

***N*-Isocyanates: Versatile Intermediates in Heterocyclic Synthesis**

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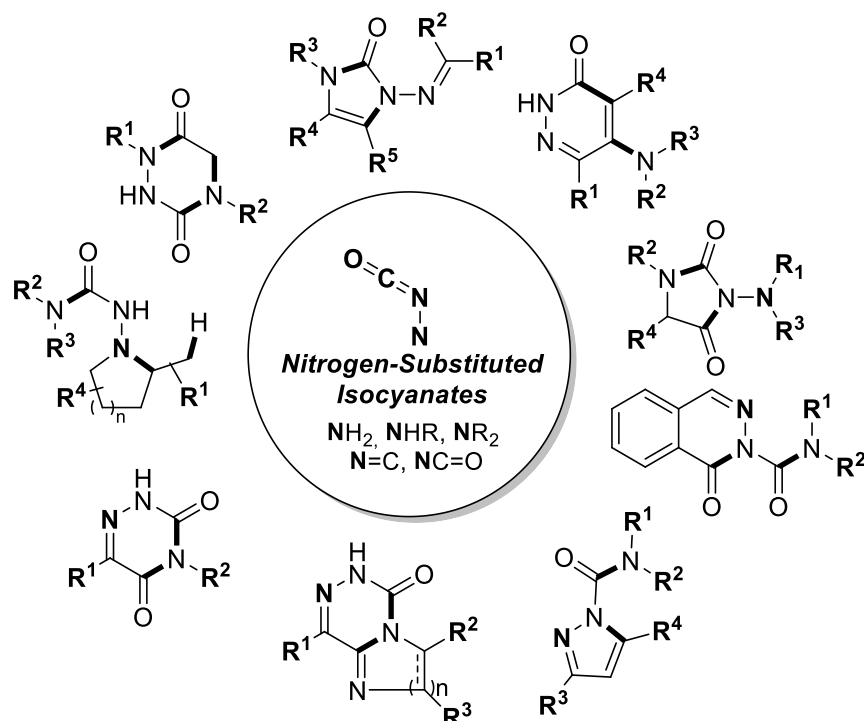
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Abstract

Nitrogen heterocycles are present in nearly 60% of all small-molecule drugs approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. New innovative methods that streamline the synthesis of such heterocycles are therefore highly desirable. The use of new or underdeveloped reactive intermediates provides an excellent opportunity to develop novel heterocyclic syntheses. For example, nitrogen-substituted isocyanates (*N*-isocyanates) are a class of rare amphoteric isocyanates with high, but severely underdeveloped synthetic potential. The research efforts presented in this thesis have been directed towards the use of such intermediates for the rapid construction of heterocycles using cascade reactions. Using an *in situ* generation approach from masked (blocked) isocyanate precursors, we were able to control the homo dimerization of these species and design several cascade reactions forming more than 10 different classes of heterocycles using appropriate nitrogen nucleophiles. Given the importance of the N-N-C=O motif in pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals, *N*-isocyanates provide the opportunity to synthesize highly desirable cores for different industrial applications.

To illustrate the potential of this new tool in heterocyclic chemistry, more than 200 heterocycles were synthesized using this methodology. In Chapter 2, heterocycles incorporating only one atom from the *N*-isocyanate will be presented. More precisely, the first cascade reaction involving *N*-isocyanates for the rapid synthesis of saturated heterocycles will be presented. The incorporation of 2 atoms within the ring will then be discussed in Chapter 3 with the synthesis of hydantoin, imidazolones, thiazolines, pyrazoles and phthalazinones. Chapter 4 will focus on the incorporation of every atom in the heterocycle to form other bioactive cores such as azauracils, pyridazinones and azadiketopiperazines. Lastly, Chapter 5 will describe our efforts for the synthesis of acyclic molecules such as semicarbazides and aza-peptides.



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List of Abbreviations

Ac	acetyl
<i>anti</i>	against, opposite
aq	aqueous
Ar	aryl
Bn	benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl
bp	boiling point
Bu	butyl
cat.	catalytic
°C	degree Celsius
CDI	carbonyldimidazole
<i>cis</i>	on the same side
cm	centimetre
conc.	concentrated
Cy	cyclohexyl
δ	chemical shift in parts per million
<i>d</i>	deuterium (in NMR solvents)
DBU	1,8-diazabicycloundec-7-ene
DCC	<i>N,N'</i> -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DIPEA	diisopropylethylamine
DMAD	dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate
DMAP	4-(<i>N,N'</i> -dimethylamino)pyridine
DMDO	dimethyldioxirane
DMF	dimethylformamide
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
ee	enantiomeric excess
EI	electron impact
equiv	equivalent
Et	ethyl
FLU	fluorenone

FT	Fourier transform
g	gram
h	hour
HBTU	<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethyl- <i>O</i> -(1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)uronium
hexafluorophosphate	
HOMO	highest occupied molecular orbital
<i>hν</i>	light
HRMS	high-resolution mass spectrometry
Hz	hertz
<i>i</i>	iso
IR	infrared
<i>J</i>	coupling constant
L	litre
LG	leaving group
LRMS	low-resolution mass spectrometry
LUMO	lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
<i>m</i>	meta
M	molar
Me	methyl
MCR	multicomponent reaction
mg	milligram
min	minute
mL	millilitre
mmol	millimole
Mom	methyl- <i>O</i> -methyl
MS	molecular sieves
NHC	<i>N</i> -heterocyclic carbene
Nuc	nucleophile
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
NOE	nuclear Overhauser effect
<i>p</i>	para

<i>p</i> -TSA	<i>p</i> -toluenesulfonic acid
Ph	phenyl
PMP	4-methoxyphenyl
ppm	parts per million
Pr	propyl
rt	room temperature
s	second
SiPr	1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-imidazolidene
S _n 2	bimolecular nucleophilic substitution
<i>syn</i>	together, same side
<i>t</i>	tertiary
TBAF	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBS	<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
TDI	toluene diisocyanate
Tf	trifluoromethanesulfonyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMS	trimethylsilyl
TOF	time of flight
Ts	<i>para</i> -toluenesulfonyl
UV	ultra-violet

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1: Isocyanates

Isocyanates, a class of heterocumulene compounds, have been used extensively since their discovery in 1848 by Wurtz.¹ Over 4,000 isocyanates are commercially available and more than 100,000 reactions have been reported using them in the literature.² As seen in Figure 1.1, they are amphoteric reagents that possess an electrophilic carbon and a nucleophilic heteroatom (e.g., nitrogen or oxygen).

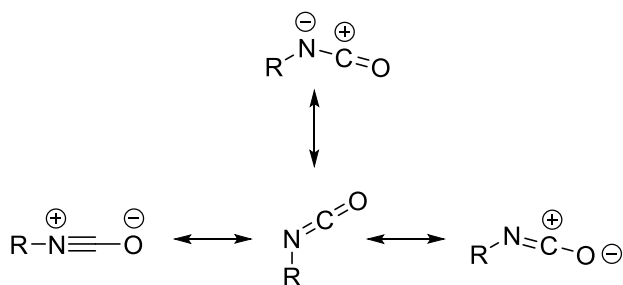
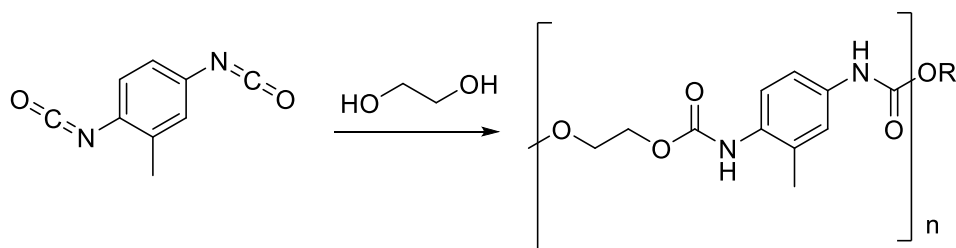


Figure 1.1: Resonance Structures of the Isocyanate Moiety

Given their high reactivity, isocyanates are commonly used as building blocks in chemical synthesis and have many different industrial applications. Most notably, diisocyanates are used in polymerization reactions to afford polyurethanes (Scheme 1.1). In 2011, 14 million tonnes of polyurethanes were produced, which corresponds to approximately 5% of global polymer production.³



Scheme 1.1: Polyurethane Formation Using Toluene Diisocyanate (TDI)

The potent electrophilicity of isocyanates is essential for these large scale processes, but can also lead to serious consequences. The major concern with isocyanates is their inherent toxicity. Workers that are regularly exposed to isocyanates can develop sensitivity issues and an increased risk of squamous cell respiratory carcinoma.⁴

¹ Wang, Z. *Comprehensive Organic Name Reactions and Reagents*; Wiley: New York, **2009**, 1772-1774.

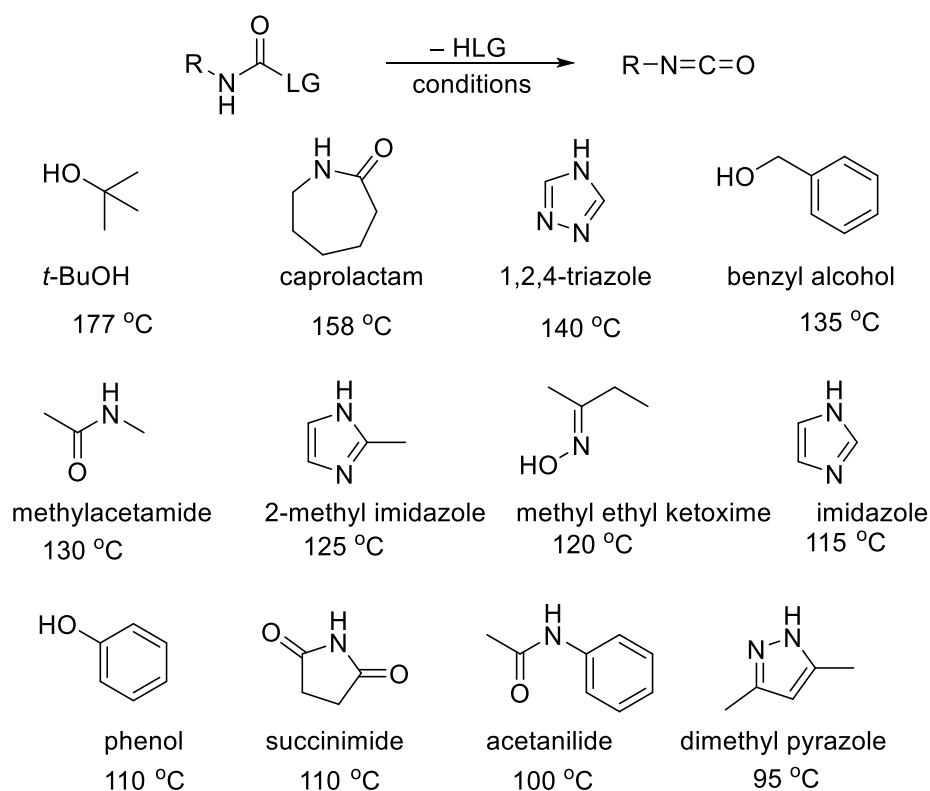
² Structure search performed on Reaxys.

³ Engels, H.-W.; Pirkl, H.-G.; Albers, R.; Albach, R.W.; Krause, J.; Hoffman, A.; Casselmann, H.; Dormish, J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, 52, 9422.

⁴ Peters, J. M. *Proc. R. Soc. Med.* **1970**, 63, 372.

1.2: Blocked Isocyanates

The high reactivity of isocyanates was tamed by the development of rearrangement reactions or by the use of blocked (masked) isocyanates that release the reactive isocyanate *in situ*. Blocked isocyanates are generally carbamates or ureas that will generate the desired isocyanates upon heating at different temperatures. They have been extensively studied and various blocking groups have been developed with a range of deblocking temperatures (Scheme 1.2).⁵ The two major advantages of using blocked isocyanates are: 1) the controlled release of isocyanates at different temperatures controls their concentration over the course of the reaction, which ultimately leads to better reaction control; and 2) the reduced toxicity of the blocked form minimizes the risk of toxicity on industrial scale, making them attractive intermediates for the development of industrially relevant processes. Therefore, many different blocking groups have emerged with unique qualities or different modes of activation (base, acid, or metal catalysis and solvent-dependent rate), which are suited for their intended application.⁵

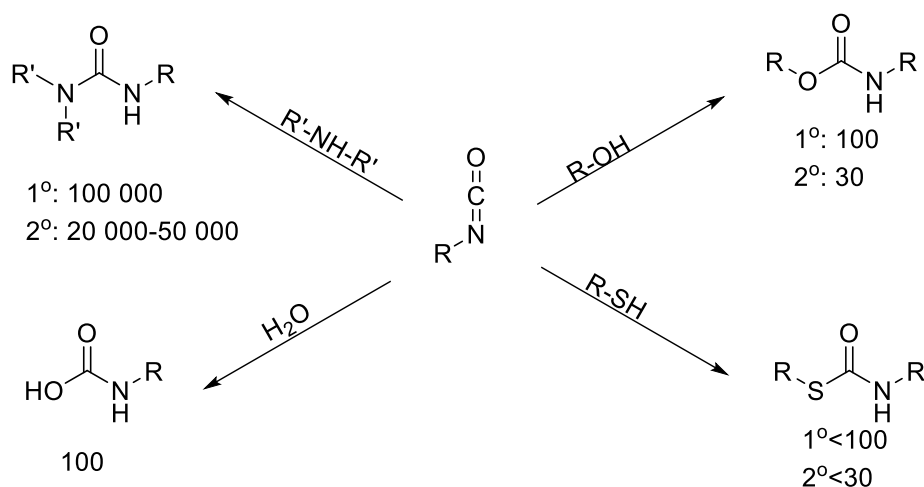


Scheme 1.2: Selected Blocking Groups and Their Deblocking Temperatures

⁵(a) Wicks, D. A.; Wicks, Z. W. Jr. *Prog. Org. Coat.* **1999**, *36*, 148. (b) Wicks, D. A.; Wicks, Z. W. Jr. *Prog. Org. Coat.* **2001**, *41*, 1. (c) Wicks, Z. W. Jr.; Jones, F. N.; Pappas, S. P.; Wicks, D. A. *Organic Coatings: Science and Technology*; Wiley-VCH: 2007, pp. 231-245. (c) Delebecq, E.; Pascault, J.-P.; Boutevin, B.; Ganachaud, F. *Chem. Rev.* **2013**, *113*, 80.

These blocking groups all function similarly; under thermolysis, the blocking group will leave to generate a free isocyanate that can react with a nucleophile present in the reaction medium. Since all these reactions are in equilibrium, the choice of a leaving group is crucial to the reaction. If the nucleophile is a better leaving group than the blocking group, a significant excess would be necessary to allow for sufficient conversion. The same would be true if the free blocking group is a better nucleophile than the one that was intended for use. However, if the blocking group is a poor nucleophile or if the nucleophile is a poor leaving group, only a stoichiometric amount of the nucleophile will be required to reach high conversion.

Since this equilibrium is critical for the success of the reaction, the rates of these reactions have been studied in great detail and classified according to the heteroatom nucleophile. As seen in Scheme 1.3, secondary alcohols and thiols are the slowest nucleophiles to add on to isocyanates.⁶ Water, primary alcohols, and primary thiols react approximately three times faster. Generally, secondary amines react 200 to 500 times faster than primary alcohols and primary amines react up to 1,000 times faster.



Scheme 1.3: Relative Rates of Nucleophilic Attack on Isocyanates

1.3: Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry

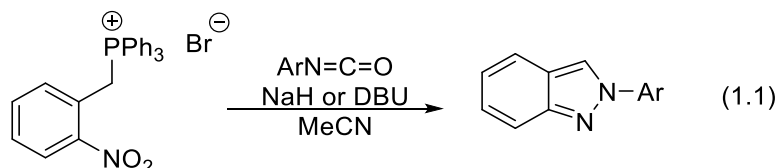
Nucleophilic attack of isocyanates has its importance in industry, but as previously mentioned, isocyanates are amphoteric (having both a nucleophile and an electrophile). This amphotericity can be used for the development of reactions that create molecular complexity in a rapid fashion. Given the high heteroatom content of isocyanates, this functional group has been used extensively in heterocyclic chemistry. In the next section, a review of isocyanate reactivity in heterocyclic chemistry will be presented. Focus will be placed on transformations achieved in the last 20 years without the use of metals. Selected reports will be covered, along with four major

⁶ Dyer, E.; Glenn, J.F.; Lendrat, E.G. *J. Org. Chem.* **1961**, *26*, 2919.

categories: heteroatoms as nucleophiles, carbon as a nucleophile, cycloadditions, and multicomponent reactions.

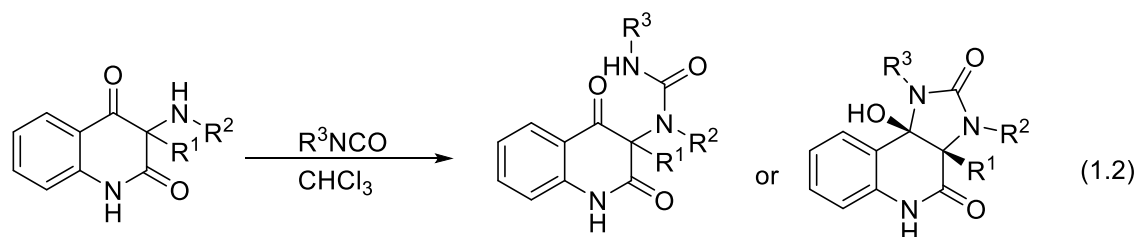
1.3.1: Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry - Heteroatom Nucleophiles

Given the affinity of isocyanates with heteroatoms, multiple cascade reactions were developed using heteroatom nucleophiles. In 2000, Weaver reported the synthesis of 2-aryl-2-*H*-indazoles using aryl-isocyanates and 2-nitrobenzyl phosphonium salt. Their scope is fairly limited (7 entries) with yields ranging from 40% to 62% (eq. 1.1).⁷



Two different mechanisms are proposed by the authors of the paper. The first involves Wittig-type reactivity followed by intramolecular trapping of the ketene imine. The second mechanism uses the oxygen of the nitro group to attack the isocyanate, and the resulting intermediate then cyclizing at the benzylic position. The latter reaction is only reported with aromatic isocyanates, but is nonetheless a good example of complexity generated from simple starting materials by either exploiting their high reactivity or their amphoteric potential.

In 2006, Klásek reported the use of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4-diones with isocyanates to form the urea-linked quinolone or the cyclic derivatives depending on the substitution pattern (eq. 1.2).⁸

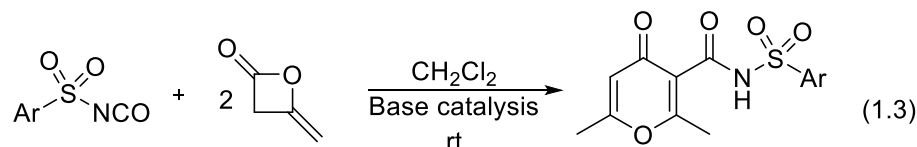


It appears that when a primary amine (e.g. $R^2 = H$) is used, either a mixture of both cyclized and uncyclized products, or only uncyclized product is obtained. This is probably due to an unfavorable conformation of the resulting urea after the addition of the isocyanate. Nevertheless, when the R^2 group is large, the cyclization is favored and the cyclic derivative can be obtained in good yield (56-95%). This example showcases how conformation is important to consider in the design of reactions with isocyanates. Increasing the temperature would have favored rotation, but the authors commented that these substrates were prone to rearrangement at higher temperatures or when acid catalysis was employed.

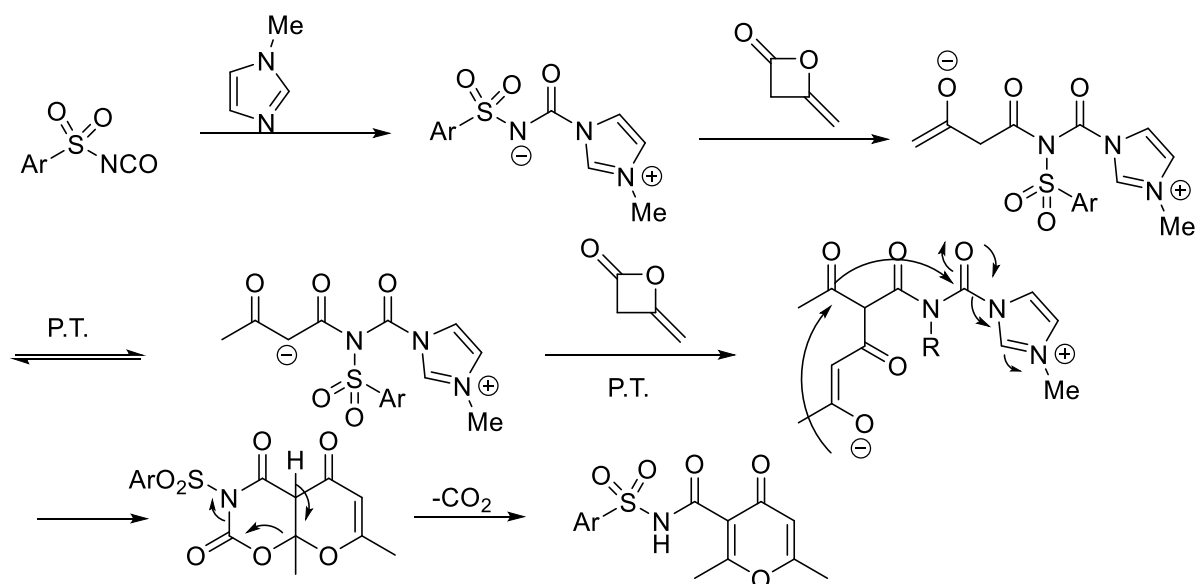
⁷ Taher, A.; Ladwa, S.; Rajan, S. T.; Weaver, G. W. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2000**, *41*, 9893.

⁸ Klásek, A.; Lyčka, A.; Holčápek, M.; Hoza, I. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **2006**, *43*, 203.

In 2008, Alizadeh reported the synthesis of 1,3-oxazine-2,4-diones using arylsulfonyl isocyanates and diketene (eq. 1.3).⁹



An interesting aspect of this reaction was the use of a base as a nucleophilic catalyst. The authors suggest an attack of the base to form a nucleophilic urea that could open the activated lactone (Scheme 1.4).



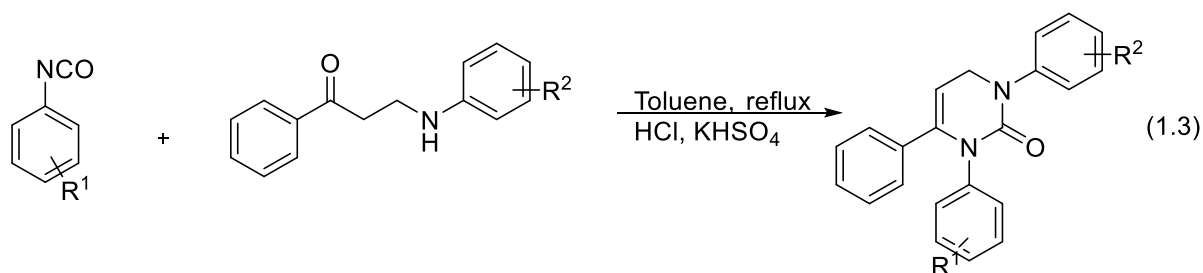
Scheme 1.4: Base Activation of Isocyanates for the Synthesis of 1,3-Oxazine-2,4-diones

The amphotericity of the isocyanate is well controlled in this system. A catalyst is used to enhance both nucleophilic and electrophilic character of the isocyanate leading to increased reactivity. It is also important to note that different bases generate different products by different pathways, which demonstrates the potential of tuning the amphoteric character of isocyanates.

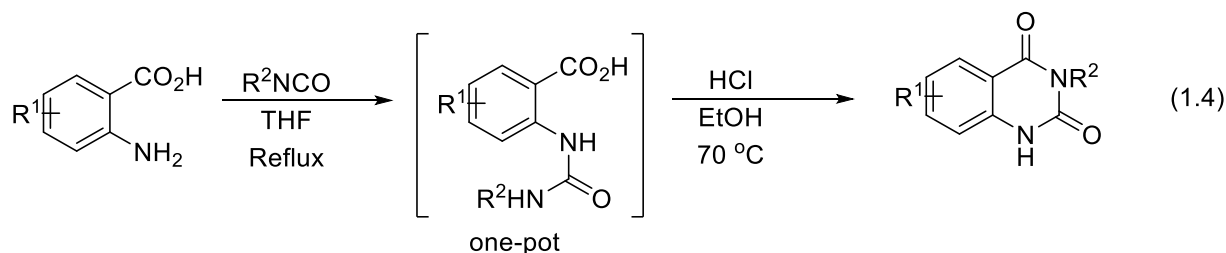
Similarly to the report by Klásek, two different cascade reactions using the nitrogen atom as a nucleophile followed by condensation were published in the *Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry* in 2008 and 2011. The 2008 report by Hu used β -amino-phenylpropanone and aromatic isocyanates to produce dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (eq. 1.3).¹⁰

⁹ Alizadeh, A.; Zohreh, N.; Zhu, L.-G. *Synthesis* **2008**, 2073.

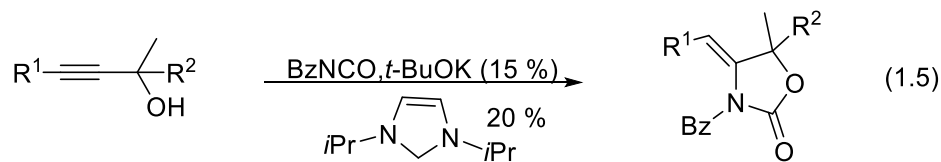
¹⁰ Xue, N.; Lu, X.; Hu, Y. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **2008**, *45*, 1095.



Similar reactivity was observed by Campeau when they reacted anthranilic acids with isocyanates in a one-pot fashion using high temperatures and acid catalysis (eq. 1.4).¹¹ Using this methodology, they were able to formally synthesize Zenarestat.



One year later, a report from Kang described the synthesis of oxazolidinones by the cascade reaction of propargylic alcohols and benzoyl isocyanate (eq. 1.5).¹²



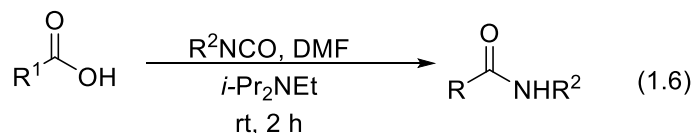
The authors postulated base catalysis with their carbene catalyst, but strong bases alone cannot promote the reaction as efficiently. Another possible explanation would be that given the slow reaction rate of alcohols with isocyanates, the carbene is acting as a nucleophile to form an activated carbonyl that undergoes substitution with the propargyl alcohol. Nevertheless, this is a rare case of a cascade reaction that uses oxygen as a nucleophile on isocyanates.

The last example in this section does not involve heterocycles, but illustrates the versatility of isocyanates to form important molecules. In 2011, based on a literature precedent, Crich reported an elegant synthesis of amide bonds using carboxylic acids and isocyanates (eq. 1.6).¹³

¹¹ Koay, N.; Campeau, L.-C. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **2011**, *48*, 473.

¹² Jo, K.; Maheswara, M.; Yoon, E.; Lee, Y. Y.; Yun, H.; Kang, E. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, *77*, 2924.

¹³ Sasaki, K.; Crich, D. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2256.

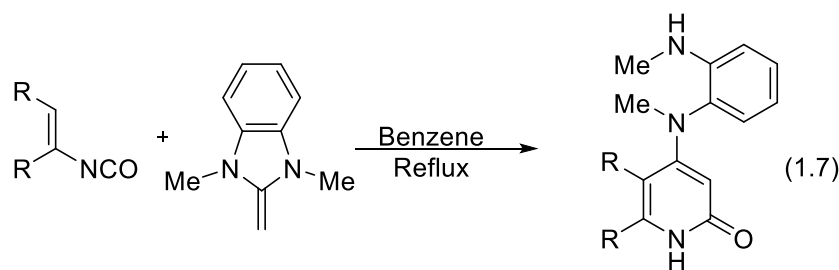


Under basic conditions, the carboxylate would attack the isocyanate to form an amide anion that could lose CO₂ through an acyl transfer-type mechanism to generate the desired amide bond. It is important to note that only aryl isocyanates were used, but Crich was able to report a diverse scope of anilides. Two years prior to this report, the same group had also demonstrated the use of thioacid derivatives with isocyanates to form amide bonds that are not limited to the anilide series.¹⁴

As seen in this section, the use of heteroatom nucleophiles is well documented in heterocyclic chemistry using isocyanates due to their high reactivity (Scheme 1.3). In particular, amines are well-suited reaction partners for the development of cascade reactions. Their reactions with *N*-isocyanates will be discussed in the following chapters.

1.3.2: Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry - Carbon Nucleophiles

Carbon nucleophiles are less present in isocyanate chemistry, since they are inherently less nucleophilic than a heteroatom possessing a lone pair of electrons. Nevertheless, the synthetic community developed elegant solutions to overcome this lower reactivity and created synthetically-useful cascade reactions to form heterocycles using isocyanates and carbon nucleophiles. For example, enamines are alkenes with highly nucleophilic carbons due to conjugation with an electron-rich heteroatom. In 2003, Rigby reported the use of enamines in conjunction with vinyl isocyanates for the synthesis of substituted 4-aminopyridones (eq. 1.7).¹⁵



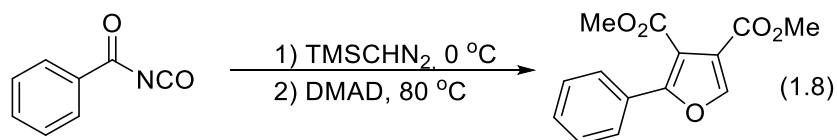
The scope of isocyanates is diverse, but the authors only used this specific enamine. The authors mentioned that typical enamines require reaction times of more than two days and harsher conditions to obtain reasonable yields. They attributed this reactivity to the enhancement of the nucleophilicity of the specific enamine they used. This study was the follow-up of their prior work that utilized carbene and vinyl isocyanates in a [4+1] cycloaddition.¹⁶ Similar reactivity will be covered in the next section. Carbenes have also been used as nucleophiles with acyl

¹⁴ Crich, D.; Sasaki, K. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 3514.

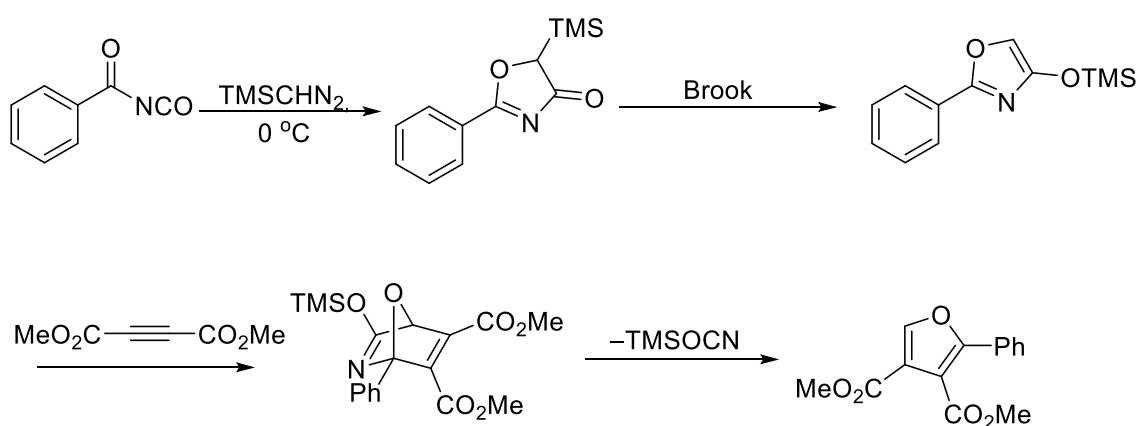
¹⁵ Rigby, J.; Lee, C.-S. *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 1151.

¹⁶ Rigby, J. H.; Wang, Z. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *4*, 4289.

isocyanates to generate substituted oxazoles, which can form substituted furans following a cycloaddition with an alkyne counterpart (eq. 1.8).¹⁷

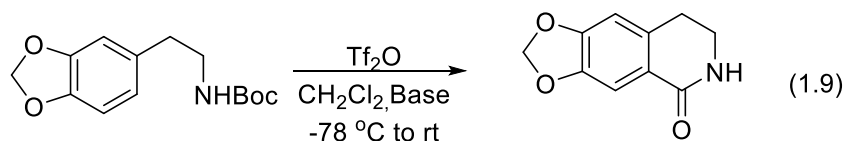


In this reaction, the amphoteric character of the isocyanate is extended to the oxygen atom of the amide. After the attack of the carbene, the intermediate can attack the resulting positive charge and form an oxazole following a Brook rearrangement. The resulting oxazole can then perform a cycloaddition and lose TMSOCN to form the desired furan ring (Scheme 1.5).



Scheme 1.5: Substituted Furan Synthesis Using Acyl Isocyanates

In addition to carbenes and enamines, conjugated π systems can also act as carbon nucleophiles in reactions with isocyanates. In 2013, Kim reported the use of Boc-protected amines as blocked isocyanates in a modified Bischler-Napieralski reaction (eq. 1.9).¹⁸

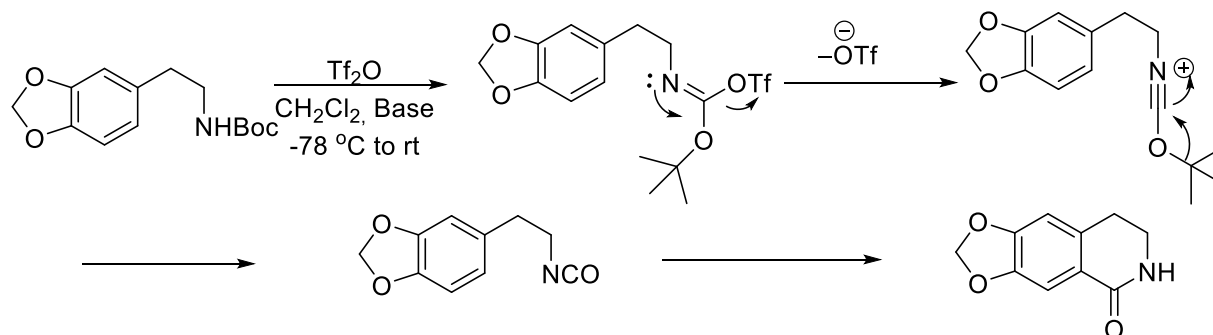


The use of Tf_2O is well known to activate amides, but when it is used with carbamates (Scheme 1.6), it could form an isocyanate which in this case is trapped by an electron-rich aromatic system. It is likely that the reaction proceeds through the formation of a stable triflate anion, followed by a *tert*-butyl cation. In this work, 13 different aromatic lactams were synthesized, 11 of which produced the corresponding bicyclic system in good yields. For the remaining two, the

¹⁷ Hari, Y.; Iguchi, T.; Aoyama, T. *Synthesis* **2004**, 1359.

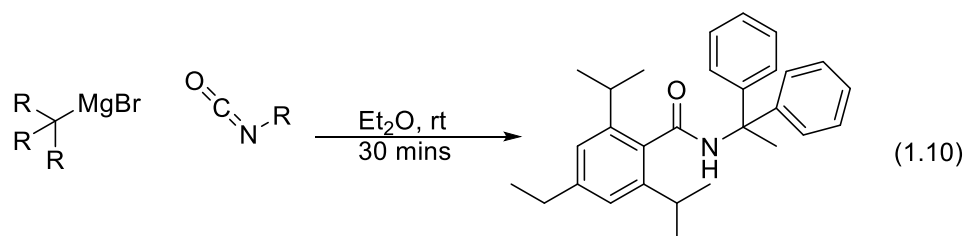
¹⁸ In, J.; Hwang, S.; Kim, C.; Seo, J. H.; Kim, S. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2013**, 965.

isocyanate was observed rather than the desired heterocycle. This occurred in the presence of electron-poor ring systems.



Scheme 1.6: Potential Mechanism for the Formation of Isocyanates from Boc-Protected Amines

The final example that will be covered does not form a heterocycle. When discussing carbon nucleophiles, Grignard reagents are one of the first things that come to mind. Bode used these reagents in 2012 to form sterically-hindered amides that could not be formed otherwise (eq. 1.10).¹⁹



More than 25 hindered amides have been synthesized using this methodology to create a molecular scaffold that could not be made using classical coupling conditions. The high reactivity of isocyanates coupled with the nucleophilicity associated with the Grignard reagent makes this connectivity possible.

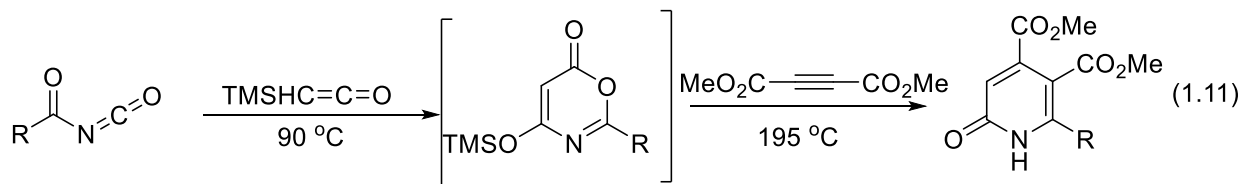
It is still surprising to see how underdeveloped carbon nucleophile chemistry with isocyanate is given the high reactivity of Grignard reagents for example. This limited reactivity is also represented in *N*-isocyanate reactivity which will be discussed in following chapters.

1.3.3: Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry: Cycloaddition Reactions

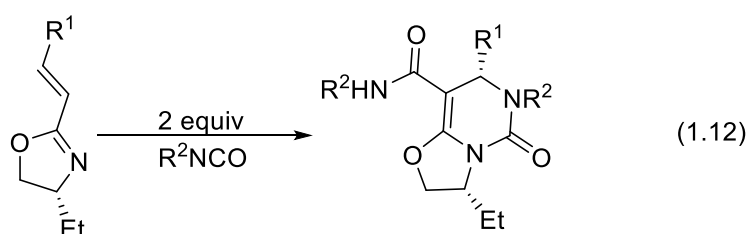
In 1996, Aoyama and Shioiri reported the use of acyl isocyanates to perform a [4+2] cycloaddition followed by a Brook rearrangement. According to the authors, the adduct is fairly

¹⁹ Schäfer, G.; Matthey, C.; Bode, J. W. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 9173.

labile; therefore, they performed a subsequent [4+2] cycloaddition to synthesize a substituted 2-pyridone (eq. 1.11).²⁰

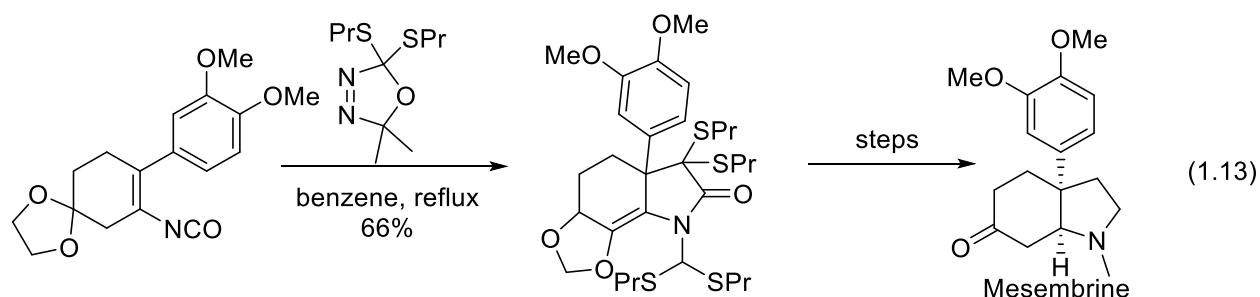


This is an elegant use of cycloadditions to synthesize heteroaromatic cores from readily available starting materials. Two years later, Elliott published an asymmetric hetero Diels-Alder reaction using oxazolines and isocyanates to yield pyrimidine derivatives (eq. 1.12).²¹



They only reported five examples with yields ranging from 20 to 32% and the authors suggested that the isolated isomer is the result of epimerization of the opposite diastereoisomer. They also comment on the possibility of a degradation pathway along the epimerization pathway, which may lead to the low yields that they obtained. Nevertheless, this is a good example of a hetero Diels-Alder reaction that yields molecular complexity in a single step.

In the previous section, Rigby reported the use of carbenes as a nucleophilic source of carbon (eq 1.7). Prior to that work, his group reported the use of carbenes for the development of a [4+1] cycloaddition with vinyl isocyanates for the synthesis of mesembrine (eq. 1.13).²²



Their precursor generates a carbene upon thermolysis after releasing acetone and nitrogen gas. It can then perform a cycloaddition or a stepwise addition to process and trap the nitrogen with a second equivalent of carbene. Given the ease of access of the isocyanates (five steps from

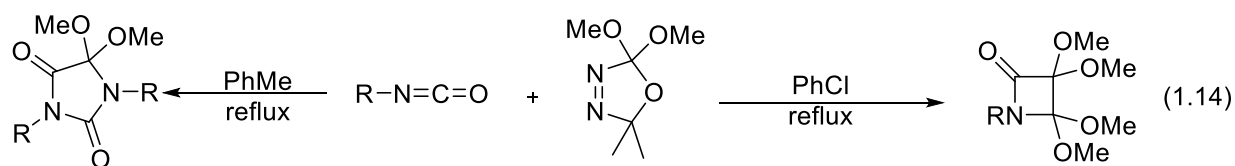
²⁰ Takaoka, K.; Aoyama, T.; Shioiri, T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, 37, 4973.

²¹ Elliott, M.; Kruiswijk, E.; Willock, D. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, 39, 8911.

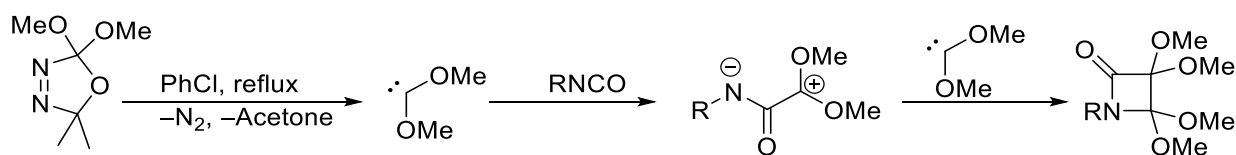
²² Rigby, J. H.; Dong, W. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 1673.

commercially available materials), this is a clever way to form the 5-membered ring and allows the synthesis of mesembrine in only 12 steps.

Six years later, the same group used a similar approach with a slightly different carbene precursor to perform a formal [2+1+1] cycloaddition using isocyanates and two equivalents of carbene (eq. 1.14).²³ The authors noted that solvent had an important effect on the reaction. When toluene was used as the solvent, two equivalents of the isocyanate combined to generate a 5-membered ring, but when the solvent was changed to chlorobenzene, the sole product was the β -lactam.

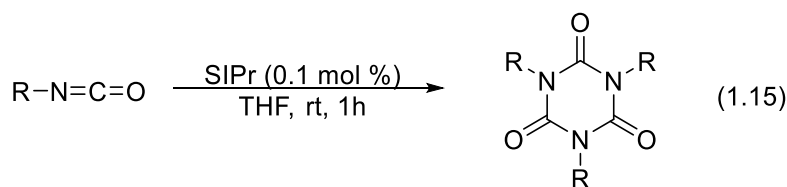


At first, the authors believed that they were forming tetramethoxyethylene under the reaction conditions and that this electron-rich alkene was used in a [2+2] cycloaddition as observed by Hoffman in 1964.²⁴ However, while using the alkene directly in the reaction conditions, they observed less than 10% product formation; therefore, the authors explained the reaction through a stepwise addition of two equivalents of carbene formed after the release of nitrogen gas and acetone. The first step would generate a dipole which would undergo a [3+1] cycloaddition (Scheme 1.7).



Scheme 1.7: Stepwise Process for the Formation of β -Lactams

Carbenes (NHC in this case) can also be used as catalysts to promote trimerization of isocyanates. In 2004, Louie reported a highly efficient system using only 0.1 mol% of SIPr, a known bulky *N*-heterocyclic carbene, for trimerization of isocyanates in excellent yield (eq. 1.15).²⁵



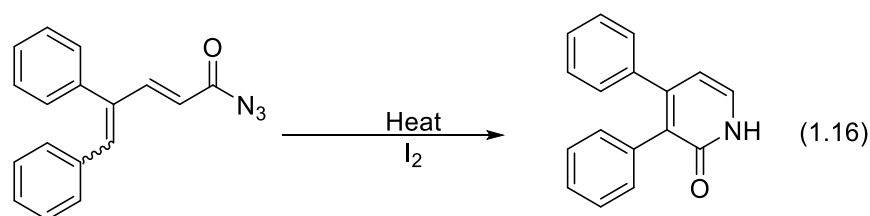
²³ Rigby, J. H.; Brouet, J.-C.; Burke, P. J.; Rohach, S.; Sidique, S.; Heeg, M. J. *Org. Lett.* **2006**, *8*, 3121.

²⁴ Hoffmann, R. W.; Hauser, H. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1964**, 197.

²⁵ Duong, H. A.; Cross, M. J.; Louie, J. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 4679.

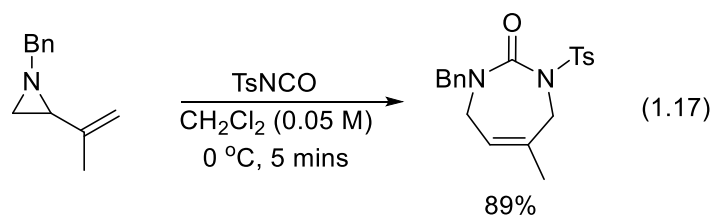
Given the reactivity seen in this section, it is likely that the mechanism involves attack on the isocyanate by the carbene to generate a negative charge, which will then attack a second equivalent of the isocyanate to generate another negative charge. This negative charge will attack the activated carbonyl to form the 6-membered ring, a formal [2+2+2] product, and regenerate the catalyst. It is important to note that conditions for the dimerization are also reported in their optimization, but are not as effective as the trimerization, which is likely due to relative stability of the 6-membered ring (isocyanurate) versus the 4-membered ring (uretdione). Other reactions that use carbenes have been studied in similar fashions in the last 20 years, but will not be discussed further.^{26,27,28}

Pericyclic reactions can also be performed intramolecularly to synthesize heterocycles. In 2011, Chuang reported a cascade reaction using acyl azide as an isocyanate precursor in order to achieve an intramolecular cyclization to synthesize a substituted pyridone (eq. 1.16).²⁹



The iodine was used in order to isomerize the π -system to provide the (*Z*)-alkene required for cyclization. Depending on the substitution pattern, other cycloadducts could also be obtained using the aromatic system for a cycloaddition reaction. Nevertheless, they were able to obtain the pyridone with 12 different substitution patterns with yields ranging from 12 to 88%. This represents a good example in which isocyanates can be used intramolecularly to generate valuable heterocycles *via* cycloaddition reactions.

In 2012, an example of a formal [5+2] cycloaddition was published by Saito using sulfonyl isocyanates with vinylaziridines to generate unsaturated cyclic ureas (eq. 1.17).³⁰



Interestingly, depending on the solvent used, the 5- or 7-membered rings can be obtained. While dichloromethane seems to strictly favor the formation of the larger ring, DMF results in the

²⁶ Rigby, J. H.; Cavezza, A.; Heeg, M. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, *40*, 2473.

²⁷ Cheng, Y.; Whang, Bo.; Cheng, L.-Q. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 4418.

²⁸ Rigby, J. H.; Sidique, S. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 1219.

²⁹ Chuang, T.-H.; Chang, W.-Y.; Li, C.-F.; Wen, Y.-C.; Tsai, C.-C. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, *76*, 9678.

³⁰ Kanno, E.; Yamanoi, K.; Koya, S.; Azumaya, I.; Masu, H.; Yamasaki, R.; Saito, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, *77*, 2142.

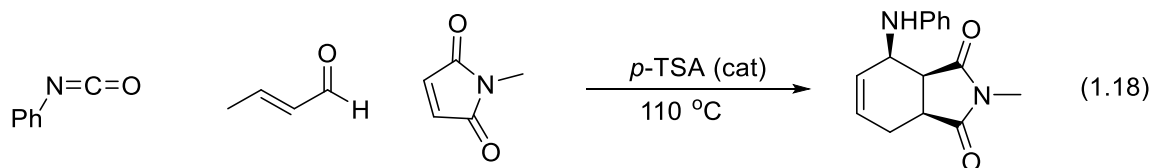
complete opposite selectivity with more than 19:1 ratio favoring the 5-membered ring. The authors mentioned that this reaction works only with sulfonyl isocyanates. When they performed the reaction using aromatic isocyanates, no reaction was observed at 0 °C, but they commented on the possibility to promote the reaction using higher temperatures (*i.e.*, 100 °C).

In this section, the ability to extend conjugated systems either on the isocyanates or their reaction partners to achieve intra- and intermolecular cycloadditions with carbon framework, heteroatoms, and carbenes has been demonstrated. All of these strategies were used to synthesize a variety of heterocycles by controlling different reaction pathways. In the next section, the development of multicomponent reactions using isocyanates to further control reaction pathways will be explored.

Pericyclic reactions represent one of the rare reactions known to date with nitrogen-substituted isocyanates other than solvolysis. As for any isocyanate reactivity, cycloaddition with *N*-isocyanates are also less developed. The Beauchemin group did significant work in this area, which will be discussed later in this chapter.

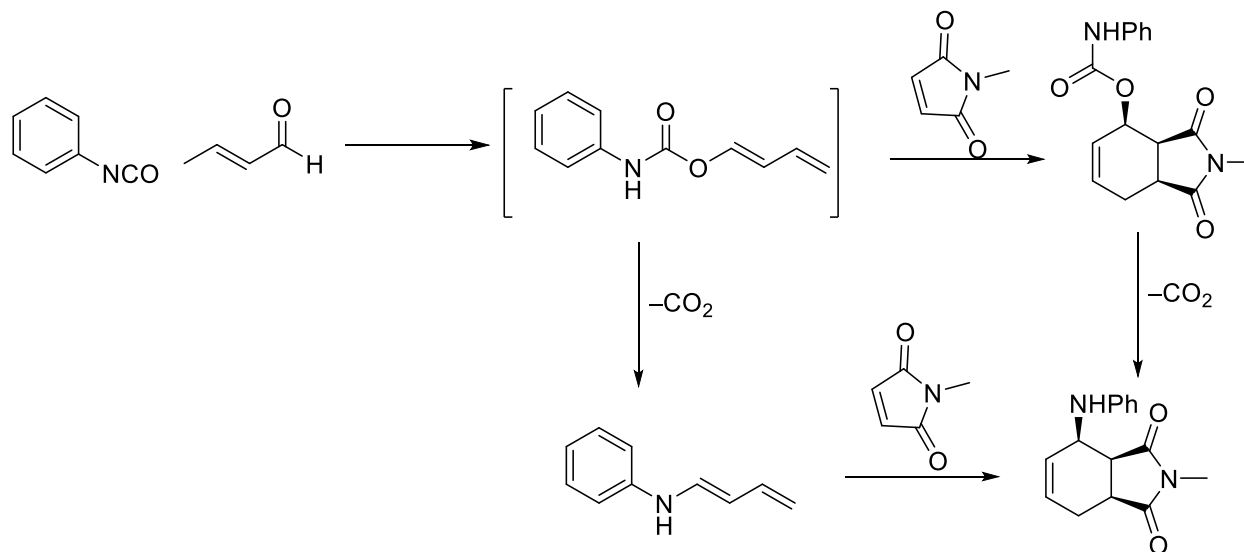
1.3.4: Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry: Multicomponent Reactions (MCR)

Given the highly reactive nature of isocyanates, selective reactions need to be developed in order to diminish the propensity of side reactions to occur. To achieve such selectivity, it is preferable that some of the components display no affinity for the isocyanates, but only for the intermediates generated during the reactions. This is precisely what Beller reported in 2005 while using aldehydes, dienophiles, and isocyanates to generate highly substituted cyclohexenes (eq. 1.18).³¹ In this case, the aldehyde displays affinity only for the isocyanates and not the dienophile. As for the dienophile, it is only reactive toward the diene formed during the reaction.



The authors suggested two different pathways that lead to the same product (Scheme 1.8).

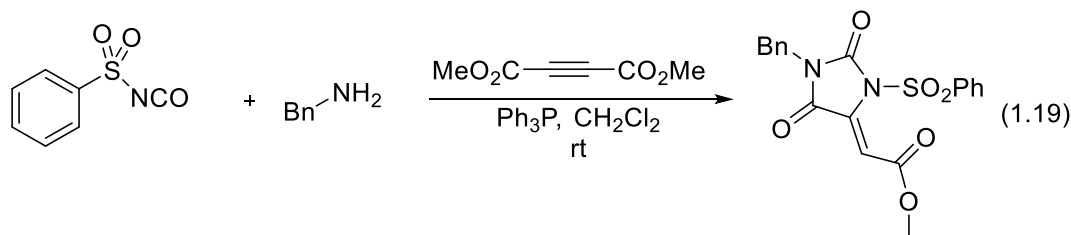
³¹ Strübing, D.; Neumann, H.; Hübner, S.; Klaus, S.; Beller, M. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 4321.



Scheme 1.8: Mechanism of the MCR Reaction using Aldehydes, Isocyanates, and Dienophiles

In both cases, the acid would help by catalyzing the addition-isomerization reaction of the aldehyde and isocyanate components. Following this, cycloaddition and decarboxylation in either order will afford the product. The authors did not commit to a preferred path, but they mentioned that the generated enamine would likely isomerize to the imine; however, they were never able to trap this intermediate using reverse electron demand Diels-Alder. Interestingly, three new stereocentres are formed, and the reaction only led to the formation of one diastereoisomer that is obtained through an *endo* addition of the dienophile during the Diels-Alder step of the reaction.

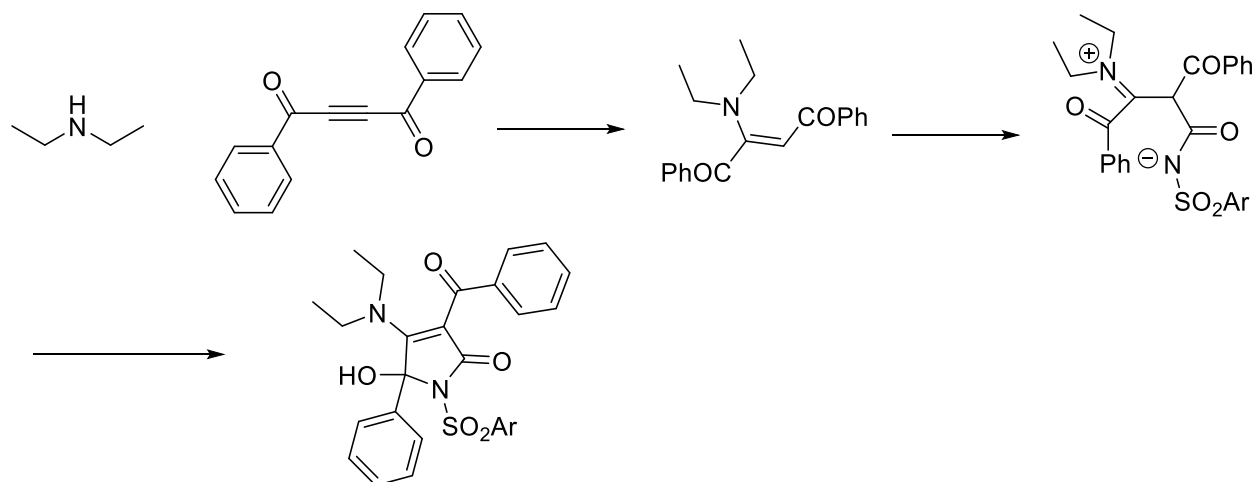
When complete selectivity cannot be achieved, a sequential one-pot procedure could be a good alternative for multicomponent reactions. In 2007, Alizadeh used this strategy to synthesize hydantoins using amines, isocyanates, and disubstituted-acetylene with a phosphine catalyst (eq. 1.19).³²



³² Alizadeh, A.; Sheikhi, E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2007**, 48, 4887.

While this is not a true MCR due to the premixing of the amine and isocyanate, it is still a remarkably selective reaction to form highly substituted products from simple and readily-available starting materials.

In the previous year, the same group published the same reaction with a different addition order. The amine adding on the benzoylacetylene generated an enamine which was used to add on isocyanates; this then cyclized back on the ketone (Scheme 1.9).³³ This group was also able to synthesize azetidines using similar conditions in 2008.³⁴



Scheme 1.9: Reverse Addition Leads to Different Reactivity

It is evident from these two examples that this type of reactivity does not meet the requirements of an MCR, but it is impressive that modifying the order of addition can lead to two different heterocycles at room temperature.

In this section, we have seen that isocyanates can selectively undergo MCRs to form valuable heterocycles. Given that every component has a specific affinity for one another, it is possible to perform one-pot cascades; alternatively, components can be added in a stepwise fashion to minimize side reactions. This controlled reactivity was the missing tool to truly exploit *N*-isocyanate chemistry developed prior to this thesis. This undeveloped chemistry will be discussed in the next section. In the following chapters, it will be shown how controlled reactivity was used to generate cascade reactions using *N*-isocyanates.

With the variety of reactions present in heterocyclic chemistry, it is evident that isocyanates are excellent reagents for the development of controlled reactivity and for the design of novel reaction sequences in order to build complexity in an elegant and rapid manner. In the next

³³ Alizadeh, A.; Movahedi, F.; Masrouri, H.; Zhu, L.-G. *Synthesis* **2006**, 3431.

³⁴ Alizadeh, A.; Rezvanian, A. *Synthesis* **2008**, 1747.

section, underdeveloped nonconventional isocyanates will be compared to normal C-substituted isocyanates. More specifically, a closer look at the literature of *N*-isocyanates is necessary to demonstrate the untapped potential of such entities. Focus will be put on the early discovery of *N*-isocyanates: their generation (which represents most of the work done on them) and their reactivity.

1.4: Nitrogen-Substituted Isocyanates

In contrast to normal *C*-isocyanates, *N*-isocyanates are rare in the literature. In fact, a recent literature survey was performed and less than 70 publications were found on *N*-isocyanates and *N*-isothiocyanates, either forming, studying, postulating, or exploring the reactivity of these rare intermediates.³⁵ Arguably, *N*-isocyanates are heterocumulenes that have a similar synthetic potential compared to regular isocyanates. If the second nitrogen atom (β N) is sp^3 hybridized, one can argue that they have even more potential since this would add a 1,3 amphoteric character to the typical 1,2 character of regular isocyanates. Their scarcity is a consequence of their tendency to homo-dimerize at temperatures as low as -40°C and the inconvenience associated with their synthesis.³⁶ In this section, a literature review of *N*-isocyanate chemistry will be performed, followed with recent progress achieved in the Beauchemin group.

1.4.1: Generation of *N*-Isocyanates

1.4.1.1: Curtius Rearrangement of Carbamoyl Azide

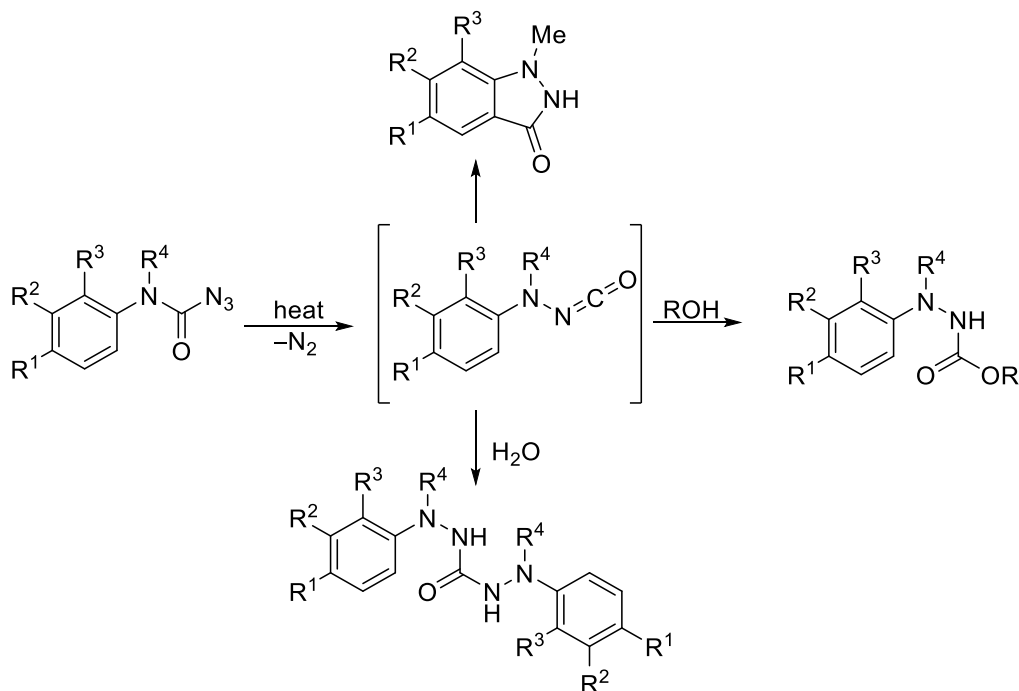
Given the popularity of isocyanates and the plethora of methods that are available to form them, it is normal that the first generation of unconventional isocyanates was achieved the same way. The acyl azide rearrangement to form isocyanates, also known as the Curtius rearrangement, was described in 1914.³⁷ It took thirteen years before that rearrangement was used to form aminoisocyanates from carbamoyl azides, which are considered rigid azides since the conditions required for their decomposition are quite harsh compared to typical acyl azides. Nevertheless, Stollé was able to study the decomposition of diphenylcarbamoyl azide under thermolysis conditions.³⁸ He found that, depending on the conditions, he could obtain different products. For example, when anhydrous solvent was used, cyclization to the indalone was observed (Scheme 1.10, top). When the reaction was performed in an alcohol solvent, the carbamate was obtained. Finally, when humidity was present, the decarbonylated product gave the hydrazine, which trapped another molecule of aminoisocyanate (Scheme 1.10).

³⁵ For a complete list of publications, see: Vincent-Rocan, J.-F.; Ivanovich, R. A.; Clavette, C.; Leckett, K.; Bejjani, J.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Chem. Sci.* **2016**, *7*, 315.

³⁶ Wentrup, C.; Finnerty, J. J.; Koch, R. *Curr. Org. Chem.* **2011**, *15*, 1745.

³⁷ Curtius, Z. T. *Angew. Chem.* **1914**, *27*, 213.

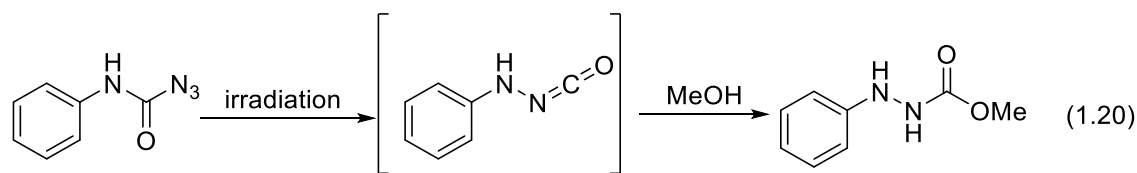
³⁸ Stollé, R. *J. Prakt. Chem.* **1927**, *116*, 192. (b) Stollé, R. *J. Prakt. Chem.* **1928**, *117*, 185.



Scheme 1.10: Stollé's Exploration of the Thermolysis of Diphenylcarbamoyl Azides

Later studies made by Baiocchi lead to the formation of benzimidazole from similar substrates.³⁹ This observation led to the conclusion that the mechanism of such rearrangements was not occurring through a nitrene intermediate, but rather *via* an S_N2 -like displacement involving nitrogen gas as a leaving group. If the nitrogen was performing the displacement, the *N*-isocyanate would be obtained, similar to the case of Stollé. However, if the aromatic ring was participating at that stage, benzimidazole would be obtained as in Baiocchi's example.

Based on Stollé's pioneering work, Lwowski studied the rearrangement of a multitude of rigid azides in methanolic solvent. He found that while they did not rearrange in hydrocarbon solvents, every class of rigid azides gave products under photolytic conditions in methanol (eq 1.20).⁴⁰

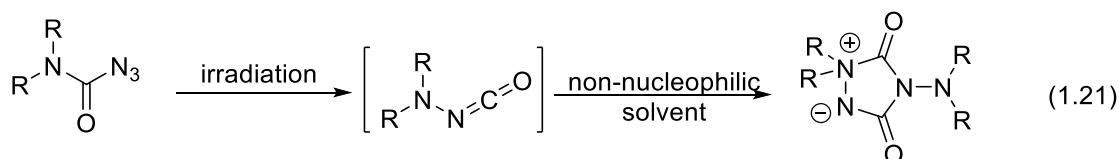


They also found that irradiation of monophenyl, monoethyl, and diethyl carbamoyl azides in hydrocarbon solvents led to the formation of higher molecular weight products without traces of any solvent group in their structures. In addition, when the reaction was performed in methanol,

³⁹ Baiocchi, I.; Corsi, G.; Palazzo, G. *Ann. Chim. (Rome)* **1965**, 55, 116.

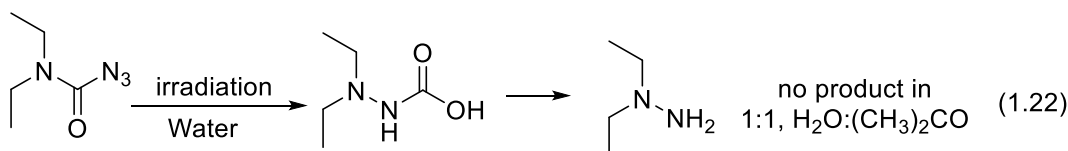
⁴⁰ Lwowski, W.; De Mauriac, R.; Mattingly, T. W. Jr.; Scheiffele, E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1964**, 3285.

the carbazate was obtained. These higher molecular weight compounds were found to be aminimines, which can be obtained through dimerization of the corresponding *N*-isocyanate (eq. 1.21).⁴¹

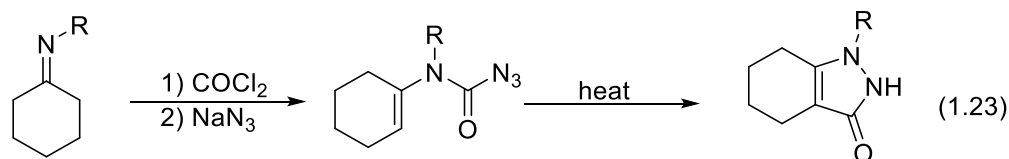


Interestingly, they found that the dimer was stable under refluxing conditions in methanol. However, if irradiation was performed in methanol, they were able to form the solvolysis product of the corresponding *N*-isocyanate indicating that these dimers can also act as masked aminoisocyanates. Moreover, if the irradiation was done in cyclohexane, no reaction was observed and the dimer was recovered.

Lwowski also reported that reactions carried out in water led to the isolation of the hydrazine after decarboxylation of the resulting acid. Interestingly, the rearrangement product was not obtained when the reaction was run in a 1:1 mixture of acetone and water, which illustrates the importance of the reaction medium for the formation of *N*-isocyanates (eq. 1.22).



Similarly, Chupp was able to form and trap a vinylaminoisocyanate using thermolysis of the corresponding azide (eq. 1.23).⁴²



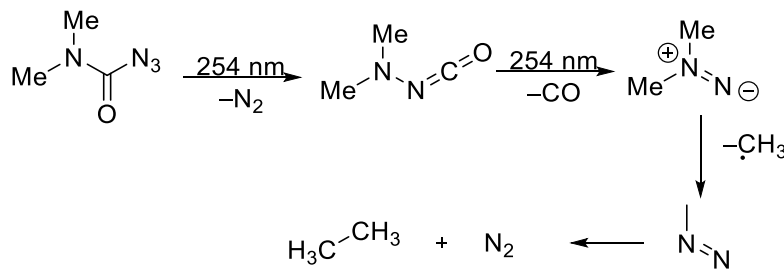
Chupp could not directly observe the formation of isocyanates under photolysis reaction conditions. The products that resulted were a good indication of the intermediate, but no distinct proof was recorded by these studies. In 2013, Wentrup was able to use an argon matrix to observe the generation of *N*-dimethylaminoisocyanate from the corresponding carbamoyl azide.⁴³ When dimethylcarbamoylazide was irradiated at a wavelength of 254 nm, an IR band was observed at 2200 cm^{-1} with a shoulder at 2226 cm^{-1} . According to calculations, this band can be assigned to the antisymmetric stretch of the NCO moiety in the dimethylaminoisocyanate.

⁴¹ Lwowski, W.; DeMauriac, R. A.; Murray, R. A.; Lunow, L. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1971**, 425.

⁴² Alt, G. H.; Chupp, J. P. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1970**, 3155.

⁴³ Pasinszki, T.; Krebsz, M.; Tarczay, G.; Wentrup, C. *J. Org. Chem.* **2013**, 78, 11985.

Interestingly, they found that after almost an hour of irradiation, an ethane peak appeared on the IR spectrum. It was concluded that the molecule was degrading into carbon monoxide, nitrogen gas, and ethane (Scheme 1.11). The same stretch (2230 cm^{-1}) was also observed by Lwowski in 1975, but the study was less precise due to the limited equipment available at the time.⁴⁴

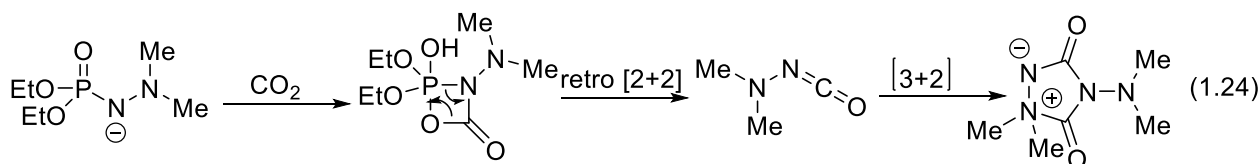


Scheme 1.11: Photodegradation of Dimethylcarbamoylazine in an Argon Matrix

Despite the need for UV light, these reports show good evidence for the existence of aminoisocyanates and provide evidence that they can be obtained from simple starting materials. However, given the conditions, only a small range of substrates were tolerated. In the next section, it will be shown that by using more elaborated starting materials and non-photolytic conditions, it is possible to access a more diverse range of *N*-isocyanates.

1.4.1.2: Ring Opening Formation of *N*-Isocyanates

It was mentioned earlier that Lwowski later proved that the high molecular weight compounds obtained were aminimines. This was strongly suggested by the work of Wadsworth and Emmons, which investigated the generation of aminoisocyanates by reacting phosphoroamidate anions with carbonyl compounds (eq. 1.24).⁴⁵ The resulting 4-membered ring could undergo a retro-cycloaddition to form the aminoisocyanates, which formed the aminimine dimer.

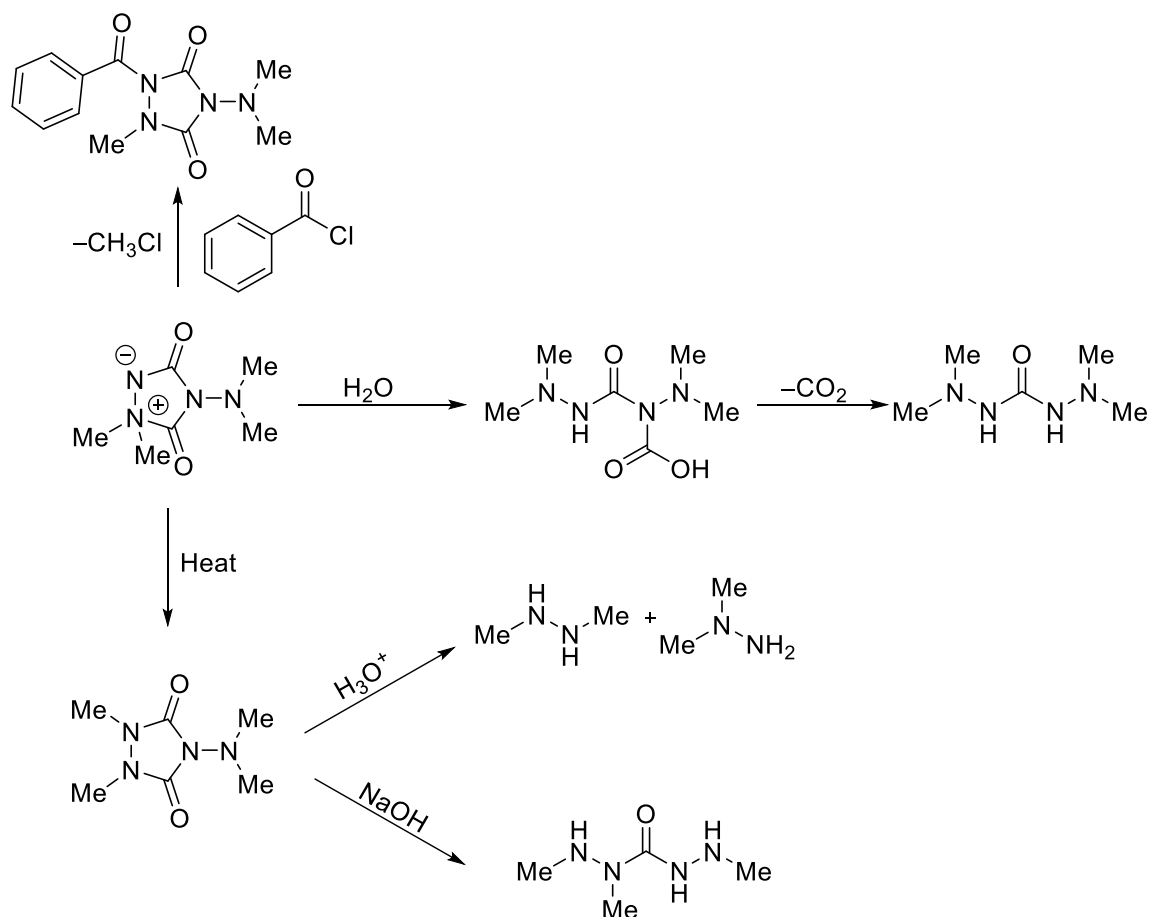


Interestingly, they showed that in the presence of water and at room temperature, the dimer could be hydrolyzed followed by decarboxylation in order to produce the same carbazide resulting from trapping an *N*-isocyanate with the corresponding hydrazine. Given the low reactivity of H_2O towards isocyanates (see Scheme 1.3), it is likely that Stollé's intermediate (Scheme 1.10) was also generated from the dimer, instead of water attacking the aminoisocyanate. They also noticed that it was possible to perform a methyl shift while heating the dimers at $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and then performing acid or base hydrolysis to give acyclic compounds. Additionally, they were able to

⁴⁴ Lwowski, W. de Mauriac, R. A.; Thompson, M. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, *40*, 2608.

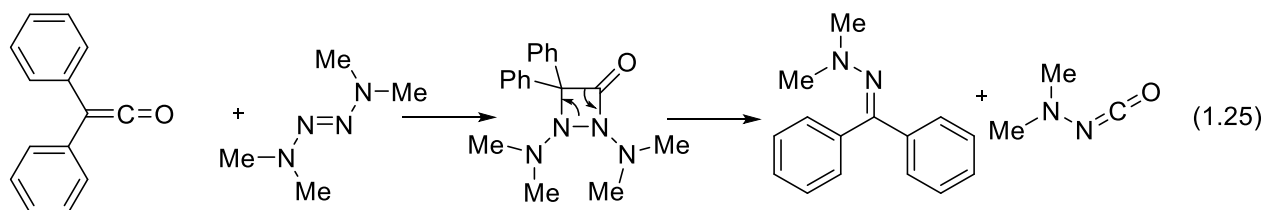
⁴⁵ Wadsworth, W. S.; Emmons, W. D. *J. Org. Chem.* **1967**, *32*, 1279.

acylate the dipolar compound followed by an S_N2 displacement of a methyl group to neutralize the heterocycle (Scheme 1.12).



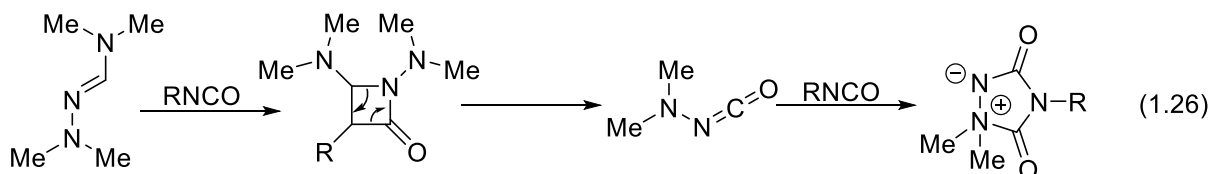
Scheme 1.12: Exploration of the Reactivity of Aminoisocyanate Dimers

In 1971, Kerber was also able to generate a 4-membered ring that formed an aminoisocyanate intermediate. To do so, diphenylketene was reacted with tetramethyltetrazene (eq. 1.25).⁴⁶ The authors only reported a mixture of products obtained from the reaction and, although no concrete proof of formation of dimethylaminoisocyanate was ever recorded, the authors believed the product mixture arose from such a pathway.

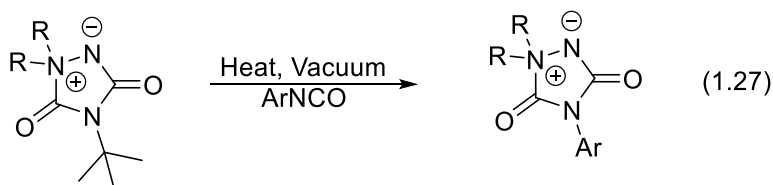


⁴⁶ Kerber, R. C.; Ryan, T. J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1971**, *36*, 1566.

Two years later, Seckinger performed a similar reaction. Using carbodiimide derivatives and an *N*-isocyanate as a cycloaddition partner, he was also able to form a 4-membered ring that released dimethylaminoisocyanate. He then isolated the cycloaddition product with another molecule of isocyanate (eq. 1.26).⁴⁷ They then used their new cyclic derivatives to survey the same type of reactivity that Wadsworth and Emmons have reported to synthesize a variety of different compounds.



5-Membered ring systems can also rearrange to form aminoisocyanates. Lwowski was able to demonstrate that trapping his azide with another molecule of isocyanate (*tert*-butyl isocyanate) generated another cyclic aminimide, which could form the aminoisocyanate at lower temperatures than the homo-dimer (eq. 1.27).⁴⁸ The system was performed under vacuum to remove any traces of *tert*-butyl isocyanate formed in the reaction.

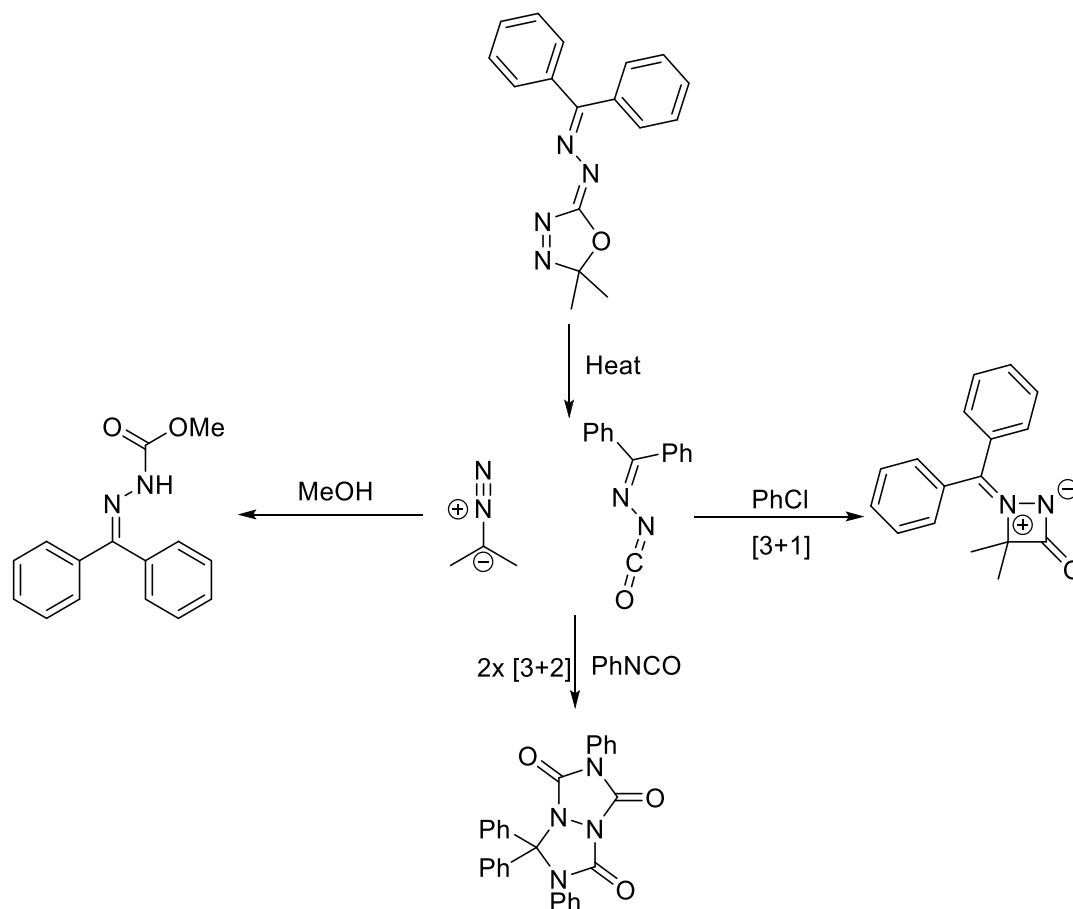


In 1976, Warkentin reported the use of hydrazonooxadiazoline and heat in order to generate a variety of different molecular scaffolds that arose from an aminoisocyanate intermediate (Scheme 1.13).⁴⁹ If no trapping agent was introduced to the reaction medium, the thermolysis generated an iminoisocyanate which could react with a carbene in a [3+1] cycloaddition to yield the 4-membered cyclic azomethine imine in 35% yield. If methanol was present, they were able to observe the formation of benzophenone methyl carbazone. Finally, when phenylisocyanate was present, they observed the bicyclic compound shown in Scheme 1.13. This compound could only come from a [3+2] cycloaddition of another molecule of phenylisocyanate with the azomethine imine.

⁴⁷ Seckinger, K. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1973**, 56, 2061.

⁴⁸ Lockley, W. J. S.; Ramakrishnan, V. T.; Lwowski, W. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 2621.

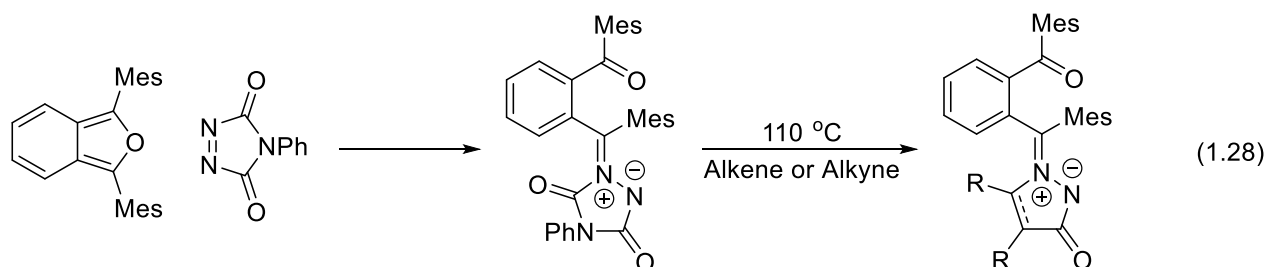
⁴⁹ Ramakrishnan, K.; Fulton, J. B.; Warkentin, J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1976**, 2685.



Scheme 1.13: Thermolysis of Hydrazonooxadiazoline and its Reactivity with Trapping Agents

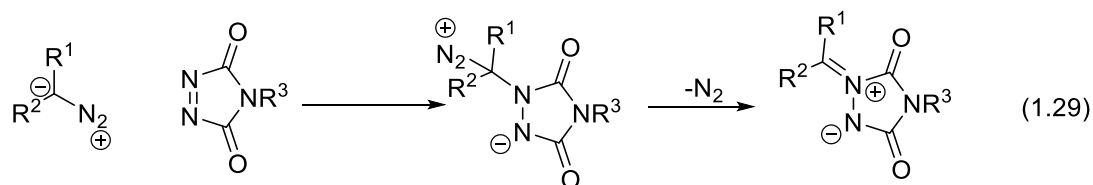
It should be noted that the β -N of the *N*-isocyanate formed in Warkentin's experiment was sp^2 -hybridized. These are even less present in the literature because most of the early work focused on the formation of the known dimethylaminoisocyanate. Another good example of sp^2 *N*-substituted isocyanate formation was published six years later by Jones. He began by reacting 1,3-dimesitylbenzo[*c*]furan and 4-phenyltriazoline-3,5-dione to form a hindered dipole. This dipole was able to generate the *iminoisocyanate* at 110 °C which reacted with an olefinic or acetylenic trap to form a stable azomethine imine (eq. 1.28).⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Jones, D. W. *J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun.* **1982**, 766.

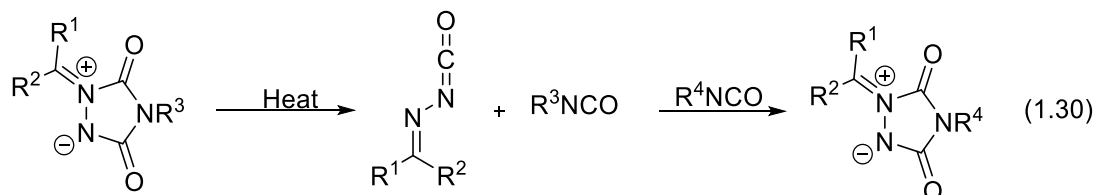


Again, by cycloreversion of a high heteroatom content cycle, Jones was able to form a transient *N*-isocyanate and perform an irreversible cycloaddition with an alkyne or an alkene to yield stable azomethine imines. The author also showed that without a trapping agent, dimers of the iminoisocyanate were obtained in small amounts. No more information was given, thus it is difficult to say if the remaining mass balance is the starting material. Nevertheless, this represents the first intermolecular aminocarbonylation reactions of alkenes and alkynes, performed using an iminoisocyanate. This reactivity was further improved by the Beauchemin group and will be discussed in section 1.4.5.

A similar cycloreversion approach to form iminoisocyanates was reported by Regitz in 1985. In his case, he reacted 4-phenyltriazoline-3,5-dione with a diazo compound at room temperature. Subsequent loss of nitrogen gas generated the azomethine imine (eq. 1.29).⁵¹



He was able to show the potential of these intermediates to form the aminoisocyanate by performing “criss-cross” reactions with other isocyanates to yield different azomethine imines (eq. 1.30).

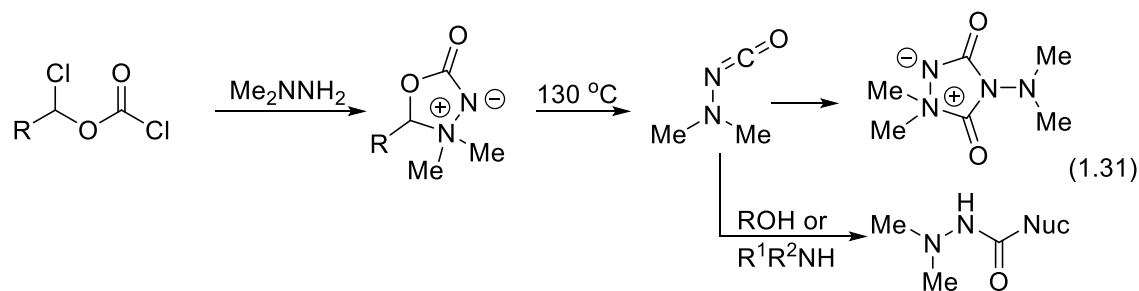


Interestingly, the authors showed that by using a symmetrical bis(diazo) compound, bisazomethine imine could be formed. Unfortunately, no experiments were performed to demonstrate the potential of such molecules to form di-*N*-isocyanates.

In the last two cases that were discussed, isocyanates were used as blocking agents for iminoisocyanates. On a different note, Senet was able to generate dimethylaminoisocyanate by

⁵¹Theis, W.; Bethäuser, W.; Regitz, M. *Chem. Ber.* **1985**, *118*, 28.

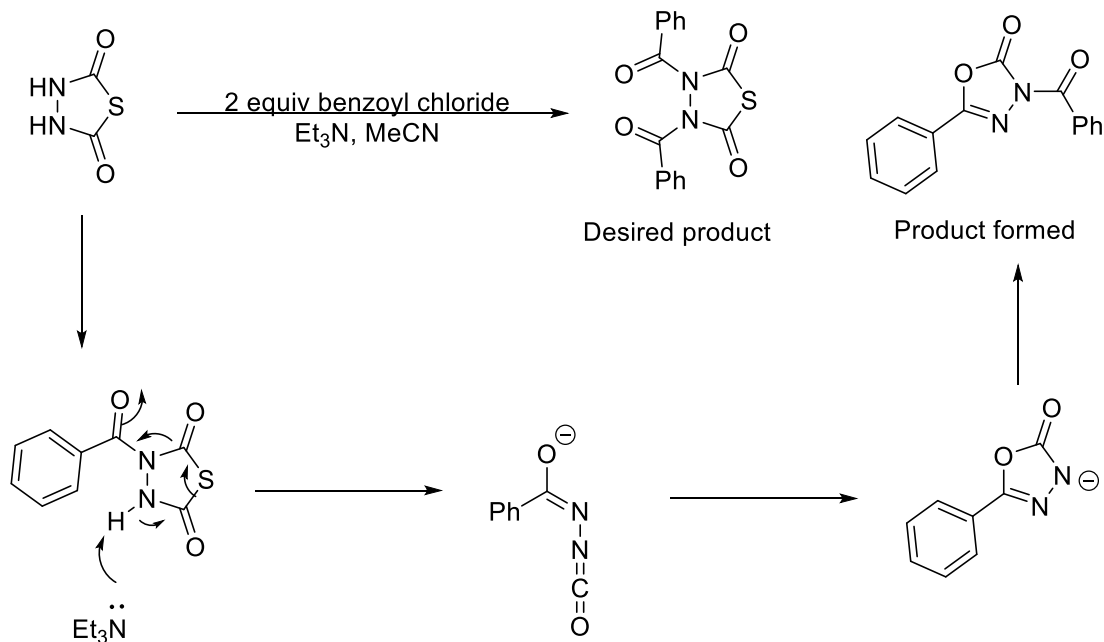
generating a carbonyl moiety. In fact, he used the thermolysis of carbalkoxy aminimides to generate dimethylaminoisocyanates. He proved this by observing the generation of the dimer discussed previously (eq. 1.31).⁵² Interestingly, they were also able to observe a methyl shift to the neutral compound when the dimer was heated at 190 °C. They were also able to synthesize different carbazates and semicarbazides by adding the appropriate nucleophile (amines and alcohols) to the pot.



Eight years following this report, Squillacote and De Felippis published the possibility of generating *N*-isocyanates by generating carbonyl sulfide by ring opening. This discovery was achieved by serendipity, but explained the generation of an unexpected product (that was most likely formed *via* an *amidoisocyanate*) (Scheme 1.14).⁵³ As shown, when attempting to achieve the double acylation of thiadiazolidinedione, they observed the rapid formation of the mono-acylated product and slow conversion to the major product of the reaction. They attributed the final product to a ring opening process, which lead to the formation of the amidoisocyanate that subsequently closed on itself prior to a second acylation event. The cycle used is similar (N-N instead of N=N) to Senet's intermediate (eq. 1.31) and will be discussed as an intermediate to synthesize aza-tripeptides in Chapter 5.

⁵² Senet, J.-P.; Vergne, G.; Wooden, G. P. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 6319.

⁵³ Squillacote, M.; De Felippis, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, 59, 3564.



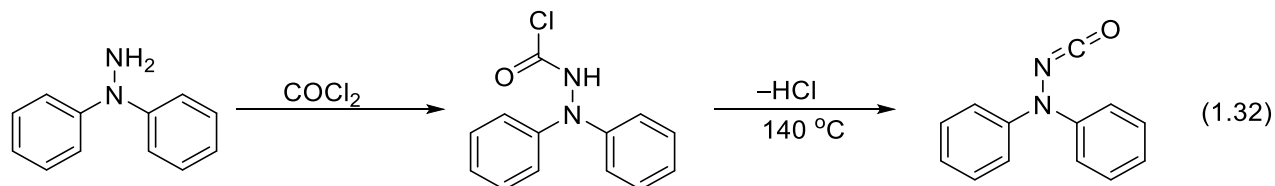
Scheme 1.14: Squillacote's Generation of Amidoisocyanate

As seen in this section, cycloreversion experiments appear to be a reliable source for generating *N*-isocyanates *in situ*. Multiple variations on the nitrogen atoms were tolerated. It was also demonstrated that different kinds of nitrogen-substituted isocyanates could be formed, such as aminoisocyanates, iminoisocyanates and amidoisocyanates. It seems that small heterocycles that have a high heteroatom content are particularly prone to the generation of *N*-isocyanates. This insight might lead to the generation of novel substituted *N*-isocyanates using this kind of strategy since different substitution could be incorporated on the second nitrogen atom. Preliminary results on that theme are discussed in chapter 5.

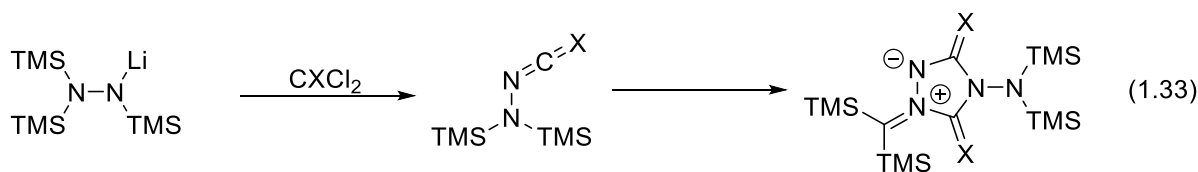
1.4.3: Thermolysis of Hydrazone Derivatives

A simple way of generating aminoisocyanates is by thermolysis of hydrazone derivatives. Synthesized with a suitable leaving group, it is easy to see the nitrogen forming the aminoisocyanate under basic conditions or thermolysis similar to the formation of ketenes. Perhaps not surprisingly, one of the first reports of aminoisocyanate was achieved akin to ketene generation. In fact, Acree was able to generate diphenylaminoisocyanate by reacting the corresponding hydrazine with phosgene (eq. 1.32).⁵⁴

⁵⁴ Acree, S. F. *Ber. Deut. Chem. Ges.* **1903**, 36, 3154.

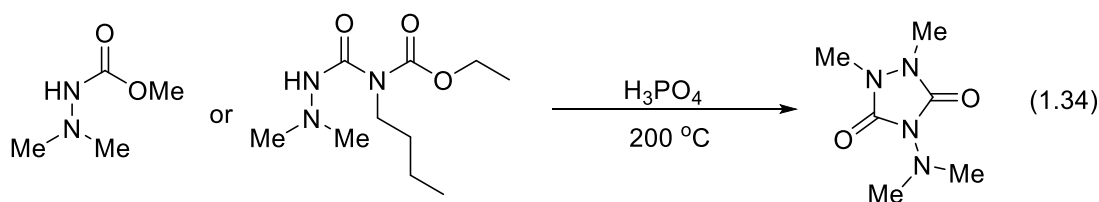


In 1978, Hübler synthesized TMS-protected aminoisocyanates using a related approach to that used by Acree 75 years earlier. Using lithium anions of the tri-TMS hydrazine and (thio)phosgene, Hübler was able to generate aminoisothiocyanates and observed the dimer (eq. 1.33). However, they did not isolate the monomer of bis-TMS-aminoisothiocyanate and characterized it by IR and Raman spectroscopy.⁵⁵



Similar studies were performed by Kirilin in 1999, in which he showed that different temperatures were necessary for the production of aminoisocyanates from different silicon precursors. They showed the difference in reactivity while treating those precursors with phosgene (Scheme 1.15).⁵⁶ Interestingly, the point of this study was to use the excess of *N,N*-dimethylhydrazine produced in Russia at the time by derivatizing it into something more useful and less toxic.

In their communication on phosphoramidate anions, Wadsworth and Emmons also reported the thermolysis of *N,N*-dimethyl ethylcarbazate and isolated the dimer after the methyl shift (the methyl shift was reported at 190 °C directly from the dimer by Senet). They were also able to synthesize the same product from an acylated semicarbazide (eq. 1.34).

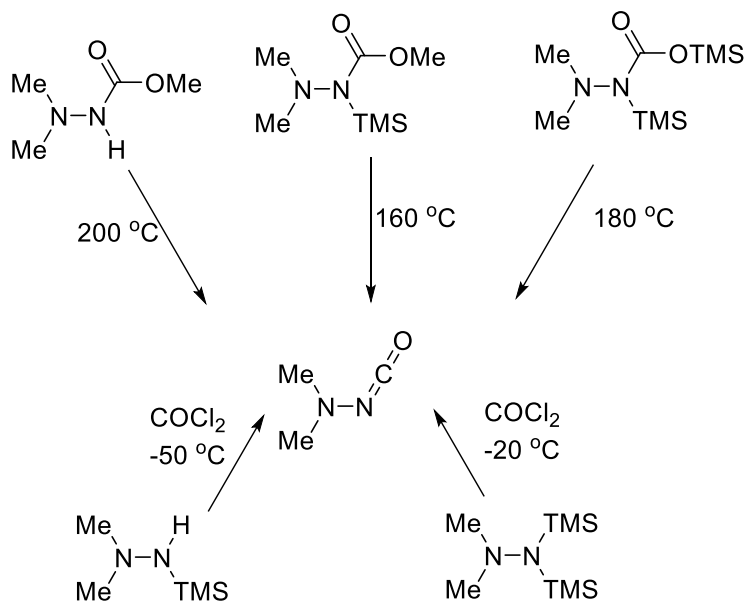


In 1969, Larsen was able to show that gas chromatography could be used to study the thermal decomposition of aniline-based semicarbazide (eq. 1.35).⁵⁷ Interestingly both phenylisocyanate and the aminoisocyanate were formed, with the latter being the major product.

⁵⁵ Wibers, N.; Hübler, G. *Z. Naturforsch.* **1978**, *33b*, 575.

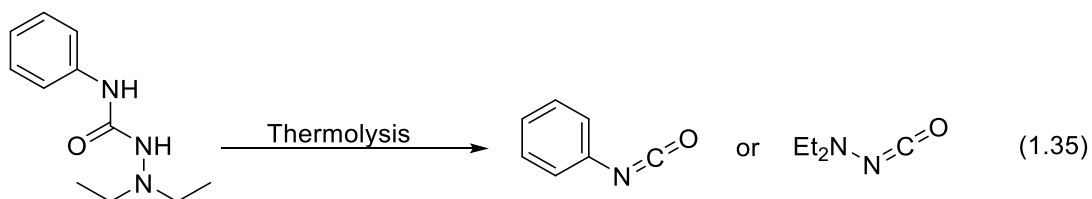
⁵⁶ Kirilin, A. D.; Dokuchayev, A. A.; Sokova, N. B.; Chernyshev, E. A. *Russ. Chem. Bull.* **1999**, *48*, 169.

⁵⁷ Larsen, C.; Anthoni, U.; Christophersen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta Chem. Scand.* **1969**, *23*, 322.



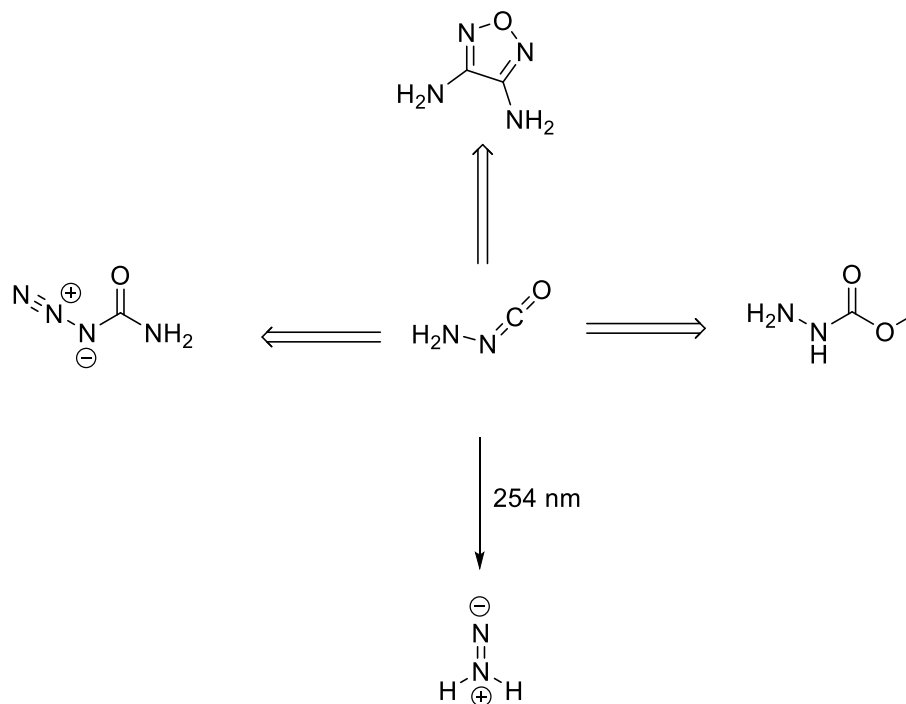
Scheme 1.15: Thermolysis of Silylated Hydrazides

Given the possibility of an anionic mechanism for the formation of an aminoisocyanate, the pK_a s of the leaving groups could be compared in order to evaluate their potential to form the isocyanate. Since the pK_a of aniline is lower, it is suspected to be a better leaving group than the primary hydrazine.



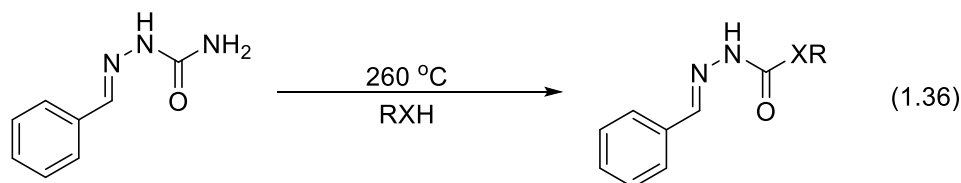
In 1988, Maier and Teles reported the study of the formation of methoxy- and amino-substituted isocyanates. During the process, they discovered that the pyrolysis of methyl carbazate at 500°C produced an aminoisocyanate, which was observed in an argon matrix. They also produced the same intermediate from diaminofurazan. Finally, similar to Lwowski's work, they also synthesized the aminoisocyanate through the Curtius rearrangement of carbazates (Scheme 1.16).⁵⁸ In their studies, the authors noticed that a very rapid reaction occurred when they irradiated the aminoisocyanate at a wavelength of 254 nm, which produced carbon monoxide and aminonitrene. As previously discussed, this was also reported by Wentrup in 2013.

⁵⁸ Maier, G.; Teles, J. H. *Chem. Ber.* **1989**, *122*, 745.



Scheme 1.16: Maier's Syntheses of Aminoisocyanate

Semicarbazones can also be used as iminoisocyanate precursors. Shah and Chudgar used these precursors to synthesize azines and carbazones. The authors postulated a [2+2] cycloaddition followed by the extrusion of nitrogen and carbon monoxide to allow for the formation of azines. This is inconsistent with every dimerization reported. Another explanation would be the formation of hydrazones (decarboxylation of the adduct resulting from water adding onto the iminoisocyanate or the dimer) in the reaction conditions followed by dimerization. Nevertheless, the authors showed that when thermolysis was performed in the presence of an alcohol or an amine, it was possible to isolate the carbazone and the semicarbazone (eq. 1.36).⁵⁹

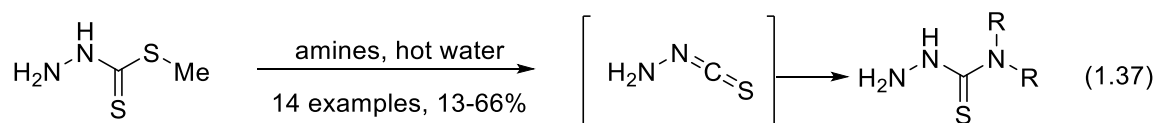


In this section, one of the simplest methods of generating nitrogen-substituted isocyanates was investigated. The ease of synthesis, the possibility of using catalysis, and the diversity of structures influenced the Beauchemin group to choose this particular method for their own exploration, which will be discussed in the following chapters.

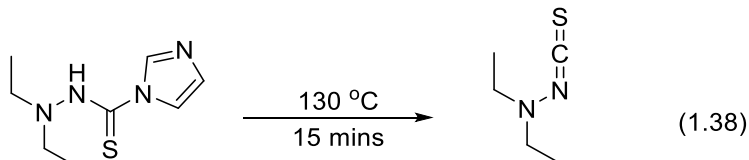
⁵⁹ Shah, S. N.; Chudgar, K. N. *Molecules* **2000**, *5*, 657.

1.4.4. Aminoisothiocyanates

Despite a small interest of the synthetic community on aminoisocyanates, some studies were conducted on analogues of these reactive intermediates, such as their sulfur analogues: aminoisothiocyanates. The first two studies reporting the aminoisothiocyanates as intermediates were published in 1966. McElhinney was the first one to propose the intermediate while studying the formation of thiosemicarbazides from dithiocarbazates (eq. 1.37).⁶⁰



McElhinney postulated the intermediate without having direct proof for the existence of the aminoisothiocyanates. However, in the same year, Anthoni, Larsen and Nielsen reported the observation of the aminothioisocyanate by IR spectroscopy at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ starting from *N,N*-diethylthiocarbazoylimidazole (eq. 1.38).⁶¹ They noticed an intense doublet near 2000 cm^{-1} that disappeared when the temperature of the reaction was increased to room temperature due to the formation of a dimer. This dimer showed a characteristic new peak at 1630 cm^{-1} , but no structure of the dimer was proposed.



Following this report, the same group published a series of papers that showed the reactivity profile of these highly reactive intermediates. They were able to synthesize seleno- and tellurothiocarbazic acid derivatives,⁶² dithiocarbazic acids,⁶³ and thio(semi)carbazines.⁶⁴ More importantly, a complete study investigating the dimerization of these intermediates was reported in 1968 (Scheme 1.17).⁶⁵

⁶⁰ McElhinney, R. S. *J. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 950.

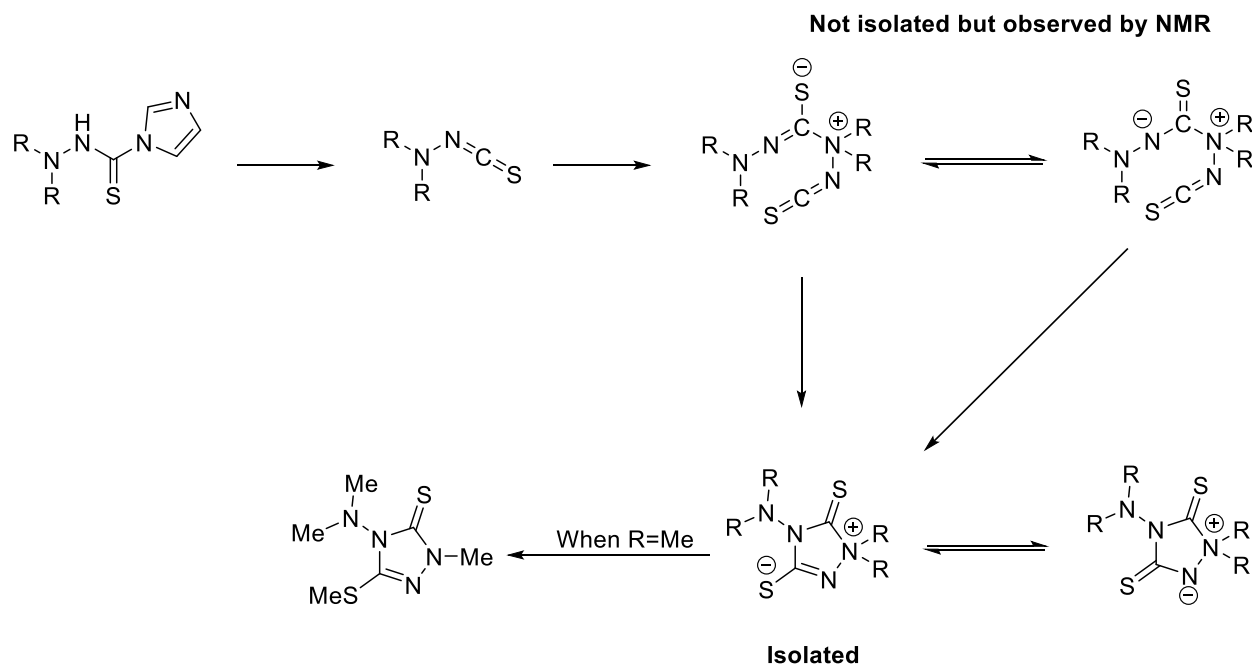
⁶¹ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1966**, *20*, 1714.

⁶² Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1967**, *21*, 2571.

⁶³ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1967**, *21*, 2580.

⁶⁴ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1967**, *21*, 2061.

⁶⁵ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1968**, *22*, 309.



Scheme 1.17: Dimerization Studies at Room Temperature

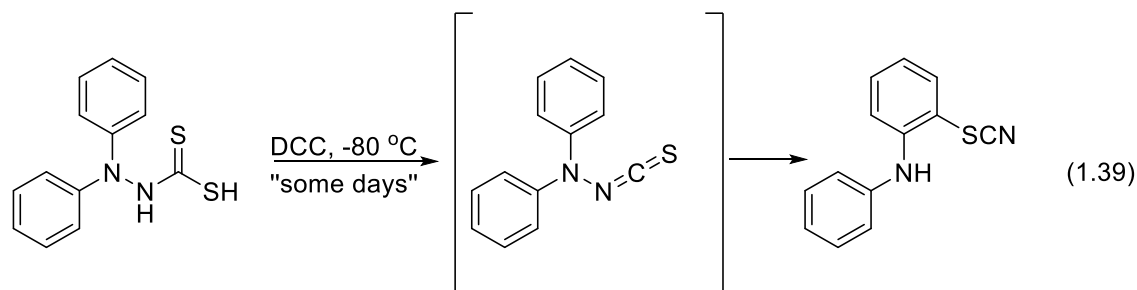
Interestingly, they showed that the dimerization was complete within one minute at room temperature when the R group was a methyl, ethyl, or propyl group, but took several hours when it was an isopropyl group. Moreover, a dilute solution of R = *i*-Pr only showed 10% dimerization after four days at room temperature, which highlights the steric effect of these large groups. This observation is in support of their proposed mechanism, since it has been proven that *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine cannot be quaternized by an alkyl halide.⁶⁶ The authors also published a different study with the synthesis of several deuterated versions of the dimer in order to study its degradation pathway by mass spectrometry.⁶⁷

A different reactivity profile was found when *N,N*-diphenylaminoisothiocyanate was used. Indeed, a rearrangement occurred to form the thiocyanate at -80 °C (eq. 1.39).⁶⁸ Dimerization of the monomers with the smallest substituent (Me) is not operating under these conditions, demonstrating the ease of this rearrangement. They were also able to prove that the aminoisothiocyanate was an intermediate by trapping it with aniline.

⁶⁶ Hünig, S.; Kiessel, M. *Chem. Ber.* **1958**, *91*, 380.

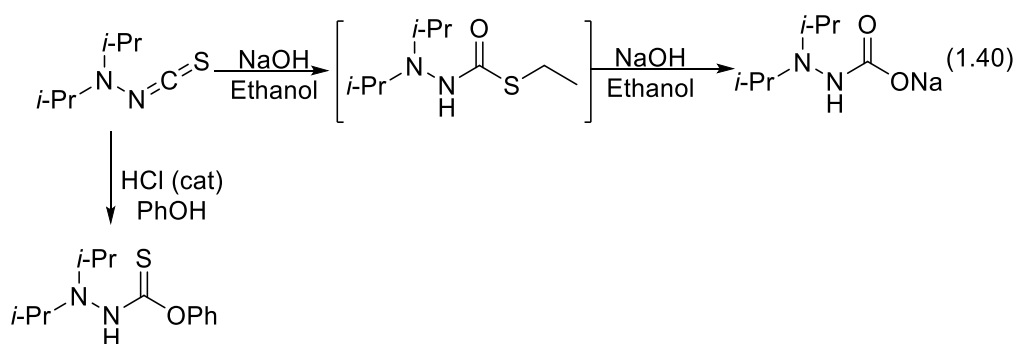
⁶⁷ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1968**, *22*, 2493.

⁶⁸ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1967**, *21*, 1201.



Following this study, they decided to exploit the stability of diisopropylaminoisothiocyanate and studied its reactivity toward nucleophiles.⁶⁹ Using nitrogen-based nucleophiles, the authors noted that the reactivity was not affected by having free hydroxyl, ester, carboxylic acid, or amide groups. Interestingly, the amine was always the nucleophile participating in the reaction except in the case of thioamines, where the sulfur atom was the nucleophilic species attacking the aminoisothiocyanate. Even anilines, aminophenol, and aminothiophenol were able to give the aromatic-substituted compounds.

Having established extensive knowledge for the formation of aminoisothiocyanates, the authors studied its formation by using different leaving groups other than their original imidazole. They first studied the decomposition of thiosemicarbazide using dimethylamine as a leaving group. Unsurprisingly, higher temperatures were required to synthesize the amino-isothiocyanate (*i.e.*, 230 °C), which was confirmed by GC since they already had the retention time from previous studies.⁷⁰ This was followed by the mass spectrometry analysis presented in the previous section.⁵⁵ When Anthoni and coworkers studied the outcome of using an oxygen nucleophile, strange behavior of the adduct was reported. In fact, under basic conditions, they postulated an alkyl shift between the oxygen and sulfur atoms; however, they observed that this pathway was not operating in acidic media (Scheme 1.18).⁷¹



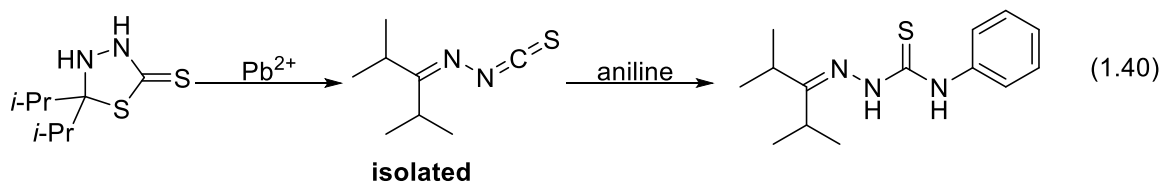
Scheme 1.18: Alkyl Shift Under Basic Conditions

⁶⁹ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1968**, 22, 1898.

⁷⁰ Larsen, C.; Anthoni, U.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1969**, 23, 320.

⁷¹ Anthoni, U.; Larsen, C.; Nielsen, P. H. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1969**, 23, 1439.

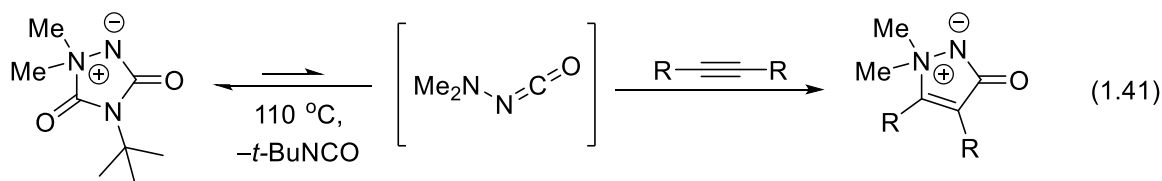
Anthoni was also able to demonstrate that iminoisothiocyanates reacted similarly to their amino counterparts. They were able to isolate the stable monomer from the decomposition of the corresponding thiadiazolidine-2-thiones. In fact, they were able to demonstrate that the reaction toward aniline afforded the expected phenylthiosemicarbazone (eq. 1.40).⁷²



As for the aminoisocyanates, their sulfur derivatives are also scarce in the literature. As seen in this literature review, it seems that only one group was actively studying these intermediates and that little has been done after the involvement of these researchers until we became interested in these intermediates. Our contribution to this field will be discussed in Chapter 3. One exception is the work of Seckinger who also demonstrated the use of isothiocyanates to mimic his synthesis of aminoisocyanates (eq. 1.26).⁴⁷

1.4.5: Reactivity of Aminoisocyanates

In section 1.4.1, several different strategies to form *N*-isocyanates were discussed, but the reported studies were not focused on the reactivity of these intermediates. Since the field was relatively unexplored, it is normal that studies focusing on *N*-isocyanate formation were conducted prior to the development of their reactivity. Nonetheless, these reactive intermediates can undergo solvolysis by alcoholic solvents, intramolecular nucleophilic attack, and some cycloadditions and heterocyclic syntheses were reported. No studies focused on exploiting the use of aminoisocyanates for organic transformations until Lwowski started to systematically study the cycloaddition profile of aminoisocyanates with different π -systems in the 1970s. He started by comparing the reactivity difference with different acetylenes (eq. 1.41).⁷³

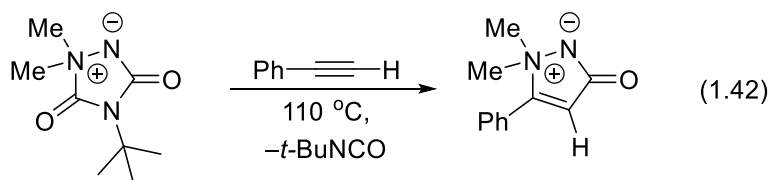


Interestingly, the authors noted that the more electron-poor the alkyne was, the better it was at reacting with the aminoisocyanate generated *in-situ*, suggesting a cycloaddition using the HOMO of the heterocumulene and the LUMO of the alkyne. The authors also noticed that only one regioisomer was obtained with using unsymmetrical partners such as phenylacetylene (eq. 1.42). When considering the regioselectivities, one might think that this also confirms the HOMO-

⁷² Anthoni, U. Berg, C. *Acta. Chem. Scand.* **1969**, 23, 3602.

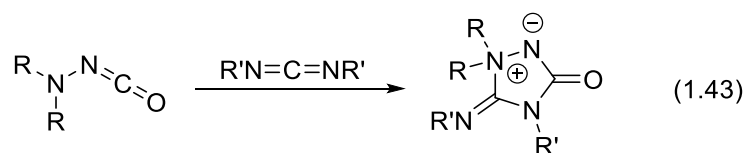
⁷³ Lockley, W. J. S.; Lwowski, W. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1974**, 4263.

LUMO assignment, but any given combination in this case would have resulted in the same regioselectivity.

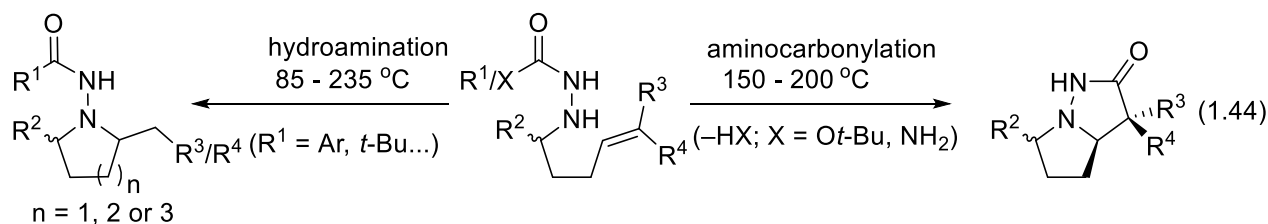


Additionally, they showed that most alkynes were reactive enough to participate in cycloaddition reactions except in the case of dialkyl acetylene, where the *N*-isocyanate dimer was isolated. In the other cases, the concentration of the free aminoisocyanate was controlled by a low solubility of the precursor in their reaction solvent (tetrachloroethylene); therefore it is difficult to assess the ability of the alkyne to compete with the dimerization reaction.

Lwowski was also able to demonstrate the outcome of the reaction while using carbodiimides as trapping agents (eq. 1.43).⁷⁴ As observed with other cyclic dipoles, they were able to use them as masked aminoisocyanates by releasing dimethylaminoisocyanate at 212°C in 2 minutes.



Other than Lwowski's work, no report was published solely to explore the reactivity of aminoisocyanates. As seen in the previous pages, most of the reactivity was reported as a consequence of a new method to generate the reactive intermediate. In 2009, following a serendipitous finding, the Beauchemin group reported the use of hydrazides and carbazates for the synthesis of saturated heterocycles (eq. 1.44).⁷⁵

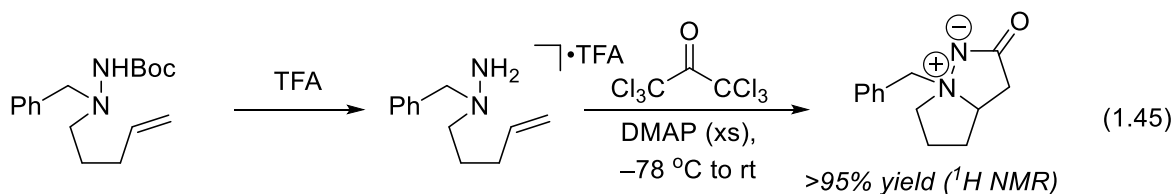


While pursuing hydroamination reactions using hydrazide derivatives, the Beauchemin group discovered that another alkene amination product was obtained while using carbazates or semi-carbazides. The proposed reaction pathway involved the formation of an aminoisocyanate followed by a cycloaddition to give the cyclic β -aminocarbonyl motif. This report showed that

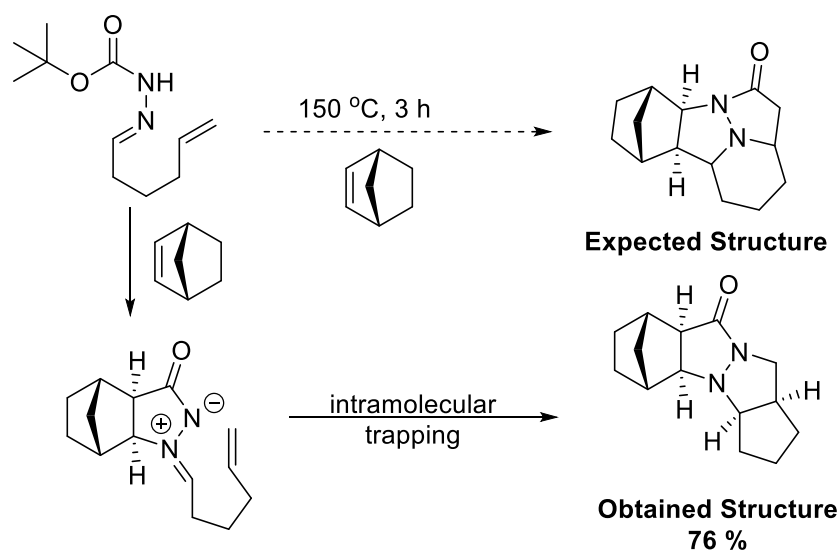
⁷⁴ Lwowski, W.; Kanemasa, S.; Murray, R. A.; Ramakrishnan, V. T.; Thiruvengadam, T. K.; Yoshida, K.; Subbaraj, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, *51*, 1719.

⁷⁵ Roveda, J.-G.; Clavette, C.; Hunt, A. D.; Whipp, C. J.; Gorelsky, S. I.; Beauchemin, A. M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 8740.

carbazates and semicarbazides could be used as blocked (masked) aminoisocyanates, but were only effective for intramolecular cyclization reactions, which must be faster than the known dimerization pathway of these intermediates. DFT calculations performed suggested that the cyclization should proceed at room temperature ($\Delta G^\ddagger = 19.1$ kcal/mol).⁷⁶ Therefore, the high temperature requirement from that reaction must have arisen from the difficult formation of the isocyanates from the selected carbazate or semicarbazide. To prove this, Christian Clavette used a better leaving group and was able to demonstrate reactivity at room temperature (eq. 1.45).⁷⁷



Following this work, the Beauchemin group focused their efforts on trying to build an intermolecular variant. As expected, most efforts toward using carbazates led to the dimerization adduct as the major product. However, a breakthrough was achieved when an intramolecular reaction using carbazone was attempted. Trying to build on their reported work on intramolecular cycloaddition, the group tried to form similar adducts while using carbazones to form azomethine imines that could be trapped by norbornene. Surprisingly, after X-ray analysis of the product, they found that the intermolecular reaction was occurring first, followed by intramolecular trapping of the azomethine imine (Scheme 1.19).⁷⁴

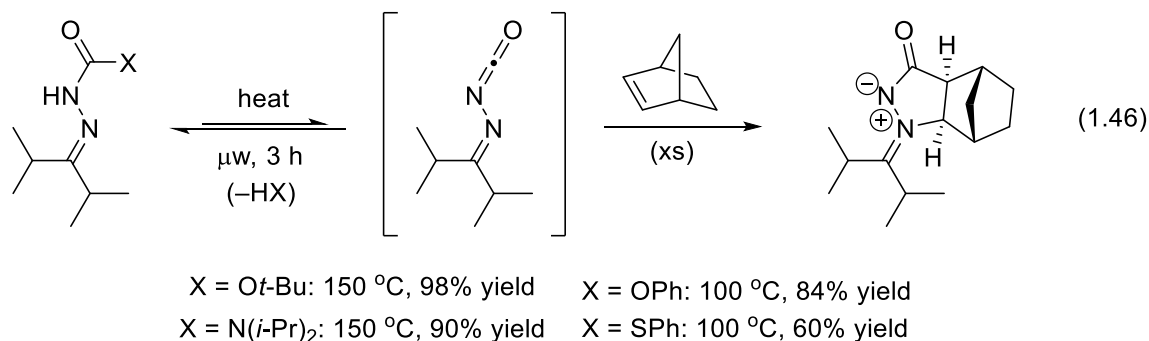


Scheme 1.19: Initial Result with Iminoisocyanates

⁷⁶ At the B3LYP/TZVP level of theory, see reference 77 for details.

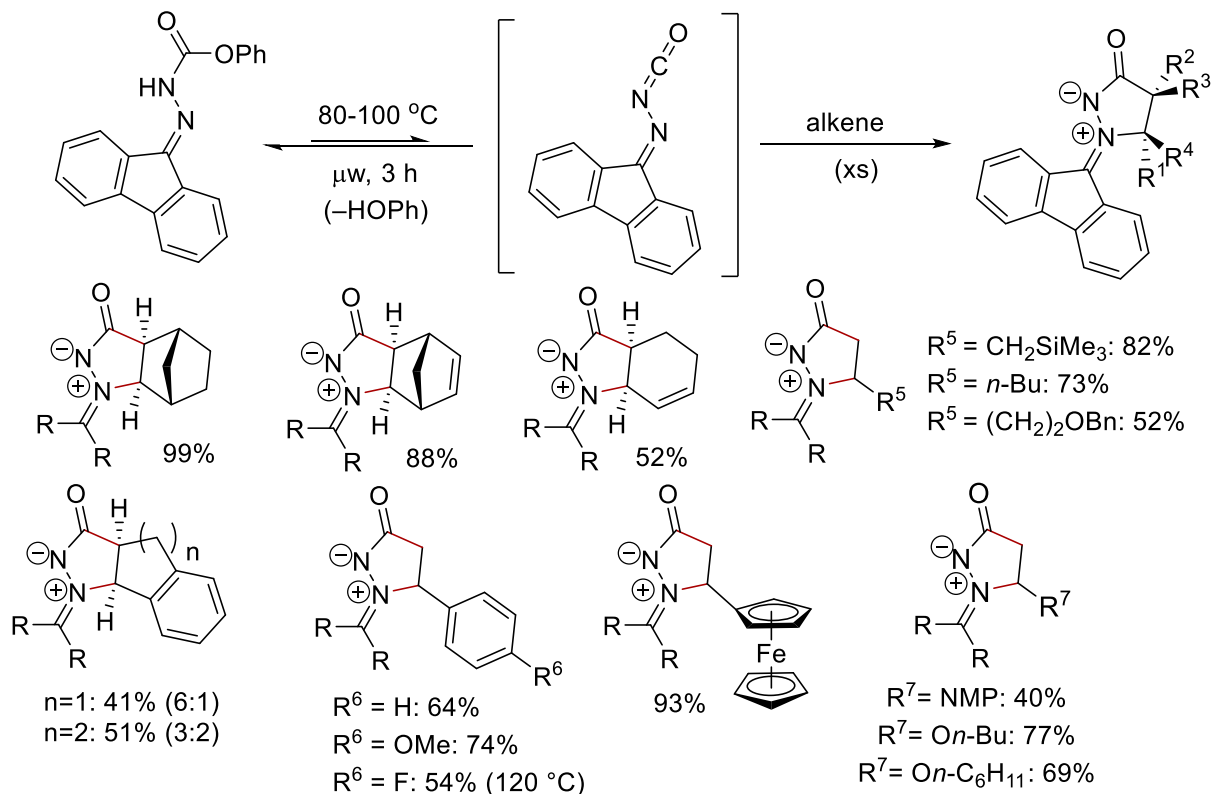
⁷⁷ Ivanovich, R. A.; Clavette, C.; Vincent-Rocan, J.-F.; Roveda, J.-G.; Gorelski, S. I.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2016**, *22*, 7906.

This result was the first experimental proof for the possibility of intermolecular reactivity using carbazones as a source of *N*-isocyanates. A full study was then made to find the best set of conditions to achieve intermolecular aminocarbonylation using carbazones. Screening of leaving groups showed similar trends to the blocked isocyanates series (Scheme 2) and the Beauchemin group selected phenol as the best option, given its ability to generate the *N*-isocyanate at lower temperatures and its ease of synthesis starting from phenyl carbonate (eq. 1.46).



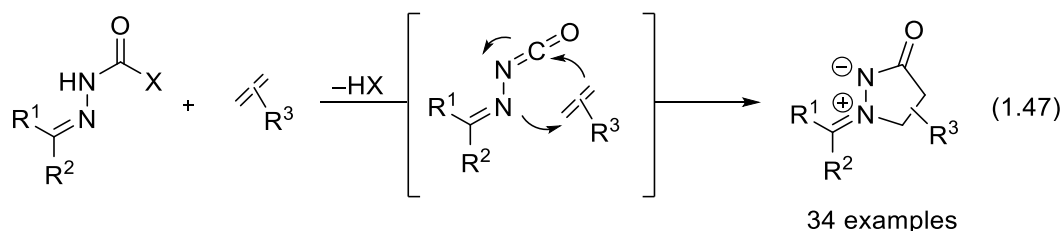
As shown, the product of this reaction is a dipole. Therefore, bulky carbazones were needed to ensure product stability by shielding the azomethine imine. A thorough survey of carbazones revealed that a fluorenone-based reagent (LG = OPh) was optimal for this reaction.⁷⁸ A selected scope of this reactivity is shown in Scheme 1.20. It is worth mentioning that the fluorenone-derived iminoisocyanate was used in order to transform the obtained azomethine imine into a linear β -aminocarbonyl structure after reductive N-N bond cleavage.

⁷⁸ Clavette, C.; Gan, W.; Bongers, A.; Markiewicz, T.; Toderian, A.; Gorelsky, S. I.; Beauchemin, A. M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 16111.



Scheme 1.20: Intermolecular Aminocarbonylation of Alkenes

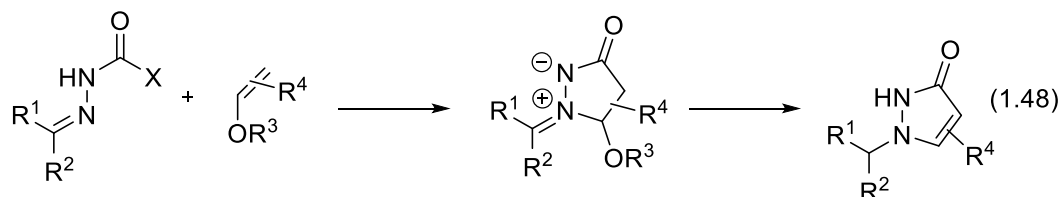
After this study, the Beauchemin group remained active in this area and published a year later the synthesis of unsymmetrical azomethine imines using similar reactivity (eq. 1.47).⁷⁹ The reactivity was also expanded to aldehyde-derived blocked *N*-isocyanates affording the unsymmetrical azomethine imines.



Given the high reactivity of azomethine imines, the Beauchemin group also developed a rapid synthetic route to pyrazolones using a unique disconnection. By performing aminocarbonylation using vinyl ethers followed by aromatization induced upon reduction of the C=N double bond,

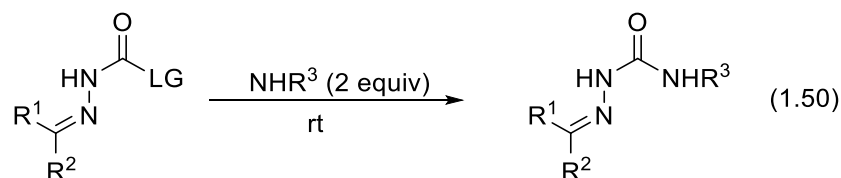
⁷⁹ Gan, W.; Moon, P. J.; Clavette, C.; Das Neves, N.; Markiewicz, T.; Toderian, A. B.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 1890.

they were able to obtain 12 different pyrazolones, some of which that would be difficult to obtain using conventional routes to pyrazolones (eq. 1.48).⁸⁰



It is important to note that this study also showed that base catalysis could be used to generate the iminoisocyanate at lower temperatures. Given the high reactivity of vinyl ethers, base catalysis helped with some substrates to prevent thermal decomposition of the reaction partners by reducing the temperature requirement for the formation of the *N*-isocyanate intermediate.

Intermolecular aminocarbonylation was an excellent proof of concept that showed that diverse reactivity profiles could be obtained while using *N*-isocyanates. Some limitations were still present, which included: 1) high temperatures were still required for intermolecular aminocarbonylation; 2) since high temperatures were needed, an excess of alkenes was often required in order to compete with dimerization. These only represent the first set of studies exploiting the synthetic potential of aminoisocyanates, building on Jones' seminal work on the reactivity of iminoisocyanates with alkenes. To fully exploit the synthetic potential of these reactive intermediates, reactivity needed to be tuned in order to obtain a pathway that would outcompete dimerization in a diverse range of conditions. This was first achieved by the Beauchemin group using carbazones while the work presented in this thesis was ongoing. In 2013, Keira Garland reported the simple synthesis of semi-carbazones based on a substitution reaction using amine nucleophiles. As seen in Scheme 1.3, amines are by far the most reactive nucleophiles toward isocyanates; therefore, it is fair to assume that this would also be the case with *N*-isocyanates in general. Using only two equivalents of amines, they were able to achieve reactivity at room temperature without any trace of dimerization (eq. 1.50).⁸¹



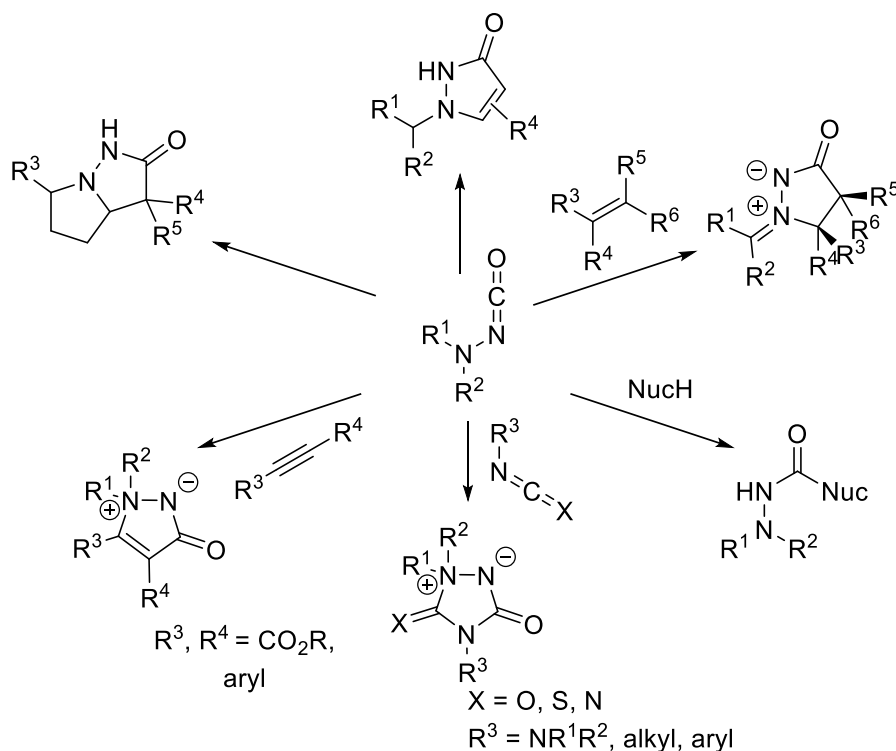
It is important to note that one equivalent of the amine could act as a mild base to promote formation of the isocyanates at room temperature while the other equivalent is used as a nucleophile. Catalysis with a stronger base in the presence of only one equivalent of a nucleophile will be discussed in the next chapters. While this study provided an example of reactions outcompeting *N*-isocyanate dimerization, its application was limited to the synthesis of

⁸⁰ Laverigne, K.; Bongers, A.; Betit, L.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17*, 3612.

⁸¹ Garland, K.; Gan, W.; Depatie-Sicard, C.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 4074.

semicarbazones. In fact, this reactivity had been first developed to solve issues with the formation of some iminoisocyanate precursors that were required for the development of alkene aminocarbonylation.

As it was demonstrated, the diversity profile between aminoisocyanates and regular isocyanates is striking, mostly due to a lack of control over dimerization in most reactions of *N*-isocyanates chemistry (Section 1.3 vs Scheme 1.21). However, several publications suggested that controlled reactions could also be achieved, including difficult intermolecular reactions. The following section will describe how the work in this thesis took advantage of that fact to design different cascade reactions in order to significantly develop the synthetic potential of *N*-isocyanates.



Scheme 1.21: Known Reactivity of *N*-Isocyanates

1.5: Strategies for the Development of the Synthetic Potential of *N*-Isocyanates

As outlined in this chapter, isocyanates are well known organic synthons in heterocyclic chemistry; however, despite early discoveries, the nitrogen-substituted analogues remained a scientific curiosity for decades. To fully exploit their synthetic potential, the use of nitrogen nucleophiles was chosen in order to reduce their well-known propensity to dimerize and use them productively to synthesize a variety of different heterocyclic compounds that contain the N-N-C=O motif. This motif is present in many different pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals as shown in Figures 1.2 and 1.3.

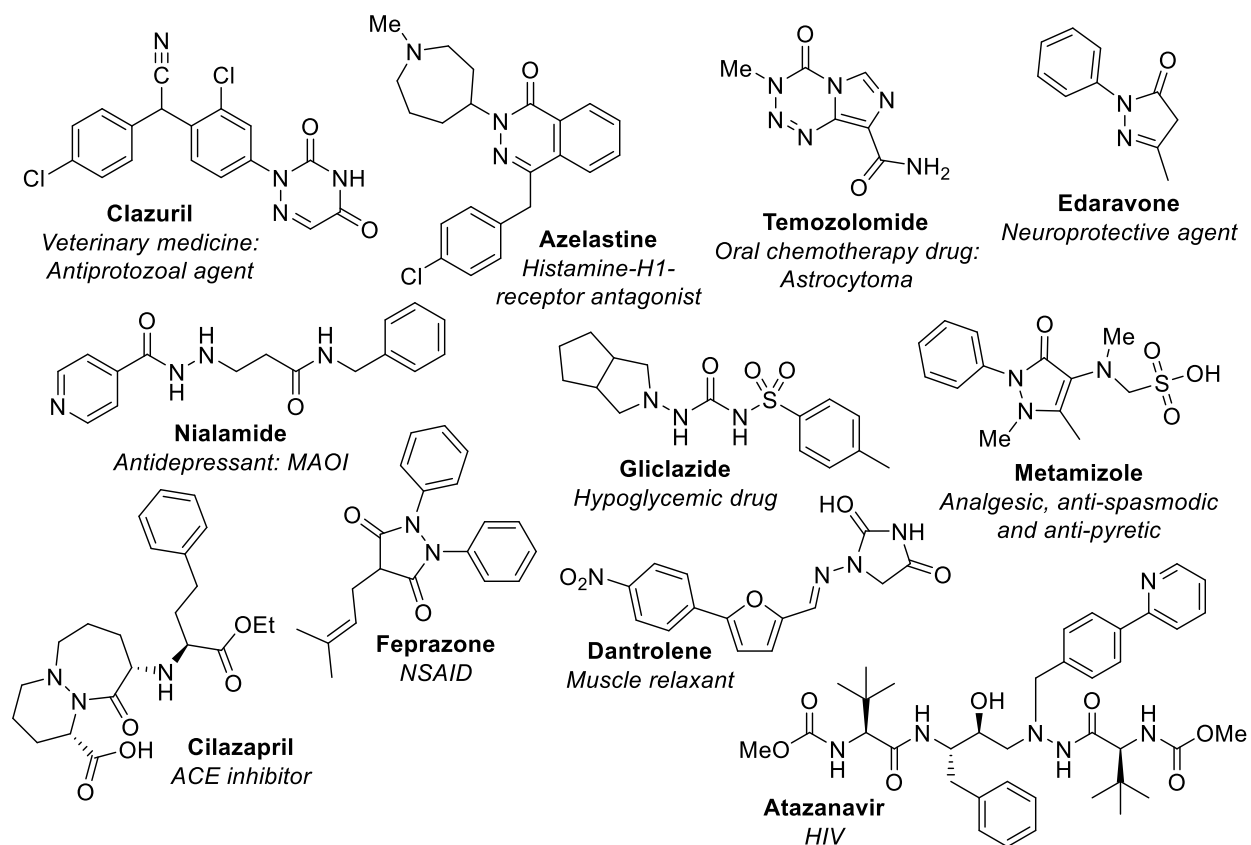


Figure 1.2: Selected Pharmaceuticals Containing the N-N-C=O Motif

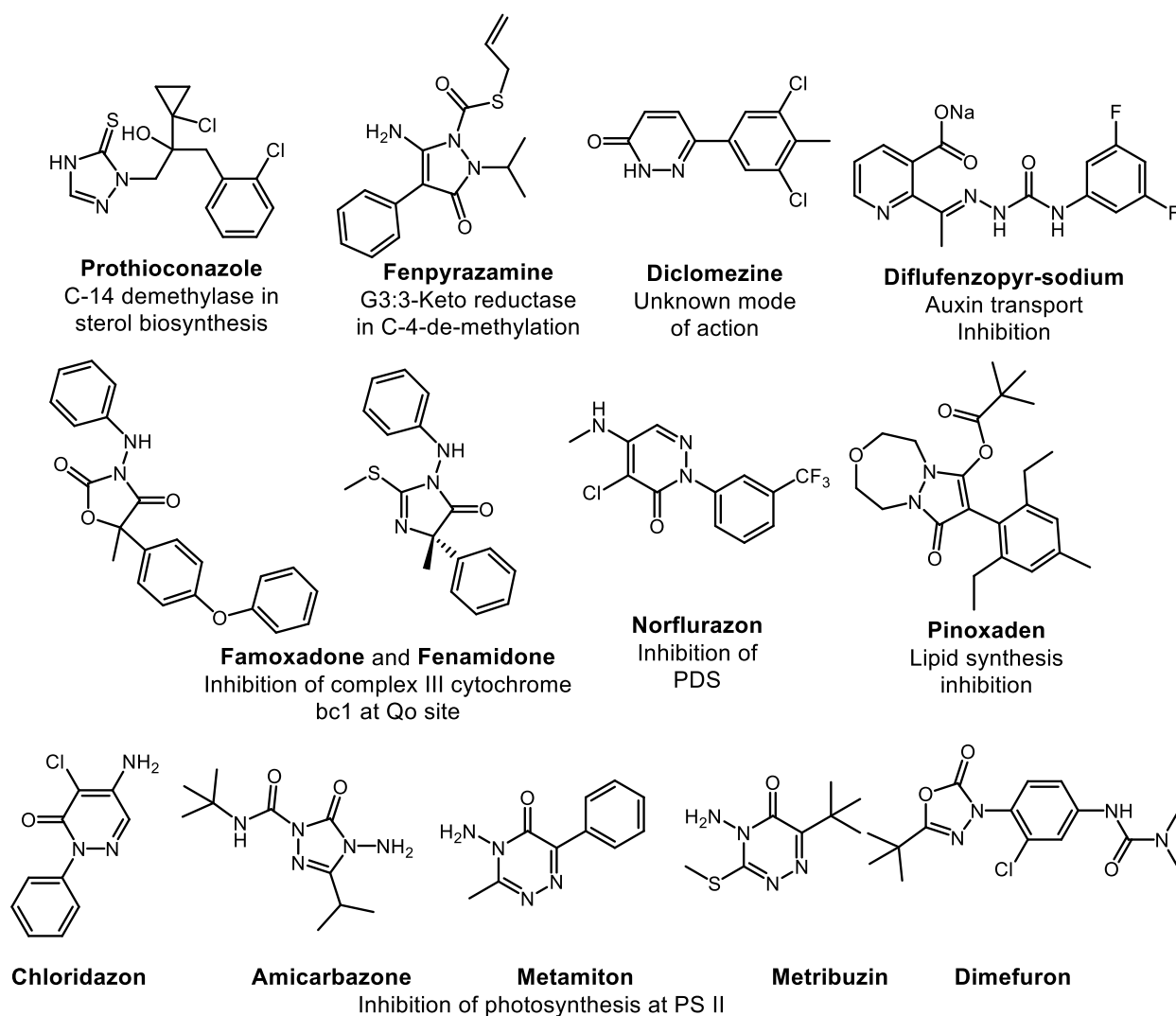
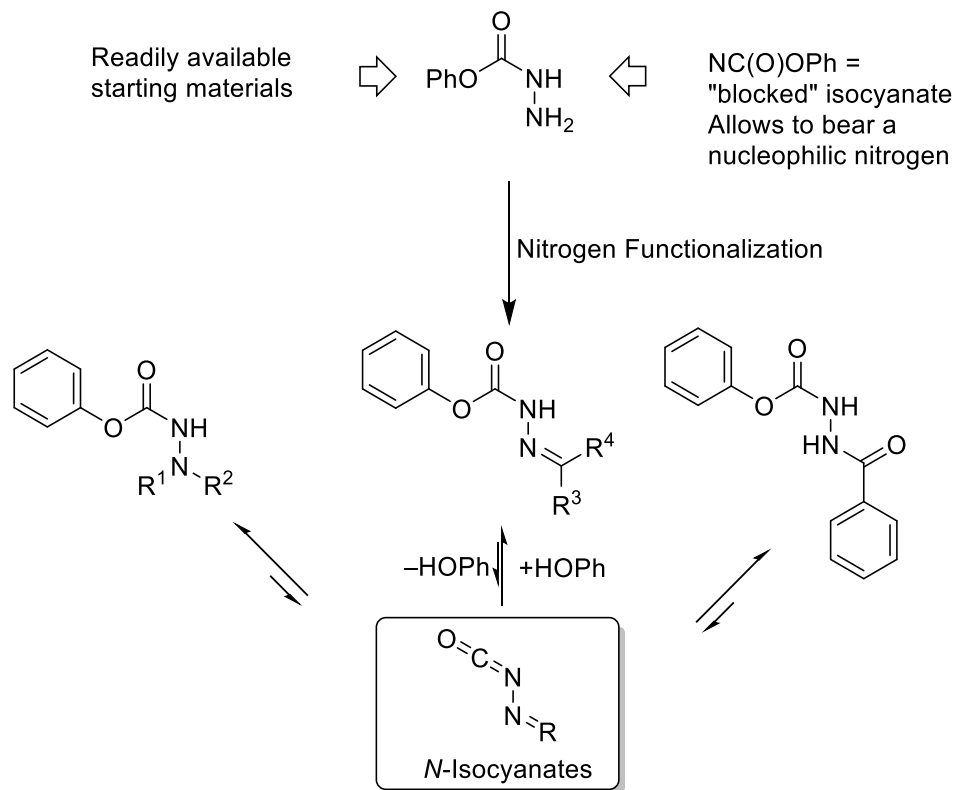


Figure 1.3: Selected Agrochemicals Containing the N-N-C=O Motif

Phenyl carbazate was chosen as a precursor in order to rapidly assemble multiple substrates that could undergo cascade reactions for the synthesis of a variety of heterocyclic compounds (Scheme 1.22). Using the simple reactivity of the β nitrogen (of phenyl carbazate) enabled the synthesis of a variety of masked *N*-isocyanates and the development of several types of cascade reactions. Given the different incorporation of the N-N-C=O motif in heterocyclic cores, the research in this thesis will be presented to show various strategies to access all of these incorporations of the motif in heterocycles. In Chapter 2, heterocycles containing only one atom within the ring will be discussed. The incorporation of two atoms in the heterocycle will be presented in Chapter 3, while Chapter 4 will focus on the incorporation of every atom into the heterocycle. Finally, the primary focus of Chapter 5 will be on acyclic molecules.

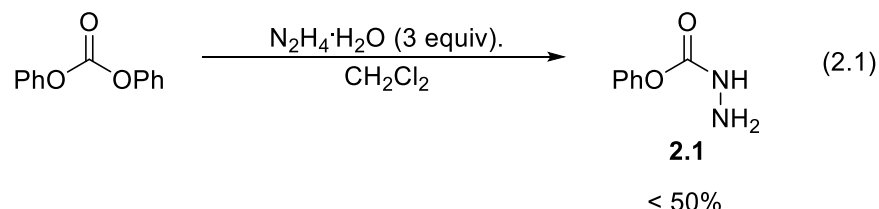


Scheme 1.22: Synthetic Scheme for the Rapid Synthesis of Masked *N*-Isocyanates

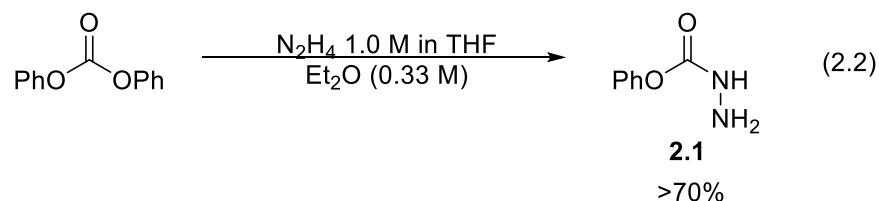
Chapter 2: *N*-Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry: Products with One Atom Within the Ring

2.1: Improvement of Phenyl Carbamate Synthesis

As mentioned in Section 1.5, the use of phenyl carbamate (eq. 2.1) is proposed as a pivotal building block for the development of reaction sequences using *N*-isocyanates. Therefore, multi-gram quantities will be needed in order to access a large quantity of several different building blocks. When the research in this thesis started, the synthesis of phenyl carbamate required an excess of reagent as well as flash column chromatography for purification (eq. 2.1).

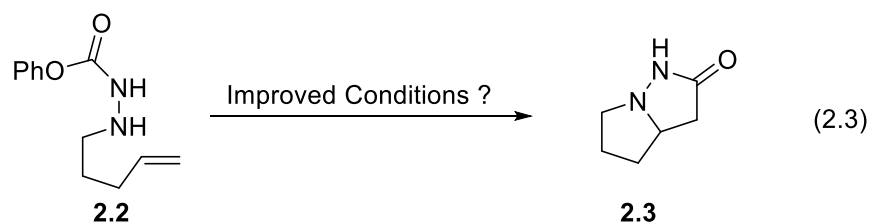


Since chromatography was necessary, a full day of work was needed to obtain approximately 14 grams of carbamate **2.1**. In order to accelerate reaction discovery, an improved synthesis of this important starting material was necessary. Knowing that phenol was the only by-product in this reaction, different solvents where it would be soluble while phenyl carbamate **2.1** was not were examined. The absence of water was also crucial, and consequently the use of hydrazine hydrate was not possible; therefore a solution of hydrazine in THF was used. After screening solvent mixtures, 3:1 Et₂O:THF was found to be optimal and yielded approximately 75% of carbamate **2.1**, which was purified by filtration of the reaction mixture (eq. 2.2).



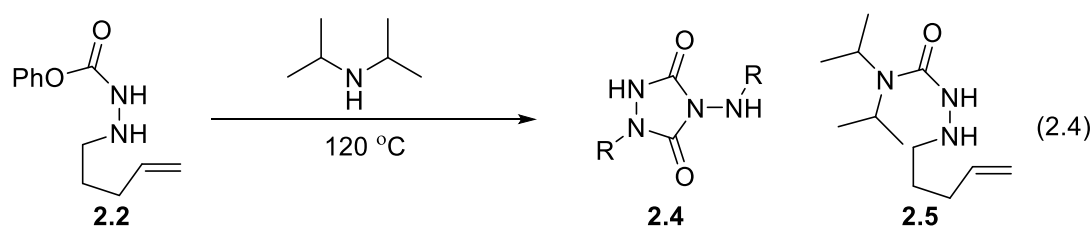
2.2: Discovery of the First Cascade Reaction Using Aminoisocyanate

With this improved synthesis, it was possible to get approximately 12 grams of product in only two hours of work by employing only a stoichiometric amount of each reagent. With a larger quantity of starting material available, an investigation to try to improve the intramolecular aminocarbonylation previously reported by our group was started in collaboration with Christian Clavette. Given the propensity of *N*-isocyanates to dimerize, conditions to diminish this side reaction were needed to afford a more general system.

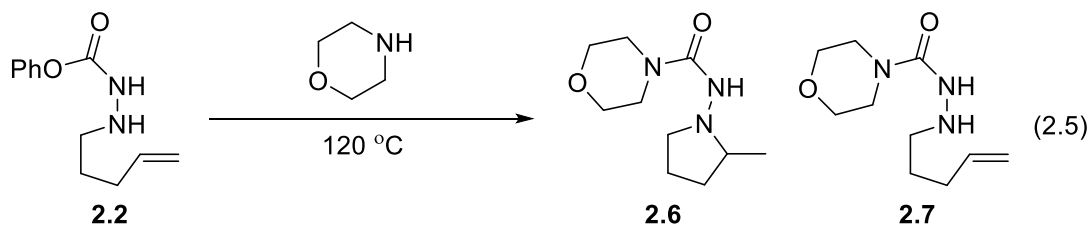


Previous studies of *N*-isocyanates in our laboratory revealed their high affinity with nitrogen nucleophiles. These nucleophiles were then tried to control the concentration of *N*-isocyanates, and consequently reduce the dimerization side-reaction. Diisopropylamine and morpholine were already identified as good leaving groups;⁸¹ therefore, our investigation started using these as nucleophiles. A poor leaving group would only result in *N*-isocyanate trapping and would not result in any productive reactivity.

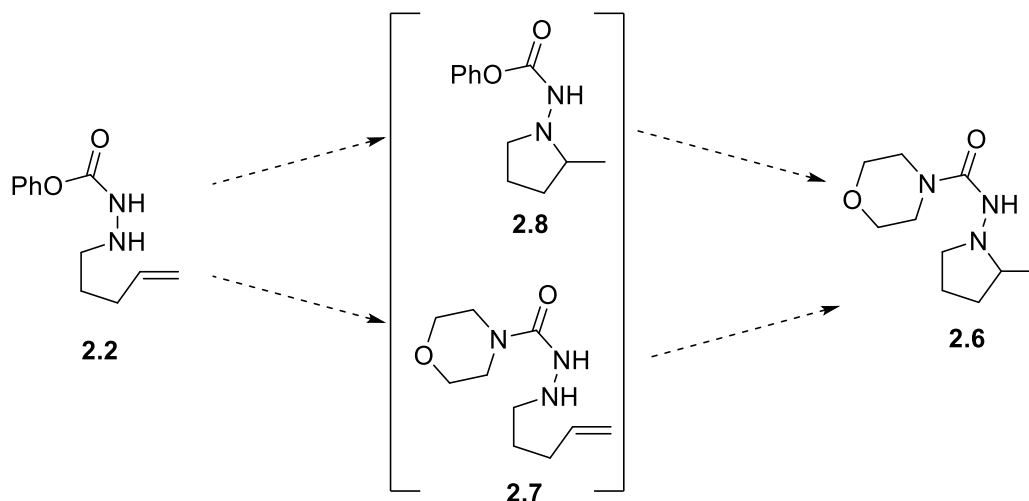
Diisopropylamine turned out to be too good of a leaving group: complete dimerization was observed when one equivalent was used (eq. 2.4). While running the reaction in diisopropylamine as a solvent, no desired aminocarbonylation was observed, nor was any dimerization. Instead, the substitution product **2.5** was obtained.



A reaction was attempted with morpholine in order to release the *N*-isocyanate slowly and achieve aminocarbonylation. Surprisingly, when carbazate **2.2** was subjected to the reaction conditions with morpholine, a mixture of two products was observed (eq. 2.5).

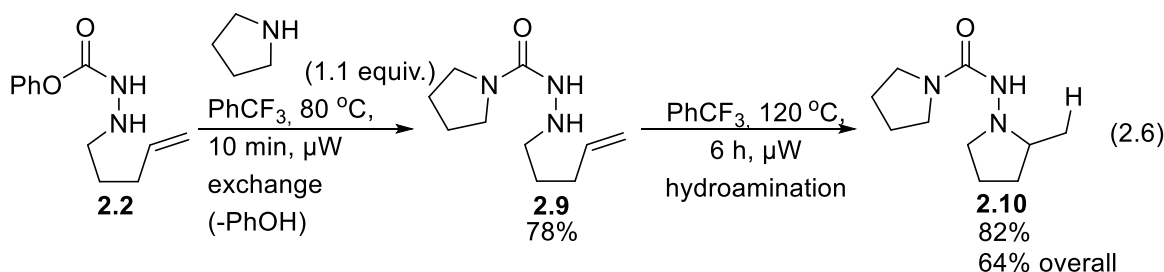


The expected substitution product **2.7** was observed, but the unexpected hydroamination product was observed as the major product after one hour at 120 °C. When the temperature was raised to 150 °C, product **2.6** was observed as the sole product of the reaction. This experiment opened the door for cascade reactions using *N*-isocyanates; however, at the time, it was unclear if the reaction proceeded *via* a substitution followed by the hydroamination of the resulting semi-carbamide or by hydroamination of the carbazate followed by substitution (Scheme 2.1).

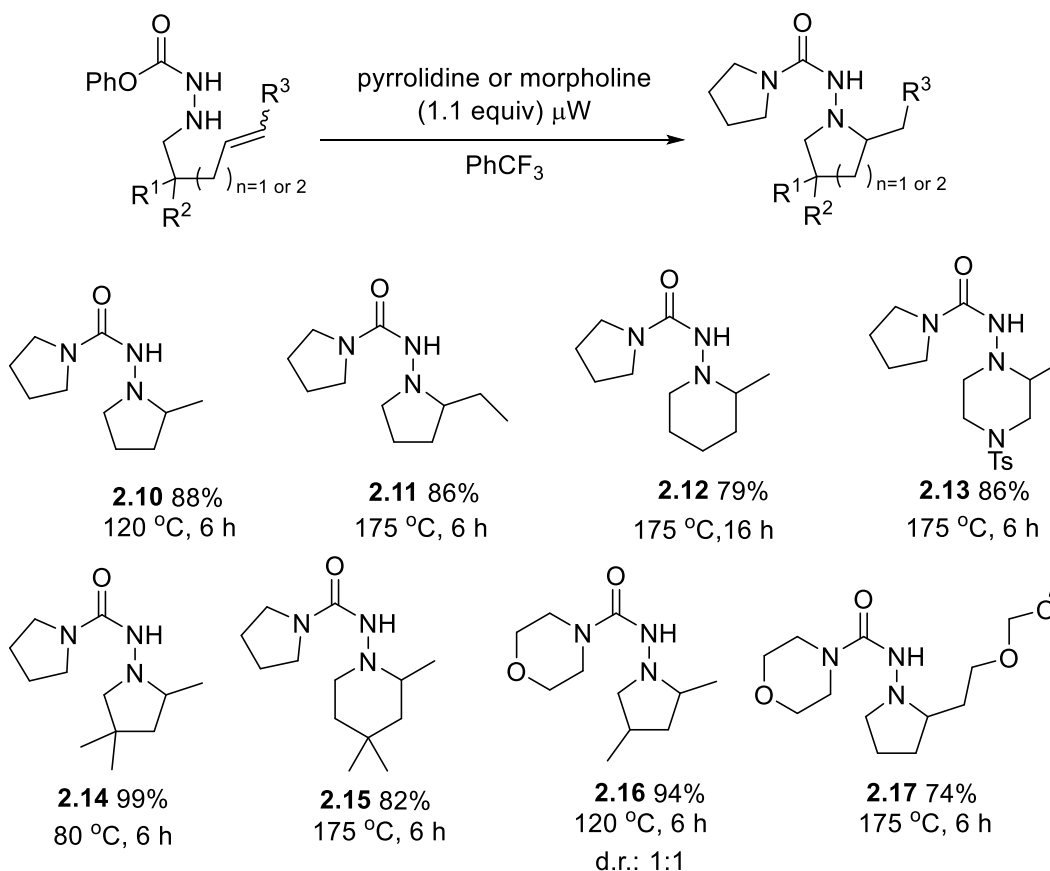


Scheme 2.1: Potential Reaction Pathways for the Hydroamination Cascade

Since no hydroamination was observed when diisopropylamine was used, the pathway involving the formation of **2.8** followed by substitution seemed unlikely. For this reason, Christian Clavette started optimizing the reaction conditions in order to isolate the substitution product. The morpholine adduct **2.7** turned out to be reactive towards hydroamination and was isolated in high yield; however, the pyrrolidine adduct **2.9** was isolated in 78% yield after ten minutes at 80 °C. Heating this adduct at 120 °C for six hours provided the hydroamination product in 82% yield confirming the reaction pathway (eq. 2.6).



It became obvious that performing these two steps in a cascade reaction would be more efficient given the preliminary results obtained with morpholine. Therefore, the scope of this reaction was studied using different alkenyl chains. The results are summarized in Table 2.1. Using this methodology, 5- and 6-membered rings were constructed with a good tolerance of alkyl substituents on the ring.

Table 2.1: Substitution / Hydroamination Sequence Using Carbazates^a

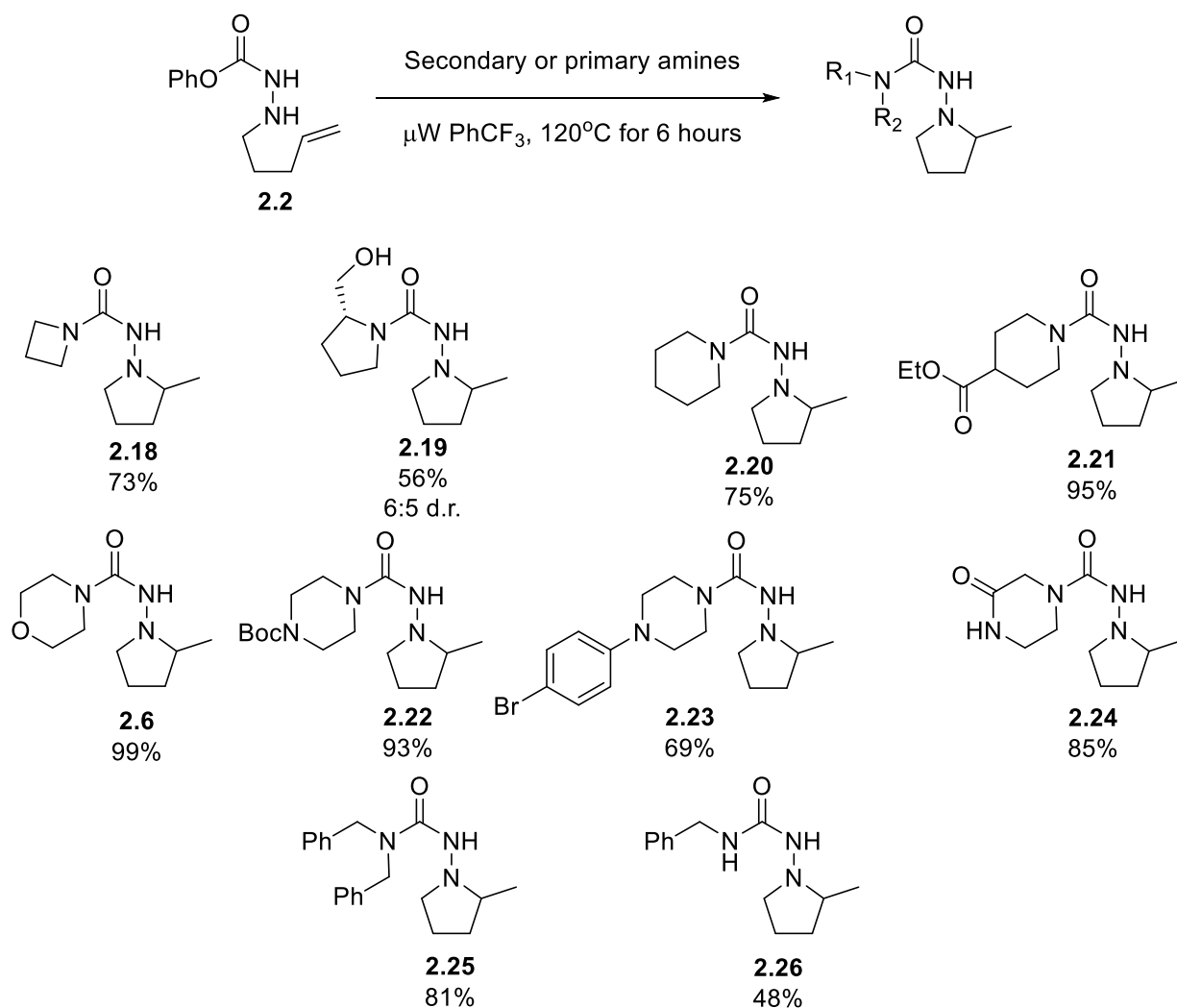
^aConditions: Carbazate (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in a microwave reactor.

The one-pot procedure produced **2.10** in an excellent overall yield (88% versus 64% for the stepwise approach). Non-terminal alkenes (**2.11**, **2.17**) and 6-membered rings (**2.12**, **2.13**, **2.15**) required a higher temperature (175 °C), but furnished the pyrrolidine, piperidine, and piperazine cores in high yields. Additionally, the Thorpe-Ingold effect was beneficial in reducing the temperature (**2.14**) or the reaction time (**2.15**). Substitution on the alkenyl chain was tolerated, but did not result in any diastereoselectivity (**2.16**, d.r. = 1:1). Finally, the presence of a protected alcohol was tolerated, and highlighted the ability to further functionalize the heterocycle. In summary, these results show that modification of the alkenyl side-chain is well tolerated and that different saturated heterocycles could be obtained using this substitution-hydroamination sequence.

Before trying other cascade reactions, we decided to use this cascade to address a problem that we encountered many times in the development of intramolecular hydroamination reactions. The development of intramolecular methodologies is very lengthy since multiple steps are required to synthesize each starting material, including substrates that may not even yield the desired

product. Using an intermolecular-intramolecular reaction cascade, it would be possible to generate multiple products from a common precursor. Using this concept, ten pyrrolidine-based semicarbazides were synthesized starting from carbazate **2.2**. These results are summarized in Table 2.2.

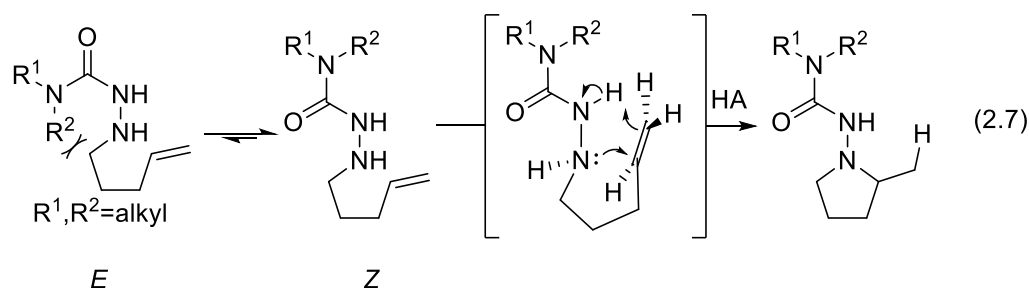
Table 2.2: Substitution / Hydroamination Cascade: Amine Scope^a



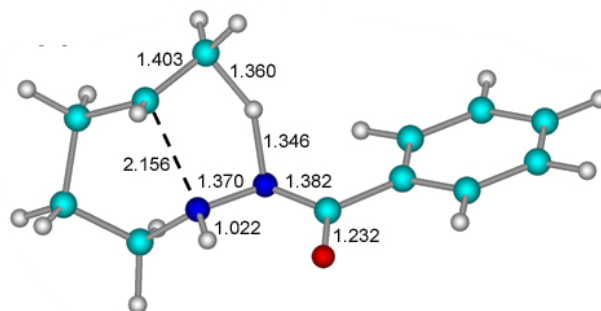
^aConditions: Carbazate (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv) in PhCF_3 (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in a microwave reactor.

Cyclic and acyclic secondary amines were all well tolerated in this system. Azetidine- (**2.18**), piperidine- (**2.20**, **2.21**), morpholine- (**2.6**), and piperazine- (**2.22**, **2.23**) based nucleophiles all generated the desired semi-carbazides in good to excellent yields. The presence of an aryl bromide further illustrates the versatility of this metal-free approach as well as provided a functionalization handle. Functional groups were also tolerated. The chiral prolinol product (**2.19**) was isolated in moderate yield, but only showed modest diastereoselectivity. An ester (**2.21**), a protected amine (**2.22**), and the oxo-piperazine motifs all yielded the functionalized heterocycles in excellent yields. A secondary acyclic amine was also well tolerated, yielding the

semicarbazide in 81%; however, primary benzylic amines only provided the desired product in modest yield. We attributed this lower yield to a difference in the conformational preferences of the resulting semicarbazide following the substitution (eq. 2.7).



The semicarbazides from primary amines have more flexibility and the *E*-conformation is thermodynamically favored as with other simple hydrazides.⁸² In contrast, secondary amines form semicarbazides in which an A(1,3) allylic strain interaction is present between R² and the side chain on the β-nitrogen. This destabilizes the *E*-conformer and favors the *Z*-conformer of the semicarbazide, which is the reactive conformer in Cope-type hydrohydrazidation according to previous calculations (Scheme 2.2).⁷⁵

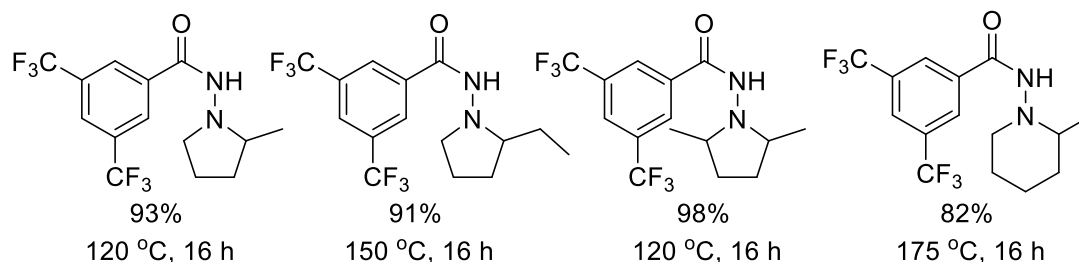


Scheme 2.2: Previously Calculated Transition State for the Cope-Type Hydrohydrazidation

A previous study in our group led us to believe that the major factor contributing to mild conditions for Cope-type hydrohydrazidation was the acidity of the hydrazide.⁸³ In this communication, our group reported the use of 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzhydrazides as superior reagents for cyclization. The *para*-nitro derivative was even more effective, but was not used for solubility purposes. In Scheme 2.3, a selected scope is presented from that study.

⁸² Licandro, E.; Perdicchia, D. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, 4, 665.

⁸³ Loiseau, F.; Clavette, C.; Raymond, M.; Roveda, J.-G.; Burrell, A.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Chem. Commun.* **2011**, 47, 562.



Scheme 2.3: Selected Scope Using 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzhydrazides⁸³

While comparing these results with the ones in Table 2.1, no major differences were observed; however, the semicarbazides formed by the cascade reaction are more electron-rich. This goes against the acidity hypothesis since the pK_a of the α -nitrogen should be higher in these semicarbazides. For this reason, the data suggests that conformational preferences are also important in Cope-type hydrohydrazidations.

2.3: Conclusion and Perspectives

In this Chapter, the discovery of the first cascade reaction employing *N*-isocyanates was discussed.⁸⁴ Early studies in the Beauchemin group discarded carbazates as precursors for hydroamination given their ability to form aminoisocyanates under the reaction conditions. In this study, it was shown that trapping the reactive intermediate with a nucleophilic amine provided semicarbazides that were competent reagents in Cope-type hydrohydrazidations. This provided us with insight regarding important factors to consider with regard to reagent design for this particular reaction. More importantly, it provided us with a proof of concept that controlled cascade reactions were possible using nucleophilic amines and illustrated the amphoteric potential of the *N*-isocyanates (electrophilic carbon, nucleophilic β -nitrogen). The use of non-activated alkenes as electrophilic partners was encouraging given their inherent low reactivity. At that point, different projects were envisioned using different electrophiles in order to generate a variety of different heterocycles. Moreover, in this section, the electrophile was already attached to the *N*-isocyanate precursors, which ultimately reduced the diversity potential with lengthy syntheses. Using another amphoteric reagent as the participating reaction partner would ultimately provide a more convergent synthesis and will be discussed in the next chapter.

⁸⁴ Clavette, C.; Vincent-Rocan, J.-F.; Beauchemin, A. M. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, *52*, 12705.

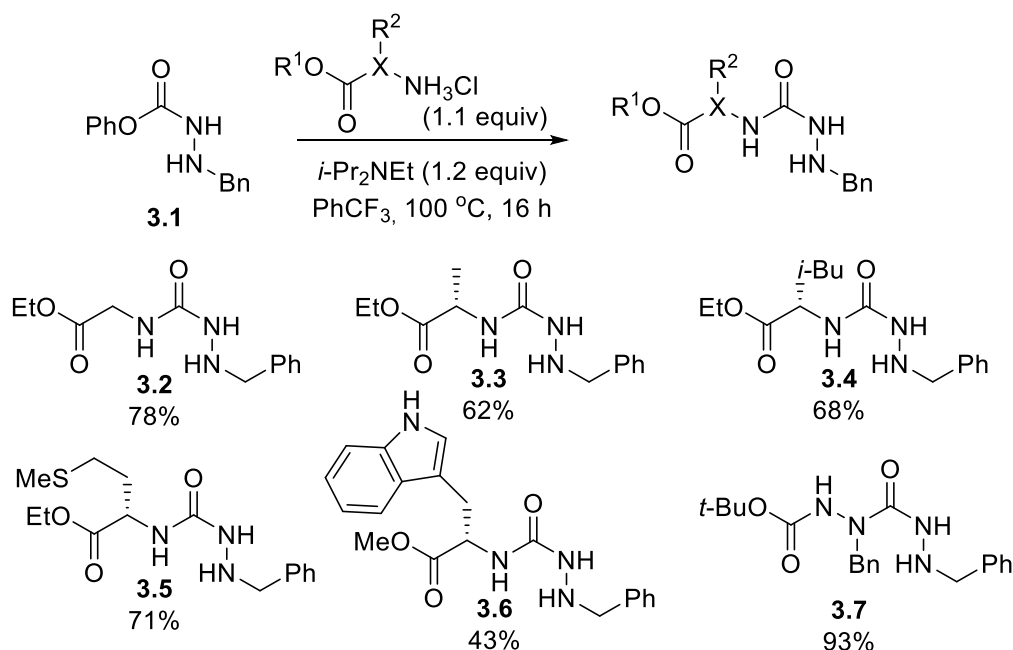
Chapter 3: *N*-Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry: Products With Two Atoms Within the Ring

3.1: Development of the First Cascade Reaction Using Iminoisocyanates

3.1.1: Synthesis of Aza-dipeptoids

In our first report discussed in the previous chapter, the use of simple carbazates for the synthesis of aza-dipeptides was reported. When the side chain did not have an alkene for hydroamination to occur, a substitution reaction on the blocked isocyanate using amino-esters derived from natural amino-acids was possible, yielding aza-dipeptoids. These motifs are important in peptidomimetics and will be discussed more in detail in Chapter 5. Using the simple carbazate **3.1**, we were able to synthesize six dipeptoid derivatives.⁸⁵ The results are displayed in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Dipeptoid Synthesis^a

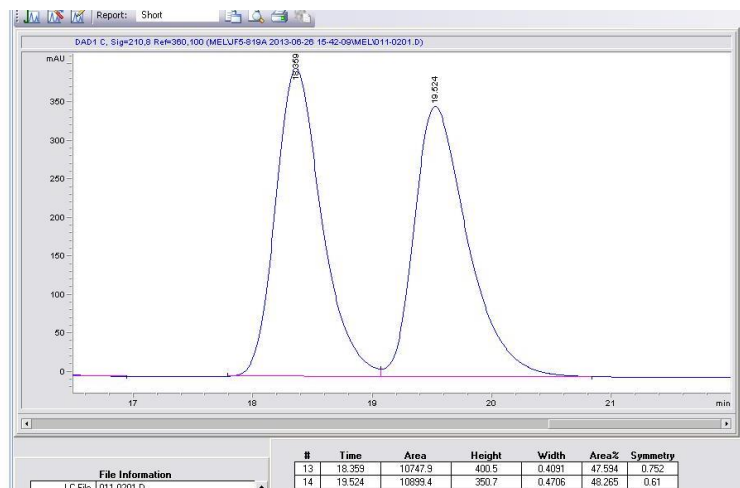


^aConditions: Carbazate (1 equiv), amino-ester (1.1 equiv), $i-Pr_2NEt$ (1.2 equiv) in $PhCF_3$ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in an oil bath for 16 hours.

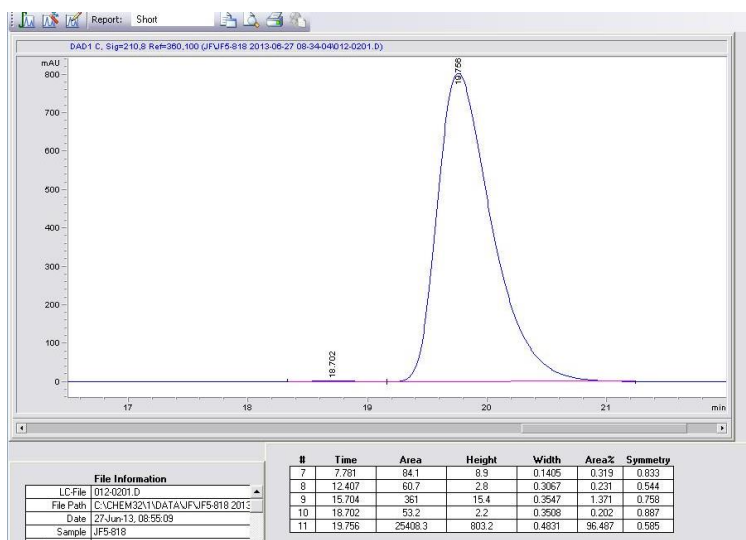
Using commercially-available aminoesters, glycine- (**3.2**), alanine- (**3.3**), leucine- (**3.4**), methionine- (**3.5**), and tryptophan- (**3.6**) derived dipeptide subunits were produced in modest to good yields. Finally, using *tert*-butyl carbazate, the resulting azatide (**3.7**) was obtained in excellent yield; however, given the lower nucleophilicity of carbazates, ten equivalents were necessary to achieve a selective transformation. To ensure enantiopurity of the products, the reaction was also conducted with racemic alanine ethyl ester to afford the racemic form of product **3.3**. The chiral HPLC traces of both reactions are displayed in Scheme 3.1

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HPLC analysis of racemic alanine derivative (\pm)-3.3



HPLC analysis of enantioenriched alanine derivative (*S*)-3.3



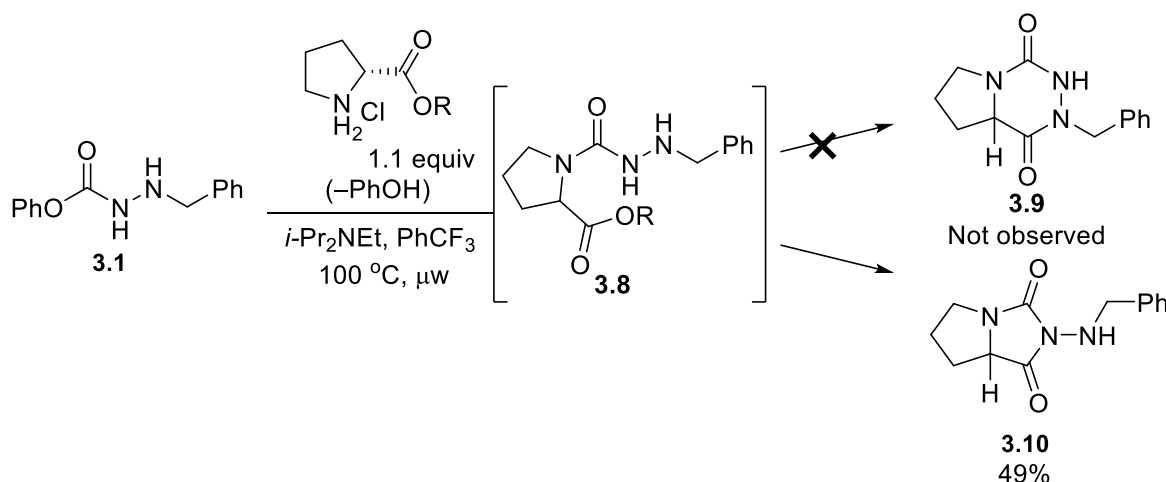
Scheme 3.1: Retention of Enantiopurity

When comparing the two samples, it is evident that the reaction yielded only one enantiomer in the bottom trace, as compared to the racemic one above. Therefore, we were confident that the dipeptide subunits were enantiopure. Having recently demonstrated the potential of *N*-isocyanates in heterocyclic synthesis, we began to question if it would be possible to induce

cyclization on the ester moiety. This would be conceptually different from the hydroamination cascade, since the nucleophile and the electrophile would come from the same reagent.

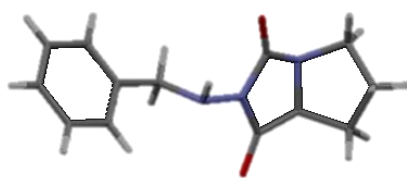
3.1.2: Aza-Hydantoins Synthesis Using Aminoisocyanates

With the help of Christian Clavette and an undergraduate student working under my supervision (Kyle Leckett), we started to investigate this idea and noticed that two different products could arise from this strategy. If the α -nitrogen was participating in the cyclization event, an aza-hydantoin would be obtained. As previously mentioned, if the β -nitrogen was cyclizing, the resulting 6-membered ring would be obtained, namely an aza-diketopiperazine. To test this hypothesis, we treated carbazate **3.1** with a proline ester and were pleased to observe complete selectivity for the cyclization forming a 5-membered ring (Scheme 3.2). However, we were also able to synthesize the 6-membered ring (aza-diketopiperazine) using a different synthetic strategy, which will be discussed in Chapter 4.



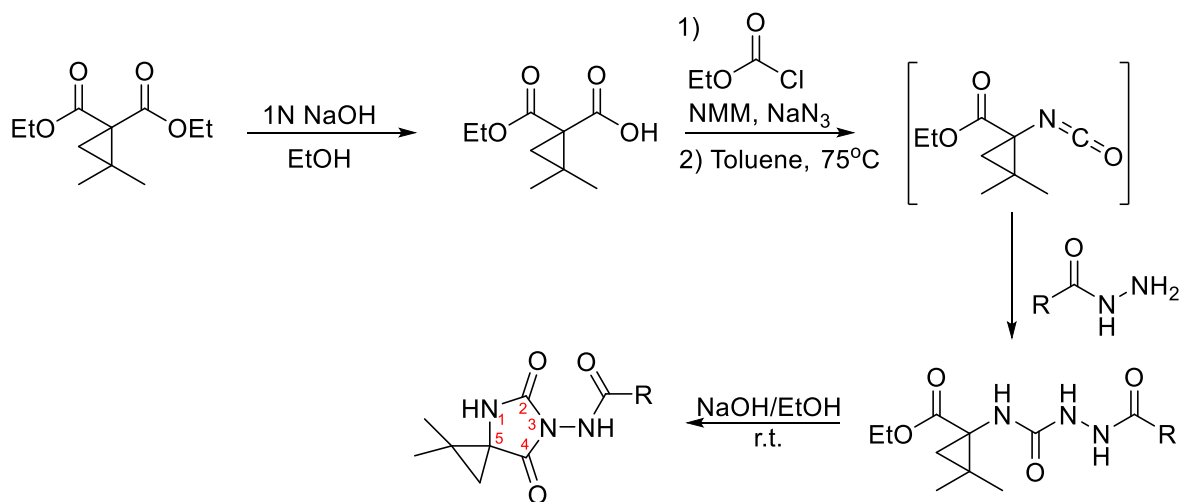
Scheme 3.2: Confirmation of Hydantoin Synthesis

Given the possibility for both products (**3.9** and **3.10**) to produce similar NMR spectra, X-ray diffraction of the crystalline product was performed to confirm the structure of **3.10**. This structure is shown in Scheme 3.3.



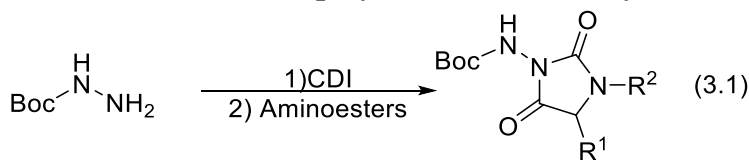
Scheme 3.3: X-Ray of Compound 3.10

Given the importance of hydantoin in the literature, this convergent approach is a powerful method for the rapid generation of aminohydantoin.⁸⁶ Most syntheses of aminohydantoin in the literature relied on multi-step syntheses (Scheme 3.4),^{85b} transition metals, or multicomponent reactions that need further modifications. A similar approach to ours was reported in 2000 by a team at Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals (eq. 3.1).⁸⁵ⁱ Interestingly, they never postulated an *N*-isocyanate intermediate and only reported a small scope based on Boc-protected hydrazine. Given the limitations of such approaches, our method has the advantage of using simple starting materials, relying on a 1 step procedure, and being broadly applicable.

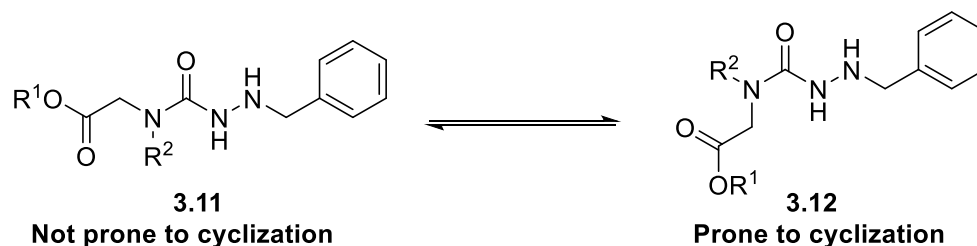


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Scheme 3.4: Multi-Step Synthesis of Aminohydantoin



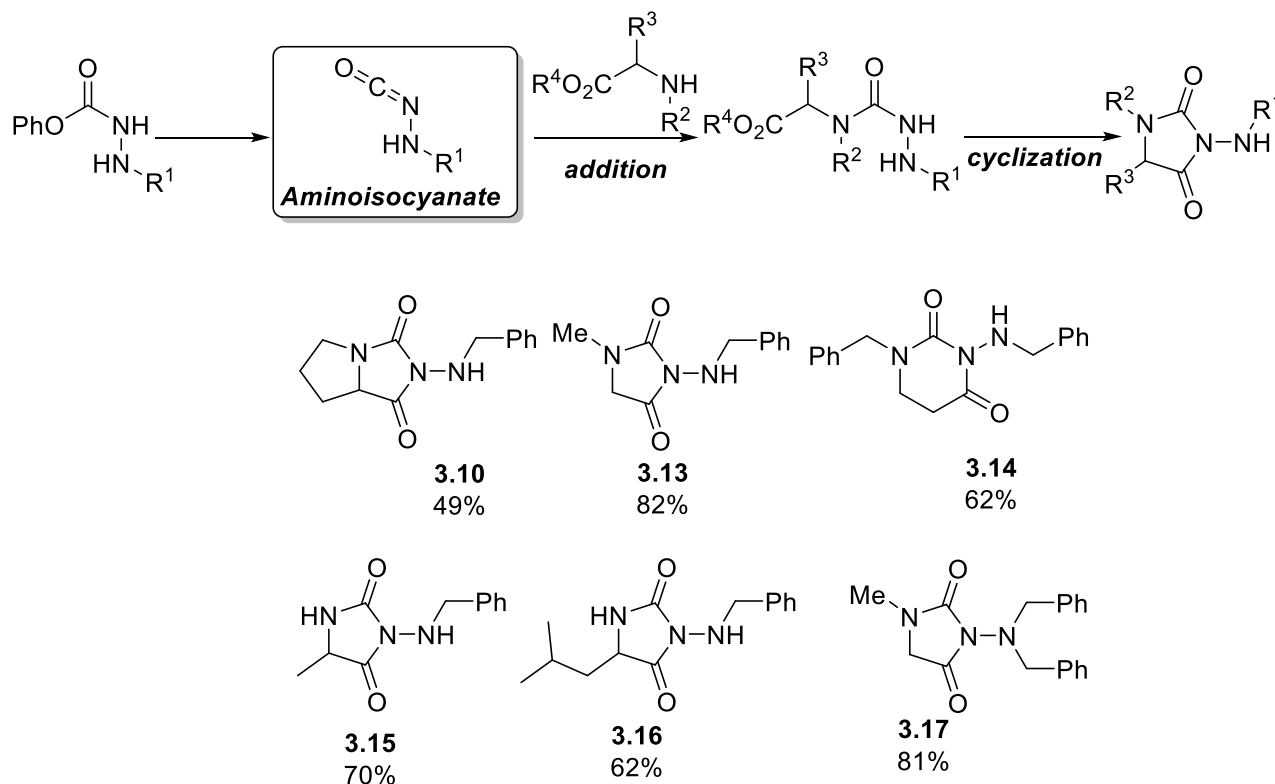
Our first result urged us to consider the conformational requirements for the reaction to occur. Under the same conditions, a primary α -aminoester only yielded substitution adducts (Table 3.1). As suggested by our hydroamination work, the conformation of these semicarbazide intermediates can greatly influence the reaction pathway. Presumably, in this case, the favored *s*-trans conformer resulting from the attack of a primary amine ($\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$, **3.11**) positions the ester too far from the nucleophilic nitrogen and the equilibrium disfavors cyclization to form the hydantoin (Scheme 3.5). In contrast, the equilibrium is more favorable when secondary amines were used ($\text{R}^2 = \text{alkyl}$) and this explained how cyclization is achieved using secondary amines such as a proline ester.



Scheme 3.5: Equilibrium of Conformation for the Synthesis of Aminohydantoins

With this equilibrium in mind, we started to scope the reaction using natural amino ester derivatives and carbazate **3.1**; the results are summarized in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2: Scope using *N*-Benzyl Carbazates and Amino Esters^a



^aConditions: Carbazate (1 equiv), amino ester (1.1 equiv), DIPEA (1.2 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in a microwave reactor for 6 hours.

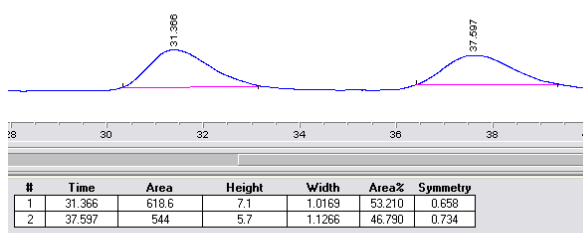
In addition to proline (**3.10**), *N*-methyl glycine ester (**3.13**) was able to yield the substituted aminohydantoin in good yield. Primary amino esters also work, but require higher temperatures (150°C). Using these conditions, the hydantoin derived from alanine (**3.15**), and leucine (**3.16**) were synthesized in modest to good yield. It is important to note that most of these reactions were high yielding but the polarity of these compounds made their isolations by column chromatography difficult. The reaction was also tolerant of a doubly-substituted carbazate (**3.17**) to yield the substituted hydantoin in good yield. Finally, β-amino ester was also a competent reaction partner yielding dihydrouracil **3.14** in good yield.

As shown in Table 3.2, the products obtained in this reaction racemized. Indeed, while verifying the enantiopurity of our compounds using the racemic alanine adducts, we were disappointed to see an identical chiral HPLC trace for both compounds (Scheme 3.6). Given the pseudoaromatic character of the deprotonated hydantoin, it is likely that elevated temperatures could epimerize the α-carbon in mild, basic conditions. Nevertheless, this study represents a fast approach to hydantoin derivatives derived from natural α-amino acids.

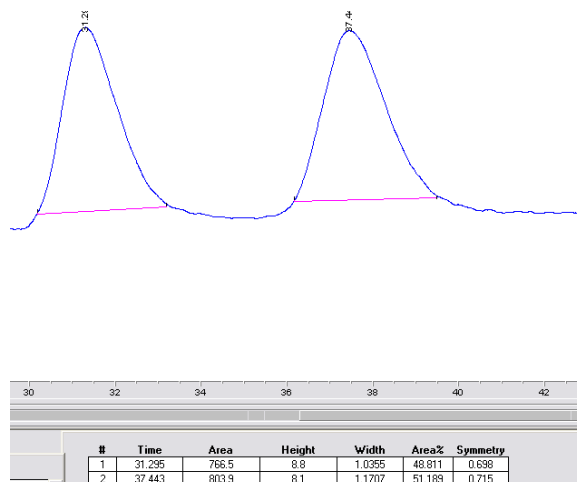
Since this reaction was completely selective for the cyclization using the α-nitrogen atom, we envisioned the use of carbazones as blocked *N*-isocyanates in a variant of this reaction. This would be beneficial for two reasons: first, the synthesis of the precursors would avoid the use of column chromatography and a low yielding reduction reaction; second, as mentioned in the introduction,

iminoisocyanates share the same reactivity trends as aromatic isocyanates (*i.e.*, more reactive than their sp^3 analogs); lastly, the hydantoins without any N-H bonds should be easier to purify which would possibly increase the yield of our reactions.

Chiral HPLC result of the cascade reaction with racemic alanine methyl ester*



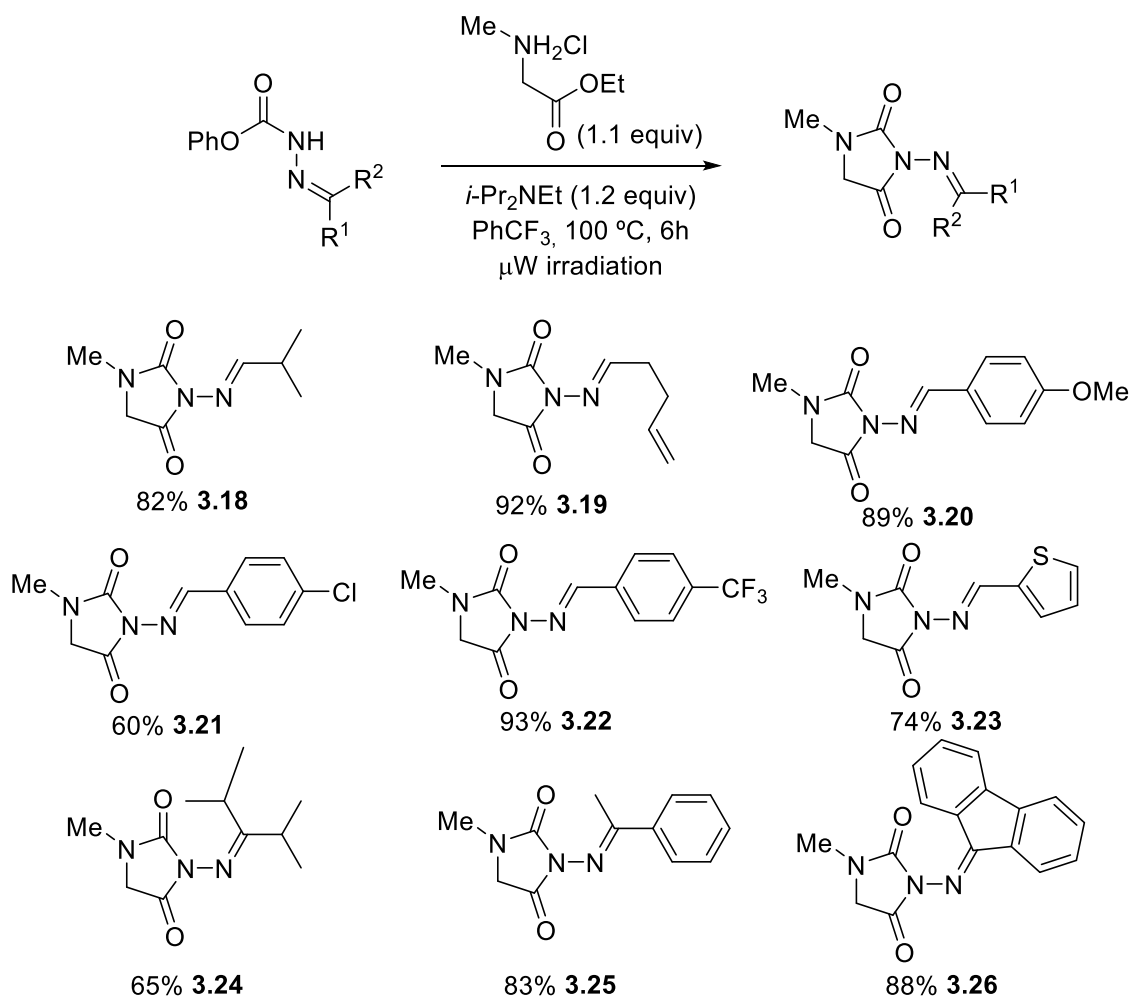
Chiral HPLC result of the cascade reaction with L-alanine methyl ester



Scheme 3.6: Erosion of Enantiopurity

To establish the scope of this reaction, we selected *N*-methyl glycine ethyl ester given its higher yield with the carbazates and its availability. As predicted, a variety of carbazone-based blocked *N*-isocyanates were competent reaction partners. These results are shown in Table 3.3.

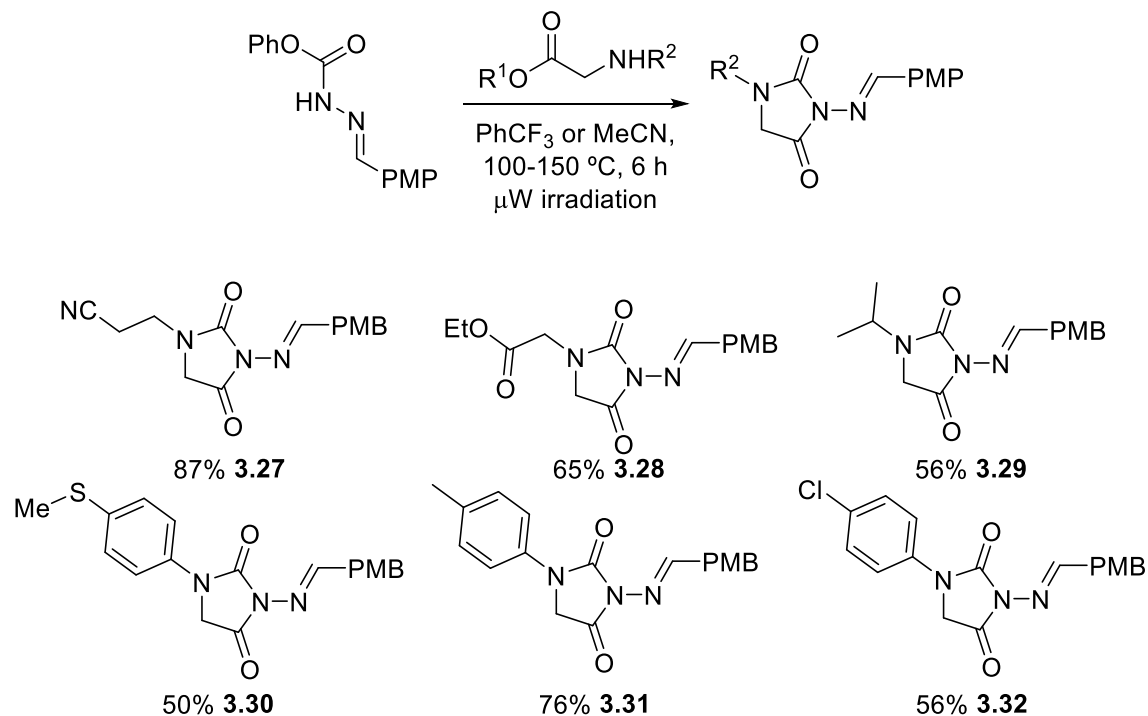
Table 3.3: Carbazone Scope Using *N*-Methyl Glycine Ester^a



^aConditions: Carbazone (1 equiv), amino ester (1.1 equiv), *i*-Pr₂NEt (1.2 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in a microwave reactor for 6 hours at 100 °C.

Aldehyde-derived aliphatic carbazones (**3.18**, **3.19**) yielded the desired product in good to excellent yields. Aromatic carbazones (**3.20**, **3.21**, **3.22**) were also tolerated with no obvious trend regarding electronic effects. Heteroaromatic carbazones (**3.23**) derived from aldehydes also furnished the bi-heterocycle in good yield. Ketone-derived carbazones were also tolerated including the bulky aliphatic diisopropyl group (**3.24**), as well as the aromatic derivatives of acetophenone (**3.25**) and fluorenone (**3.26**). Given the broad scope of carbazones, we then moved to explore different amino esters for the rapid generation of molecular diversity (Table 3.4).

Table 3.4: Amine Scope for the Synthesis of Hydantoin^a

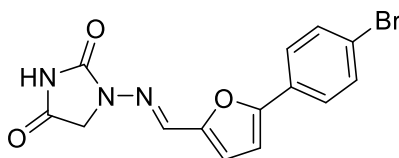


^aConditions: Carbazone (1 equiv), amino ester (1.1 equiv), *i*-Pr₂NEt (1.2 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial in a microwave reactor for 6 hours at 100-150 °C.

We were quite pleased to see that functional groups were not interfering with the reaction. For example, a nitrile group (Table 3.4, **3.27**) present on the amino ester did not affect the results of the reaction yielding the substituted hydantoin in 87% yield. An ester group (**3.28**) and a bulky amine (**3.29**) was also tolerated in the reaction, but afforded the product in lower yields. Finally, it was shown that anilines were competent reaction partners in the reaction. Given the lower nucleophilicity of anilines, the success of these reactions supported the involvement of highly electrophilic species such as *N*-isocyanates. Heteroatom-containing (**3.30**), electron-poor (**3.32**), and electron-neutral (**3.31**) anilines all afforded the parent hydantoin in modest to good yields. Given the bioactivity of hydantoins, we wanted to show the potential of our approach for the rapid synthesis of multiple drug analogs. To do so, we selected Azumolene as a drug candidate given its unique activity for the treatment of malignant hyperthermia (Scheme 3.7).⁸⁷ Since the hydantoin core is commercially available, most of the synthetic effort for the evaluation of analogs relied on condensation on different aldehydes.⁸⁸ In contrast, our method would give rise to analogs with modifications on the hydantoin ring system. An isomer of the hydantoin ring was synthesized since the second carbonyl is on the adjacent carbon. Second, multiple hydantoins were obtained with different substitutions on the free N-H of azumolene.

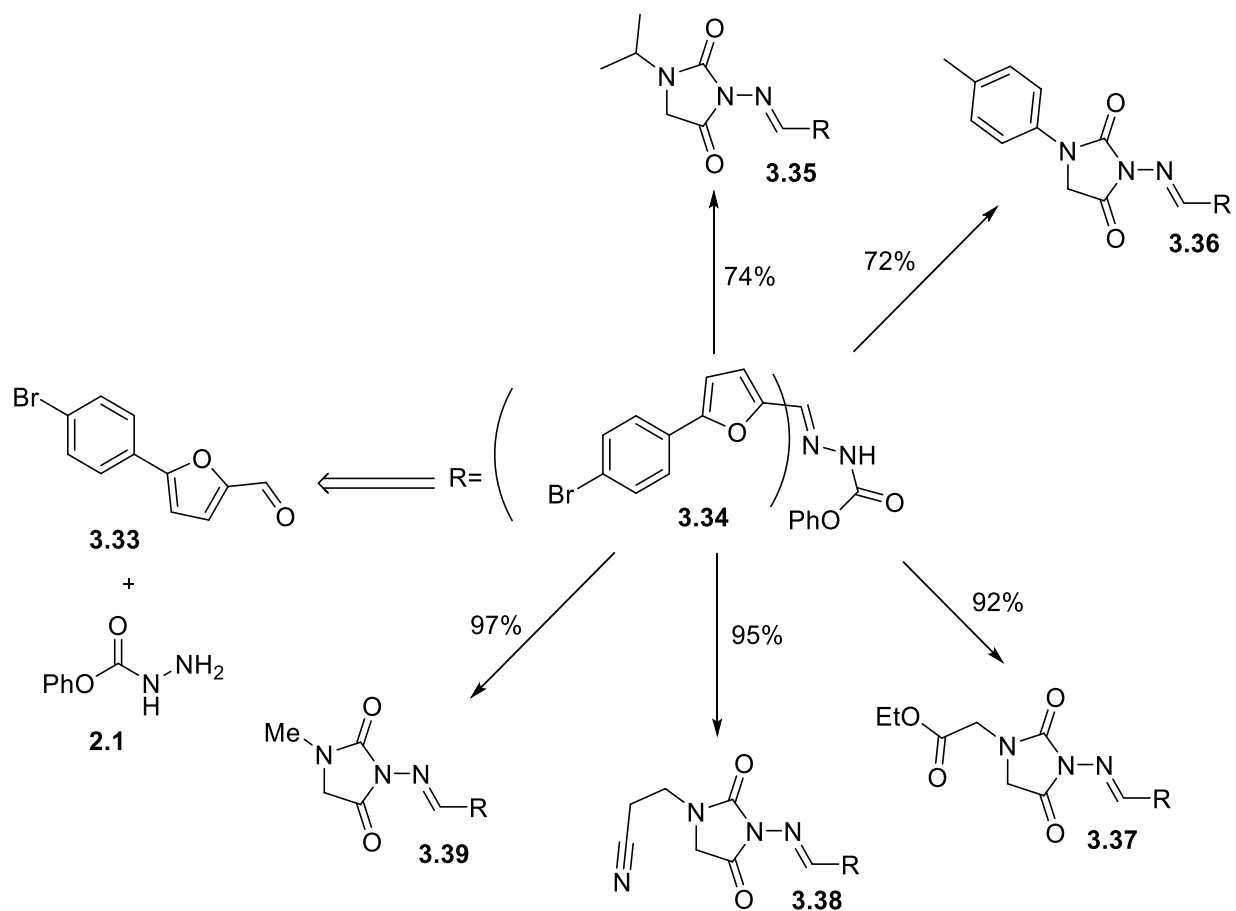
⁸⁷ For biological activity see: Do Carmo, P. L.; Zapata-Sudo, G.; Trachez, M. M.; Antunes, F.; Guimarães, S. E. F.; Debom, R.; Rizzi, M. D. R.; Sudo, R. T. *J. Vet. Intern. Med.* **2010**, *24*, 1224, and references cited therein.

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Scheme 3.7: Structure of Azumolene

Using our improved method for the synthesis of phenyl carbazate and the commercially-available aldehyde (**3.33**), a large quantity of the semicarbazone precursor (**3.34**) was obtained without the use of column chromatography since the product precipitated out of the reaction. As displayed in Scheme 3.8, most isolated yields proved higher using this complex substrate (72-97%). Since every compound was purified by filtration, the variation in yields highlights the difficult purification process in the previous systems.

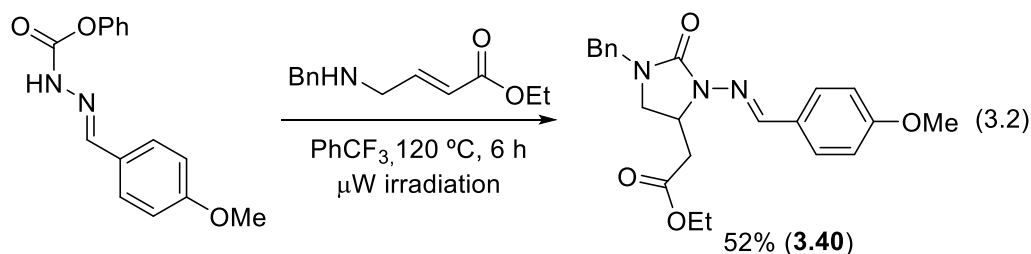


Scheme 3.8: Rapid Synthesis of Azumolene Derivatives

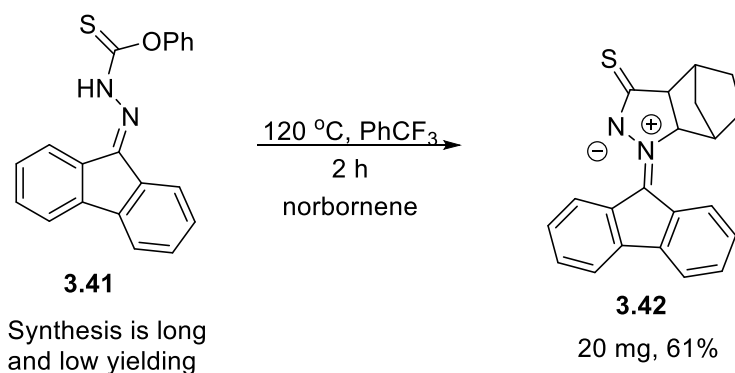
Pleasingly, a bulky amine (**3.35**), an aniline (**3.36**), an ester group (**3.37**), a nitrile group (**3.38**), and a simple *N*-methyl (**3.39**) were all tolerated in a more complex system to afford the

functionalized azumolene analogues in good to excellent yields. In only six reactions, five drug analogs were synthesized without using column chromatography. We believe that this rapid synthesis illustrates the potential of *N*-isocyanates in medicinal chemistry.

Given the applicability of this method, the potential of similar cascade reactions was tested. For example, the same reaction using an unsaturated amino-ester was performed and we were pleased to see that a substitution/1,4-addition cascade could yield imidazolidinone **3.40** in modest yield (eq. 3.2).



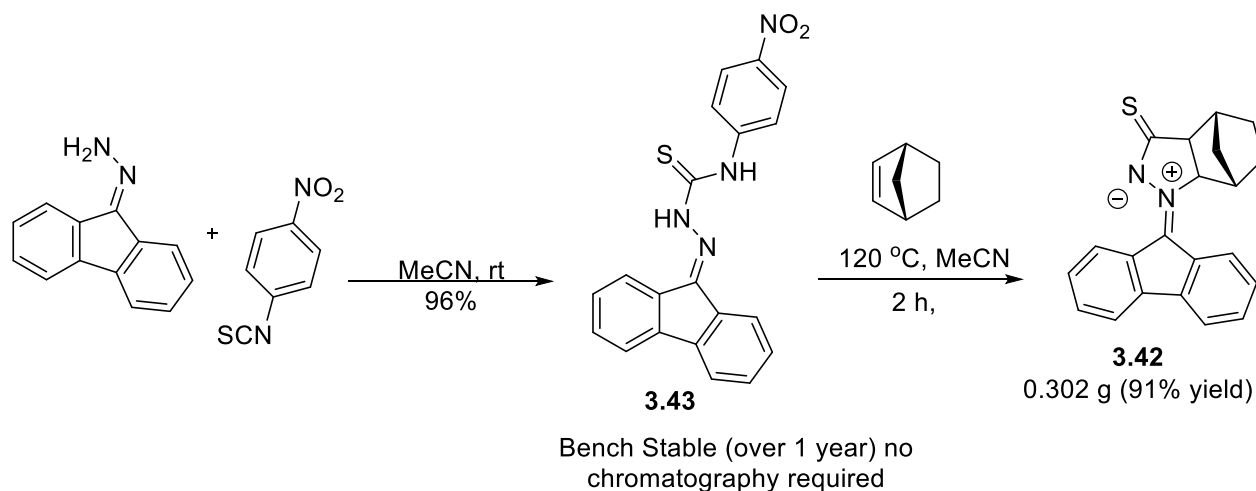
This result reveals the potential of *N*-isocyanates towards other electrophiles and will be discussed later in this chapter. The potential of other *N*-isocyanates in this system was then tested. *N*-Isothiocyanates were already known in the group to be reactive toward alkenes,⁸⁹ but were never developed further since the synthesis of the chosen precursor was lengthy and not reproducible (Scheme 3.9).



Scheme 3.9: Previous *N*-Isothiocyanate Precursor

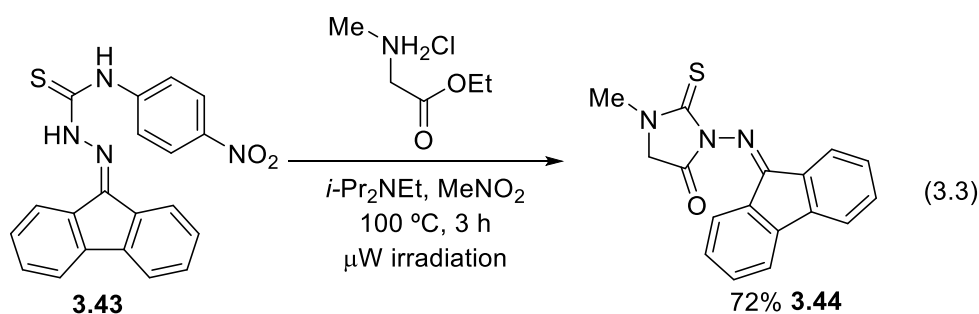
To streamline the synthesis of *N*-isothiocyanate precursors, the use of an aniline-derived leaving group was envisioned. The synthesis would be much simpler starting from commercial isothiocyanates and hydrazones or hydrazines. We finally opted for *para*-nitroaniline as a leaving group and attempted the synthesis of a derivative of **3.41**. Fortunately, the new precursor was easy to synthesize and aminothiocarbonylation was achieved in excellent yield on a 1 mmol scale (Scheme 3.10).

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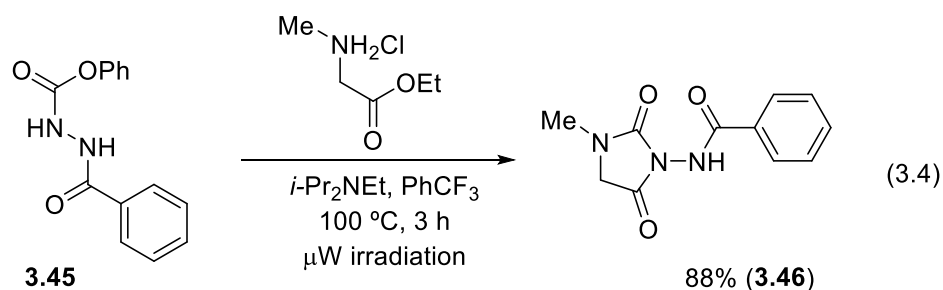


Scheme 3.10: Improved Synthesis of *N*-Isothiocyanates Precursors

This new strategy improved the synthesis of the precursor of this rare intermediate and allowed the synthesis of a large amount of *N*-isothiocyanate precursor. Moreover, it made it finally possible to use *N*-isothiocyanates to their full potential. Using **3.43** in our hydantoin synthesis, we were able to produce the thiohydantoin (**3.44**) in good yield (eq. 3.3).



This discovery initiated different projects in the group which are currently still ongoing. One of them, which describes divergent reactions of *N*-isocyanates and *N*-isothiocyanates, will be discussed later in this Chapter. Finally, the outcome of the reaction using amidoisocyanates was tested. This reaction also proved effective with this different *N*-isocyanate to afford the amidohydantoin (**3.46**) in excellent yield (eq. 3.4).



Overall, this system showed that it was possible to use multiple *N*-isocyanate precursors in a similar reaction.⁹⁰ We were able to show that amino-, imino-, and amidoisocyanates, as well as iminoisothiocyanates were all tolerated and reacted similarly with amino esters. We then began thinking about a system in which different *N*-isocyanate precursors would react differently, and lead to other useful products.

3.2. Diversity-Oriented Heterocyclic Synthesis Using Divergent Reactivity of *N*-Substituted Isothiocyanates

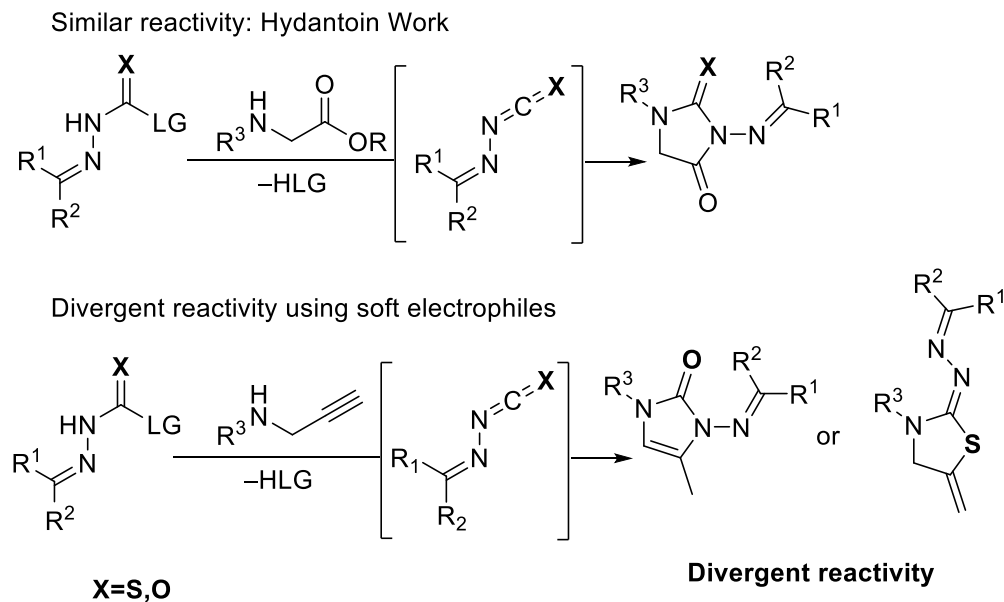
Having a streamlined synthesis for *N*-isocyanate and *N*-isothiocyanate precursors allowed us to focus our attention on a system that would result in divergent reactivity. In continuation of our work on the synthesis of bioactive compounds, we wanted to aim for two heterocycles that displayed interesting biological activities. Up to this point, we knew that the electrophile could be an ester or an alkene and that it could be present on the substrate itself (Chapter 2) or on the external partner (aminoesters). A literature search revealed that isothiocyanates could react with the alkyne by nucleophilic addition of the sulfur atom.⁹¹ Combining this with the information provided by eq. 3.2, we envisioned the possibility of synthesizing different heterocycles by divergent reactivity towards propargylic amines (Scheme 3.11). This would represent a faster convergent synthesis of these bioactive heterocycles.^{92,93}

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Scheme 3.11: Comparison of Amino Esters and Propargylic Amines Reactivity

With the help of Joshua Derasp, we started by optimizing the reaction conditions using *N*-isocyanate precursor **3.47** since this reaction was the most complex cascade targeted to date. Indeed, to yield the desired product, a substitution, a cyclization, and an isomerization needed to occur. As seen in Table 3.5, a catalytic amount of base (Et_3N) was crucial for the reaction. Without this base, only five percent of product was observed with the substitution adduct being present as the major product. This was most likely due to a base-catalyzed hydroamination reaction. In addition, this base could also catalyze the isomerization step, resulting in the aromatic product forming more efficiently. The optimal reaction conditions were found to be 100 °C in MeCN for two hours under microwave irradiation. With optimal conditions in hand, the same reaction was performed on a similar *N*-isothiocyanate precursor **3.49** (eq. 3.5). Surprisingly, the reaction afforded the desired cyclization, but only 37% of this adduct isomerized to the internal alkene. This observation suggests that the isomerization is more difficult in this system. However, in addition to the diversity achieved by a different atom cyclizing, the product distribution differs, which is most likely due to their relative stabilities.

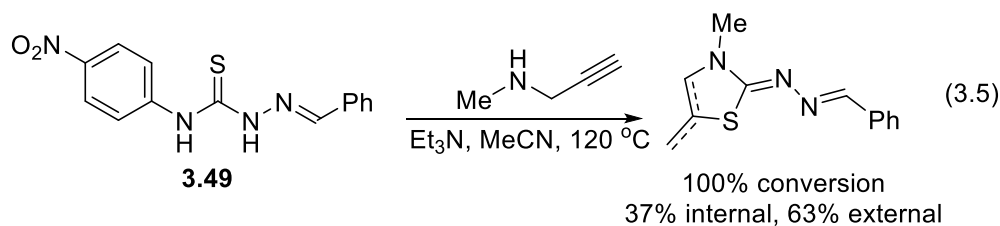
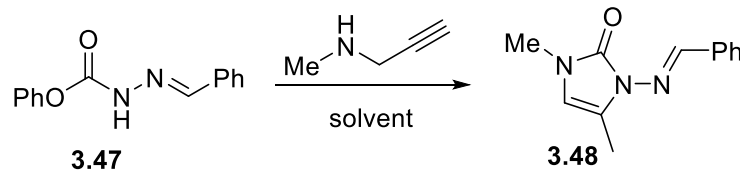
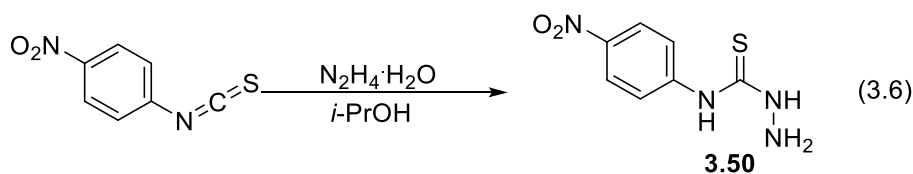


Table 3.5: Optimization of *N*-Isocyanate Cascade Involving *N*-Methylpropargylamine^a

Entry	Source	Temp. (°C)	Base	Time (h)	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)
1	μW	100	none	3	MeCN	5
2	μW	100	Et ₃ N	1	MeCN	79
3	μW	100	Et ₃ N	2	MeCN	87(86)
4	μW	100	Et ₃ N	3	MeCN	90
5	μW	150	Et ₃ N	2	MeCN	86
6	Oil bath	100	Et ₃ N	14	PhCF ₃	68

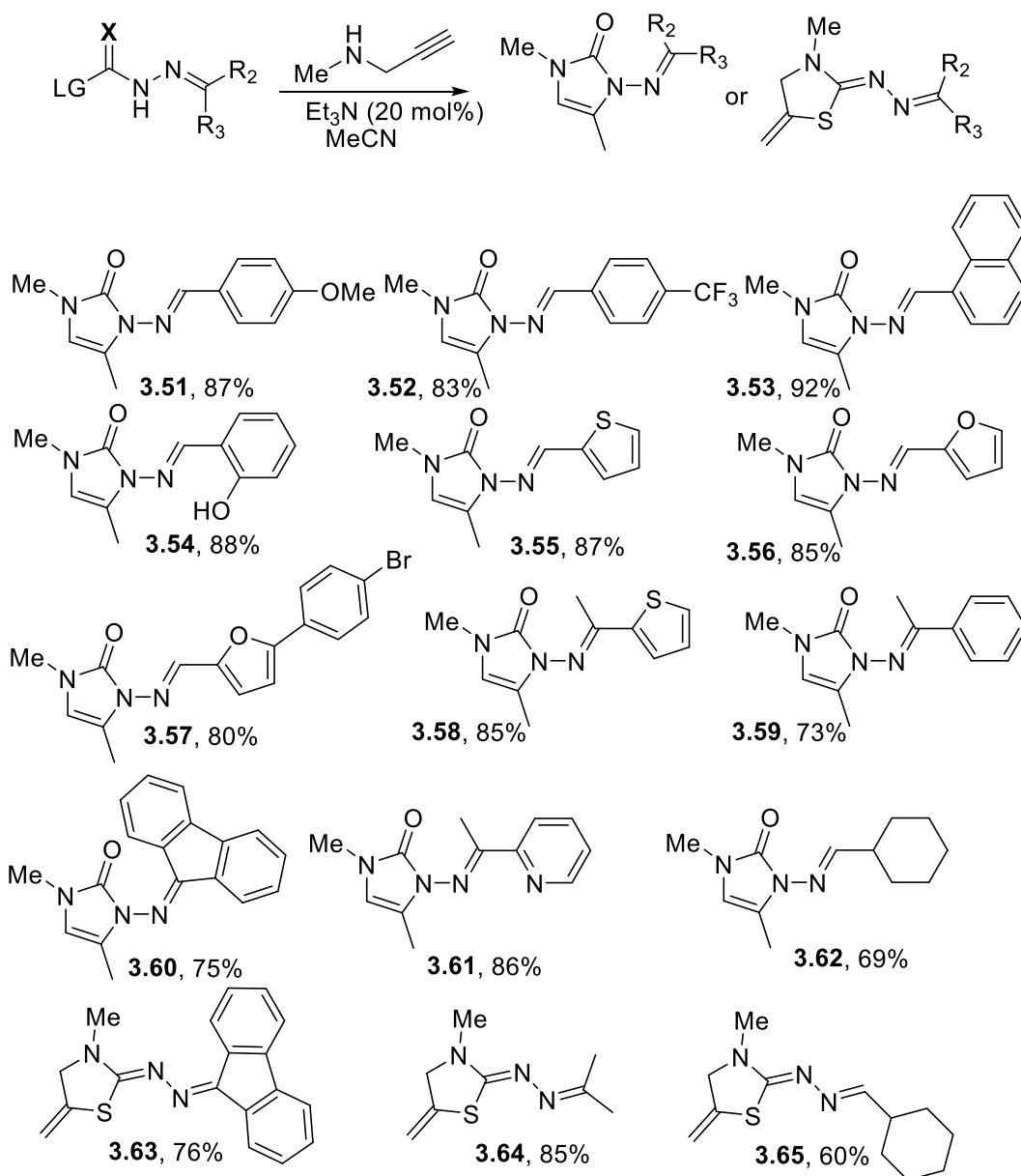
^aConditions: Carbazone (1.0 equiv), *N*-methylpropargylamine (1.1 equiv), Et₃N (20 mol %) and MeCN (0.3 M) were added to an oven-dried microwave vial heated in oil bath or microwave (μW) reactor. ^bNMR yield based on 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene internal standard, isolated yield in parentheses.

To synthesize precursor **3.49**, a different route needed to be developed since the hydrazone derived from benzaldehyde is known to be difficult to access. To do so, we were able to synthesize the thiosemicarbazide **3.50** (eq. 3.6) on large scale (up to 10 g). This building block was also stable on the bench for months and therefore gave access to different *N*-isothiocyanate precursors.



With the large-scale synthesis of precursor **3.50**, we were now able to access *N*-isothiocyanate precursors derived from simple ketones or aldehydes instead of hydrazones, which are not as readily available. With optimized conditions in hand and a way to access multiple precursors, we first explored the scope of this reaction using different precursors and *N*-methylpropargylamine. These results are displayed in Table 3.6.

Table 3.6: Divergent Synthesis Using Different *N*-Iso(thio)cyanate Precursors^a

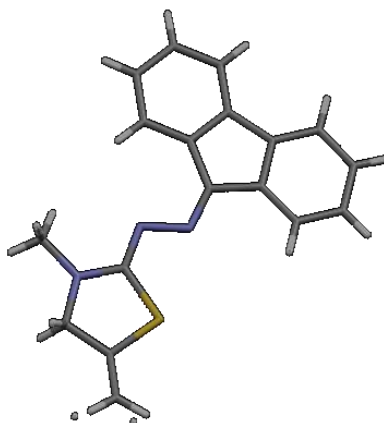


^aConditions: Carbazones (1.0 equiv), *N*-methylpropargylamine (1.1 equiv), base (20 mol %) and MeCN (0.3 M) were added to an oven-dried microwave vial heated in oil bath or microwave (μW) reactor at 100°C (120 for thio).

First, the electronics of aromatic *N*-isocyanate precursors were studied. As shown in Table 3.6, the electronic parameters do not seem to have any effect on the reaction outcome. Comparing the outcome of reactions with iminoisocyanate precursors with electron-rich (**3.51**), electron-poor (**3.52**), electron-neutral (**3.53**), and even heteroatom-containing (**3.54**) aromatic compounds supports this statement. Heteroaromatic semi-carbazones derived from aldehydes were also tolerated with the synthesis of the imidazolones containing a thiophene (**3.55**) or a furan (**3.56**) in excellent yields. As for the hydantoin-forming cascade, more complex molecules can be

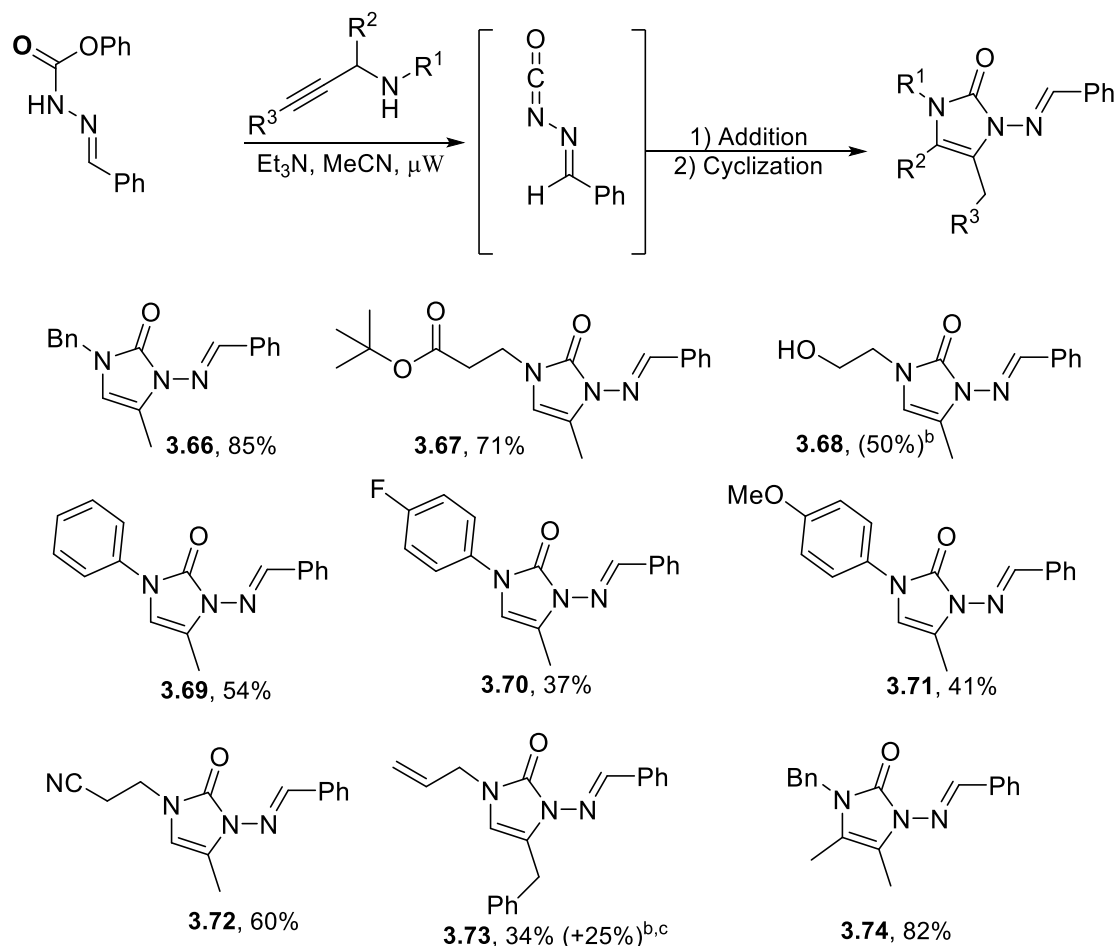
accessed as illustrated by the synthesis of the azulomene derivative **3.57** in good yield. To study the effect of steric hindrance, different ketocarbazone precursors were tested and no drastic effect was found. The thiophene ketone-based carbazone **3.58** yielded the desired heterocycle in excellent yield, similar to the yield of its aldehyde-based analog (**3.55**). Acetophenone- (**3.59**) and fluorenone- (**3.60**) based ketocarbazones also yielded the corresponding imidazolones in good yields. Finally, an electron-poor ketocarbazone (**3.61**) also resulted in the desired compound in high yield. We were also pleased to see that aliphatic iminoisocyanates (**3.62**) were competent reaction partners, as illustrated by the formation of a cyclohexyl-substituted imidazolone.

Different *N*-isothiocyanate precursors were then surveyed. While testing the fluorenone substrate that was used for the hydantoin synthesis, we were surprised to see no internal alkene (**3.63**) in contrast to 37% in eq. 3.5. Given the crystallinity of the corresponding heterocycle, X-ray analysis was performed to confirm the structure of our product. This structure clearly showed that the sulphur atom was participating in the cyclization and confirmed the presence of the exocyclic alkene.



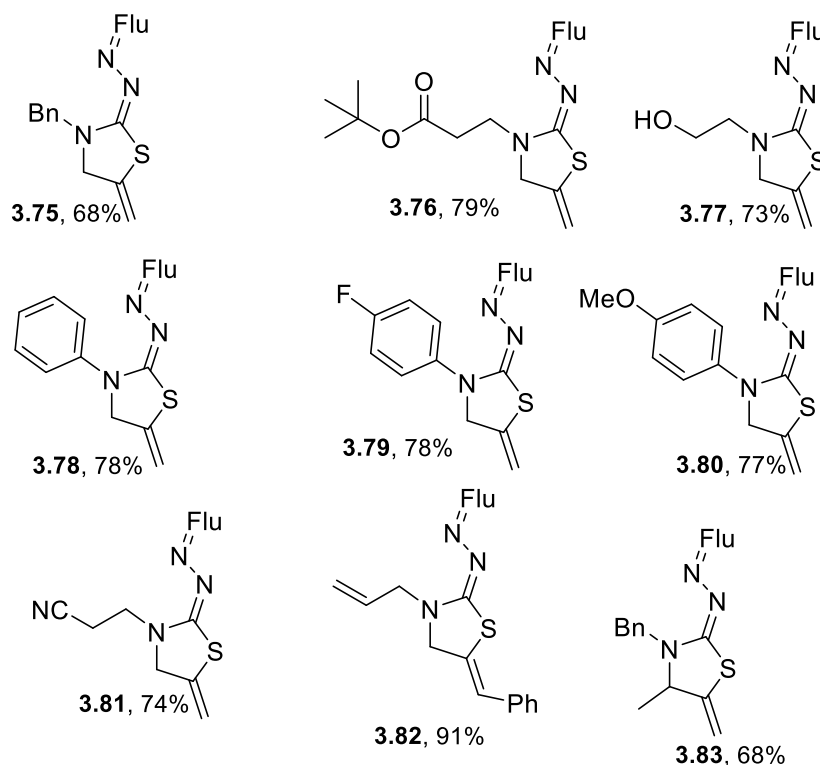
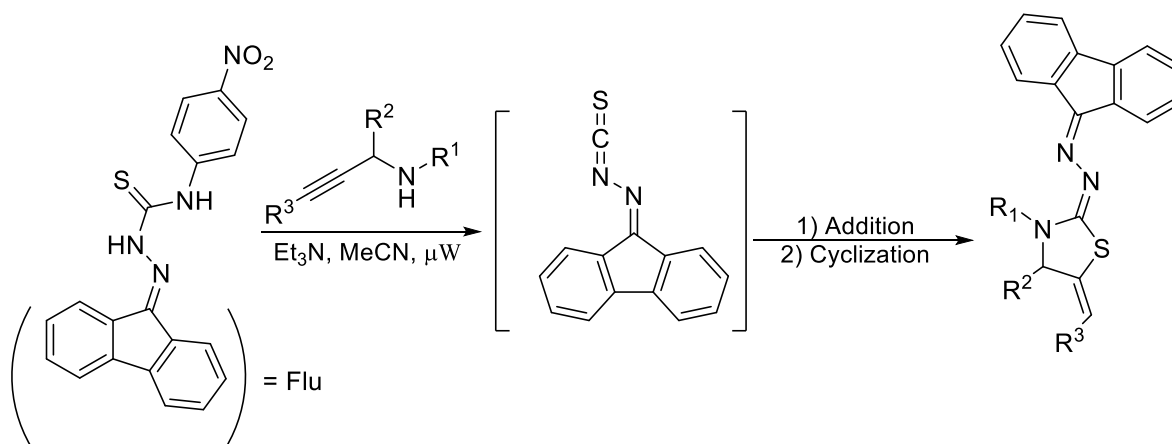
Scheme 3.12: X-Ray of Compound 3.63

Similar reactivity was also observed with acetone-derived thiosemicarbazone (**3.64**), resulting in the exocyclic alkene in excellent yield. We then thought that the isomerization process was likely common to aldehyde-derived *N*-isothiocyanates, but compound **3.65** was obtained as the sole product from the same reaction conditions. It is still unclear what drives the isomerization in the case of *N*-isothiocyanates, but using conditions and substrates to suppress isomerization completely allowed for a selective transformation. The scope of different propargylic amines with the benzaldehyde-derived iminoisocyanate precursor and the fluorenone-derived iminoisothiocyanate precursor was then studied. The possibility of synthesizing these two compounds on a multi-gram scale without the use of column chromatography facilitated these studies. These results are displayed in Tables 3.7 and 3.8.

Table 3.7: Divergent Synthesis Using *N*-Isocyanate Precursor^a

^aConditions: Carbazone (1.0 equiv), propargylic amines (1.1 equiv), Et_3N (20 mol %) and MeCN (0.3 M) were added to an oven-dried microwave vial heated in oil bath or microwave (μW) reactor at 100 °C. ^bBased on NMR yield ^cYield for product with an exocyclic alkene.

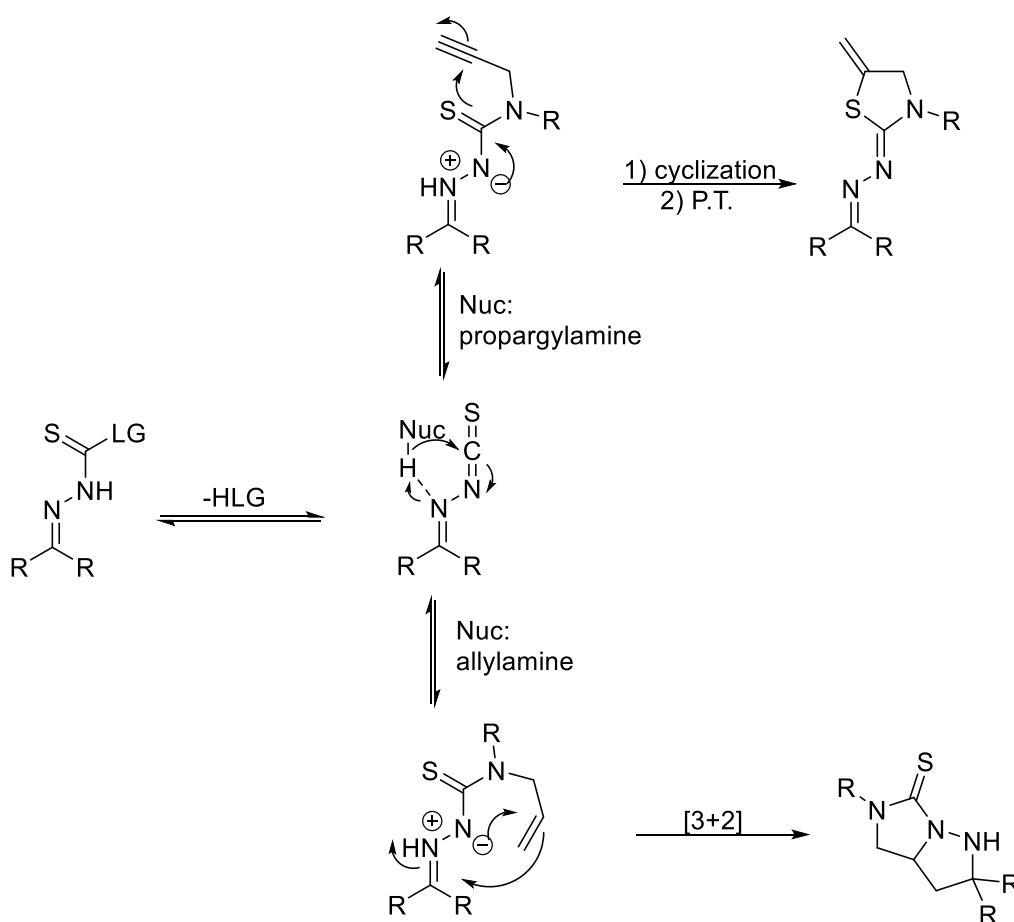
As shown above, the reaction using *N*-isocyanates seems to be more variable (yields: 34-85%) than the reaction with *N*-isothiocyanates (yields: 68-91%). For the *N*-isocyanate precursor, *N*-benzyl propargyl amine was well tolerated yielding the desired heterocycle (**3.66**) in 85% yield. A *tert*-butyl ester (**3.67**) and a nitrile (**3.72**) were tolerated in the reaction conditions and yielded the imidazolones in good yields. A free hydroxyl group was partially tolerated yielding the sensitive heterocycle **3.68** in modest yield. Different propargylic anilines were then surveyed. No electronic trends were observed, but aniline- (**3.69**), 4-fluoroaniline- (**3.70**), and 4-methoxyaniline- (**3.71**) derived propargylic substrates all yielded the desired heterocycles in low to modest yields. Finally, a non-terminal (**3.73**) alkyne was also tolerated, but partially prevented the isomerization with 25% of exocyclic alkenes observed by NMR. A methyl group on the propargylic carbon (**3.74**) was a competent reaction partner yielding the desired imidazolone in good yield. The results for the reactions involving *N*-isothiocyanates proved completely different. Indeed, similar yields were obtained for most propargylic amines surveyed.

Table 3.8: Divergent Synthesis Using *N*-isothiocyanate Precursor^a

^aConditions: Carbazone (1.0 equiv), propargylic amines (1.1 equiv), Et₃N (20 mol%) and MeCN (0.3 M) were added to an oven-dried microwave vial heated in oil bath or microwave (μW) reactor at 120 °C.

The enhanced nucleophilicity and the non-reversibility of the reaction likely had an impact on the product formation compared to the *N*-isocyanates. Amines possessing an *N*-benzyl group (**3.75**), an ester group (**3.76**), a nitrile (**3.81**), and a free hydroxyl group (**3.77**) all yielded the desired heterocycles in good yields. The aniline derivatives were also quite different in their reactions with *N*-isothiocyanates compared to *N*-isocyanates. The three electronically-different anilines (**3.78**, **3.79**, **3.80**) yielded the corresponding thiazolines in 77-78% yields. Overall, these

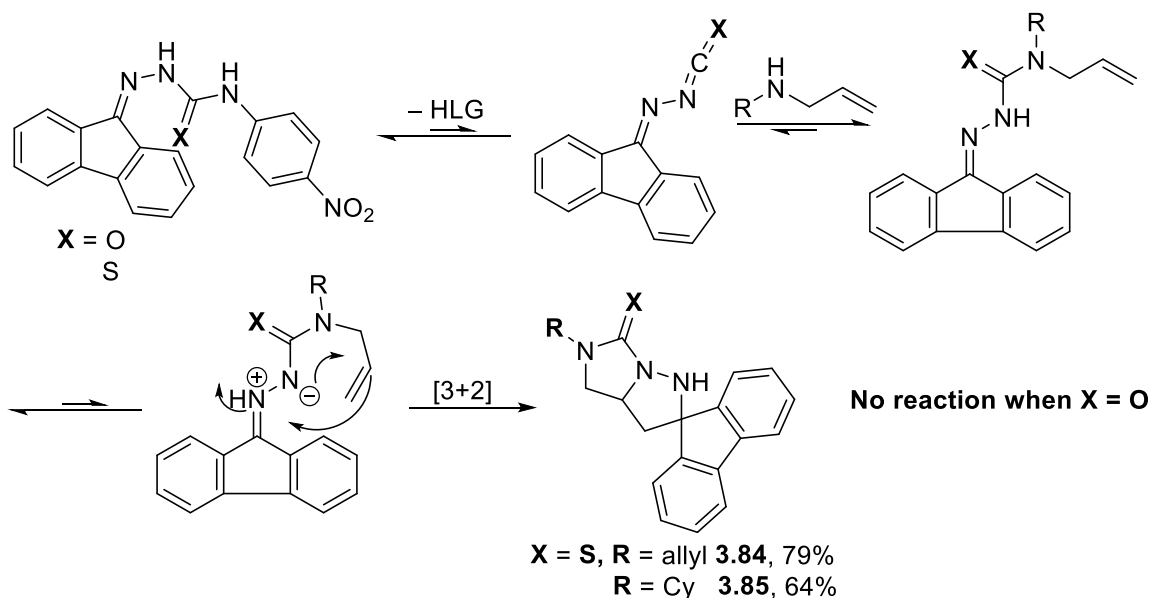
observations suggest that the cyclization of the thiolate on the alkyne is more facile and accounts for the increased efficiency of the cascades involving *N*-isothiocyanates compared to *N*-isocyanates. Finally, a non-terminal alkyne (**3.82**) also yielded the desired heterocycle in excellent yield as only one isomer, which was verified by NOE analysis and previous, similar cyclization.⁹⁴ Finally, a methyl group on the propargylic carbon (**3.83**) is also tolerated. Overall, the data presented in Tables 3.7 and 3.8 shows a striking difference between the reactivity of *N*-isothiocyanates and *N*-isocyanates. Given the high nucleophilicity of *N*-isothiocyanates, we wondered if these derivatives would react with non-activated π -systems such as allyl amines. To test this hypothesis, the fluorenone-derived *N*-isothiocyanate was subjected to the same reaction conditions with diallylamine. We quickly discovered that a reaction was occurring and was optimal without the use of catalytic base and at 150 °C; however, hydrothiolation was not observed and the product of an intramolecular cycloaddition was obtained. A common azomethine imine was proposed for both pathways using *N*-isothiocyanates (Scheme 3.13).



Scheme 3.13: Different Reactivity of Propargylic and Allylic Amines

⁹⁴ Novikov, R. V.; Danilkina, N. A.; Balova, I. A. *Chem. Heterocycl. Compd.* **2011**, *47*, 758.

Since the alkene is not activated enough to act as an electrophile for a cyclization, the cycloaddition pathway is possible and yielded the new heterocyclic system. It was demonstrated that this reaction proceeds efficiently with both diallylamine and *N*-allyl-cyclohexylamine (Scheme 3.14). In the latter case however, four hours were necessary instead of two, most likely due to conformational preferences. The difference of reactivity was striking since the *N*-isocyanate precursor yielded no product most likely due to the increase stability of sulphur based azomethine imines. This new reactivity offers a good alternative to Overman's pioneering work on the *in situ* generation of similar (thiocarbonyl-substituted) azomethine imines.⁹⁵



Scheme 3.14: Novel *In-Situ* Generation of Azomethine Imines

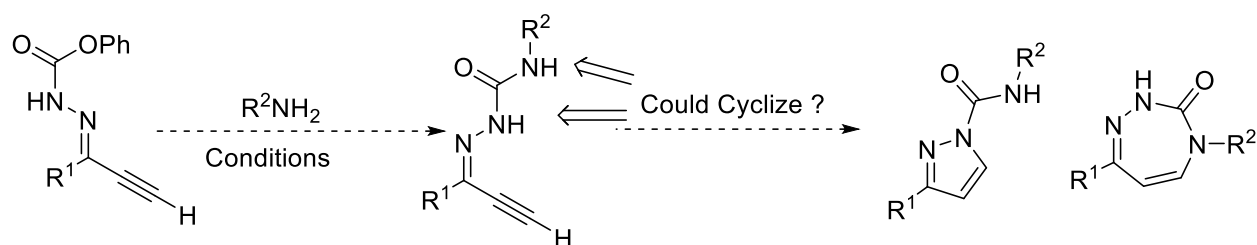
In summary, this study showed the requirement for studying differences in reactivity of reactive intermediates.⁹⁶ The expected differences in reactivity gave rise to the rapid synthesis of two different heterocyclic classes, but an unexpected pathway was discovered while using allylic amines with *N*-isothiocyanates. Moreover, it showed the potential of π -systems as reactive partners for the development of cascade reactions. Since the alkyne was part of an external molecule, we wondered if the alkyne could be on the substrate itself, thus allowing for different products to be formed.

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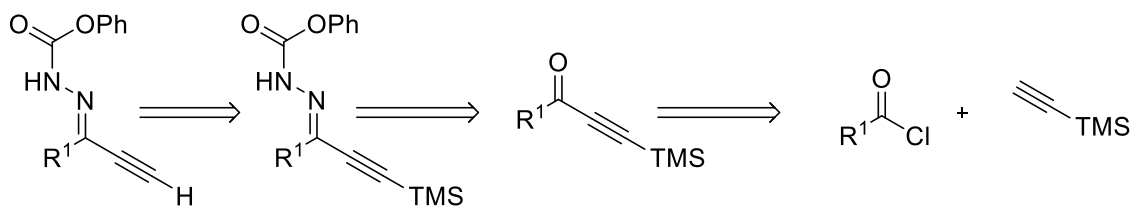
3.3: Diversity-Oriented Synthesis of Acyl Pyrazoles using *N*-Isocyanates

As mentioned in the previous section, the alkyne counterpart was identified as a good electrophilic partner for the development of cascade reactions using *N*-isocyanates. To enhance the chance of developing a successful system, in collaboration with Ryan Ivanovich (an undergraduate student under my supervision at the time), a substrate that could lead to two different and interesting heterocycles was designed (Scheme 3.15). Indeed, using the unsaturated alkynylcarbazonate, two different cyclization pathways could operate to yield either the 5- or 7-membered rings. In the following section, Ryan's work will be described. However, it is important to mention that the entire project was based on my own design.



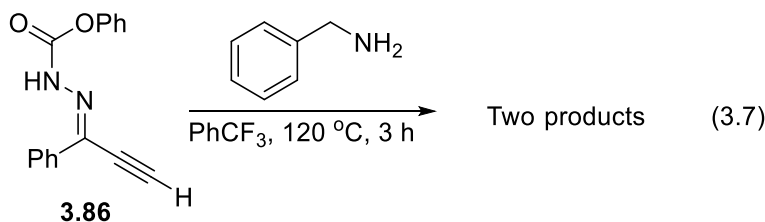
Scheme 3.15: Possible Products from Unsaturated Alkynes

To test this hypothesis, a rapid synthesis to generate the starting material was needed. Given the versatility of Sonogashira coupling reactions of acyl chlorides, we decided to proceed with a sequence of cross-coupling, condensation, and deprotection as shown in Scheme 3.16.

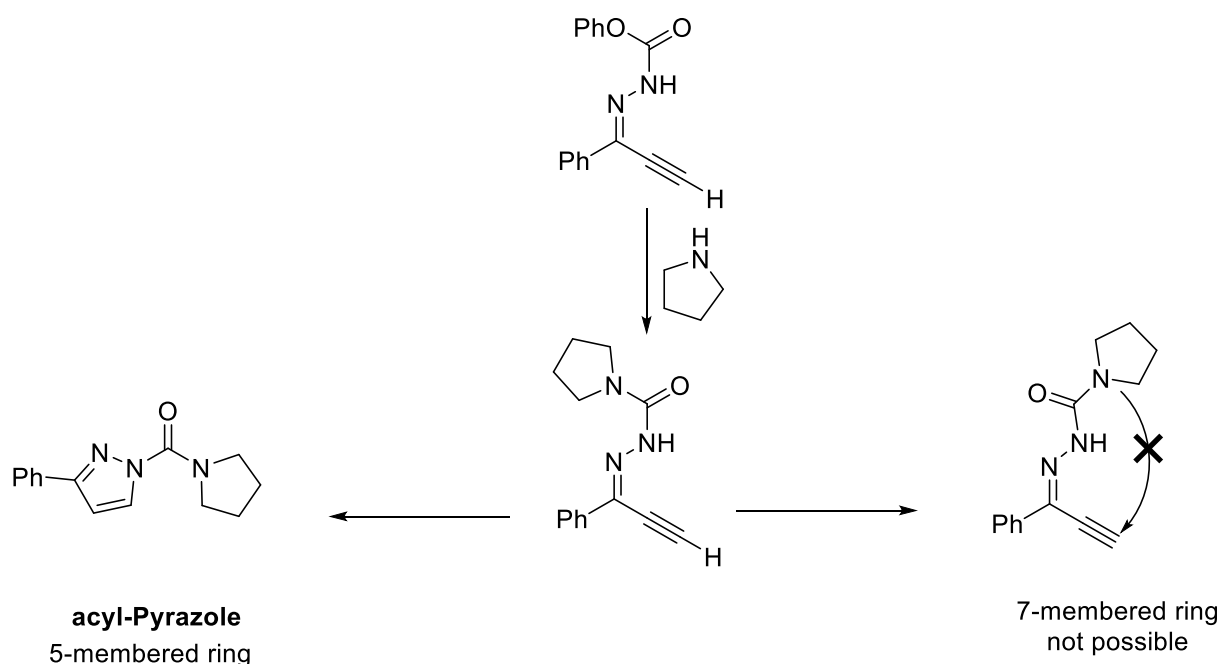


Scheme 3.16: Retrosynthetic Analysis for the Synthesis of Unsaturated Alkynes

To validate this synthetic hypothesis, the reaction was tested with benzylamine and the starting material **3.86** (eq. 3.7).



When the substrate **3.86** was subjected to the reaction conditions in PhCF₃ at 120 °C for 3 hours, two sets of different doublets were observed in the NMR spectrum. Each doublet could represent either the 5- or 7-membered rings. In order to get a better picture of this, the substitution product was isolated and the subsequent cyclization was optimized. To isolate the intermediate, **3.86** was subjected to benzylamine at 50 °C in the presence of DBU (10 mol %). Surprisingly, under these mild conditions, the substitution product did cyclize but only formed one of the products; however, both of these possible structures were unprecedented in the literature and it was impossible to distinguish between the two solely based on ¹H NMR. We thought that, by switching to a secondary amine, it would be possible to discriminate between the two pathways since the semi-carbamide adduct could not form the 7-membered ring (Scheme 3.17).

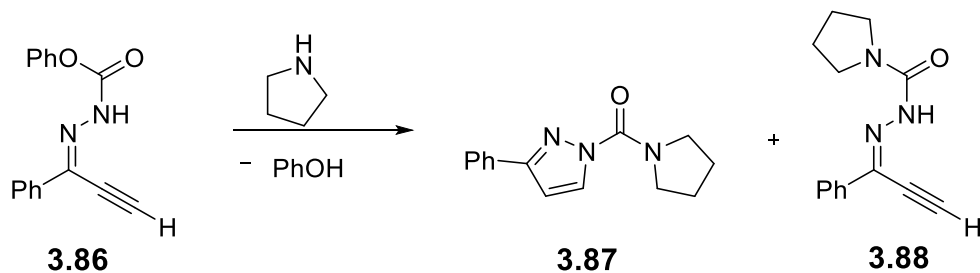


Scheme 3.17: Substrate Design for Pathway Discrimination

Under identical reaction conditions, a very similar set of doublets appeared which is consistent with the two pyrazole aromatic protons. At this point, we concluded that the pyrazole pathway was the only one operating. As will be discussed later, primary amines are slightly more sensitive and the second product seen in the previous reaction was a decomposition product of the pyrazole; therefore, the 7-membered ring was never obtained with this substrate. We then began a simple optimization of the conditions for the reactions of secondary amines, for which the results are presented in Table 3.9. Simply increasing the DBU loading to 20 mol % and changing the solvent to THF allowed us to achieve room temperature reactivity and isolate the acyl pyrazole **3.87** in 89% yield. Primary amines required slightly different conditions, but were

also able to yield the acyl pyrazole in good yield after a short optimization of the reaction conditions (Table 3.10).

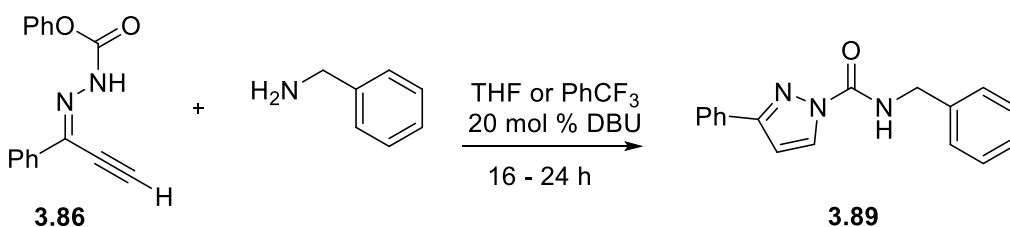
Table 3.9: Optimization of Pyrazole Synthesis Using a Secondary Amine^a



Entry	Temp (°C)	Solvent	[3.87] %	Yield of 3.88 (%)	DBU
1	50	PhCF ₃	59	41	10 mol%
2	50	PhCF ₃	81	-	20 mol%
3	r.t.	PhCF ₃	85	-	20 mol%
4	r.t.	THF	100 (89) ^b	-	20 mol%

^aConditions: Alkynyl carbazone (1.00 equiv), pyrrolidine (1.10 equiv) and DBU (0.1-0.2 equiv) in PhCF₃ or THF (0.3 M) at indicated temperature for 16 hours in a closed vial. All yields are NMR yields, taken using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard, unless otherwise indicated. ^bIsolated yield.

