Supplementary Information

Copper-Catalyzed Domino Coupling Reaction: An Efficient Method to Synthesize Oxindoles

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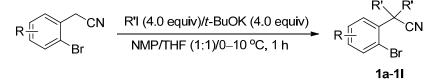
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General information: All reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fisher-Acros, TCI, or Alfa-Aesar, and were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. THF and Et₂O were distilled from sodium, and CH₃CN was distilled from CaH₂. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 60 F_{254} (0.25 mm) plates and visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 and 354 nm) and/or an aqueous alkaline KMnO₄ solution followed by heating. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) were recorded on Bruck 300 or Bruck 600 spectrometer with Me₄Si or solvent resonance as the internal standard (¹H NMR, Me₄Si at 0 ppm, CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm; ¹³C NMR, Me₄Si at 0 ppm, CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. IR spectral data were recorded on a Brucker TENSOR 37 spectrometer. Melting points (mp) were determined using a Fargo MP-1D. GC-MS data were obtained from the HP 5890 Series II GC/ HP 5972 GC MASS Spectrometer System. High Resolution Mass spectral data were obtained from the MAT-95XL HRMS by using EI method.

General procedure for the copper-catalyzed domino reactions:

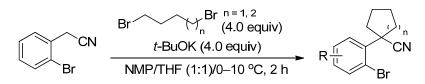
To a screw-capped vial (10-mL) were added CuI (0.015 mmol, 2.9 mg, 3.0 mol %), KI (0.005 mmol, 0.9 mg, 1.0 mol %), *N*-acetylglycine (0.03 mmol, 3.5 mg, 6.0 mol %), NaOH (1.5 mmol, 60 mg, 3.0 equiv) and 2,2-disubstituted 2-(2-bromophenyl)-acetonitrile (**1**, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in *t*BuOH (*tert*-butanol, 5.0 mL). The vial was sealed with cap and allowed to stir at 100 °C for the specific reaction time. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a thin Celite pad, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was isolated through a column chromatography by using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure product. Products **2** were obtained according to this procedure. The known structures were characterized by the HRMS, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of reported literatures. Spectral data, melting point, HRMS data and the copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for all compounds are listed below.

General procedure (A) for the synthesis of starting materials 1a–11:¹



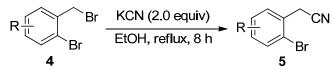
To a suspension of *t*-BuOK (897 mg, 8.0 mmol) in THF and NMP co-solvent (6 mL, 1:1) was added 2-(2-bromoaryl)acetonitrile (**5a–5j**, 2.0 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 min, and RI (8.0 mmol) was then slowly injected into the reaction mixture over a period of 10 min. The resulting mixture was warmed to 10 °C and stir for an additional 1 hour, quenched with a saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, and then extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a Celite pad, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure compound. Compounds **1a–1l** were obtained according to this procedure.

General procedure (B) for the synthesis of starting materials 1 with spiro ring:¹



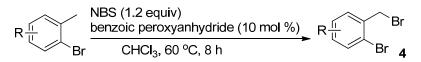
Similar procedure with the synthesis of compounds **1a–1l** expects the slight longer reaction time. Compounds **1q**, **1r**, **1A**, **1B**, **1C** and **1D** were obtained according to this procedure.

General procedure (C) for the synthesis of 2-(2-bromoaryl)acetonitrile:²



To a suspension of KCN (261 mg, 4.0 mmol) in EtOH (16 mL) was added 1-bromo-2-(bromomethyl)arene (2.0 mmol). The mixture was allowed to reflux and stir for 8 h. The residue was filtered to remove salt and isolated through a short flash column chromatography by using ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure compound. Compounds **5c**, **5d**, **5e**, **5g**, **5h**, **5i** and **5j** were obtained according to this procedure.

General procedure (D) for the synthesis of 1-bromo-2-(bromomethyl)arene:³



The NBS (427 mg, 2.4 mmol) and benzoic peroxyanhydride (49 mg, 0.2 mmol) were dissolved in CHCl₃ (6 mL). The substituted 2-bromotoluene (2.0 mmol) was added to the solution and allowed to stir at 60 °C for 8 h. The residue was filtered and isolated through a column chromatography by using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure compound. Compounds **4c** and **4h** were obtained according to this procedure.

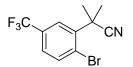
Experimental Details for all substrates:



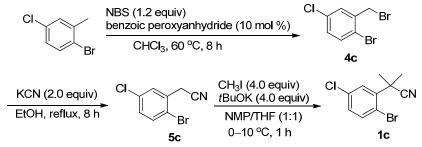
2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitril (1a):⁴ Prepared according to the general procedure A, 87% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3462, 2984, 2930, 2234, 1647, 1559, 1024, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (dd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.2, 135.7, 129.6, 127.9, 127.2, 123.4, 122.6, 37.5, 27.5; HRMS: C₁₀H₁₀BrN calculated 222.9997, found 222.9994; Registry Number: [57775-06-1].



2-(2-Iodophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitril (1a'): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 90% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 3061, 2983, 2935, 2232, 1582, 1462, 1230, 1009, 758, 721 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 140.6, 129.6, 128.6, 126.8, 123.3, 95.8, 39.1, 27.9; HRMS: C₁₀H₁₀IN calculated 270.9858, found 270.9855; New compound.



2-(2-Bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1b): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 79% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3458, 2989, 2236, 1608, 1475, 1330, 1174, 1129, 1027, 831 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.2, 132.6 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 131.9 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 127.8, 124.8 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 122.8, 122.8 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 122.5, 37.6, 27.3; HRMS: C₁₁H₉BrF₃N calculated 290.9870, found 290.9868; New compound.



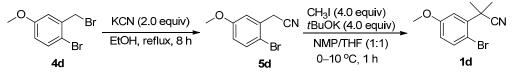
Preparation of 2-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1c):

1-Bromo-2-(bromomethyl)-4-chlorobenzene (4c): Prepared according to the general procedure D, 85% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 66–68 °C; IR (KBr): 3474, 2922, 1753, 1656, 1453, 1215, 1104, 1026, 812, 741 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.3, 135.0, 134.4, 131.7, 130.8, 122.9, 32.9; HRMS: C₇H₅Br₂Cl calculated 281.8447, found 281.8443; Registry Number: [66192-24-3].

2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)acetonitrile (5c): Prepared according to the general procedure C, 71% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 112–114 °C; IR (KBr): 3467, 1638, 1385, 1028, 640 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 134.2, 134.1, 131.6, 130.0, 129.7, 121.4, 116.2, 24.7; HRMS: C₈H₅BrClN calculated 228.9294, found 228.9297; New compound.

2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1c): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 86% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 162–164 °C; IR (KBr): 3450, 2986, 2939, 1638, 1459, 1382, 1226, 1109, 1024, 817 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.7, 136.4, 133.8, 129.4, 127.3, 122.4, 120.2, 36.9, 27.1; HRMS: C₁₀H₉BrClN calculated 256.9607, found 256.9607; New compound.

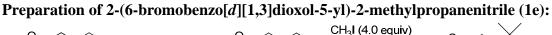
Preparation of 2-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1d):

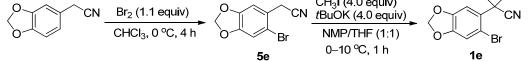


2-(2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile (**5d**):³ Prepared according to the general procedure C, 86% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 54–56 °C; IR (KBr): 3531, 3008, 2939, 2839, 2251, 1575, 1475, 1019, 810, 597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J_1 = 9.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 133.7, 130.7, 116.8, 115.6, 115.4, 113.7, 55.6, 24.9; HRMS: C₉H₈BrNO calculated 224.9789, found

224.9786; Registry Number: [27387-23-1].

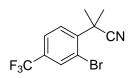
2-(2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1d): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 99% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3468, 2983, 2937, 2285, 2235, 1468, 1292, 1246, 1047 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 139.1, 136.1, 123.2, 114.5, 113.9, 112.5, 55.5, 37.3, 27.3; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₂BrNO calculated 253.0102, found 253.0106; Registry Number: [173026-39-6].





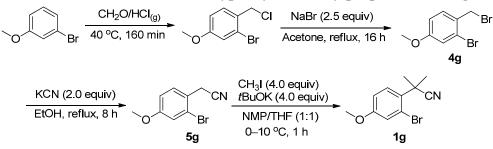
2-(6-Bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetonitrile (5e):⁵ To a round bottom flask (25 mL), the commercial source 2-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-acetonitrile (322 mg, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in CHCl₃ (5 mL) and the flask was sealed by a septum. The reaction mixture was kept stirring at 0 °C and covered by an aluminum foil to make sure that the reaction process in dark. Bromine (352 mg, 2.2 mmol) was then dropwise injected into the solution and allowed to stir at 0 °C for 4 h, quenched by a saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, and then extracted with ether for three times. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a Celite pad, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure product **5e** in 55% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 64–66 °C; IR (KBr): 3467, 2917, 2286, 1634, 1503, 1384, 1246, 861, 657 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.5, 147.9, 122.6, 117.0, 114.2, 113.0, 109.5, 102.2, 24.6; HRMS: C₉H₆BrNO₂ calculated 238.9582, found 238.9583; Registry Number: [5434-50-4].

2-(6-Bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1e): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 85% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3467, 2916, 2233, 1637, 1483, 1242, 1036, 931, 860, 636 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 1.84 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.9, 147.7, 131.4, 123.3, 115.2, 113.5, 107.2, 102.2, 36.9, 27.8; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₀BrNO₂ calculated 266.9895, found 266.9889; New compound.



2-(2-Bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (**1f**): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 99% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 2989, 2237, 1614, 1396, 1327, 1132, 892, 832, 709 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 1.90 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.2, 132.5, 131.7 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 127.8, 124.8, 122.9 (q, *J* = 286 Hz), 122.8, 122.5, 37.5, 27.2; HRMS: C₁₁H₉BrF₃N calculated 290.9870, found 290.9870; New compound.

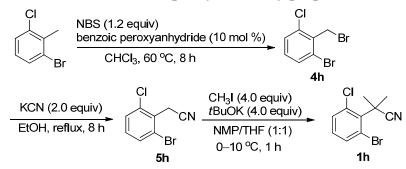
Preparation of 2-(2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1g):



2-Bromo-1-(bromomethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4g):⁶ Preparation and experimental data please see the ref 6 for the detail.

2-(2-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile (5g): Prepared according to the general procedure C, 73% isolated yield; Yellow solid, mp: 52–54 °C; IR (KBr): 3461, 2963, 2926, 2851, 2252, 1605, 1495, 1288, 1241, 1031, 862 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1, 130.2, 123.9, 121.7, 118.5, 117.2, 114.0, 55.7, 24.0; HRMS: C₉H₈BrNO calculated 224.9789, found 224.9790; Registry Number: [66916-98-1].

2-(2-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1g): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 87% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3468, 2924, 2851, 1603, 1492, 1385, 1298, 1244, 1034, 812 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 130.2, 127.7, 123.6, 122.8, 120.8, 113.3, 55.5, 36.6, 27.7; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₂BrNO calculated 253.0102, found 253.0109; New compound.



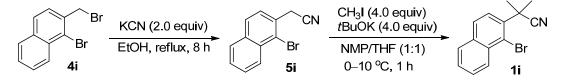
Preparation of 2-(2-bromo-6-chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1h):

1-Bromo-2-(bromomethyl)-3-chlorobenzene (**4h**): Prepared according to the general procedure D, 80% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 58–60 °C; IR (KBr): 3465, 2920, 1638, 1571, 1436, 1074, 863, 742 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.8, 135.1, 132.0, 130.5, 129.3, 126.0, 30.9; HRMS: C₇H₅Br₂Cl calculated 281.8447, found 281.8442; Registry Number: [75002-98-1].

2-(2-Bromo-6-chlorophenyl)acetonitrile (5h):³ Prepared according to the general procedure C, 65% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 74–76 °C; IR (KBr): 3488, 1753, 1631, 1520, 1364, 1261, 773, 617, 552, 442 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.6, 132.1, 130.8, 129.4, 128.8, 125.7, 115.6, 23.0; HRMS: C₈H₅BrClN calculated 228.9294, found 228.9297; Registry Number: [76574-39-5].

2-(2-Bromo-6-chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1h): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 90% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3487, 2980, 2935, 2247, 1682, 1559, 1429, 1195, 793, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.2, 134.6, 132.0, 130.2, 129.4, 124.1, 123.2, 39.9, 29.3; HRMS: C₁₀H₉BrClN calculated 256.9607, found 256.9606; New compound.

Preparation of 2-(1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1i):

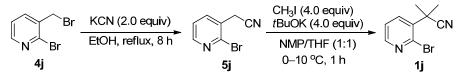


2-(1-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)acetonitrile (**5i**):⁷ Prepared according to the general procedure C, 48% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 122–123 °C; IR (KBr): 3459, 2905, 2252, 1502, 1384, 1257, 799, 750, 531 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (d, *J*

= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.53 (m, 3H), 4.05 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.8, 132.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.0, 124.1, 117.0, 25.8; HRMS: C₁₂H₈BrN calculated 244.9840, found 244.9844; Registry Number: [6323-67-7].

2-(1-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1i): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 90% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 75–77 °C; IR (KBr): 3459, 2982, 2929, 2231, 1637, 1502, 1320, 966, 811, 746 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (td, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.0, 133.7, 133.2, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 123.9, 123.7, 123.5, 38.1, 28.1; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₂BrN calculated 273.0153, found 273.0156; New compound.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1j):



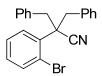
2-(2-Bromopyridin-3-yl)acetonitrile (5j):⁸ Prepared according to the general procedure C, 65% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3467, 2923, 2852, 2297, 1636, 1406, 1122 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (dd, J_1 = 4.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.7, 143.1, 137.7, 127.8, 123.3, 115.8, 24.2; HRMS: C₇H₅BrN₂ calculated 195.9636, found 195.9635; Registry Number: [1211523-71-5].

2-(2-Bromopyridin-3-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (1j): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 83% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3449, 2923, 1637, 1572, 1557, 1388, 1041, 743, 643 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (dd, J_1 = 4.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.1, 141.7, 136.0, 135.8, 123.0, 122.4, 36.5, 26.9; HRMS: C₉H₉BrN₂ calculated 223.9949, found 223.9944; New compound.



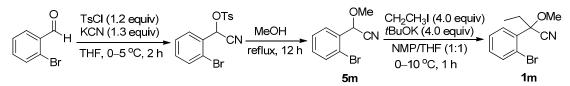
2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-ethylbutanenitrile (**1k**):⁴ Prepared according to the general procedure A, 95% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3450, 2973, 2936, 2879, 2285, 2233, 1637, 893, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, J_2

= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td, J_1 = 7.5 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.01 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.9, 134.6, 131.7, 129.3, 127.5, 122.5, 120.3, 52.2, 30.0, 9.8; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₄BrN calculated 251.0310, found 251.0315; Registry Number: [212626-87-4].



2-Benzyl-2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-phenylpropanenitrile (11):⁹ Prepared according to the general procedure A, 99% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 92–94 °C; IR (KBr): 3468, 3031, 2930, 2862, 2236, 1604, 1024, 759, 657 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.00 (m, 13H), 4.20 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.9, 135.3, 133.7, 132.9, 130.2, 129.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 121.6, 120.5, 54.5, 41.8; HRMS: C₂₂H₁₈BrN calculated 375.0623, found 375.0621; Registry Number: [1312716-88-3].

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-methoxybutanenitrile (1m):

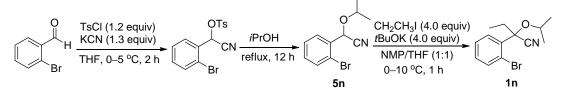


2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methoxyacetonitrile (5m): To a solution of TsCl (458 mg, 2.4 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added to the solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (370 mg, 2 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 15 min; the solution of KCN (169 mg, 2.6 mmol) in H₂O (1.5 mL) was then added into the solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde. The resulting solution mixture was kept to stir for 2 h, extracted by ether, filtered to remove salt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in methanol (30 mL), and allowed to keep stirring for 12 h under reflux. The crude reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*, isolated through a column chromatography to get compound **5m** in 99% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3467, 3004, 2933, 2830, 2288, 1629, 1592, 1471, 1438, 1198, 1086, 754 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.1, 132.8, 131.2, 128.9, 128.0, 122.8, 116.3, 71.6, 57.9; HRMS: C₉H₈BrNO calculated 224.9789, found 224.9791; New compound.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methoxybutanenitrile (1m): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 91% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3458, 2882, 2285,

1638, 1467, 1429, 1027, 758 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (td, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.38–2.28 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.8, 134.0, 130.4, 130.0, 127.6, 119.9, 117.5, 84.0, 54.2, 32.2, 8.6; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₂BrNO calculated 253.0102, found 253.0101; New compound.

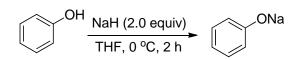
Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-isopropoxybutanenitrile (1n):



2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-isopropoxyacetonitrile (5n): Procedure was the same with the preparation of **5m**, 99% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 2976, 2932, 1636, 1469, 1385, 1116, 1026, 754, 684 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.14–4.01 (m, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.8, 133.1, 131.1, 129.3, 128.2, 122.7, 117.5, 72.9, 67.7, 22.5, 21.4; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₂BrNO calculated 253.0102, found 253.0105; New compound.

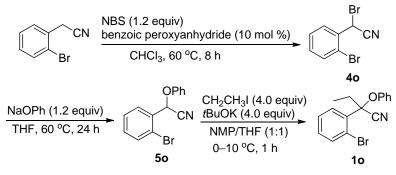
2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-isopropoxybutanenitrile (**1n**): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 86% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 30-32 °C; IR (KBr): 3462, 2976, 2937, 1466, 1384, 1077, 923, 757, 453 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.94–3.90 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.38 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.9, 135.3, 130.4, 130.3, 127.3, 120.4, 118.9, 82.4, 71.2, 32.3, 23.2, 23.0, 8.7; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₆BrNO calculated 281.0415, found 281.0419; New compound.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenoxybutanenitrile (10):



Preparation of sodium phenoxide: Sodium hydride powder (NaH, 60% in mineral oil, 192 mg, 4.8 mmol) was washed by the dry hexane for several times. The hexane was removed and THF (6 mL) was then added and kept stirring at 0 °C. Phenol (226 mg, 2.4 mmol) was slowly added into the suspension and the reaction mixture was

allowed to stir at 0 °C for 2 h. The crude residue was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove THF. The resulting crude sodium phenoxide was directly used for the synthesis of compound **50**.

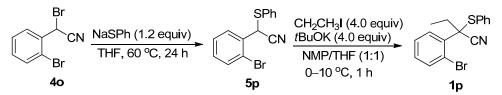


2-Bromo-2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (40): Prepared according to the general procedure D, 55% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 67–68 °C; IR (KBr): 3468, 2969, 2924, 2853, 2248, 1639, 1471, 1442, 758, 720, 676, 648, 617 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.8, 132.9, 131.9, 129.7, 128.8, 123.1, 116.0, 27.5; HRMS: C₈H₅Br₂N calculated 272.8789, found 272.8785; New compound.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-phenoxyacetonitrile (50): To a solution of **4o** (550 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added the prepared crude sodium phenoxide. The mixture was allowed to stir at 60 °C for 24 h, filtered to remove the salt and isolated by short column to give **5o** in 53% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 116–118 °C; IR (KBr): 3467, 2925, 2854, 1745, 1647, 1636, 1458, 1384, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.3, 133.4, 132.4, 131.7, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 123.6, 122.9, 116.4, 116.1, 68.7; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₀BrNO calculated 286.9946, found 286.9949; New compound.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-phenoxybutanenitrile (10): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 82% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3464, 3088, 3957, 1574, 1476, 1408, 1184, 1008, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 3 H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.92 (m, 2H), 2.62–2.49 (m, 2 H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.5, 135.9, 134.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.1, 127.7, 122.9, 119.5, 118.2, 117.1, 81.7, 33.8, 8.7; HRMS: C₁₆H₁₄BrNO calculated 315.0259, found 315.0260; New compound.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)butanenitrile (1p):



2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetonitrile (5p): Procedure was the same with the preparation of **5o**, 52% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 53–55 °C; IR (KBr): 3459, 2924, 2853, 2285, 1639, 1384, 727, 707, 623 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 3H), 5.34 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.9, 133.5, 131.9, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 127.8, 123.2, 117.7, 41.9; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₀BrNS calculated 302.9717, found 302.9721; New compound.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)butanenitrile (1p): Prepared according to the general procedure A, 80% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3460, 2972, 2934, 1637, 1469, 1459, 1025, 749, 691 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.11 (m, 4H), 3.10–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.42–2.35 (m, 1H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.6, 136.3, 132.6, 131.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 127.1, 121.1, 119.7, 57.5, 30.4, 10.3; HRMS: C₁₆H₁₄BrNS calculated 331.0030, found 331.0035; New compound.



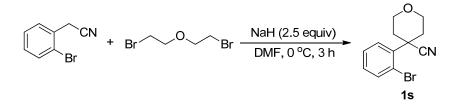
2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)butanenitrile (**1q**):¹⁰ Prepared according to the general procedure B, 90% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3467, 2960, 2876, 2231, 1469, 1023, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.25–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.94–1.87 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.6, 135.2, 129.5, 127.7, 127.5, 123.7, 122.9, 47.6, 38.2, 23.7; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₂BrN calculated 249.0153, found 249.0148; Registry Number: [143328-17-0].



1-(2-Bromophenyl)cyclohexanecarbonitrile (1r):¹¹ Prepared according to the

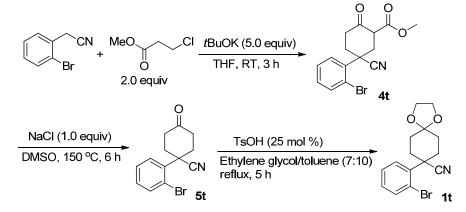
gereral procedure B, 94% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 2935, 1637, 1469, 1454, 1385, 1009, 735 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04–1.77 (m, 7H), 1.33–1.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.4, 135.8, 129.4, 127.9, 127.4, 123.0, 121.0, 43.8, 35.0, 25.0, 23.2; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₄BrN calculated 263.0310, found 263.0311; Registry Number: [106795-74-8].

Preparation of 4-(2-bromophenyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-carbonitrile (1s):



Sodium hydride (NaH, 60% in mineral oil, 200 mg, 5 mmol) was washed by dry hexane for several times, the hexane was removed and dry DMF (3 mL) was then added and kept stirring at 0 °C. The solution of 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (390 mg, 2 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added to the NaH/DMF suspension and kept stirring at 0 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and purified by column chromatography to get compound **1s** in 47% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 95–97 °C; IR (KBr): 3460, 2964, 2931, 2858, 2768, 2703, 2233, 1635, 1469, 1114, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (td, *J*₁ = 12.3 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (td, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.7, 135.7, 129.7, 128.0, 127.2, 122.7, 119.9, 64.4, 41.3, 34.5; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₂BrNO calculated 265.0102, found 265.0103; New compound.

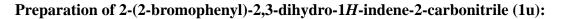
Preparation of 8-(2-bromophenyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-8-carbonitrile (1t):

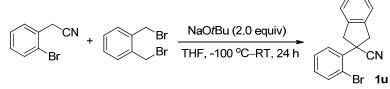


Methyl 5-(2-bromophenyl)-5-cyano-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (4t): To a suspension of potassium *tert*-butoxide (KO*t*Bu, 1122 mg, 10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (390 mg, 2 mmol) and methyl 3-chloropropanoate (490 mg, 4 mmol). The mixture was kept stirring for 3 h at room temperature, quenched, extracted by HCl/CH₂Cl₂ for three times and collected the combined organic layer. Purification by the column chromatography to provide the compound **4t** in 52% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3427, 2923, 1636, 1572, 1470, 1439, 1124, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.23 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, $J_1 = 6.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.45–2.36 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.8, 170.6, 135.9, 130.0, 128.0, 127.7, 122.7, 120.5, 94.4, 51.8, 40.8, 32.1, 29.6, 26.7; HRMS: C₁₅H₁₄BrNO₃ calculated 335.0157, found 335.0153; New compound.

1-(2-Bromophenyl)-4-oxocyclohexanecarbonitrile (5t): To a solution of NaCl (117 mg, 2 mmol) in DMSO (4 mL) was added **4t** (670 mg, 2 mmol) and stirred at 150 °C for 6 h under nitrogen atmosphere, quenched, extracted by HCl/CH₂Cl₂ for 3 times and collected the combined organic layer. Purification by the column chromatography to provide the compound **5t** in 94% isolated yield; Yellow solid, mp: 95–96 °C; IR (KBr): 3461, 2924, 1719, 1647, 1637, 1466, 1427, 1339, 758 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (td, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (td, J_1 = 15.0 Hz, J_2 = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.90–2.87 (m, 2H), 2.60–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.29 (td, J_1 = 13.8 Hz, J_2 = 4.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.0, 135.9 (2C), 130.1, 128.2, 127.1, 123.0, 119.5, 42.4, 38.0, 34.4; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₂BrNO calculated 277.0102, found 277.0100; New compound.

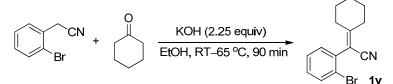
8-(2-Bromophenyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-8-carbonitrile (1t): White solid, mp: 114–116 °C; IR (KBr): 3459, 2286, 1638, 1109, 1032, 719 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.22–2.14 (m, 4H), 1.91–1.88 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.3, 135.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.3, 123.2, 120.3, 107.0, 64.6, 64.3, 42.7, 32.5, 32.1; HRMS: C₁₅H₁₆BrNO₂ calculated 321.0364, found 321.0364; New compound.



