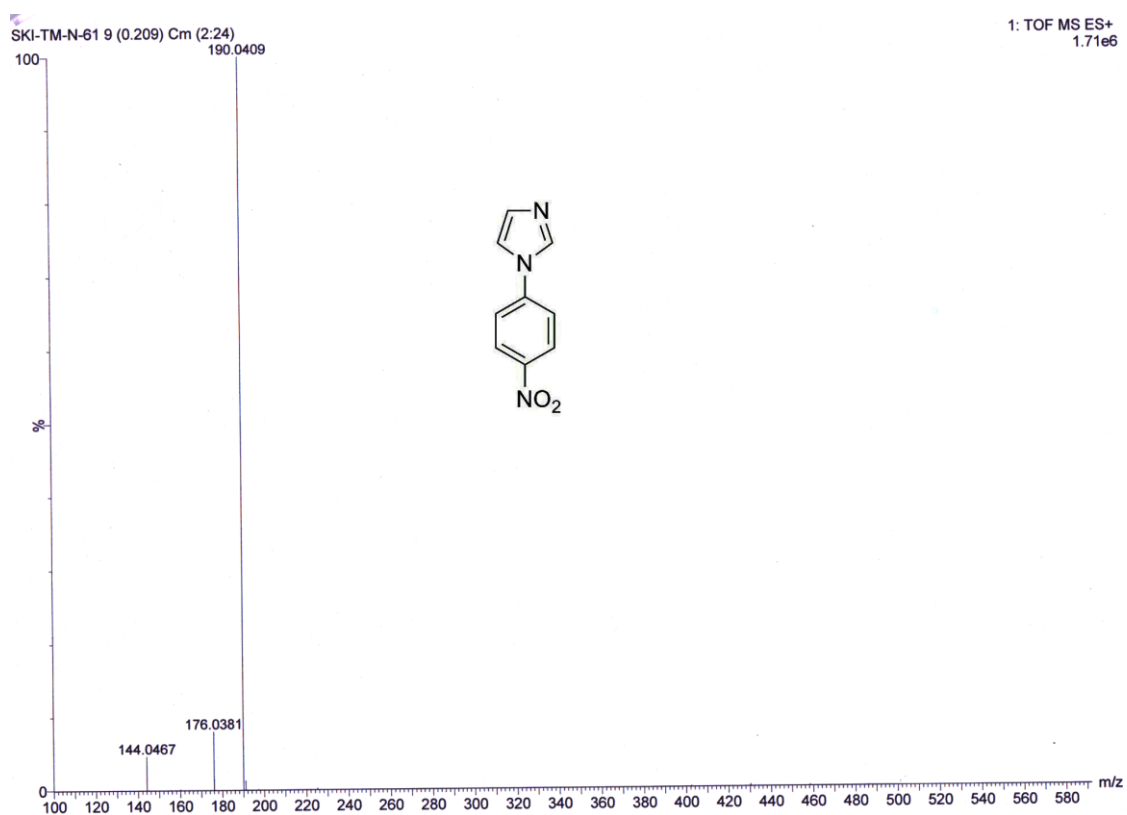
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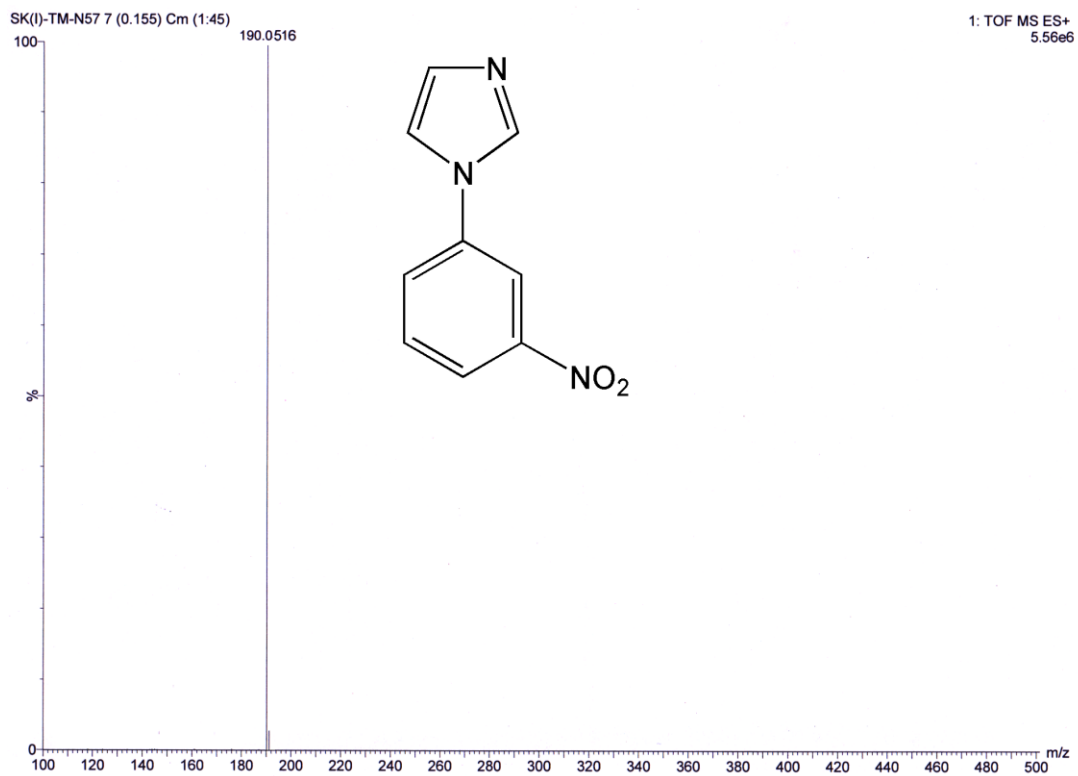
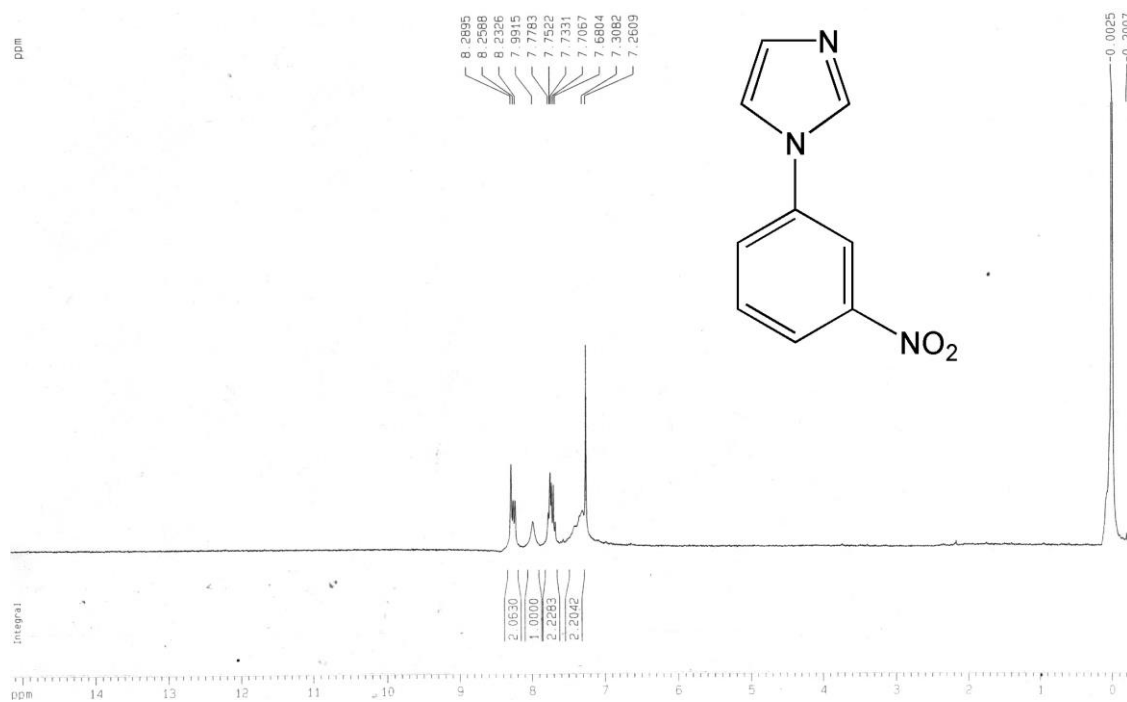
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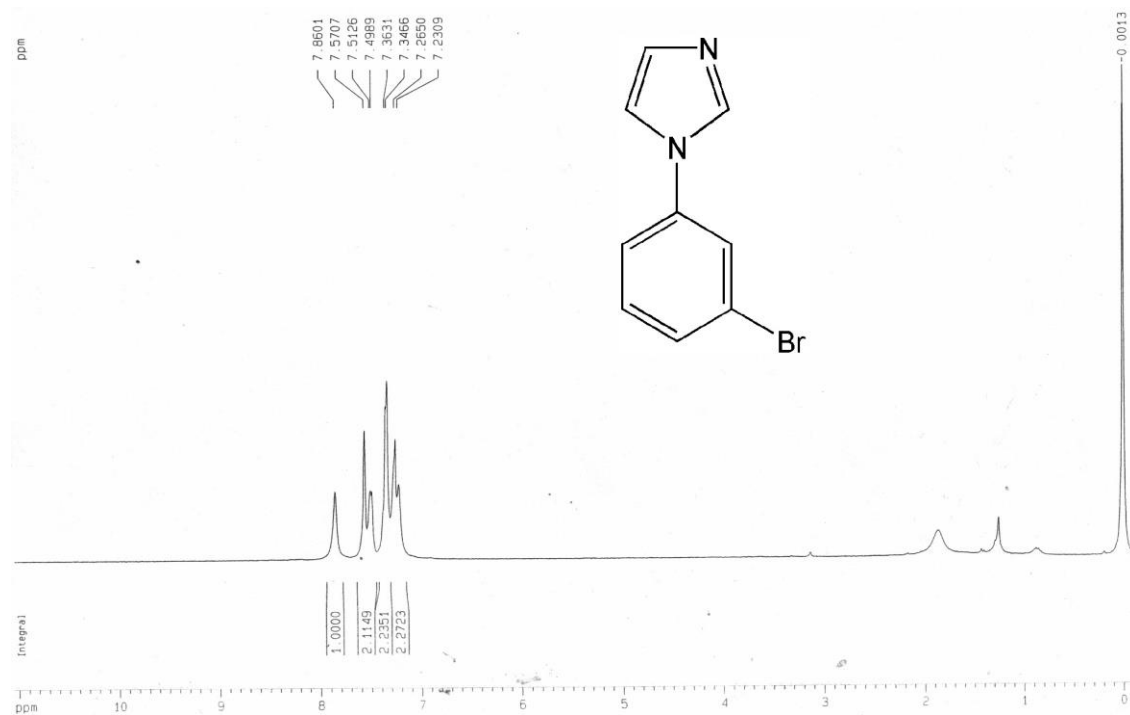