Table 3.10: Optimization of Pyrazole Synthesis Using a Primary Amine^a

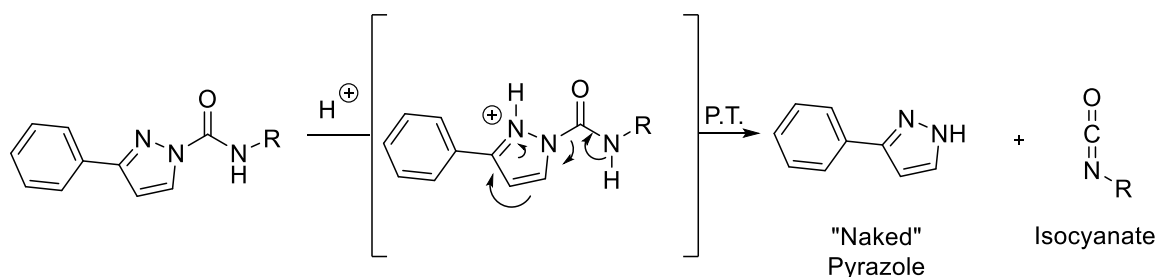


Entry	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Solvent	[3.89] (%)
1	r.t.	24	THF	65
2	50	16	THF	39
3	r.t.	24	PhCF ₃	78 ^b

^aConditions: Alkynyl carbazone (1.00 equiv), amine (1.10 equiv) and DBU (0.20 equiv) in PhCF₃ or THF (0.3 M) at room temperature or 50 °C for 16 to 24 hours in a closed vial. Reactions were conducted at 0.1 mmol scale. All yields are NMR yields, taken using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard, unless otherwise indicated.

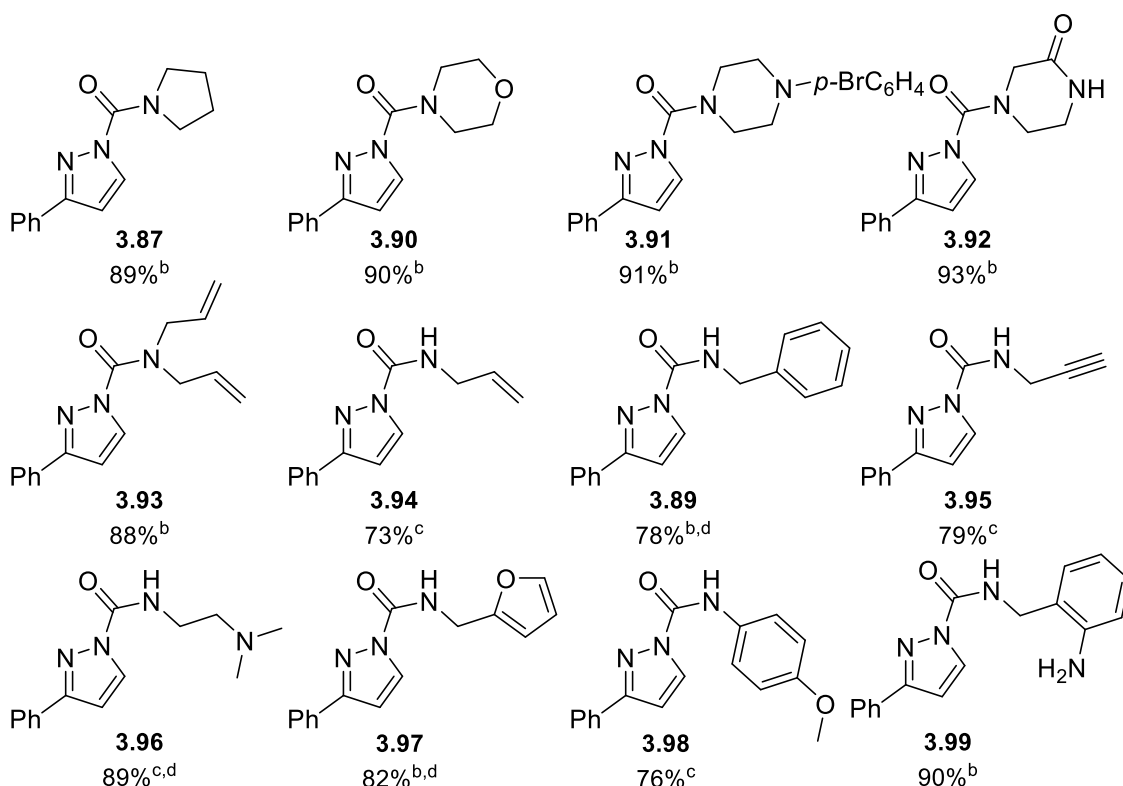
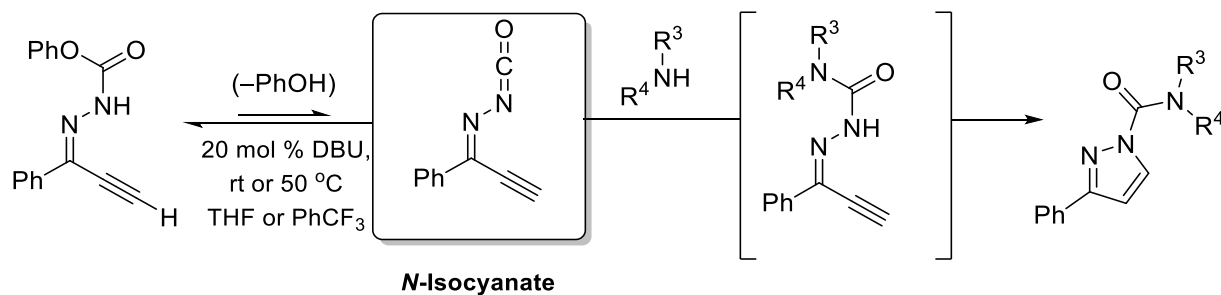
^bIsolated yield.

Interestingly, for the same reaction conditions as the pyrrolidine, the benzylamine product was only formed in 65% yield with a prolonged reaction time. Increasing the reaction temperature reduced the yield and the second product observed earlier became apparent. Changing the solvent to trifluorotoluene improved the yield of **3.89** to 78%, which was isolated using Et₃N-treated silica gel. The use of treated silica gel was necessary because, when purified with regular silica gel, the primary amine product **3.89** completely degraded to the other product. At this point, we knew that this second product was related to the decomposition of the acyl pyrazole, and thus the base-induced milder conditions were necessary for efficient reactions with primary amines. This observation highlights the strength of the base catalysis approach since harsher conditions would have made this project less applicable. The second product was then assigned to be the “naked” pyrazole formed by ejecting the pyrazole under thermolysis of mildly acidic conditions (Scheme 3.18). This observation is also in agreement with the use of pyrazoles as blocking groups for isocyanates as seen in Scheme 1.2.



Scheme 3.18: Decomposition Pathway Using Primary Amines

With this in mind, we started to scope the reaction using both primary and secondary amines. These results are presented in Table 3.11.

Table 3.11: Amine Scope for the Diversity-Oriented Acyl Pyrazole Synthesis^a

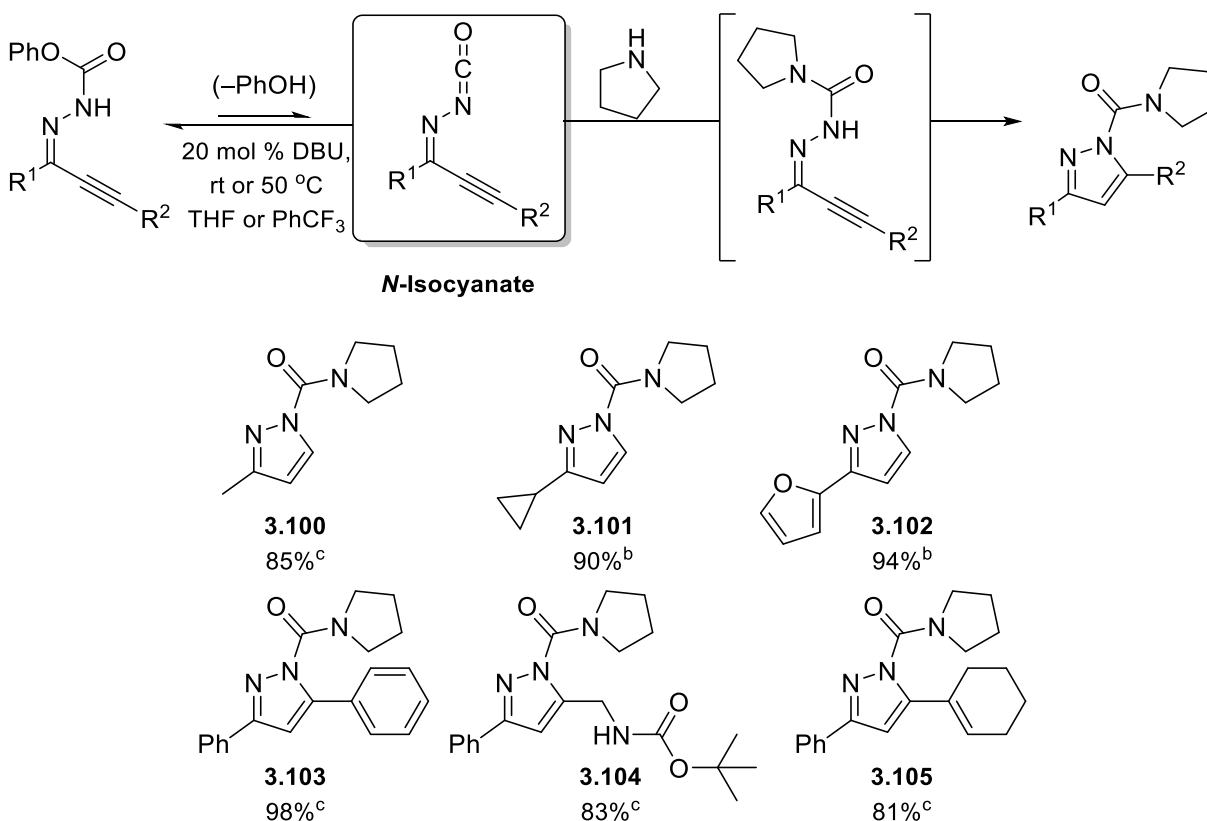
^aConditions: alkyne carbazone (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), DBU (20 mol %) in THF at room temperature or 50 °C for 16 h. ^bReaction at room temperature. ^cReaction at 50 °C. ^dReaction conducted in PhCF₃.

Both primary and secondary amines with various functional groups were well tolerated in this system. Pyrrolidine (**3.87**), morpholine (**3.90**), a substituted piperazine (**3.91**), and oxopiperazine (**3.92**) all provided the desired heterocycles in excellent yields. The presence of an aryl bromide (**3.91**) showcased the advantage of this method over a transition metal based system. The oxopiperazine (**3.92**) also showed that the system is chemoselective for the most nucleophilic nitrogen atom. A secondary acyclic amine (**3.93**) was also competent and yielded the acyl pyrazole in excellent yield. Benzylamine was optimized to react at room temperature, but it turned out to be more of an exception than the rule. Only benzylamine (**3.89**), furfuralamine (**3.97**), and *N*-benzylaniline (**3.99**) yielded the pyrazole at room temperature in

good to excellent yield. Every other primary amine required a temperature of 50 °C to reach completion in 24 hours. Nevertheless, an allyl group (**3.94**), a propargyl group (**3.95**), an extra tertiary amine (**3.96**), and an aniline (**3.98**) were also tolerated in the reaction to provide the functionalized heterocycles in good to excellent yields. Overall, this mild system tolerates heterocycles, heteroatoms, allylic systems, propargylic systems, and aryl halides. The mild conditions offered by this base catalysis helped to broaden the scope of this reaction.

We then continued to explore the scope of this reaction by probing the effect of carbazone substitution with pyrrolidine as the amine source. The results are presented in Table 3.12.

Table 3.12: Carbazone Scope for the Diversity-Oriented Acyl Pyrazole Synthesis^a



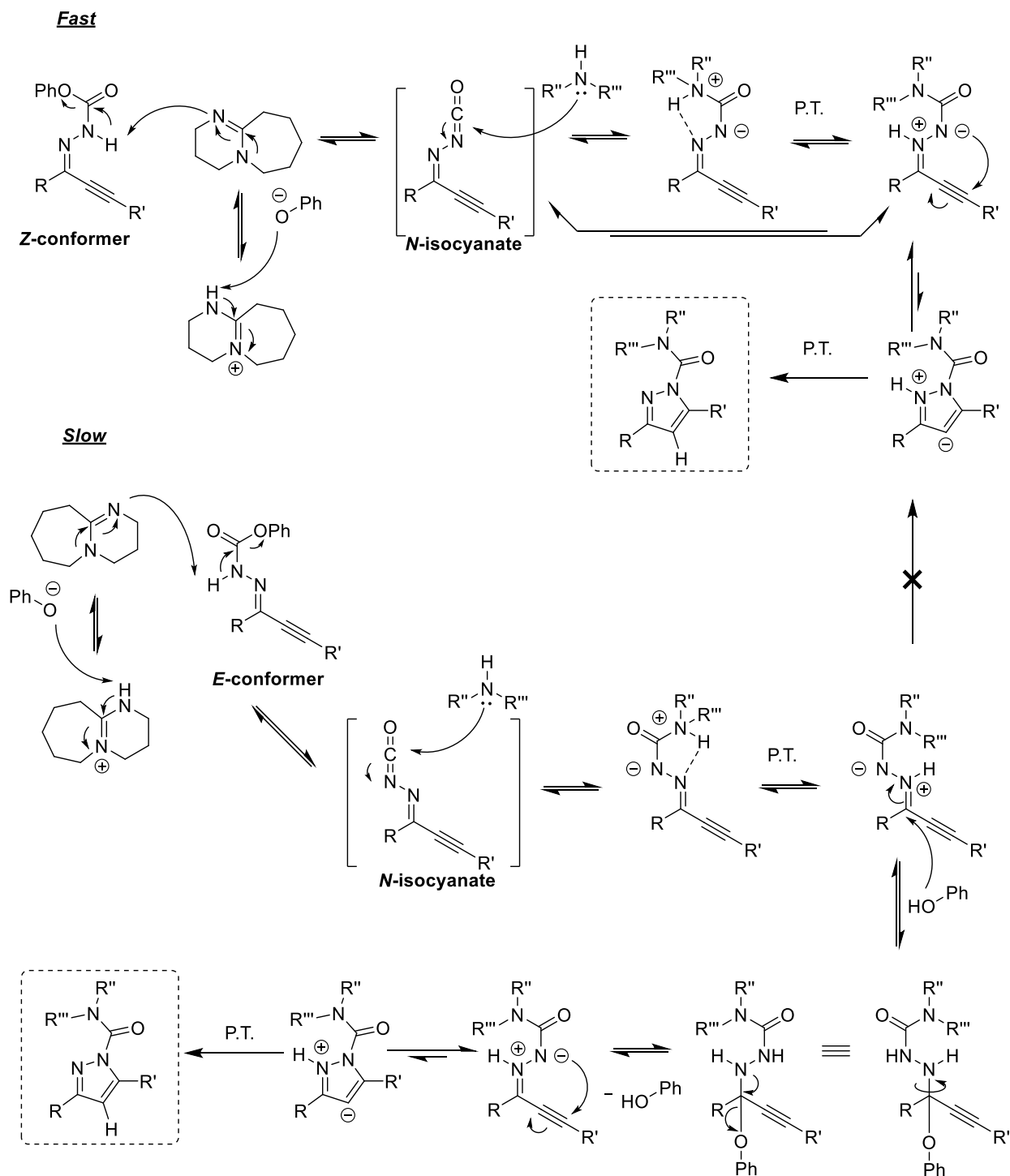
^aConditions: alkyne carbazone (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), DBU (20 mol %) in THF at room temperature or 50 °C for 16 h. ^bReaction at room temperature. ^cReaction at 50 °C.

Reducing the size of the phenyl substituent to a methyl group (**3.100**) shifted the conformational preference (see Scheme 3.19 for more details) which required an increase in the reaction temperature to 50 °C to compensate. A small increase in steric hindrance to cyclopropyl (**3.101**) or furyl (**3.102**) groups again led to room temperature reactivity and furnished the pyrazole in excellent yields. However, when the reaction was performed with internal alkynes, heating to 50 °C was again required to observe reaction completion. Encouragingly, a phenyl (**3.103**), a

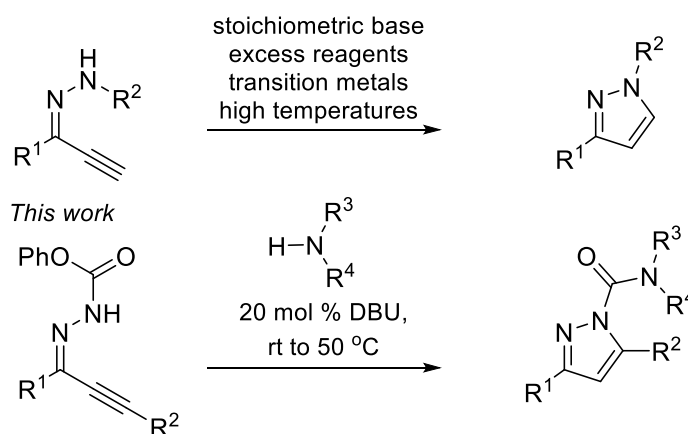
protected amine (**3.104**), and a 1-cyclohexenyl (**3.105**) substituent were all tolerated at this position and yielded the desired heterocycles in good to excellent yields.

As previously mentioned, the methyl (R^1) carbazone (**3.100**) had a significant shift in configurational preference. NMR analysis of the starting material revealed a 9:1 preference for the *E*-isomer, which is not oriented to proceed with the cyclization. However a striking 85% yield was obtained, which was indicative of isomerization under the reaction conditions. It was known that this isomerization was possible at higher temperatures, but to see it at 50 °C was unexpected. We then wondered if the leaving group had any effect on the equilibrium. Since the substitution products were difficult to isolate, there was no evidence for this hypothesis. In Chapter 4 however, evidence will be presented that supports the help of the leaving group for reaction completion. Presented in Scheme 3.19 is a proposed mechanism that takes into account the phenol-induced isomerization of the hydrazone.

We believe the reaction is fast when starting with the *Z*-conformation (more present when R = phenyl) because the resulting azomethine imine is in the correct conformation to cyclize, which only requires a proton transfer to furnish the desired product. The same pathway can happen with the *E*-conformer; however, upon addition of the amine, the azomethine imine is not positioned properly to cyclize on the alkyne and thus the phenol (or a small excess of amine) can add on the azomethine imine to furnish a hemiaminal. This hemiaminal can now rotate freely. If the nitrogen expulses the phenol group while being in the pro *Z*-conformation, the resulting azomethine imine can proceed to the cyclization and form the final product.



Interestingly, this process furnished acyl pyrazoles that are less common in the literature, but are present in bioactive compounds (e.g., in the core of the agrochemical Dimetilan) and are used in catalysis.^{97,98}



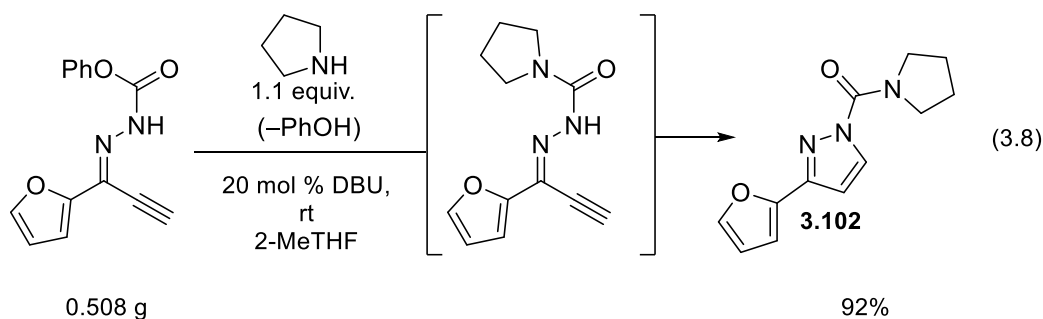
Scheme 3.20: Comparison of Pyrazole Synthesis Using Hydrazone Derivatives⁹⁸

This straightforward approach could therefore represent an interesting alternative for chemists to synthesize these rare pyrazoles. Moreover, this work represents a mild and broadly applicable pyrazole synthesis from hydrazones, since most methods use excess reagents, excess bases, or metal catalysis⁹⁹ (Scheme 3.20). Given the applicability of this synthesis, we decided to perform the reaction on a larger scale using a more industry-friendly solvent, 2-MeTHF (eq. 3.8). We were quite pleased to see that increasing the reaction scale to half of a gram and changing to this ‘greener’ solvent did not impact the yield of this reaction, making this acylpyrazole synthesis more practical.

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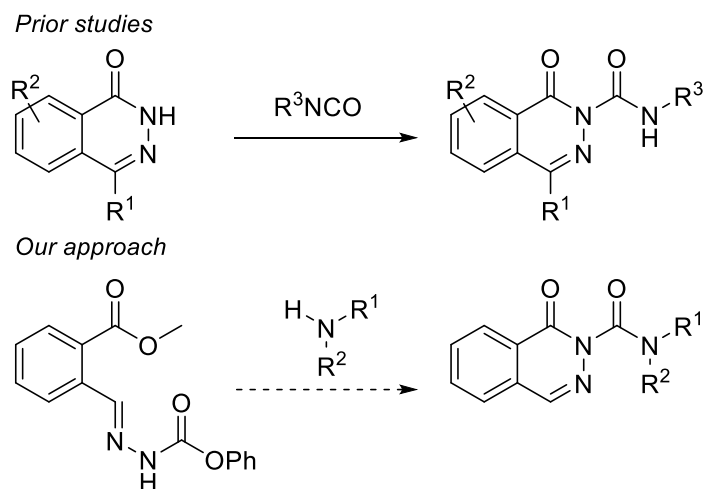
Overall, this study showed the potential and the need of base catalysis to develop milder syntheses based on *N*-isocyanate reactivity.¹⁰⁰ In this specific case, the use of a primary amine would have been impossible without the help of base catalysis that provided the *N*-isocyanate at room temperature. It also showed that configurational preference of the semicarbazone is irrelevant given that conditions are selected to allow the isomerization between the *E* and *Z* hydrazone isomers. Additionally, similarly to previous studies, it showed how we could take advantage of the α -nitrogen after a nucleophilic attack; however, only 5-membered rings have been formed thus far and the next section will show how we designed a system to access larger ring systems using the α -nitrogen as a nucleophile, as this is a strategy that has already allowed us to synthesize hydantoin, imidazolones, and pyrazoles.

3.4. Proof of Concept to Access 6-Membered Rings: Synthesis of Phthalazinones

As described previously in this thesis, the use of the α -nitrogen atom for cyclization proved to be a successful approach to access many heterocycles; however, only 5-membered rings have been obtained. To obtain a proof of concept for the formation of a 6-membered ring, we wanted to use a system that has already been proven to cyclize. To continue our work on bioactive targets, we performed a literature search to find a core that would meet these requirements. The phthalazinone core became an obvious choice given its bioactivity profile and the limited amount of synthetic pathways available.¹⁰¹ In fact, synthesis of acyl phthalazinone often relied on the functionalization of the core using an isocyanate (Scheme 3.21).

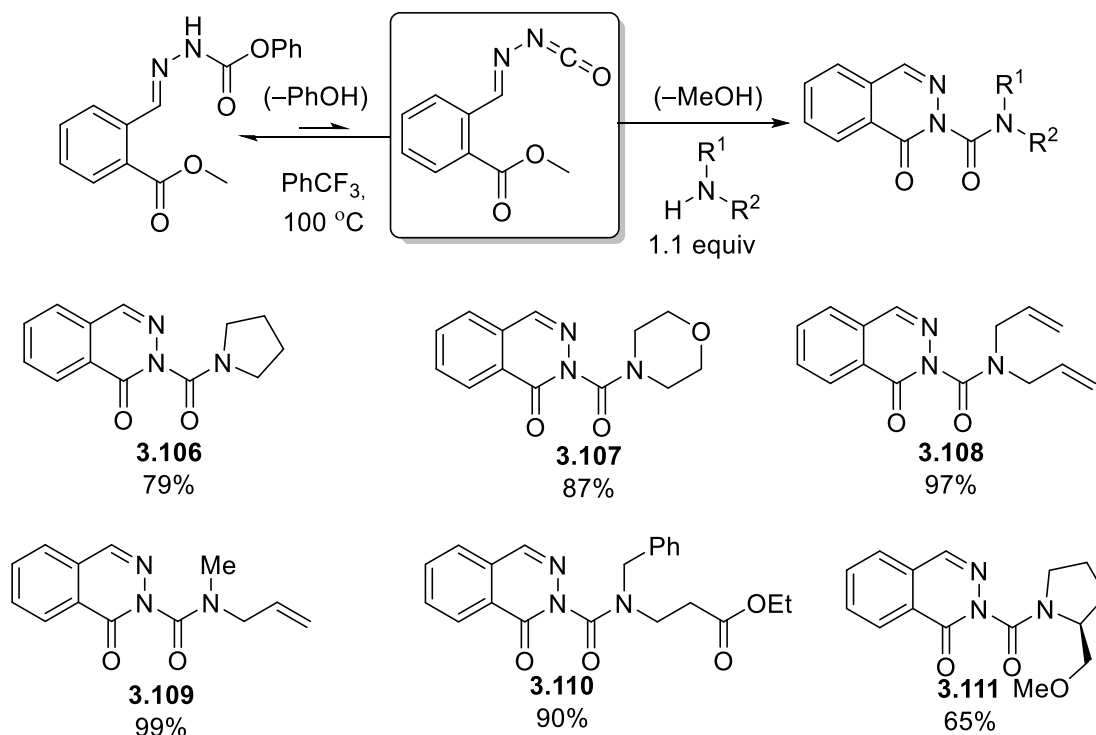
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Scheme 3.21: Comparison of Existing Method vs. Aminoisocyanate Synthesis of Substituted Phthalazinones

Based on our hydantoin work, we were confident we could access the ring system by cyclization on the methyl ester. The aromaticity of the compound would be an additional driving force that was not present in the hydantoin system. This work would represent a safer alternative, given the toxicity of isocyanates, as compared to their blocked derivatives. A quick optimization of the reaction conditions showed that a temperature of 100 °C was required in PhCF₃ for 16 hours in order for the reaction to reach completion. The addition of a base (e.g., DBU or Et₃N) was not beneficial to the reaction, which indicated that the cyclization was more difficult than isocyanate formation in this system. Based on this, the scope of the reaction was investigated using several amines and the results are presented in Table 3.13. Secondary amines worked well in this system and typically afforded the desired heterocycle in excellent yields. Cyclic amines such as pyrrolidine (**3.106**) and morpholine (**3.107**) were tolerated and yielded the corresponding polycyclic compounds in good to excellent yields. Substituted pyrrolidine (**3.111**) was also tolerated in this system. Acyclic secondary amines required 48 hours to reach completion, but yielded the phthalazinones in almost quantitative yields. The unsymmetrical secondary amines (**3.109**, **3.110**) were obtained as a mixture of conformers, but were easily characterized by ¹H NMR.

Table 3.13: Phthalazinone Synthesis Using a Secondary Amine^a

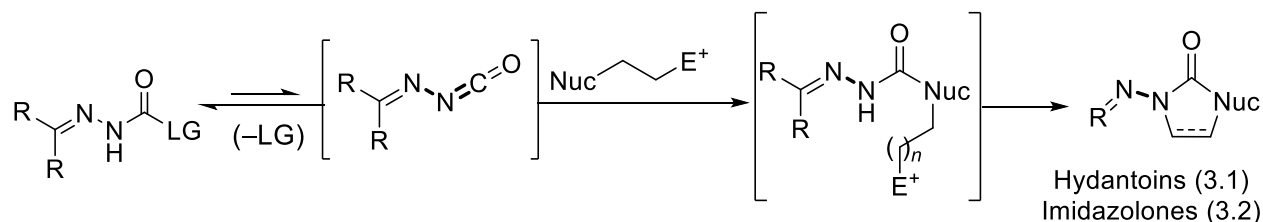
^aConditions: carbazone ester (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial (oil bath, 100 °C, 18 h for cyclic amines or 48 h for acyclic amines).

Unfortunately, the use of primary amines, as for the pyrazole synthesis, yielded the “naked” phthalazinone under these conditions. The higher temperature requirement prevented us from expanding the scope of this reaction to include primary amines; however, this small scope showed the tolerance of allyl (**3.108**, **3.109**), ester (**3.110**), and ether (**3.111**) functional groups. In addition, it gave us a proof of concept that 6-membered rings were obtainable, but that reaction optimization was needed to prevent any decomposition. The synthesis of 6-membered rings will be discussed in more detail in the next chapter.

3.5: Conclusion and Perspectives

In this Chapter, two complimentary methods using *N*-isocyanates for the rapid synthesis of a library of potentially bioactive compounds were presented. First, we observed that amphoteric *N*-isocyanates could react with other amphoteric molecules (Scheme 3.22). Using an amino ester, a library of hydantoin was synthesized using amino-, imino-, iminothio-, and amidoisocyanates. This provided the first study showing the similar reactivity of different types of *N*-isocyanates, yet allowing comparisons to be made. When using propargylic amines, we were able to synthesize imidazolones and thiazolines. In contrast to the previous work, this study was the first one comparing the *divergent* reactivity of *N*-isocyanates and *N*-isothiocyanates. Both precursors led to a rapid synthesis of these two heterocycles and highlighted the enhanced nucleophilicity of

the iminothioisocyanates. This work also led to the discovery a new approach for the synthesis of complex azomethine imines.



Scheme 3.22: Reacting Two Amphoteric Reagents for the Synthesis of Heterocycles

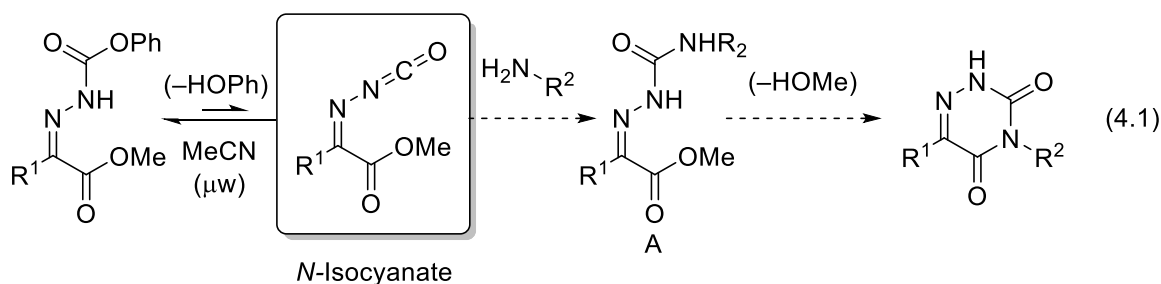
In addition, we saw that the elaboration of more complex systems could lead to the fast synthesis of heterocycles using an additional electrophile in the starting material. In Chapter 2, we used the β -nitrogen to perform the nucleophilic attack, whereas the α -nitrogen was used in this chapter.

So far, we have demonstrated the ability to increase the reactivity landscape of N -isocyanates to include more complex reactions other than substitution and cycloadditions. Multiple heterocycles were synthesized, but none of these examples have incorporated three atoms of the N -isocyanate inside a single ring system. With the information we learned about the nucleophilicity of the α - and β -nitrogen atoms and about conformational preferences, the inclusion of every atom in one heterocyclic core represented the most difficult transformation to date; our efforts targeting this will be discussed in the next Chapter.

Chapter 4: *N*-Isocyanates in Heterocyclic Chemistry: Three Atoms Within the Ring

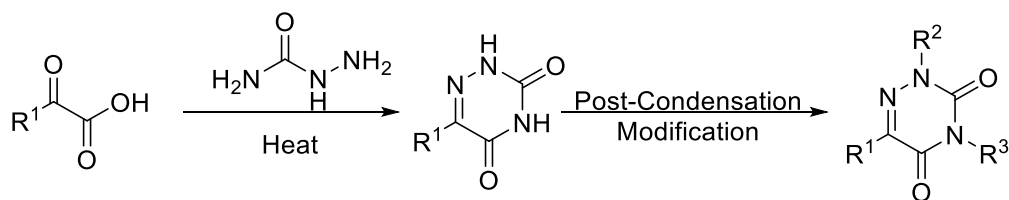
4.1: Synthesis of Azauracils

As discussed in the previous chapter, the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds containing the 3 atoms of *N*-isocyanates represents the most difficult transformation targeted to date. However, the studies presented in previous chapters provided crucial information for the success of such approach. First, we learned that we needed to design a system where the α - and β -nitrogen atoms could not participate in a subsequent reaction. Second, we also learned aromatization was a good driving force for cyclization in the pyrazole and phthalazinone syntheses. Finally, we learned that esters are good electrophiles for a subsequent cyclization, as demonstrated by the hydantoin and phthalazinones-forming cascades. With this information in mind, the azauracils became an obvious choice, given their broad biological activities.¹⁰² Our targeted cascade reaction is presented in eq. 4.1.



¹⁰² For recent reports on biological activities see: (a) Majo, V. J.; Milak, M. S.; Prabhakaran, J.; Mali, P.; Savenkova, L.; Simpson, N. R.; Mann, J. J.; Parsey, R. V.; Dileep Kumar, J. S. *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2013**, *21*, 5598. (b) Dow, L. R.; Schneider, S. R.; Paight, E. S.; Hank, R. F.; Chiang, P.; Cornelius, P.; Lee, E.; Newsome, W. P.; Swick, A. G.; Spitzer, J.; Hargrove, D. M.; Patterson, T. A.; Pandit, J.; Chrnyk, B. A.; LeMotte, P. K.; Danley, D. E.; Rosner, M. H.; Ammirati, M. J.; Simons, S. P.; Schulte, G. K.; Tate, B. F.; DaSilva-Jardine, P. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2003**, *13*, 379. (c) Pontillo, J.; Guo, Z.; Wu, D.; Struthers, R. S.; Chen, C. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2005**, *15*, 4363. (d) Rankovic, Z.; Cai, J.; Fradera, X.; Dempster, M.; Mistry, A.; Mitchell, A.; Long, C.; Hamilton, E.; King, A.; Boucharens, S.; Jamieson, C.; Gilespeie, J.; Cumming, I.; Uitdehaag, J.; Van Zeeland, M. *Bioor. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2010**, *20*, 1488. (e) Li, J. J.; Mitchell, L. H.; Dow, R. L. *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2010**, *20*, 306. (f) Duplantier, A. J.; Dombrosky, M. A.; Subramanyam, C.; Beaulieu, A. M.; Chang, S.-P.; Gabel, C. A.; Jordan, C.; Kalgutjar, A. S.; Kraus, K. G.; Labasi, J. M.; Mussari, C.; Perregaux, D. G.; Shepard, R.; Taylor, T. J.; Trevena, K. A.; Whitney-Pickett, C.; Yoon, K. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2011**, *21*, 3708. (g) Prabhakaran, J.; Parsey, R. V.; Majo, V. J.; Hsiung, S.-C.; Milak, M. S.; Tamir, H.; Simpson, N. R.; Van Heertum, R. L.; Mann, J. J.; Dileep Kumar, J. S. *Bioor. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2006**, *16*, 2101. (h) Jasamai, M.; Balzarini, J.; Simons, C. *J. Enzyme Inhib. Med. Chem.* **2008**, *23*, 56. (i) McFarland, J.W. *J. Med. Chem.* **1992**, *35*, 2543. (j) Dileep Kumar, J. S.; Majo, V. J.; Hsiung, S.-C.; Millak, M. S.; Liu, K.-P.; Tamir, H.; Prabhakaran, J.; Simpson, N. R.; Van Heertum, R. L.; Mann, J. J.; Parsey, R. V. *J. Med. Chem.* **2006**, *49*, 125. (k) Kelly, M. J.; Pietranico-Cole, S.; Larigan, J. D.; Haynes, N.-E.; Reynolds, C. H.; Scott, N.; Vermeulen, J.; Dvorozniak, M.; Conde-Knape, K.; Huang, K.-S.; So, S.-S.; Thakkar, K.; Qian, Y.; Banner, B.; Mennona, F.; Danzi, S.; Klein, I.; Taub, R.; Tilley, J. *J. Med. Chem.* **2014**, *57*, 3912. (l) McFarland, J. W.; Cooper, C. B.; Newcomb, D. M. *J. Med. Chem.* **1991**, *34*, 1908. (m) Wittine, K.; Stipković Babić, M.; Košutić, M.; Cetina, M.; Rissanen, K.; Kraljević Pavelić, S.; Tomljenović Paravić, A.; Sedić, M.; Pavelić, K.; Mintas, M. *Eur. J. Med. Chem.* **2011**, *46*, 2770. (n) Mylari, B. L.; Miller, M. W.; Howes, H. L.; Figdor, S. K.; Lynch, J. E.; Koch, R. C. *J. Med. Chem.* **1977**, *20*, 475. (o) Miller, M. W.; Mylari, B. L.; Howes, H. L.; Lynch, J. E.; Lynch, M. J.; Koch, R. C. *J. Med. Chem.* **1979**, *22*, 1483. (p) Huang, P.-J.; Lee, K.-H. *Med. Chem. Res.* **2011**, *20*, 1081. (q) Jasami, M.; Simons, C.; Balzarini, J. *Nucleosides Nucleotides Nucleic Acids* **2010**, *29*, 535. (r) McFarland, J. W. *J. Med. Chem.* **1992**, *35*, 2543.

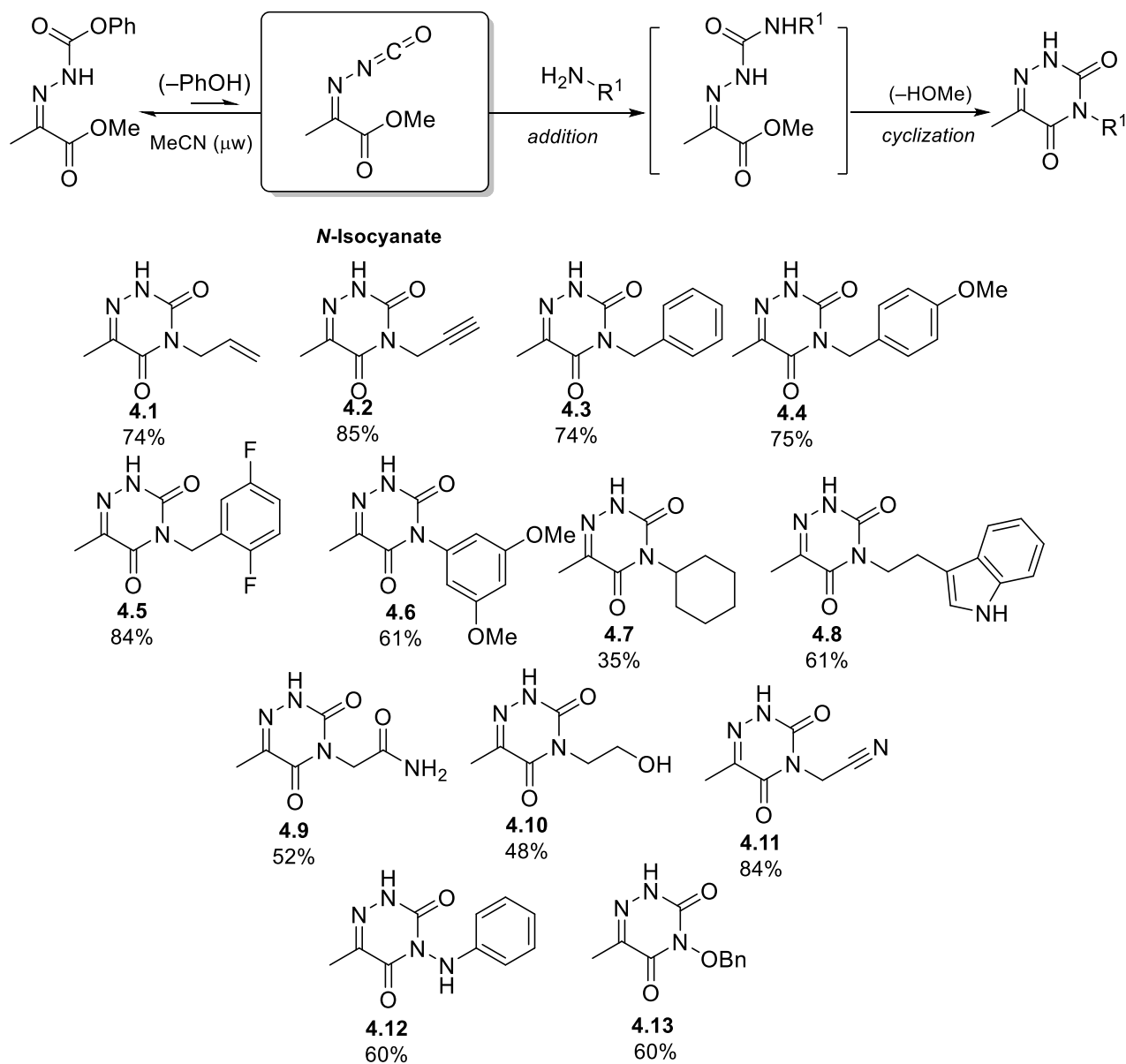
Surprisingly, despite the broad interest in unnatural DNA bases, almost no divergent syntheses were available. Most studies used alkylation of the commercially-available core to synthesize simple derivatives. This limits the diversity profile for the synthesis of azauracils since the modifications are installed on a fully synthesized core. In addition, the presence of two N-H bonds creates selectivity issues. We were confident we could achieve our synthesis since the core was synthesized using the semicarbazide-acid cyclization at a high temperature (Scheme 4.1).¹⁰³



Scheme 4.1: Typical Azauracils Synthesis

Since simple α -ketoesters are commercially available, a simple condensation with our phenyl carbazate building block was necessary to achieve the synthesis of the desired starting material. Fortunately, cyclization started to operate at 150 °C but the optimal conditions were found to be irradiation at 175 °C for 6 hours. Given the aromatic stability of our product, these conditions did not induce any degradation and good yields were obtained. The initial scope using methyl pyruvate-derived semicarbazone is presented in Table 4.1. These reactions were tested with the help of an undergraduate student under my supervision, Julien Bejjani.

¹⁰³ For related cyclizations of semi-carbazone / acids see: (a) Grundmann, C.; Schroeder, H.; Rätz, R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1958**, *23*, 1522. (b) Maslen, H. L.; Hughes, D.; Hursthouse, M.; De Clercq, E.; Balzarini, J.; Simons, C. *J. Med. Chem.* **2004**, *47*, 5482. (c) Mitchell, W. L.; Ravenscroft, P.; Hill, M. L.; Knutsen, L. J. S.; Judkins, B. D.; Newton, R. F.; Scopes, D. I. C. *J. Med. Chem.* **1986**, *29*, 809. (d) Chen, Y.-L.; Chen, S.-J.; Lee, K.-H.; Huang, B.-R.; Tzeng, C.-C. *Nucleoside & Nucleotides* **1993**, *12*, 925.

Table 4.1: Azauracil Synthesis: Amine Scope^a

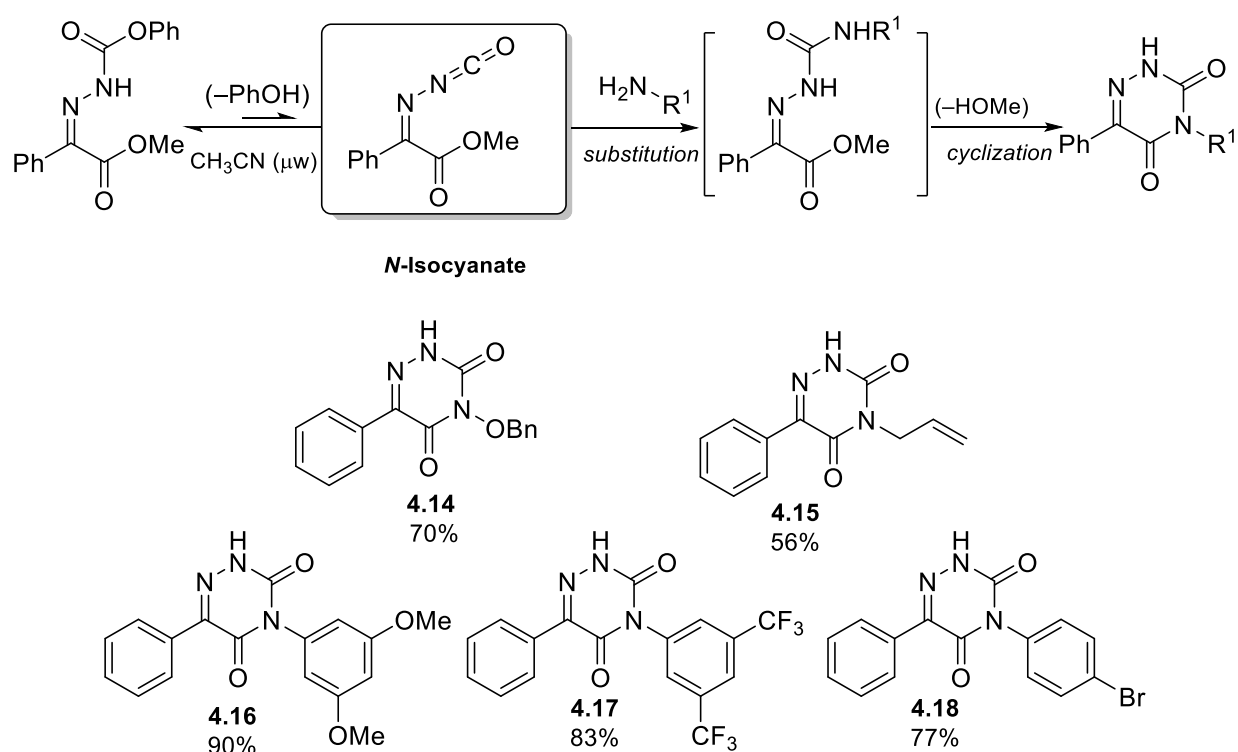
^aConditions: carbazone ester (1 equiv), amines (1.1 equiv) in MeCN (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial microwave reactor, 175 °C, 6 h.

Despite the harsh conditions, this reaction proved to be broadly applicable to multiple primary amines. Simple allylic (**4.1**), propargylic (**4.2**) and benzylic (**4.3**) primary amines afforded the 6-membered heterocycle in good yields. Electron-rich (**4.4**) and poor (**4.5**) benzylic amines also reacted efficiently. An aniline (**4.6**) was also a competent reaction partner yielding the bicyclic compound in 61% yield. Bulkier amines such as cyclohexylamine (**4.7**) also reacted, but the cyclization was slower and only yielded 35% of the azauracil derivative after 6 hours. Heteroatoms are also well tolerated in this system as shown by the incorporation of an indole

(**4.8**), an amide (**4.9**), a free hydroxyl (**4.10**) and a nitrile group (**4.11**) in modest to good yields. Finally, we were also able to synthesize two azauracils with a heteroatom directly attached to the ring system. Indeed, using *O*-benzyl hydroxylamine (**4.13**) and phenyl hydrazine (**4.12**), the azauracils were obtained in 60% yield. It is important to note that 30% of uncyclized adduct was observed with the hydrazine derivative (**4.12**). The hydroxylamine adduct (**4.13**) is the first azauracil ever synthesized with an oxygen directly connected to the ring system.

Given the absence of oxygen-substituted azauracils in the literature, we decided to test its applicability with another carbazone ester. The comparable yield with the carbazone derived from methyl benzoylformate pushed us to explore the reaction scope of this readily available starting material. These results are presented in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: Azauracils Scope Using Methyl Benzoylformate^a

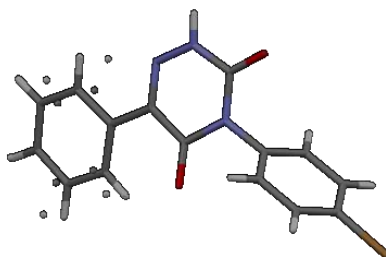


^aConditions: carbazone ester (1 equiv), amines (1.1 equiv) in MeCN (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial microwave reactor, 175 °C, 6 h.

This modification was well tolerated with a range of different amines. The yield was higher using the hydroxylamine (**4.14**) but lower while using allylamine (**4.15**). While searching for difficult substrates to obtain with traditional methods, we considered that the arylation of the naked core could be quite difficult. In fact, only 9 biaryl azauracils are known in the literature.¹⁰⁴ Therefore, we probed the effect of aniline substitution on the reaction outcome. Electron-rich

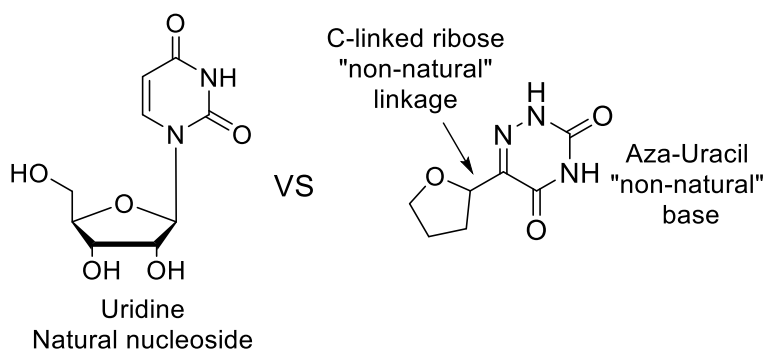
¹⁰⁴To the best of our knowledge, no synthesis using arylation of the unfunctionalized core have been reported. For the synthesis of the biaryl azauracil compounds, see: (a) El-Bahaie, S. A.; Badawy, M. A.; Abdel-Hady, S. A.; Ibrahim, Y. A. *Heterocycles* **1983**, *20*, 51. (b) Ibrahim, Y. A.; Eid, M. M., Badawy, M. A.; Abdel-Hady, S. A. L. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1981**, *18*, 953.

(**4.16**), electron-poor (**4.17**) and halogen-containing (**4.18**) anilines all yielded the biaryl azauracils in good to excellent yields. The crystallinity of **4.18** allowed us to obtain a crystal structure to secure the structure assignment. The X-ray structure obtained is presented in Scheme 4.2. This analysis confirmed the structure showing the extra aryl group to be perpendicular in order to accommodate the two carbonyl groups of the azauracil core.



Scheme 4.2: X-Ray Structure of 4.18

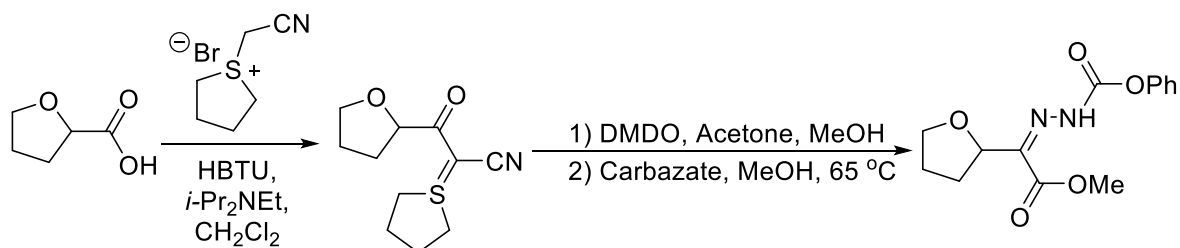
Other substituents were also considered providing an even broader scope for this cascade reaction. These results are presented in Table 4.3. We first looked at placing a THF ring at the R¹ position since it would mimic the furanose ring. The azauracils obtained would then be unnatural DNA bases linked through an unnatural nucleoside linkage (Scheme 4.3).



Scheme 4.3: Comparison of Natural Nucleoside with Our Synthetic Analogs

The synthesis of the starting material was not as trivial as for the other substrates. To do so, we looked at chemistry developed by the Bode group.¹⁰⁵ Starting from THF-2-COOH, we were able to synthesize the Bode's ylide which was then transformed into the ketoester. A condensation reaction with phenyl carbazate yielded the carbazone (Scheme 4.4).

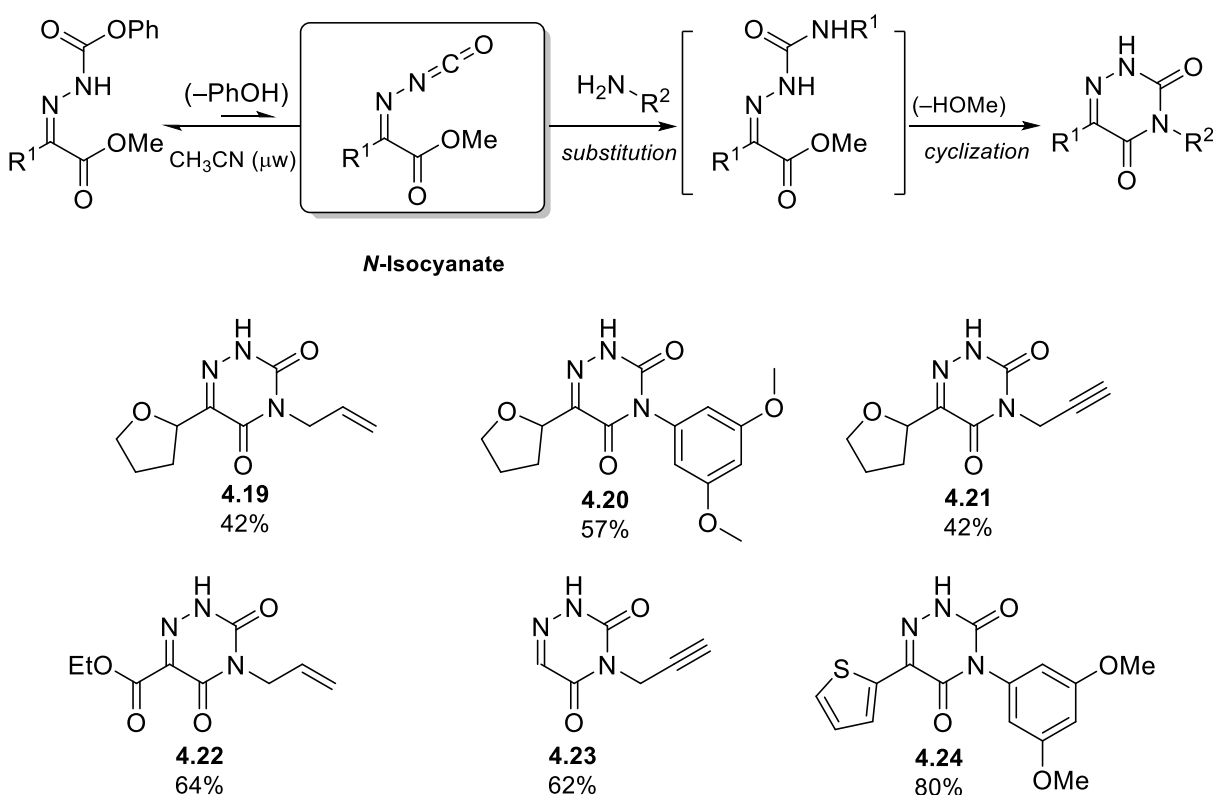
¹⁰⁵ Ju, L.; Lippert, A. R.; Bode, J. W. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 4253.



Scheme 4.4: Synthetic Sequence for the Synthesis of THF-Linked Semicarbazone

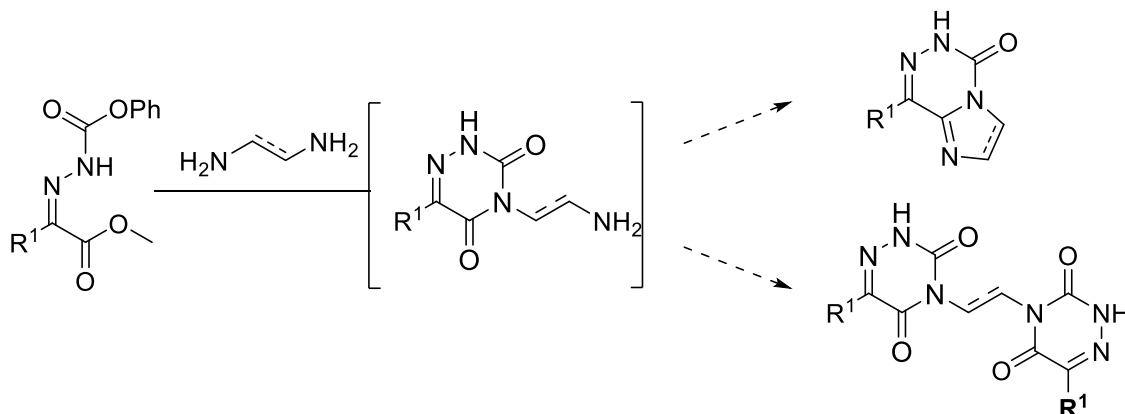
We were unable to access pure starting material but when crude material was subjected to the reaction conditions, the pure nucleoside analogues (**4.19**, **4.20**, and **4.21**) were obtained in modest but synthetically useful yields. We were also able to synthesize different azauracils bearing an ester (**4.22**), a simple hydrogen atom (**4.23**) and a thiophene (**4.24**) as side chains in good yields.

Table 4.3: Semicarbazone Scope in Azauracil Synthesis^a



^aConditions: carbazone esters (1 equiv), amines (1.1 equiv) in MeCN (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial microwave reactor, 175 °C, 6 h.

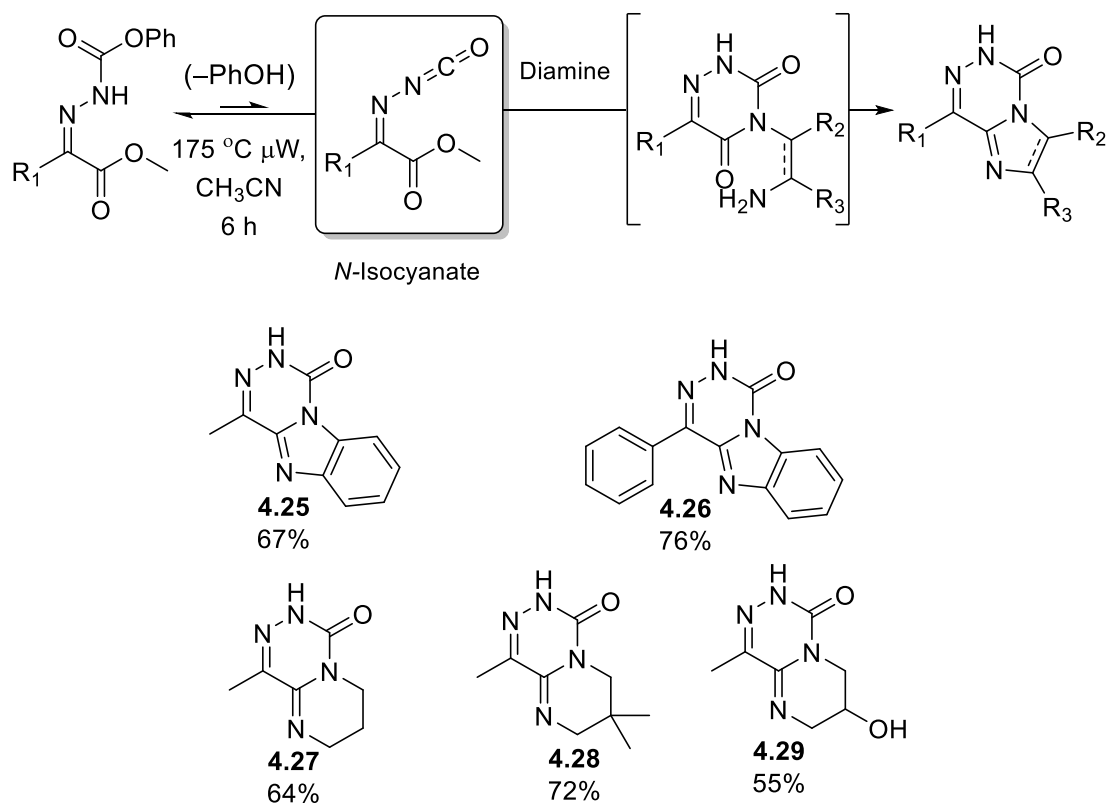
The scope of this transformation was already extensive with more than 24 entries including 6 different groups at the R¹ position and 15 different groups at R². Nevertheless, we were drawn to explore this reaction cascade using diamines in hopes of forming purine analogues. However, we were also aware of formation of a bis-azauracil could also occur (Scheme 4.5).



Scheme 4.5: Divergent Possibility Using Diamines

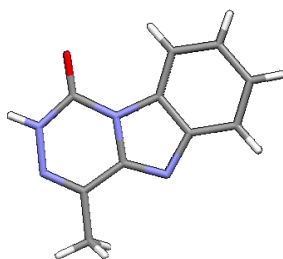
The hypothesis was tested with our first substrate and 2-aminoaniline and a product precipitated under our regular reaction conditions. We were pleased to confirm the structure of the bicyclic analog **4.25** by mass spectrometry and X-ray analysis (Scheme 4.6). We then decided to delineate the scope of this reaction, the results of which are presented in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4: Bicyclic Azauracils Using N-Isocyanates Cascade Reaction^a



^aConditions: carbazone esters (1 equiv), amines (1.1 equiv) in MeCN (0.3 M) heated in a sealed vial microwave reactor, 175 °C, 6 h.

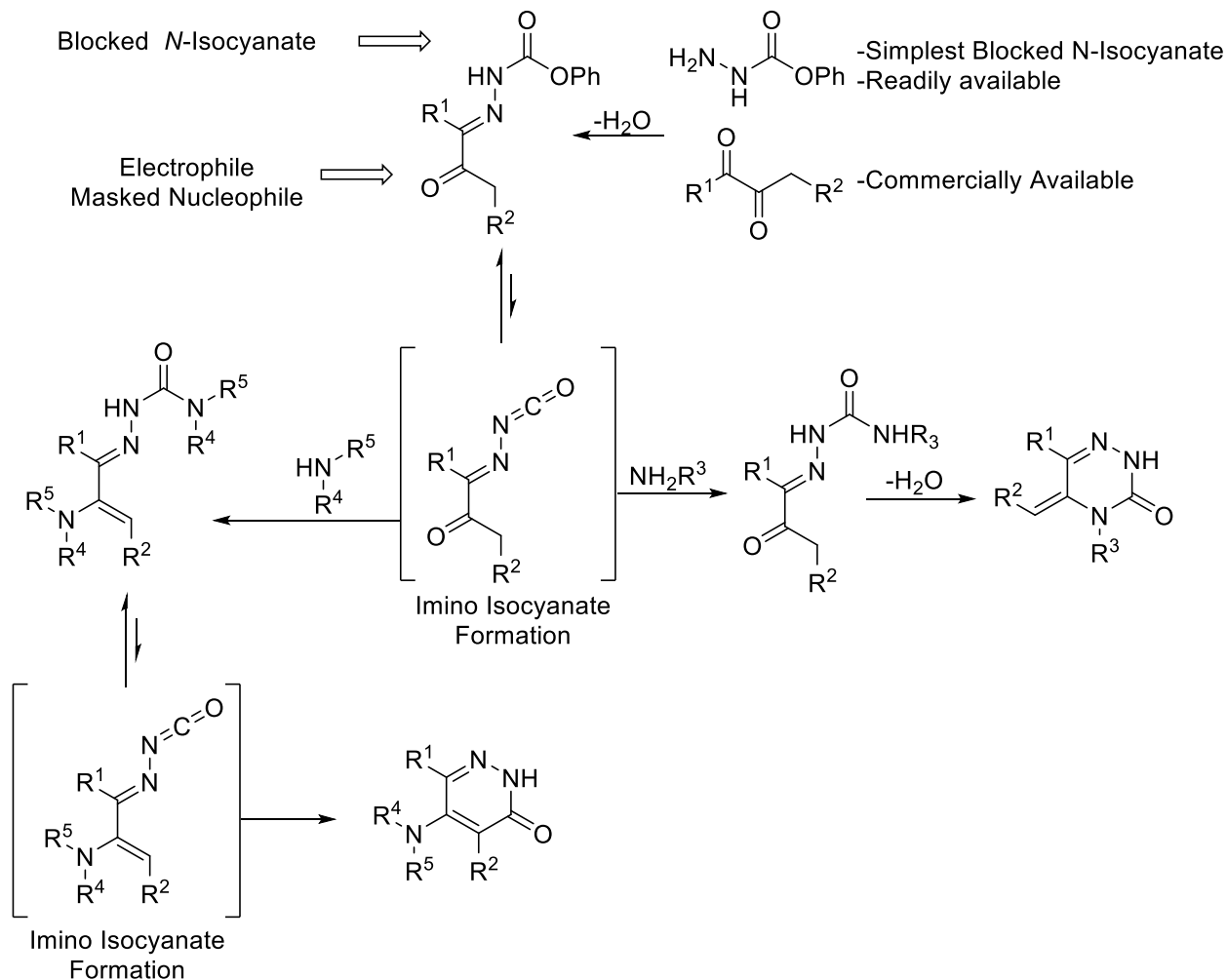
After isolation of a 67% yield of the bicycle **4.25**, the same reaction was performed with a phenyl-substituted *N*-isocyanate precursor. To our delight, the corresponding azauracil (**4.26**) was obtained in good yield. To push the methodology further, we tried the reaction with simple 1,3-diaminopropane. The reaction worked with this diamine (**4.27**), with a Thorpe-Ingold analog (**4.28**) and with a free hydroxyl group (**4.28**). To our surprise, this 6,6-bicyclic system was unknown in the literature, demonstrating the usefulness of developing simple cascade reactions using *N*-isocyanates.



Scheme 4.6: X-Ray Structure of 4.25

4.2: Divergent Synthesis Using Keto-Carbazones

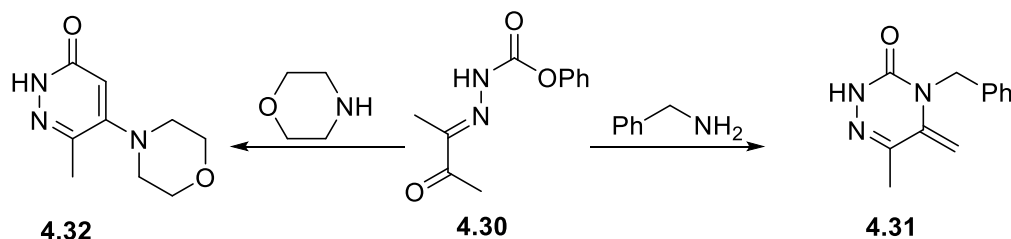
With the success of this methodology, we naturally became interested in pursuing similar reactivity. We were especially interested in other systems which could lead to multiple heterocycles from a simple starting material. Given the reactivity of carbazone esters, we wondered if it would be possible to mimic their reactivity with keto-carbazones. By doing so, we thought it would be possible to generate two different heterocycles from a simple precursor. Indeed, the use of primary amines would lead to the incorporation of this nitrogen atom in the ring just like in the azauracil case (Scheme 4.7, right). However, we hoped that using secondary amines would lead to a reversible isocyanate formation and that an excess amine could help in forming an enamine, which would react with the isocyanates (Scheme 4.7, left). The reaction design is presented in Scheme 4.7.



Scheme 4.7: Divergent Heterocyclic Synthesis Using Keto-Carbazones

This system is obviously different from the azauracils as the inherent instability of the exocyclic alkene could promote degradation of the product. This lability might explain the scarcity of triazinones with an exocyclic alkene in the literature.¹⁰⁶ Moreover, for the enamine part, we were expecting the energy requirement to have proper conformation of the enamine and the isocyanate to be quite high. However, given the low prevalence of enamine nucleophiles in *N*- and *C*-isocyanates^{15,42} and the ease of access of the starting material, we were drawn into testing this system. With the help of Joshua Derasp, we started the investigation using the simple keto-carbazone derived from the symmetrical 2,3-butanedione (**4.30**, Table 4.5).

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Table 4.5: Optimization of Divergent Synthesis Using Keto-Carbazone 4.30^a

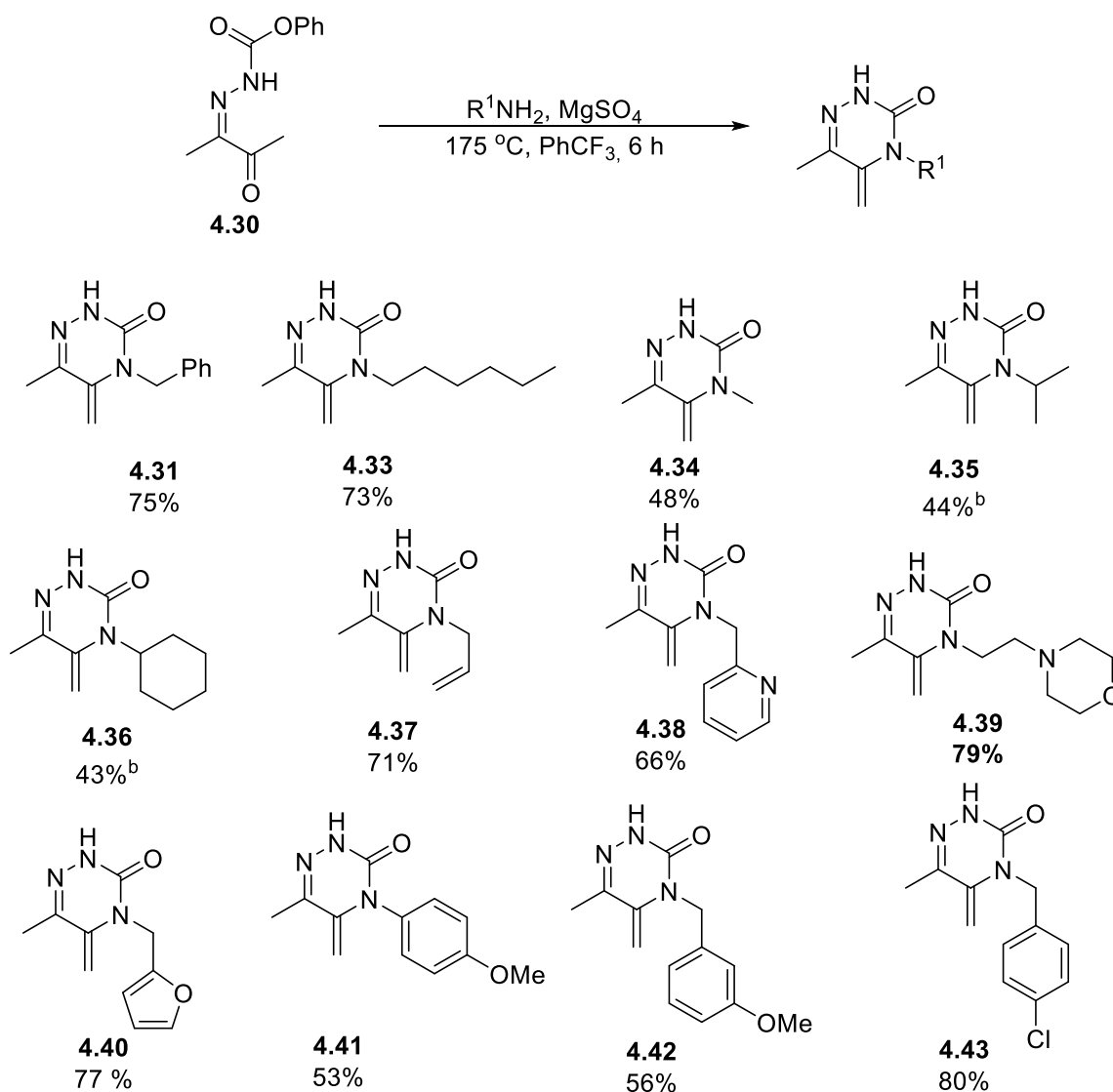
Entry	Amine	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Additive	Yield ^b (%)
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2	BnNH ₂	175	2	None	44
3	BnNH ₂	200	2	None	37
4	BnNH ₂	175	2	MgSO ₄ ^c	56
5	BnNH ₂	175	2	Et ₃ N ^d	64
6	BnNH ₂	175	2	AcOH ^e	94
7	BnNH ₂	175	6	MgSO ₄ ^c	87
8	Morpholine	175	2	None	64
9	Morpholine	175	2	MgSO ₄ ^c	66
10	Morpholine	175	2	PivOH ^f	73
11	Morpholine	175	2	MgSO ₄ ^c +PivOH ^f	83

^aConditions: Carbazone (1.0 equiv), benzyl amine (1.1 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) were heated in a microwave reactor.

^bConditions: Carbazone (1.0 equiv), morpholine (3.0 equiv) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) were heated in a microwave reactor.

^cMagnesium sulfate (1 equiv). ^dTriethylamine (0.2 equiv). ^eAcetic acid (0.2 equiv). ^fPivalic acid (0.2 equiv). ^gNMR yield based on 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene internal standard.

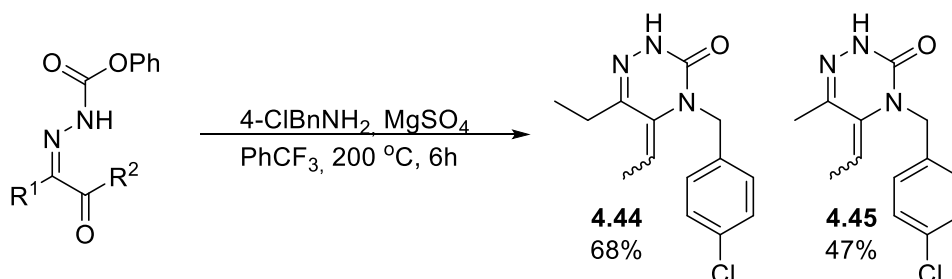
Given the higher electrophilicity of ketones (vs. esters), the optimization started (Table 4.5) at 150 °C with benzylamine which resulted in a modest 34% formation of the desired triazinone product **4.31**. The optimal temperature was found to be 175 °C and the use of additives helped this cascade reaction. Notably, acetic acid had a tremendous effect yielding the product in almost quantitative yield in only 2 hours. However, when performing the scope of the reaction, the use of acid was fairly limiting and therefore we opted for MgSO₄ for 6 hours as optimal conditions. Conversely, using 3 equivalents of morpholine at 175 °C for 2 hours yielded 64% of the desired compound (**4.32**). Again, the additives helped the reaction with an optimal mixture of pivalic acid and MgSO₄ yielding 83% of the pyridazinone **4.32**. With these optimized conditions in hand, we started to scope this reaction using keto-carbazone **4.30** and different primary amines. The results are summarized in Table 4.6. The isolated yield was lower than the NMR yield (75% of triazinone **4.31**). The difference between NMR and isolated yields most likely arose from the instability of the compound.

Table 4.6: Triazinones Synthesis : Primary Amine Scope^a

^aConditions: Keto-Carbazone (1 equiv), amines (1.1 equiv), $MgSO_4$ (1 equiv), in $PhCF_3$ (0.3 M) were heated in a microwave reactor for 6 hours at $175\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. ^bPerformed at $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

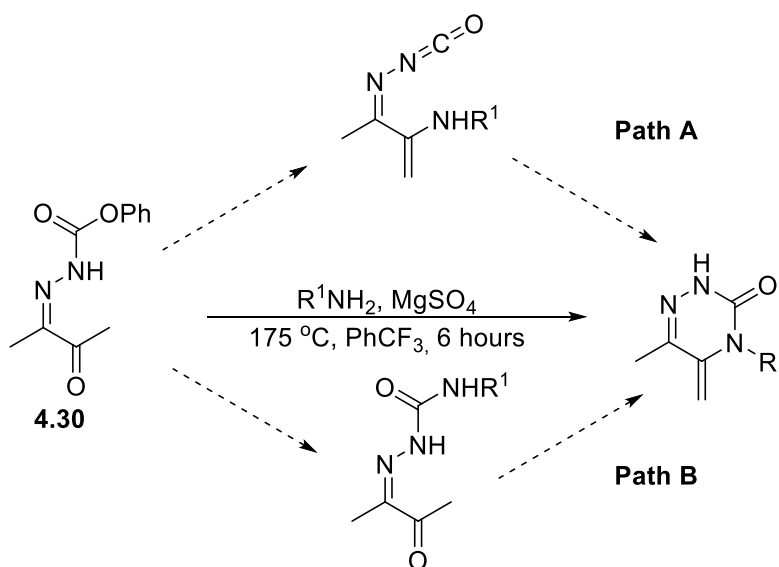
However, we were pleased with the isolated yield given the structure of the heterocycle bearing an exocyclic alkene. Different primary aliphatic amines also worked in this system (4.33, 4.34). Bulky amines did not work as well. Under typical conditions, some isocyanate addition (uncyclized) product was still present and was inseparable from the desired heterocycle. Heating at $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was necessary to achieve complete cyclization. However, we found during the optimization that these conditions were detrimental to the sequence, explaining the modest yields using isopropylamine (4.35) and cyclohexylamine (4.36). Functional groups were well tolerated in the cascade reaction: allyl (4.37), pyridyl (4.38), morpholinoyl (4.39) and a furyl (4.40) groups all yielded the functionalized heterocycle in good yields. Electron-rich anilines (4.41) and

benzylic amines (**4.42**) also worked in modest yields. Finally, an electron-poor benzylic amine yielded the pyridazinone **4.43** in 80% yield. With the applicability of primary amines, we felt that we only needed a small scope of keto-carbazones. To avoid selectivity problems during the condensation step, we decided to explore the use of diones that were known to undergo selective condensation reactions, and the results obtained from the parent *N*-isocyanate precursors are shown in Scheme 4.8. Given the extra steric hindrance, heating at 200 °C was necessary to reach reaction completion. Interestingly, only the symmetrical 3,4-hexanedione-based keto-carbazone (**4.44**) seems not to suffer from this increase in temperature with a 68% isolated yield of the desired heterocycle (1:2, *E:Z*). However, the other triazinone (**4.45**) seems to degrade under the reaction conditions only affording the corresponding heterocycle in modest yield.



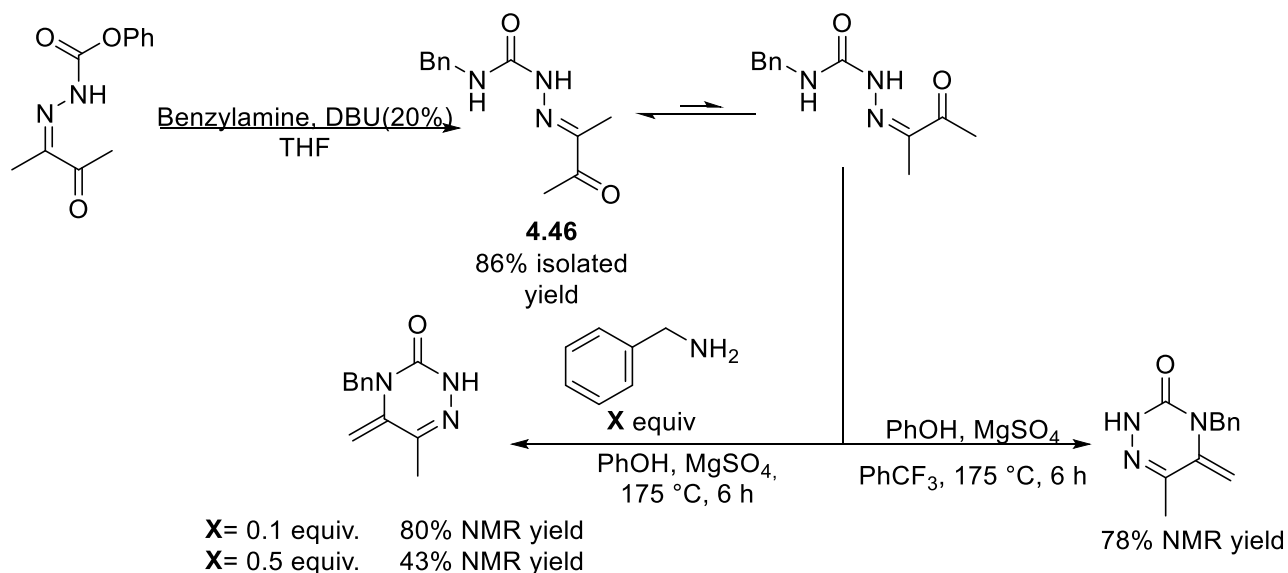
Scheme 4.8: Keto-Carbazones Scopes for Pyridazinones Synthesis

After the scope of that reaction was done, one question remained: given the ability of secondary amines to form the enamine, are primary amines forming the enamine and attacking the isocyanate with the nitrogen atom? Alternatively, the reaction mechanism could be the same one as proposed with the azauracils; an addition-cyclization cascade involving condensation onto the carbonyl group (Scheme 4.9).



Scheme 4.9: Possible Pathways for the Synthesis of Triazinones

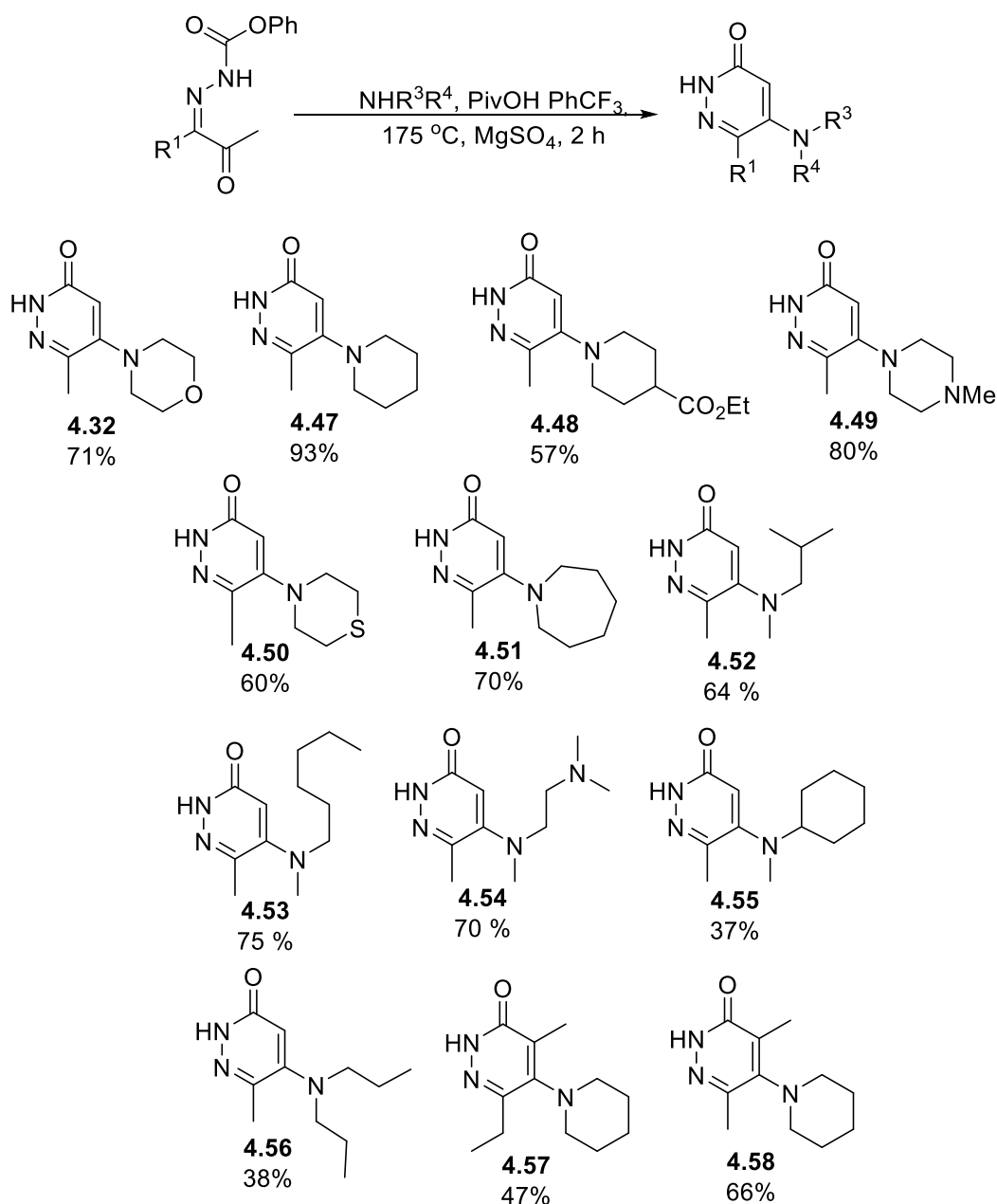
To discriminate one pathway over the other, a semicarbazone adduct (**4.46**) was isolated and subjected to the reaction conditions. Under the same reaction conditions, **4.46** afforded the same yield suggesting the carbonyl condensation pathway is operating (Path B). However, it was still possible that the adduct reform the isocyanate followed by enamine formation. To probe this, a slight excess of amine was added to the reaction. This would replicate the optimal conditions of the enamine pathway (Path A) using secondary amines. When the exchange adduct (**4.46**) was subjected to the reaction conditions with 0.1 and 0.5 extra equivalents of benzylamine, a reduction in yield was observed as the amount of benzylamine increased (Scheme 4.10). An excess in amine should favor an enamine pathway (Path A), therefore this data suggest that the substitution / intramolecular addition (Path B) is the operating pathway. It is also important to note that **4.46** exists in the wrong conformer in solution, therefore isomerization needs to occur under these reaction conditions.



Scheme 4.10: Mechanistic Investigation

With a plausible mechanism identified for the reactions of primary amines, we started to evaluate the reaction scope of pyridazinone synthesis using secondary amines. This core has a broad spectrum of biological activities, with applications ranging from pharmaceuticals such as emorfazone to herbicides such as norfluzon. Therefore, a new diversity-oriented synthesis of this heterocycle would provide a useful addition to this literature.¹⁰⁷ These results are presented in Table 4.7.

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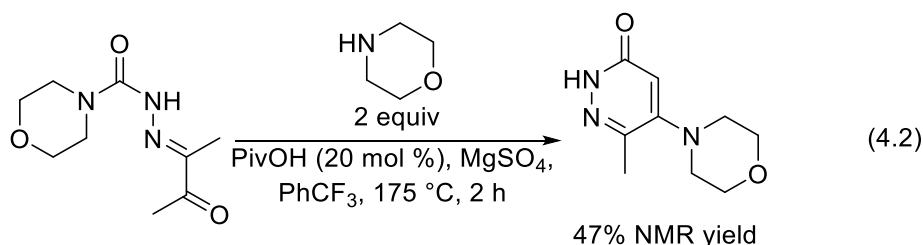
Table 4.7: Pyridazinones Synthesis : Secondary Amines Scope^a

^aConditions: Keto-carbazone (1 equiv), amines (3 equiv), MgSO₄ (1 equiv), pivalic acid (20 mol %) in PhCF₃ (0.3 M) were heated in a microwave reactor for 2 hours at 175 °C.

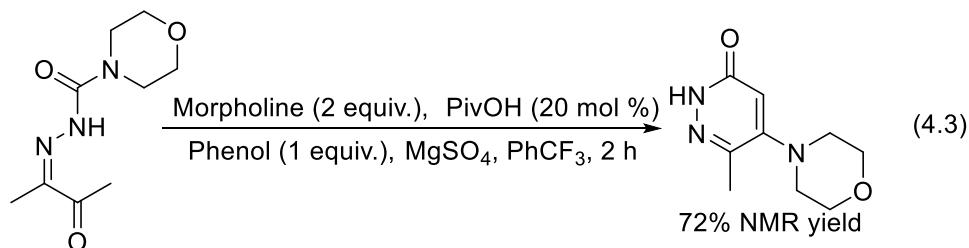
Piperidine (**4.47**) was a better reagent yielding the heterocycle in 93% yield. Substitution on the ring is less tolerated with a lower yield while an ester (**4.48**) is present. The piperazine ring is also tolerated while the second nitrogen atom is tertiary, and therefore unreactive (**4.49**). A sulfur atom is also tolerated as shown by the formation of the thiomorpholine adduct **4.50**. In addition, a larger ring such as azepane was also a competent reaction partner and yielded the desired

heterocycle (**4.51**) in good yield. Due to difficulty with purification, the yield reported was obtained using an NMR internal standard. Finally, linear secondary amines also afforded the desired heterocycles in good yield when no steric hindrance was present on the α -carbons (**4.52**, **4.53** and **4.54**). The yield decreased with more hindered secondary amines (**4.55** and **4.56**). As for the previous system, this cascade was tested with different semi-carbazone starting materials using piperidine as a nucleophile. Surprisingly, the product derived from 3,4-hexanedione (**4.57**) only yielded the heterocycle in modest yield compared to 2,3-pentanedione (**4.58**).

Since excess amines seemed to inhibit reactivity in the previous case, we decided to conduct similar experiments. The exchange adduct was again isolated and submitted to the reaction conditions (eq. 4.2). Two equivalents of morpholine were added instead of three since one was consumed by the exchange reaction. Surprisingly, only a 47% yield was observed by NMR. We then thought that enamine formation may be faster than formation of the isocyanates but we were never able to isolate a stable enamine without forming the isocyanate.



Under these reaction conditions, nothing could help a dynamic equilibrium between the unreactive conformation and the reactive one. Having postulated the help of phenol in the pyrazole synthesis, we decided to resubmit the morpholine semicarbazone to the reaction conditions but with one equivalent of phenol (eq 4.4). With this extra equivalent the yield increased to be slightly lower than the cascade reaction (72% vs 83%). This might be indicative of a faster enamine formation with three equivalents of morpholine allowing some enamine to be formed before the isocyanate formation. This would allow a faster reaction since morpholine is a poorer leaving group than phenol. However, the yield increase while incorporating phenol in the reaction conditions is the first direct evidence of the participation of the leaving group in any of our systems. A phenol-induced dynamic equilibrium between multiple isomers is a possible explanation for the increased yield observed.



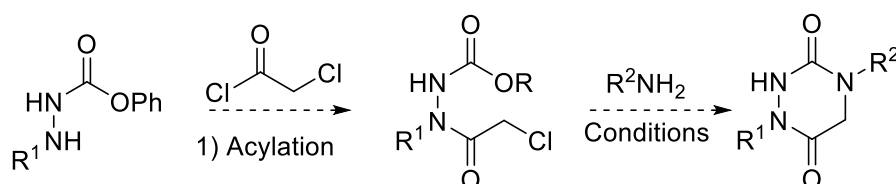
Overall, this study¹⁰⁸ showed the potential of a functional group within the *N*-isocyanate structure to act as electrophile and pronucleophile. We have shown that using keto-carbazones, the ketone can serve 2 purposes: (1) it can act as an electrophilic site for the newly-formed semi-

¹⁰⁸ Derasp, J. S., Vincent-Rocan, J.-F., Beauchemin, A. M. *Org. Lett.* **2016**, *18*, 658.

carbazone; and (2) it can act as a pronucleophile to give access to an enamine. Additions of enamines onto isocyanates are rare in both carbon-substituted and nitrogen-substituted isocyanates showing the potential of our approach. Finally, we also demonstrated evidence for the participation of the leaving group for the enamine pathway. This is the first evidence we collected that suggests the active participation of phenol in the reaction. With the azauracil synthesis, these two systems are displaying the potential of the carbonyl function to create unsaturated 6-membered rings using *N*-isocyanates as intermediates. However, the extra unsaturations lower the overall flexibility of the system making conformational and configurational preferences crucial for the reaction to occur efficiently. In order to access 6-membered rings at lower temperature, we wondered if carbazates could be used to access azadiketopiperazines. Our effort will be described in the next section.

4.3: Azadiketopiperazines from Carbazates as *N*-Isocyanate Precursors

So far, our journey in heterocyclic synthesis has been done systemically. One, two, or three atoms of the reactive intermediate were incorporated in aromatic and saturated (partially-saturated) heterocycles of 5- and 6-membered rings. Moreover, for the hydantoin case, we were not expecting that much selectivity for the α -nitrogen atom. With more experience in exploiting reaction cascades, we now know that this trend is well aligned with other systems. Therefore, to synthesize the azadiketopiperazine core,¹⁰⁹ a system where the β -nitrogen atom would react selectively needed to be designed. To do so, reacting the carbazate in its blocked formed with a doubly electrophilic specie, and then using a primary amine to form the subsequent bonds was imagined (Scheme 4.11).

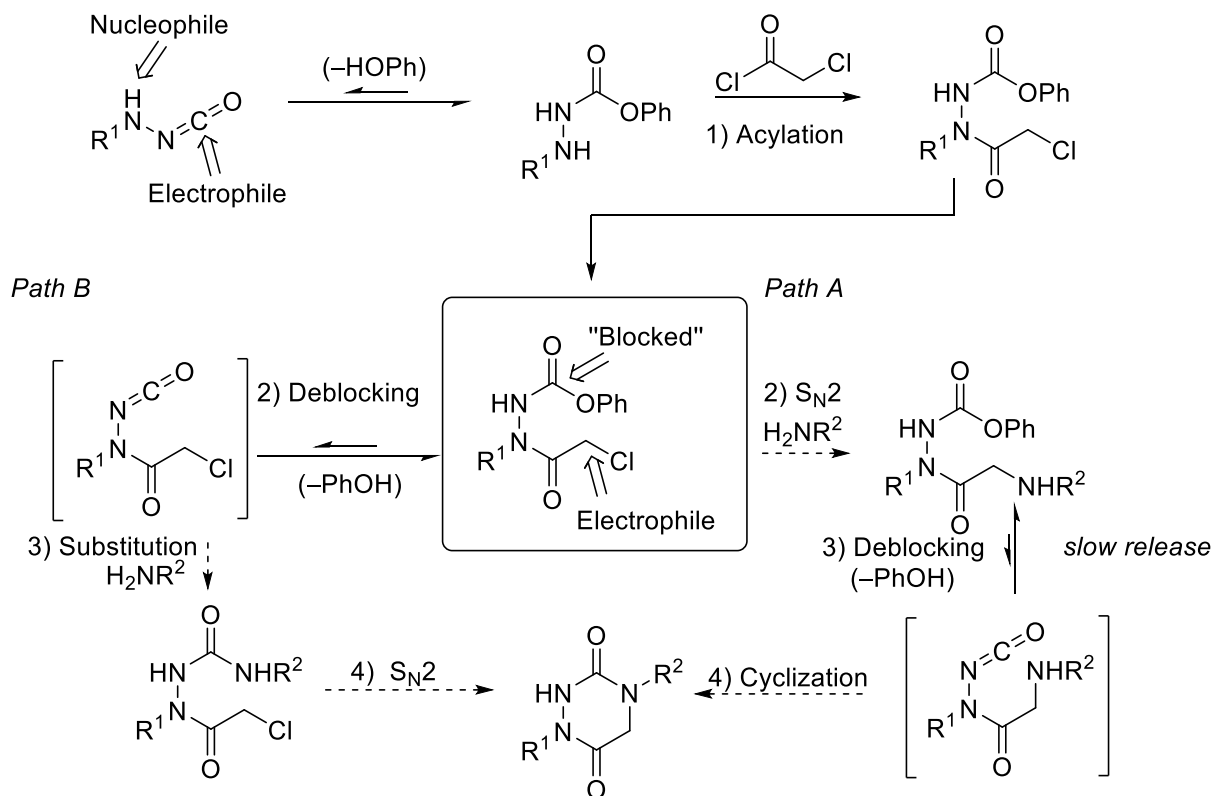


Scheme 4.11: Azadiketopiperazine Synthesis Design

By reacting the blocked isocyanates, the carbazates are used as protecting groups to ensure the nucleophilicity of the β -nitrogen only. Depending on the conditions, the reaction could proceed by an S_N2 reaction followed by cyclization on the isocyanate (path A) or substitution via the isocyanate followed by cyclization by an S_N2 reaction (path B) (Scheme 4.12). However, knowing the reduced nucleophilicity of semicarbazides compared to secondary amines,

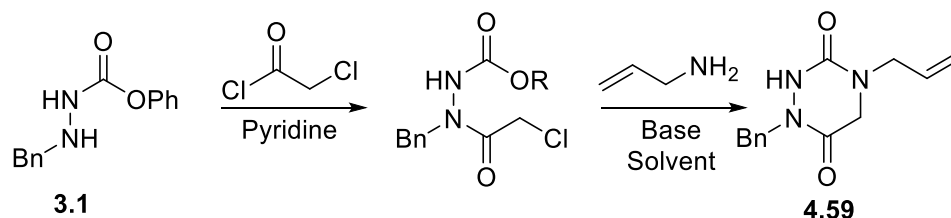
¹⁰⁹ For bioactivity and synthesis: (a) Schlogl, K.; Korger, G. *Monatsh. Chem.* **1951**, 814. (b) Maume, D.; Lancelot, J.-C.; Robba, M. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1979**, *16*, 1222. (c) Lancelot, J.-C.; Maume, D.; Robba, M. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1981**, *18*, 746. (d) Lancelot, J.-C.; Maume, D.; Robba, M. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1982**, *19*, 822. (e) Robba, M.; Lancelot, J.-C.; Maume, D. *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* **1983**, *20*, 430. (f) Schwan, T. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1983**, *20*, 549. (g) Hoffman, R.; Nayyar, N. *J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, *60*, 5994. (h) Hoffman, R.; Reddy, M.; Klumas, C.; Cervantes-Lee, F. *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, *63*, 9130. (i) Obreza, A.; Urleb, U. *Synth. Commun.* **2003**, *33*, 1018. (j) Bolognese, A.; Correale, G.; Manfra, M.; Esposito, A.; Novellino, E.; Lavecchia, A. *J. Med. Chem.* **2008**, *51*, 8157. (k) Bourguet, C.; Proulx, C.; Klocek, S.; Sabatino, D.; Lubell, W. *J. Pept. Sci.* **2010**, *16*, 296. (l) Bonnet, A.; Margathe, J.-F.; Radford, S.; Pflimlin, E.; Riche, S.; Doman, P.; Hibert, M.; Ganesan, A. *ACS Comb. Sci.* **2012**, *14*, 334. (m) Regenass, P.; Margathe, J.-F.; Mann, A.; Suffert, J.; Hibert, M.; Girard, N.; Bonnet, D. *Chem. Commun.* **2014**, *50*, 9660.

conditions to favor path A in order to use mild conditions were tried with the help of Ryan Ivanovich who was a graduate student in our group at the time.



Scheme 4.12: Possible Pathways for the Synthesis of Azadiketopiperazines

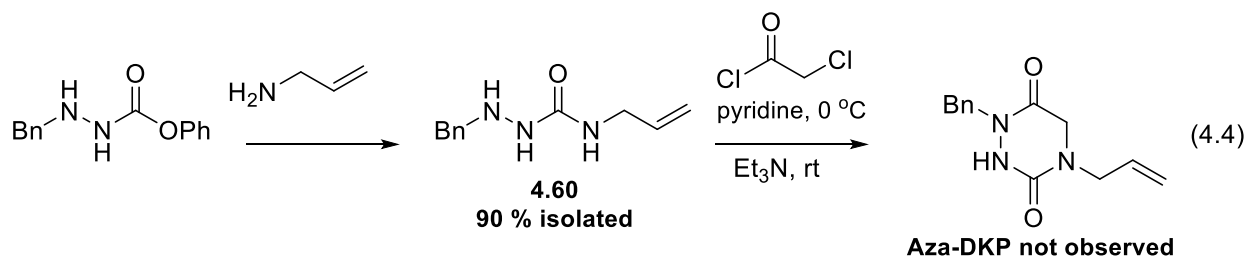
Knowing that only strong bases were inducing *N*-isocyanate formation from *O*-phenyl carbamate at low temperature, we began our optimization using mild bases in different solvents (Table 4.8). The first reaction was performed in THF using Et_3N as a base, and resulted in a modest 44 % yield of **4.59** (entry 1). However, this was a one-pot reaction starting from carbamate **3.1**. As shown above, this is the result of three steps (four if counting isocyanate formation). Therefore, we were quite optimistic about the possibility of optimizing further this one-pot sequence. A solvent scan revealed that acetonitrile was the optimal solvent (entries 2-5). Adding excess amine in solution, performed in order to increase the rate of the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ reaction, also proved to be beneficial (entry 7). Indeed, using two equivalents of allylamine in THF and Et_3N as a base yielded 75% of azadiketopiperazine **4.59**.

Table 4.8: Optimization of Azadiketopiperazine Synthesis^a

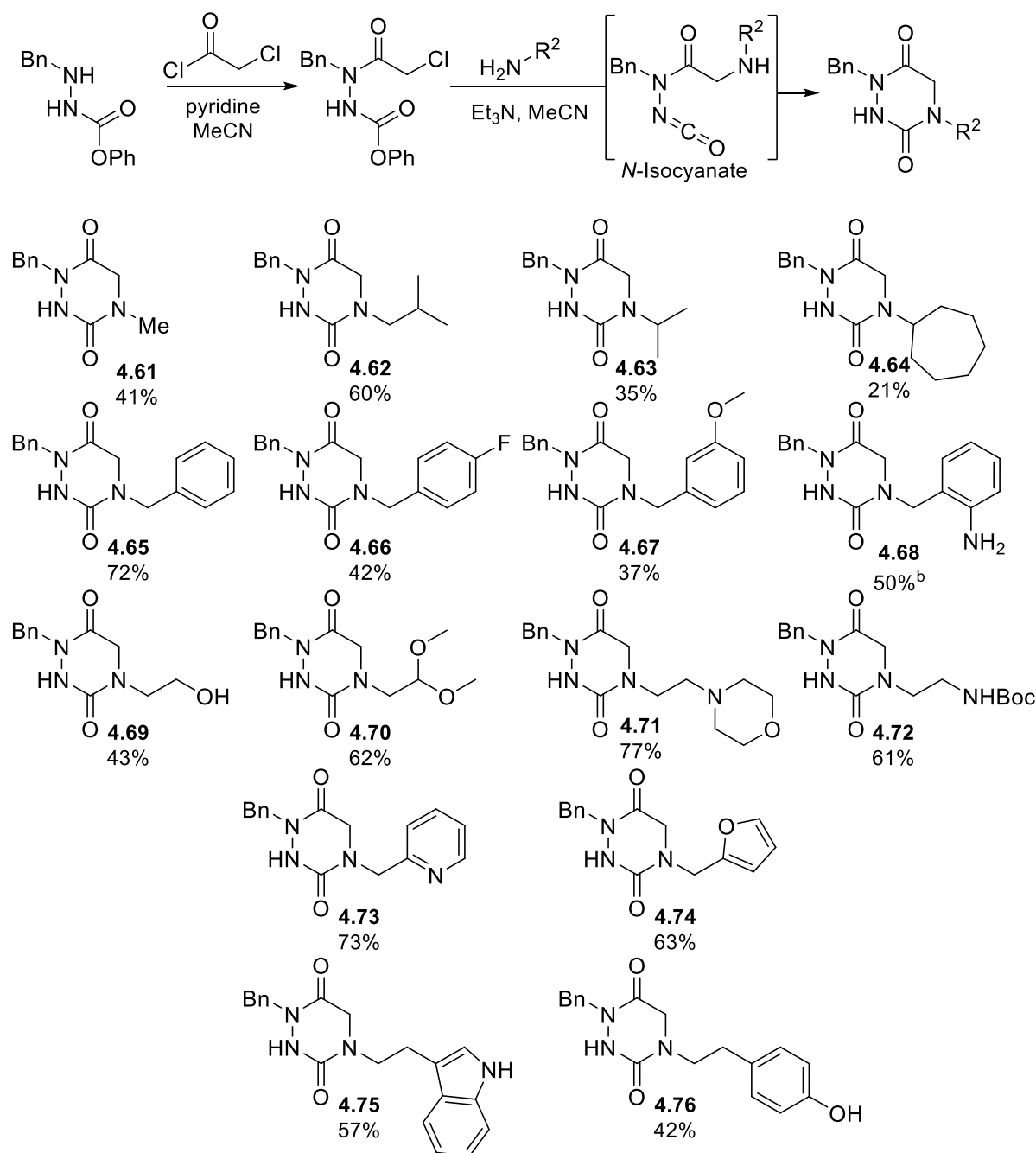
entry	solvent	amine equiv	base	yield (%) ^b
1	THF	1.1	Et ₃ N	44
2	MeCN	1.1	Et ₃ N	60
3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.1	Et ₃ N	38
4	DMSO	1.1	Et ₃ N	35
5	DMF	1.1	Et ₃ N	33
6	MeCN	1.5	Et ₃ N	68
7	MeCN	2.0	Et ₃ N	75 ^c

^aConditions: carbazate (1 equiv) stirring at 0 °C in MeCN (0.6 M); then pyridine (1.1 equiv), then chloroacetyl chloride (1.05 equiv). The solution was warmed to room temp and stirred for 2 hours. A solution of amine (1.1-2.0 equiv) and base (2.5 equiv) in MeCN was added to the reaction (0.3 M) and stirred at room temp for 24 h. ^bNMR yield based on 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene. ^cIsolated yield.

After the optimization, we were still unsure if path A (Scheme 4.12) was operating. To explore this further, the exchange reaction was performed first, followed by acylation and treatment with base (eq. 4.4). However, no product was observed when treating the acylated product with base in MeCN, indicating that it is not an intermediate in our reaction.



With the reaction conditions optimized and the reaction pathway secured, the scope of this reaction was explored by modifying the primary amine used (Table 4.9).

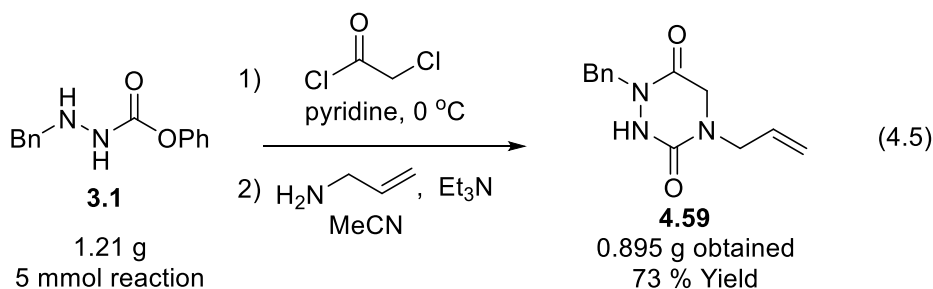
Table 4.9: Azadiketopiperazines Synthesis: Amine Scope^a

^aConditions: carbamate (1 equiv) stirring at 0 °C in MeCN (0.6 M); then pyridine (1.1 equiv), then chloroacetyl chloride (1.05 equiv). The solution was warmed to room temp and stirred for 2 h. A solution of amine (2 equiv) and Et₃N (2.5 equiv) in MeCN was added to the reaction (0.3 M) and stirred at room temp for 24 h. Isolated yields are shown. ^b¹H NMR yield based on 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

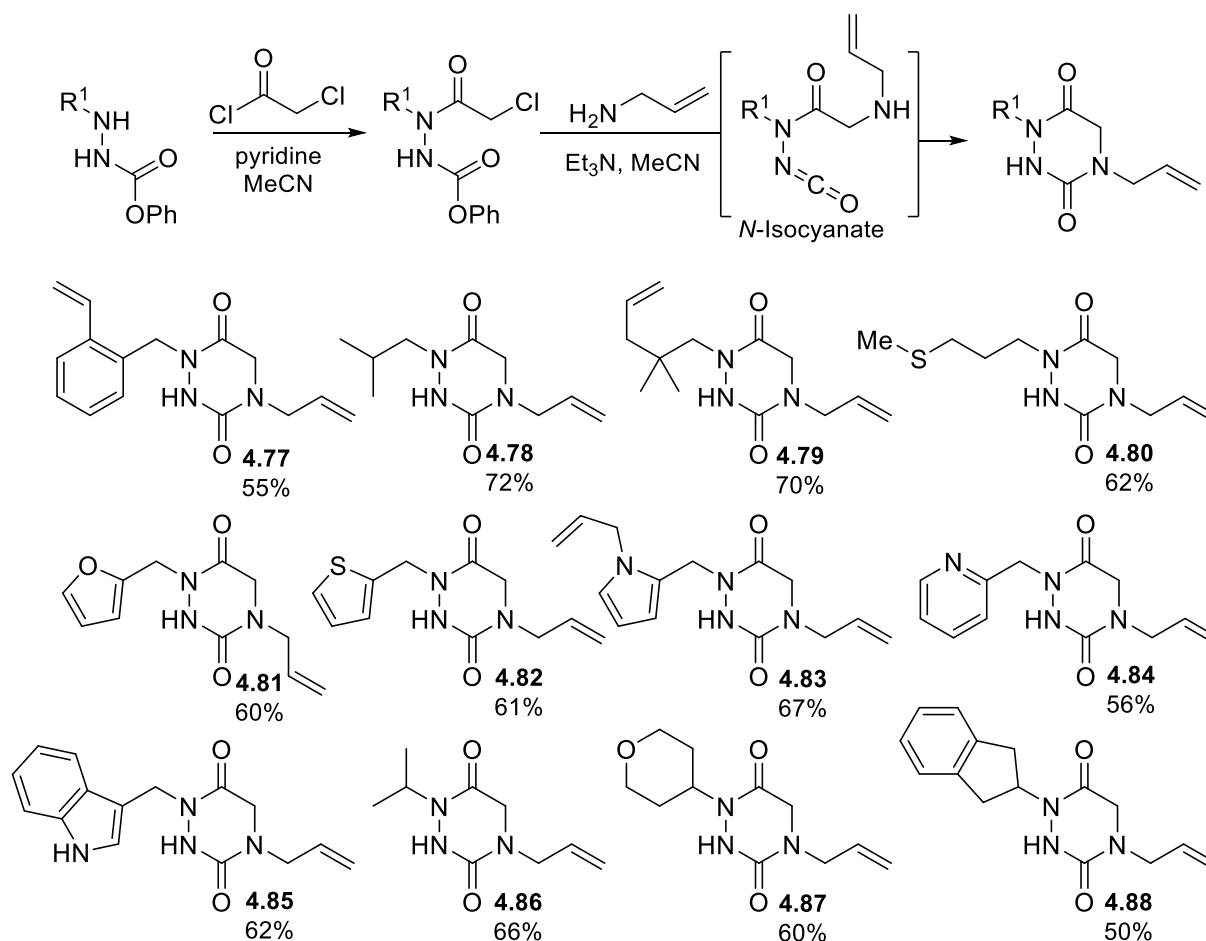
A wide variety of primary amines were compatible in our system. The use of methylamine afforded 41% of the desired heterocycle (**4.61**). Other aliphatic amines were also tolerated with non-bulky amines (**4.62**), but a reduction of the yield was observed when using α -branched amines (**4.63** and **4.64**). Different benzylic amines (**4.65-4.68**) were also tested and the yield

seemed to be affected when the phenyl ring was substituted (**4.66-4.68**). In addition, a variety of functional groups were tolerated in this system. A free hydroxyl group (**4.69**), a protected aldehyde (**4.70**), an amine (**4.72**) and a morpholino group (**4.71**) all yielded the desired 6-membered heterocycles in modest to good yields. Heterocycles could also be incorporated on the azadiketopiperazine core. A pyridine (**4.73**), a furan (**4.74**) and an indole (**4.75**) were introduced in good yields. Finally, a free phenol was also tolerated, yielding the azadiketopiperazine **4.76** in modest yield.

Given the applicability of this method, the scalability of this one-pot sequence needed to be demonstrated. To do so, the synthesis of **4.59** was attempted on a 5 mmol scale (more than 8 times bigger than the usual scale for this system). As seen in eq. 4.5, we were able to reproduce the yield obtained in our optimization on a gram-scale reaction. Given the availability of every reagent, the simplicity of this one-pot procedure and the mild conditions of the system, this synthesis provides a reliable alternative to synthesize a variety of azadiketopiperazines.



To further illustrate the versatility of this new azadiketopiperazine synthesis, different carbazates were tested. As mentioned in Chapter 2, an improved synthesis of phenyl carbazate that gave access to decagrams of material in less than 3 hours was crucial to improve the efficiency of this process. A simple condensation and reduction using NaCNBH₃ was used to synthesize the starting materials. The results of this substrate scope are presented in Table 4.10.

Table 4.10: Azadiketopiperazines Synthesis: Carbazate Scope^a

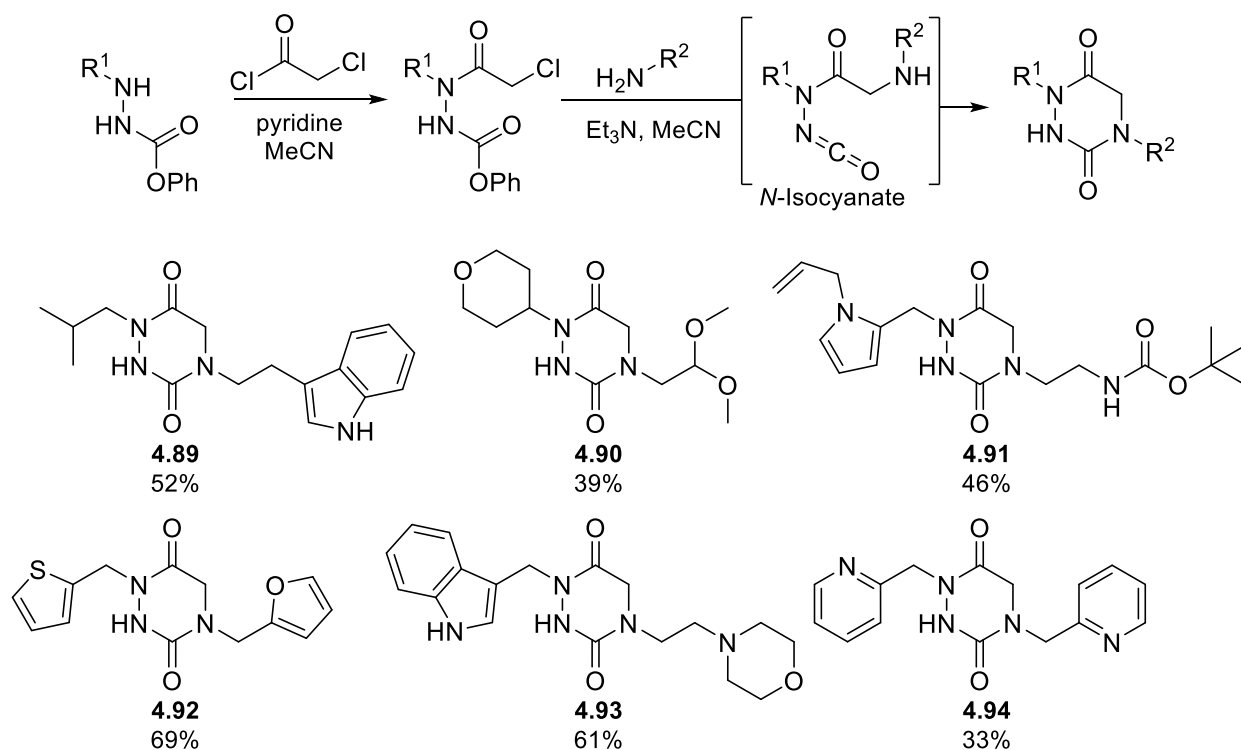
^aConditions: carbazate (1 equiv) stirring at 0 °C in MeCN (0.6 M); then pyridine (1.1 equiv), then chloroacetyl chloride (1.05 equiv). The solution was warmed to room temp and stirred for 2 h (or 16 h entries **4.87**, **4.88**). A solution of allylamine (2 equiv) and Et₃N (2.5 equiv) in MeCN was added to the reaction (0.3 M) and stirred at room temp for 24 h. Isolated yields are shown.

In comparison with trials involving various amines, almost no variation was observed while modifying the carbazate used in this one-pot sequence. This seems logical since these modifications are far from the reaction centre. Adding an extra alkenyl chain on the typical benzyl carbazate was tolerated and yielded the di-alkenyl azadiketopiperazine **4.77** in modest yield. Aliphatic carbazates with (**4.80**) or without (**4.78** and **4.79**) heteroatoms did not affect the yield of this reaction. Several heterocycles could also be present on the carbazate reagent. Indeed, a furan (**4.80**), a thiophene (**4.81**), a pyrrole (**4.82**), a pyridine (**4.83**) and an indole (**4.84**) were all tolerated to form the corresponding bi-heterocycles in good yields. Most notably, no significant difference in yield was observed while using α -branched carbazates as was observed with the amines scope. Therefore, the three ketone-derived carbazates (**4.86-4.88**) yielded the branched azadiketopiperazines with a small variation in yields.

With these findings, it became apparent that a lot of diversity could be incorporated around this often poorly-substituted core. The results obtained with amines and carbazates led us to believe that highly-functionalized heterocycles could be obtained using this method.

To obtain such a high degree of functionalization, we wondered if it was possible to react several complex amines and carbazates together. Given the commercial availability of amines and the improved availability of large amount of carbazates, we decided to pursue this idea and the results are shown in Table 4.11.

Table 4.11: Mixed Azadiketopiperazines Synthesis^a



^aConditions: carbazate (1 equiv) stirring at 0 °C in MeCN (0.6 M); then pyridine (1.1 equiv), then chloroacetyl chloride (1.05 equiv). The solution was warmed to room temp. and stirred for 2 h. A solution of amine (2 equiv) and Et₃N (2.5 equiv) in MeCN was added to the reaction (0.3 M) and stirred at room temp. for 24 h. Isolated yields are shown.

An aliphatic side chain and a heterocycle could be combined to yield the functionalized core **4.89** in modest yield. A branched heterocycle (easily incorporated on the carbazate part) and a protected aldehyde could also be incorporated (**4.90**) with a decrease in yield. However, for a one-pot sequence generating as much complexity, we feel that these ranges of yields are easily justifiable. Using the same design, a heterocycle and a protected amine could afford the small core with 5 nitrogen atoms and 4 oxygen atoms (**4.91**). The triheterocyclic core was also accessed by combining heterocyclic-containing carbazates and primary amines. Using this concept, the thiophene-furan (**4.92**), the indole-morpholine (**4.93**) and the pyridine-pyridine (**4.94**) combinations were synthesized in modest to good yields. Overall, these results showed that it is possible to obtain highly functionalized aza-diketopiperidines using simple and readily-available reagents. Most notably, the azadiketopiperazine **4.90** possess a heteroatom:carbon ratio of 2:3, a very high ratio for such molecules.

In summary, this study¹¹⁰ showed that it is possible to obtain another 6-membered heterocycle under mild conditions using a weak base as catalyst. More than 30 examples were obtained in less than two months of work which illustrates the ease of synthesis that *N*-isocyanate precursors allow. Conceptually, it also demonstrated the ability of blocked isocyanates to act as hemi-labile protecting group since a nucleophilic attack was able to happen before releasing the electrophilic isocyanate. This concept is new in the chemistry of *N*-isocyanates, and could be used to develop more elaborate reaction sequences.

4.4: Conclusion and Perspectives

In the previous Chapters, we saw that we could use an electrophile as part of the substrate or as part of the incoming nucleophile to synthesize heterocycles containing either one or two atoms of the *N*-isocyanate motif *via* cascade reactions. In this chapter, the most challenging transformations were attempted: incorporating the three atoms inside the same heterocycle. Again, we showed that it was possible to achieve such a goal by designing substrates with built-in functionalities (aza-uracils, triazinones and pyridazinones) or by reacting a simple carbazate with a dielectrophilic reagent (azadiketopiperazine). Conceptually, we gained access to rare reactivity in this chapter. As previously mentioned, the synthesis of azauracils was poorly developed before our study that provided almost 30 pyrimidine derivatives. In addition, heterocyclic chemistry using enamines on isocyanates (*C*- and *N*-substituted) remains poorly developed. We were able to access this rare reactivity and used it in a cascade reaction for the synthesis of interesting bioactive cores. Finally, we also showed the possibility of blocked isocyanates to act as hemi-labile protecting groups by having a nucleophilic attack happen on a relatively poor electrophile (relative to the isocyanate) before releasing the highly reactive isocyanate. This chapter shows the knowledge acquired in the chemistry of *N*-isocyanates, along with carefully-designed systems that afford interesting motifs. Using base catalysis, we were finally able to obtain the desired azadiketopiperazine, a motif that interested us since the discovery of our hydantoin synthesis.

As seen in Chapter 1, the N-N-C=O motif is omnipresent in the agrochemical and the pharmaceutical industries. Given the variety of incorporation of this motif, we have shown in the last three chapters that *N*-isocyanate chemistry could be used as a modular approach for the incorporation of one, two, or three atoms within a heterocycle. To finish our systematic effort, the next chapter will present our efforts for the synthesis of linear molecules using blocked *N*-isocyanate precursors.

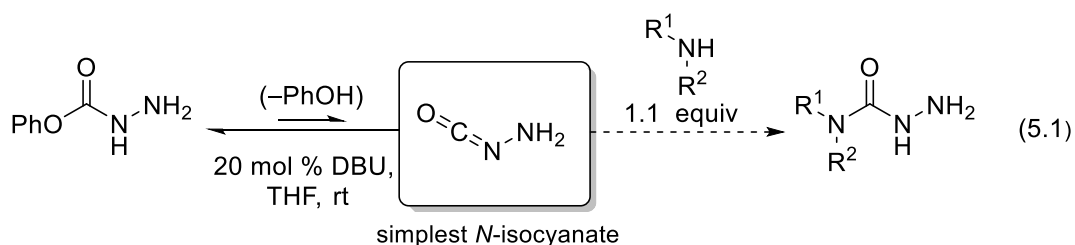
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Chapter 5: *N*-Isocyanates for the Synthesis of Acyclic Molecules

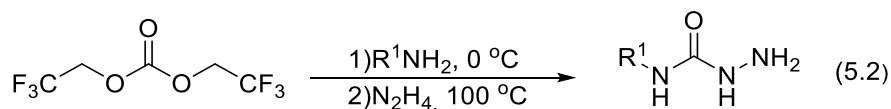
5.1: Simple Synthesis of Semicarbazides

Most of the work shown in the first chapter for the development of *N*-isocyanates relied on addition reactions forming simple molecules. However, these additions were used mostly to prove the existence of the isocyanate intermediates and no systematic studies for the synthesis of useful synthons were known.

With our growing expertise in base catalysis, we envisioned using our improved access to phenyl carbamate in order to generate the simplest *N*-isocyanates and synthesize complex semicarbazides (eq. 5.1).

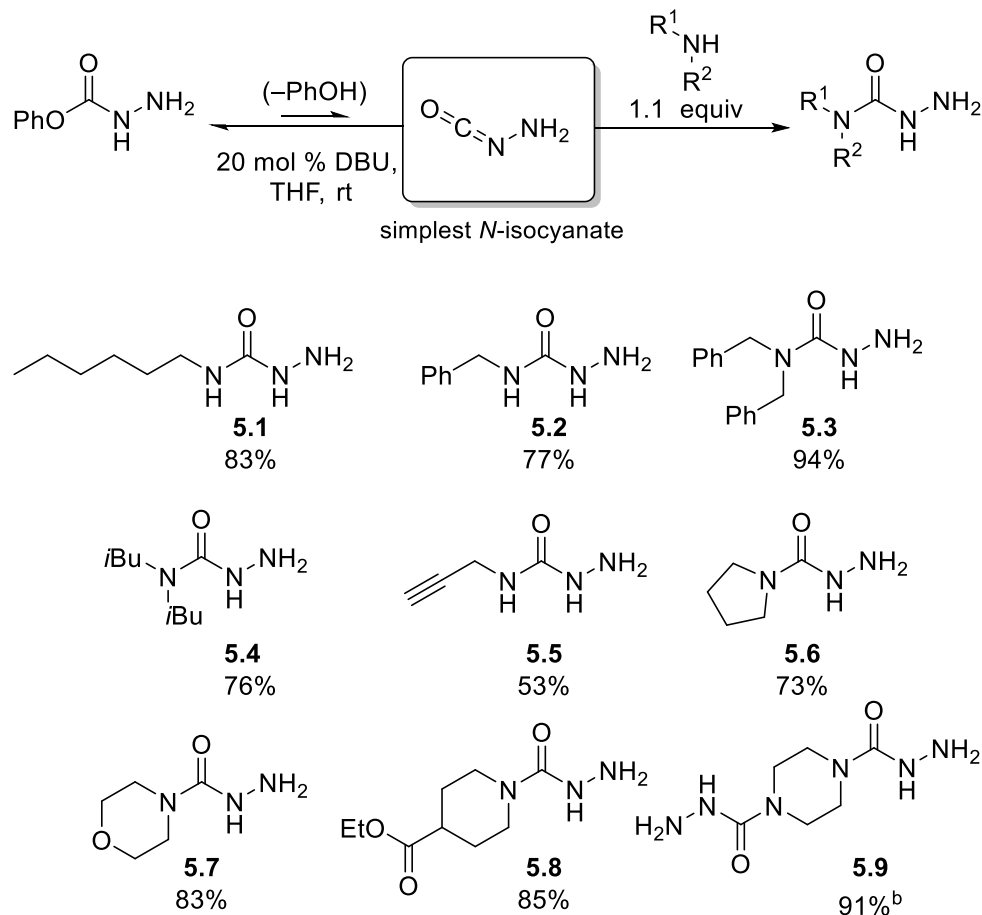


This would represent a milder and simpler alternative than the newest method for the synthesis of these simple semicarbazides (eq. 5.2).¹¹¹



Given the reduced steric hindrance around this unsubstituted *N*-isocyanate, it was hypothesized that room temperature reactivity and a slow release of the reactive intermediate was essential to avoid dimerization. Fortunately, these simple conditions allowed access to several semicarbazides and the results are presented in Table 5.1.

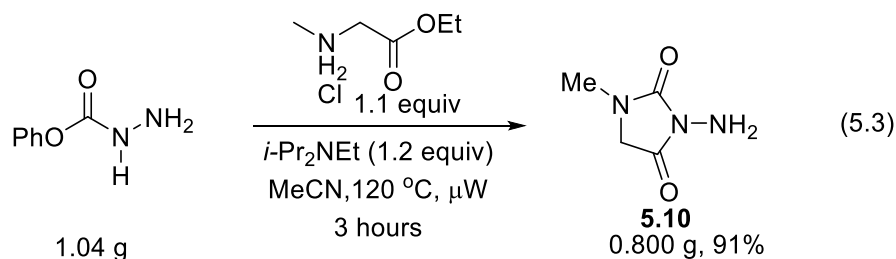
¹¹¹ Bogolubsky, A.; Moroz, Y. S.; Mykhailiuk, P. K.; Dmytriv, Y. V.; Pipko, S. E.; Babichenko, L. N.; Konovets, A. I.; Tolmachev, A. *RSC Adv.* **2015**, *5*, 1063. See also references cited therein.

Table 5.1: Synthesis of Semicarbazides Using *N*-Isocyanate Precursors^a

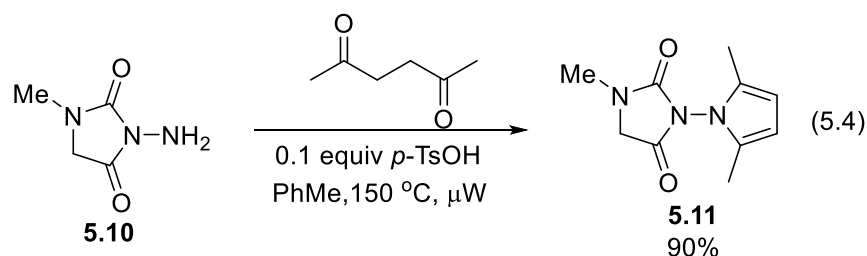
^aConditions: *O*-phenyl carbamate (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), DBU (20 mol %) in THF (0.3 M) stirred at room temperature for 16 h. ^bReaction with 0.5 equiv amine.

Overall, this system tolerated a variety of different amines. A simple aliphatic amine was tolerated and we were able to obtain the *n*-hexylamine-derived semicarbazide **5.1** in 83% yield. Primary (**5.2**) and secondary (**5.3**) benzylic amines were also competent reaction partners and yielded the desired compounds in good to excellent yields. Bulkier secondary amines were also used to generate the semi-carbazide of diisobutylamine amine (**5.4**) in good yield. Propargylamine also allowed access the functionalized semi-carbazide (**5.5**) in modest yield. Cyclic amines could also be used as nucleophiles to obtain pyrrolidine- (**5.6**), morpholine- (**5.7**) and piperidine- (**5.8**) substituted semi-carbazides in good yields. Finally, a double addition product (**5.9**) could also be formed while using 0.5 equivalents of piperazine. This opened the door to the use of *N*-isocyanate precursors in polymerization reactions. Overall, these results show that a precursor of the simplest *N*-isocyanate, NH_2NCO , could avoid dimerization if a nucleophilic amine is present in the reaction medium.

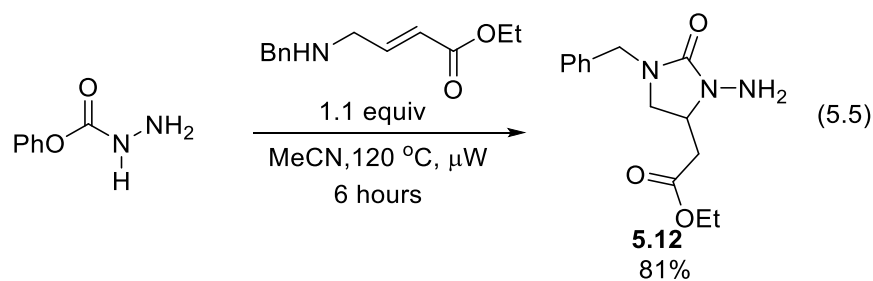
Based on this observation, it was decided to attempt some of the cascade reactions described previously using phenyl carbazate as the *N*-isocyanate precursor. This would give the possibility of further functionalization by providing a free NH₂ group after the cascade reaction. First, phenyl carbazate was subjected to the conditions of the hydantoin synthesis (eq. 5.3). Even on a gram scale, the reaction afforded the desired heterocycle in higher yield than with most carbazones.



To show the potential of this strategy for further functionalization, this hydantoin was used in a Paal-Knorr pyrrole synthesis. This reaction allowed us to form the highly functionalized compound **5.11**, in which both nitrogens of the hydrazide moiety are present in 2 different heterocycles.



The use of phenyl carbazate was also exploited in a reaction with a conjugated alkene in order to synthesize a highly functionalized imidazolinone (eq. 5.5). As for the hydantoin, the yield was significantly higher using phenyl carbazate. In addition, this provided a method to access a simple heterocycle possessing two functional groups for further functionalization (a free amine and an ester).



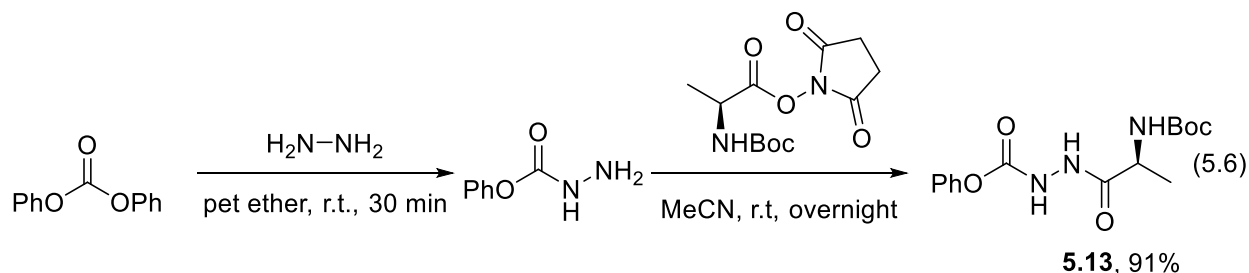
In order to show the potential of *N*-isocyanates for the synthesis of linear molecules, we started to wonder if phenyl carbazate could be used to build more complex molecules. The synthesis of

aza-peptides was an obvious choice given their importance in peptidomimetic chemistry in recent years.¹¹²

5.2: Synthesis of Aza-Triptides

As discussed in this thesis, we know it is possible to use blocked *N*-isocyanates for addition of simple nitrogen nucleophiles. More specially, we already designed a system to synthesize aza-dipeptoids (side chain not on the *natural* nitrogen). In order to synthesize aza-tripeptides, a new substrate needed to be designed. With the help of several undergraduate students over the years, we aimed to create a mild and operationally-simple synthesis in order to compete with other syntheses.¹¹³

Having efficient access to phenyl carbazate provided a strong incentive to use this building block to build azapeptide motifs. Boc-protected amino acids were initially targeted to develop this reactivity. By mixing phenyl carbazate with Boc-Ala-OSu in acetonitrile, we were able to achieve a complete transformation in 16 hours (eq. 5.6). To purify these compounds, a repetitive basic wash with NaHCO₃ was accomplished to remove the *N*-hydroxysuccinimide byproduct. In combination with the optimized synthesis of phenyl carbazate, it is possible to synthesize a large quantity of aza-dipeptide without the need for column chromatography. However, compounds such as **5.13** are only stable for a limited number of days. Nevertheless, this stability was sufficient to pursue their development as azapeptide building blocks, given their ease of access.

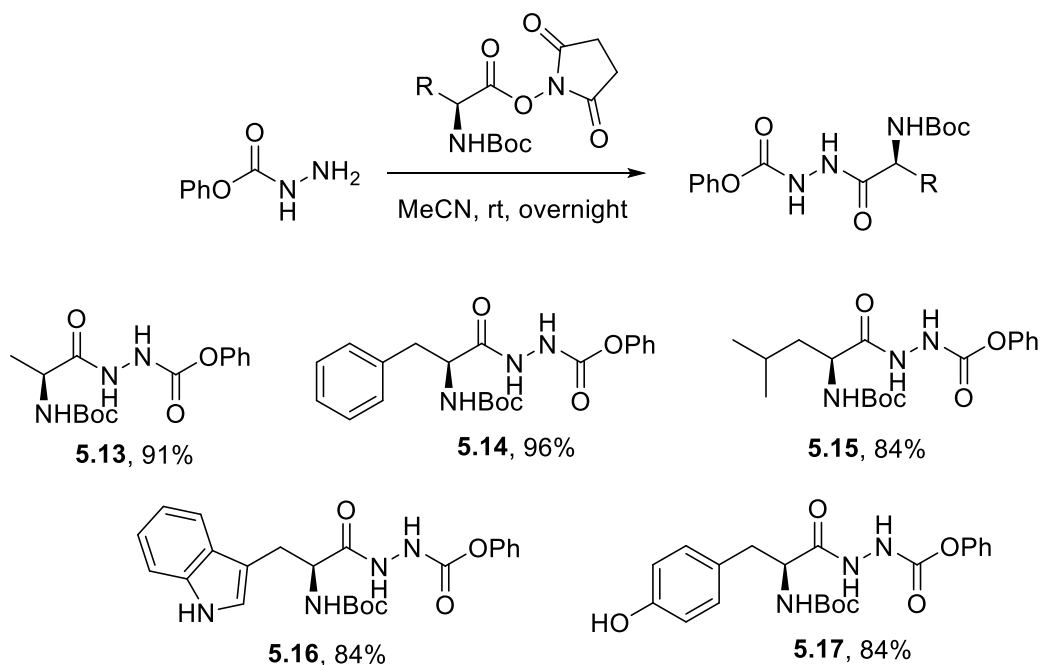


¹¹² Proulx, C.; Sabatino, D.; Hopewell, R.; Spiegel, J.; García Ramos, Y.; Lubell, W. D. *Future Med. Chem.* **2011**, *3*, 1139.

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Before exploring this further, additional experiments were performed to ensure that this reactivity was general for a variety of *N*-protected activated amino acids. The reaction was thus tested on 5 different amino acid derivatives and the results are displayed in Table 5.2.

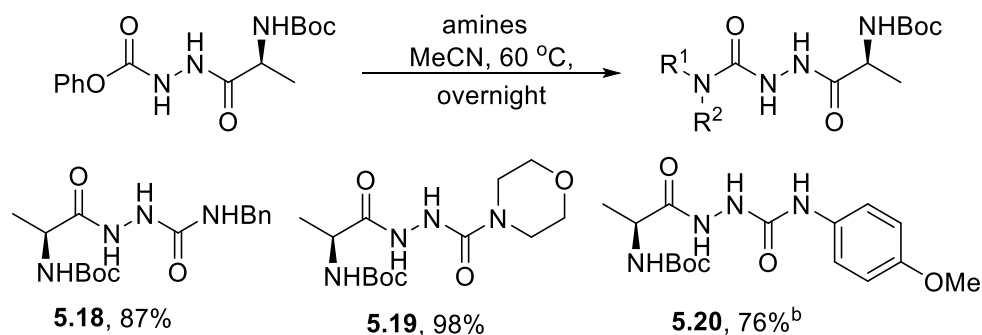
Table 5.2: Synthesis of a Masked *N*-Isocyanate on a Dipeptide Subunit^a



^aConditions: *O*-phenyl carbamate (1 equiv), activated esters (1.1 equiv), DBU (20 mol %) in THF (0.3 M) stirred at room temperature for 16 h.

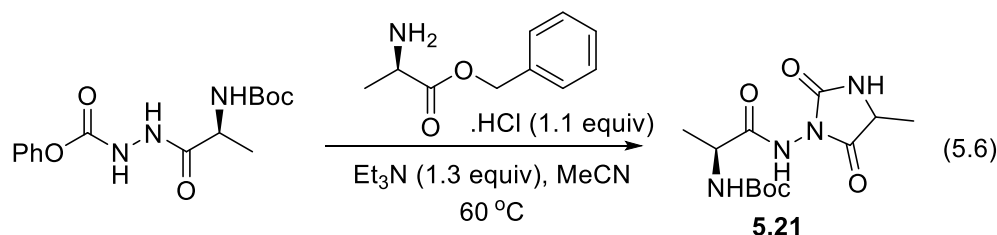
Gratifyingly, multiple commercially available activated esters of natural amino acids were tolerated in this system. Phenylalanine- (**5.14**) and leucine- (**5.15**) derived aza-dipeptides were synthesized with no variation in yield. Tryptophan (**5.16**) and tyrosine (**5.17**) derivatives were also synthesized demonstrating the functional group tolerance of this approach.

With a general approach for the dipeptide core containing a masked *N*-isocyanate, it was necessary to establish the ability of such substrates to undergo nucleophilic addition with simple amines before trying the reaction with the more complex amino acid derivatives. A quick optimization revealed that acetonitrile at 60 °C with catalytic triethylamine was the ideal system to generate *N*-isocyanates that can be attacked by simple amines. The results obtained using this procedure are presented in Table 5.3.

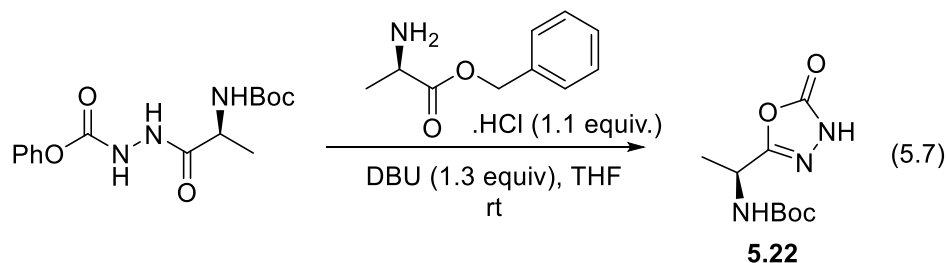
Table 5.3: Simple Amine Scan^a

^aConditions: Masked *N*-isocyanates (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), Et₃N (20 mol%) in MeCN (0.3 M) stirred at 60 °C for 16 h. ^bReaction with 3 equiv of amine.

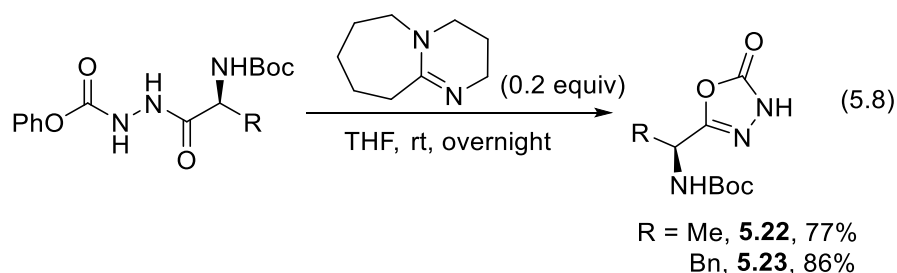
With confirmed reactivity in hand, the synthesis of aza-tripeptides could be investigated. Unfortunately, the use of benzyl esters of amino acids under optimized reaction conditions led to the formation of hydantoin **5.21** as the sole product (eq 5.6).



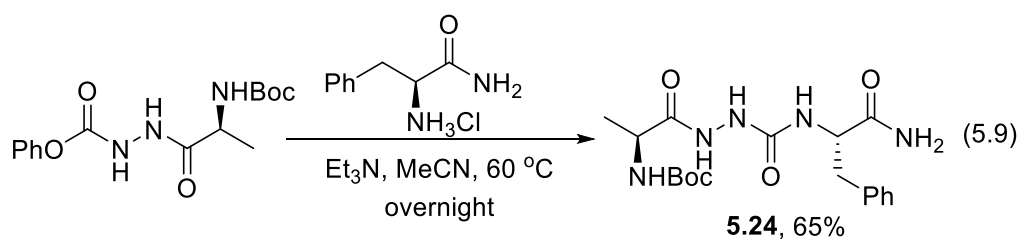
To form this hydantoin, the tripeptide was formed but further cyclized under these reactions conditions. However, given that other conditions allow for the mild generation of *N*-isocyanates, this substrate was subjected to optimized room temperature conditions using DBU as a catalyst. Under these conditions, the reaction seemed to be complete in 1 hour. However, a new ring system was isolated in this reaction (eq. 5.7).



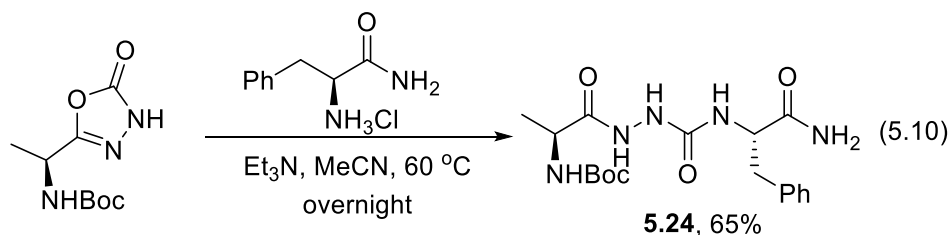
Knowing that this product was most likely coming from the intramolecular attack of the amide on the *N*-isocyanate, the reaction was optimized without any nucleophile being present. The results are shown in equation 5.8.



At this point, it became apparent that using amino esters would be problematic and the results shown above suggested that this reaction was most likely going through an oxadiazole intermediate. Therefore the use of other amino acids derivatives that would not cyclize to the hydantoin became attractive, and α -amino amides were selected as reaction partners. Trying the optimized conditions with phenylalanine amide yielded 65% of the aza-tripeptide which was purified by filtration. The amount of Et_3N needed to be adjusted given the use of the HCl salt of the starting amide, but no other modifications were made from the pre-optimized reaction conditions (eq. 5.9).

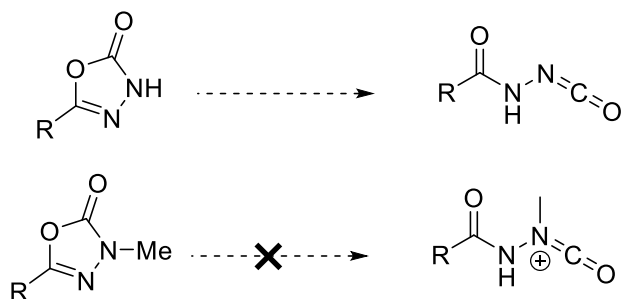


With a successful reaction in hand, it was possible to probe if the oxadiazolone intermediate previously isolated (eq. 5.8) in the room temperature reactivity was an intermediate in our reaction involving amido-isocyanates. In a study by Squillacote with related intermediates (Scheme 1.14), the formation of an intermediate was shown, but this work did not provide any data suggesting it could be reopened. Therefore, we subjected the isolated cycle to the exact same reaction conditions (eq. 5.10).

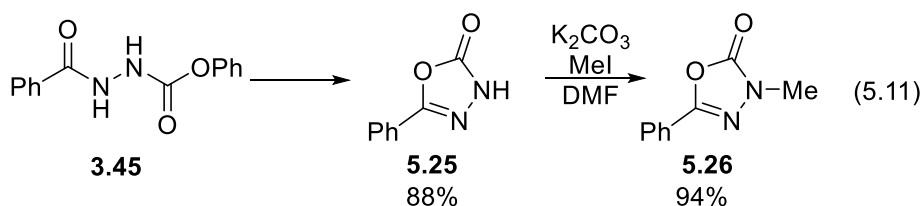


Interestingly, the same yield was obtained. This suggested that the oxadiazole ring was itself a source of masked *N*-isocyanate, or that it was electrophilic enough for a nucleophilic attack on the carbonyl. To probe this further it was decided to synthesize a simple oxadiazole and its *N*-methyl analogue. The underlying hypothesis was that the methylated version of the ring could not form the *N*-isocyanate intermediate, but would still be susceptible to nucleophilic attack.

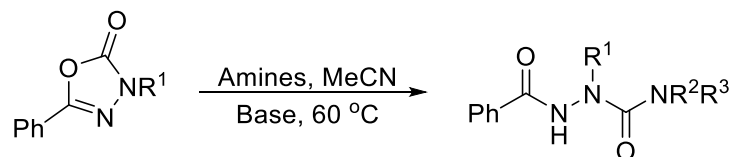
Therefore, if the reaction was not operating with this substrate, it would strongly suggest the presence of an *N*-isocyanate (Scheme 5.1). To synthesize both starting materials, the precursor **3.45** was used under the conditions shown in equation 5.7, leading to the formation of 88% of the desired cycle. Finally, a simple methylation using MeI and K₂CO₃ in DMF was used in order to complete the synthesis of the methylated analogue (eq. 5.11).



Scheme 5.1: Pathway Discrimination Design



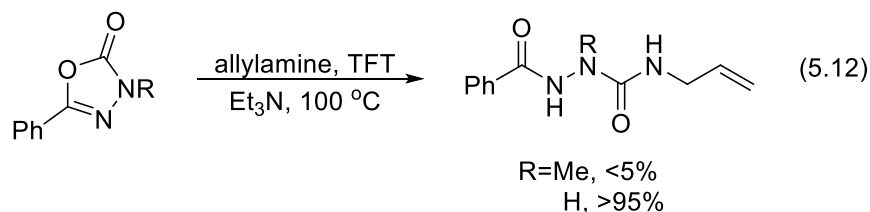
The investigation began by using both substrates under the same conditions used for the synthesis of aza-tripeptides. When the reaction was run in MeCN using a catalytic amount of base and allylamine as a nucleophile, substrate **5.25** allowed formation of the product in quantitative yield. However, less than 5% product was observed with **5.26**. To rule out the effect of steric hindrance the reaction involving **5.25** with *N*-methyl allylamine was performed and quantitative yield was also observed. Since these ring systems are commonly found in biologically-active molecules, we also tested the reaction with imidazole (based on the amino acid histidine) and *N*-methyl imidazole and the results were similar (Table 5.4).

Table 5.4: Probing the N-isocyanate Pathway^a

R ¹	Amine	Base	Yield (%)
H	Allylamine	Et ₃ N	>95
Me	Allylamine	Et ₃ N	<5
H	<i>N</i> -Me allylamine	Et ₃ N	>95
H	Allylamine	Imidazole	>95
Me	Allylamine	Imidazole	<5
H	Allylamine	<i>N</i> -Me imidazole	>95
Me	Allylamine	<i>N</i> -Me imidazole	<5

^aConditions: Masked *N*-isocyanates (1.1 equiv), amine (1.0 equiv), base (20 mol%) in MeCN (0.3 M) stirred at 60 °C for 16 h.

The reaction was tried with harsher conditions using PhCF₃ at 100 °C for 16 hours but the same result was obtained: quantitative yield for the free N-H and less than 5% yield for the N-Me (eq. 5.12).



Overall this provides significant evidence for the involvement of an *N*-isocyanate for these types of reactions. Efforts are pursued in order to determine if this mechanism is common in other 5-membered ring systems. Other experiments will also be performed to have more definitive proof of an *N*-isocyanate involvement. Finally, we will also try to improve the yield for the tripeptide synthesis.

5.3: Conclusion and Perspectives

In this Chapter it was shown that phenyl carbazate itself could be a good reaction partner to furnish the simplest *N*-isocyanate in a controlled fashion. This allowed the synthesis of simple semi-carbazides that can be difficult to obtain by other means. This precursor was also used in cascade reactions for the synthesis of heterocycles with functional group handles. Phenyl carbazate was also used as nucleophile to generate a small library of dipeptide masked *N*-isocyanates, which allows the syntheses of aza-tripeptides without the use of flash chromatography or expensive coupling agents. During this study, a new potential source for masked *N*-isocyanates was discovered (oxadiazolones as masked heterocyclic derivatives) and more studies are undergoing to expand this discovery. This Chapter also concludes a journey on

the exploration of reactivity using *N*-isocyanates by showing that acyclic molecules can also be obtained using this strategy, in addition to the heterocyclic chemistry presented in Chapters 2-4.

Overall, this thesis highlights that *N*-isocyanates hold considerable synthetic potential. The reactivity of such species was underdeveloped before this report. Presented herein are more than 200 heterocycles synthesized using related reactive intermediates, showing that a controlled release and functionalization of either the core or the incoming nucleophile can lead to diversity and complexity in an efficient manner. This exploration also included analogues of *N*-isocyanates such as their sulfur derivatives. Other isocyanate variants are pursued in our laboratory and will be reported in due course. I believe that this thesis is only the starting point and that multiple syntheses using *N*-isocyanates will be developed in the future¹¹⁴ given the new tools in heterocyclic chemistry that this research provides.

¹¹⁴ For recent heterocyclic chemistry based on the research developed in this thesis see: Shao, J.; Liu, X.; Tang, P.; Luo, J.; Chen, W.; Yu, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, *17*, 4502.

Chapter 6: Supporting Information

General Information.

Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using Silicycle silica gel (40-63 μm), unless otherwise noted. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminum, cut to size. Visualization was accomplished with UV light followed by staining with a potassium permanganate solution and heating.

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 300 MHz and 400 MHz spectrometers at ambient temperature, unless otherwise indicated. Spectral data was reported in ppm using solvent as the reference (CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, C_6D_6 at 7.15 ppm or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 2.50 ppm for ^1H NMR and CDCl_3 at 77.0 ppm or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 39.43 for ^{13}C NMR). ^1H NMR data was reported as: multiplicity (ap = apparent, br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint. = quintet, sext. = sextuplet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet), integration and coupling constant(s) in Hz. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained with neat thin films on a sodium chloride disk and were recorded on a Bomem Michelson 100 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR). High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on a Kratos Concept-12.2 mass spectrometer with an electron beam of 70 eV at the Ottawa-Carleton Mass Spectrometry Centre.

Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available materials were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

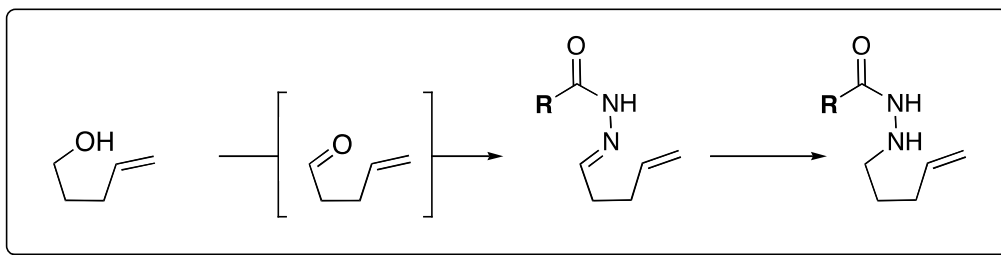
6.1: Supporting Information for Chapter 2

6.1.1: Improvement of Phenyl Carbazate (2.1) Synthesis

To a solution of diphenyl carbonate (21.4 g, 100 mmol) in 300 mL of petroleum ether in a 1 L round bottom-flask was added drop-wise 100 mL of hydrazine solution in THF (1 M, 100 mmol) using a dripping funnel for 30 minutes at room temperature. The solution was allowed to stir for an additional 30 minutes at room temperature following the addition of the last drop of hydrazine. The solution was then filtered on a medium-fritted filter funnel. The remaining crystals in the flask were washed with 100 mL of petroleum ether. Petroleum ether (200 mL) was then added to the solution to induce crystallization. The solution was allowed to stand for 30 minutes. A second filtration was done and the solids were combined and dried on high vacuum (for 30 minutes to afford 11.7 g of *O*-phenyl carbazate (76.7 mmol, 77%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.63-6.44 (br, 1 H), 4.02-3.79 (br, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.9 (C), 150.7 (C), 129.4 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.4 (CH). IR (film): 3540, 3461, 3306, 3015, 1764, 1707, 1655, 1593, 1519, 1489, 1370, 1280, 1195, 1161, 1069, 1045, 1005, 940, 911, 834, 784, 714, 687 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 175.048. Found: 175.0862

6.1.2: Discovery of the First Cascade Reaction Using Amino-isocyanate (section 2.2)

Preparation of Substrates



General Procedure for the Synthesis of Carbazates.

General Procedure A: Alcohol Oxidation: Prepared according to the procedure by Mukai.¹¹⁵ A flame-dried round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar, alkenol, DMSO (3 equiv) and Et₃N (3 equiv) in dry CH₂Cl₂ was added SO₃•Pyr (3 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until completion. The reaction is quenched by addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extract was washed with water and brine. The crude mixture was evaporated *in-vacuo*, and used without further purification. **Carbazate Condensation:** Prepared according to the procedure from the Leighton group.¹¹⁶ To the crude mixture is added the corresponding carbazate and acetic acid in methanol. The mixture is refluxed until consumption of the aldehyde or hydrazide is judged complete by TLC. Corresponding crude hydrazone is directly reduced without further purification.

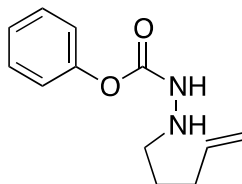
General Procedure B: Hydrazone Reduction: Prepared from a modified procedure by Lane.¹¹⁷ The corresponding hydrazone was combined with NaCNBH₃ (3 equiv), a pinch of methyl orange and stirred in methanol. The solution was capped with a septum and purged for 5 minutes. Acetic acid was added dropwise until the solution becomes acidic. The reaction mixture is stirred for 3 hours. Excess acetic acid is then evaporated and pH is increased with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and then with 10% NaOH (aq) to reach a pH of 8. Solution is extracted three times with dichloromethane and brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Volatiles are removed from the organic phase *in-vacuo* and crude product is purified by column chromatography.

General Procedure C: An oven dried 5 mL μ W tube was charged with a stir bar, capped with a septum and purged with argon and an outlet for 5 minutes. The alkenyl hydrazide (1.0 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (0.3 M) were added to the seal tube, while keeping it under an argon atmosphere. The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for three hours at 80 °C. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.

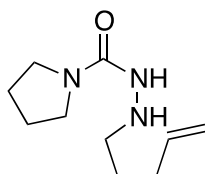
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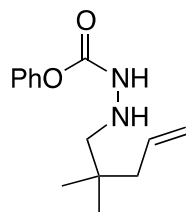
¹¹⁷ Lane, C. F. *Synthesis* **1975**, 135.



Phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (2.2): Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using 4-pentenol (1.31 g, 15.2 mmol). Condensation of aldehyde with carbazate was then performed using phenyl hydrazinecarboxylate (2.10 g, 13.8 mmol) in MeOH (46.0 mL). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. Crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.712 g, 23%). TLC R_f = 0.24 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.61 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.6 (C), 150.8 (C), 138.2 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 115.1 (CH₂), 51.4 (CH₂), 31.3 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂). IR (film): 3276, 3081, 2926, 2850, 1900, 1715, 1476, 1266, 1214, 907 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 220.1212. Found: 220.1219.

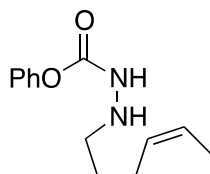


N'-(Pent-4-en-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carbohydrazide (Scheme 2.9): Synthesized according to general procedure **C** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.617 g, 2.80 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.219 g, 3.08 mmol), and α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (9.3 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.336 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.89-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.89-5.75 (s, br, 1H), 5.06-4.93 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, br, 1H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.7, 4H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.3, 2H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.59 (quintet, *J* = 7.4, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.8 (C), 138.6 (CH), 114.8 (CH₂), 52.6 (CH₂), 45.5 (CH₂), 31.5 (CH₂), 27.3 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 3500, 3238, 2980, 2872, 1653, 1546, 1402, 912, 759 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₉N₃O [M]⁺: 197.1528. Found: 197.1520.

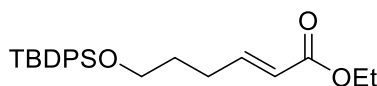


Phenyl 2-(2,2-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using 2,2-dimethyl-4-pentenal (0.450 g, 4.00 mmol). Product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 4% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (0.800 g, 81% over 2 steps). TLC R_f =

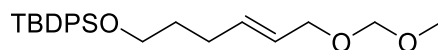
0.23 in 4% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.94-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 5.06-5.03 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.7 (C), 150.7 (C), 135.0 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 117.4 (CH₂), 61.9 (CH₂), 44.7 (CH₂), 33.9 (C), 25.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 3079, 3044, 2492, 2315, 1925, 1706, 1606, 1594, 1367 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 248.1525. Found: 248.1527.



(Z)-Phenyl 2-(hex-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate : Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using (E)-4-hexen-1-ol (0.600 mL, 5.00 mmol). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. Crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.760 g, 65% over 3 steps). TLC R_f = 0.52 in 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, br, 1H), 5.54-5.36 (m, 2H), 3.91 (br s, 1H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.5 (C), 150.7 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 51.4 (CH₂), 27.6 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), 12.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 3016, 2931, 2919, 2851, 1724, 1655, 1555, 1474 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 234.1368. Found: 234.1320.



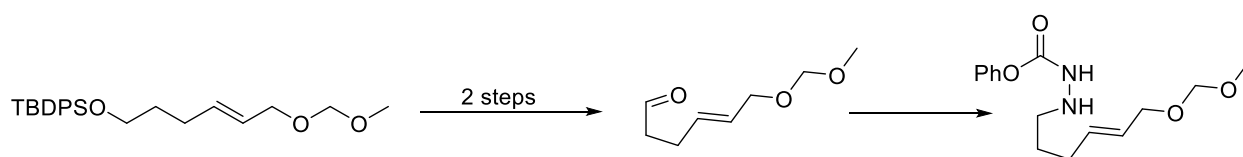
The aldehyde¹¹⁸ (4.00 g, 12.3 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (31.0 mL). Ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene) acetate (6.40 g, 18.4 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred at 115 °C for 16 hours. Hexane was added and the solution was filtered. The resulting solution was condensed under reduce pressure and purified by column chromatography to afford the *E*-isomer as a clear oil (3.70 g, 76%). TLC R_f = 0.50 in 20% EtOAc/Hex. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.71-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.00 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 166.7 (C), 148.9 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 133.8 (C), 129.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 62.9 (CH₂), 60.1 (CH₂), 30.9 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 3071, 2931, 2858, 1717, 1653, 1589, 1472, 1428, 1390, 1367 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₄H₃₂O₃Si[M]⁺: 396.2121. Found: 352.1555 (-EtO).



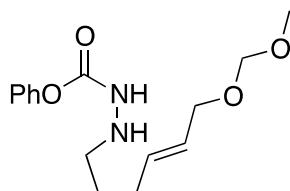
The unsaturated ester (2.90 g, 7.31 mmol) was dissolved in ether (35 mL). A 1.0 M solution of DIBAL-H in THF (16.1 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at that temperature for one hour. HCl 1 M was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times

¹¹⁸ Français, A., Leyva-Pérez, A., Etxebarria-Jardi, G., Peña, J., Ley, S. V. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2011**, *17*, 329.

with ether and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and condensed under reduce pressure to afford the crude alcohol. The alcohol was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (35 mL) and DIPEA (1.92 mL, 11.0 mmol) was added followed by MOMCl (0.830 mL, 11.0 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature until disappearance of the starting alcohol. Water was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , condensed under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography to afford the pure product as a clear oil (2.20 g, 77% over 2 steps). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 7% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.71-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 6H), 5.78-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.63-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.01 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.19 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.07 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 135.6 (CH), 134.6 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 95.4 (CH_2), 67.9 (CH_2), 63.2 (CH_2), 55.2 (CH_3), 31.9 (CH_2), 28.6 (CH_2), 26.8 (CH_3), 19.2 (C). IR (film): 3071, 2930, 2822, 1955, 1889, 1832, 1721, 1472, 1428 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_3\text{Si}[\text{M}]^+$: 398.2277. Found: 340.1411 (-*t*-Bu).

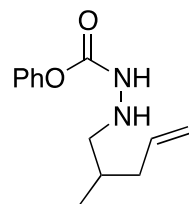


The protected alcohol (2.00 g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in THF (15.0 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and a 1.0 M solution of TBAF in THF (6.00 mL) was added. The solution was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir over night. NH_4Cl was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with ether and the combined organic phase were dried over MgSO_4 , condensed under reduced pressure and purified by a fast column chromatography to remove the siloxane. The resulting alcohol (0.600 g, 3.75 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of 9:1 pentane/ CH_2Cl_2 . Tempo (0.0580 g, 0.380 mmol) and $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.33 g, 4.13 mmol) was added and the solution was allowed to stir for 5 hours. NaHCO_3 was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and condensed under reduce pressure to afford the crude material (aldehyde and iodobenzene).

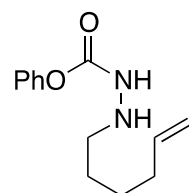


(E)-Phenyl 2-(6-(methoxymethoxy)hex-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using the crude aldehyde (3.75 mmol). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 4% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (0.300 g, 20% over 5 steps). TLC R_f = 0.22 in 40% EtOAc/Hex. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.76-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.00 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.59 (q, J = 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 150.7 (C), 133.9 (CH), 129.3

(CH), 126.4 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 95.4 (CH₂), 67.8 (CH₂) 55.1 (CH₃), 51.1 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 2937, 1741, 1701, 1594, 1479, 1360, 1208 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₄ [M]⁺: 294.1580. Found: 294.0618.

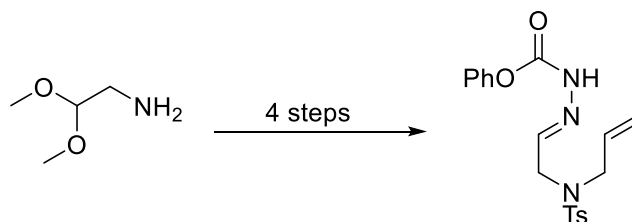


Phenyl 2-(2-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate: (Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using crude alcohol¹¹⁹ (0.501 g, 5.00 mmol). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 4% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (0.300 g, 26% over 4 steps). TLC R_f = 0.38 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.81 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.01 (m, 2H), 2.93-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.71 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.6 (C), 150.7 (C), 136.6 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 116.3 (CH₂), 57.6 (CH₂), 39.1 (CH₂), 31.5 (CH), 17.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 3076, 2961, 2928, 1701, 1606, 1595 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 234.1368. Found: 234.1361.

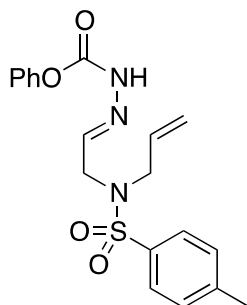


Phenyl 2-(hex-5-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate. Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using 5-hexen-1-ol (0.600 mL, 5.00 mmol). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 4% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.533 g, 43% over 3 steps). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.81 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06-4.95 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.42 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.5(C), 150.7(C), 138.5 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 114.7 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH₂), 33.5 (CH₂), 27.1(CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂). IR (film): 2934, 2860, 1734, 1645, 1493, 1364, 1164 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 234.1368. Found: 234.1371.

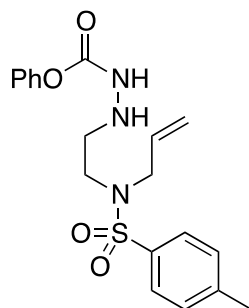
¹¹⁹ Raghavan, S., Babu, V. S. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2011**, *17*, 8487.



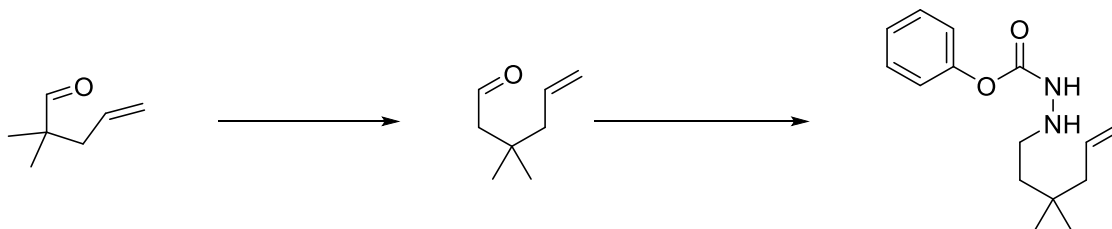
2-Aminoacetaldehyde (3.15 g, 30.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (150 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C and Et_3N (5.58 mL, 40.0 mmol) was added followed by TsCl (7.62 g, 40.0 mmol). The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 hours. Water was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and condensed under reduced pressure to afford the crude tosylated product. The tosylated amine was dissolved in dry DMSO (70 mL) and NaH 60 % (1.32 g, 33.0 mmol) was added slowly. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Allyl bromide (4.35 g, 36.0 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 minutes and the solution was stirred for 1 hours. A 1:1 brine/water solution was added followed by EtOAc and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted several time and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and condensed to afford the 4.70 g (52% over 2 steps) of the crude product.



Phenyl 2-(2-(*N*-allyl-4-methylphenylsulfonamido)ethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: The crude acetal (3.00 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in acetone and 60.0 mL of HCl 2.0 M was added. The solution was stirred for one hour at 60°C and 60.0 mL of HCl 2.00 M was added. The solution was stirred for another hour. CH_2Cl_2 was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and condensed to afford the crude aldehyde. The aldehyde was dissolved in MeOH (50.0 mL) and phenyl carbazate (1.52 g, 10.0 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature over-night. The solution was cooled to 0°C and filtered to afford the clean product as a white amorphous solid (3.00 g, 77% over 2 steps.) TLC $R_f = 0.87$ in 5% $\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.49 (br s, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.16 (m, 8H), 5.73-5.58 (m, 1H), 5.22-5.11 (m, 2H), 3.95-3.70 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 143.9 (C), 136.5 (C), 133.2 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 119.6 (CH_2), 51.0 (CH_2), 49.0 (CH_2), 21.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 2337, 1636, 1226 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ [M^+]: 387.1253. Found: 387.1255

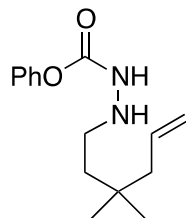


Phenyl 2-(2-(*N*-allyl-4-methylphenylsulfonamido)ethyl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **B** using recrystallized hydrazone (1.00 g, 2.58 mmol). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.950 g, 95%). TLC R_f = 0.47 in 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.64 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.13 (m, 2H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.34-3.30 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.4 (C), 150.7 (C), 143.6 (C), 132.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 119.5 (CH₂), 51.0 (CH₂), 48.9 (CH₂), 44.9 (CH₂), 21.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 2919, 2847, 1732, 1643, 1486, 1458 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₂₃N₃O₄S[M⁺]: 389.1909. Found: 235.1260 (-Ts).



Preparation followed procedure developed by Yu.¹²⁰ To a stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide (5.00 g, 12.9 mmol) in 20.0 mL of anhydrous THF was slowly added a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.45 g, 12.9 mmol) in THF (20.0 mL) at 0 °C via cannula under argon. The resulting cherry-red solution was stirred at 0 °C for another 1 h. A solution of 2,2-dimethylpent-4-enal (1.07 g, 8.60 mmol) in THF (5.00 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of water (10.0 mL) and the reaction mixture turned from light cherry-red to yellow. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure in a water bath (35 °C) to a volume of ca. 20 mL, then aqueous 30% H₂SO₄ (4.00 mL) was added at room temperature under stirring. The solution was stirred overnight and then a saturated NaHCO₃ solution (12 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether and the combined organic extract was washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to give light yellow oil. The crude material was used for the next steps.

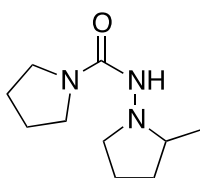
¹²⁰ Jiao, L., Yuan, C., Yu, Z.-X. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 4421.



Phenyl 2-(3,3-dimethylhex-5-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using crude aldehyde (0.900 g, 7.13 mmol). The product was directly reduced according to general procedure **B**. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 4% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil (0.510 g, 23% over 4 steps). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 30% EtOAc/hexane. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 5.82 (ddt, *J* = 16.6, 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.00-2.94 (m, 2H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.6 (C), 150.7 (C), 135.2 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 47.7 (CH₂), 46.6 (CH₂), 39.1 (CH₂), 32.5 (C), 27.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 2956, 1703, 1590, 1166, 1097 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 262.1681. Found: 262.1702

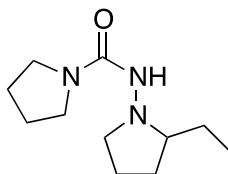
General Procedure for the substitution / Cope-type Hydroamination Sequence

General Procedure D: An oven dried 5 mL microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, capped with a septum and purged with argon and an outlet for 5 minutes. The alkenyl hydrazide (1.00 equiv.), amine (1.1 equiv.), and α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (0.3 M) were added to the seal tube, while keeping it under an argon atmosphere. The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for six hours at 120 °C under microwave irradiation. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and crude product purified by silica gel chromatography.

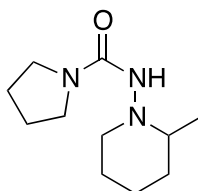


N-(2-Methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (2.10): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.197 g, 0.894 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0699 g, 0.984 mmol), and α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (2.98 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a white solid (0.155 g, 88%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 4.90 (s, br, 1H), 3.39-3.25 (m, 5H), 2.67 (dq, *J* = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (q, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96-1.64 (m, 7H), 1.44 (dddd, *J* = 12.1, 10.2, 9.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.3 (C), 62.1 (CH), 56.3 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 20.2 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 3230, 2968, 2869, 1645, 1542, 1394 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ES): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₉N₃O [M]⁺: 196.1488; found [M]⁺: 196.0845. Alternatively, compound **2.10** could be obtained in a stepwise fashion under similar conditions as described above, but with the

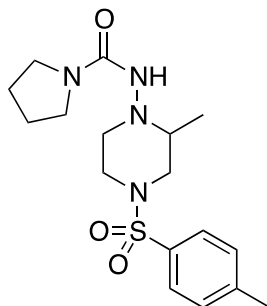
reaction time and temperature as indicated in equation 2.6. ^1H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture after the hydroamination step indicated a 82% NMR yield (determined using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard).



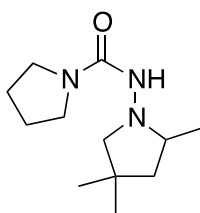
N-(2-Ethylpyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (2.11): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(hex-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.140 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2). The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.127 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.19 in 4% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 4.98 (br s, 1H), 3.44-3.31 (m, 4H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.68-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.18 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 157.0 (C), 60.9 (CH), 58.1 (CH_2), 46.1 (CH_2), 33.9 (CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.4 (CH_2), 24.0 (CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3). IR (film): 2967, 2876, 1655, 1636, 1545, 1388 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [M^+]: 211.1685. Found: 211.1625



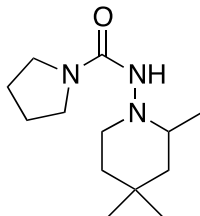
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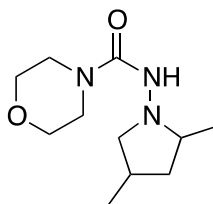
N-(2-Methyl-4-tosylpiperazin-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (2.13): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(2-(*N*-allyl-4-methylphenylsulfonamido)ethyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.233 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol) dissolved in α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) and heated at 175 °C for six hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.200 g, 86%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2H), 5.31 (br s, 1H), 3.59-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz 4H), 3.13-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.63 (td, *J* = 11.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 156.0 (C), 144.0 (C), 131.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 58.4 (CH), 55.3 (CH₂), 51.9 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 21.5 (CH₃), 16.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 2972, 2862, 1641, 1536, 1455, 1393, 1336 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₆N₄O₃S₁ [M⁺]: 366.1726. Found: 366.1721.



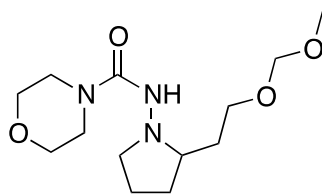
Phenyl 2-(2,2-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (2.14): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(2,2-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.150 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as a clear oil (0.136 g, 100%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 4.94 (br s, 1H), 3.43-3.32 (m, 4H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.93-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.69 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 6H), 1.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.8 (C), 70.0 (CH), 62.0 (CH₂), 46.8 (CH₃), 46.4 (CH₃), 34.0 (C), 30.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₃), 18.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 2955, 2875, 1635, 1543, 1454, 1390 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₂₃N₃O₁ [M]⁺: 225.1841. Found: 225.1811.



N-(2,4,4-Trimethylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (2.15): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(3,3-dimethylhex-5-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.990 g, 0.380 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0300 g, 0.420 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.0750 g, 82%). TLC R_f = 0.11 in 4% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.04 (br s, 1H), 3.38-3.30 (m, 4H), 2.96-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.72 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dt, J = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 1.61 (td, J = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.30-1.24 (m, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.0 (C), 55.7 (CH), 53.5 (CH₂), 47.1 (CH₂), 46.0 (CH₂), 38.4 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH₃), 29.1 (C), 25.4 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₃), 20.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 2950, 2869, 1643, 1541, 1460, 1388, 1334 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₂₅N₃O [M⁺]: 239.1998. Found: 239.1948.

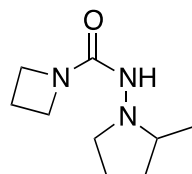


N-(2,4-Dimethylpyrrolidin-1-yl)morpholine-4-carboxamide (2.16): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(2-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.110 g, 0.470 mmol), morpholine (0.0470 g, 0.520 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a white amorphous solid (1:1 mixture of diastereomers) (0.100 g, 94% yield). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.14 (br s, 1H), 3.75-3.61 (m, 4H), 3.56-3.34 (m, 5H), 2.91-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.11-0.98 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) *denotes isomer 159.2*(C) 158.7 (C), 66.6(2*) (CH₂), 64.4 (CH₂), 63.0* (CH₂), 62.0*(CH), 45.0 (CH₂), 44.8* (CH₂) 40.3 (CH₂), 38.9* (CH₂), 28.4* (CH) 28.0 (CH), 21.6*(CH₃) 20.1 (CH₃) 18.6 (CH₃), *18.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 2962, 2924, 2860, 1642, 1536, 1455, 1388, 1262 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₂₁N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 227.1634. Found: 227.1607.

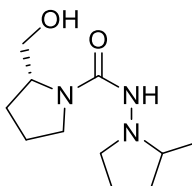


N-(2-(2-(Methoxymethoxy)ethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)morpholine-4-carboxamide (2.17): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using (*E*)-phenyl 2-(6-(methoxymethoxy)hex-4-en-1-

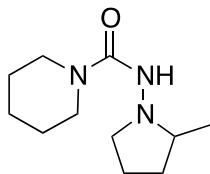
yl)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.132 g, 0.450 mmol), morpholine (0.440 g, 0.500 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a colorless oil (0.0950 g, 74%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.29 (br s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.68-3.65 (m, 3H), 3.60-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 4H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 4H), 2.80-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.46 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.2 (C), 96.4 (CH₂), 66.5 (CH₂), 65.4 (CH₂), 64.3 (CH), 56.0 (CH₂), 55.2 (CH₃), 44.6 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 20.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3060, 2954, 2863, 2126, 2062, 1953, 1627 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₂₅N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 287.1845. Found: 287.1839.



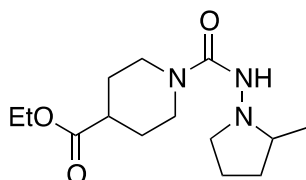
N-(2-Methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)azetidine-1-carboxamide (2.18): Synthesized according to general procedure D using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), azetidine (0.380 g, 0.660 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.0800 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.02 (br s, 1H), 4.16-3.94 (m, 4H), 3.18-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.0 (C), 62.2 (CH), 56.7 (CH₂), 50.5 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₂), 17.9 (CH₃), 16.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 2955, 2883, 1627, 1563, 1494, 1414, 1293 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₇N₃O₁ [M]⁺: 183.1372. Found: 183.1383.



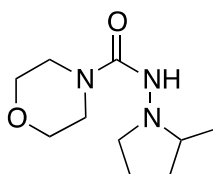
(2S)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-N-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (2.19): Synthesized according to general procedure D using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.148 g, 0.669 mmol), (*S*)-(+)-prolinol (0.0745 g, 0.737 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.23 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and obtained as a clear oil (0.0849 g, 56%; 6:5 mixture of diastereoisomers, 96% NMR yield). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): *denotes presence of diastereoisomer δ 5.57 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 4.04-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.44 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.21 (m, 3H), 2.67-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.60 (m, 6H), 1.54-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.06 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 159.2 (C), *159.0 (C), 67.5 (CH₂), 67.5 (CH₂), 62.2 (CH), *61.8 (CH), 60.8 (CH), *60.6 (CH), 56.2 (CH₂), *55.9 (CH₂), 47.0 (CH₂), *46.8 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH₂), *30.2 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), *28.5 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₂), *24.1 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), *20.1 (CH₂), 18.2 (CH₃), *18.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3416, 3260, 2109, 1646, 703 cm⁻¹. LRMS (EI): 84.1 (100%), 99.1 (48%), 55.1 (28%), 98.1 (19%), 70.1 (17%).



N-(2-Methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)piperidine-1-carboxamide (2.20): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0985 g, 0.447 mmol), piperidine (0.0419 g, 0.492 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.49 mL). Product was purified by column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0704 g, 75%, 95% NMR yield). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 40% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.05 (br s, 1H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 3.24 (td, *J* = 8.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.48 (q, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dddd, *J* = 12.0, 9.6, 7.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.33 (m, 7H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.7 (C), 62.3 (CH), 56.0 (CH₂), 45.5 (2 CH₂), 30.4 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 3246, 3066, 2934, 2852, 1634, 1548, 1404, 1092, 1089, 983 cm⁻¹. TOF HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₂₁N₃O [M⁺]: 210.1687; found ES [M]⁺: 210.1113.

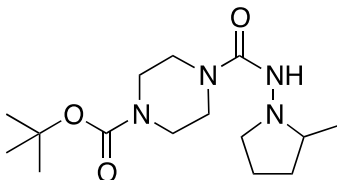


Ethyl 1-((2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (2.21): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0800 g, 0.363 mmol), ethyl piperidine-4-carboxylate (0.0628 g, 0.400 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.21 mL). Product was purified by column chromatography using 1% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0663 g, 64%). TLC R_f = 0.38 in 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.01-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.23 (td, *J* = 8.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87-2.79 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.75-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 174.6 (C), 158.8 (C), 62.4 (CH), 60.6 (CH₂), 56.0 (CH₂), 44.1 (CH₂), 44.0 (CH₂), 41.2 (CH), 30.4 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₂), 20.0 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3386, 3315, 3074, 2967, 2853, 1730, 1699, 1535, 1364, 1173 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₂₅N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 238.1896. Found: 238.1580 (-C₂H₅O).

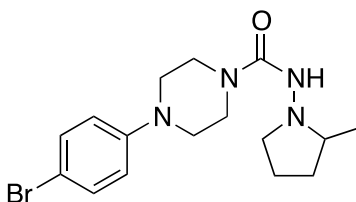


N-(2-Methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)morpholine-4-carboxamide (2.6). Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0542 g, 0.246 mmol), morpholine (0.0236 g, 0.271 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (0.820 mL). Product was purified by

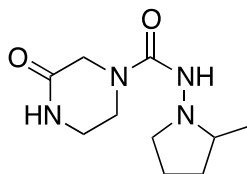
column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0518 g, 99% isolated). TLC R_f = 0.23 in 100% EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.68-3.64 (m, 4H), 3.53-3.38 (m, 4H), 3.30-3.23 (m, 1H), 2.62 (qd, J = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (q, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dddd, J = 12.1, 9.5, 7.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.81-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 158.8 (C), 66.6 (CH_2), 62.1 (CH), 55.7 (CH_2), 44.8 (CH_2), 30.3 (CH_2), 20.0 (CH_2), 18.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 3430, 2975, 2867, 1846, 1555, 1264, 1098 cm^{-1} . Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 213.1477. LRMS (EI): 84.1 (100%), 99.1 (68%), 70.0 (18%), 42.0 (14%), 162.0 (11%), 41.0 (11%), 56.1 (11%), 111.1 (11%).



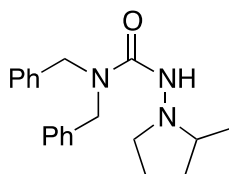
tert-Butyl-4-((2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)carbamoyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (2.22): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.897 g, 0.407 mmol), *N*-*boc*-piperazine (0.0834 g, 0.448 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.36 mL). The product was purified by column chromatography using 1% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.117 g, 92%). TLC R_f = 0.3 in 4% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.43-3.34 (m, 8H), 3.22 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.89 (dddd, J = 12.1, 9.4, 7.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.32 (m, 10H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 158.8 (C), 154.6 (C), 80.0 (C), 62.3 (CH), 55.8 (CH_2), 44.3 (CH_2), 43.7 (CH_2), 30.2 (CH_2), 28.3 (CH_3), 19.9 (CH_2), 18.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 3474, 3245, 2374, 2860, 1690, 1636, 1364, 1240, 769 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 311.2183; found: 311.1182.



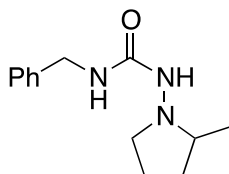
4-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)piperazine-1-carboxamide (2.23): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 1-(4-bromophenyl)piperazine (0.160 g, 0.660 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (3% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2). The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.152 g, 69%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 3% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (br s, 1H), 3.72-3.52 (m, 4H), 3.31 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.7, 3.36 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 4H), 2.70-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.52 (q, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 158.8 (C), 150.1 (C), 131.9 (CH), 117.9 (CH), 112.2 (C), 62.5 (CH), 56.0 (CH_2), 48.9 (CH_2), 44.3 (CH_2), 30.3 (CH_3), 19.9 (CH_2), 18.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 2983, 2834, 1627, 1486, 1269 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_1\text{Br}_1$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 366.1055 Found: 366.1965.



N-(2-Methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-oxopiperazine-1-carboxamide (2.24): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0799 g, 0.363 mmol), 2-oxopiperazine (0.0525 g, 0.499 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.21 mL). Product was purified by column chromatography using 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0698 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.35 in 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (br s, 1H), 3.90-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.15 (td, *J* = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dq, *J* = 12.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.22 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 166.7 (C), 156.7 (C), 59.2 (CH), 53.9 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 40.2 (CH₂), 40.0 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 19.9 (CH₂), 18.4 (CH₃). IR (film) 3386, 2256, 2129, 1662, 1052, 826 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₈N₄O₂ [M⁺]: 226.1430; found: 226.1422.



1,1-Dibenzyl-3-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)urea (2.25): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0488 g, 0.222 mmol), dibenzylamine (0.0482 g, 0.244 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (0.740 mL). The product was purified by column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0580 g, 81%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in 40% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.22 (m, 10H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 4H), 3.21 (td, *J* = 8.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.41 (q, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.44-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.6 (C), 137.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 61.8 (CH), 55.9 (CH₂), 50.5 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), 18.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3422, 2097, 1645, 1087 cm⁻¹. LRMS (EI): 91.1 (100%), 84.1 (63%), 116.1 (0.4%), 99.1 (29%), 106.1 (29%).

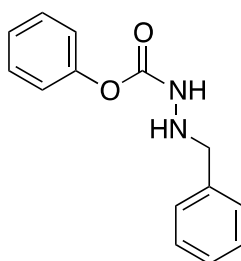


1-Benzyl-3-(2-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)urea (2.26): Synthesized according to general procedure **D** using phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-yl)hydrazinecarboxylate **2.2** (0.0915 g, 0.415 mmol), benzylamine (0.222 g, 2.08 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.38 mL). The product was purified by column chromatography using 70% EtOAc/hexanes. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0469 g, 48%). TLC R_f = 0.3 in 80% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H),

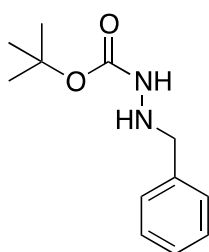
4.52-4.37 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 2.50 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 158.6 (C), 137.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 61.8 (CH), 55.9 (CH_2), 50.5 (CH_2), 30.3 (CH_2), 20.1 (CH_2), 18.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 3430, 3191, 3023, 2970, 2023, 1672, 1537 cm^{-1} . LRMS (EI): 84.1 (100%), 85.08 (88%), 91.06 (66%), 41.04 (20%), 106.1 (19%).

6.2: Supporting Information for Chapter 3

6.2.1: Synthesis of Aza-dipeptoids (section 3.1.1)



Phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate (3.1). Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using phenyl hydrazine carboxylate (0.512 g, 3.37 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.393 g, 3.7 mmol) MeOH (11.2 mL). The crude hydrazone was directly reduced using sodium cyanoborohydride (0.696 g, 10.1 mmol) in MeOH (11.2 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . The title compound was obtained as a white solid (1.11 g, 33%). TLC $R_f = 0.57$ in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.37-7.32 (m, 7H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 155.5 (C), 150.7 (C), 136.8 (C), 129.4 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 55.6 (CH_2). IR (film): 3294, 3032, 2853, 1938, 1736, 1496, 1456, 1204, 746, 695 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 242.1055. Found: 242.1034.

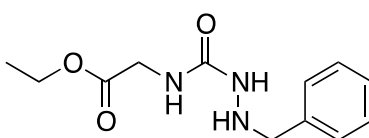


tert-Butyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **A** using *tert*-butyl carbazate (3.37 g, 25.5 mmol) and benzaldehyde (2.70 g, 25.4 mmol) in MeOH (77.0 mL). The crude hydrazone was directly reduced using sodium cyanoborohydride (5.27 g, 76.5 mmol) in MeOH (77.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 40% EtOAc/hexanes. The title compound was obtained as a clear oil (2.49 g, 43%). TLC $R_f = 0.4$ in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.32-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 156.8 (C), 137.7 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 80.6 (C), 55.9 (CH_2), 28.5 (CH_3). IR (film):

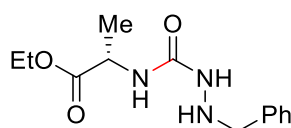
3409, 3340, 2979, 2937, 2861, 2439, 2284, 2151, 1953, 1700, 1520, 873 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 222.1368. Found: 166.0748 ($-t\text{-Bu}^+$).

General Procedure for "aza-dipeptide" synthesis

General Procedure E: An oven dried 5 mL microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, capped with a septum and purged with argon and an outlet for 5 minutes. The carbazate (1.00 equiv), aminoester hydrochloride salt (1.1 equiv), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (1.2 equiv) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (0.3 M) were added to the seal tube, while keeping it under an argon atmosphere. The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for 12 hours at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ in an oil bath. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and crude product purified by silica gel chromatography.

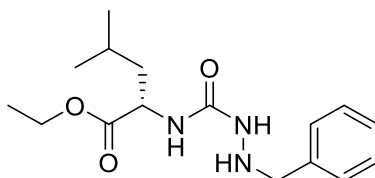


Ethyl 2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarboxamido)acetate (3.2): Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.120 g, 0.494 mmol), glycine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0758 g, 0.543 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.766 g, 0.593 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.65 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 1% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0972 g, 78%). TLC R_f = 0.46 in 100% EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): *denotes minor traces of isomer, δ 7.35-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.56-6.53 (m, 1H), 6.20 (s, br, 1H), 4.22-4.13 (m, 2H), 4.09-3.88 (m, 5H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 170.8 (C), 159.2 (C), 141.6 (C), 136.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 61.2 (CH_2), 56.5 (CH_2), *41.7 (CH_2), 41.5 (CH_2), 14.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 3344, 3283, 2983, 2941, 2857, 1748, 1653, 1542, 1212, 1181, 1037 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^-$: 251.1217; found: 251.0730.

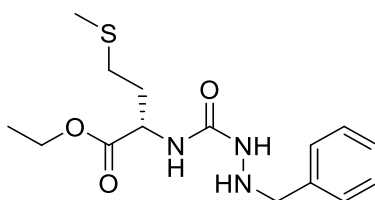


(S)-Ethyl 2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarboxamido)propanoate 3.3: Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.0820 g, 0.340 mmol), L-alanine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0570 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.420 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 5% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0056 g, 62%). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (CH_2Cl_2) = -2.2, TLC R_f = 0.32 in 5% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.44-7.25 (m, 6H), 6.56 (br d, 1H), 6.23 (br s, 1H), 4.47-4.37 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.99-3.87 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): *denotes presence of minor isomer δ 173.6 (C), *172.5 (C), 158.6 (C), *158.6 (C), 136.6 (C), *135.7 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), *128.0 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 61.2 (CH_2), 56.5 (CH_2),

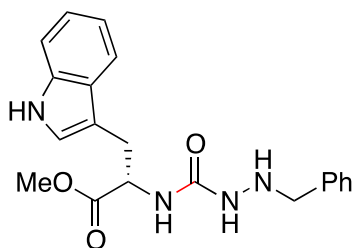
*54.4 (CH₂), *51.5 (CH), 48.1 (CH), 18.9 (CH₃), *17.4 (CH₃) 14.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3259, 1720, 1652, 1543, 1456, 1421, 1265, 1207, 1180 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₃O₃: 265.1426; found: 265.1430.



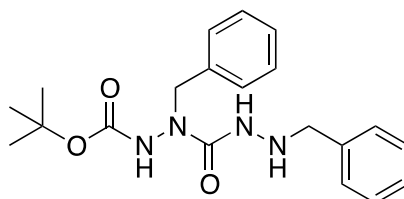
(S)-Ethyl 2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarboxamido)-4-methylpentanoate (3.4): Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.164 g, 0.600 mmol), L-leucine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.129 g, 0.660 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.720 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 2% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.125 g, 68 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (CH₂Cl₂) = -11.6, TLC R_f = 0.38 in 5 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.43 (br d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (br s, 1H), 4.45 (td, *J* = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.11 (m, 2H), 4.04-3.85 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.46 (m, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 173.8 (C), 158.8 (C), 136.6 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 61.0 (CH₂), 56.6 (CH₂), 51.0 (CH), 41.8 (CH), 24.7 (CH), 22.9 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3290, 2959, 1732, 1675, 1543, 1454 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₂₅N₃O₃: 307.1896; Found: 307.1912.



(S)-Ethyl 2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarboxamido)-4-(methylthio)butanoate (3.5): Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.164 g, 0.600 mmol), L-methionine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.141 g, 0.660 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.720 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 2% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white amorphous solid (0.139 g, 71%). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (CH₂Cl₂) = -7.8, TLC R_f = 0.3 in 5% CH₂Cl₂/MeOH. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃, 70°C): δ 7.41-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.62-6.39 (br d, 1H), 6.08-5.93 (br s, 1H), 4.71-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.08 (m, 2H), 4.04-3.83 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.15-1.75 (m, 5H), 1.33-1.17 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): *denotes presence of minor isomer δ 172.6 (C), *171.6 (C), 158.9 (C), *153.4 (C), 136.7 (C), *135.8 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.4 (CH), *128.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 61.4 (CH₂), 56.5 (CH₂), *54.8 (CH₂), *54.4 (CH), 51.8 (CH), 32.4 (CH₂), *30.5 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 15.4 (CH₃), *15.2 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3290, 2924, 1726, 1720, 1684, 1653, 1541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₂₃N₃O₃S : 325.1460; Found: 325.1413.



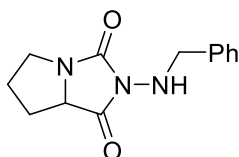
(S)-Methyl 2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarboxamido)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (3.6): Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.0996 g, 0.411 mmol), (S)-methyl 2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (0.1151 g, 0.452 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0637 g, 0.493 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.37 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 1% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a brown oil (0.0642 g, 43%). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ (CH₂Cl₂) = +32.4, TLC R_f = 0.24 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.24 (m, 6H), 6.52-6.48 (m, 1H), 5.98 (br s, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): *denotes traces of conformers δ 172.3 (C), *171.2 (C), 157.5 (C), *155.2 (C), 137.0 (C), *136.7 (C), 135.9 (C), *135.8 (C), 128.3 (CH), *128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), *127.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), *127.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), *126.6 (CH), 123.7 (CH), *123.1 (CH), 120.5 (CH), *120.4 (CH), 118.0 (CH), *118.0 (CH), 117.9 (CH), *117.6 (CH), 110.9 (CH), *110.8 (CH), 108.9 (C), *107.5 (C), 55.1 (CH₃), *54.9 (CH₃), 52.8 (CH₂), *52.7 (CH), 51.1 (CH), 27.5 (CH₂), *26.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3292, 1772, 1710, 1664, 1542, 1425, 1340 cm⁻¹. LRMS (EI): 130.1 (100%), 91.1 (12.4%), 131.1 (9%), 162.0 (4%), 334.1 (4%).



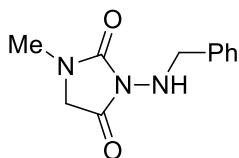
tert-Butyl 2-benzyl-2-(2-benzylhydrazinecarbonyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (3.7): Synthesized according to general procedure E using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate 3.1 (0.938 g, 0.387 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate (0.861 g, 3.87 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.29 mL). The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 40% EtOAc/hexanes. The title compound was obtained as a clear oil (0.132 g, 93%). TLC R_f = 0.46 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. *denotes presence of minor isomer. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.23 (m, 11H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 2H), *1.41 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.5 (C), *154.5 (C), 154.2 (C), *45.3 (C), 137.3 (C), 135.9 (C), *134.2 (C), 129.4 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), *128.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.6 (CH), *127.4 (CH), 82.4 (C), 56.2 (CH₂), 51.1 (CH₂), *28.4 (CH₃), 28.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3264, 2979, 2930, 1957, 1713, 1645, 1447, 1364, 684 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₄O₃ [M⁺]: 370.2005; Found [M⁺]: 370.2003.

6.2.2: Synthesis of Hydantoins (section 3.1.2)

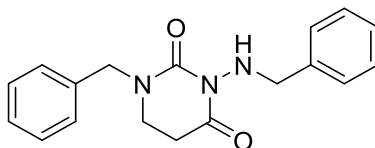
General Procedure F: An oven dried microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, capped with a septum and purged with argon and an outlet for 5 minutes. The carbazate (1.0 equiv), amino-ester hydrochloride salt (1.1 equiv), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (1.2 equiv) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (MeCN and MeNO₂) (0.3 M) were added to the seal tube, while keeping it under an argon atmosphere. The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated between three and six hours at 80-150 °C. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.



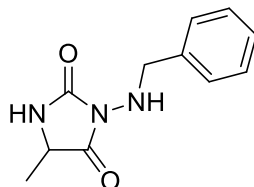
2-Benzylhexahydropyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,4]triazine-1,4-dione (3.10): Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate **3.1** (0.0990 g, 0.409 mmol), L-proline ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0662 g, 0.400 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0566 g, 0.437 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.21 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. Crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0493 g, 49% yield). TLC R_f = 0.46 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.57 (dt, *J* = 11.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 7.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dtd, *J* = 12.4, 7.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.49 (dq, *J* = 12.6, 9.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 171.7 (C), 159.2 (C), 135.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 61.7 (CH), 54.5 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 3276, 1774, 1713, 1493, 1456, 1404, 1219, 750, 698 cm⁻¹. Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 245.1164. LRMS(EI): 70.1 (100%), 91.1 (97%), 141.1 (71%), 106.1 (66%), 65.4 (19%), 39.0 (11%), 245.1 (0.2%). The X-Ray information is available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: CCDC 1026461.



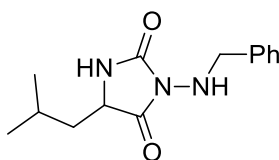
3-(Benzylamino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.13): Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate **3.1** (0.0820 g, 0.340 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0570 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.410 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as colorless amorphous solid (0.0610 g, 82%). TLC R_f = 0.19 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.95 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 167.2 (C), 155.4 (C), 135.7 (C), 129.0 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 54.5 (CH₂), 50.1 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 2982, 1772, 1716, 1440, 1260, 1085. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 219.1008. Found: 219.1003.



1,4-Dibenzyl-1,2,4-triazepane-3,7-dione (3.14): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate **3.1** (0.188 g, 0.777 mmol), ethyl 3-(benzylamino)propanoate (0.177 g, 0.855 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.59 mL) at 120 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography 40% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. The title compound was obtained as a clear oil (0.149 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 166.8 (C), 153.1 (C), 136.2 (C), 135.8 (C), 129.4 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 54.8 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH₂), 40.0 (CH₂), 31.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3293, 3063, 3032, 2922, 2865, 2238, 1717, 1675, 1493, 1436, 1375, 745, 701 cm⁻¹. HRMS(EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 309.1477 Found: 310.1520.

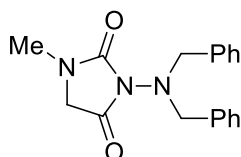


3-(Benzylamino)-5-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.15): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate **3.1** (0.0820 g, 0.340 mmol), L-alanine methyl ester (0.0520 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.410 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (6% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as colorless amorphous solid (0.0550 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.35 in 6% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.6 (br s, 1H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 3.99 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 172.4 (C), 156.2 (C), 135.6 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 54.4 (CH₂), 51.5 (CH), 17.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 3236, 1761, 1709, 1684, 1420, 1317, 1215, 748, 706. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 219.1008. Found: 219.0999.

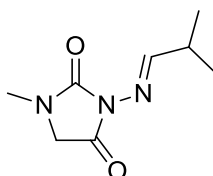


3-(Benzylamino)-5-isobutylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.16): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-benzylhydrazinecarboxylate **3.1** (0.0820 g, 0.340 mmol), L-leucine methyl ester (0.0670 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.410 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as colorless amorphous solid (0.0550 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.68 (br s, 1H), 4.66 (t, J

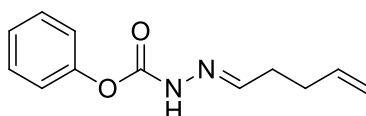
= 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (ddd, J = 9.5, 4.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.83-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.4 (ddd, J = 13.5, 9.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.0 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 172.1 (C), 156.4 (C), 135.7 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 54.4 (CH_2), 54.3 (CH), 40.7 (CH_2), 24.8 (CH), 23.0 (CH_3), 21.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 3273, 2959, 1772, 1763, 1718, 1204, 1161, 748, 698. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 261.1477. Found: 261.1468.



3-(Dibenzylamino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.17): Synthesized according to general procedure F using tert-butyl 2,2-dibenzylhydrazinecarboxylate (0.0890 g, 0.280 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0500 g, 0.320 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0600 mL, 0.44 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) and was obtained as colorless oil (0.0710 g, 81%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 5% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 6H), 4.44-4.31 (m, 4H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 167.8 (C), 155.7 (C), 136.5 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 58.3 (CH_2), 49.8 (CH_2), 29.6 (CH_3). IR (film): 2984, 2866, 1769, 1718, 1554, 1497, 1452, 1410, 1244, 1099. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 309.1477. Found: 309.1492.

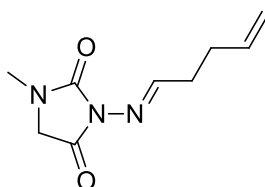


(E)-1-Methyl-3-((2-methylpropylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.18): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (E)-phenyl 2-(2-methylpropylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.0700 g, 0.340 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0570 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.410 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 80 °C. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (6% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) and was obtained as a colorless oil (0.0520 g, 82%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 5% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 8.51 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.69 (dq, J = 13.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 169.4 (C), 165.9 (C), 50.0 (CH_2), 32.9 (CH), 29.8 (CH_3), 19.4 8 (CH_3). IR (film): 2941, 2928, 1724, 1653, 1452, 1410. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 183.1008. Found: 183.0997.

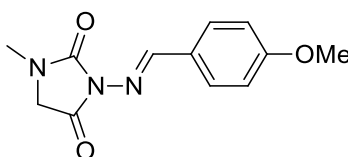


(E)-Phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Phenyl carbazate (1.00 g, 6.60 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (30.0 mL) in a round bottom flask charged with a stir bar. A 0.15 M stock solution of pentenal in CH_2Cl_2 was added (0.553 g, 6.6 mmol) and the reaction vessel was capped and allowed to

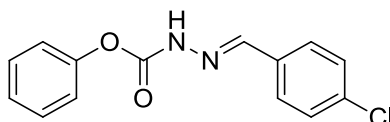
stir over night at room temperature. The mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography (40% EtOAc/hexanes) and the title compound was obtained as a pale yellow oil. (1.15 g, 80%). TLC R_f = 0.38 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.84 (ddt, J = 10.3, 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.31 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 136.7 (CH), 135.9 (C), 129.35 (CH), 125.9 (C), 125.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 115.8 (CH_2), 31.35 (CH_2), 30.63 (CH_2). IR (film): 3238, 3072, 2926, 2365, 1724, 1717, 1533, 1491, 1362, 1236, 1201 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 218.1055. Found: 218.10492.



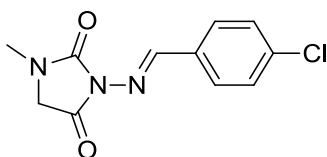
(E)-1-Methyl-3-(pent-4-en-1-ylideneamino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.19): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (E)-phenyl 2-(pent-4-en-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.100 g, 0.458 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.077 g, 0.504 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.096 mL, 0.550 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (60% EtOAc/hexanes) and was obtained as a pale yellow oil (0.0823 g, 92%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in 60% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ *denotes minor isomer 8.61 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.31* (m, 1H), 6.24* (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09-4.97 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.0* (m, 2H), 1.38-1.20* (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 166.0 (C), 164.3 (CH), 154.3 (C), 136.6 (CH), 116.0 (CH_2), 50.1 (CH_2), 33.0 (CH_2), 30.1 (CH_2), 30.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 2852, 2366, 1772, 1706, 1485, 1446, 1404, 1332, 1242, 1166 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 195.1008. Found: 195.10323.



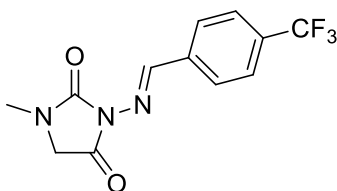
(E)-3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.20): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.100 g, 0.370 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.062 g, 0.407 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.077 mL, 0.444 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (80% EtOAc/hexanes) and was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid (0.0430 g, 89%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in 80% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): *denotes minor isomer δ 9.89* (s, 1H), 9.25 (s, 1H), 7.85* (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01* (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.90* (s, 3H), 3.87* (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.02* (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 191.0* (CH), 166.1 (C), 162.7 (C), 158.6 (CH), 154.5 (C), 132.1* (CH), 130.4 (CH), 126.2 (C), 114.3 (CH_3), 55.5 (CH), 50.3 (CH_2), 30.1 (CH_3). IR (film): 1772, 1714, 1604, 1512, 1404, 1334, 1255, 1170 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 247.0957. Found: 247.09490.



(E)-Phenyl 2-(4-chlorobenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Phenyl carbazate (0.608 g, 4.00 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10.0 mL) completely in a round bottom flask charged with a stir bar. *p*-Chlorobenzaldehyde (0.562 g, 4.00 mmol) was then added to the mixture, followed by CH₃COOH (0.046 mL, 0.800 mmol) via syringe. Within seconds, a white precipitate formed inside the reaction vessel. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. This precipitate was then filtered and recrystallized in boiling EtOAc followed by a few drops of hexanes yielding the title compound as thin colorless needles (0.822 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (br s, 1H), 8.03 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.1 (C), 150.7 (C), 144.8 (CH), 134.7 (C), 133.2 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 122.0 (CH). IR (film): 1731, 1562, 1549, 1493, 1263, 1263, 1207 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₂O₂Cl [M]⁺: 274.0509. Found: 274.05436.

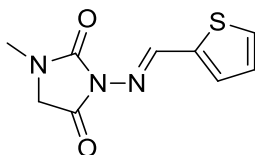


(E)-3-((4-Chlorobenzylidene)amino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.21): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (*E*)-phenyl 2-(4-chlorobenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.100 g, 0.364 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.061 g, 0.400 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.075 mL, 0.437 mmol) and α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.0430 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.33 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.4 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 166.1 (CH), 156.3 (C), 154.2 (C), 137.8 (C), 132.1 (C), 129.6 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 50.2 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 1776, 1714, 1598, 1477, 1444, 1404, 1338, 1288, 1245, 1174, 1087 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₃O₂Cl [M]⁺: 261.0462. Found: 251.04563.

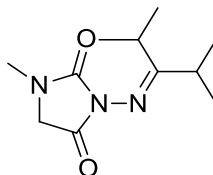


(E)-1-Methyl-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.22): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.105 g, 0.340 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0570 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.410 mmol) and α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 120 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (5 % EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was

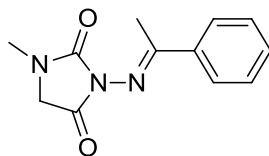
obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.0900 g, 93%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 5 % EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 165.9 (C), 155.0 (C), 153.8 (C), 136.8 (C), 128.4 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 49.9 (CH₂), 30.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2943, 2885, 1724, 1685, 1653, 1506, 1448, 1323, 1113. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₃O₂F₃ [M]⁺: 285.0725. Found: 285.0723.



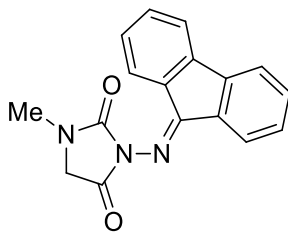
(E)-1-Methyl-3-((thiophen-2-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.23): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g, 0.203 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.034 g, 0.223 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.042 mL, 0.244 mmol) and MeCN (1.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (70% EtOAc/pet. ether) and was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid (0.0430 g, 74%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 70% EtOAc/pet. ether. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 165.9 (C), 154.2 (C), 152.3 (CH), 138.4 (C), 133.0 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 50.2 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3085, 1780, 1714, 1589, 1454, 1400, 1338, 1321, 1296, 1242, 1226, 1155, 1089, 1045 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₉N₃O₂S [M]⁺: 223.0415. Found: 223.04255.



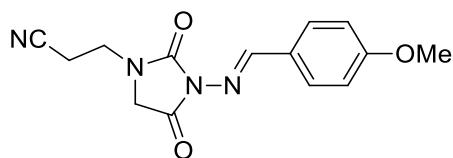
3-((2,4-Dimethylpentan-3-ylidene)amino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.24): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(2,4-dimethylpentan-3-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.149 g, 0.680 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.118 g, 0.740 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.820 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as colorless amorphous solid (0.0880 g, 65%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dt, J = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 195.1 (C), 164.8 (C), 154.1 (C), 50.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH), 30.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₃), 19.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2968, 2935, 1772, 1712, 1622, 1474, 1456, 1362, 1169, 1013, 943. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₉N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 225.1477 Found: 225.1464.



(E)-1-Methyl-3-((1-phenylethylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.25): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.173 g, 0.680 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.118 g, 0.740 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.820 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as colorless amorphous solid (0.130 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.19 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.40 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 174.9 (C), 164.4 (C), 154.0 (C), 136.1 (C), 131.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.6 (C), 50.8 (CH₂), 30.0 (CH₃), 17.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 2930, 1772, 1712, 1607, 1487, 1402, 1358, 1290, 1122, 932, 762, 692. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 231.1008. Found: 231.1009.

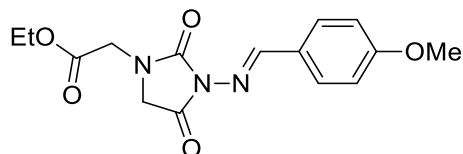


3-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.26): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.214 g, 0.680 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.118 g, 0.740 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.820 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as yellow amorphous solid (0.175 g, 88%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 169.2 (C), 164.5 (C), 153.6 (C), 143.6 (C), 141.5 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.0 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 130.8 (C), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 50.9 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3072, 1780, 1716, 1609, 1593, 1400, 1350, 1163, 1144, 731. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 291.1008. Found: 291.0987.

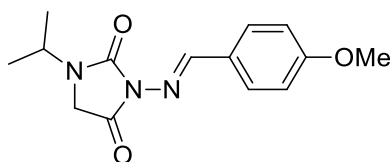


(E)-3-(3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-2,4-dioxoimidazolidin-1-yl)propanenitrile (3.27): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g,

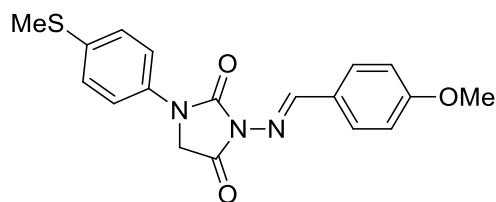
0.185 mmol), *N*-cyanoethyl glycine ethyl ester (0.032 g, 0.204 mmol), and MeCN (1.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (65% EtOAc/hexanes) and was obtained as a yellow oil (0.0463 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.28 in 65% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.75 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 165.6 (C), 162.8 (C), 159.2 (CH), 154.3 (C), 130.4 (CH), 125.8 (C), 117.7 (C), 114.4 (CH), 55.5 (CH), 49.3 (CH_2), 39.8 (CH_2), 17.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 2250, 1772, 1712, 1598, 1512, 1456, 1413, 1334, 1247, 1170, 1026 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 286.1066. Found: 286.10780.



(E)-Ethyl 2-(3-((4-methoxybenzylidene)amino)-2,4-dioximidazolidin-1-yl)acetate (3.28): Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g, 0.185 mmol), diethyl (methylimino)-diacetate (0.0386 g, 204 mmol) and MeCN (1.00 mL) at 120 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/hexanes) and was obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.0382 g, 65%). TLC R_f = 0.23 in 50% EtOAc/hexanes ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): *denotes minor isomer δ 9.89* (s, 1H), 9.24 (s, 1H), 7.84* (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01* (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.16* (s, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 4.02* (s, 2H), 3.89* (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.3 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 168.2 (C), 166.1 (C), 162.7 (C), 159.0 (CH), 154.8 (C), 130.4 (CH), 126.0 (C), 114.3 (CH), 62.0 (CH_2), 55.5 (CH_3), 48.9 (CH_2), 44.1 (CH_2), 14.3 (CH_3) IR (film): 2878, 2341, 1772, 1716, 1714, 1602, 1512, 1456, 1415, 1332, 1249, 1209, 1166, 1024 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 319.1168. Found: 319.11570.

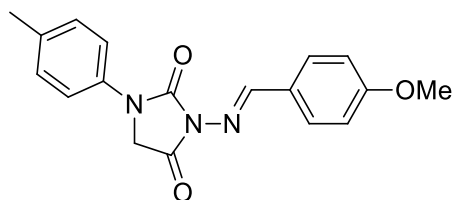


(E)-1-Isopropyl-3-((4-methoxybenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.29): Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g, 0.185 mmol), ethyl 2-(propylamino)acetate hydrochloride (0.037 g, 0.204 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.039 mL, 0.222 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (40% EtOAc/hexanes) and was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid (0.0286 g, 56%). TLC R_f = 0.27 in 40% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 9.25 (s, 1H), 7.79 (m, 2H), 4.43 (spt, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 166.6 (C), 162.6 (C), 158.5 (CH), 153.6 (C), 130.3 (CH), 126.2 (C), 114.2 (CH), 55.5 (CH_3), 43.9 (CH), 43.7 (CH_2), 20.1 (CH_3). IR (film): 2884, 2356, 1772, 1706, 1598, 1515, 1456, 1407, 1328, 1242, 1168, 1145, 1027 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 275.1270. Found: 275.12426.

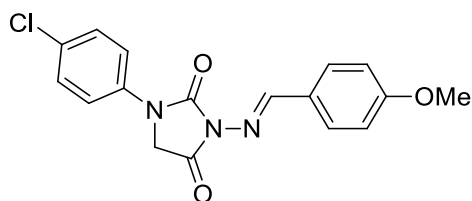


(E)-3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.30):

Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g, 0.185 mmol), ethyl 2-(4-methylthiophenylamino)acetate (0.046 g, 0.204 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid (0.0324 g, 50%). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 100% CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 165.4 (C), 162.3 (C), 159.8 (CH), 151.5 (C), 135.2 (C), 133.2 (C), 130.0 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 125.7 (C), 119.3 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 55.5 (CH_3), 48.6 (CH_2), 15.3 (CH_3). IR (film): 2356, 1772, 1706, 1652, 1558, 1508, 1456, 1396, 1338, 1253, 1176, 1029 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M] $^+$: 355.0991. Found: 355.09837.

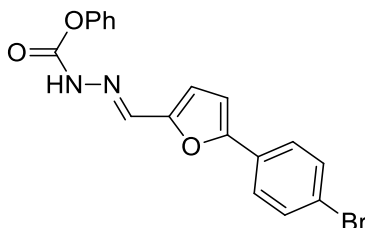


(E)-3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.31): Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.100 g, 0.370 mmol), ethyl 2-(4-methylphenylamino)acetate (0.078 g, 0.407 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.0324 g, 50%). TLC R_f = 0.24 in 100% CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 165.5 (C), 162.2 (C), 159.7 (CH), 151.5 (C), 135.3 (C), 133.2 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 55.5 (CH_3), 48.6 (CH_2), 20.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 2356, 1772, 1716, 1683, 1652, 1558, 1515, 1508, 1396, 1328, 1259, 1168 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [M] $^+$: 323.1270. Found: 323.12458.

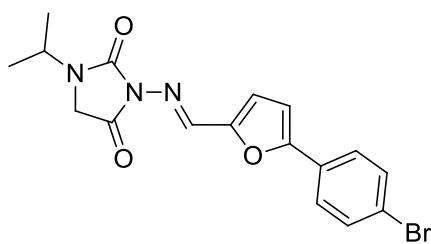


(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-((4-methoxybenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.12): Synthesized according to general procedure F using Phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.050 g,

0.185 mmol), ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenylamino)acetate (0.044 g, 0.204 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.035 g, 56%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in 100% CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 9.25 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 164.5 (C), 163.0 (C), 159.9 (CH), 151.7 (C), 136.0 (C), 130.5 (CH), 130.3 (C), 129.6 (CH), 125.8 (C), 119.8 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 55.6 (CH_3), 48.4 (CH_2). IR (film): 1772, 1733, 1716, 1652, 1558, 1508, 1259, 1170 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 343.0724. Found: 343.07001.

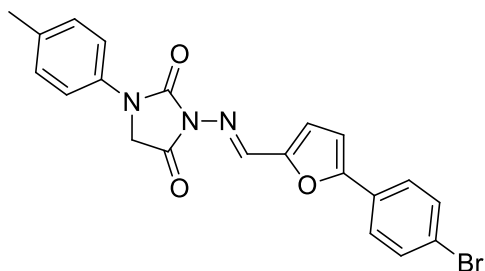


(E)-Phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate (3.34): To a solution of 5-(4-bromophenyl)furfural (1.25 g, 5.00 mmol) in methanol (25.0 mL) was added phenyl carbazate (0.761 g, 5.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The title compound was purified by filtration and obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (1.45g, 75 %). TLC R_f 0.73 in 20 % EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.76 (br s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 153.4 (C), 151.5 (C), 150.5 (C), 149.2 (C), 135.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.7 (C), 125.8 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.2 (C), 115.6 (CH), 109.0 (CH). IR (film): 2937, 2831, 1734, 1684, 1653, 1558, 1506, 1447, 1202, 1109. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 384.0110 Found: 384.0090.



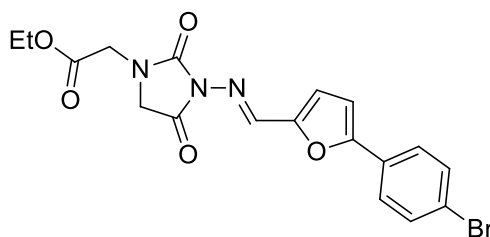
(E)-3-(((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-1-isopropylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.35): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (E)-phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate **3.34** (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), ethyl 2-(propylamino)acetate hydrochloride (0.120 g, 0.660 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.120 mL, 0.720 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a bright yellow amorphous solid (0.190 g, 74% yield). TLC R_f 0.53 in 5% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 4.25-4.11 (m, 1H) 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.25-1.11 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 166.8 (C), 154.9 (C), 152.6 (C), 148.3 (C), 145.8 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 121.8 (C), 119.9 (CH), 109.3 (CH), 43.7 (CH_2), 43.4 (CH) 19.6 (CH_3). IR

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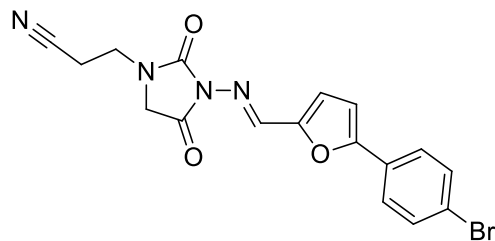
(E)-3-(((5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.36):

Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using (*E*)-phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate **3.34** (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), ethyl 2-(4-methylphenylamino)acetate (0.128 g, 0.660 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a pale yellow amorphous solid (0.190 g, 72%). TLC R_f = 0.81 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆, 70°C): δ 164.8 (C), 158.4 (C), 148.0 (CH), 146.9 (CH), 140.2 (C), 136.5 (C), 134.8 (C), 133.2 (C), 131.6 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.0 (C), 125.9 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 108.7 (CH), 48.3 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 1722, 1522, 1506, 1441, 1391, 1263. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{21}H_{16}BrN_3O_3[M]^+$: 437.0375. Found: 437.0358.

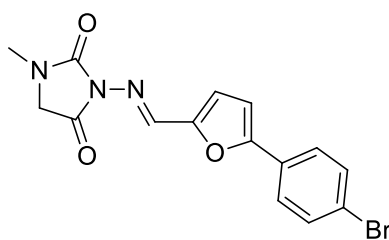


(E)-Ethyl 2-(3-(((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-2,4-dioximidazolidin-1-yl)acetate (3.37):

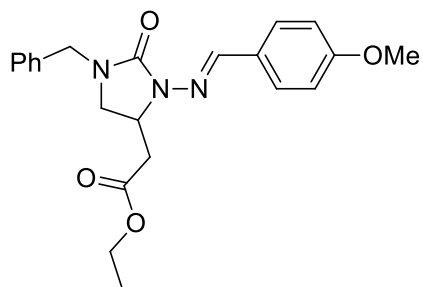
Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using (*E*)-phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate **3.34** (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), diethyl (methylimino)-diacetate (0.125 g, 0.660 mmol), and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a bright yellow amorphous solid with residual phenol (yield corrected) (0.240 g, 92%). TLC R_f 0.3 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 168.4 (C), 166.4 (C), 155.2 (C), 154.0 (C), 148.0 (C), 146.7 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 129.3 (C), 126.3 (CH), 122.0 (C), 120.5 (CH), 109.4 (CH), 61.1 (CH₂), 48.9 (CH₂), 43.4 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2361, 1720, 1614, 1474, 1418, 1379, 1327. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}BrN_3O_5[M]^+$: 433.0273. Found: 433.0247.



(E)-3-(3-(((5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-2,4-dioximidazolidin-1-yl)propanenitrile (3.38): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (*E*)-phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate **3.34** (0.135 g, 0.350 mmol), *N*-cyanoethyl glycine ethyl ester (0.0600 g, 0.380 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 150 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as an orange amorphous solid with residual phenol (yield corrected) (0.134 g, 95%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 166.4 (C), 155.0 (C), 153.6 (CH), 148.1 (C), 146.2 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 128.3 (C), 126.2 (CH), 121.9 (C), 120.3 (CH), 118.9 (C), 109.3 (CH), 48.0 (CH₂), 38.6 (CH₂), 16.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 2535, 1720, 1521, 1475, 1410, 1324, 1072. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₃BrN₄O₃[M]⁺: 400.0171. Found: 400.0183.

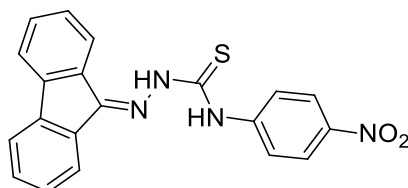


(E)-3-(((5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (3.39): Synthesized according to general procedure F using (*E*)-phenyl 2-((5-(4-bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)hydrazinecarboxylate **3.34** (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.114 g, 0.660 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.140 mL, 0.72 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by filtration and was obtained as a colorless amorphous solid (0.211 g, 97%). TLC R_f = 0.22 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.17 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 166.5 (C), 154.9 (C), 153.7 (C), 148.3 (C), 145.6 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 128.3 (C), 126.2 (CH), 121.8 (C), 119.8 (CH), 109.3 (CH), 49.8 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₃). IR (film) 1726, 1474, 1410, 1325, 955. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrN₃O₃[M]⁺: 361.0062. Found: 361.0078.

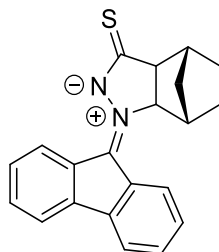


(E)-Ethyl 2-(1-benzyl-3-((4-methoxybenzylidene)amino)-2-oxoimidazolidin-4-yl)acetate (3.40):

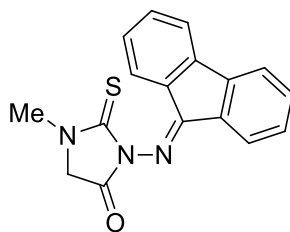
Synthesized according to general procedure F using phenyl 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.0920 g, 0.340 mmol), ethyl *E*-4-(benzylamino)-2-butenate (0.0810 g, 0.370 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (1.00 mL) at 120 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as a yellow oil (0.0700 g, 52%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.51-4.32 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 170.7 (C), 160.9 (C), 157.0 (C), 149.3 (CH), 136.3 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (C), 127.6 (CH), 113.9 (CH), 60.7 (CH₂), 55.2 (CH₃), 53.0 (CH), 50.0 (CH₂), 46.8 (CH₂), 37.5 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2984, 2926, 1728, 1717, 1701, 1607, 1420, 1169, 1030, 749, 702. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₂₅N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 395.1845. Found: 395.1842.



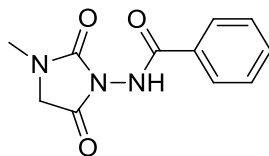
2-(9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (3.43): To a solution of 9-fluorenone hydrazone (1.94 g, 10 mmol) in MeCN (50.0 mL) is slowly added 4-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate (1.81 g, 10 mmol). The solution is stirred at room temperature overnight and the title compound was obtained by filtration as a yellow amorphous solid (3.60 g, 96%). TLC R_f = 0.65 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.70 (br s, 1H), 10.79 (br s, 1H), 8.30-8.26 (m, 2H), 8.14-8.09 (m, 4H), 7.96-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.36 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 205.8 (C), 177.6 (C), 148.6 (C), 145.3 (C), 143.7 (C), 141.7 (C), 139.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 131.9 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 112.4 (CH). IR (film): 2943, 2891, 1652, 1558, 1506, 1339, 1175, 1078. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₄N₄O₂S [M]⁺: 374.0837. Found: 374.0860.



(4R,7S)-1-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)-3-thioxooctahydro-4,7-methanoindazol-1-ium-2-ide (3.42): To a solution of 2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.374 g, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (20.0 mL) was added norbornene (0.942 g, 10.0 mmol). The solution was sealed in a microwave vial and irradiated at 120°C for 2 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (40% EtOAc/Hexanes) and was obtained as a red solid (0.302 g, 91%). TLC R_f 0.46 in 50% EtOAc in hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, ClCD_3): δ 8.96 (d, J = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d, J = 6.77 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 6.66 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 1H), 2.84 (s, 1H), 1.77-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.43 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.19 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, ClCD_3): δ 208.6 (C), 143.1 (C), 142.0 (C), 140.4 (C), 133.1 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.2 (C), 129.9 (C), 129.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 74.6 (CH), 63.4 (CH), 43.1 (CH), 42.5 (CH), 32.2 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₂). IR (film) 3230, 2927, 2851, 1744, 1721, 1533, 1491, 1246, 1210, 772 cm^{-1} . LRMS(EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 330.1185. Found: 180.1 (100%), 152.1 (24.4%), 86.0 (34.4%), 84.0 (50.3%), 76.0 (9.3%).



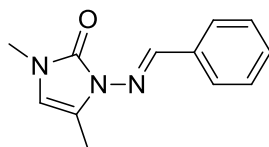
3-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1-methyl-2-thioxoimidazolidin-4-one (3.44): Synthesized according to general procedure F using 2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.128 g, 0.340 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.0590 g, 0.370 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.0700 mL, 0.420 mmol) and MeNO_2 (1.00 mL) at 100 °C for 3 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (4% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) and was obtained as yellow amorphous solid (0.750 g, 72%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 5% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 8.00 (dq, J = 7.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.5-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dtd, J = 11.9, 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 180.0 (C), 170.7 (C), 164.6 (C), 143.8 (C), 141.8 (C), 135.5 (C), 133.4 (CH), 133.0 (CH), 130.8 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 53.5 (CH₂), 34.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 2945, 2932, 2330, 1734, 1653, 1555, 1506, 1447. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 307.0779. Found: 307.0778.



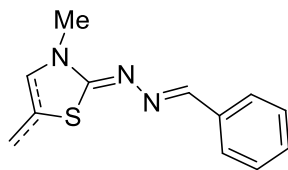
N-(3-Methyl-2,5-dioximidazolidin-1-yl)benzamide (3.46): Synthesized according to general procedure **F** using 1-benzoyl-2-phenoxy-carbonylhydrazine (0.100 g, 0.390 mmol), sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (0.066 g, 0.429 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.082 mL, 0.468 mmol) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (2.00 mL) at 100 °C for 3 hours. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to elute phenol, then 2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and was obtained as a yellow oil (0.0796 g, 88%). TLC R_f = 0.24 in 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 167.5 (C), 165.7 (C), 154.9 (C), 132.8 (CH), 130.2 (C), 128.64 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 50.7 (CH₂), 30.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 3221, 2366, 1793, 1724, 1683, 1515, 1485, 1452, 1417, 1392, 1272, 1180, 1135 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 233.0800. Found: 233.0819.

6.2.3: Diversity-Oriented Heterocyclic Synthesis using Divergent Reactivity of *N*-Substituted Iso(thio)cyanates (section 3.2)

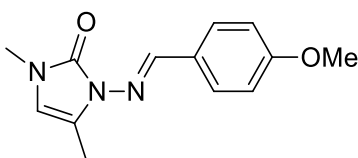
General procedure G: An oven-dried 5 mL microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, a carbazone (1.0 equiv.), a propargylic amine (1.1 equiv.), Et₃N (20 mol %) and MeCN (0.3 M). The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for 2-6 hours at 100-150 °C in a microwave (μ W) reactor. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.



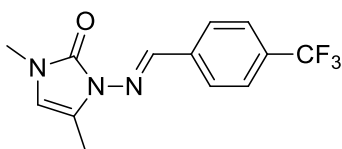
(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.48): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.144 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 35 % EtOAc/Hexane and the pure compound was obtained as an off-white solid (0.126 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.21 in 35% EtOAc/Hexane. ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 5.87 (q, *J* = 1.37 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 150.9 (CH), 150.1 (C), 135.2 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 120.0 (C), 106.0 (CH), 30.0 (CH₃), 10.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2955, 2853, 1653, 1522, 1506, 1394, 903 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O [M]⁺: 215.1059. Found: 215.1056.



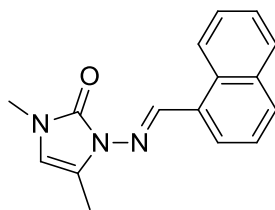
Equation 3.4: Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.49** (0.180 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. NMR analysis showed a ratio of 63 / 37 of products with exocyclic and endocyclic double bonds. A 6 hours reaction gave 67% (exo) and 27% and 2 hours at 150 °C gave 70% and 27% while comparing to phenol production.



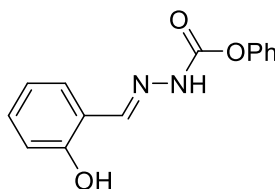
(E)-3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3.51): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using 4-methoxybenzaldehyde carbazone (0.162 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a off-white solid (0.126 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.91-5.90 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 161.3 (C), 151.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.9 (C), 120.0 (C), 114.0 (CH), 105.6 (CH), 55.3 (CH₃), 29.9 (CH₃), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1674, 1653, 1609, 1516, 1398, 1263, 1250, 1180, 1169, 1030 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 245.1164. Found: 245.1123.



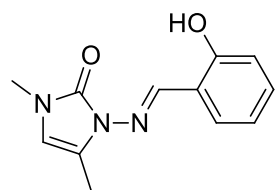
(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.52): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using 4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde carbazone (0.185 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.141 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.32 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.98-5.92 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 148.8 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 119.9 (C), 106.4 (CH), 29.9 (CH₃), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1680, 1560, 1429, 1400, 1321, 1255, 1180, 1166 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₃OF₃ [M]⁺: 283.0932. Found: 283.0983.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.53): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using naphthalene based carbazone (0.174 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.146 g, 92%). TLC R_f = 0.37 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 10.71 (s, 1H), 8.67 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.50 (m, 3H), 5.96 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 150.6 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.7 (C), 128.6 (CH), 127.0 (C), 126.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 120.1 (C), 29.9 (CH₃), 10.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 1693, 1564, 1539, 1472, 1420, 1288, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O [M]⁺: 265.1215. Found: 265.1224.

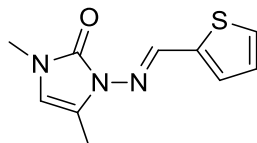


(E)-Phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Phenyl carbazate (2.53 g, 16.6 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (50.0 mL) completely in a round bottom flask charged with a stir bar. Salicylaldehyde (1.77 mL, 16.7 mmol) was then added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was then filtered and recrystallized in boiling EtOAc followed by a few drops of hexanes yielding the title compound as thin colorless needles (1.372 g, 32%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.81 (br s, 1H), 10.71 (br s, 1H), 8.40 (br s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 156.9 (C), 145.5 (C), 131.2 (CH), 139.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.0 (C), 116.3 (CH). IR (film): 1684, 1675, 1663, 1649, 1514, 1456, 1393, 1307, 1248, 1166 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₃ [M]⁺: 256.0845 Found: 256.0850

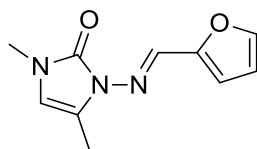


(E)-3-((2-Hydroxybenzylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.54): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using (*E*)-phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.154

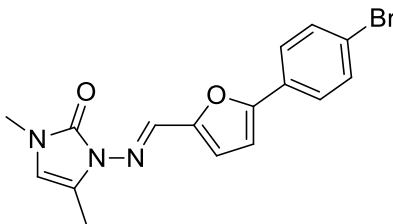
g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.122 g, 92%). TLC R_f = 0.4 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 10.87 (br s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.4 (C), 155.3 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 118.5 (C), 118.0 (C), 116.9 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 30.0 (CH₃), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1700, 1684, 1556, 1398, 1379, 1255 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 231.1008. Found: 231.1007.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((thiophen-2-ylmethylene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.55): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiophene based carbazone (0.148 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.116 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 5.93-5.89 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 145.7 (CH), 140.4 (C), 130.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 119.8 (C), 118.5 (C), 105.9 (CH), 29.9 (CH₃), 9.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 1690, 1431, 1397, 1387, 1310, 1256 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 221.0623. Found: 221.0599.

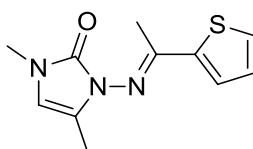


(E)-3-((Furan-2-ylmethylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.56): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using furan based carbazone (0.138 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.105 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.32 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 150.1 (C), 145.6 (CH), 140.8 (CH), 119.9 (C), 114.3 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 106.0 (CH), 29.9 (CH₃), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1695, 1653, 1558, 1433, 1398, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 205.0851. Found: 205.0866.

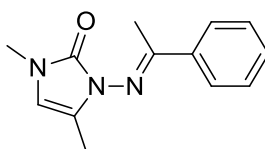


(E)-3-(((5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.57):

Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.34** (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a light brown solid (0.175 g, 80%). TLC R_f = 0.41 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 153.8 (C), 149.3 (C), 139.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 128.6 (C), 125.8 (CH), 121.3 (C), 118.3 (CH), 117.0 (C), 109.1 (CH), 107.1 (CH), 29.6 (CH₃), 9.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 1657, 1556, 1436, 1251, 1067, 1028 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₃O₂Br [M]⁺: 359.0269. Found: 359.0244.

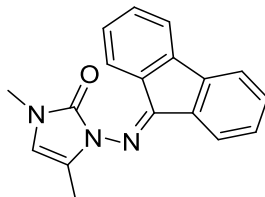


(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.58): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiophene based carbazone (0.156 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 40% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.120 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in 40% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 165.6 (C), 142.2 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 119.7 (C), 106.7 (CH), 30.4 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃), 10.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 1695, 1670, 1652, 1553, 1431, 1396, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃OS [M]⁺: 235.0779. Found: 235.0803.

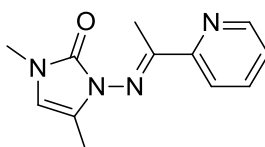


(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-phenylethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.59): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using acetophenone based carbazone (0.153 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 40% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.100 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.3 in 40% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 3H), 5.98 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H),

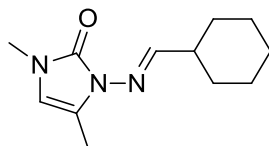
3.23 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 170.9 (C), 148.3 (C), 137.1 (C), 130.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 119.5 (C), 106.7 (CH), 30.3 (CH_3), 17.6 (CH_3), 10.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1680, 1558, 1506, 1433, 1398, 1385, 1355, 1265, 1180 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 229.1215. Found: 229.1220.



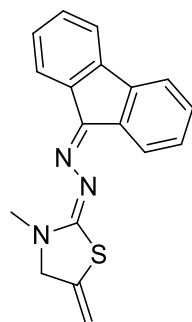
3-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.60): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using phenyl 2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.189 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et_3N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.130 g, 75%). TLC $R_f = 0.10$ in 20% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.51 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.5$, 1H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 7.4, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (qd, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H) 6.10 (q, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 165.6 (C), 143.0 (C), 141.6 (C), 136.4 (C), 132.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.0 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 119.8 (C), 119.7 (CH), 107.5 (CH), 30.6 (CH_3), 17.6 (CH_3), 10.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 1686, 1678, 1605, 1589, 1450, 1431, 1379, 1340, 1180 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 289.1215. Found: 289.1252.



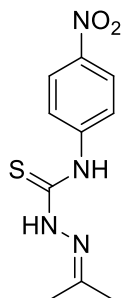
(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.61): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using pyridine based carbazone (0.153 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et_3N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.119 g, 86%). TLC $R_f = 0.08$ in 20% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 8.65 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 6.4, 5.0$ Hz, 1H) 6.00 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 171.7 (C), 148.6 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 119.6 (C), 107.0 (CH), 30.4 (CH_3), 16.6 (CH_3), 10.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1701, 1690, 1670, 1636, 1560, 1543, 1499, 1472, 1263, 1082 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 230.1168. Found: 230.1158.



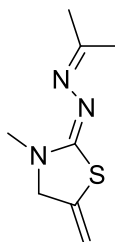
(E)-3-((Cyclohexylmethylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.62): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using cyclohexyl based carbazone (0.148 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0900 g, 68%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.98 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.17 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 161.3 (CH), 150.0 (C), 119.7 (C), 105.1 (CH), 41.8 (CH₃), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH), 25.9 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂), 9.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 1684, 1664, 1345, 1265, 1248 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₃O [M]⁺: 221.1528. Found: 221.1527.



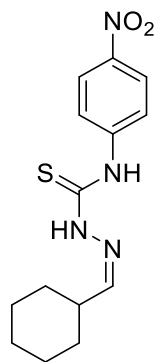
(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-methyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.63): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.139 g, 76%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.75-8.67 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.30-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.47-4.40 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.24 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 141.3 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 132.0 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.0 (C), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 105.4 (CH₂), 59.2 (CH₂), 33.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 1690, 1607, 1566, 1537, 1456, 1408, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₃S [M]⁺: 305.0987. Found: 305.1005. The X-Ray information is available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: CCDC 1420524.



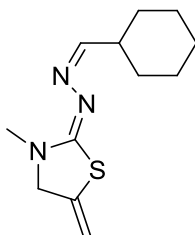
***N*-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide:** To a solution of acetone (0.15 mL, 2.00 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL) was added *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.425 g, 2.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred at reflux for 3 hours. Upon cooling, a solid precipitated and was collected by filtration to afford the desired product as a orange solid (0.250 g, 50%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 10 % EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.75 (br s, 1H), 10.25 (br s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.8 (C), 154.5 (C), 145.5 (C), 143.1 (C), 123.7 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 25.1 (CH₃), 18.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 1637, 1596, 1558, 1523, 1330, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₄O₂S [M]⁺: 252.0681. Found: 252.0694.



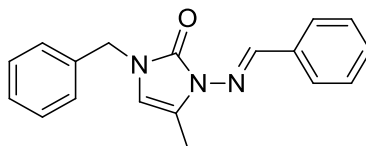
(*E*)-3-Methyl-5-methylene-2-(propan-2-ylidenehydrazono)thiazolidine (3.64): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.0760 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0230 g, 0.330 mmol), Et₃N (0.00600 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (1.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0470 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.24 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.18-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 164.4 (C), 159.8 (C), 138.7 (C), 104.6 (CH₂), 58.7 (CH₂), 33.3 (CH₃), 24.7 (CH₃), 18.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 1679, 1638, 1593, 1466, 1389, 1263, 1068 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₈H₁₃N₃S [M]⁺: 183.0830. Found: 183.0835.



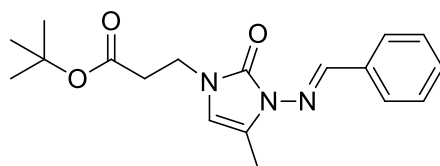
***N*-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazinecarbothioamide:** To a solution of cyclohexane carboxaldehyde (0.225 g, 2.00 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL) was added *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.425 g, 2.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred at reflux for 3 hours. Upon cooling, a solid precipitated and was collected by filtration to afford the desired product as a yellow solid (0.375 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.25-8.14 (m, 3H), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.61 (m, 5H), 1.34-1.16 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.0 (C), 152.8 (CH), 145.4 (C), 143.2 (C), 123.7 (CH), 40.1 (CH), 29.5 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂), 25.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 2941, 1641, 1585, 1552, 1450, 1332, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₄O₂S [M]⁺: 306.1150. Found: 306.1197.



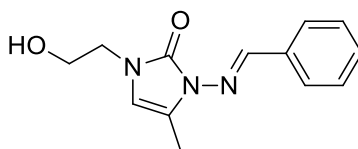
(*E*)-2-((*Z*)-(Cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazono)-3-methyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.65): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.0920 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-methylpropargylamine (0.0230 g, 0.330 mmol), Et₃N (0.00600 g, 0.0600 mmol) and MeCN (1.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.0430 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.63 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.17 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 166.5 (C), 160.7 (CH), 138.3 (C), 104.7 (CH₂), 58.9 (CH₂), 40.7 (CH), 33.3 (CH₃), 30.2 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 2910, 1639, 1585, 1423, 1392, 1265, 951 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₃S [M]⁺: 237.1300. Found: 237.1329.



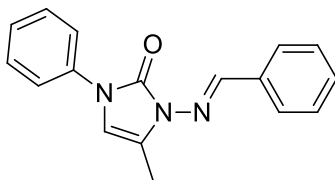
(E)-1-Benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.66): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-benzyl propargylamine (0.960 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as an off white solide (0.148 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.3 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 8H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 151.2 (CH), 149.8 (C), 136.7 (C), 135.1 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 120.4 (C), 104.6 (CH), 46.7 (CH₂), 10.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2953, 2853, 1679, 1647, 1456, 1398, 1362, 1327, 1258 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 291.1372. Found: 291.1387.



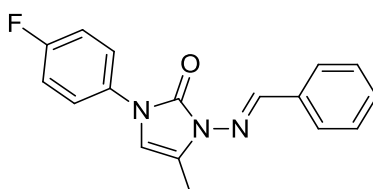
(E)-tert-Butyl 3-(3-(benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazol-1-yl)propanoate (3.67): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.121 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using a gradient of CH₂Cl₂ to 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.140 g, 71%). TLC R_f = 0.47 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 170.6 (C), 151.2 (CH), 135.1 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 119.9 (C), 105.4 (CH), 81.1 (CH), 39.2 (CH₂), 35.2 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1718, 1687, 1555, 1506, 1418, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₂₃N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 329.1739. Found: 329.1710.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.68): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), ethanolpropargylamine (0.0650 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 6 hours. After trying multiple purification methods and different reaction conditions that did not increase the yield or the purity of the obtained compound, a NMR yield was determined using ratio of phenol to the desired compound : 49-51%.

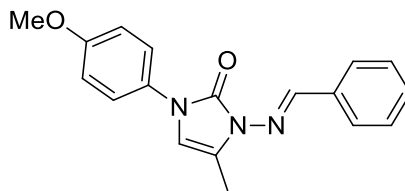


(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.69): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-phenylpropargylamine (0.0870 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N treated¹²¹ column chromatography using 25% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0900 g, 54%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 25% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.37 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 151.8 (C), 135.0 (C), 130.4 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.7 (C), 121.6 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 10.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 1693, 1684, 1506, 1398, 1376, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₃O [M]⁺: 277.1215. Found: 227.1228.

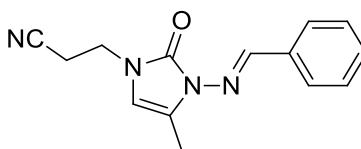


(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.70): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-fluoro-*n*-propargylaniline (0.0980 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified column chromatography using 6% EtOAc/Hexane and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0660 g, 37%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 6% EtOAc/Hexane. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.29 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 161.7 (C), 159.3 (C), 152.0 (CH), 148.6 (C), 135.0 (C), 133.0 (133.0 fluorine coupling) (C), 130.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 121.8 (C), 116.1 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 10.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 2954, 2841, 1690, 1678, 1558, 1512, 1400, 1377, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O [M]⁺: 295.1121. Found: 295.1164.

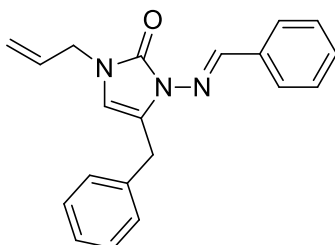
¹²¹ Et₃N is crucial for separating product from phenol. Every solvent system without the use of Et₃N resulted in poor to no separation of the two compounds.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.71): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-methoxy-*n*-propargylaniline (0.106 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as an offwhite solid (0.0760 g, 41%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 50% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.28 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.6 (C), 151.6 (CH), 148.7 (C), 135.0 (C), 130.3 (CH), 130.0 (C), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 121.1 (C), 114.3 (CH), 104.7 (CH), 55.5 (CH₃), 10.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 2960, 2849, 1684, 1653, 1555, 1520, 1506, 1397, 1255, 1251 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 307.13208. Found: 307.13229.

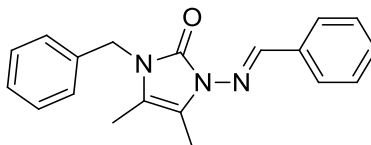


(E)-3-(3-(Benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazol-1-yl)propanenitrile (3.72): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.0710 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 6 % EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0920 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.40 in 6% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 151.8 (CH), 149.3 (C), 134.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 121.0 (C), 117.4 (C), 104.7 (CH), 39.4 (CH₂), 18.0 (CH₂), 9.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 2360, 1730, 1701, 1553, 1433, 1398, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₄O [M]⁺: 254.1168. Found: 254.1155.

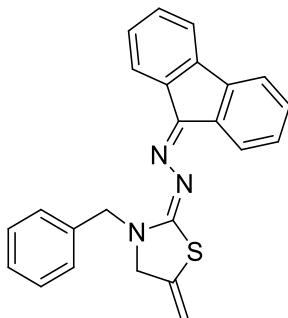


(E)-1-Allyl-4-benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.73): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.113 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. Purifications

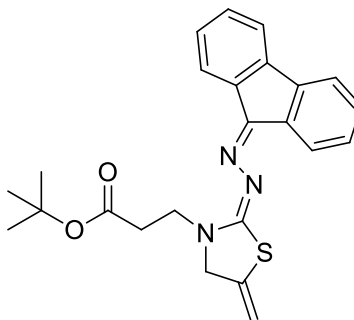
were unsuccessful (product seems to degrade and equilibrate through isomerization), therefore another reaction was performed and 0.0114 g of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was added as NMR internal standard. 35 % of desired product (endocyclic alkene) was observed with 14 % of the exocyclic present.



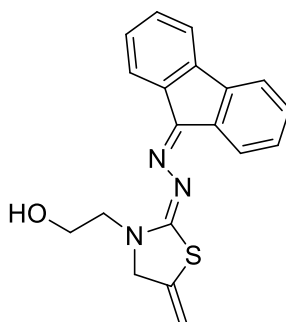
(E)-1-Benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-4,5-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (3.74): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using carbazone **3.47** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.105 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N treated silica gel column chromatography using 2% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.150 g, 82%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in 2% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 150.7 (CH), 150.0 (C), 137.5 (C), 135.4 (C), 130.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 115.2 (C), 112.0 (C), 44.1 (CH₂), 8.8 (CH₃), 8.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 1701, 1664, 1653, 1558, 1387, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₃O [M]⁺: 305.1528. Found: 305.1522.



(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-benzyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.75): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-benzyl propargylamine (0.0960 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.155g, 68%). TLC R_f = 0.27 in 40% CH₂Cl₂/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 171.0 (C), 169.9 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 105.4 (CH₂), 81.1 (C), 58.0 (CH₂), 43.0 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 1684, 1647, 1554, 1506, 1107, 903 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₃S [M]⁺: 381.1300. Found: 381.1321.

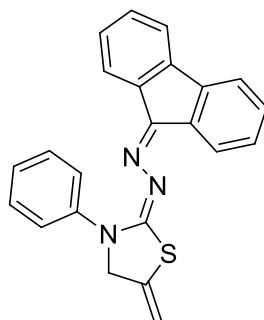


(E)- tert-Butyl 3-(2-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3-yl)propanoate (3.76): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.121 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a orange foam (0.200 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.27 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 171.0 (C), 169.9 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 105.4 (CH₂), 81.1 (C), 58.0 (CH₂), 43.0 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 1676, 1601, 1558, 1526, 1501, 1431, 1420, 1398, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₃O₂S [M]⁺: 419.1667. Found: 419.1666.

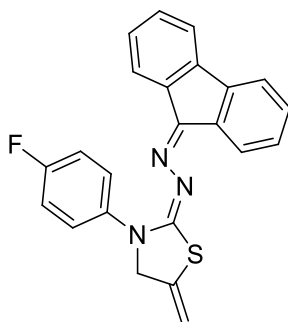


(E)-2-(2-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3-yl)ethanol (3.77): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), ethanolpropargylamine (0.0650 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 100% EtOAc and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.147 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 100% EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.55 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.84-3.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 171.8 (C), 153.0 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.5 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.6 (C), 137.5 (C), 131.7 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH),

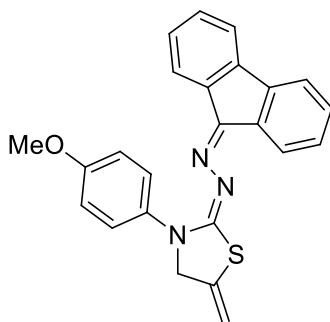
119.6 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 106.4 (CH₂), 61.3 (CH₂), 58.8 (CH₂), 49.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 2960, 2853, 1535, 1495, 1416, 1265, 1141 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₃OS [M]⁺: 335.1092. Found: 335.1100.



(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylene-3-phenylthiazolidine (3.78): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-phenylpropargylamine (0.0870 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a orange solid (0.170 g, 78%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.84-7.72 (m, 5H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 169.0 (C), 152.8 (C), 140.6 (C), 139.7 (C), 136.5 (C), 135.8 (C), 130.6 (CH), 130.6 (C), 129.9 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 106.4 (CH₂), 58.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 1684, 1647, 1555, 1506, 1107 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₁₇N₃S [M]⁺: 367.1143. Found: 367.1438.

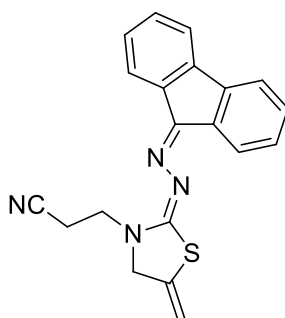


(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.79): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-fluoro-*n*-propargylaniline (0.0980 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.180 g, 78%). TLC R_f = 0.11 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.83-7.71 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 168.6 (C), 152.8 (C), 140.3 (C), 139.4 (C), 136.3 (C), 135.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH) 127.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 115.3 (CH), 115.0 (CH), 105.8 (CH₂), 58.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 1690, 1670, 1609, 1595, 1526, 1506, 1477, 1433, 1398 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₁₆N₃SF [M]⁺: 385.1049. Found: 385.1015.



(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.80):

Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-methoxy-*n*-propargylaniline (0.106 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a brown solid (0.170 g, 78%). TLC R_f = 0.3 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.38 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dq, *J* = 7.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.31 (dq, *J* = 11.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 168.9 (C), 157.3 (C), 154.2 (C), 144.3 (C), 140.4 (C), 137.5 (C), 136.8 (C), 133.2 (C), 131.7 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 114.1 (C), 105.6 (CH₂), 59.4 (CH₂), 55.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 2968, 2854, 1734, 1555, 1497, 1246, 1022 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₃OS [M]⁺: 397.1249. Found: 397.1224.

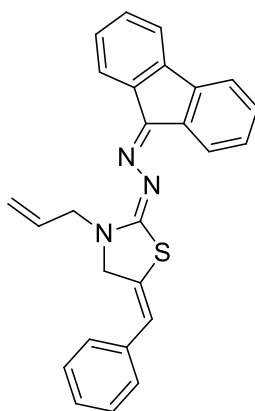


(E)-3-(2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3-yl)propanenitrile (3.81):

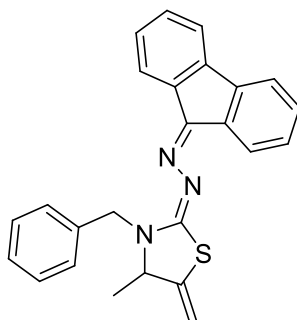
Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using a derivative of thiosemicarbazone **3.43**¹²² (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.0710 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a orange solid (0.152 g, 74%). TLC R_f = 0.27 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.30 (m, 4H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 4.69-4.68 (m, 2H), 3.98 (t,

¹²² *o*-Nitroaniline was used as leaving group to ensure good separation for the flash chromatography. For synthesis see: Lavergne, K.; MSc thesis, University of Ottawa, 2015

$J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 170.2 (C), 151.8 (C), 140.6 (C), 139.5 (C), 136.7 (C), 136.6 (C), 131.0 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.7 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 119.1 (C), 106.6 (CH₂), 60.0 (CH₂), 42.4 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 15.1 (CH₂). IR (film): 2314, 1684, 1601, 1458, 1420, 1398 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₄S [M]⁺: 344.1096. Found: 384.1126.

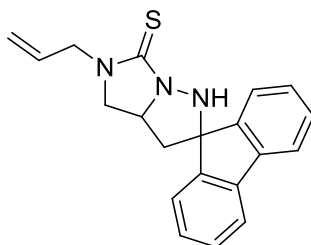


(2E,5E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-allyl-5-benzylidenethiazolidine (3.82): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.113 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.223 g, 91%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.69 (d, $J = 7.3$, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 11.8, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.27 (m, 9H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.00 (ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.32 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 169.3 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 137.6 (C), 135.9 (C), 131.9 (C), 131.5 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.1 (C), 129.0 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 121.9 (CH₂), 120.2 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.0 (CH₂), 58.4 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 1602, 1533, 1522, 1460, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₃S [M]⁺: 407.1456. Found: 407.1665.



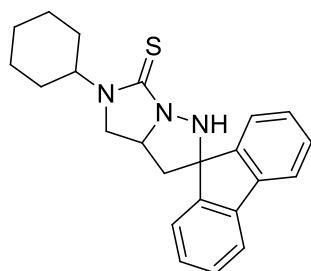
(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-benzyl-4-methyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (3.83): Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine (0.105 g, 0.660 mmol), Et₃N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography and the pure compound was obtained as an orange foam (0.161 g, 68%). TLC R_f = 0.26 in 25% CH₂Cl₂/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz;

CDCl₃): δ 8.55-8.52 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.16 (m, 9H), 5.41 (d, J = 15.3, 1H), 5.23 (t, J = 1.97, 1H), 5.14 (t, J = 1.85, 1H), 4.53-4.43 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.40, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 170.2 (C), 153.2 (C), 143.7 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 137.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 105.3 (CH₂), 62.5 (CH), 48.8 (CH₂), 20.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 2854, 1599, 1521, 1506, 1423, 1398, 1244 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₃S [M]⁺: 395.1456. Found: 395.1432.



5'-Allyl-3',3a',4',5'-tetrahydrospiro[fluorene-9,2'-imidazo[1,5-b]pyrazole]-6'(1'H)-thione (3.84):

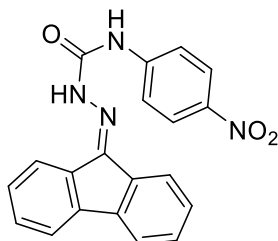
Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), diallylamine (0.0640 g, 0.660 mmol), and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 150 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as yellow solid (0.158 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.4 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.94-5.82 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.26 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 188.5 (C), 150.7 (C), 139.2 (C), 138.5 (C), 131.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 118.1 (CH₂), 74.7 (C), 60.6 (CH), 49.7 (CH₂), 49.6 (CH₂), 45.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 1680, 1610, 1553, 1379, 1360, 1310, 1255 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₃S [M]⁺: 333.1300. Found: 333.1292.



5'-Cyclohexyl-3',3a',4',5'-tetrahydrospiro[fluorene-9,2'-imidazo[1,5-b]pyrazole]-6'(1'H)-thione (3.85):

Synthesized according to general procedure **G** using thiosemicarbazone **3.43** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), allylcyclohexylamine (0.0920 g, 0.660 mmol), and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 150 °C for 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ and the pure compound was obtained as a orange was obtained as a yellow solid (0.145 g, 64%). TLC R_f = 0.26 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.74 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.22 (m, 5H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.51-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.67 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 12.6,

6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.65 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.28 (m, 4H), 1.19-1.08 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 187.6 (C), 150.7 (C), 148.4 (C), 139.2 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 74.6 (C), 60.5 (CH), 55.3 (CH), 46.2 (CH₂), 45.4 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 25.1 (CH₂), 25.0 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂). IR (film): 1680, 1653, 1556, 1456, 1263, 1226, 1032 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 375.1769. Found: 375.1797.

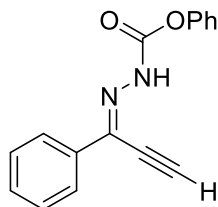


2-(9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbamide: To a solution of 9-fluorenone hydrazone (1.94 g, 10 mmol) in MeCN (50.0 mL) was slowly added 4-nitrophenyl isocyanate (1.62 g, 10 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours and the title compound was obtained by filtration as a yellow amorphous solid (3.44 g, 96%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 10.64 (br s, 1H), 10.02 (br s, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 153.2 (C), 145.7 (C), 145.5 (C), 145.3 (C), 141.8 (C), 141.3 (C), 139.0 (C), 136.7 (C), 131.2 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 118.9 (CH). IR (film): 1684, 1649, 1541, 1529, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 358.1060. Found: 358.1060.

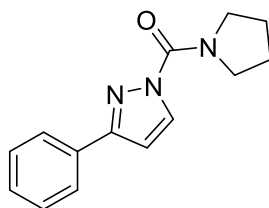
6.2.4: Diversity-Oriented Synthesis of Acyl-Pyrazole using *N*-Isocyanates (section 3.3)

General procedure H (substrate preparation): An oven-dried round bottomed flask was charged with a stir bar, phenylcarbazate (1.00 equiv), a ketone (1.10 equiv), acetic acid (0.150 equiv), and MeOH (0.3 M). The contents were refluxed for 16 hours. The crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and dissolved in a 99:1 THF:MeOH solution (0.1 M). TBAF (1.10 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the resulting solution was stirred for 15 minutes. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl and the organic phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purification by silica gel column chromatography or recrystallization gave the corresponding hydrazones.

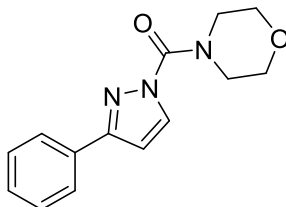
General procedure I: An oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with a stir bar, hydrazone (1.00 equiv), an amine (1.10 equiv), PhCF_3 or THF (0.3 M), and DBU (0.200 equiv). The reaction was conducted at room temperature or 50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding products.



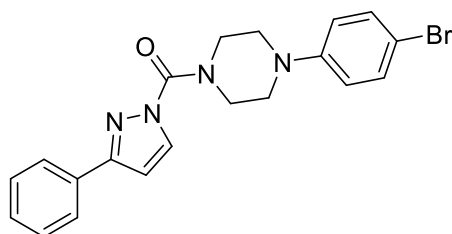
(E)-Phenyl-2-(1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (3.86): Synthesized according to general procedure H using phenylcarbazate (1.90 g, 12.5 mmol), 1-phenyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (2.78 g, 13.8 mmol), acetic acid (0.113 g, 0.150 mmol), and CH₃OH (42 mL, 0.3 M). TBAF (13.8 mL of a 1 M solution in THF, 13.8 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched after 15 minutes and the organic phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous pale yellow solid (2.80 g, 85% over 2 steps). TLC R_f = 0.35 in 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (dt, *J* = 3.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 133.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 93.1 (C), 72.5 (CH). IR (film): 1770, 1737, 1683, 1481, 1455, 1423, 1363, 1348, 1257, 1249, 1191, 1114 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 264.0899. Found: 264.0895.



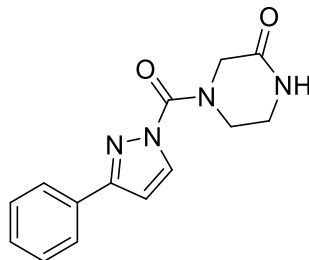
(3-Phenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.87): Synthesized according to general procedure I using hydrazone 3.86 (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.129 g, 89%). TLC R_f = 0.15 in 10% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 4H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (br s, 2H), 3.72 (br s, 2H), 1.99 (br s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 153.2 (C), 149.6 (C), 132.4 (C), 132.1 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 50.2 (CH₂), 48.8 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 23.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 1717, 1670, 1558, 1423, 1265, 1202 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₃O [M]⁺: 241.1215. Found: 241.1230.



