### **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Water mediated, environmentally friendly, step-wise, tandem & one-pot syntheses of 2-(1H-

benzo[d]imidazole-2-yl)-N-arylbenzamides.

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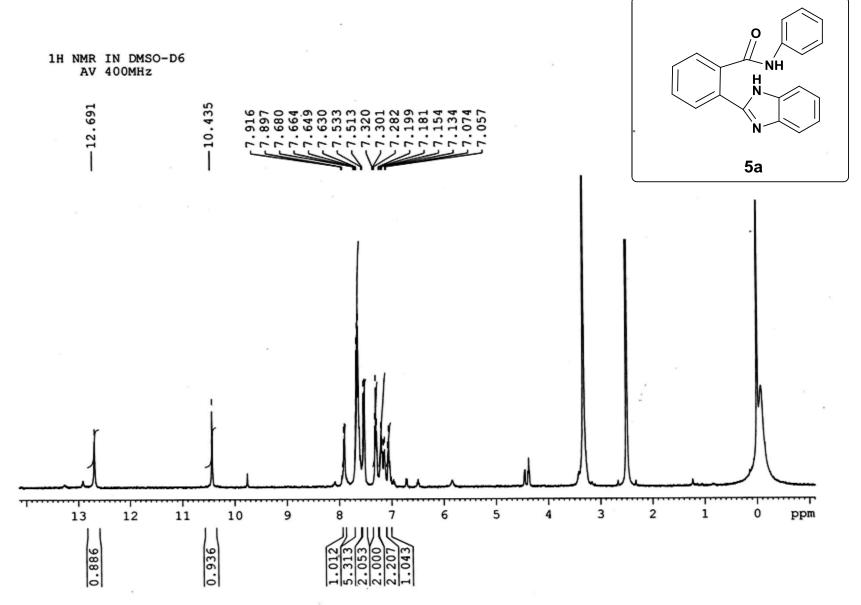
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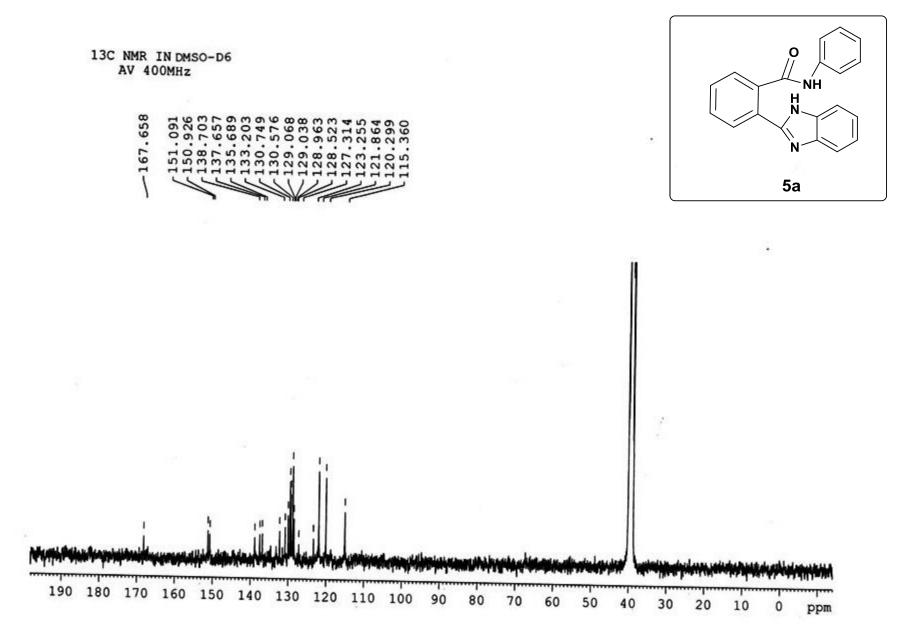
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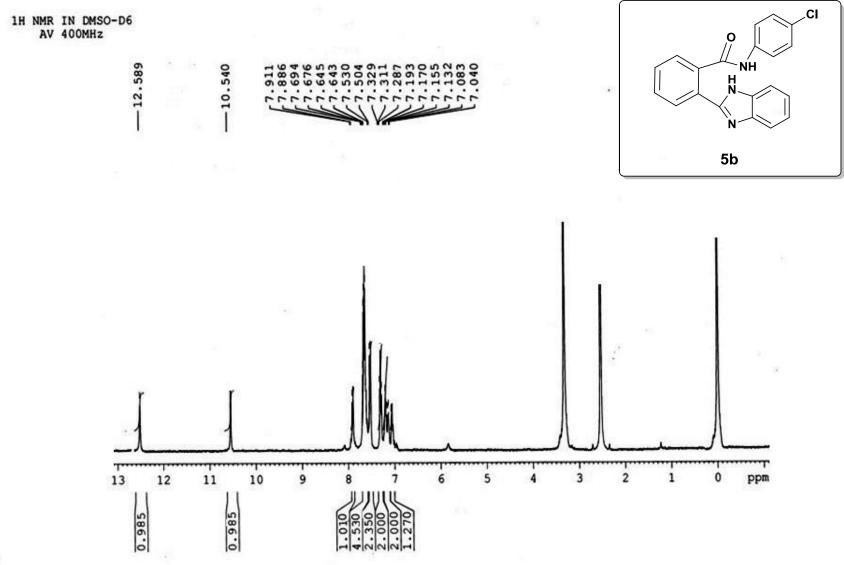
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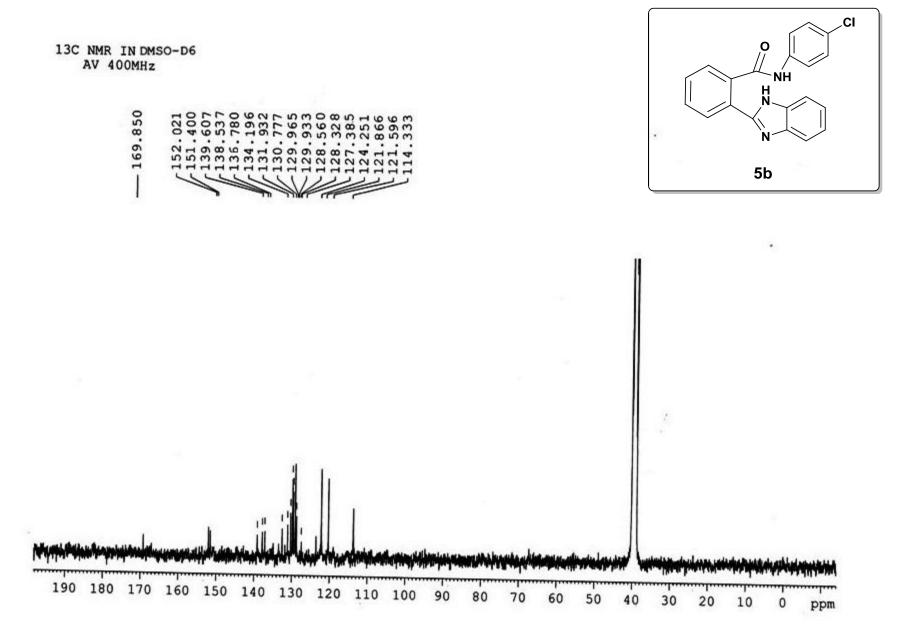


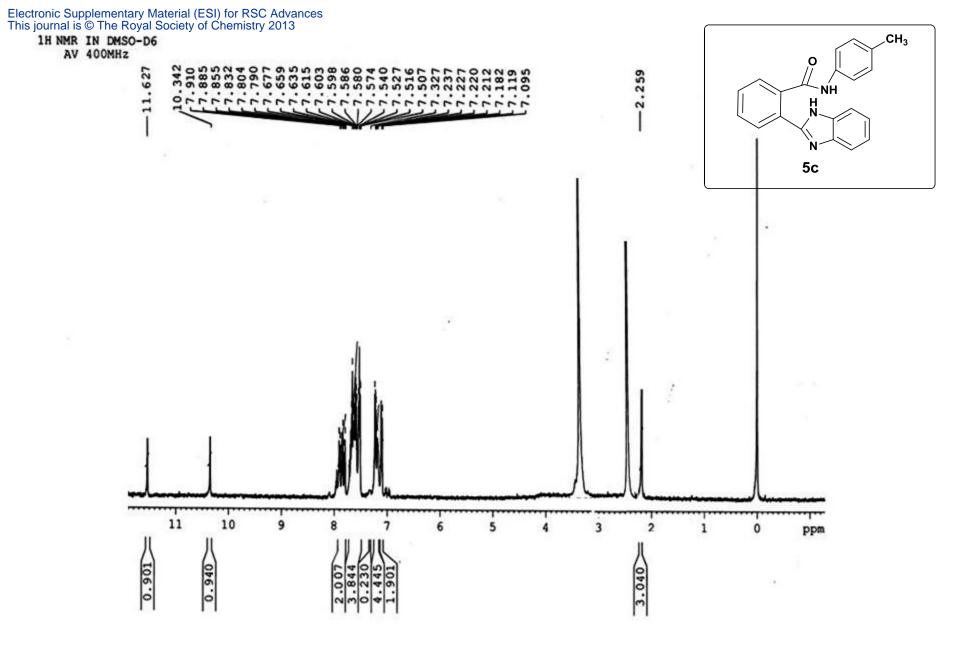




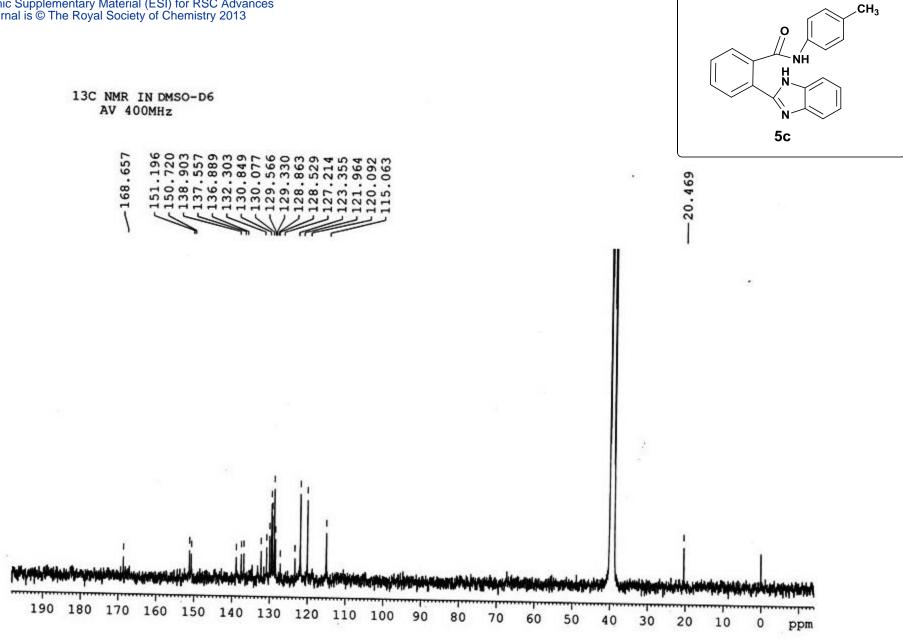
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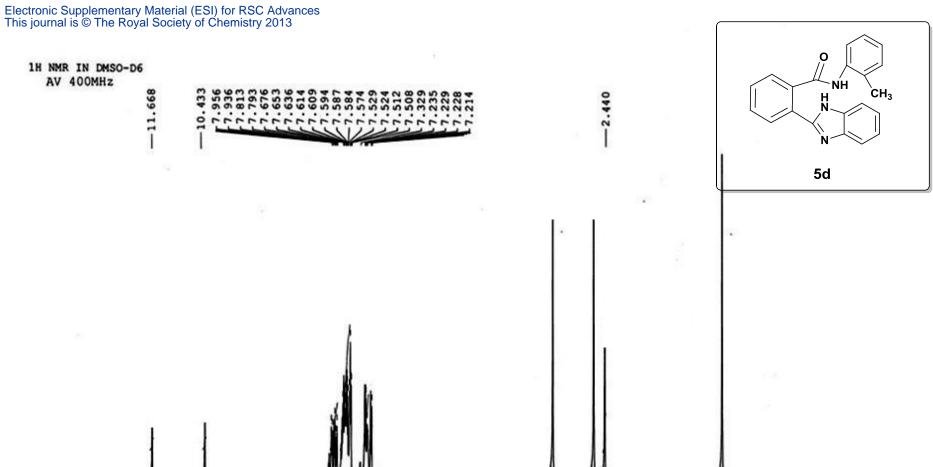
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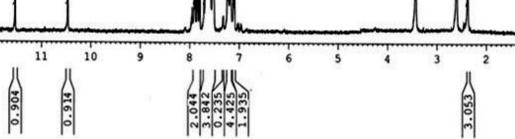


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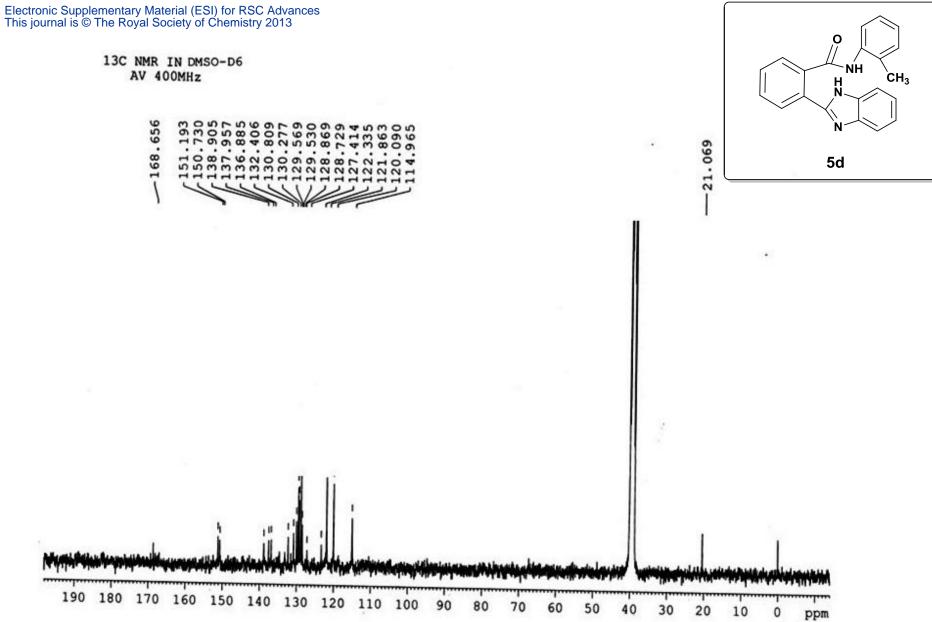
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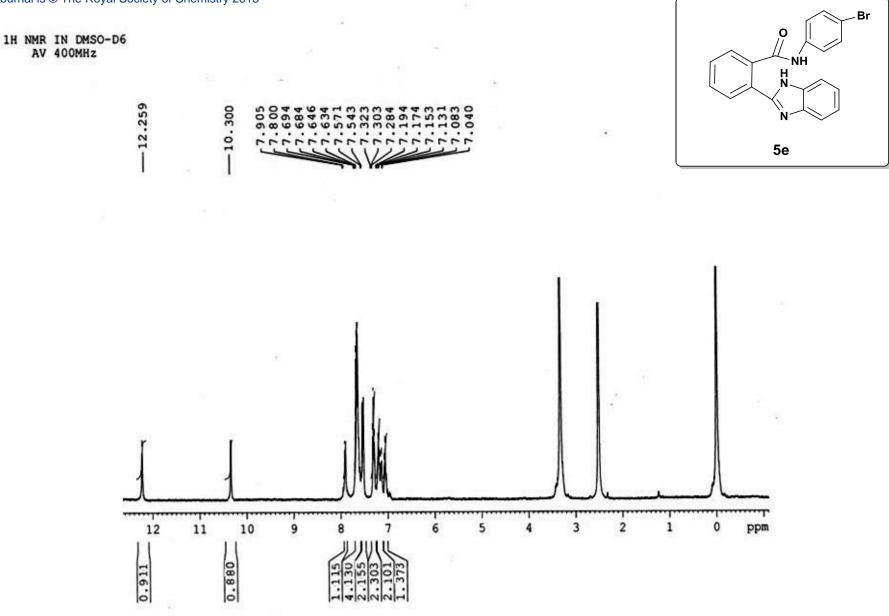
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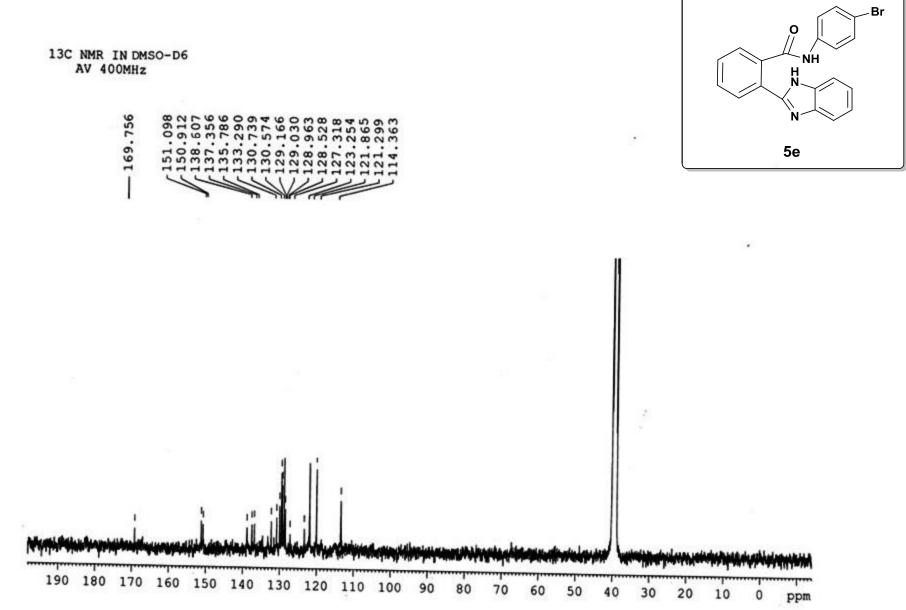
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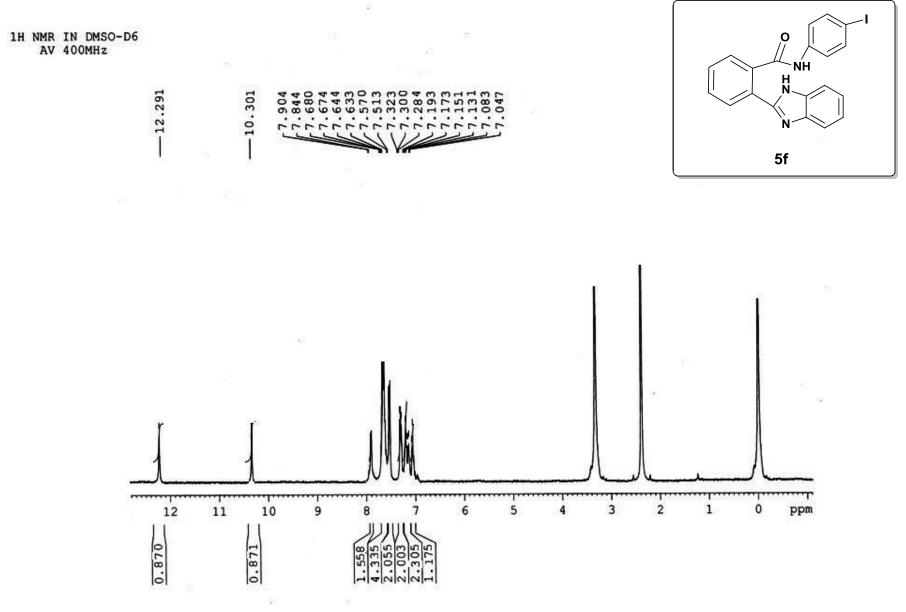


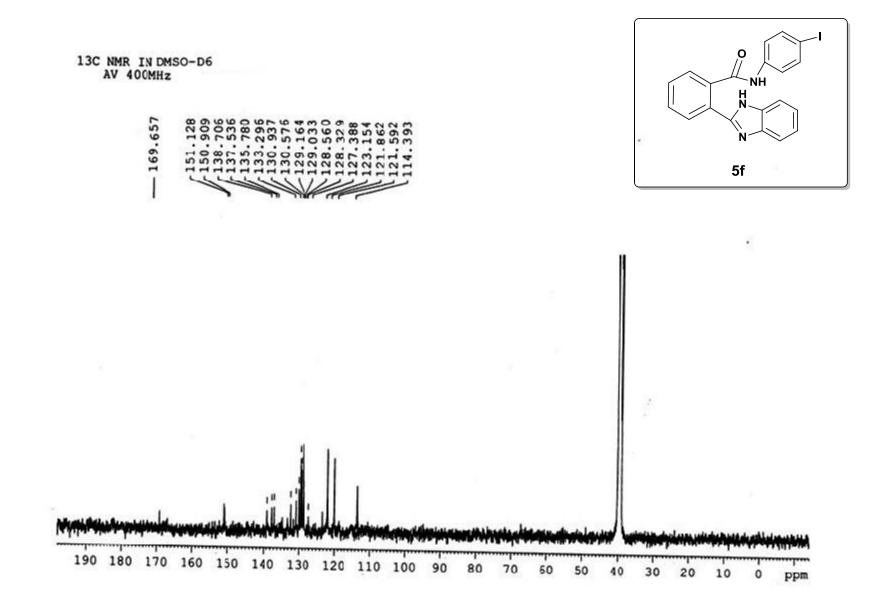
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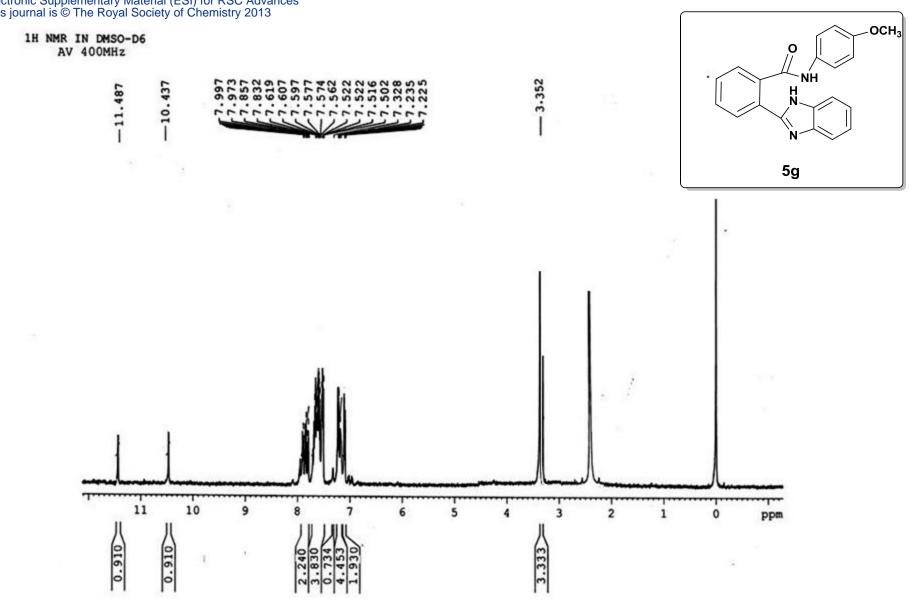


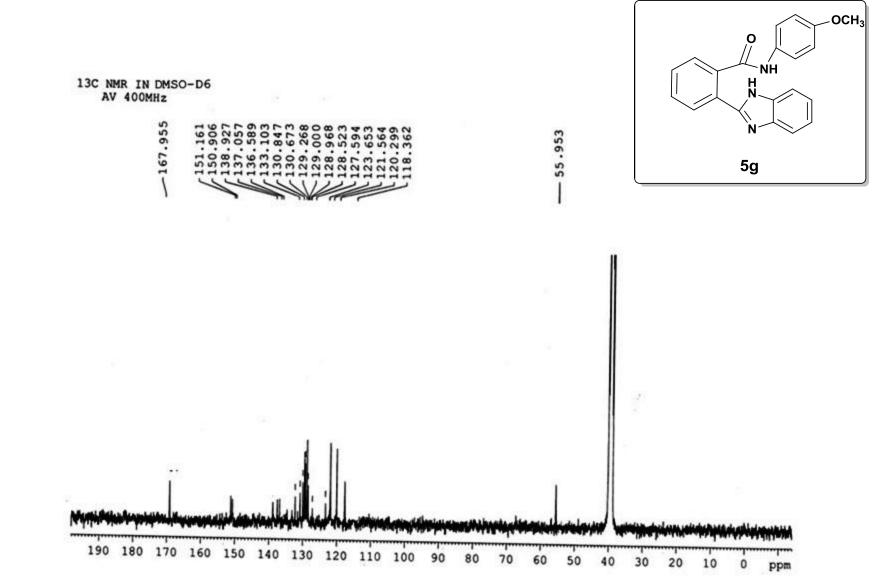


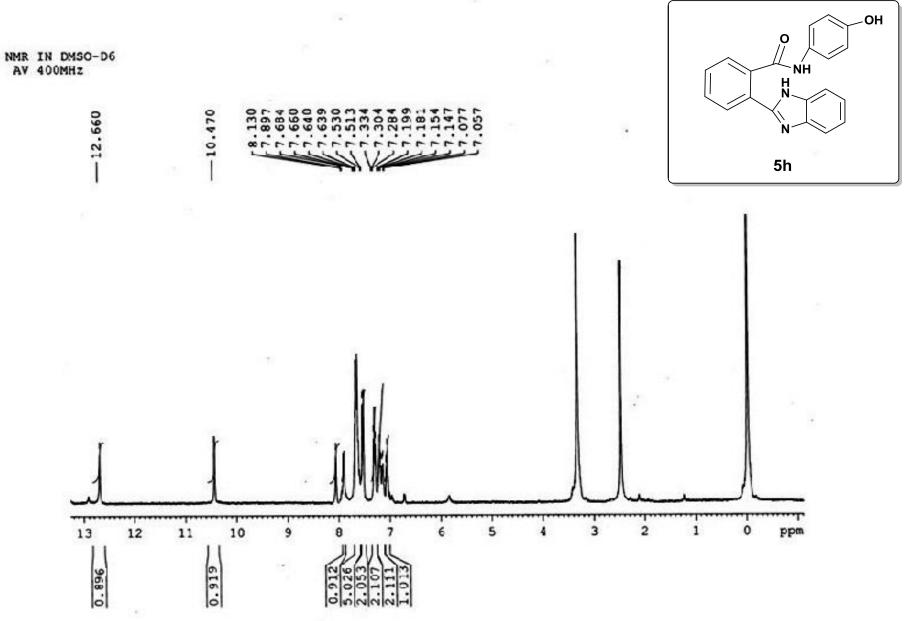


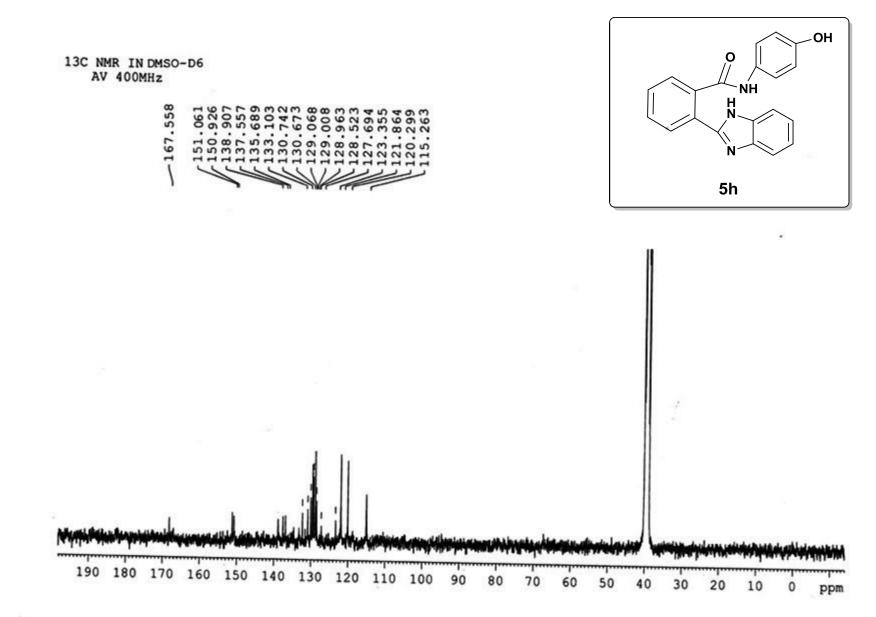


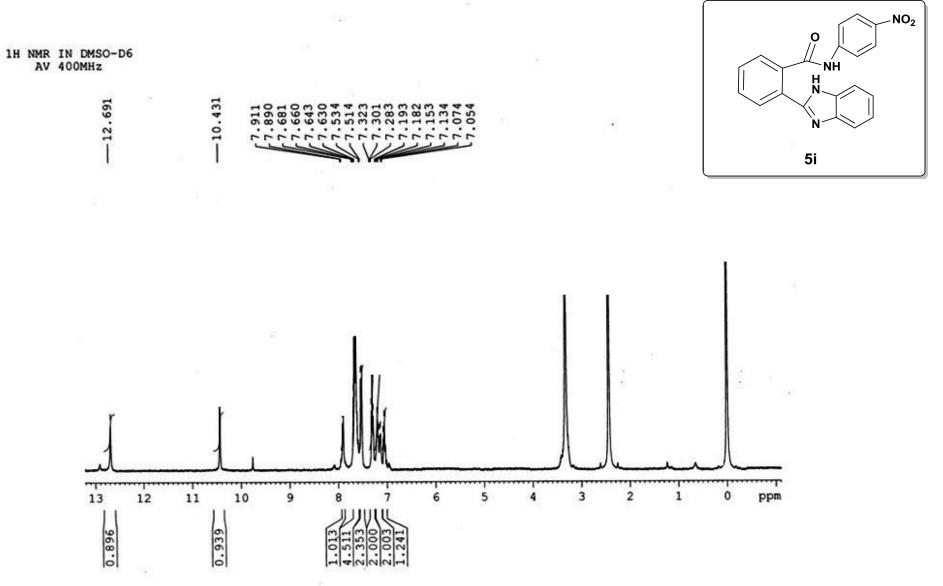




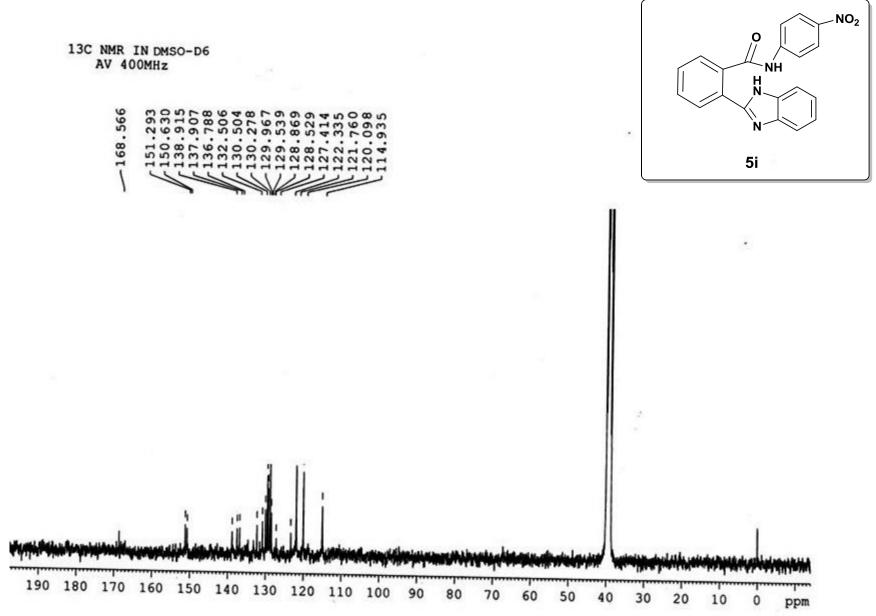




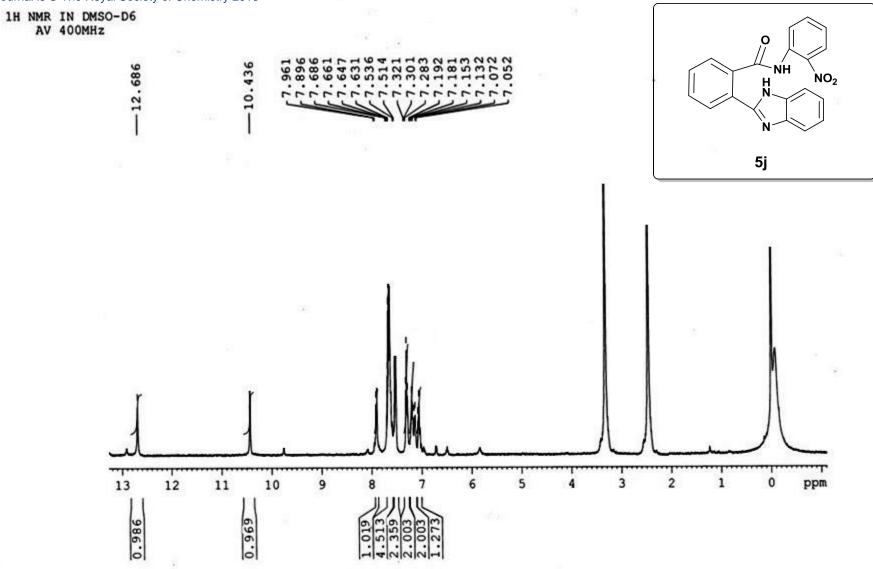


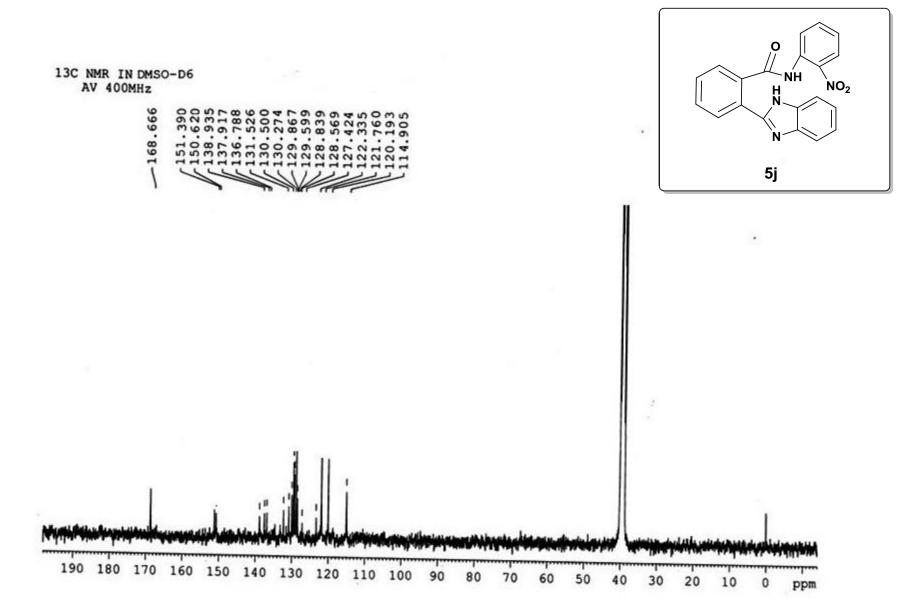


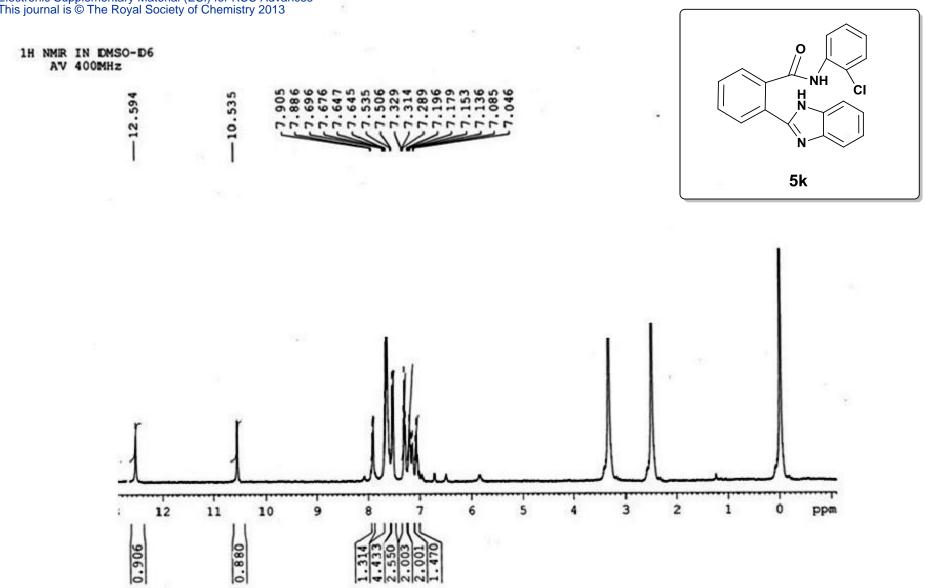


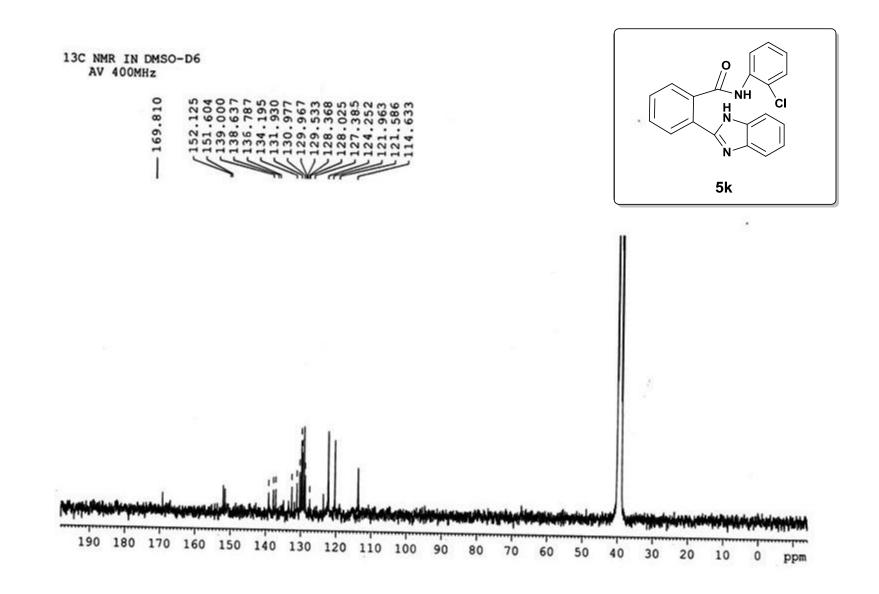


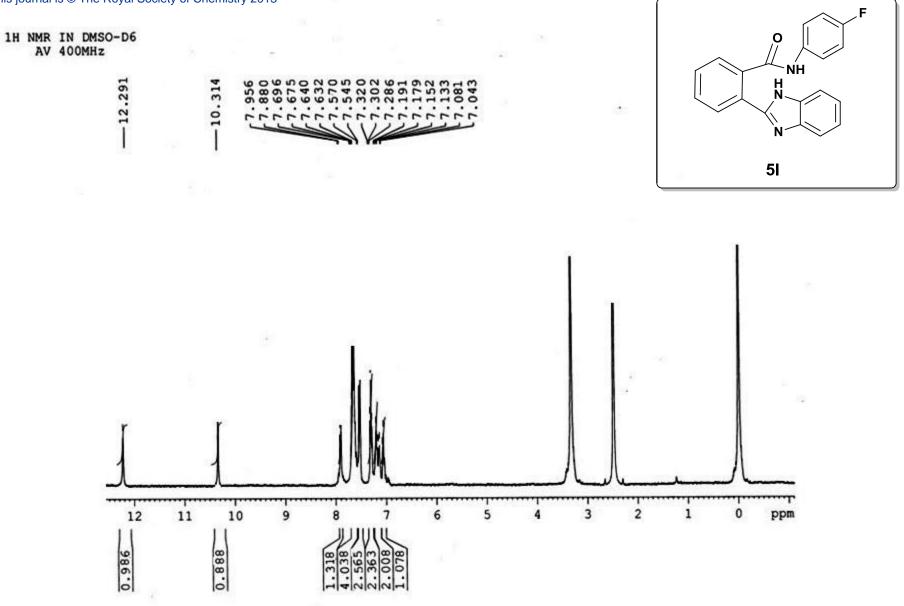




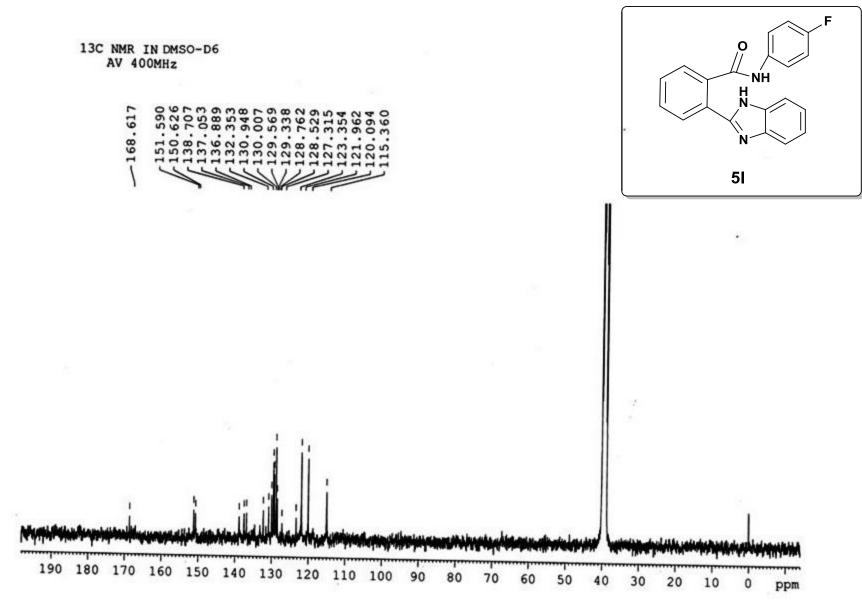












#### 2. Tables (3, 4, 5 & 6)

Entry	Starting Material	Product	Time (min)	Yield≠	M.P ( <sup>0</sup> C) [lit. M.P. <sup>0</sup> C]
1	2a	3a	10	91	170-172 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 170-172]
2	2b	3b	15	91	181-182 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 182-184]
3	2c	3c	10	87	155-157 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 156-158]
4	2d	3d	10	88	177-179 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 178-180]
5	2e	3e	15	90	188-190 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 190-192]
6	2f	3f	10	91	180-182 [lit., <sup>23</sup> 179]
7	2g	3g	10	86	159-161 [lit., <sup>22</sup> 160-162]
8	2h	3h	15	91	>250 [lit., <sup>23</sup> 289-290]
9	2i	3i	15	90	190-192 [lit., <sup>23</sup> 192-193]
10	2j	3ј	15	87	238-240 [lit., <sup>21</sup> 238-240]
11	2k	3k	15	83	142-144 [lit., <sup>23</sup> 142]
12	21	31	15	86	153-155 [lit., <sup>21</sup> 155]

#### Table 3 Reaction time and yields of 3a-3l obtained from 1 & 2a-2l.

 $\neq$  Refers to yields of crude products only.

Entry	Starting Materials		Product	Time (min)	Yield≠	
1	3a	4	5a	90	88	
2	3b	4	5b	100	85	
3	3c	4	5c	100	84	
4	3d	4	5d	120	78	
5	3e	4	5e	100	82	
6	3f	4	5f	90	84	
7	3g	4	5g	100	76	
8	3h	4	5h	100	82	
9	3i	4	5i	120	82	
10	3ј	4	5j	120	79	
11	3k	4	5k	120	82	
12	31	4	51	120	78	

Table 4 Reaction time and yields of 5a-5l obtained from 3a-3l & 4 via step wise fashion in water.

 $\neq$  Refers to yields of crude products only.

Table 5 Reaction time and yields of 5a-5l obtained from 7 & 2a-2l via step wise fashion in water.

Entry	Starting Materials		Product	Time	Yield≠
			(min)		
1	7	2a	5a	90	84
2	7	2b	5b	90	78
3	7	2c	5c	90	79
4	7	2d	5d	90	78
5	7	2e	5e	90	83
6	7	2f	5f	90	77
7	7	2g	5g	90	78
8	7	2h	5h	90	83
9	7	2i	5i	120	84
10	7	2j	5ј	120	78
11	7	2k	5k	120	85
12	7	21	51	120	84

 $\neq$  Refers to yields of crude products only

Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for RSC Advances This journal is © The Royal **Eable to Reactionisting 2013** yields of **5a-51** obtained either from **1**, **3a-31** & **4** or from **1**, **6**, **7** & **2a-21** via tandem reaction and one-pot synthesis (1, 2 & 4) in water.

Entry	Prproduct	Time (min) <sup>a</sup>	Yieldª≠	Time <sup>b</sup> (min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> ≠	Time <sup>c</sup> (min)	Yield <sup>c</sup> ≠
1	5a	60	88	90	87	120	88
2	5b	60	88	90	87	120	87
3	5c	60	88	120	86	150	86
4	5d	60	89	120	88	150	82
5	5e	70	88	90	89	150	82
6	5f	60	92	90	88	120	86
7	5g	65	89	90	89	120	87
8	5h	70	87	90	87	120	85
9	5i	85	87	120	84	150	83
10	5j	90	88	120	85	150	82
11	5k	80	89	120	85	150	84
12	51	90	89	120	85	150	82

a) One-pot synthesis from 1, 2 & 4 b) Tandem reaction from  $(1+2 \rightarrow 3 \stackrel{4}{\rightarrow} 5)$  c) Tandem reaction from  $(1+4 \rightarrow 7 \stackrel{2}{\rightarrow} 5)$  $\neq$  Refers to yields of crude products only.