

## Supporting Information

### The unprecedented synthesis of novel spiro-1,2,4-triazolidinones

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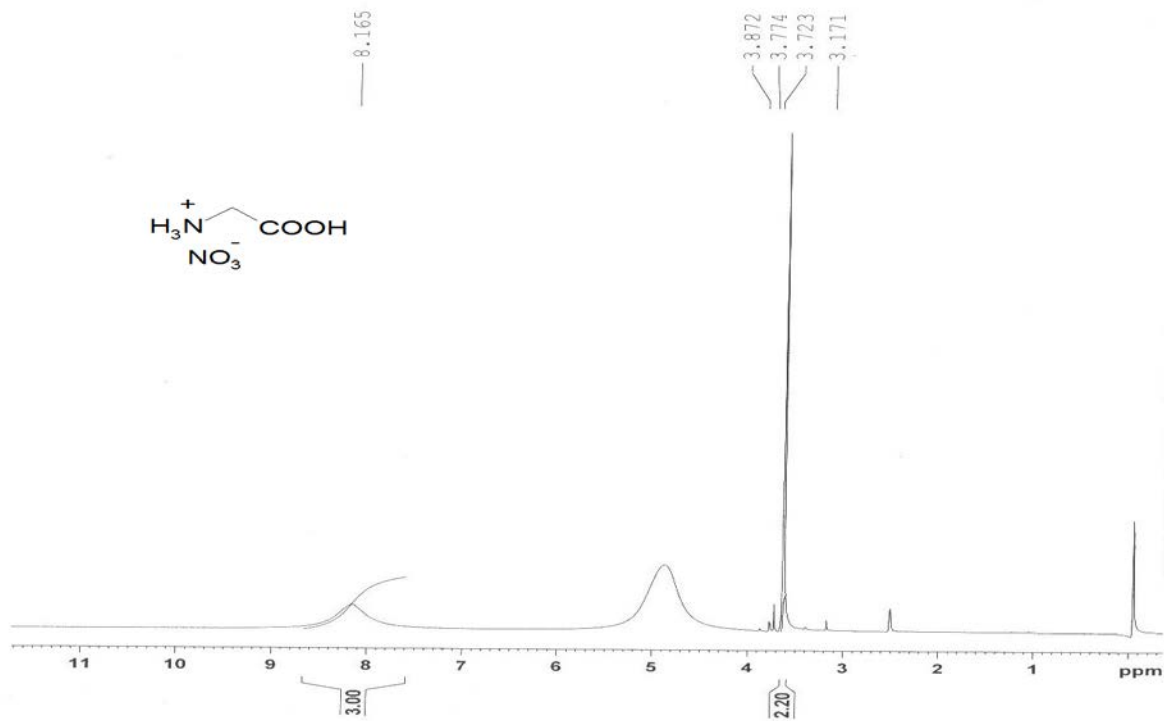
#### A. General:

IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer FT-IR 783 spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a BrukerAC-300 MHz spectrometer in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu QP2010 GCMS. Ionic liquids Gly-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, Gly-PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> and Gly-Cl<sup>-</sup> were prepared following the literature procedure<sup>19</sup>.

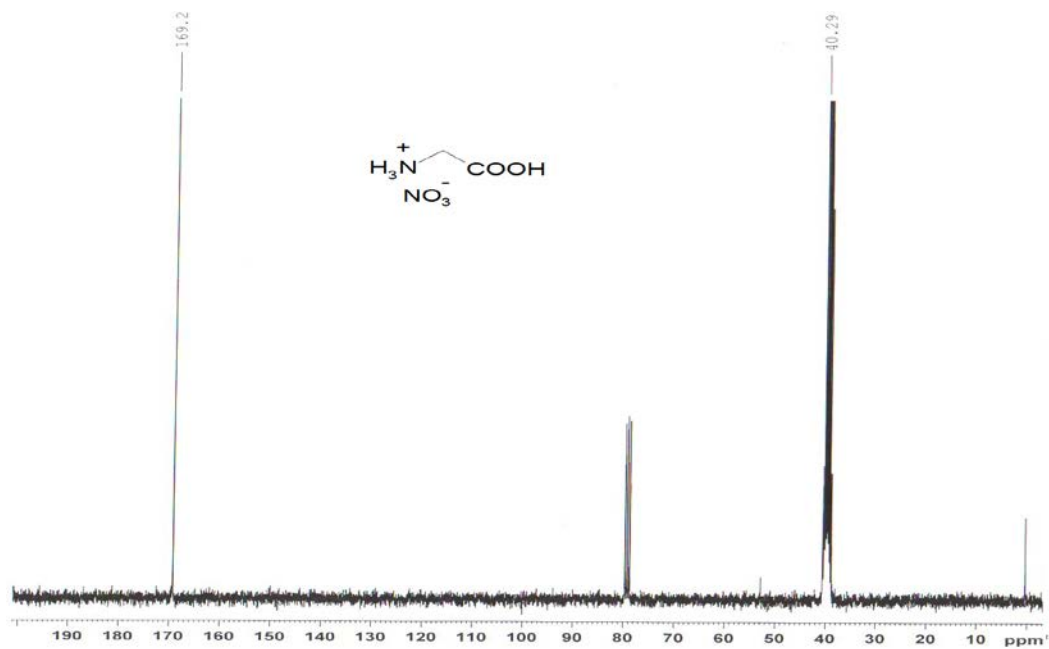
#### B. Typical procedure:

In a 50 mL round-bottom flask, to a mixture of isatin (1 mmol) and semicarbazide or thio semicarbazide (1.2 mmol) in water (5 mL), glycine nitrate (50 mol %) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for the time specified in Table 2. The progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered to yield corresponding product. These products were characterized by usual spectral techniques. (*i.e.* IR, <sup>1</sup>H; <sup>13</sup>C NMR and MS).

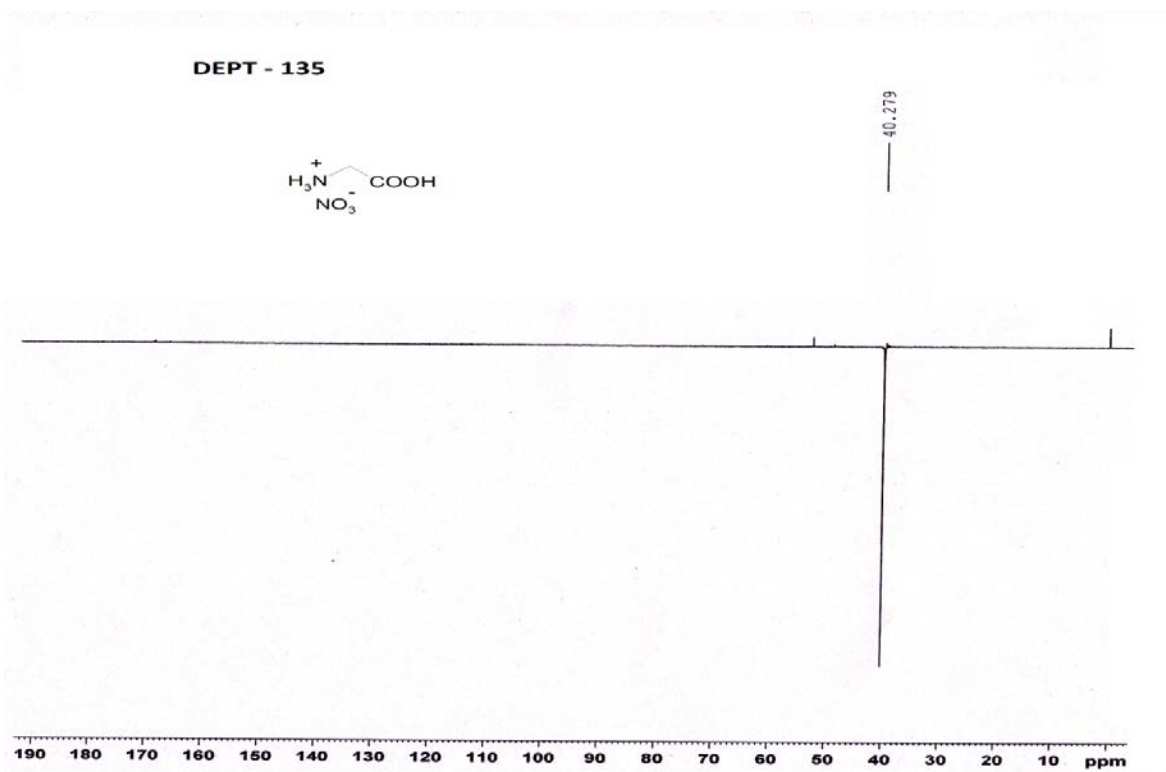
**Spectral data of Gly-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ionic liquid:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.16 (s, 3H, -NH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 169.20, 40.29.



**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of Gly-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ionic liquid**



$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  of Gly- $\text{NO}_3^-$  ionic liquid



DEPT-135 of Gly- $\text{NO}_3^-$  ionic liquid

### Spectral data of synthesized compounds:

**Entry a, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 255-257 °C; IR (KBr): 3625, 3402, 3344, 3169, 1721, 1695, 1606, 1452, 1353, 1199, 1164, 1111, 952 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.74 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 10.19 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.04-8.07 (d, 1H, *J*=15 Hz), 7.31-7.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 15 Hz), 7.00-7.05 (t, 1H, *J*=15 Hz), 6.87-6.93 (s, 1H, s, 2-NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): Due to insufficient solubility we are unable to scan its <sup>13</sup>C NMR; MS (EI): 204.18 (m/z).

**Entry b, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 265-267 °C (dec); IR (KBr) : 3469, 3200, 3180, 1718, 1694, 1591, 1476, 1195, 1114, 867 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.85 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 10.48 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 6.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 165, 156.34, 142.37, 134.18, 131.98, 127.86, 117.73, 113.88, 112.60; MS (EI): 283.08 (m/z), 285 (M+2).

**Entry c, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 289-290 °C (dec); IR (KBr) : 3200, 1718, 1693, 1592, 1476, 1441, 1398, 1300, 1200, 1114, 966 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.85 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 10.46 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.25-8.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 3Hz), 7.362-7.396 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 8.1Hz ), 6.87-6.94 (s, 1H, s, 2-NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 165.15, 156.31, 141.99, 132.09, 131.35, 126.21, 125.24, 117.25, 112.11; MS (EI): 238.63 (m/z).

**Entry d, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 277-278 °C; IR (KBr) : 3484, 3463, 3415, 3394, 3343, 3164, 1710, 1679, 1587, 1193, 1095, 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.78 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 10.45 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.656-7.679 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6, 6Hz), 6.72-7.05 (m, 1H, s, 2-NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 164.14, 155.88, 142.34, 141.51, 132.67, 117.71, 112.56, 84.41; MS (EI): 330.08 (m/z).

**Entry e, Table 2a:** Pale yellow solid; M.P.> 300 °C; IR (KBr): 3504, 3384, 3156, 3117, 1717, 1583, 1479, 1347, 1309, 1200, 1146, 1103, 960 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 11.28 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 10.96 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.116-8.183 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.4, 18Hz ), 6.90-7.00 (s, 1H, s, 2-NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable)<sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz,

DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  165.94, 156.67, 148.62, 142.64, 130.69, 127.69, 121.16, 115.87, 110.63; MS (EI): 249.18 (m/z).

**Entry f, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 291-293 °C; IR (KBr) : 3175, 1689, 1585, 1483, 1400, 1330, 1225, 1167, 1077, 916  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) :  $\delta$  10.64 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 10.07 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 7.78 (s, 1H), 6.92- 6.97 (s, 1H, s, 2-NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  165.91, 156.58, 139.51, 134.07, 133.80, 131.00, 123.58, 119.72, 115.86, 20.84, 16.45; MS (EI): 232.23 (m/z).

**Entry g, Table 2a:** Yellow solid; M.P. 267-269 °C; IR (KBr) : 3498, 3451, 3322, 3270, 1687, 1573, 1475, 1336, 1191, 1091, 973  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) :  $\delta$  10.54 (s, 2H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 8.38 (s, 2H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 7.53-7.55 (d, 2H,  $J = 6\text{Hz}$ ), 6.99-7.12 (s, 2H, s, 4-NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 3.78 (s, 4H), 1.92 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  163.88, 156.42, 142.41, 133.98, 130.80, 127.66, 117.17, 114.67, 111.47, 33.77, 25.55; MS (EI): 606.22 (m/z).

**Entry h, Table 2b:** Yellow solid. M.P. 250-252 °C; IR (KBr) : 3268, 3170, 1673, 1595, 1500, 1465, 1349, 1302, 1256, 1150, 1063  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) :  $\delta$  12.47 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 11.21 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 9.04 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable) 8.69 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable) 7.64-7.66 (d, 1H,  $J = 6\text{ Hz}$ ), 7.32-7.37 (td, 1H,  $J = 1.2, 7.8\text{Hz}$ ), 7.06-7.11 (t, 1H,  $J = 15\text{Hz}$ ), 6.91-6.94 (d, 1H,  $J = 9\text{Hz}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) :  $\delta$  179.15, 163.09, 142.80, 132.51, 131.73, 122.84, 121.42, 120.43, 111.50; MS (EI): 220.25 (m/z).

**Entry i Table 2b:** Yellow solid. M.P. 268-270 °C; IR (KBr): 3423, 3327, 3167, 1696, 1607, 1491, 1462, 1310, 1204, 1143  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.28 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 11.29 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 9.11 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 8.82 (s, 1H, -NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (d, 1H,  $J = 9\text{Hz}$ ) 6.86-6.89 (d, 1H,  $J = 9\text{Hz}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  179.23, 162.70, 141.81, 133.65, 131.10, 123.92, 122.78, 114.62, 113.41; MS (EI): 299.14 (m/z), 301 (M+2).

