

## Supporting Materials

### Concise Synthesis of Semicarbazides and Formylhydrazines via Direct Addition Reaction between Aromatic Azoarenes and *N*- Substituted Formamides

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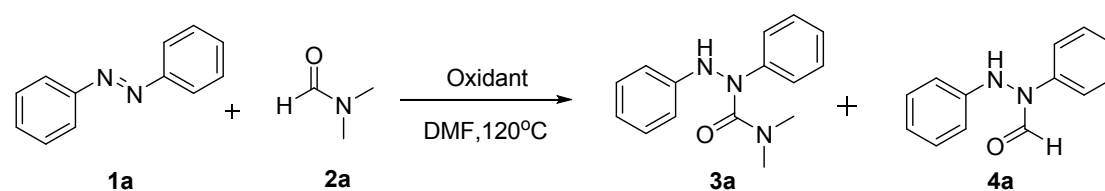
## Experimental Section

### General Information:

All reactions were carried out under an air atmosphere condition. Azobenzene was purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd, other Aromatic azo compounds were prepared using literature procedure<sup>1-3</sup>. Various Formamides and various Oxidants and other chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Acros or Alfa. Column chromatography was generally performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) and reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using UV light (254 nm) to visualize the course of the reactions. The <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) data were recorded on Varian 400 M spectrometers using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra was recorded with tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0.00$  ppm) as internal reference; <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra was recorded with CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.500$  ppm) as internal reference. ESI-MS and HRMS were performed by the State-authorized Analytical Center in Soochow University.

### Optimization

Optimization of reaction conditions for the reaction of azobenzene with DMF<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Oxidant	Additive (equiv)	Yield of 3a [%] <sup>b</sup>	Yield of 4a [%] <sup>b</sup>
1 <sup>c</sup>	DTBP(2eq)	–	19	NR
2	DTBP	–	25	NR
3 <sup>d</sup>	DTBP(6eq)	–	24	NR
4	DTBP	PhCOCl	31	17
5	DCP	PhCOCl	trace	60
6	TBHP	PhCOCl	10	14
7	BQ	PhCOCl	trace	trace

8	DCP	PhCH <sub>2</sub> COCl	–	25	30
9	DCP	PhCH <sub>2</sub> Cl	–	30	22
10	DCP	POBr <sub>3</sub>	–	13	40
11	DTBP	PhCOCl	I <sub>2</sub> (0.2)	47	trace
12	DTBP	PhCOCl	NaI (0.2)	57	trace
13	DTBP	PhCOCl	KI (0.2)	51	trace
14	DTBP	PhCOCl	TBAI (0.2)	51	trace
15	DTBP	PhCH <sub>2</sub> COCl	NaI (0.2)	40	trace
16	DTBP	PhCH <sub>2</sub> Cl	NaI (0.2)	38	trace
17	DTBP	POBr <sub>3</sub>	NaI (0.2)	52	trace
18	DTBP	SOCl <sub>2</sub>	NaI (0.2)	27	trace
19 <sup>e</sup>	DTBP	PhCOCl	NaI (0.2)	65	trace
20 <sup>f</sup>	DTBP	PhCOCl	NaI (0.2)	42	trace
21	DCP	PhCOCl	imidazole (1.0)	10	68
22	DCP	PhCOCl	2-methylimidazole (1.0)	<10	55
23	DCP	PhCOCl	4-methylimidazole (1.0)	<10	43
24	DCP	PhCOCl(40%)	imidazole (1.0)	15	30
25	DCP	PhCOCl(10%)	imidazole (1.0)	14	44

<sup>a</sup> Catalytic conditions: azobenzene (0.5 mmol), oxidant (2 mmol, 4 eq), PhCOCl (20 mol%), DMF (2 mL), 120 °C, 24 h, air. <sup>b</sup> Yield of isolated product. <sup>c</sup> DTBP 2eq. <sup>d</sup>DTBP 6eq <sup>e</sup>PhCOCl (40 mol%). <sup>f</sup>PhCOCl (10 mol%).

### General Procedure for preparation of semicarbazides through the addition

**Reaction between aromatic azoarenes and *N*-substituted formamides:** To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added under air, azoarene (0.5 mmol), NaI (20 mol%), DTBP (4 equiv) and PhCOCl (40 mol%) in DMF (2 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was kept stirring at 120 °C for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. After removal of the solvent, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether mixtures to afford the desired product in high purity.

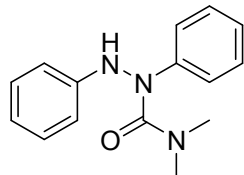
### General Procedure for Preparation of formylhydrazines through the addition

**Reaction between aromatic azoarenes and *N*-substituted formamides:** To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added under air, azoarene (0.5

mmol), imidazole (1 equiv), DCP (4 equiv) and PhCOCl (20 mol%) in DMF (2 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was kept stirring at 120 °C for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. After removal of the solvent, the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether mixtures to afford the desired product in high purity.

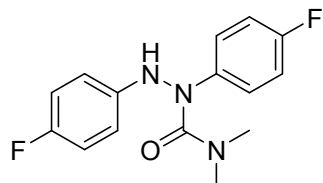
## Characterization of the corresponding products:

### *N,N*-Dimethyl-1,2-diphenylhydrazinecarboxamide



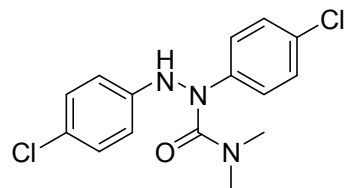
White Solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  164.7, 153.5, 150.2, 134.2, 133.9, 128.4, 125.3, 124.0, 117.1, 42.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 256.1450, found 256.1448.

### 1,2-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide



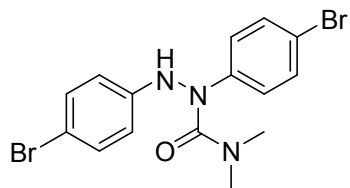
Yellow oil liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.11(m, 2H), 7.05(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 3H), 2.91 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.0, 160.5, 159.1, 158.5, 156.8, 144.8 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2C), 142.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2C), 122.8 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2C), 116.2, 116.0 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 2C), 115.7, 115.0 (d,  $J = 7.7$ , 2C), 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 292.1261, found 292.1264.

### 1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide



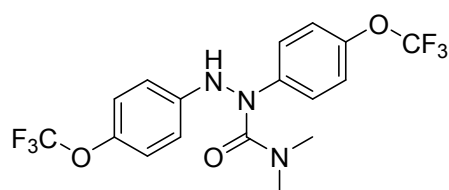
Yellow and oily liquid ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.26(s, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.8, 147.0, 144.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.17, 125.8, 121.7, 114.8, 37.4. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 324.0670, found 324.0661.

### 1,2-Bis(4-bromophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide



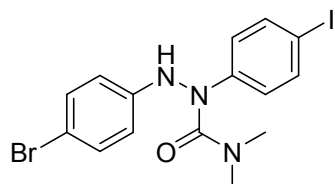
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 147.5, 144.9, 132.2, 132.1, 122.0, 117.2, 115.2, 113.1, 37.5. MS ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 411.9655, found 411.9662. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 411.9660, found 411.9653.

### ***N,N*-Dimethyl-1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)hydrazinecarboxamide**



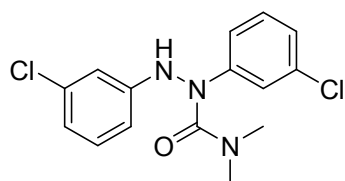
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.92 (m, 2H), 2.92 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.9, 147.2, 145.6 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2C), 144.6, 143.3 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2C), 122.5, 122.1, 121.9, 121.7, 121.6, 119.3, 119.2, 114.3, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  requires 424.1096, found 424.1092.

### **2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-iodophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide**



Tan oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 159.7, 148.3, 147.6, 145.7, 145.0, 138.3, 138.1, 132.2, 132.2, 128.4, 122.3, 122.0, 117.3, 115.8, 115.3, 113.2, 87.8, 82.9, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrIN}_3\text{O}$  requires 459.9540, found 459.9522.

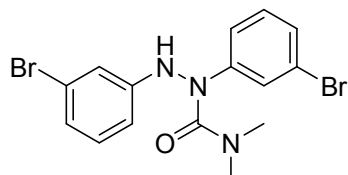
### **1,2-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide**



Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$

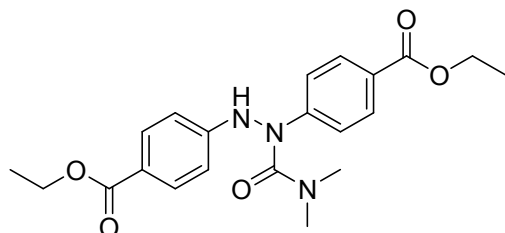
Hz, 1H), 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.80 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 149.7, 147.0, 135.2, 135.0, 130.5, 130.2, 124.5, 121.2, 120.5, 118.1, 113.5, 111.9, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 324.0670, found 324.0681.

### 1,2-Bis(3-bromophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethylhydrazinecarboxamide



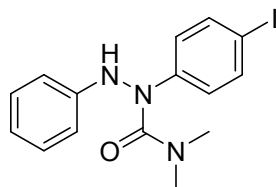
Tan oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 (s, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.83 (m, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 149.8, 147.1, 130.8, 130.5, 127.4, 124.1, 123.4, 123.3, 123.0, 118.5, 116.4, 112.3, 37.6. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 411.9660, found 411.9664.