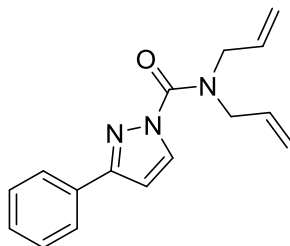
Morpholino(3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)methanone (3.90): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), morpholine (0.0871 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of CH₂Cl₂ to 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a crystalline white solid (0.139 g, 90%). TLC R_f = 0.60 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 3H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (br s, 4H), 3.83 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.0 (C), 151.6 (C), 133.6 (CH), 132.4 (C), 129.1 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 105.2 (CH), 67.1 (CH₂), 47.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 3032, 1683, 1533, 1452, 1426, 1363, 1348, 1301, 1255, 1247, 1188, 1116, 1074, 1045, 1031 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 257.1164. Found: 257.1136.



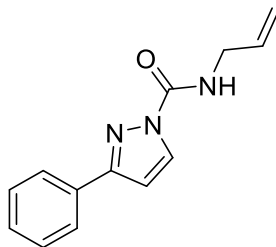
(4-(4-Bromophenyl)piperazin-1-yl)(3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)methanone (3.91): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.0795 g, 0.300 mmol), 1-(4-bromophenyl)piperazine (0.0800 g, 0.330 mmol), DBU (0.0090 mL, 0.060 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.112 g, 91%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 10% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 3H), 6.85–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (br s, 4H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 153.9 (C), 151.1 (C), 150.1 (C), 133.5 (CH), 132.3 (C), 132.2 (CH), 129.0 (C), 128.9 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 112.8 (C), 105.1 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 46.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 3880, 3768, 1733, 1687, 1662, 1456, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrN₄O [M]⁺: 410.0742. Found: 410.0753.



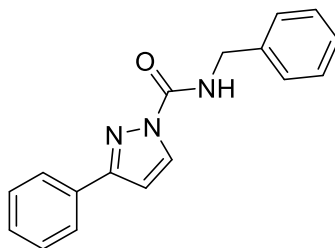
4-(3-Phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carbonyl)piperazin-2-one (3.92): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), 2-oxopiperazine (0.0661 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a crystalline white solid (0.151 g, 93%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (br s, 1H), 4.67 (br s, 2H), 4.15 (br s, 2H), 3.62 (br s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 167.1 (C), 154.7 (C), 150.7 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.8 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 105.4 (CH). IR (film): 3267, 3060, 2900, 1710, 1654, 1537, 1452, 1427, 1352, 1332, 1315, 1249, 1105, 1061, 1034 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 270.1117. Found: 270.1097.



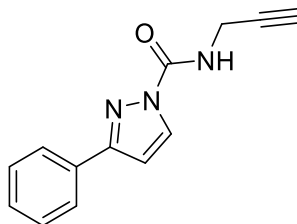
***N,N*-Diallyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.93):** Synthesized according to general procedure I using hydrazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), diallylamine (0.0800 mL, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.141 g, 88%). TLC R_f = 0.42 in 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15-5.97 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.25 (m, 4H), 4.27 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 153.4 (C), 151.6 (C), 133.0 (CH), 132.4 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 118.2 (CH₂), 104.6 (CH), 116.9 (CH₂), 105.9 (CH), 51.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 1714, 1654, 1522, 1481, 1424, 1259, 1180 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 267.1372. Found: 267.1355.



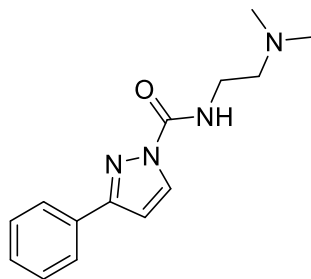
N-Allyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.94): Synthesized according to general procedure I using hydrazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), allylamine (0.050 mL, 0.66 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at 50 °C for 24 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.100 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.0 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.0 (C), 129.9 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 116.9 (CH₂), 105.9 (CH), 42.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 1718, 1680, 1651, 1558, 1539, 1423, 1354, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O [M]⁺: 227.1059. Found: 227.1085.



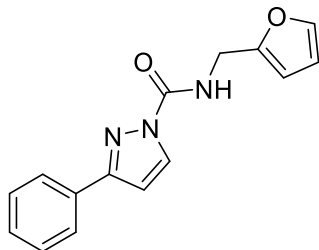
N-Benzyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.89): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), benzylamine (0.0701 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 24 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.130 g, 78%). TLC R_f = 0.60 in 20% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.58 (br s, 1H), 7.43-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 6.13 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.1 (C), 149.9 (C), 137.6 (C), 131.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 106.1 (CH), 44.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3357, 1716, 1689, 1543, 1500, 1456, 1353, 1284, 1257, 1238, 1080, 1043 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₃O [M]⁺: 277.1215. Found: 277.1217.



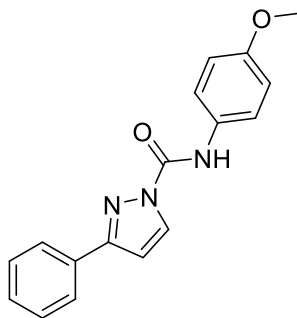
3-Phenyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.95): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), propargylamine (0.0363 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at 50 °C for 24 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.100 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.35 in 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 2.55, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.5 (C), 149.6 (C), 132.0 (C), 130.1 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 78.9 (C), 72.4 (CH), 30.1 (CH₂). IR (film): 3105, 1739, 1683, 1652, 1554, 1515, 1455, 1339, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₃O [M]⁺: 225.0902. Found: 225.0897.



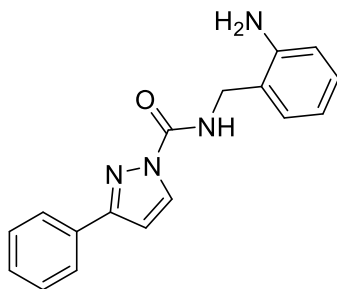
***N*-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.96):** Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine (0.0582 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) at 50 °C for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to 50% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.138 g, 89%). TLC R_f = 0.10 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.57 (br s, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 3H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.0 (C), 150.1 (C), 132.2 (C), 129.9 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 105.8 (CH), 58.1 (CH₂), 45.4 (CH₃), 38.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 3023, 1733, 1716, 1683, 1662, 1526, 1455, 1353, 1262 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₄O [M]⁺: 258.1481. Found: 258.1400.



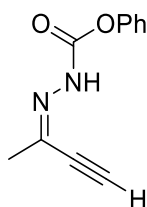
N-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.97): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), furfurylamine (0.0641 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 18 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.137 g, 82%). TLC R_f = 0.60 in CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.54 (br s, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (m, 2H) 4.62 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 154.1 (C), 149.9 (C), 137.6 (C), 131.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 106.1 (CH), 44.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3111, 2989, 1716, 1683, 1647, 1444, 1353, 1262, 1238, 1161 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 267.1008. Found: 267.1023.



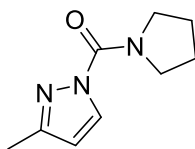
N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.98): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), *p*-methoxyaniline (0.0813 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.133 g, 76%). TLC R_f = 0.40 in 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.05 (br s, 1H) 8.34 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 156.9 (C), 154.3 (C), 147.3 (C), 131.9 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.7 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 106.6 (CH), 55.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3062, 1733, 1716, 1652, 1596, 1502, 1456, 1419, 1355, 1299, 1247, 1226, 1039 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 293.1164. Found: 293.1213.



N-(2-Aminobenzyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamide (3.99): Synthesized according to general procedure I using carbazone **3.86** (0.159 g, 0.600 mmol), 2-aminobenzylamine (0.0701 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 24 hours. The product precipitated out of solution as an amorphous white solid and was filtrated with Et₂O to give the desired pure product (0.157 g, 90%). TLC R_f = 0.10 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.67 (br s, 1H), 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.52 (br s, 1H), 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.34 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 158.3 (C), 155.0 (C), 151.4 (C), 137.0 (C), 135.7 (C), 134.6 (CH), 134.1 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 126.6 (C), 121.0 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 45.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 3002, 1670, 1515, 1455, 1348, 1249, 1184, 1114, 1072, 1031 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₄O [M]⁺: 292.1324. Found: 292.1324.

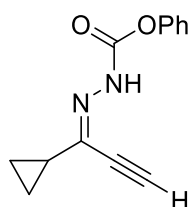


(Z)-Phenyl-2-(but-3-yn-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure H using phenylcarbazate (1.52 g, 10.0 mmol), the corresponding ketone (1.40 g, 10.0 mmol), and CH₃OH (50 mL, 0.2 M). TBAF (10.0 mL of a 1M solution in THF, 10.0 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched after 15 minutes and the organic phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous pale yellow solid (1.70 g, 84%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.40 (br s, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 151.7 (C), 150.4 (C), 129.5 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 93.9 (C), 74.9 (CH), 22.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 2966, 1755, 1647, 1627, 1593, 1467, 1387, 1265, 1200, 1132, 1109 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 202.0747. Found: 202.0754.

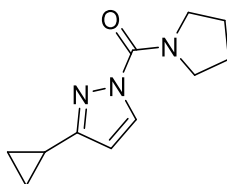


(3-Methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.100): Synthesized according to general procedure I using (Z)-phenyl-2-(but-3-yn-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.122 g, 0.600 mmol),

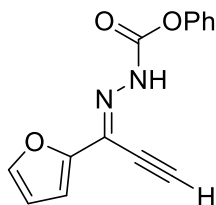
pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at 50 °C for 24 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 3% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0900 g, 85%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 3% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.54 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.90 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 151.3 (C), 131.7 (CH), 107.2 (CH), 13.8 (CH₃). IR (film): 1705, 1663, 1558, 1458, 1437, 1420, 1310, 1265, 1157 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₃N₃O [M]⁺: 179.1059. Found: 179.1053.



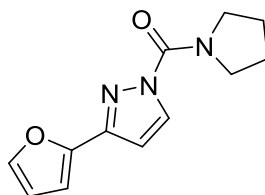
(Z)-Phenyl-2-(1-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure H using phenyl carbazate (1.32 g, 8.70 mmol), 1-cyclopropyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1.59 g, 9.57 mmol), acetic acid (0.113 g, 0.131 mmol), and CH₃OH (30 mL, 0.3 M). TBAF (9.6 mL of a 1 M solution in THF, 9.6 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched after 15 minutes and the organic phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of 100% CH₂Cl₂ to 2.5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (1.32 g, 66% over 3 steps). TLC R_f = 0.40 in 2.5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 2.02-1.99 (m, 1H), 0.90 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 150.8 (C), 129.6 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 91.3 (C), 71.0 (CH), 16.1 (CH), 6.2 (CH₂). IR (film): 3244, 2090, 1753, 1733, 1674, 1662, 1505, 1481, 1340, 1199, 1025, 1004 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 228.0899. Found: 228.0887.



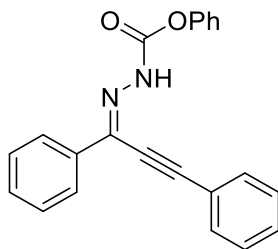
(3-Cyclopropyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.101): Synthesized according to general procedure I using (Z)-phenyl-2-(1-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.137 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.111 g, 90%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (br s, 2H), 3.64 (br s, 2H), 1.96-1.90 (m, 5H), 0.96-0.91 (m, 2H), 0.79-0.75 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.8 (C), 150.8 (C), 131.7 (CH), 104.3 (CH), 50.1 (CH₂), 48.8 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 9.50 (CH₃), 8.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3142, 1786, 1699, 1675, 1505, 1461, 1331, 1299, 1111, 1009 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₃O [M]⁺: 205.1215. Found: 205.1248.



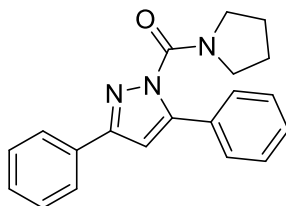
(E)-Phenyl-2-(1-(furan-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure H using phenyl carbazate (0.959 g, 6.31 mmol), 1-furan-3-(trimethylsilyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1.33 g, 6.94 mmol), acetic acid (0.0570 g, 0.150 mmol), and CH₃OH (21 mL, 0.3 M). TBAF (6.9 mL of a 1 M solution in THF, 6.9 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched after 15 minutes and the organic phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to 60% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂, followed by 100% CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous pale yellow solid (1.39 g, 87% over 2 steps). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (dt, *J* = 3.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 133.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 93.1 (C), 72.5 (CH). IR (film): 3004, 2889, 1570, 1541, 1429, 1382, 1371, 1359, 1265, 1253, 1242, 1225, 1199, 1183, 1060, 1037, 1026 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₂O₃ [M]⁺: 254.0691. Found: 254.0723.



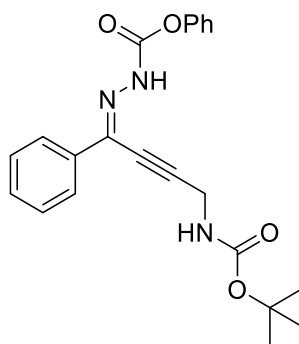
(3-(Furan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.102): Synthesized according to general procedure I using (E)-phenyl-2-(1-(furan-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.153 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), DBU (0.020 mL, 0.12 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous pale yellow solid (0.131 g, 94%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (br s, 2H), 3.68 (br s, 2H), 1.95 (br s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 149.9 (C), 148.2 (C), 146.0 (C), 142.7 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 111.6 (CH), 107.4 (CH), 104.5 (CH), 50.3 (CH₂), 48.8 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂). IR (film): 2989, 2883, 1674, 1544, 1430, 1386, 1359, 1348, 1267, 1211, 1039 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 231.1008. Found: 231.0999.



(Z)-Phenyl 2-(1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **H** using phenyl carbazate (1.23 g, 8.12 mmol), 1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-one (1.84 g, 8.93 mmol), acetic acid (0.0730 g, 1.22 mmol), and CH₃OH (30 mL, 0.3 M). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as a crystalline pale yellow solid (0.911 g, 33%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 10% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 8.07-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.26 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 133.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 93.1 (C), 72.5 (CH). IR (film): 3336, 3085, 2198, 1762, 1733, 1716, 1704, 1593, 1506, 1473, 1434, 1357, 1334, 1315, 1307, 1266, 1161 1136, 1070, 1051, 1026, 1002 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₁₆N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 340.1212. Found: 340.1219.

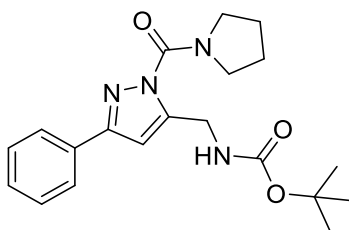


3,5-Diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.103): Synthesized according to general procedure **I** using (Z)-phenyl 2-(1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.102 g, 0.300 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0237 g, 0.330 mmol), DBU (0.0090 mL, 0.060 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL) at 50 °C for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.100 g, 98%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dq, J = 6.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 6H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.7, 2H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.5, 2H), 1.91 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 152.3 (C), 150.9 (C), 146.0 (C), 132.6 (C), 130.1 (C), 128.8 (CH) 128.7 (CH) 128.6 (CH) 128.5 (CH) 127.9 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 104.8 (CH), 48.9 (CH₂), 47.5 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 2989, 1670, 1544, 1429, 1419, 1386, 1363, 1348, 1255, 1043, 987 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₃O [M]⁺: 317.1528. Found: 317.1541.



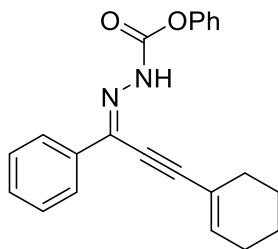
(Z)-Phenyl-2-(4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-phenylbut-2-yn-1-ylidene) hydrazinecarboxylate:

Synthesized according to general procedure H using phenyl carbazate (0.305 g, 2.00 mmol), *tert*-butyl-(4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-yn-1-yl)carbamate (0.519 g, 2.00 mmol), and CH₃OH (10 mL, 0.3 M). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous red solid (0.386 g, 49%). TLC R_f = 0.35 in 40% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.51 (br s, 1H), 7.96 (ddd, *J* = 5.43, 2.85, 1.29 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 5.71 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 155.5 (C), 134.0 (C) 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 102.0 (C), 80.7 (C), 72.2 (C), 31.4 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 2332, 1689, 1652, 1558, 1508, 1436, 1265, 1195 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₂₃N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 393.1689. Found: 393.1680.

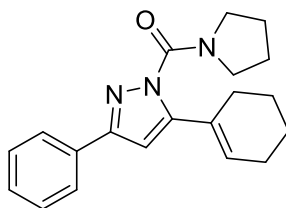


***tert*-Butyl((3-phenyl-1-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methyl) carbamate (3.104):**

Synthesized according to general procedure I using (Z)-phenyl-2-(4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-phenylbut-2-yn-1-ylidene) hydrazinecarboxylate (0.118 g, 0.300 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0237 g, 0.330 mmol), DBU (0.0090 mL, 0.060 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL) at 50 °C for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.093 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.15 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.65 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 152.3 (C), 150.9 (C), 146.0 (C), 132.6 (C), 130.1 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 104.8 (CH), 48.9 (CH₂), 47.5 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 2989, 1683, 1558, 1444, 1393, 1367, 1353, 1255, 1238, 1195, 1154 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₄O₃ [M]⁺: 370.2005. Found: 370.2253.



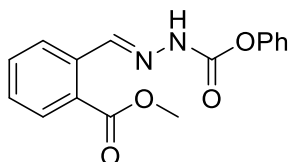
(Z)-Phenyl-2-(3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene) hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **H** using phenyl carbazate (0.329 g, 2.16 mmol), 3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (0.500 g, 2.38 mmol), acetic acid (0.0200 g, 0.150 mmol), and CH₃OH (7.2 mL, 0.3 M) refluxed at 65 °C. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.588 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 50% hexanes/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.05 (br s, 1H), 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.50 (dt, *J* = 3.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.65 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 140.4 (C), 130.1 (C), 129.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 125.9 (C), 121.7 (C), 119.3 (C), 75.5 (C), 29.0 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 21.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 2952, 2204, 1766, 1762, 1730, 1718, 1647, 1554, 1506, 1475, 1265, 1186, 1161, 1139 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 344.1525. Found: 344.1512.



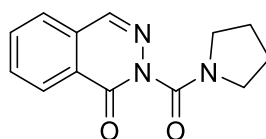
(5-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3.105): Synthesized according to general procedure **I** using (Z)-phenyl-2-(3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ylidene) hydrazinecarboxylate (0.103 g, 0.300 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0237 g, 0.330 mmol), DBU (0.0090 mL, 0.060 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL) at 50 °C for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et₃N-treated silica gel column chromatography using 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0783 g, 81%). TLC R_f = 0.15 in 100% CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 3.66-3.59 (m, 4H), 2.35-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 4H), 1.75 (m, 2H) 1.67 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 151.8 (C), 151.4 (C), 132.9 (C), 128.8 (C), 128.7 (C), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 103.2 (CH), 49.0 (CH₂), 47.5 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₂), 26.25 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂). IR (film): 3042, 2221, 1772, 1733, 1697, 1683, 1473, 1446, 1436, 1265, 1188 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₃O [M]⁺: 321.1841. Found: 321.1920.

6.2.5: Synthesis of Phthalazinones (section 3.4)

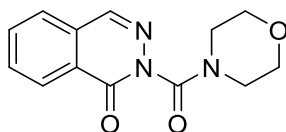
General procedure J: An oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with a carbazone ester (1.0 equiv), an amine (1.1 equiv), and PhCF₃ (0.3 M). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 or 48 hours. The reaction was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding products.



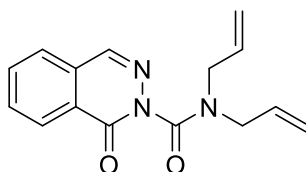
(E)-Phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: To a solution of phenyl carbazate (0.834 g, 5.48 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) was added 2-methoxycarbonylbenzaldehyde (0.900 g, 5.48 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. The solution was condensed over reduced pressure to give a crude solid. Boiling ether was added to the solid and the pure product was collected by filtration as a white amorphous solid (1.45 g, 97%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.90 (br s, 1H), 8.78 (br s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 167.3 (C), 150.5 (C), 134.6 (C), 132.4 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.0 (C), 121.4 (CH), 52.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 1715, 1684, 1564, 1489, 1477, 1435, 1266, 1202 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₉N₂O₃ [M]⁺: 205.0613 Found: 205.0523 (M – OPh).



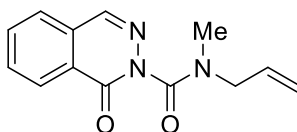
2-(Pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (3.106): Synthesized according to general procedure J using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.179 g, 0.600 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.0470 g, 0.660 mmol), and PhCF₃ (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.115 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.24 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.44 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.72 (m, 3H), 3.74-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.05-1.88 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.5 (C), 151.7 (C), 139.1 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.0 (C), 126.9 (C), 126.4 (CH), 41.1 (CH₂), 41.1 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 24.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 2978, 2880, 1699, 1661, 1612, 1591, 1558, 1456, 1408, 1308, 1225 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 243.1008. Found: 243.1013.



2-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (3.107): Synthesized according to general procedure **J** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.179 g, 0.600 mmol), morpholine (0.0580 g, 0.660 mmol), and PhCF₃ (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.135 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.44-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.71 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 4H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.1 (C), 152.5 (C), 139.5 (CH), 134.2 (CH), 132.4 (CH), 129.6 (C), 127.7 (C), 126.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 66.5 (CH₂), 66.3 (CH₂), 46.9 (CH₂), 44.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 2568, 1675, 1662, 1433, 1429, 1418, 1270, 1240, 1113 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 259.0957. Found: 259.0963.

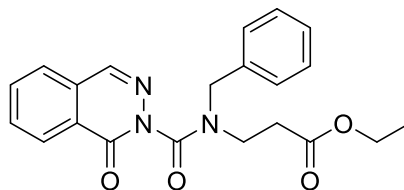


***N,N*-Diallyl-1-oxophthalazine-2(1H)-carboxamide (3.108):** Synthesized according to general procedure **J** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.179 g, 0.600 mmol), diallylamine (0.0640 g, 0.660 mmol), and PhCF₃ (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.161 g, 97%). TLC R_f = 0.43 in 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.41-8.38 (m, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.71 (m, 3H), 5.96-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.81-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13-5.06 (m, 2H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.0 (C), 153.7 (C), 139.1 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 129.5 (C), 127.7 (C), 126.7 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 118.5 (CH₂), 118.1 (CH₂), 50.8 (CH₂), 50.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 1713, 1666, 1591, 1414, 1265, 1227, 1177 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 269.1164. Found: 269.1153.

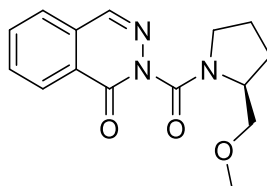


***N*-Allyl-*N*-methyl-1-oxophthalazine-2(1H)-carboxamide (3.109):** Synthesized according to general procedure **J** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.0900 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-methylallylamine (0.0240 g, 0.330 mmol), and PhCF₃ (1.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 6% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a slightly yellow oil (0.0730 g, 100%). TLC R_f = 0.22 in 6% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.42-8.38 (m, 1H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.70 (m, 3H), 5.96-5.72 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.16 (m, 1.2H), 3.81-3.78 (m, 0.8H), 3.14 (s, 1.2H), 2.89 (s, 1.8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.0 (C), 157.7 (C), 153.8 (C), 153.7 (C), 139.3 (CH), 139.1 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 132.2

(CH), 131.1 (CH), 129.6 (C), 129.5 (C), 127.7 (C), 126.8 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 118.8 (CH₂), 118.1 (CH₂), 53.4 (CH₂), 51.7 (CH₂), 35.2 (CH₃), 34.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 1717, 1668, 1558, 1477, 1266, 1236, 1202 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 243.1008. Found: 234.1029.



Ethyl 3-(*N*-benzyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydrophthalazine-2-carboxamido)propanoate (3.110): Synthesized according to general procedure **J** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.0900 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-benzyl-3-aminopropionic acid ethyl ester (0.0670 g, 0.330 mmol), and PhCF₃ (1.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 6% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a slightly yellow oil (0.103 g, 90%). TLC R_f = 0.28 in 6% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.47-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.28-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.21 (m, 5H), 4.86 (s, 0.9H), 4.48 (s, 1.1H), 4.19-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1H) 2.59-2.55 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 171.6 (C), 170.8 (C), 158.2 (C), 154.6 (C), 153.9 (CH), 139.4 (CH), 139.3 (CH), 135.6 (C), 135.4 (C), 134.1 (CH), 134.1 (CH), 132.4 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 129.6 (C), 129.6 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 60.7 (CH₂), 60.7 (CH₂), 53.2 (CH₂), 50.7 (CH₂), 43.7 (CH₂), 43.1 (CH₂), 33.3 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₄), 13.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 3335, 1771, 1723, 1654, 1632, 1616, 1601, 1265, 1171 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 379.1532. Found: 379.1556.

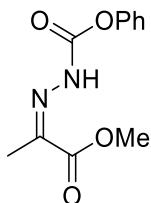


(*S*)-2-(2-(Methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (3.111): Synthesized according to general procedure **J** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.0900 g, 0.300 mmol), (*S*)-(+)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine (0.0380 g, 0.330 mmol), and PhCF₃ (1.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.0560 g, 65%). TLC R_f = 0.28 in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.71 (m, 3H), 4.39-4.32 (m, 0.75H), 4.07-3.99 (m, 0.125H), 3.83-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.09 (m, 5H), 2.11-1.78 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 157.5 (C), 151.8 (C), 139.0 (CH), 138.8 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 129.6 (C), 127.9 (C), 126.7 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 73.7 (CH₂), 71.4 (CH₂), 59.2 (CH), 58.9 (C), 58.0 (CH₃), 57.8 (CH₃), 47.7 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 23.6 (CH₂), 22.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 1730, 1650, 1445, 1432, 1408, 1265, 1067 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 287.1270. Found: 287.1274.

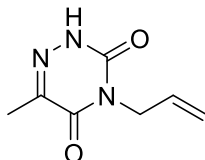
6.3: Supporting Information for Chapter 4

6.3.1: Synthesis of Azauracils (section 4.1)

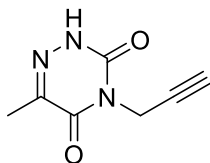
General procedure K: An oven-dried microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, a carbazone ester (1.0 equiv.), an amine (1.1 equiv.), and MeCN (0.3 M). The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for 6 hours at 175 °C. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding products.



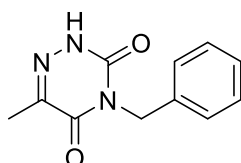
(Z)-Phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: To a solution of methyl pyruvate (1.53 g, 15.0 mmol) in MeOH (75 mL) was added phenyl carbazate (2.29 g, 15.0 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight. The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure product as an amorphous white solid (2.72 g, 77%). TLC $R_f = 0.75$ in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.07 (br s, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 164.8 (C), 150.3 (C), 129.6 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 52.3 (CH₃), 13.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3223, 1769, 1740, 1709, 1533, 1495, 1437, 1219, 1196, 1155, 1136 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₄ [M]⁺: 236.0797. Found: 236.0797.



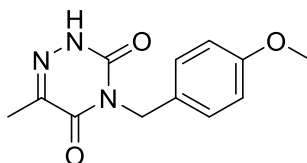
4-Allyl-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.1): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.355 g, 1.50 mmol), allylamine (0.12 mL, 1.6 mmol), and MeCN (5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.185 g, 74%). TLC $R_f = 0.21$ in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 9.53 (br s, 1H), 5.88 (ddt, $J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.24 (m, 2H), 4.54 (dt, $J = 6.0, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 156.1 (C), 150.2 (C), 143.7 (C), 130.1 (CH), 119.3 (CH₂), 42.2 (CH₂), 16.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3205, 3086, 3070, 2928, 1717, 1647, 1728, 1616, 1448, 1379, 1348, 1277, 1209, 1173 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₇H₉N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 167.0695. Found: 167.0674.



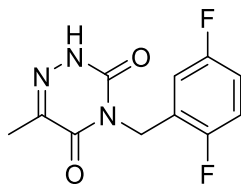
6-Methyl-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.2): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), propargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous beige solid (0.105 g, 85%). TLC $R_f = 0.12$ in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.38 (br s, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 155.6 (C), 148.7 (C), 78.0 (C), 74.6 (CH), 28.6 (CH₂), 16.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 3246, 2955, 2924, 2116, 1720, 1655, 1647, 1612, 1448, 1410, 1379, 1348, 1275, 1209 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₇H₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 165.0538. Found: 165.0546.



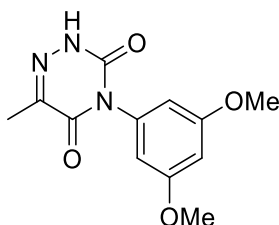
4-Benzyl-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.3): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), benzylamine (0.0890 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by recrystallization using EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous beige solid (0.105 g, 85%). TLC $R_f = 0.28$ in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.34 (br s, 1H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 156.4 (C), 149.5 (C), 142.1 (C), 136.2 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 42.5 (CH₂), 16.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3227, 3096, 2922, 1717, 1647, 1612, 1448, 1352, 1280, 1201. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 217.0851. Found: 217.0860.



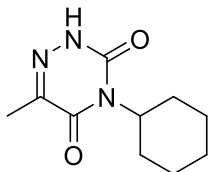
4-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.4): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.114 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.131 g, 75%). TLC $R_f = 0.24$ in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.31 (br s, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 158.6 (C), 156.4 (C), 149.5 (C), 129.7 (CH), 128.2 (C), 113.7 (CH), 55.1 (CH₃), 42.0 (CH₂), 16.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3292, 2958, 2927, 1717, 1655, 1647, 1610, 1512, 1445, 1352, 1302, 1246, 1202, 1175 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 247.0957. Found: 247.0958.



4-(2,5-Difluorobenzyl)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.5): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-Phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 2,5-difluorobenzylamine (0.119 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by recrystallization using CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous off-white solid (0.160 g, 84%). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.34 (br s, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 2H) 4.96 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 156.9 (C), 149.9 (C), 142.6 (C), 125.6 (125.5, 125.4, 125.3, coupling with fluorine) (C), 117.3 (117.2, 117.0, 116.9, coupling with fluorine) (CH), 116.2 (116.0, 116.0, 115.8, 115.7, 115.7, 115.6, coupling with fluorine) (CH), 37.1 (37.0, coupling with fluorine) (CH₂), 17.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 3267, 2924, 2851, 2368, 1717, 1645, 1632, 1489, 1437, 1369, 1348, 1273, 1182 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₉F₂N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 253.0663 Found: 253.0694.

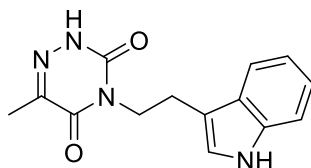


4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.6): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.127 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.120 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.58 in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.28 (br s, 1H), 6.58-6.56 (m, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.6 (C), 156.4 (C), 149.2 (C), 142.5 (C), 135.4 (C), 106.8 (CH), 100.5 (CH), 55.4 (CH₃), 16.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3205, 3117, 2916, 1718, 1653, 1610, 1597, 1558, 1477, 1429, 1213, 1161 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 263.0906. Found: 263.0897.

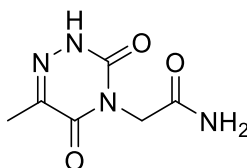


4-Cyclohexyl-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.7): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), cyclohexylamine (0.0820g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0700 g, 51%). TLC R_f = 0.48 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.04 (br s, 1H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.35-0.95 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 52.3 (CH), 33.3 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 25.0 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂), 16.6 (CH₃). IR

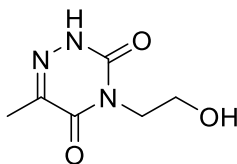
(film): 3259, 3248, 2930, 2858, 1728, 1639, 1616, 1558, 1435, 1217 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 209.1164. Not found. LRMS m/z (relative intensity): 162.0 (3.8%), 143.1 (24.6%), 99.1 (24.6%), 56.1 (100%).



4-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.8): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), tryptamine (0.133 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The product was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.125 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.85 in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.26 (br s, 1H), 10.86 (br s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-6.98 (m, 2H), 4.04-3.98 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 156.4 (C), 149.4 (C), 141.9 (C), 136.4 (C), 127.1 (C), 122.9 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 39.9 (CH_2), 22.8 (CH_2), 16.6 (CH_3). IR (film): 3344, 1715, 1649, 1636, 1448, 1348, 1285, 1229, 1159 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 270.1117. Found: 270.1100.

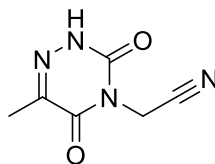


2-(6-Methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-4(5H)-yl)acetamide (4.9): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), glycine hydrochloride (0.0920 g, 0.830 mmol), DIPEA (0.16 mL, 0.90 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0550 g, 35%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.31 (br s, 1H), 7.60 (br s, 1H), 7.18 (br s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 167.6 (C), 156.2 (C), 149.3 (C), 141.8 (C), 41.5 (CH_2), 16.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 3205, 3194, 3159, 2957, 1772, 1701, 1647, 1628, 1445, 1398, 1375, 1290, 1205, 1178, 1165 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 184.0596. No mass found: 162.0, 142.1, 128.1, 100.0, 83.0, 72.0, 56.0.

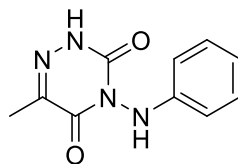


4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.10): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), ethanolamine (0.0510 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 85% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.610 g, 48%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 85% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 3.84 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 156.6 (C), 149.6 (C), 141.8 (C), 57.1 (CH_2), 41.5 (CH_2), 16.6 (CH_3). IR (film): 3242, 2918, 2851,

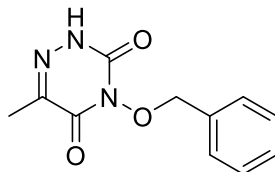
2355, 1734, 1726, 1684, 1674, 1506, 1450, 1207 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 171.0644. Found: 128.1 ($-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}$).



2-(6-Methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-4(5H)-yl)acetonitrile (4.11): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), aminoacetonitrile hydrochloride (0.0770g, 0.830 mmol), DIPEA (0.160 mL, 0.900 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.105 g, 84%). TLC $R_f = 0.50$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.49 (br s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 155.6 (C), 148.5 (C), 142.0 (C), 115.0 (C), 27.1 (CH_2), 16.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 2922, 2853, 1734, 1647, 1635, 1607, 1445, 1379, 1331, 1277, 1213, 1175 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 166.0491. Found: 166.0498.

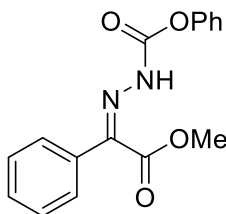


6-Methyl-4-(phenylamino)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.12): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), phenylhydrazine (0.082 mL, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 15% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0980 g, 60%). TLC $R_f = 0.45$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.42 (br s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H) 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.69 (m, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 156.4 (C), 149.8 (C), 146.9 (C), 142.9 (C), 128.9 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 112.7 (CH), 16.9 (CH_3). IR (film): 3263, 2968, 2926, 1728, 1662, 1647, 1601, 1497, 1447, 1418, 1379, 1246, 1221, 1182 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 218.0804 Found: 218.0816.

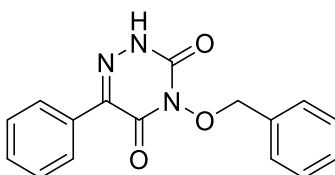


4-(Benzyloxy)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.13): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), *O*-benzyl hydroxylamine (0.102 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was condensed *in vacuo* and the impurities were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 before the product was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.105 g, 60%). TLC $R_f = 0.71$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.42 (br s, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 153.9 (C), 148.1 (C), 143.3 (C), 134.1 (C), 129.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 77.6 (CH_2), 16.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 3182, 3126, 2937, 1715, 1682, 1641, 1454, 1420, 1379, 1286, 1236, 1211, 1171 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for

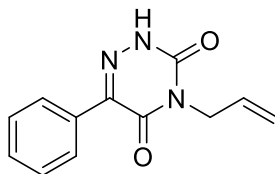
$C_{11}H_{11}N_3O_3$ $[M]^+$: 233.0800. Not found. Calcd for $C_4H_5N_3O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 128.0460 Found: 128.0468 (M – OBn).



(Z)-Phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: To a solution of methyl benzoylformate (0.821g, 5.00 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) was added phenyl carbazate (0.761 g, 5.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight at 60 °C. The crude mixture was purified by recrystallisation with ether to afford the pure product as an amorphous white solid (1.25 g, 84%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. 1H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 11.67 (br s, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 3H) 3.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 163.1 (C), 151.9 (C), 150.3 (C), 130.1 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 53.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 1770, 1734, 1719, 1628, 1475, 1458, 1437, 1325, 1265, 1231, 1134 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_4$ $[M]^+$: 298.0954. Found: 298.0927.

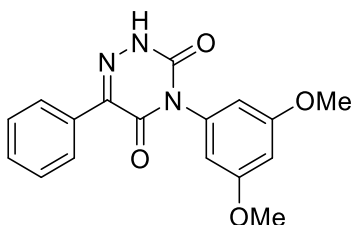


4-(Benzyloxy)-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.14): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), *O*-benzyl hydroxylamine (0.102 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was condensed *in vacuo* and the impurities were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 before the product was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.155 g, 70%). TLC R_f = 0.85 in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . 1H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.93 (br s, 1H), 7.90-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 6H), 5.14 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 153.4 (C), 147.8 (C), 134.1 (C), 132.3 (C), 129.6 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 77.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3242, 3182, 2918, 1755, 1747, 1734, 1680, 1553, 1493, 1445, 1404, 1238, 1176 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_3O_3$ $[M]^+$: 295.0957. Found: 295.0962.

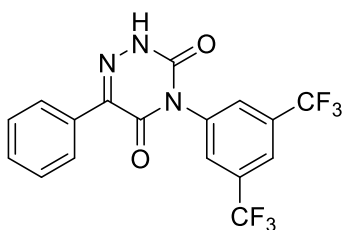


4-Allyl-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.15): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), allylamine (0.060 mL, 0.83 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous yellow solid (0.100 g, 58%). TLC R_f = 0.22 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. 1H NMR (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$): δ 9.42 (br s, 1H), 7.99-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 3H), 5.94 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.42-5.27 (m, 2H), 4.62 (dt, J = 6.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $CDCl_3$): δ 155.2 (C), 149.8 (C), 142.3 (C), 131.7 (C), 130.2 (CH), 130.1 (C), 128.3 (C), 128.3 (C), 119.6 (CH₂), 42.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3242, 3207, 3105, 3091, 2988,

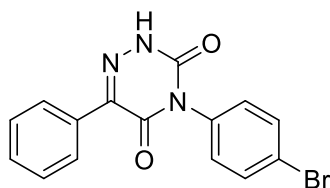
1713, 1651, 1643, 1558, 1495, 1441, 1297, 1223, 1178, 1124 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 229.0851. Found: 229.0839.



4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.16): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.127 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.220 g, 90%). TLC $R_f = 0.85$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.79 (br s, 1H), 7.88 (br s, 2H), 7.45 (br s, 3H), 6.60 (br s, 3H), 3.75 (br s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 160.6 (C), 155.7 (C), 148.9 (C), 141.3 (CH), 135.6 (C), 132.7 (C), 129.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 109.6 (CH), 100.5 (CH), 55.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 1715, 1564, 1444, 1370, 1290, 1265, 1118, 1065 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 325.1063. Found: 325.1075.

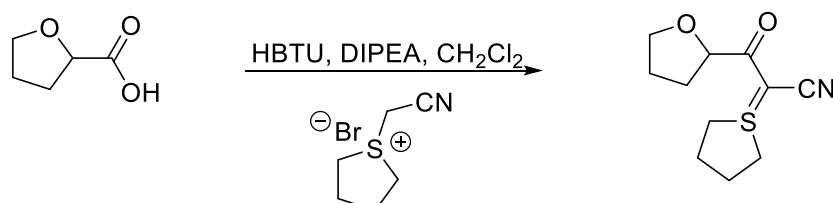


4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.17): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline (0.190 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.250 g, 83%). TLC $R_f = 0.9$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 13.03 (br s, 1H), 8.31-8.27 (m, 3H), 7.93-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 155.7 (C), 148.8 (C), 141.4 (C), 136.0 (C), 132.4 (C), 131.3 (C), 130.9 (C), 130.4 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.1 (CH). IR (film): 1770, 1718, 1684, 1558, 1472, 1437, 1373, 1265, 1225, 1177, 1136 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 401.0599. Found: 400.9956.

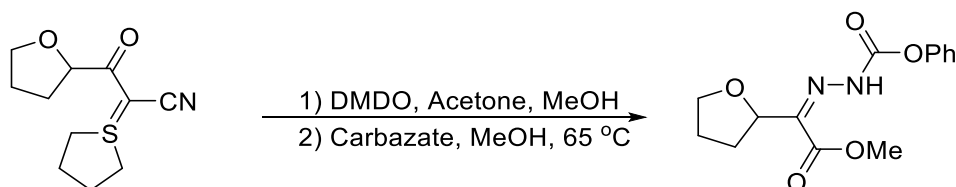


4-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.18): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), 3-bromoaniline (0.143 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.200 g, 77%). TLC $R_f = 0.85$ in EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.84 (br s, 1H), 7.90-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.70

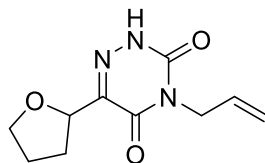
(m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 155.7 (C), 148.9 (C), 141.3 (C), 133.2 (C), 132.6 (C), 132.0 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 121.9 (C). IR (film): 2920, 2862, 1724, 1647, 1632, 1558, 1489, 1445, 1302, 1232, 1186, 1068 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ED): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_1\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 342.9956. Found: 342.9956. The X-Ray information is available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: CCDC 1420522.



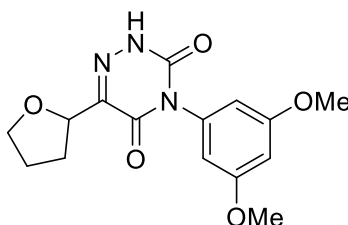
Tetrahydro-2-furoic acid (1.16 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL). HBTU (4.18 g, 11.0 mmol), DIPEA (5.29 mL, 30.0 mmol), and 1-(cyanomethyl)tetrahydro-1H-thiophenium bromide salt (2.29 g, 13.0 mmol) were added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction was poured into saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (100 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude oil was purified over silica gel by flash column chromatography using a gradient of 1:1 EtOAc:acetone to acetone to yield a white solid (2.10 g, 91%). TLC R_f = 0.32 in acetone. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 4.41-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.14-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.07-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.73 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 189.8 (C), 119.9 (C), 79.7 (CH), 68.3 (CH_2), 45.5 (CH_2), 45.2 (CH_2), 29.8 (CH_2), 28.0 (CH_2), 28.0 (CH_2), 25.4 (CH_2).



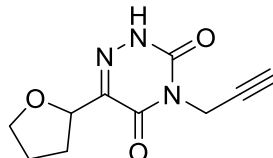
The ylide (0.225 g, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL). A solution of oxone in acetone (0.1 M, 20 mL, 2 mmol) was added slowly and the solution was stirred for 1 hour. An additional 5 mL were added and the solution was stirred for another hour. The solution was condensed under reduced pressure and the crude oil was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) and phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at reflux overnight. The solution was concentrated and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography with 5% EtOAc: CH_2Cl_2 to afford the impure THF-semi-carbazone as a colorless oil (0.215 g, 74% , overestimated since material is not pure).



4-Allyl-6-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.19): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using impure carbazone ester (0.190 g, 0.650 mmol), allylamine (0.050 mL, 0.72 mmol), and MeCN (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0600 g, 42%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.46 (br s, 1H), 5.81 (ddt, *J* = 17.5, 10.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dq, *J* = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86-3.72 (m, 2H), 2.11-1.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 149.0 (C), 143.6 (C), 131.5 (CH), 117.2 (CH₂), 75.0 (CH), 68.0 (CH₂), 41.2 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3225, 2988, 2870, 1717, 1659, 1645, 1558, 1456, 1425, 1406, 1337, 1225, 1173, 1065 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 223.0957. Found: 223.0960.

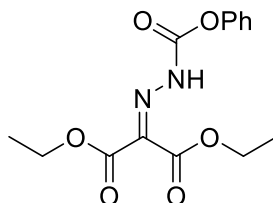


4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.20): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using impure carbazone ester (0.175 g, 0.600 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.102 g, 0.660 mmol), and MeCN (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.110 g, 57%). TLC R_f = 0.21 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.48 (br s, 1H), 6.56-6.57 (m, 1H), 6.54-6.43 (m, 2H), 4.90 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88-3.74 (m, 8H), 2.13-1.80 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.6 (C), 155.4 (C), 149.0 (C), 144.2 (C), 135.2 (C), 106.8 (CH), 100.6 (CH), 75.0 (CH), 68.0 (CH₂), 55.4 (CH₃), 28.7 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3286, 3246, 2959, 1734, 1670, 1610, 1597, 1558, 1474, 1429, 1346, 1205, 1155 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₃O₅ [M]⁺: 319.1168. Found: 319.1159.

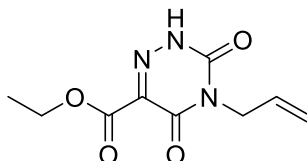


4-(Prop-2-yn-1-yl)-6-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.21): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using impure carbazone ester (0.175 g, 0.600 mmol), propargylamine (0.0360 g, 0.660 mmol), and MeCN (2.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0700 g, 42%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.59 (br s, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.10-1.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 154.5 (C), 148.5 (C), 143.6 (C), 78.0 (C), 75.1 (CH), 73.7 (CH), 28.6

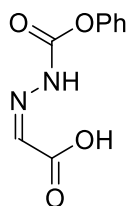
(CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3244, 2924, 1713, 1655, 1620, 1531, 1452, 1425, 1346, 1242, 1223, 1167, 1055 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 221.0800. Found: 221.0784.



Diethyl 2-(2-(phenoxycarbonyl)hydrazono)malonate: To a solution of diethylketomalonate (0.46 mL, 3.0 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL) was added phenyl carbazate (0.456 g, 3.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight at 60 °C. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure product as an amorphous white solid (0.404 g, 44%). TLC R_f = 0.52 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.06 (br s, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 3H), 4.36-4.22 (m, 4H) 1.29-1.21 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.4 (C), 160.7 (C), 151.6 (C), 150.2 (C), 134.0 (C), 130.0 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 62.7 (CH₂), 62.3 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃), 13.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 3252, 2984, 2355, 1784, 1732, 1697, 1558, 1474, 1369, 1256, 1140, 1090 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₆ [M]⁺: 308.1008. Found: 308.1039.

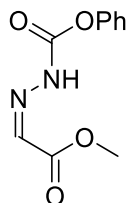


Ethyl 4-allyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carboxylate (4.22): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using Diethyl 2-(2-(phenoxycarbonyl)hydrazono)malonate (0.231 g, 0.750 mmol), allylamine (0.060 mL, 0.83 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous yellow solid (0.108 g, 64%). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 10.68 (br s, 1H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39-5.26 (m, 2H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.3 (C), 152.6 (C), 148.8 (C), 134.9 (C), 129.4 (CH), 120.2 (CH₂), 62.7 (CH₂), 42.7 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 3267, 3001, 1717, 1670, 1647, 1578, 1431, 1408, 1317, 1242, 1136, 1014 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₁N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 225.0750. Found: 225.0781.

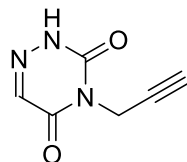


(Z)-2-(2-(Phenoxycarbonyl)hydrazono)acetic acid: To a solution of glyoxylic acid monohydrate (0.460 g, 5.00 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) was added phenyl carbazate (0.761 g, 5.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight. The crude mixture was purified by recrystallisation with ether to afford the pure product as an amorphous white solid (0.953 g, 92%). TLC R_f = 0.64 in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.12 (br s, 1H), 12.13 (br s, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 3H).

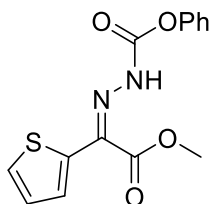
^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 164.3 (C), 129.6 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 121.8 (CH). IR (film): 3410, 3005, 2991, 1759, 1724, 1653, 1636, 1558, 1495, 1474, 1423 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 208.0489. Not found. LRMS m/z (relative intensity) 181.0 (24.6%), 162.0 (2.3%), 112.0 (1.5%), 94.0 (69.2%), 69.0 (100%).



(Z)-Phenyl 2-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: To a solution of carbazone-acid (0.208 g, 1.00 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL) was added N,N' -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (0.206 g, 1.00 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.0120 g, 0.100 mmol), and MeOH (0.080 mL, 2.0 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 6% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 to afford the pure product as an amorphous white solid (0.185 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 6% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.23 (br s, 1H), 7.51-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.18 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 163.0 (C), 129.6 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 52.0 (CH_2). IR (film): 1713, 1597, 1555, 1537, 1493, 1437, 1350, 1196, 1132, 1047 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 222.0641. Found: 222.0624.

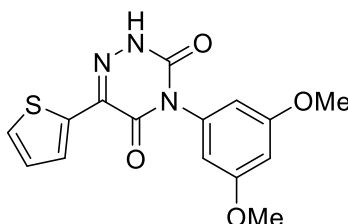


4-(Prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.23): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (Z)-phenyl 2-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.167 g, 0.750 mmol), propargylamine (0.0460 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/hexanes to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0700 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in 30% EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 12.71 (br s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- d_6): δ 154.8 (C), 148.8 (C), 135.2 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 28.9 (CH_2). IR (film): 3285, 3246, 2912, 1730, 1655, 1593, 1558, 1429, 1342, 1209, 1151, 1107 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 151.0382. Found: 151.0391.

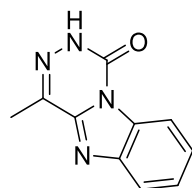


(E)-Phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazine carboxylate: Synthesized according to the previous conditions using 2-oxo-2-(2-thienyl)acetic acid (0.500 g, 3.20 mmol). The crude product was directly reacted with phenyl carbazate (0.442 g, 2.91 mmol) in CH_3OH (15 mL) at 65 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 hours. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using 20%

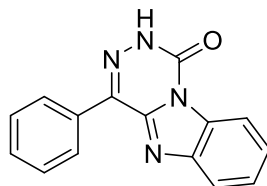
EtOAc/pet. ether. TLC $R_f = 0.35$ in 20% EtOAc/pet. ether. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 11.9 (br s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 3.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 161.9 (C), 150.7 (C), 130.1 (C), 129.6 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 53.1 (CH_3). IR (film): 3269, 1772, 1733, 1701, 1647, 1515, 1455, 1318, 1266, 1164, 1137, 1029 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ [M] $^+$: 304.0518. Found: 304.0506.



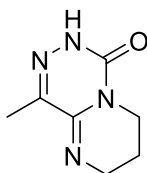
4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazine-3,5(2H,4H)-dione (4.24): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*E*)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazine carboxylate (0.091 g, 0.300 mmol), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (0.051 g, 0.330 mmol), and MeCN (1.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.220 g, 90%). TLC $R_f = 0.30$ in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 12.70 (s, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 160.6 (C), 154.9 (C), 148.7 (C), 137.1 (C), 135.4 (C), 135.2 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 106.8 (CH), 100.6 (CH), 55.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 1772, 1733, 1716, 1668, 1647, 1558, 1455, 1265, 1188, 1141 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ [M] $^+$: 331.0627. Found: 331.0647.



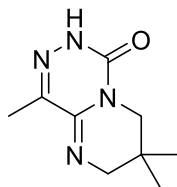
4-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-1(2H)-one (4.25): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (0.0900 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.100 g, 67%). TLC $R_f = 0.80$ in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 8.33-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 146.1 (C), 143.0 (C), 139.4 (C), 129.3 (C), 126.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 115.0 (CH), 108.7 (C), 16.8 (CH_3). IR (film): 2920, 2854, 2372, 1716, 1705, 1653, 1569, 1366, 1151 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}$ [M] $^+$: 200.0698. Found: 200.0668. The X-Ray information is available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: CCDC 1420523.



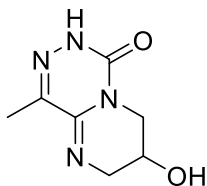
4-Phenylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-1(2H)-one (4.26): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl-2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.224 g, 0.750 mmol), 1,2-phenylenediamine (0.0900 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.150 g, 76%). TLC $R_f = 0.80$ in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.17 (br s, 1H), 8.44-8.36 (m, 3H), 8.03-7.98 (m, 1H) 7.63-7.50 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 146.6 (C), 143.0 (C), 141.8 (C), 138.1 (C), 132.6 (C), 129.9 (CH), 128.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (C), 126.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 115.0 (CH). IR (film): 2941, 1742, 1707, 1647, 1558, 1522, 1441, 1373, 1277, 1211. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₄O [M]⁺: 262.0855. Found: 262.0840.



9-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrimido[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-6(7H)-one (4.27): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-Phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), diaminopropane (0.070 mL, 0.83 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to pure EtOAc to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0800 g, 64%). TLC $R_f = 0.08$ in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.27 (br s, 1H), 3.63 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H) 3.42 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.75 (quint., $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 148.4 (C), 142.8 (C), 142.0 (C), 43.4 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 19.0 (CH₂), 17.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 1684, 1626, 1551, 1433, 1373, 1315, 1265, 1194. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₇H₁₀N₄O [M]⁺: 166.0855. Found: 166.0847.



3,3,9-Trimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrimido[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-6(7H)-one (4.28): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-diaminopropane (0.850 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.105 g, 72%). TLC $R_f = 0.21$ in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.32 (br s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 2H) 3.15 (s, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 148.6 (C), 142.6 (C), 141.0 (C), 55.6 (CH₂), 48.7 (CH₂), 25.8 (C), 24.1 (CH₃) 17.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 3225, 3082, 2964, 1684, 1676, 1622, 1558, 1475, 1437, 1375, 1300, 1265, 1155. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₄N₄O [M]⁺: 194.1168. Found: 194.1183.

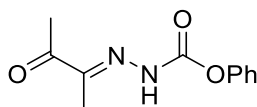


3-Hydroxy-9-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrimido[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-6(7H)-one (4.29): Synthesized according to general procedure **K** using (*Z*)-phenyl 2-(1-methoxy-1-oxopropan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (0.177 g, 0.750 mmol), 1,3-diamino-2-propanol (0.750 g, 0.830 mmol), and MeCN (2.5 mL). The crude mixture was purified by removing soluble by-products in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0750 g, 55%). TLC R_f = 0.03 in 50 % EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.27 (br s, 1H), 5.16-5.08 (m, 1H) 3.98 (br s, 1H), 3.71-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.27 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 148.8 (C), 142.6 (C), 141.5 (C), 58.7 (CH), 50.0 (CH₂), 44.2 (CH₂), 17.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 1716, 1662, 1617, 1558, 1434, 1427, 1418, 1265, 1236, 1225, 1177. HRMS (ED): Exact mass calcd for C₇H₁₀N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 182.0804. Found: 182.0821.

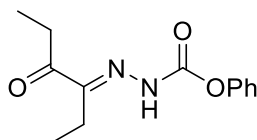
6.3.2: Divergent Synthesis Using Keto-Carbazones (section 4.2)

α-Ketocarbazones:

General Procedure L: *O*-Phenylcarbazate (1.0 equiv), 1,2 dione (1.1 equiv), and methanol (0.3 M) were added to a dry round bottom flask. The flask was capped with a septum and stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was then concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.

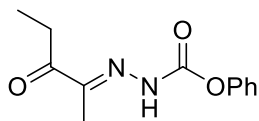


(E)-Phenyl 2-(3-oxobutan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (4.30): Synthesized according to general procedure **L** using *O*-phenylcarbazate (3.44 g, 20.0 mmol) and 2,3-butanedione (1.89 g, 22.0 mmol). The title compound was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a pure white solid (4.01 g, 91%). TLC R_f = 0.08 in 30: 20: 50 CH₂Cl₂: Et₂O: Hexane. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 197.7 (C), 130.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 24.7 (CH₃), 10.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 1266, 1145, 730, 717 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 221.0882 Found: 221.0904.



(E)-Phenyl 2-(4-oxohexan-3-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **L** using *O*-phenylcarbazate (0.456 g, 3.00 mmol) and 3,4-hexanedione (0.376 g, 3.00mmol). The title compound was concentrated under reduced pressure, recrystallized in methanol, filtered and

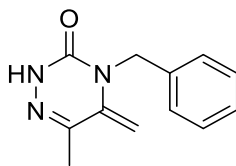
dried under reduced pressure to yield a pure white solid (0.574 g, 77%). TLC $R_f = 0.14$ in 30: 20: 50 CH_2Cl_2 : Et_2O : Hexane. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.25-11.22 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 2.79 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.54 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.91 (dt, $J = 20.7, 7.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 200.2 (C), 130.0 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 29.7 (CH_2), 17.0 (CH_2), 10.6 (CH_3), 8.7 (CH_3). IR (film): 1741, 1685, 1487, 1265, 1190, 1130, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 249.1195 Found: 249.1226.



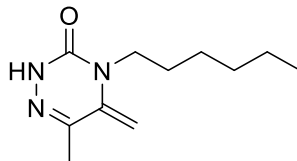
(E)-Phenyl 2-(3-oxopentan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **L** using *O*-phenylcarbazate (0.305 g, 2.00 mmol) and 2,3-pentanedione (0.220 g, 2.20 mmol) stirring at 0 °C for 6 hours. The title compound was concentrated under reduced pressure, dry loaded onto silica and purified by column chromatography (30% CH_2Cl_2 /20% Ether/ 50% Hexane) to yield a pure white solid (0.291 g, 62%). TLC $R_f = 0.18$ in 30: 20: 50 CH_2Cl_2 : Et_2O : Hexane. ^1H -NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 3H), 2.83 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 200.3 (C), 130.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 29.5 (CH_2), 10.8 (CH_3), 8.7 (CH_3). IR (film): 1770, 1681, 1487, 1265, 1156, 1124, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 235.1038 Found: 235.1076.

Cascade Synthesis of Triazinones

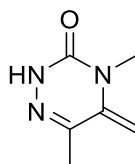
General Procedure M: An oven dried microwave tube was charged with the keto-carbazaone (1.0 equiv), MgSO_4 (1.0 equiv), primary amines (1.1 equiv) and α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (0.3 M). The tube was sealed with a microwave cap and heated for six hours 175 °C. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.



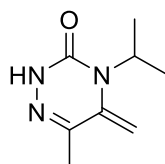
4-Benzyl-6-methyl-5-methylene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.31): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazaone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), benzylamine (0.0710 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% $\text{EtOAc}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$) to yield a white solid (0.0970 g, 75%). TLC $R_f = 0.29$ in 10% $\text{EtOAc}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.87 (br s, 1H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 5H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.32 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.4 (C), 143.4 (C), 136.6 (C), 135.2 (C), 128.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 90.6 (CH_2), 45.9 (CH_2), 19.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1699, 1558, 1506, 1266, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 215.1059. Found: 215.1066.



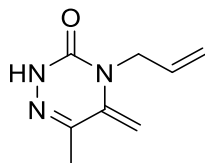
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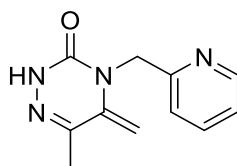
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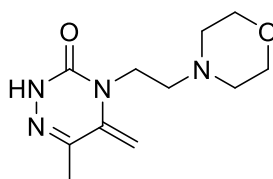
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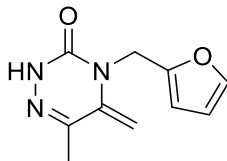
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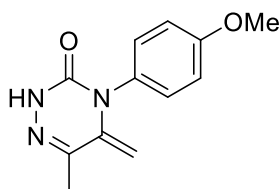
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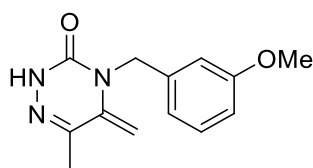
6-Methyl-5-methylene-4-(2-morpholinoethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.39): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine (0.0860 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol) at 175 $^\circ\text{C}$. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a light brown solid (0.113 g, 79%). TLC $R_f = 0.37$ in 10% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.04 (br s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.88-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.69 (m, 4H), 2.59-2.52 (m, 6H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.3 (C), 143.6 (C), 137.6 (C), 90.4 (CH_2), 57.1 (CH), 28.2 (CH_2), 26.3 (CH_2), 25.3 (CH_2), 19.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 1695, 1563, 1266, 730 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 207.1372. Found: 207.1392.



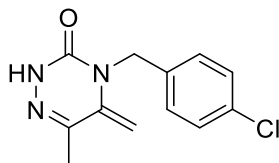
4-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-6-methyl-5-methylene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.40): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-furfurylamine (0.0640 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a beige solid (0.0950 g, 77%). TLC $R_f = 0.31$ in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.04 (br s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 1.9, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.30 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.54 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.1 (C), 148.9 (C), 143.3 (C), 142.0 (CH), 136.6 (C), 110.4 (CH), 108.6 (CH), 89.9 (CH_2), 38.9 (CH_2), 19.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1687, 1506, 1266, 730 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 205.0851. Found: 205.0884.



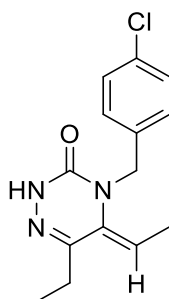
4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-5-methylene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.41): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-methoxyaniline (0.0810 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (25% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a brown solid (0.0730 g, 53%). TLC $R_f = 0.27$ in 25% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (br s, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.6 (C), 148.5 (C), 143.3 (C), 139.8 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.6 (C), 115.4 (CH), 91.5 (CH_2), 55.4 (CH_3), 19.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1695, 1513, 1265, 750, 717 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 231.1008. Found: 231.0997.



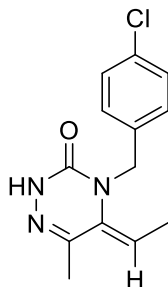
4-(3-Methoxybenzyl)-6-methyl-5-methylene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.42): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 3-methoxybenzylamine (0.0910 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a white solid (0.0820 g, 56%). TLC $R_f = 0.24$ in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.90 (br s, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.78 (m, 3H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 4.33 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.9 (C), 149.3 (C), 143.3 (C), 136.9 (C), 136.6 (C), 129.7 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 90.6 (CH_2), 55.2 (CH_3), 45.8 (CH_2), 19.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1683, 1506, 1271, 781 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 245.1164. Found: 245.1136.



4-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-6-methyl-5-methylene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.43): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-chlorobenzylamine (0.0930 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a beige solid (0.120 g, 80%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.16 (br s, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.4 (C), 143.3 (C), 136.7 (C), 133.2 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 90.5 (CH_2), 55.2, 45.3 (CH_2), 19.0 (CH_3). IR (film): 1652, 1510, 1259, 771 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{OCl}$ [M] $^+$: 249.0669. Found: 249.0677.

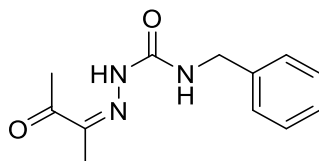


(Z)-4-Benzyl-6-ethyl-5-ethylidene-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.44): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using the corresponding keto-carbazone (0.149 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-chlorobenzylamine (0.0930 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol) at 200 °C. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a white solid as a 2:1 mixture favoring the *Z* isomer (0.113 g, 68%). TLC R_f = 0.30 in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (br s, 0.30H), 8.03 (br s, 0.60H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 2H), 5.18 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 0.70H), 4.93-4.85 (m, 2.30H), 2.61 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.6H), 2.39 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1.40H), 1.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): * denotes minor isomer δ 152.9 (C), 149.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.1 (C), 131.3 (C), 128.8* (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.9* (CH), 109.1 (CH), 107.3* (CH), 48.3 (CH_2), 46.5* (CH_2), 28.3* (CH_2), 25.0 (CH_2), 13.6 (CH_3), 13.2* (CH_3), 11.3* (CH_3), 10.9 (CH_3). IR (film): 1695, 1265, 734, 705 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{OCl}$ [M] $^+$: 277.0982. Found: 277.0988.

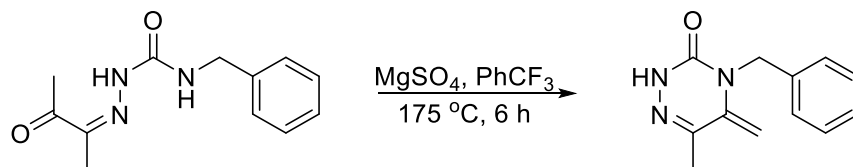


(Z)-4-Benzyl-5-ethylidene-6-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-one (4.45): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using the corresponding keto-carbazone (0.141 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-chlorobenzylamine (0.0930 g, 0.660 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol) at 200 °C. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a white solid as a 2:1 mixture favoring the *Z* isomer (0.0750 g, 47%). TLC $R_f = 0.18$ in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 10.59 (br s, 0.30H), 10.44 (br s, 0.60H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.15 (m, 2H), 5.05 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 0.70H), 4.88-4.72 (m, 2.30H), 2.19 (s, 1.10H), 1.96 (s, 1.90H), 1.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1.10H), 1.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1.90H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): * denotes minor isomer δ 151.3 (C), 149.8 (C), 144.1* (C), 137.4 (C), 132.1 (C), 131.4* (CH), 131.3 (C), 130.6* (C), 128.5* (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.2* (CH), 127.8 (CH), 105.7 (CH), 104.1* (CH), 47.3 (CH_2), 44.7* (CH_2), 22.7* (CH_3), 18.7 (CH_3), 13.0 (CH_3), 12.9* (CH_3). IR (film): 1651, 1558, 1263, 730, 703 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{OCl}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 263.0825. Found: 263.0821.

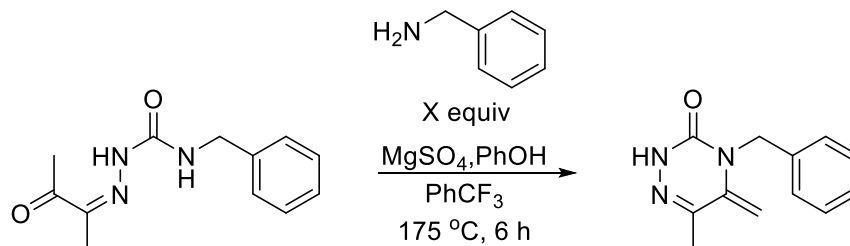
Scheme 4.9: Cyclization using Semi-Carbazone:



(E)-N-Benzyl-2-(3-oxobutan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarboxamide (4.47): To a solution of keto-carbazone **1a** (0.220 g, 1.00 mmol) and benzylamine (0.118 g, 1.10 mmol) in THF (3.3 mL) was added 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield a white solid (0.200 g, 86%). TLC $R_f = 0.25$ in 10% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 10.05 (br s, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 4.39 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.2 (C), 155.2 (C), 144.3 (C), 140.3 (C), 128.2 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 42.7 (CH_2), 24.4 (CH_3), 9.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 1695, 1652, 1263, 732, 705 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 - (\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O})$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 190.0936. Found: 190.0979.



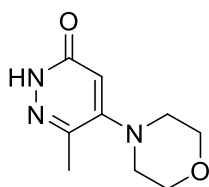
Performed according to general procedure **M** using keto semi-carbazono **4.47** (0.140 g, 0.600 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was added and ^1H NMR was used to determine a 85% NMR yield.



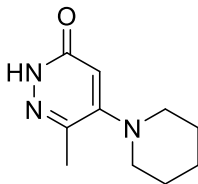
Performed according to general procedure **A** using keto semi-carbazono **4a** (0.140 g, 0.600 mmol), benzylamine (0.1 and 0.5 equiv), phenol (0.0540 g, 0.600 mmol) and MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was added and ^1H NMR was used to determine a 80% (with 0.1 equiv) and 43% (0.5 equiv) NMR yield.

Pyridazinone Scope

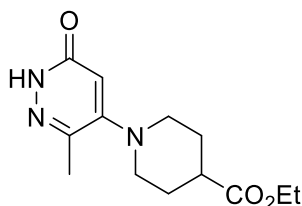
General Procedure N: An oven dried microwave tube was charged with the keto-carbazono (1.0 equiv), MgSO_4 (1.0 equiv), pivalic acid (0.2 equiv), secondary amine (3.0 equiv) and α, α, α -trifluorotoluene (0.3 M). The tube was sealed with a microwave cap and heated for two hours 175 °C. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.



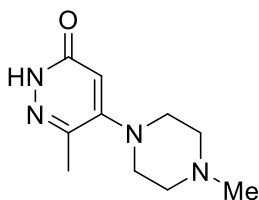
6-Methyl-5-morpholinopyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.32): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazono **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), morpholine (0.156 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a light brown solid (0.0834 g, 71%). TLC R_f = 0.28 in 5% MeOH/EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.40 (br s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 3.72-3.69 (m, 4H), 2.96-2.93 (m, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 161.8 (C), 154.7 (C), 141.1 (C), 110.7 (CH), 65.8 (CH_2), 50.0 (CH_2), 18.7 (CH_3). IR (film): 1708, 1363, 1220, 910, 727 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 195.1008. Found: 195.1034.



6-Methyl-5-(piperidin-1-yl)pyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.47): Synthesized according to general procedure **M** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), piperidine (0.1530 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a brown solid (0.107 g, 93%). TLC $R_f = 0.34$ in 5% MeOH/EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.30 (br s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 2.90-2.87 (m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 3H) 1.65-1.50 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 161.9 (C), 155.7 (C), 141.4 (C), 110.1 (CH), 50.8 (CH_2), 25.3 (CH_2), 23.4 (CH_2) 18.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 1662, 1633, 904, 723 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 193.1215. Found: 193.1211.

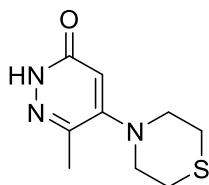


Ethyl-1-(3-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridazin-4-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (4.48): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), ethyl-4-piperidinecarboxylate (0.283 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a brown solid (0.0912 g, 57%). TLC $R_f = 0.18$ in 100% EtOAc. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 4.10 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.42 (ddd, $J = 14.2, 6.7, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.98 (dd, $J = 13.5, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.81 (qd, $J = 12.3, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.3 (C), 163.8 (C), 156.1 (C), 142.9 (C), 111.1 (CH), 60.7 (CH_2), 49.8 (CH_2), 40.4 (CH), 27.9 (CH_2), 18.8 (CH_3), 14.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 2960, 1724, 1633, 1429, 1377, 1265, 1172, 1042, 730 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 265.1426. Found: 265.1456

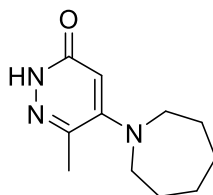


6-Methyl-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.49): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpiperazine (0.0930 g, 1.80 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) for 4 h without the addition of MgSO_4 . The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a light brown solid (0.100 g, 80%). TLC $R_f = 0.13$ in 50% MeOH/EtOAc. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.33 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 4H), 2.51 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3):

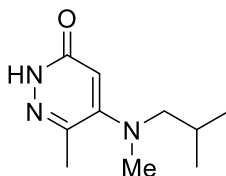
δ 163.7 (C), 155.6 (C), 142.5 (C), 111.0 (CH), 54.5 (CH₂), 49.9 (CH₂), 45.9 (CH₃), 19.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 2945, 1635, 1431, 1367, 1232, 1126, 852 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₆N₄O [M]⁺: 208.1324. Found: 208.1343.



6-Methyl-5-thiomorpholinopyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.50): Synthesized according to general procedure N using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), thiomorpholine (0.186 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO₄ (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a brown solid (0.0912 g, 57%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 100% EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.89 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 4H), 2.77-2.74 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.5 (C), 156.5 (C), 142.9 (C), 112.2 (CH), 52.5 (CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 18.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 1647, 1266, 730, 706 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₃N₃OS [M]⁺: 211.0779. Found: 211.0758.

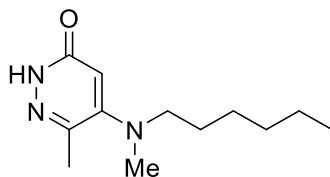


5-(Azepan-1-yl)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.51): Synthesized according to general procedure N keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), azepane (0.178 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO₄ (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) at 200 °C. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a yellow solid (0.0824 g, 47%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in 100% EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.96 (s, 1H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.74 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 4H), 1.58 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.7 (C), 154.8 (C), 140.2 (C), 105.2 (CH), 52.0 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 22.3 (CH₃). IR (film): 2904, 1633, 1577, 1365, 1259, 1159, 727 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 207.1371. Found: 207.1369.

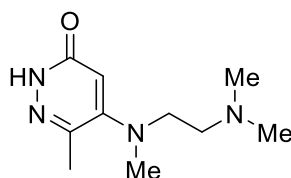


5-(Isobutyl(methyl)amino)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.52): Synthesized according to general procedure N using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylisobutylamine (0.157 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO₄ (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a brown solid (0.0750 g, 64%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.79 (br s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H),

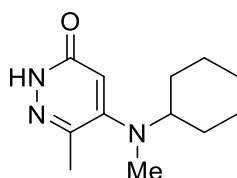
2.95-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H) 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.95 (dt, $J = 13.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 0.87 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.5 (C), 155.5 (C), 141.6 (C), 108.2 (CH), 61.1 (CH_2), 40.5 (CH_3), 31.5 (CH_2), 26.6 (CH), 20.9 (CH_3), 20.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 1635, 1265, 736, 699 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 195.1372. Found: 195.1351.



5-(Hexyl(methyl)amino)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.53): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylhexylamine (0.208 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a light brown solid (0.100 g, 75%). TLC $R_f = 0.15$ in EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.59 (br s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.79 (s, 3H) 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.90-0.86 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.4 (C), 155.5 (C), 141.6 (C), 108.0 (CH), 53.9 (CH_2), 39.3 (CH_3), 31.5 (CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 26.5 (CH_2), 22.5 (CH_2), 20.6 (CH_3), 13.9 (CH_3). IR (film): 1635, 1506, 1265, 734 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 223.1685. Found: 223.1701.

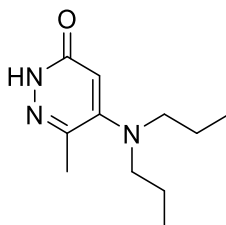


5-((2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)(methyl)amino)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.54): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), *N,N,N'*-trimethylethylenediamine (0.184 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 100% MeOH) to yield a light brown solid (0.0900 g, 71%). TLC $R_f = 0.15$ in MeOH. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.97 (br s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H) 2.51-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.5 (C), 155.3 (C), 141.4 (C), 108.4 (CH), 58.6 (CH_2), 51.9 (CH_2), 45.7 (CH_3), 39.7 (CH_3), 20.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 1683, 1561, 1265, 742 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ ($-\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{N}$) $[\text{M}]^+$: 152.0824. Found: 152.0792.

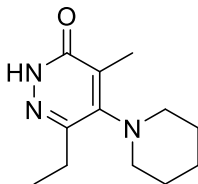


5-(Cyclohexyl(methyl)amino)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.55): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylcyclohexylamine (0.202 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield an off

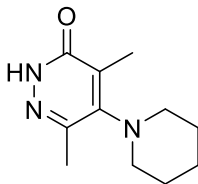
white/brown solid (0.049 g, 37%). TLC $R_f = 0.15$ in 100% EtOAc. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.69 (d, $J = 0.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.15 (tt, $J = 11.5, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 2H), 1.73-1.63 (m, 3H), 1.50 (dd, $J = 36.4, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.33-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.10 (tt, $J = 12.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.5 (C), 155.7 (C), 142.2 (C), 108.9 (CH), 60.6 (CH), 32.5 (CH_3), 29.5 (CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.6 (CH_2), 20.2 (CH_3). IR (film): 2898, 1726, 1639, 1438, 727 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 221.1528. Found: 221.1524.



5-(Dipropylamino)-6-methylpyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.56): Synthesized according to general procedure N using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.132 g, 0.600 mmol), dipropylamine (0.182 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a brown solid (0.0630 g, 47%). TLC $R_f = 0.14$ in 60% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.04-3.01 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.52 (sextet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.5 (C), 154.2 (C), 142.5 (C), 109.6 (CH), 53.1 (CH_2), 20.4 (CH_3), 20.1 (CH_2), 11.4 (CH_3). IR (film): 1647, 1108, 904, 717 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 209.1528. Found: 209.1525.

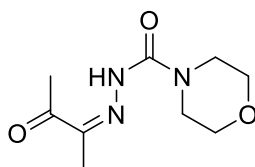


6-Ethyl-4-methyl-5-(piperidin-1-yl)pyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.57): Synthesized according to general procedure N using the corresponding keto-carbazone (0.148 g, 0.600 mmol), piperidine (0.153 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield a yellow solid (0.0630 g, 47%). TLC $R_f = 0.46$ in 100% EtOAc. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.27 (br s, 1H), 3.01 (m, 4H), 2.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.16 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.9 (C), 151.7 (C), 151.0 (C), 130.7 (C), 51.3 (CH_2), 26.6 (CH_2), 25.4 (CH_2), 24.2 (CH_2), 12.30 (CH_3), 12.27 (CH_3). IR (film): 2956, 1635, 1442, 1266, 725 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 221.1528. Found: 221.1526.

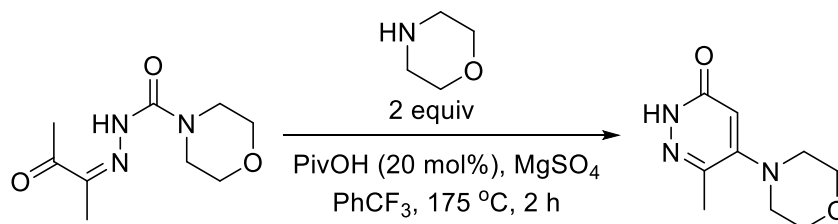


4,6-Dimethyl-5-(piperidin-1-yl)pyridazin-3(2H)-one (4.58): Synthesized according to general procedure **N** using keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.149 g, 0.600 mmol), piperidine (0.153 g, 1.80 mmol), MgSO₄ (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (gradient: 100% EtOAc to 5% MeOH/EtOAc) to yield an off-white solid (0.0815 g, 66%). TLC R_f = 0.27 in 100% EtOAc. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.46 (s, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.1 (C), 152.0 (C), 146.6 (C), 129.3 (C), 51.2 (CH₂), 26.6 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 19.6 (CH₃), 12.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 1637, 1266, 730, 706 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 207.1372. Found: 207.1379.

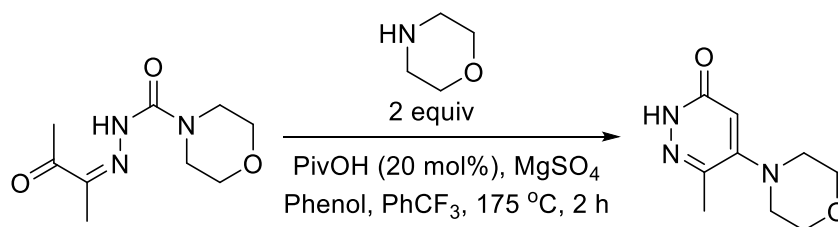
Equation 4.2 and 4.3: Enamine Cyclization on Semi-Carbazone



(E)-N'-(3-Oxobutan-2-ylidene)morpholine-4-carbohydrazide: To a solution of keto-carbazone **4.30** (0.220 g, 1.00 mmol) and morpholine (0.0960 g, 1.10 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL) was added 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield a white solid (0.169 g, 79%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 3.70-3.59 (m, 8H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.0 (C), 156.1 (C), 145.8 (C), 66.6 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH₂), 24.3 (CH₃), 8.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 1654, 1265, 1114, 981, 727, 698 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₆N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 214.1147 Found: 214.1174.



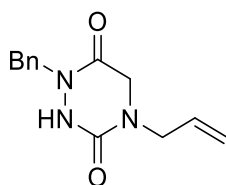
Performed according to general procedure **B** using keto semi-carbazone **4b** (0.128 g, 0.600 mmol), morpholine (0.103 g, 1.20 mmol), MgSO₄ (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene was added and ¹H NMR was used to determine a 47 % NMR yield



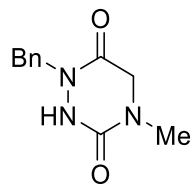
Performed according to general procedure **N** using the corresponding keto semi-carbazone (0.128 g, 0.600 mmol), morpholine (0.103 g, 1.20 mmol), MgSO_4 (0.0720 g, 0.600 mmol), pivalic acid (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and phenol (0.0570 g, 0.600 mmol). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene was added and ^1H NMR was used to determine a 72 % NMR yield

6.3.3: One-Pot Aza-DKP Sequence (section 4.3)

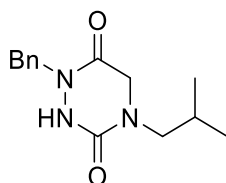
General procedure O: To an oven-dried 10 mL glass vial were added benzyl carbazate **3.1** (1.0 equiv, 0.0968 g, 0.0400 mmol,) and MeCN (1.4 mL, 0.60 M). The solution was allowed to stir in an ice bath until reaching 0 °C. To this solution was added pyridine (1.1 equiv, 0.0348 g, 0.0420 mmol), then chloroacetyl chloride (1.05 equiv, 0.0474 g, 0.0440 mmol). Immediately following the addition of these reagents, the reaction was removed from the ice bath and allowed to stir for 2 h. Subsequently, a solution of amine (2.0 equiv, 0.0800 mmol), and triethylamine (2.5 equiv, 0.102 g, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN were added to reach a final concentration of 0.30 M. The reaction was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction contents were concentrated under reduced pressure, and then an aqueous extraction with CH_2Cl_2 and 1.0 M HCl was used to remove excess amine and salts. The combined organic layers were dried with Na_2SO_4 , concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding aza-DKP.



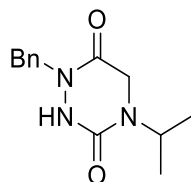
4-Allyl-1-benzyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.59): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0736 g, 75%). TLC R_f = 0.40 in 30% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.73 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.8 (C), 155.2 (C), 134.2 (C), 131.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 119.3 (CH_2), 49.4 (CH_2), 48.7 (CH_2), 48.4 (CH_2). IR (film): 3157, 3056, 2939, 1695, 1643, 1608, 1456, 1419, 1303, 1267, 1207, 1186 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 245.1164. Found: 245.1190.



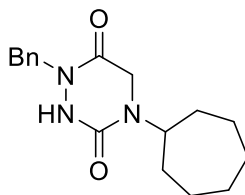
1-Benzyl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.61): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using methylamine (2.0 M in THF solution, 0.400 mL, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield a white crystalline solid (0.0361 g, 41%). TLC R_f = 0.61 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.37 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.2 154.8 (C), 135.8 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 50.3 (CH₂), 48.0 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3759, 3600, 3033, 1698, 1654, 1647, 1506, 1488, 1446, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 219.1008. Found: 219.1015.



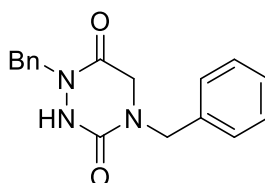
1-Benzyl-4-isobutyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.62): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using isobutylamine (0.0585 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0634 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.52 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.28 (br s, 1H), 7.19-7.45 (m, 5H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7 (C), 155.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 52.4 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3710, 2968, 1695, 1650, 1500, 1466, 1423, 1267 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 261.1477. Found: 261.1481.



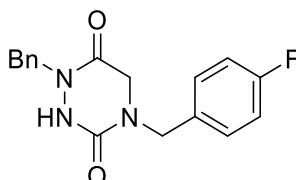
1-Benzyl-4-isopropyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.63): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using isopropylamine (0.0473 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0346 g, 35%). TLC R_f = 0.48 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (br s, 1H), 7.28-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.81 (m, 6H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 4.43 (sept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5 (C), 155.5 (C), 134.3 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 49.4 (CH), 45.0 (CH₂), 43.1 (CH₂), 19.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3861, 3749, 2993, 1730, 1683, 1654, 1647, 1506, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 247.1321. Found: 247.1316.



1-Benzyl-4-cycloheptyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.64): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using cycloheptylamine (0.0906 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0253 g, 21%). TLC R_f = 0.62 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.56 (br s, 1H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 4.16 (tt, *J* = 10.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 1.48-1.81 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.9 (C), 155.1 (C), 133.9 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 55.2 (CH), 49.5 (CH₂), 44.4 (CH₂), 32.0 (CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 2921, 2916, 2896, 1772, 1733, 1716, 1683, 1650, 1647, 1506, 1455, 1423, 1299, 1263, 1205, 1180 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 301.1790. Found: 301.1835.

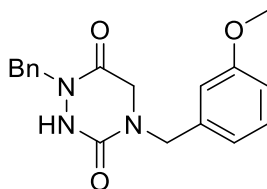


1,4-Dibenzyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.65): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using benzylamine (0.0857 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0850 g, 72%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39-7.28 (m, 10H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.7 (C), 155.3 (C), 135.2 (C), 134.2 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 49.9 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 3834, 3735, 3687, 3049, 2322, 1663, 1662, 1642, 1506, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 295.1321. Found: 295.1300.

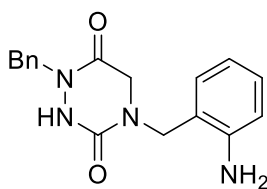


1-Benzyl-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.66): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using 4-fluorobenzylamine (0.100 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (100% CH₂Cl₂ then 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0526 g, 42%). TLC R_f = 0.80 in 100% EtOAc. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.50 (br s, 1H), 7.21-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.11-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.4 (C), 160.3 (C), 154.8 (C), 135.8 (C), 132.95 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 115.4 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 48.2 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂), 47.9 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 3649, 3004, 2354, 1733,

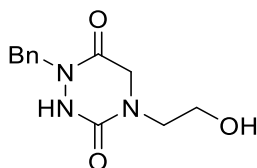
1683, 1642, 1506, 1455, 1266 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 313.1227. Found: 313.1206.



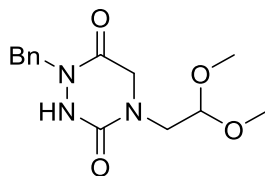
1-Benzyl-4-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.67): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using 3-methoxybenzylamine (0.102 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 then 2% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0482 g, 37%). TLC R_f = 0.55 in 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.53 (br s, 1H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 6H), 6.87-6.80 (m, 3H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4 (C), 159.4 (C), 154.9 (C), 138.3 (C), 135.8 (C), 129.7 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 113.5 (CH), 112.8 (CH), 55.0 (CH_3), 48.5 (CH_2), 48.3 (CH_2), 48.2 (CH_2). IR (film): 3726, 1791, 1772, 1733, 1684, 1662, 1647, 1488, 1455, 1212 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 325.1426. Found: 325.1442



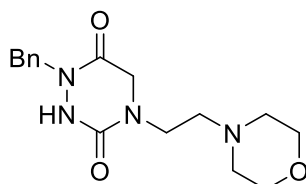
4-(2-Aminobenzyl)-1-benzyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.68): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using 2-aminobenzylamine (0.0977 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 then 2% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield an amorphous white solid with minor impurities (presumably phenol). TLC R_f = 0.32 in 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . 50% yield determined by ^1H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.



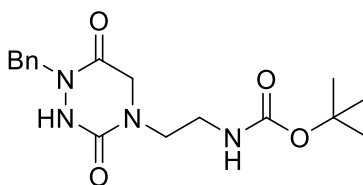
1-Benzyl-4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.69): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using ethanolamine (0.0489 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 then 10% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0430 g, 43%). TLC R_f = 0.45 in 10% $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.30 (br s, 1H), 7.24-7.39 (m, 6H), 4.73 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.51 (q, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 160.1 (C), 156.0 (C), 133.9 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 60.5 (CH_2), 50.3 (CH_2), 49.5 (CH_2), 49.4 (CH). IR (film): 3683, 3010, 1868, 1739, 1683, 1652, 1533, 1458, 1419, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 249.1113. Found: 249.1129.



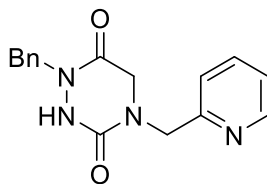
1-Benzyl-4-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.70): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using aminoacetaldehyde dimethyl acetal (0.0841 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0730 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.38 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.45 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.23-3.32 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7 (C), 155.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 52.4 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3735, 2935, 1683, 1662, 1647, 1506, 1456, 1265, 1191, 1118, 1047, 1051 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₃O₄ [M]⁺: 293.1376. Found: 293.1379.



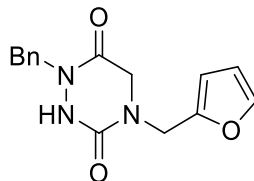
1-Benzyl-4-(2-morpholinoethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.71): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine (0.104 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (100% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ then 2% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0980 g, 77%). TLC R_f = 0.12 in 2% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.31 (br s, 1H), 7.22-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.29-2.45 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5 (C), 154.7 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 66.3 (CH₂), 55.4 (CH₂), 53.3 (CH₂), 49.1 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 42.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 2943, 1772, 1733, 1716, 1683, 1647, 1515, 1488, 1456, 1338, 1263, 1244, 1188, 1114, 1070 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₂₂N₄O₃ [M]⁺: 318.1692. Found: 318.1688.



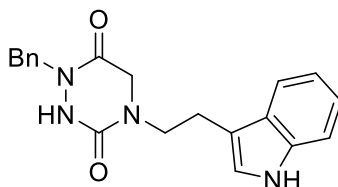
tert-Butyl (2-(1-benzyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,4-triazinane-4-yl)ethyl)carbamate (4.72): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using *N*-Boc-ethylenediamine (0.128 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0850 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (br s, 1H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.89 (br s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.40-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.30-3.32 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7 (C), 155.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 52.4 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3735, 3666, 3461, 1718, 1683, 1588, 1647, 1506, 1436, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₄N₄O₄ [M]⁺: 348.1798. Found: 348.1790.



Benzyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.73): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using 2-picolyamine (0.0865 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (100% EtOAc then 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0870 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.52 (br s, 1H), 8.46-8.58 (m, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.69, 1.86 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.4 (C), 156.7 (C), 154.8 (C), 136.8 (C), 135.8 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 50.5 (CH₂), 49.4 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 3670, 3035, 2349, 1733, 1683, 1652, 1647, 1525, 1506, 1455, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ED): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 296.1273. Found: 296.1266.

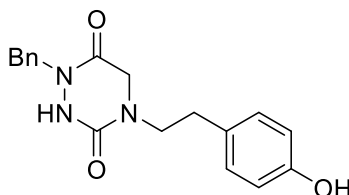


1-Benzyl-4-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.74): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using furfurylamine (0.0777 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0719 g, 63%). TLC R_f = 0.62 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (dd, *J* = 1.86, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.40 (m, 5H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 3.14, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 3.23, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7 (C), 155.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 52.4 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH₂), 48.2 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3861, 3736, 3649, 1739, 1683, 1652, 1647, 1506, 1456, 1265 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ED): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 285.1113. Found: 285.1115.



4-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1-benzyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.75): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using tryptamine (0.128 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ then 2% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0795 g, 57%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 2% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (br s, 1H), 7.73 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5 (C), 154.7 (C), 136.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.1 (C), 122.7 (C), 120.9 (C), 118.3 (C), 118.3 (C), 111.4 (C), 111.1 (CH), 48.7 (CH₂),

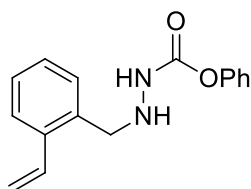
48.0 (CH₂), 46.3 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3735, 3670, 1739, 1683, 1644, 1539, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 348.1586. Found: 348.1598.



1-Benzyl-4-(4-hydroxyphenethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.76): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using tyramine (0.109 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound precipitated out of solution in 100% CH₂Cl₂ as a white solid to give pure product after aqueous extraction (0.0547 g, 42%). TLC R_f = 0.33 in 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.31 (br s, 1H), 9.20 (br s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 3H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.4 (C), 155.7 (C), 154.6 (C), 135.8 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 48.7 (CH₂), 48.0 (CH₂), 47.2 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 3853, 3735, 3020, 2347, 1739, 1683, 1648, 1525, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 325.1426. Found: 325.1428.

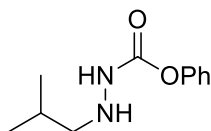
Carbazate Synthesis (S.M. for Table 4.10)

General Procedure P (Preparation of substrates): Carbazate Condensation: To a solution of the corresponding aldehyde or ketone in MeOH (0.3 M) was added *O*-phenyl carbazate (1.00 equiv). The reaction was carried out at room temperature (aldehyde) or refluxed in MeOH (ketone) until consumption of the aldehyde or ketone was judged complete by TLC. The corresponding crude hydrazones were directly reduced without further purification. **Hydrazone Reduction:** The corresponding hydrazone was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and combined with NaBH₃CN (3 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. Methanol and excess acetic acid were evaporated and the mixture was dissolved in EtOAc. The pH was increased using saturated sodium bicarbonate solution to reach a pH of 8. The solution was extracted three times with EtOAc and then brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Volatiles were removed *in-vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography or filtration.

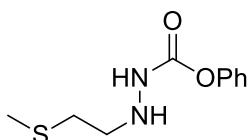


Phenyl 2-(2-vinylbenzyl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (1.33 g, 8.80 mmol) and 2-vinylbenzaldehyde (1.22 g, 9.23 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (1.66 g, 26.4 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (1.64 g, 70%). TLC R_f = 0.41 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.13 (m, 10H), 5.74 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.5 (C), 150.6 (C), 137.6 (C), 133.9 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH),

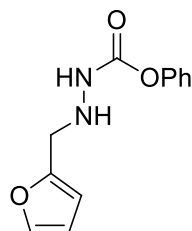
125.8 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 116.4 (CH₂), 83.8 (C), 53.0 (CH₂). IR (film): 3188, 1683, 1662, 1555, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 268.1212. Found: 268.1257.



Phenyl 2-isobutylhydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (3.13 g, 20.6 mmol) and isobutyraldehyde (1.49 g, 20.6 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.88 g, 61.8 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ then 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (3.24 g, 76%). TLC R_f = 0.15 in 100% CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.71 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.6 (C), 129.6 (C), 129.2 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 59.5 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH), 20.4 (CH₃). IR (film): 3350, 2970, 1718, 1652, 1533, 1490, 1455, 1266, 1238, 1203, 1163 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 208.1212. Found: 208.1225.

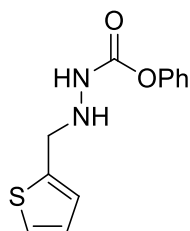


Phenyl 2-(3-(methylthio)propyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.68 g, 17.6 mmol) and 3 (methylthio)propanal (1.83 g, 17.6 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.31 g, 52.8 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (80% Hexane/EtOAc) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.200 g, 5%). TLC R_f = 0.59 in 50% Hexane/EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.88 (quin, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.5 (C), 150.6 (C), 129.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 50.5 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 15.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 3853, 3836, 3735, 3722, 3712, 3670, 3627, 1874, 1801, 1772, 1733, 1699, 1662, 1647, 1506, 1456, 1361, 1263, 1201, 1163 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₂S [M]⁺: 240.0932. Found: 111.09289.

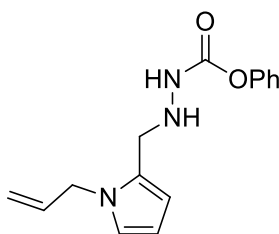


Phenyl 2-(furan-2-ylmethyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.60 g, 17.1 mmol) and furfural (1.64 g, 17.1 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN

(3.22 g, 51.3 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (100% CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (3.48 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in 100% CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (dd, *J* = 1.76, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.6 (C), 151.3 (C), 150.9 (C), 142.9 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 48.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3674, 2364, 1733, 1655, 1506, 1490, 1455, 1265, 1203 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₃ [M]⁺: 232.0848. Found: 232.08262.

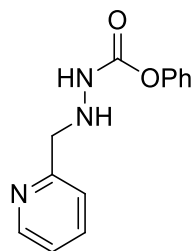


Phenyl 2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.57 g, 16.9 mmol) and thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde (1.89 g, 16.9 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.18 g, 50.7 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (80% Hexane/EtOAc) to yield an amorphous white solid (2.63 g, 63%). TLC R_f = 0.78 in 50% Hexane/EtOAc. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 5.00, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.3 (C), 150.5 (C), 140.0 (C), 129.3 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 49.9 (CH₂). IR (film): 3751, 3687, 1743, 1731, 1696, 1652, 1558, 1533, 1506, 1456, 1266, 1205, 1164 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₂S [M]⁺: 248.0619. Found: 248.06037.

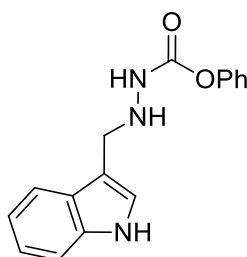


Phenyl 2-((1-allyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.99 g, 19.6 mmol) and 1-allyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde (2.65 g, 19.6 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.70 g, 58.9 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (100% CH₂Cl₂ then 5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (3.75 g, 74%). TLC R_f = 0.33 in 2.5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22-6.17 (m, 1H), 6.17-6.12 (m, 1H), 6.02 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 5.2, Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dq, *J* = 10.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dq, *J* = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4 (C), 150.5 (C), 134.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.2 (C), 125.5 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 116.3 (CH₂), 110.0 (CH), 107.1 (CH), 49.0 (CH₂), 46.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 3729, 3654, 2981, 1731, 1699, 1539,

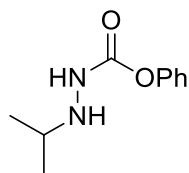
1515, 1490, 1460, 1444, 1265, 1203 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 271.1321. Found: 271.1257.



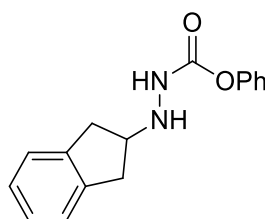
Phenyl 2-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)hydrazinecarboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (1.89 g, 17.6 mmol) and picolinaldehyde (2.64 g, 17.6 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH_3CN (3.32 g, 52.8 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was filtered after reduction, washed with EtOAc and dried under vacuum to yield an amorphous white solid (2.57 g, 60%). TLC $R_f = 0.20$ in 2% $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.58 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.2 (C), 154.7 (C), 148.4 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 112.2 (C), 55.5 (CH_2). IR (film): 3555, 3024, 2333, 1728, 1683, 1666, 1541, 1498, 1140, 1266, 1201 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 243.1008. Found: 243.0947.



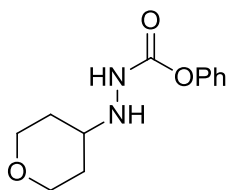
Phenyl 2-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **2** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.27 g, 14.9 mmol) and indole-2-carboxaldehyde (2.17 g, 14.9 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH_3CN (2.81 g, 44.7 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was filtered after reduction, washed with methanol and dried under vacuum to yield an amorphous white solid (1.48 g, 35%). TLC $R_f = 0.47$ in 50% Hexane/EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.14 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.03 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.94 (m, 1H), 4.74 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.1 (C), 150.9 (C), 136.2 (C), 129.2 (CH), 127.1 (C), 124.9 (CH_2), 124.1 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 115.1 (CH), 111.3 (C), 111.0 (CH), 46.0 (CH_2). IR (film): 3726, 3640, 2981, 1676, 1644, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 281.1164. Found: 281.1161.



Phenyl 2-isopropylhydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by refluxing *O*-phenyl carbazate (1.14 g, 19.7 mmol) in acetone (0.3 M) overnight. The crude reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure then diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.71 g, 59.1 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (40% Hexane/EtOAc) to yield an amorphous white solid (1.75 g, 45%). TLC R_f = 0.63 in 50% Hexane/EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.03 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.53 (br s, 1H), 3.14-3.01 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 129.3 (C), 129.2 (C), 124.9 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 49.5 (CH), 20.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3735, 2970, 2430, 1731, 1705, 1645, 1490, 1456, 1266, 1207, 1164 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₂O₂Na [M]⁺: 217.0953. Found: 217.0953.

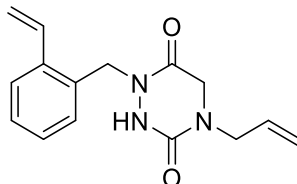


Phenyl 2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by stirring *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.50 g, 16.4 mmol) and 1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-one (2.17 g, 16.4 mmol) at room temperature in MeOH (0.3 M) for 1 h. The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.10 g, 49.2 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was filtered after reduction, washed with methanol and dried under vacuum to yield an amorphous white solid (3.69 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.21 in 80% Hexane/EtOAc. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.18 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 4H), 4.88 (br s, 1H), 3.93 (td, *J* = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.2 (C), 150.9 (C), 141.8 (C), 129.3 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 58.9 (CH), 37.4 (CH₂). IR (film): 3687, 2989, 2380, 1716, 1683, 1643, 1539, 1521, 1456, 1263, 1201 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₂ [M]⁺: 268.1212. Found: 268.12376.

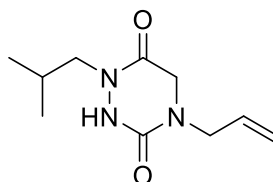


Phenyl 2-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate: Synthesized according to general procedure **P** by refluxing *O*-phenyl carbazate (2.70 g, 17.7 mmol) and tetrahydro-4H-pyran-4-one (1.78 g, 17.7 mmol). The crude reaction was diluted in 2:1 MeOH:AcOH (0.2 M) and NaBH₃CN (3.34 g, 53.1

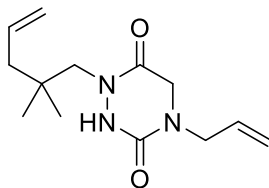
mmol) was added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% Hexane/EtOAc) to yield an amorphous white solid (1.95 g, 47%). TLC R_f = 0.21 in 50% Hexane/EtOAc. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 4.00 (dt, J = 11.6, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (td, J = 11.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.28-3.14 (m, 1H), 1.84 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 1.58-1.42 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.4 (C), 150.3 (C), 129.0 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 85.7 (CH_2), 55.0 (CH), 30.8 (CH_2). IR (film): 3753, 2846, 1731, 1718, 1662, 1539, 1456, 1369, 1265, 1240, 1203, 1163, 1093, 1012 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 236.1161. Found: 236.11563.



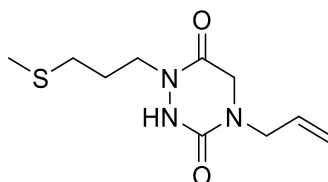
4-Allyl-1-(2-vinylbenzyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.77): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.107 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0597 g, 55%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.72 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.24-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.86-3.78 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 160.6 (C), 154.4 (C), 136.0 (C), 133.6 (CH), 132.7 (C), 132.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 117.9 (CH_2), 116.7 (CH_2), 48.0 (CH_2), 47.6 (CH_2), 45.9 (CH_2). IR (film): 3718, 3336, 2993, 1695, 1683, 1662, 1653, 1647, 1636, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 271.1321. Found: 271.1307.



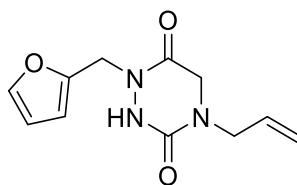
4-Allyl-1-isopropyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.78): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0830 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0610 g, 72%). TLC R_f = 0.25 in 50% EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.30 (br s, 1H), 5.75 (ddt, J = 17.6, 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 2H), 3.82 (dt, J = 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.33 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 160.3 (C), 154.8 (C), 132.8 (CH), 117.8 (CH_2), 51.6 (CH_2), 48.2 (CH_2), 47.5 (CH_2), 25.7 (CH), 19.5 (CH_3). IR (film): 3749, 3710, 2960, 2358, 1747, 1733, 1683, 1647, 1489, 1417, 1266 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 211.1321. Found: 211.1327.



4-Allyl-1-(2,2-dimethylpent-4-en-1-yl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.79): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0993 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0704 g, 70%). TLC R_f = 0.62 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.17 (s, 1H), 5.90-5.69 (m, 2H), 5.27-5.14 (m, 2H), 5.10-4.97 (m, 2H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.02-1.90 (m, 2H), 0.87 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.7 (C), 155.0 (C), 134.8 (CH), 132.9 (CH), 117.6 (CH₂), 54.4 (CH₂), 48.4 (CH₂), 47.5 (CH₂), 44.6 (CH₂), 35.9 (C), 25.1 (CH₃). IR (film): 3735, 3639, 2966, 1733, 1689, 1647, 1515, 1466, 1267 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 251.1634. Found: 251.1622.

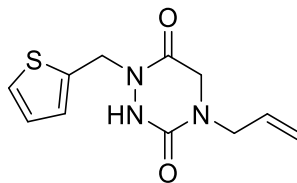


4-Allyl-1-(3-(methylthio)propyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.80): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0960 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 60% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0570 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.22 in 60% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.33 (br s, 1H), 5.82-5.68 (m, 1H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 2H), 3.81 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.80 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.3 (C), 154.7 (C), 132.8 (CH), 117.9 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 44.1 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 14.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3853, 3735, 1747, 1733, 1718, 1683, 1662, 1647, 1506, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₇N₃O₂S [M]⁺: 243.1041. Found: 243.1041.

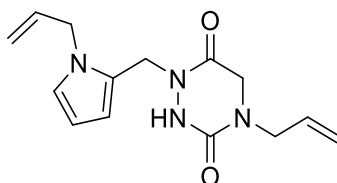


4-Allyl-1-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.81): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0930 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0560 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.21 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.38 (br s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.8 Hz,

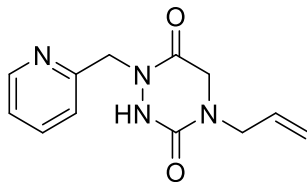
1H), 5.80-5.66 (m, 1H), 5.19-5.12 (m, 2H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.80-3.77 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.6 (C), 154.6 (C), 148.8 (C), 142.9 (CH), 132.7 (CH), 117.8 (CH₂), 110.5 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 41.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 2993, 1733, 1683, 1662, 1651, 1647, 1521, 1506, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 235.0957. Found: 235.0956.



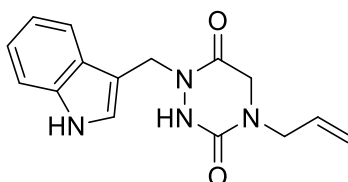
4-Allyl-1-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.82): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0990 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0610 g, 61%). TLC R_f = 0.33 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.14 (br s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78-5.65 (m, 1H), 5.17-5.10 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.3 (C), 154.6 (C), 137.4 (C), 132.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 117.8 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 43.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3745, 3735, 3666, 2358, 1733, 1683, 1662, 1655, 1647, 1506, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₃O₂S [M]⁺: 251.0728. Found: 251.0732.



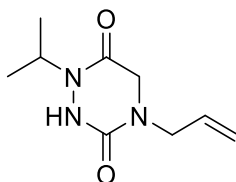
4-Allyl-1-((1-allyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.83): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.109 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0735 g, 67%). TLC R_f = 0.45 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J = 3.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.94-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.77-5.66 (m, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.13 (m, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, J = 17.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.55 (dt, J = 5.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (dt, J = 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 159.7 (C), 154.2 (C), 135.6 (CH), 132.7 (CH), 125.5 (C), 122.3 (CH), 118.0 (CH₂), 115.5 (CH₂), 110.2 (CH), 106.9 (CH), 48.5 (CH₂), 48.0 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 40.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3733, 3020, 1747, 1716, 1683, 1657, 1647, 1506, 1456, 1398, 1263, 1244, 1186 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 274.1430. Found: 274.1418.



4-Allyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.84): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0970 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a colorless oil (0.0550 g, 56%). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.38 (br s, 1H), 8.50-8.47 (m, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.81-5.68 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.15 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.82-3.80 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.9 (C), 155.1 (C), 154.5 (C), 149.2 (CH), 136.9 (CH), 132.8 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 117.8 (CH₂), 49.8 (CH₂), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.7 (CH₂). IR (film): 3733, 3610, 3033, 1731, 1706, 1680, 1649, 1642, 1506, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 246.1117. Found: 246.1115.

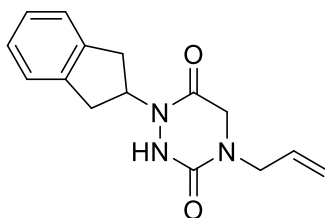


1-((1H-Indol-3-yl)methyl)-4-allyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.85): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.113 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (50% EtOAc/ CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0705 g, 62%). TLC R_f = 0.37 in 50% EtOAc/ CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.99 (br s, 1H), 9.21 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.89 (m, 1H), 5.69-5.55 (m, 1H), 5.13-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.75-3.56 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1 (C), 155.0 (C), 136.7 (C), 133.1 (CH), 126.8 (C), 126.5 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 118.2 (CH₂), 112.0 (CH), 109.1 (C), 48.6 (CH₂), 47.9 (CH₂), 40.5 (CH), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3861, 3735, 3082, 1772, 1739, 1683, 1653, 1533, 1506, 1456, 1266 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 284.1273. Found: 284.1263.

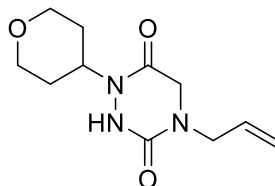


4-Allyl-1-isopropyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.86): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0780 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 16 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0520 g, 66%). TLC R_f = 0.18 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.07 (br s,

1H), 5.82-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.22-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.60 (sept, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 1.14 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.8 (C), 155.5 (C), 132.9 (CH), 117.8 (CH₂), 49.4 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 46.0 (CH₂), 18.5 (CH₃). IR (film): 3849, 3715, 2946, 2356, 1757, 1744, 1683, 1647, 1489, 1447, 1266 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₅N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 197.1164. Found: 197.1162.

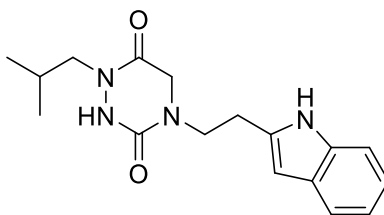


4-Allyl-1-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.87): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.107 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 72 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0600 g, 55%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.07 (br s, 1H), 5.82-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.22-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.60 (sept, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 1.14 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 162.2 (C), 155.4 (C), 140.4 (C), 132.8 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 118.0 (CH), 54.2 (CH), 49.0 (CH₂), 47.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (CH₂). IR (film): 3851, 3751, 3735, 3649, 3072, 1747, 1733, 1688, 1662, 1647, 1533, 1506, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 271.1321. Found: 271.1322.

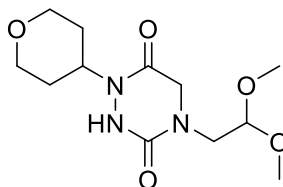


4-Allyl-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.88): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0960 g, 0.400 mmol), allylamine (0.0460 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 16 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0570 g, 60%). TLC R_f = 0.14 in 100% EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.14 (br s, 1H), 5.82-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.22-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.44 (tt, $J = 12.1, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 11.2, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (dt, $J = 5.9, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.38-3.30 (m, 2H), 1.95 (qd, $J = 12.4, 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.43 (dd, $J = 12.2, 2.3$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 161.7 (C), 155.4 (C), 132.8 (CH), 117.9 (CH₂), 66.2 (CH₂), 51.5 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 47.7 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3851, 3735, 1730, 1714, 1683, 1655, 1647, 1506, 1265 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₁₇N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 239.1270. Found: 239.1279.

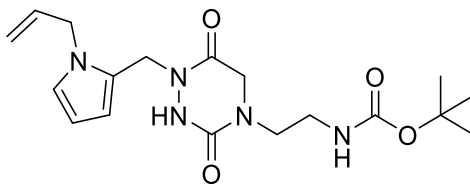
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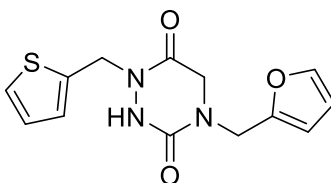
4-(2-(1H-Indol-2-yl)ethyl)-1-isobutyl-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.89) : Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0830 g, 0.400 mmol), tryptamine (0.128 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0654 g, 52%). TLC R_f = 0.10 in 3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (br s, 1H), 8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.01 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.7 (C), 155.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 127.2 (C), 122.3 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 112.4 (C), 111.3 (CH), 53.1 (CH₂), 49.9 (CH₂), 47.43 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH), 23.4 (CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃). IR (film): 3865, 3735, 2993, 1733, 1683, 1652, 1647, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₄O₂ [M]⁺: 314.1743. Found: 314.1753.



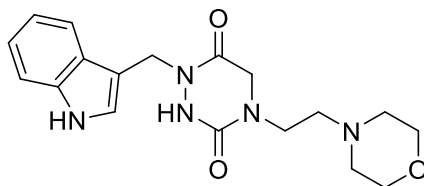
4-(2,2-Dimethoxyethyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.90): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0960 g, 0.400 mmol), aminoacetaldehyde dimethyl acetal (0.0840 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 16 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0400 g, 35%). TLC R_f = 0.10 in 3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.12 (br s, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.38-3.26 (m, 10H), 2.04-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.7 (C), 155.6 (C), 102.0 (CH), 66.2 (CH₂), 53.7 (CH₃), 51.5 (CH), 50.3 (CH₂), 47.0 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 3004, 2354, 1730, 1718, 1683, 1653, 1647, 1506, 1423, 1386, 1299, 1266, 1203, 1147, 1126, 1085, 1070, 1051, 1008 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₂₁N₃O₅ [M]⁺: 287.1481. Found: 287.1456.



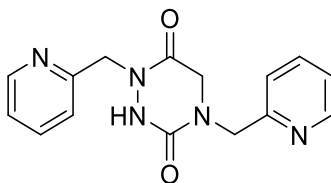
tert-Butyl (2-(1-((1-allyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)-3,6-dioxo-1,2,4-triazinan-4-yl)ethyl)carbamate (4.91): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.109 g, 0.400 mmol), *N*-Boc ethylenediamine (0.128 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0700 g, 46%). TLC $R_f = 0.38$ in 100% EtOAc. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.03 (br s, 1H), 6.81 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 2.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, $J = 3.5, 1.8$ Hz, 4H), 5.96 (dd, $J = 3.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.93-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 10.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.6$ Hz), 4.59-4.55 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.03 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 159.4 (C), 154.3 (C), 135.6 (CH), 125.5 (C), 122.3 (CH), 115.4 (CH₂), 100.3 (CH), 47.0 (CH₂), 106.9 (CH), 77.7 (C), 48.9 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 45.3 (CH₂), 40.3 (CH₂), 38.7 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3853, 3751, 3735, 3629, 1733, 1683, 1647, 1521, 1394, 1265, 1232, 1151 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₅O₄ [M]⁺: 377.2063. Found: 377.2047.



4-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-1-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.92): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0973 g, 0.400 mmol), furfurylamine (0.0780 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0800 g, 69%). TLC $R_f = 0.36$ in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.56 (br s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd $J = 5.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 3.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.0 (C), 154.4 (C), 150.0 (C), 142.9 (CH), 137.3 (C), 127.6 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 110.5 (CH), 108.7 (CH), 48.1 (CH₂), 43.3 (CH₂), 41.6 (CH₂). IR (film): 3853, 3735, 3651, 1772, 1743, 1733, 1683, 1662, 1652, 1555, 1506, 1456, 1263 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₃S [M]⁺: 291.0678. Found: 291.0684.



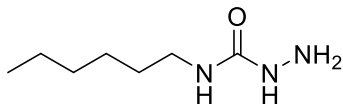
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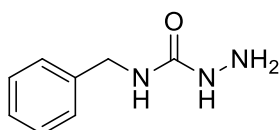
1,4-Bis(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazinane-3,6-dione (4.94): Synthesized according to general procedure **O** using the corresponding carbazate (0.0970 g, 0.400 mmol), 2-picolylamine (0.0865 g, 0.800 mmol). The acylation was allowed to stir for 2 h and the amination for 24 h. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0392 g, 33%). TLC R_f = 0.36 in 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.72 (br s, 1H), 8.61-8.49 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5 (C), 155.7 (C), 154.6 (C), 154.5 (C), 149.4 (CH), 149.3 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 51.6 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH₂), 49.2 (CH₂). IR (film): 3735, 3612, 3043, 1733, 1716, 1683, 1662, 1652, 1506, 1263 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₅O₂ [M]⁺: 297.1226. Found: 297.1213.

6.4: Supporting Information for Chapter 5

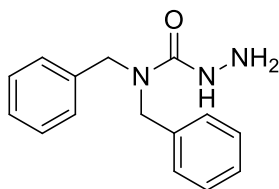
General procedure Q: An oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with a stir bar, phenyl carbazate (1.00 equiv), an amine (1.10 equiv), DBU (20 mol %), and THF (0.3 M). The mixture was stirred overnight, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash column chromatography.



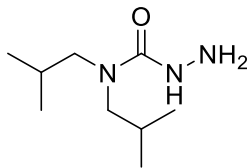
N-Hexylhydrazinecarboxamide (5.1): Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), hexylamine (0.15 mL, 1.1 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield a white solid (0.132 g, 83%). TLC R_f = 0.33 in 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 6.88 (br s, 1H), 6.08 (br s, 1H), 3.66 (br s, 2H), 3.16 (dt, *J* = 7.1, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 6H), 0.85 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.8 (C), 39.5 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₂), 26.4 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 3340, 2926, 2860, 2359, 1661, 1622, 1548, 1463, 1375, 1160 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₇H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 159.1372. Found: 159.13553.



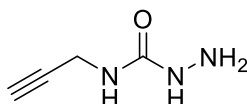
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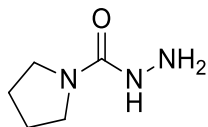
N,N-Dibenzylhydrazinecarboxamide (5.3): Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), *N,N*-dibenzylamine (0.21 mL, 1.1 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (3% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous yellow solid (0.240 g, 94%). TLC R_f = 0.31 in 3% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (m, 10H), 6.22 (br s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 4H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 160.7 (C), 140.1 (C), 136.9 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 52.9 (CH₂), 49.8 (CH₂). IR (film): 3317, 3028, 2359, 2336, 1616, 1494, 1452, 1400, 1364, 1261 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₃O [M]⁺: 255.1372. Found: 255.13965.



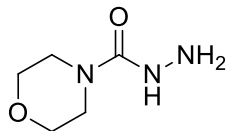
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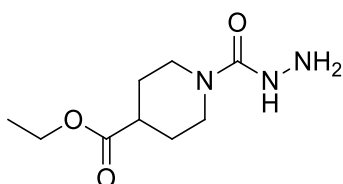
***N*-Propargylhydrazinecarboxamide (5.5):** Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), propargylamine (0.070 mL, 1.1 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield an amorphous white solid (0.0600 g, 54%). TLC R_f = 0.13 in 5% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.11 (br s, 1 H), 6.60 (br s, 1H), 4.11 (br s, 2H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.7 (C), 82.7 (C), 72.2 (CH), 28.5 (CH₂). IR (film): 2350, 1710, 1551, 1357, 1337, 1263, 1040 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₄H₇N₃O [M]⁺: 113.0589. Not found. LRMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 57.1 (7.8%), 55.1(4.6 %), 39.0 (28.4%), 32.0 (73.6%), 32.0 (37.4%), 31.0 (8.1 %), 31.0 (5.3%), 28.0 (100%).



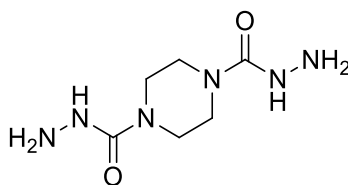
Pyrrolidine-1-carbohydrazide (5.6): Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.090 mL, 1.1 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (8% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to yield a yellow oil (0.0940 g, 73%). TLC R_f = 0.37 in 8% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.94 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (br s, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.86 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 158.8 (C), 45.3 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3387, 2978, 2872, 2359, 1616, 1504, 1377 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₅H₁₁N₃O [M]⁺: 129.0902. Found: 129.08920.



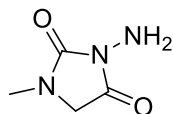
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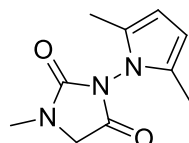
1-Hydrazinocarbonyl-piperidine-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (5.8): Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenyl carbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), ethyl isonipecotate (0.173 g, 1.10 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound was purified by column chromatography (5% $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$) to yield a white amorphous solid (0.183 g, 85%). TLC $R_f = 0.20$ in 5% $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 5.92 (br s, 1H), 4.19-4.09 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.67-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.41 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.18 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 174.3 (C), 159.8 (C), 60.8 (CH_2), 43.2 (CH_2), 40.9 (CH), 27.8 (CH_2), 14.3 (CH_3). IR (film): 3330, 2952, 1718, 1623, 1606, 1448, 1379, 1313, 1265, 1186, 1164, 1145, 1114, 1095, 1080, 1039 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 215.1270. Found: 215.1264.



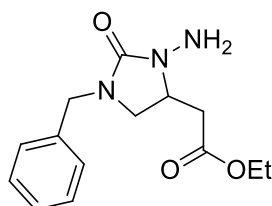
Piperazine-1,4-dicarbohydrazide (5.9): Synthesized according to general procedure **Q** using phenylcarbazate (0.152 g, 1.00 mmol), piperazine (0.0430 g, 0.500 mmol), DBU (0.0300 g, 0.200 mmol), and THF (3.3 mL). The title compound precipitated out of solution to afford the pure compound as an amorphous white solid (0.0930 g, 91%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 7.38 (br s, 2H), 3.72 (br s, 4H), 3.24 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 159.6 (C), 43.0 (CH_2). IR (film): 3002, 1733, 1718, 1662, 1633, 1604, 1448, 1315, 1255, 1184, 1164, 1039 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 202.1178. Found: 202.1204.



Equation 5.2: 3-Amino-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (5.10): To a solution of phenyl carbazate (1.04 g, 6.80 mmol) in MeCN (20 mL) was added sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride (1.14 g, 7.40 mmol) and DIPEA (1.4 mL, 8.0 mmol) and the solution was stirred in a microwave reactor for 6 hours at 120 °C. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography using 8% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white amorphous solid (0.800 g, 91%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 8% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.73 (br s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 167.9 (C), 155.9 (C), 50.2 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 1782, 1717, 1479, 1448, 1418, 1391, 1265, 1242 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₄H₇N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 129.0538. Found: 129.0536.

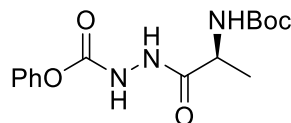


Equation 5.3: 3-(2,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-1-methylimidazolidine-2,4-dione (5.11): To a solution of amino hydantoin **5.10** (0.130 g, 1.00 mmol) in PhMe (4.0 mL) was added hexanedione (0.114 g, 1.00 mmol) and PTSA monohydrate (0.0200 g, 8.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred in a microwave reactor for 1 hour at 150 °C. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white amorphous solid (0.187 g, 90%). TLC R_f = 0.54 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 5.88 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 166.4 (C), 153.2 (C), 127.6 (C), 105.4 (CH), 50.2 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH₃), 10.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 2984, 1760, 1712, 1450, 1438, 1291, 1265, 1242. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₃O₂ [M]⁺: 207.1008. Found: 207.1003.

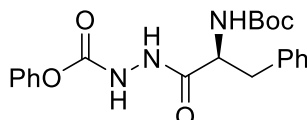


Equation 5.4: Ethyl 2-(3-amino-1-benzyl-2-oxoimidazolidin-4-yl)acetate (5.12): To a solution of phenyl carbazate (0.0910 g, 0.600 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) was added ethyl (*E*)-4-(benzylamino)-2-butenate (0.145 g, 0.660 mmol) and the solution was stirred in a microwave reactor for 6 hours at 120 °C. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white amorphous solid (0.135 g, 81%). TLC R_f = 0.16 in EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.31 (br s, 1H), 4.61-4.49 (m, 2H), 4.15-4.05 (m, 3H), 3.58-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.36 (m, 2H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 170.4 (C), 155.6 (C), 137.1 (C), 128.46 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 60.9 (CH₂), 50.5 (CH₂), 50.4 (CH₂), 49.7 (CH), 35.4

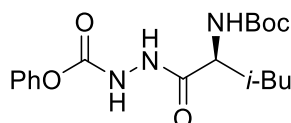
(CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃). IR (film): 3335, 1771, 1719, 1684, 1632, 1601, 1445, 1416, 1337 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ED): Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₃O₃ [M]⁺: 277.1426. Found: 277.1427.



(S)-Phenyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (5.13): Boc-ala-OSu (2.87 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in 50.0 mL MeCN in a round bottom flask charged with magnetic stir bar. Phenyl carbazate (1.53 g, 10.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and washed several time with NaHCO₃. The organic layer was then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure and the title compound was obtained as white powder. (2.93 g, 91%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (br s, 1H), 4.32 (br s, 1H), 1.41 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.1 (C), 155.8 (C), 154.5 (C), 150.5 (C), 129.3 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 80.6 (C), 48.5 (CH), 28.3 (CH₃), 18.1 (CH₃). IR (film) 2962, 2887, 1716, 1645, 1593, 1588, 1477, 1456, 1434, 1382, 1336, 1263, 1234, 1195, 1163, 1128, 1070, 997, 962, 952, 902, 815, 649 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₃O₅ [M]⁺: 323.1481, found [M+Na]⁺: 346.1379.

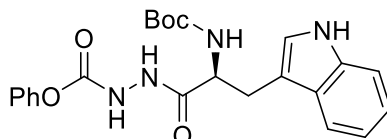


(S)-Phenyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (5.14): Boc-phe-OSu (1.81 g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL MeCN in a round bottom flask charged with magnetic stir bar. Phenyl carbazate (0.765 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and washed several time with NaHCO₃. The organic layer was then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure and the title compound was obtained as white powder. (1.92 g, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (br s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.13 (br s, 2H), 5.29 (br s, 1H), 4.54 (br s, 1H), 3.09 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.6 (C), 155.9 (C), 150.5 (C), 136.8 (C), 129.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 80.6 (C), 37.9 (CH), 28.2 (CH₃), 25.3 (CH₂). IR (film): 3296, 2985, 1733, 1685, 1670, 1627, 1593, 1521, 1475, 1455, 1438, 1365, 1355, 1338, 1292, 1263, 1259, 1153, 1130, 1110, 1043, 1024, 999, 891, 938, 730, 685, 673, 649 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₃O₅ [M]⁺: 399.1794, found [M+Na]⁺: 422.1692.

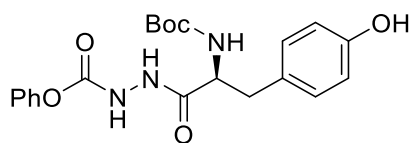


(S)-Phenyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-methylpentanoyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (5.15): Boc-leu-OSu (1.64 g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL MeCN in a round bottom flask charged with magnetic stir bar. Phenyl carbazate (0.765 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and washed several time with NaHCO₃. The organic layer was then dried and concentrated under reduced

pressure and the title compound was obtained as white powder (1.54 g, 84 %). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.12 (br s, 1H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.25 (br s, 1H), 4.34 (br s, 1H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 9H), 0.91 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.9 (C), 156.2 (C), 154.4 (C), 150.6 (C), 129.3 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 80.6 (C), 51.3 (CH), 41.4 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH), 22.8 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₃). IR (film): 3307, 2386, 3240, 3211, 2964, 1766, 1674, 1647, 1595, 1490, 1481, 1456, 1434, 1367, 1340, 1265, 1257, 1203, 1161, 1124, 1101, 1066, 1021, 1106, 989, 950, 794, 729, 688, 678 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 365.195, found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 388.1848.

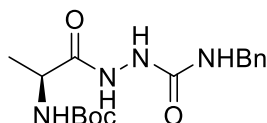


(S)-Phenyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanoyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (5.16): Boc-trp-OSu (2.01 g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL MeCN in a round bottom flask charged with magnetic stir bar. Phenyl carbazate (0.765 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and washed several time with NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure and the title compound was obtained as light brown powder. (1.85 g, 84%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 5.28 (br s, 1H), 4.57 (br s, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.9 (C), 155.8 (C), 154.9 (C), 150.4 (C), 136.1 (C), 129.4 (C), 125.8 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 109.4 (C), 80.6 (C), 53.8 (CH), 33.3 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃). IR (film): 3307, 3286, 3240, 2964, 1766, 1674, 1647, 1596, 1490, 1481, 1456, 1434, 1392, 1367, 1340, 1265, 1257, 1203, 1167, 1124, 1101, 1066, 1024, 1006, 989, 950, 794, 729, 688, 678 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 438.1903, found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 461.1801.

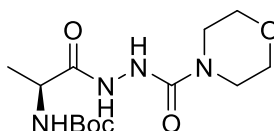


(S)-Phenyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoyl)hydrazinecarboxylate (5.17): Boc-tyr-OSu (1.89 g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL MeCN in a round bottom flask charged with magnetic stir bar. Phenyl carbazate (0.765 g, 5.00 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The flask was capped and allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc and washed several time with NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure and the title compound was obtained as white powder. (1.78 g, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.05 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 172.3 (C), 157.7 (C), 156.2 (C), 154.7 (C), 151.1 (C), 130.5 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 128.4 (C), 125.8 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 115.6 (CH), 78.4 (C), 55.1 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₃). IR (film): 3307, 2962, 1762, 1741, 1695, 1645, 1506, 1488, 1474, 1434, 1388, 1367, 1338, 1265, 1193, 1163, 1132, 1070, 1047, 1004, 792, 686 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 415.1743, found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 438.1133.

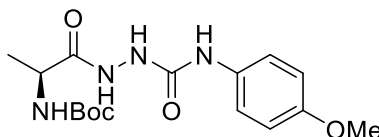
General procedure R: A round bottomed flask was charged with a stir bar, azadipeptides (1 equiv), amine (1.1 equiv), Et₃N (0.2 equiv) and MeCN (0.3 M). The flask was covered with a cap. The solution was stirred overnight at 60 °C. The crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purification by silica gel chromatography gave the corresponding aminosubstituted azadipeptide.



tert-Butyl 1-(2-(benzylcarbamoyl)hydrazinyl)-1-oxopropan-2-ylcarbamate (5.18): Synthesized according to general procedure **R** using azadipeptide **5.13** (0.0970 g, 0.300 mmol), benzylamine (0.0350 g, 0.330 mmol), Et₃N (0.0060 g, 0.0060 mmol) and MeCN (1 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0880 g, 87%). TLC R_f = 0.23 in EtOAc. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.59 (br s, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.35 (br s, 1H), 5.23 (br s, 1H, NH), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.13-4.04 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.34-1.31 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.9 (C), 158.6 (C), 157.0 (C), 138.7 (C), 128.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 80.8 (C), 49.5 (CH), 43.9 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₃); 17.3 (CH₃).



tert-Butyl 1-(2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)hydrazinyl)-1-oxopropan-2-ylcarbamate (5.19): Synthesized according to general procedure **R** using azadipeptide **5.13** (0.0970 g, 0.300 mmol), morpholine (0.0290 g, 0.66 mmol), Et₃N (0.00600 g, 0.00600 mmol) and MeCN (1 mL,). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0930, 98%). TLC R_f = 0.20 in EtOAc. ¹H NMR H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.72 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (br s, 1H), 5.29 (br s, 1H), 4.34-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.2 (C), 156.7 (C), 155.5 (C), 80.3 (C), 66.3 (CH₂), 48.8 (CH), 43.9 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃); 18.3 (CH₃). HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₃H₂₄N₄O₅ – (*t*-Bu) [M]⁺: 260.1121. Found: 260.1148

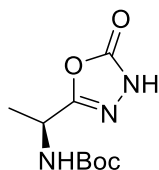


(S)-tert-Butyl 1-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)carbamoyl)hydrazinyl)-1-oxopropan-2-ylcarbamate (5.20): Synthesized according to general procedure **R** using azadipeptide **5.13** (0.0970 g, 0.300 mmol), *p*-anisidine (0.111 g, 0.900 mmol), Et₃N (0.0060 g, 0.0060 mmol) and MeCN (1.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% EtOAc to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0800 g, 76%). TLC R_f = 0.23 in EtOAc. ¹H NMR H (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.84 (br s, 1H), 8.27 (br s, 1H), 8.07 (br s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (br s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (quint, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm):

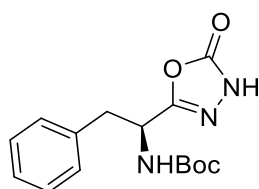
172.28 (C), 155.5 (C), 154.5 (C), 132.6 (C), 120.1 (CH), 113.76 (CH), 78.4 (C), 55.1 (CH₃), 48.7 (CH), 28.2 (CH₃); 17.5 (CH₃). HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₄O₅ [M]⁺: 352.1747. Found: 352.1708.

Preparation of oxadiazolone cores (equation 5.8)

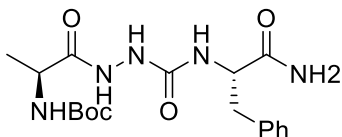
General procedure S: A round bottomed flask was charged with a stir bar, azadipeptide (1 equiv.), DBU (0.2 equiv.) and THF (0.3M). The flask was covered with a cap. The contents were stirred at room temperature overnight. The crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purification by silica gel chromatography gave the corresponding oxadiazoles cores.



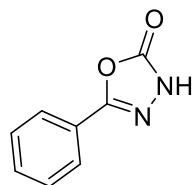
tert-Butyl 1-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)ethylcarbamate (5.22): Synthesized according to General procedure S using azadipeptide **5.13** (1.62 g, 5.00 mmol), DBU (0.150 mL, 1.00 mmol) and THF (15.0 mL, 0.30 M). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/DCM to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.886 g, 77%). TLC R_f = 0.23 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR H (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.18 (br s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (quint, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.5 (C), 154.9 (C), 154.8 (C), 78.5 (C), 42.8 (CH), 28.1 (CH₃), 17.2 (CH₃). HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₉H₁₅N₃O₄ – (*t*-Bu) [M]⁺: 173.0437. Found: 173.0424.



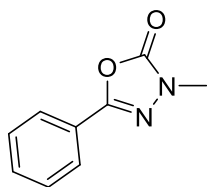
tert-Butyl 1-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-phenylethylcarbamate (5.23): Synthesized according to general procedure S using azadipeptide **5.14** (0.120 g, 0.300 mmol), DBU (0.00900 mL, 0.0600 mmol) in THF (1 mL, 0.3M). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/DCM to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.0790 g, 86%). TLC R_f = 0.17 in 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR H (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.20 (br s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.18 (m, 5H), 4.66 (quint, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 156.9 (C), 155.4 (C), 155.2 (C), 137.1 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 79.1 (C), 49.1 (CH), 36.9 (CH₂) 28.1 (CH₃). HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₃O₄ – (*t*-Bu) [M]⁺: 249.0750. Found: 249.0735



tert-Butyl 1-(2-(1-amino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamoyl)hydrazinyl)-1-oxopropan-2-ylcarbamate (5.24): Synthesized according to general procedure **R** using azadipeptide **5.13** (0.213 g, 0.660 mmol), L-phenylalaninamide (0.121 g, 0.600 mmol), Et₃N (0.0790 g, 0.780 mmol) and MeCN (2 mL,). The crude mixture was purified by filtration to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.153g, 65%). TLC R_f = 0.29 in 5% EtOAc/MeOH. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.62 (br s, 1H), 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.35 (br s, 1H), 7.27-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.08 (br s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.93 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 173.4 (C), 172.8 (C), 157.2 (C), 155.2 (C), 137.8 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 78.2 (C), 54.1 (CH), 48.5 (CH), 38.1 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃). HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₅O₅ - (*t*-Bu) [M]⁺: 337.1386. Found: 337.1374.



5-Phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (5.25): Synthesized according to general procedure **S** using carbazole **3.45** (1.28 g, 5.00 mmol), DBU (0.150 mL, 1.00 mmol) and THF (15.0 mL). The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ to afford the pure compound as a white solid (0.713 g, 88%). Spectroscopic data matched the data obtained from the commercially available material.



3-Methyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (5.26): To a solution of **5.25** (0.973 g, 6.00 mmol) in DMF (24.0 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol) followed by iodomethane (0.450 mL, 7.20 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight and was poured on cold water and extracted 6 times with chloroform (6 x 20 mL). 90 mL of EtOAc was added and the organic phase was washed 10 times with 24 mL of a 1:1 mixture of water:brine. The organic phase was dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the pure product as a white solid (0.994 g, 94%). TLC R_f = 0.23 in 100% CH₂Cl₂. Spectroscopic data matched the published data.¹²³

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Appendix I

Claims to Original Research

1. Development of the first cascade reaction involving *N*-isocyanates for the synthesis of saturated heterocycles.
2. Development of the first cascade reaction involving iminoisocyanates for the synthesis of amino-hydantoin.
3. Exploration of the reactivity of amidoisocyanate and iminoisothiocyanates towards cascade reactions.
4. Design of a new precursor for the generation of aminoisothiocyanate.
5. Exploration of aminothiocarbonylation reactivity using *N*-isothiocyanates.
6. Development of base catalysed formation of isocyanates at room temperature.
7. Development of a mild synthesis of carbamoyl substituted pyrazoles.
8. Development of the synthesis of 6-membered aromatic rings containing the N-N-C=O motifs such as phthalazinones, azauracils, triazinones and pyridazinones.
9. Comparison of the reactivity of amino-isocyanates with their sulfur analogues amino-isothiocyanates for the divergent synthesis of imidazolones and thiazolines.
10. Discovery of a new *in situ* generation of azomethine imine and development of their reactivity
11. Exploration of azapeptides synthesis using amido-isocyanates.
12. Discovery of a novel masked *N*-isocyanates.

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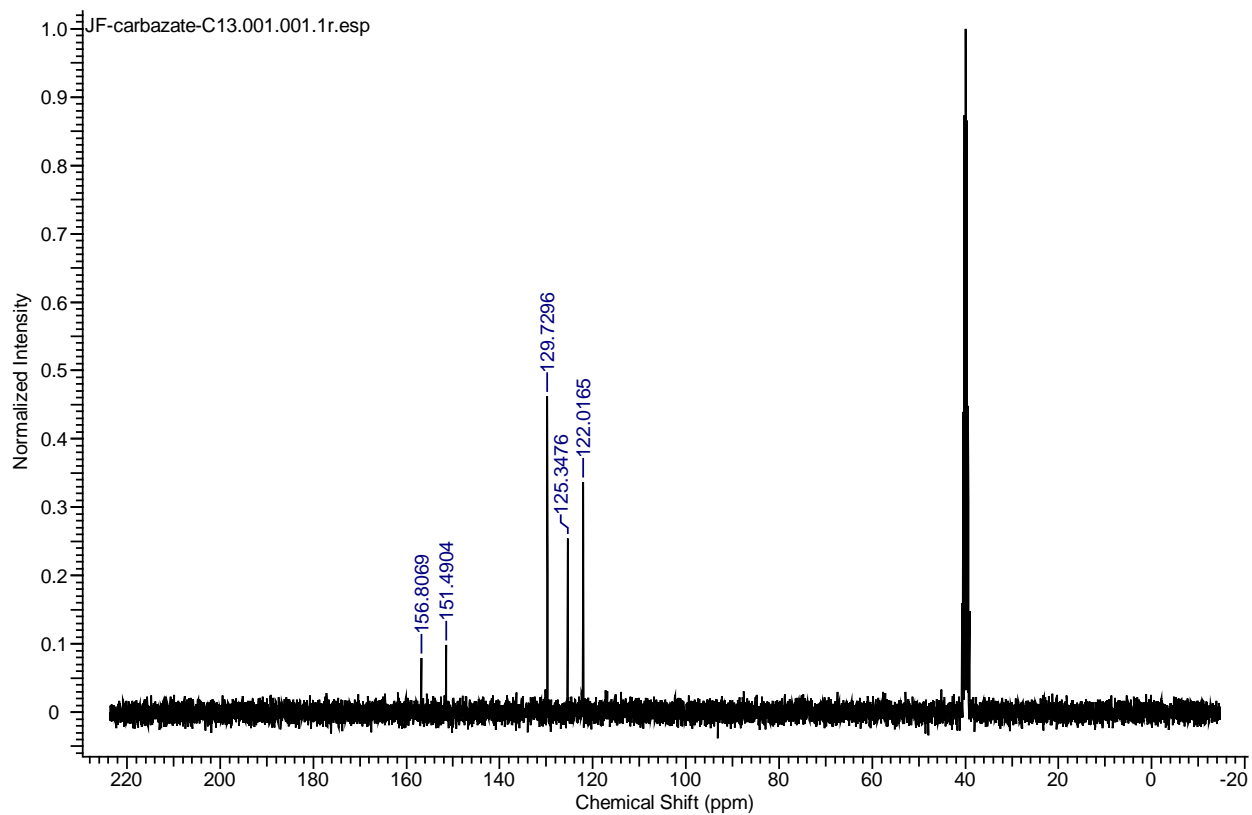
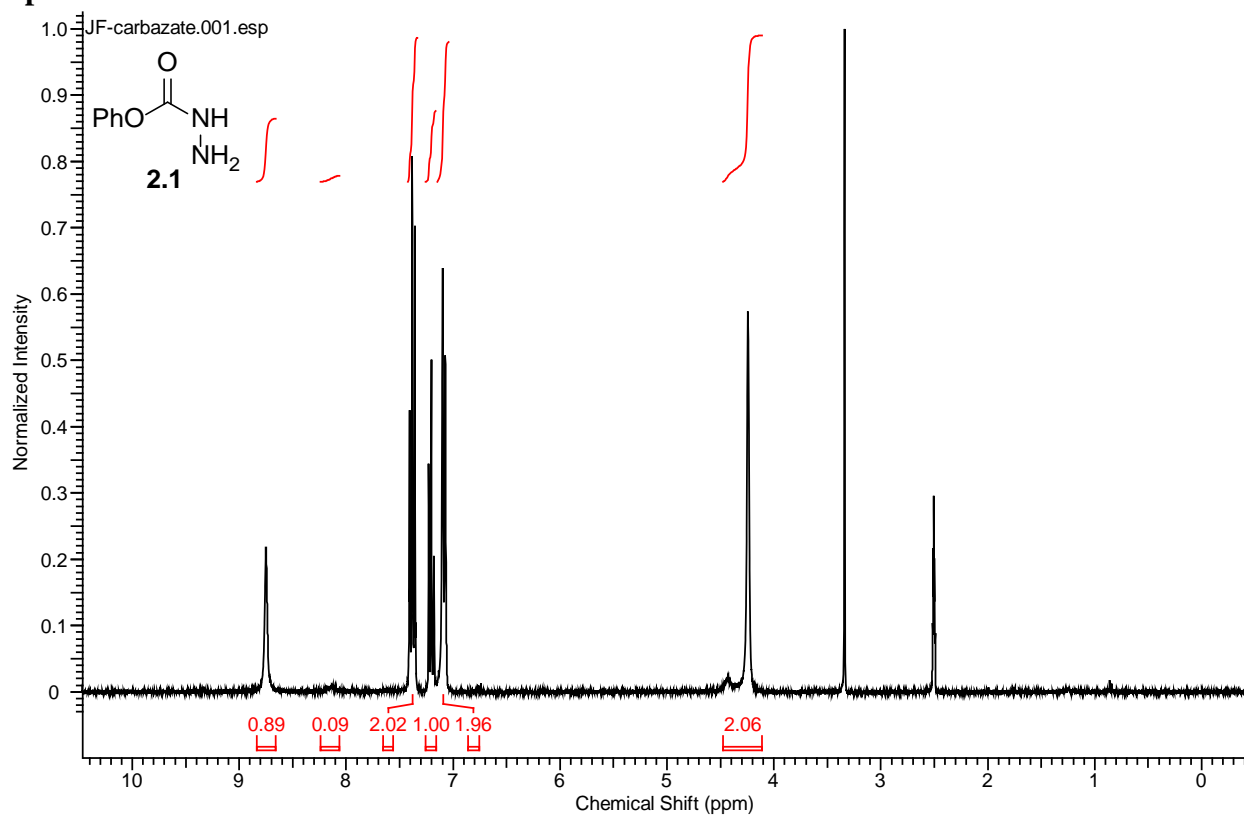
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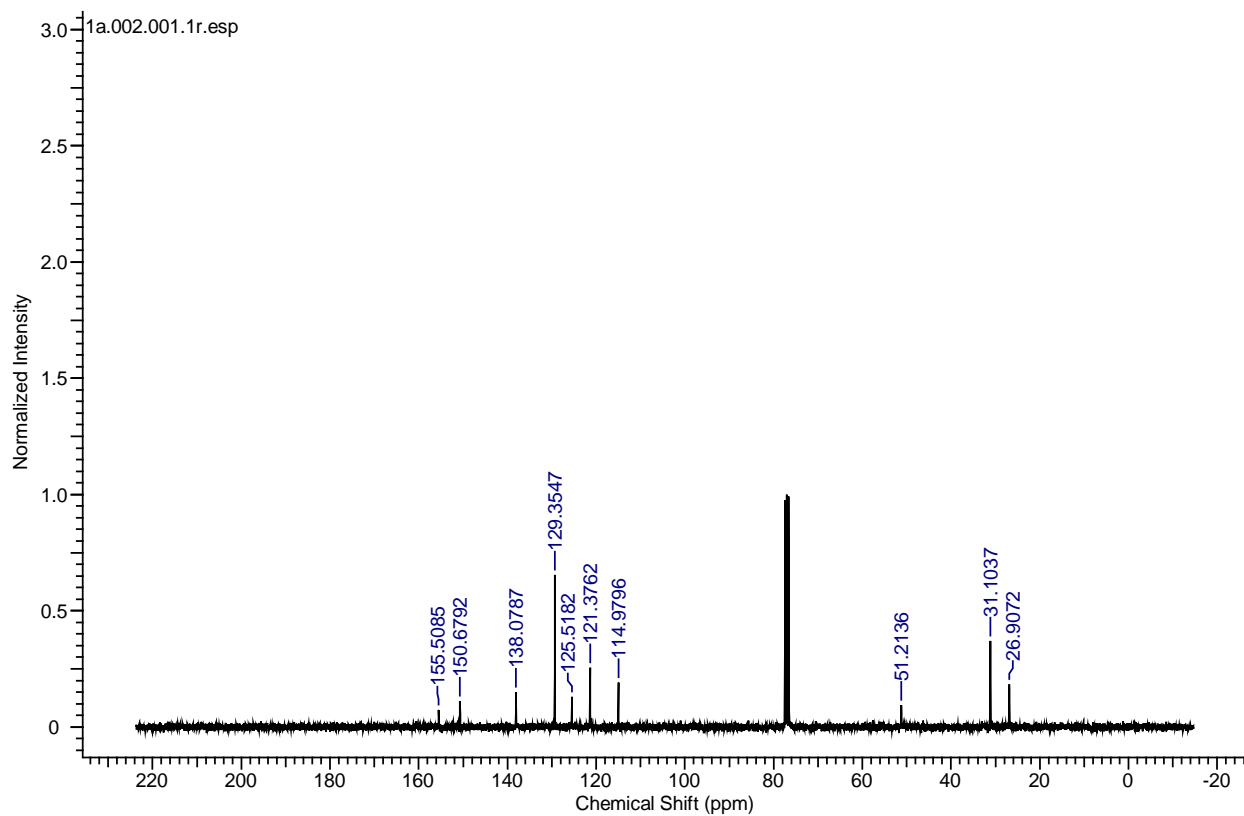
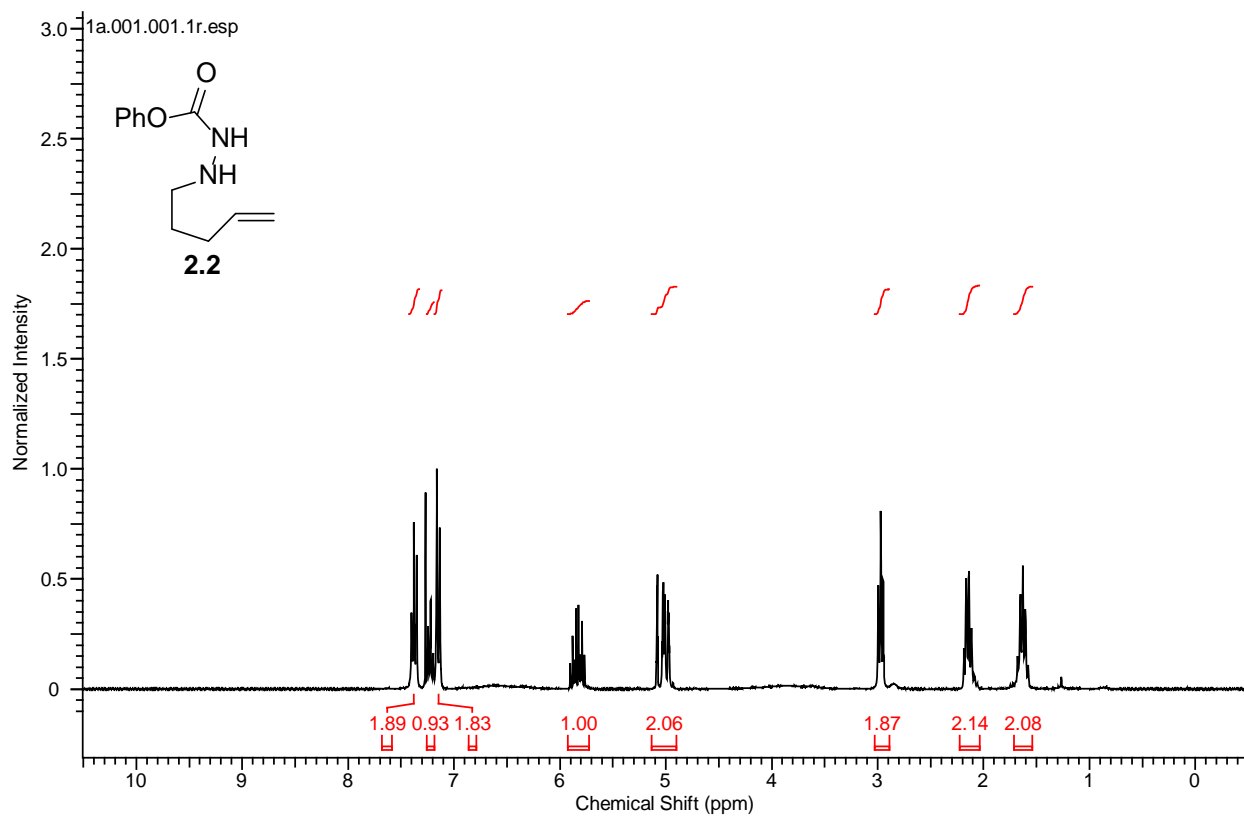
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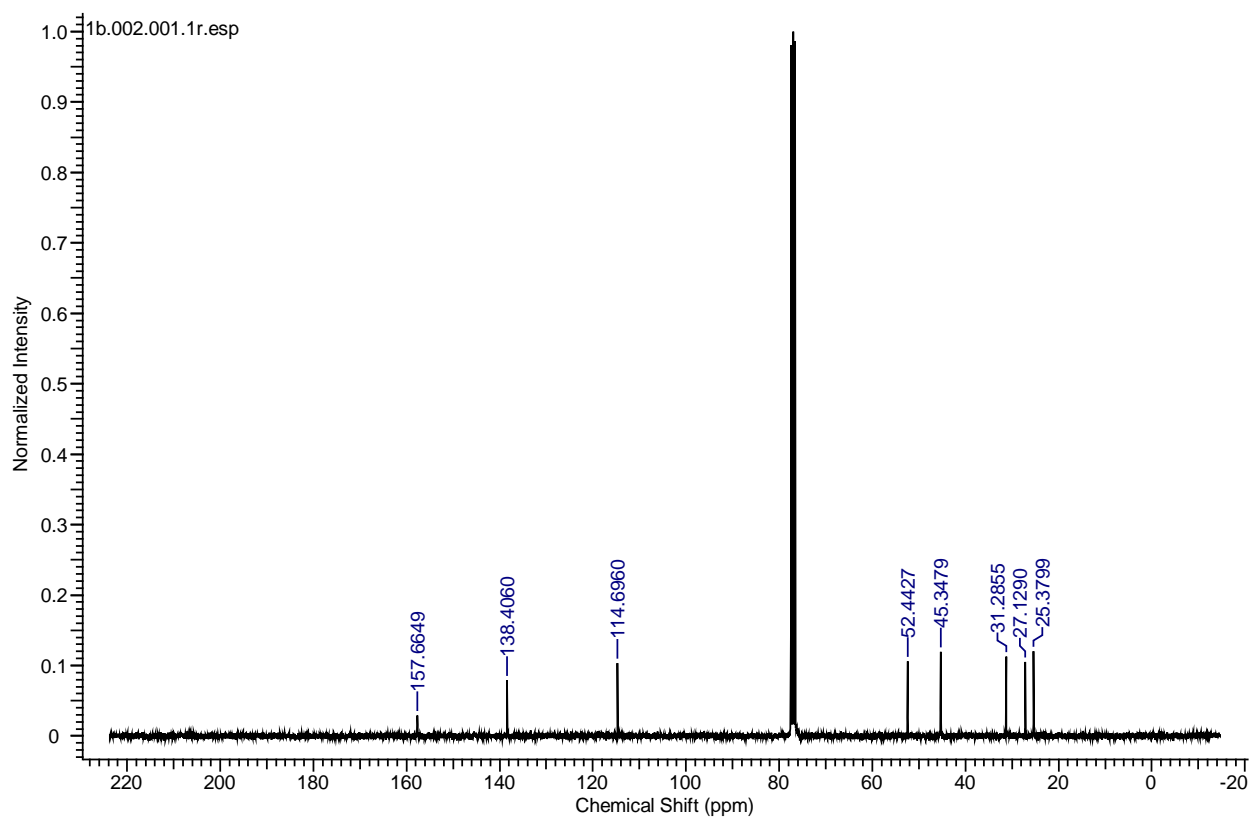
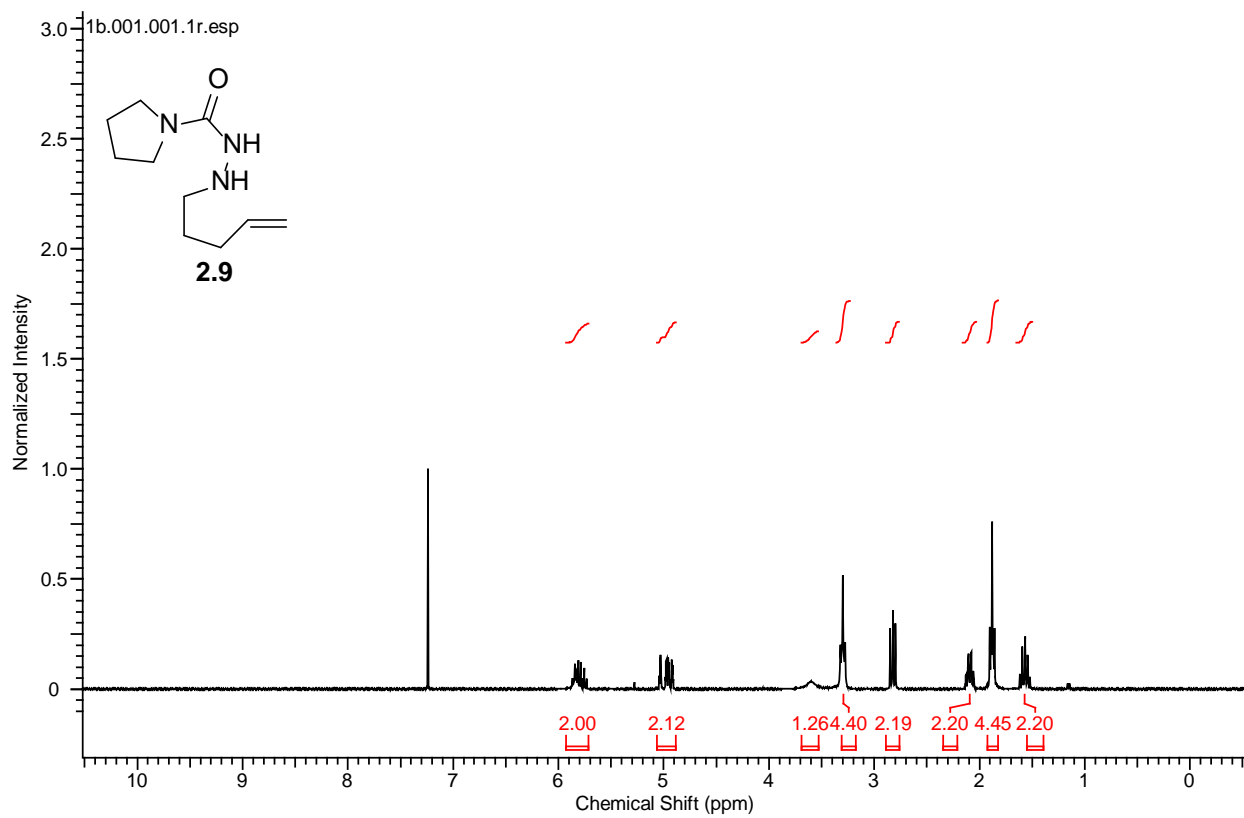
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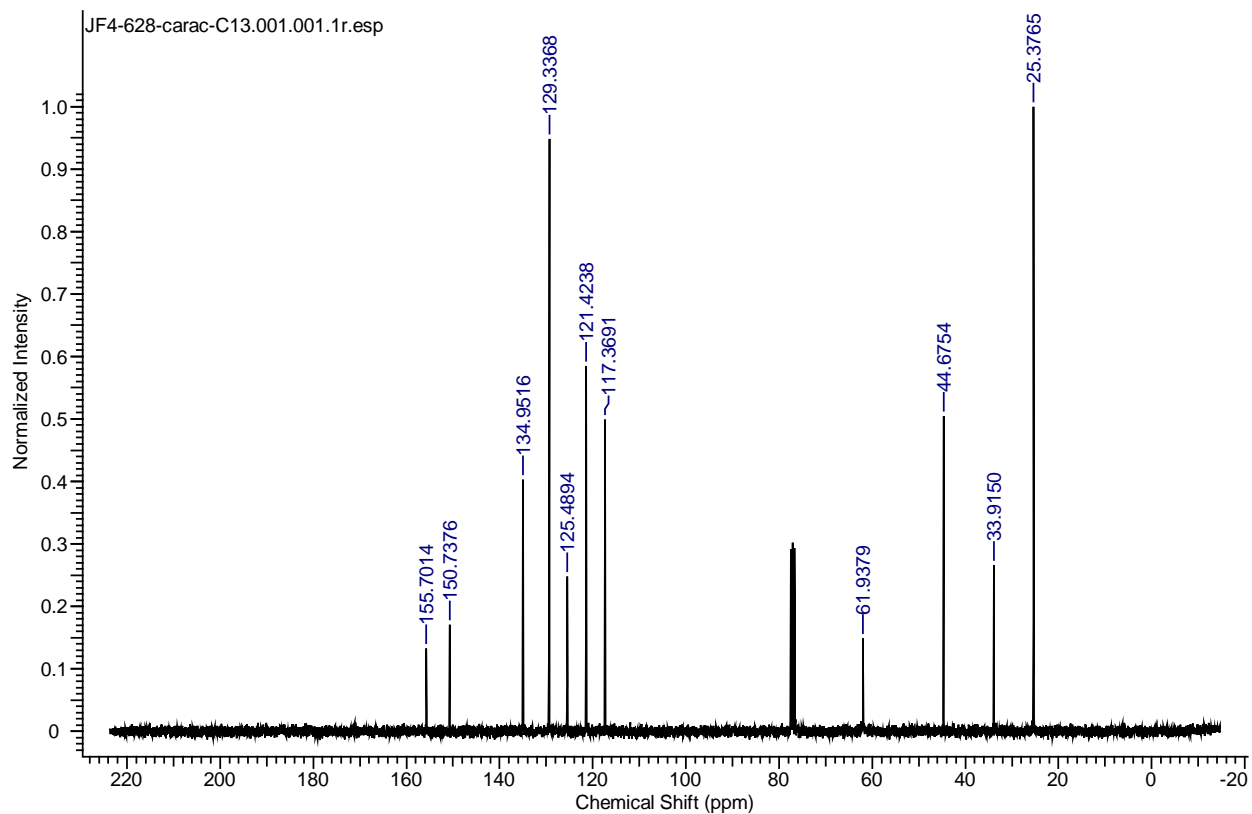
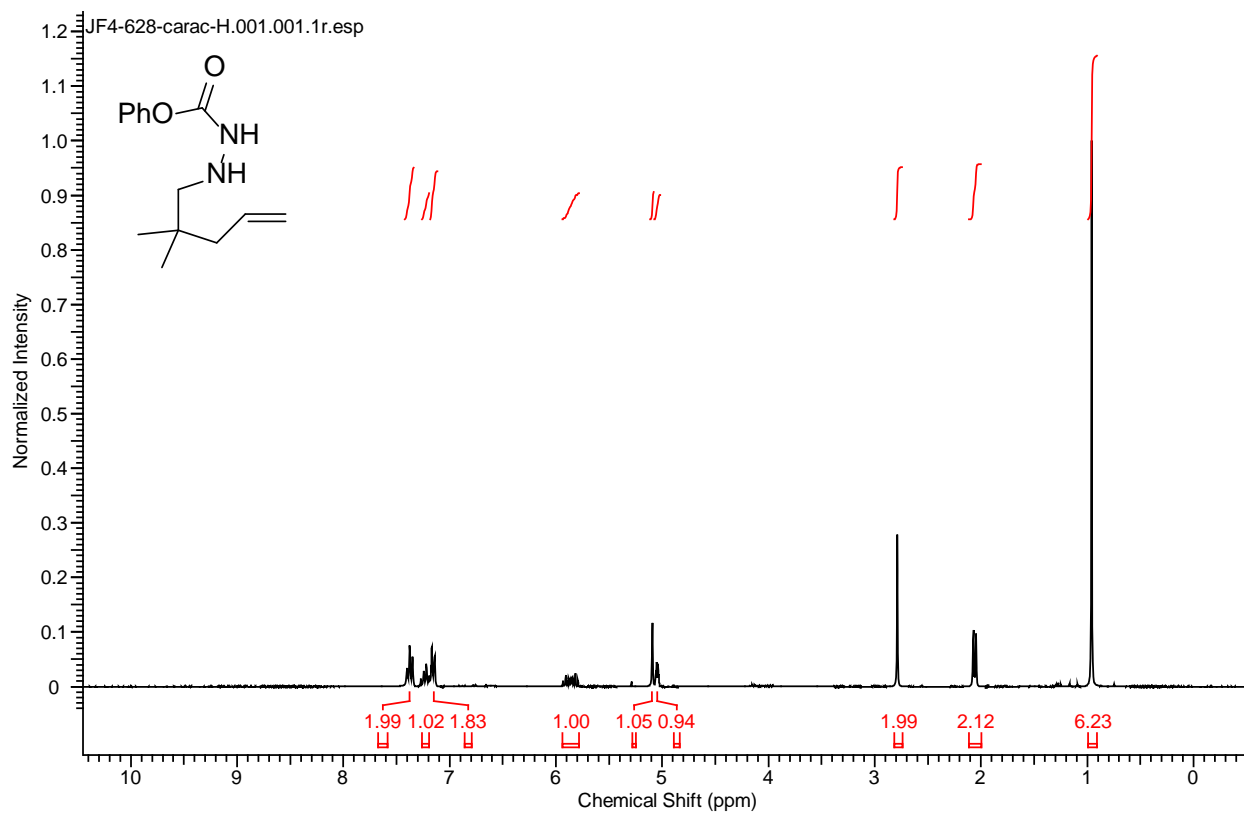
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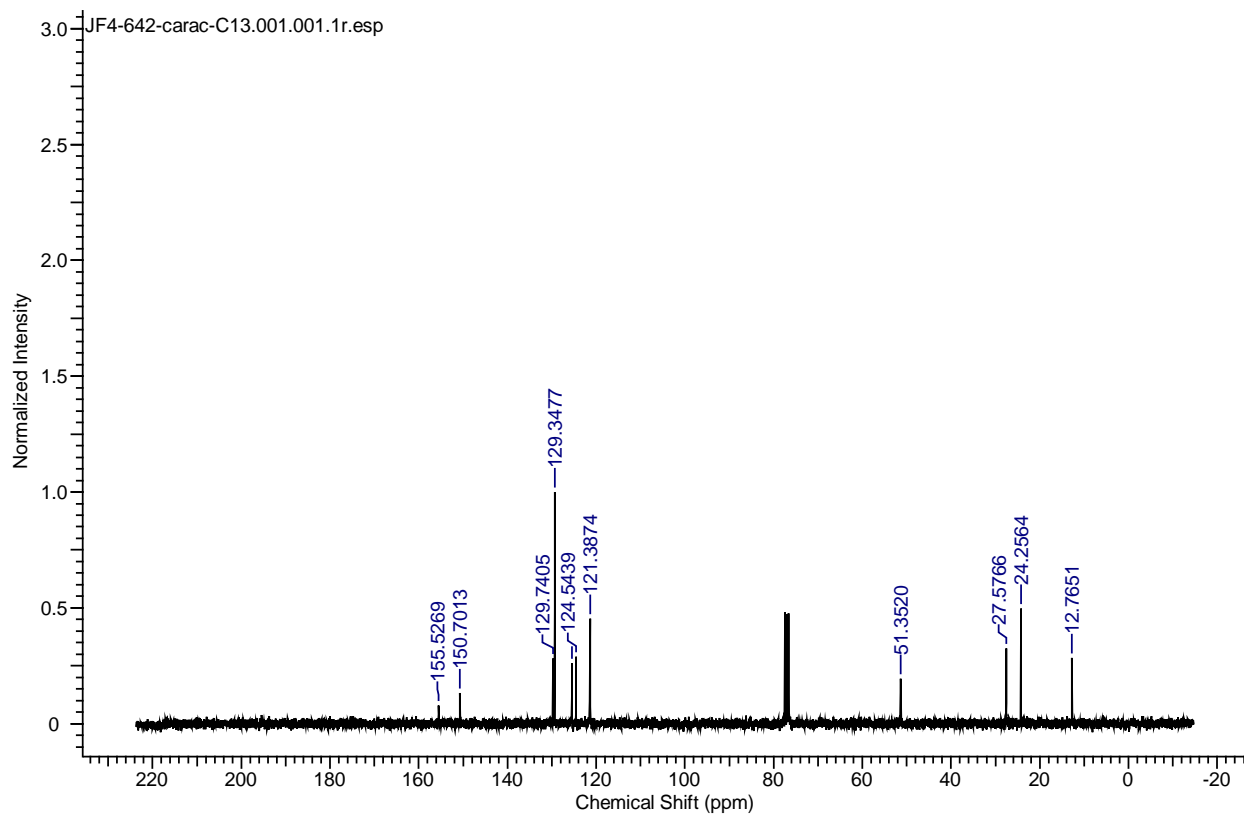
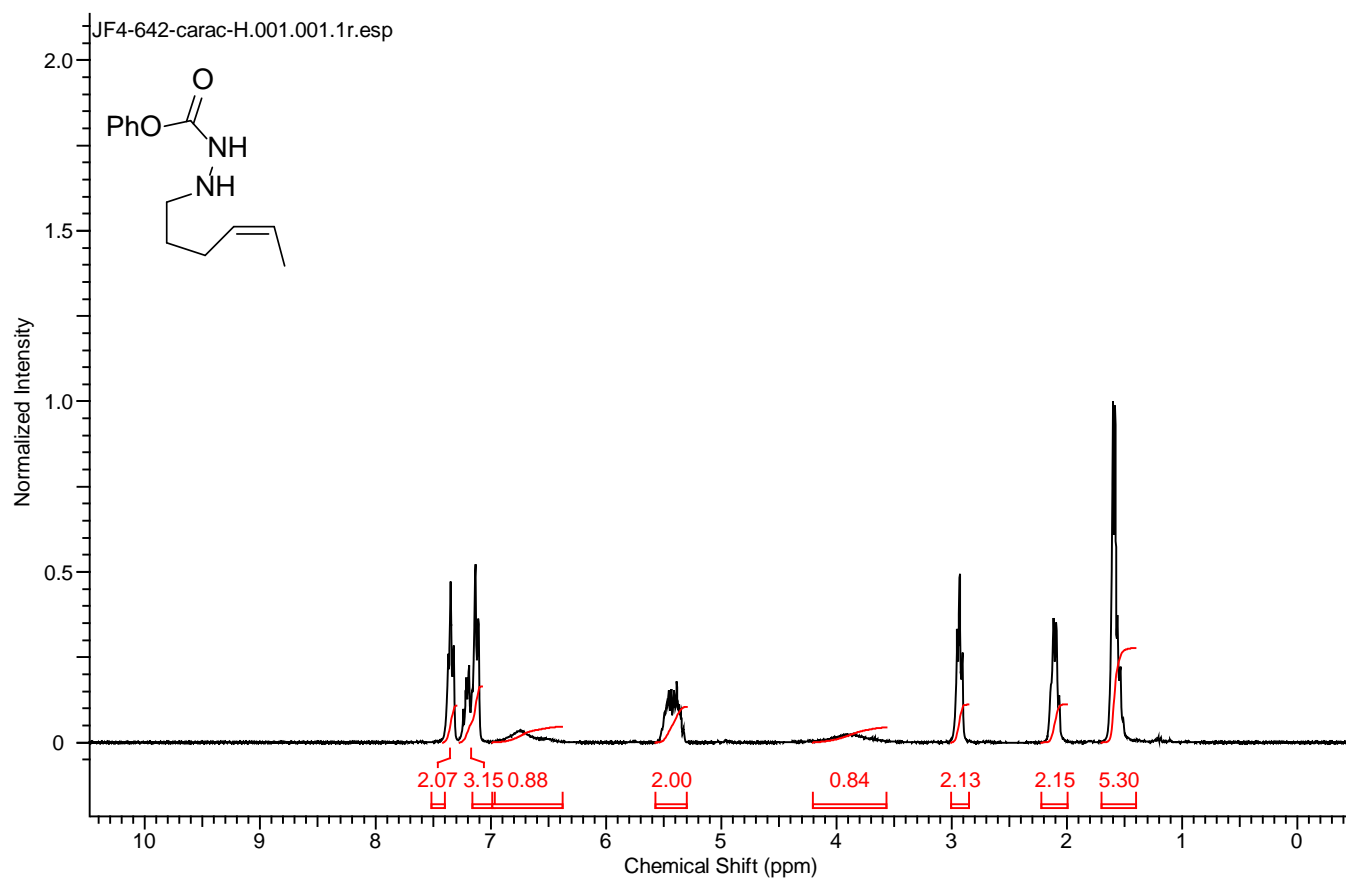
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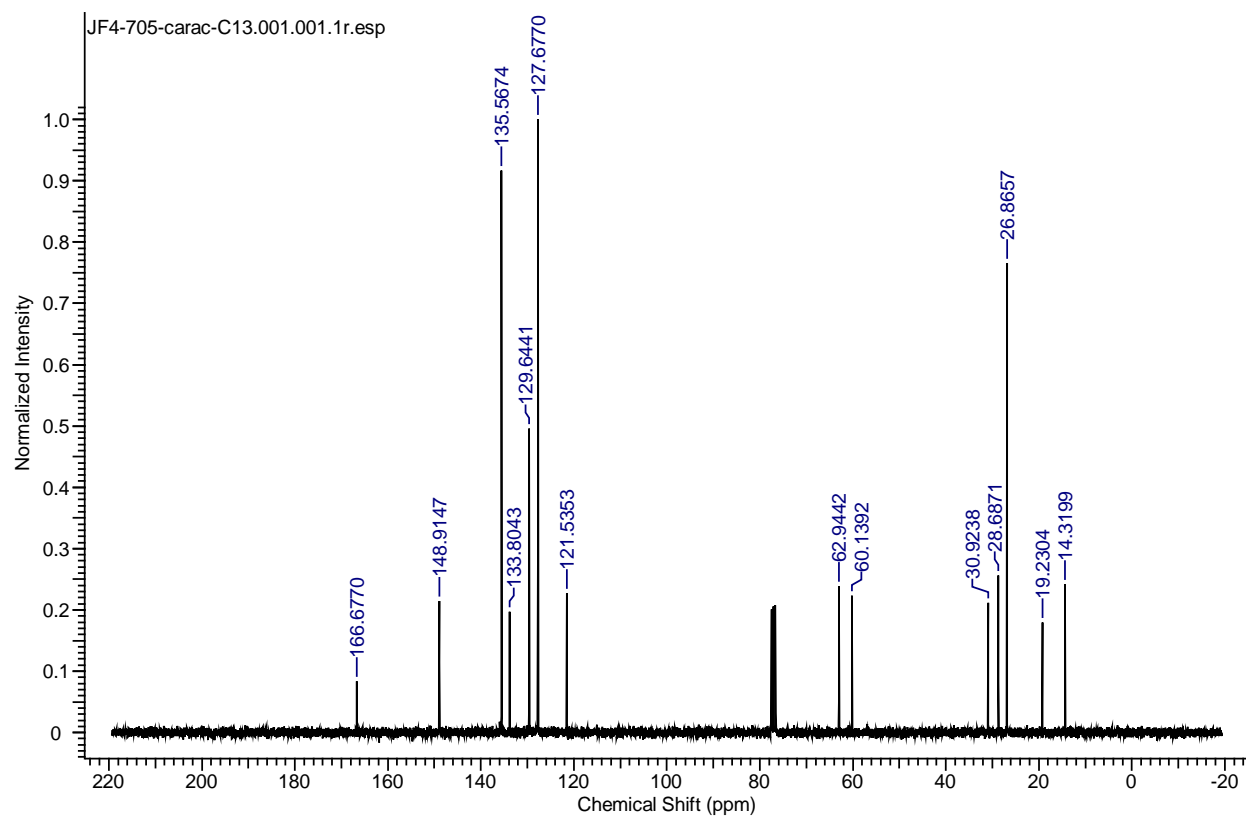
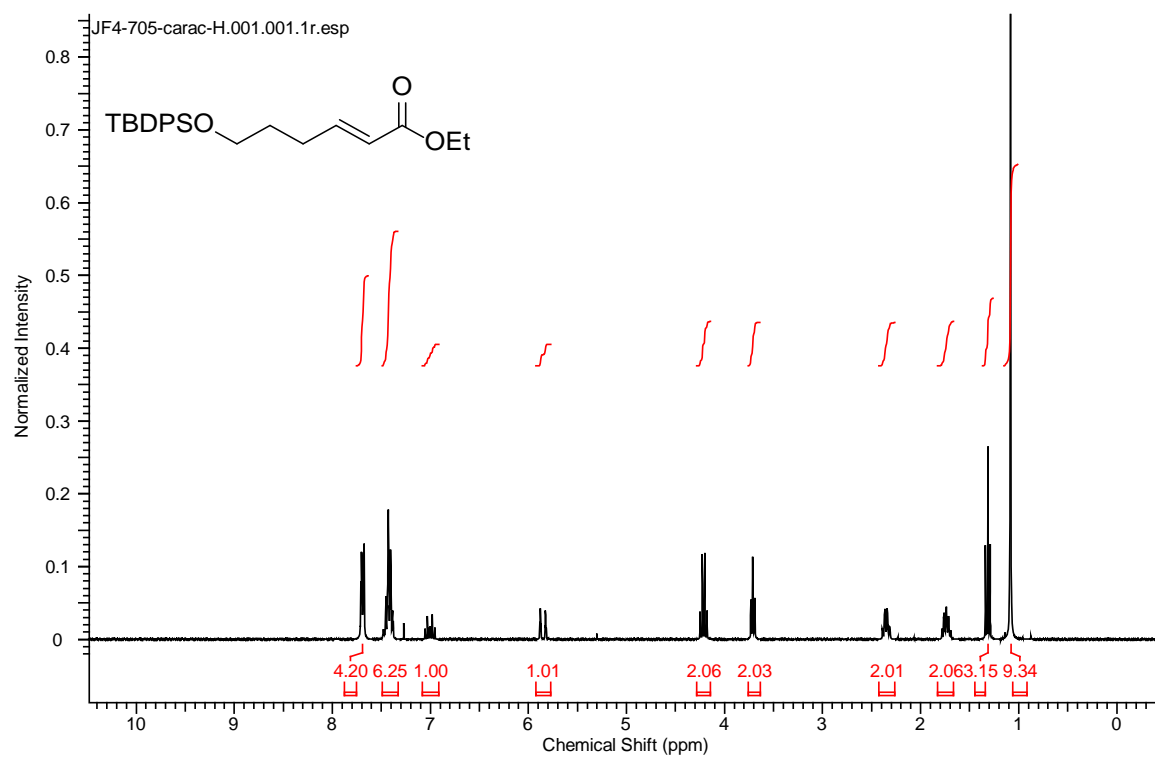


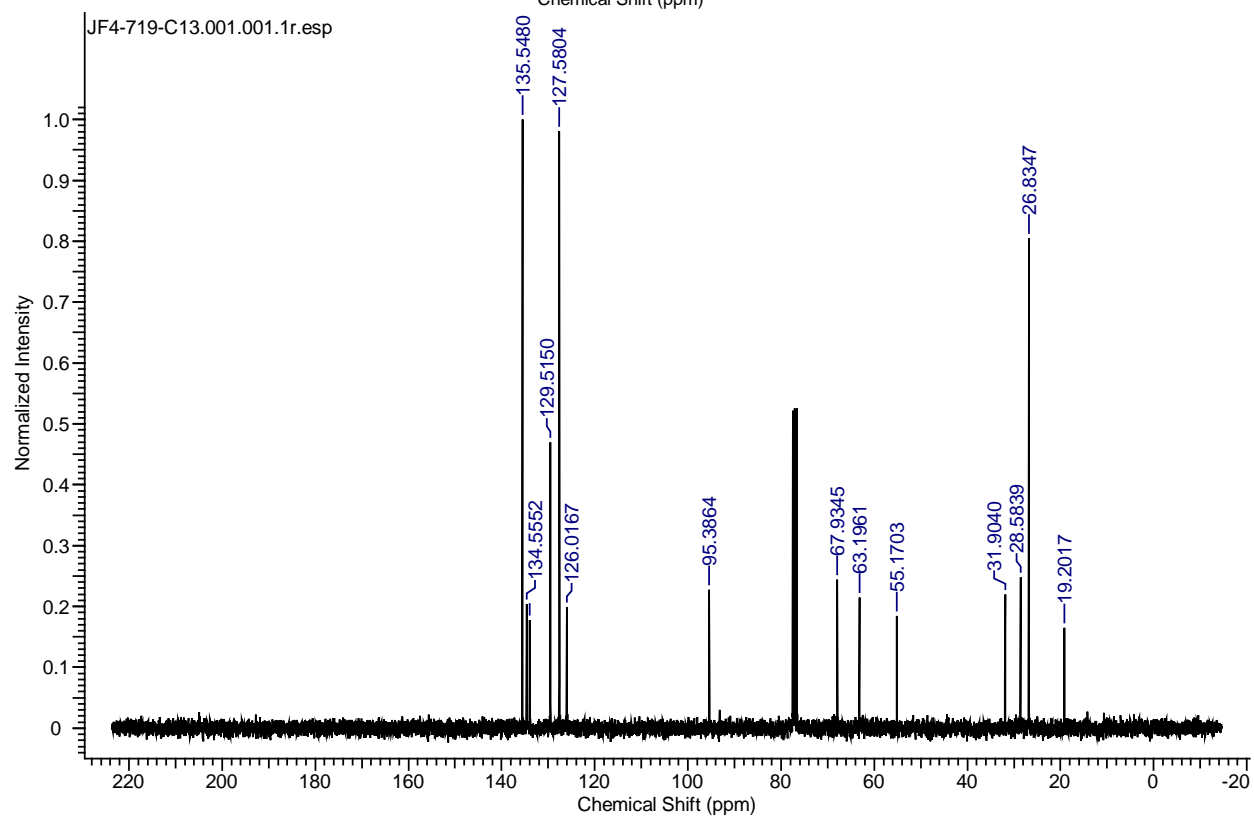
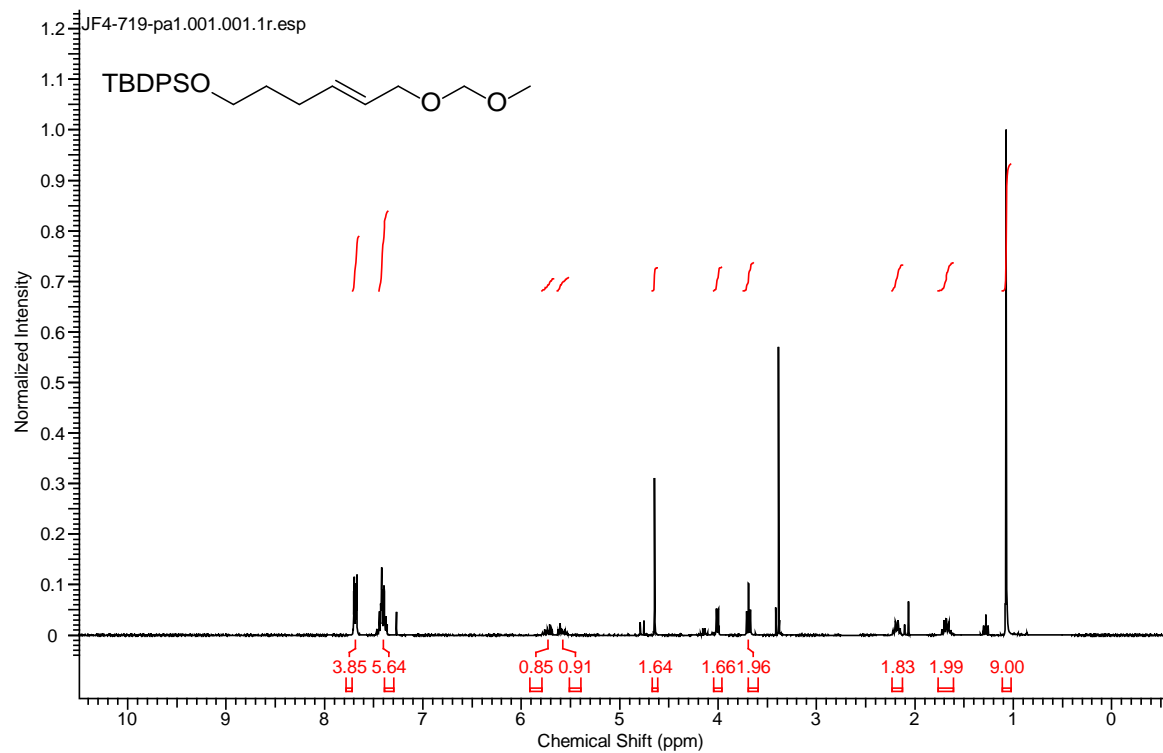


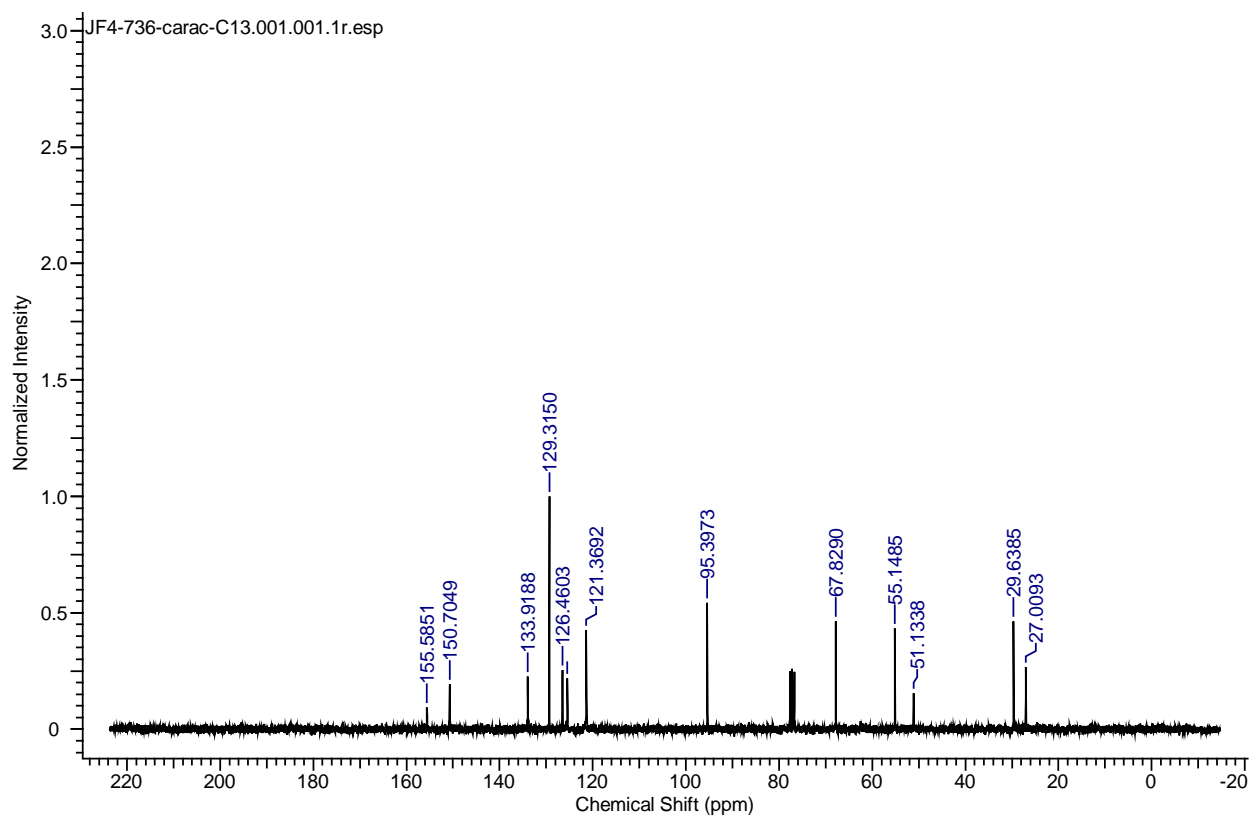
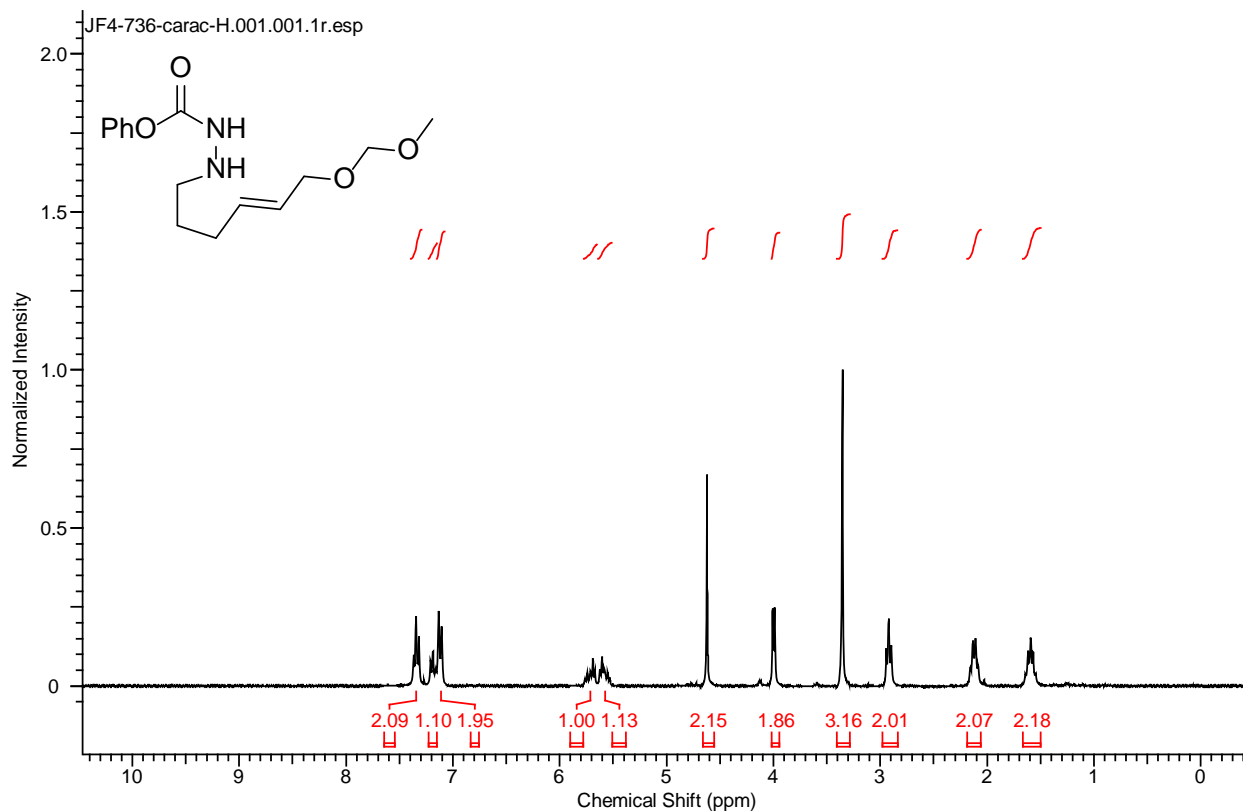


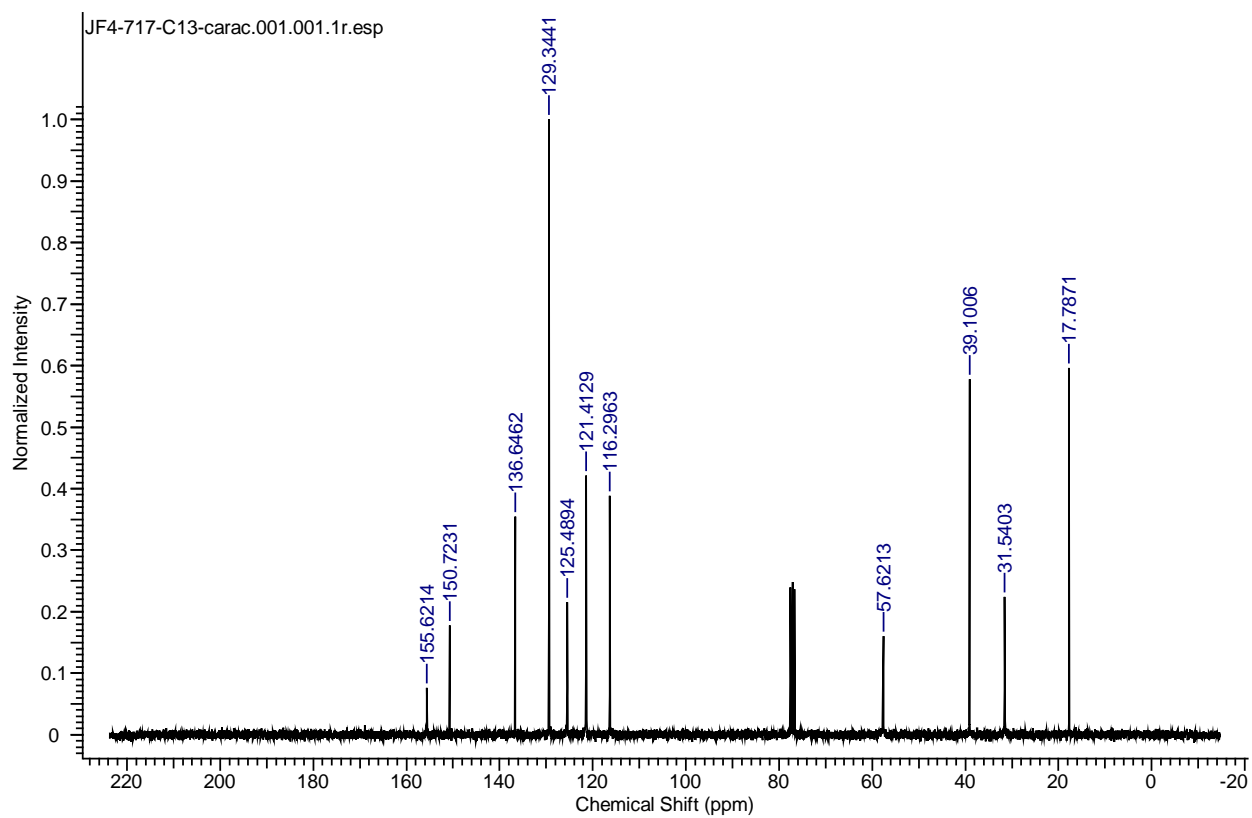
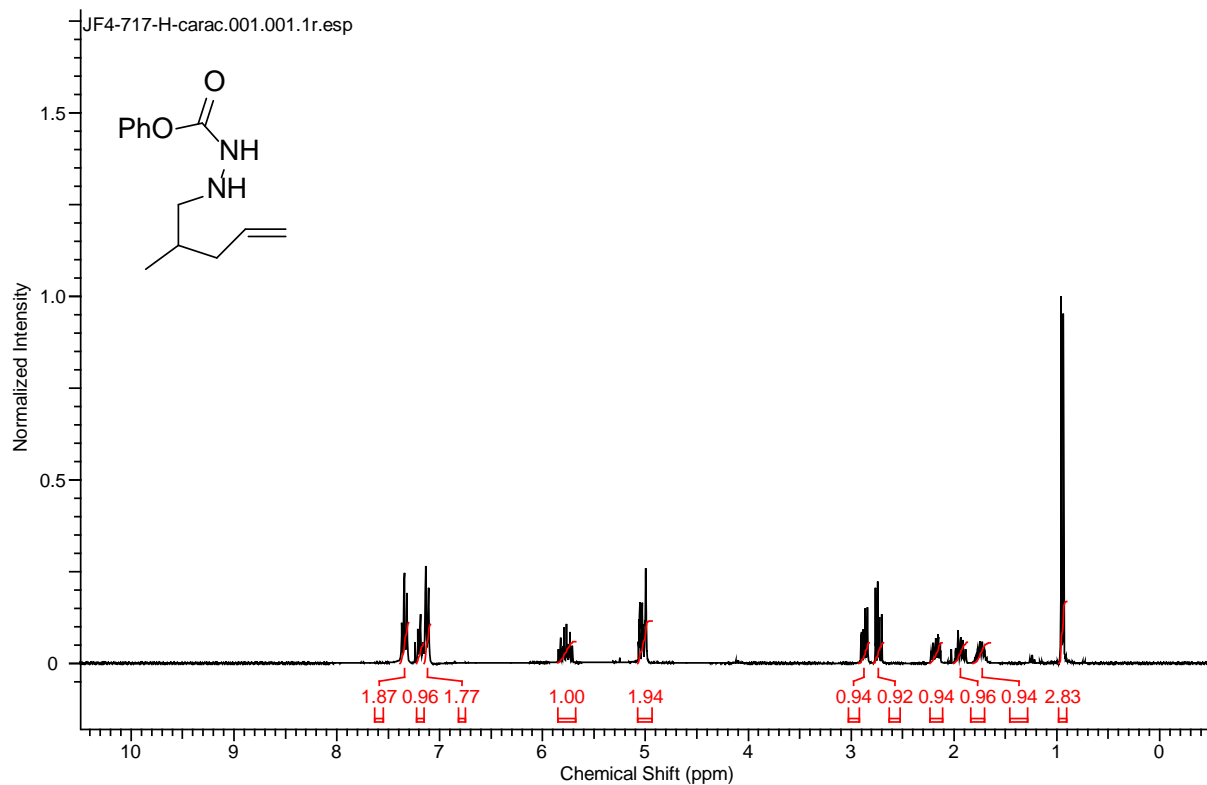


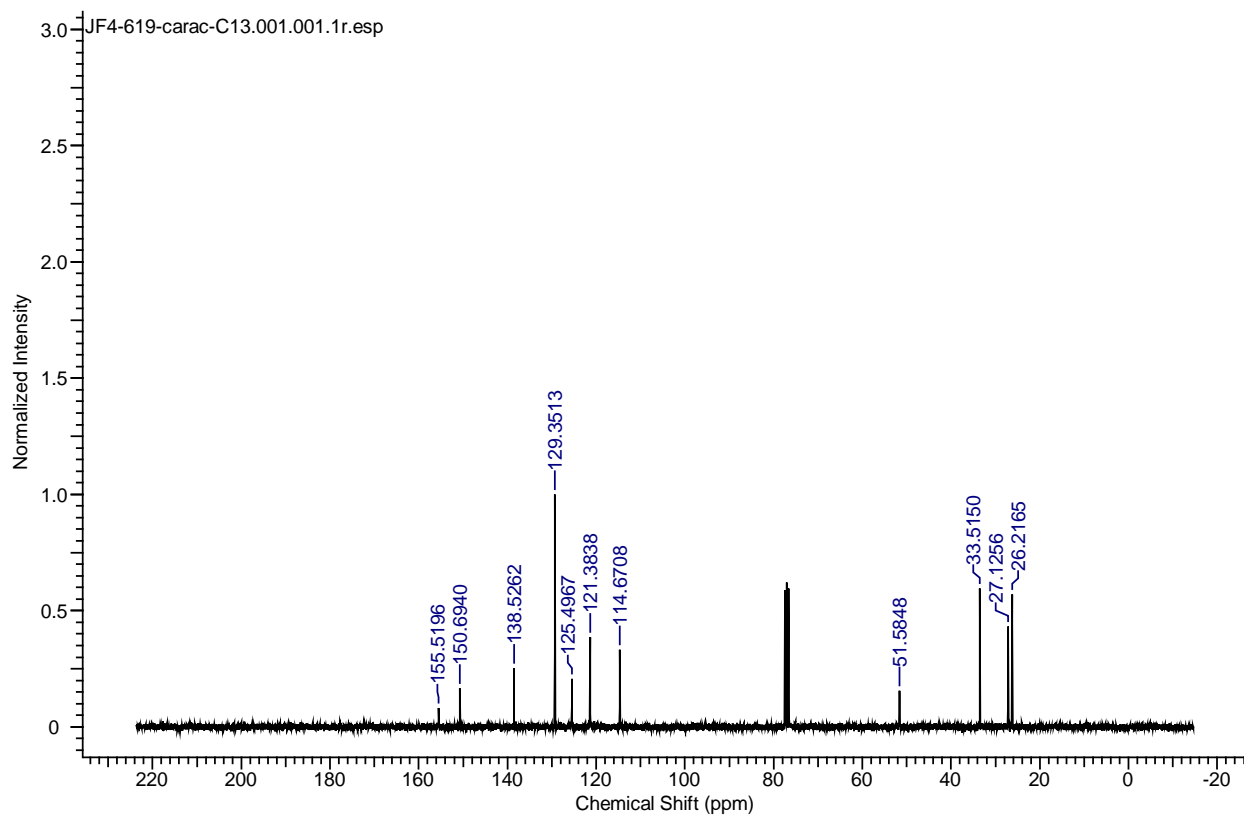
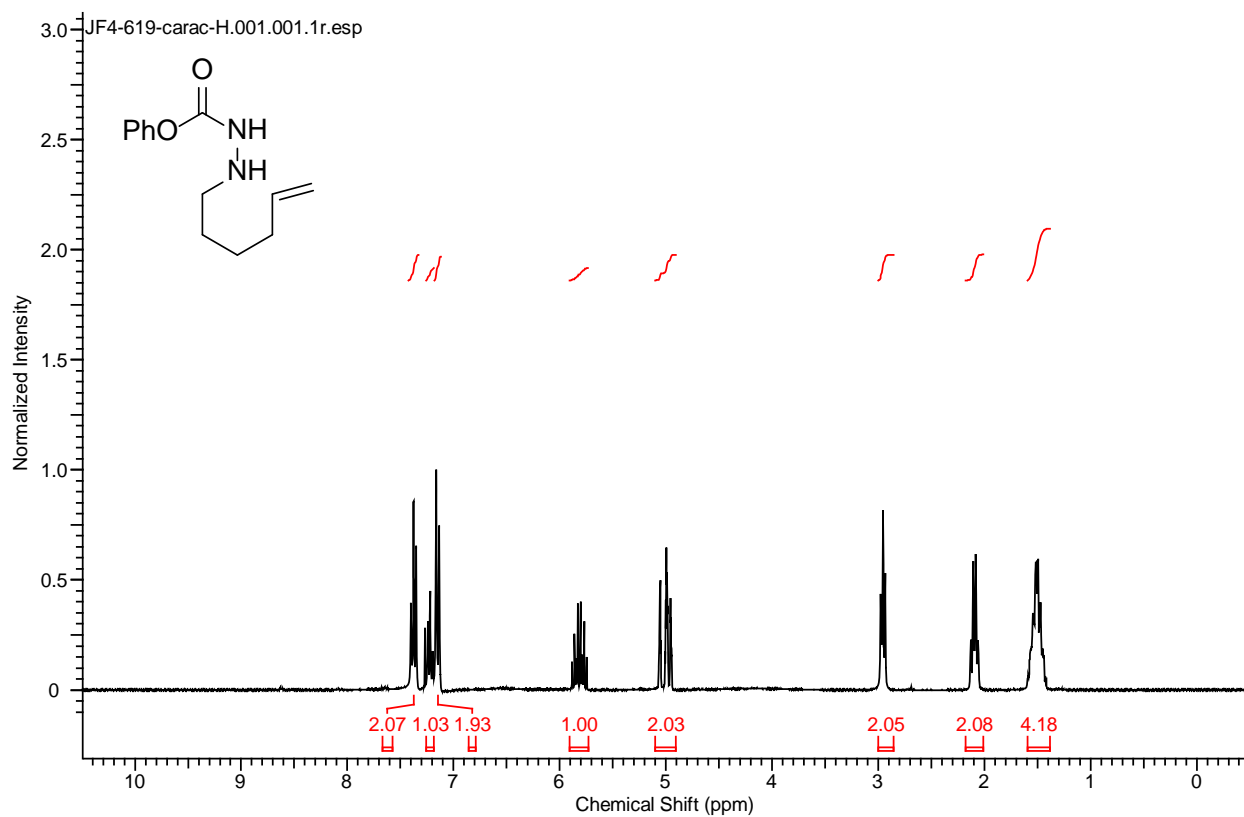


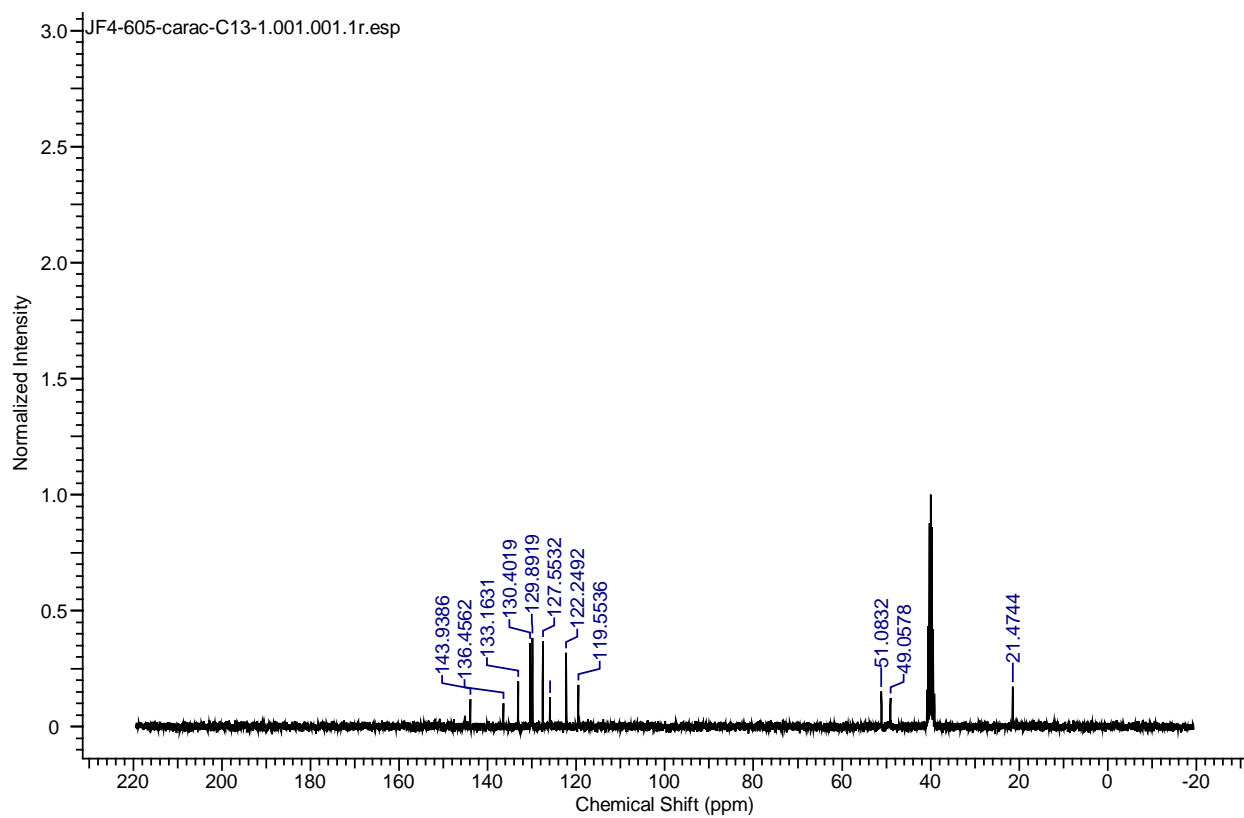
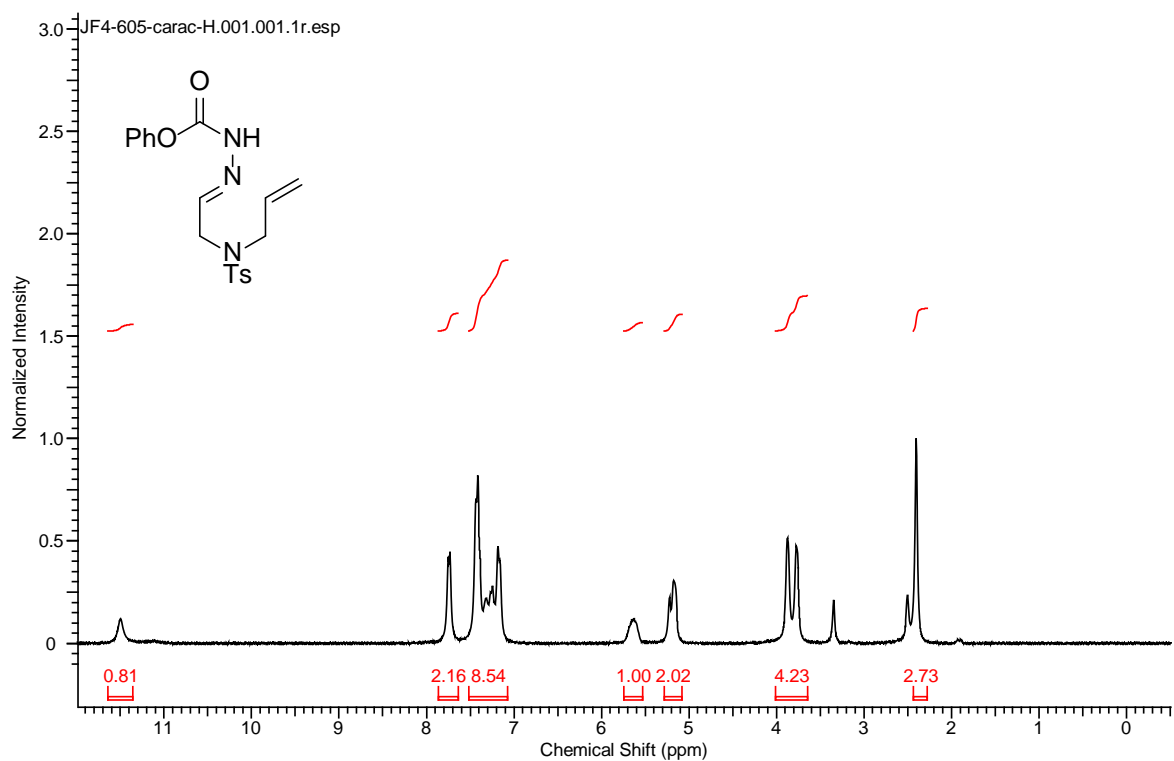


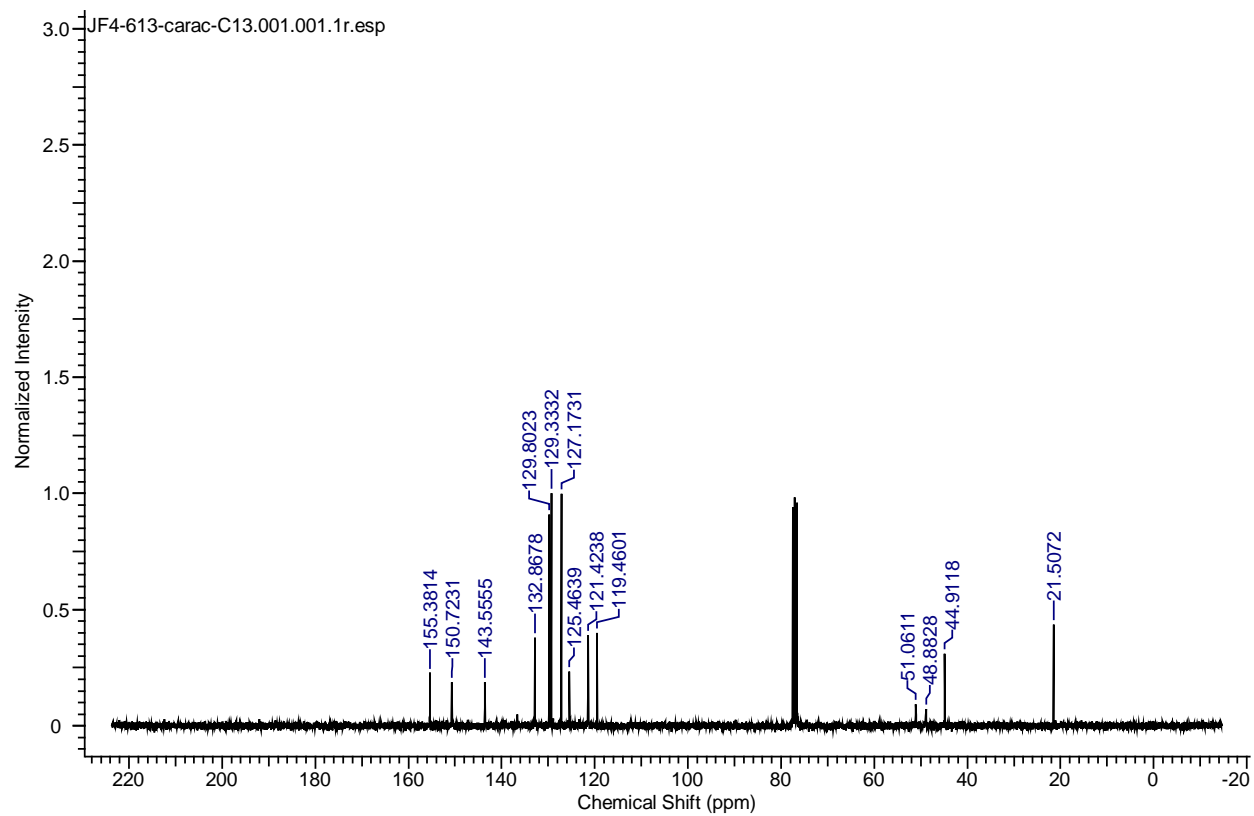
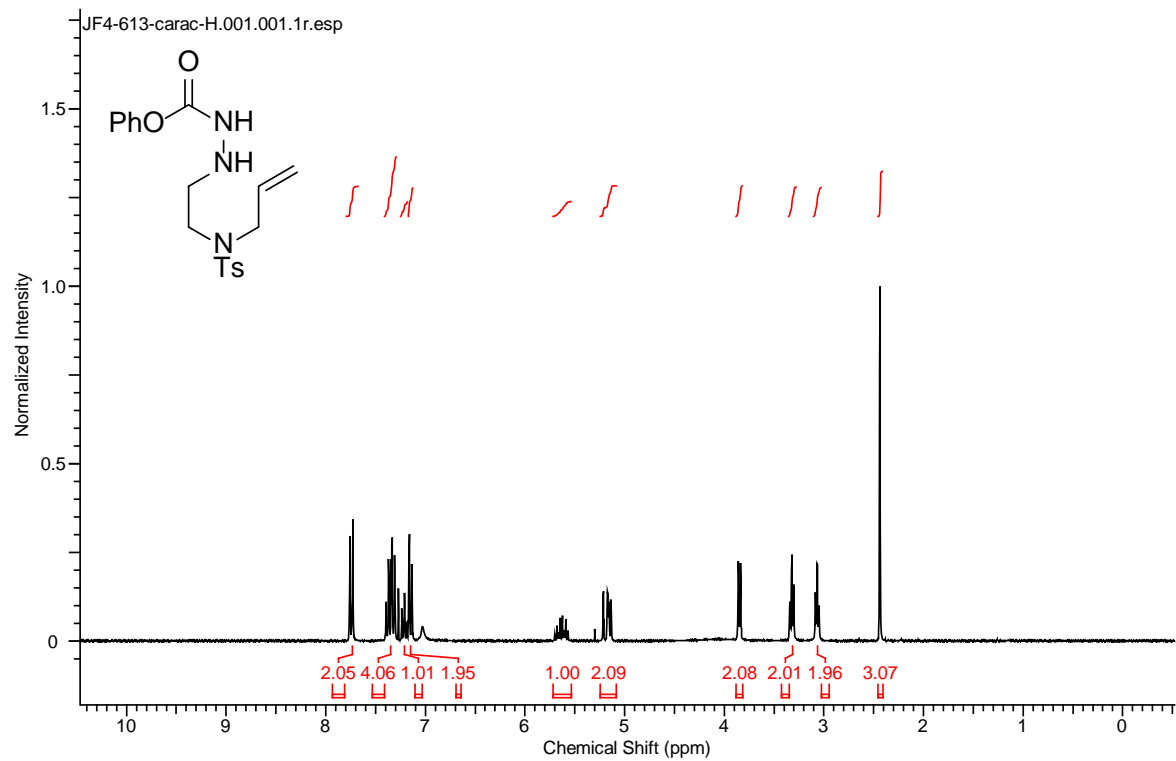


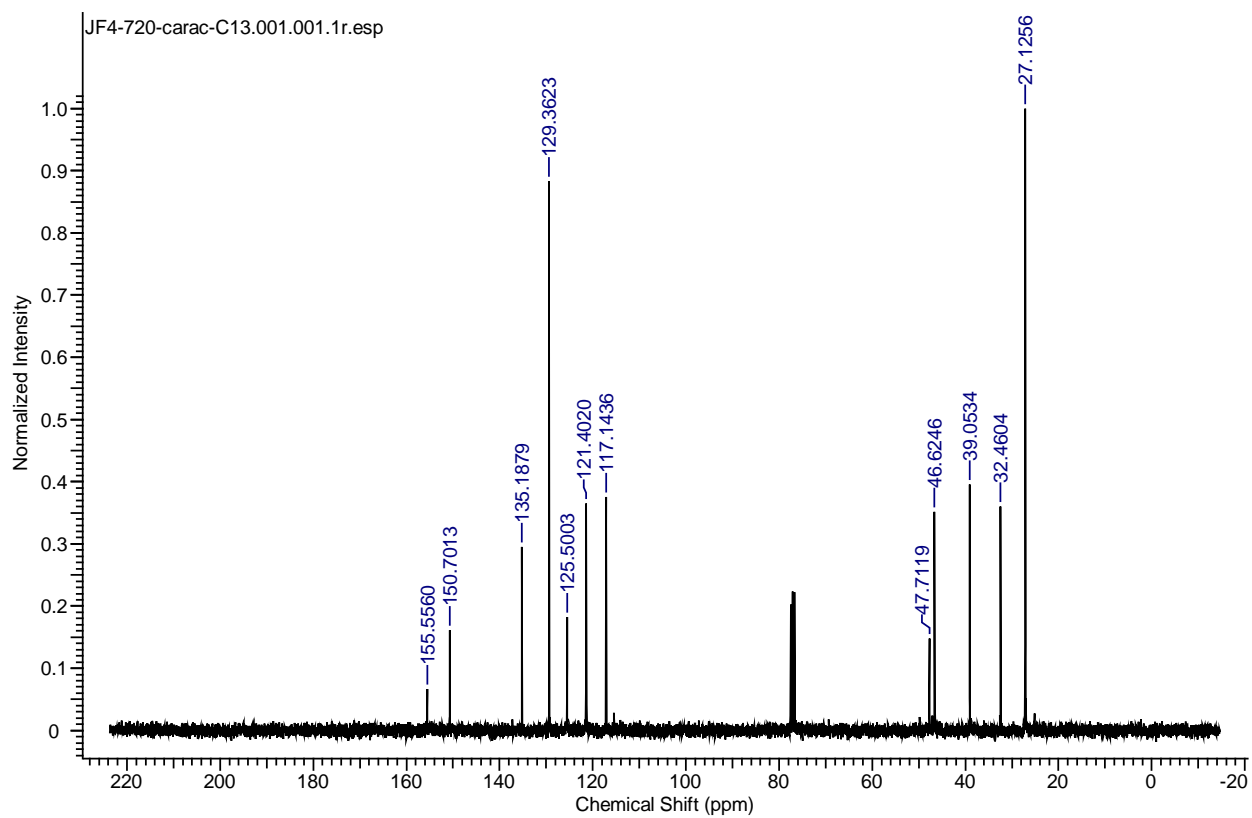
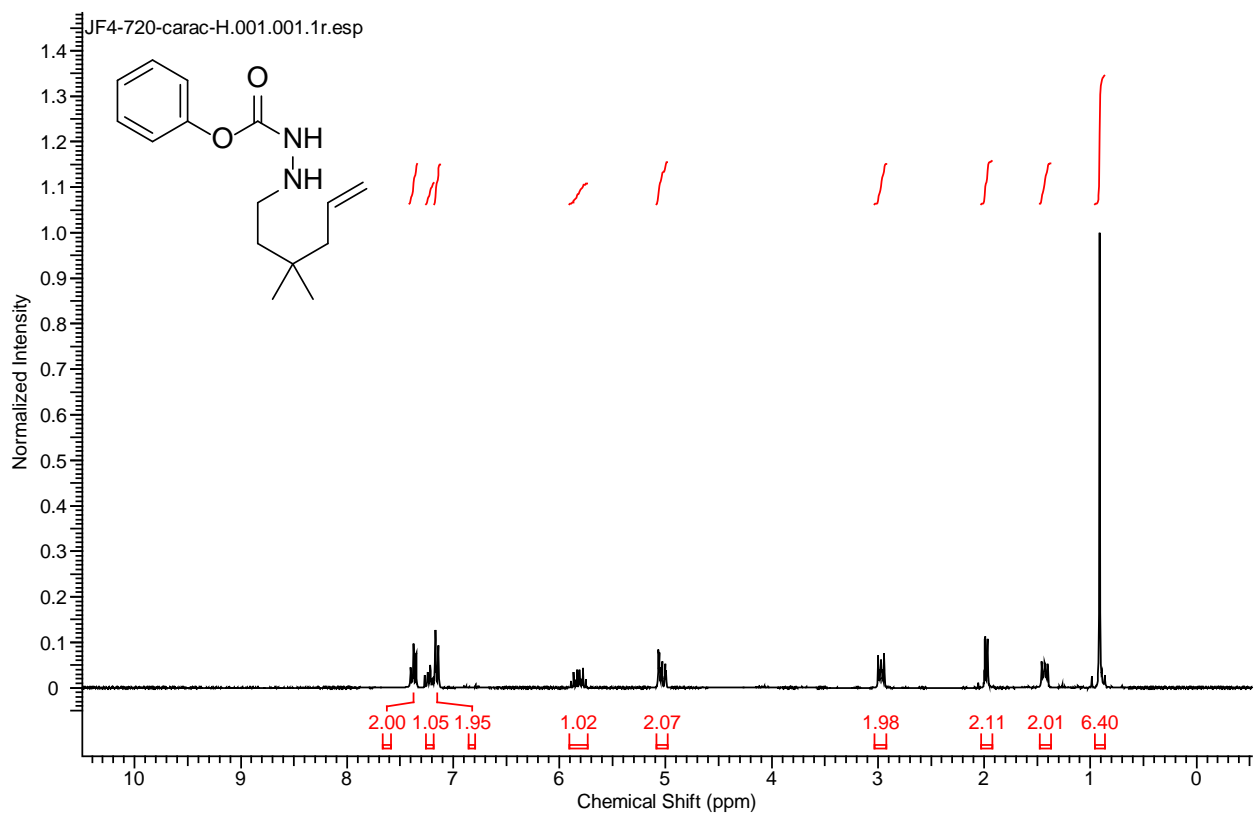


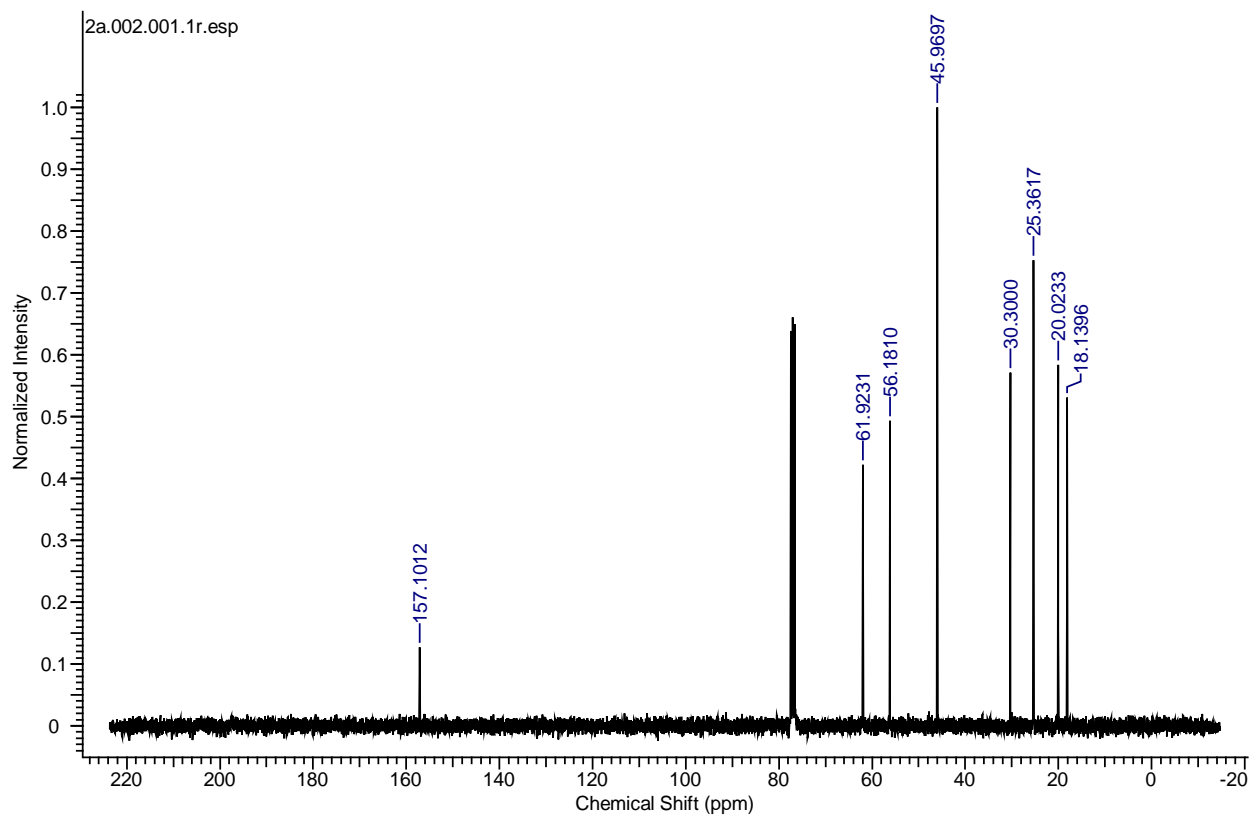
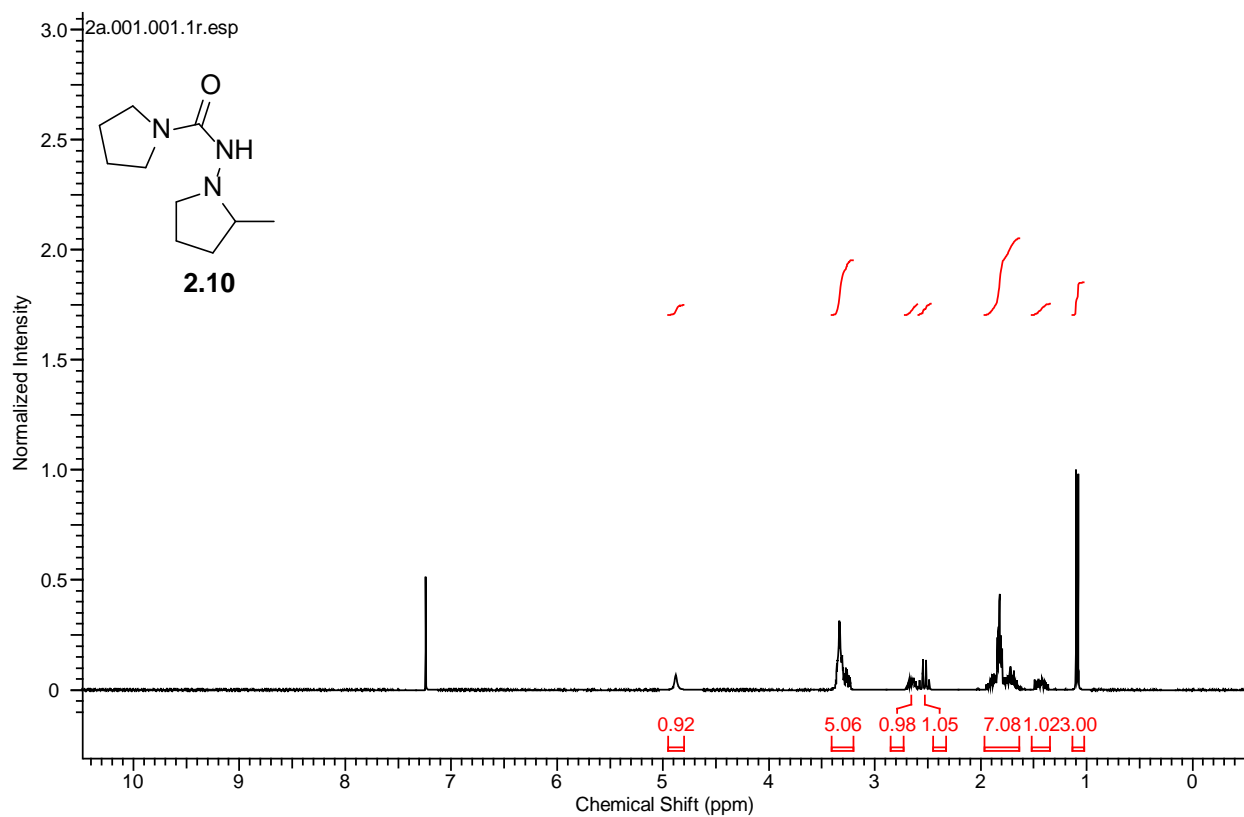


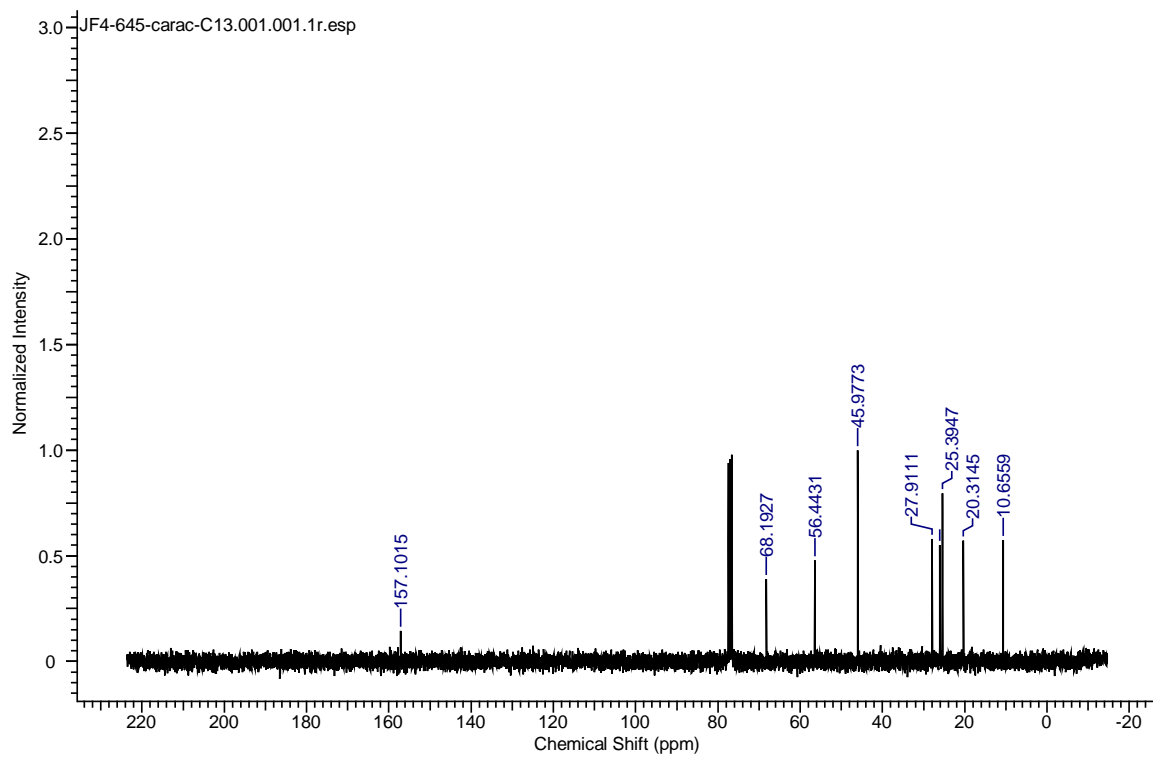
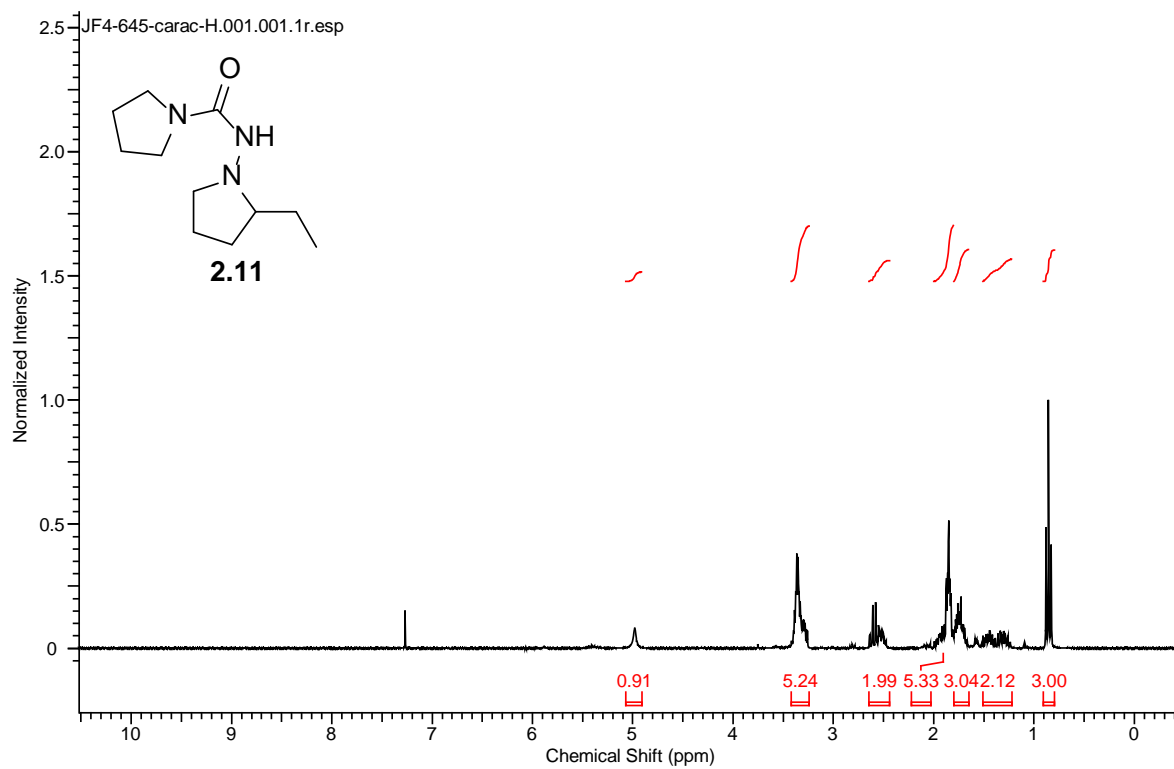


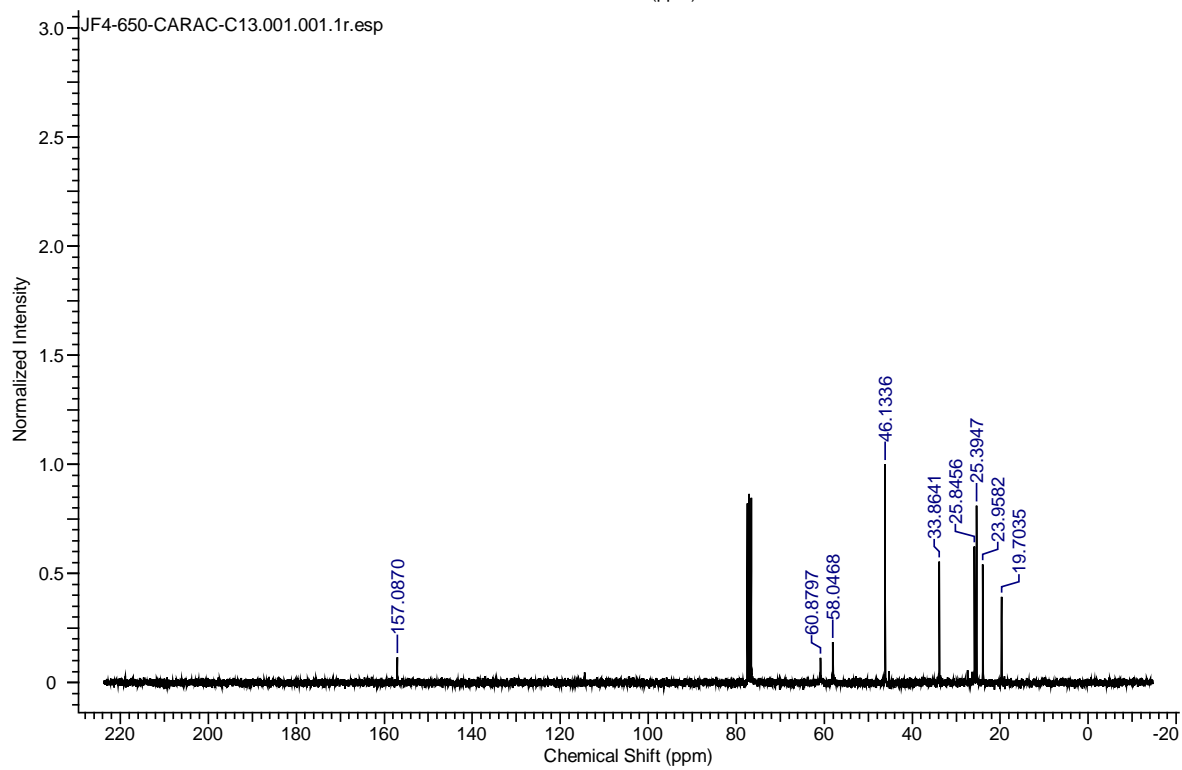
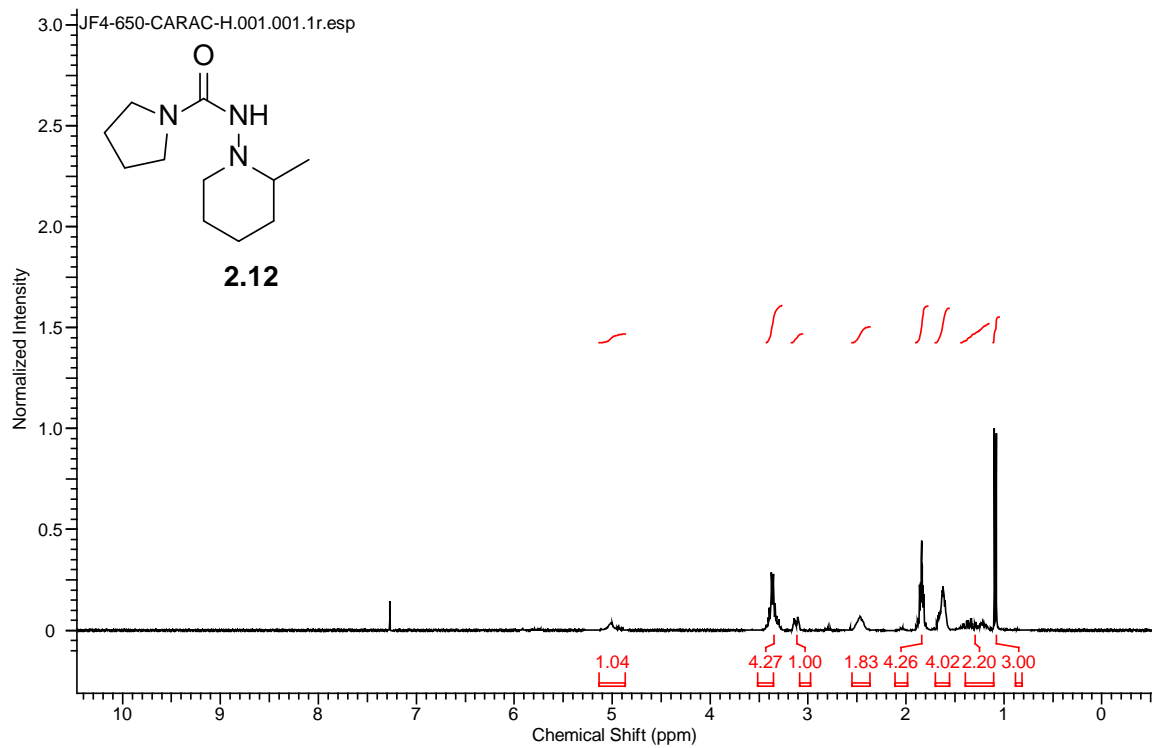


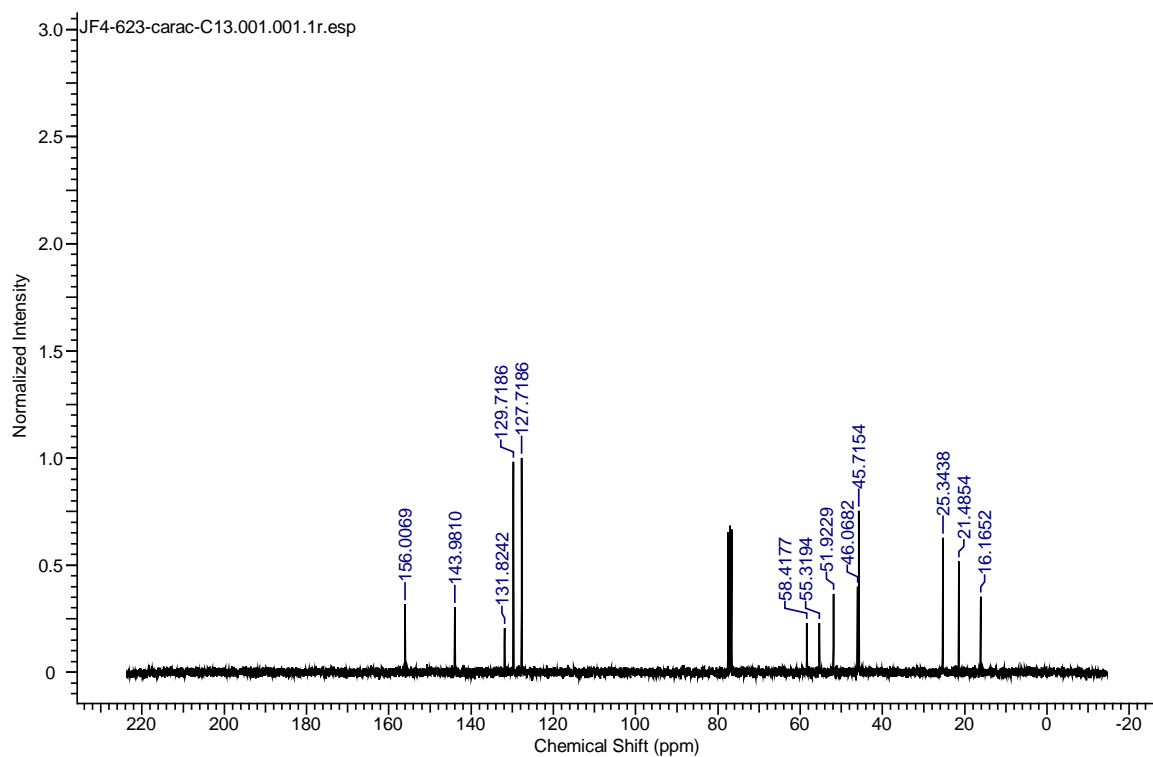
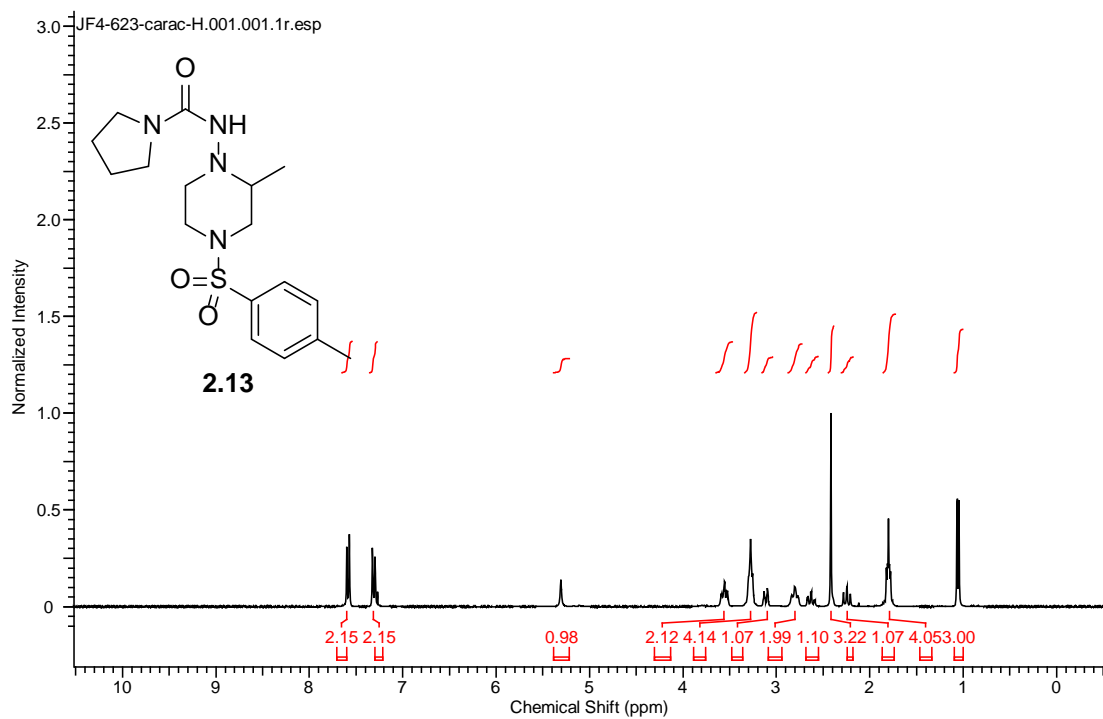


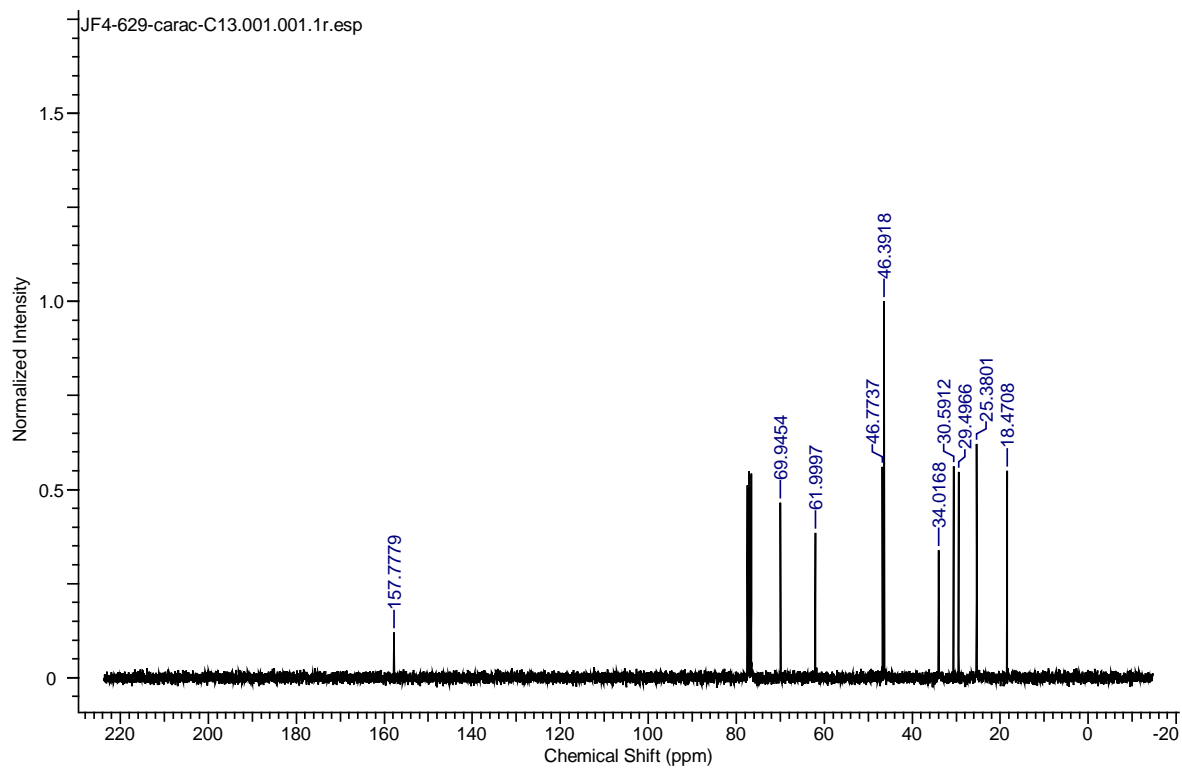
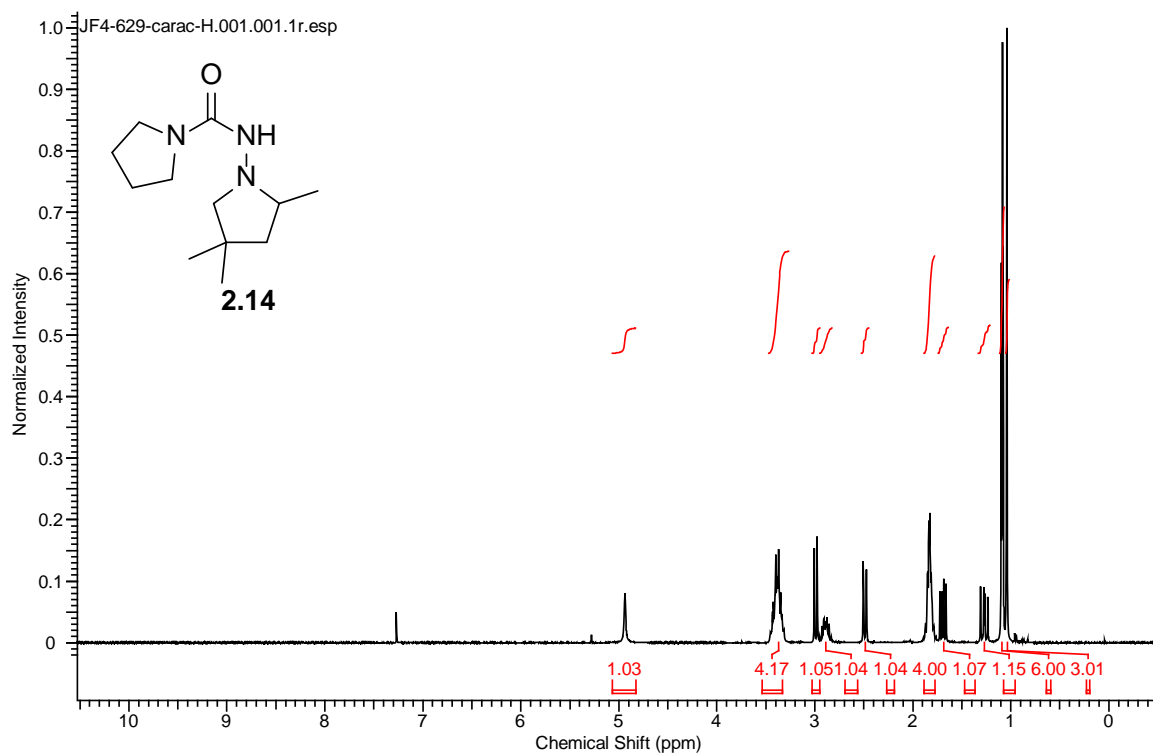


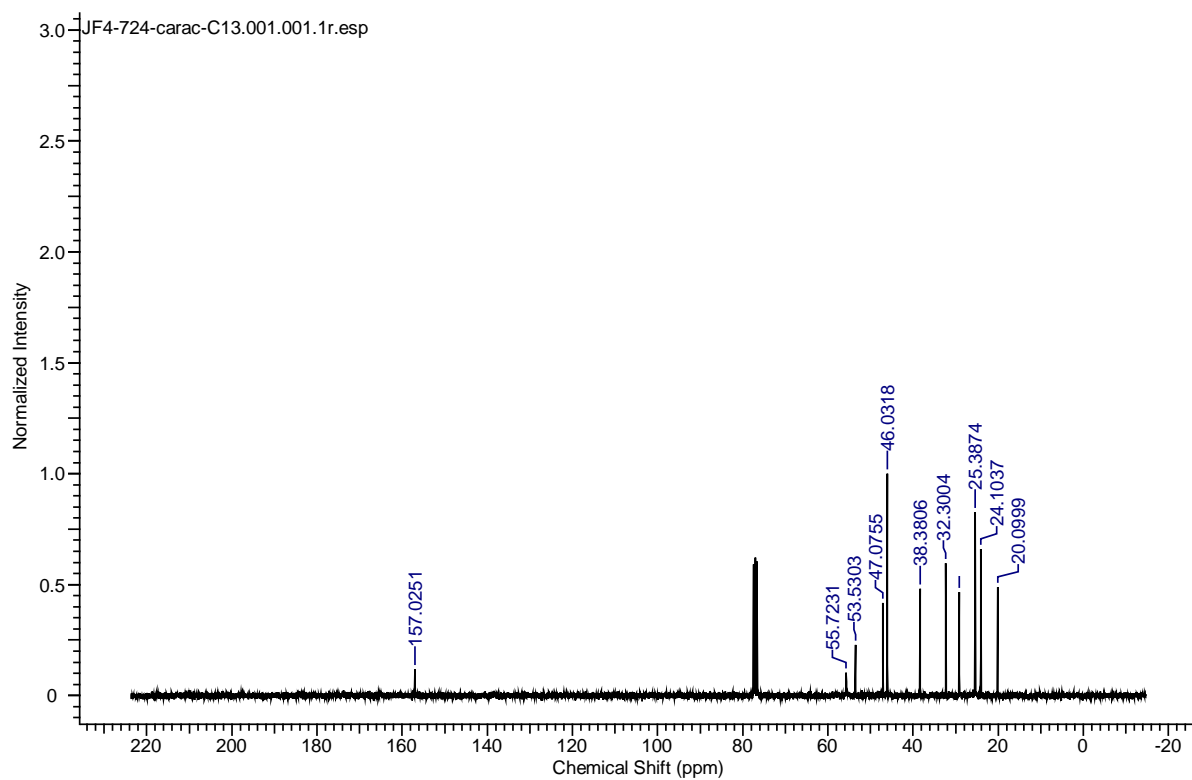
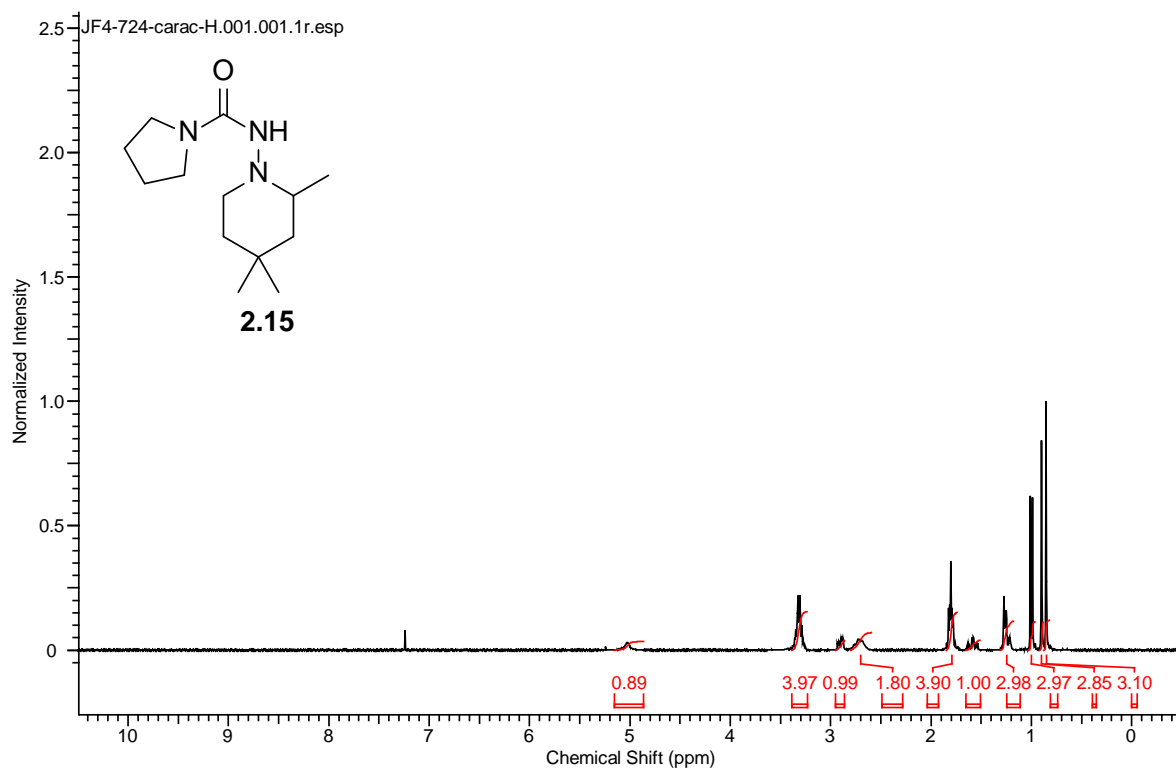


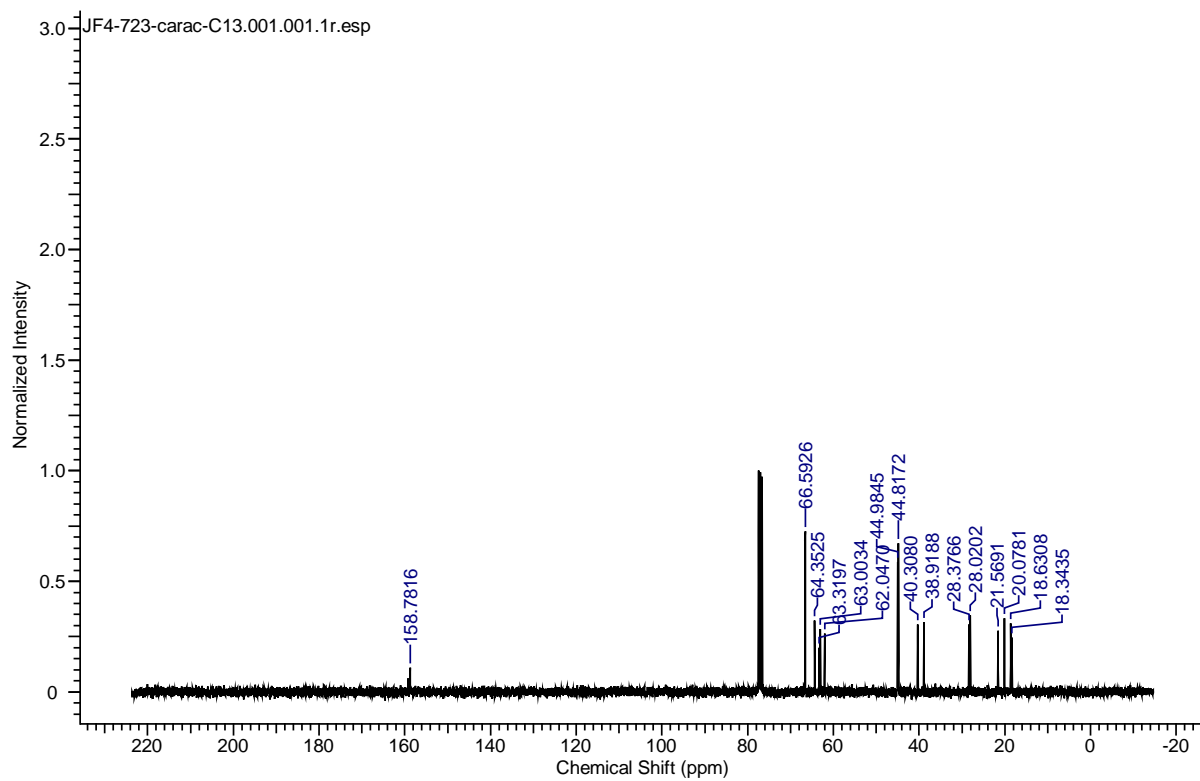
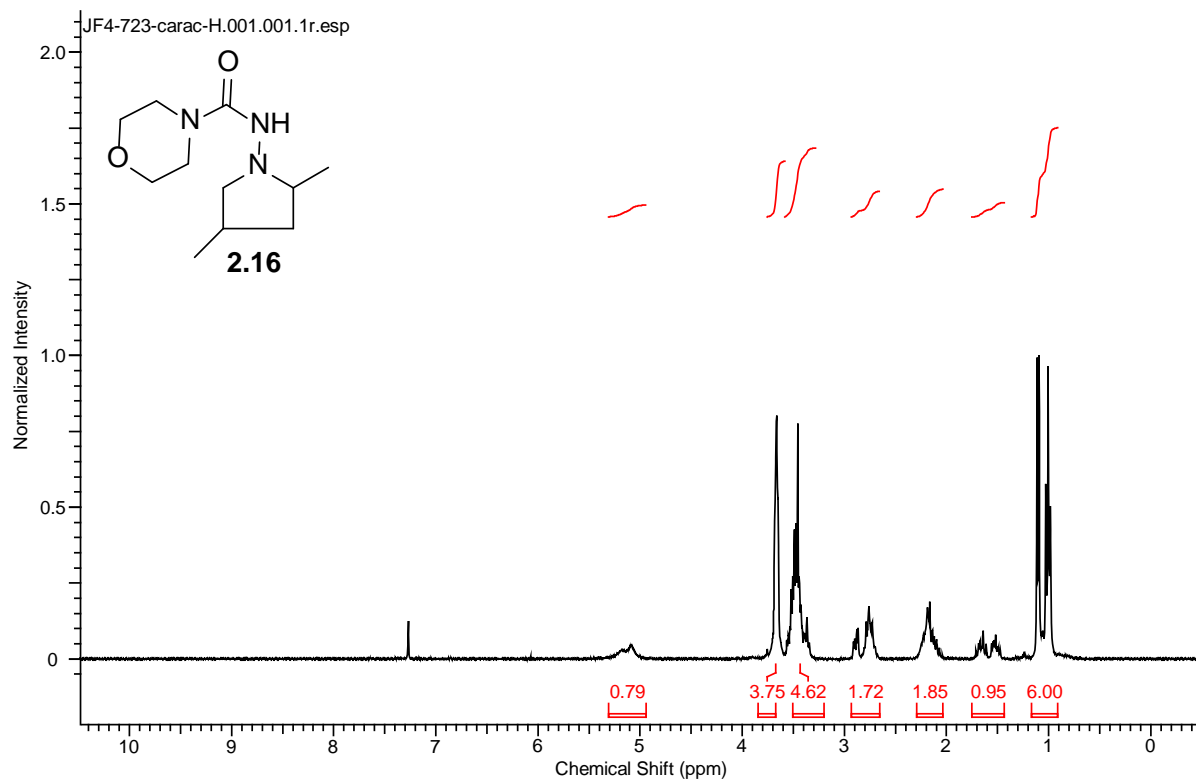