**Entry j, Table 2b:** Yellow solid; M.P. 280-282 °C ; IR (KBr): 3427, 3321, 3221, 3163, 1697, 1608, 1573, 1491, 1467, 1203, 1142, 854, 812 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 12.30 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 11.29 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 9.11(s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.81 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 7.74-7.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 3Hz), 7.36-7.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 8.4Hz), 6.92-6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 6Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 179.24, 162.86, 141.44, 131.26, 130.90, 126.98, 122.38, 121.11, 112.98; MS (EI): 254.69 (m/z).

**Entry k, Table 2b:** Yellow solid; M.P. 266-268 °C; IR (KBr): 3446, 3316, 3160, 3139, 3116, 1687, 1571, 1465, 1434, 1280, 1201, 1133, 1078, 887, 846, 821, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 12.29 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 11.28 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 9.08 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.82 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.031-8.036 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5Hz), 7.64-7.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 8.1Hz), 6.76-6.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 6Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 179.51, 162.34, 142.07, 139.17, 130.74, 129.52, 122.62, 113.44, 85.03; MS (EI): 346.14 (m/z).

**Entry l, Table 2b:** Yellow solid; M.P. >300 °C; IR (KBr): 3376, 3278, 3195, 3068, 1697, 1610, 1516, 1459, 1337, 1298, 1135, 1091, 1048, 917 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 12.20 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 11.78 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 9.18 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 9.02 (s, 1H, -NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 8.57-8.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 3Hz), 8.224-8.261 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.7, 8.7 Hz ), 7.07-7.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 9Hz), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 179.25, 163.38, 147.82, 143.20, 130.45, 127.35, 121.45, 116.89, 111.61; MS (EI): 265.24 (m/z).

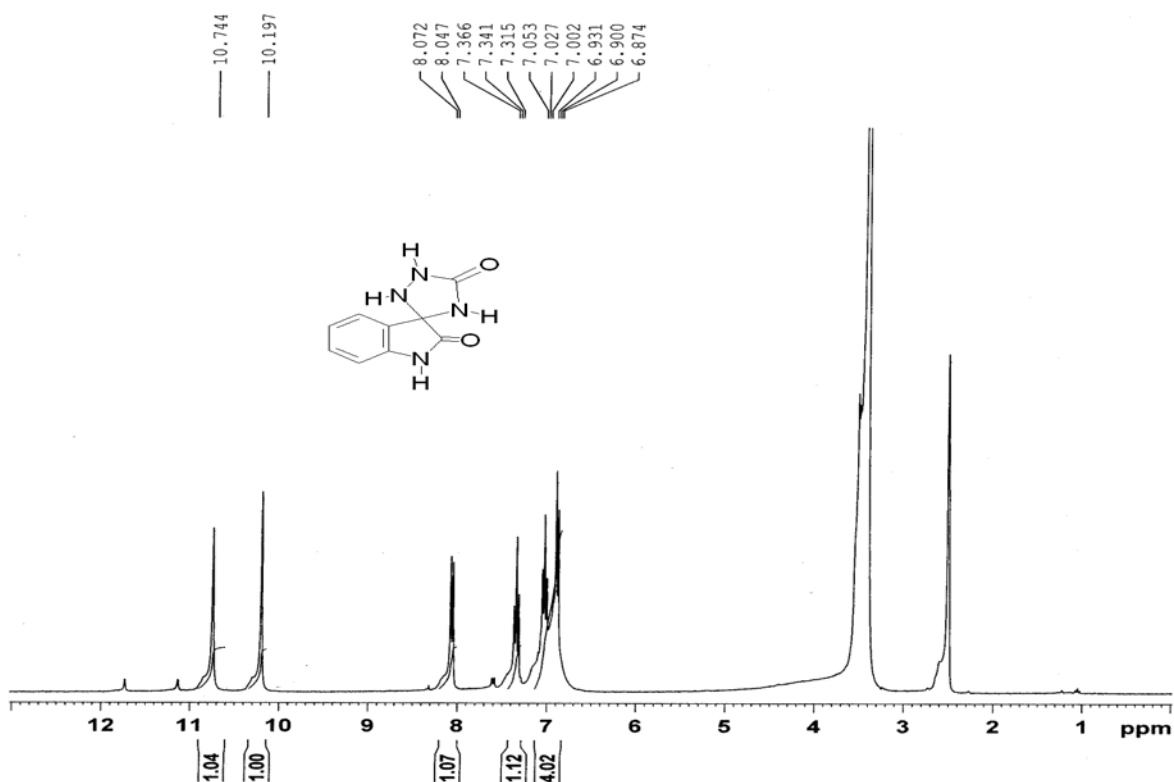
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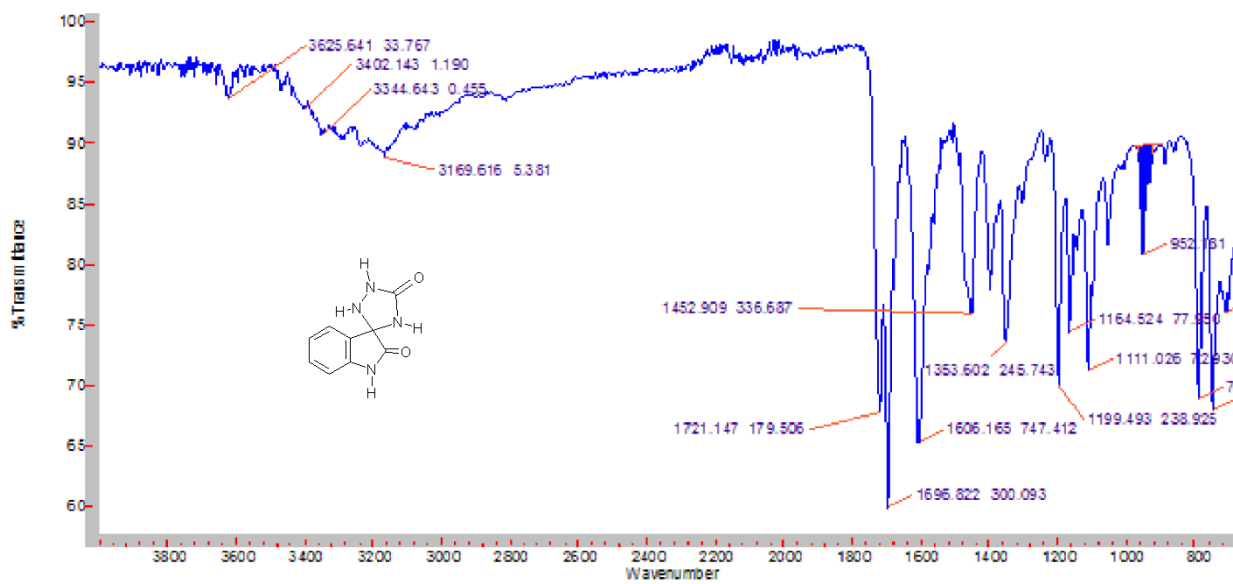
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= 6Hz), 7.41-7.46 (t, 1H,  $J = 15$  Hz), 7.12-7.17 (t, 2H,  $J = 15$ Hz), 3.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  183.92, 166.01, 148.82, 136.46, 136.40, 128.18, 125.82, 124.42, 115.04, 30.91; 234.27 (m/z).

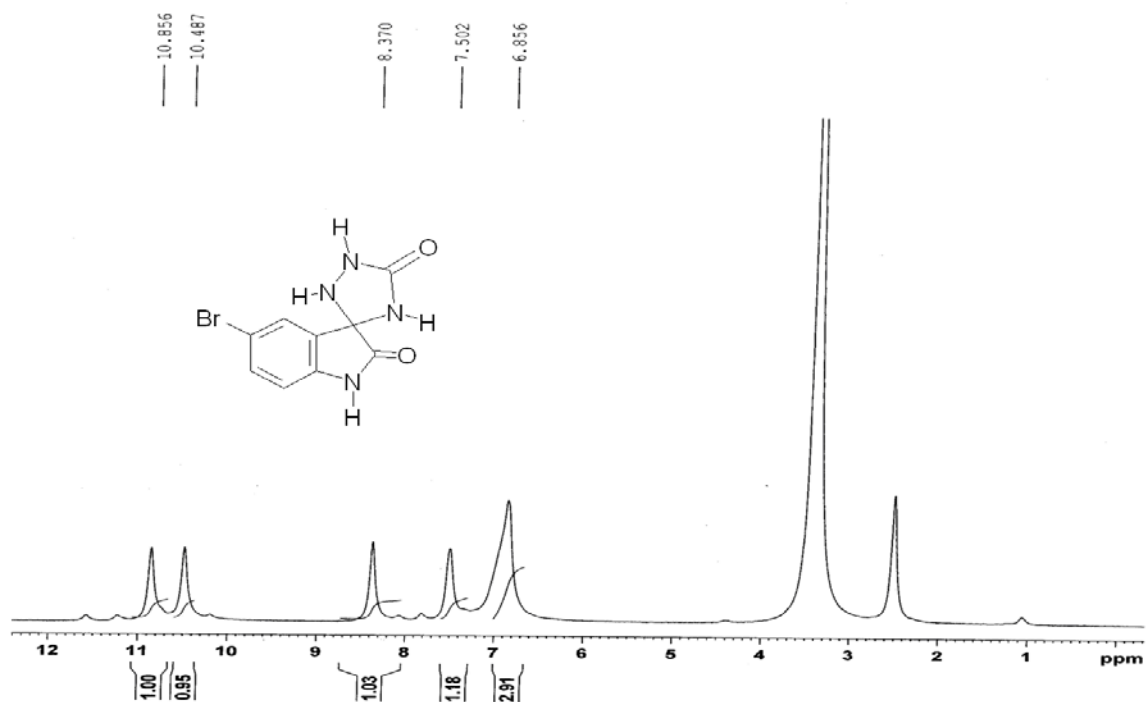
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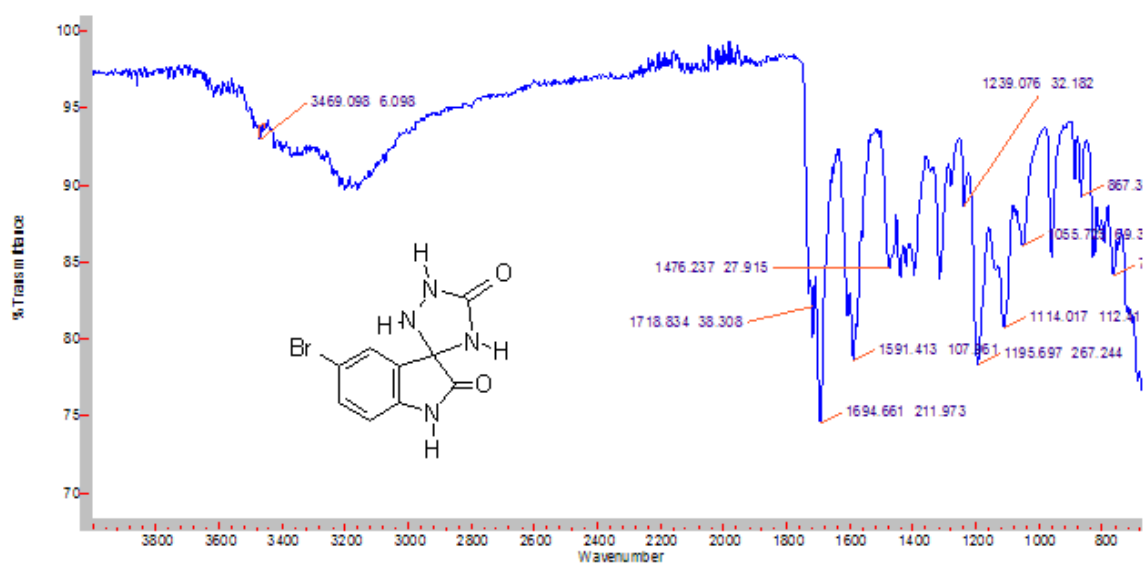
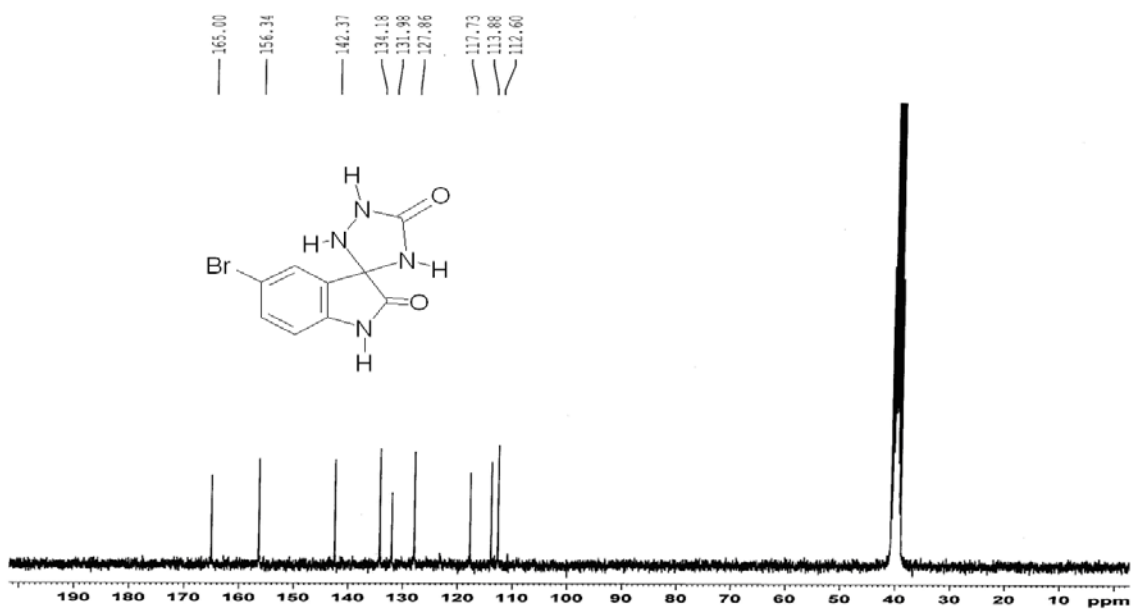




