

## I<sub>2</sub> – Catalysed Transformation of o-Aminobenzamide to o-Ureidobenzonitrile Using Isothiocyanates

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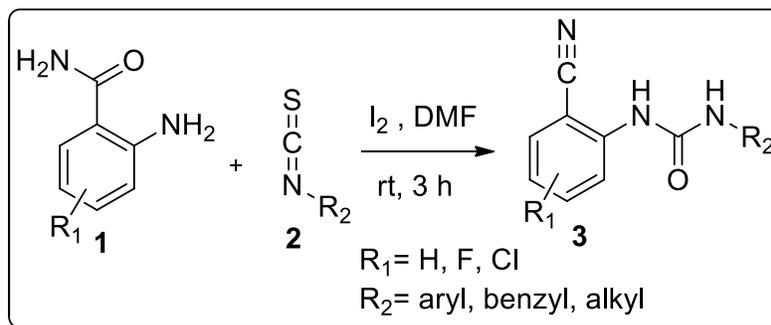
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## 1. General Experimental Details:

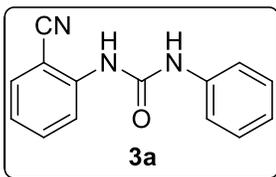
All the reagents, chemicals and solvents used were from Sigma Aldrich and Sd-fine chemicals and were used without additional purification. The instrumental techniques employed for the characterization of the newly synthesized compounds include  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and HRMS.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent 400 MHz spectrometer in DMSO- $\text{d}_6$  solution using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Chemical shifts were recorded in ppm relative to TMS. High resolution mass spectra were obtained via electrospray (ESI). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (60–120 mesh) and thin layer chromatography was performed on TLC plates (Merck, silica gel 60 F254). The mobile phases employed for column chromatography and TLC were hexane and ethyl acetate in 9:1 ratio.

## 2. General Procedure for the synthesis of o-ureidobenzonitriles (3a-3x).



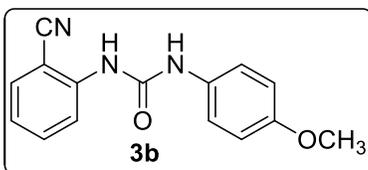
The mixture of o-aminobenzamide (1) (1 mmol) and isothiocyanates (2) (1 mmol) were allowed to stir in DMF solvent (2 ml) in presence of molecular iodine (0.3 mmol) at room temperature for 3 h. After that, the contents were poured to 30 ml, 10 % aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate and extracted with 30 ml ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extract was separated and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford corresponding o-ureidobenzonitrile. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using ethyl acetate in hexane as eluent to get pure o-ureidobenzonitrile.

### **3. Characterization details of the synthesized Products**



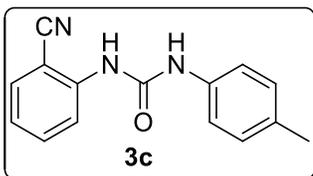
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3a)

Yield: 192 mg, 81 %; MP. 178 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm : 6.971-7.008 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.139-7.176 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.269-7.307 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.450-7.470 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.602-7.641 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.718-7.738 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8Hz), 8.059-8.080 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.747 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.402 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 102.452, 117.395, 118.826, 121.725, 122.795, 123.447, 129.343, 133.565, 134.421, 139.665, 142.389, 152.459; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O+H<sup>+</sup>] = 238.0975: found = 238.0974.



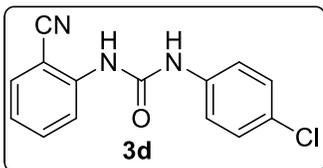
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)urea (3b)

Yield: 222 mg, 83 %; MP. 188 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.687 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.846-6.868 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.103-7.141 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.332-7.354 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.572-7.610 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.688-7.707 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.047-8.068 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.617 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.183 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 55.626, 102.121, 114.535, 117.405, 120.606, 121.491, 123.194, 132.612, 133.507, 134.373, 142.594, 152.527, 155.251; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + H<sup>+</sup>] = 268.1081: found = 268.1084.



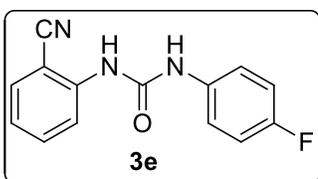
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3c)

Yield: 201 mg, 80 %; MP. 196 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 2.219 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.067-7.088 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.116-7.155 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.310-7.331 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.577-7.621 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.694-7.716 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.042-8.063 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.658 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.260 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 102.257, 117.395, 118.903, 121.598, 123.311, 129.712, 131.678, 133.536, 134.392, 137.048, 142.477, 152.430; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 252.1137: found = 252.1142.



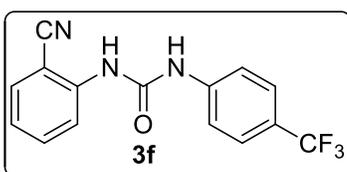
### 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-cyanophenyl)urea (3d)

Yield: 223 mg, 82 %; MP. 198 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.137-7.174 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.305-7.327 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.458-7.480 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.587-7.629 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.704-7.726 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.016-8.036 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 8.725 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.470 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 102.724, 117.337, 120.353, 121.861, 123.641, 126.356, 129.177, 133.555, 134.421, 138.644, 142.166, 152.401; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 272.0591: found = 272.0595.



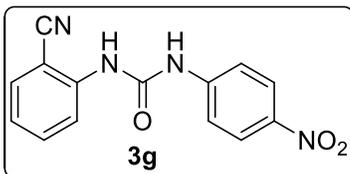
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)urea (3e)

Yield: 200 mg, 78 %; MP. 205 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.105-7.180 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.445-7.478 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.601-7.639 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.718-7.737 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.034-8.055 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.702 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.388 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 102.57, 115.74, 115.96, 117.36, 120.59, 120.66, 121.77, 123.50, 133.54, 134.41, 135.96, 142.32, 152.53, 156.86, 159.24; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 256.0881: found = 256.0886.



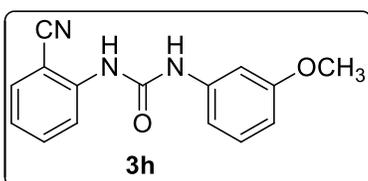
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea (3f)

Yield: 247 mg, 81 %; MP. 185 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.158-7.196 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.303-7.321 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.484-7.523 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.552-7.573 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.599-7.641 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.719-7.742 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.987-8.039 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 12.4 Hz), 8.807 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.704 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.094, 114.720, 117.308, 119.040, 122.386, 123.885, 130.471, 133.555, 134.431, 140.541, 141.961, 152.556; LCMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 306.0854 : found = 306.0859.



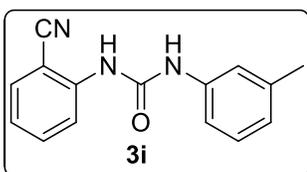
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)urea (3g)

Yield: 226 mg, 80 %; MP. >250 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz-DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 7.200-7.238 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.630-7.692 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.752-7.772 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.981-8.002 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.176- 8.198 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.934 (s, 1H, -NH-), 10.016 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C- NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 103.639, 117.220, 118.252, 122.464, 124.332, 125.607, 133.643, 134.643, 141.572, 141.913, 146.252, 152.206; HRMS: m/z calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3 + \text{H}^+] = 281.0826$ : found = 281.0830.



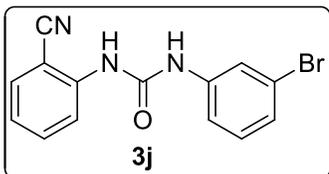
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)urea (3h)

Yield: 214 mg, 80 %; MP. 188 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 3.718 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.564-6.583 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.936-6.955 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.163-7.206 (t, 3H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.604-7.643 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.722-7.740 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.055-8.076 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.702 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.379 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C- NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 55.392, 102.384, 104.573, 108.270, 111.091, 117.376, 121.686, 123.466, 130.121, 133.555, 134.431, 140.862, 142.331, 152.381, 160.164; HRMS: m/z calculated for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{H}^+] = 268.1081$ : found = 268.1085.



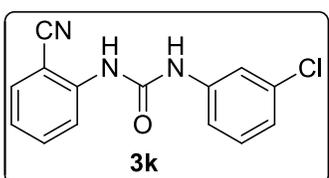
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(m-tolyl)urea (3i)

Yield: 214 mg, 85 %; MP. 189 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 2.287 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.823-6.841 (d, 1H, ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.162-7.200 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.237-7.257 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.316 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.638 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.738-7.757 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.080-8.101 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.713 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.316 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C- NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 21.651, 102.306, 116.024, 117.396, 119.361, 121.628, 123.379, 123.544, 129.168, 133.546, 134.402, 138.527, 139.568, 142.429, 152.411; HRMS: m/z calculated for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O} + \text{H}^+] = 252.1137$ : found = 252.1142.



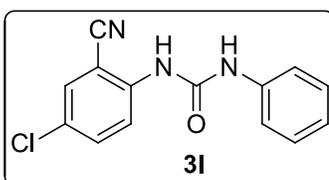
### 1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(2-cyanophenyl)urea (3j)

Yield: 258 mg, 82 %; MP. 191 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.158-7.295 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.605-7.643 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.724-7.743 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.839 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.994-8.015 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.767 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.519 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.016, 117.328, 117.658, 121.083, 122.056, 122.221, 123.846, 125.344, 131.269, 133.585, 134.451, 141.339, 142.020, 152.401; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 316:0080: found = 316.0085.



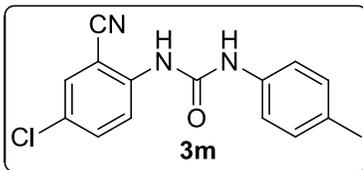
### 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-cyanophenyl)urea (3k)

Yield: 228 mg, 84 %; MP. 186 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.022-7.041 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.179-7.198 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.232-7.252 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.281-7.301 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.694 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.724-7.744 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.996-8.018 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.771 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.531 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 102.996, 117.240, 117.337, 118.174, 122.046, 122.426, 123.836, 130.968, 133.595, 133.702, 134.461, 141.203, 142.010, 152.411; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 272.0591: found = 272.0595.



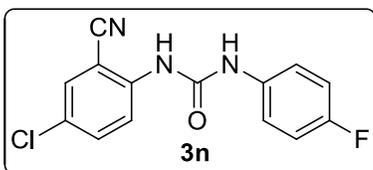
### 1-(4-chloro-2-cyanophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3l)

Yield: 217 mg, 80 %; MP. 204 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 6.968-7.004 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.257-7.297 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.423-7.442 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.660-7.690 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.897-7.903 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 2.4 Hz), 8.085-8.108 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.798 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.406 (s, 1H, -NH); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.726, 116.121, 118.903, 122.951, 123.126, 126.716, 129.343, 132.602, 134.470, 139.461, 141.562, 152.274; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 272.0591: found = 272.0593.



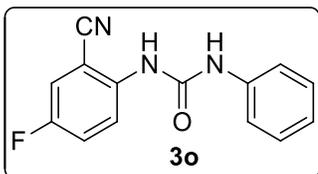
### 1-(4-chloro-2-cyanophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3m)

Yield: 222 mg, 78 %; MP. 195 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 2.220 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>-), 7.070-7.091 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.302-7.322 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8 Hz), 7.646-7.674 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.873-7.879 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 2.4 Hz), 8.081-8.104 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 9.2 Hz), 8.727 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.283 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.580, 116.131, 119.010, 123.048, 126.589, 129.722, 131.872, 132.563, 134.441, 136.863, 141.660, 152.264; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 286.0742: found = 286.0743.



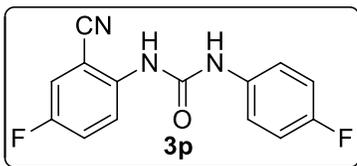
### 1-(4-chloro-2-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)urea (3n)

Yield: 225 mg, 78 %; MP. 196 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.094-7.139 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 9.2 Hz), 7.425-7.460 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.659-7.688 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.890-7.896 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 2.4 Hz), 8.057-8.079 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.763 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.405 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.862, 115.771, 115.995, 116.121, 120.674, 120.752, 123.184, 126.794, 132.602, 134.461, 135.784, 141.524, 152.372, 156.945, 159.319; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 290.0496: found = 290.0507.



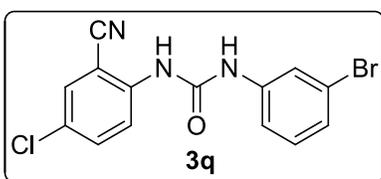
### 1-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3o)

Yield: 199 mg, 78 %; MP. 191 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 6.963-6.999 (t, 2H, ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.259-7.297 (t, 2H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.445-7.465 (d, 2H, Ar, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.518-7.560 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.735-7.755 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.944-7.979 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.932 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.452 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 104.242, 104.339, 116.287, 118.874, 119.468, 119.731, 121.832, 122.056, 122.805, 124.478, 124.566, 129.314, 139.170, 139.637; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 256.0881: found = 256.0885.



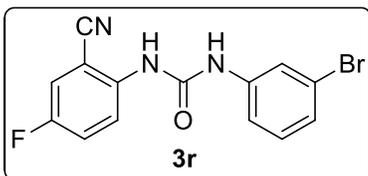
### 1-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)urea (3p)

Yield: 207 mg, 76 %; MP. 208 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 7.124-7.168 (t, 2H, Ar,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 7.459-7.494 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.534-7.585 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.761-7.789 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.977-8.013 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.742 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.345 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 104.602, 104.699, 115.703, 115.917, 116.287, 119.458, 119.721, 120.538, 120.616, 121.774, 121.998, 124.683, 124.761, 136.017, 139.092, 139.072, 152.751, 156.127, 156.847, 158.531, 159.221; HRMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O} + \text{H}^+]$  = 274.0786: found = 274.0786.



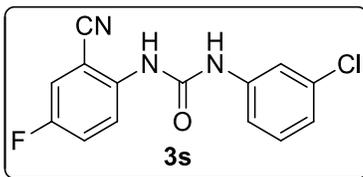
### 1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chloro-2-cyanophenyl)urea (3q)

Yield: 279 mg, 80 %; MP. 183 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 7.165-7.180 (d, 1H, Ar,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 7.224-7.262 (t, 1H, Ar,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.313 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.685-7.705 (d, 1H, Ar,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.844 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.919 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.987-8.008 (d, 1H, Ar,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 9.160 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.808 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 104.320, 116.063, 117.736, 121.180, 122.212, 123.486, 125.490, 127.154, 131.269, 132.641, 134.470, 141.174, 141.213, 152.236; HRMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{BrClN}_3\text{O} + \text{H}^+]$  = 349.9690: found = 349.9681.



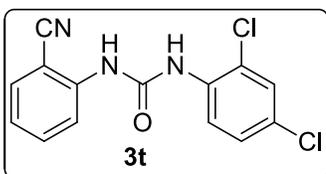
### 1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)urea (3r)

Yield: 256mg, 77 %; MP. 182 °C; White solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 7.157-7.175 (d, 1H, Ar,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 7.220-7.307 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.525-7.562 (t, 1H, Ar,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.756-7.770 (d, 1H, Ar,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 7.840 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.935-7.969 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.797 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.475 (s, 1H, -NH-);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  ppm: 104.971, 105.069, 116.248, 117.688, 119.565, 119.828, 121.122, 121.842, 122.066, 122.202, 124.926, 125.004, 125.344, 131.250, 138.780, 141.359, 152.576, 156.312, 158.725; HRMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{BrFN}_3\text{O} + \text{H}^+]$  = 333.9991: found = 333.9997.



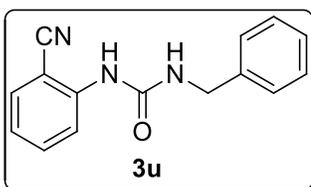
### 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)urea (3s)

Yield: 234 mg, 81 %; MP. 198 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.050-7.069 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.257-7.349 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.547-7.589 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.710 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.759-7.780 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.962-7.997 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.785 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.474 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 104.95, 105.05, 116.23, 117.67, 119.55, 119.81, 121.10, 121.82, 122.04, 122.18, 124.91, 124.99, 125.32, 131.22, 138.76, 141.33, 152.55, 156.29, 158.71; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 290.0496: found = 290.0502.



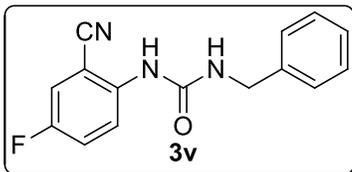
### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)urea (3t)

Yield: 279 mg, 75 %; MP. 184 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 7.212 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.383-7.400 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.631 (s, 2H, Ar), 7.759 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.986-8.002 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 6.0 Hz), 8.097-8.116 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 9.039 (s, 1H, -NH-), 9.518 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 103.321, 117.554, 122.798, 123.771, 124.112, 124.229, 127.498, 128.218, 129.278, 133.880, 134.561, 135.378, 141.926, 152.541; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 306.0201: found = 306.0208.



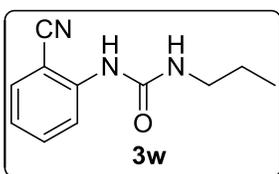
### 1-benzyl-3-(2-cyanophenyl)urea (3u)

Yield: 188 mg, 75 %; MP. 208 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 4.304-4.317 (d, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.074-7.111 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.111-7.360 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.412-7.426 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.553-7.590 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.666-7.683 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 6.8 Hz), 8.055-8.077 (d, 1H, -NH-, 8.8 Hz), 8.569 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 43.286, 101.537, 117.464, 121.190, 122.717, 127.349, 127.728, 128.827, 133.429, 134.305, 140.084, 143.139, 154.979; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 252.1136: found = 252.1139.



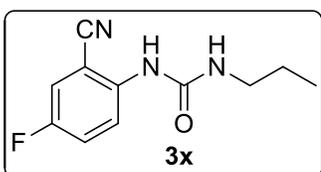
### 1-benzyl-3-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)urea (3v)

Yield: 204 mg, 76 %; MP. 210 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 4.315-4.329 (d, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.244-7.404 (m, 6H, Ar), 7.473-7.525 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.681-7.708 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.997-8.034 (m, 1H, -NH-), 8.609 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 48.024, 107.830, 120.993, 123.815, 124.077, 126.344, 126.568, 128.514, 128.582, 131.939, 132.308, 133.418, 144.557, 144.713, 159.745, 160.212, 162.615; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 270.1037: found = 270.1039.



### 1-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-propylurea (3w)

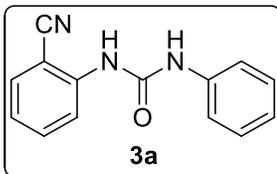
Yield: 154 mg, 76 %; MP. 199 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 0.853-0.888 (t, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.412-1.462 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.037-3.051 (d, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, J = 5.6 Hz), 6.968 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.041-7.076 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.525-7.562 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.637-7.655 (d, 1H, Ar, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.039-8.059 (d, 1H, -NH-, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.412 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 11.805, 23.149, 41.401, 101.216, 117.503, 121.005, 122.474, 133.390, 134.266, 143.324, 154.911; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 204.1131: found = 204.1136.



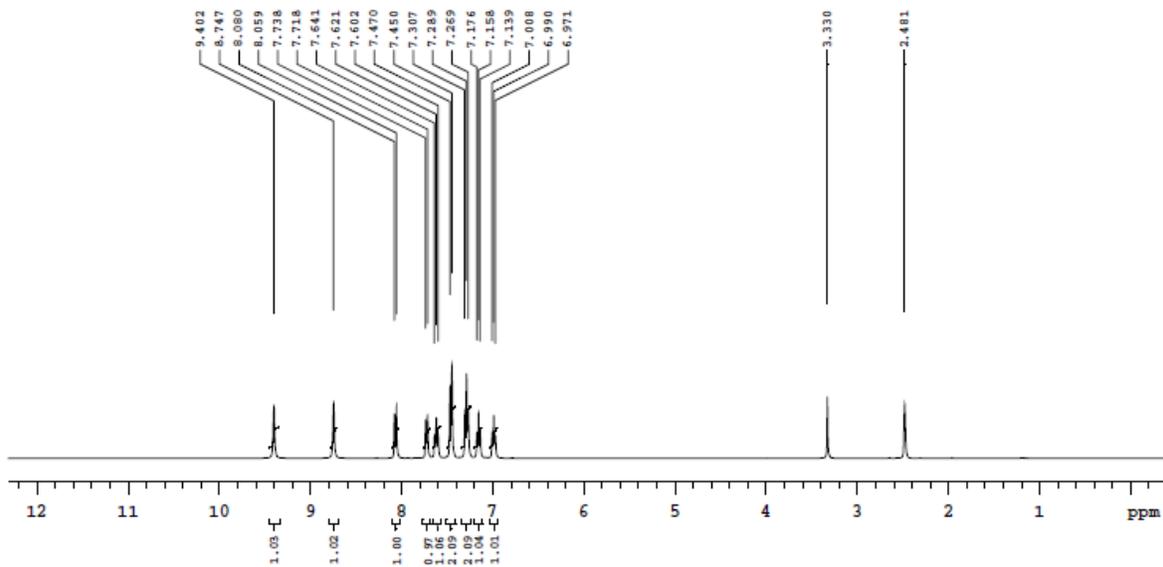
### 1-(2-cyano-4-fluorophenyl)-3-propylurea (3x)

Yield: 164 mg, 74 %; MP. 204 °C; White solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 0.863-0.900 (t, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.423-1.476 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.032-3.079 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 6.913 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.478-7.499 (t, 1H, Ar, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.665-7.692 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.987-8.022 (m, 1H, -NH-), 8.465 (s, 1H, -NH-); <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ ppm: 16.395, 27.787, 46.059, 107.392, 121.042, 123.776, 124.029, 126.354, 126.578, 128.271, 144.762, 159.628, 160.046, 162.430; HRMS: m/z calculated for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O + H<sup>+</sup>] = 222.1042: found = 222.1047.

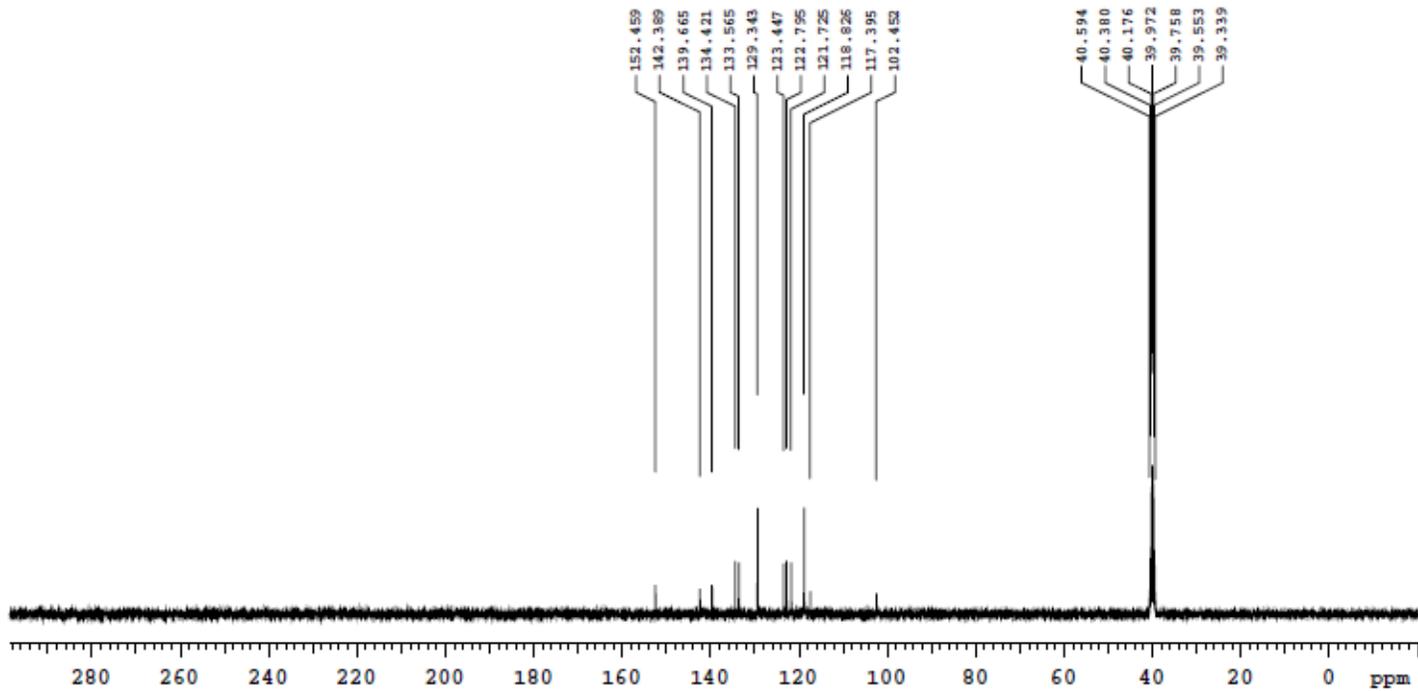
## 4. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and Mass Spectra



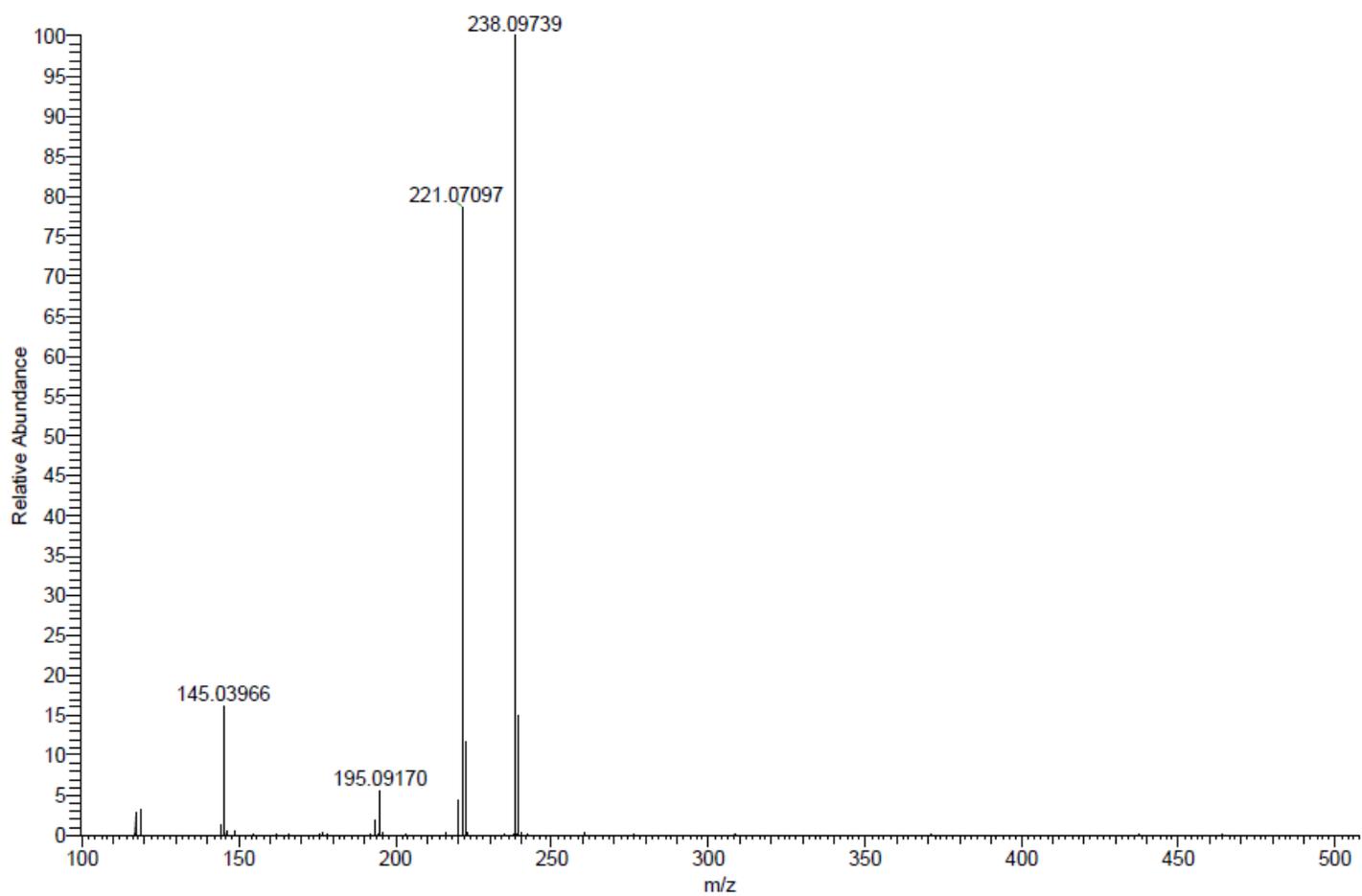
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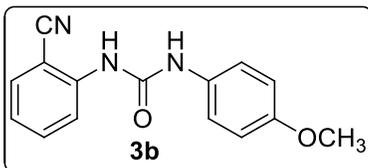