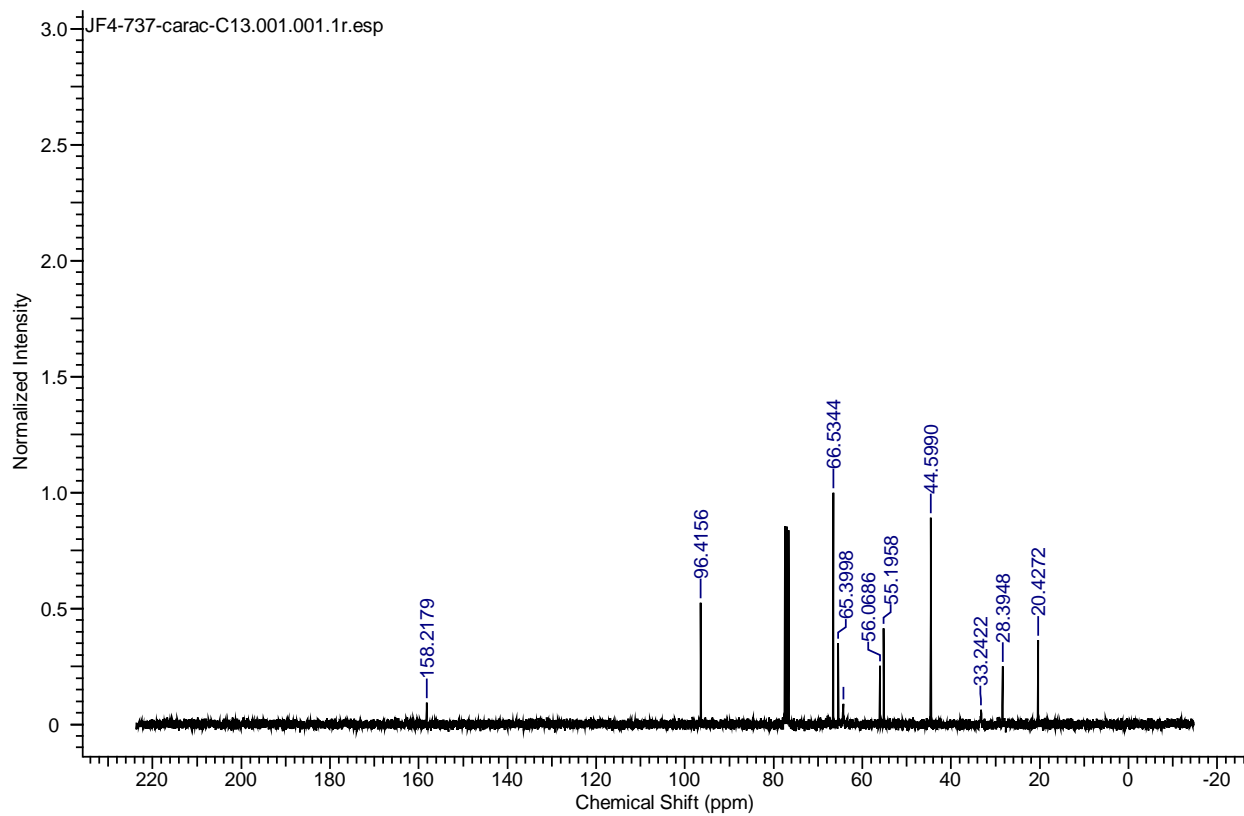
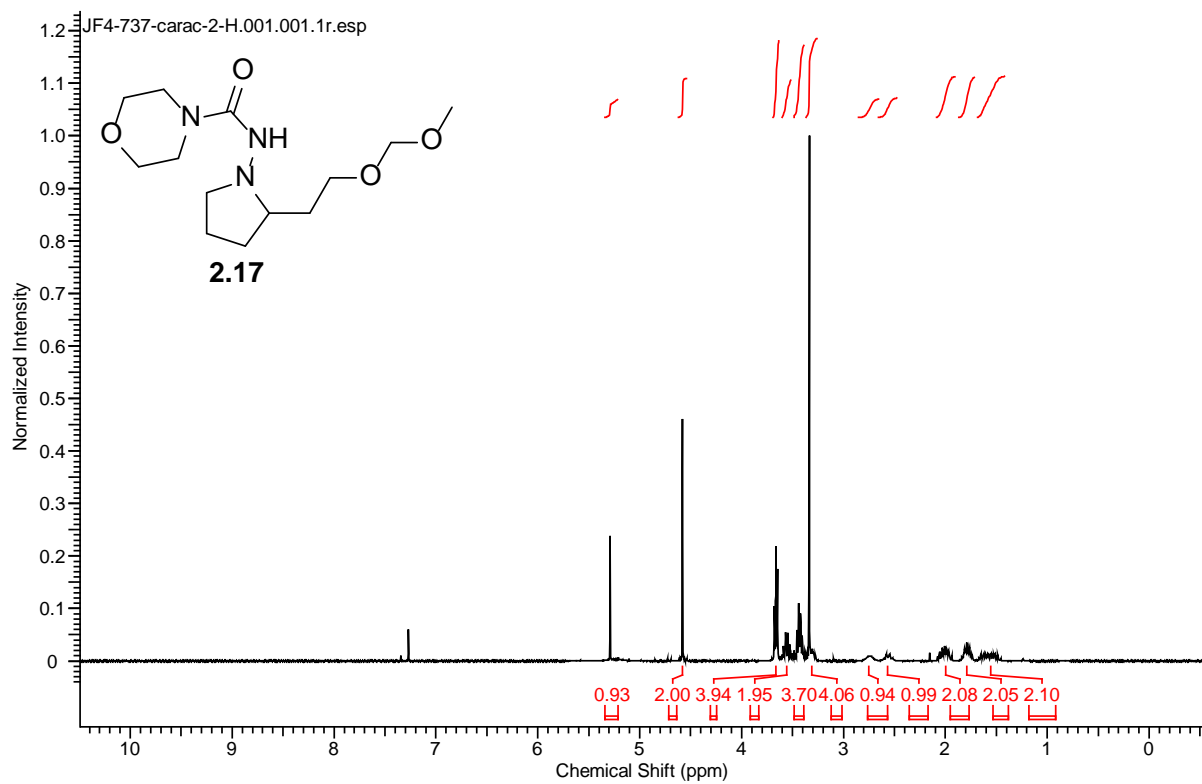


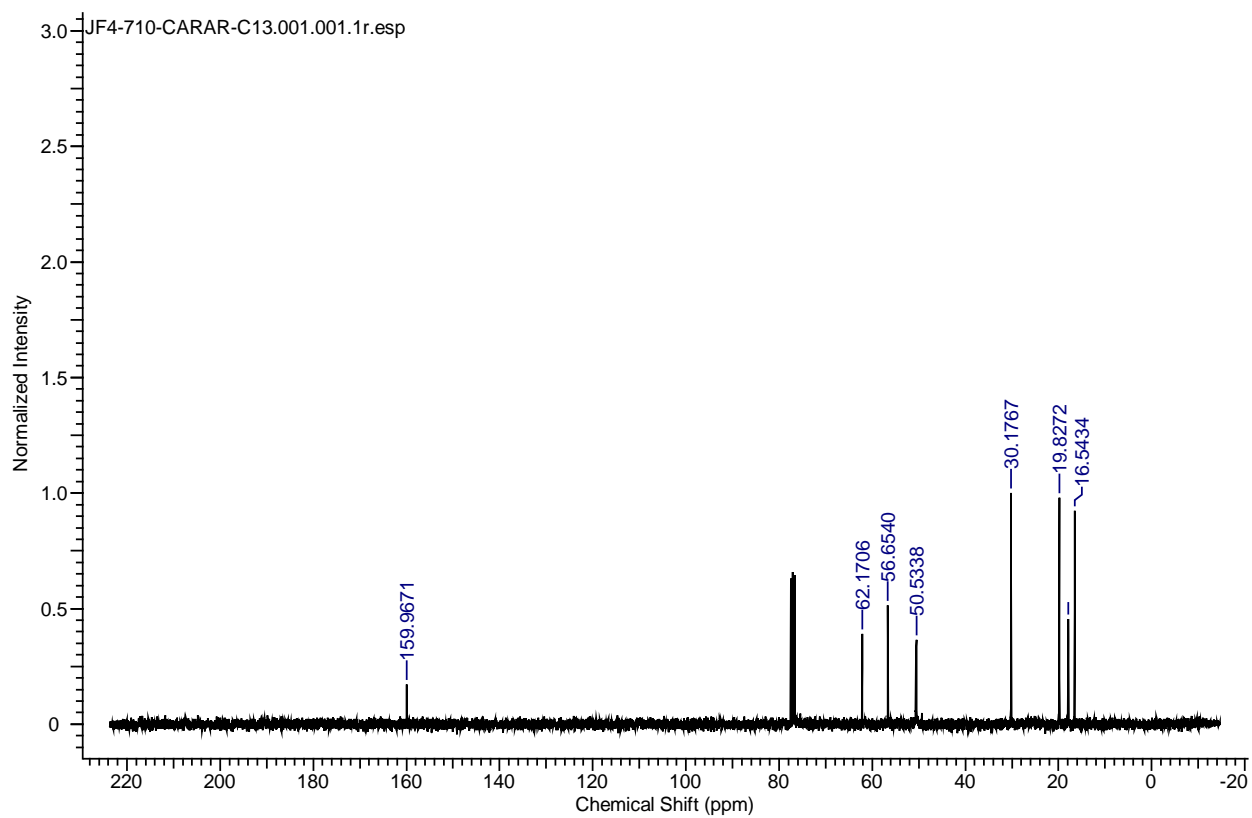
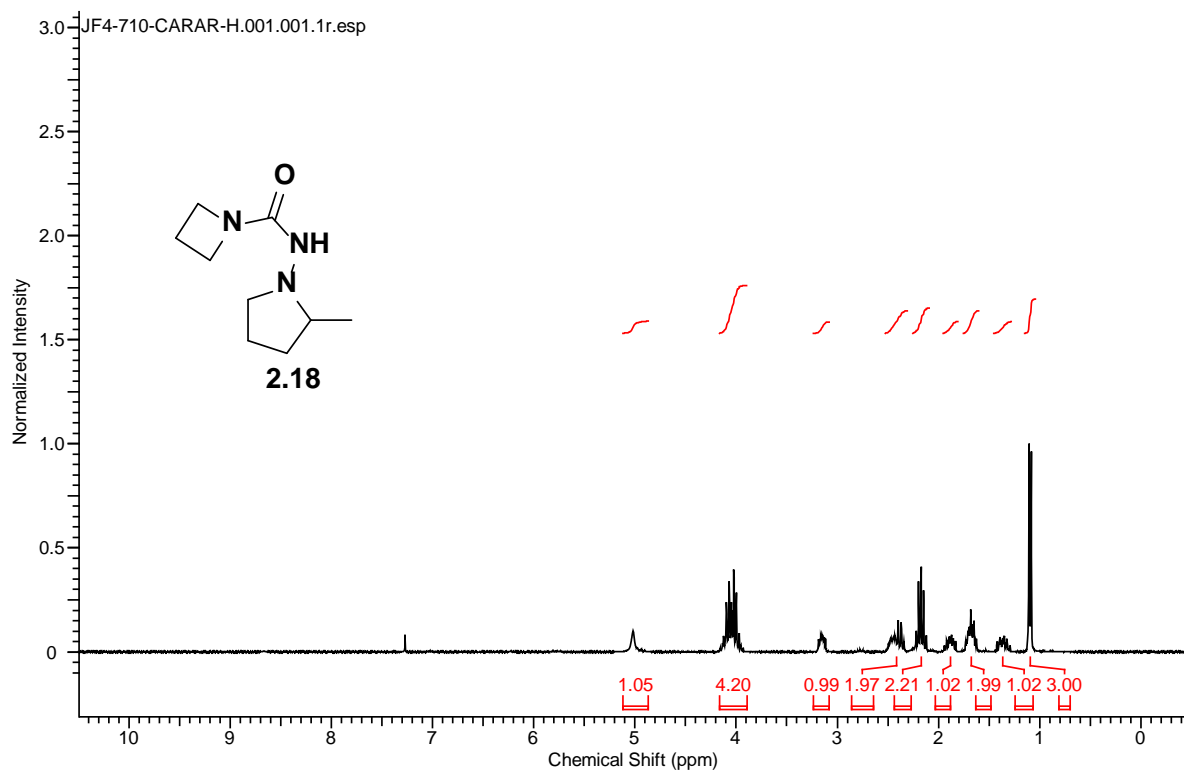


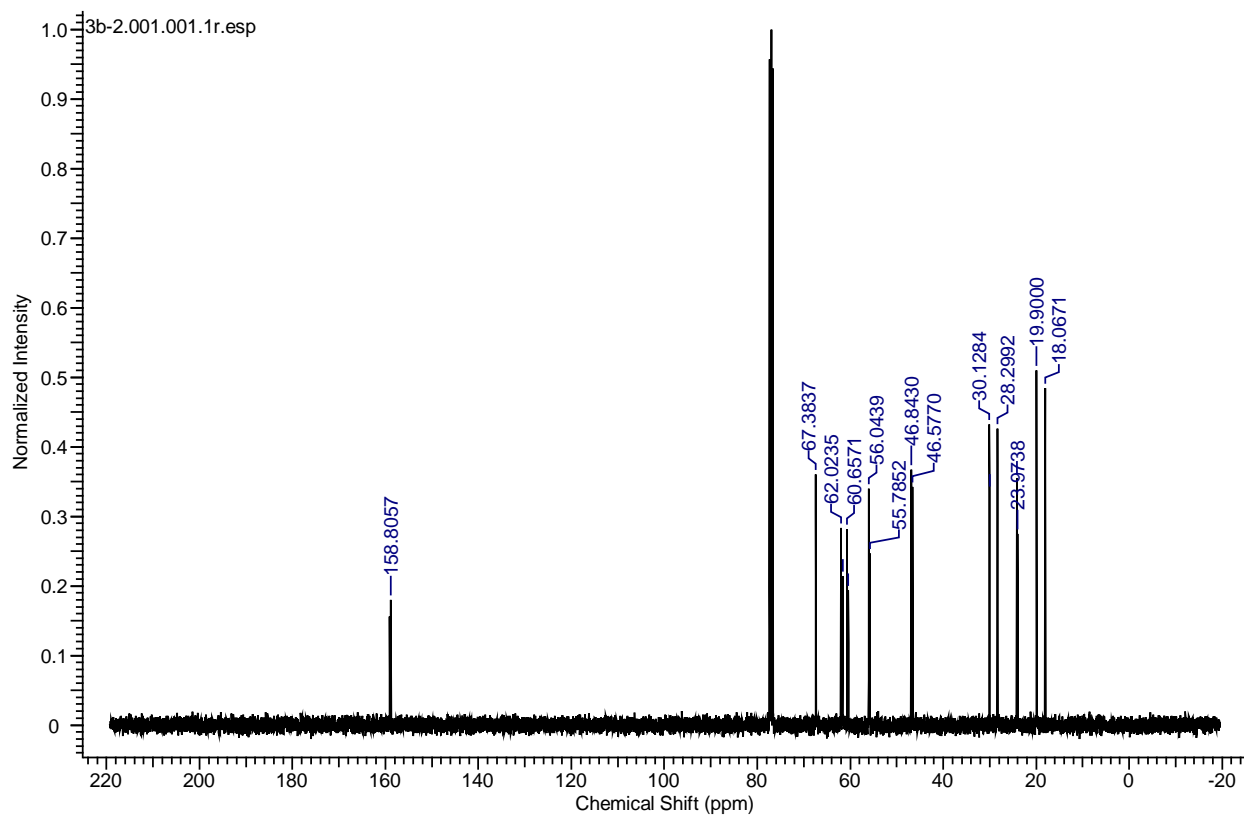
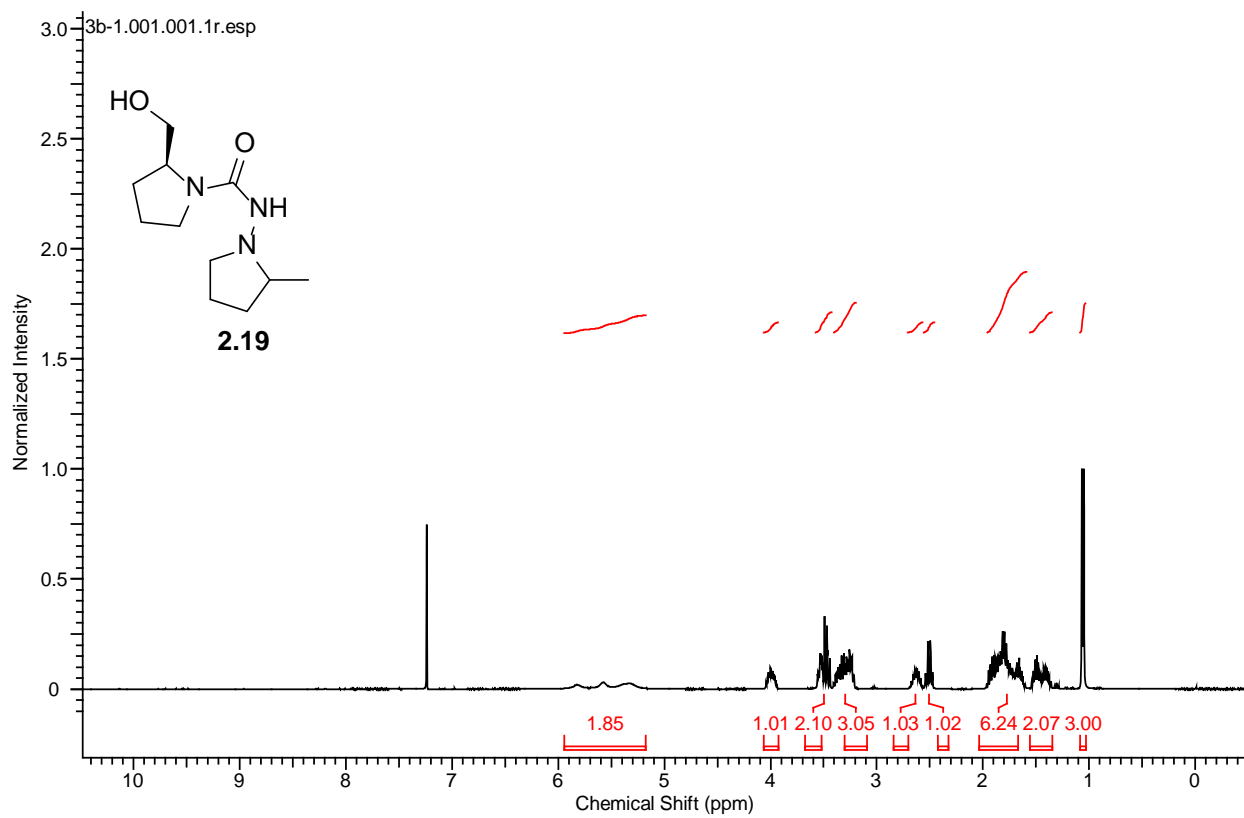


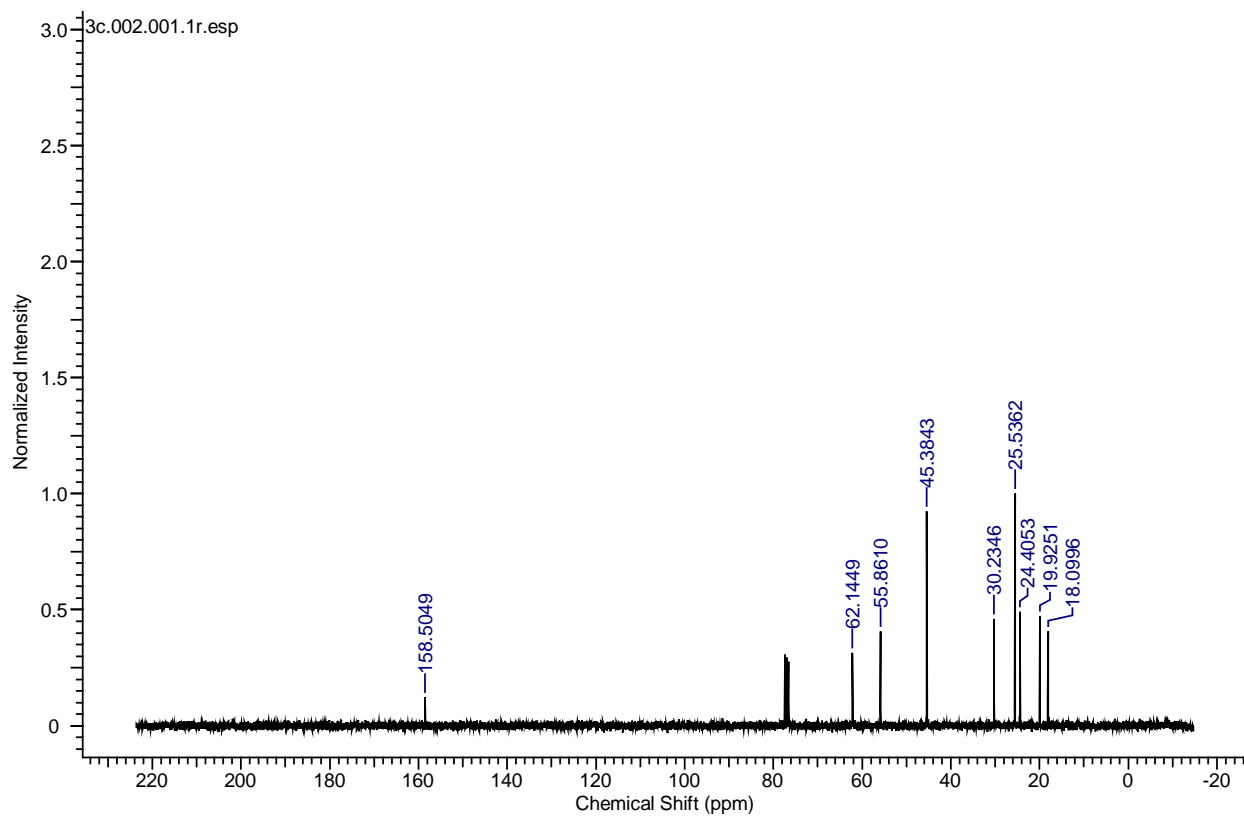
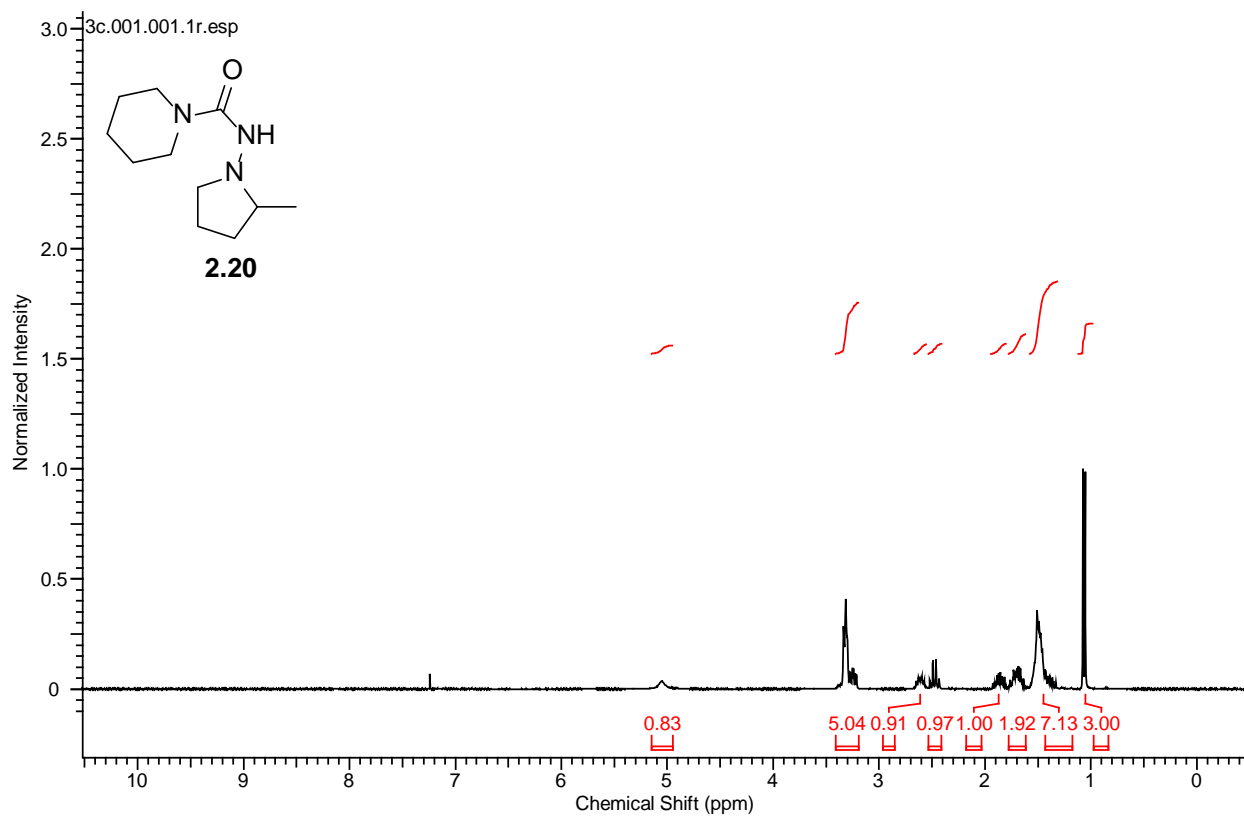


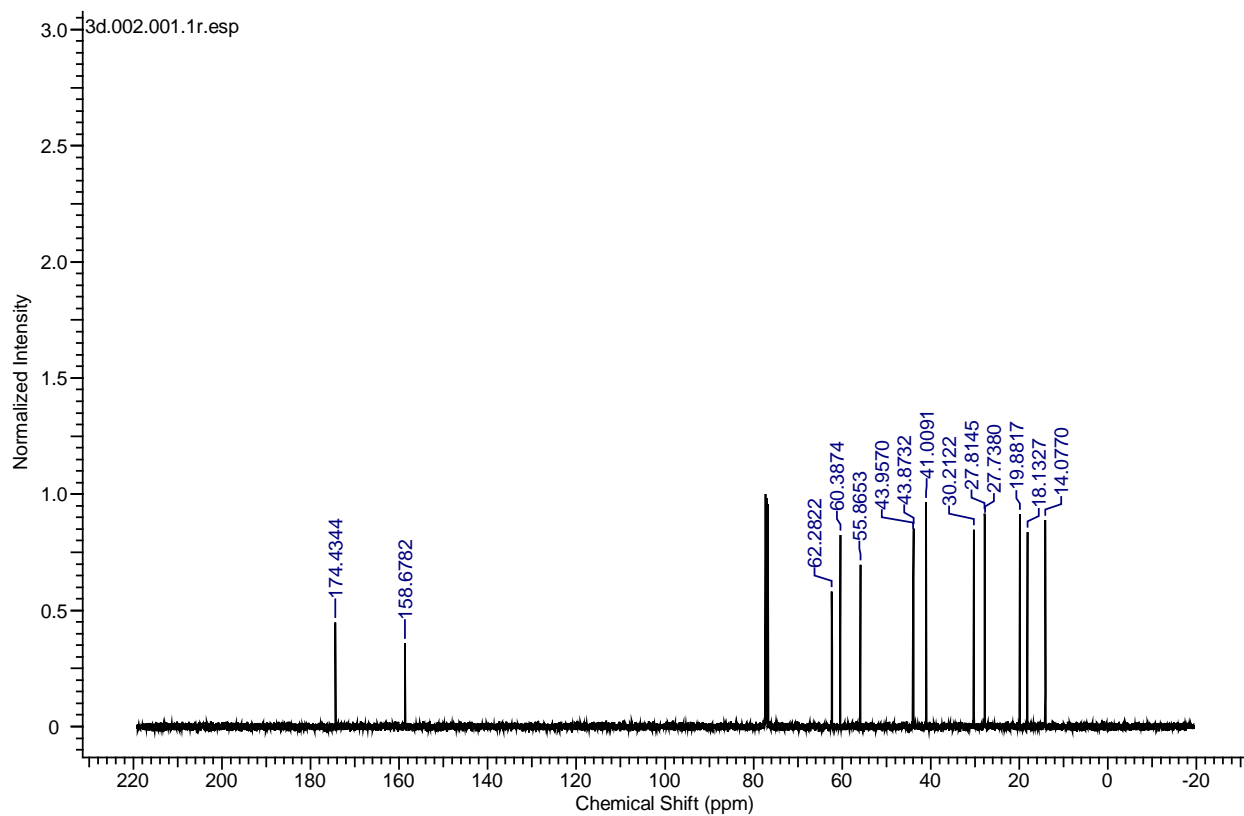
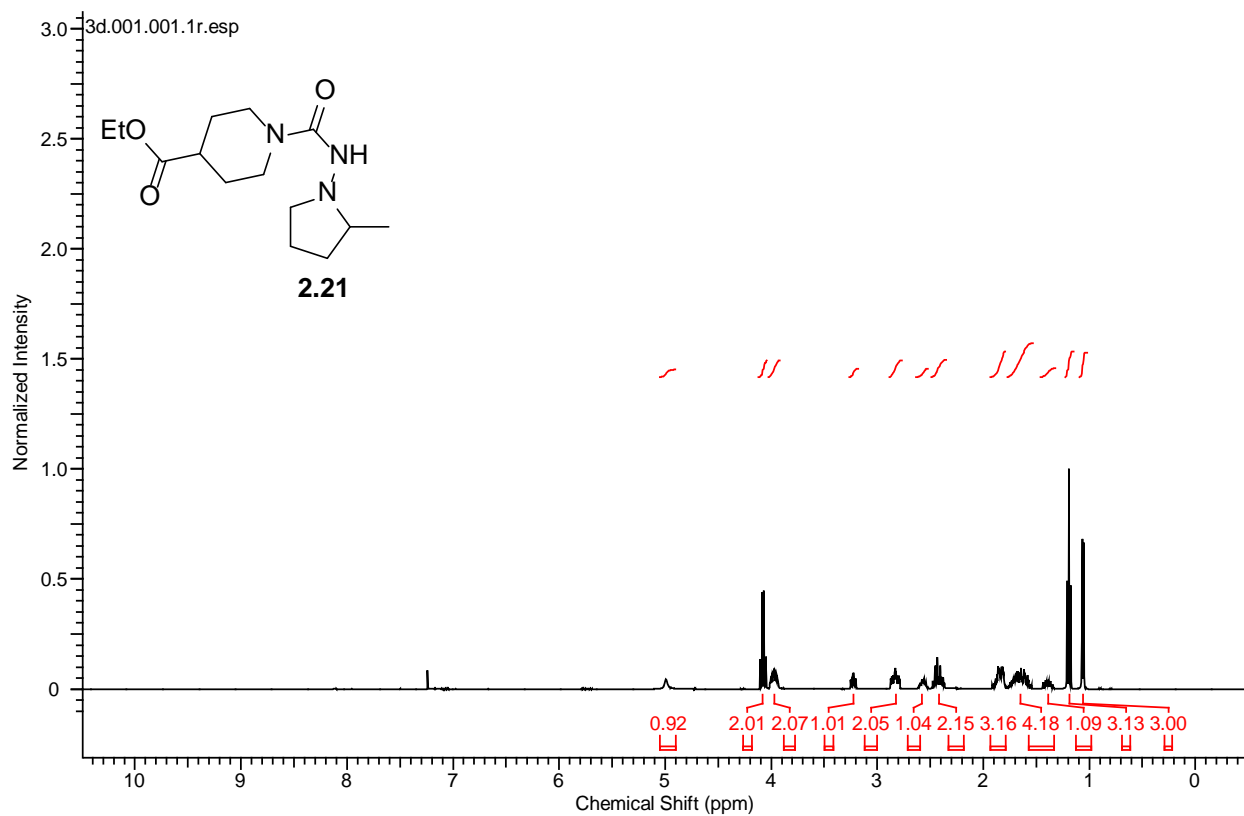


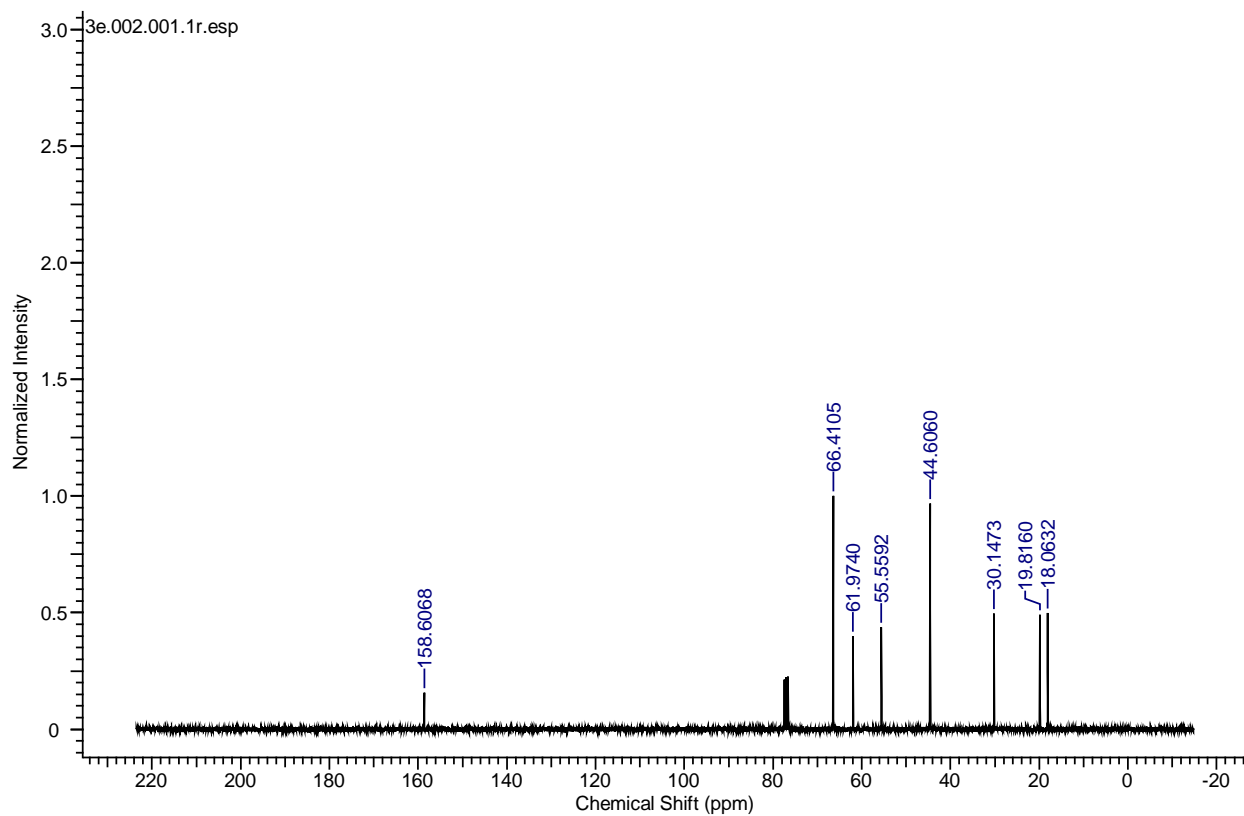
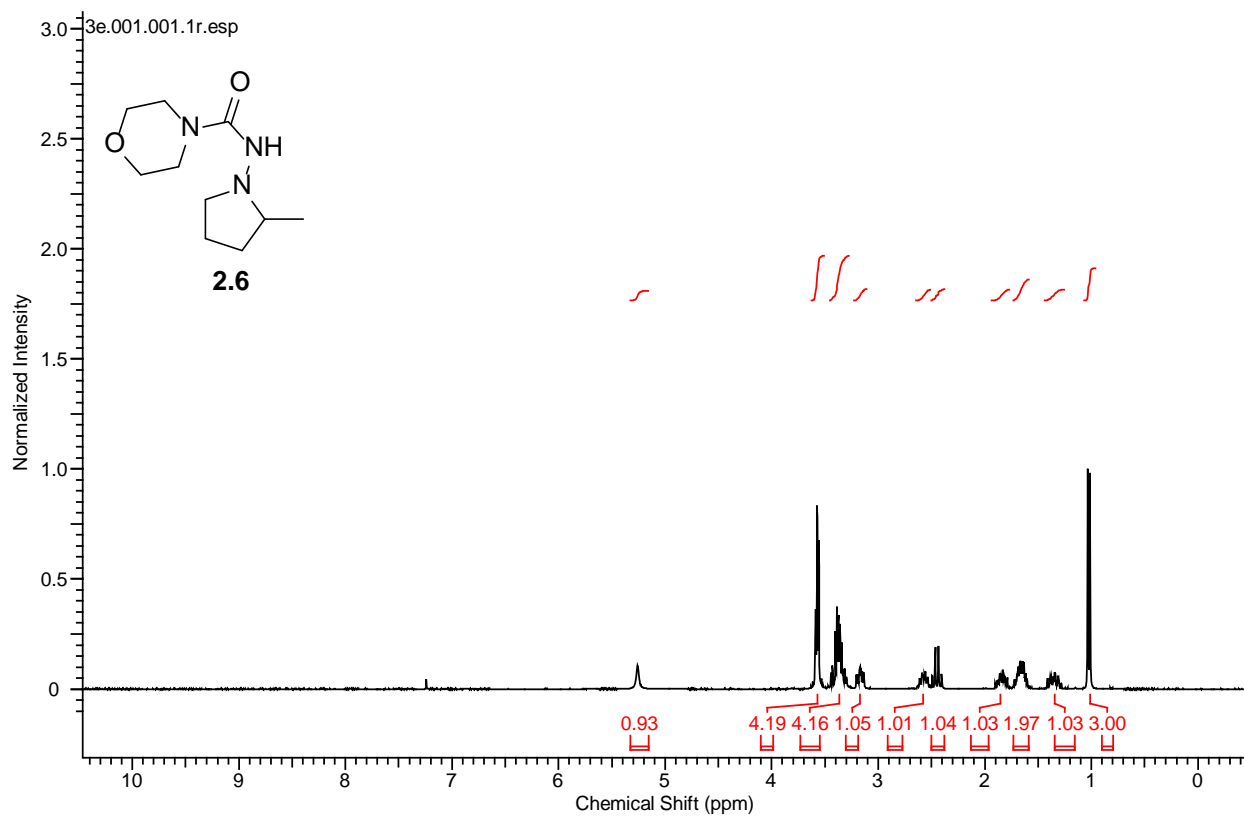


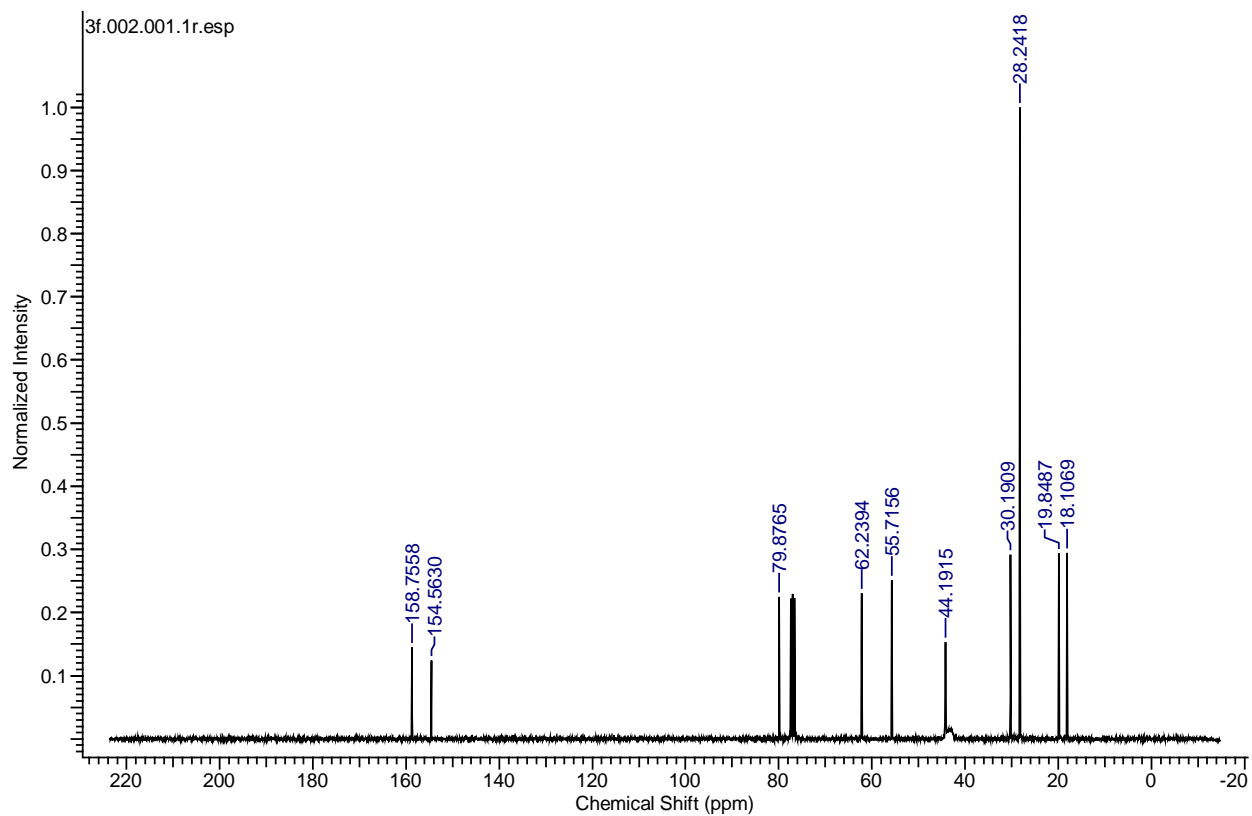
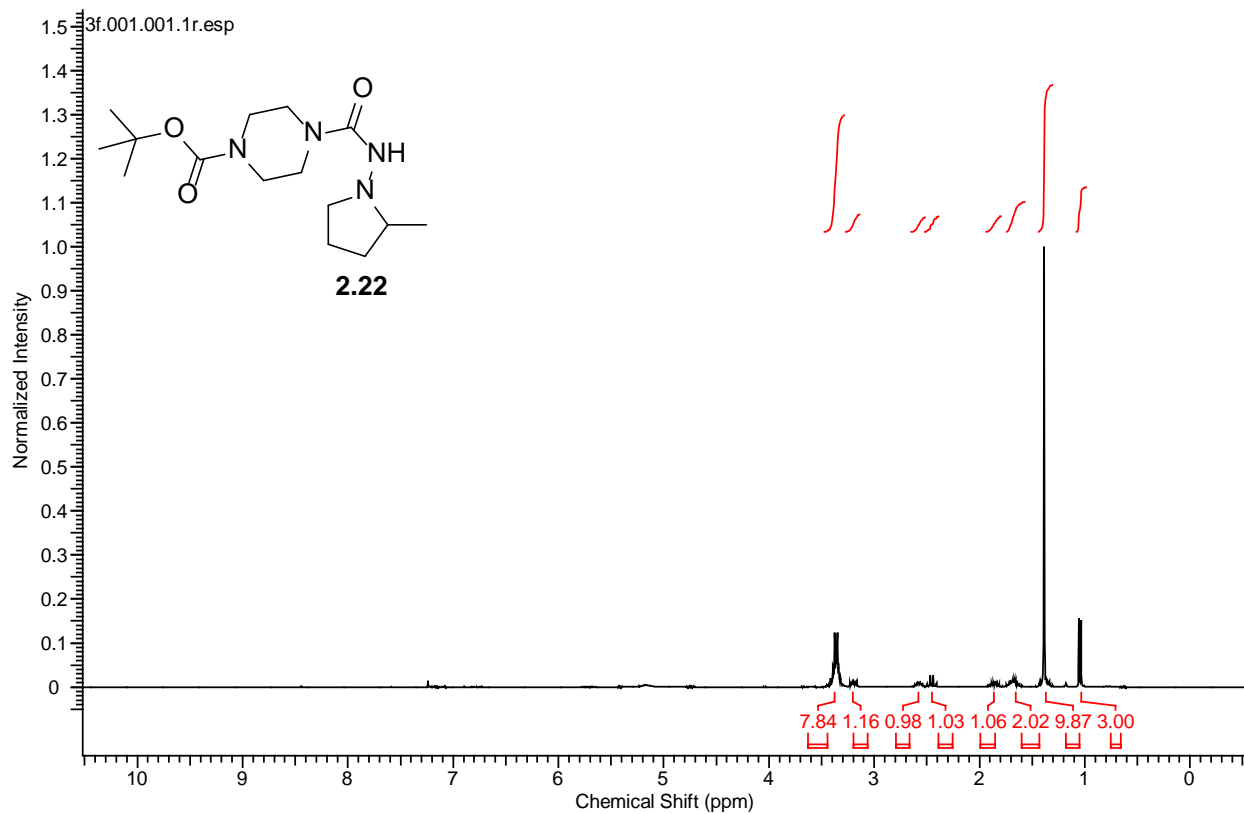


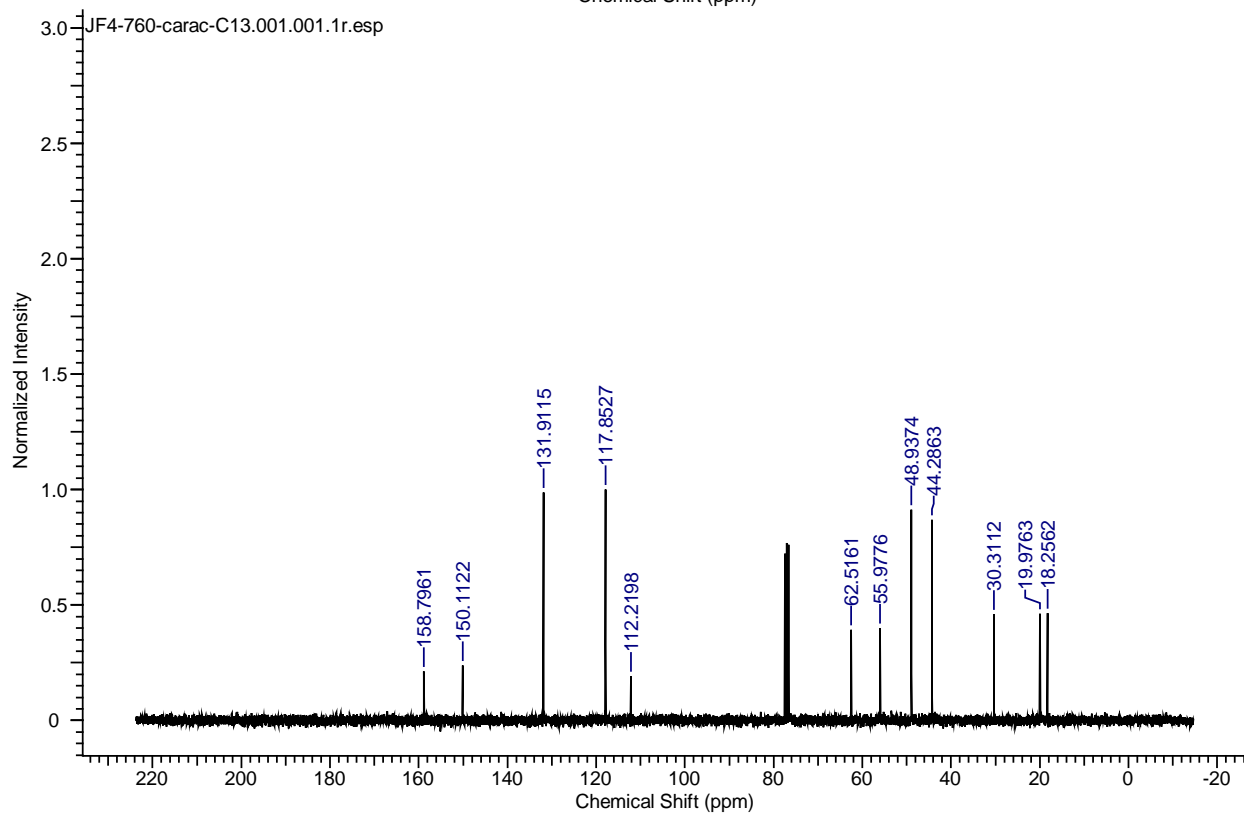
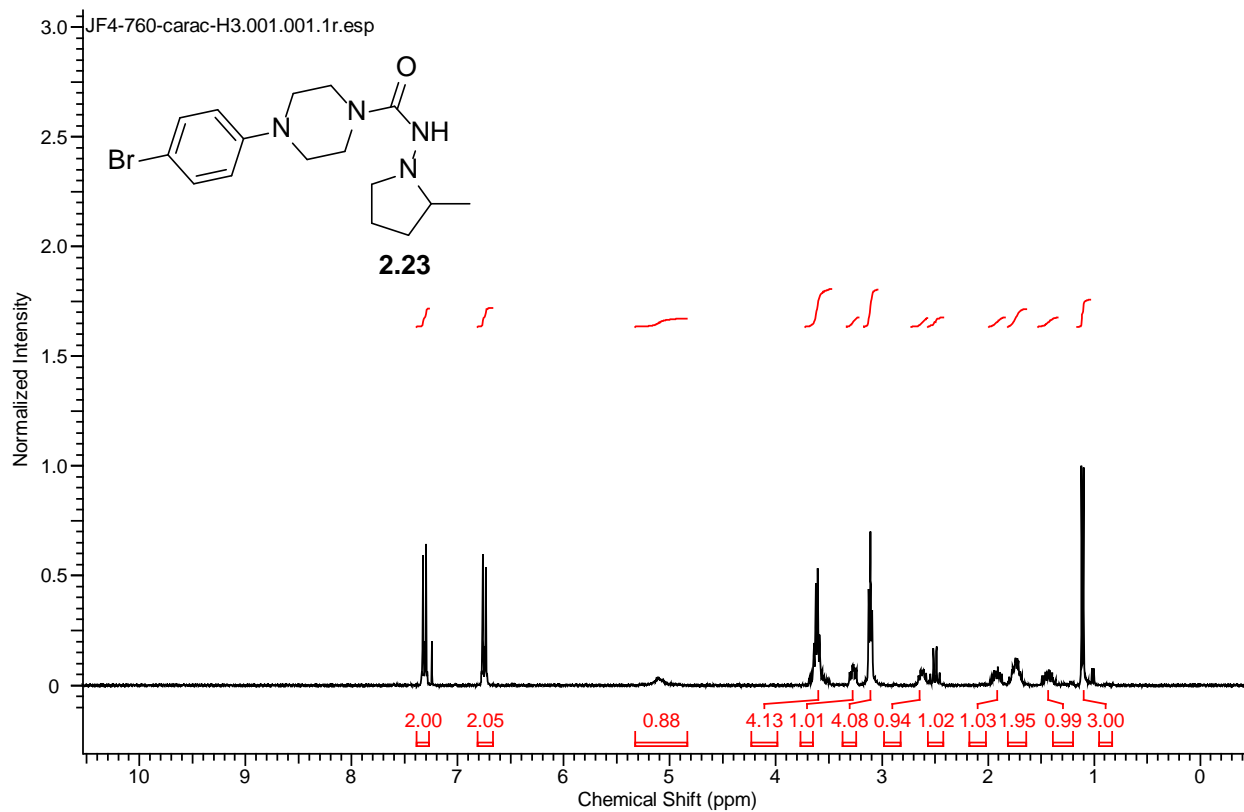


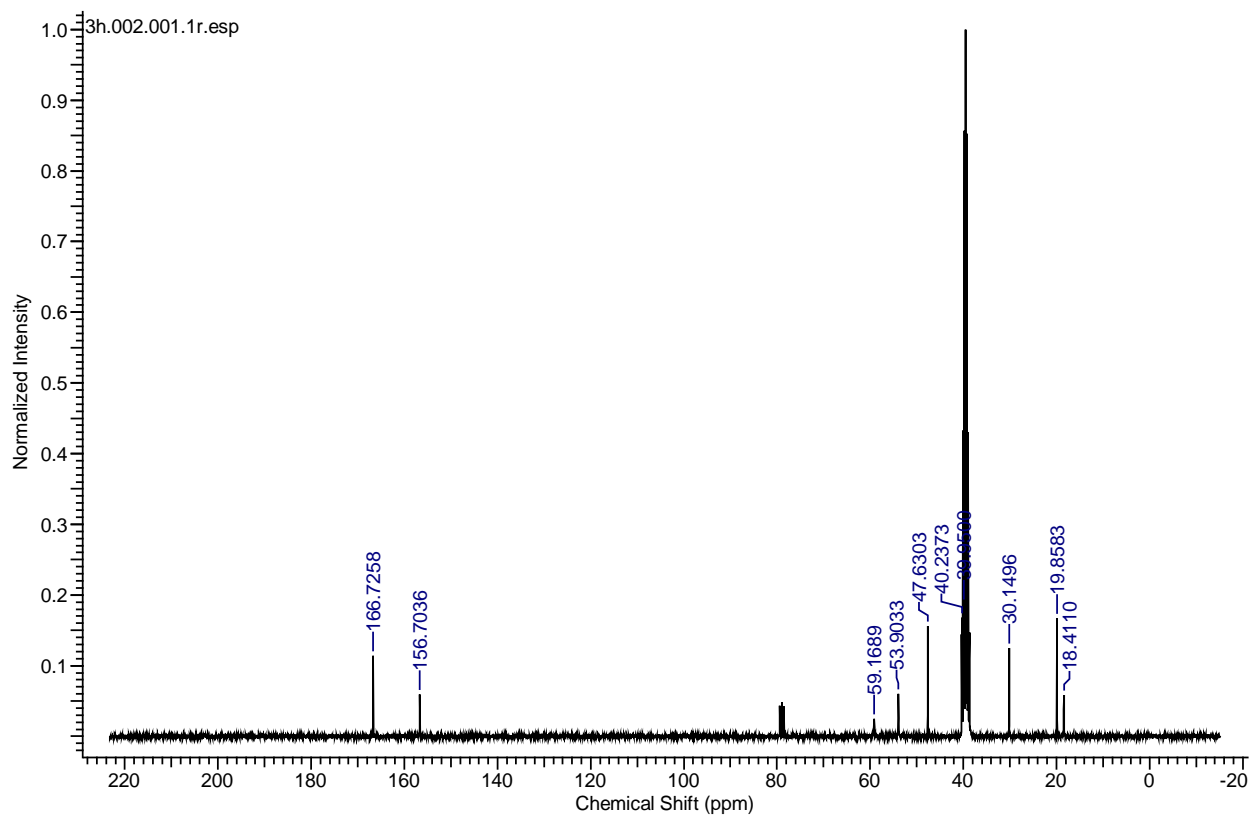
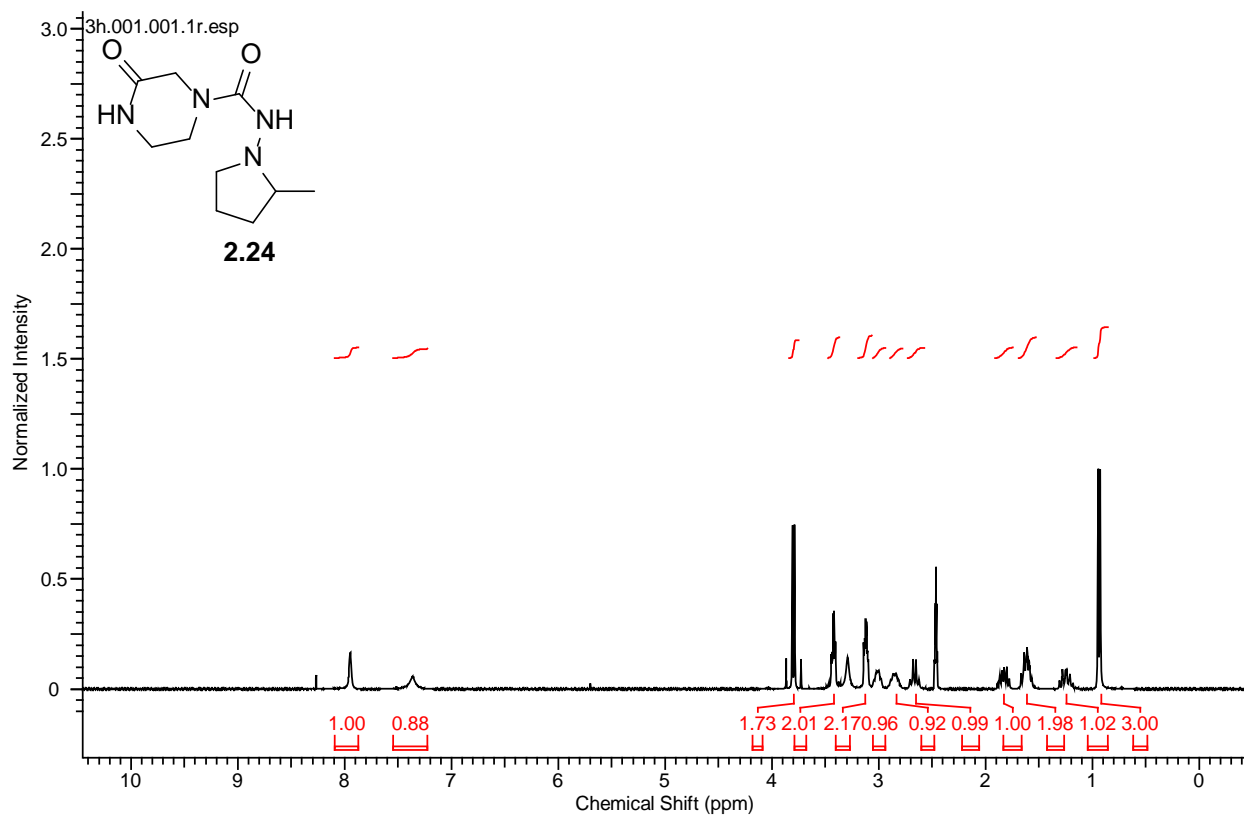


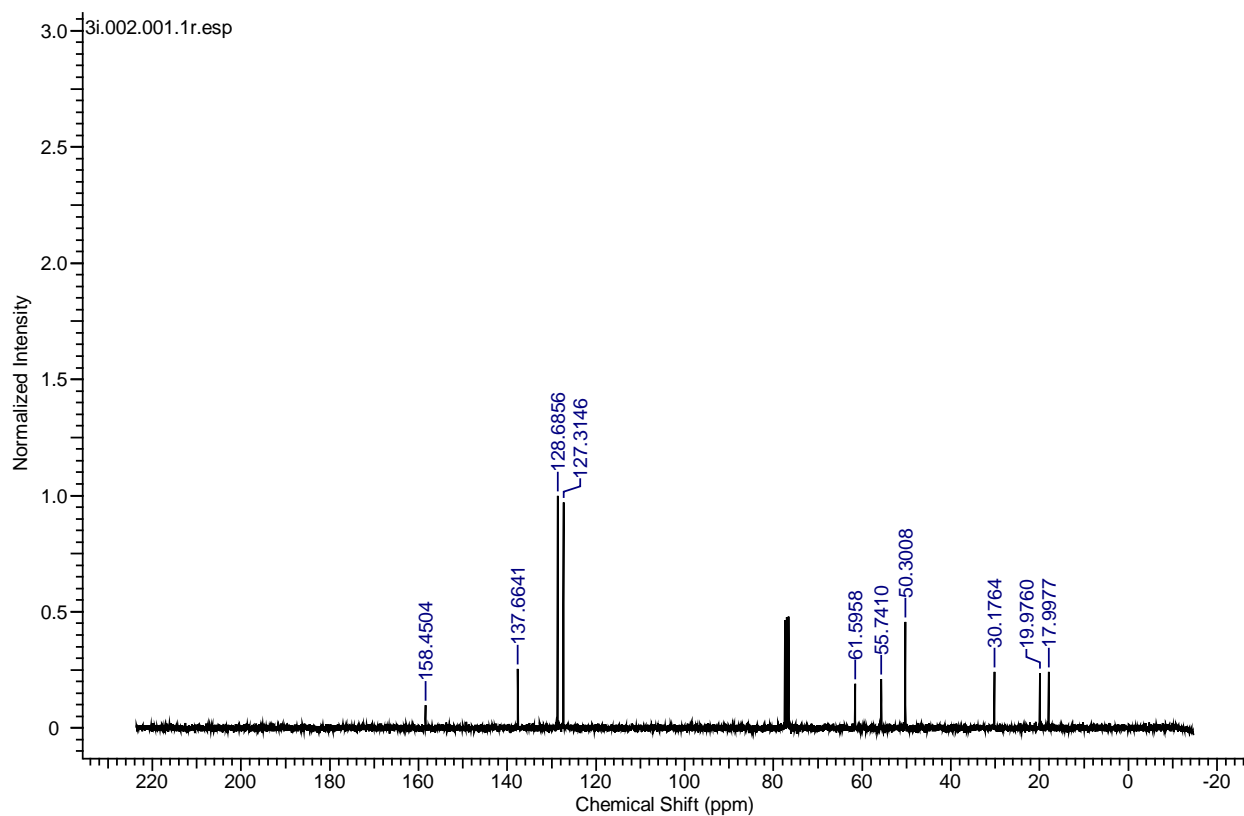
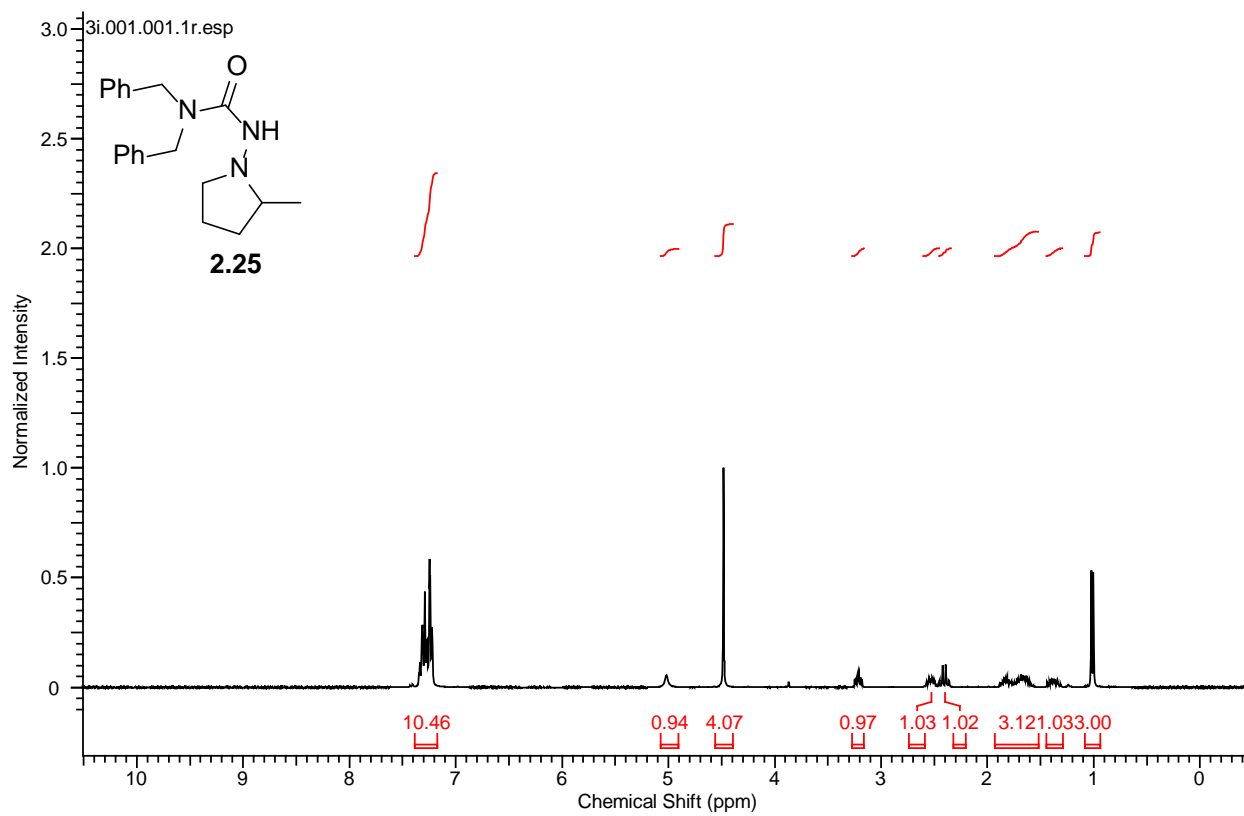


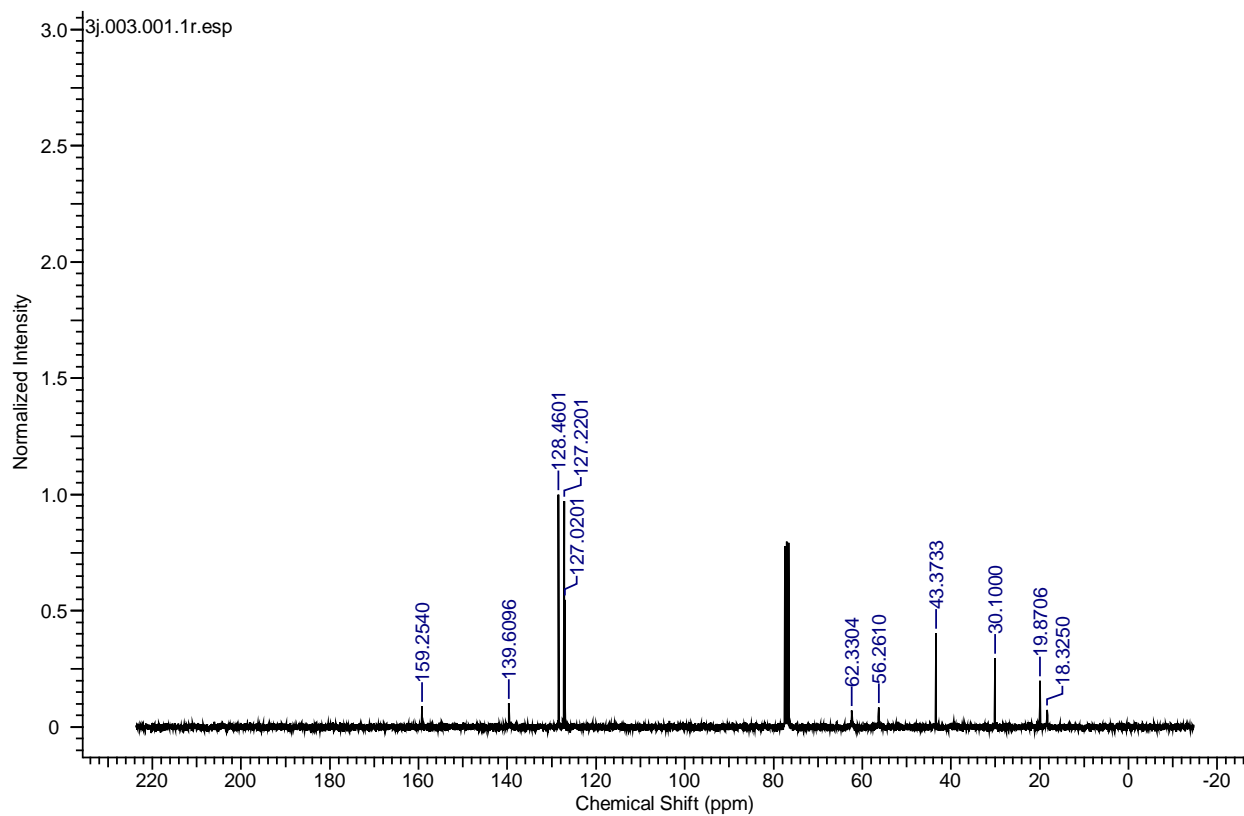
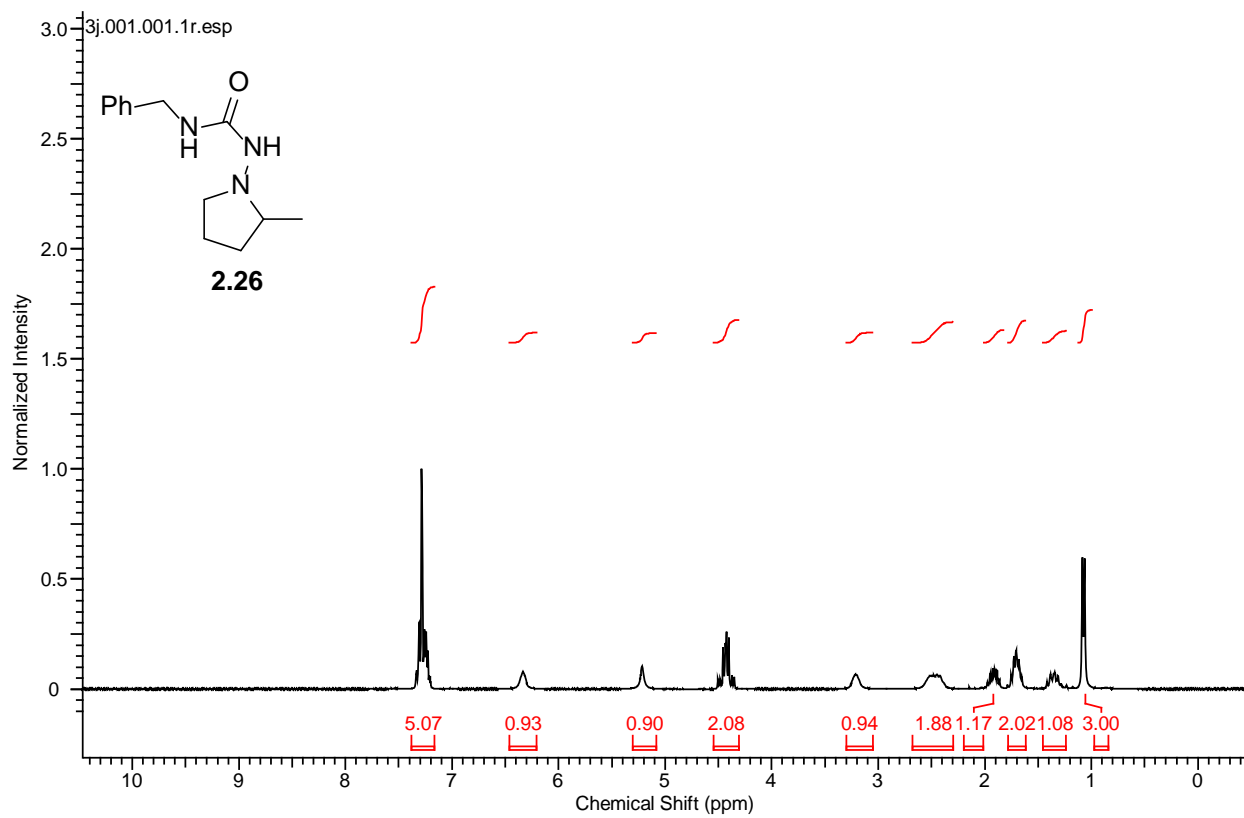


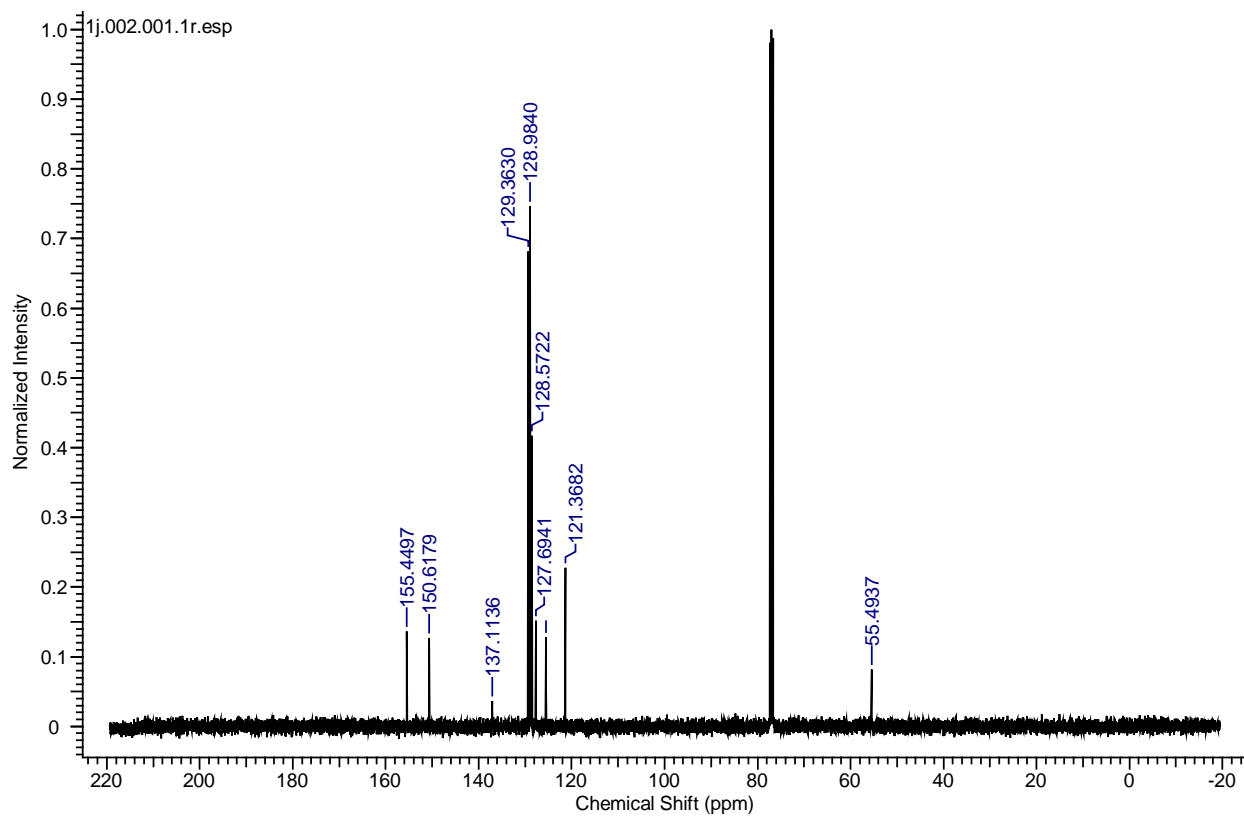
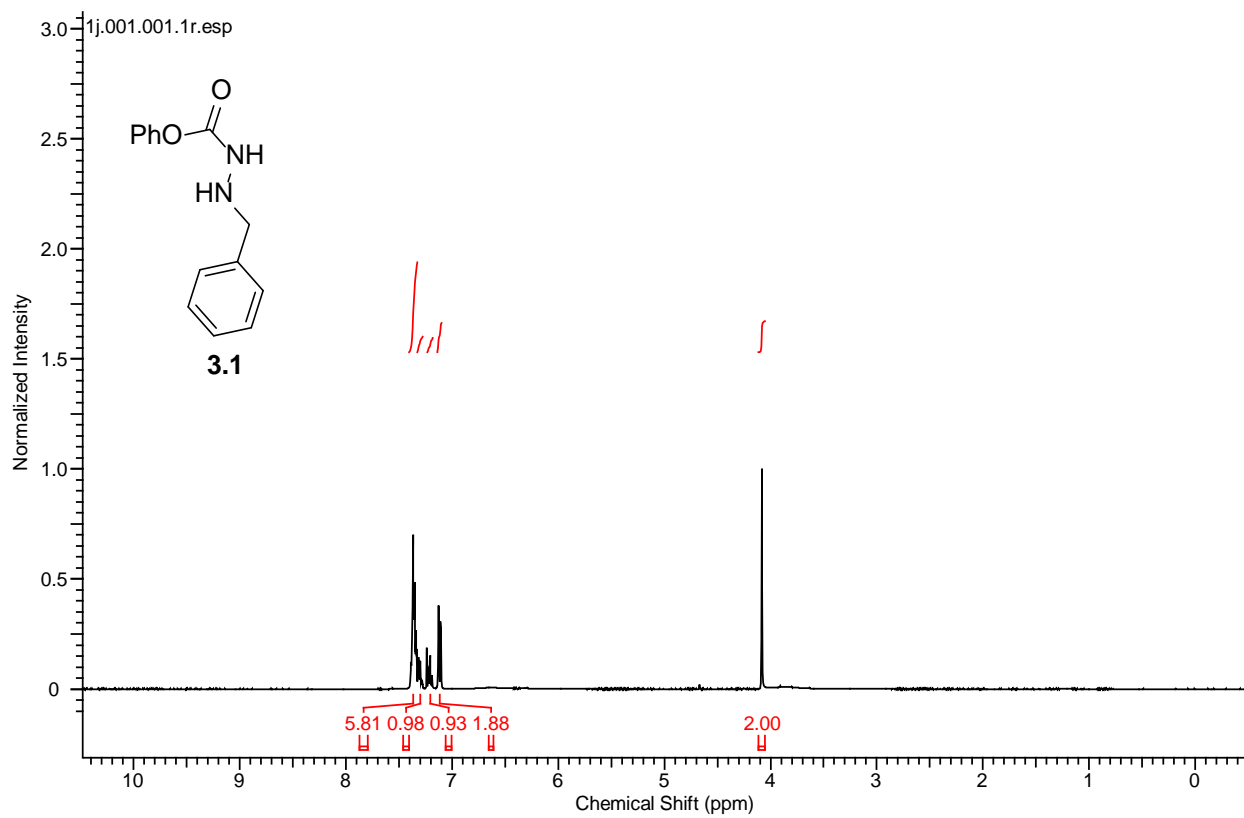


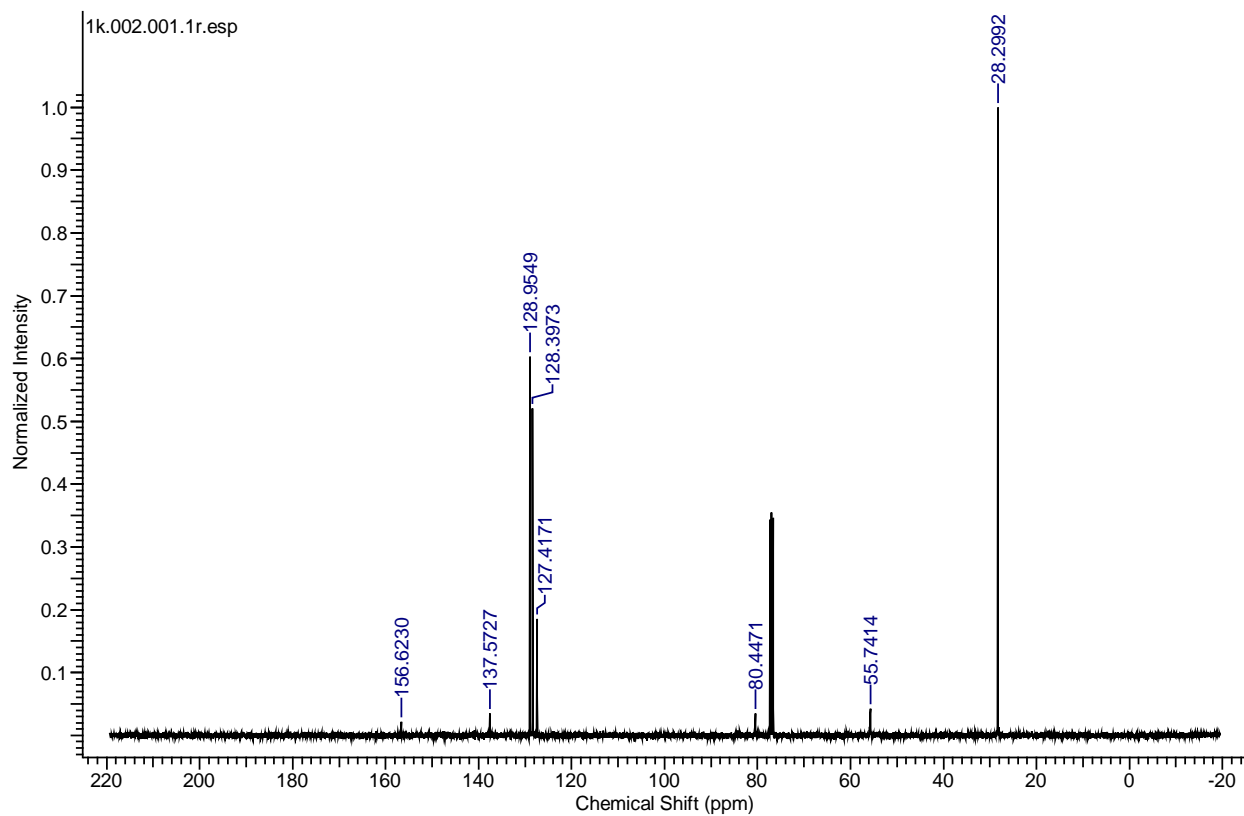
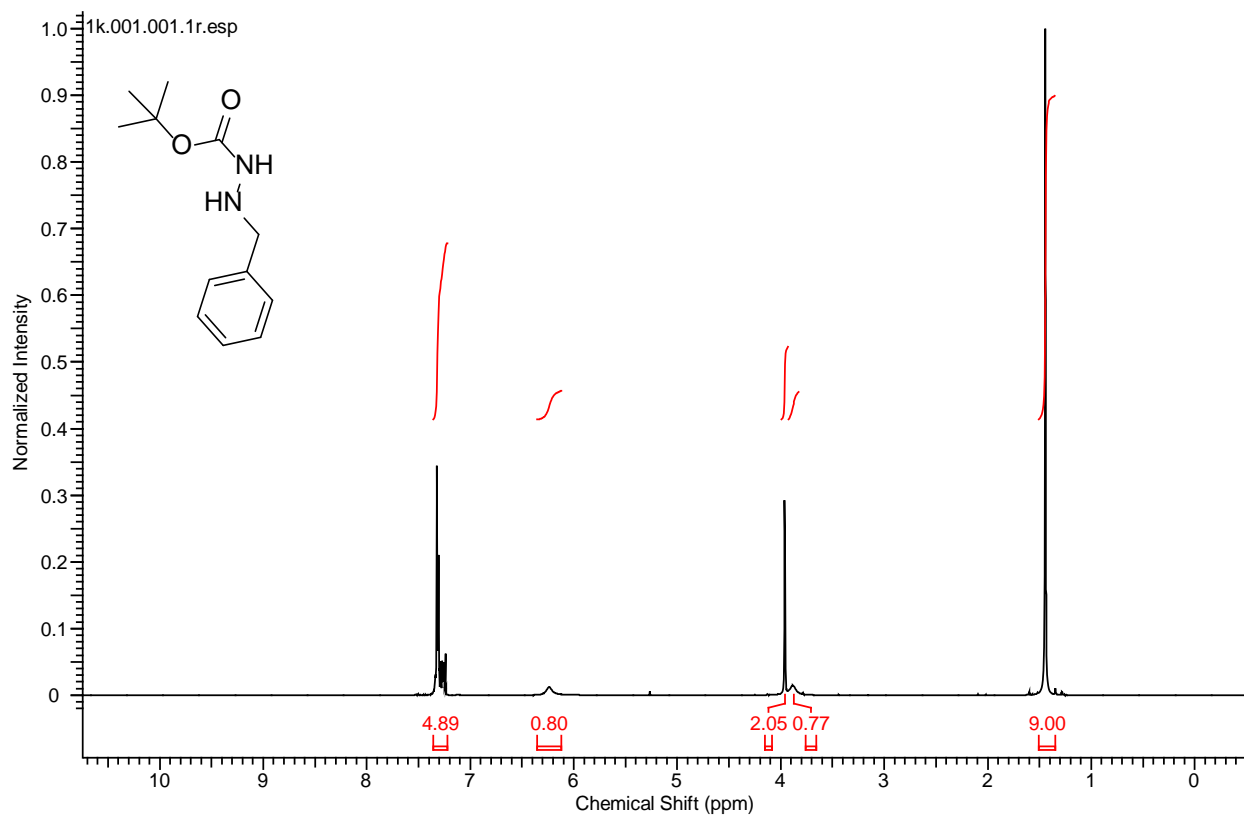


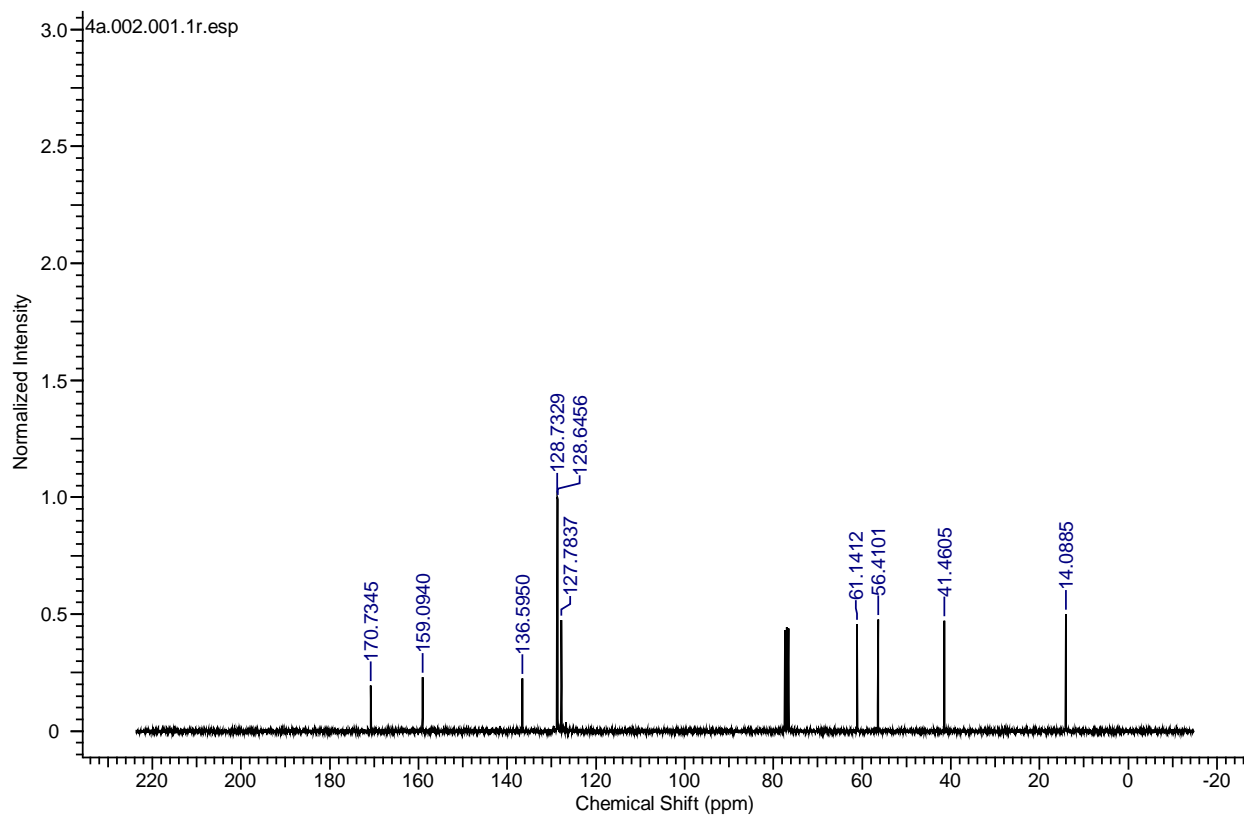
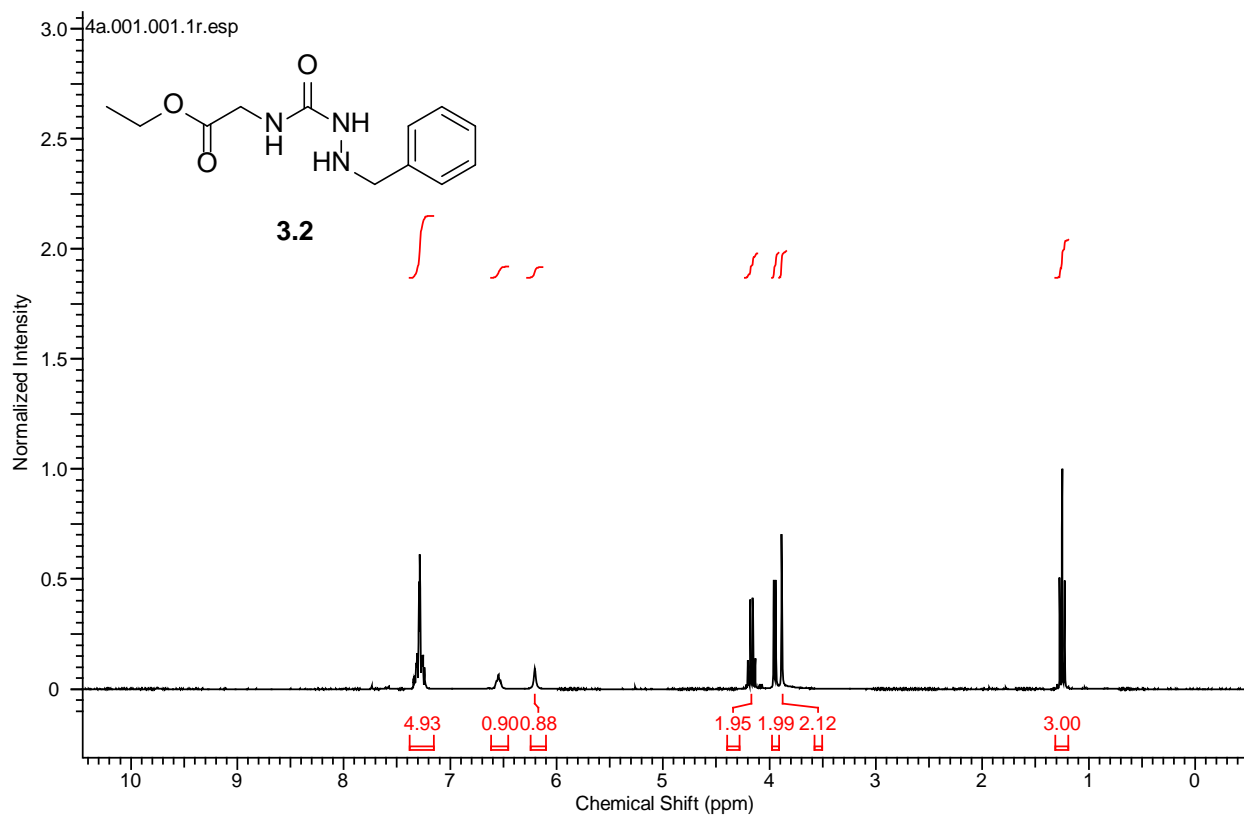


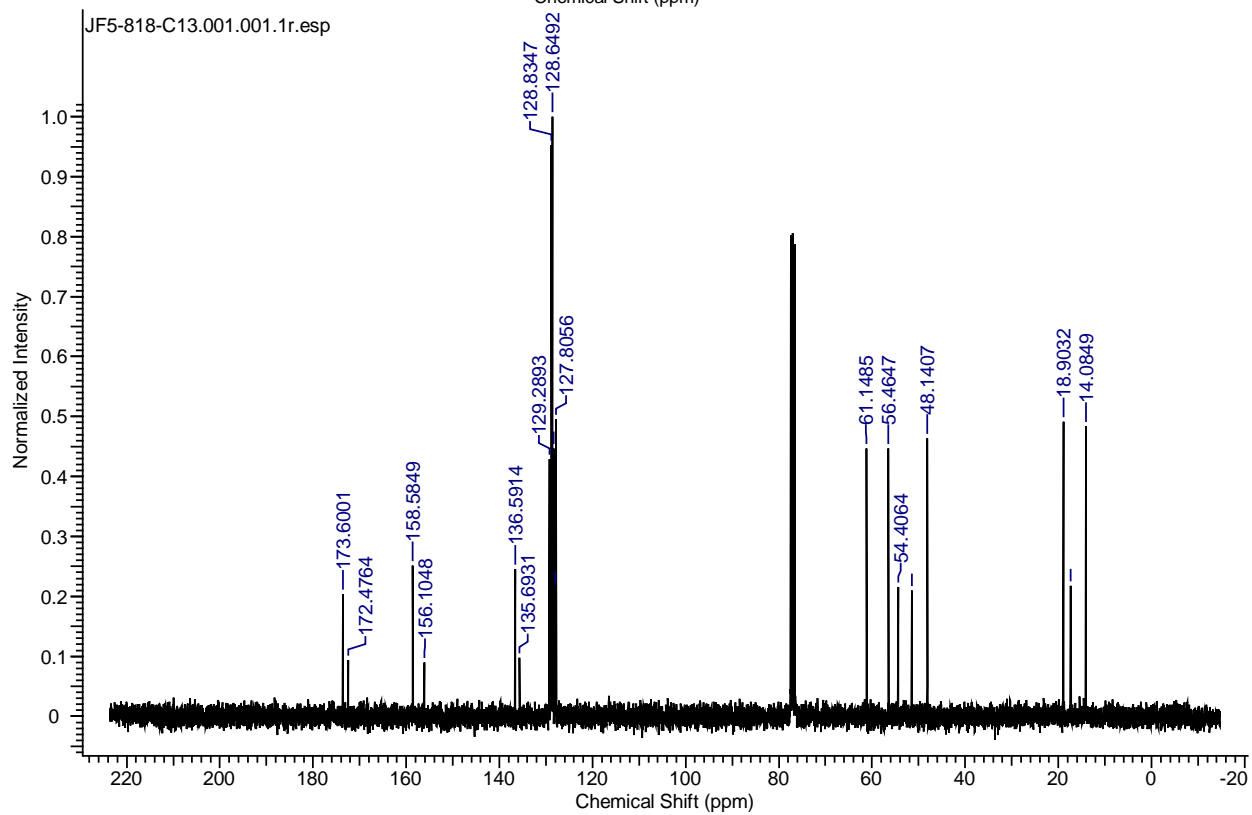
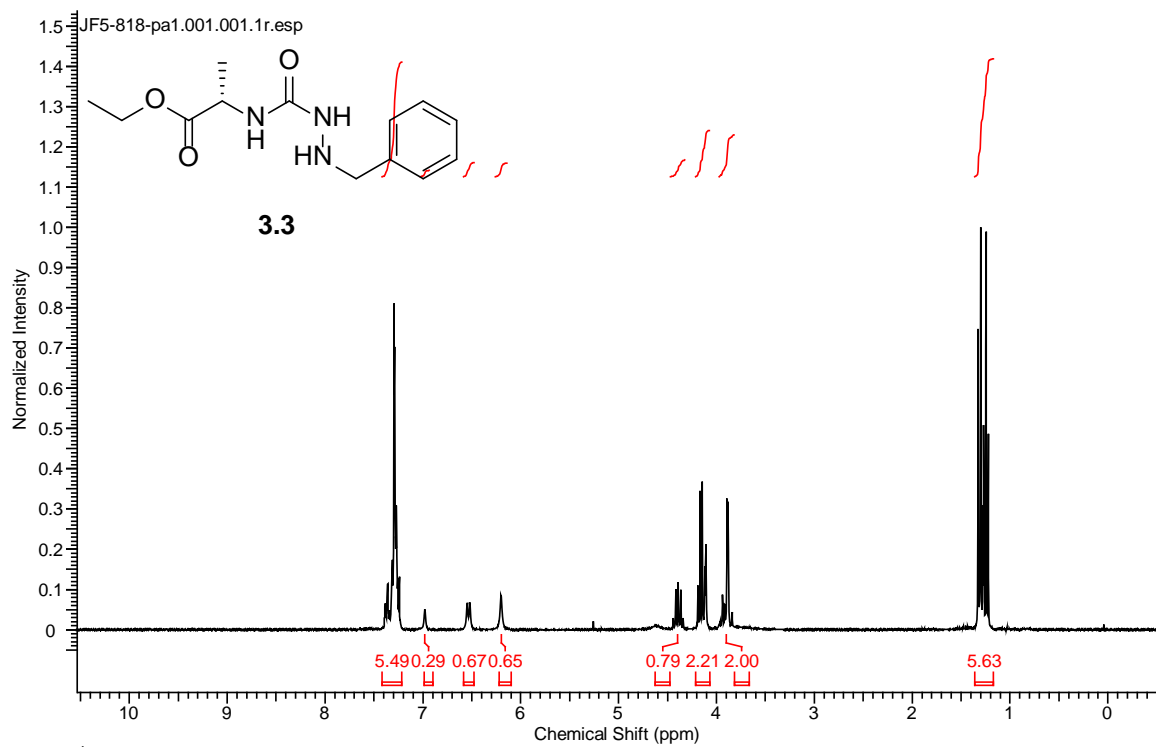


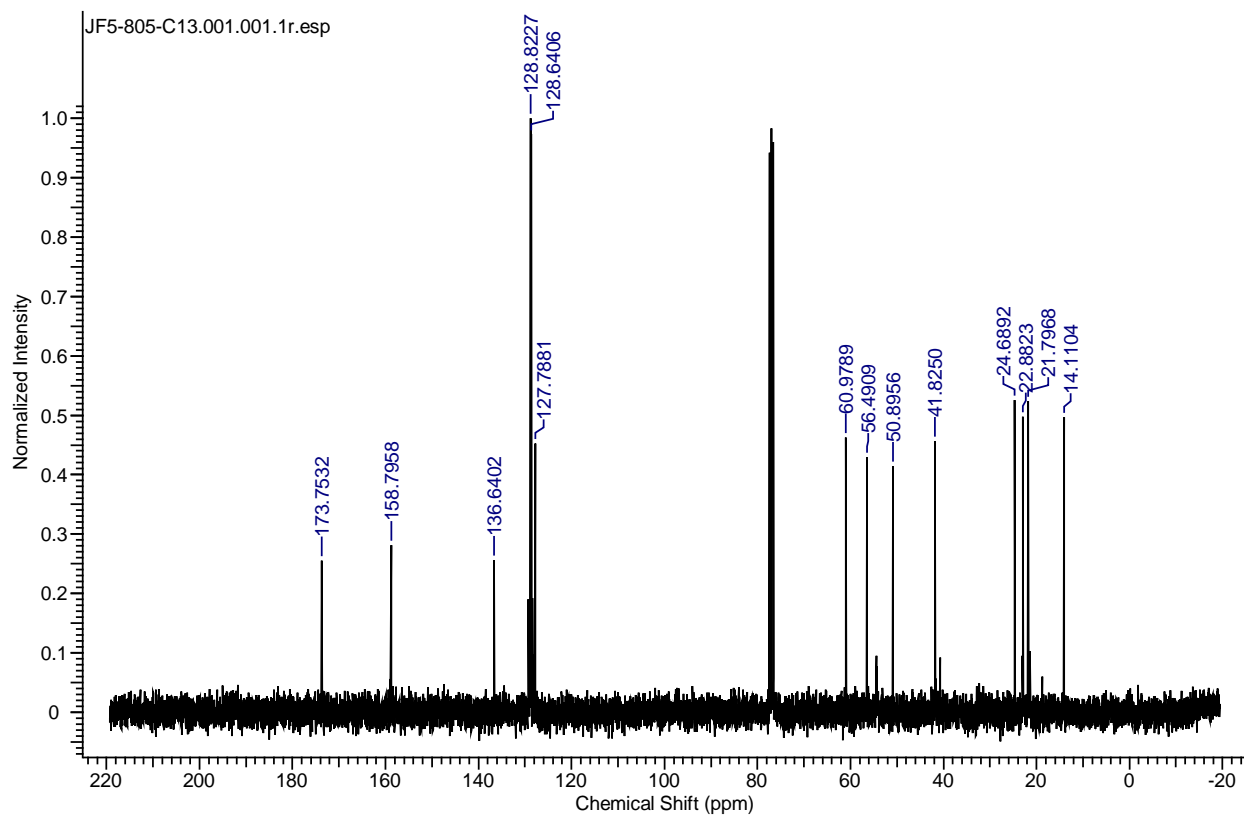
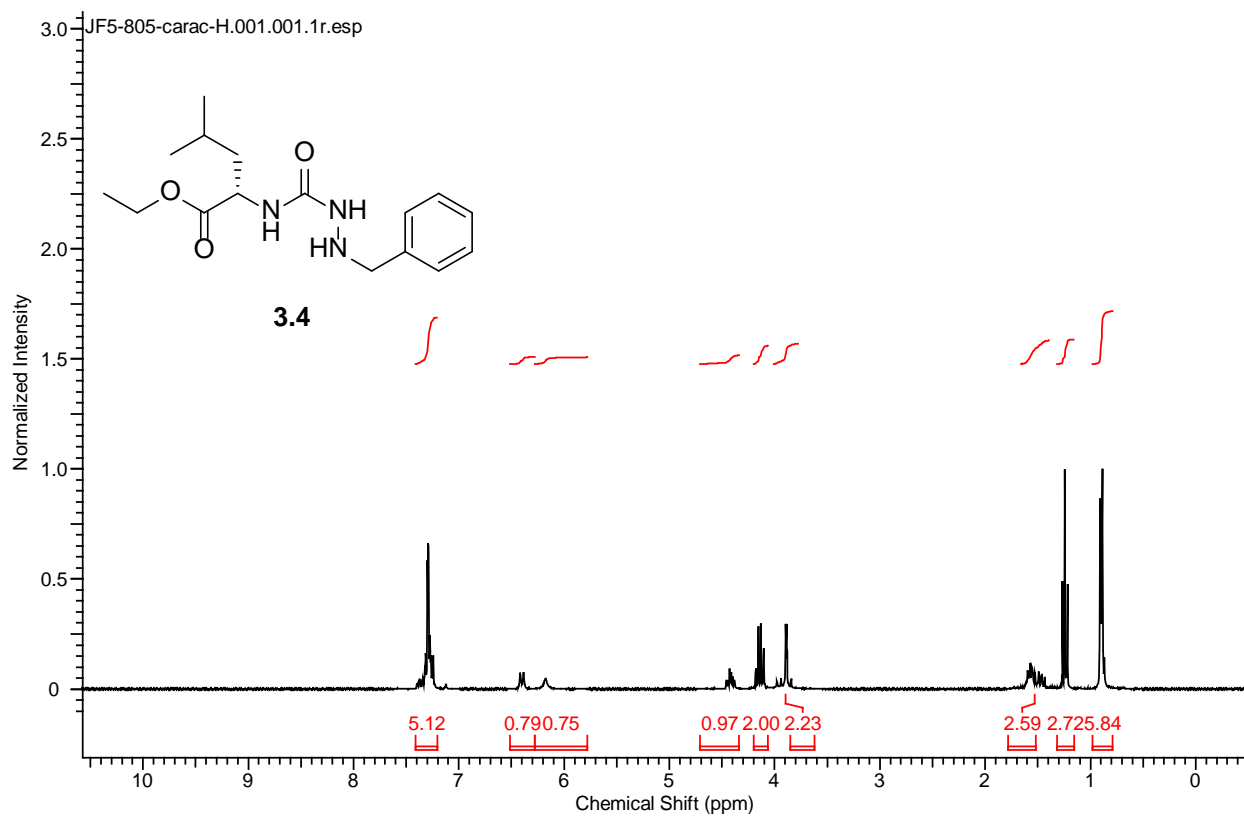


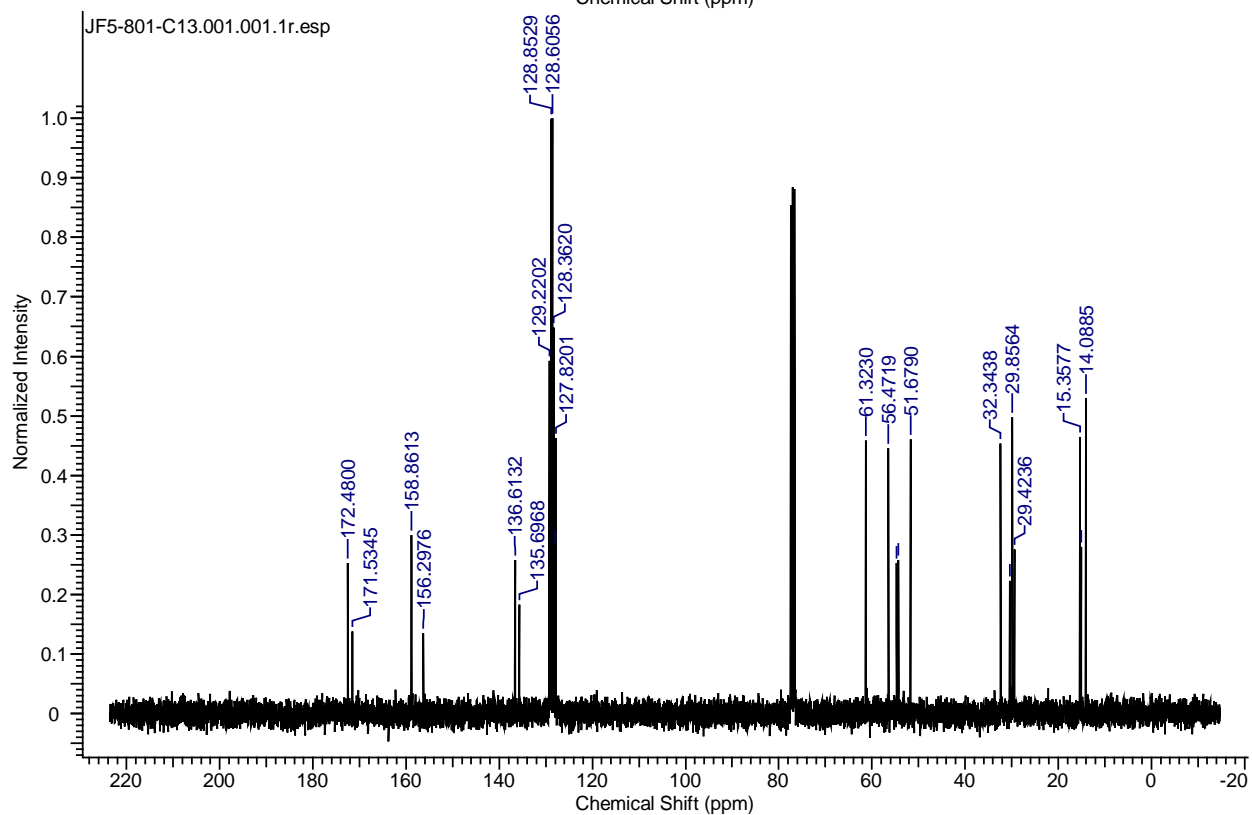
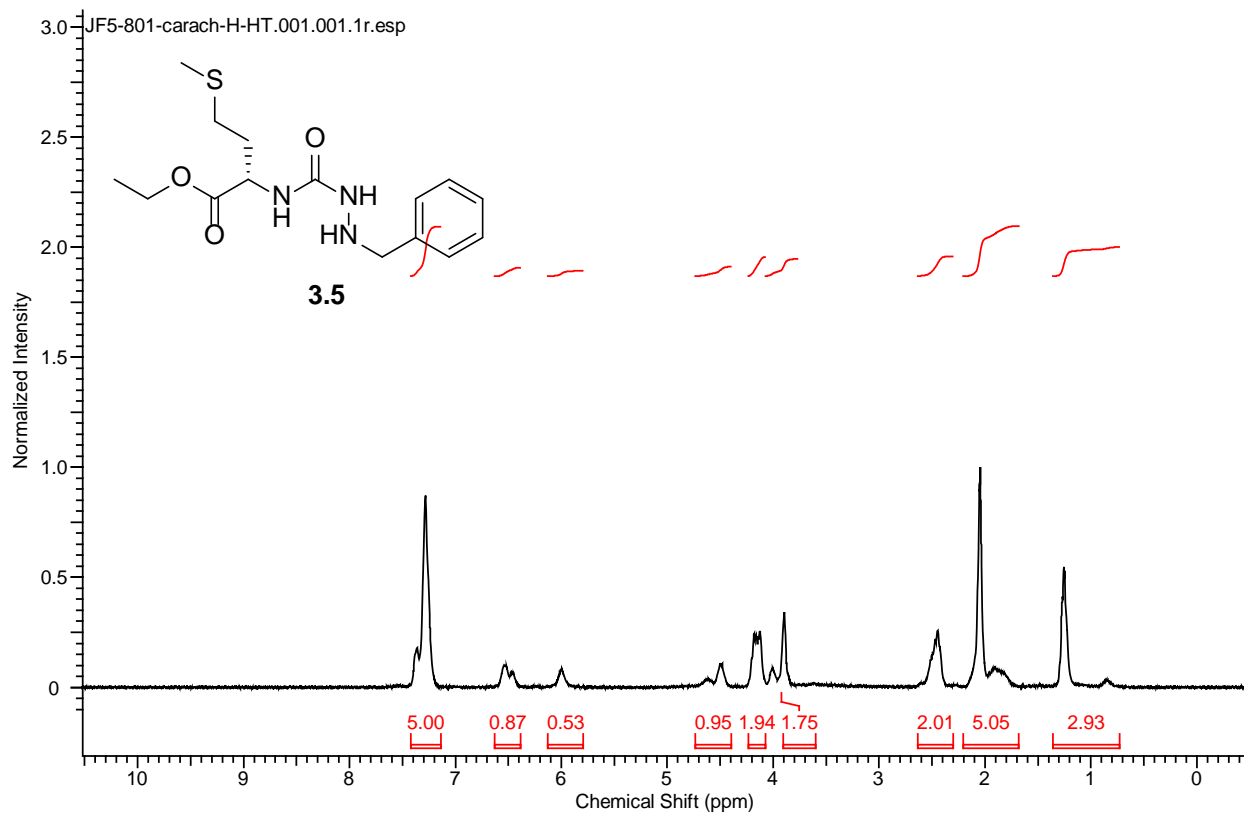


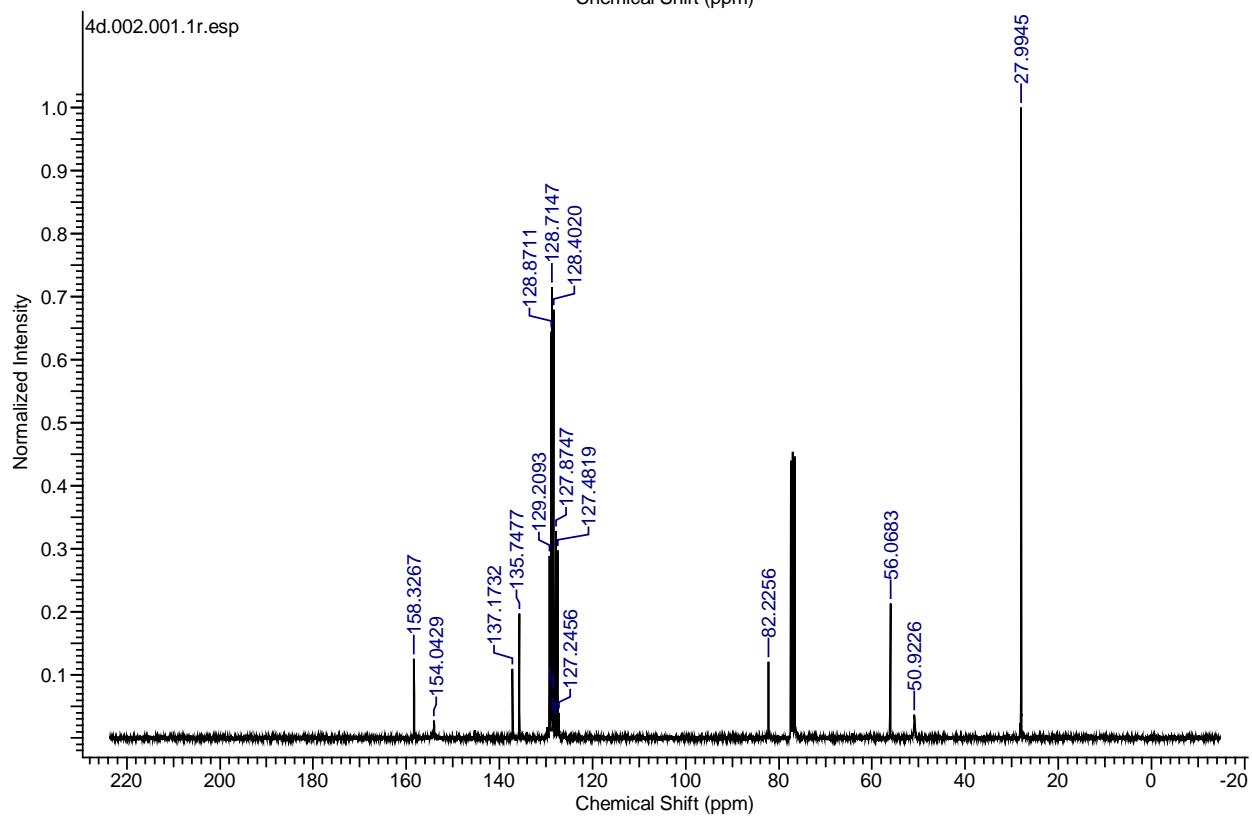
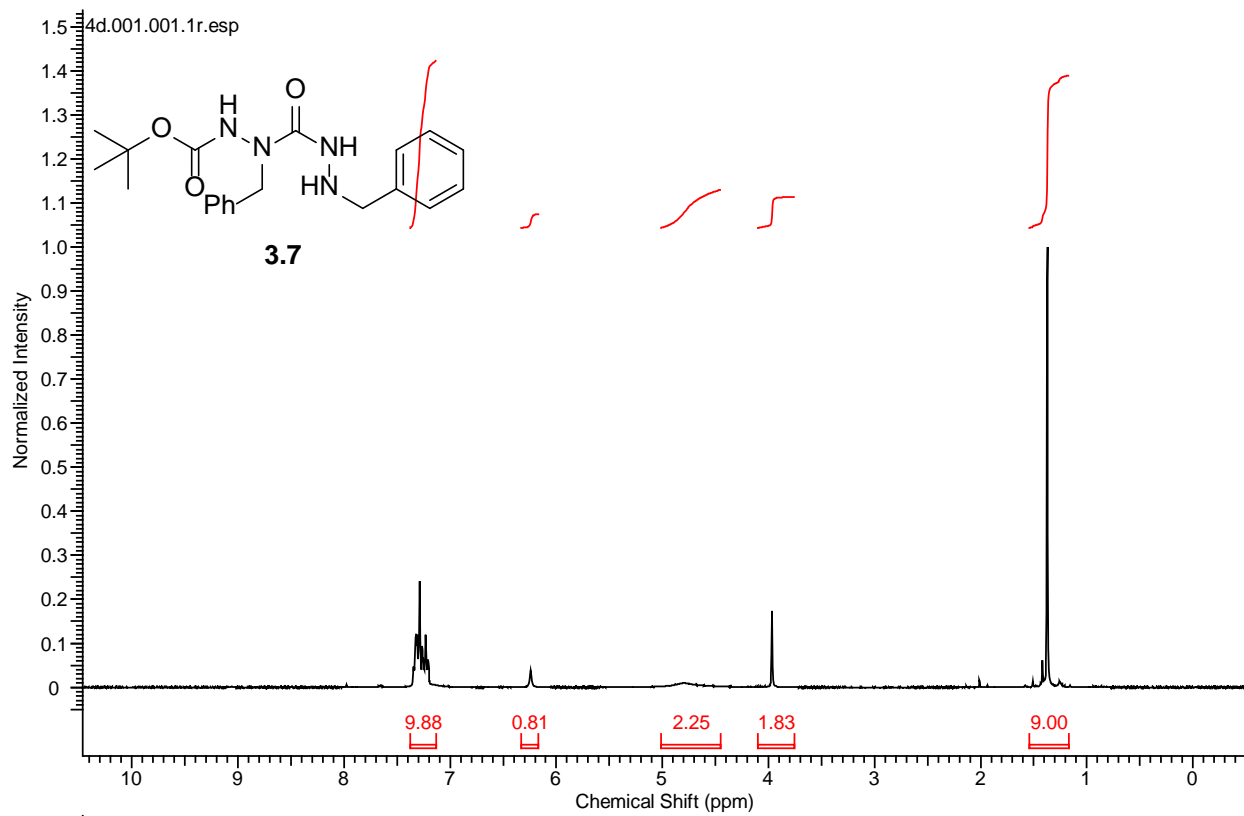


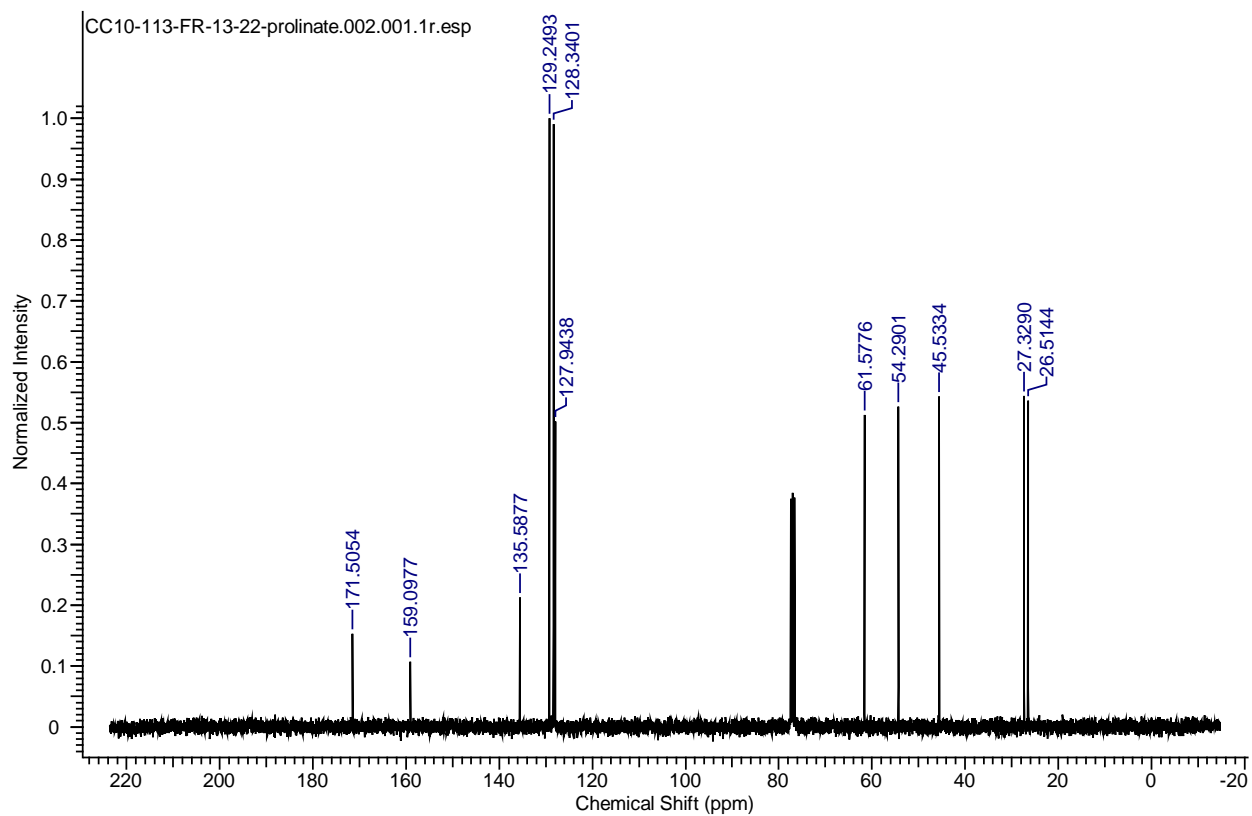
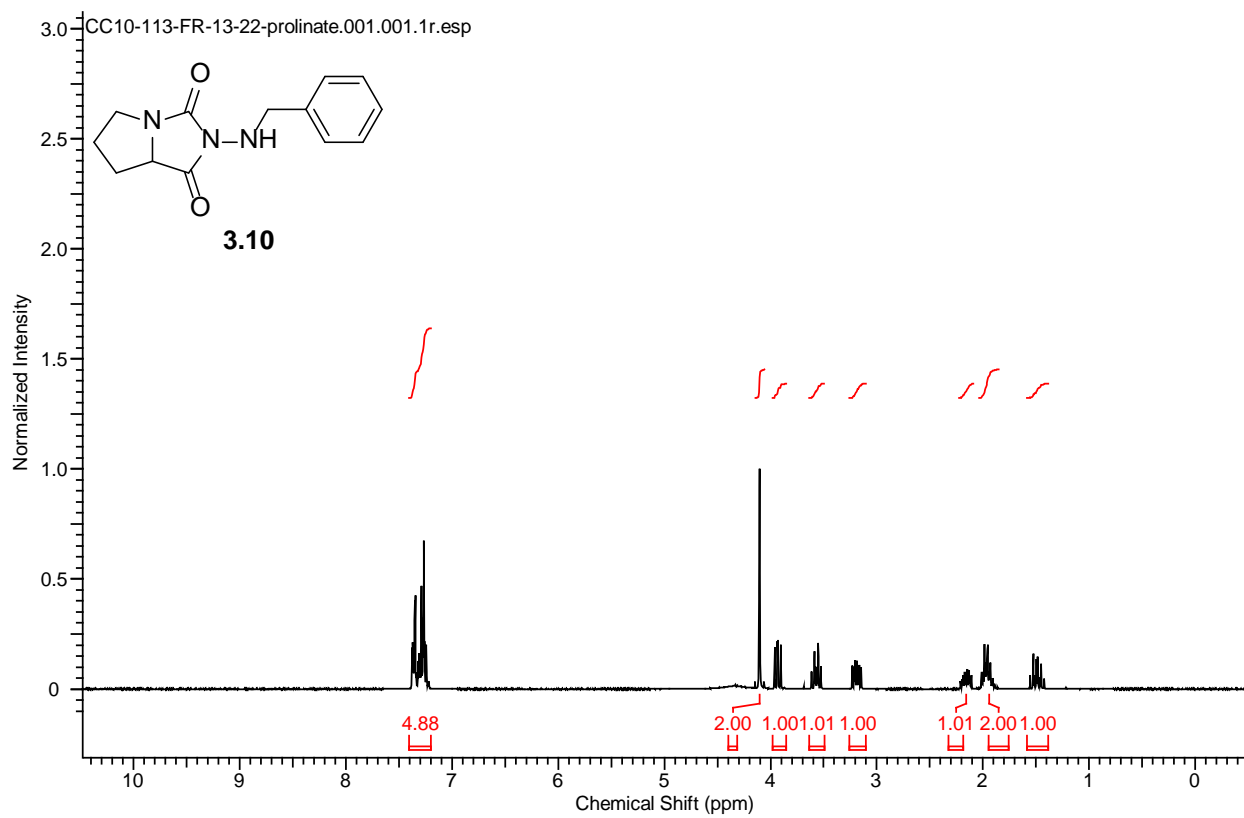


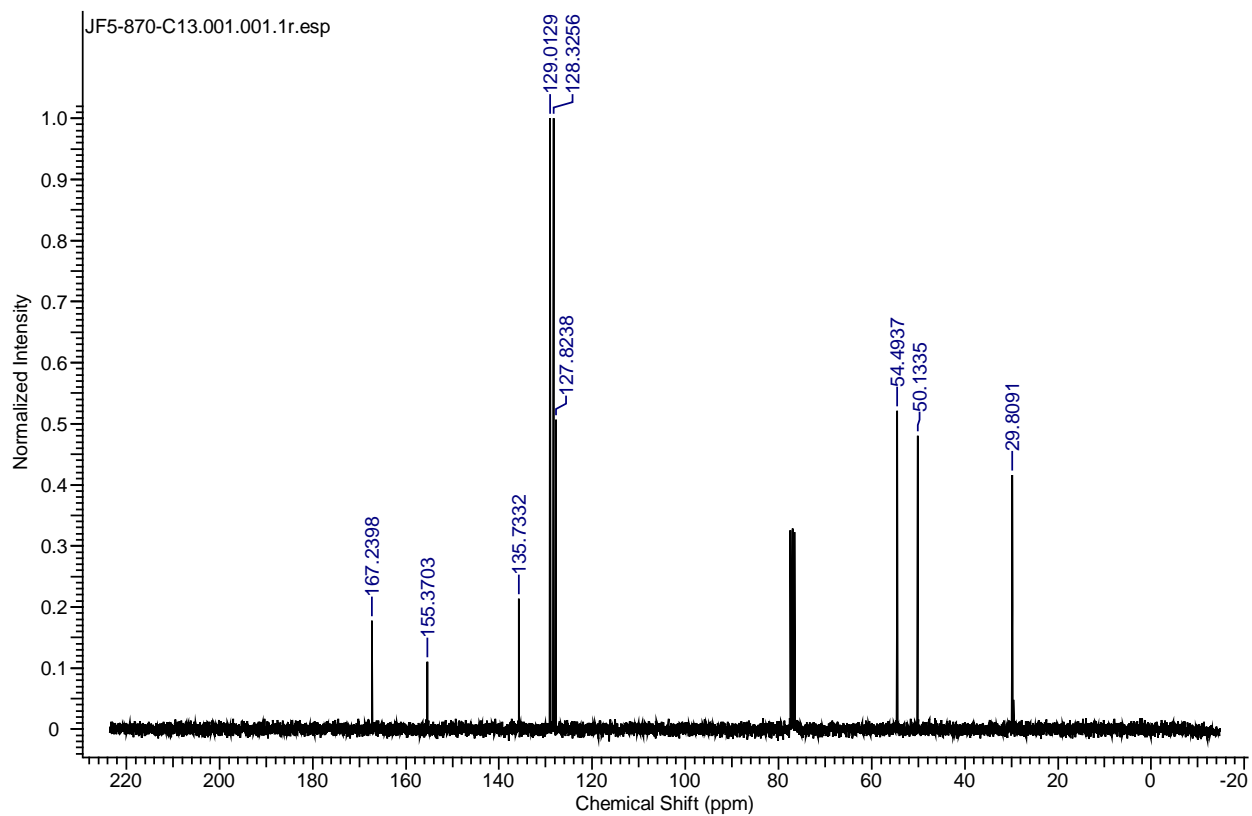
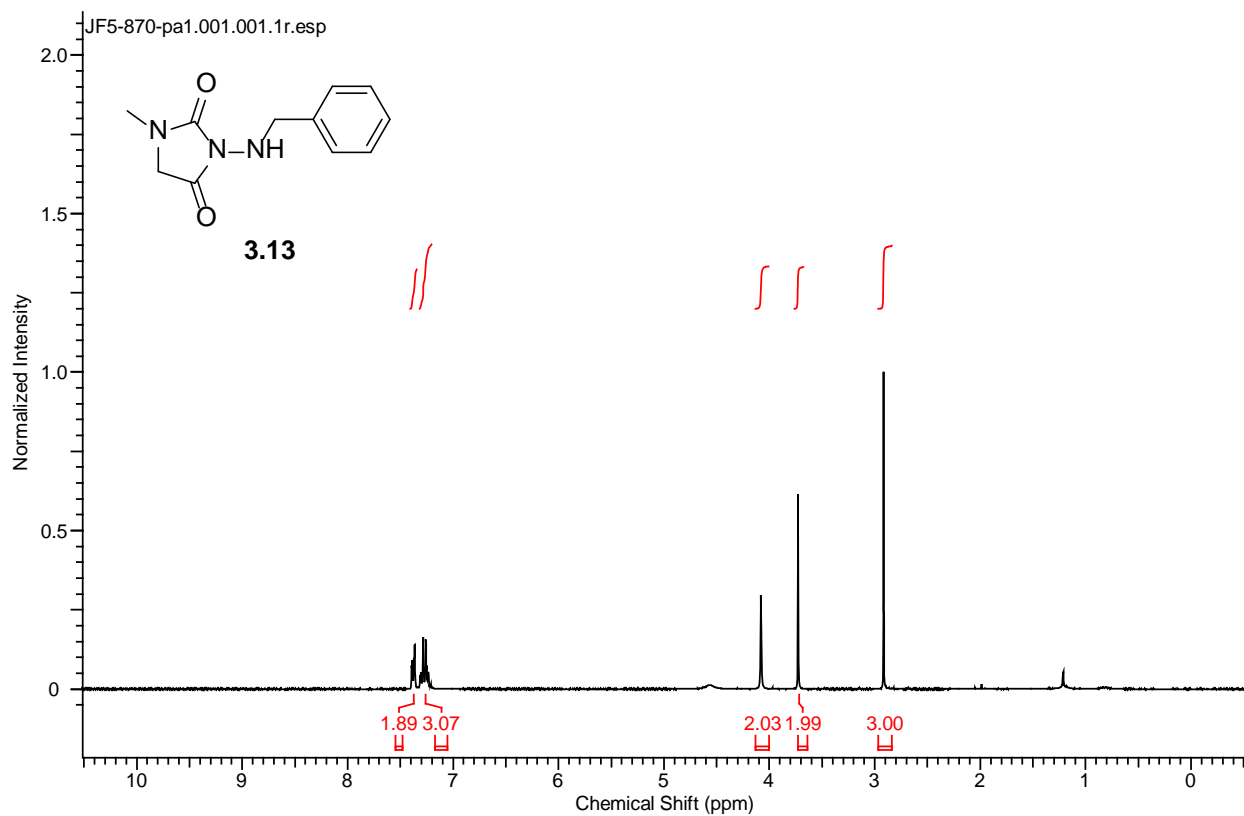


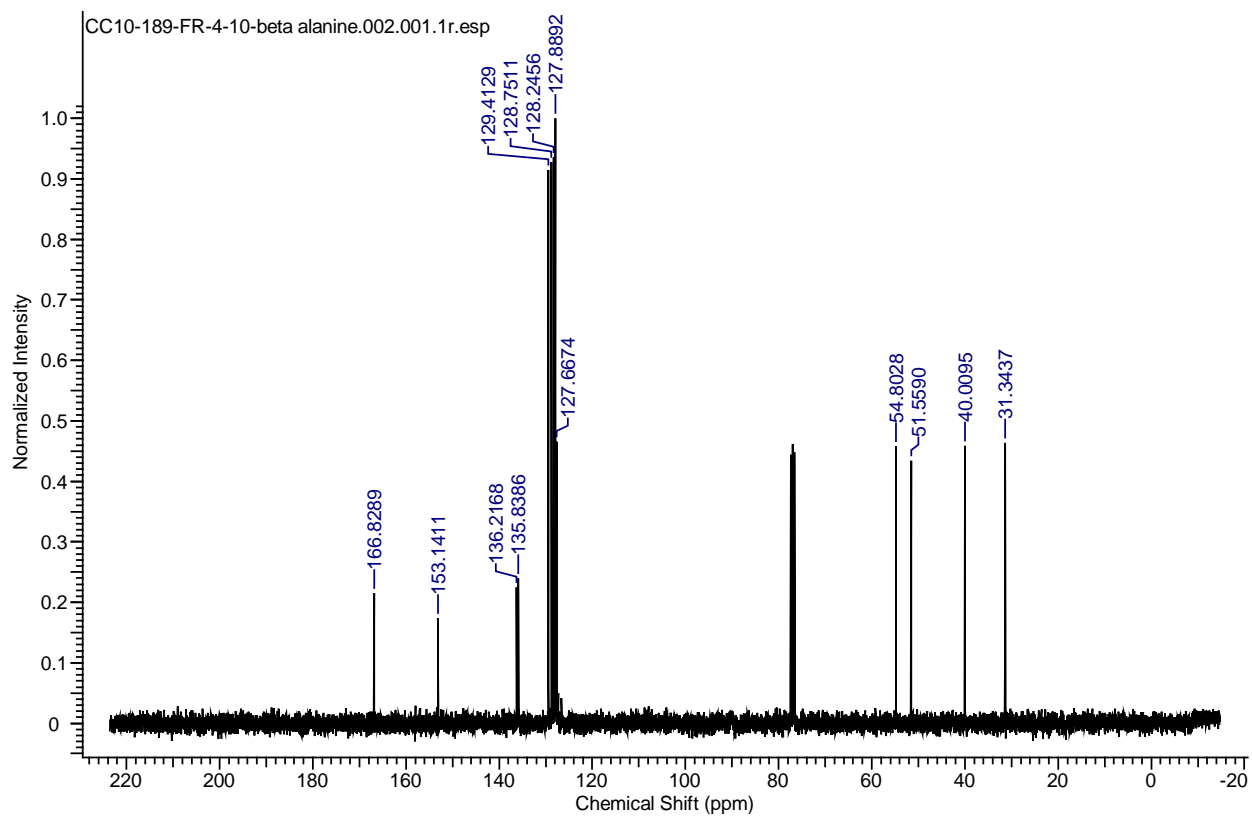
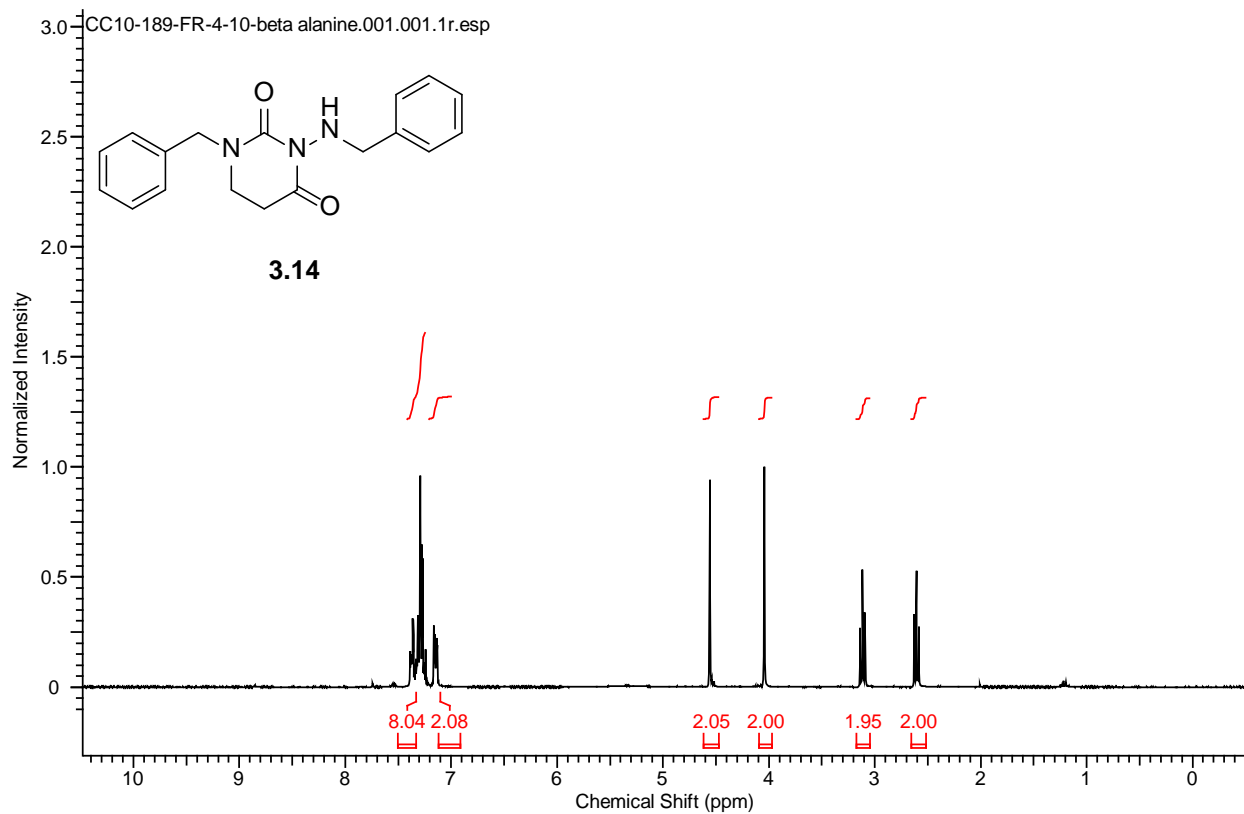


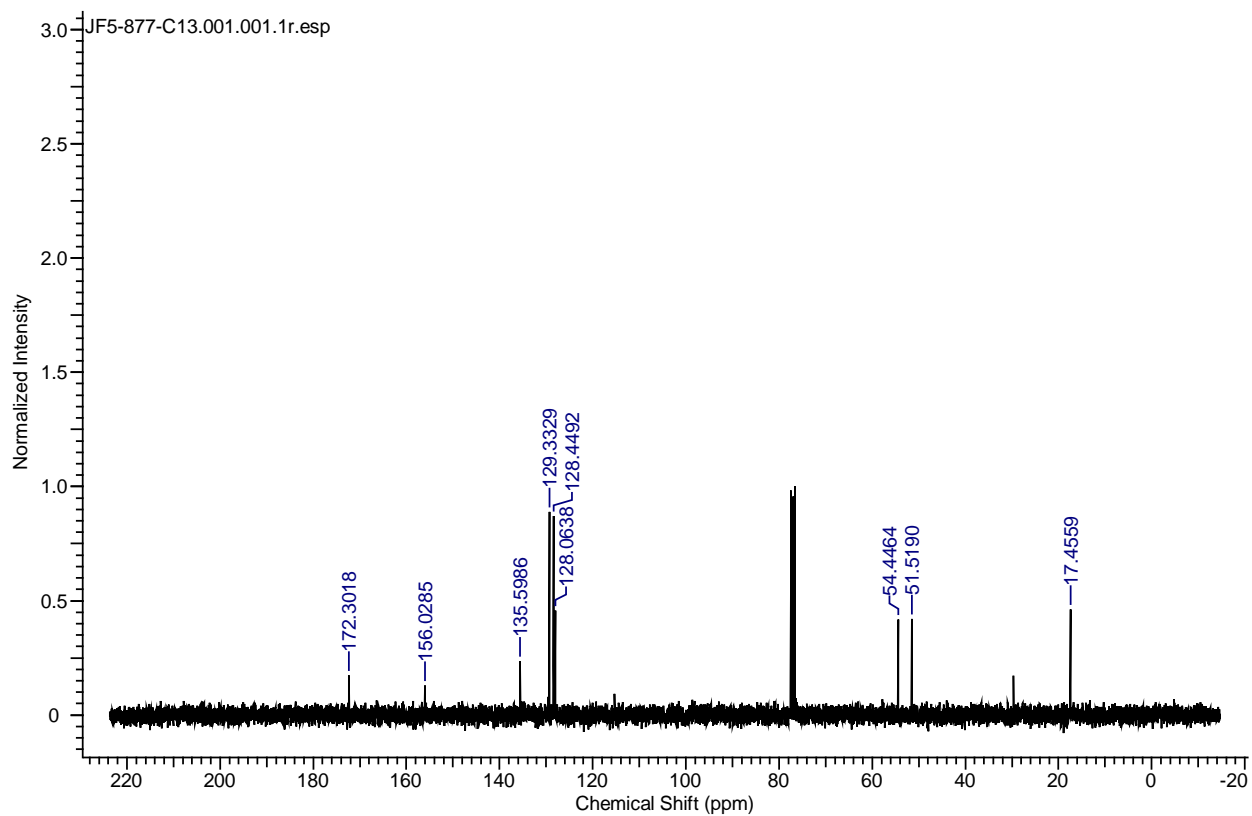
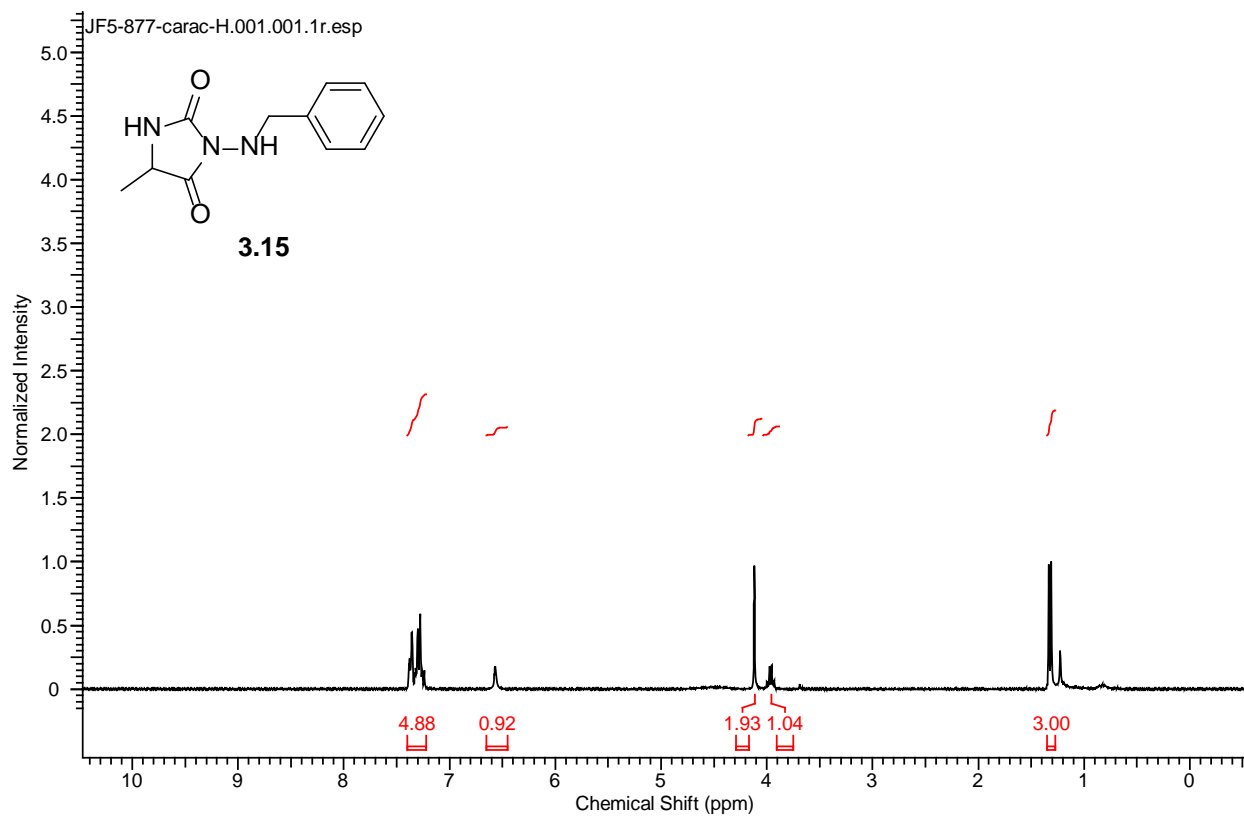


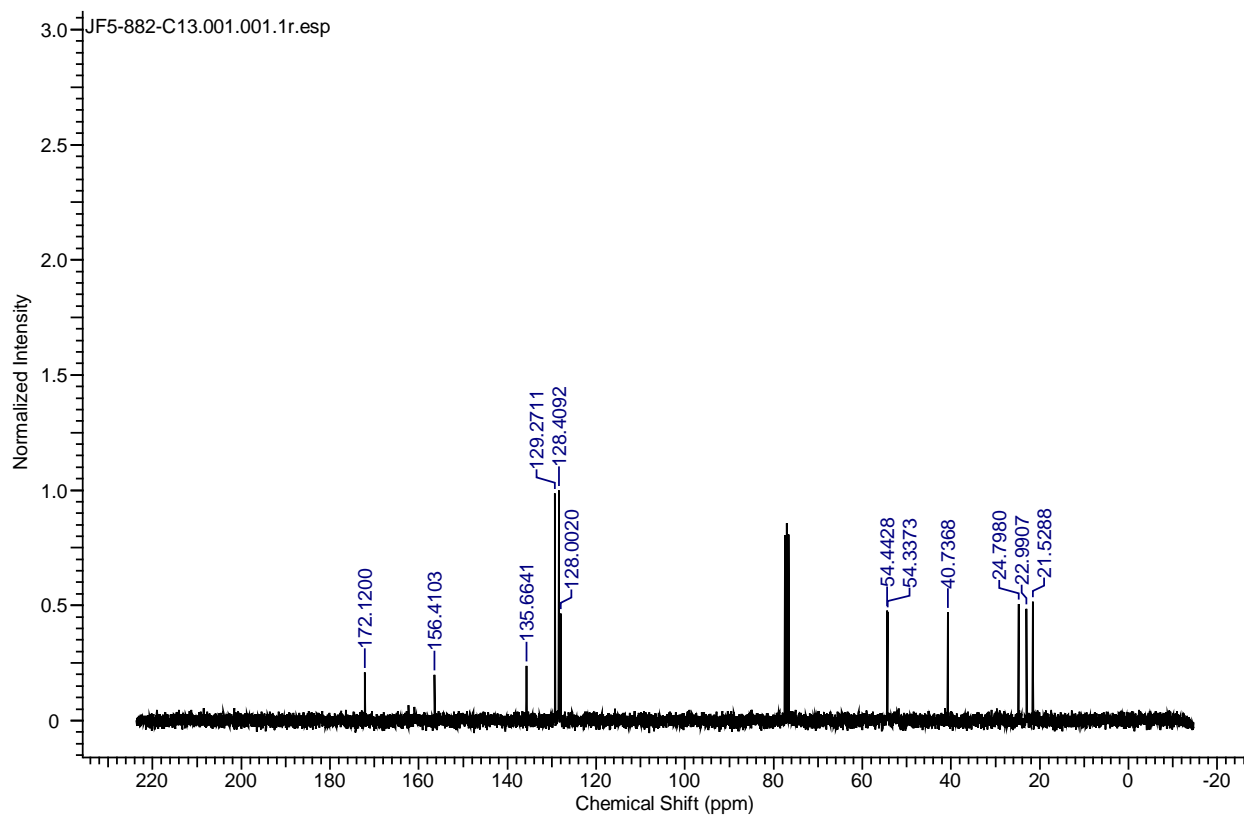
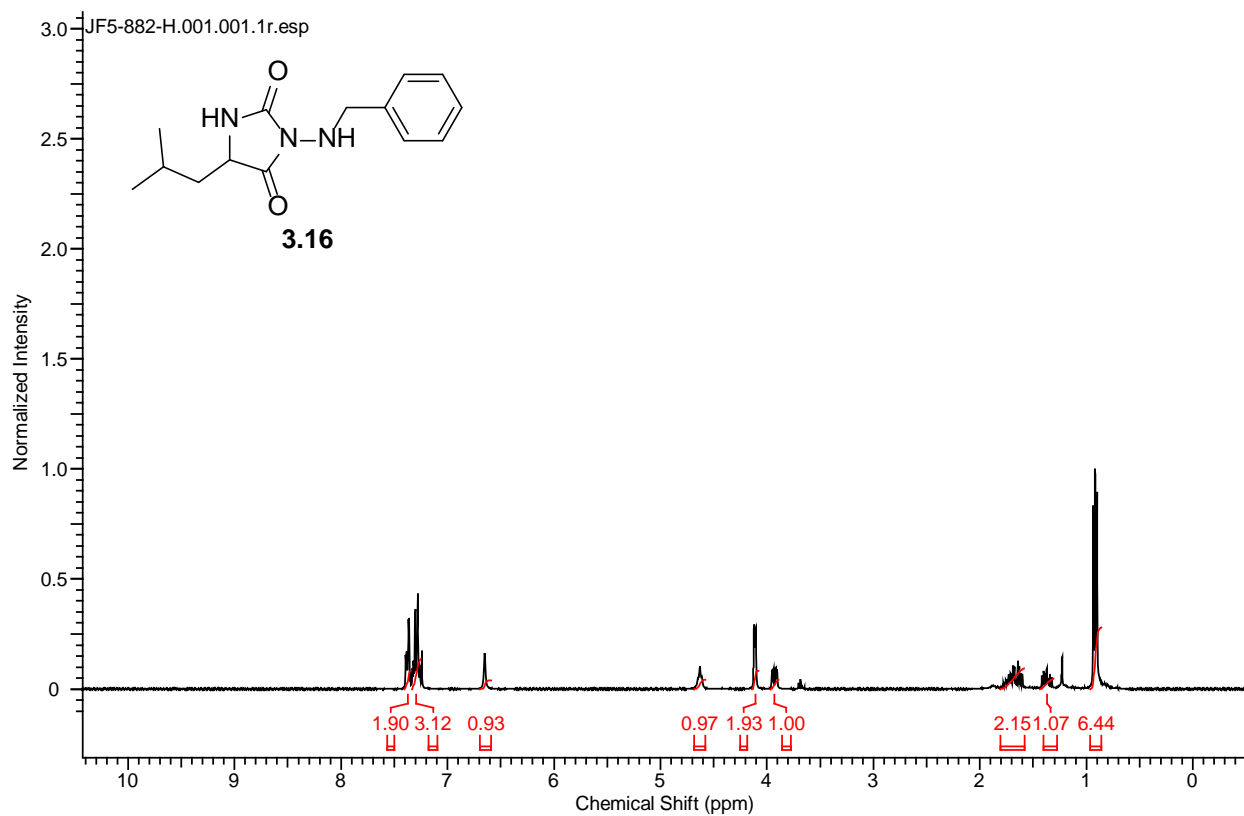


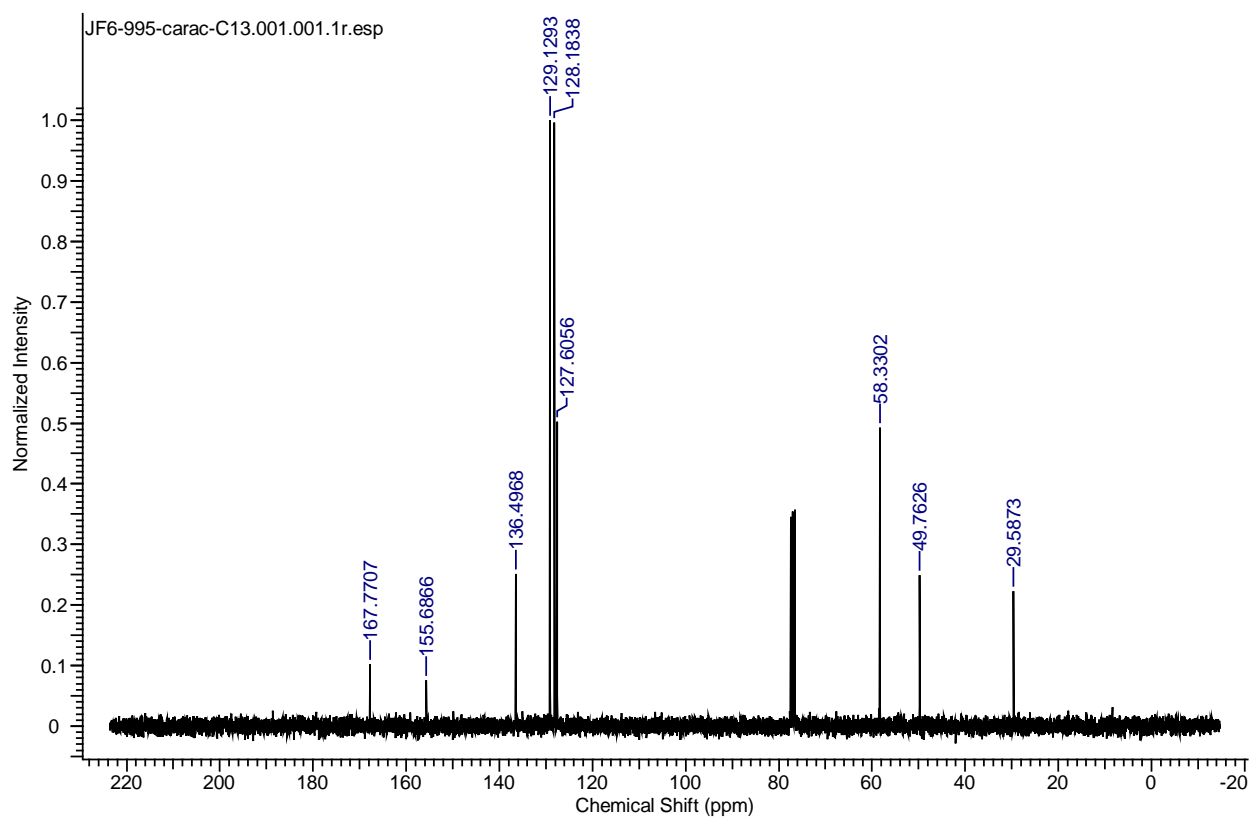
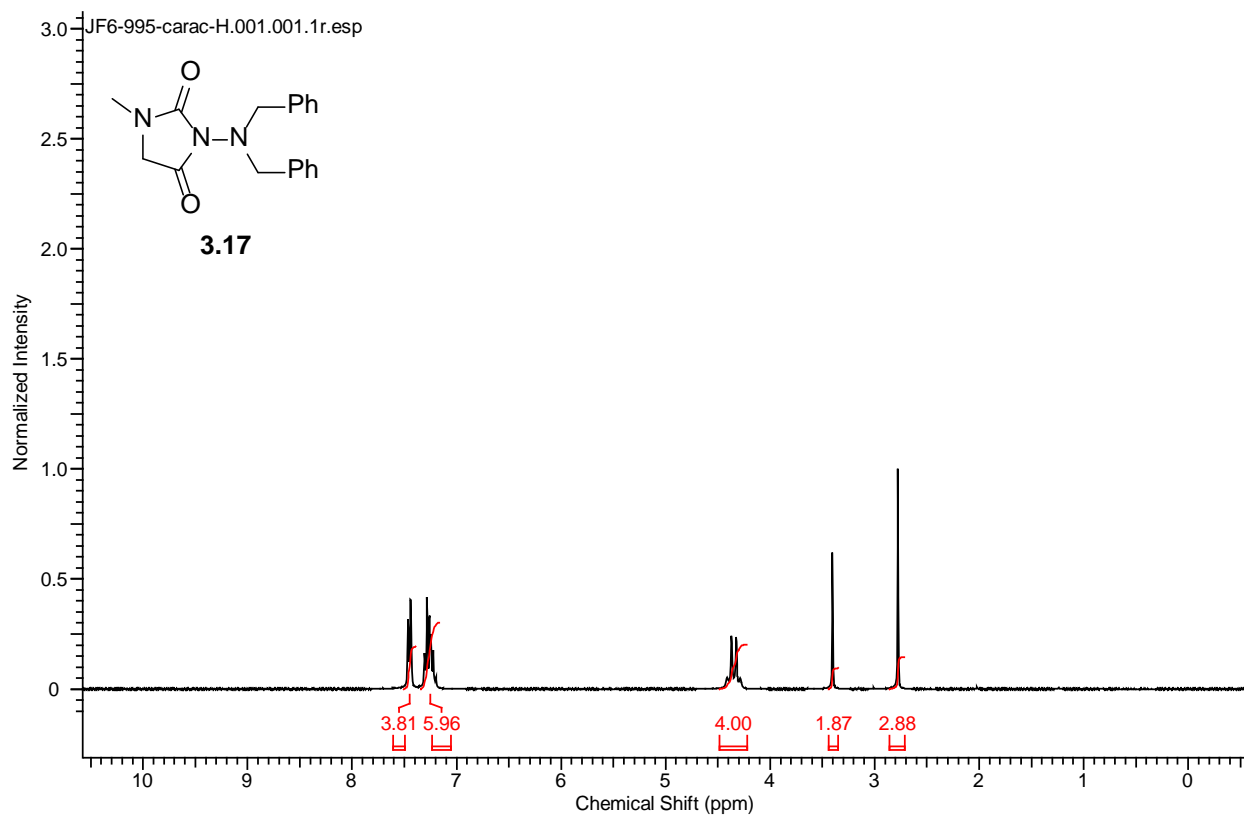


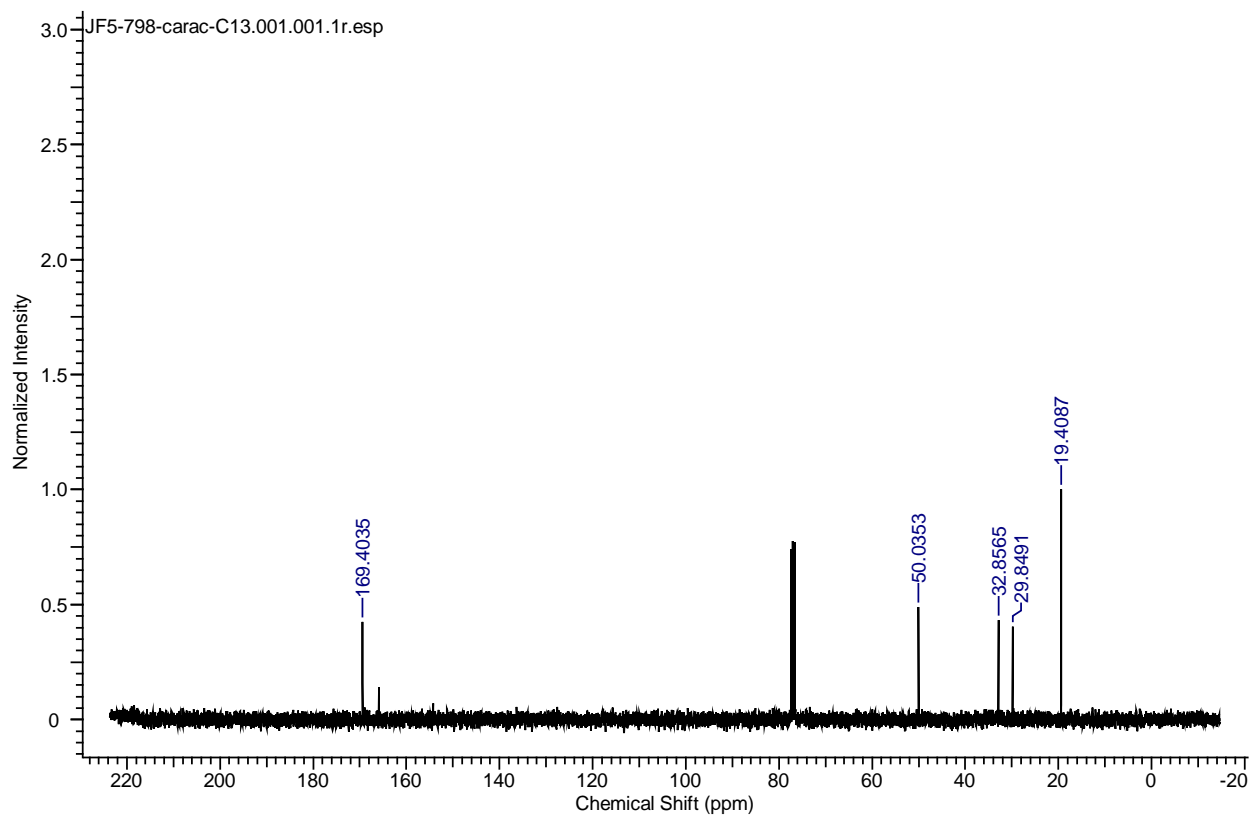
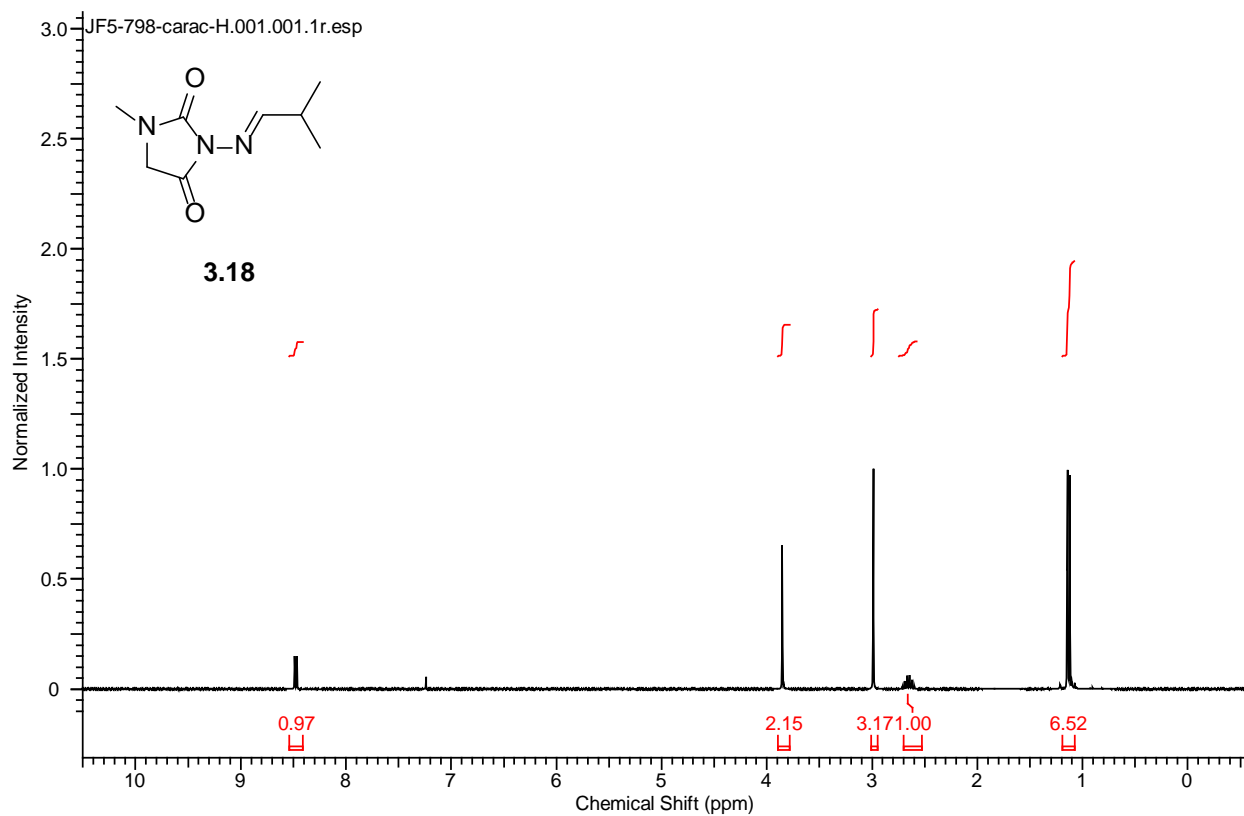


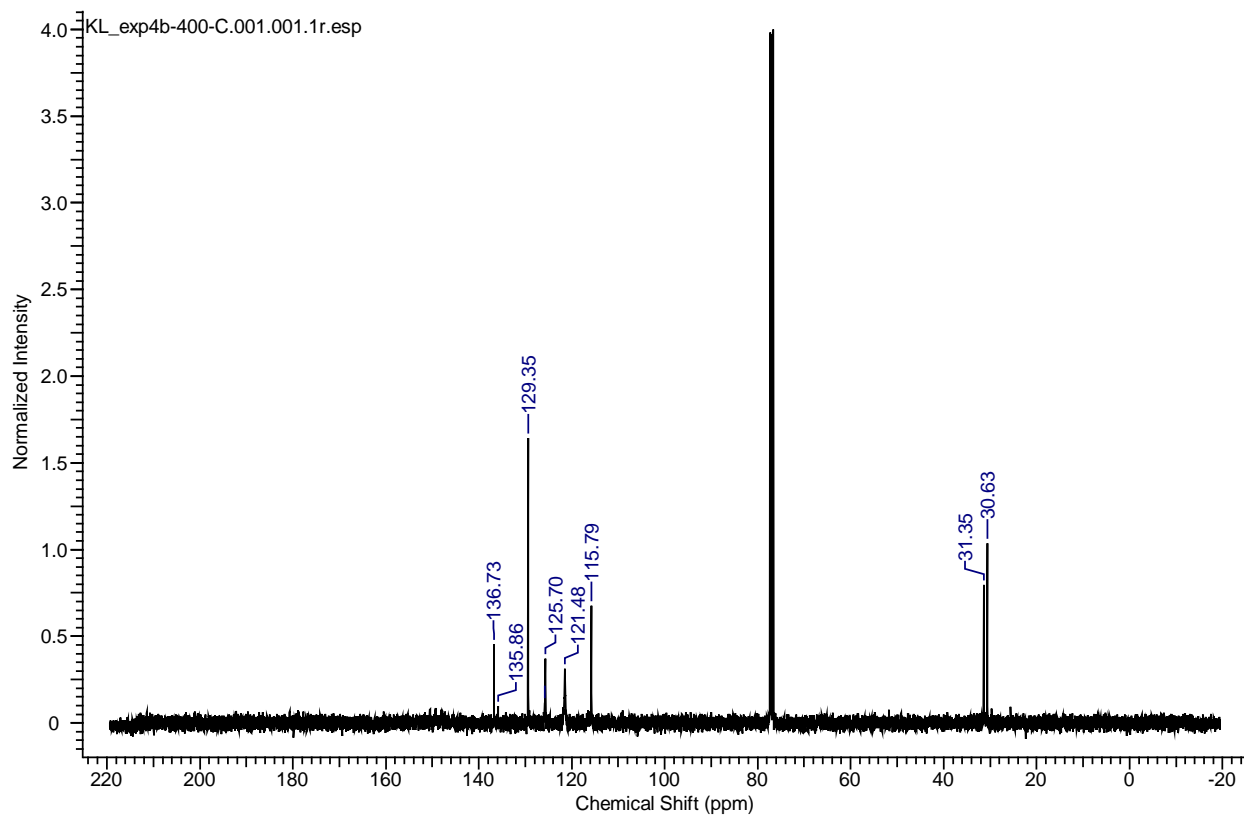
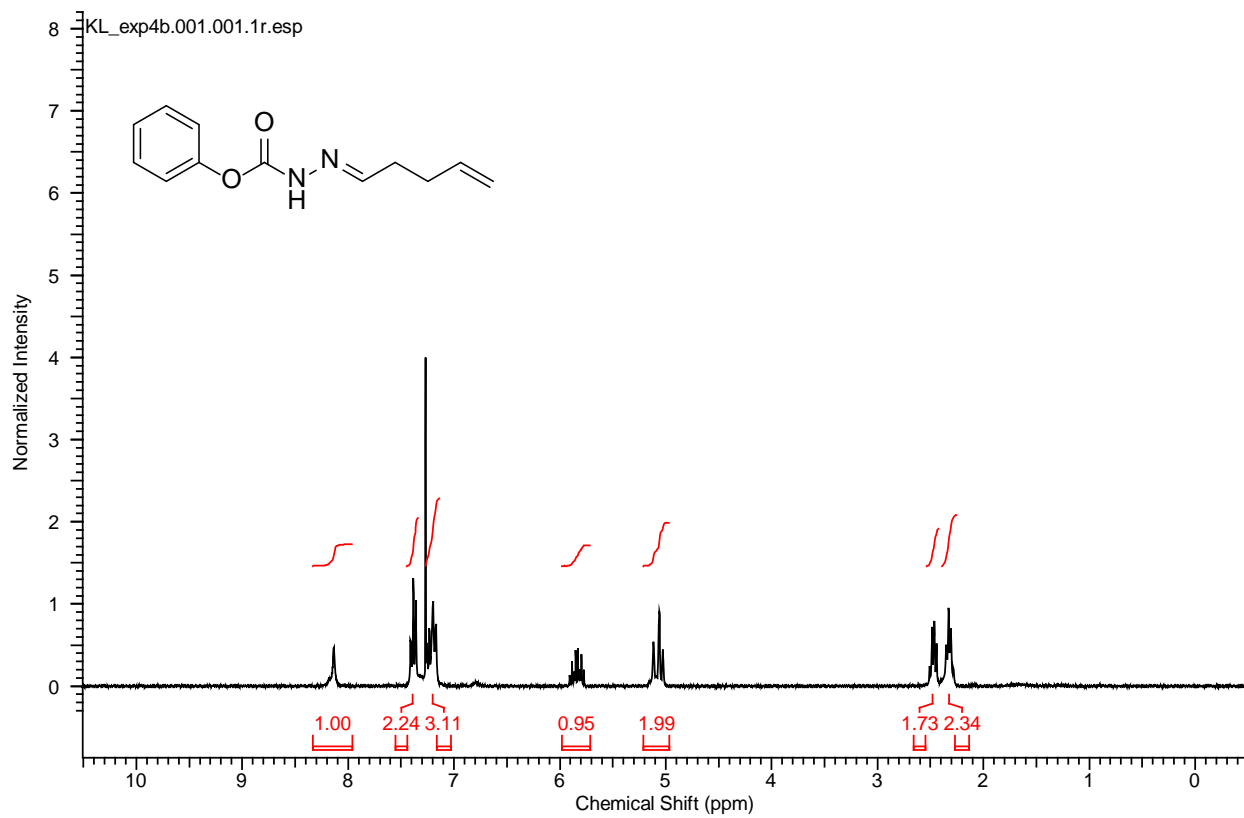


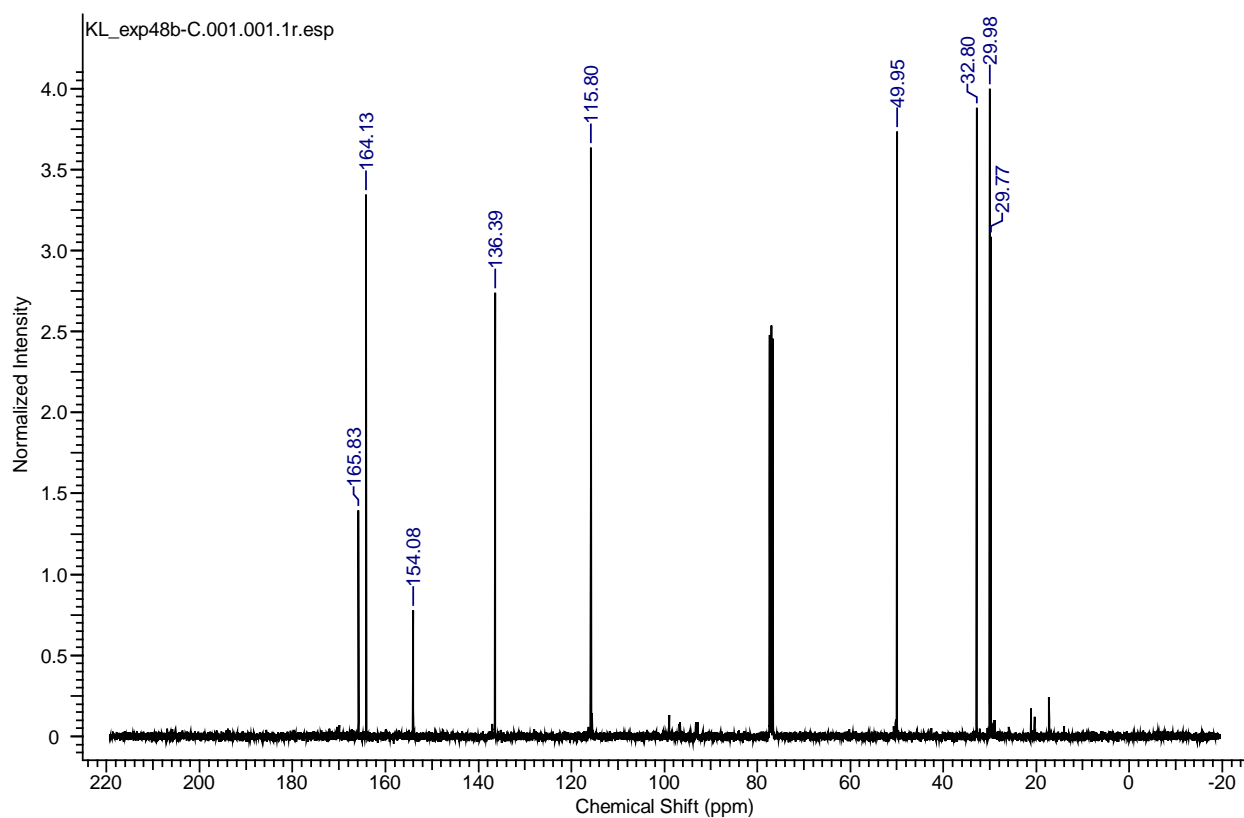
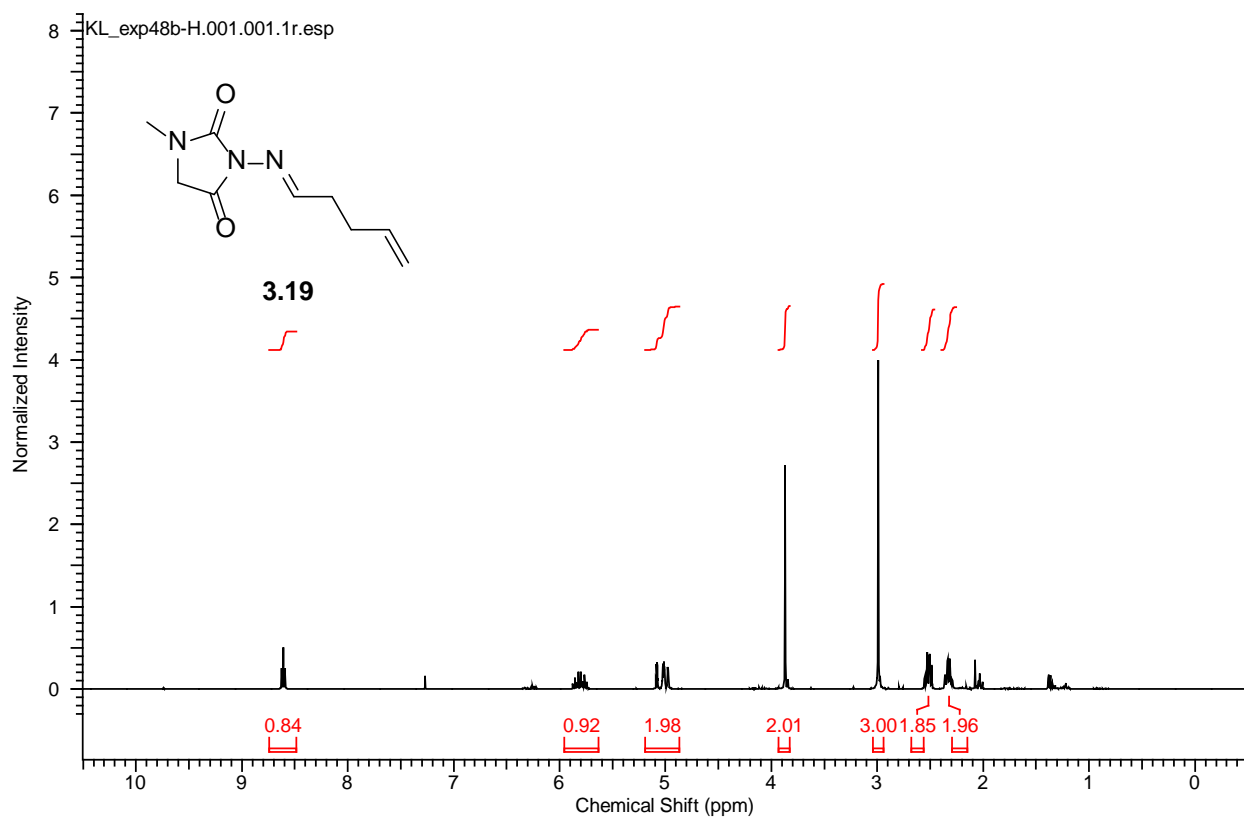


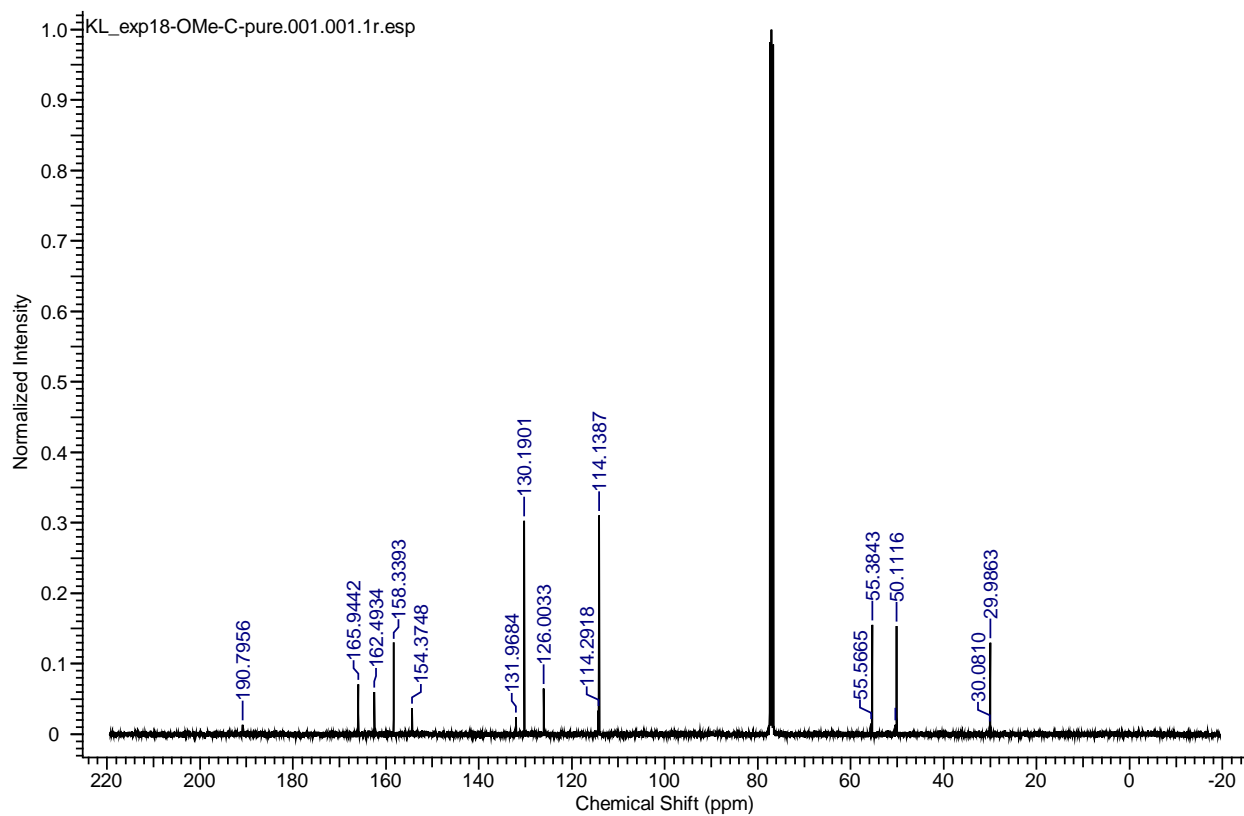
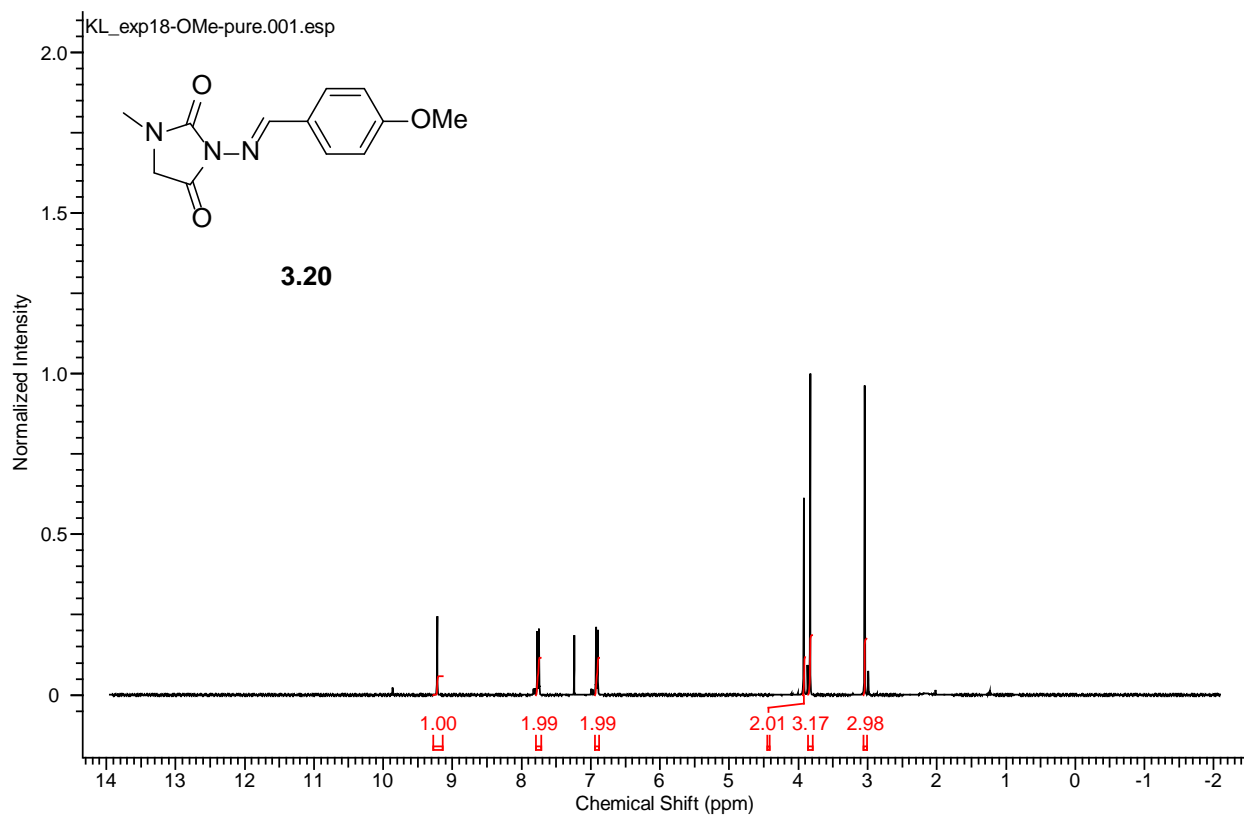


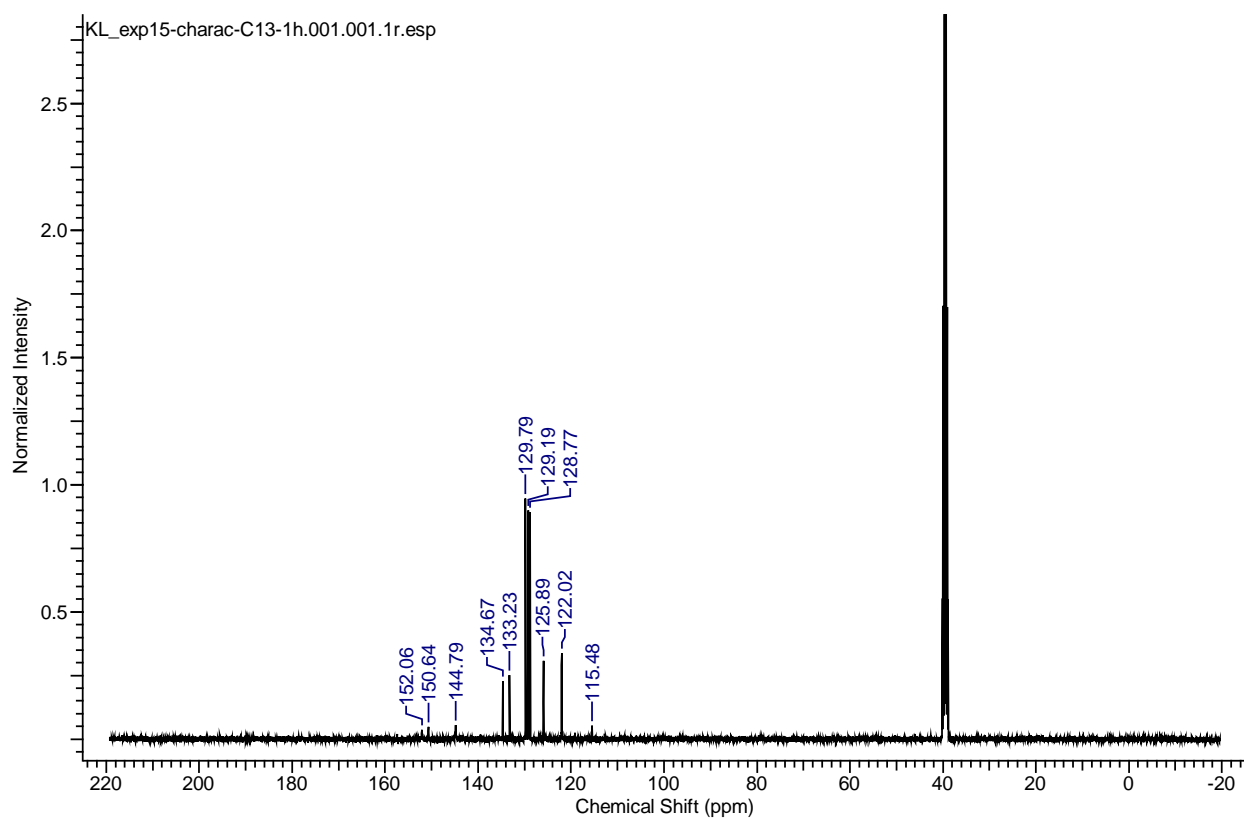
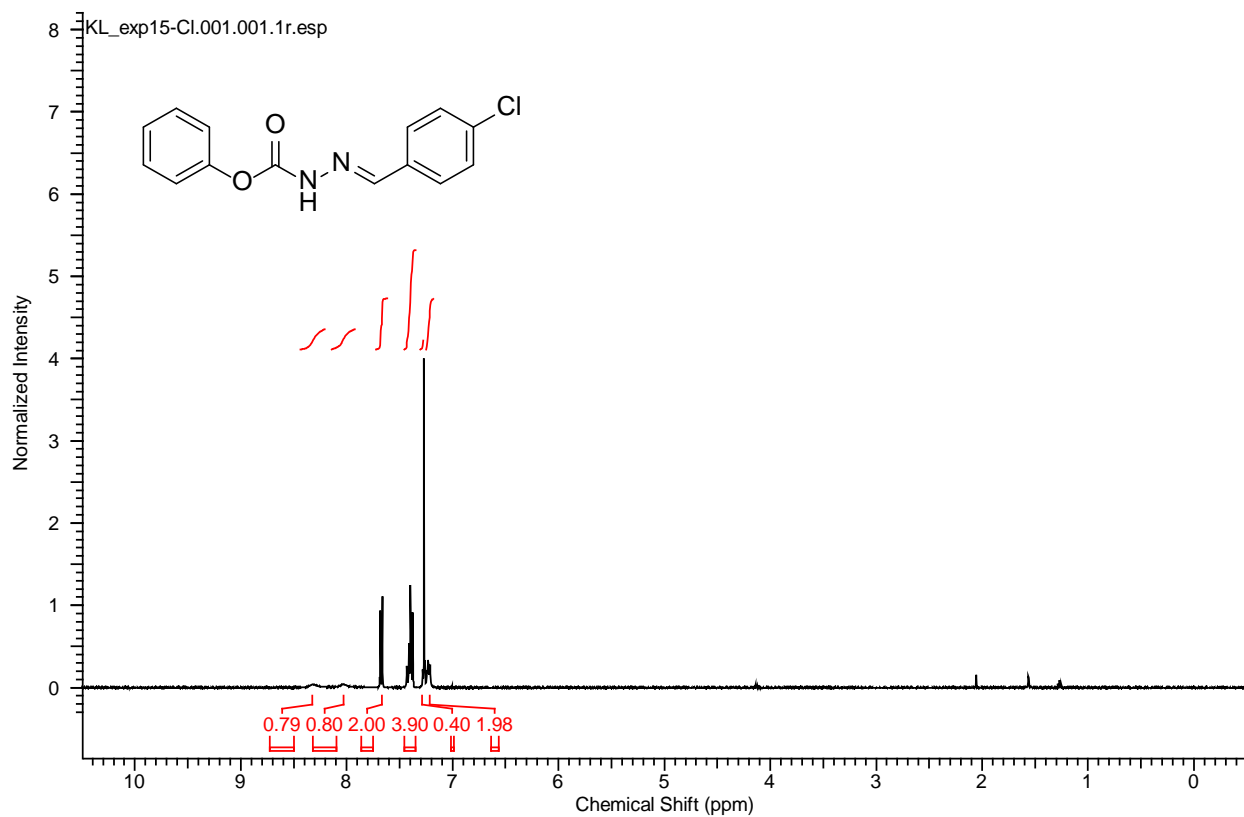


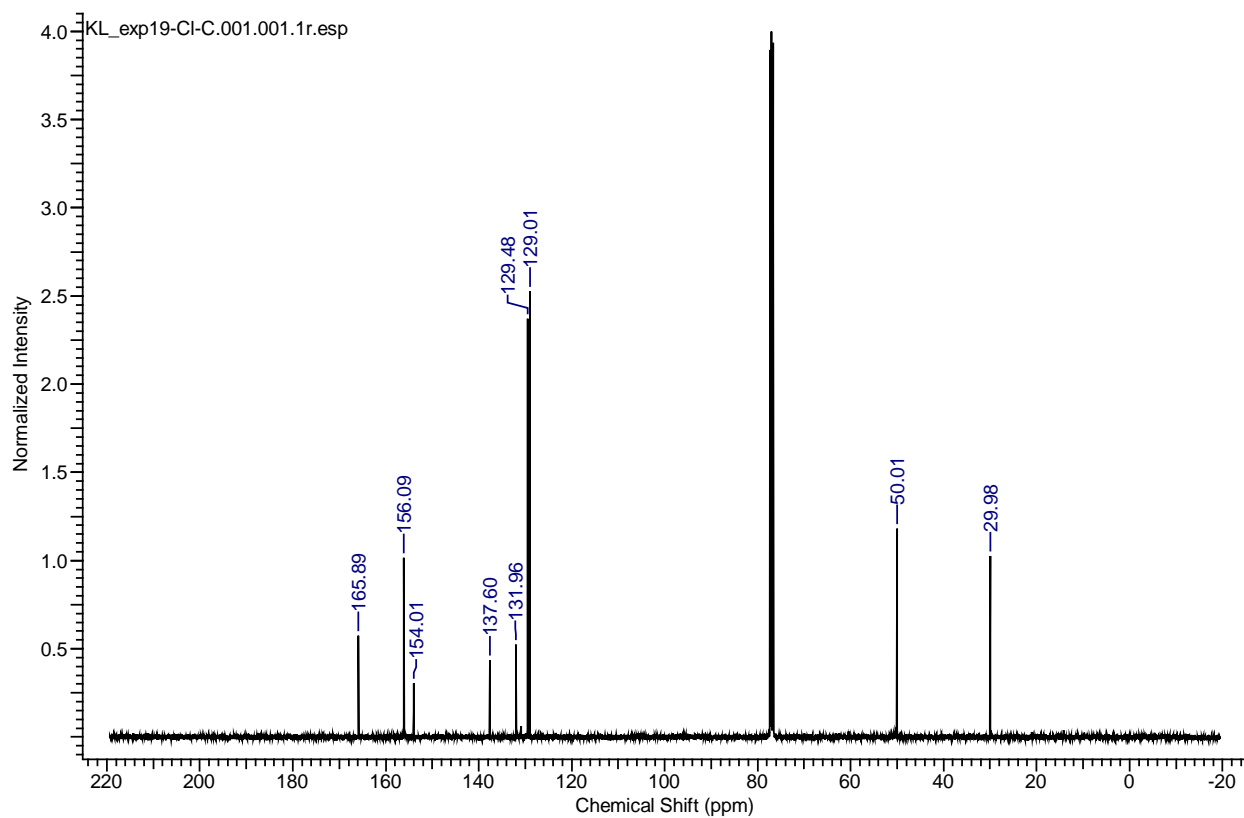
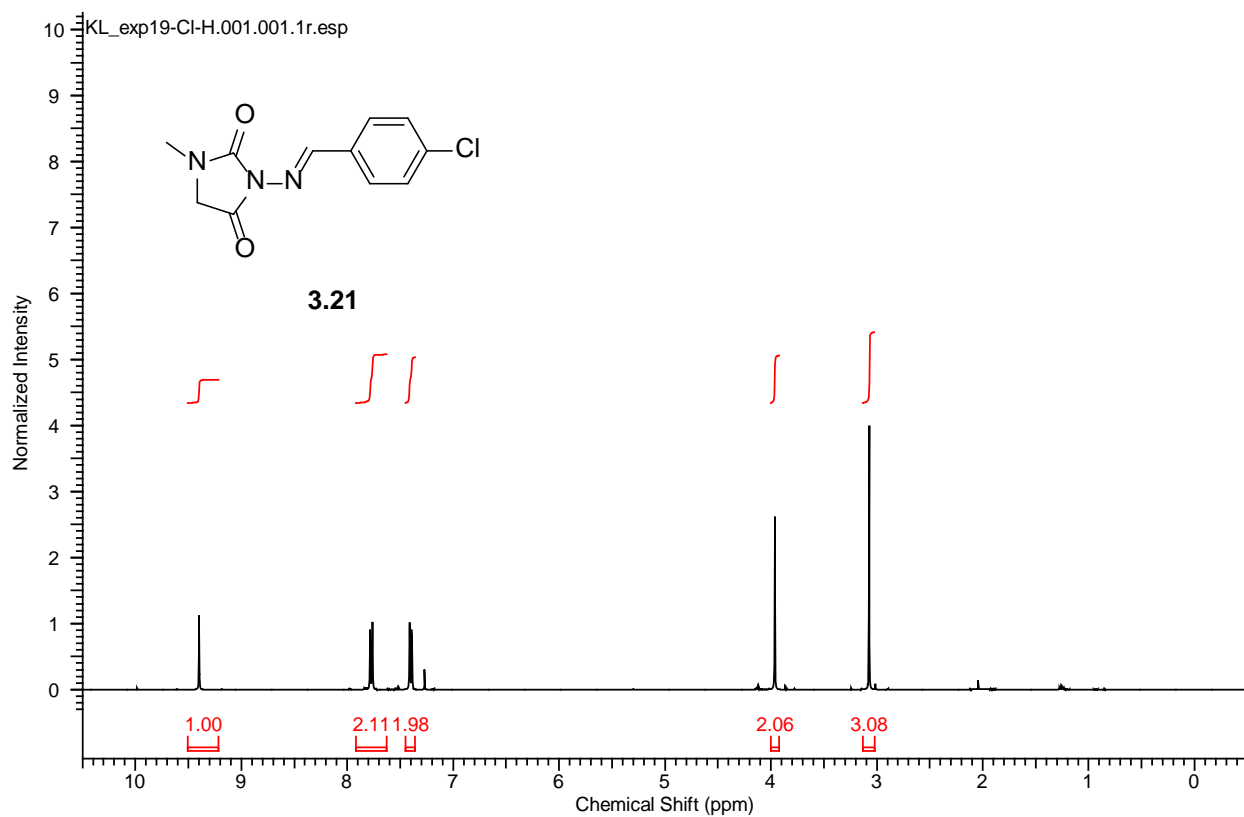


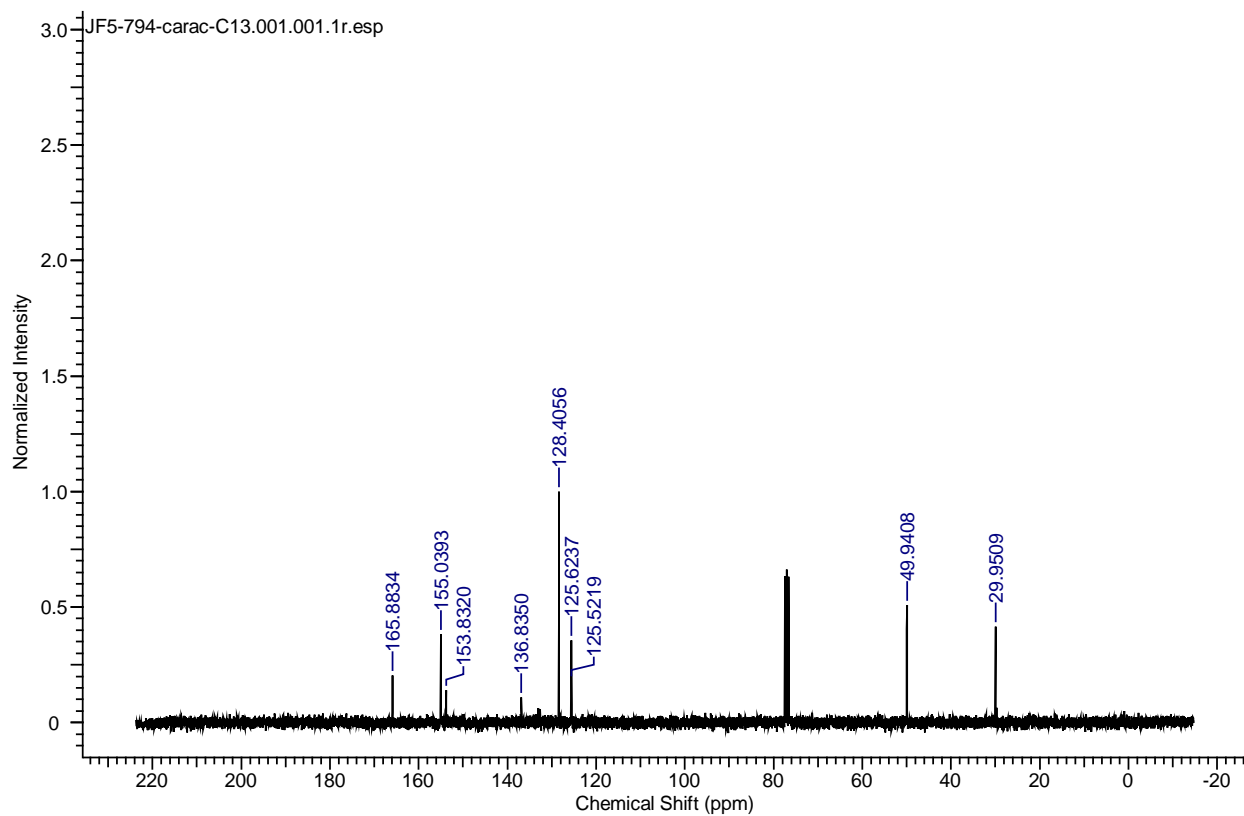
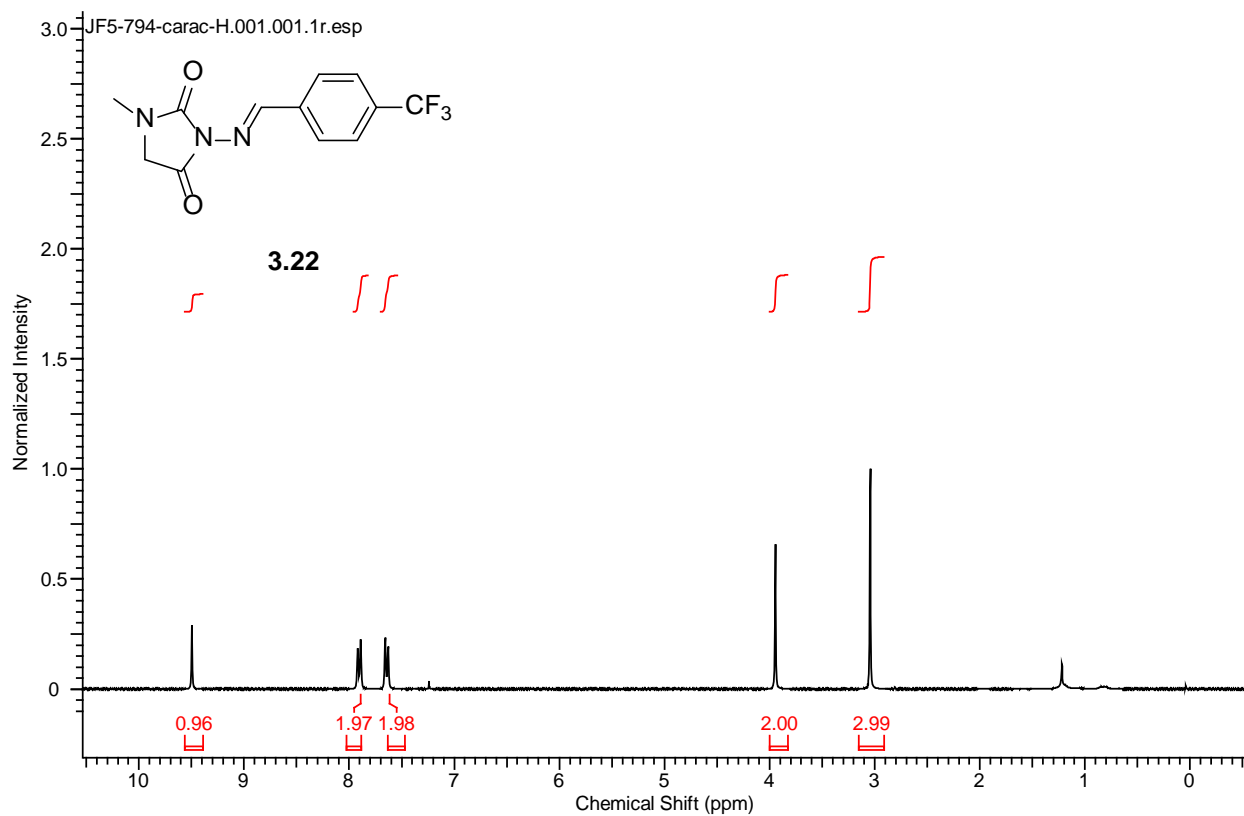


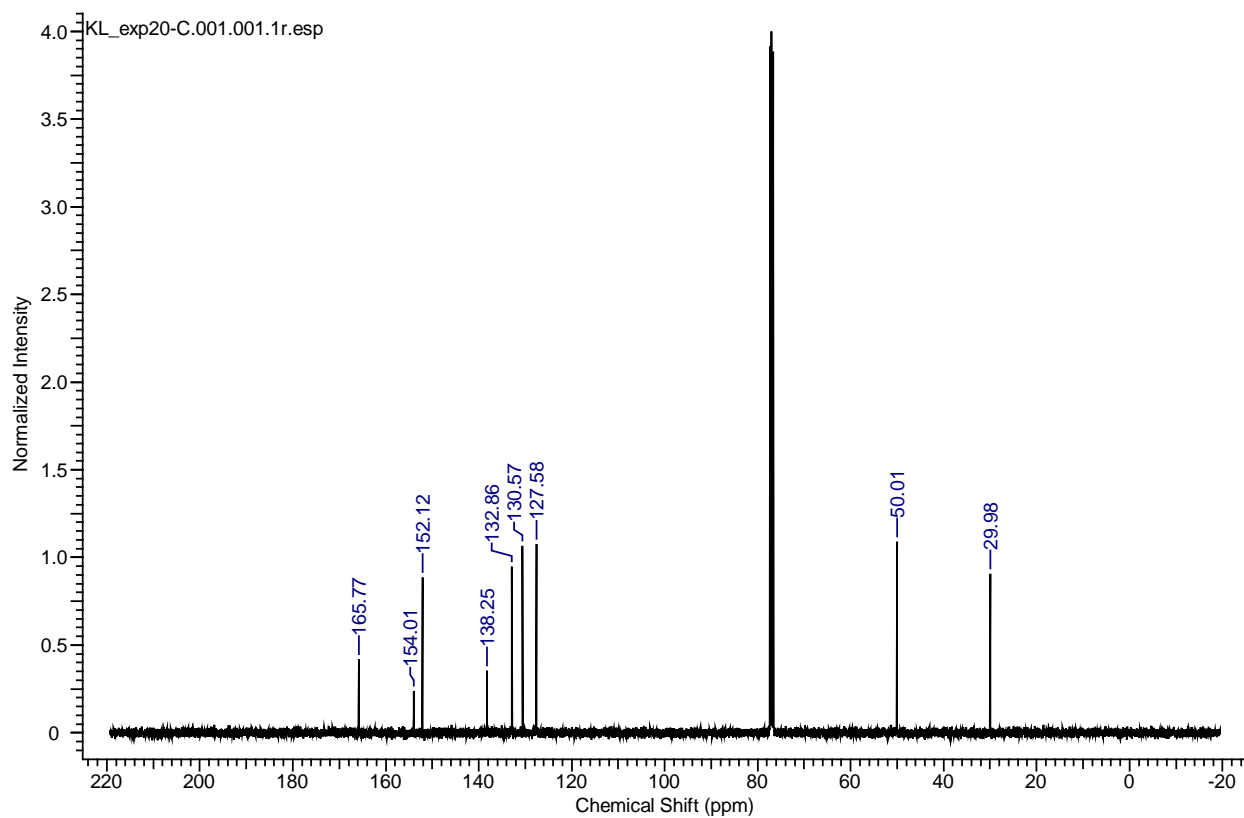
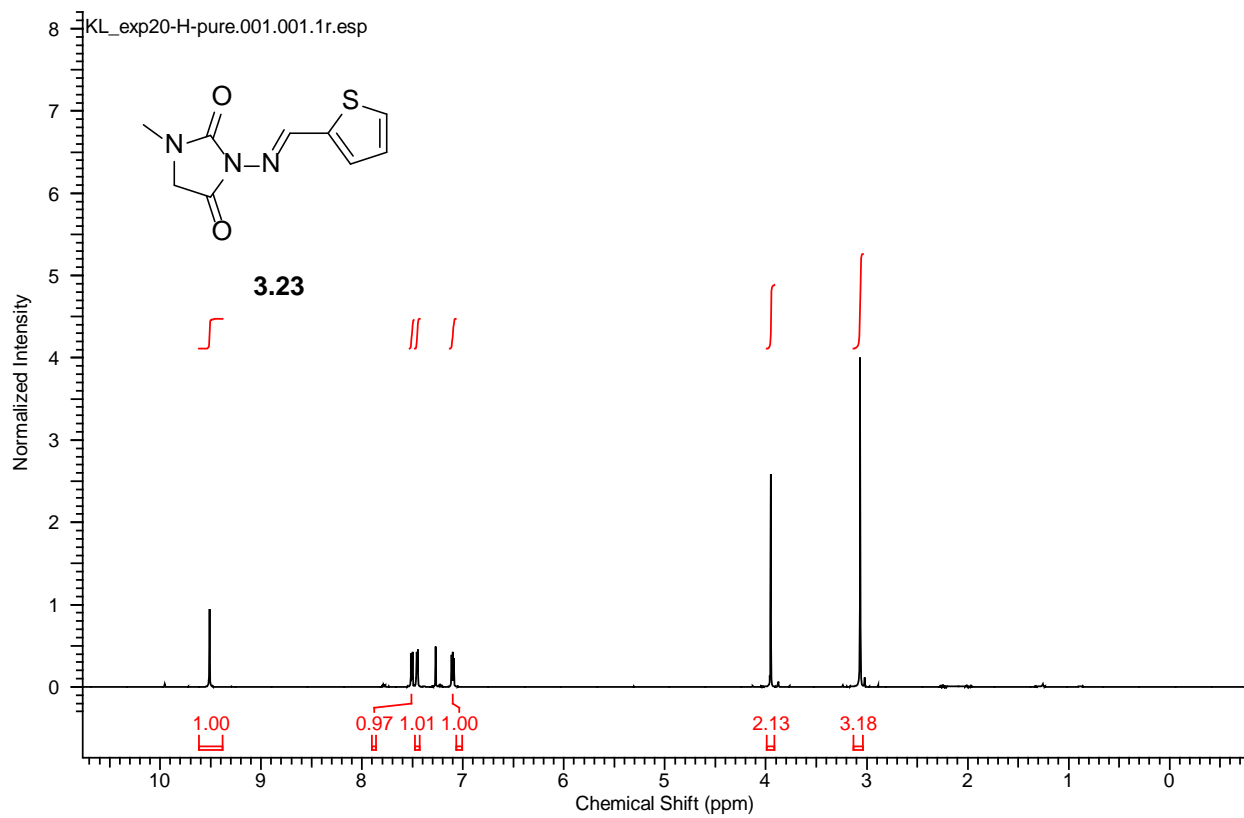


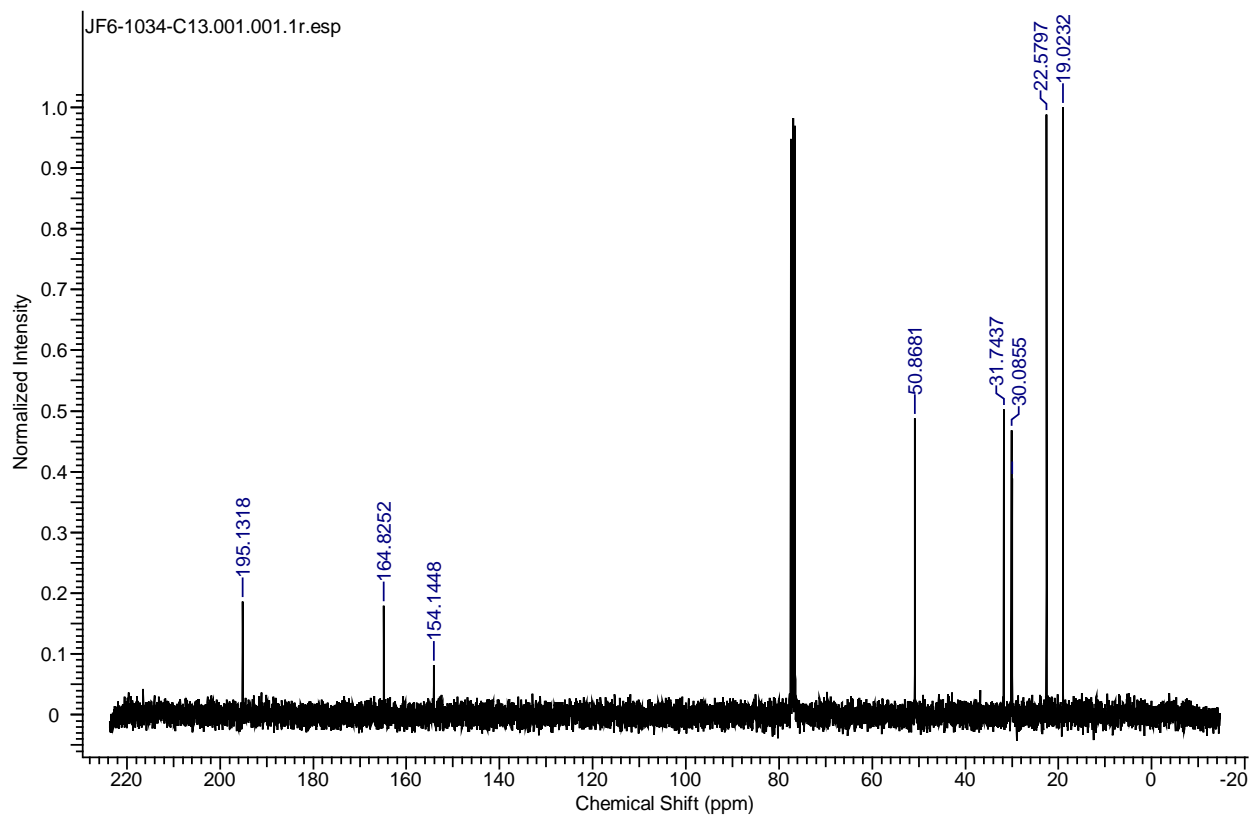
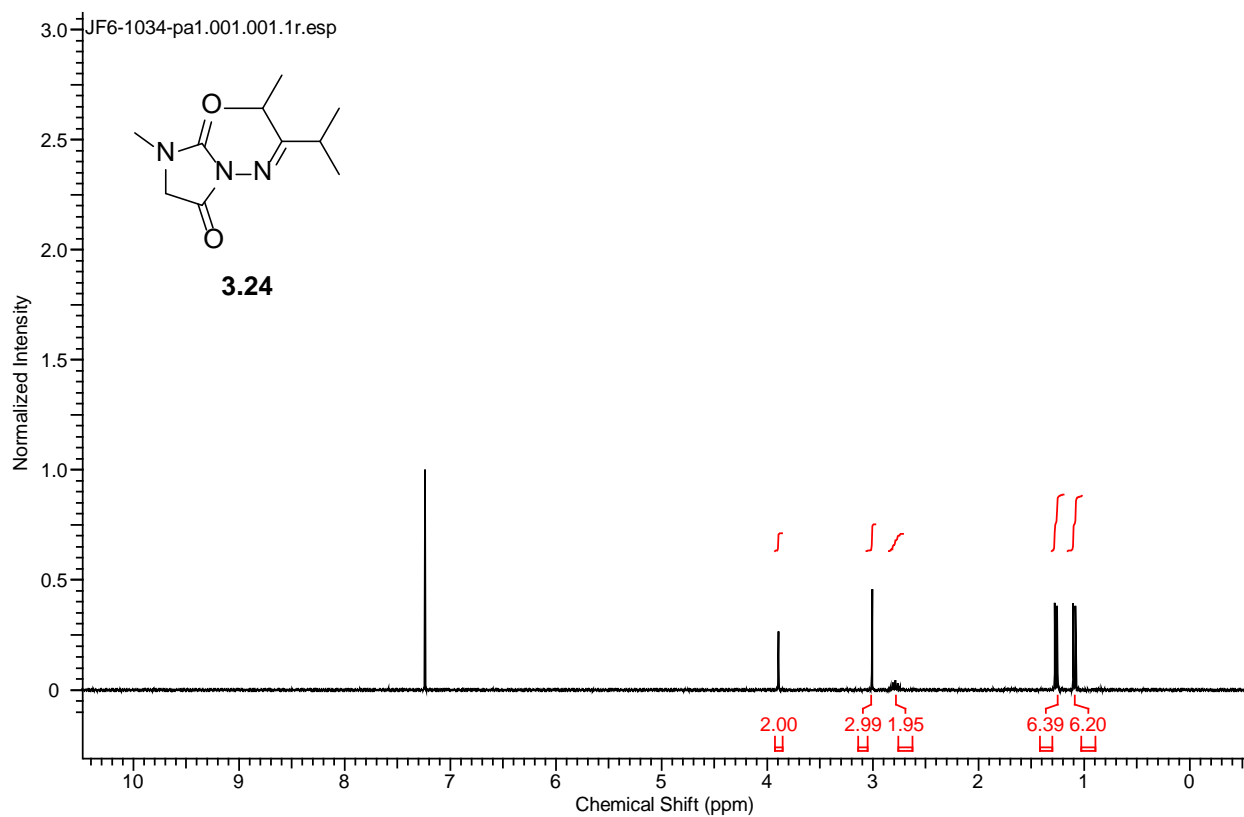


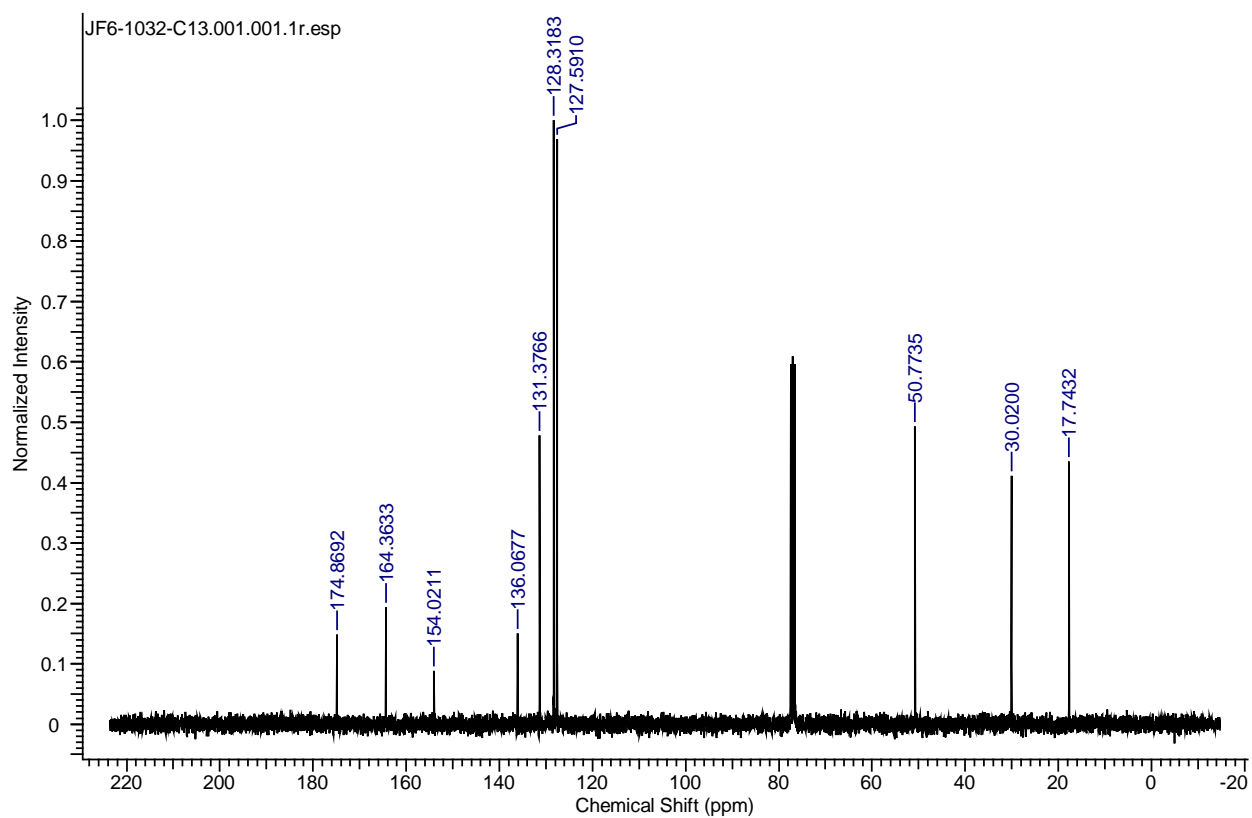
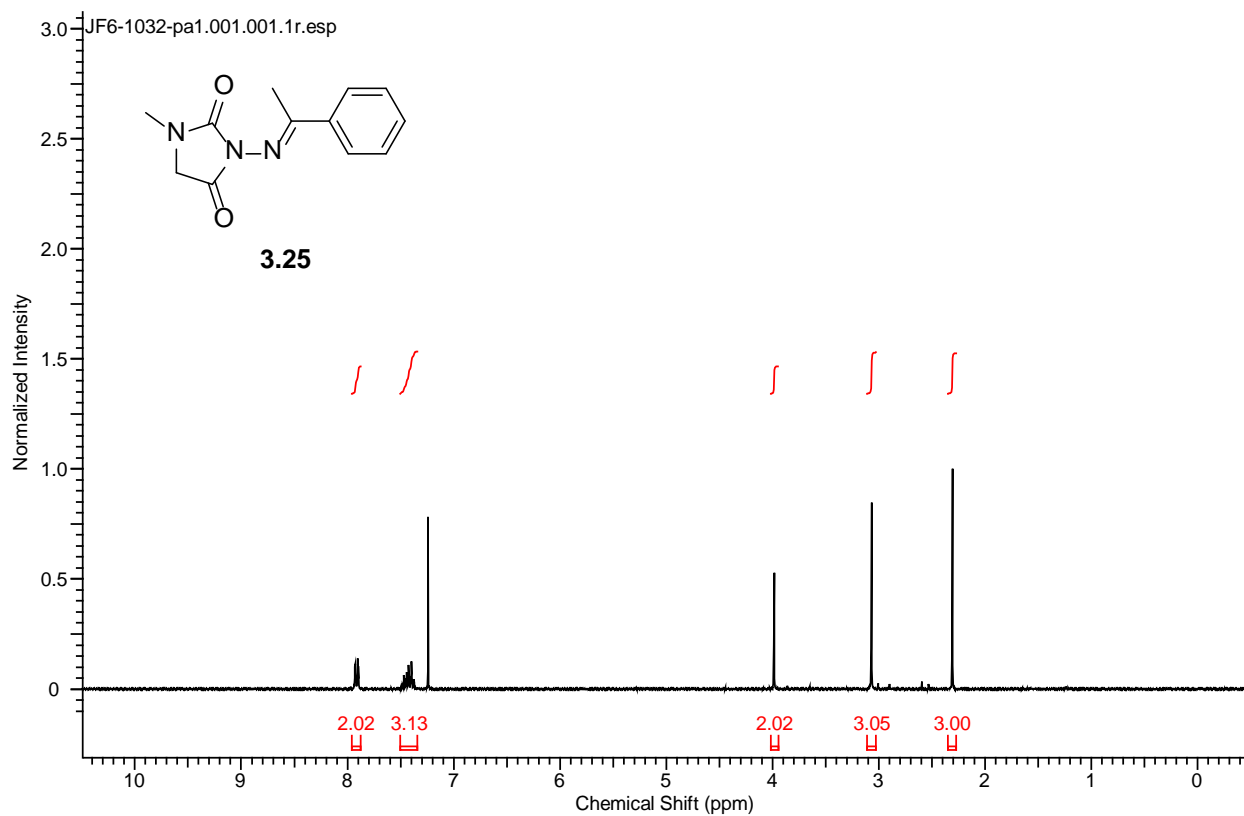


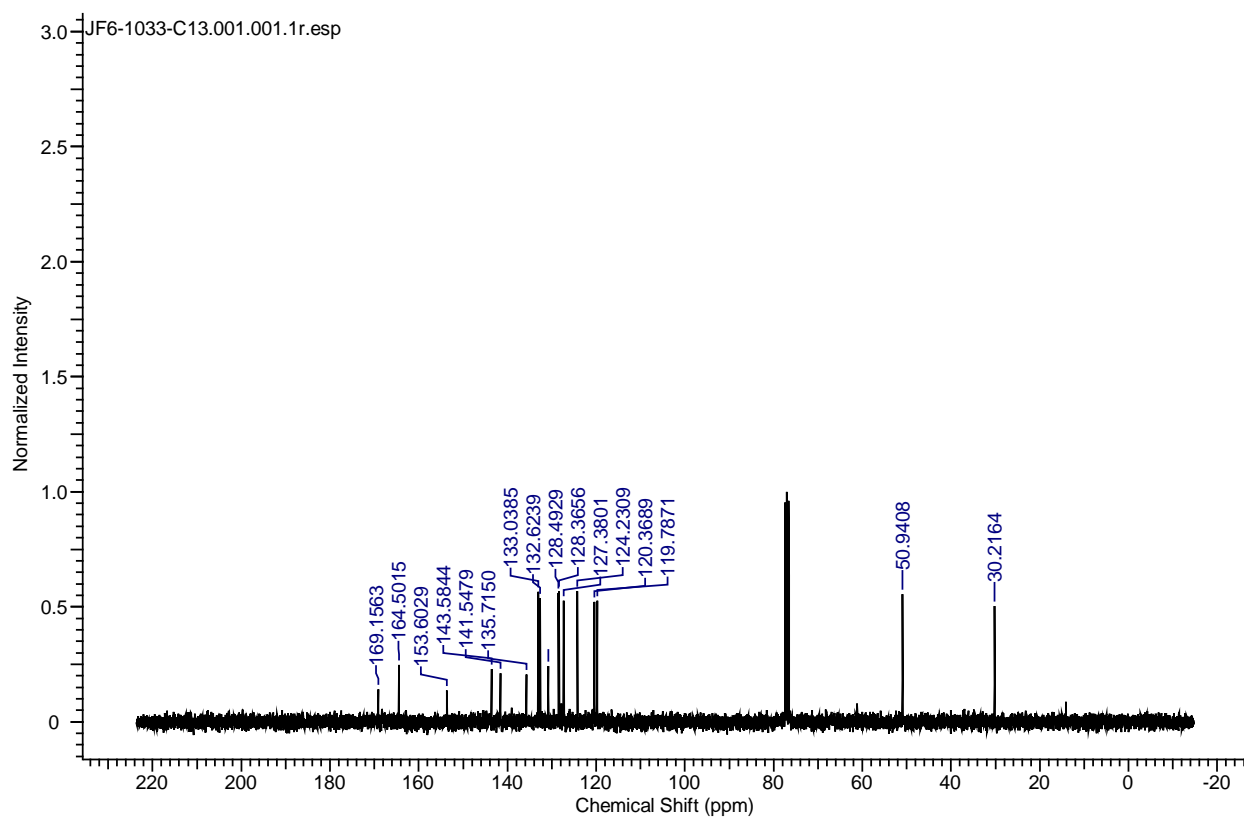
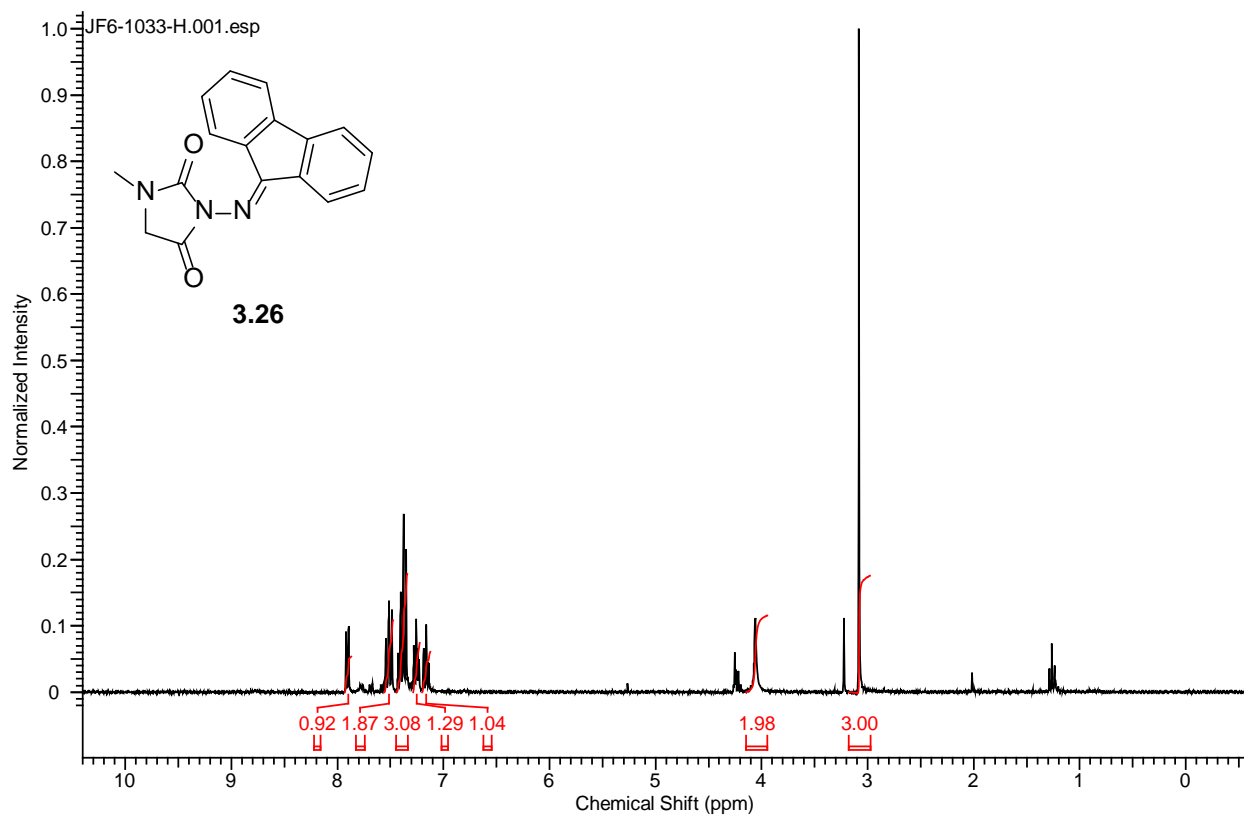


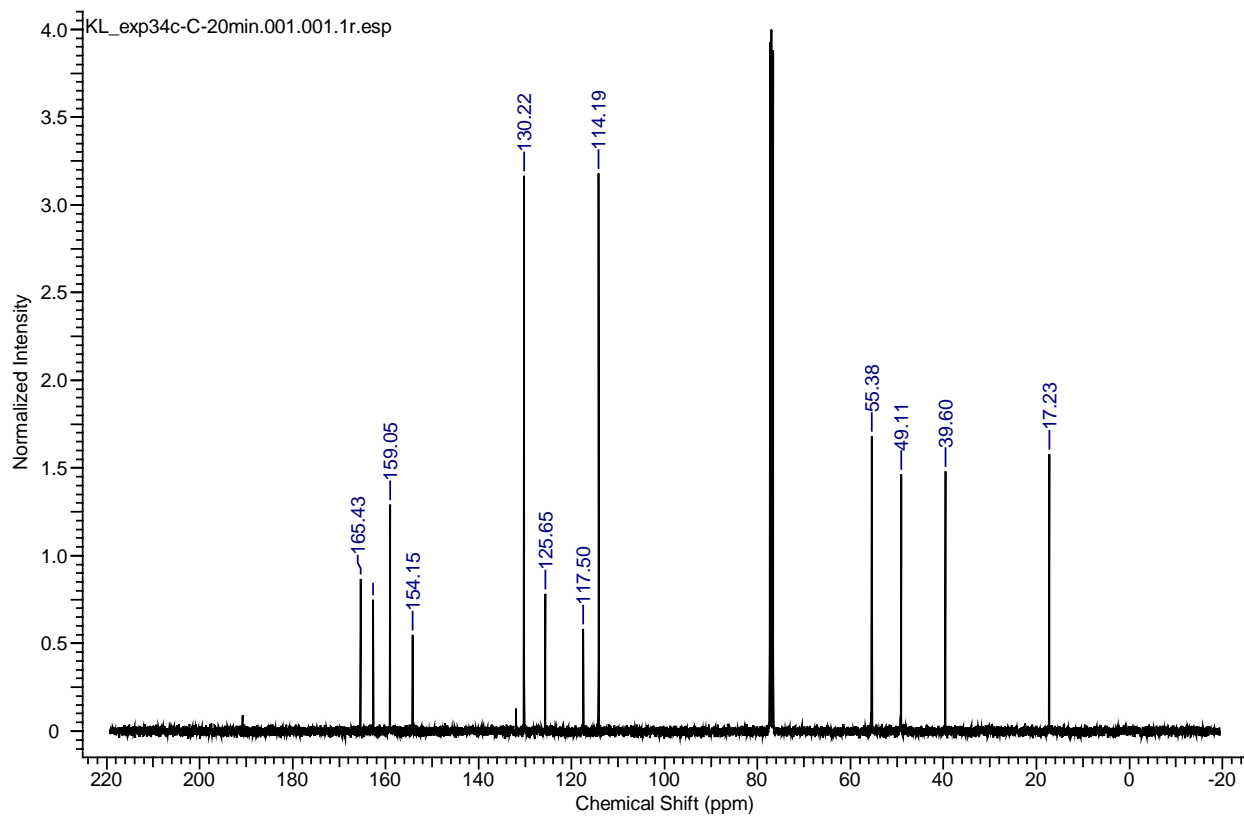
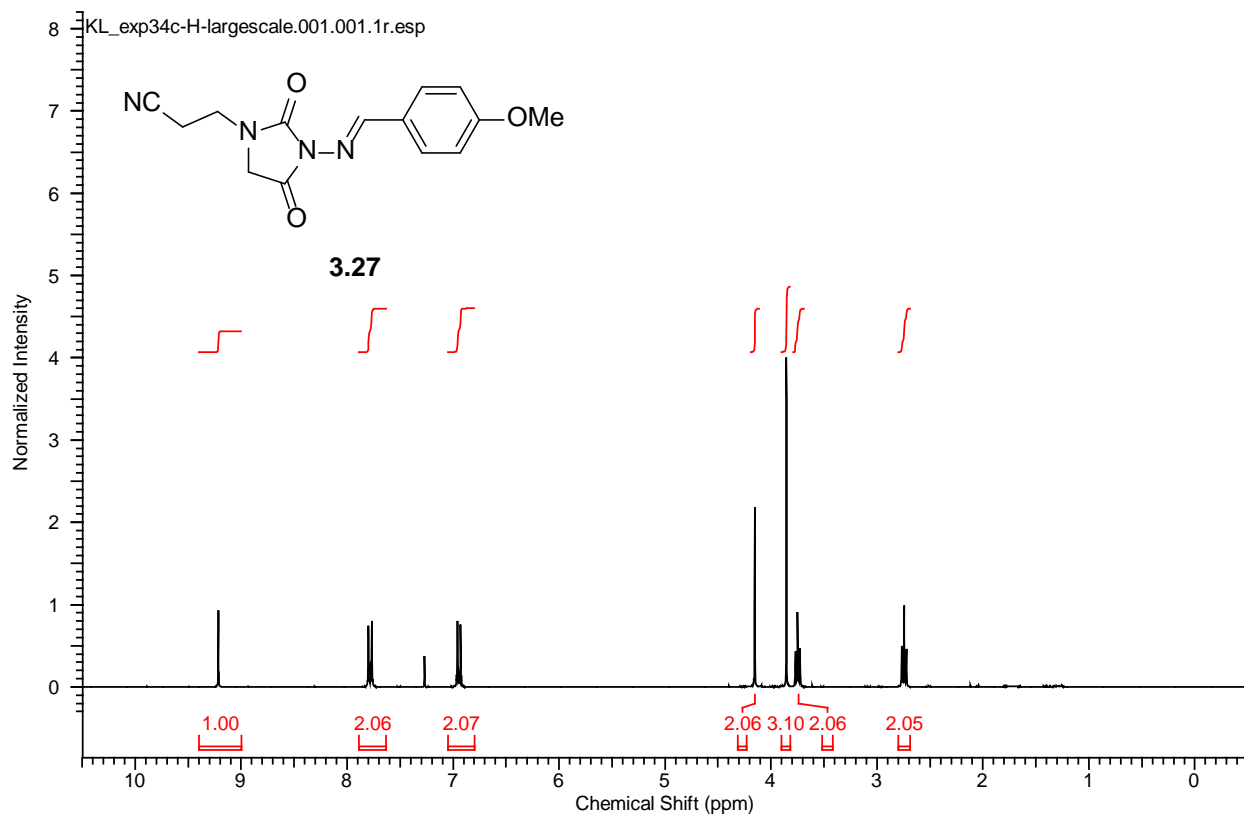


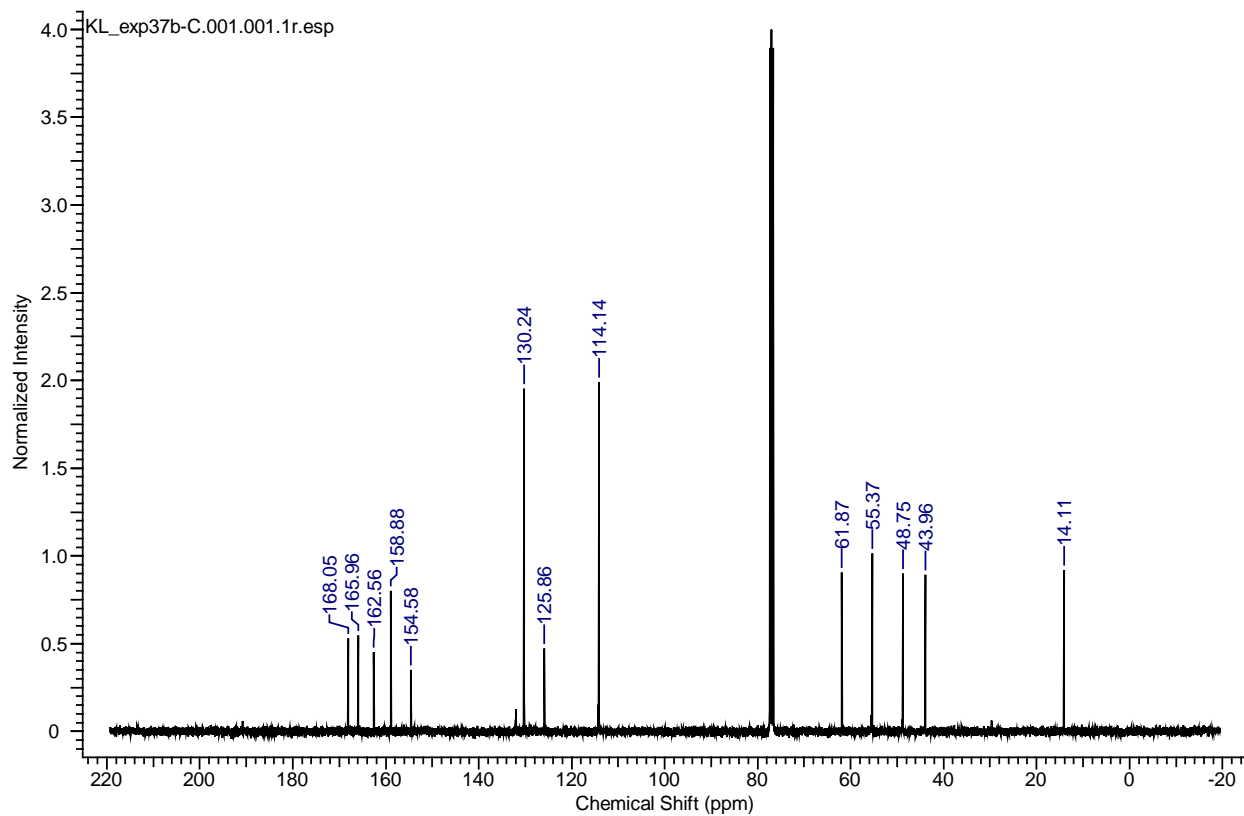
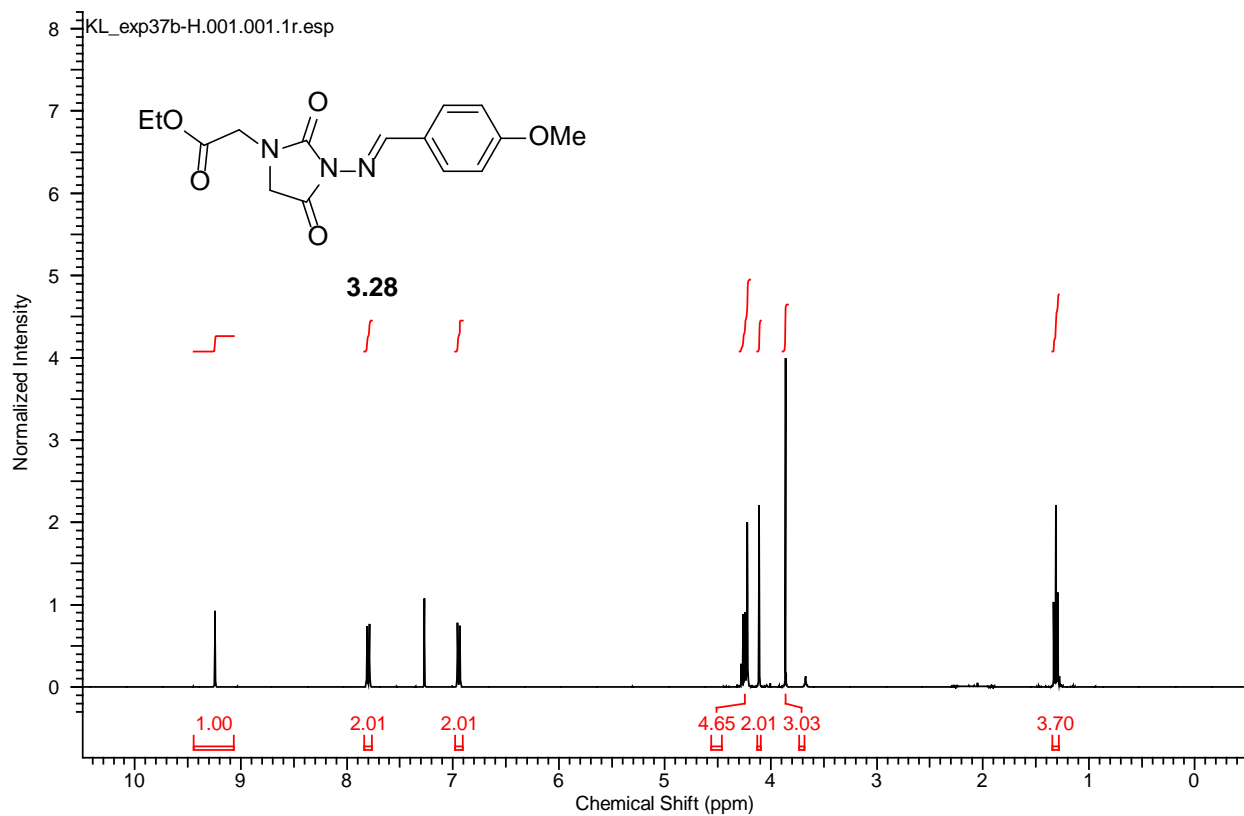


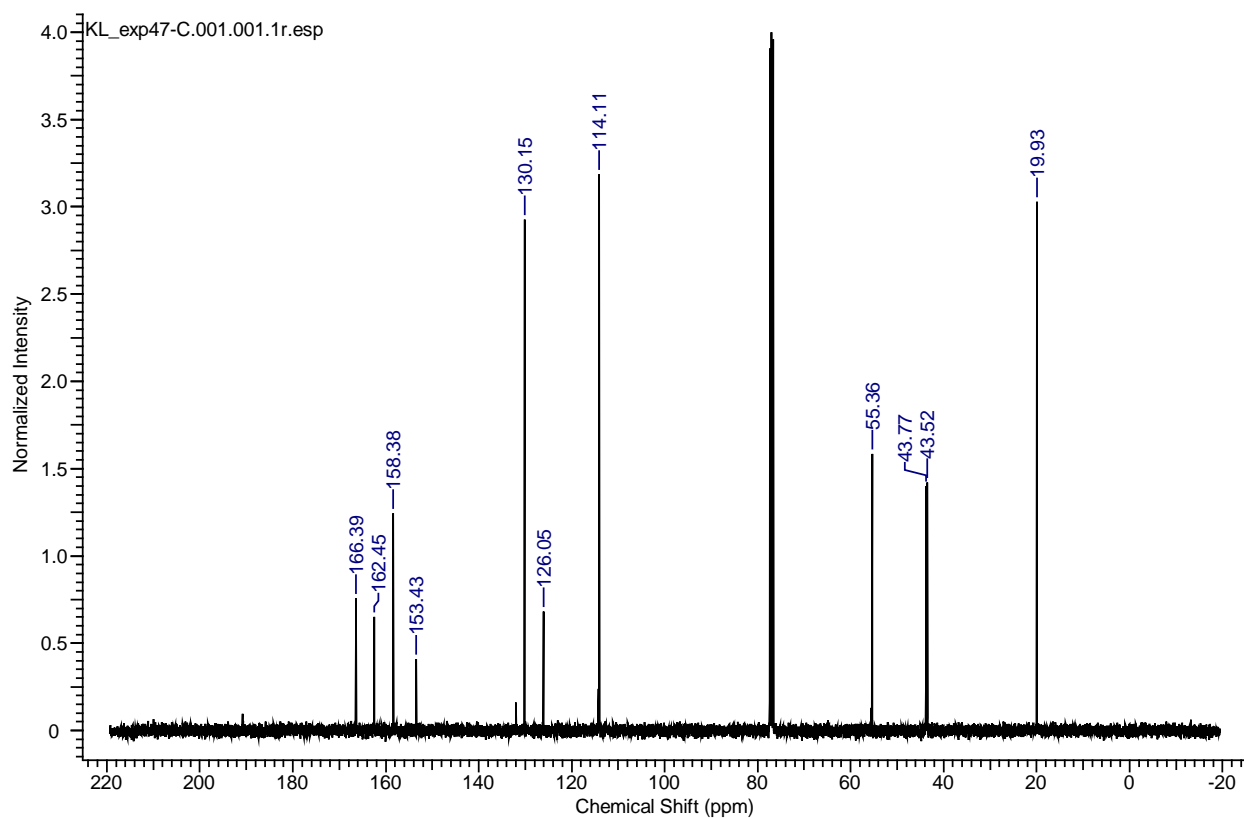
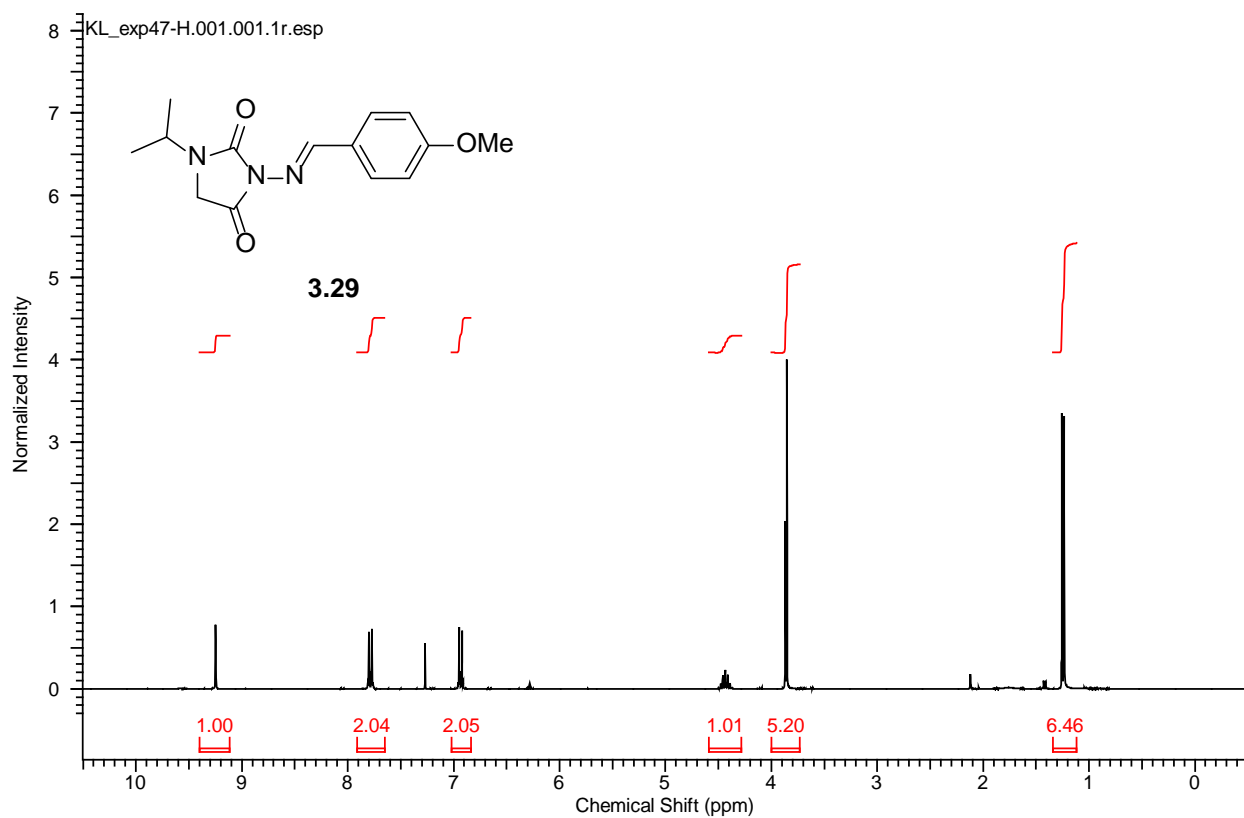


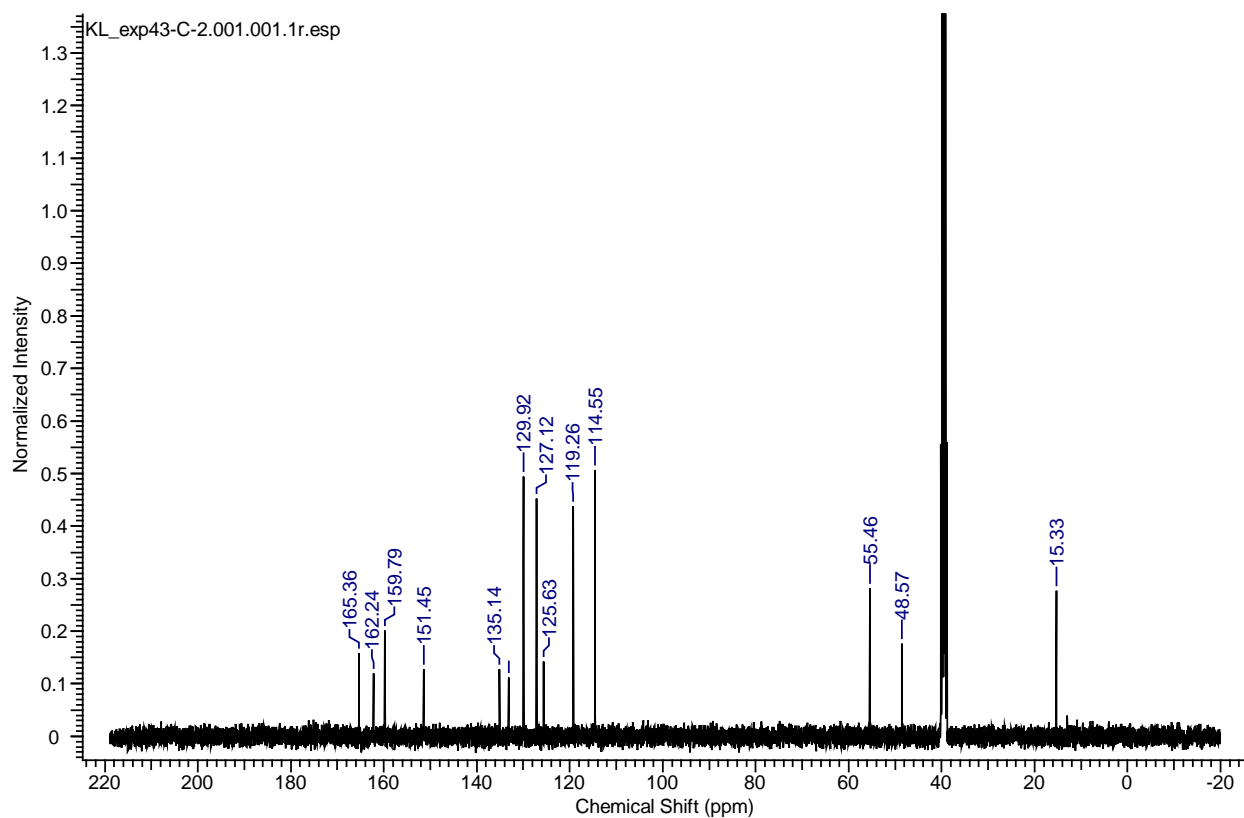
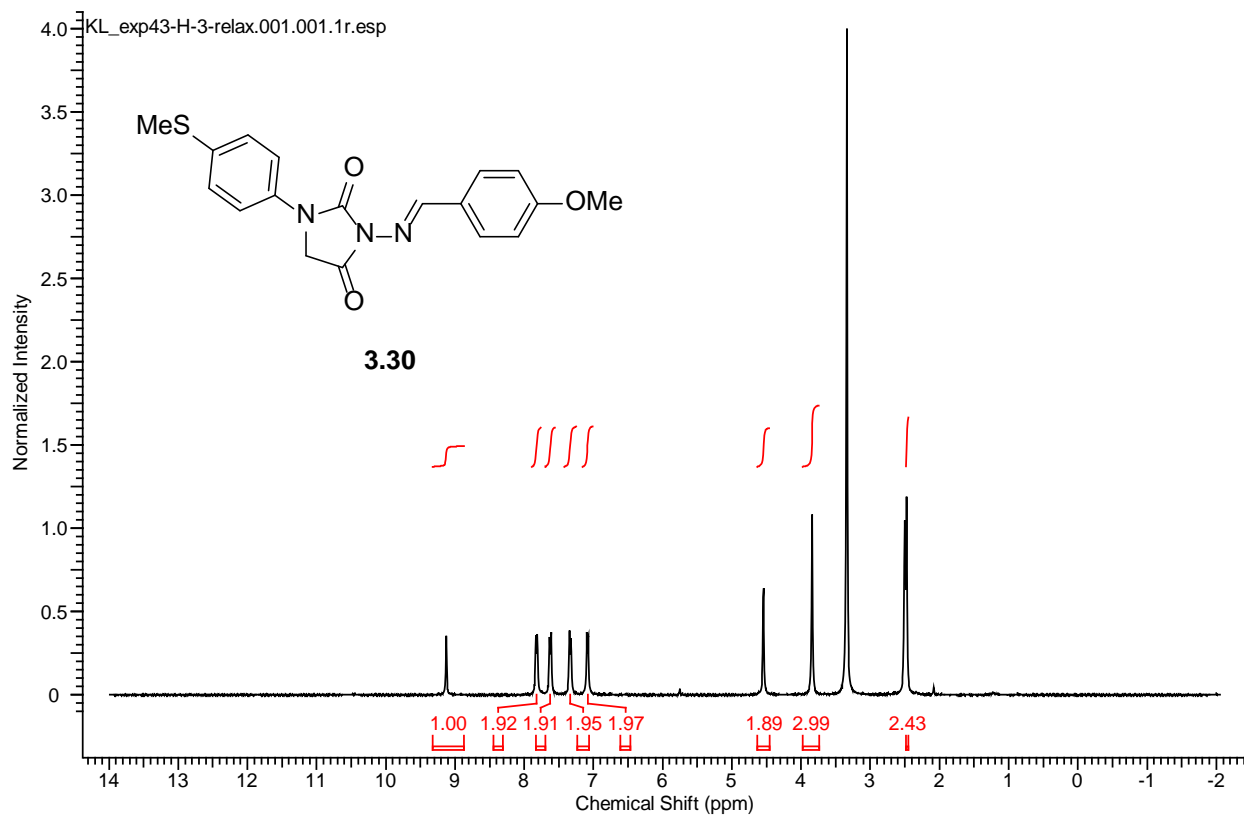


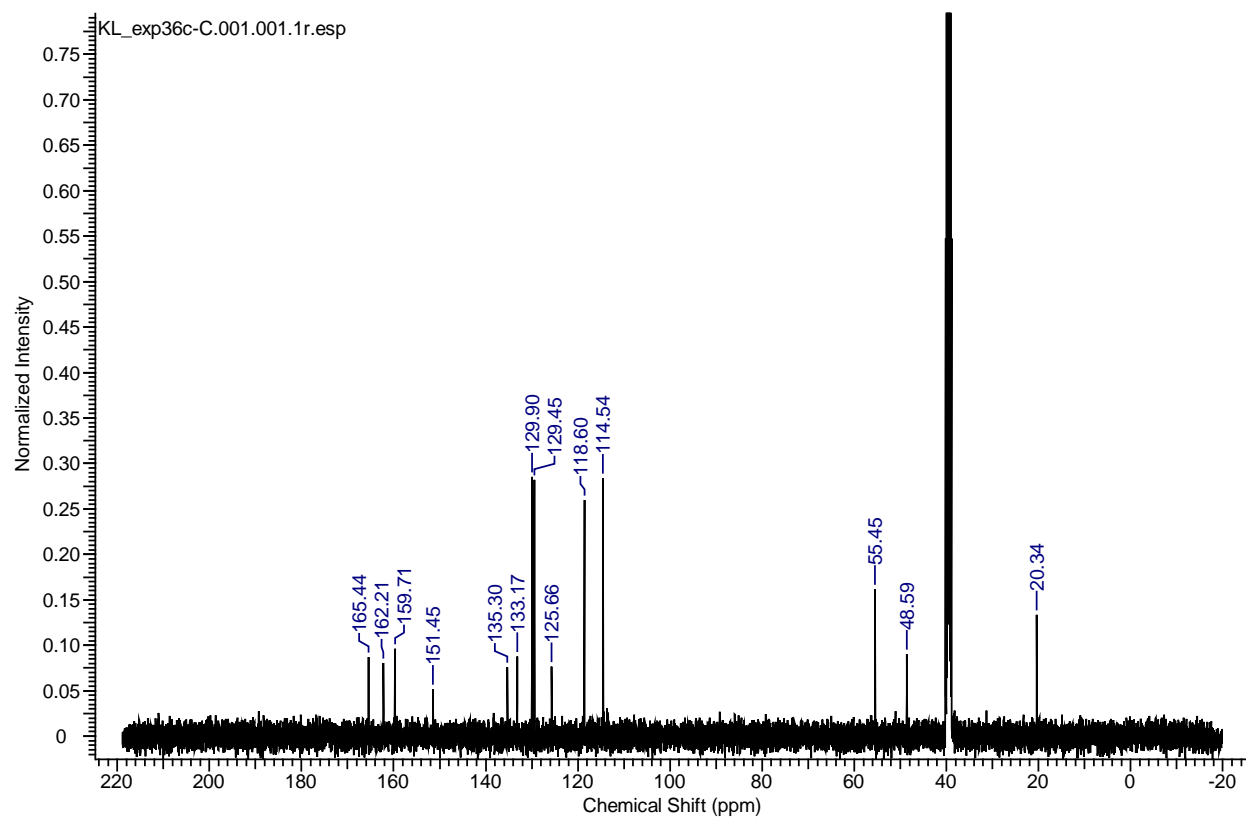
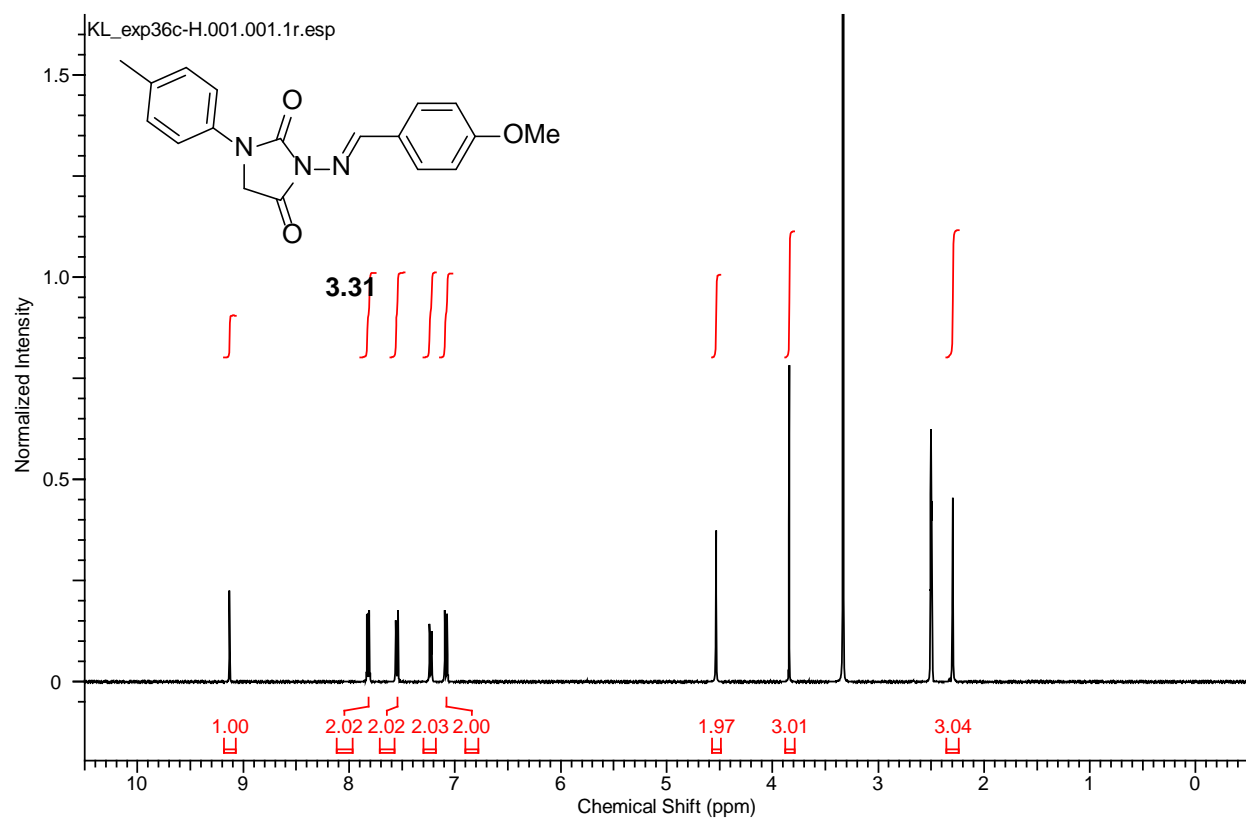