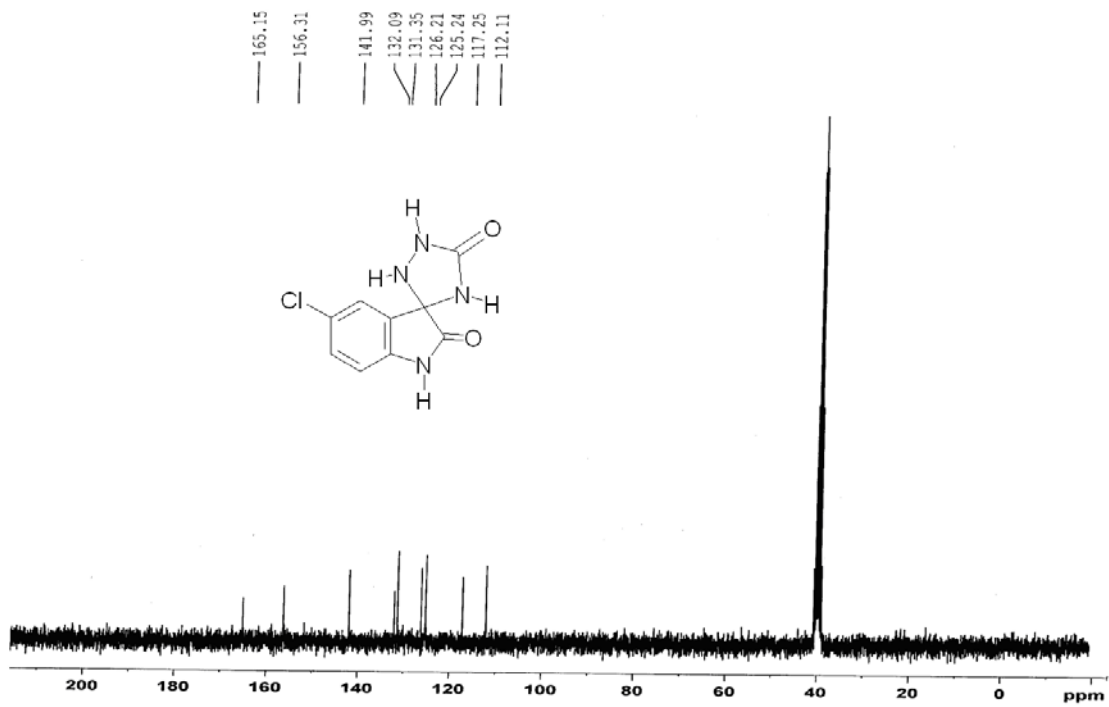
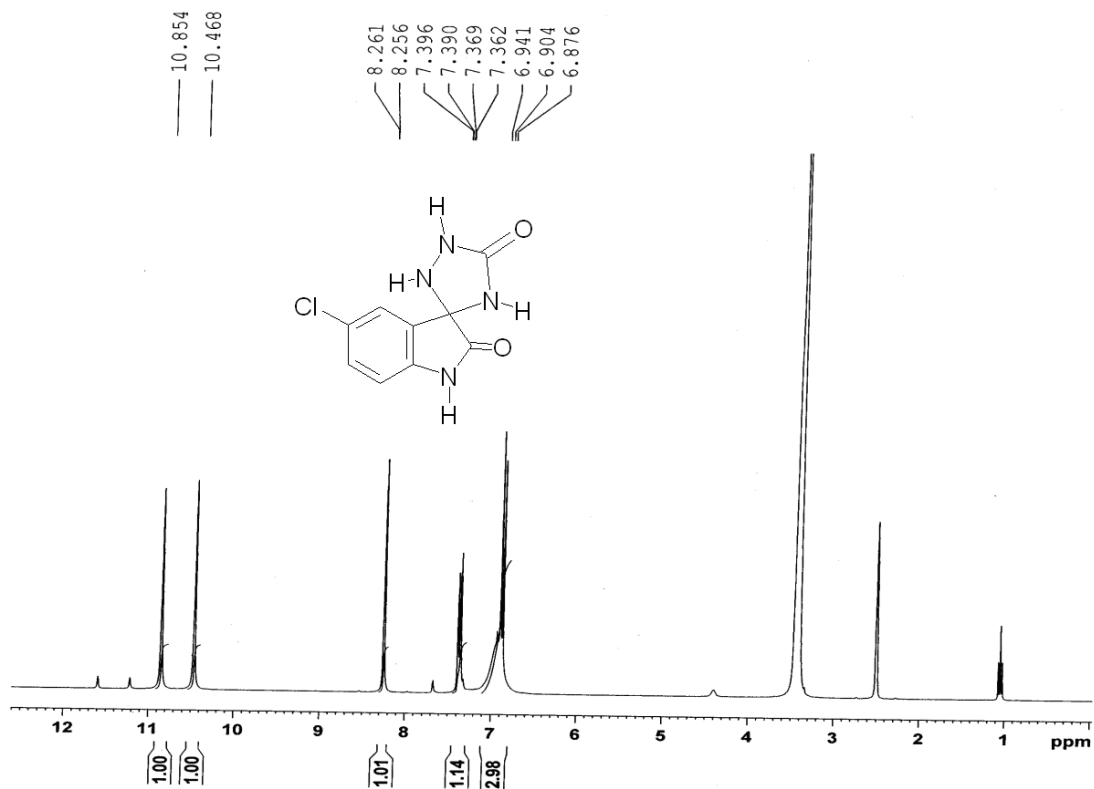
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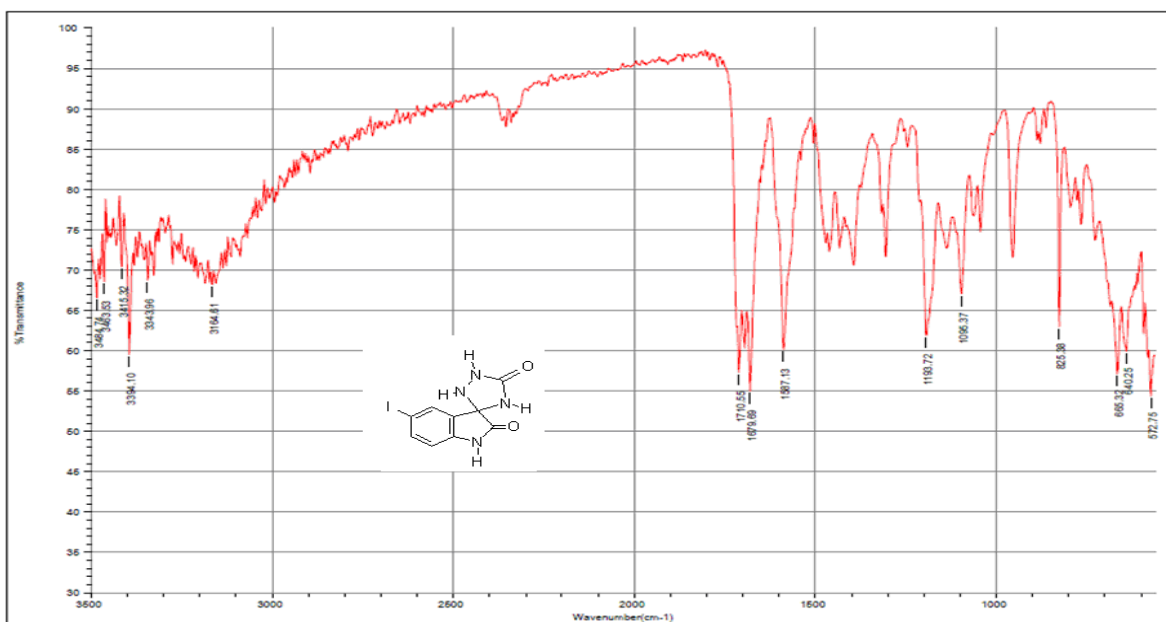
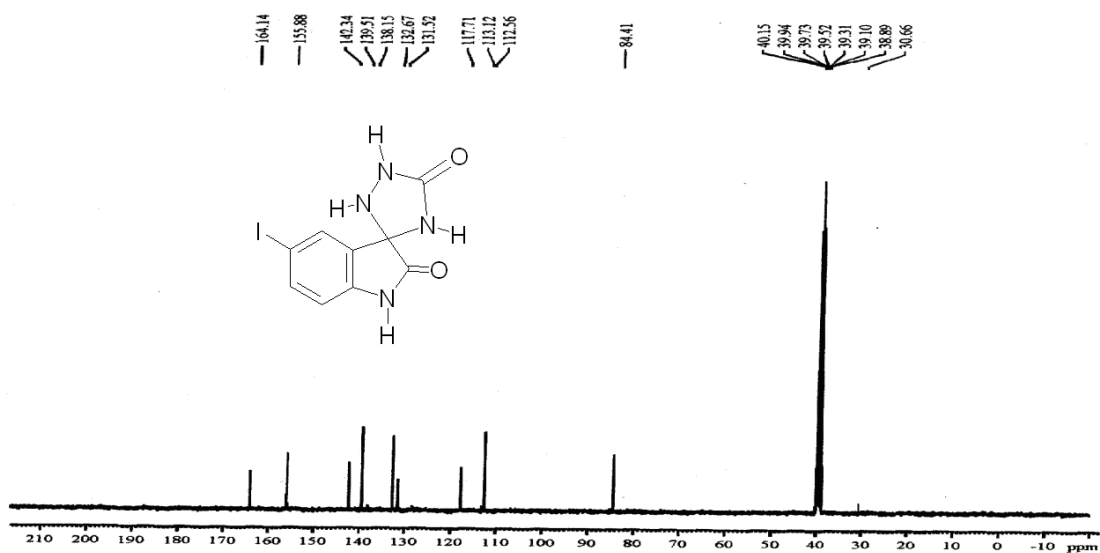




