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“Triflic Acid Catalyzed Metal-Free Synthesis of (*E*)-2-Cyanoacrylamides and 3-Substituted Azetidine-2,4-diones”

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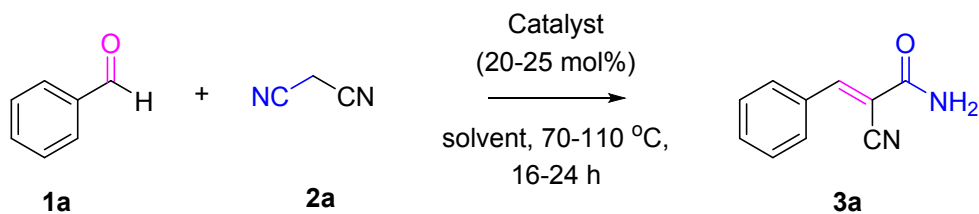
1. General information

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out under an open atmosphere in solvent at reflux condition and reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the reaction vessel. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and Aldrich, Merck Millipore, Alfa Aesar and Avra Synthesis. Aldehydes were purified either by distillation or washing with NaHCO_3 after dissolving in ether, prior to use and all AR grade solvents were used without further purification.

Petroleum ether of boiling range 60–80 °C was used. Melting points are uncorrected. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on AC-200, 400, 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. Deuterated solvent $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CCl}_4$ (70:30) were used as internal standard and singlet at 96.1 ppm in ^{13}C NMR corresponds to carbon of CCl_4 . The septet at 39.51 ppm in ^{13}C NMR corresponds to carbon of DMSO-D_6 . HRMS data for all new compounds were recorded using Orbitrap mass analyzer associated with Accela 1250 pump. Purification was done using column chromatography (100-200 mesh). The reactions were monitored by TLC visualized by UV (254 nm) and/or with iodine. Coupling constants are given in hertz (Hz) and the classical abbreviations are used to describe the signal multiplicities.

2. Optimization study

Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions^a



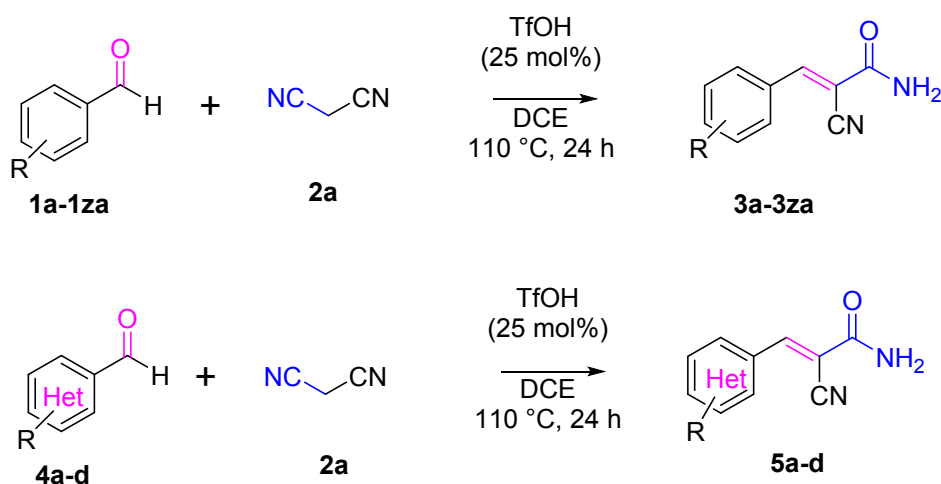
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b
1	ZnCl ₂	DCE	110	16	60
2	FeCl ₃	DCE	110	16	N.R
3	AlCl ₃	DCE	110	16	N.R
4	MgCl ₂	DCE	110	16	N.R
5	TiCl ₄	DCE	110	16	N.R
6	AgCOCF ₃	DCE	110	16	Trace
7	BF ₃ .Et ₂ O	DCE	110	16	Trace
8	TFA	DCE	110	16	Trace
9	(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂ O	DCE	110	16	N.R
10	TFAA	DCE	110	16	53
11	TfOH	DCE	110	24	84
12	TsOH	DCE	110	16	79
13	TfOH	PhMe	110	24	36
14	TfOH	DMSO	110	24	41
15	TfOH	1,4-dioxane	110	24	47
16	TfOH	THF	70	24	31
17	TfOH	MeCN	90	24	70
18	TfOH	EtOH	80	24	46
19	TfOH	IPA	110	24	N.R
20	TfOH	DMF	110	24	N.R
21 ^c	TfOH	DCE	110	24	78

^aReaction conditions: Benzaldehyde **1a** (1 mmol), malononitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), catalyst (25 mol%), solvent (5 mL), 70-110 °C for 16-24 h. ^bIsolated yields. ^cCatalyst TfOH (20 mol%), N.R=No reaction.

General procedure for the Optimization of Reaction Conditions

In a 25 mL round bottom flask benzaldehyde **1a** (1 mmol), malanonitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), catalyst (20-25 mol%) and solvent (5 mL) were added. The round bottom flask was equipped with condenser and the resultant reaction mixture was refluxed at 70-110 °C for 24 h (Table 1) and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was dried under vacuum. Then the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel and eluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding compound **3a** in moderate to good yields.

3. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 3a-3zd and 5a-d

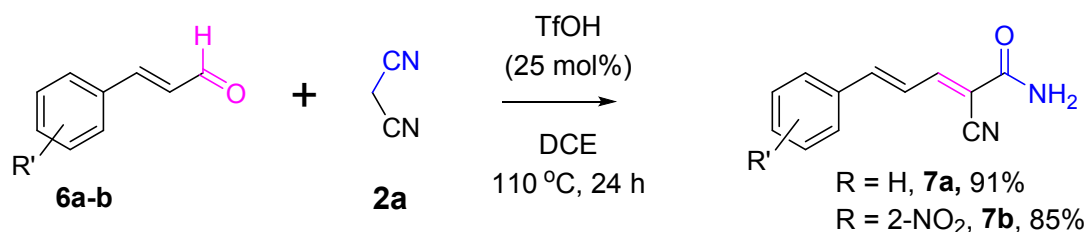


In a 25 mL round bottom flask aldehydes **1a-1za** (1 mmol) or **4a-d** (1 mmol), malanonitrile **2a** (1.2 mmol), catalyst TfOH (25 mol%) and DCE (5 mL) were taken. The round bottom flask was equipped with condenser and the resultant reaction mixture was refluxed at 110 °C for 24 h and progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dried under vacuum. Then the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel and eluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was preadsorbed on silica gel and purified

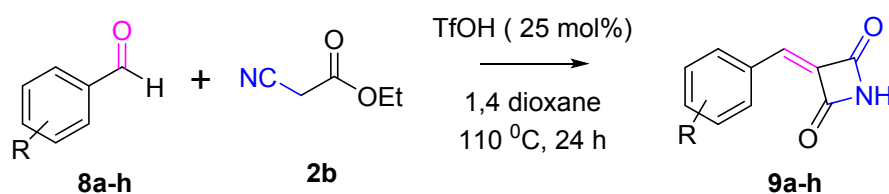
by column chromatography to afford the corresponding (*E*)-2-cyanoacrylamides **3a-3za** and **5a-d** in good to excellent yields.

4. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds **7a** and **7b**

Compound **7a** and **7b** was prepared by using similar reaction procedure as above used for the synthesis of **3a-3zd** and **5a-d**.

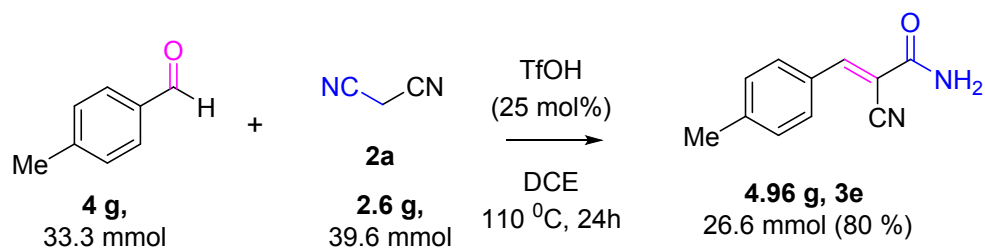


5. General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-Substituted Azetidine-2,4-diones **9a-h**



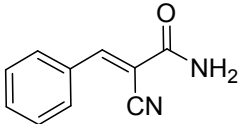
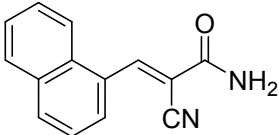
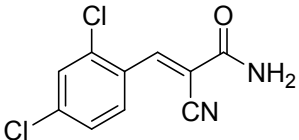
In a 10 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added the aldehyde **8a-h** (1 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate **2b** (1.2 mmol), TfOH (25 mol %) and 1,4-dioxane (5 mL). Then the resultant reaction mixture was kept in stirring at 110 °C for 14 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dried under vacuum. Then the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with water. The solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding 3-substituted azetidine-2,4-diones **9a-h** in 75-89% yields.

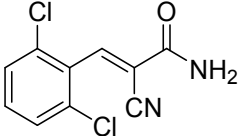
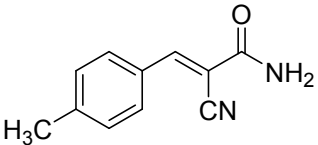
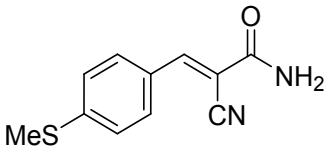
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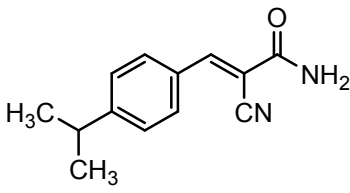
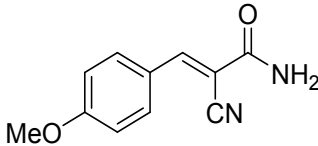


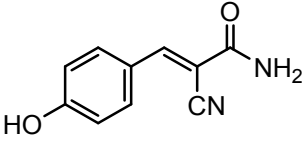
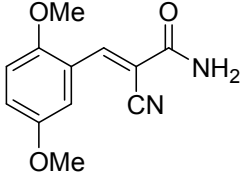
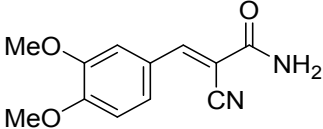
Following the general procedure as described above for the synthesis of (*E*)-2-cyanoacrylamides, a flame-dried flask was charged with 4-methylbenzaldehyde (**4g**, 33.3 mmol), malononitrile **2a** (**2.6g**, 39.6 mmol), catalyst TfOH (**1.25g**, 0.0083 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (35 mL). The round bottom flask was equipped with condenser and the resultant reaction mixture was refluxed at 110 °C for 24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dried under vacuum. Then the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and filtered through a pad of silica gel and eluted with EtOAc (600 mL). The solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography with eluted solvent (pet.ether + ethylacetate 65:35) to afford the corresponding (*E*)-2-cyano-3-(p-tolyl)acrylamide derivative **3e** in (**4.96g**, 80%) yield.

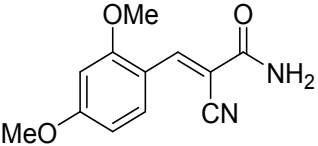
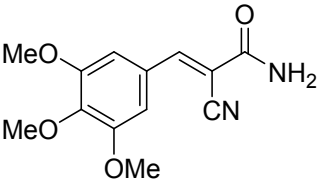
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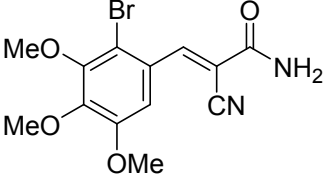
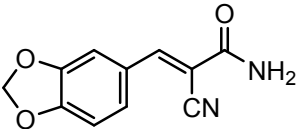
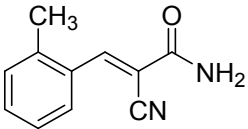
(E)-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylamide (3a)	
	<p>R_f: 0.42 (Pet. Ether/EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 136 mg, 84%; White solid; mp: 130 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 7.46 (br. s, 3H) 7.78 - 7.95 (m, 2H) 8.06-8.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 103.1 117.0, 129.2, 130.8, 131.6, 133.1, 154.0, 162.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M + H]⁺ for C₁₀H₉ON₂: 173.0709; found: 173.0706.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylamide (3b)	
	<p>R_f: 0.38 (Pet. ether / EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 125 mg, 88%; White solid; mp: 168 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 7.66 (br. s., 3H), 7.86 (br. s., 1H), 8.05 (br. s., 2H), 8.15 (br. s., 2H), 8.20 (br. s., 1H), 8.87 (br. s., 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 111.4, 116.4, 123.9, 125.6, 127.1, 127.4, 127.7, 129.1, 129.6, 131, 132.1, 133.2, 148.7, 162.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₄H₁₁ON₂: 223.0866; found: 223.0860.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (3c)	
	<p>R_f: 0.43 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 113 mg, 90%; White solid; mp: 125 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 7.5 (dd, <i>J</i>= 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (d, <i>J</i>=2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (br. s., 2H), 8.0 (d, <i>J</i>= 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 110.4, 115.2,</p>

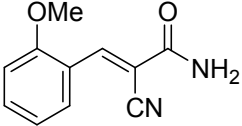
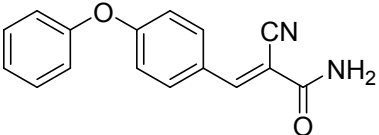
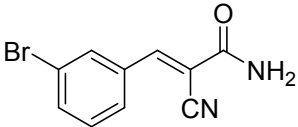
	127.7 , 129.1, 129.5 , 130.3, 135.5, 137.2, 145.7, 161.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{10}H_7ON_2Cl_2$: 240.9930; found: 240.9928.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (3d)	
	R_f : 0.42 (Pet. ether / EtOAc = 55/45); Yield : 122 mg, 83%; White solid; mp : 125-128 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆)δ ppm : 7.4-7.5 (m, 4H), 7.8 (br. s., 1H), 7.9 (br. s., 1H), 8.1 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm : 163.1, 161.8, 150.9, 132.7, 122.8, 117.2, 116.0, 100.5, 95.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{10}H_7ON_2Cl_2$: 240.9930; found: 240.9928.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(p-tolyl)acrylamide (3e)	
	R_f : 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 70/30); Yield : 129 mg, 83%; White solid; mp : 136 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl ₃)δ ppm: 2.4 (s, 3H), 6.4 (br.s., 2H), 7.3 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.9 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.3(s,1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl ₃)δ ppm: 21.2,105.3, 116.7, 129.2, 129.9, 130.1, 143.0, 150.5, 162.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M + H]^+$ for $C_{11}H_{11}ON_2$: 187.0866; found: 187.0862.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)acrylamide (3f)	
	R_f : 0.32 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield : 108 mg, 75%; White solid; mp : 153 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl ₃)δ ppm: 2.55 (s, 3H), 6.17 (br. s., 1H), 6.33 (br. s., 1H), 7.31 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H);

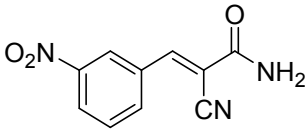
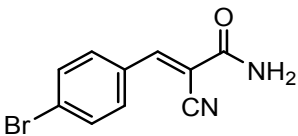
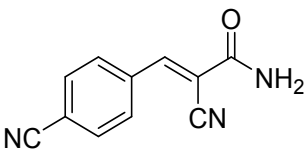
	<p>^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm: 13.4, 102.2, 116.0, 124.3, 126.9, 129.7, 144.6, 150.2, 161.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ON}_2\text{S}$: 219.0587; found: 219.0581.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-isopropylphenyl)acrylamide (3g)	
	<p>R_f: 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 126 mg, 87%; Yellow solid; mp: 136-138 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm : 0.81 (d, J= 6.71 Hz, 7H) 5.67 (br. s., 1H) 5.88 (br. s., 1H) 6.88 (m, J= 8.24 Hz, 2H) 7.41 (m, J= 8.24 Hz, 2H) 7.81 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm: 23.7, 34.5, 101.8, 117.3, 127.5, 129.4, 131.2, 153.9, 154.9, 162.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{ON}_2$: 215.1179; found: 215.1177.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3h)	
	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 99 mg, 64%; White solid; mp: 220°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm: 3.85 (br. s., 3H) 7.13 (d, J = 7.32 Hz, 2H) 7.67 (br. s., 1H) 7.80 (br. s., 1H) 7.96 (d, J = 7.32 Hz, 2H) 8.11 (br. s., 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm: 55.6, 102.9, 114.83, 117.09, 124, 132.47, 150.1, 162.59, 163.13; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$: 203.0815; found: 203.0814.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acrylamide (3i)	
	<p>R_f: 0.50 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 70/30); Yield: 99 mg, 64%;</p>

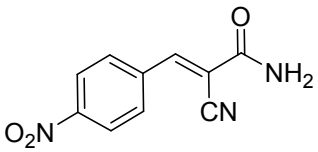
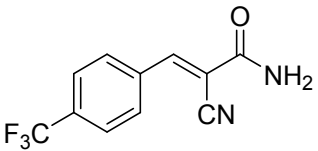
	<p>White solid; mp: 242-243 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 6.85 (m, <i>J</i>= 8.7 Hz, 2H) 7.37 (br. s., 2 H) 7.79 (m, <i>J</i>= 8.7 Hz, 2H) 8.00 (s, 1H) 10.26 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 100.5, 116.0, 117.2, 122.8, 132.7, 150.9, 161.8, 163.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₀H₉O₂N₂: 189.0659; found: 189.0658.</p>
<p>(E)-2-cyano-3-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3j)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 108 mg, 76%; Yellow; mp: 165 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 3.7 (s, 3H), 3.7 (s, 3H), 6.5-6.7 (m, 2H), 6.8 (d, <i>J</i>= 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (dd, <i>J</i>= 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (d, <i>J</i>= 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.6 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 55.5, 56.3, 106.6, 112.8, 113.1, 116.6, 119.8, 120.8, 145.4, 152.7, 152.8, 162.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₂H₁₃O₃N₂: 233.0921; found: 233.0915.</p>
<p>(E)-2-cyano-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3k)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.38 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 103 mg, 74%; White solid; mp: 195-196 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm 3.81 (3 H, s), 3.86 (3 H, s), 7.14 (1 H, d, <i>J</i>=8.6 Hz), 7.56 (1 H, dd, <i>J</i>=8.5, 1.9 Hz), 7.66 (1 H, s), 7.68 - 7.89 (2 H, m), 8.06 - 8.19 (1 H, m); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm :55.4, 55.80, 102.8, 111.8, 112.2, 117.2, 124.4, 125.5, 148.7, 150.6, 152.5, 163.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₂H₁₃O₃N₂: 233.0921;</p>

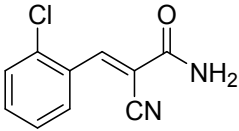
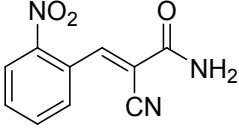
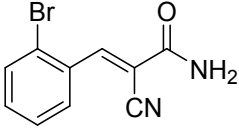
	found: 233.0915.
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	<p>R_f: 0.39 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 110 mg, 79%;</p> <p>White solid; mp : 168-169 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 3.9 (s, 3H) 3.8 (s, 3H) 7.0 (d, <i>J</i>= 8.34 Hz, 1H) 7.2-7.5 (m, 3H) 7.6 (d, <i>J</i>= 2.02 Hz, 1H) 8.0 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 55.3, 55.5, 95.5, 101.9, 111.0, 111.4, 117.0, 124.4, 126.0, 148.6, 150.9, 152.4, 162.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M +H]⁺ for C₁₂H₁₃O₃N₂: 233.0921; found: 233.0915.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3m)	
	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 70/30); Yield: 113 mg, 85%;</p> <p>White solid; mp : 113-114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 3.77 (s, 3H) 3.88 (s, 3H) 3.89 (s, 3H) 7.03 (d, <i>J</i>= 9.05 Hz, 1H) 7.69 (br. s., 1H) 7.85 (br. s 1H) 7.91 (d, <i>J</i>= 9.05 Hz, 1H) 8.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 56.3, 60.6, 62.0, 104.4, 108.4, 117.0, 118.3, 123.7, 141.5, 144.9, 153.6, 157.4, 163.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₅O₄N₂: 263.1026; found: 263.1024.</p>
(E)-3-(2-bromo-3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide (3n)	
	<p>R_f: 0.39 (Pet. ether /EtOAc =60/40); Yield: 111 mg, 89%;</p> <p>Pale Yellow; mp: 221 °C; ¹H NMR(500 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 3.82 (br. s., 3H) 3.86 (br. s., 3H) 3.88 (br. s., 3H)</p>

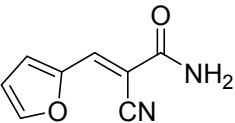
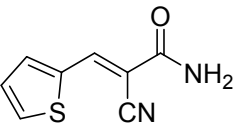
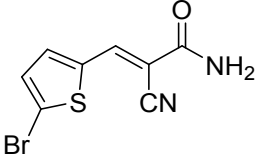
	<p>7.55 (br. s., 1H) 7.87 (br. s., 1H) 8.00 (br. s., 1 H) 8.29 (br. s., 1H); ¹³C NMR(126 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ(s) 56.2, 60.9, 109.1,109.6, 111.8, 115.8,127.1, 145.3, 149.3,150.5, 152.3,161.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M +H]⁺ for C₁₃H₁₄O₄N₂Br: 341.0131; found: 341.0124.</p>
<p>(E)-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-cyanoacrylamide(3o)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.38 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 130 mg, 90%; white solid; mp: 204-206 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 6.1 (s, 2H), 6.9 (d, <i>J</i>= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.2-7.5 (m, 3H), 7.6 (s, 1H), 8.0 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 101.8, 102.4, 107.7, 108.4, 116.6, 125.8, 128.1, 148.0, 150.4 , 150.9 , 162.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₁H₉O₃N₂: 217.0608; found: 217.0606.</p>
<p>(E)-2-cyano-3-(o-tolyl)acrylamide (3p)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.42 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 125 mg, 81%; White solid; mp: 125-127 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 2.48 (s, 3H) 6.35 (br. s., 1H) 6.41 (br. s., 1H) 7.27-7.47 (m, 4H) 8.07 (d, <i>J</i>= 7.78 Hz, 1H) 8.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 20.0, 104.8, 116.8, 126.7, 128.3, 130.9, 131.1, 132.6, 139.8, 152.1, 161.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₁H₁₁ON₂: 187.0866; found: 187.0862.</p>
<p>(E)-2-cyano-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3q)</p>	

	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 111 mg, 75%; White solid; mp : 146-148 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.97-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.53 (br. s., 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 54.8, 105.7, 114.1, 116.2, 118.1, 122.7, 129.7, 132.8, 150.9, 159.3, 162.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₁H₁₁O₂N₂: 203.0815; found: 203.0814.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)acrylamide (3r)	
	<p>R_f: 0.44 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 110 mg, 76%; White solid; mp : 112-114 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 6.40 (br. s., 1H) 6.56 (br. s., 1H) 7.01-7.09 (m, 2H) 7.13-7.26 (m, 2H) 7.34 -7.52 (m, 4H) 7.69 (d, <i>J</i>= 7.83 Hz, 1H) 8.26 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 161.6, 150.6, 133.1, 132.3, 131.2, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 124.9, 122.8, 118.5, 116.4, 107.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₆H₁₃O₂N₂: 265.0972; found: 265.0969.</p>
(E)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide (3s)	
	<p>R_f: 0.4 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 122 mg, 90%; White solid; mp: 131-134 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 7.4-7.5 (m, 1H), 7.6-7.8 (m, 3H), 7.9 (d, <i>J</i>= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.0 (s, 1H), 8.1 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 107.9, 115.8, 122.2, 128.6,</p>

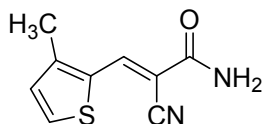
	130.8, 132.2, 134.0, 134.4, 148.8, 162.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{10}H_8ON_2Br$: 250.9815; found: 250.9808.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (3t)	
	R_f : 0.34 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield : 137 mg, 84%; Brown solid; mp : 210-211 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 8.2 (s, 1H), 7.7-7.9 (m, 4H), 7.2 (t, <i>J</i> =8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.8 (s, 1H), 6.9 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 160.8, 148.2, 147.4, 134.7, 132.6, 129.6, 125.3, 123.7, 114.9, 107.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{10}H_8O_3N_3$: 218.0560; found: 218.055
(E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide(3u)	
	R_f : 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield : 121 mg, 89%; White Solid; mp : 198 °C ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 7.72 (d, <i>J</i> =8.01 Hz, 2 H) 7.77 (br. s., 1 H) 7.82 (d, <i>J</i> =8.01 Hz, 2 H) 7.93 (br. s., 1 H) 8.11 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 107.51, 116.4, 126.2, 131.2, 131.9, 132.5, 149.7, 162.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{10}H_8ON_2Br$: 250.9815; found: 250.9808.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylamide (3v)	
	R_f : 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield : 126 mg, 86%; White solid; mp : 146-148 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR

	(50 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm : 110.0, 113.8, 115.8, 118.2, 130.3, 133.0, 136.3, 148.7, 162; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H] ⁺ for C ₁₁ H ₈ ON ₃ : 198.0662; found: 198.0658.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (3w)	
	R_f : 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield : 131 mg, 91%; Yellow solid; mp : 198-200 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm : 7.91 (br. s., 1H) 8.06 (br. s., 1H) 8.12 (m, <i>J</i> = 8.80 Hz, 2H) 8.29 (s, 1H) 8.38 (m, <i>J</i> =8.80 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm : 110.7, 115.8, 124.2, 131.0, 138.1, 148.3, 148.8, 162.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H] ⁺ for C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₃ N ₃ : 218.0560; found: 218.0556.
(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylamide (3x)	
	R_f : 0.39 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 70/30); Yield : 127, 92%; Light Brown; mp : 172 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm : 6.53 (br. s., 2H), 7.76 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 8.04 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm : 106.0, 116.2, 120.6, 126.1 - 126.3 (q, <i>J</i> =3.66 and 7.32 Hz), 130.7, 134.3, 134.6, 152.1, 161.5; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H] ⁺ for C ₁₁ H ₈ ON ₂ F ₃ : 241.0583; found: 241.0577.
(E)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide (3y)	
	R_f : 0.41 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield : 133 mg, 91%; off white solid; mp : 143 °C ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, METHANOL- <i>d</i> ₄) δ ppm 7.4 (1 H, br. s.), 7.5 - 7.6 (3 H,

	<p>m), 7.8 (1 H, d, $J=7.2$ Hz), 8.1 (1 H, d, $J=7.6$ Hz), 8.5 (1 H, s); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, <i>METHANOL-d</i>₄) δ ppm; 100.8, 106.9, 119.08, 121.27, 121.8, 124.9, 127.1, 140.07, 154.8, 159.5; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{ON}_3$: 198.0662; found: 198.0658.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (3z)	
	<p>R_f: 0.43 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 135 mg, 94%; White solid; mp: 168-169 °C; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, <i>DMSO-d</i>₆) δ ppm 7.5 - 7.9 (2 H, m), 7.9 - 7.9 (2 H, m), 8.0 (1 H, br. s.), 8.3 (1 H, d, $J=8.0$ Hz), 8.7 (1 H, s); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, <i>DMSO-d</i>₆) δ ppm: 108.7, 114.7, 125.1, 128.4, 130.6, 132.3, 134.7, 147.2, 154.1, 162.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{N}_3$: 218.0560; found: 218.0555.</p>
(E)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide (3za)	
	<p>R_f: 0.4 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 65/35); Yield: 126 mg, 93%; White solid; mp: 178 °C; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm : 6.17 (br. s., 1H), 6.37 (br. s., 1H), 7.36 - 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.75 (m, 1H), 8.09 (dd, $J= 7.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, <i>DMSO-d</i>₆) δ ppm : 108.2, 114.5, 124.2, 126.7, 128.5, 131.0, 131.8, 132.1, 149.4, 160.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{ON}_2\text{Br}$: 250.9815; found: 250.9808.</p>
(E)-2-cyano-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylamide (5a)	

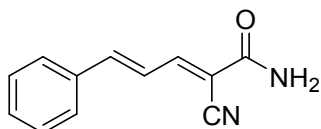
	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 150 mg, 89%; Yellow solid; mp: 148-150 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 6.49-6.55 (m, 1H), 6.60 (br. s., 1H), 6.70 (br. s., 1H), 7.13 (d, <i>J</i>= 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 99.8 , 113.2 , 116.4 , 120.5 , 137.4 , 147.3 , 148.8 , 161.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₈H₇O₂N₂: 163.0502; found: 163.0501.</p>
<p>(E)-2-cyano-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylamide (5b)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.39 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 70/30); Yield: 138 mg, 87%; Dark Brown; mp: 221 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 7.10-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.59 (br. s., 2H), 7.78 (br. s., 1H), 7.83-8.00 (m, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆)δ ppm : 102.1, 116.7, 128.6, 134.9, 135.8, 137.8, 143.6, 162.6; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₈H₇ON₂S: 179.0274; found:179.0270.</p>
<p>(E)-3-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2-cyanoacrylamide (5c)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether /EtOAc =65/35); Yield: 117 mg, 94%; Pale Yellow; mp: 168 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 6.01 (br. s., 1H), 6.24 (br. s., 1H), 7.19 (d, <i>J</i>= 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.60 (m, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 103.02, 117.70., 121.70, 132.34 137.93, 139.16, 143.45, 162.67; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M + H]⁺ for C₈H₆ON₂BrS: 258.9358; found: 258.9349.</p>

(E)-2-cyano-3-(3-methylthiophen-2-yl)acrylamide (5d)



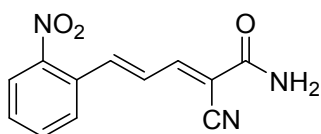
R_f: 0.36 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); **Yield**: 128 mg, 84%;
Dark Brown; **mp**: 155 °C; **¹H NMR** (200 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 2.47 (s, 3H), 5.91-6.46 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J*= 0.9 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (50 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 102.6, 116.6, 121.2, 131.9, 137.5, 138.7, 142.9, 162.2; **HRMS** (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₉H₉ON₂S: 193.0430; found: 193.0426.

(2E,4E)-2-cyano-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienamide (7a)

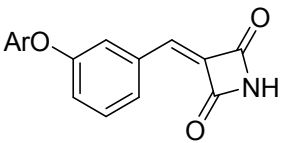
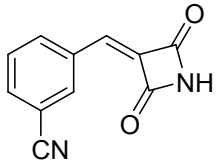


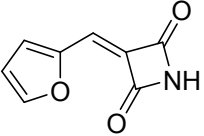
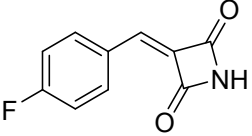
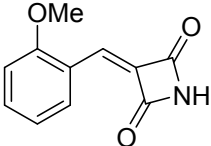
R_f: 0.30 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 50/50); **Yield**: 136 mg, 91%;
Orange solid; **mp**: 150-152 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)δ ppm : 7.96-8.03 (m, 1H) 7.60-7.62 (m, 2H) 7.40-7.50 (m, 5H) 7.30-7.34 (m, 1H) 7.15-7.21 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)δ ppm : 167.4, 156.5, 151.6, 150.9, 139.9, 135.4, 135.1, 133.9, 133.0, 128.1, 120.4, 112.7, 100.8; **HRMS** (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₂H₁₁ON₂: 199.0866; found: 199.0865.

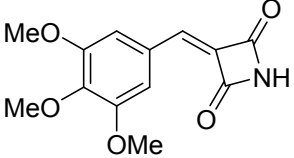
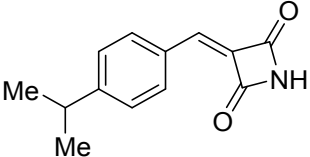
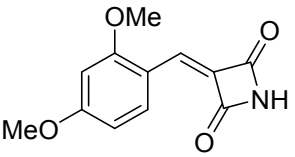
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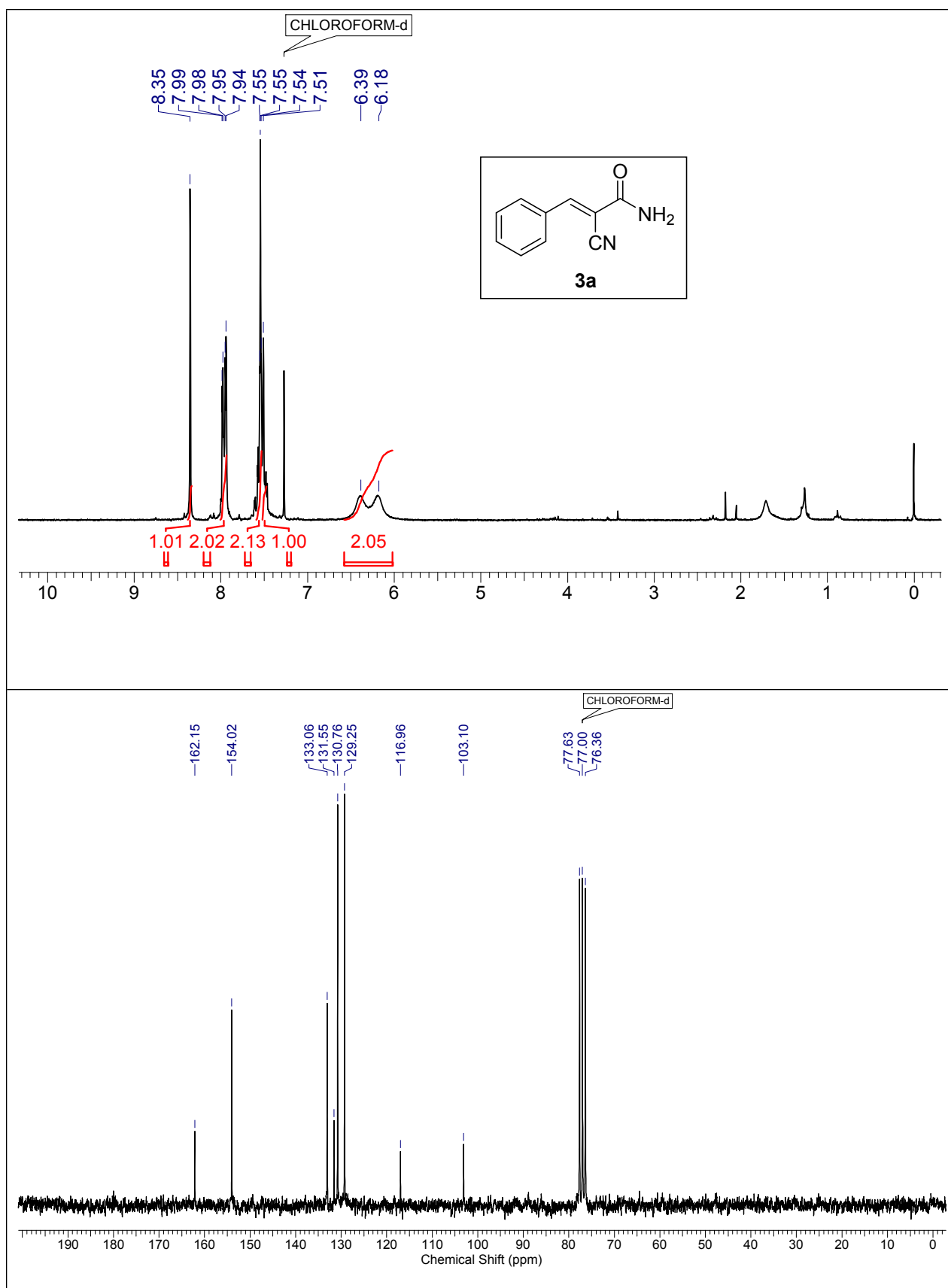
R_f: 0.32 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); **Yield**: 116 mg, 85%;
White solid; **mp**: 207-209 °C; **¹H NMR** (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)δ ppm : 7.1 (dd, *J*= 15.1, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 7.2-7.8 (m, 5H), 7.9 (d, *J*= 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.0 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)δ ppm : 110.3, 114.7,

	124.5, 127.2, 128.7, 129.9, 130.4, 133.5, 140.2, 147.9, 149.8, 162.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{12}H_{10}O_3N_3$: 244.0717; found: 244.0717.
3-(3-phenoxybenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9a)	
	R_f : 0.32 (Pet. ether / EtOAc = 60/40); Yield : 119 mg, 89%; White solid; mp : 207-209 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, <i>CHLOROFORM-d</i>) δ ppm: 6.94 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 7.07 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.12 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.70 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1 H), 9.41 (br. s., 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ ppm : 163.8, 158.0, 156.0, 153.6, 133.2, 130.5, 130.0, 125.0, 124.1, 122.7, 120.2, 119.4, 115.5, 104.9; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{16}H_{12}NO_3$: 266.0812, found: 266.0810.
3-((2,4-dioxoazetidin-3-ylidene)methyl)benzonitrile (9b)	
	R_f : 0.4 (Pet. ether / EtOAc = 50/50); Yield : 122 mg, 81%; White solid; mp : 170°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, <i>CHLOROFORM-d</i>) δ ppm : 7.58 (t, J = 8.01 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.63 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.01 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ ppm: 163.0, 151.3, 135.3, 133.9, 133.8, 132.8, 130.2, 117.4, 115.0, 113.7, 107.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[M+H]^+$ for $C_{11}H_7N_2O_2$: 198.1820, found: 198.1818.
3-(furan-2-ylmethylene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9c)	

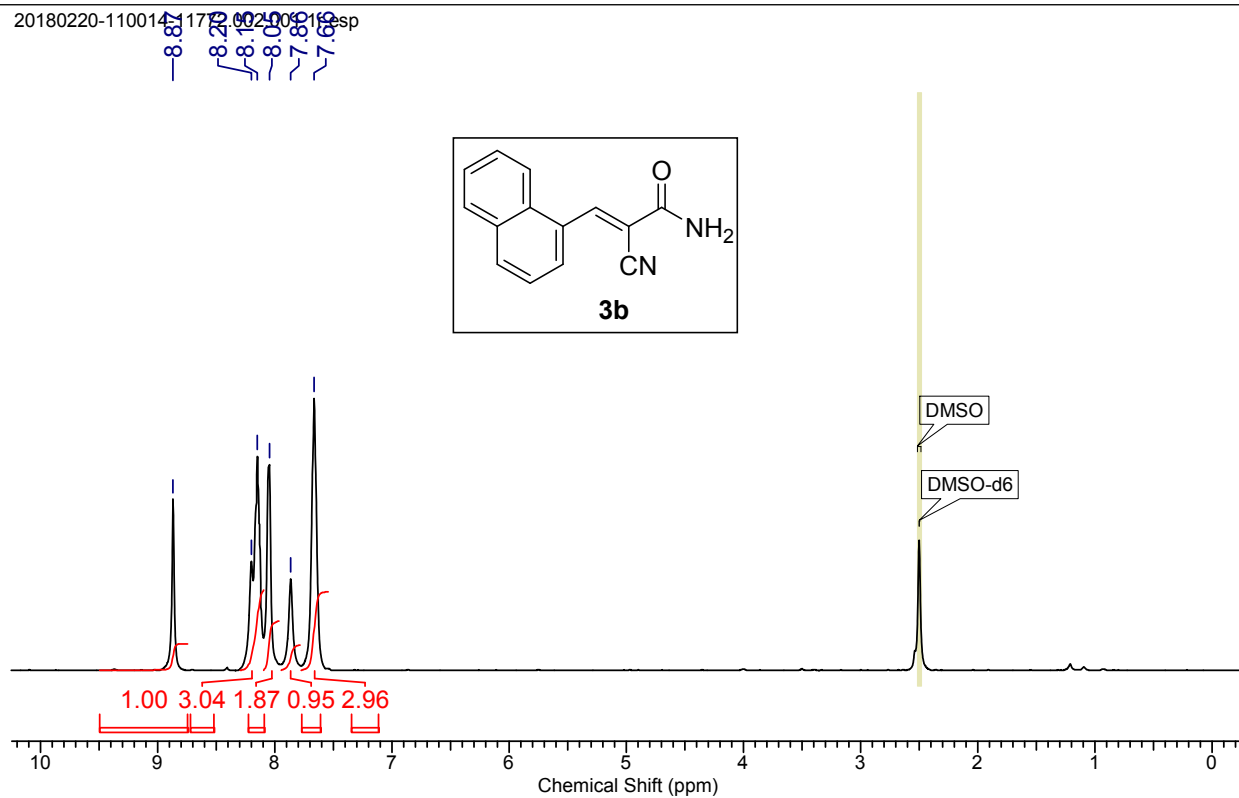
	<p>R_f: 0.34 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 145 mg, 86%; White solid; mp: 146-148°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 6.62 (br. s., 1H), 7.29 (br. s., 1H), 7.77 (br. s., 1H), 7.90 (br. s., 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 162.6, 147.1, 137.7, 120.4, 114.5, 112.6, 98.3; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₈H₆NO₃: 163.1310, found: 163.1312.</p>
<p>3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9d)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.32 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 121 mg, 79%; White solid; mp: 160-164°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm: 7.09 (t, <i>J</i>=8.58 Hz, 2H), 7.85 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.48 (br. s., 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 165.7, 163.6, 152.2, 132.9, 132.9, 127.8, 116.2, 116.0, 115.6, 103.7; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₀H₇NO₂F: 192.0455, found: 192.0456.</p>
<p>3-(2-methoxybenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9e)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.31 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 120 mg, 87%; White solid; mp: 176-178°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-<i>d</i>₆) δ ppm : 8.62 (1H, s), 8.17 (1H, d, <i>J</i>=7.3 Hz), 7.42 (1H, t, <i>J</i>= 7.6 Hz), 6.83-7.04 (2H, m), 3.81 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 163.9, 158.5, 148.7, 134.2, 128.6, 120.3, 115.8, 110.7, 102.8, 55.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated [M+H]⁺ for C₁₁H₉NO₃Na: 226.0475, found: 226.0478.</p>
<p>3-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9f)</p>	
	<p>R_f: 0.35 (Pet. ether / EtOAc = 70/30); Yield: 107 mg, 80%; White solid; mp: 210°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz,</p>

	<p><i>CHLOROFORM-d</i> δ ppm: 3.77 - 3.87 (m, 9H), 7.14 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 8.02 (br. s., 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 164.0, 153.9, 152.9, 142.1, 126.5, 116.1, 108.2, 102.1, 60.7, 55.9, 40.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}$: 286.0686, found: 286.0690.</p>
3-(4-isopropylbenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9g)	
	<p>R_f: 0.37 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 108 mg, 75%; White solid; mp: 246°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm : 8.30 (1H, s), 7.99 (2H, m, $J=7.9$ Hz), 7.40 (2H, m, $J=7.9$ Hz), 2.94-3.07 (1H, m), 1.26-1.31 (7H, m); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm : ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, <i>CHLOROFORM-d</i>) δ ppm: 163.5, 154.5, 154.3, 131.0, 129.3, 127.4, 116.3, 102.6, 33.7, 23.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: 216.1019, found: 216.1022.</p>
3-(2,4-dimethoxybenzylidene)azetidine-2,4-dione (9h)	
	<p>R_f: 0.3 (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 60/40); Yield: 117 mg, 84%; White solid; mp: 216°C; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm: 3.68 (s, 7 H), 6.26 (d, $J=2.27$ Hz, 1 H), 6.38 (d, $J=6.44$ Hz, 1 H), 8.14 (d, $J=8.84$ Hz, 1 H), 8.43 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm: 164.99, 164.49, 160.70, 147.60, 130.22, 116.65, 113.37, 105.67, 98.51, 97.43, 56.31, 55.17; HRMS:(ESI) calculated $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_4$: 234.0761, found: 234.0766.</p>

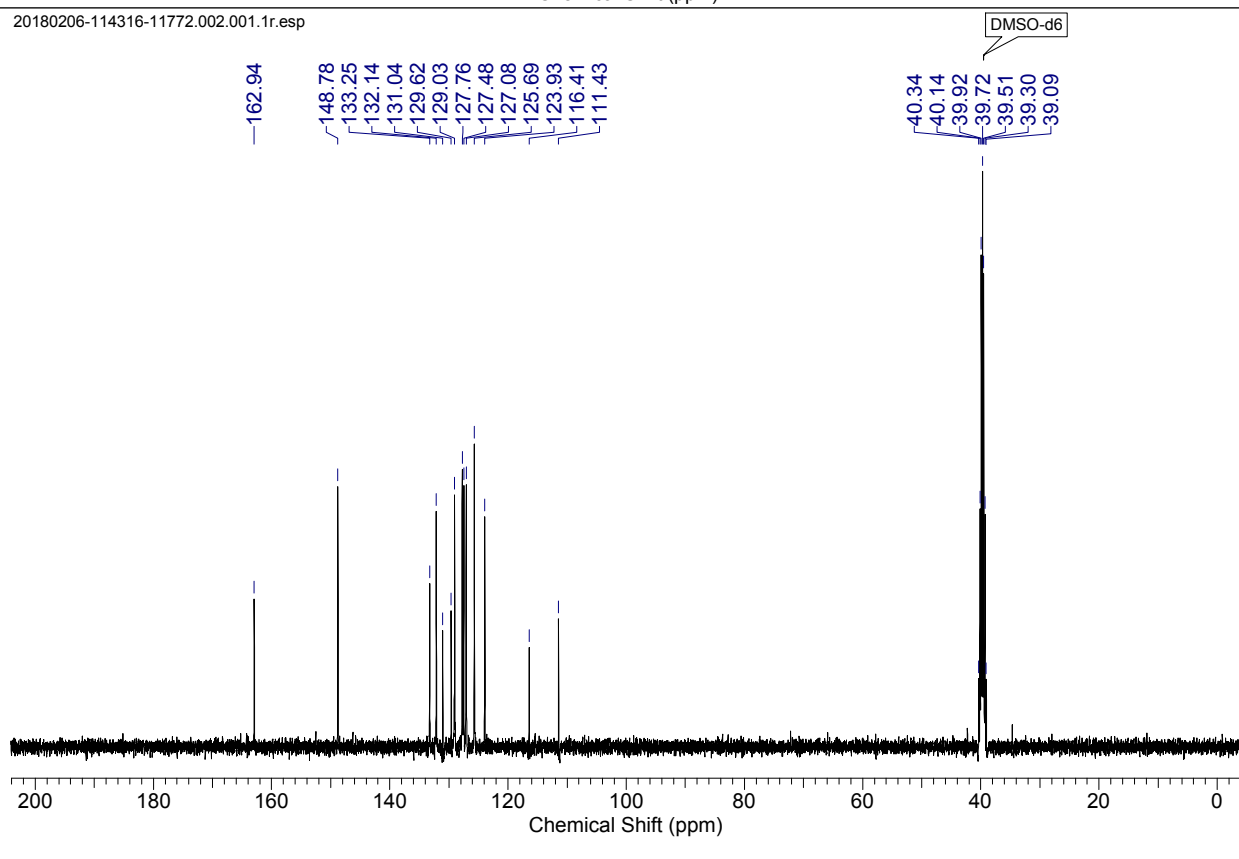
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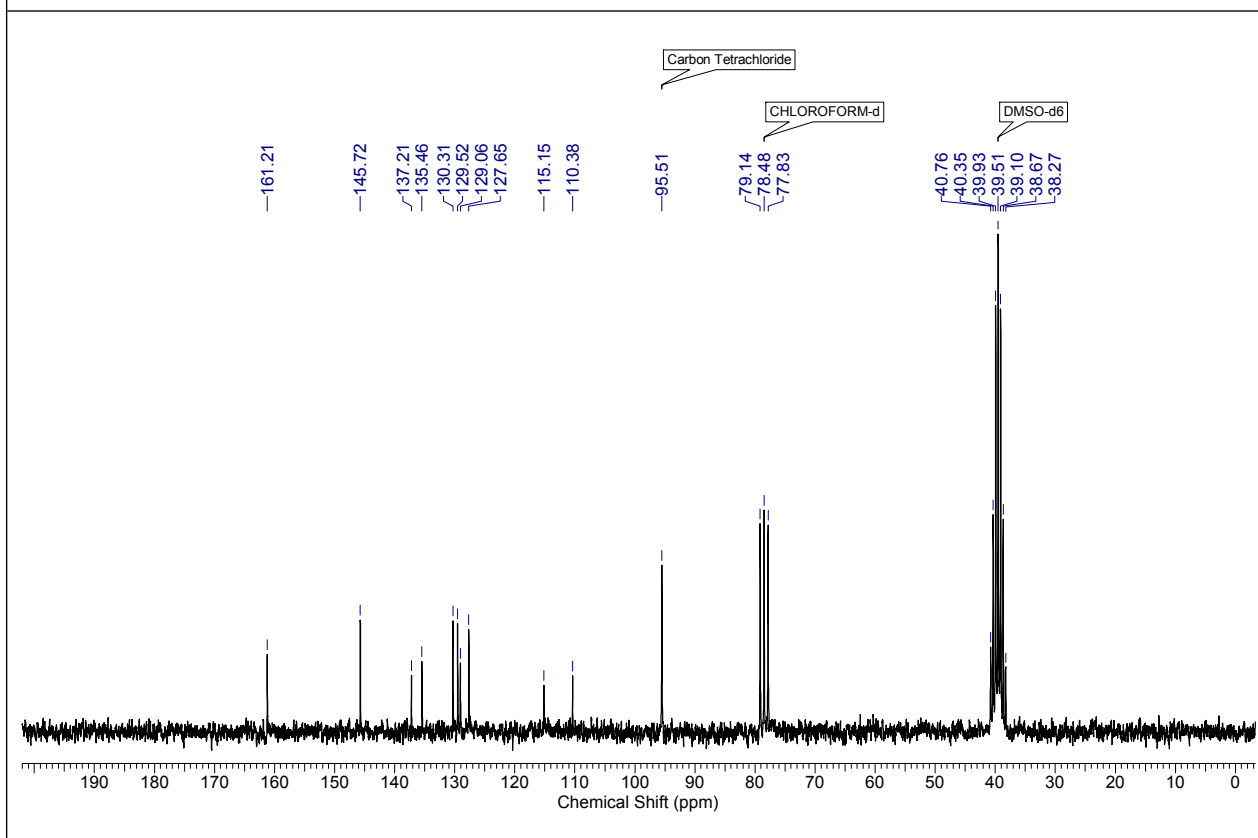
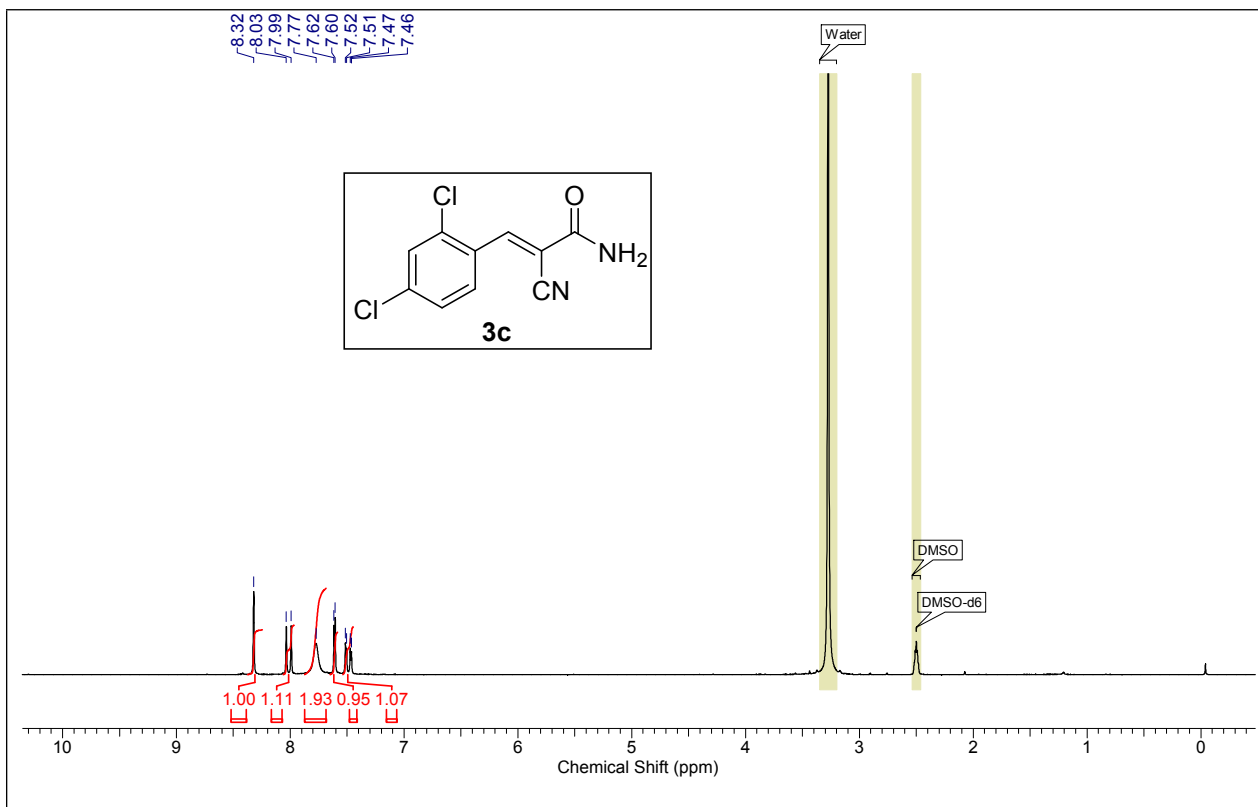


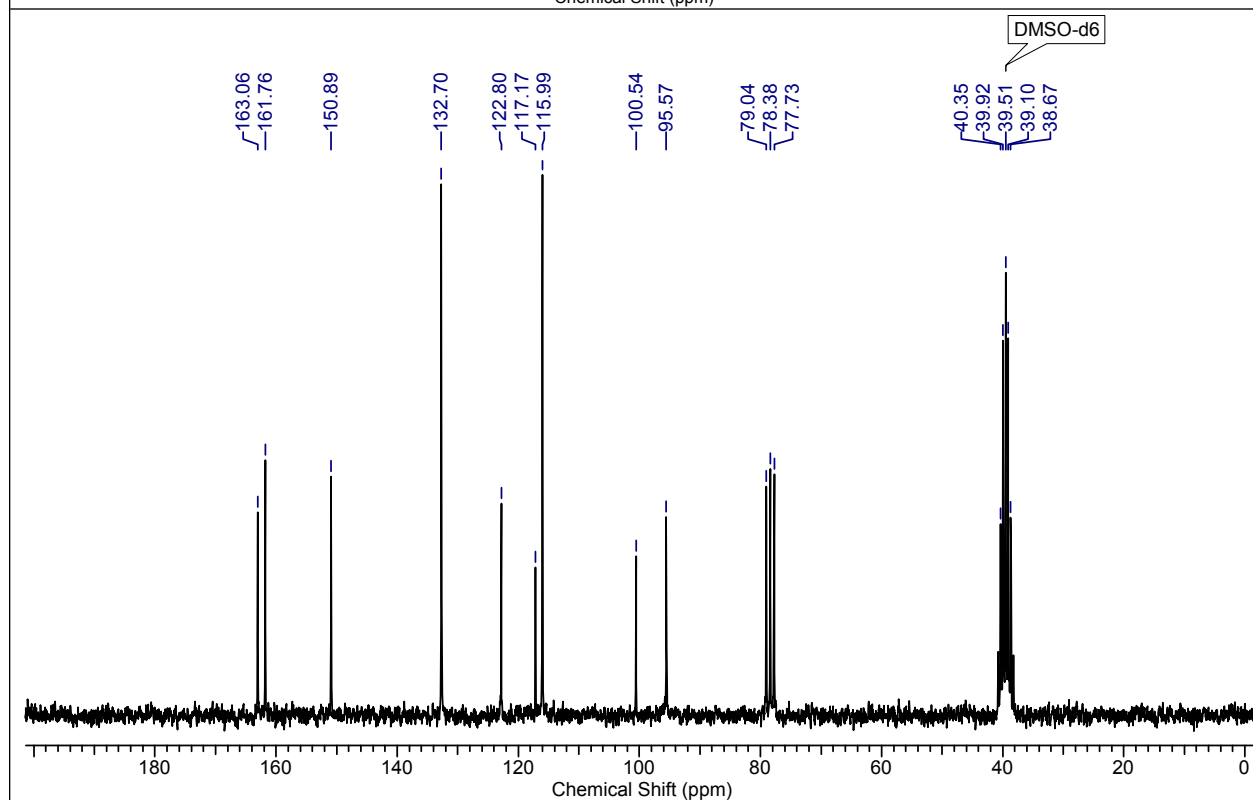
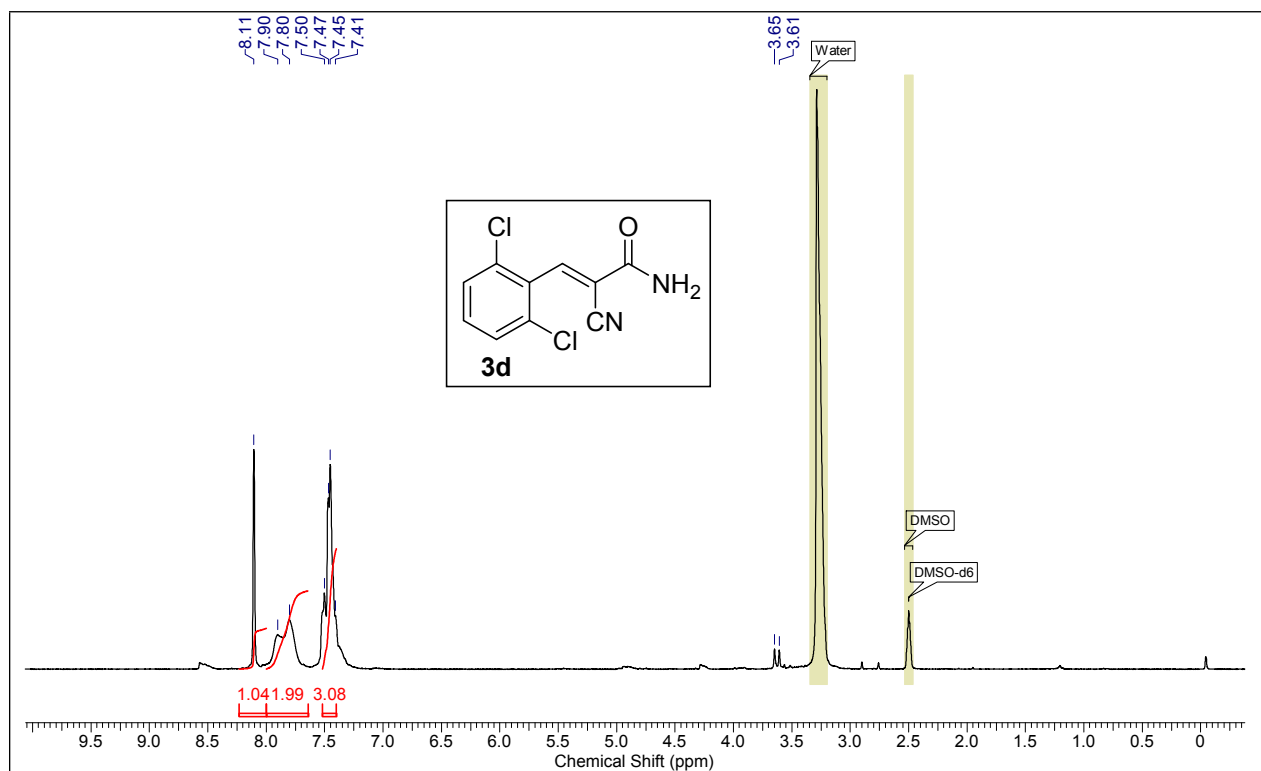
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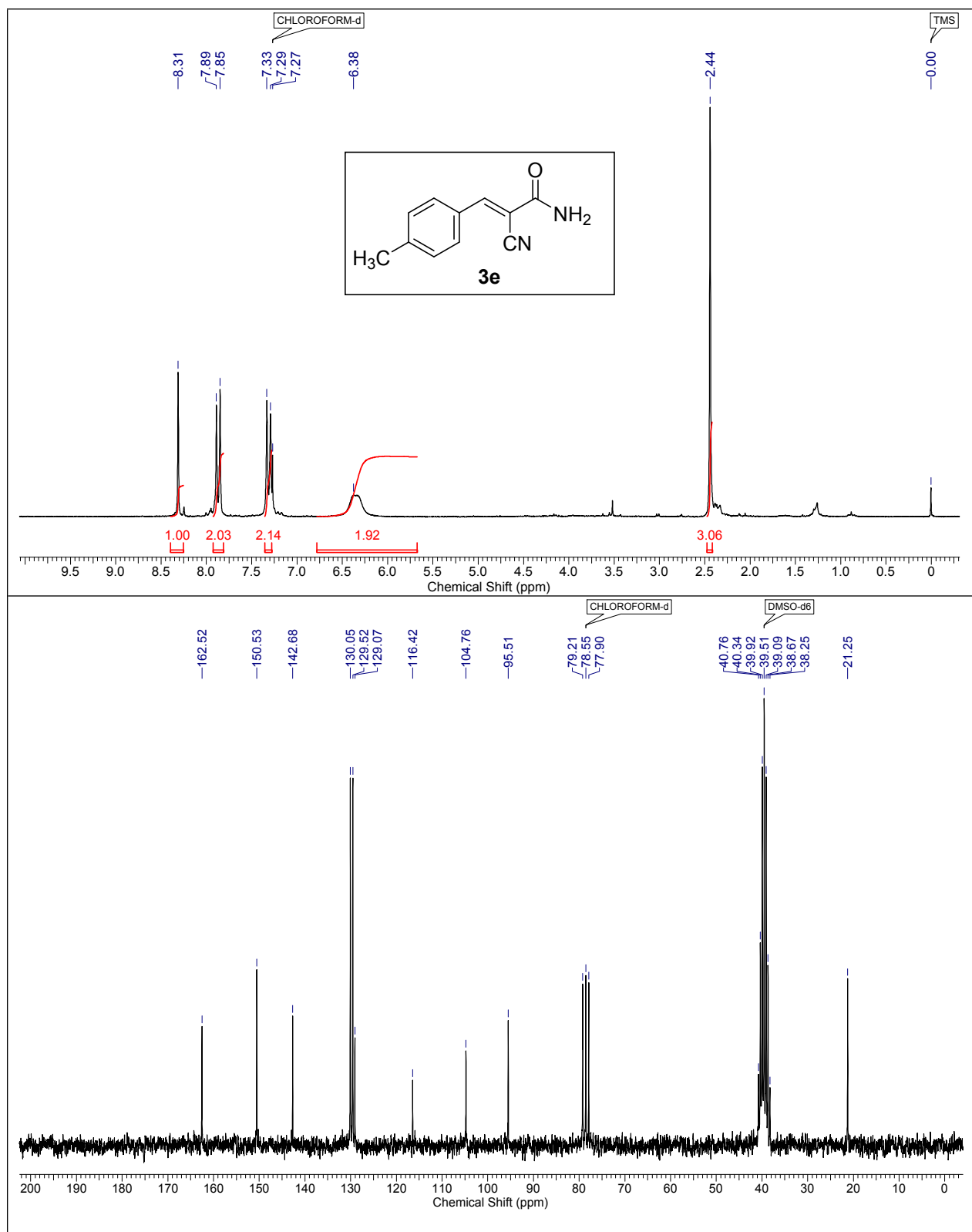


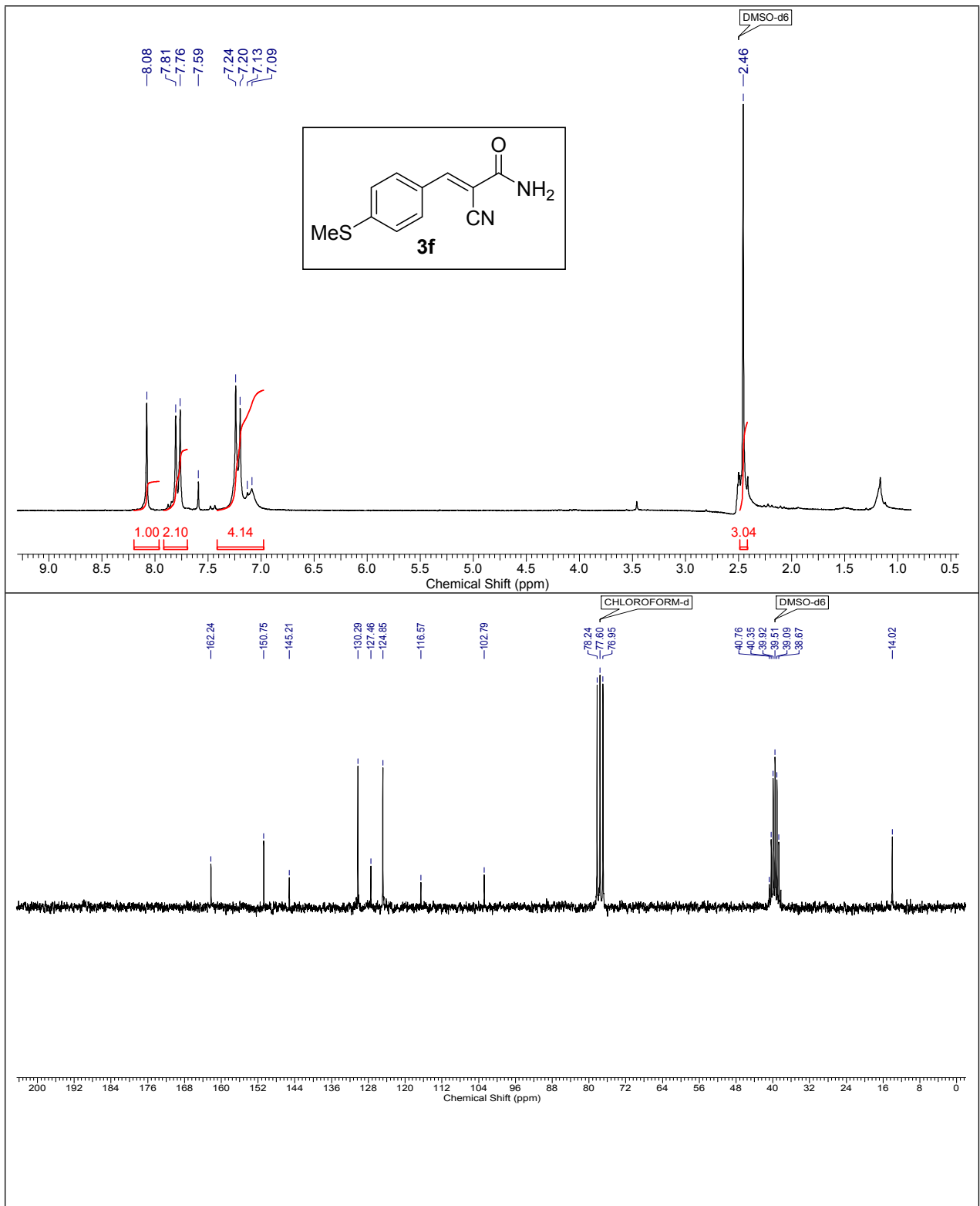
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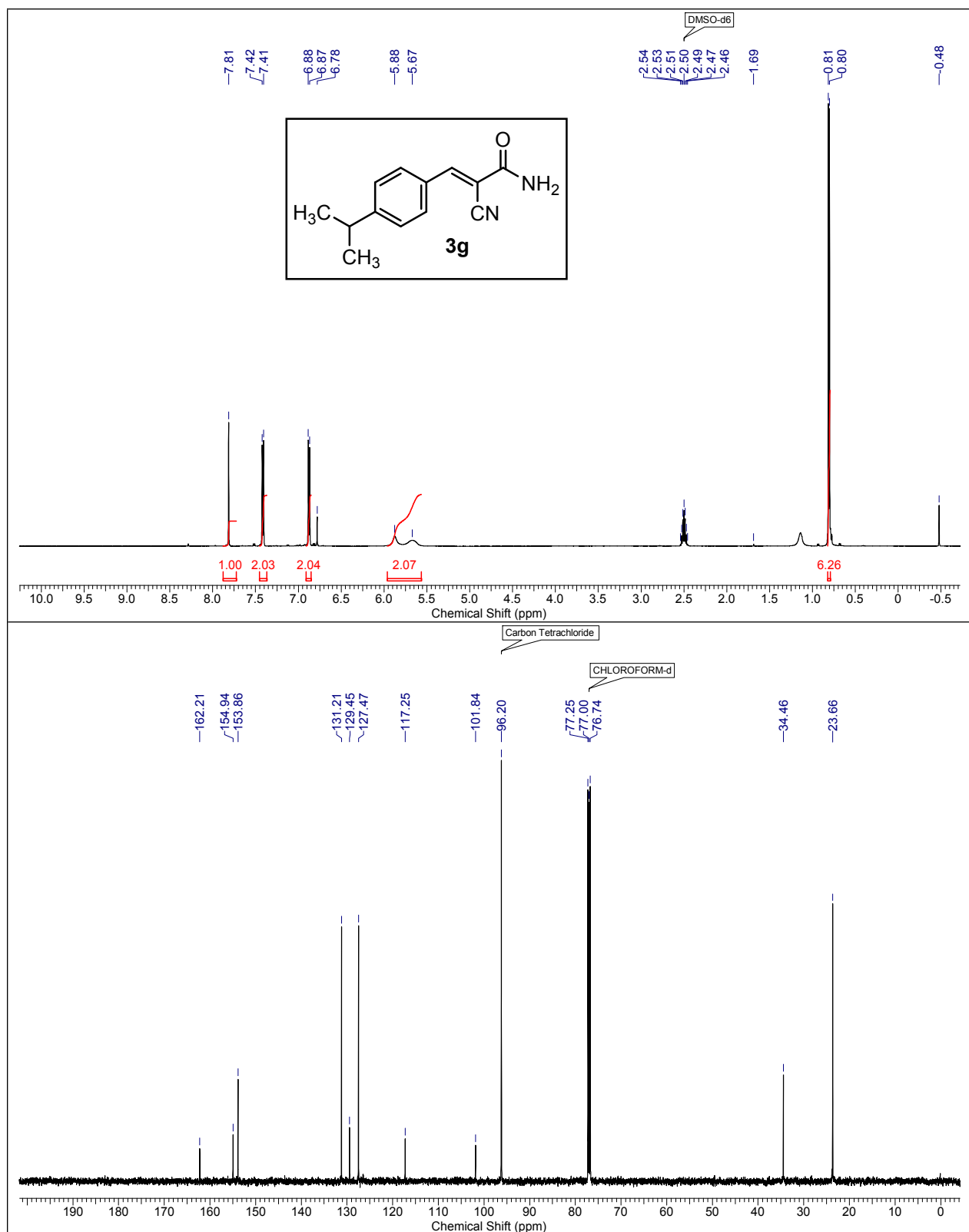




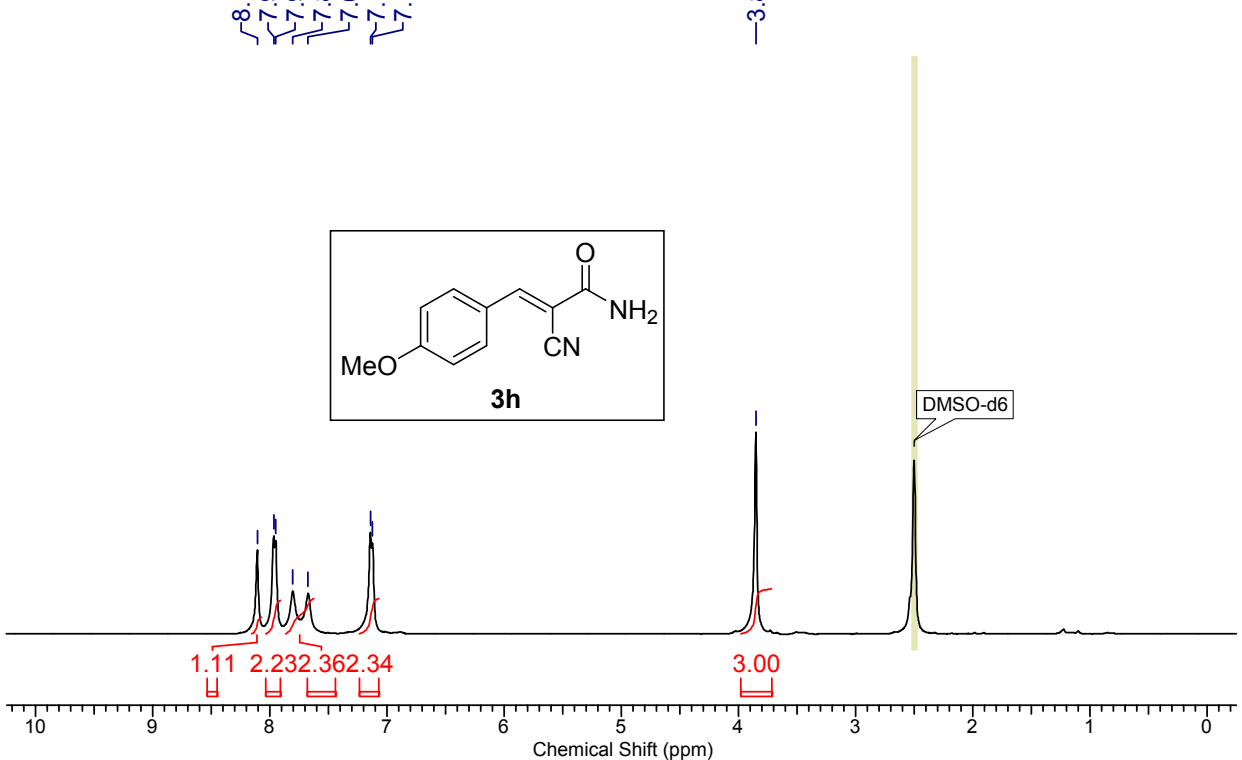




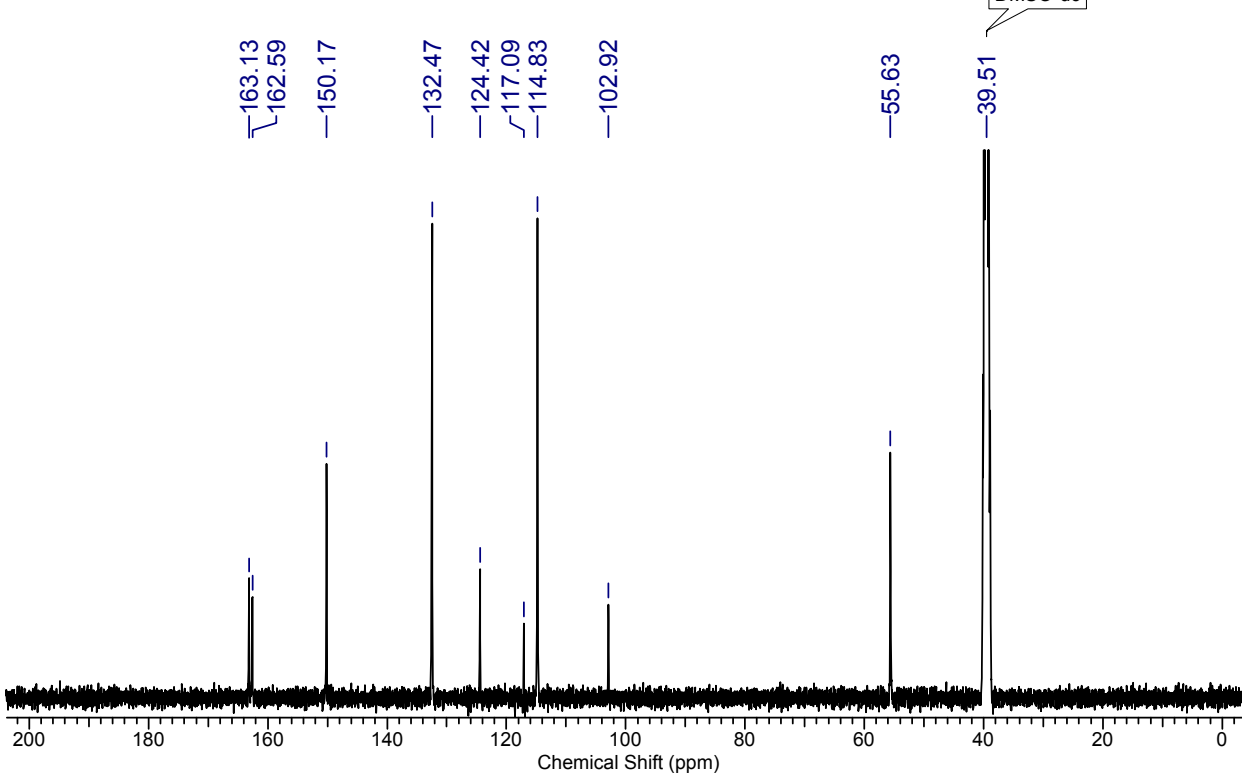


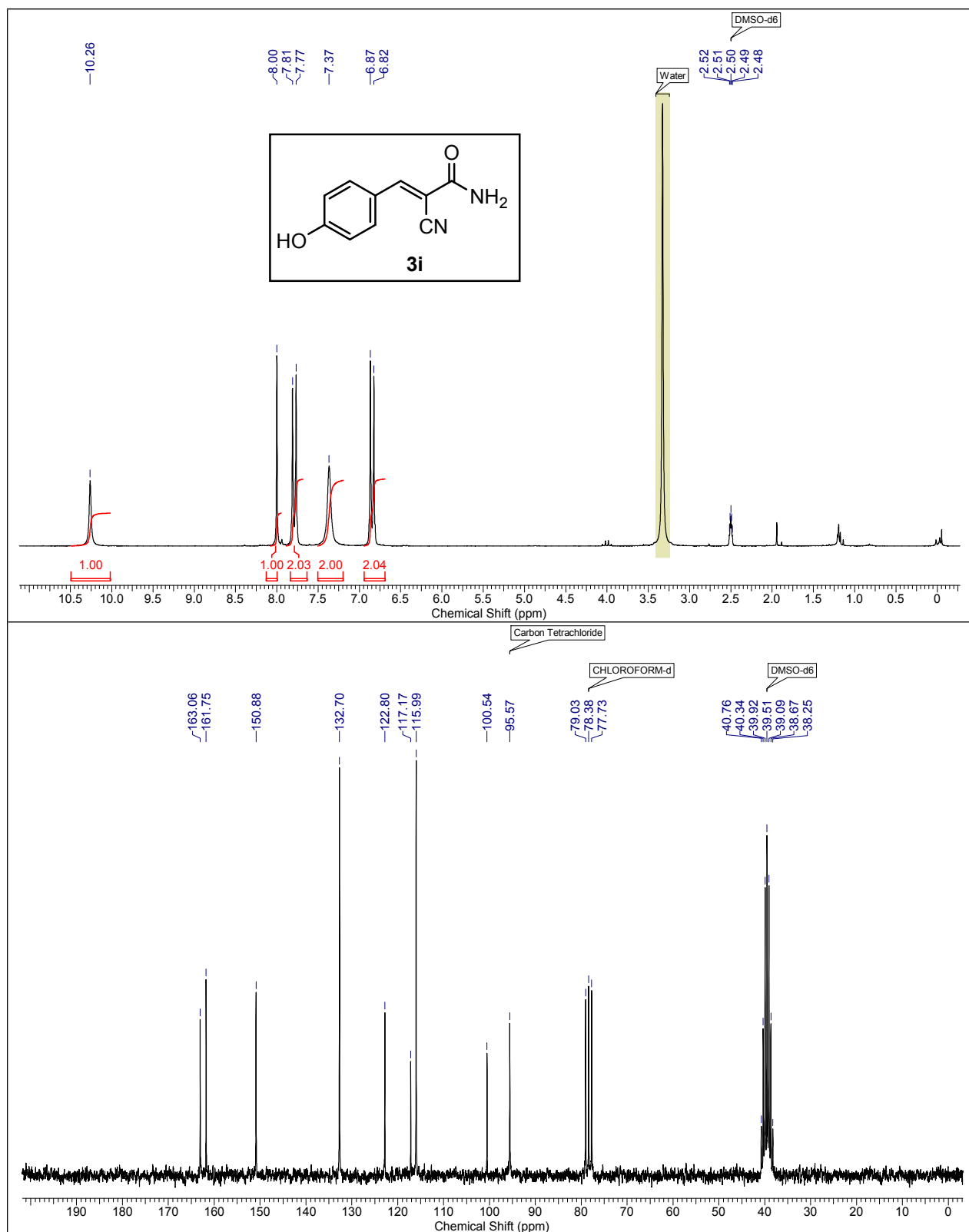


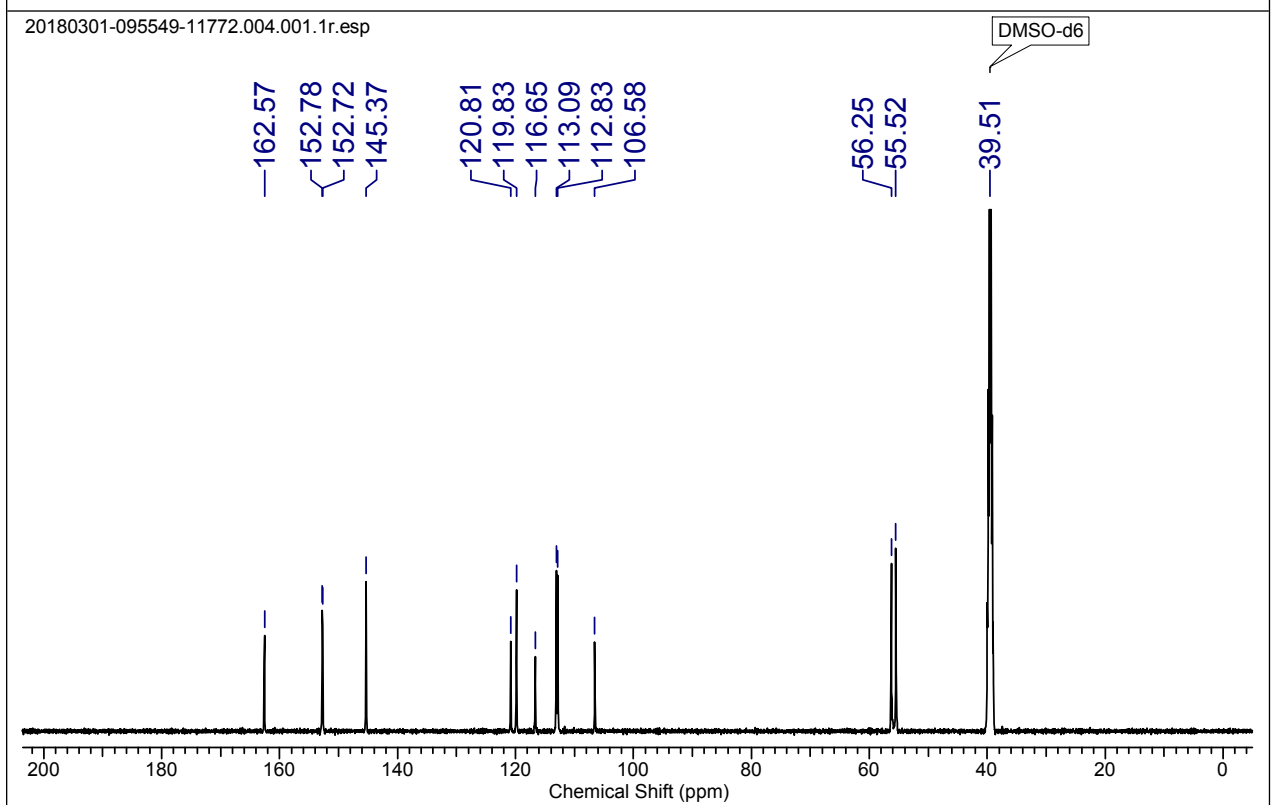
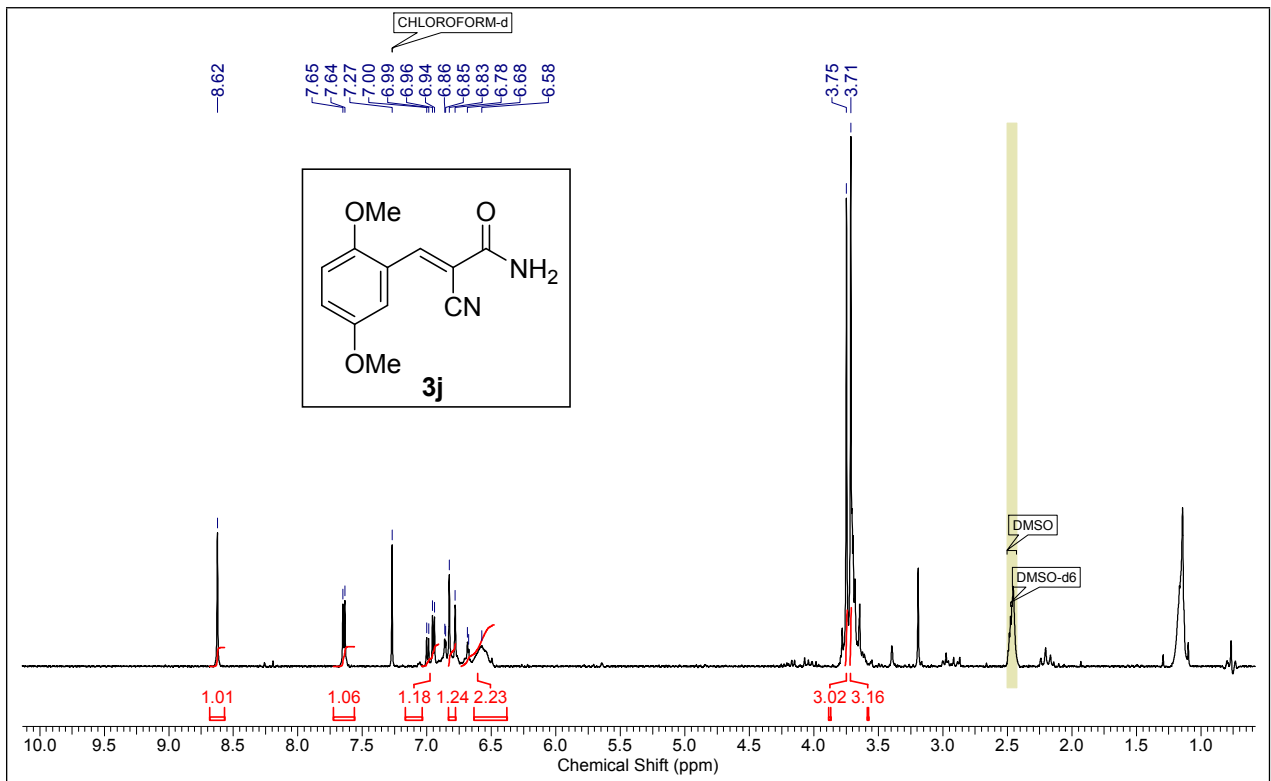
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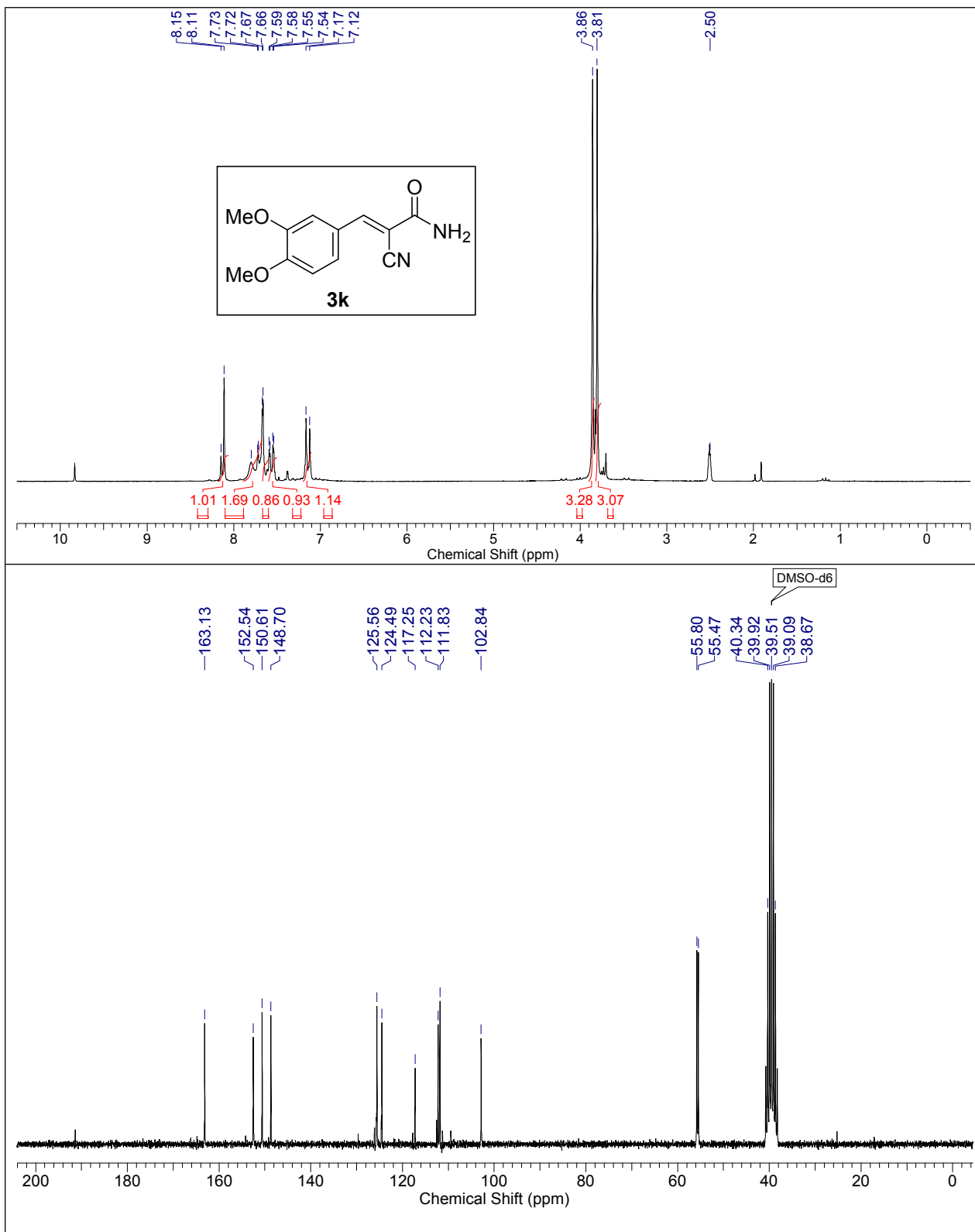


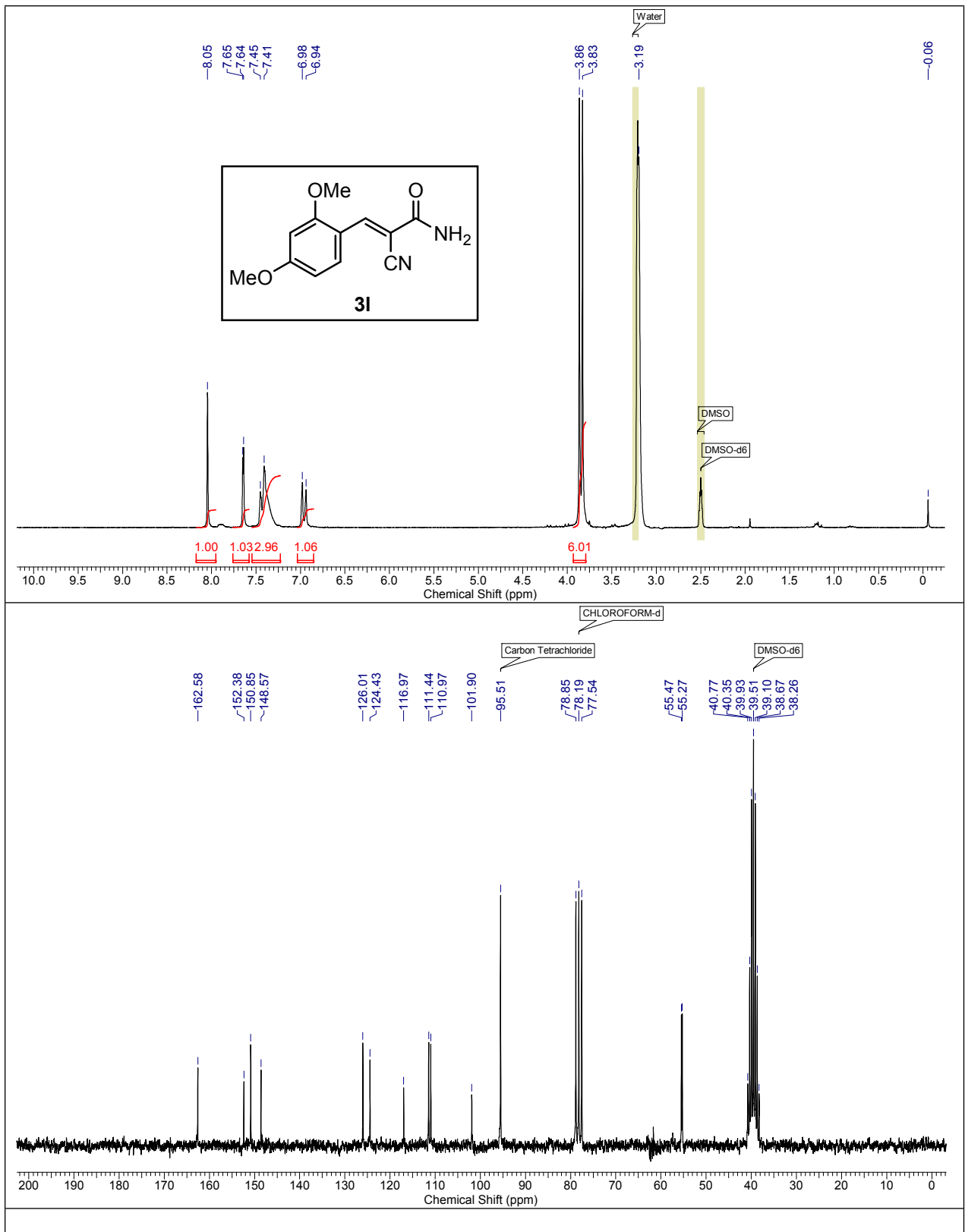
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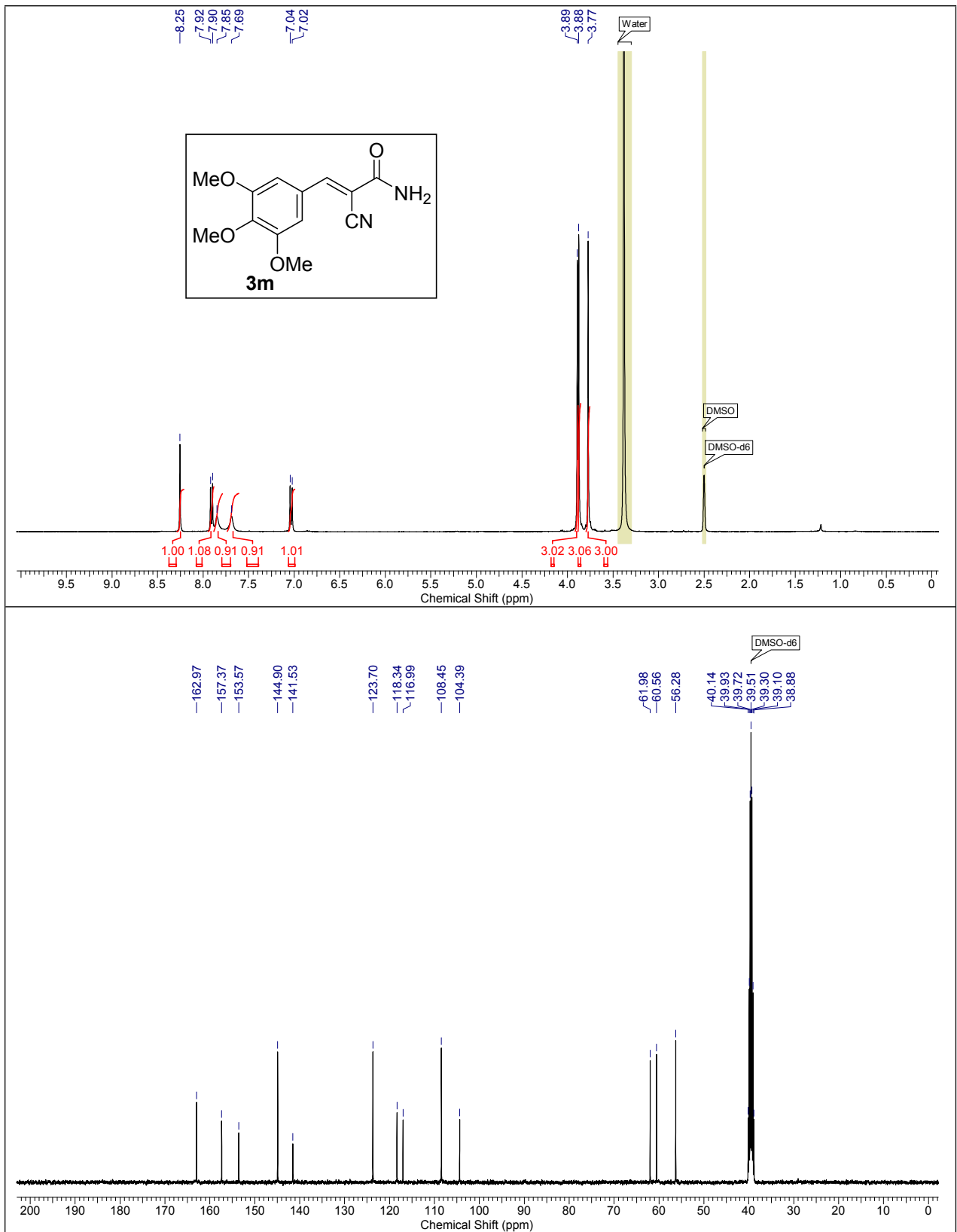