### Diethyl 4,4'-(1-(dimethylcarbamoyl)hydrazine-1,2-diyl)dibenzoate



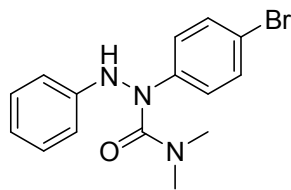
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.32 (m, 4H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 1.35 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 166.0, 159.2, 152.1, 149.2, 131.5, 131.0, 126.0, 123.0, 118.8, 112.4, 60.9, 60.5, 37.6, 14.4, 14.4. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$  requires 400.1872, found 400.1870.

### 1-(4-Iodophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-phenylhydrazinecarboxamide



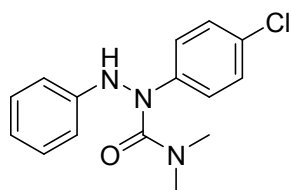
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.2, 159.8, 148.7, 148.4, 145.9, 138.0, 129.4, 124.7, 122.2, 121.3, 120.8, 115.9, 113.6, 82.7, 37.5, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{IN}_3\text{O}$  requires 382.0416, found 382.0408.

### 1-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-phenylhydrazinecarboxamide



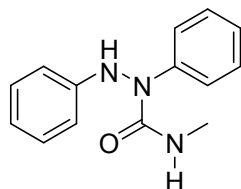
Tan oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.2, 159.9, 148.4, 148.0, 146.0, 145.3, 132.2, 132.1, 129.4, 124.7, 121.9, 121.3, 120.8, 116.9, 115.4, 113.6, 112.9, 37.6, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$  requires 334.0555, found 334.0555.

### 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-phenylhydrazinecarboxamide



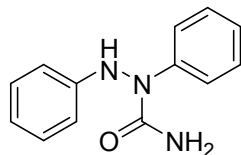
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4, 160.1, 148.4, 147.5, 146.0, 144.8, 133.1, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 125.6, 124.7, 121.7, 121.2, 120.8, 114.9, 113.5, 37.6, 37.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$  requires 290.1060, found 290.1062.

### N-Methyl-1,2-diphenylhydrazinecarboxamide



Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 2.83 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.7, 145.7, 141.5, 129.4, 128.6, 124.6, 122.2, 121.3, 113.4, 26.9. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  (m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 242.1293, found 242.1288.

### 1,2-Diphenylhydrazinecarboxamide

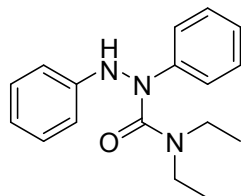


Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H),



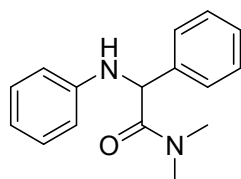
6.72 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 6.59 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  163.0, 151.8, 147.1, 134.1, 133.1, 128.6, 127.4, 124.4, 117.7. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 228.1137, found 228.1145.

#### ***N,N*-Diethyl-1,2-diphenylhydrazinecarboxamide**



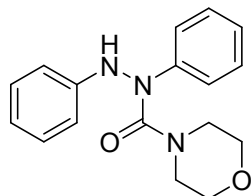
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.90 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 4H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.2, 148.9, 147.0, 129.3, 129.2, 124.6, 121.1, 121.0, 113.9, 41.6, 13.0. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 284.1763, found 284.1759.

#### ***N,N*-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)acetamide**



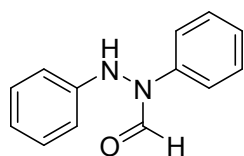
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.66 (m, 3H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.9, 146.2, 138.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 117.9, 113.7, 58.2, 37.0, 36.3. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 255.1497, found 255.1496.

#### ***N,N'*-Diphenylmorpholine-4-carbohydrazide**



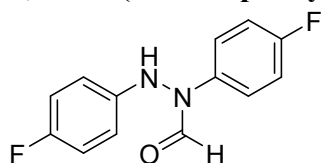
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.3$ , 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.60 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.3, 148.7, 145.9, 129.4, 129.4, 124.8, 121.2, 120.9, 113.4, 66.4, 45.8. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  requires 298.1555, found 298.1556.

#### ***N,N'*-Diphenylformohydrazide**



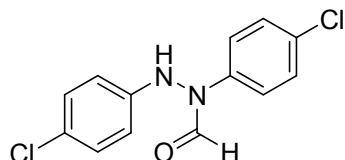
White Solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.19 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.18 (m, 6H), 6.75 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  170.2, 165.9, 152.4, 152.2, 146.9, 144.6, 134.5, 134.4, 134.1, 133.9, 130.5, 126.2, 125.1, 124.5, 124.2, 117.5, 117.4, 114.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 213.1034, found 213.1028.

#### ***N,N'*-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)formohydrazide**



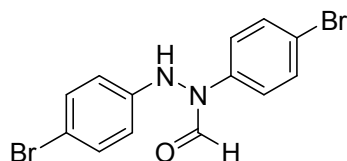
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#### ***N,N'*-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)formohydrazide**



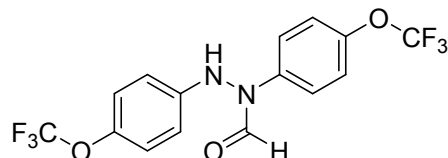
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#### ***N,N'*-Bis(4-bromophenyl)formohydrazide**



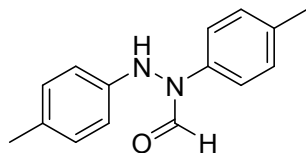
Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.74 (dd,  $J = 15.2, 8.7$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  165.47, 161.17, 146.52, 146.13, 140.97, 138.61, 129.90, 129.78, 129.62, 129.26, 129.23, 124.12, 123.41, 122.97, 121.79, 120.99, 114.53, 114.35. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 368.9238, found 368.9231.

### ***N,N'*-Bis(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)formohydrazide**



Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.46 (s, 1H), 9.08 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 5H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 8.8$  Hz, 4H), 6.81 (dd,  $J = 15.3, 8.8$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 160.2, 158.9, 147.2, 146.5, 144.9, 144.5, 143.9, 143.6, 139.3, 137.9, 136.8, 124.1, 122.9, 122.6, 122.4, 121.7, 121.6, 120.4, 119.2, 119.1, 114.9, 113.4. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 381.0674, found 381.0670.

### ***N,N'*-Dip-tolylformohydrazide**

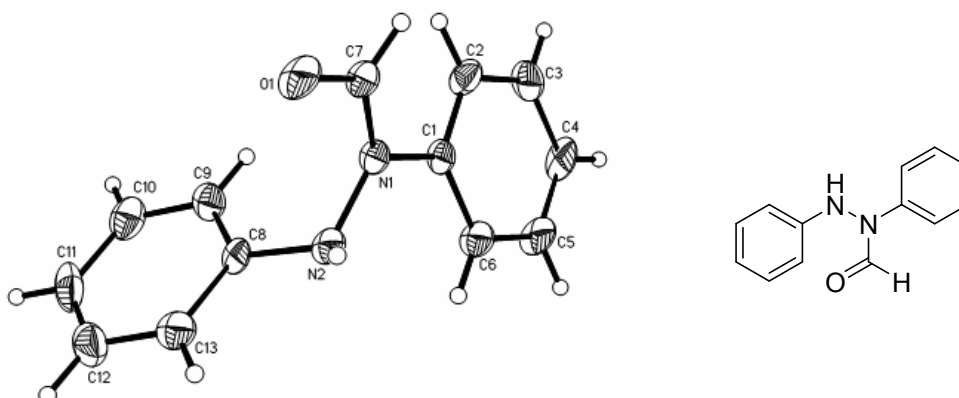


Yellow and oily liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.79 (s, 2H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 3H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 6.73 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 5H), 2.33 (d, 6H), 2.25 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 160.3, 144.2, 143.9, 138.6, 137.0, 136.1, 135.7, 131.3, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 120.9, 119.5, 114.4, 113.2, 20.9, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5. TOF MS  $\text{CI}^+$  ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 241.1341, found 241.1341.

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## X-ray crystallographic data for compound 4a (CCDC 1040947):