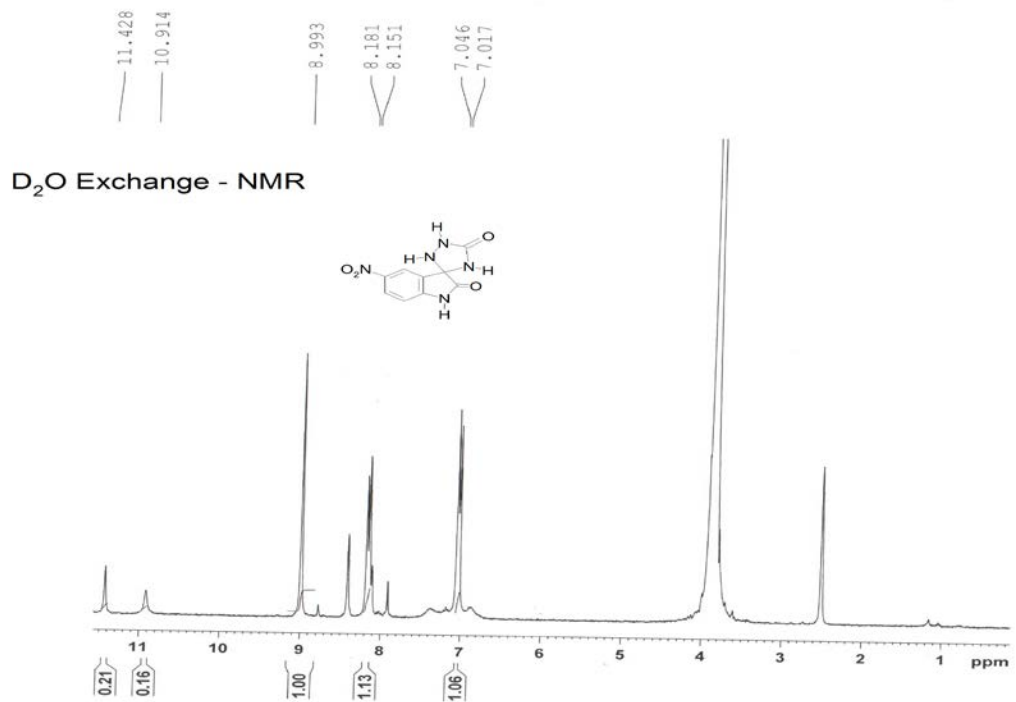
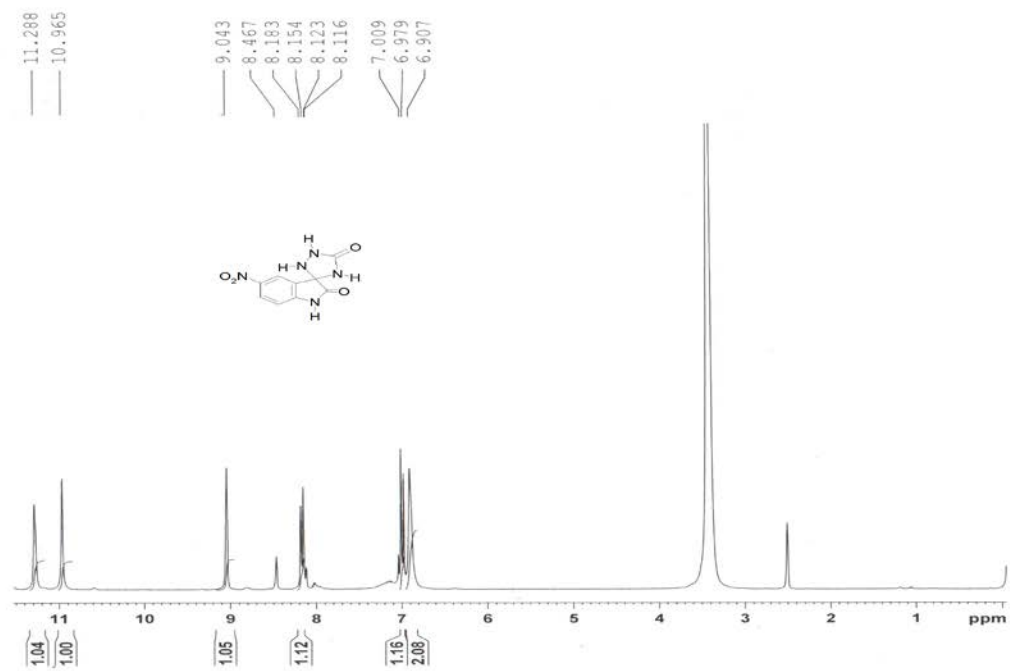
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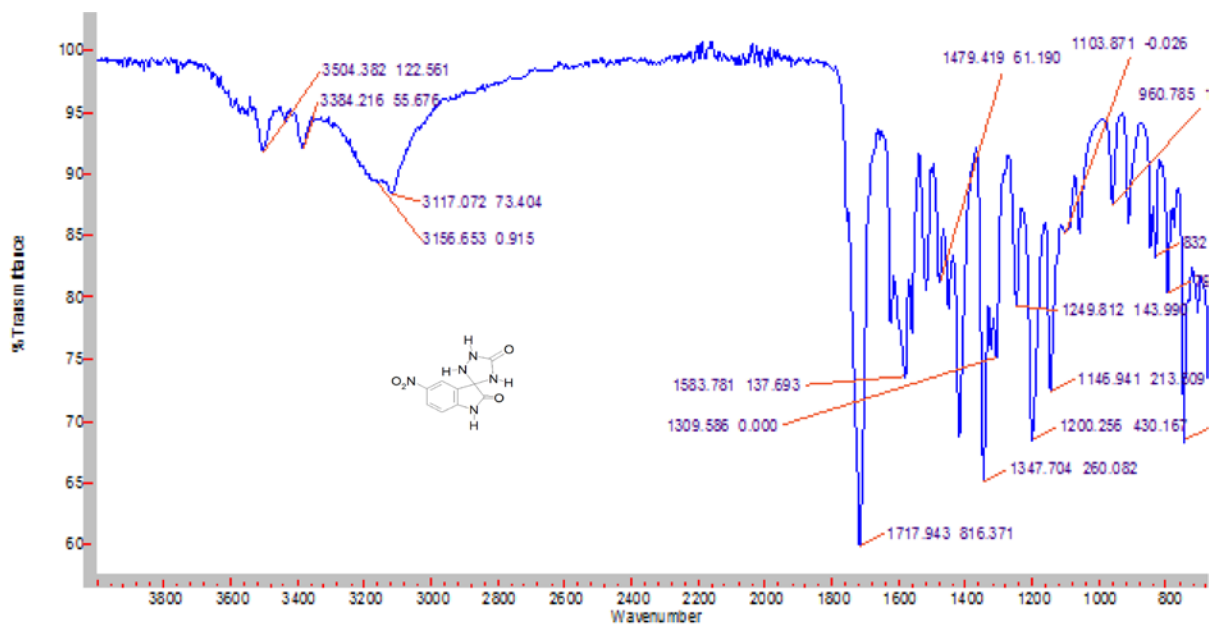
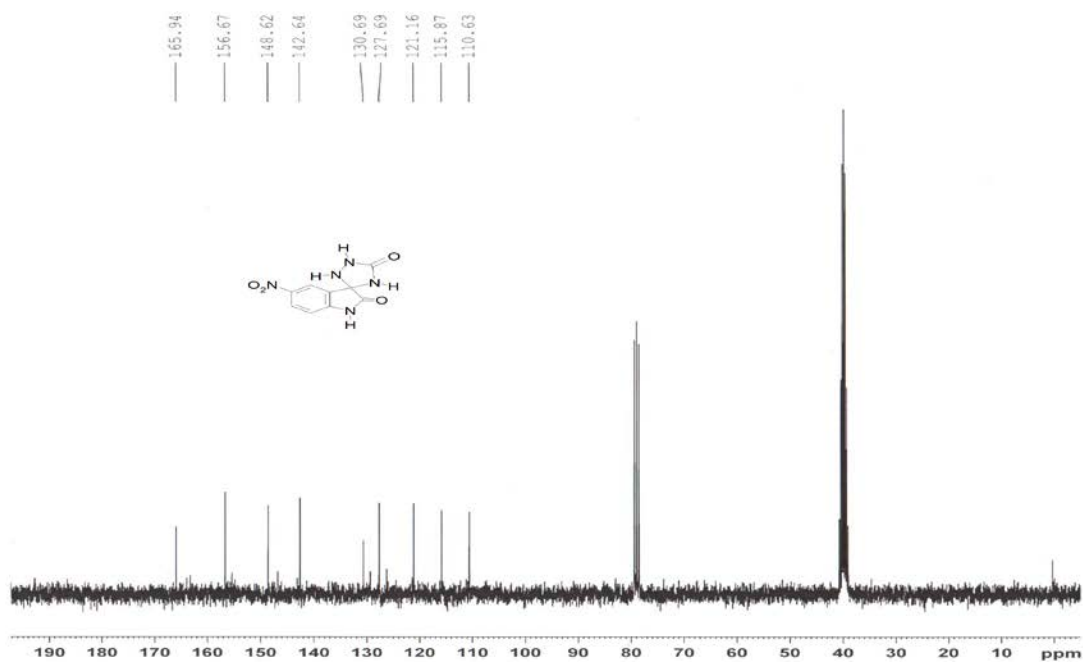




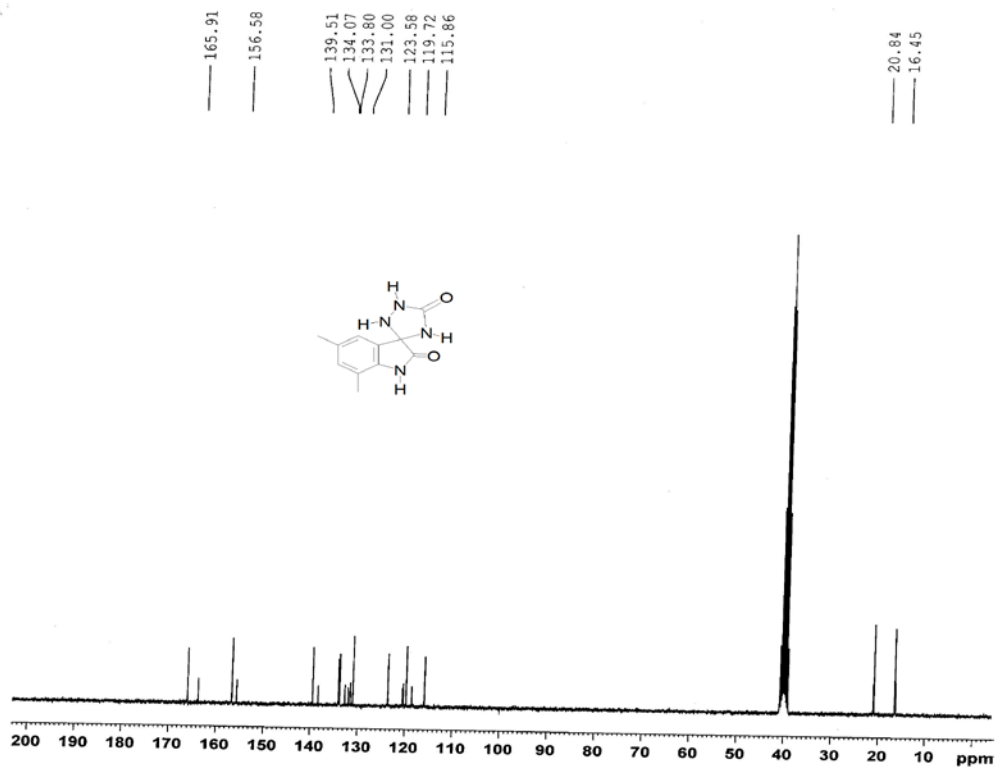
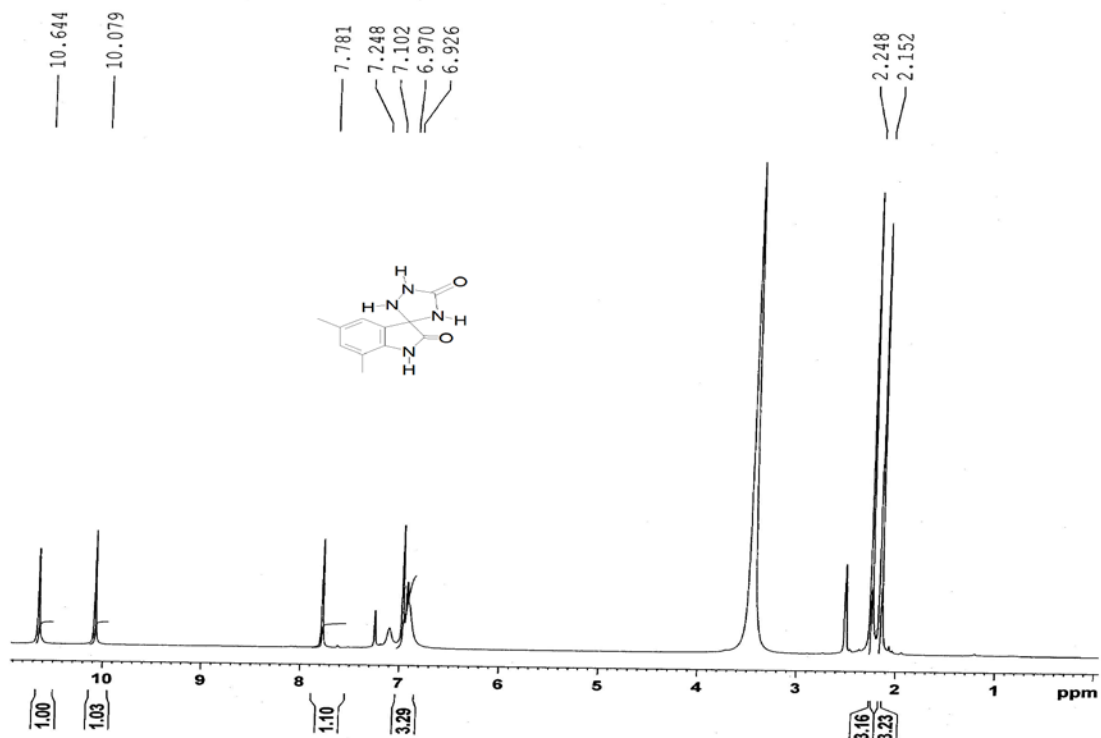