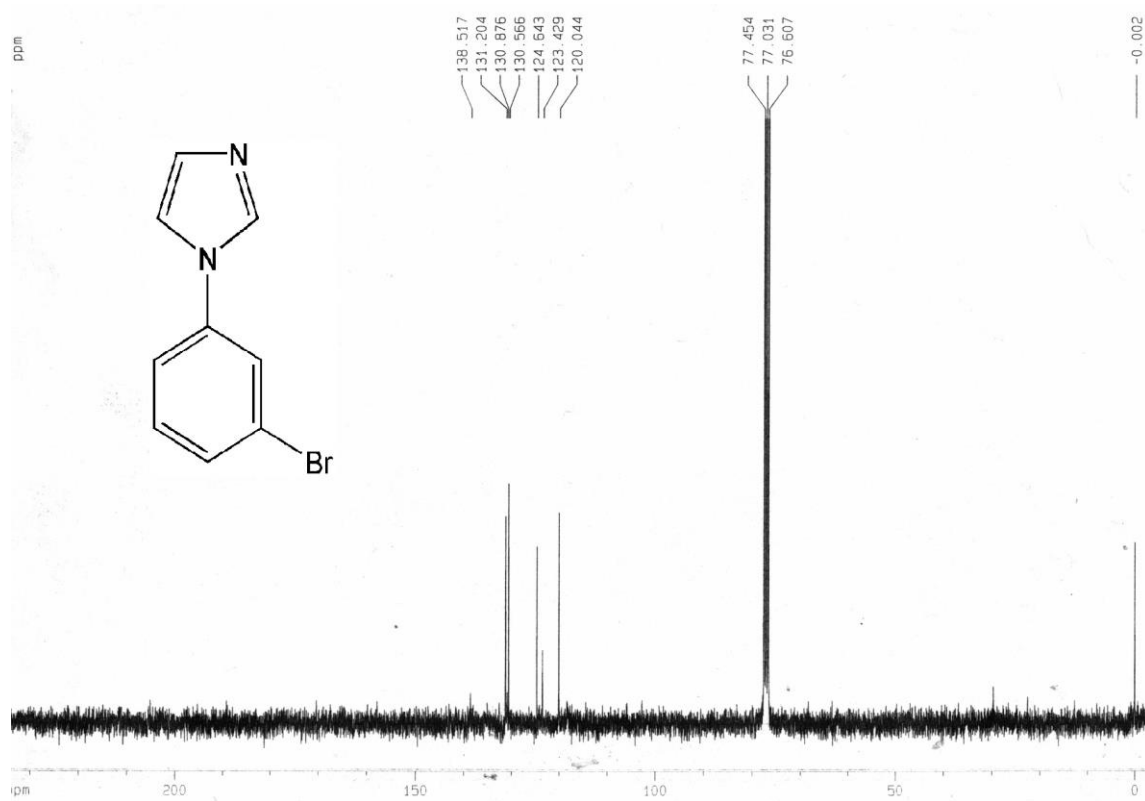


imidazole-m-nitrobenzene (Table 2, entry 2g):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.29-8.23 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 2H); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  190.0617, found 190.0516; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : C, 57.14%; H, 3.73%; N, 22.21%. Found: C, 57.21%; H, 3.78%; N, 22.25%.

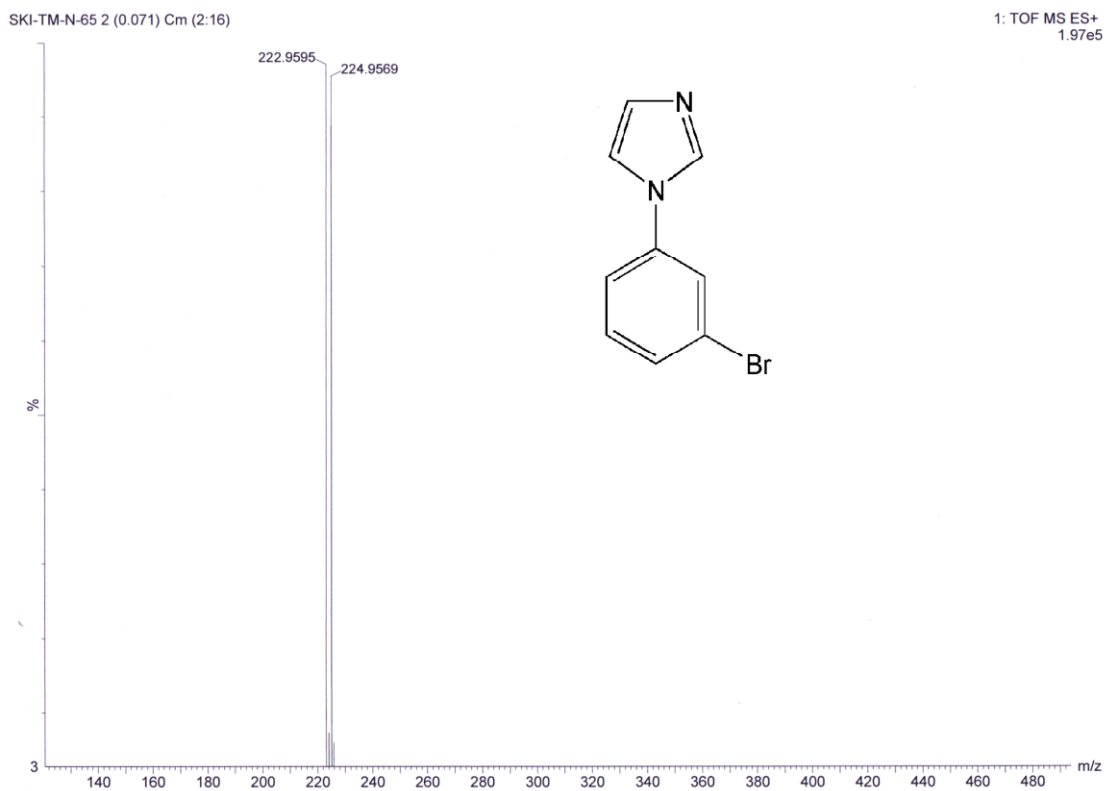


imidazole-m-bromobenzene (Table 2, entry 2h):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 138.52, 131.20, 130.88, 130.57, 124.64, 123.43, 120.04; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  222.9793, found 222.9593; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{BrN}_2$ : C, 48.46%; H, 3.16%; N, 12.56%. Found: C, 48.56%; H, 3.17%; N, 12.61%.