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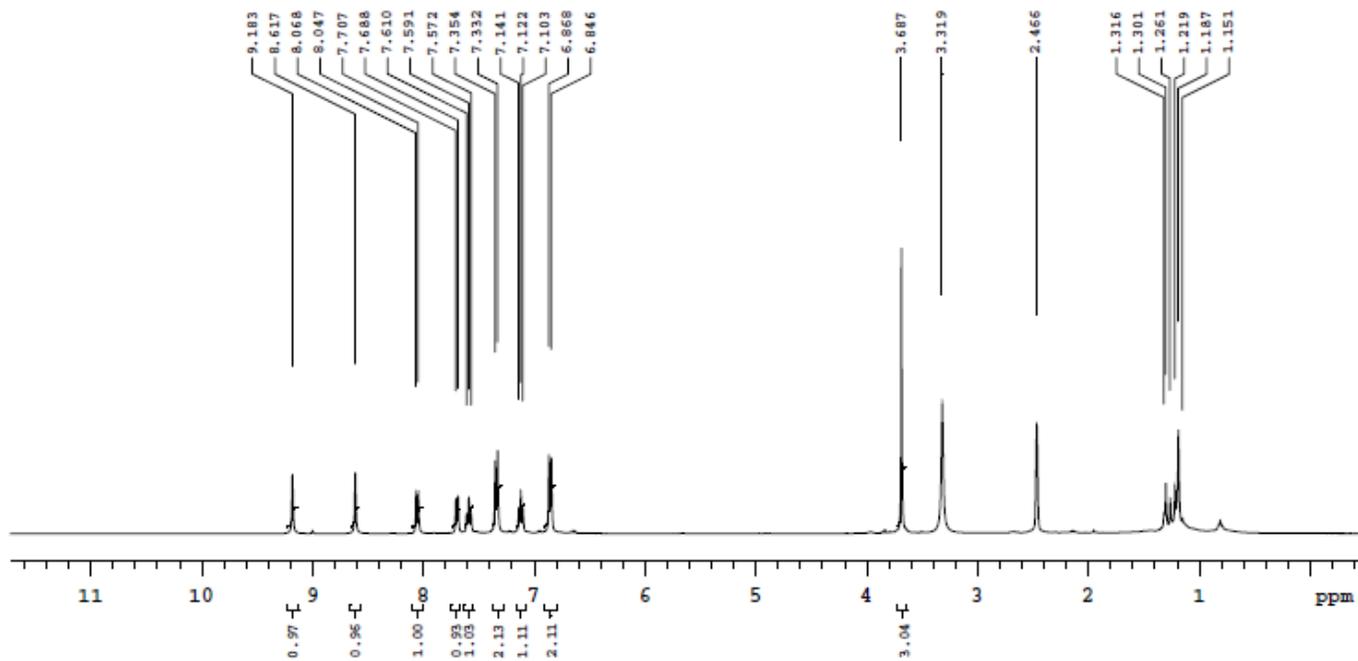


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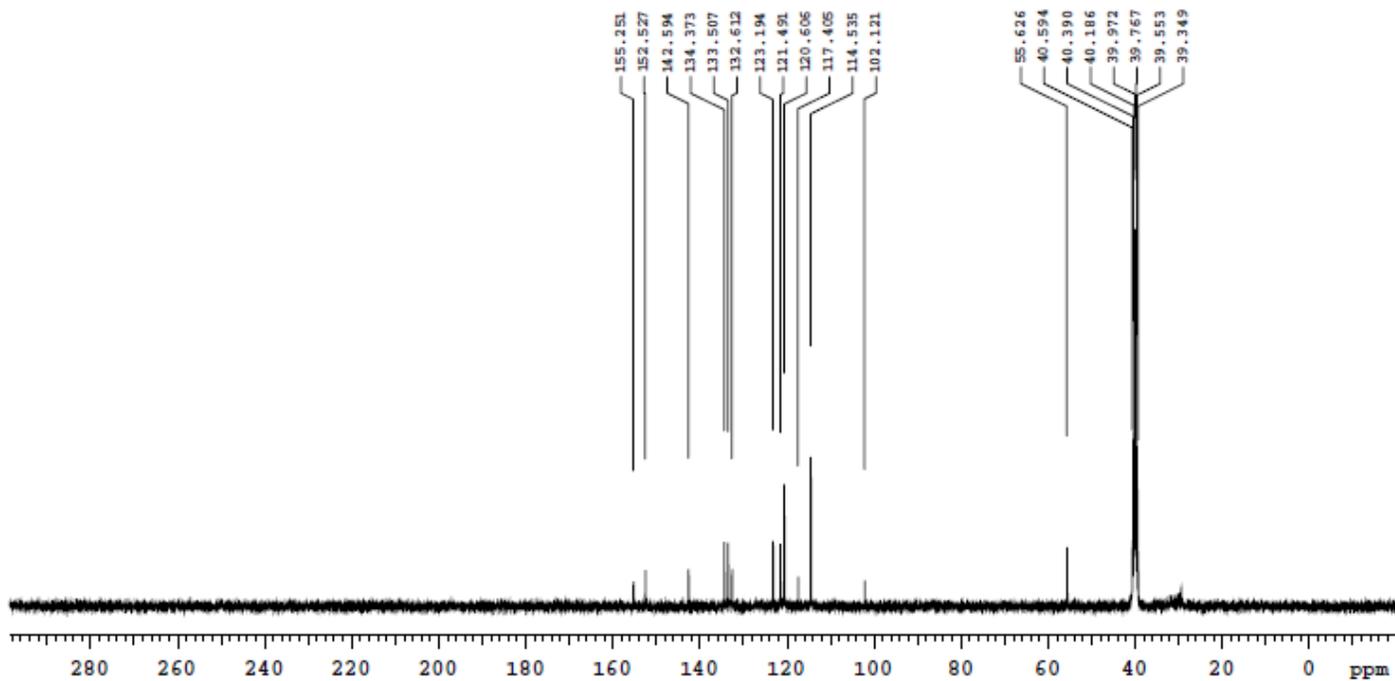


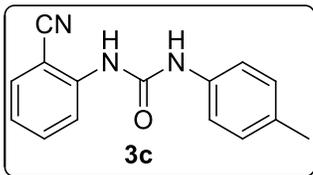


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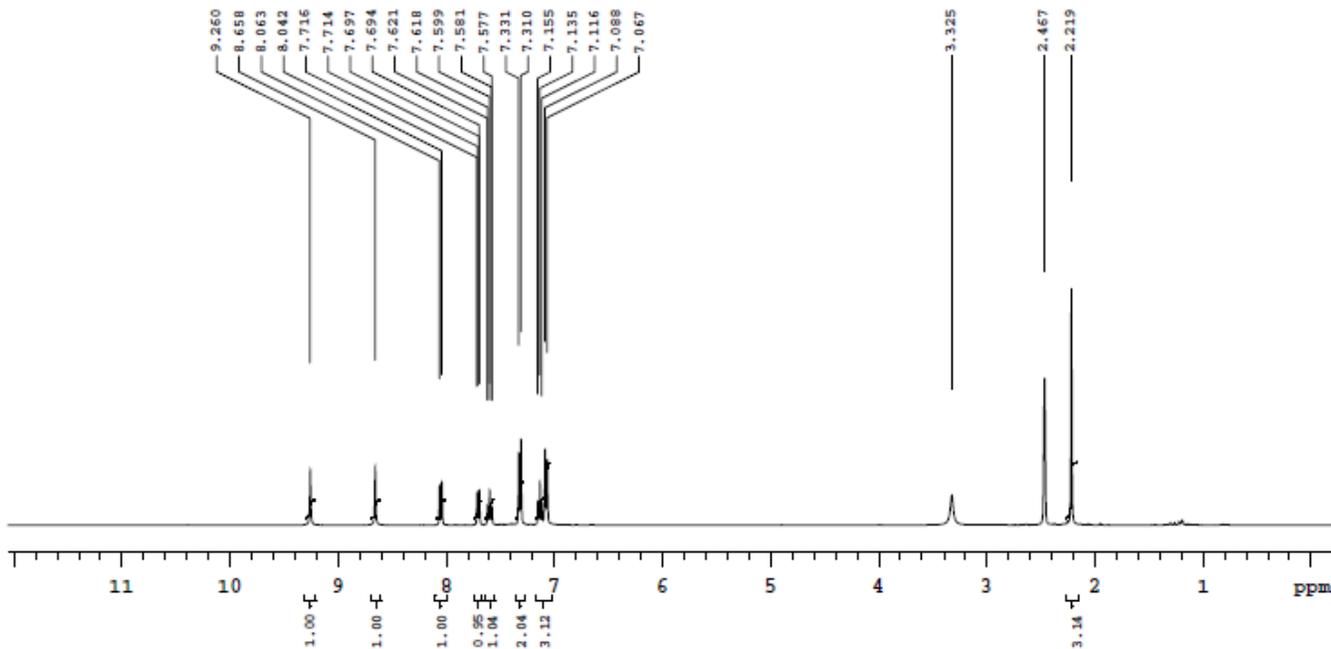


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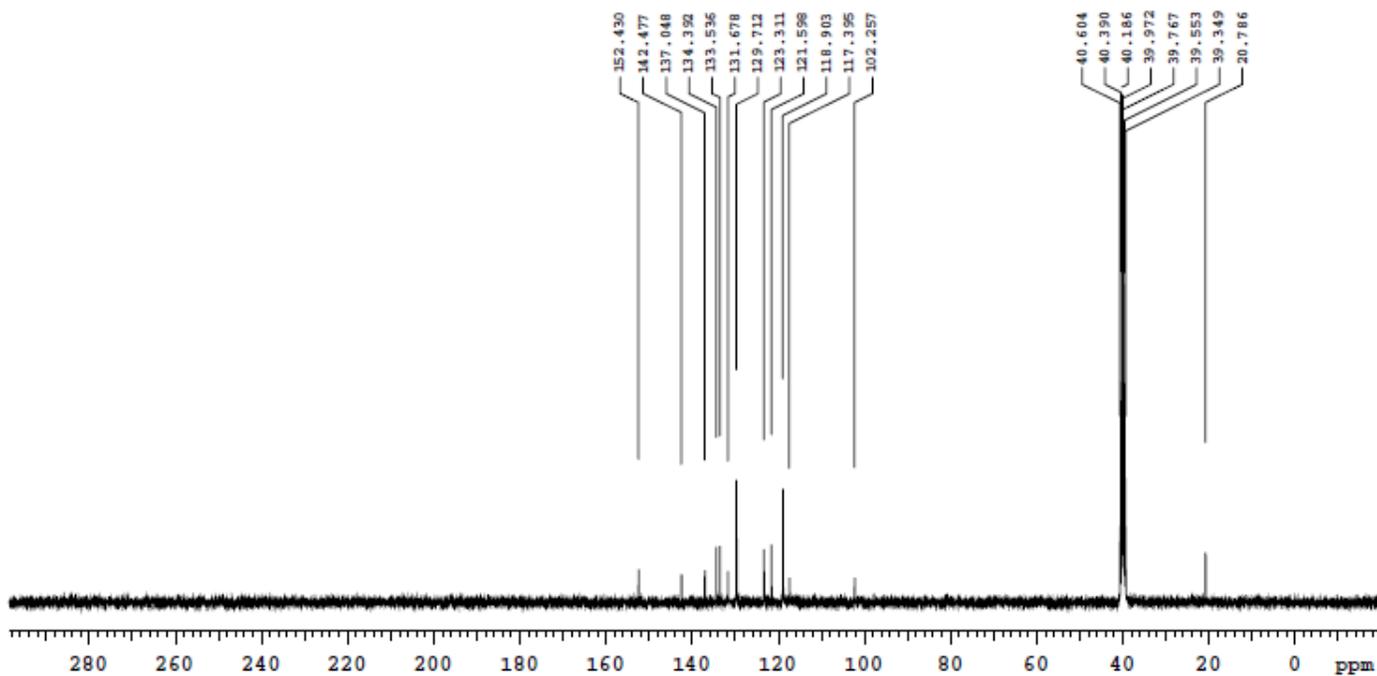




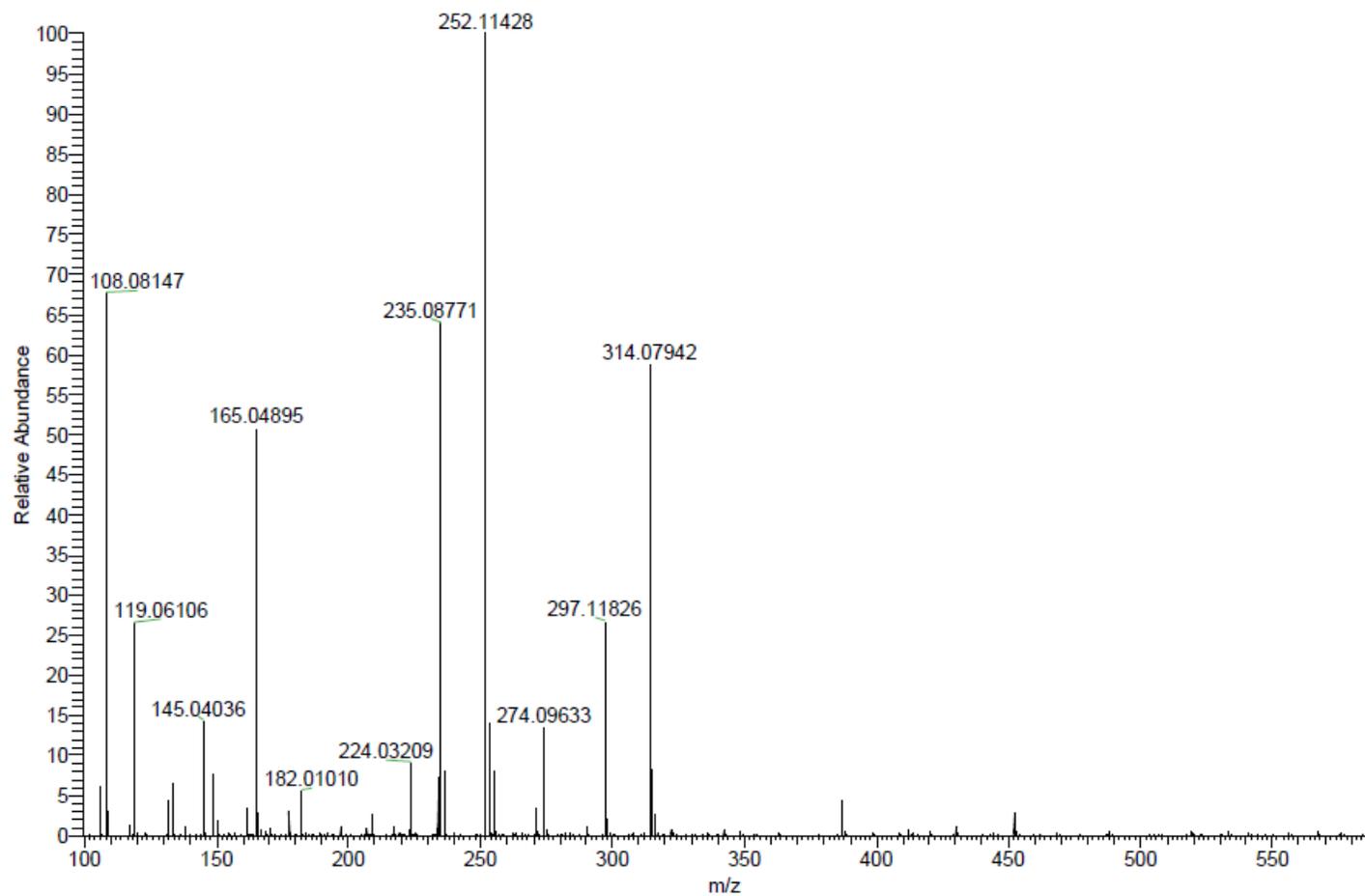
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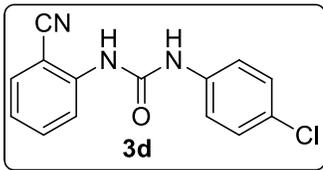


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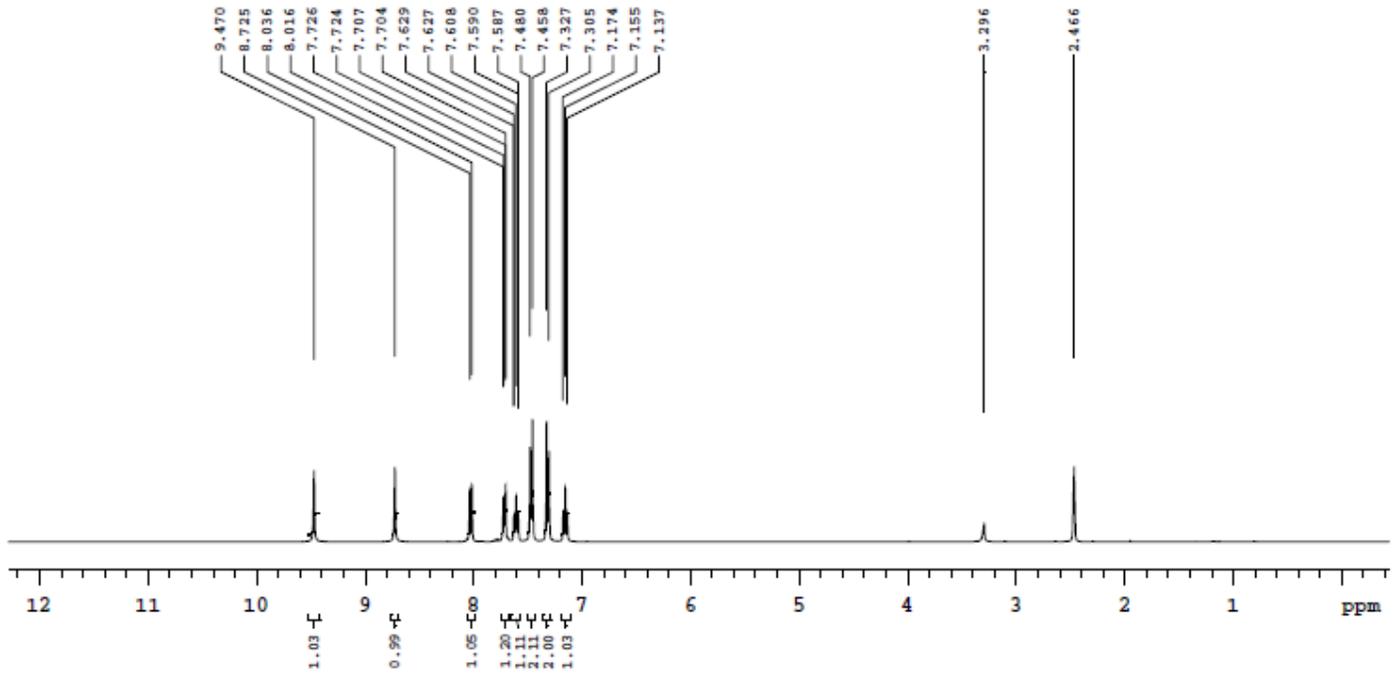


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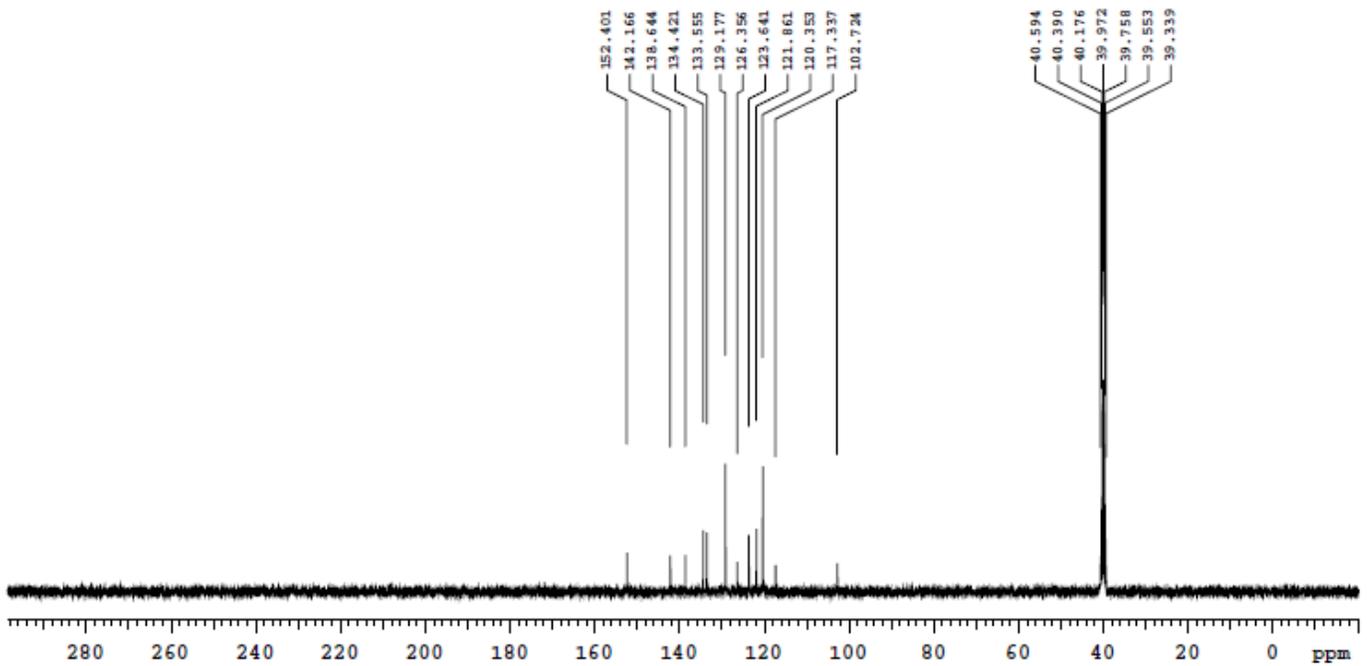




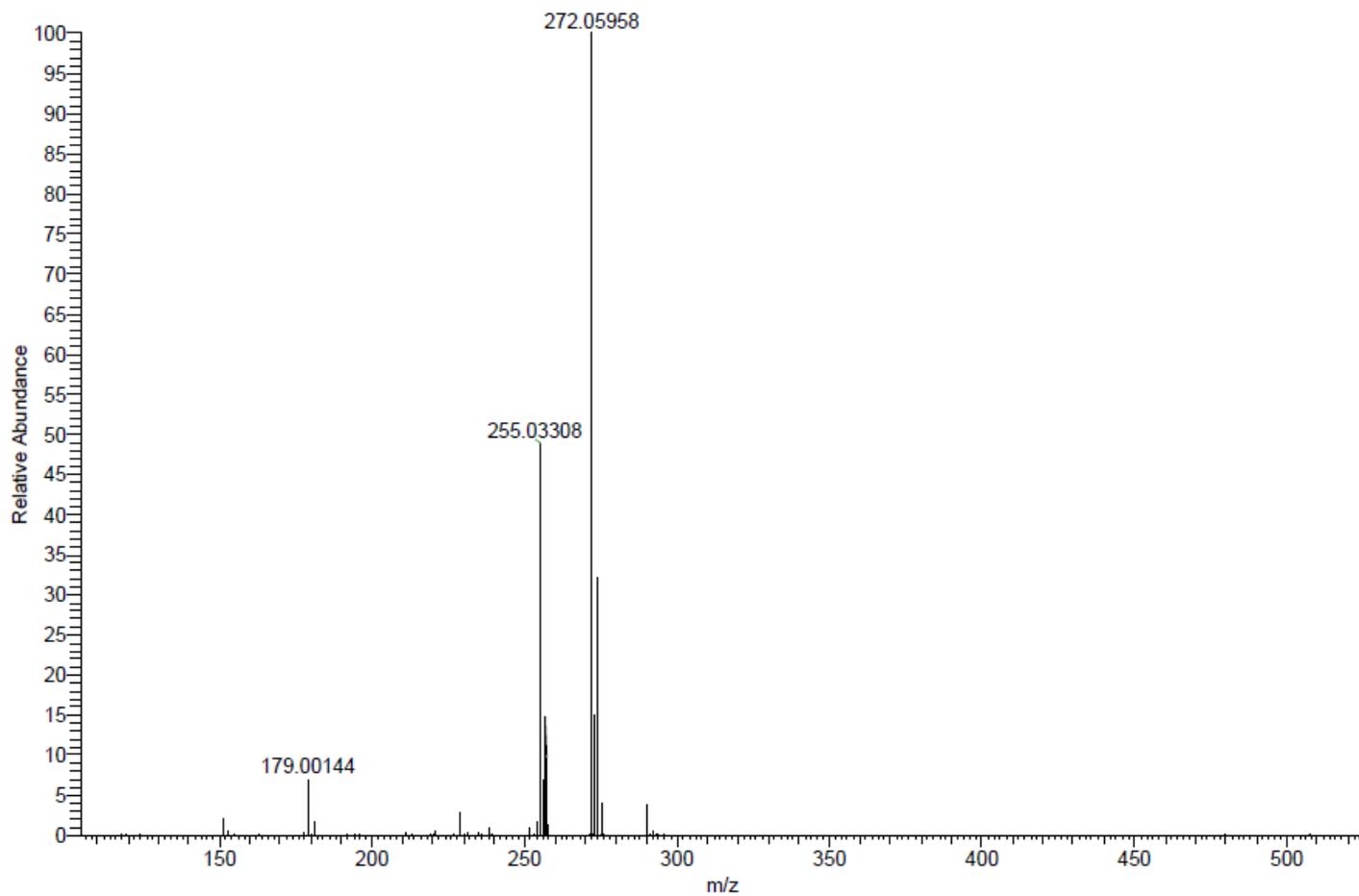
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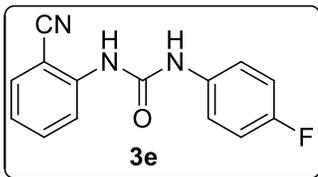


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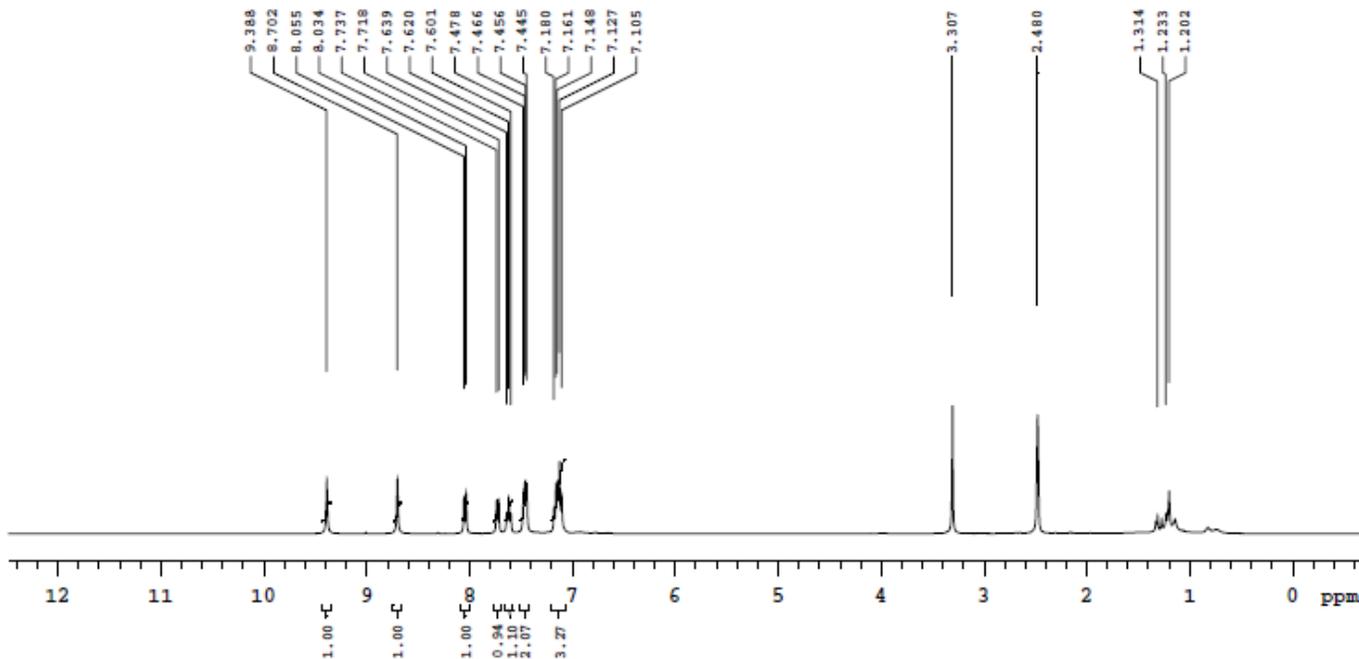