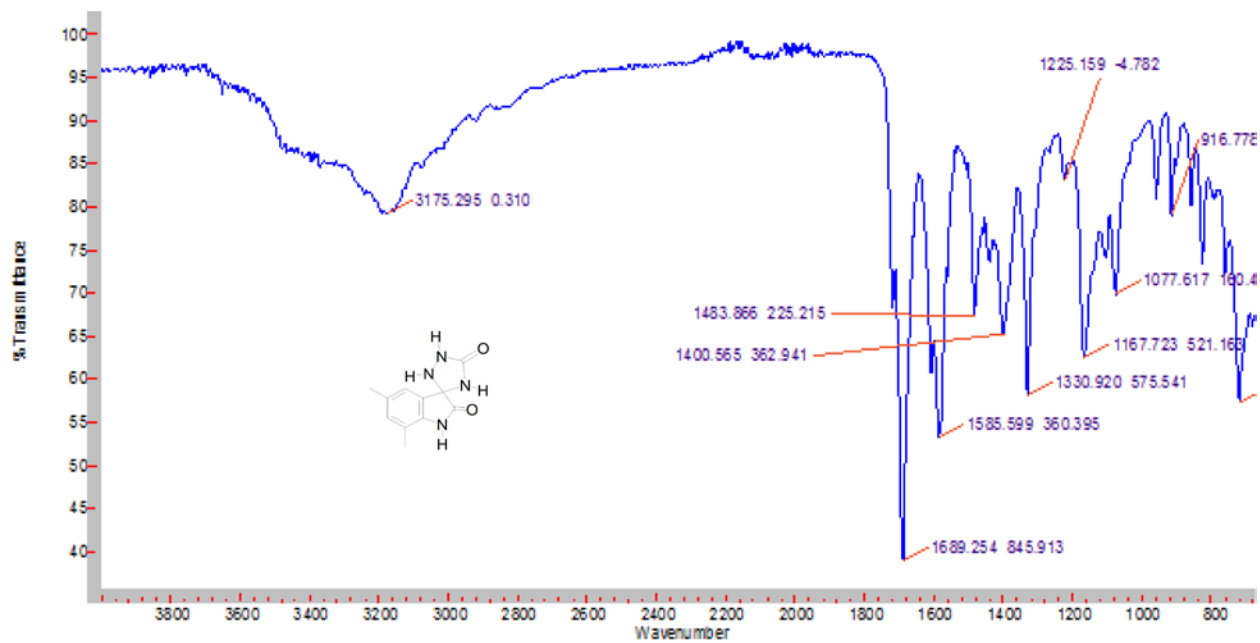
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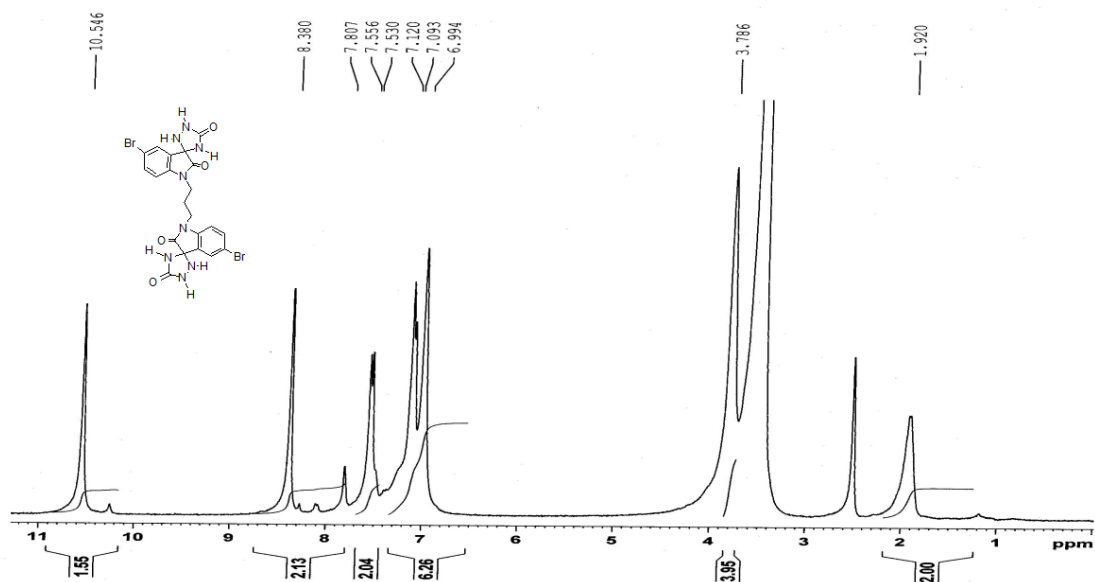


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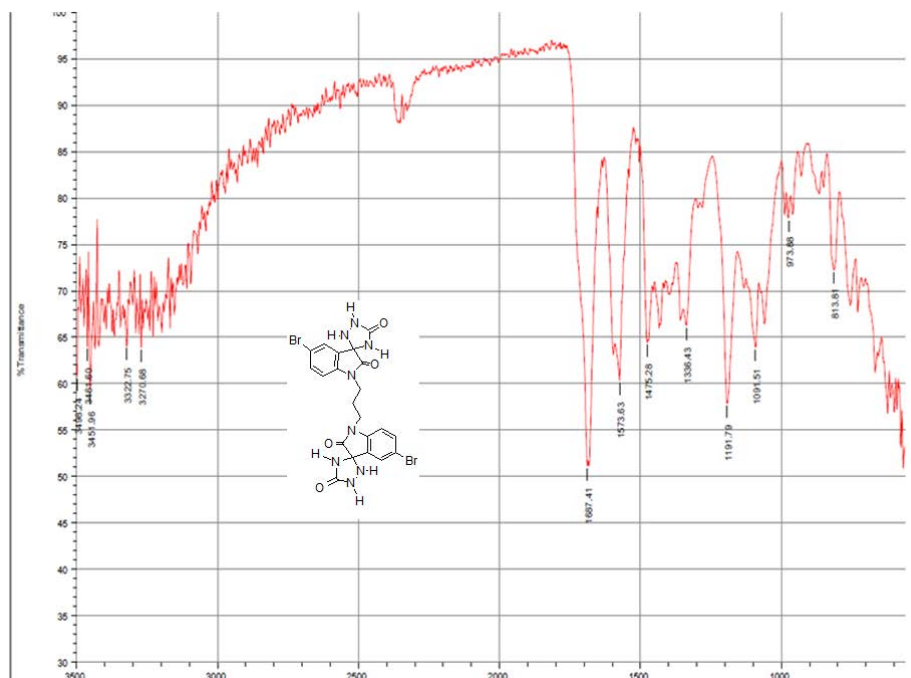
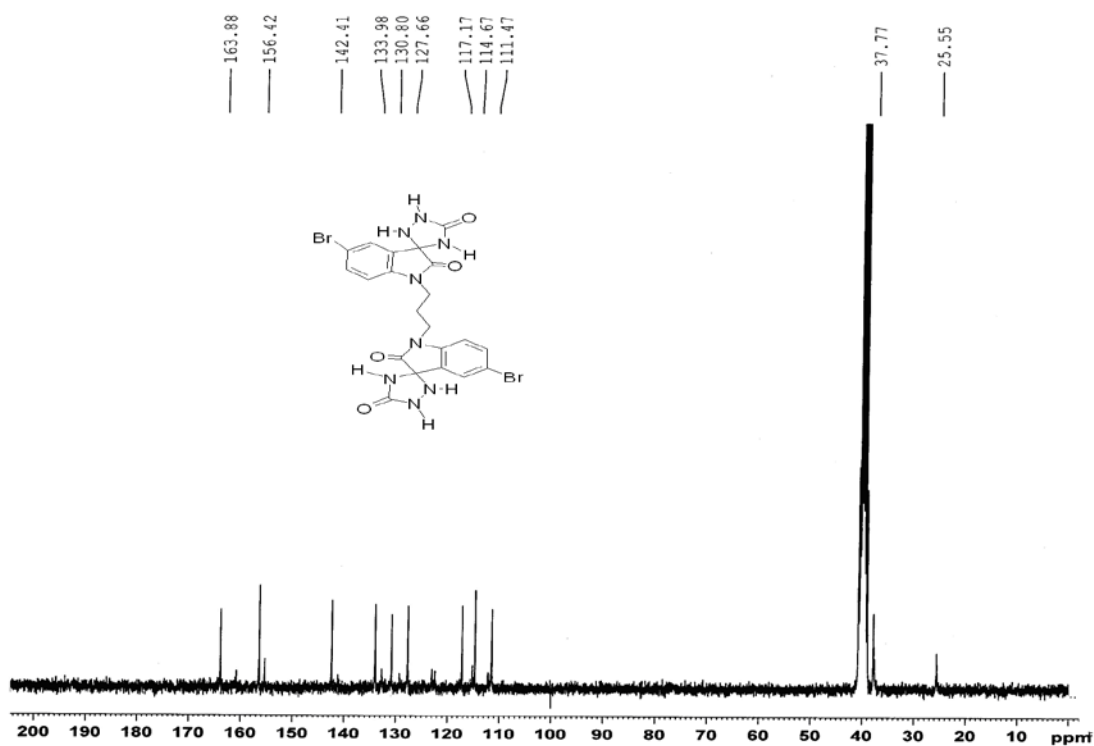




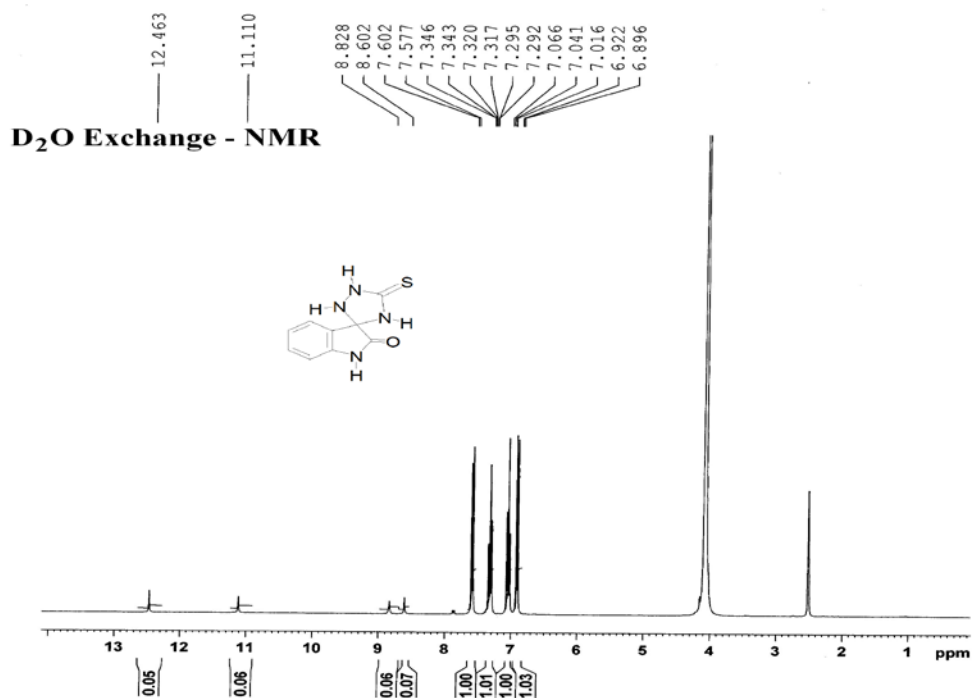
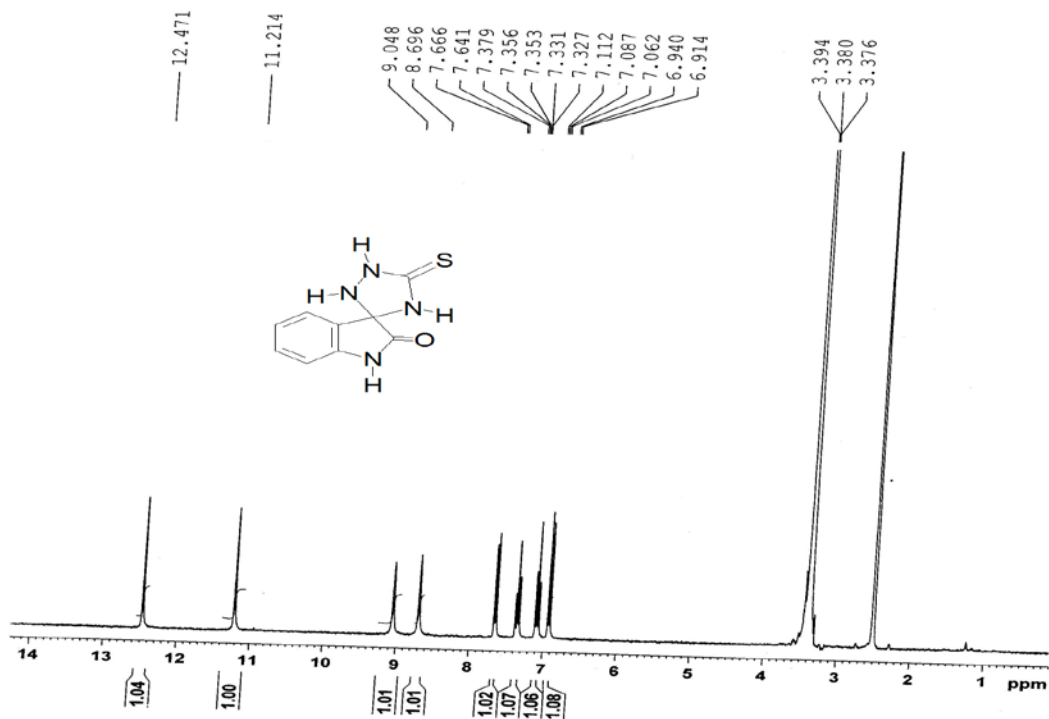
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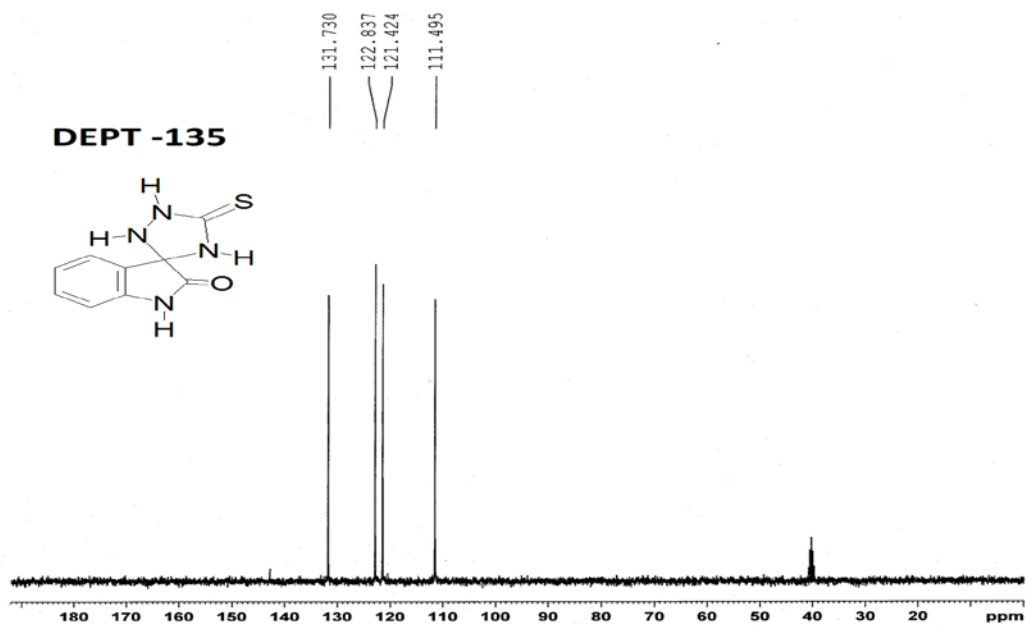
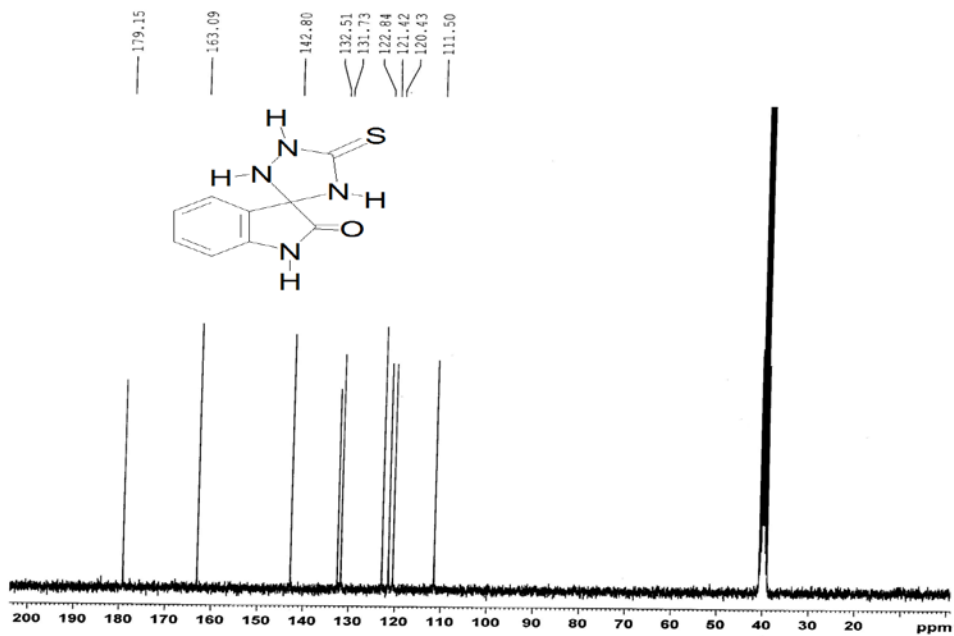