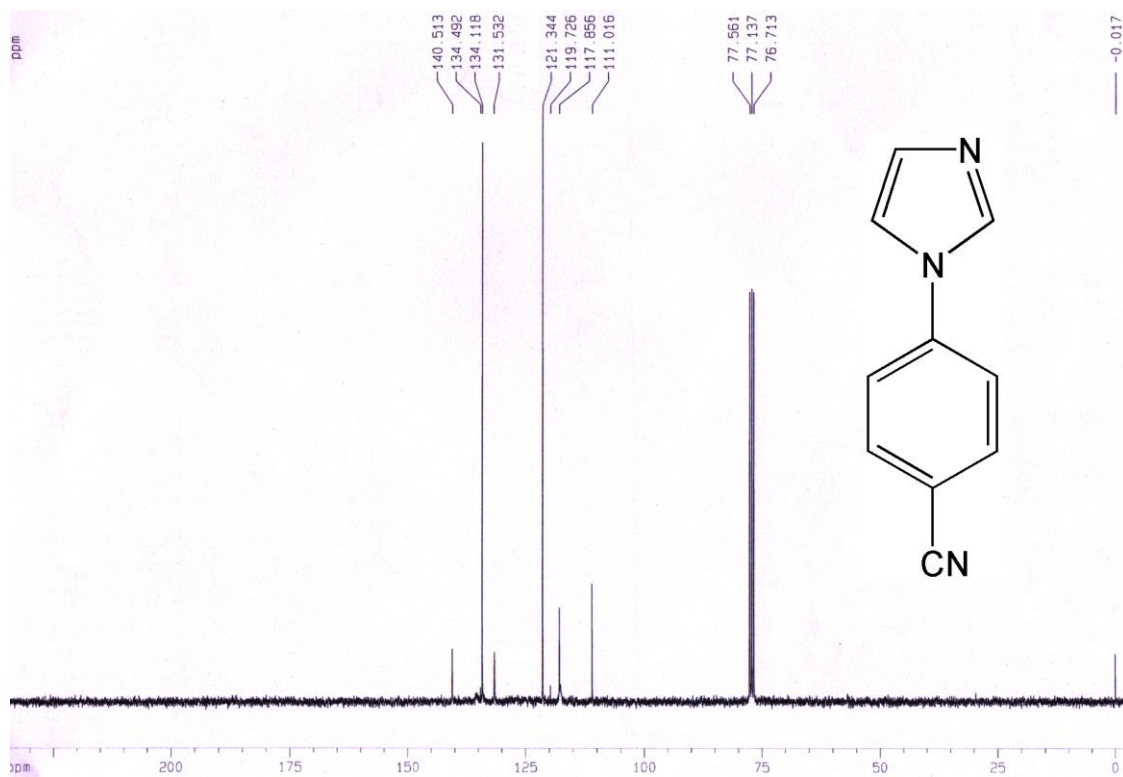


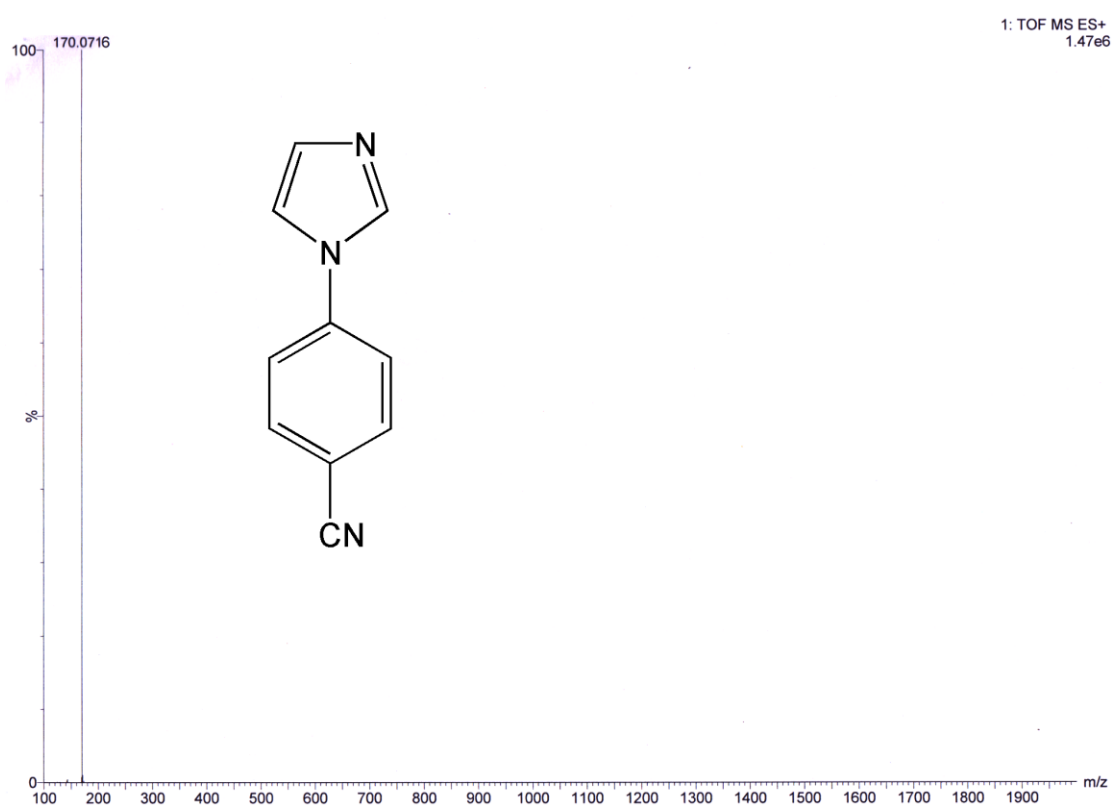




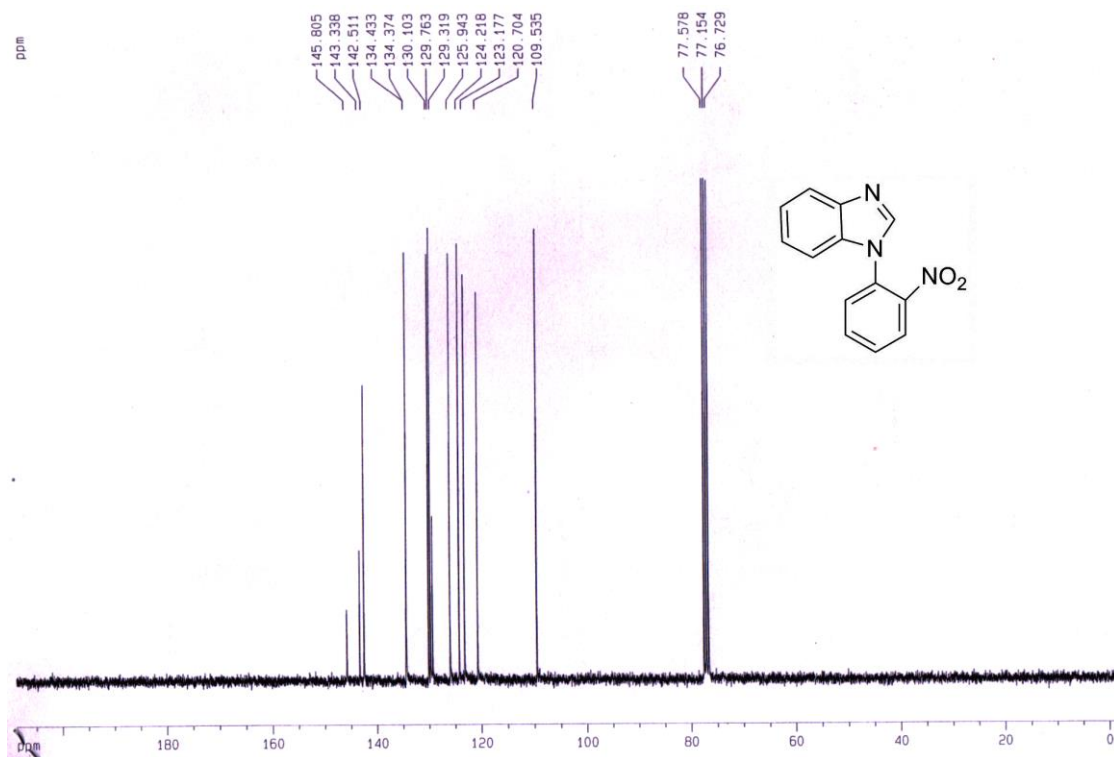
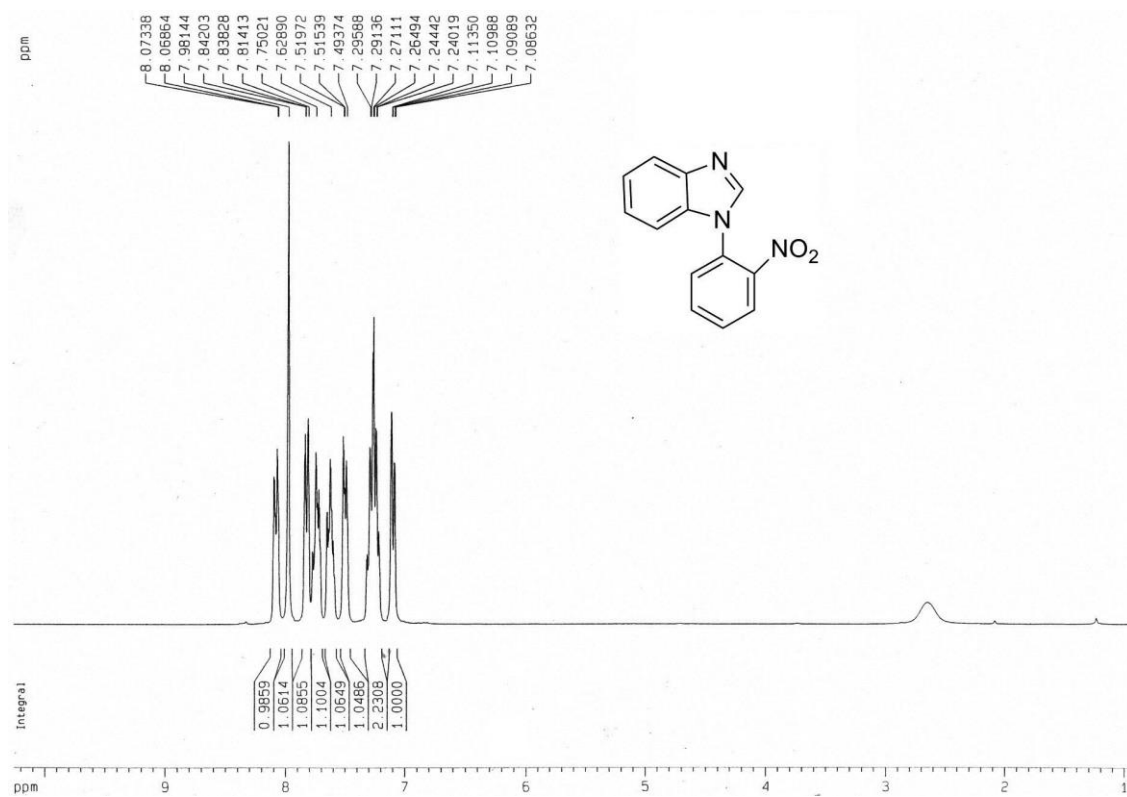


imidazole-*p*-benzonitrile (Table 2, entry 2i):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.03-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 140.51, 134.49, 134.12, 131.53, 121.34, 119.73, 117.86, 111.02; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3$ ) requires  $m/z$  170.0718, found 170.0716; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3$ : C, 70.99%; H, 4.17%; N, 24.84%. Found: C, 70.96%; H, 4.17%; N, 24.81%.