### Summary of Crystallographic Data for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O:

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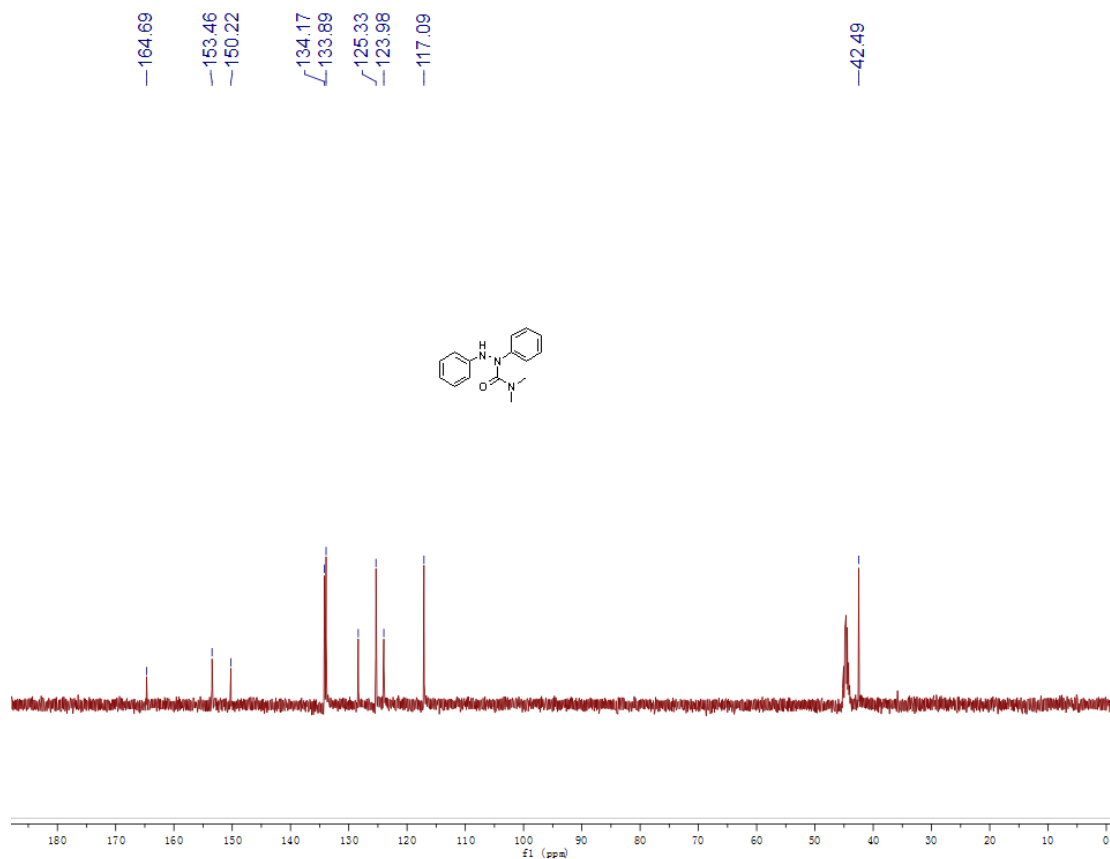
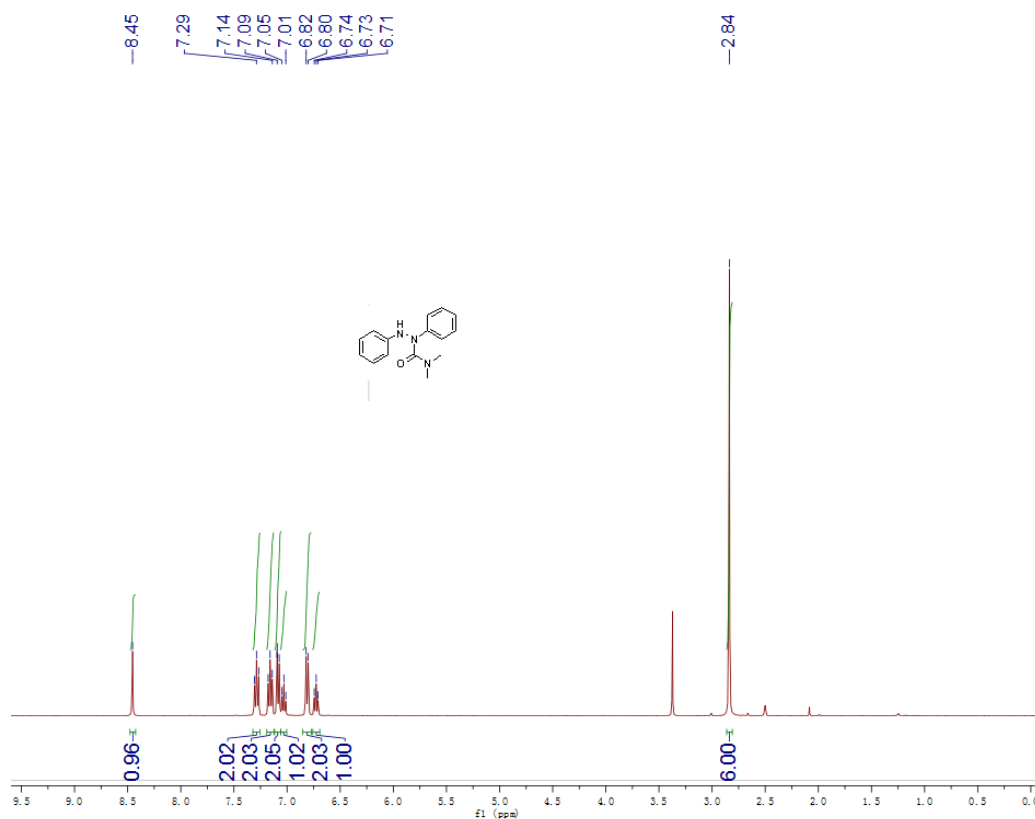
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N1 N2	1.407(4)	C7 H7	0.9300
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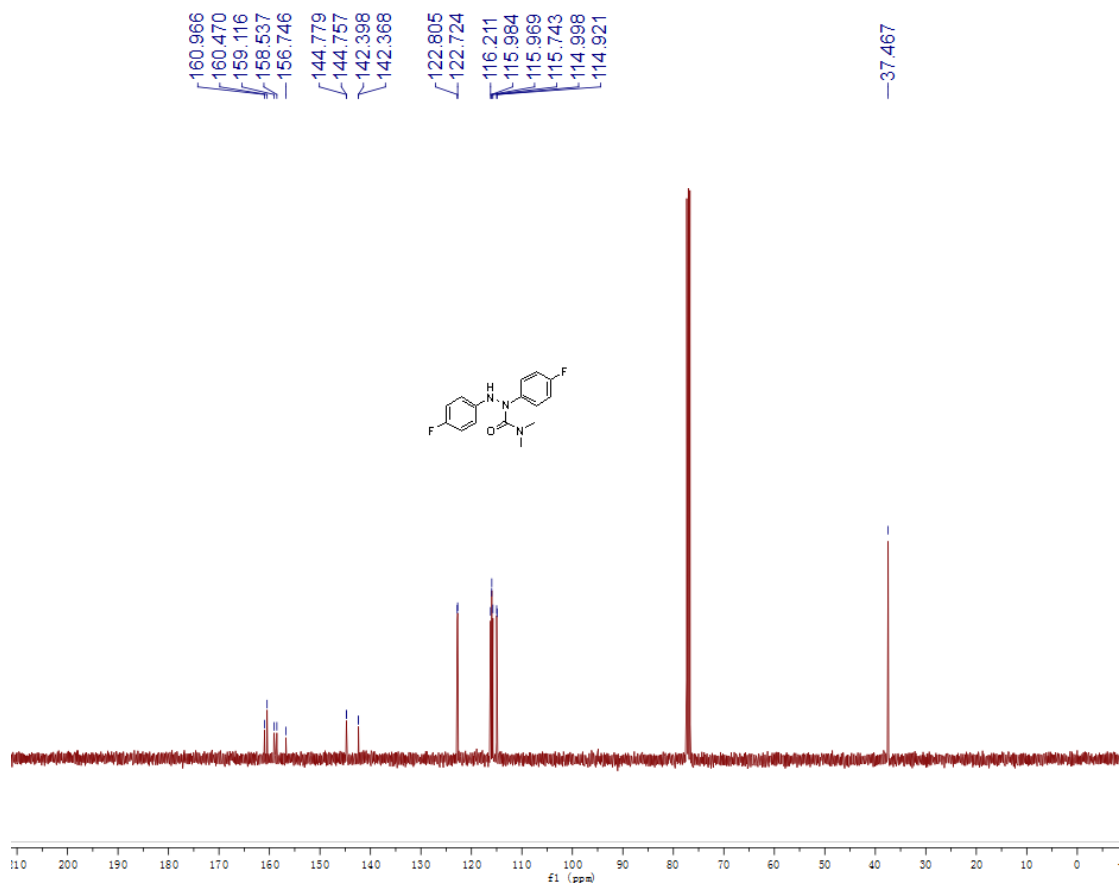
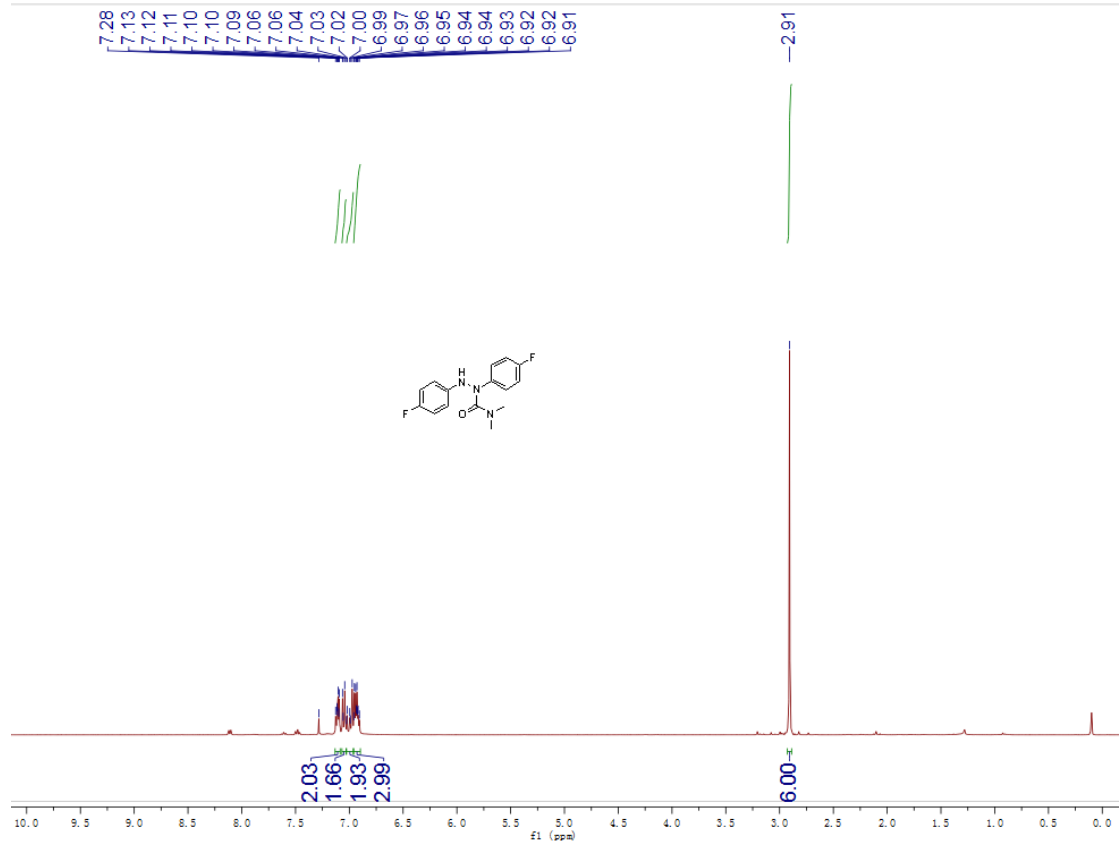
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C2 C3	1.398(6)	C10 H10	0.9300
C2 H2	0.9300	C11 C12	1.366(7)
C3 C4	1.379(7)	C11 H11	0.9300
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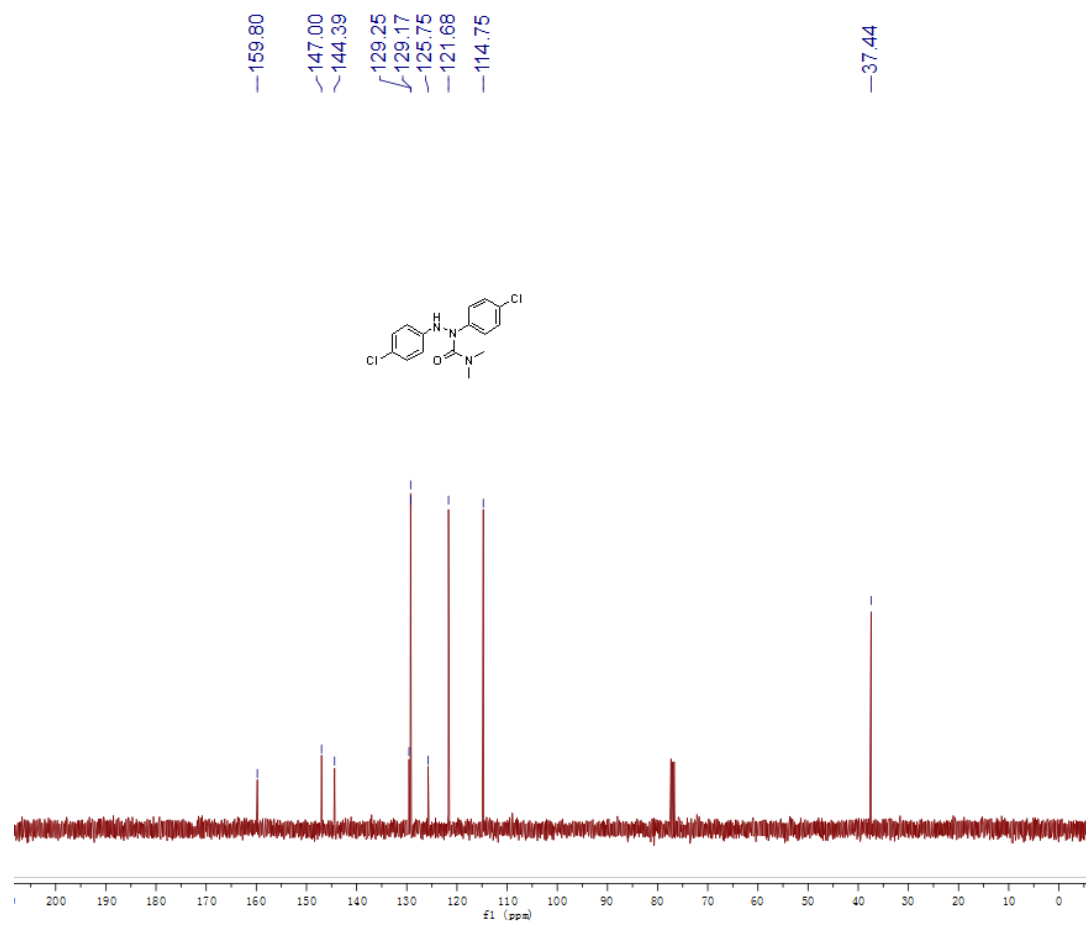
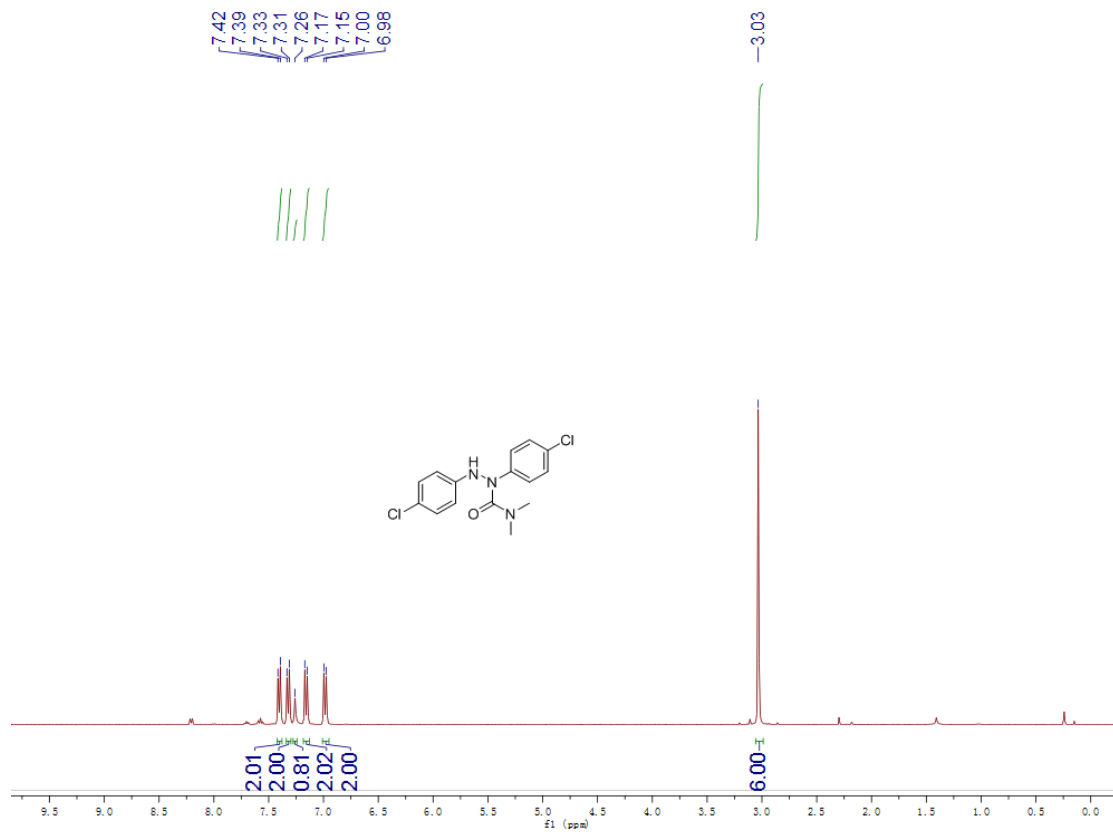
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N2 N1 C1	117.5(3)	O1 C7 H7	118.8