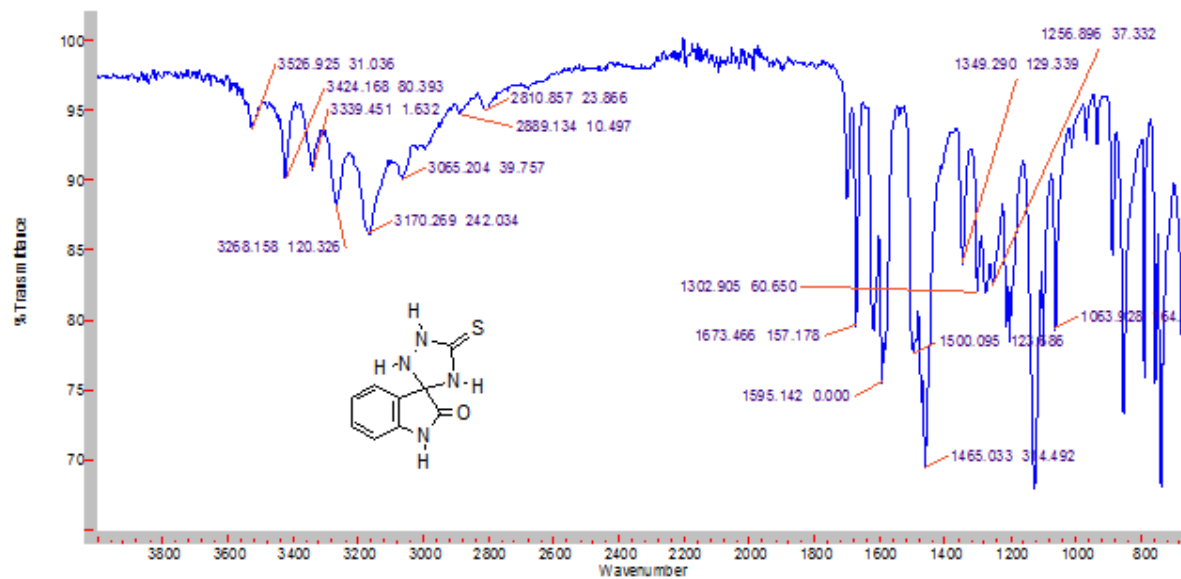




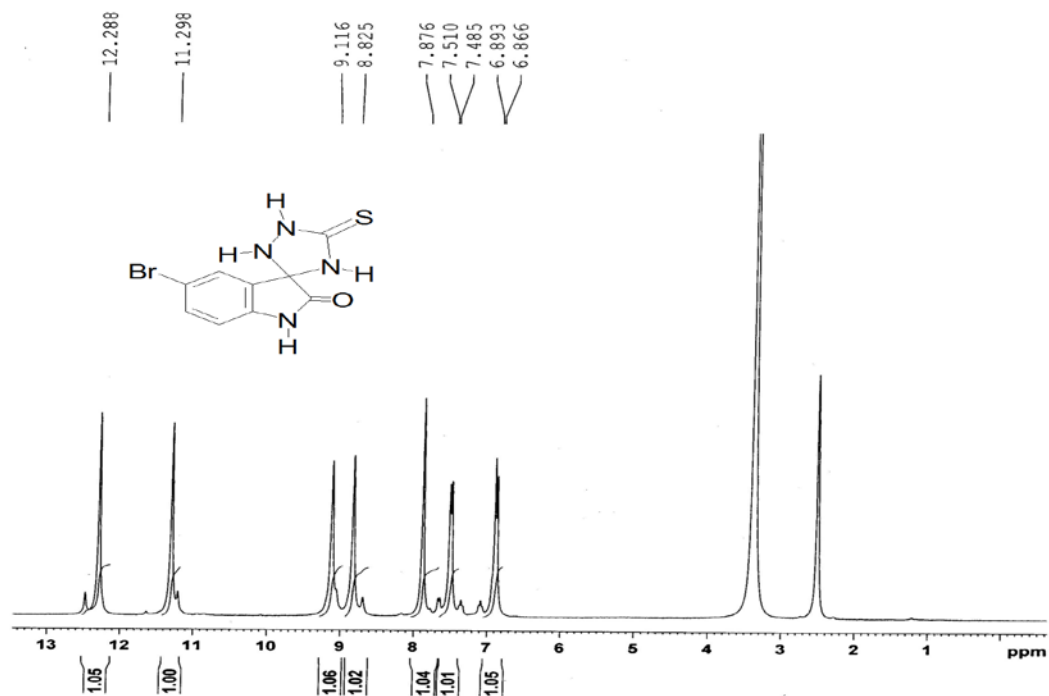
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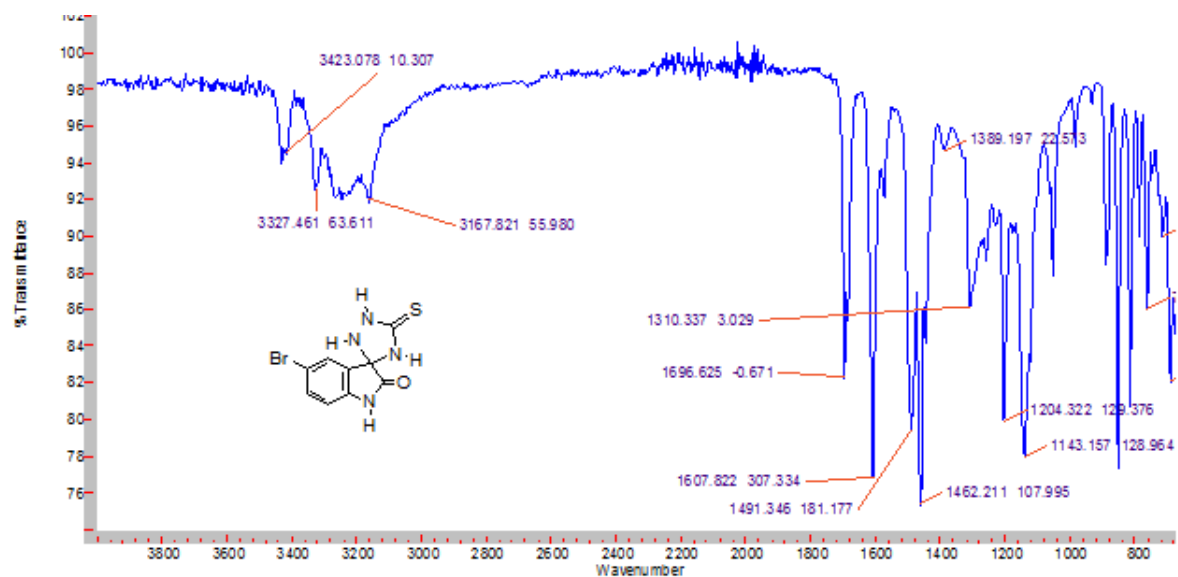
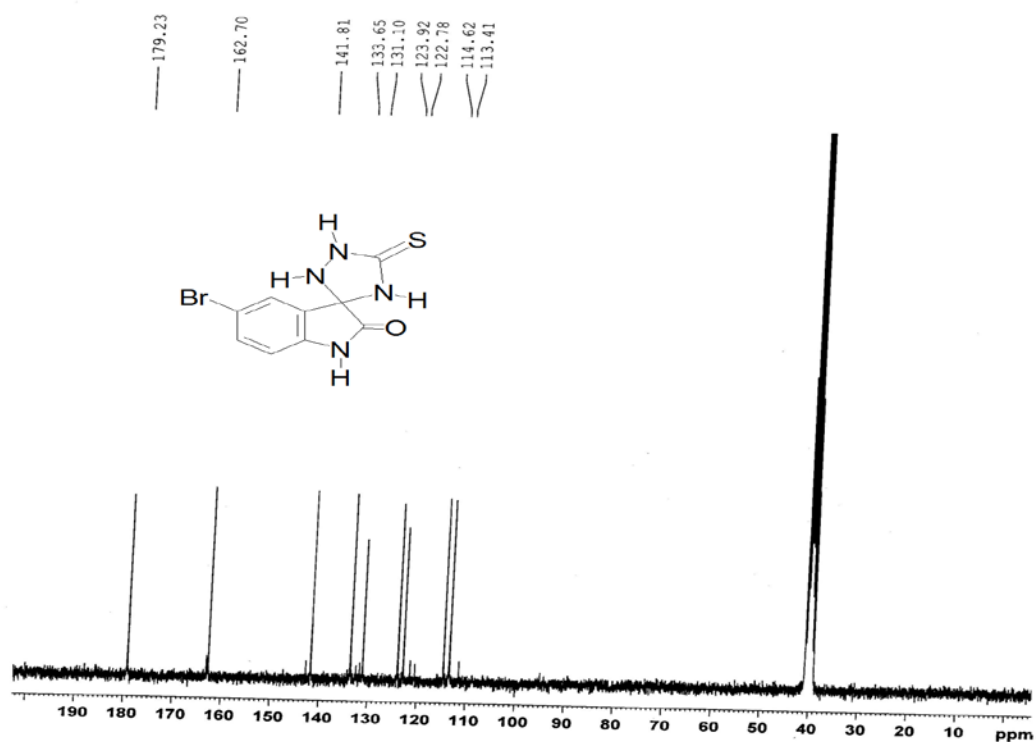