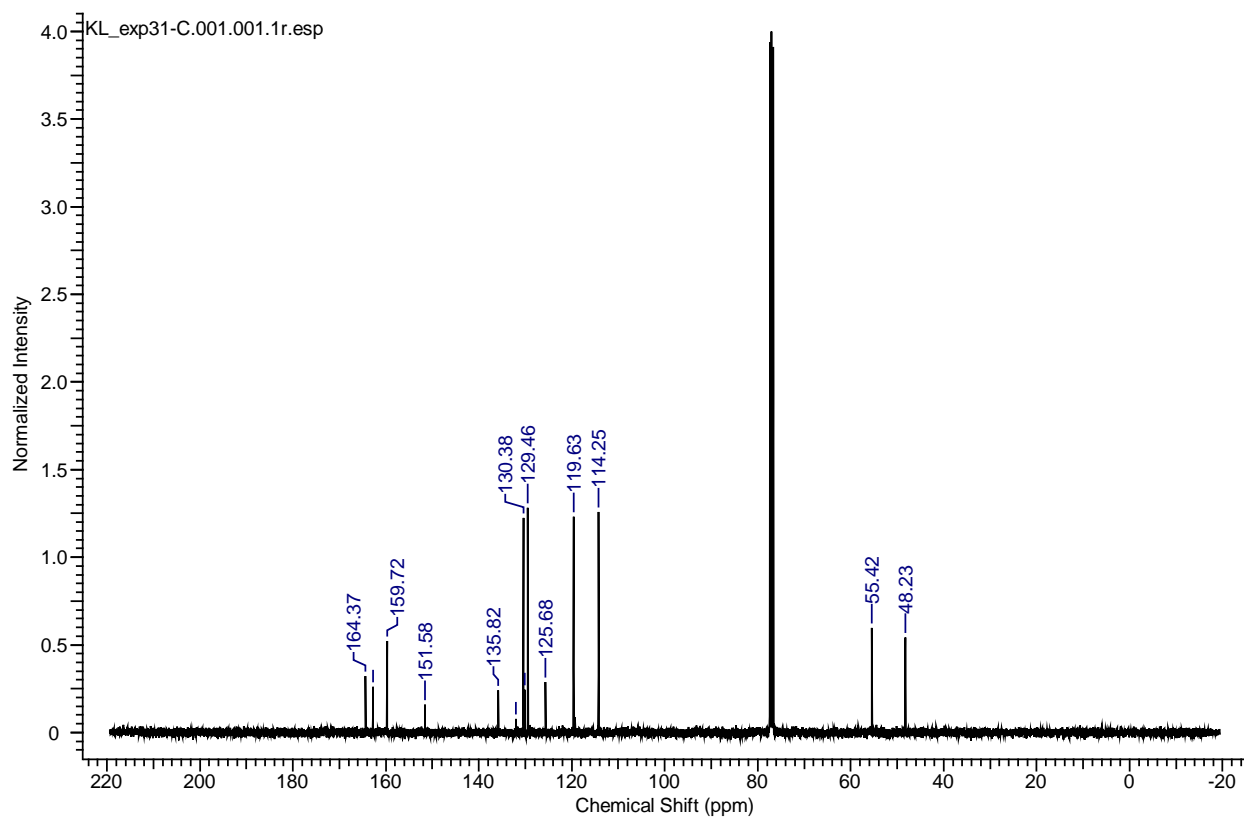
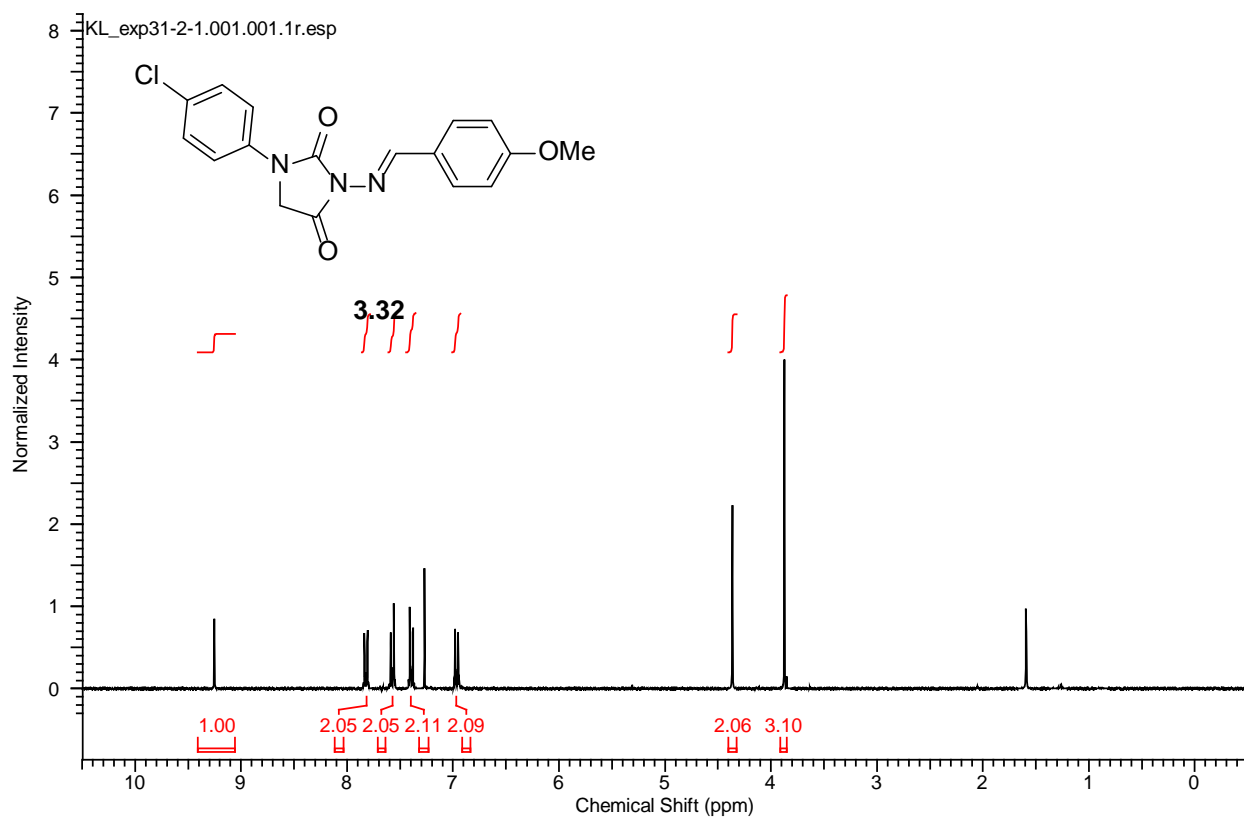


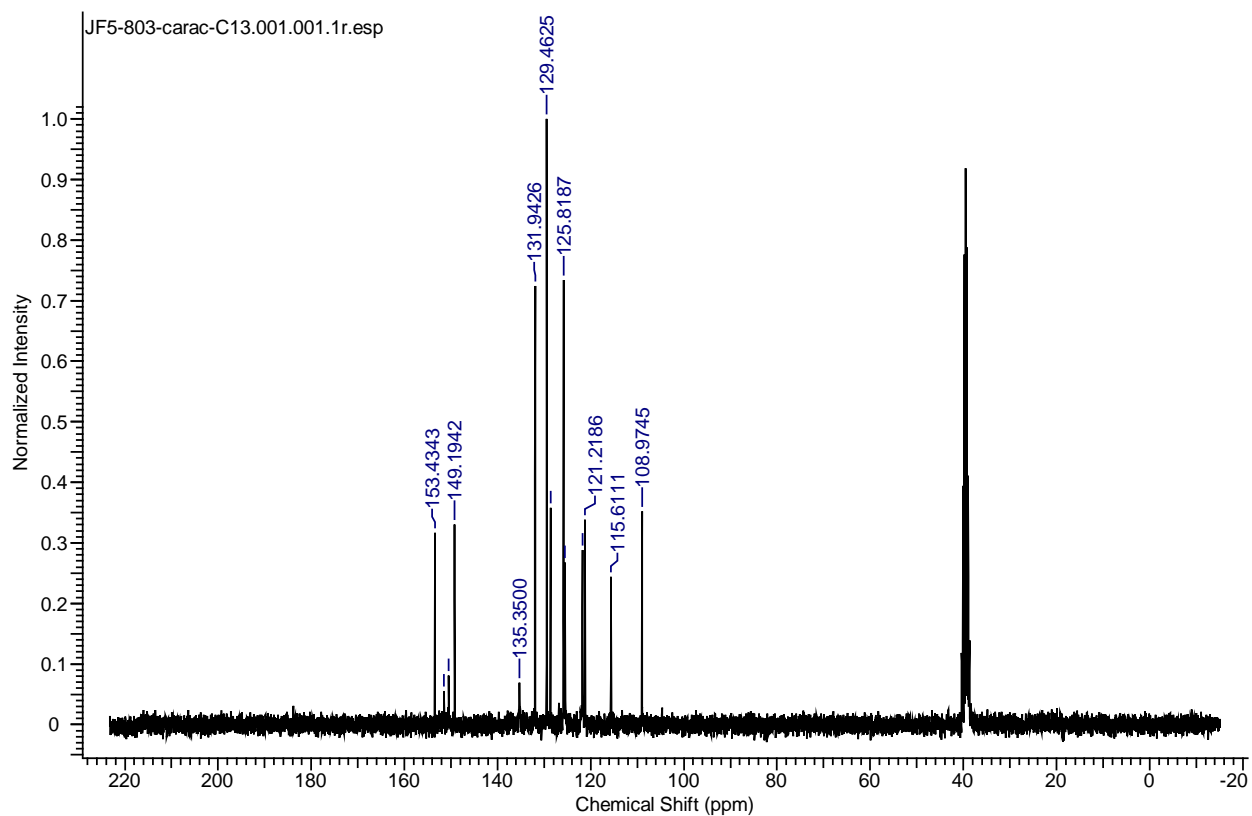
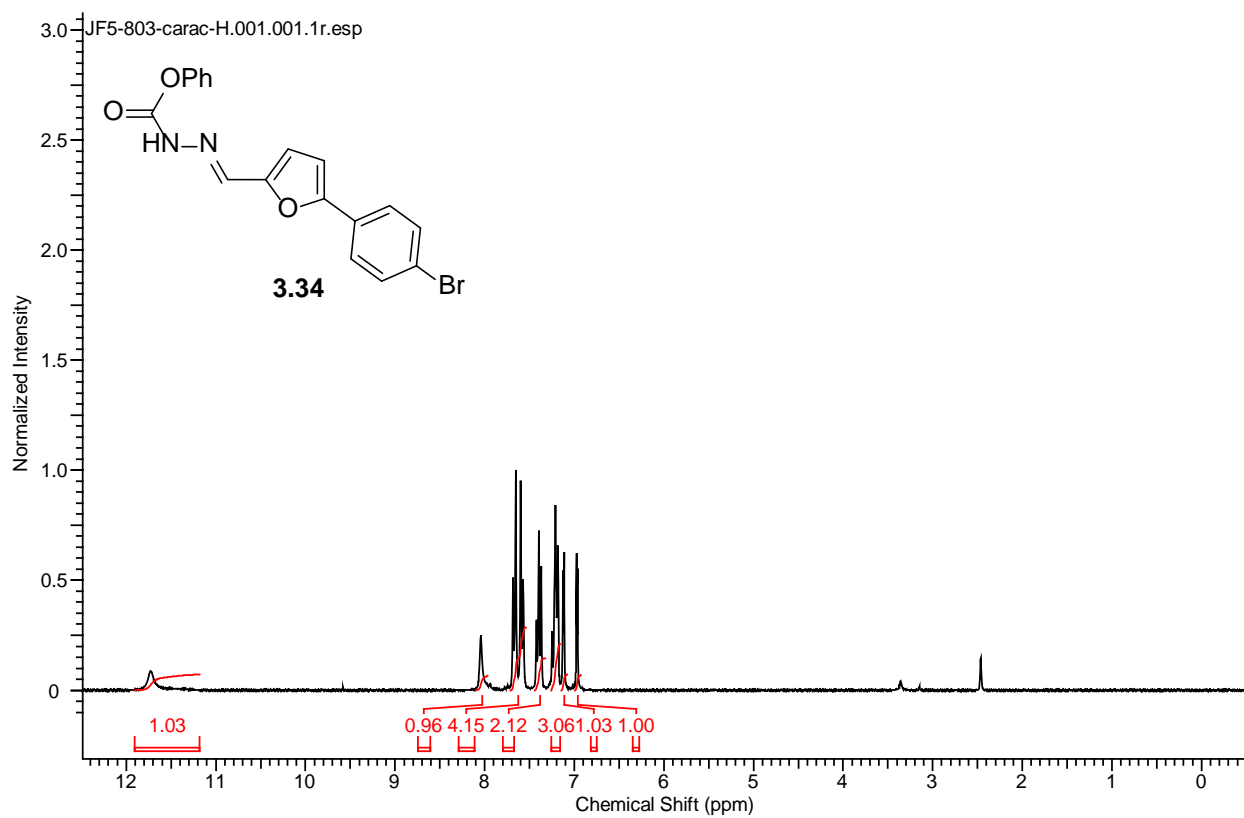


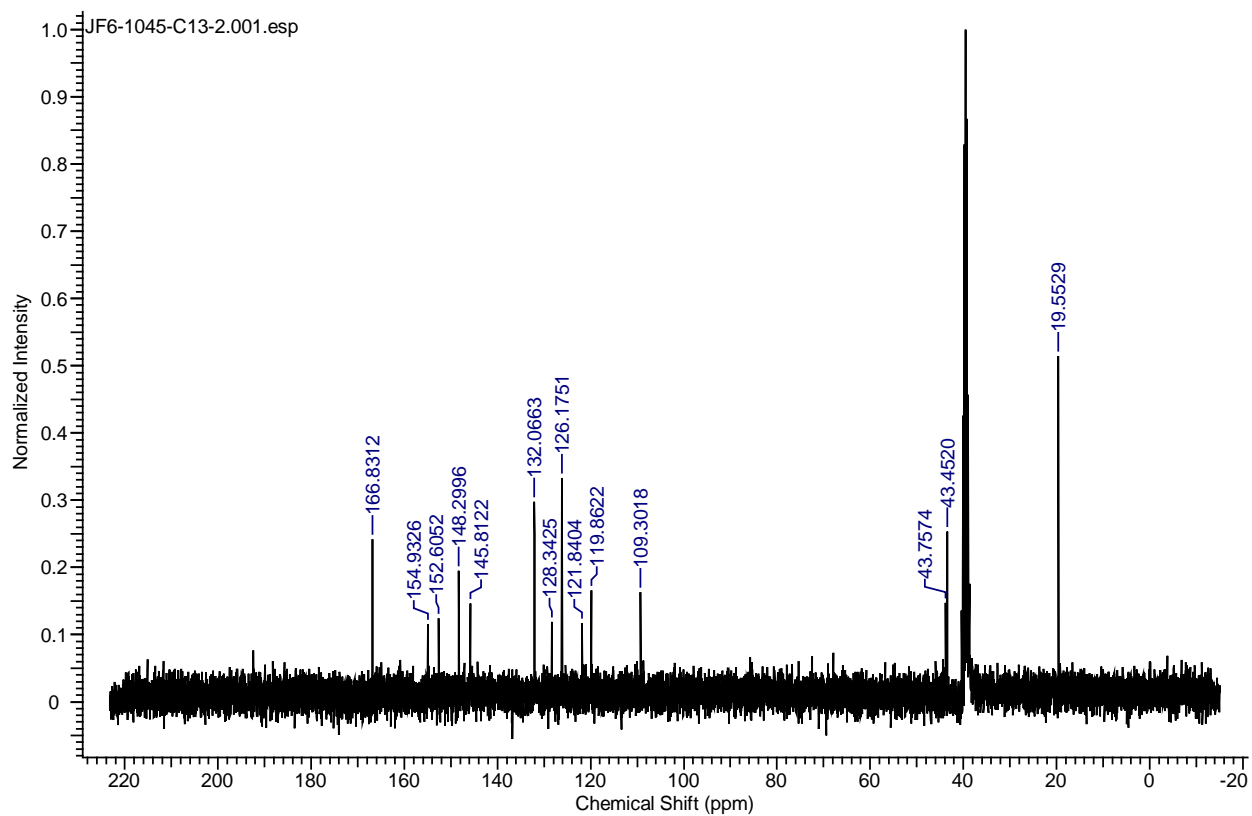
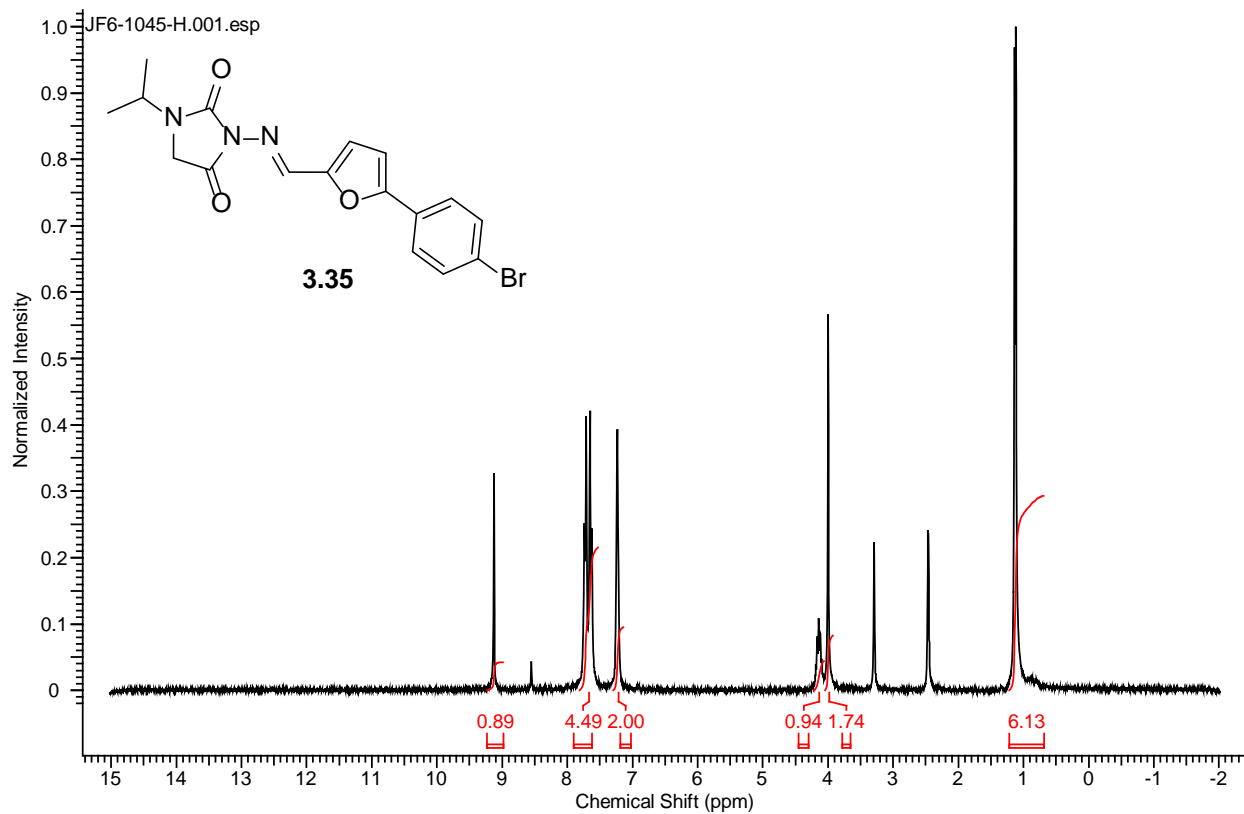


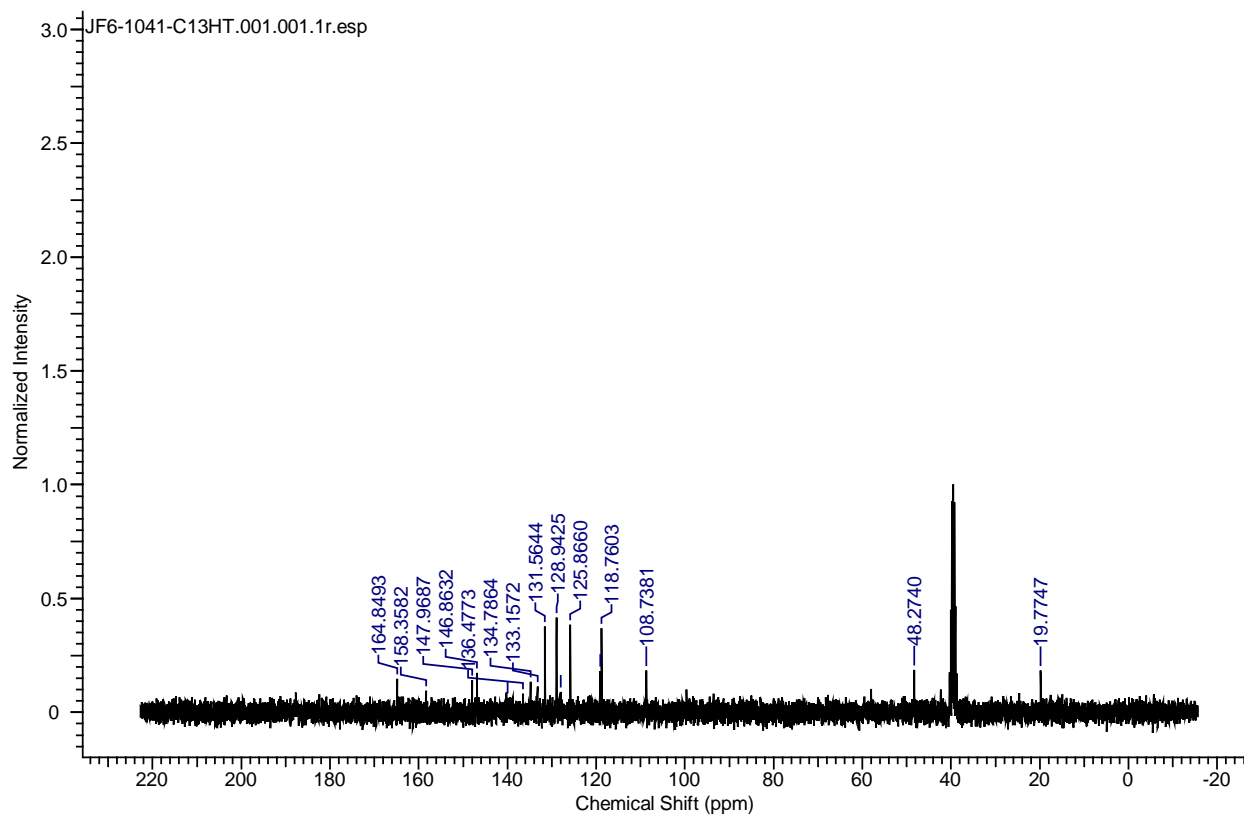
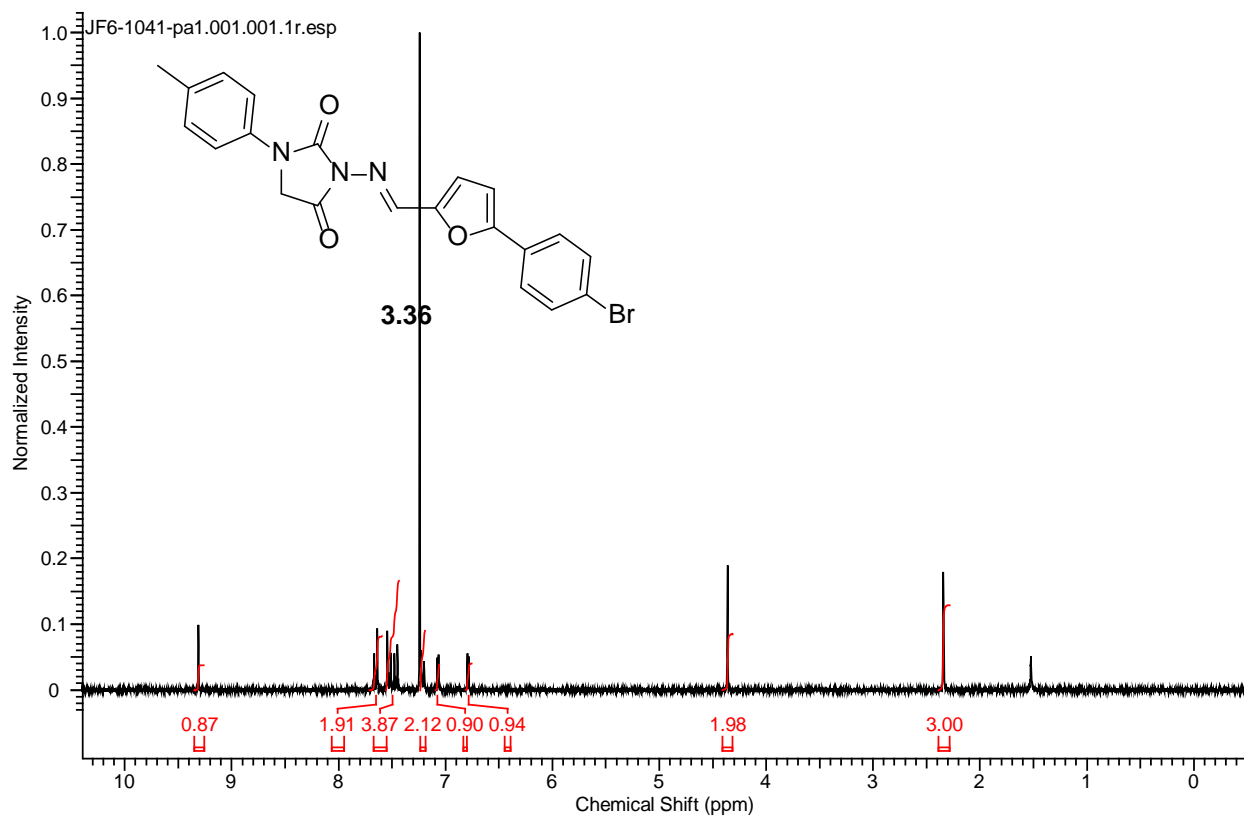


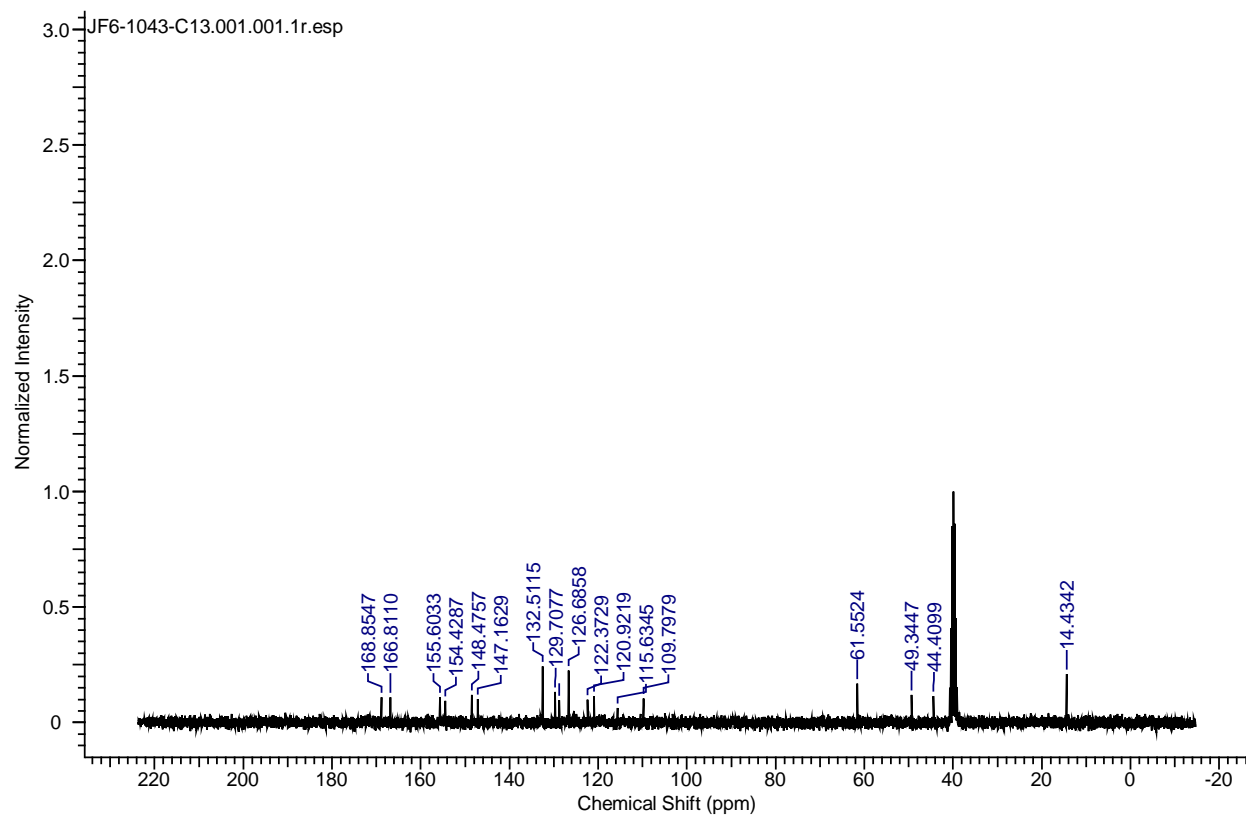
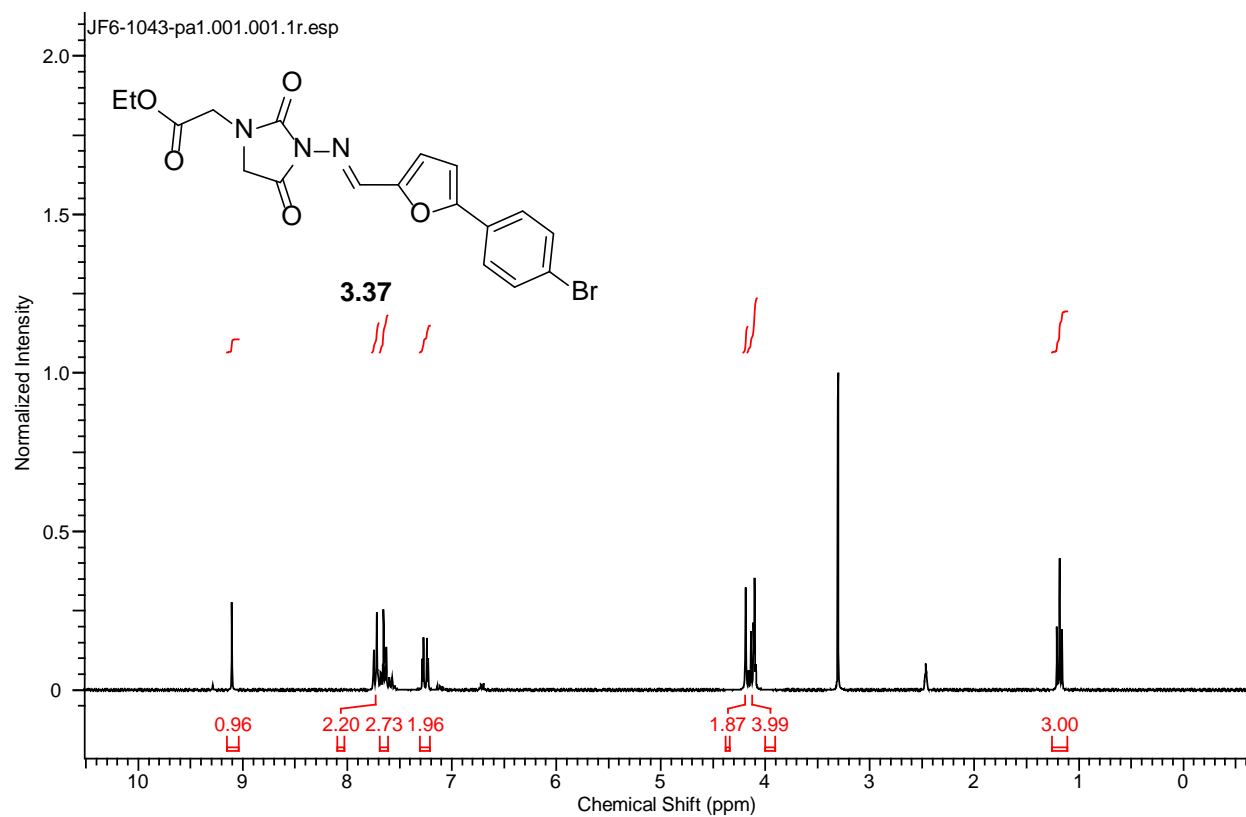


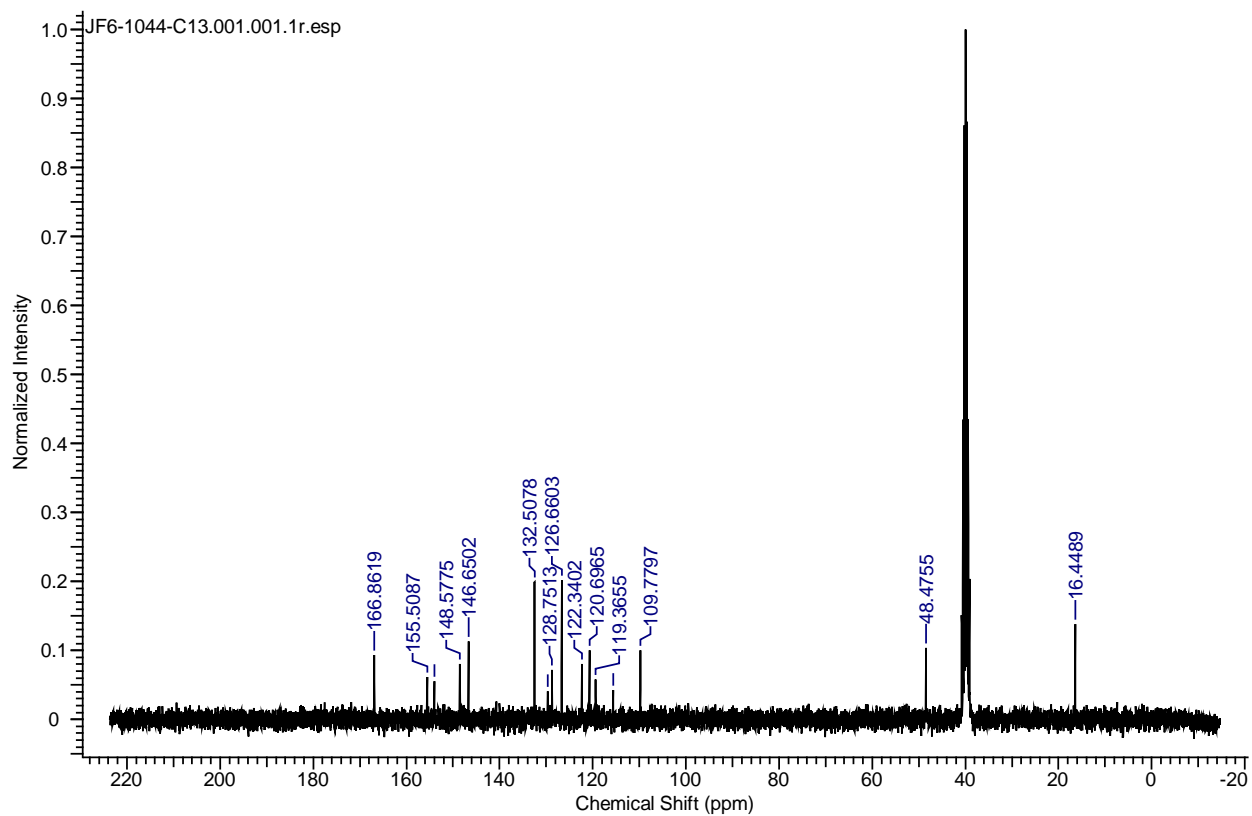
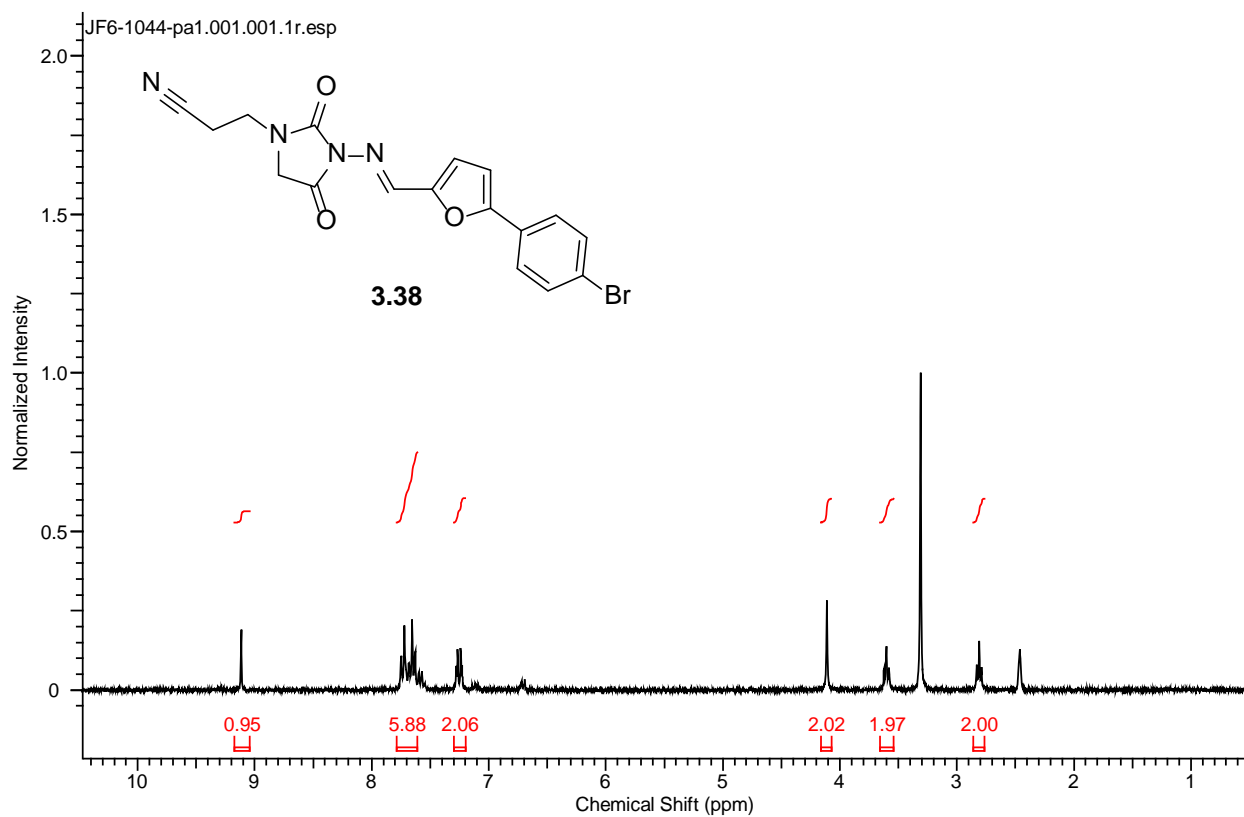


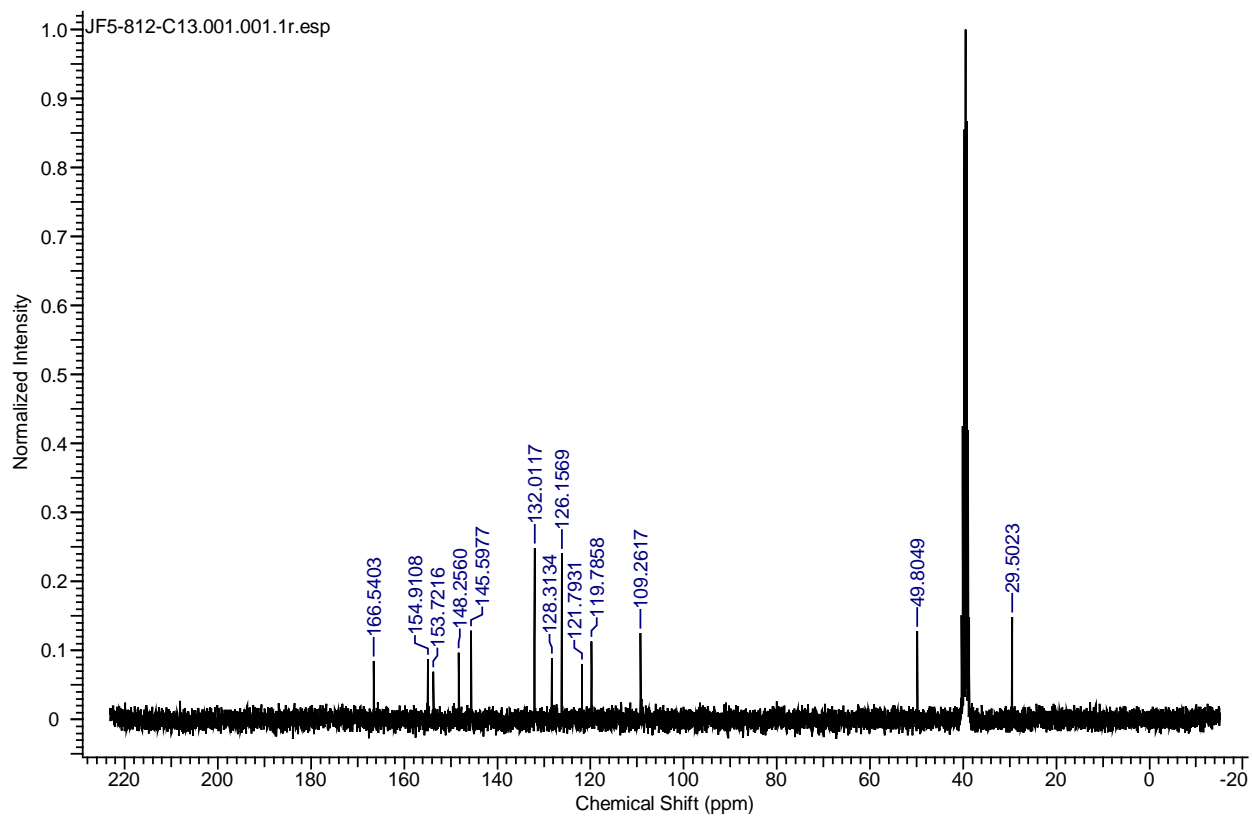
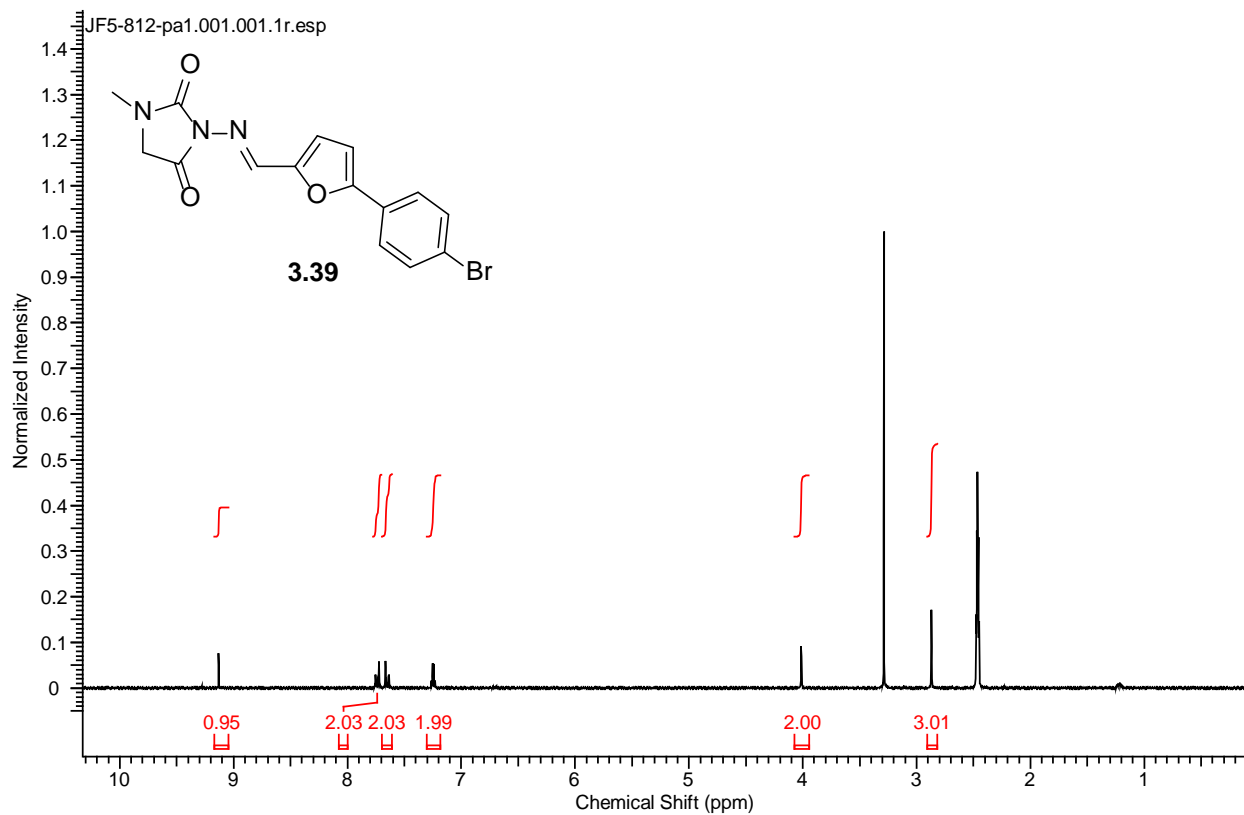


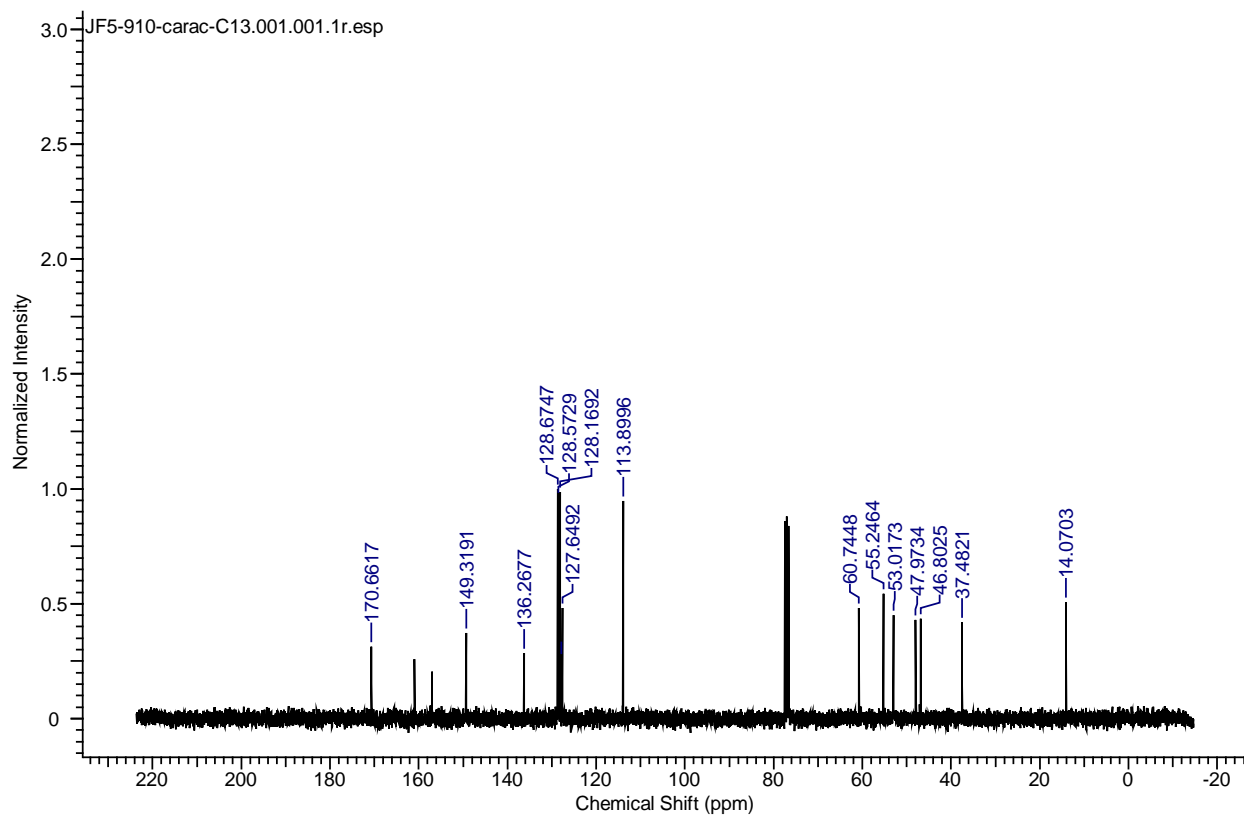
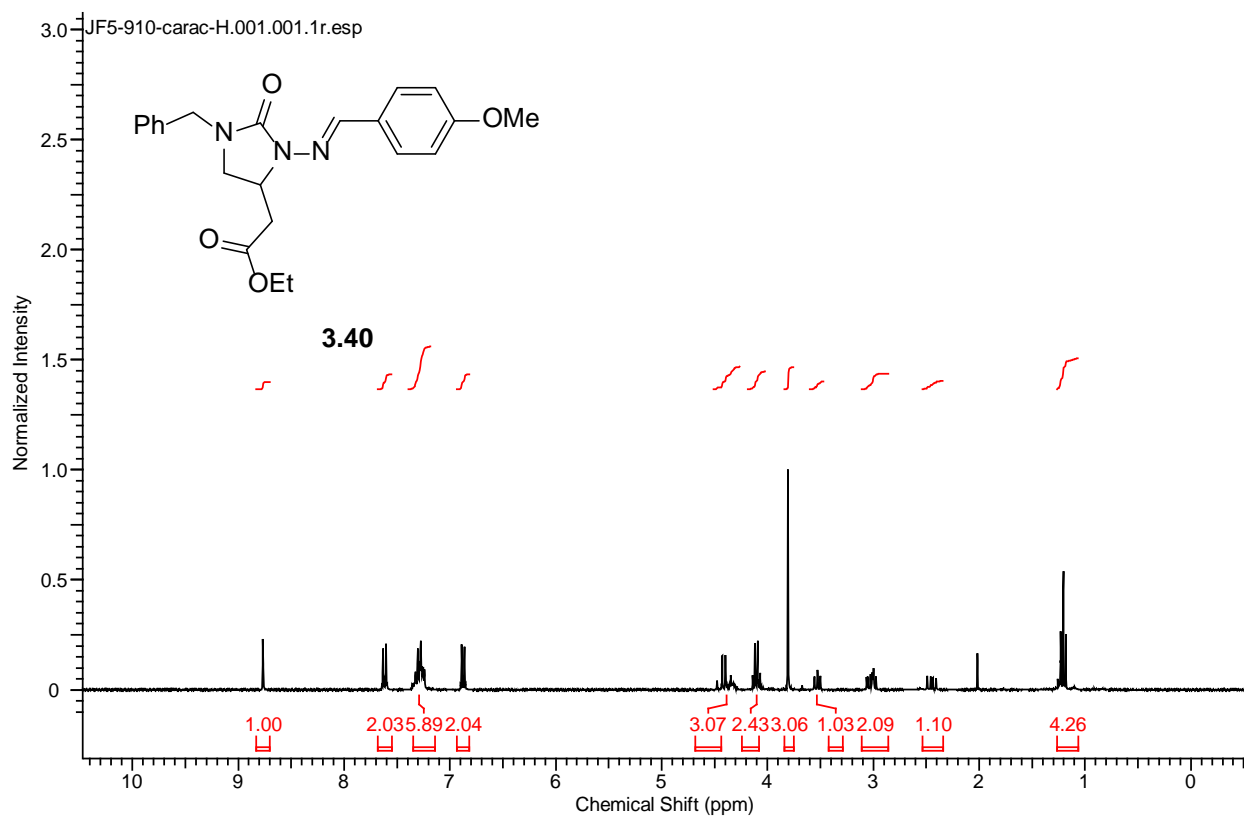


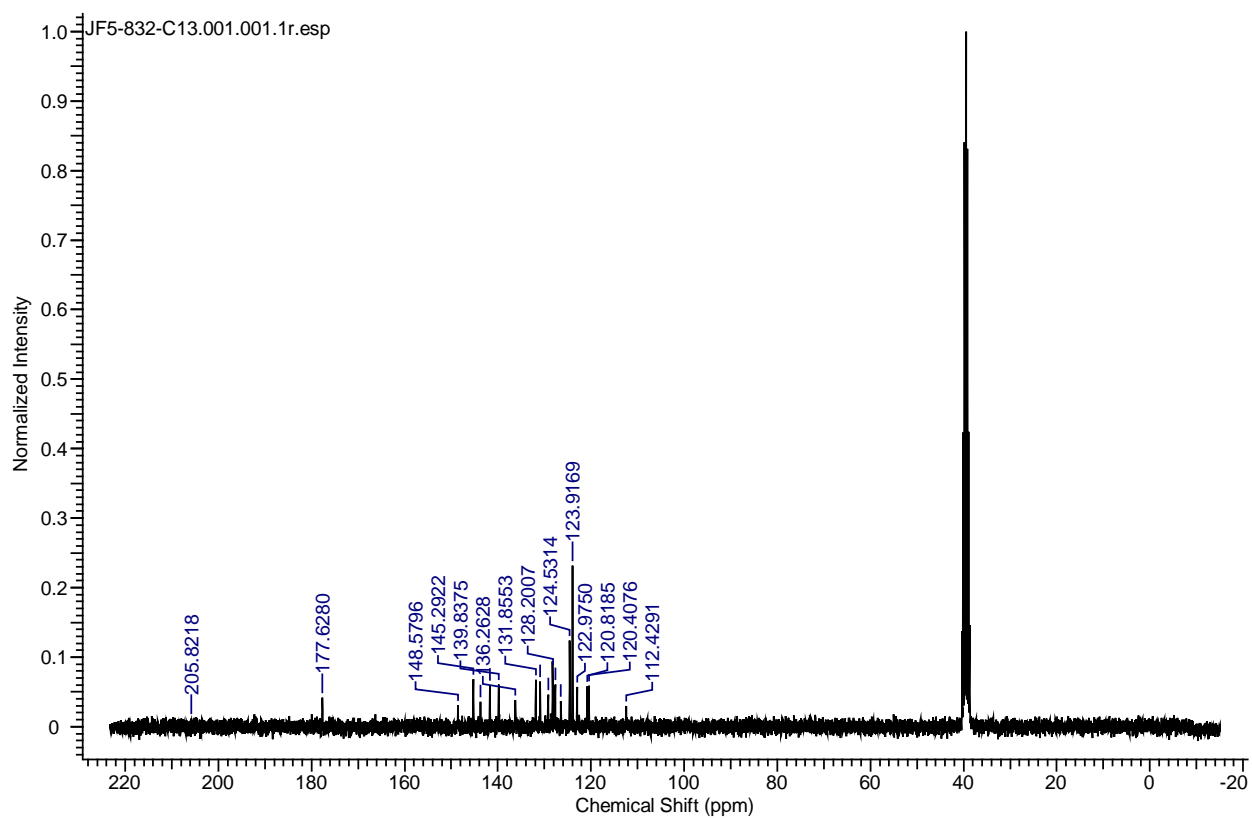
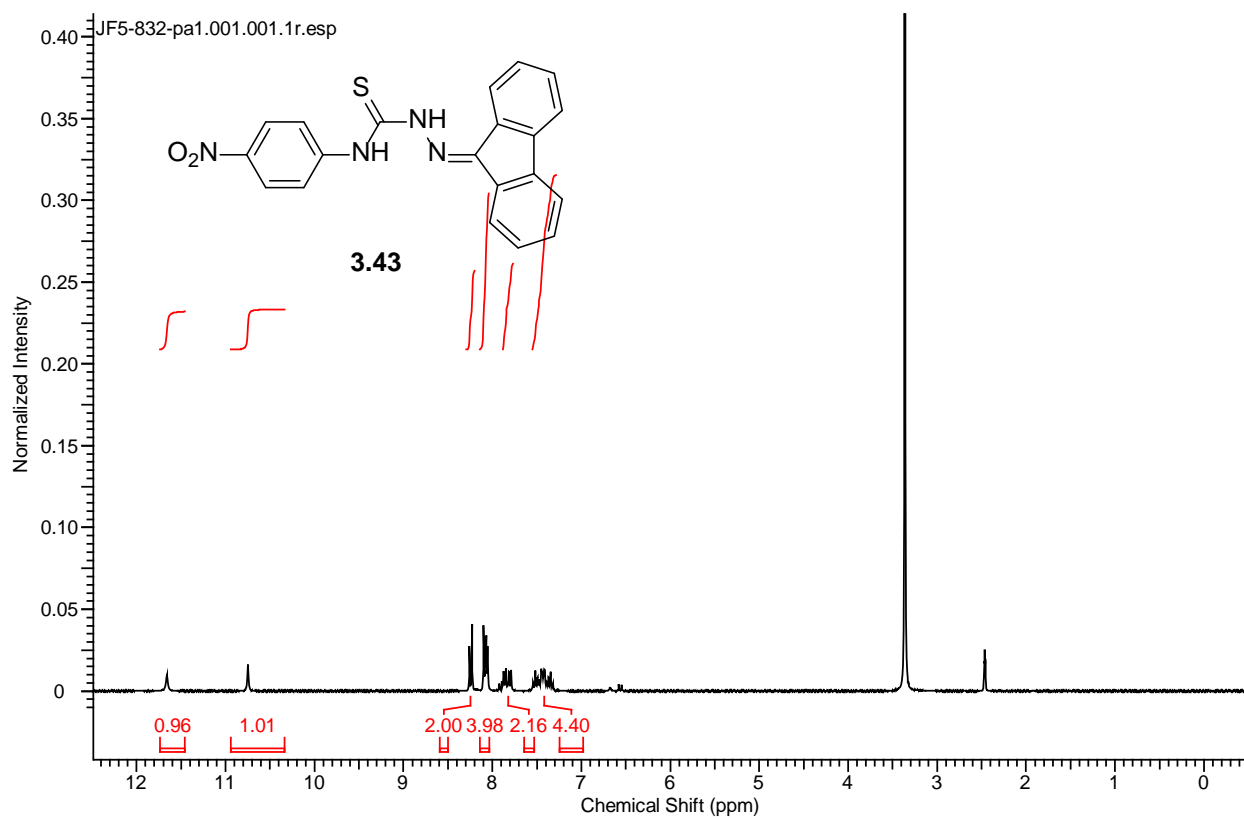


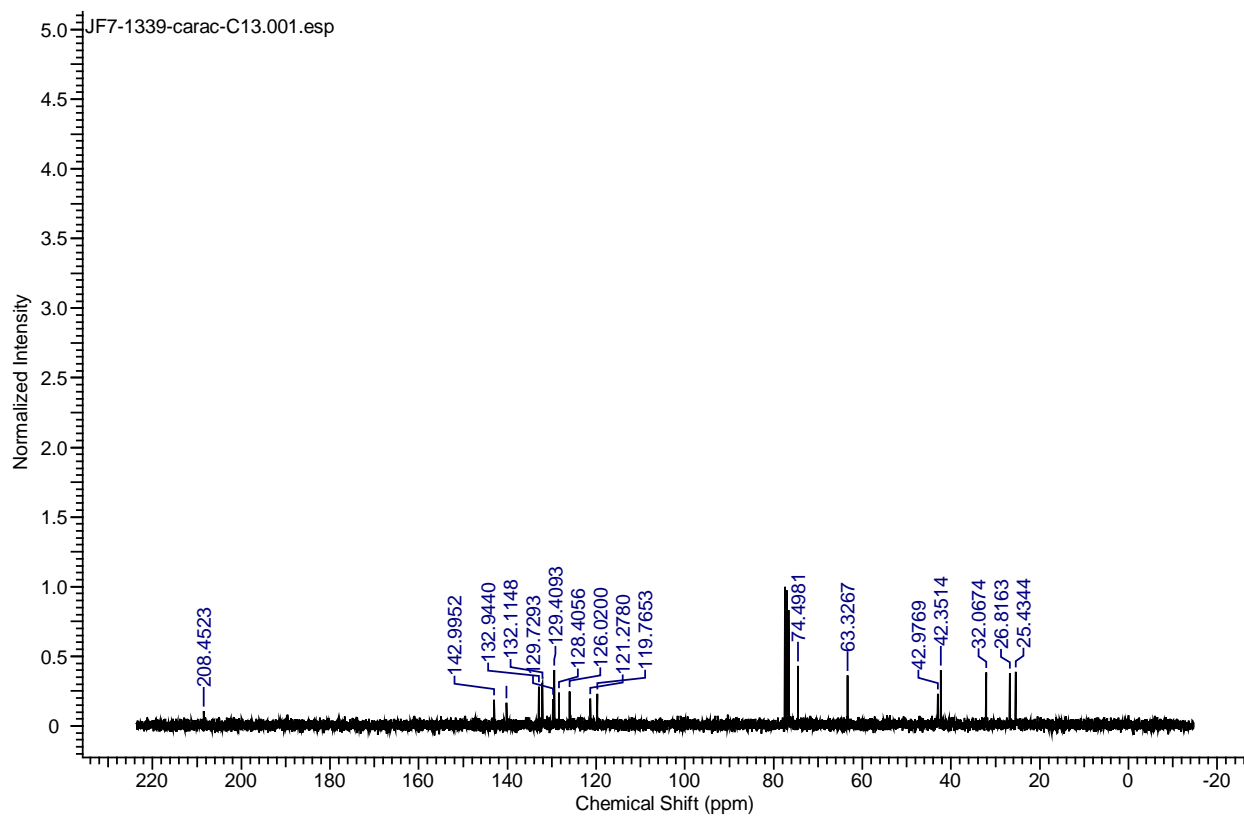
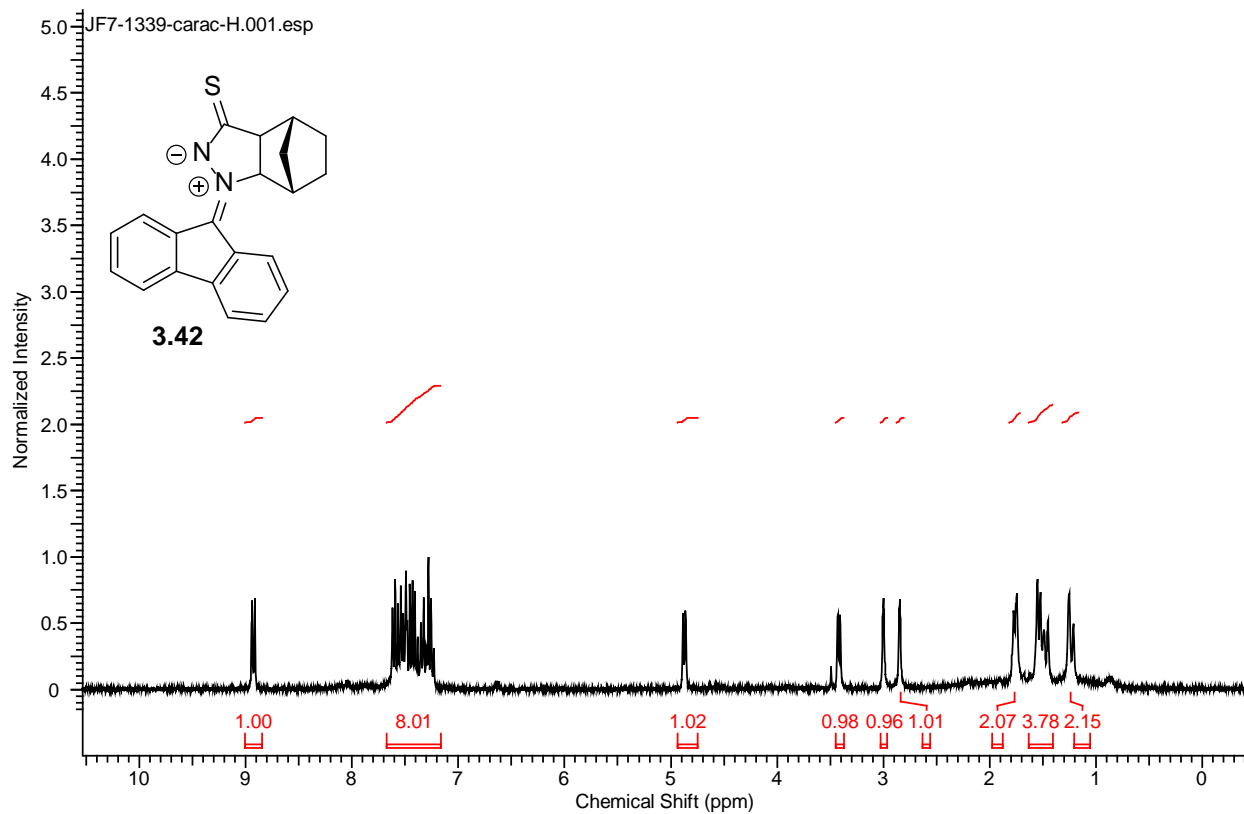


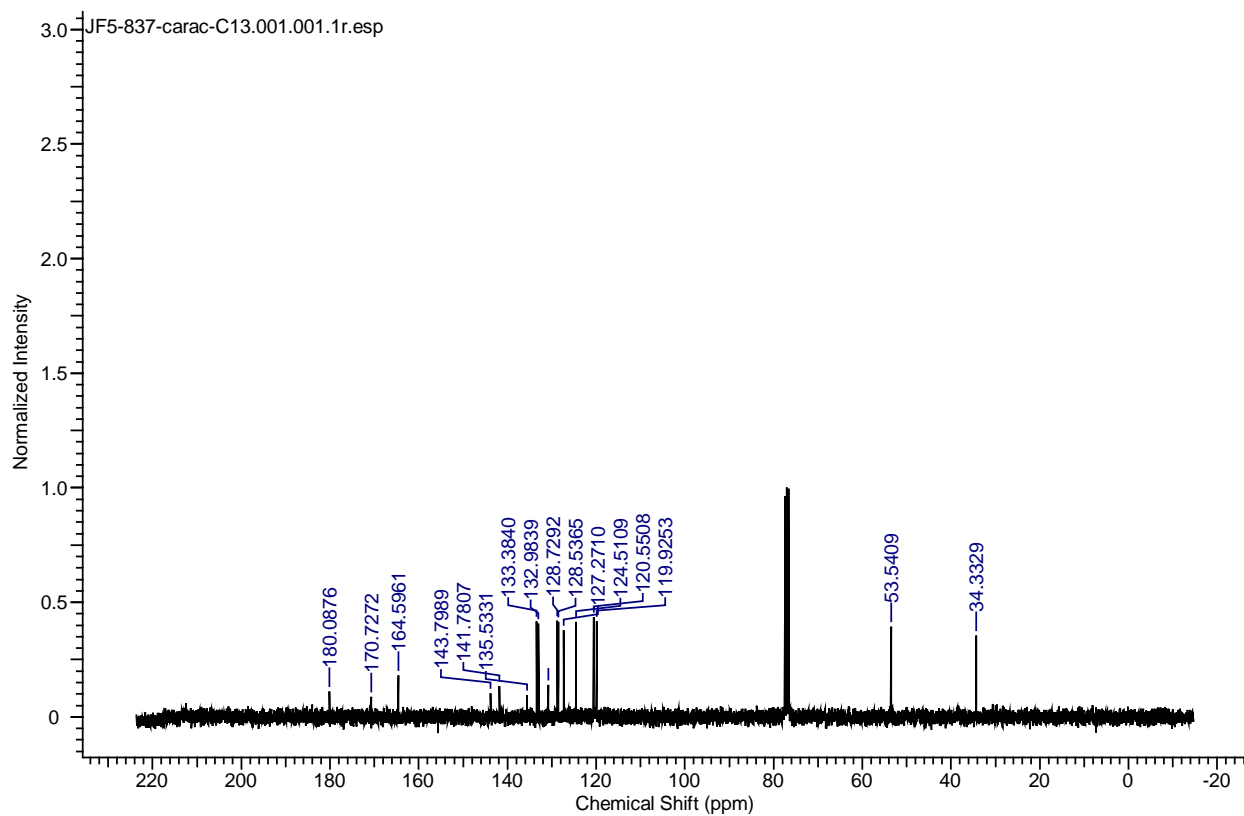
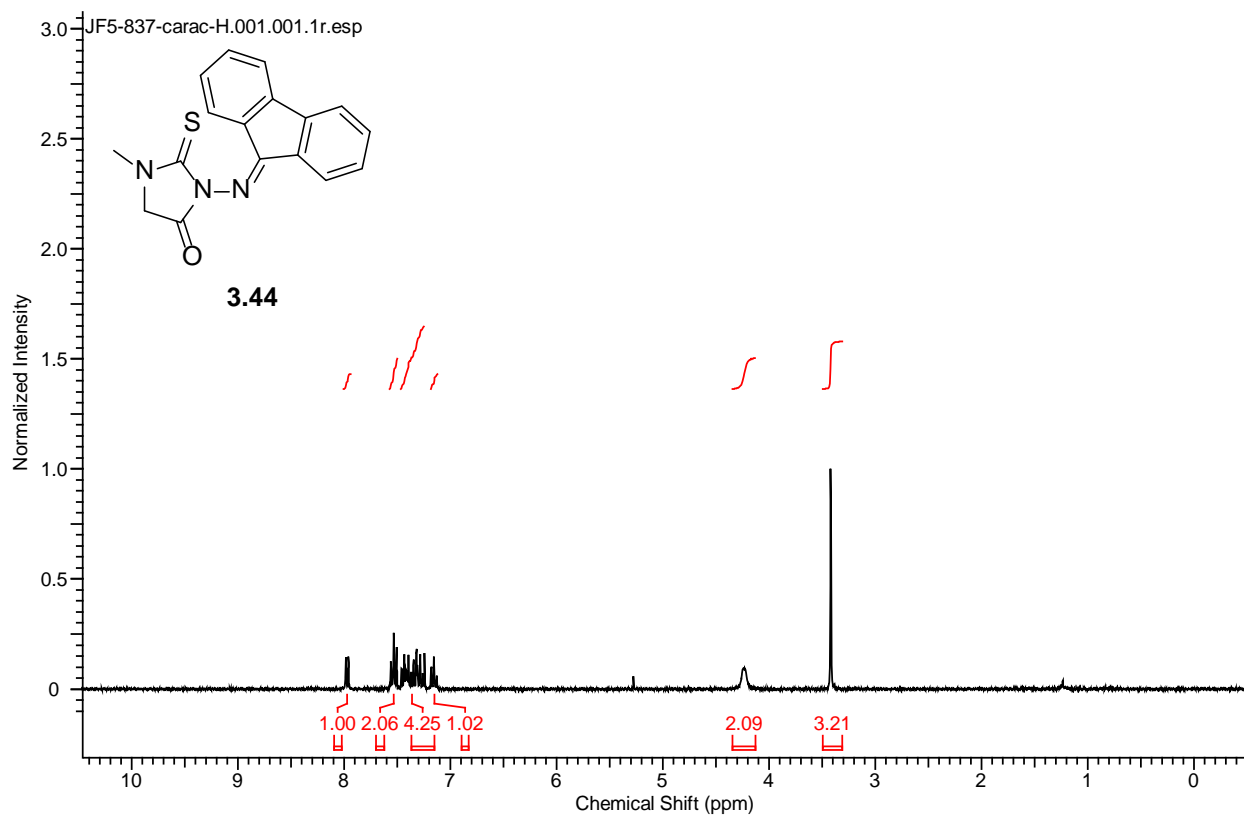


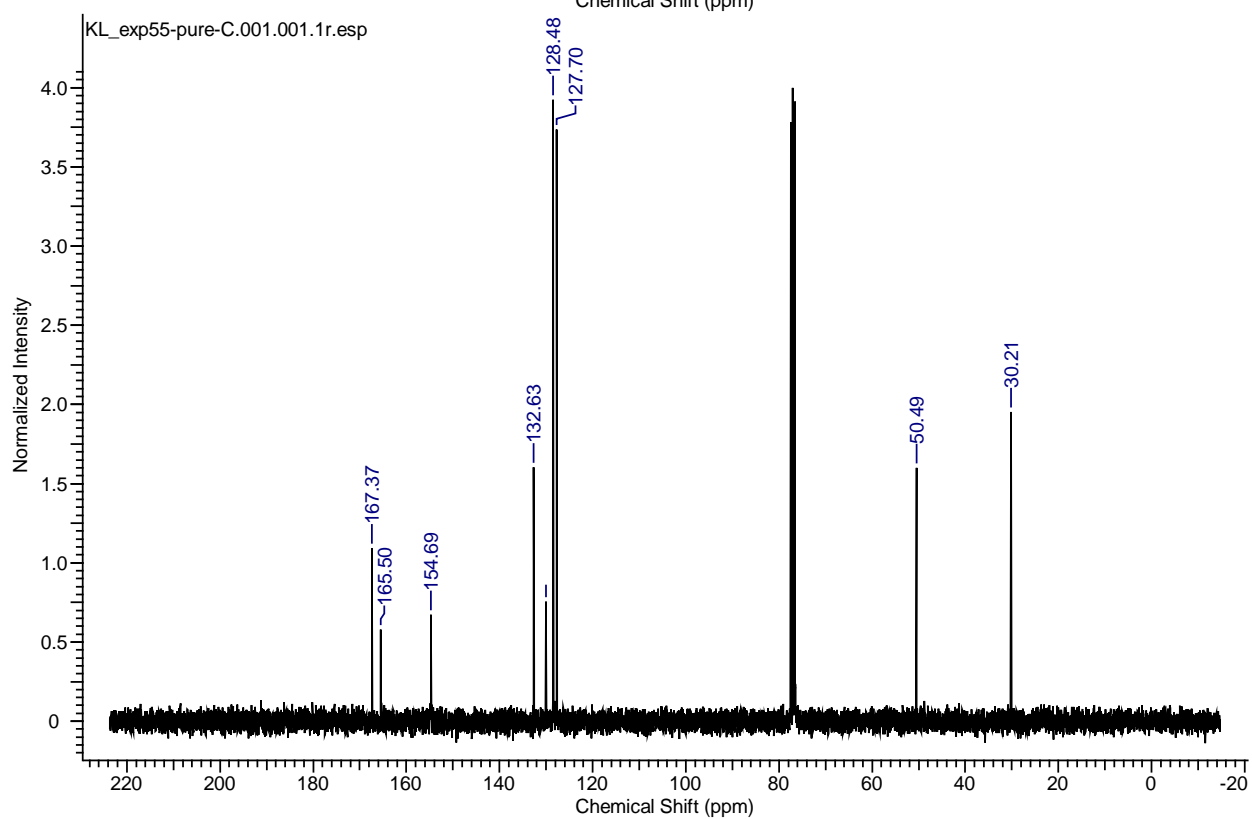
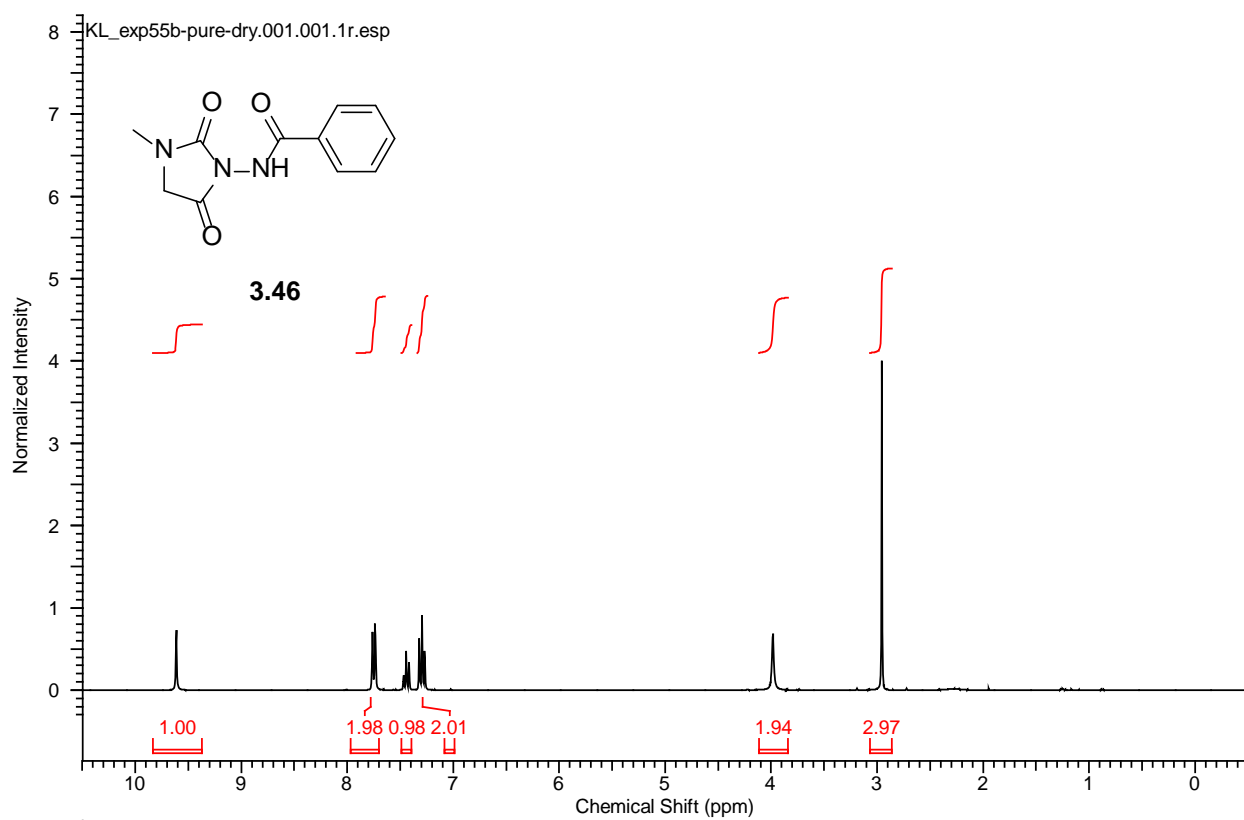


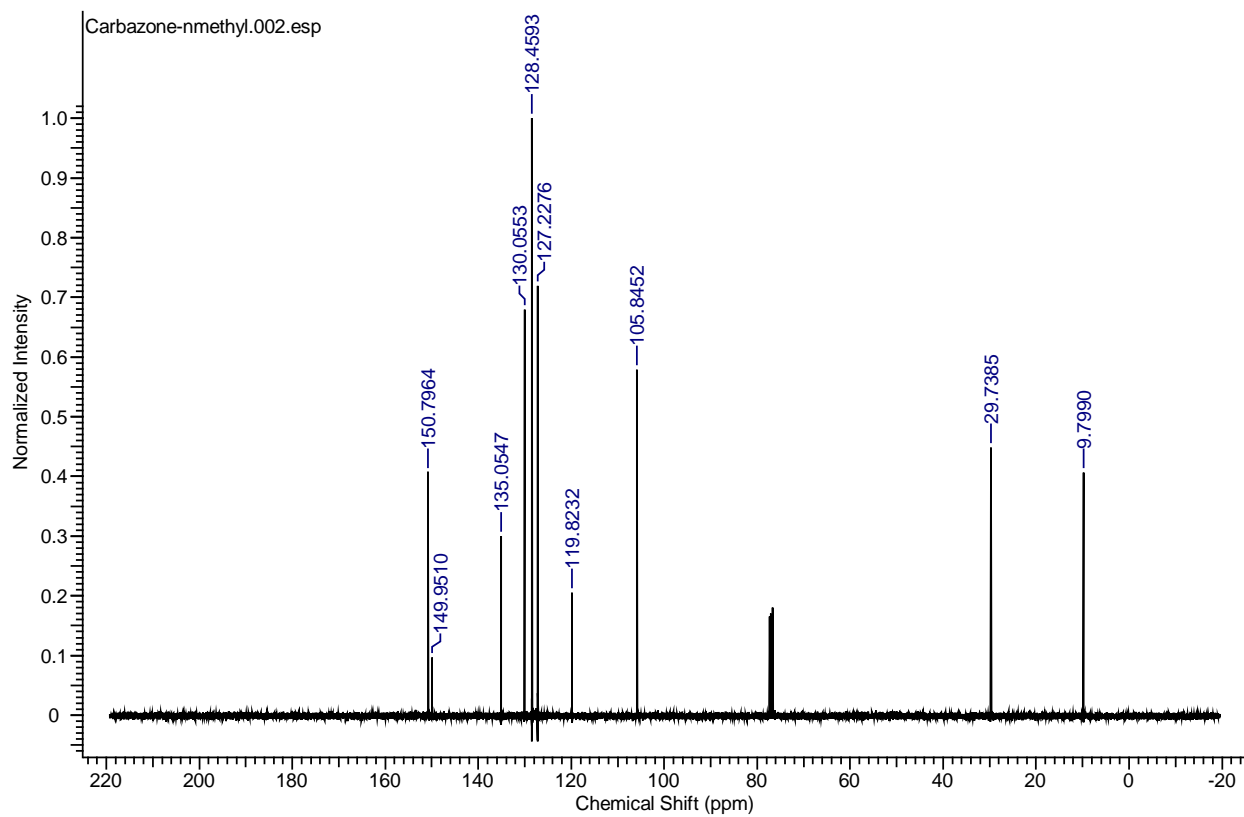
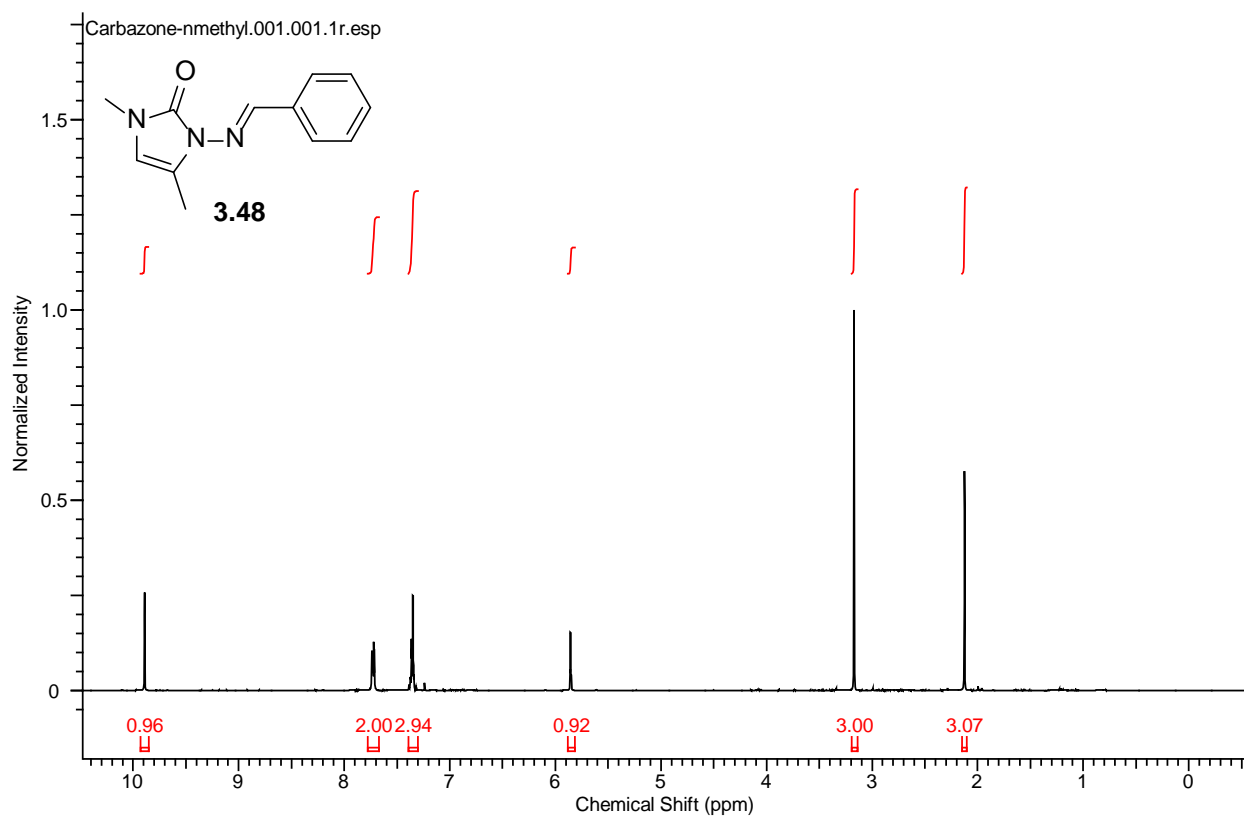


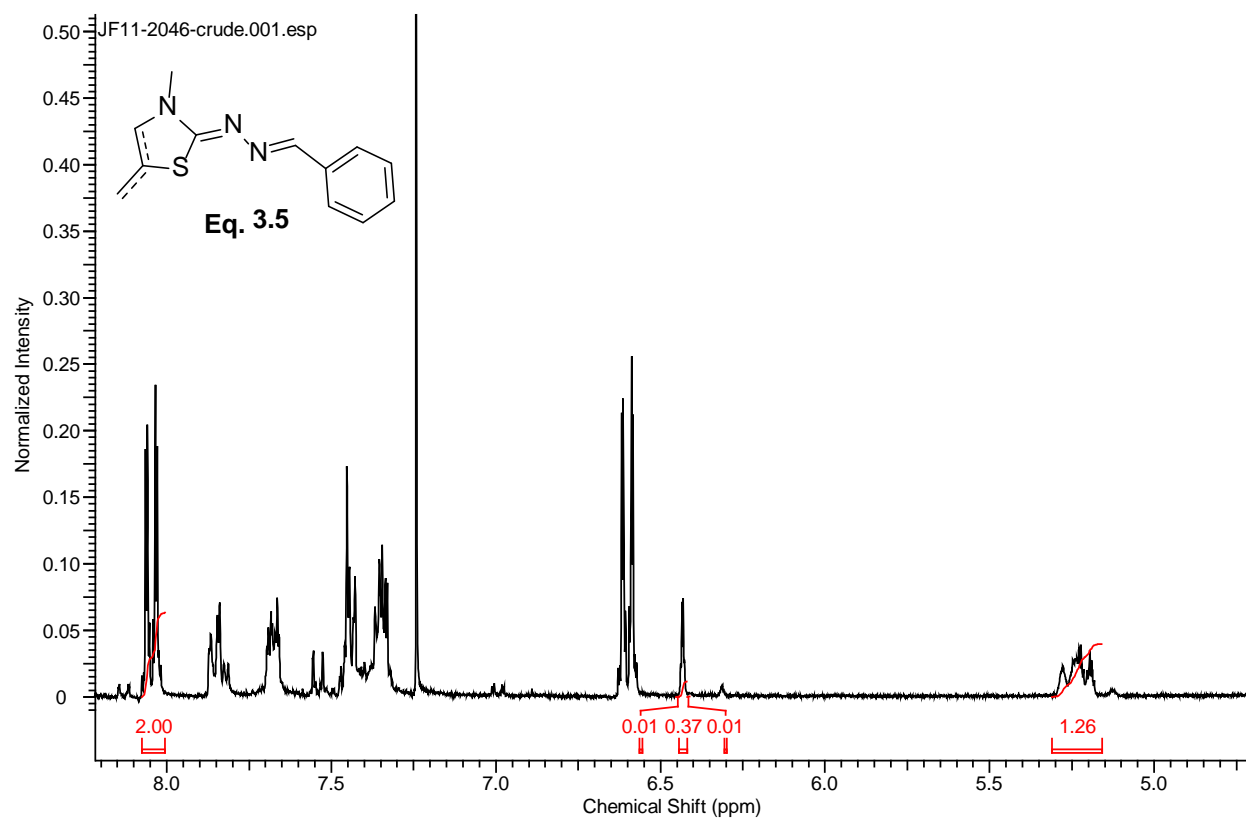




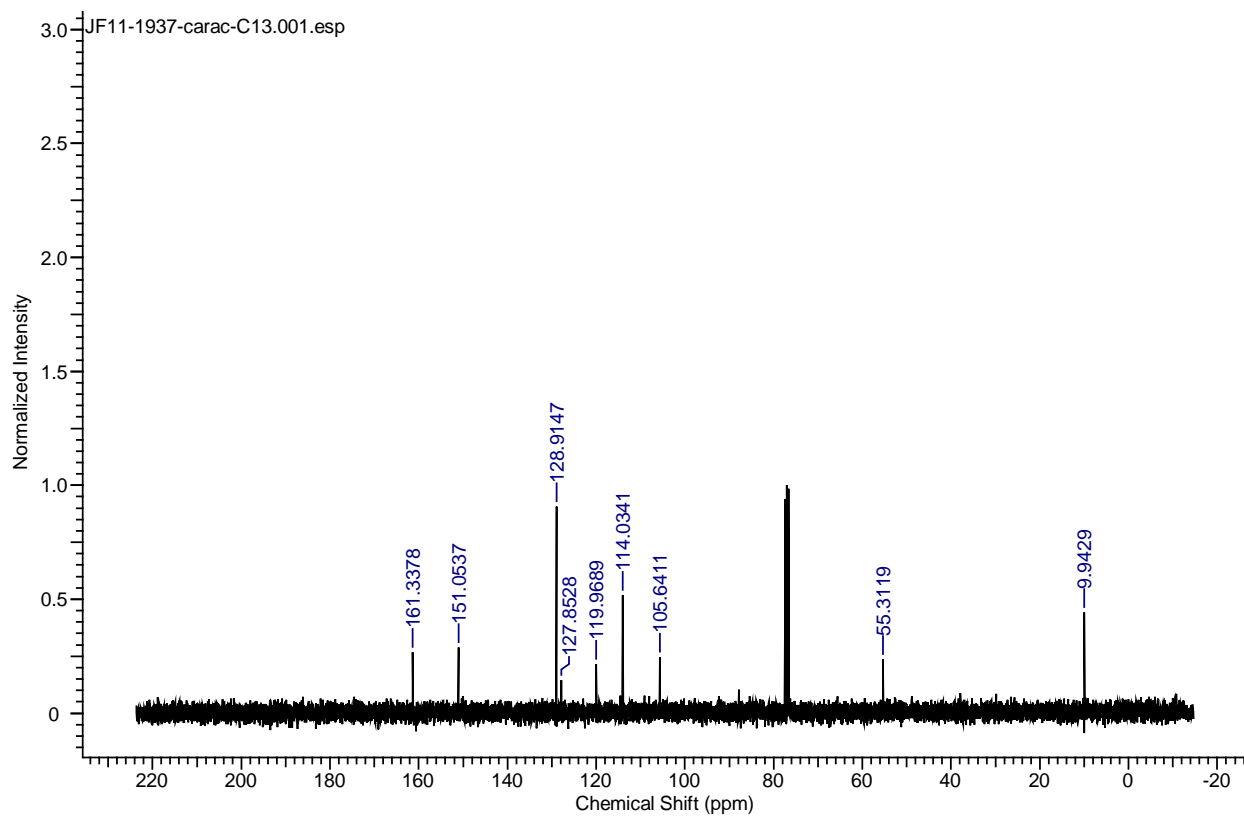
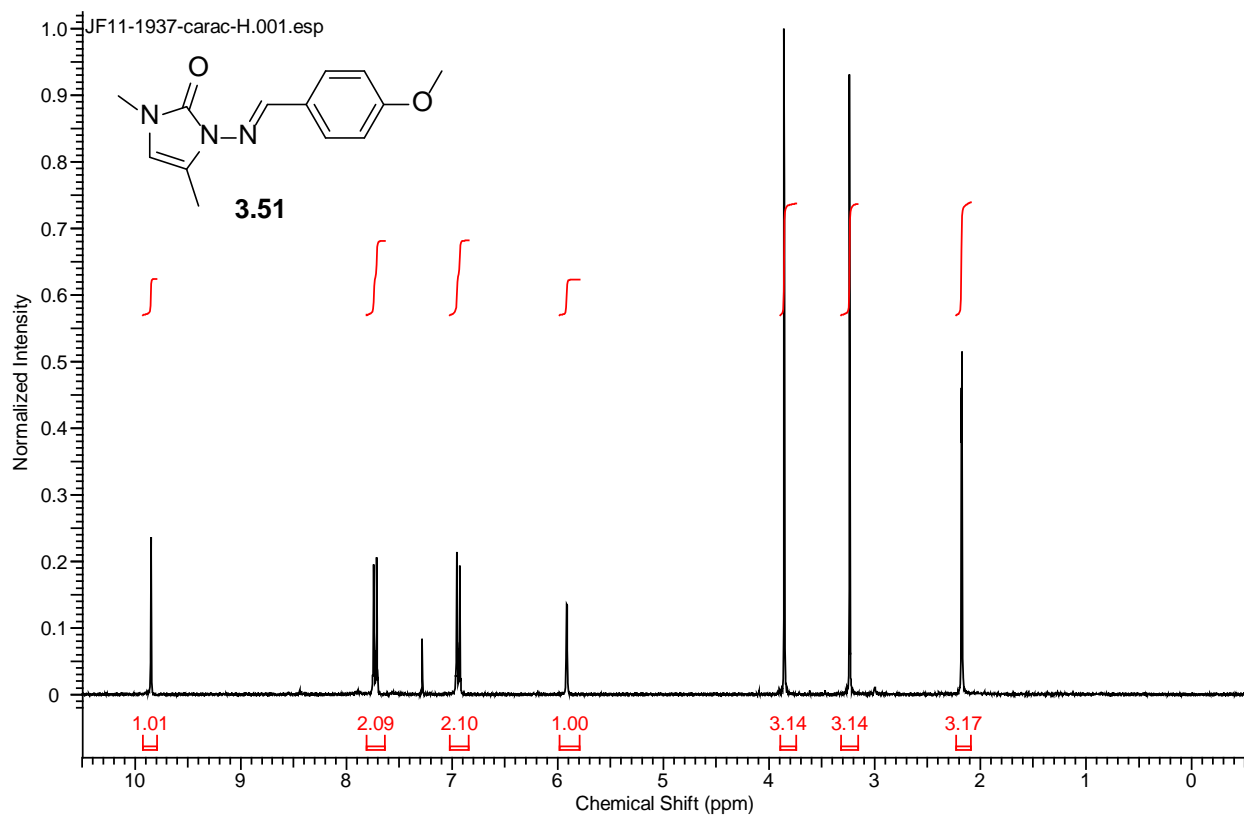


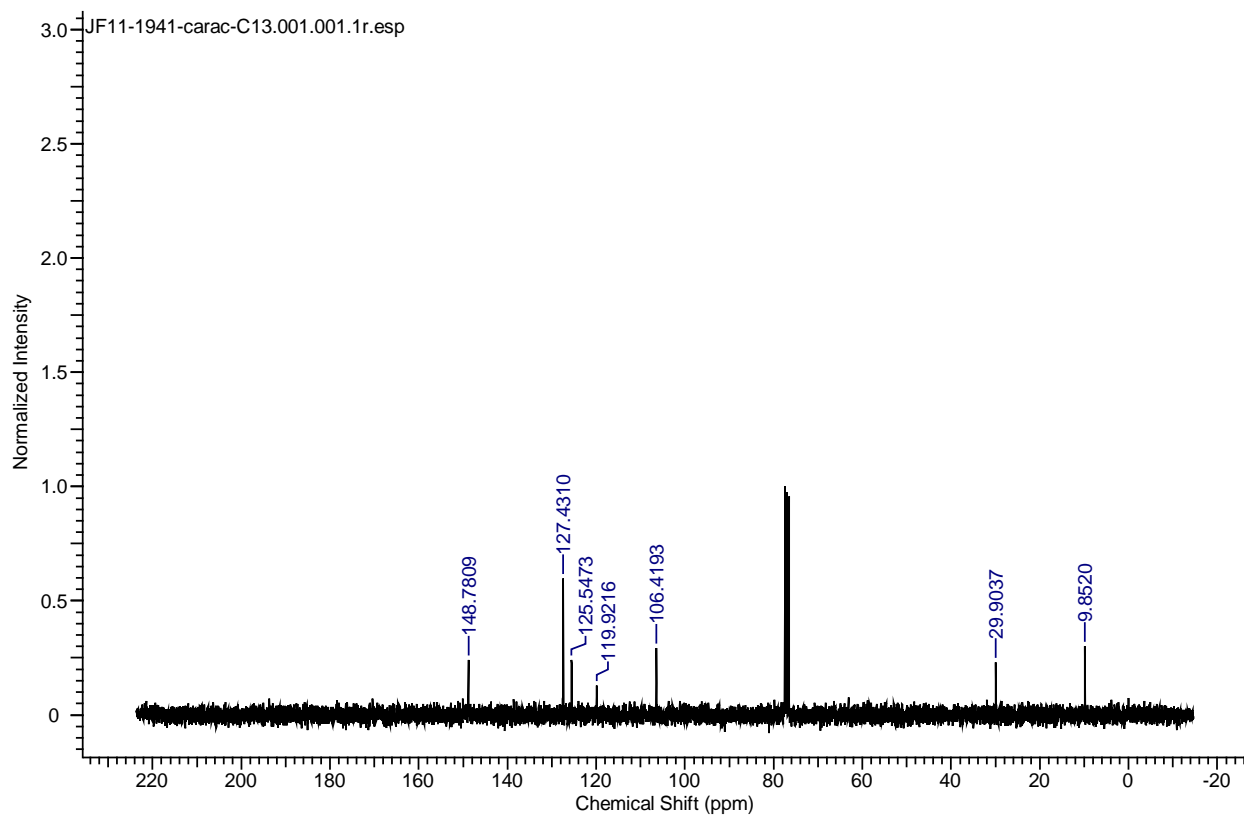
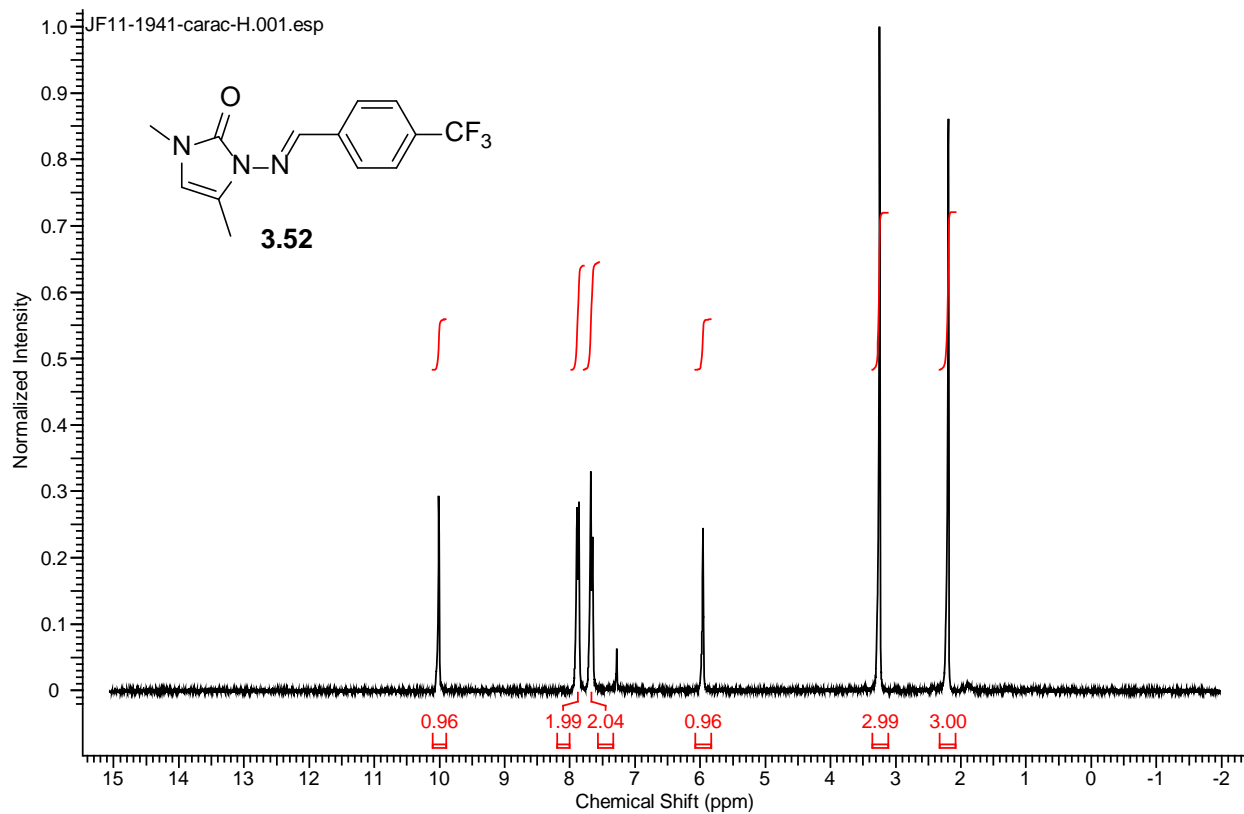


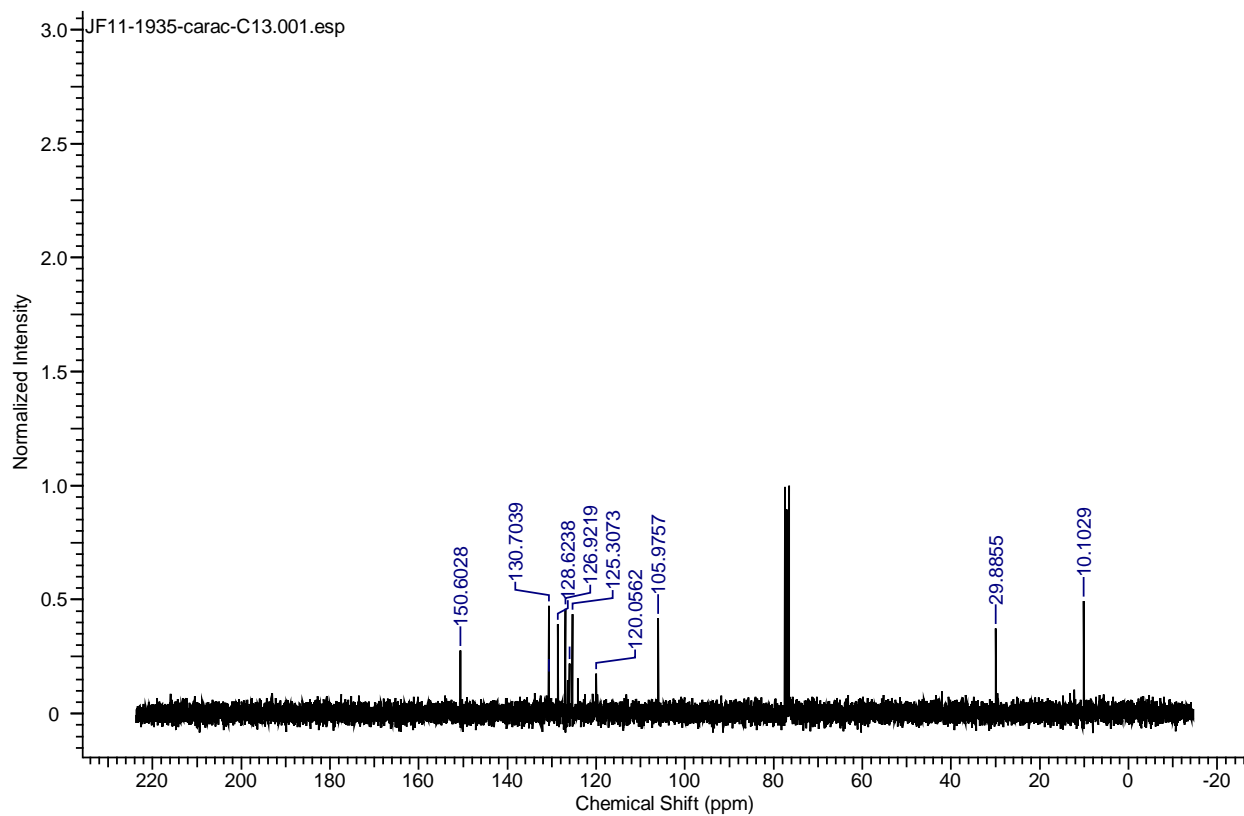
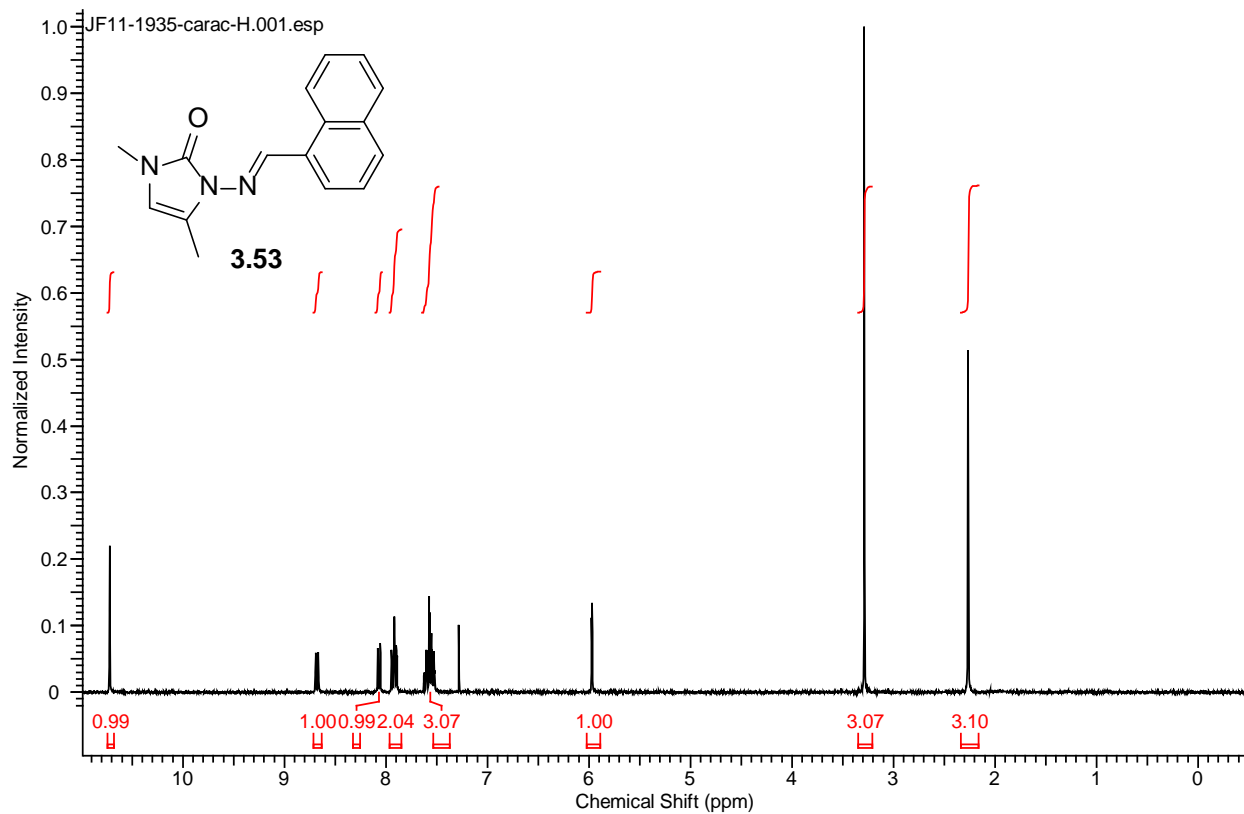


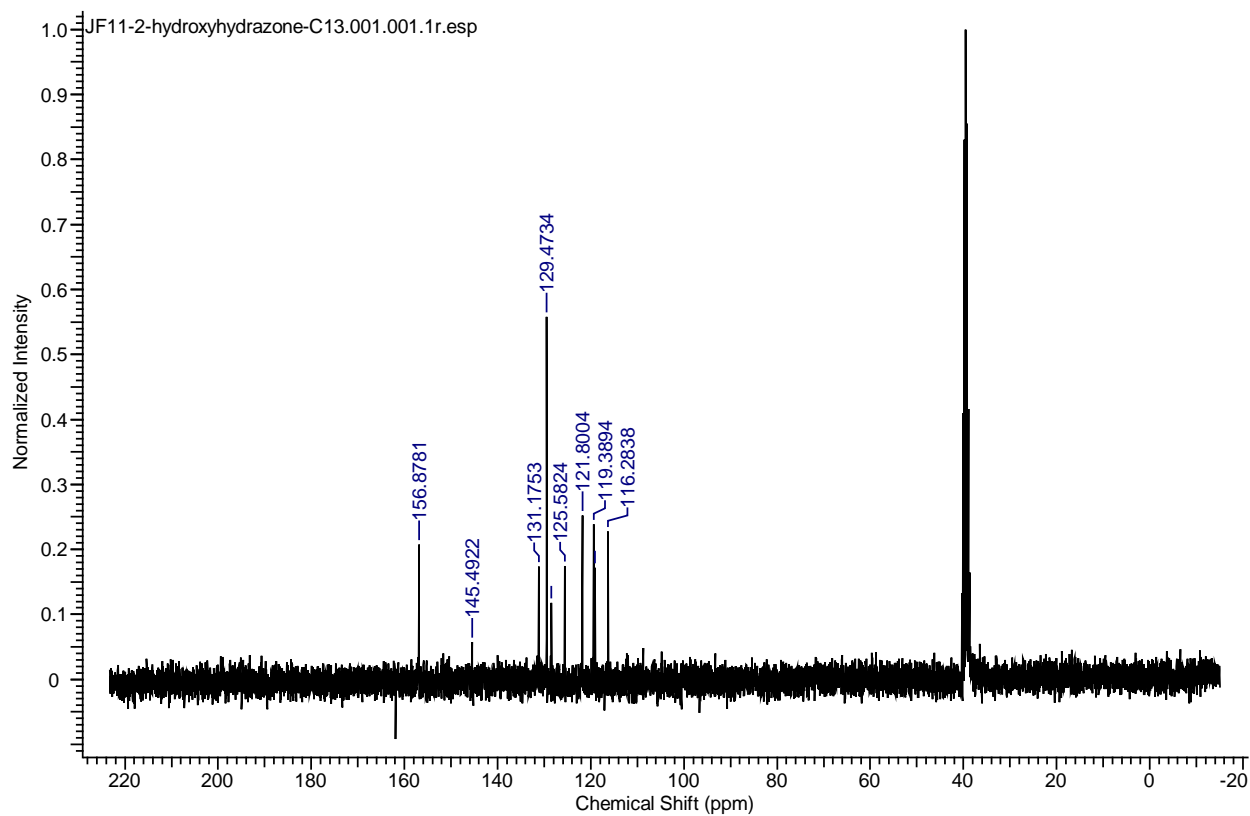
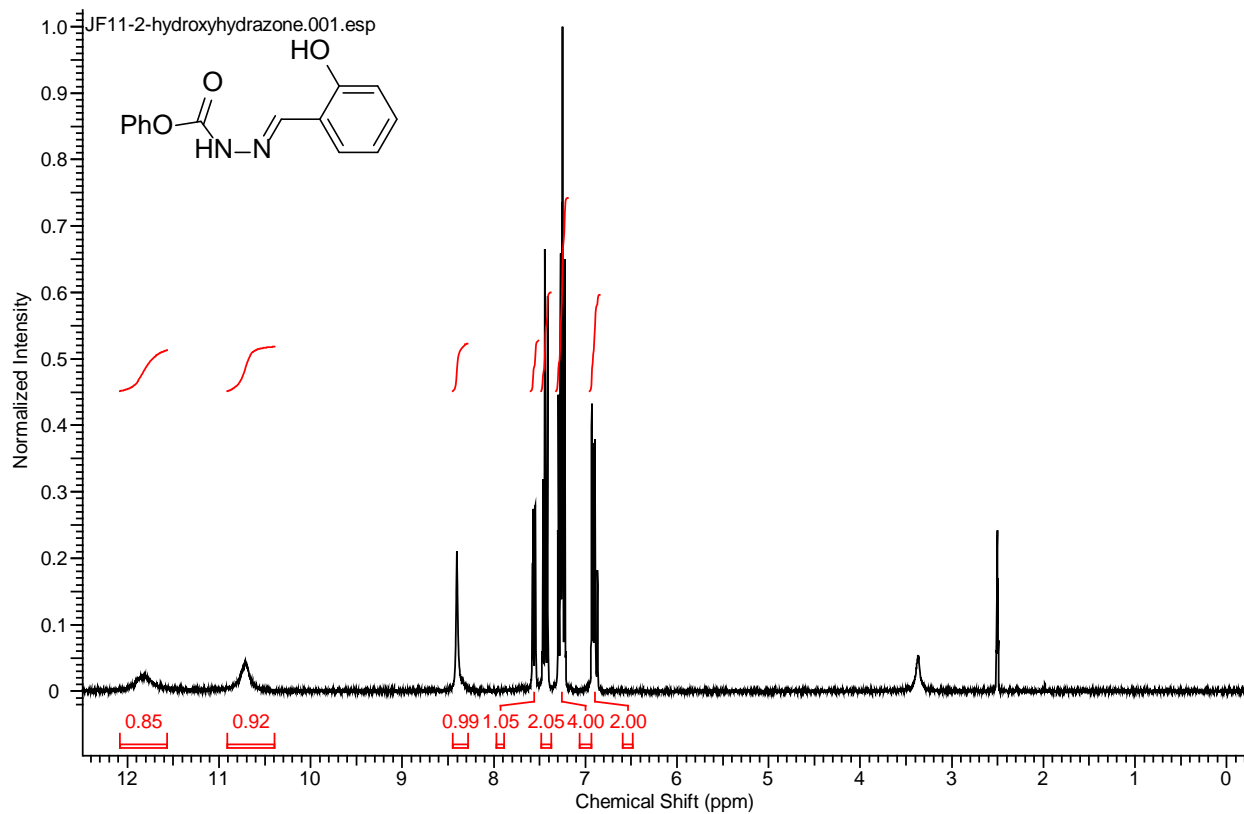


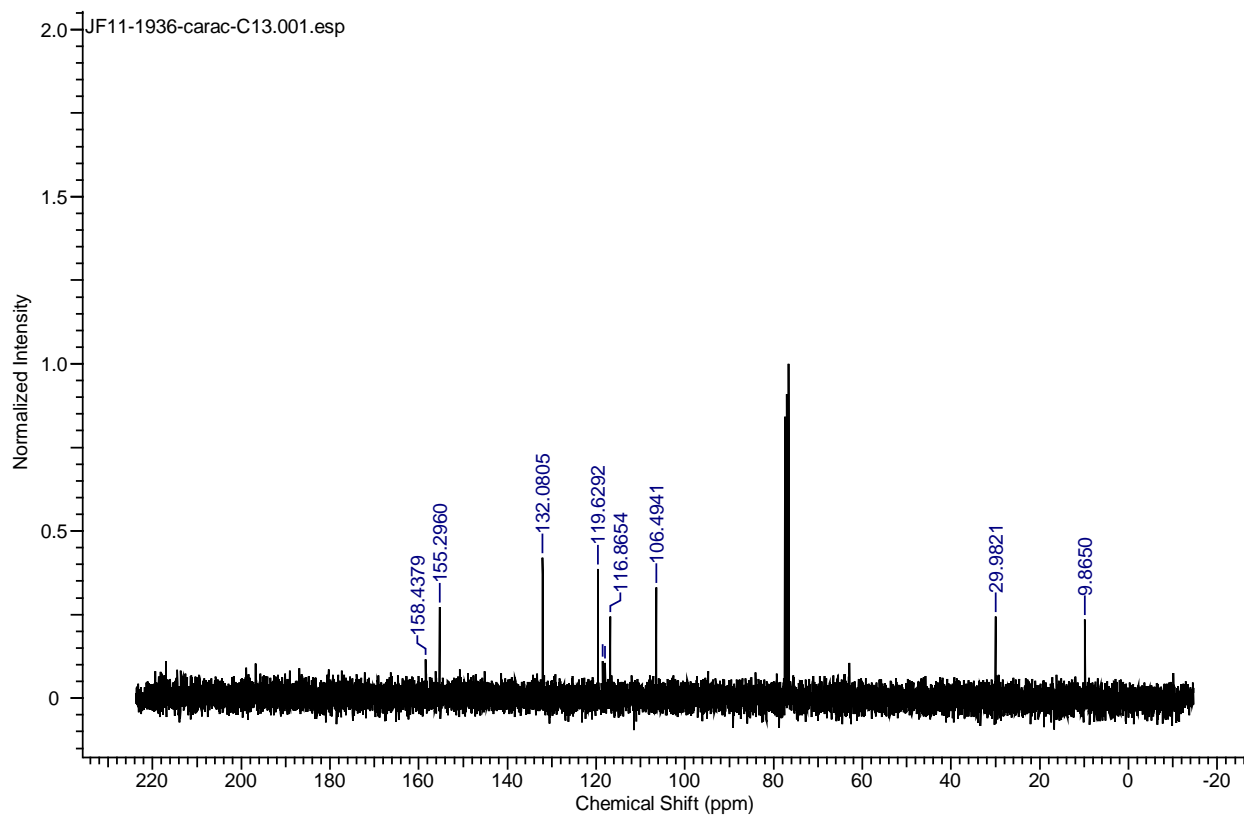
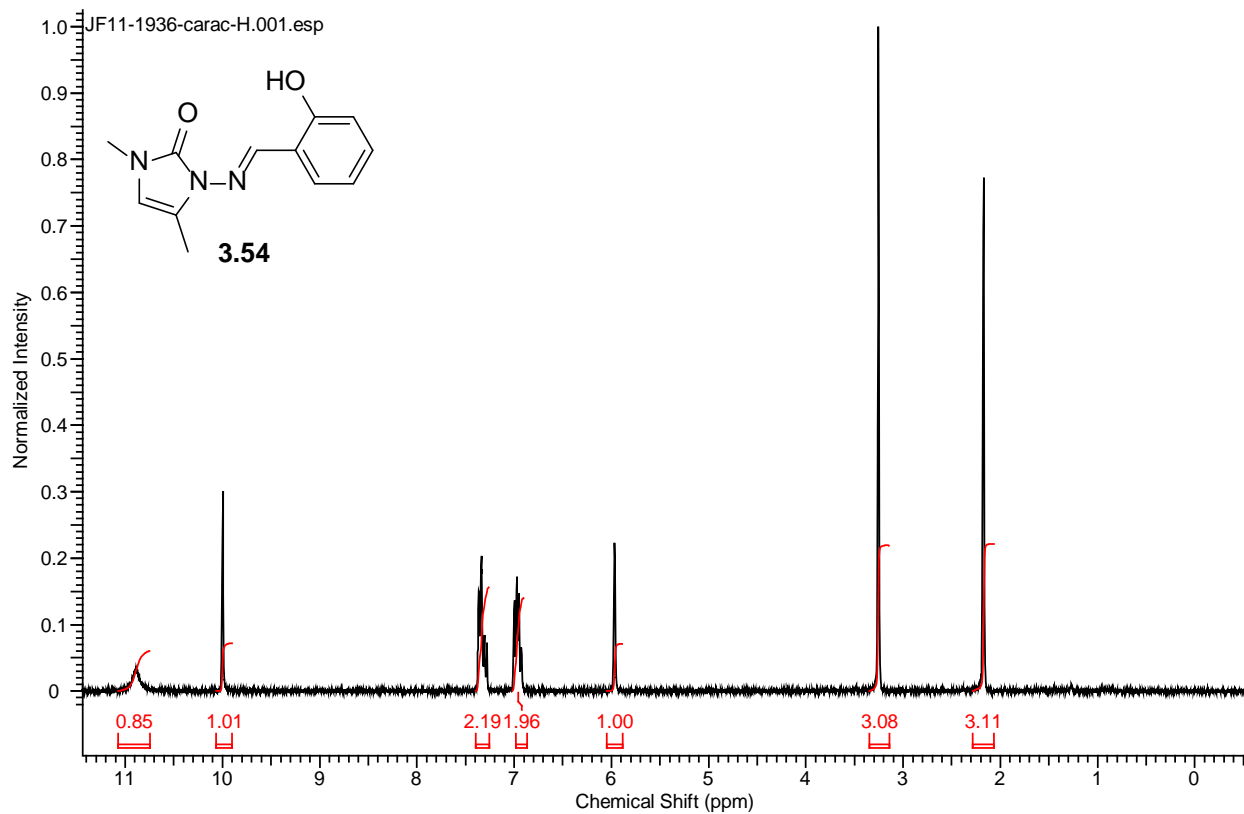
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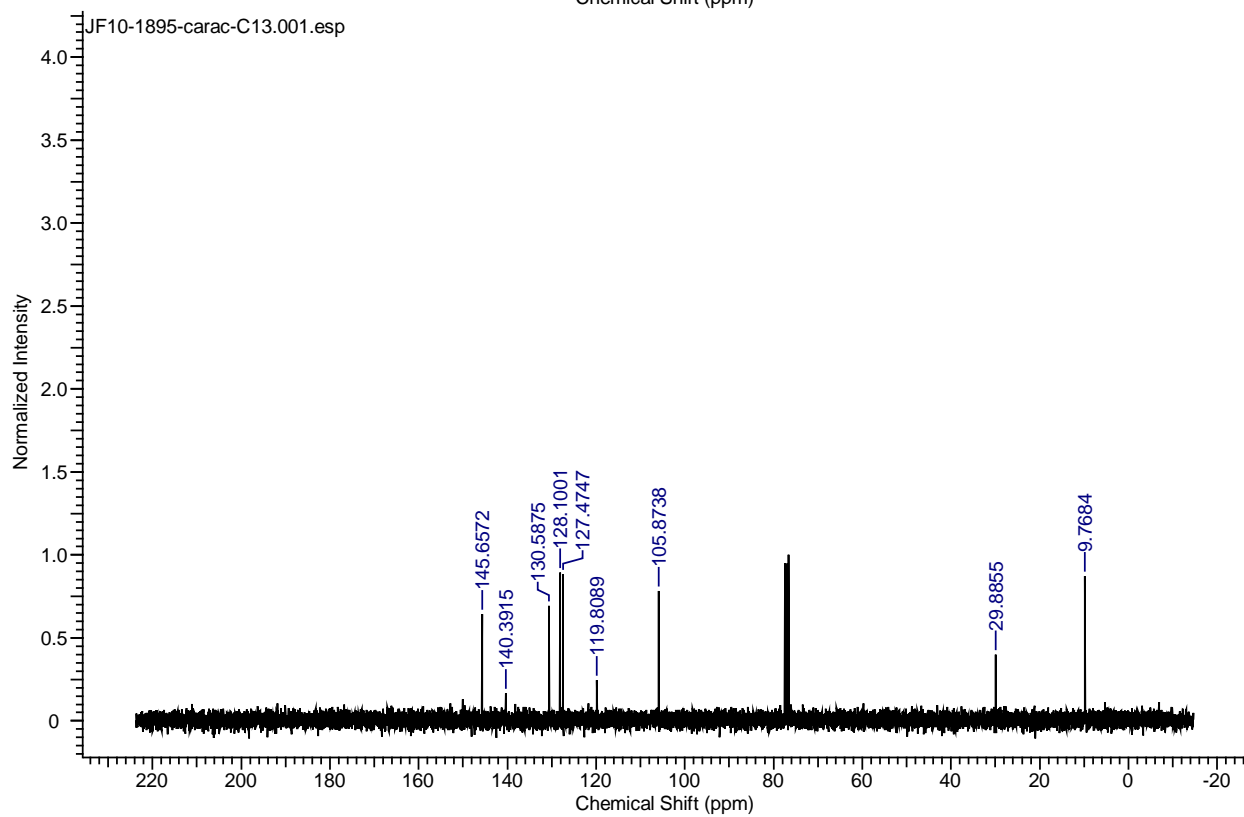
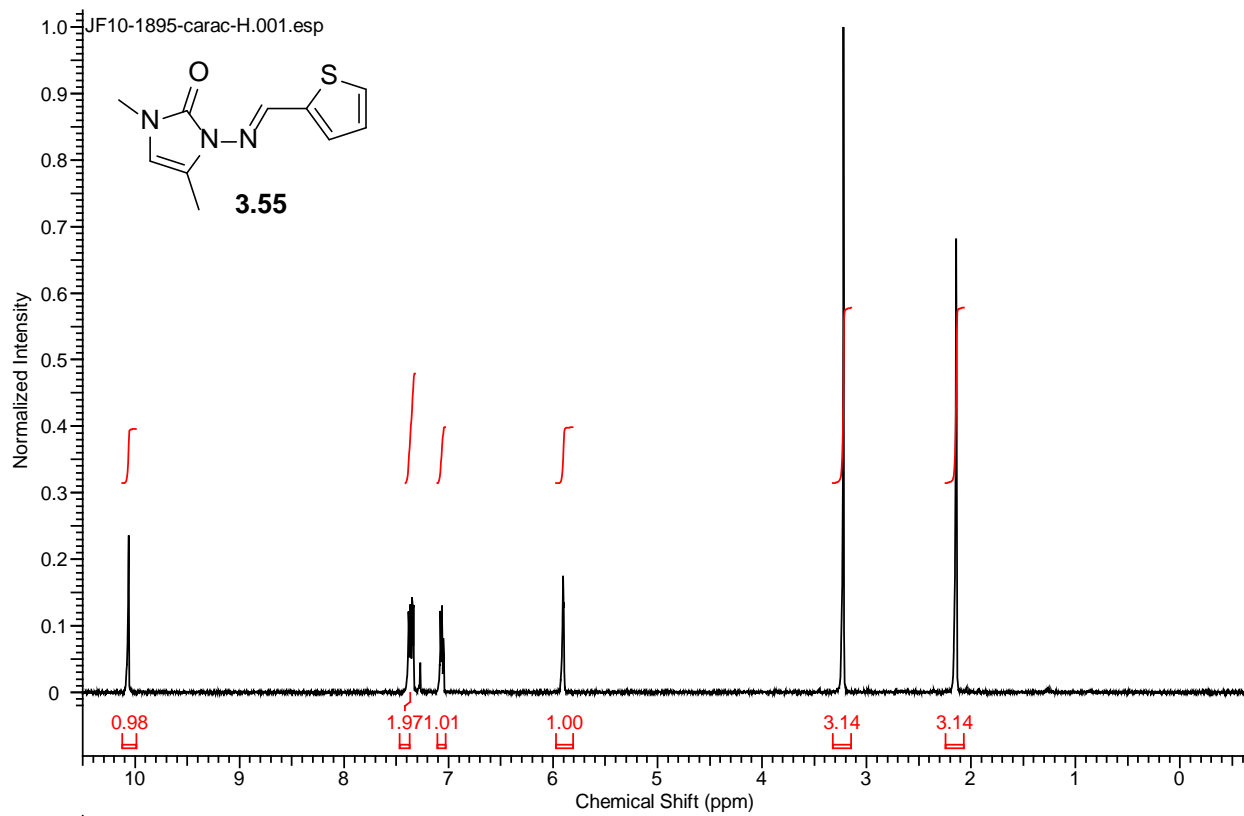


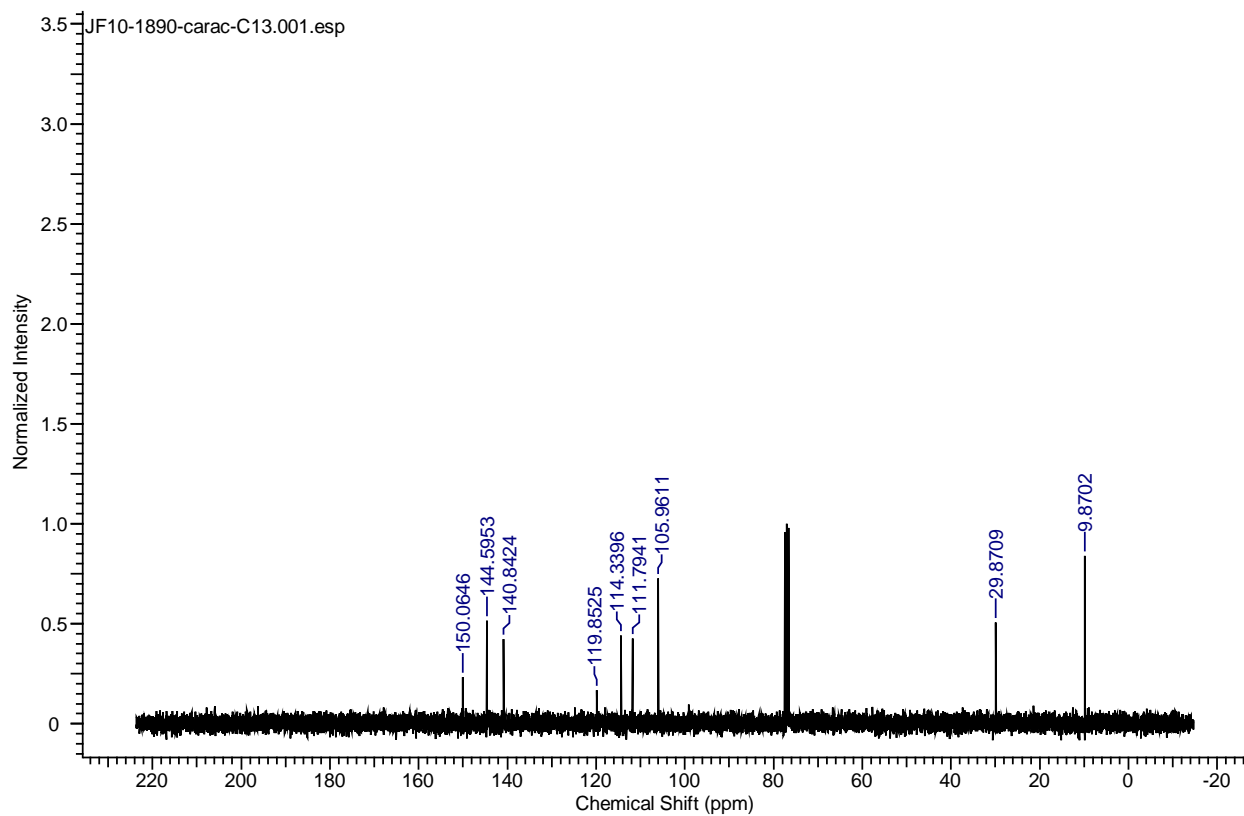
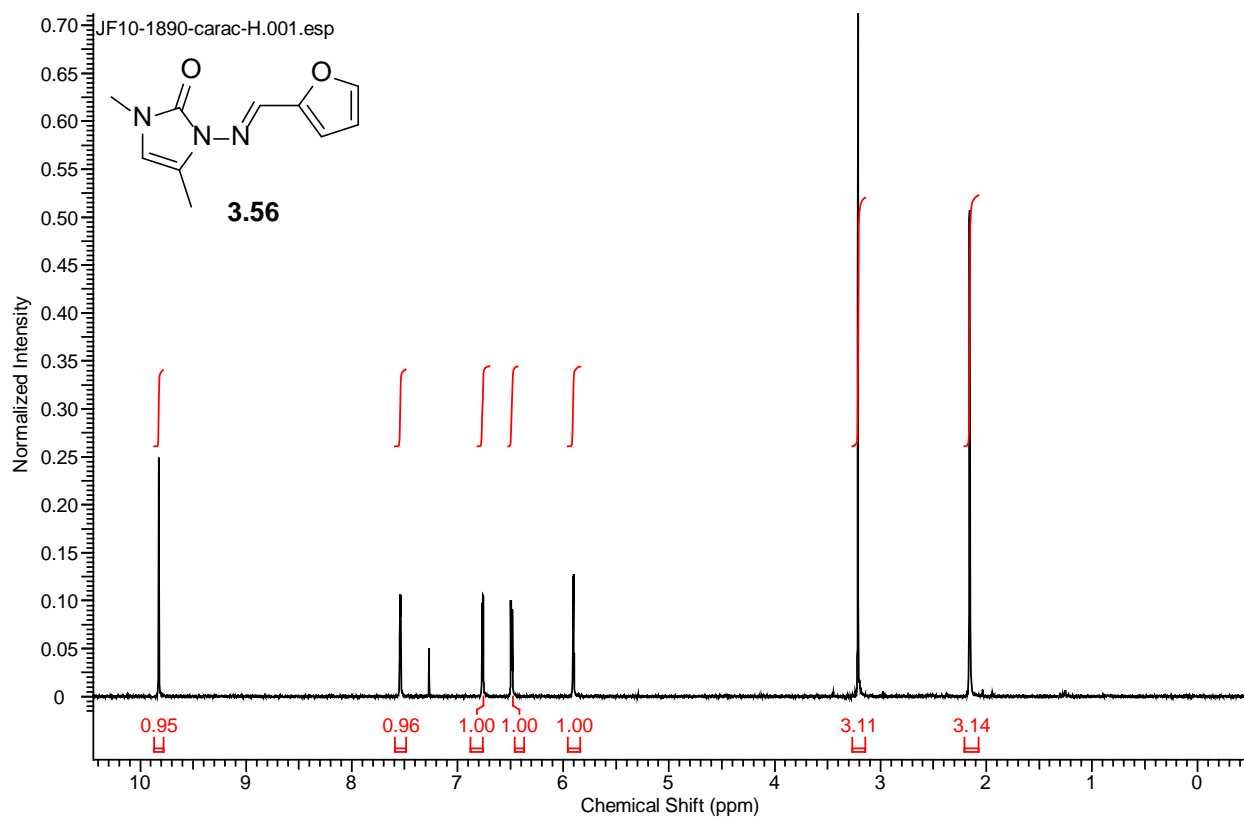


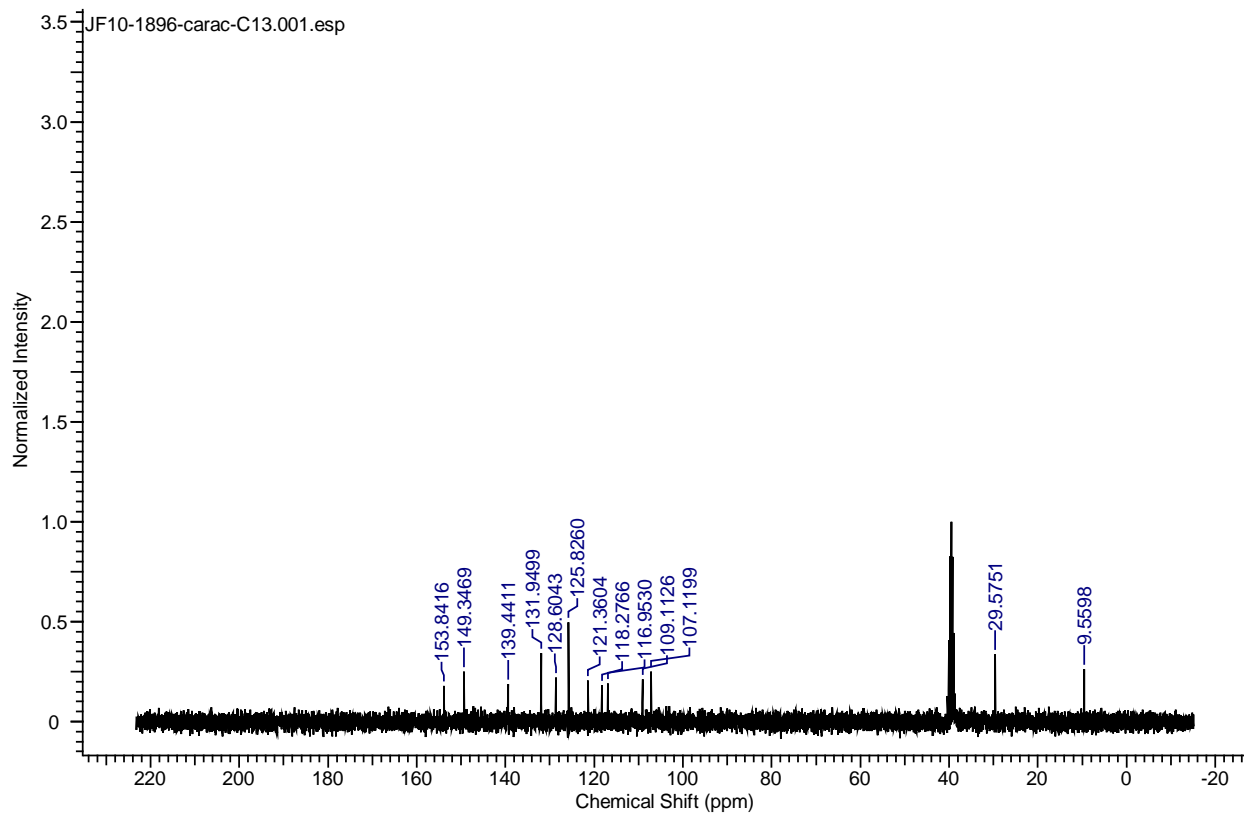
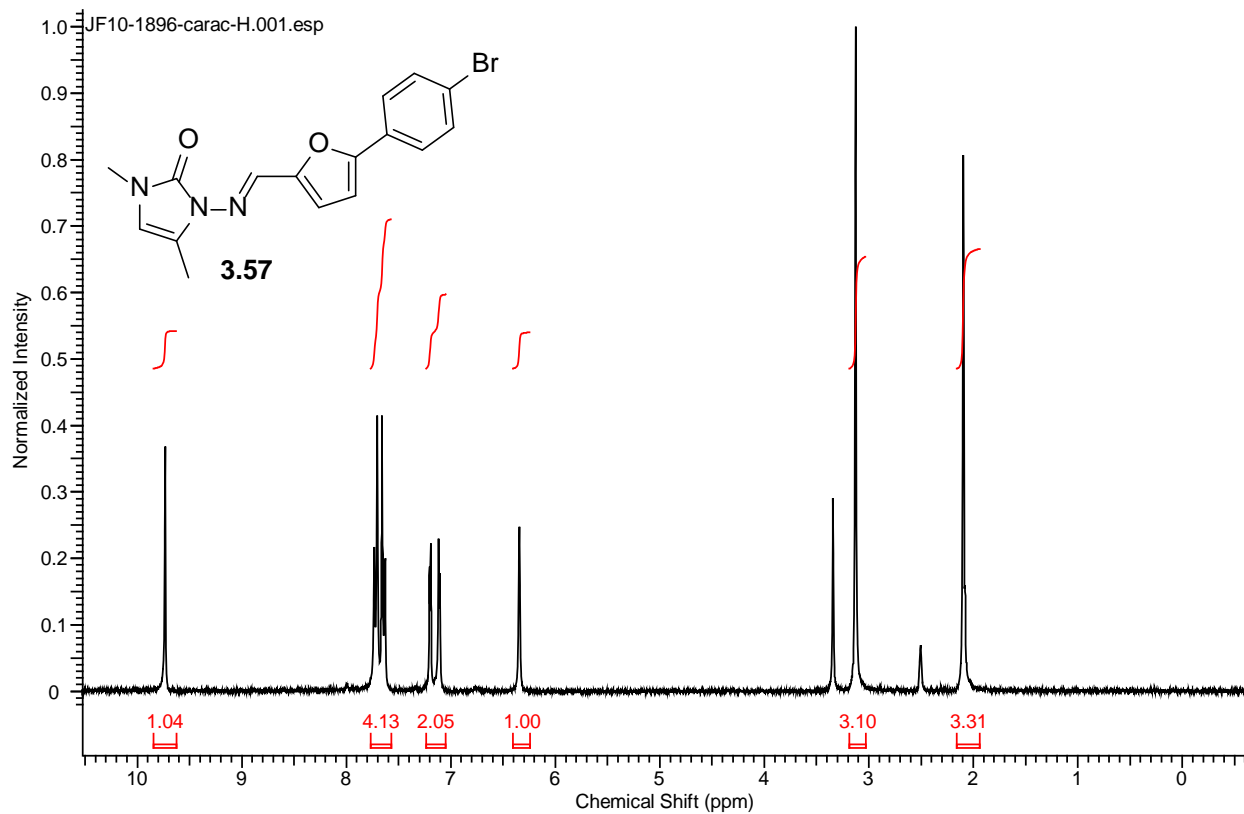


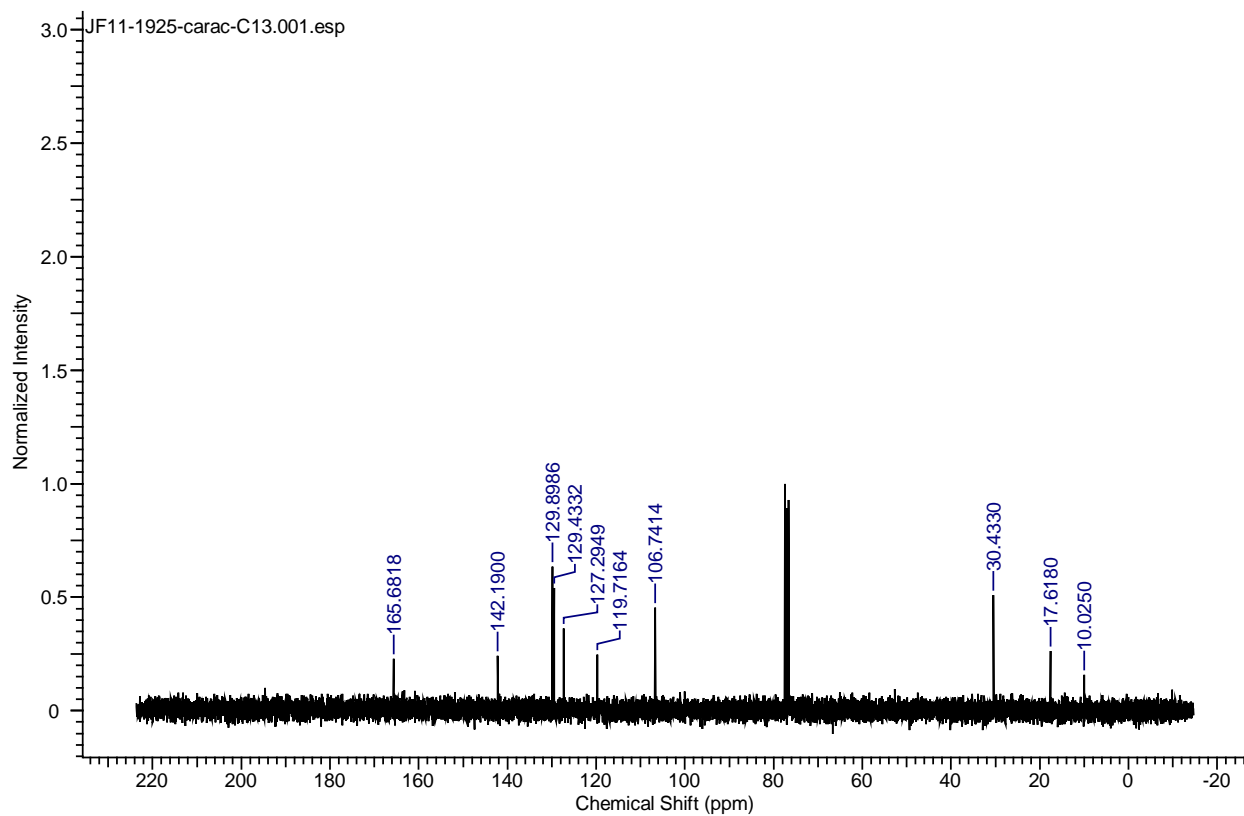
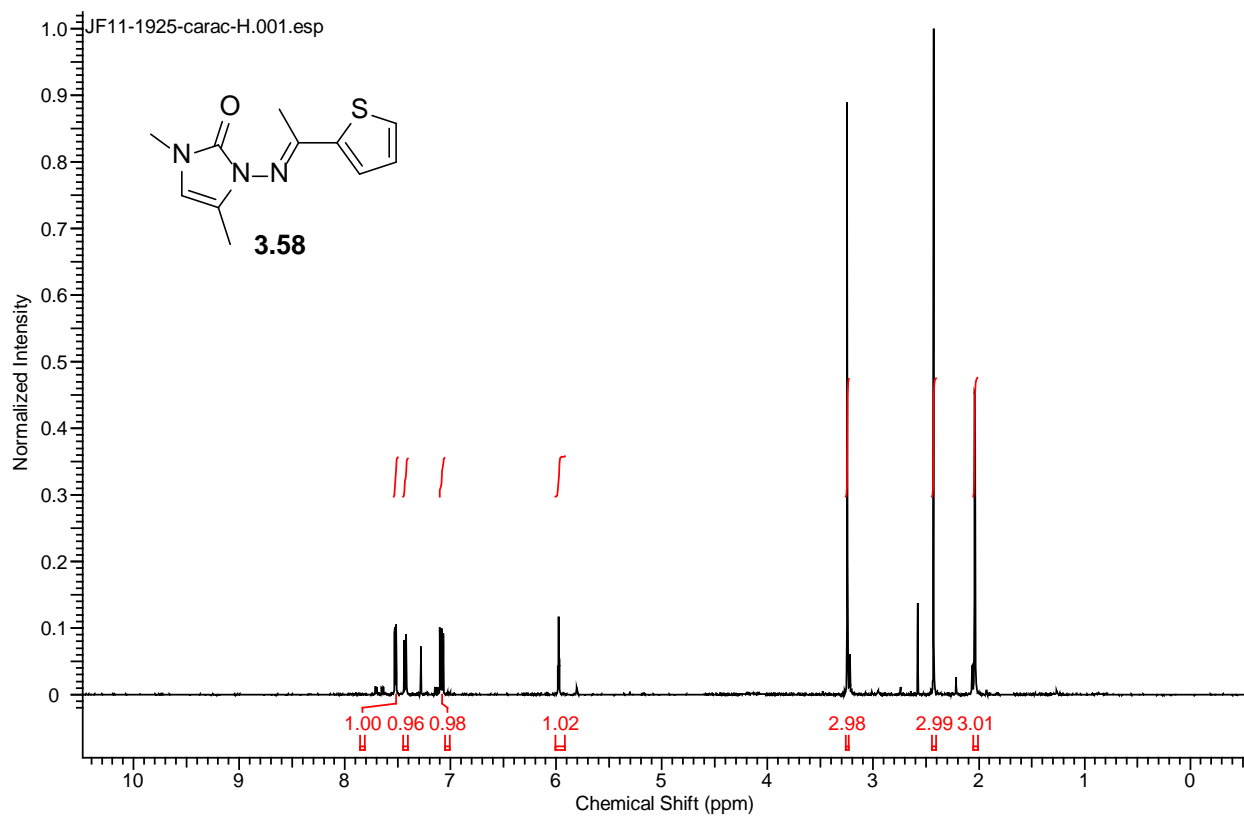


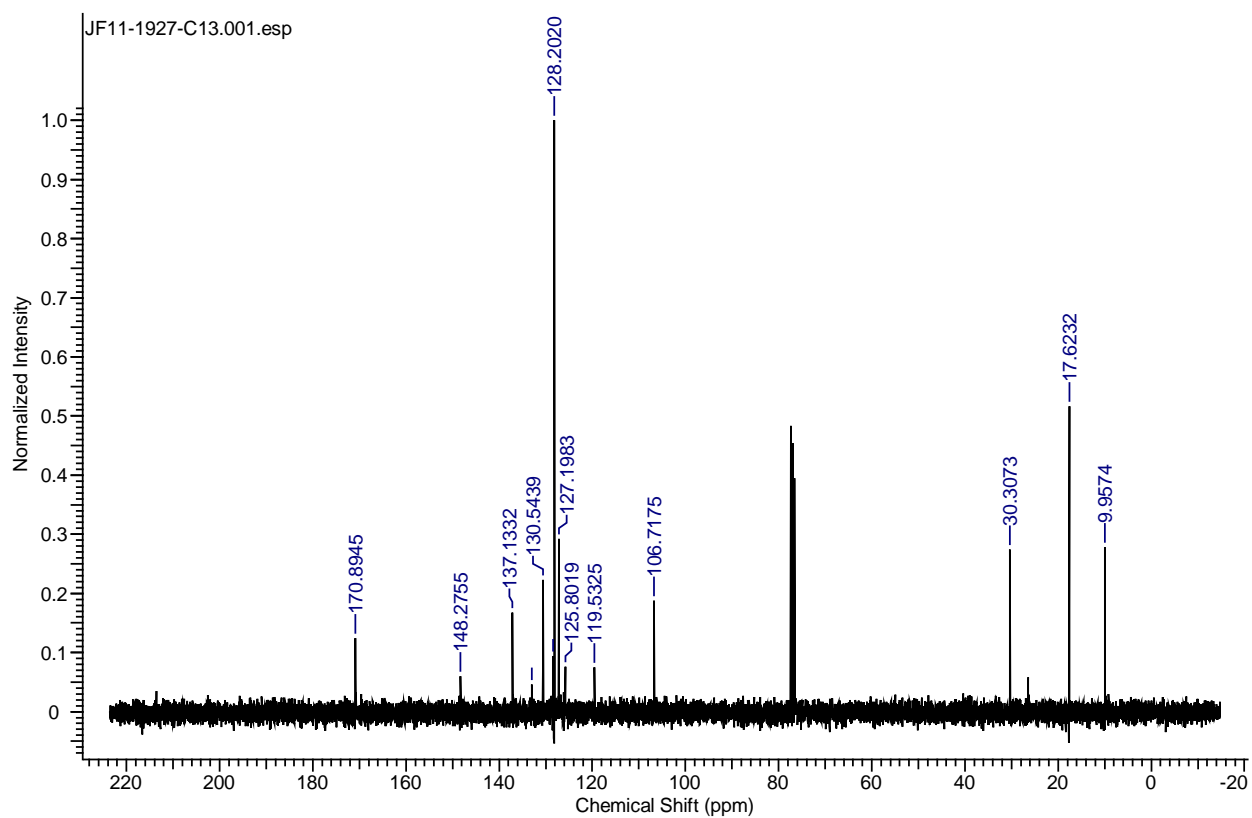
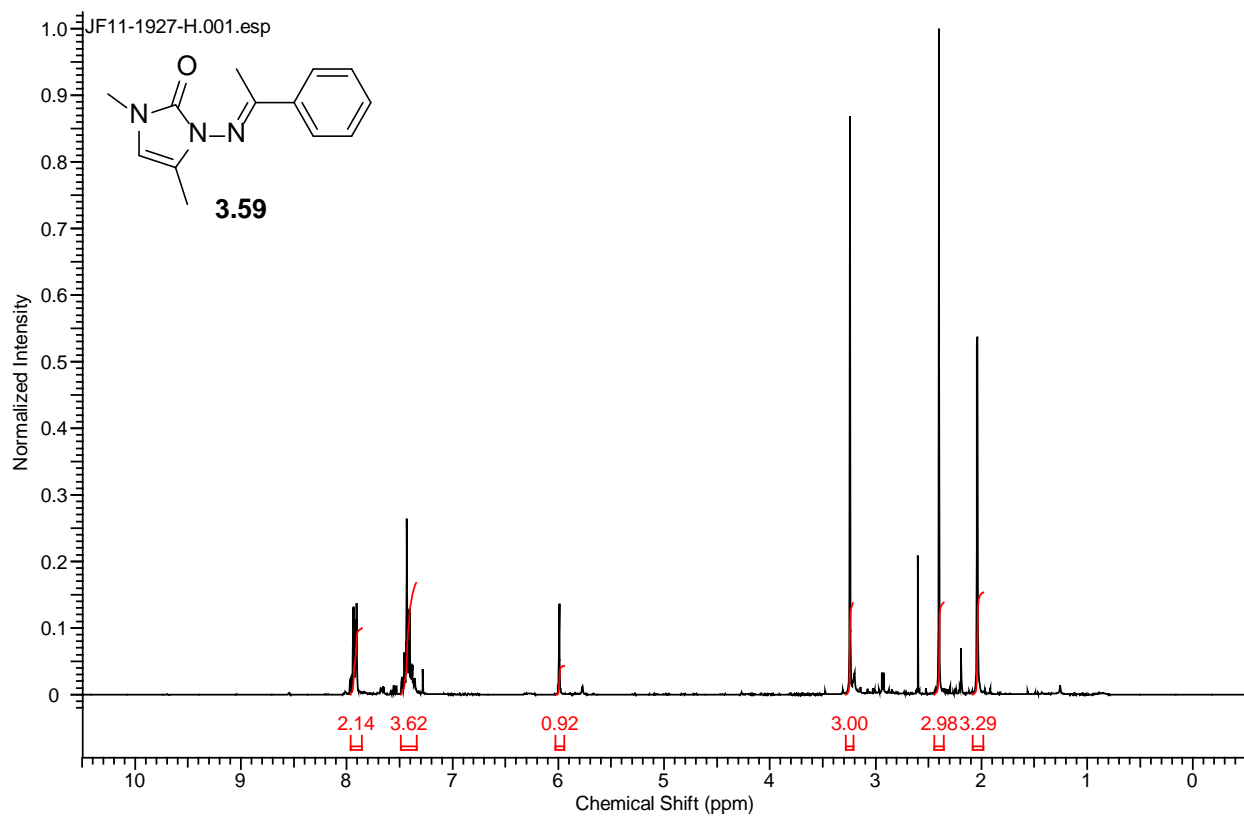


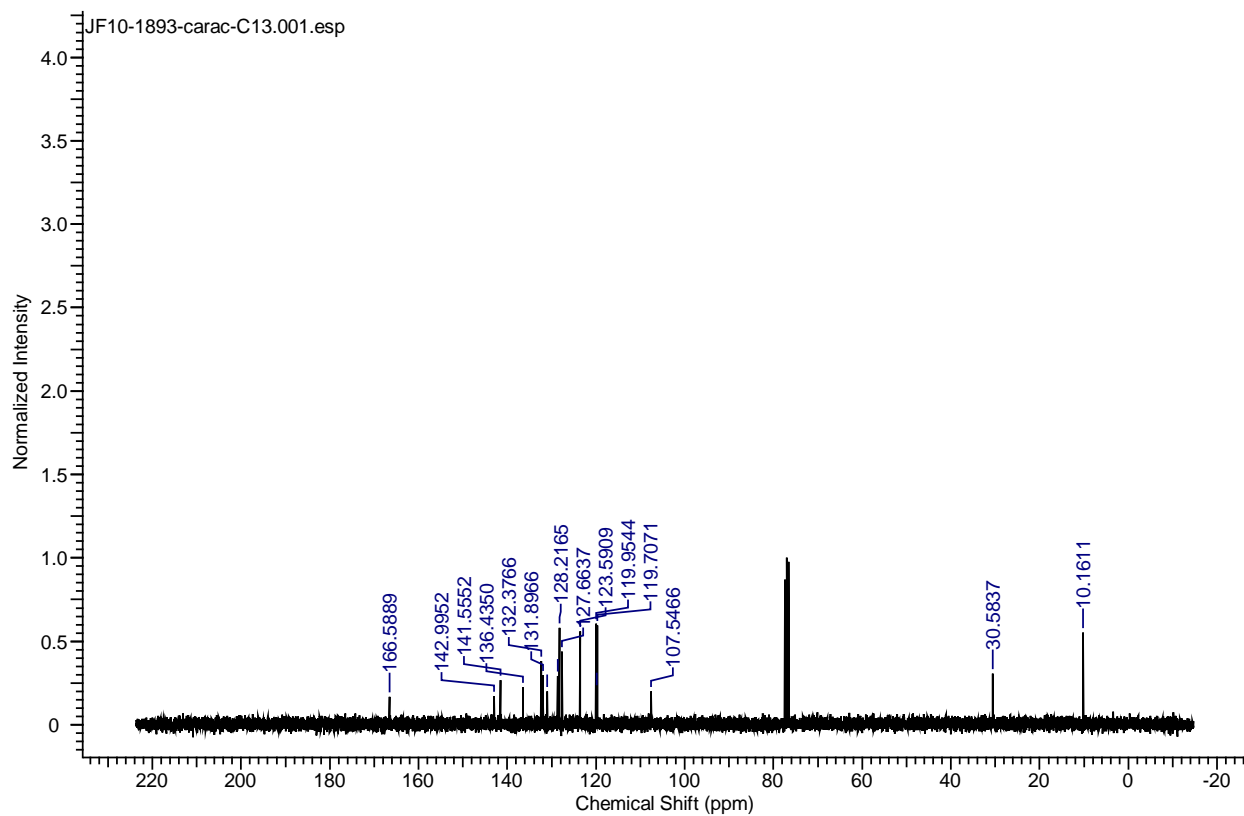
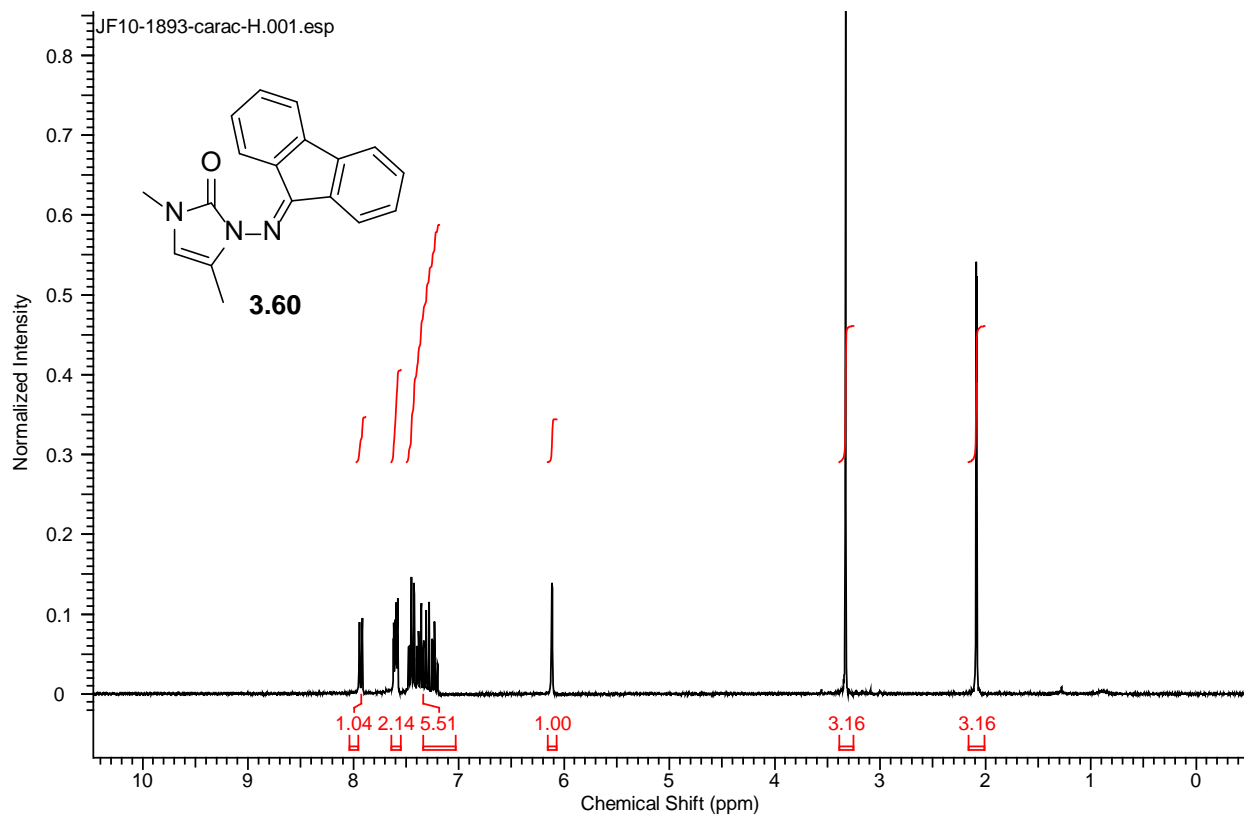


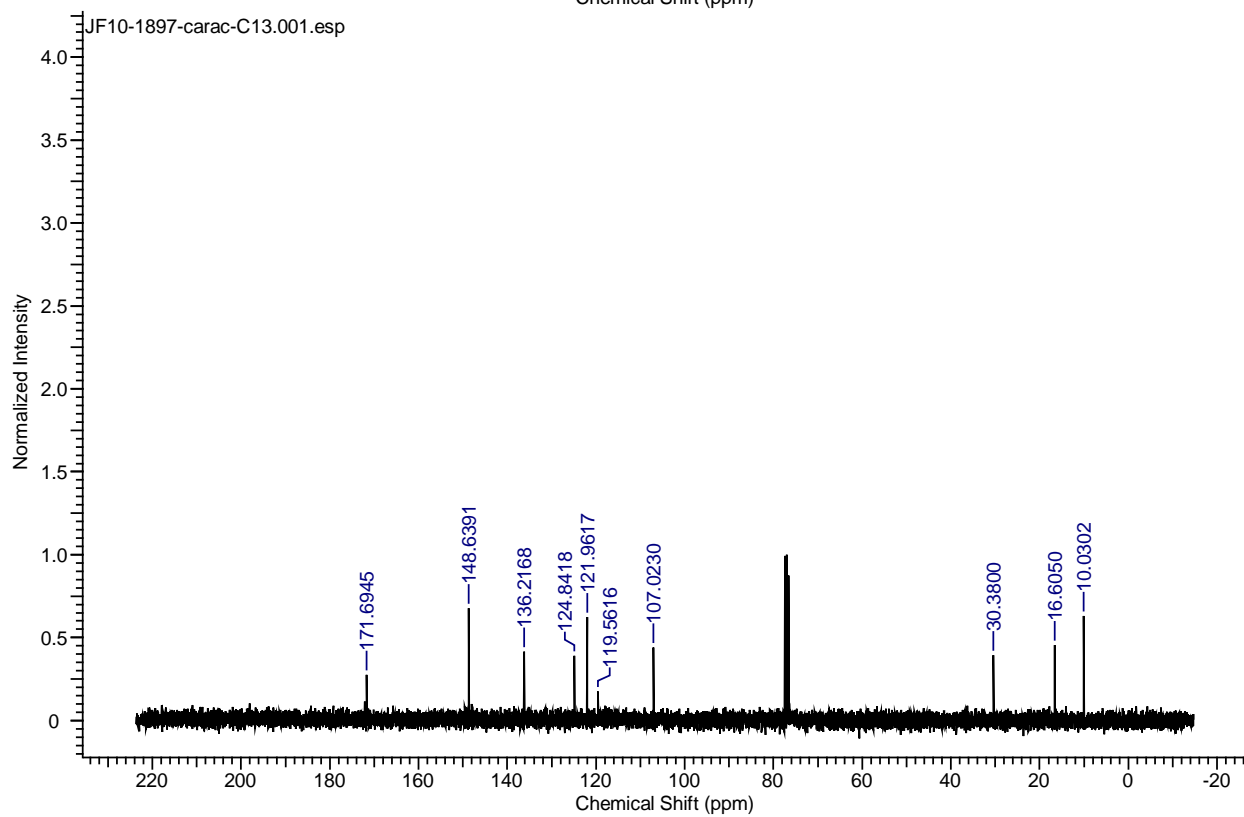
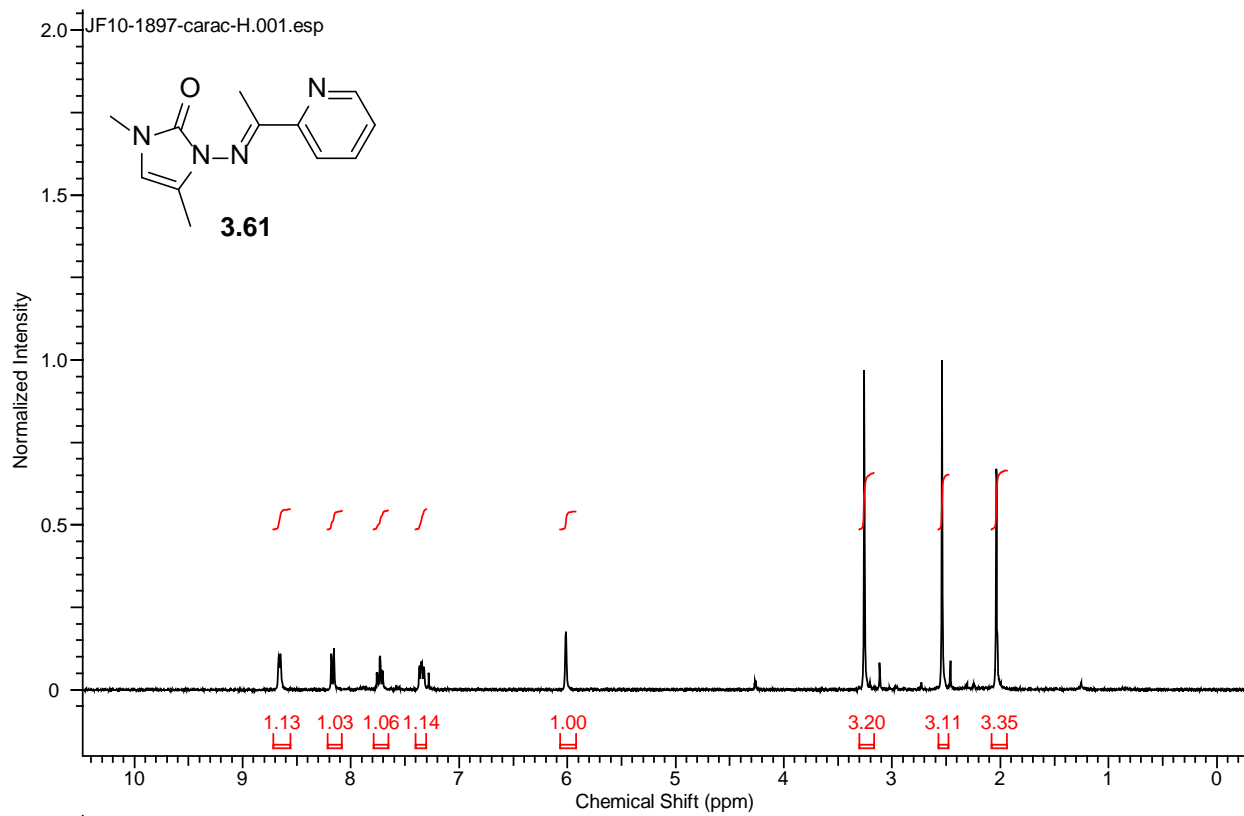


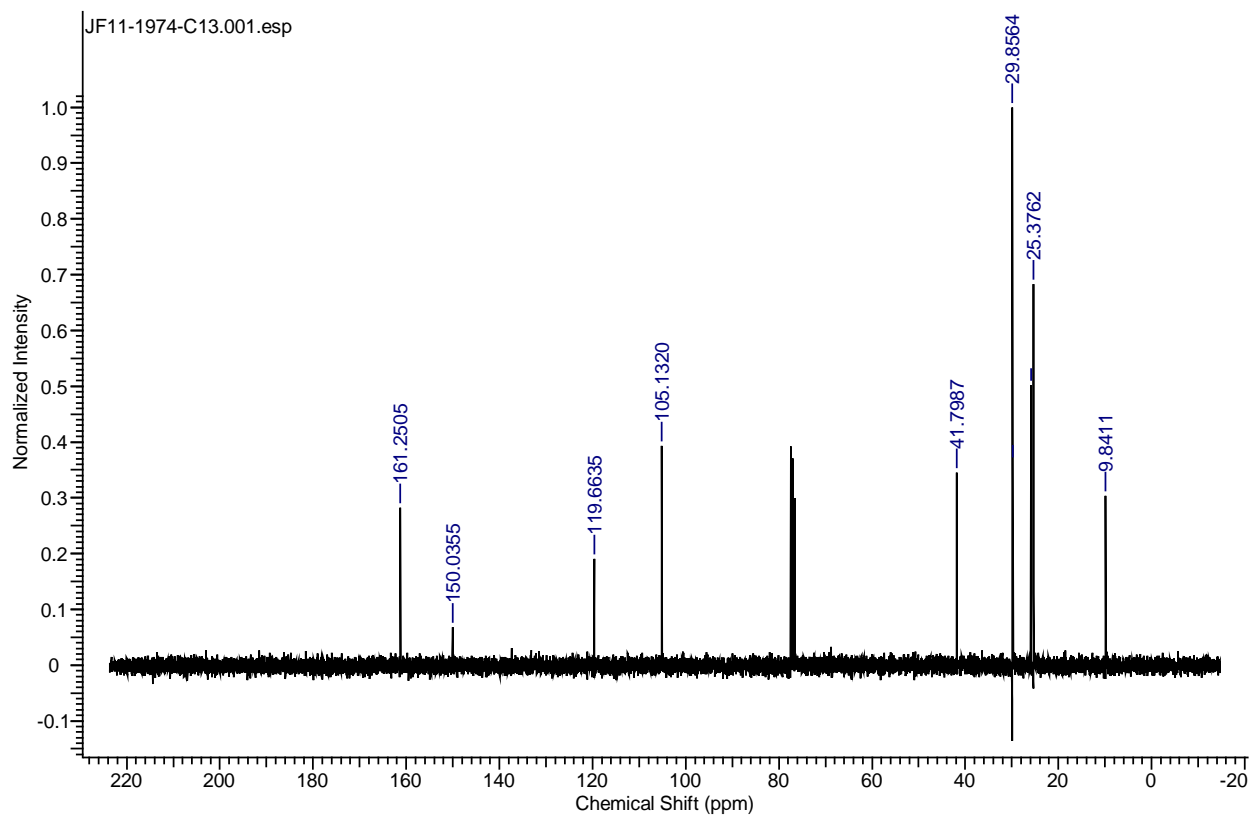
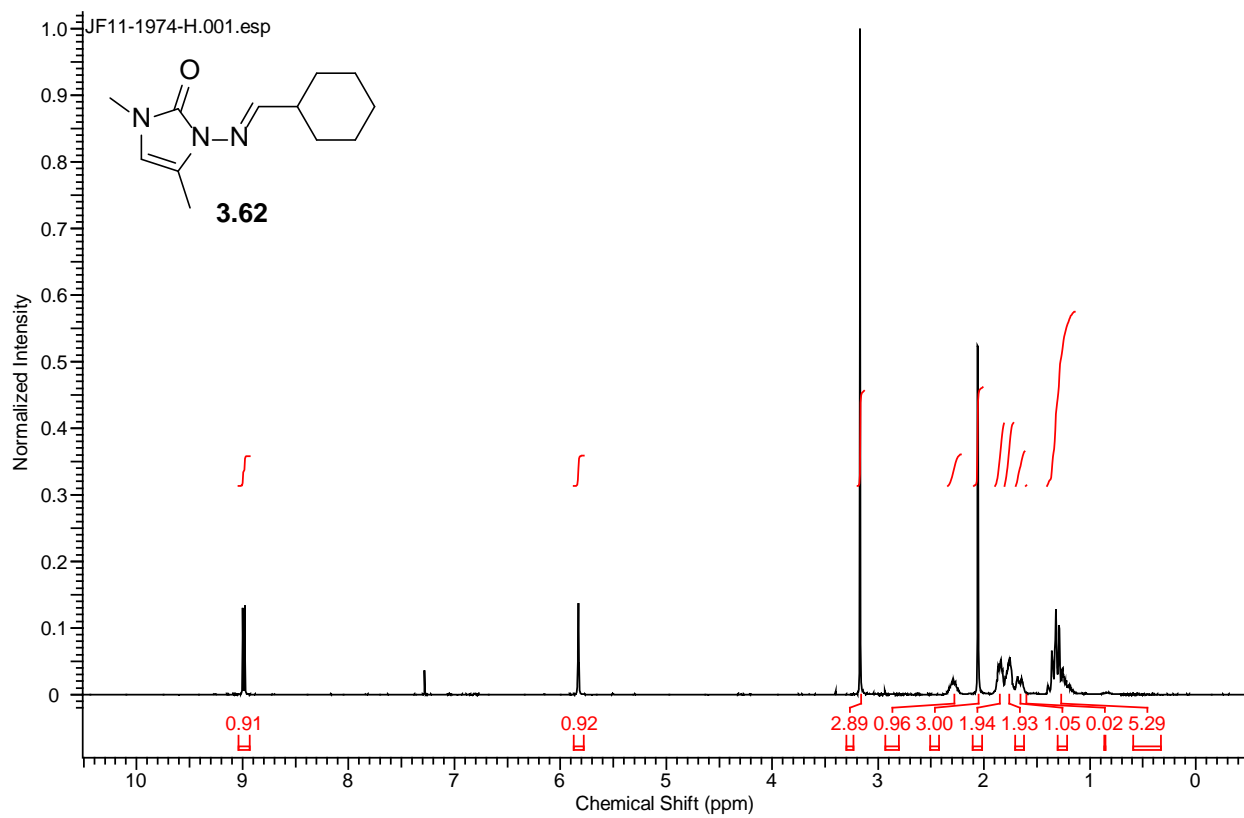


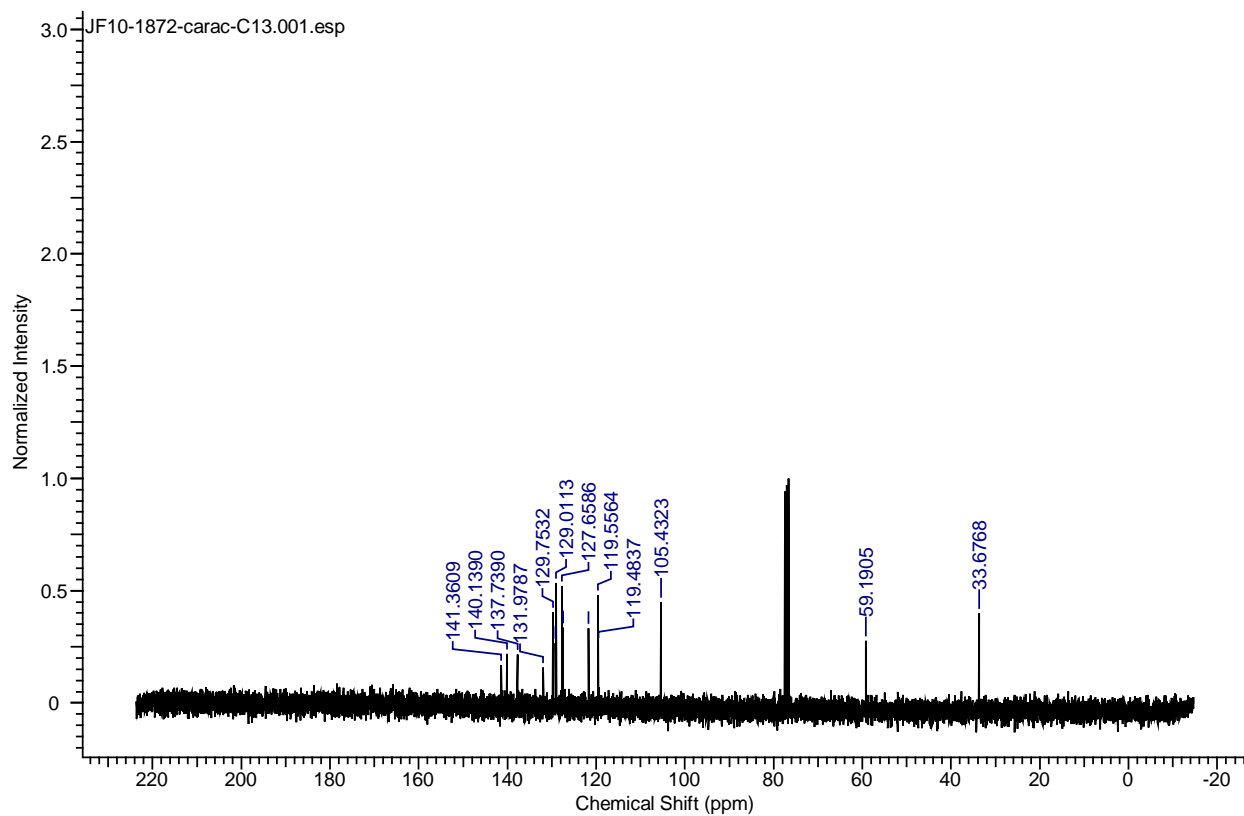
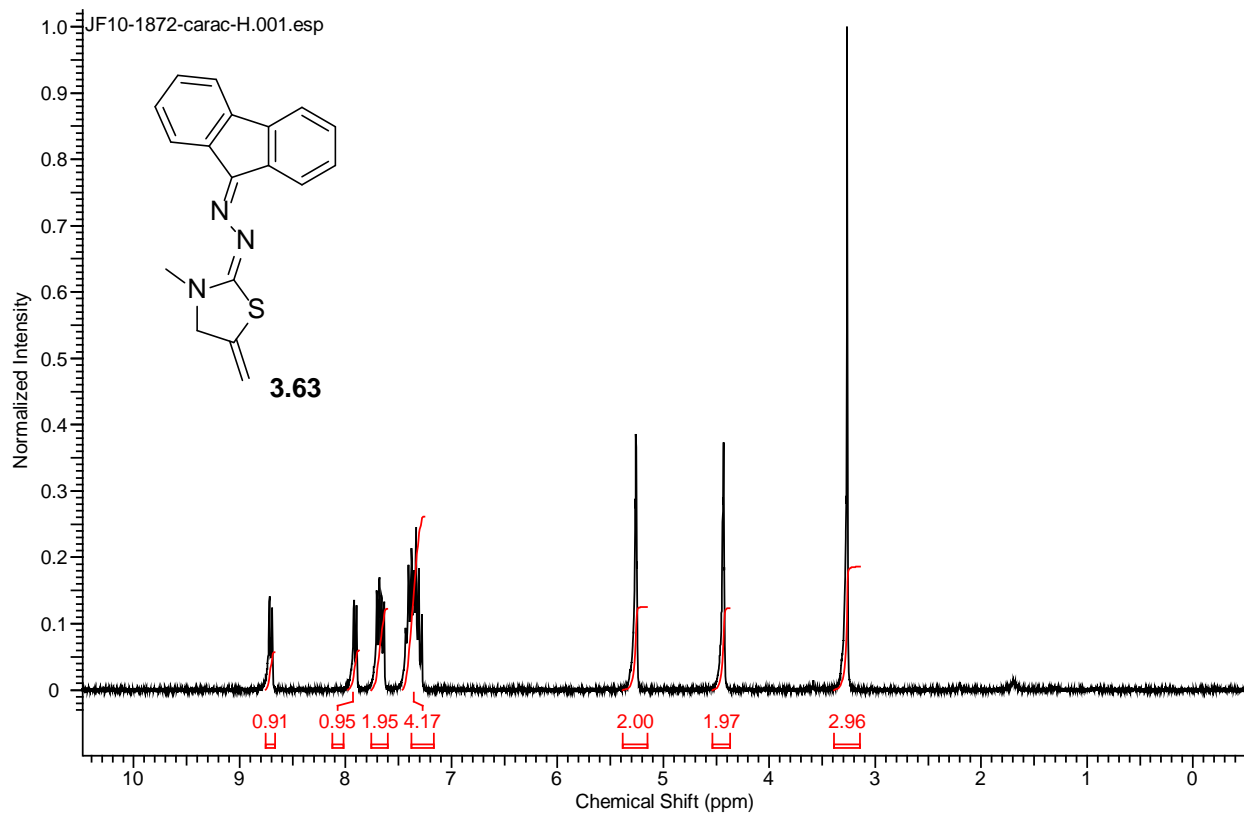


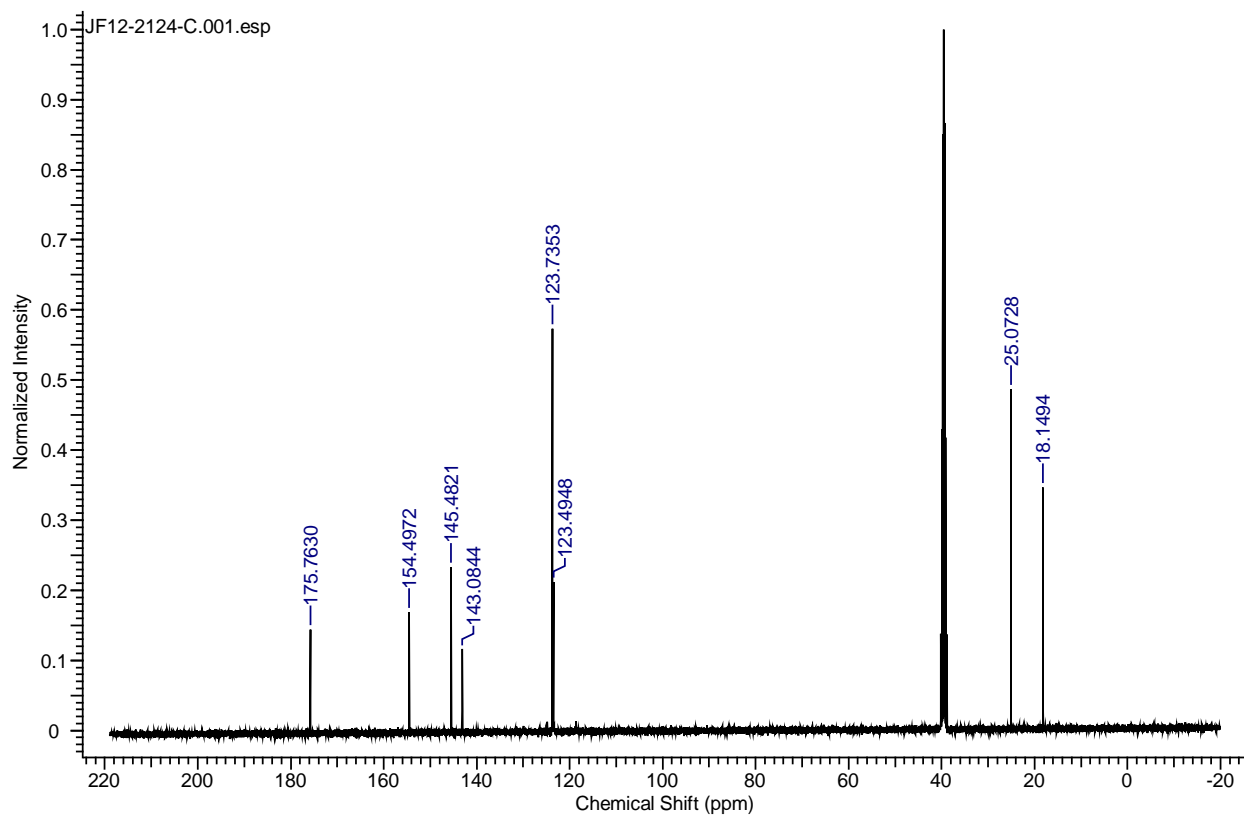
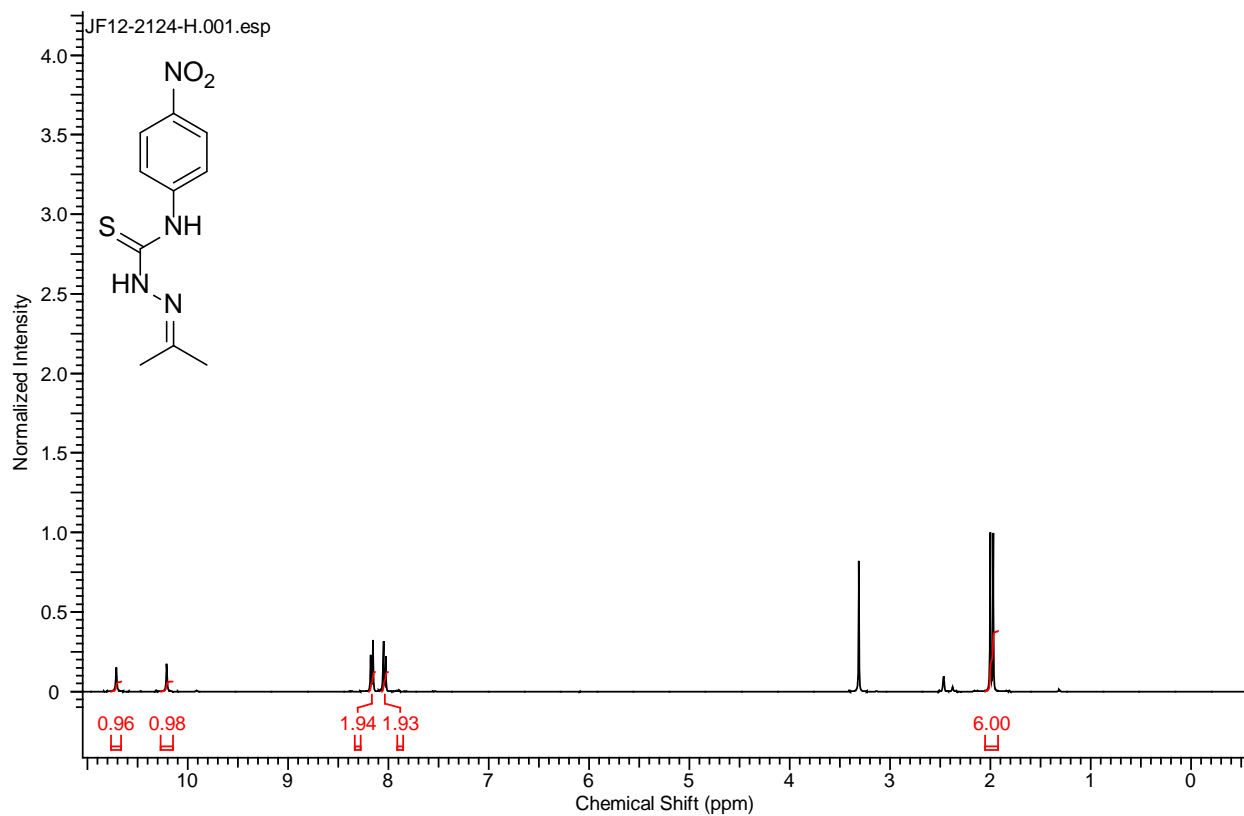


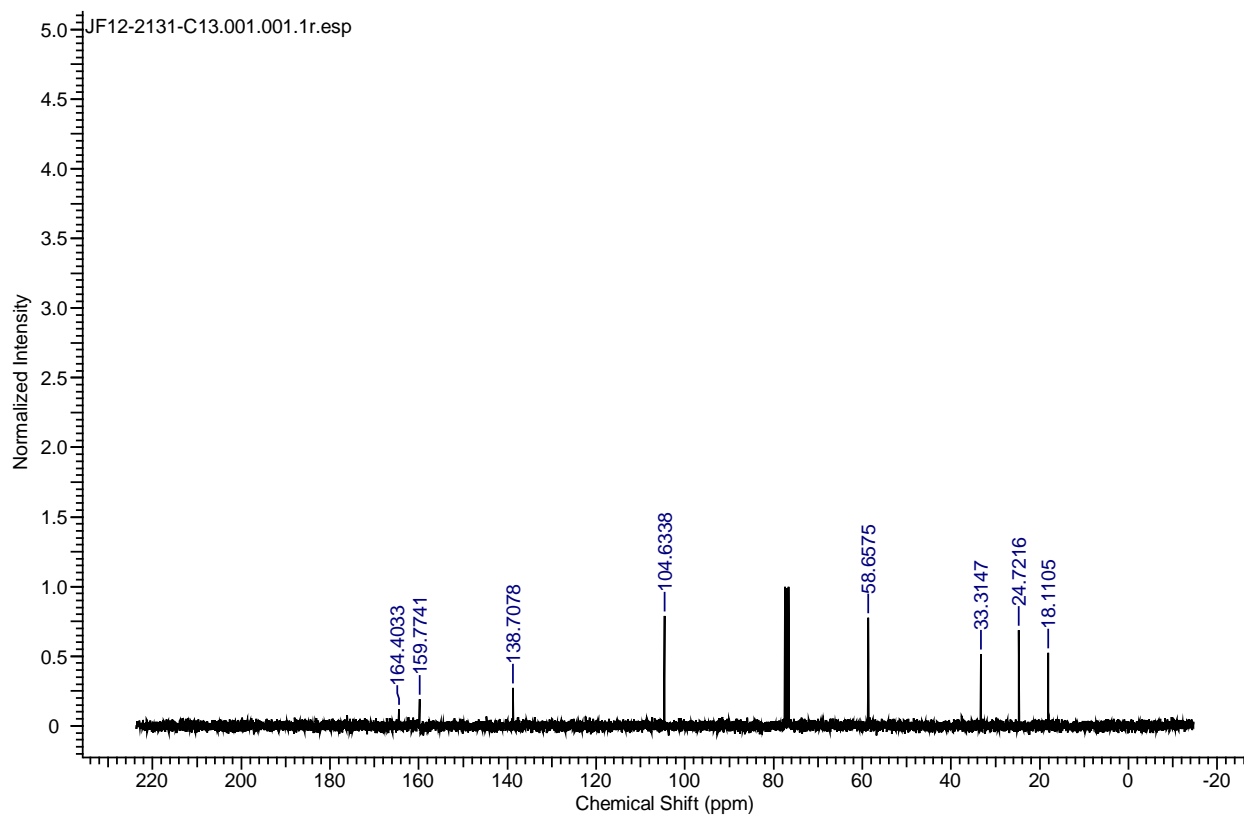
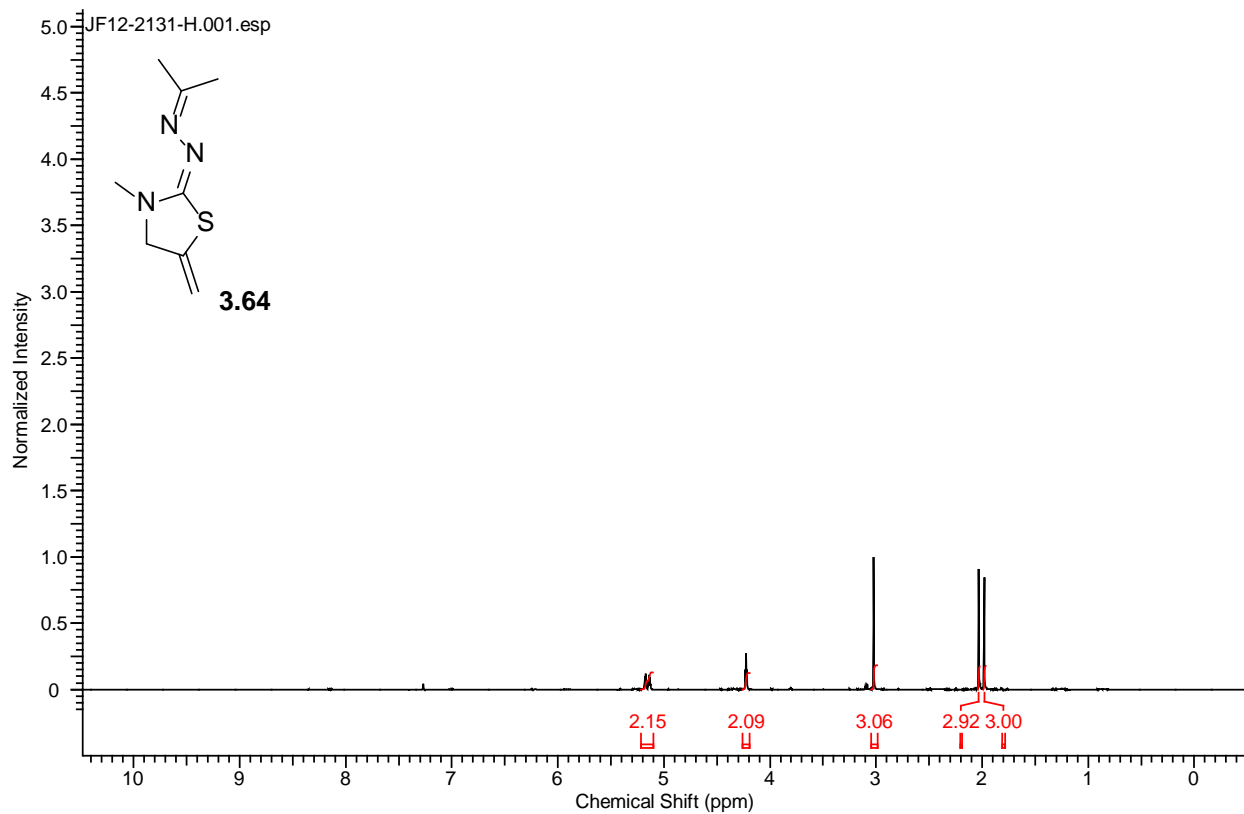


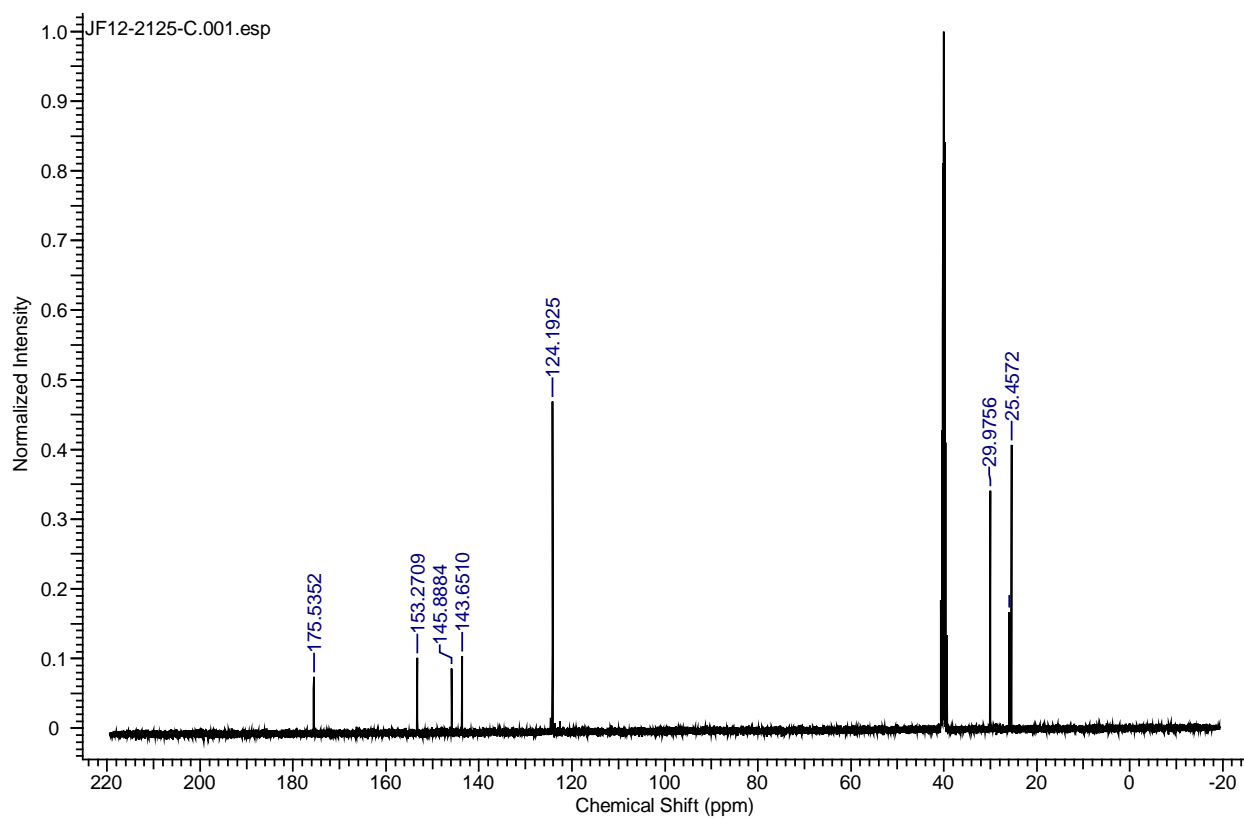
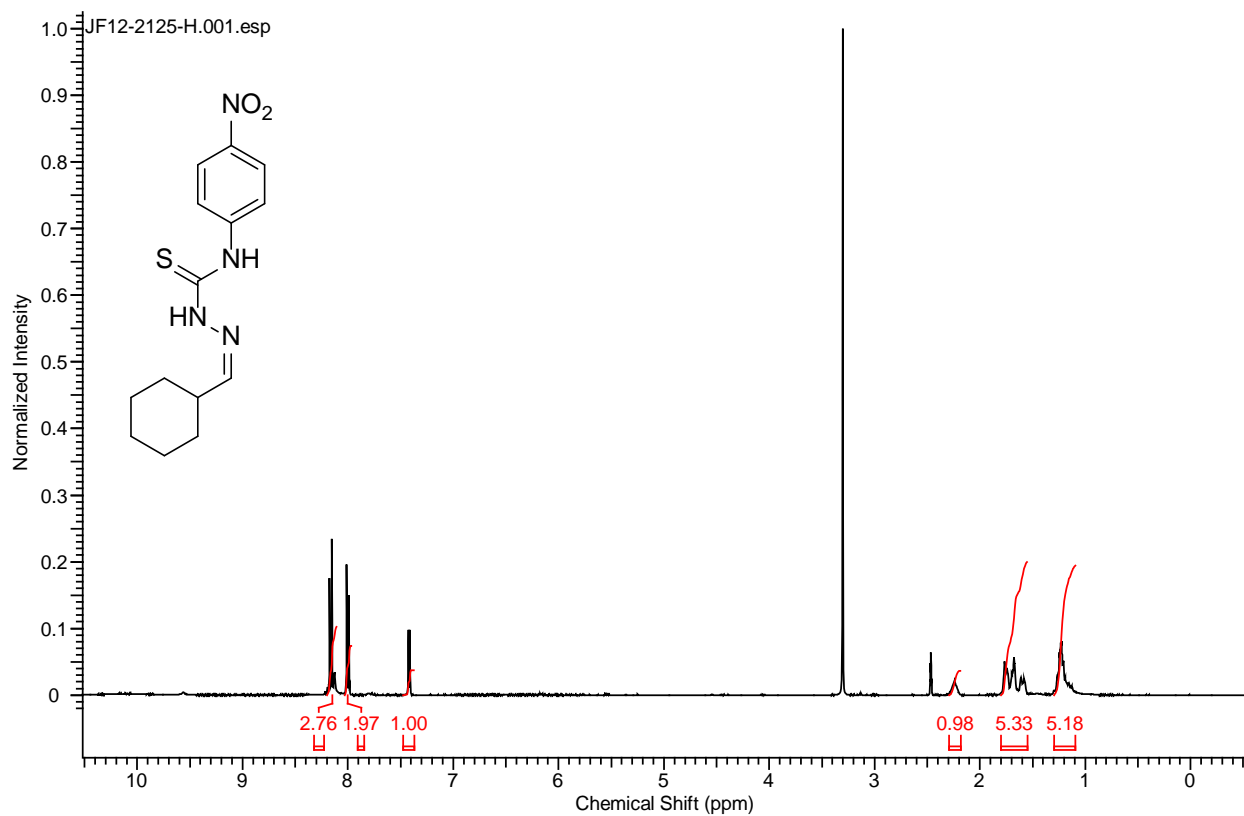


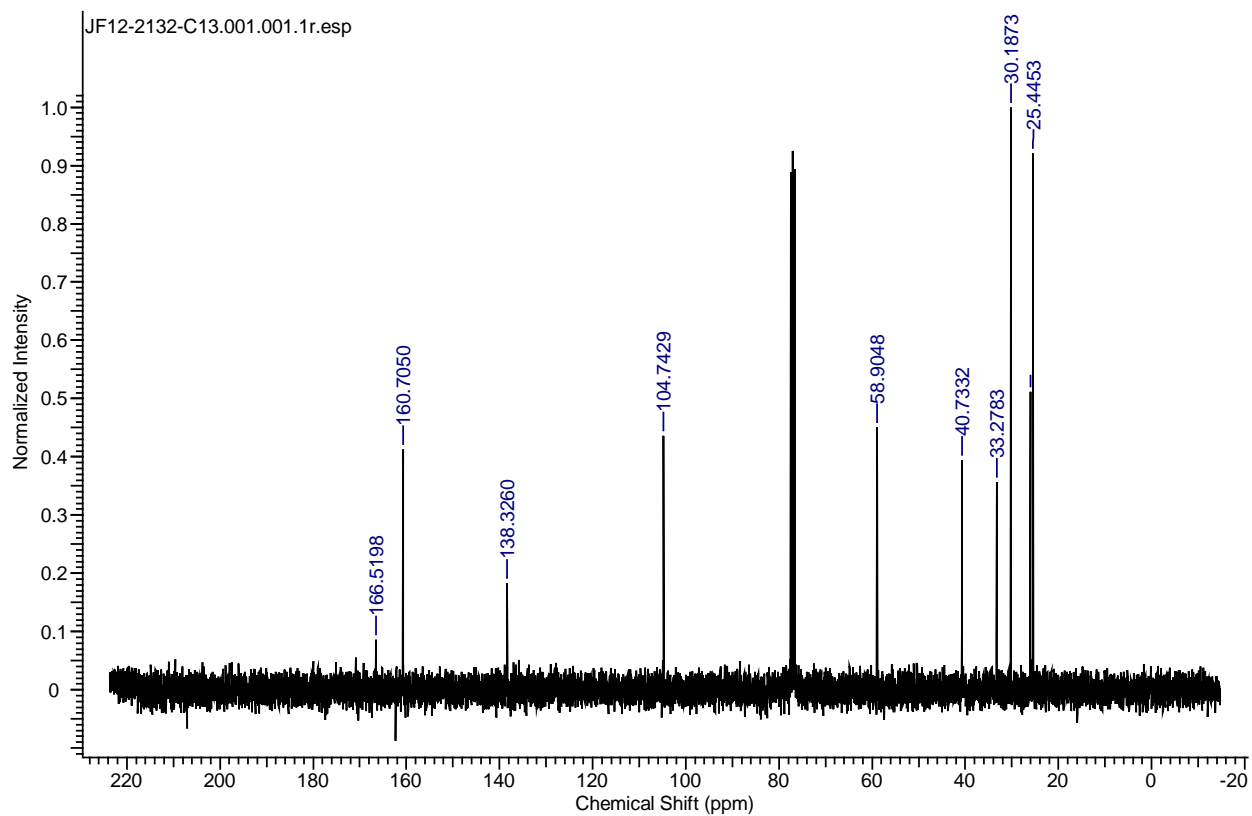
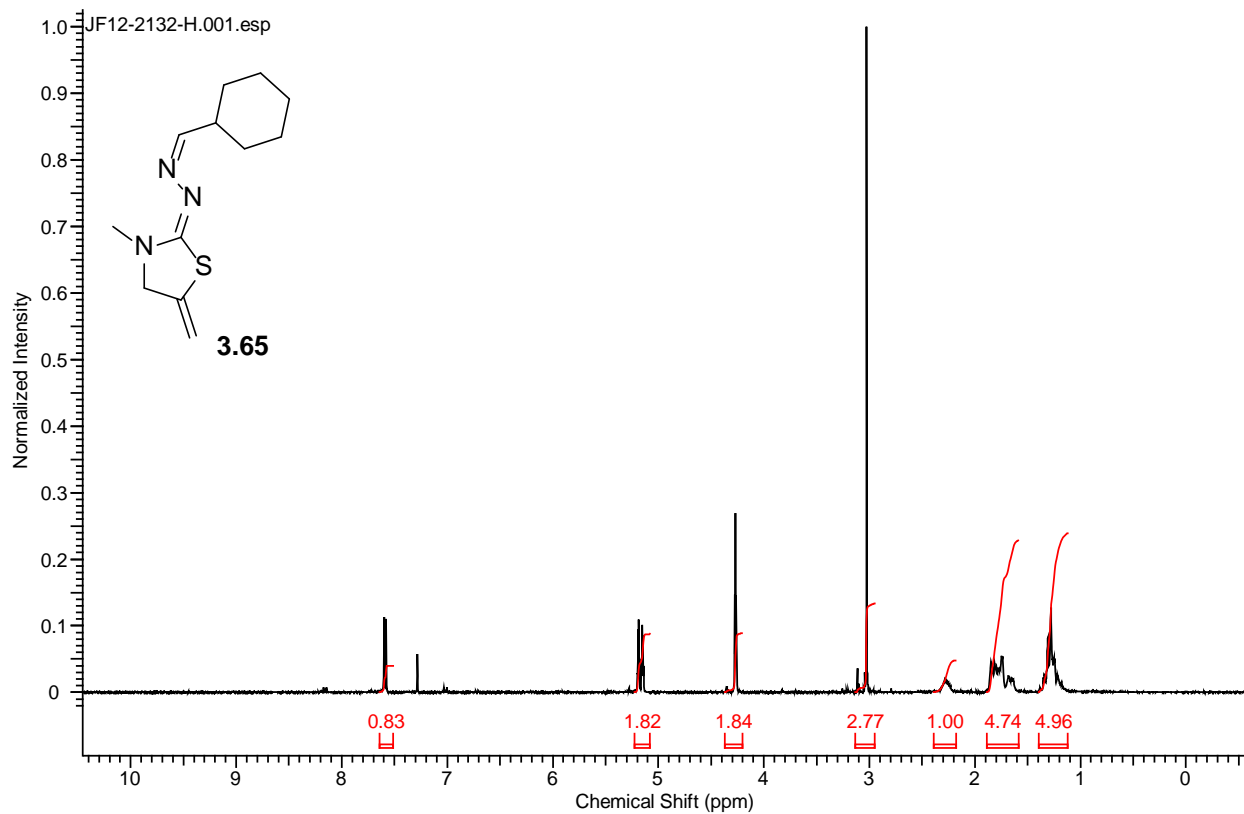


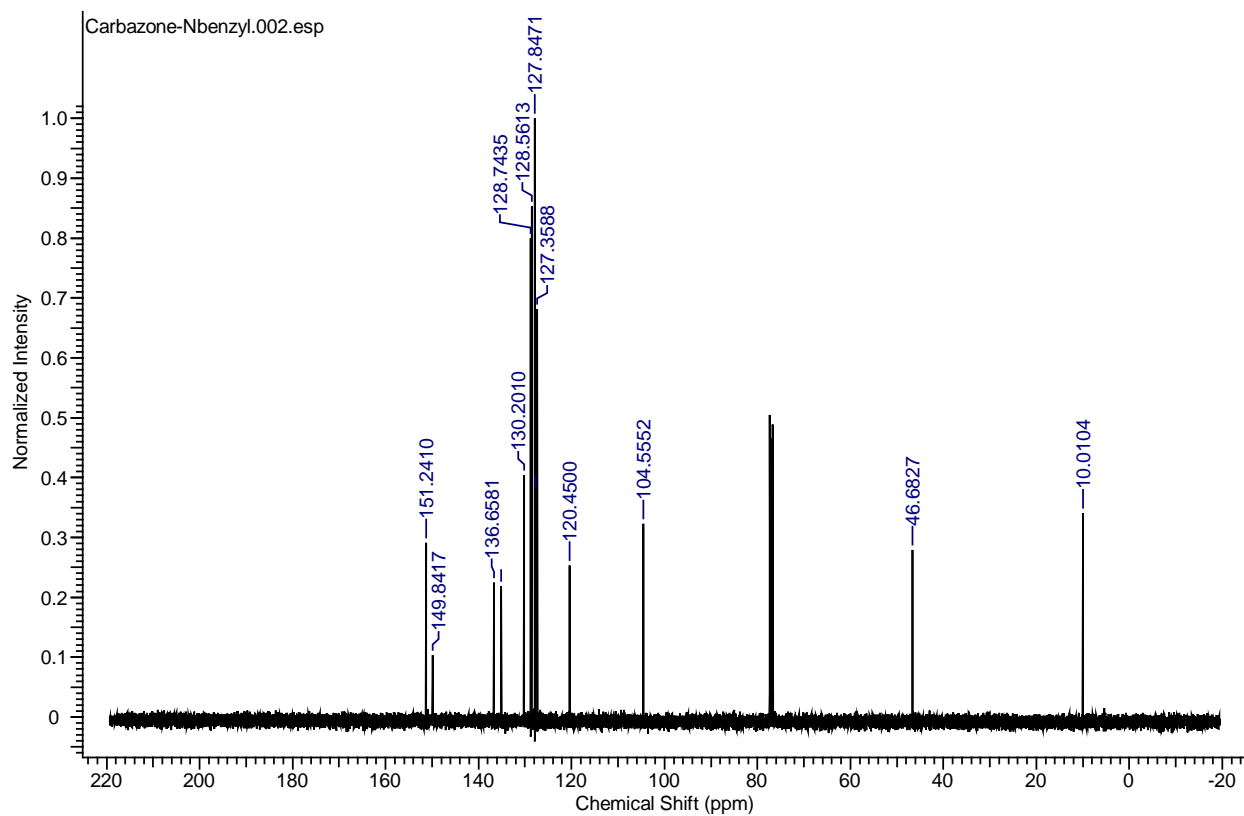
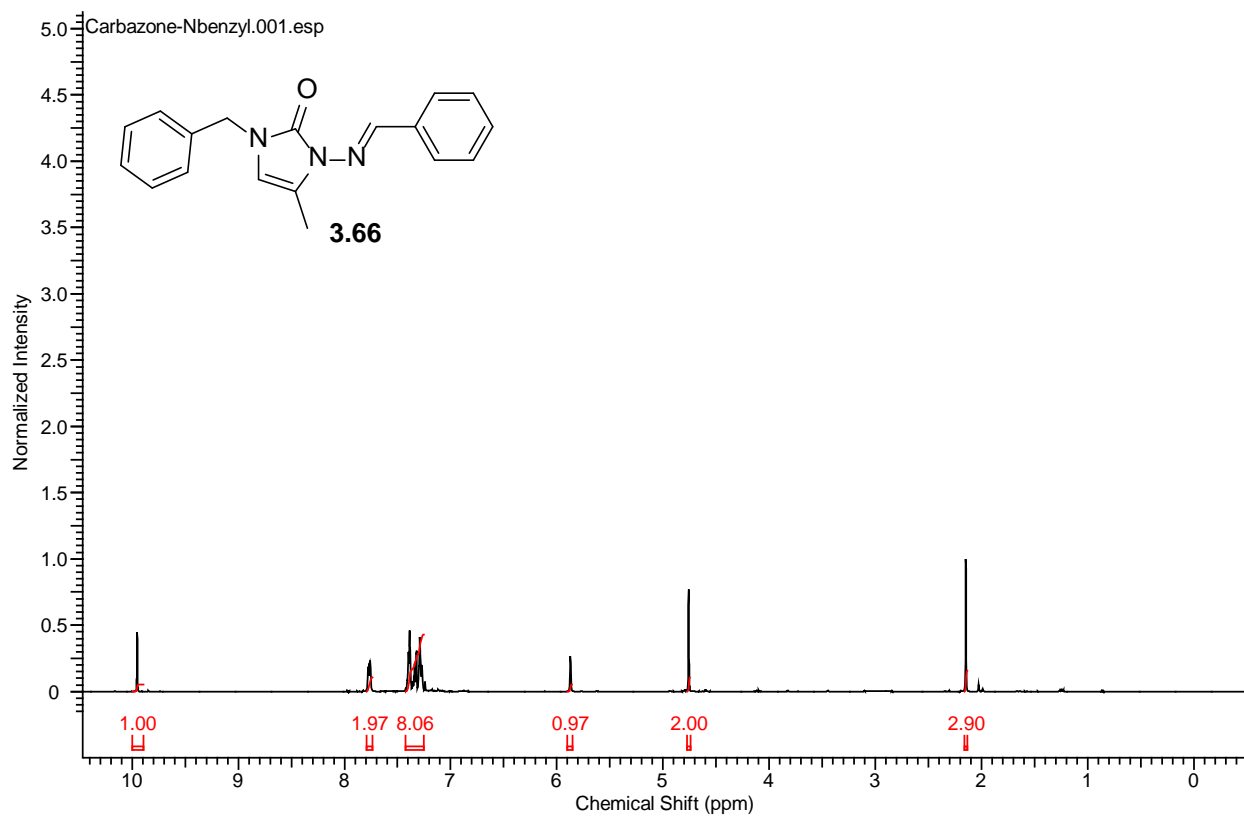


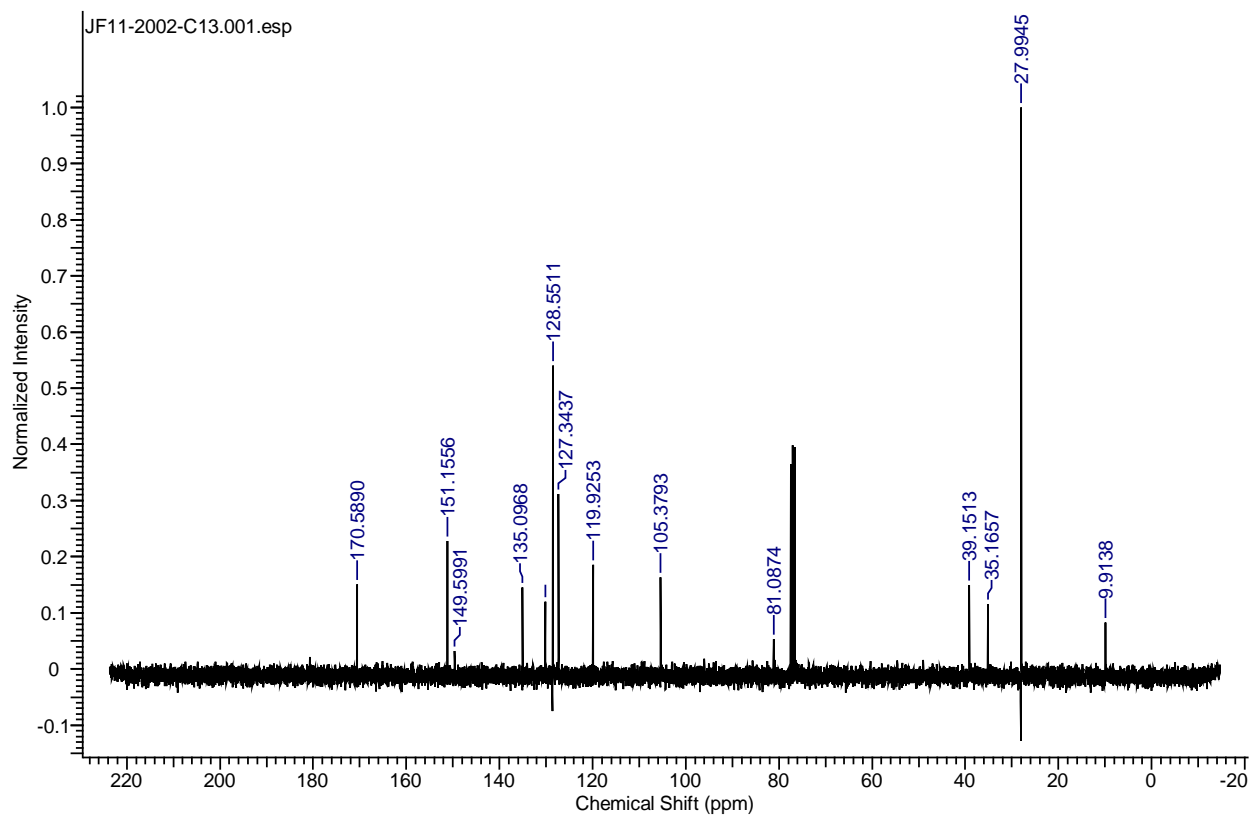
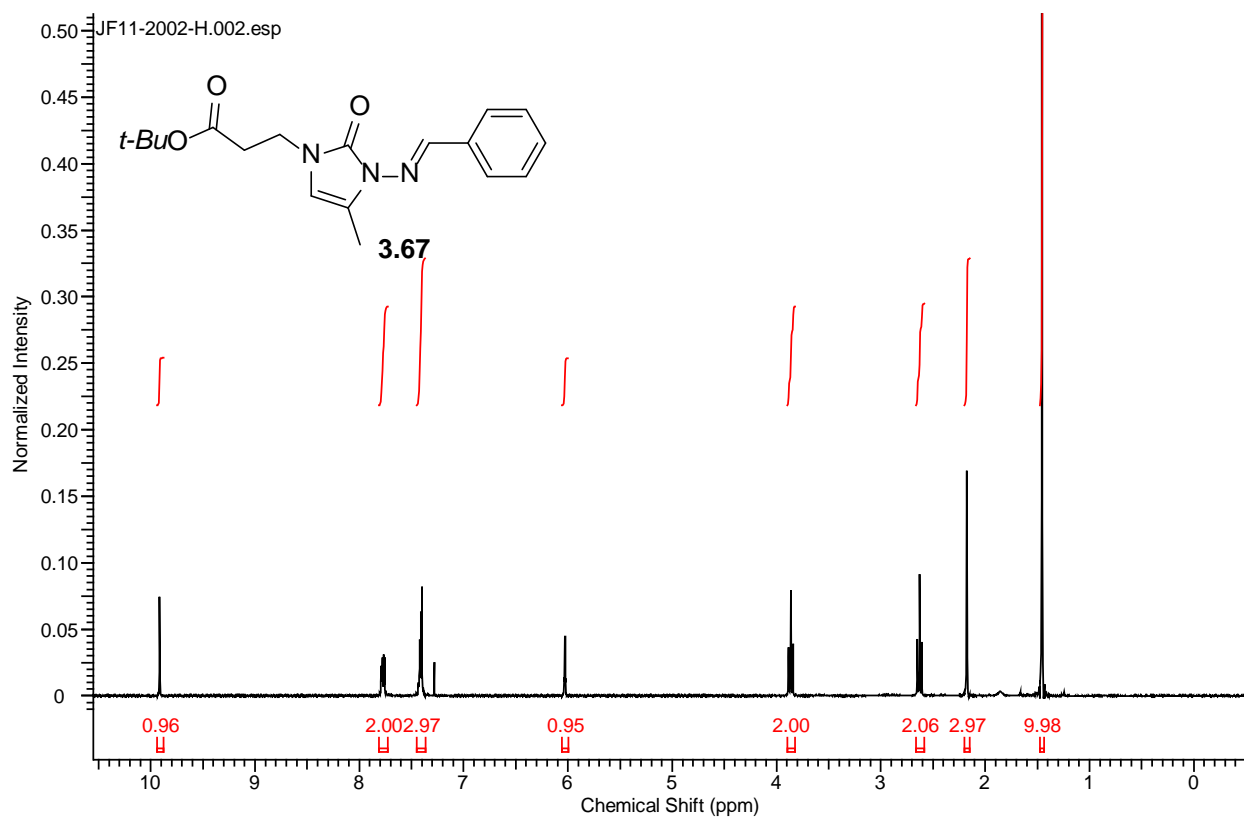


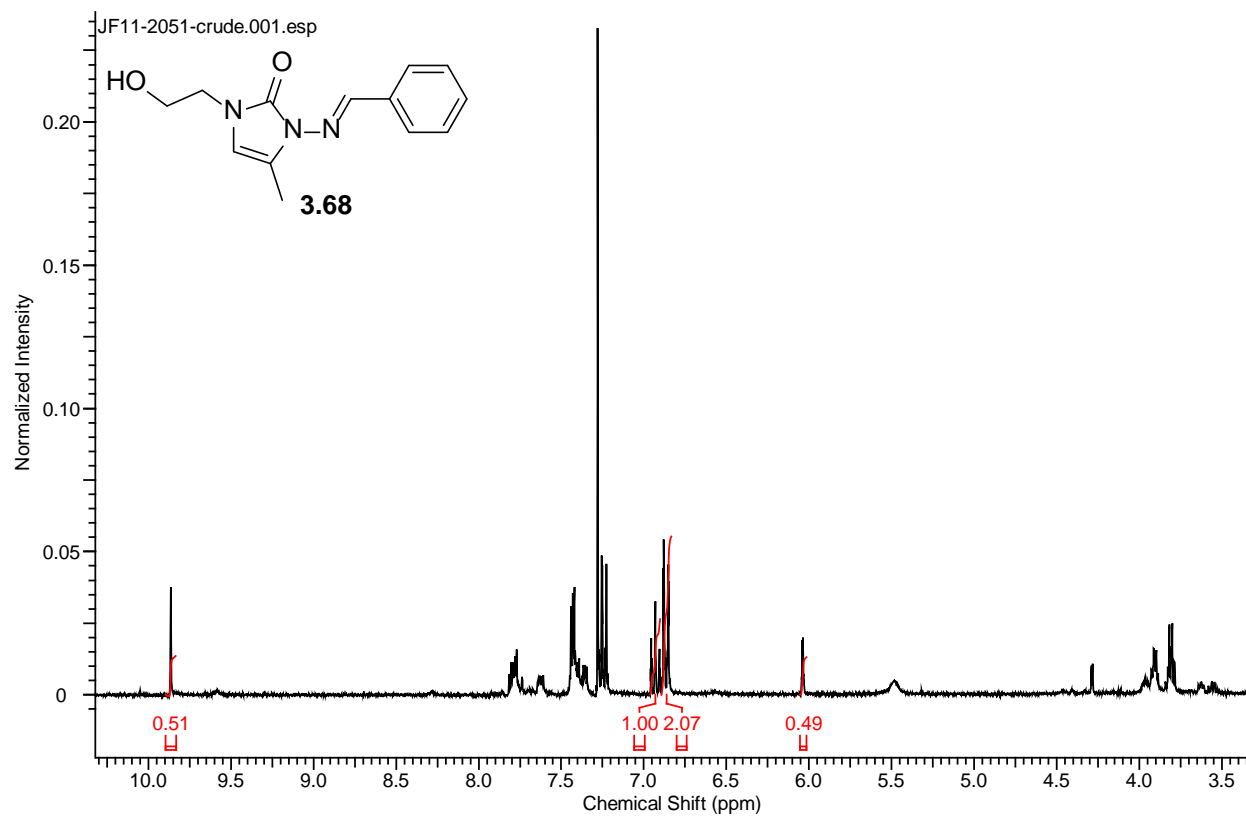


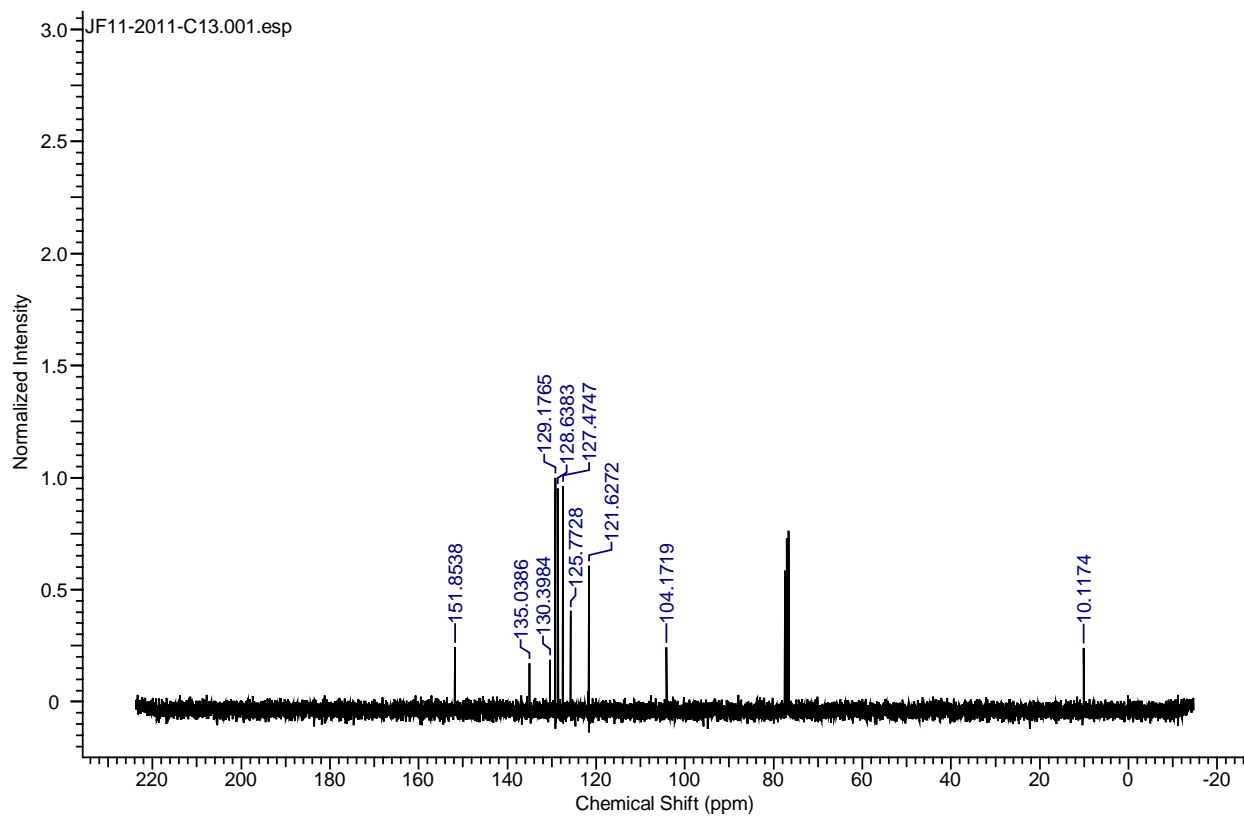
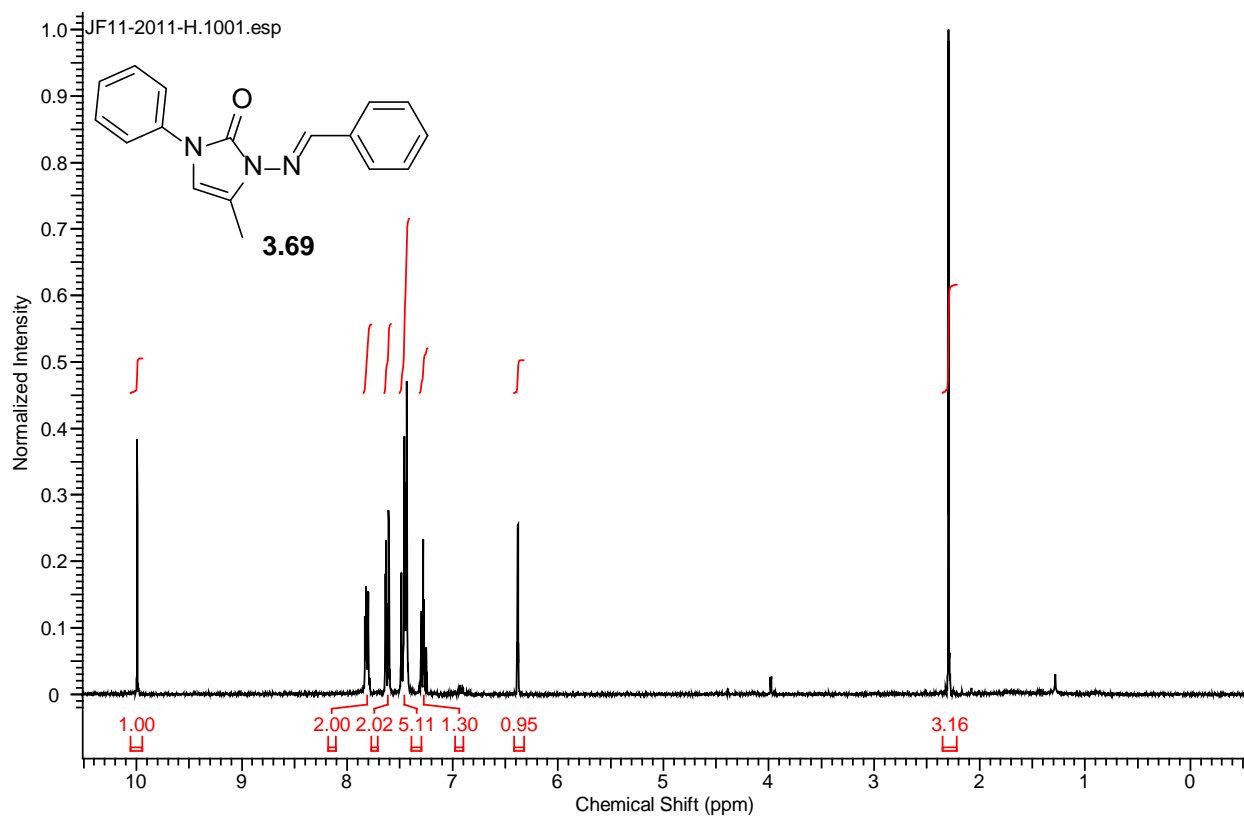


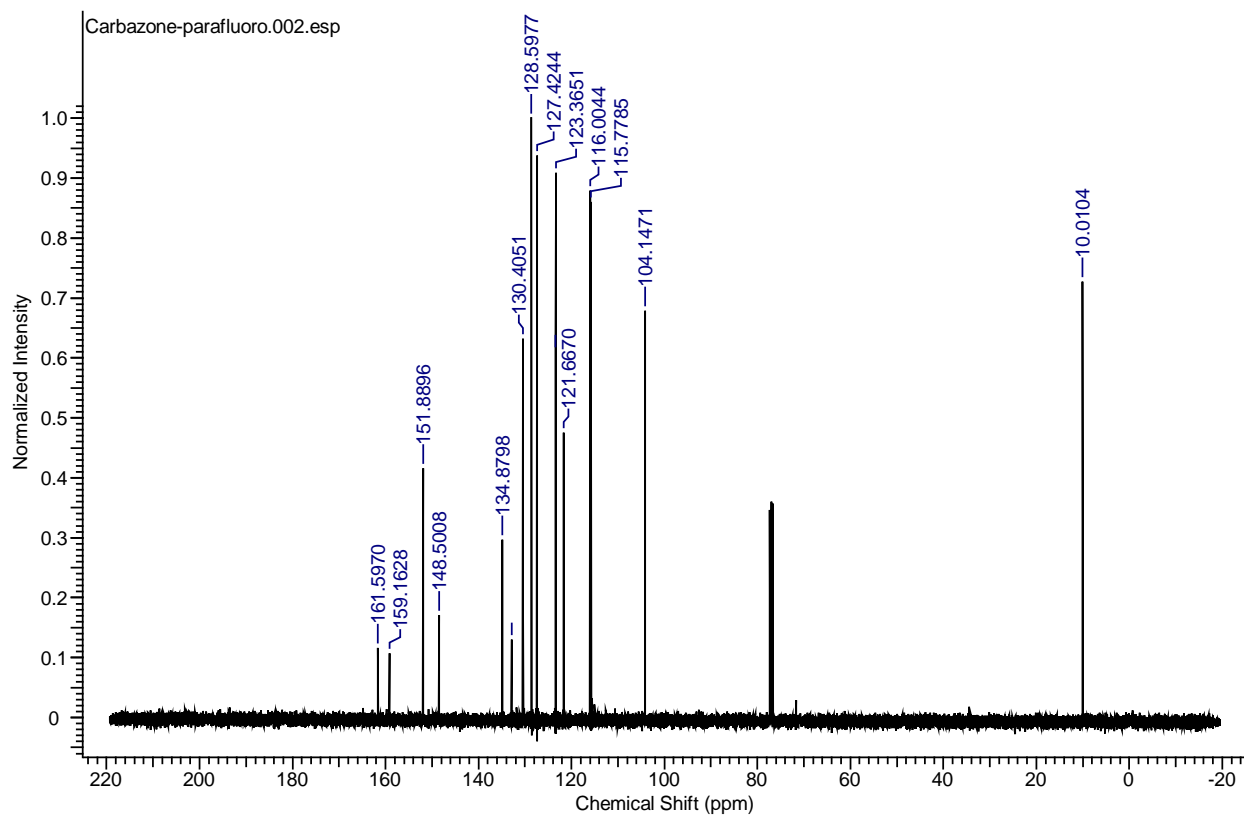
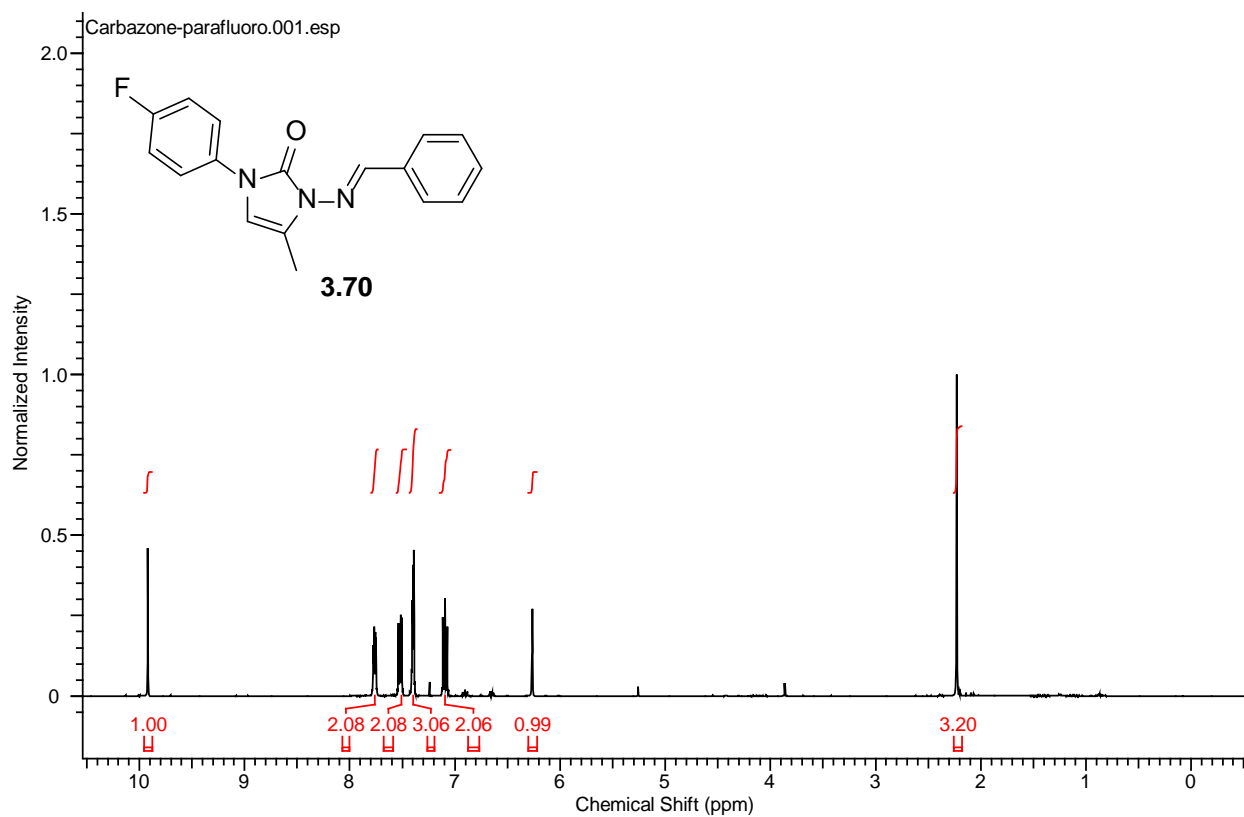


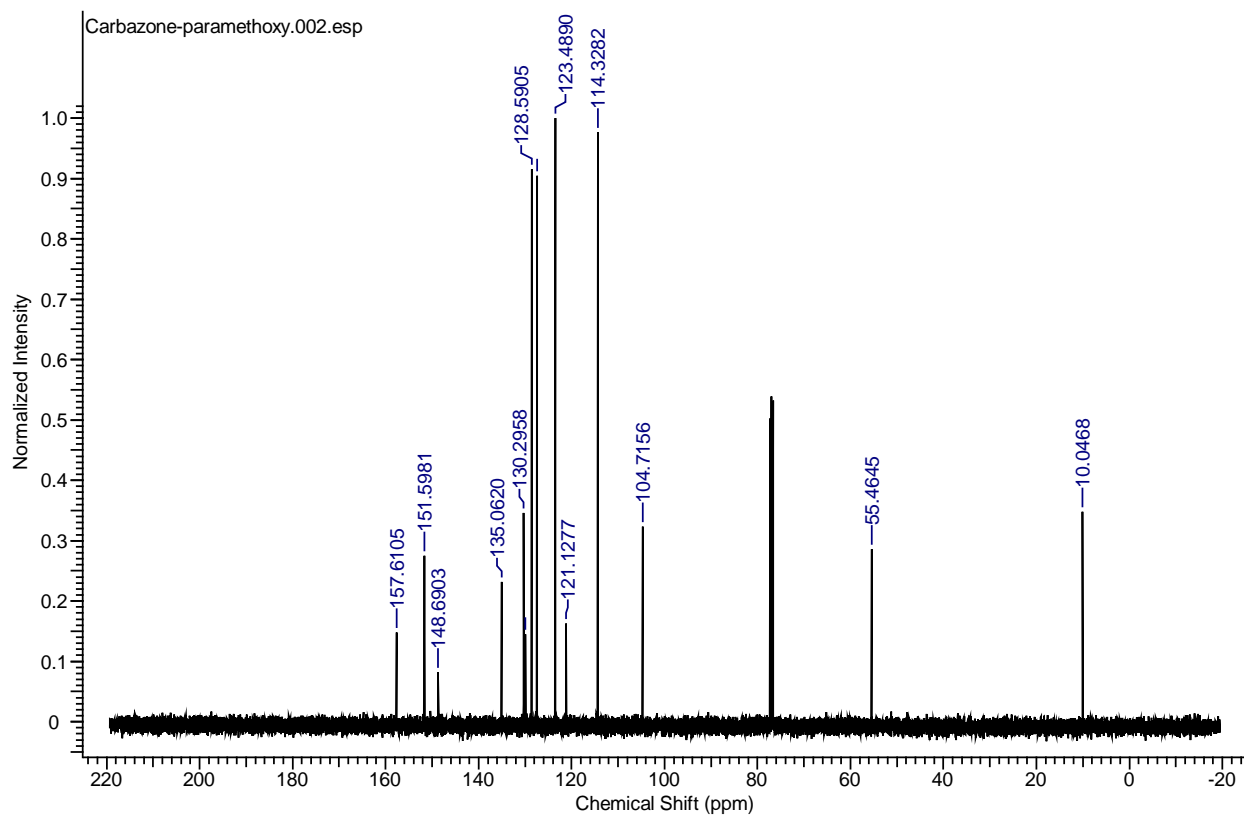
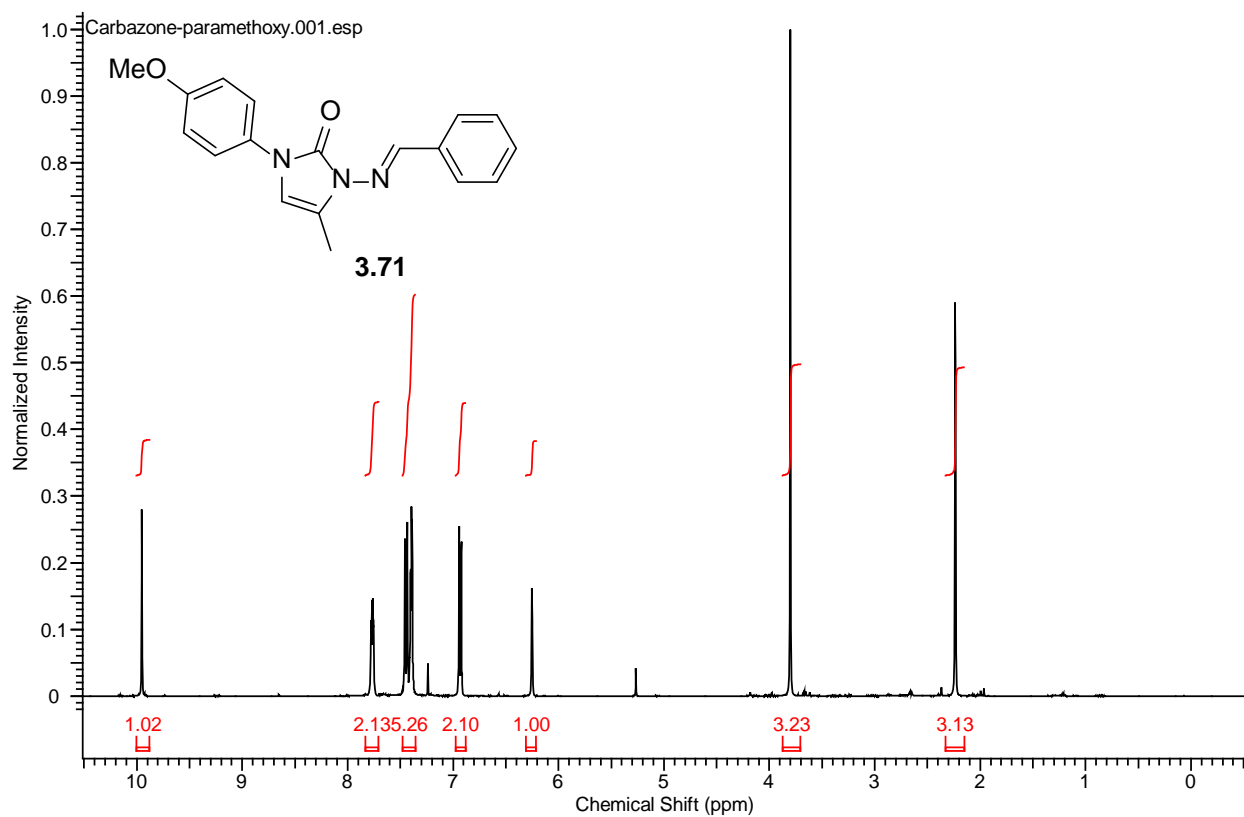


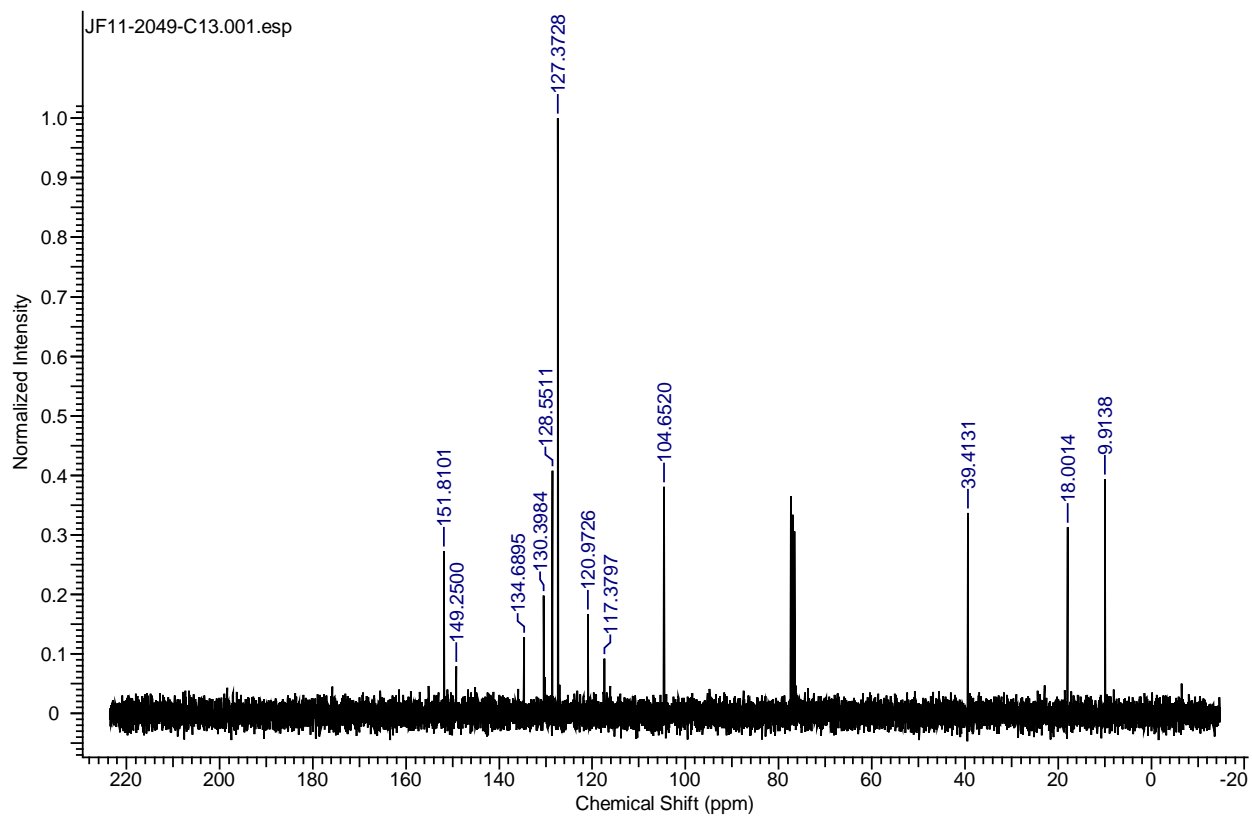
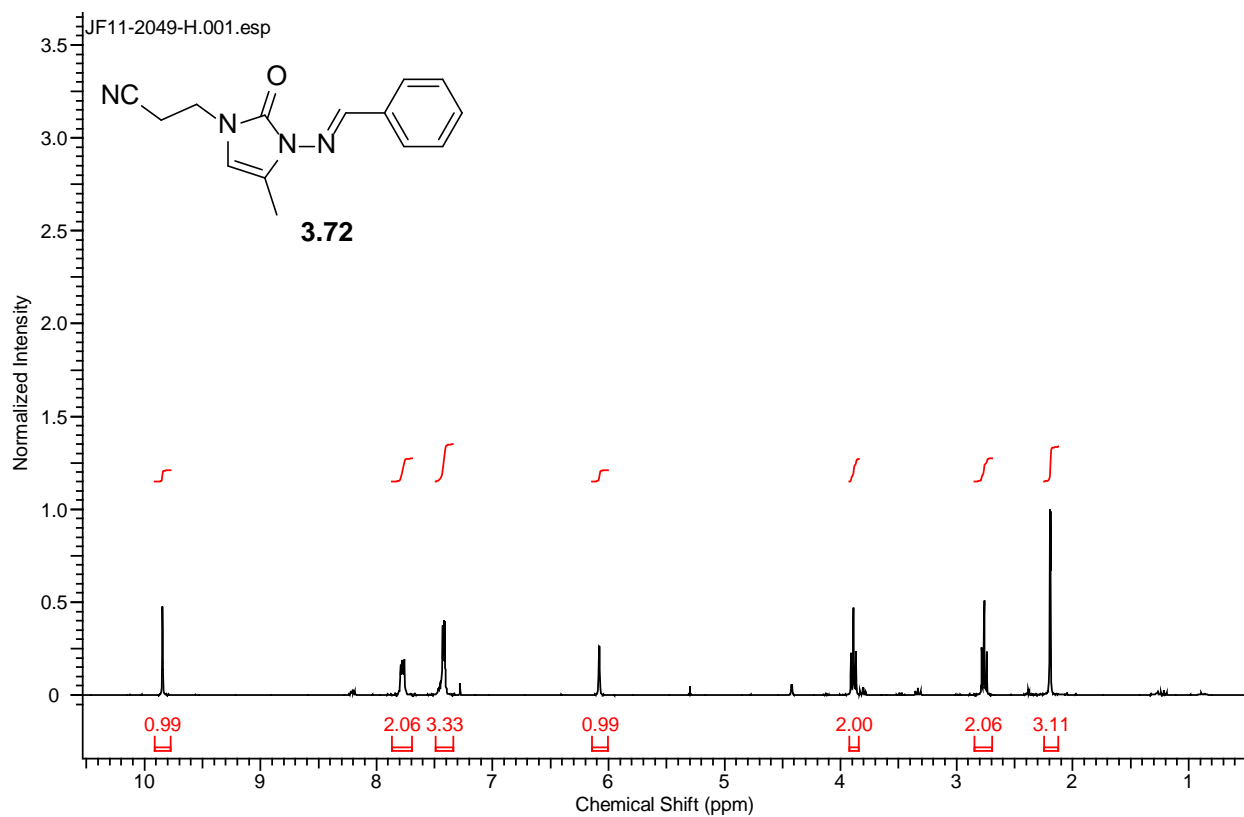


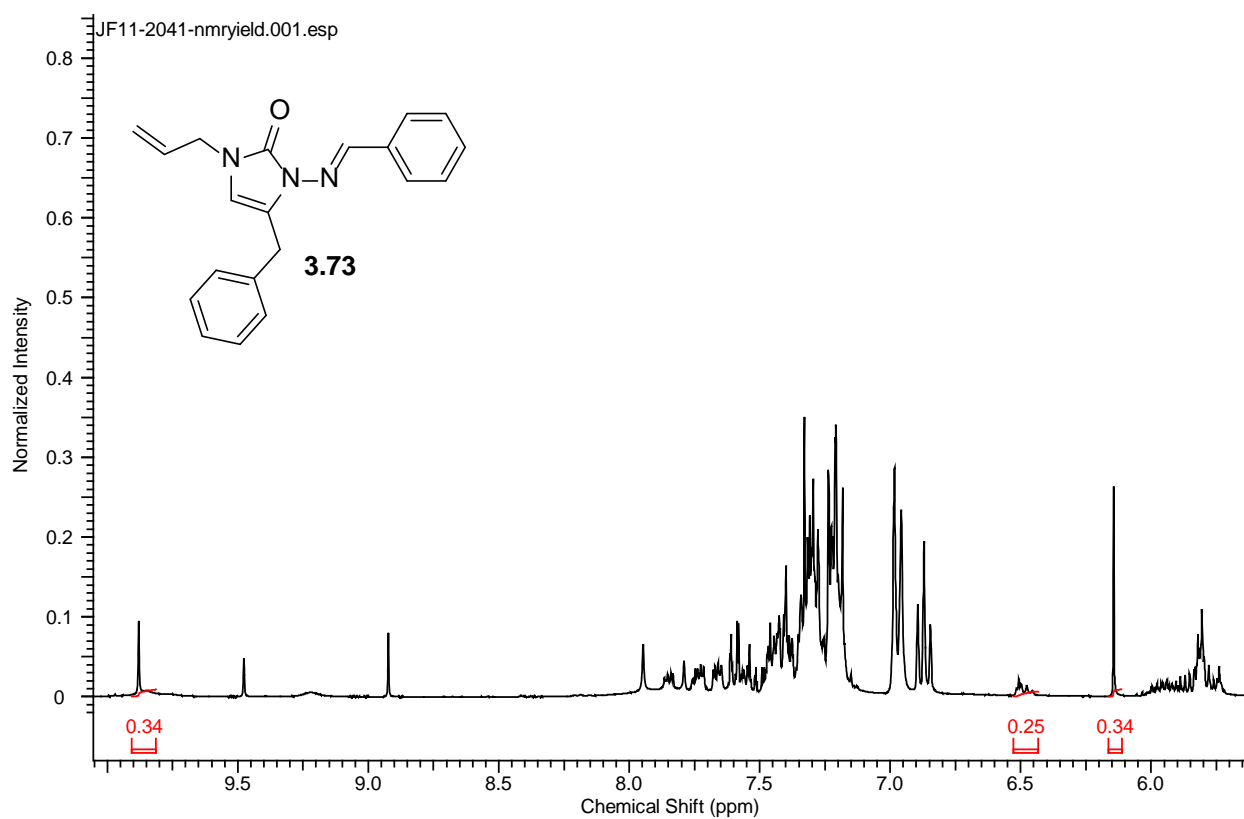








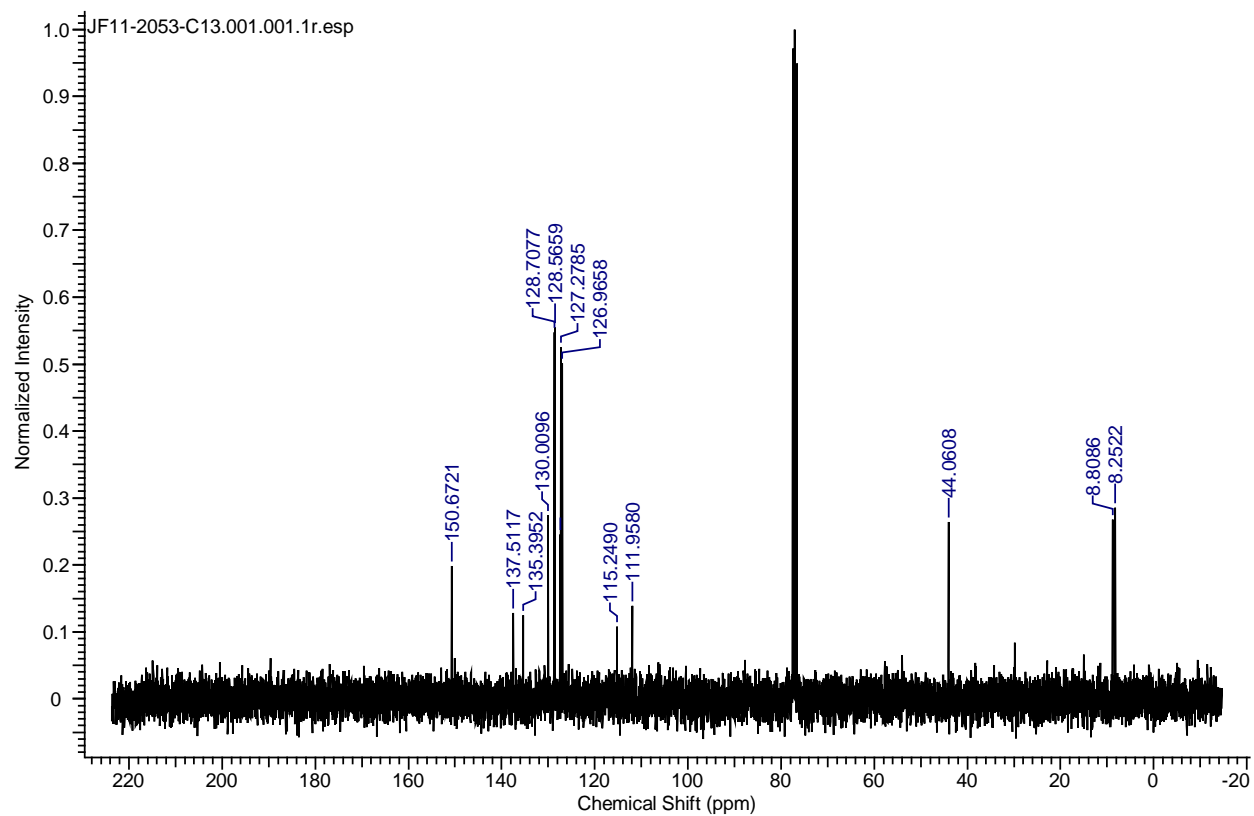
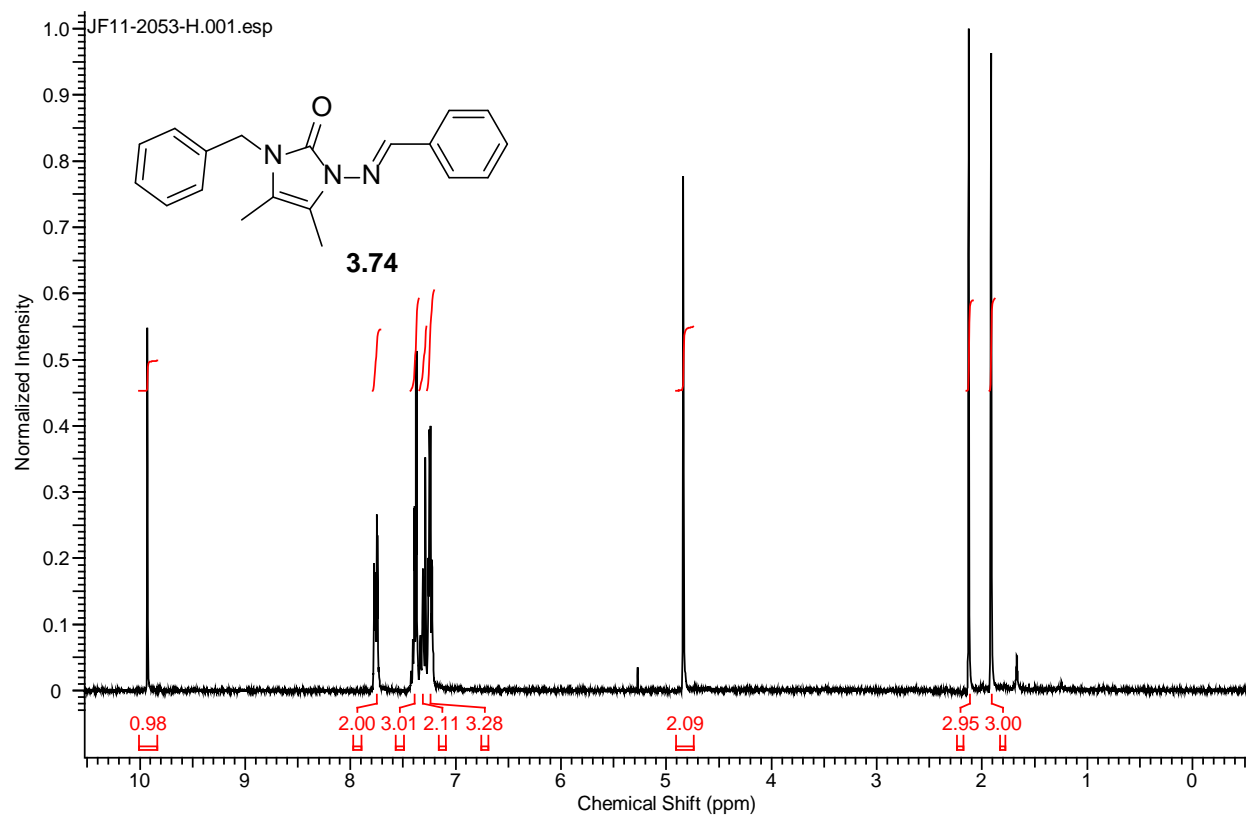


