

# Divalent Lanthanide Complexes: Highly Active Precatalysts for the Addition of N-H and C-H Bonds to Carbodiimides

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## Experimental Section

All manipulations and reactions were performed under a purified argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques or under a nitrogen atmosphere in a glovebox. Solvents were

degassed and distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl under argon prior to use.  $\text{Sm}[\text{N}(\text{TMS})_2]_2(\text{THF})_3$  **I**;  $\text{Eu}[\text{N}(\text{TMS})_2]_2(\text{THF})_3$  **II**;  $\text{Yb}[\text{N}(\text{TMS})_2]_2(\text{THF})_3$  **III**  $(\text{MeCp})_2\text{Sm}(\text{THF})_2$  **IV**,  $\text{Sm}(\text{ArO})_2(\text{THF})_2(\text{ArO}=2,6\text{-}^t\text{Bu}_2\text{-4-MeC}_6\text{H}_2)$  **V**,  $\text{SmI}_2$  **VI**. **A** and **A'** were prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> All carbodiimides and amines were pre-dried, sublimed, recrystallized or redistilled before use. Melting points were determined in sealed Ar-filled capillary tube, and uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 300 MHz or 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in ppm. HRMS were recorded on a GCT-TOF instrument.

### **Procedures:**

**General procedure 1: for the direct synthesis of guanidines from reaction of aromatic amines with carbodiimides catalyzed by I (product 3 as an Example).** A 30 mL of Schlenk tube under dried argon was charged with **I** (0.006 g, 0.009 mmol). To the flask were added the *N,N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.239 g, 1.9 mmol), aniline (0.177 g, 1.9 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 min. The reaction mixture was then hydrolyzed with water (0.5 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (3  $\times$  10 mL), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and filtered. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was recrystallized in hexane to provide a white solid **3** in 98% yield.

**General procedure 2: for the direct synthesis of guanidines from reaction of secondary amines with carbodiimides catalyzed by I (product 18 as an Example).**

A 30 mL of Schlenk tube under dried argon was charged with **I** (0.011 g, 0.018 mmol). To the flask were added the *N,N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.441 g, 3.5 mmol), pyrrolidine (0.248 g, 3.5 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then

hydrolyzed with water (0.5 mL), extracted with hexane (3 ×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the final product **18** was obtained in 98% yield.

**General procedure 3 : for the direct synthesis of propiolamidines from reaction of terminal alkynes with carbodiimides catalyzed by I (product 28 as an Example).**

A 30.0 ml of Schlenk tube under dried argon was charged with **I** (0.010 g, 0.015 mmol), phenylacetylene (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol) and THF (1.20 mL ). To the mixture was added the *N, N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.189 g, 1.5 mmol).The Schlenk tube was taken outside and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was extracted with hexane and filtered to give a clean solution. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum; recrystallization of the crude from n-hexane afforded the product as yellow solid (94 %).

**General procedure 4 : for Synthesis and characterization of A (A =  $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}]_2\text{Sm}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{N}_4^i\text{Pr}_4)\text{Sm}\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_2]$ )**

**Synthesis:** A solution of *N, N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.204 g, 2.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added at ambient temperature with stirring to a purple solution of  $[\text{Sm}\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_2(\text{THF})_3]$  (0.1M, 20 mL, 2.0 mmol) in hexane. The color turned gradually to light yellow, and the mixture was stirred continuously for 1 h . The volume of solvent was reduced to 20 mL and stored at -10 °C for two days. light-yellow powders of A were collected (1.03 g, 43 %).

**Characterization: Element Analysis and IR**

**A =  $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{N}]_2\text{Sm}(\mu\text{-C}_2\text{N}_4^i\text{Pr}_4)\text{Sm}\{\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_2]$ ; Found: C, 37.59; H, 8.26; N, 9.11. Anal.**

Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{102}N_8Si_8Sm_2$ : C, 38.14; H, 8.59; N, 9.36. IR (KBr),  $\nu = 2966(s), 2933(w), 1646(s), 1496(m), 1384(m), 1364(m), 1248(w), 1176(m), 1128(w), 843(w) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Isolation of diketone  $O_2C_2H_2N_2^iPr_2$  from the mixture of A and two equiv. of aniline.**

A solution of A (1.196 g, 1.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to aniline (0.186 g, 2.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) with stirring at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, distilled water (10 mL) was added to the system and extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10 \text{ mL}$ ), the organic phase dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then washed with  $OEt_2$ , the white solid was obtained (0.160 g, 93 %).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 1.12-1.13(12H), 3.78-3.88(2H), 4.07-4.08(2H)$ .  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 157.4, 42.6, 24.0$ .

