#### **Supporting Information**

#### Enhanced Reduction of C-N Multiple Bonds using Sodium Borohydride and an Amorphous Nickel Catalyst

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#### **Experimental**

#### **General experimental**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> except otherwise stated, using tetramethylsilane as an internal reference, operated at 500.13 for <sup>1</sup>H and 125.67 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, and J values were given in Hz. HR-EI-MS data were measured with a Micromass Autospec-Ultima ETOF spectrometer. X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) was performed on a D/MAX-2500 X-ray diffractometer using Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation (k = 0.154 nm). The surface area of samples was determined by BET method on an automatic surface area and pore size analyzer (Quantachrome Instruments Quantachrome NOVA Automated Gas Sorption System). The surface morphology and the diffusion of amorphous nickel (Ni<sup>0</sup>) were observed by scanning electronic microscopy (SEM) performed on a LEO 1530VP instrument.

#### Amorphous nickel (Ni<sup>0</sup>) characterization

A typical XRD, SEM morphology and particle size distribution graphic are depicted in Figure 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

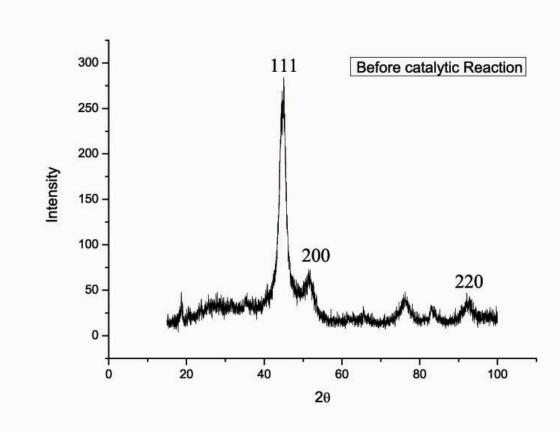


Fig. 1. X-ray diffraction spectrum of amorphous Ni using Cu-Ka (0.154 nm) radiation.

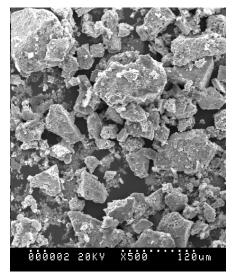


Fig. 2. SEM morphology of amorphous nickel catalyst at room temperature.