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N1 N2 H2A	103(3)	C13 C8 C9	119.6(3)
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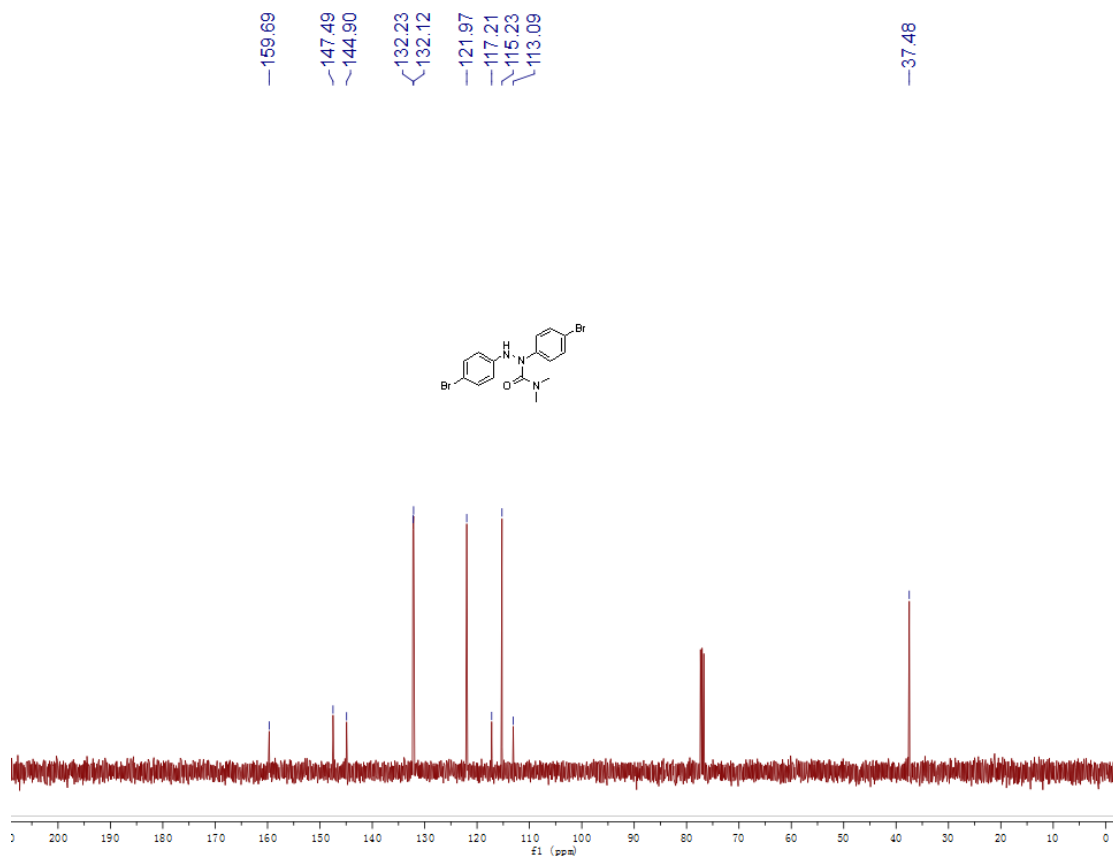
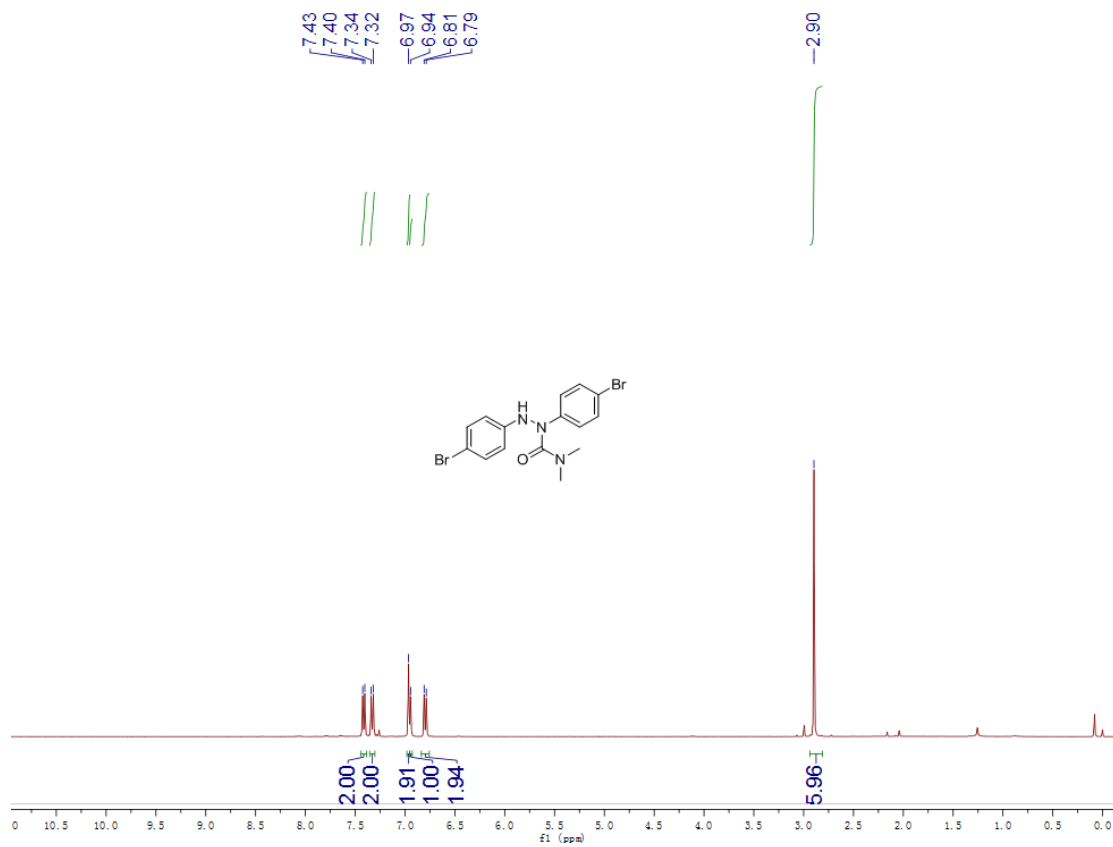
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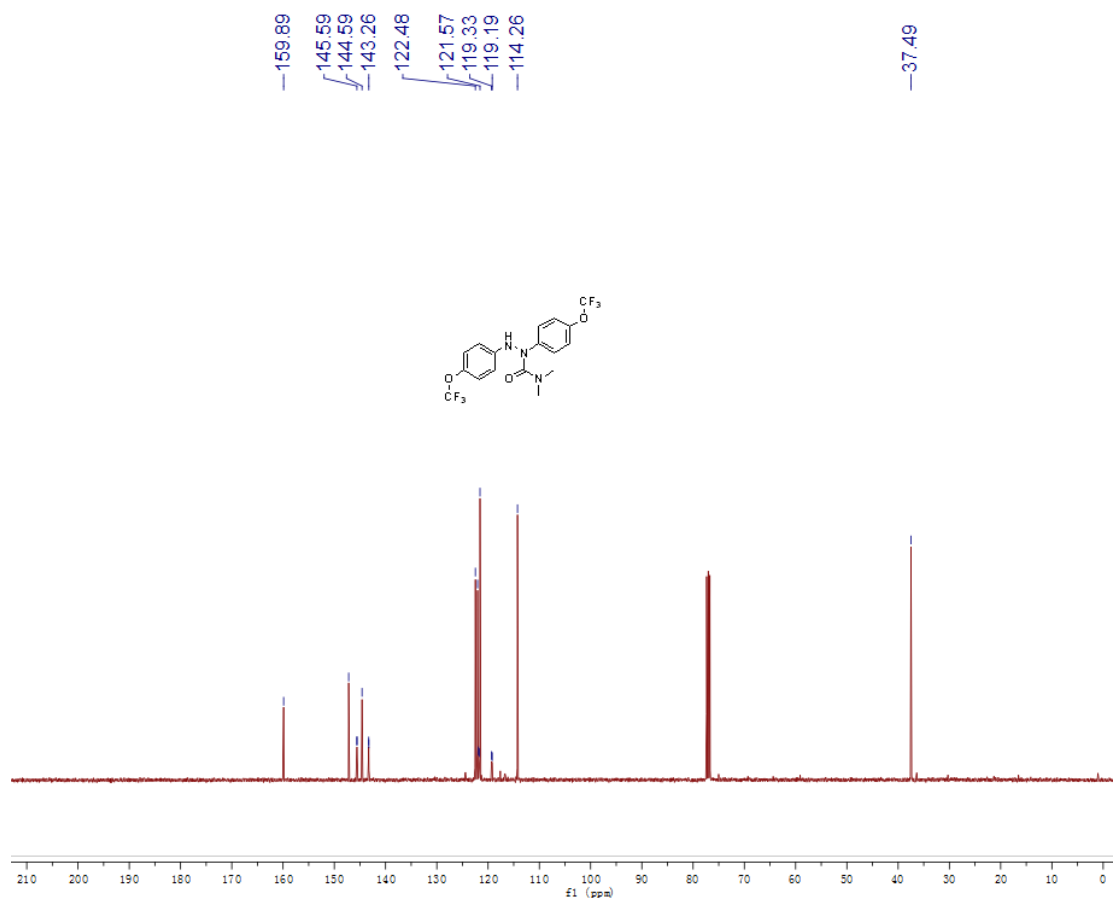
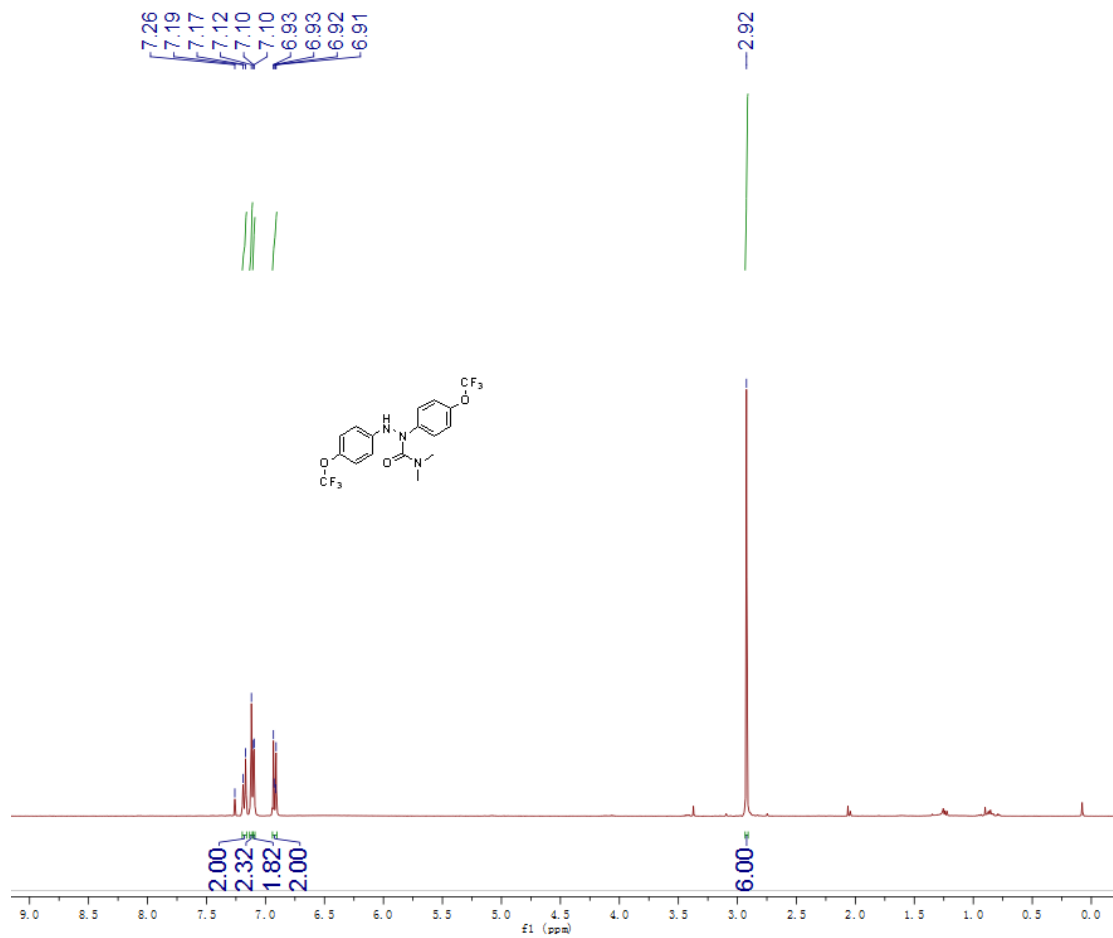


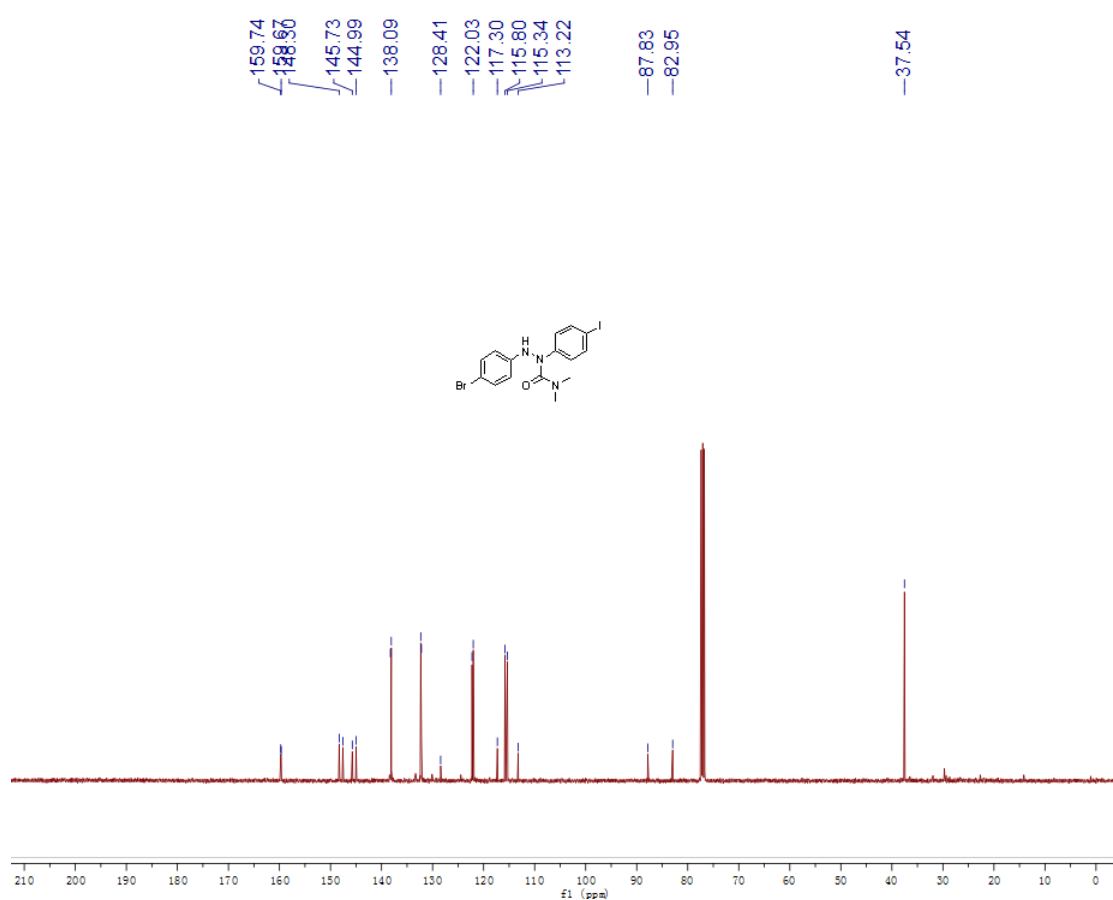
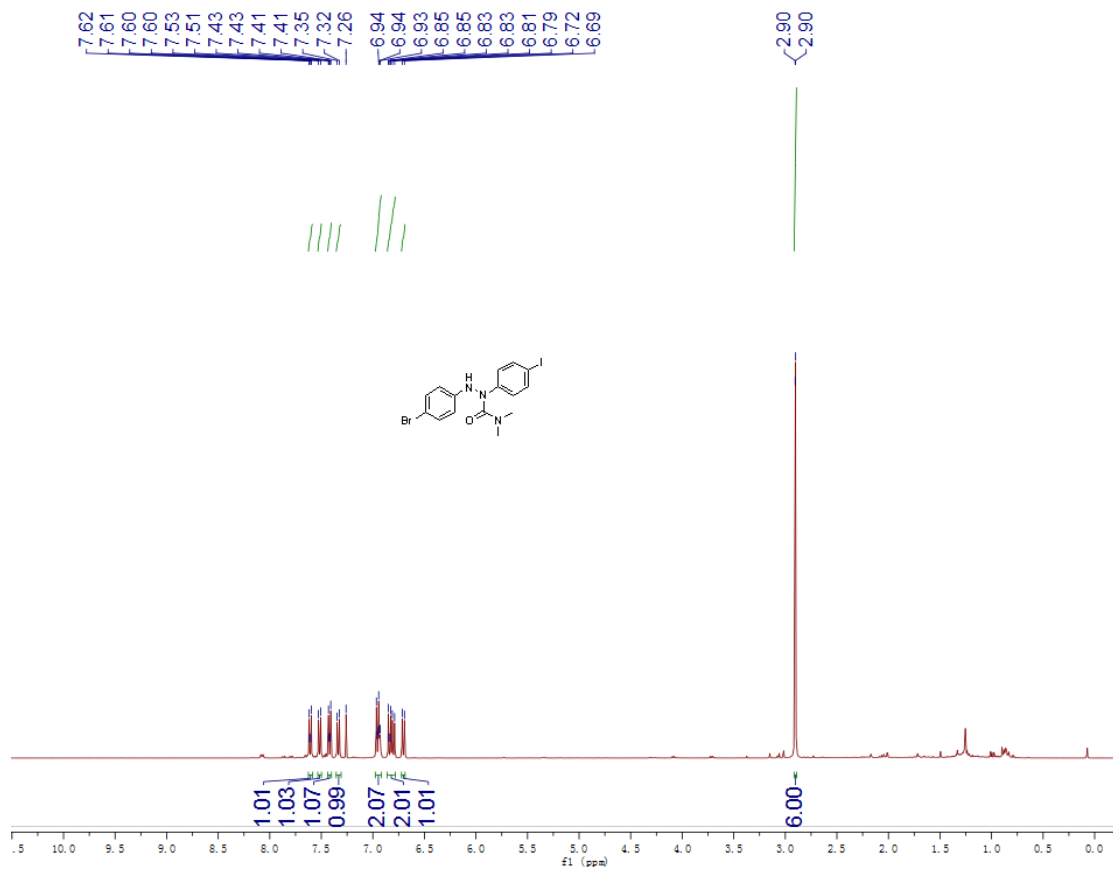


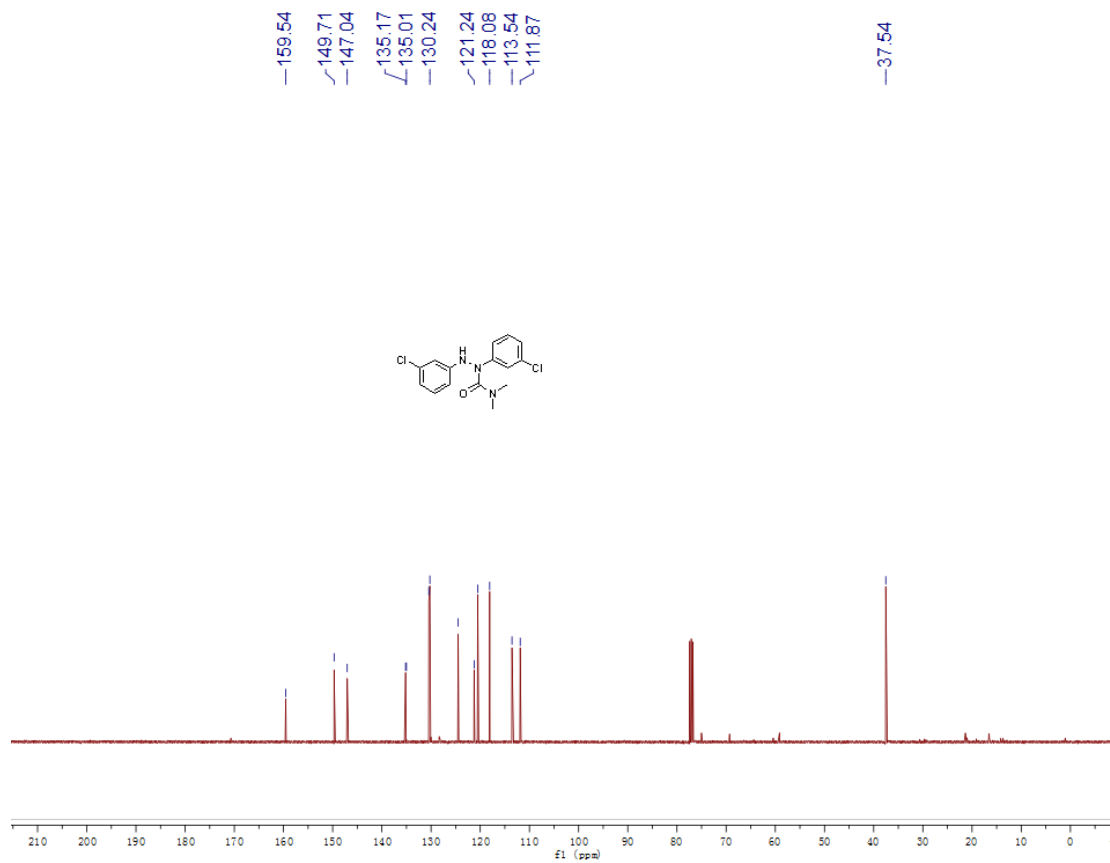
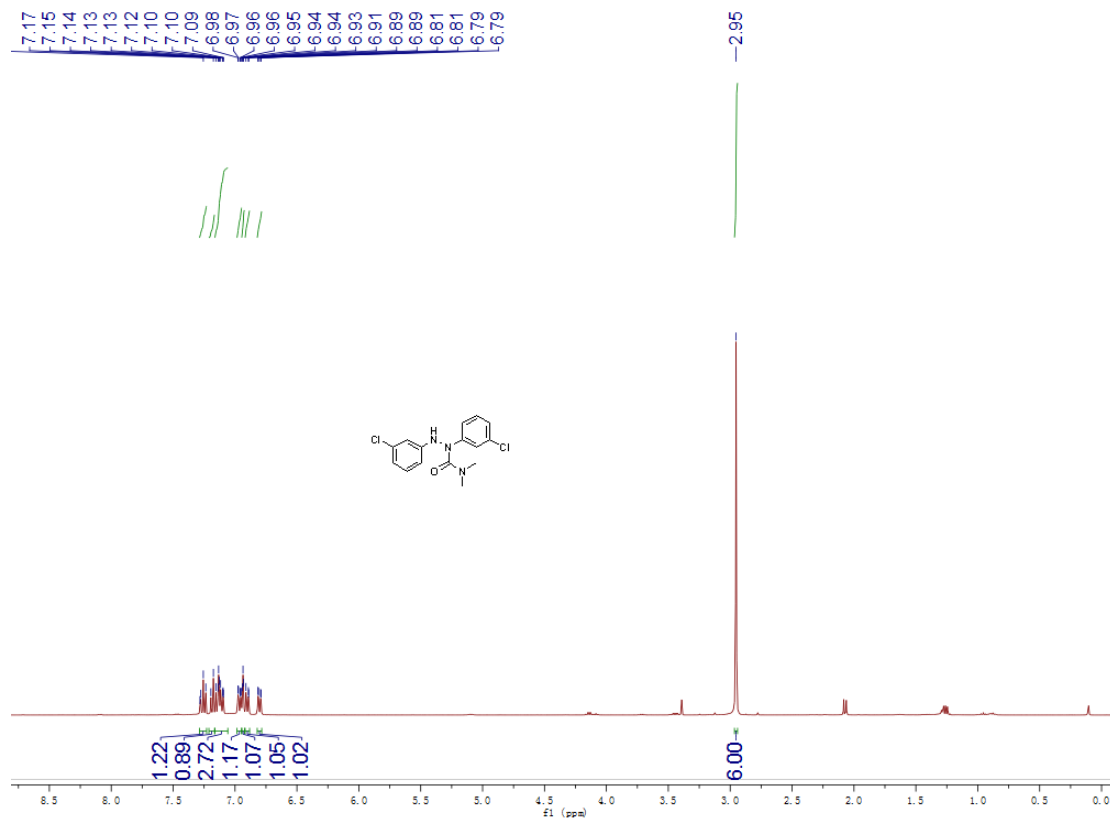


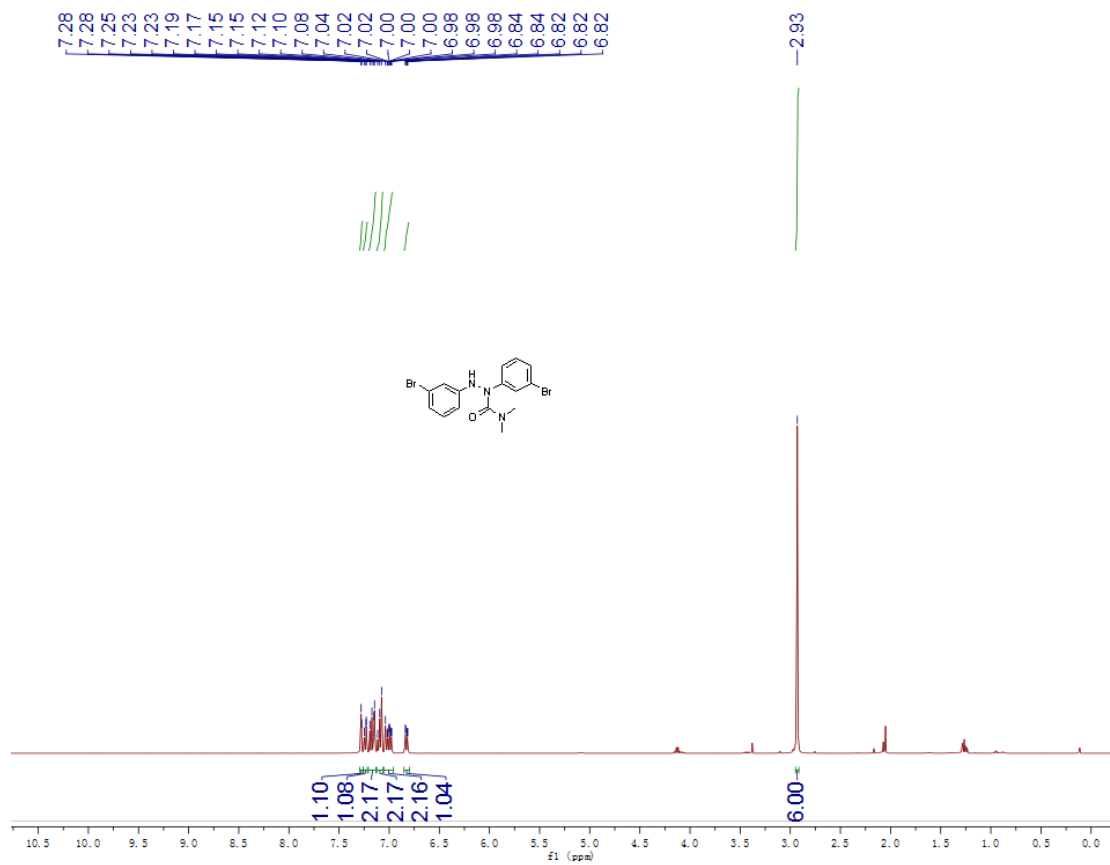




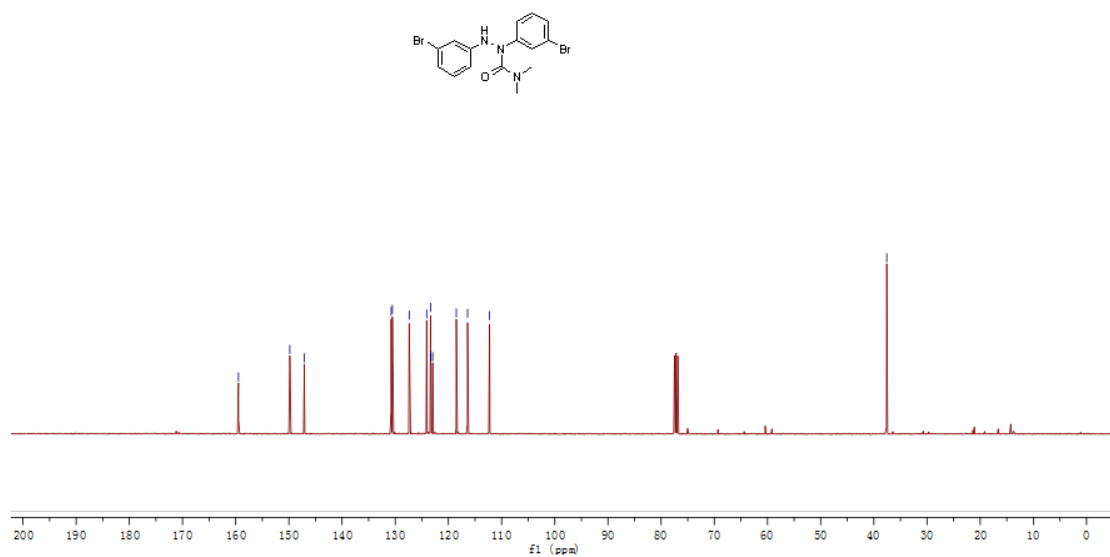


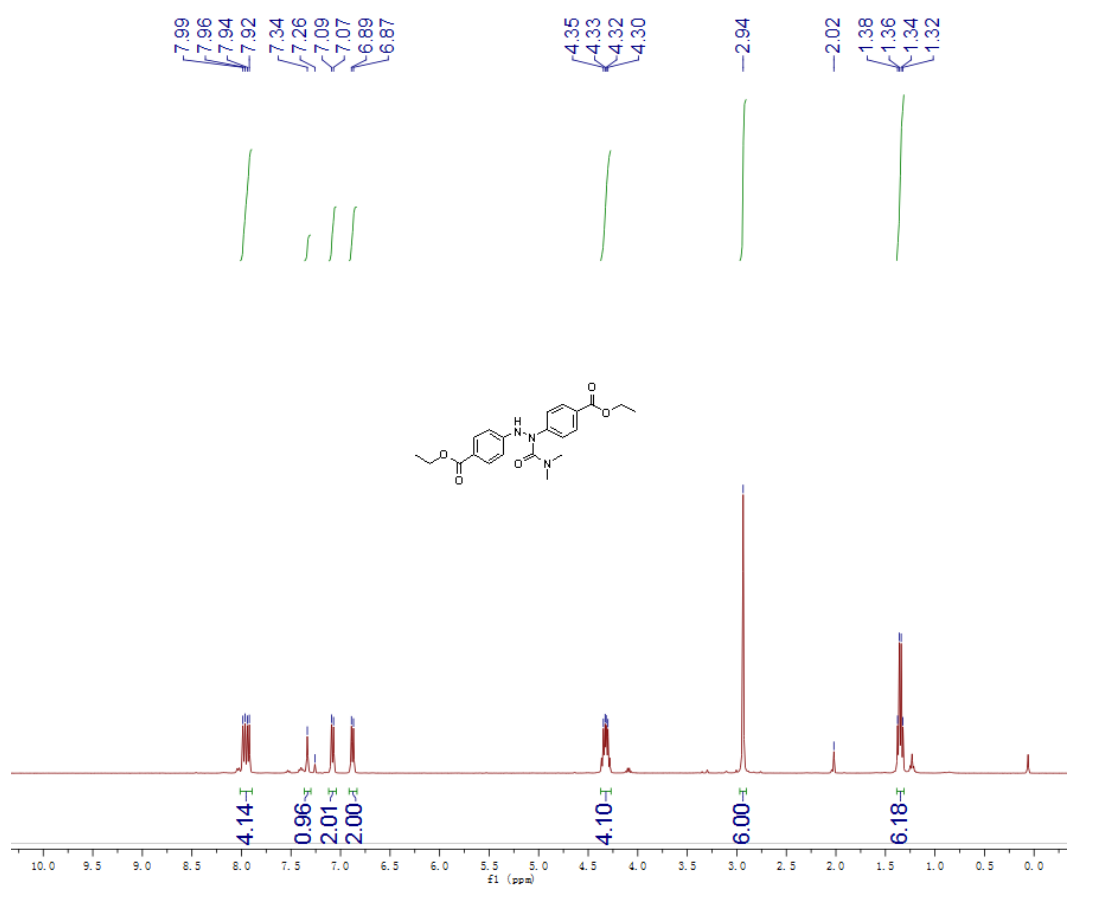
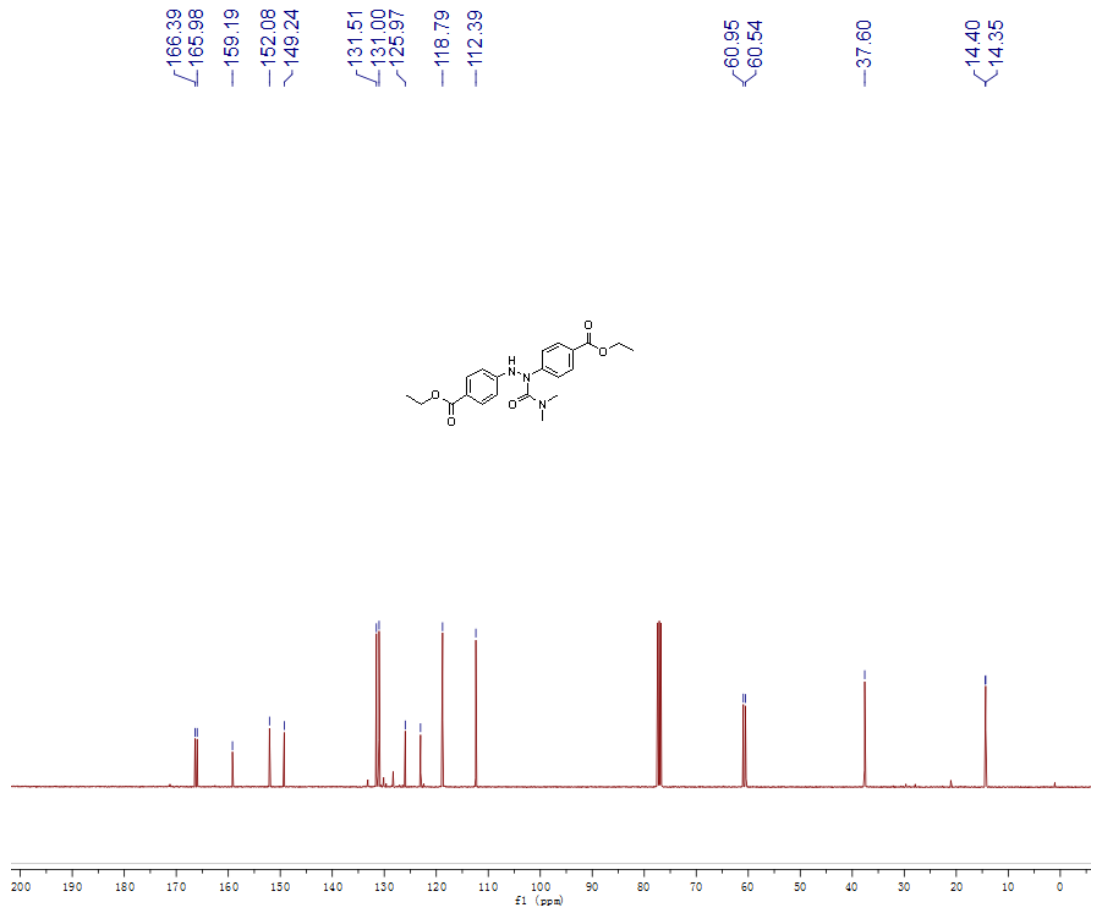


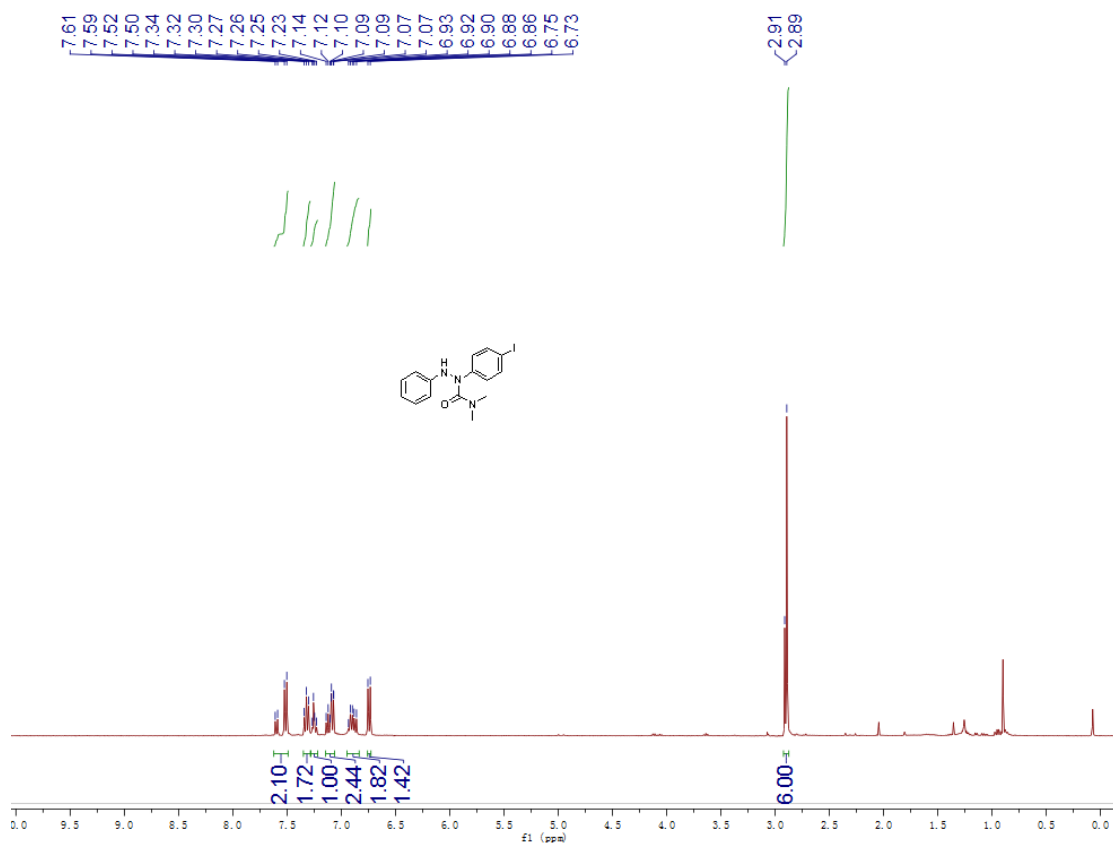




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