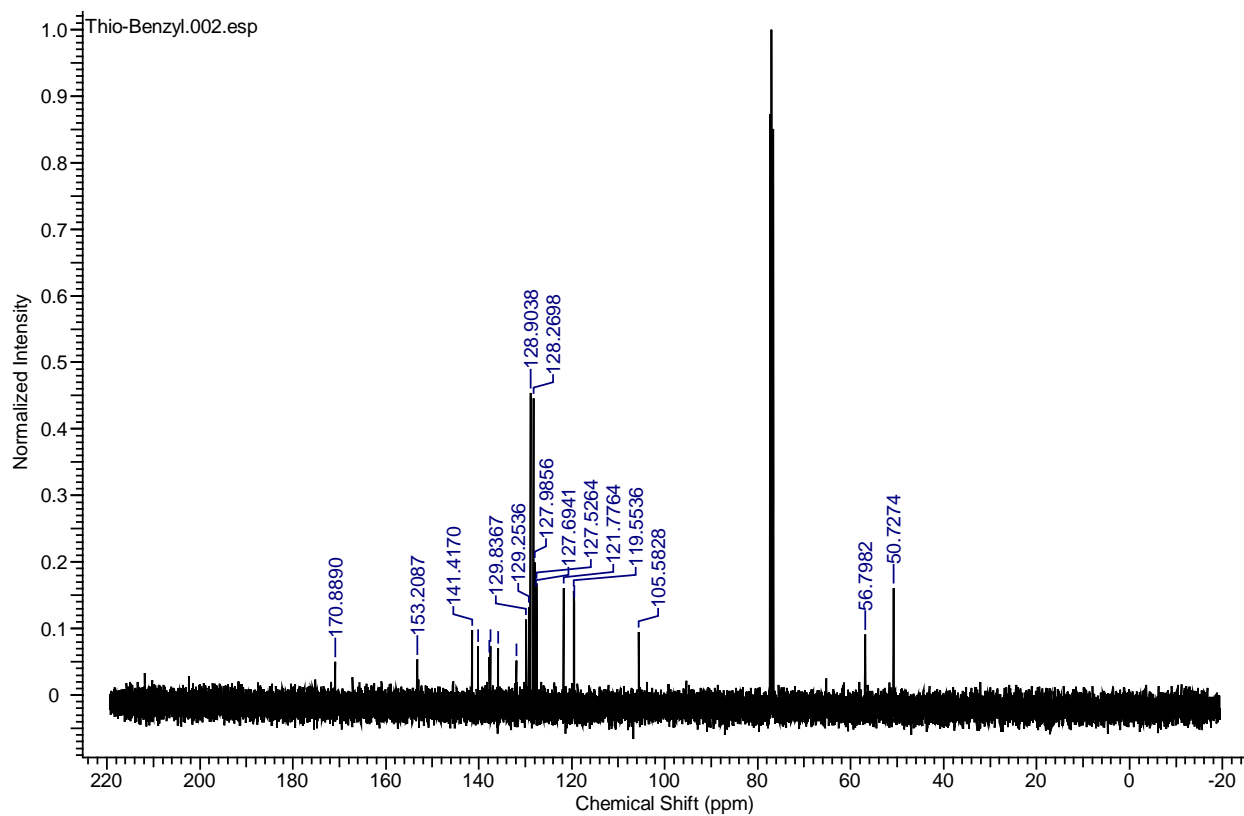
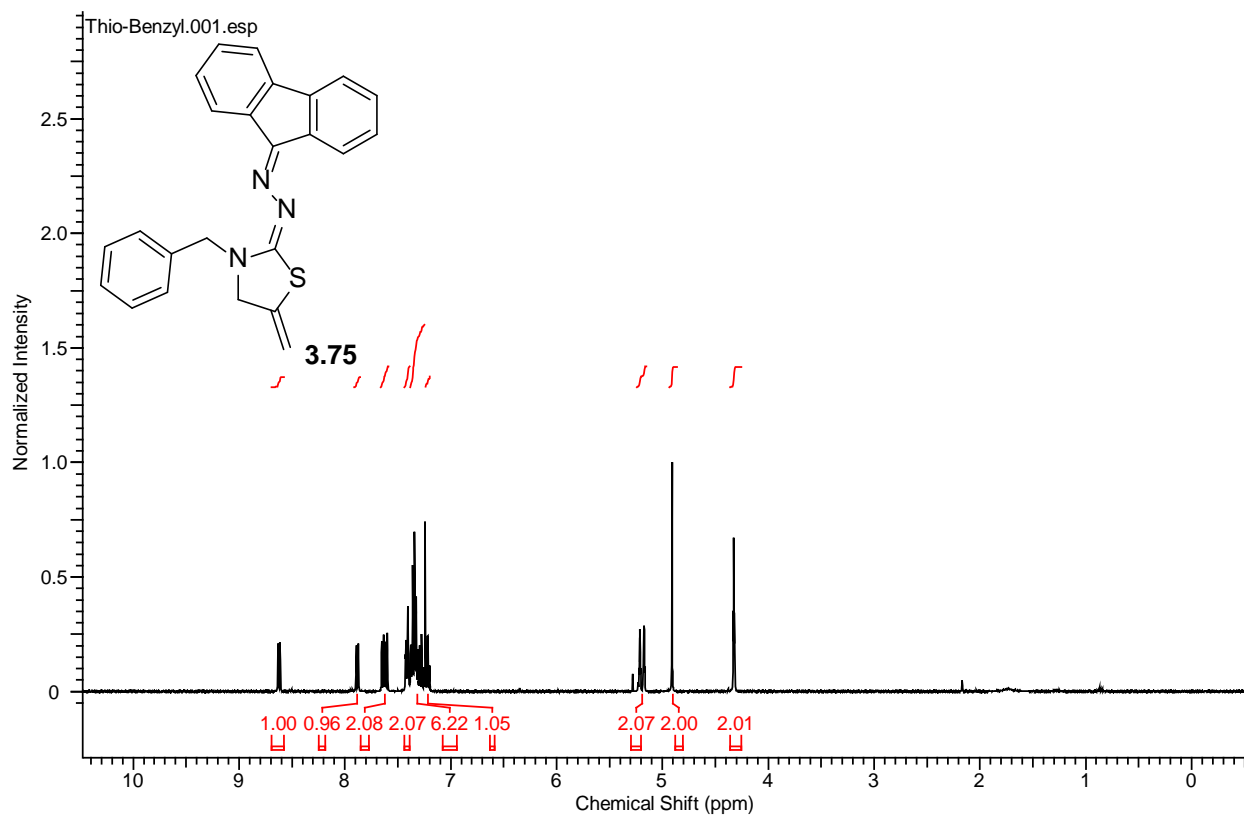


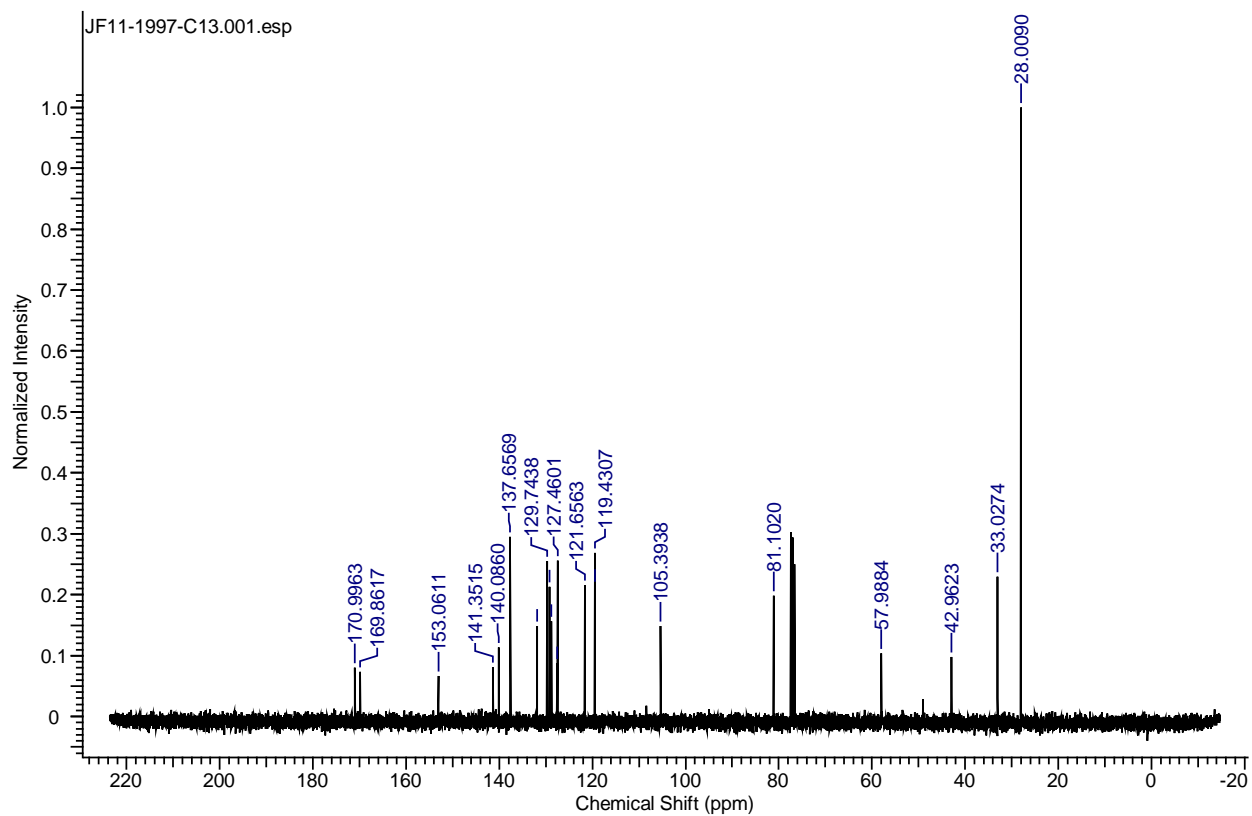
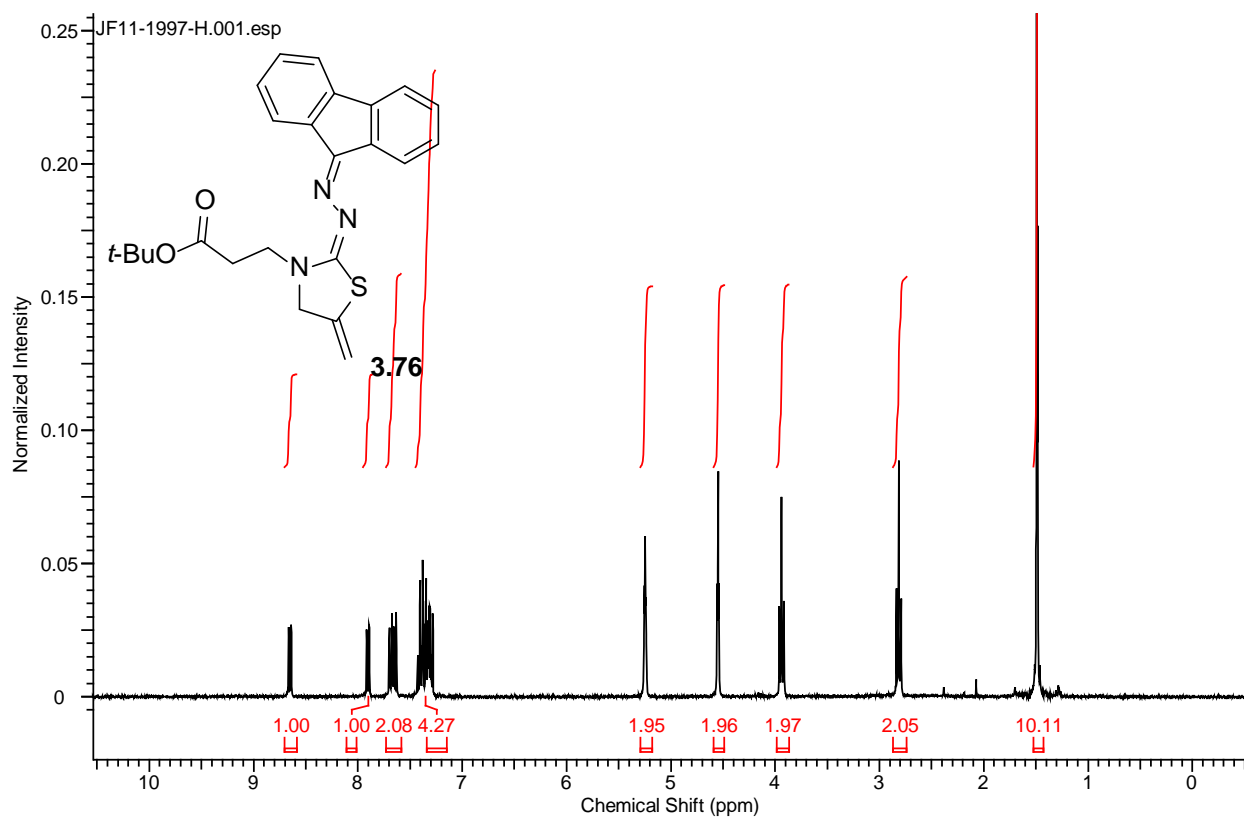
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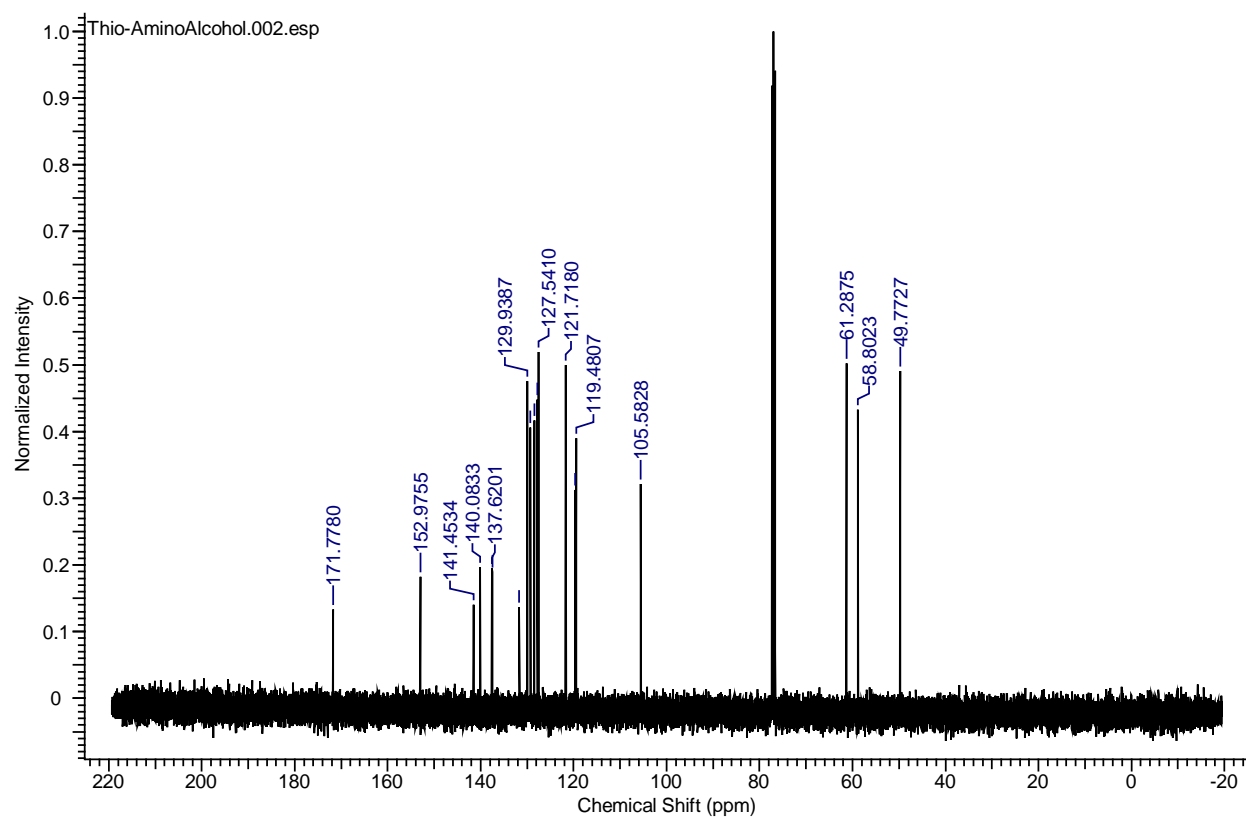
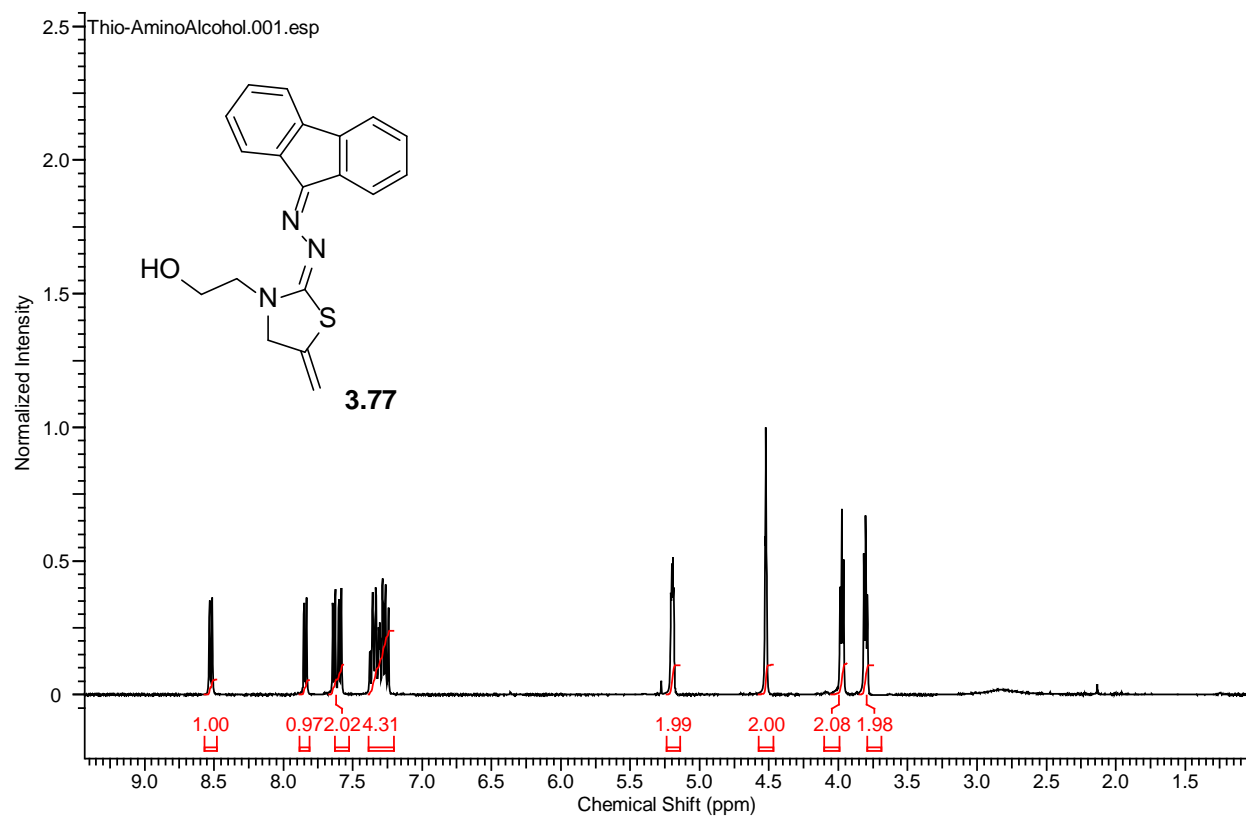
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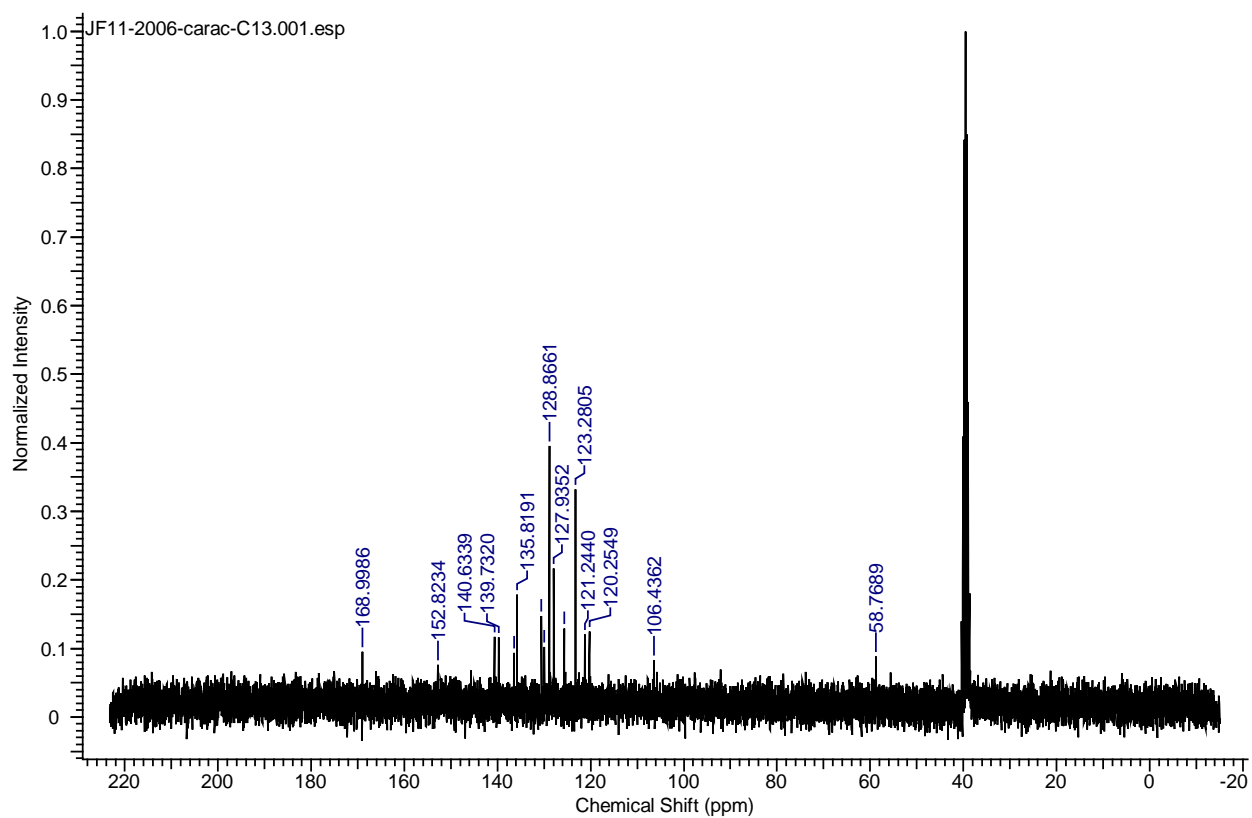
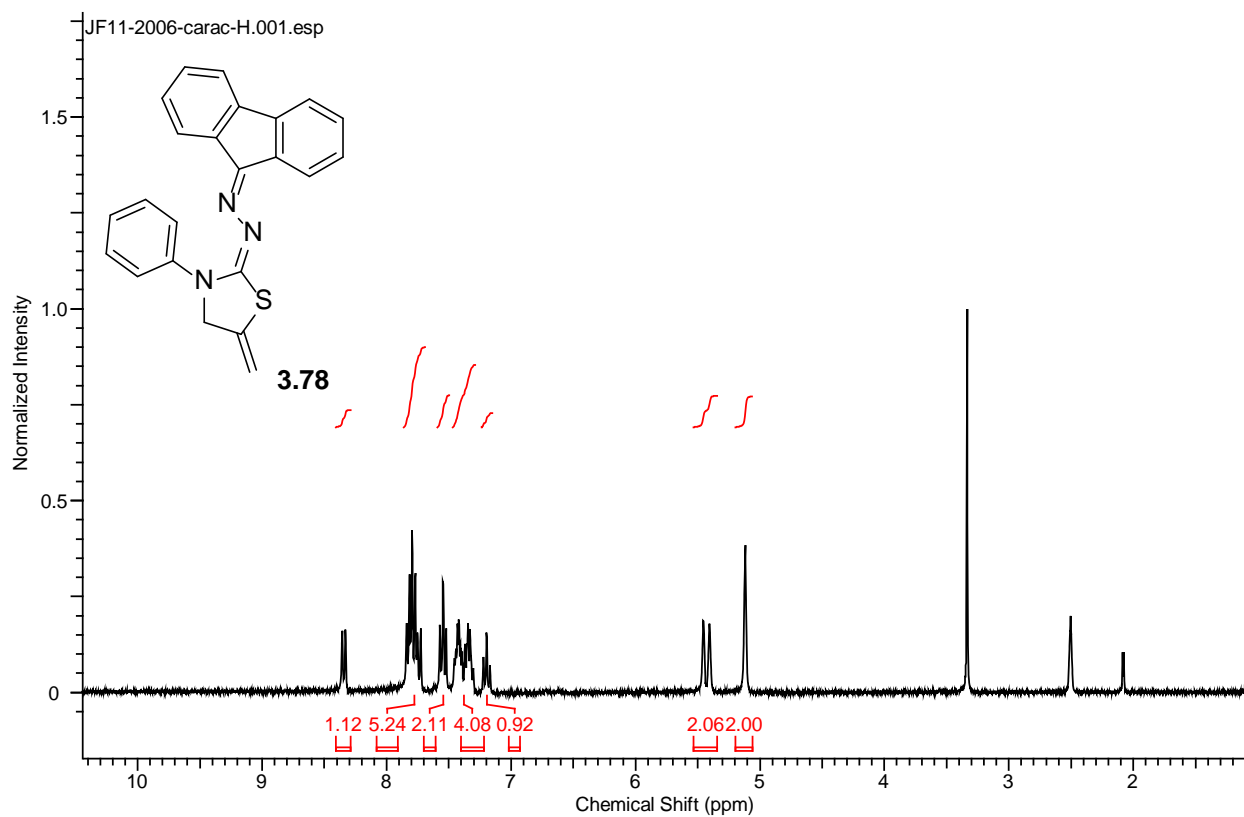
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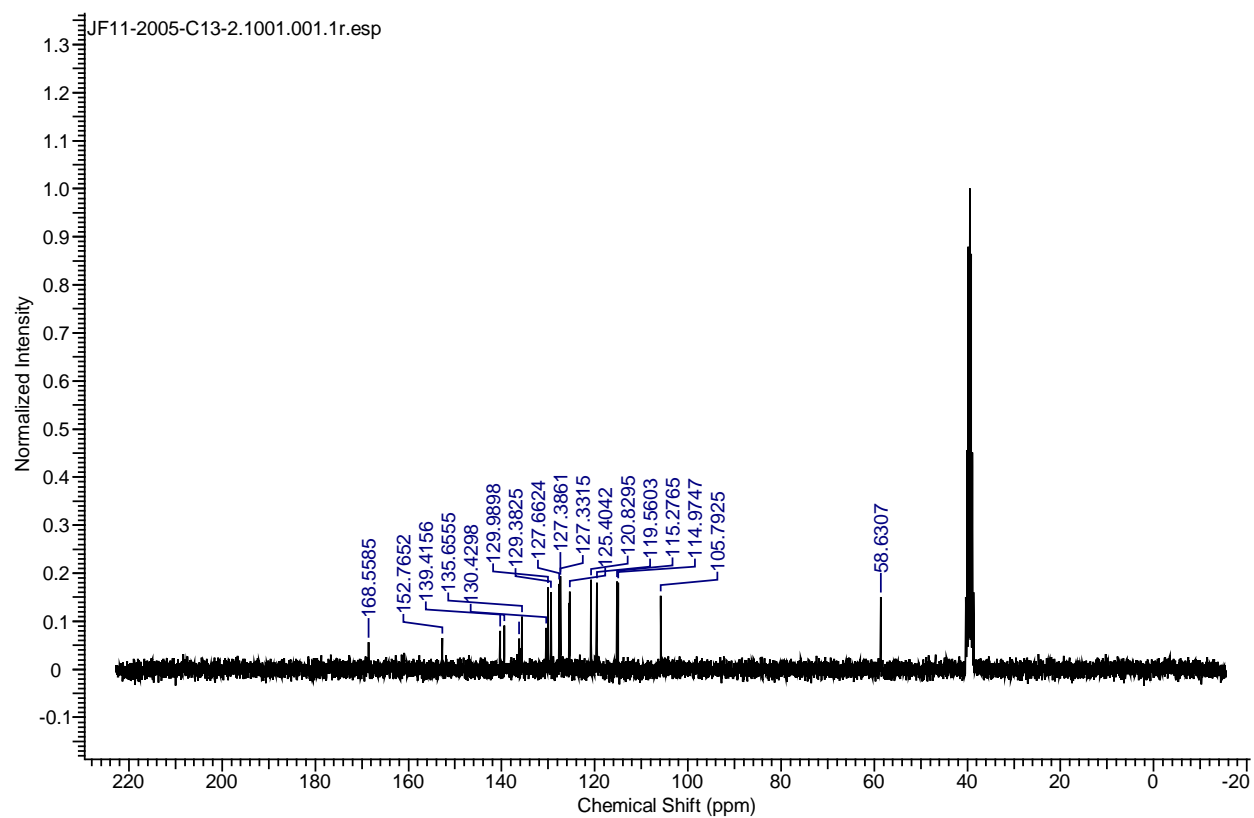
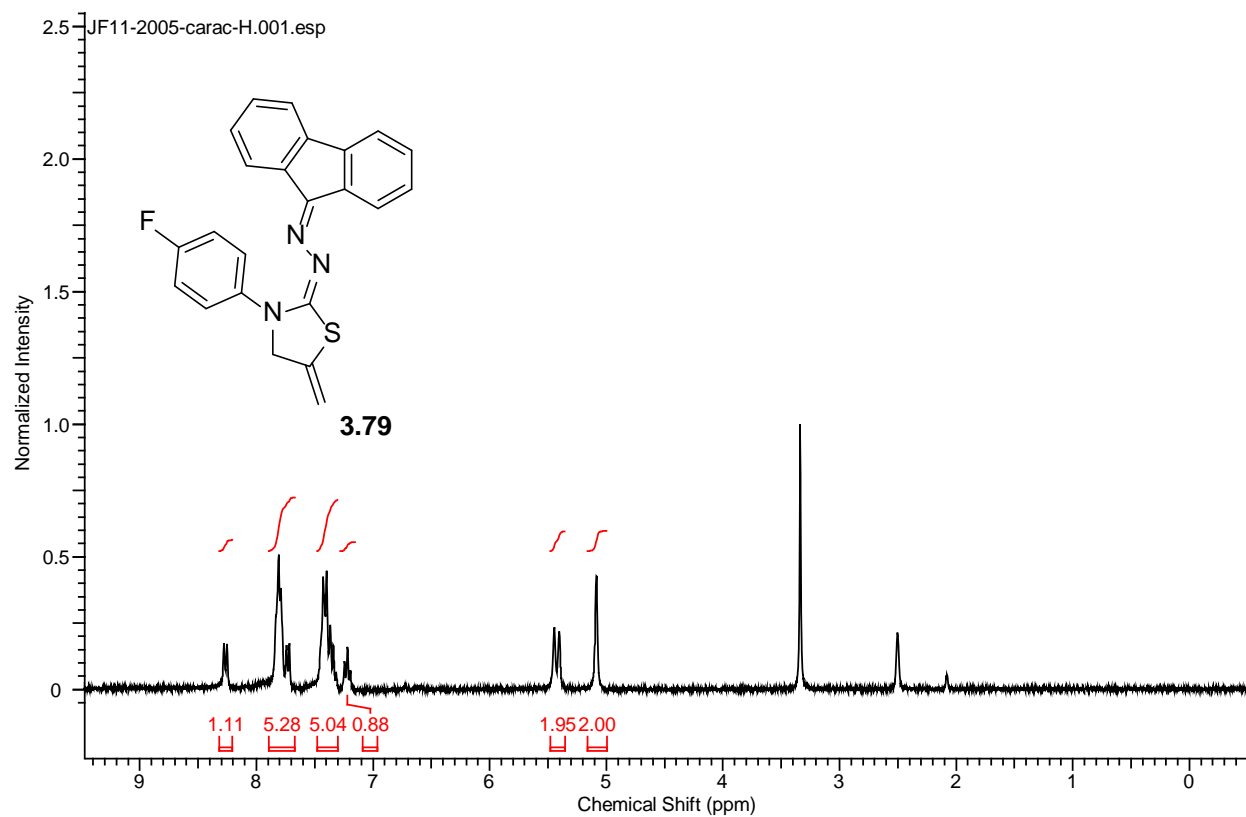


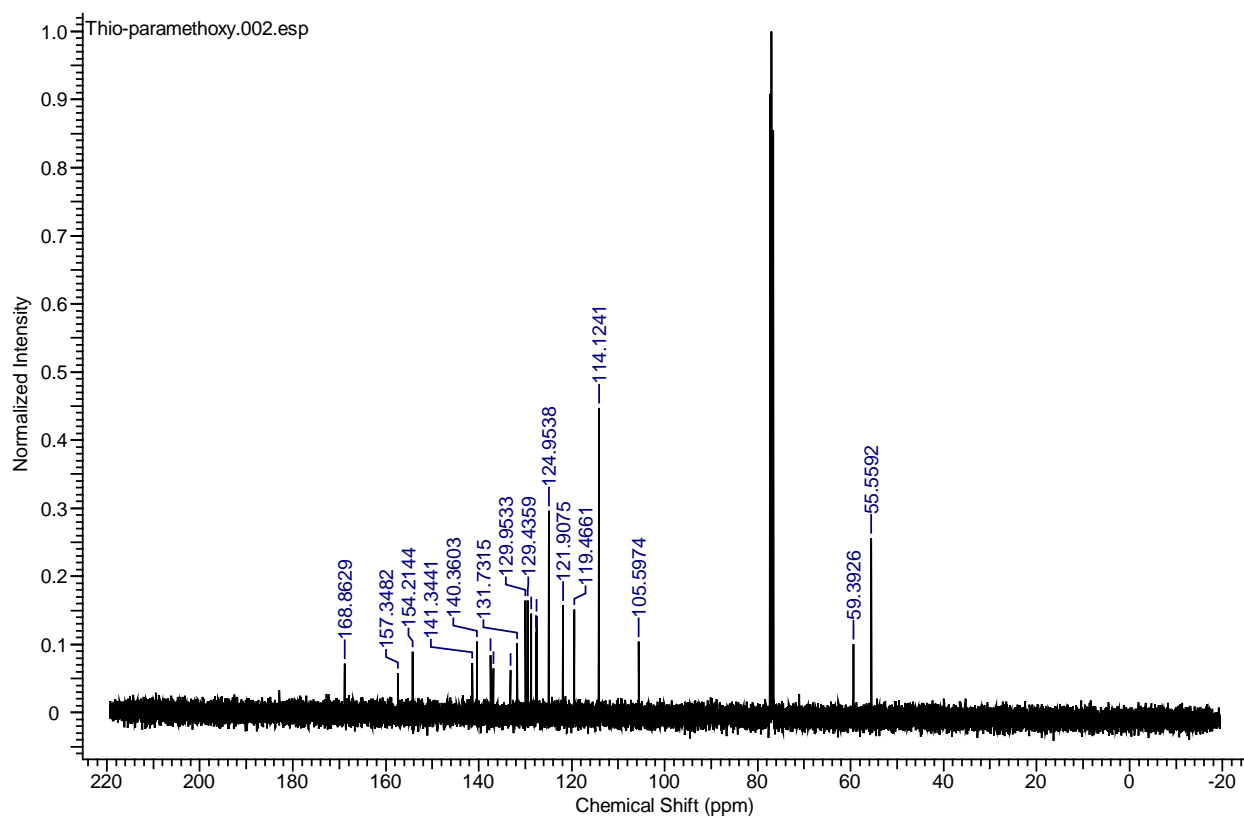
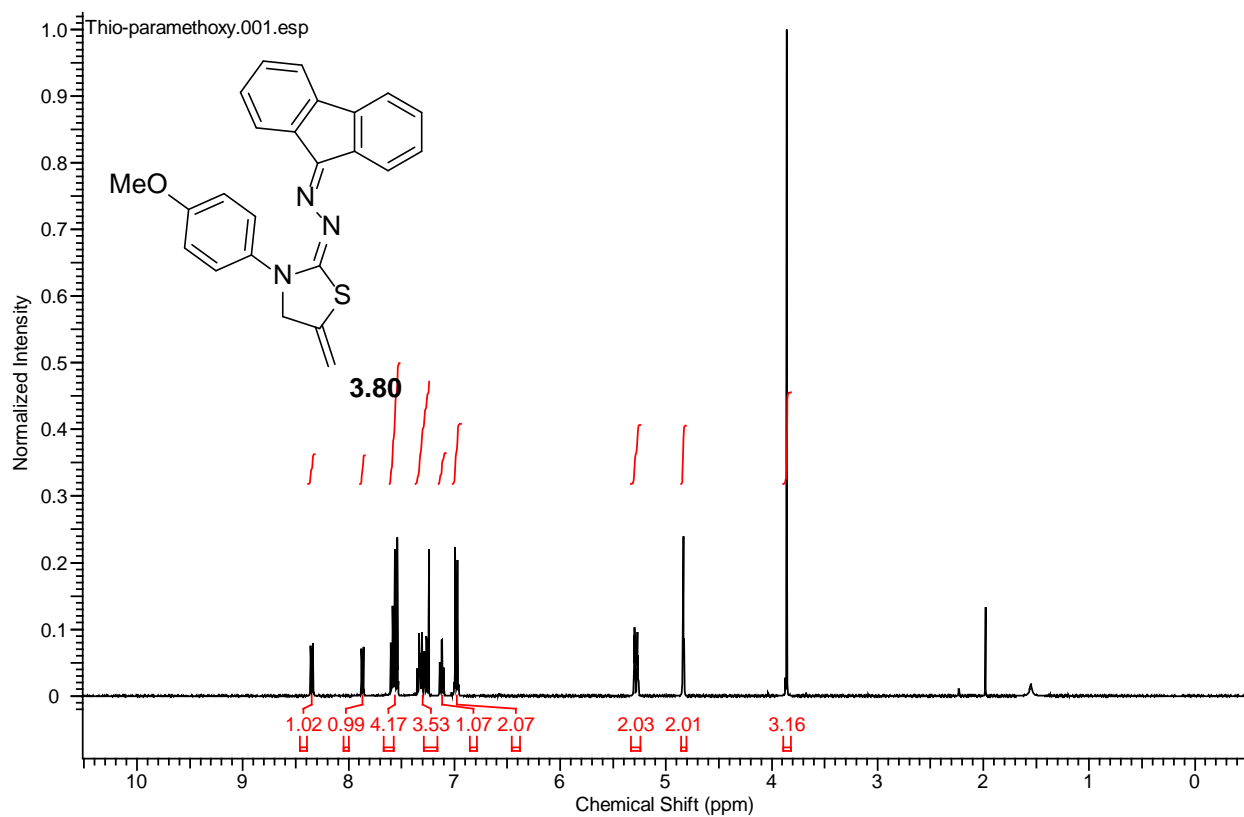


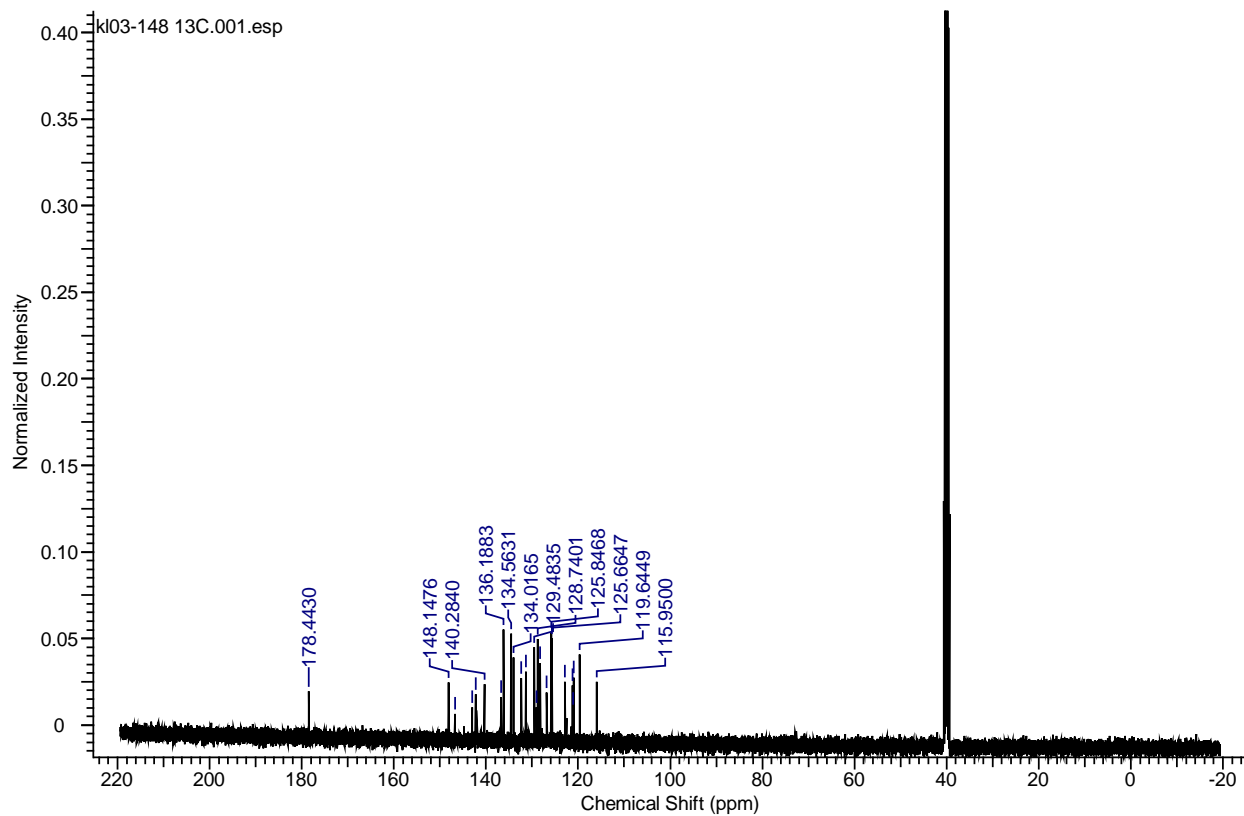
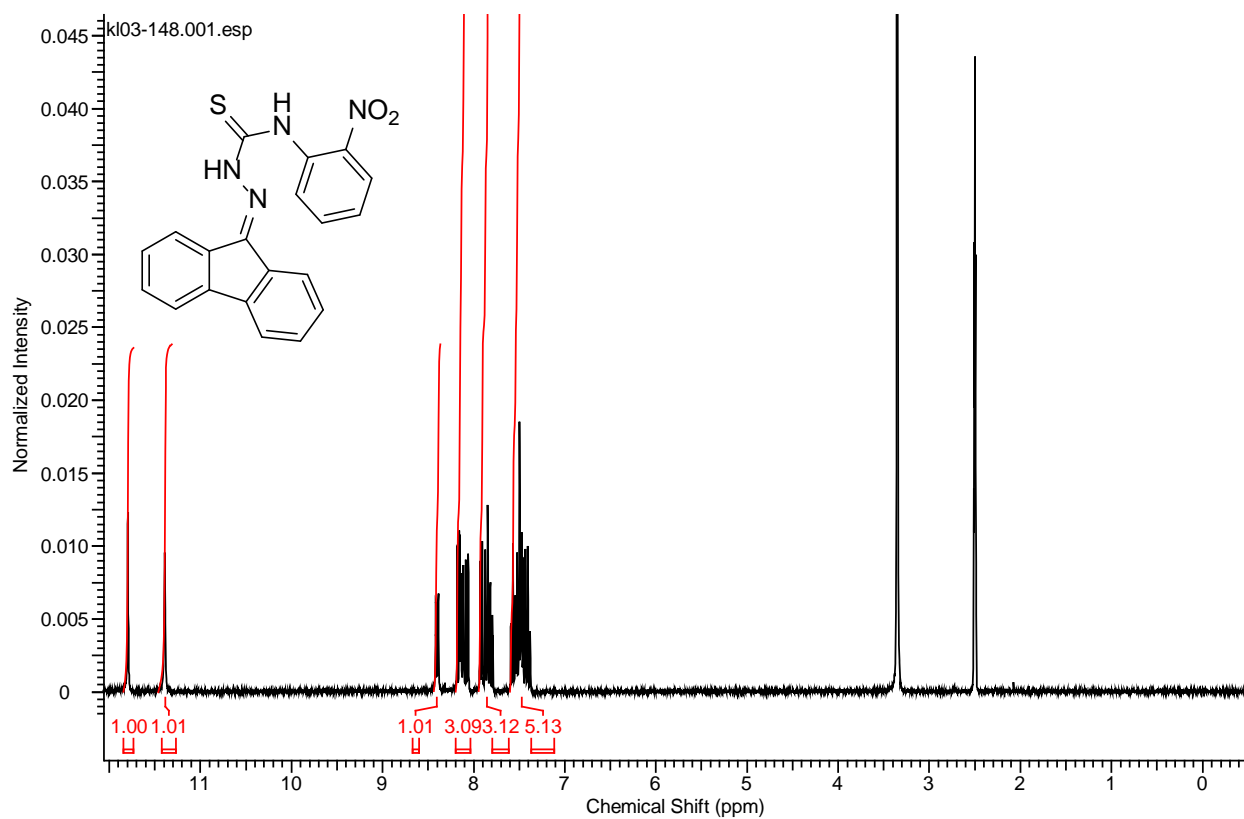


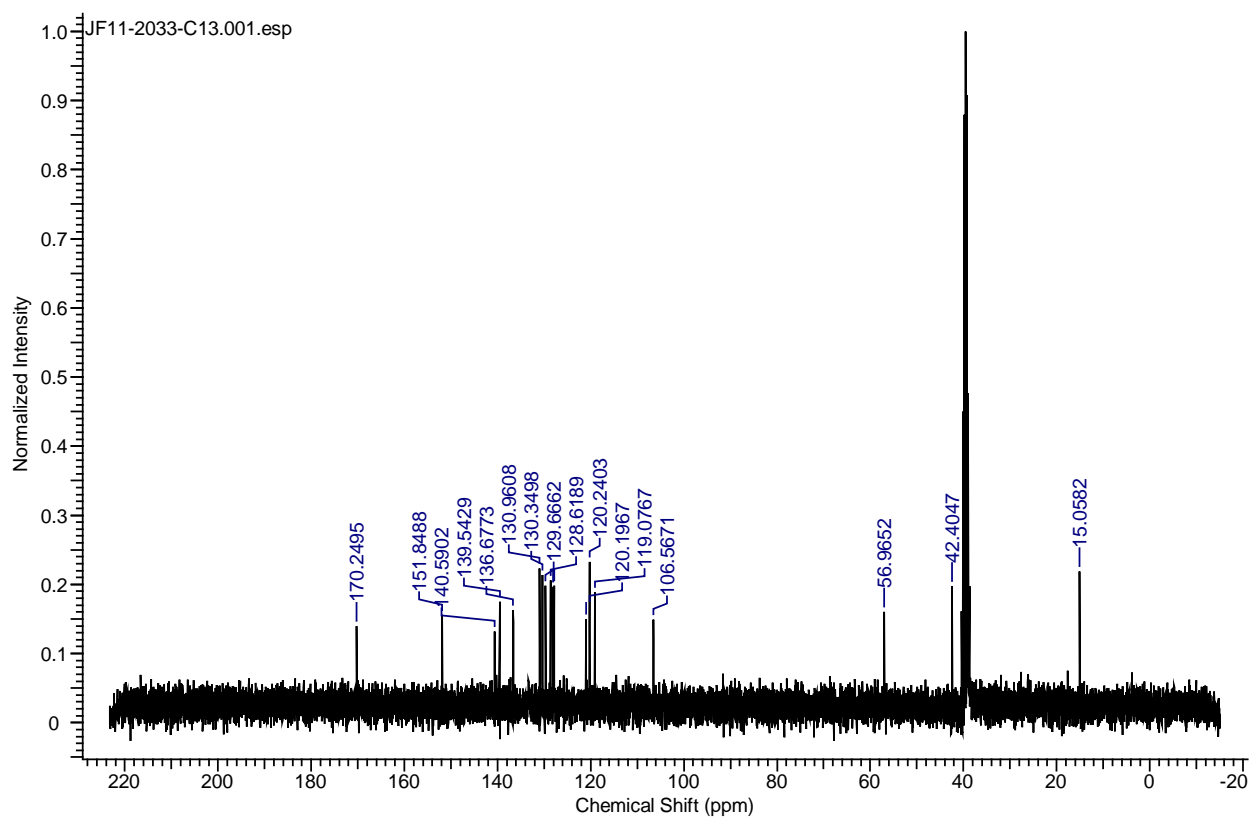
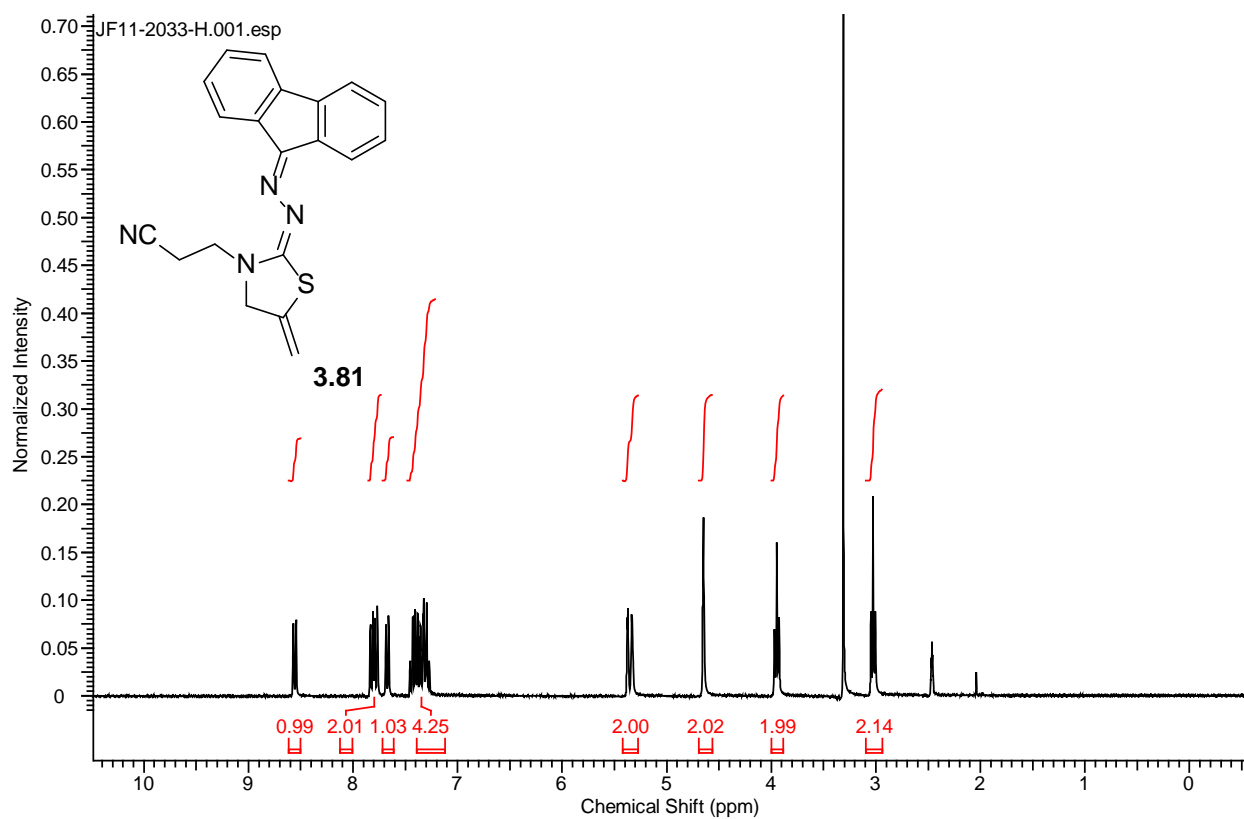


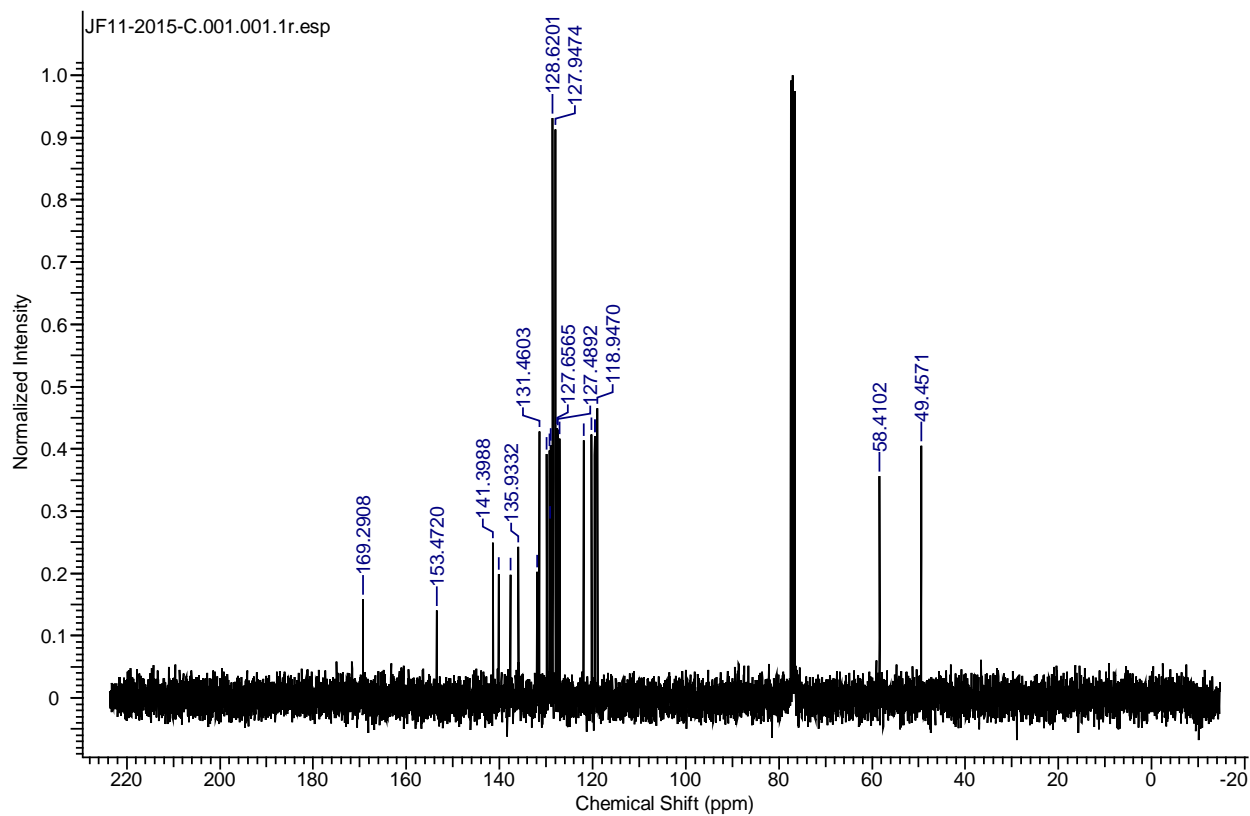
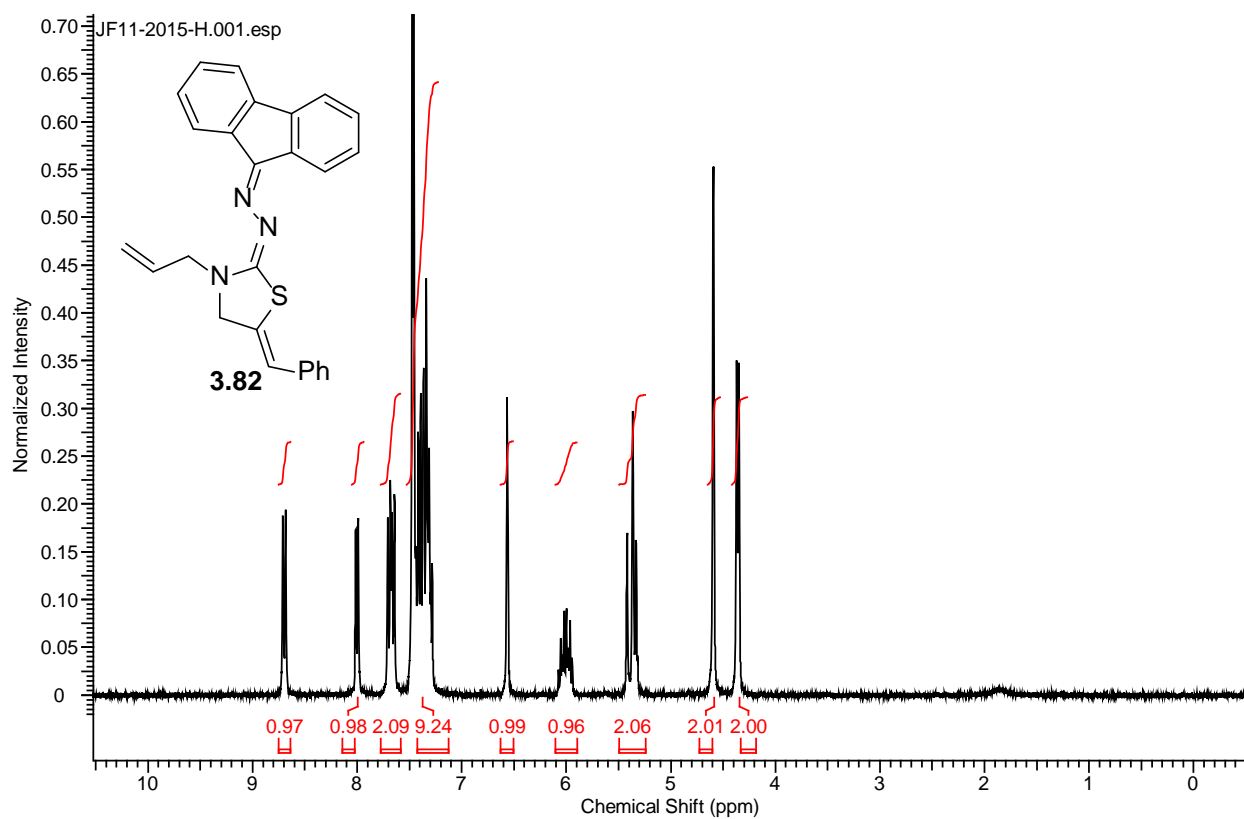


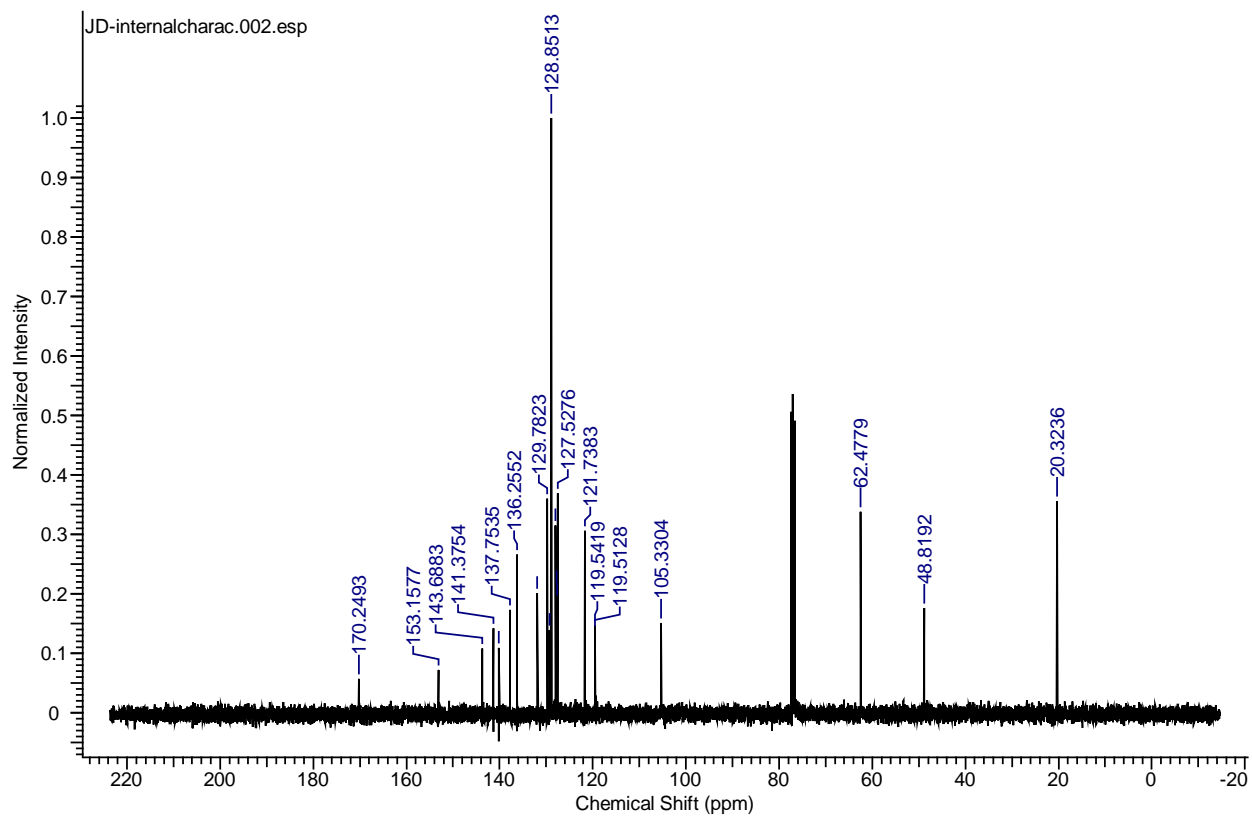
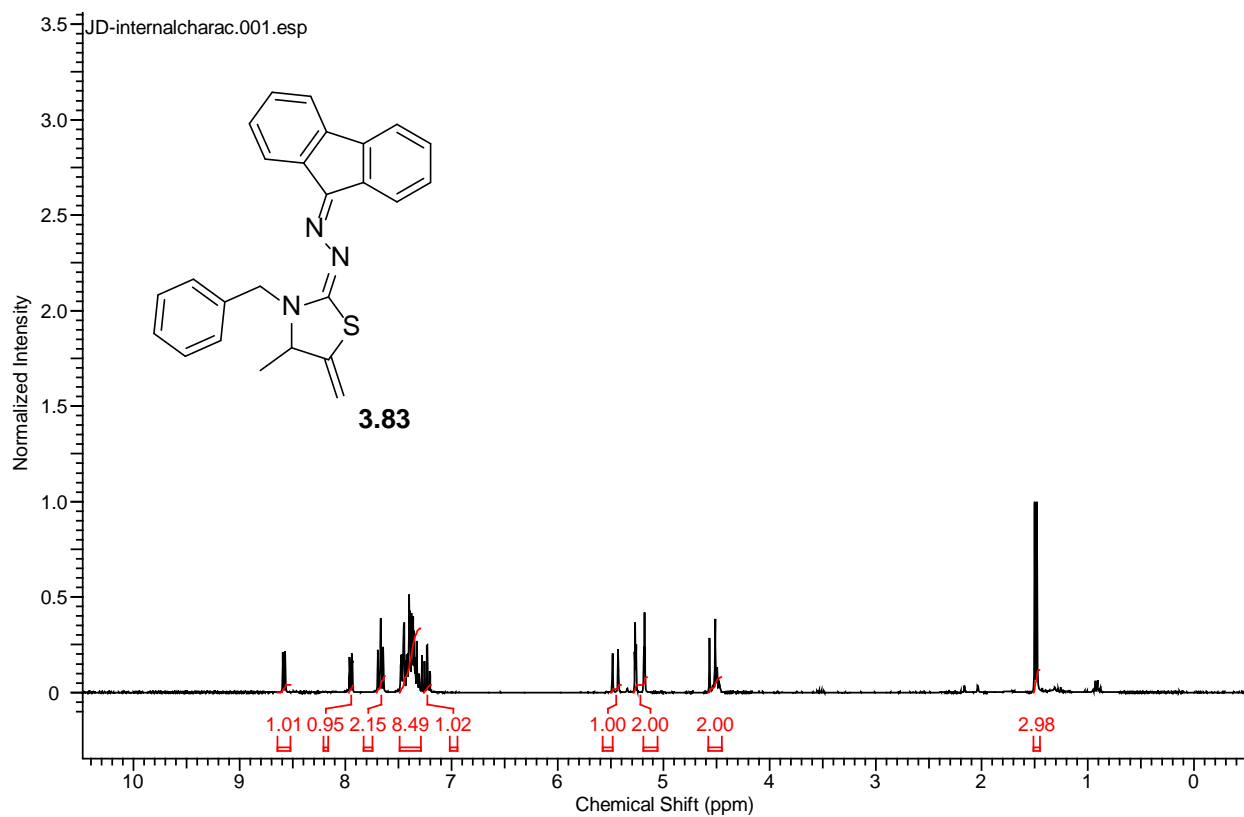


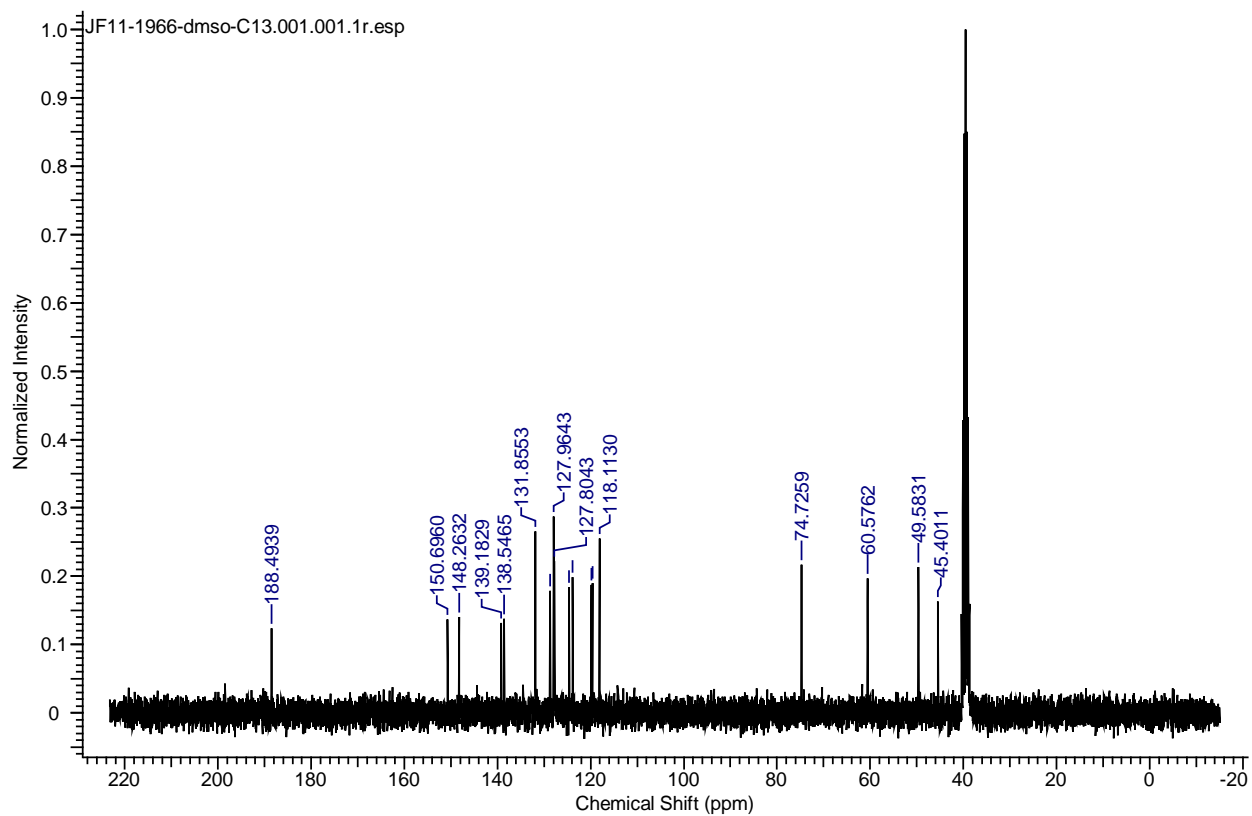
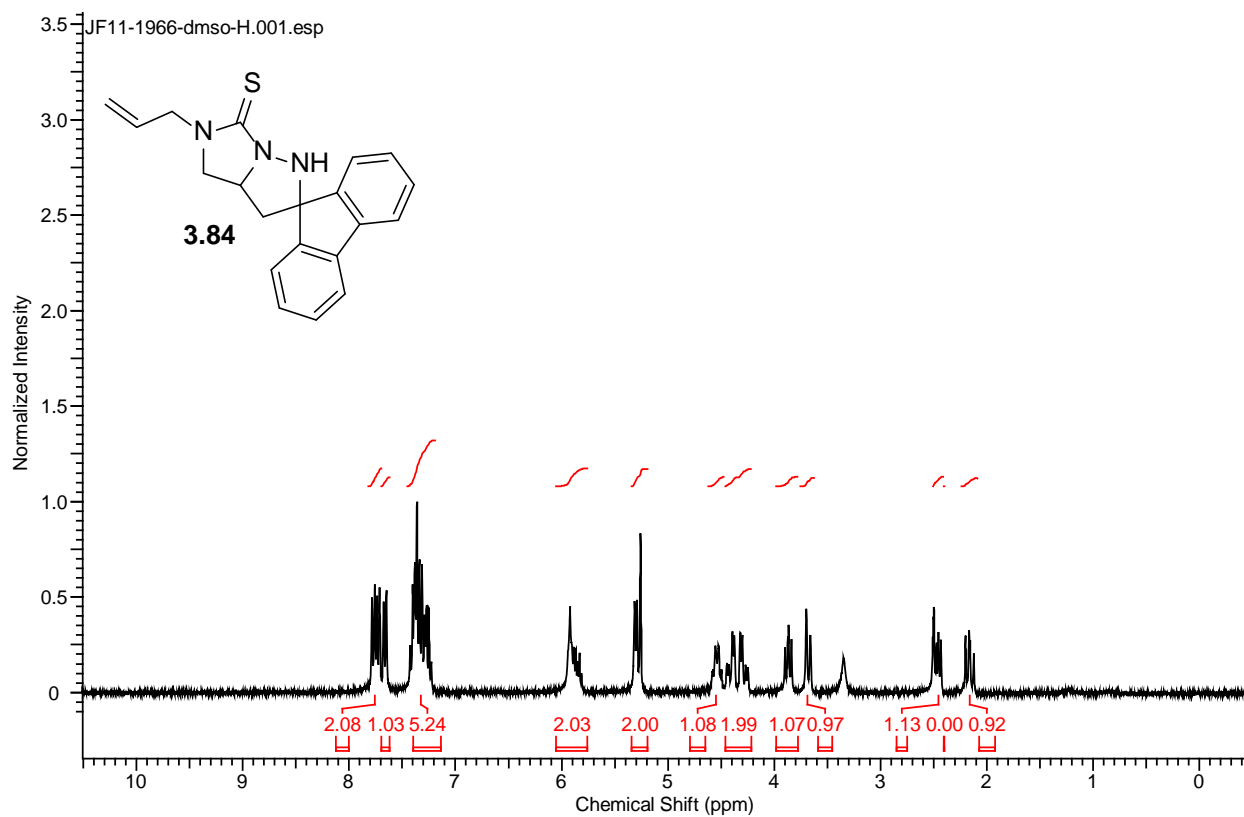


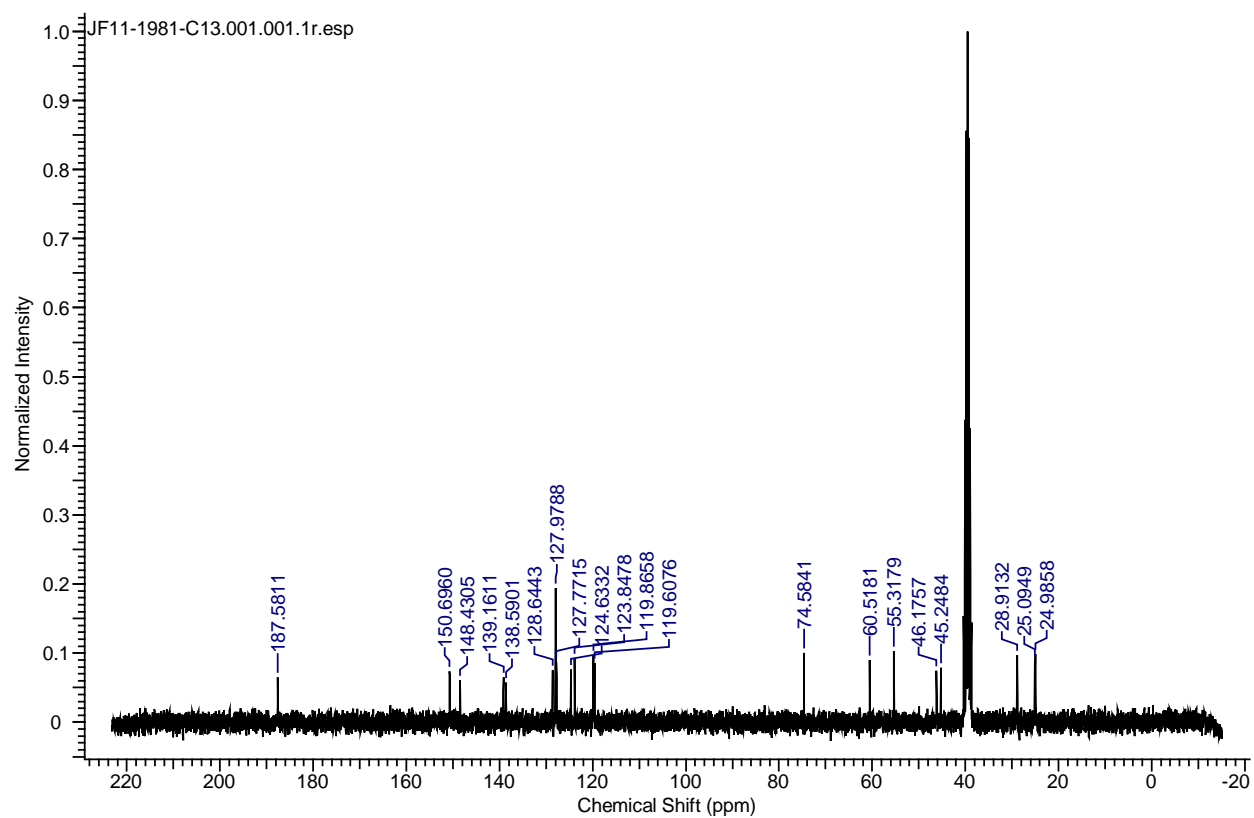
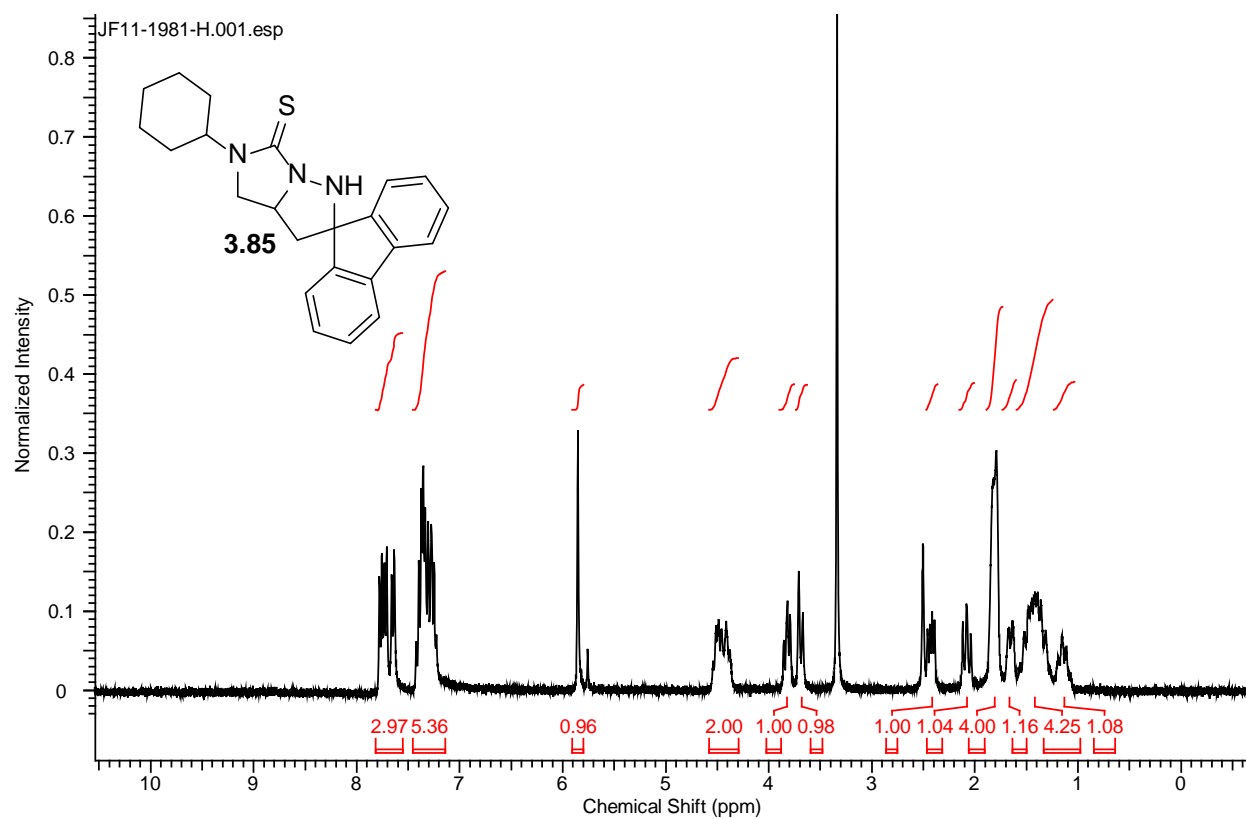


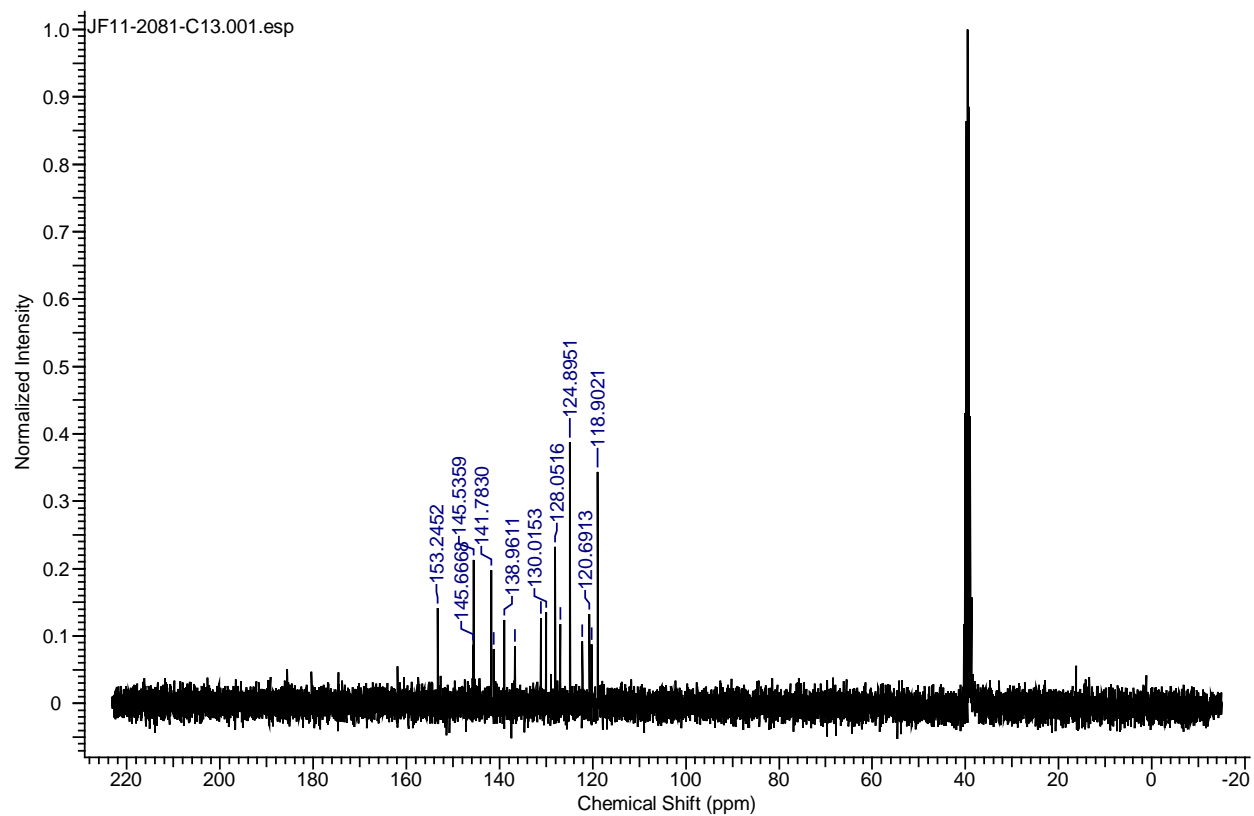
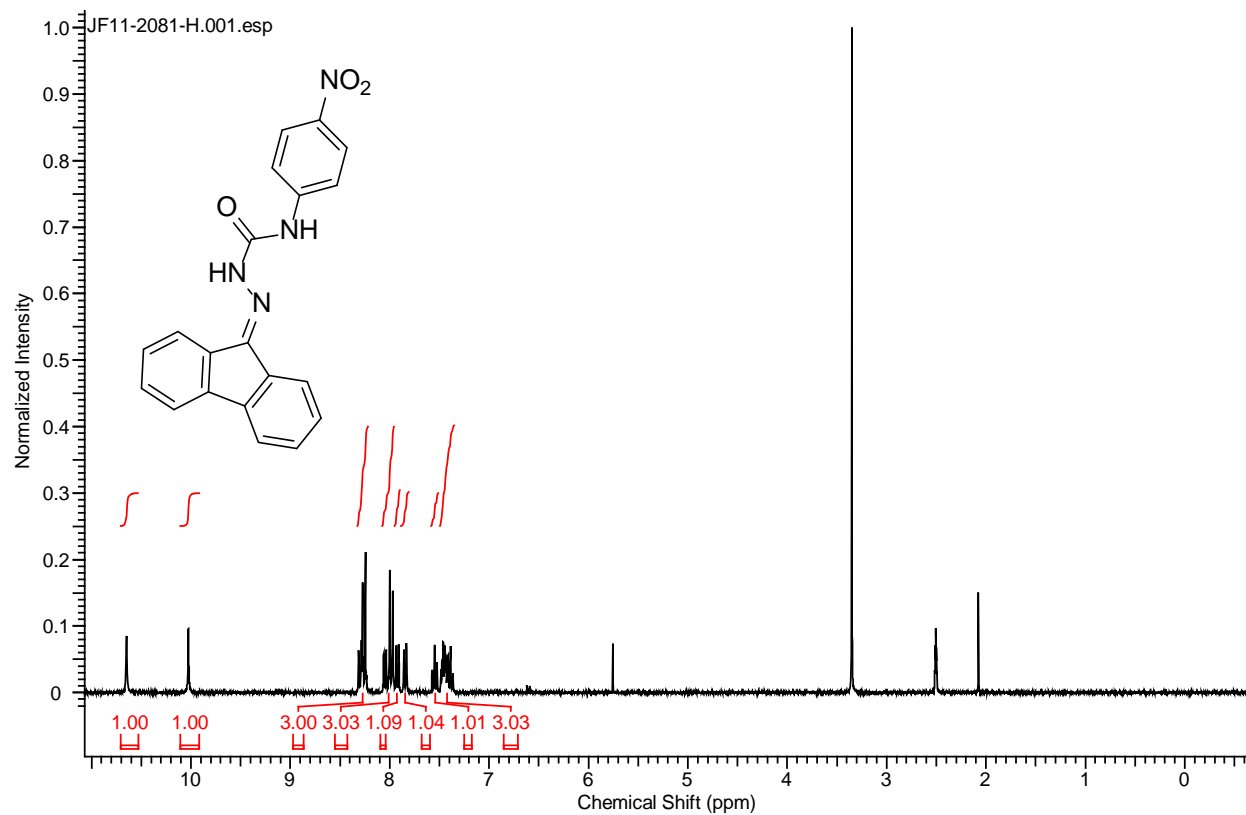


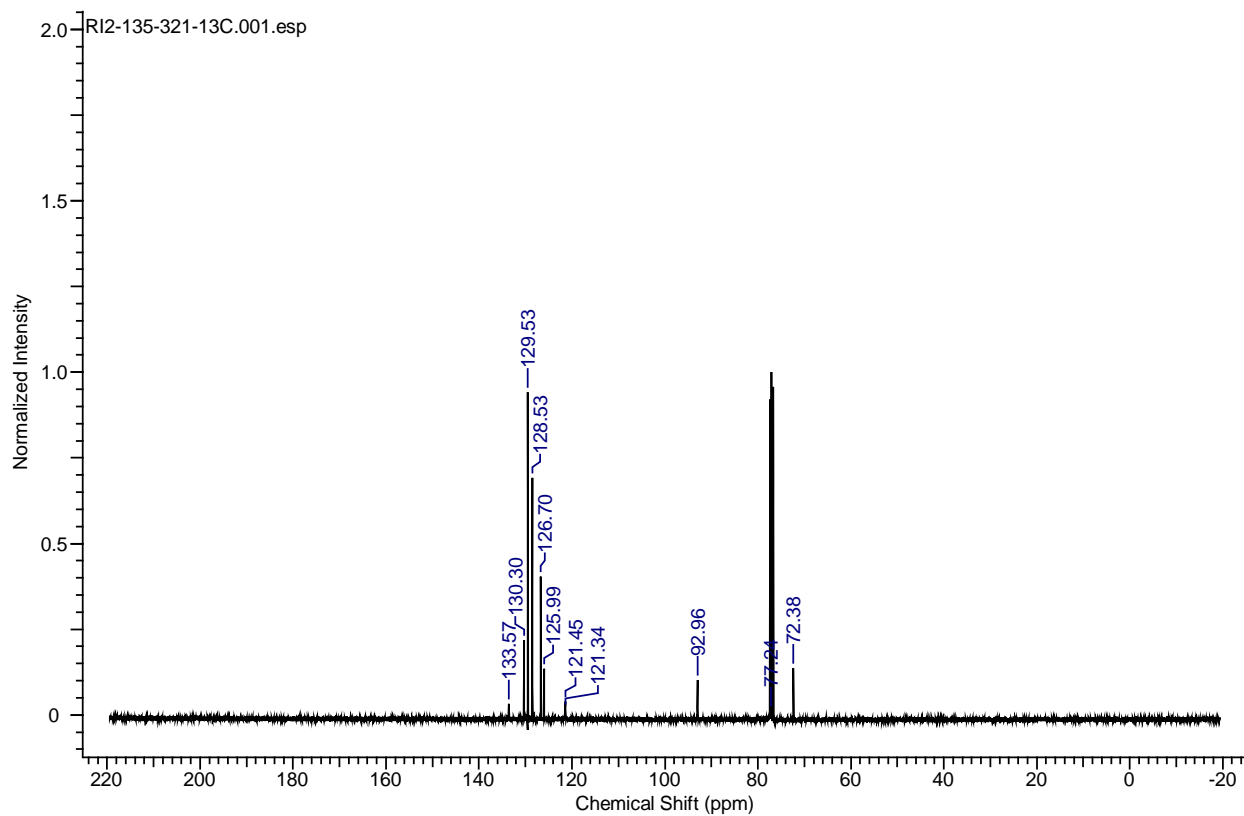
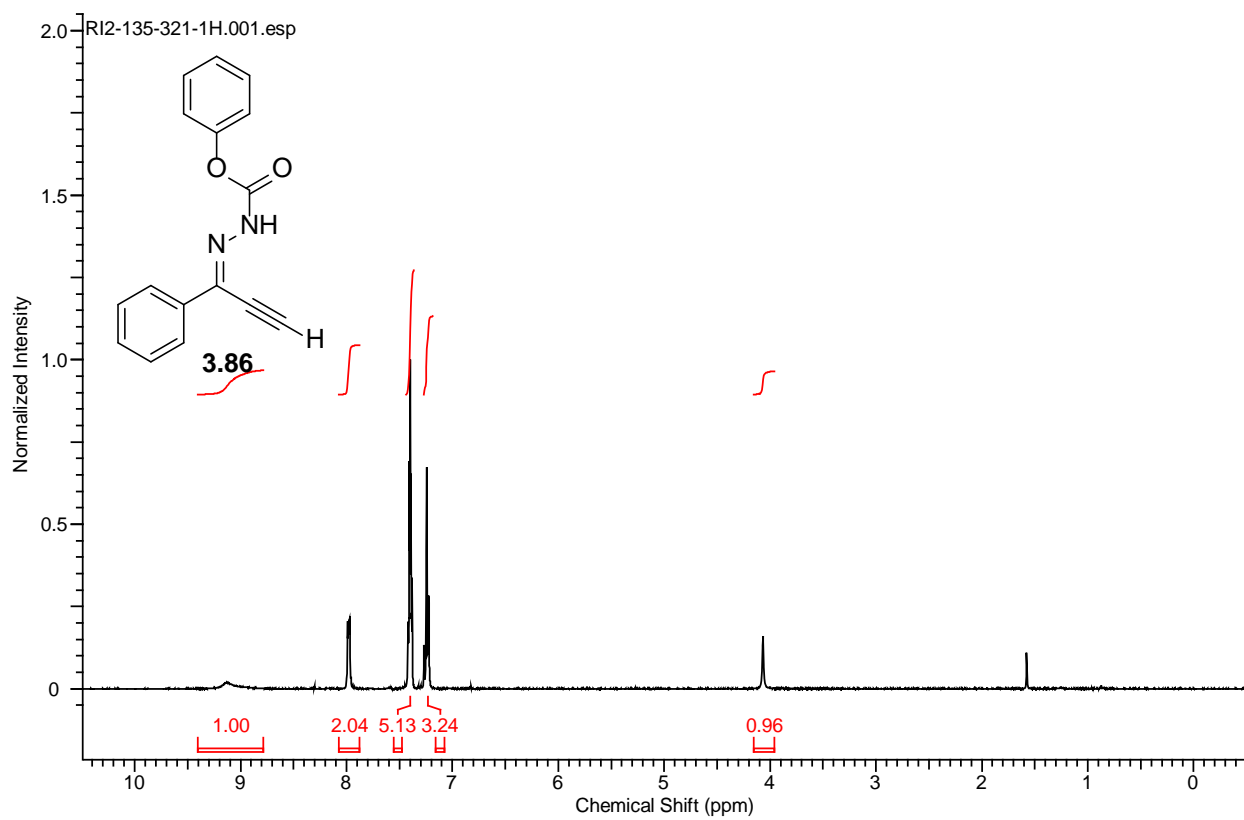


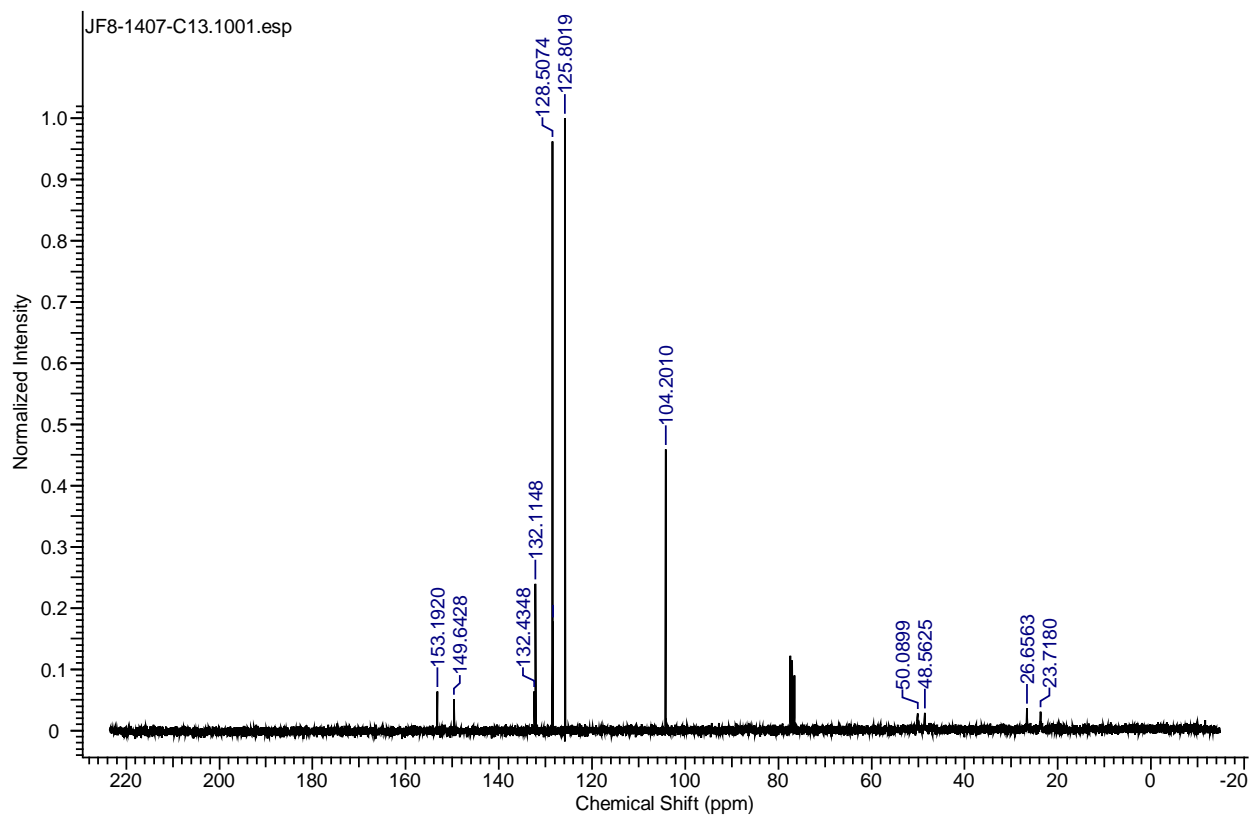
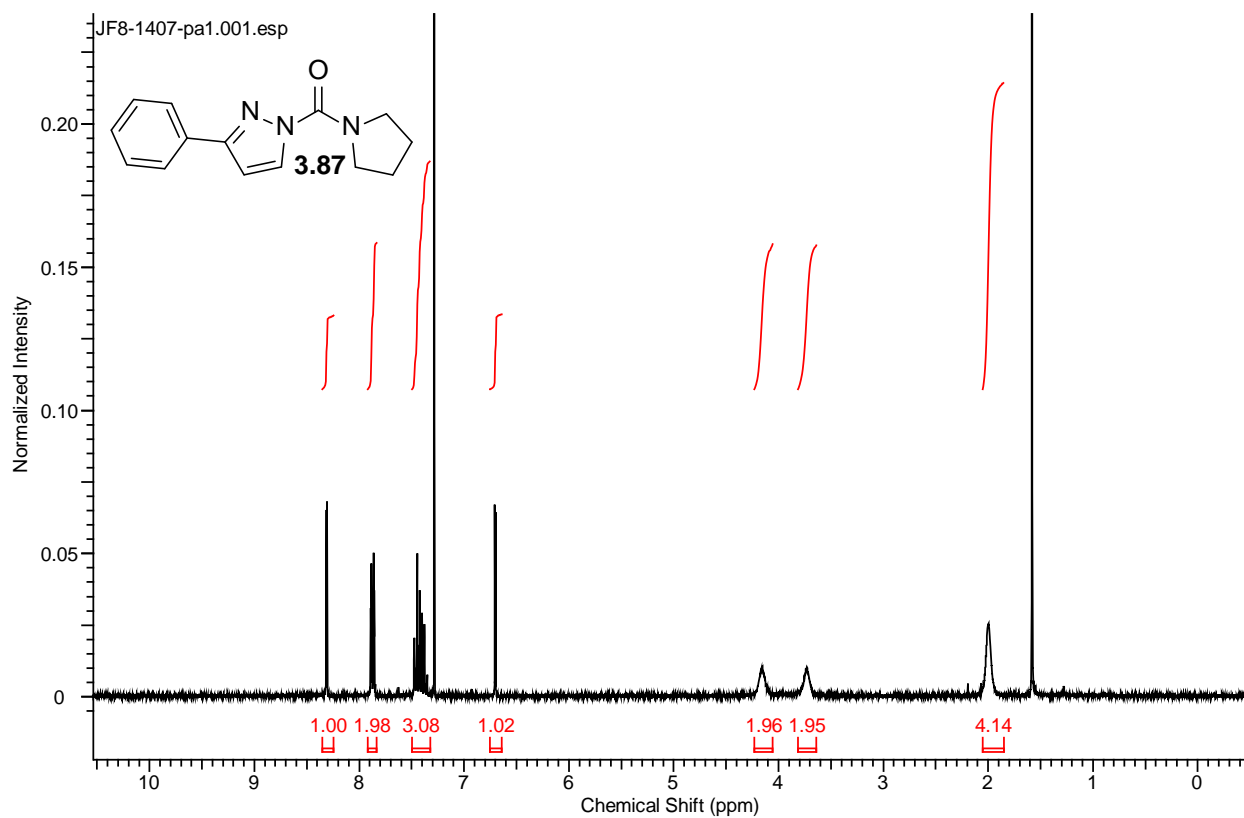


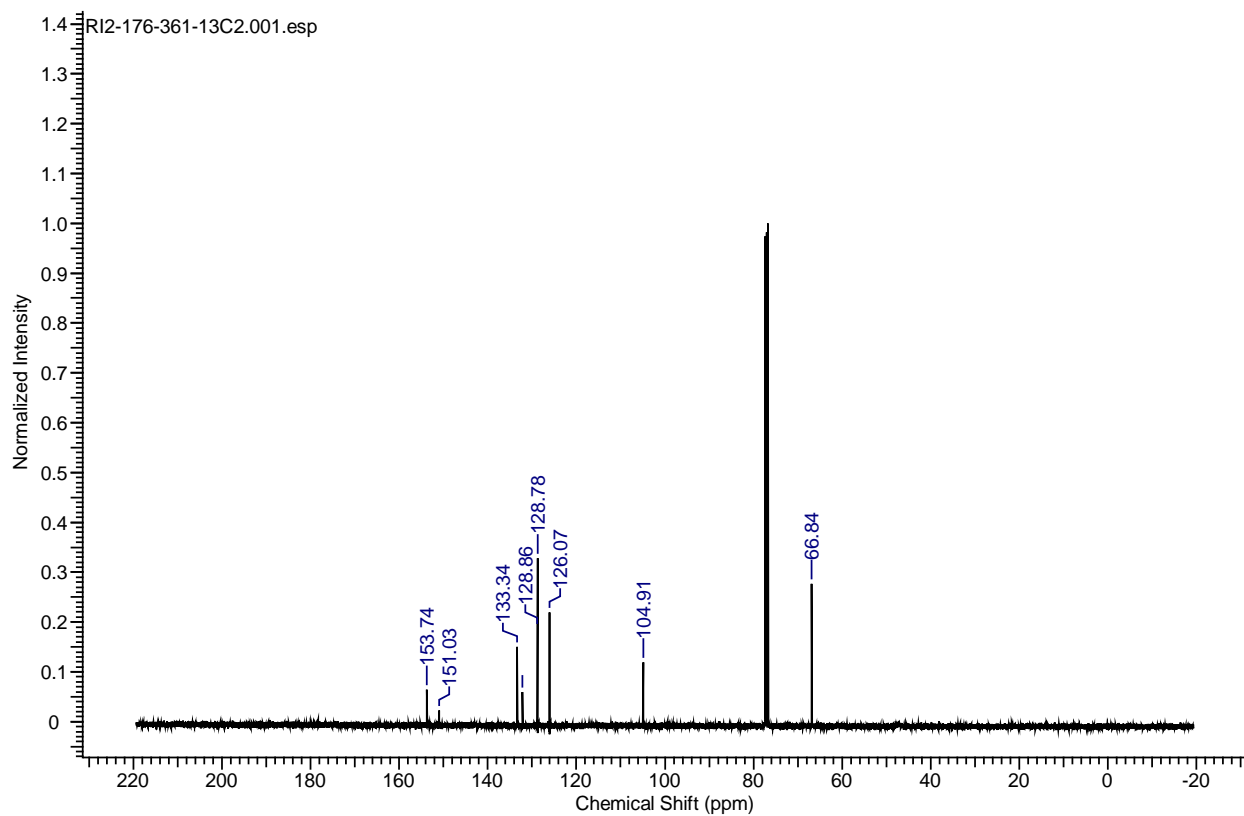
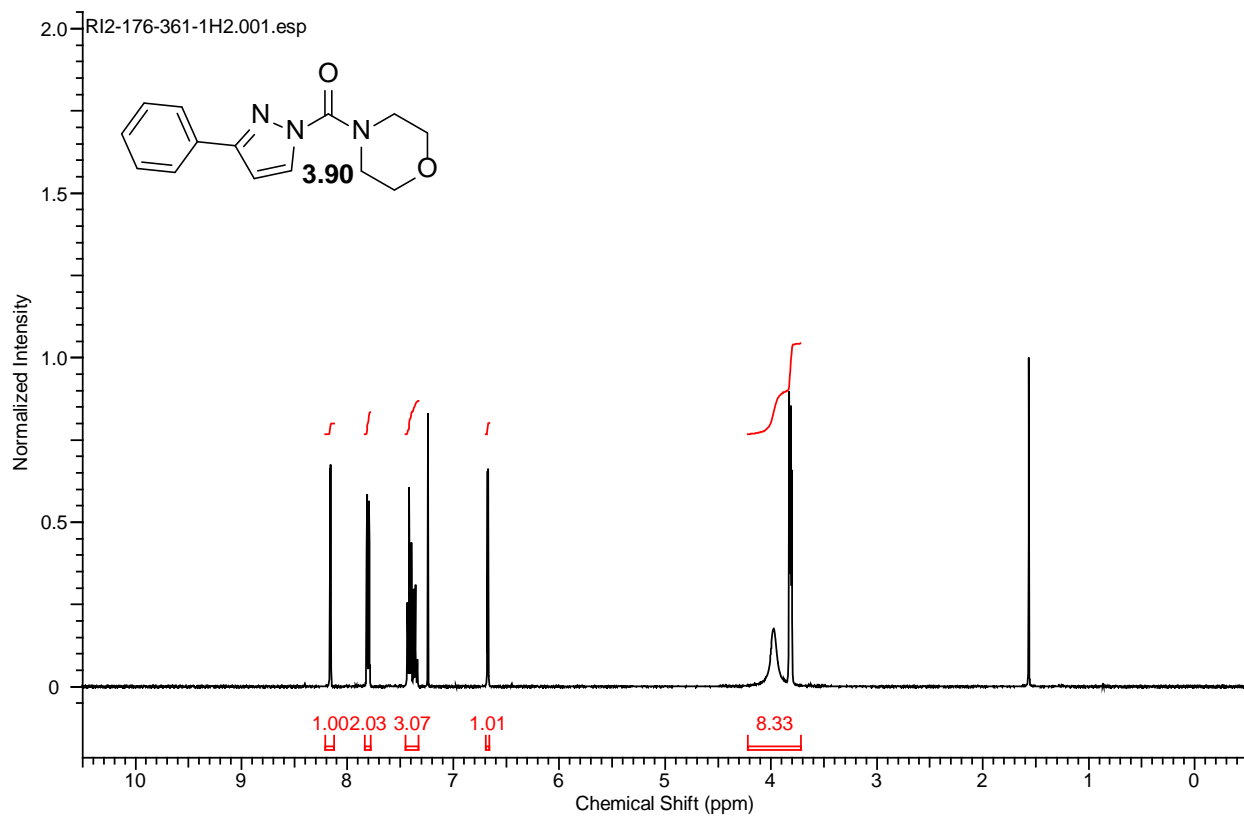


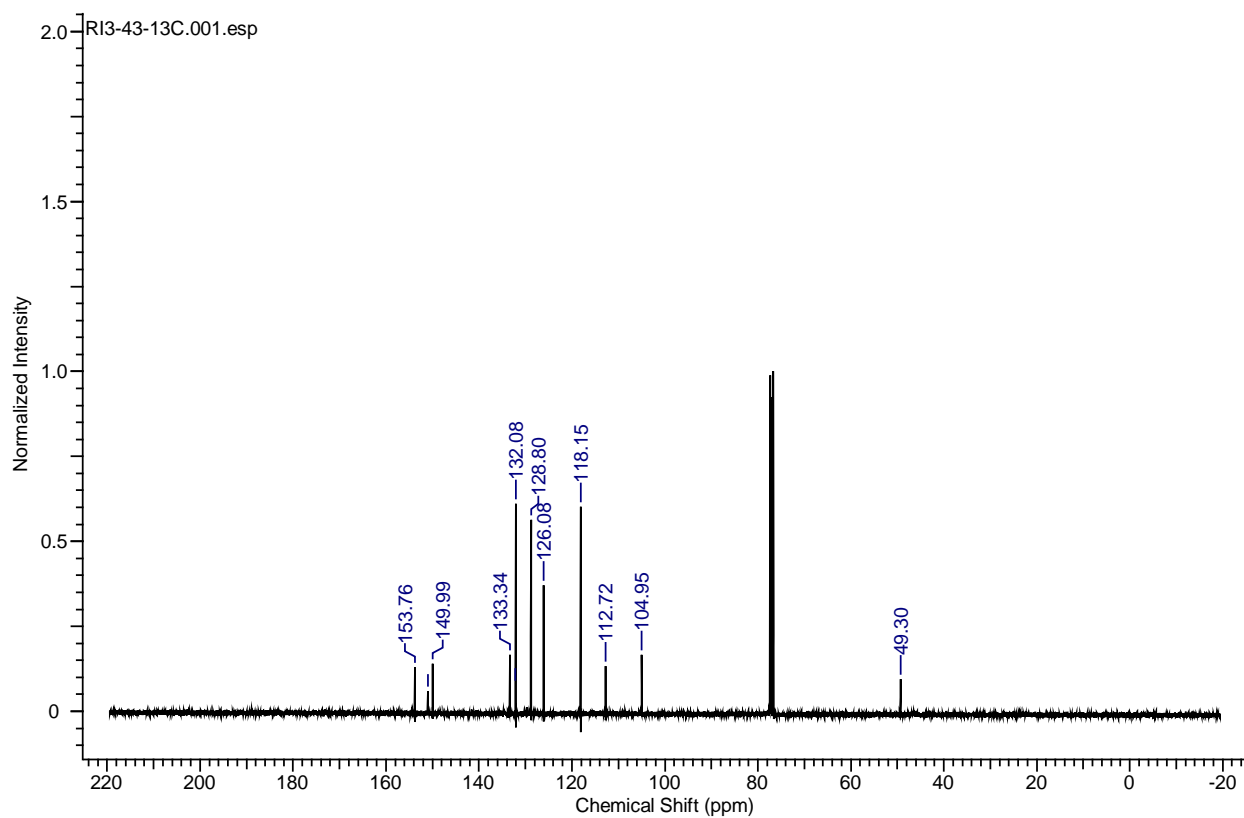
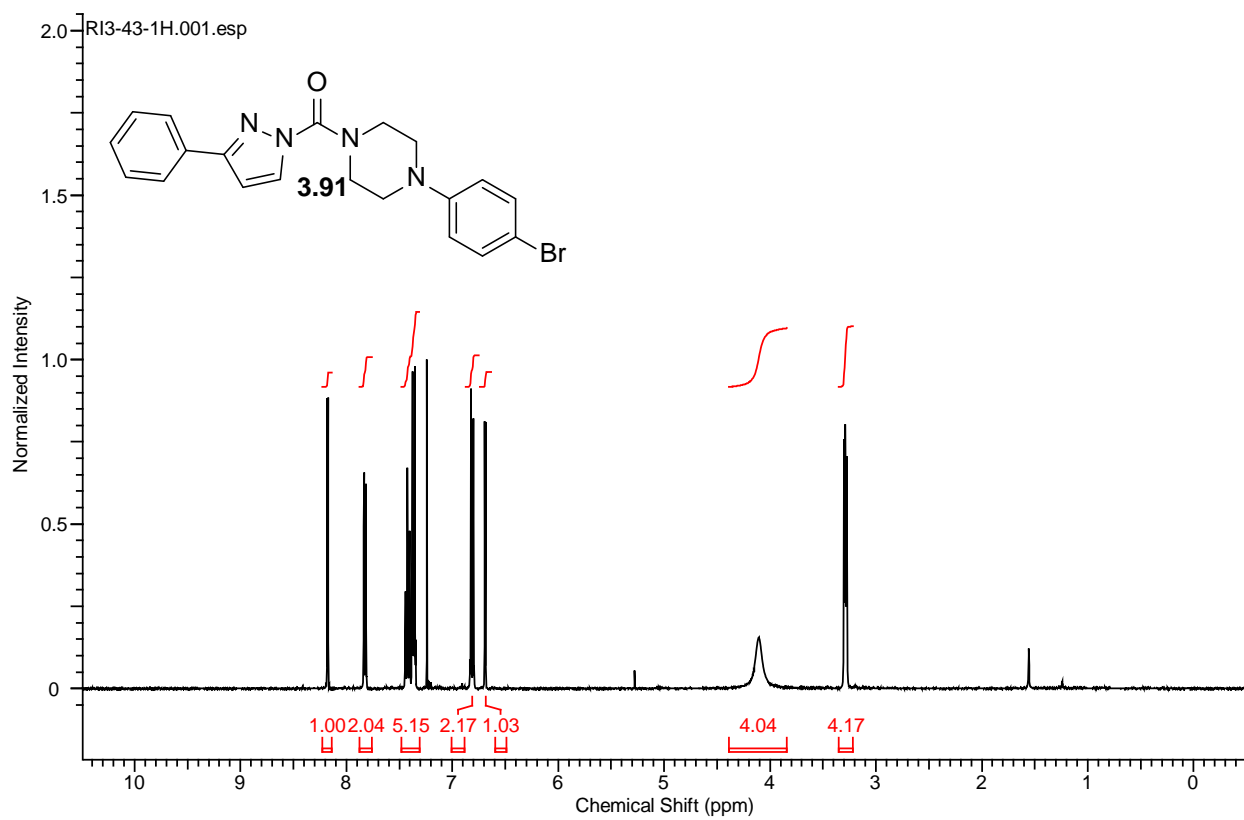


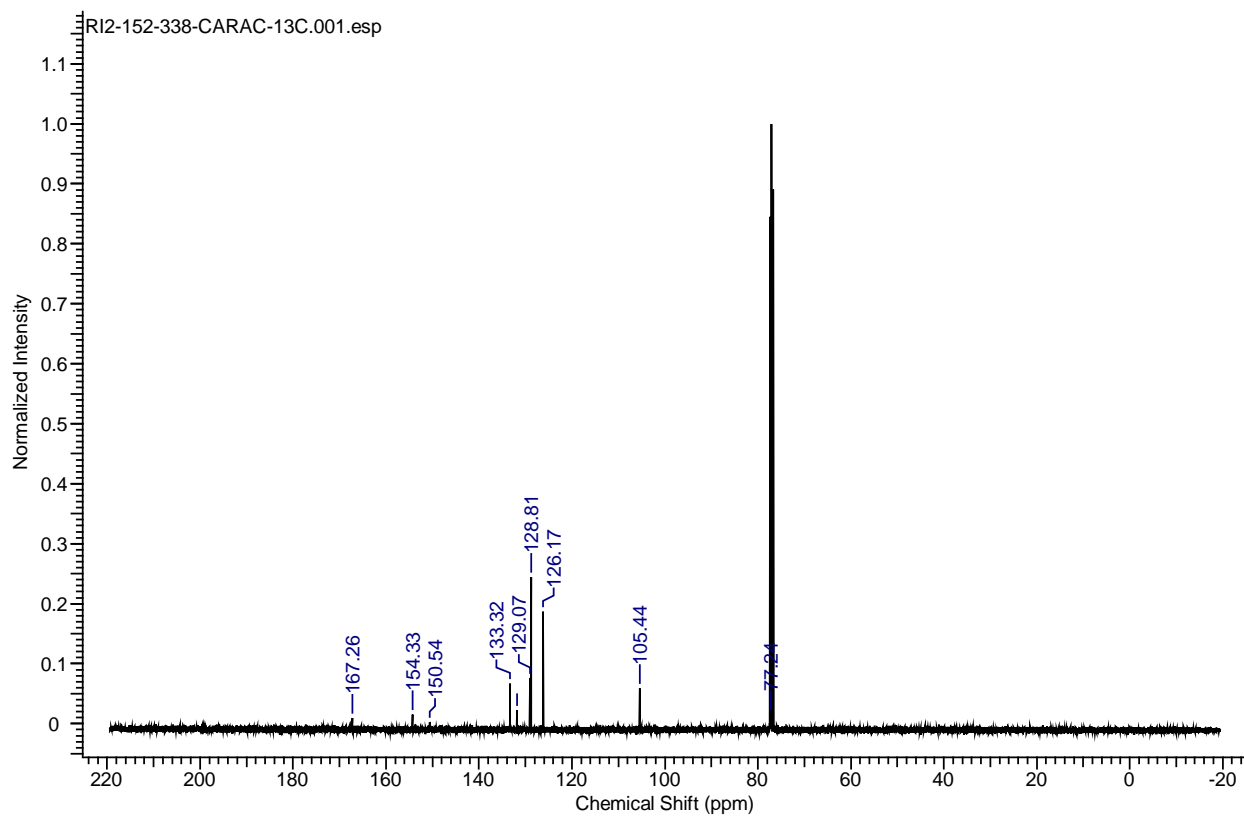
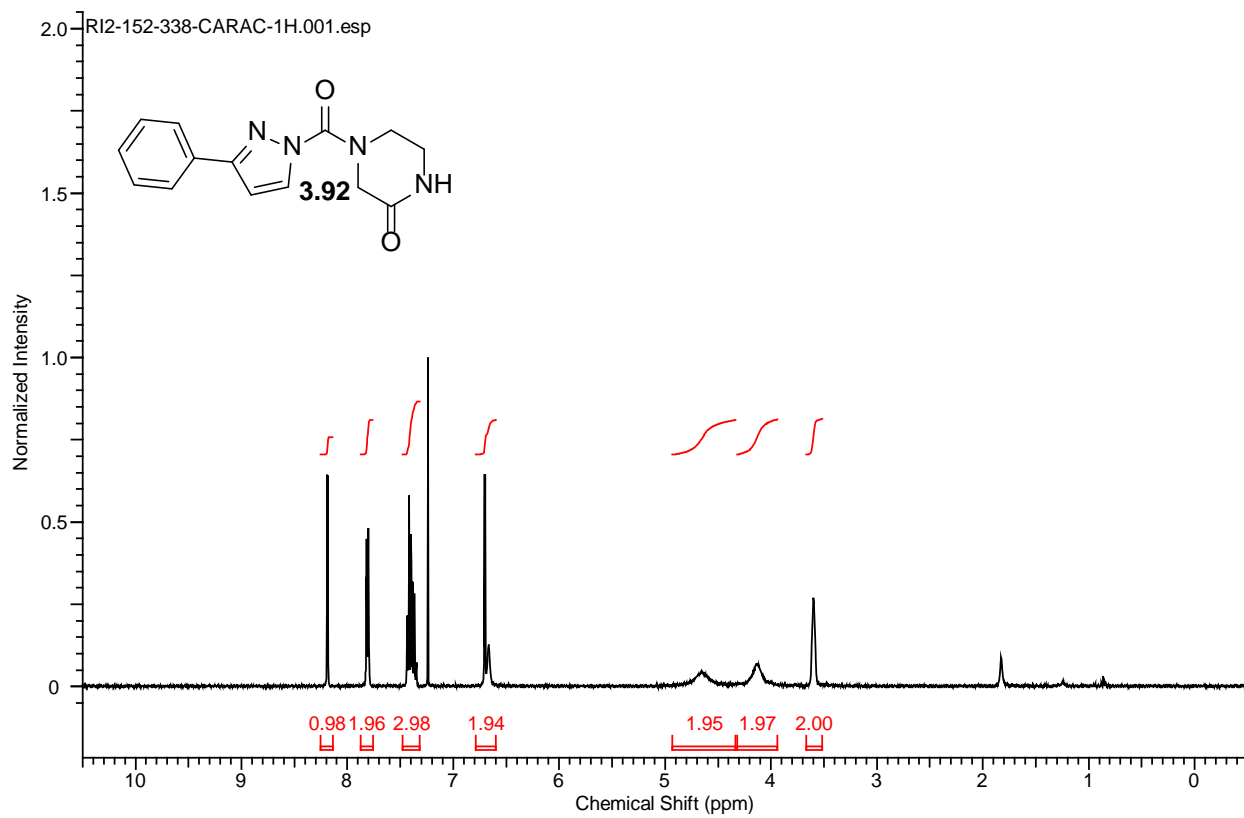


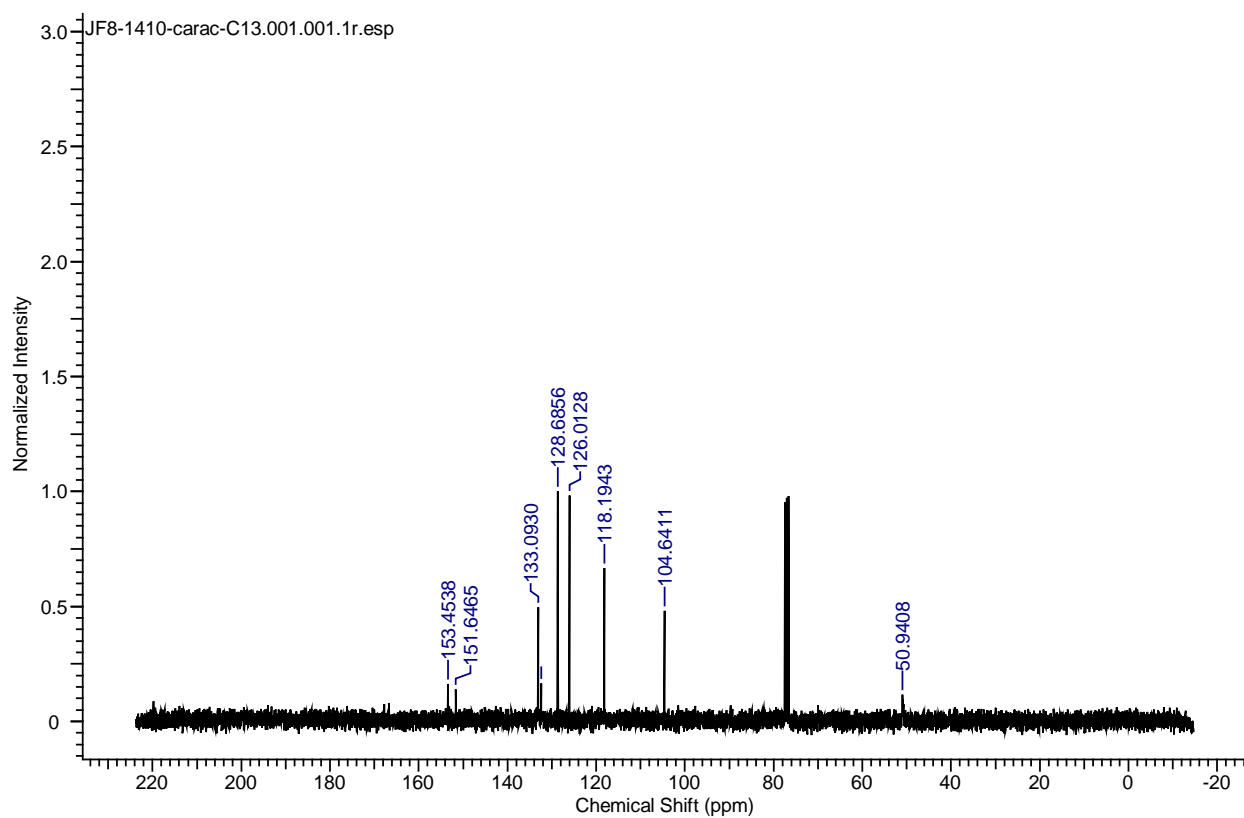
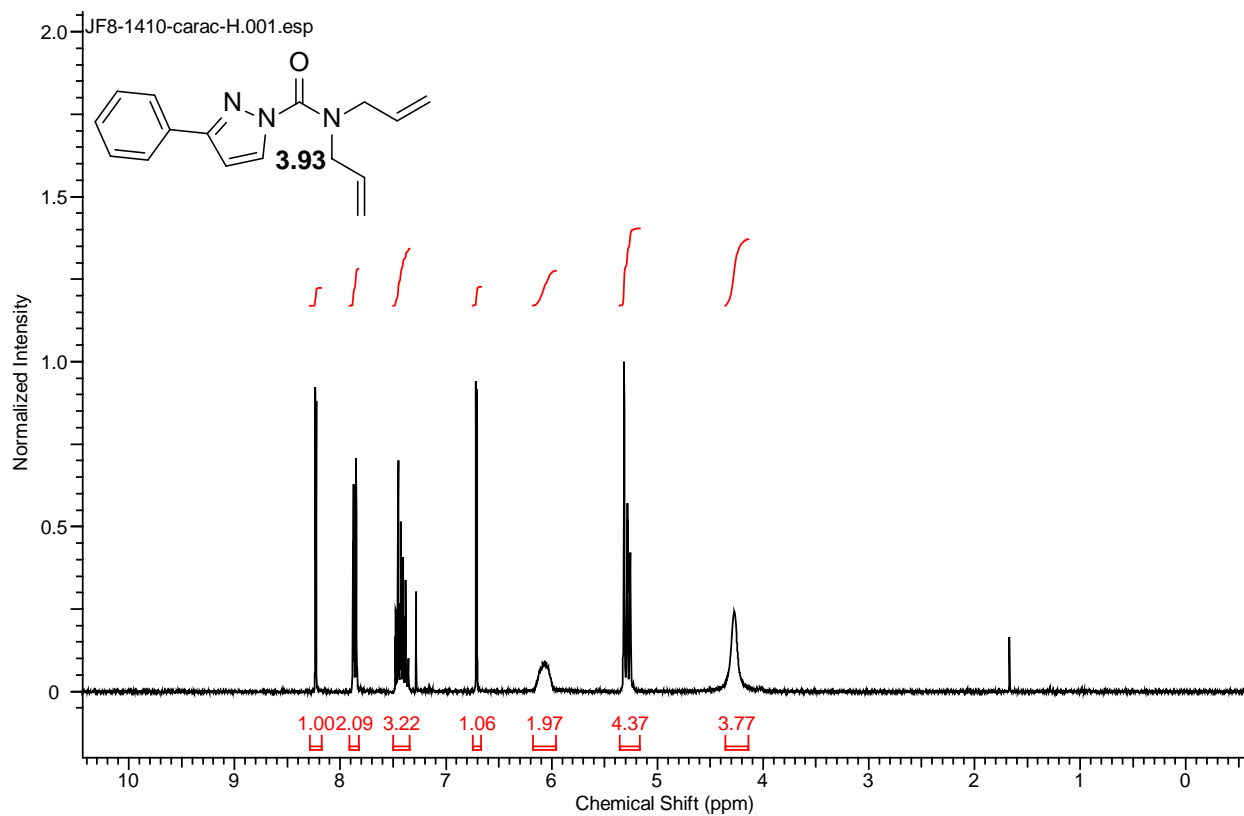


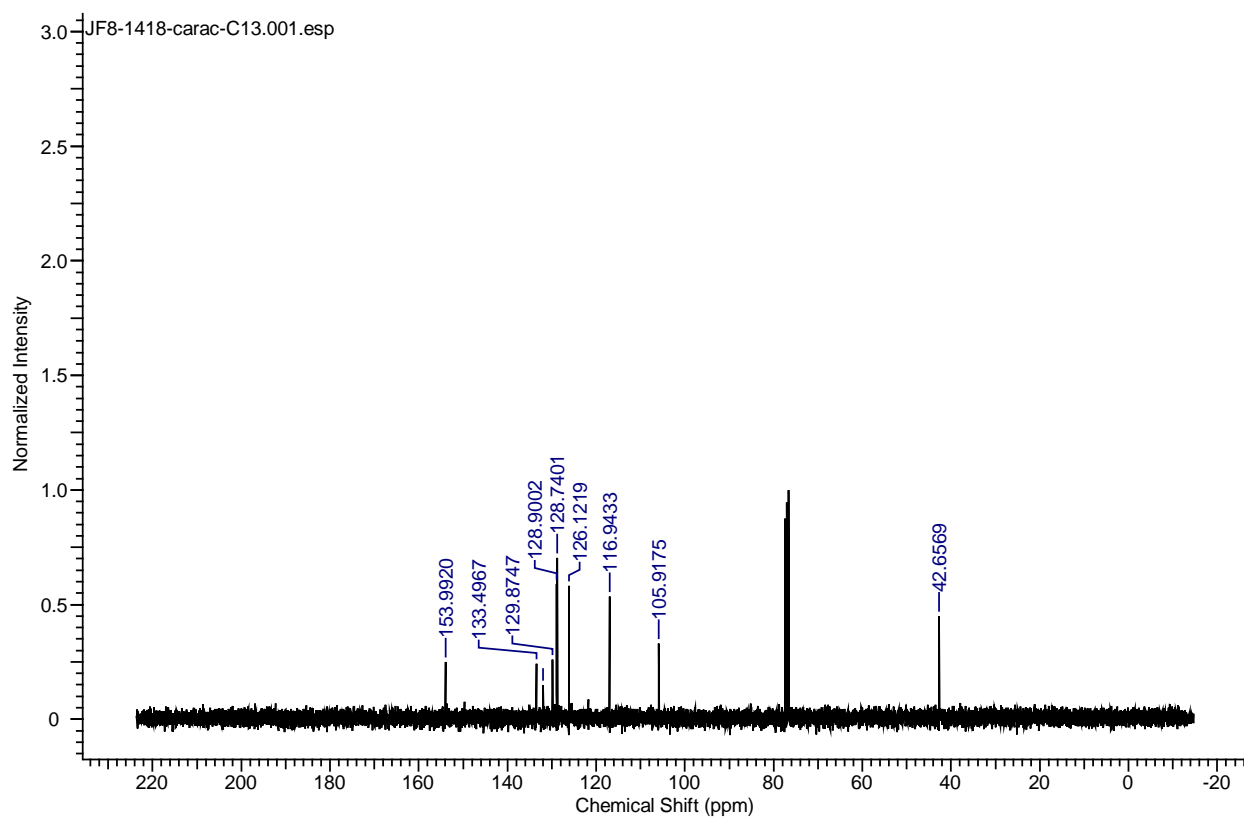
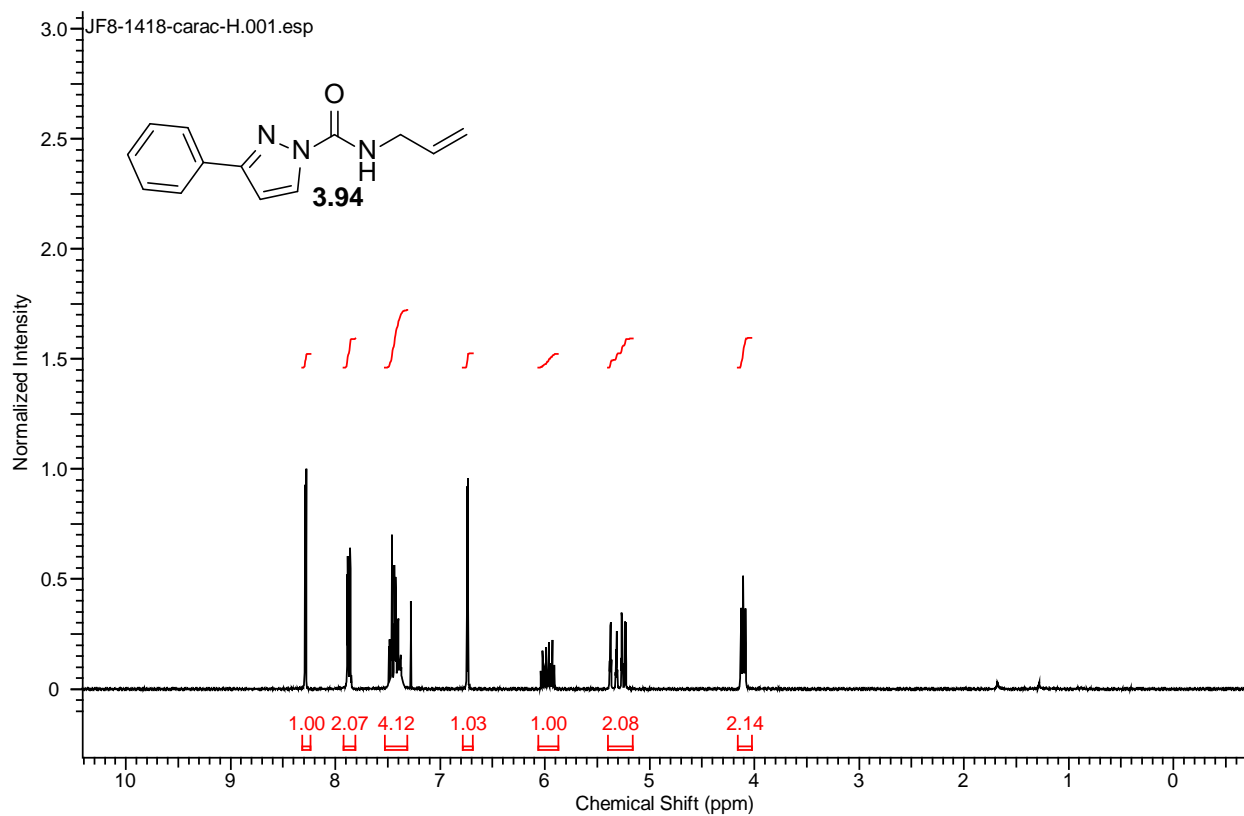


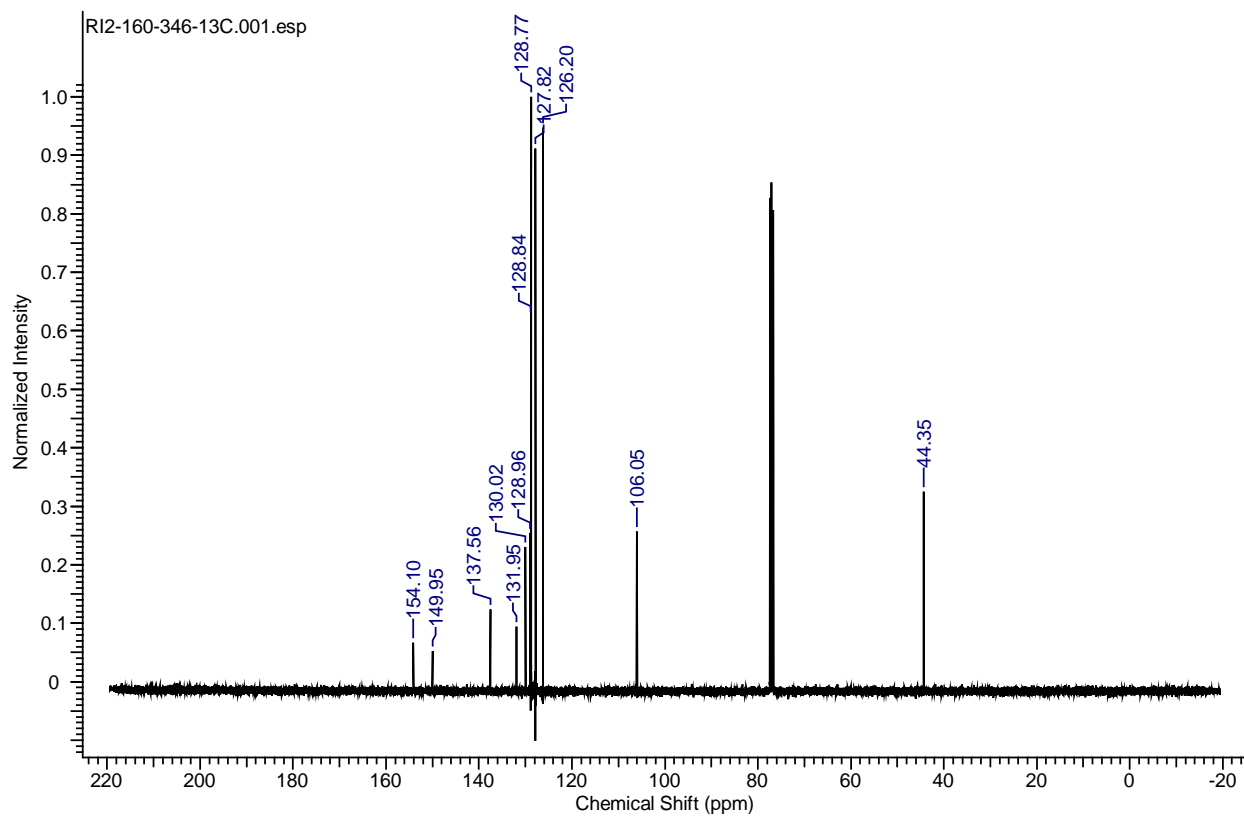
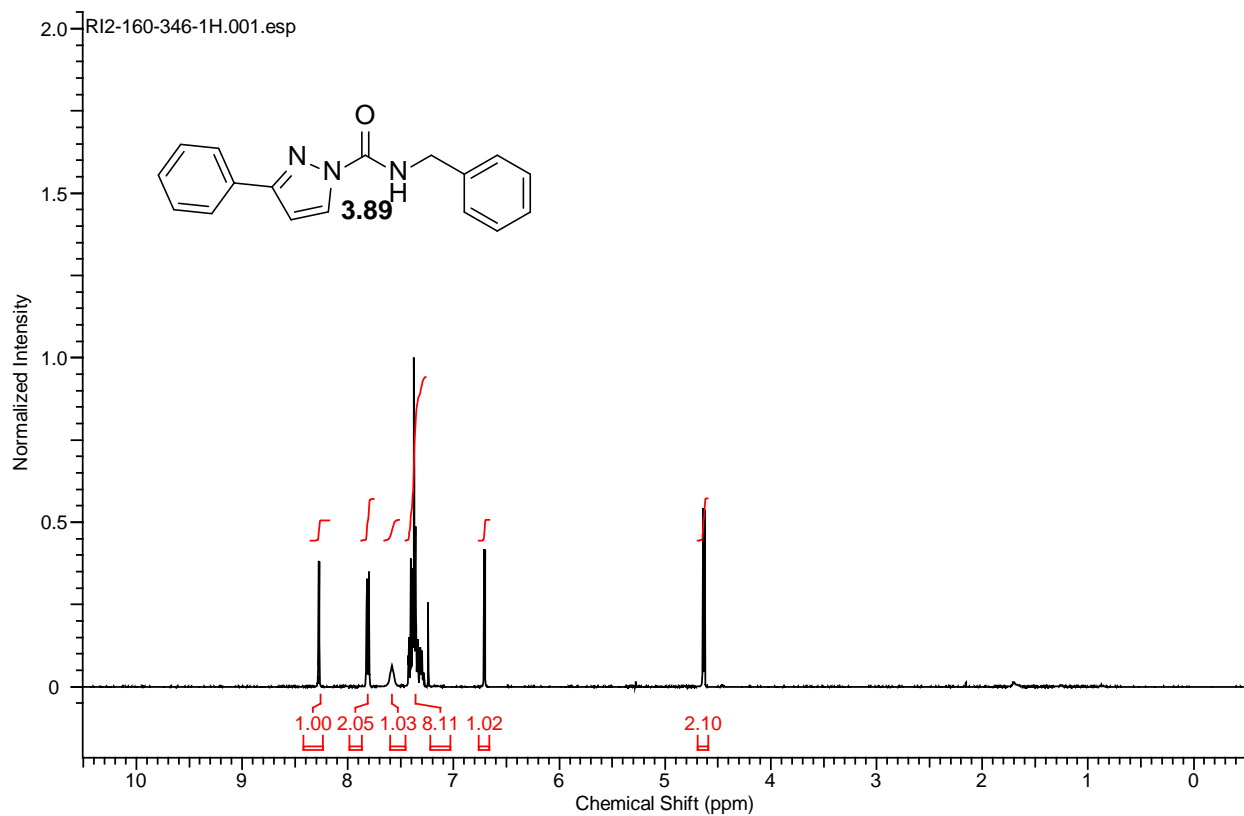


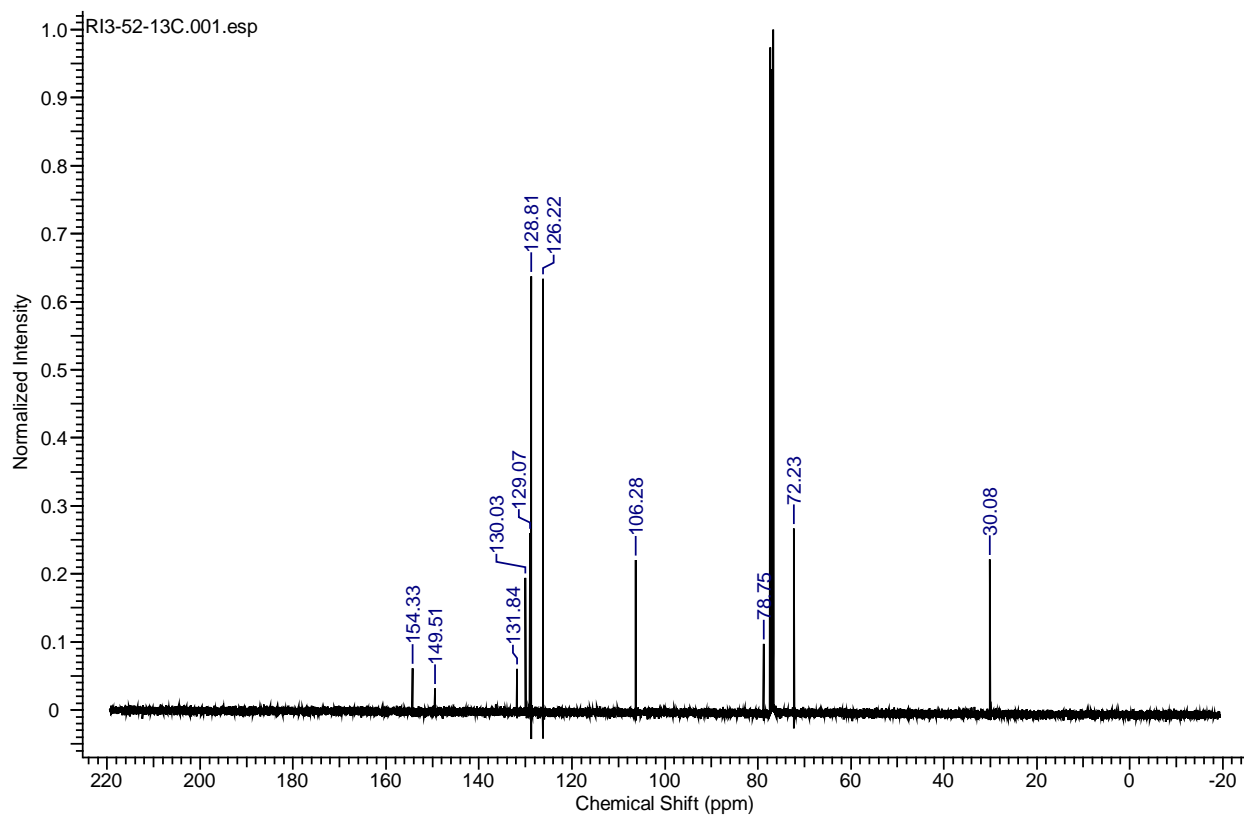
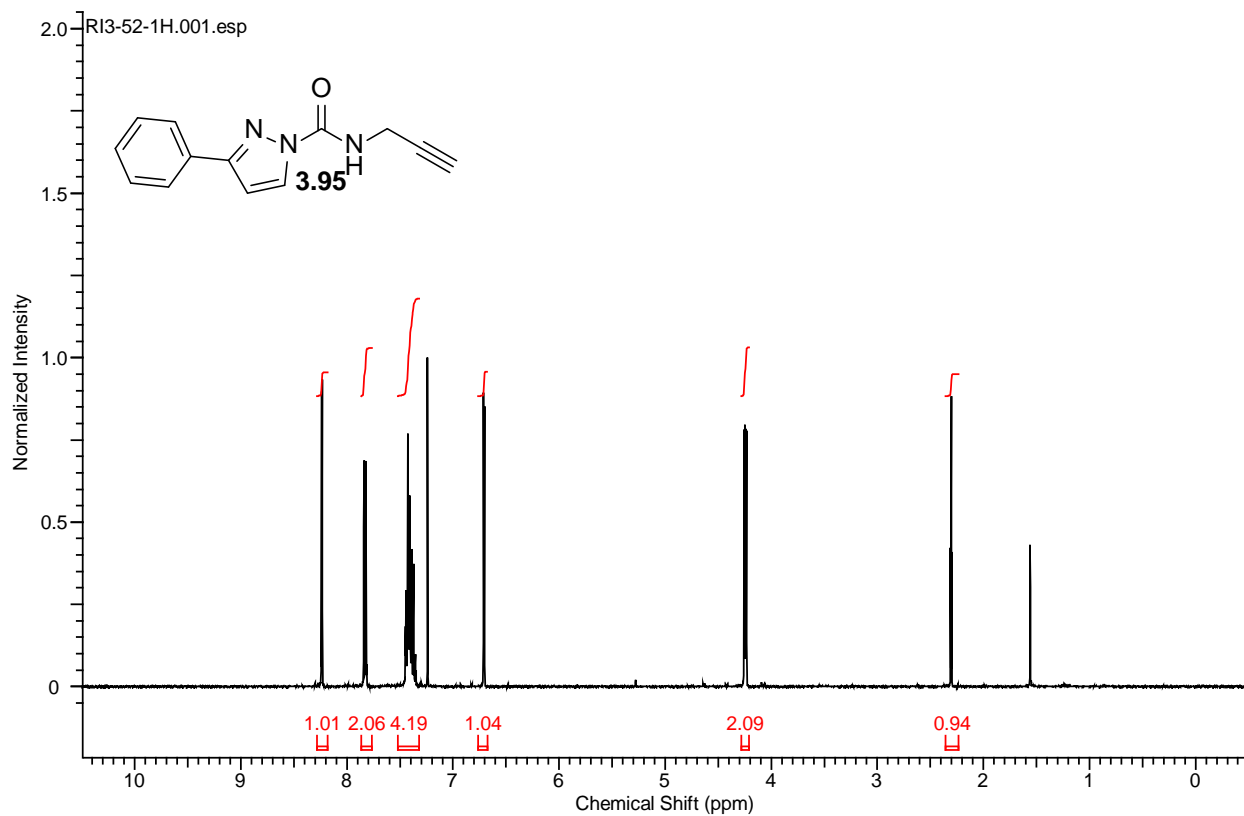


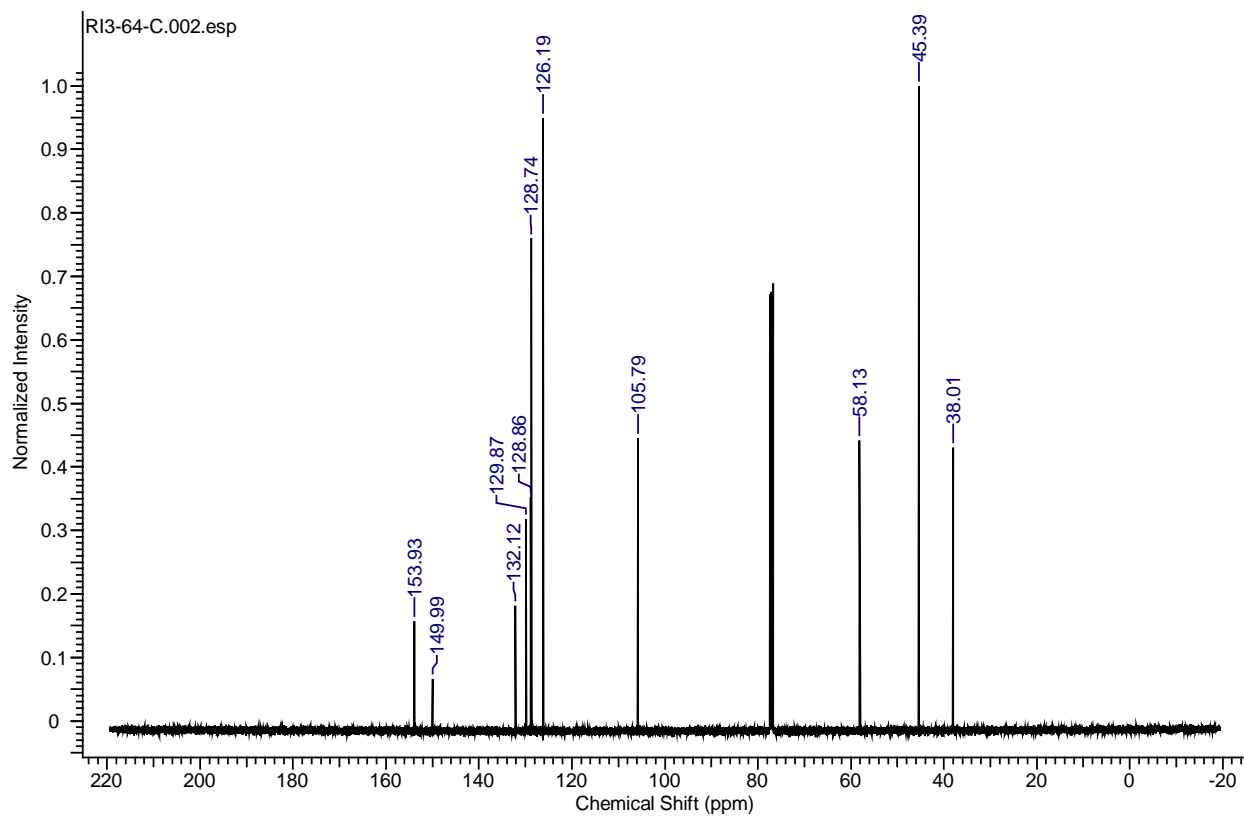
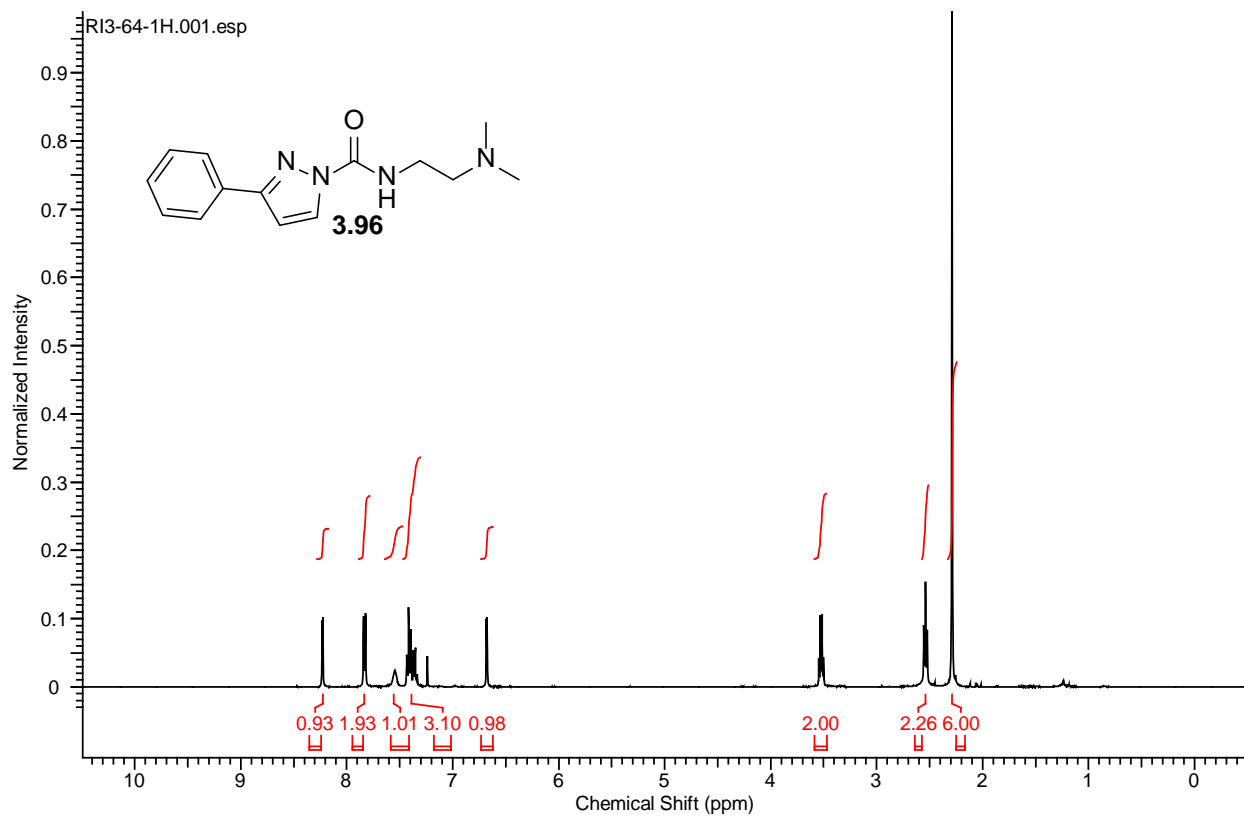


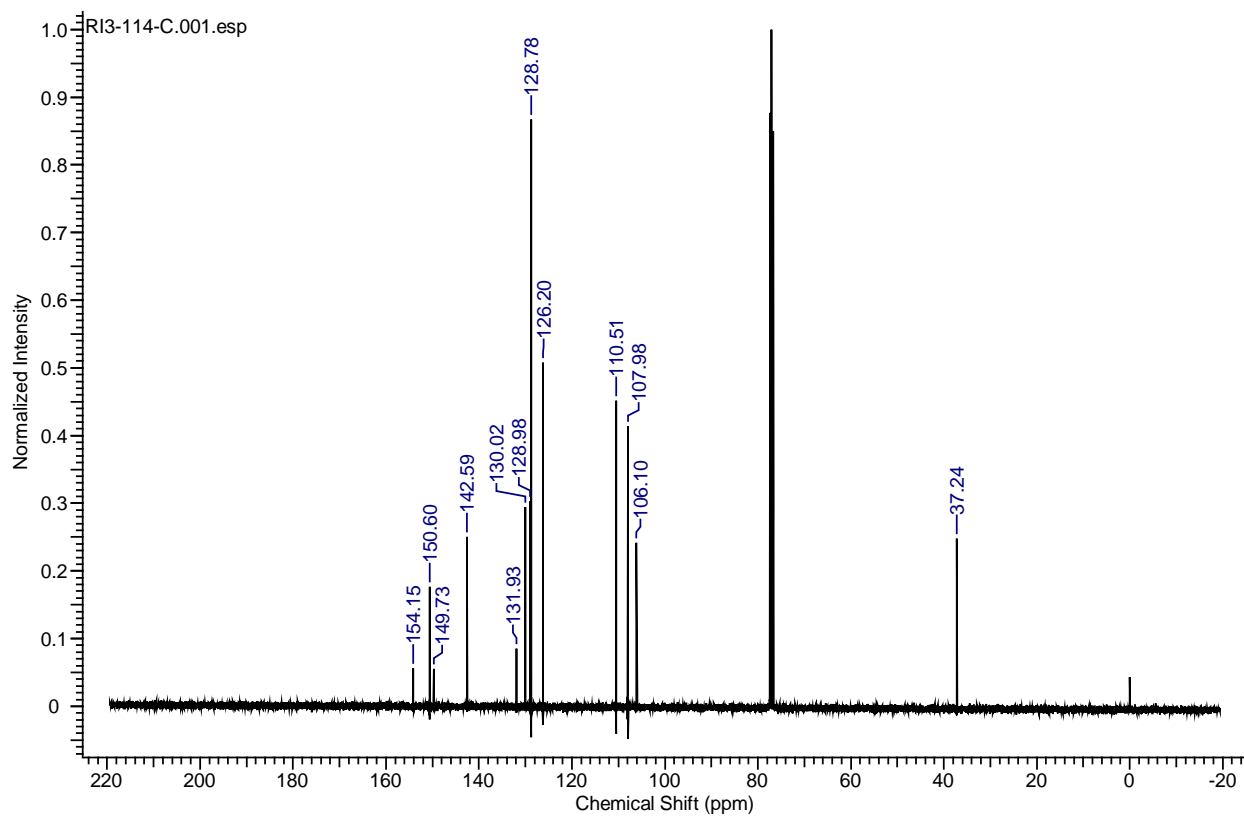
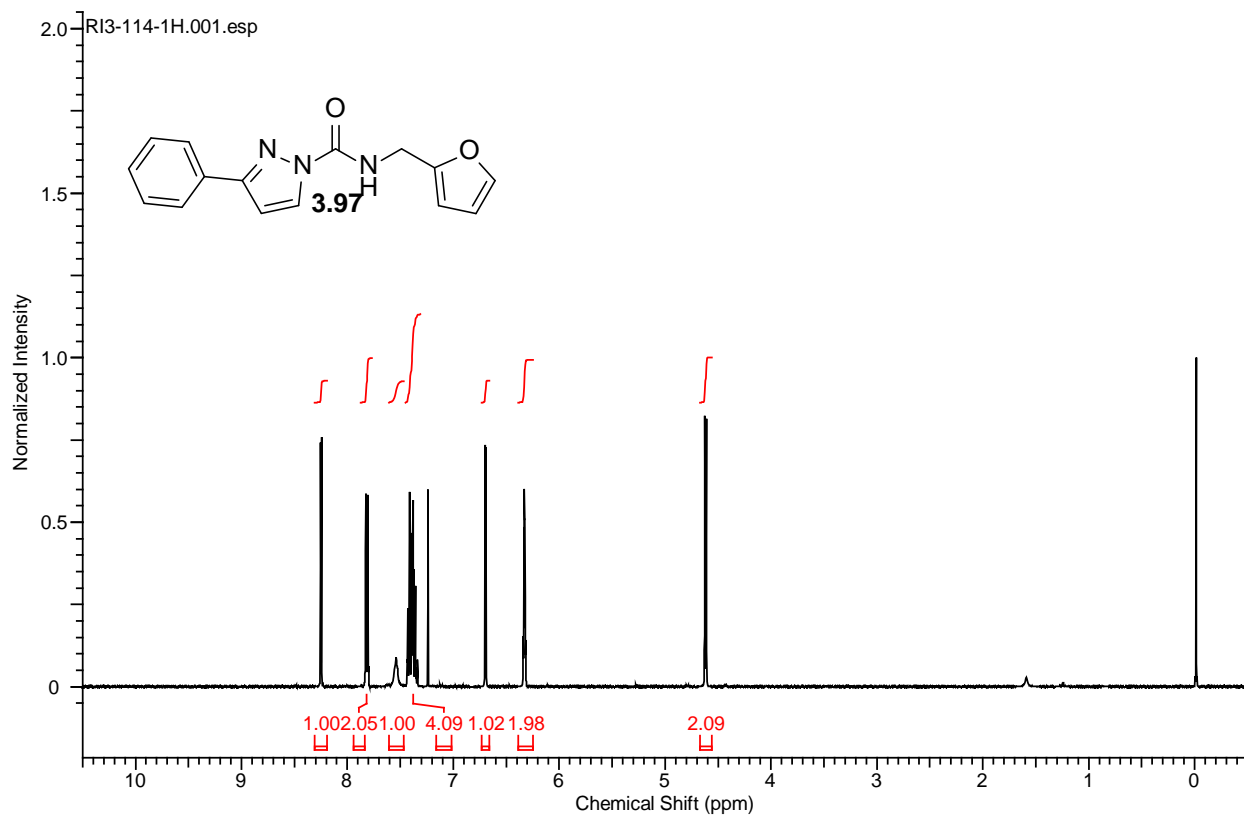


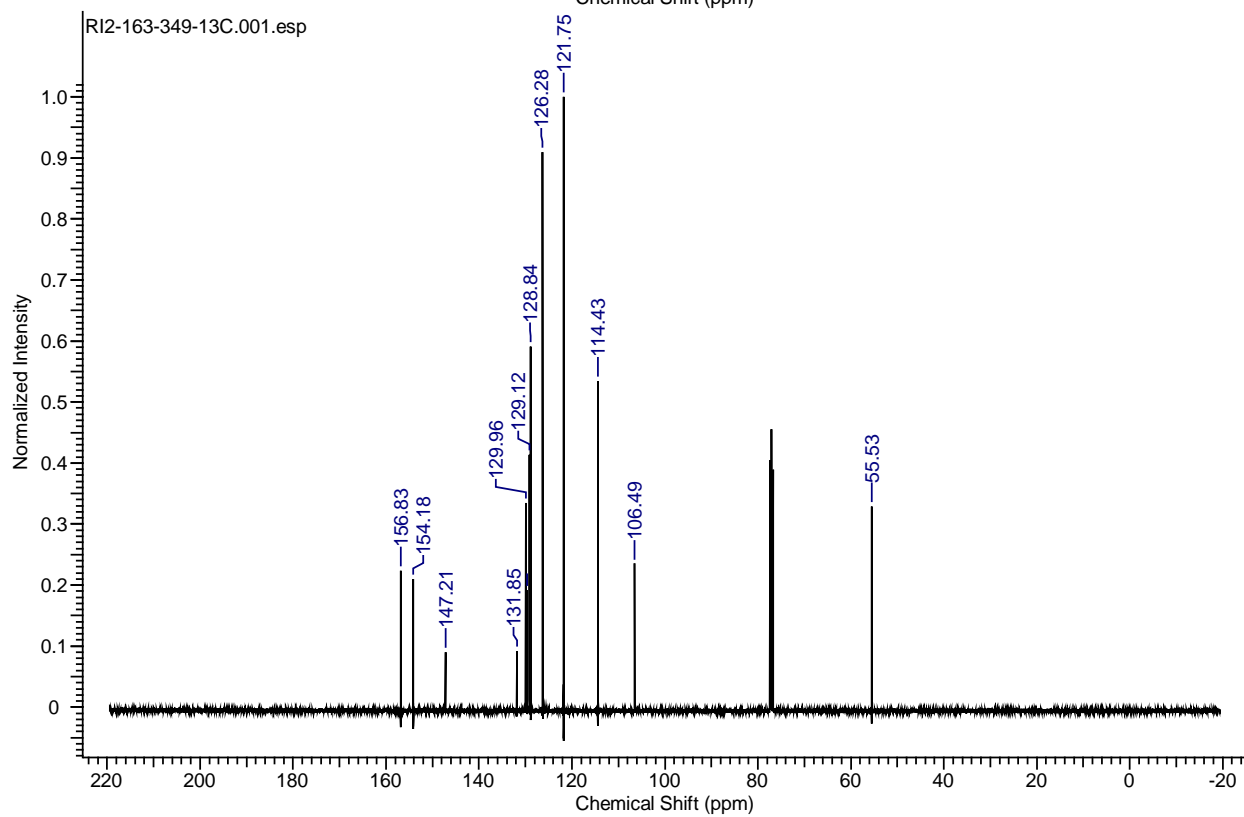
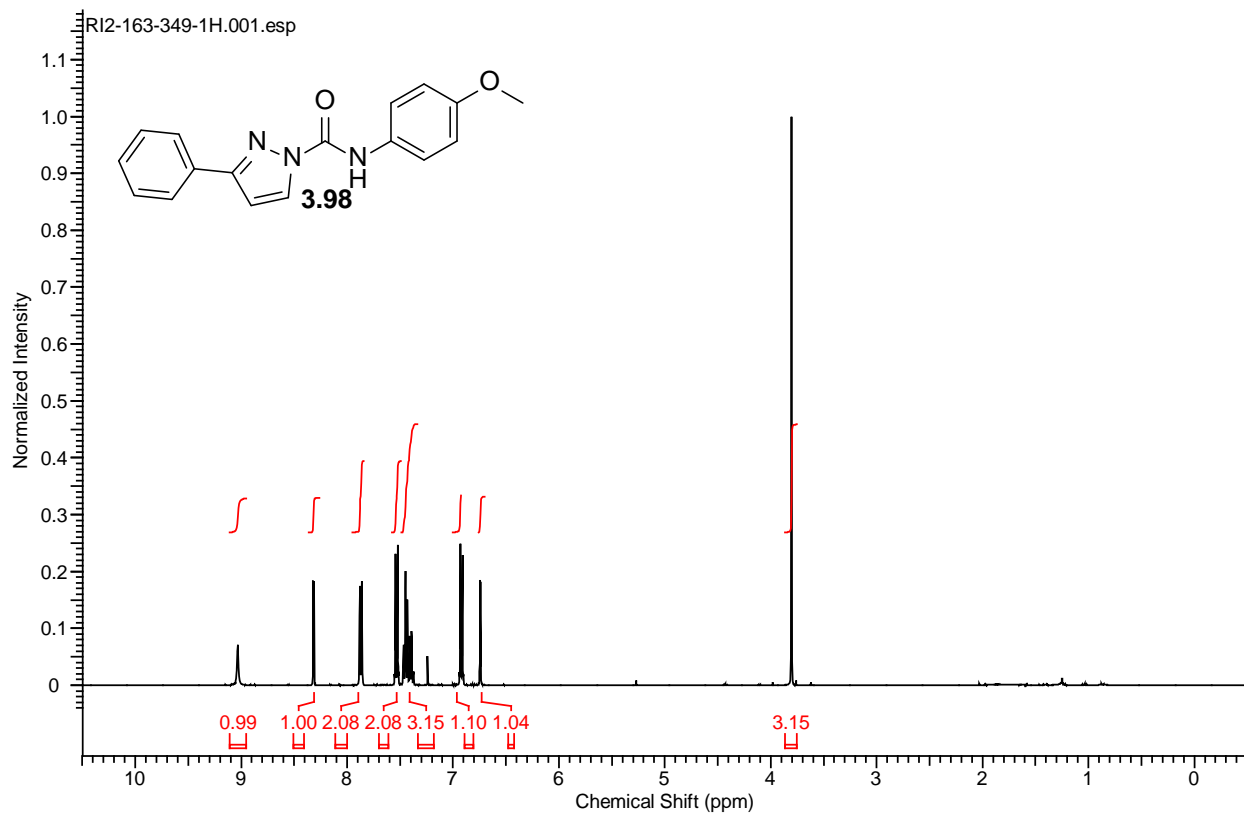


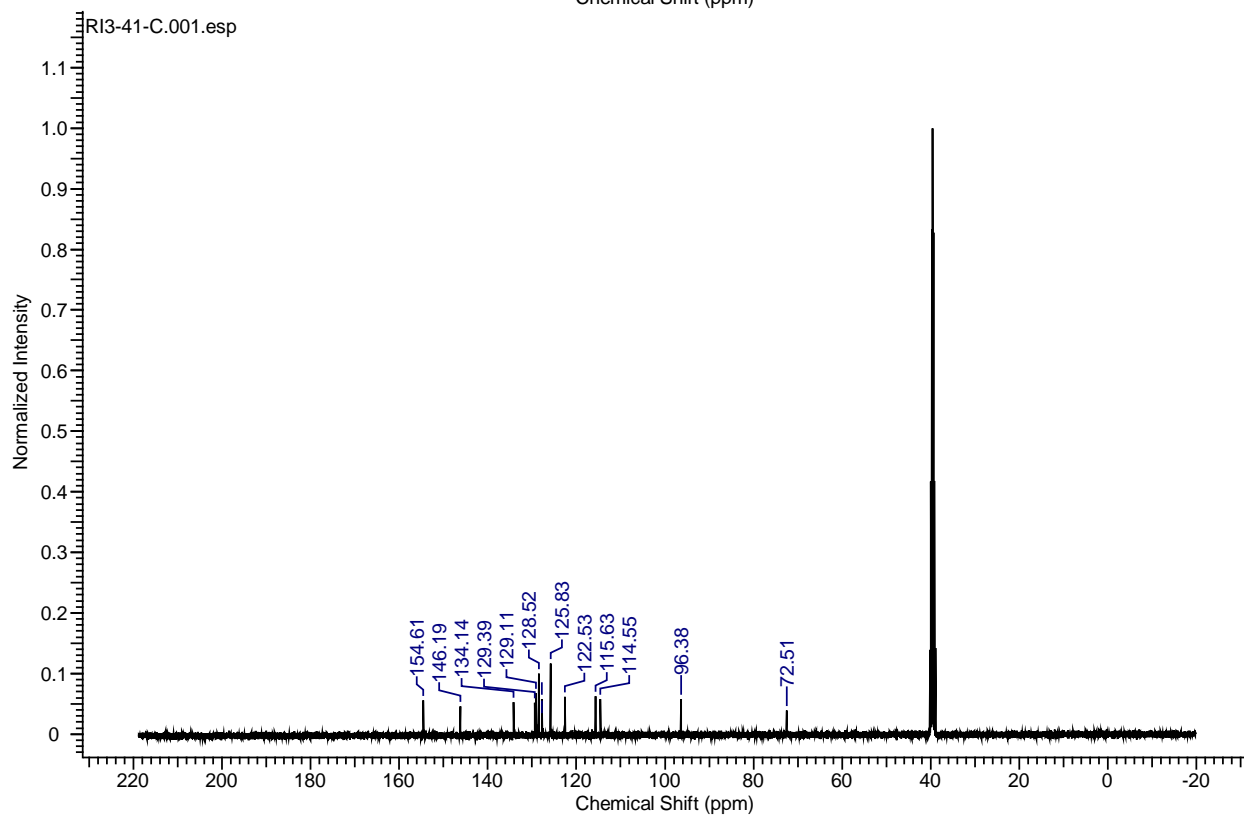
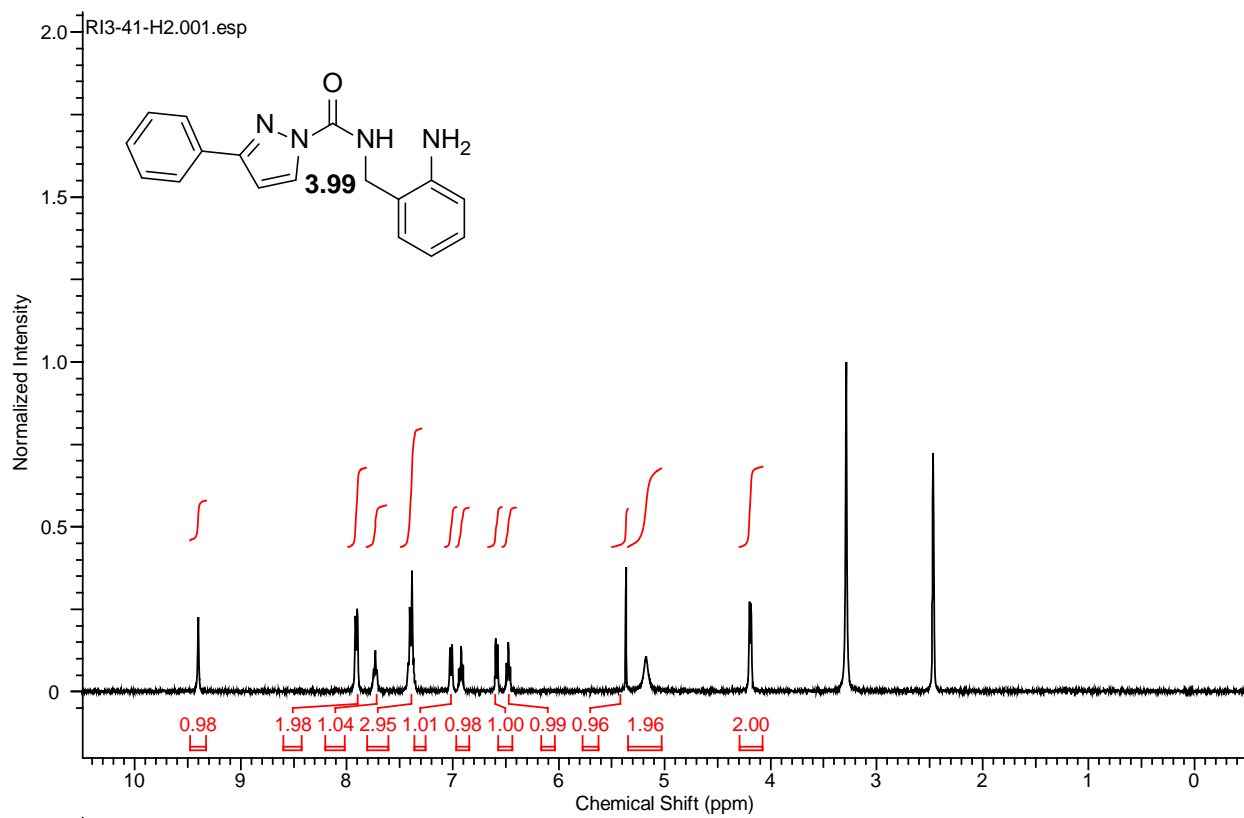


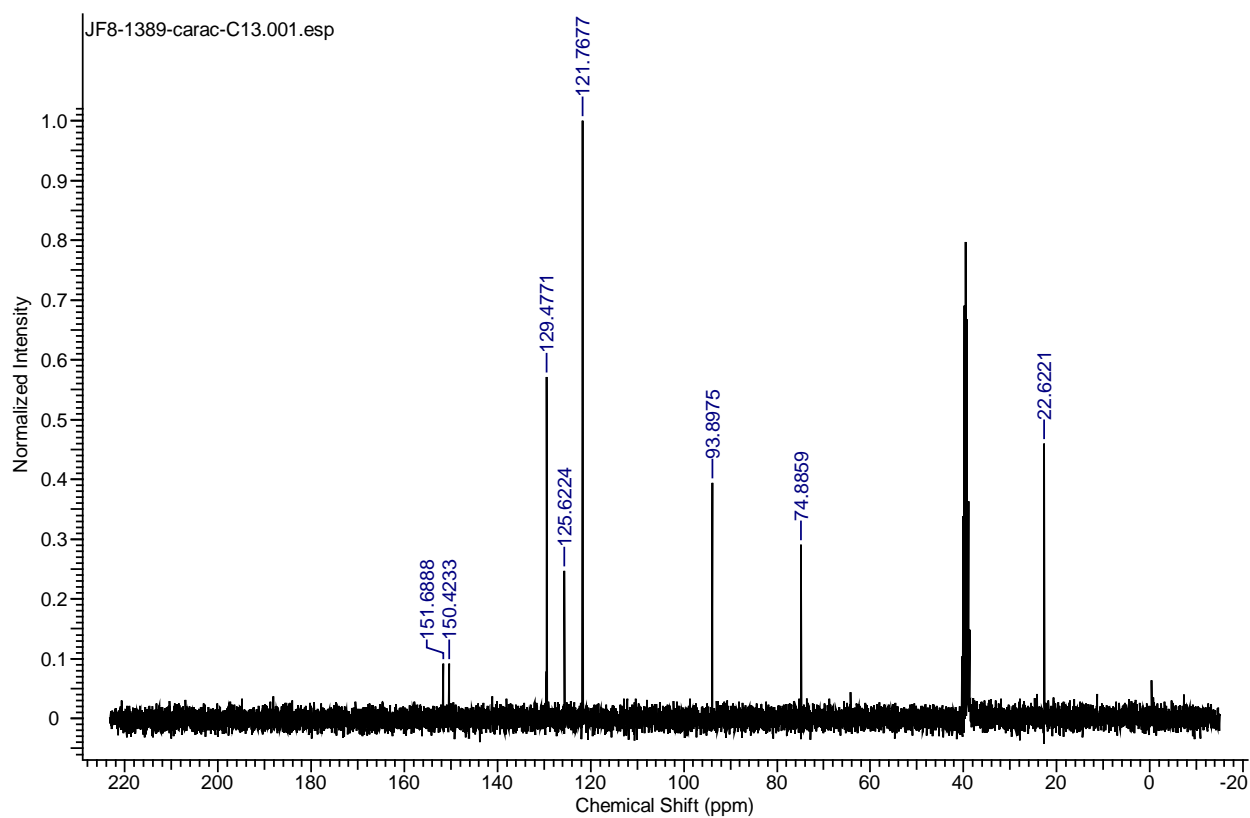
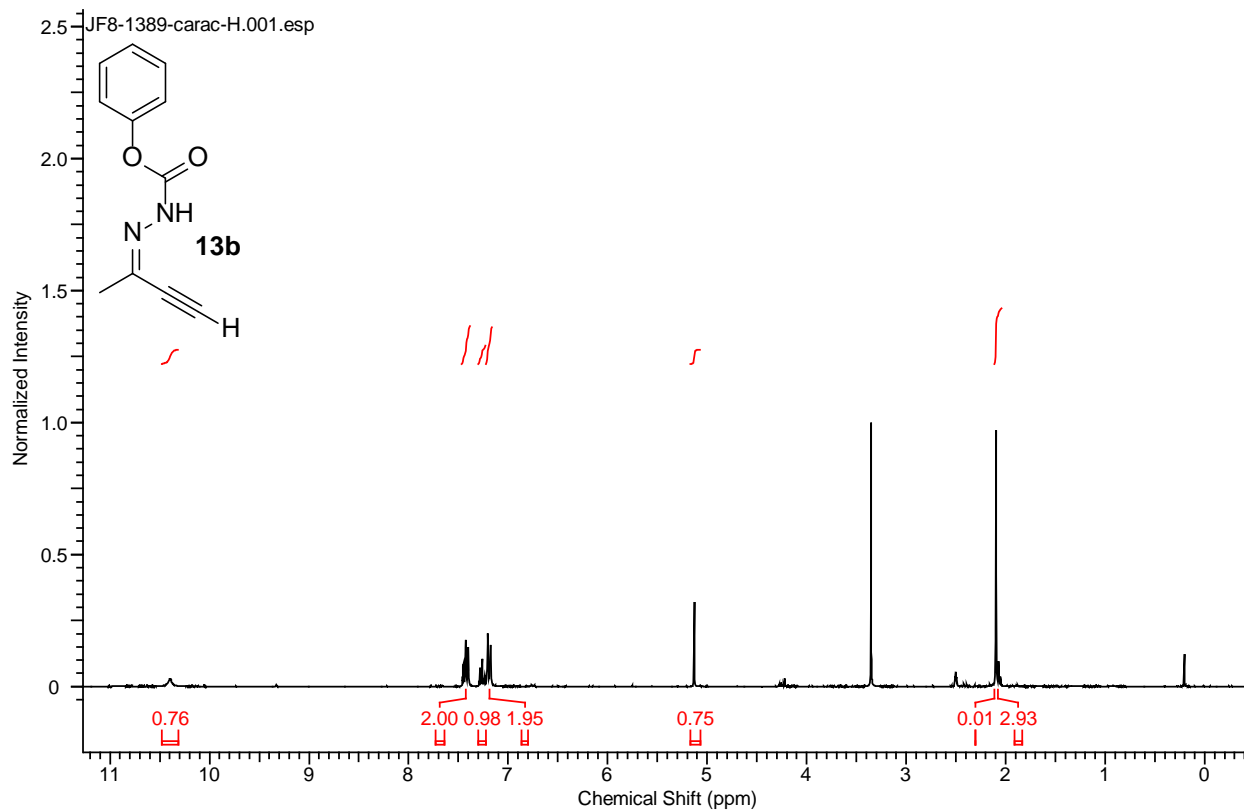


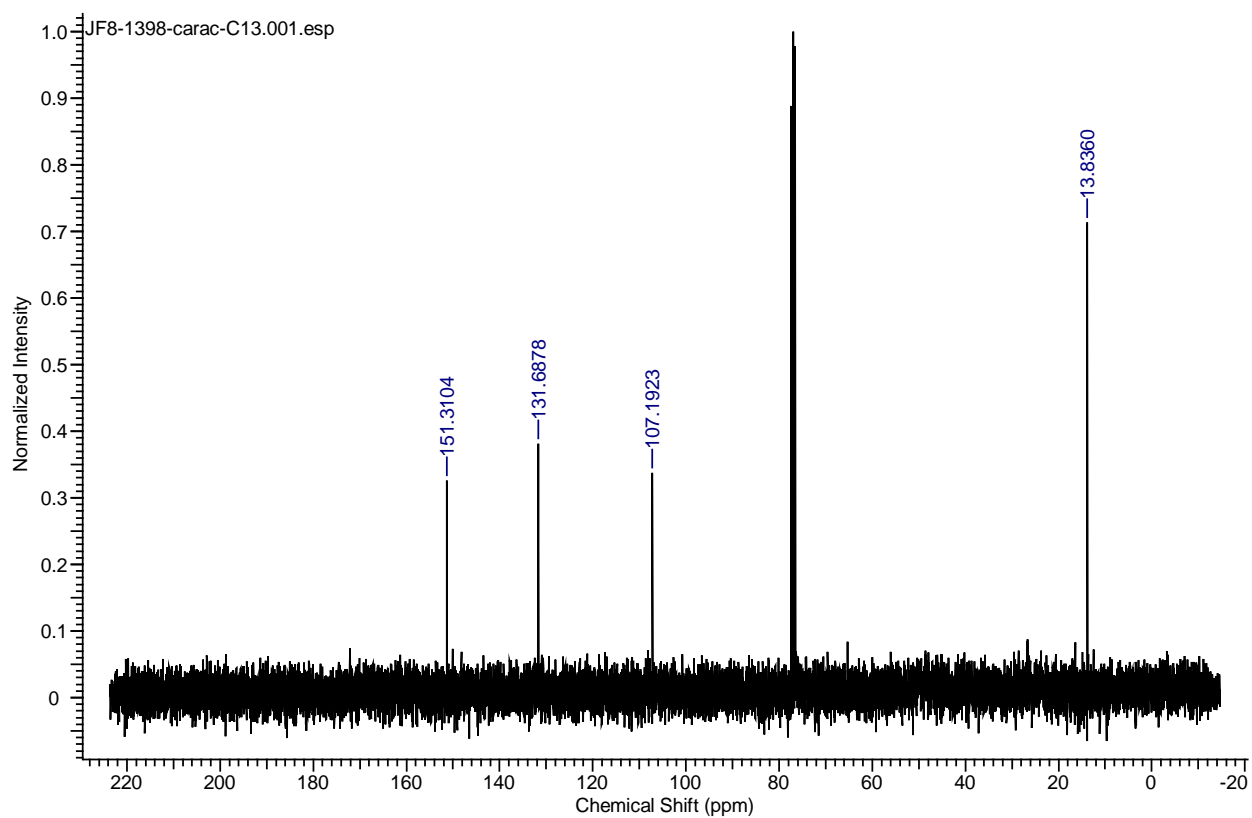
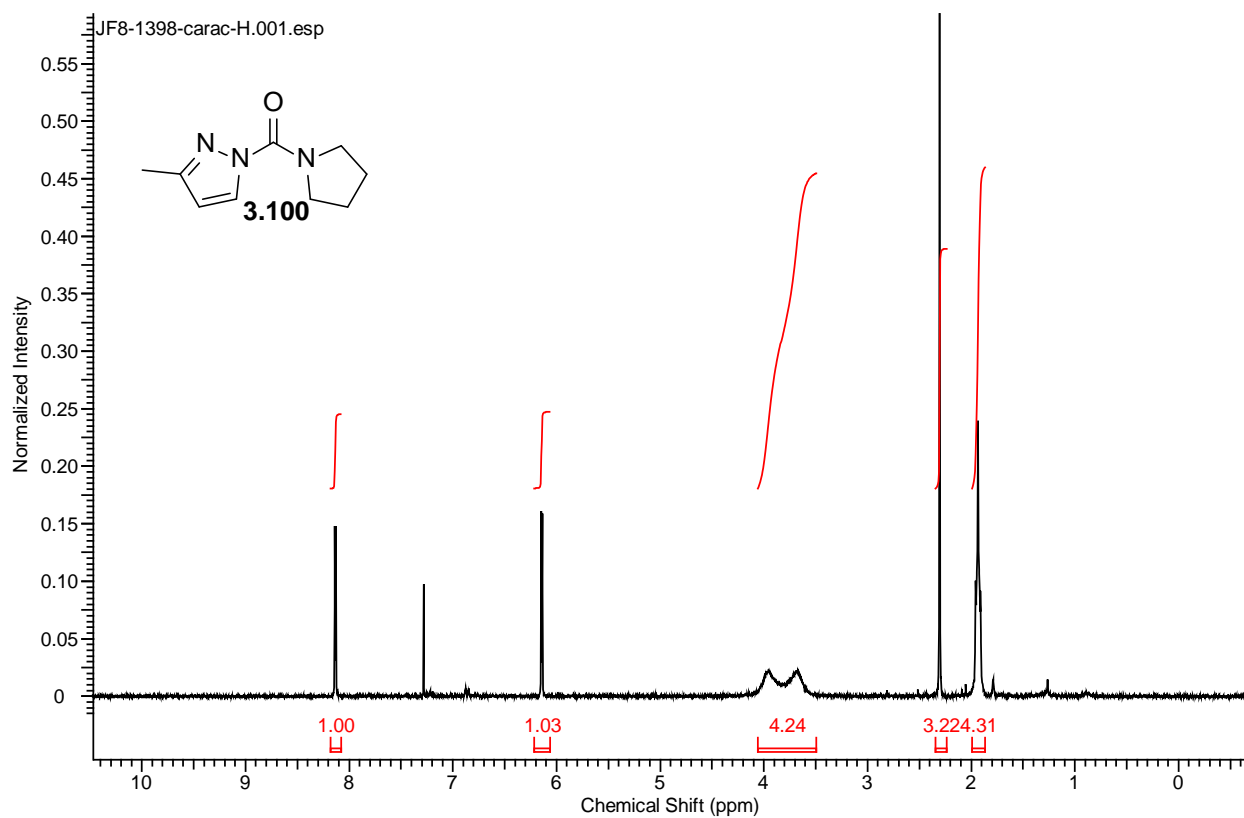


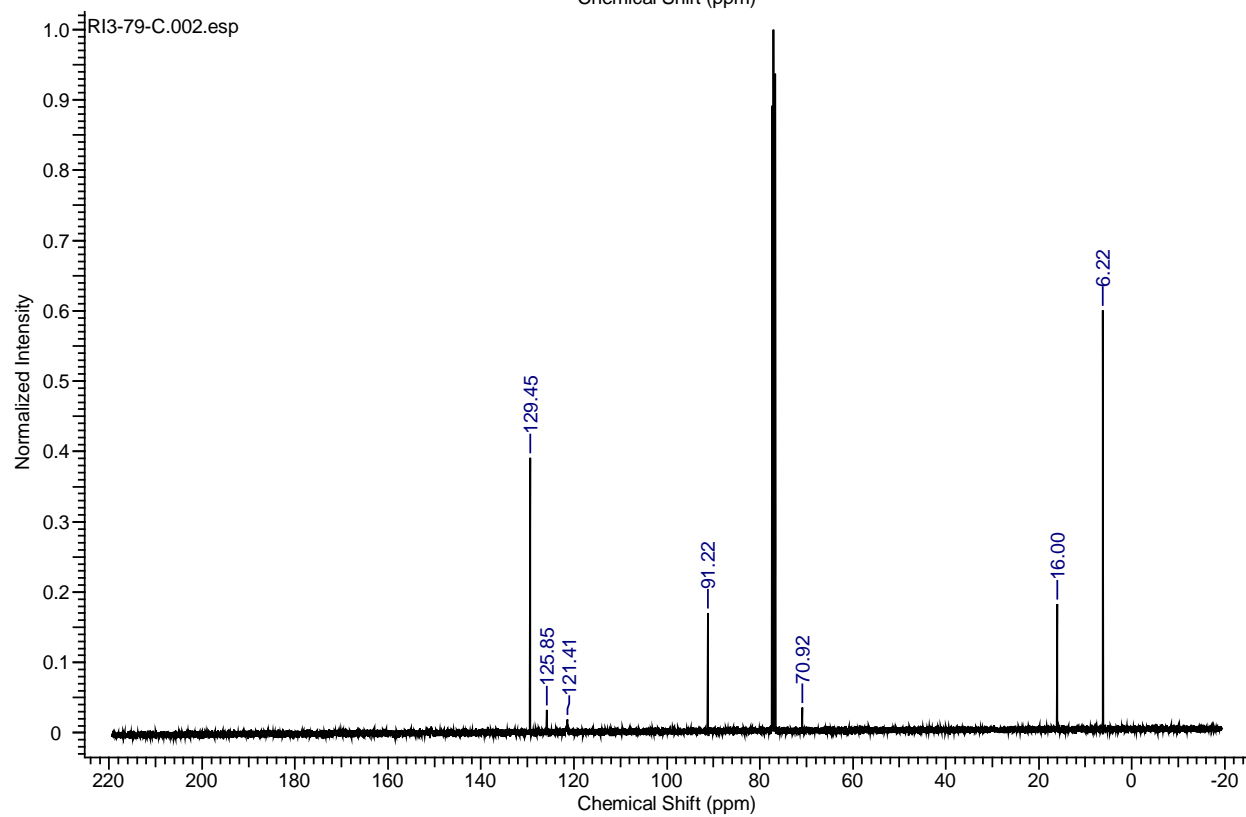
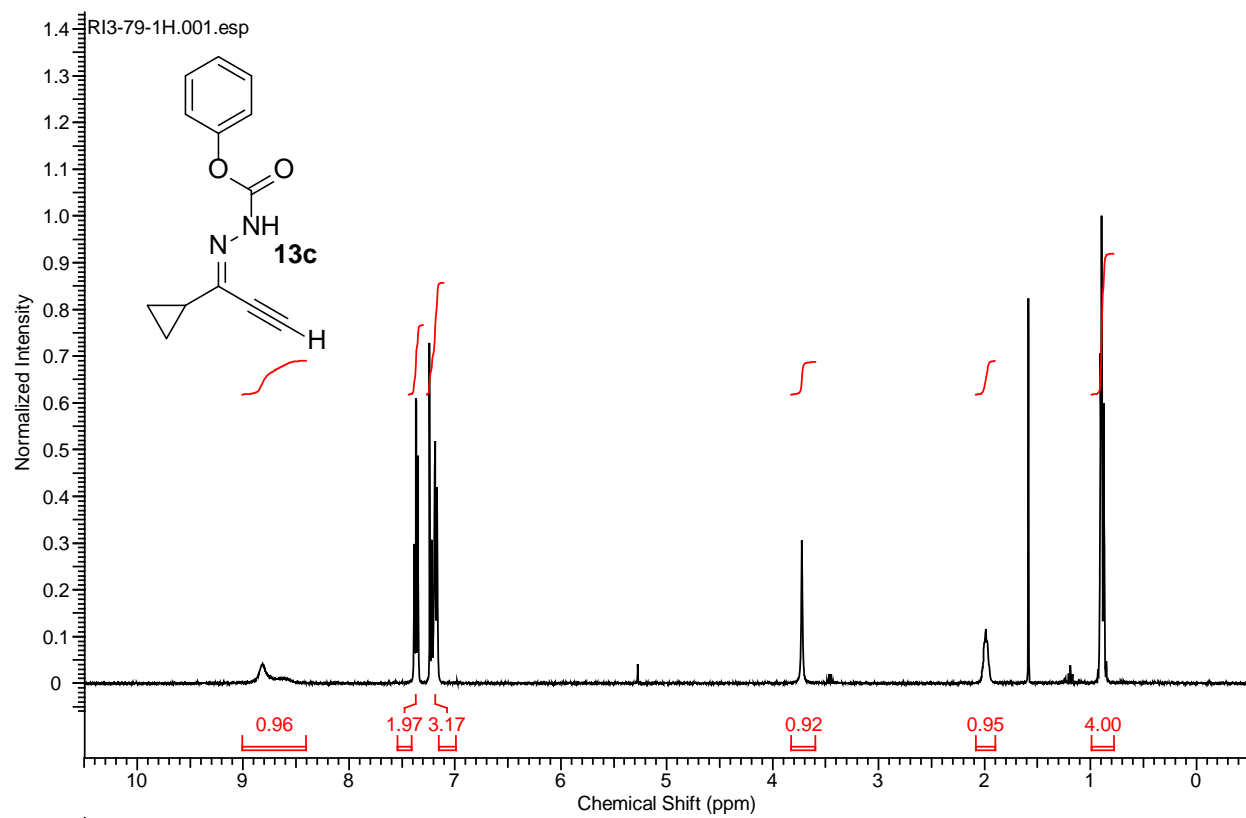


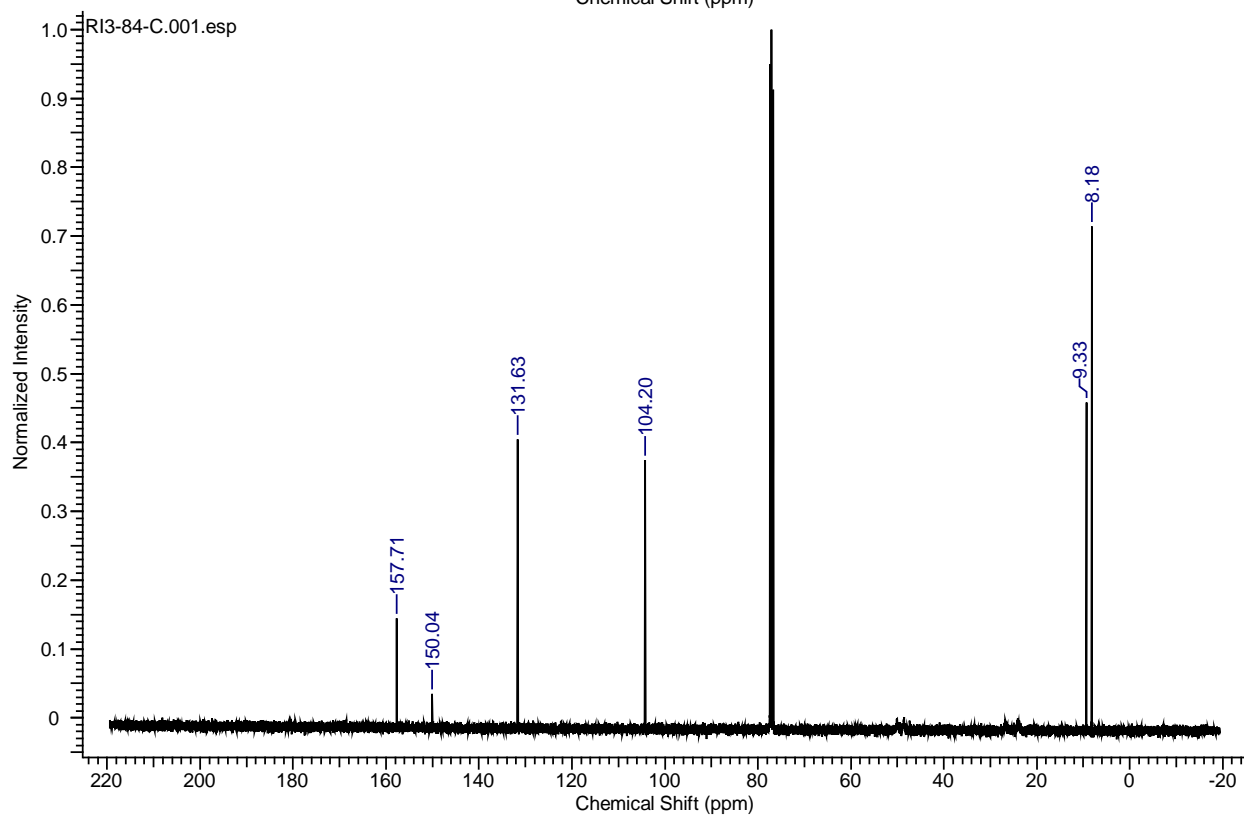
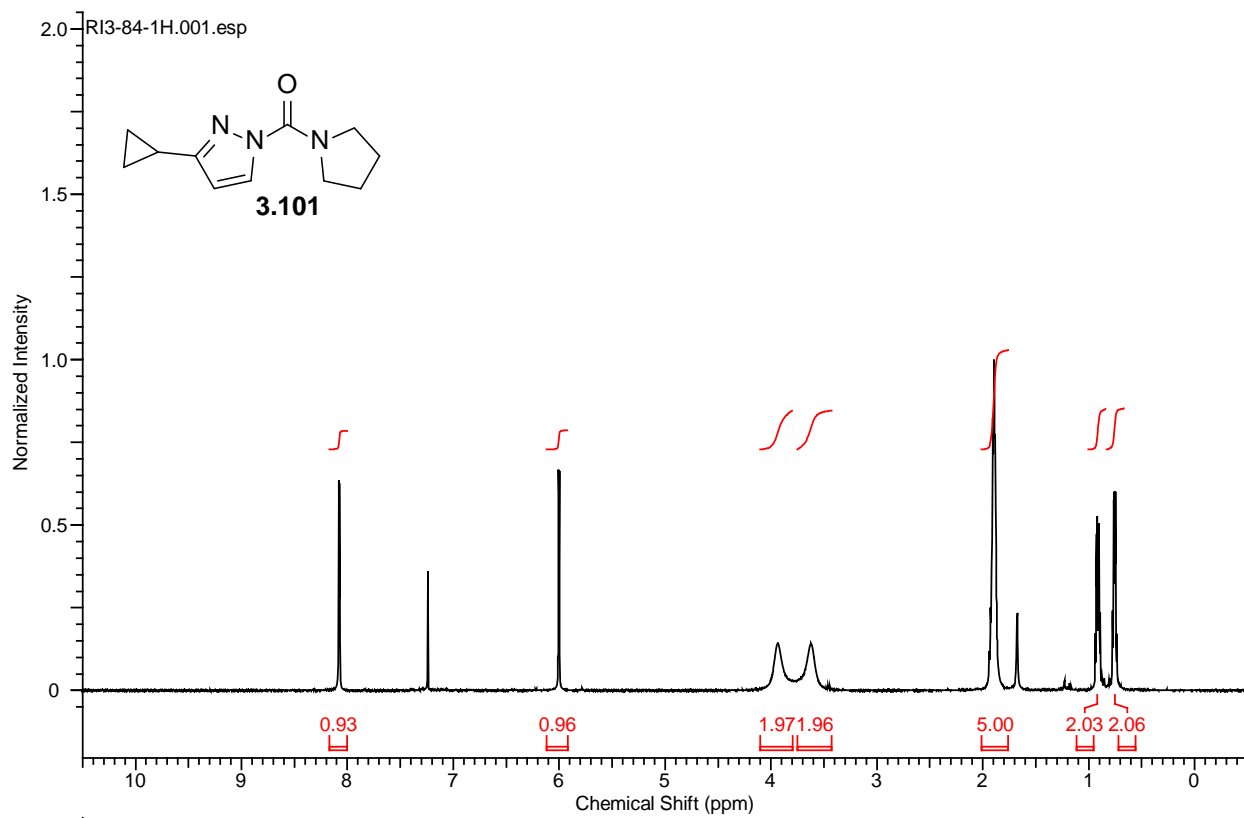


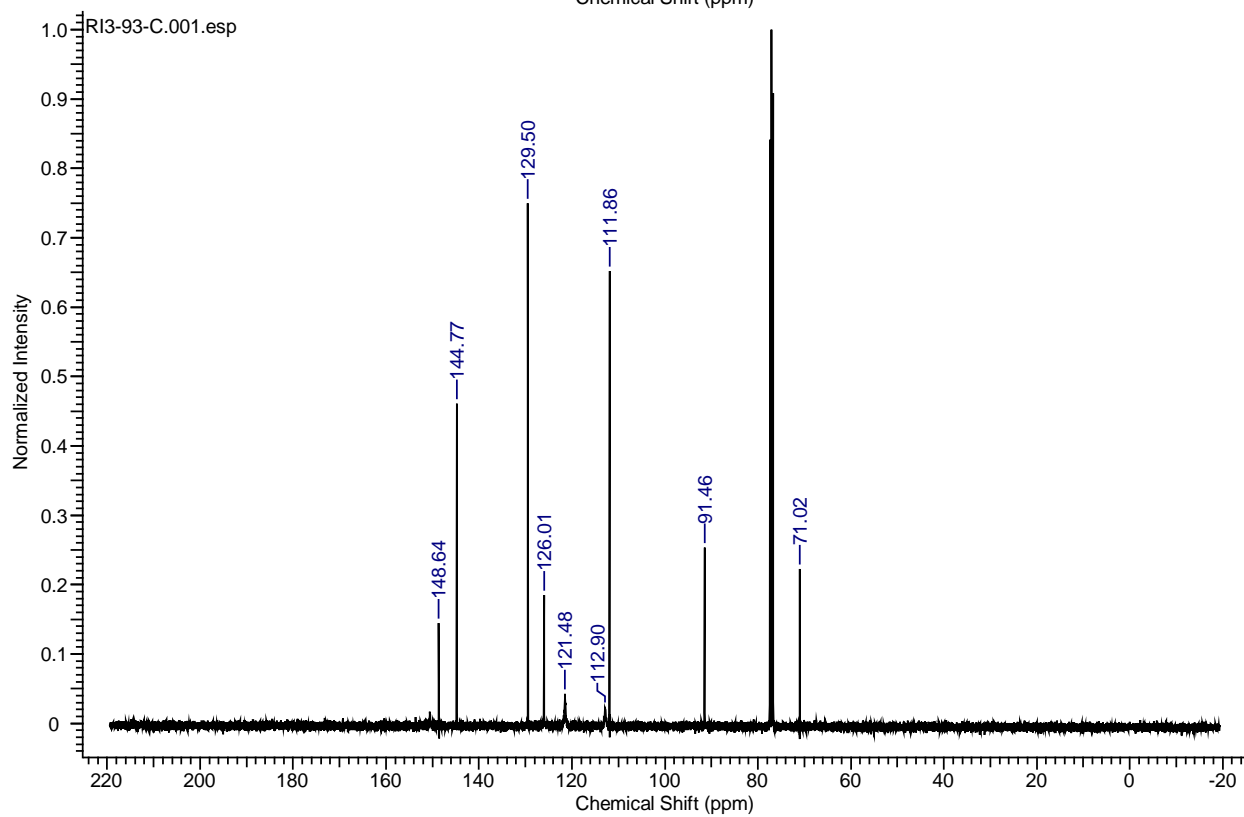
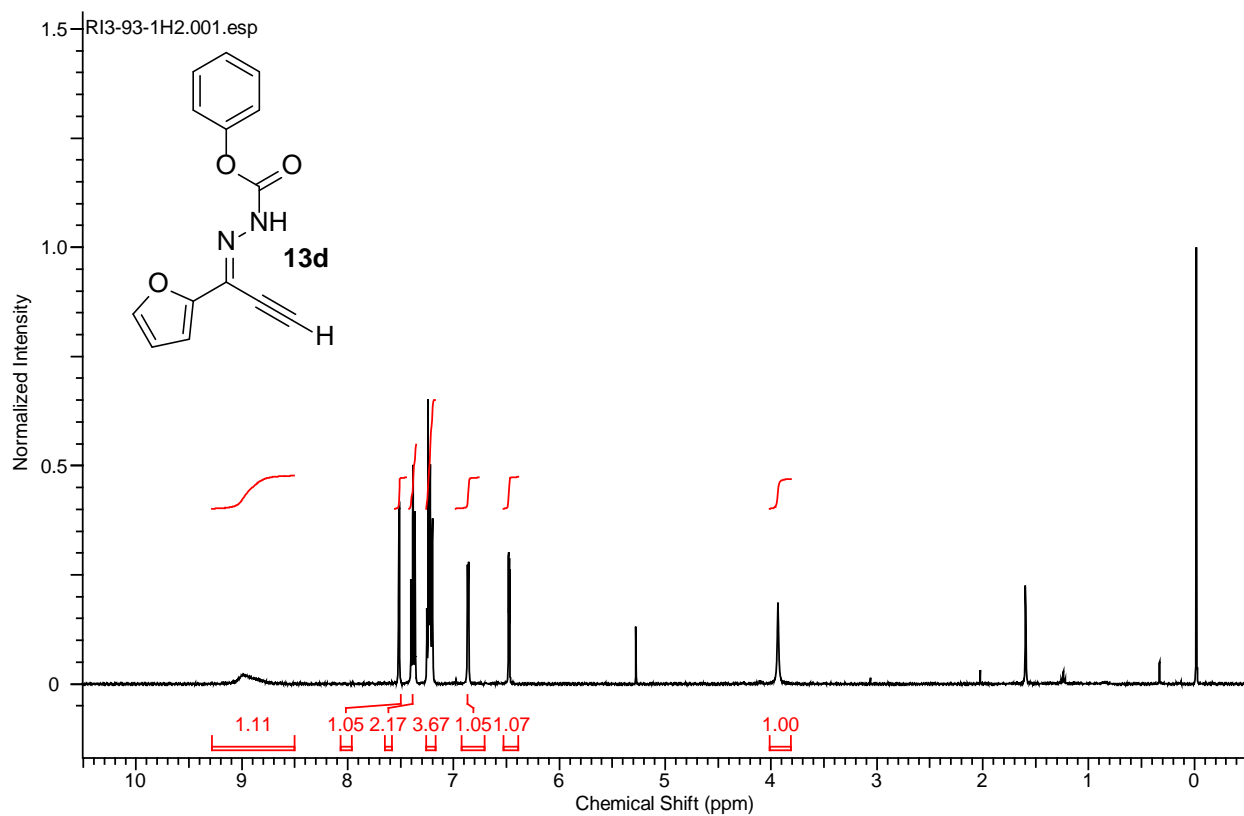


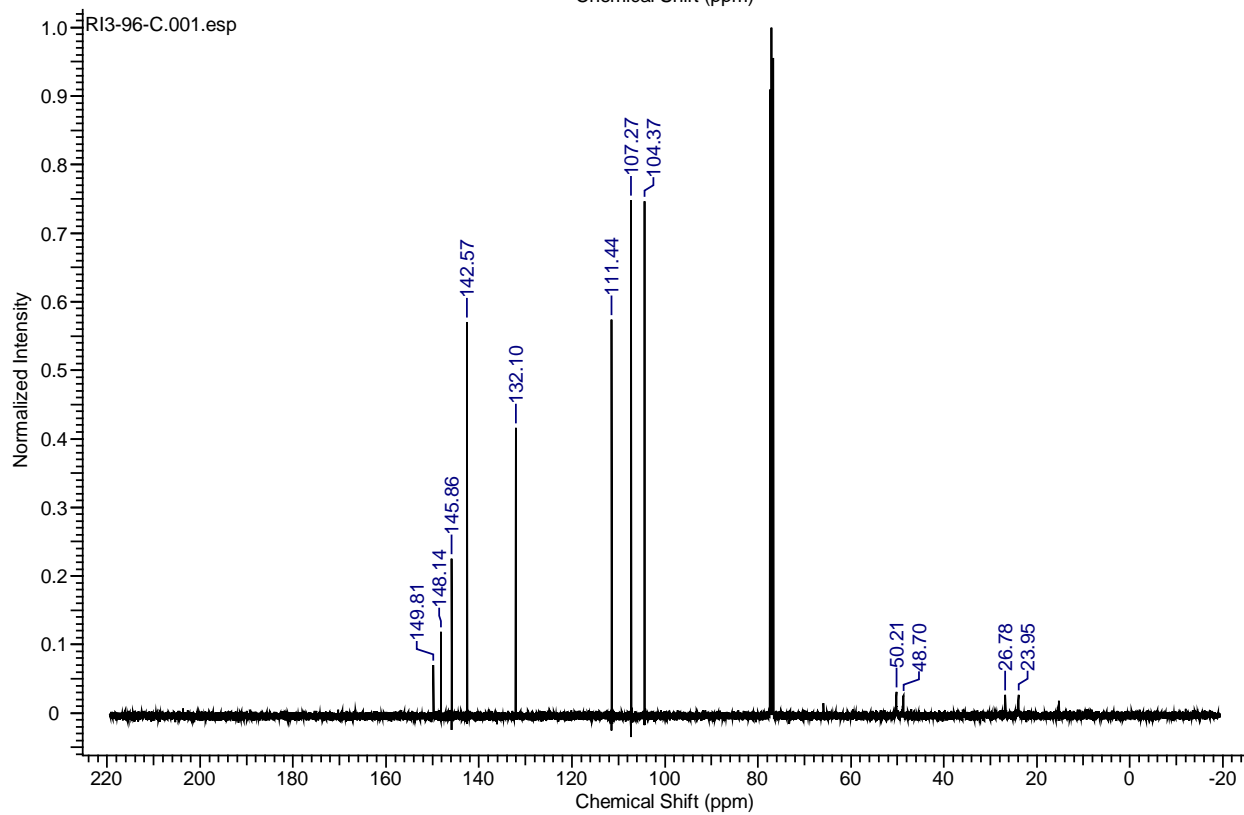
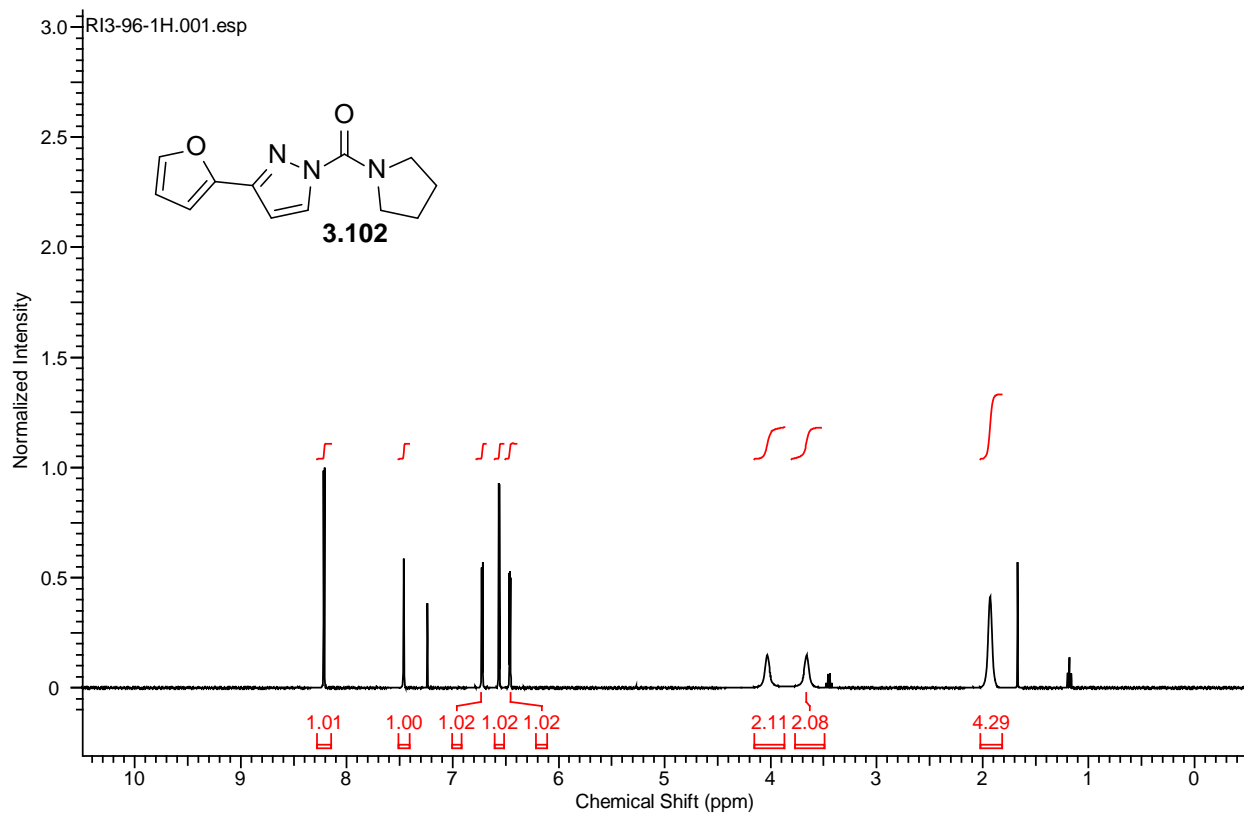


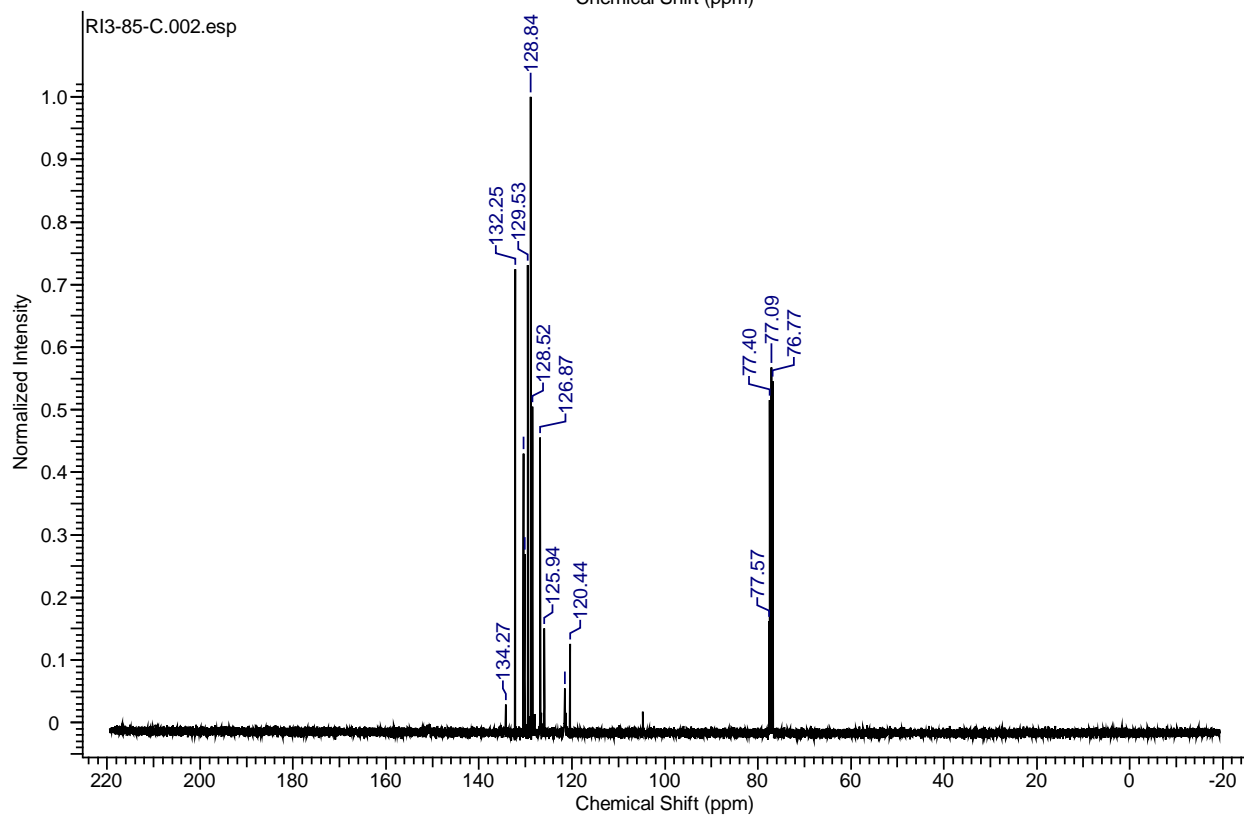
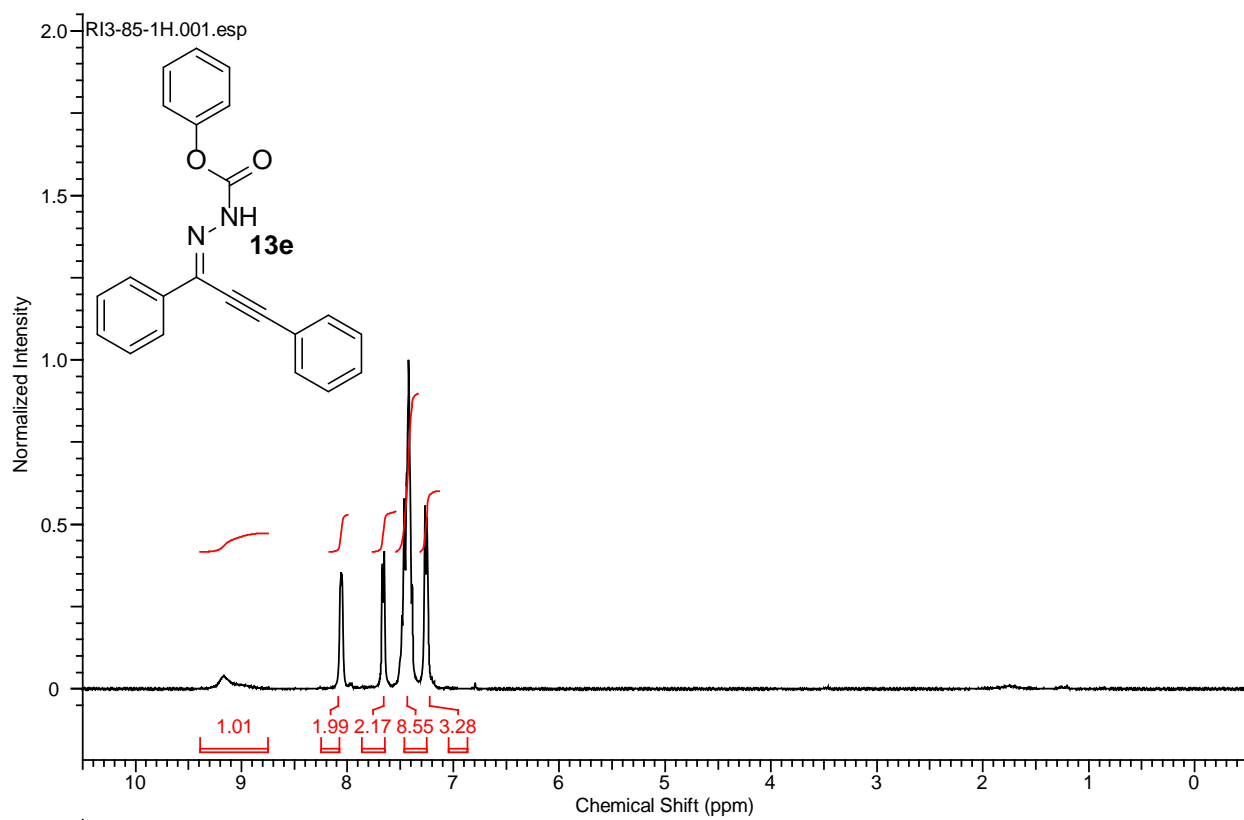


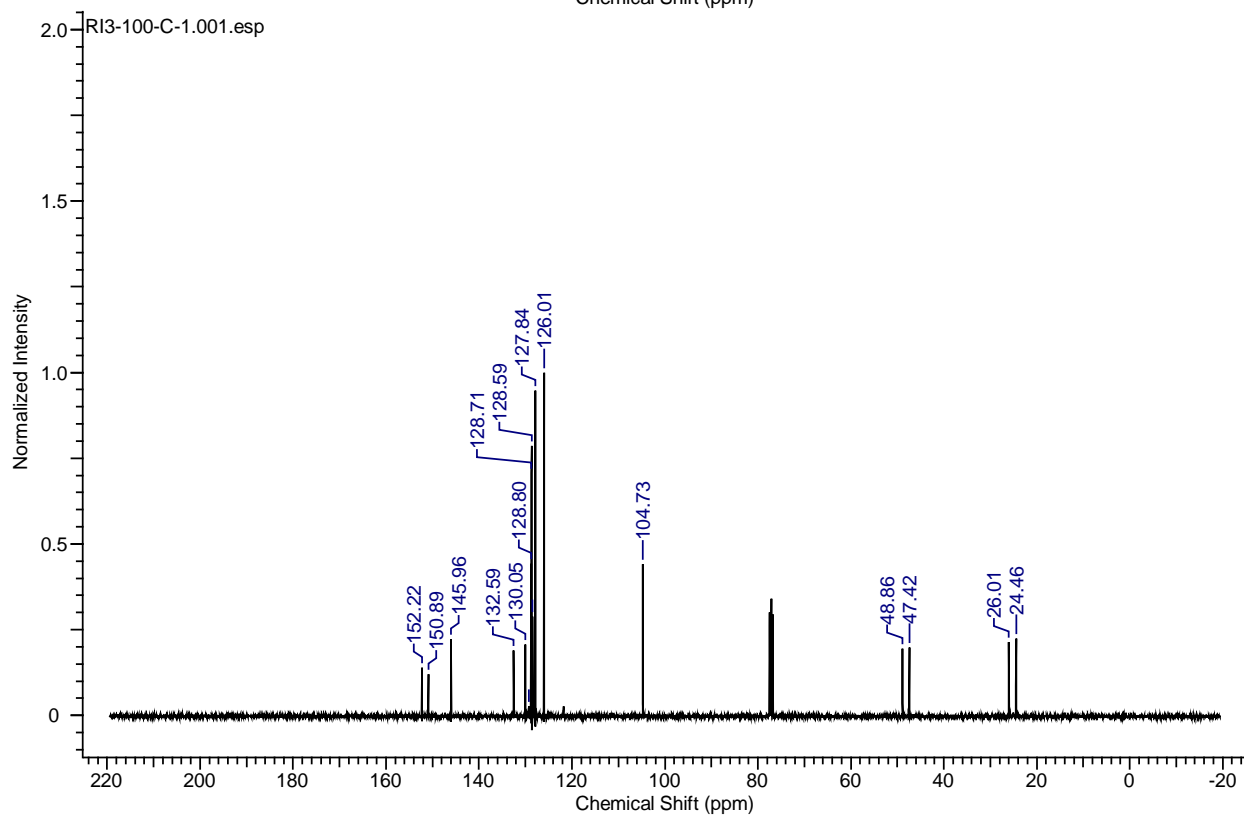
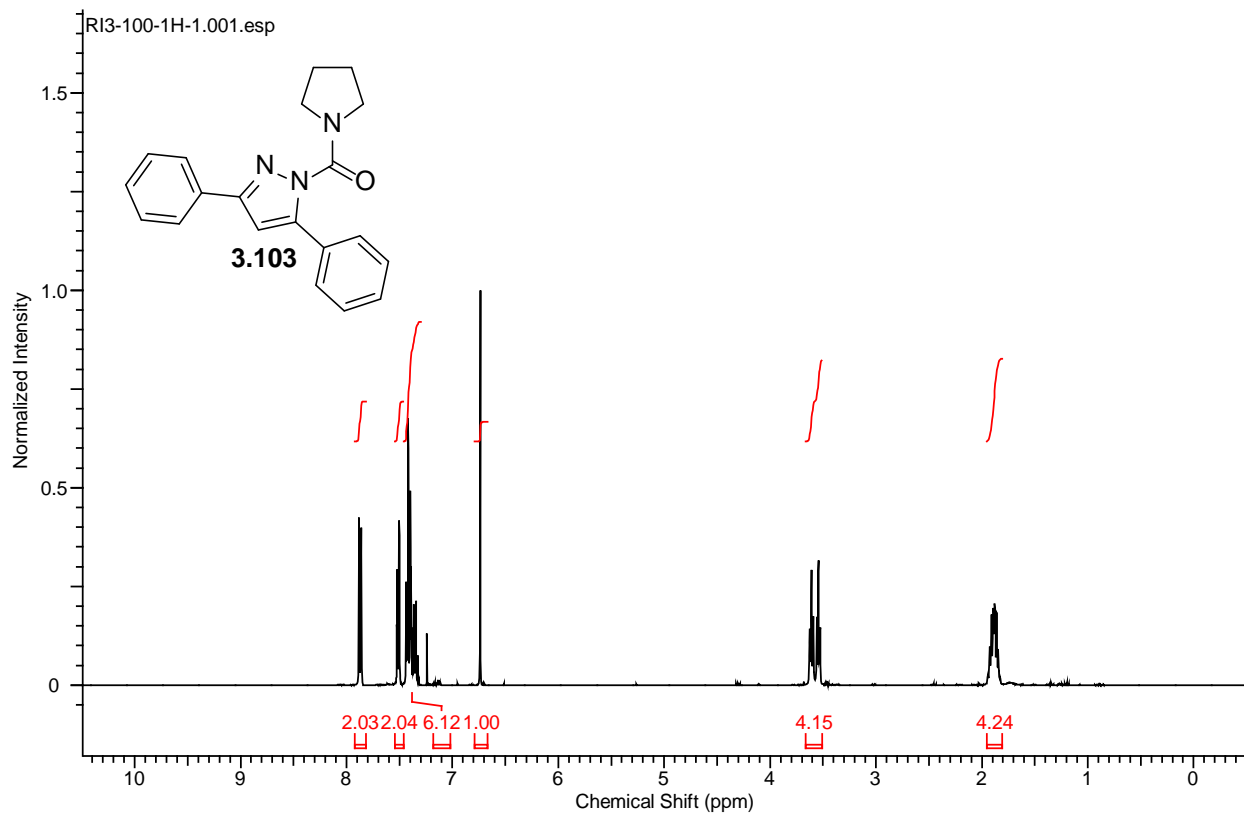


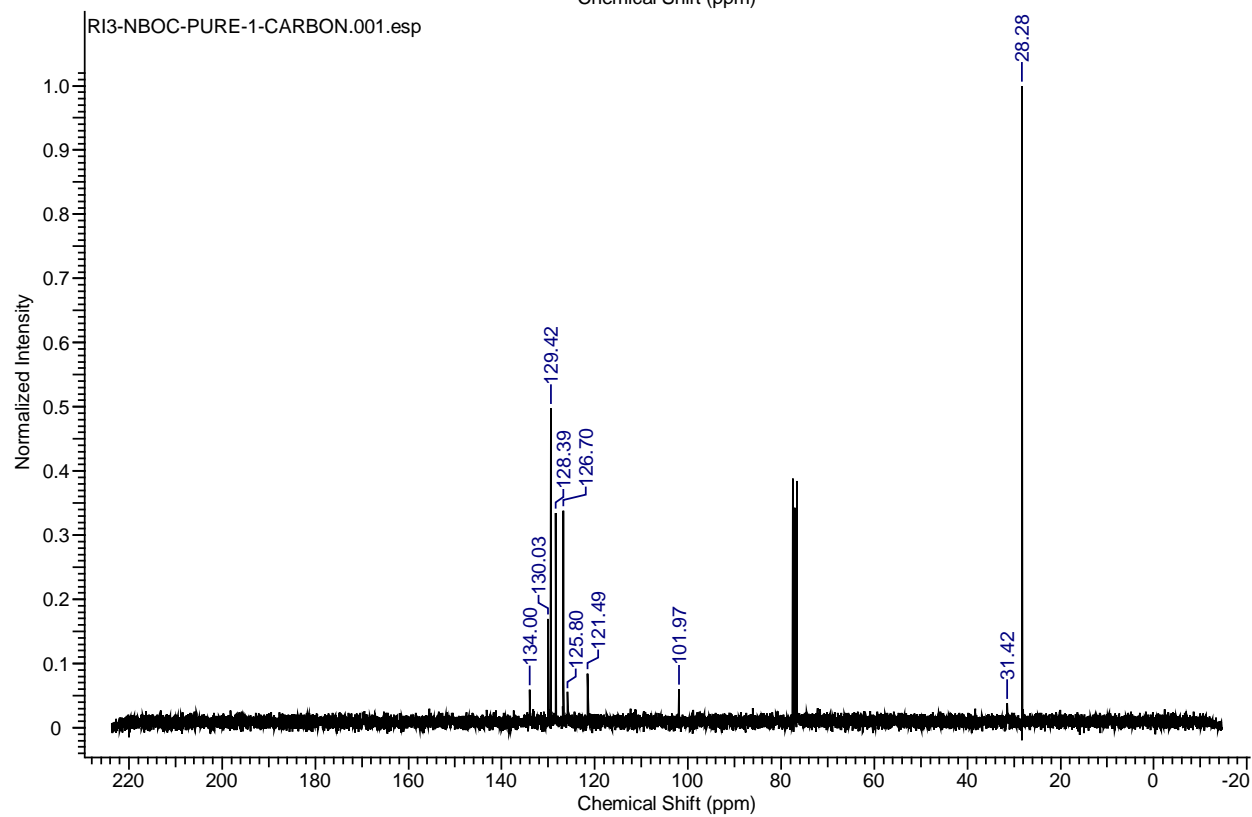
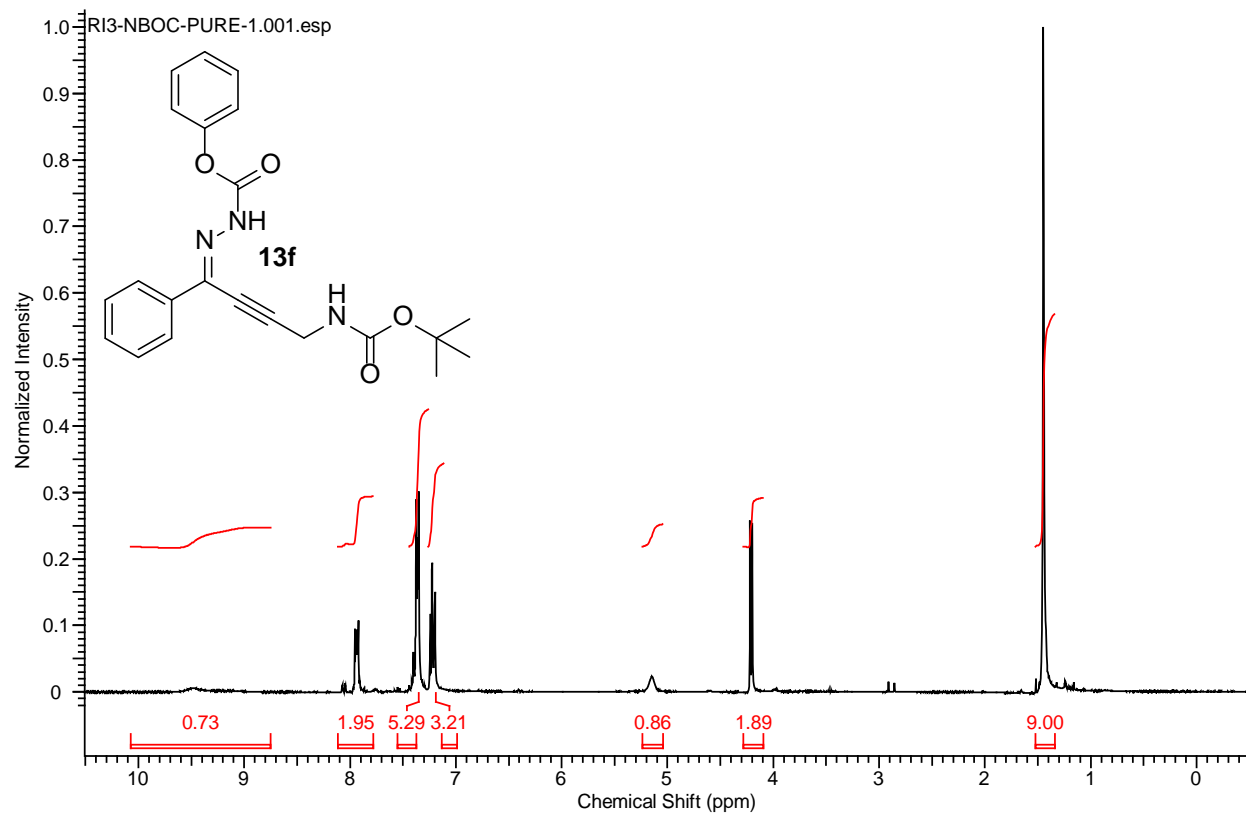


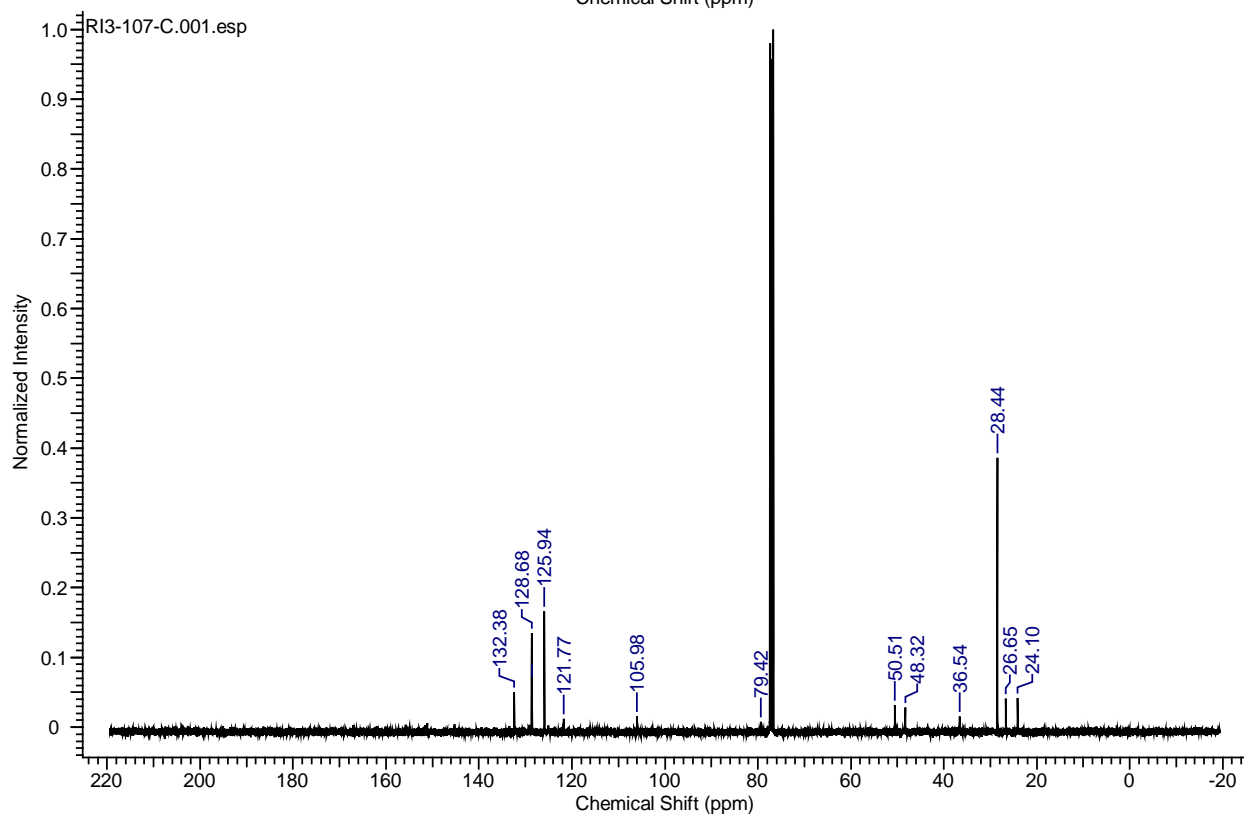
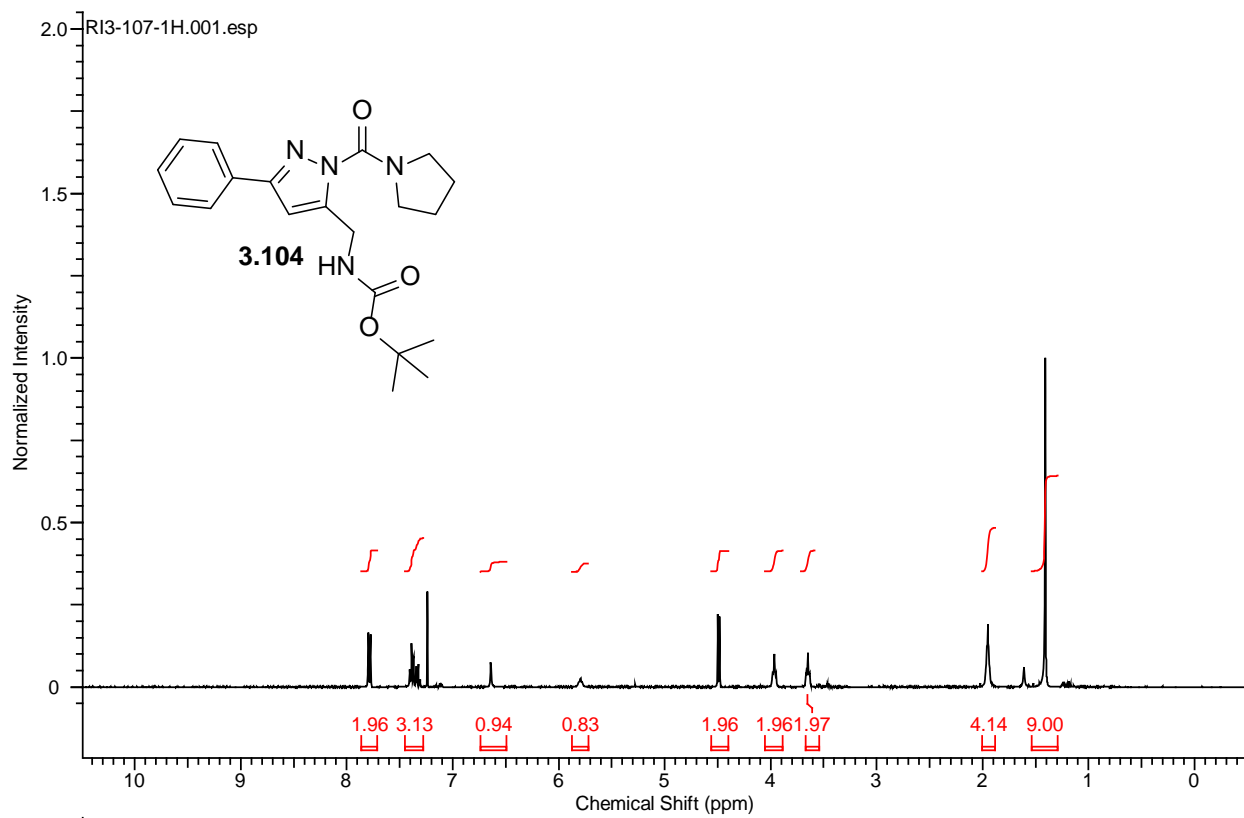


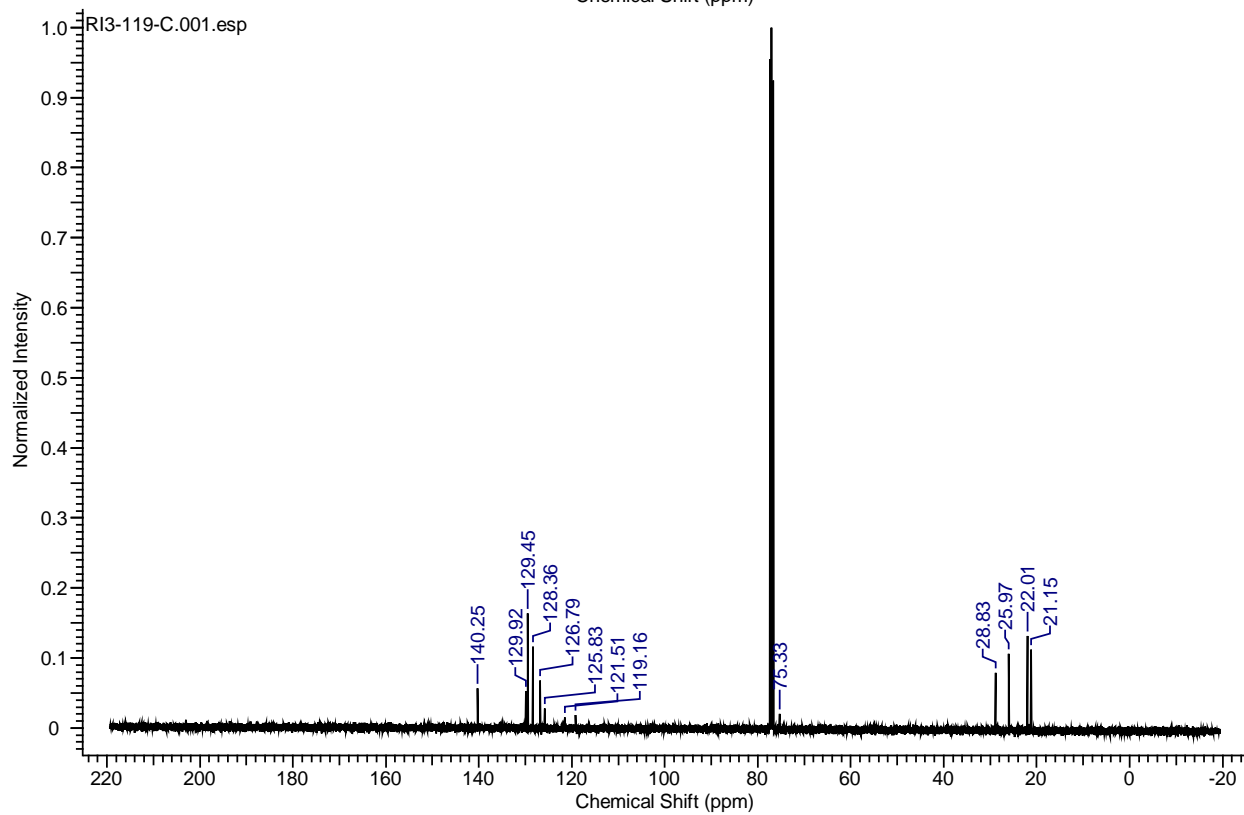
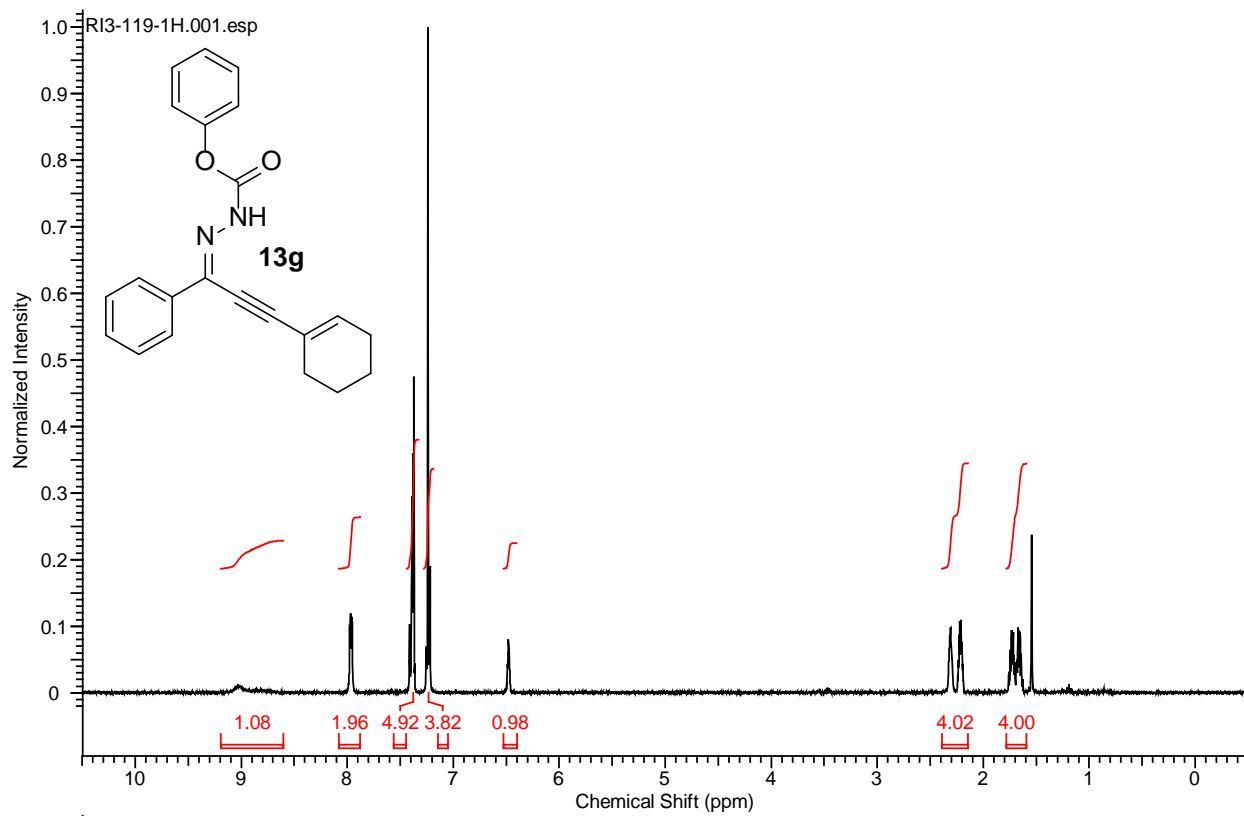


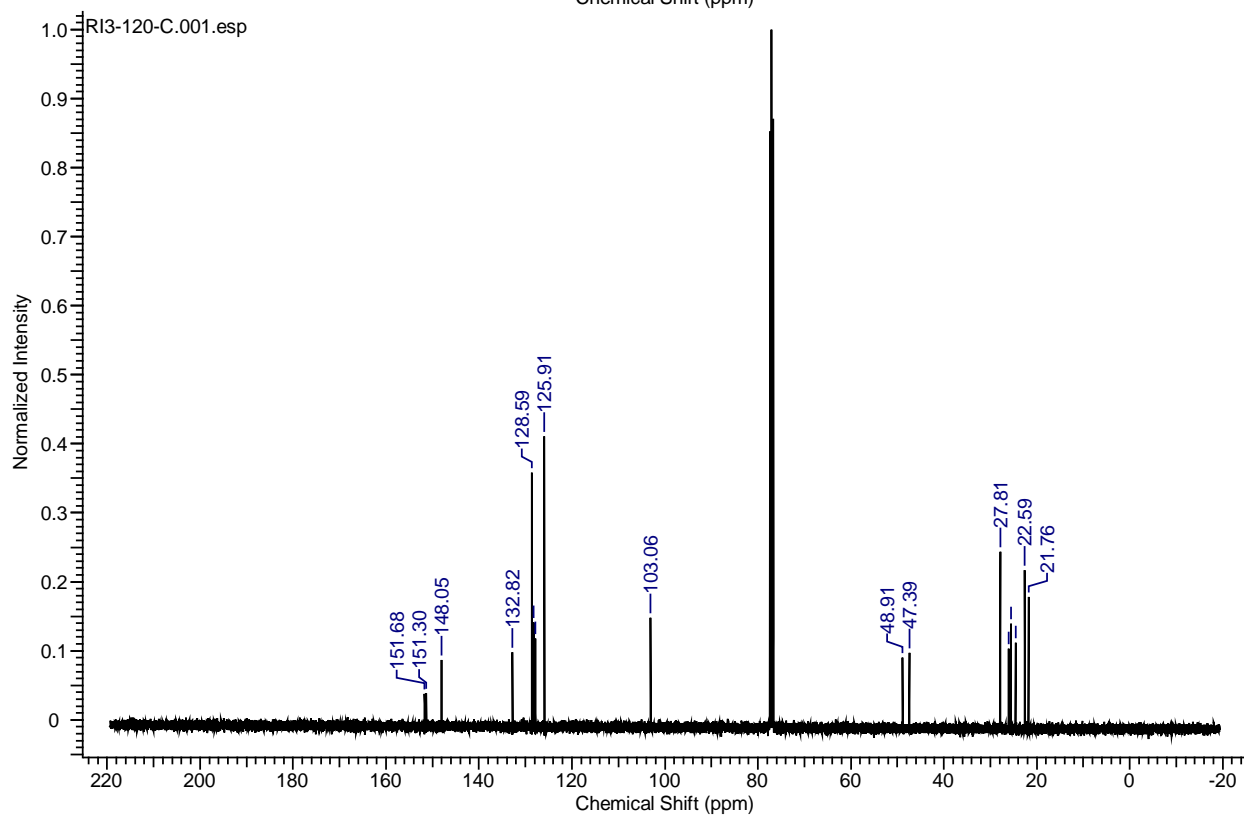
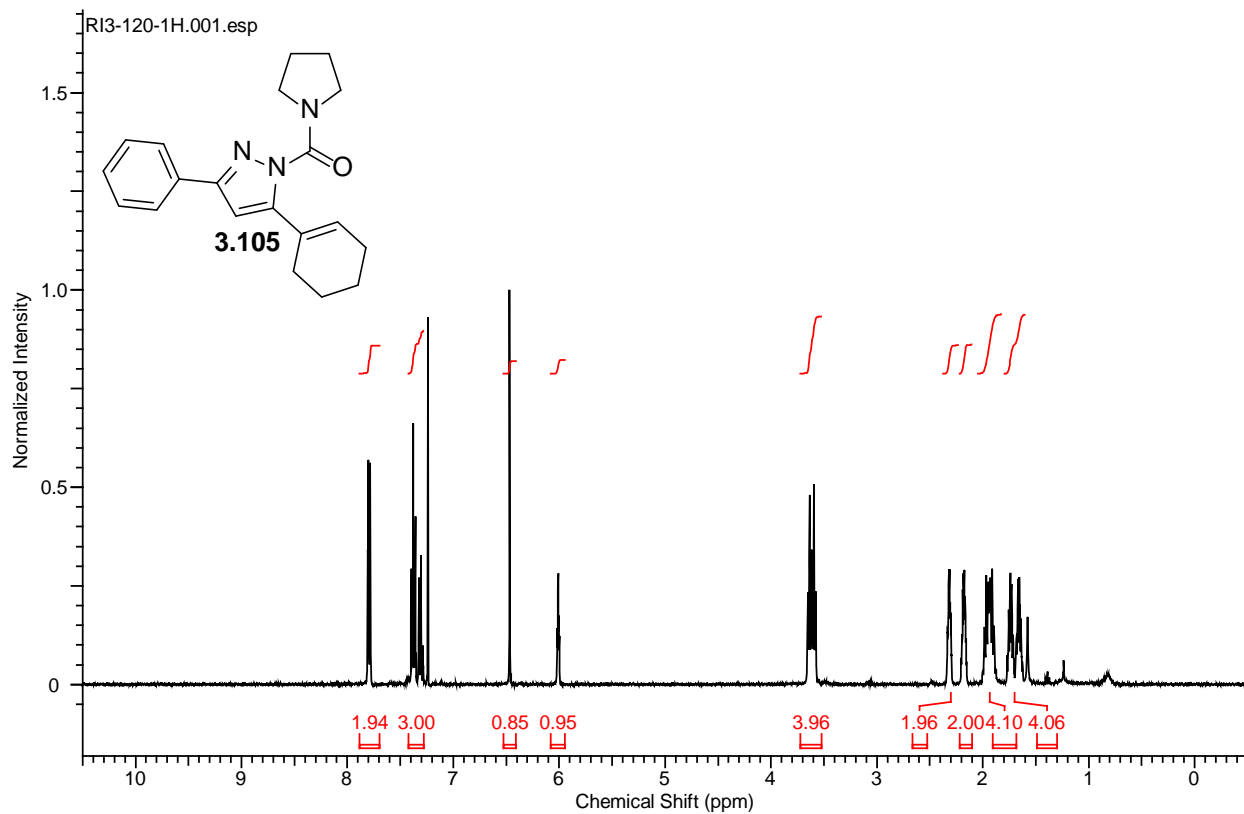


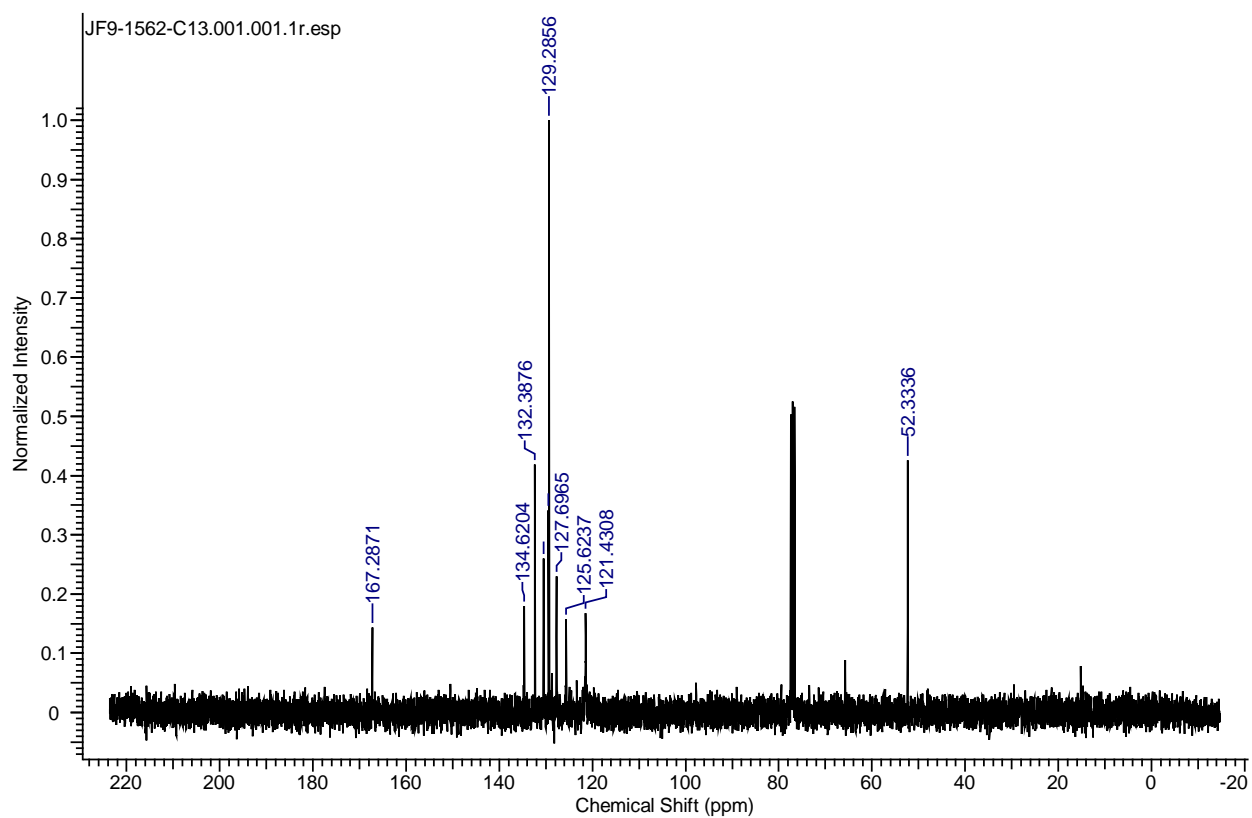
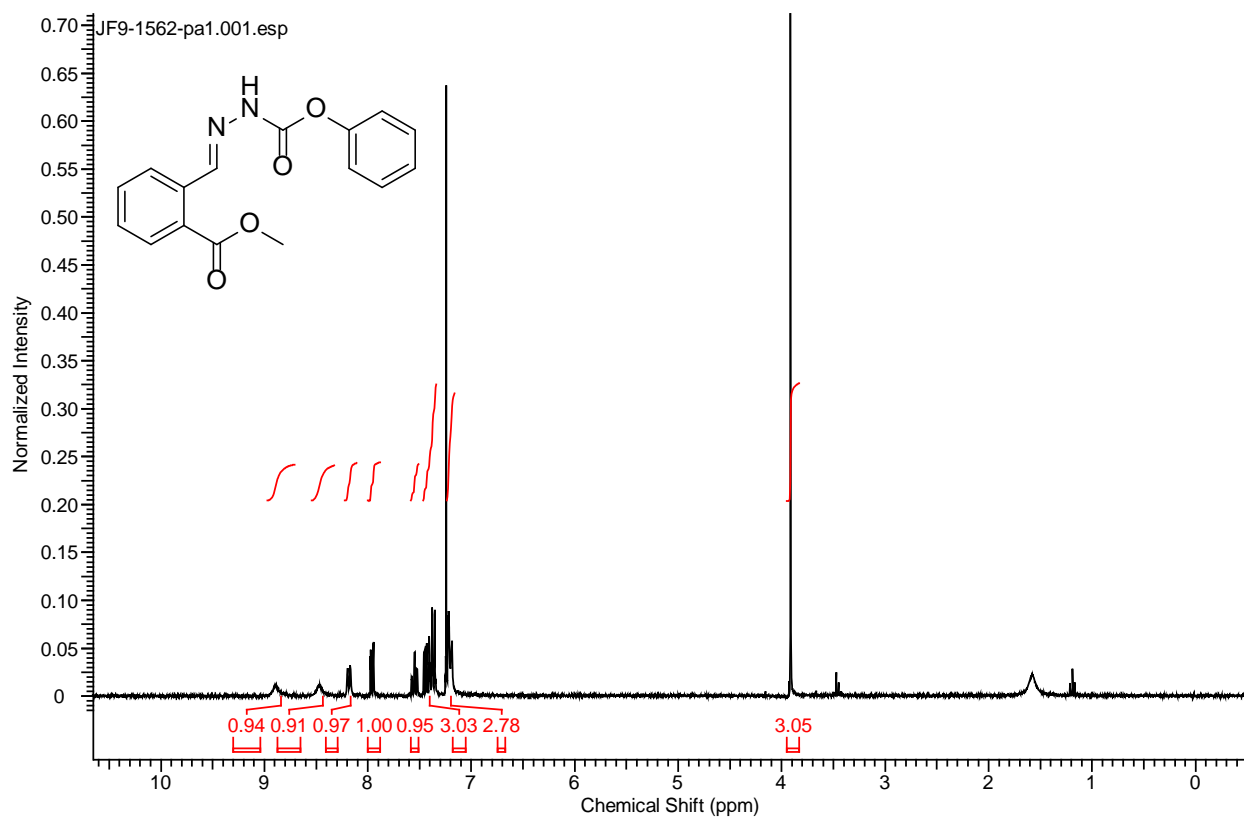


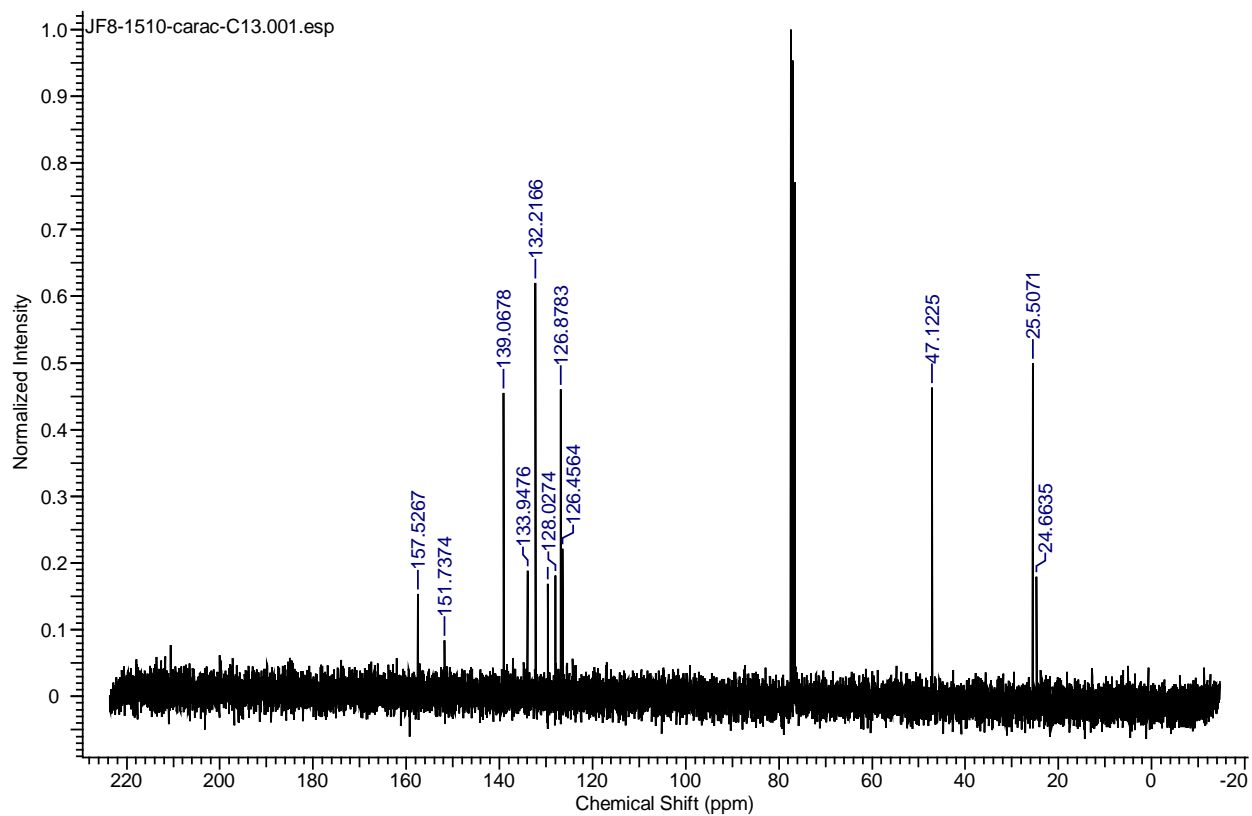
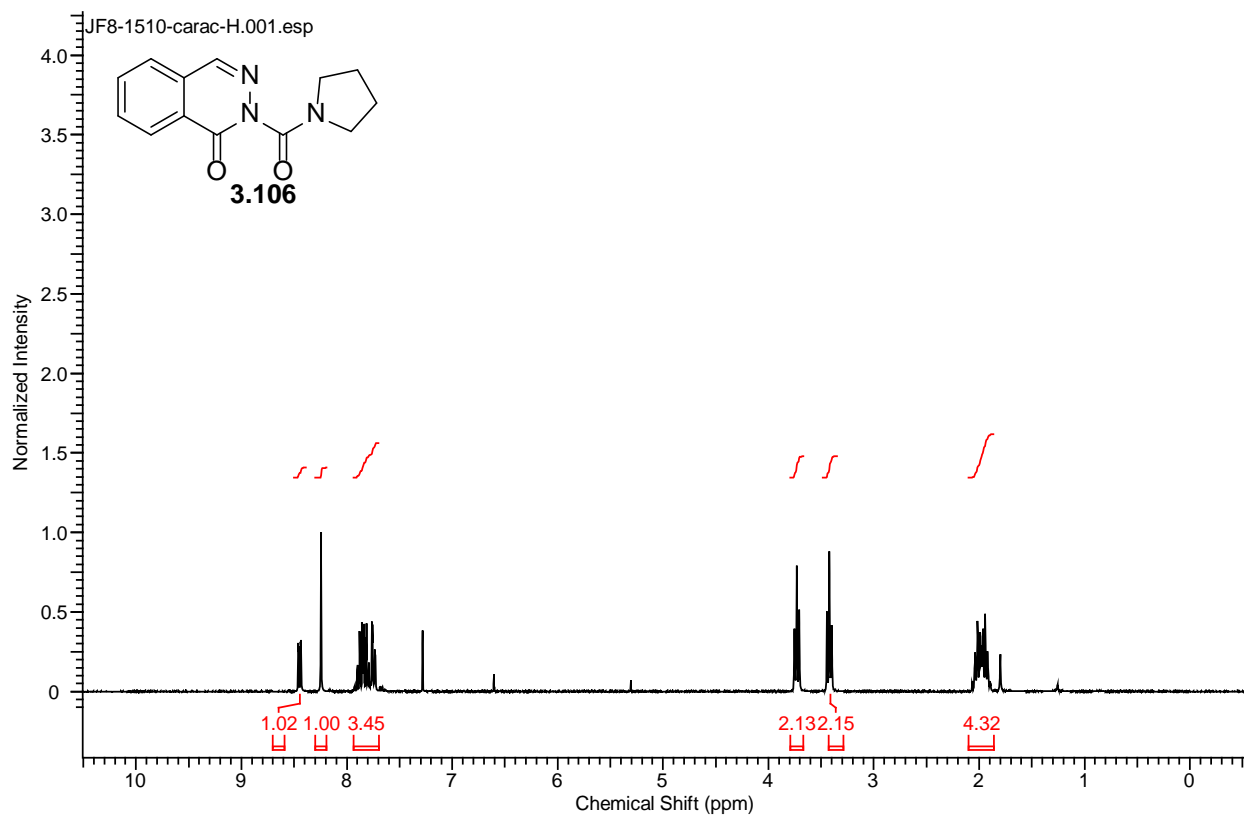


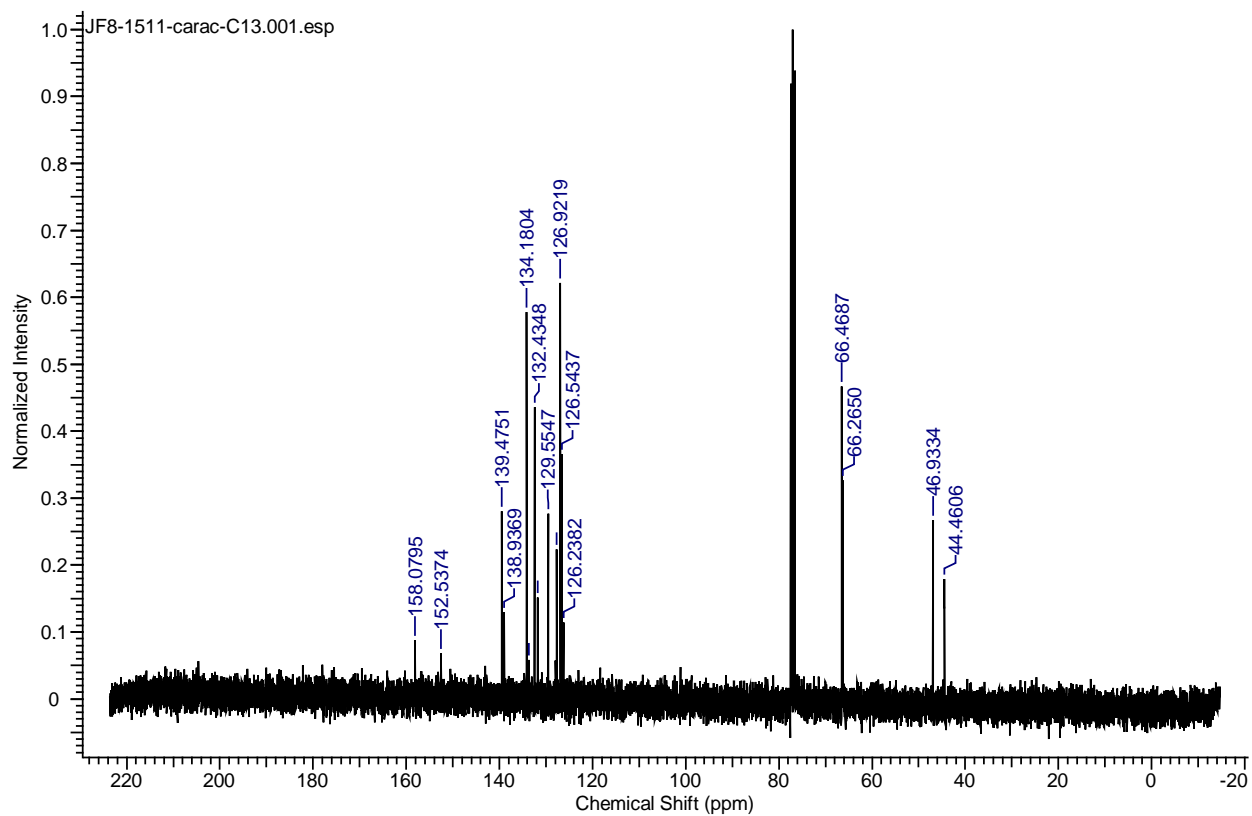
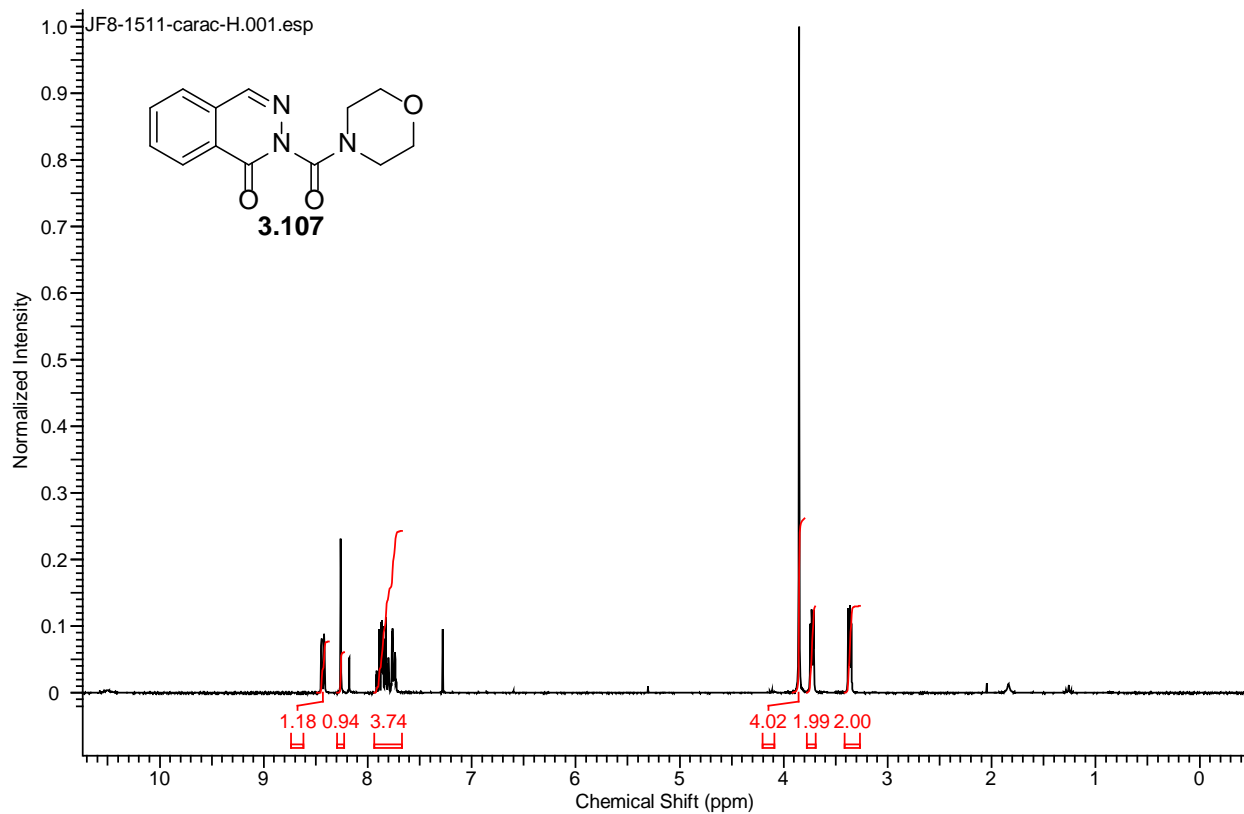


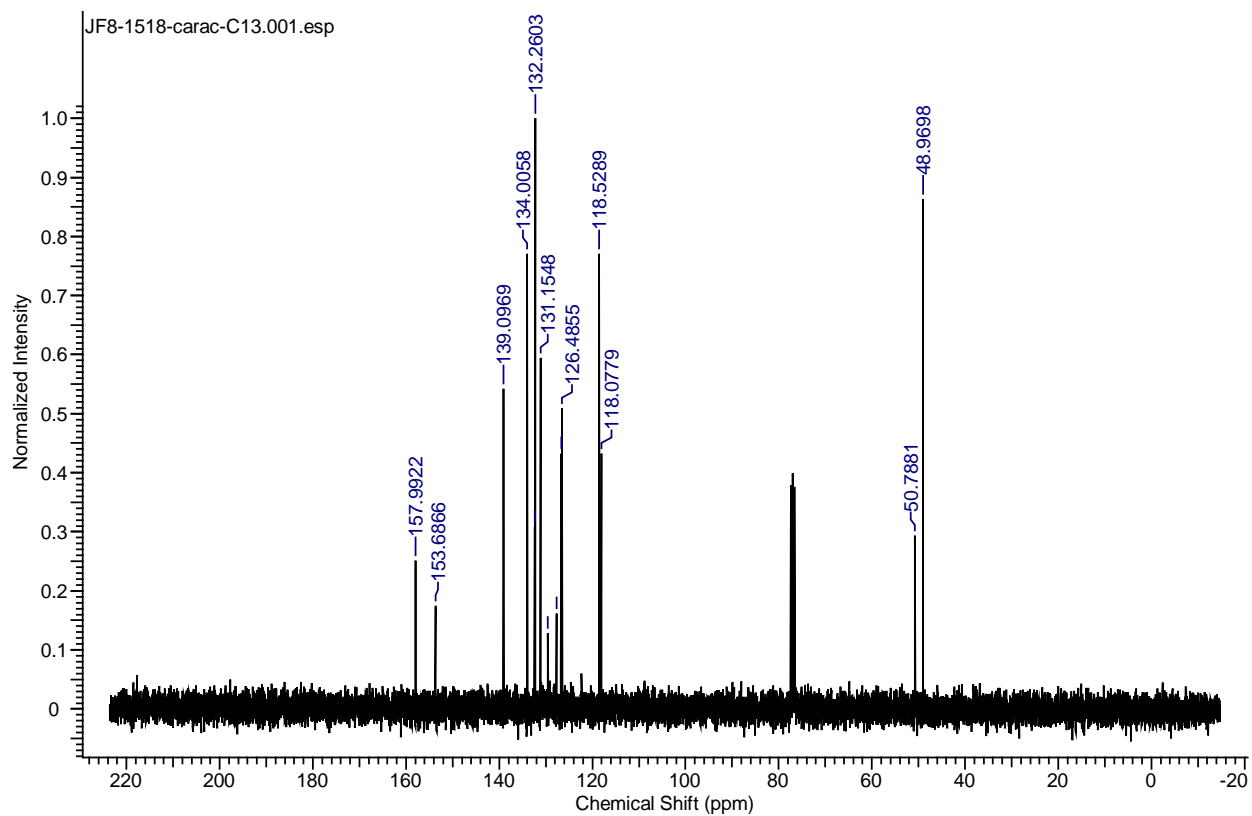
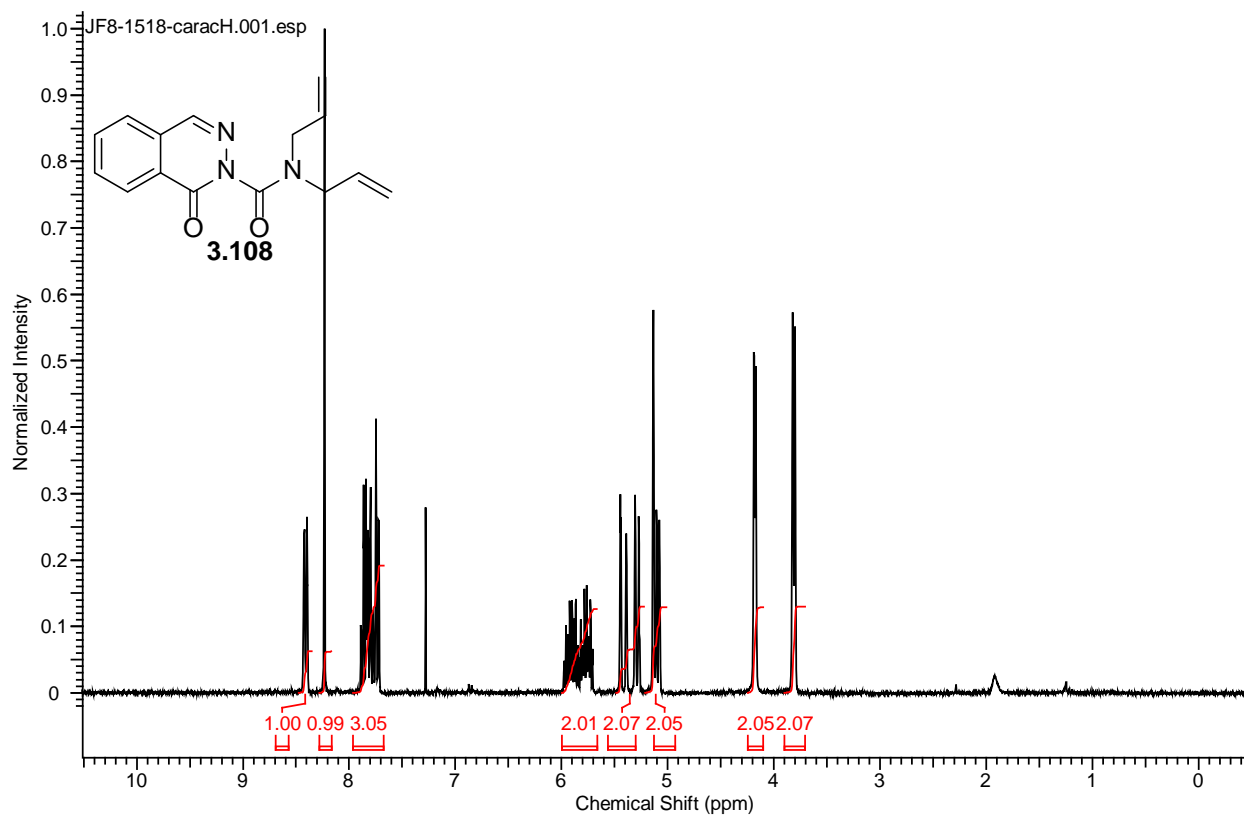


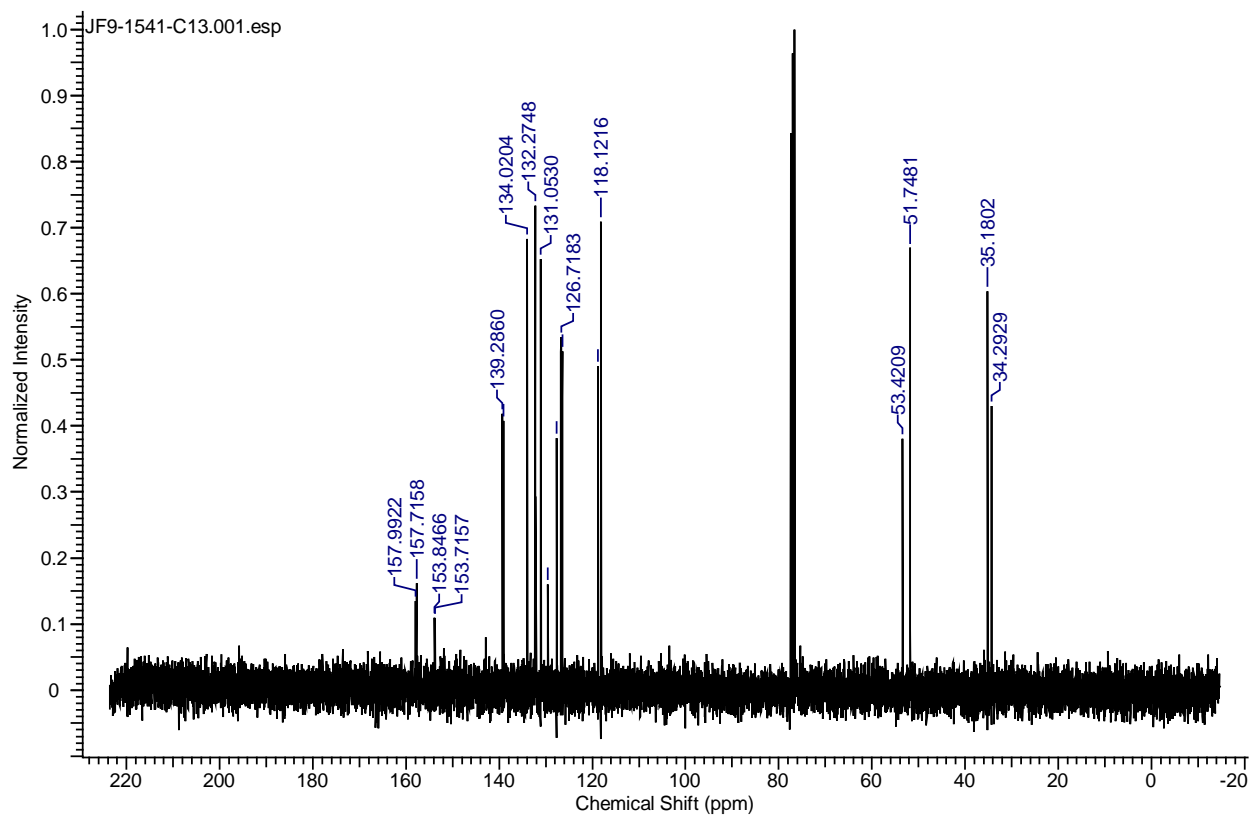
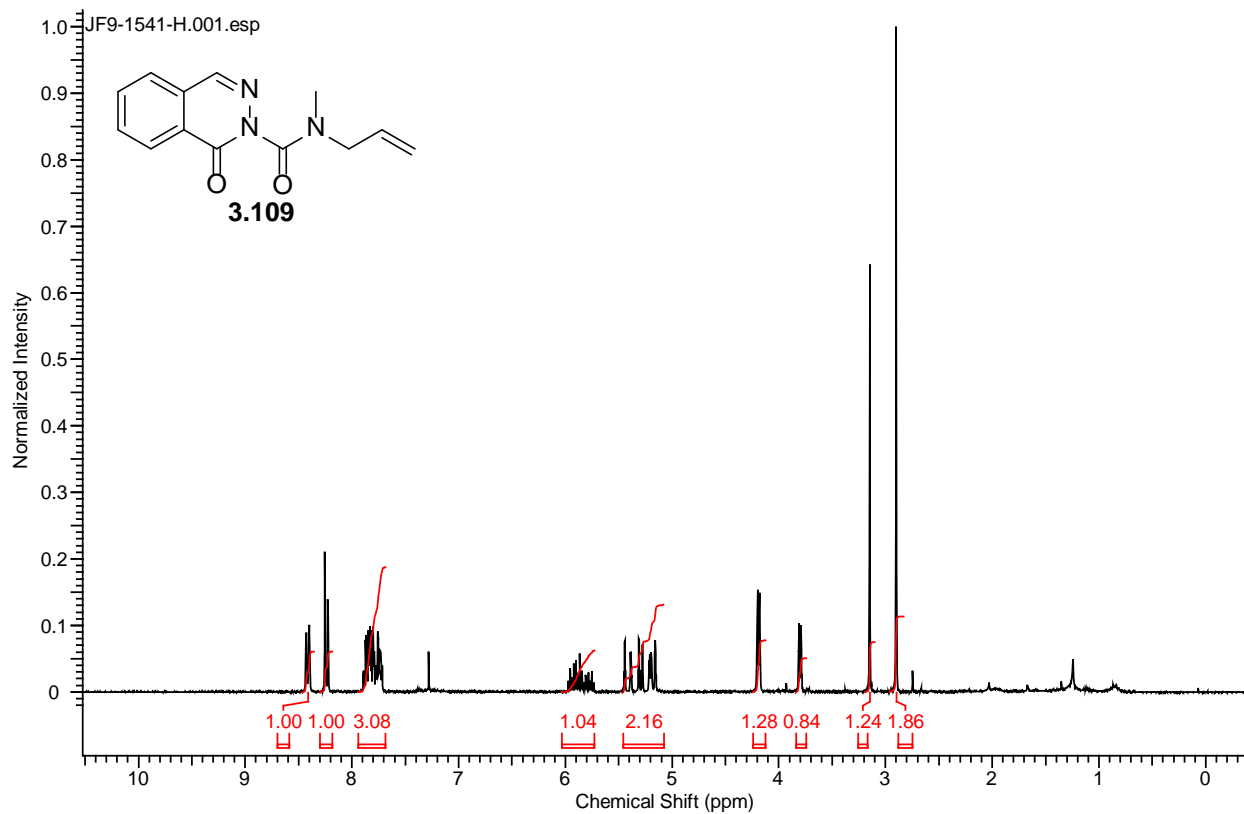


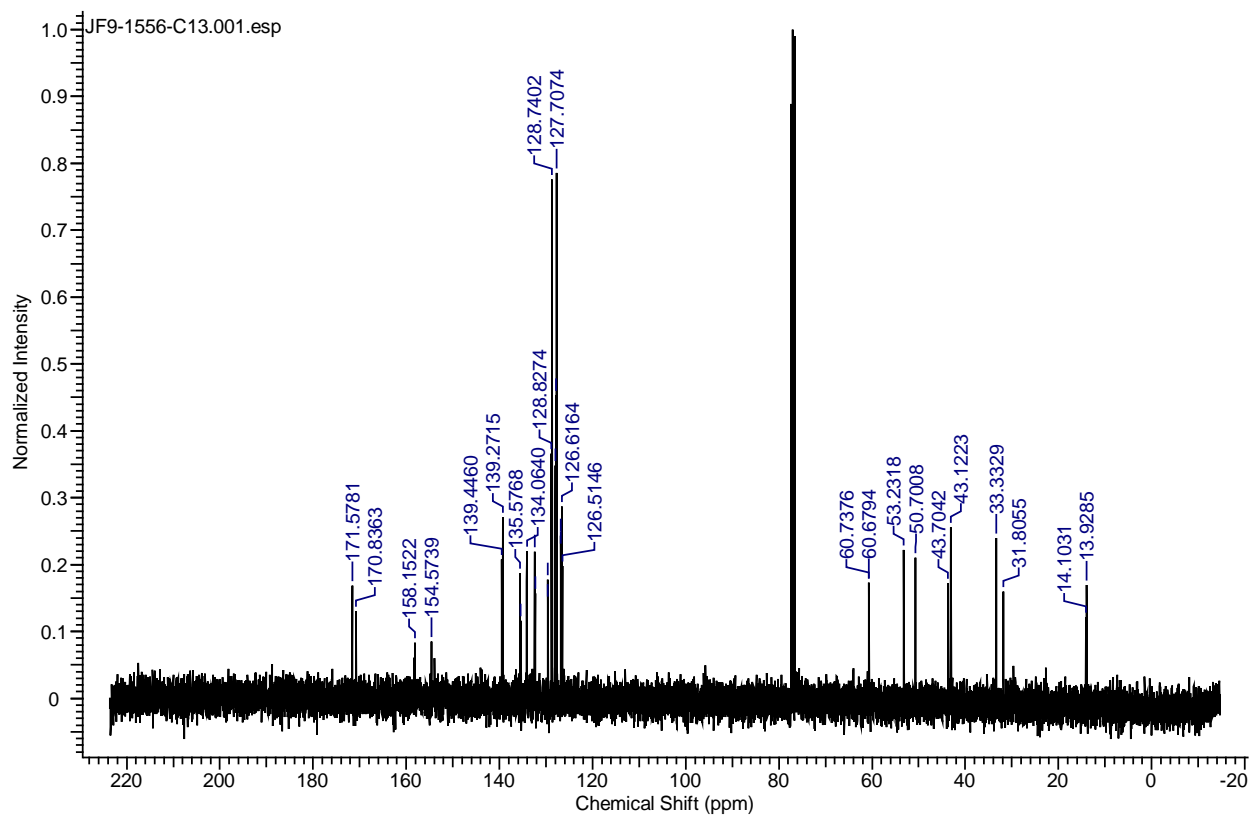
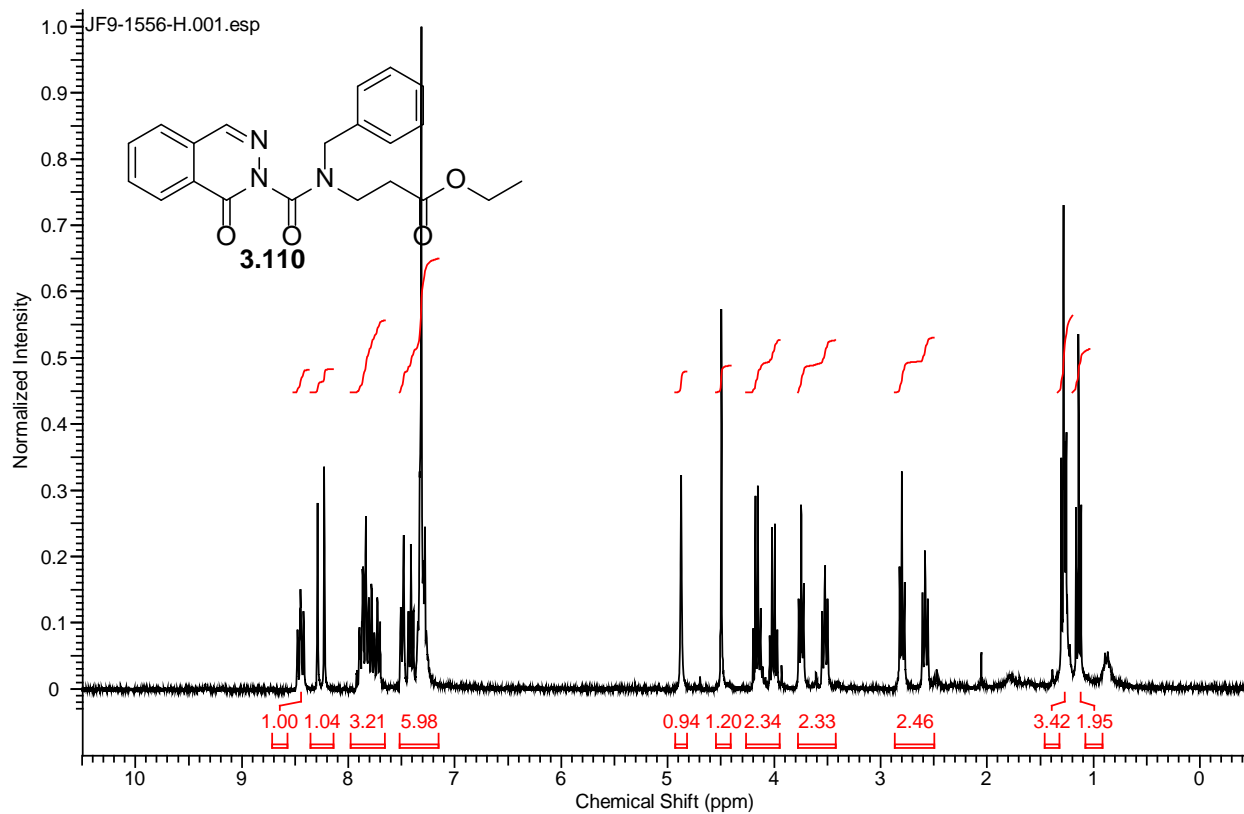


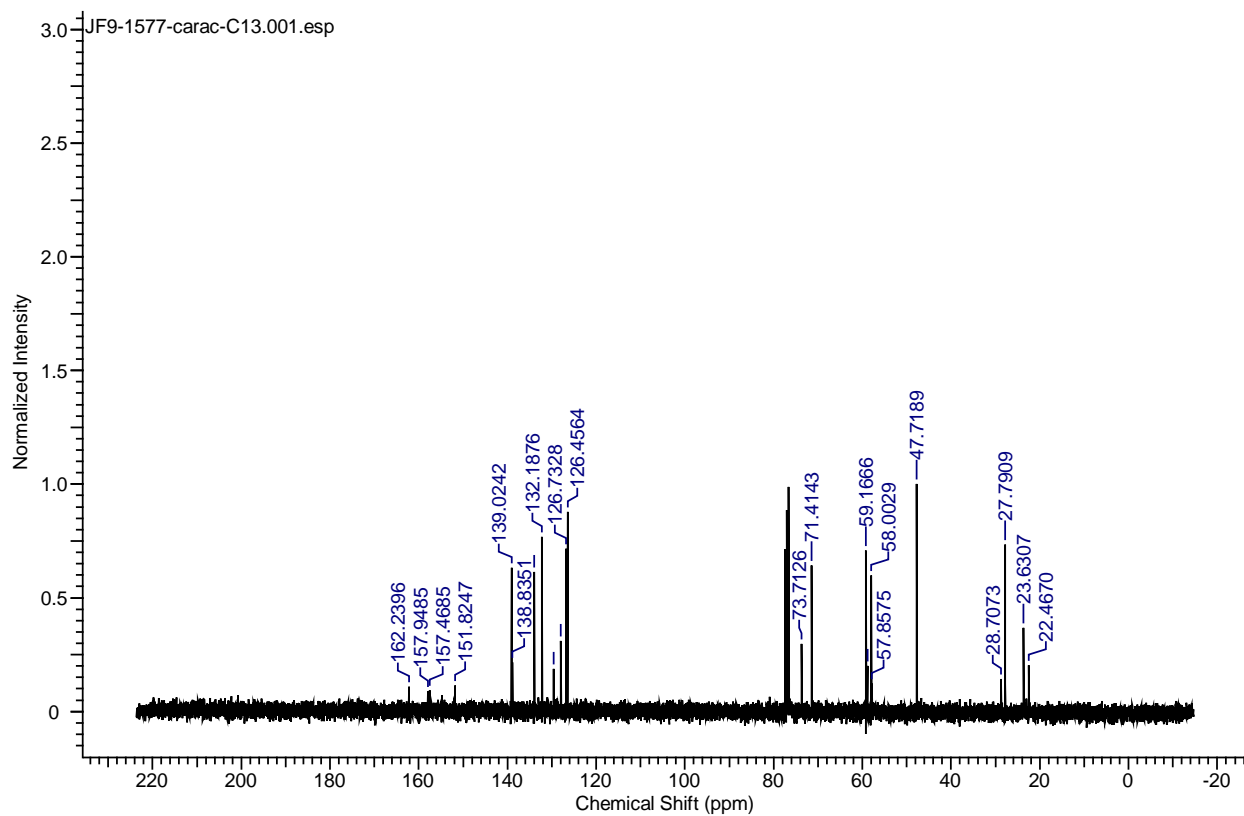
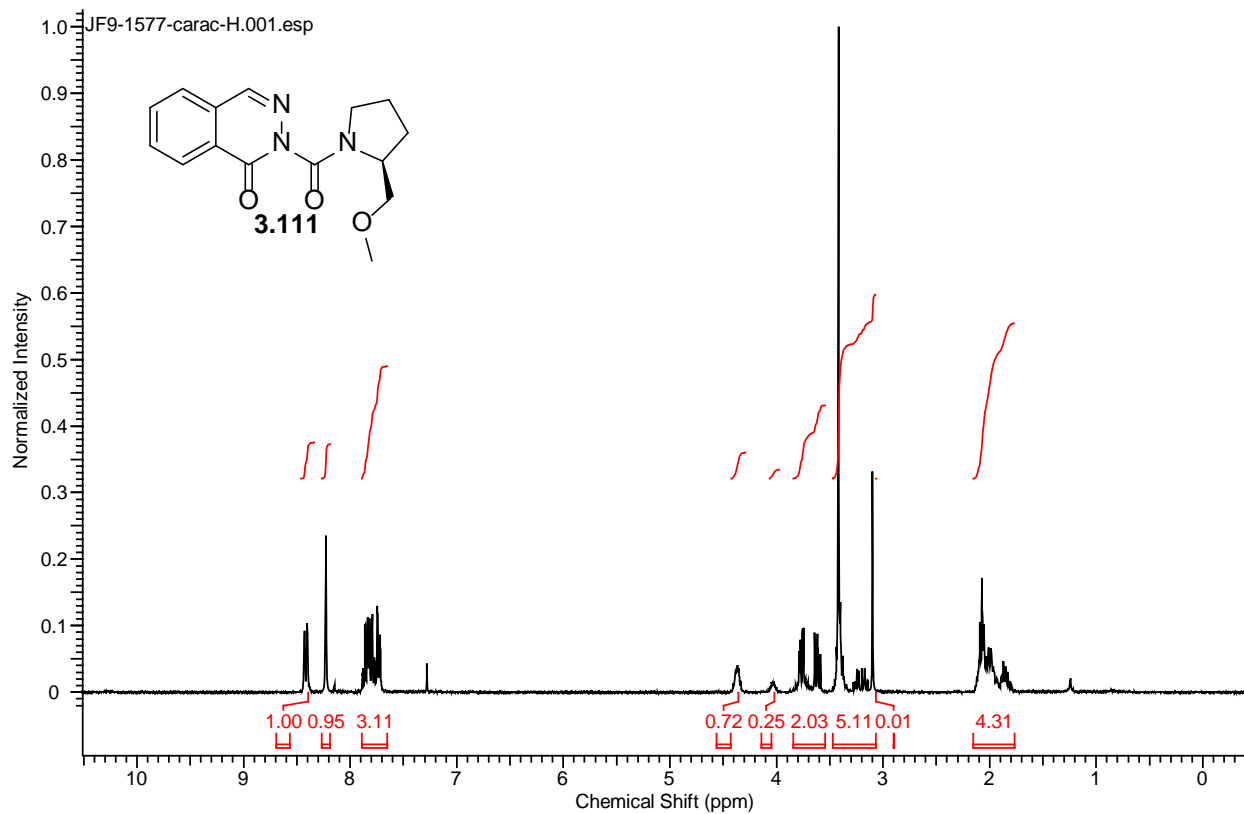


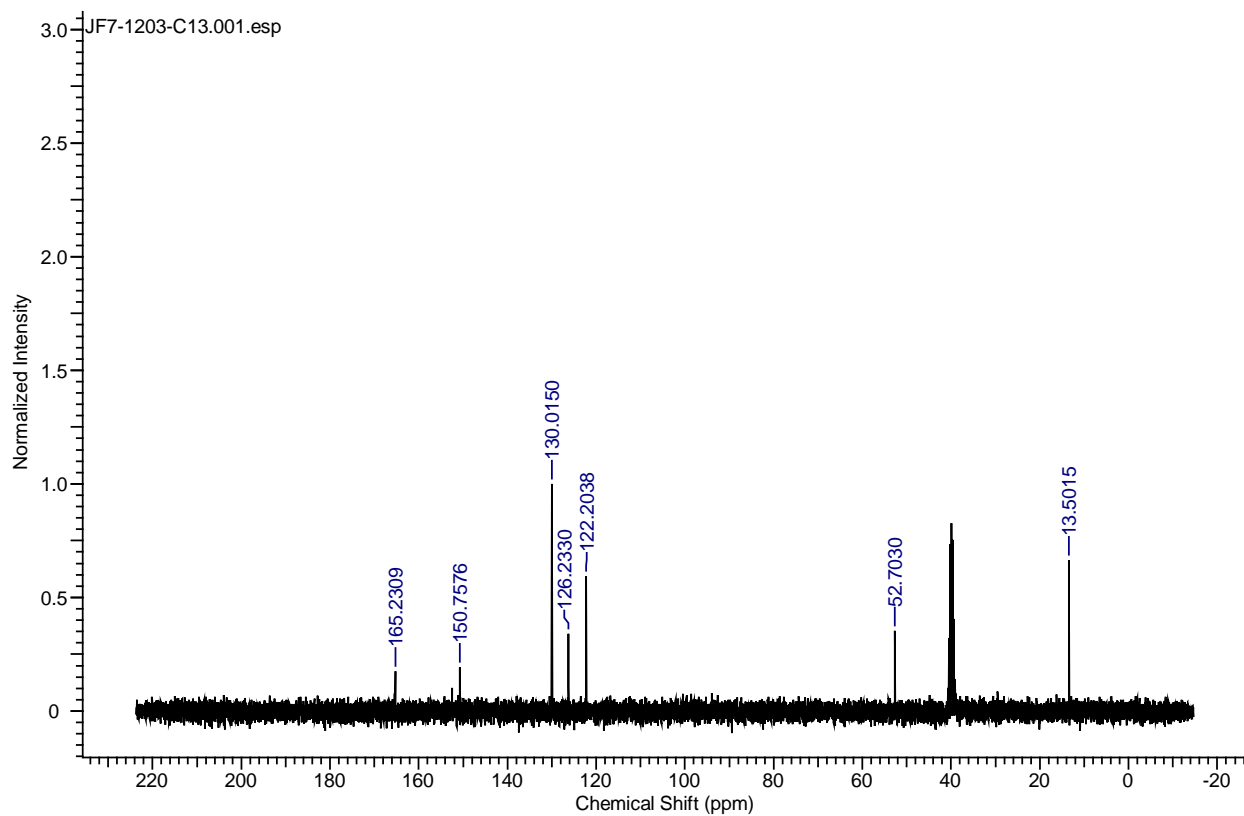
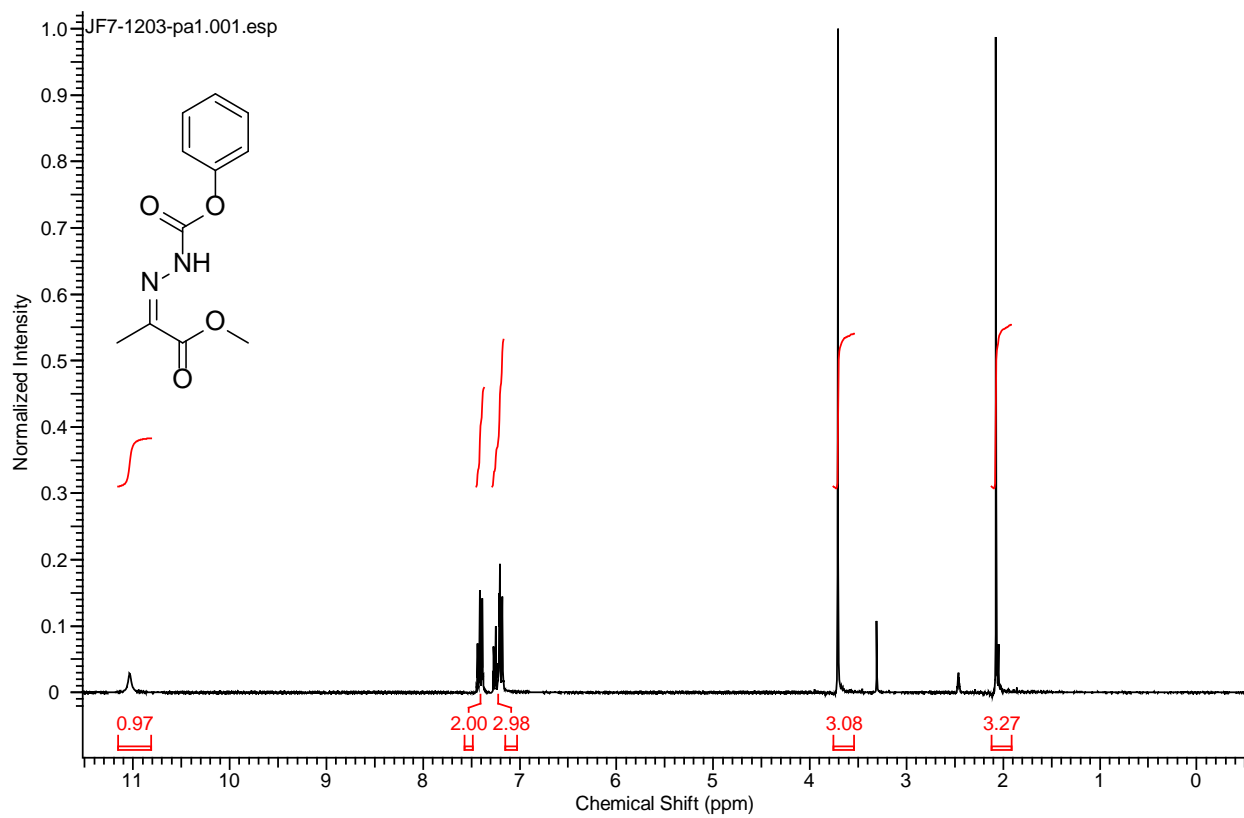


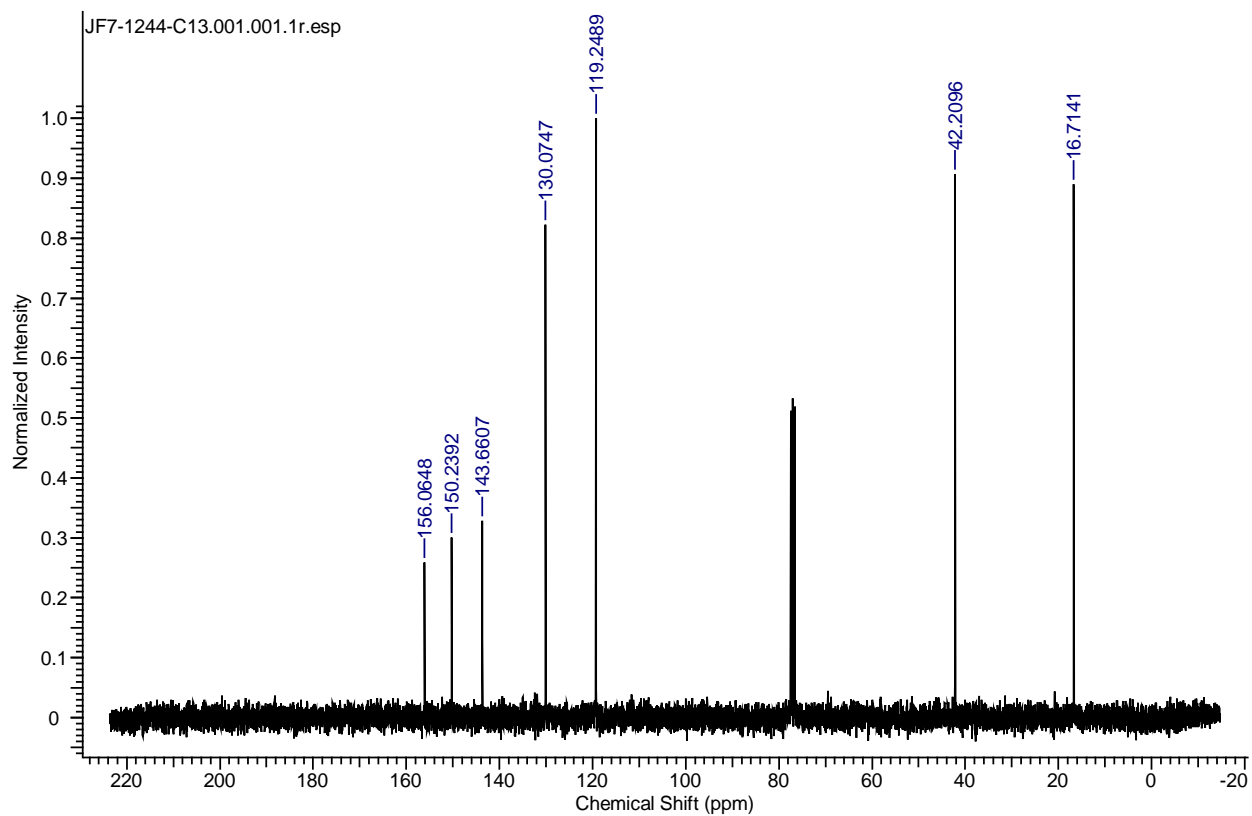
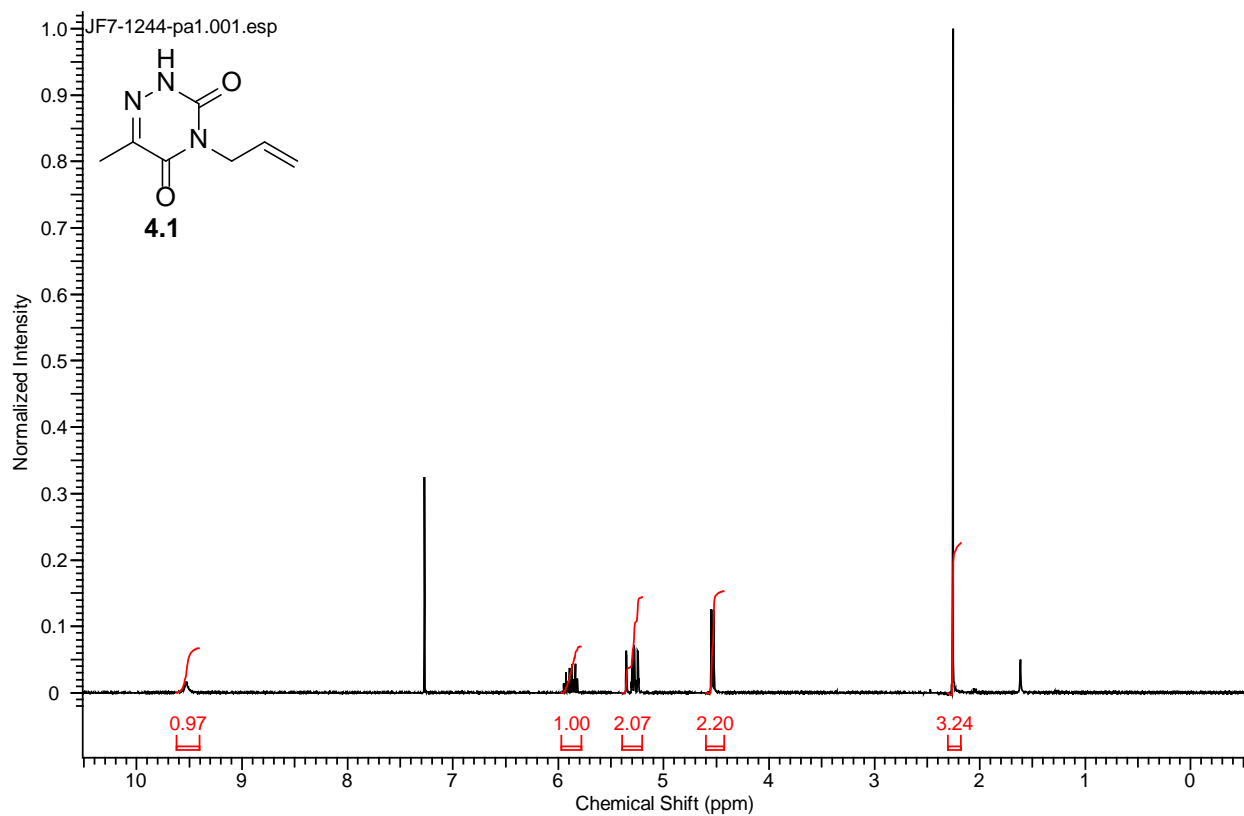


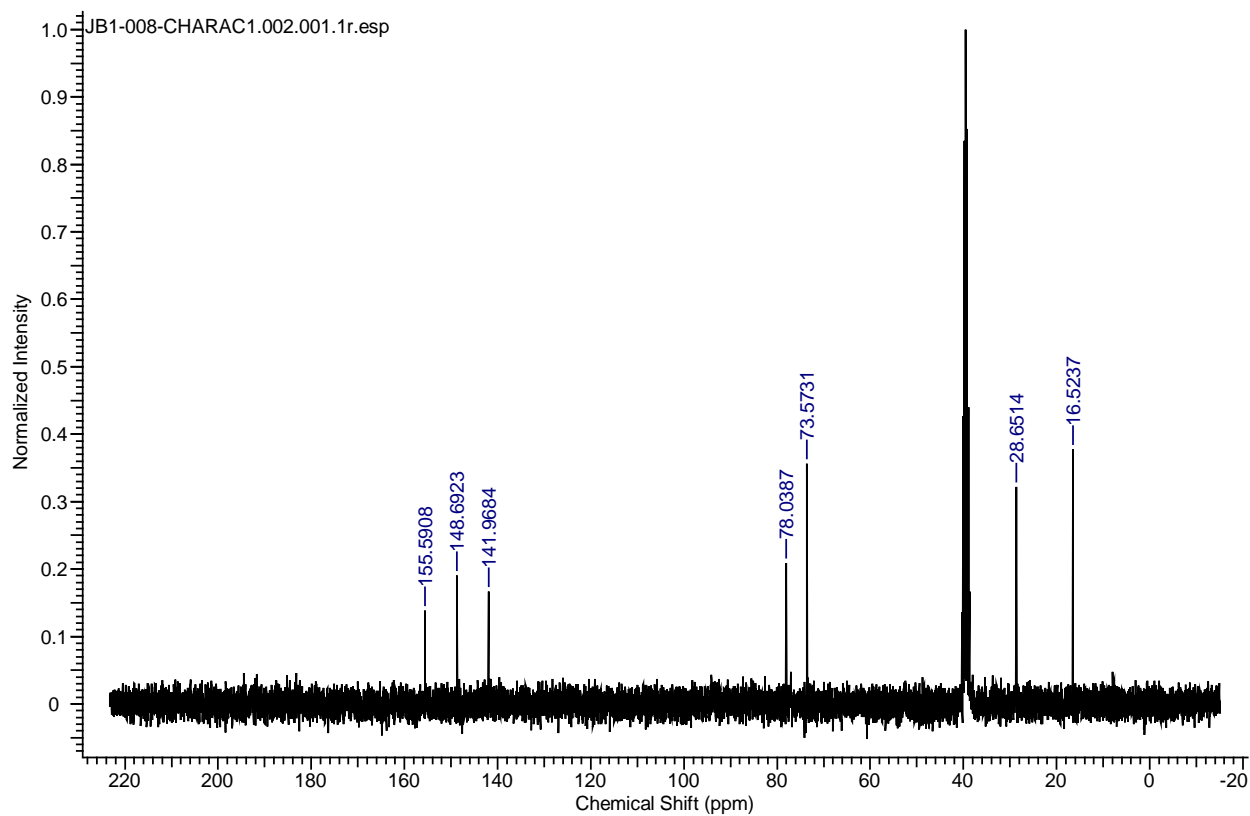
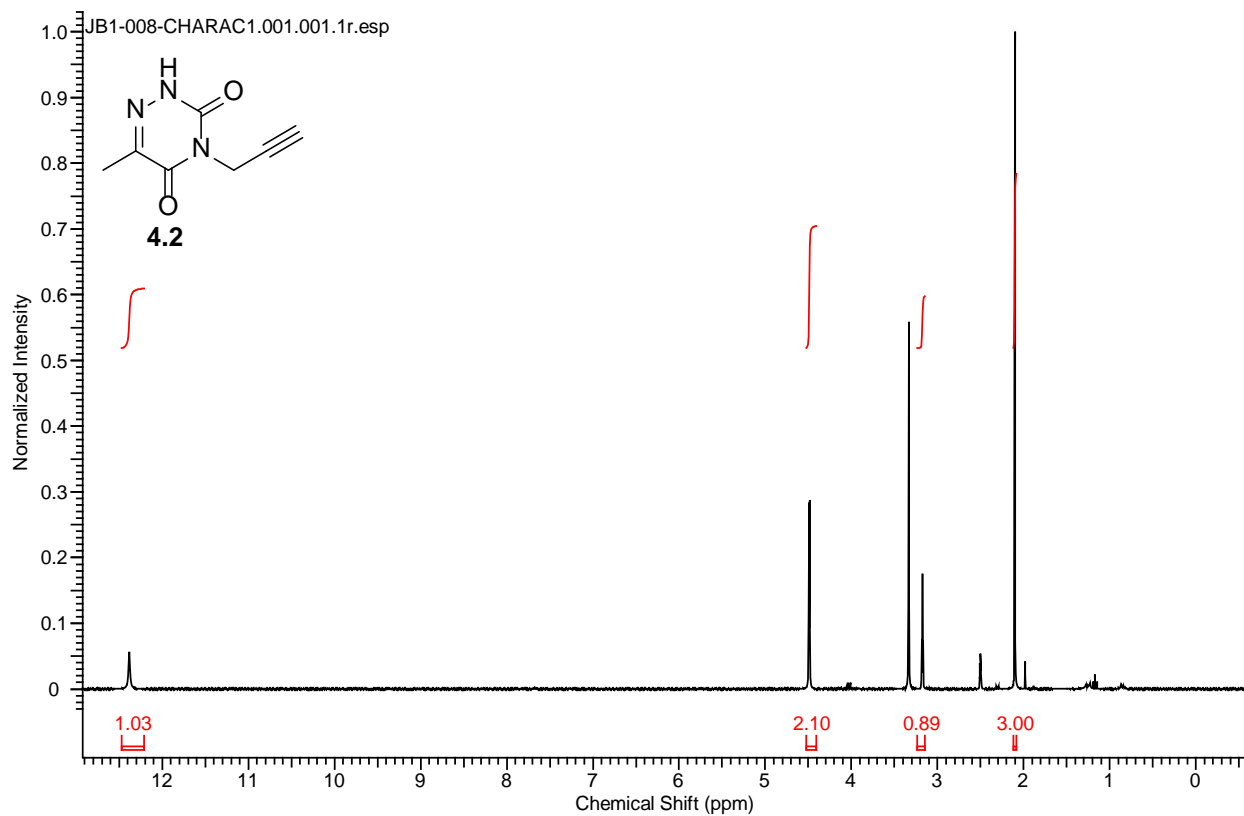


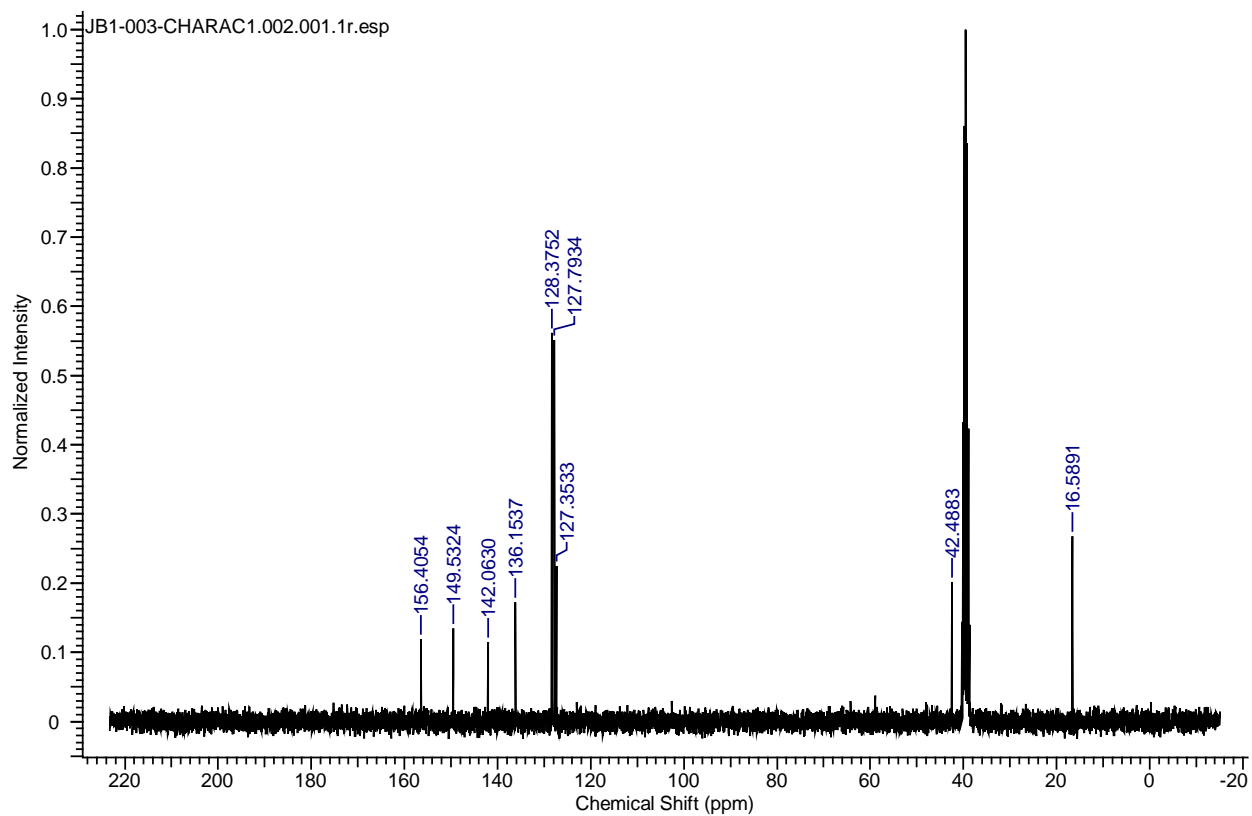
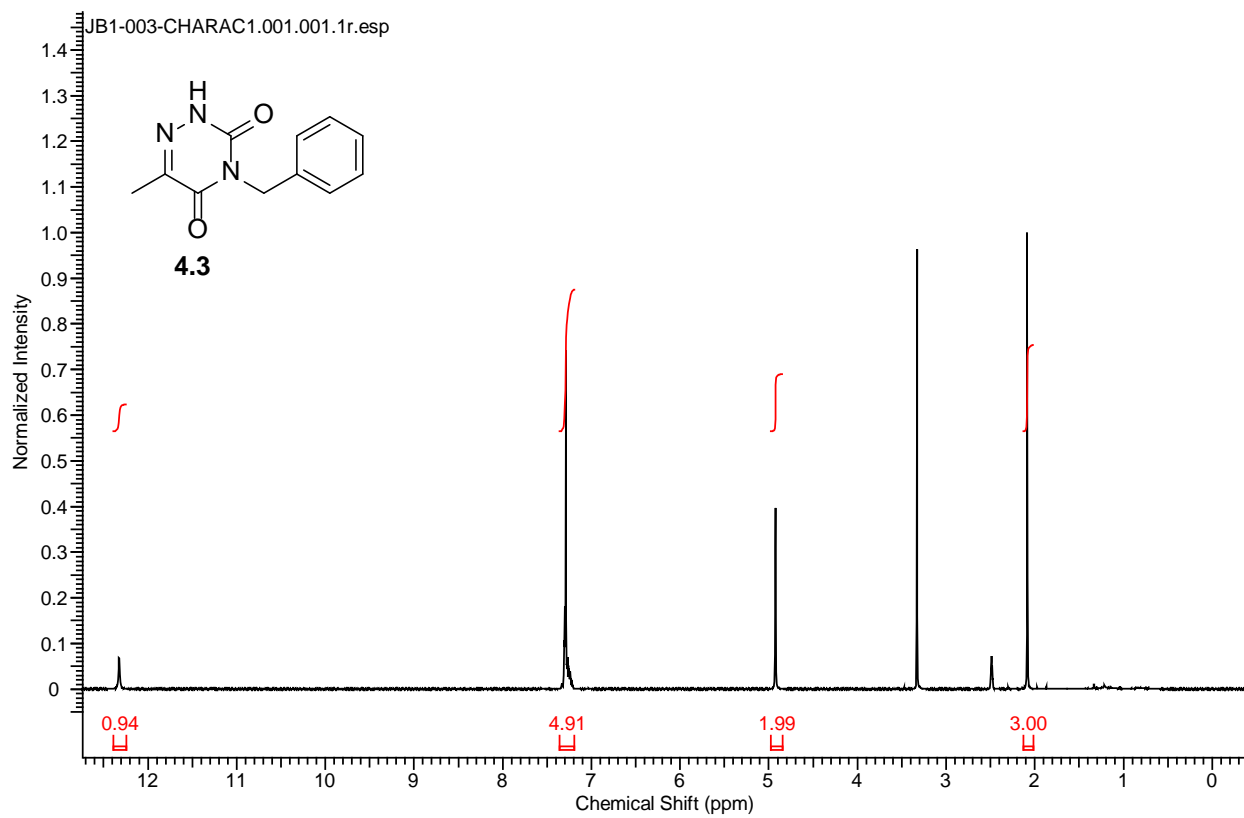


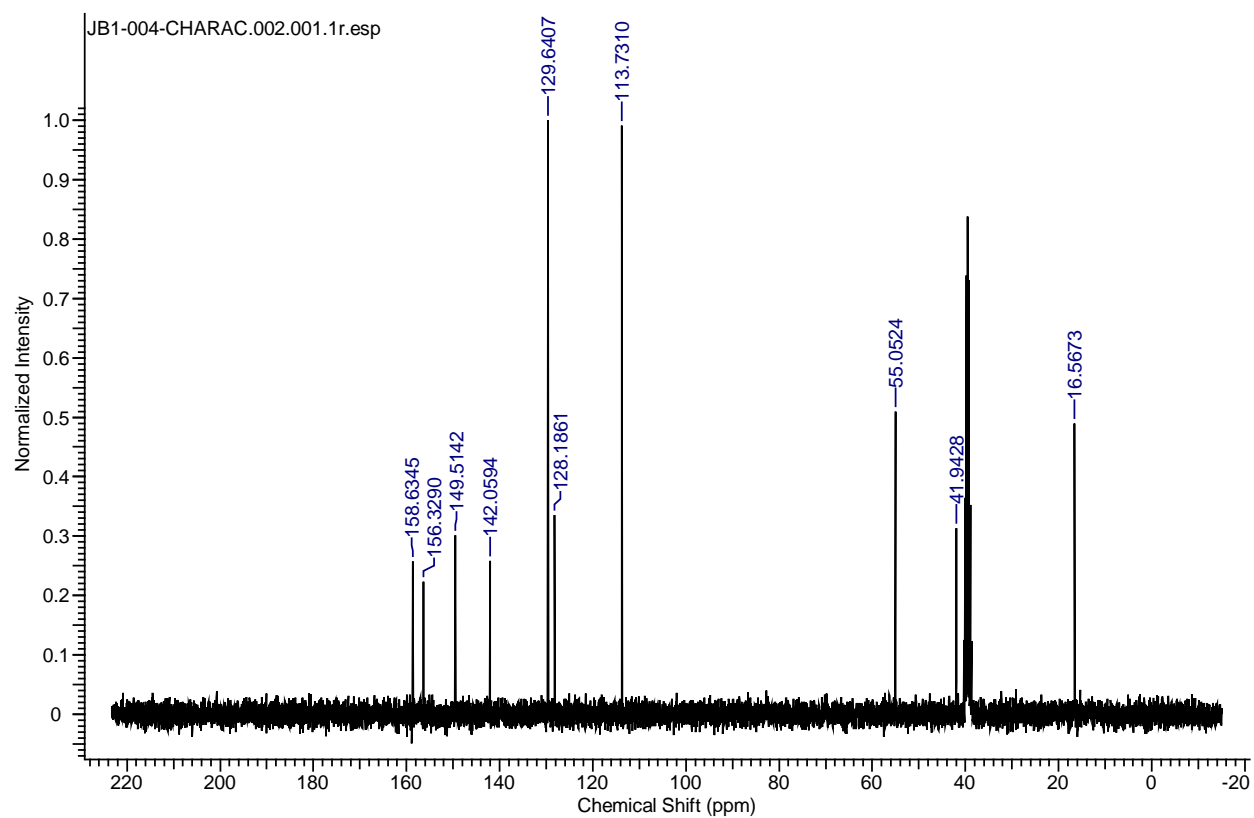
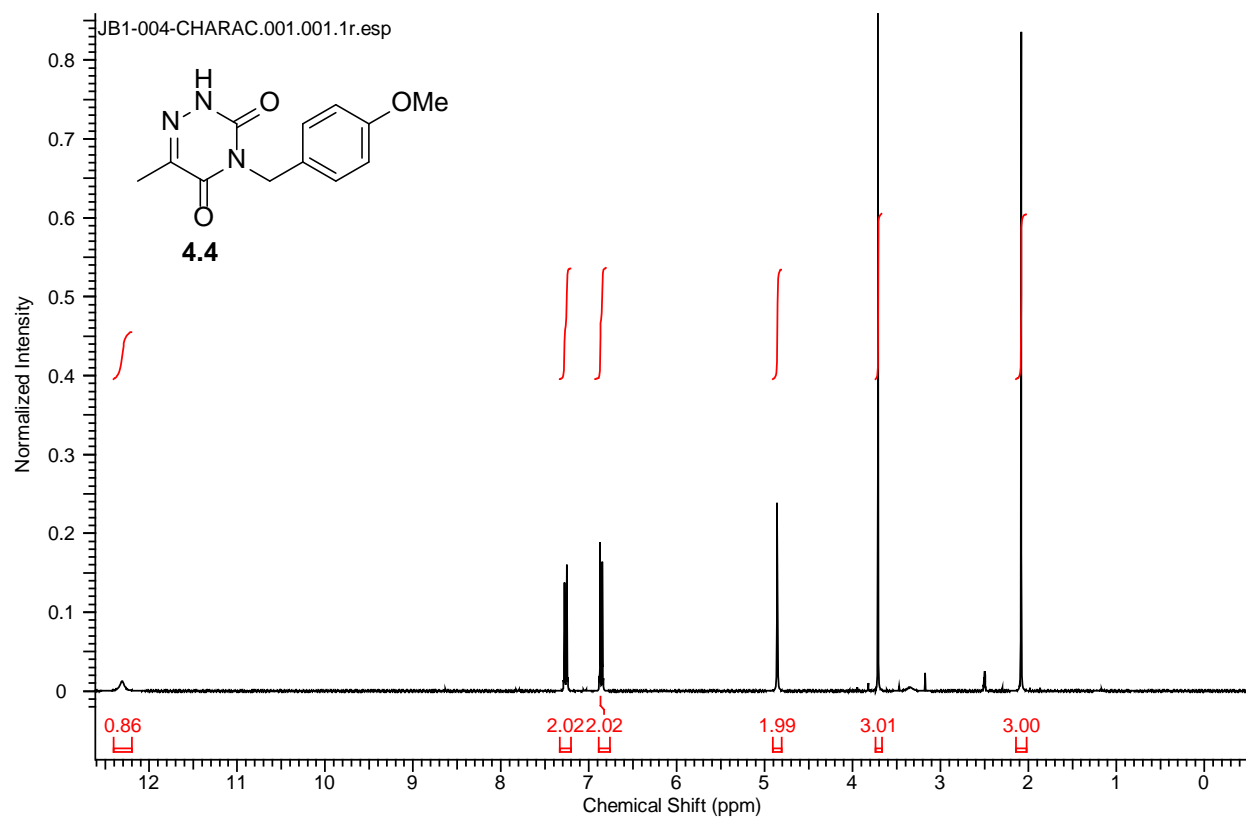


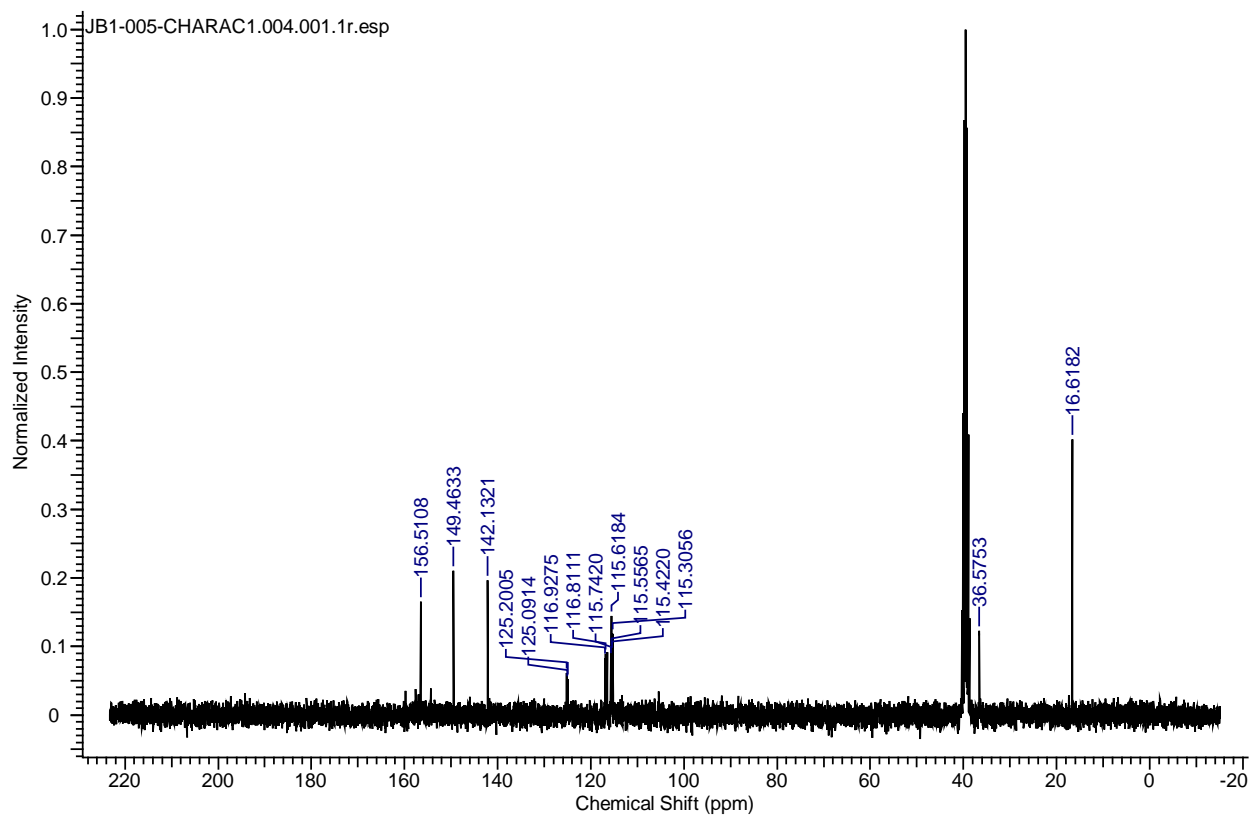
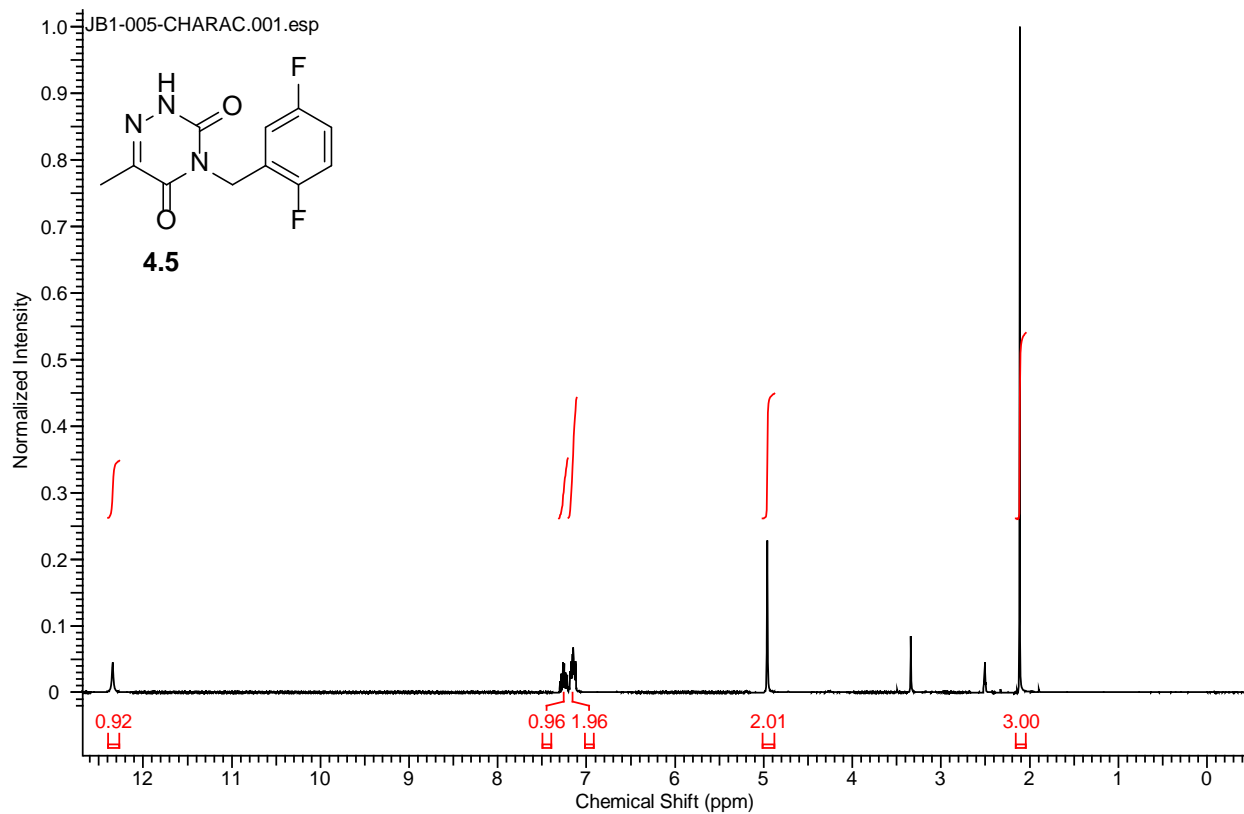


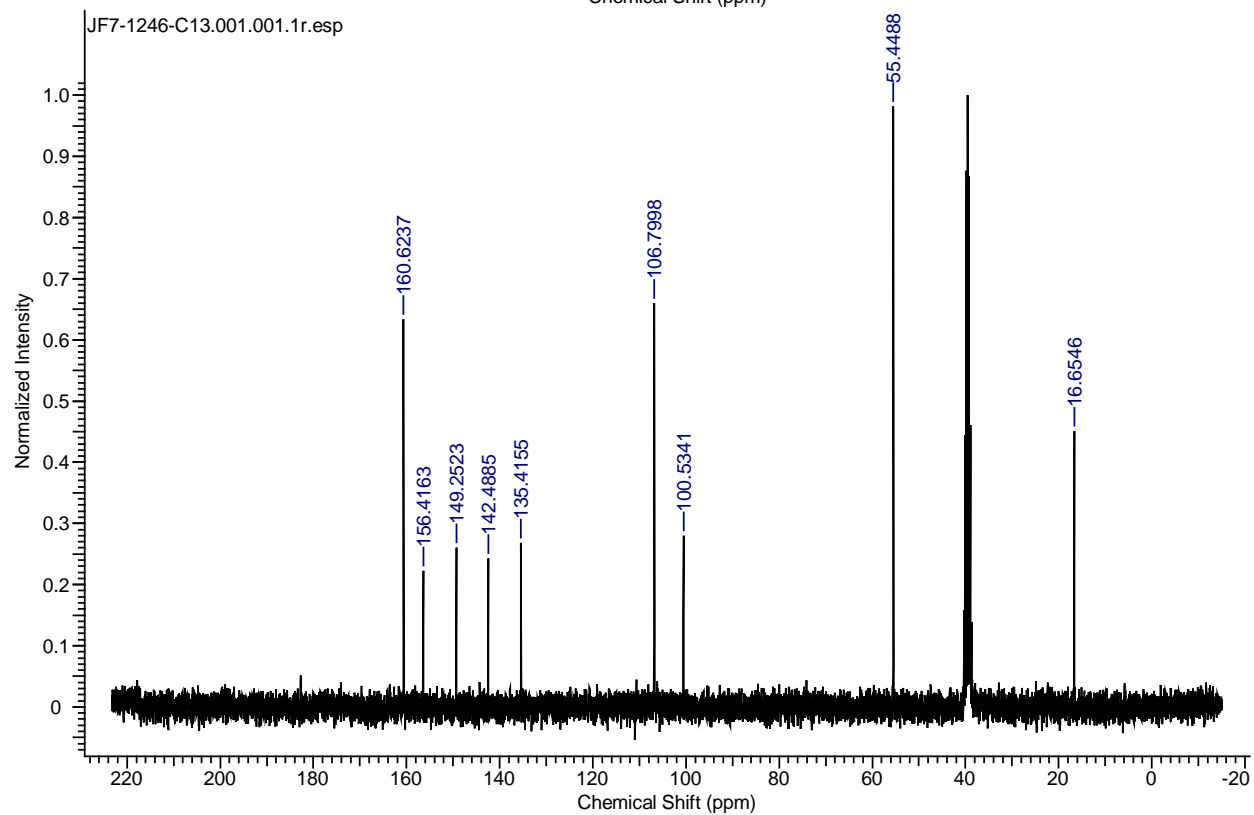
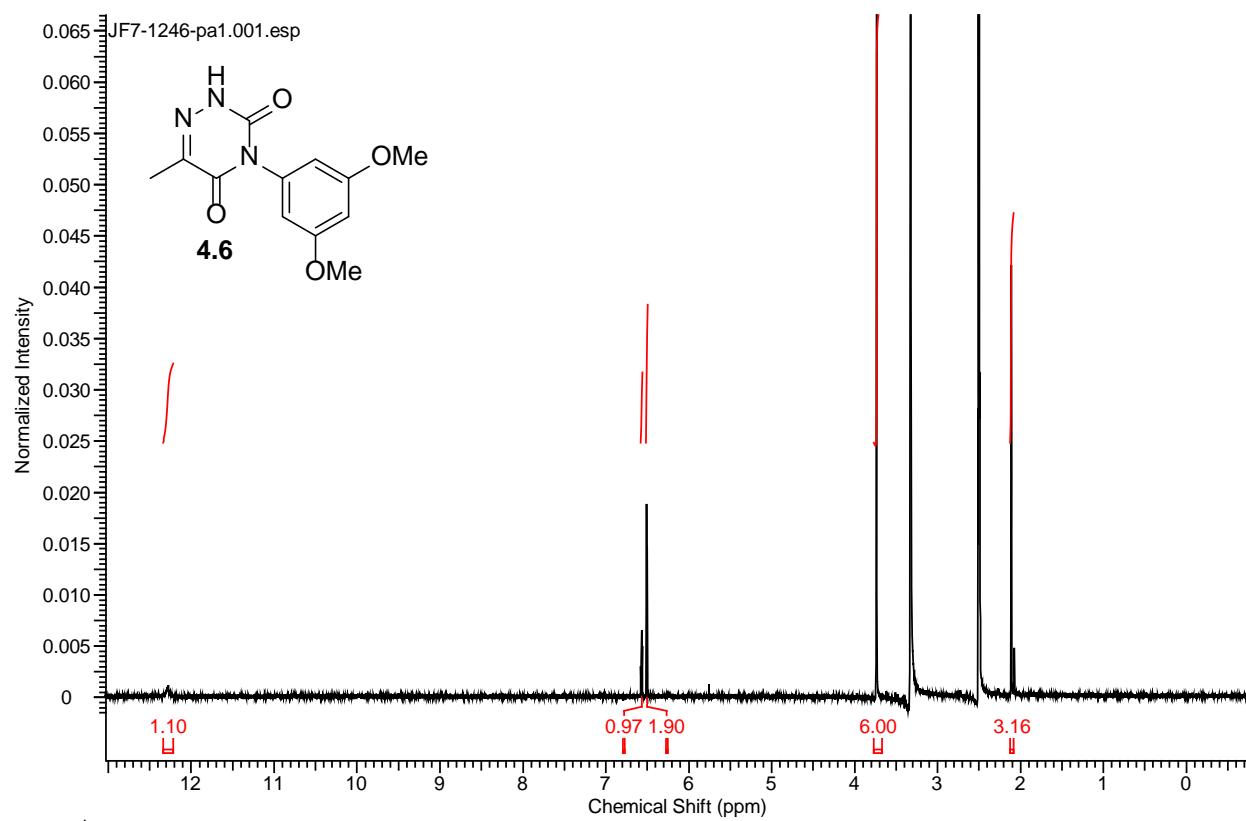


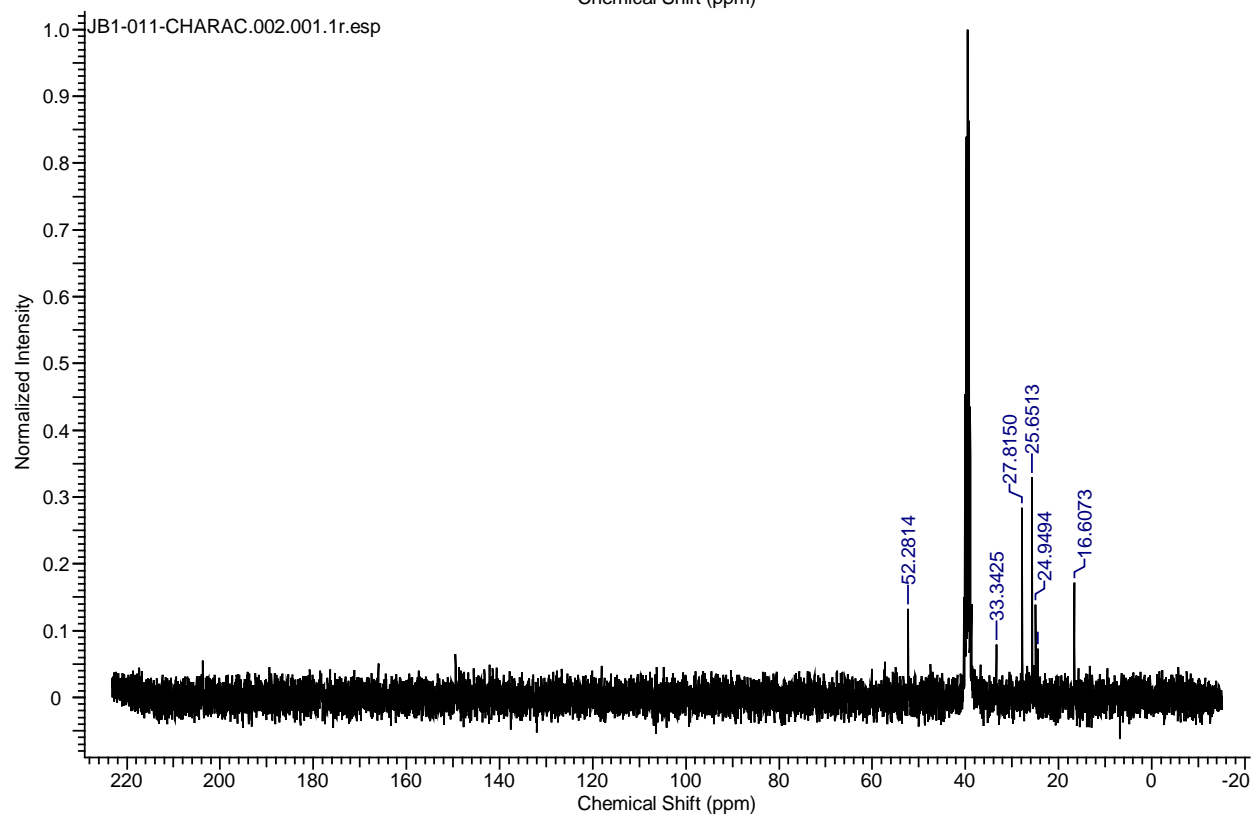
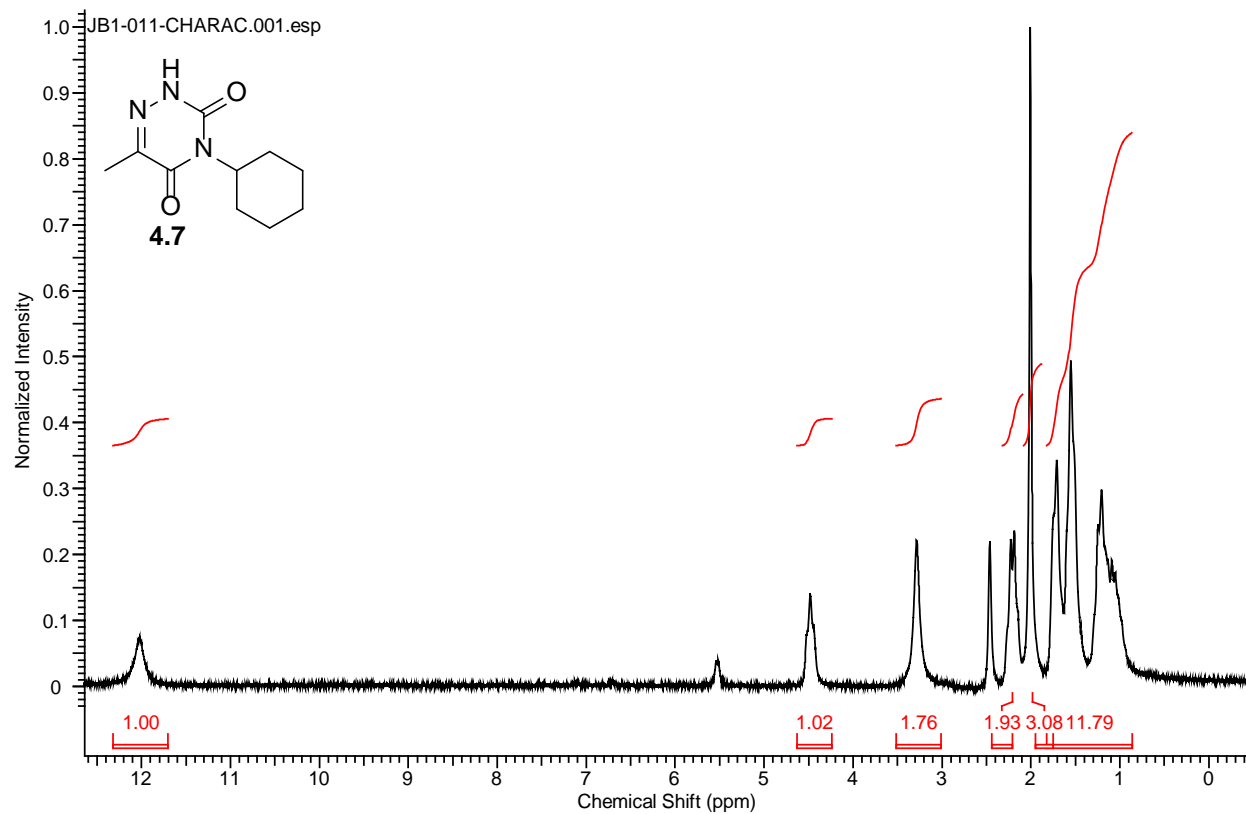


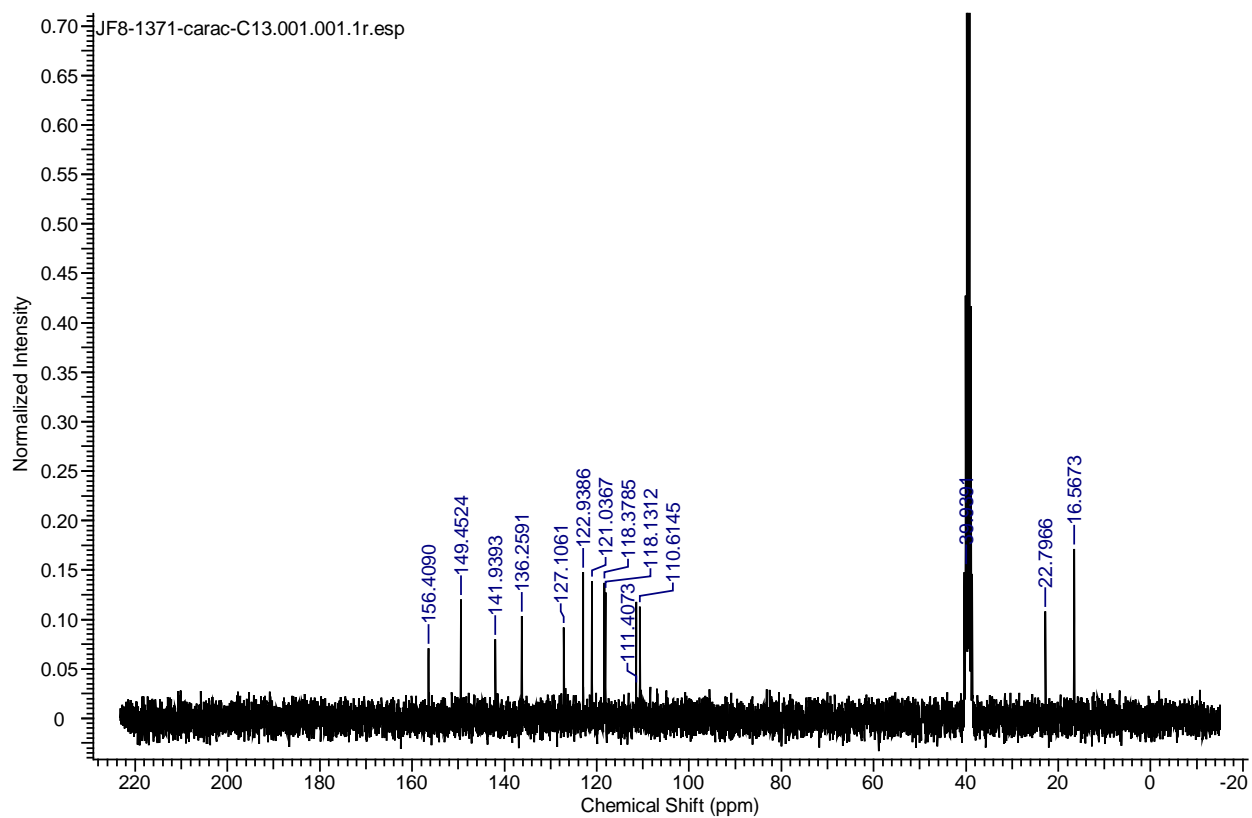
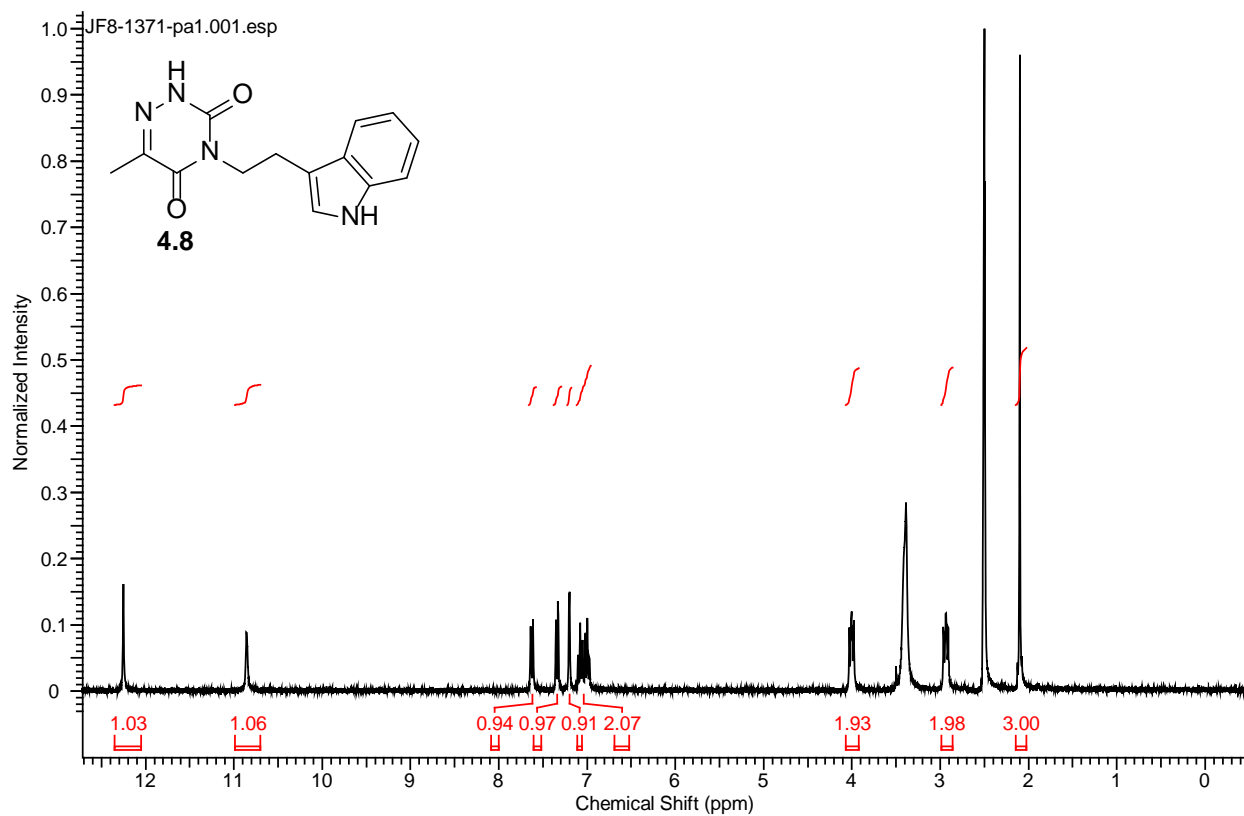


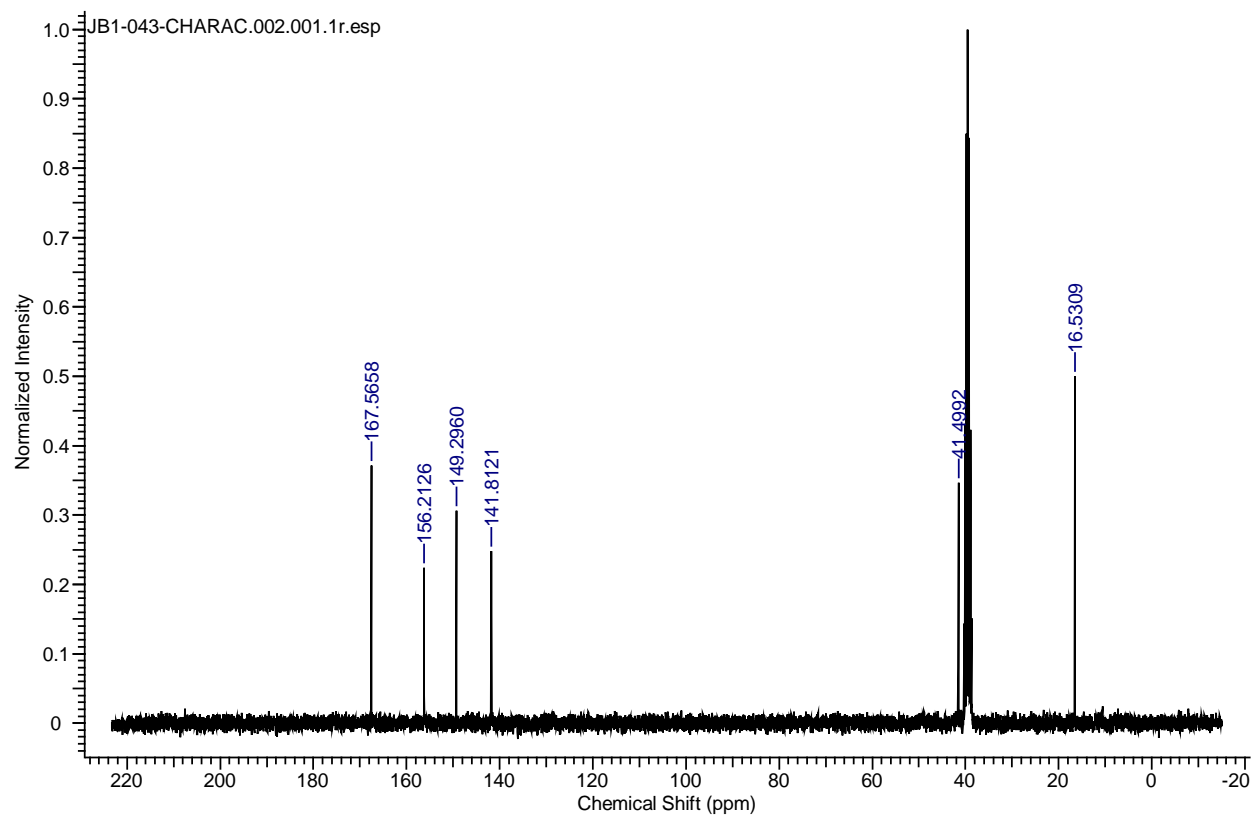
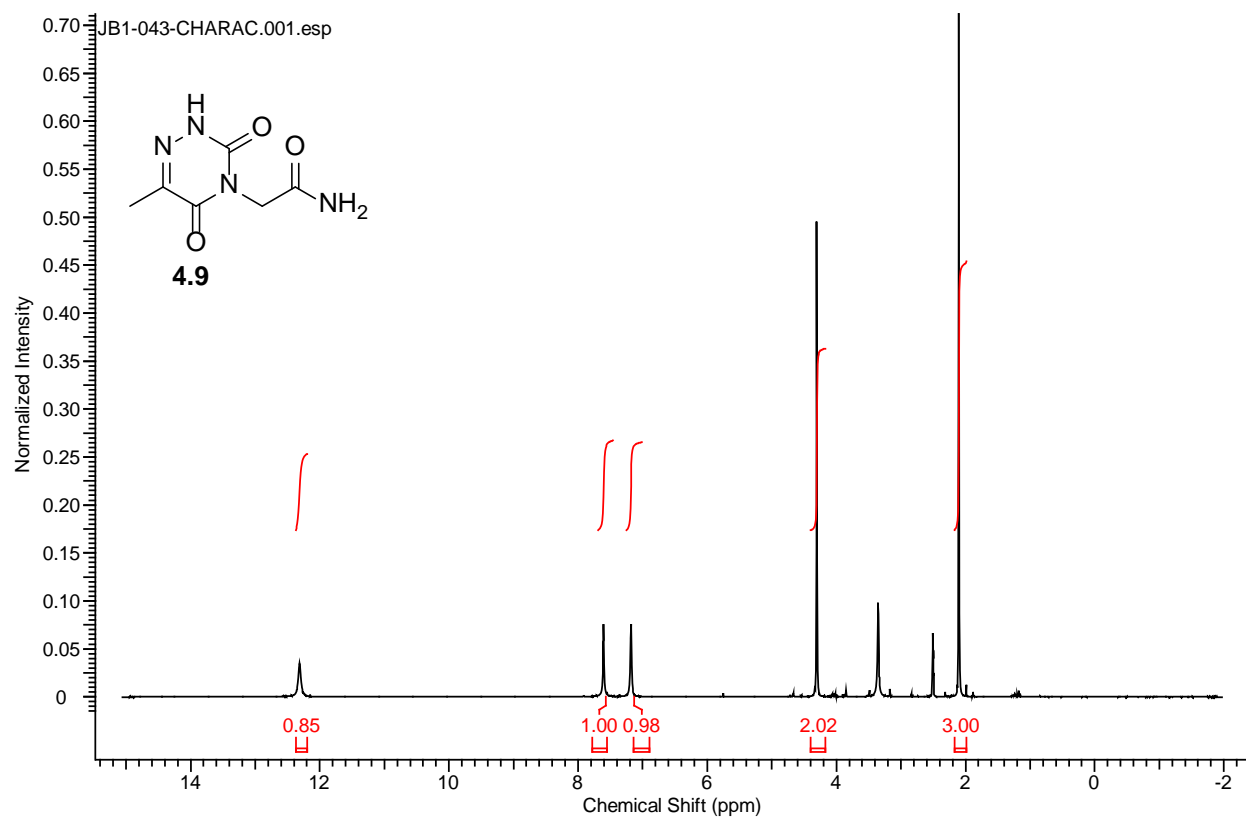


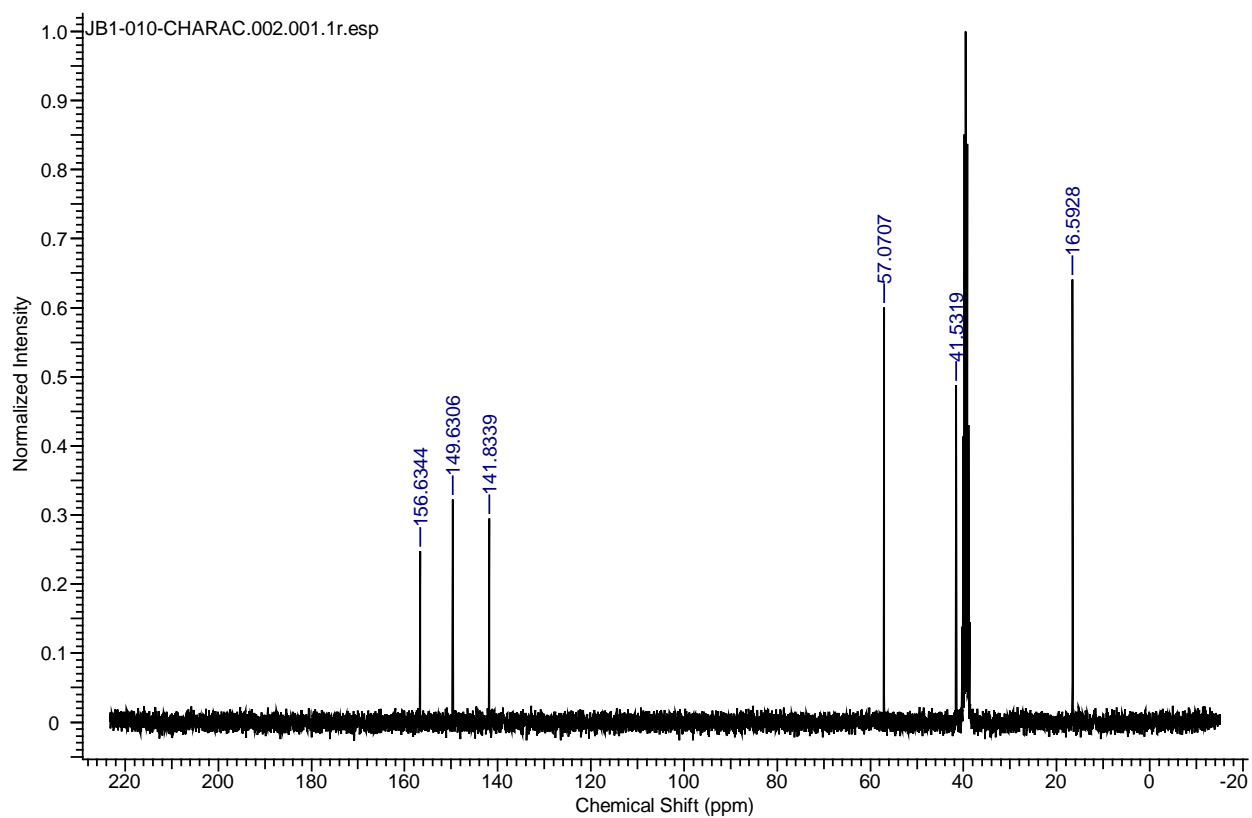
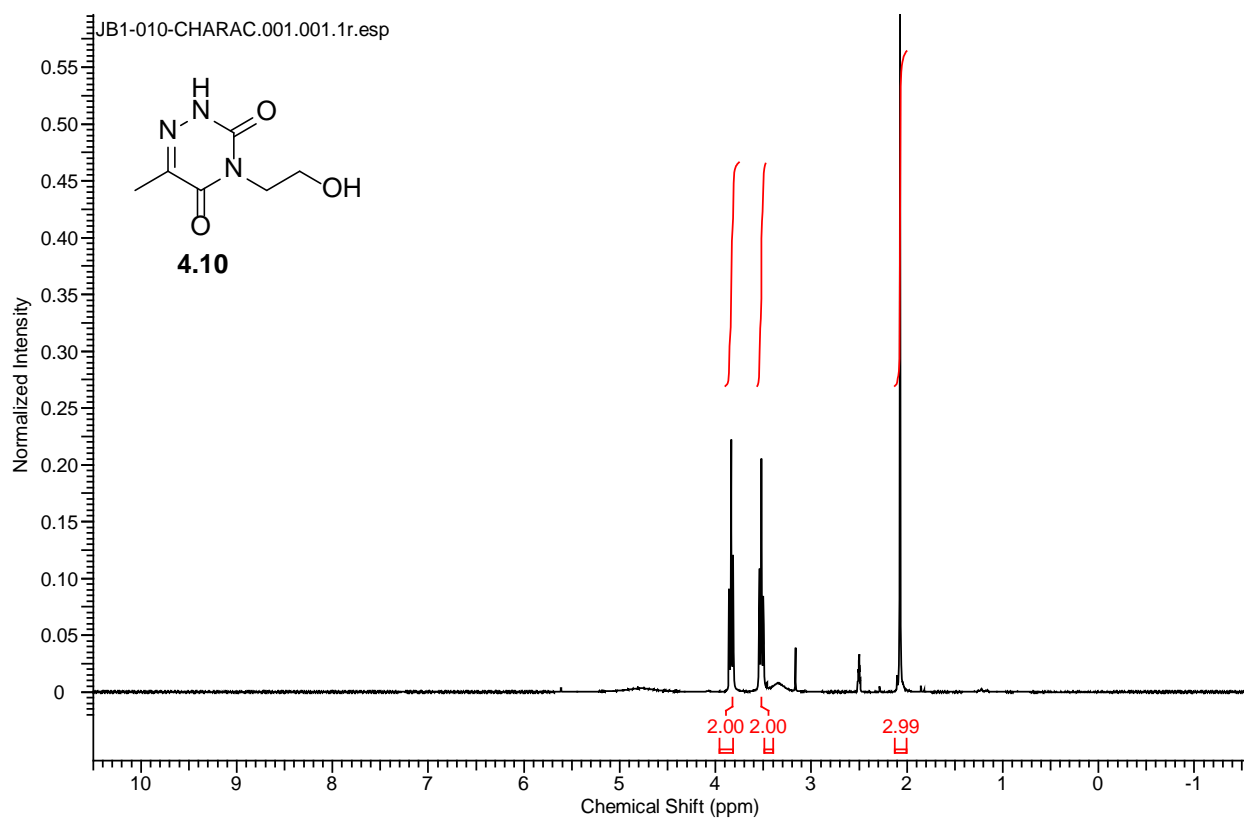


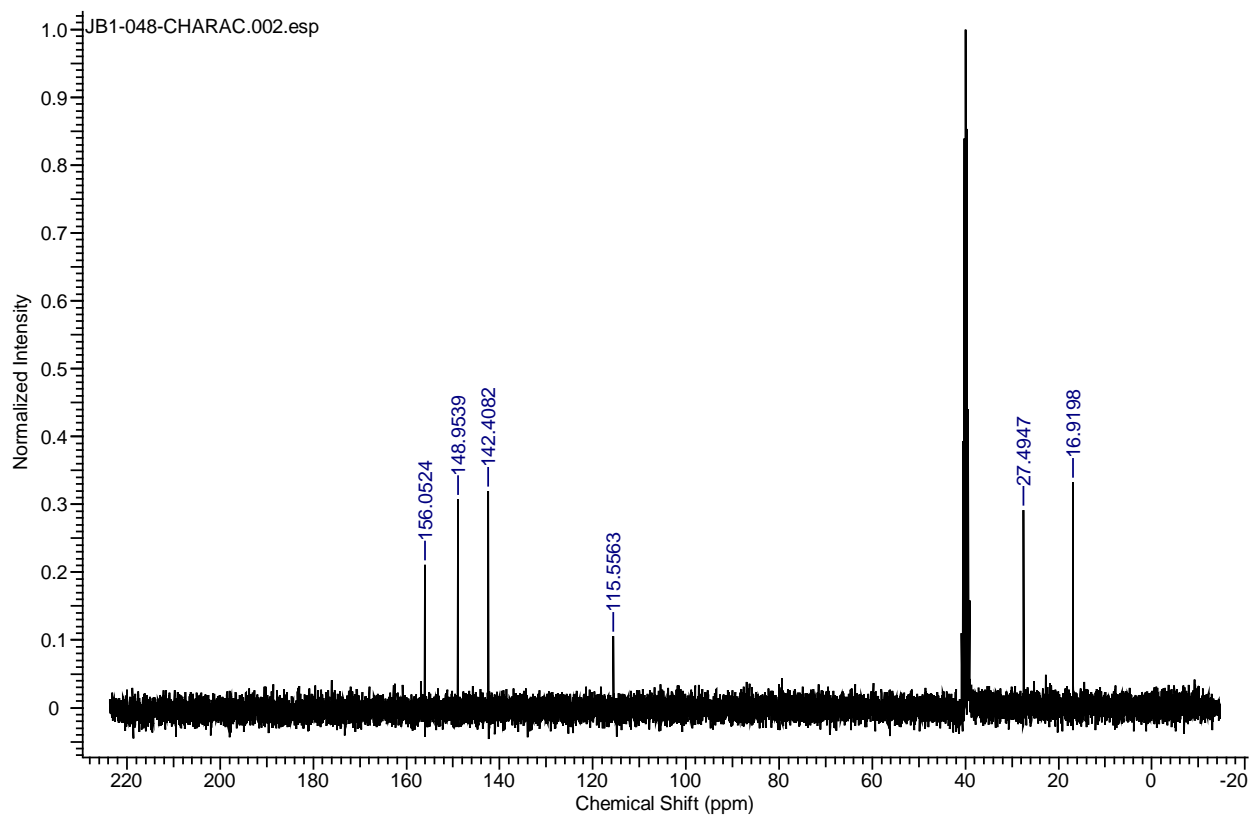
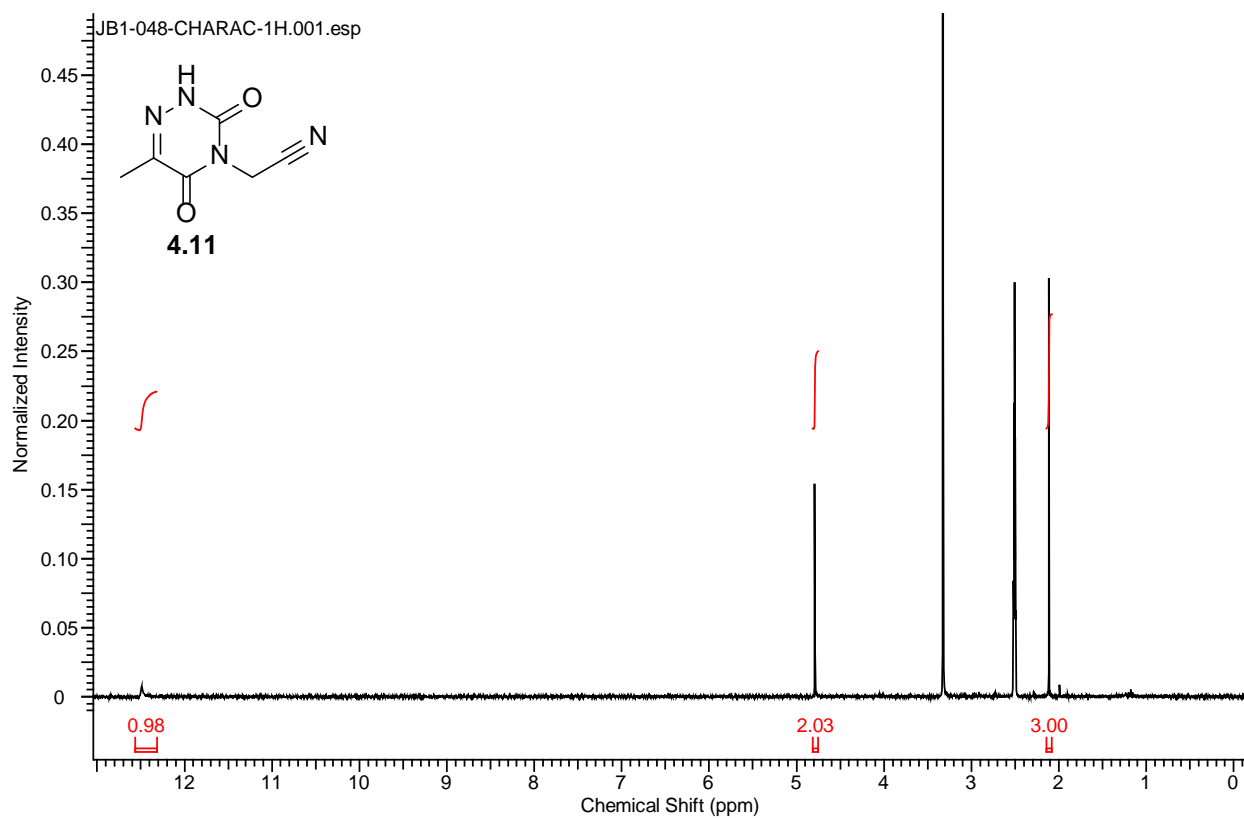


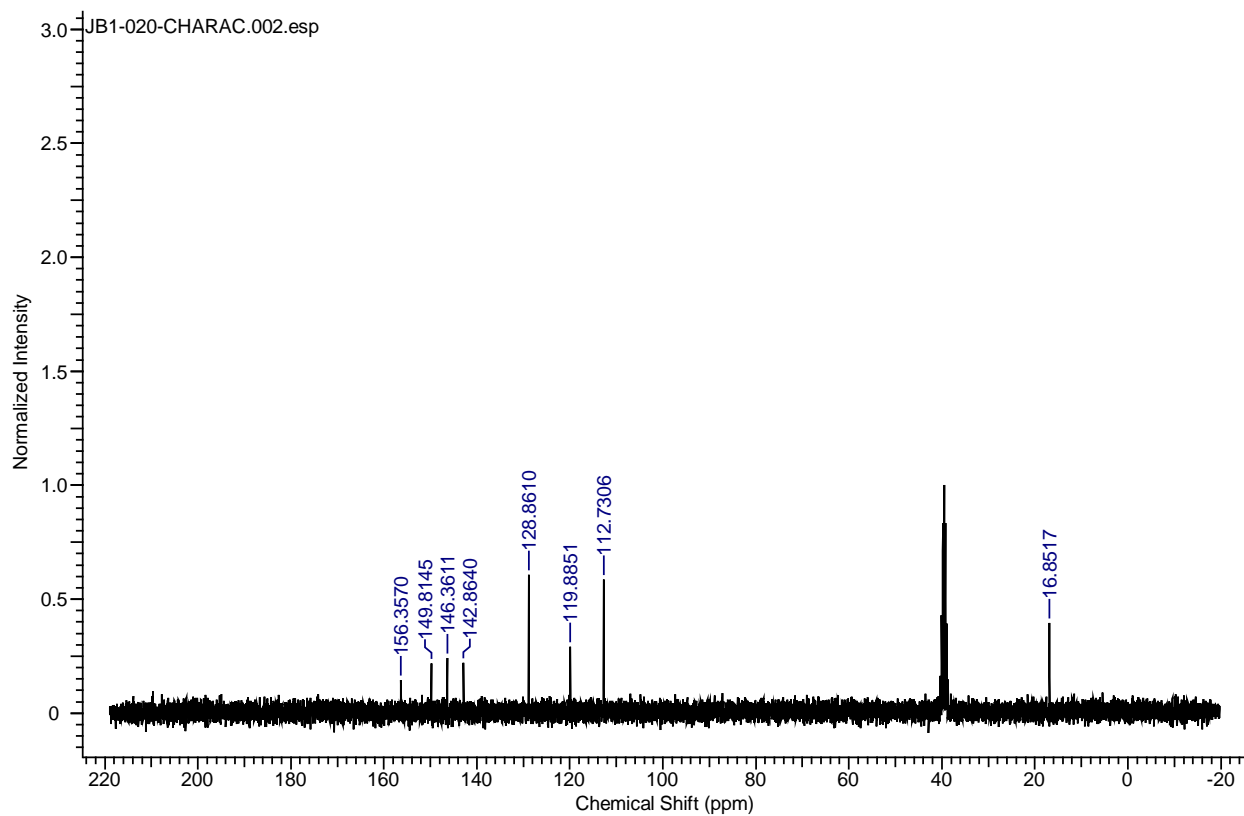
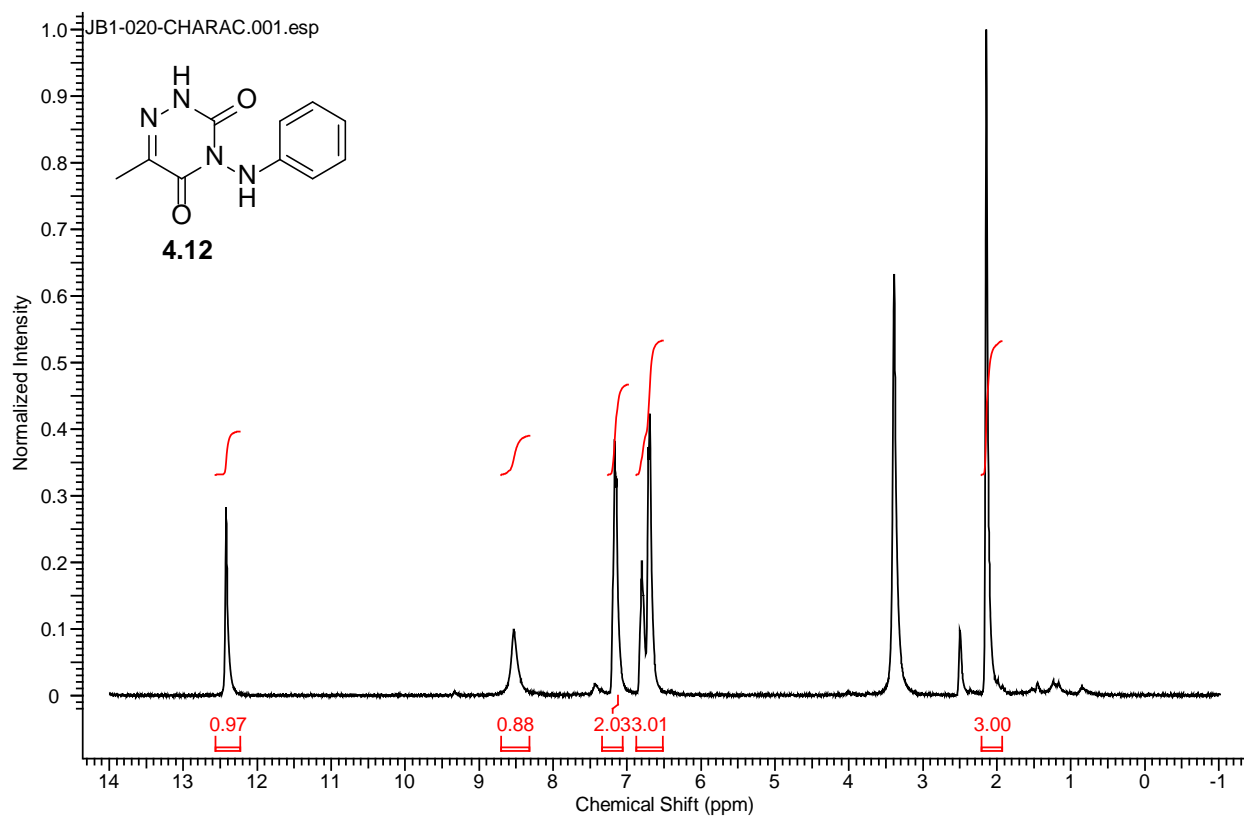


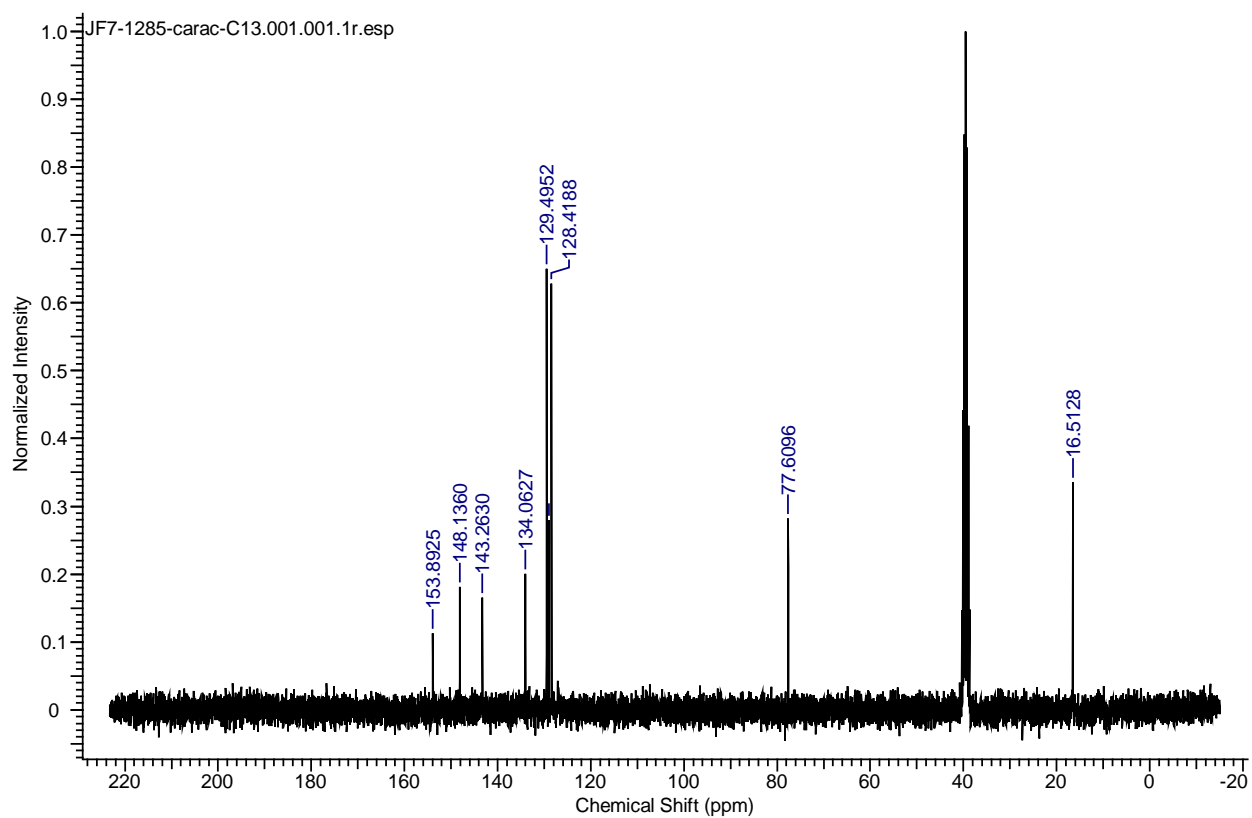
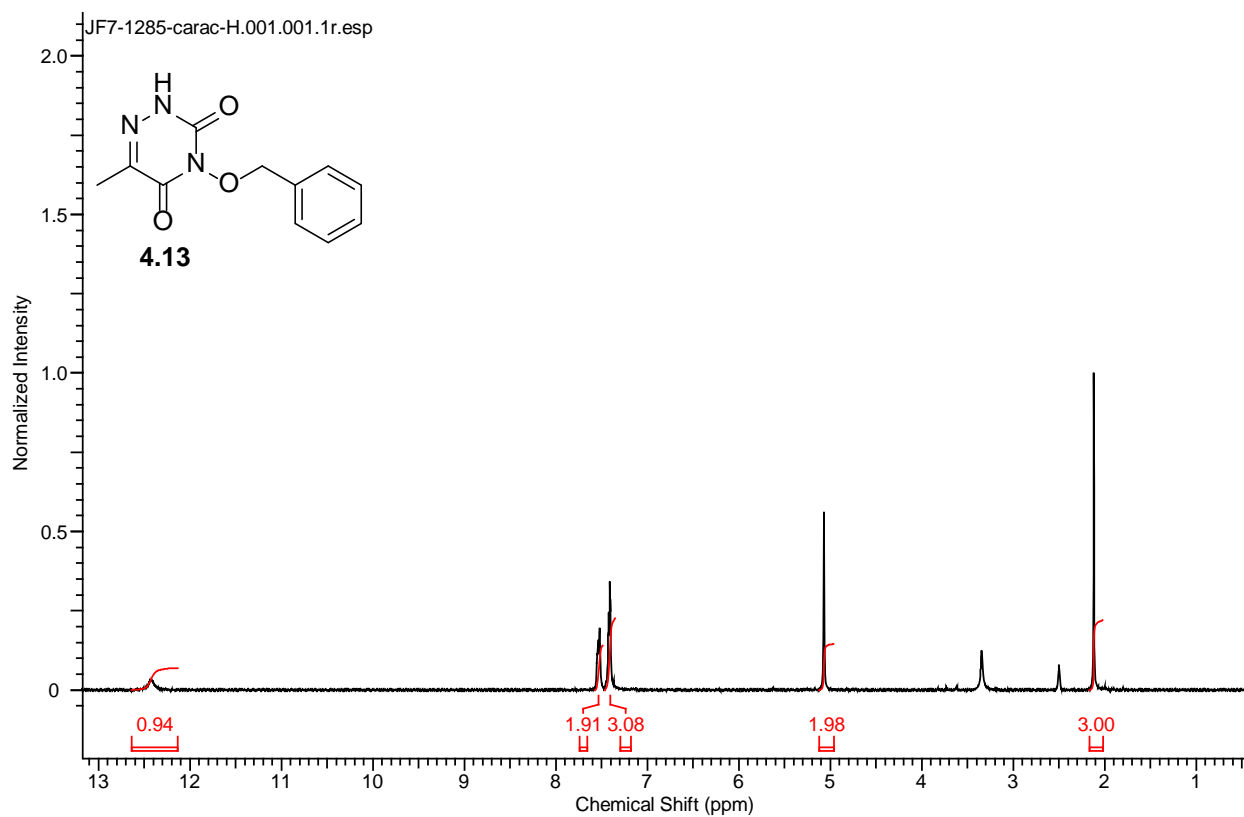


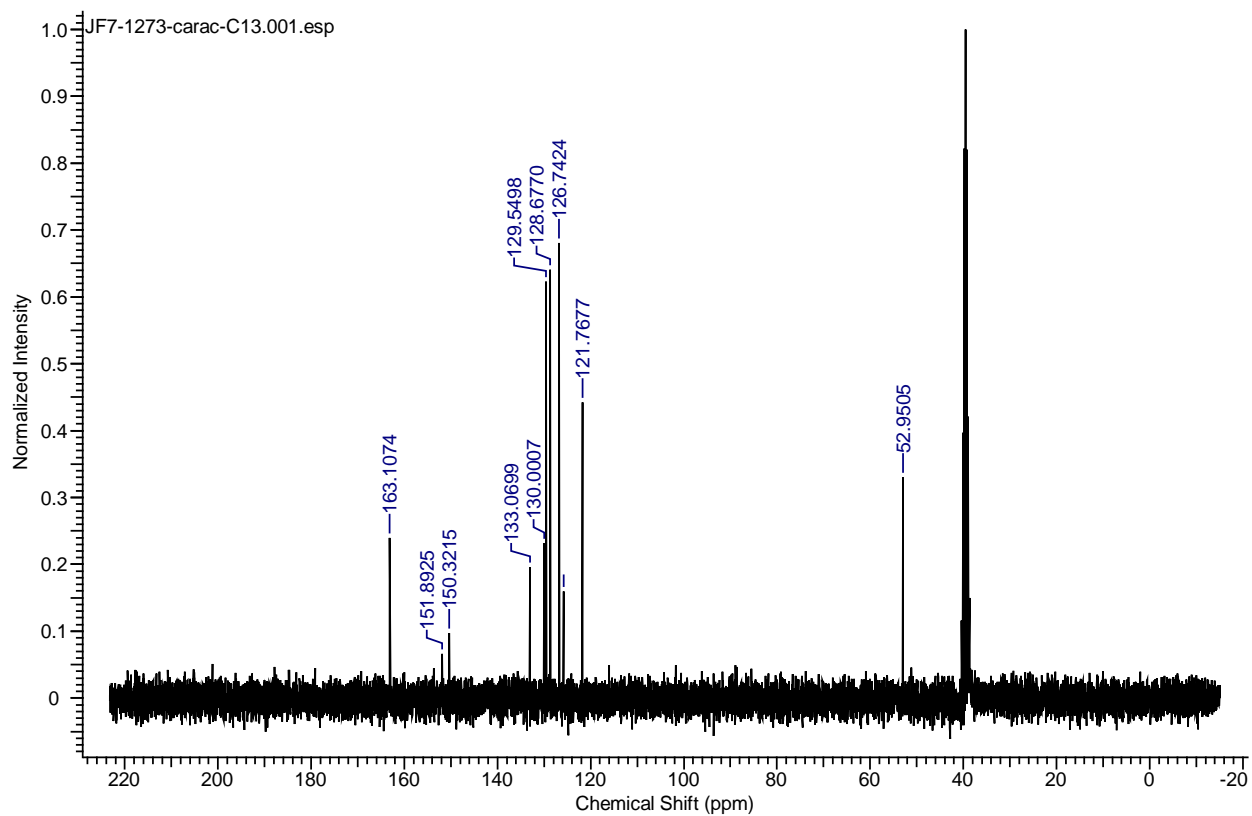
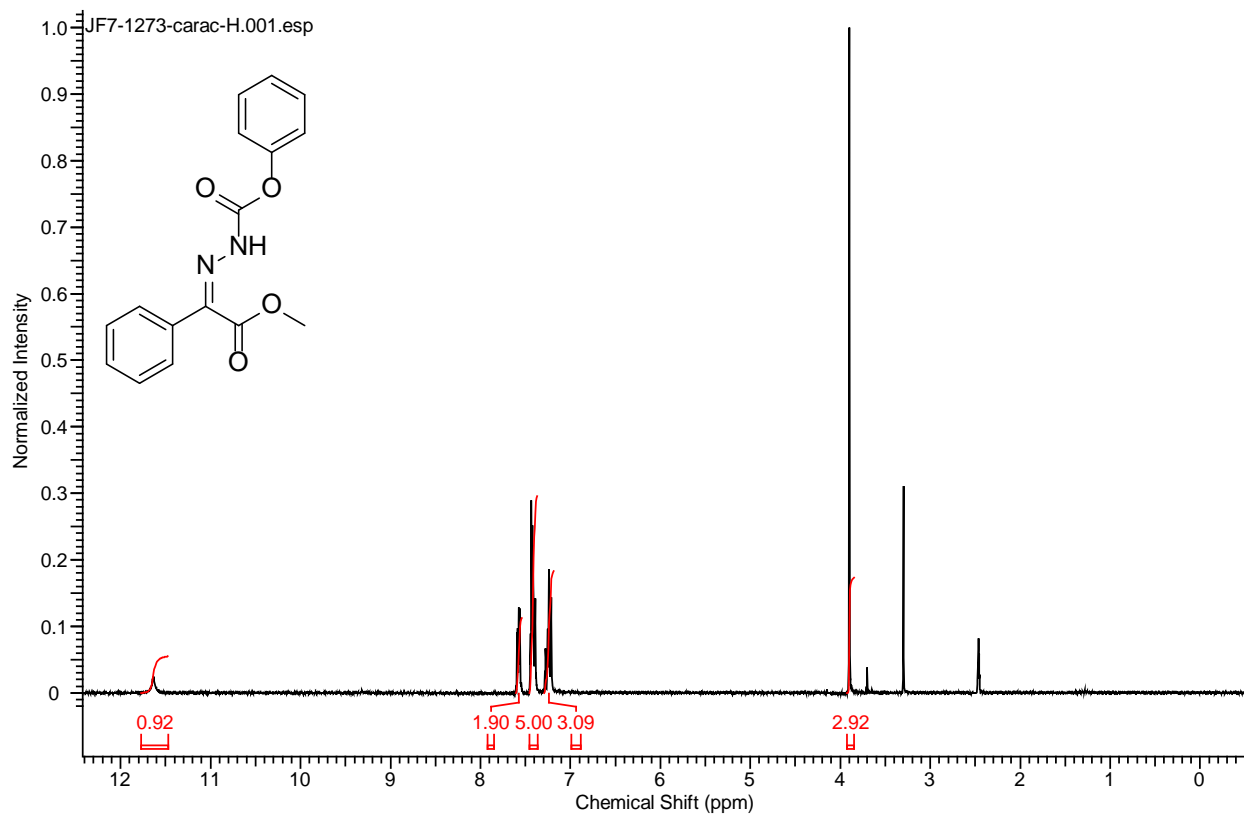


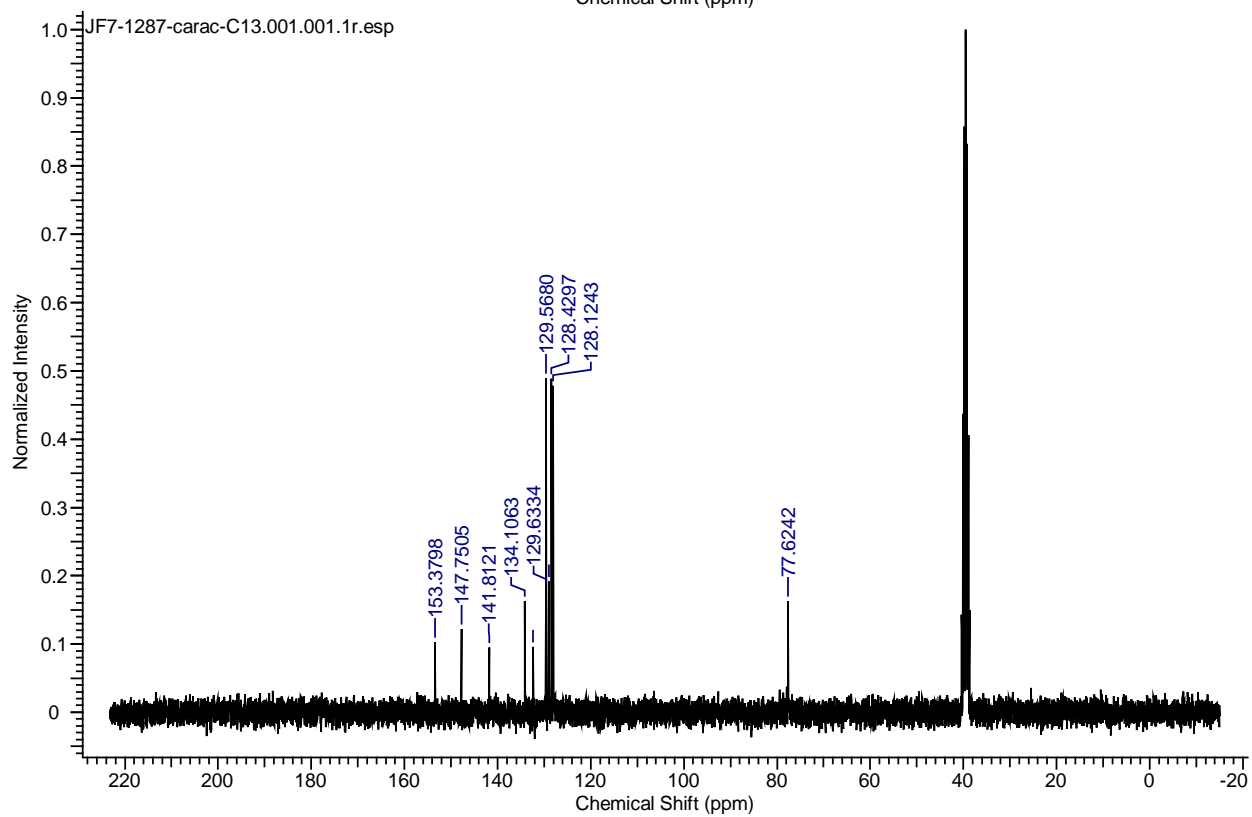
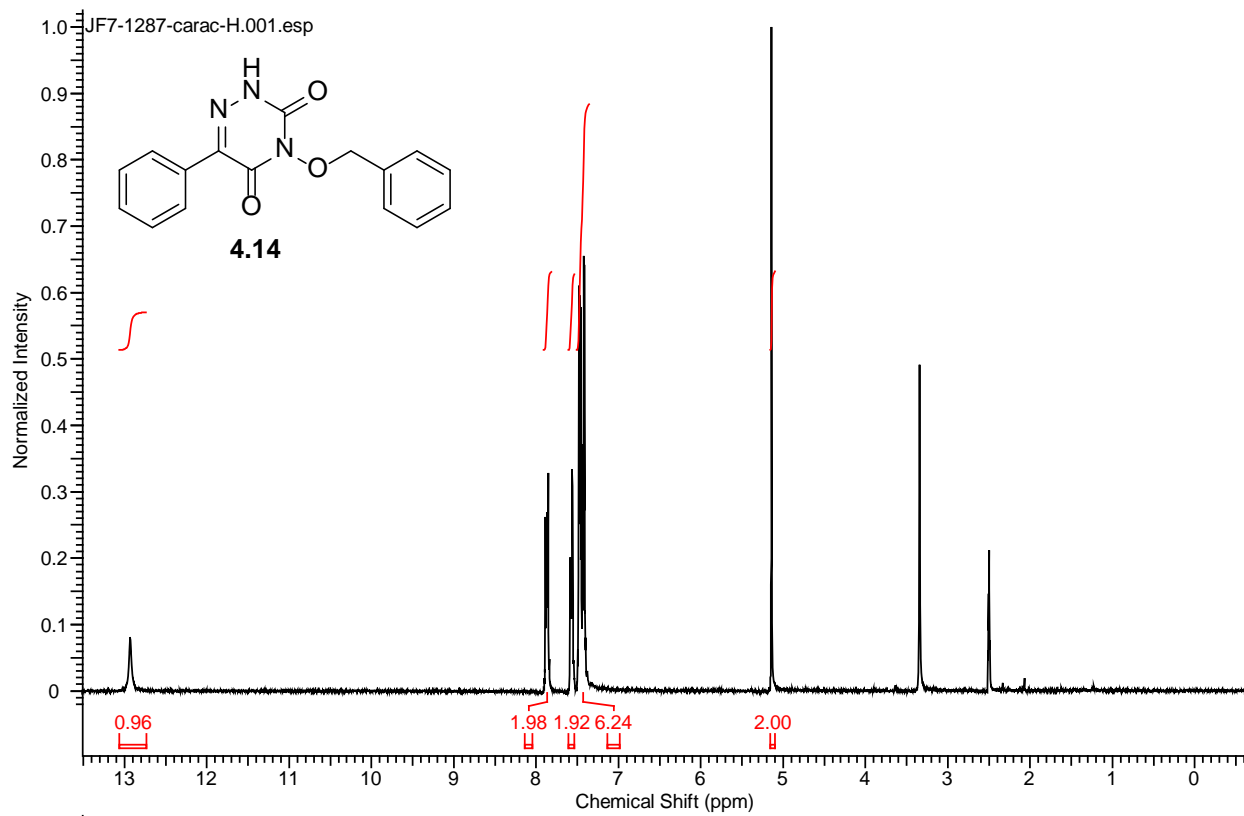


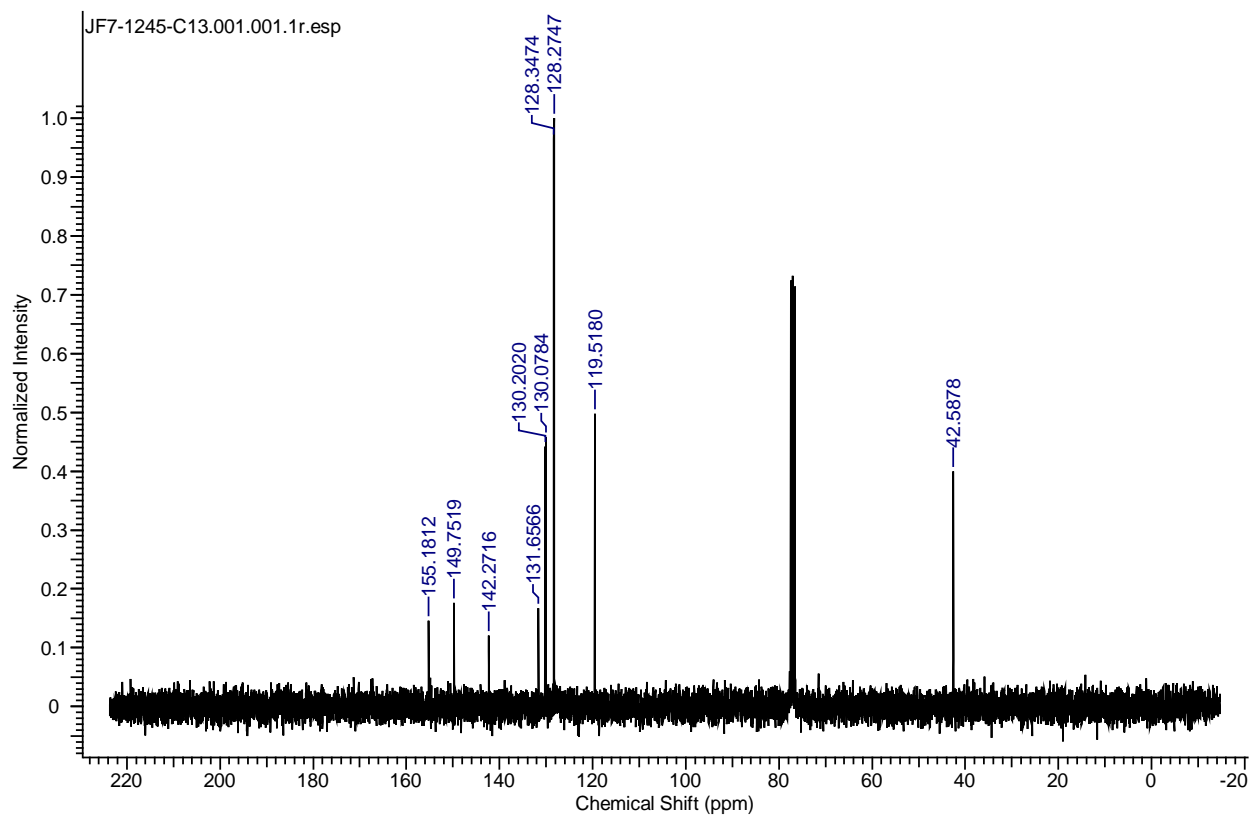
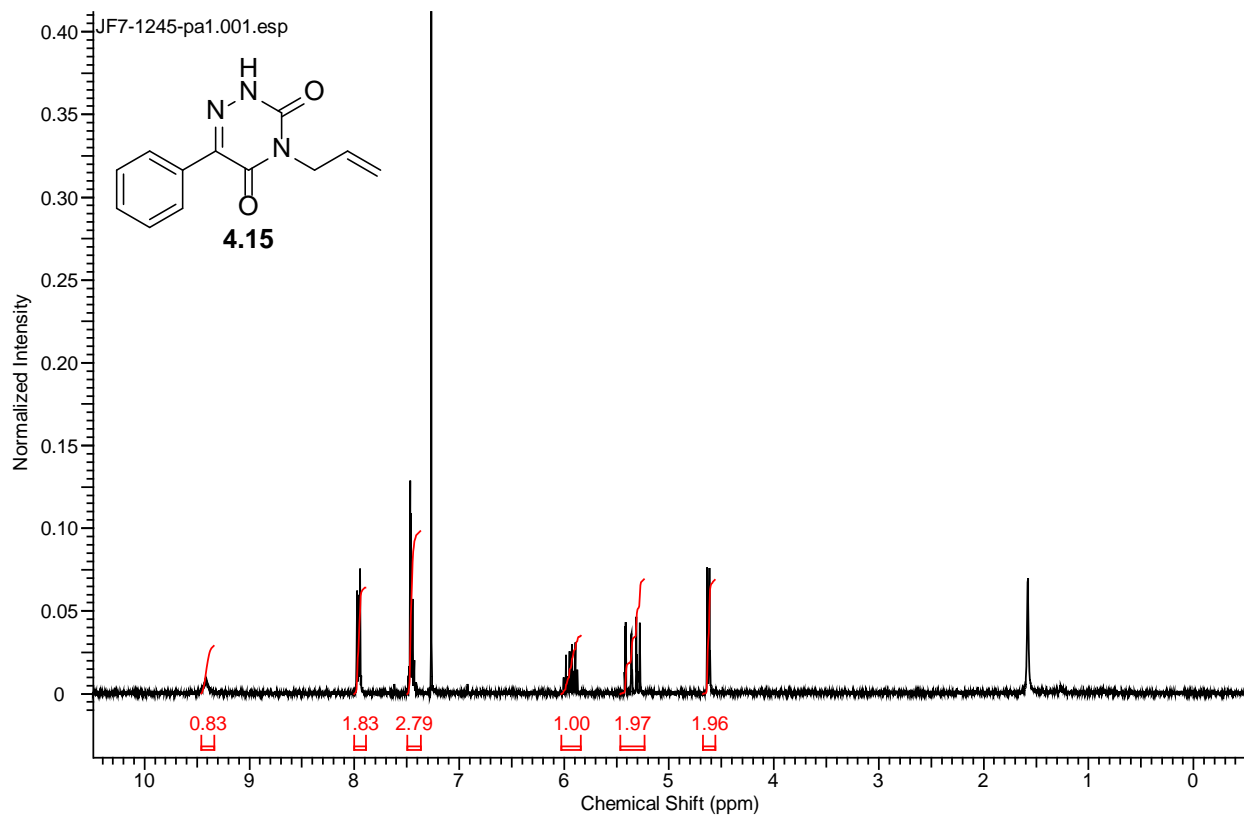


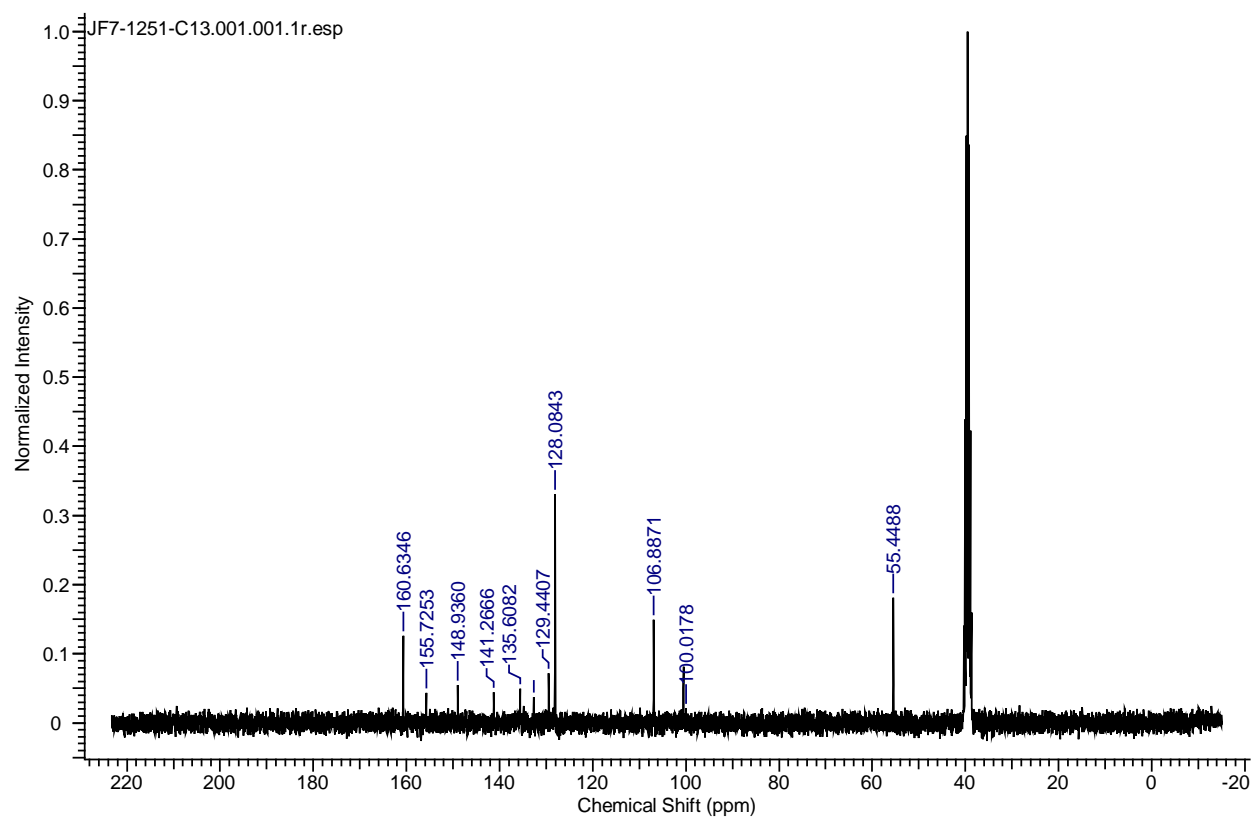
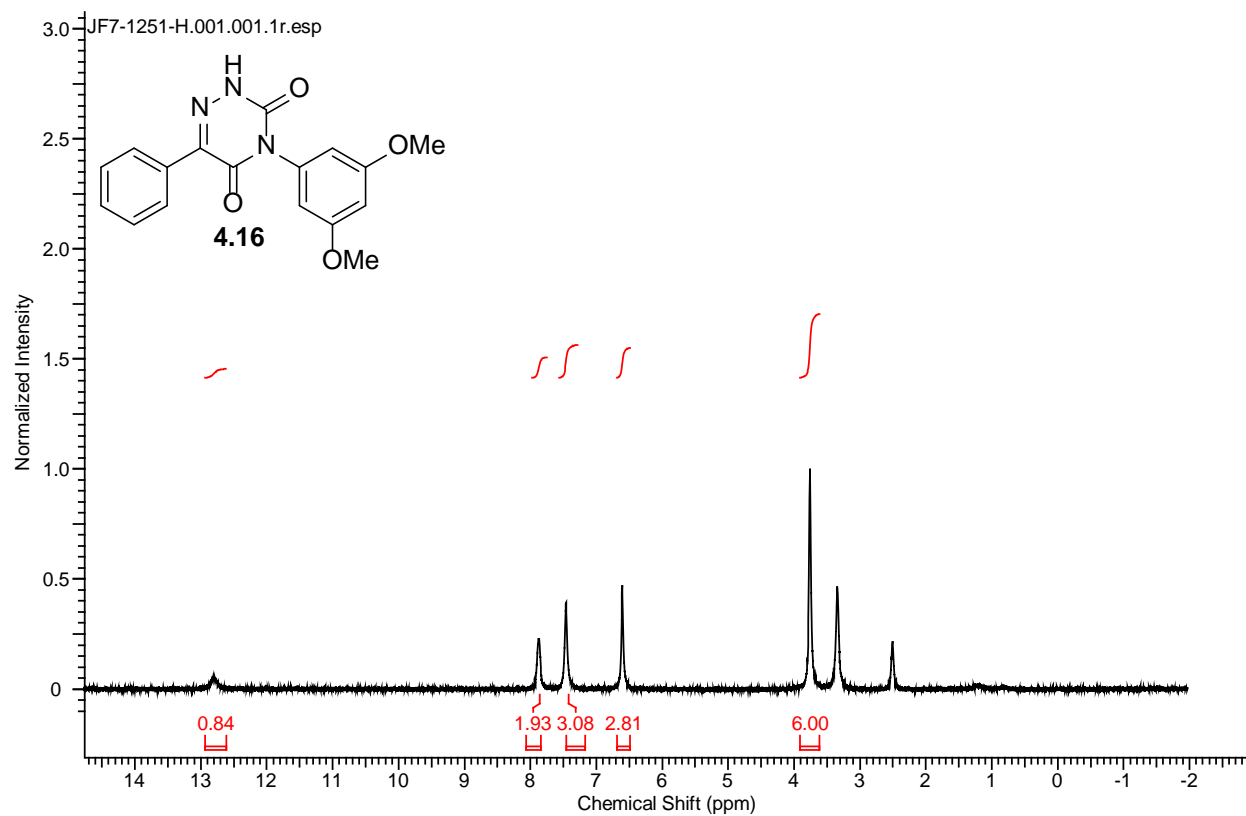


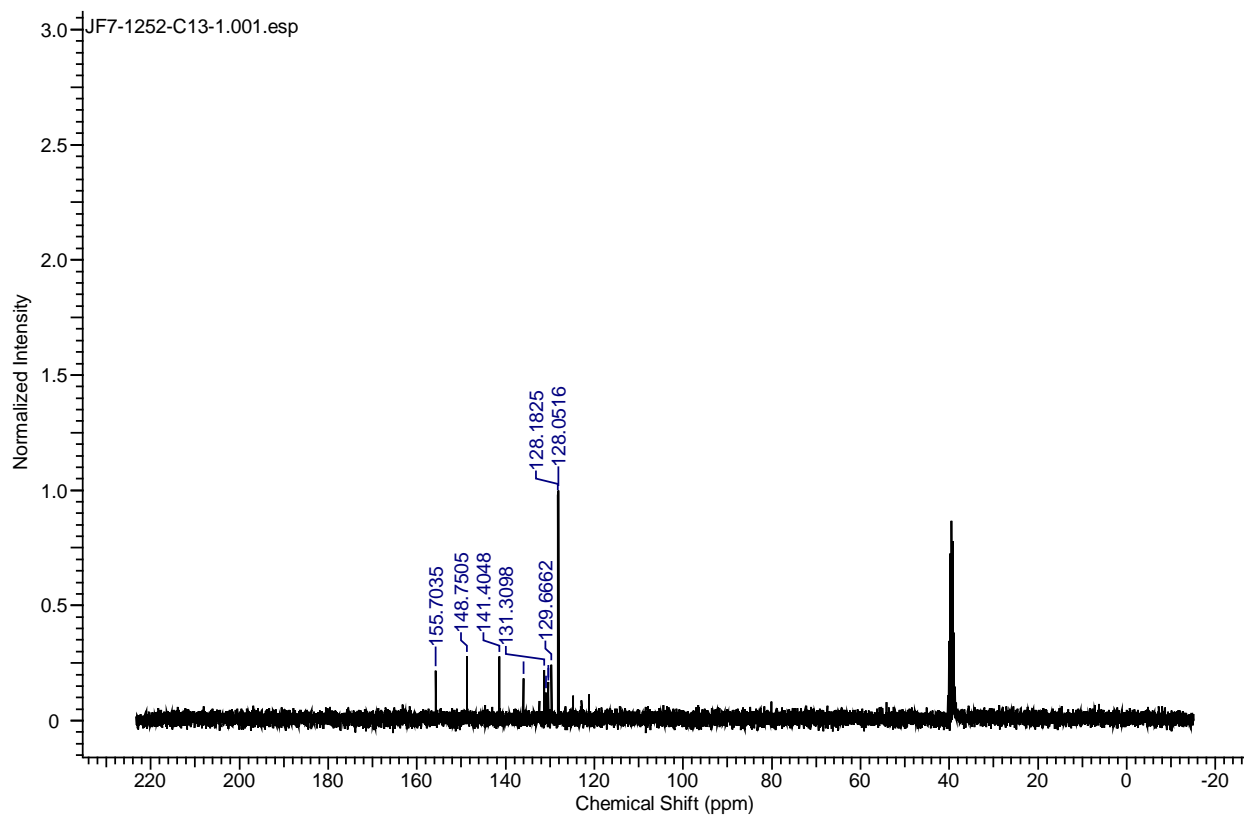
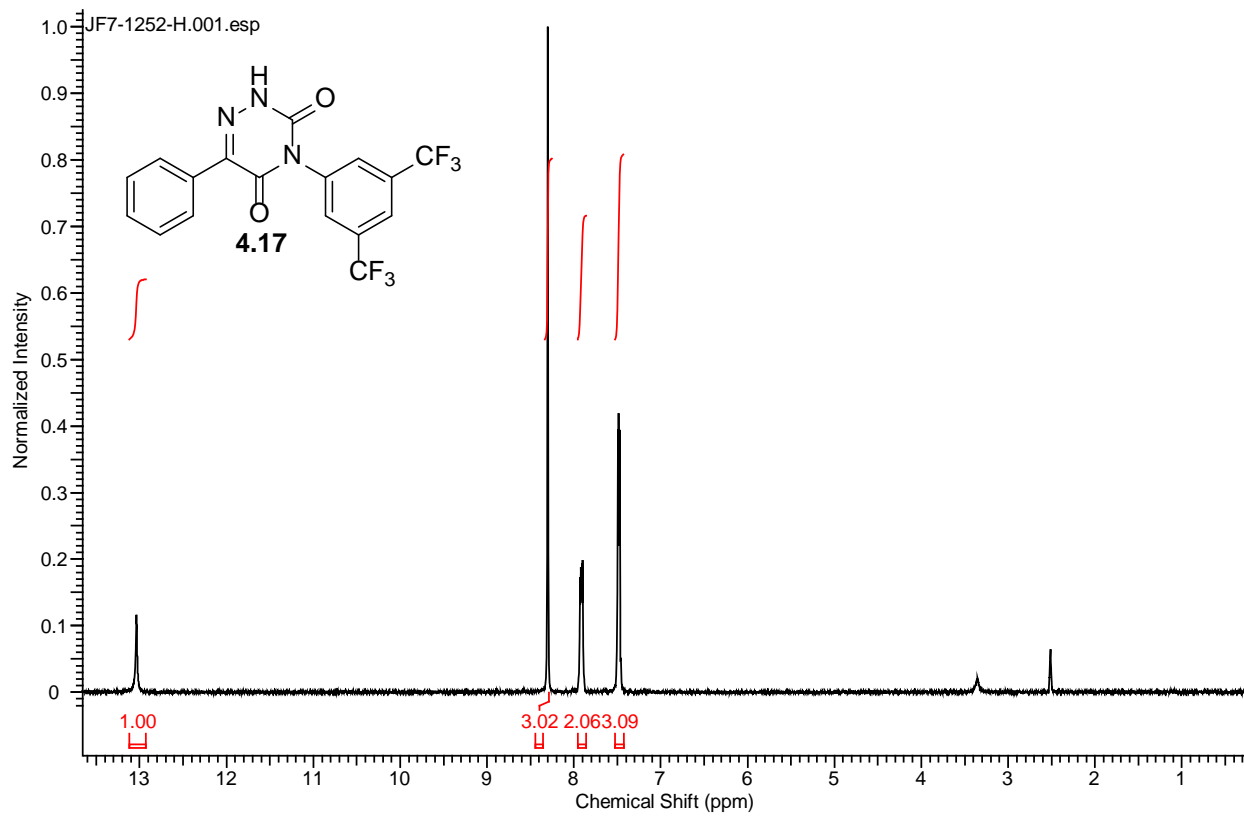


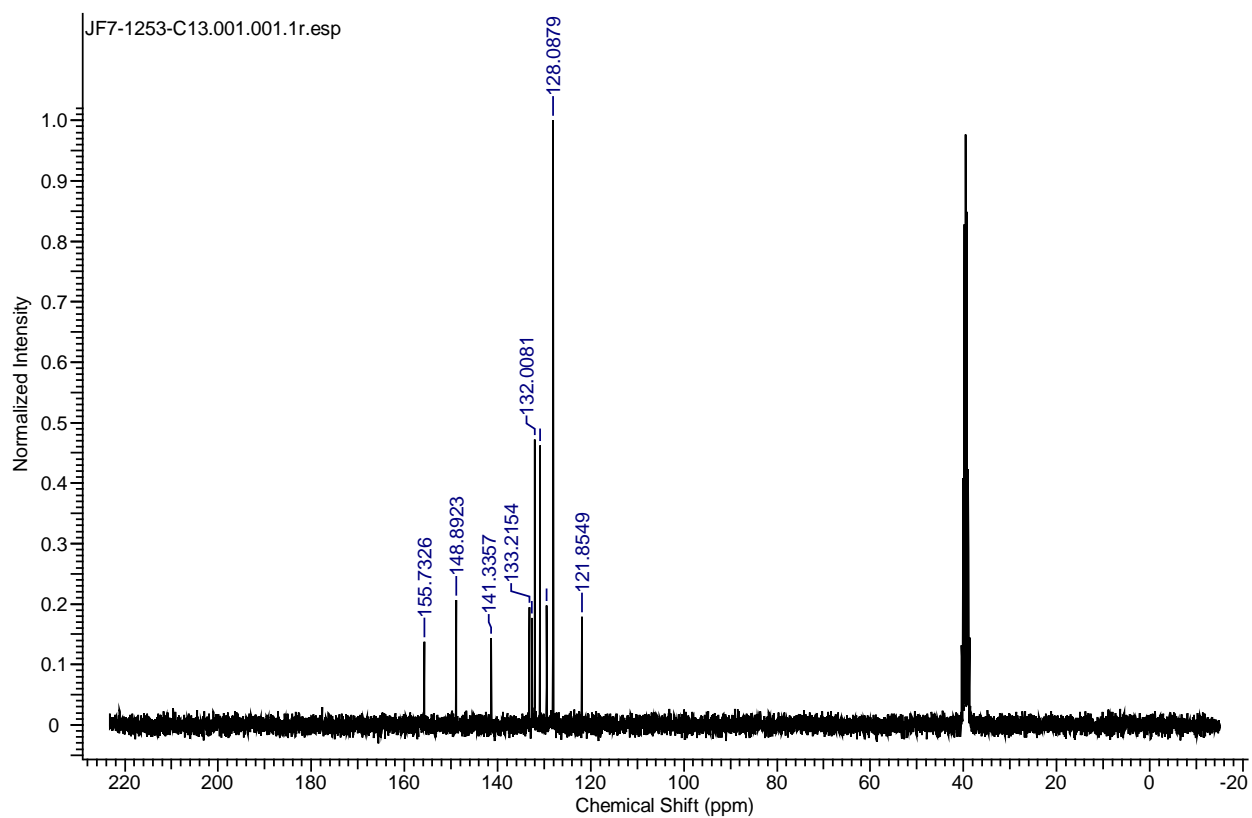
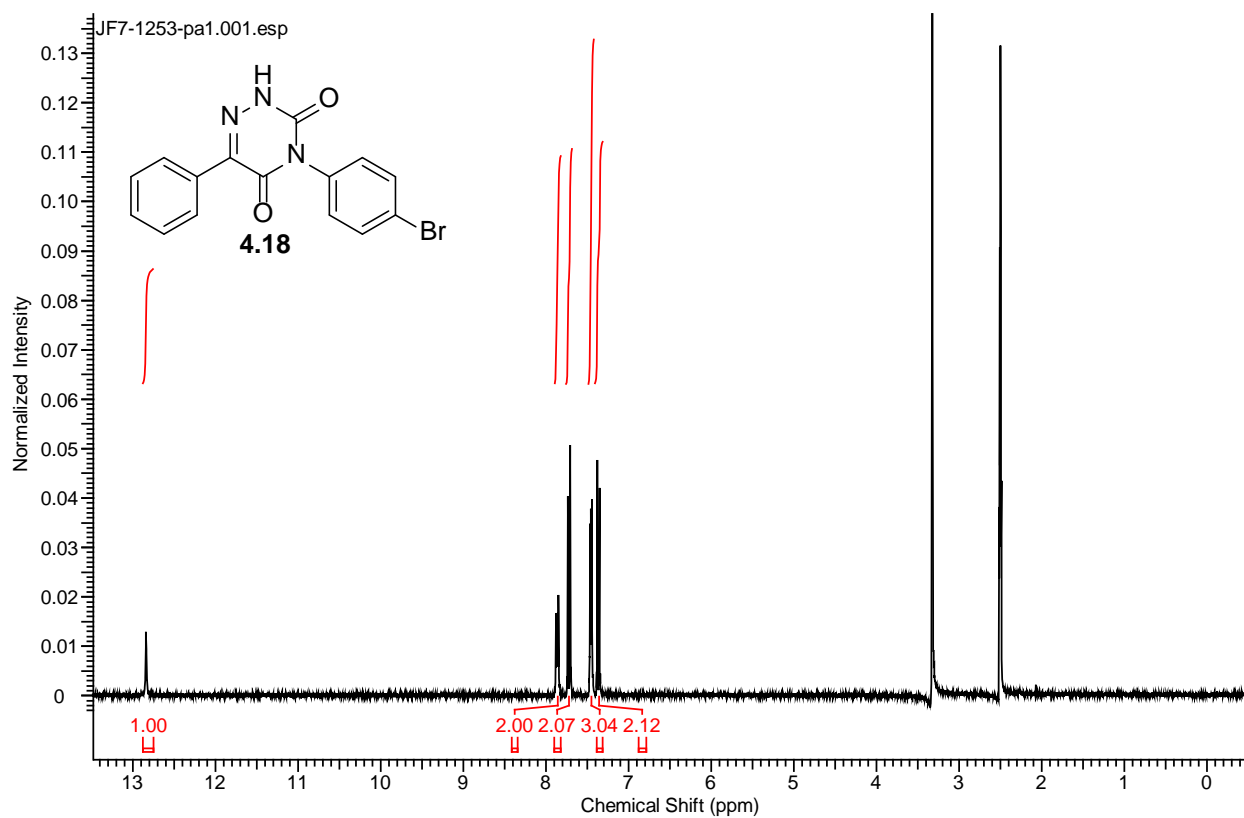


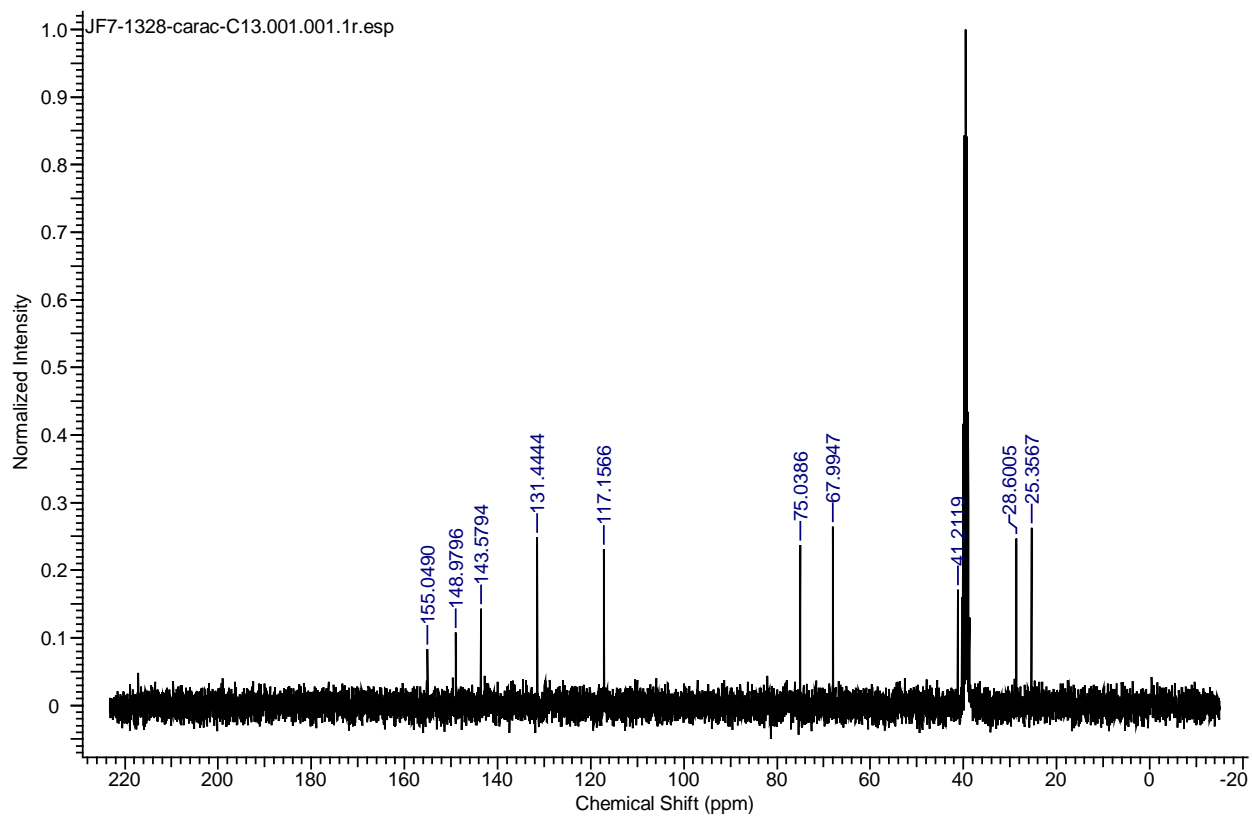
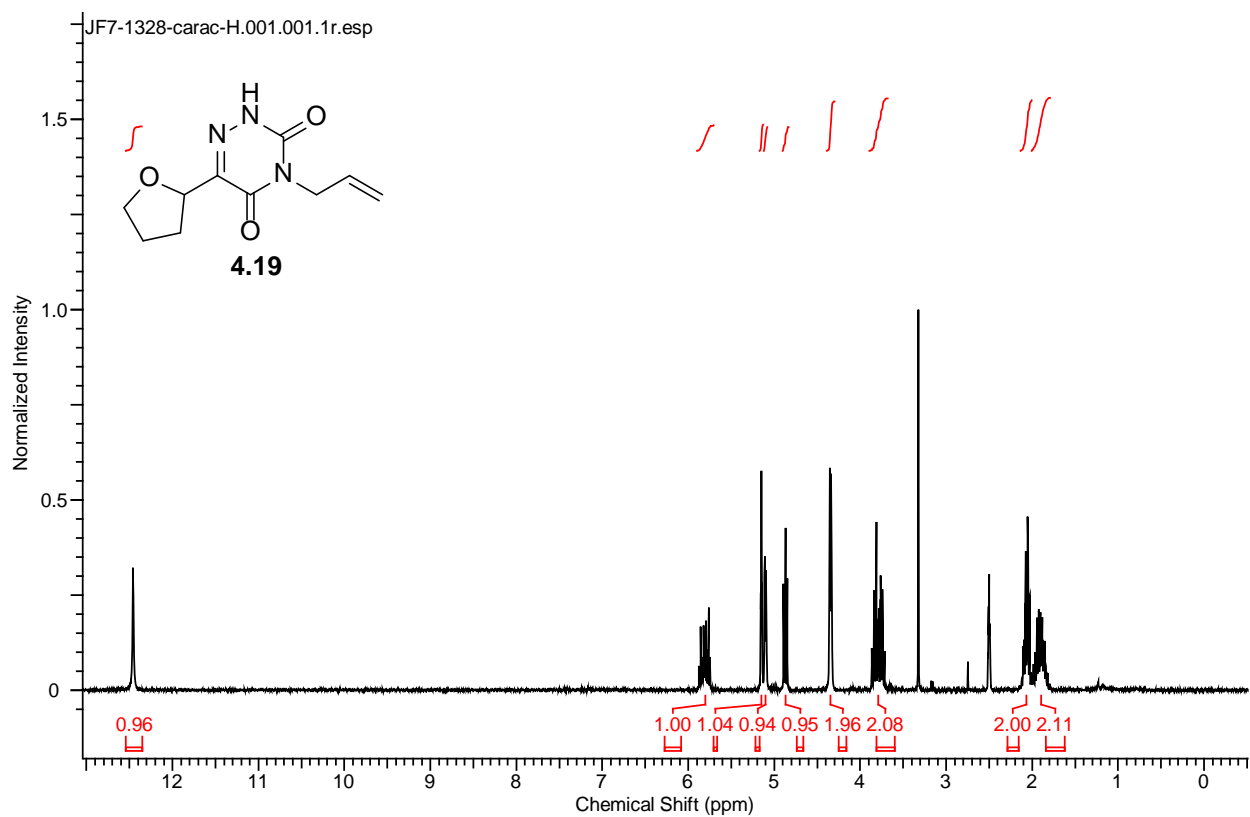


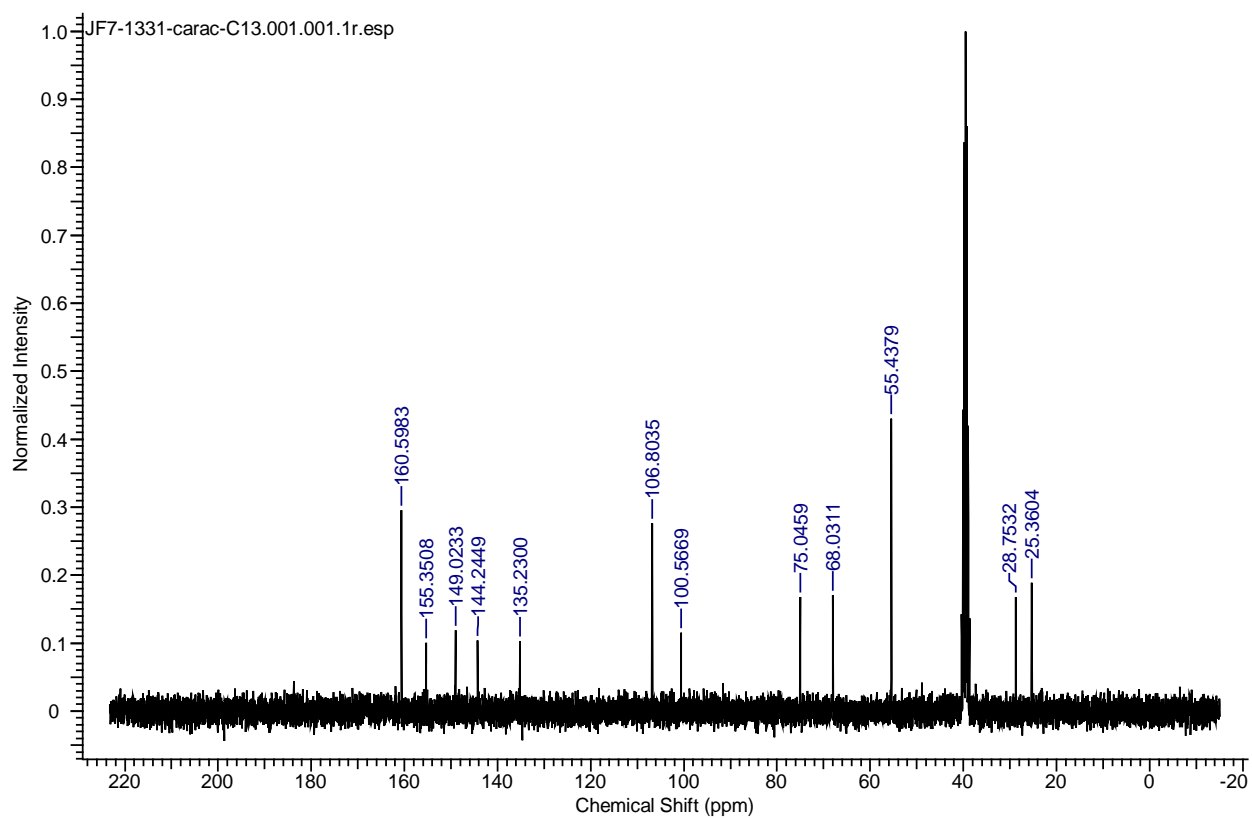
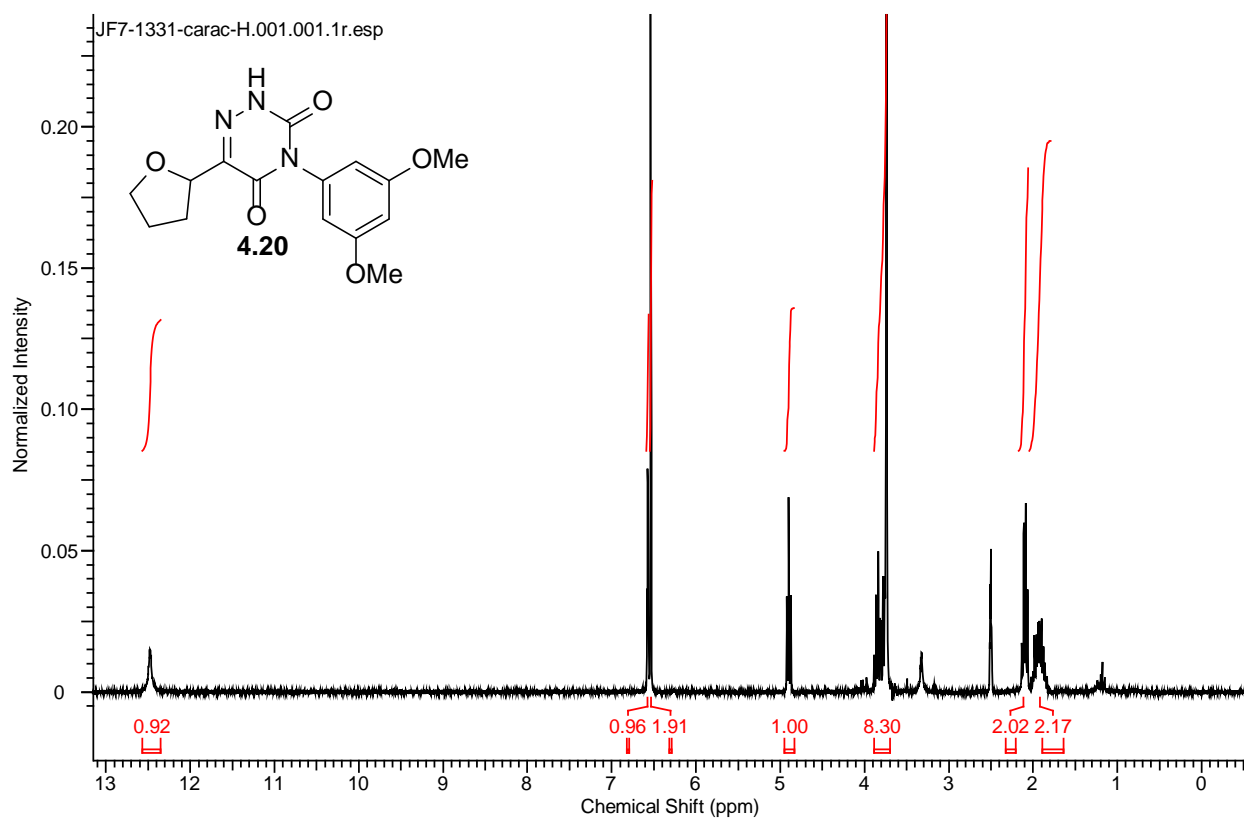


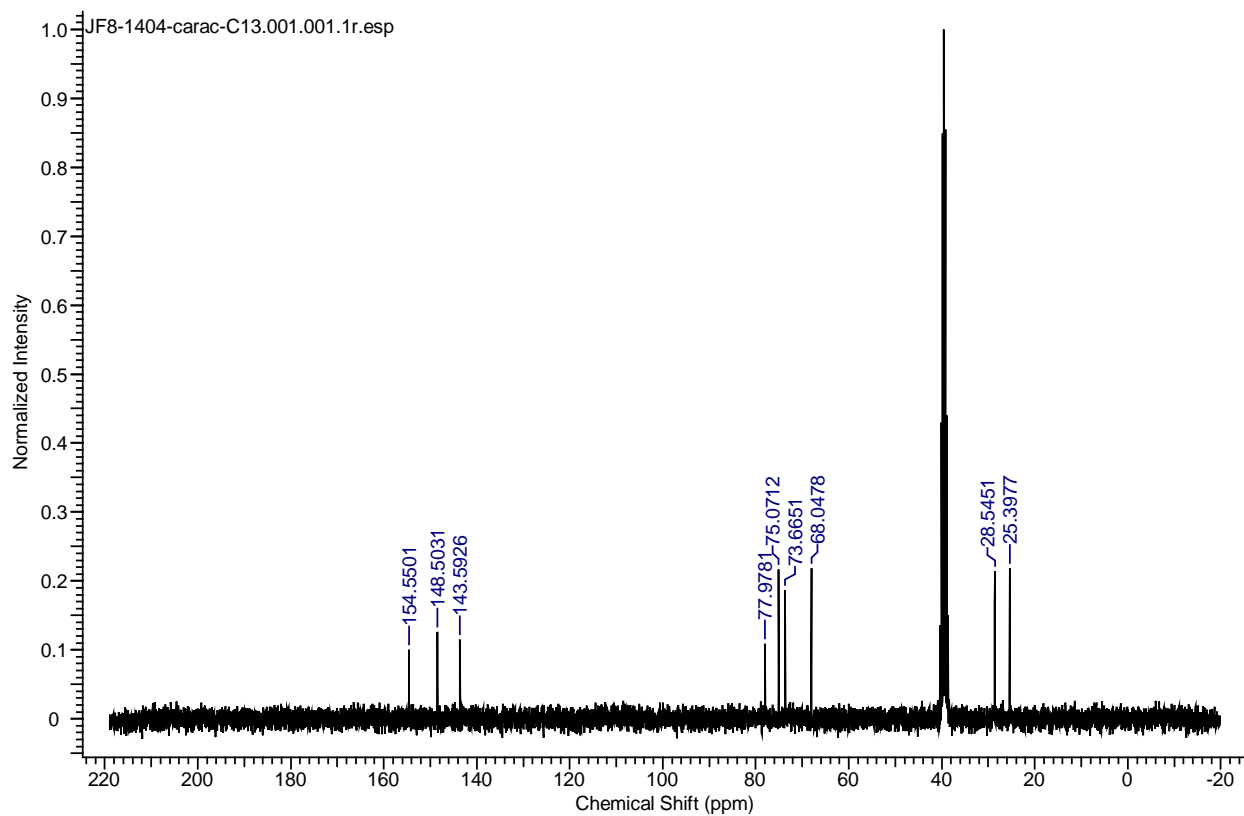
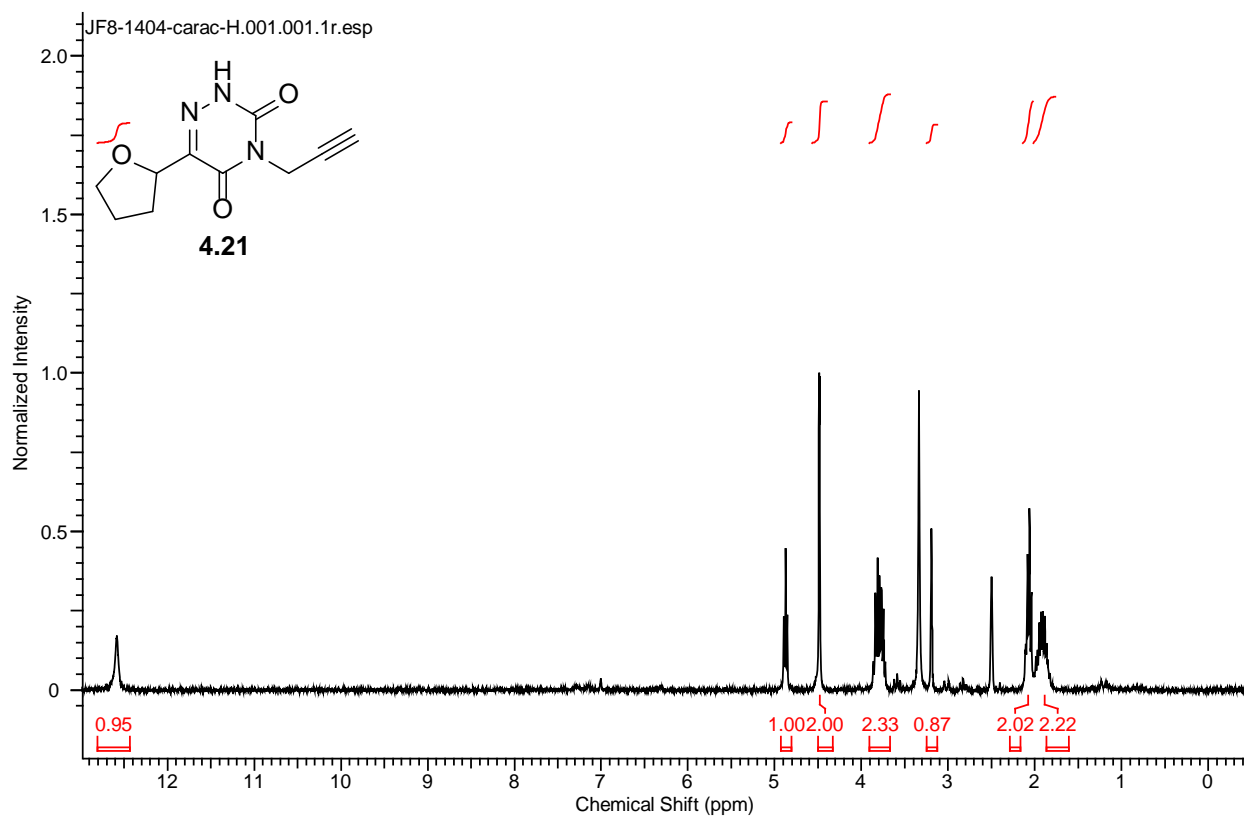


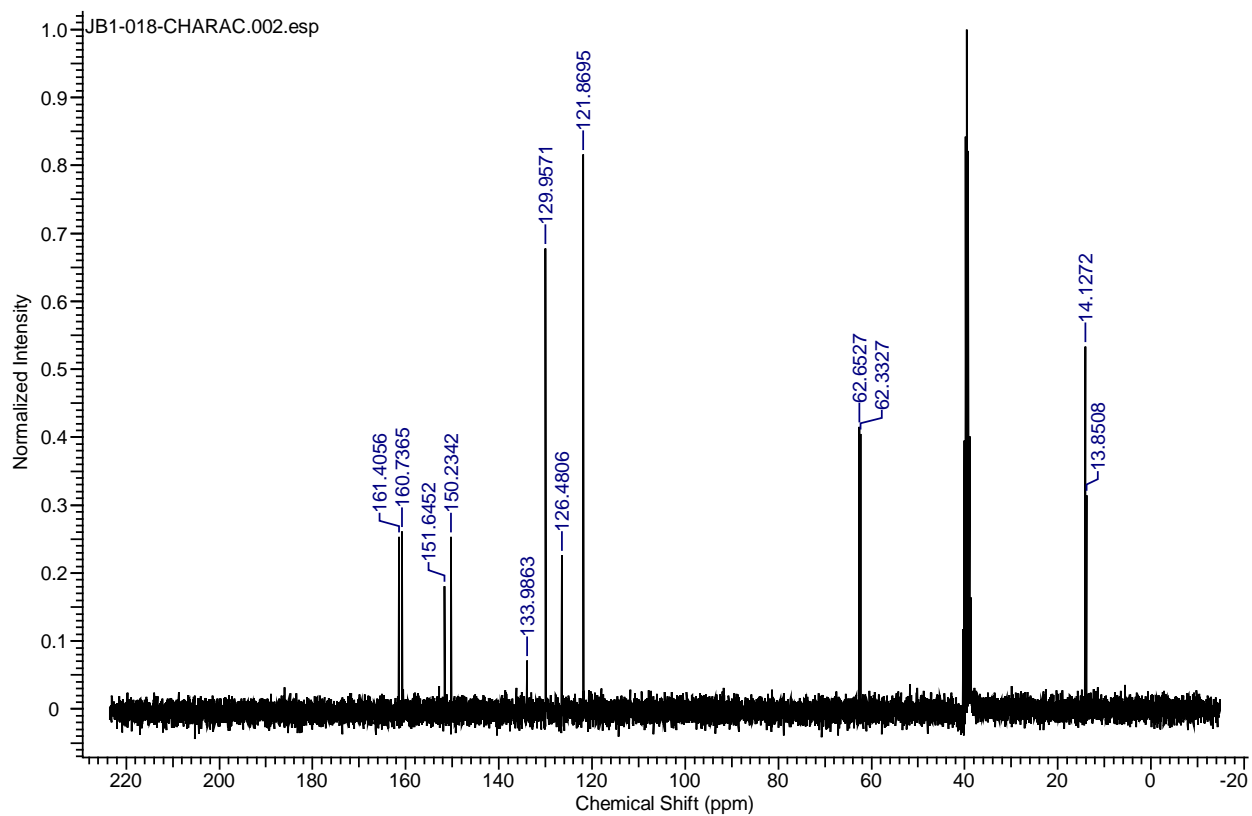
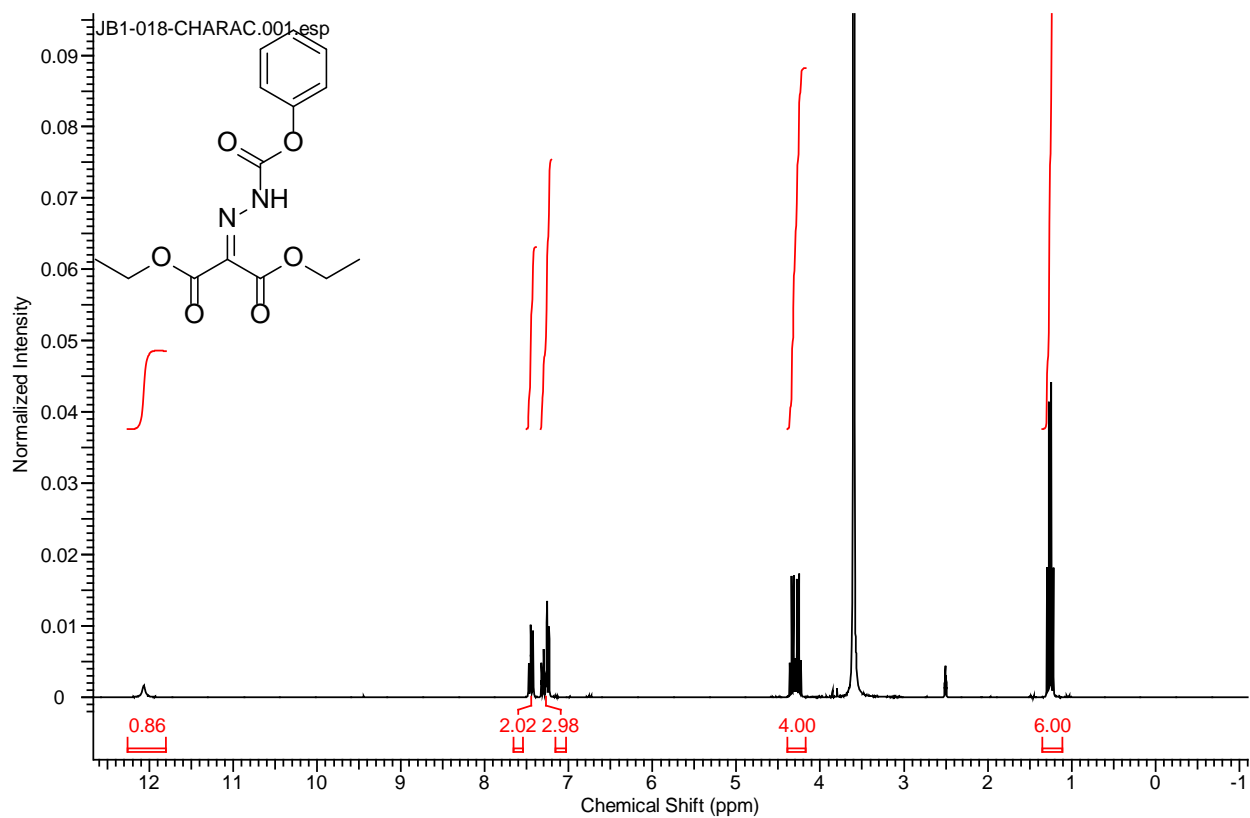


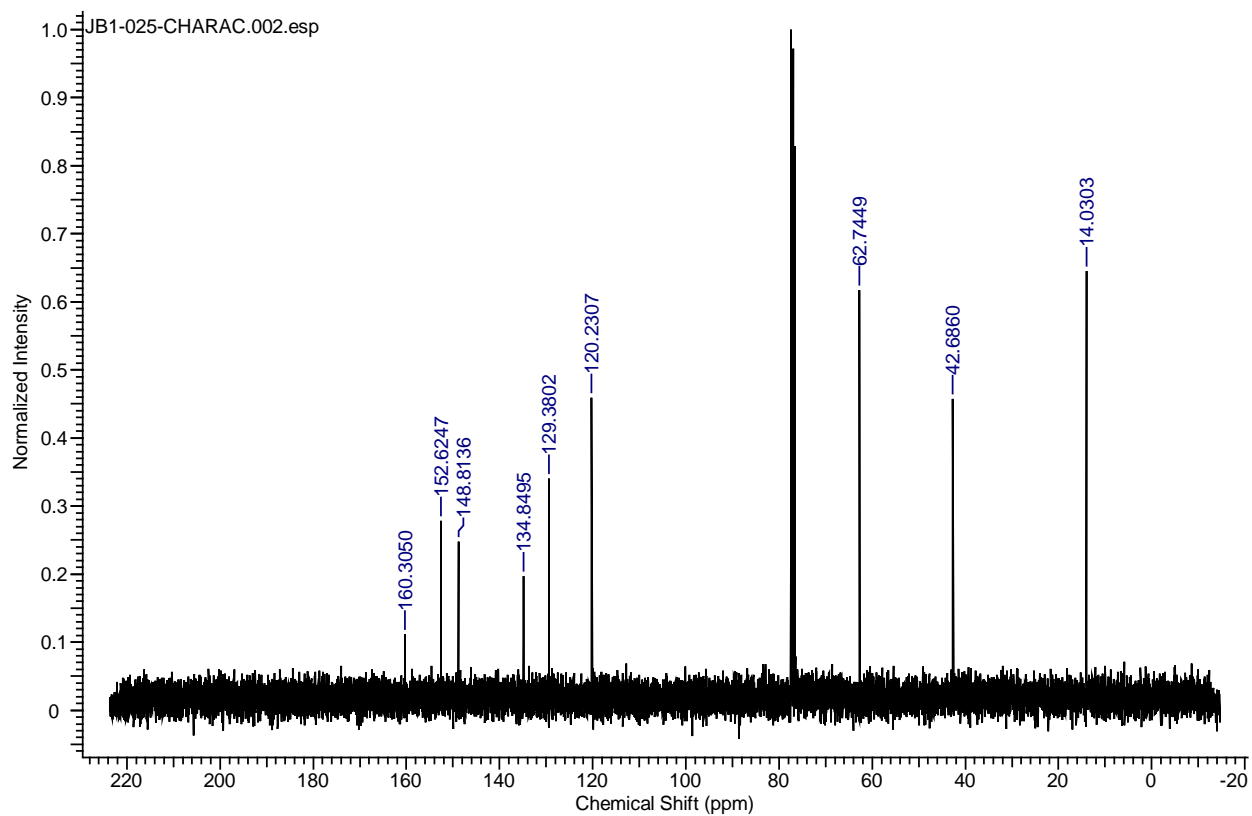
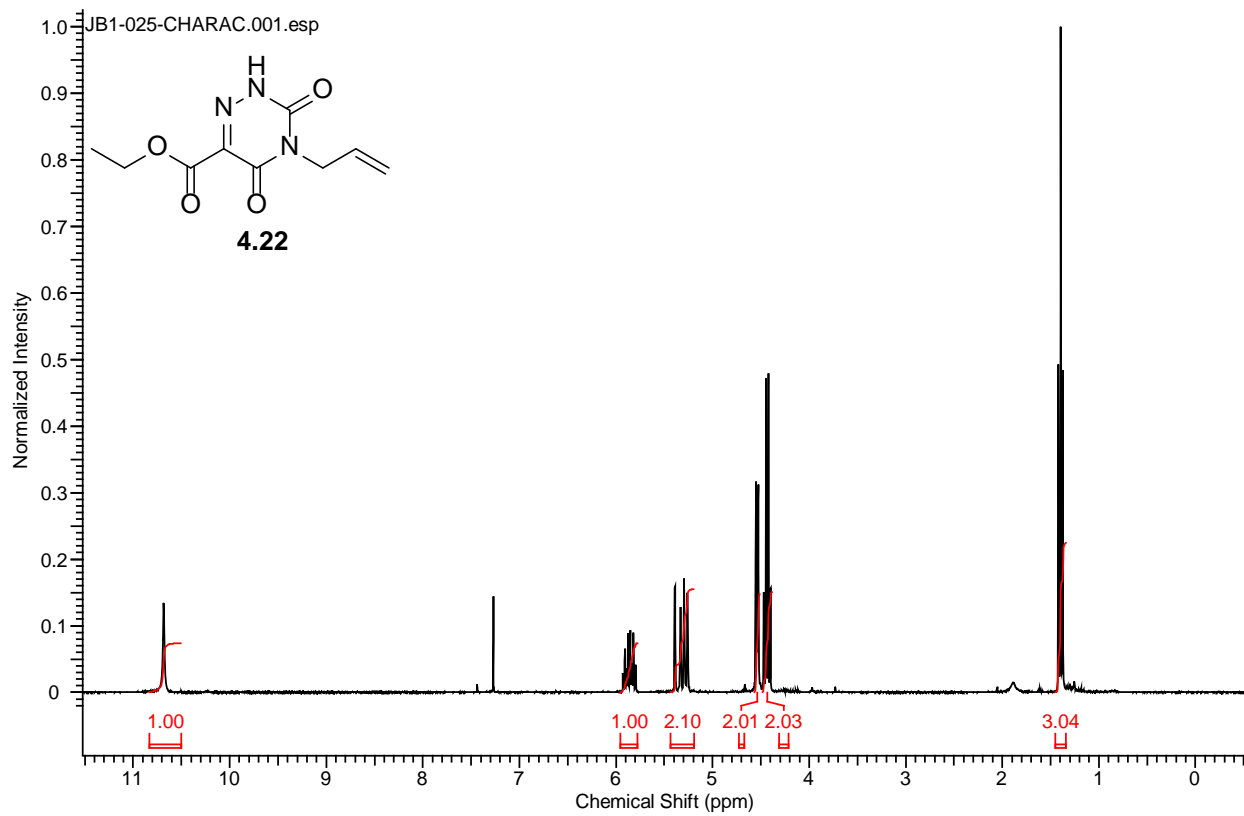


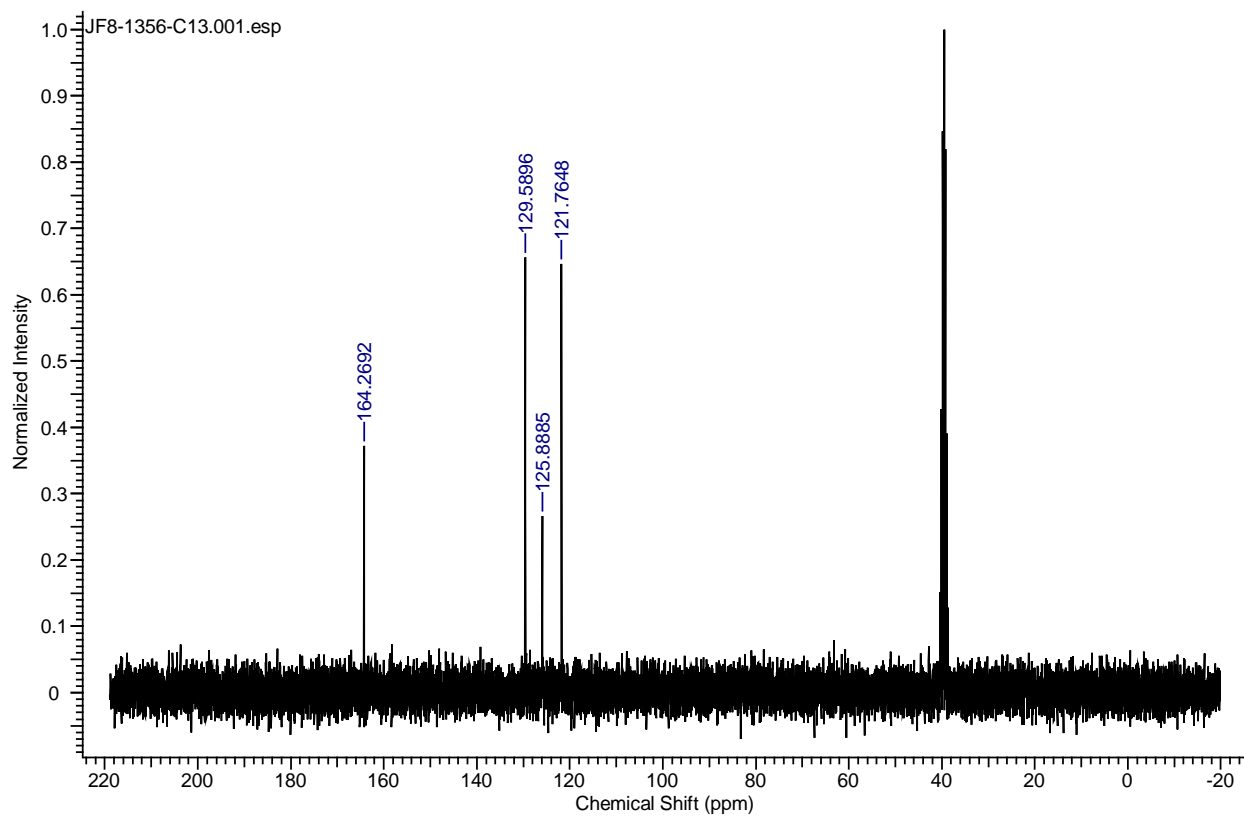
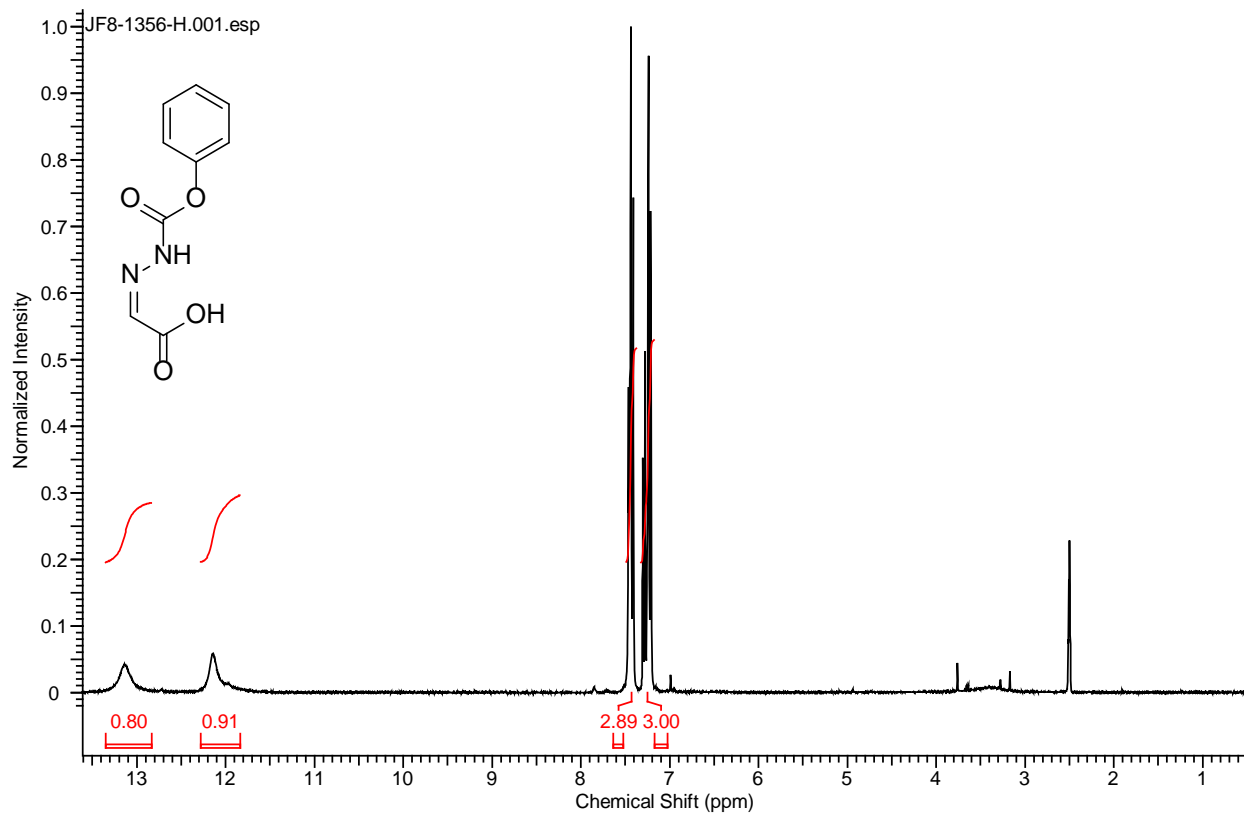


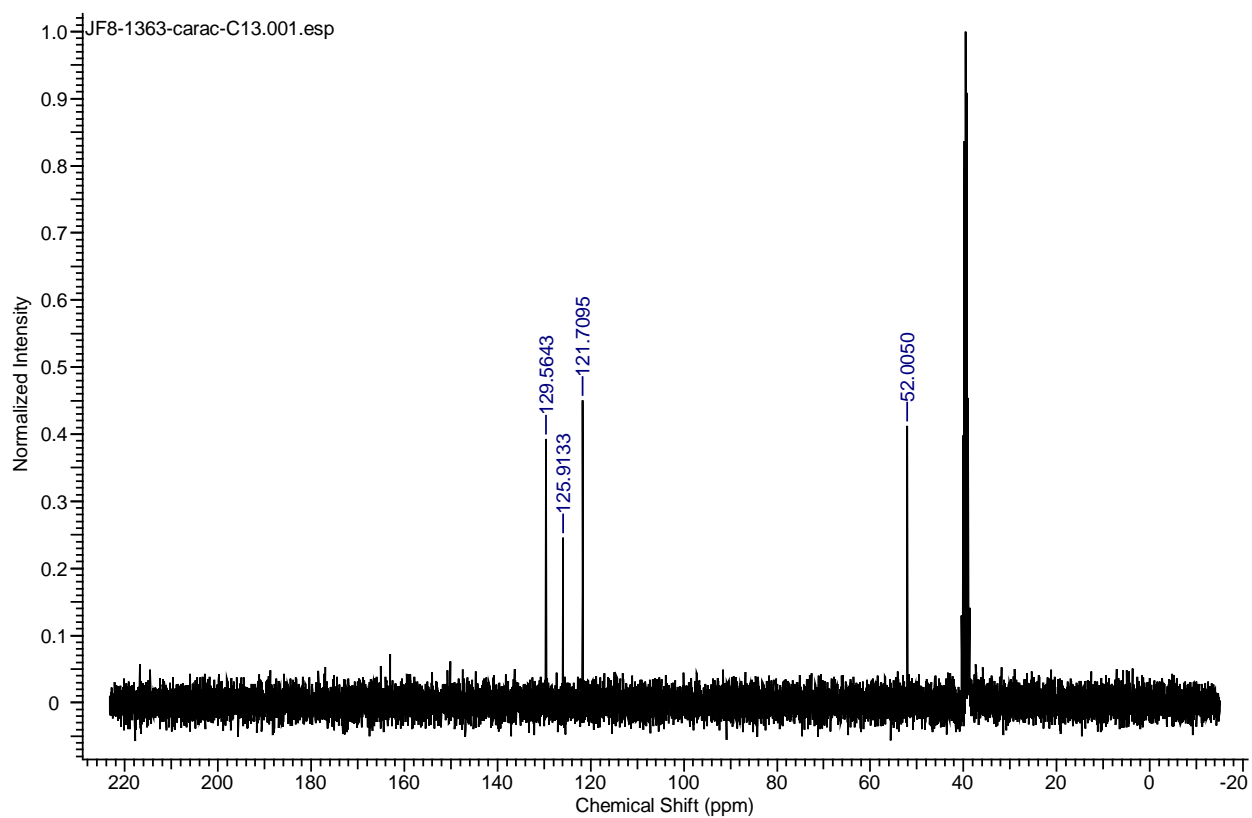
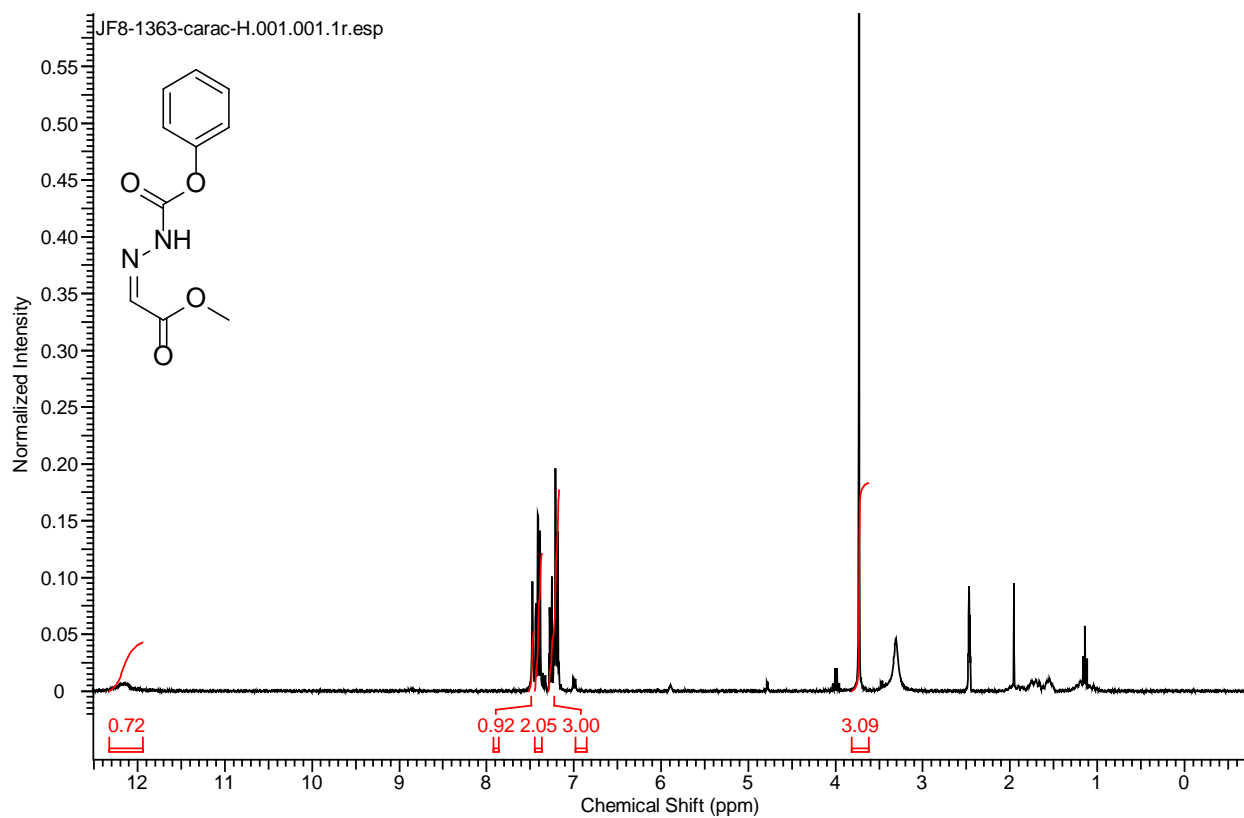


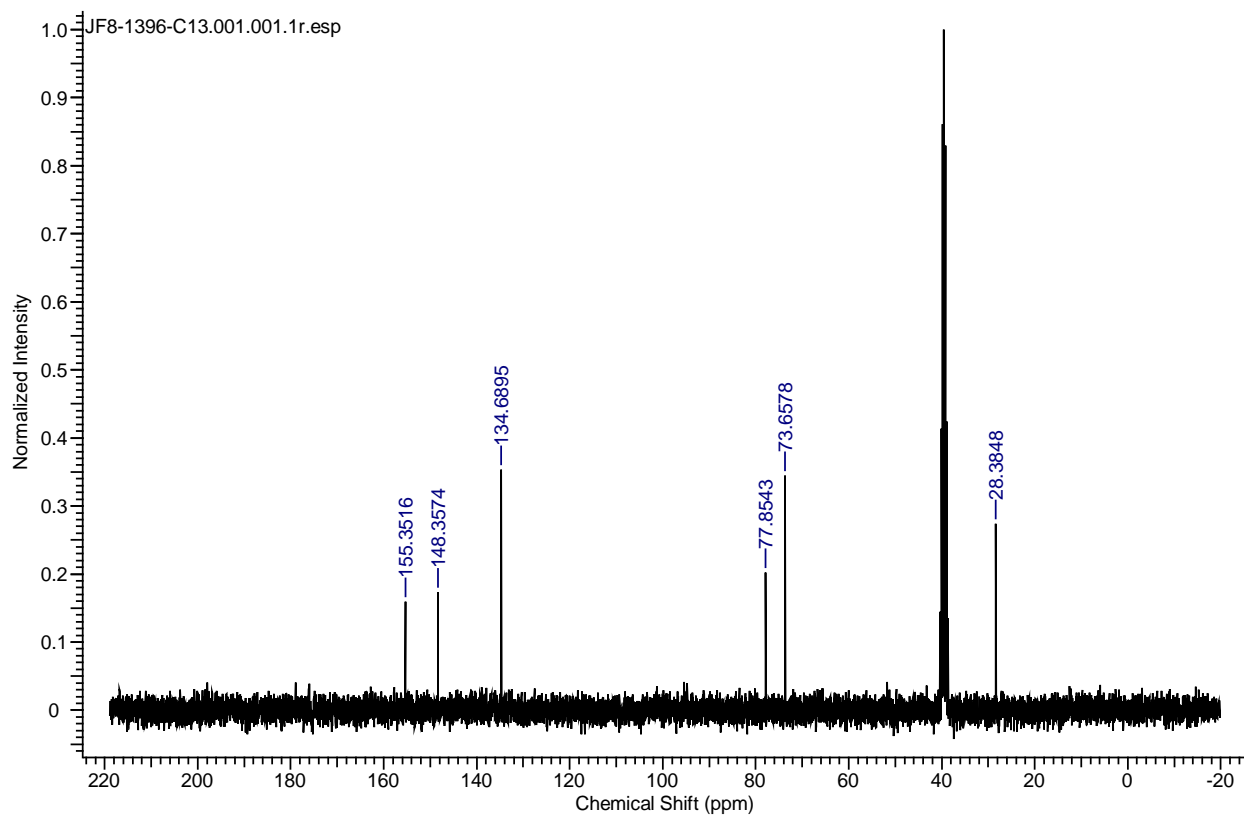
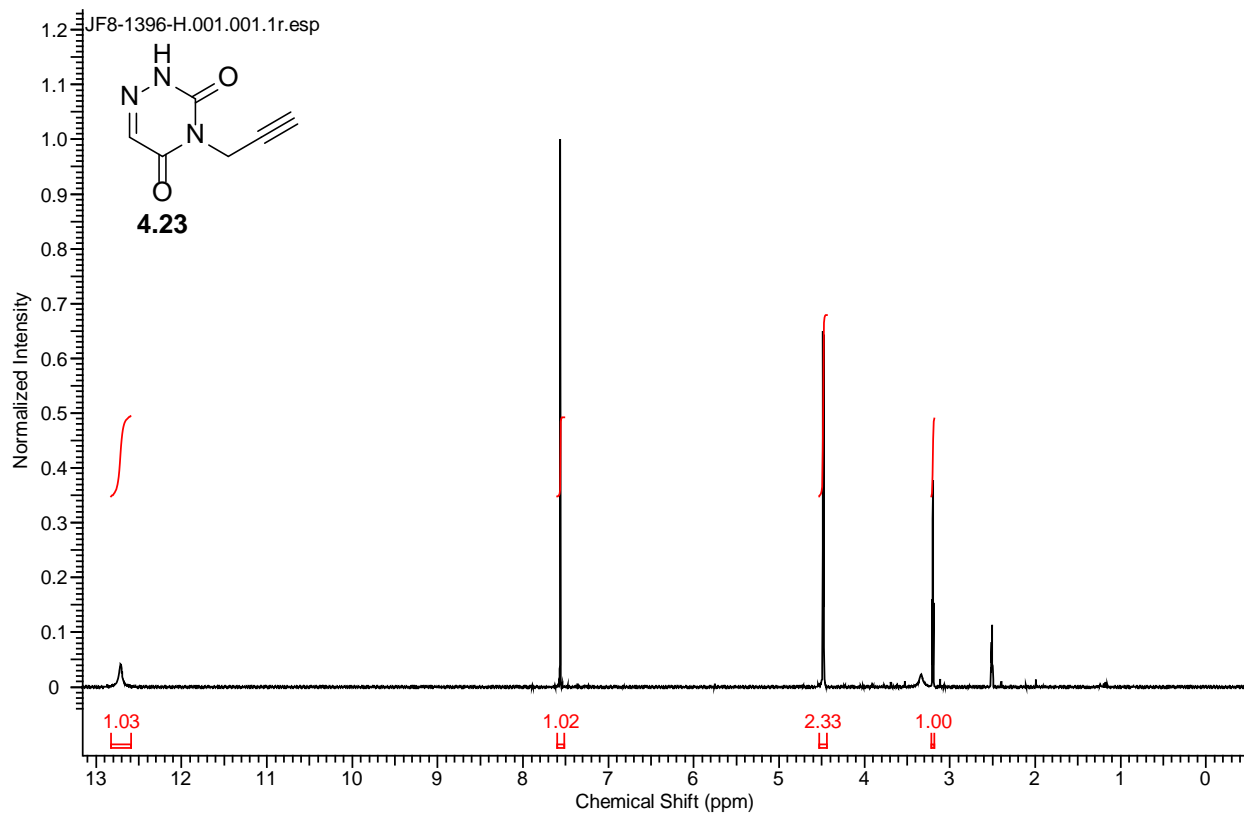


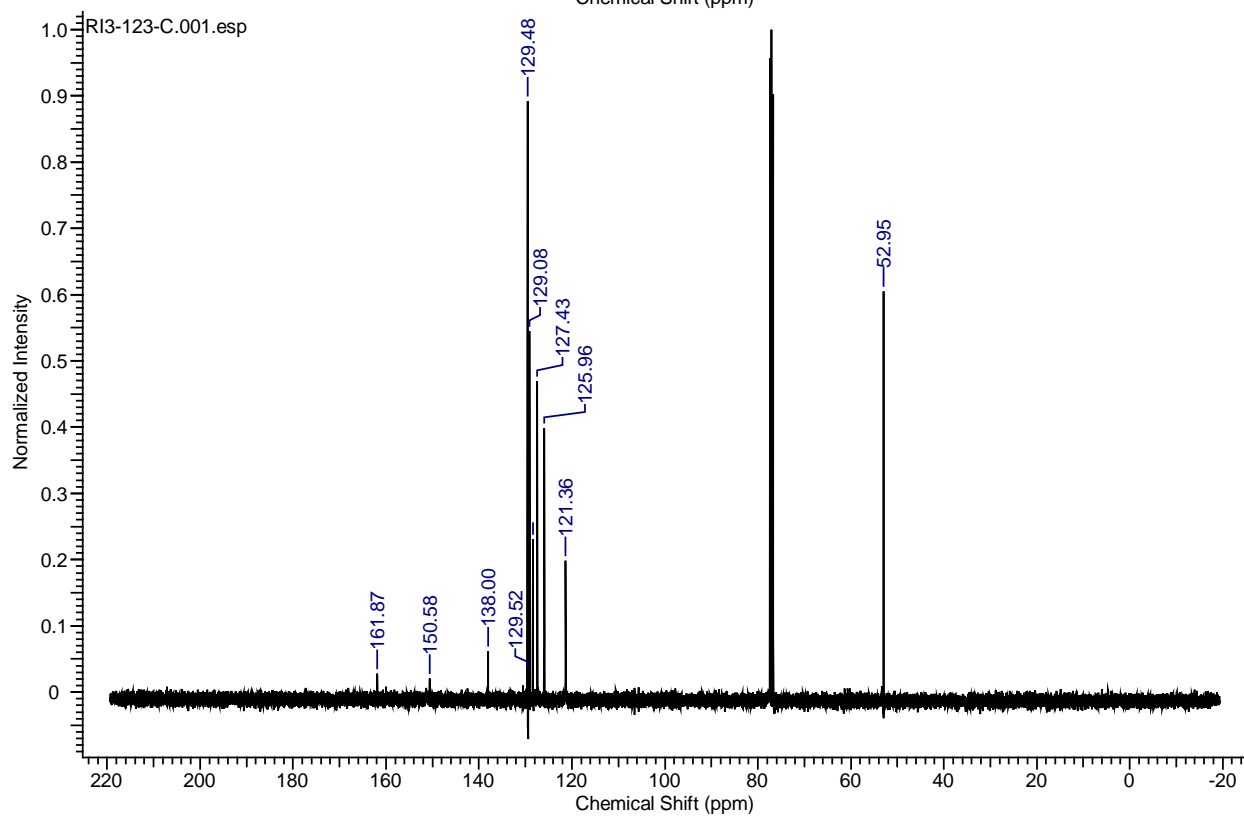
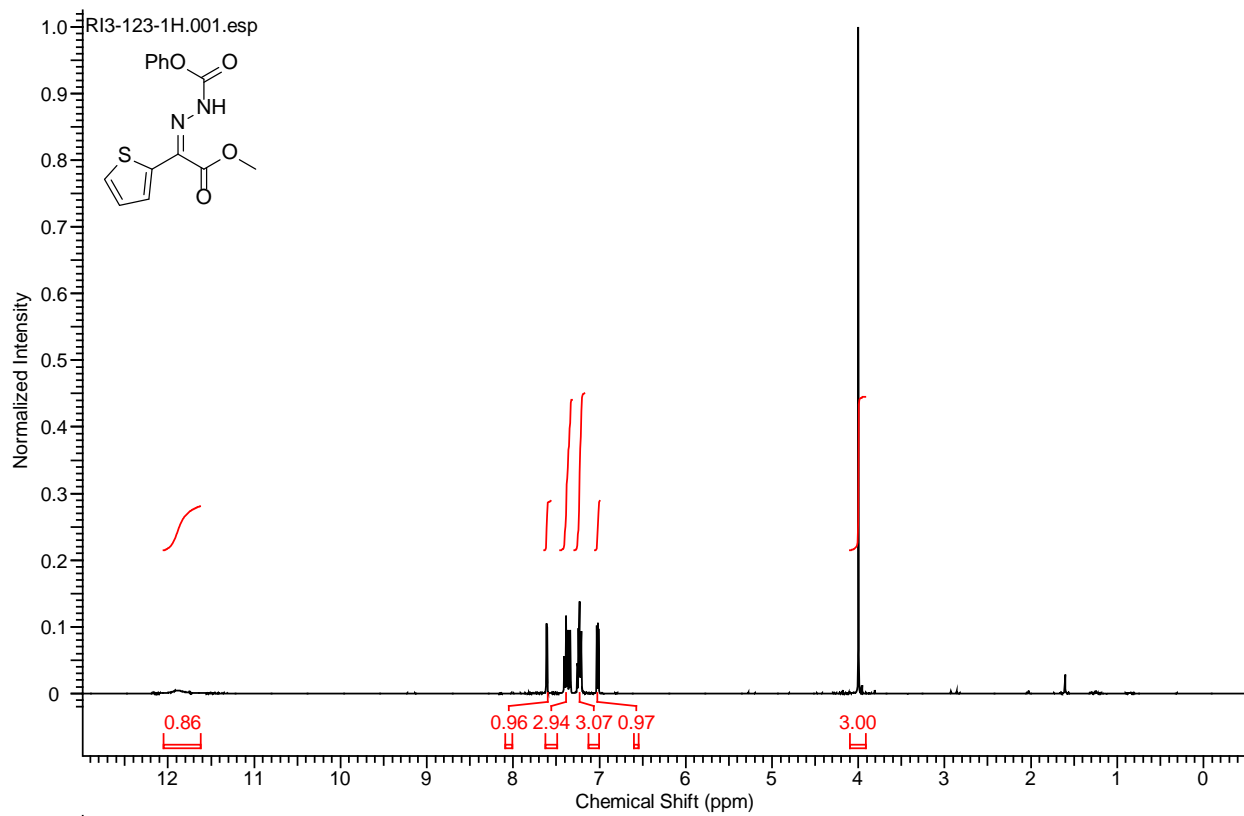


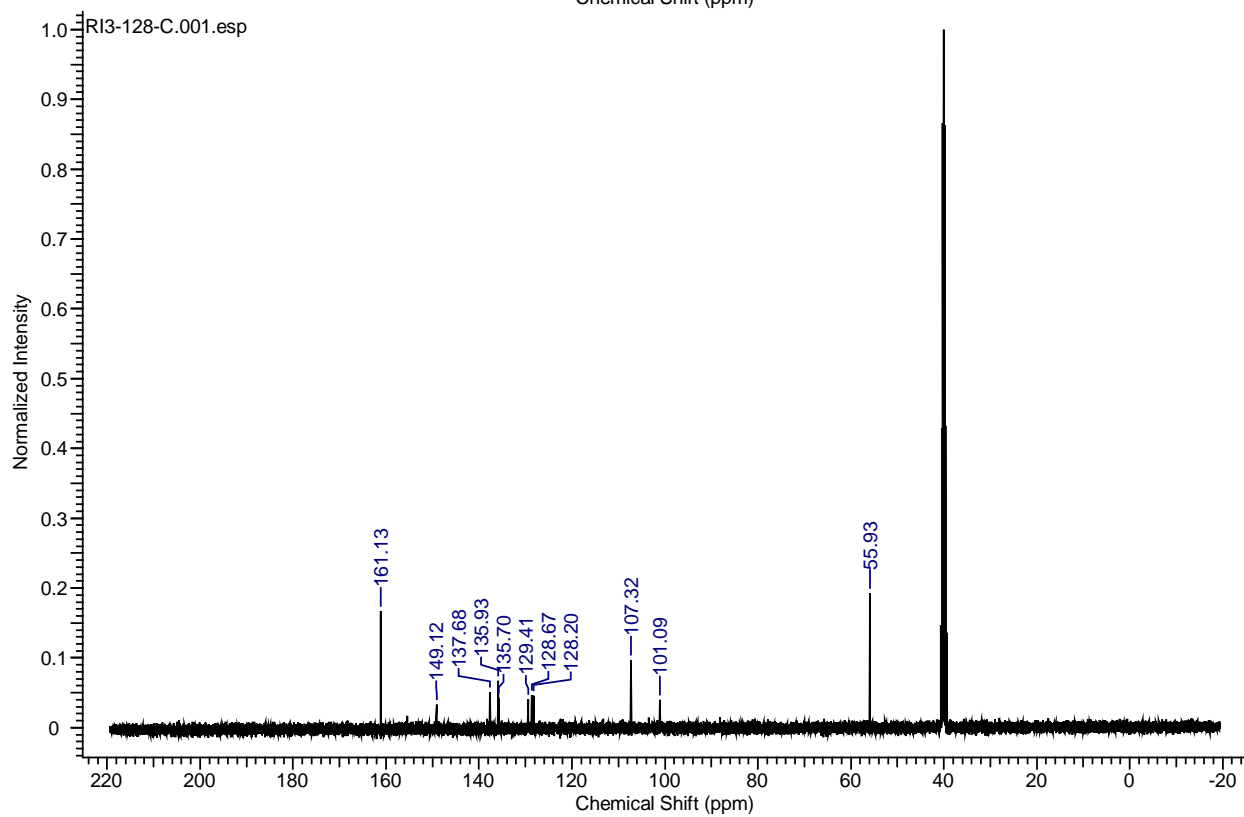
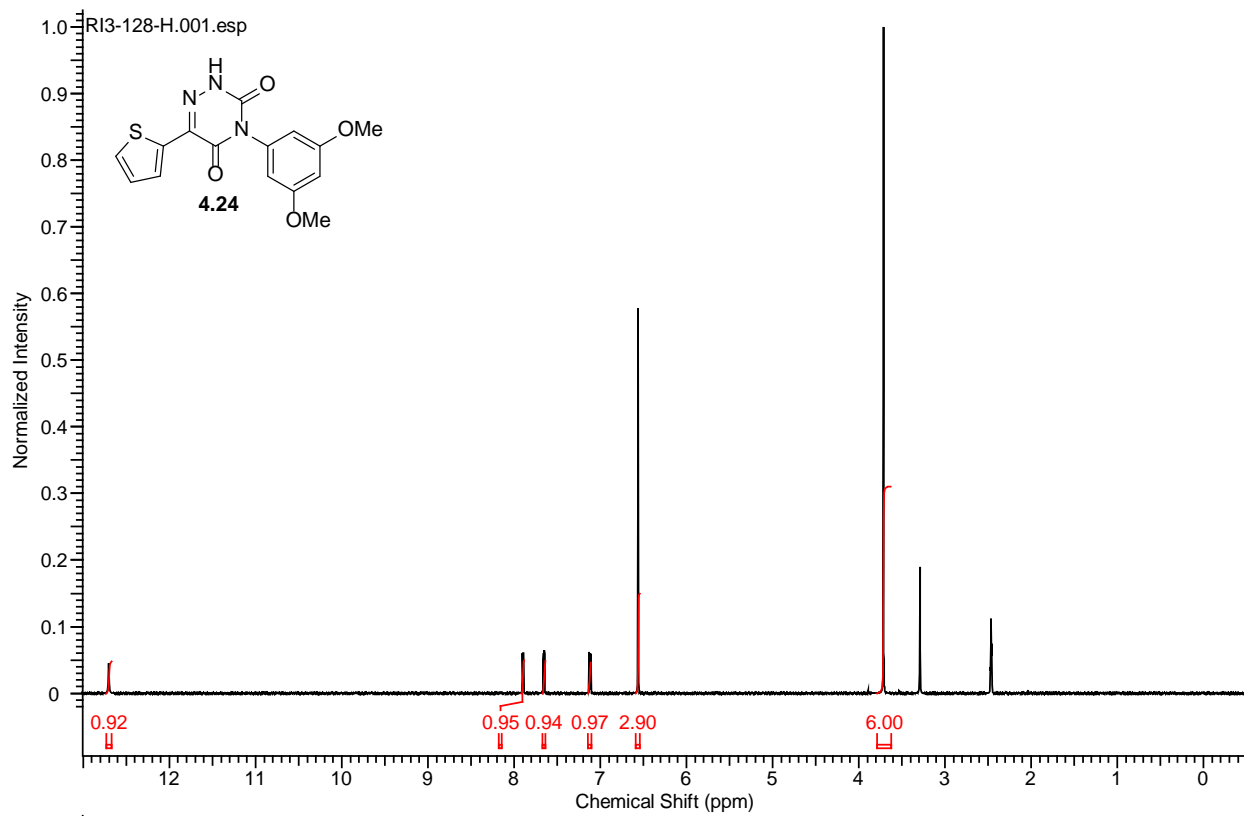


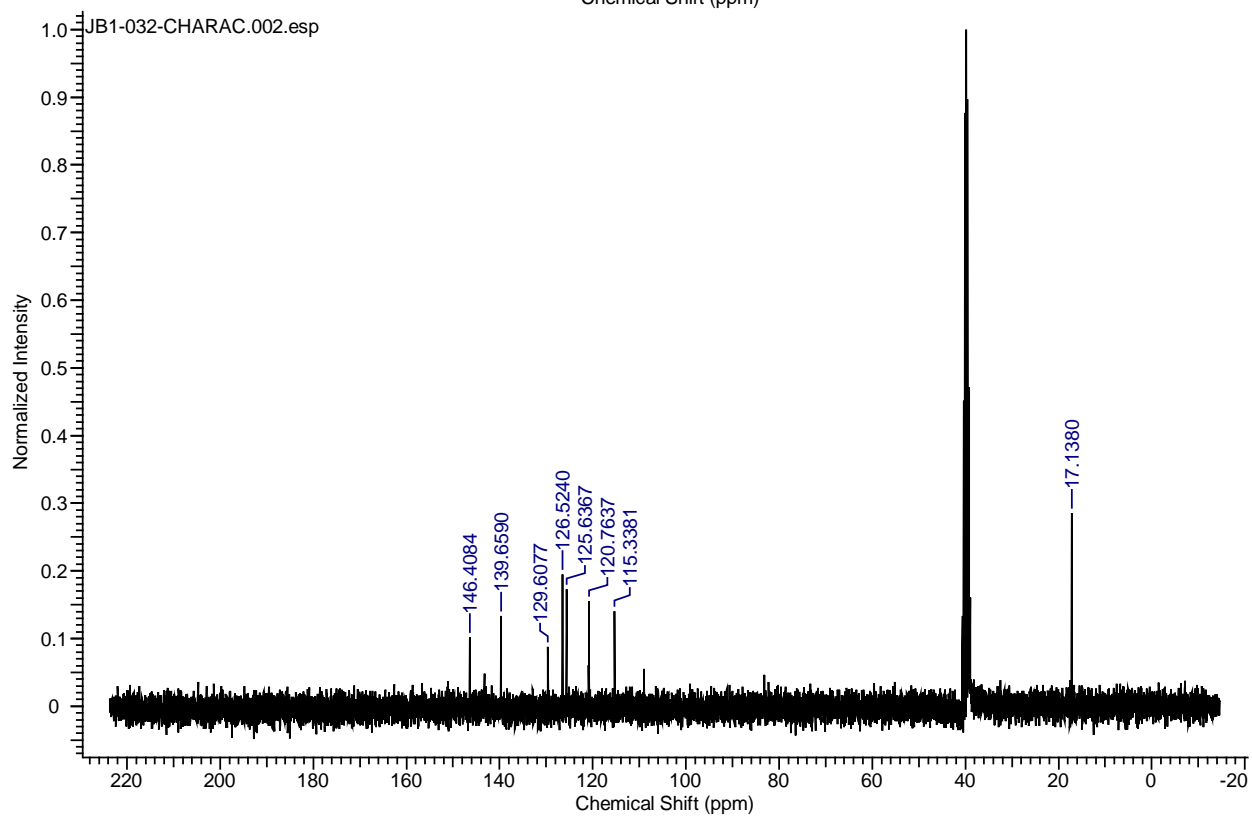
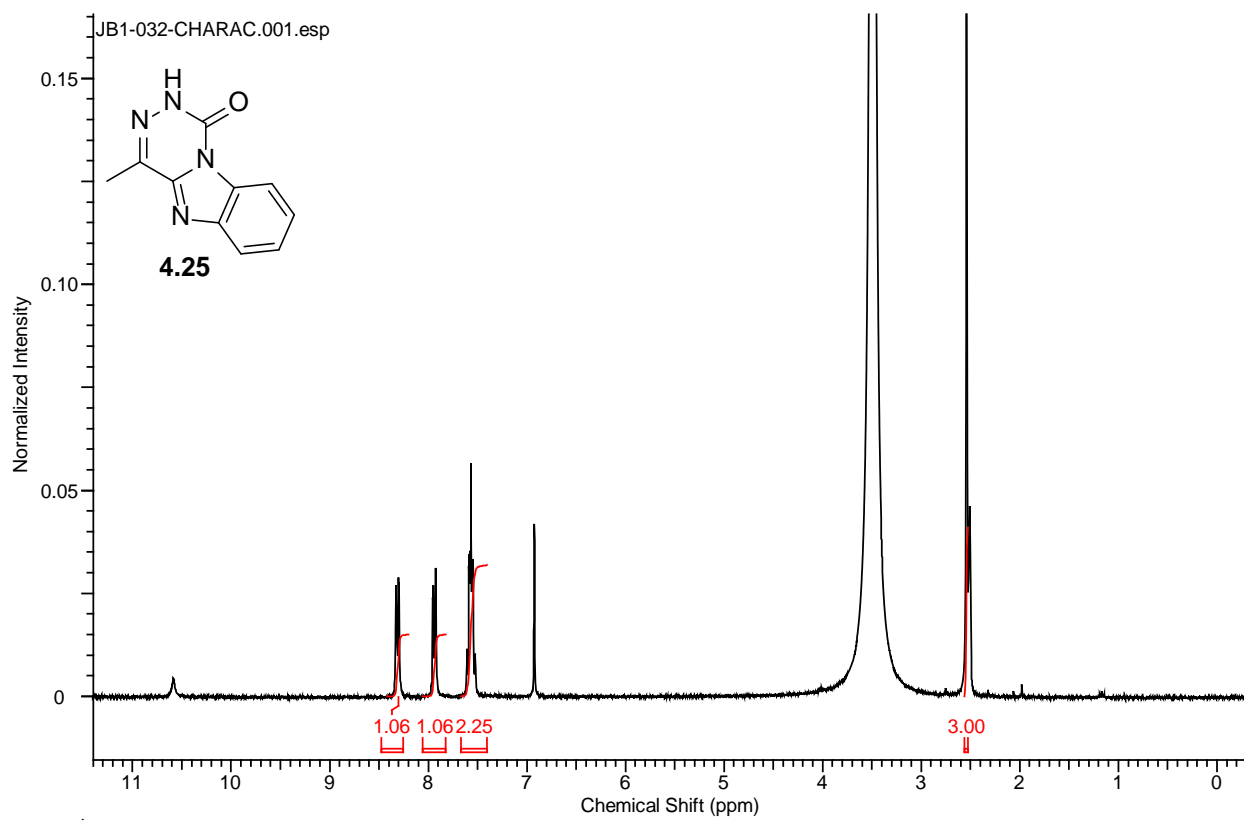


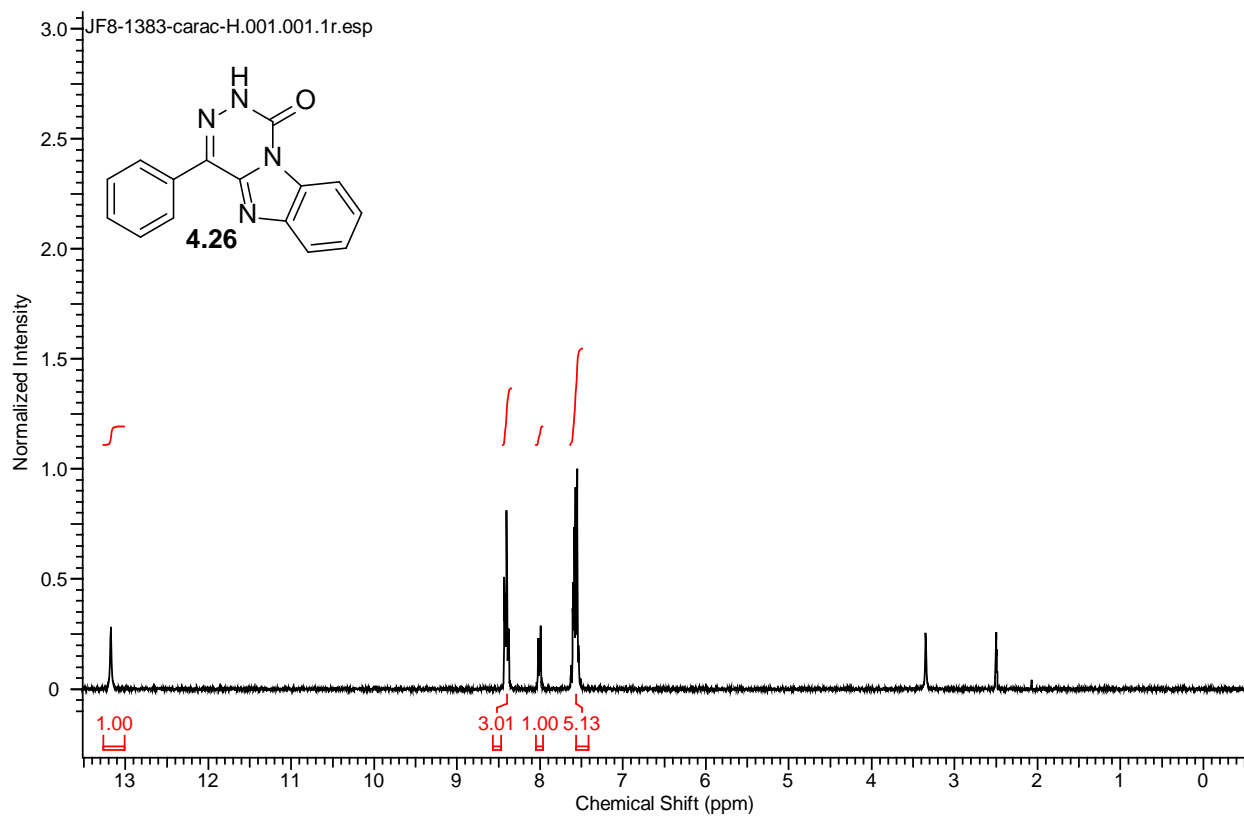


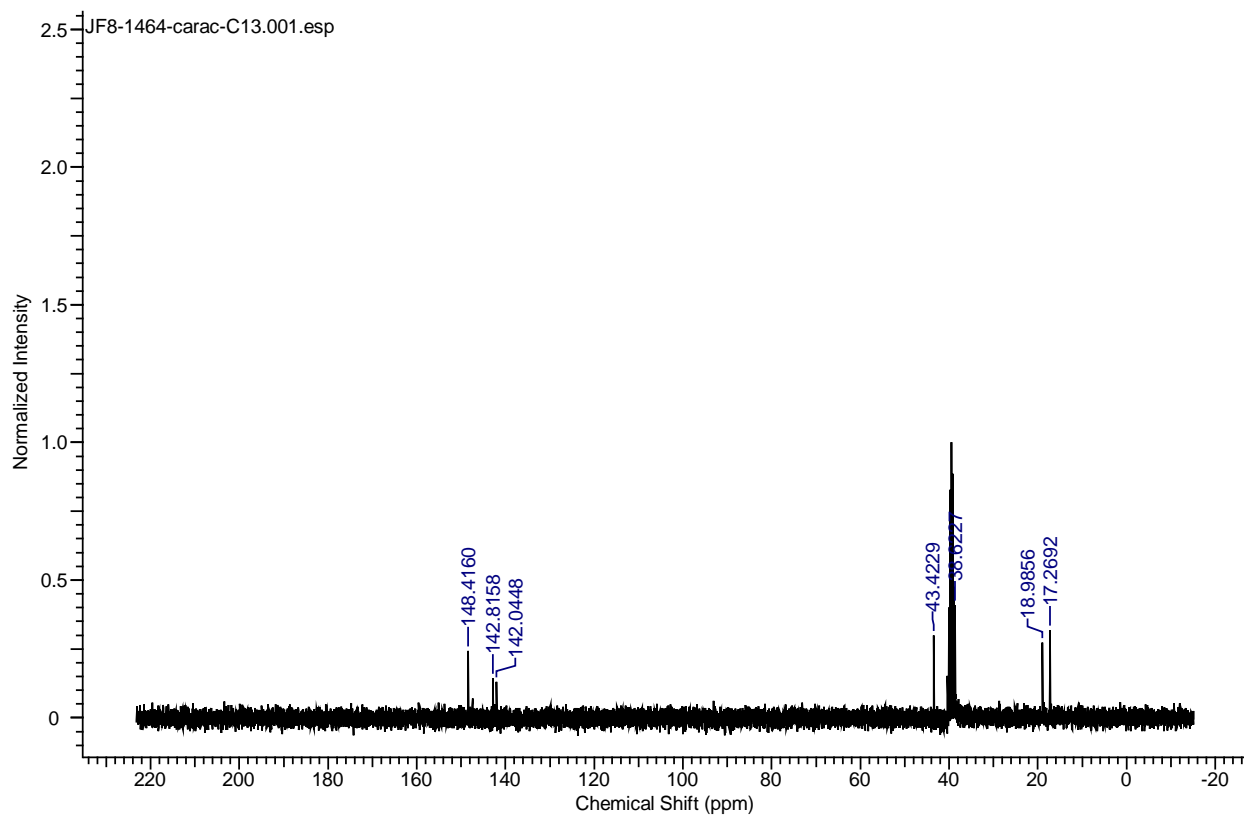
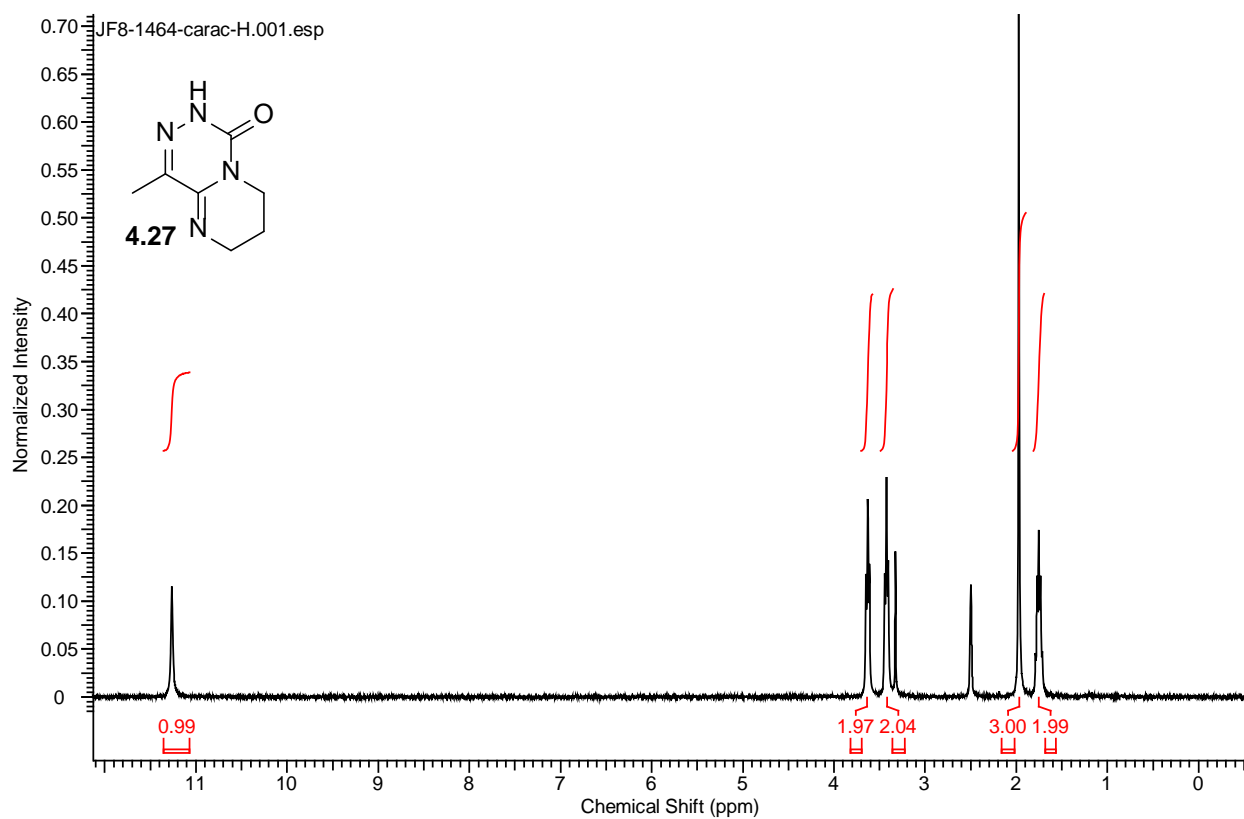


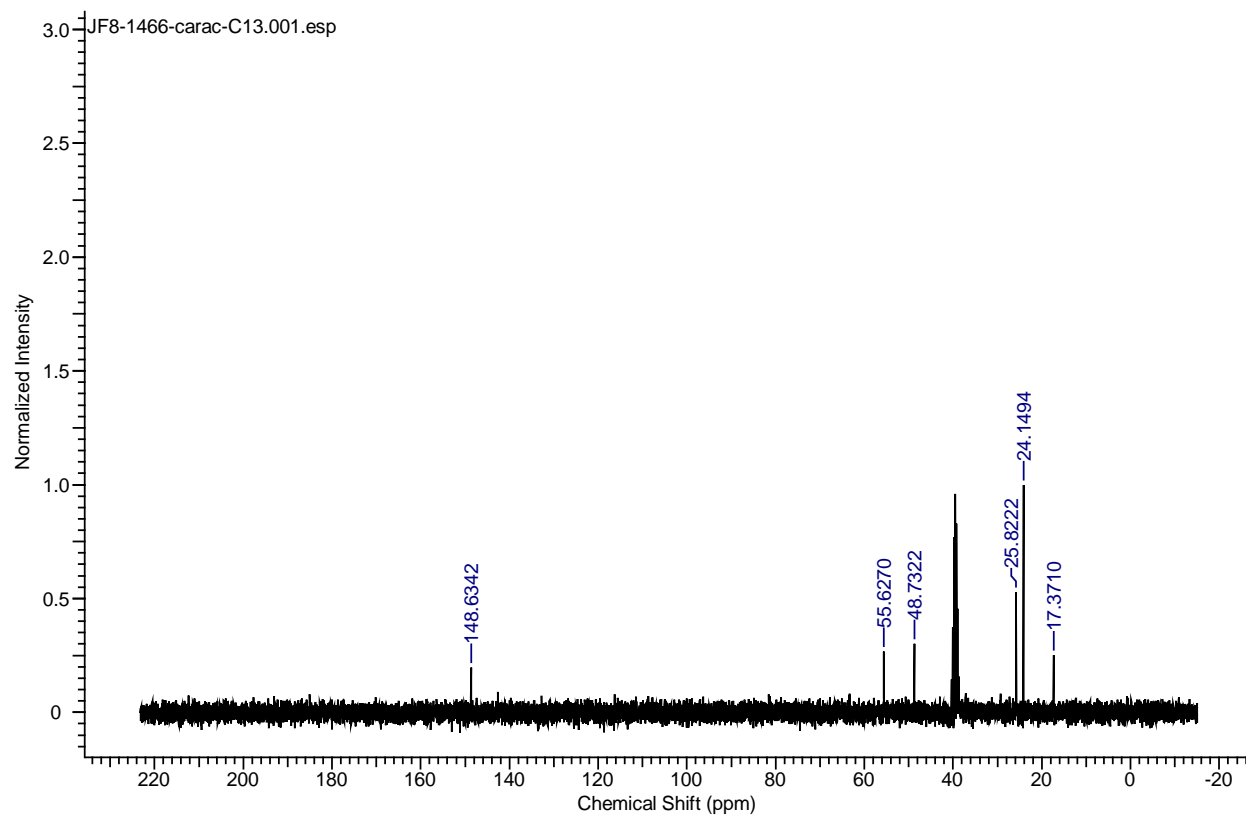
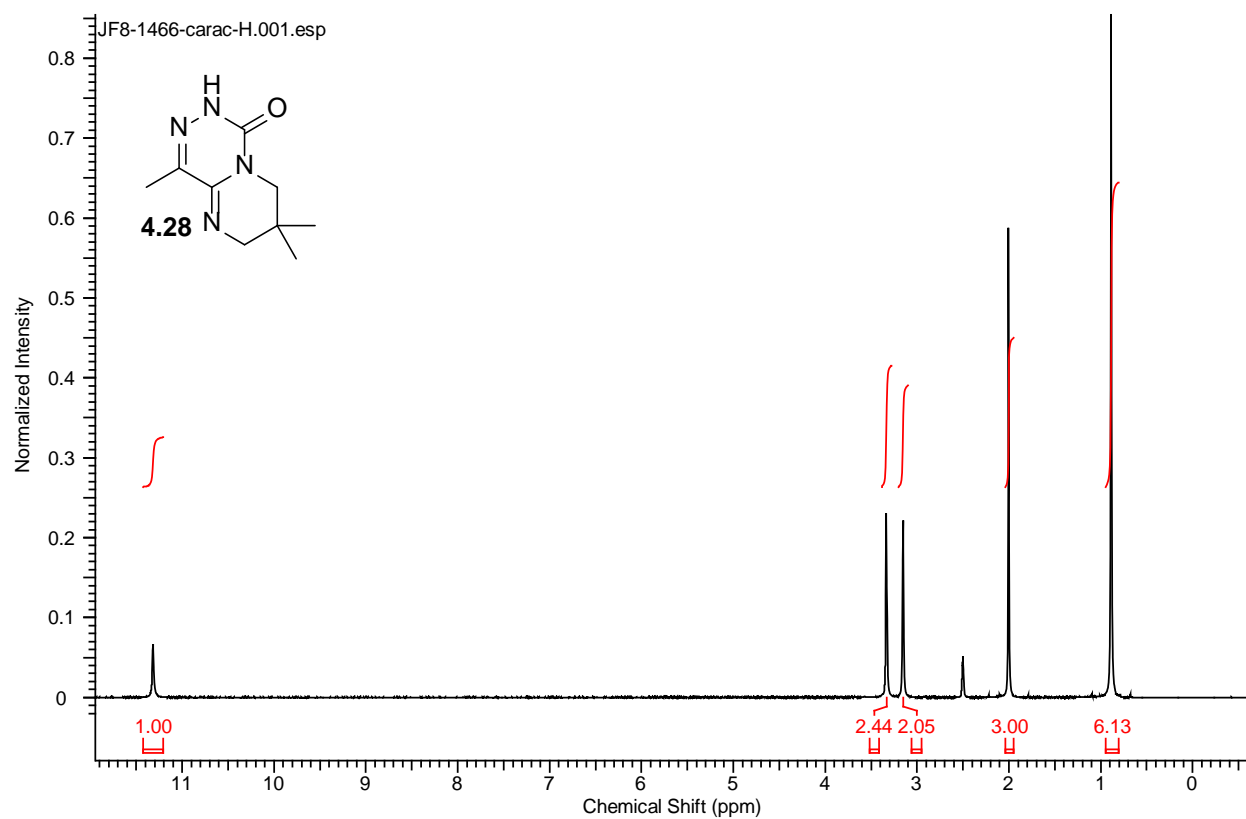


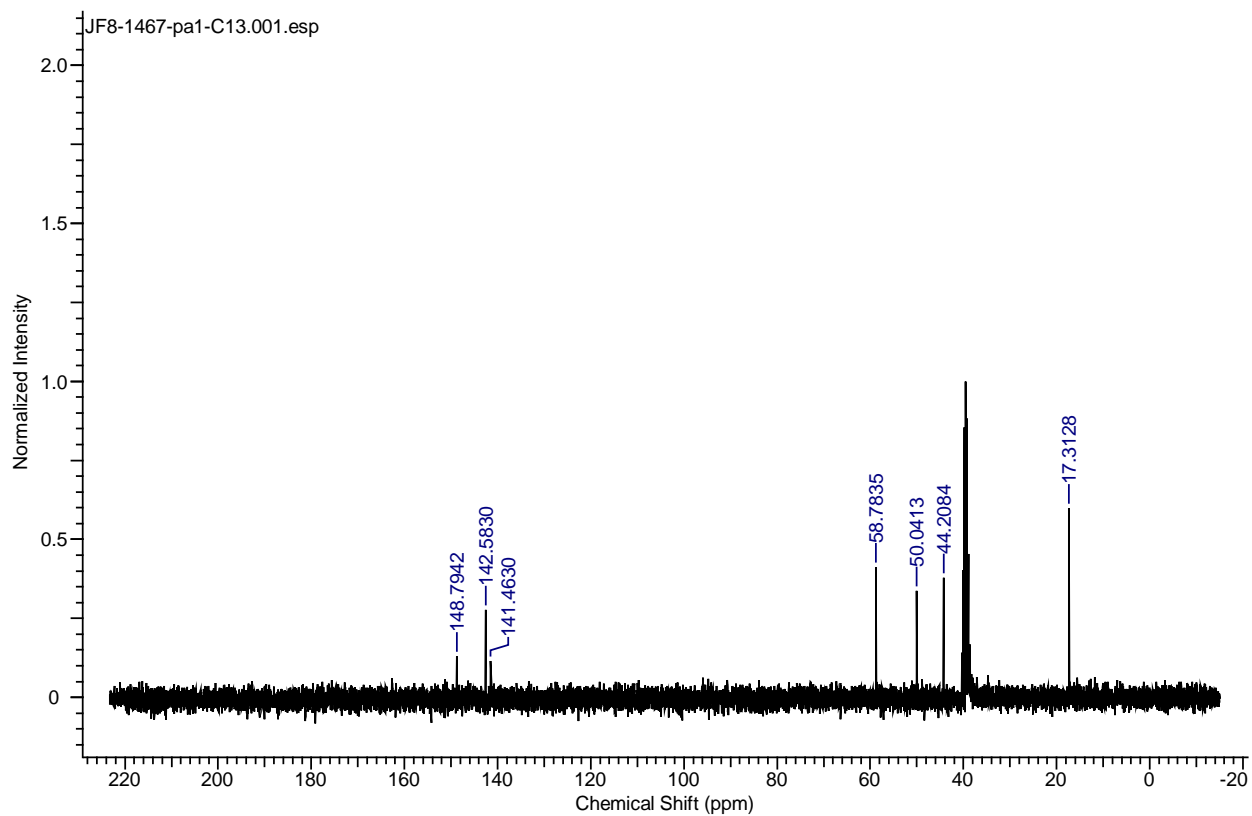
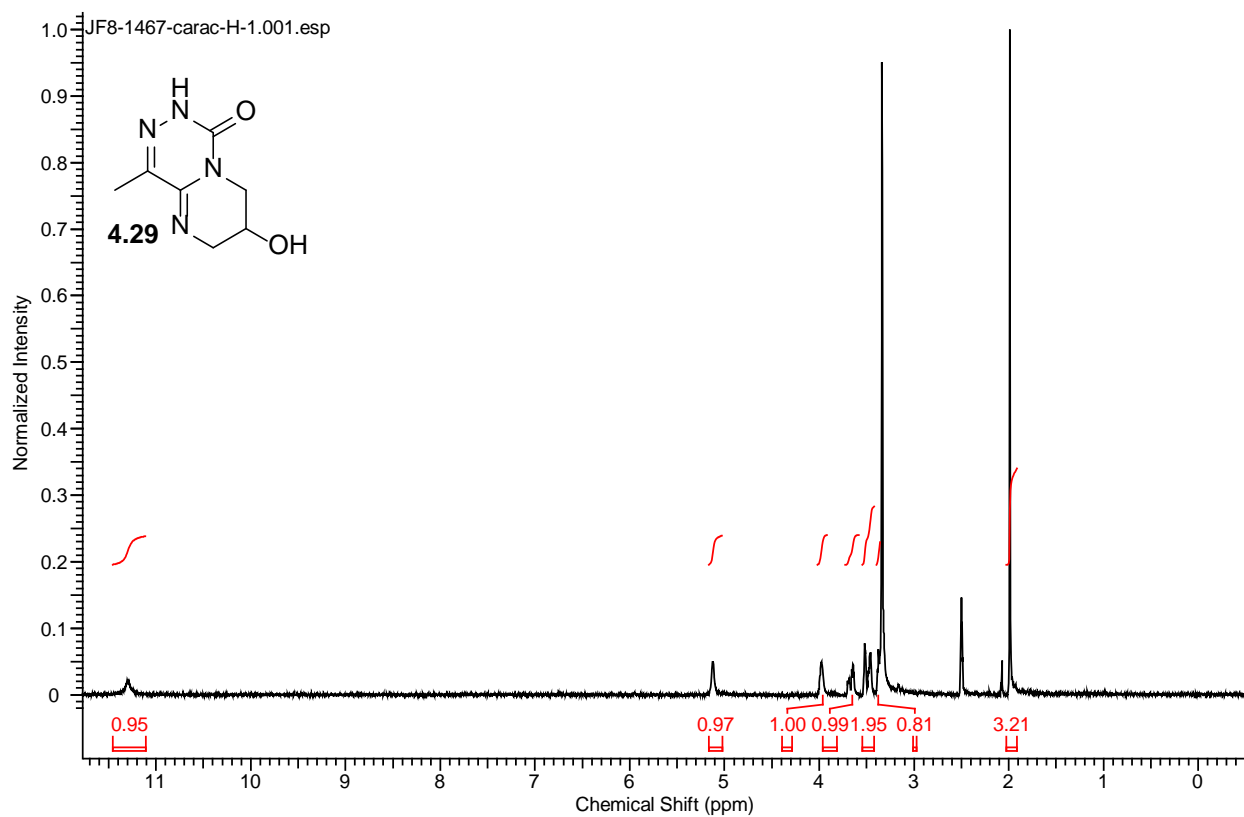