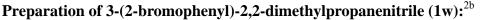


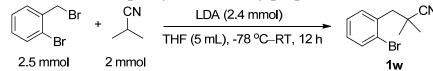
To a suspension of sodium *tert*-butoxide (NaOtBu, 384 mg, 4 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (390 mg, 2 mmol) and kept stirring for a while at -100 °C. The solution of 1,2-bis(bromomethyl)benzene (528 mg, 2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was then slowly added into the suspension for 30 min at -100 °C. The reaction mixture was then warmed up room temperature and kept stirring for 24 h, quenched, extracted by NaHCO₃/toluene for three times and collected the combined organic layer. Purification by the column chromatography to provide the compound **1u** in 42% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 134–135 °C; IR (KBr): 3459, 2922, 2851, 2234, 1636, 1470, 1385, 1023, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.9, 136.2, 135.5, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 124.5, 123.1, 123.1, 47.8, 44.8; HRMS: C₁₆H₁₂BrN calculated 297.0153, found 297.0157; New compound.

Preparation of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-cyclohexylideneacetonitrile (1v):



To a solution of potassium hydroxide (KOH, 253 mg, 4.5 mmol) in EtOH (1 mL) was added 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (390 mg, 2 mmol) and kept stirring under nitrogen atmosphere for a while at room temperature. Cyclohexanone (216 mg, 2.2 mmol) was then slowly injected into the reaction mixture and kept stirring at 65 °C for 90 min, filtered to remove the salt and isolated by column chromatography to provide **1v** in 47% isolated yield; Colorless oil, IR (KBr): 3499, 3058, 2934, 2857, 2210, 1625, 1470, 1443, 1028, 982, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, $J_1 = 9.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.73–2.62 (m, 2H), 2.07–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.60 (m, 3H), 1.54–1.51 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.9, 134.4, 133.0, 131.3, 130.0, 127.6, 124.1, 117.0, 106.6, 34.4, 31.4, 27.8, 27.3, 25.7; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₄BrN calculated 275.0310, found 275.0313; New compound.

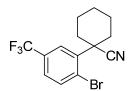




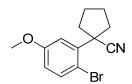
Compound **1w** was prepared according to the ref 2b. Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3460, 2979, 2934, 2234, 1635, 1469, 1439, 1028, 758, 659 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 2H), 1.43 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.6, 133.2, 131.9, 129.0, 127.6, 125.8, 124.7, 44.4, 34.2, 26.6; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₂BrN calculated 237.0153, found 237.0154; Registry Number: [321985-22-2].



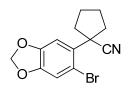
1-(2-Bromo-6-chlorophenyl)cyclopentanecarbonitrile (1A): Prepared according to the general procedure B by using **5h** as starting material, 92% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 59–61 °C; IR (KBr): 3449, 2975, 2951, 2227, 1573, 1554, 1449, 1410, 1193, 1047, 777, 743 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.15 (m, 2H), 2.37–2.35 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.96 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.87 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.4, 135.2, 135.1, 132.0, 129.4, 124.3, 122.5, 49.0, 40.7, 23.6; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₁BrClN calculated 282.9763, found 282.9767; New compound.



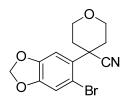
1-(2-Bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarbonitrile (**1B**): Prepared according to the general procedure B, 75% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3449, 2932, 2861, 1637, 1385, 1329, 1129, 1093, 1015 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 1.95–1.92 (m, 4H), 1.89–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.6, 136.3, 130.3 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 127.0, 126.0, 124.2, 123.5 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 120.1, 43.6, 34.9, 24.8, 23.1; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₃BrF₃N calculated 331.0183, found 331.0187; New compound.



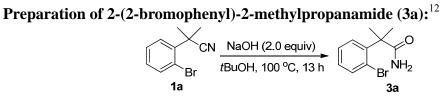
1-(2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)cyclopentanecarbonitrile (1C): Prepared according to the general procedure B by using **5d** as starting material, 90% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3450, 2960, 2877, 2232, 1594, 1271, 1466, 1293, 1243, 1017, 810, 603 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.74–2.69 (m, 2H), 2.21–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.04–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 139.0, 136.2, 123.4, 115.6, 114.4, 114.2, 56.1, 48.1, 38.7, 24.2; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₄BrNO calculated 279.0259, found 279.0263; New compound.



1-(6-Bromobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)cyclopentanecarbonitrile (1D): Prepared according to the general procedure B by using **5e** as starting material, 72% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 83–85 °C; IR (KBr): 3458, 2957, 2919, 2877, 2230, 1637, 1506, 1481, 1238, 1038 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 2.74–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.08 (m, 2H), 2.03–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.87 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.9, 147.4, 130.8, 122.8, 114.9, 114.7, 107.9, 102.1, 47.3, 38.5, 23.5; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₂BrNO₂ calculated 293.0051, found 293.0050; New compound.

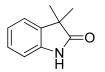


4-(6-Bromobenzo[*d*][**1,3**]**dioxol-5-yl**)**tetrahydro-**2*H***-pyran-4-carbonitrile** (**1E**): Prepared according to the general procedure B by using **5e** as starting material, 76% isolated yield; White solid, mp: 120–122 °C; IR (KBr): 3474, 2980, 2909, 2838, 1631, 1474, 1273, 760, 513 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.07 (dd, $J_1 = 12$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 (td, $J_1 = 12.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (dd, $J_1 = 12.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (td, $J_1 = 13.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.2$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.1, 148.0, 130.1, 120.0, 115.5, 113.8, 107.3, 102.3, 64.6, 41.0, 35.1. HRMS: C₁₃H₁₂BrNO₃ calculated 309.0001, found 309.0005; New compound.

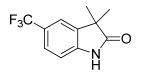


To a screw-capped vial (25 mL) were added NaOH (400 mg, 10 mmol), *tert*-butanol (*t*BuOH, 10 mL) and **1a** (1.12 g, 5 mmol). The vial was sealed with cap and allowed to stir at 100 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC every hour until the complete consumption of **1a**. After total conversion of **1a**, the reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a thin Celite pad to remove salt, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was isolated through a short flash column chromatography by using ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure compound **3a** in 92% isolated yield; Colorless oil (high viscosity); IR (KBr): 3472, 2977, 2932, 1669, 1605, 1468, 1427, 1390, 1360, 1022, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (br, 1H), 5.23 (br, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.0, 143.0, 134.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 124.1, 48.3, 26.4; HRMS: C₁₀H₁₂BrNO calculated 241.0102, found 241.0098; Registry Number: [173026-22-7].

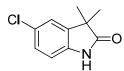
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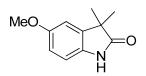
3,3-Dimethylindolin-2-one (2a):¹³ White solid, mp: 182–184 °C; IR (KBr): 3450, 3096, 1717, 1676, 1410, 1226, 1172, 738, 618, 492 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.62 (br, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.9, 139.8, 136.3, 127.6, 122.6, 122.4, 109.8, 44.6, 24.3; HRMS: C₁₀H₁₁NO calculated 161.0841, found 161.0838; Registry Number: [19155-24-9].



3,3-Dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)indolin-2-one (2b): White solid, mp: 152–154 °C; IR (KBr): 3450, 2930, 2880, 1729, 1629, 1339, 1095, 897, 816, 779, 537 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.89 (br, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.8, 142.9, 136.7, 125.5, 125.0 (q, J = 31.5 Hz), 124.4 (q, J = 270 Hz), 119.8, 109.7, 44.8, 24.2; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₀F₃NO calculated 229.0714, found 229.0715; New compound.

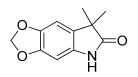


5-Chloro-3,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (**2c**):¹⁴ White solid, mp: 162–164 °C; IR (KBr): 3468, 3167, 2874, 2926, 2853, 2304, 1731, 1670, 1481, 1204 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.14 (br, 1H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.9, 138.4, 138.0, 127.9, 127.6, 123.2, 110.9, 45.1, 24.2; HRMS: C₁₀H₁₀CINO calculated 195.0451, found 195.0453; Registry Number: [74492-46-9].

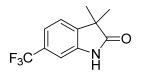


5-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (2d): White solid, mp: 154–156 °C; IR(KBr): 3483, 2966, 1702, 1452, 1029, 596 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (br, 1H), 6.83–6.79 (m, 2H), 6,73 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 6H);

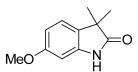
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.5, 155.9, 137.7, 133.0, 111.9, 110.1, 110.0, 55.8, 45.1, 24.4; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₃NO₂ calculated 191.0946, found 191.0951; Registry Number: [87234-57-7].



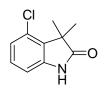
7,7-Dimethyl-5*H***-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-***f***]indol-6(7***H***)-one (2e): White solid, mp: 244–246 °C; IR (KBr): 3467, 2925, 2284, 1701, 1476, 1118, 1035, 680, 486 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): \delta 8.63 (br, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 1.36 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): \delta 184.4, 146.8, 143.2, 133.5, 128.2, 104.1, 100.9, 93.6, 45.0, 24.5; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₁NO₃ calculated 205.0739, found 205.0740; New compound.**



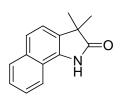
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6-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (2g): White solid, mp: 167–169 °C; IR (KBr): 3856, 3449, 3192, 2969, 1712, 1672, 1384, 1351, 1157, 740, 572 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (br, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.4, 159.7, 140.7, 128.3, 123.2, 107.2, 97.2, 55.5, 44.2, 24.5; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₃NO₂ calculated 191.0946, found 191.0948; New compound.



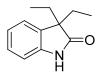
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3,3-Dimethyl-1*H***-benzo**[*g*]**indol-2**(*3H*)**-one** (**2i**)**:** White solid, mp: 222–224 °C; IR (KBr): 3468, 2970, 1703, 1459, 1197, 812, 558 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (br, 1H), 1.53 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.7, 135.7, 133.3, 130.8, 128.6, 126.1, 125.8, 122.4, 121.6, 120.2, 119.8, 46.0, 24.2; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₃NO calculated 211.0997, found 211.0994; New compound.

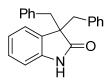


3,3-Dimethyl-1*H***-pyrrolo**[**2,3-***b*]**pyridin-2**(**3***H*)**-one** (**2j**): White solid, mp: 182–184 °C; IR (KBr): 3450, 3114, 2966, 2874, 1731, 1613, 1466, 1200, 1153, 777 cm⁻¹; ¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (dd, J_1 = 5.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (br, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.1, 155.6, 146.1, 130.5, 130.4, 118.1, 44.6, 23.8; HRMS: C₉H₁₀N₂O calculated 162.0793, found 162.0794; Registry Number: [109535-73-1].

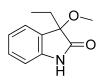


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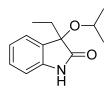
3136, 2969, 2876, 1667, 1344, 1204, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.40 (br, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.78 (m, 2H), 0.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.5, 141.3, 132.4, 127.6, 123.1, 122.4, 109.5, 54.9, 30.6, 8.7; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₅NO calculated 189.1154, found 189.1159; Registry Number: [53204-33-4].



3,3-Dibenzylindolin-2-one (**2l**):¹⁶ White solid, mp: 218–220 °C; IR (KBr): 3450, 3083, 2919, 2854, 1718, 1625, 1241, 754, 696, 556 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.18–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.00 (m, 8H), 6.93 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 4H), 6.45 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.1, 140.5, 135.8, 130.6, 130.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 124.8, 121.7, 109.2, 56.4, 43.5; HRMS: C₂₂H₁₉NO calculated 313.1467, found 313.1463; Registry Number: [14192-31-5].

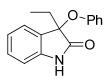


3-Ethyl-3-methoxyindolin-2-one (2m): Yellow solid, mp: 160–161 °C; IR (KBr): 3463, 3274, 2984, 2828, 1729, 1621, 1470, 1210, 1139, 765, 706, 646 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.65 (br, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.8, 141.3, 129.7, 127.4, 124.6, 123.0, 110.3, 84.0, 53.2, 30.7, 7.3; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₃NO₂ calculated 191.0946, found 191.0942; New compound.

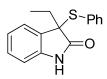


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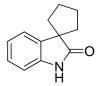
129.4, 128.8, 124.8, 122.7, 110.3, 83.1, 69.2, 31.6, 24.2, 23.3, 7.1; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₇NO₂ calculated 219.1259, found 219.1261; New compound.



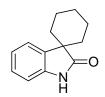
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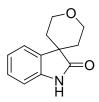
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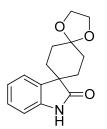
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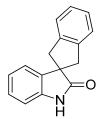
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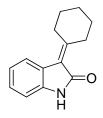
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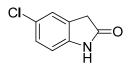
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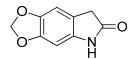
1,3-Dihydrospiro[indene-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2u): White solid, mp: 210–212 °C; IR (KBr): 3464, 3187, 1707, 1459, 1225, 1009, 749, 643 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.71 (br, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.6, 141.1, 139.6, 136.7, 128.0, 127.0, 124.5, 122.8, 121.9, 109.8, 54.5, 44.0; HRMS: C₁₆H₁₃NO calculated 235.0997, found 235.1001; Registry Number: [114727-61-6].



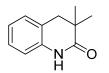
3-Cyclohexylideneindolin-2-one (**2v**):¹⁷ White solid, mp: 204–206 °C; IR (KBr): 3449, 2926, 2854, 1690, 1618, 1467, 1217, 736 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (br, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.86–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 164.6, 139.3, 127.5, 124.3, 123.8, 121.5, 120.0, 109.3, 33.1, 30.0, 28.1, 27.8, 25.8; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₅NO calculated 213.1154, found 213.1153; Registry Number: [3478-78-2].



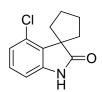
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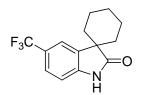
5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indol-6(7*H***)-one (2y):** White solid, mp: 228–229 °C; IR (KBr): 742, 1295, 1475, 1720, 2915 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (br, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.46 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.6, 147.1, 143.1, 136.0, 116.7, 106.1, 100.1, 93.3, 36.4; HRMS: C₈H₇NO calculated 177.0426, found 177.0429; New compound.



3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H***)-one (2y):¹⁹ Yellow solid, mp: 159–161 °C; IR (KBr): 3475, 3195, 3071, 2985, 2923, 1672, 1494, 1389, 762, 670 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): \delta 8.22 (br, 1H), 7.18 (t,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,** *J* **= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): \delta 176.9, 136.6, 128.5, 127.4, 123.3, 123.2, 114.8, 40.2, 37.3, 24.3; HRMS: C₁₁H₁₃NO calculated 175.0997, found 175.0993; Registry Number: [92367-59-4].**

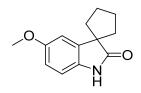


4'-Chlorospiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2A): White solid, mp: 168–170 °C; IR (KBr): 3487, 3170, 3134, 2957, 2870, 1706, 1619, 1444, 1178, 661 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.25 (br, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.33–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.03 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): 185.4, 142.5, 131.9, 129.8, 128.6, 123.4, 108.2, 54.6, 35.0, 27.6; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₂ClNO calculated 221.0607, found 221.0611; New compound.

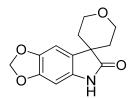


5'-(Trifluoromethyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2B): White solid, mp: 182–184 °C; IR (KBr): 3467, 2933, 1724, 1691, 1113, 825 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.11 (br, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

1H), 2.00–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.64 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.3, 143.1, 136.3, 125.2, 124.5 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 33 Hz), 121.0, 109.5, 48.0, 32.8, 25.0, 21.0; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₄F₃NO calculated 269.1027, found 269.1025; New compound.



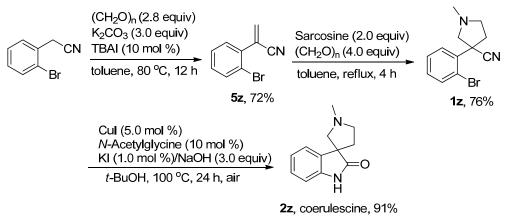
5'-Methoxyspiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2C): White solid, mp: 180–182 °C; IR (KBr): 3460, 2956, 2862, 1682, 1652, 1635, 1491, 1209, 1029 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.86 (br, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.20–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.7, 155.9, 138.8, 133.6, 111.3, 110.2, 109.7, 55.8, 54.9, 38.4, 26.7; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₅NO₂ calculated 217.1103, found 217.1100; New compound.



2',3',5',6'-Tetrahydrospiro[[**1,3**]dioxolo[**4,5-***f*]indole-**7,4'-pyran**]-**6**(5*H*)-one (**2D**): White solid, mp: 276–277 °C; IR (KBr): 3461, 2923, 1721, 1631, 1474, 1267, 1176, 1111, 754, 409 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, bad solubility): δ 7.72 (br, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 4.25–4.21 (m, 2H), 3.91–3.88 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.84 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.0, 147.0, 143.2, 133.6, 126.4, 104.9, 101.1, 93.2, 62.8, 44.8, 33.1; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₃NO₄ calculated 247.0845, found 247.0844; New compund.

Experimental Details for natural alkaloids

Synthesis of (±)-coerulescine (2z):



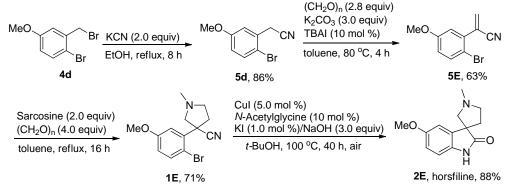
2-(2-Bromophenyl)acrylonitrile (5z): To a suspension of potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃, 830 mg, 6 mmol) and tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (Bu₄NI, 74 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) was added 2-(2-bromophenyl)acetonitrile (390 mg, 2 mmol) and allowed to stir for few minutes. The aqueous formaldehyde (CH₂O, 37% in H₂O, 168 mg, 5.6 mmol) was then slowly injected into the solution over a period of 20 min. The resulting reaction mixture was warmed to 80 °C and kept stirring for 12 h, quenched by H₂O and extracted by toluene for several times. The combined organic layer was collected and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, purified by column chromatography to provide pure compound **5z** in 72% isolated yield; Orange oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 2921, 2851, 2227, 1611, 1471, 1430, 1026, 947, 767, 742 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.1, 134.3, 133.2, 130.7, 130.3, 127.7, 122.5, 121.5, 116.6; HRMS: C₉H₆BrN calculated 206.9684, found 206.9681; New compound.

3-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-carbonitrile (1z): Compound **5z** (416 mg, 2 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (4 mL) and allowed to stir under reflux. The prepared solution of sarcosine (356 mg, 4 mmol) in aqueous formaldehyde (CH₂O, 37% in H₂O, 1 mL) was slowly injected into the solution of **5z** in toluene for the period over 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 2 h, quenched by H₂O and extracted by toluene for several times. The combined organic layer was collected and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, purified by column chromatography to provide pure compound **1z** in 76% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3460, 2921, 2850, 2789, 1637, 1471, 1384, 1028, 760 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.76–2.67

(m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 4H); 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.1, 135.1, 129.7, 127.7, 127.6, 123.6, 122.7, 65.6, 54.6, 46.0, 41.8, 38.3; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₃BrN₂ calculated 264.0262, found 264.0267; New compound.

(±)-Coerulescine (2z):²⁰ Yellow solid, mp: 129–130 °C; IR (KBr): 3465, 3242, 2944, 2791, 1709, 1620, 1472, 1338, 1197, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.04 (br, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.44–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.08 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.2, 140.2, 136.3, 127.7, 123.2, 122.7, 109.6, 66.4, 56.8, 53.7, 41.8, 37.9; HRMS: C₁₂H₁₄N₂O calculated 202.1106, found 202.1104; Registry Number: [66859-18-5].

Synthesis of (±)-horsfiline (2E):



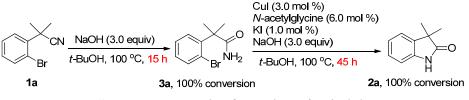
2-(2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (5E): Procedure is the same with the preparation of **5z**, 63% isolated yield; Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3467, 2921, 2851, 2298, 1637, 1384 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J*₁ = 9.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 135.2, 135.1, 134.1, 122.6, 116.7, 116.5, 116.0, 111.9, 55.5; HRMS: C₁₀H₈BrNO calculated 236.9789, found 236.9786; New compound.

3-(2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-carbonitrile (**1E**): Prepared according to the preparation of **1z**, 71% isolated yield; Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3446, 2941, 2842, 2789, 2235, 1635, 1467, 1293, 811 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.75–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45–2.37 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 137.9, 135.5, 122.6, 115.0, 114.0, 113.5, 65.4, 55.5, 54.5, 45.9, 41.6, 38.1; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₅BrN₂O calculated 294.0368, found 294.0363; New compound. (**±)-Horsfiline (2E):**²¹ Yellow solid, mp: 159–160 °C; IR (KBr): 3449, 2922, 2851, 1702, 1492, 1208, 1032, 811, 669, 618 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (br,

1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.03–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 2H), 2.74 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.43–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.06 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.4, 156.2, 137.7, 133.2, 112.4, 110.4, 109.6, 66.5, 56.7, 55.9, 54.1, 41.8, 38.1; HRMS: C₁₃H₁₆N₂O₂ calculated 232.1212, found 232.1211; Registry Number: [136316-07-9].

Control Experiments and Proposed Pathway

The following two control experiments were preceded for the study of reaction pathway. First, the reaction was processed stepwise by converting all the **1a** to its corresponding amide derivative **3a** and then coupling the C-N bond to form **2a** by using the same reaction condition with the domino process.



Scheme 1. Stepwise formation of oxindole

Second, the reaction was monitored and the ratios of each species were checked at the different reaction time (Table 1).

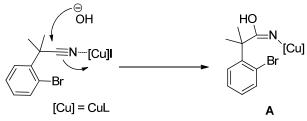
Table 1. Reaction monitoring for the ratio of all species.

	N-acet	0 mol %) ylglycine (6.0 mol %) mol %)/NaOH (3.0 equ		+	
Br	<i>t-</i> BuOH, 100 °C			N H	
1a			3a	2a	
Entry	t (h)	Ratio of 1a ^a	Ratio of 3a ^a	Ratio of 2a ^a	
1	4	38	56	6	
2	6	22	55	23	
3	8	3	53	44	
4	10	0	31	69	
5	12	0	19	81	
6	16	0	12	88	
7	20	0	7	93	
8	24	0	0	100	

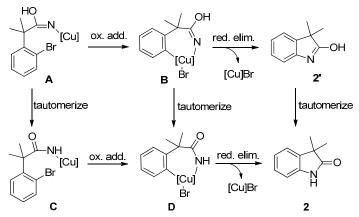
^a The ratios were determined by ¹H NMR after working up the reaction.

We can conclude and describe the results according to the control experiments:

 For the stepwise reaction (Scheme 1), the transformation from 3a to 2a required much longer time than the overall reaction time of Cu-catalyzed domino reaction. Thus, the reaction pathway of the Cu-catalyzed domino reaction might be not via the directly intramolecular C-N coupling reaction of 3a to form 2a. 2. According to the results listed in table 1, we observed that the consumption of **1a** is significantly faster than the stepwise reaction. This is caused by the acceleration of nucleophilic addition by copper complex, which is acting as a Lewis acid.

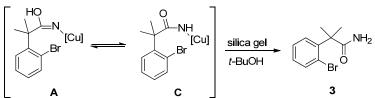


3. The formation of **2a** in the domino reaction is much more facile than the stepwise reaction; more than 80% **2a** was generated within 12 h (Table 1, entry 5). That means the oxidative addition of copper complex to aryl bromide moiety in domino reaction is much easier than the transformation of **2a** from **3a**. This suggests that the oxidative addition occurs in intramolecular manner. The following reductive elimination provides **2'**, and a rapid tautomerization affords product **2**.



Furthermore, we believe that the tautomerization should be much faster than the intramolecular oxidative addition. Thus, the reaction pathway should be decided as $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow 2$.

4. The observation of **3** in table 1 was caused by the direct hydrolysis of **A** or **C**. And the amount of **3** was related to the amount of **A** and **C**.



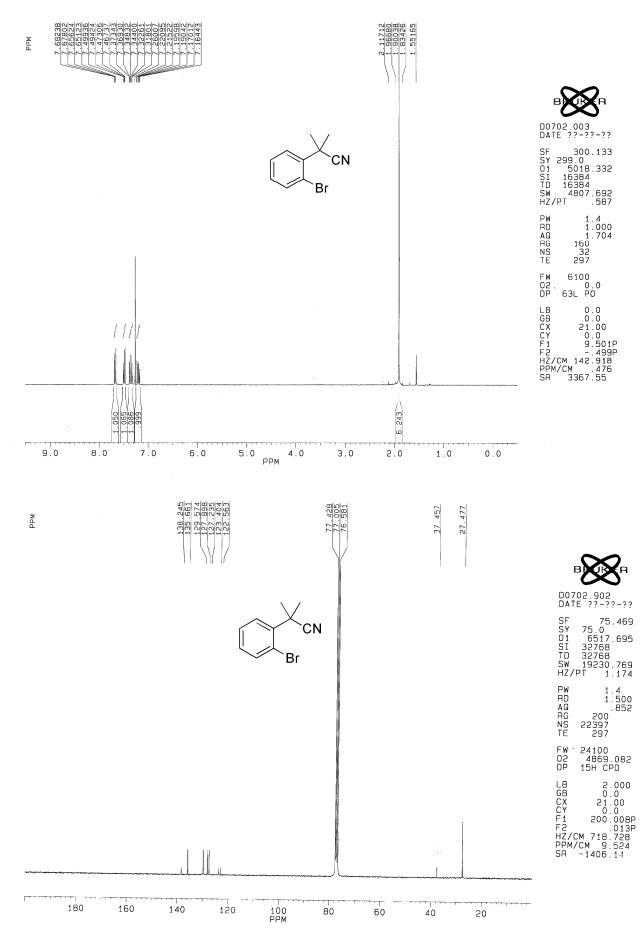
5. Before the complete consumption of 1a, the ratio of 3a is always about 55% (Table 1, entries 1–3). After the consumption of 1a is complete, the ratio of 3a is also reduced significantly. This result reveals that the equilibrium between C and D can be maintained before the complete consumption of 1a, and the reductive elimination of D dominate the formation of 2. Our proposed mechanism (shown in manuscript) was suggested according to the results described above.