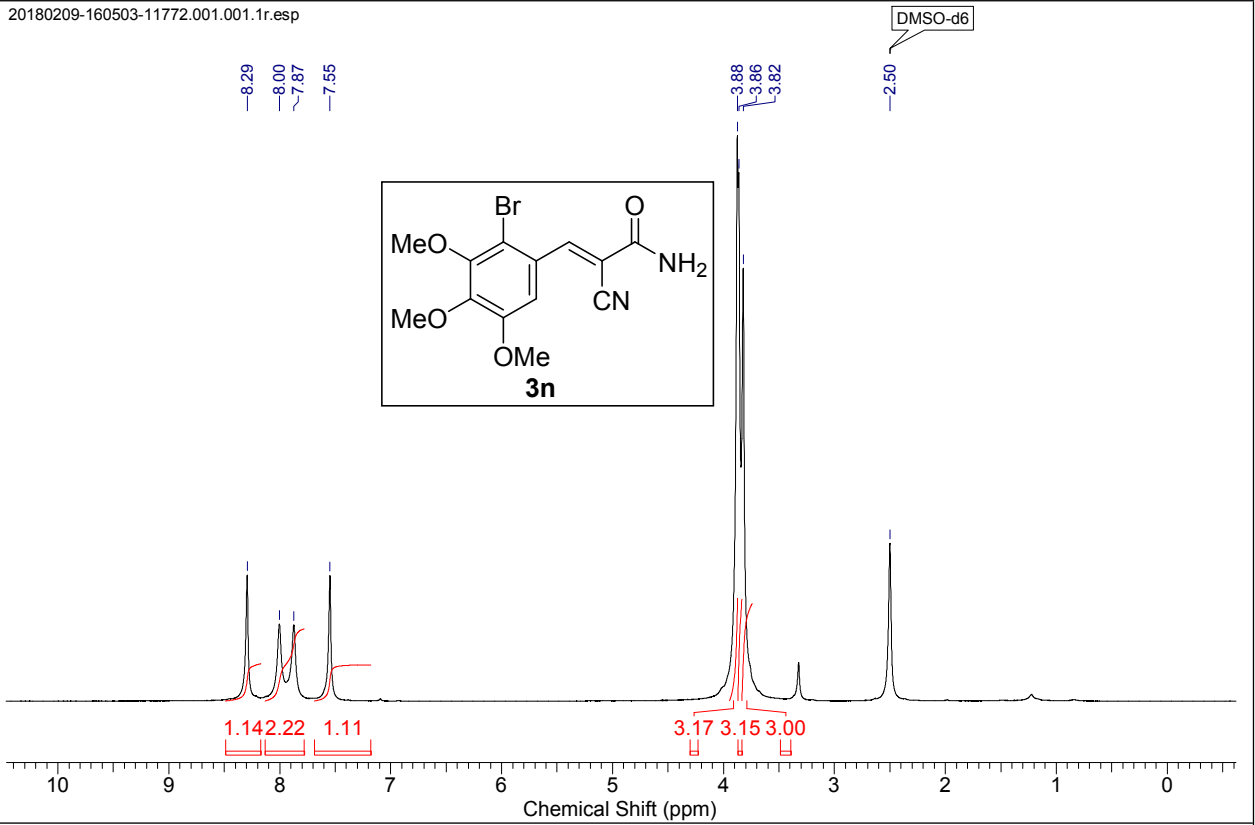




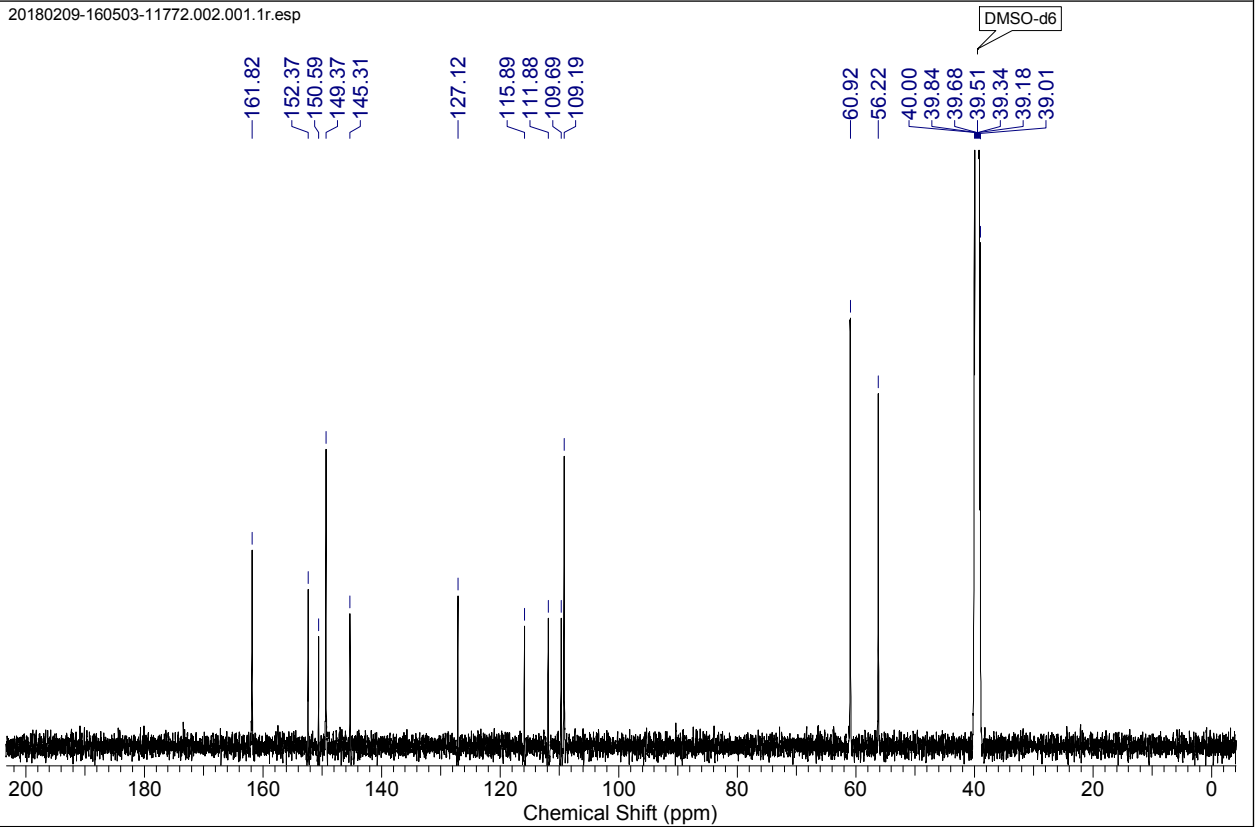


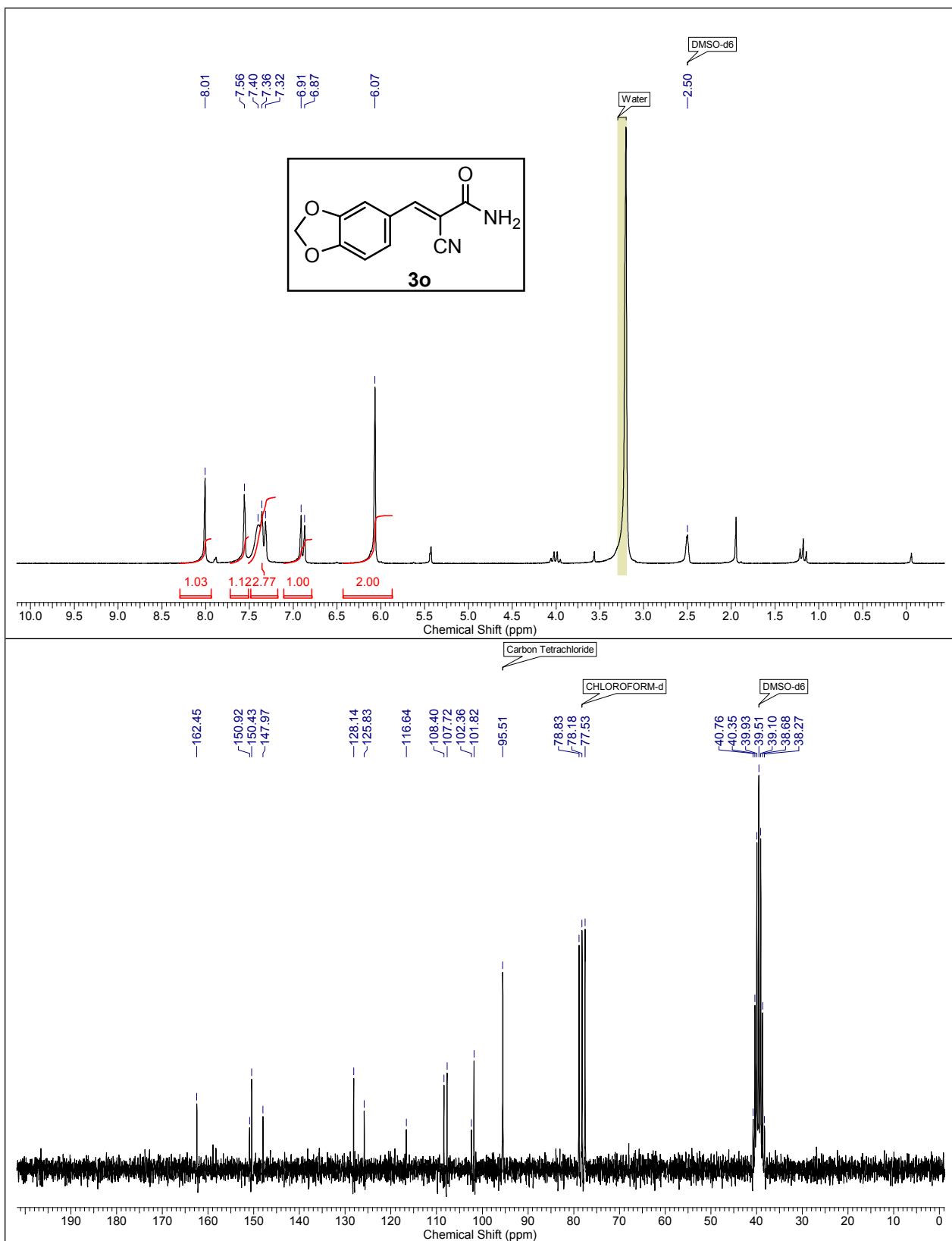


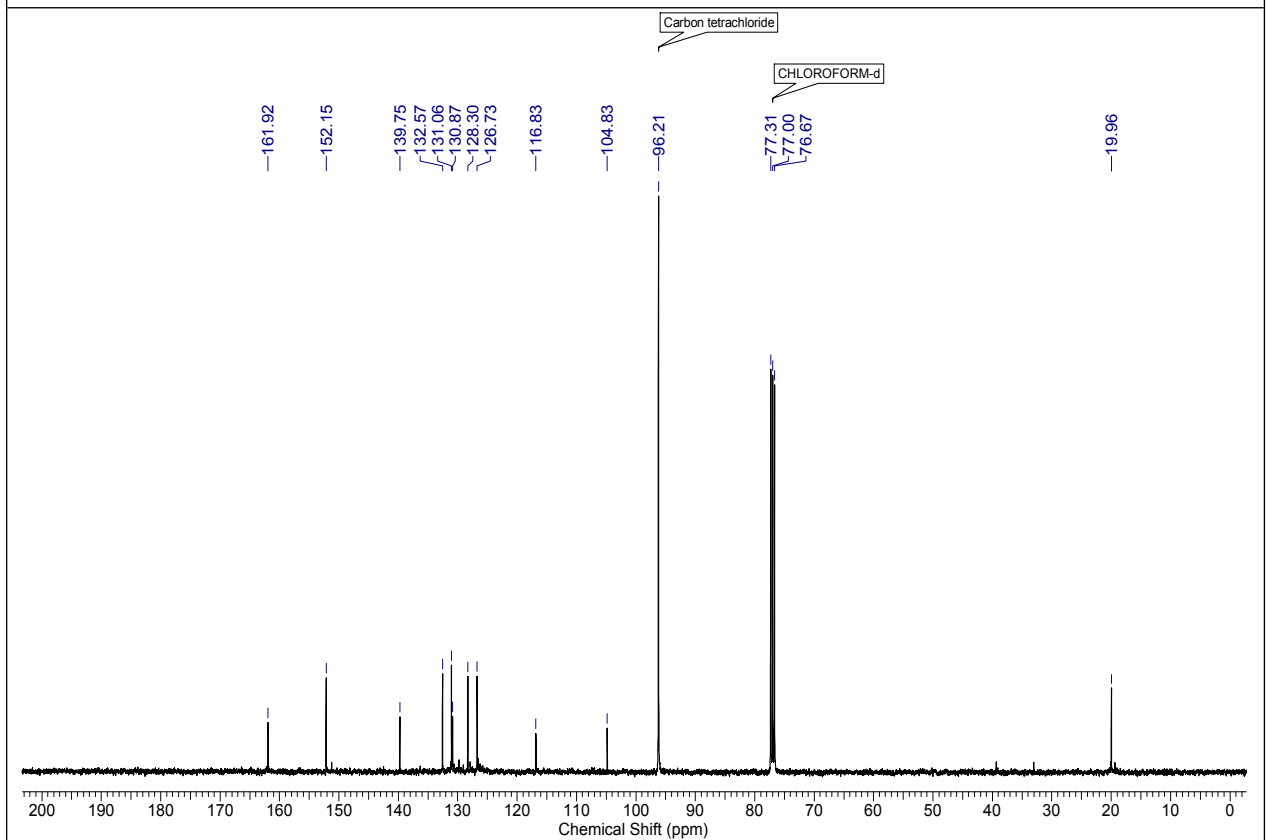
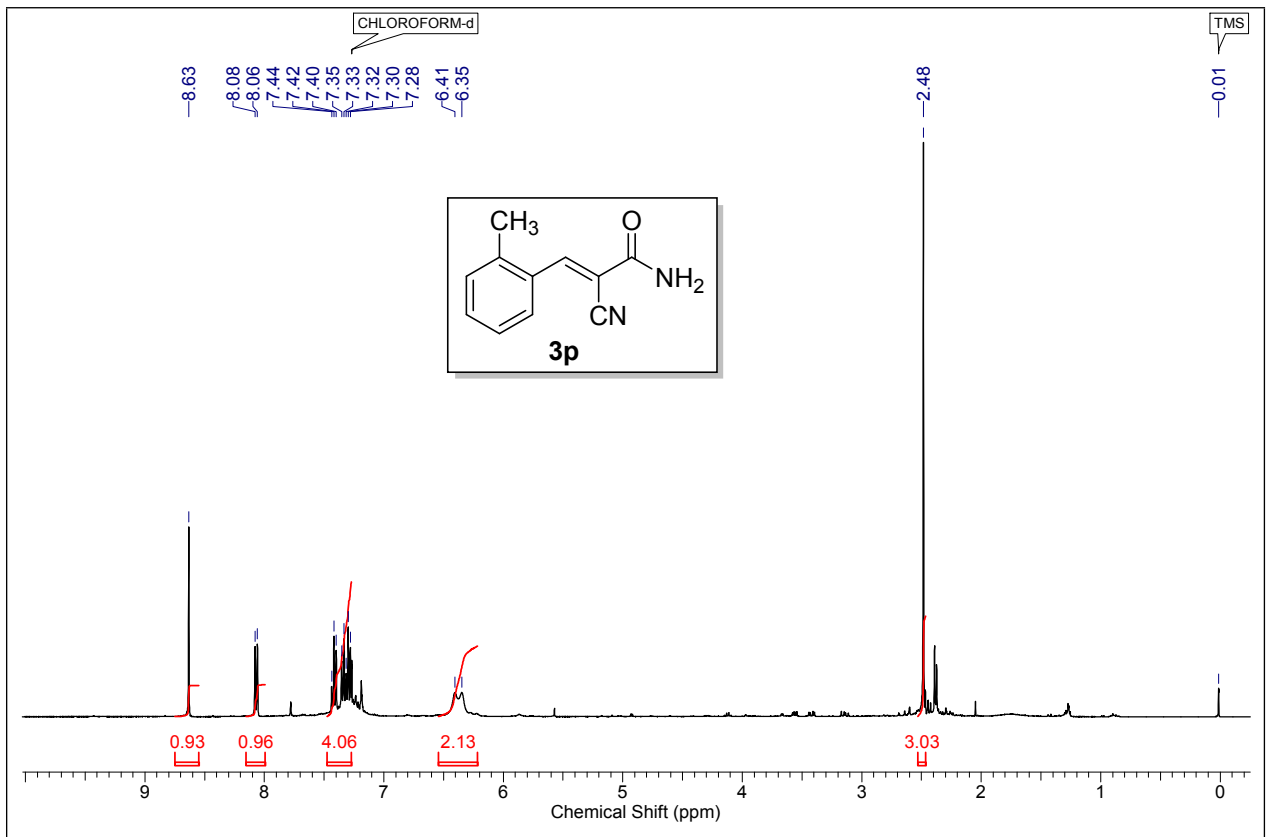
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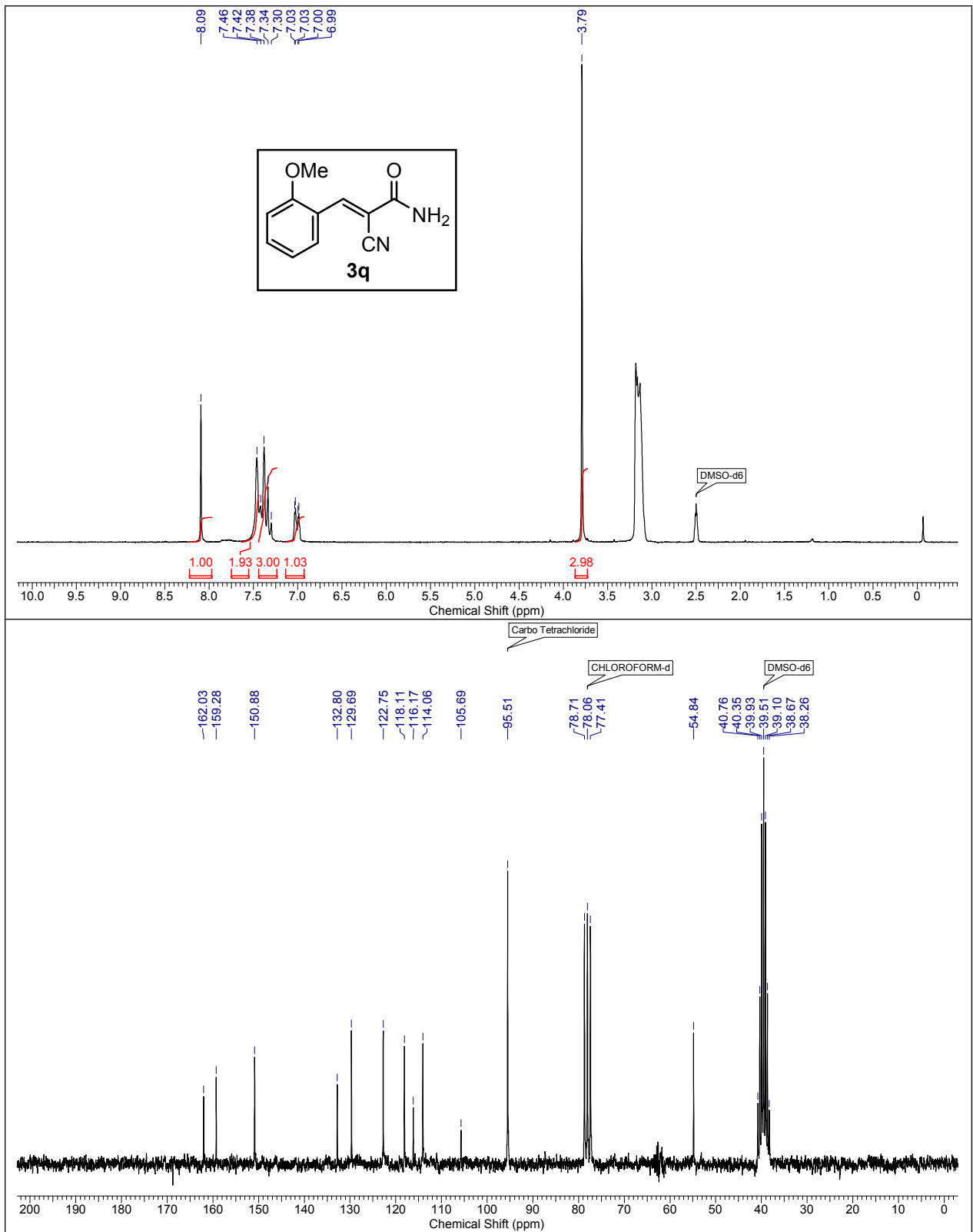


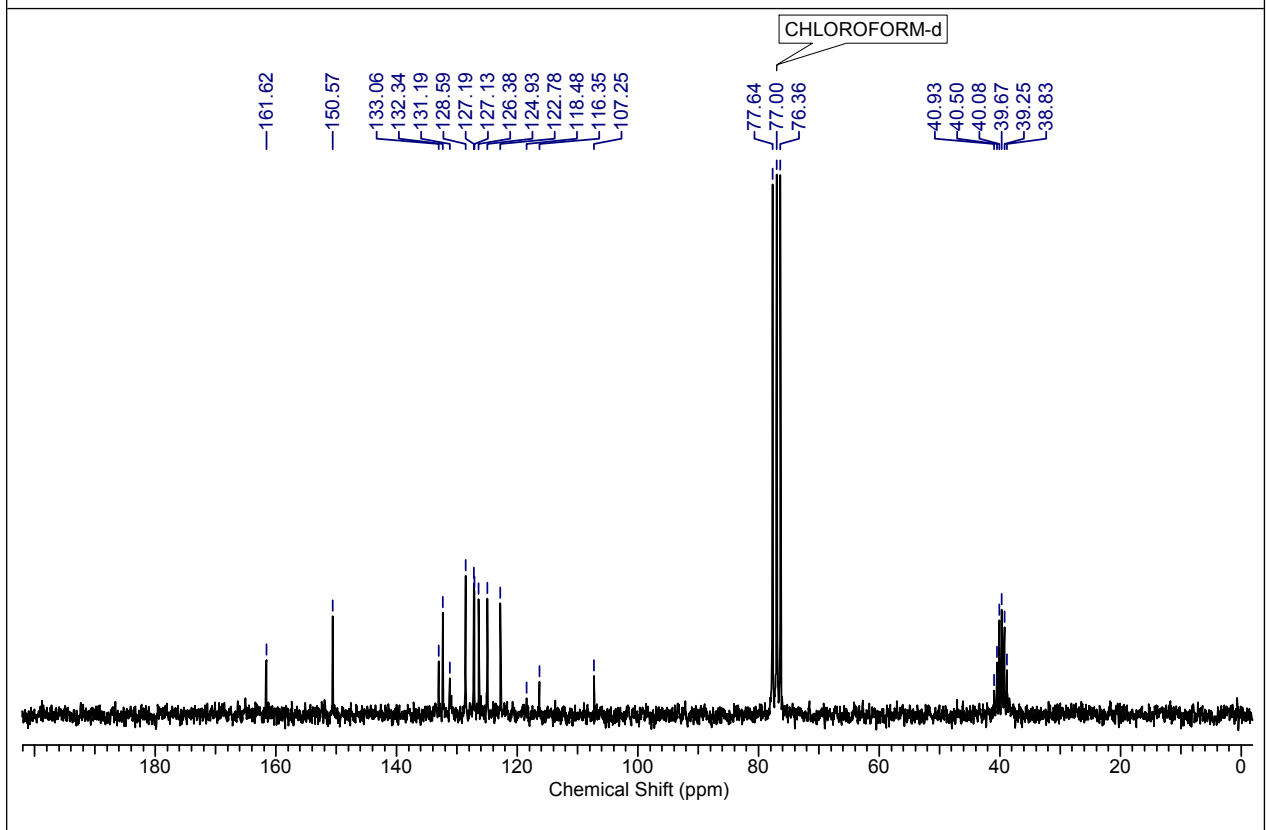
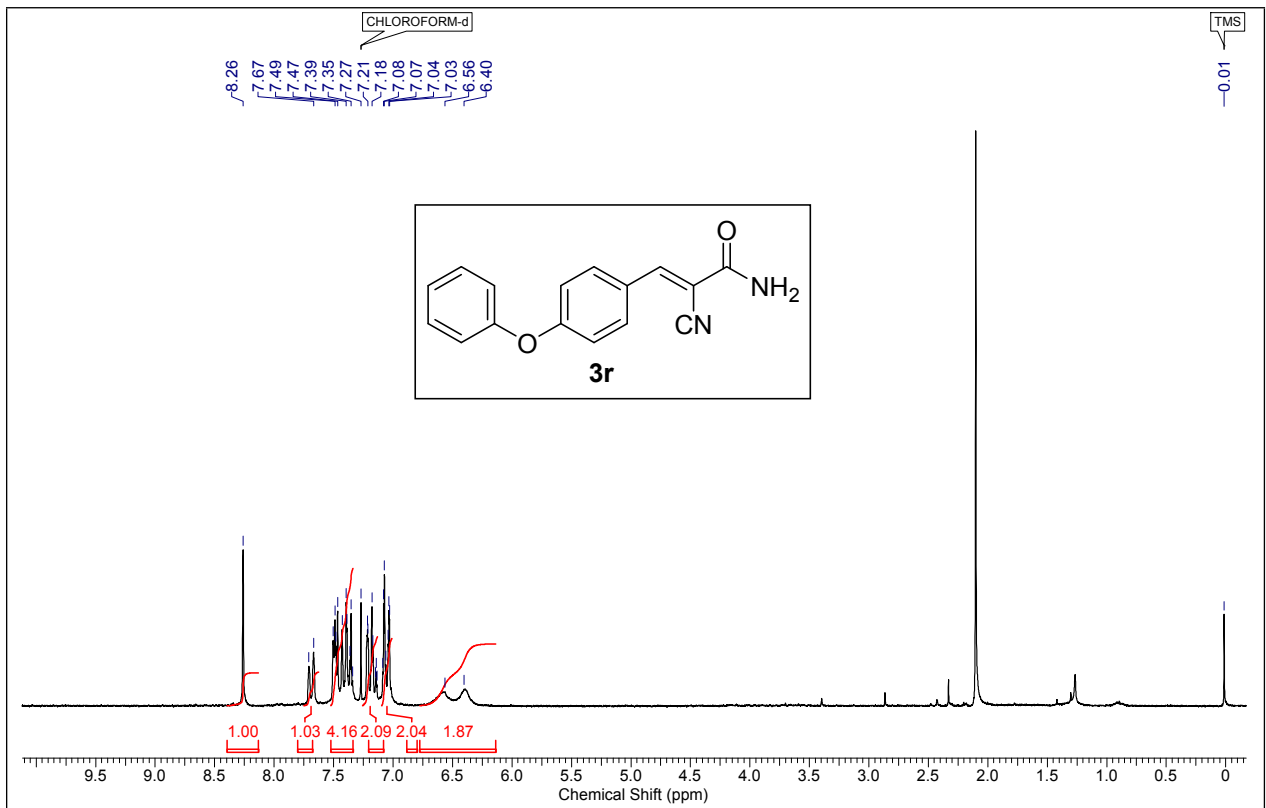
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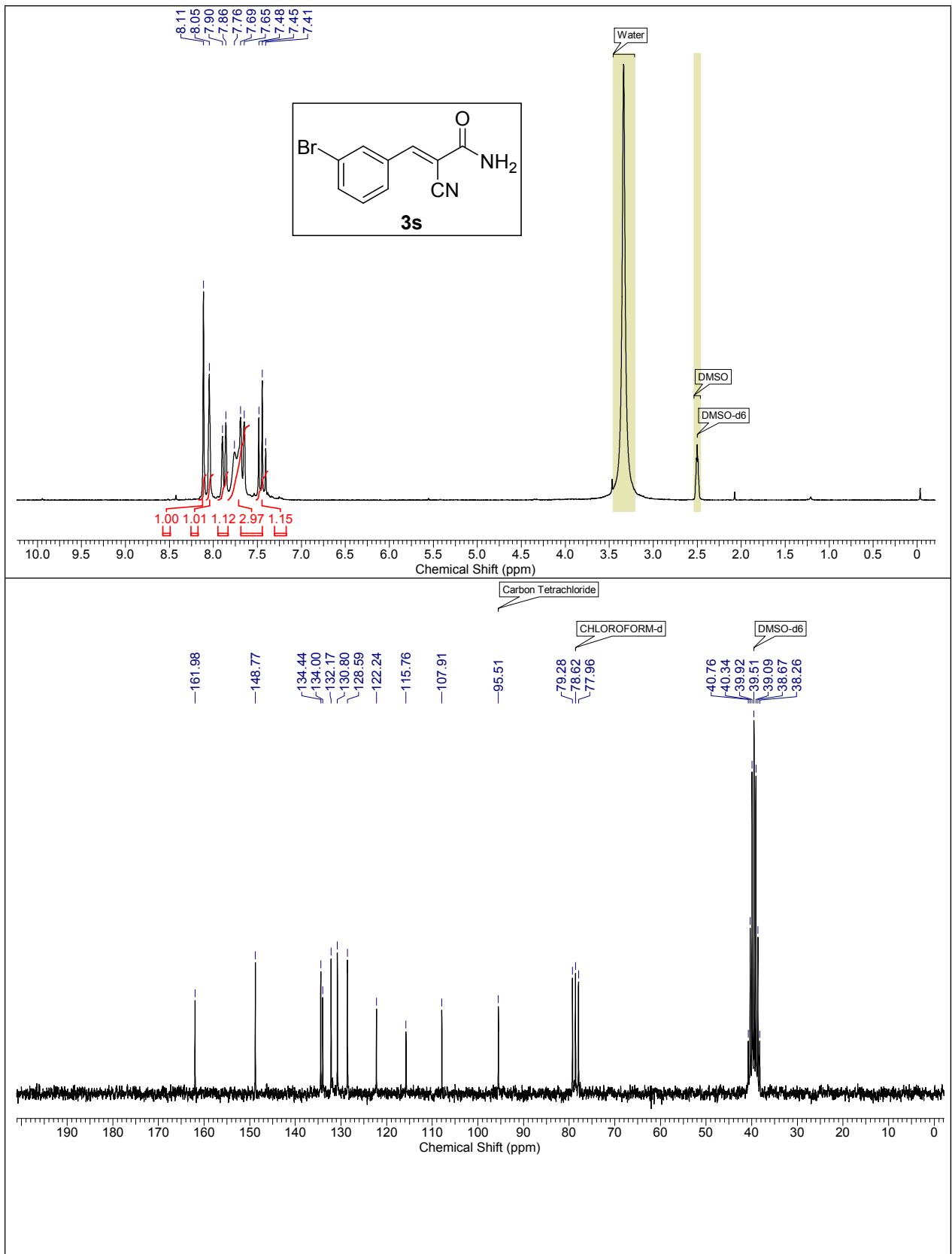


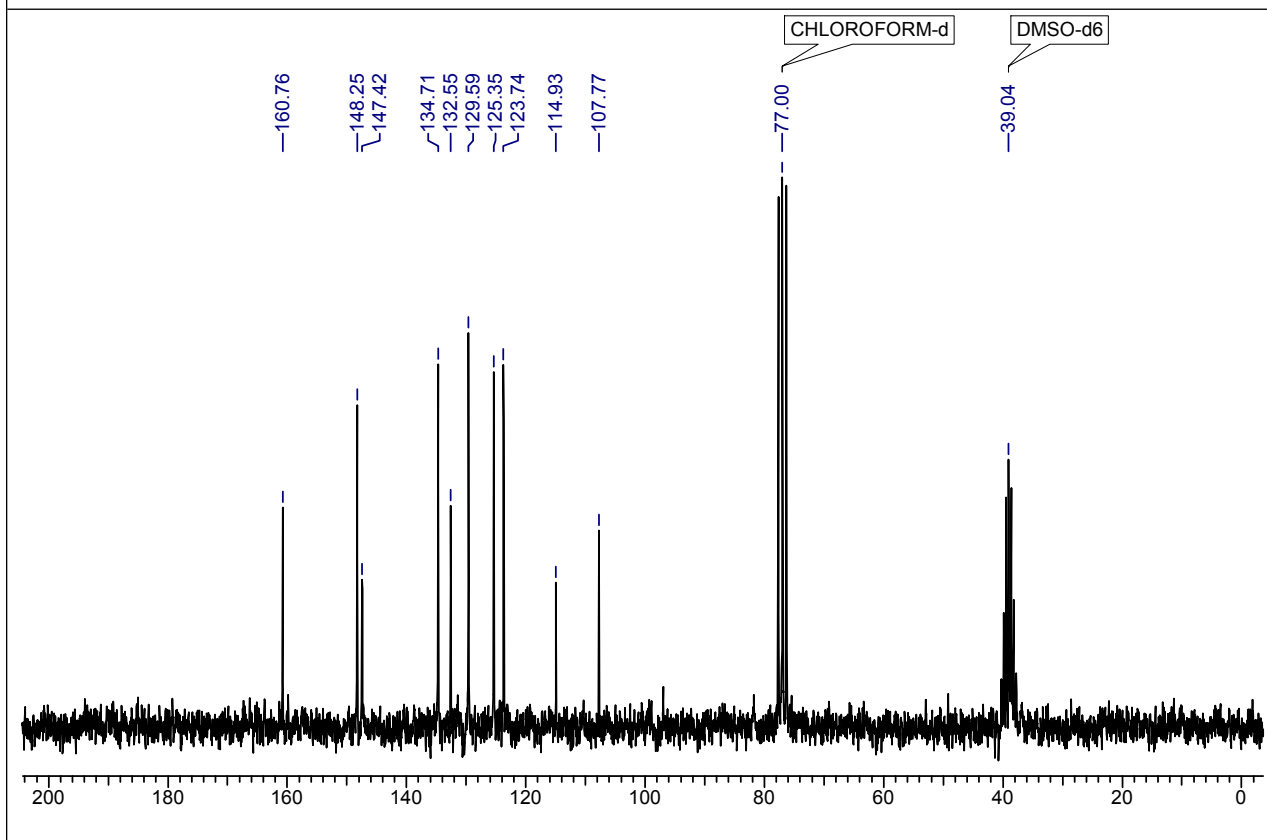
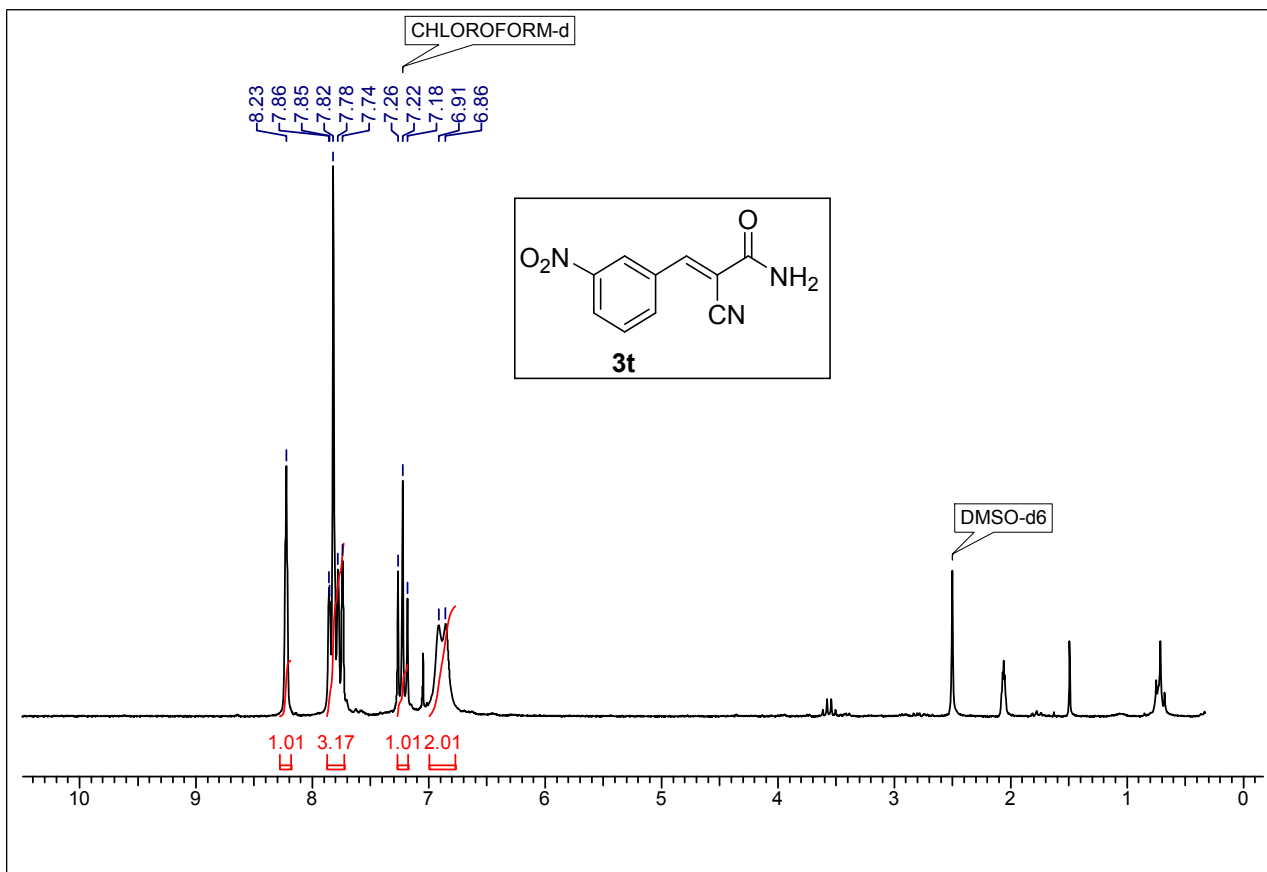






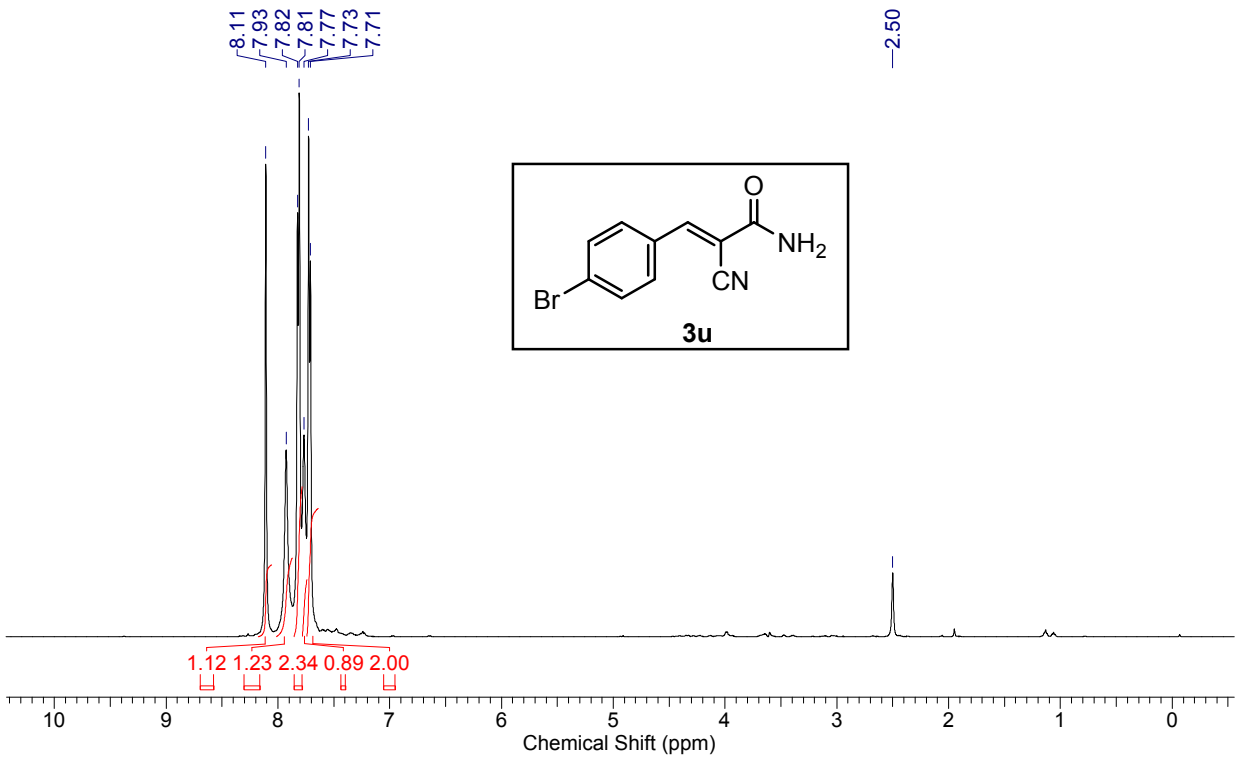






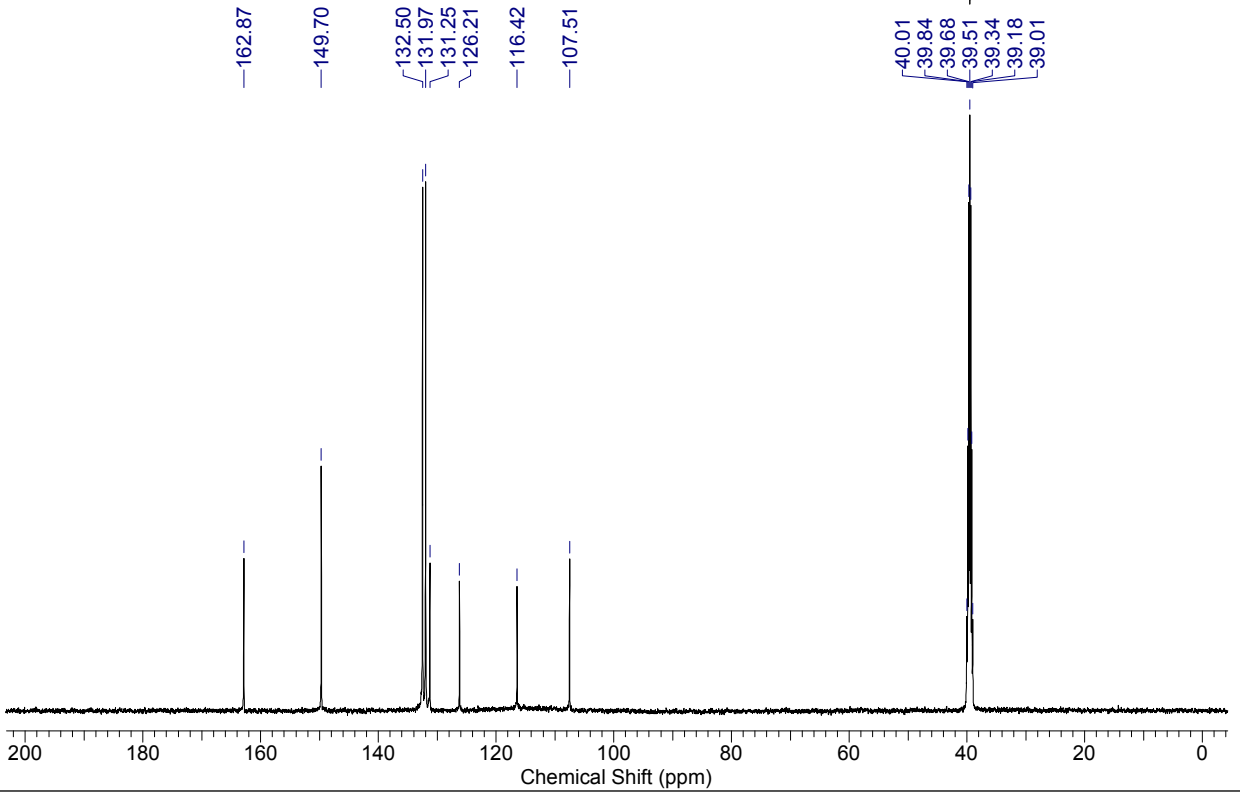
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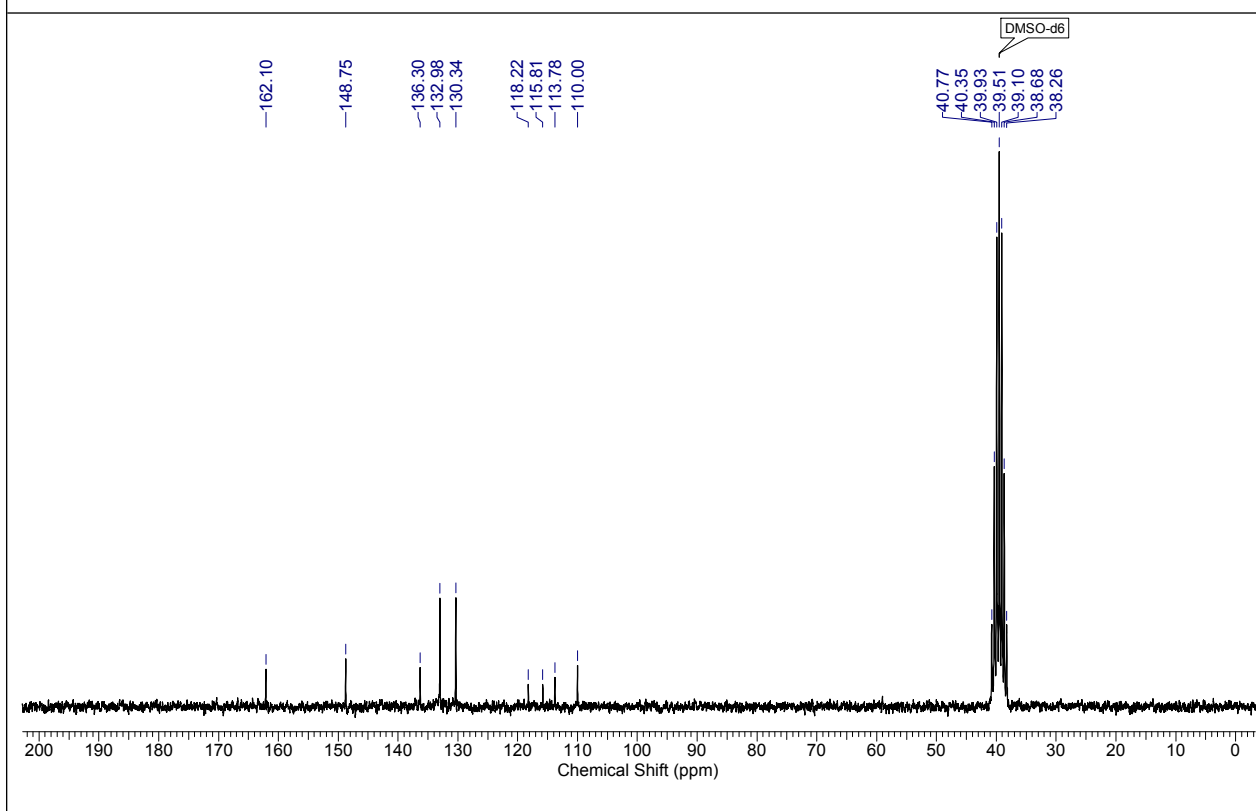
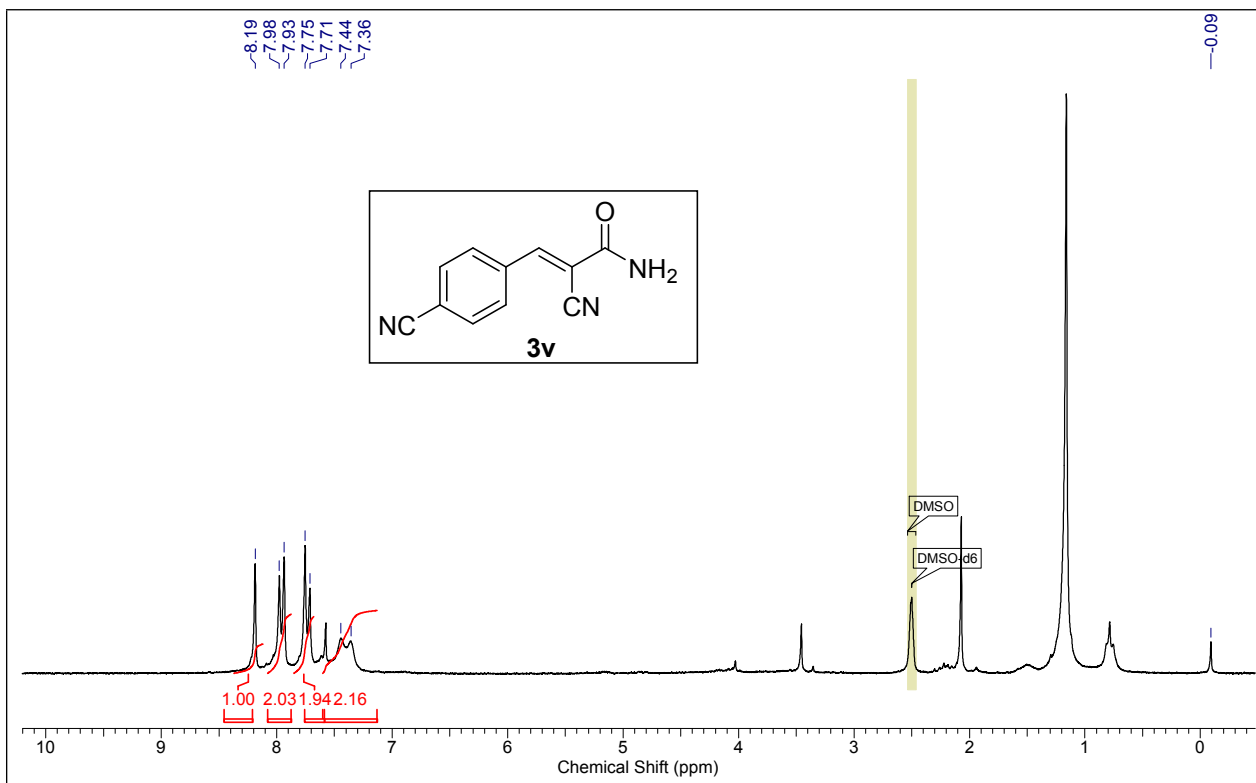
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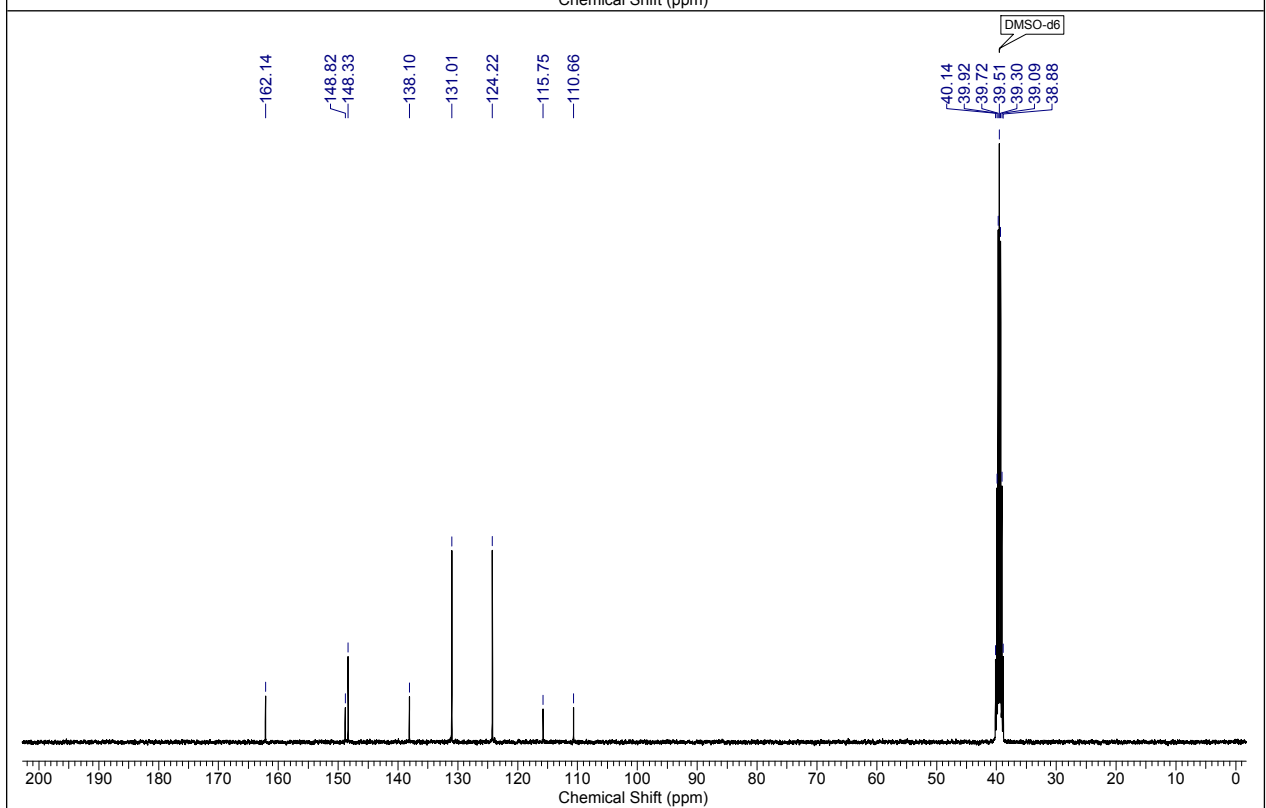
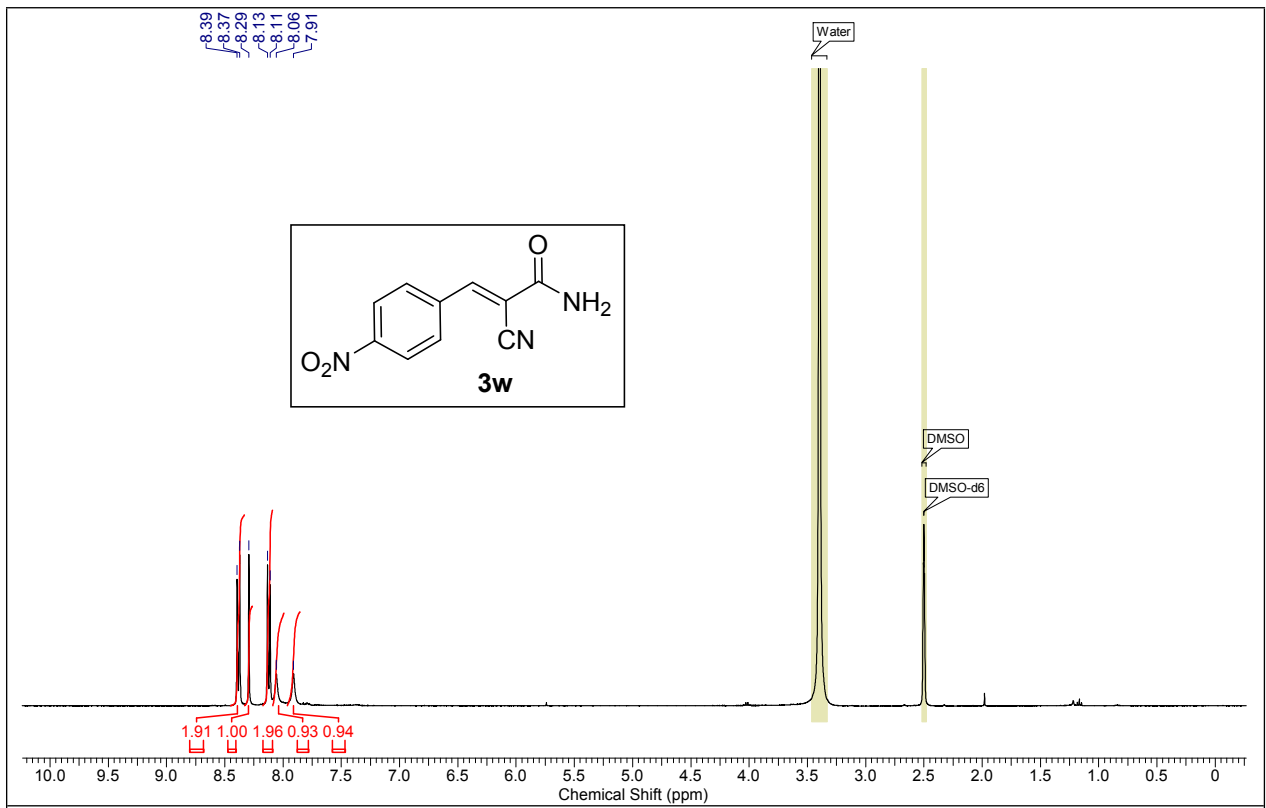


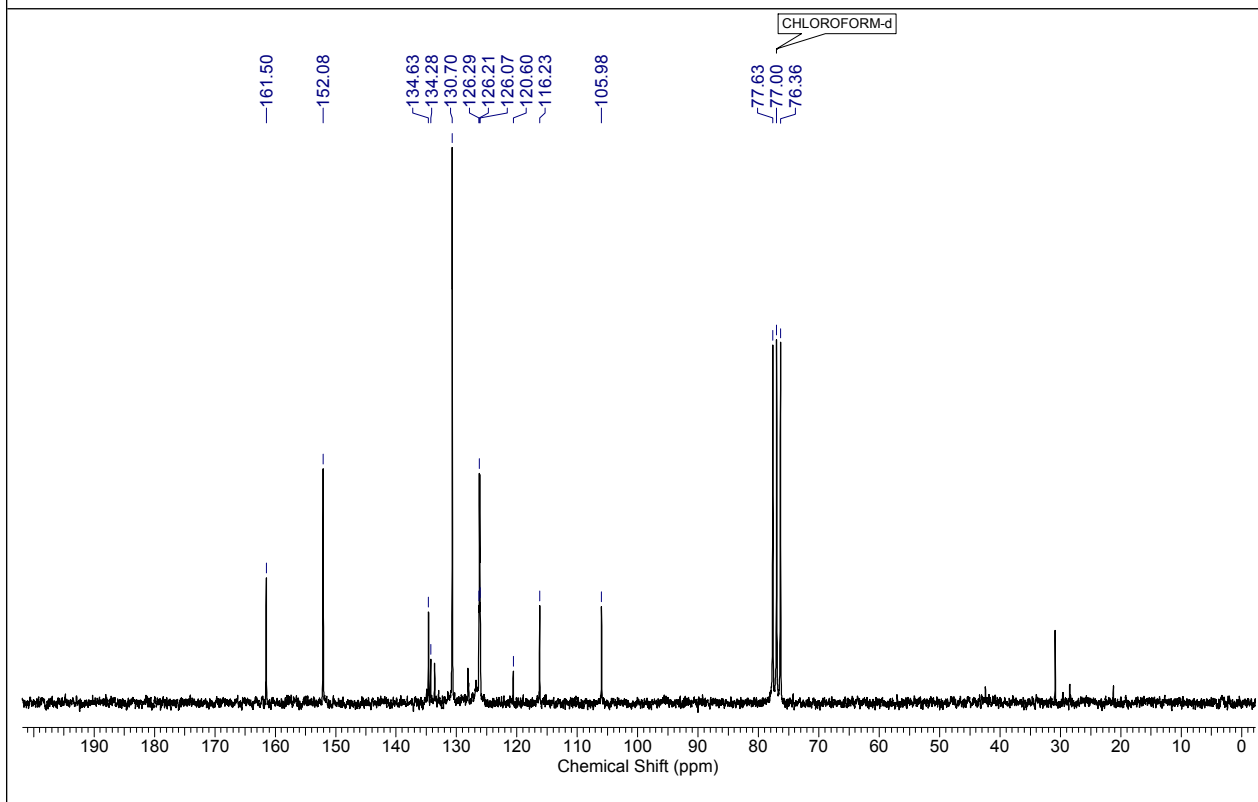
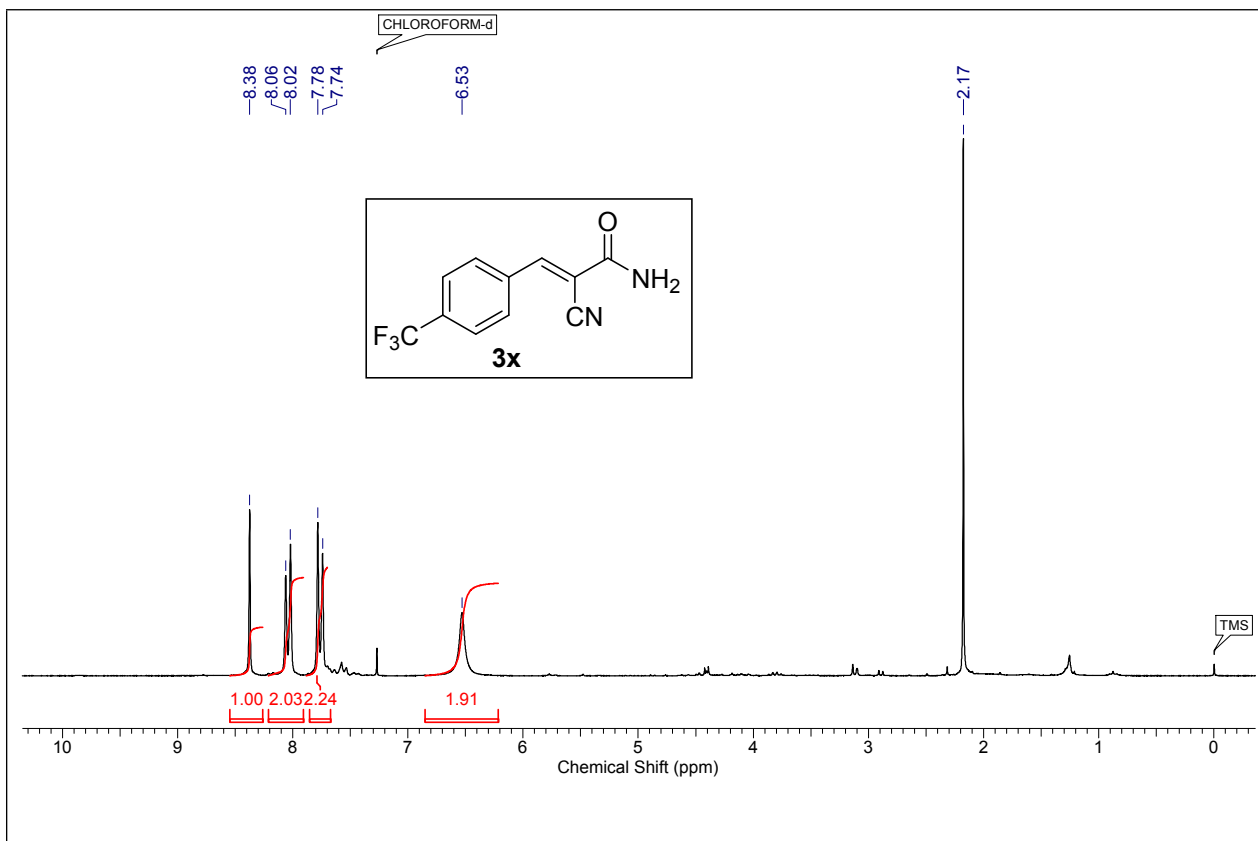
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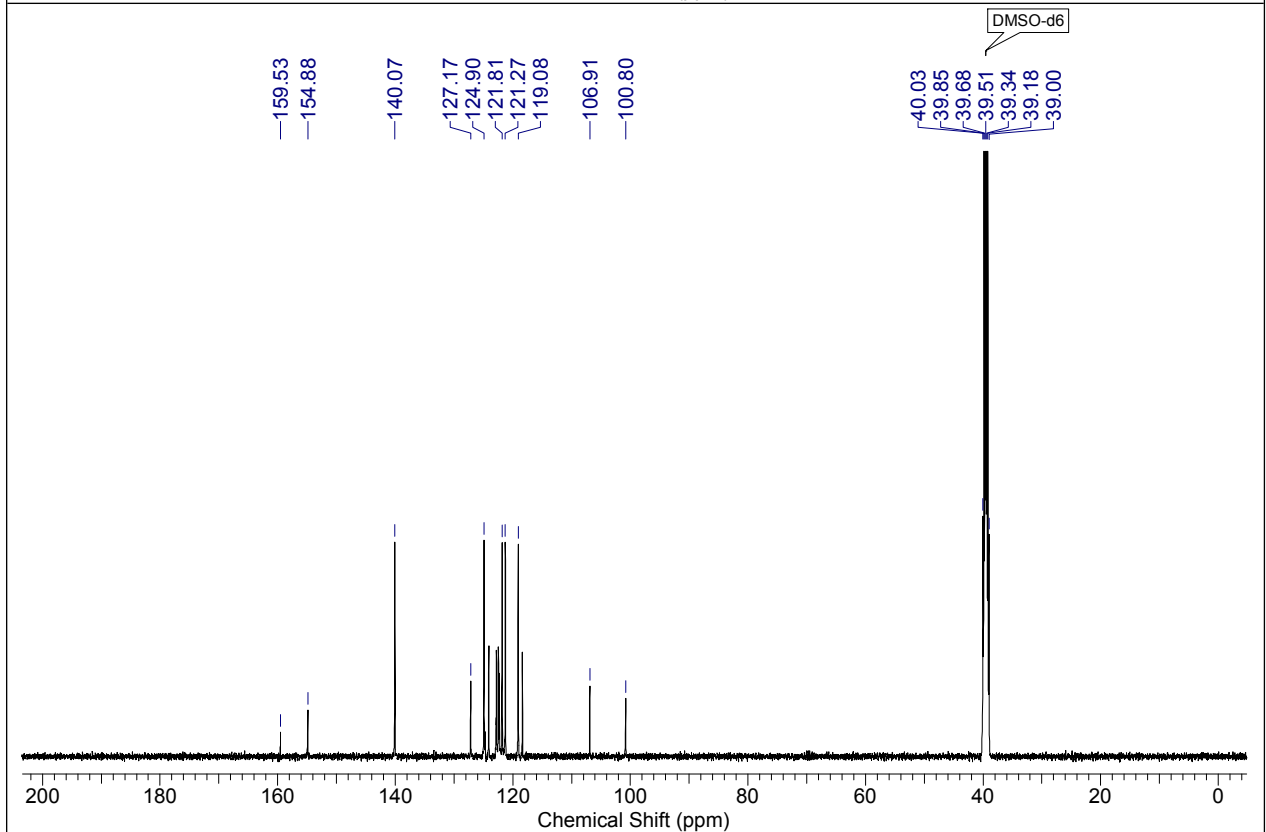
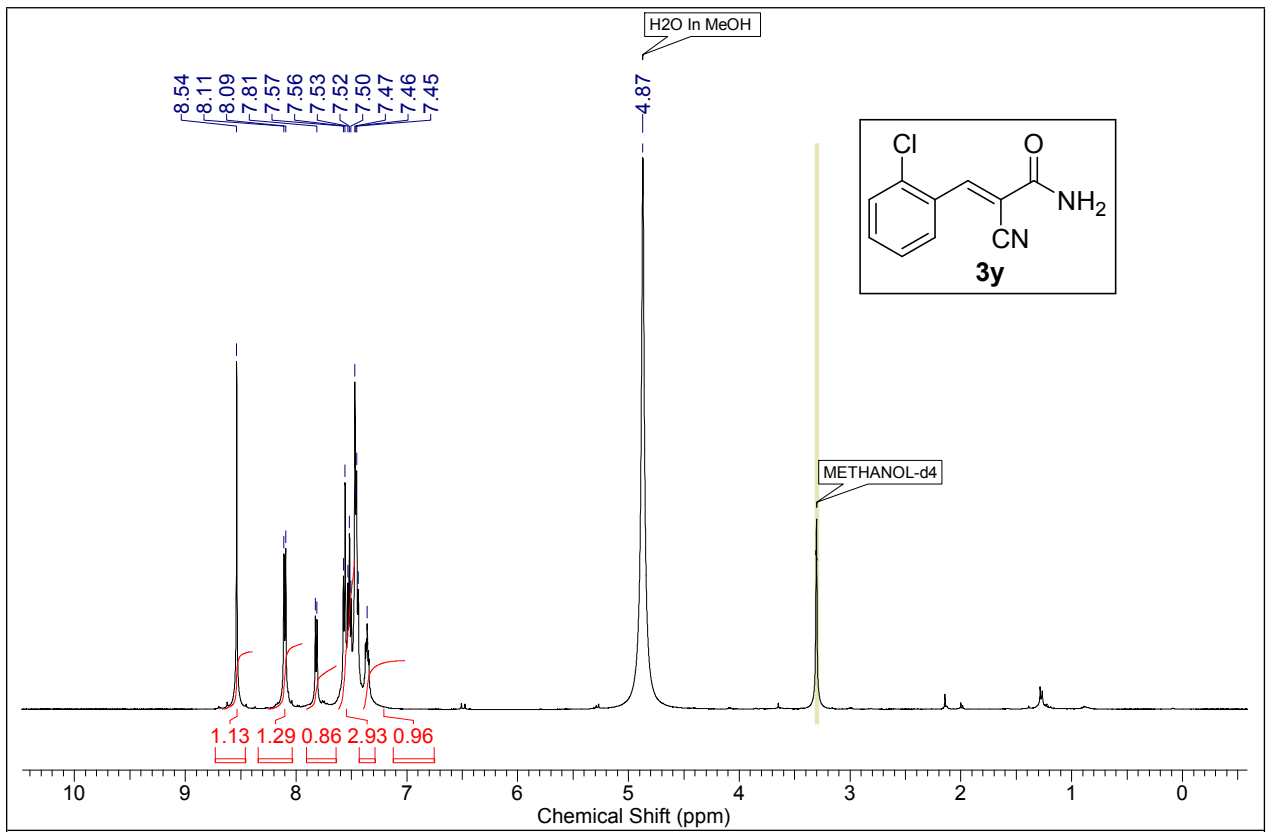
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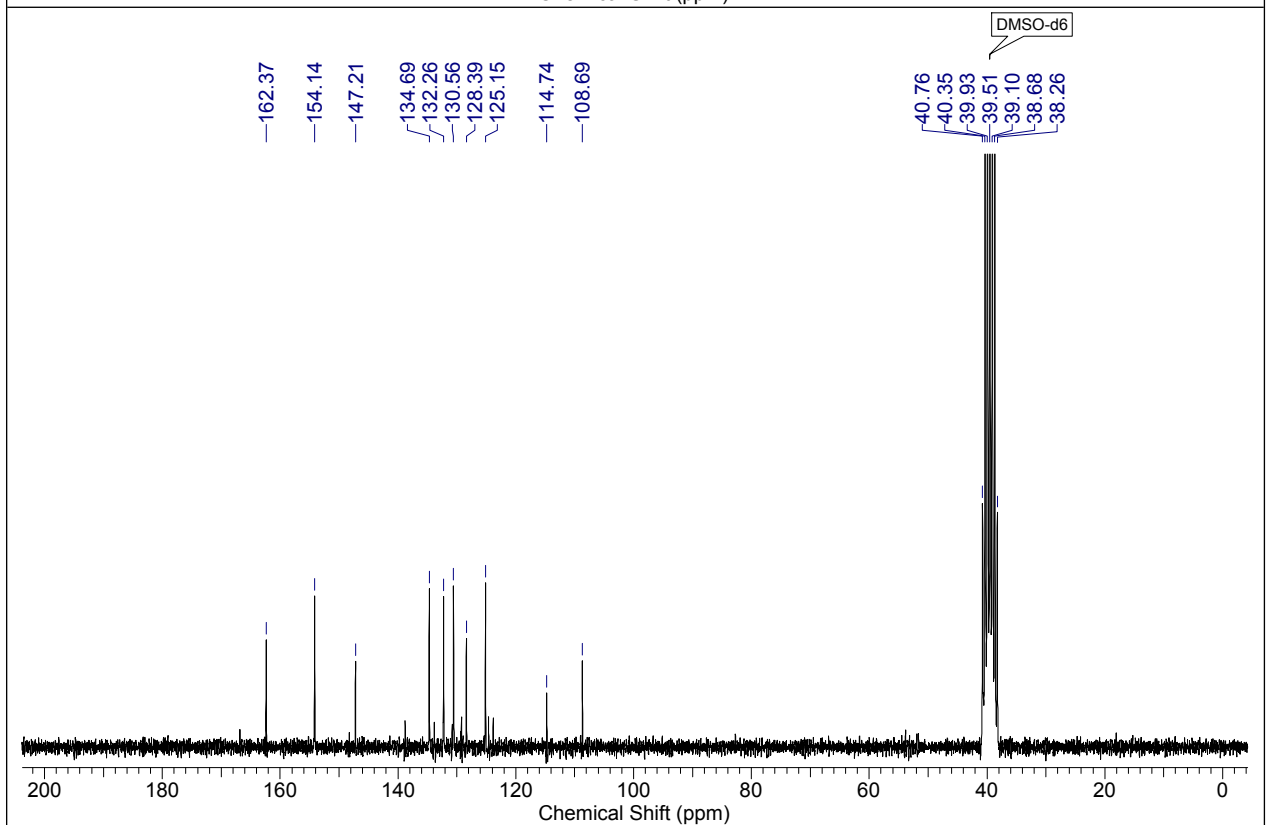
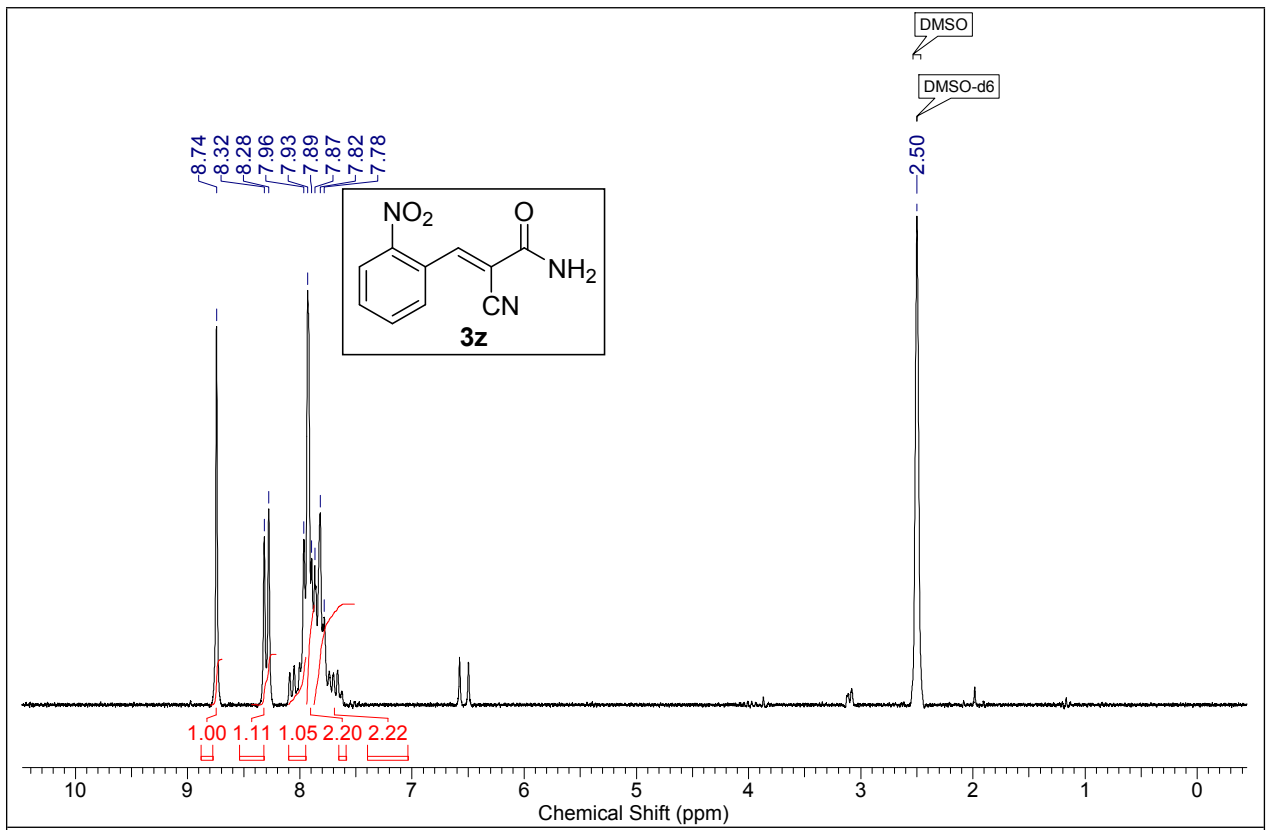


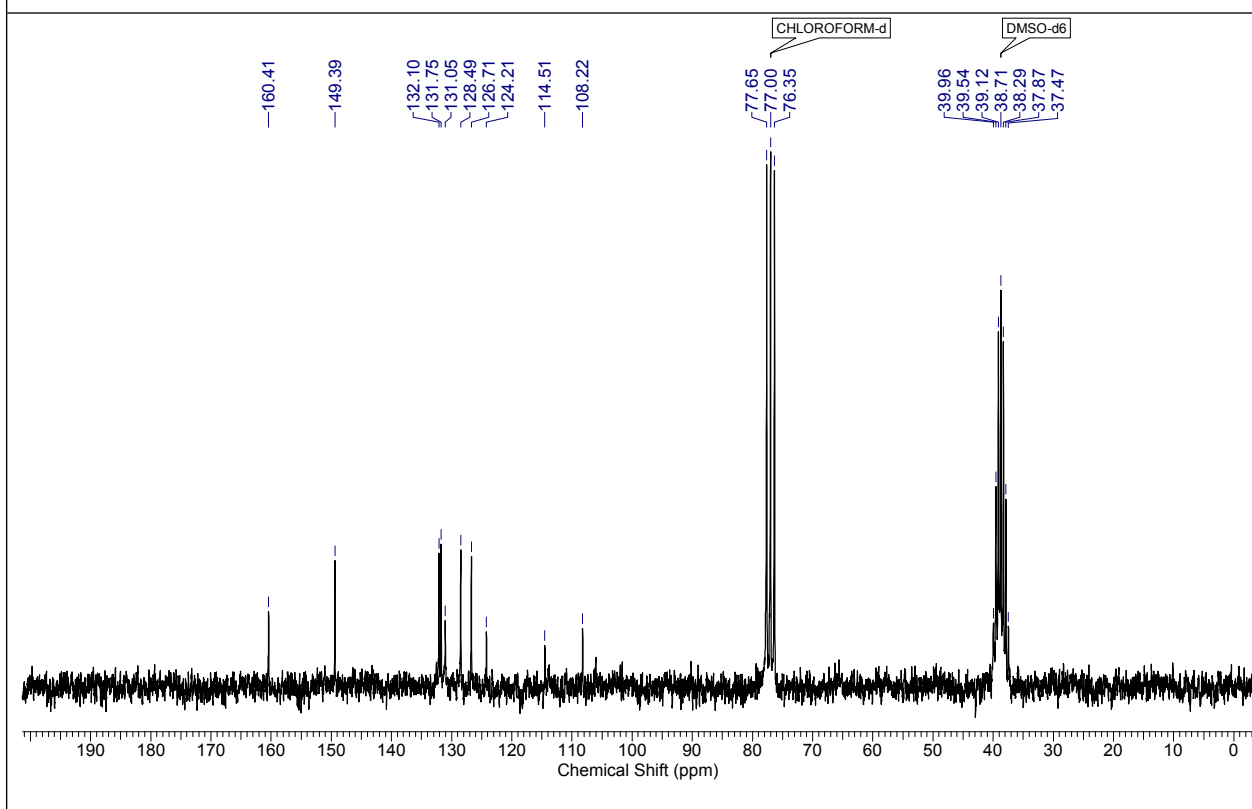
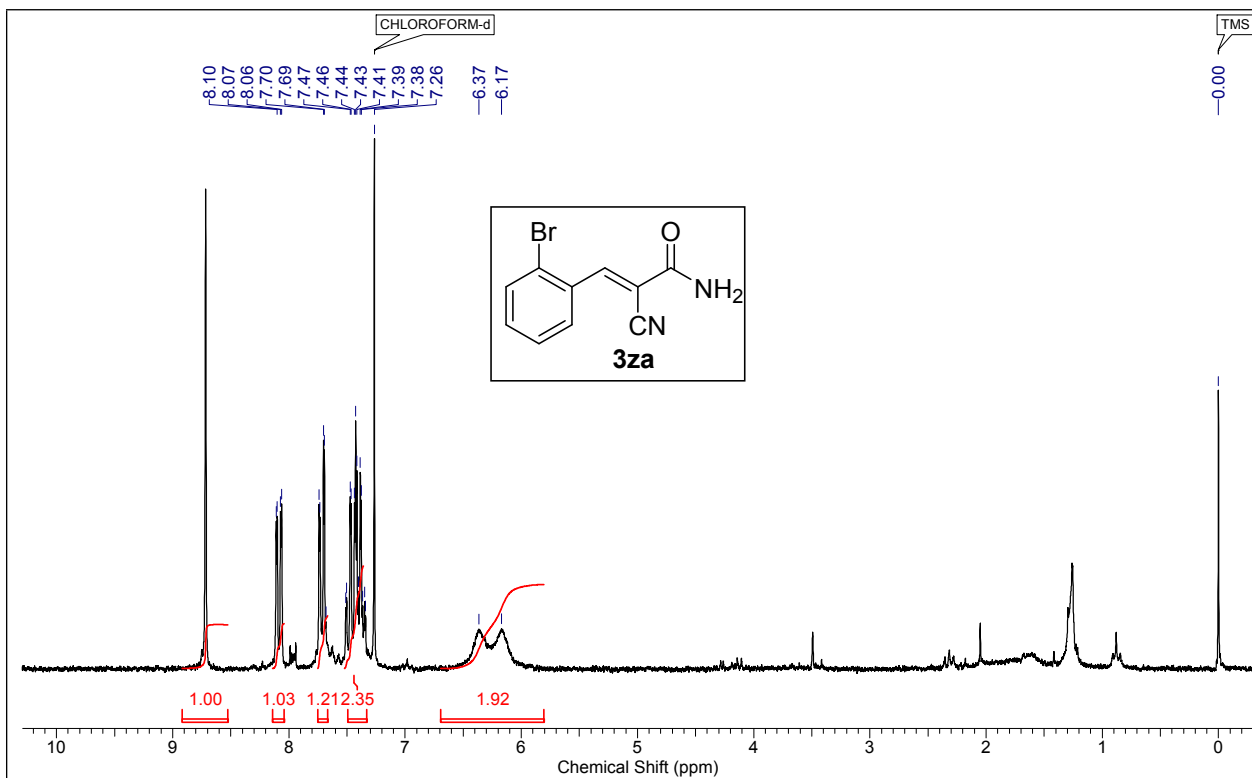


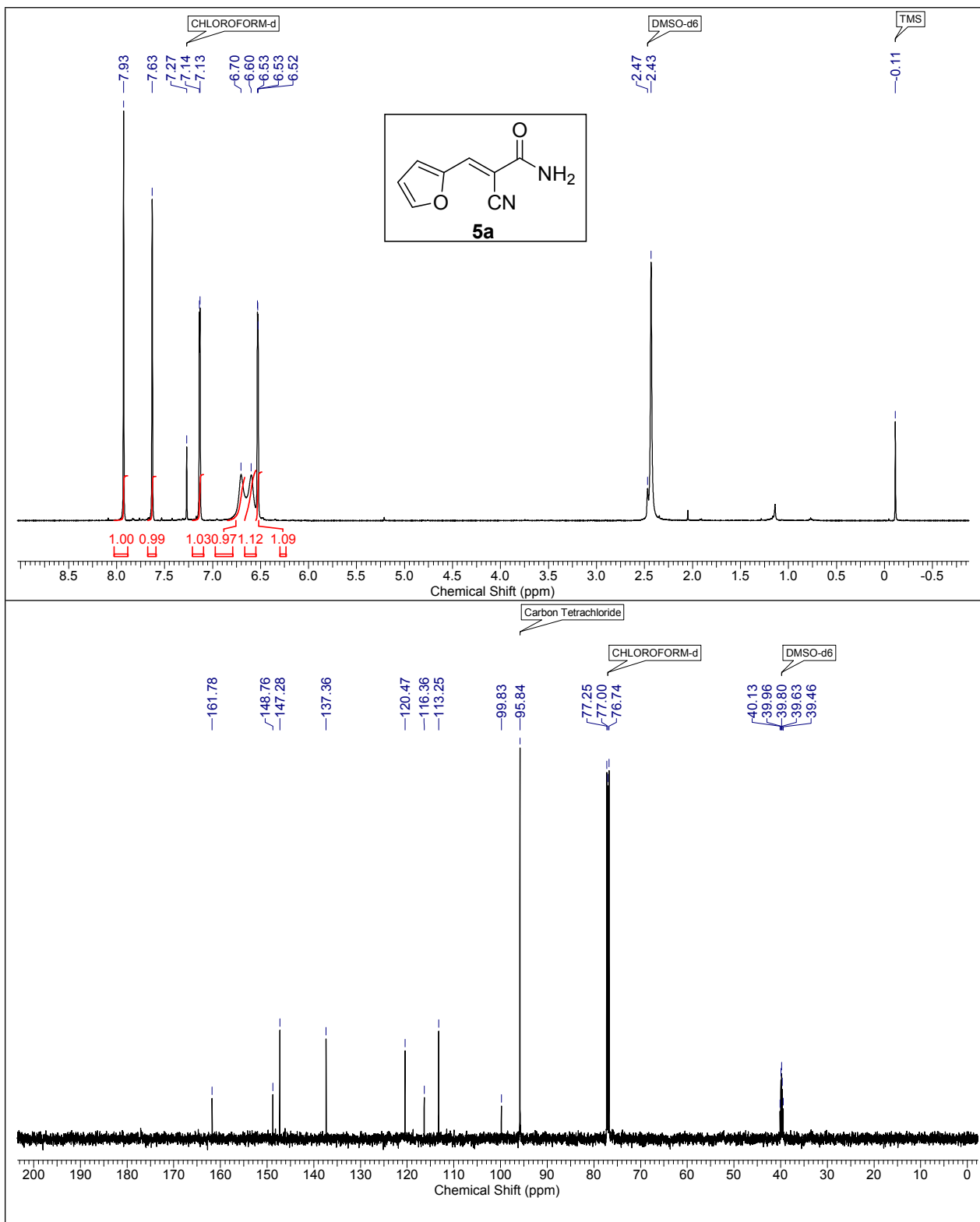


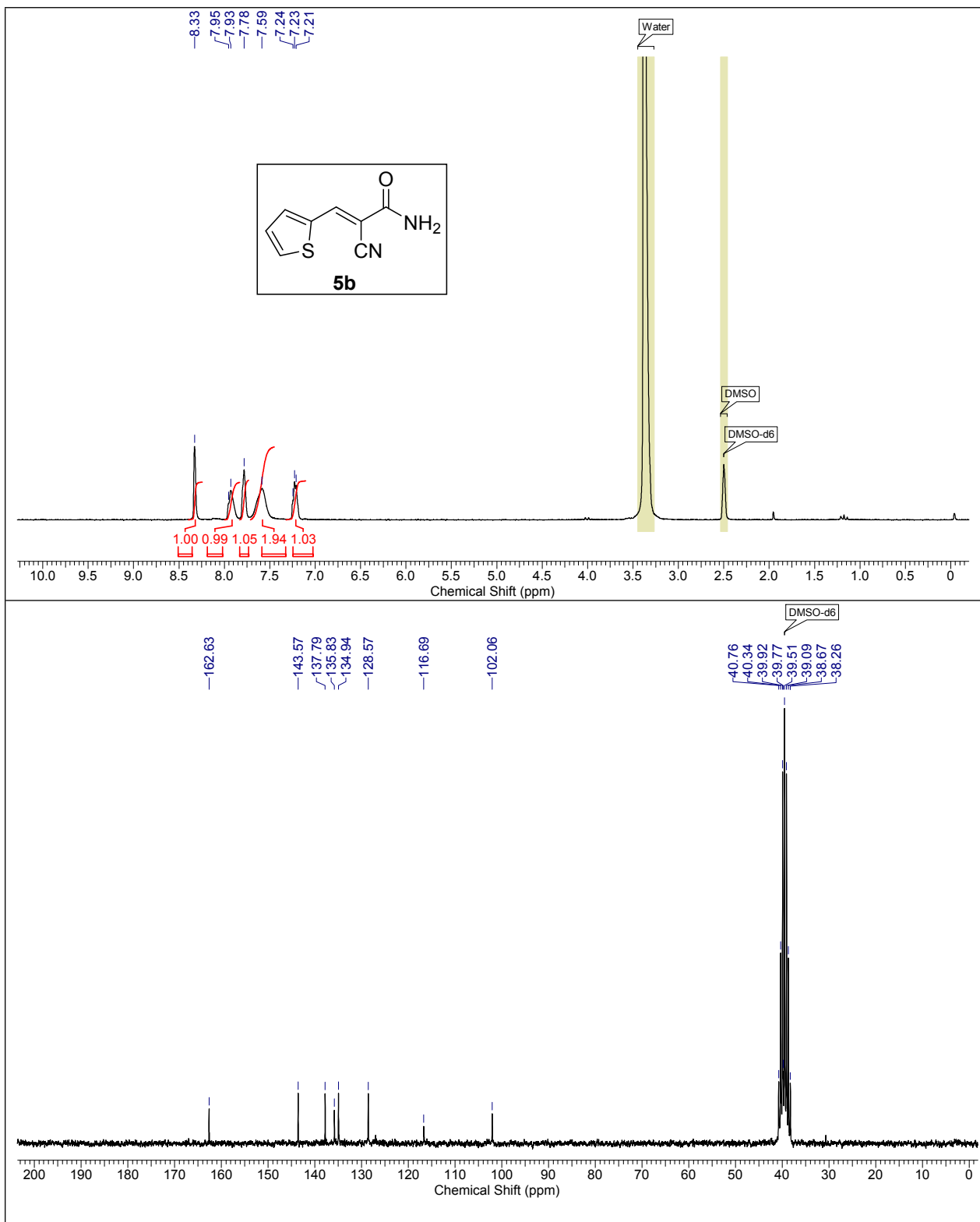


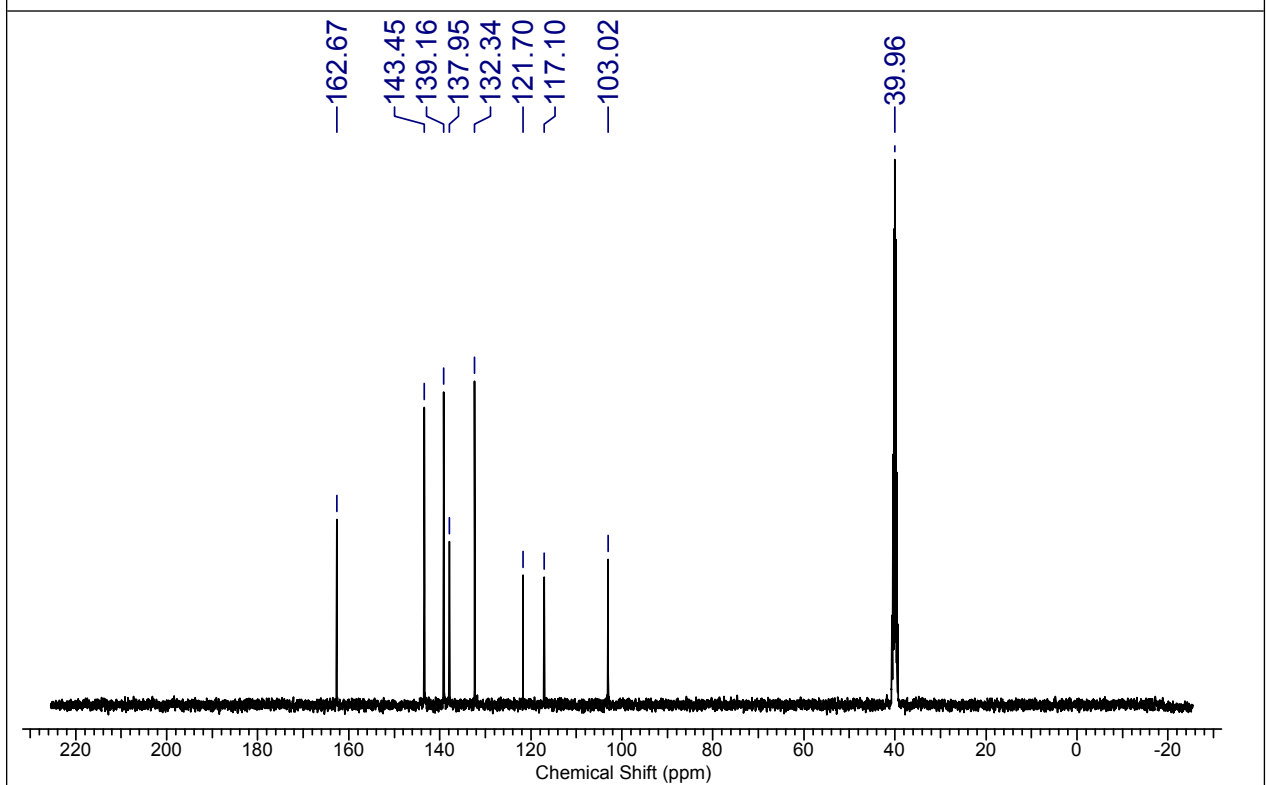
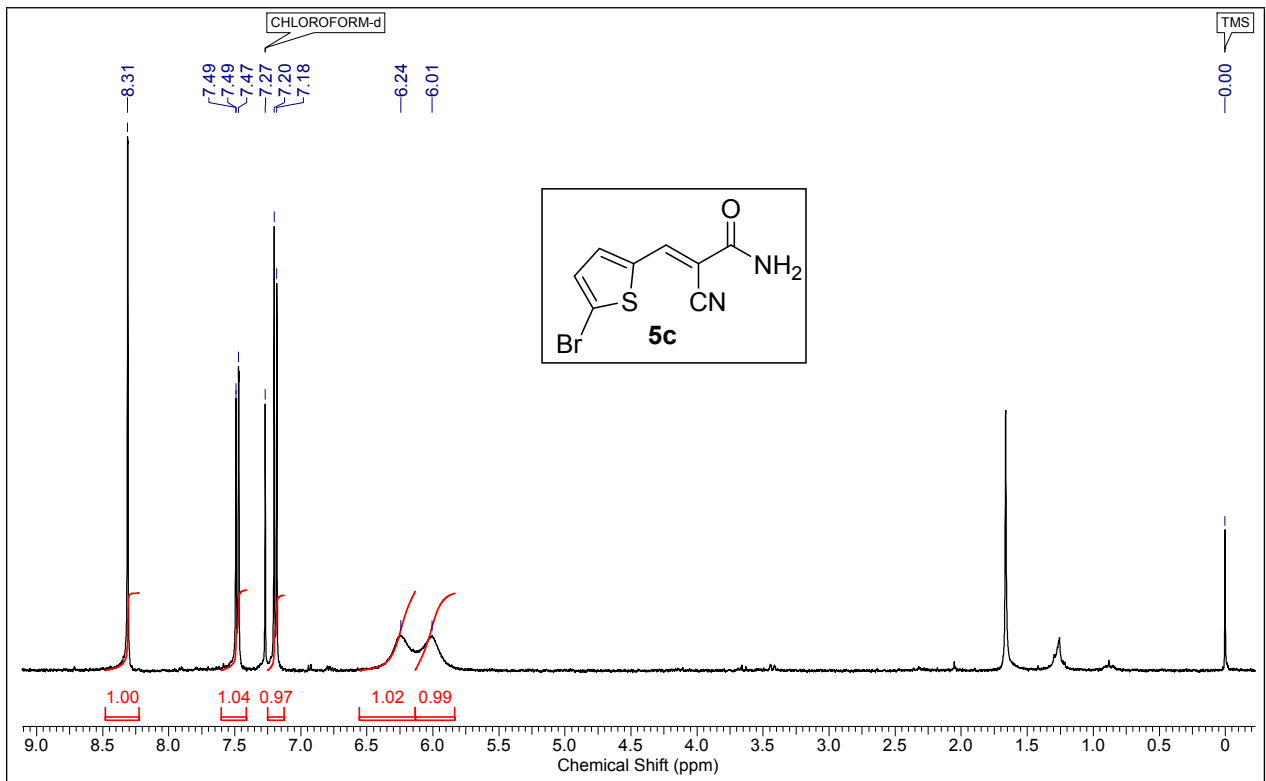


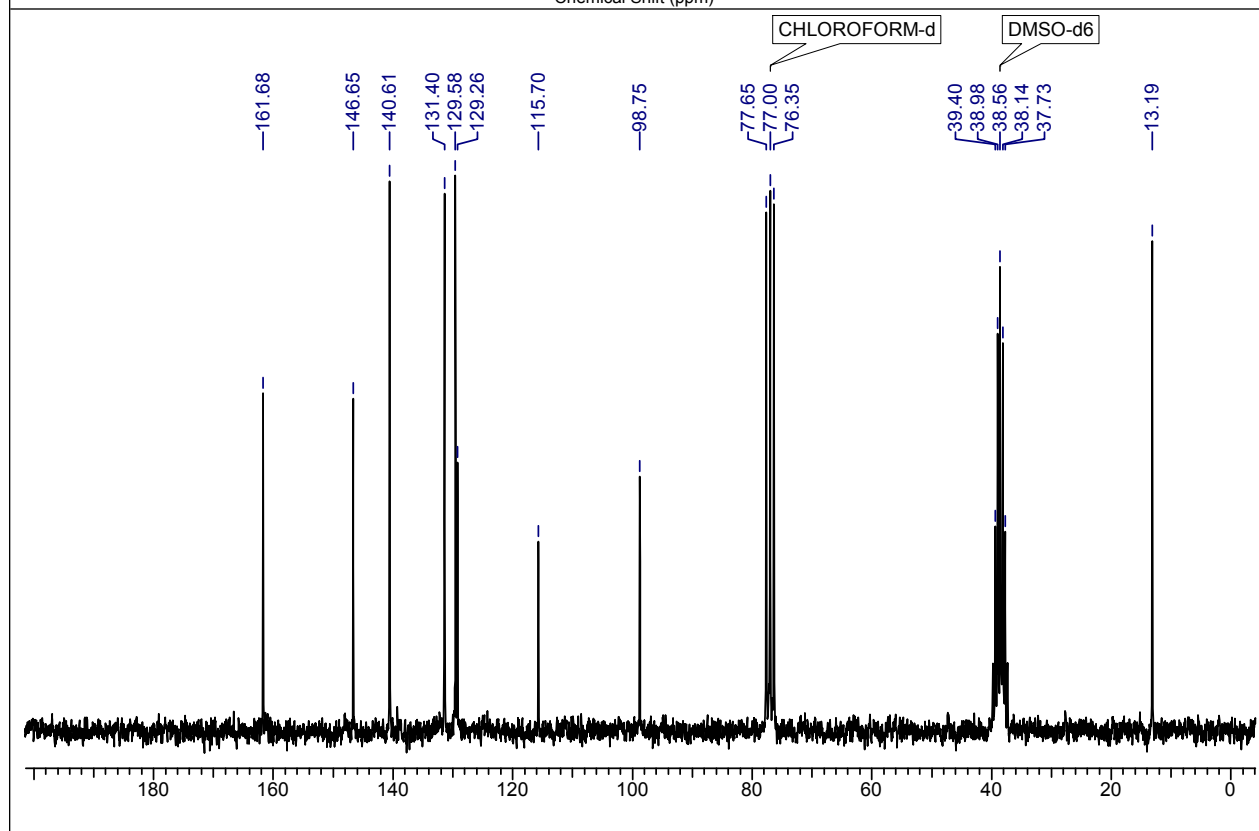
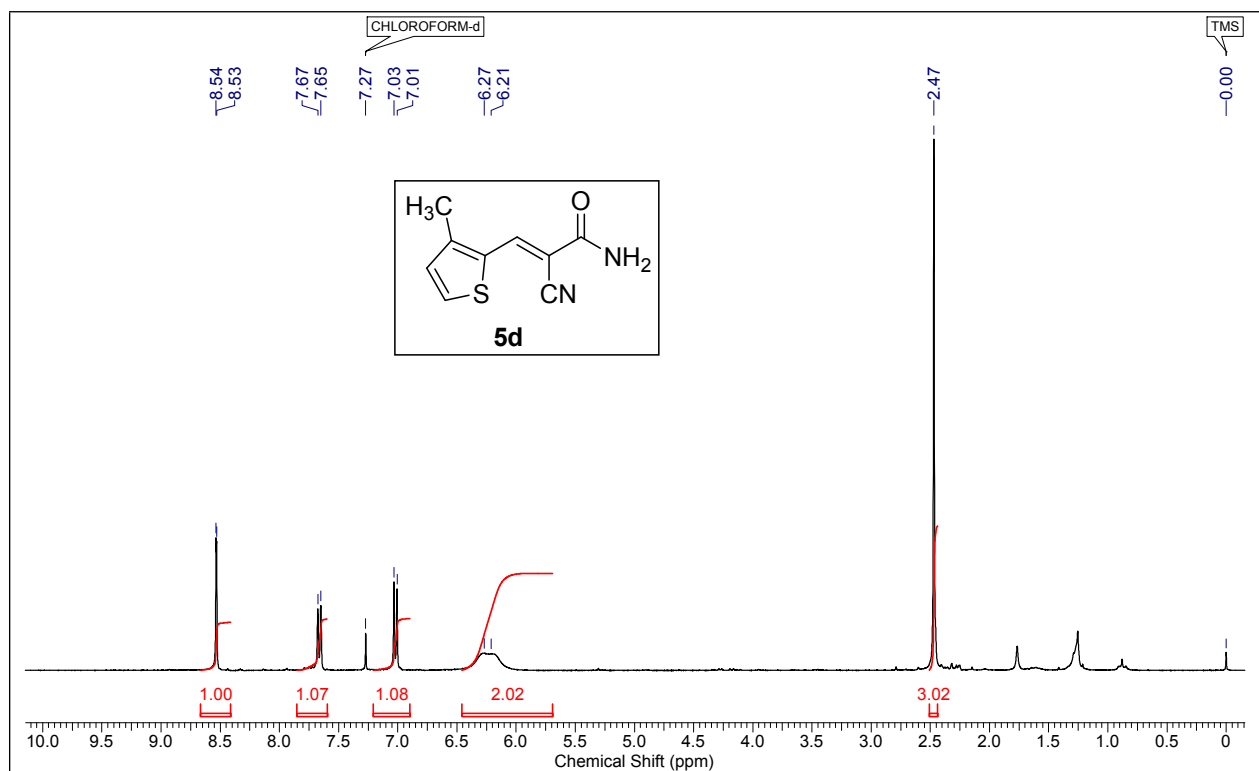


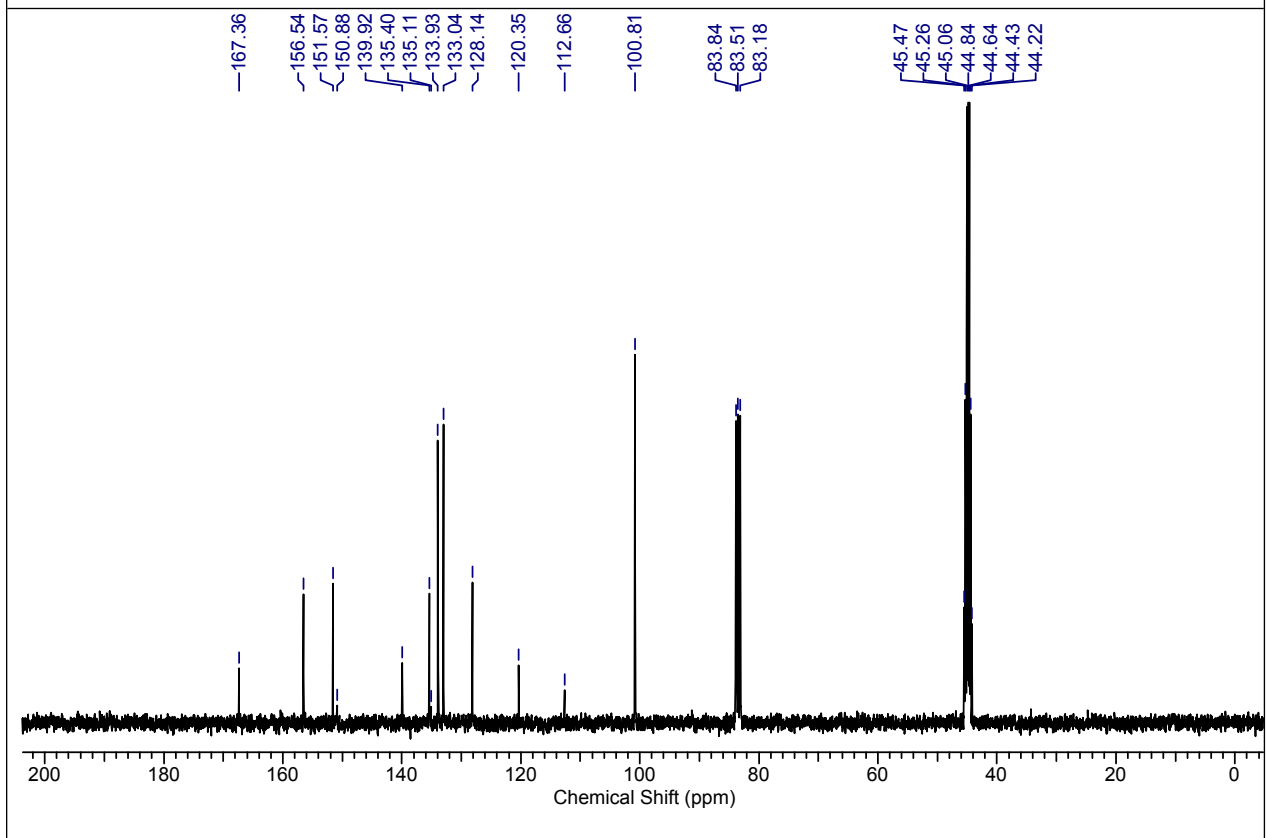
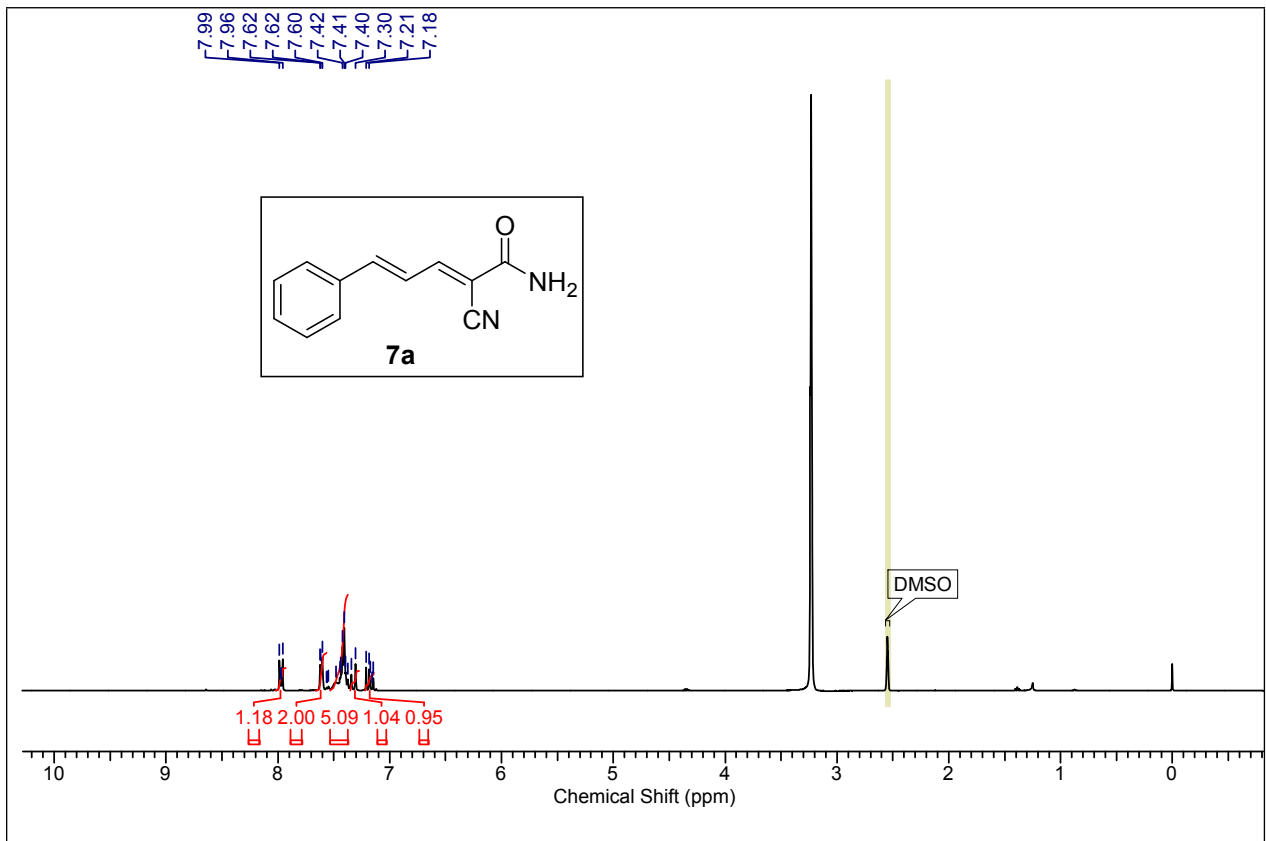


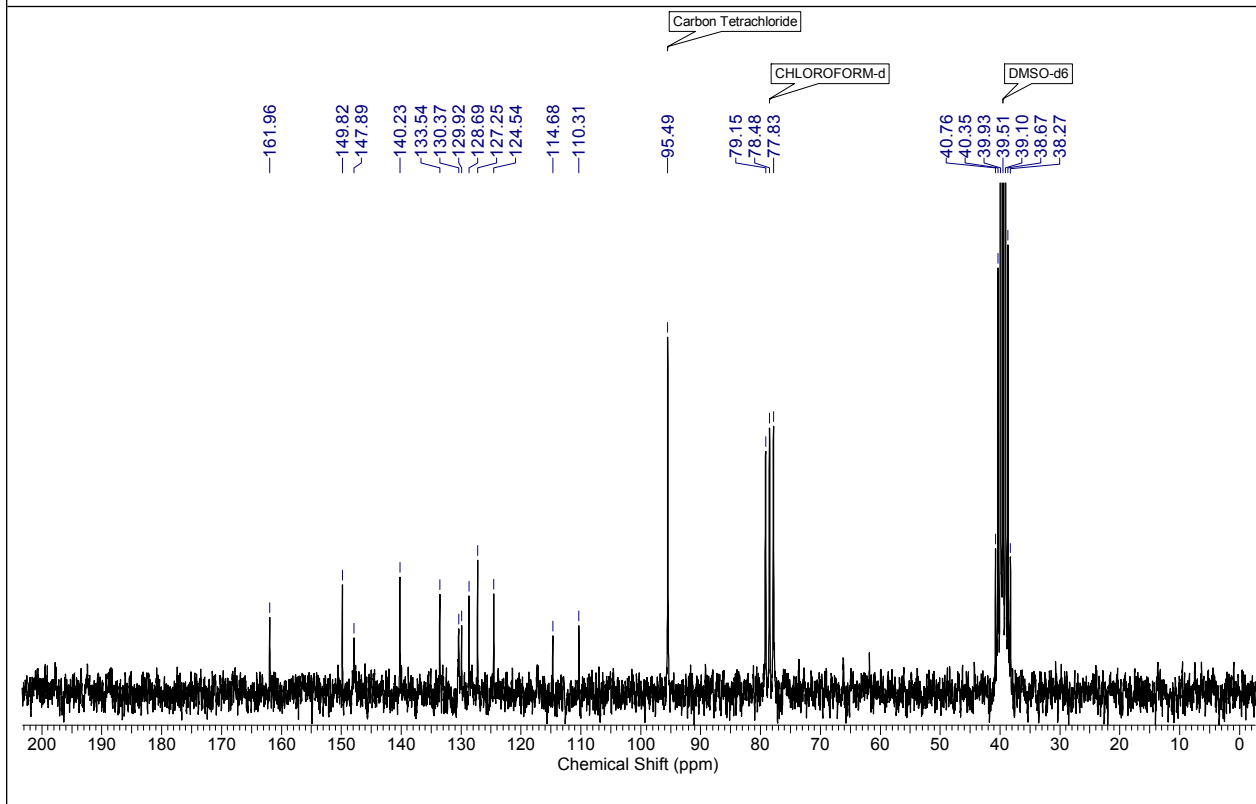
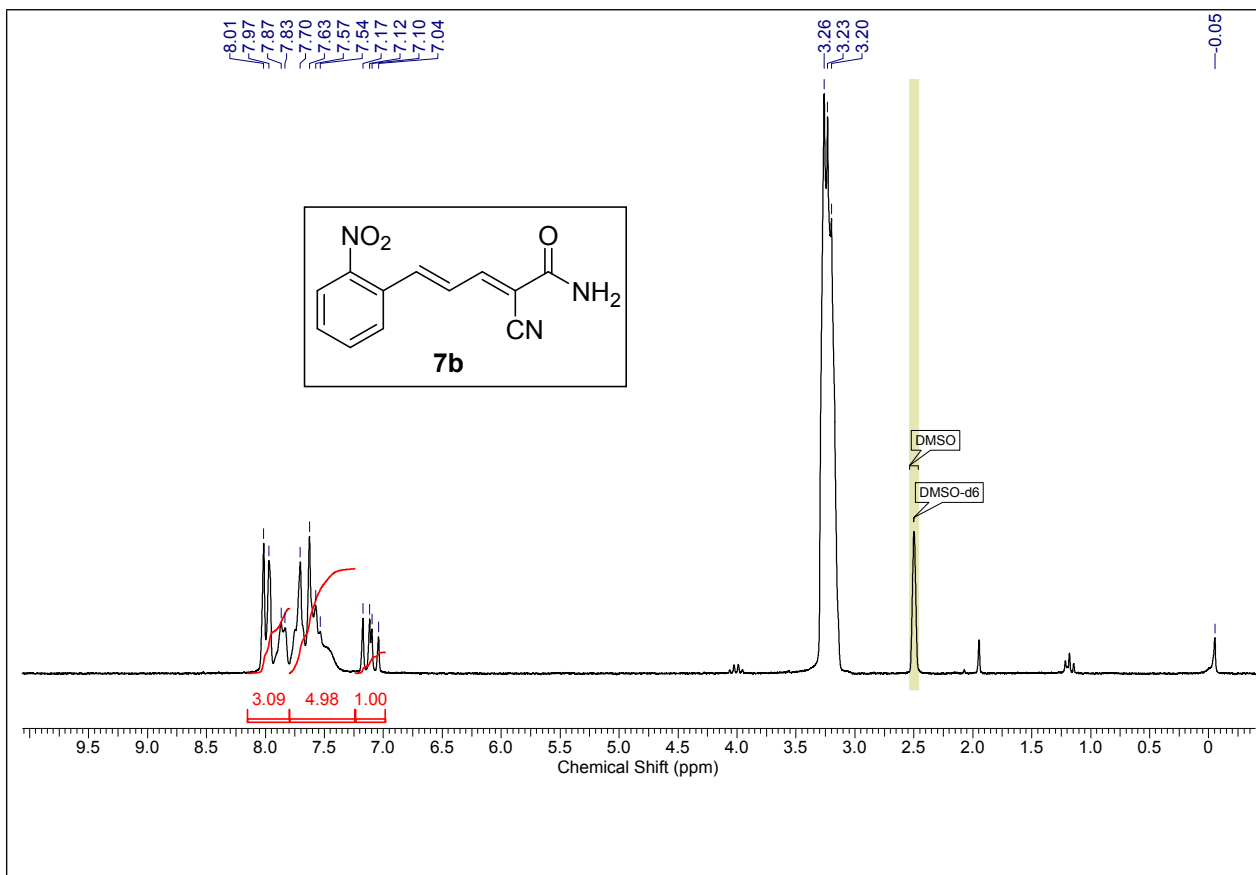








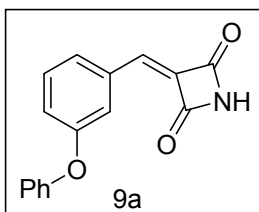




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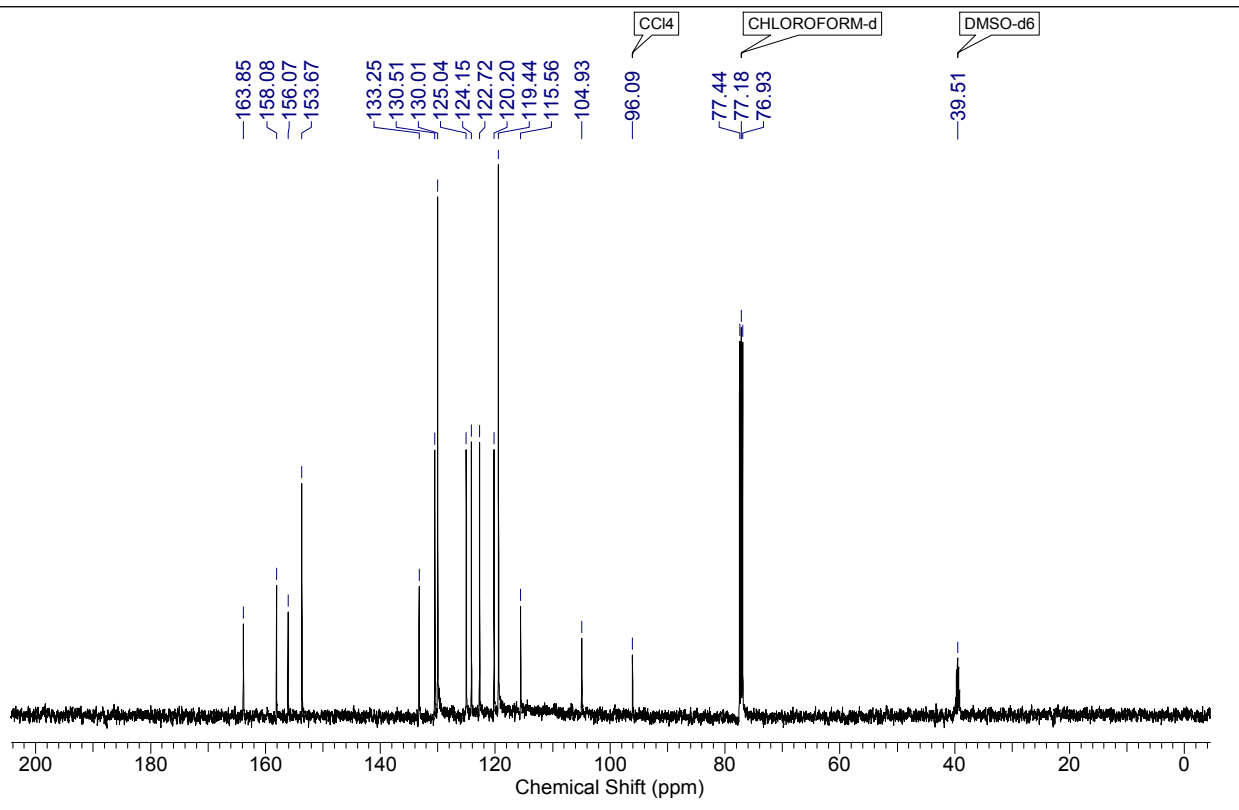
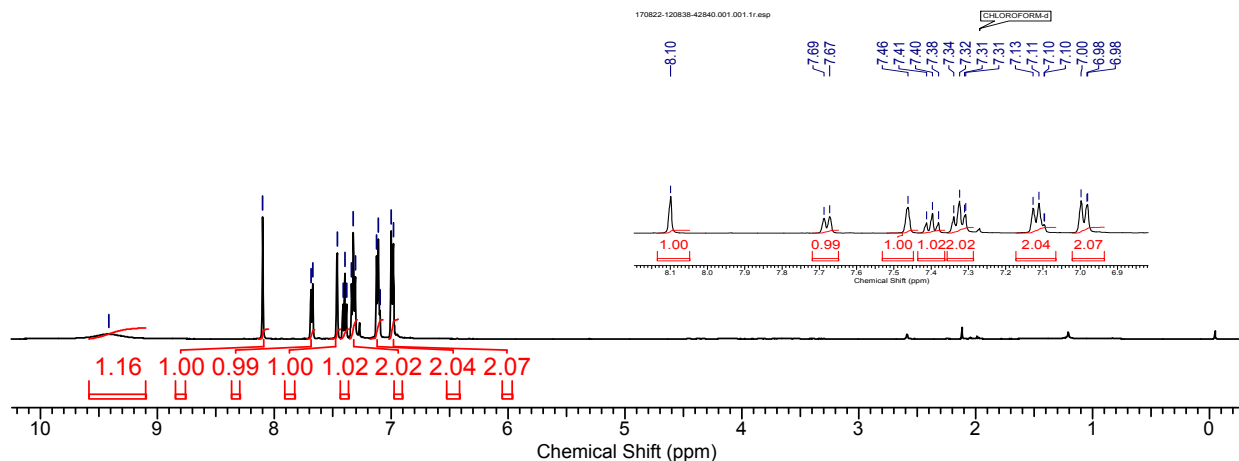
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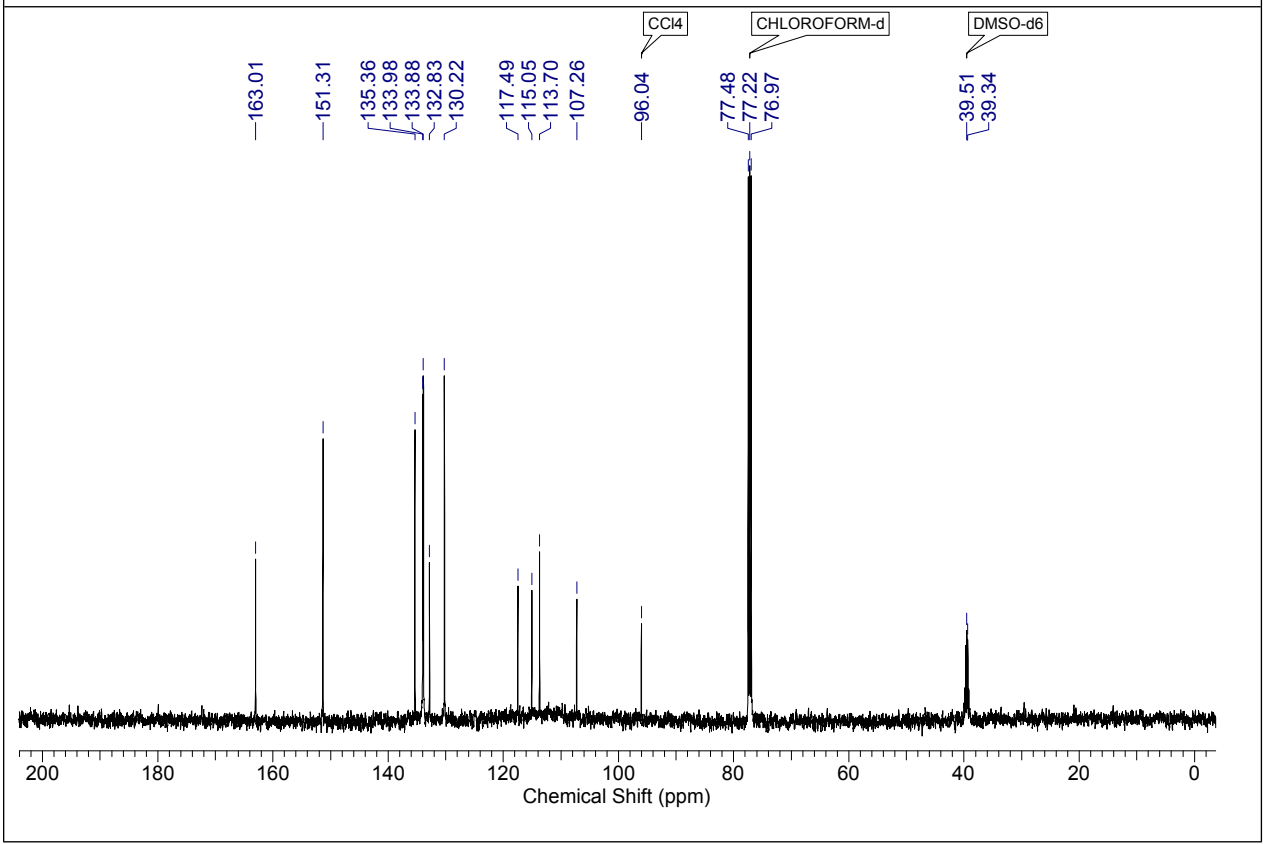
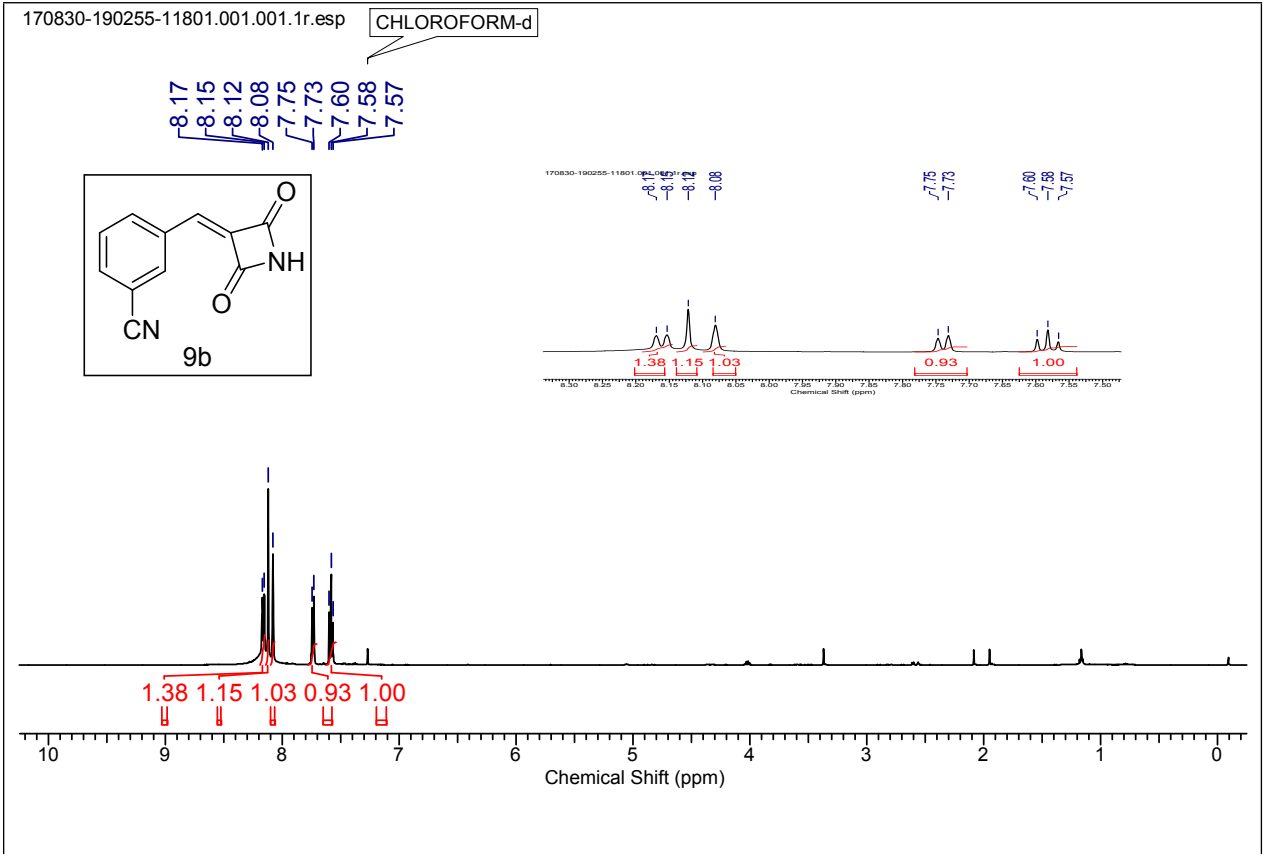


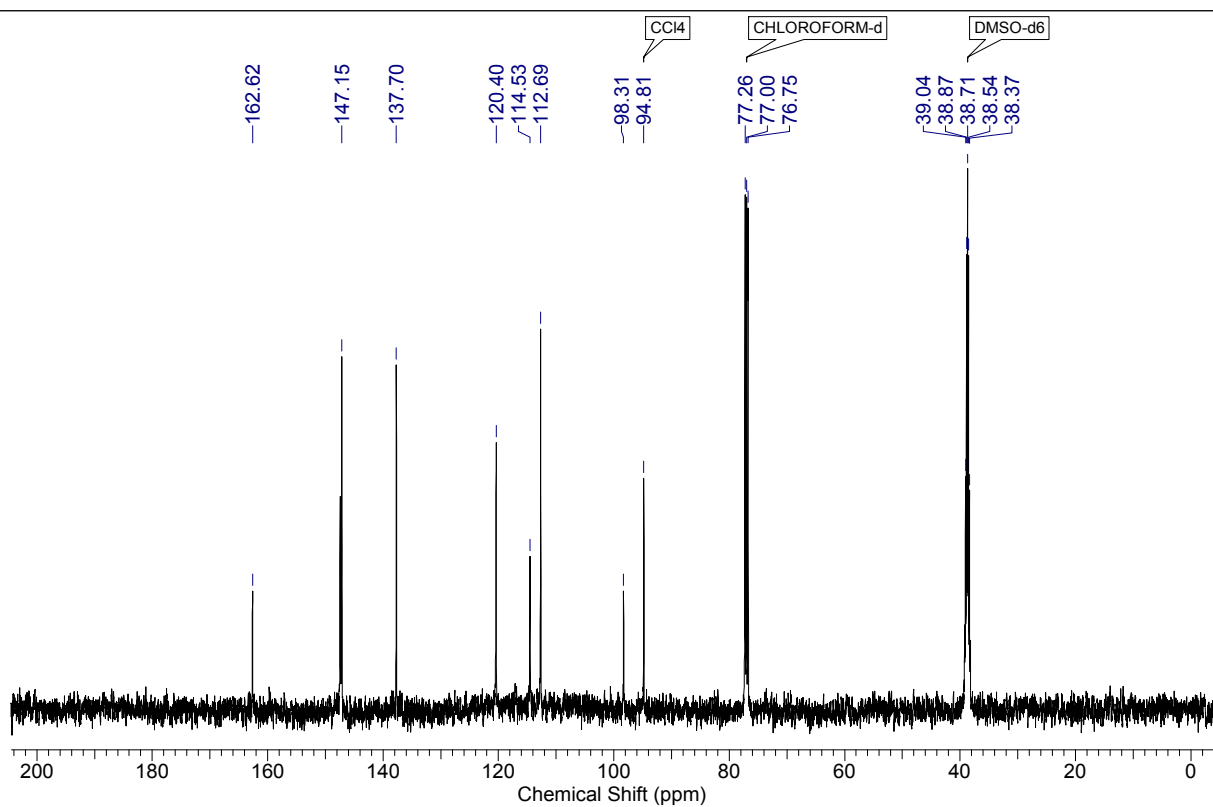
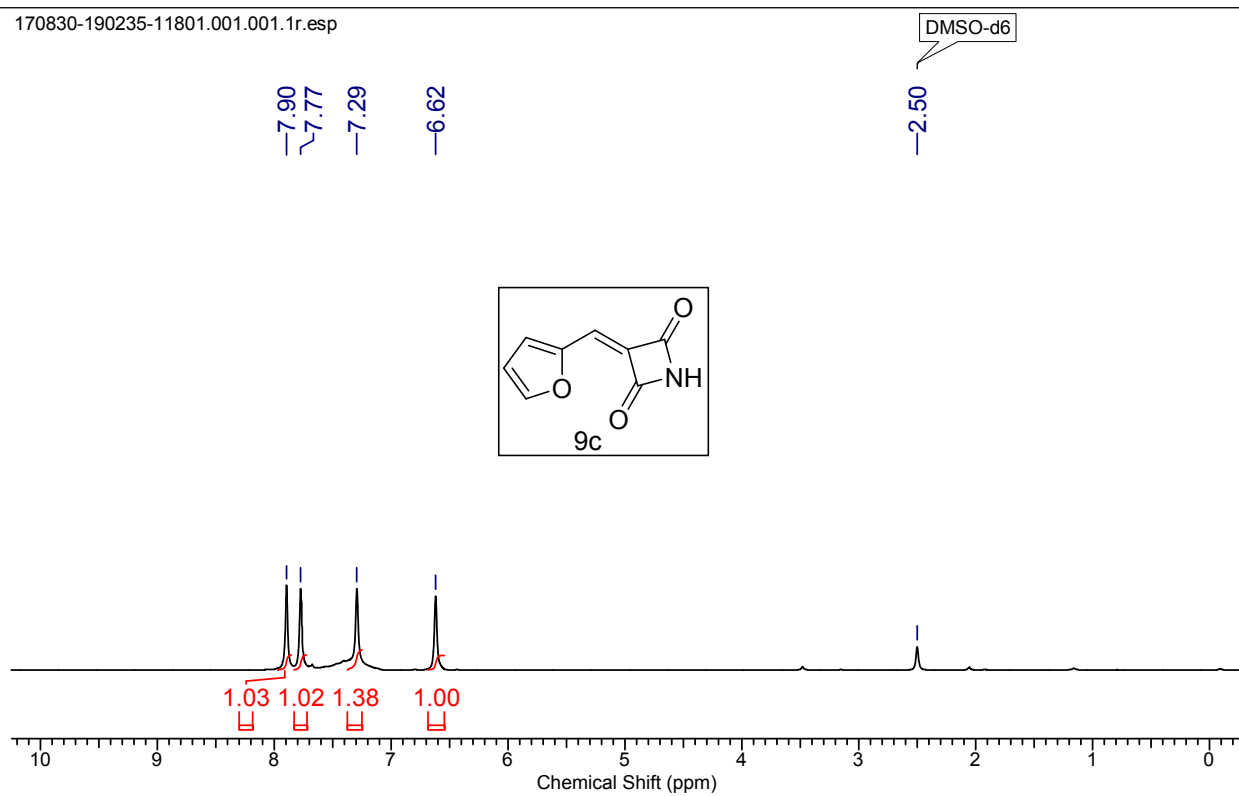
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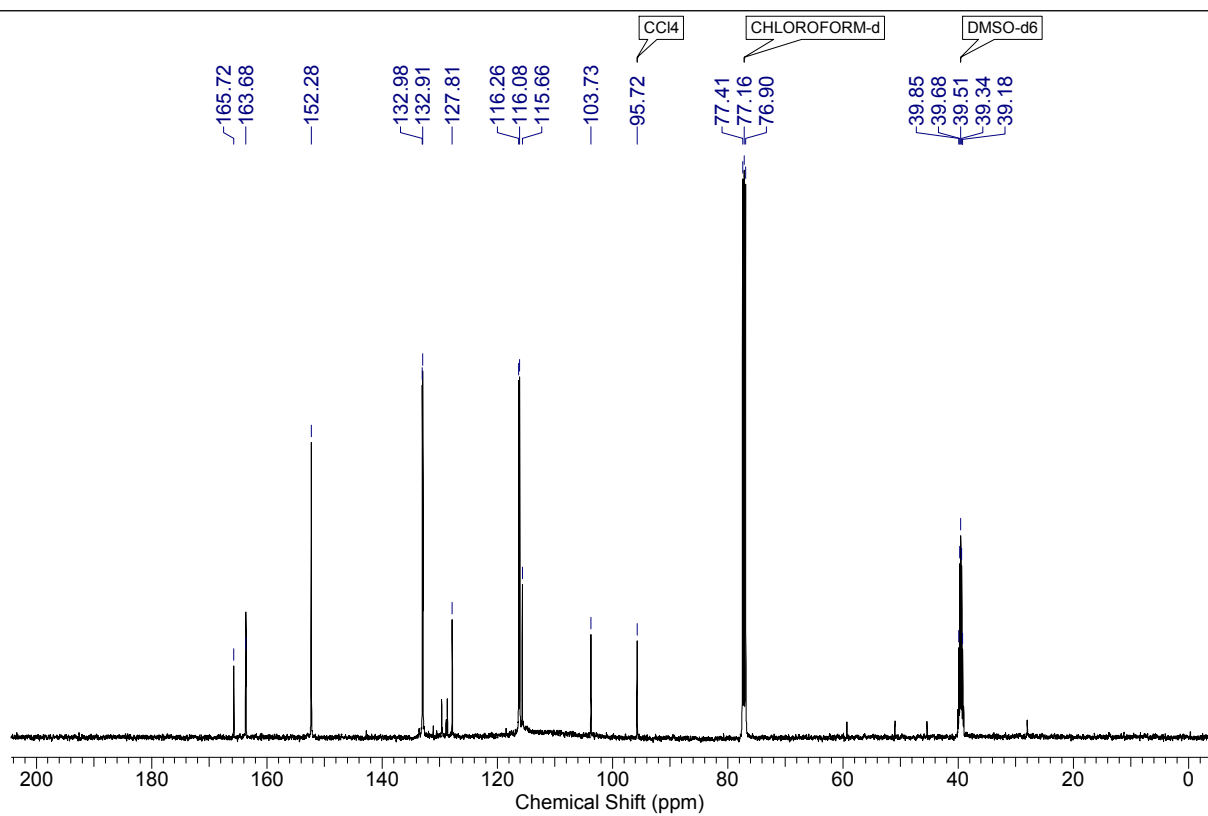
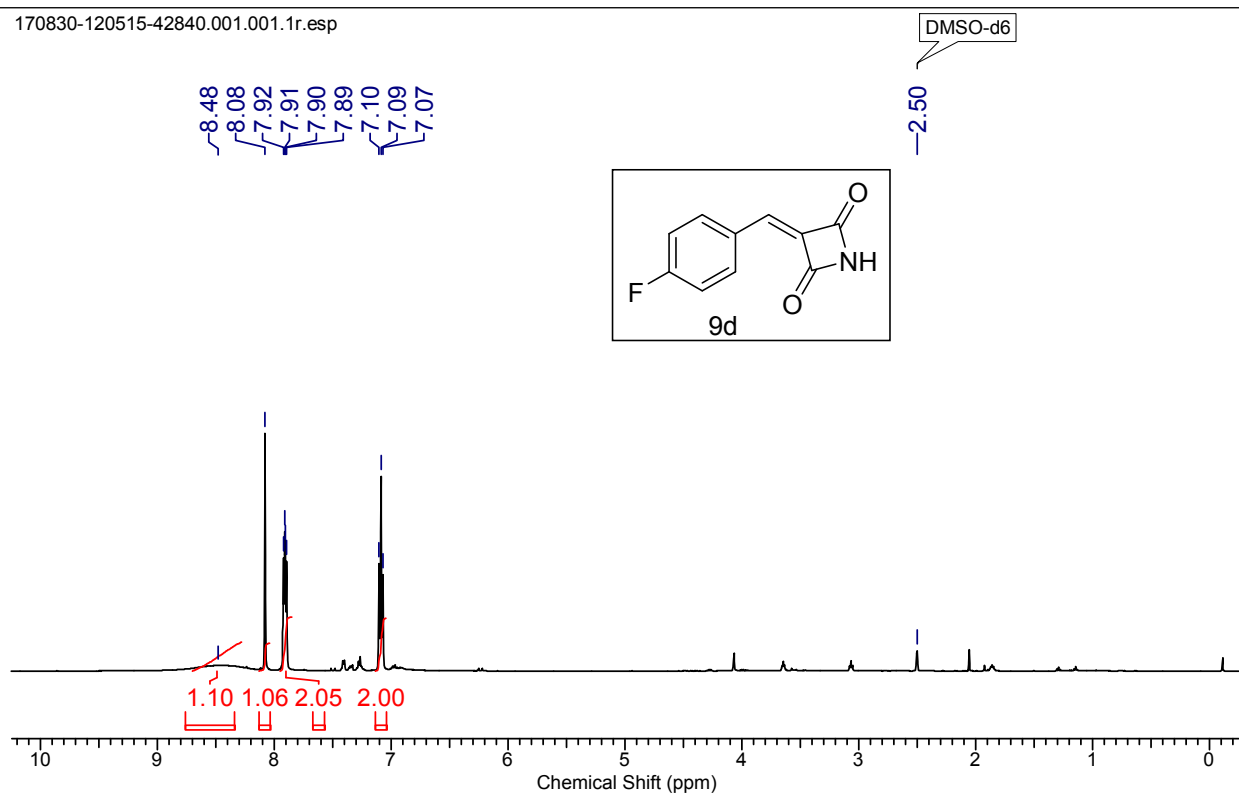
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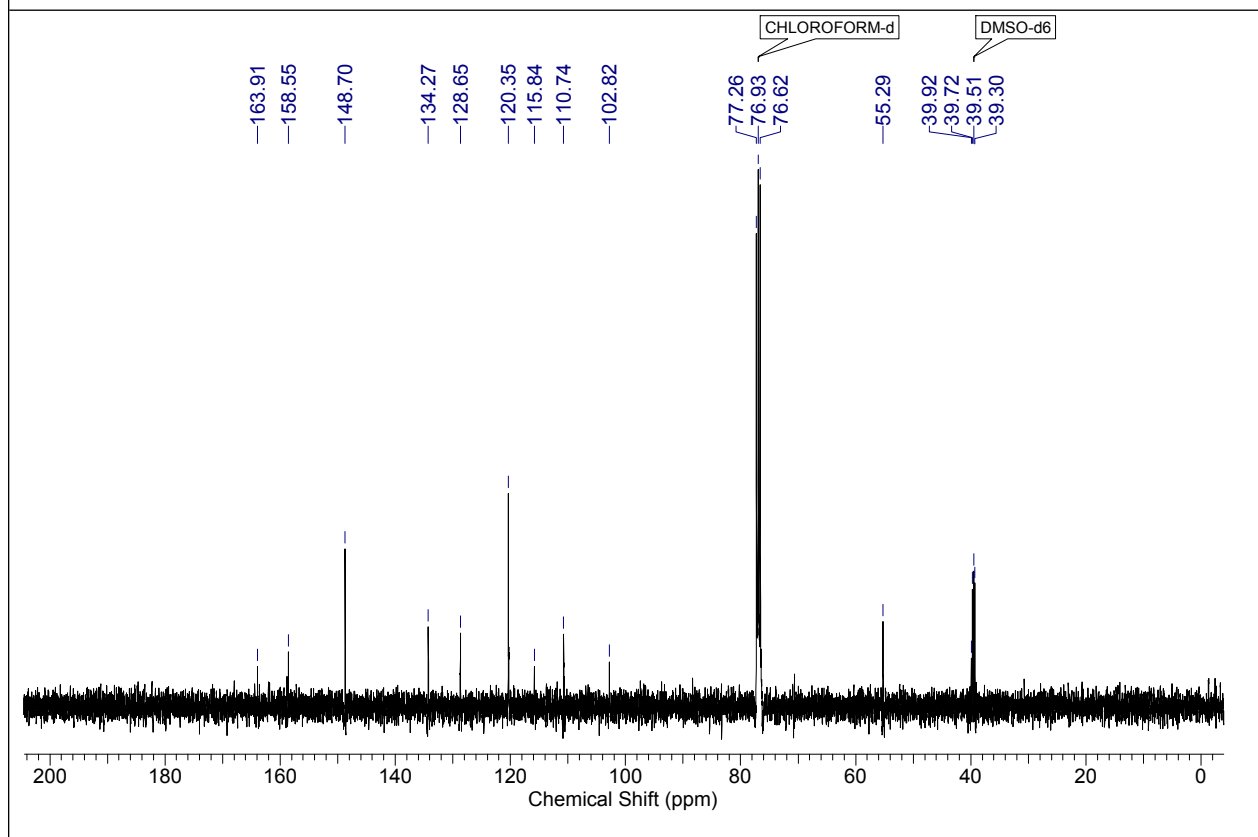
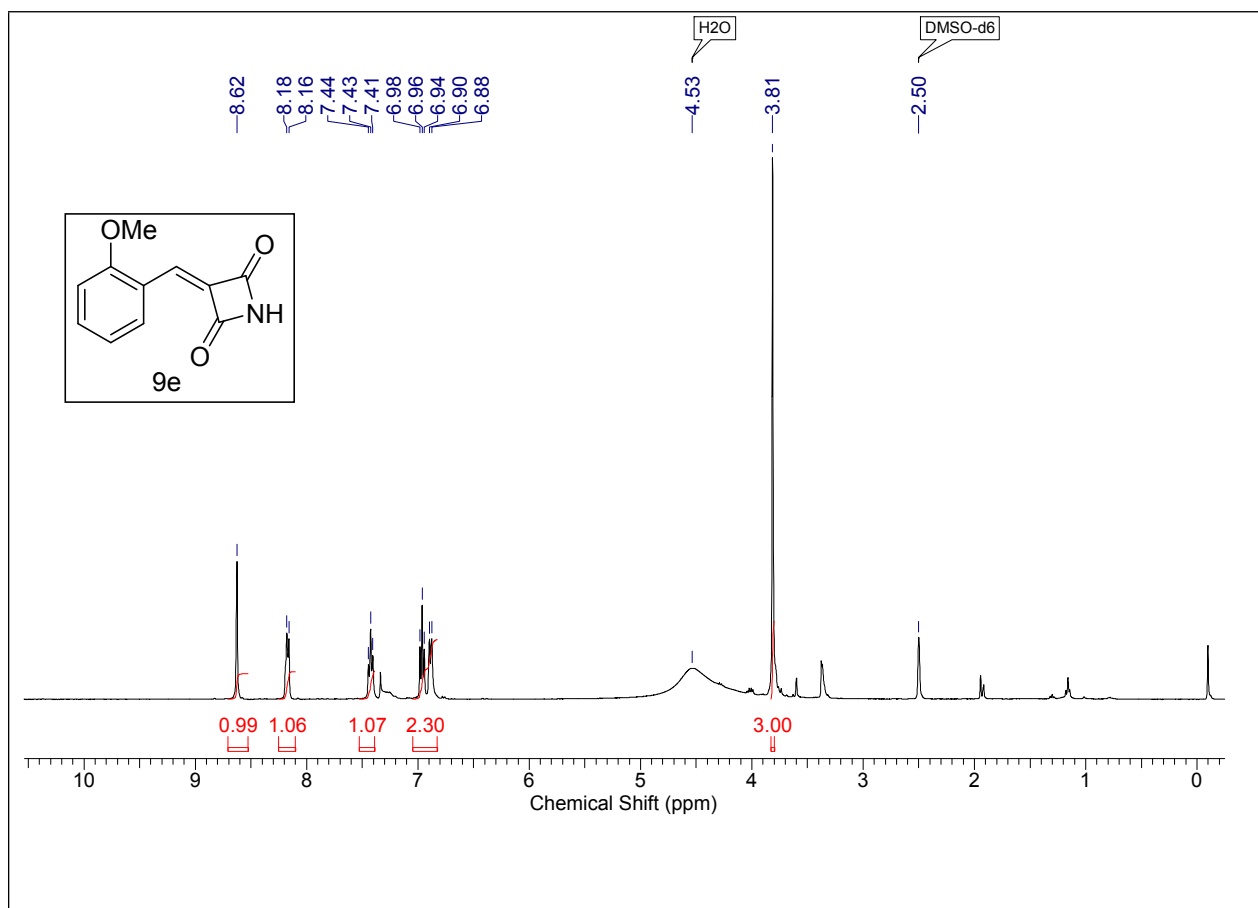


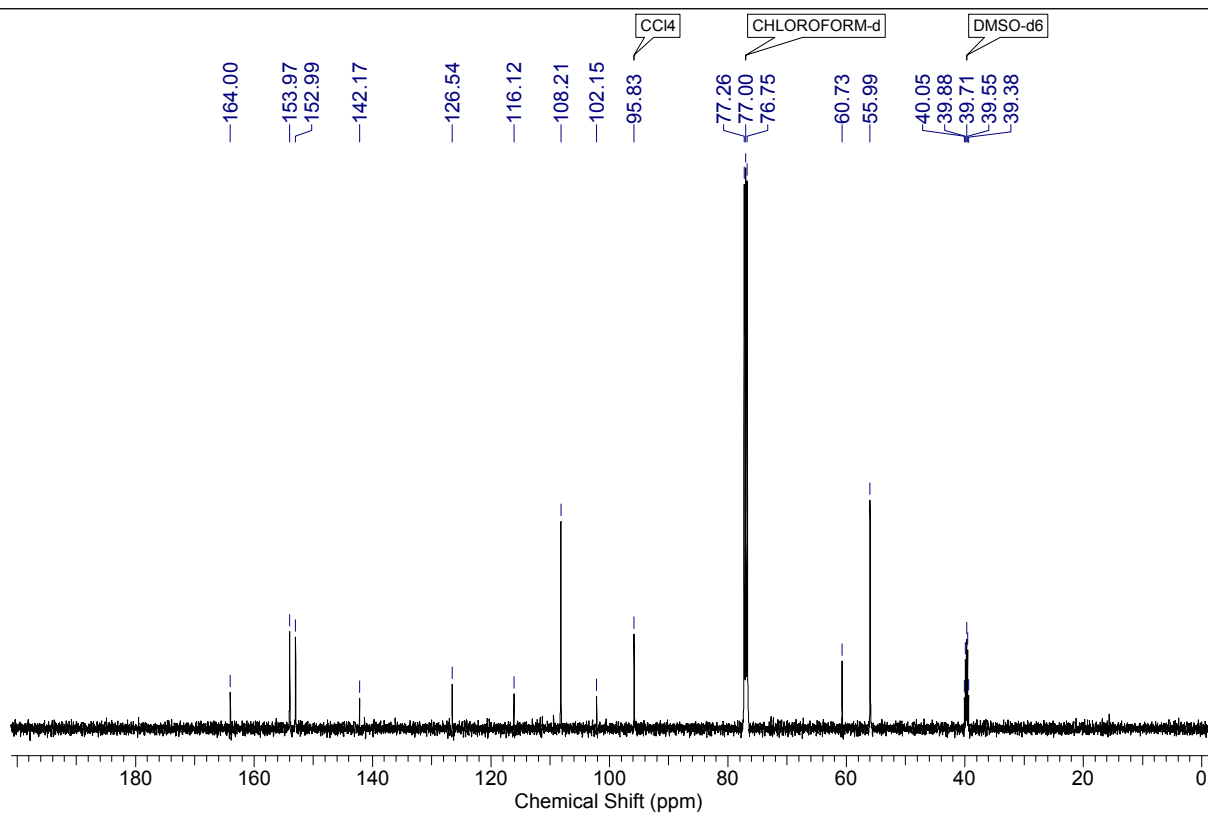
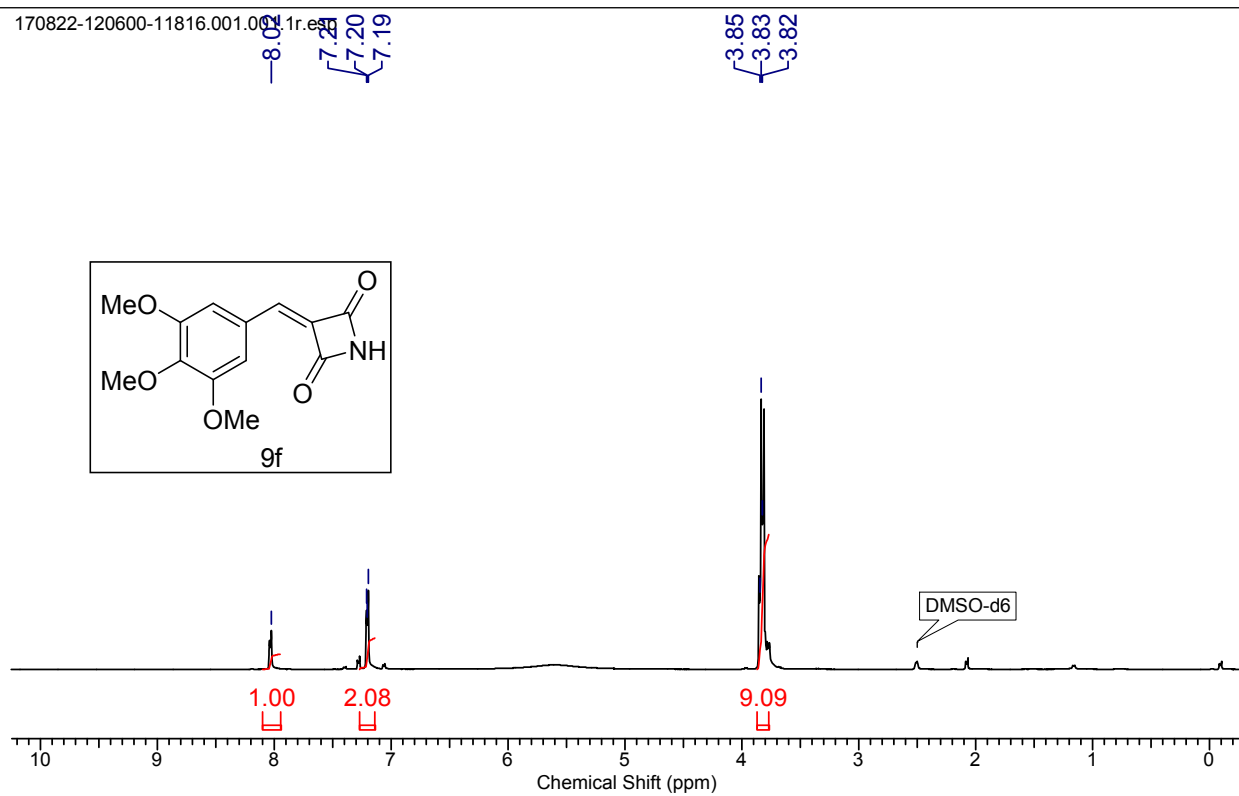


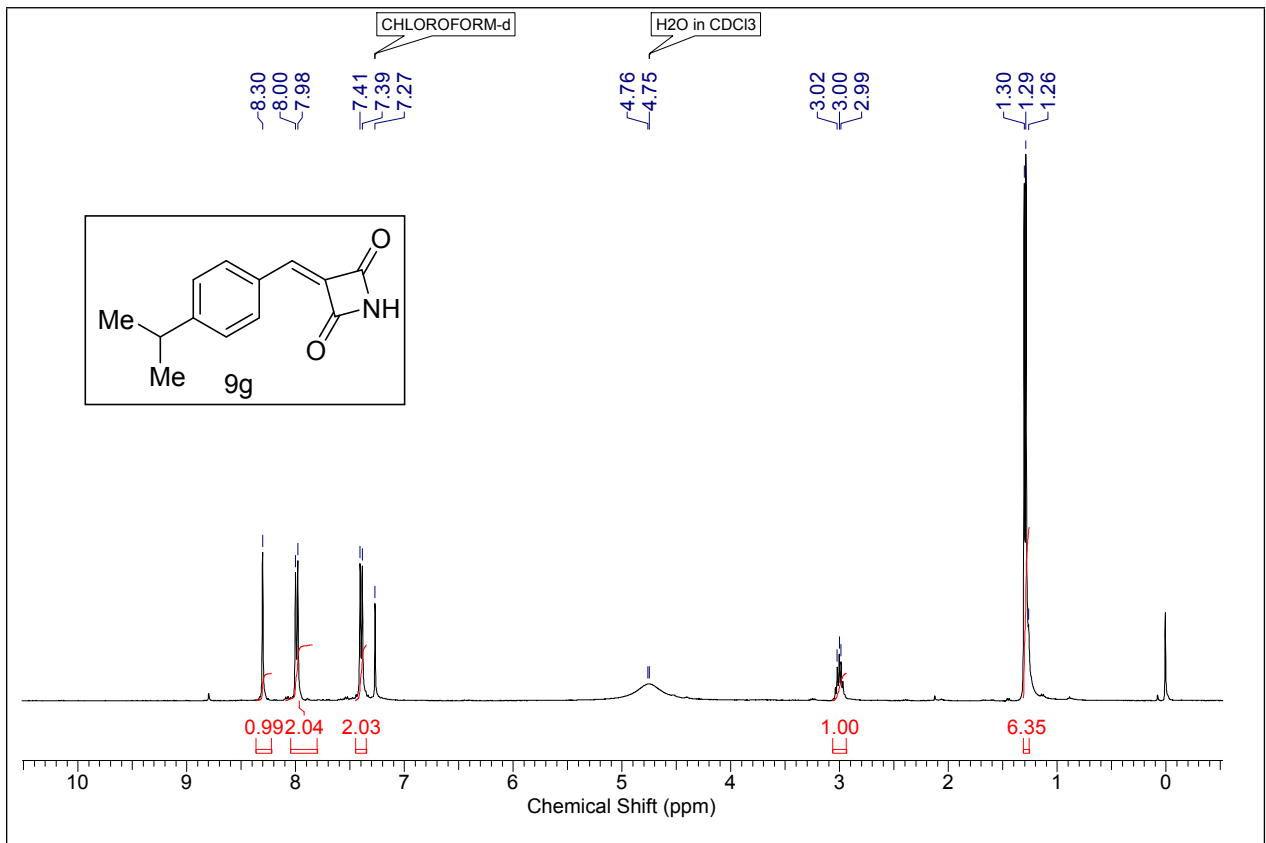


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