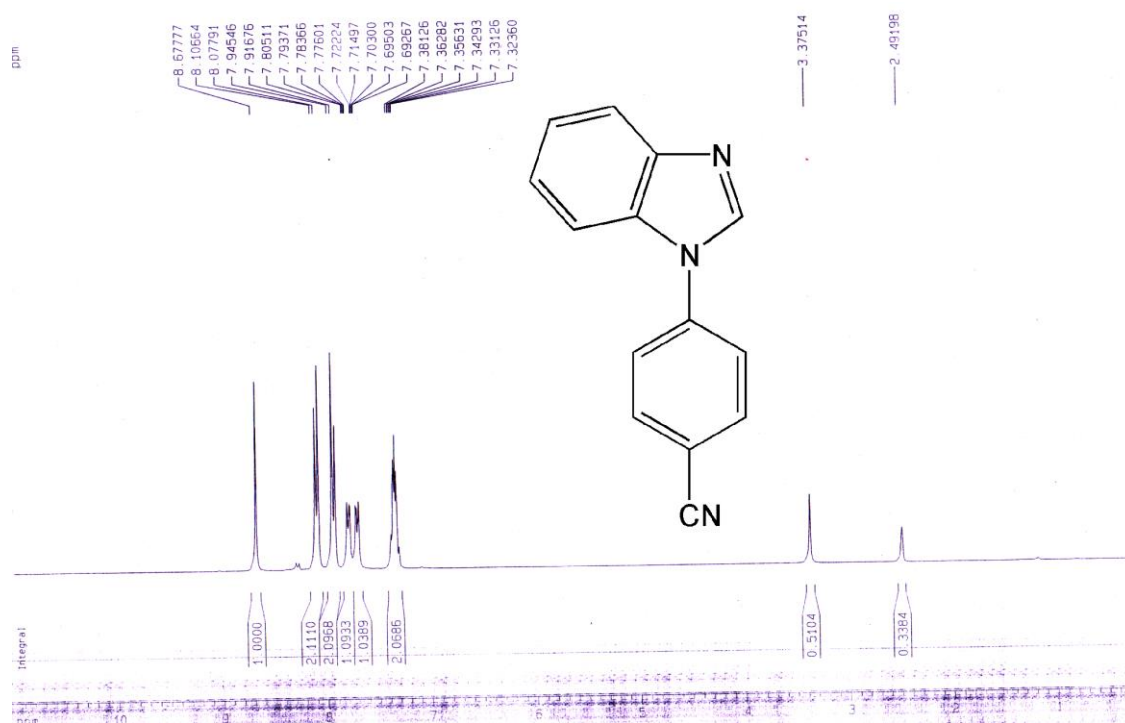


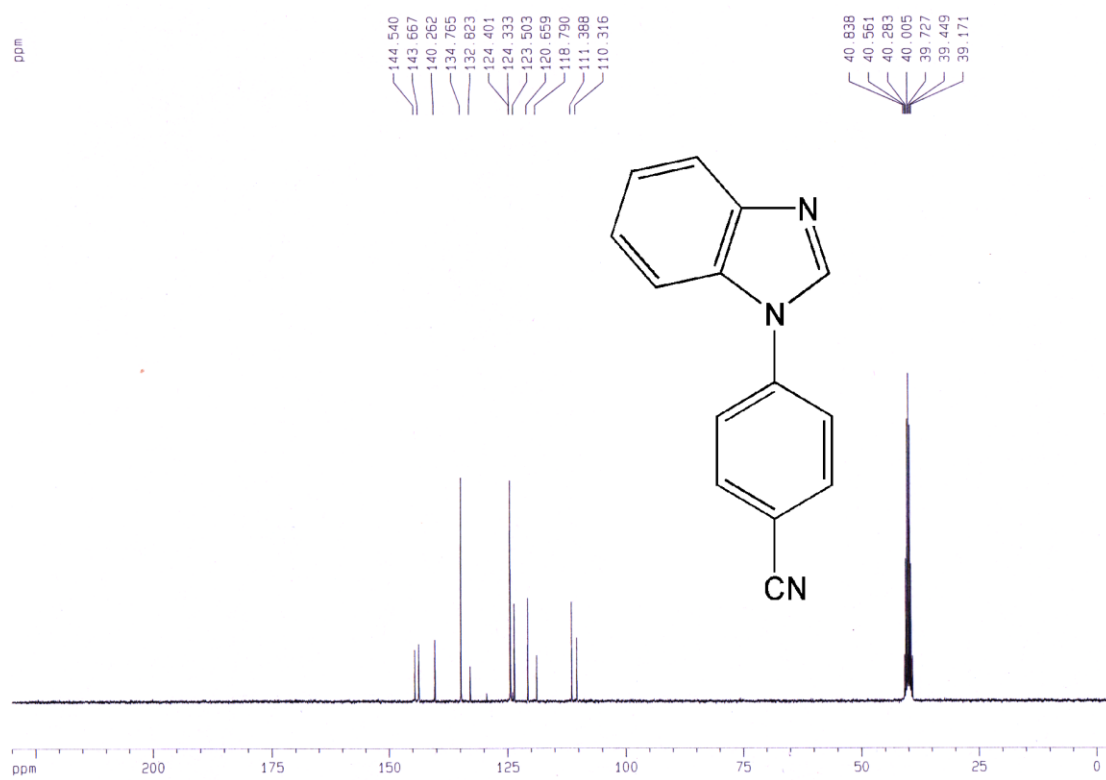


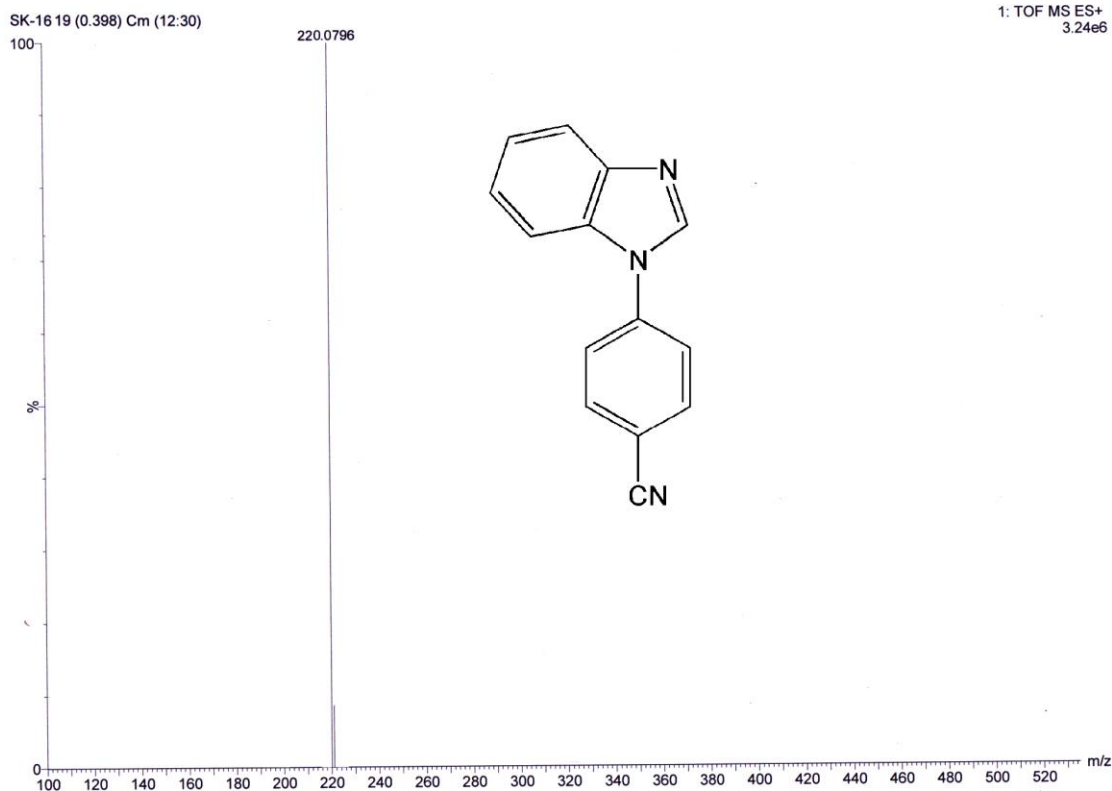
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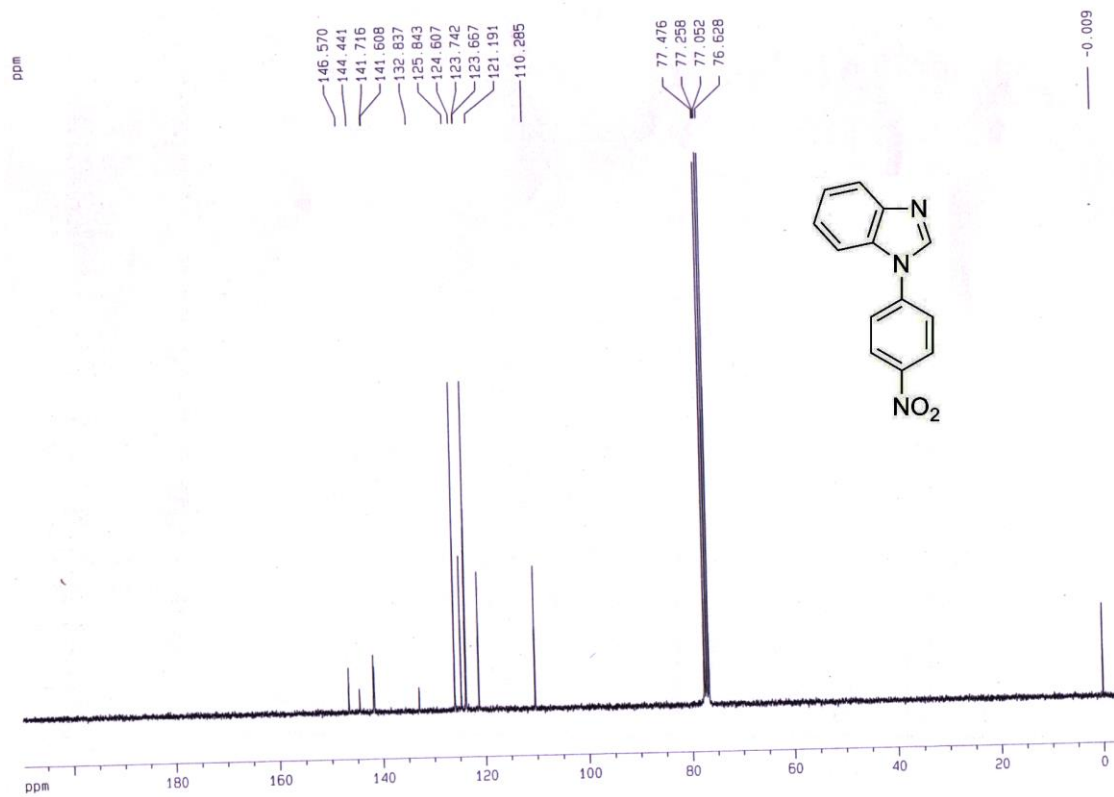
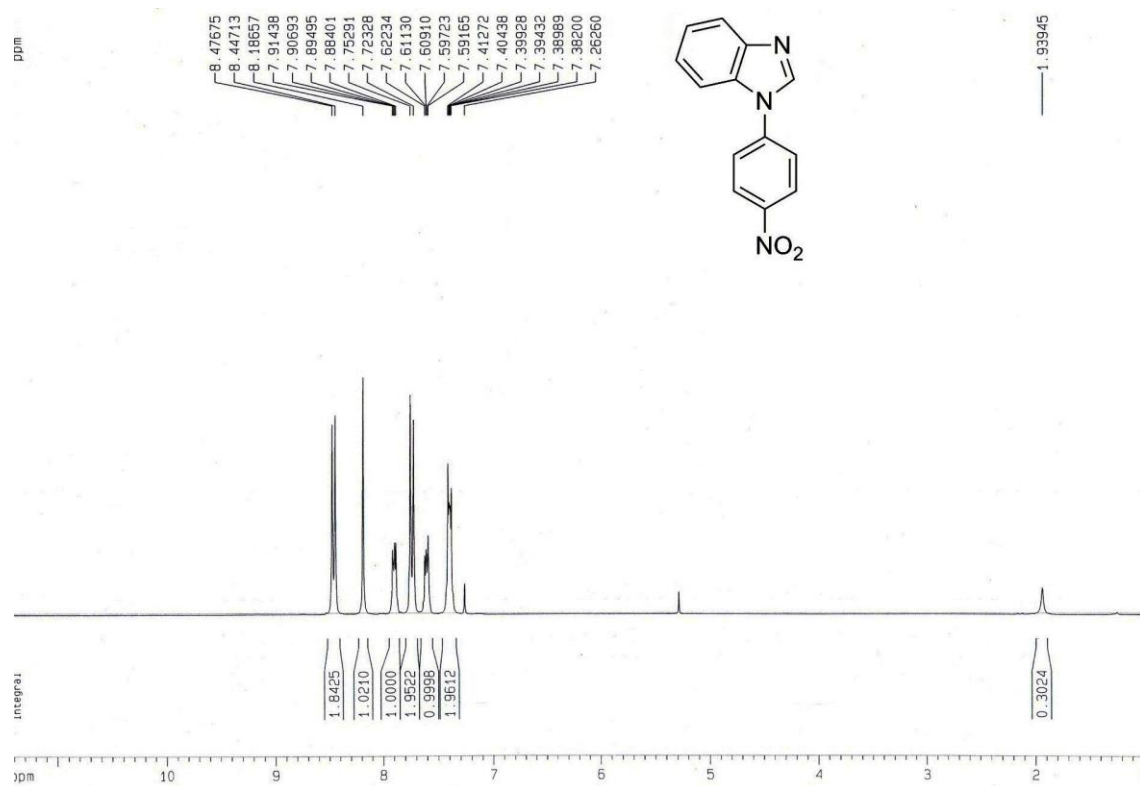
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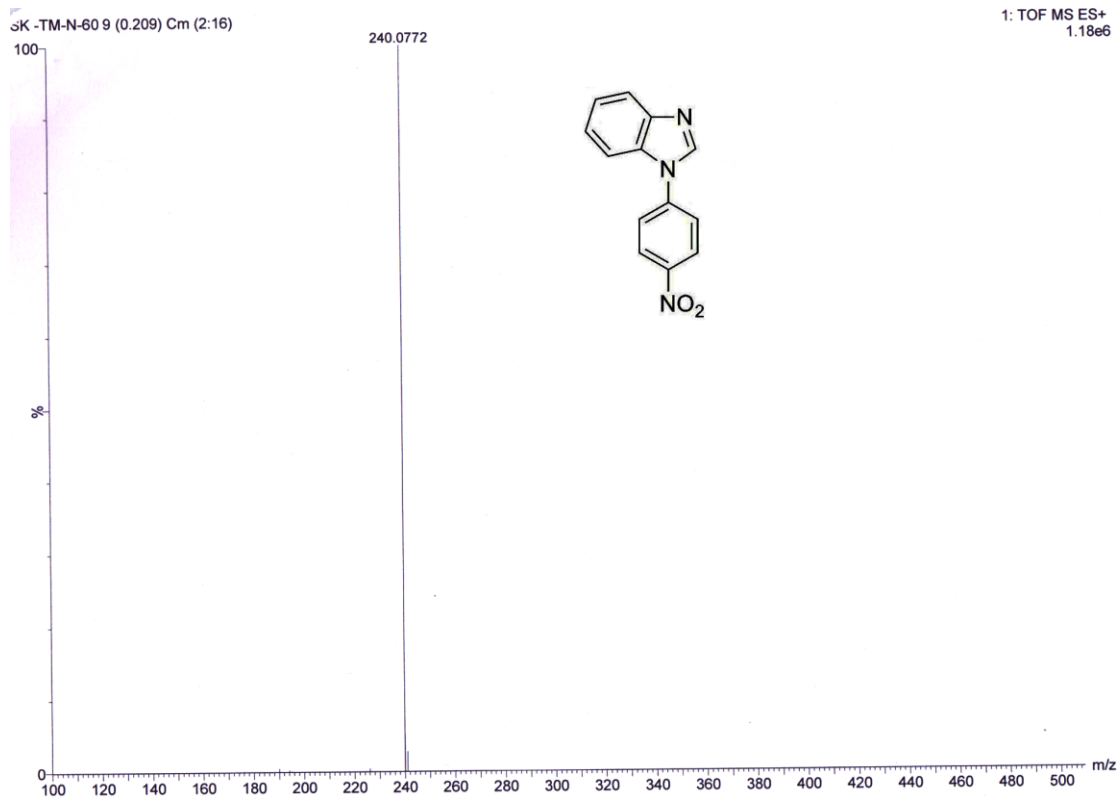