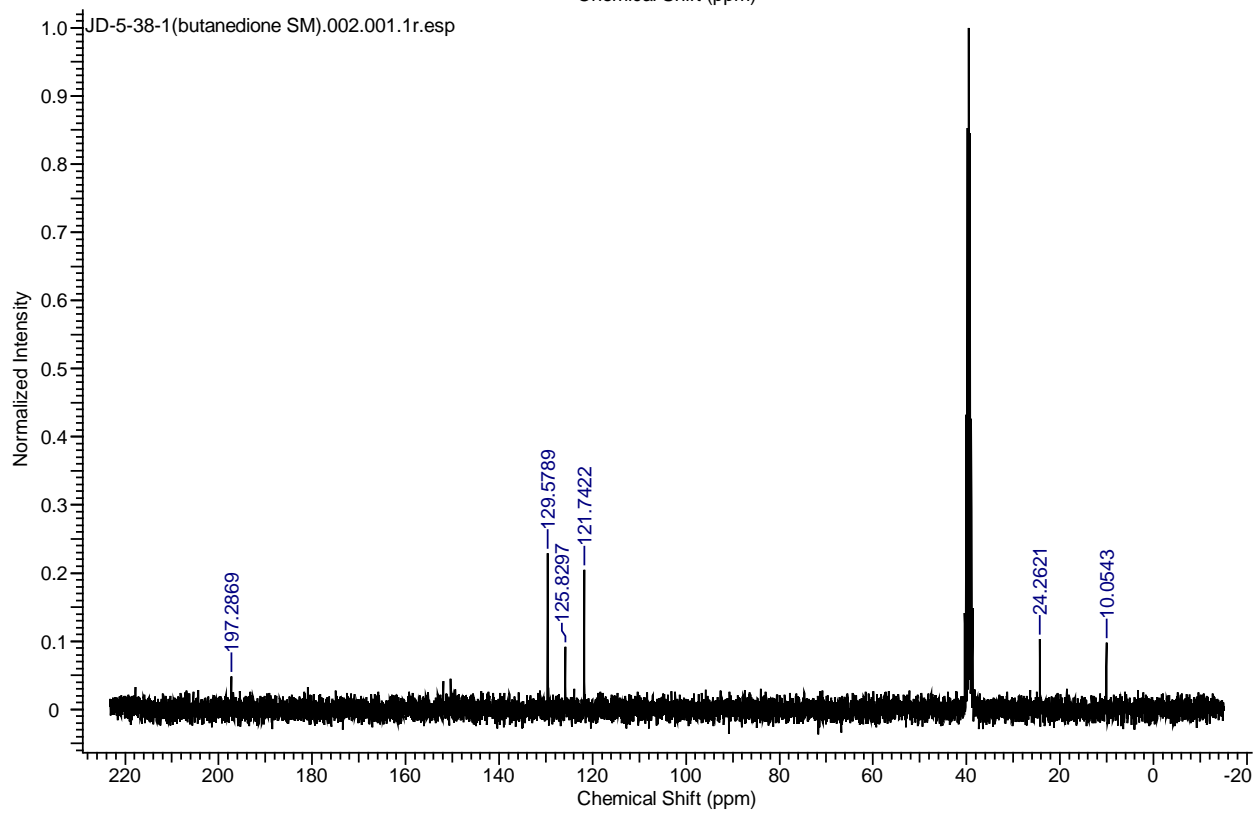
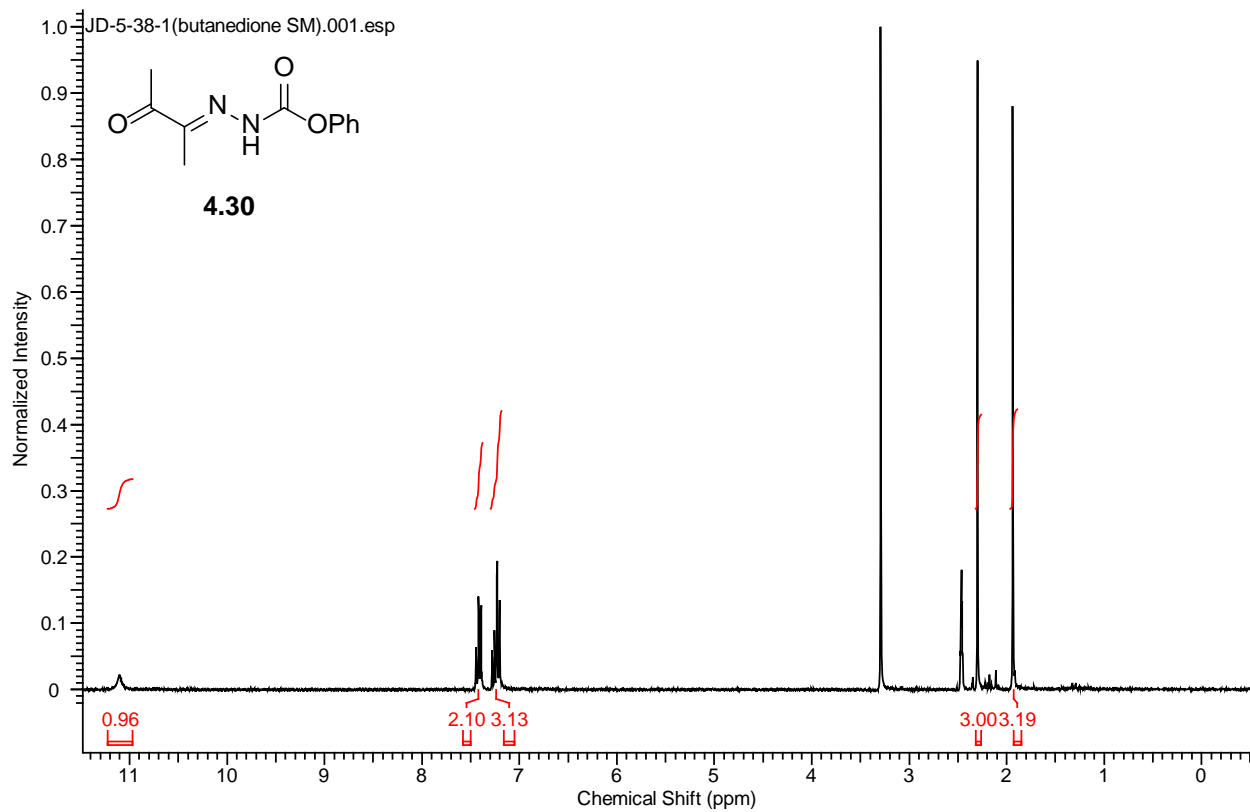


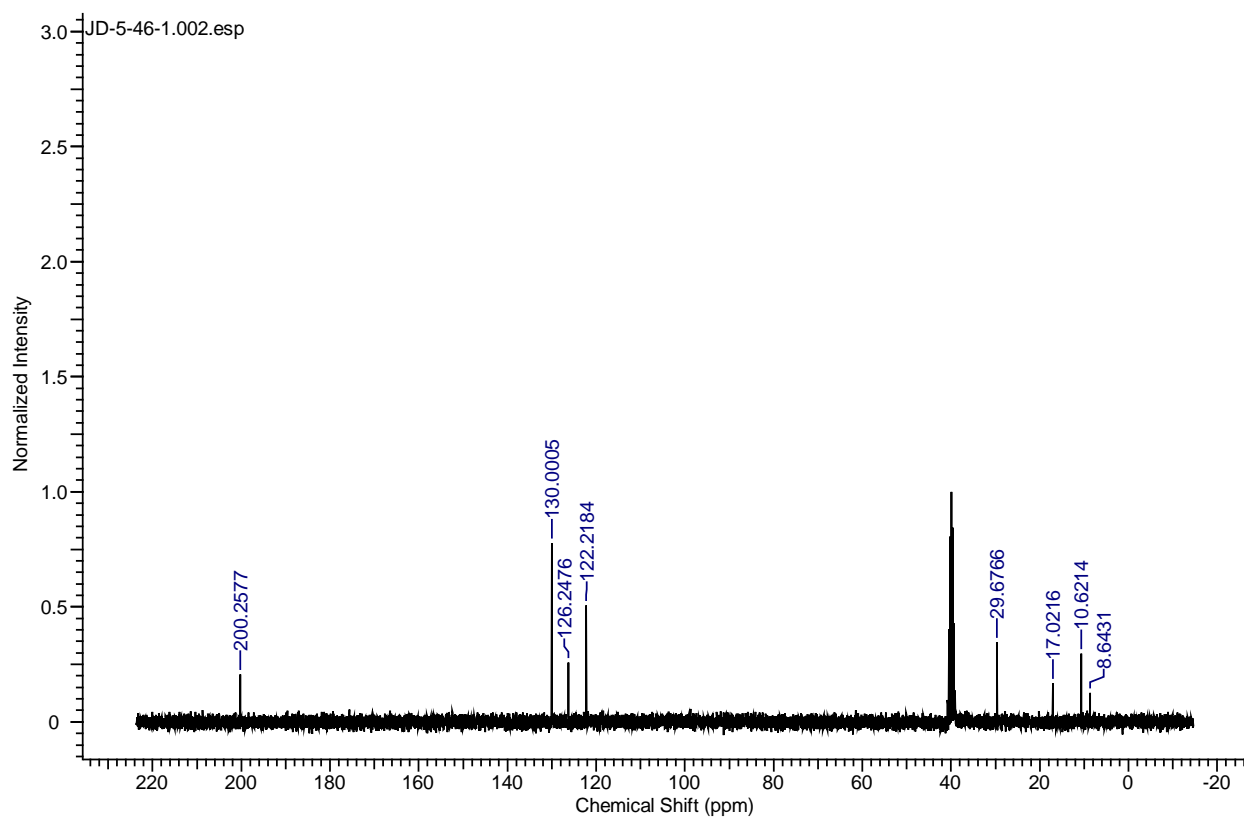
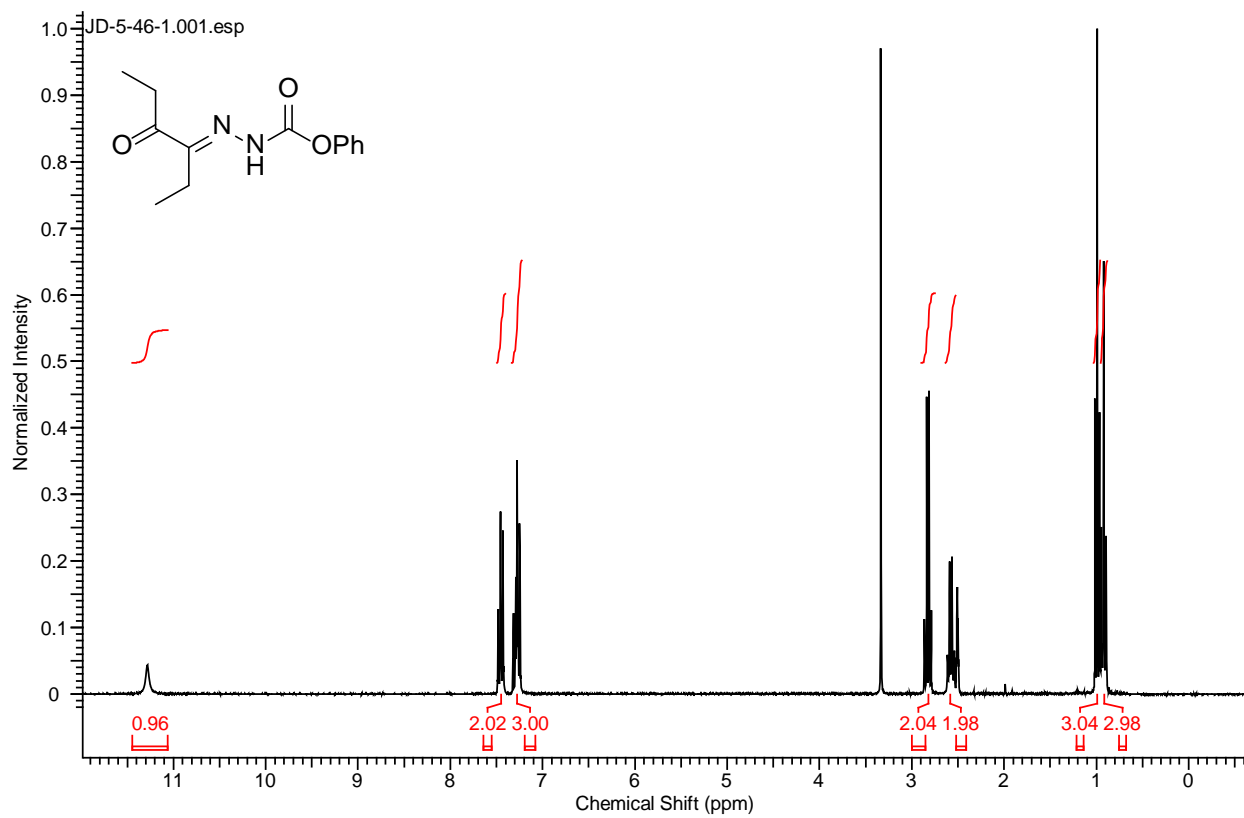


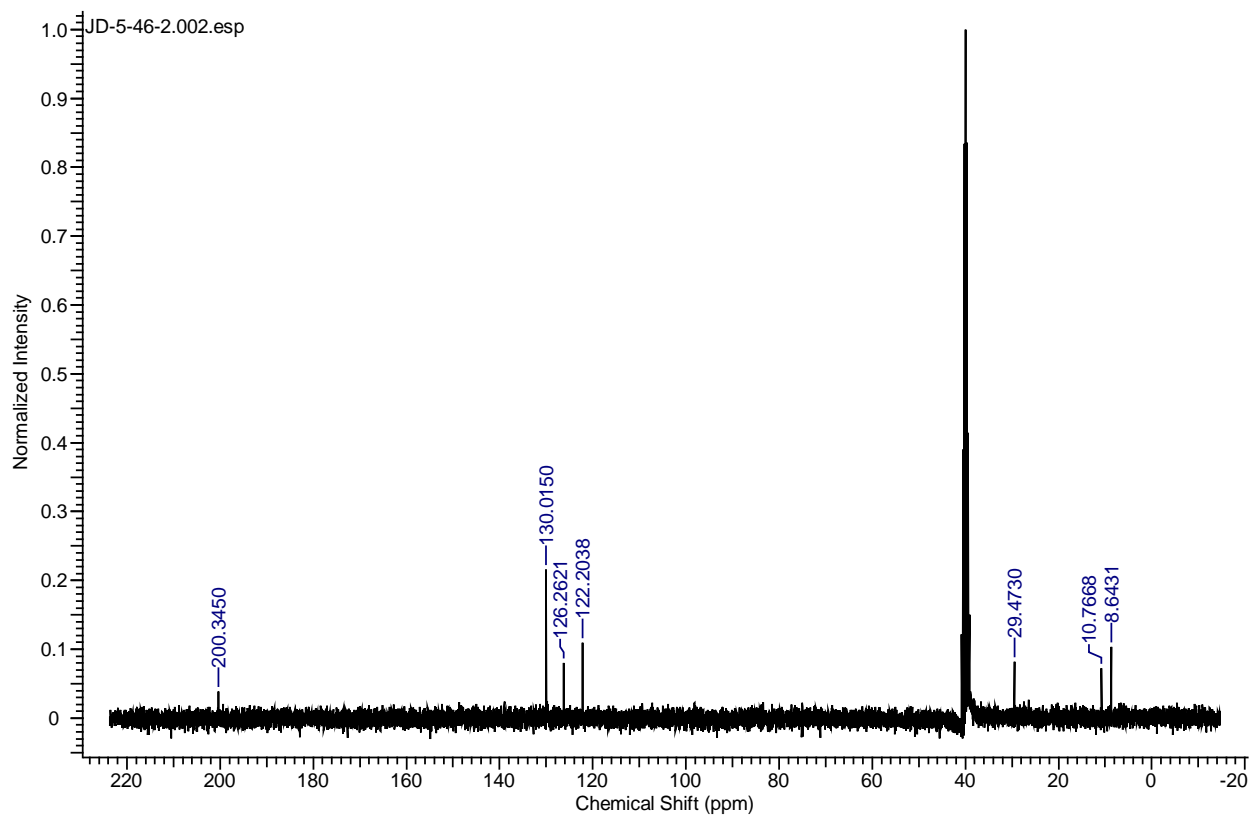
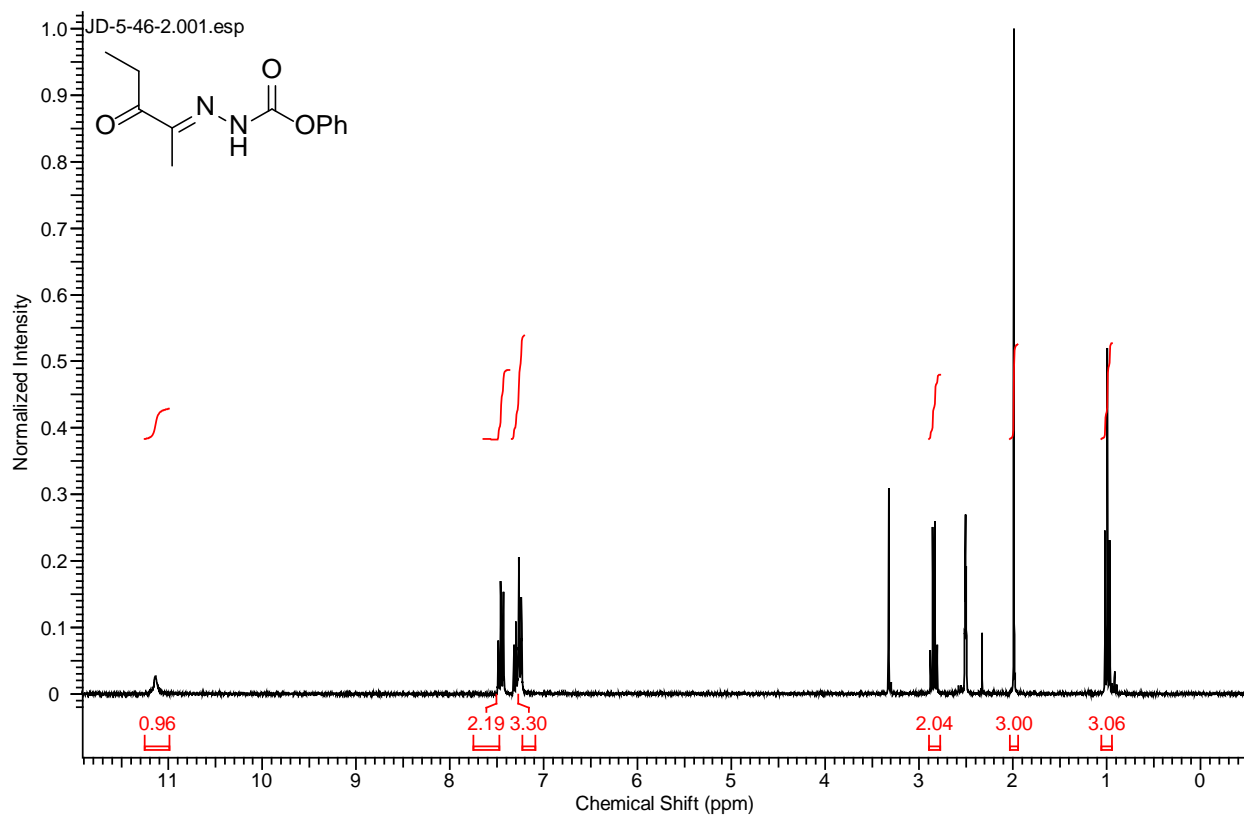


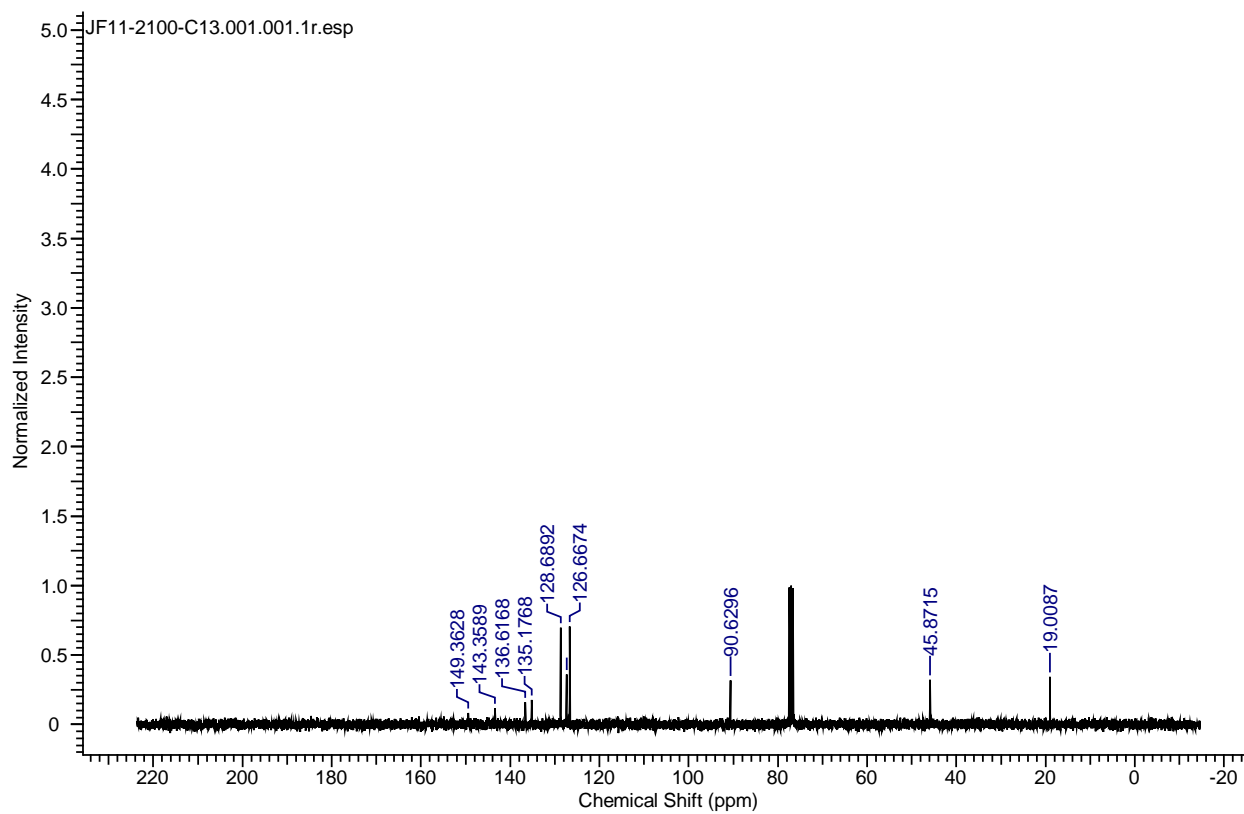
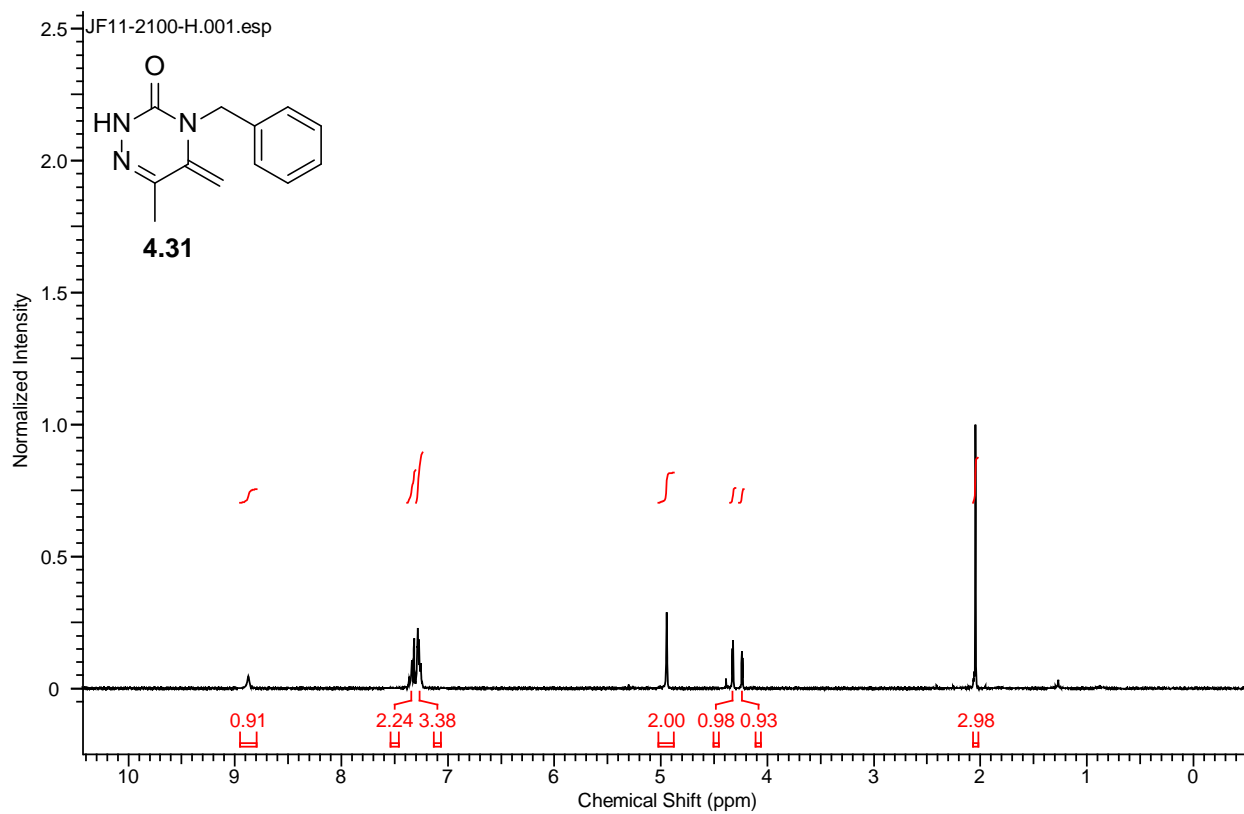


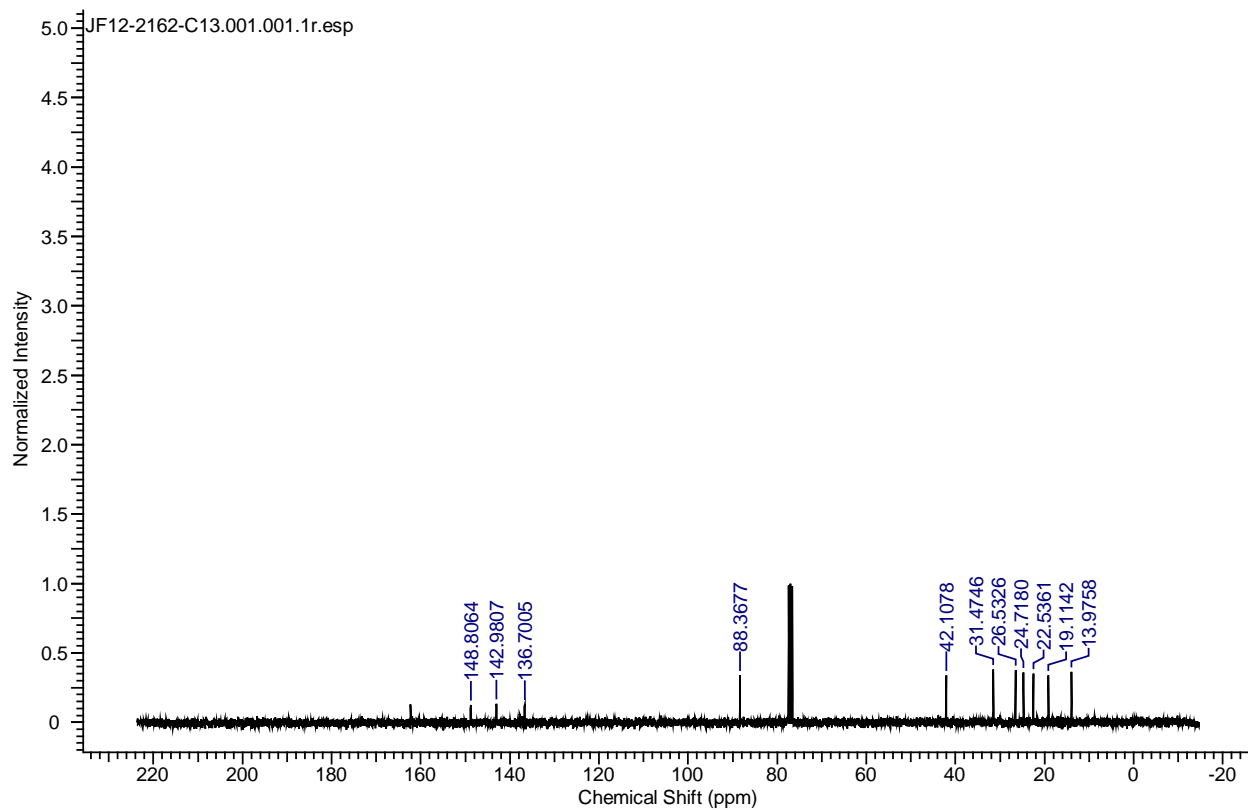
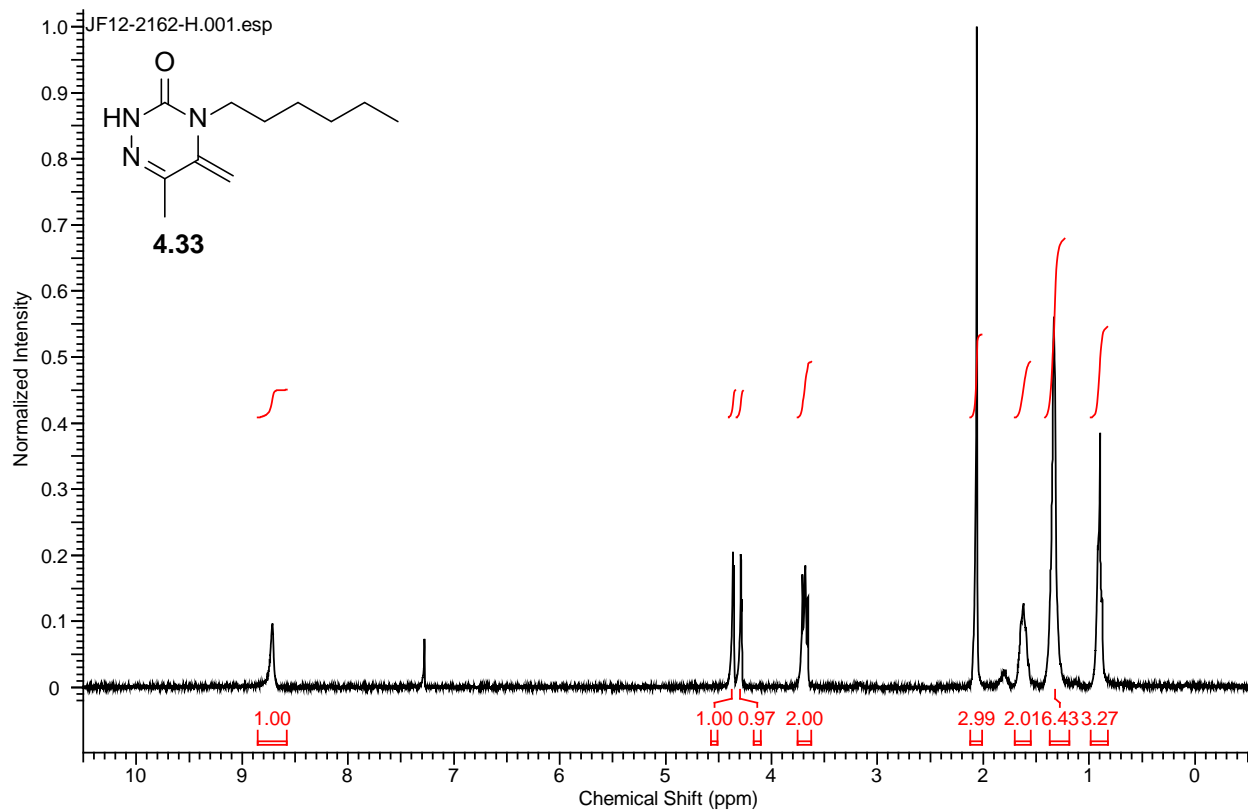


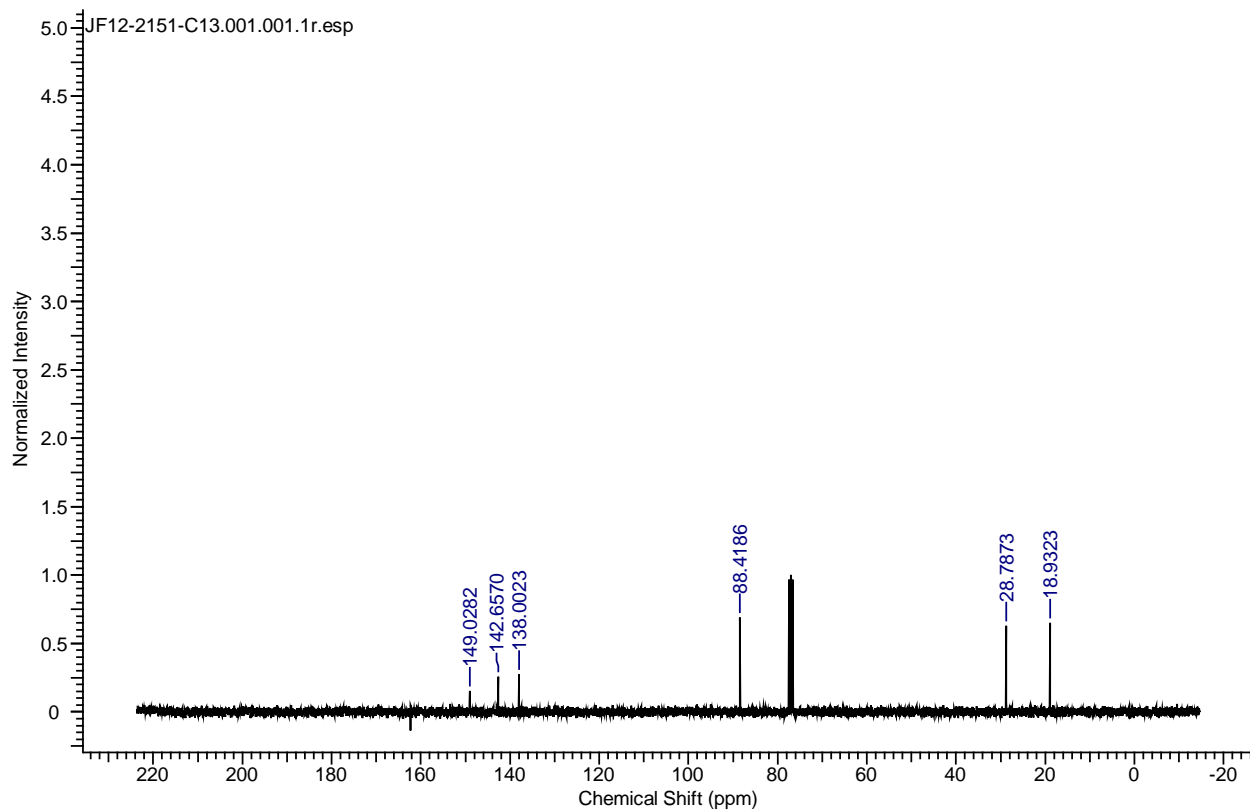
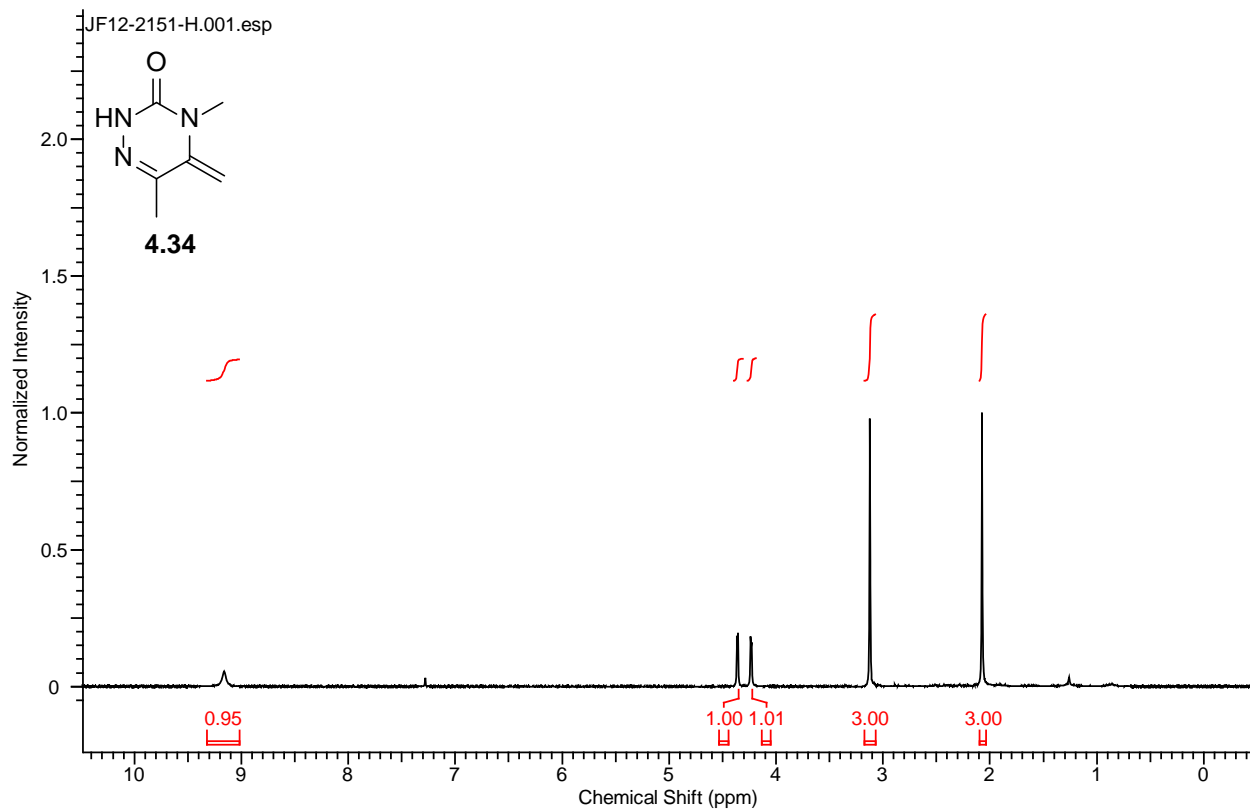


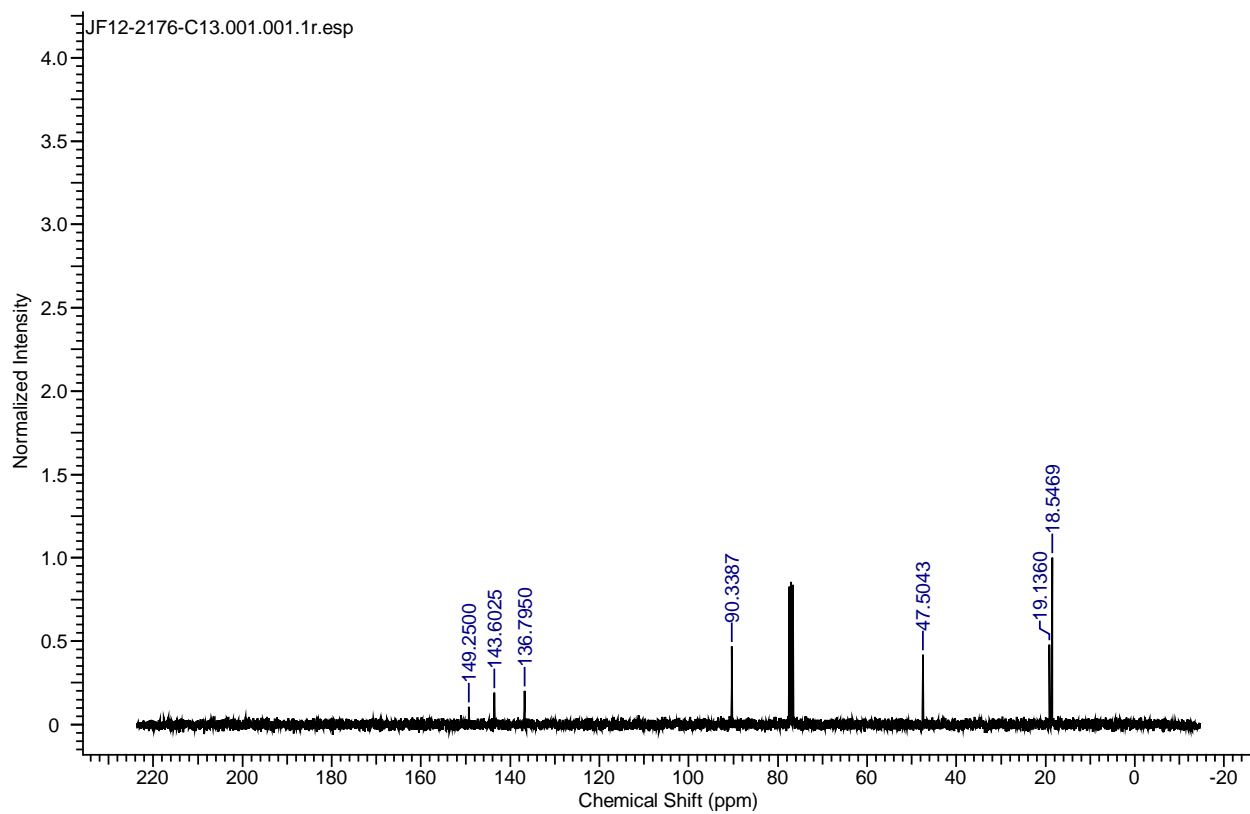
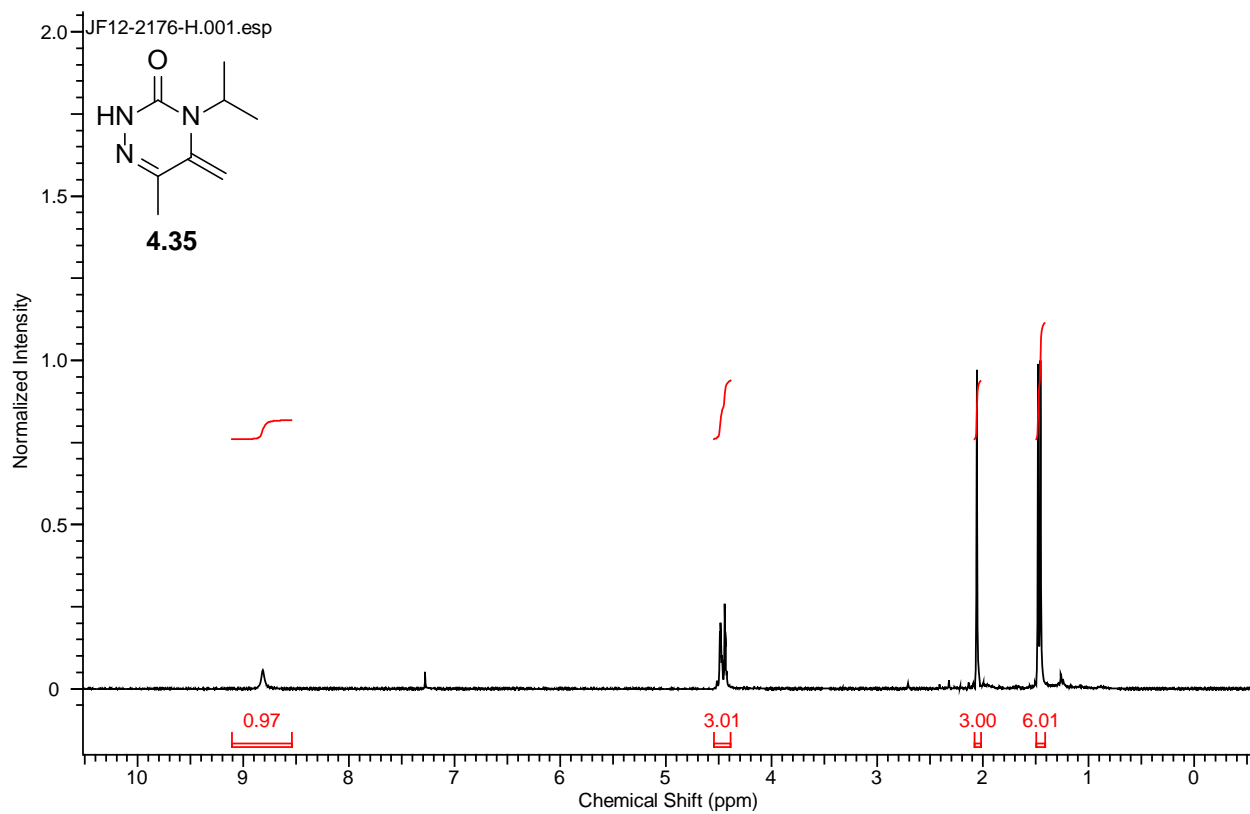


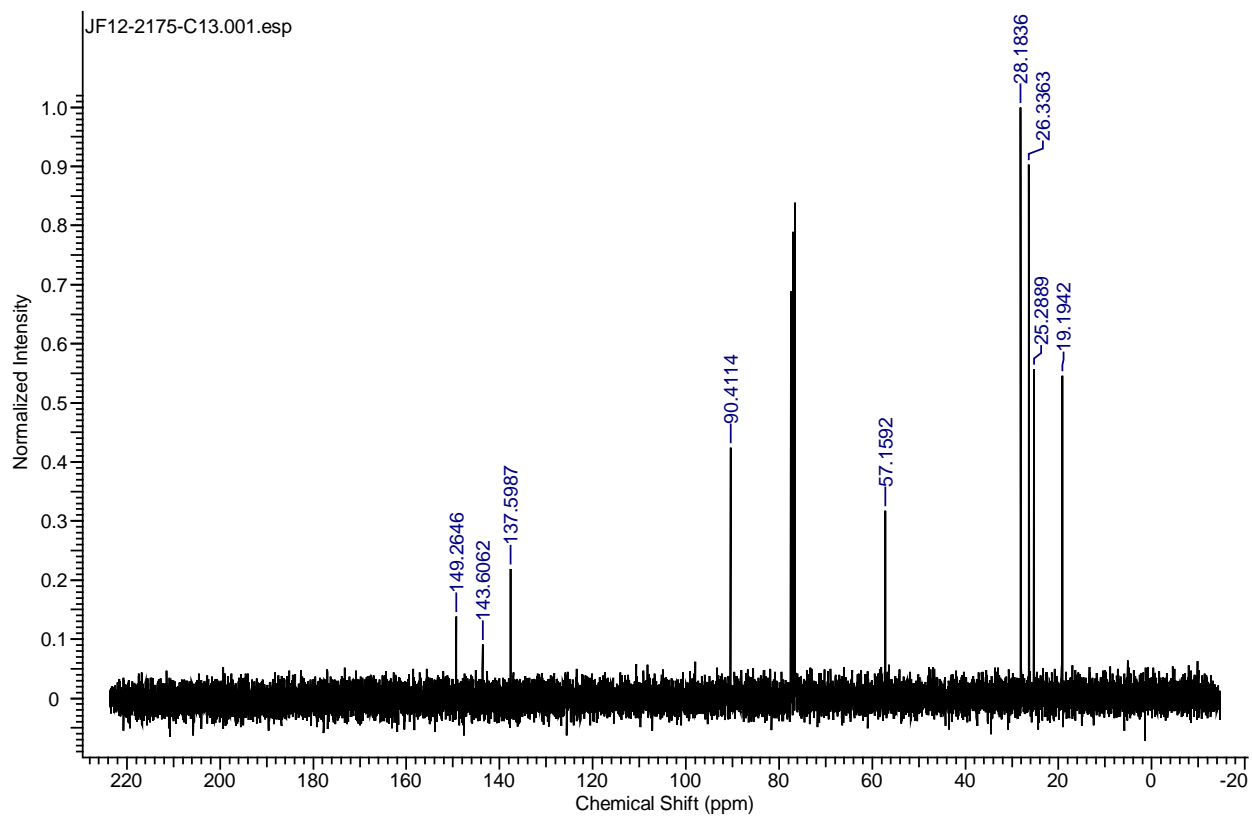
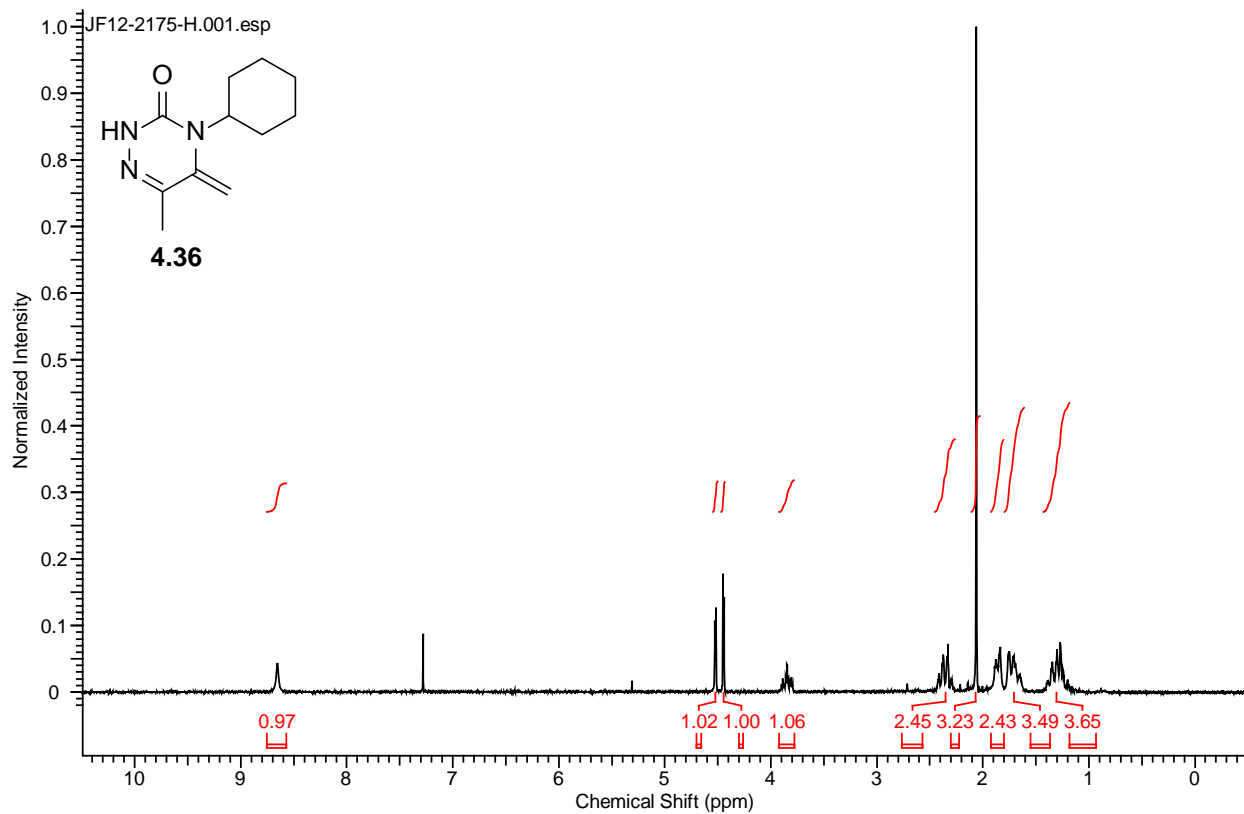


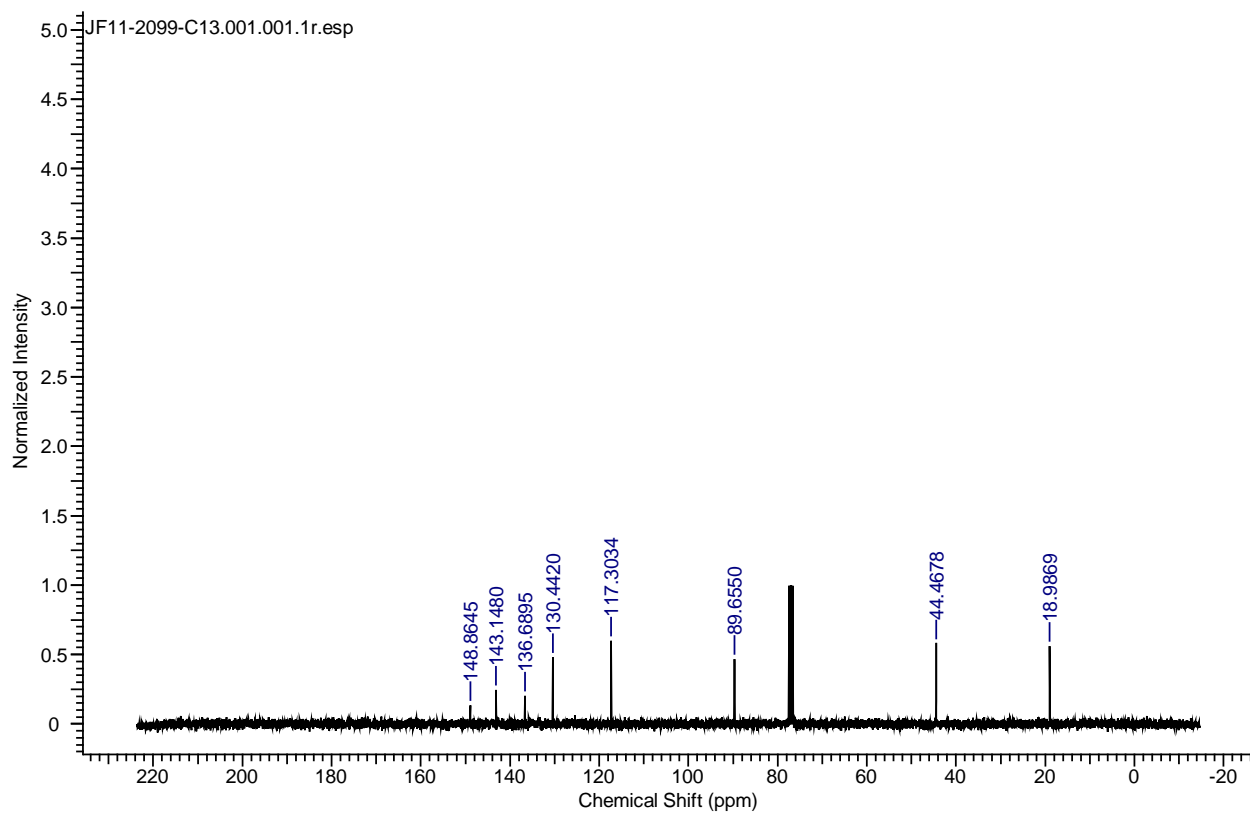
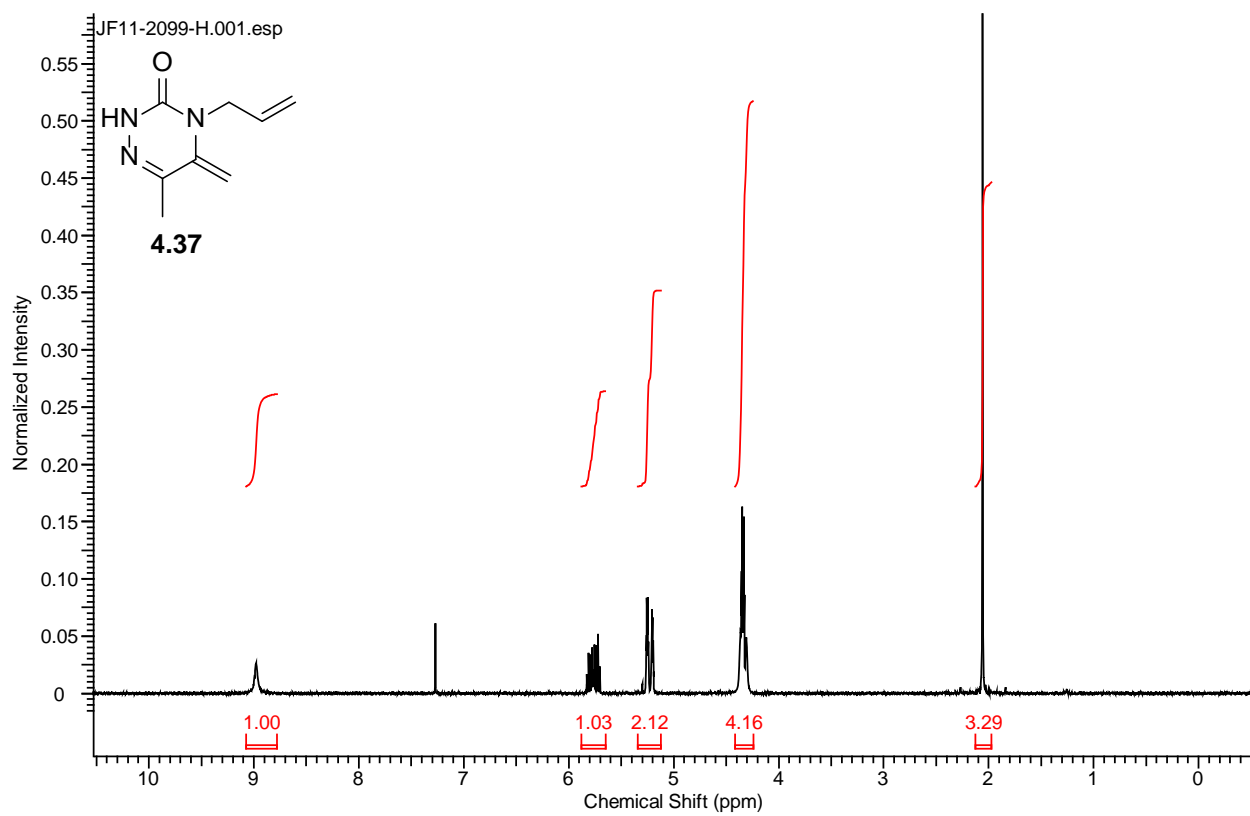


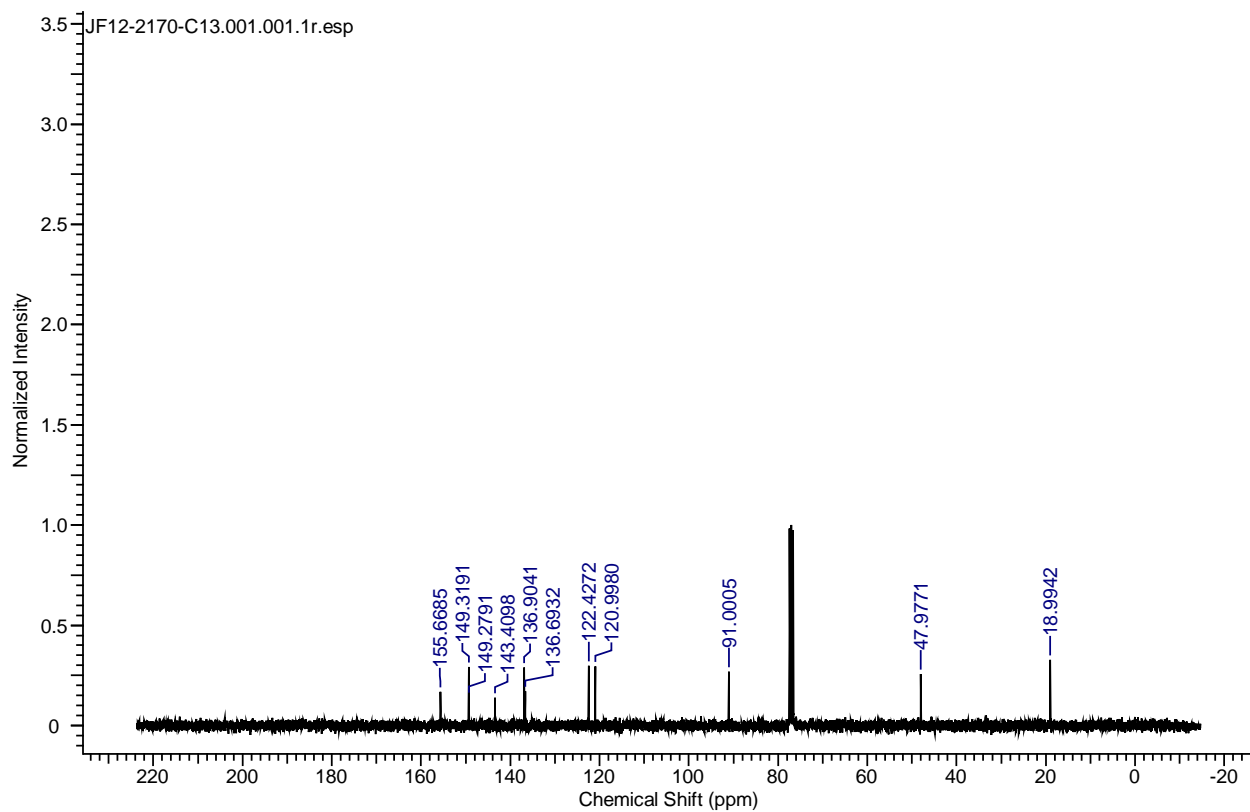
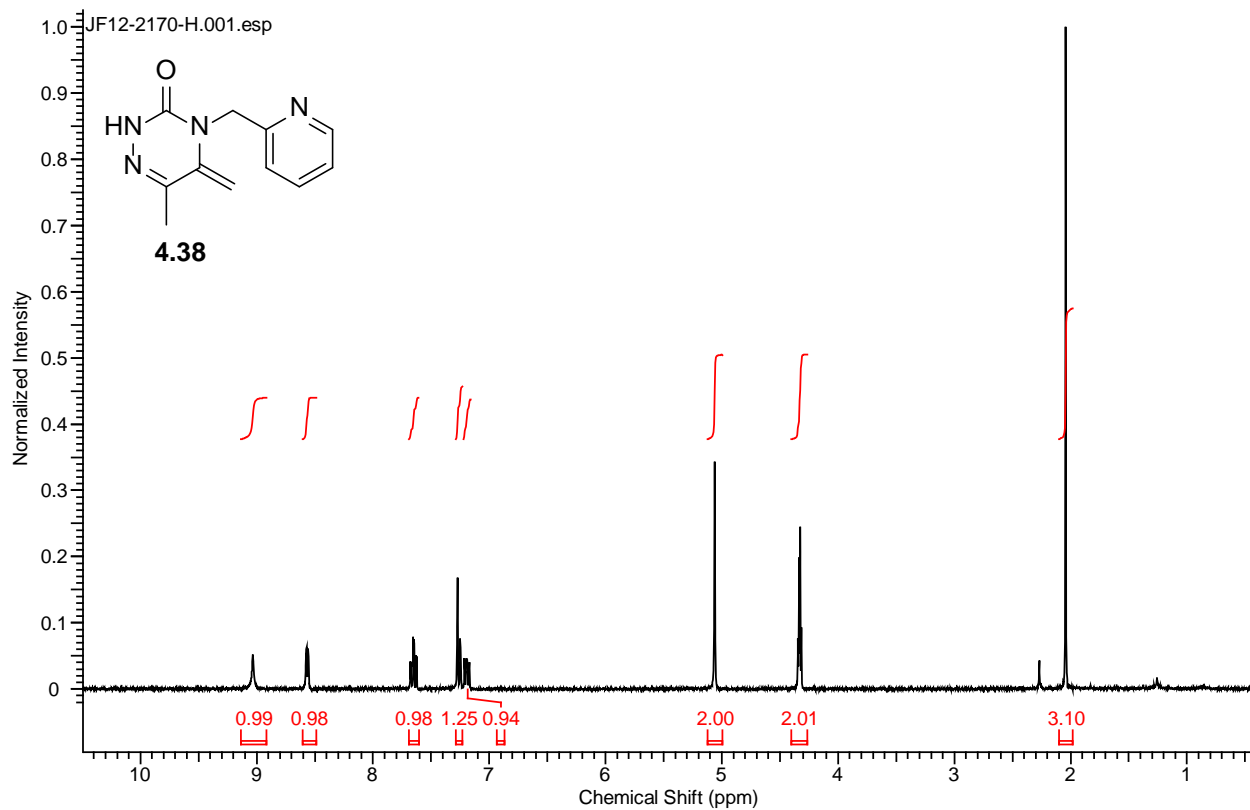


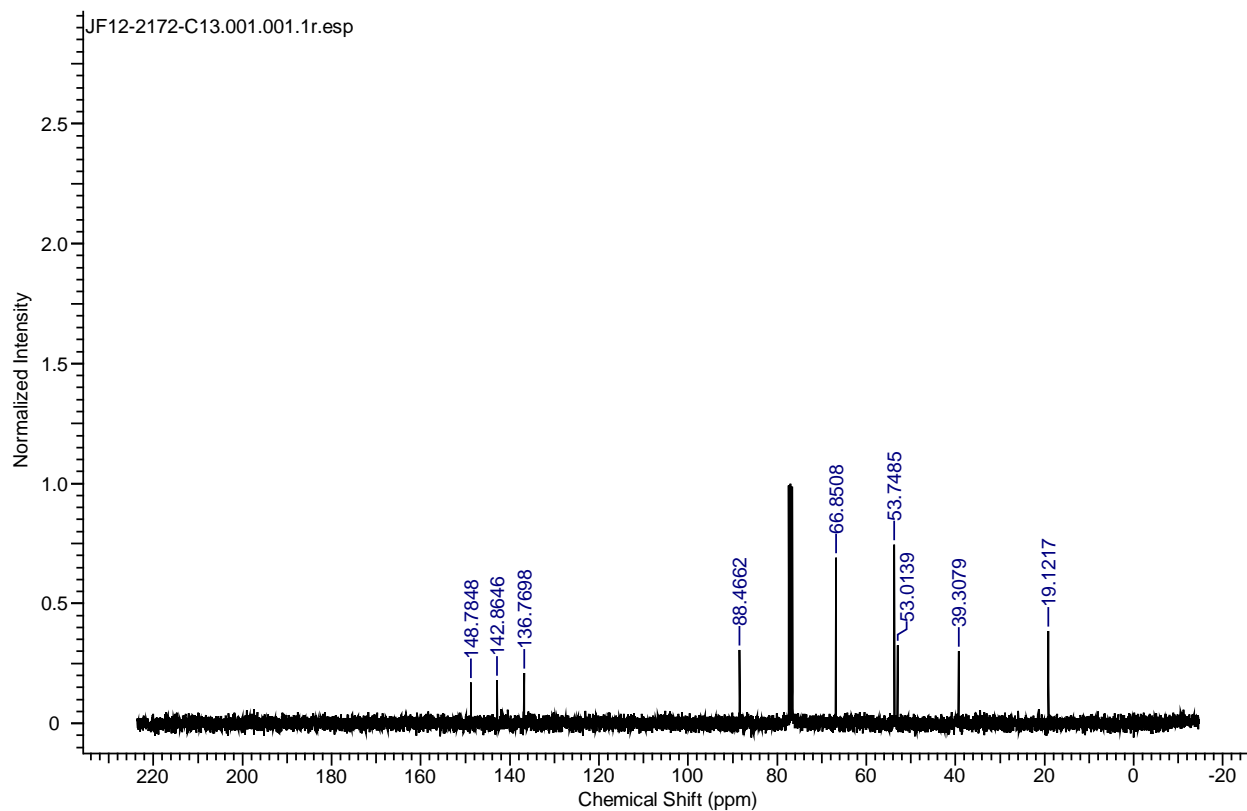
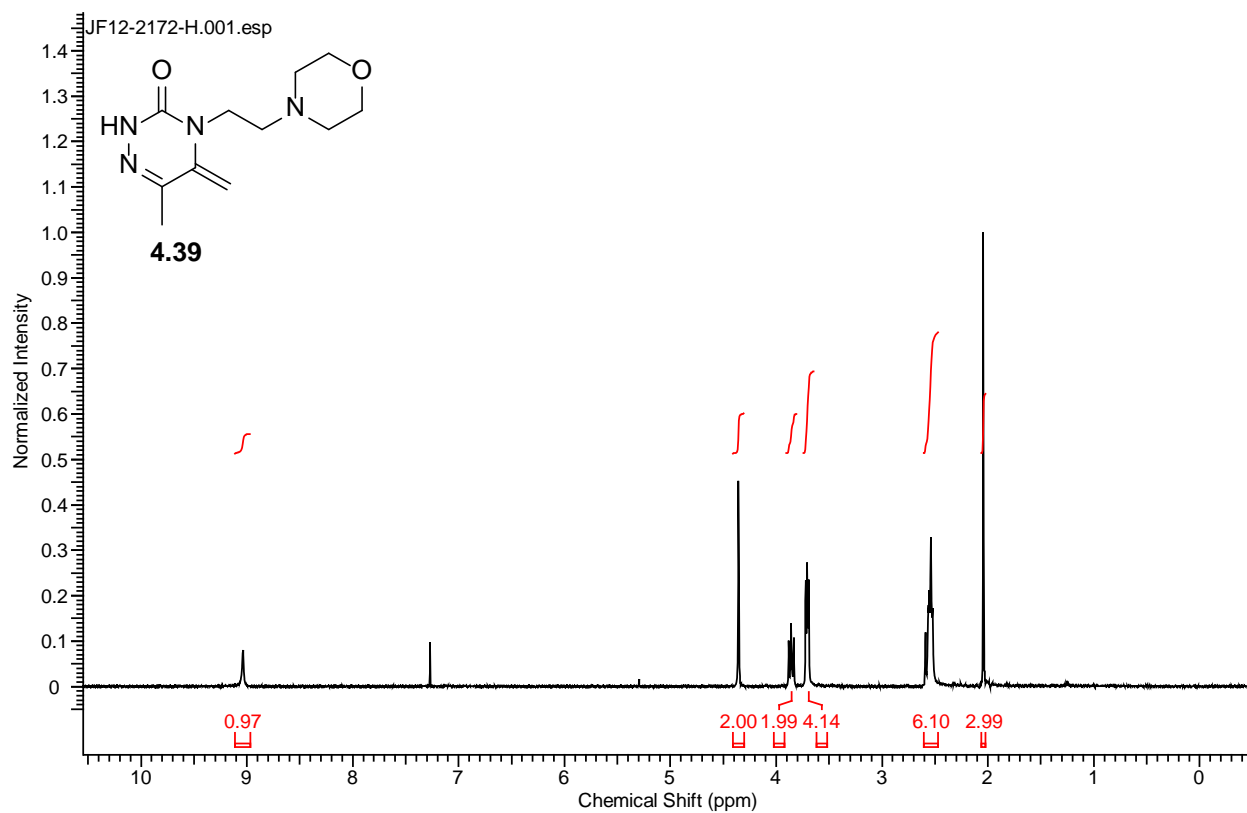


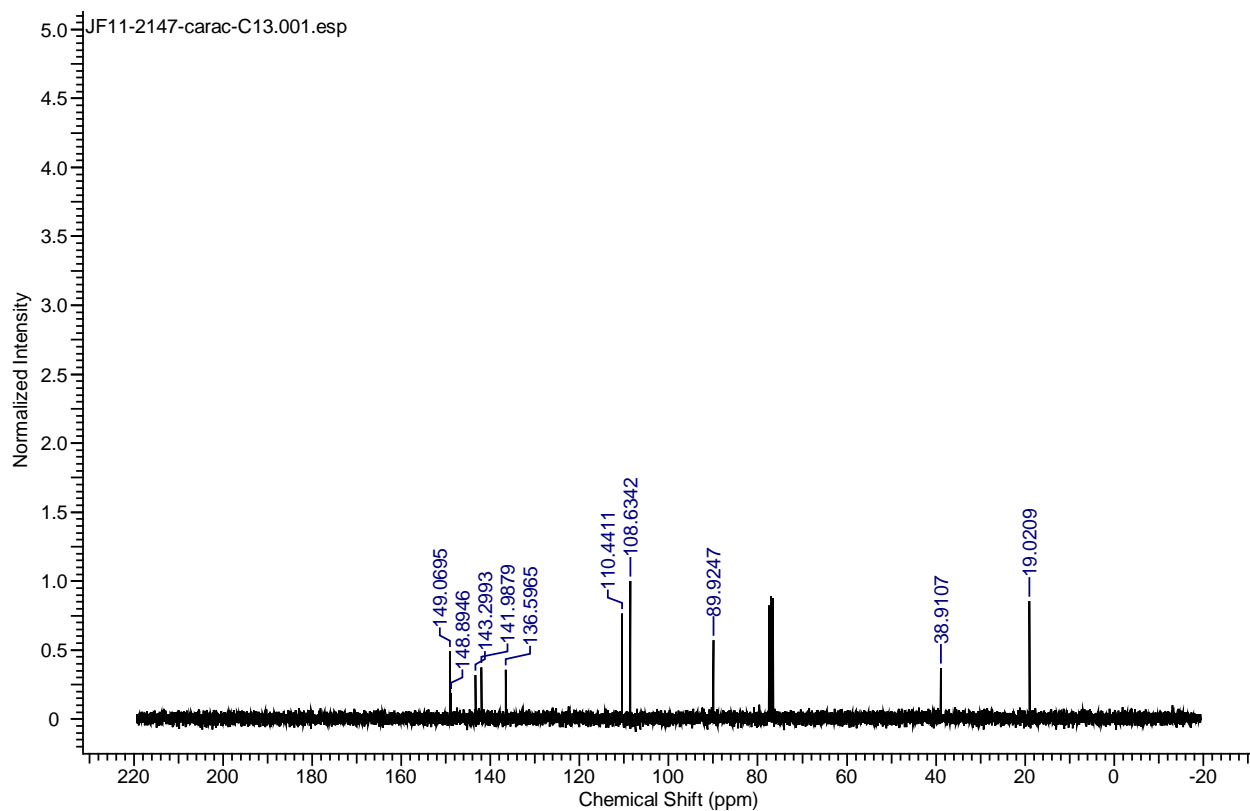
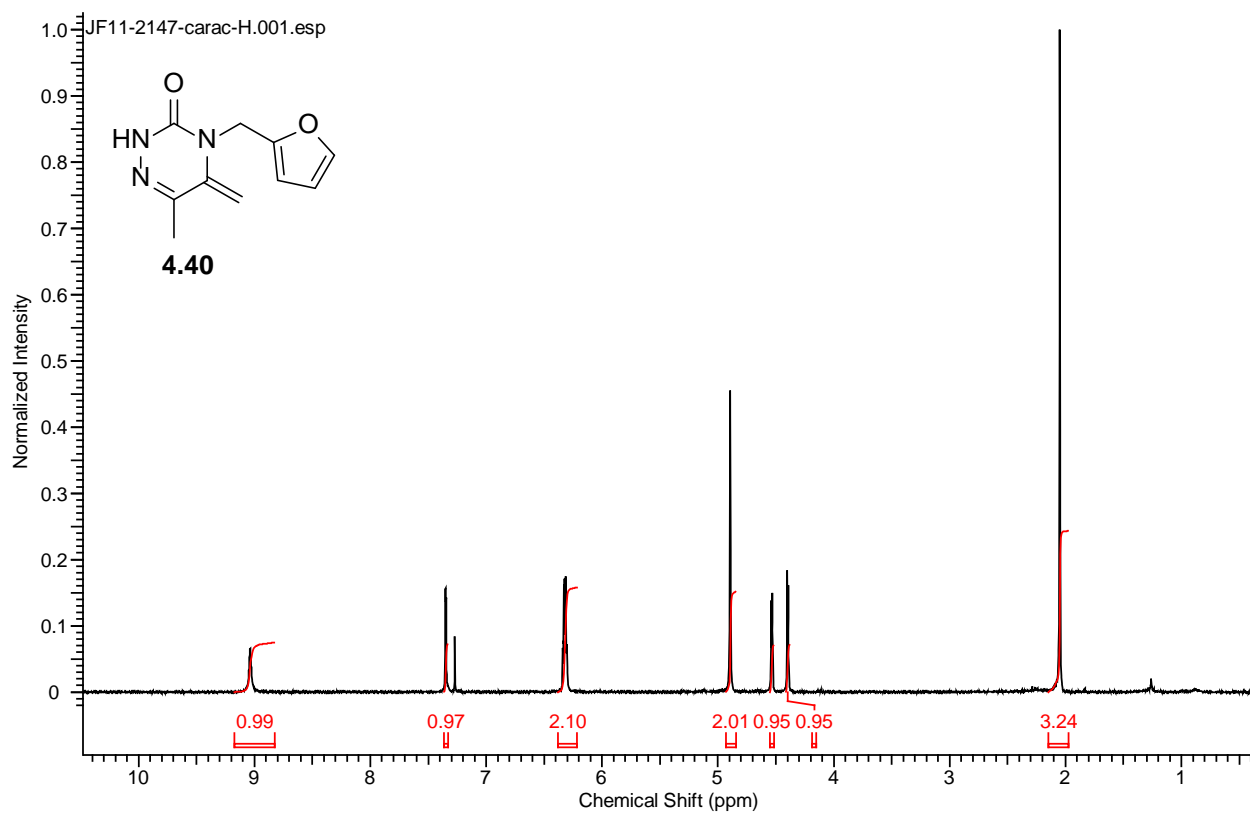


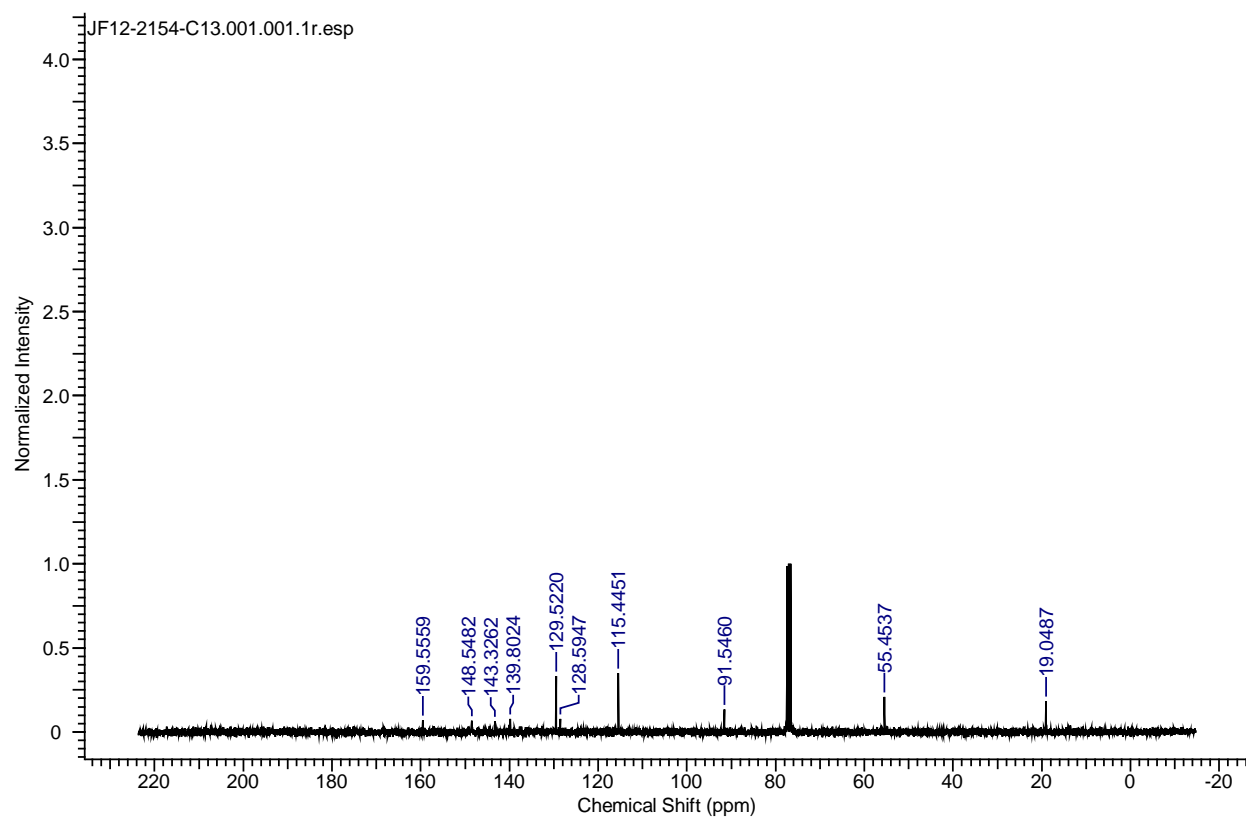
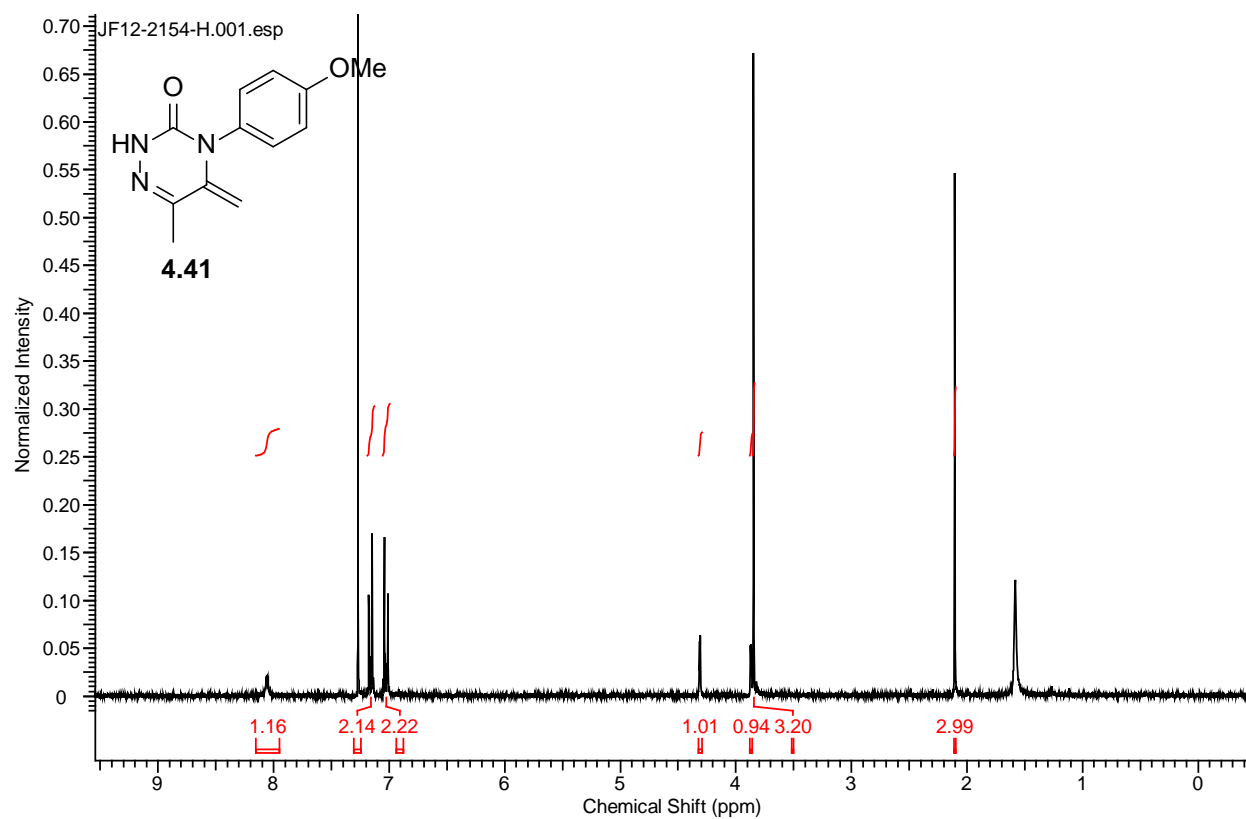


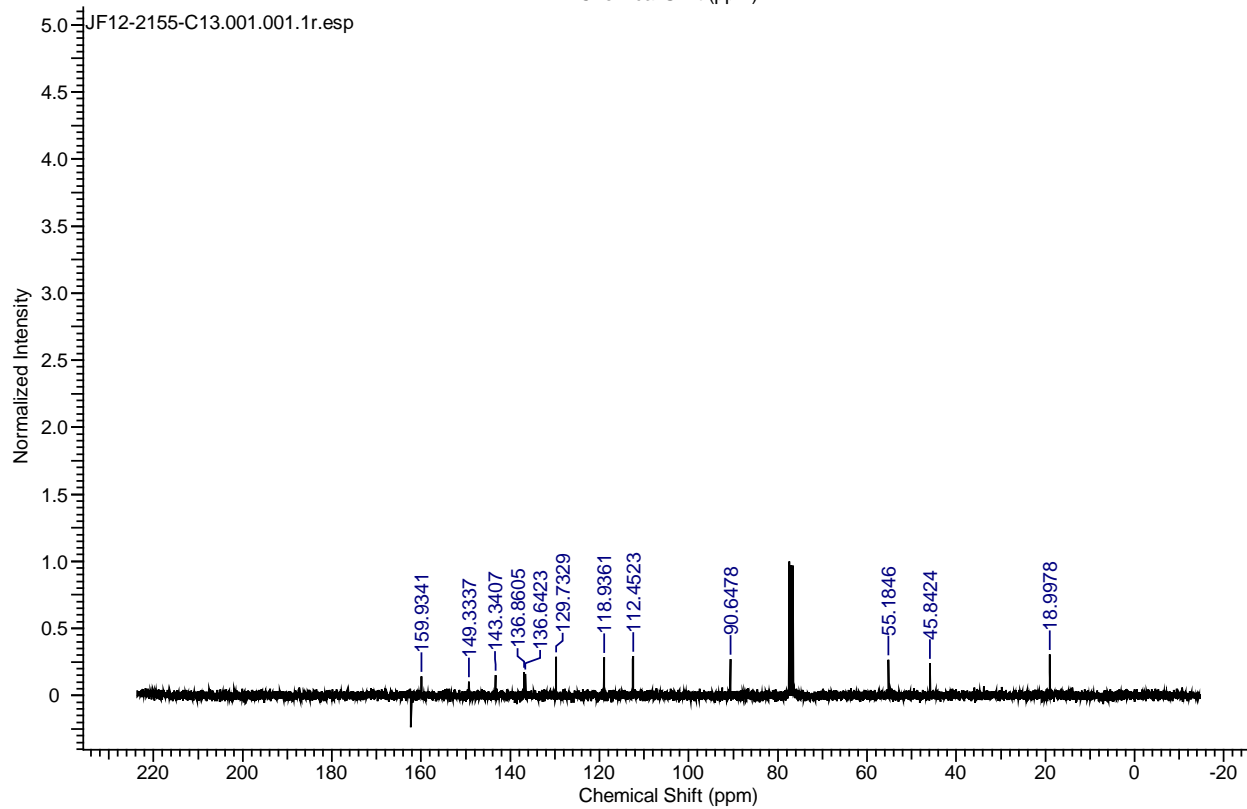
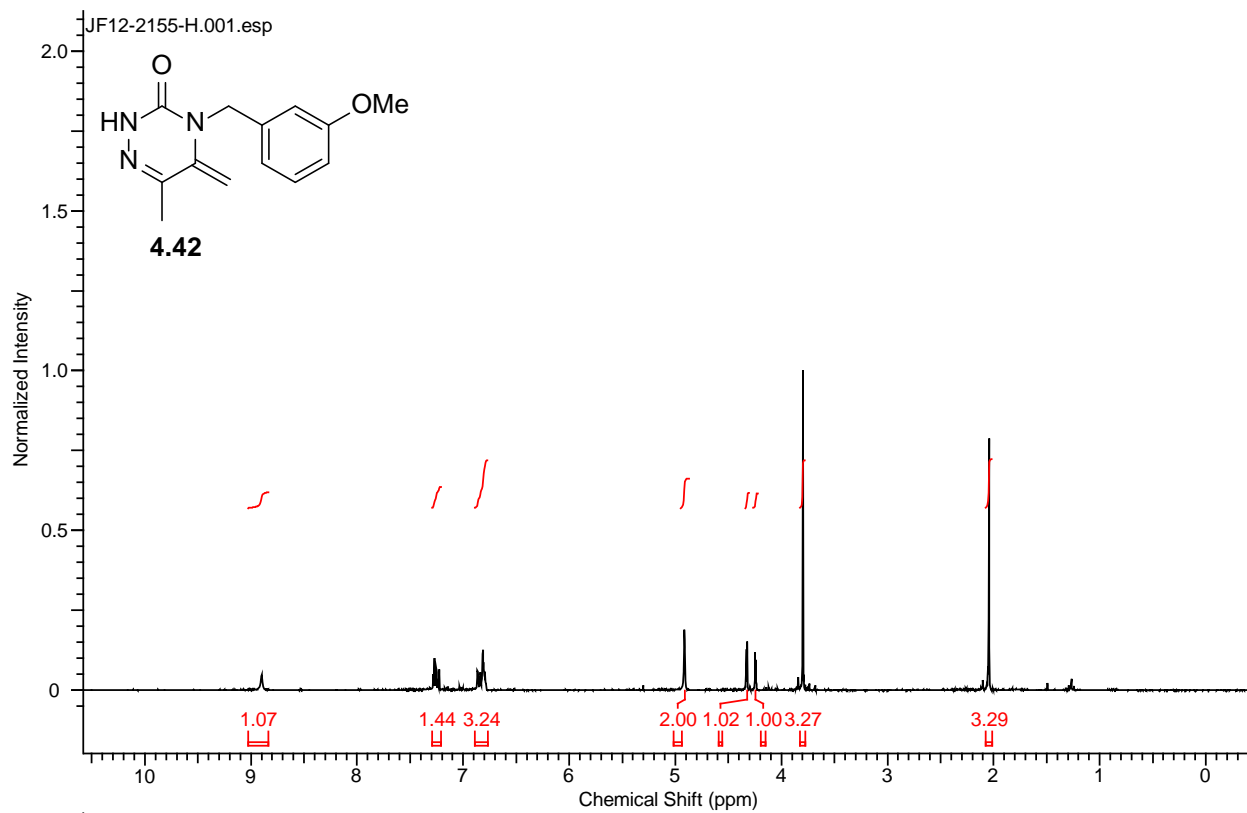


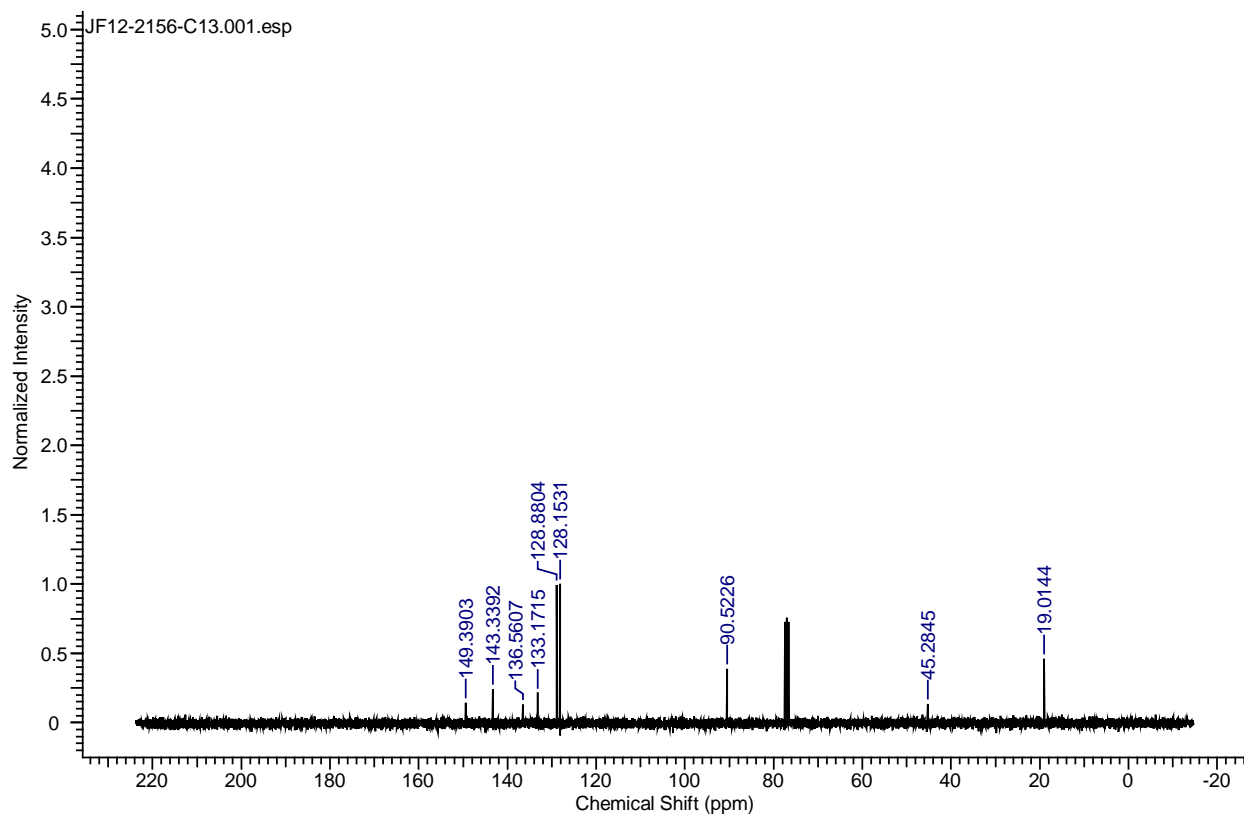
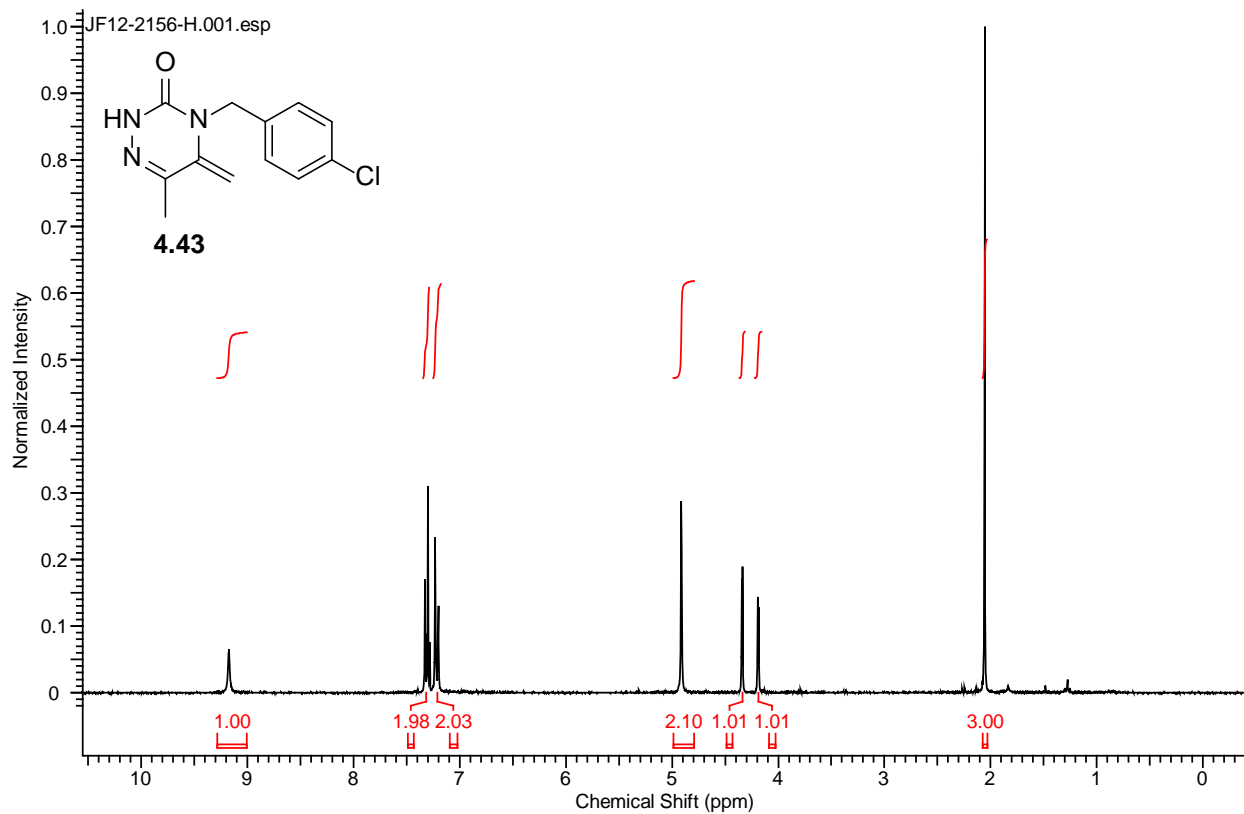


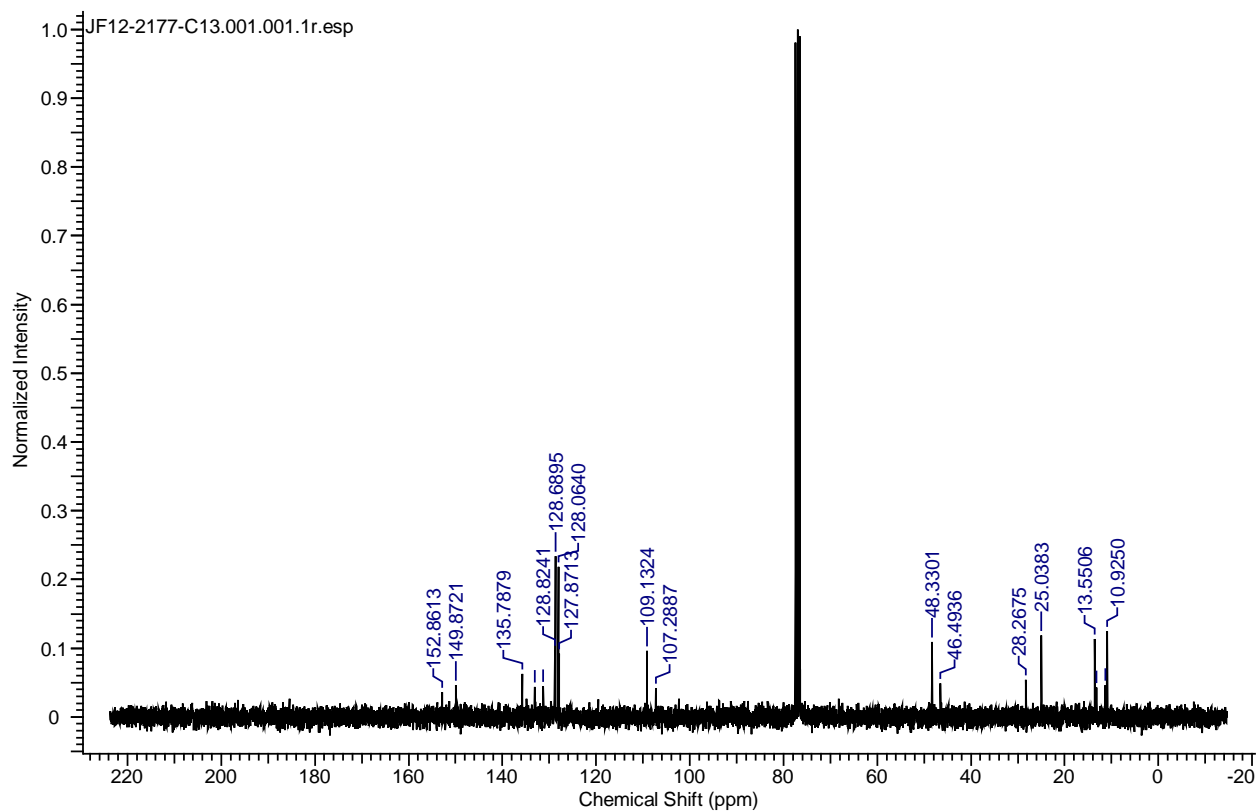
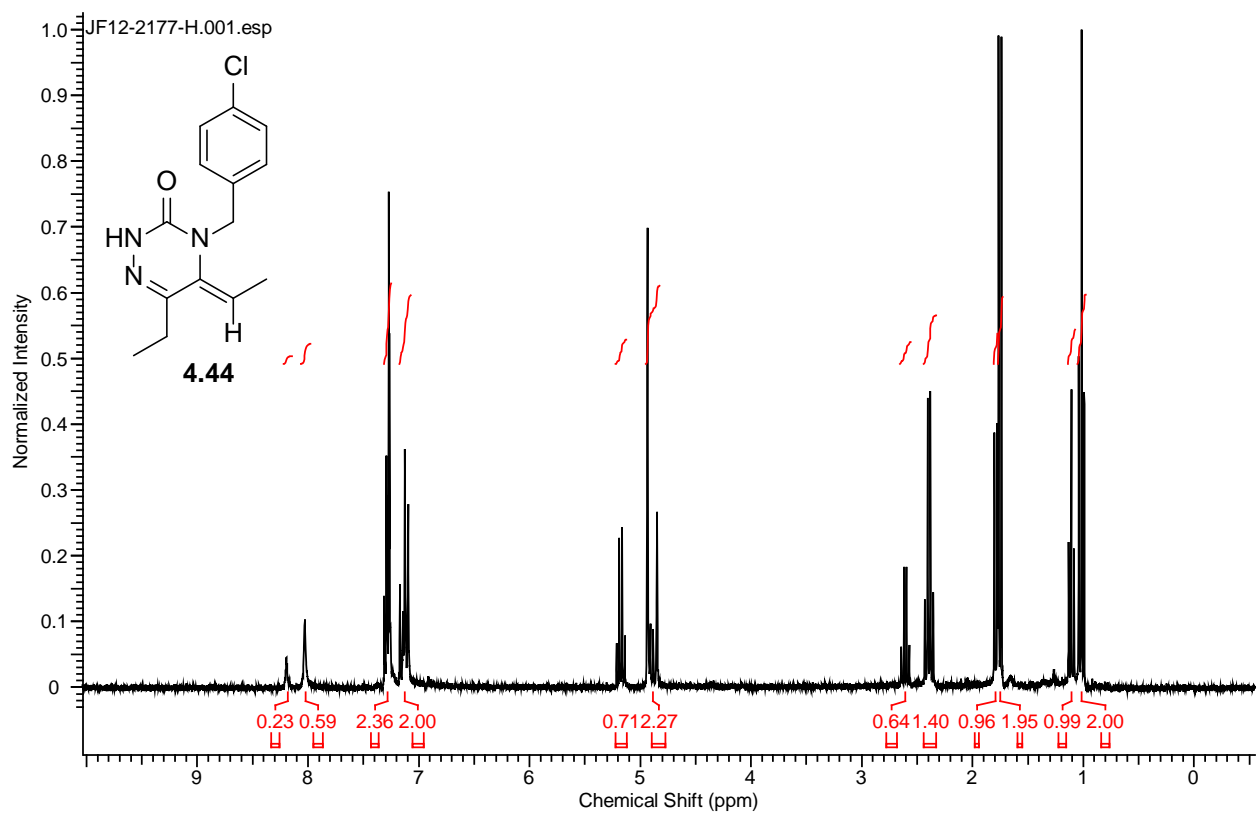


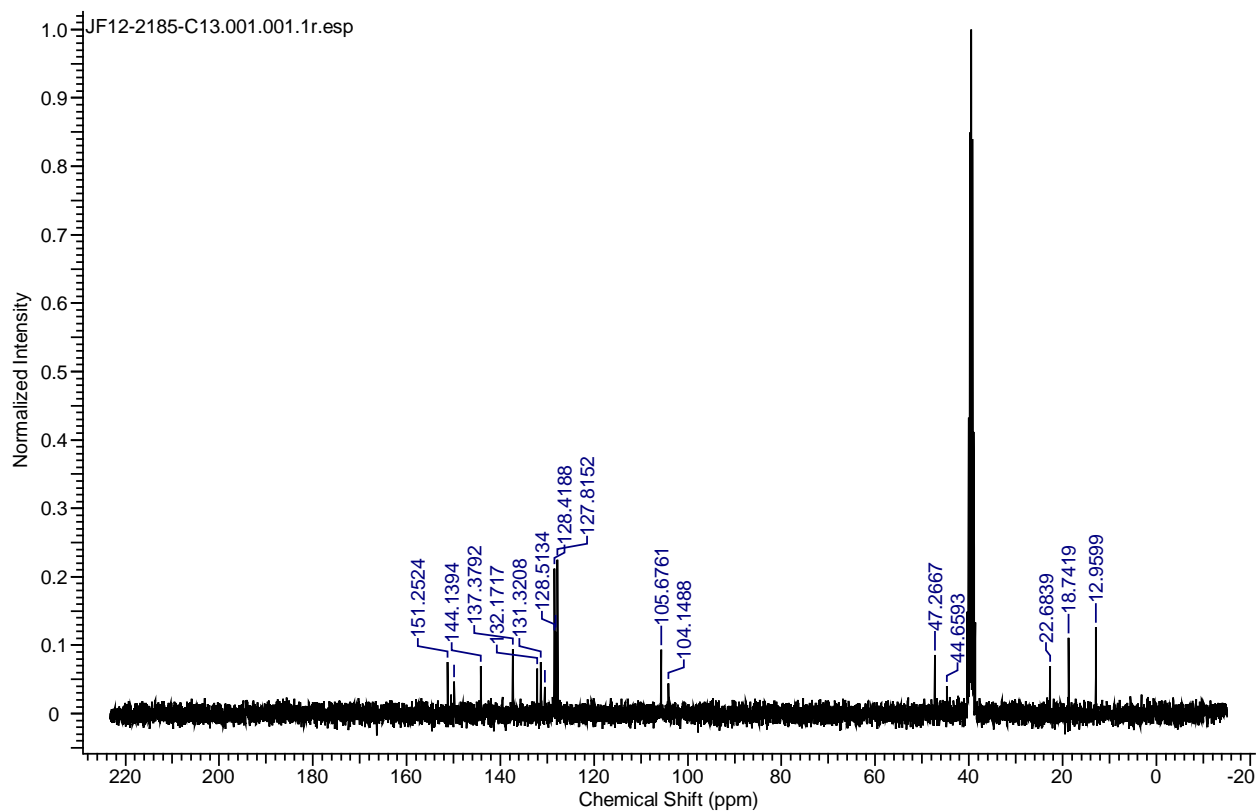
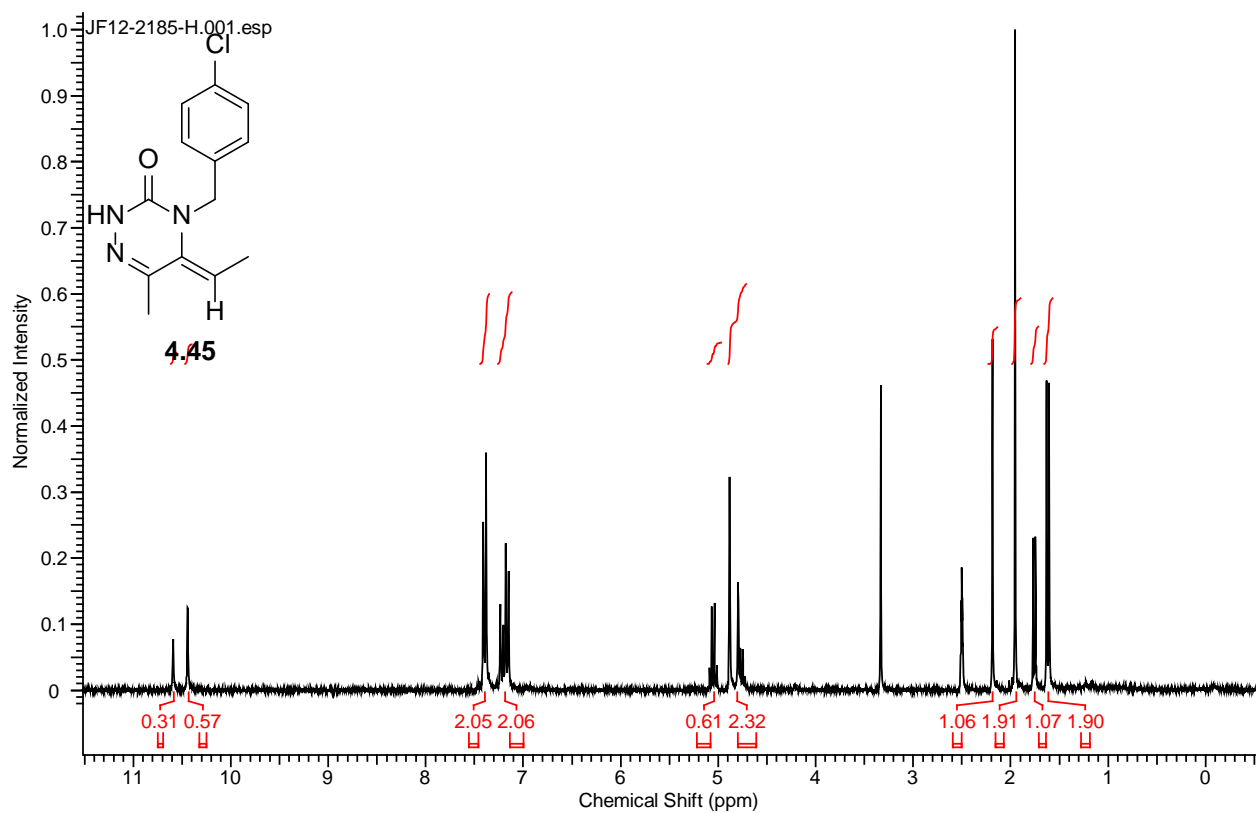


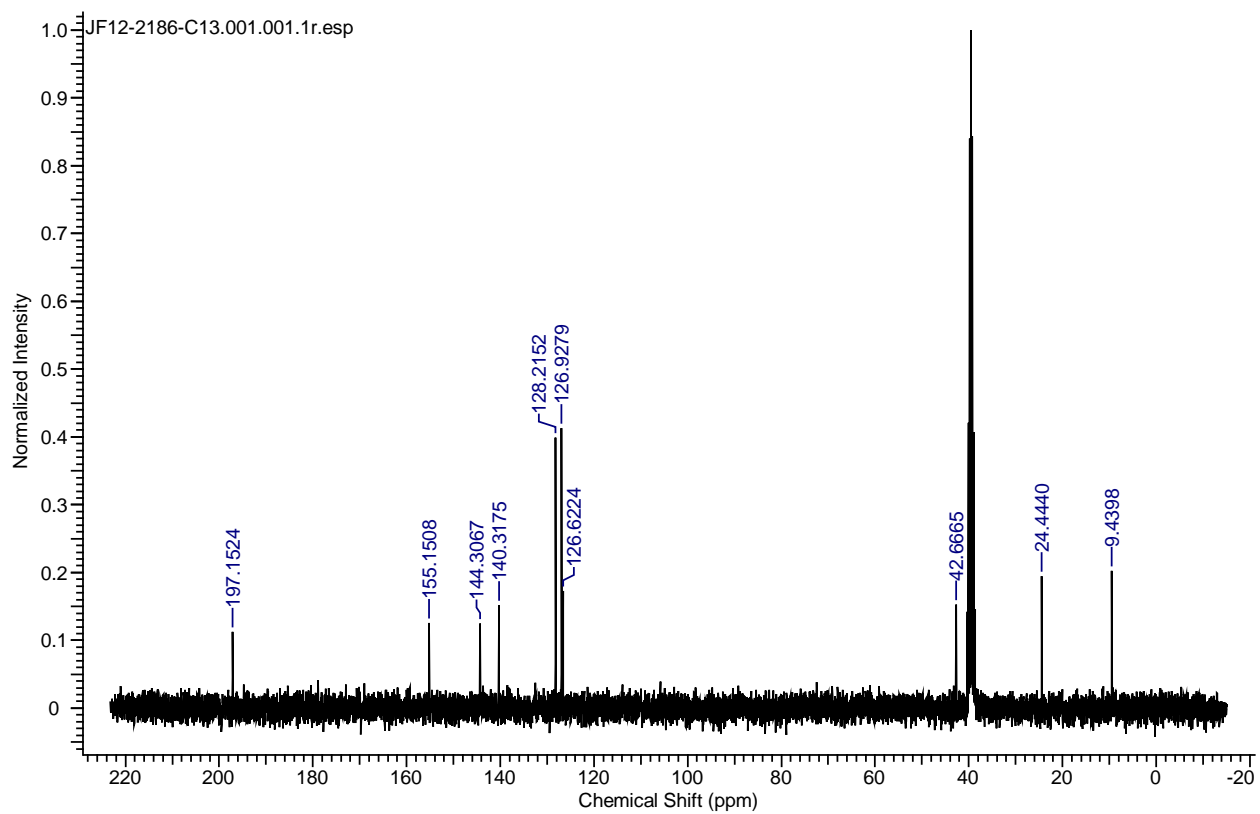
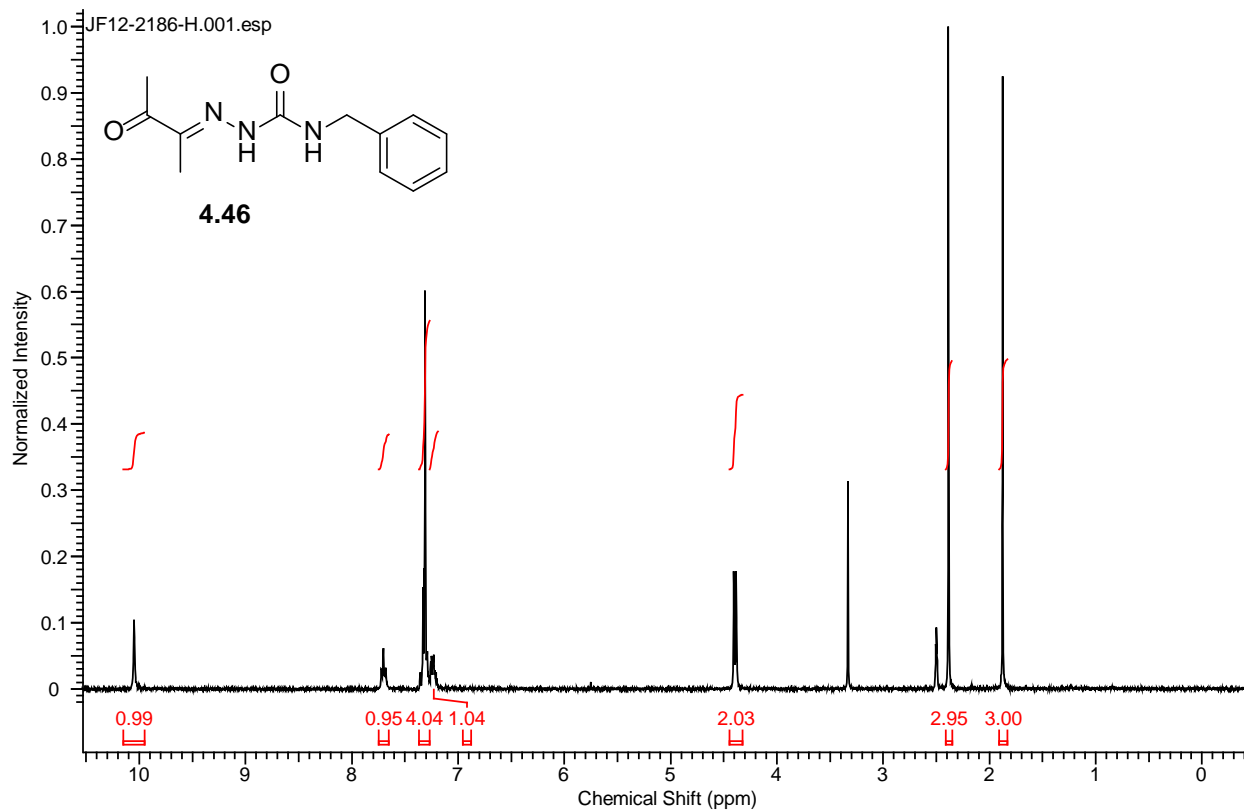


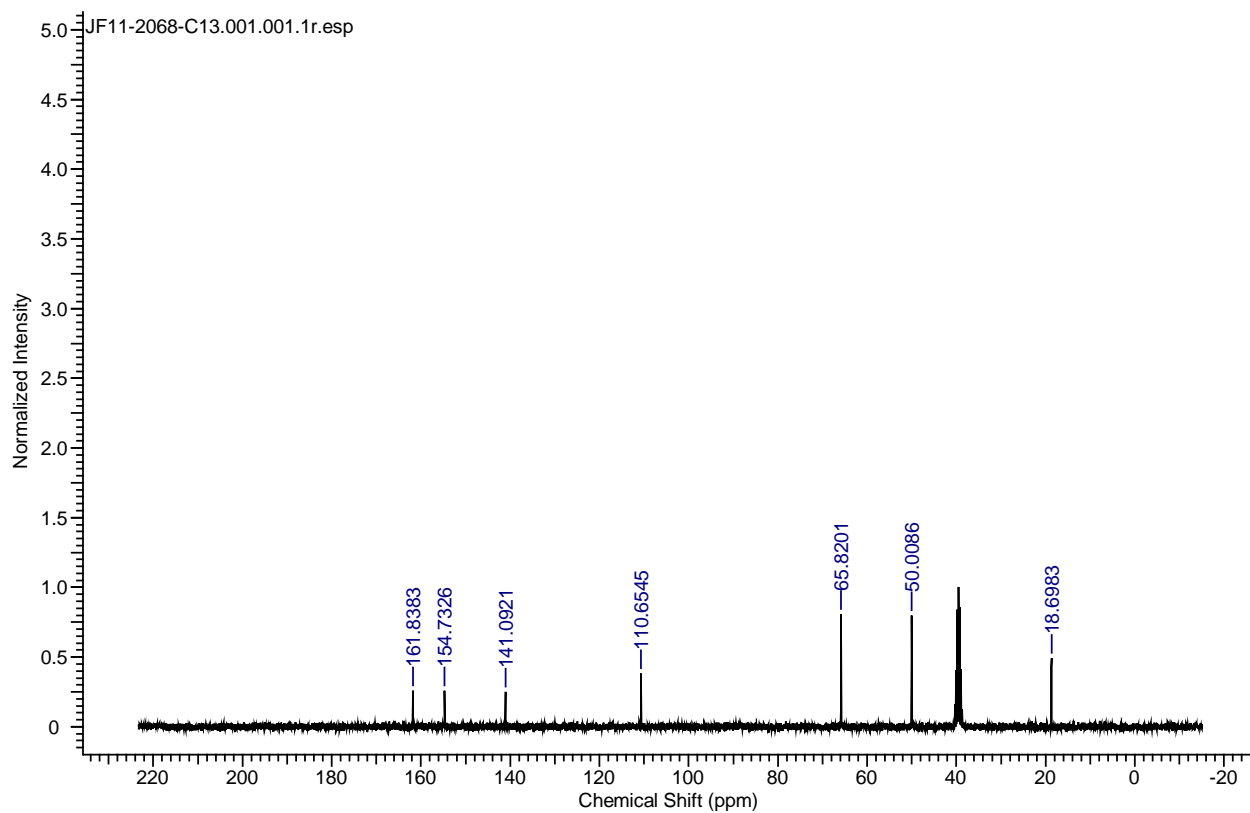
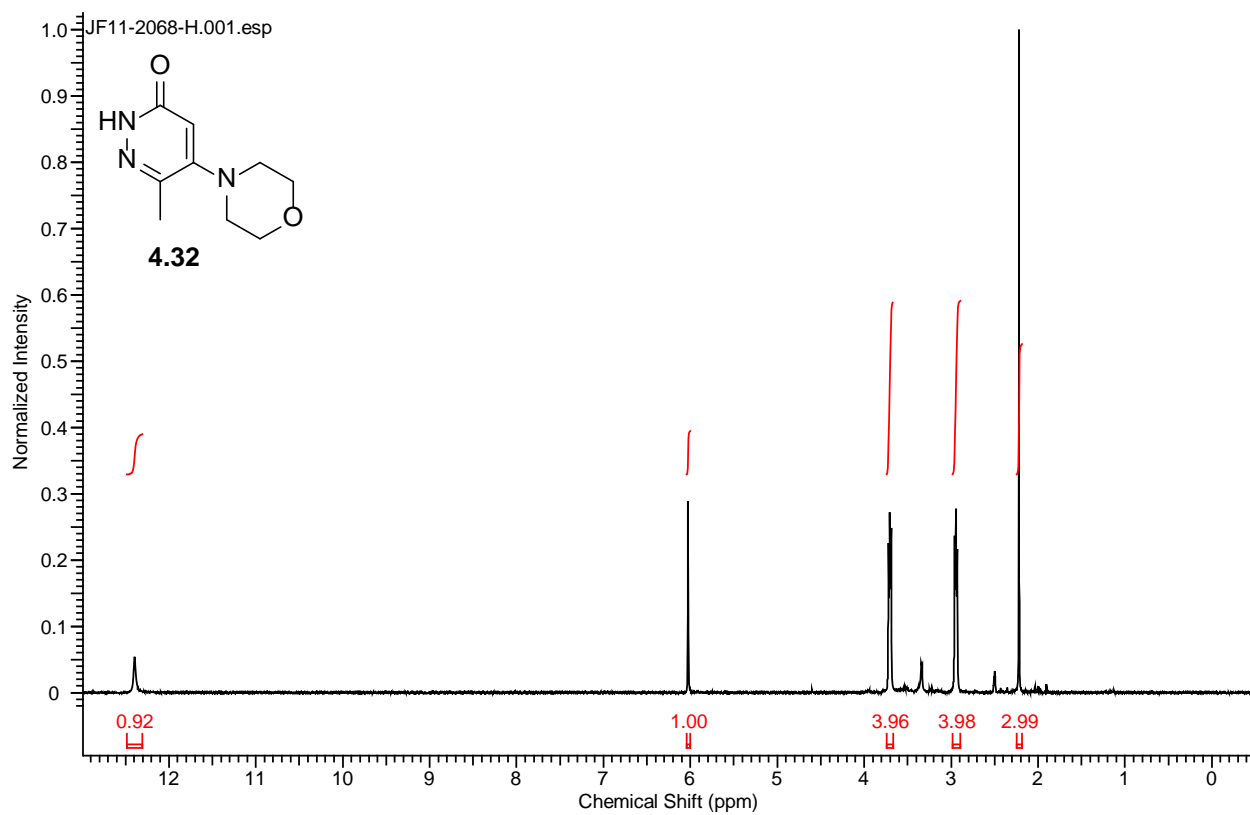


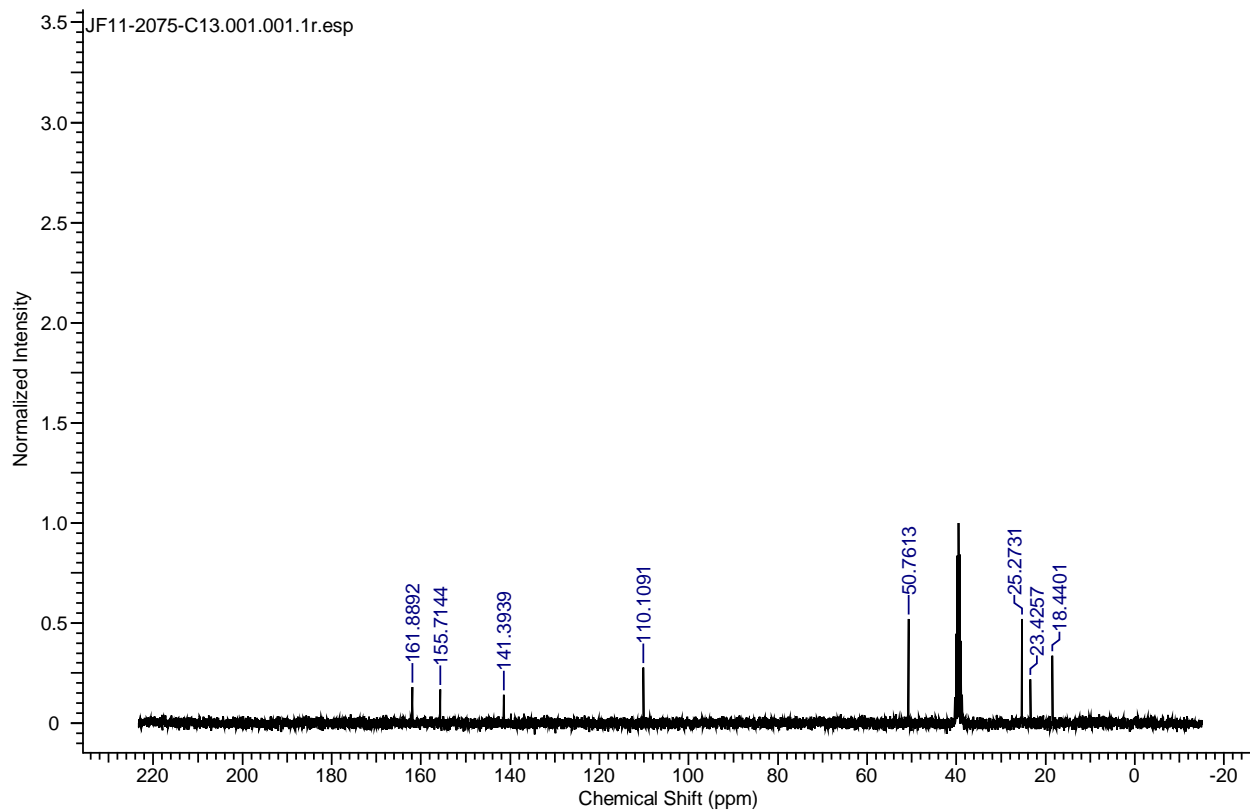
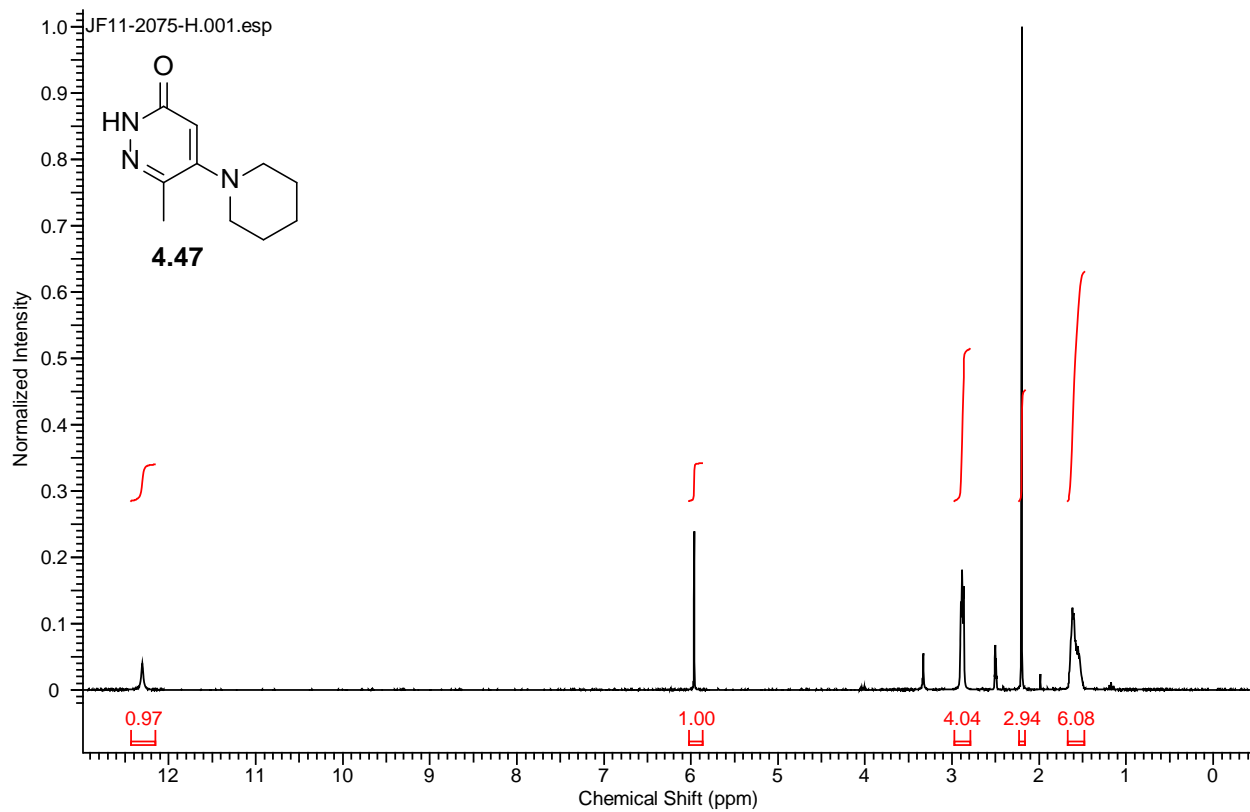


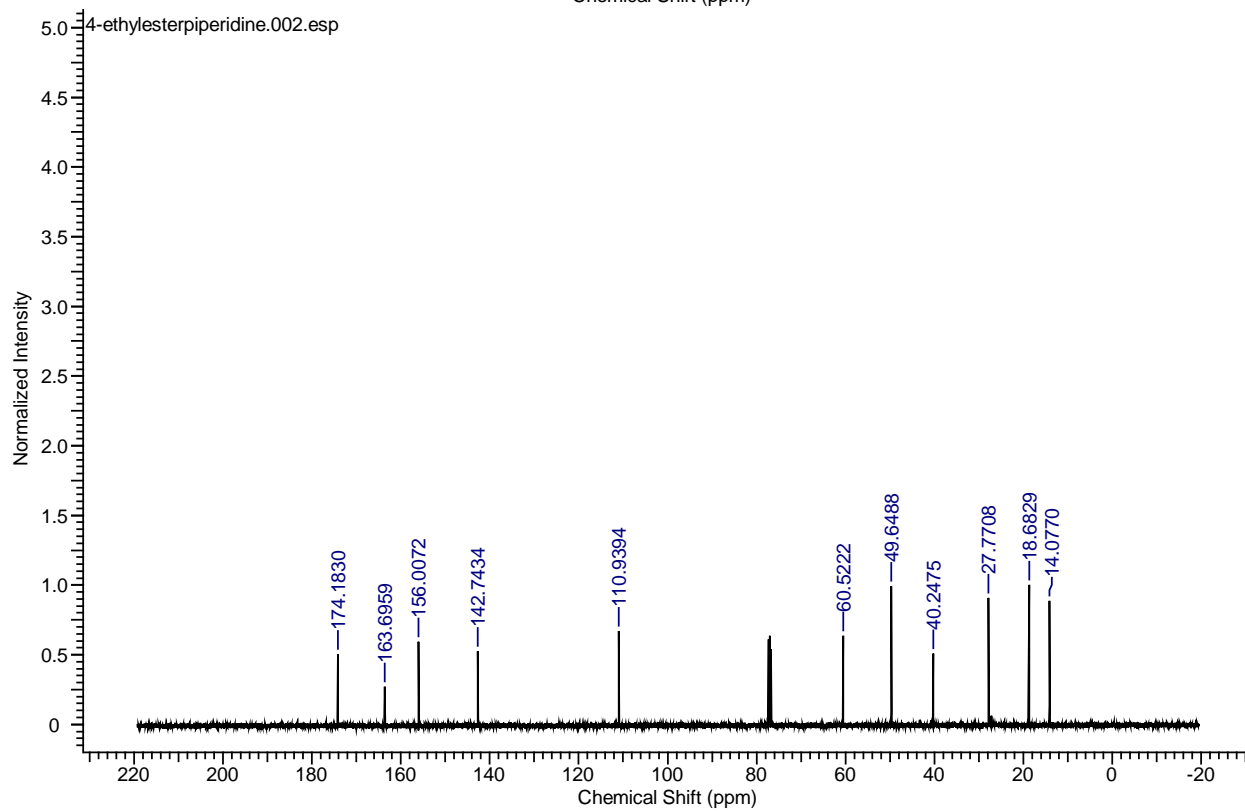
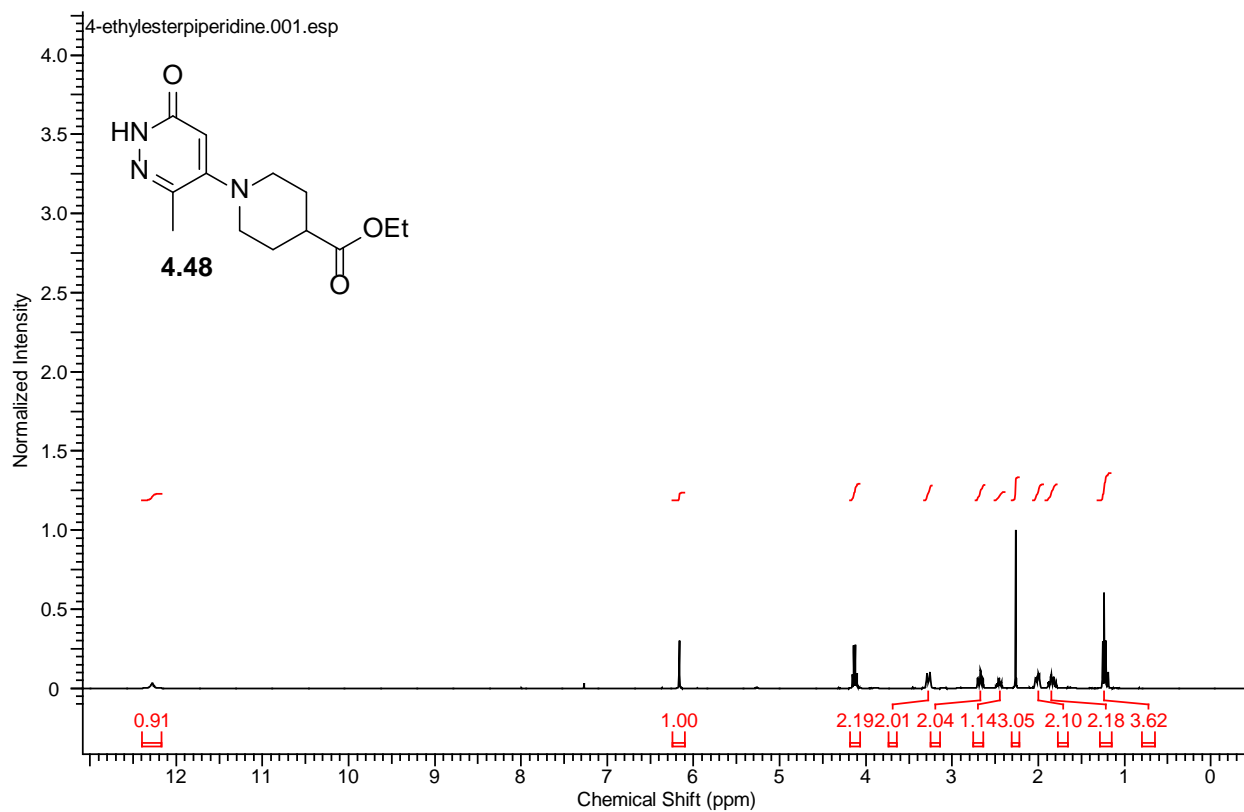


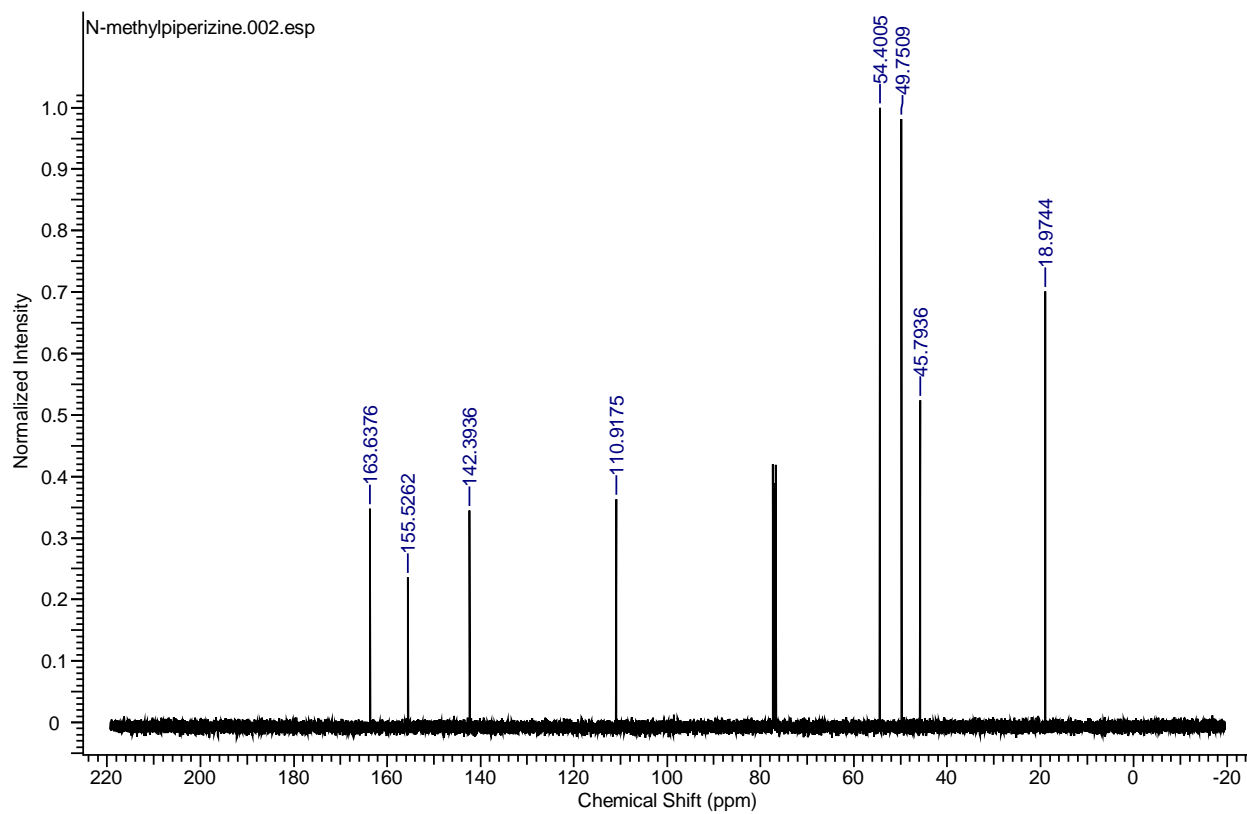
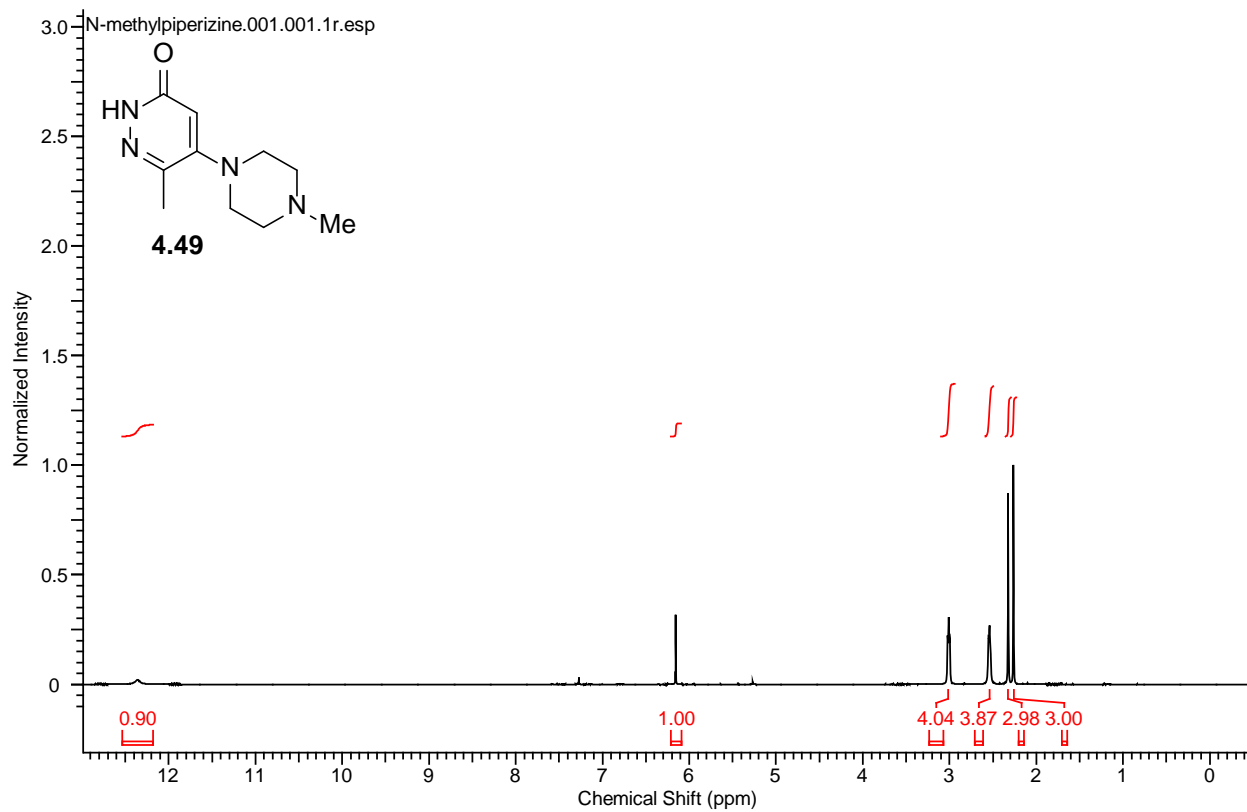


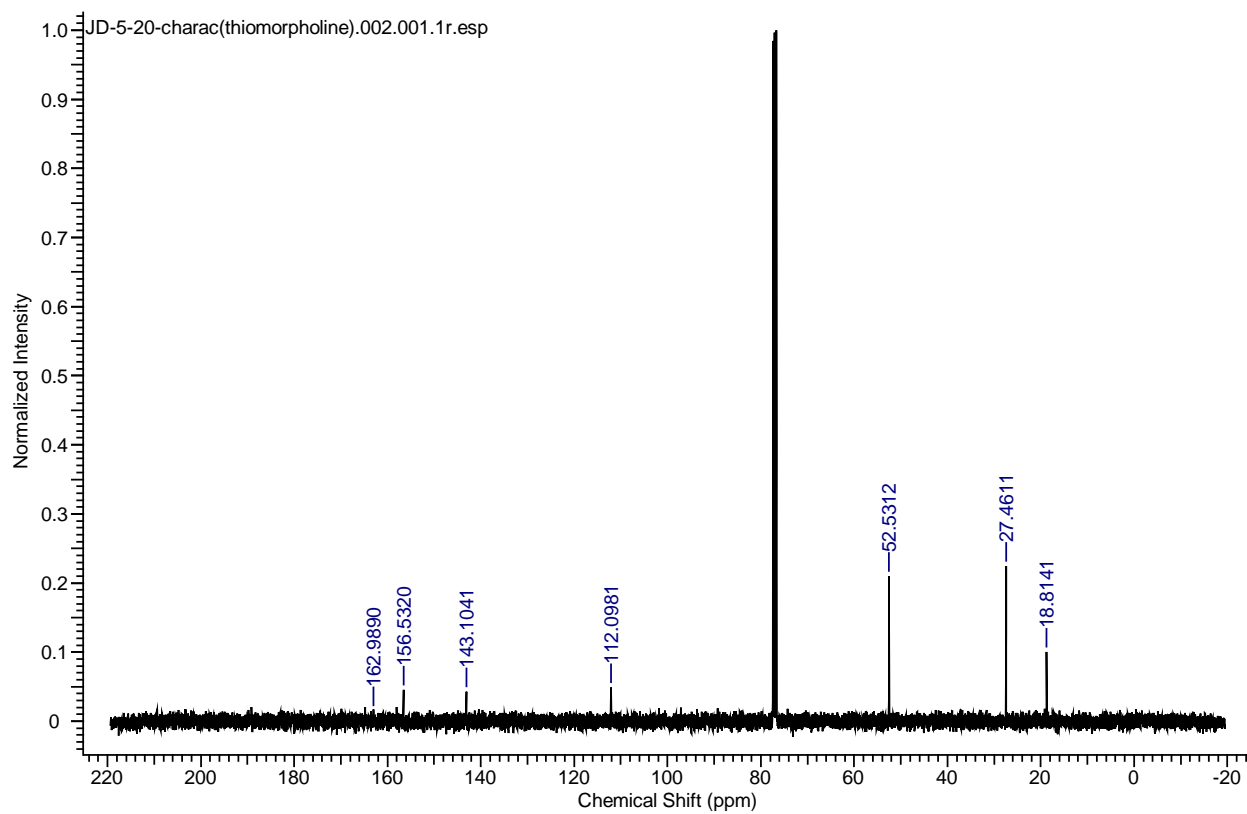
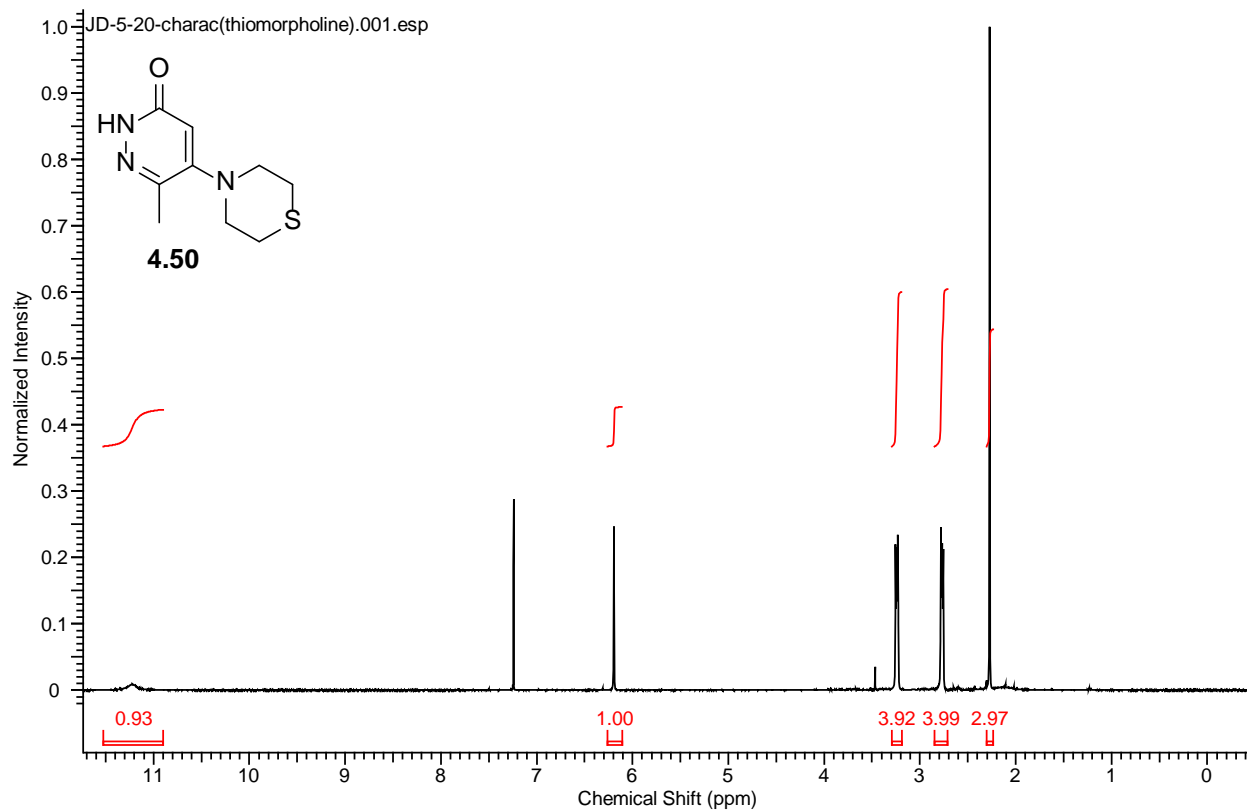


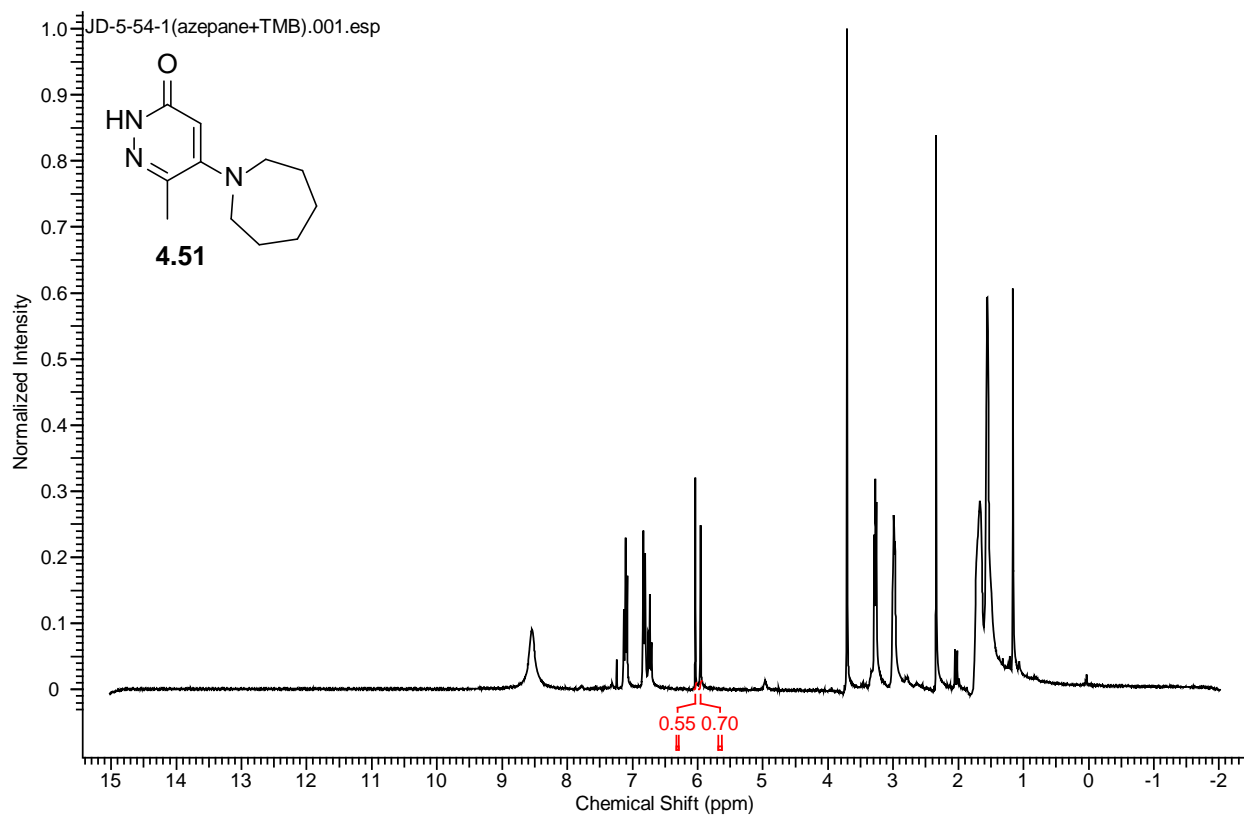




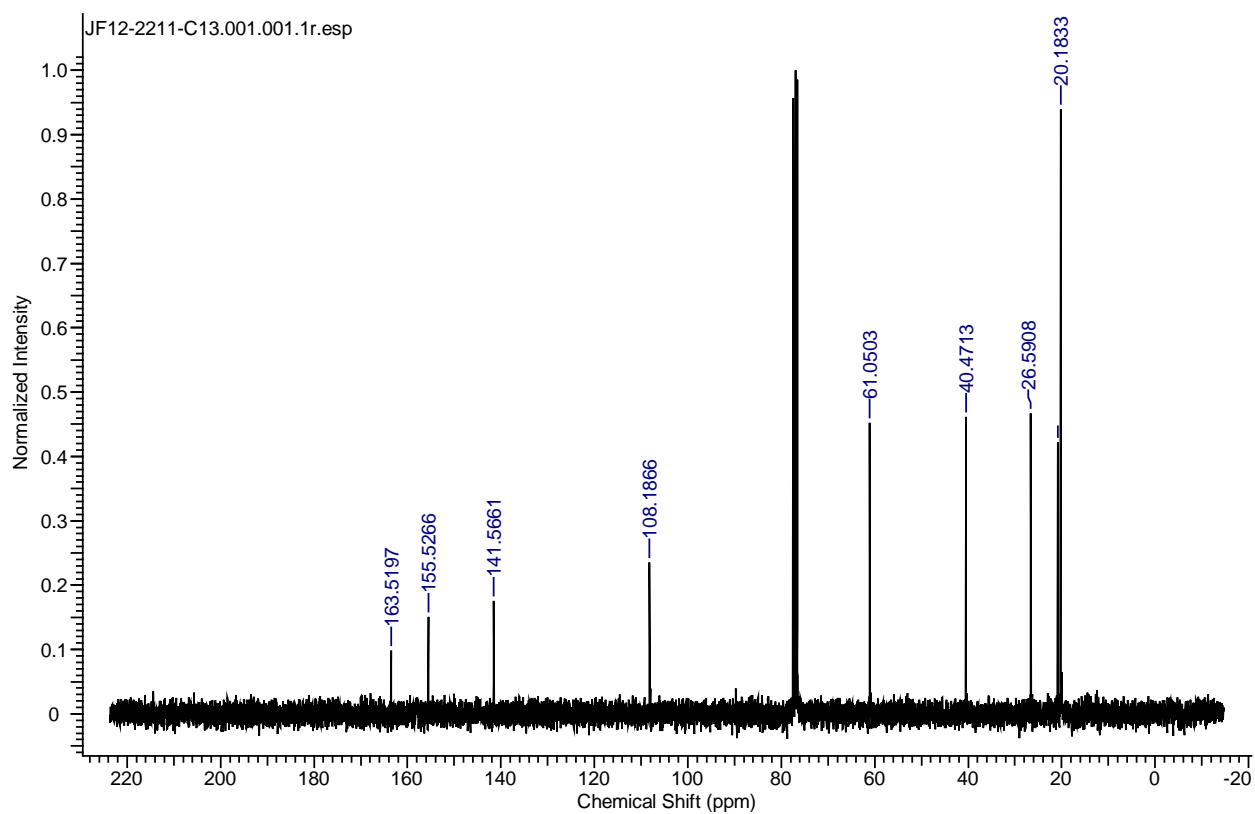
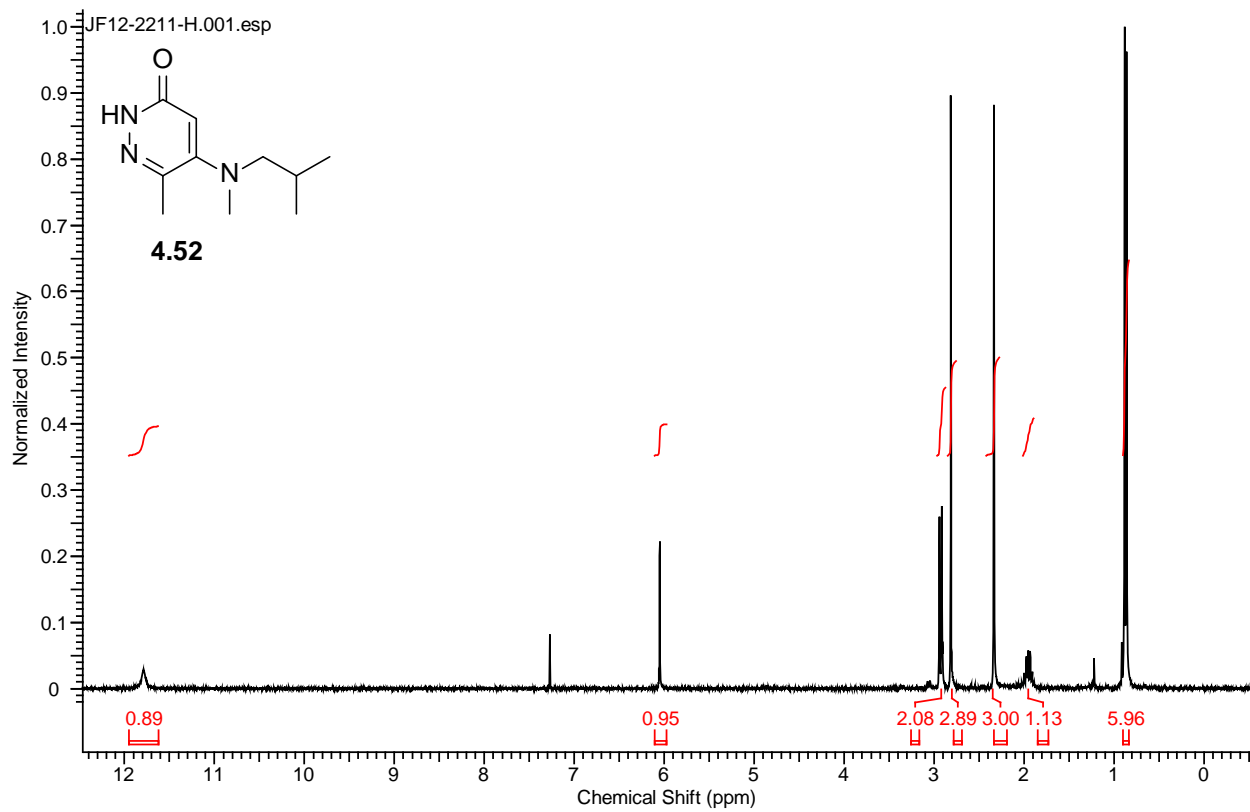


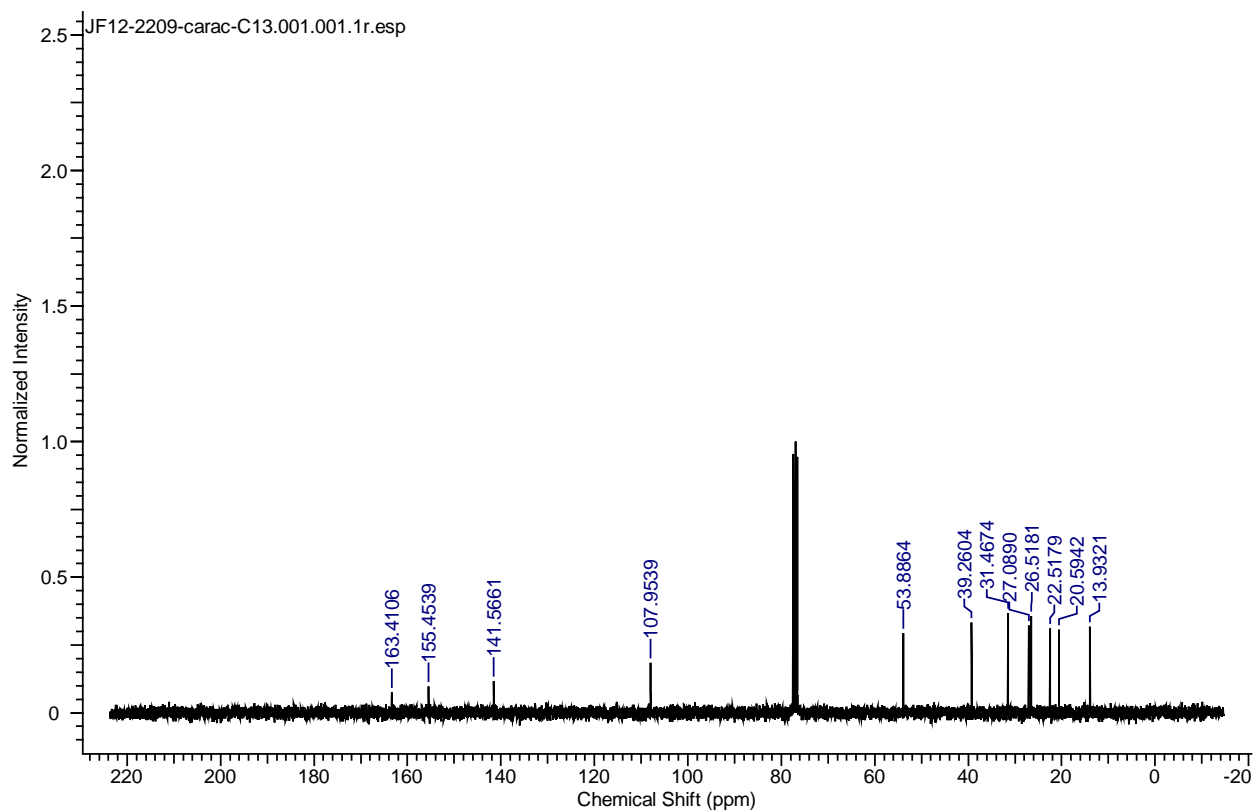
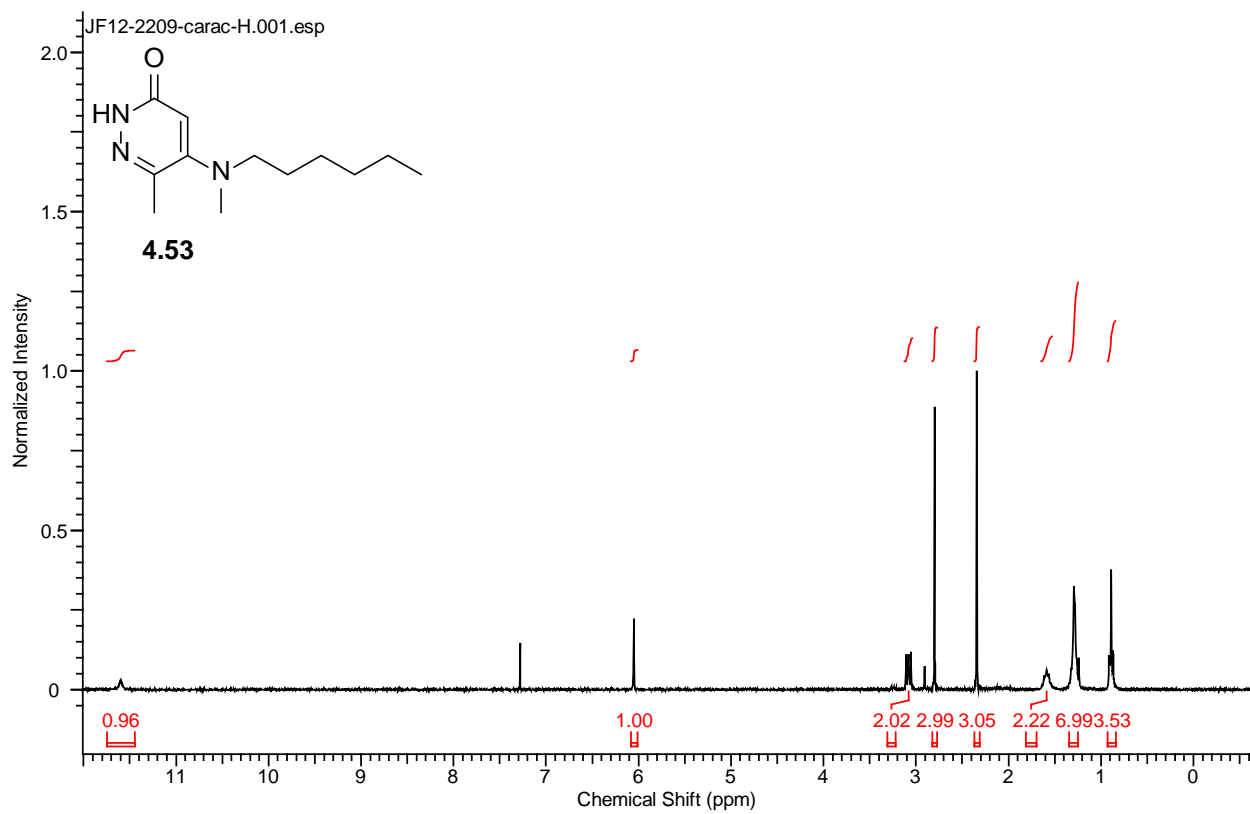


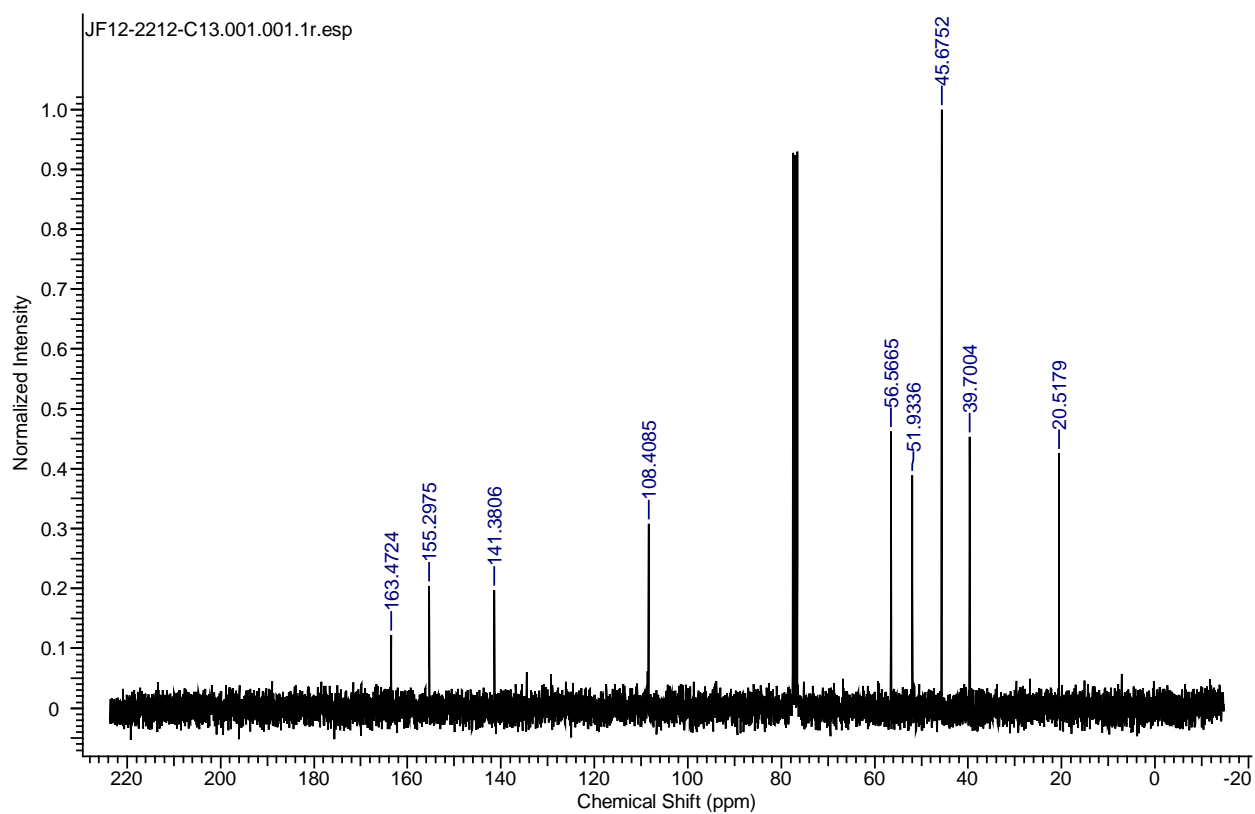
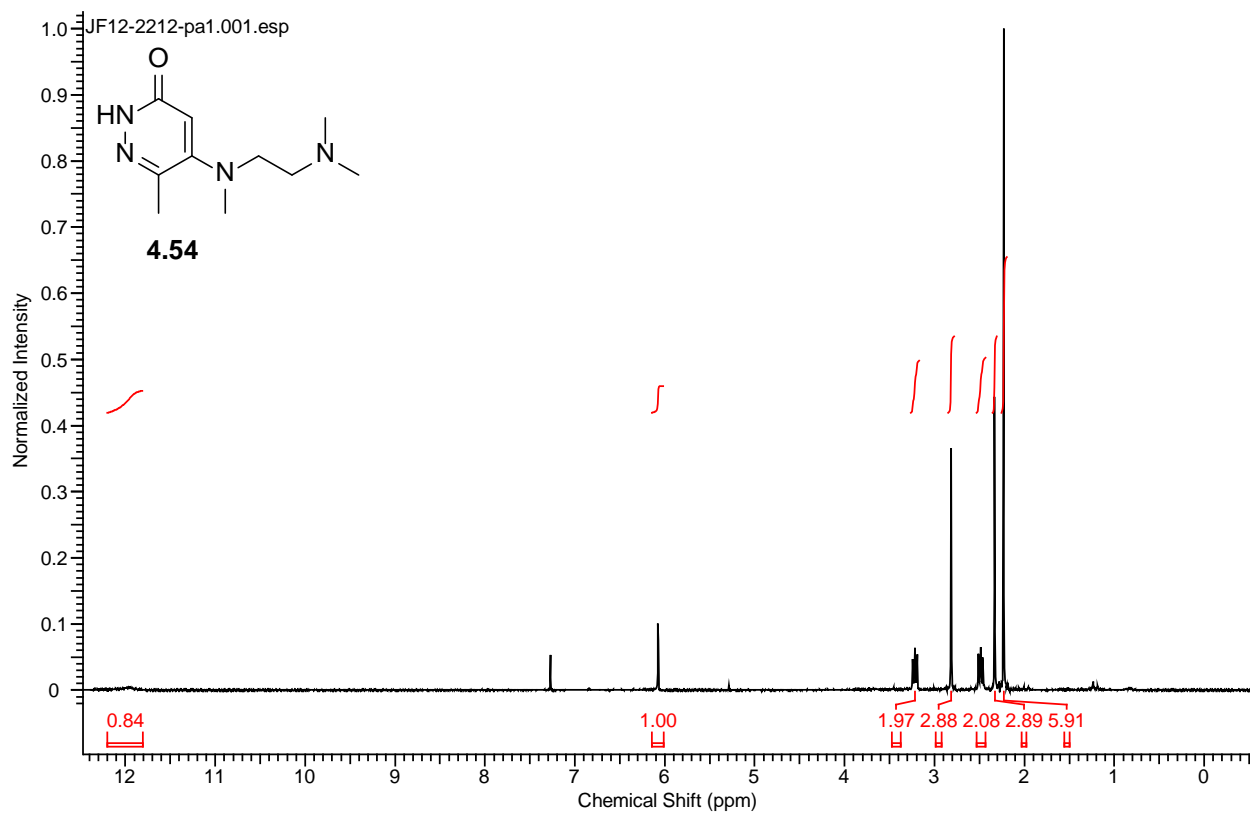


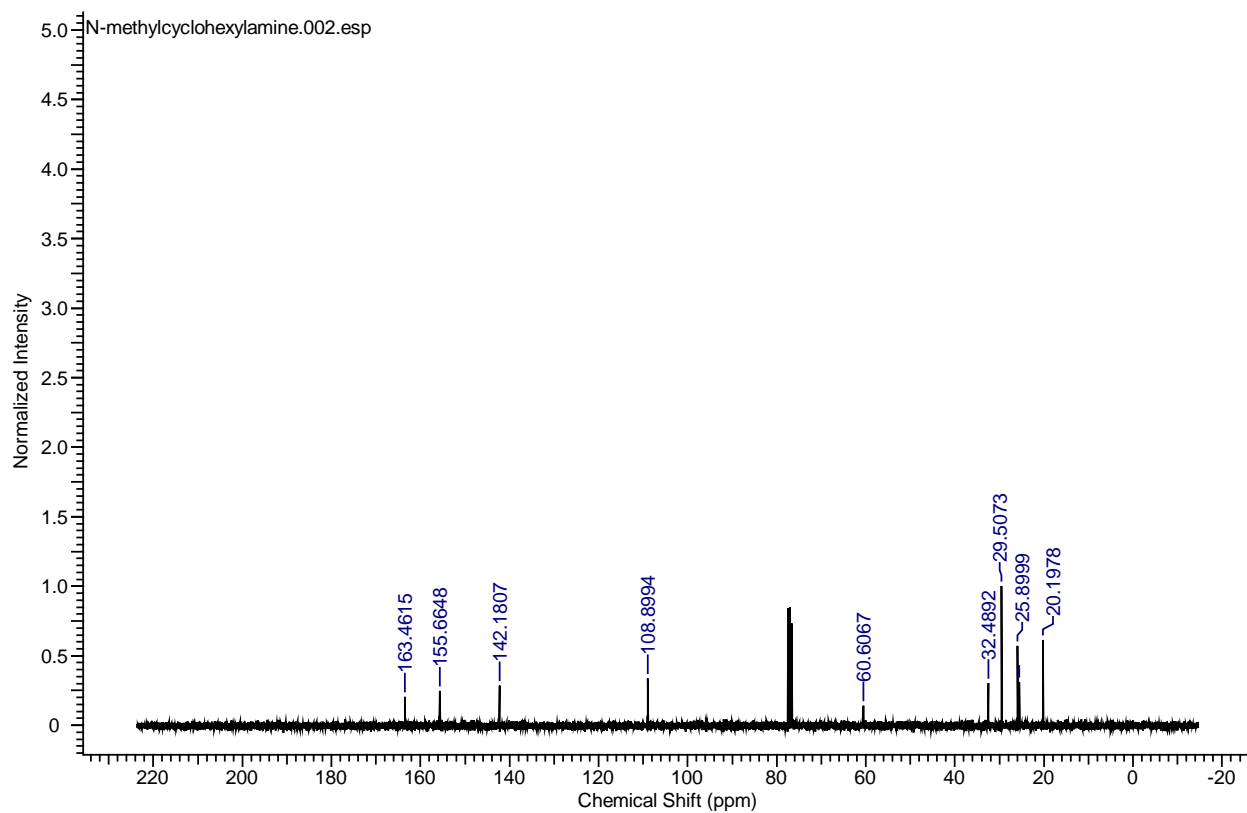
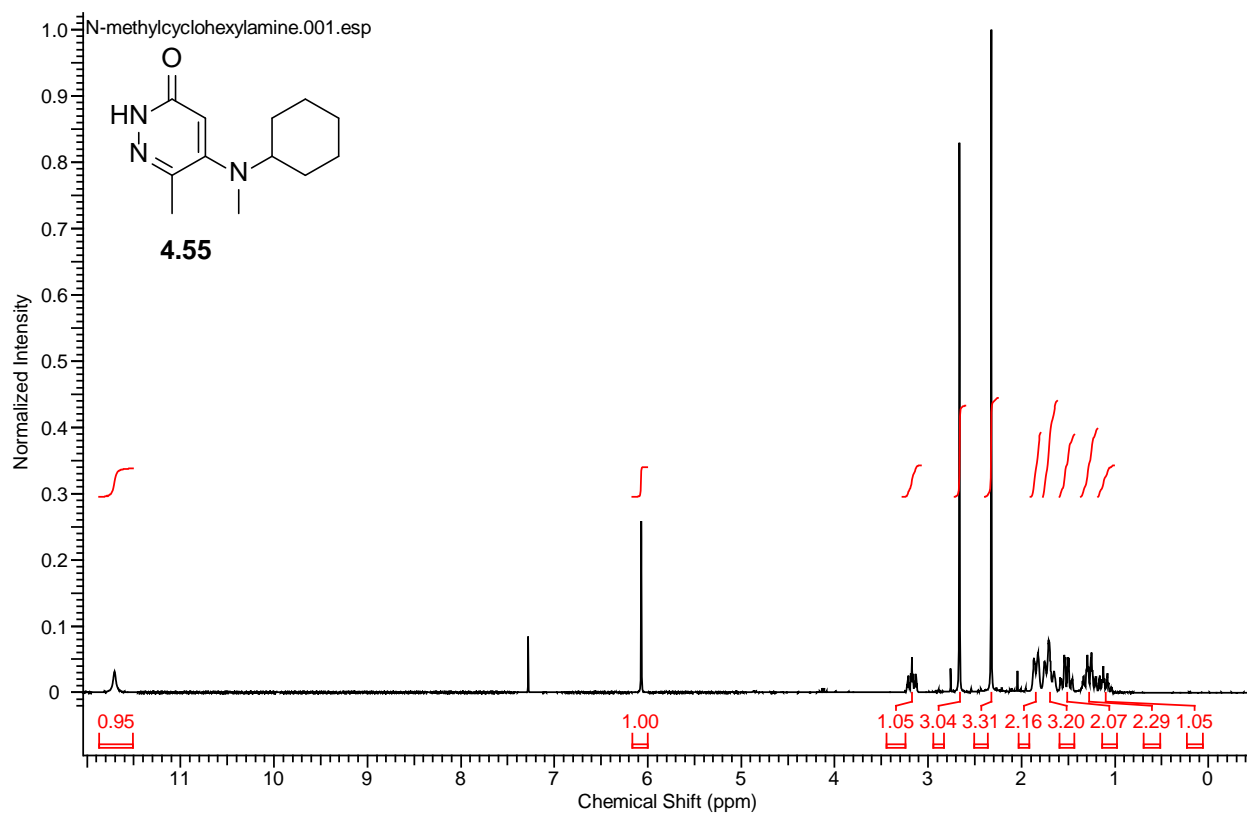


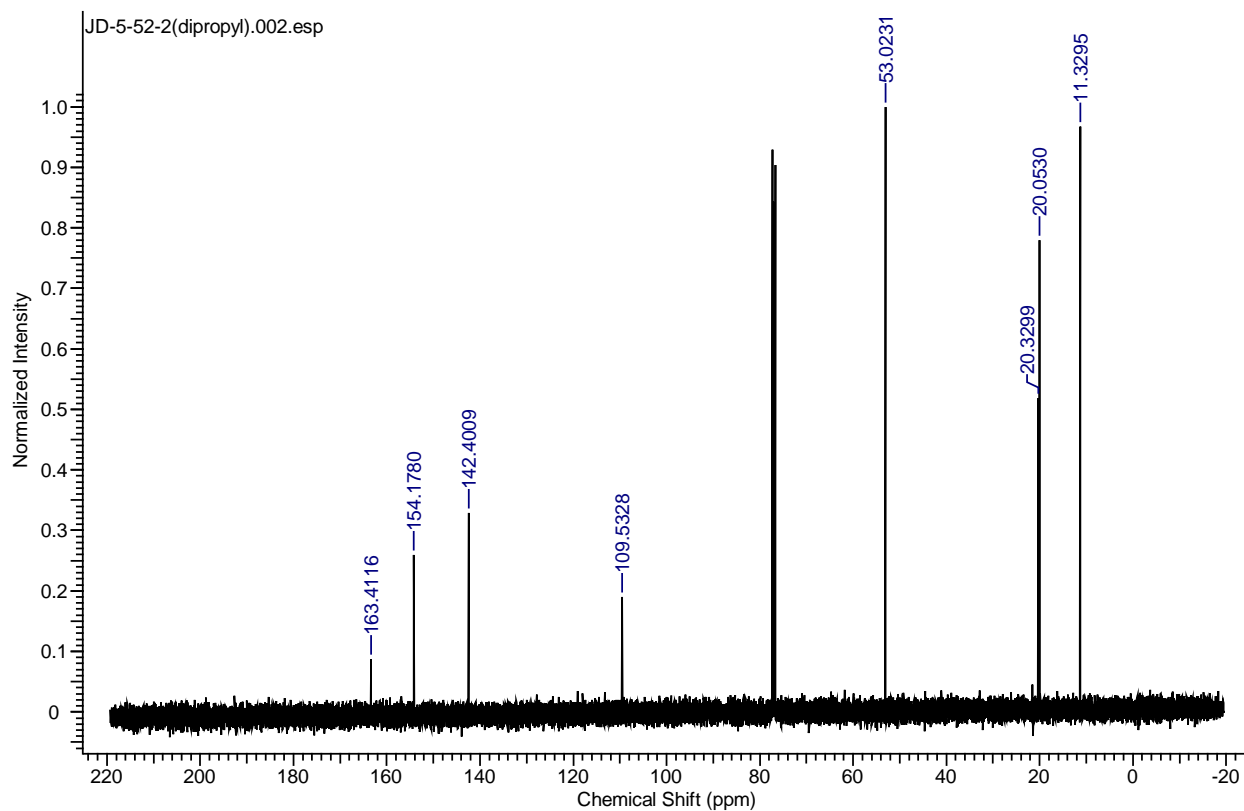
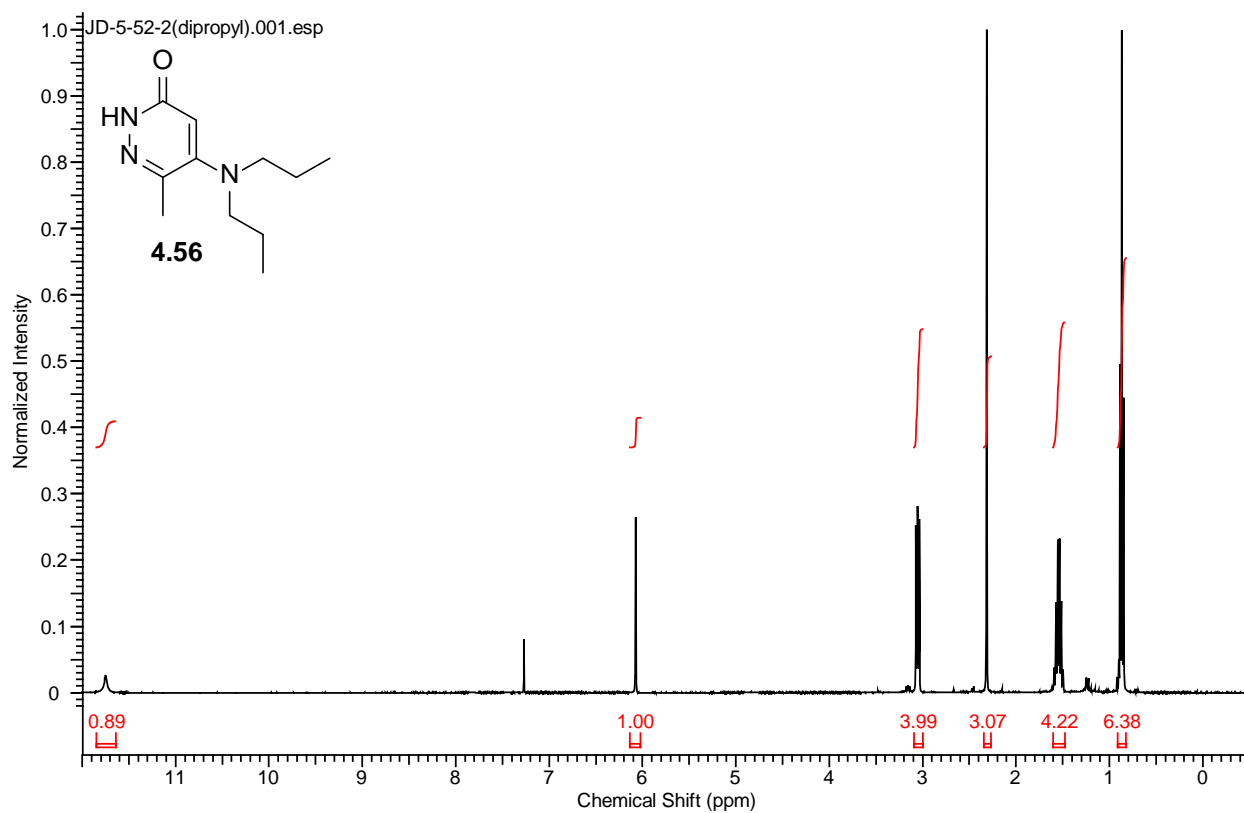
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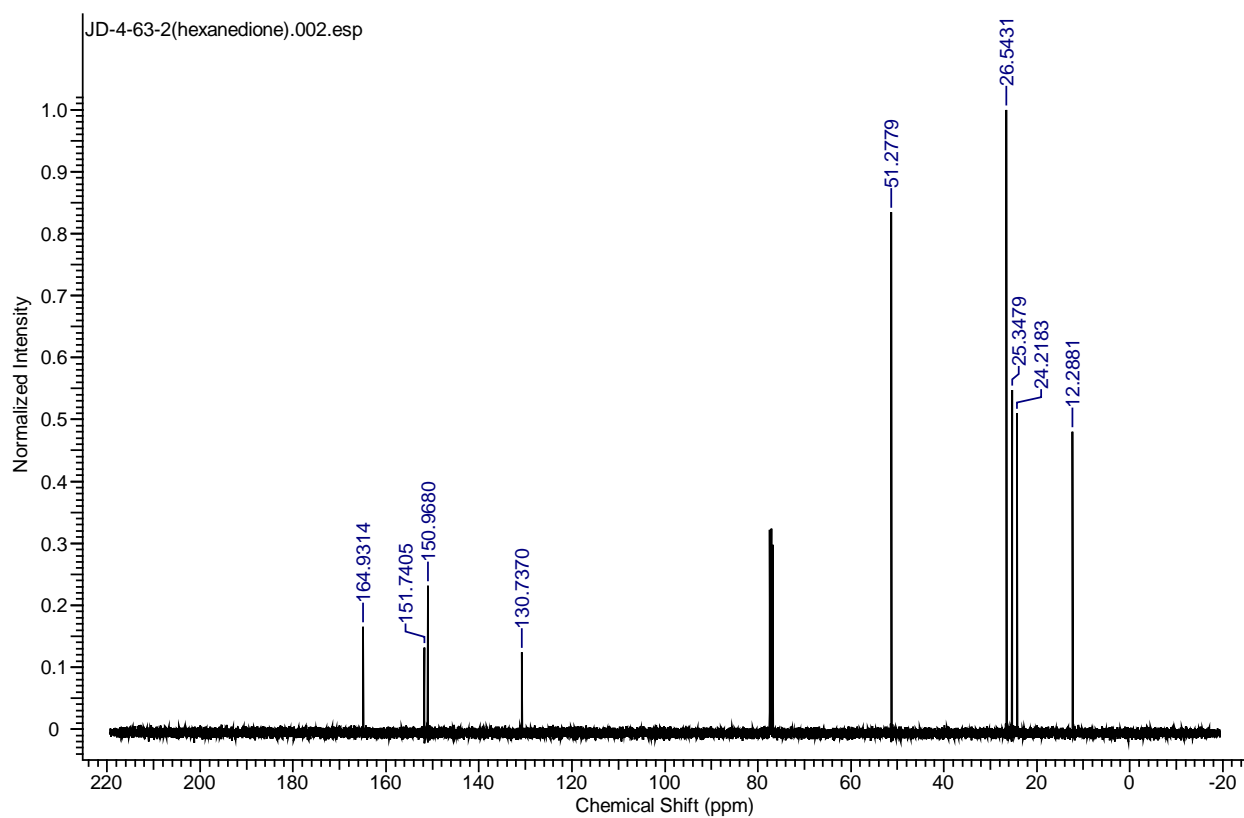
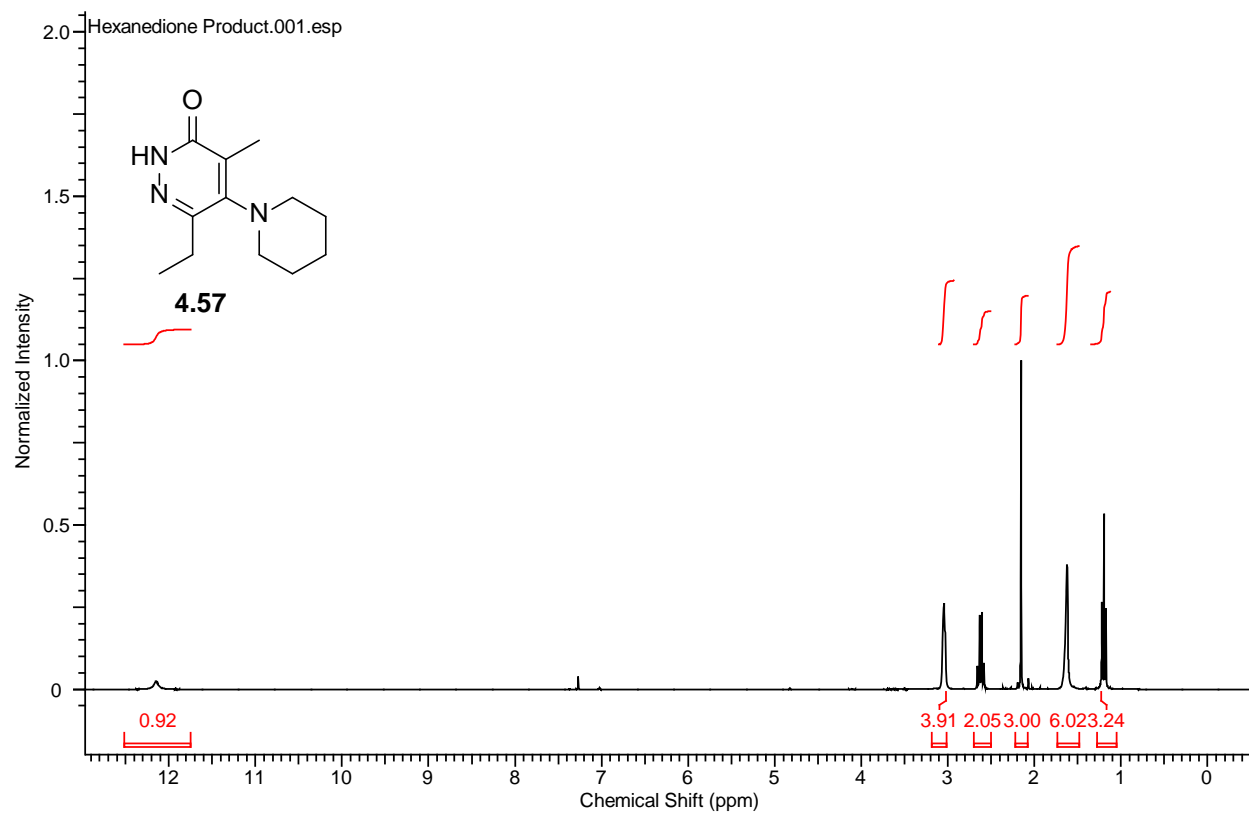


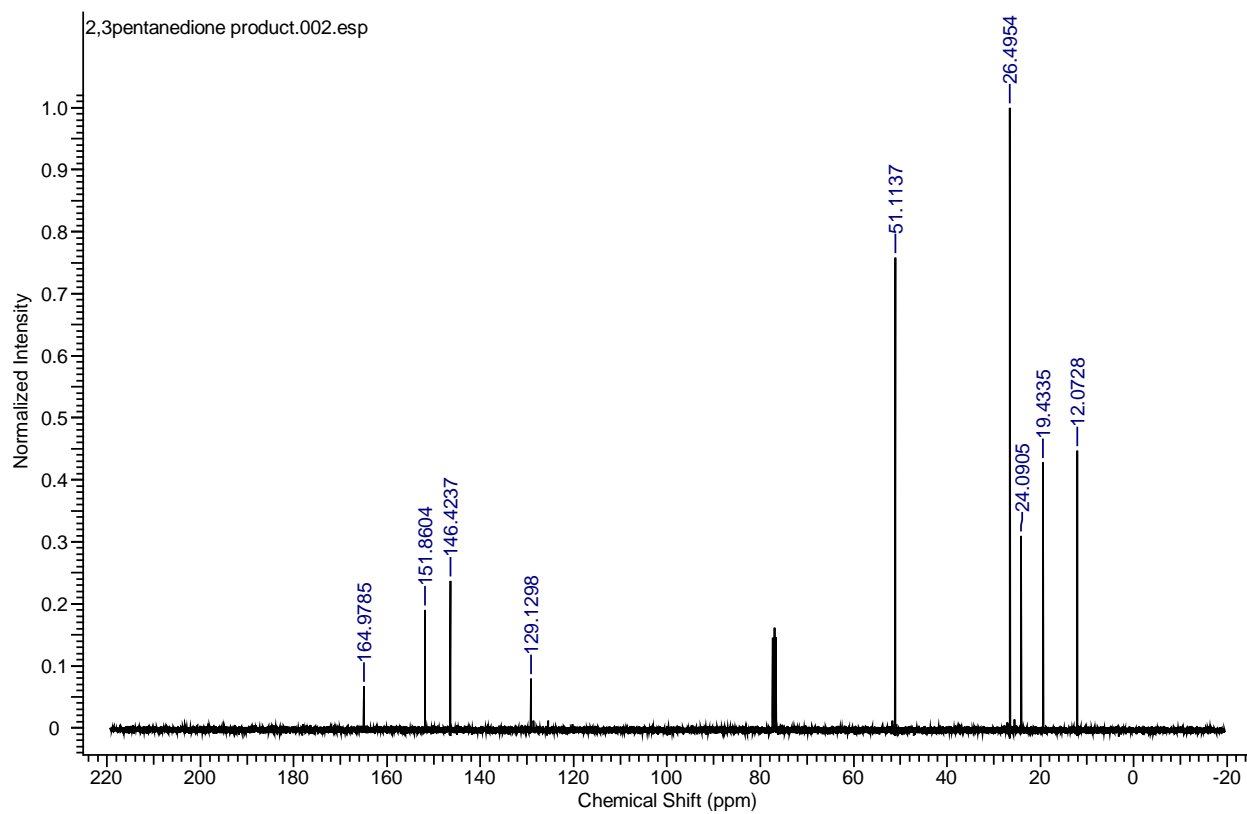
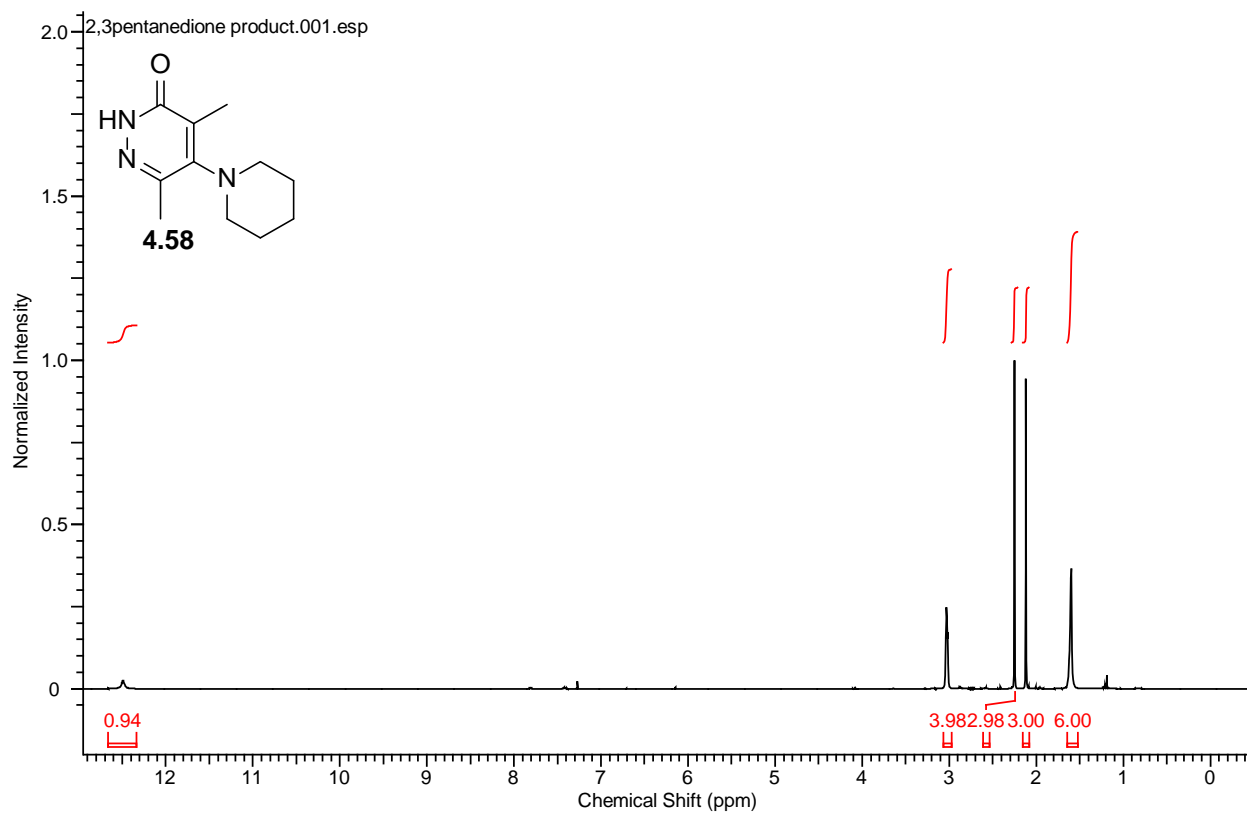


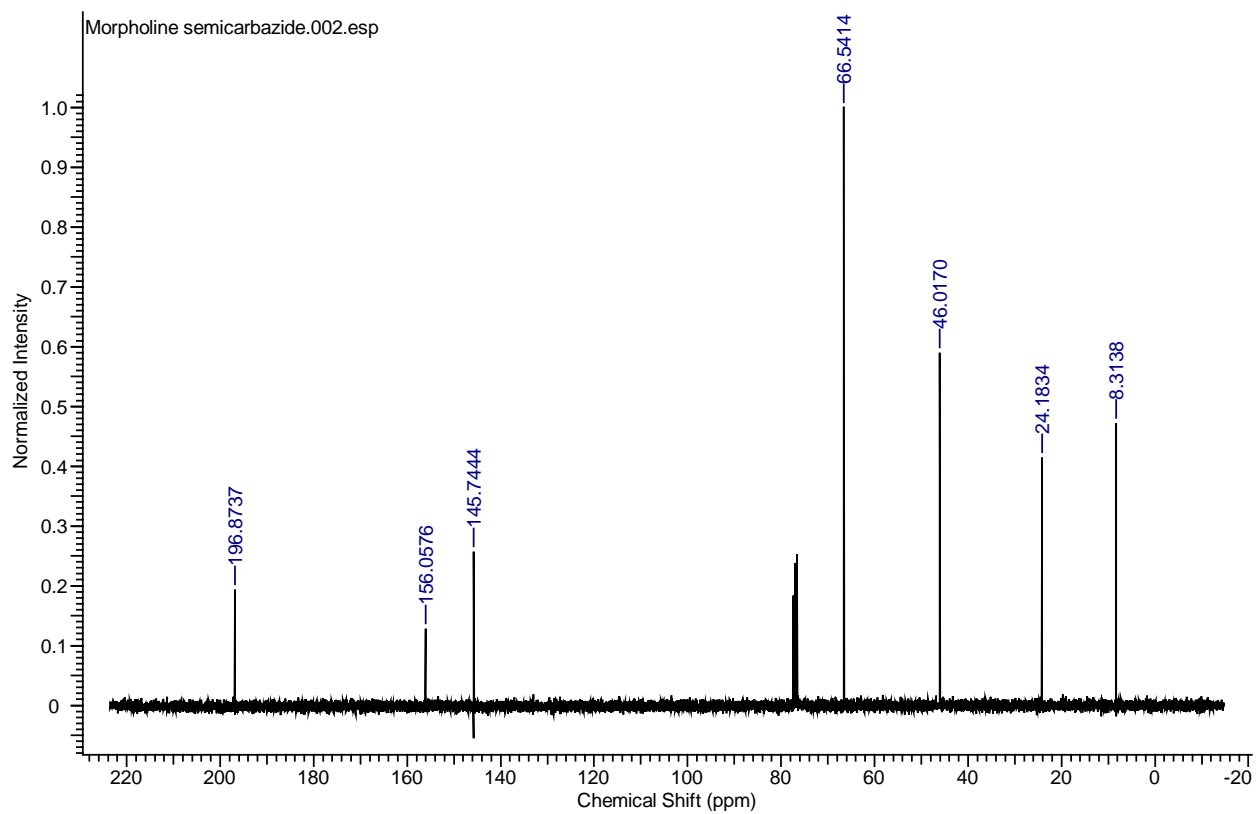
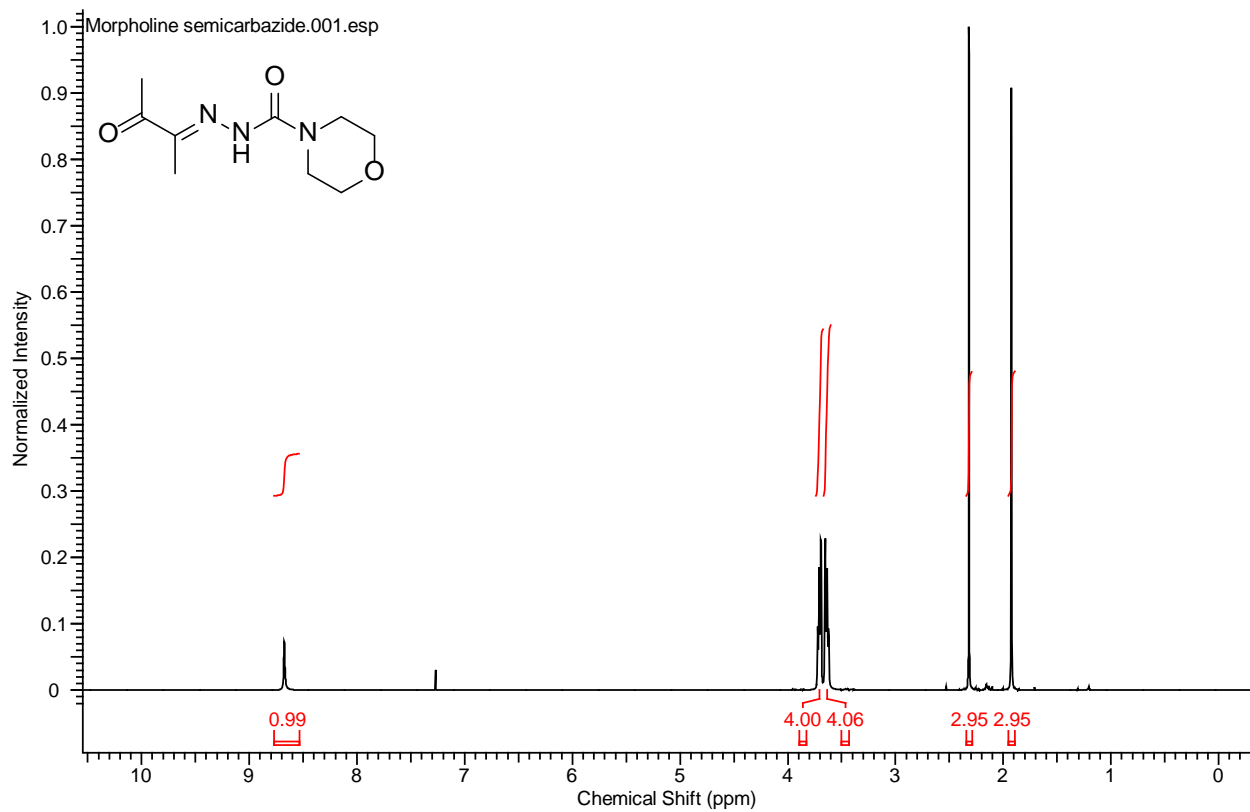


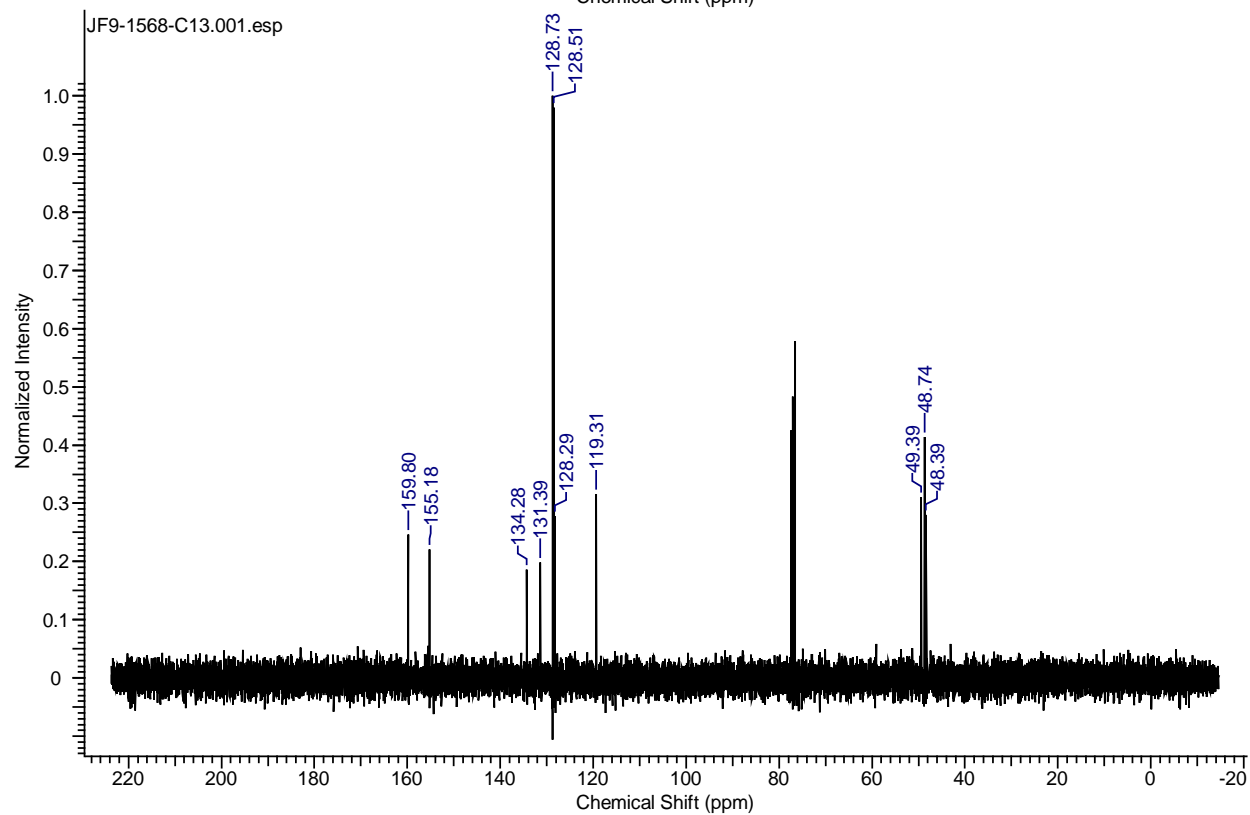
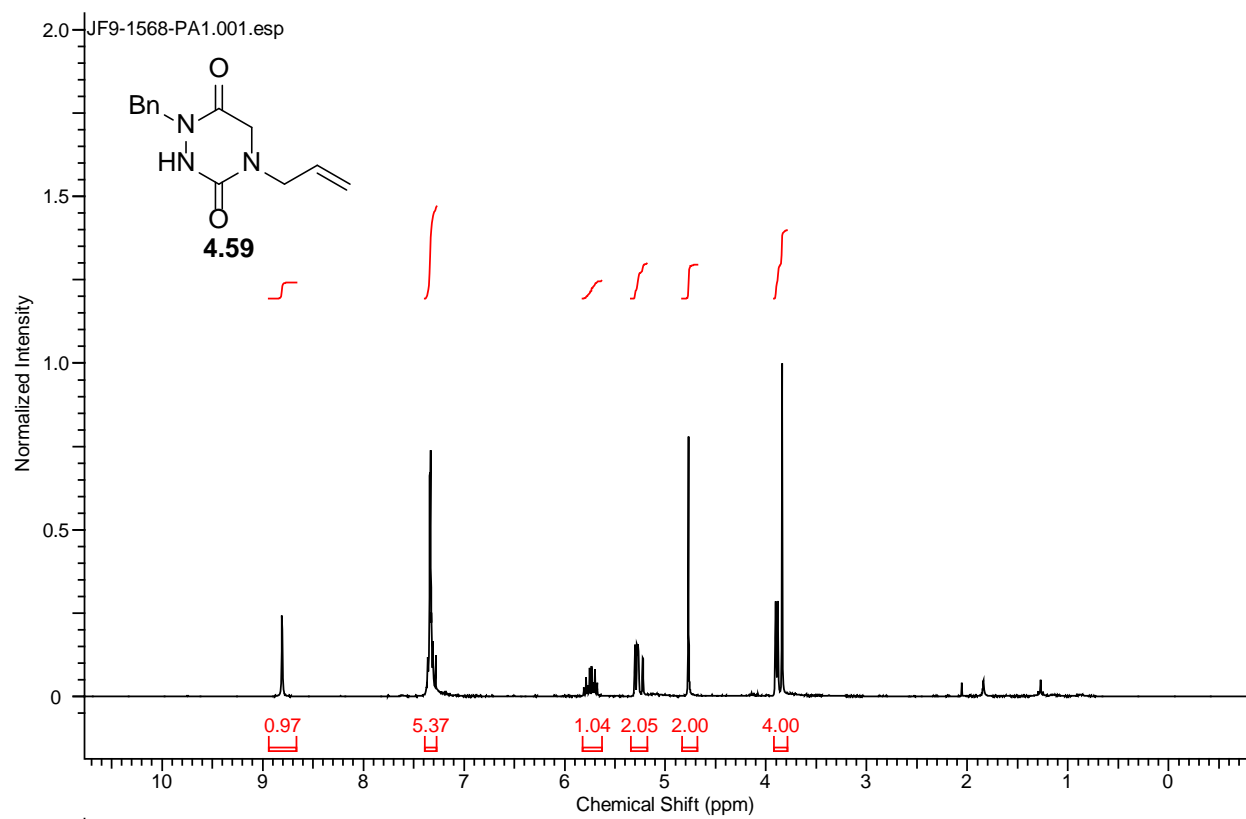


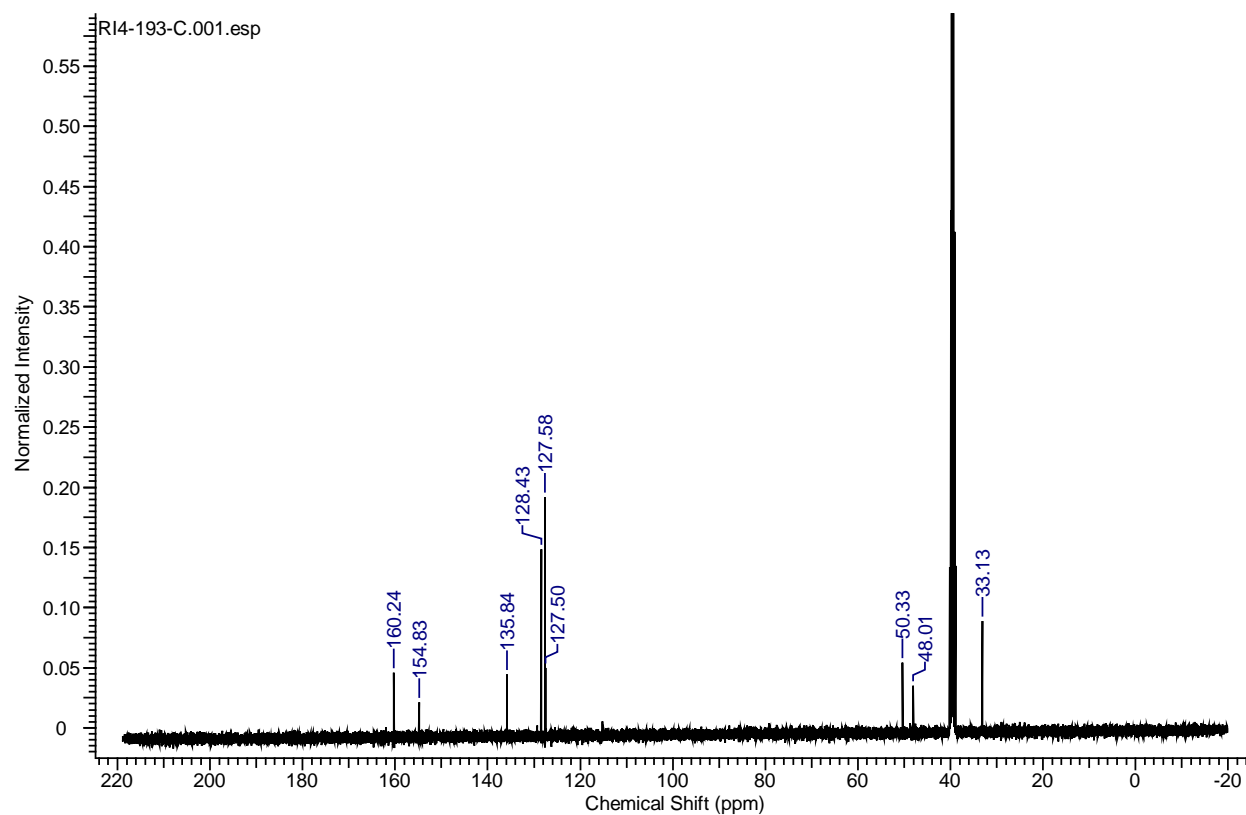
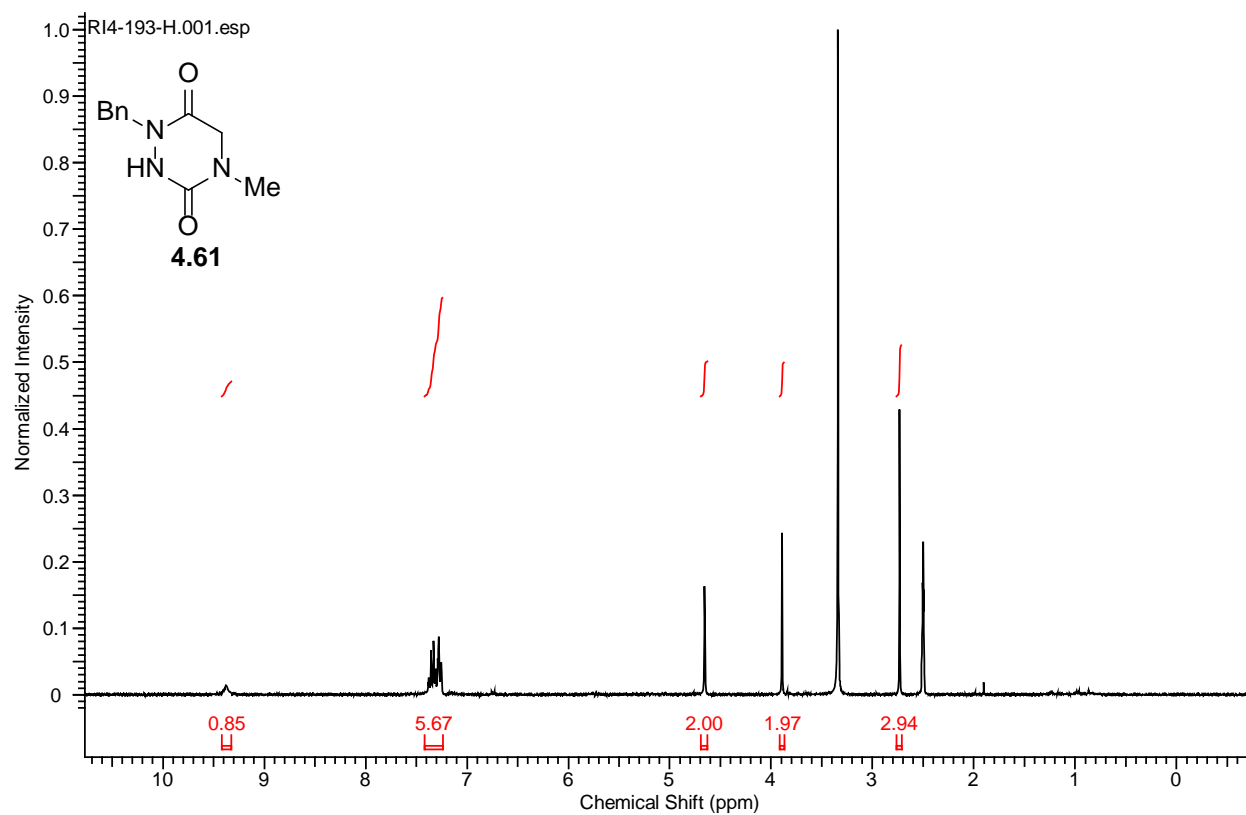


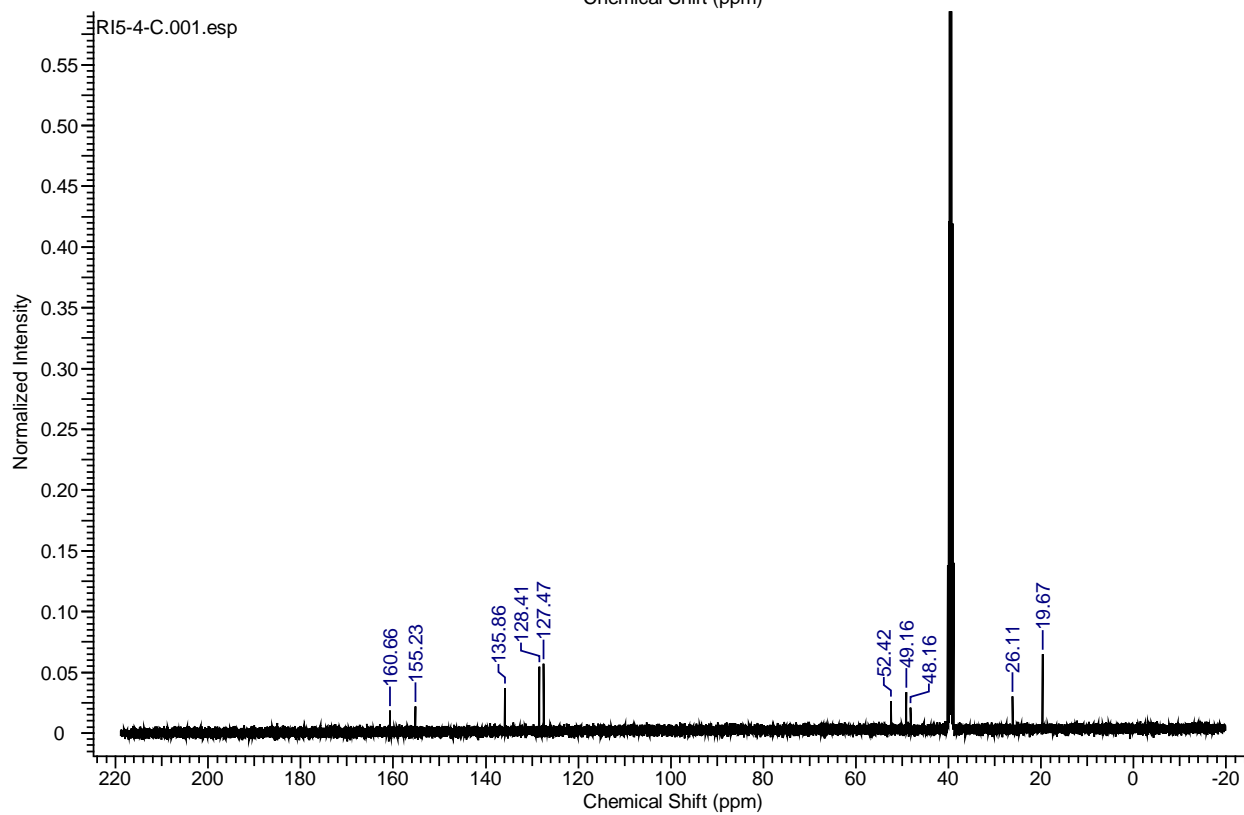
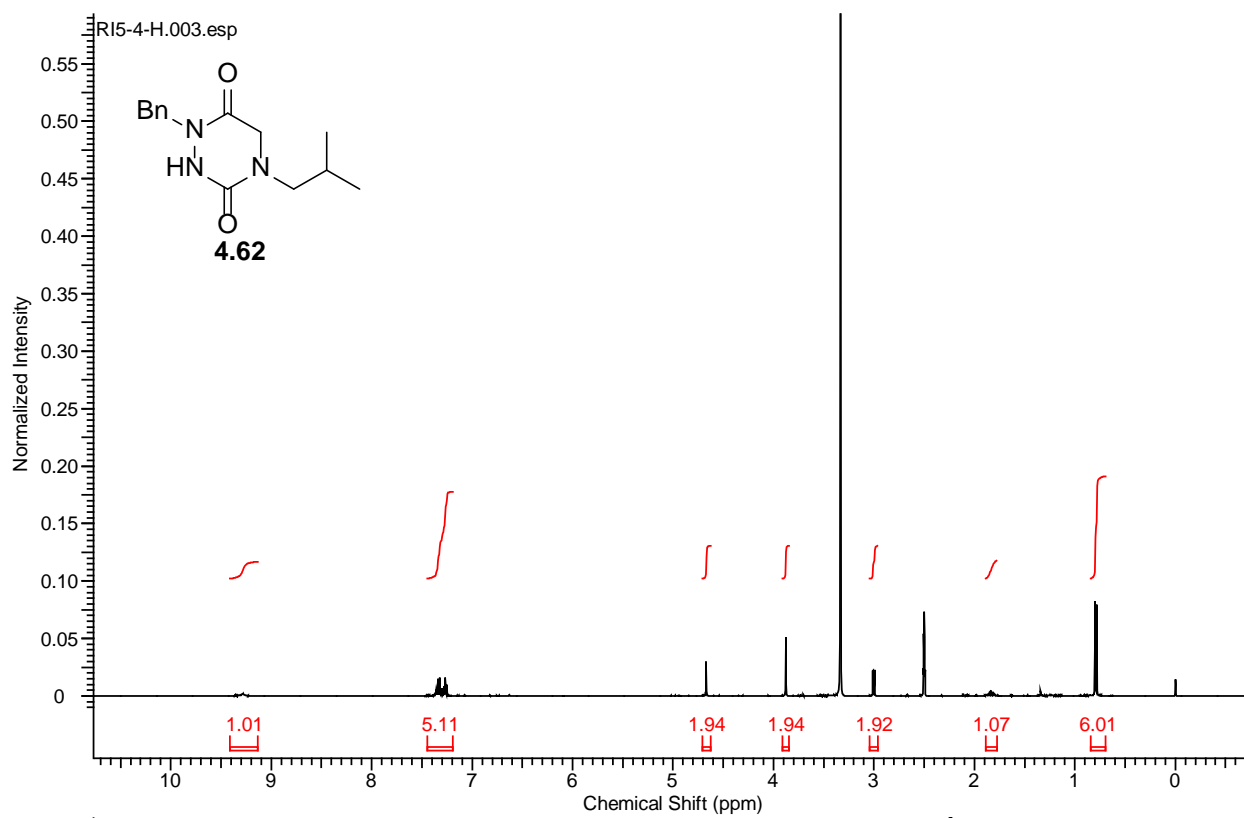


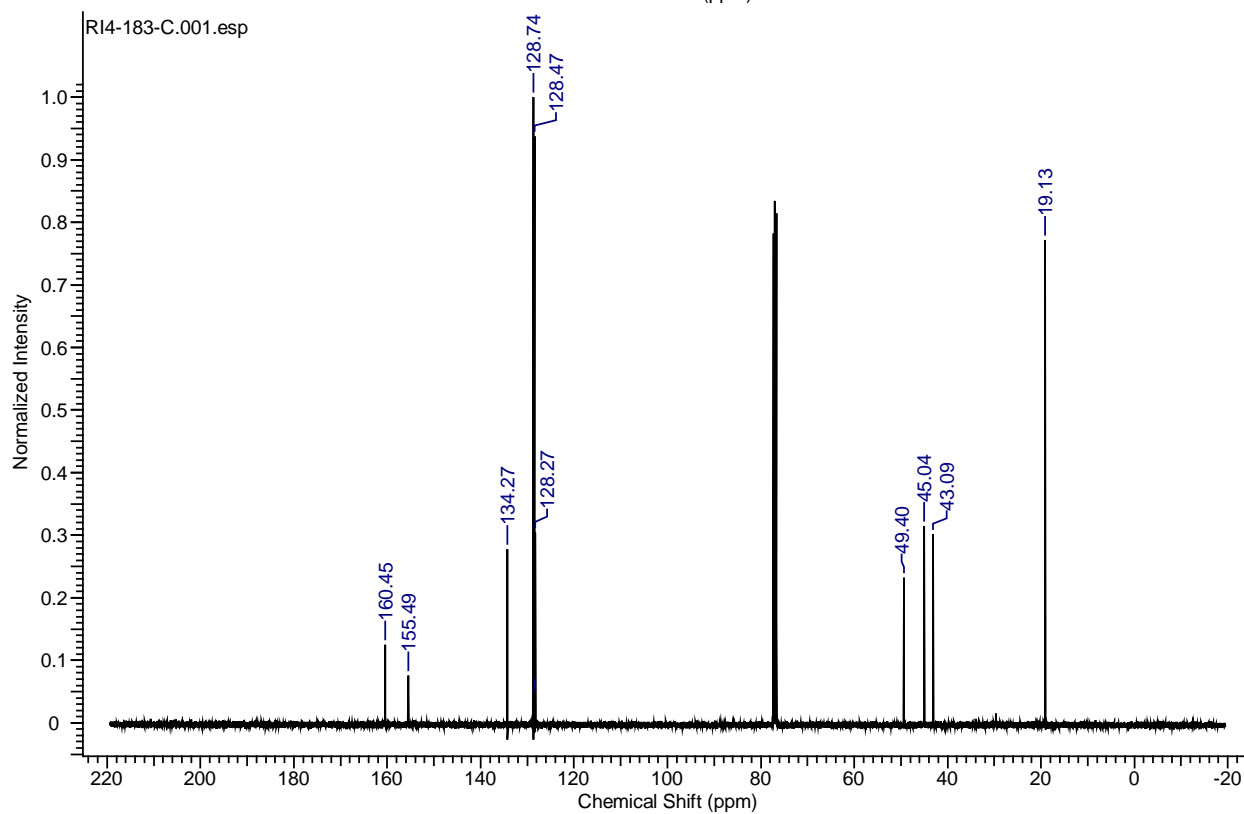
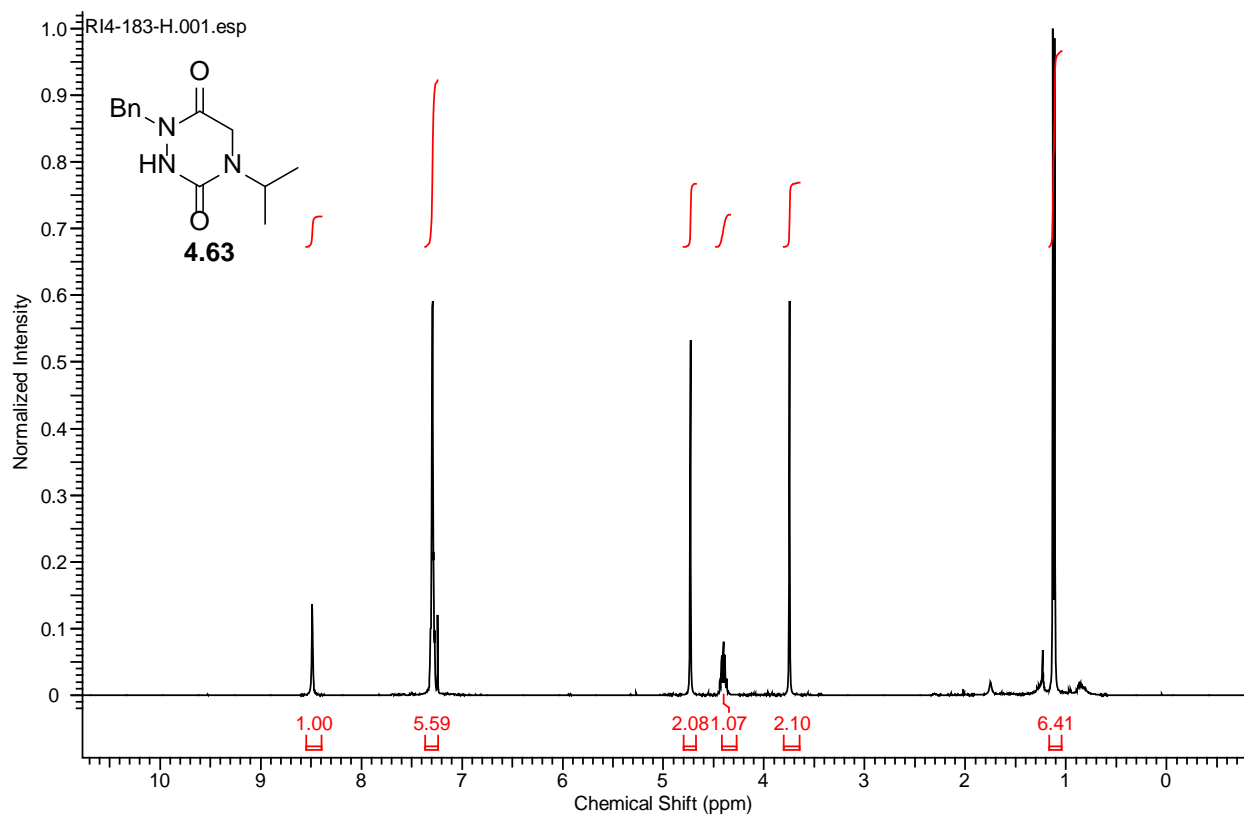


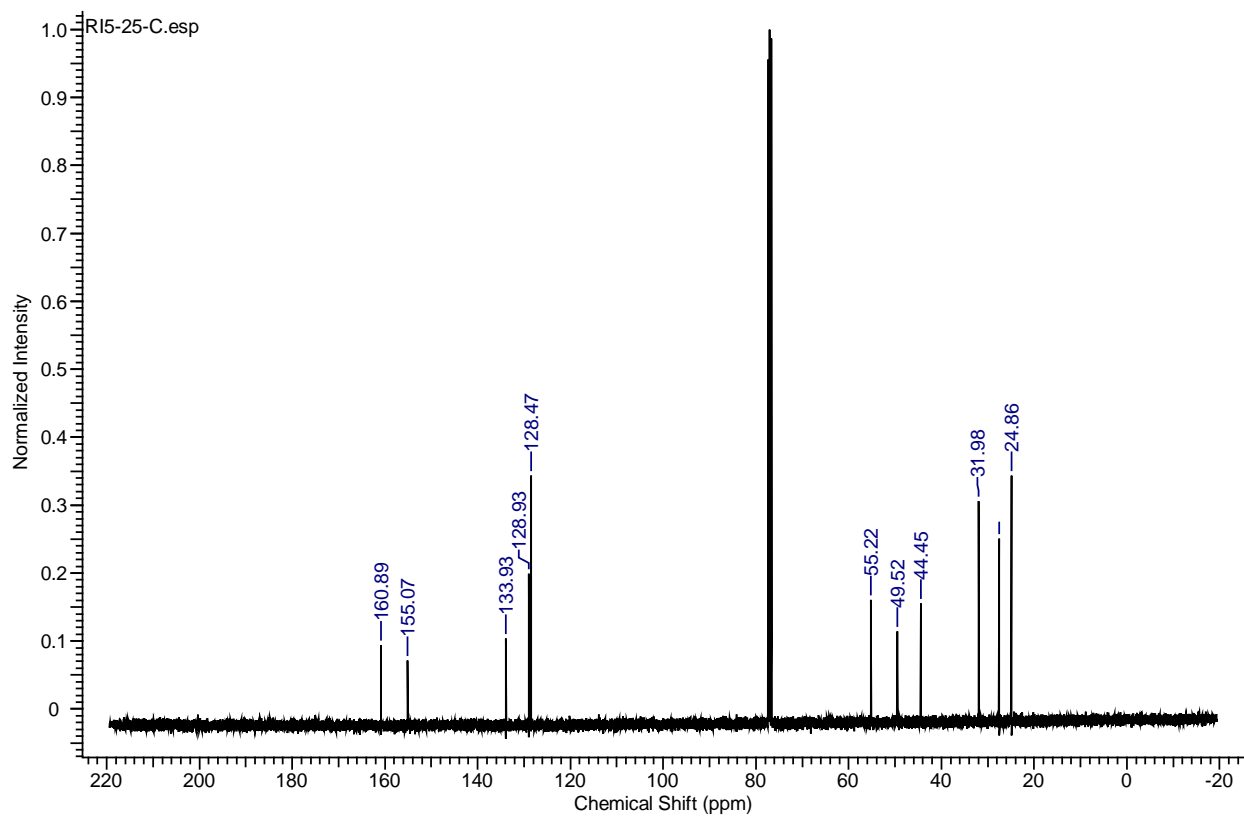
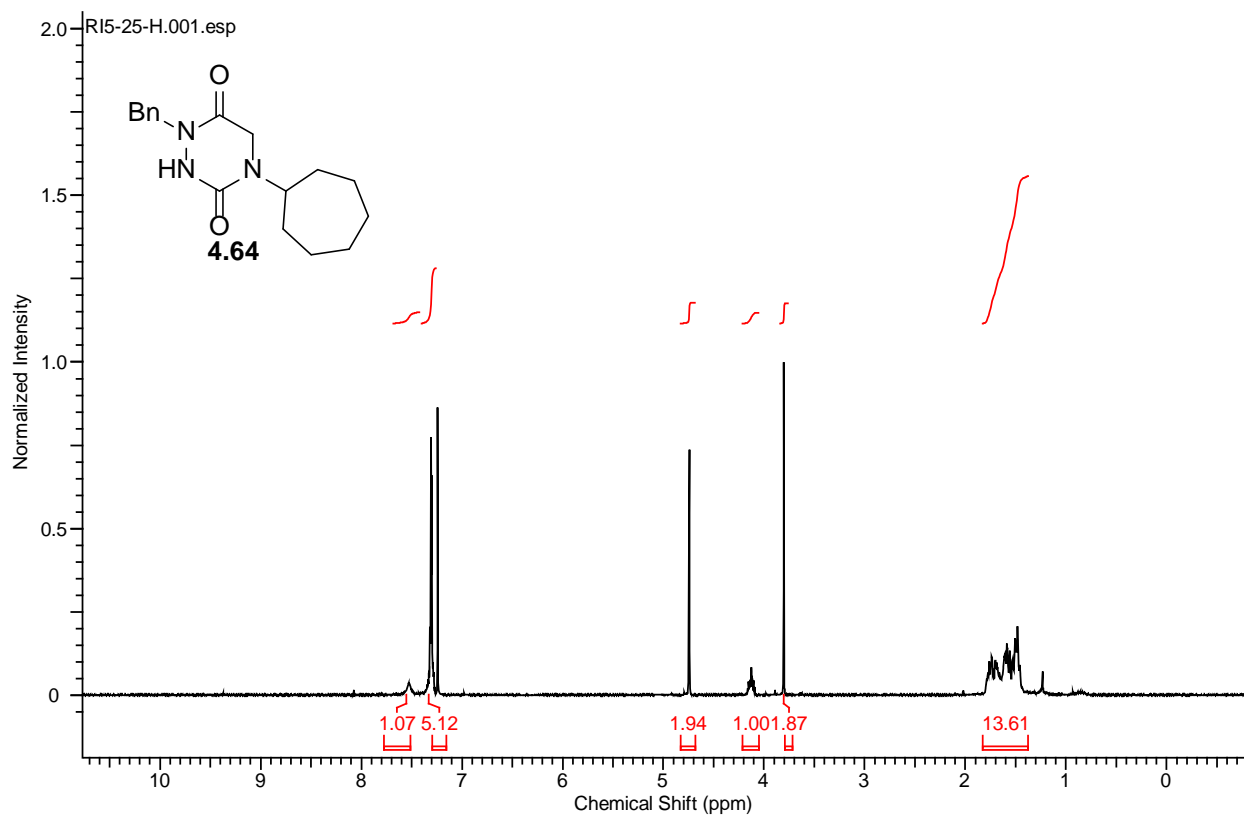


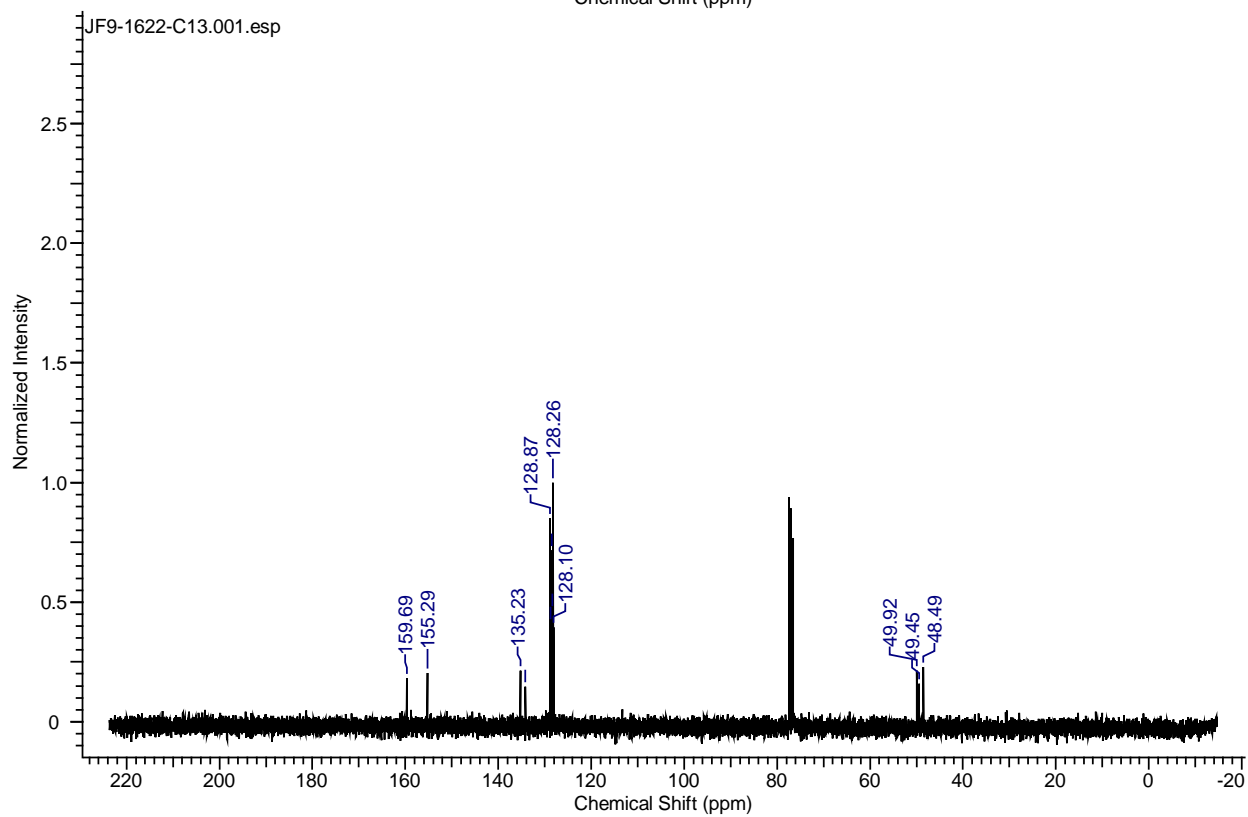
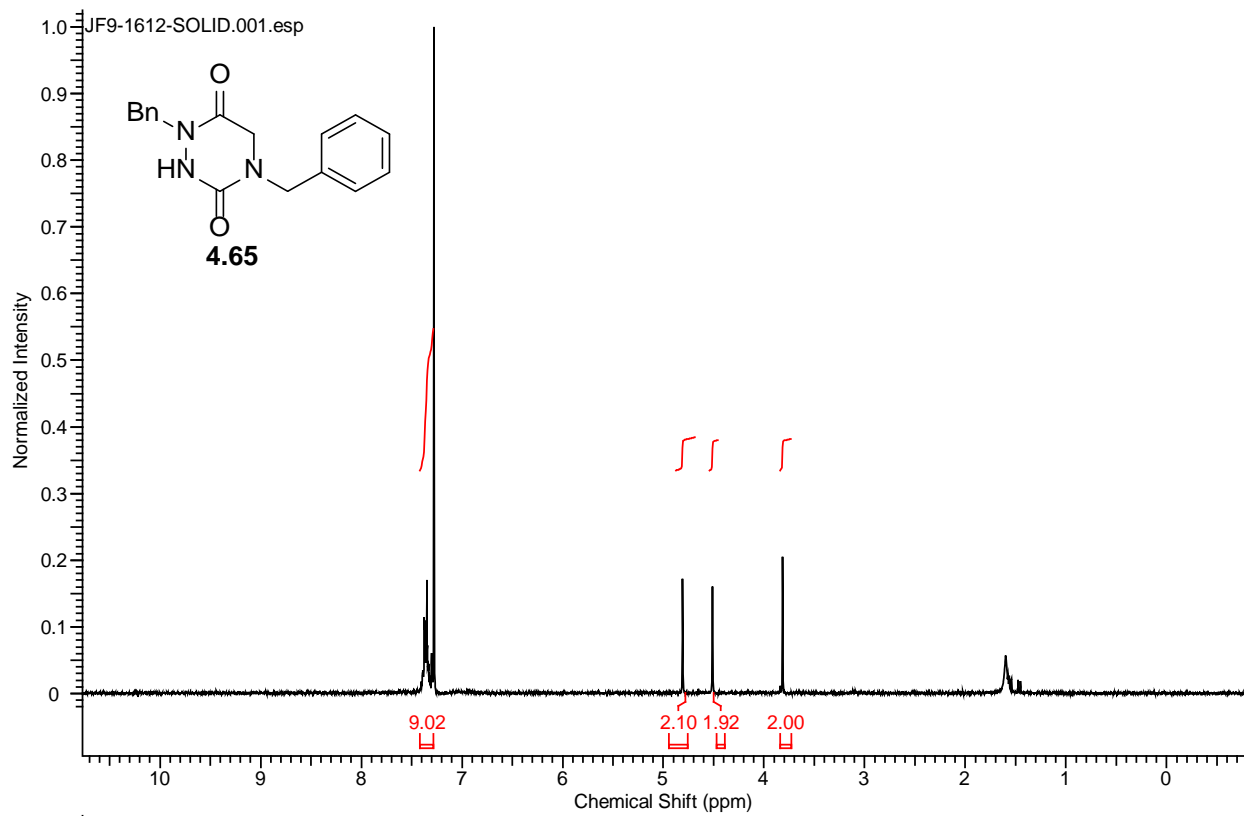


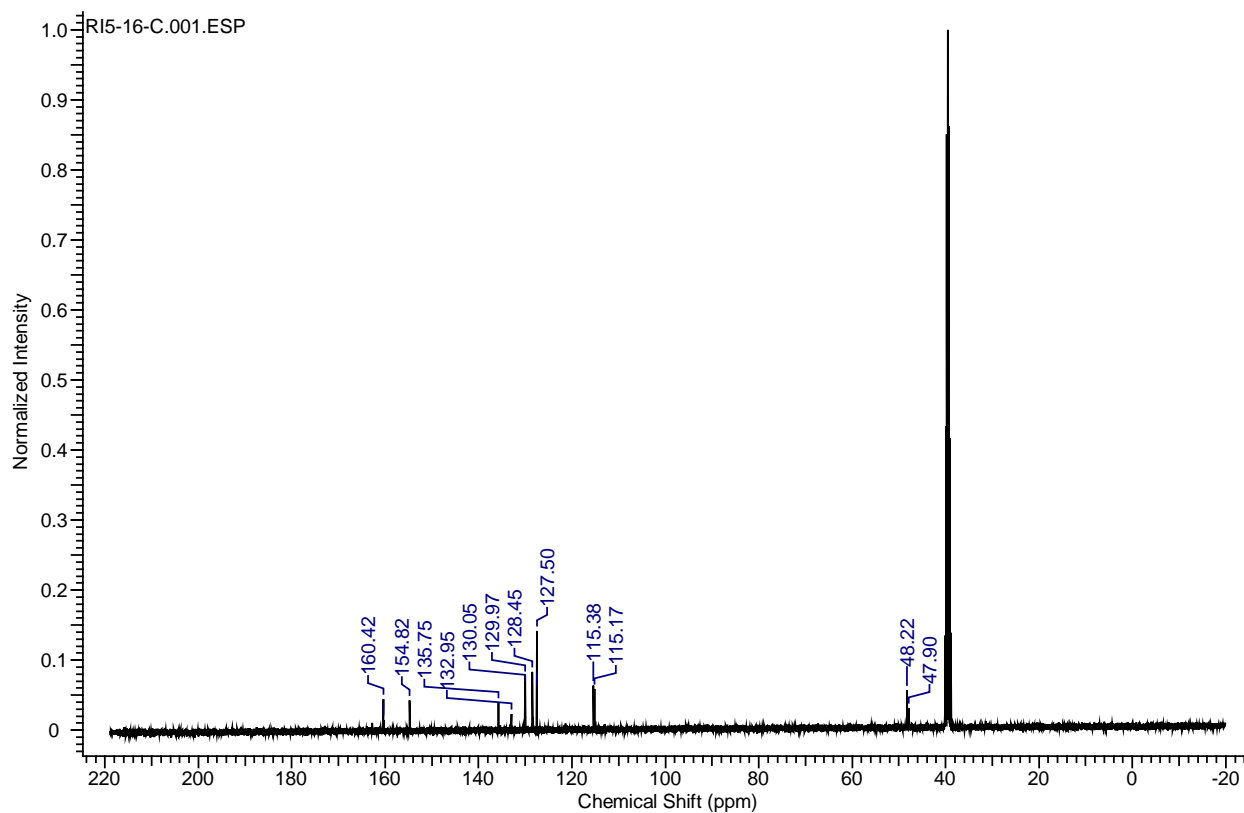
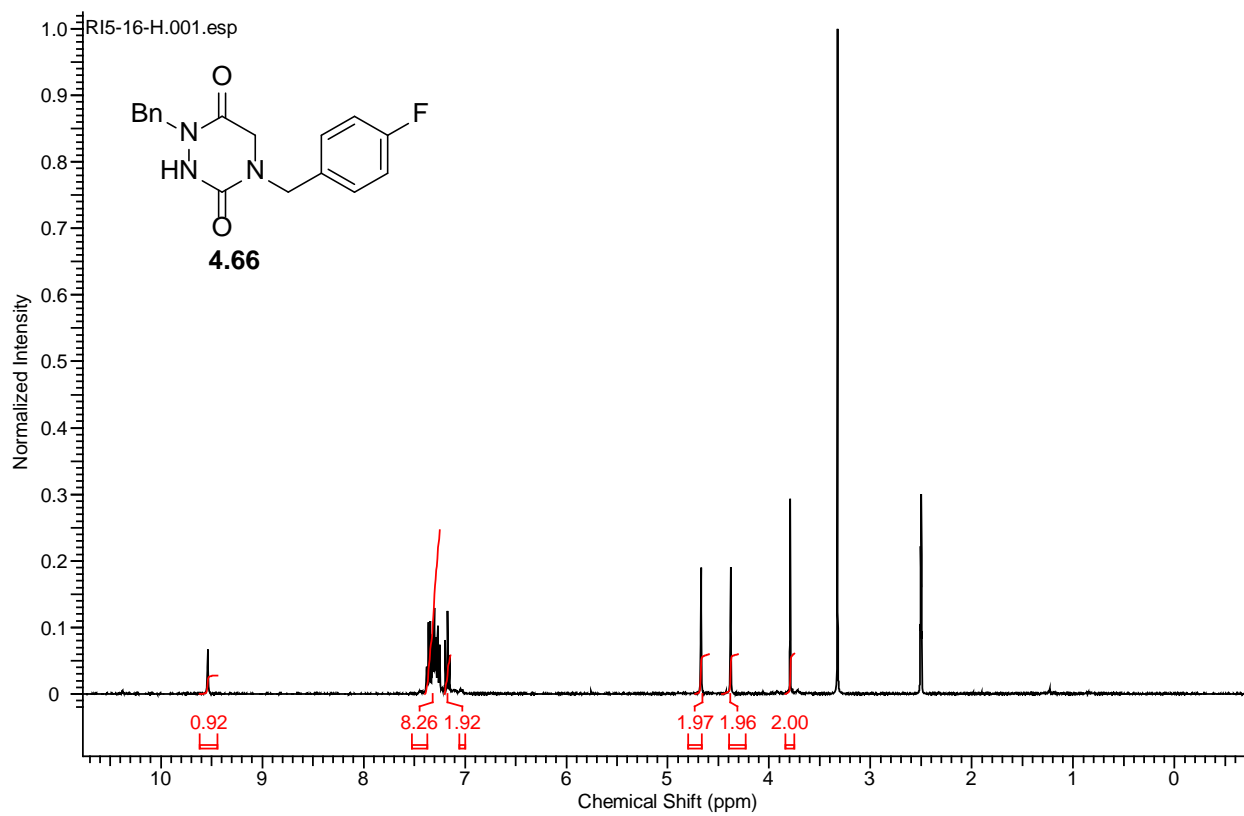


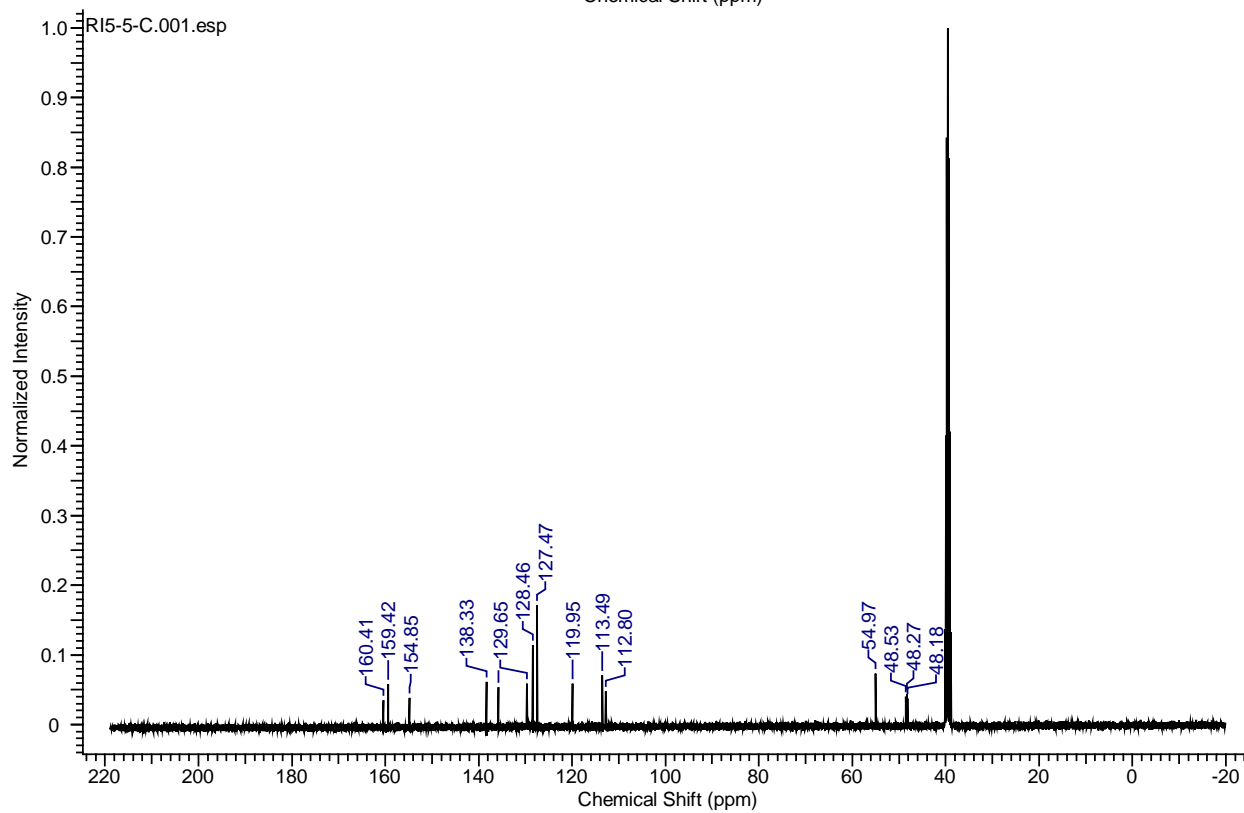
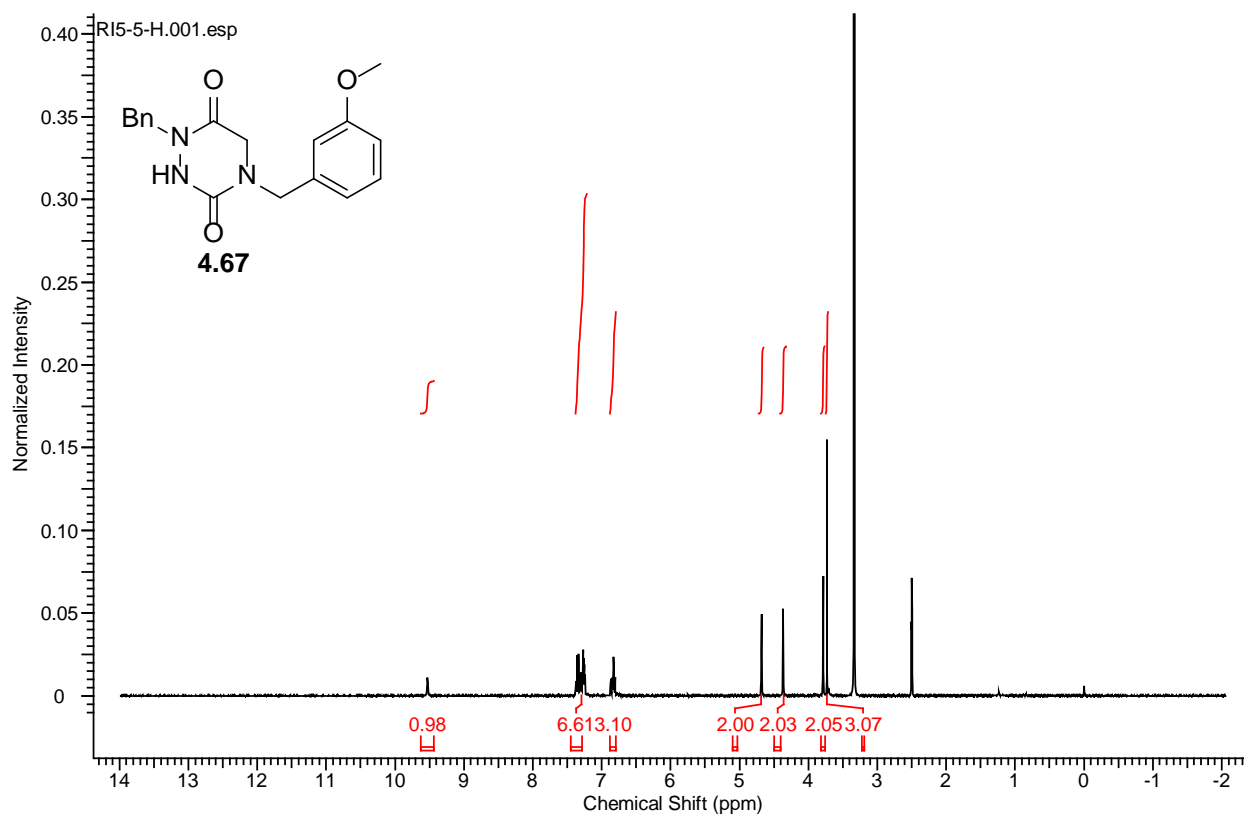


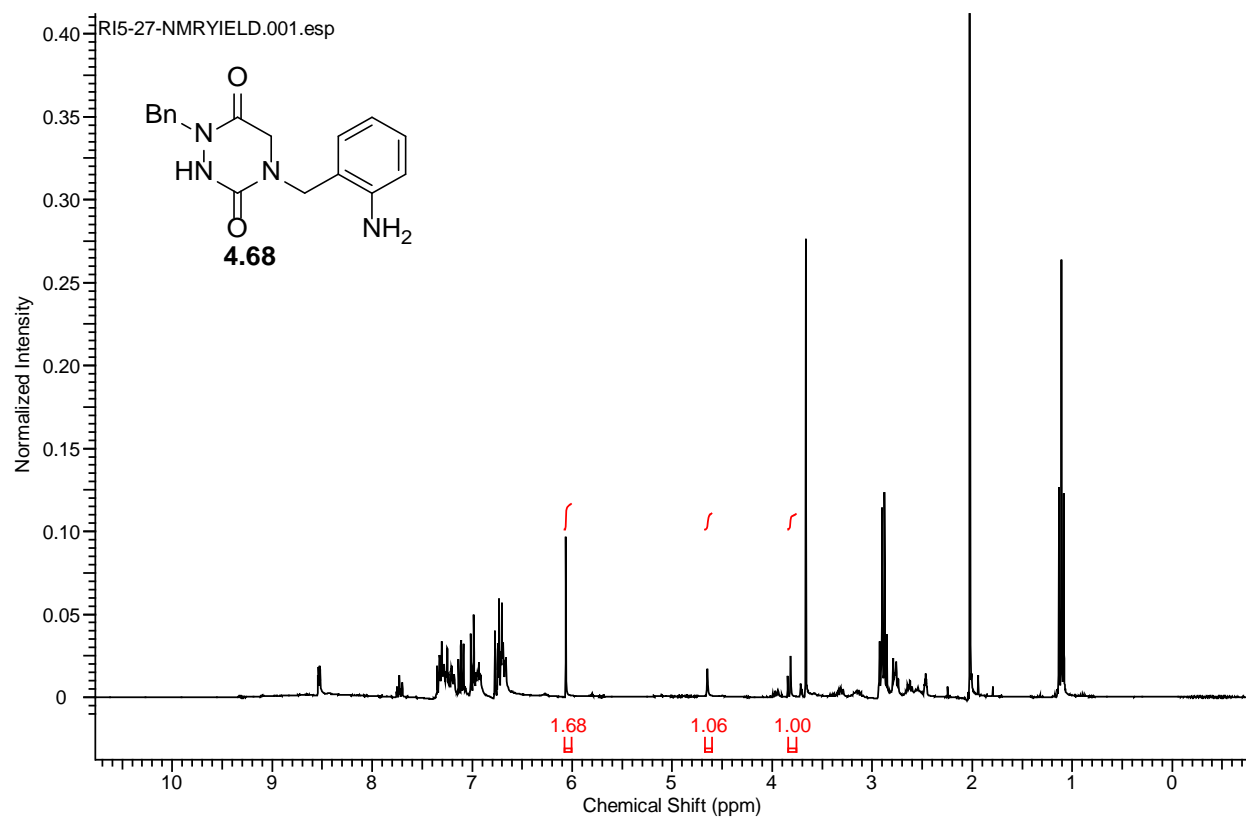












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