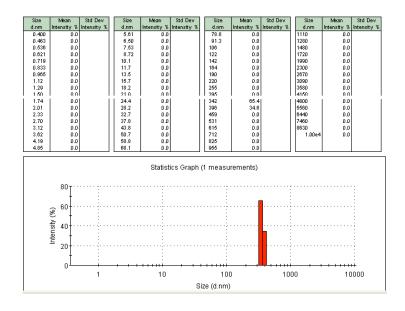
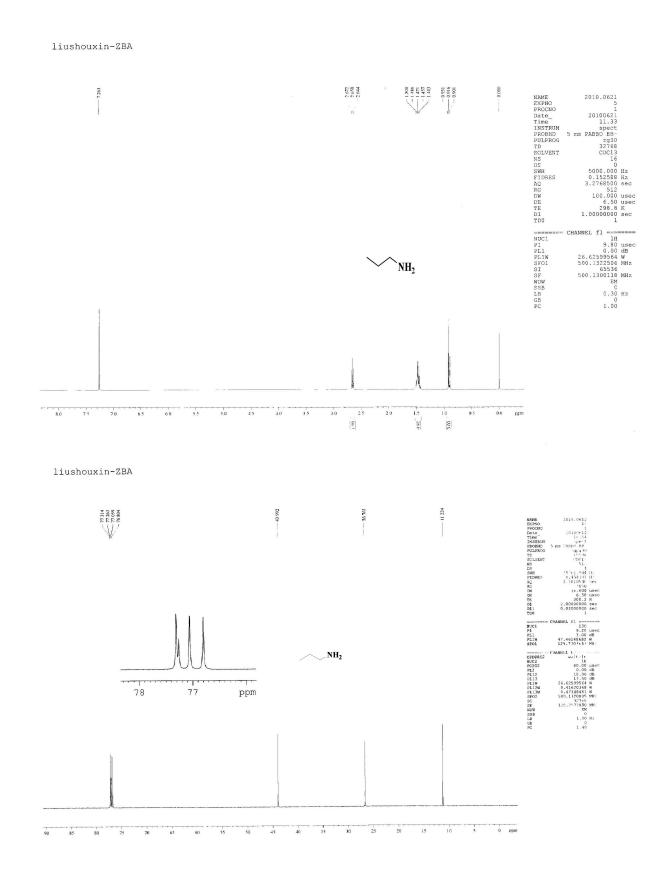
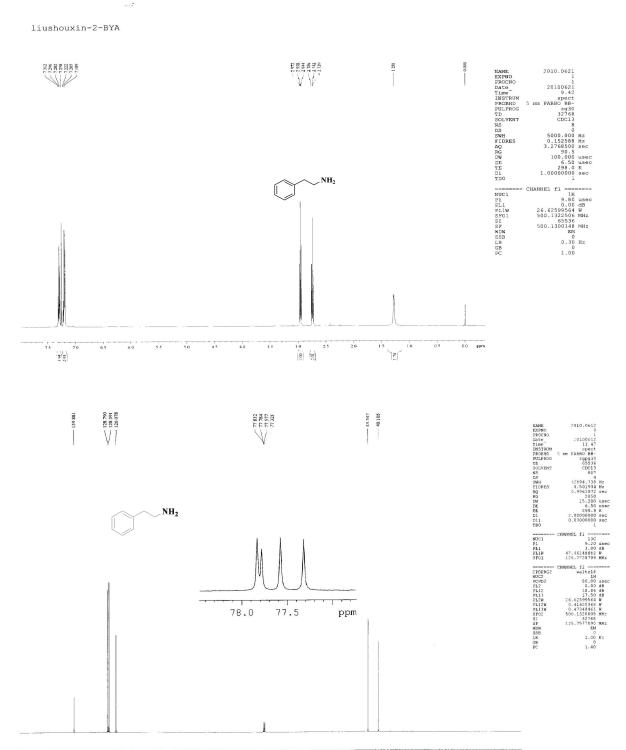
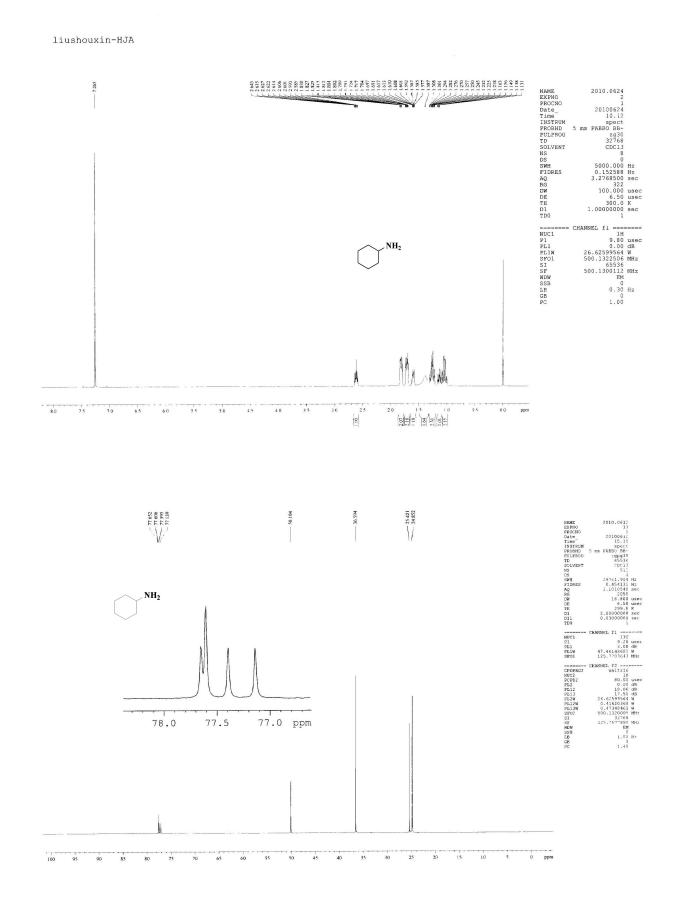