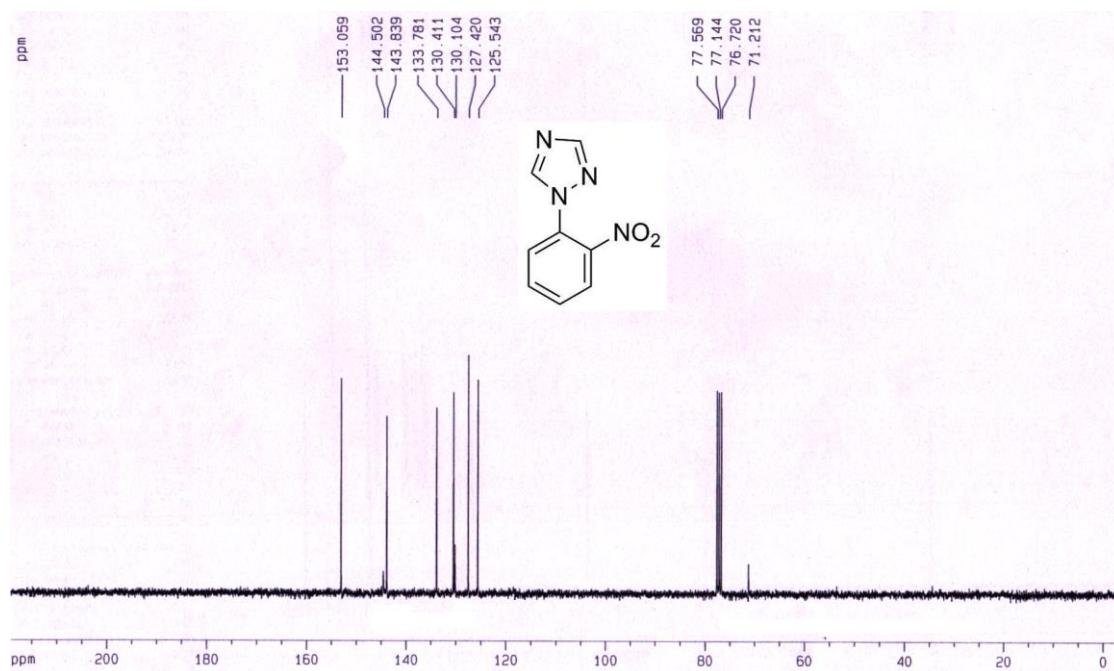
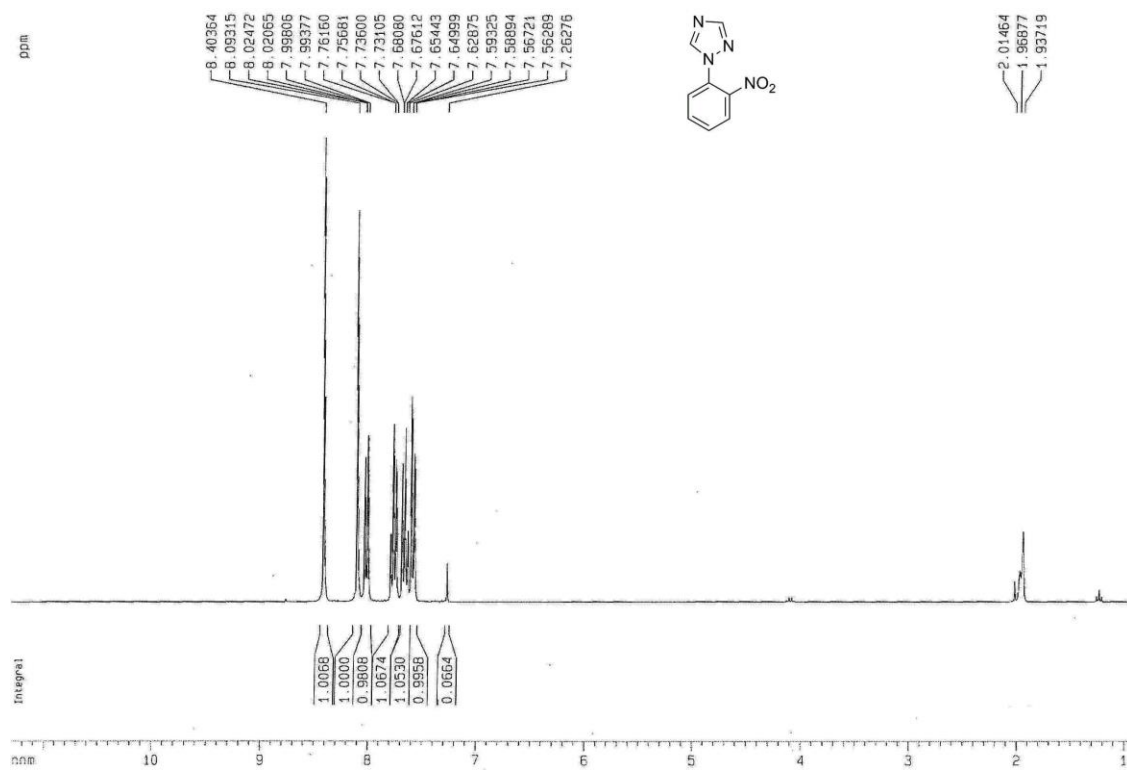
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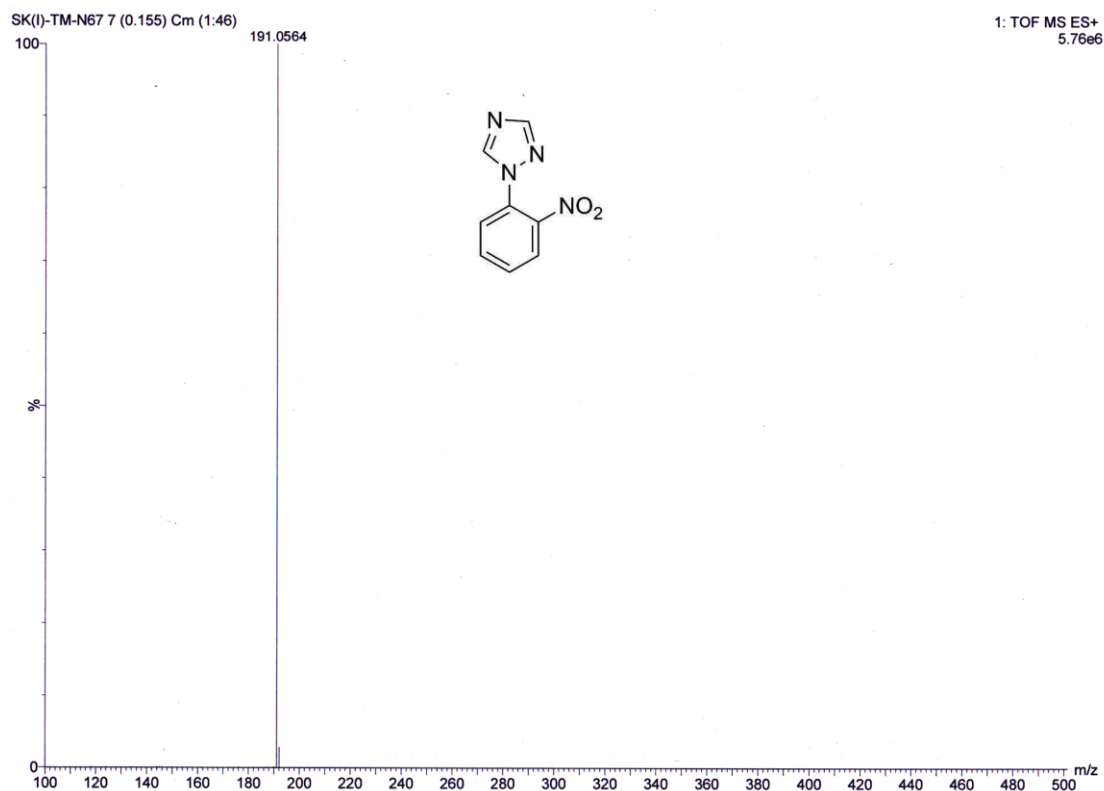




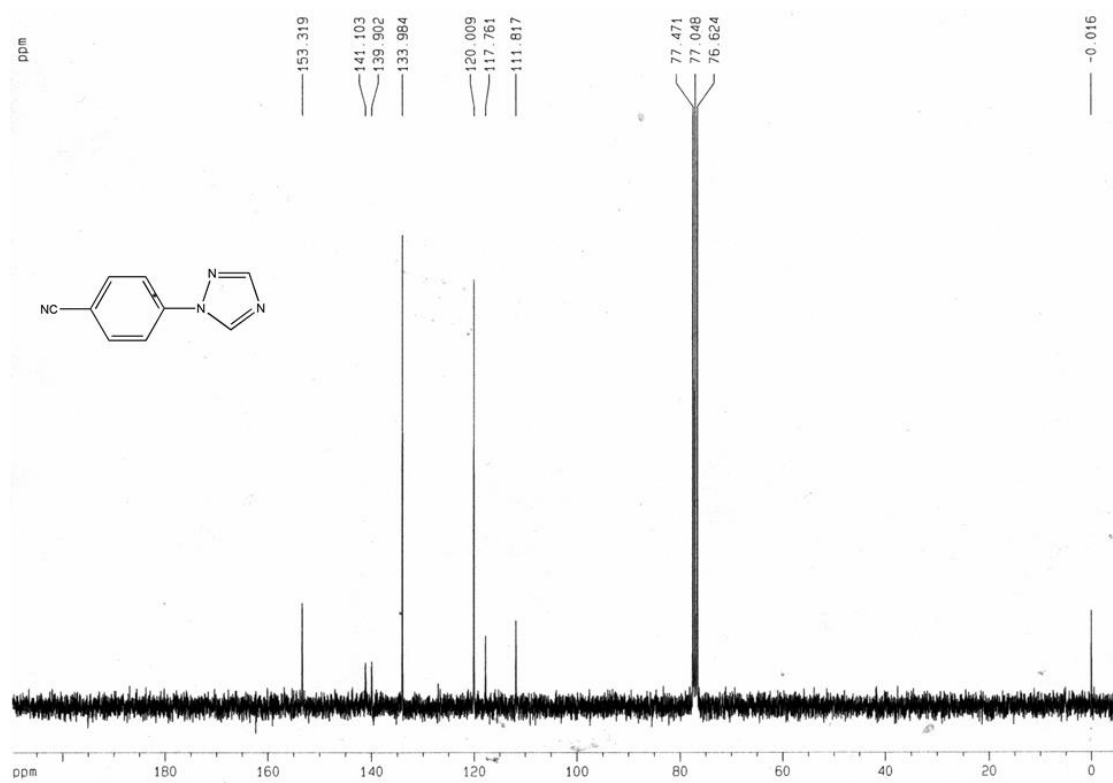
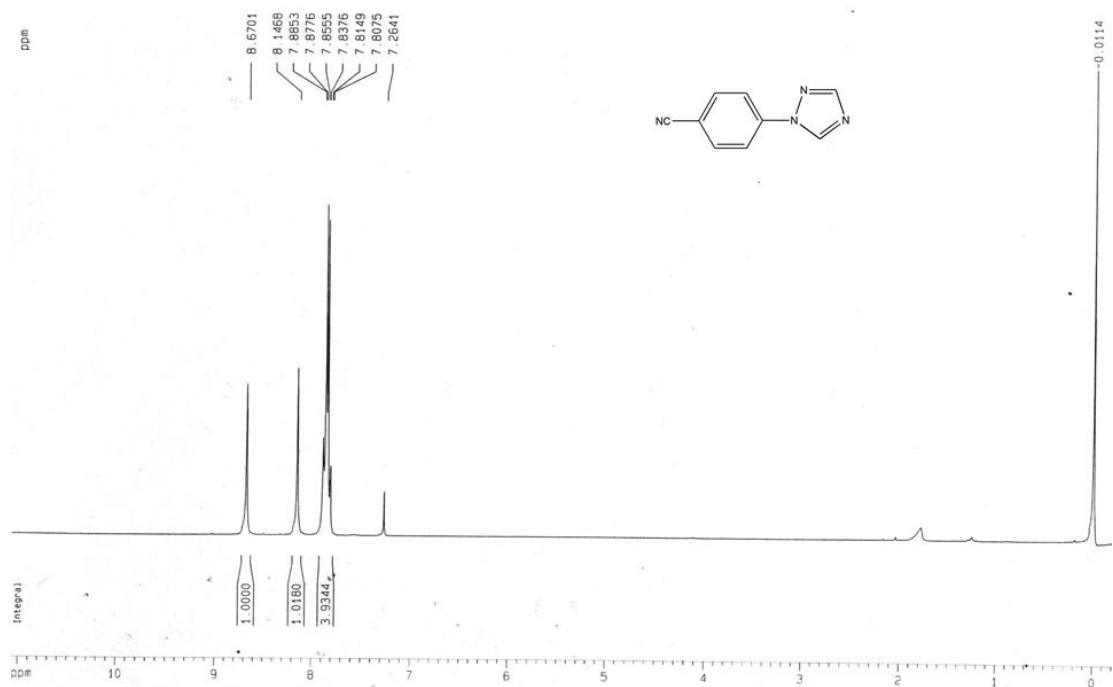


