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Deacetylative Cyanation: A Cyanide-Free Route to Thiocyanates and Cyanamides

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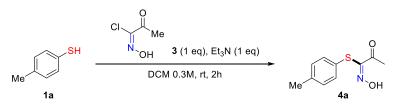
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1. Materials and Methods

Common solvents including Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), Tetrahydrofuran (THF), Acetonitrile (CH₃CN) and Chloroform (CHCl₃), etc. were directly used after purchase from TCI chemicals without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was run on silica gel plates. Most of spots were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light (254 nm). Some spots that were invisible to ultraviolet (UV) used PMA stain solution. NMR and HRMS spectra were recorded using Bruker DPX 300, VNMR 600 MHz (either on 300 or 600 MHz for ¹H, 565 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR, and either on 75 or 150 MHz for ¹³C) and Vanquish UHPLC High Resolution Mass System with ion trap (orbitrap) mass analyzer [Ionization mode: ESI] at Core Research Support Center for Natural Products and Medical Materials at Yeungnam University. High-resolution mass spectra were reported for the molecular ion $[M+Na]^+$ or $[M+H]^+$. Chemical shifts for proton NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet at 7.26 ppm for chloroform-d, to the quintet at 2.50 ppm for dimethylsulfoxide- d_6 , and quintet at 2.05 ppm for acetone- d_6 . Chemical shifts for carbon NMR spectra are reported in 77.16 ppm with the center line of triplet for chloroform-d and in 39.52 ppm with the center line of the septet for dimethylsulfoxide- d_6 . Data for ¹H NMR were presented as following: chemical shifts (δ , ppm), multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. The chemical shifts of peaks found were reported for ¹³C NMR spectra. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Nicole iS10 FTIR Spectrometer.

[Cautions: DAST (N,N-diethylaminosulfur trifluoride) should be stored in the fridge, and the reactions using this reagent are recommended to run under 50 °C. Due to its explosive and exothermic nature above 90 °C, the bulk synthesis using this reagent is not recommended at elevated temperatures. Use DAST under a fume hood and avoid contact with water. For small-scale reactions (up to 1 mmol) described in this paper, a normal round bottom flask can be used without noticeable glass etching problems, likely due to the short reaction time. However, for large-scale reactions, it is recommended to use Teflon bottles instead of common glassware]

2. Table S1. Reaction Optimization for Synthesis of 4a

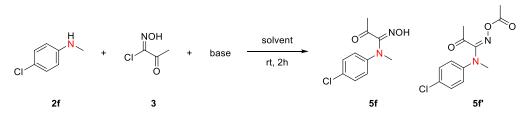


Entry	Reaction Conditions	Yield (%) ^{<i>a</i>}		
	Reaction Conditions	1a	4 a	
1	triethylamine	8	85	
2	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU)	20	<5	
3	N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA)	15	84	
4	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO)	12	75	
5	K ₂ CO ₃	33	52	
6	NaOH	22	41	
7	NaH	23	28	

Base screening in DCM as solvent

^aNMR yields with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

3. Table S2. Optimization for synthesis of 5



S2-1. Solvent screening

Entry	conditions		Yield (%) ^{<i>a</i>}				
	2f (eqiv)	3 (eqiv)	base (eqiv)	solvent	2f	5f	5f'
1	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	DMF	70	12	12
2	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	CH ₃ CN	72	6	13
3	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	Toluene	65	7	25
4	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	TBME	61	12	22
5	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	DCM	65	9	22
6	1	1	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	THF	58	16	20

^aNMR yields with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

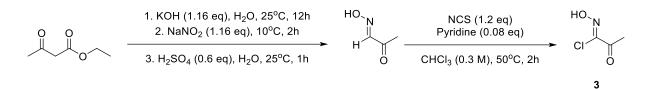
S2-2. Base screening

Entry	conditions		Yield (%) ^{<i>a</i>}				
	2f (eqiv)	3 (eqiv)	base (eqiv)	solvent	2f	$5f^a$	5f'
1	1	2	Et ₃ N (1.0 eq)	THF	10	55	15
2	1	2	Et ₃ N (2.0 eq)	THF	18	31	44
3	1	2	DBU (1.0 eq)	THF	67	<3	<3
4	1	2	DIPEA (1.0 eq)	THF	31	38	20
5	1	2	K_2CO_3 (1.0 eq)	THF	0	82	<5
6	1	2	K_2CO_3 (1.0 eq)	MeOH	<5	79	10
7	1	2	K ₂ CO ₃ (2.0 eq)	MeOH	<1	88 (75) ^b	0

^aNMR yields with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. ^bIsolated yield

4. Experimental Procedures

4. 1) Procedure for synthesis of *N*-hydroxy-2-oxopropanimidoyl chloride (3)¹



Step 1: KOH (5.15 g, 91.7 mmol) was charged in water (50.0 mL) and stirred for 10-15 min at room temperature and then cooled to 0 °C. Ethyl acetoacetate (10.0 mL, 79.1 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was allowed to reach 25 °C and stirred for 12 h. It was then cooled to 10 °C, and the sodium nitrite (6.38 g, 92.5 mmol) was added portion wise. After 2 h, an aqueous solution of sulfuric acid (2.53 mL, 47.4 mmol, in 10.0 mL water) was added over while maintaining the temperature at 0 °C. Upon completion of the addition, the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was next extracted with ethyl acetate (6 x 100 mL). The combined organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford (E)-2-oxopropanal oxime (5.87 g, 67.4 mmol, 88% yield) as a white solid.

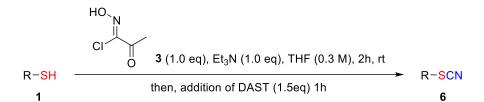
Step 2: (E)-2-oxopropanal oxime (3.13 g, 35.9 mmol) was dissolved in CHCl₃ (120 mL) in the presence of a catalytic amount of pyridine (0.23 mL, 2.9 mmol); the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C, then stepwise added with portions of N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) (5.76g, 43.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was kept stirring at 50 °C for 2 h, and the reaction was monitored by TLC. Then, it was quenched with ice water (200 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (250 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with ice water (3 X 200 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and recrystallized (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1, 135 mL) to afford N-hydroxy-2-oxopropanimidoyl chloride **3** (2.86g, 66%) as white solid.



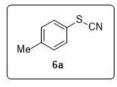
N-hydroxy-2-oxopropanimidoyl chloride (3);¹ $R_f = 0.6$ (He:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (br s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.1, 140.5, 26.0.



4. 2) General procedure for preparation of thiocyanates 6a-6n



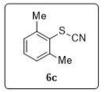
To a stirred solution of **3** (122 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added **1** (1.0 mmol) and triethylamine (0.14 mL, 1.0 mmol) at 0 °C. Then, reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. Upon full conversion of **3**, (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST, 0.20 mL, 1.5 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n (15 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (10 X 2 mL). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1 or 10:1) to afford **6**.



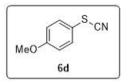
1-methyl-4-thiocyanatobenzene (6a);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 199 mg, 80%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.7$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3025, 2922, 2156, 1493, 1450 cm⁻



1-methyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene (6b);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 127 mg, 85%; yellow oil $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7. Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3063, 2984, 2924, 2843, 2157, 1473 cm⁻¹.



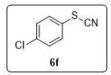
1,3-dimethyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene (6c);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 122 mg, 75%; white solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 6H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2952, 2916, 2151, 1463, 1034 cm⁻¹.



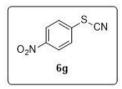
1-methoxy-4-thiocyanatobenzene (6d);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 119 mg, 72%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2918, 2852, 2155, 1591, 1495 cm⁻



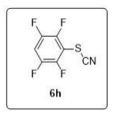
Methyl 2-thiocyanatobenzoate (6e);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 137 mg, 71%; white solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2961, 2911, 2153, 1698, 1309 cm⁻¹.



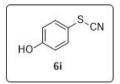
1-chloro-4-thiocyanatobenzene (6f);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 129 mg, 76%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.7$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 2H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 3085, 2924, 2849, 2159, 1476, 1391 cm⁻¹.



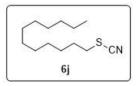
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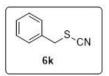
1,2,4,5-tetrafluoro-3-thiocyanatobenzene (6h);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 108 mg, 52%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.29 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -130.20 (m), -134.76 (m). IR (neat) v_{max} 3076, 2926, 2167, 1501, 1239 cm⁻¹.



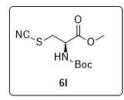
4-thiocyanatophenol (6i);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 70 mg, 46%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.2$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (m, 2H), 6.89 (m, 2H). IR (neat) ν_{max} 3365, 2917, 2852, 2159, 1584, 1496 cm⁻¹.



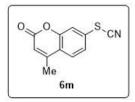
1-thiocyanatododecane (6j);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 161 mg, 71%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 20:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.84–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.26 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2925, 2854, 2155, 1789, 1466, 1173 cm⁻¹.



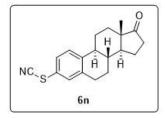
(Thiocyanatomethyl)benzene (6k);² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 112 mg, 75%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.36 (m, 5H), 4.17 (s, 2H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3063, 3032, 2153, 1495, 1455, 1245 cm⁻¹.



Methyl N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-S-cyano-L-cysteinate (61);³ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 141 mg, 54%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.52 (br d, J = 3.8 Hz , 1H), 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 13.9, 3.7 Hz), 1.45 (s, 9H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3369, 2979, 2156, 1715, 1511 cm⁻¹.



4-methyl-7-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (6m);⁴ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 185 mg, 85%; white solid; $R_f = 0.2$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 2.44 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2916, 2863, 2163, 1749, 1602, 1392 cm⁻¹.

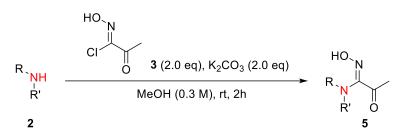


(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-3-thiocyanato-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phen anthren-17-one (6n); 206 mg, 66%; white solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 2.94-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 4H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.6, 142.1, 139.3, 131.0, 127.9, 127.5, 121.1, 111.1, 50.5,

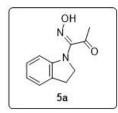
48.0, 44.3, 37.9, 35.9 31.6, 29.3, 26.2, 25.7, 21.7, 13.9. IR (neat) v_{max} 2931, 2863, 2155, 1738, 1484, 1008 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₉H₂₁ONNaS [M+Na]⁺ 334.1242, found 324.1227.

4.3) General Procedure for the synthesis of 5a-5g

General Procedure for the synthesis of 5a-5g

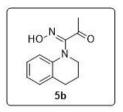


To a stirred solution of 2a-g (2.5 mmol) in MeOH (8 mL) was added 3 (5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (5 mmol) at room temperature. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the MeOH. Then, it was neutralized with sat. NH₄Cl sol'n (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL X 3). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1 or 3:1) to afford 5a-g.



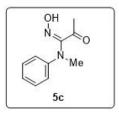
(E)-1-(hydroxyimino)-1-(indolin-1-yl)propan-2-one (5a); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 475 mg, 93%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (br s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.4, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 149.2, 145.5, 130.0, 126.8, 124.9, 120.9, 111.9, 52.0, 29.5,

27.3. IR (neat) ν_{max} 3320, 3031, 2898, 1698, 1592, 1487 cm $^{-1}$. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}O_2N_2$ [M+H]+ 205.0972, found 205.0968.



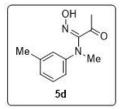
(Z)-1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)-1-(hydroxyimino)propan-2-one (5b); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 442 mg, 81%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (br s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.47 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.05-2.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 152.1, 140.6, 129.9, 126.7, 124.2,

120.6, 116.0, 47.9, 27.11, 27.09, 22.3. IR (neat) v_{max} 3331, 2933, 2876, 1763, 1701, 1579, 1495 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}O_2N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 219.1128, found 219.1126.



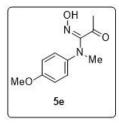
(Z)-N'-hydroxy-N-methyl-2-oxo-N-phenylpropanimidamide (5c); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 404 mg, 84%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (br s, 1H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 152.5, 145.3, 129.3, 121.2, 115.6, 36.6, 27.0. IR (neat) v_{max} 3330, 2923, 1759, 1701, 1593, 1497 cm⁻¹.

HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_{10}H_{13}O_2N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 193.0972, found 193.0969.



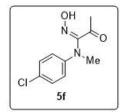
(Z)-N'-hydroxy-N-methyl-2-oxo-N-(m-tolyl)propanimidamide (5d); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 490 mg, 95%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (br s, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53–6.50 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 152.7, 145.3, 139.2, 129.1, 122.3, 116.2, 112.9, 36.7, 27.1, 21.8. IR (neat) v_{max} 3331, 3023, 2919, and the proceeding to the general procedure; 490 mg, 95%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (br s, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53–6.50 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 152.7, 145.3, 139.2, 129.1, 122.3, 116.2, 112.9, 36.7, 27.1, 21.8. IR (neat) v_{max} 3331, 3023, 2919, and the proceeding to the proceeding

1763, 1701, 1583 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ 207.1128, found 207.1126.



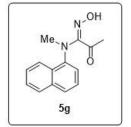
(Z)-N'-hydroxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-methyl-2-oxopropanimidamide (5e); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 517 mg, 93%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of isomers, ratio 25:1) δ 8.15 (br s, 1H), 6.83–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.70 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.7, 154.9, 152.9, 139.3, 118.0, 114.7, 55.7, 37.5, 27.2. IR (neat) v_{max} 3416, 1692, 1633, 1511, 1245 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₃N₂ [M+H]⁺ 223.1077, found

223.1075.



(Z)-N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N'-hydroxy-N-methyl-2-oxopropanimidamide (5f); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 425 mg, 75%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (br s, 1H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.60 (m, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.1, 152.0, 144.1, 129.1, 126.0, 116.7, 36.8, 27.0. IR (neat) v_{max} 3320, 2917, 2227, 1693, 1592, 1117 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for

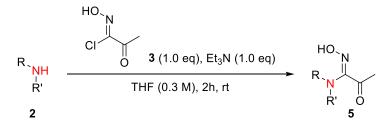
 $C_{10}H_{12}O_2N_2Cl [M+H]^+ 227.0582$, found 227.0578.



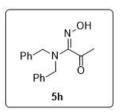
(E)-N'-hydroxy-N-methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxopropanimidamide (5g); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 503 mg, 83%; yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J =7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 152.9, 143.8, 134.6, 129.5, 128.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8, 122.7, 120.7, 40.9, 27.5. IR (neat) v_{max} 3331, 3052, 1698, 1594, 1351, 1082 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for

C₁₄H₁₅O₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ 243.1128, found 243.1126.

General Procedure for the synthesis of 5h–5k

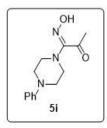


To a stirred solution of **3** (304 mg, 2.5 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added **2h**–**k** (2.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.35 mL, 2.5 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL X 3). The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1 or 3:1) to afford **5h–k**.



(Z)-N,N-dibenzyl-N'-hydroxy-2-oxopropanimidamide (5h); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 522 mg, 74%; white solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of isomers, ratio 1:0.8) δ 7.35–7.25 (m, 18H), 4.28 (s, 4H), 4.26 (s, 3.2H), 2.38 (s, 2.4H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.8, 195.9, 160.0, 154.2, 137.6, 136.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 54.8, 50.9, 31.1, 27.0. IR (neat) v_{max} 3331, 1614, 1357 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ 283.1441, found

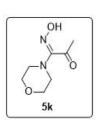
3063, 3029, 1699, 1614, 1357 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_2N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 283.1441, found 283.1437.



(E)-1-(hydroxyimino)-1-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)propan-2-one (5i); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 389 mg, 63%; white solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (br s, 1H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (m, 4H), 3.24 (m, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.6, 153.1, 151.5, 129.3, 120.4, 116.7, 50.2, 48.3, 27.4. IR (neat) v_{max} 3299, 3234, 2842, 1697, 1636, 1263, 1152 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₂N₃ [M+H]⁺ 248.1394, found 248.1390.

(E)-1-(hydroxyimino)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)propan-2-one (5j); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified with 5% MeOH in DCM; 310 mg, 67%; yellow solide; $R_f = 0.4$ (10% MeOH in DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.65 (br s, 1H), 3.36 (m, 4H), 2.53 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 152.3, 55.5, 47.6, 46.2, 27.4. IR (neat) v_{max} 3142, 2946, 2814, 1694, 1450, 1352 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₈H₁₆O₂N₃ [M+H]⁺ 186.1237, found 186.1235.

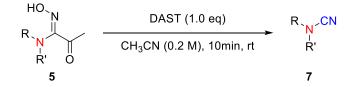
(E)-1-(hydroxyimino)-1-morpholinopropan-2-one (5k); The title compound was prepared according



5j

to the general procedure; 280 mg, 65%; white solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.91 (br s, 1H), 3.74–3.72 (m, 4H), 3.31–3.29 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 152.0, 67.5, 48.6, 27.5. IR (neat) v_{max} 3300, 2964, 2859, 1698, 1614, 1260 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_7H_{13}O_3N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 173.0921, found 173.0920.

4. 4) General Procedure for the synthesis of 7a-7k



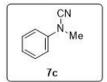
To a stirred solution of **5** (0.3 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL) was added (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST, 0.04 mL, 0.3 mmol) at room temperature. After 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL X 2). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Het:EtOAc = 5:1 or 3:1) to afford **7a–k**.



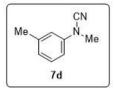
Indoline-1-carbonitrile (7a);⁵ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 31 mg, 72%; white solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3053, 2968, 2918, 2222, 1732, 1489 cm⁻¹.



3,4-dihydroquinoline-1(2H)-carbonitrile (7b);⁵ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 36 mg, 76%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (quint, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2940, 2889, 2216, 1588, 1496 cm⁻¹.

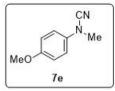


N-methyl-N-phenylcyanamide (7c);⁵ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 30 mg, 75%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3046, 2920, 2222, 1599, 1499, 1113 cm⁻¹.



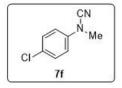
N-methyl-N-(m-tolyl)cyanamide (7d); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 29 mg, 67%; white oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.86 (m, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 140.0, 129.5, 124.3, 115.8 114.4, 112.0, 36.9, 21.7. IR (neat) v_{max} 2918, 2846, 2222, 1606, 1477

cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_9H_{11}N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 147.0917, found 147.0915.

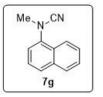


N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-methylcyanamide (7e); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 44 mg, 91%; white solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.91–6.89 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 133.9, 116.6, 114.99, 114.96, 55.7, 37.4. IR (neat) v_{max} 2961, 2836, 2221, 1512, 1116,

1035 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₉H₁₁ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 163.0866, found 163.0864.



N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-methylcyanamide (7f);⁶ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 37 mg, 75%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 7.46–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2924, 2227, 1495, 1336, 1119 cm⁻¹.

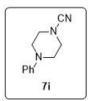


N-methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)cyanamide (7g); The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 35 mg, 64%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.2$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 134.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 126.9, 125.6, 122.2, 121.2, 117.3, 42.4. IR (neat) v_{max} 2916, 2215, 1596, 1575, 1395

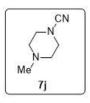
cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for $C_{12}H_{11}N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 183.0917, found 183.0916.



N,N-dibenzylcyanamide (7h);⁷ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 35 mg, 53%; white solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.35 (m, 6H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 4.12 (s, 4H). IR (neat) v_{max} 3031, 2921, 2208, 1496, 1454 cm⁻¹.



4-phenylpiperazine-1-carbonitrile (7i);⁵ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 34 mg, 60%; white oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.41-3.39 (m, 4H), 3.25–3.23 (m, 4H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2917, 2828, 2213, 1598, 1495 cm⁻¹.



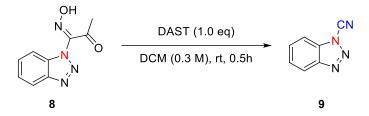
Piperidine-1-carbonitrile (7j);⁸ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 12 mg, 33%; yellow solide; $R_f = 0.7$ (10% MeOH in DCM); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.27–3.24 (m, 4H), 2.48–2.45 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2924, 2851, 2221, 1469, 1374 cm⁻¹.



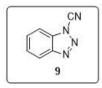
Morpholine-4-carbonitrile (7k);⁷ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure; 12 mg, 35%; white solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.75–3.74 (m, 4H), 3.25–3.24 (m, 4H). IR (neat) v_{max} 2968, 2922, 2860, 2215, 1454, 1262 cm⁻¹.

4.5) Procedure for preparation of 9

The known compounds 8 were prepared by the known procedures and not characterized.⁹

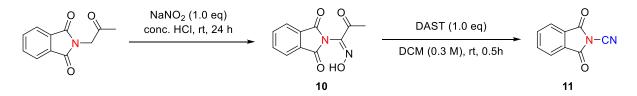


To a stirred solution of **8** (204 mg, 1 mmol) in DCM (3.3 mL) was added (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST, 0.13 mL, 1 mmol) at room temperature. After 2h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n (40 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL X 2). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford **9**.



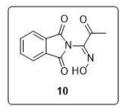
1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole-1-carbonitrile (9);¹⁰ 79 mg, 55%; white solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (Hex : EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.80–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.61 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 132.9, 131.8, 127.0, 121.7, 109.7, 103.9. IR (neat) v_{max} 3096, 2917, 2254, 1484, 1454 cm⁻¹.

4.6) Procedure for preparation of 11

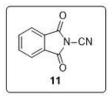


Step 1: A 40 mL vial was charged with 2-(2-oxopropyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (1.22 g, 6.0 mmol) and conc. HCl (12 mL). Then, sodium nitrite (1.04 g, 15 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature, and the vial was capped. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction mixture was poured onto ice water, and the resulting white solid was filtered, dried, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford **10**.

Step 2: To a stirred solution of **8** (232 mg, 1 mmol) in DCM (3.3 mL) was added (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST, 0.13 mL, 1 mmol) at room temperature. After 2h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n (40 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL X 2). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:1) to afford **11**.

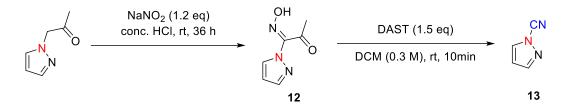


(Z)-2-(1-(hydroxyimino)-2-oxopropyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (10); 390mg, 28%; white solid ; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 1:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.21 (br s, 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 168.1, 165.1, 141.5, 134.8, 134.6, 132.7, 132.1, 124.3, 123.8, 25.6. IR (neat) ν_{max} 3289, 3031, 2929, 1774, 1715, 1417 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₁₁H₈O₄N₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 255.0376, found 255.0368.



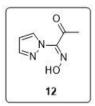
1,3-dioxoisoindoline-2-carbonitrile (11);¹¹ 103mg, 60%; white solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (Hex:EtOAc = 2:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.10–8.06 (m, 2H), 8.04–7.99 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.6, 136.3, 130.8, 125.0, 102.9. IR (neat) v_{max} 2919, 2846, 2252, 1749, 1353 cm⁻¹.

4.7) Procedure for preparation of 13



Step 1: To a stirred suspension of 1-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-2-one (3.32 g, 26.7 mmol) in conc. HCl (64.1 mL) was added sodium nitrite (2.21 g, 32.1 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 36 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with 2M NaOH until pH becomes to 6-7 and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL X 3). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated, and subjected to silica gel column chromatography (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford **12**.

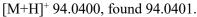
Step 2: To a stirred solution of **12** (153 mg, 1.0 mmol) in DCM (3.3 mL) was added (diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST, 0.79 mL, 6.0 mmol) at room temperature. After 10min, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (30 mL). Then, the organic solution was washed with 1N HCl sol'n (20 mL) and then neutralized with sat. NaHCO₃ sol'n (40 mL). Then, the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated to afford **13** in analytically pure form. Its separation by column chromatography was unsuccessful due to hydrolysis of **13** into 1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide.



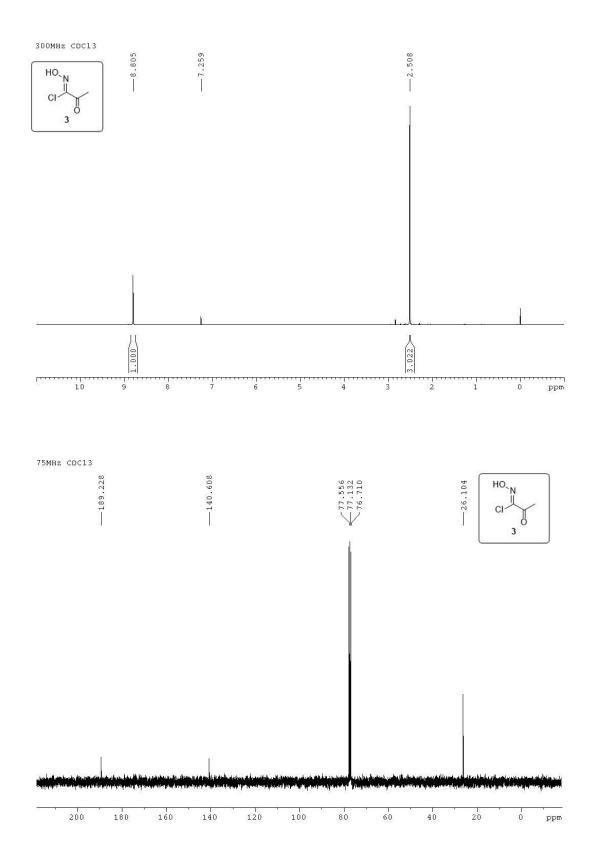
(E)-1-(hydroxyimino)-1-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-2-one (12); 2.45g, 60%; white solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.0 (br s), 7.93 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 2.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 191.3, 144.3, 140.3, 132.6, 106.1, 26.4. IR (neat) v_{max} 3386, 3042, 1704, 1521, 1410, 1333 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₆H₈O₂N₃ [M+H]⁺ 154.0611, found 154.0608.

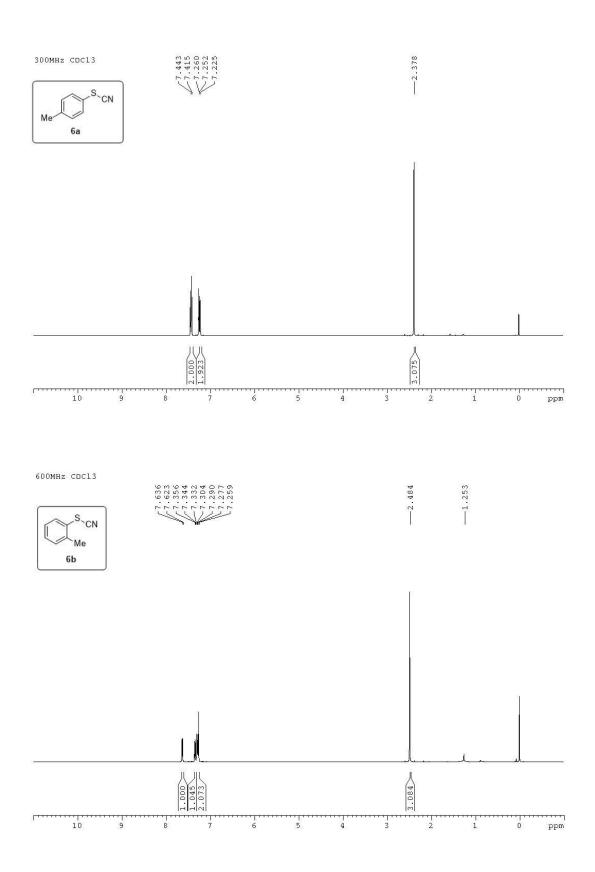


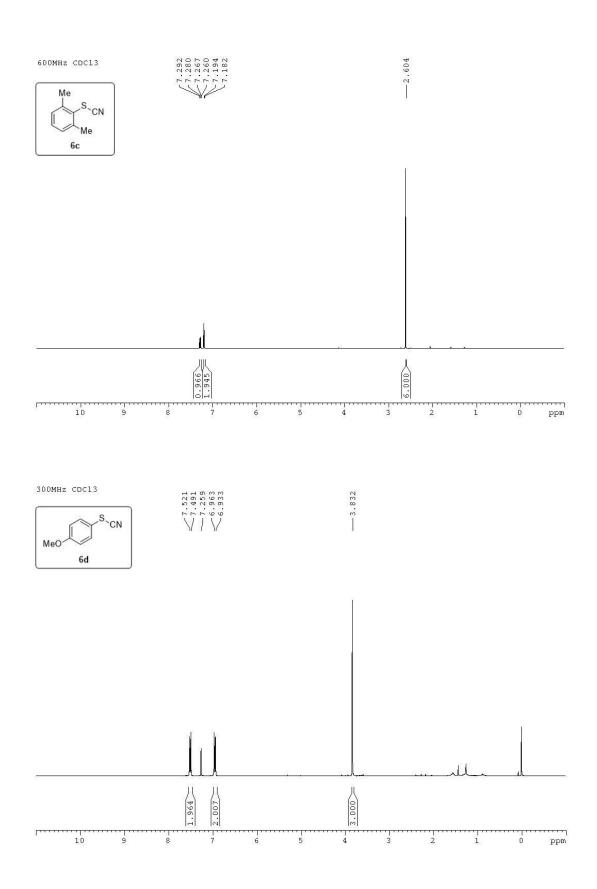
1H-pyrazole-1-carbonitrile (13); 79 mg, 85%; yellow oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (Hex:EtOAc = 3:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 134.7, 109.7, 106.8. IR (neat) v_{max} 3133, 2918, 2261, 1390 cm⁻¹. HRMS[ESI] calcd for C₄H₄N₃

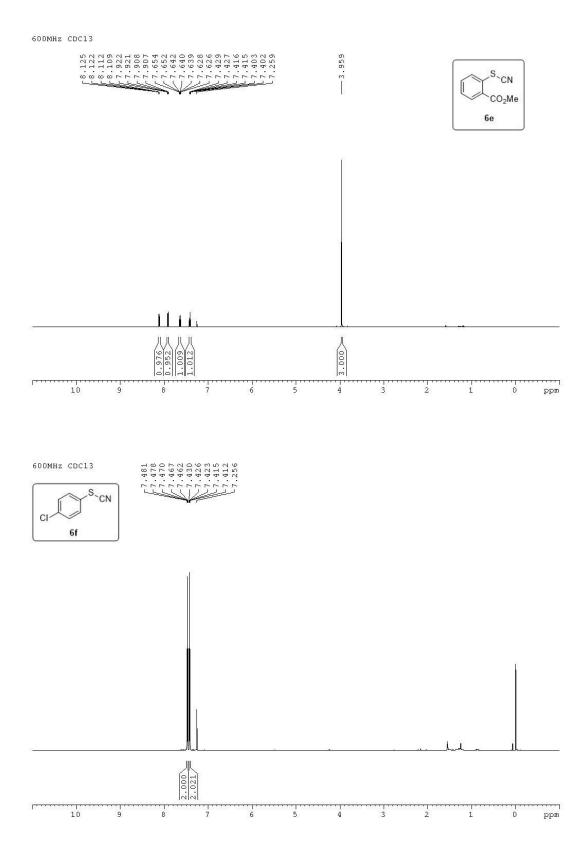


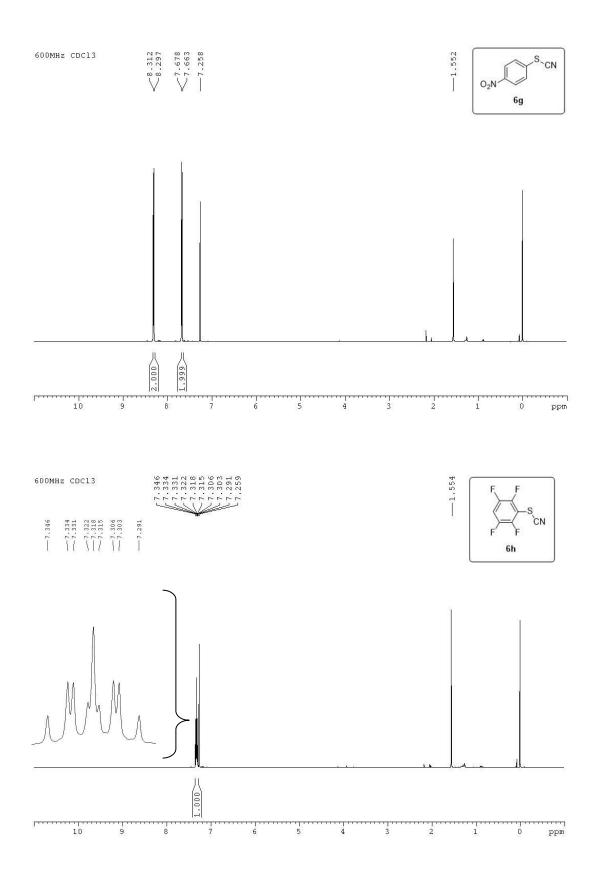
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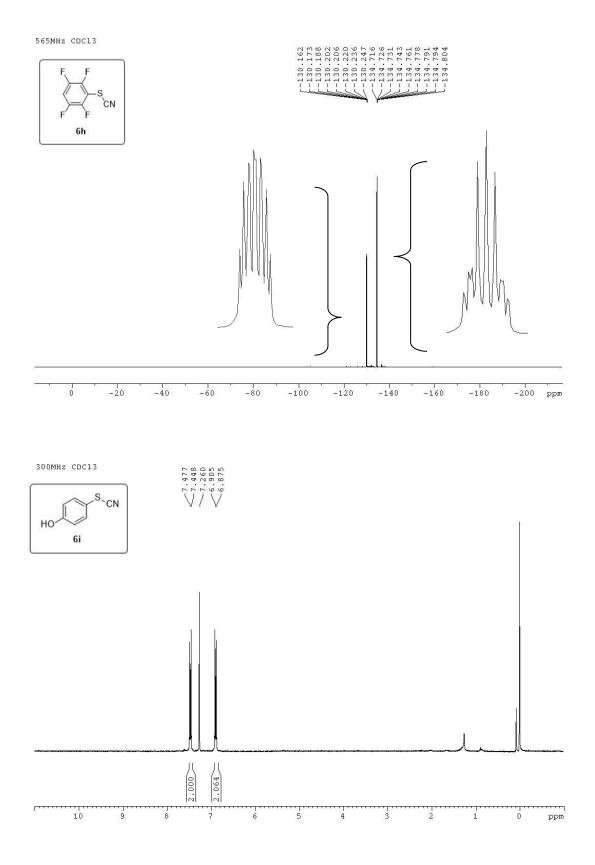




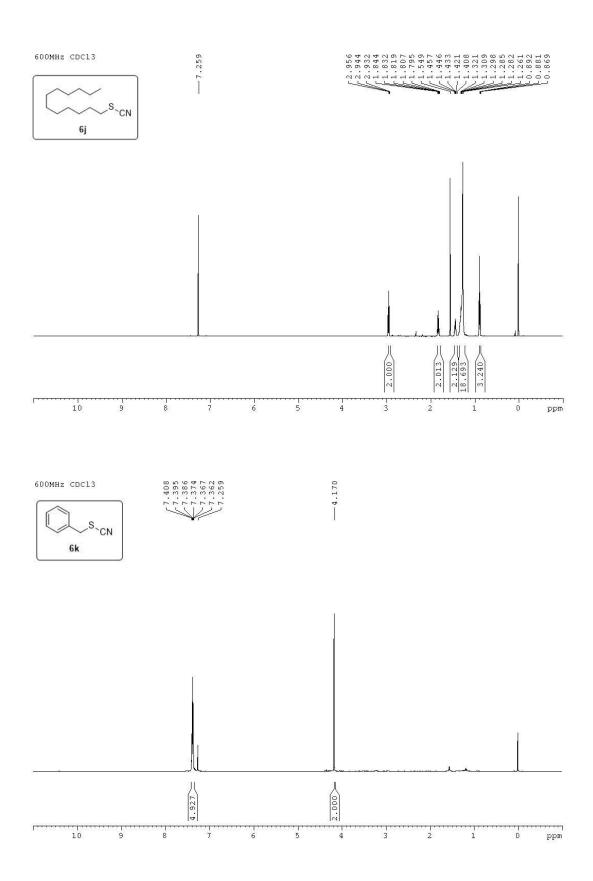


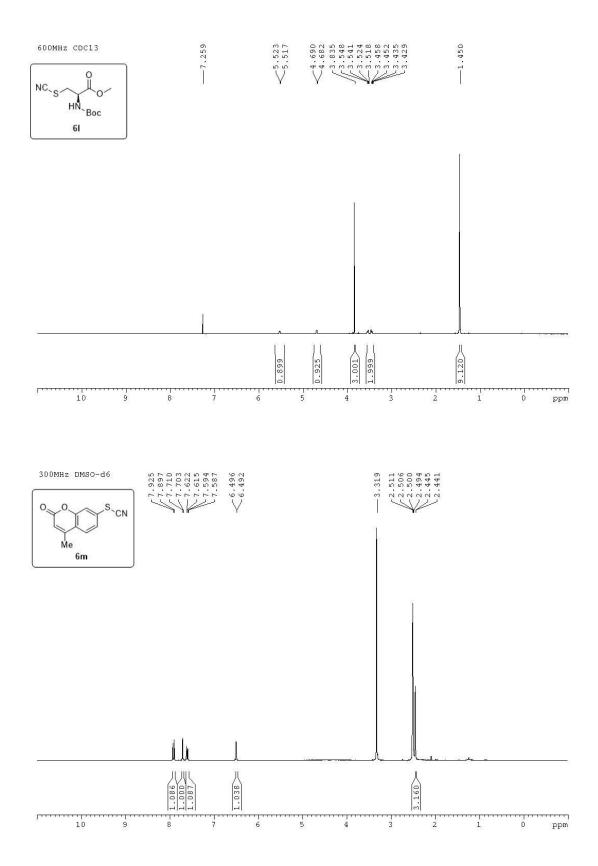


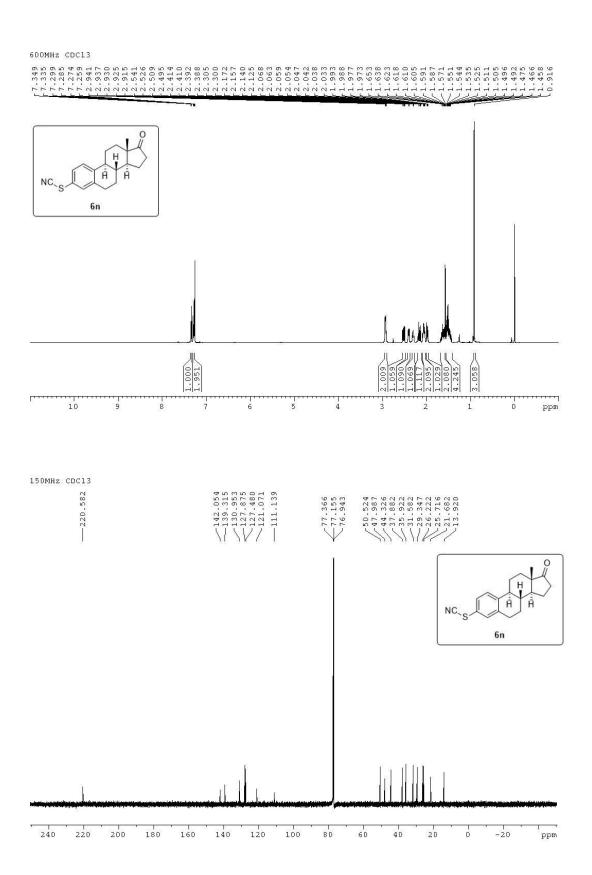


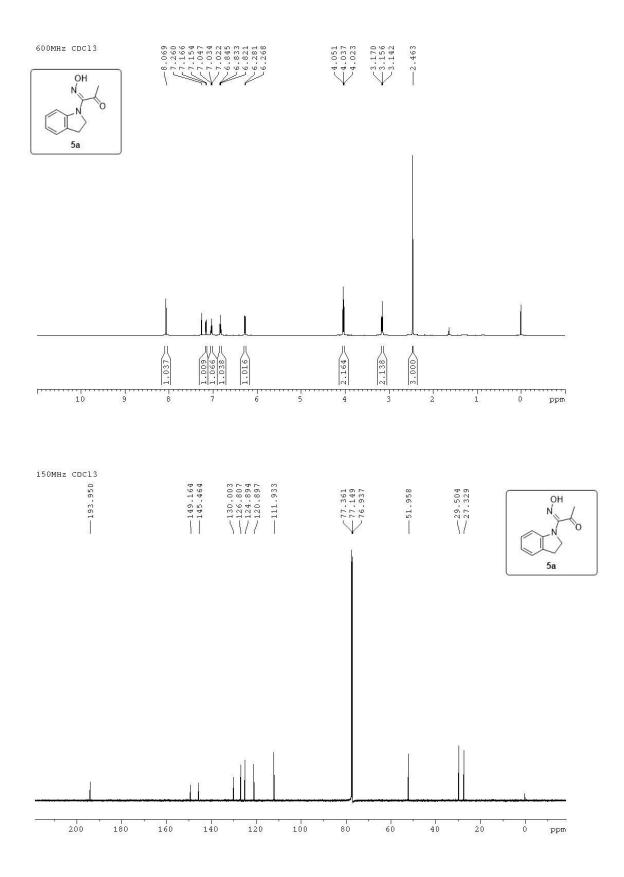


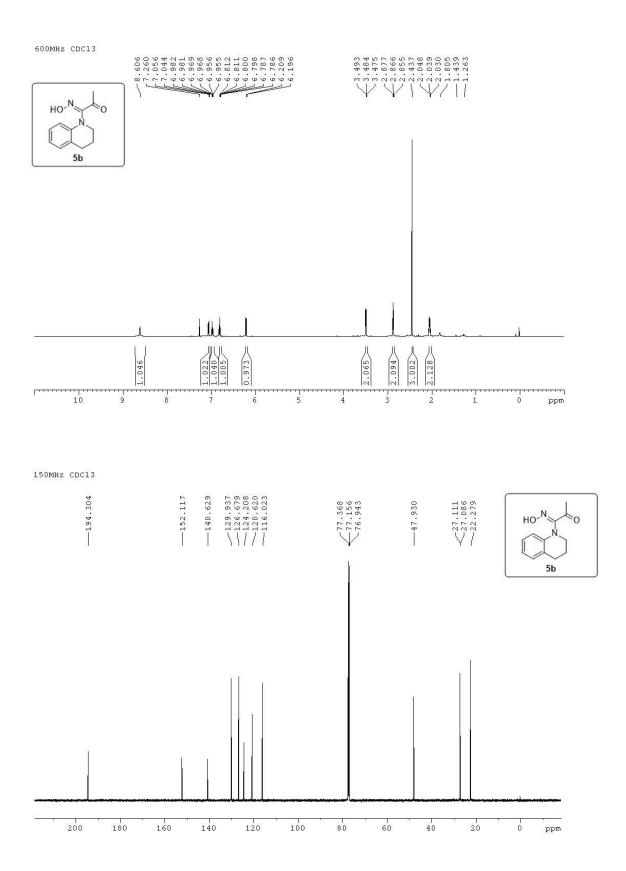




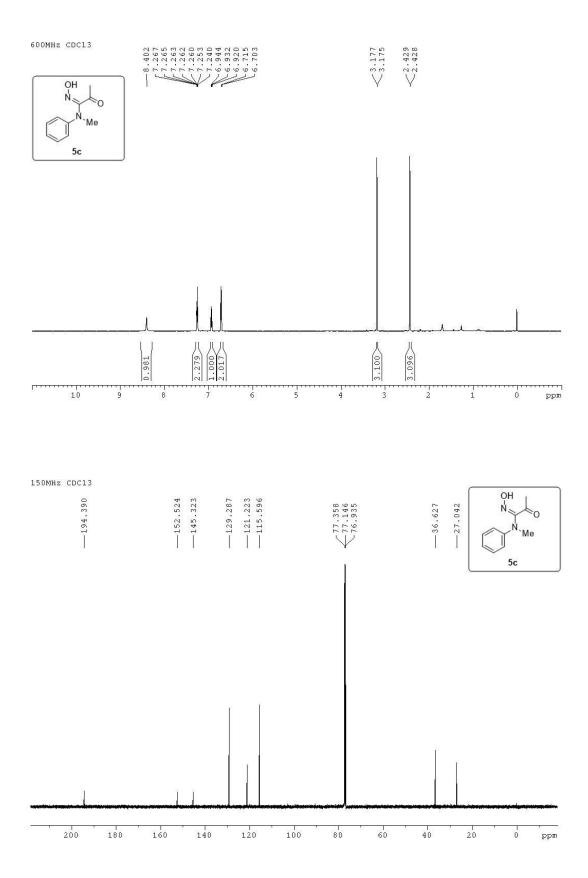


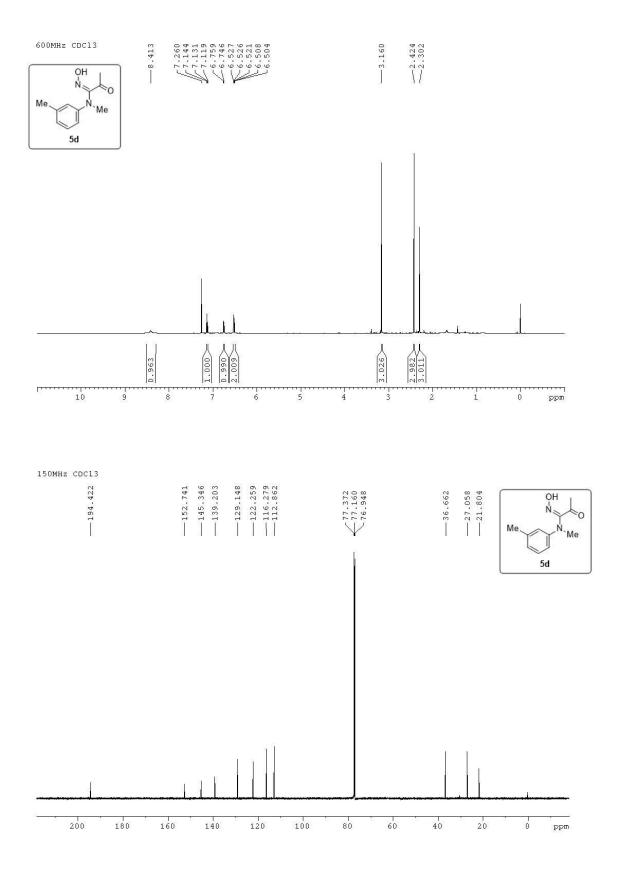


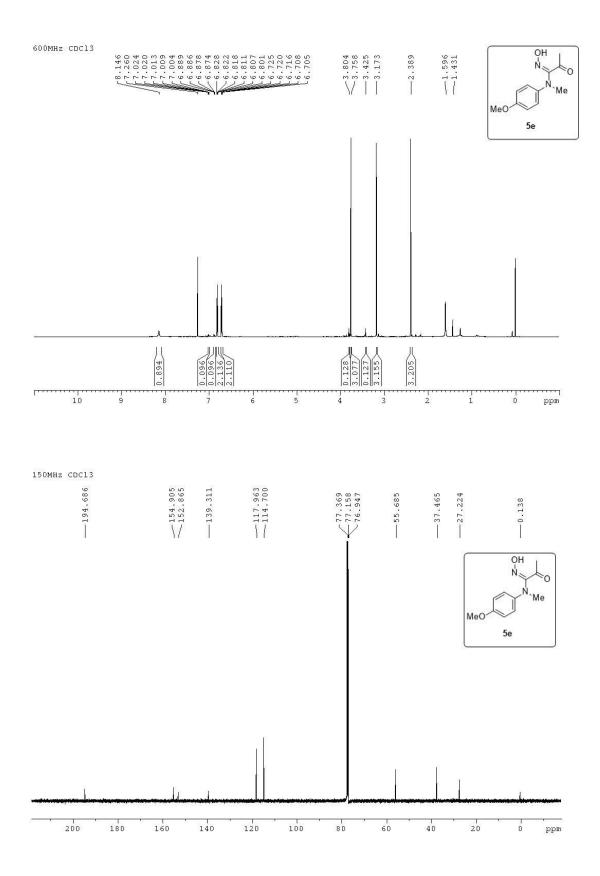


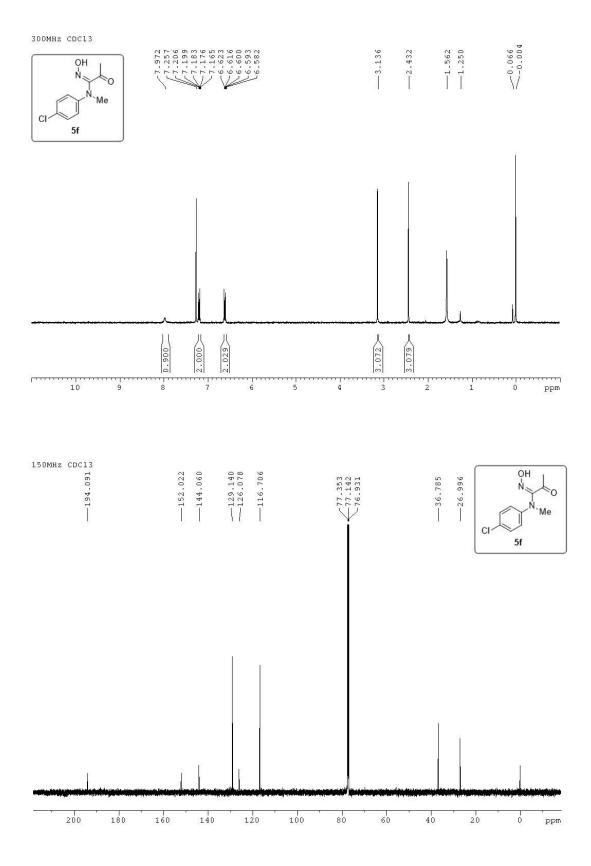




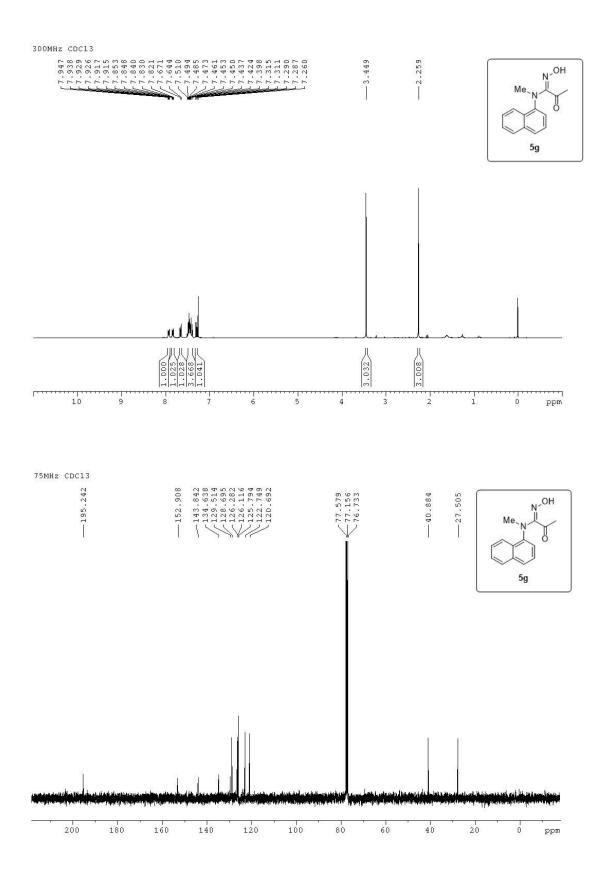


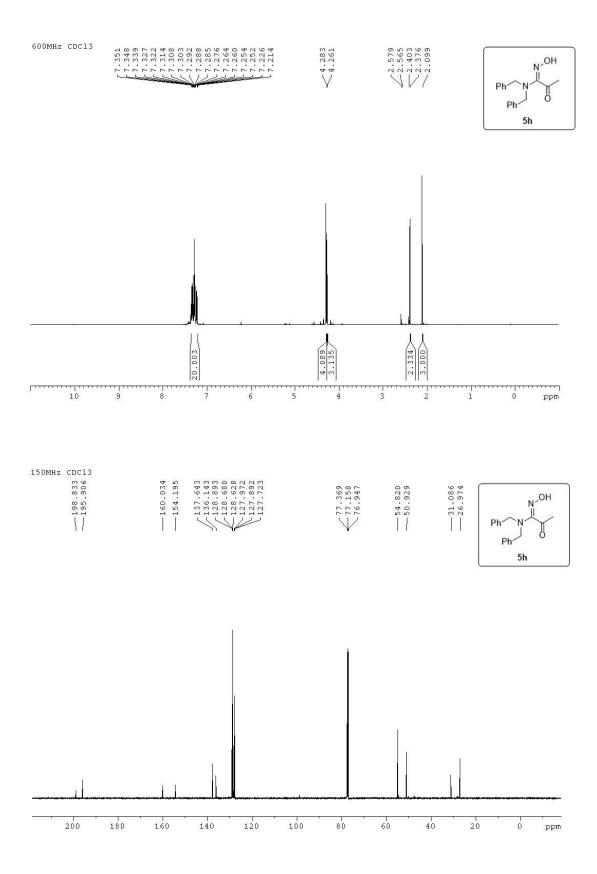


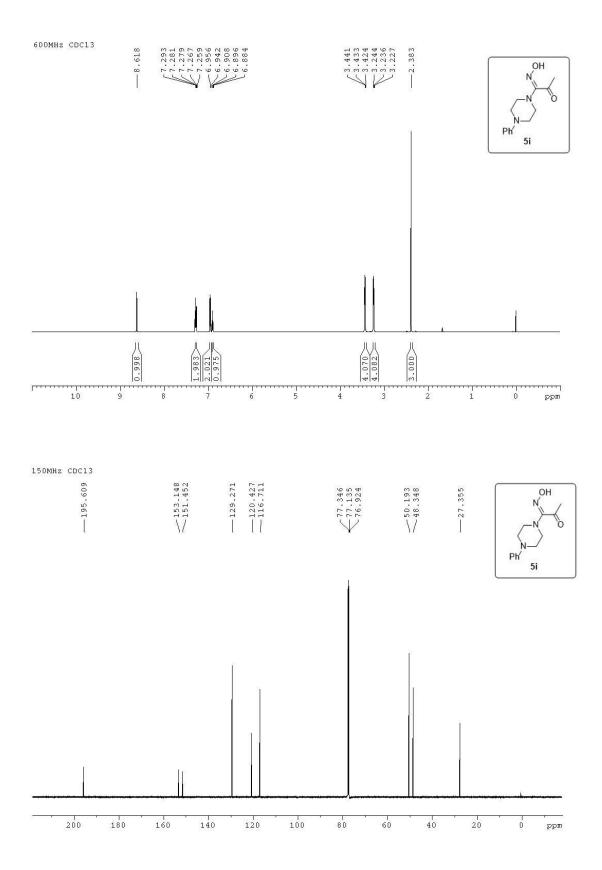


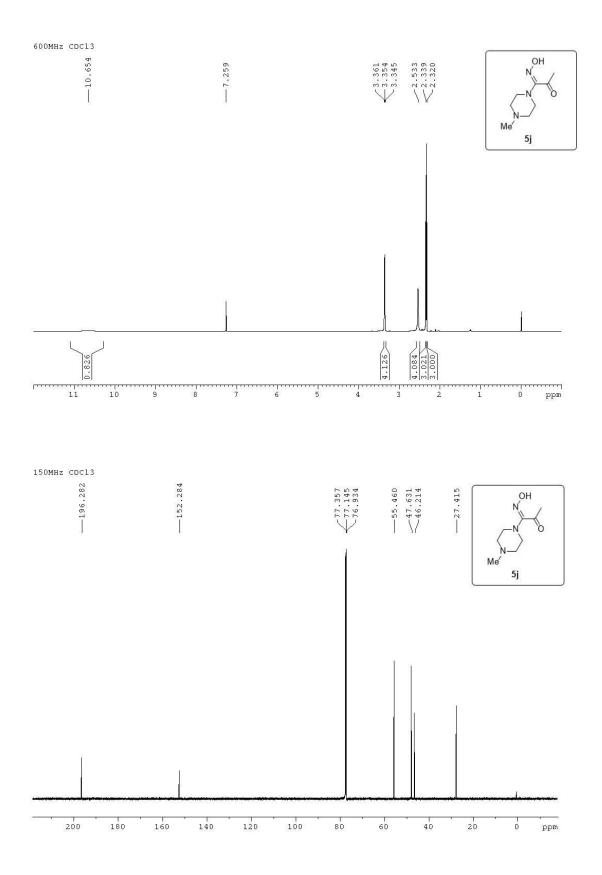


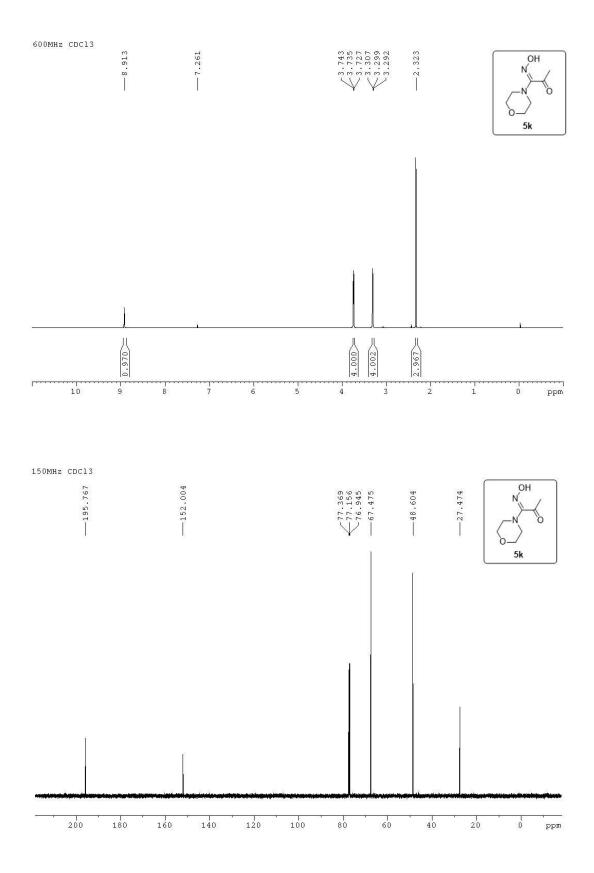
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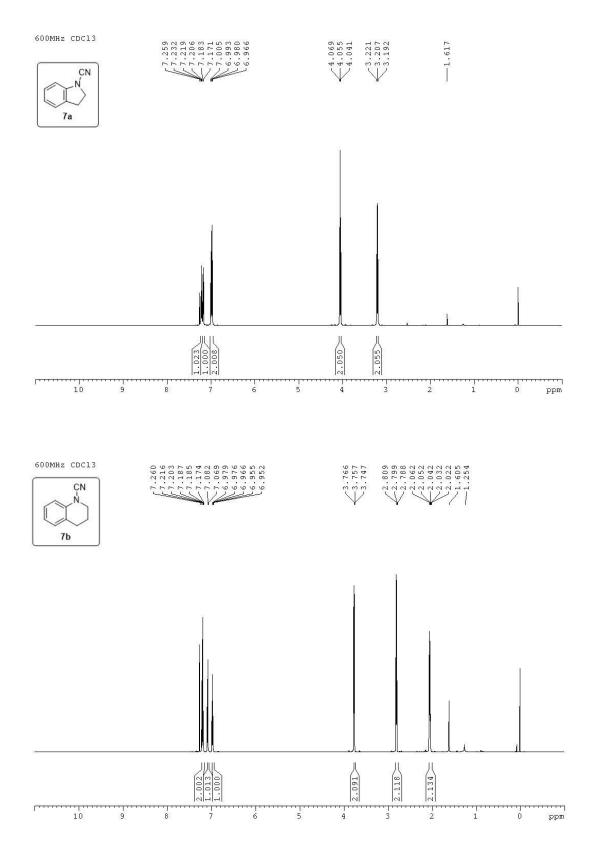


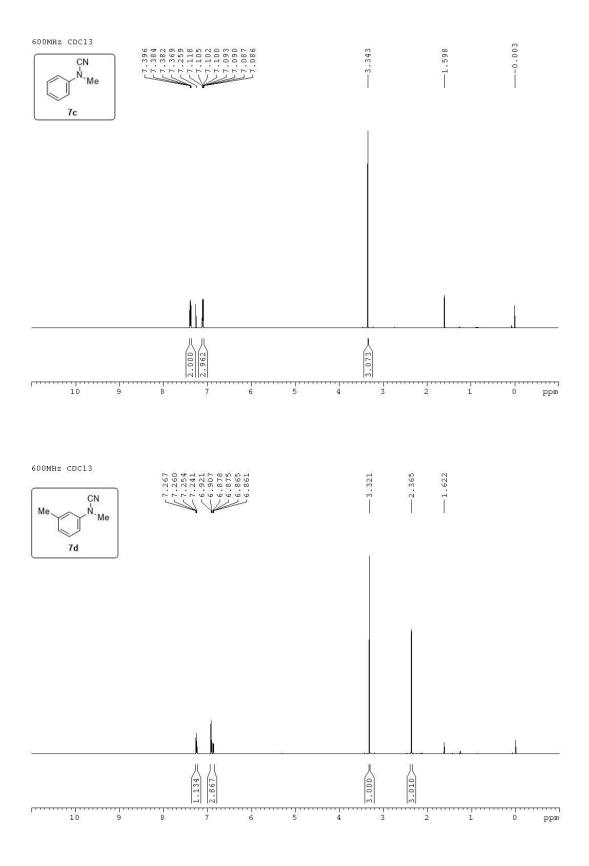


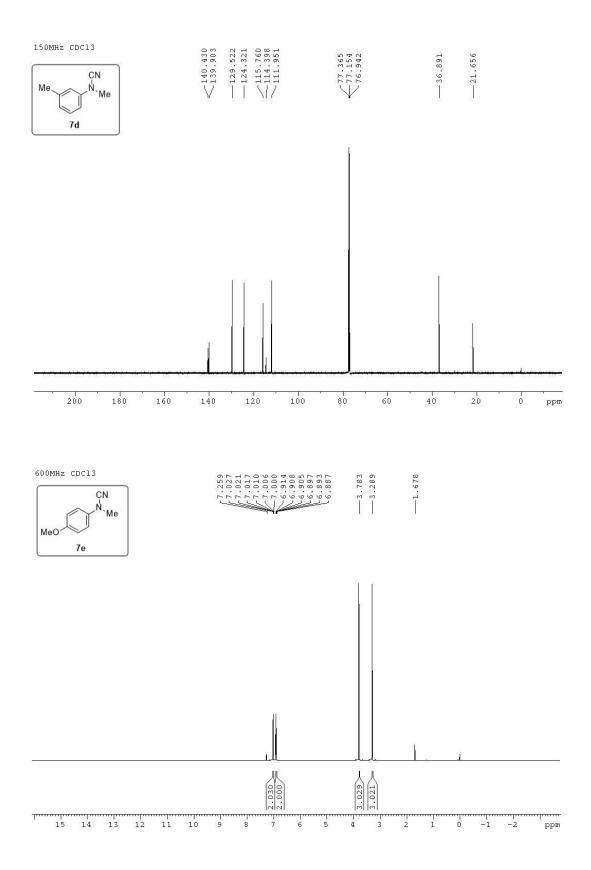


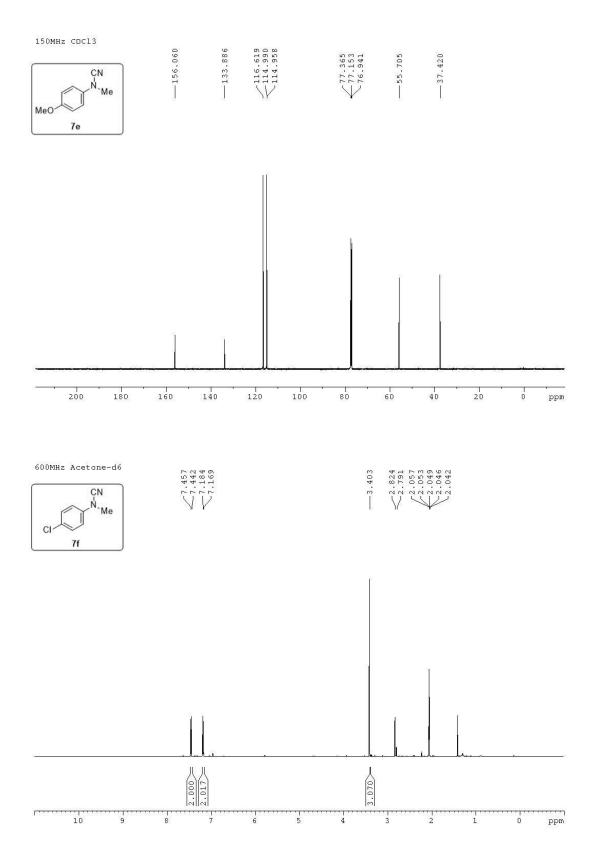


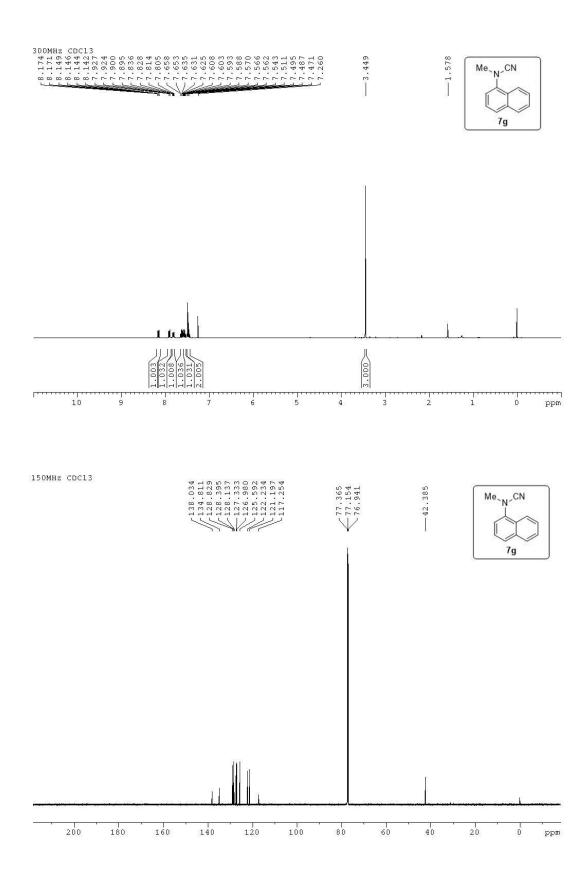
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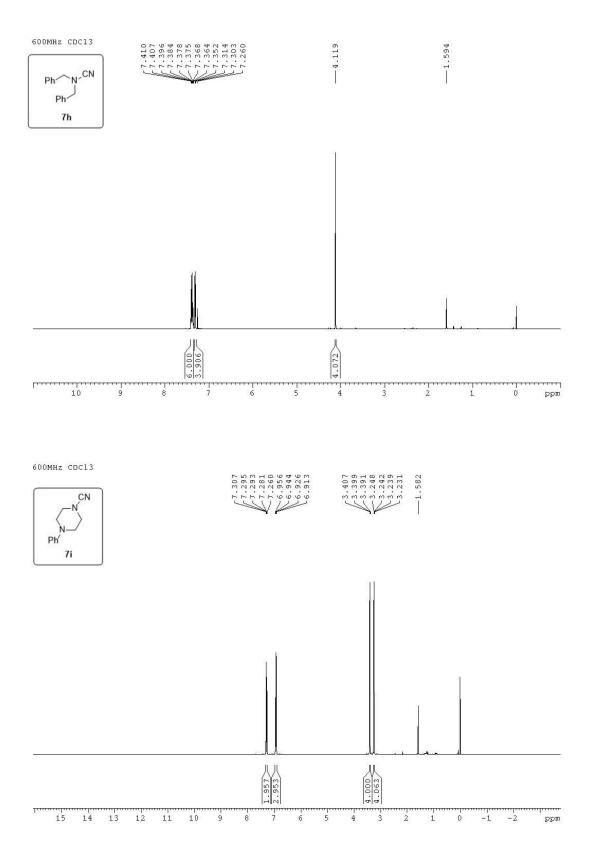


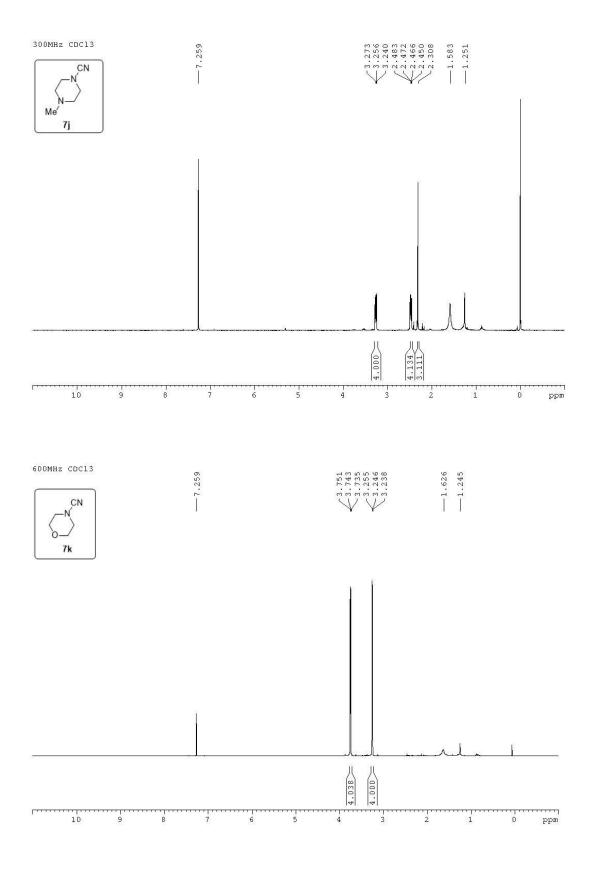




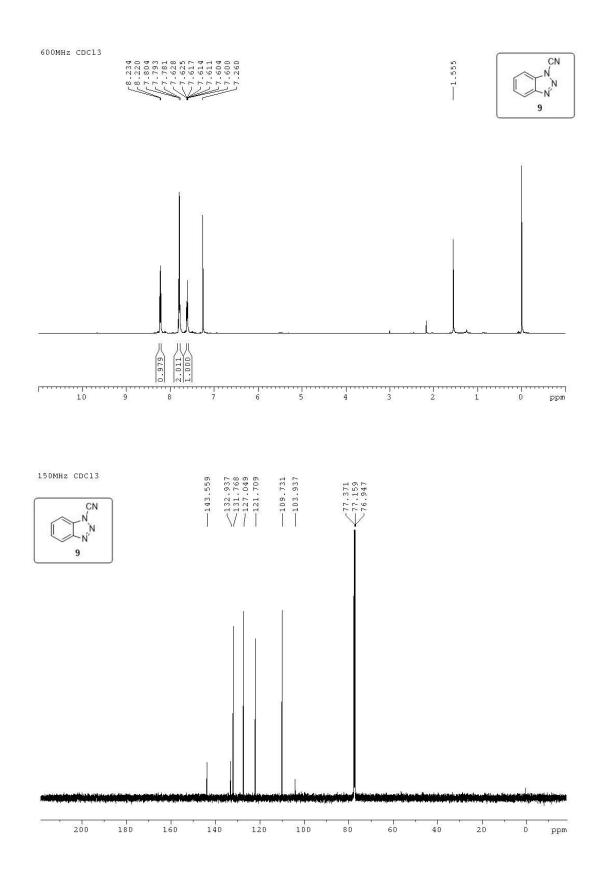


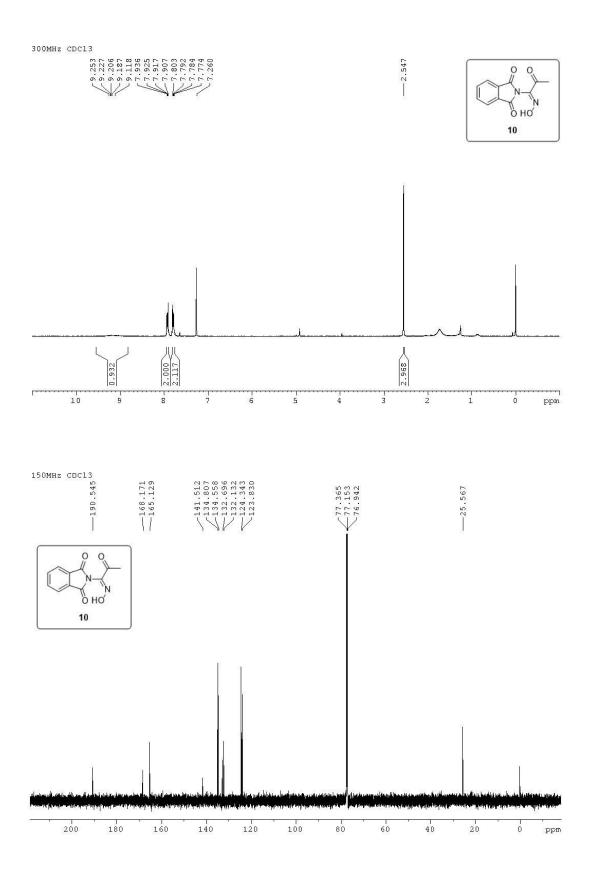




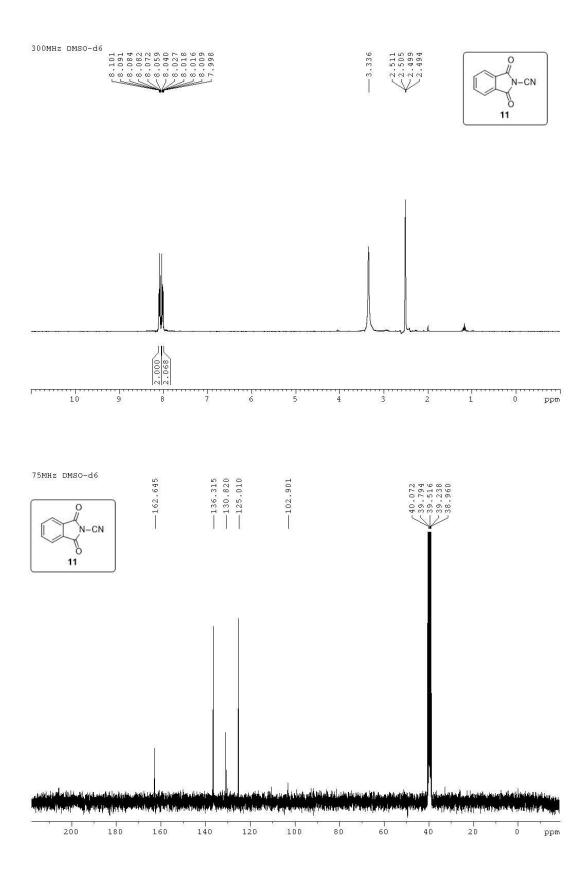


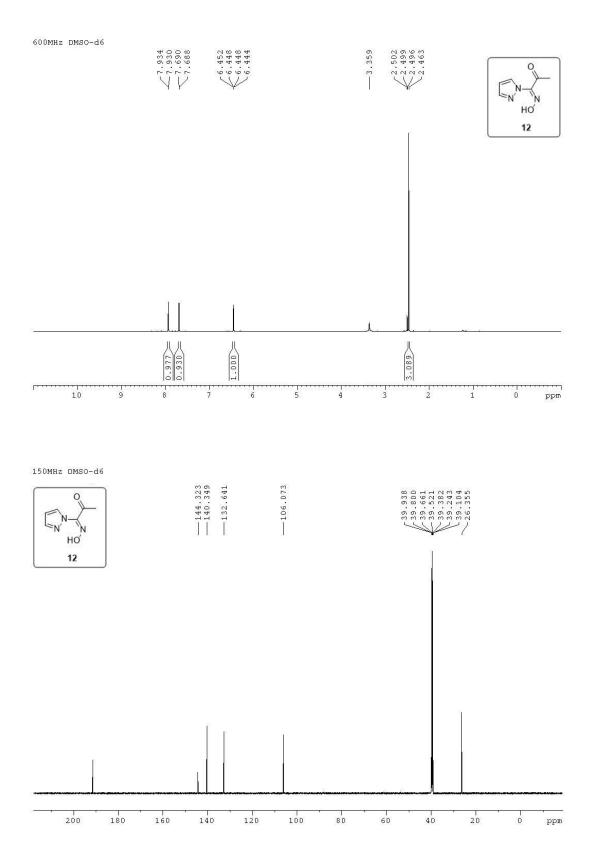
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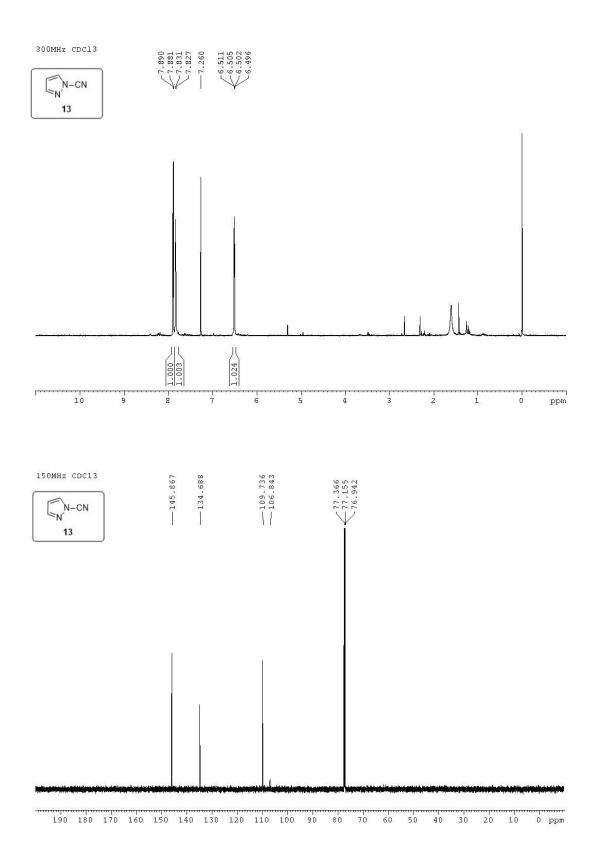




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