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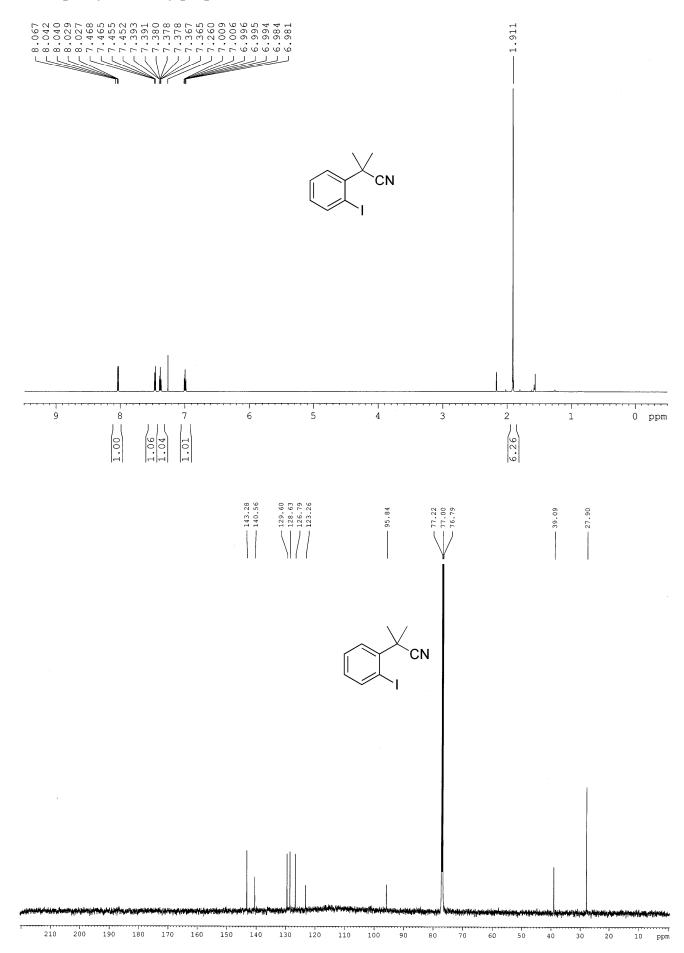
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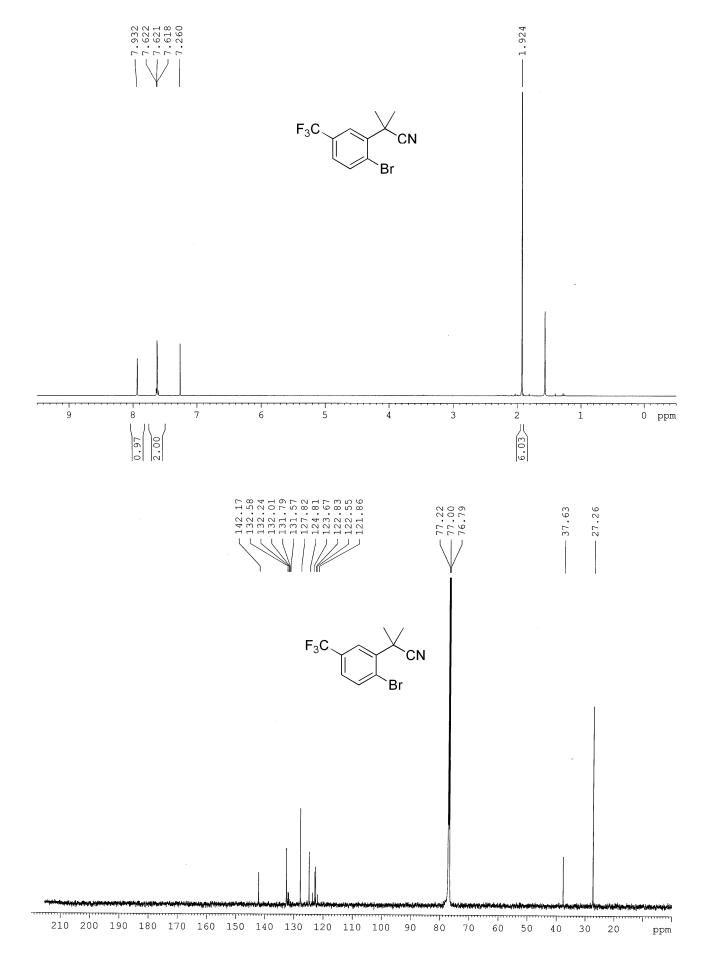
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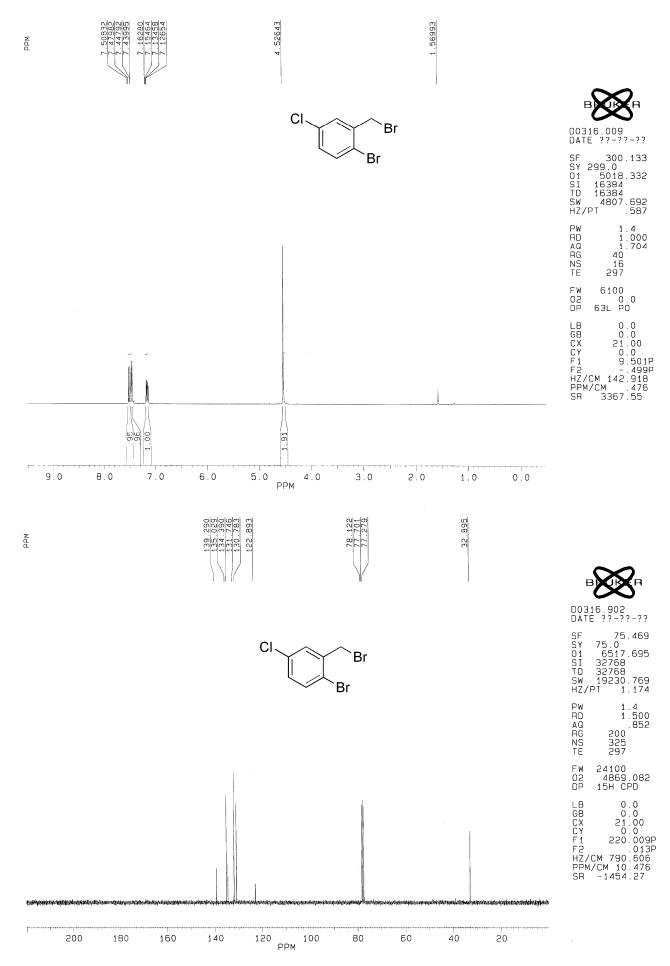


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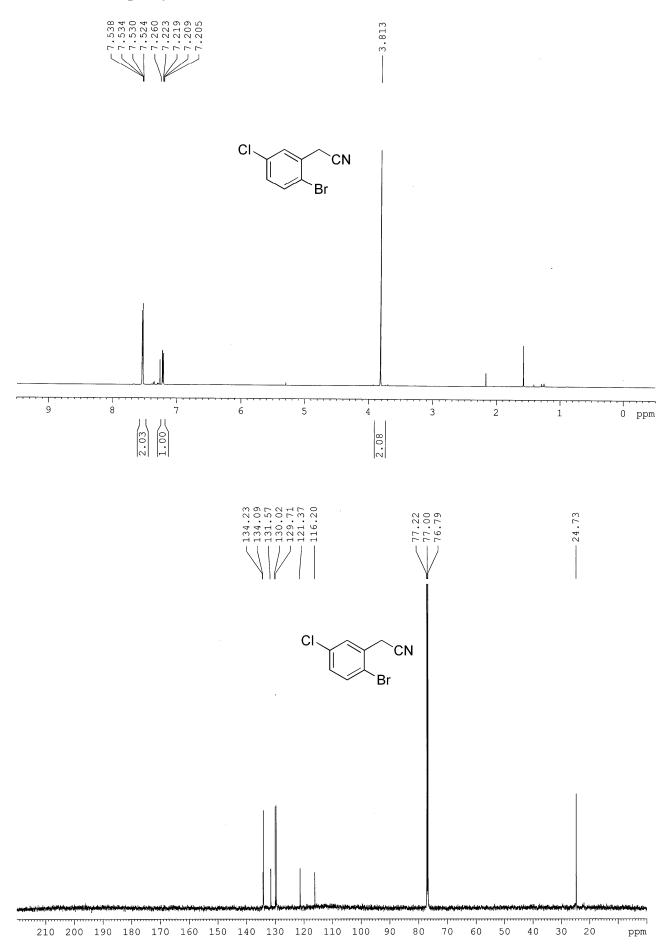
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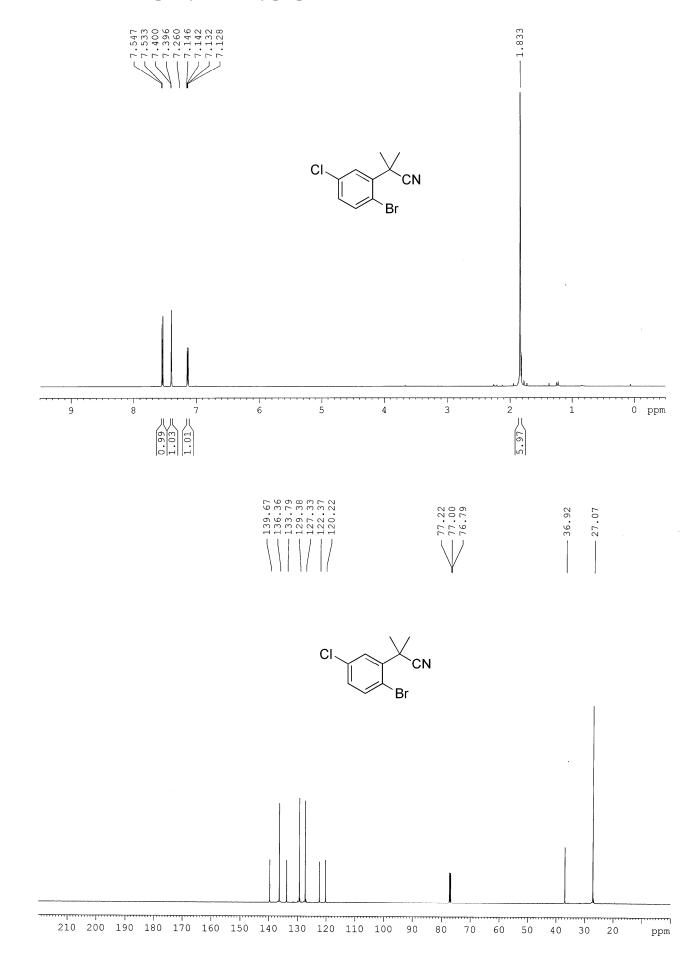
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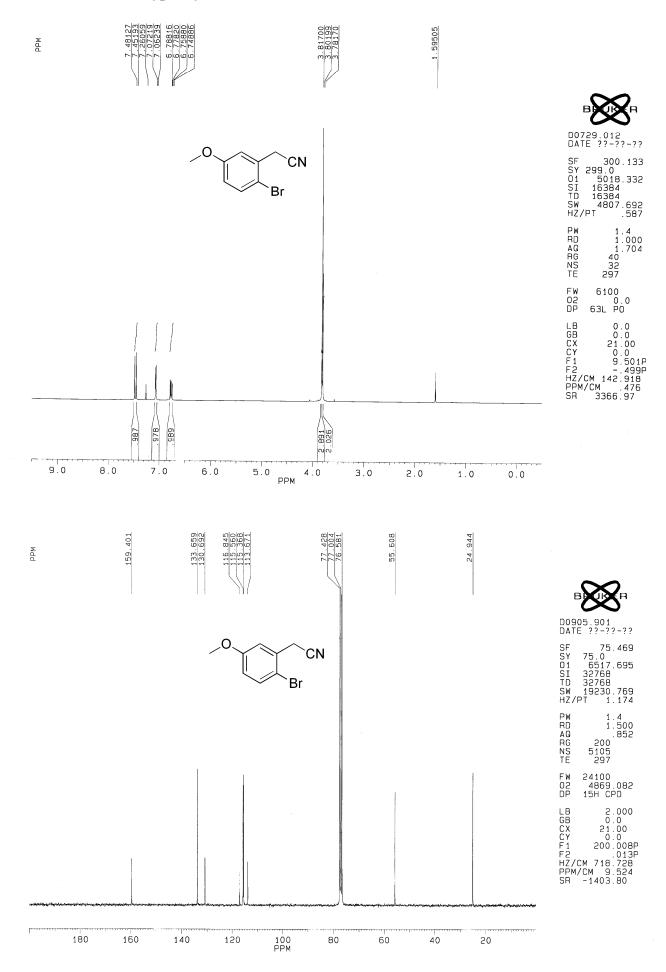
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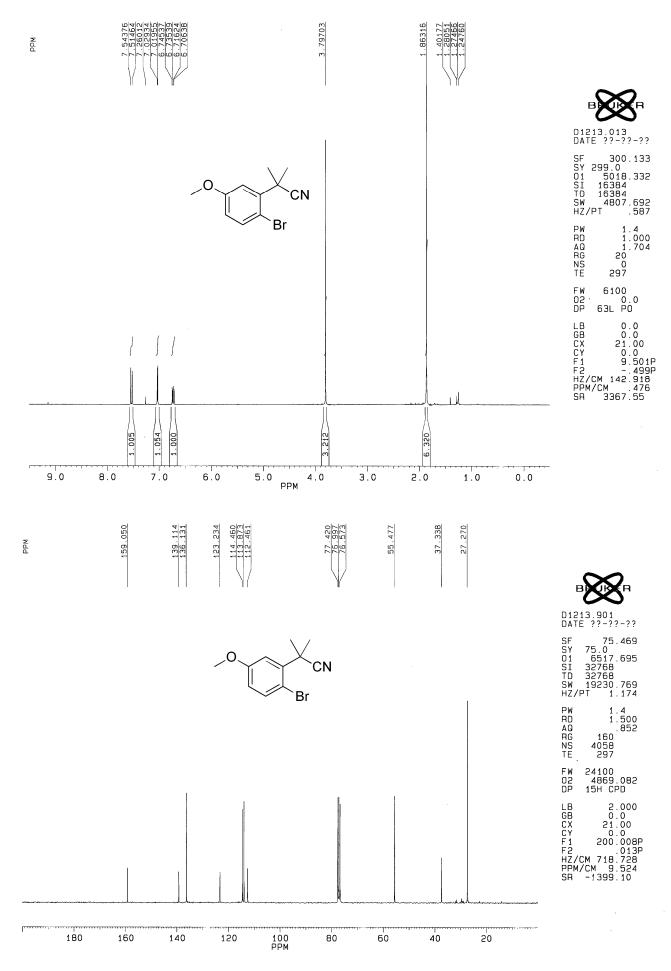
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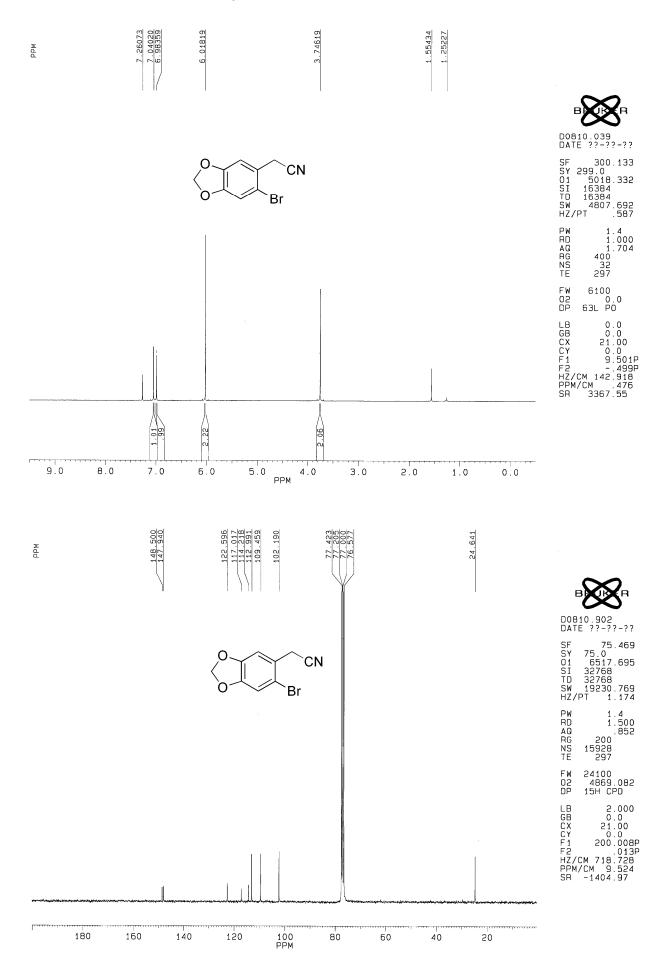
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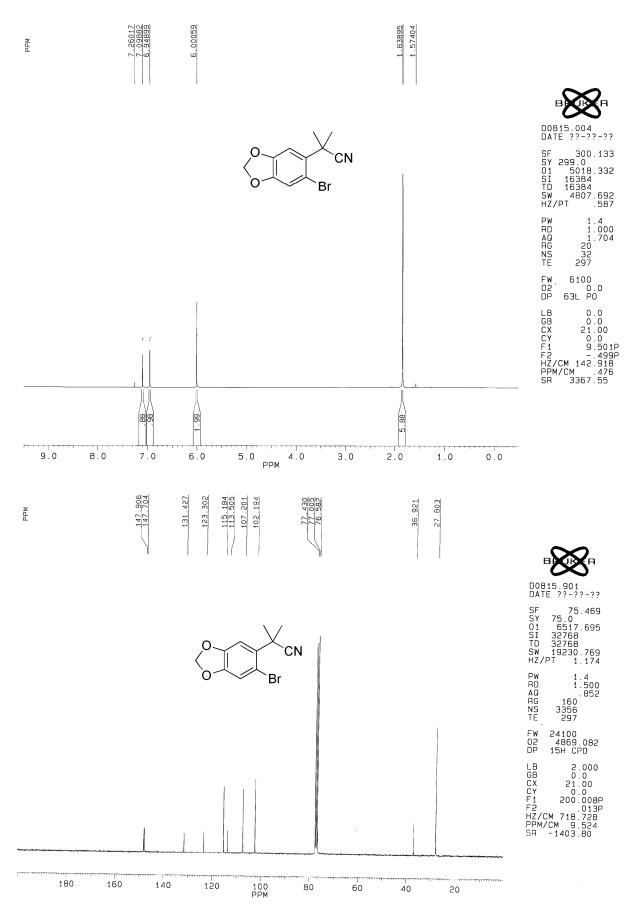
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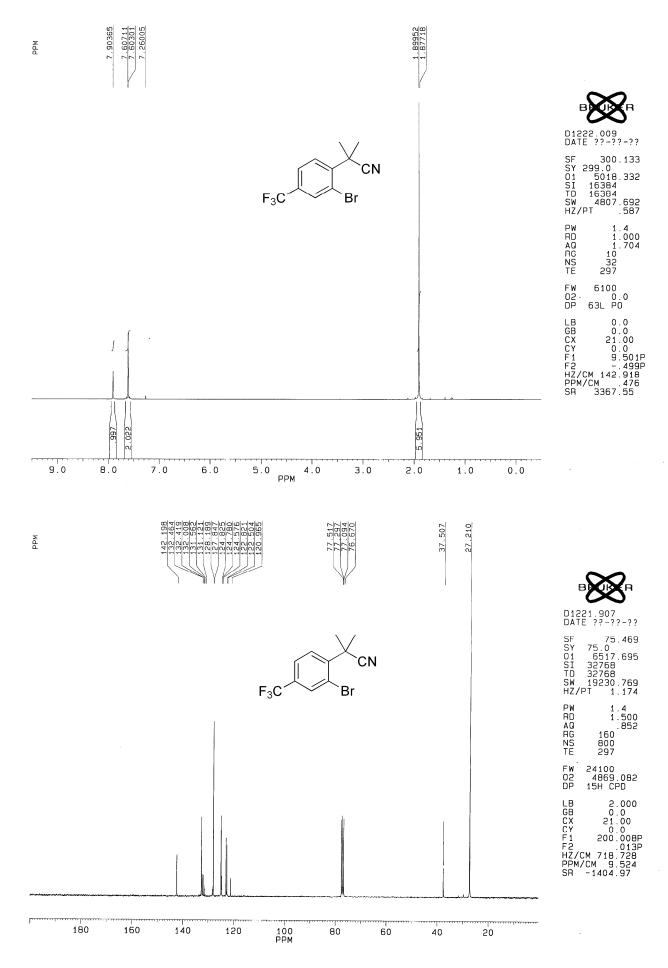
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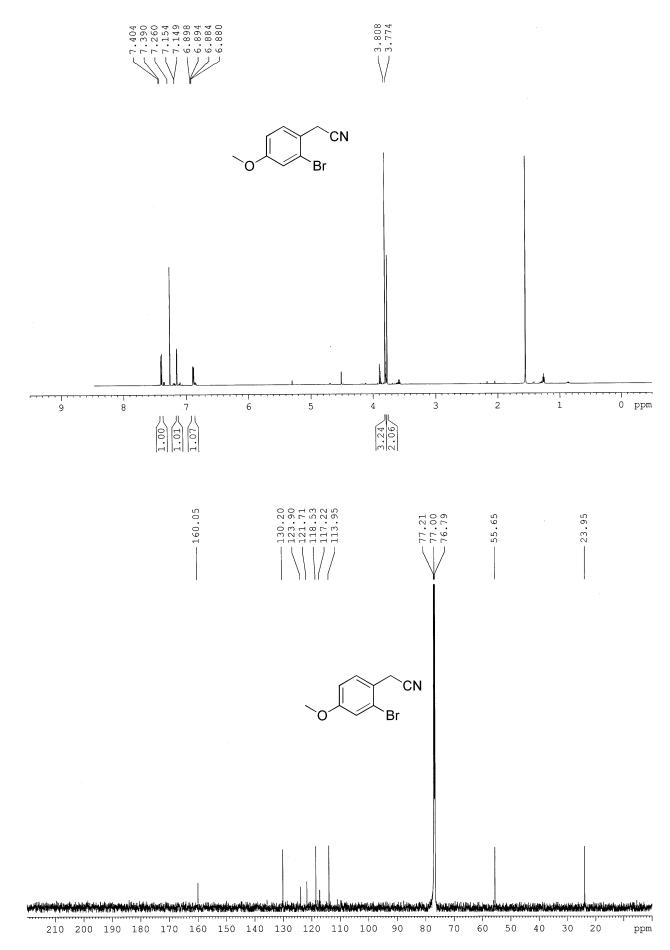
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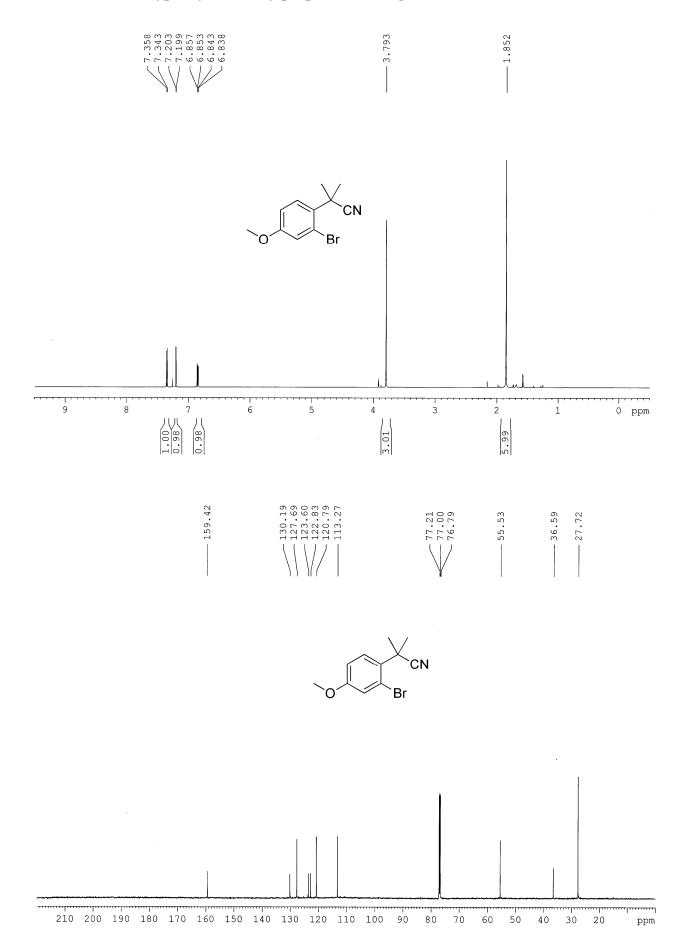
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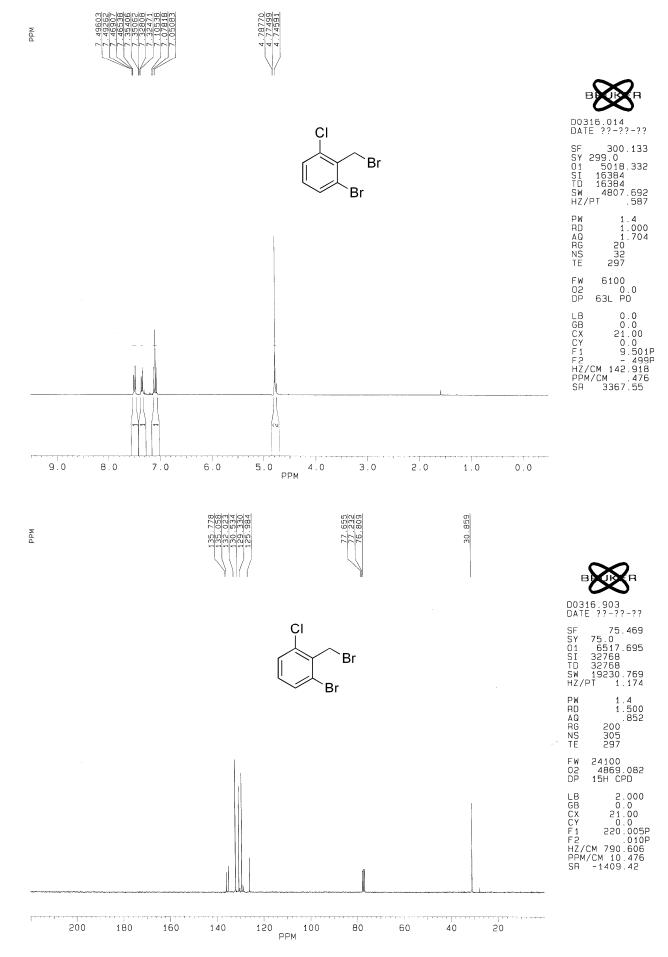
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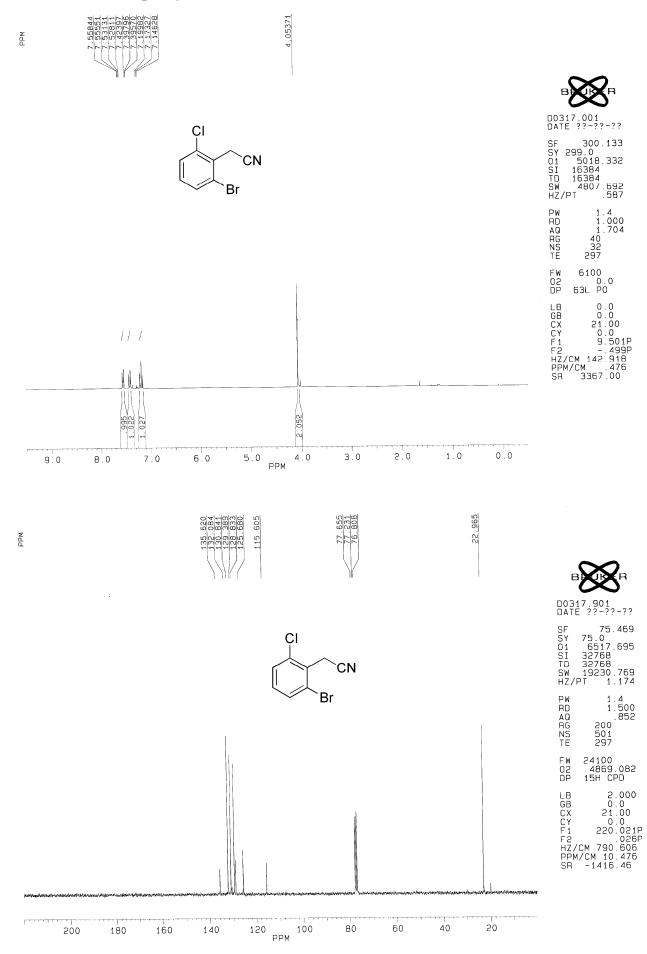
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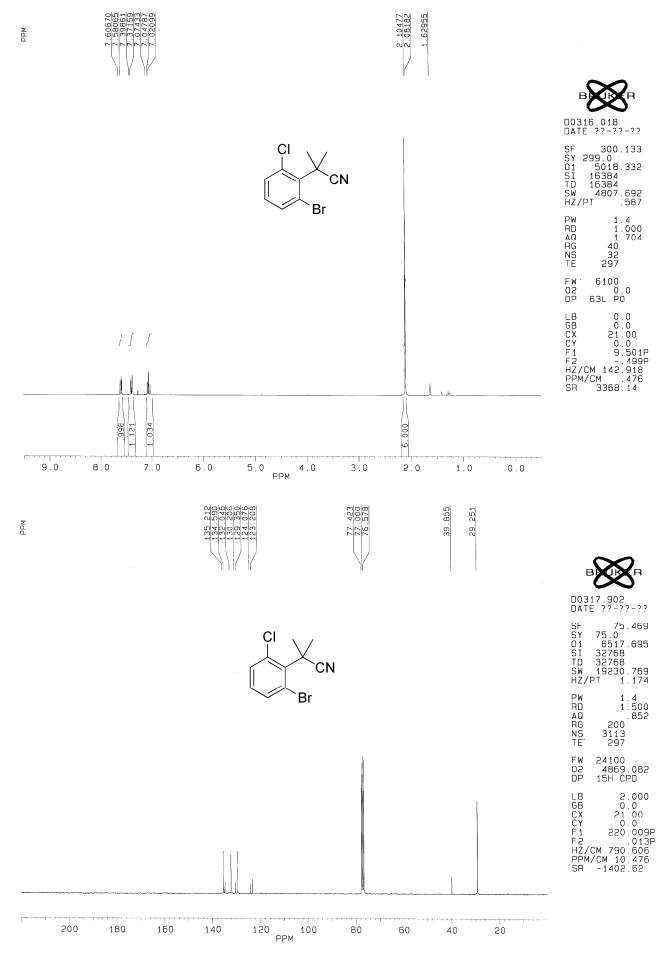
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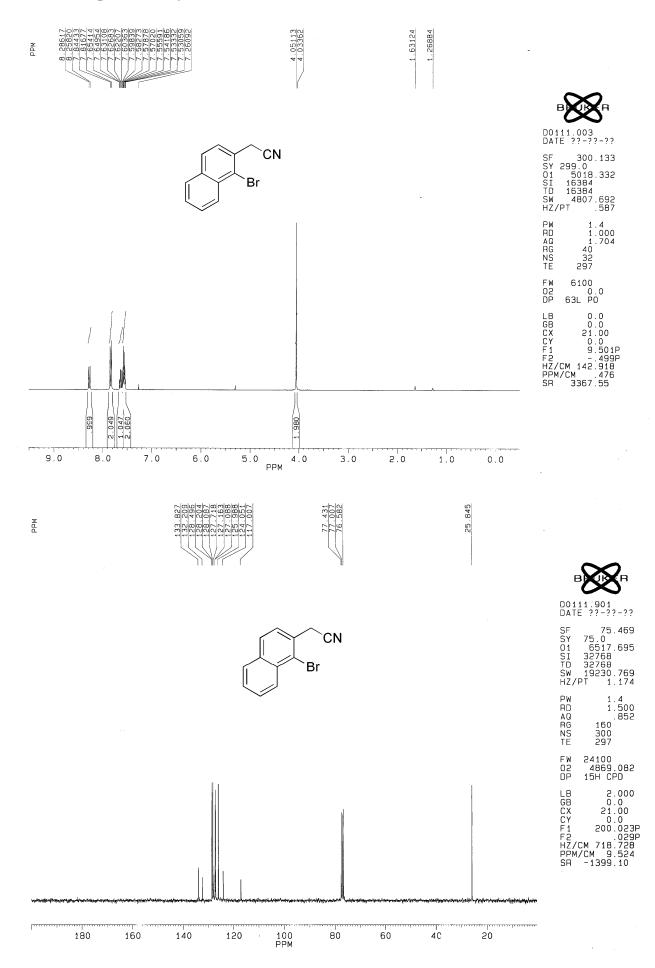
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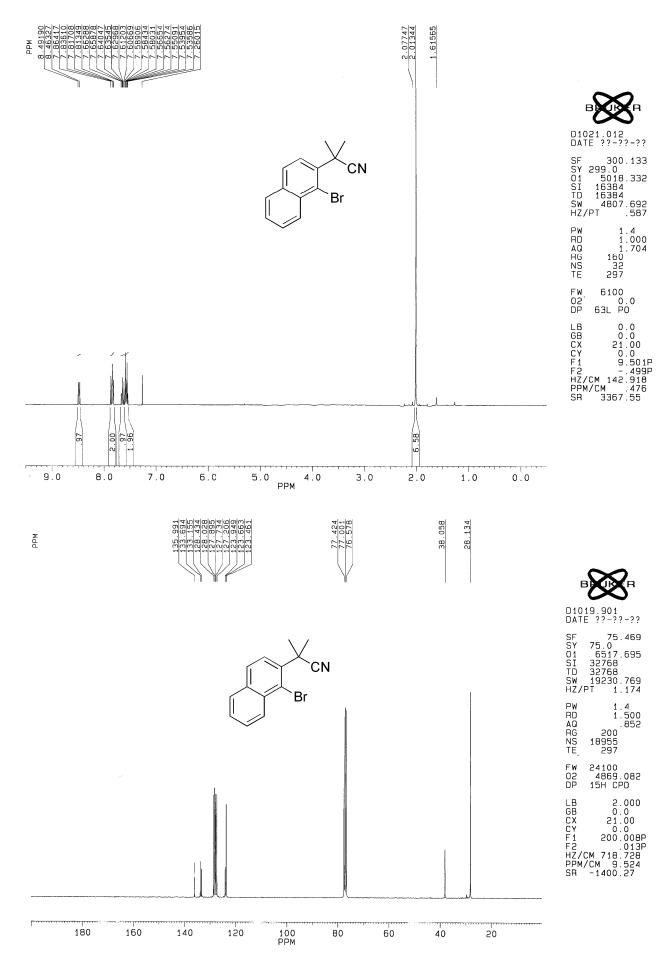
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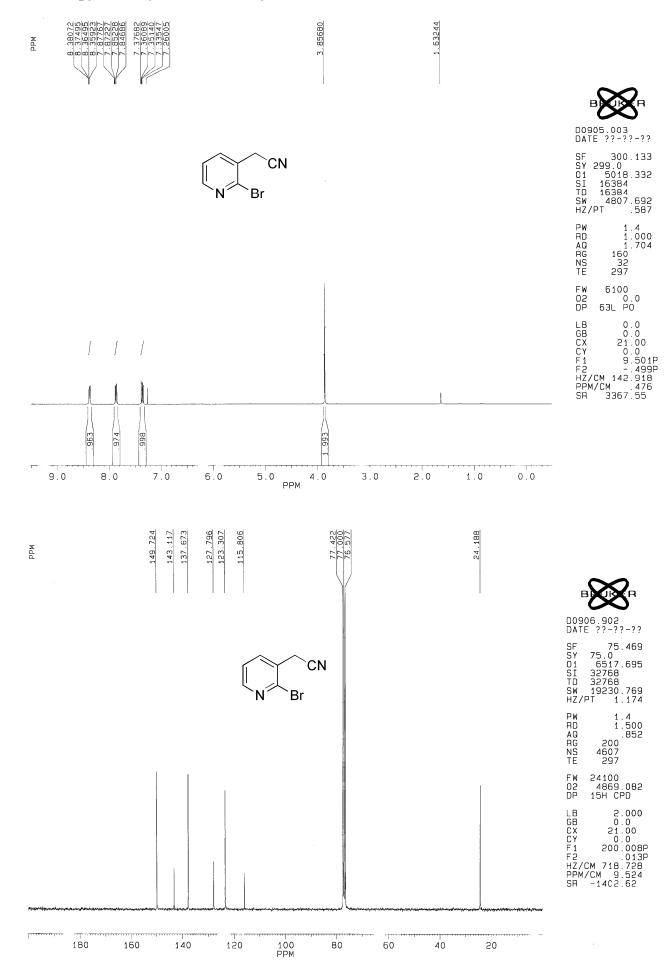
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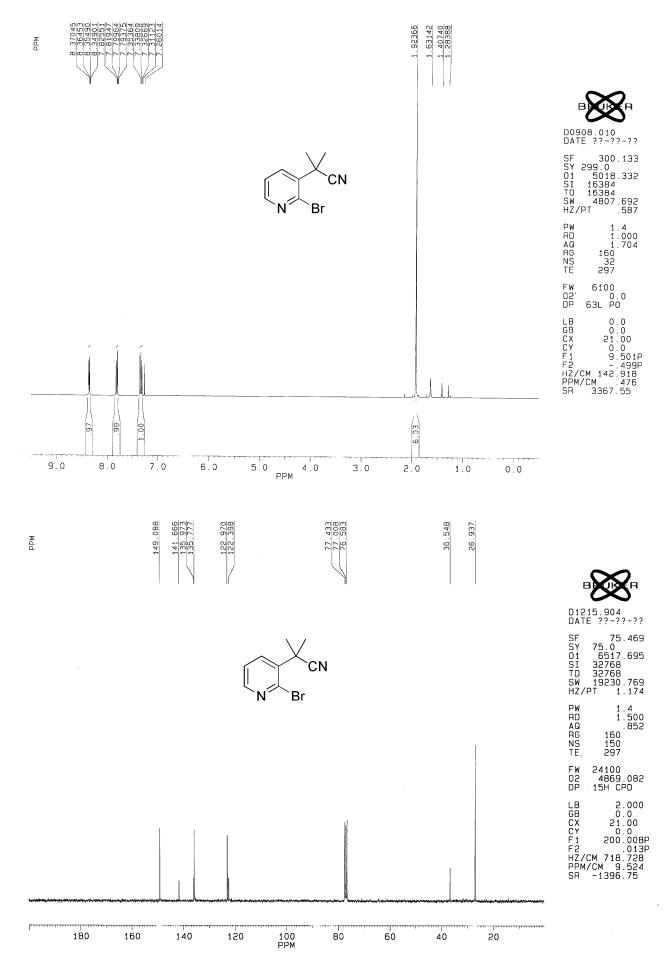
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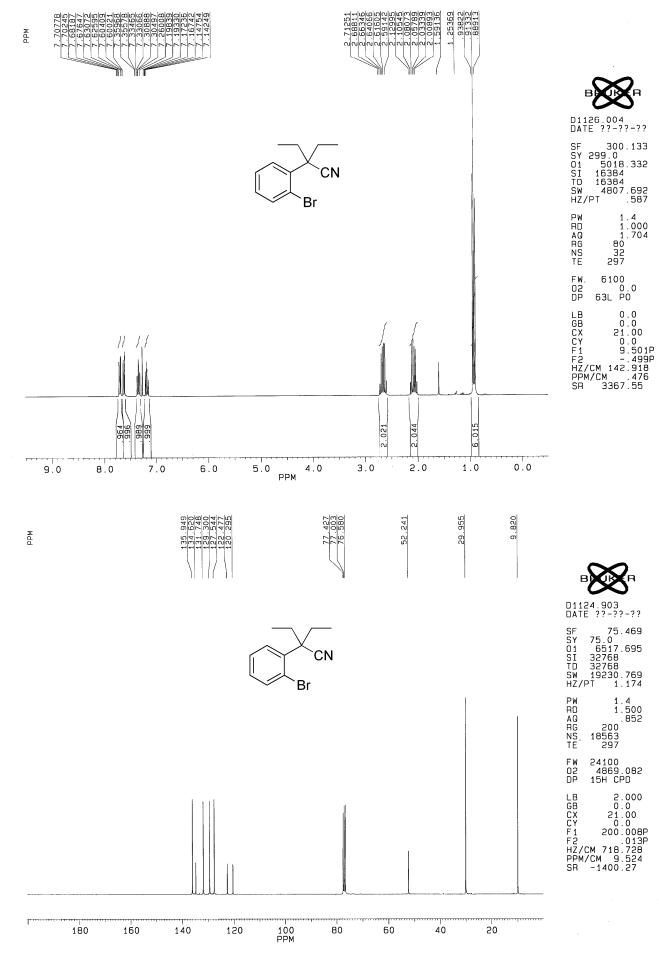
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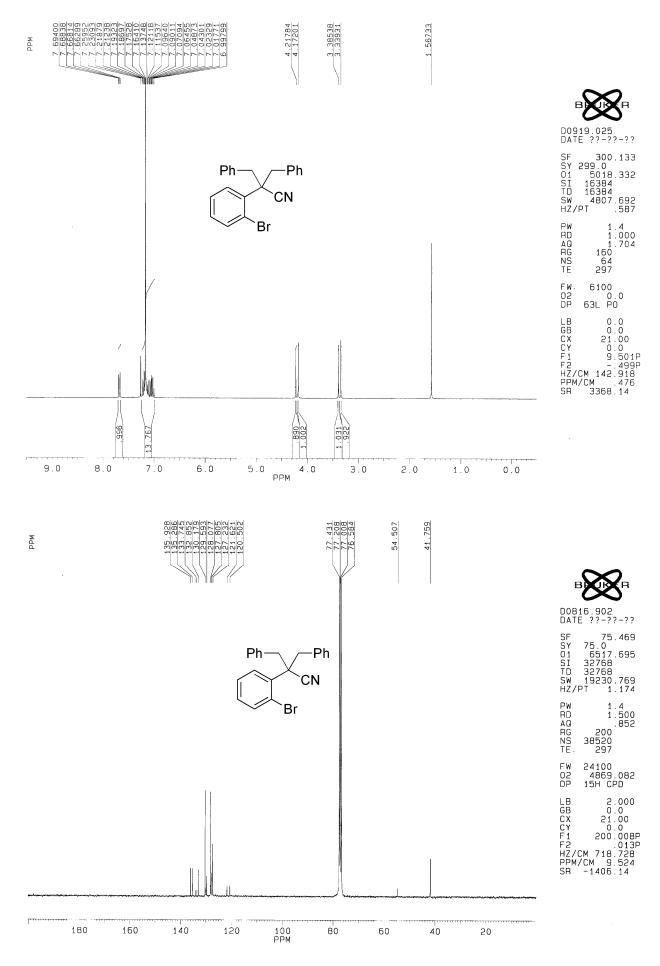
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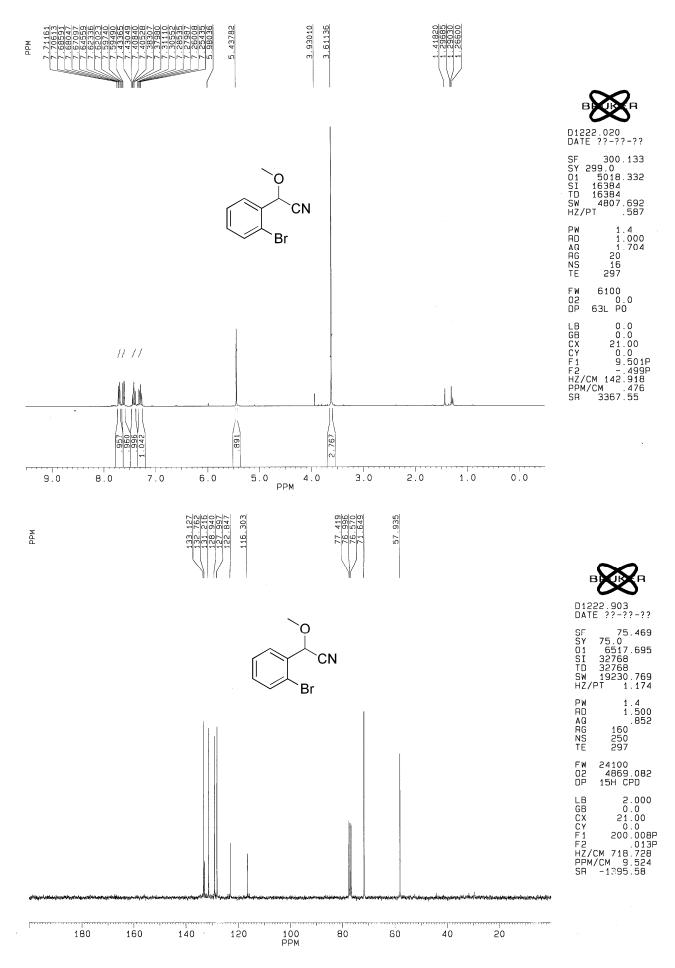
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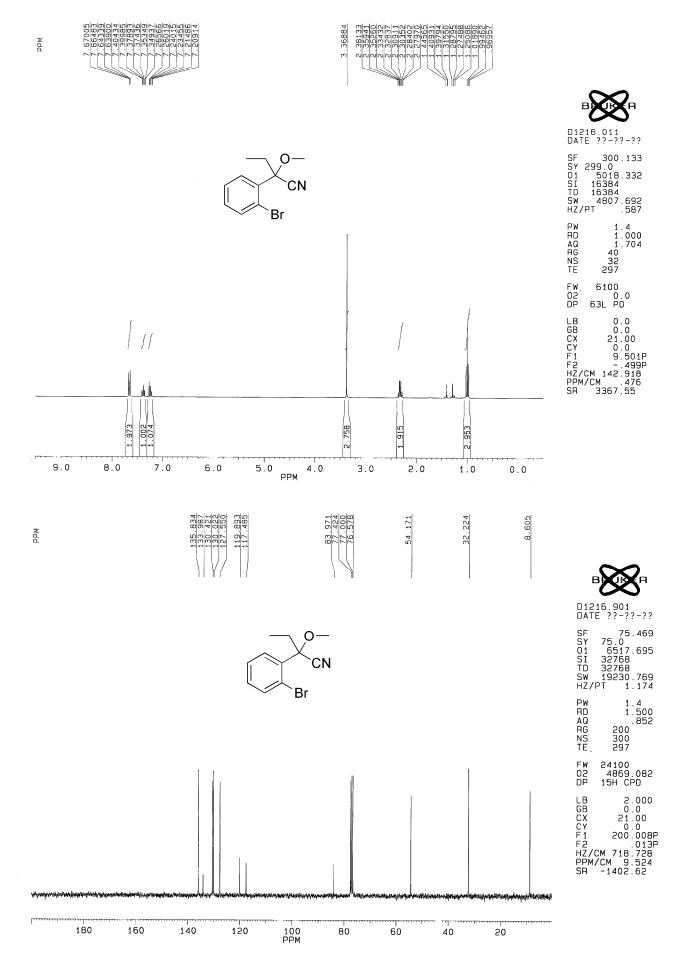
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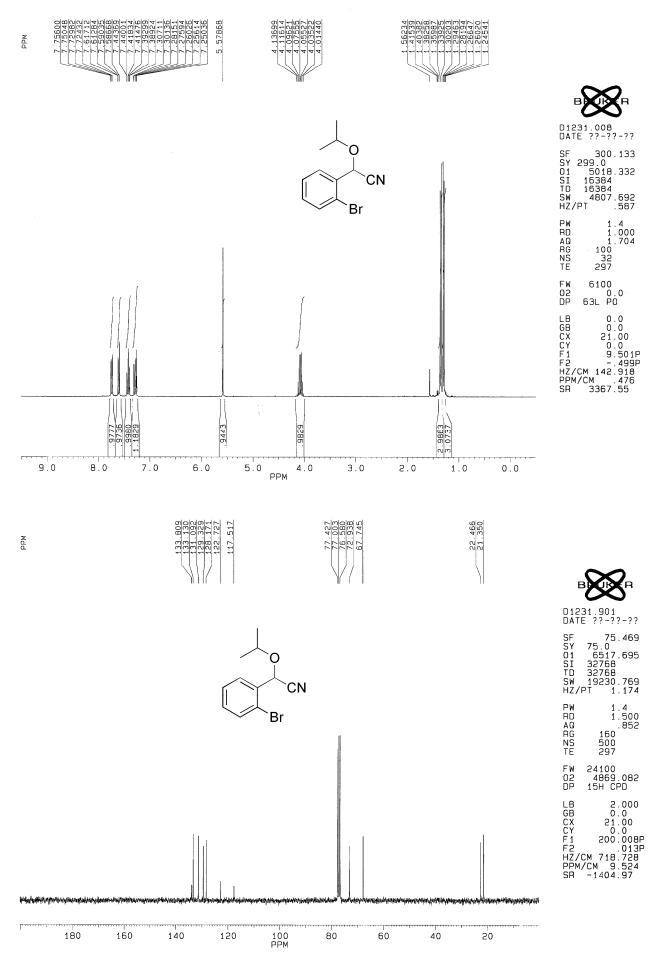
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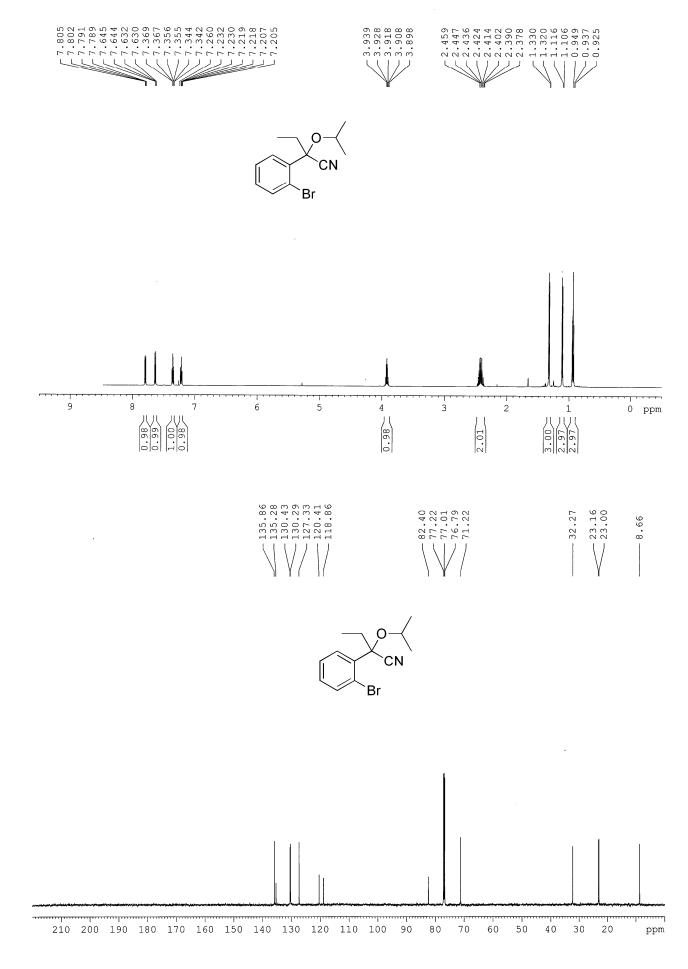
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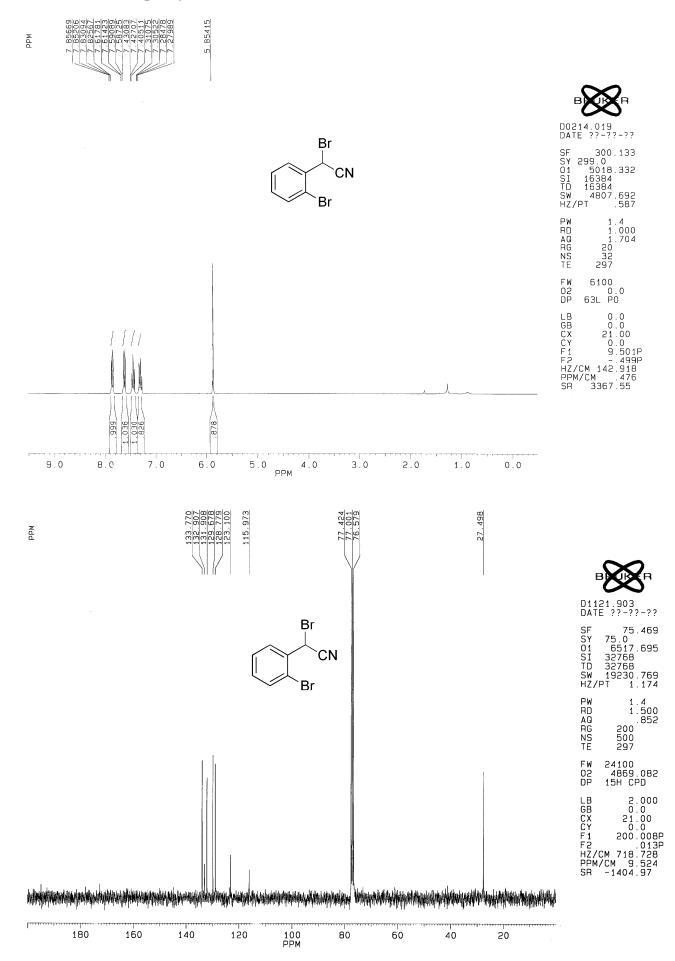
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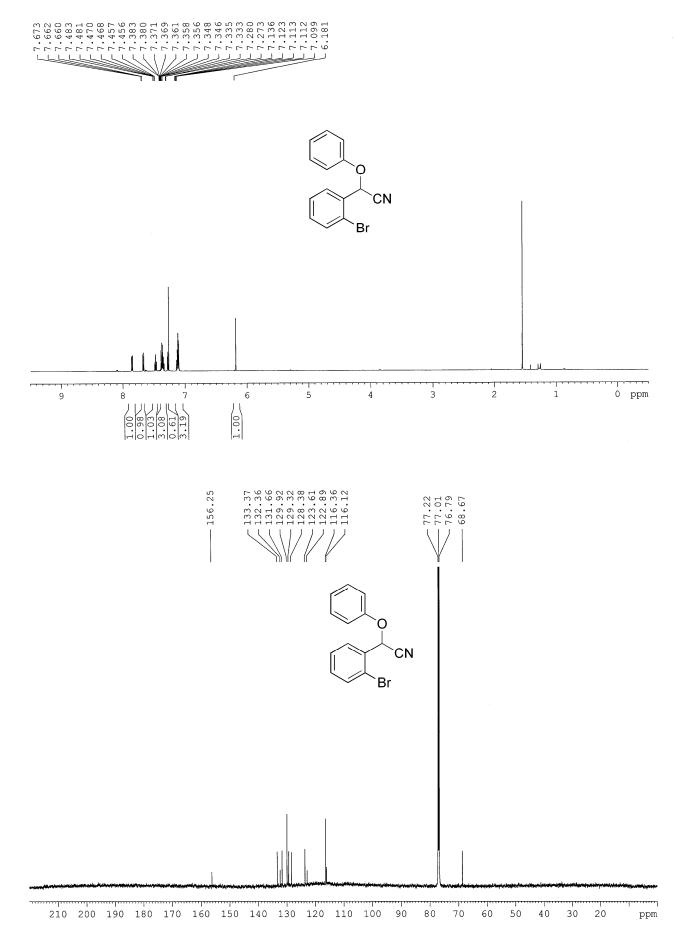
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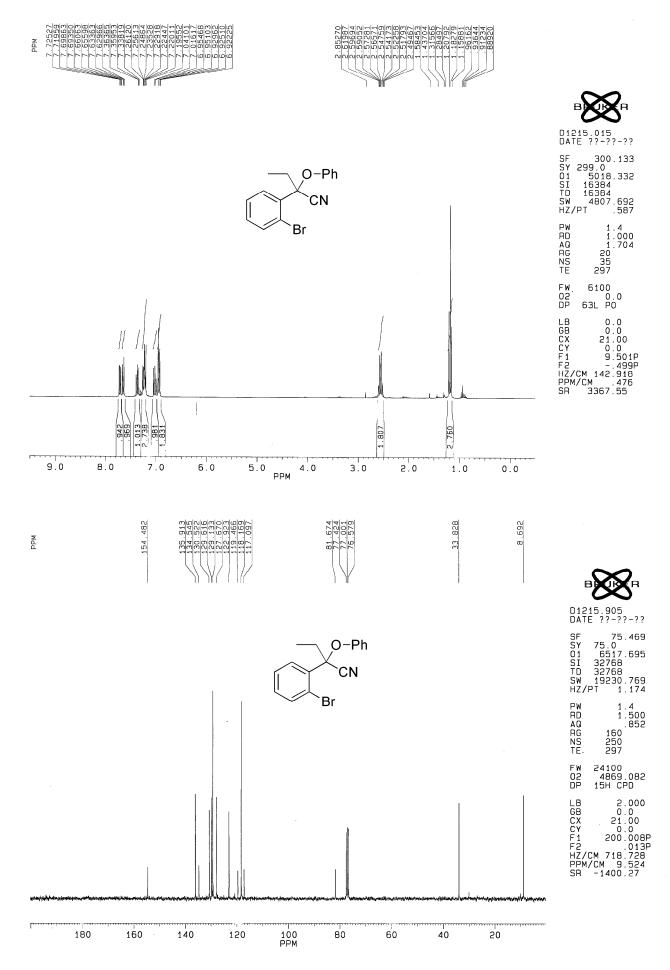
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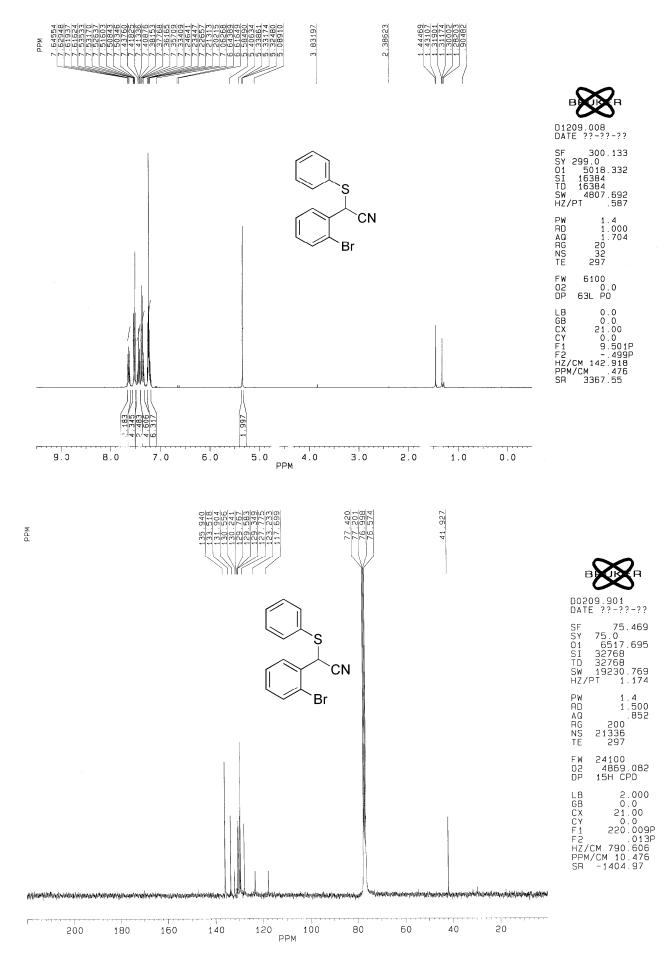
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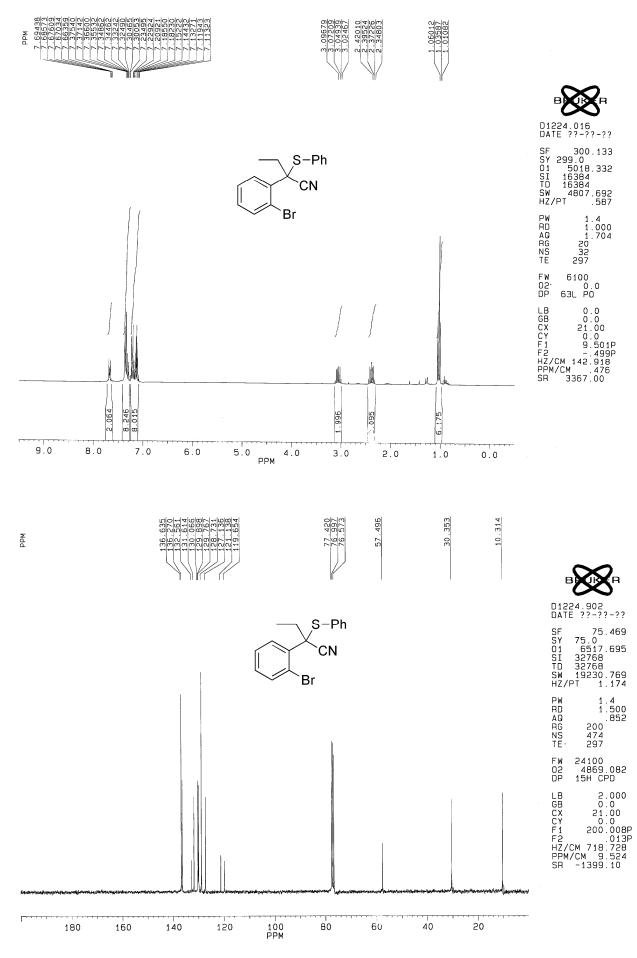
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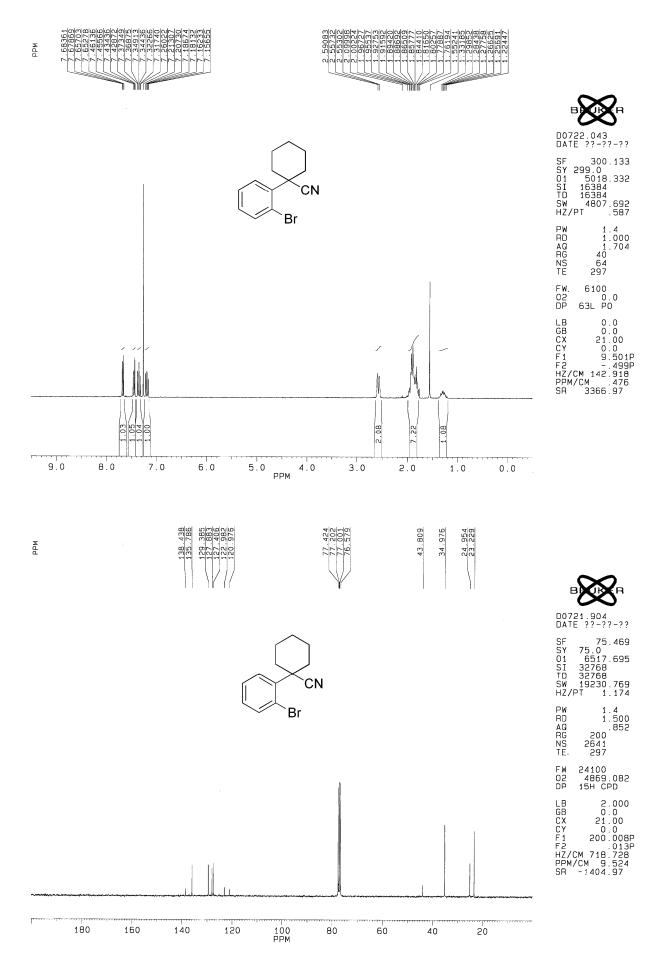
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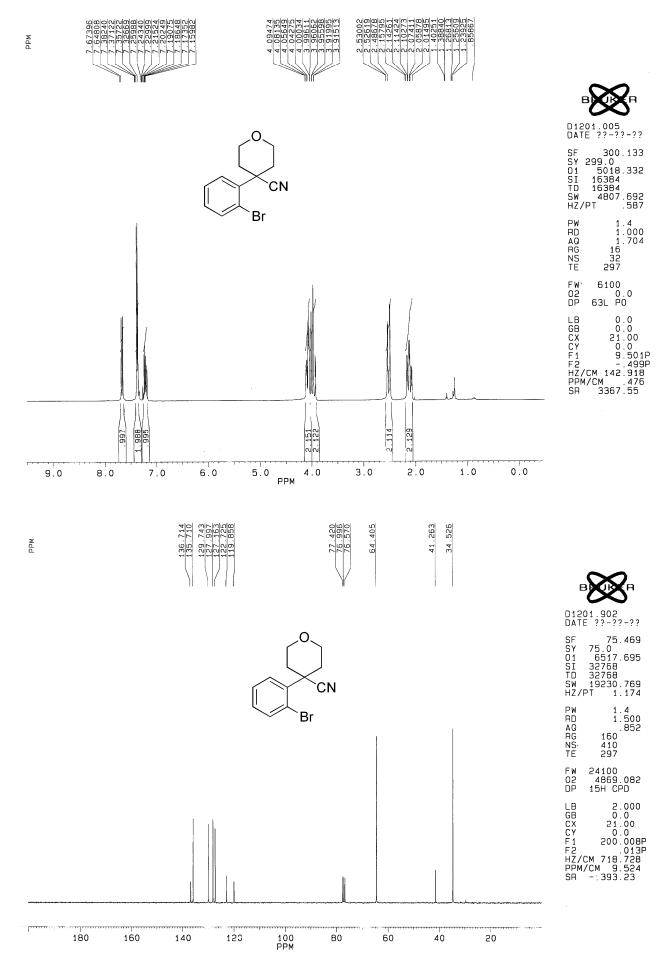
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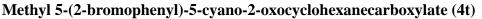


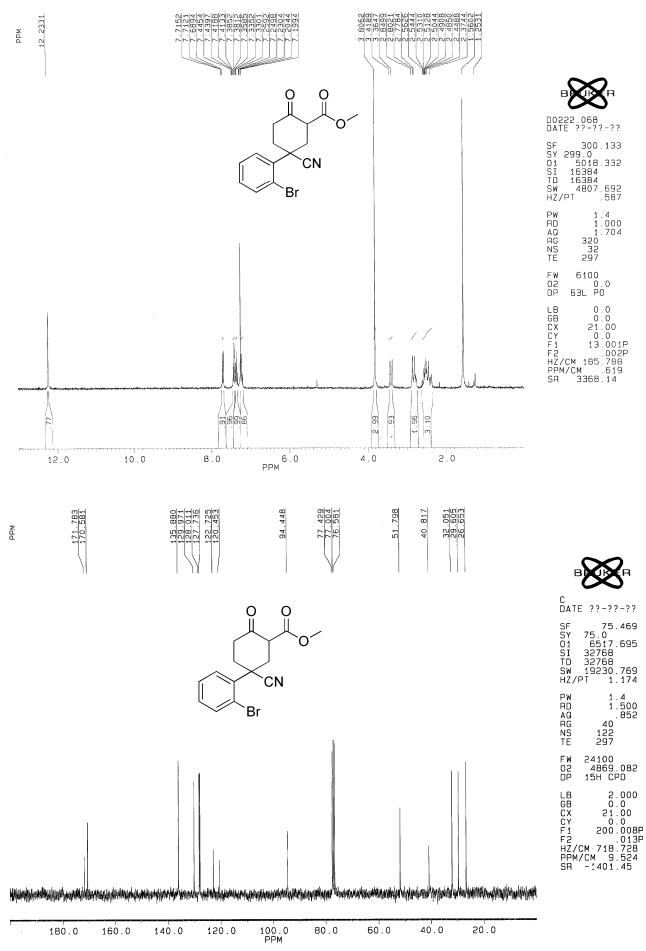
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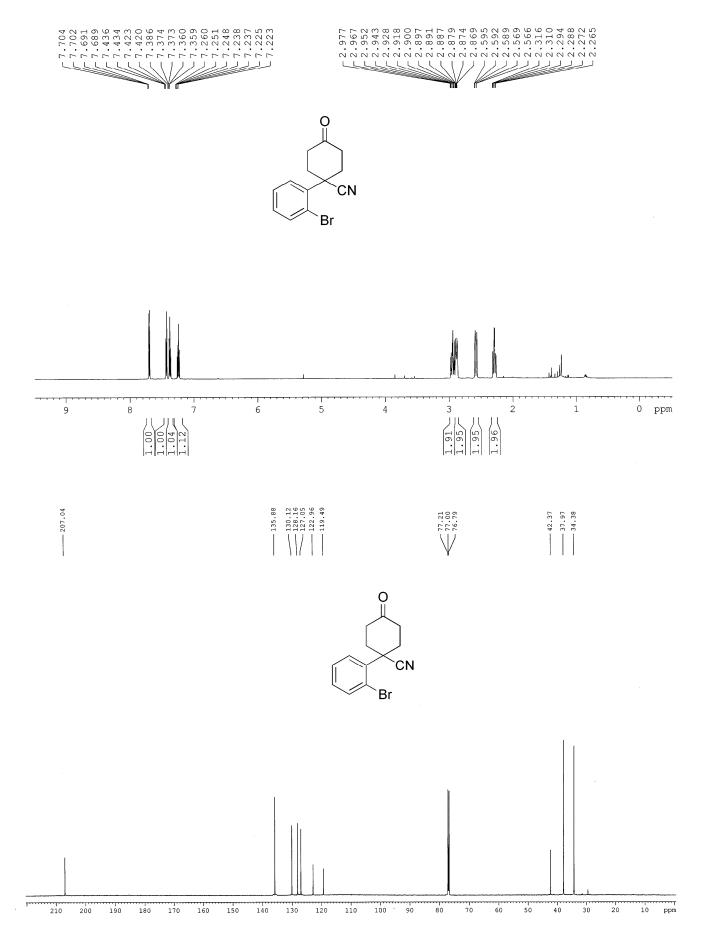
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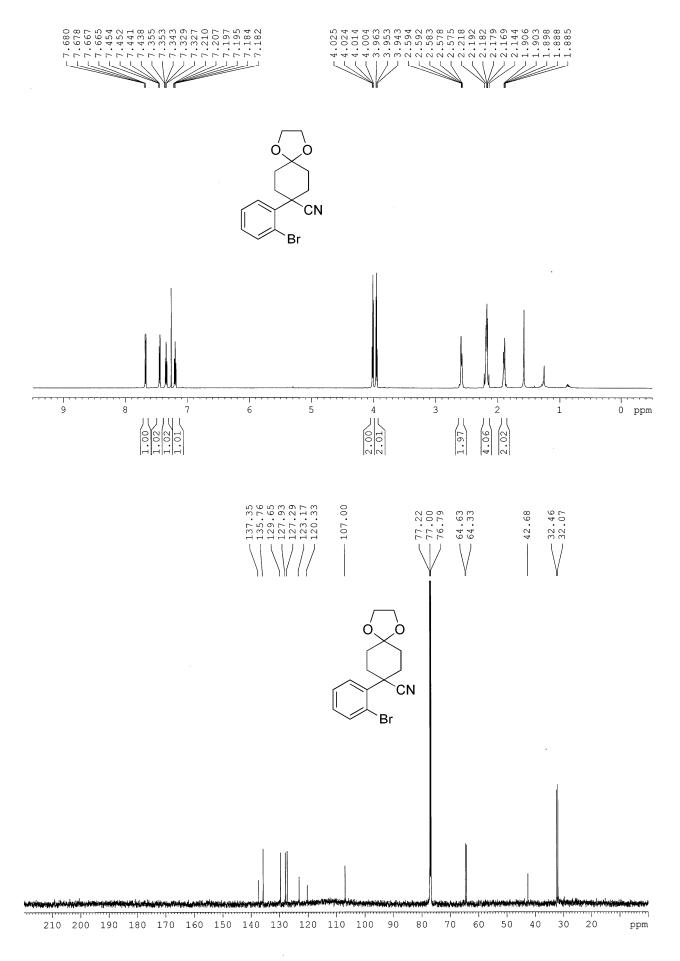




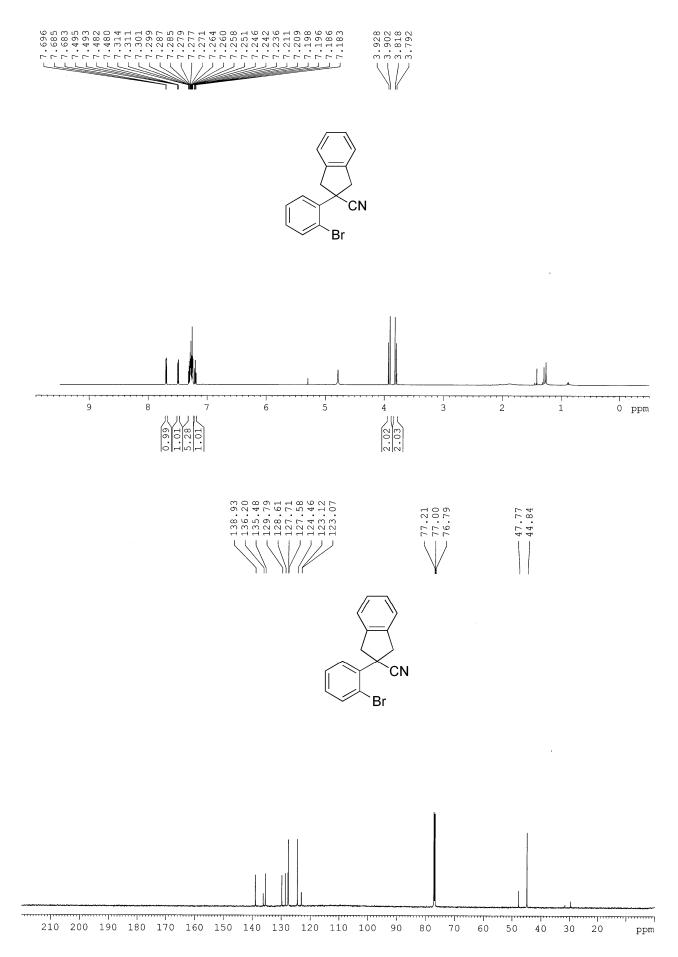
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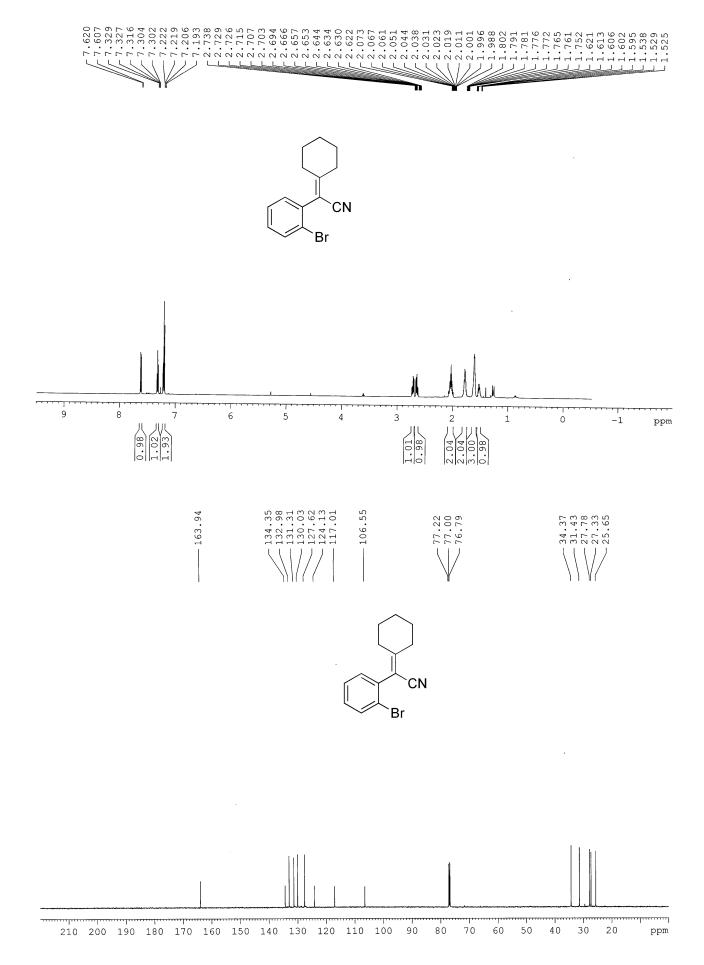
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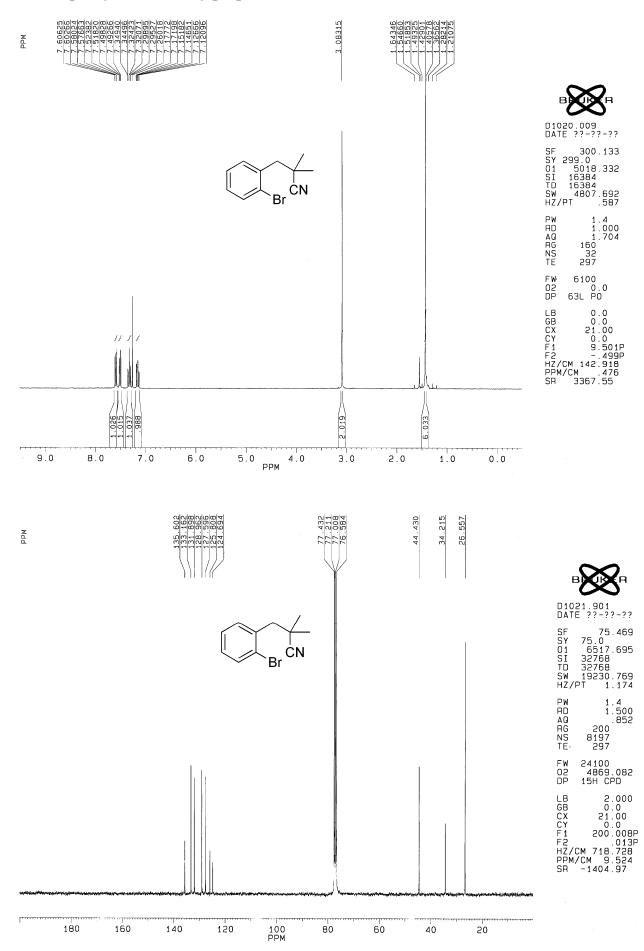
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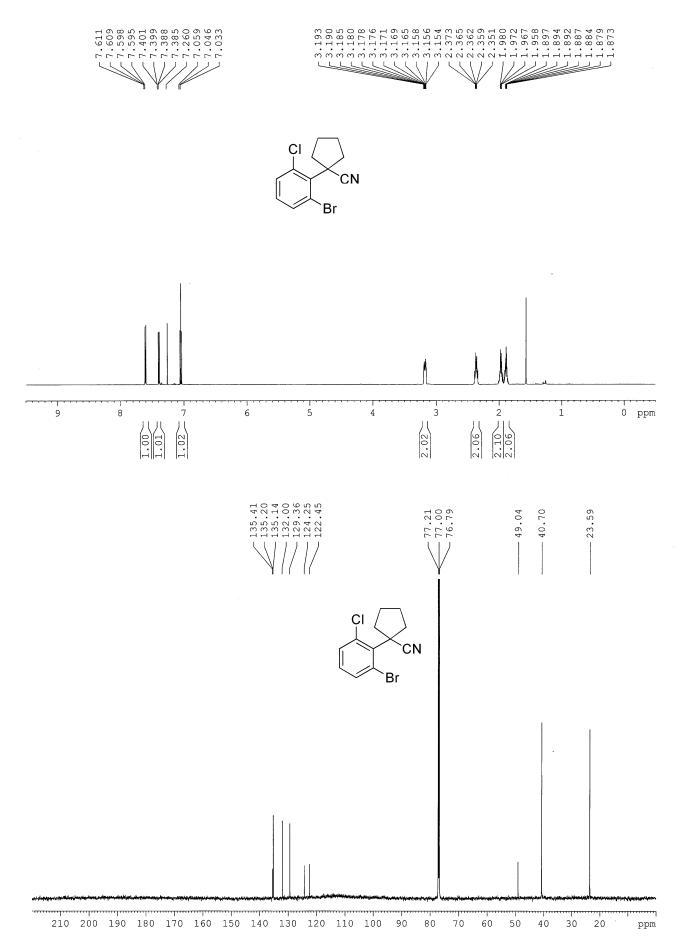
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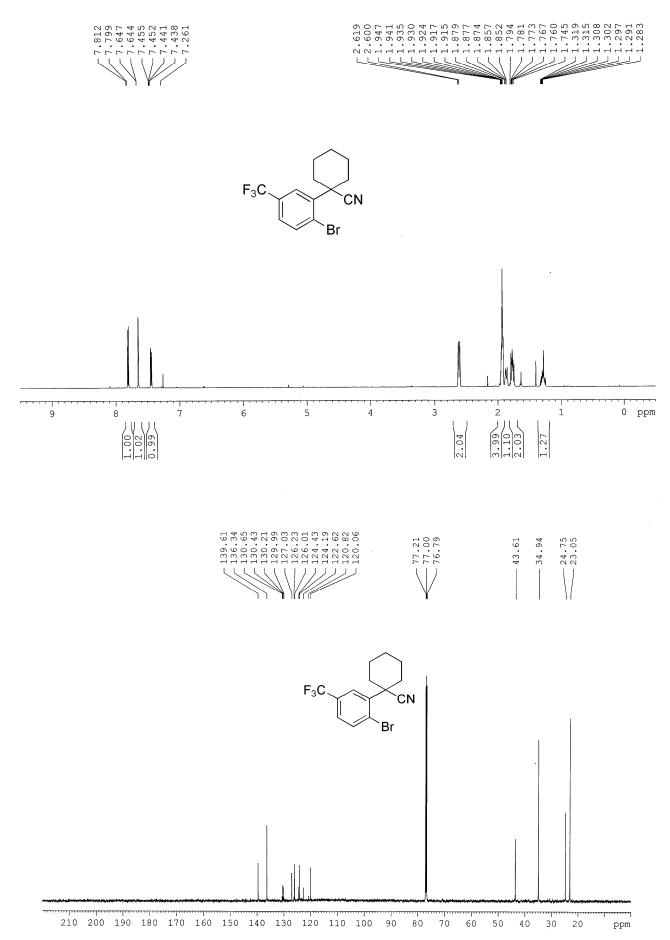
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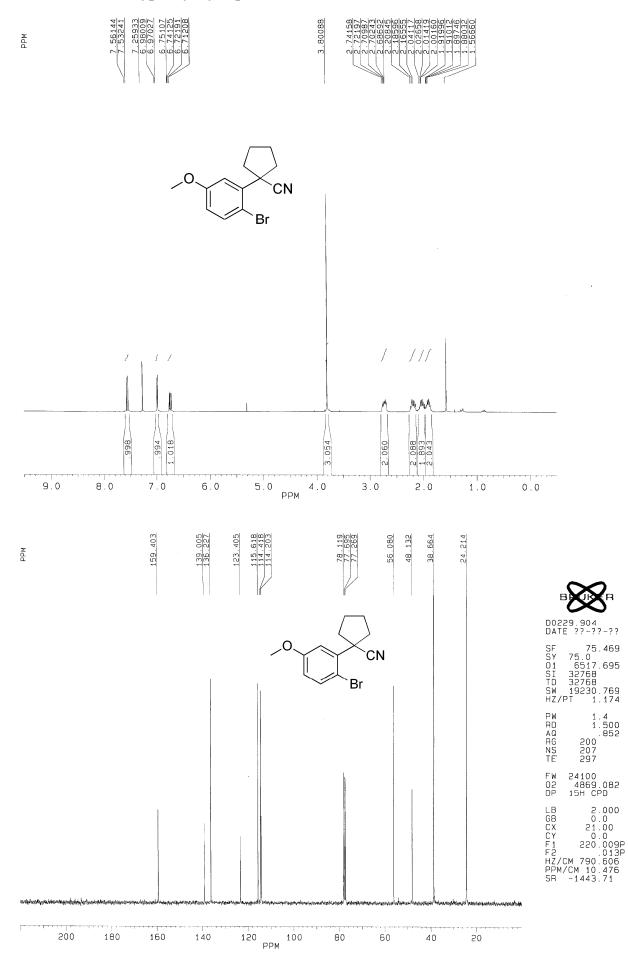
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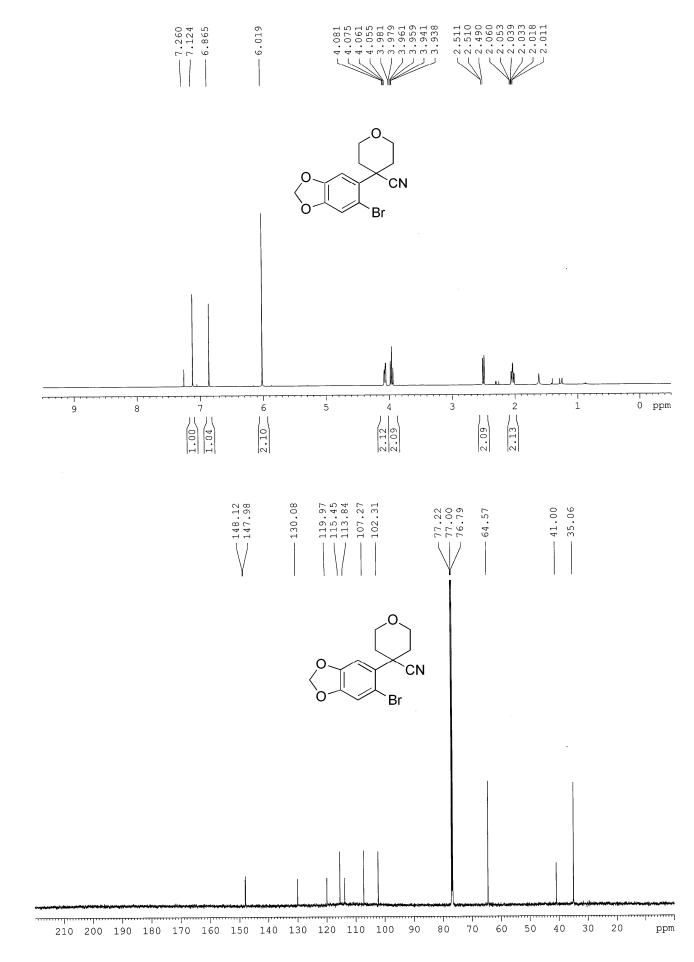
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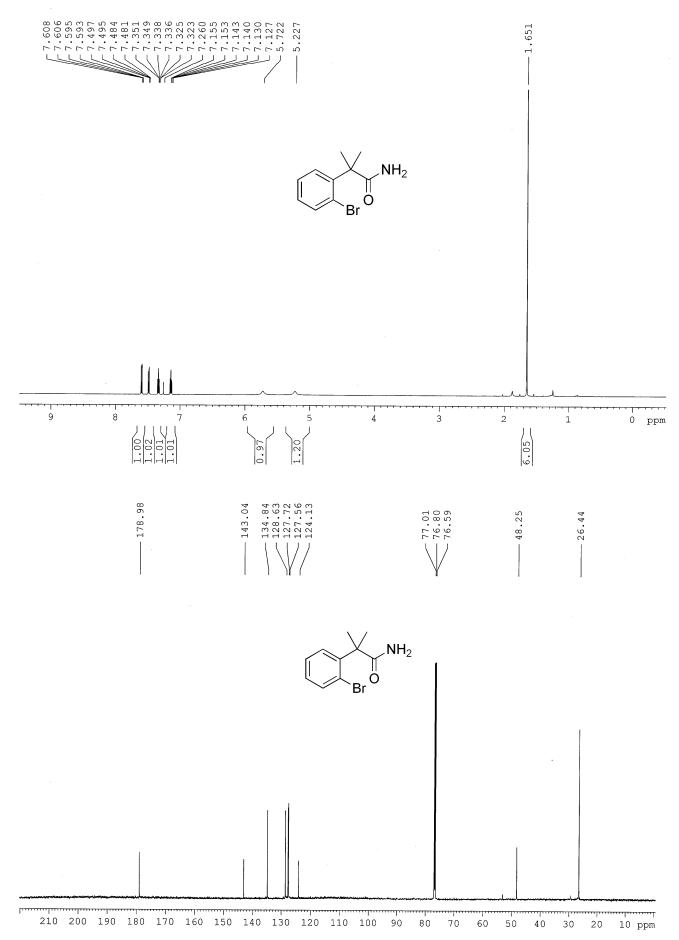
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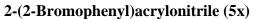


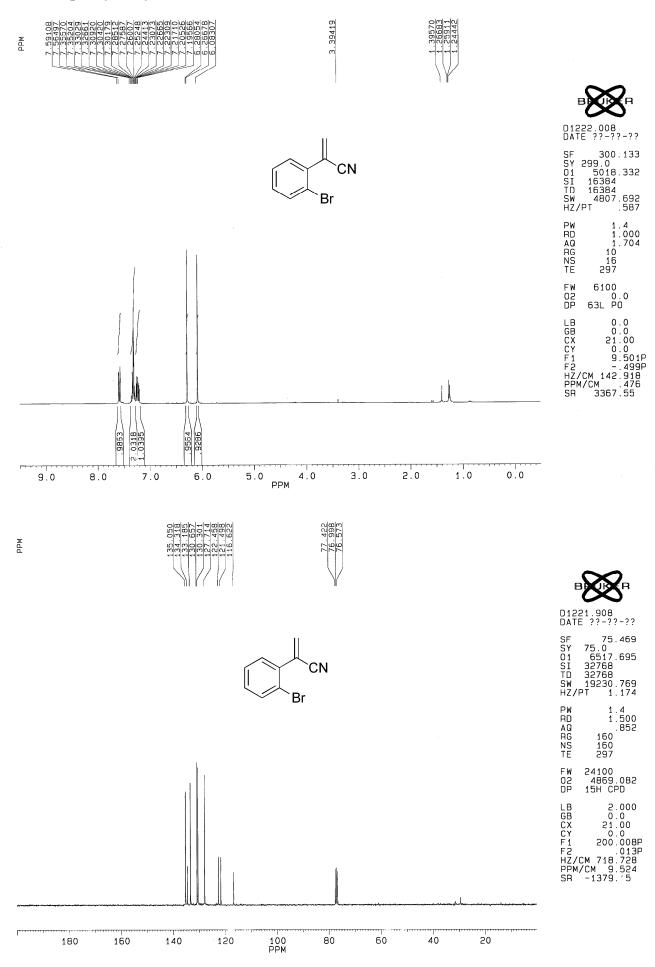
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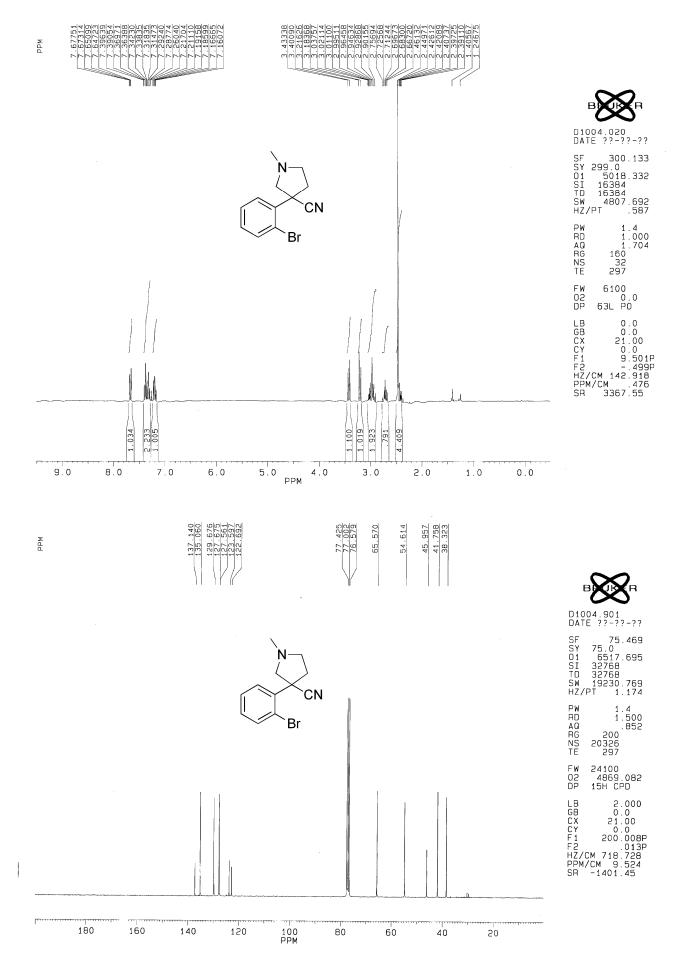






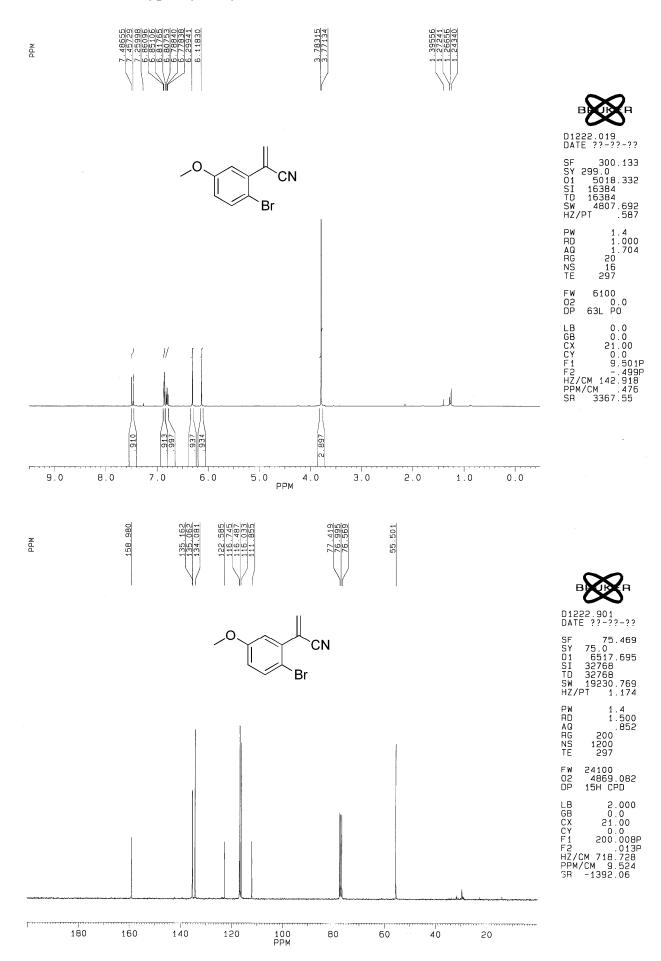
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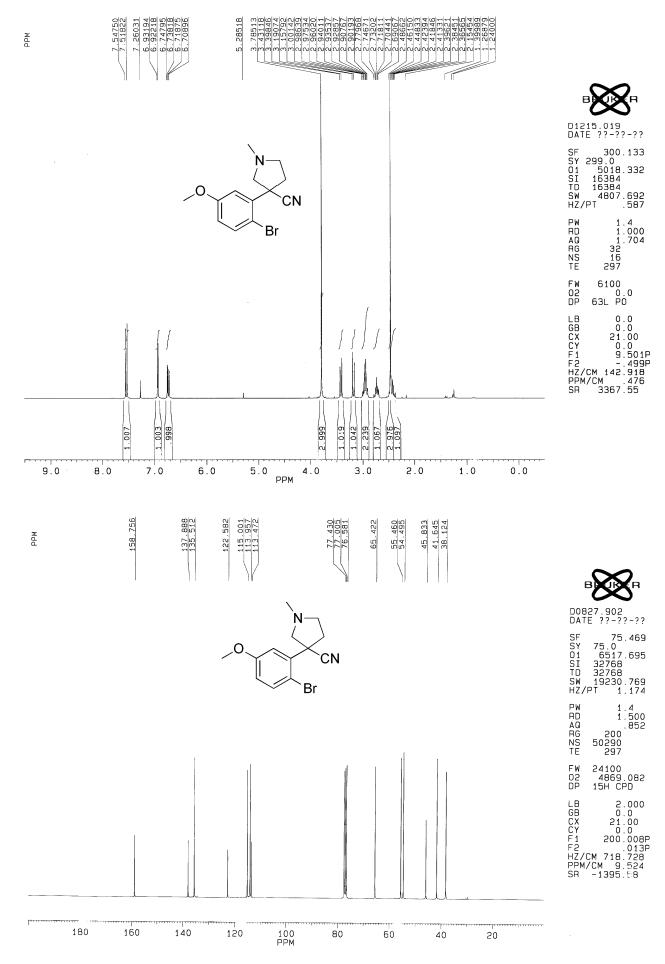


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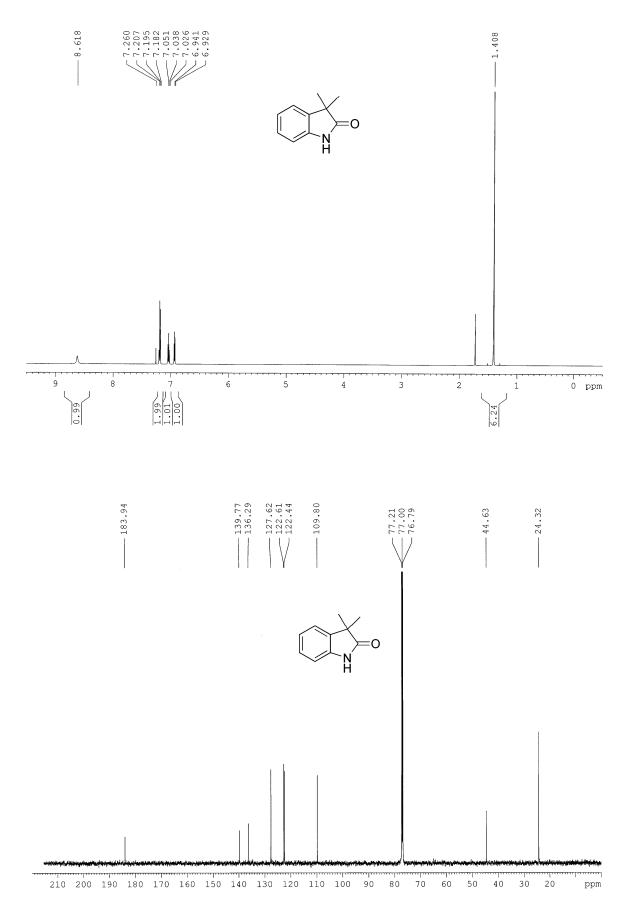


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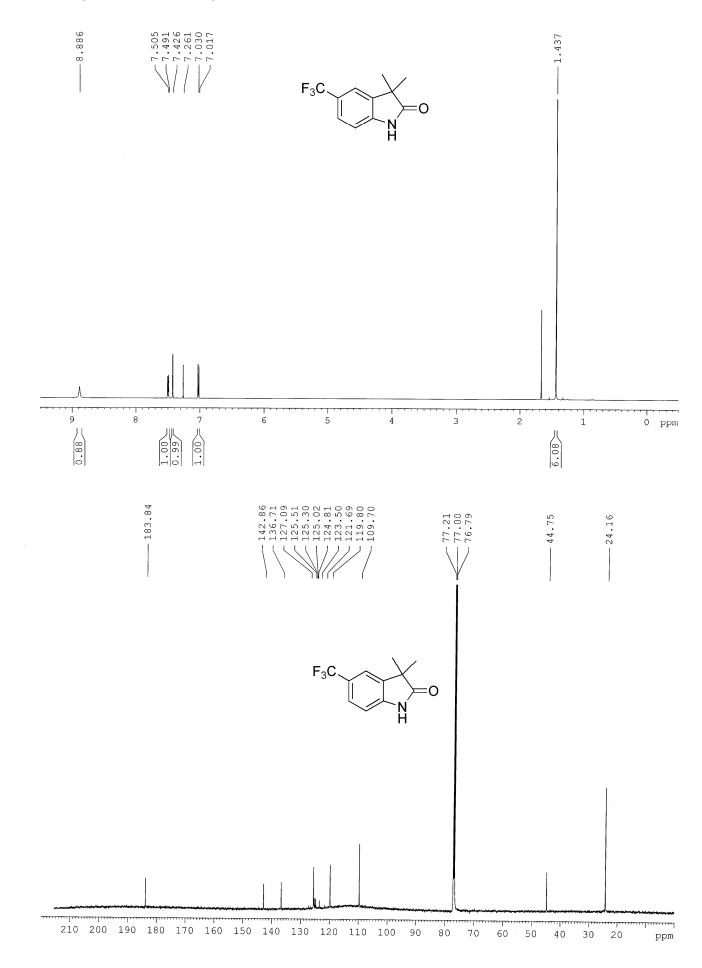


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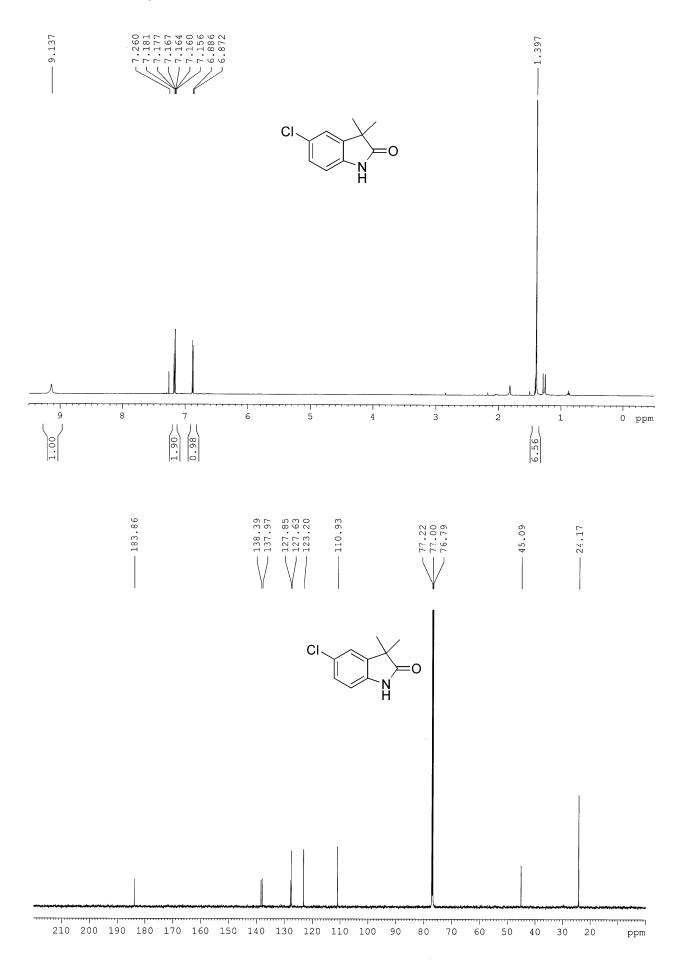
¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra (600 MHz, CDCl₃) for Products 3,3-Dimethylindolin-2-one (2a)



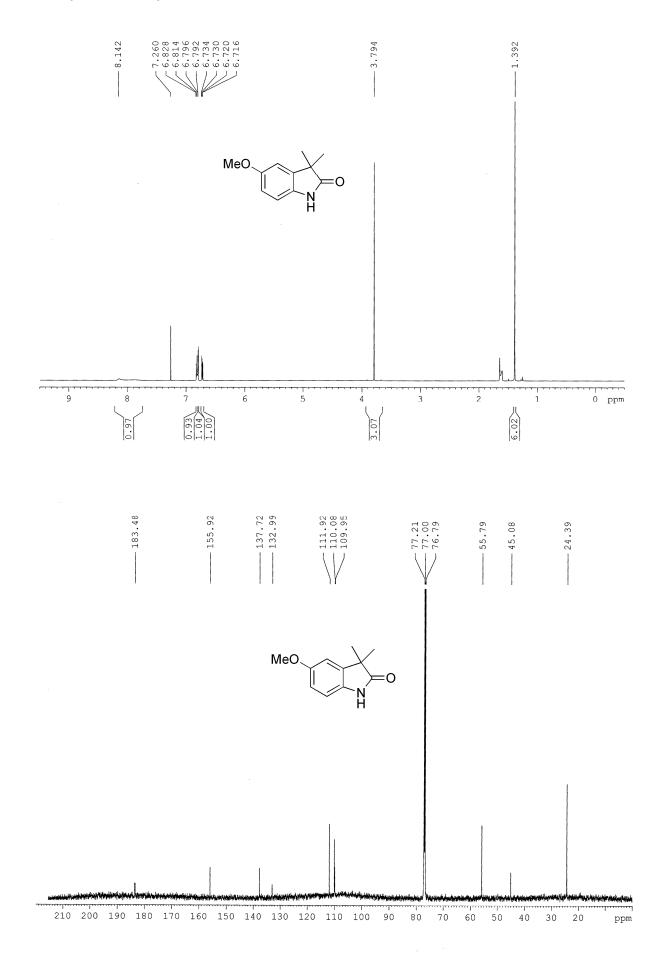
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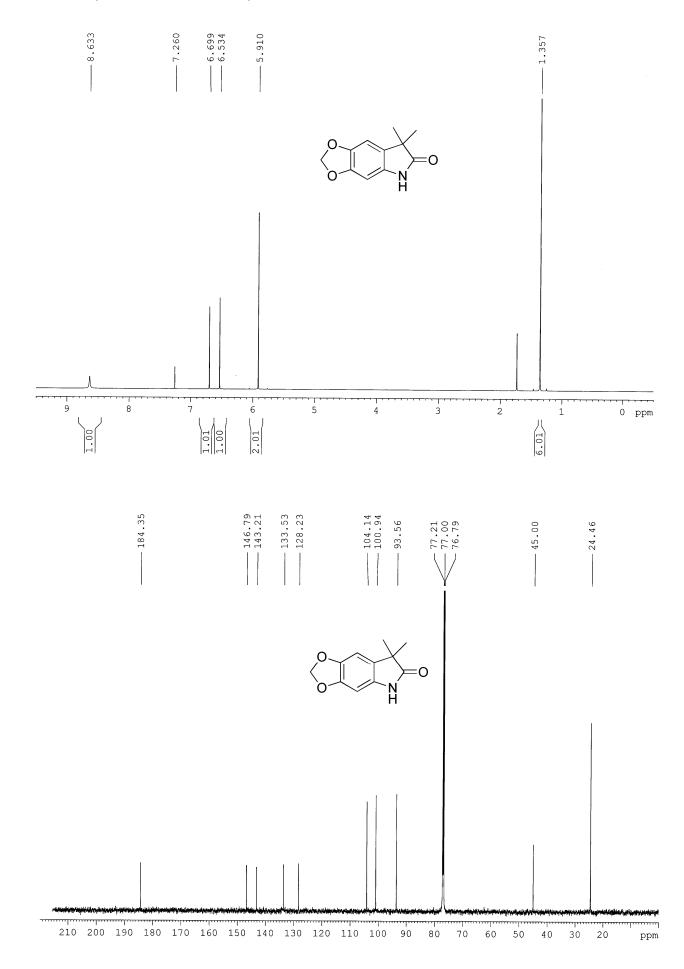
5-Chloro-3,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (2c)



5-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (2d)



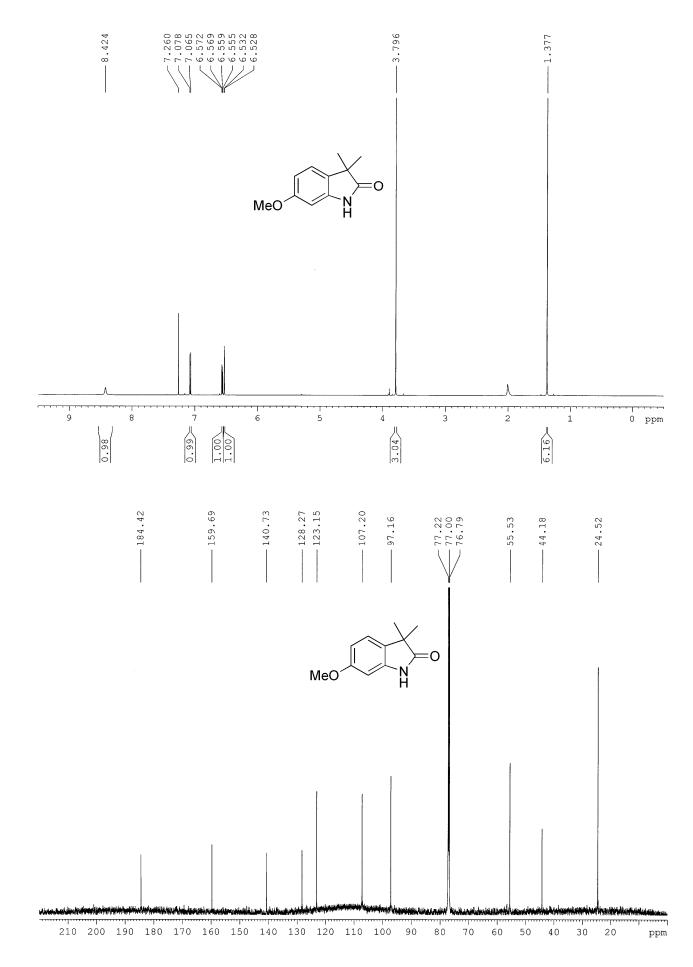
7,7-Dimethyl-5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indol-6(7*H*)-one (2e)



3,3-Dimethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)indolin-2-one (2f)



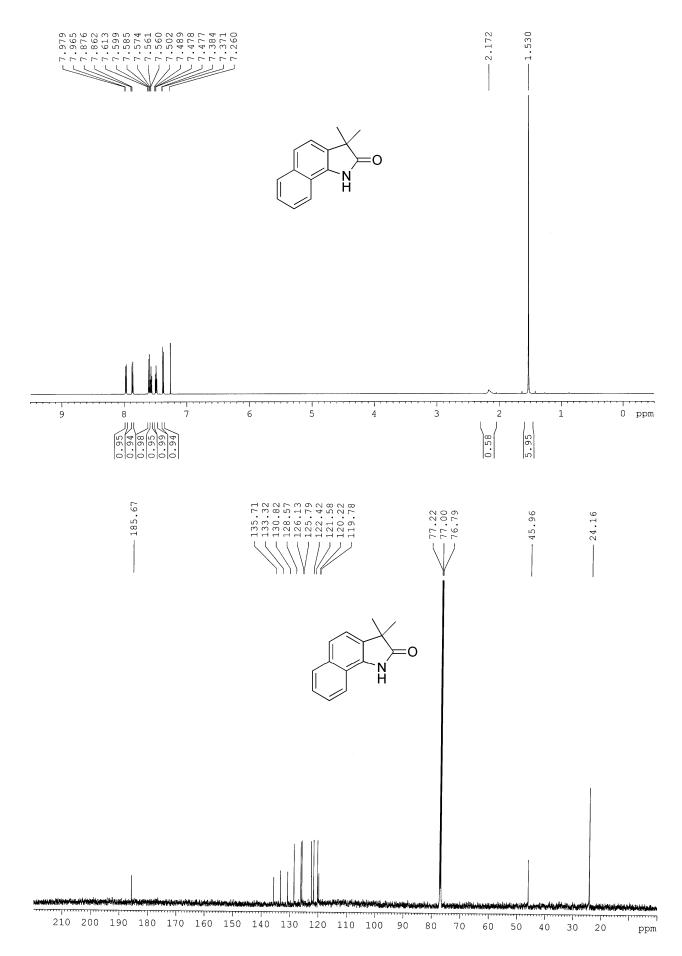
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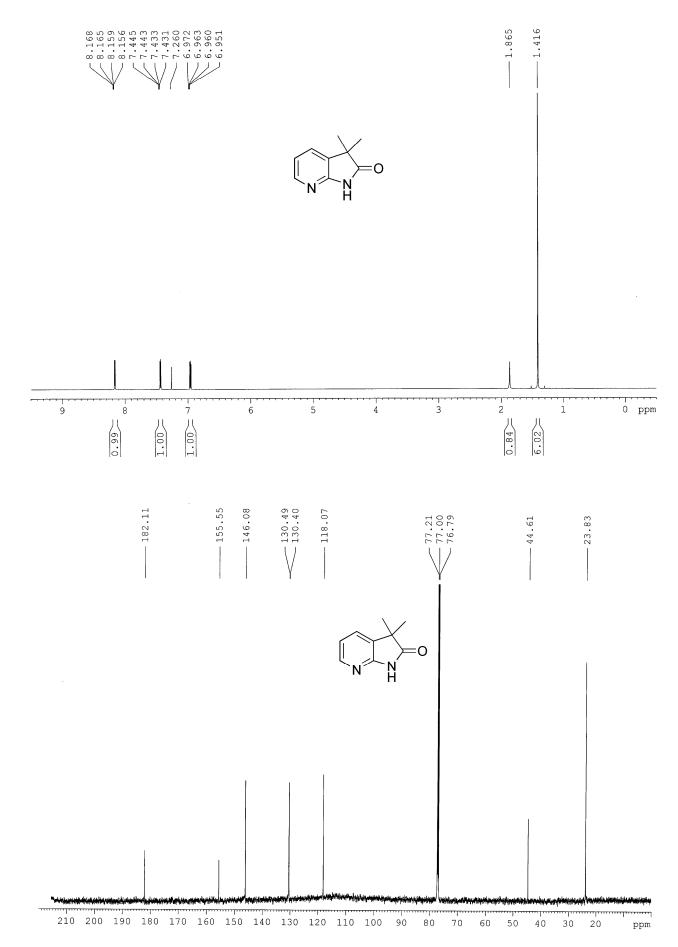
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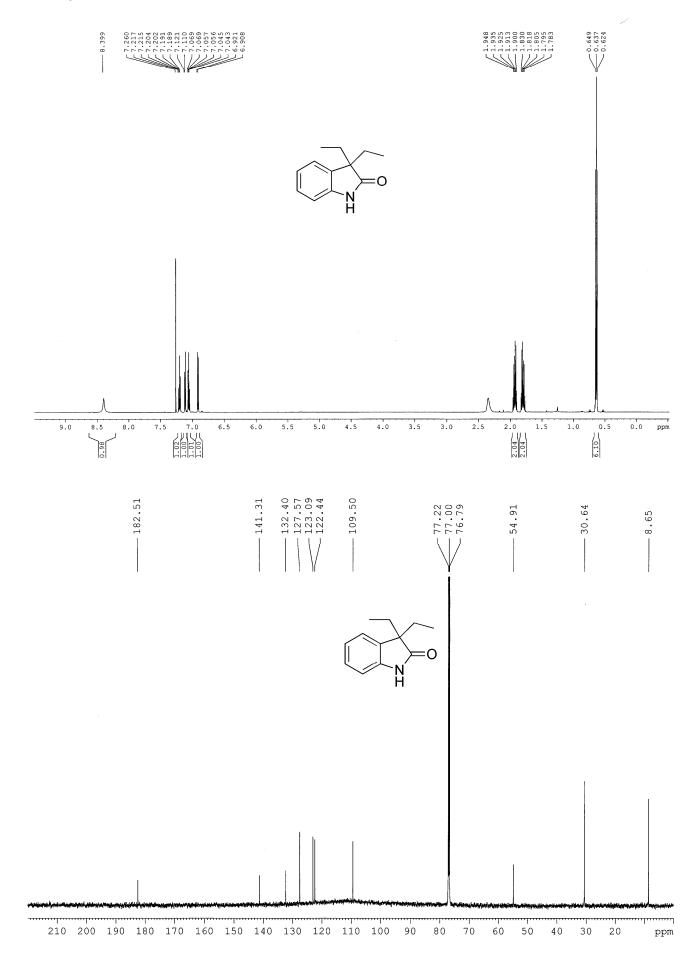
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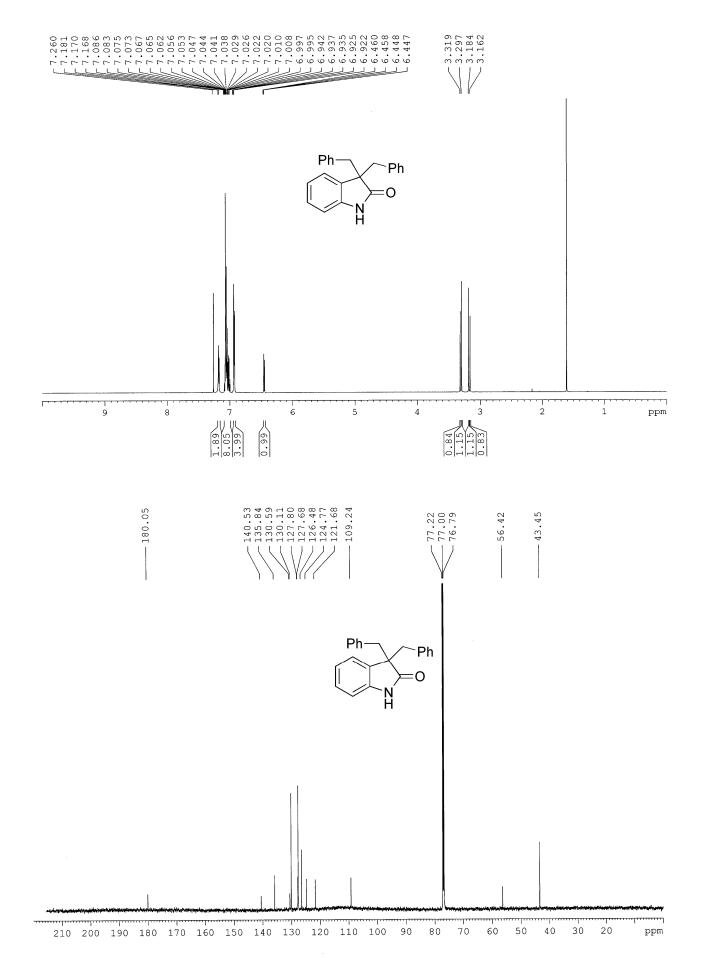
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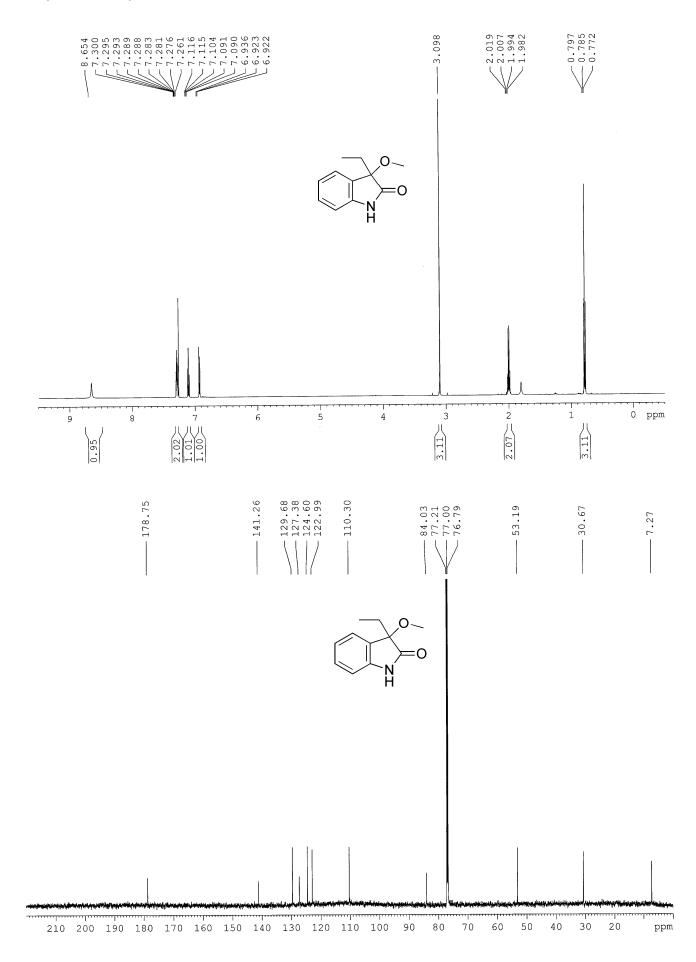
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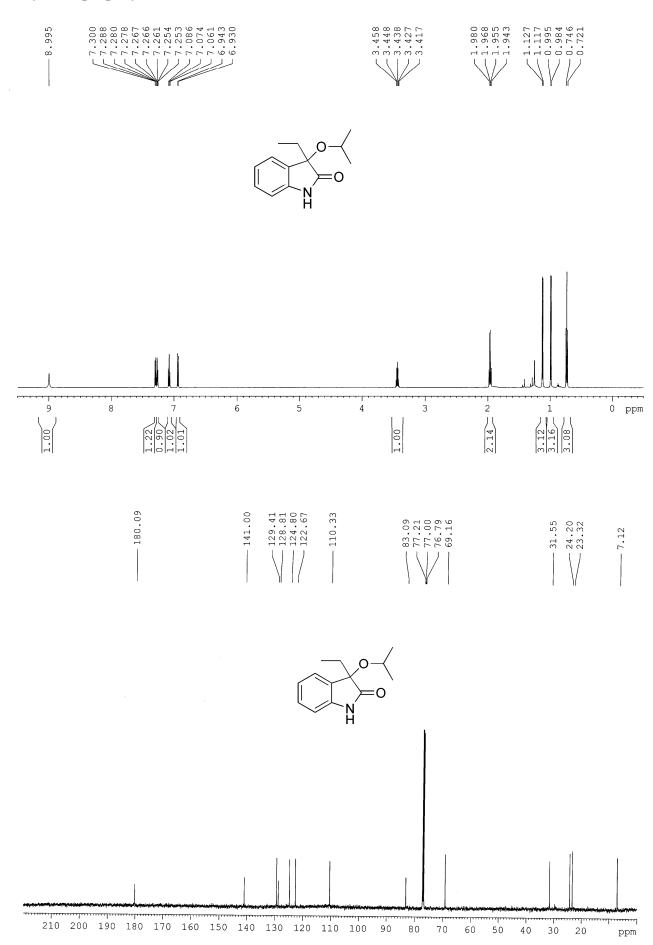
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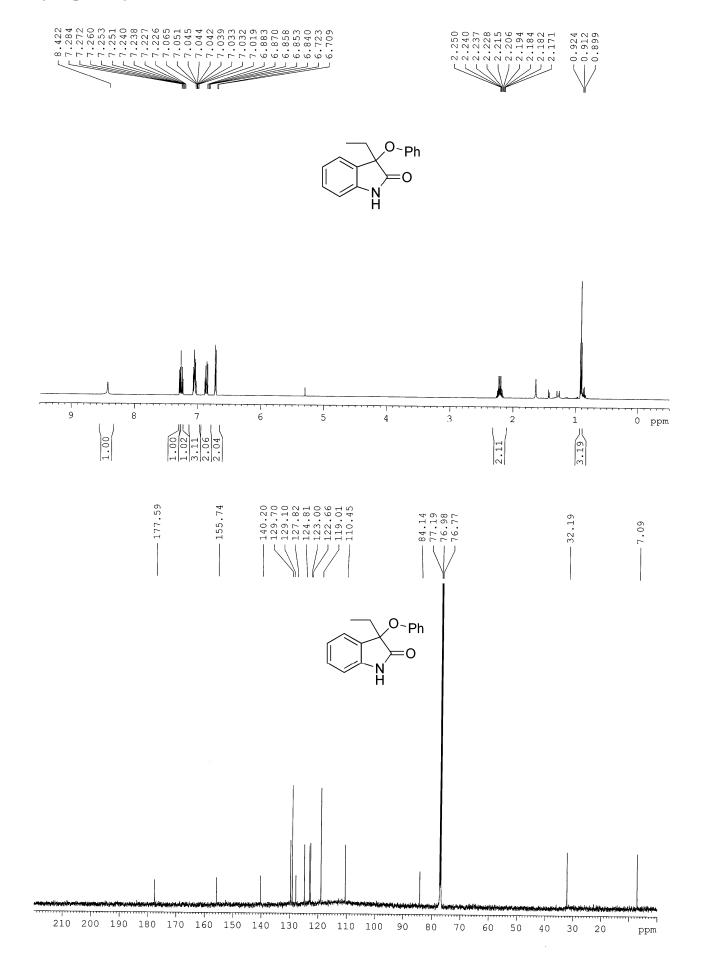
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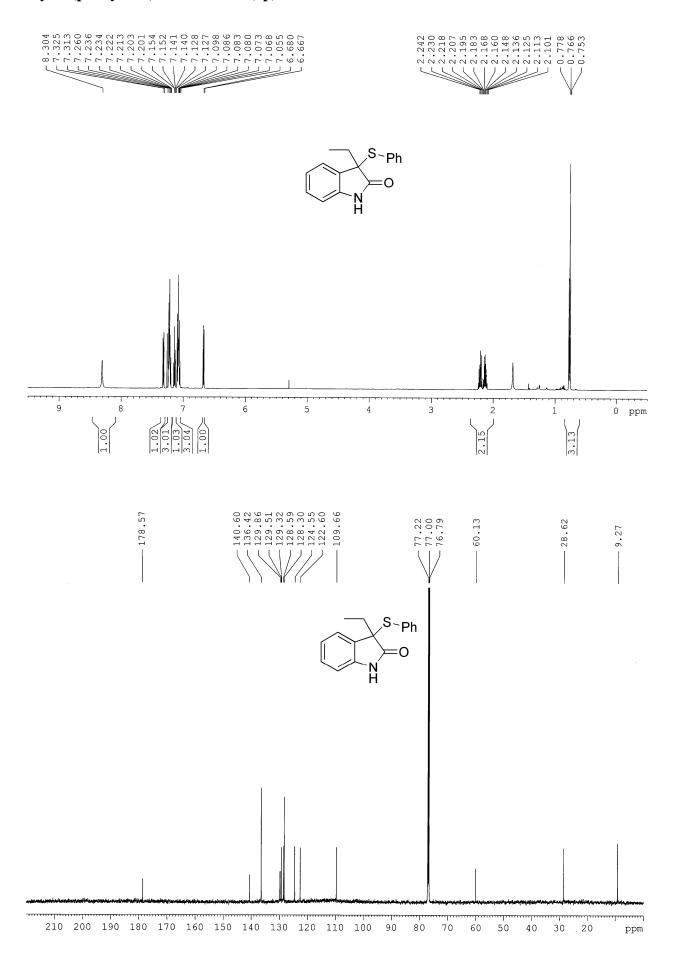
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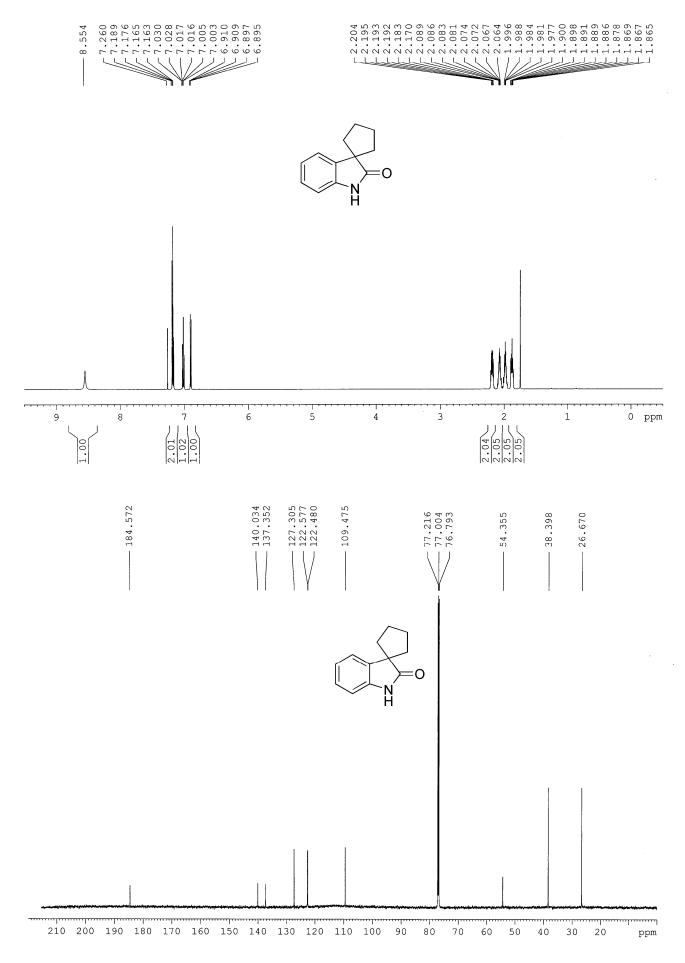
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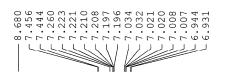
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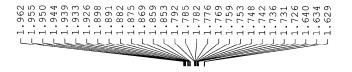


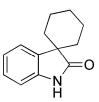
Spiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2q)

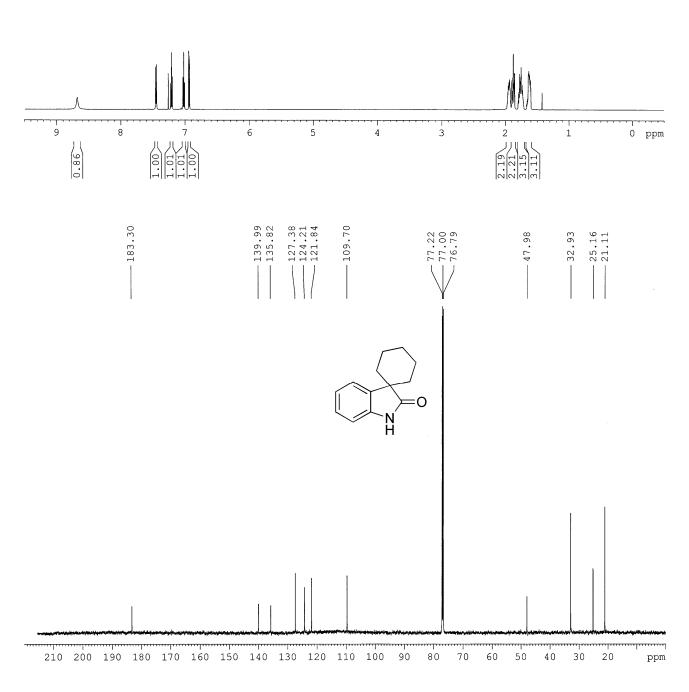


Spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2r)

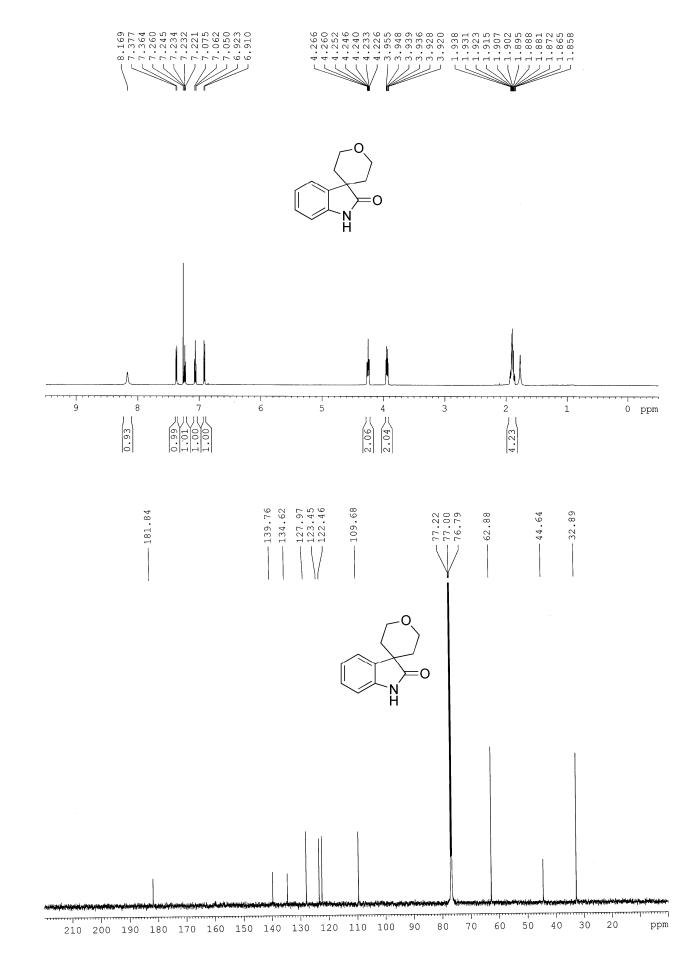




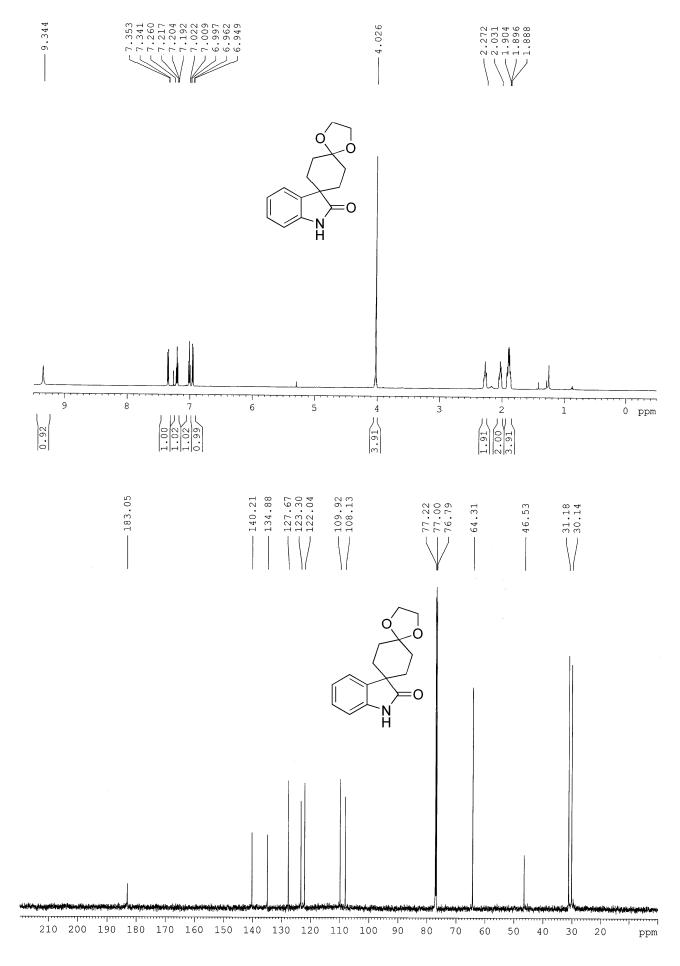




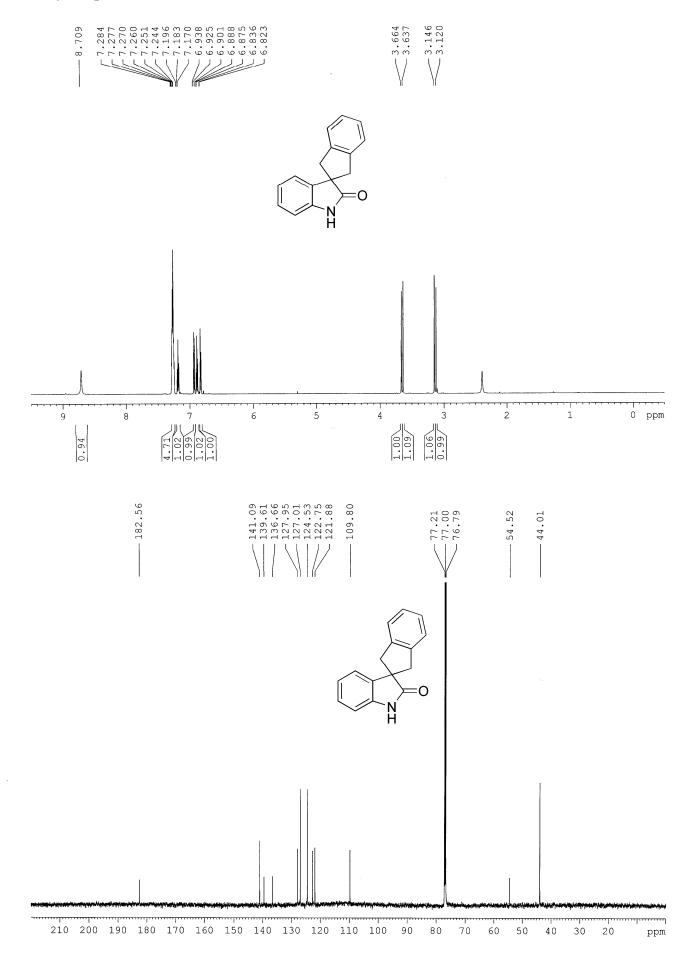
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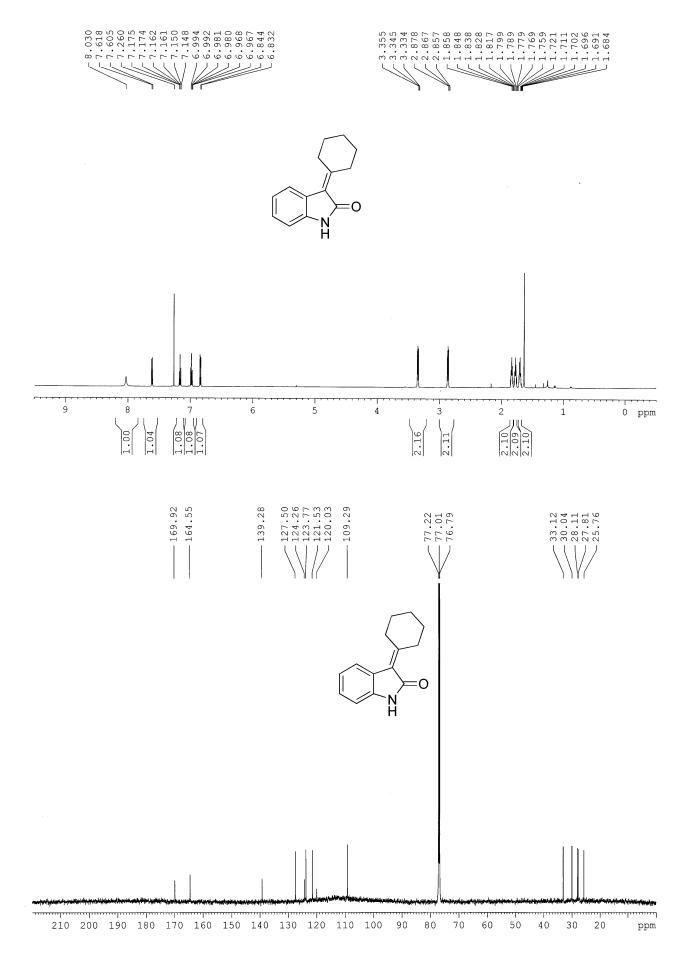
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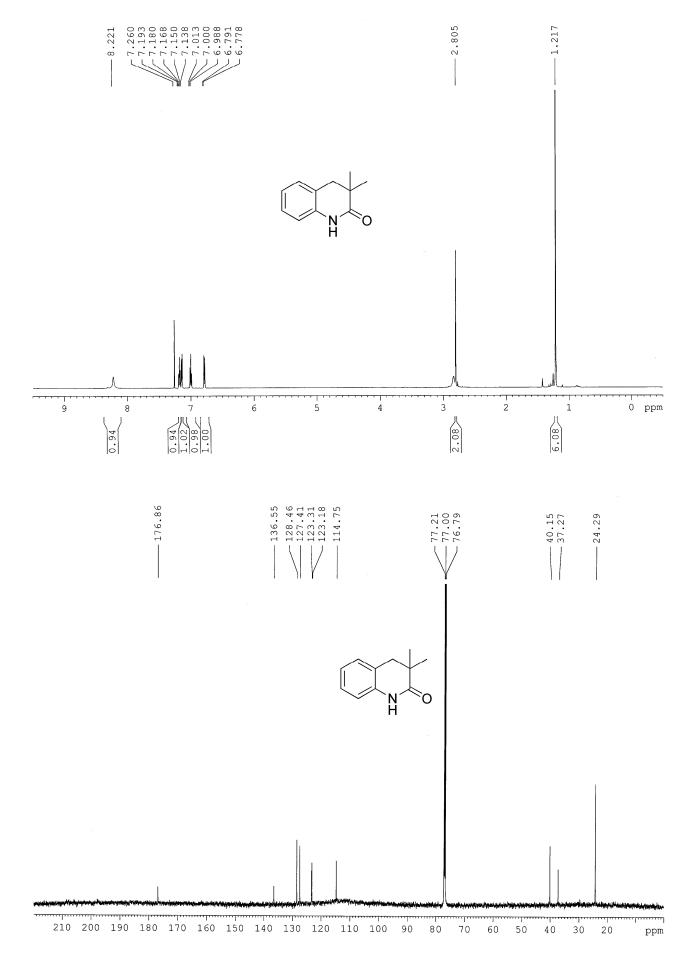
1,3-Dihydrospiro[indene-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2u)



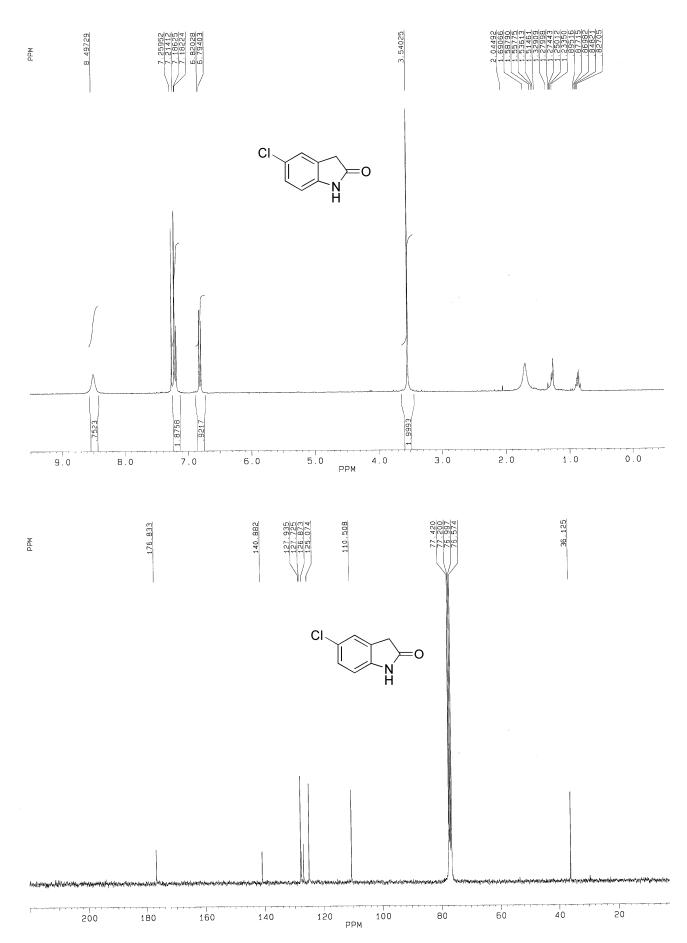
3-Cyclohexylideneindolin-2-one (2v)



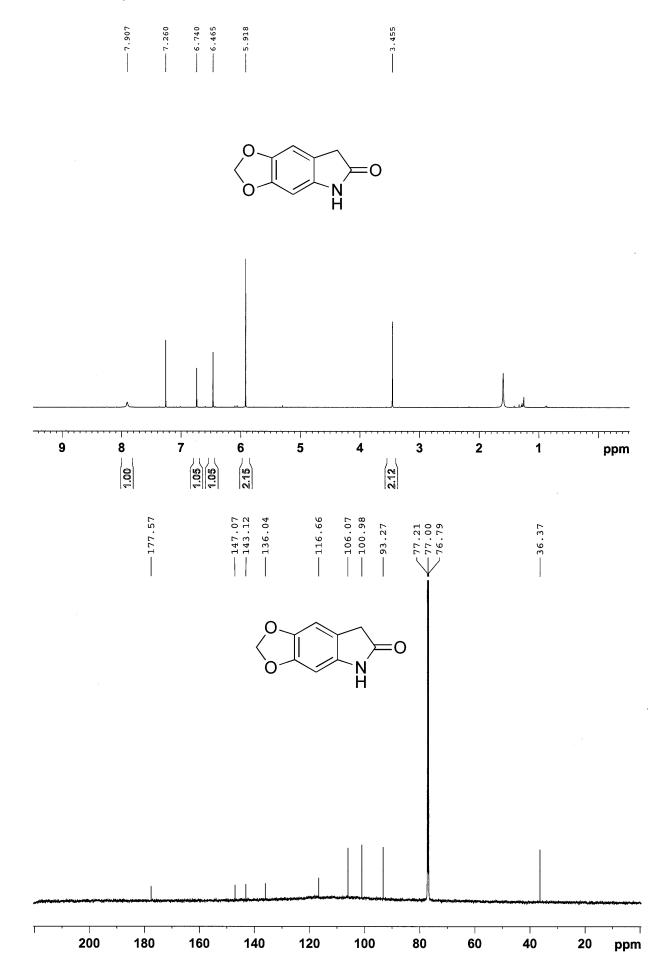
3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (2y)



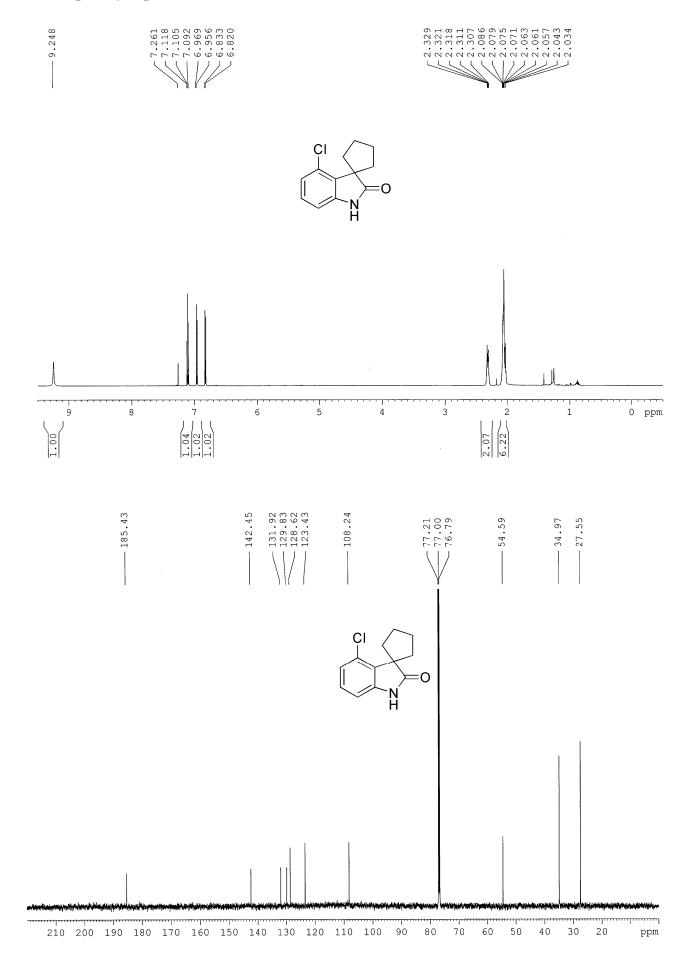
5-Chloroindolin-2-one (2w, 300 MHz, CDCl₃)



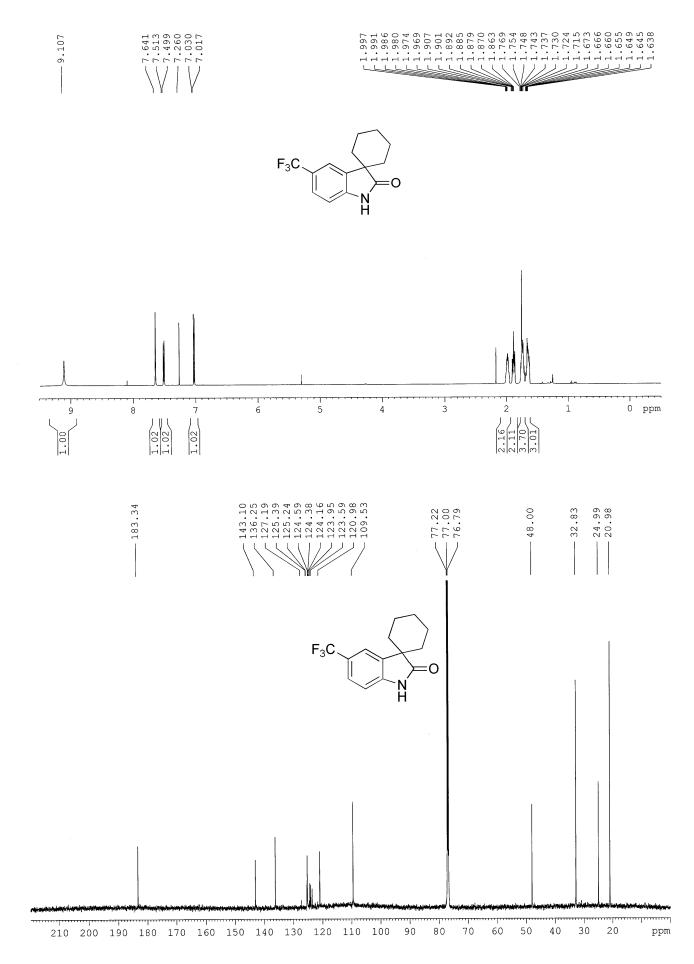
5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indol-6(7*H*)-one (2x)



4'-Chlorospiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2A)

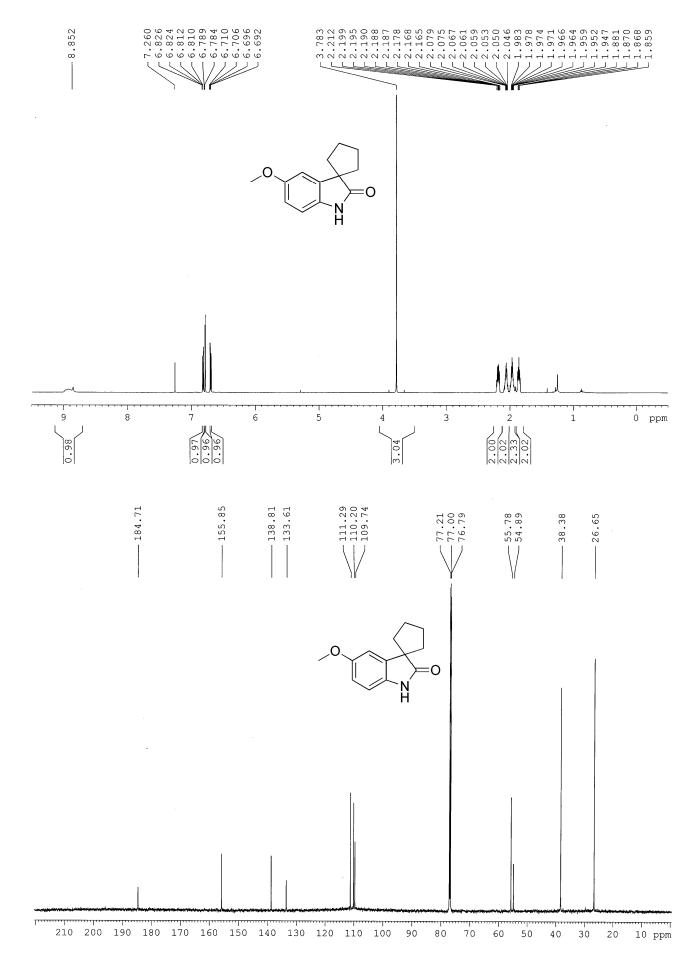


5'-(Trifluoromethyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2B)

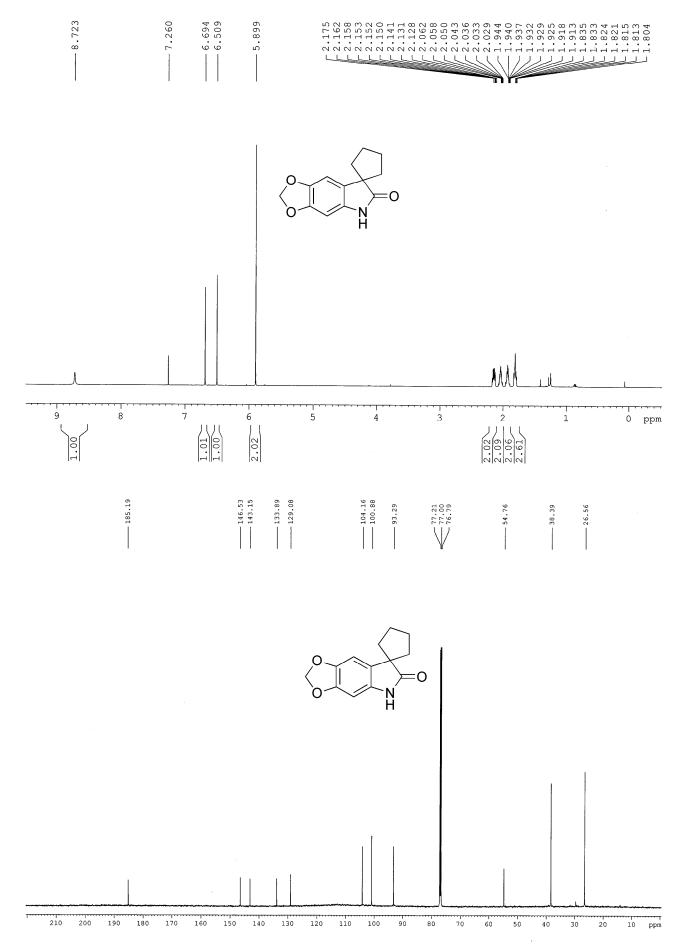


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5'-Methoxyspiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2C)



Spiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indole-7,1'-cyclopentan]-6(5H)-one (2D')



2',3',5',6'-Tetrahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indole-7,4'-pyran]-6(5*H*)-one (2D)