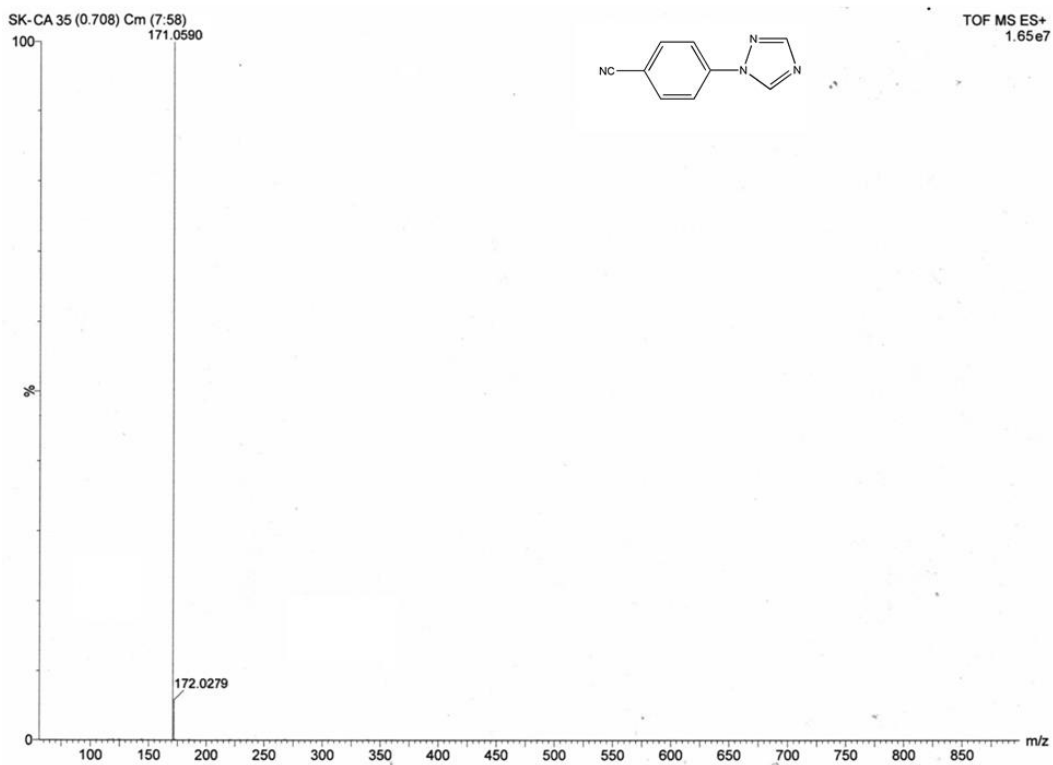
1,2,4-triazole-*o*-nitrobenzene (Table 2, entry 2m):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.4 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 153.05, 144.5, 143.83, 133.78, 130.41, 130.1, 127.4, 125.5; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  191.0569, found 191.0564; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 50.53%; H, 3.18%; N, 29.46%. Found: C, 50.55%; H, 3.19%; N, 29.44%.



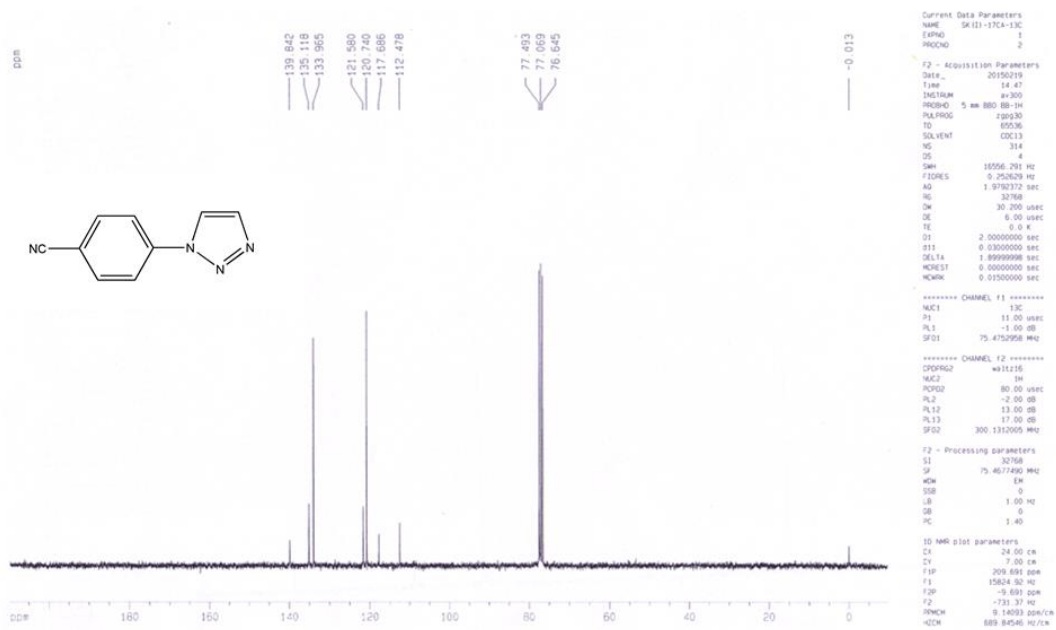
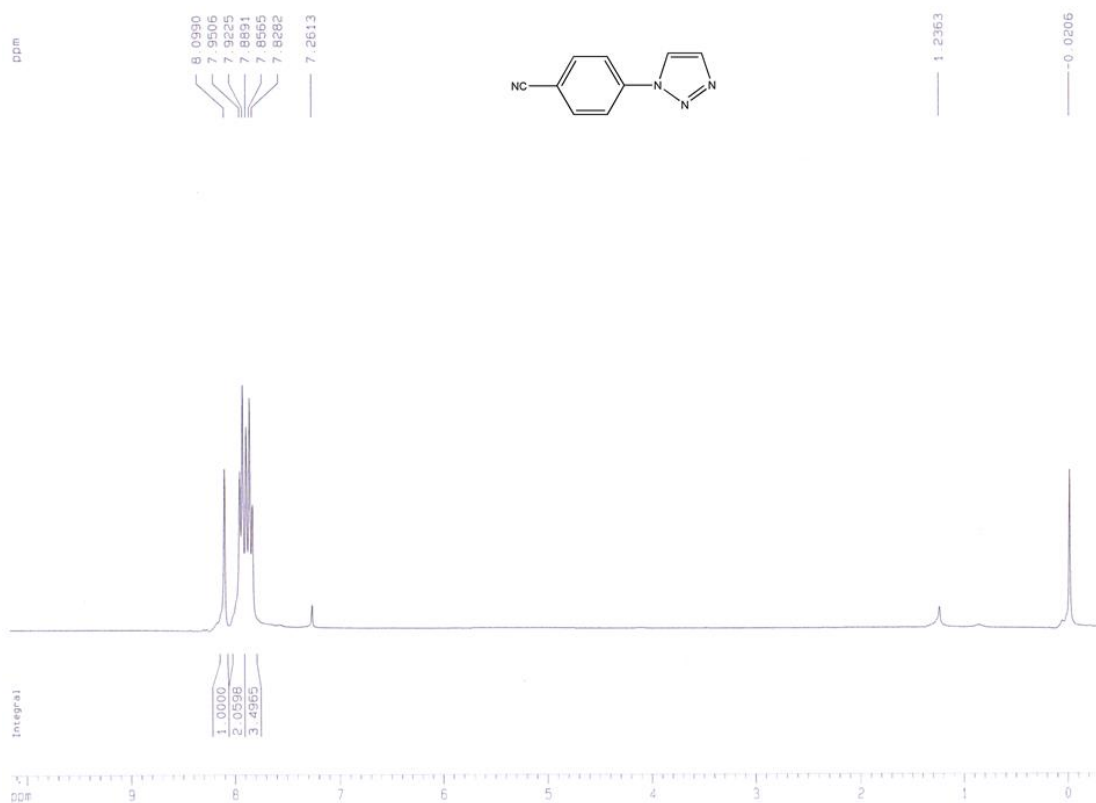


1,2,4-triazole-*p*-benzonitrile (Table 2, entry 2n):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.81 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 153.32, 141.10, 139.90, 133.98, 120.01, 117.76, 111.82; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$ ) requires  $m/z$  171.0626, found 171.0590; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{N}_4$ : C, 63.52%; H, 3.55%; N, 32.92. Found: C, 63.63%; H, 3.61%, N, 32.95.



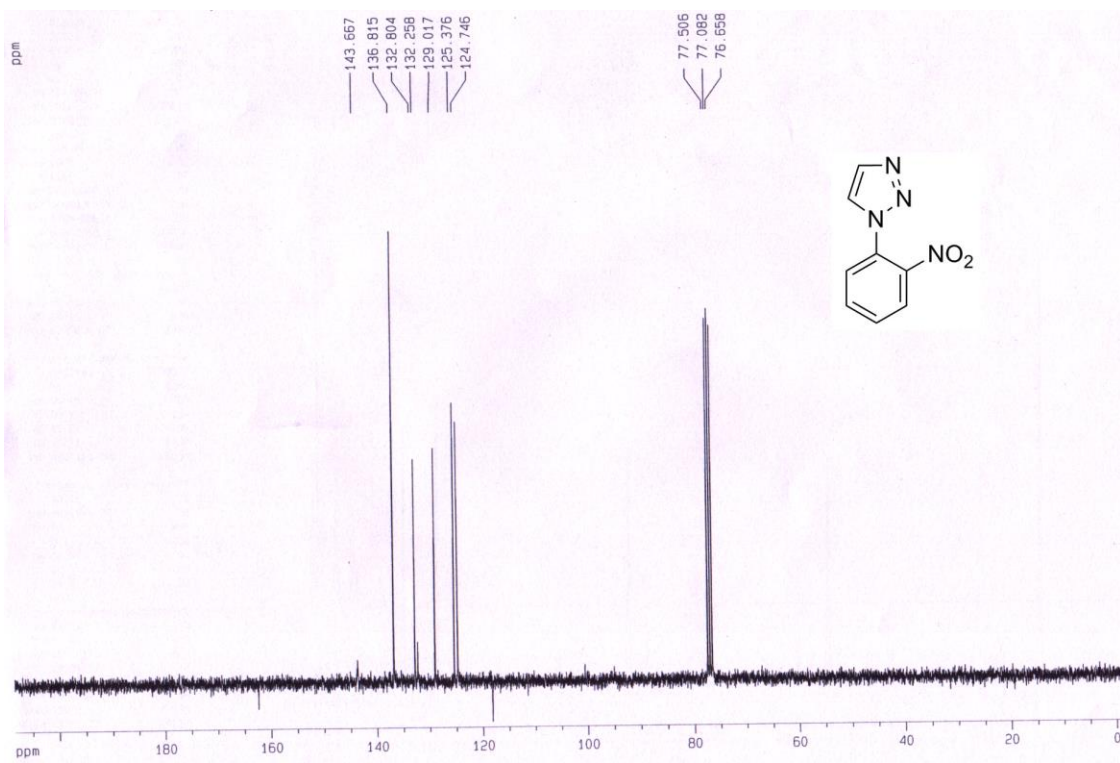
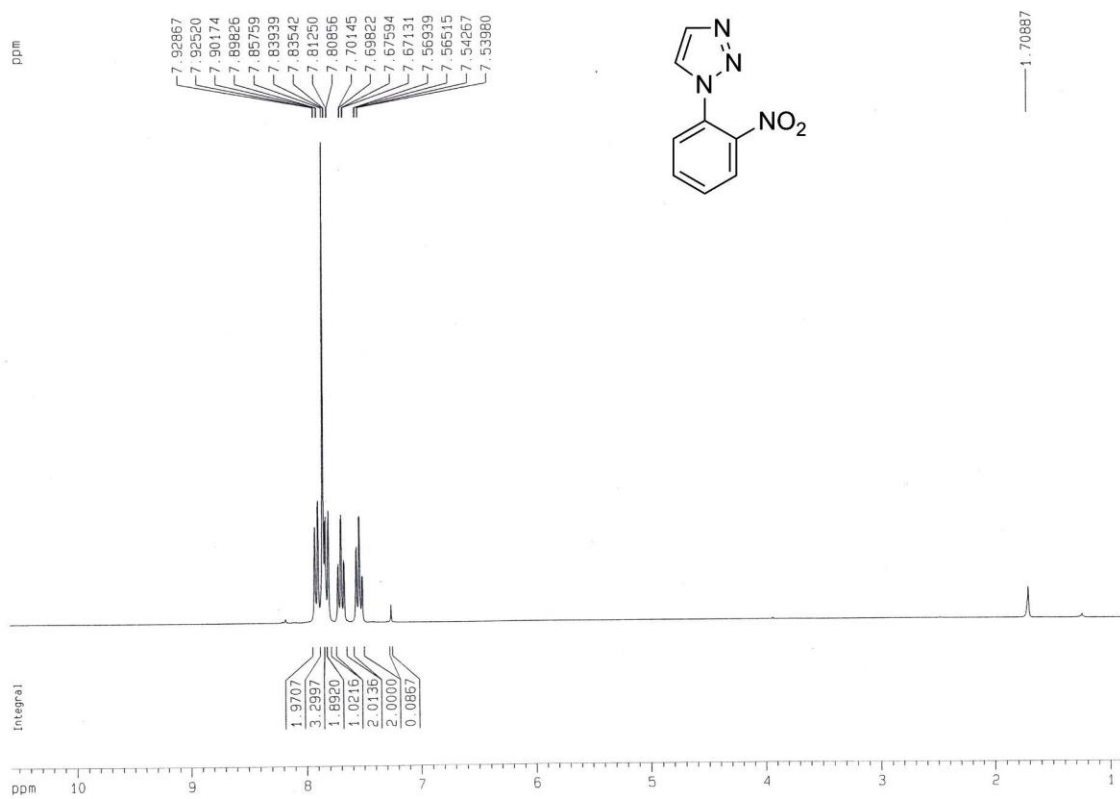


1,2,3-triazole-*p*-benzonitrile (Table 2, entry 2o):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.83 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 139.84, 135.12, 133.97, 121.58, 120.74, 117.69, 112.48; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$ ) requires  $m/z$  171.0626, found 171.0591; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{N}_4$ : C, 63.52%; H, 3.55%; N, 32.92. Found: C, 63.49%; H, 3.50%, N, 32.85.

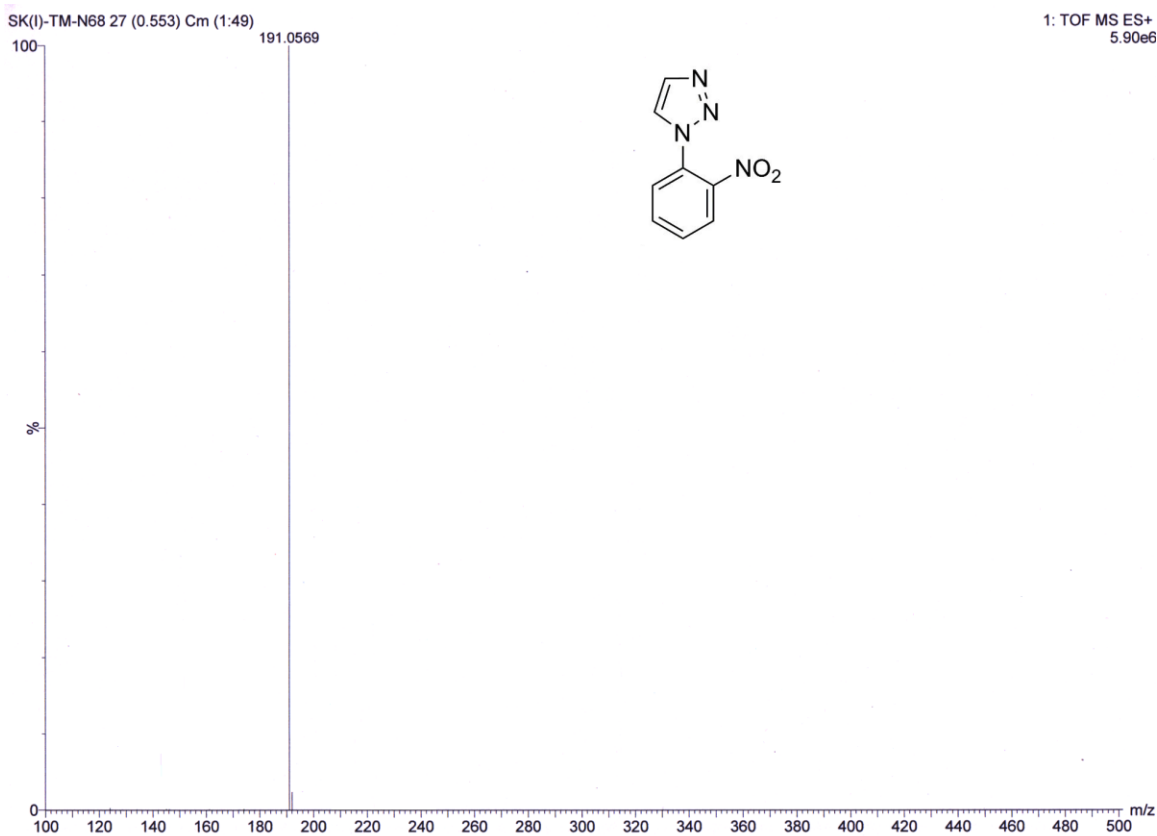




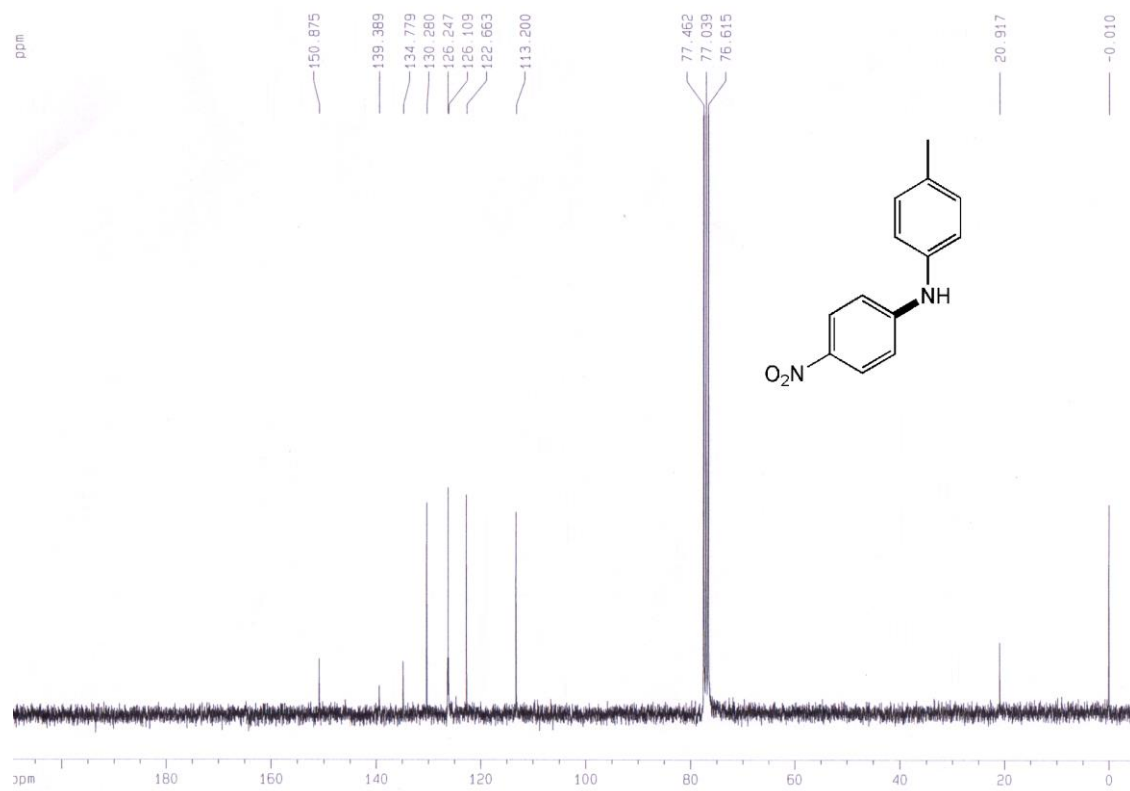
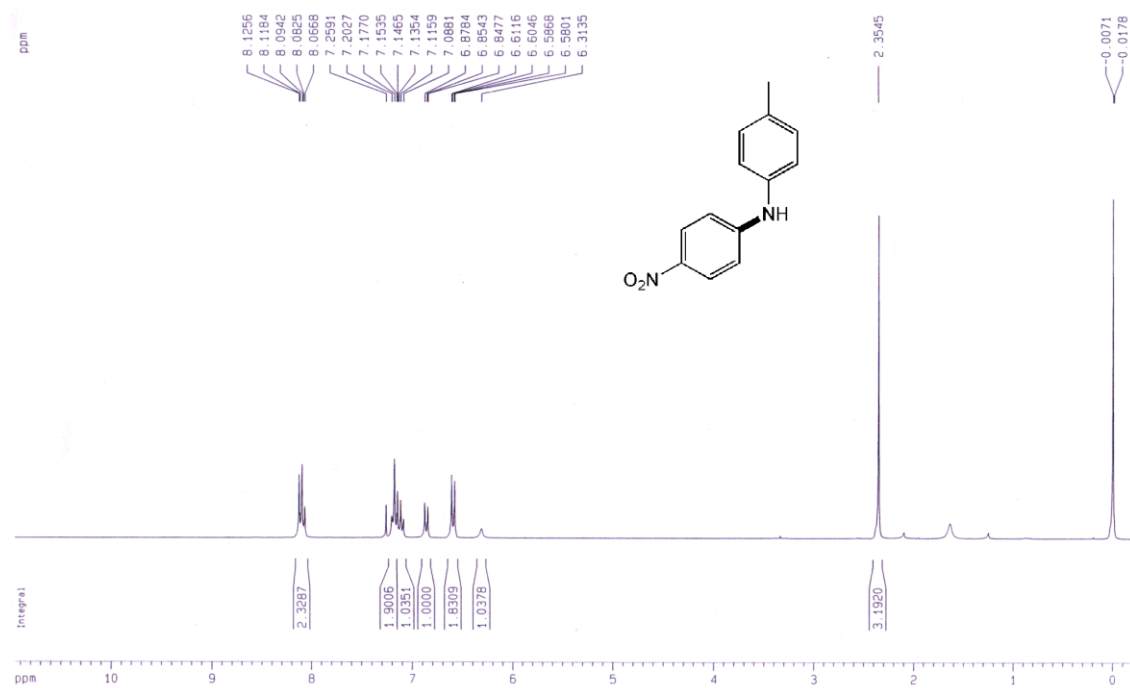
1,2,3-triazole-*o*-nitrobenzene (Table 2, entry 2p):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.93-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.81 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 153.06, 144.5, 143.84, 133.78, 130.41, 130.10, 127.42, 125.54; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  191.0569, found 191.0569; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 50.53%; H, 3.18%; N, 29.46%. Found: C, 50.51%; H, 3.19%; N, 29.43%.

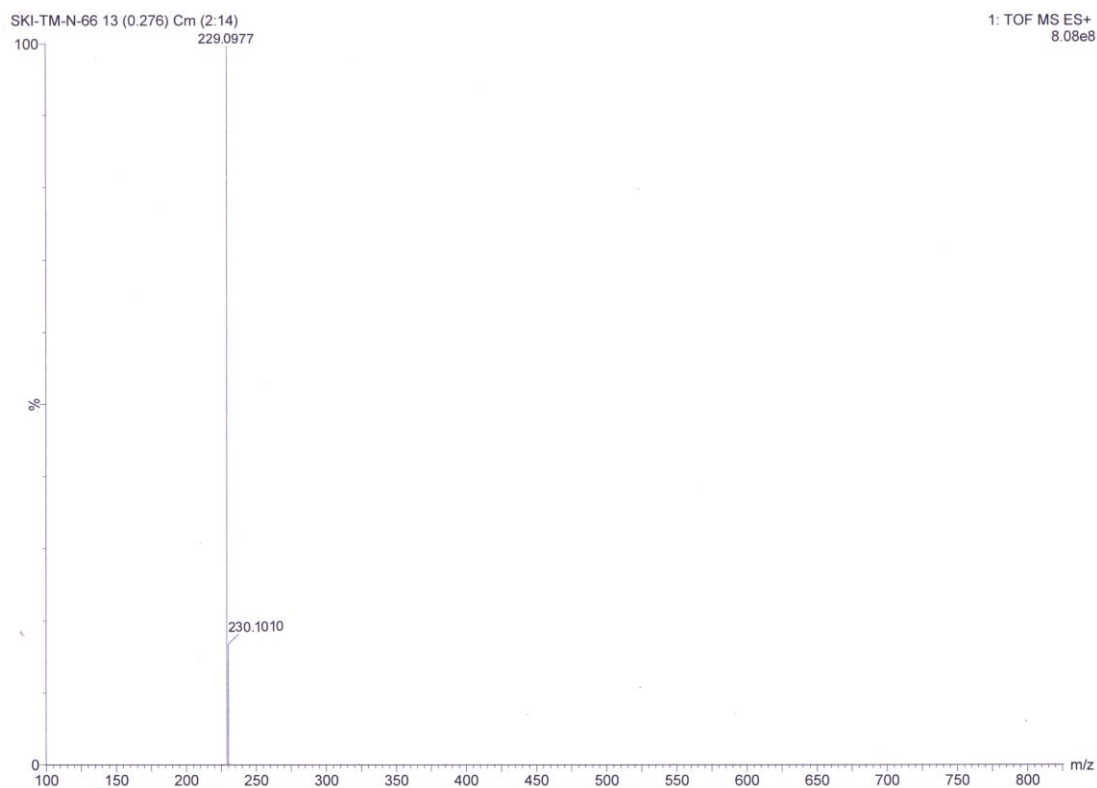




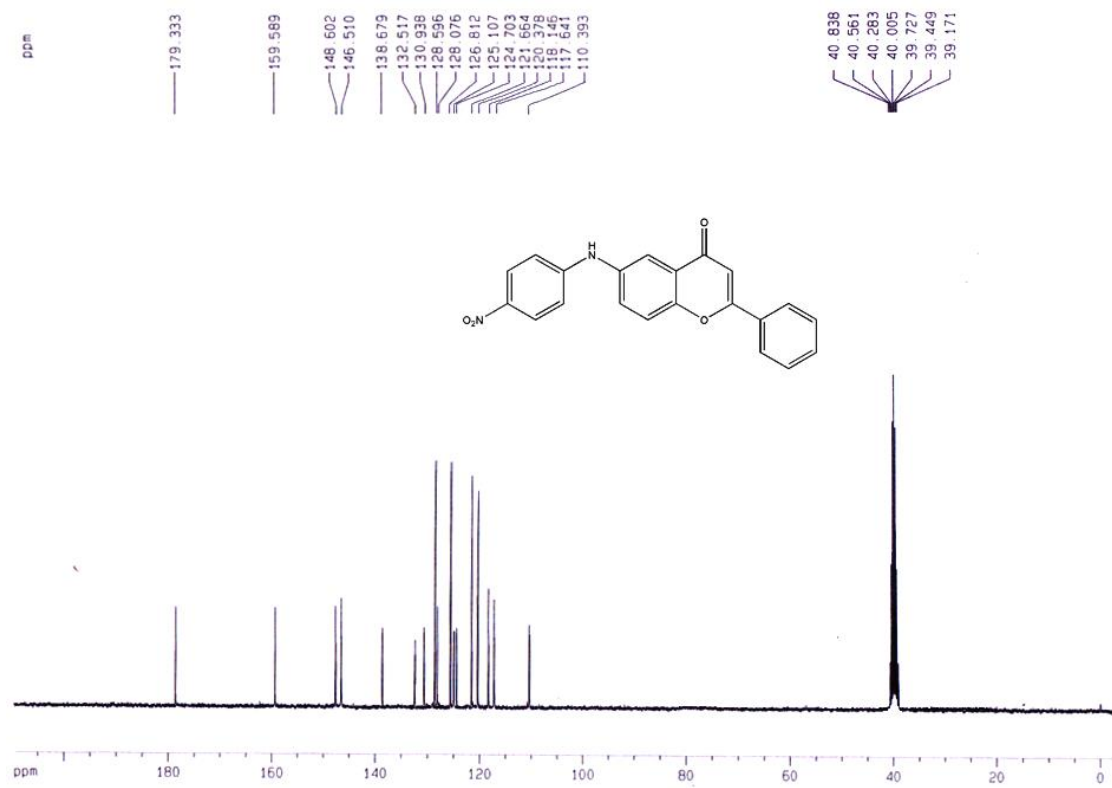
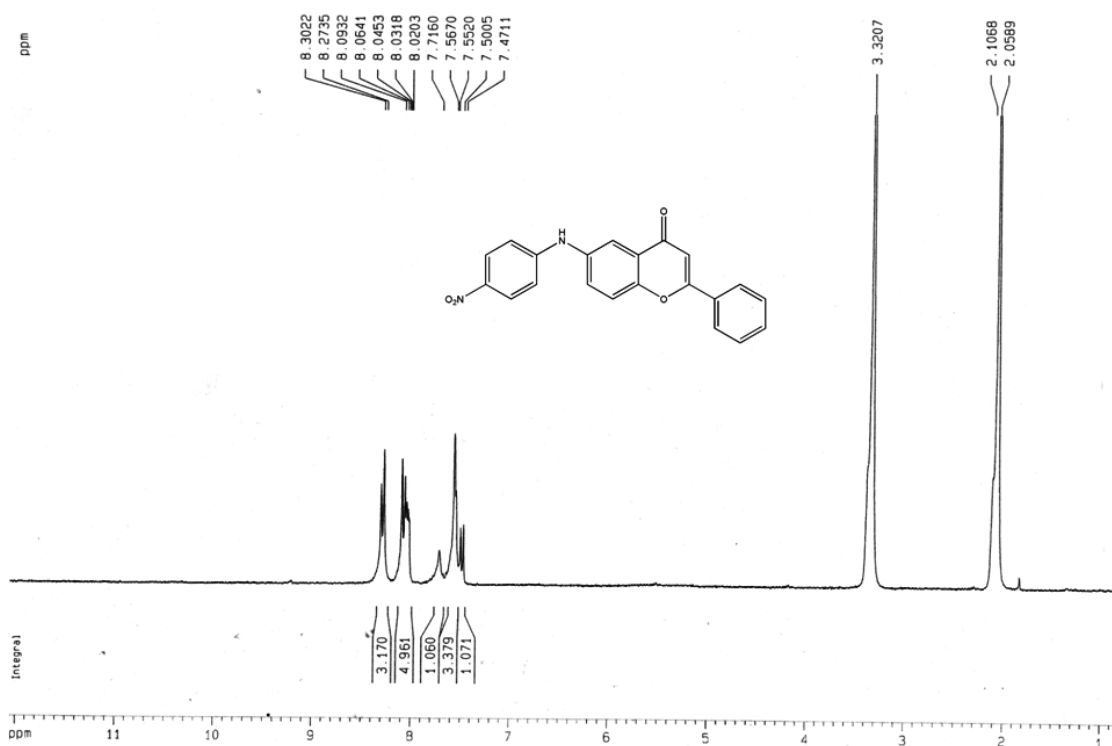


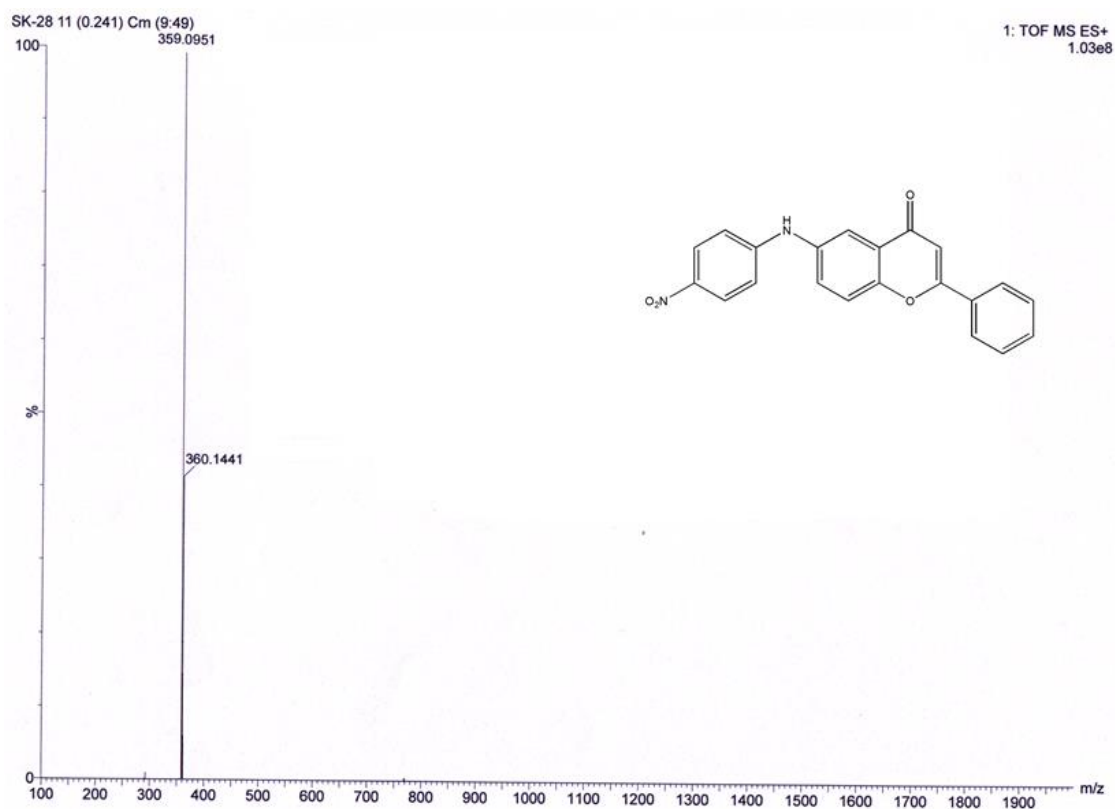
N-(4-nitrobenzene)-4-methylaniline (Table 2, entry 2q):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.13-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.58 (m, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 150.88, 139.39, 134.78, 130.28, 126.25, 126.11, 122.66, 113.20, 20.92; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ) requires  $m/z$  229.0898, found 229.0977; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 68.41%; H, 5.30%; N, 12.27%. Found: C, 68.51%; H, 5.39%; N, 12.29%.





N-(4-nitrobenzene)-6-aminoflavone (Table 2, entry 2r):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.28 (d,  $J = 8.6\text{Hz}$ , 3H), 8.09-8.02 (m, 5H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 4.5\text{Hz}$ , 3H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$ , 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 179.33, 159.59, 148.60, 146.51, 138.68, 132.52, 130.94, 128.59, 128.08, 126.81, 125.10, 124.70, 121.66, 120.38, 118.15, 117.64, 110.39; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ) requires  $m/z$  359.0953, found 359.0951; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 70.39%; H, 3.94%; N, 7.82%. Found: C, 70.41%; H, 3.89%; N, 7.89%.





2-(4-methylphenyl)-benzimidazole-*p*-nitrobenzene (Table 2, entry 2s):  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.38-8.35 (m, 2H), 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 152.49, 147.08, 142.94, 142.56, 140.53, 136.07, 129.79, 129.48, 129.21, 127.97, 126.39, 126.07, 125.91, 125.30, 124.04, 123.85, 120.09, 115.83, 109.92, 21.40; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ ) requires  $m/z$  330.1164, found 330.1151; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : C, 72.94%; H, 4.59%; N, 12.79%. Found: C, 72.91%; H, 4.64%; N, 12.86%.