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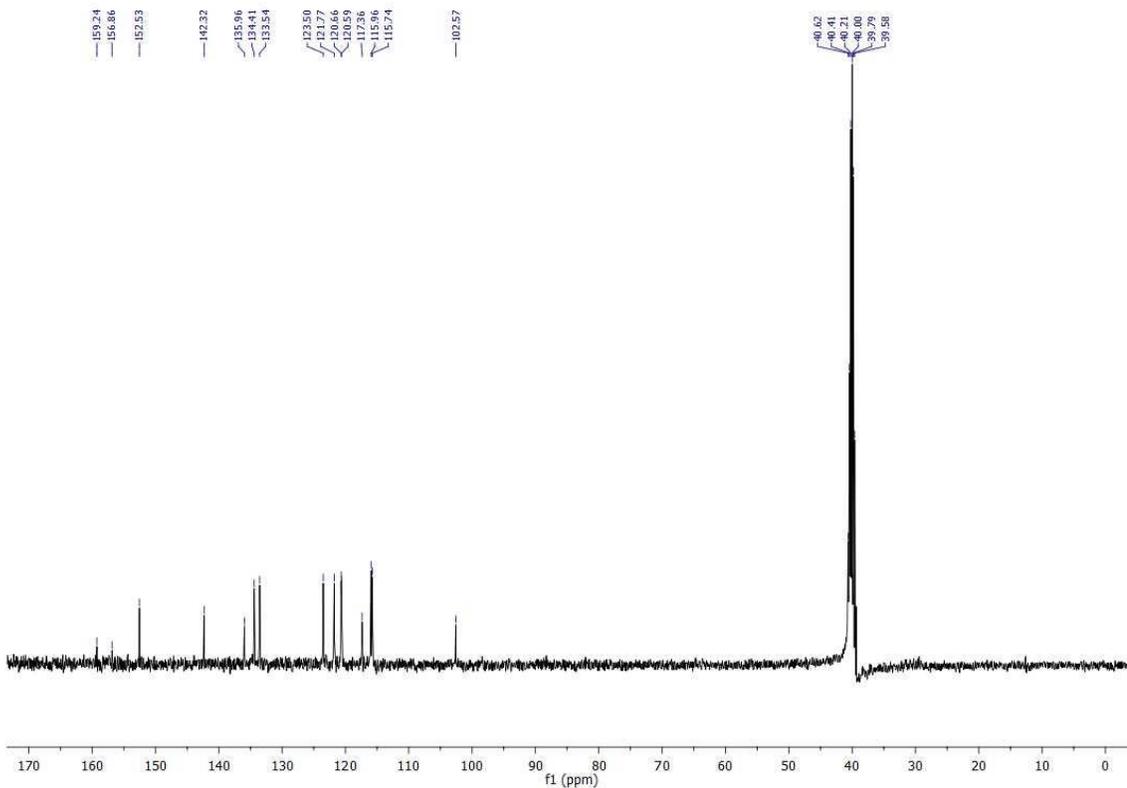


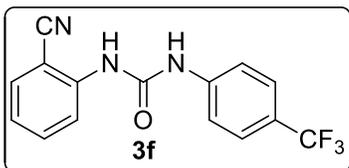


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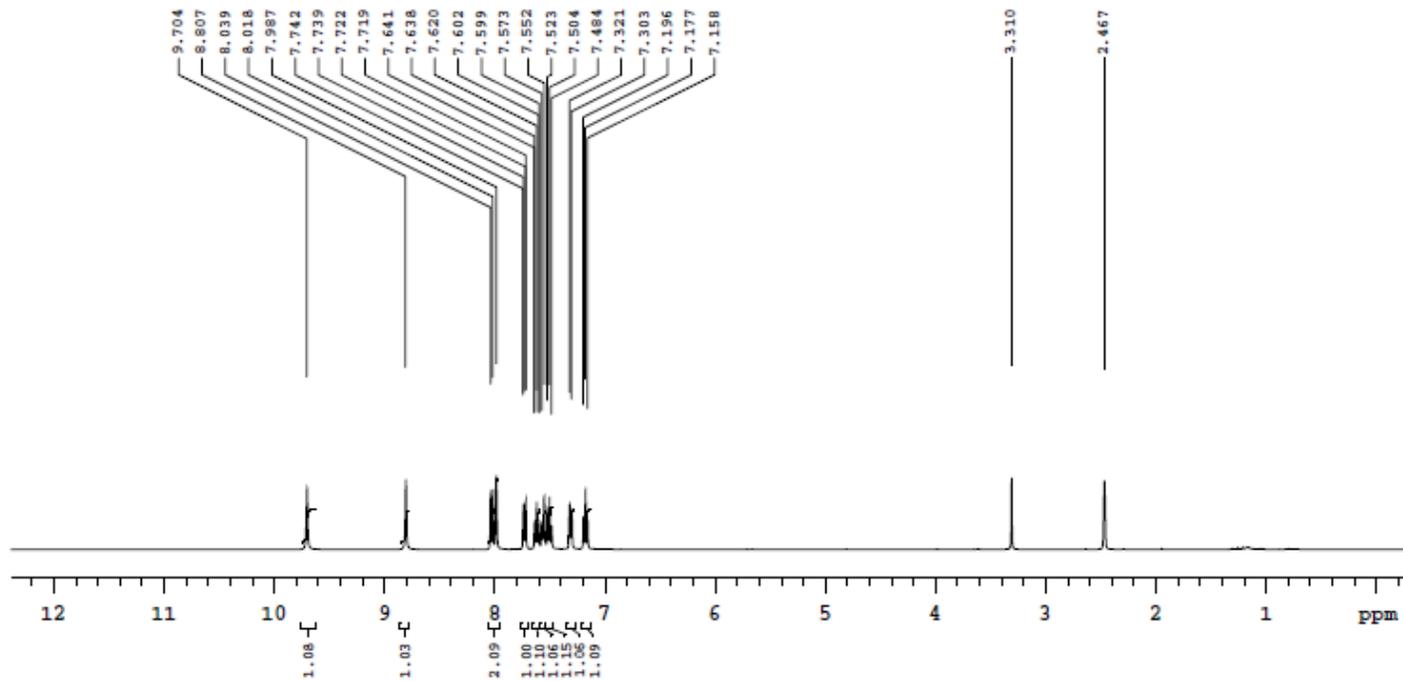


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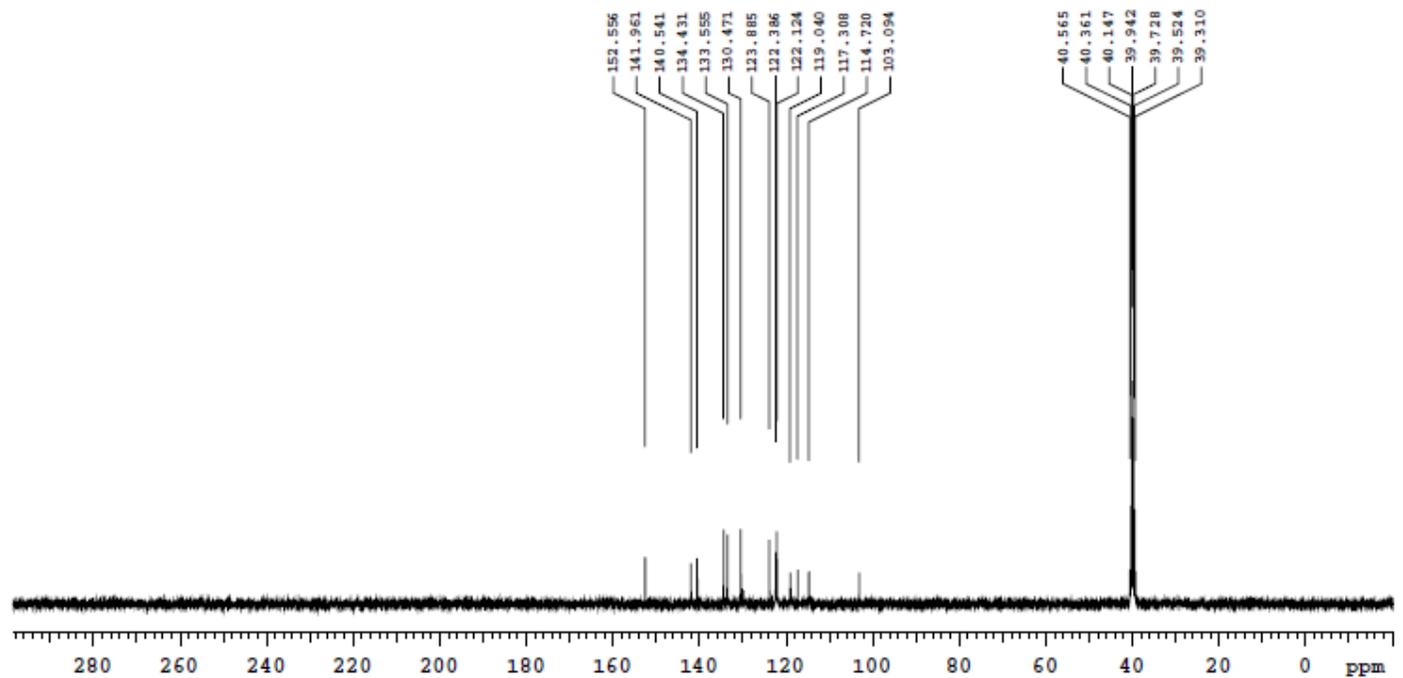




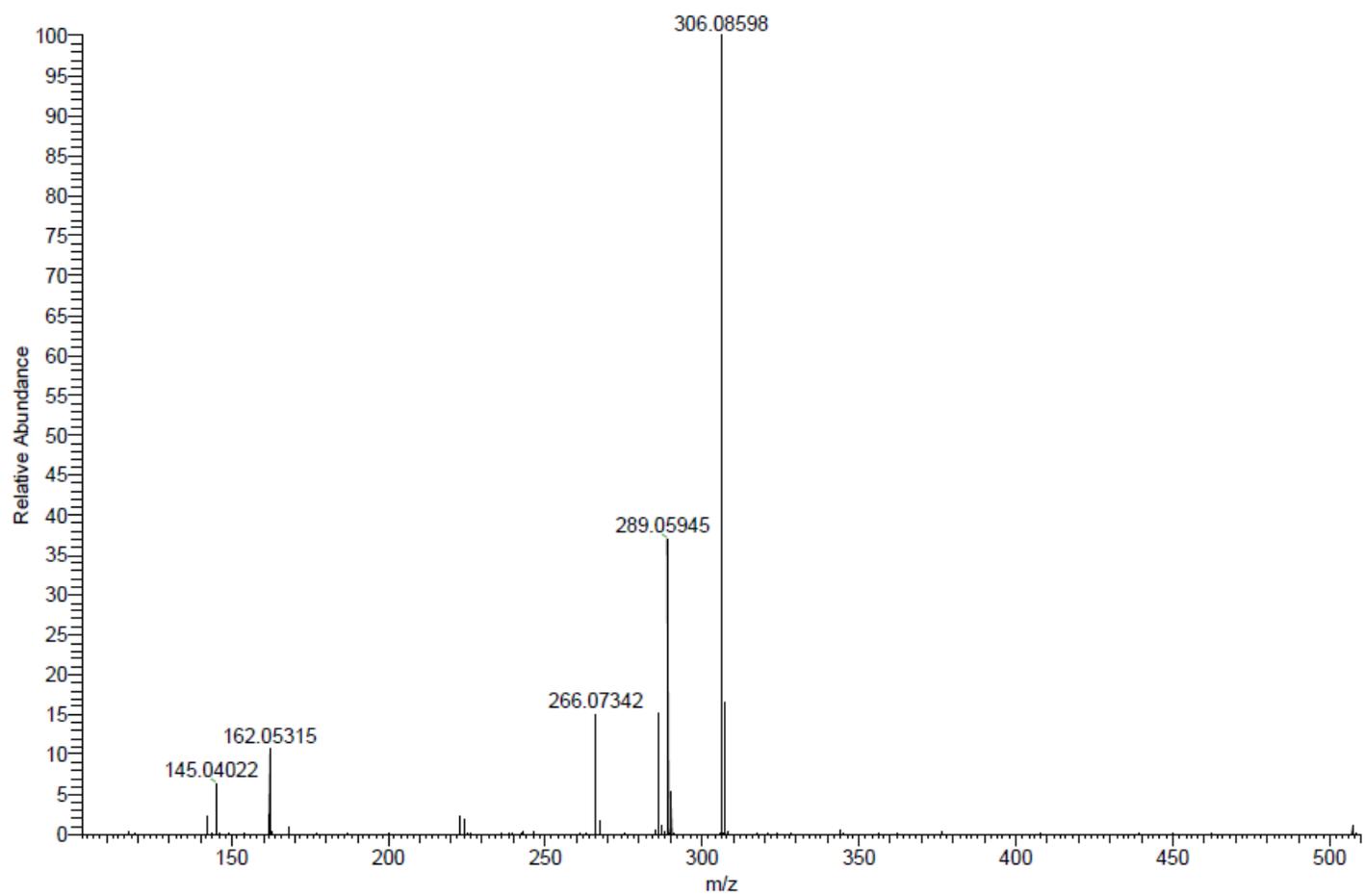
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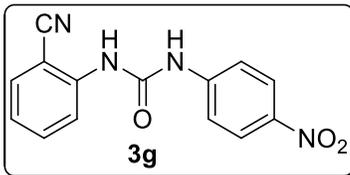


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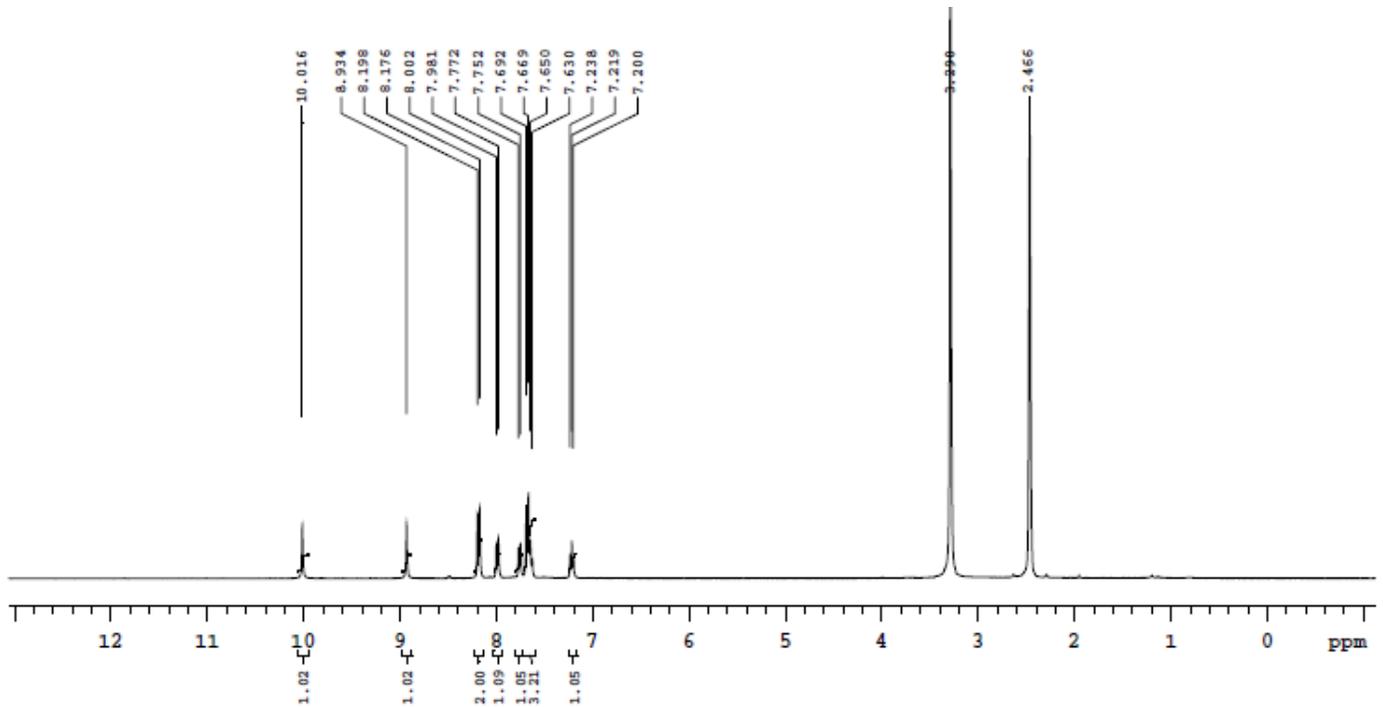


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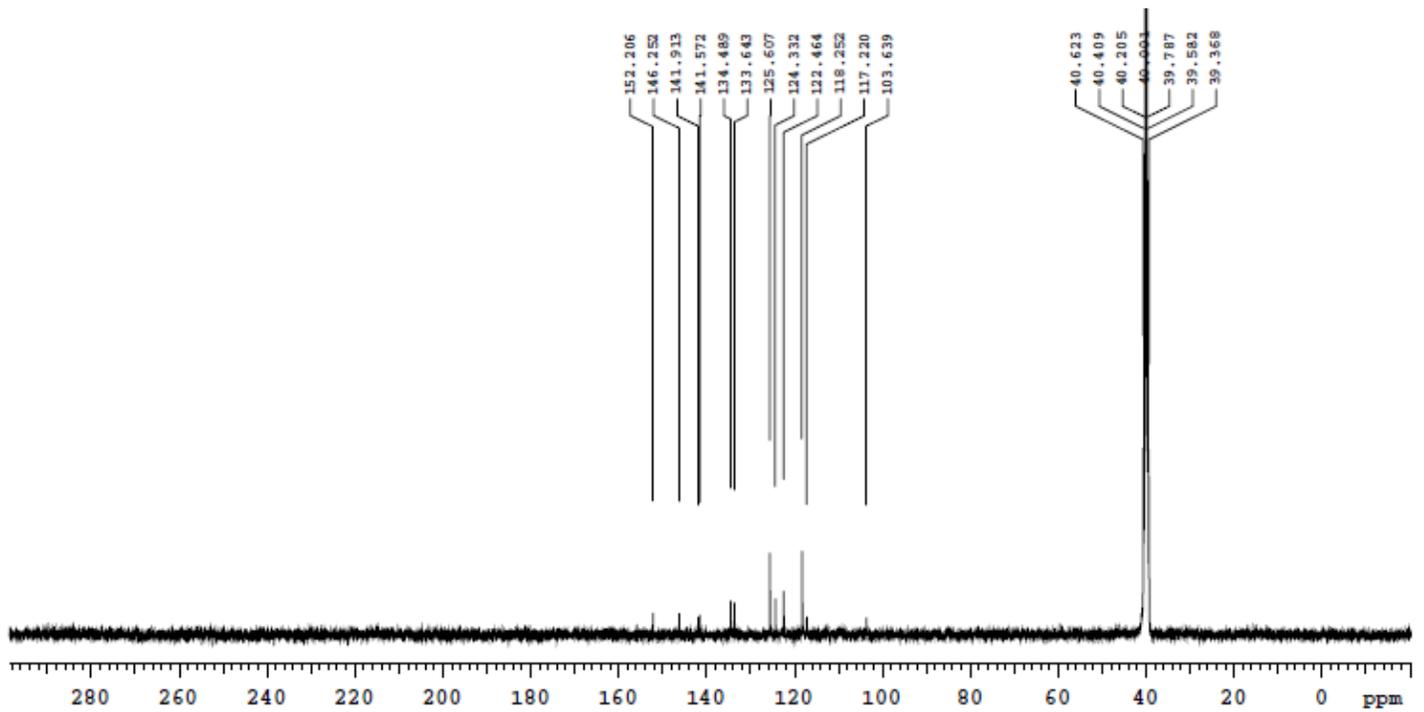


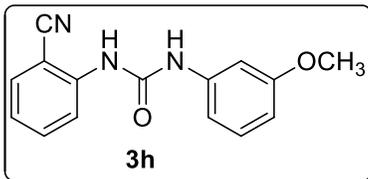


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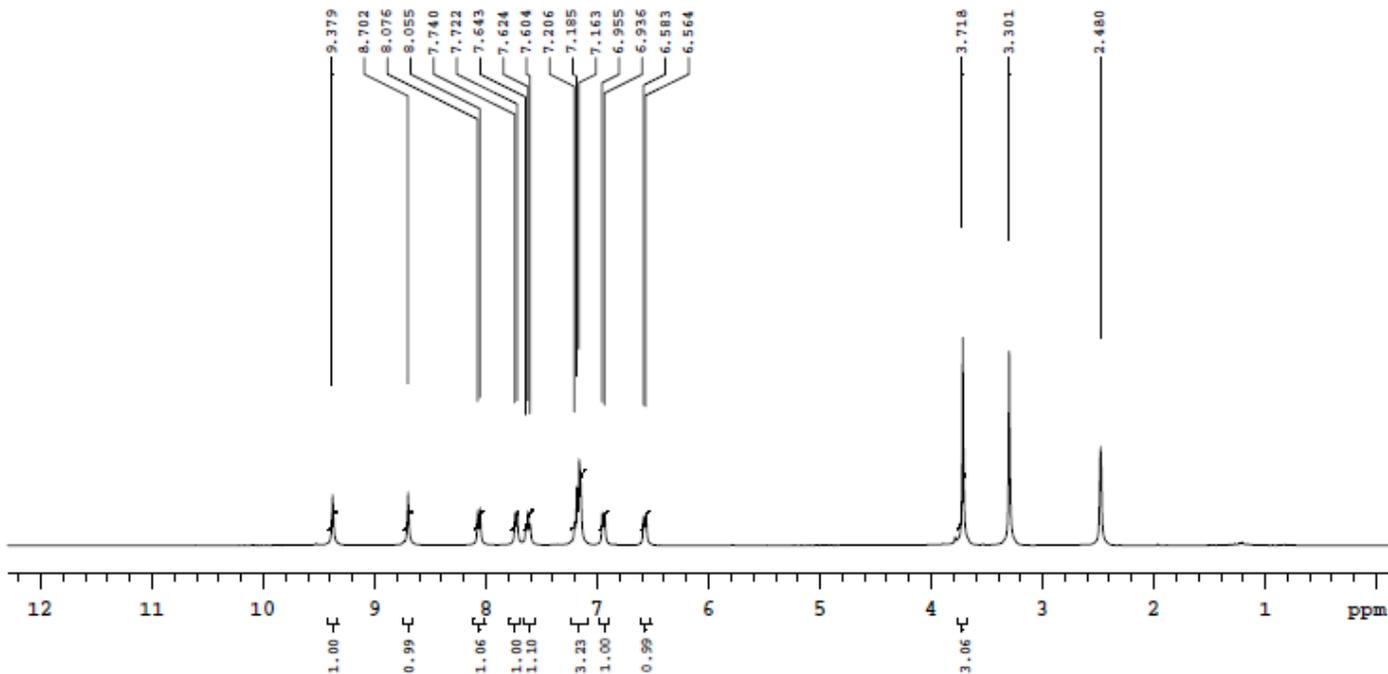


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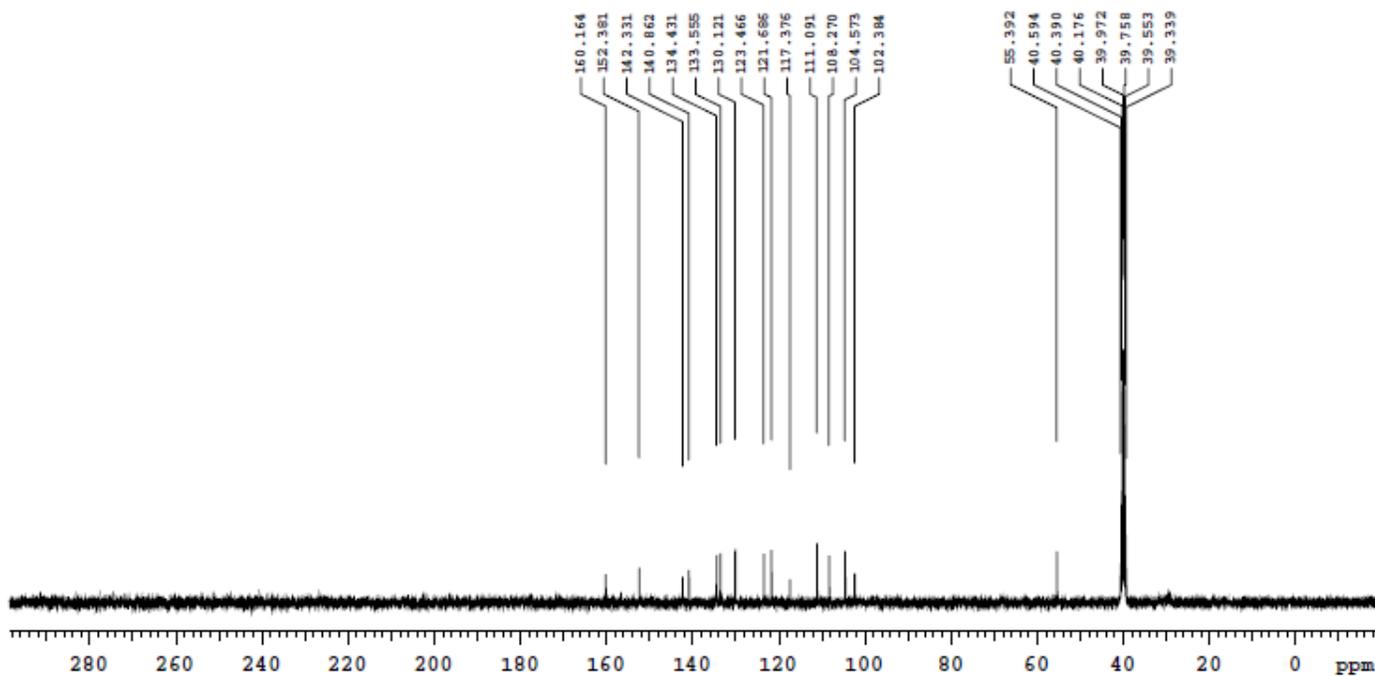


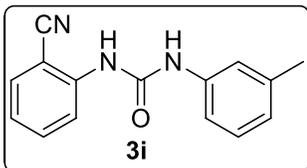


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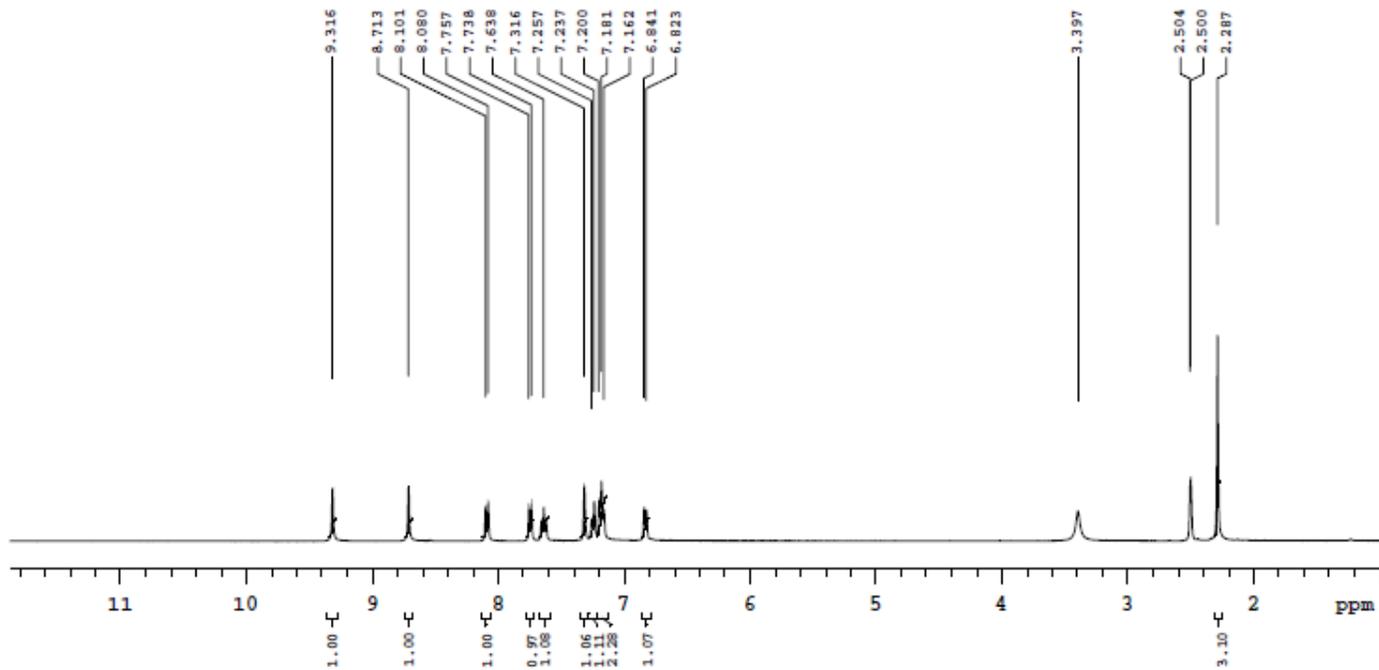


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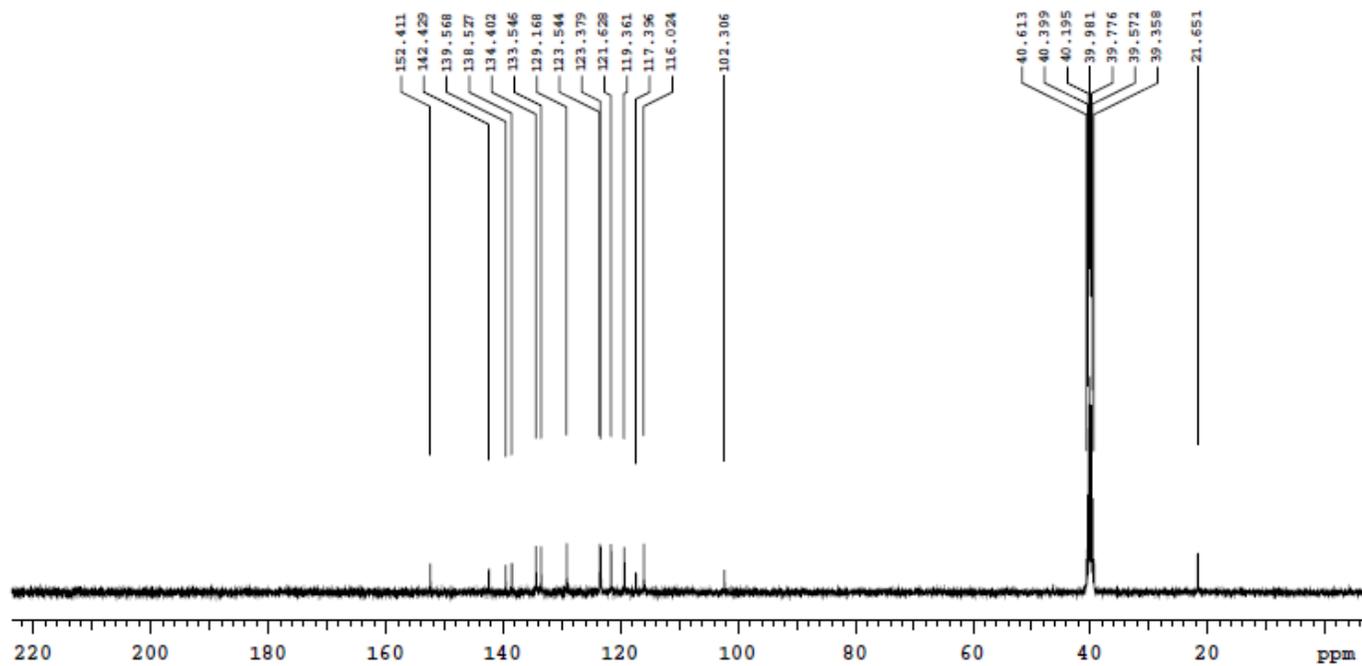




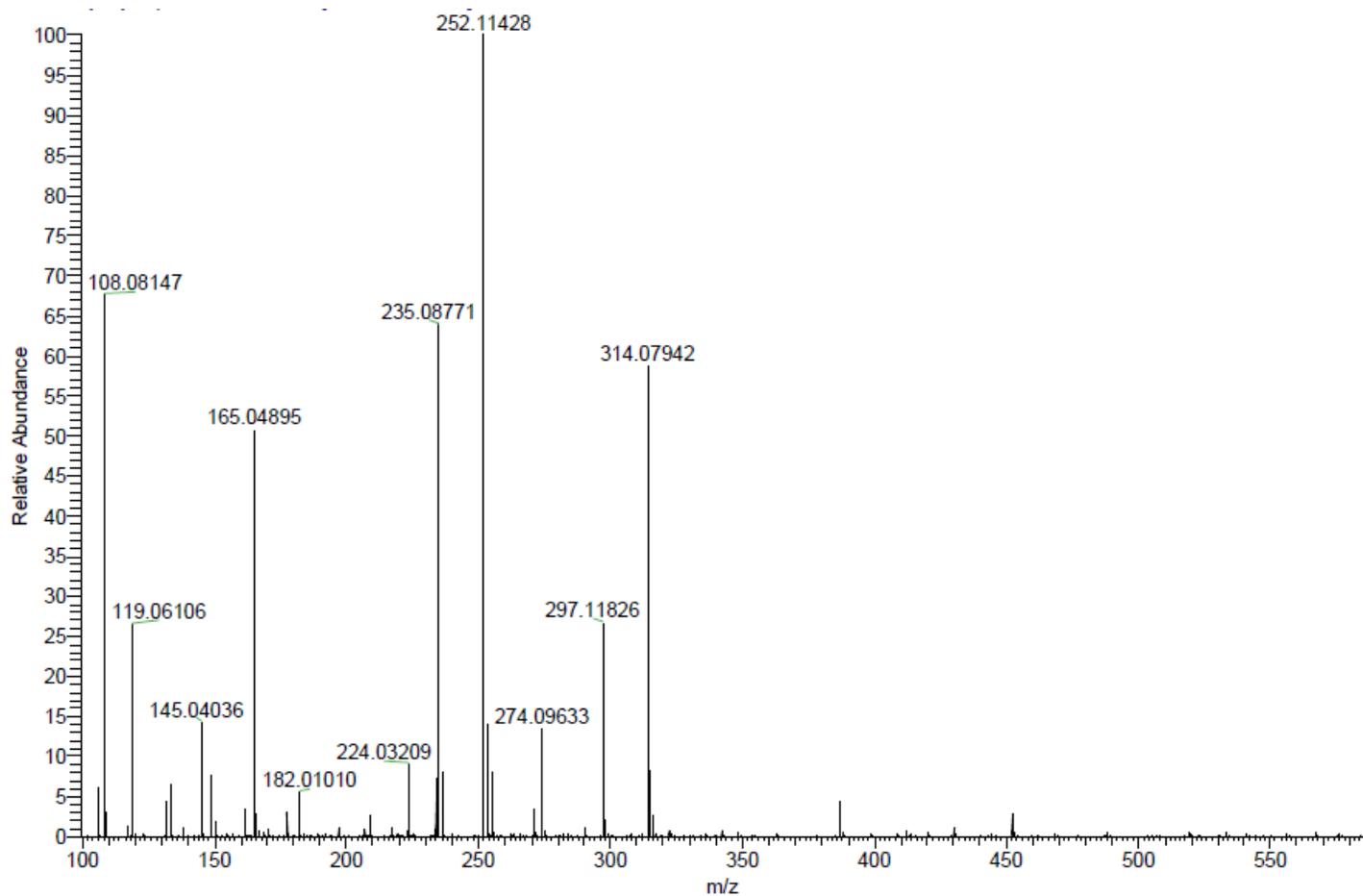
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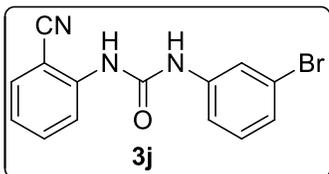


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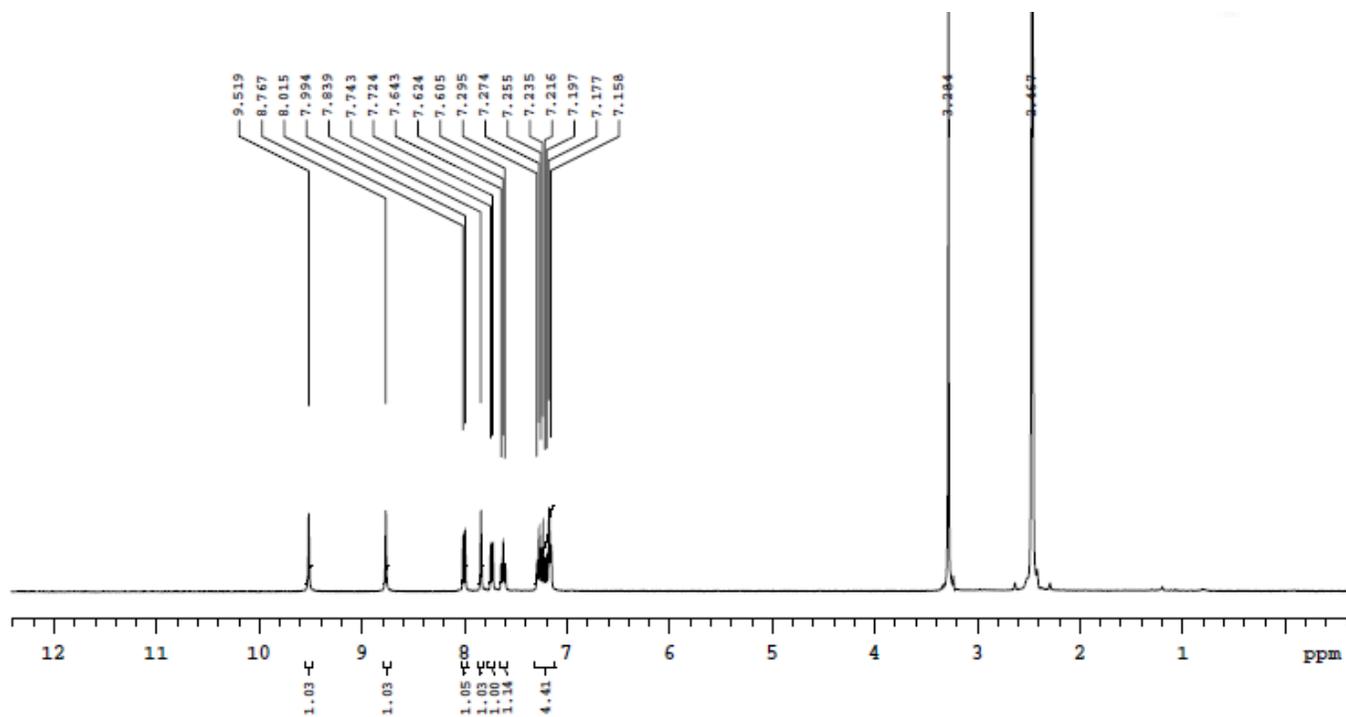


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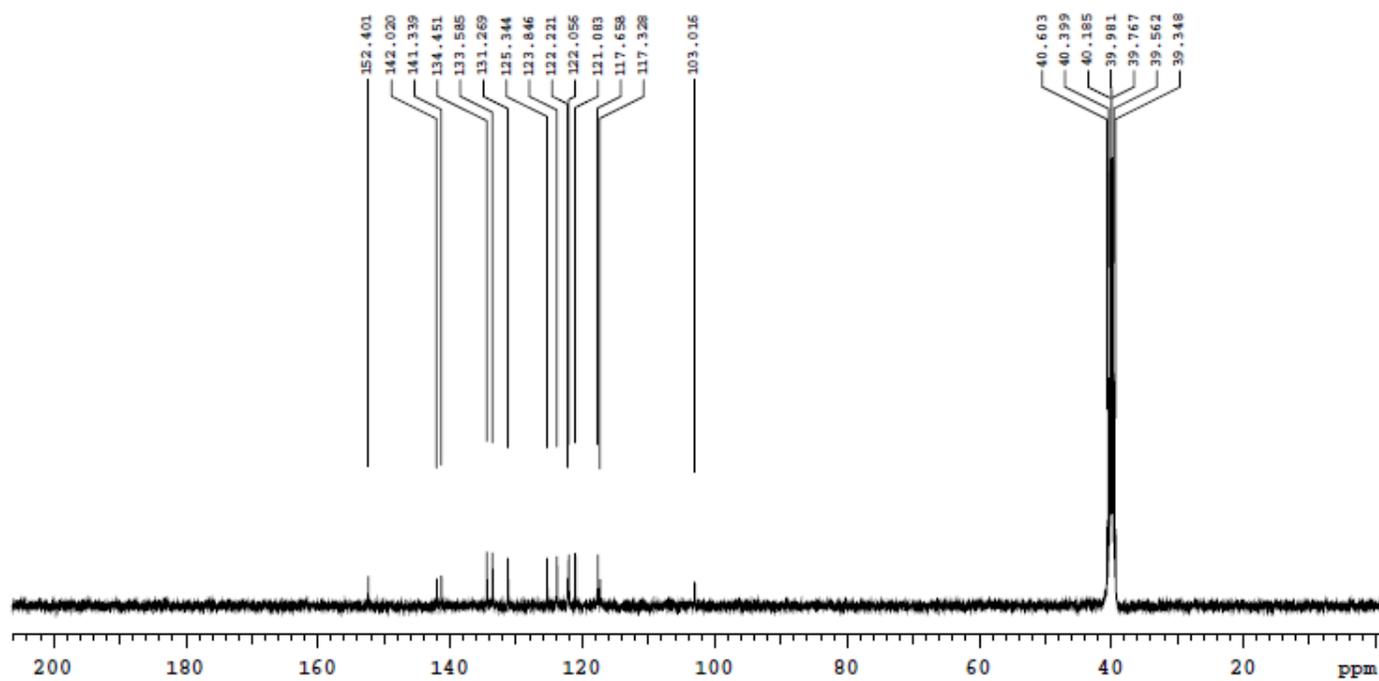


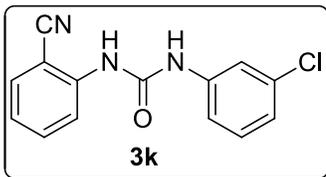


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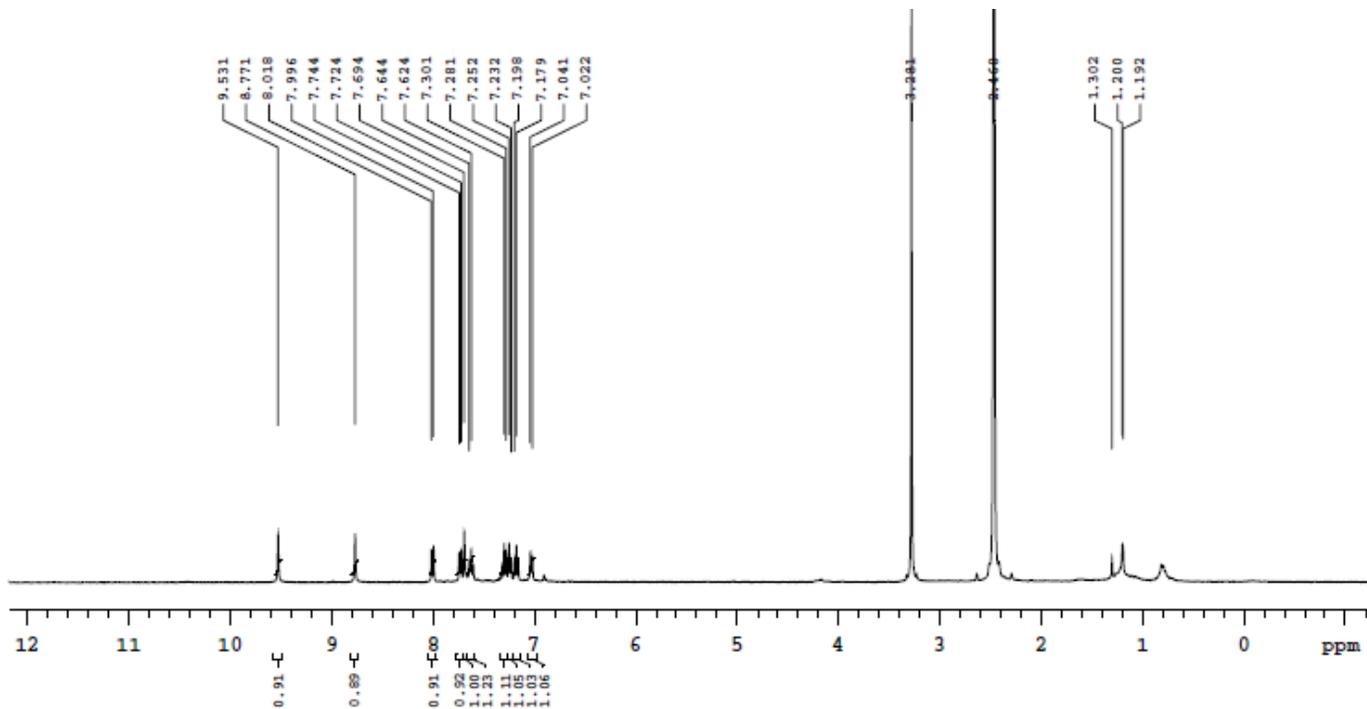


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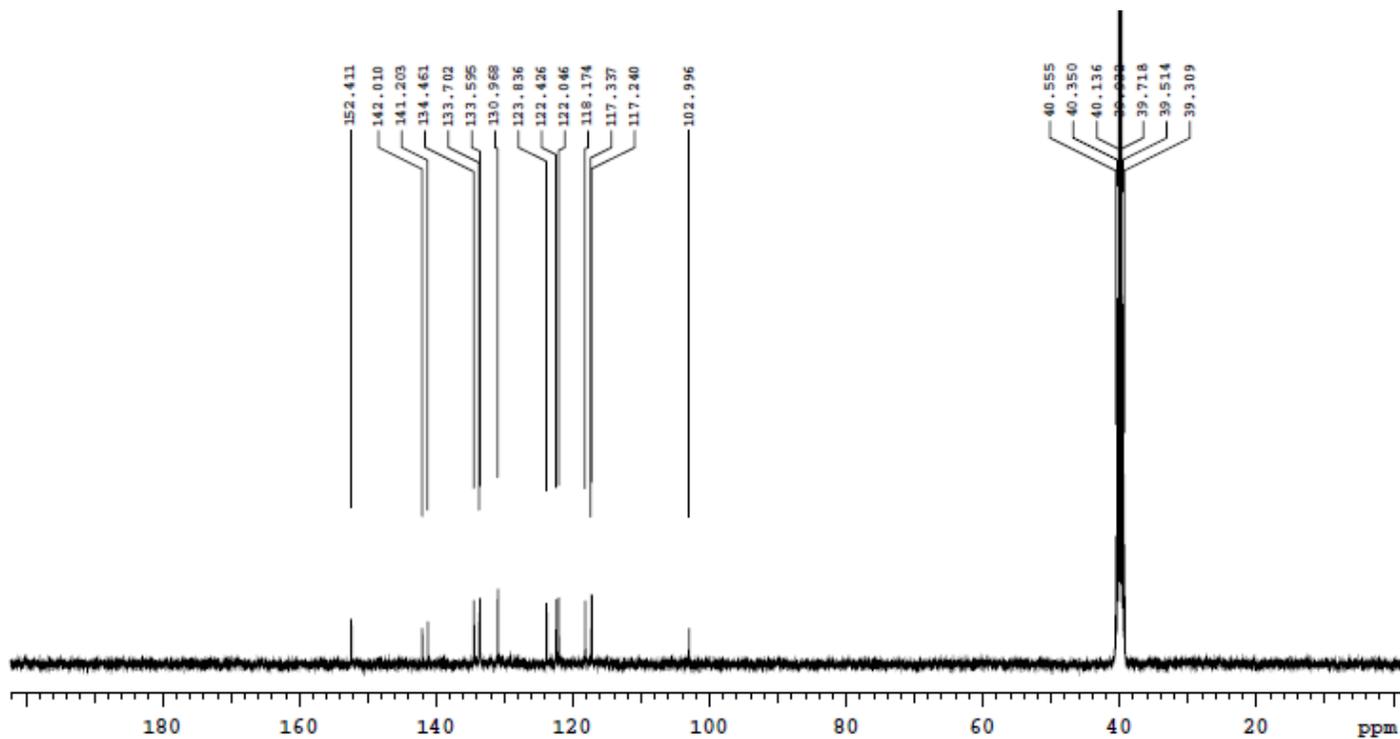




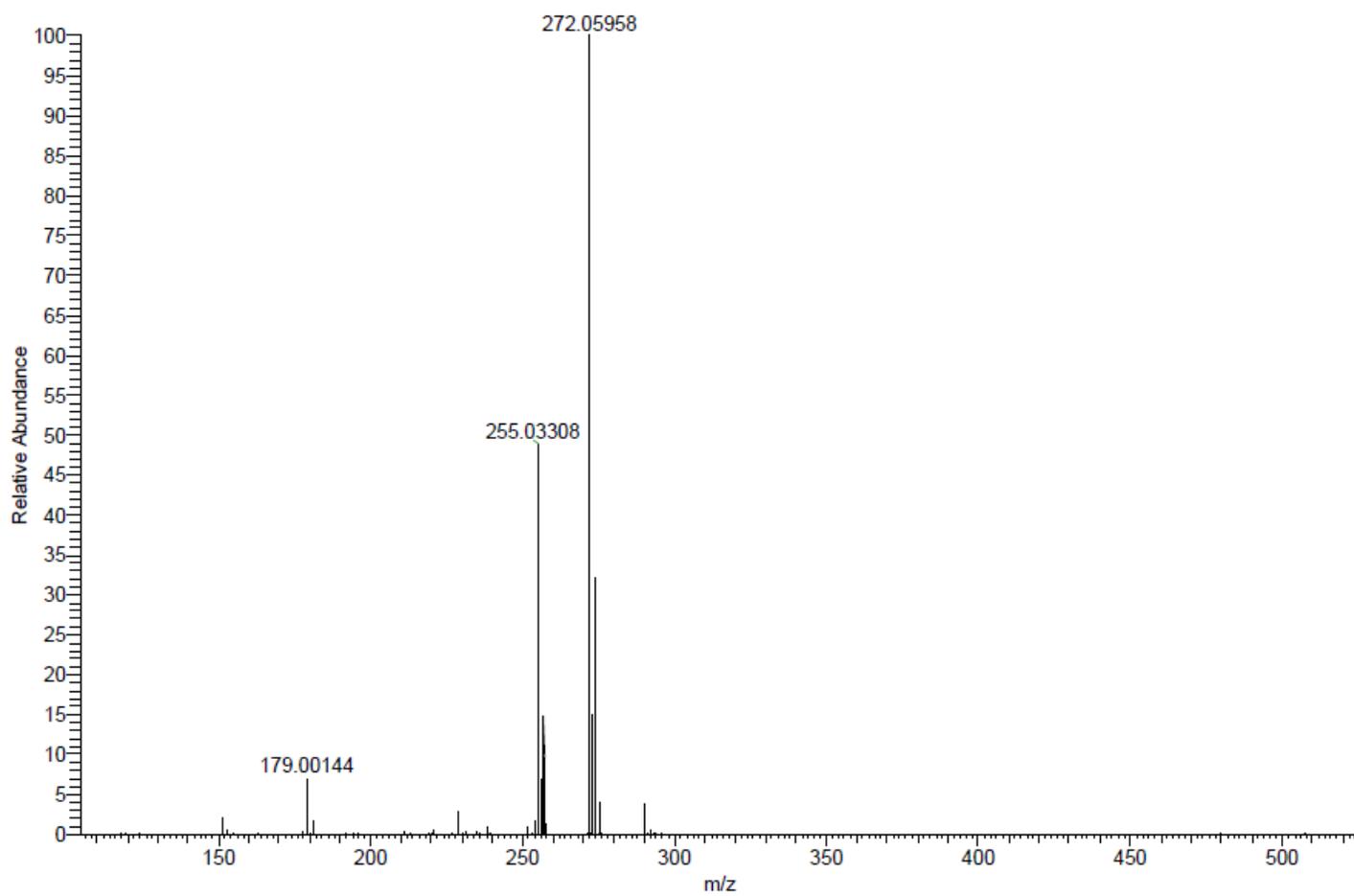
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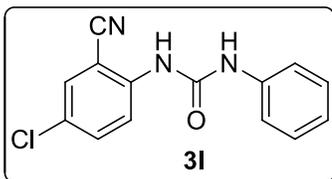


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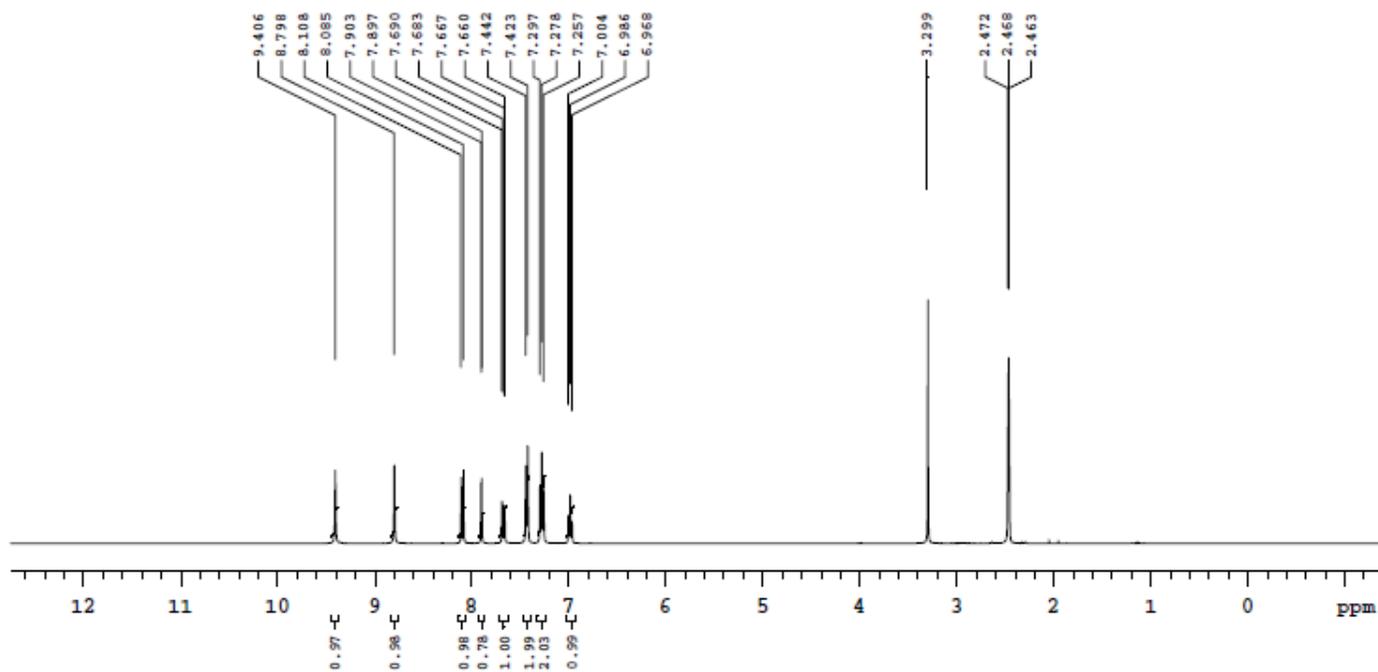


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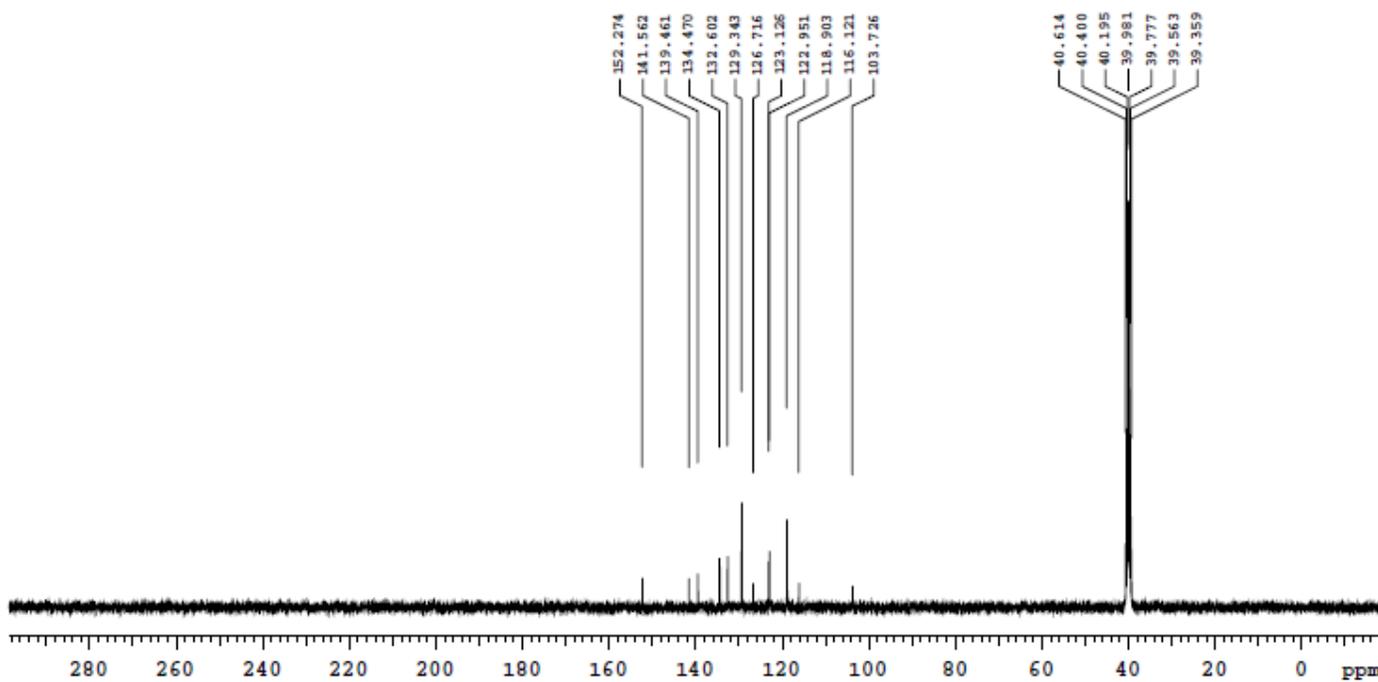




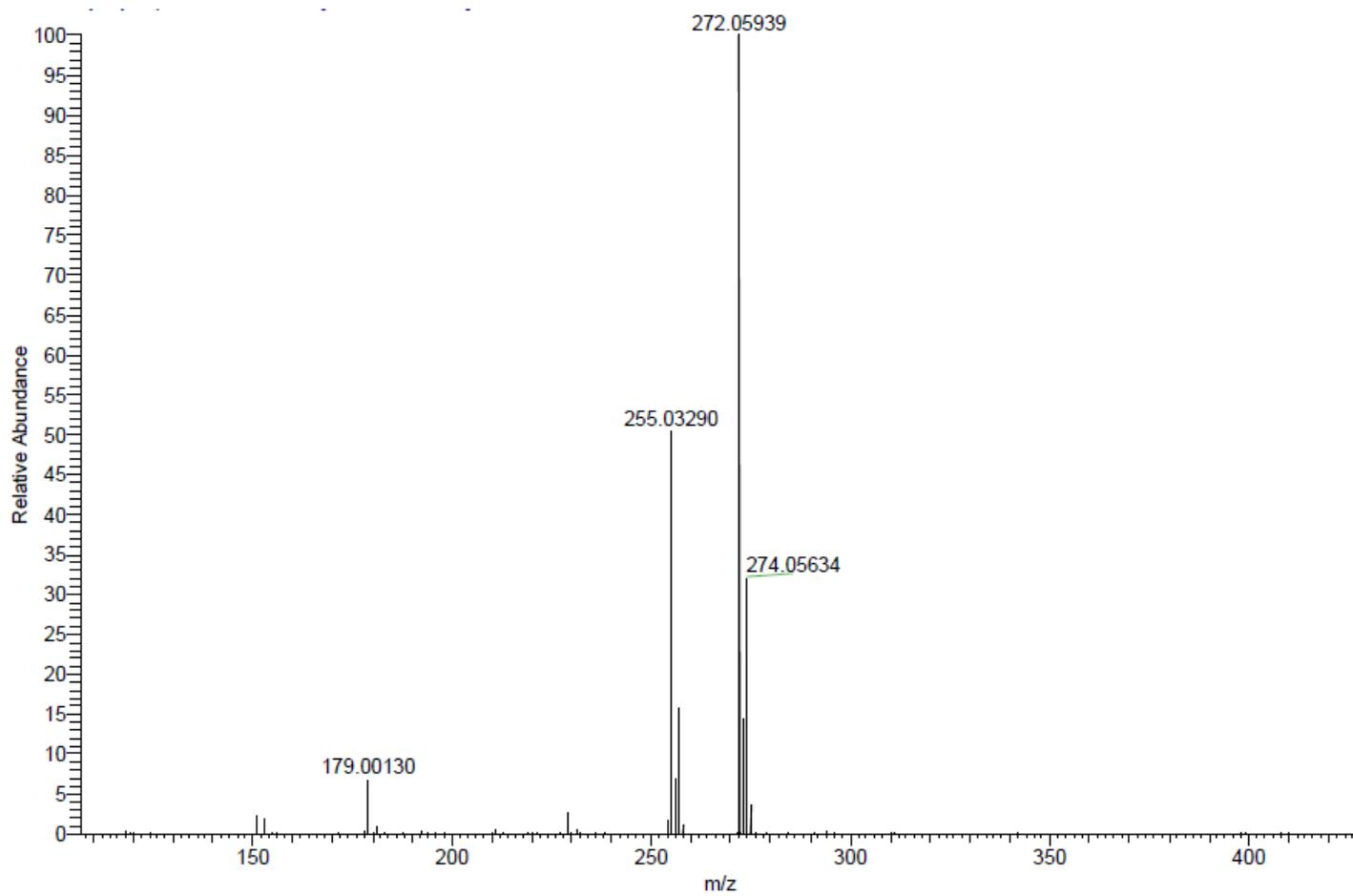
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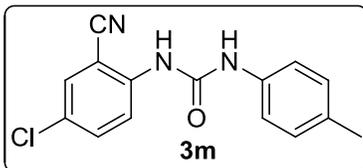


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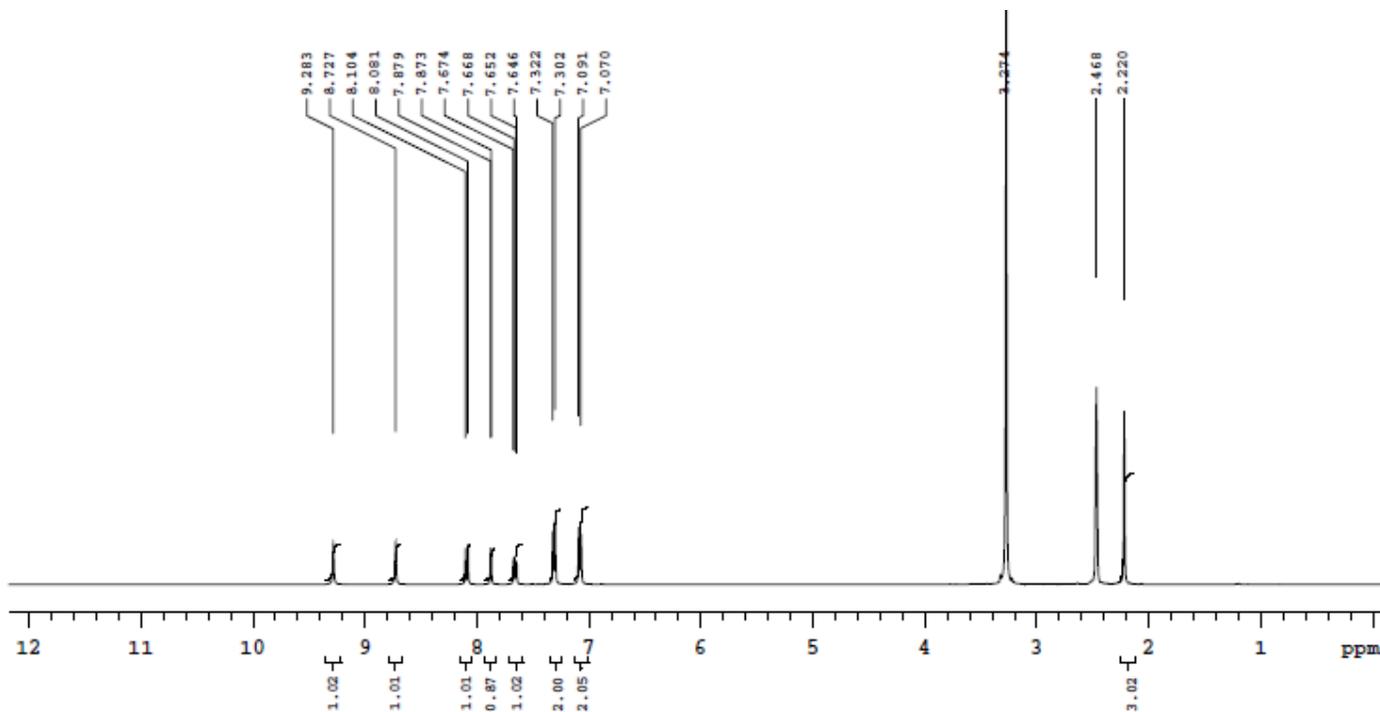


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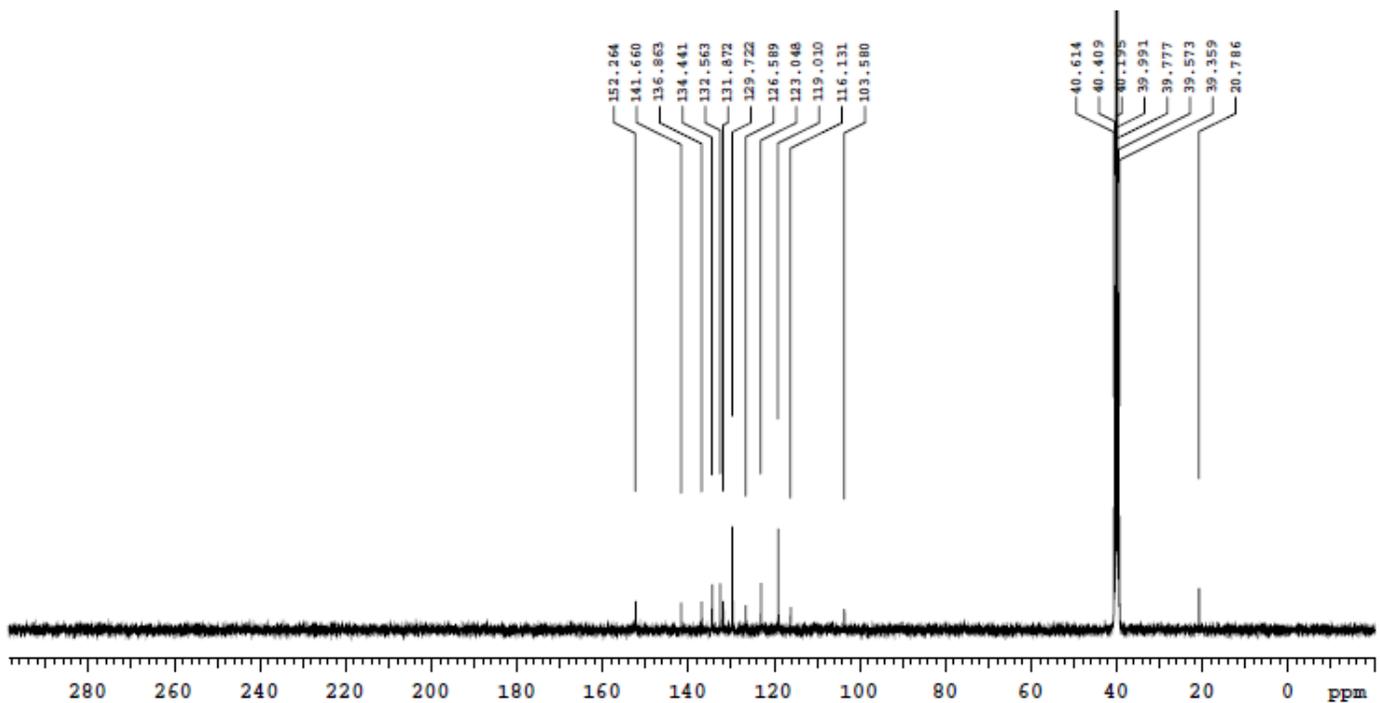


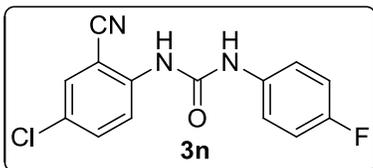


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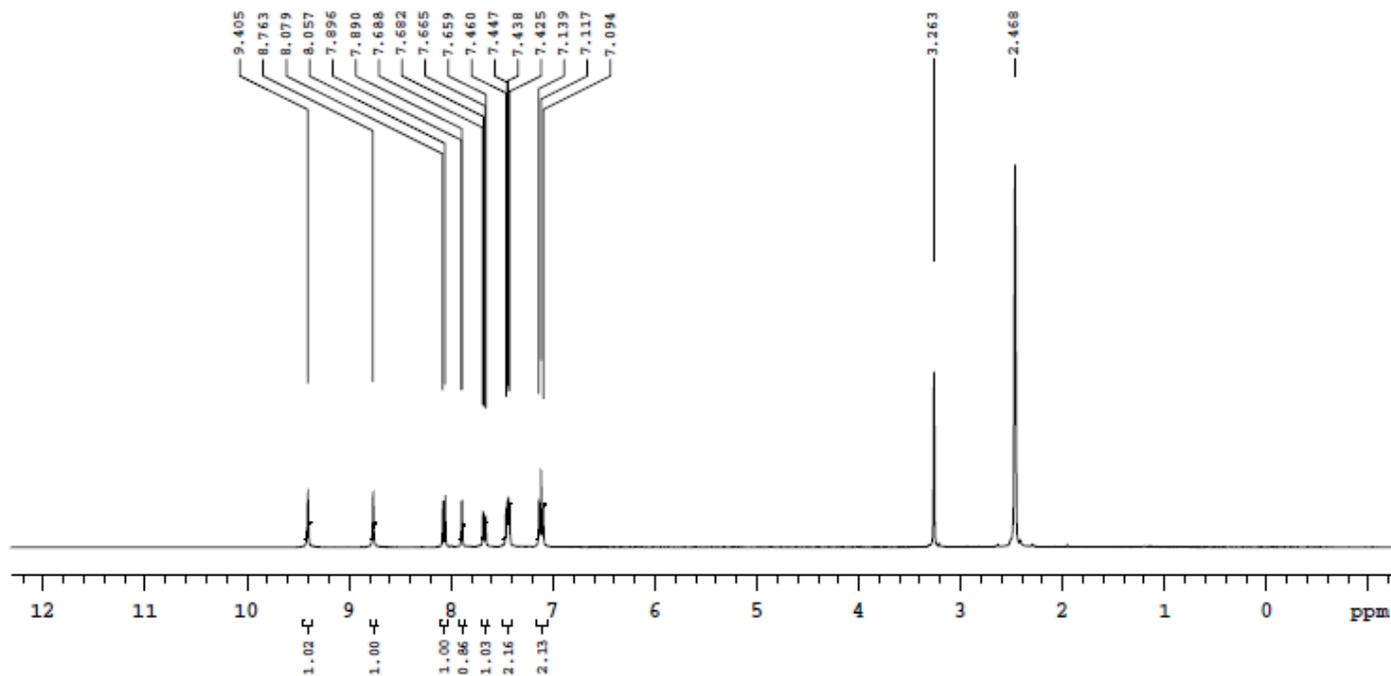


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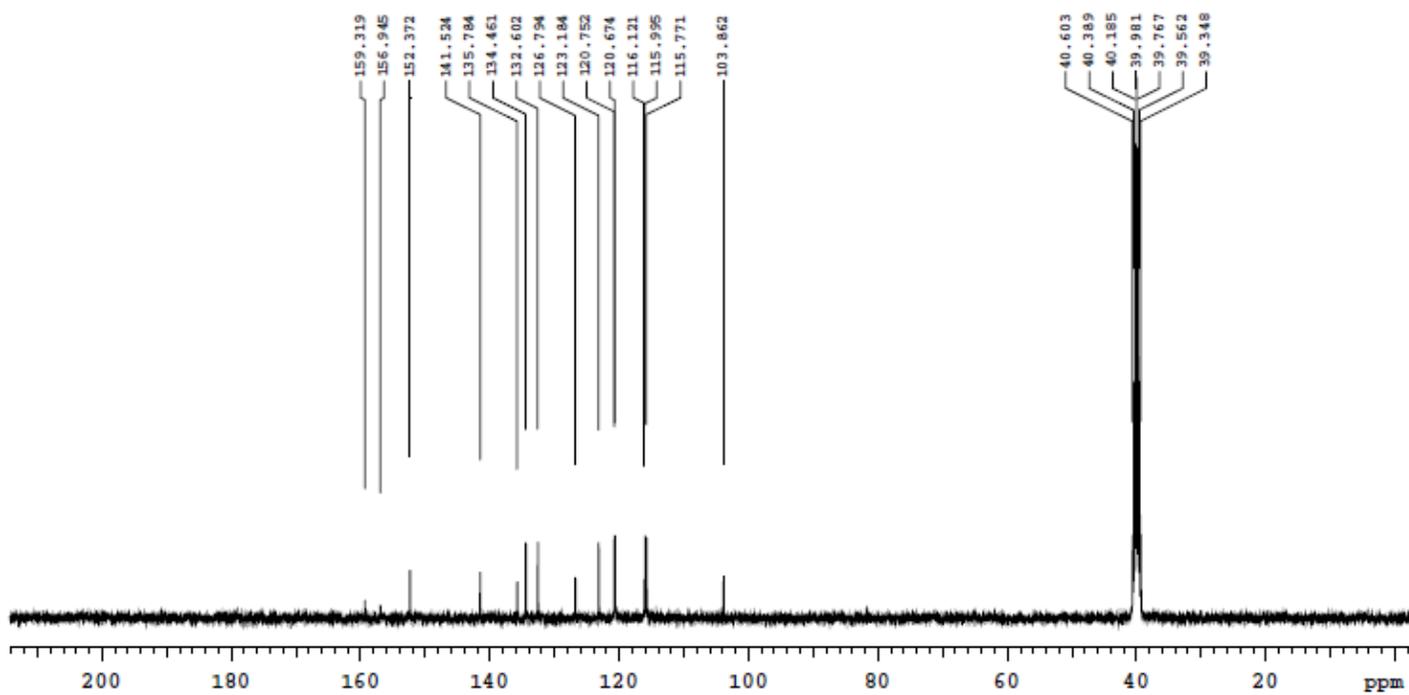




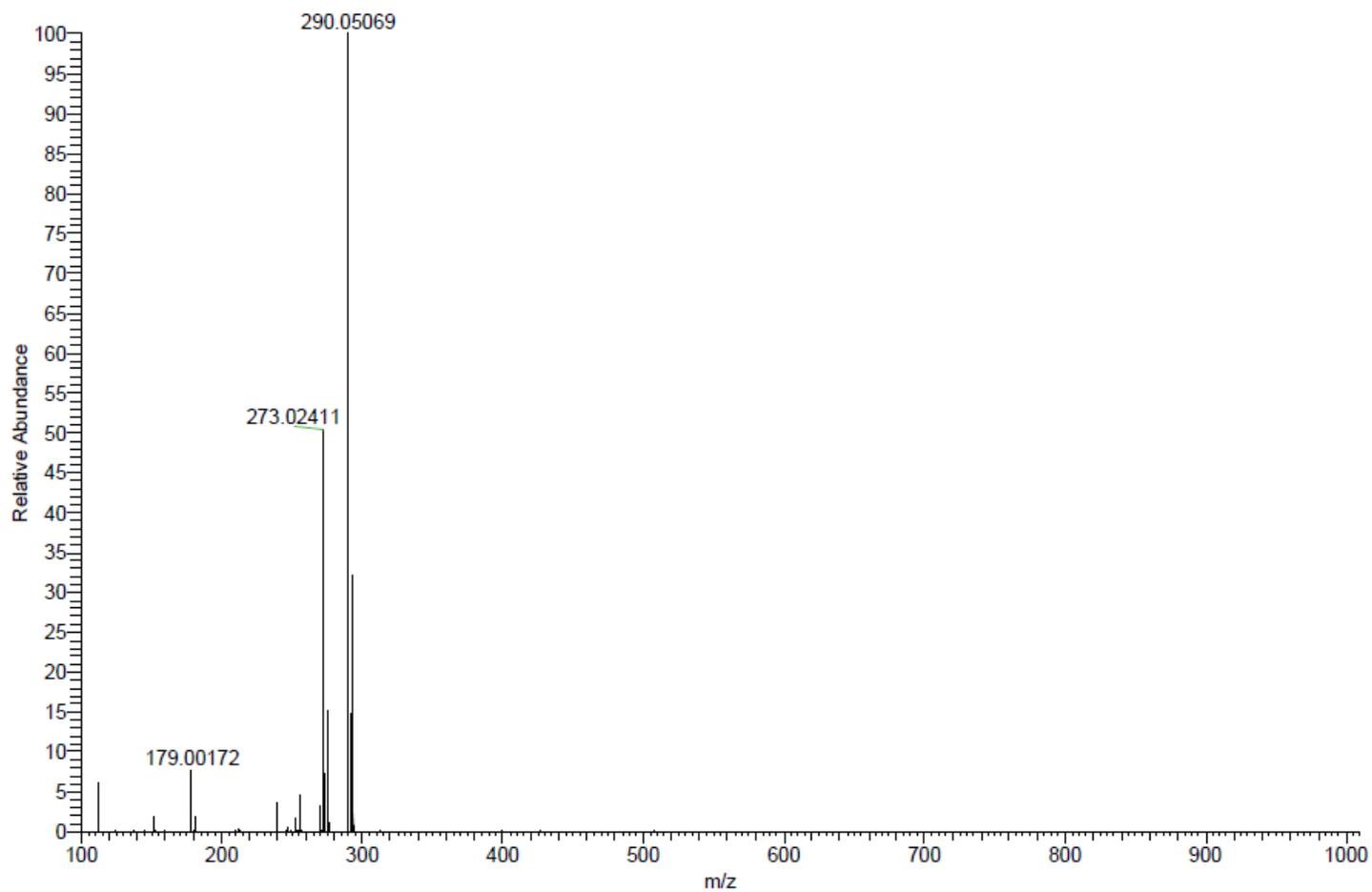
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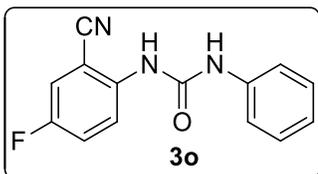


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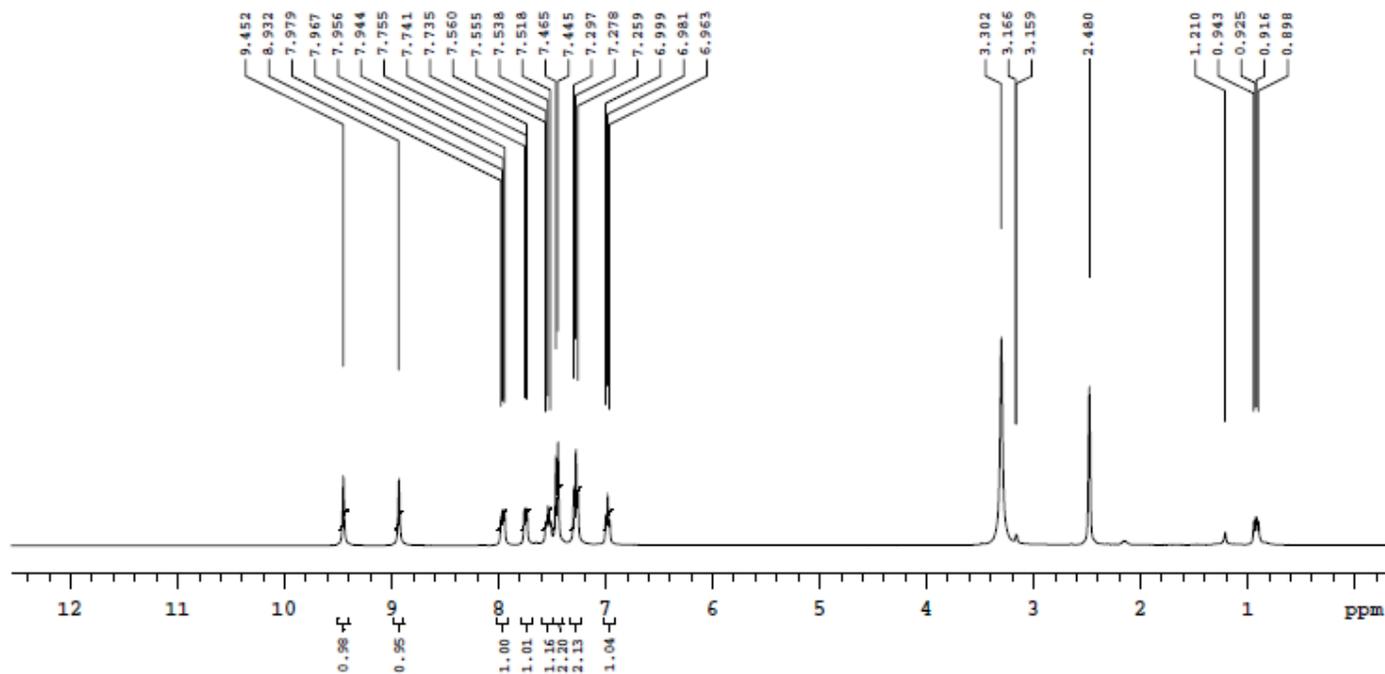


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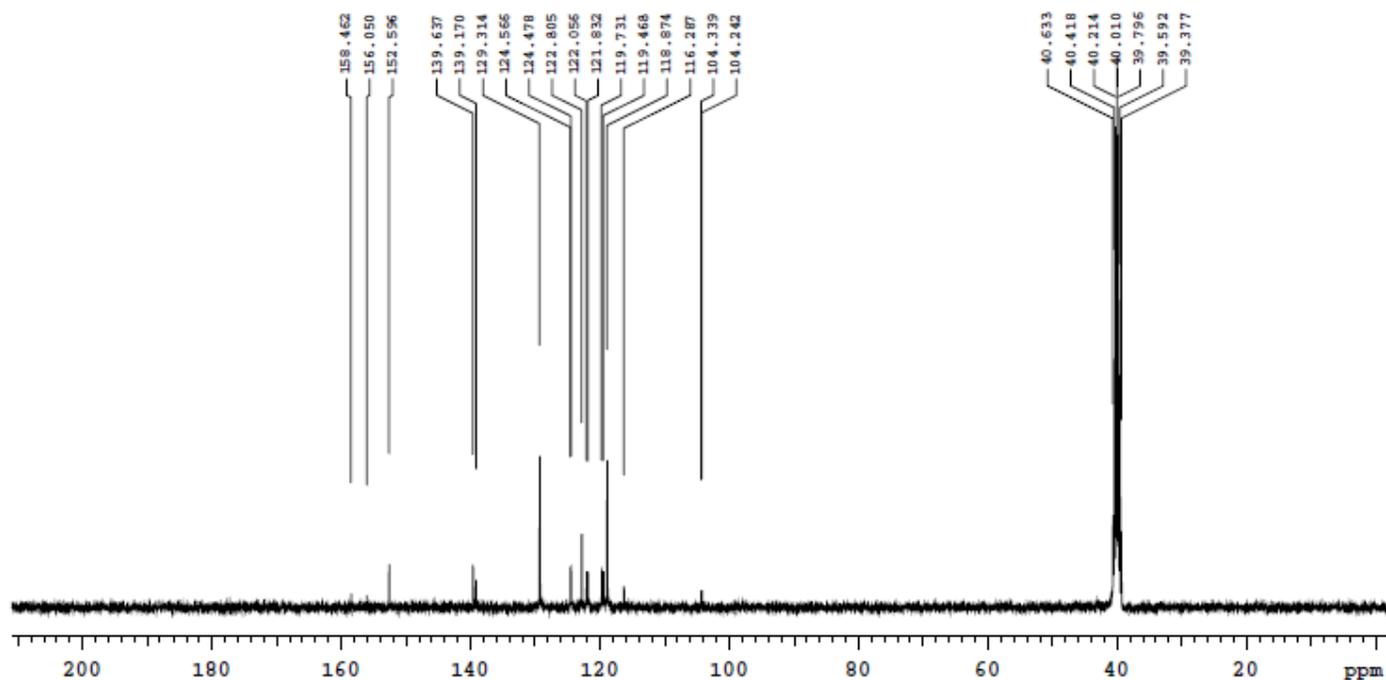


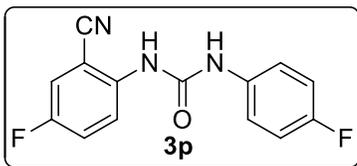


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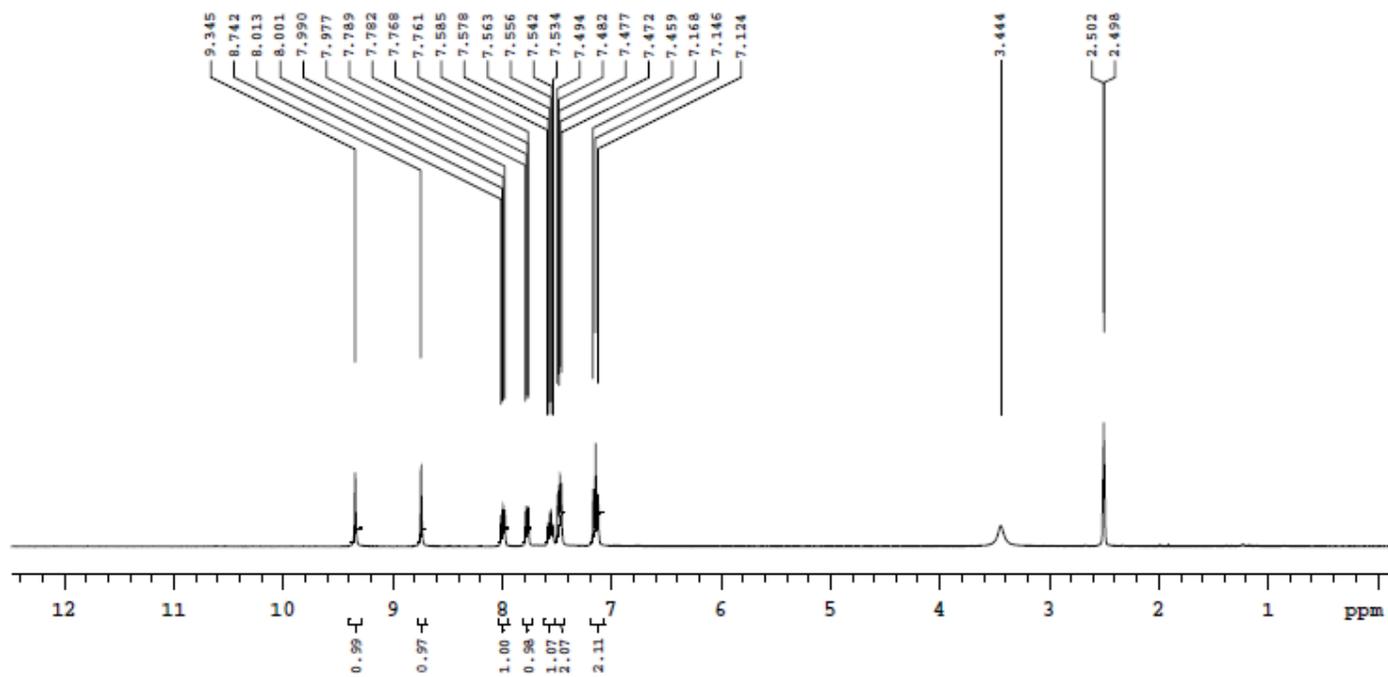


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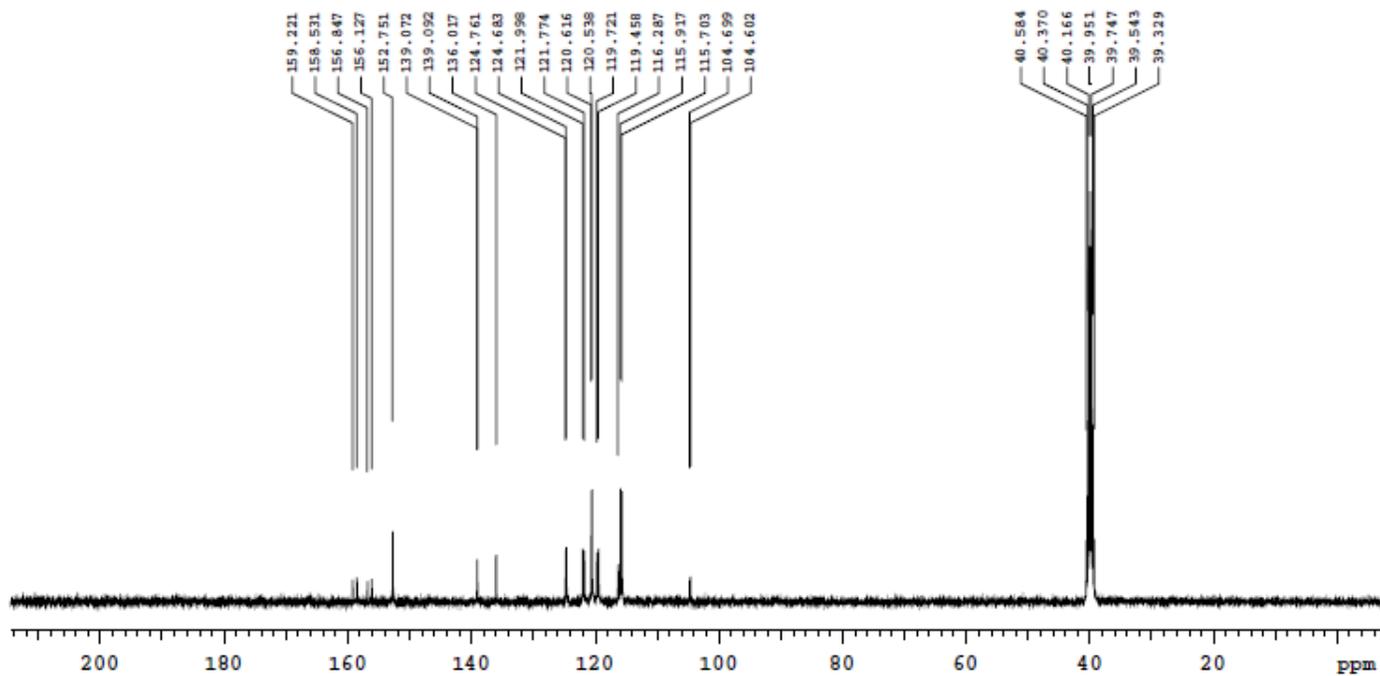




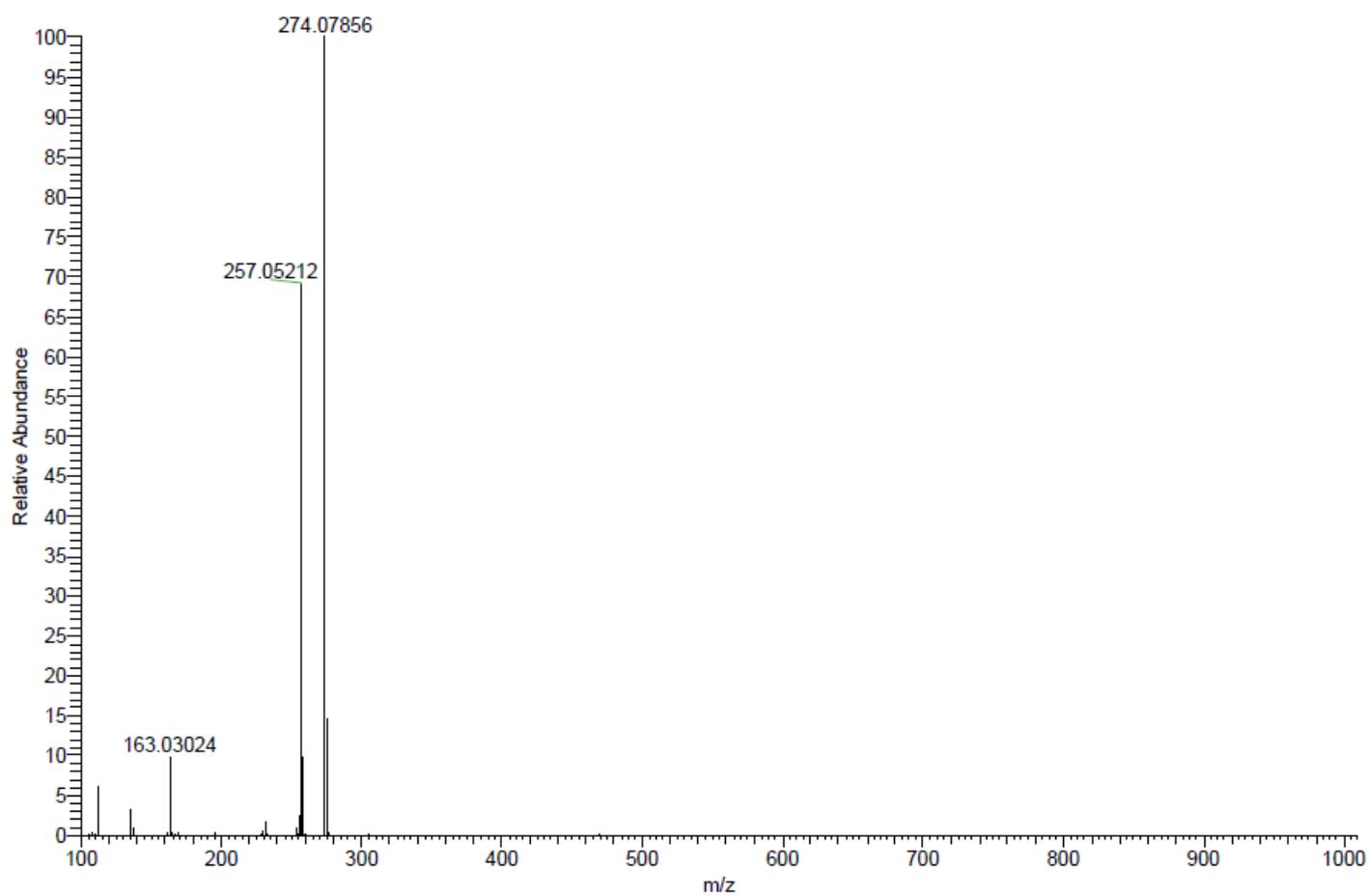
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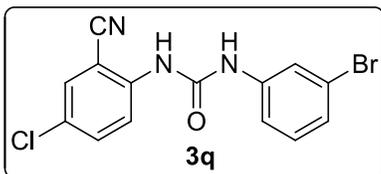


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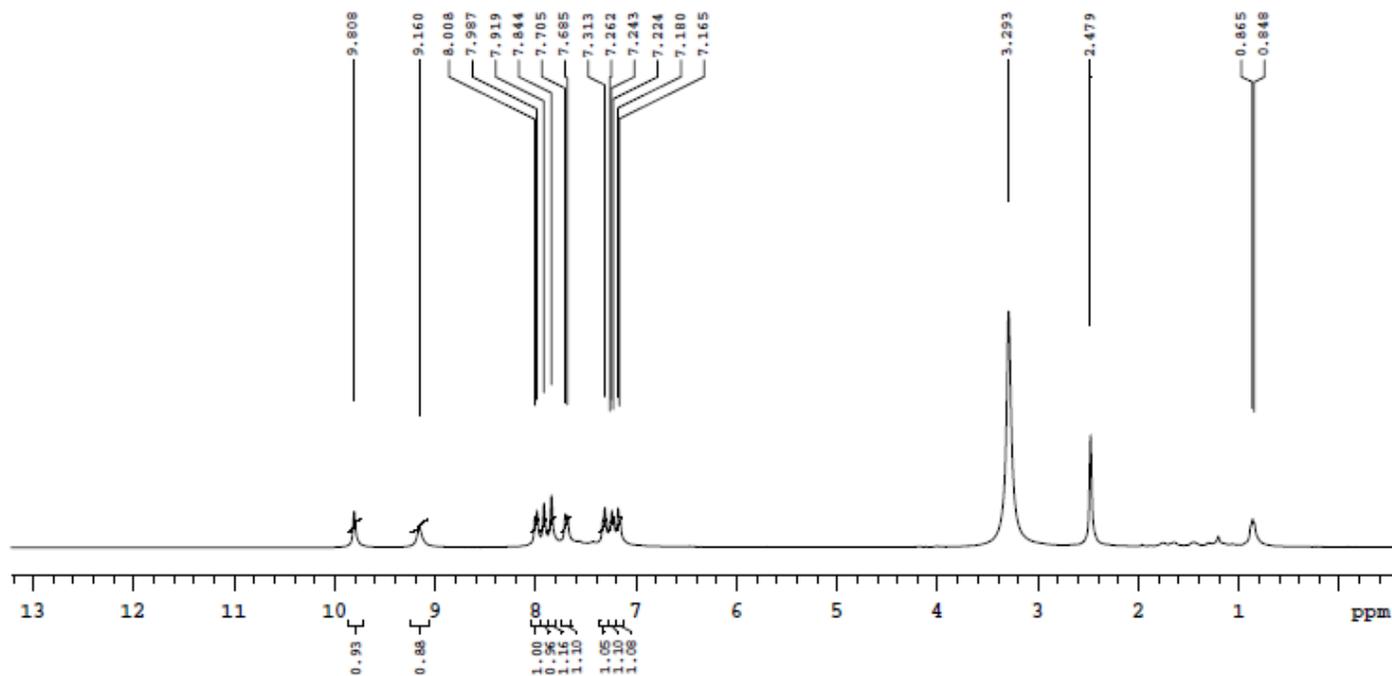


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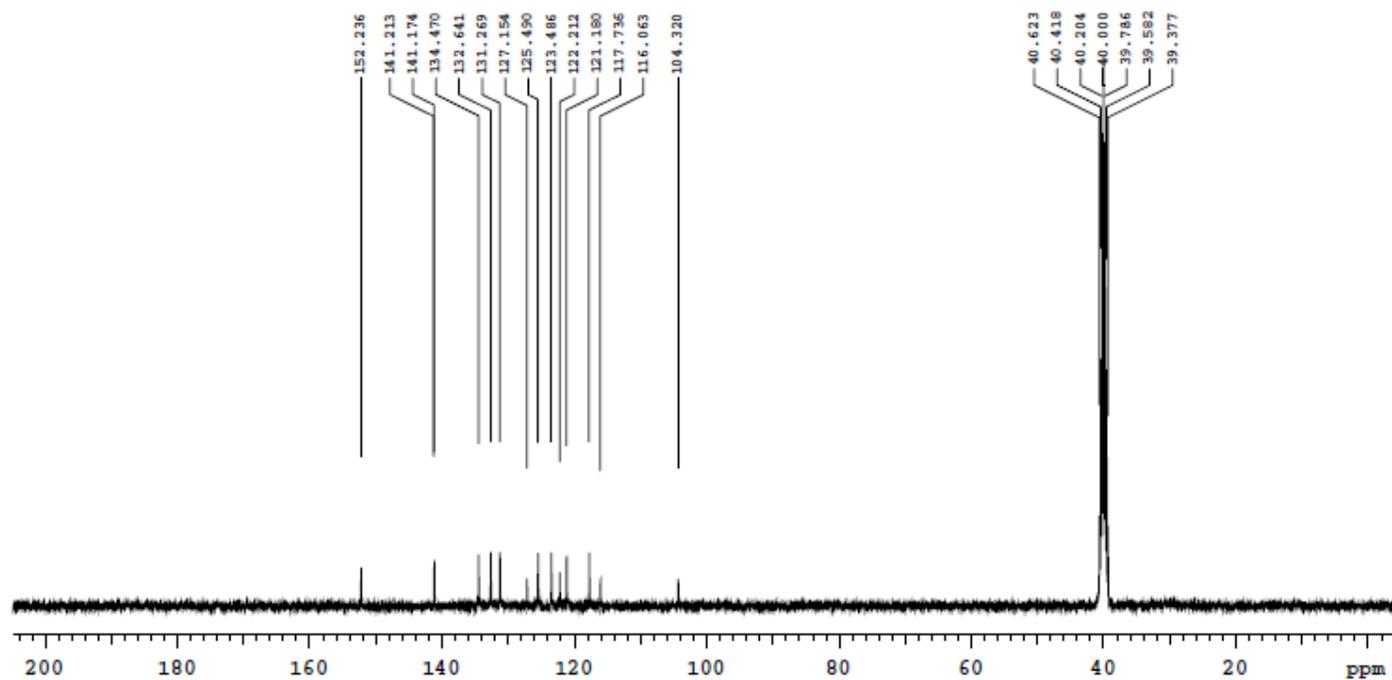




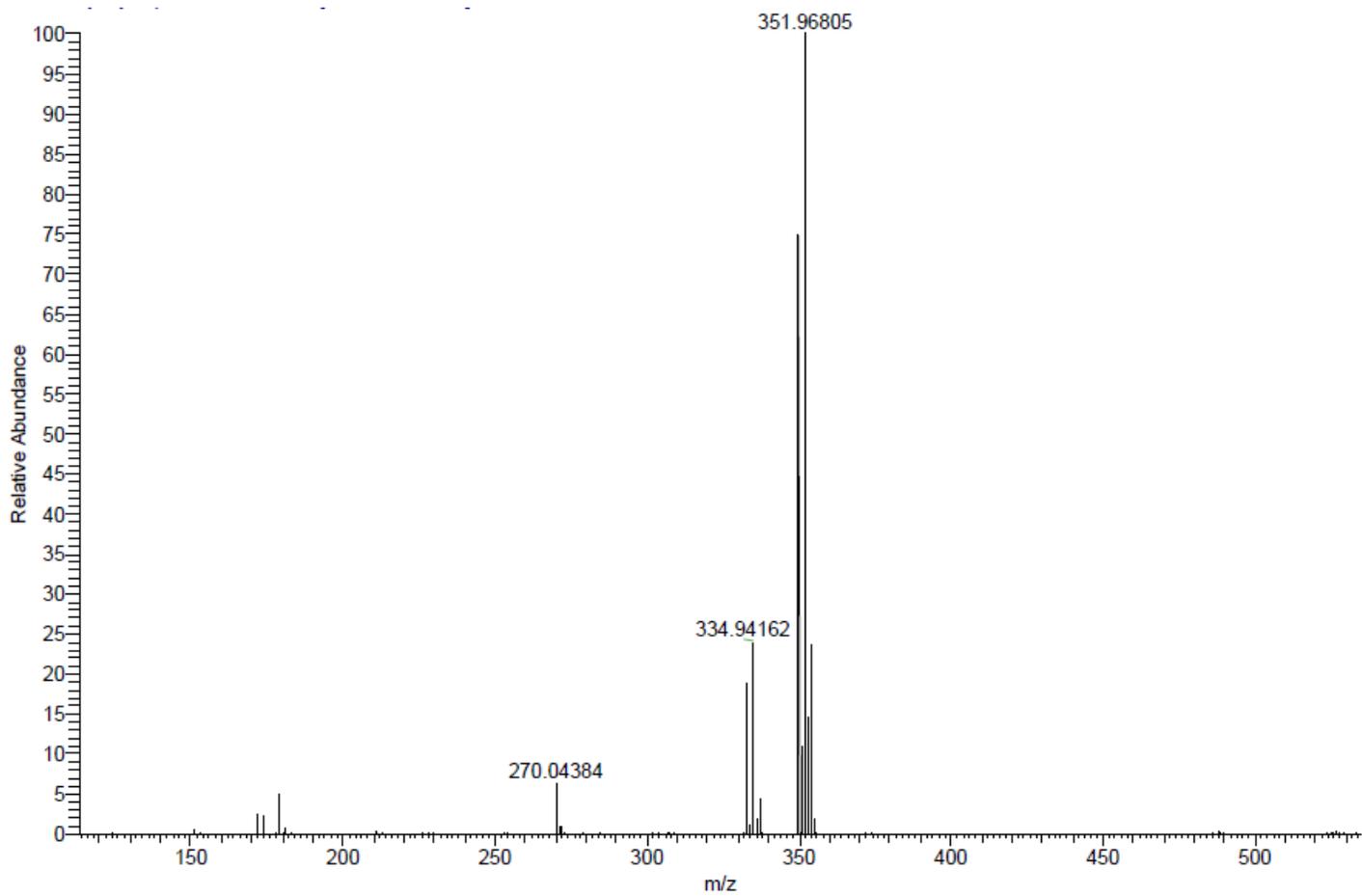
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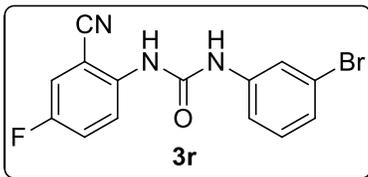


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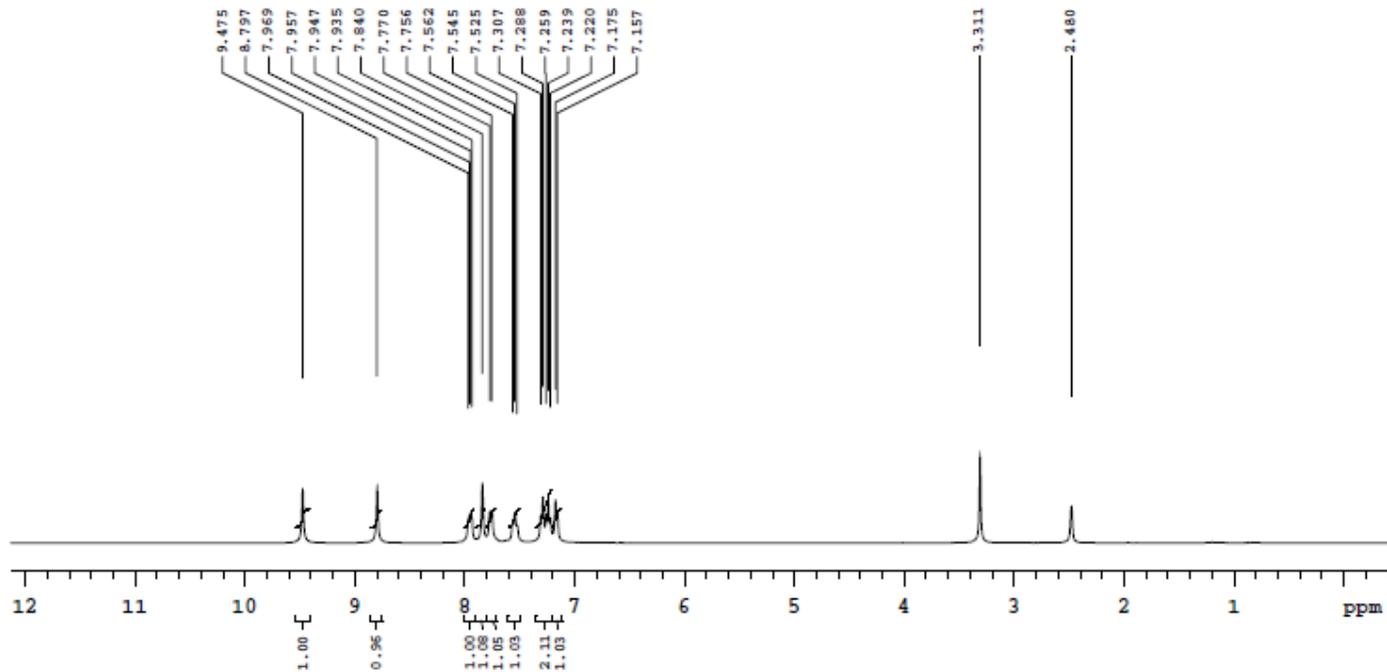


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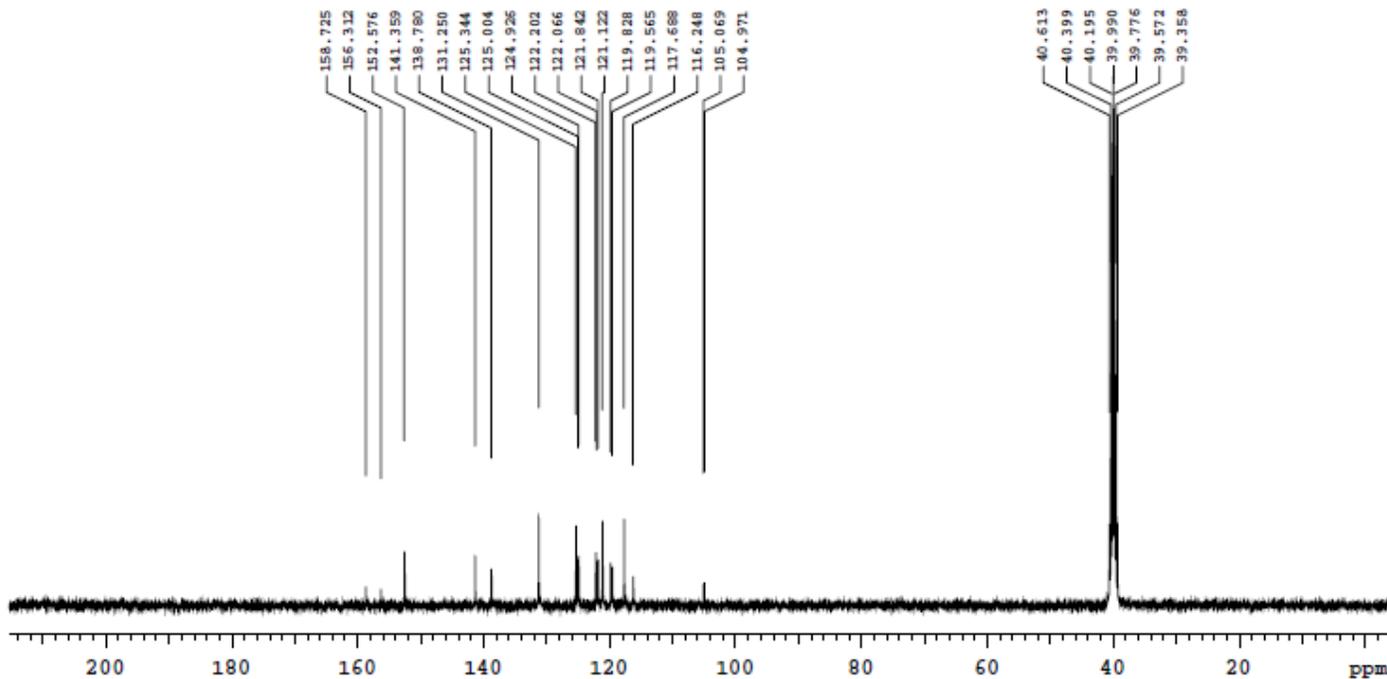




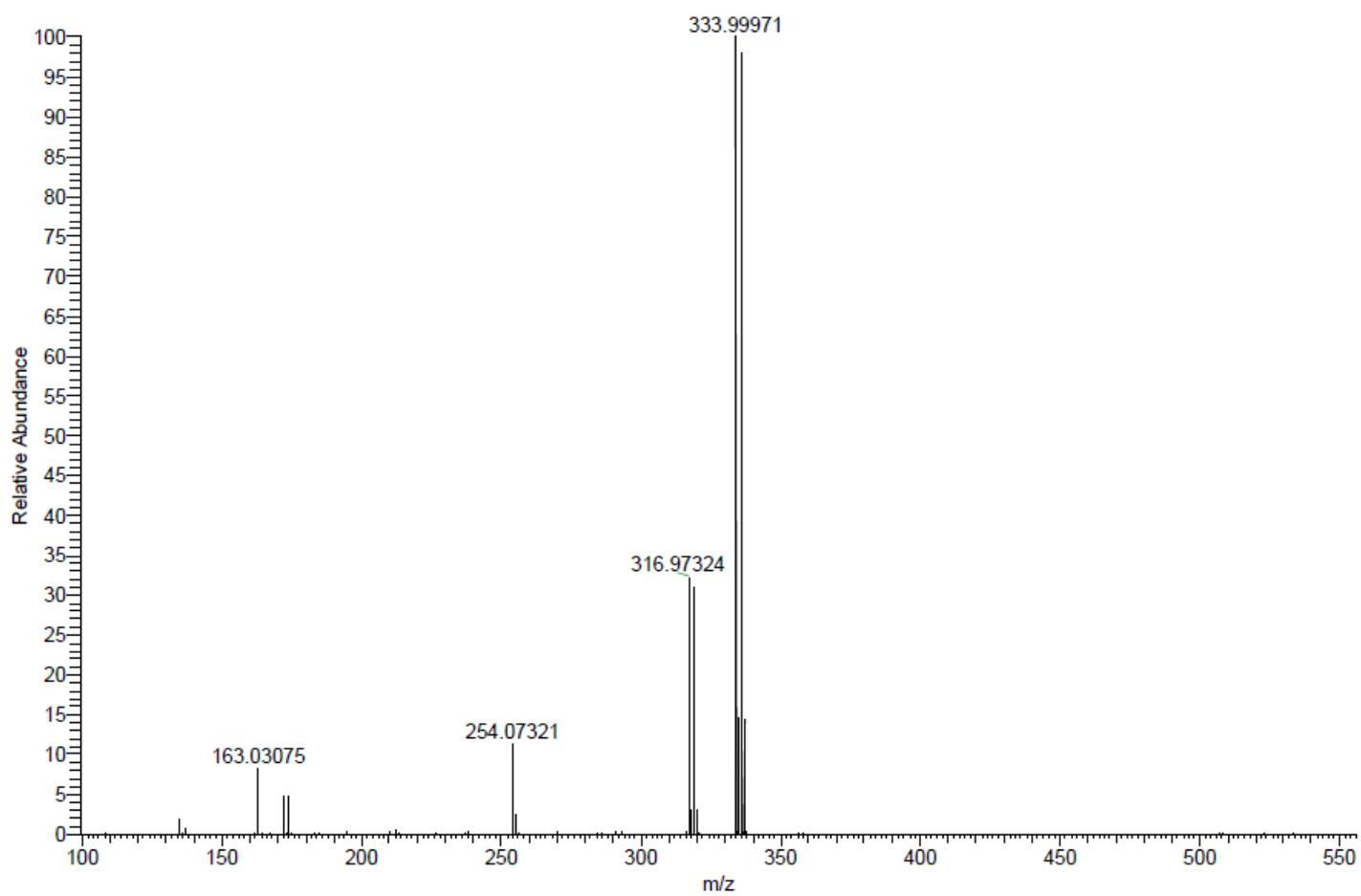
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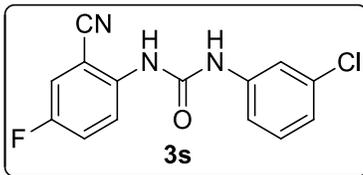


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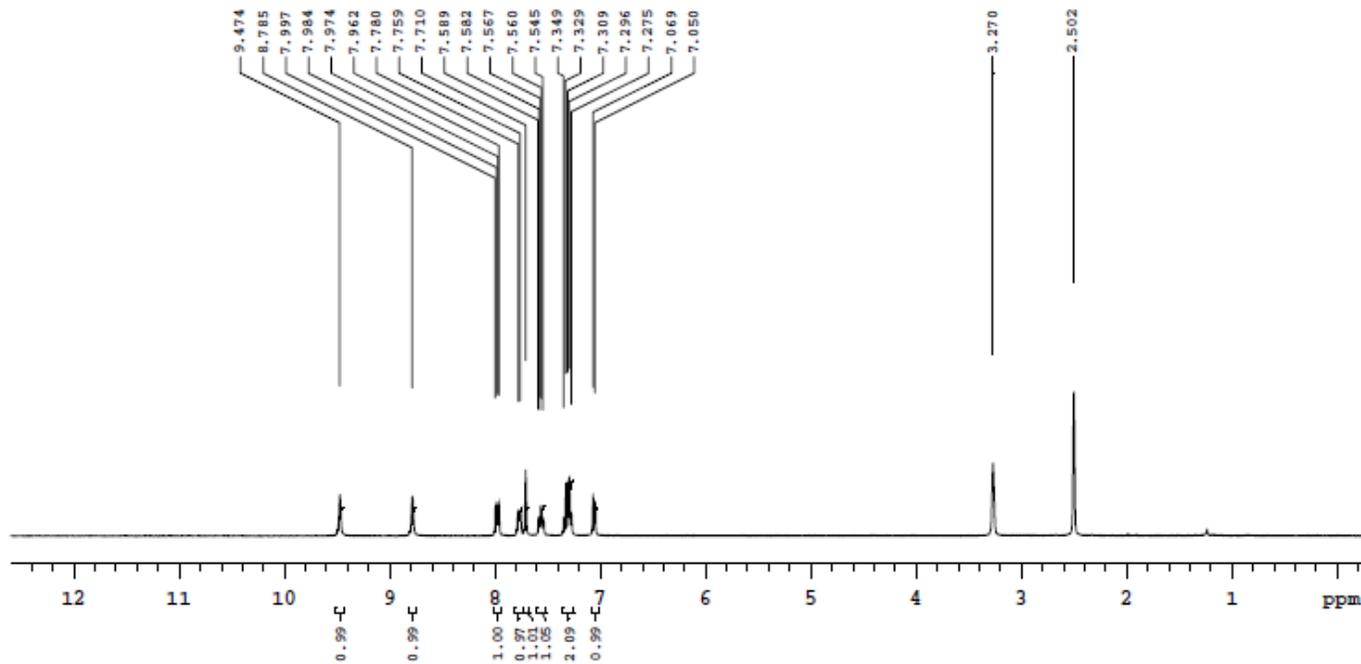


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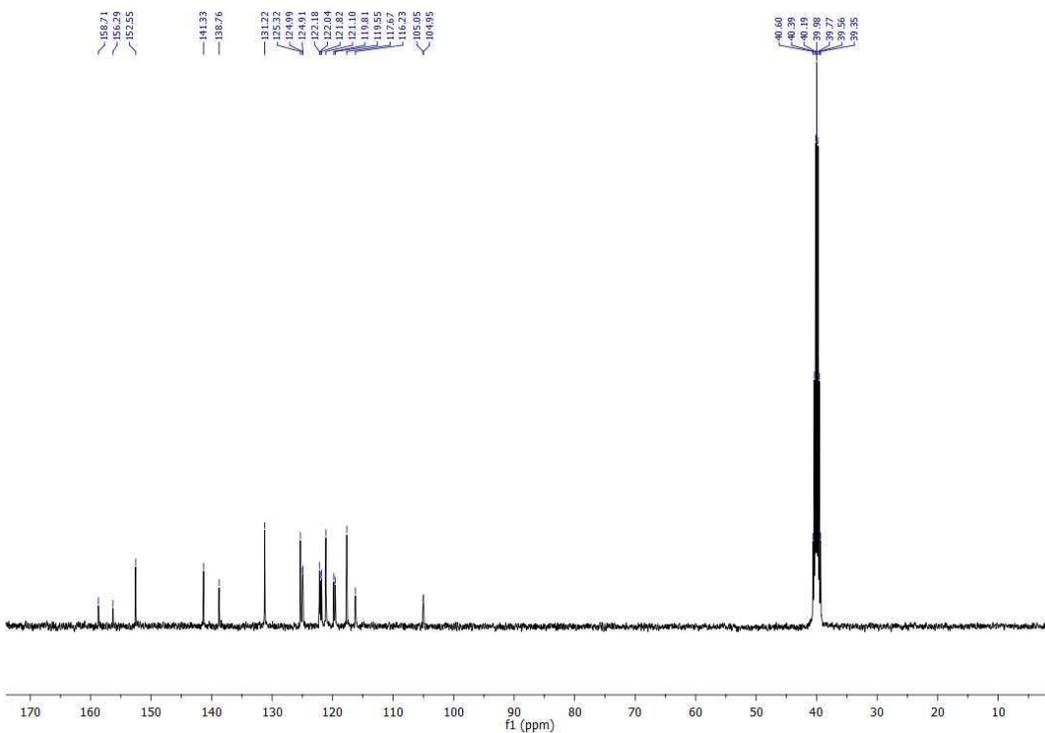




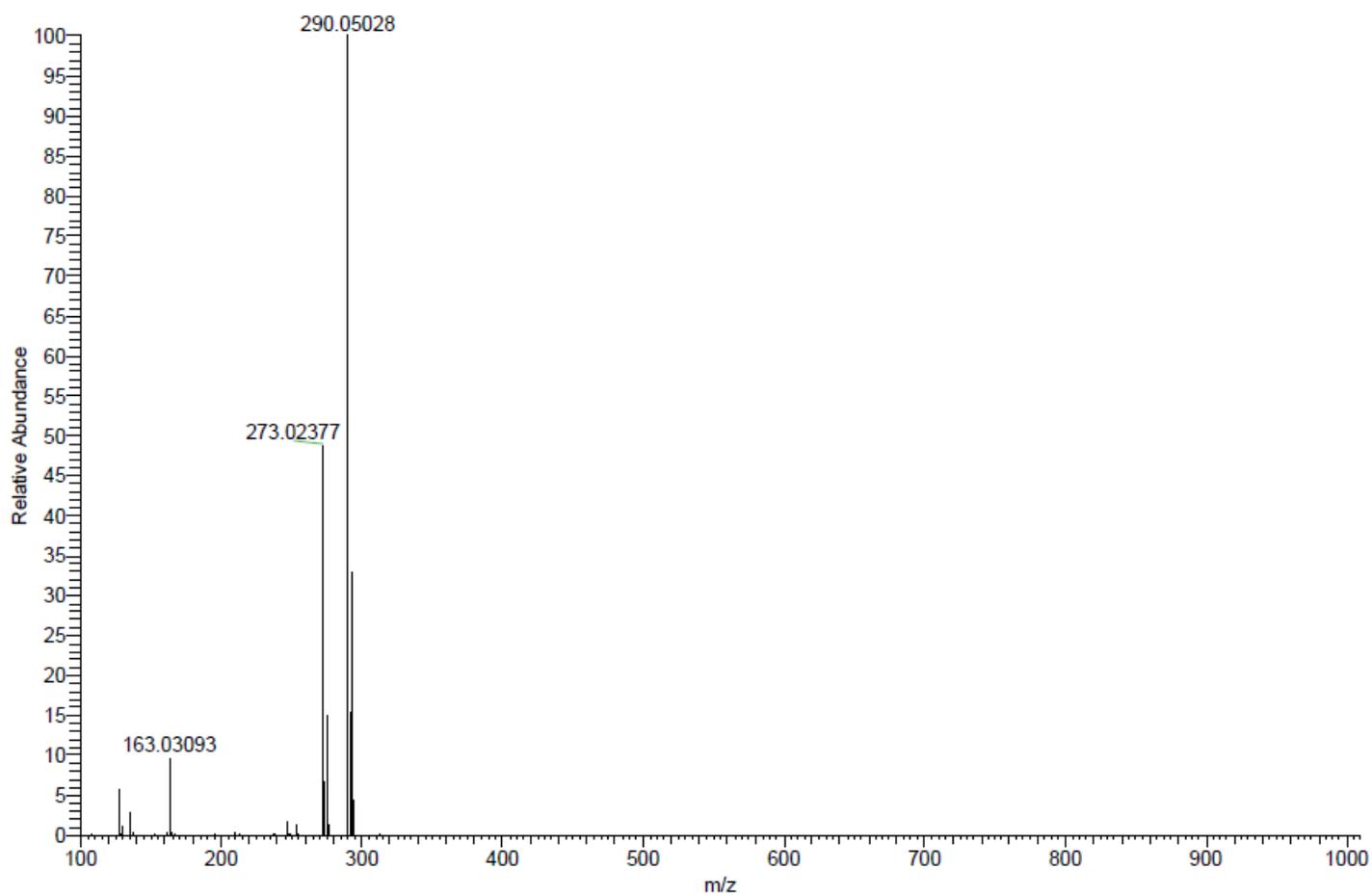
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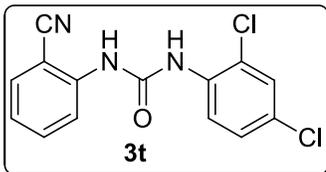


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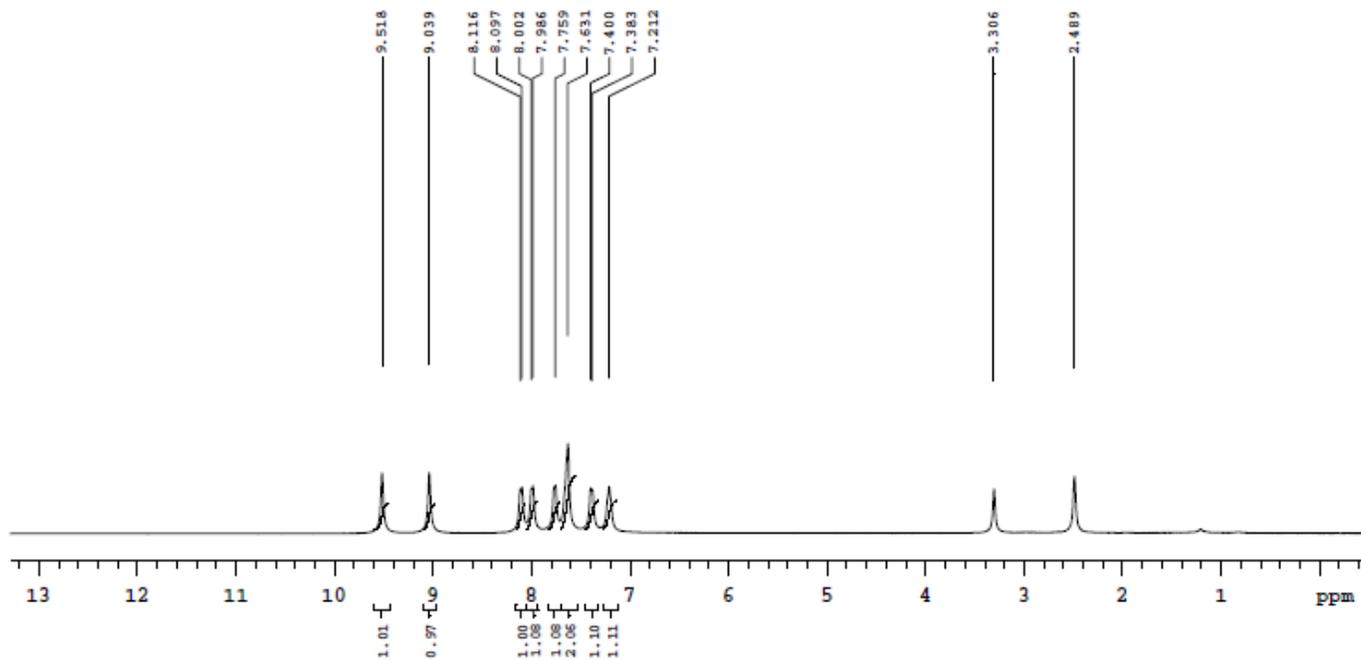


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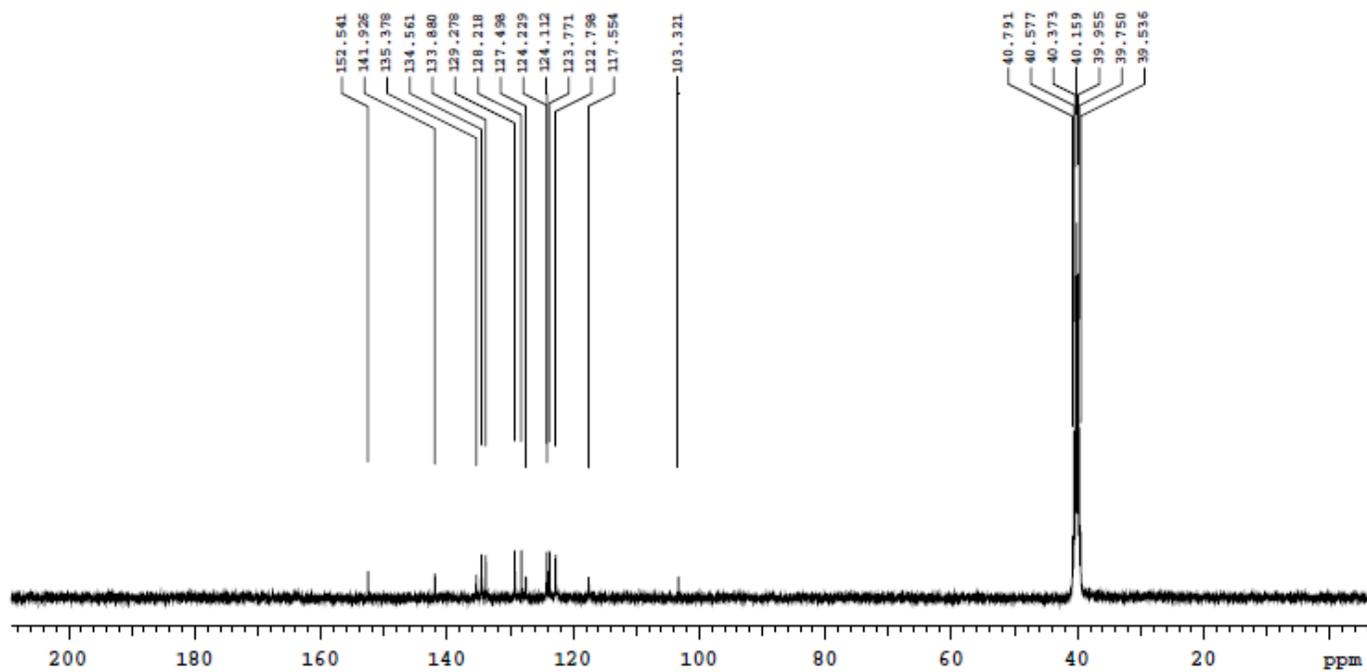




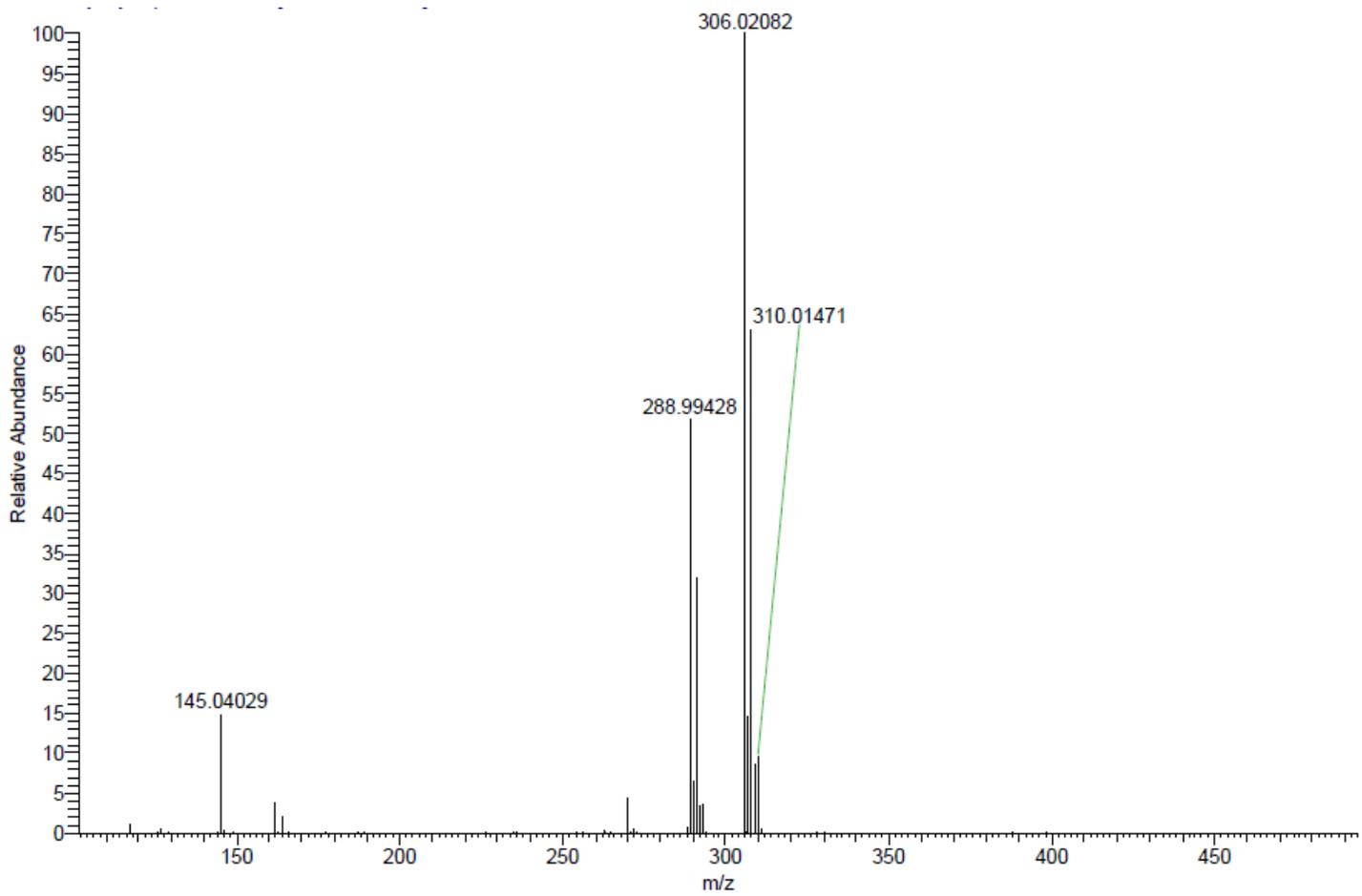
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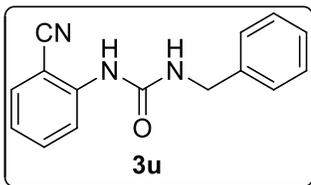


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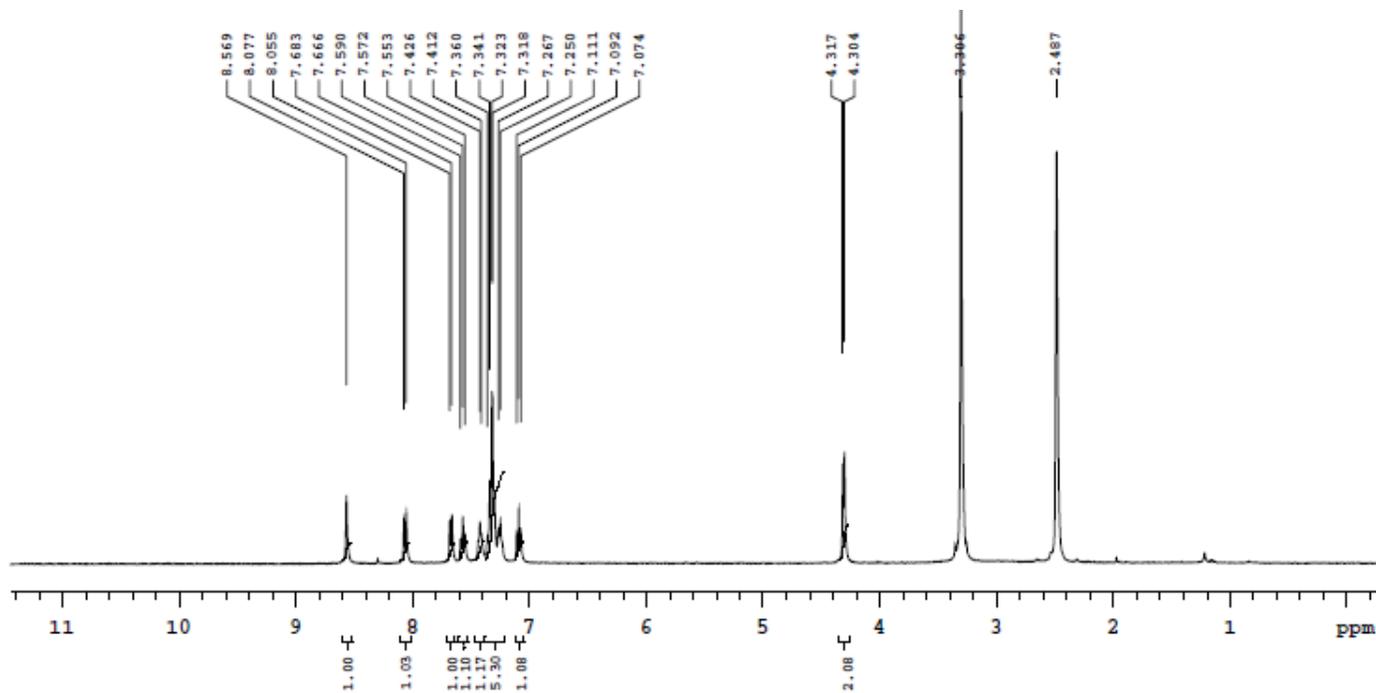


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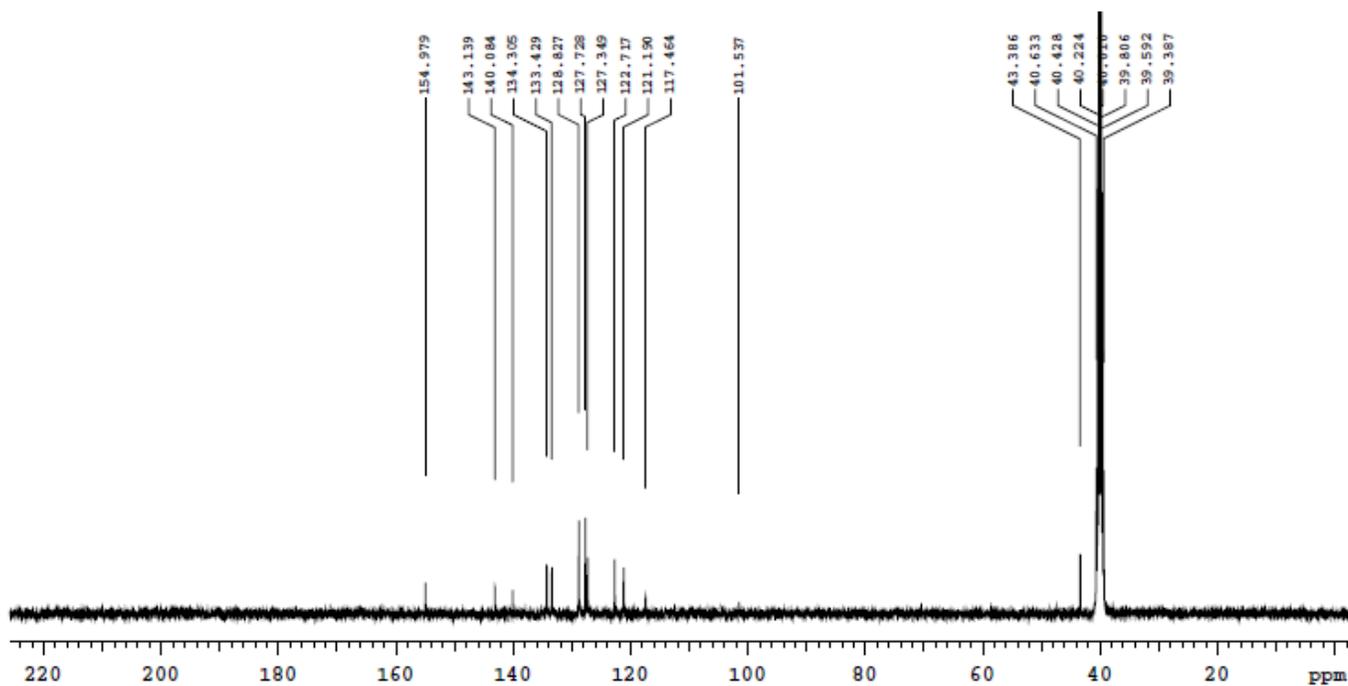




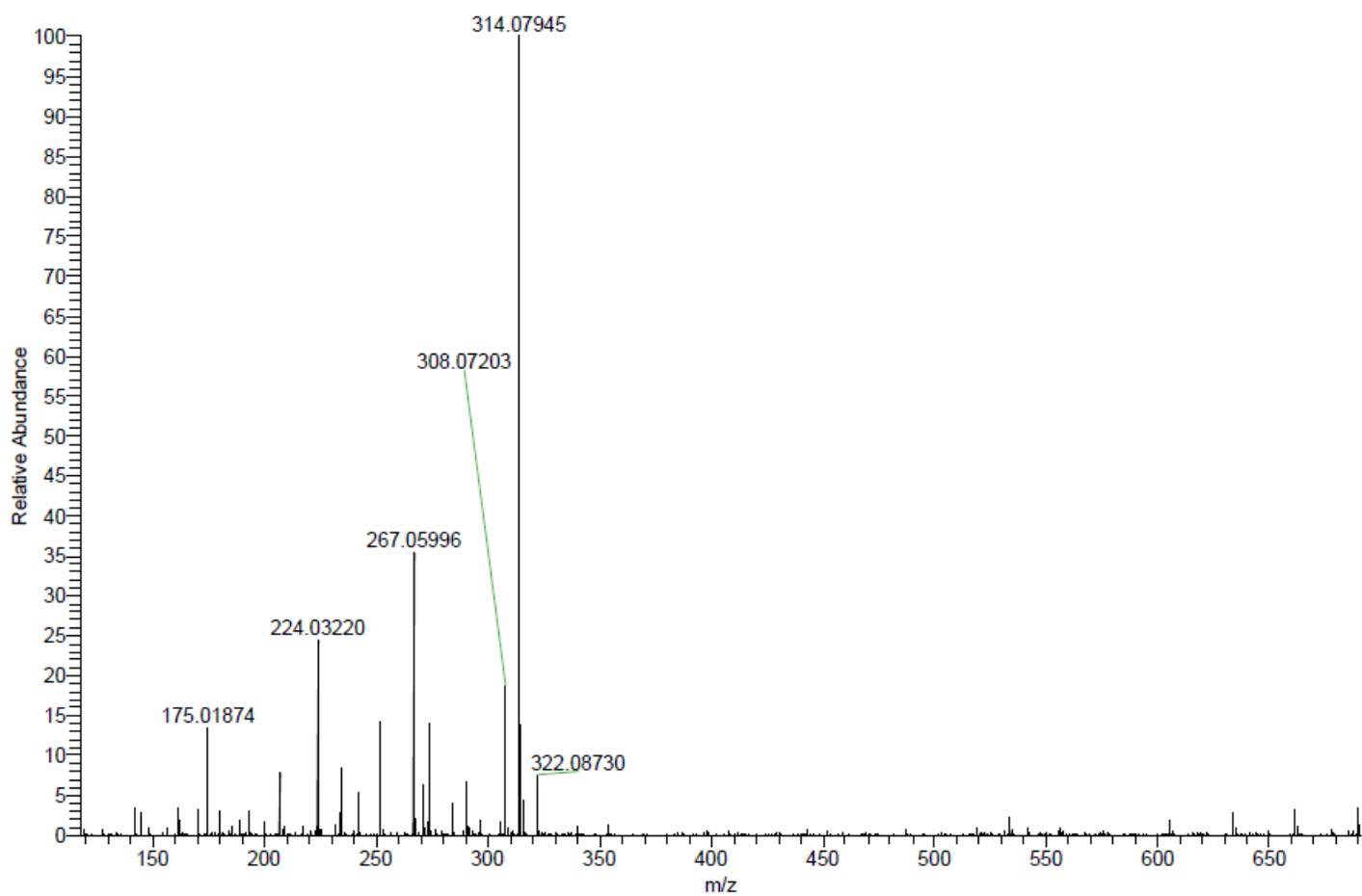
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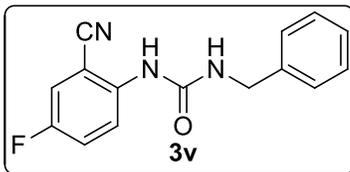


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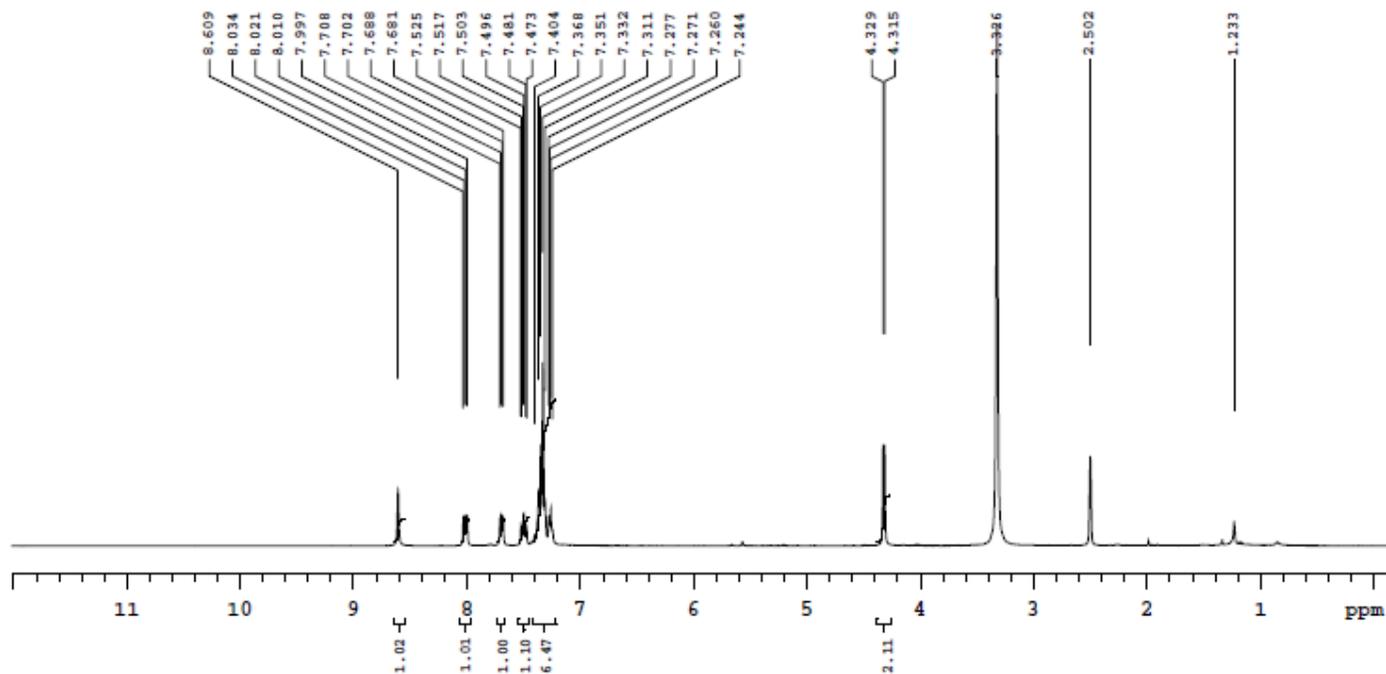


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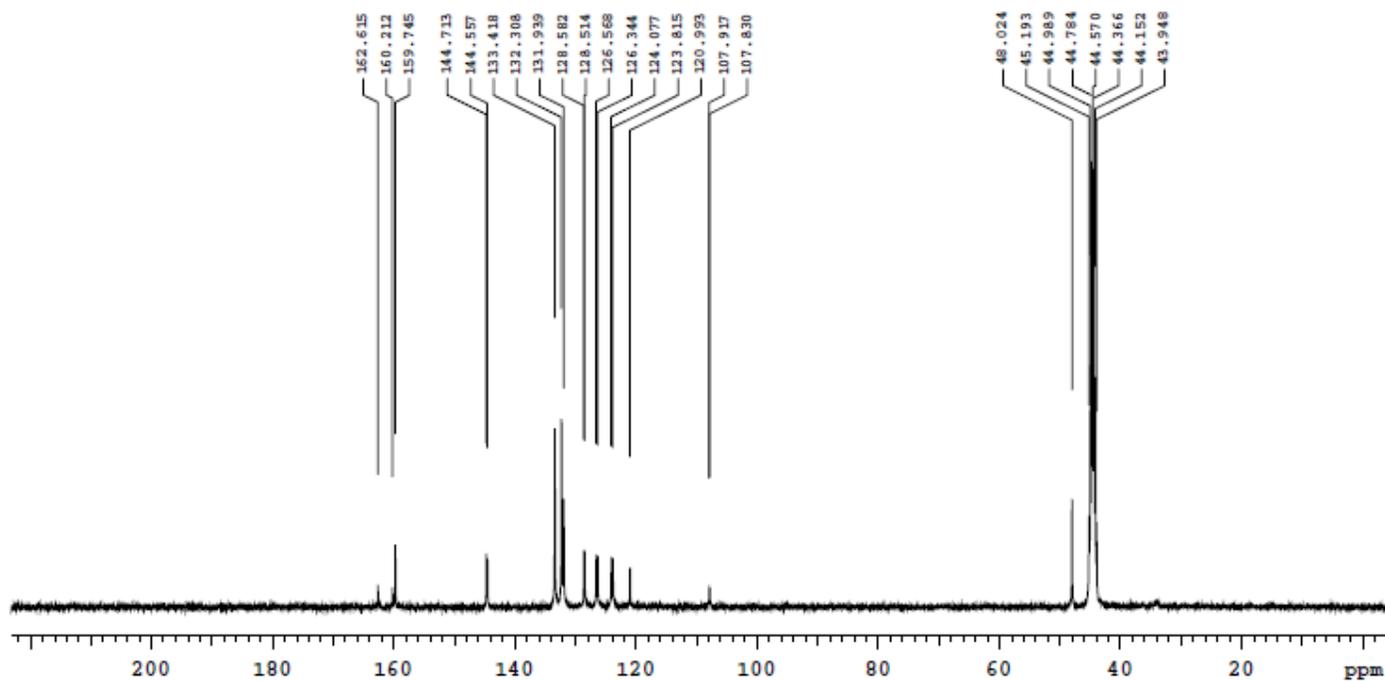




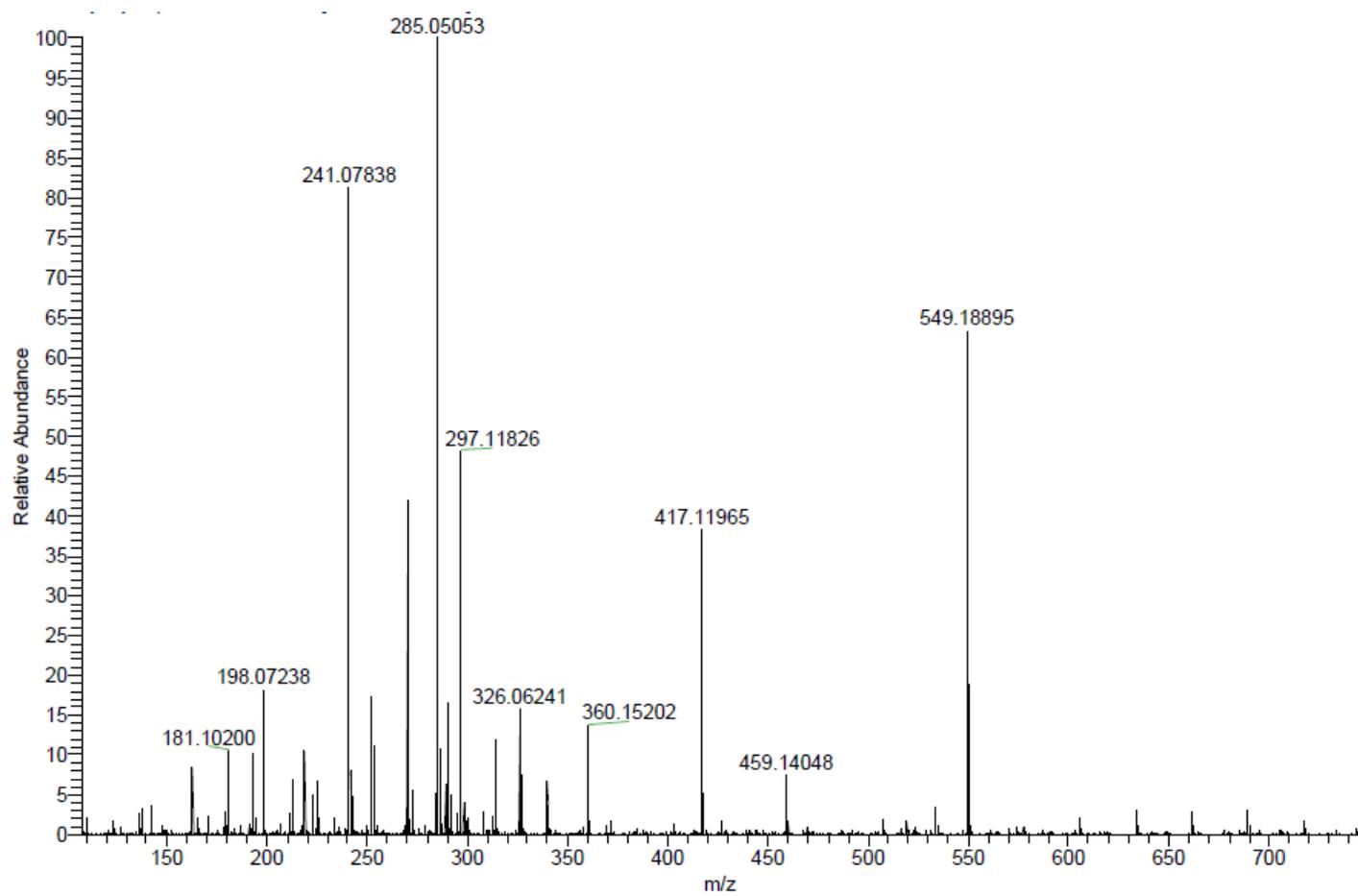
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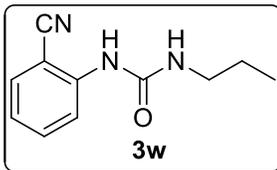


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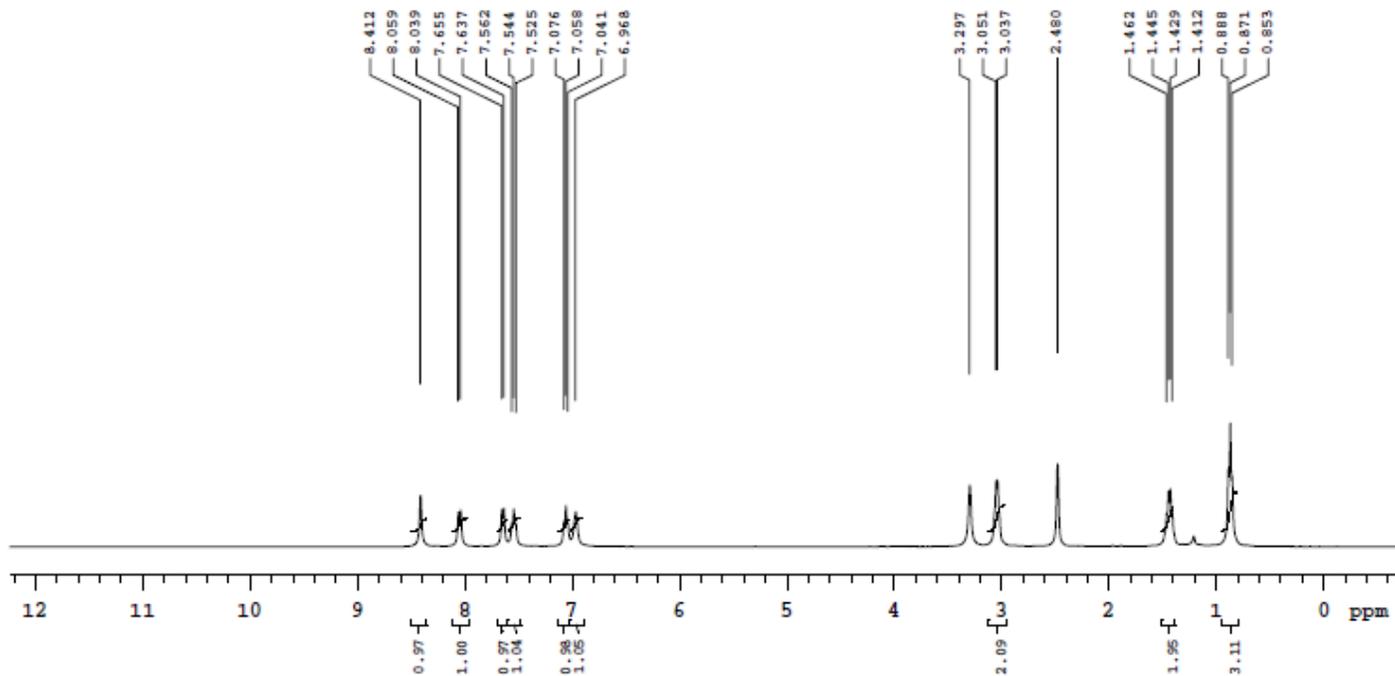


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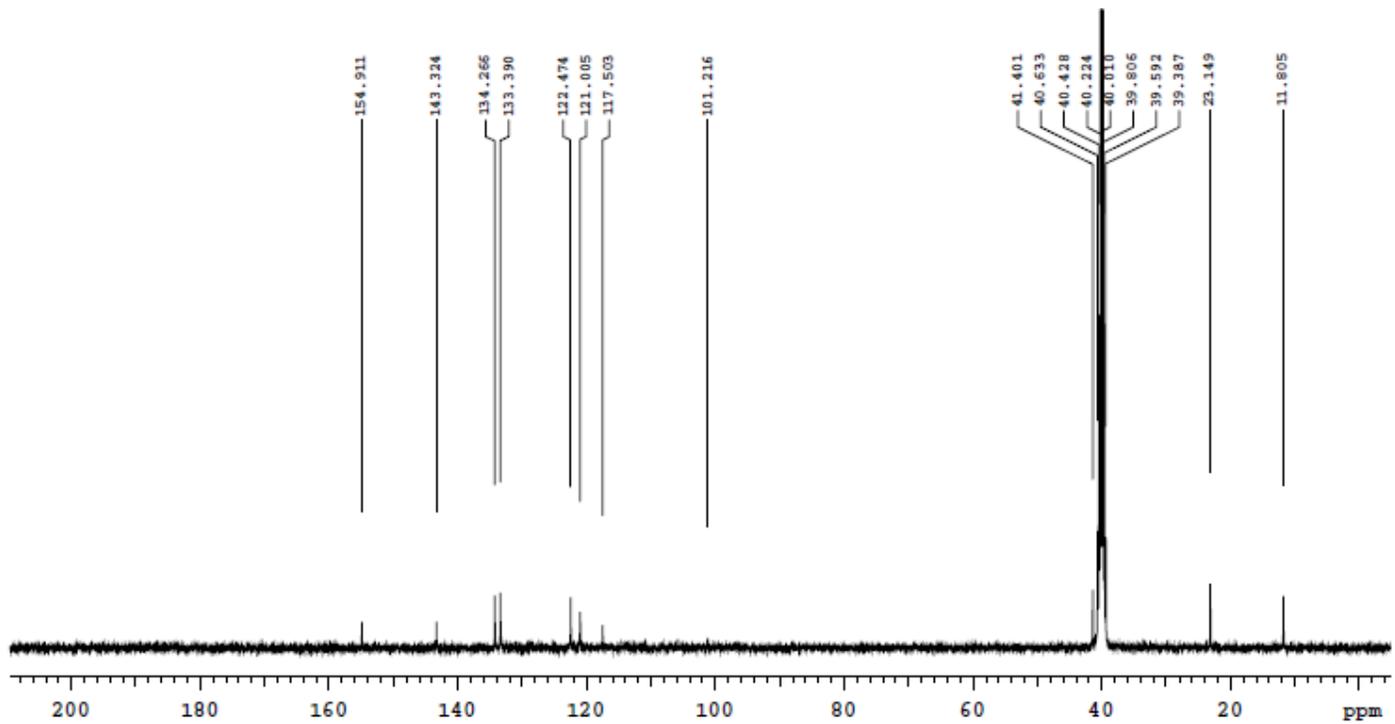


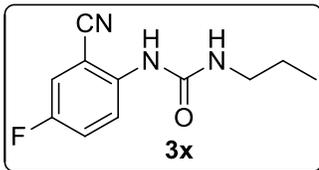


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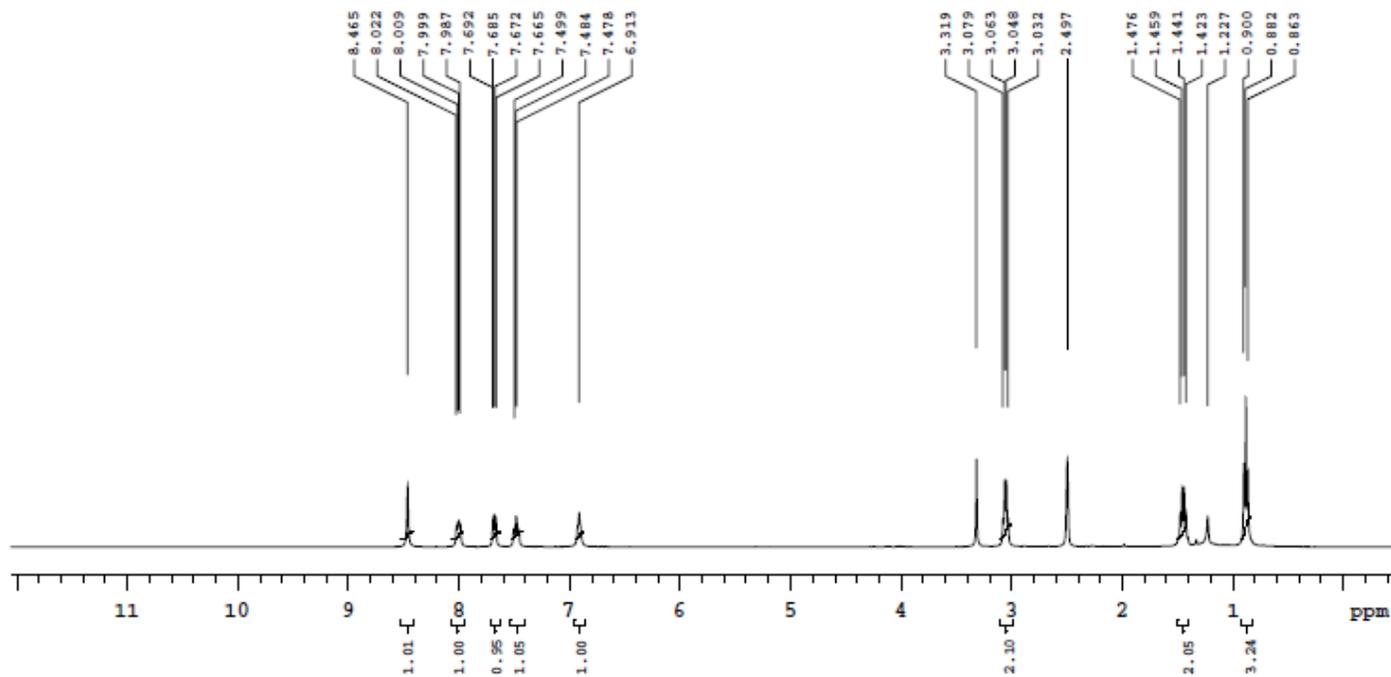


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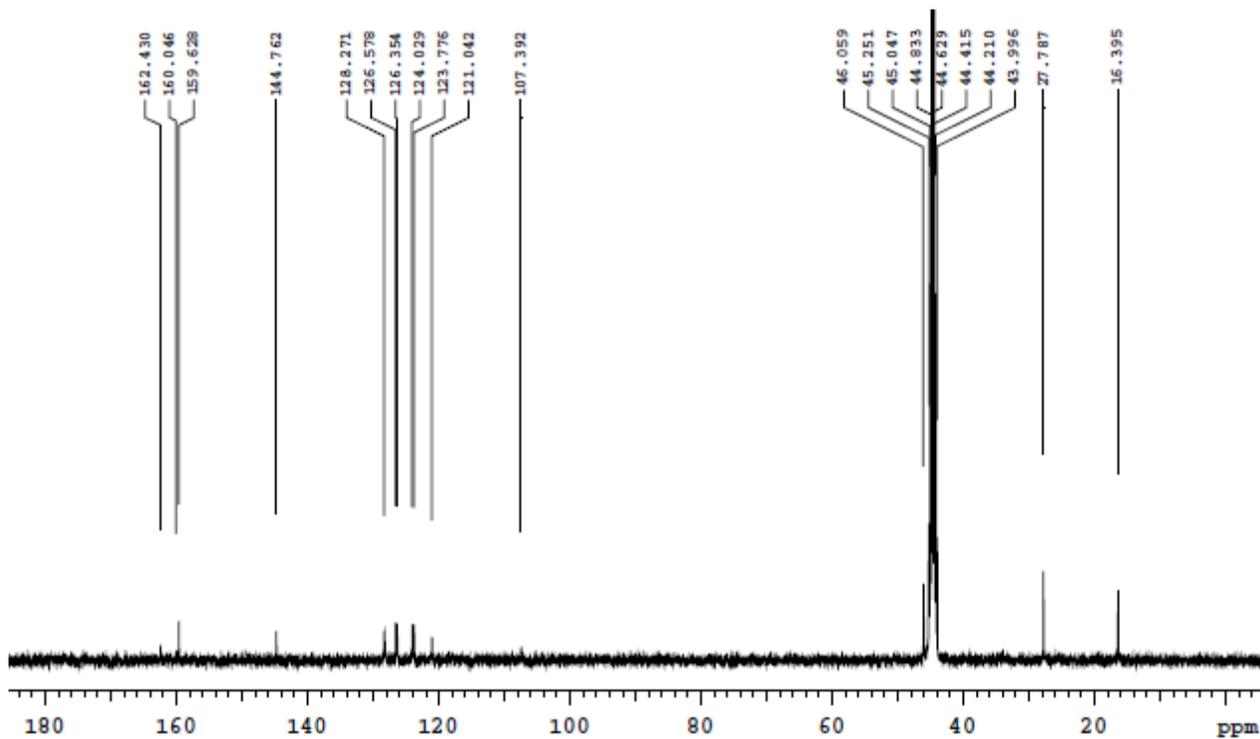




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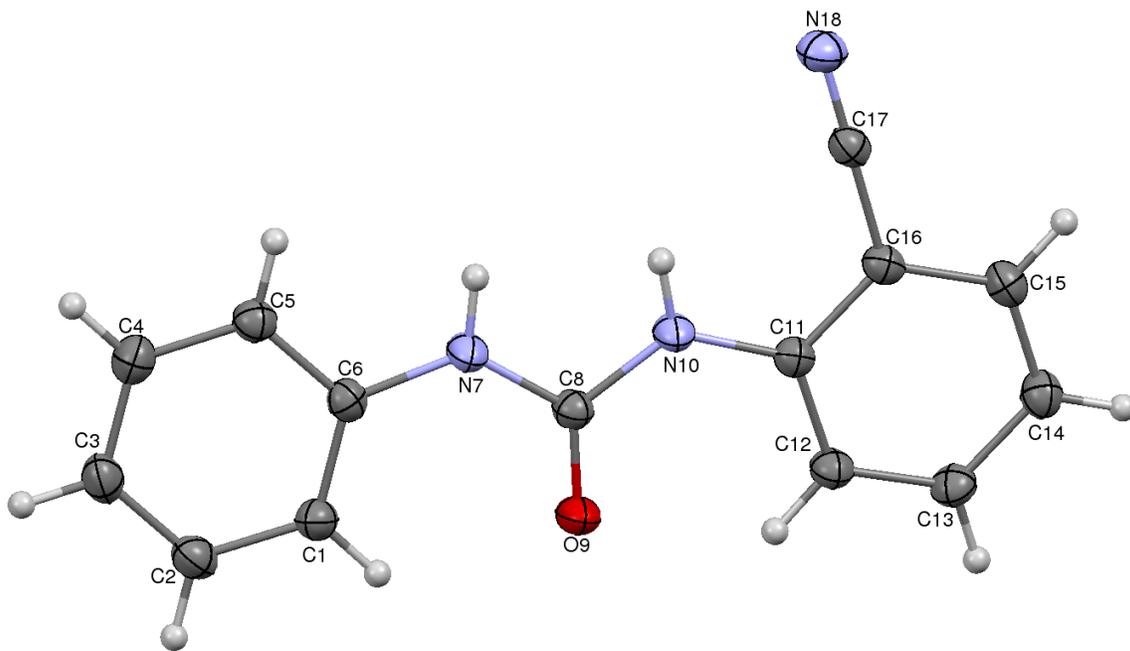
## 5. Crystal analysis

### Single crystal X-ray diffraction studies

The crystals of the compound were obtained using the slow evaporation method, defect free single crystals of appropriate dimensions were chosen for X-ray diffraction studies. X-ray intensity data of the compounds were collected using Rigaku XtaLAB Mini diffractometer with X-ray generator operating at 50 kV, 12 mA and MoK $\alpha$  radiation. Data were collected with  $\chi$  fixed at 54°, for different settings of  $\phi$  (0° and 360°), keeping the scan width of 0.5° with exposure time of 4 s and the sample to detector distance was fixed to 50 mm. The complete intensity data sets were processed using *CRYSTAL CLEAR* [1]. The data sets were indexed with monoclinic crystal system, with *P21/c* space group. The crystal structures were solved by direct method and refined by full-matrix least squares method on  $F^2$  using *SHELXS* and *SHELXL* programs [2-3]. All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and the hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically. After several cycles of refinement, the final difference Fourier map showed peaks of no chemical significance and the residuals were saturated to accepted values. Total 163 parameters were refined with 2575 independent reflections of 5122 overall reflections. Final residual value is covered to 0.0399. The geometrical calculations were carried out using the program *PLATON* [4]. The molecular and packing diagrams were generated using the software *MERCURY* [5].

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