Supporting Information

Deprotection of oximes, imines, and azines to the corresponding carbonyls using Cu-nano particles on cellulose template as green reusable catalyst

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Experimental

General Methods. Chromatographic separations were performed using silica gel 60-120. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded using an FT-IR spectrometer as chloroform solutions on sodium chloride disks. NMR spectra were recorded in Bruker Avance DPX 300 MHz and Avance-III 500 MHz FTNMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard in indicated solvent. All microwave irradiation experiments were carried out in a CEM-Discover LabMate system (standard configuration, temperature control, external IR temperature sensor, fixed hold time).

Preparation of Cu-nano particle using NaBH₄ reduction method:

To a suspension of standard cellulose (200 mg) in water (20 mL), copper(II) acetate (50 mg) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature and then cooled to 0 °C. NaBH₄ (20 mg) was added slowly portion wise under nitro gen atmosphere when the solution turned black. The whole mixture was stirred at that temperature for another 1 hour. The black suspension was filtered, washed, vacuum dried, and finally stored under N_2 atmosphere.

Preparation of Cu-nano particle using hydrazine hydrate/ NaOH reduction method

To a suspension of standard cellulose (200 mg) in water (20 mL), copper(II) acetate (50 mg) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. NaOH (10%) solution and Hydrazine Hydrate was added to the above suspension until the pH value exceeds 10. The resulting solution was kept in a thermostatic bath (50-60 °C) for 3-4 h. The black suspension was then filtered, washed and vacuum dried and finally stored under N_2 atmosphere.

General procedure for deprotection of oximes/imines/azines

In a 10 mL microwave reaction vial oxime/imine/azine (1 mmol), H_2O (5 mL), and Cu-nano catalyst (20 mol%) were taken. The mixture was heated under microwave at 80–100 °C for 5-10 min. After the completion of the reaction, as checked by TLC, the catalyst was filtered while washing with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 20 mL).

The organic layer was washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

General procedure for preparation of oximes:

To a solution of aldehyde/ketone (1 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL), hydroxylamine (1.5 mmol) and pyridine (0.5 mL) was added. The mixture was heated on a water bath at 70-80 °C for 30 minutes to 3 hours. After this, the reaction was cooled in an ice batch when crystals of oximes separated. Filtration and washing with 70% cold ethanol provided oxime. Further purification was done by recrystallization from ethanol (95%).

General procedure for preparation of imines and azines:

A mixture of aldehyde (1 mmol), amine (1 mmol), and ethanol (5 mL) was warmed in a water bath for 2-5 minutes and then cooled in an ice bath when crystals of imines/azines separated. Filtration, washing with 70% ethanol and recrystallization from ethanol (95%) provided pure imines/azines.

Characterization of aldehydes:

4-Chlorobenzaldehyde (2a). Semi solid; R_f: 0.6 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1699, 1589, 1386, 1207, 1094; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.52 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz).

2, 4-Dichlorobenzaldehyde (2b). Solid; Mp: 68-70 °C (lit.¹ 71-72 °C); R_f: 0.75 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1678, 1584, 1375, 1199, 1047; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 10.42(s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H, J = 8.4), 7.49(s, 1H), 7.38 (d, 2H, J = 8.4).

2-Nitrobenzaldehyde (2c). Semi solid; R_f : 0.6 (1:10 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1694, 1524, 1344, 1188; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.96 (d, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.88-7.71 (m, 2H).

4-(Dimethyl)aminobenzaldehyde (2d). Solid; Mp: 70-72 °C (lit.² 70-72 °C); R_f: 0.4 (1:10 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1661, 1598, 1375, 1231, 1170, 1065; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 9.74(s, 1H), 7.75 (d, 2H, J = 8.7), 6.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 3.087(s, 6H).

Salicylaldehyde (2e). Oil; R_{f} : 0.6 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 3062, 1664, 1580, 1459, 1386, 1278, 1150, 1029; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 11.02 (s, 1H), 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.58 -7.50 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 2H).