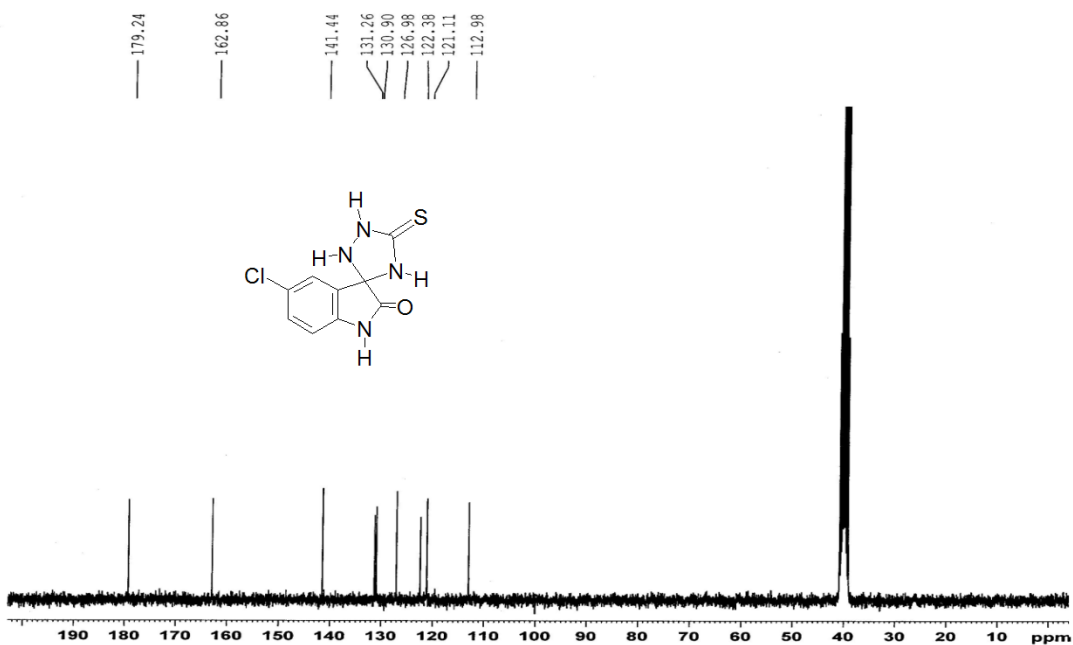
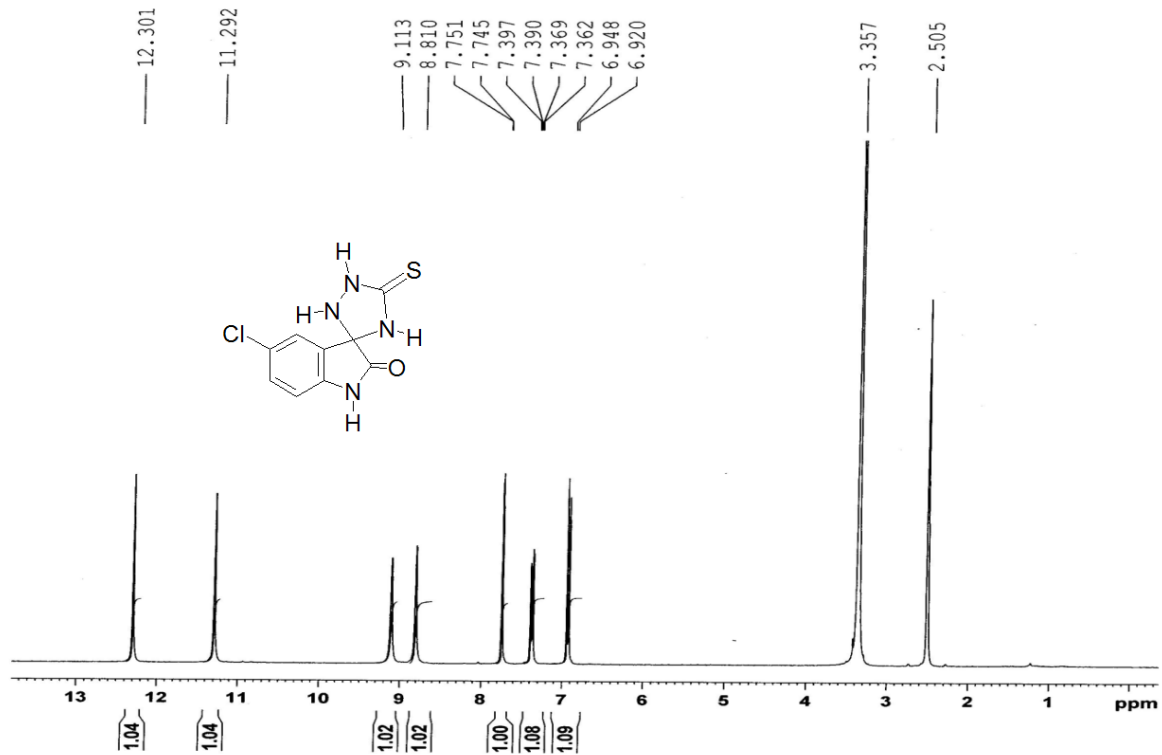


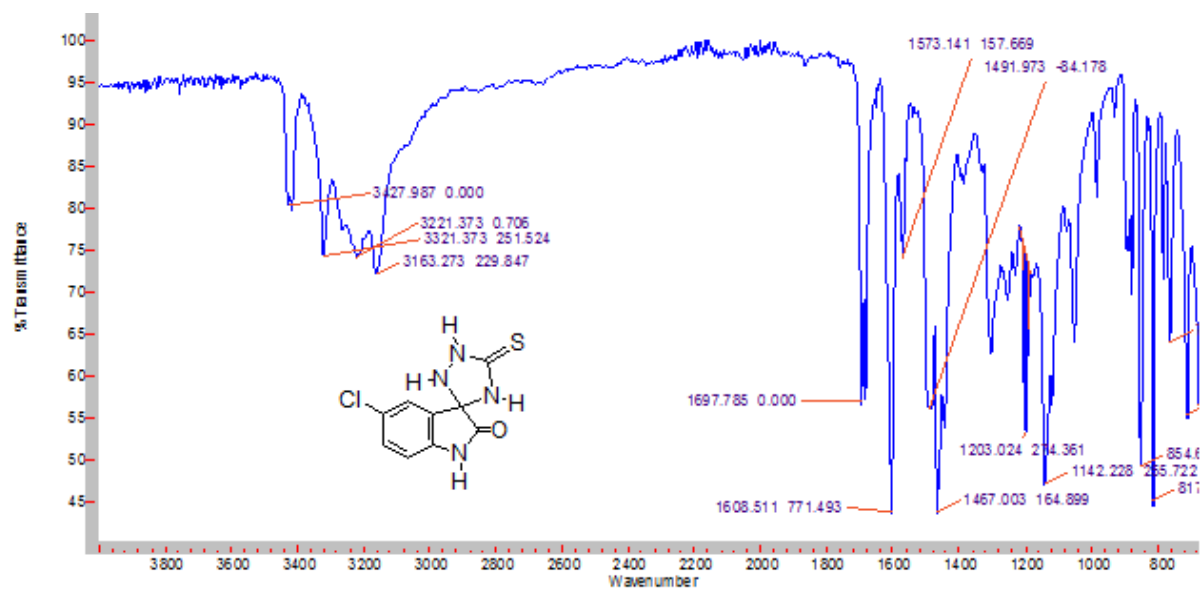
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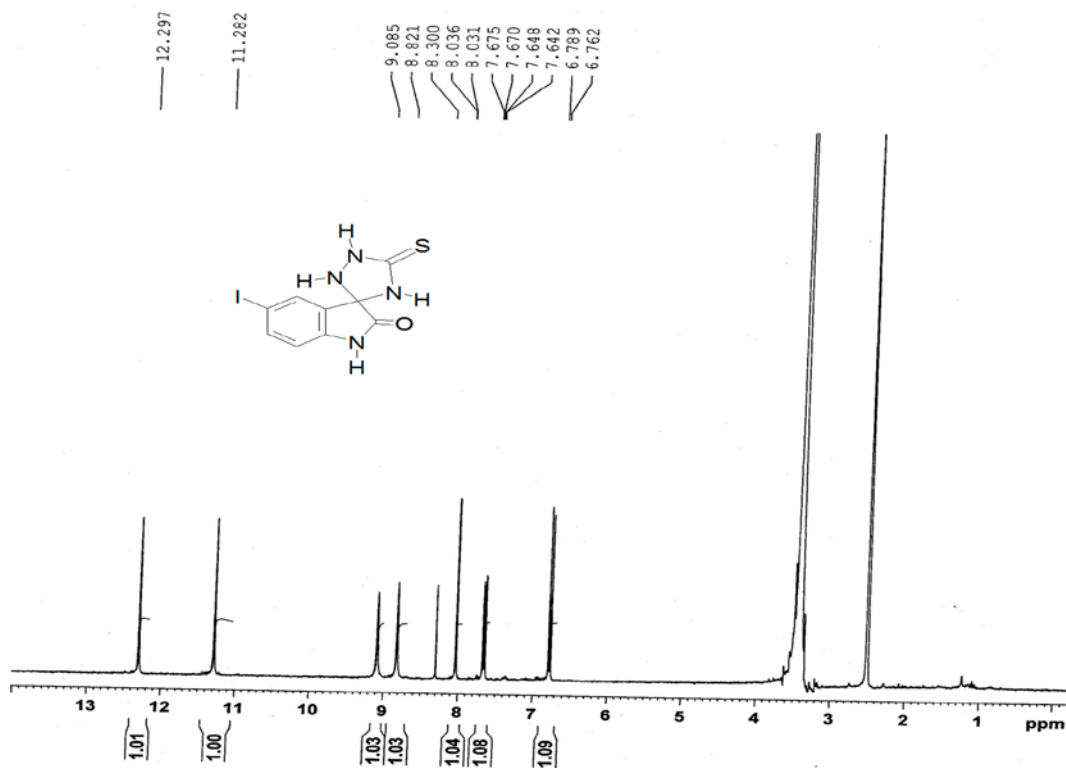