Fig 3 The particle size distribution of amorphous nickel

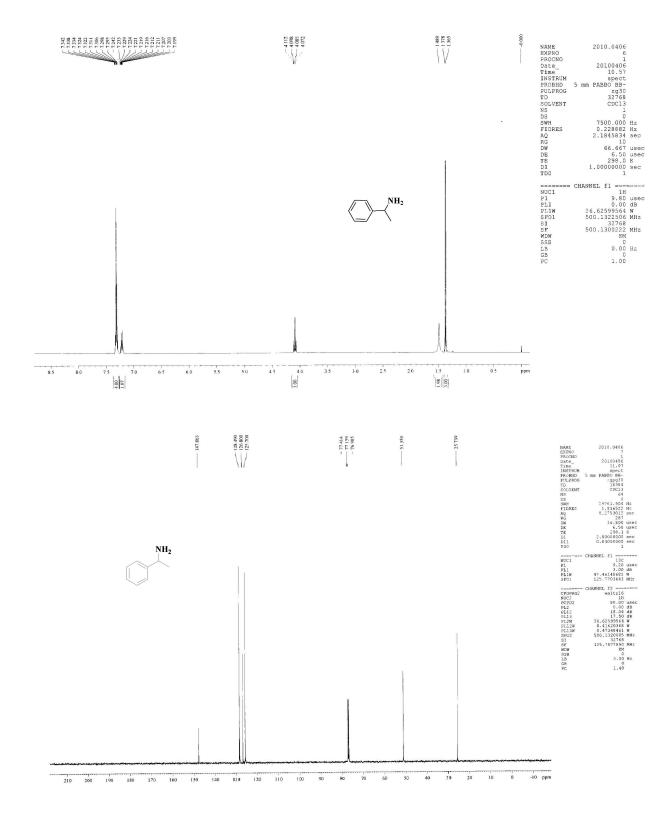




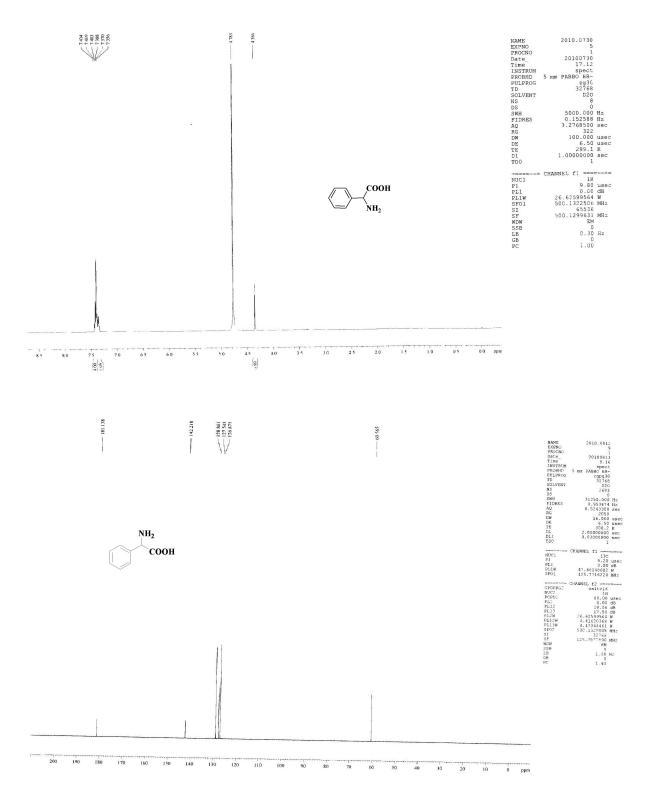
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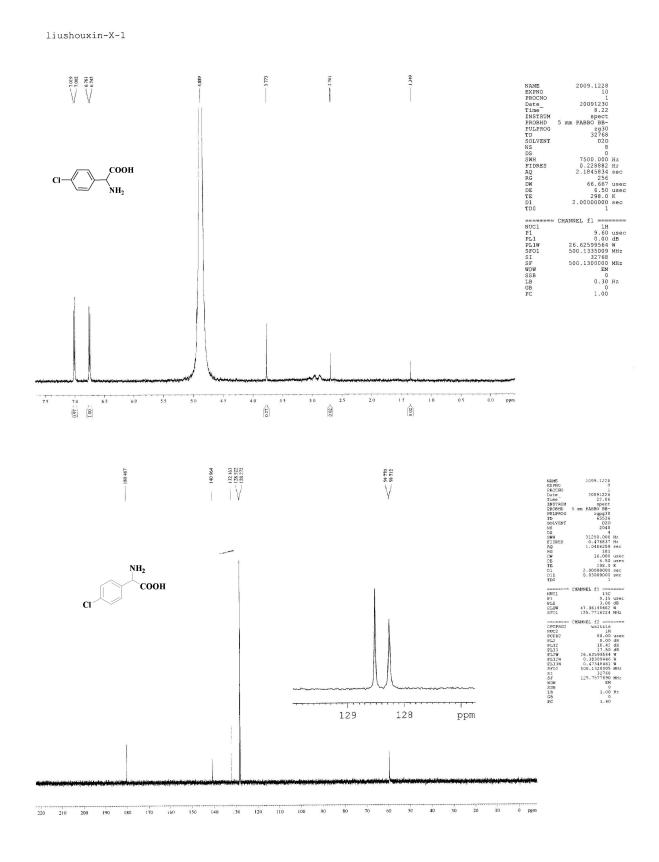


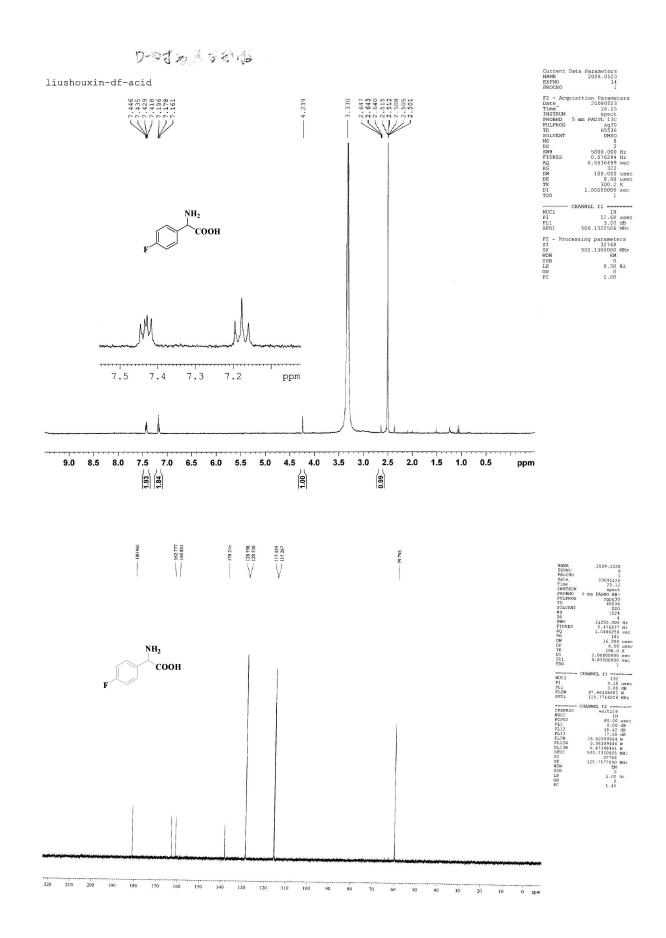
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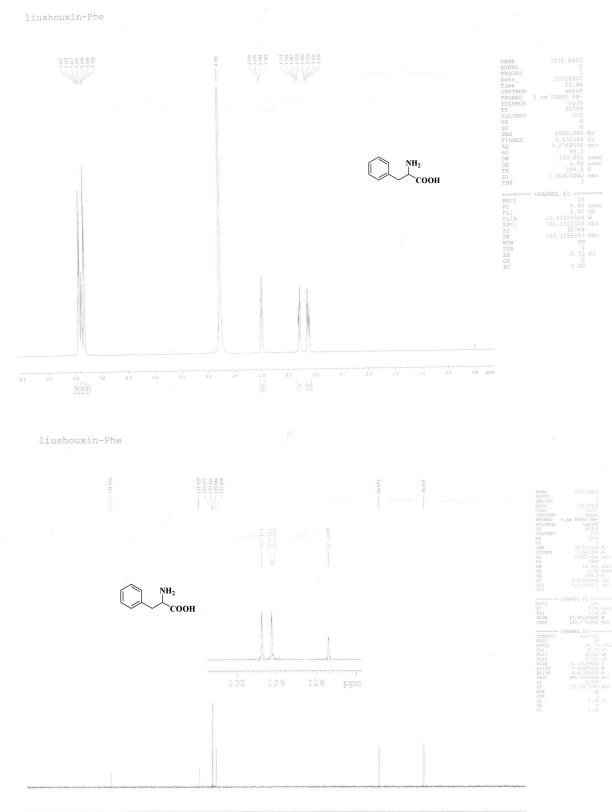


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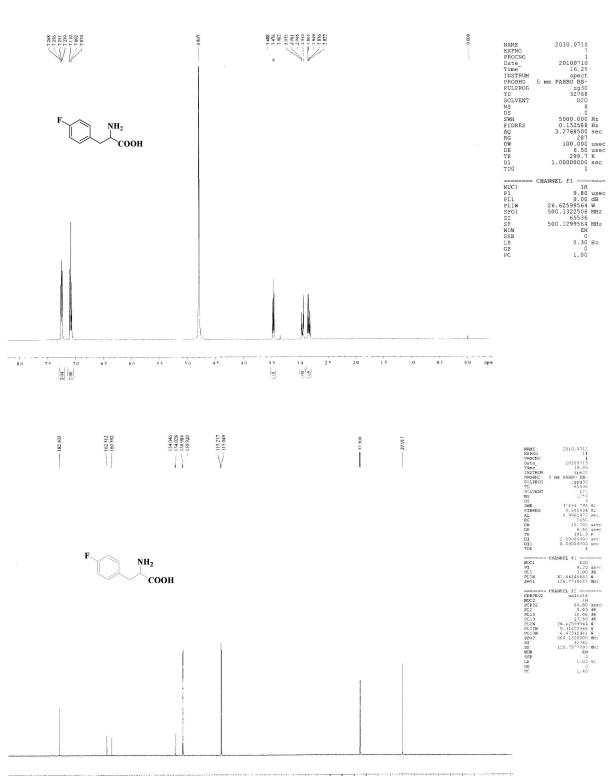




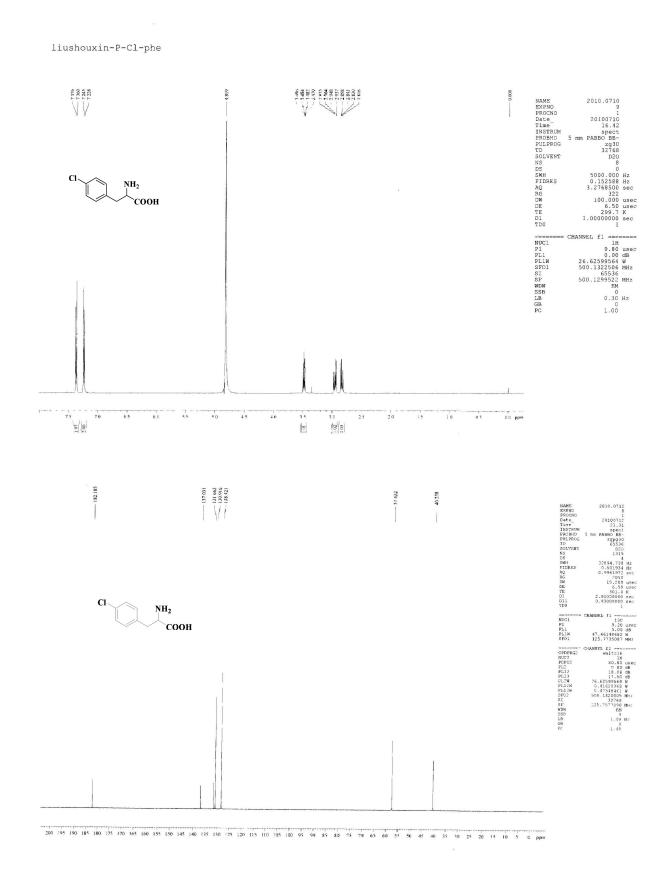


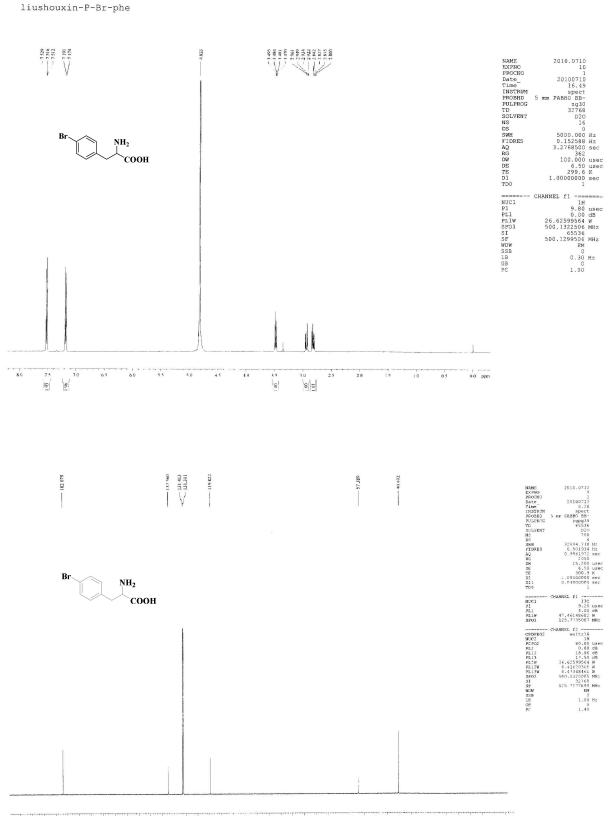
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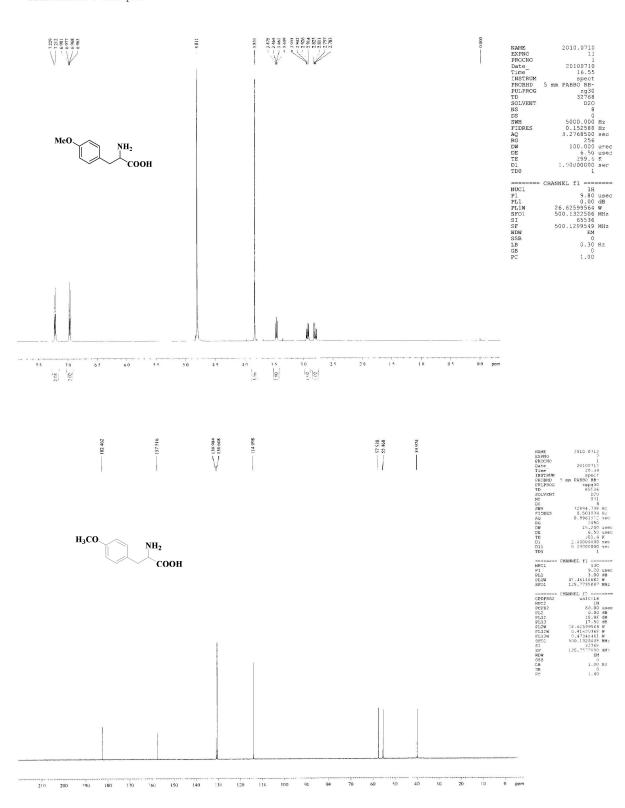


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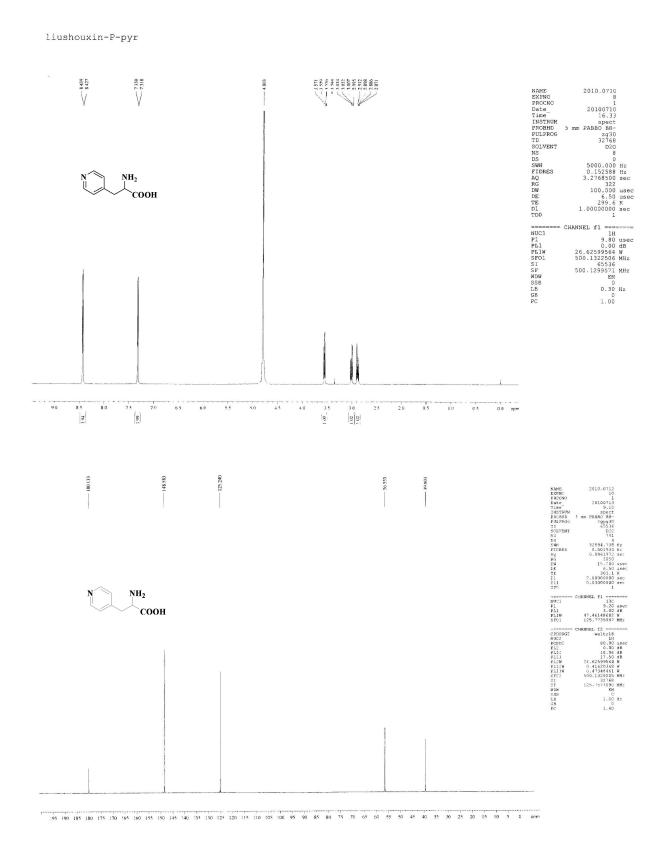


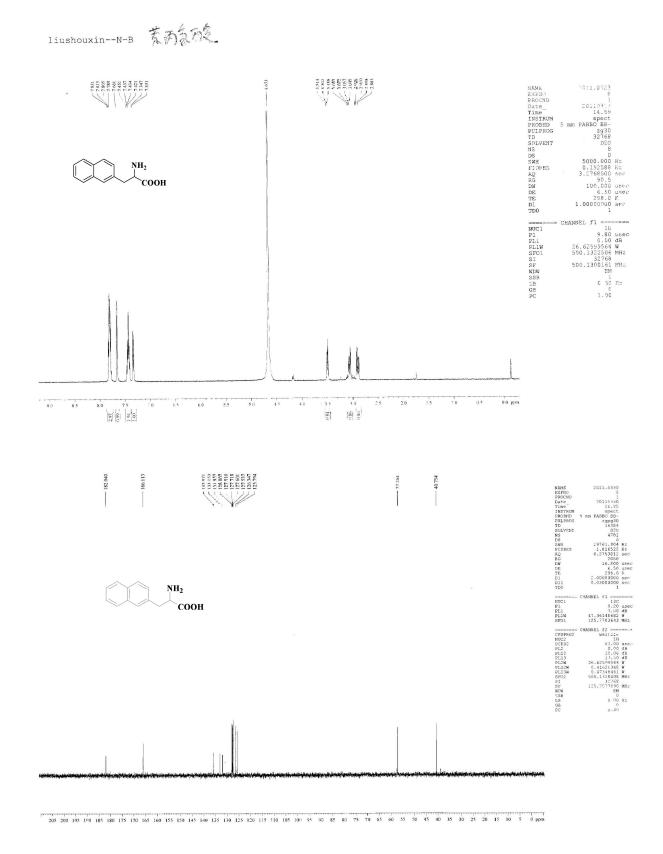


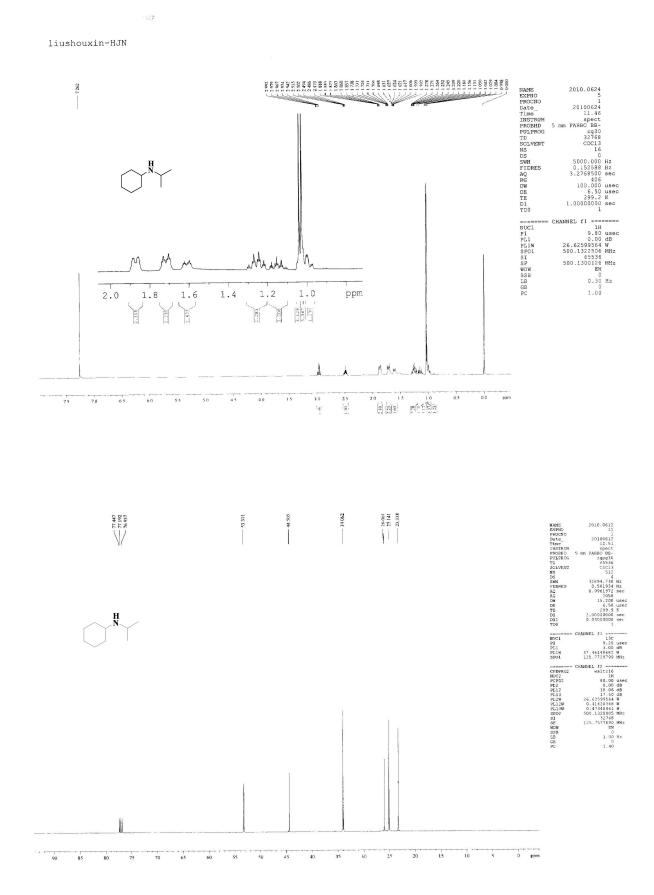
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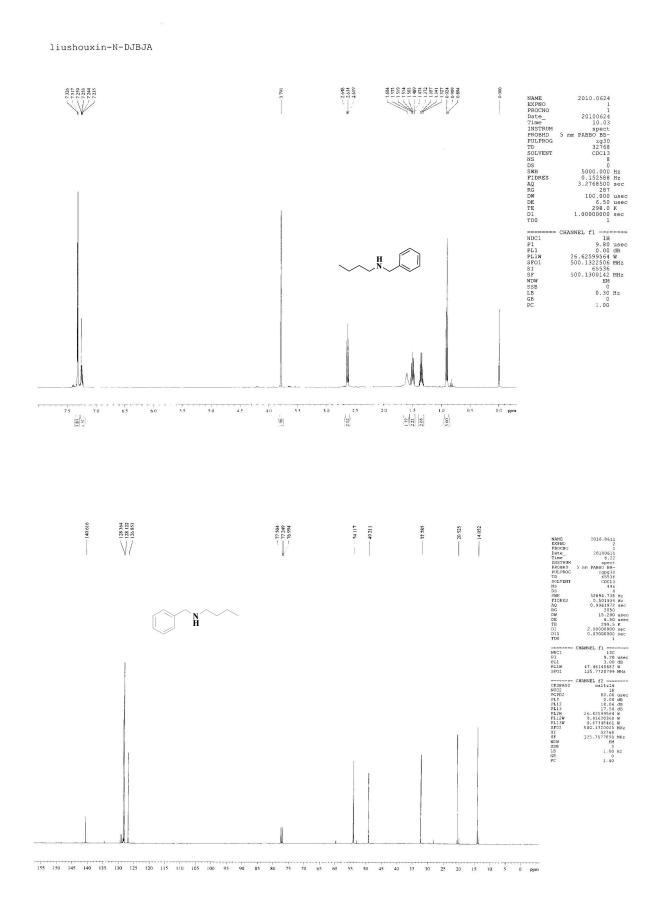


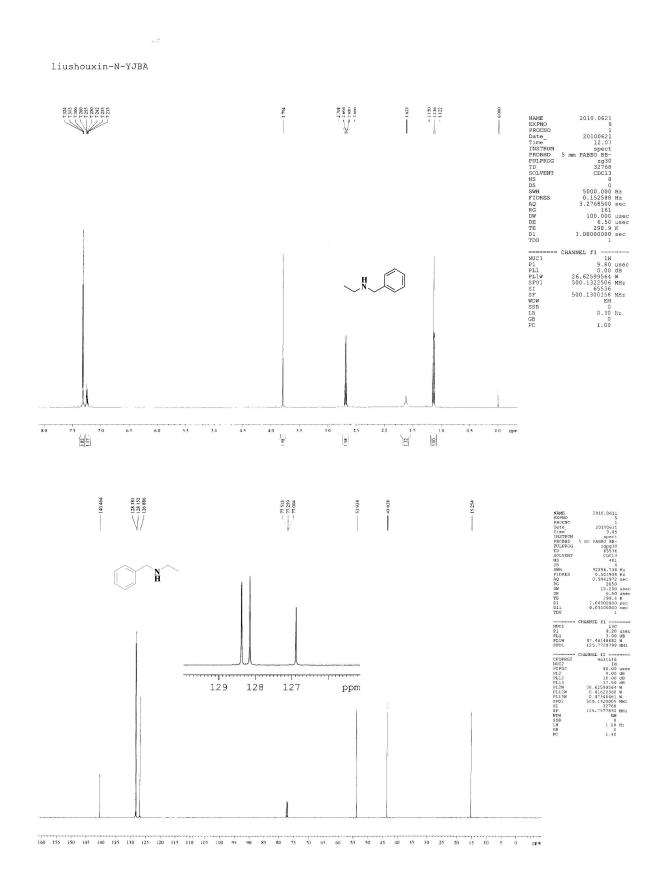
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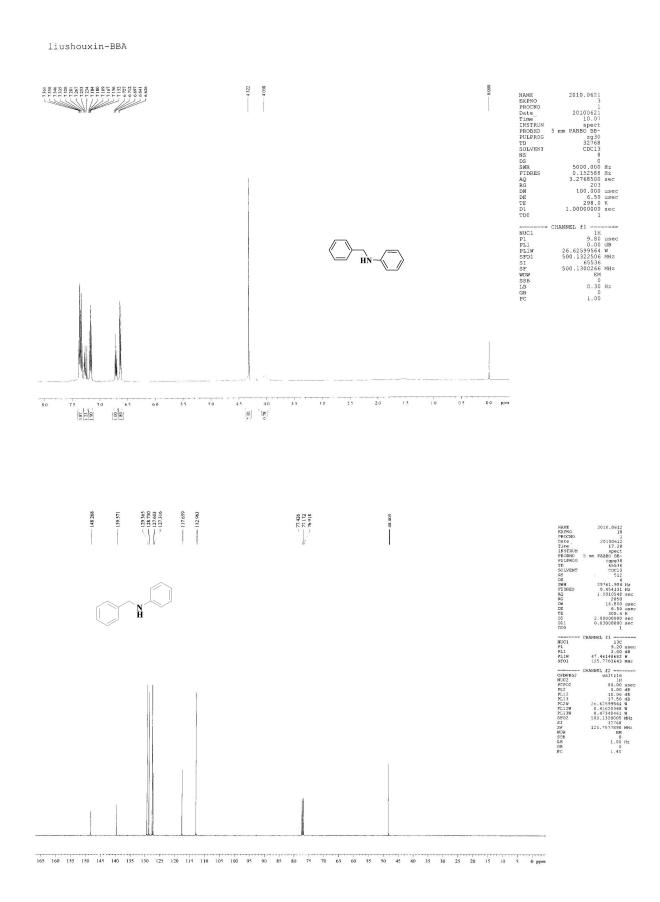


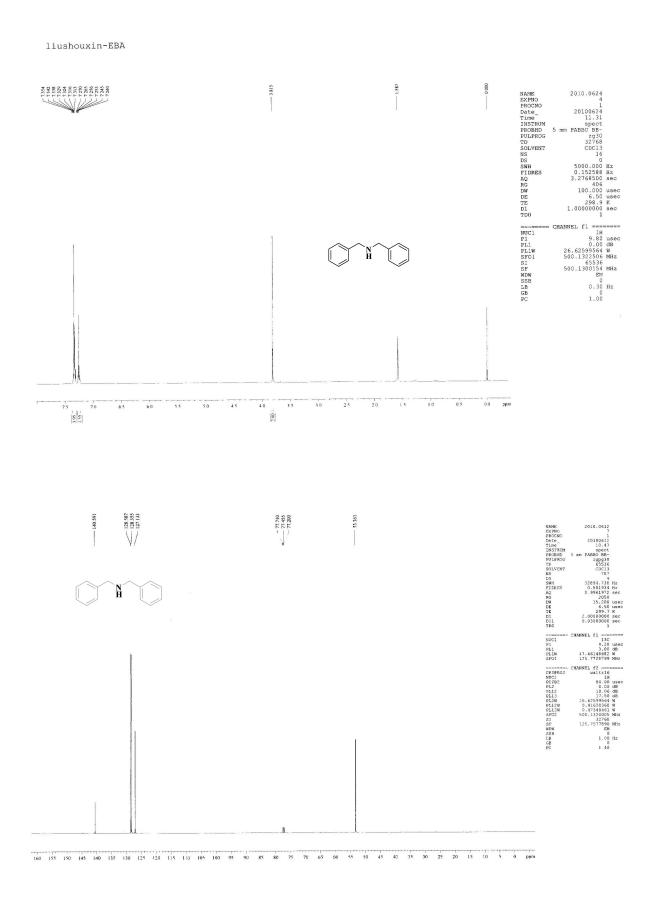


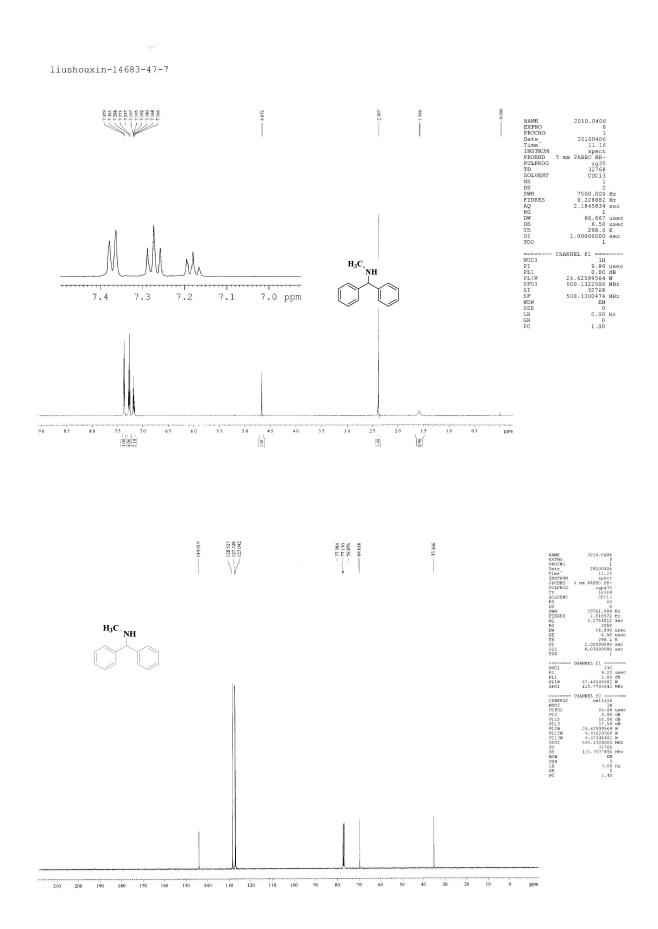




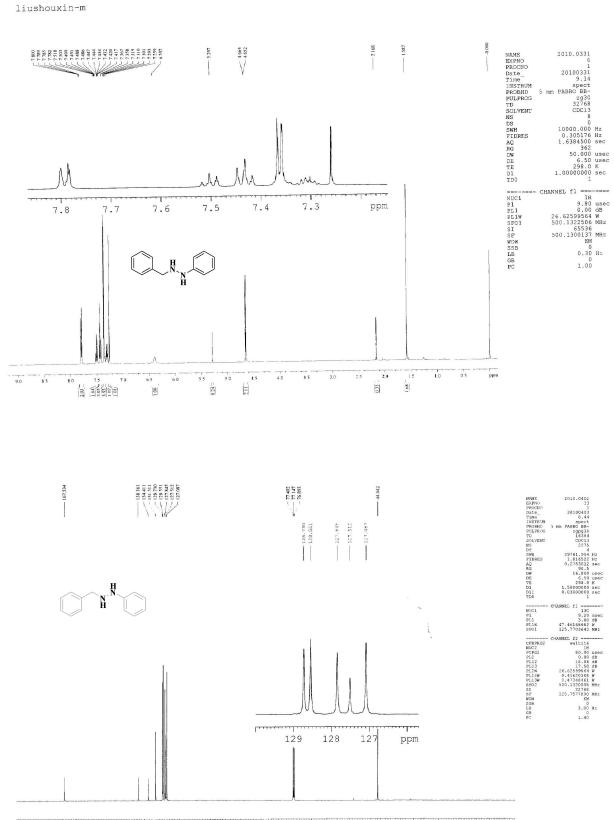








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