Benzene-1,4-dicarbaldehyde (2f). Solid; Mp: 110-112 °C (lit.³ 113-114 °C); R_f: 0.5 (1:5 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1692, 1497, 1384, 1301, 1199, 1013; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 10.14 (s, 2H), 8.06 (s, 4H).

Pyridine-3-aldehyde (2g). Oil; R_f: 0.3 (1:10 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1704, 1590, 1428, 1216, 1026; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 10.14 (s, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.21 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.54-7.44 (m, 1H).

Cyclohexanone (2h). Oil; R_f : 0.7 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1714, 1450, 1311, 1222, 1119; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 2.38-2.28 (m, 4H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.75-1.68 (m, 2H).

(2-Aminophenyl) (phenyl) methanone (2i). Solid; Mp: 101-103 °C (lit.⁴ 103-104 °C); R_f: 0.65 (1:10 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 3470, 3349, 1615, 1548, 1303, 1248, 1160; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.66 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.58-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.32 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.76 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.62 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.12 (s, 2H).

4-Methoxy benzaldehyde (4d). Oil; R_{f} : 0.35 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1694, 1601, 1513, 1316, 1182, 1025; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.02 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H).

Cinnamaldehyde (4e). Oil; R_f: 0.3 (1:20 :: Ethyl acetate:Hexane); IR (KBr): cm⁻¹ 1678, 1626, 1450, 1127, 973; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.88 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.98-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 6.71 (dd, 1H, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz).

Characterization of oximes:

4-Chlorobenzaldehyde oxime (1a). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.12(s, 1H), 7.52 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz).

2, 4-Dichlorobenzaldehyde oxime (1b). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.28(s, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz).

2-Nitro benzaldehyde oxime (1c). ¹H NMR (CDCl_{3,} 300 MHz): δ 8.69(s, 1H), 8.07 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.92 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.71-7.53 (m, 2H).

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4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde oxime (1d). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.68 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 2.99 (s, 6H).

2-Hydroxybenzaldehyde oxime (1e). ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_{6} , 500 MHz): δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.28-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.75 (m, 2H).

Benzene-1,4-dicarbaldehyde oxime (1f). ¹H NMR (MeOH-d6, 300 MHz): δ 11.35 (s, 2H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.61 (s, 4H).

Nicotinaldehyde oxime (1g). ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_{6} , 500 MHz): δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.89-8.82 (m, 1H), 8.66-8.58(m, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 1H).

Cyclohexanone oxime (1h). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 2.52 (t, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.22 (t, 2H, J = 5.5 Hz), 1.72-1.55 (m, 6H).

(2-Aminophenyl)(phenyl)methanone oxime (1i). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.63 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.54-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.73 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.60 (t, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz)

Characterization of imines:

4-Chlorobenzylidene-phenylamine (3a). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.49-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 3H).

2-Phenyliminomethyl-phenol (3b). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.95 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz).

SalenH₂ **(3c).** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 13.23 (s, 2H), 8.36 (s, 2H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.82 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 4H).

4-Methoxybenzylidenephenylamine (3d). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H).

Phenyl-(3-phenyl-allylidene)-amine (3e). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.27 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 7.54 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.53-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.07 (m, 5H).

Characterization of azines:

N,N'-Bis-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-hydrazine (3f). ¹H NMR (CDCl_{3,} 300 MHz): δ 8.61 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, 4H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.42 (d, 4H, J = 8.4 Hz).

N,N'-Bis-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)-hydrazine (3g). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 11.28 (brs, 2H), 8.64 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.04-6.85 (m, 4H).

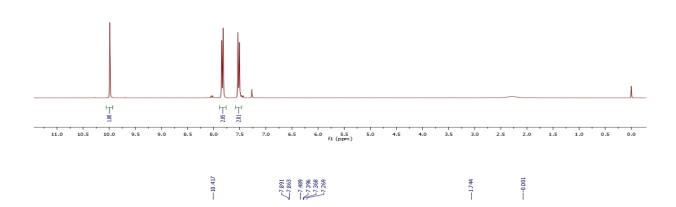
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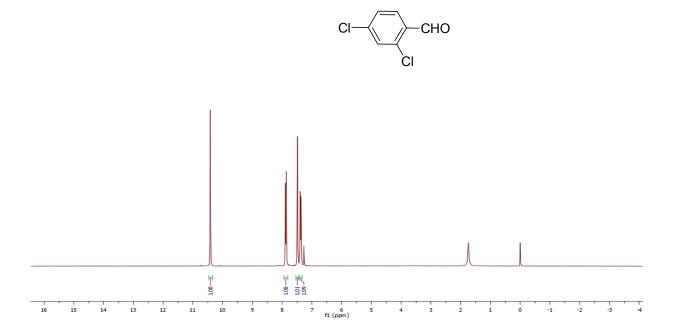
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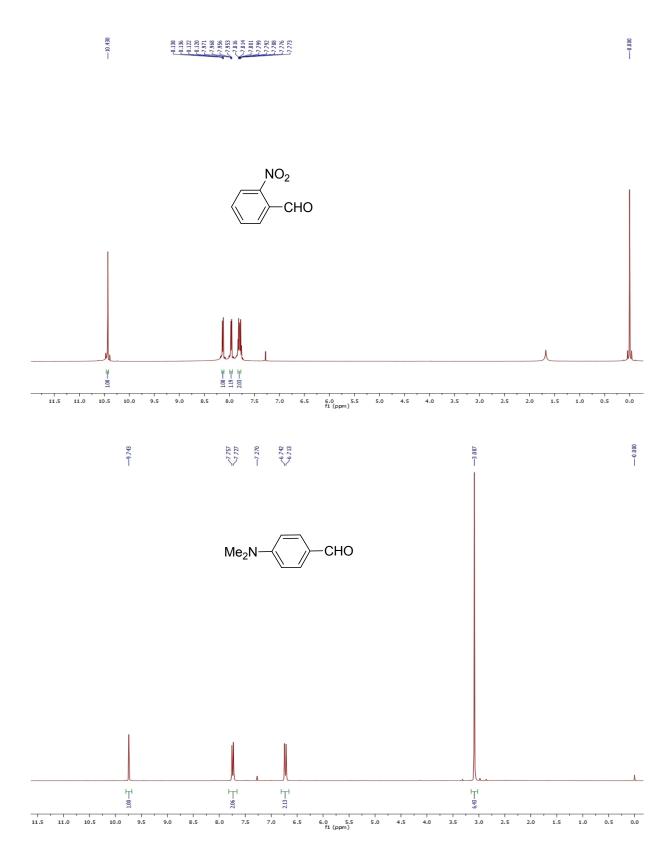
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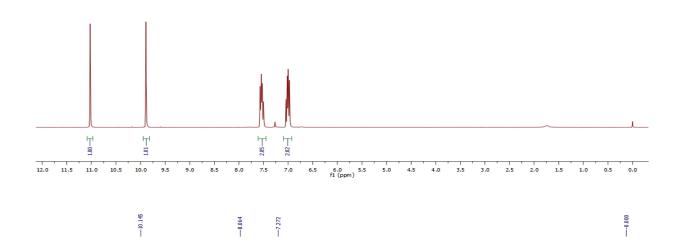
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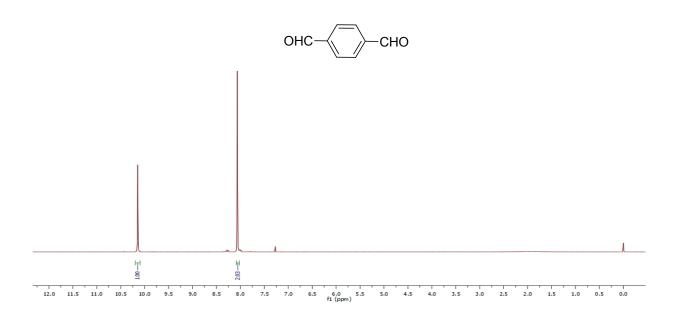