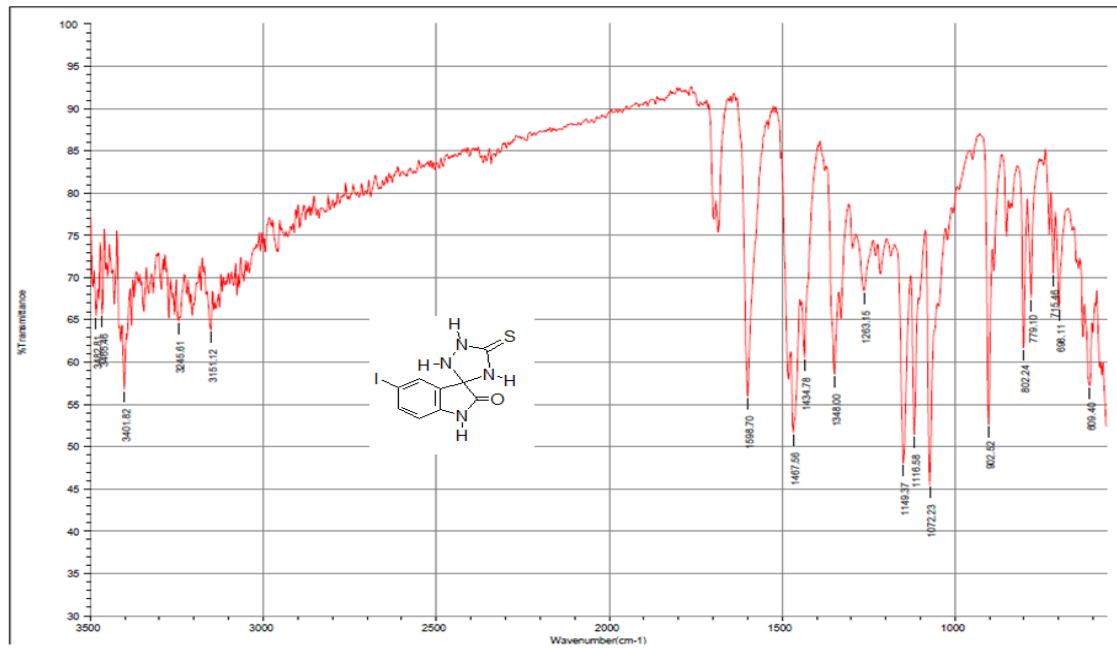
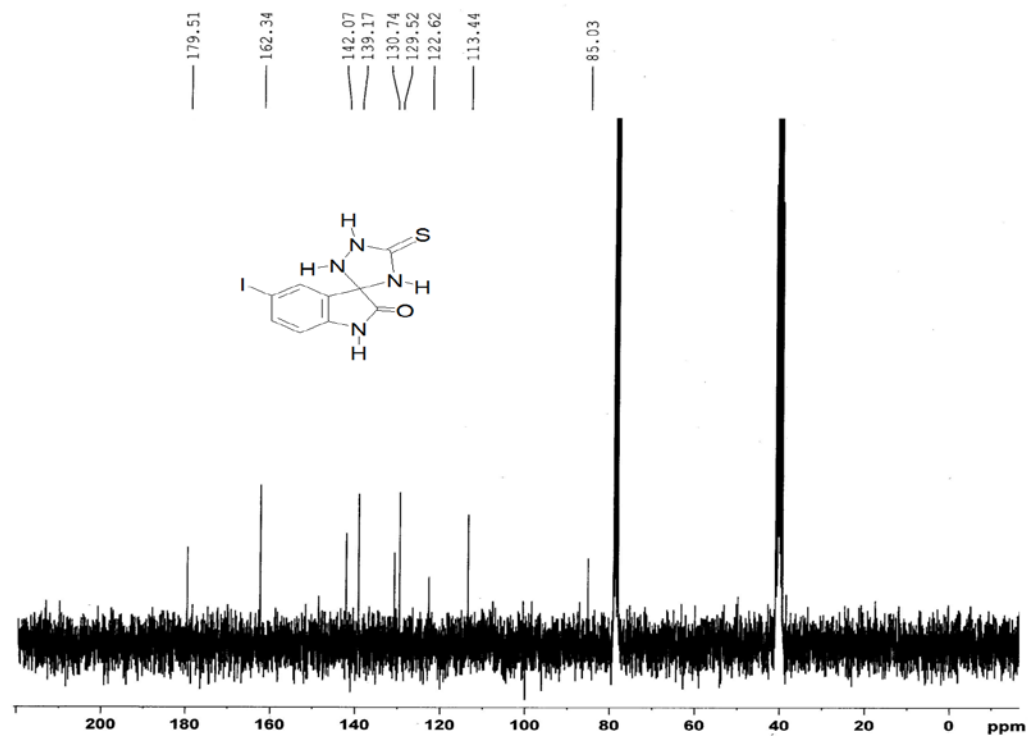
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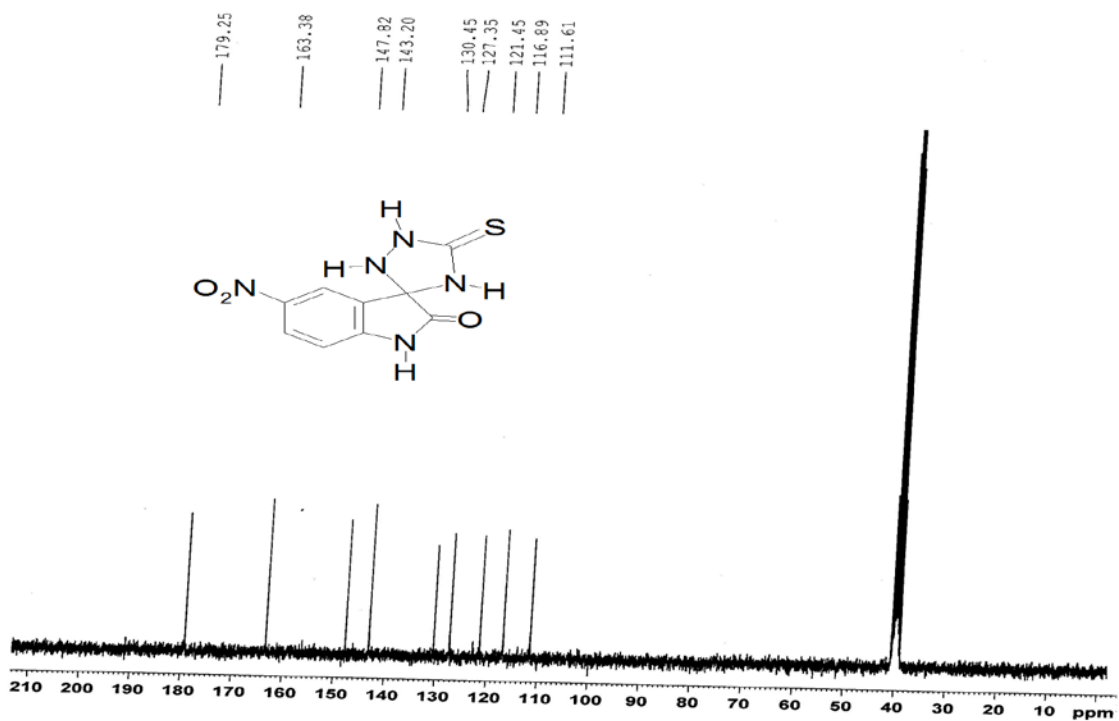
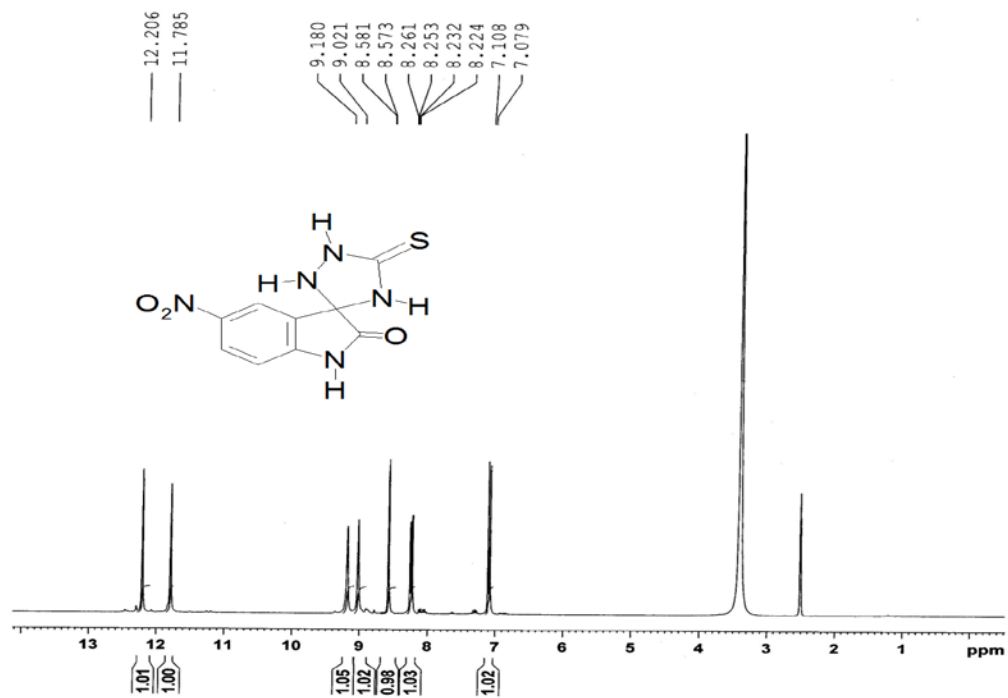
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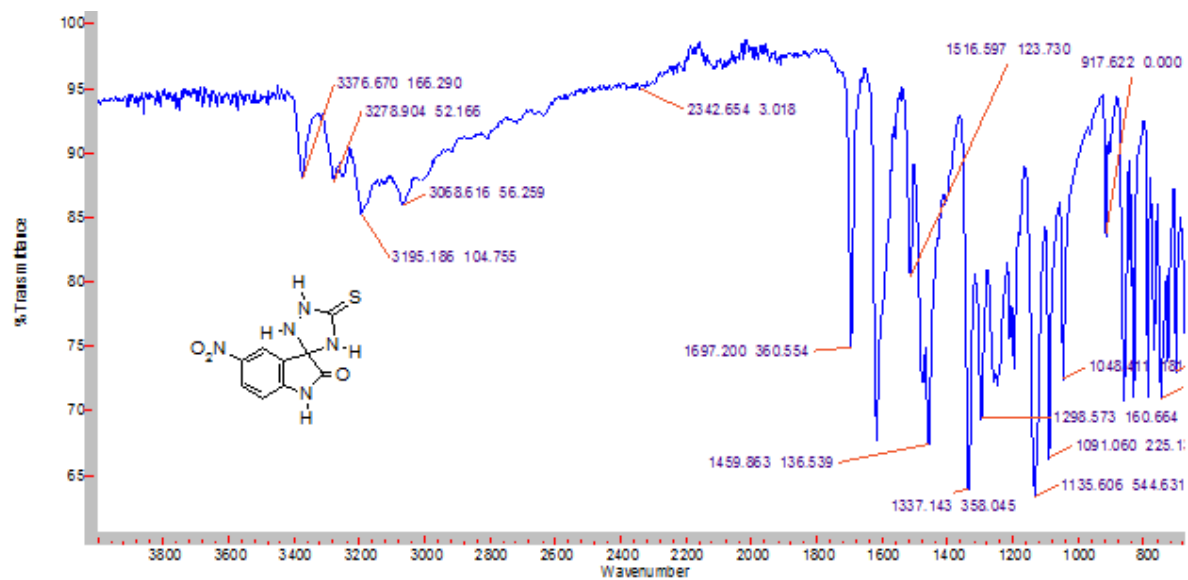




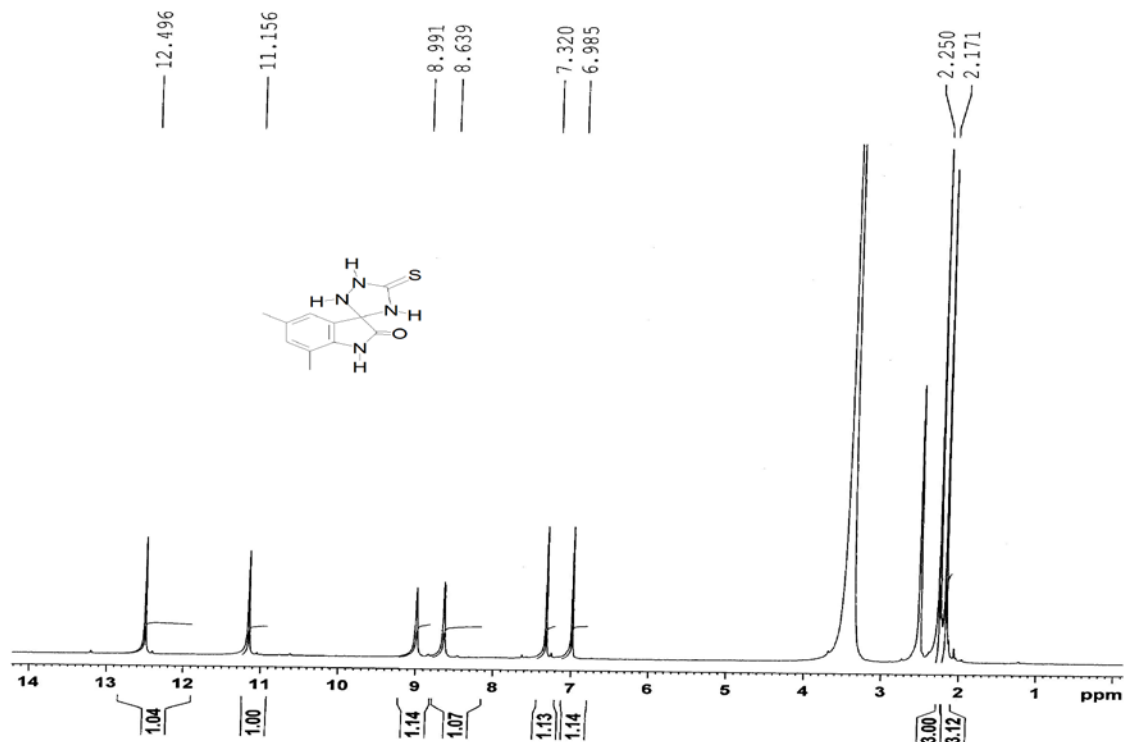


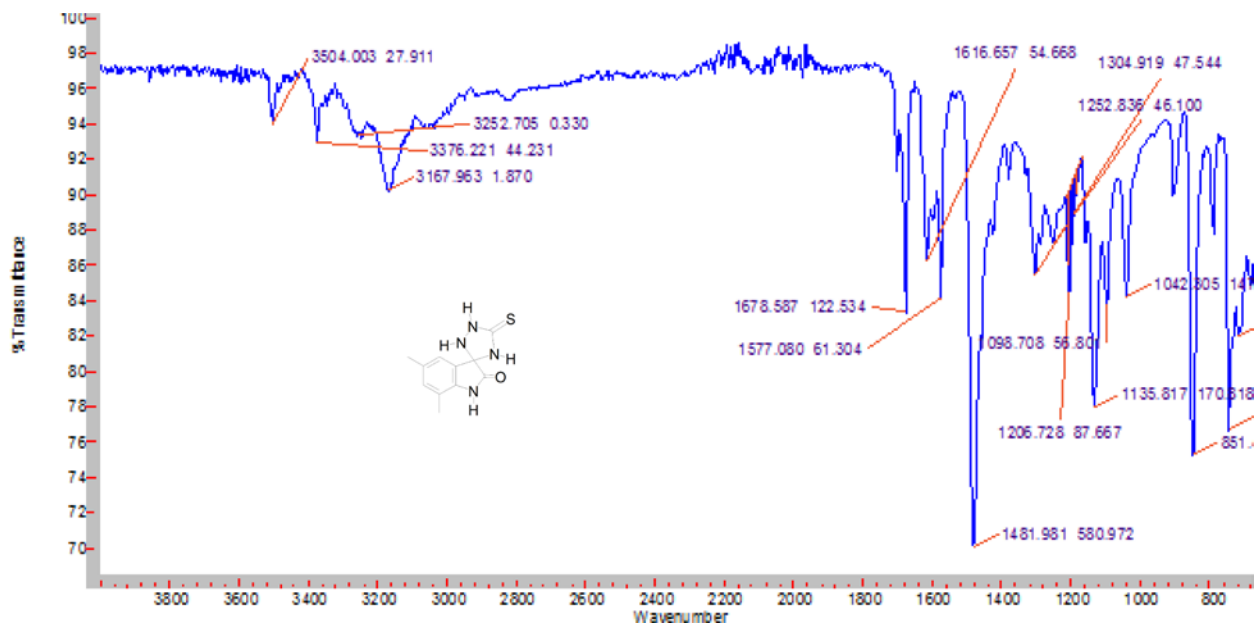
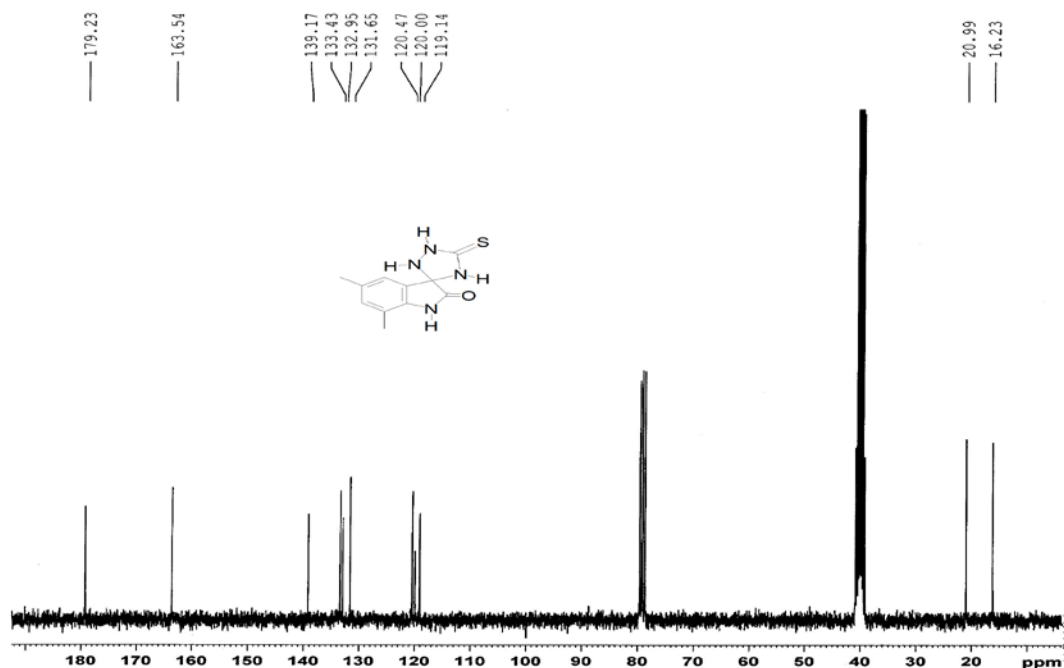
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Entry m, Table 2b





Entry n, Table 2b:

