

Supporting Information

Solvent-Controlled Silver Catalyzed Radical Transformation of α -Imino-Oxy Acids with Cyclic Aldimines

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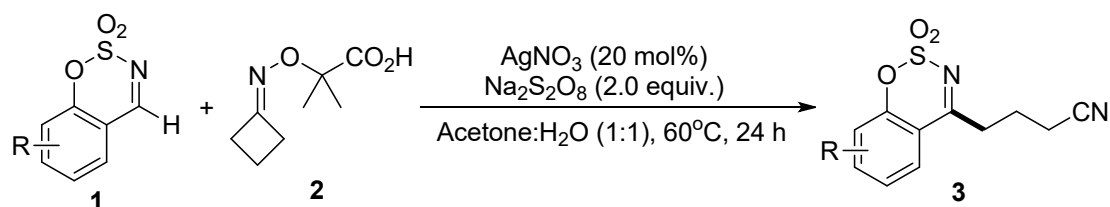
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General information:

^1H , and ^{13}C were recorded at Bruker 400 MHz (^1H NMR) and 100 MHz (^{13}C NMR). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : 7.26 ppm, 77.0 ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br (broad). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Melting points were measured with a XT-4 melting point apparatus without correction. X-ray structural analysis was conducted on the XtaLAB mini.

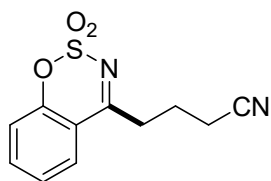
Materials: All commercially available reagents and solvent were used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) was used for flash chromatography. α -Imino-oxy acids¹ and cyclic aldimines² were prepared according to the literatures.

General Procedure for the Cyanoalkylation of α -Imino-Oxy Acids with Cyclic Aldimines:



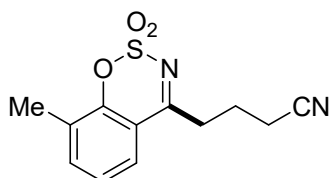
To a 10 mL Schlenk charged with cyclic aldimines **1** (0.2 mmol), α -imino-oxy acids **2** (0.4 mmol), AgNO_3 (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (96 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added acetone (1.0 mL) and distilled H_2O (1.0 mL) *via* a syringe. Then, the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 60°C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated brine (10 mL), dried anhydrous MgSO_4 , and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc as the eluent) to afford the desired products **3**.

4-(2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3a)



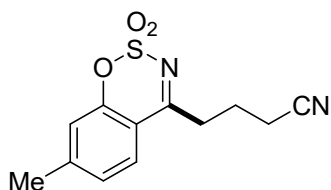
White solid, 80% yield, mp 108–109 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.20–2.27 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 153.4, 137.3, 127.5, 126.1, 119.3, 118.7, 115.9, 33.3, 20.3, 16.4.

4-(8-methyl-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3b)



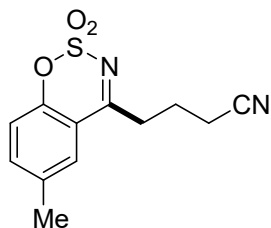
White solid, 67% yield, mp 104–105 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.19–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.9, 151.8, 138.6, 129.1, 125.3, 125.1, 118.8, 115.7, 33.4, 20.4, 16.4, 14.9.

4-(7-methyl-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3c)



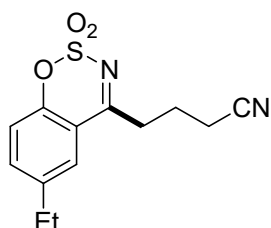
Viscous oil, 66% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 153.5, 149.8, 127.4, 127.0, 119.3, 118.8, 113.5, 33.2, 22.0, 20.4, 16.3.

4-(6-methyl-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3d)



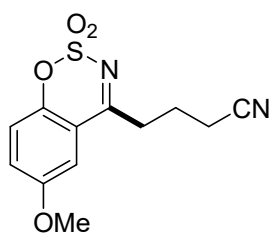
White solid, 65% yield, mp 84–85 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.24 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.7, 151.3, 138.0, 136.2, 127.4, 118.9, 115.6, 33.2, 20.8, 20.2, 16.3.

4-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3e)



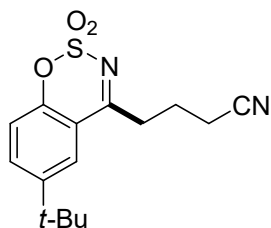
White solid, 68% yield, mp 88–89 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.20–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.61 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.7, 151.5, 142.5, 137.0, 126.3, 119.0, 118.9, 115.7, 33.2, 28.2, 20.3, 16.4, 15.4.

4-(6-methoxy-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3f)



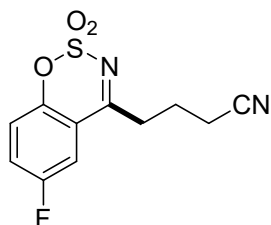
White solid, 57% yield, mp 101–102 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.19–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.29 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 156.9, 147.1, 123.5, 120.2, 118.9, 116.3, 110.8, 56.1, 33.3, 20.3, 16.3.

4-(6-(tert-butyl)-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3g)



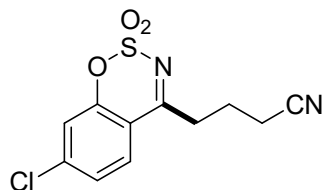
White solid, 71% yield, mp 102–103 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.35 (m, 9H), 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.78 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.1, 151.1, 149.5, 134.9, 123.7, 118.9, 118.6, 115.3, 34.8, 33.1, 31.0, 20.4, 16.3.

4-(6-fluoro-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3h)



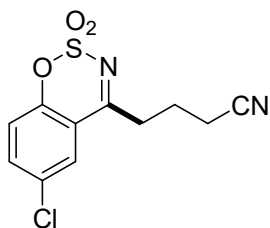
White solid, 53% yield, mp 94–95 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 159.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 247.6$ Hz), 149.3, 124.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.8$ Hz), 121.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.0$ Hz), 118.7, 116.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.5$ Hz), 113.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 33.4, 20.0, 16.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.57 (s, 1F).

4-(7-chloro-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3i)



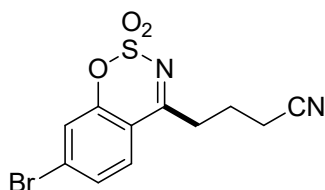
White solid, 51% yield, mp 95–96 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.24 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.8, 153.8, 143.5, 128.5, 126.6, 119.7, 118.7, 114.3, 33.3, 20.2, 16.3.

4-(6-chloro-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3j)



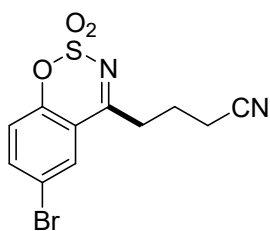
White solid, 62% yield, mp 97–99 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.21–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4, 151.8, 137.0, 131.6, 127.1, 120.8, 118.6, 116.7, 33.3, 20.0, 16.3.

4-(7-bromo-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3k)



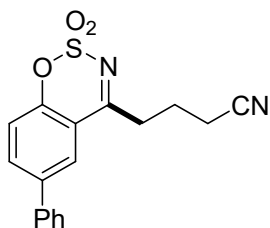
White solid, 40% yield, mp 107–108 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.24 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 153.6, 131.8, 129.6, 128.3, 122.7, 118.7, 114.6, 33.3, 20.2, 16.3.

4-(6-bromo-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3l)



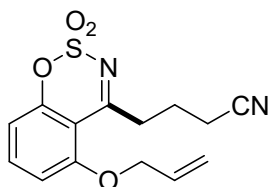
White solid, 52% yield, mp 113–115 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.21–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.3, 152.3, 139.9, 130.1, 121.0, 118.8, 118.7, 117.1, 33.3, 20.0, 16.3.

4-(2,2-dioxido-6-phenylbenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3m)



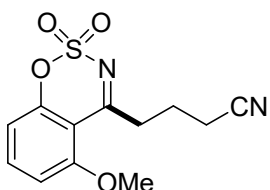
White solid, 44% yield, mp 103–105 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.23–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.33 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.95 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 152.6, 139.8, 138.2, 136.0, 129.2, 128.6, 127.1, 125.8, 119.6, 118.8, 116.1, 33.3, 20.3, 16.4.

4-(5-(allyloxy)-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3n)



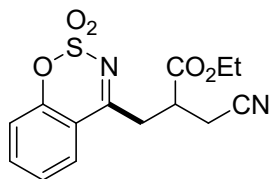
White solid, 36% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.42–5.49 (m, 2H), 6.05–6.15 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.2, 158.5, 154.4, 137.1, 131.0, 120.4, 119.0, 111.2, 109.9, 108.0, 70.7, 38.5, 21.2, 16.4.

4-(5-methoxy-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)butanenitrile (3o)



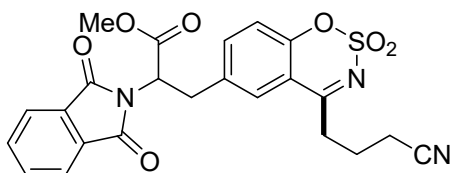
Viscous oil, 68% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.11–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.2, 159.5, 154.4, 137.3, 119.1, 111.2, 108.8, 107.9, 56.6, 38.4, 21.3, 16.5.

Ethyl 3-cyano-2-((2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-4-yl)methyl)propanoate (3p)



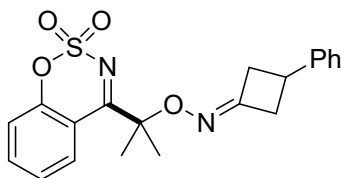
Viscous oil, 25% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.88–3.00 (m, 2H), 3.37–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.70–3.79 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.1, 170.5, 153.5, 137.5, 127.6, 126.1, 119.3, 117.0, 115.8, 62.3, 37.1, 34.8, 19.2, 13.9.

methyl 3-(4-(3-cyanopropyl)-2,2-dioxidobenzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazin-6-yl)-2-(1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)propanoate (3q)



Viscous oil, 37% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.04–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.60 (dd, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 5.20 (dd, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.81 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.5, 168.5, 167.3, 152.1, 137.7, 135.0, 134.5, 131.1, 127.6, 123.7, 119.3, 118.8, 115.5, 53.1, 52.0, 33.9, 33.3, 20.4, 16.2.

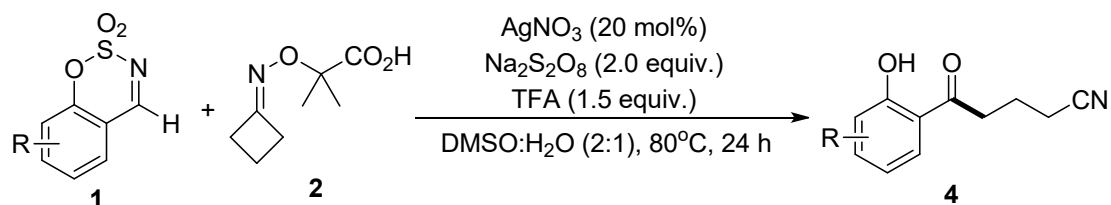
4-(2-(((3-phenylcyclobutylidene)amino)oxy)propan-2-yl)benzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazine 2,2-dioxide (3r)



Viscous oil, 21% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (s, 6H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.79–3.85 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.7, 153.5, 139.9, 137.3, 129.2, 128.2,

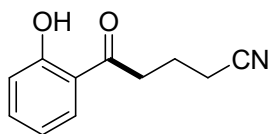
127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 119.3, 117.7, 116.0, 101.7, 39.5, 37.5, 29.6, 24.0.

General Procedure for the Opening-ring of α -Imino-Oxy Acids with Cyclic Aldimines:



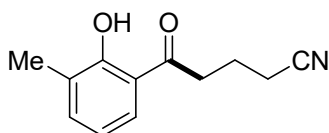
To a 10 mL Schlenk charged with cyclic aldimines **1** (0.2 mmol), α -imino-oxy acids **2** (0.4 mmol), AgNO_3 (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (96 mg, 0.4 mmol), and trifluoroacetic acid (35 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added DMSO (1.0 mL) and distilled H₂O (0.5 mL) *via* a syringe. Then, the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 5 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated brine (10 mL), dried anhydrous MgSO_4 , and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc as the eluent) to afford the desired products **4**.

5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (**4a**)



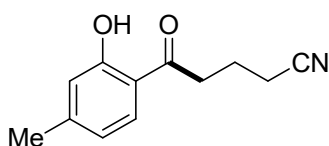
White solid, 78% yield, mp 42–43 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.09–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dt, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dt, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 12.08 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.0, 162.3, 136.7, 129.6, 119.1, 119.0, 118.6, 35.9, 19.5, 16.6.

5-(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (**4b**)



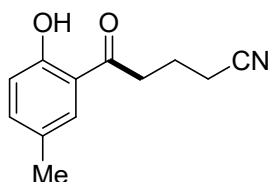
White solid, 48% yield, mp 62–63 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 12.39 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.2, 160.8, 137.4, 127.7, 127.1, 119.1, 118.4, 118.3, 36.0, 19.6, 16.6, 15.5.

5-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4c)



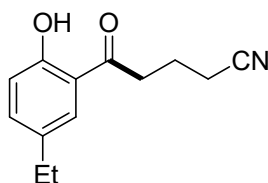
White solid, 56% yield, mp 70–71 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.07–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 12.10 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.3, 162.5, 148.4, 129.4, 120.4, 119.1, 118.5, 116.8, 35.8, 21.9, 19.6, 16.6.

5-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4d)



White solid, 45% yield, mp 55–56 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 11.91 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.8, 160.2, 137.7, 129.2, 128.2, 119.2, 118.6, 118.3, 35.9, 20.4, 19.5, 16.6.

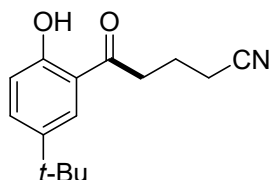
5-(5-ethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4e)



Viscous oil, 58% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.23 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.08–

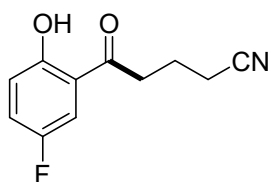
2.15 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 11.93 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.9, 160.4, 136.7, 134.8, 128.1, 119.2, 118.7, 118.4, 35.9, 27.9, 19.5, 16.6, 15.7.

5-(5-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4f)



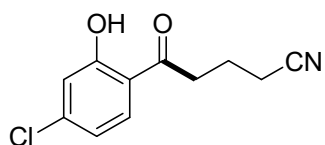
Viscous oil, 76% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.32 (s, 9H), 2.09–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 11.95 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.0, 160.2, 141.8, 134.5, 125.2, 119.2, 118.3, 118.2, 35.8, 34.1, 31.2, 19.6, 16.6.

5-(5-fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4g)



White solid, 49% yield, mp 49–50 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 11.79 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.2, 158.5, 154.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 237.8$ Hz), 124.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.6$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.2$ Hz), 118.9, 118.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 6.2$ Hz), 114.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.3$ Hz), 36.1, 19.3, 16.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -123.38 (s, 1F).

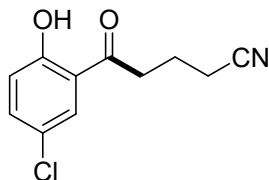
5-(4-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4h)



White solid, 52% yield, mp 76–77 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.2 Hz,

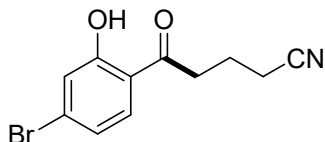
1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 12.20 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.3, 163.0, 142.5, 130.5, 119.8, 119.0, 118.6, 117.6, 36.0, 19.3, 16.5.

5-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4i)



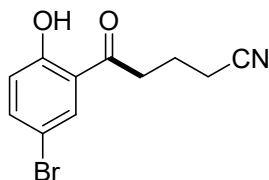
White solid, 53% yield, mp 67–68 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.09–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 11.94 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.2, 160.8, 136.6, 128.8, 123.8, 120.3, 119.5, 118.9, 36.1, 19.3, 16.5.

5-(4-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4j)



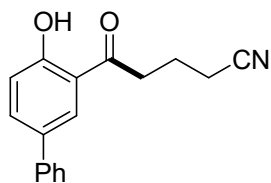
White solid, 50% yield, mp 42–43 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.07–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 12.15 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.5, 162.7, 131.1, 130.5, 122.6, 121.8, 119.0, 117.8, 36.0, 19.3, 16.5.

5-(5-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4k)



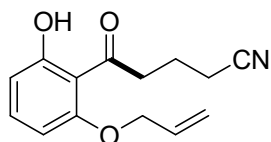
White solid, 43% yield, mp 80–81 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.08–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 11.95 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.1, 161.2, 139.3, 131.8, 120.7, 120.2, 118.9, 110.7, 36.1, 19.3, 16.5.

5-(4-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4l)



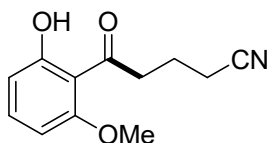
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5-(2-(allyloxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4m)



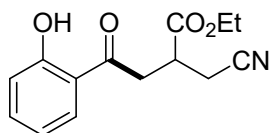
White solid, 41% yield, mp 49–50 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.02–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.63 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, $J = 17.2$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 13.03 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.1, 164.6, 160.3, 136.2, 132.1, 119.4, 119.2, 111.1, 111.0, 102.3, 43.0, 20.0, 16.6.

5-(2-hydroxy-6-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanenitrile (4n)



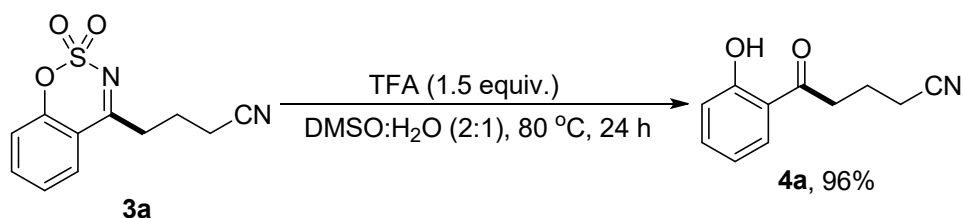
Viscous oil, 62% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.02–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 13.07 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.1, 164.7, 161.3, 136.3, 119.5, 110.9, 110.8, 101.2, 55.7, 42.8, 20.1, 16.7.

Ethyl 2-(cyanomethyl)-4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-4-oxobutanoate (4o)



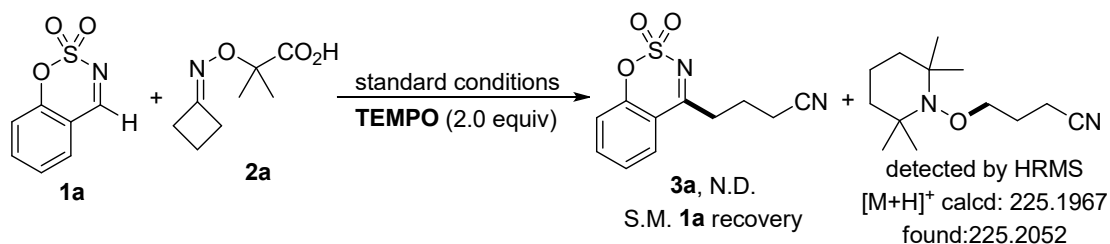
Viscous oil, 27% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.27 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.87–2.89 (m, 2H), 3.30–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.41–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.64–3.70 (m, 1H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 11.84 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 170.3, 161.3, 136.0, 128.6, 118.2, 117.8, 117.6, 116.4, 60.9, 37.0, 35.5, 18.1, 13.0.

The procedure for the hydrolysis of product 3a:



To a 10 mL Schlenk charged with the compound **3a** (0.2 mmol) and trifluoroacetic acid (35 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added DMSO (1.0 mL) and distilled H_2O (0.5 mL) *via* a syringe. Then, the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated brine (10 mL), dried anhydrous MgSO_4 , and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc as the eluent) to afford the desired products **4** in 96% yield as white solid.

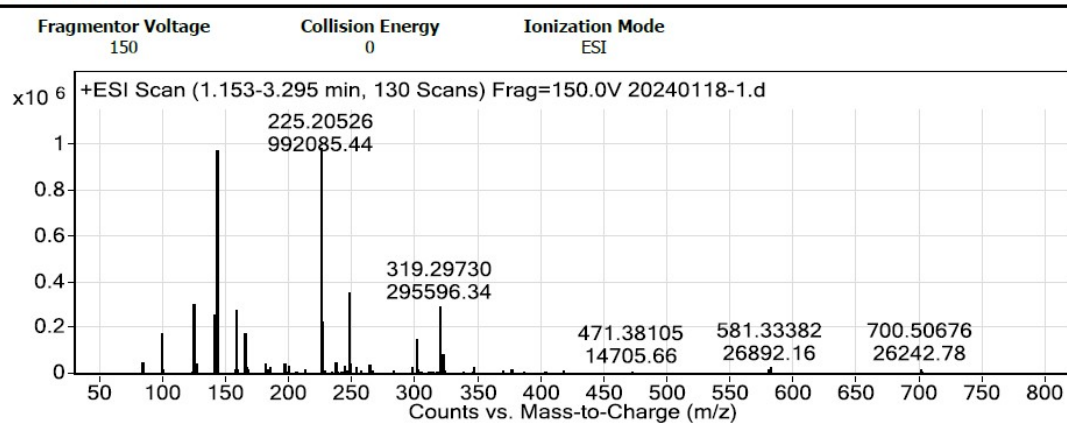
The Procedure for the radical inhibition experiment:



To a 10 mL Schlenk charged with cyclic aldimines **1a** (0.2 mmol), α -imino-oxy acids

2a (0.4 mmol), AgNO₃ (6.8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Na₂S₂O₈ (96 mg, 0.4 mmol) and TEMPO (62.5 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added acetone (1.0 mL) and distilled H₂O (1.0 mL) *via* a syringe. Then, the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated brine (10 mL), dried anhydrous MgSO₄, and then concentrated in vacuo. The target product **2a** was not detected by TLC. The mass spectrometry data of possible intermediates and TEMPO radical trapped species were observed in the reaction system.

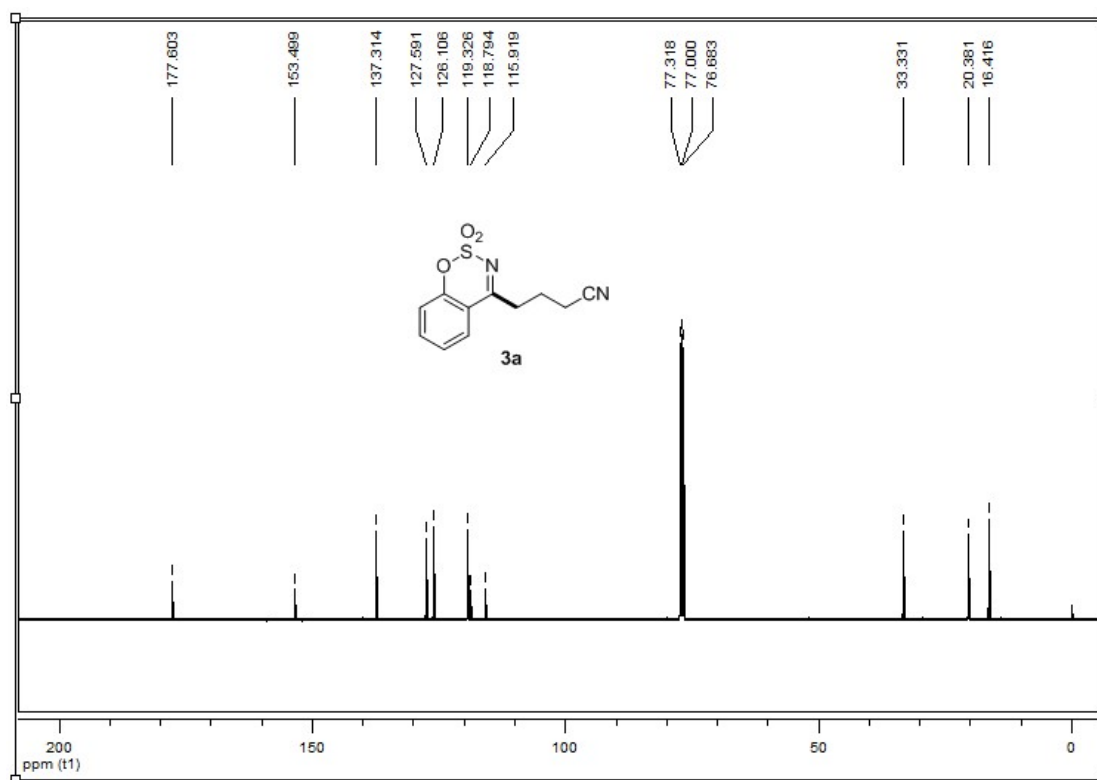
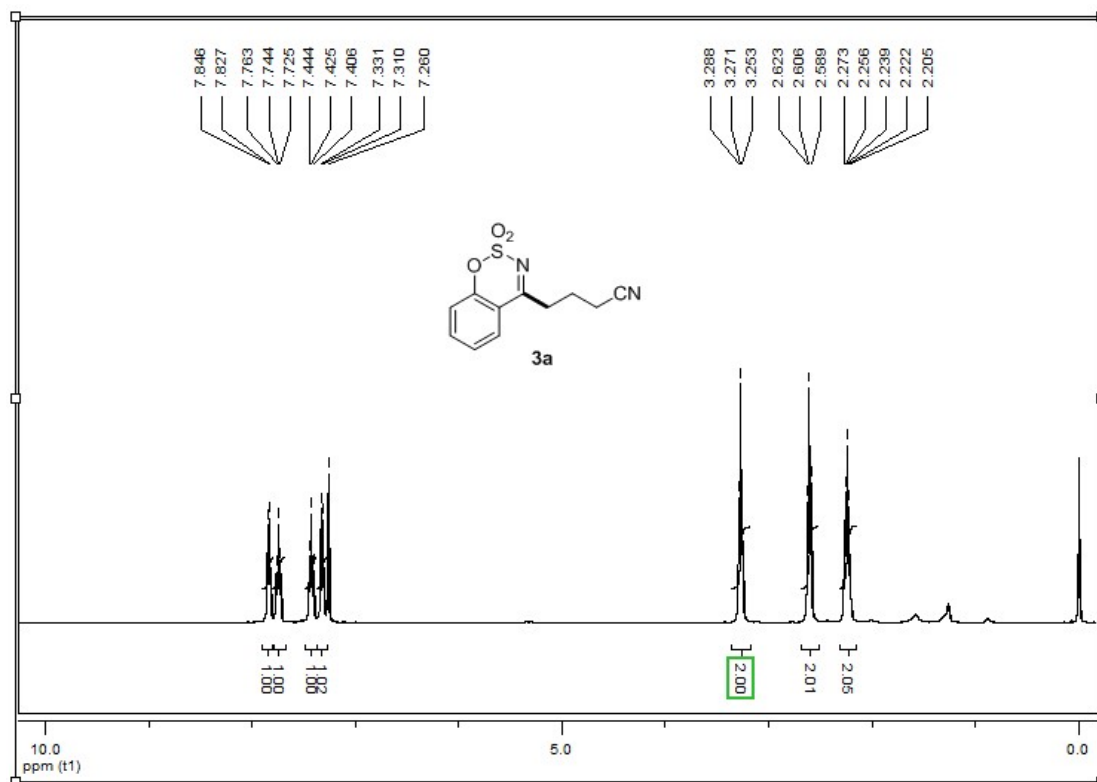
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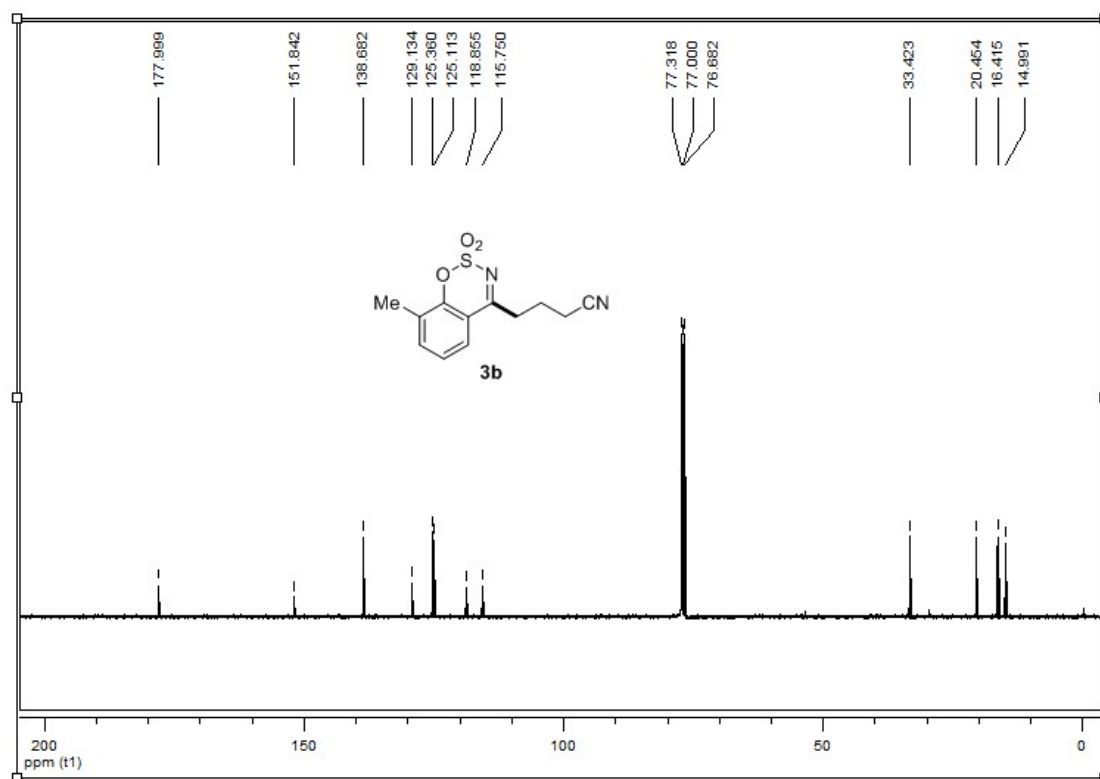
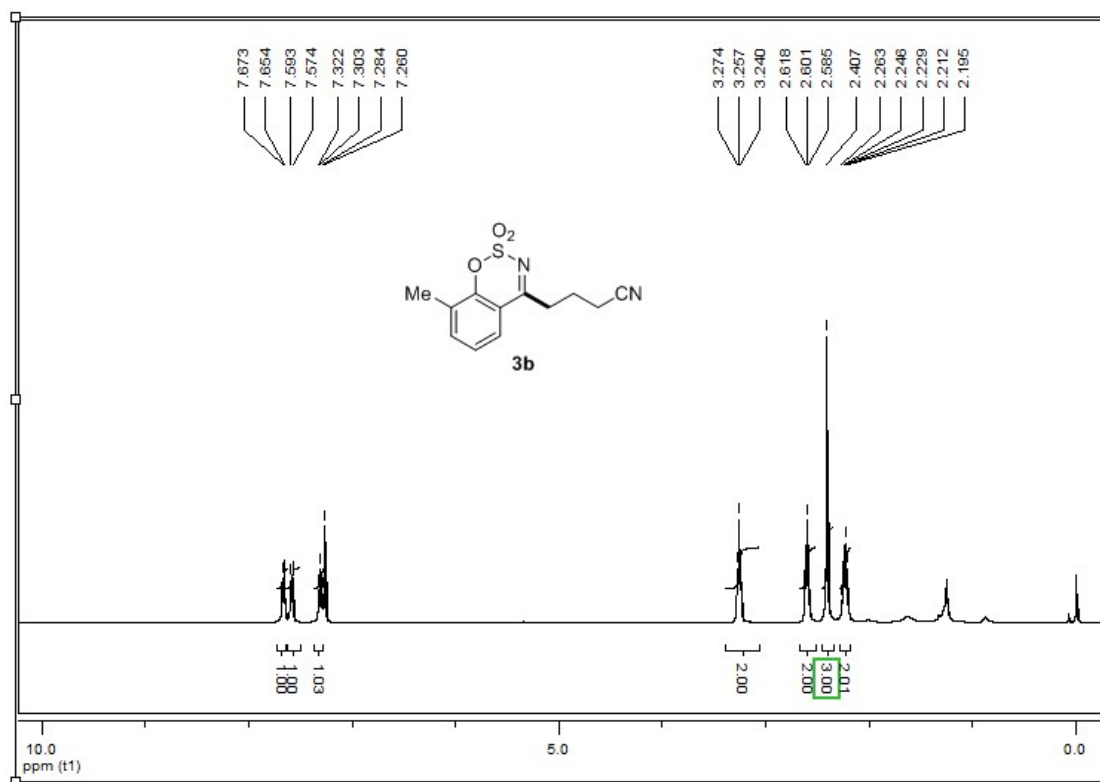


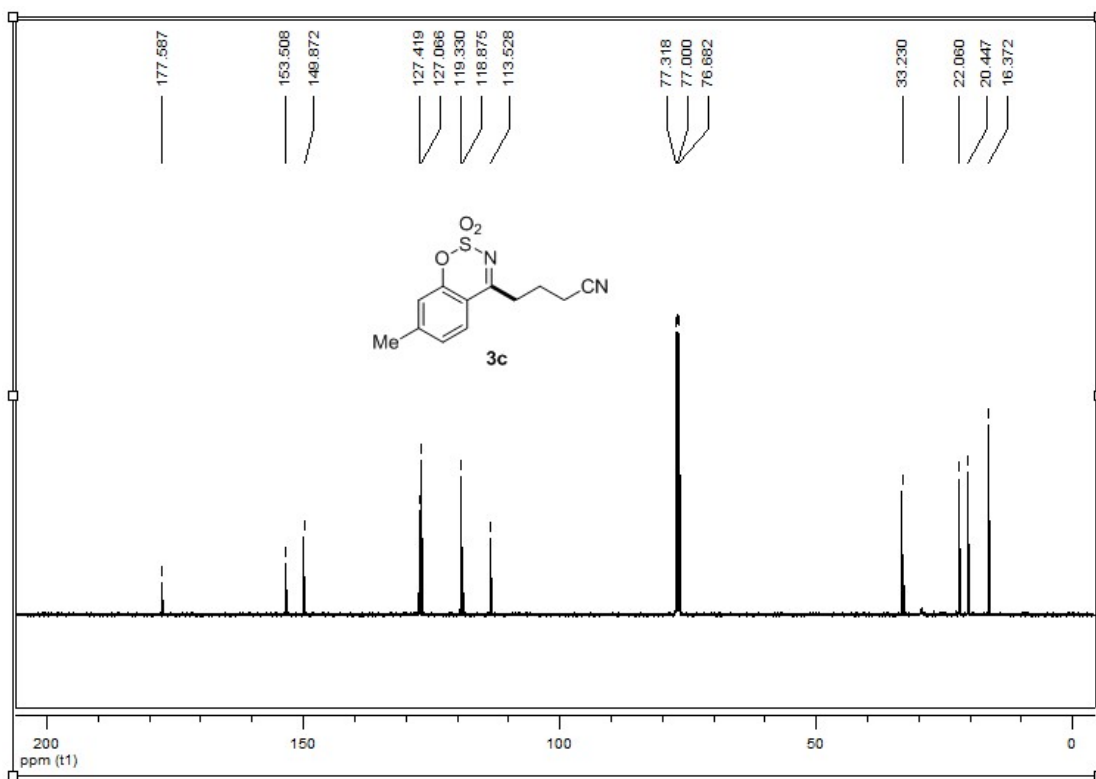
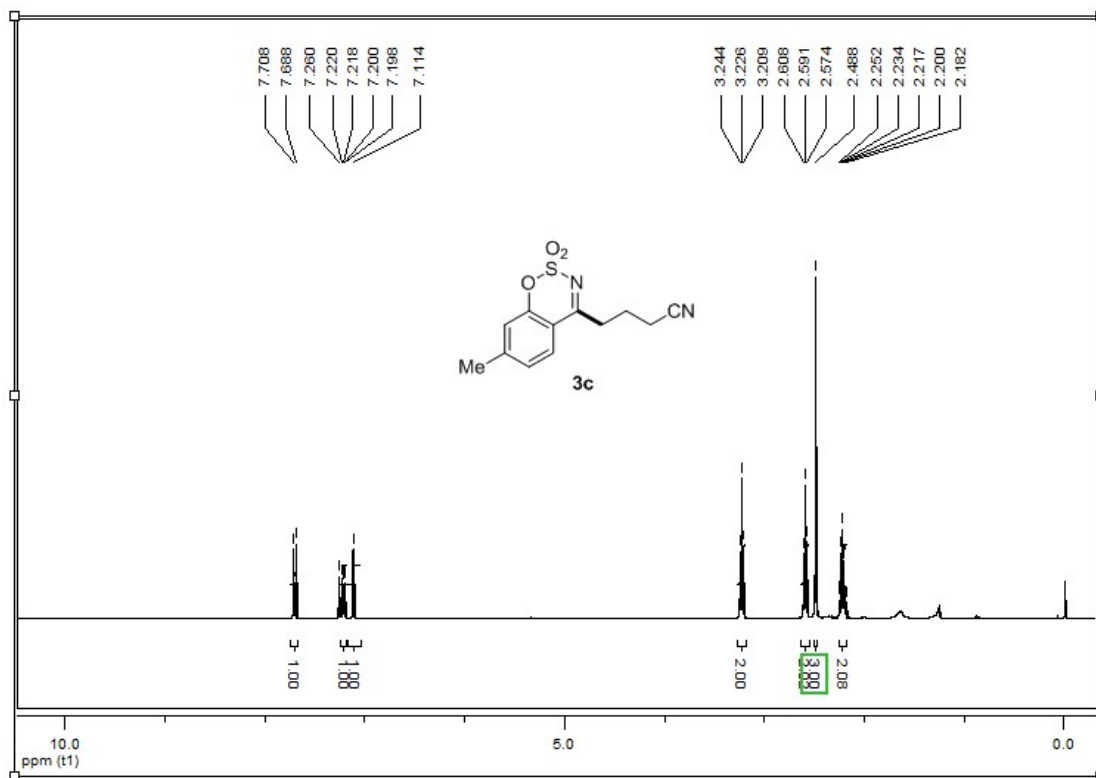
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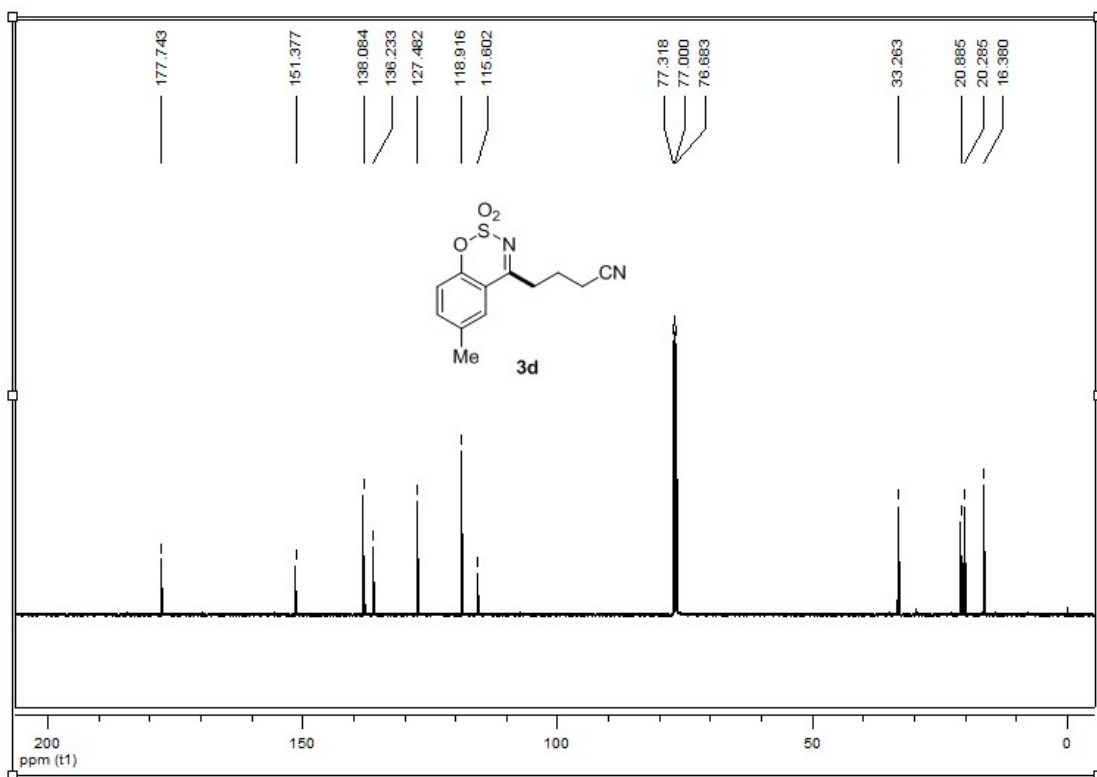
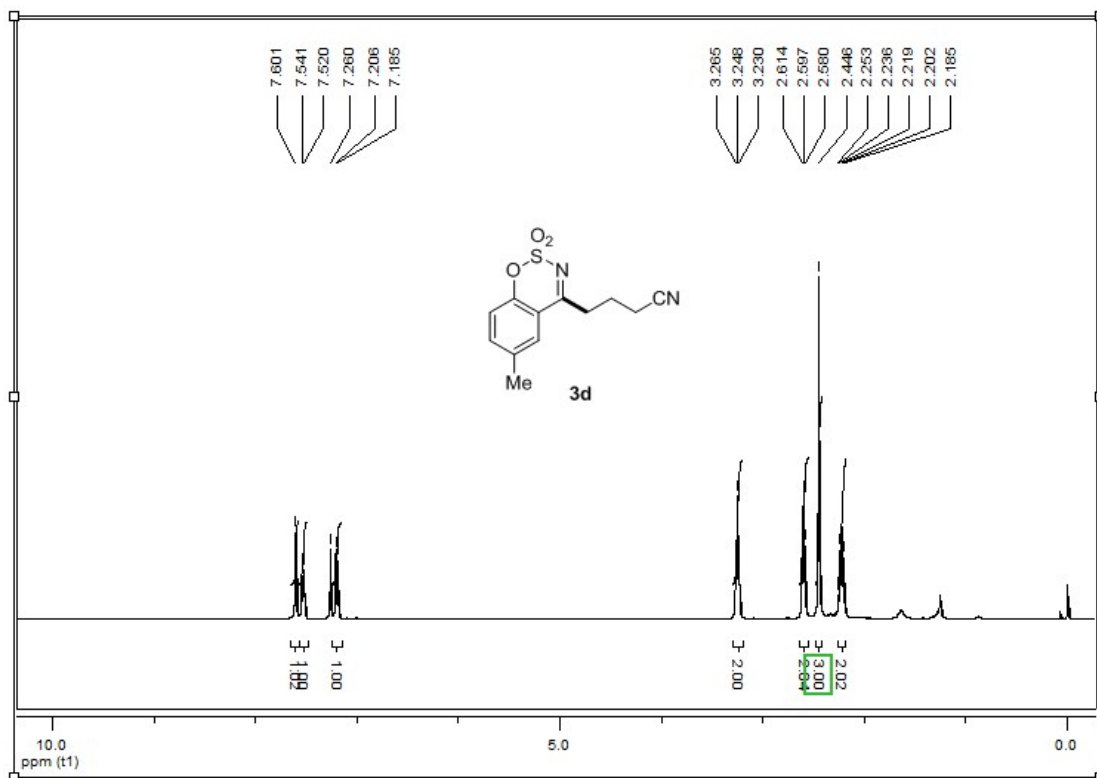
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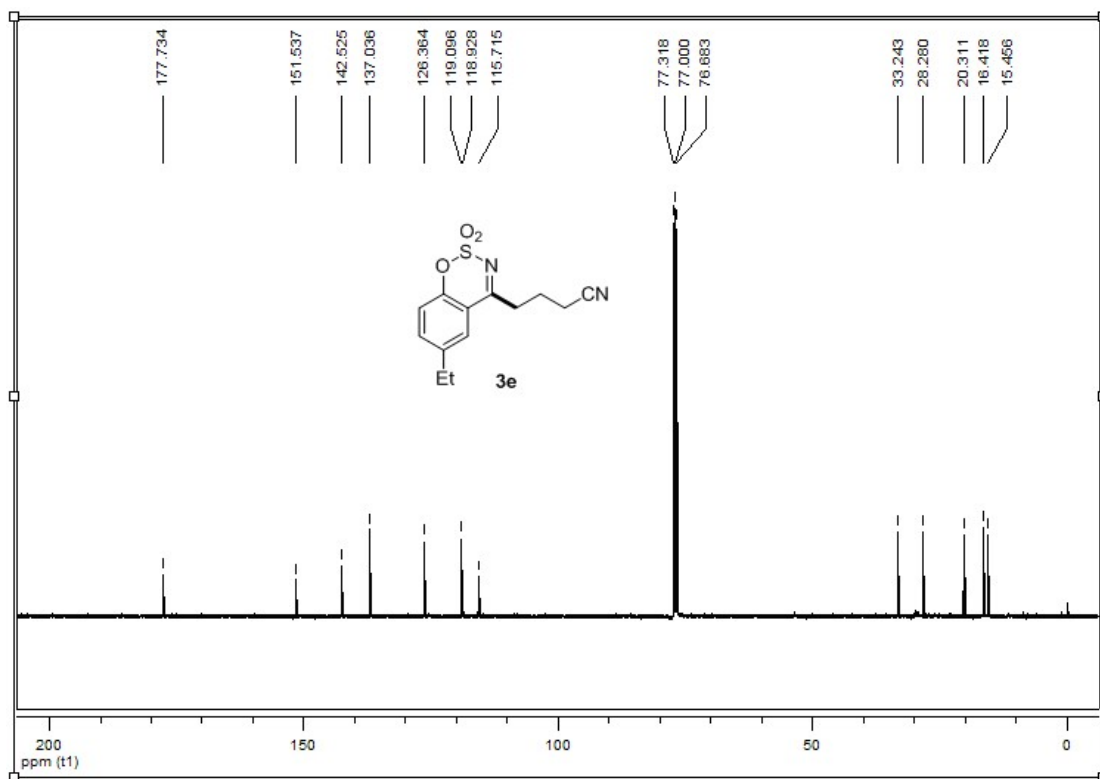
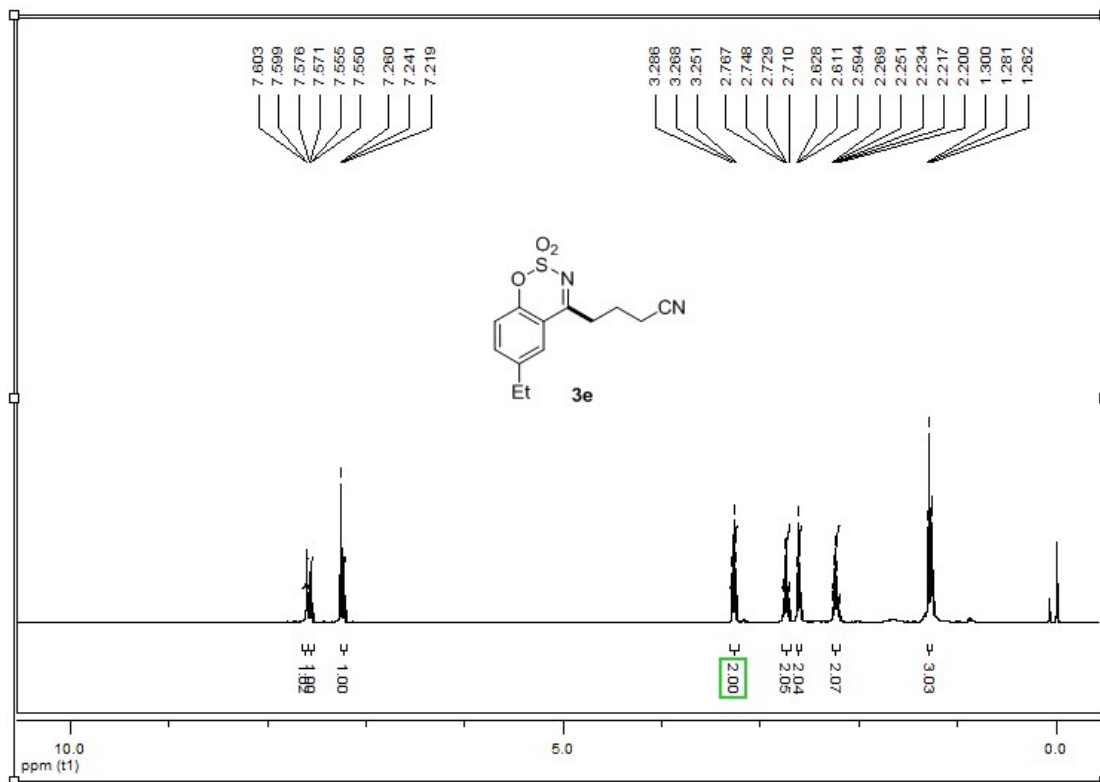
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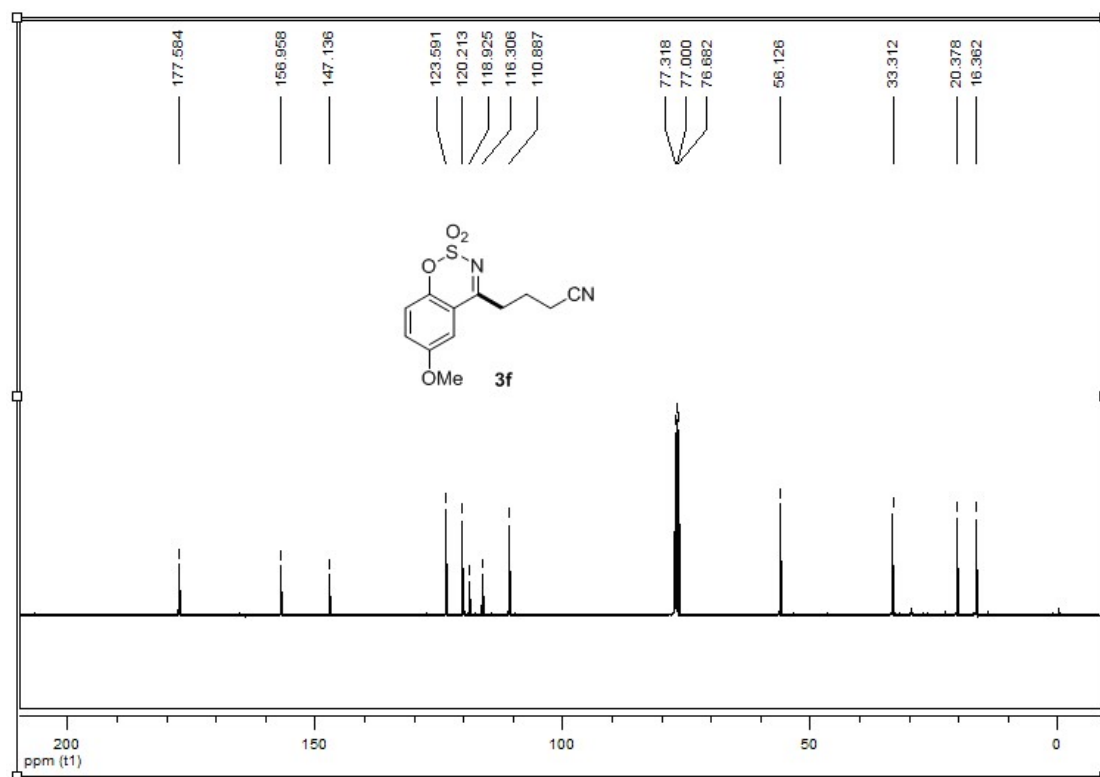
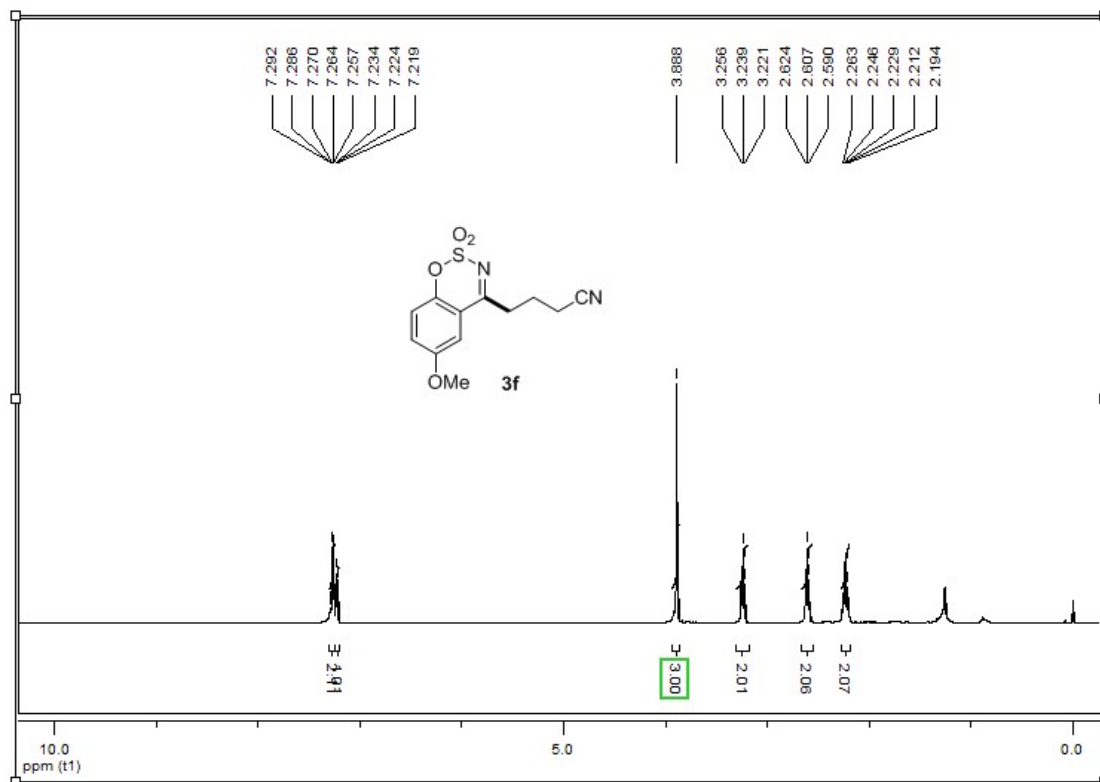


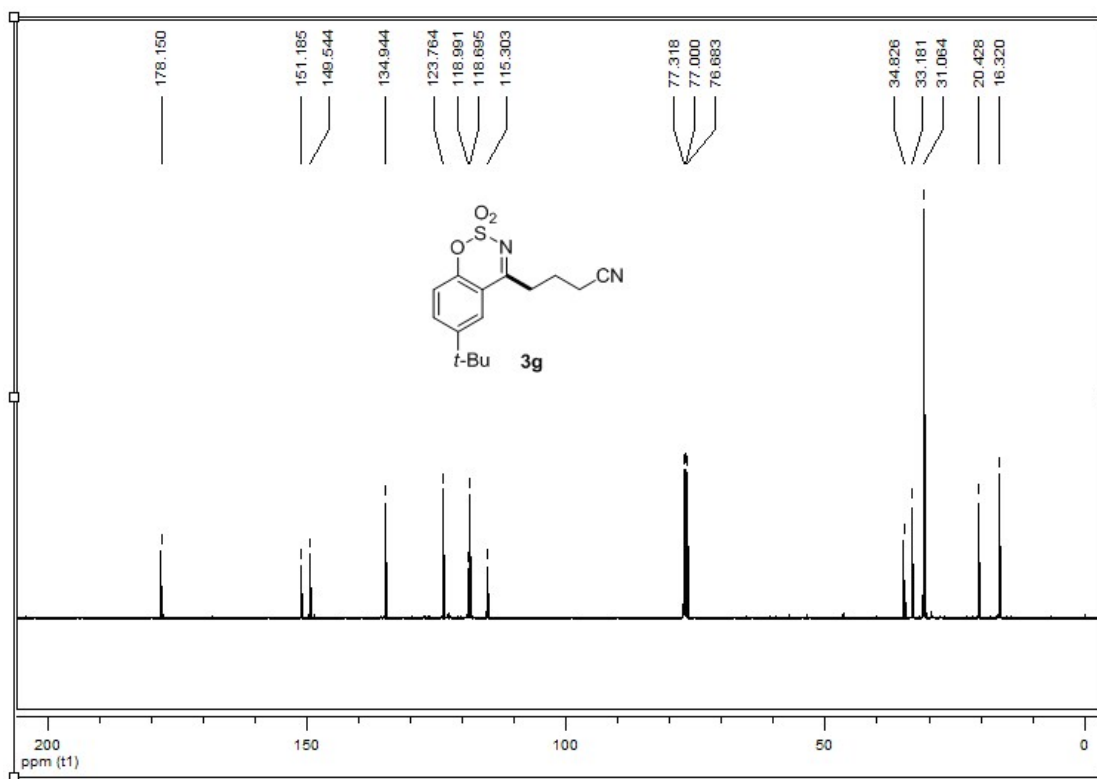
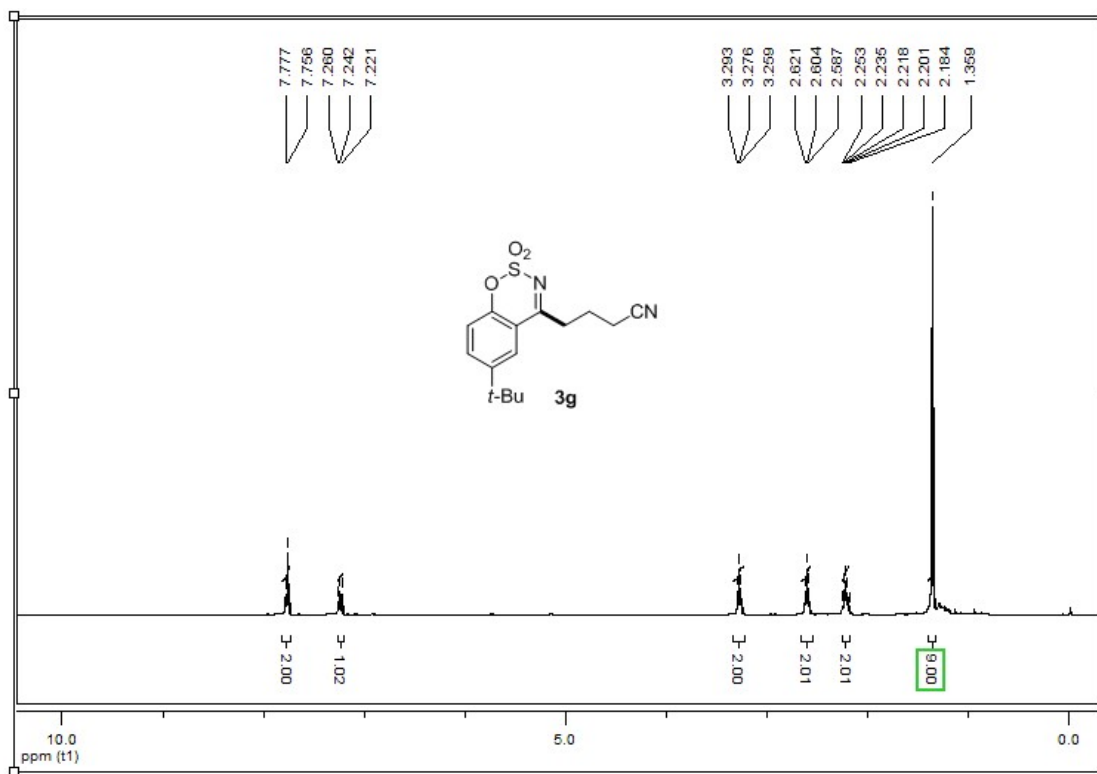


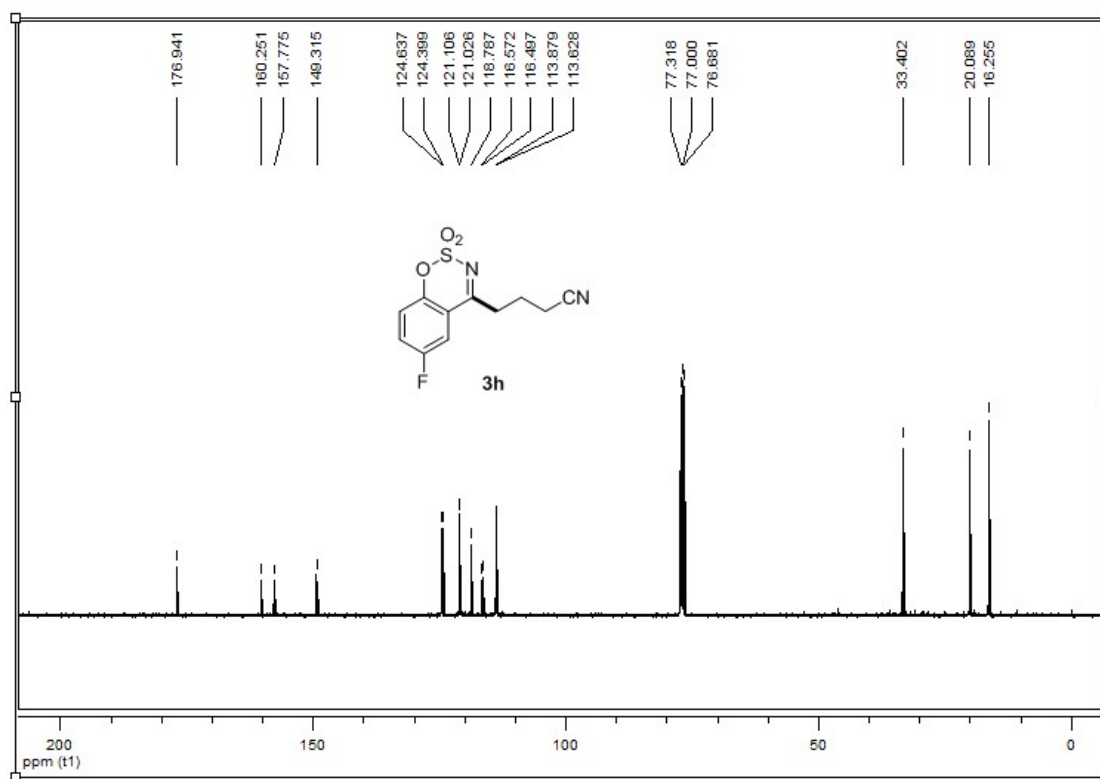
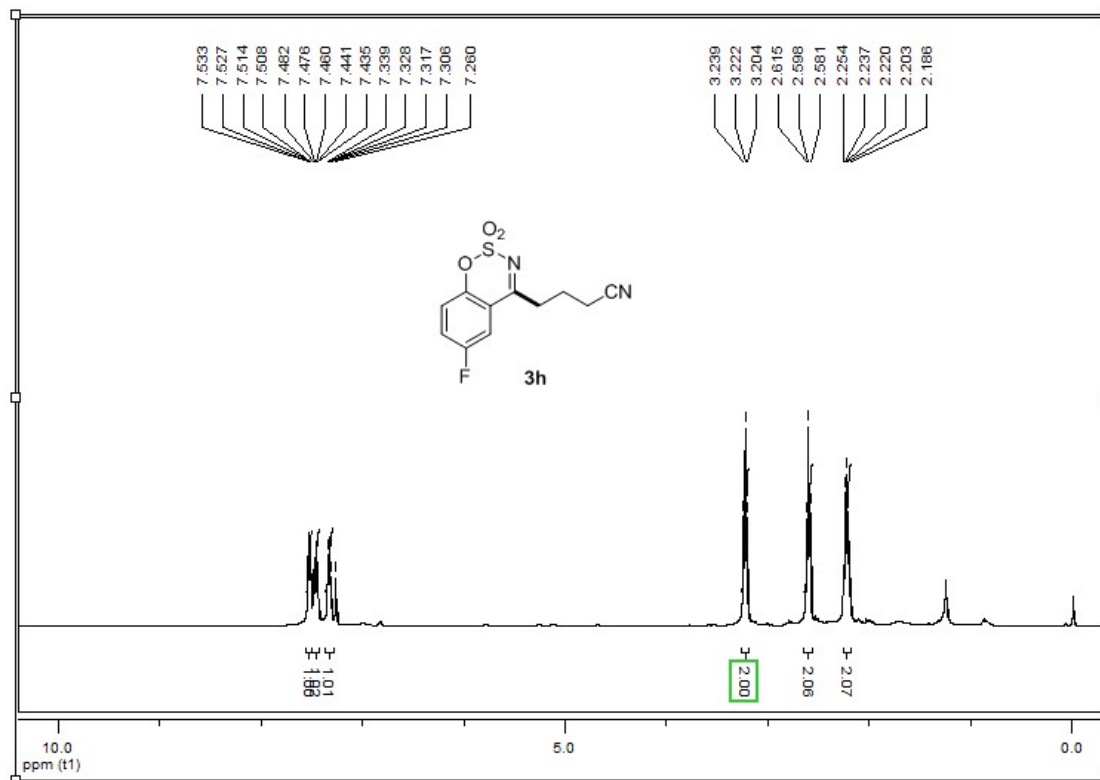


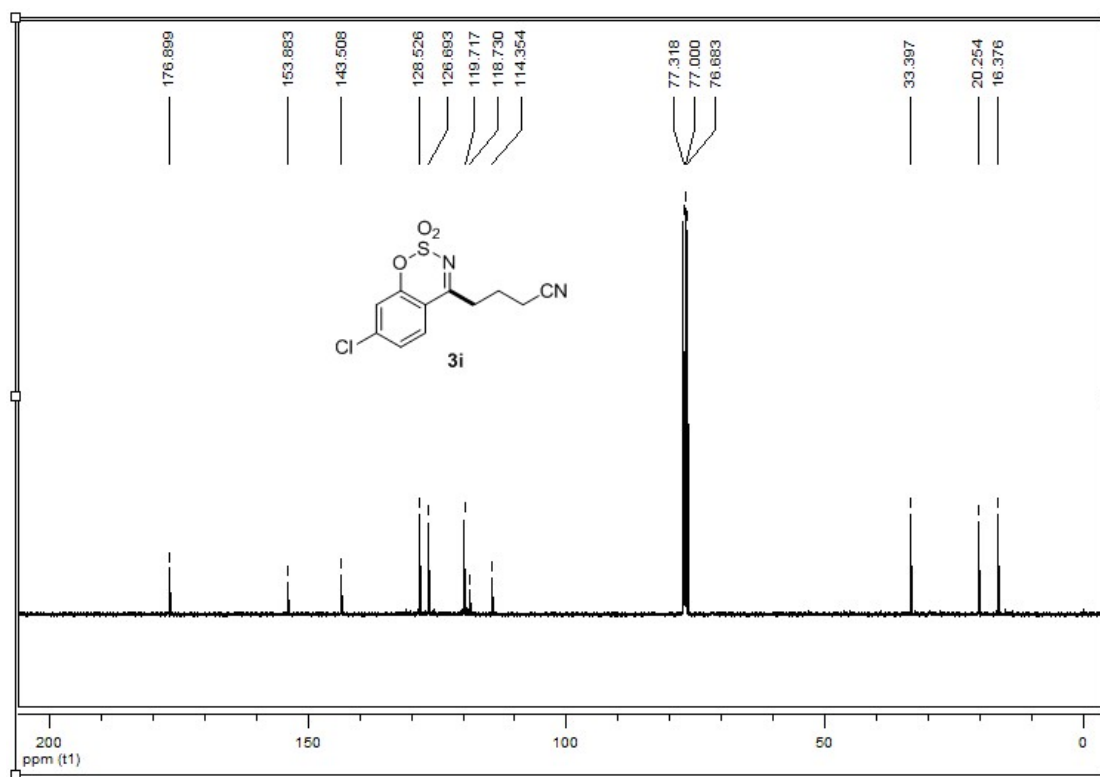
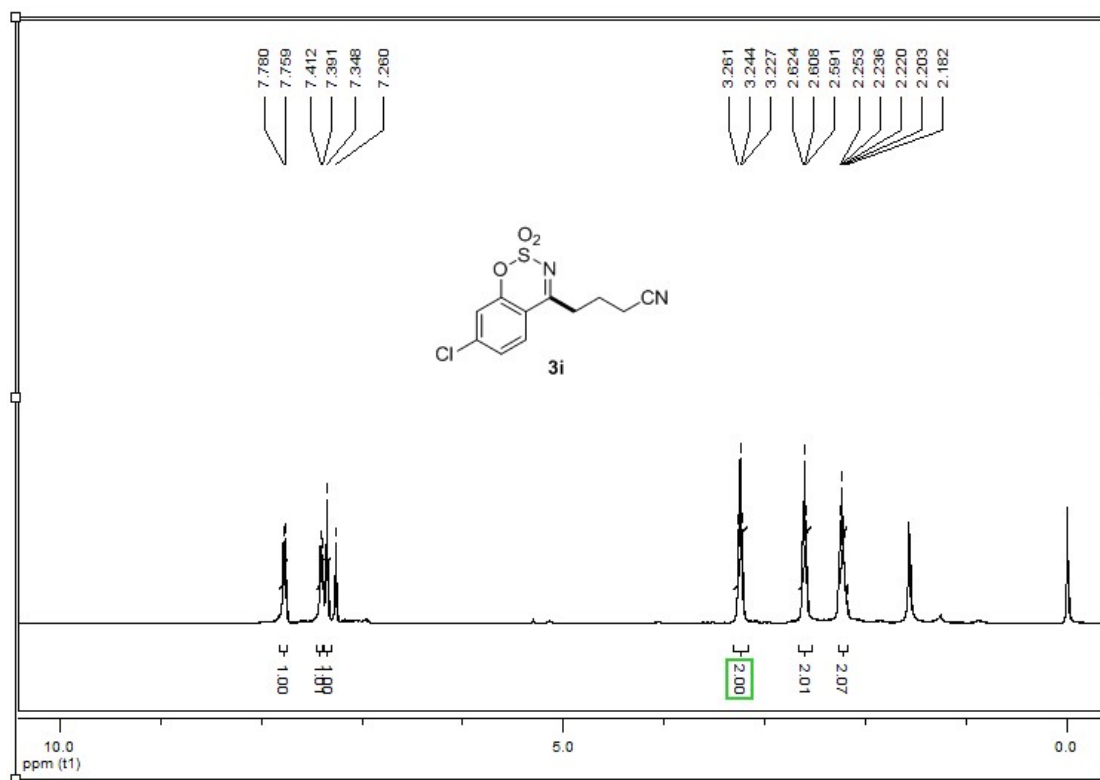


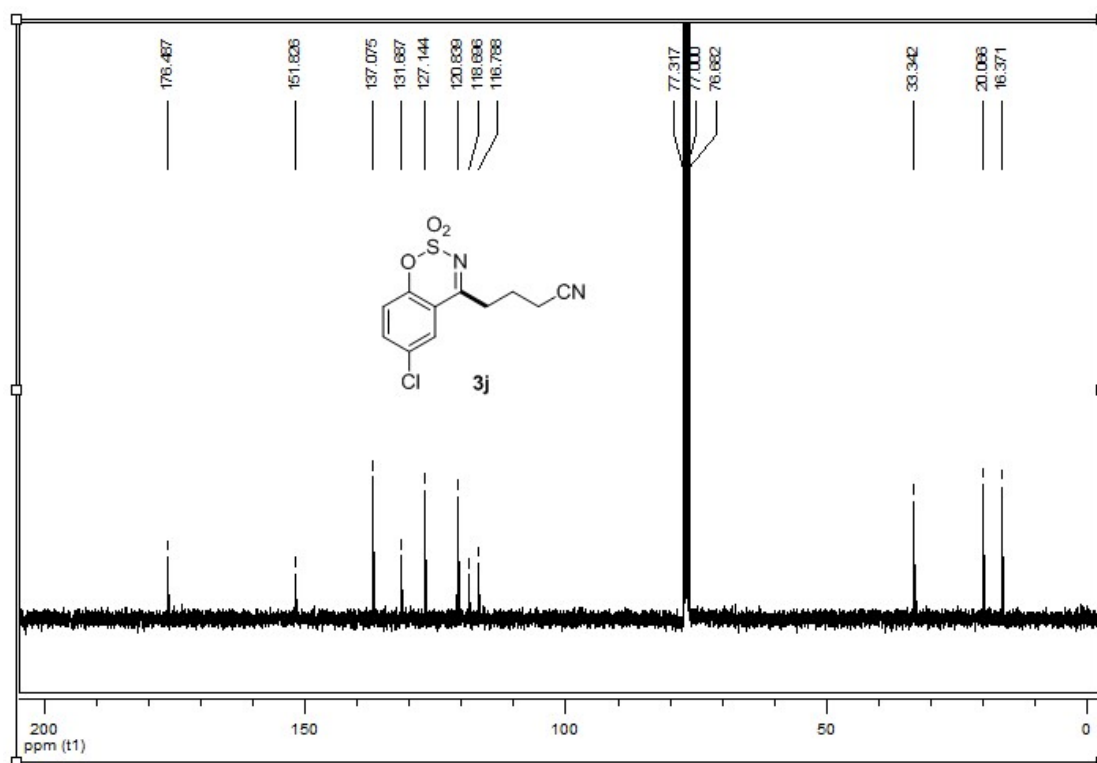
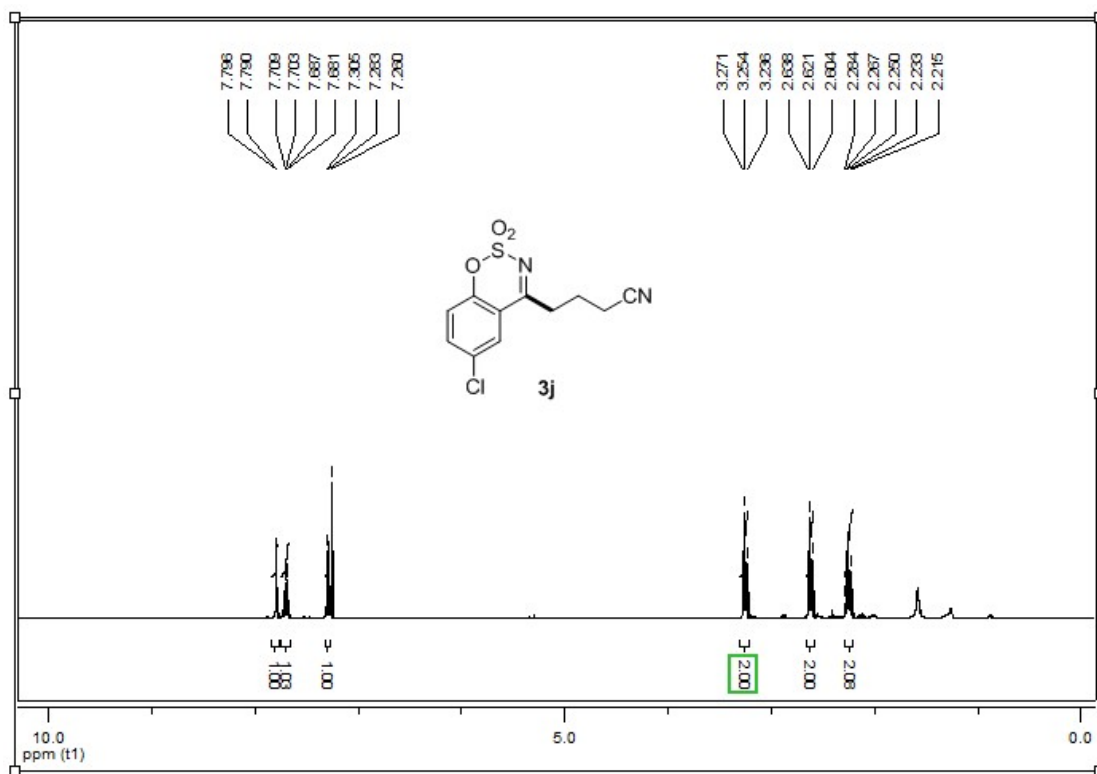


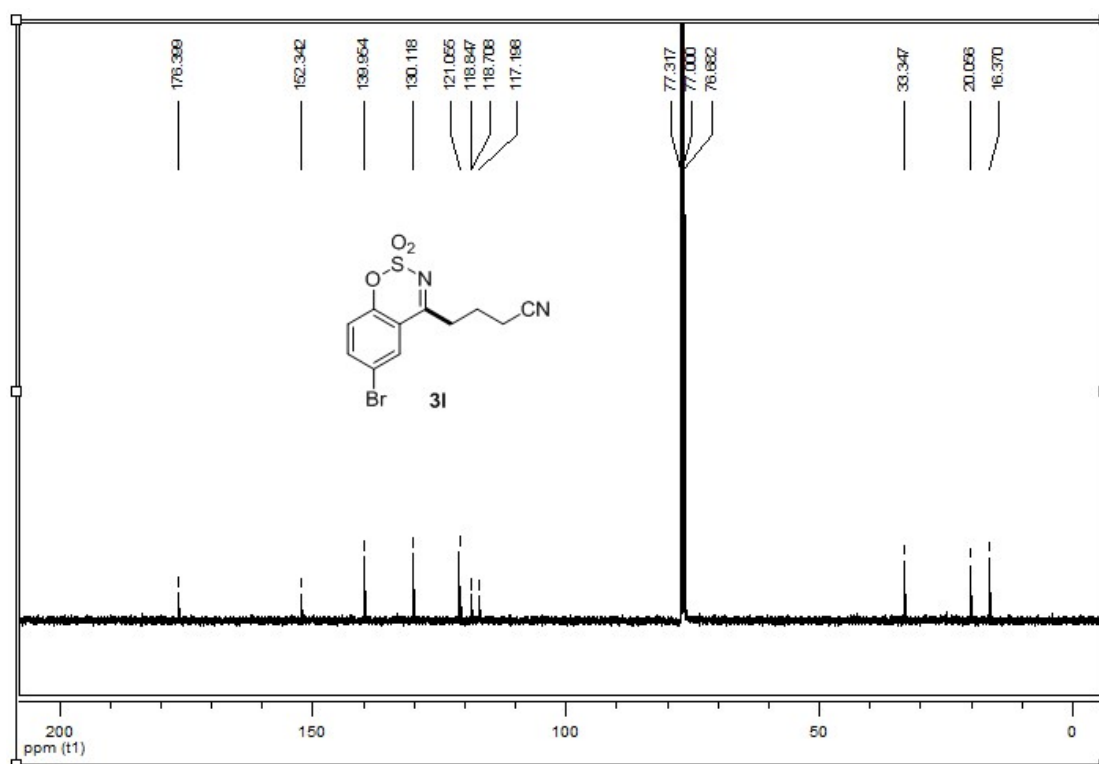
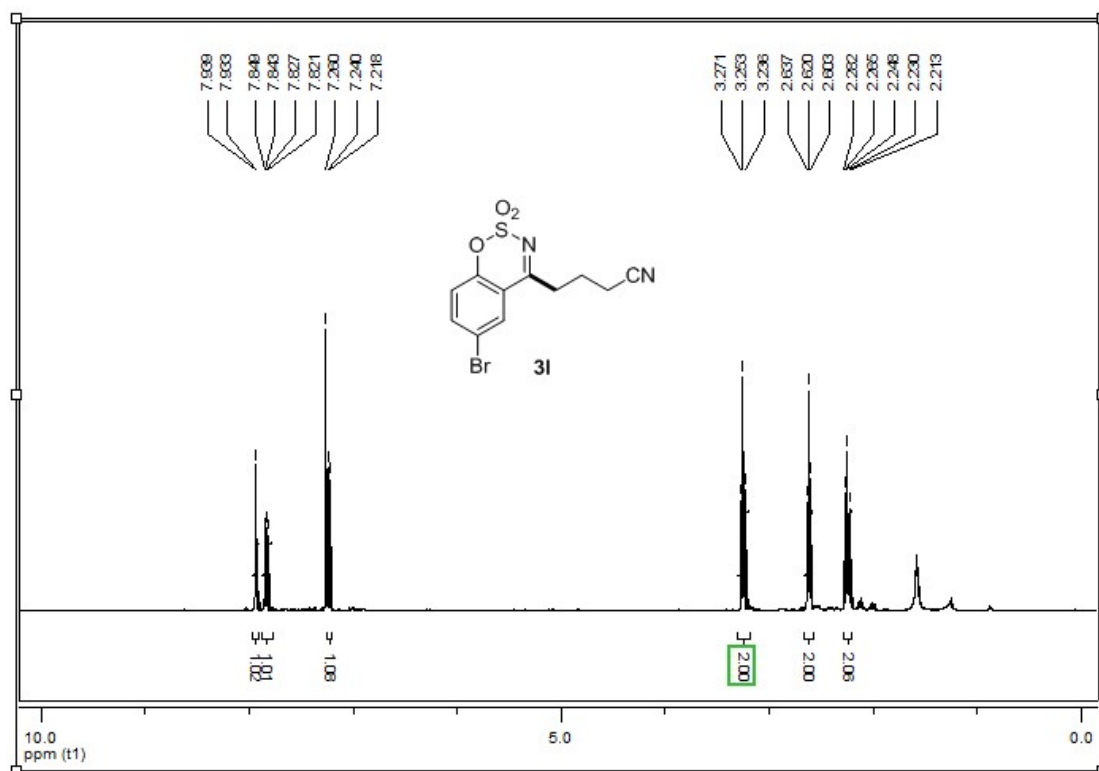


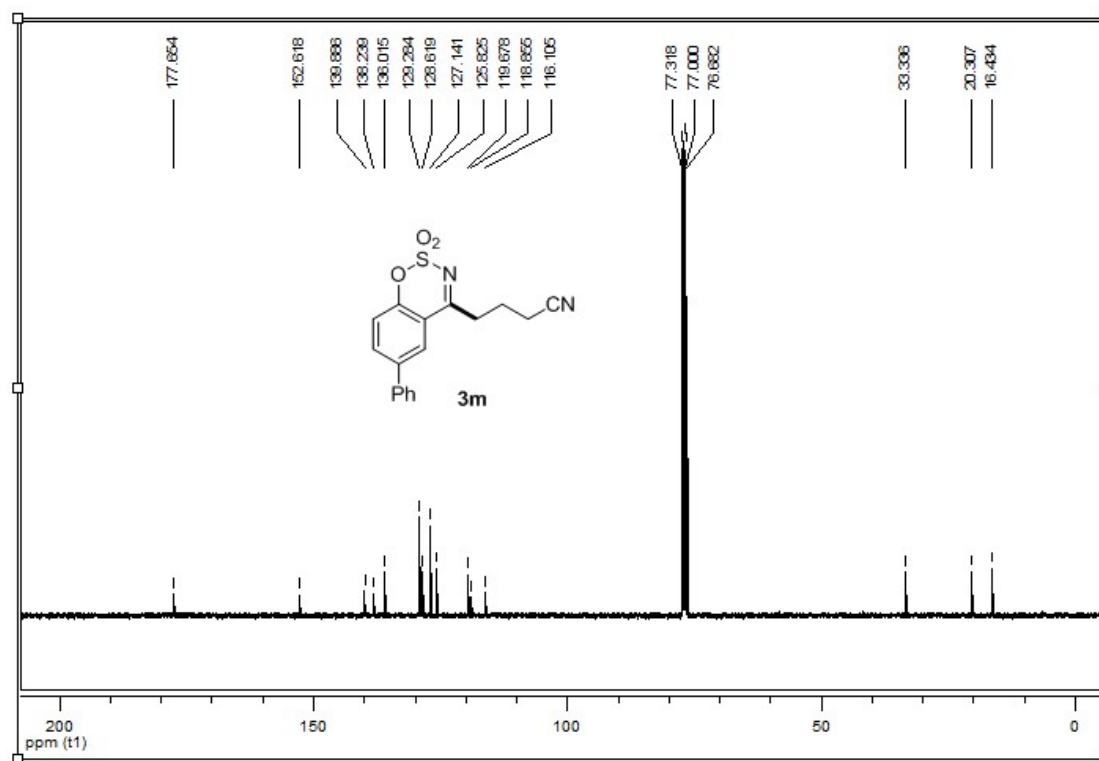
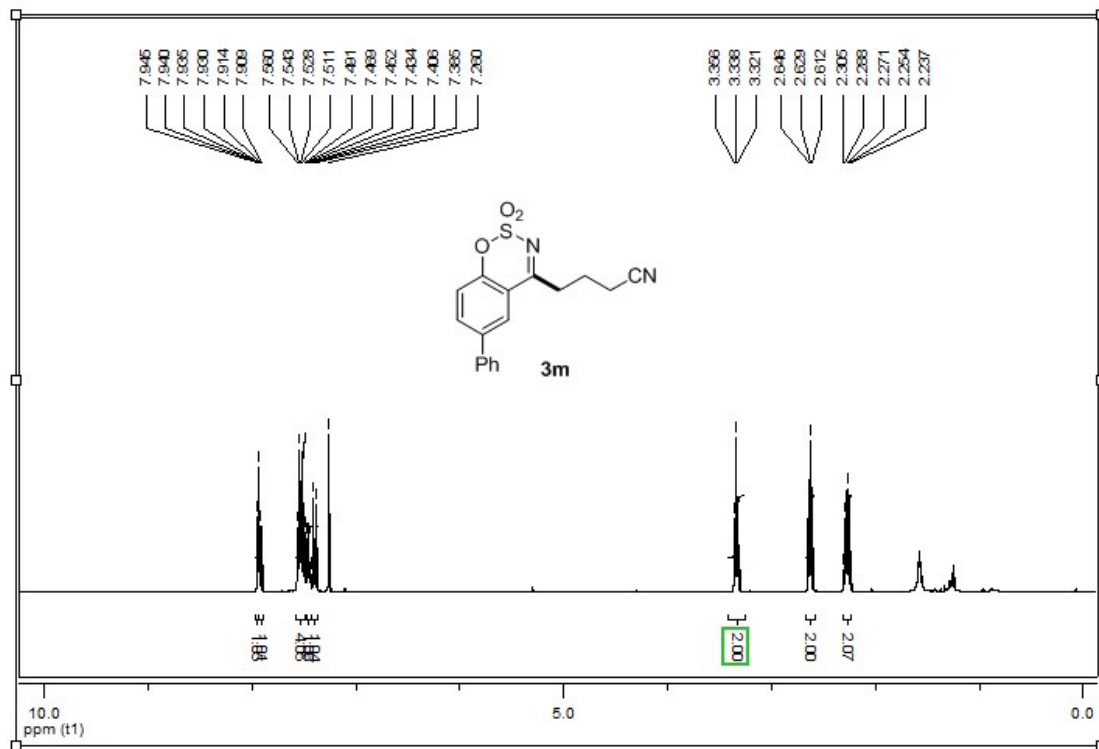


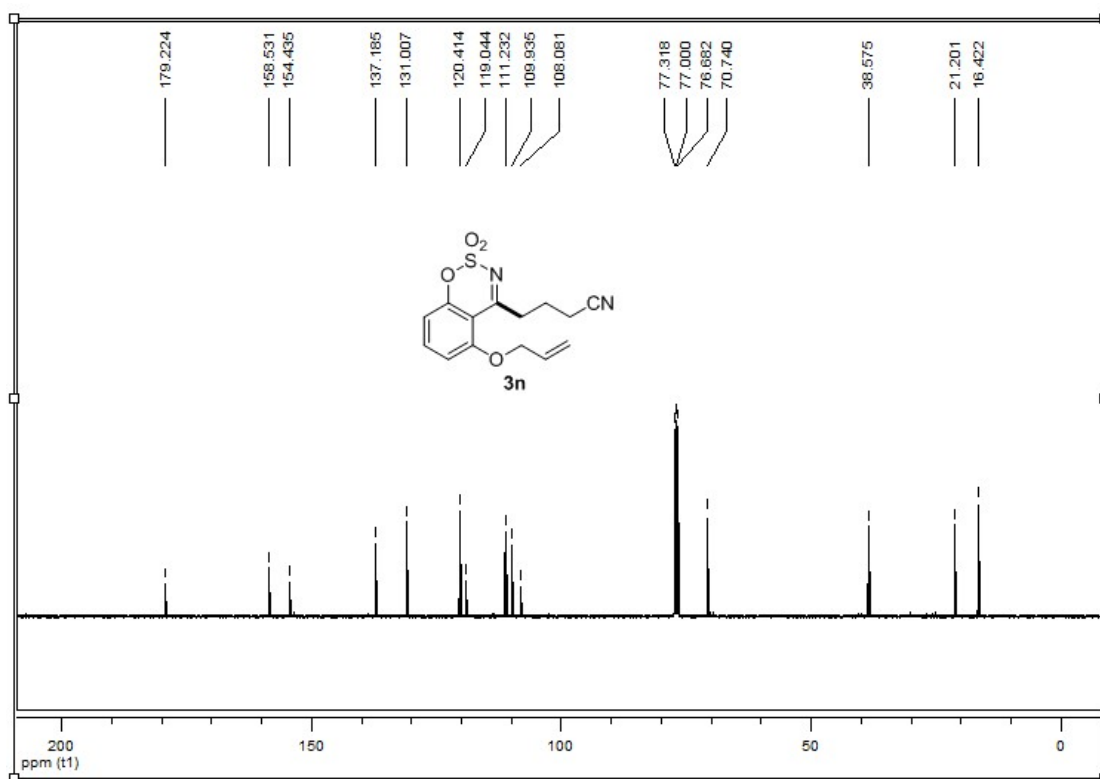
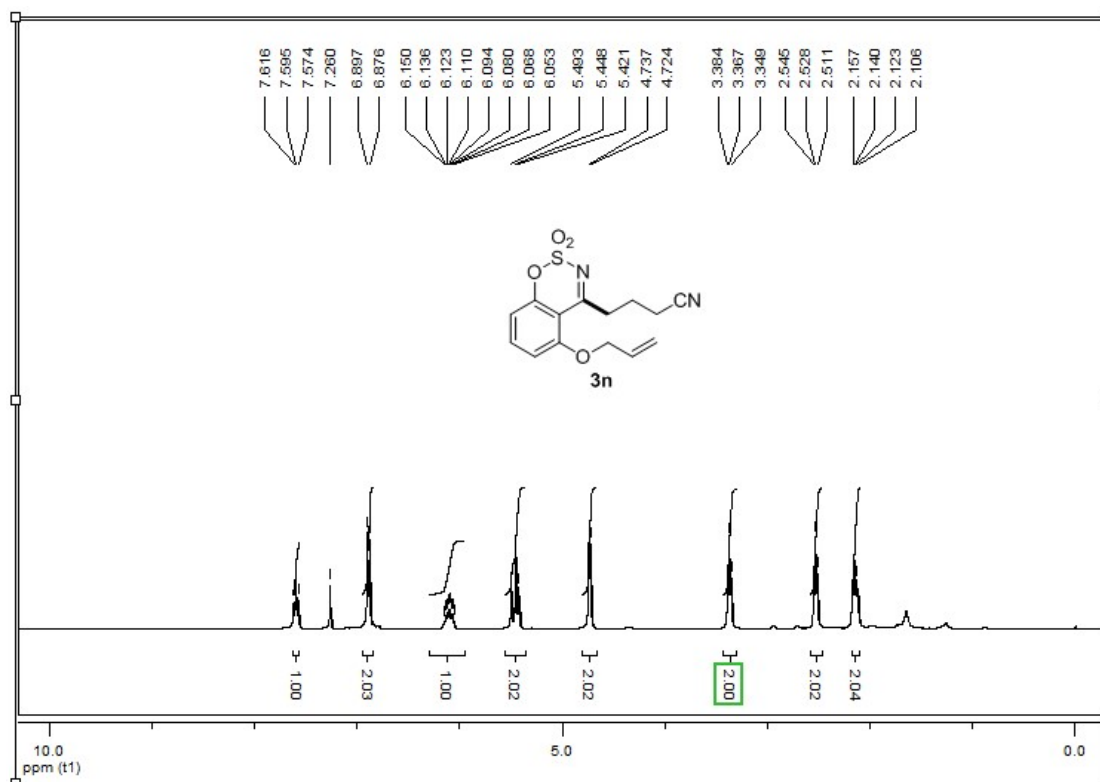


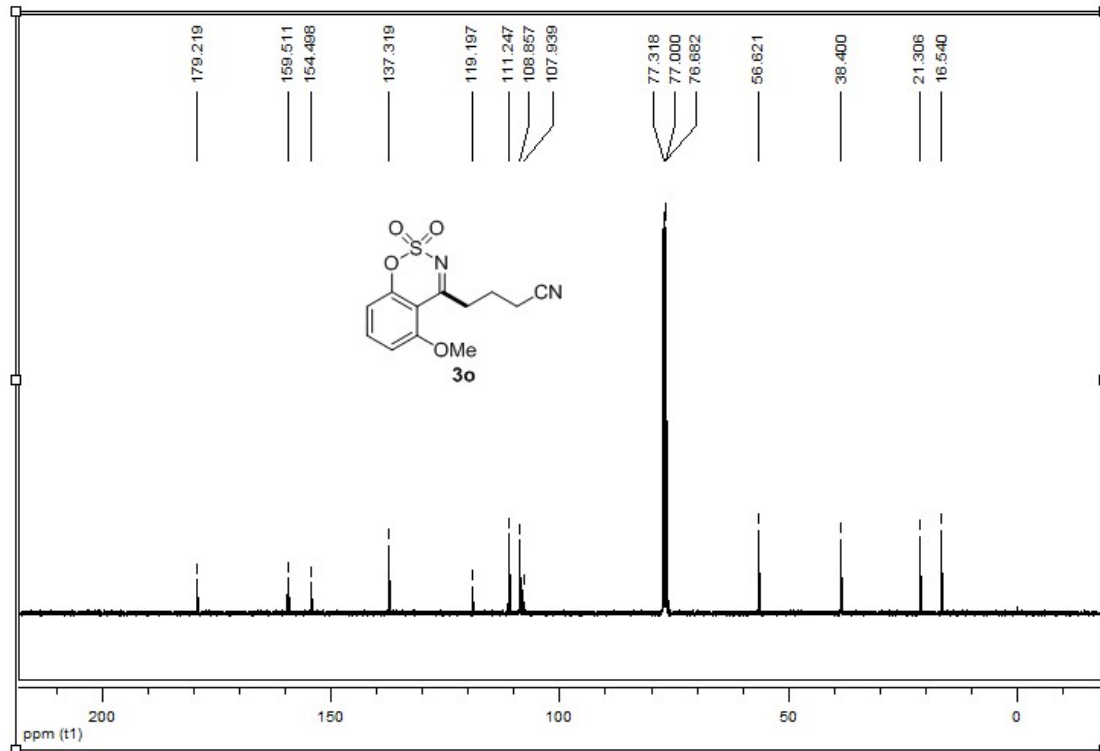
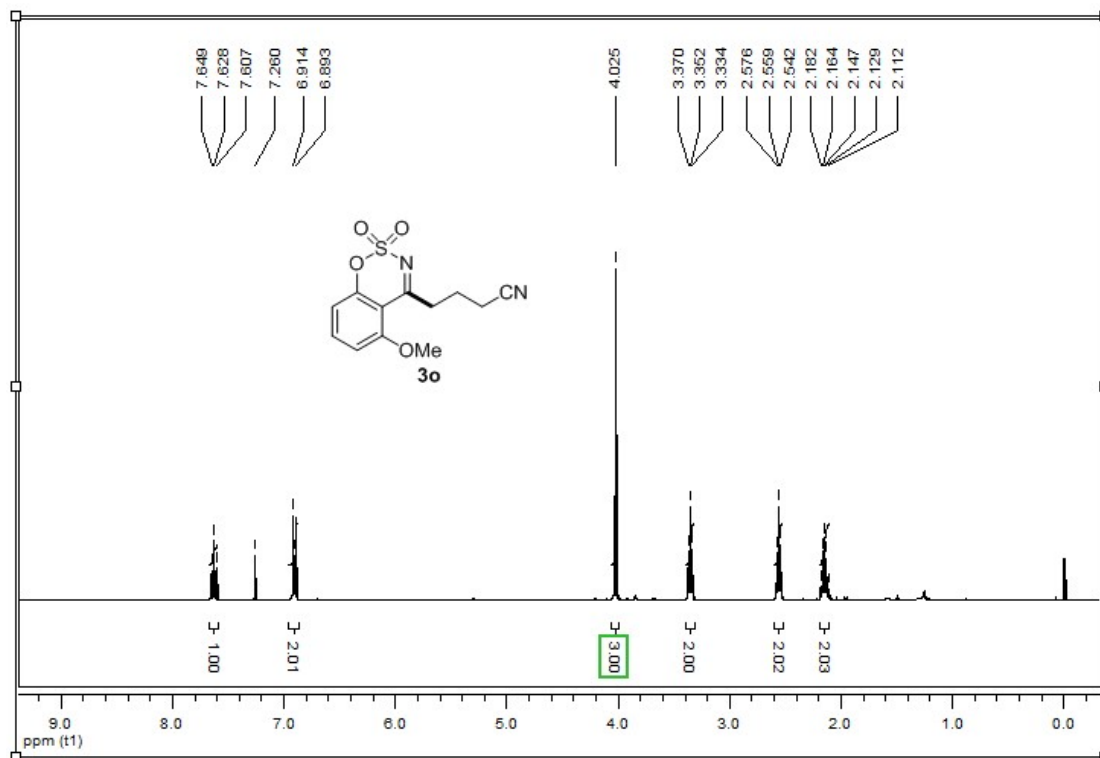


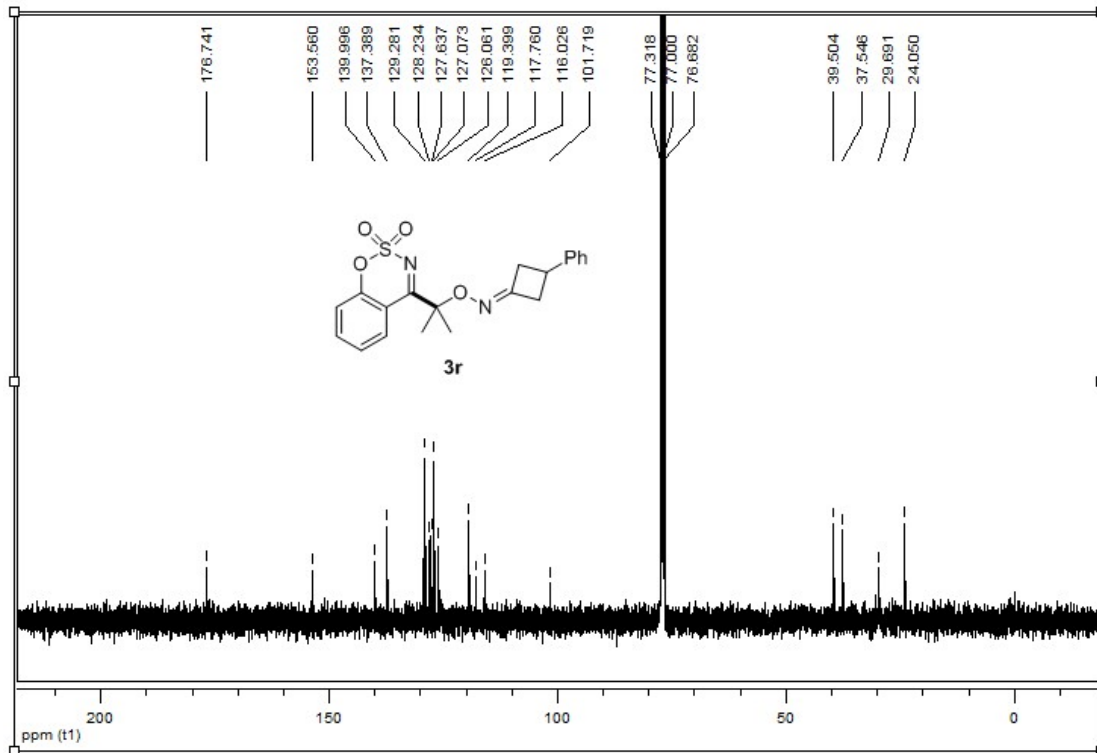
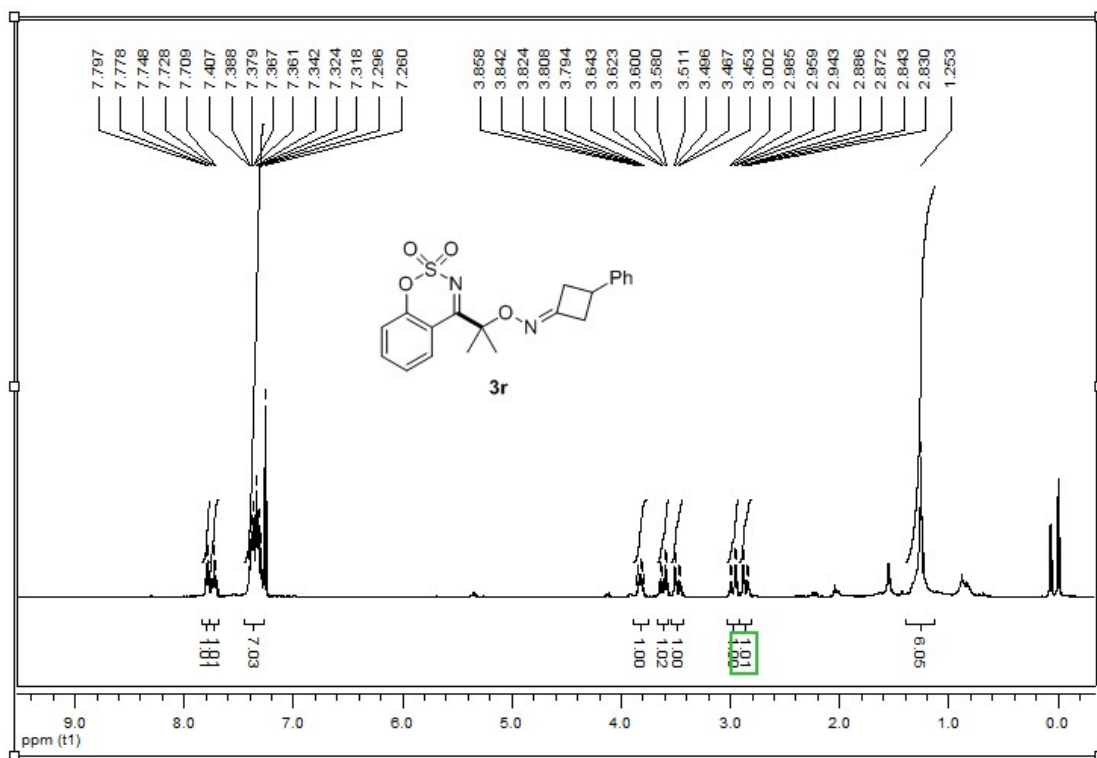


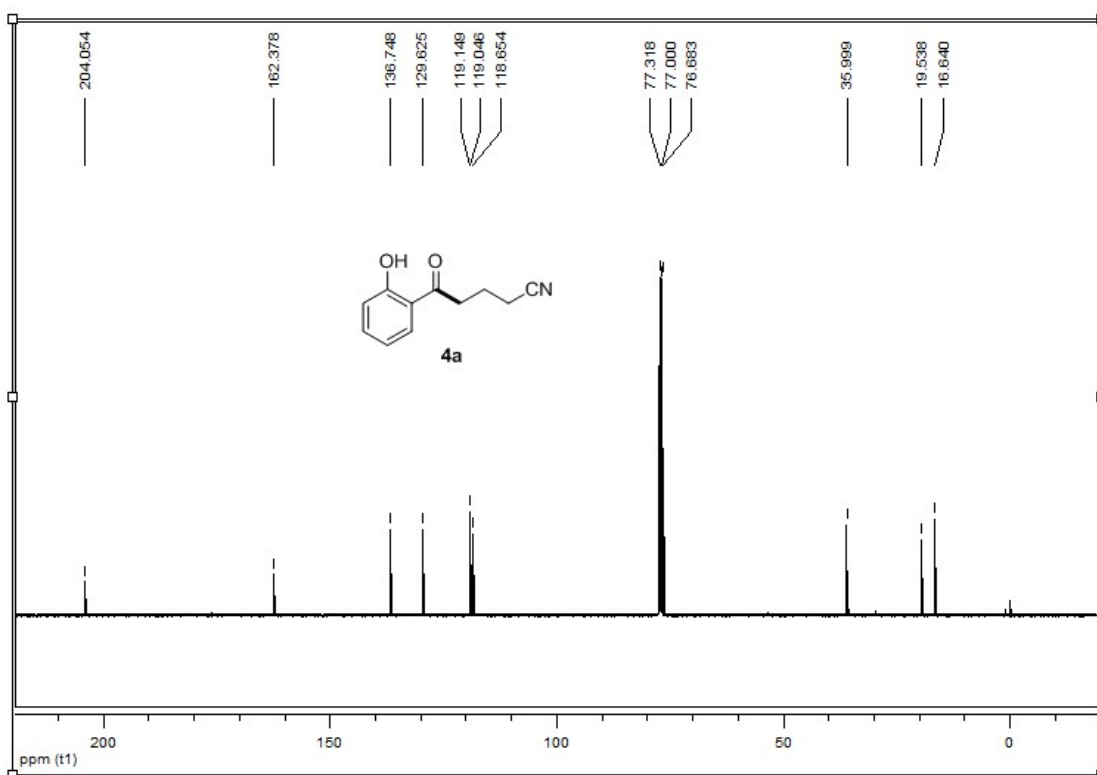
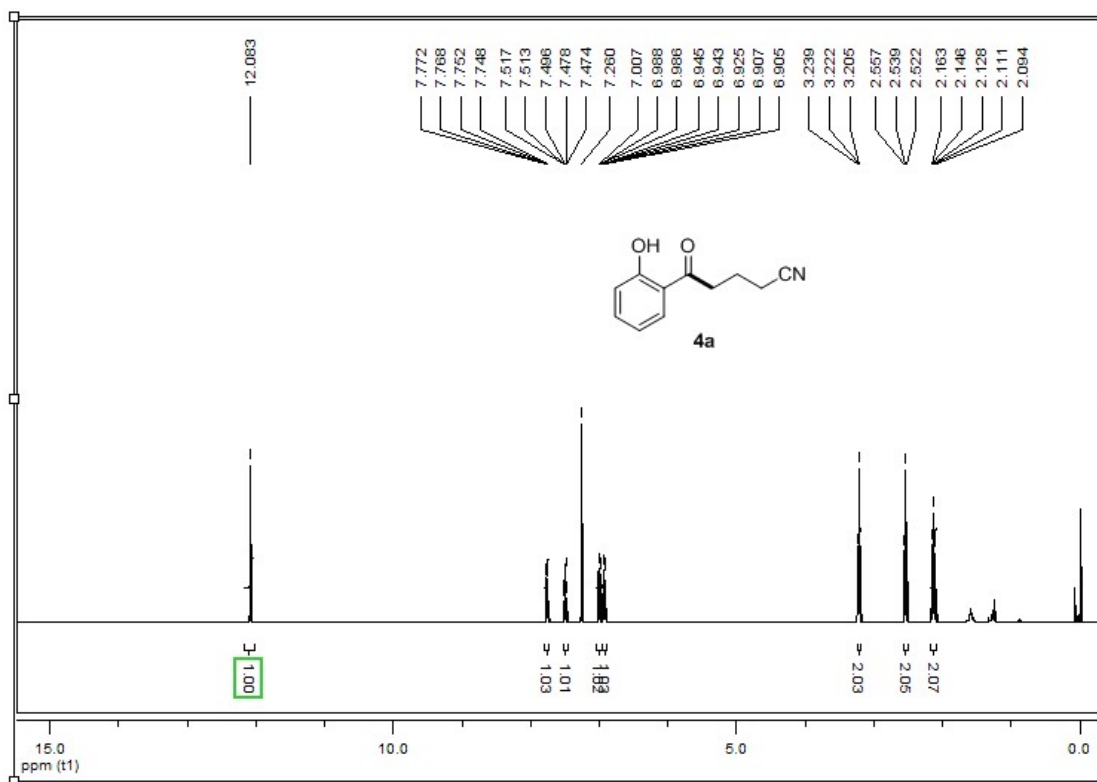


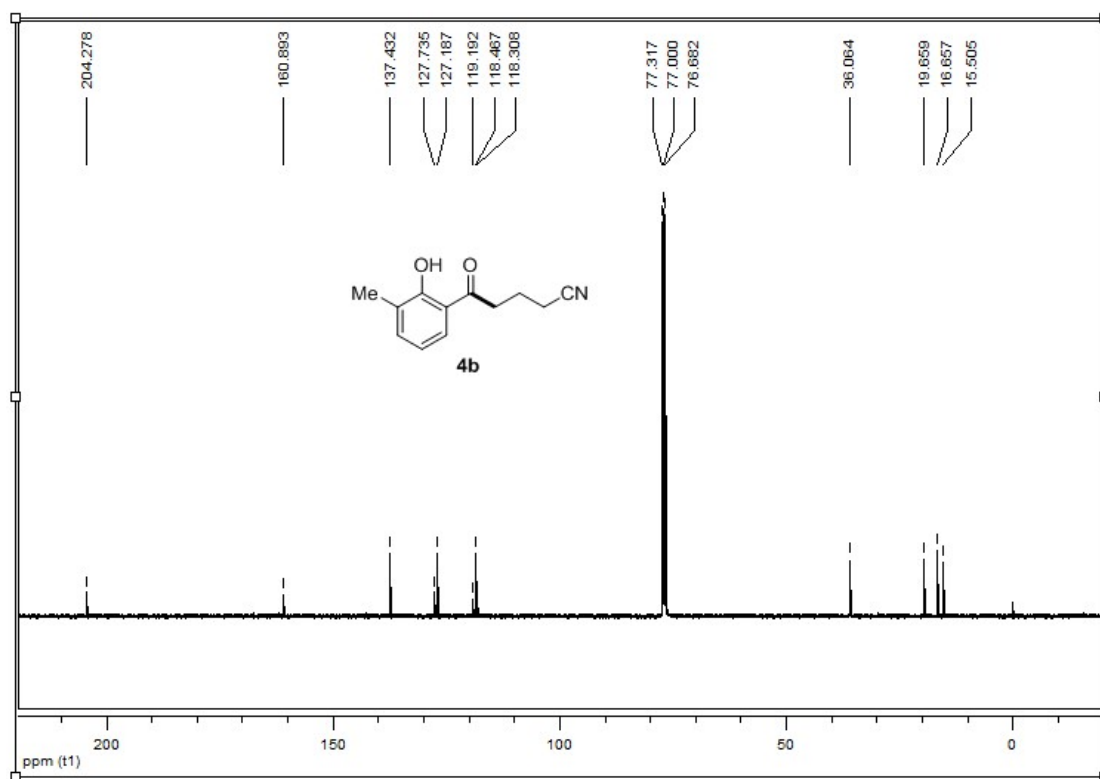
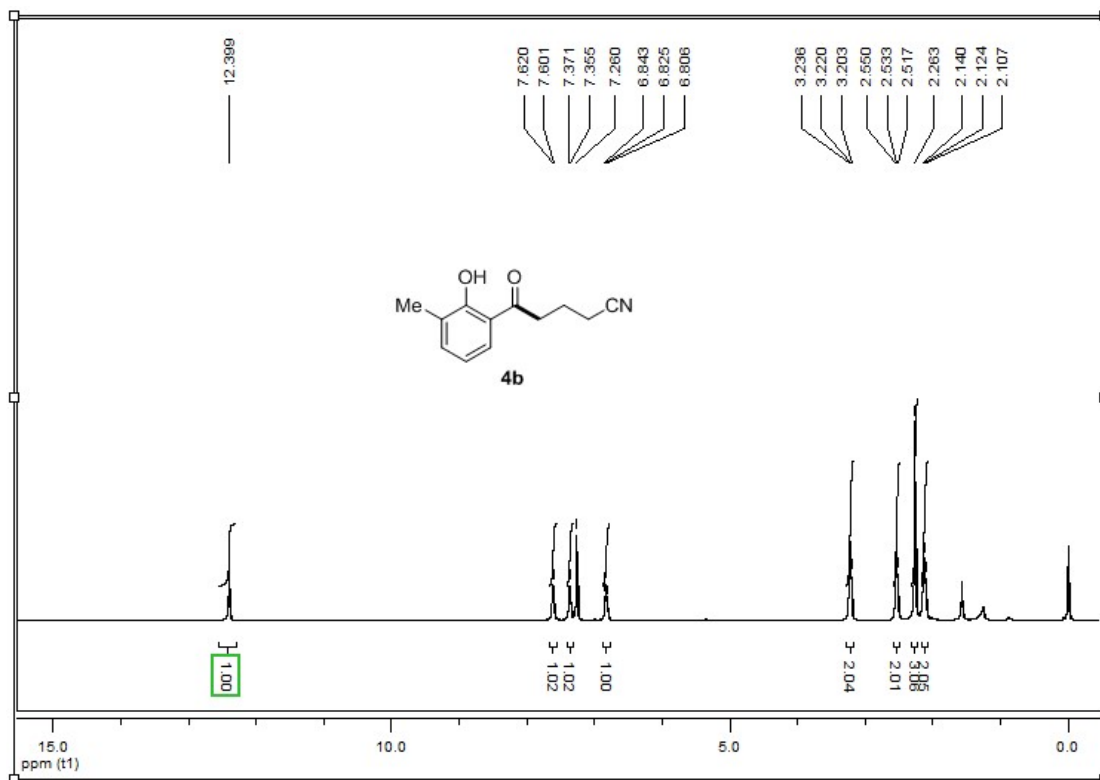


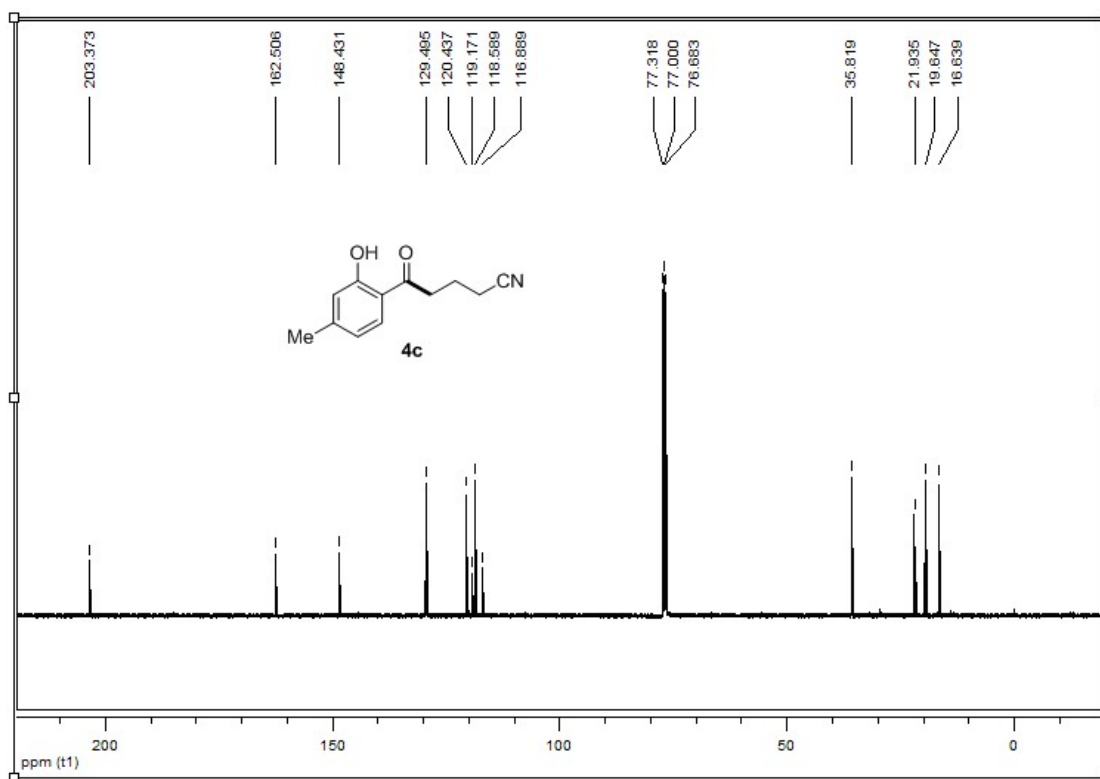
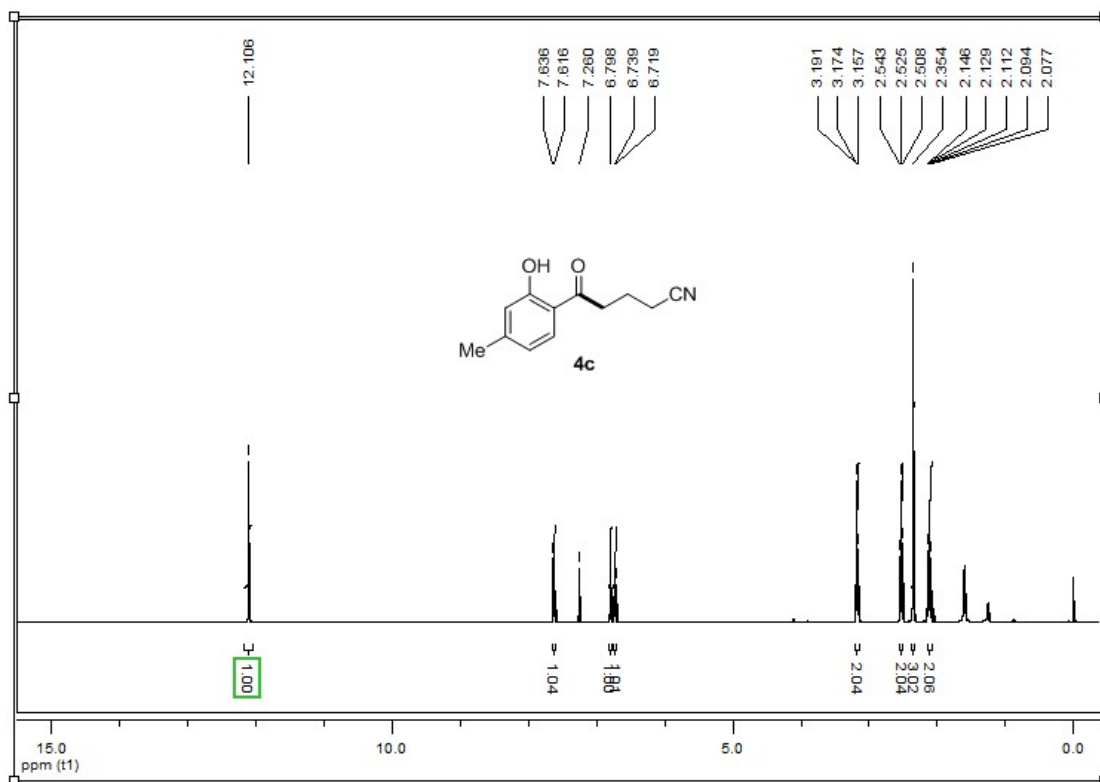


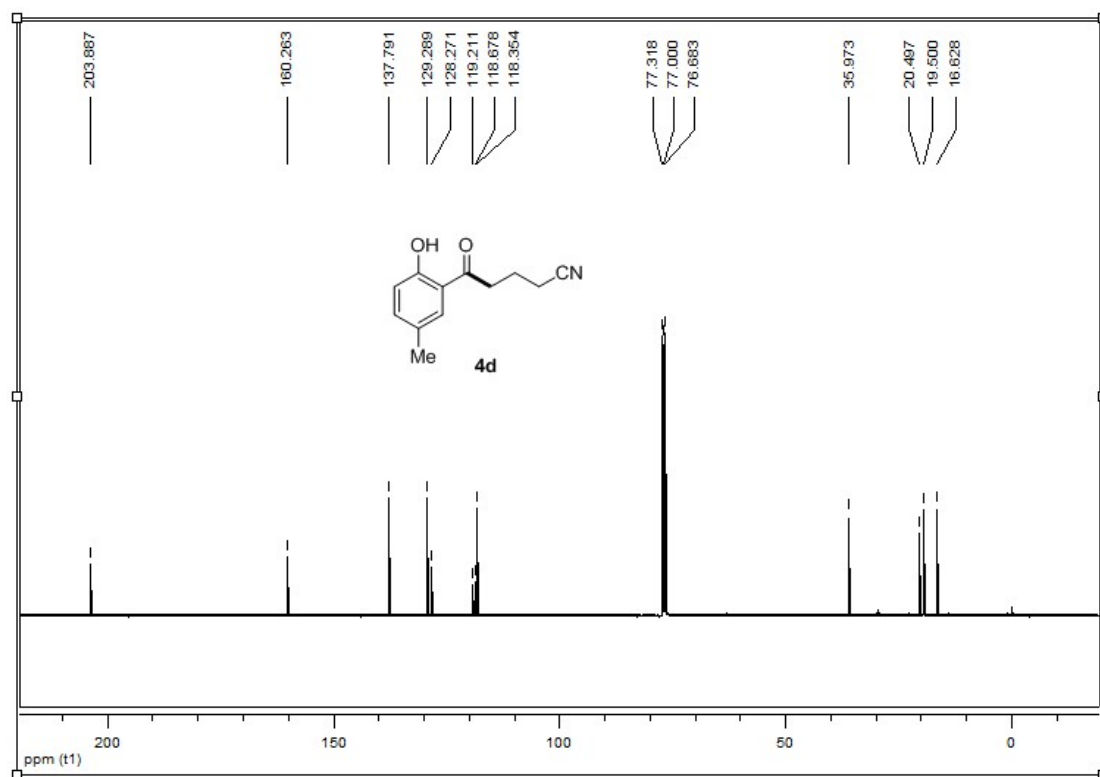
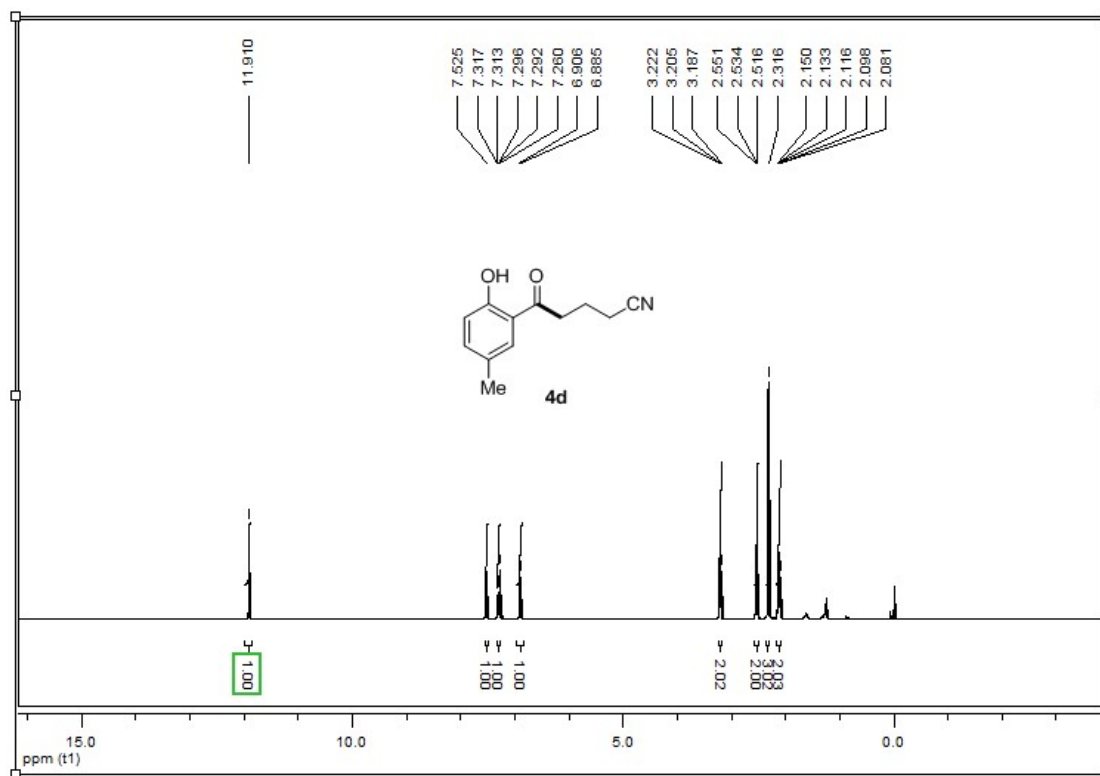


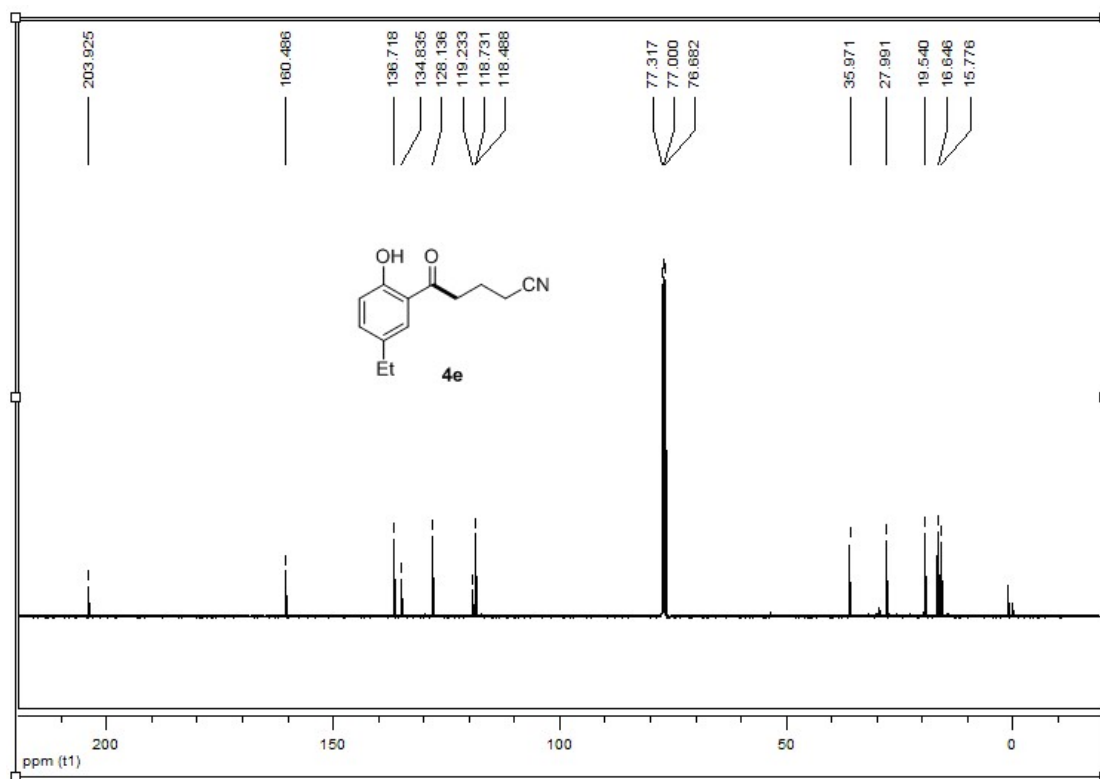
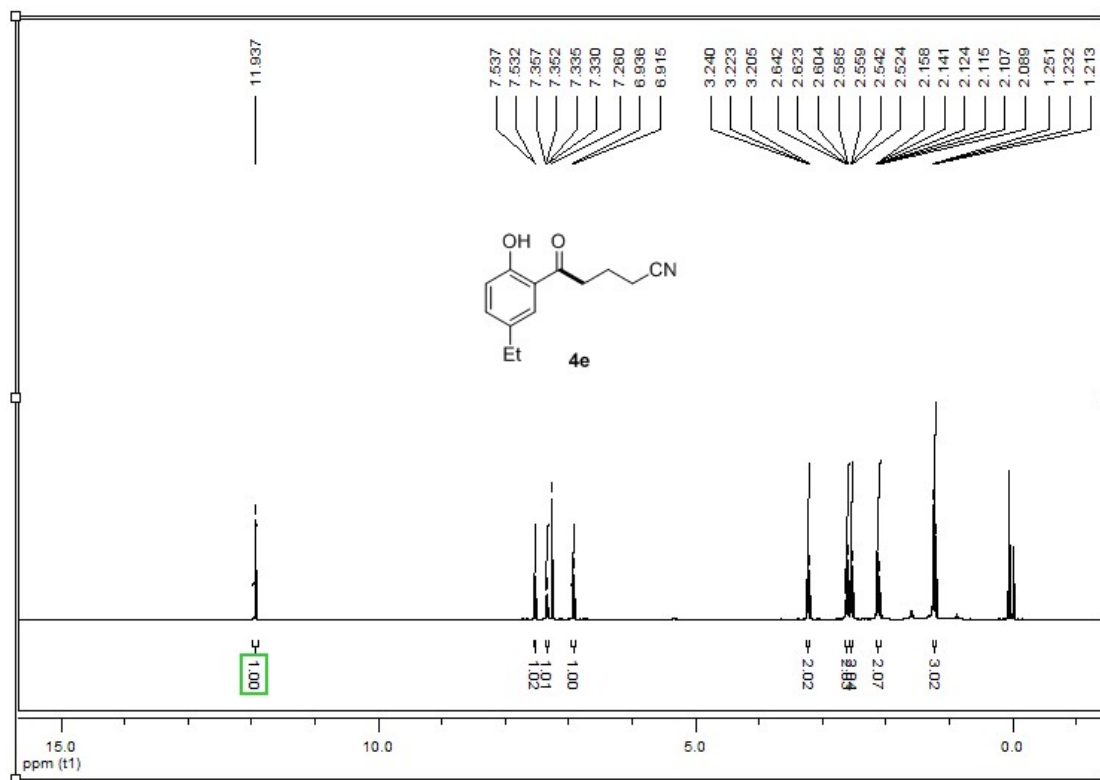


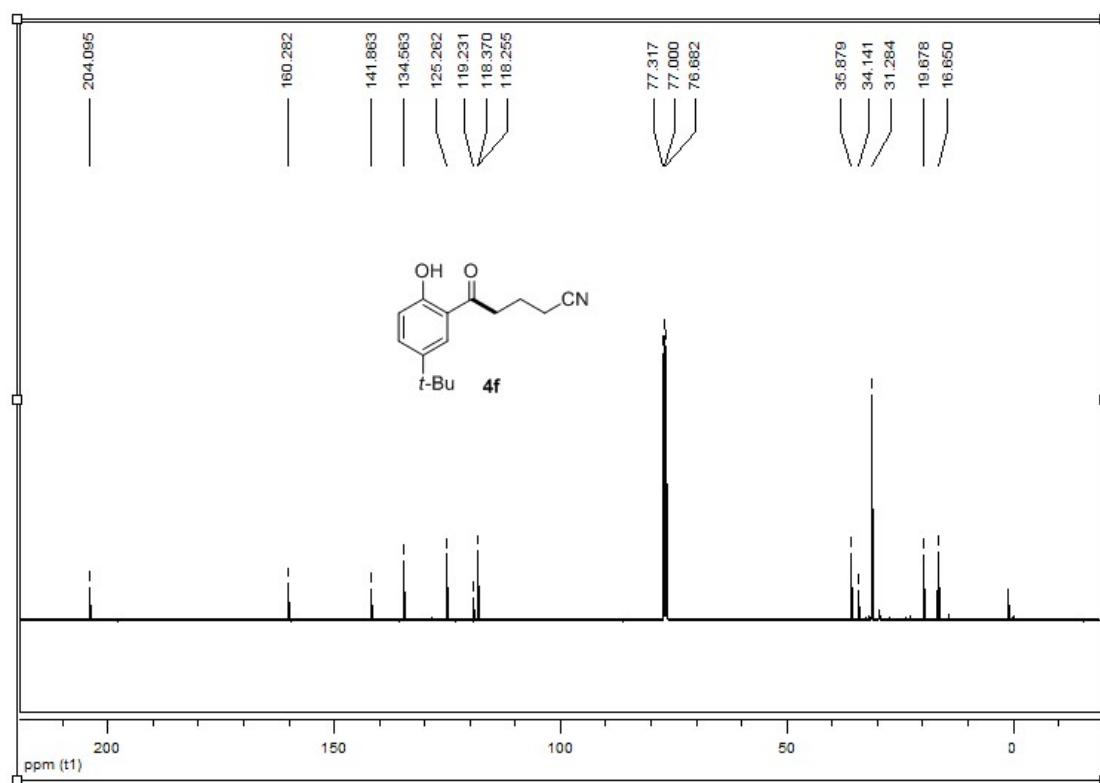
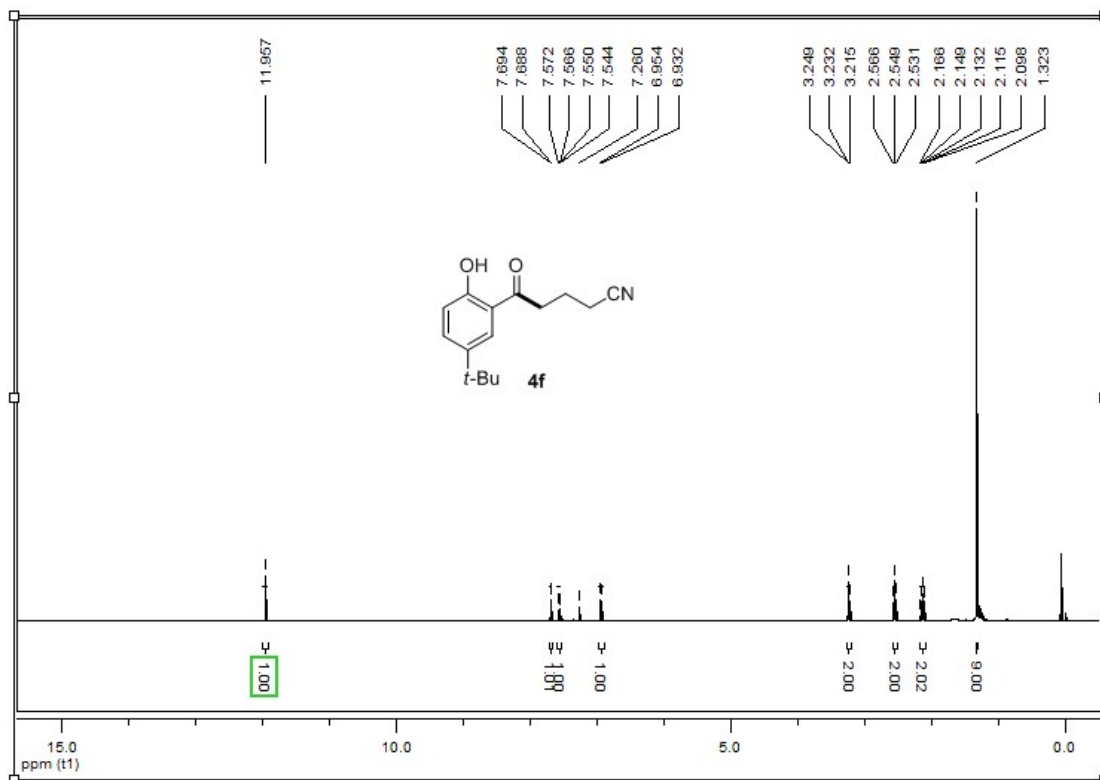


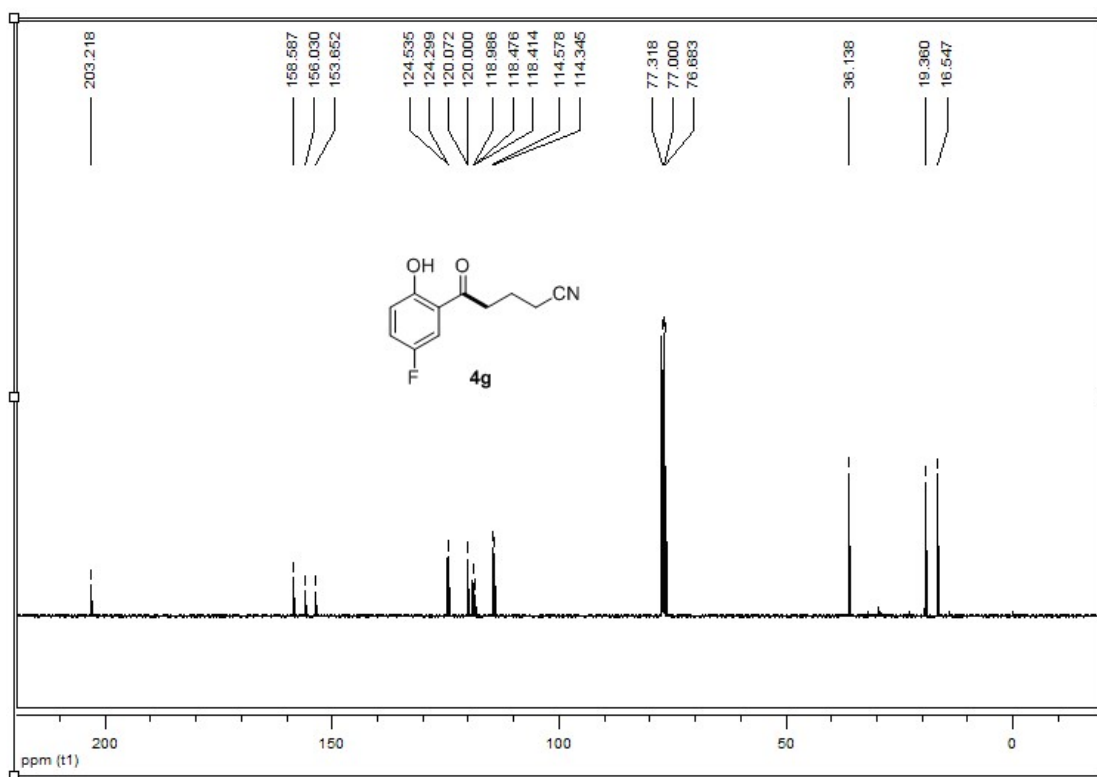
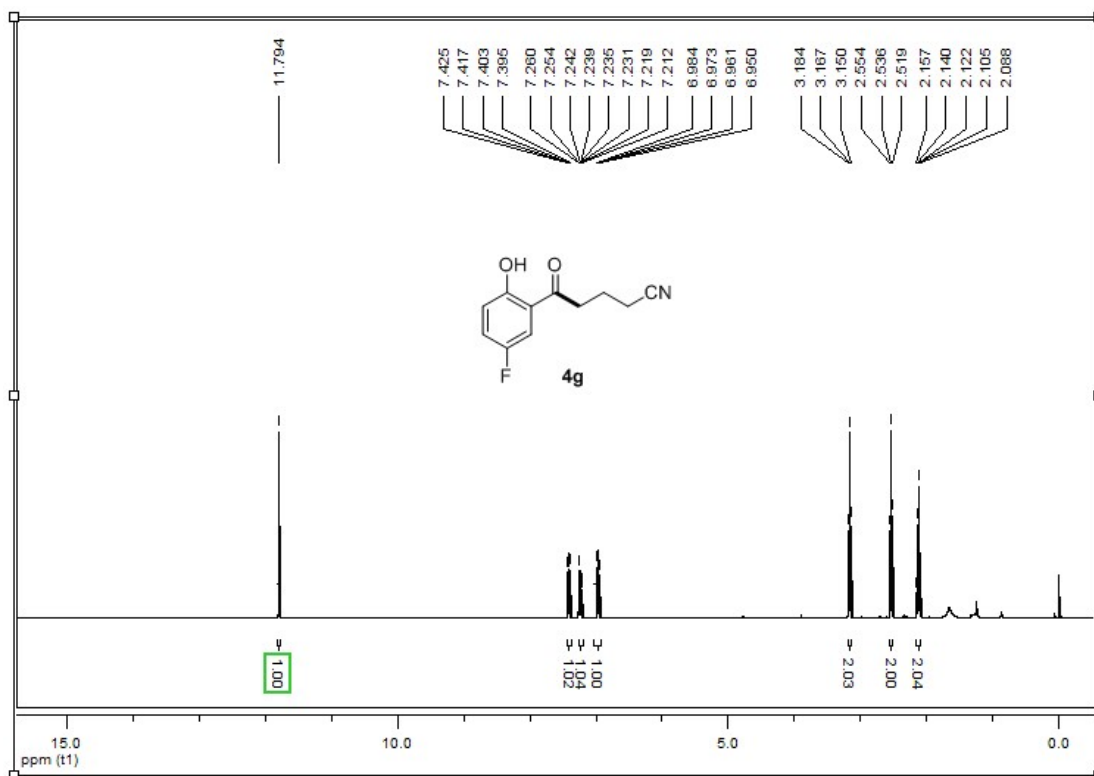


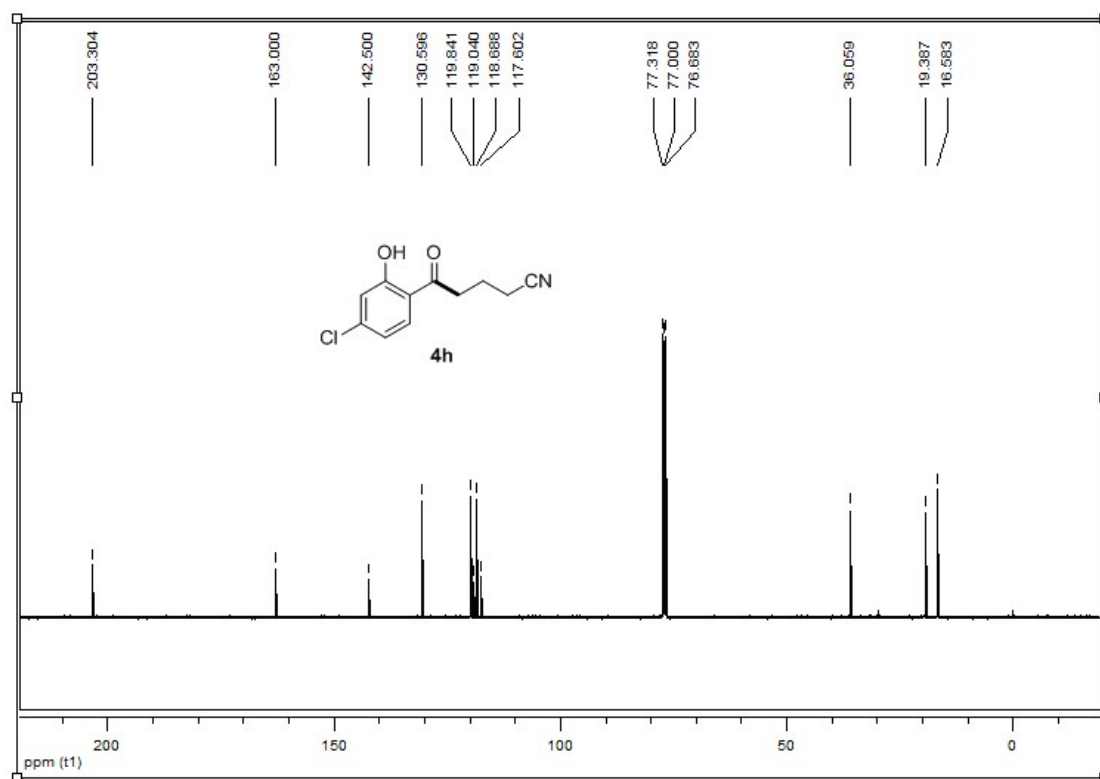
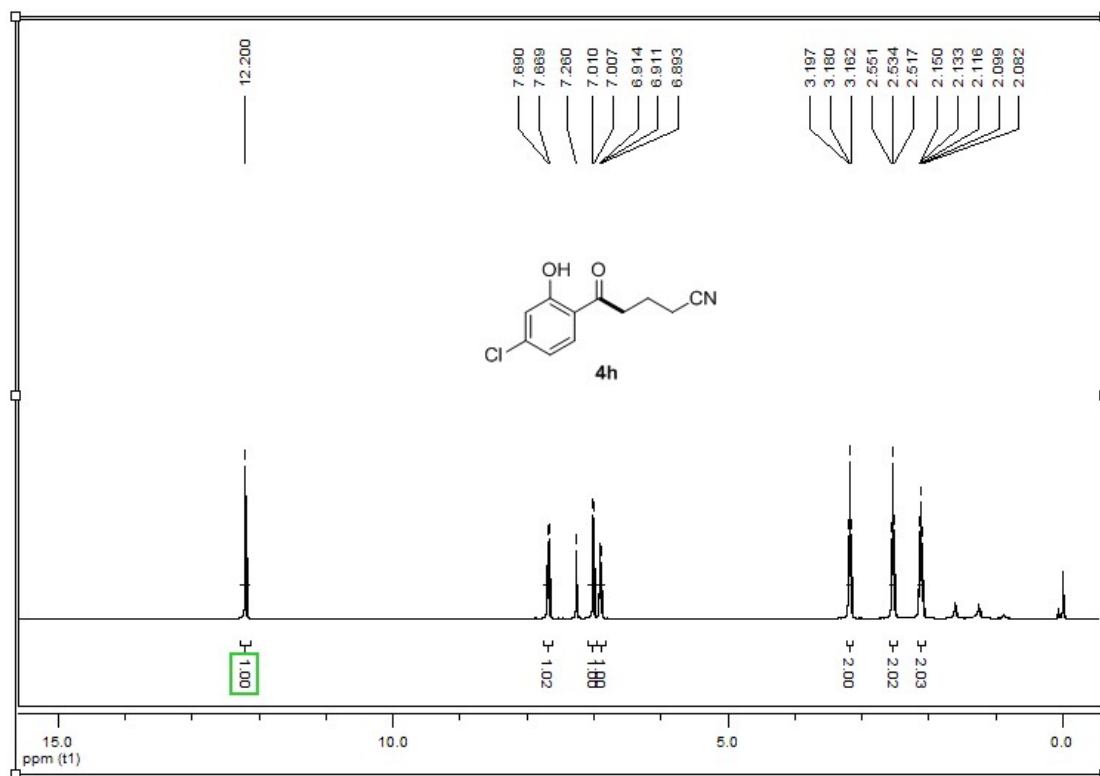


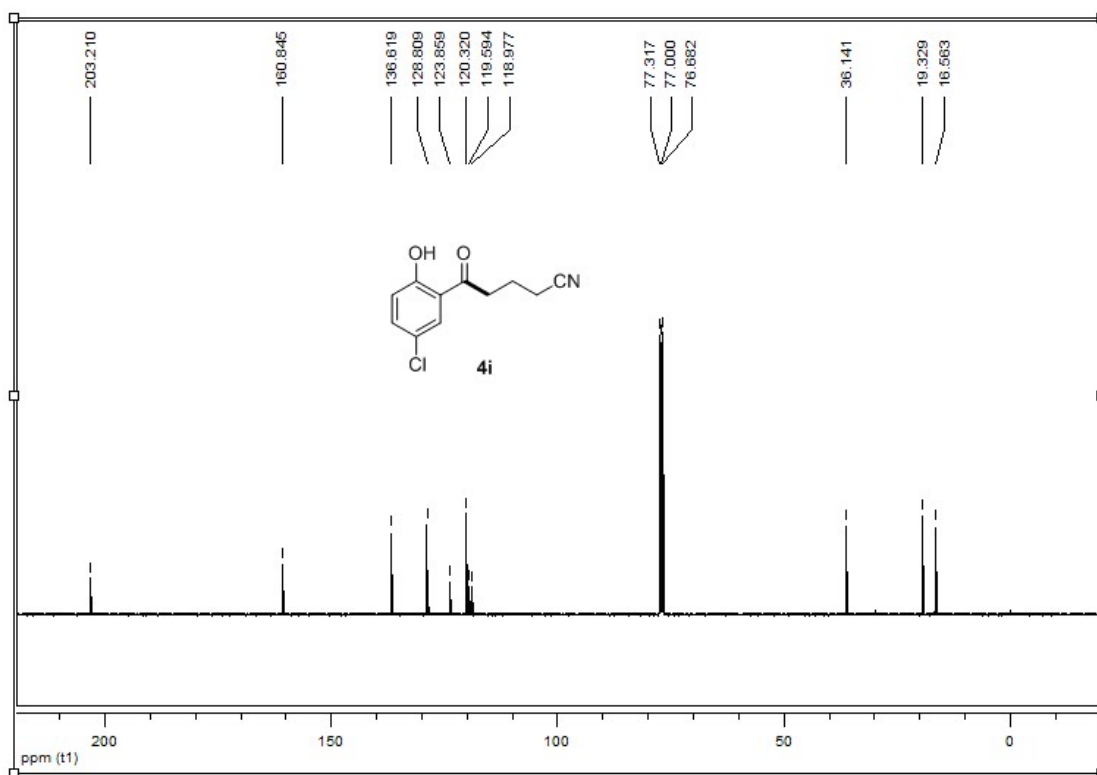
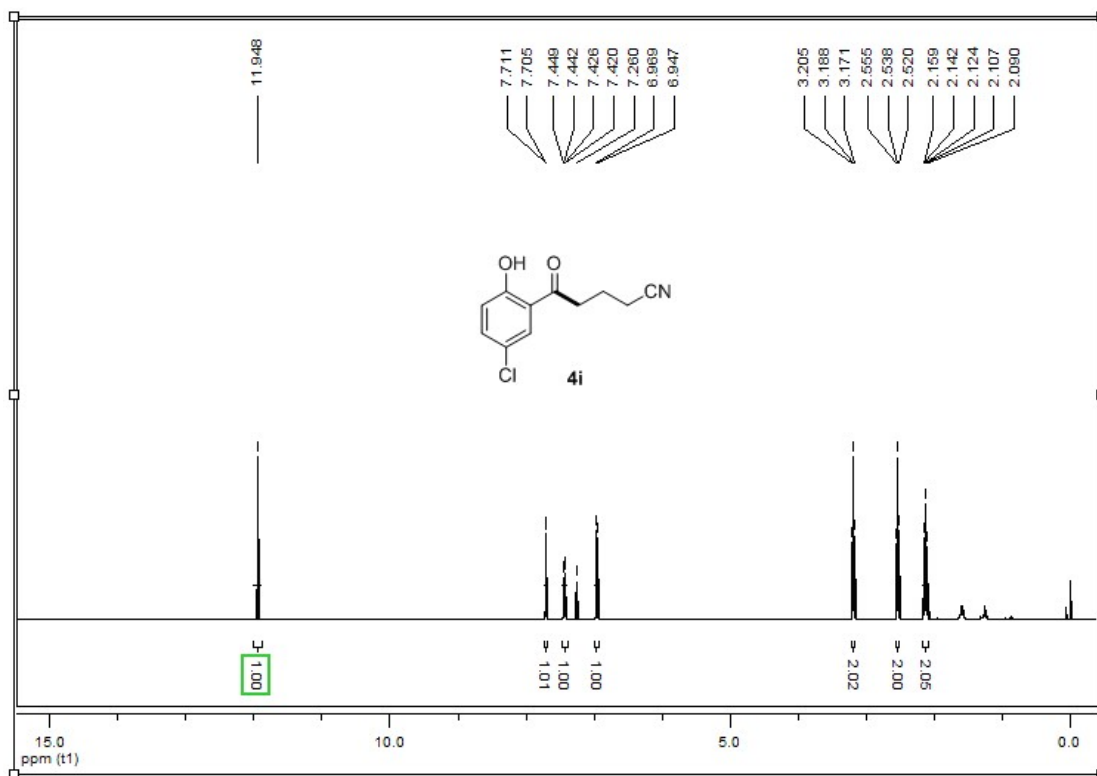


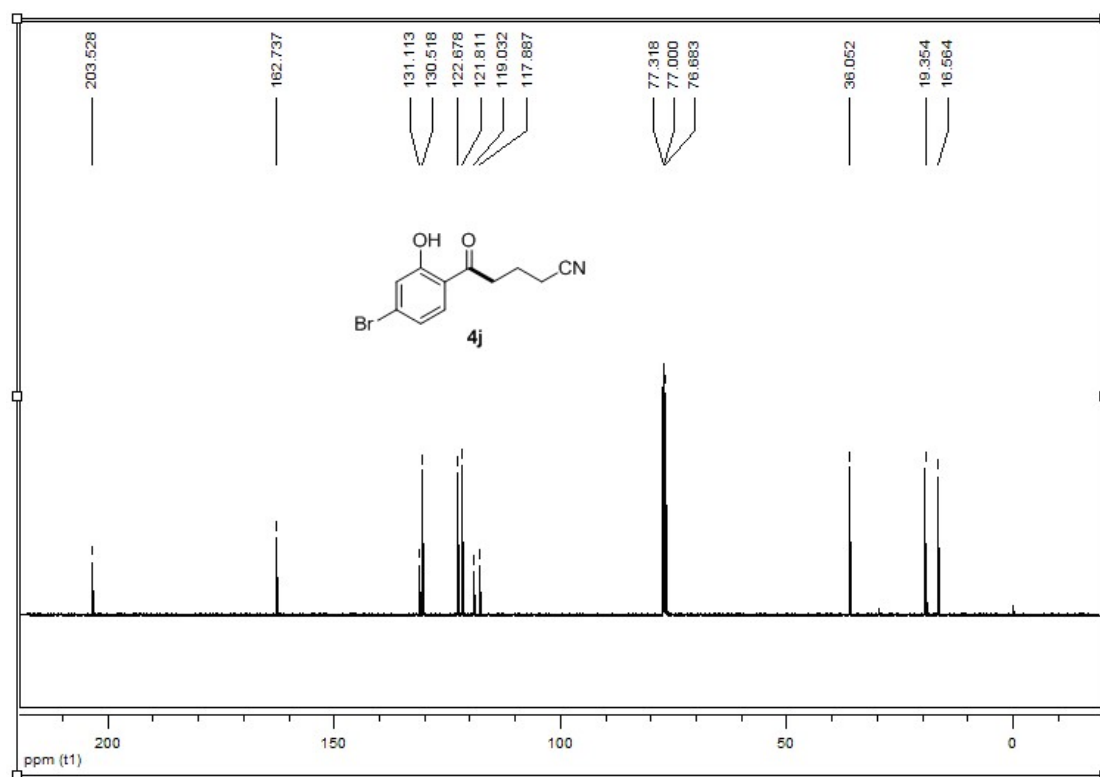
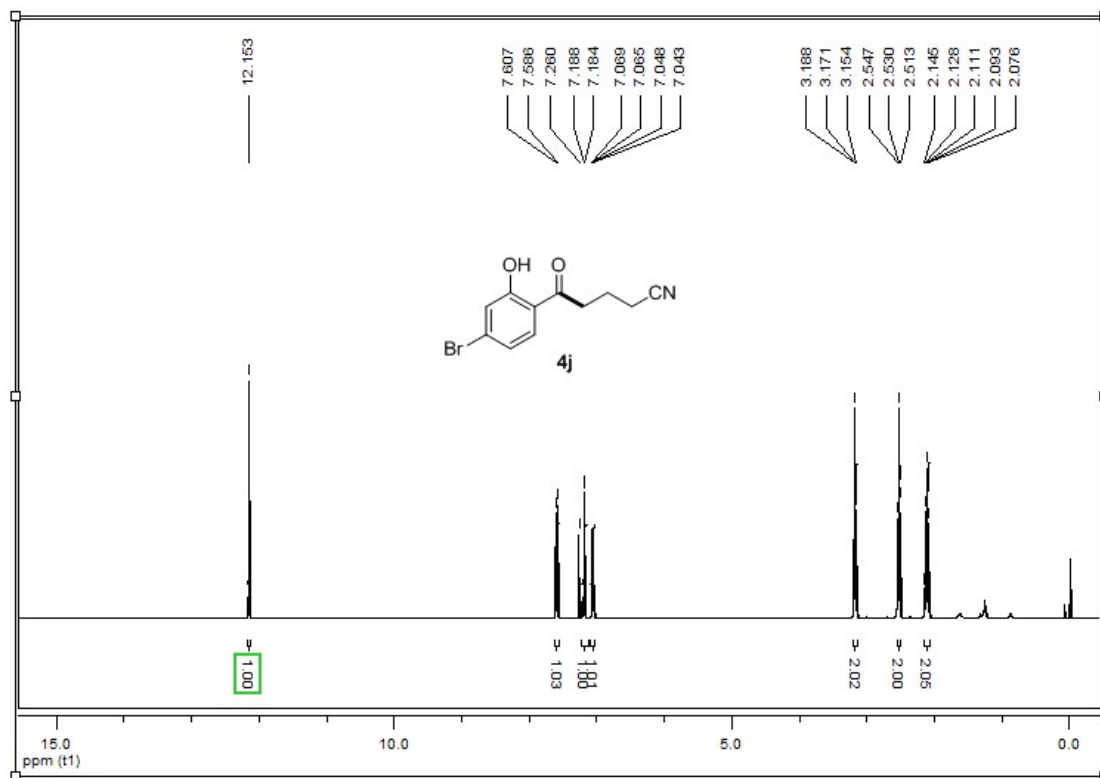


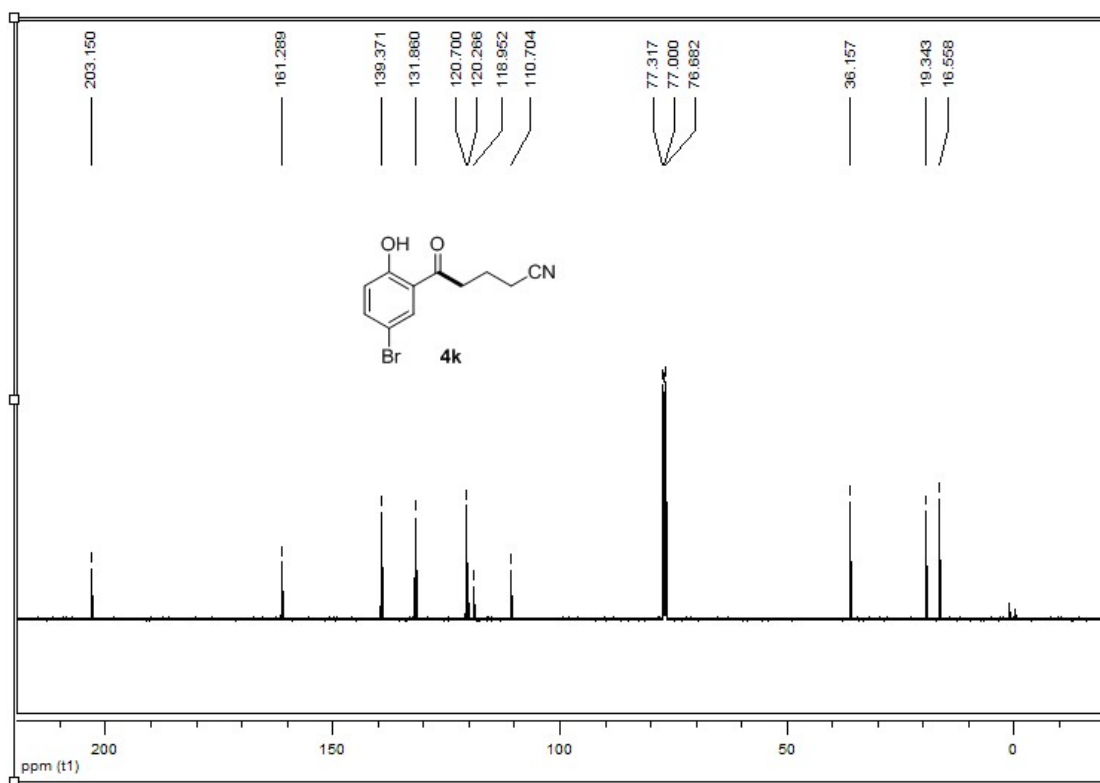
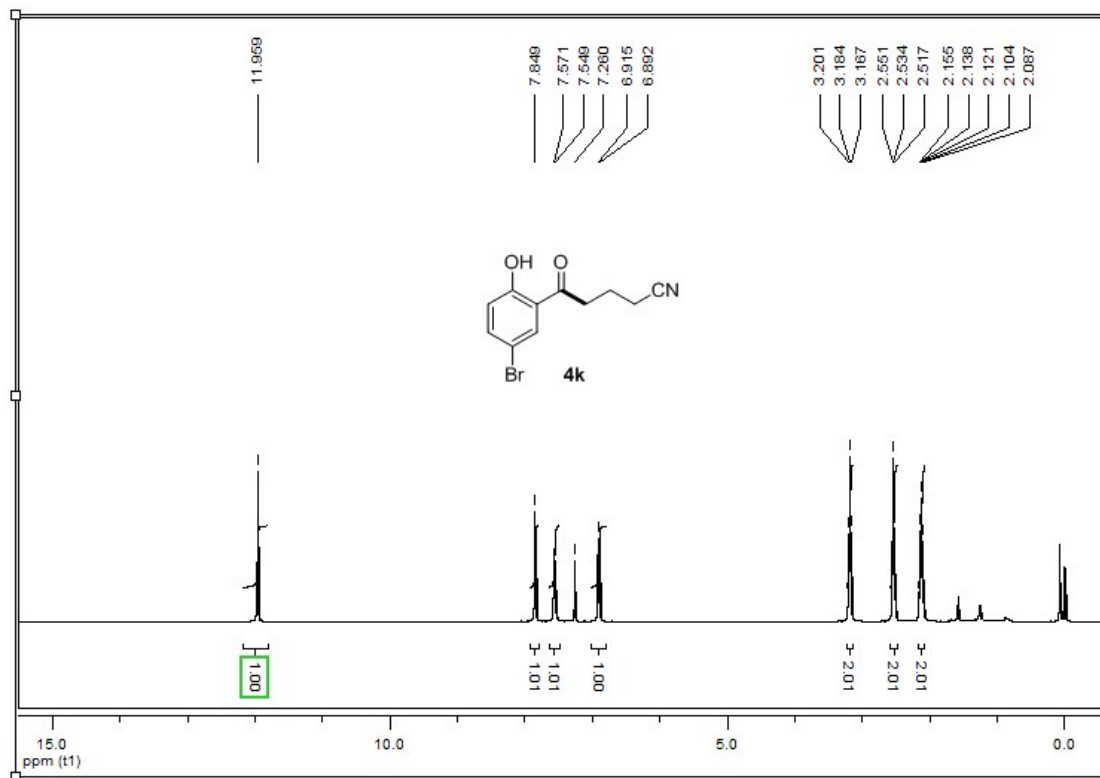


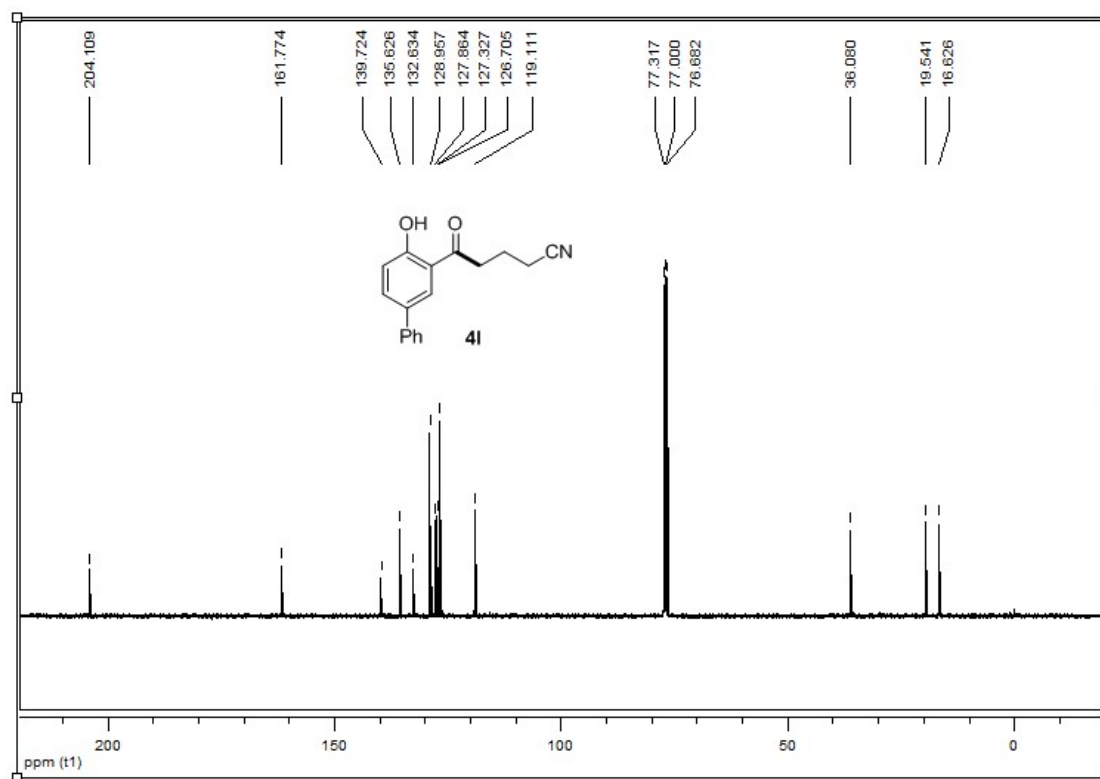
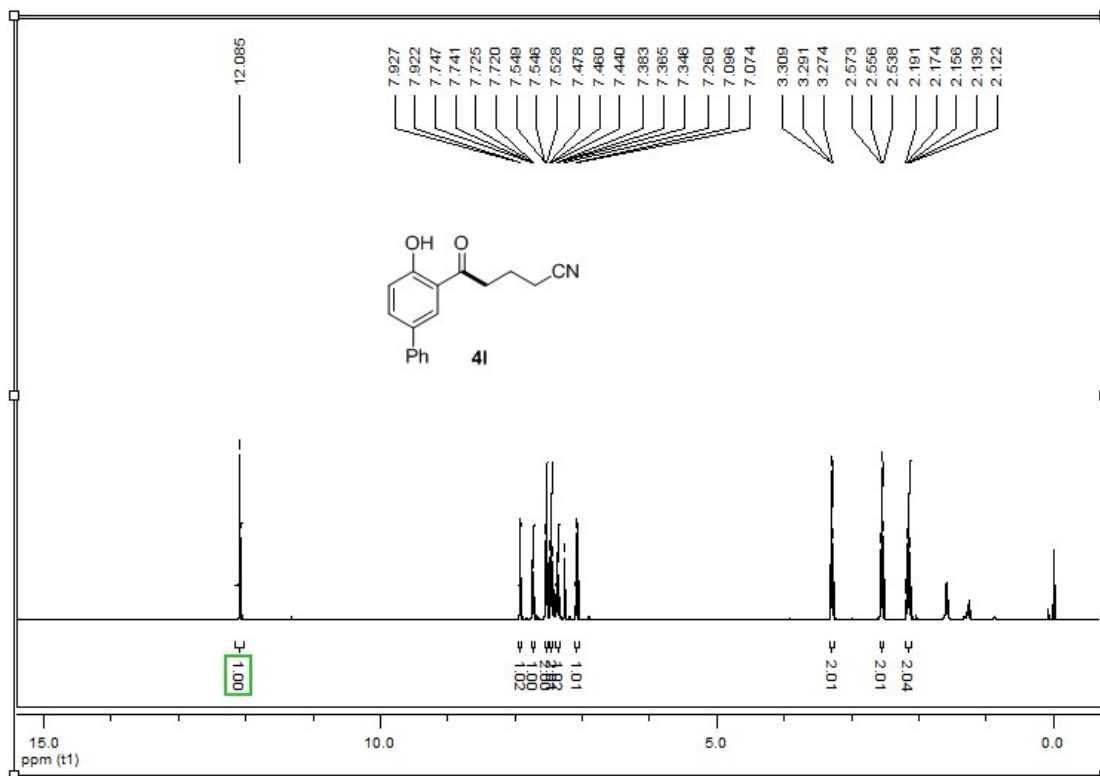


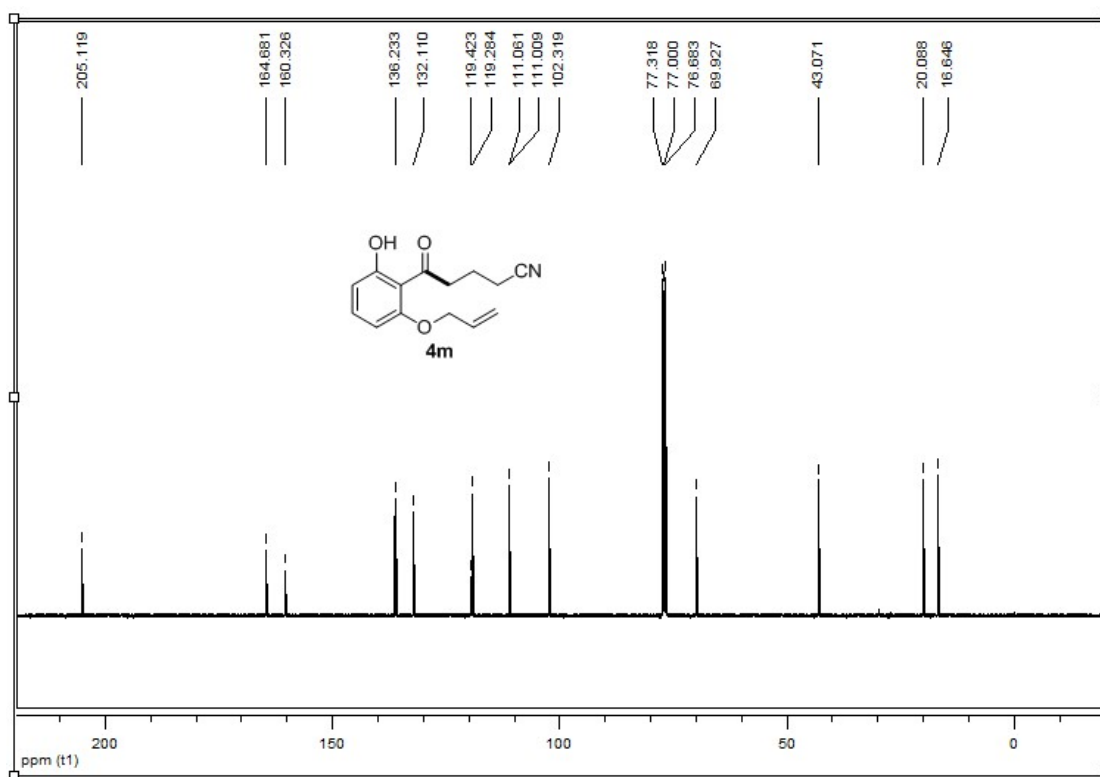
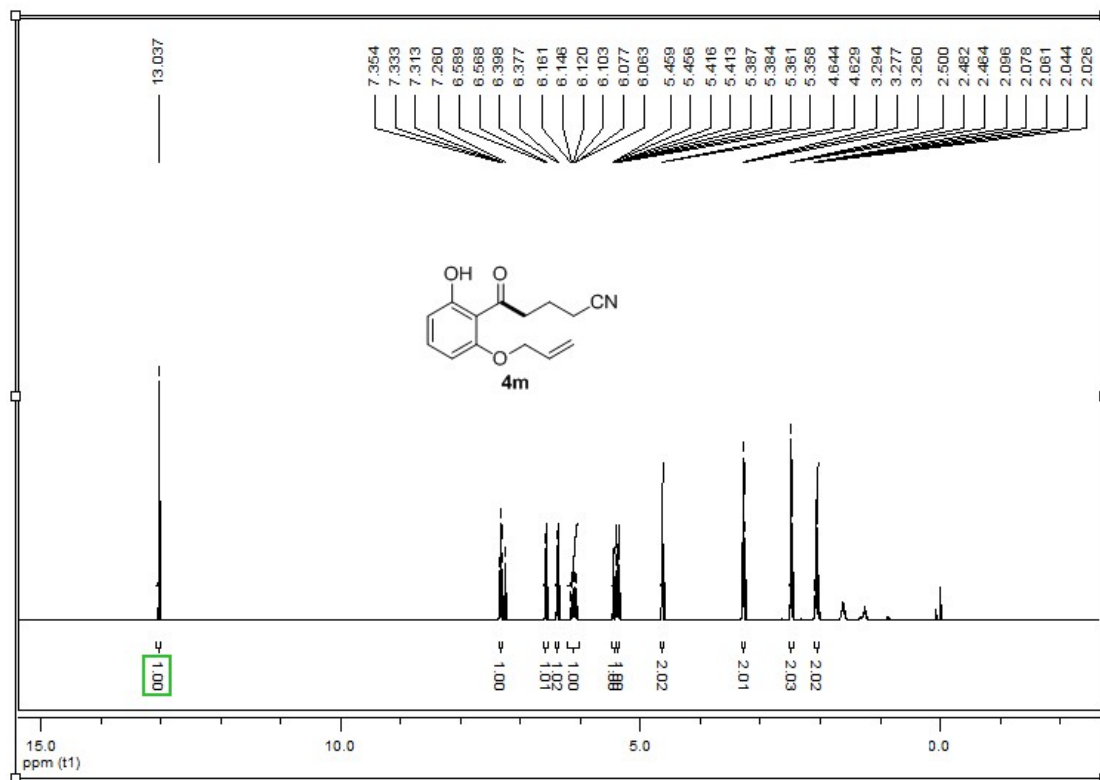


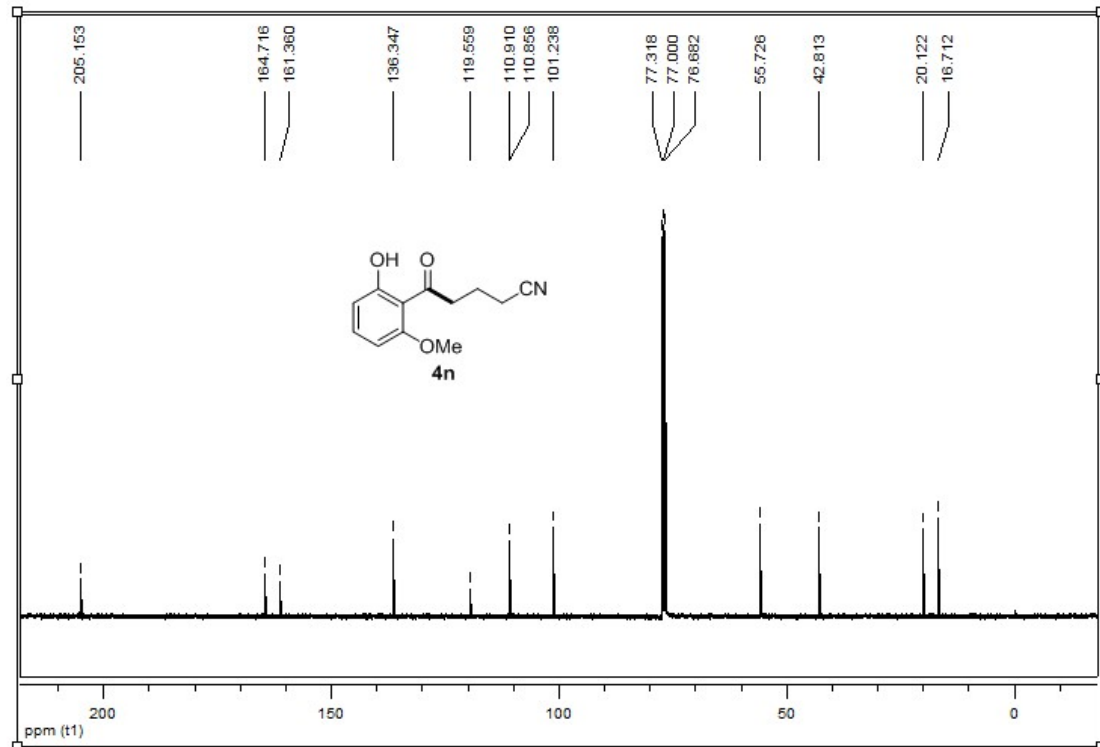
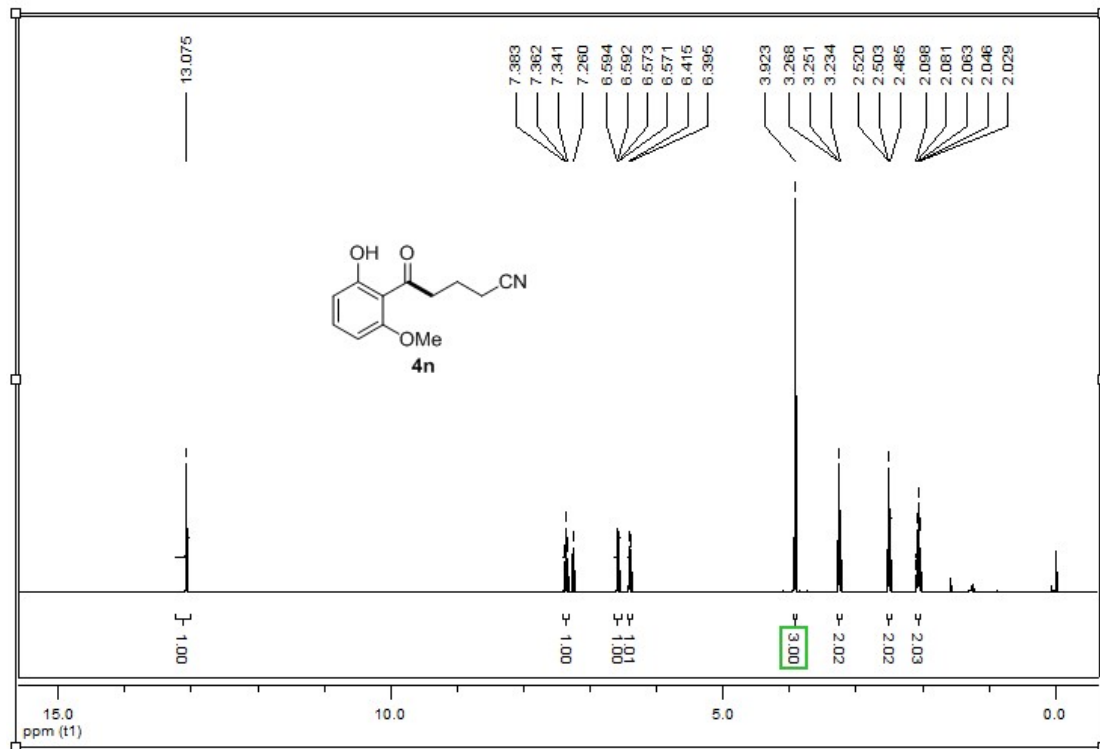


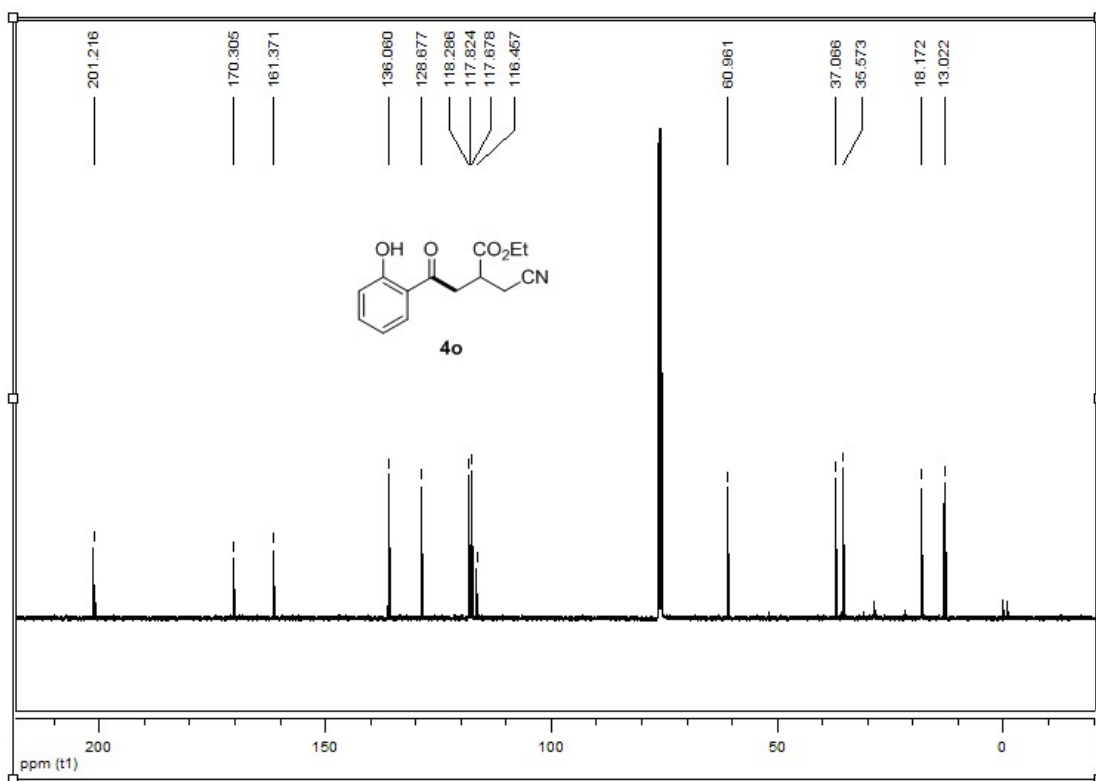
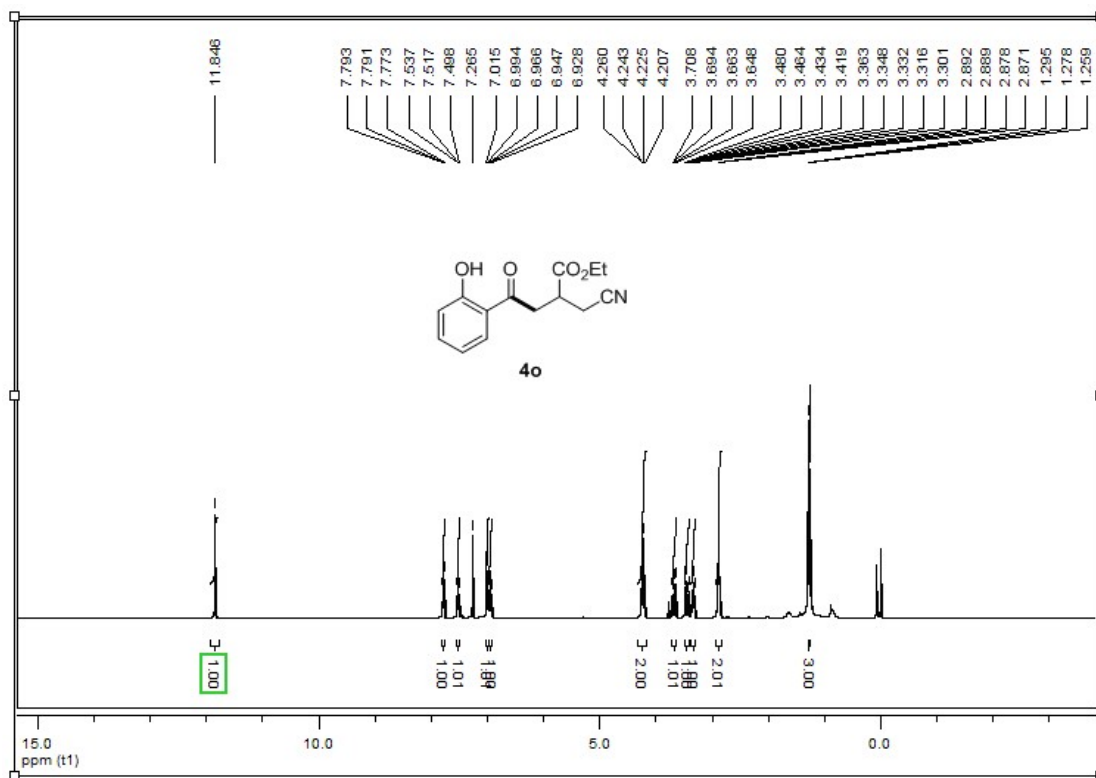












Crystallographic data for the product 3d and 4k:

(1) CCDC 2353287 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for the product **3d**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

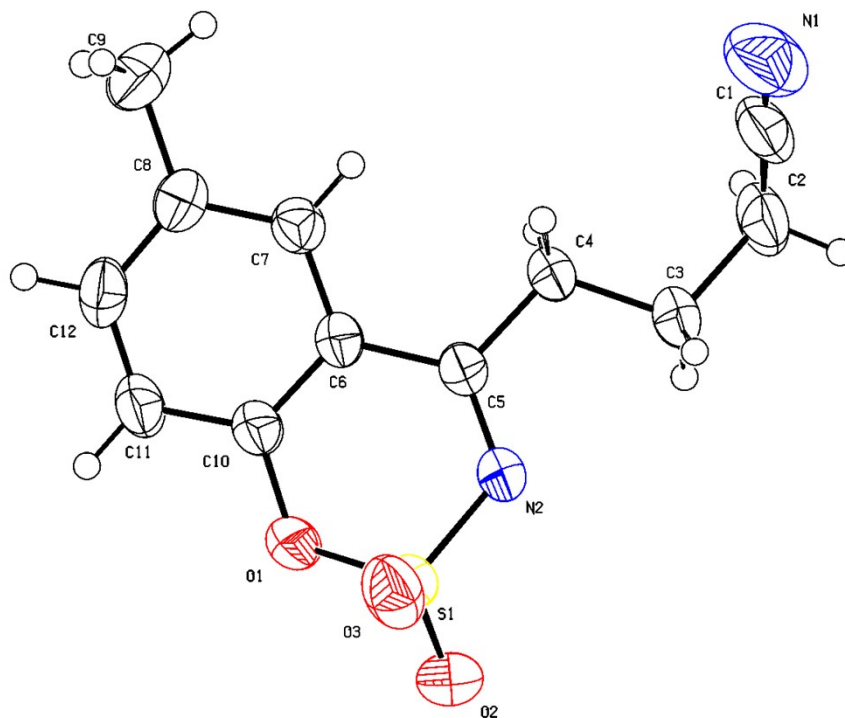


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₃ S |
| Formula weight | 264.30 |
| Temperature | 300(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å |
| Crystal system, space group | Triclinic, P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 7.7907(5) Å alpha = 106.943(2) deg. b = 9.2425(6) Å beta = 105.014(2) deg. c = 9.6790(5) Å gamma = 96.858(3) deg. |
| Volume | 629.44(7) Å ³ |
| Z, Calculated density | 2, 1.394 Mg/m ³ |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.259 mm ⁻¹ |
| F(000) | 276 |
| Crystal size | 0.24 x 0.21 x 0.06 mm |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.69 to 26.00 deg. |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Limiting indices | -9<=h<=9, -11<=k<=11, -11<=l<=11 |
| Reflections collected / unique | 11872 / 2441 [R(int) = 0.0287] |
| Completeness to theta = 25.03 | 99.0% |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.9841 and 0.9403 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2441 / 0 / 164 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.088 |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0432, wR2 = 0.1072 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0503, wR2 = 0.1118 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.221 and -0.337 e.A ⁻³ |

(2) CCDC 2353284 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for the product **4k**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

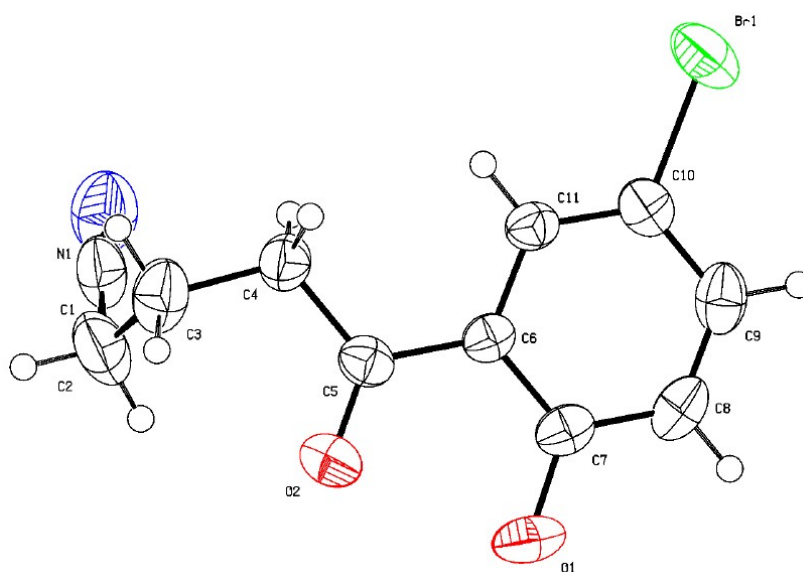


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula | C11 H9 Br N O2 |
| Formula weight | 267.10 |
| Temperature | 295(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å |
| Crystal system, space group | Triclinic, P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 6.7614(19) Å alpha = 82.509(18) deg. b = 7.298(2) Å beta = 89.624(18) deg. c = 11.361(3) Å gamma = 84.148(19) |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| | deg. |
| Volume | 552.9(3) Å ³ |
| Z, Calculated density | 2, 1.604 Mg/m ³ |
| Absorption coefficient | 3.695 mm ⁻¹ |
| F(000) | 266 |
| Crystal size | 0.31 x 0.21 x 0.07 mm |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.83 to 27.51 deg. |
| Limiting indices | -8<=h<=8, -9<=k<=9, -14<=l<=14 |
| Reflections collected / unique | 16439 / 2529 [R(int) = 0.0759] |
| Completeness to theta = 25.03 | 99.3% |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7846 and 0.3918 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 2529 / 0 / 136 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.058 |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0431, wR2 = 0.0953 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0648, wR2 = 0.1045 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.549 and -0.805 e.Å ⁻³ |