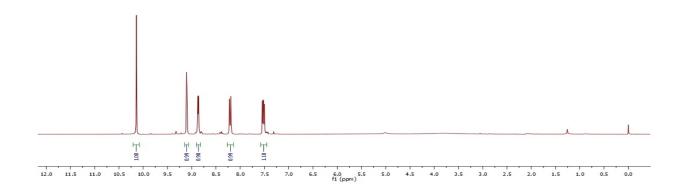








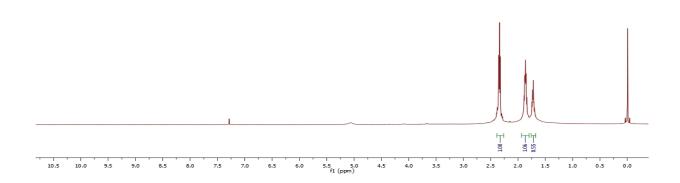


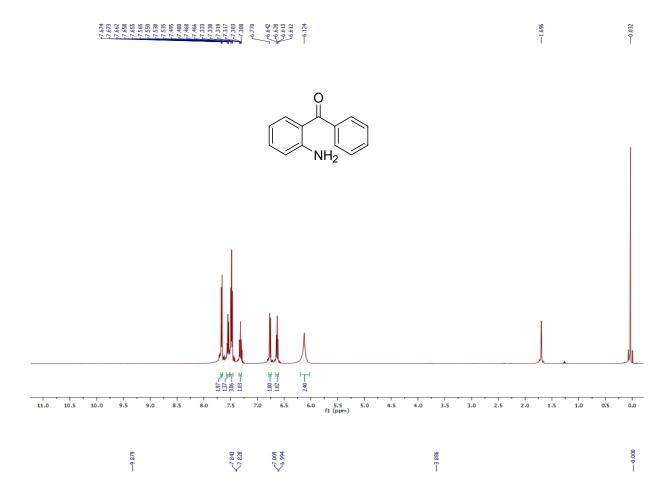


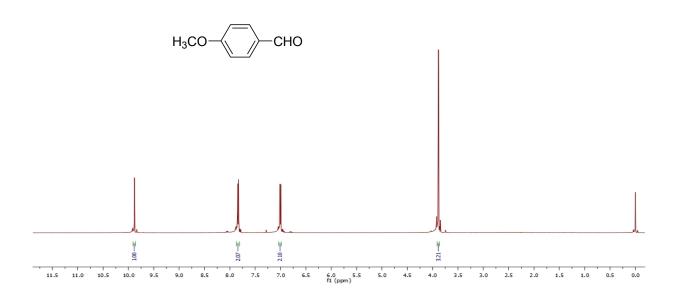
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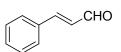


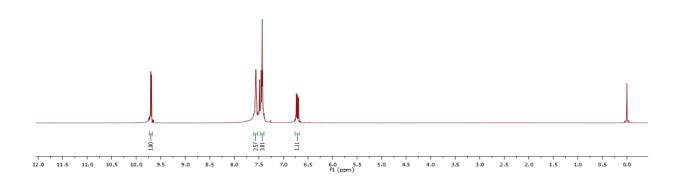




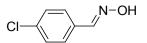


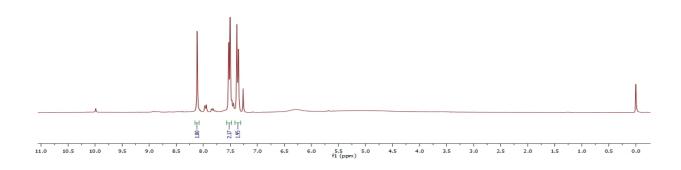






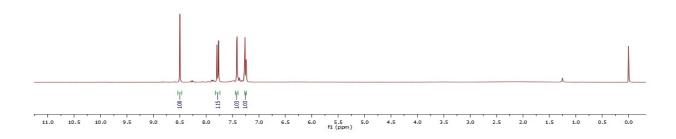




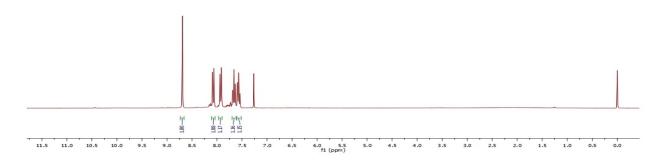


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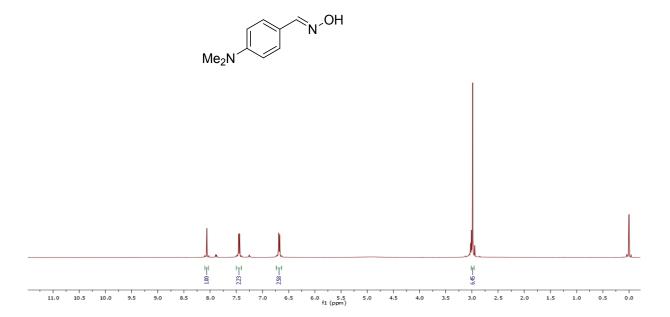




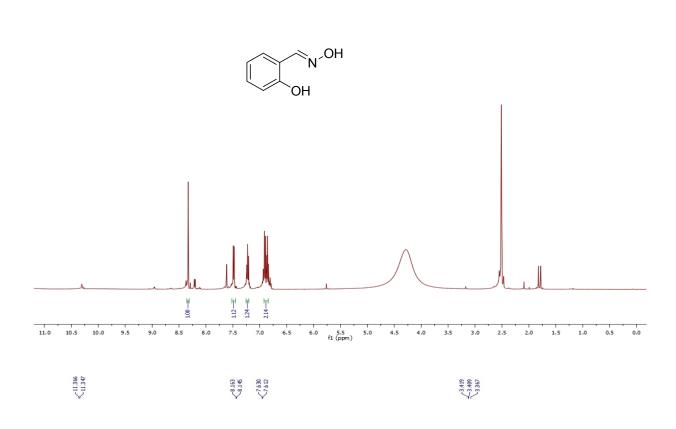


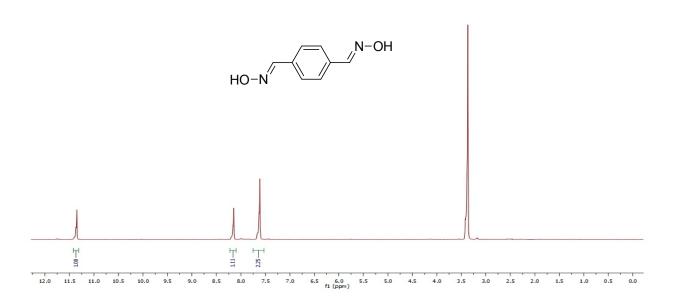
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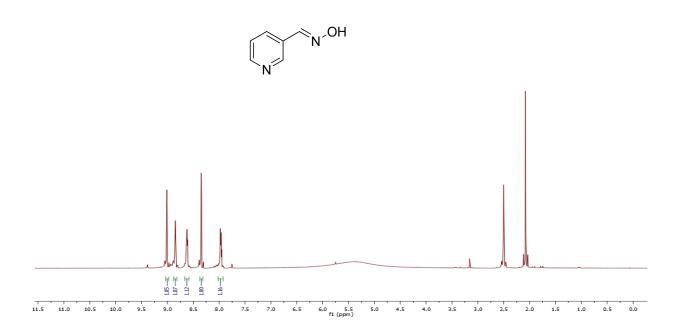
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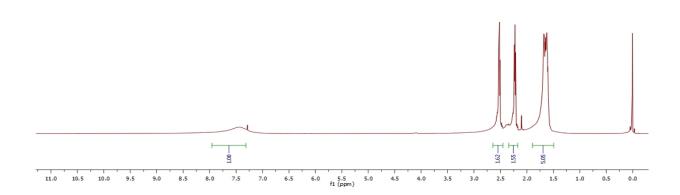


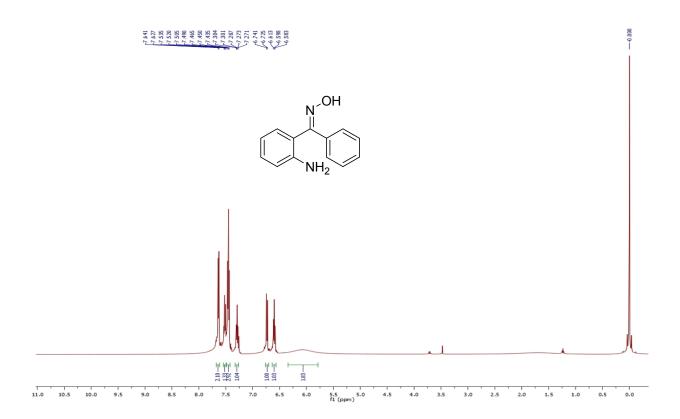




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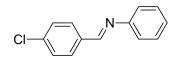


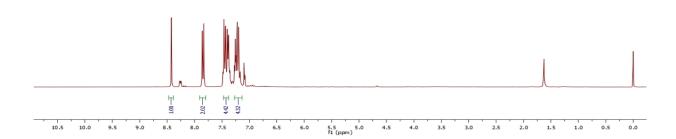




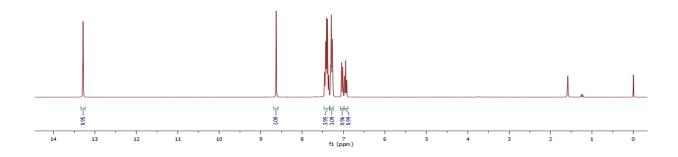




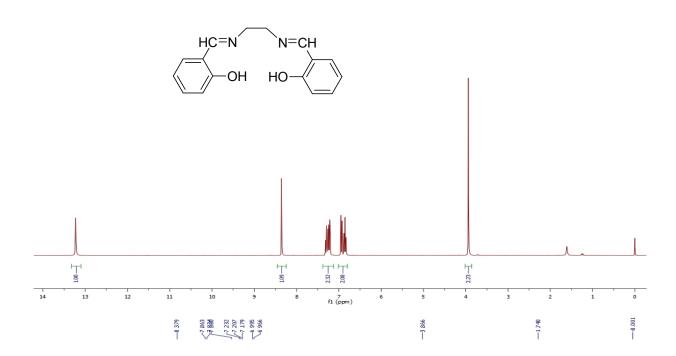


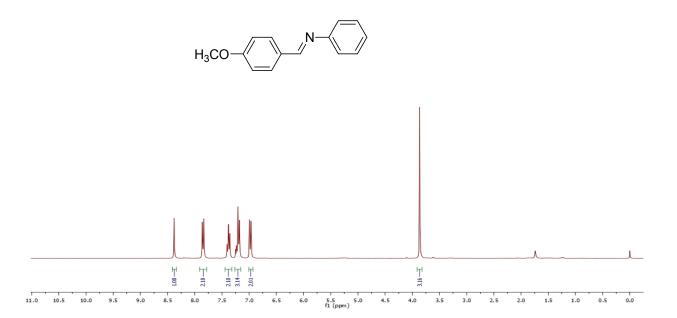


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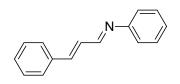


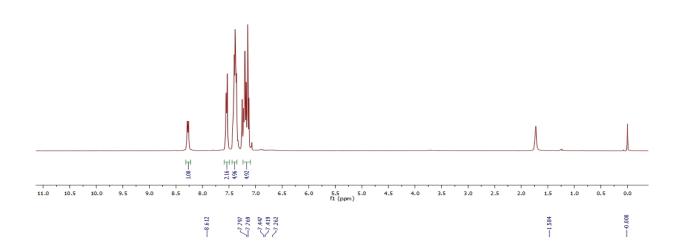


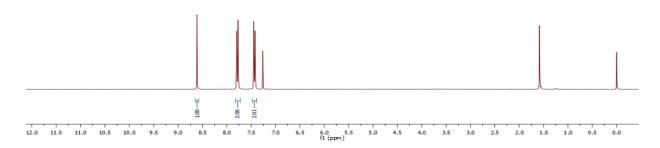




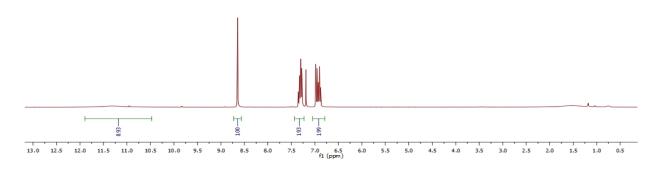




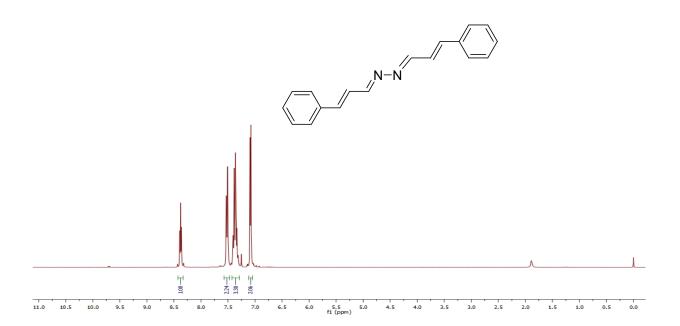


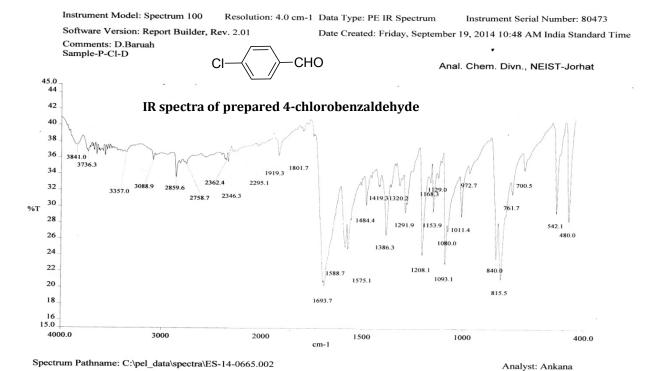






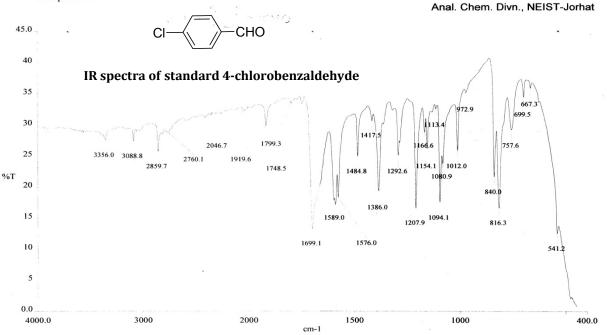






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