**for Synthesis and characterization of A' ( $A' = (MeCp)_2Sm(\mu-C_2N_4^iPr_4)Sm(CpMe)_2$ )**

**Synthesis:** A solution of *N, N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.153 g, 1.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added at ambient temperature with stirring to a purple solution of  $Sm(CpMe)_2(THF)_2$  (0.1 M, 15 mL, 1.5 mmol) in THF. The color turned gradually to light yellow, and the mixture was stirred continuously for 1.5 h. The volume of solvent was reduced to 10 mL and stored at  $-20^\circ C$  for one week. light-yellow powders of A' were collected (0.731 g, 56 %).

**Characterization: Element Analysis and IR**

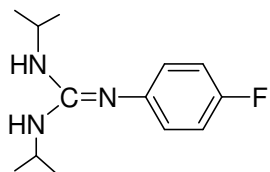
$A' = (MeCp)_2Sm(\mu-C_2N_4^iPr_4)Sm(CpMe)_2$ : Found: C, 51.66; H, 6.54; N, 6.31. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{58}N_4Sm_2$ : C, 52.36; H, 6.71; N, 6.43. IR (KBr),  $\nu = 2965(m), 2925(m), 1642(m), 1298(m), 1197(s), 1173(s), 987(s), 747(s) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Isolation of diketone  $O_2C_2H_2N_2^iPr_2$  from the mixture of A' and two equiv. of aniline.**

A solution of A' (0.871 g, 1.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to aniline (0.186 g, 2.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) with stirring at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, distilled water (10 mL) was

added to the system and extracted with dichloromethane (3 ×10 mL), the organic phase dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then washed with OEt<sub>2</sub>, the white solid was obtained (0.153 g, 89 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ =1.12-1.13(12H), 3.78-3.88(2H), 4.07-4.08(2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 157.4, 42.6, 24.0.

### Spectroscopic data for the products



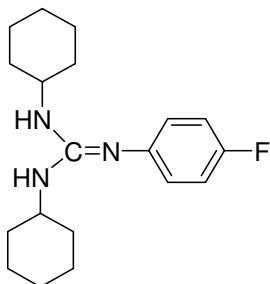
***N-p-fluorophenyl-N', N''-diisopropylguanidine (1)***: product 1 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields.

Mp □ 130-131 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.95-6.91 (2H), 6.79-6.75 (2H), 3.74(2H), 3.52(2H), 1.16-1.14(12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 148.0, 144.6, 141.8, 123.4, 122.5, 28.3, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>: 237.1641, found: 237.1653.



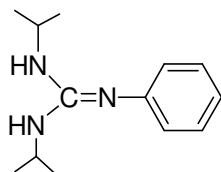
***N-p-fluorophenyl-N', N''-dicyclohexylguanidine (2)***: product 2 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99 % yields.

Mp □ 168-169 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.94-6.90 (2H), 6.78-6.75 (2H), 3.59 (2H), 3.38 (2H), 1.99-1.03(20H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.6, 124.9, 124.8, 116.1, 115.9, 50.4, 34.0, 25.9, 25.2.

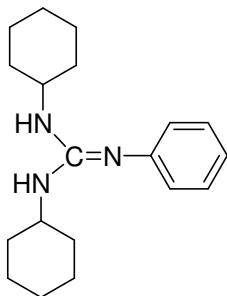
HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>: 317.2267, found: 317.2276



***N-phenyl-N', N''-diisopropylguanidine (3)***: product 3 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields □ Known compound.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.22 (2H), 6.95-6.91 (1H), 6.86-6.84(2H), 3.77 (2H), 3.61(2H), 1.17-1.15 (12H).

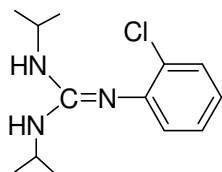
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.5, 150.4, 129.5, 123.7, 121.5, 43.4, 23.6.



***N*-phenyl-*N'*, *N''*-dicyclohexylguanidine (4):** product 4 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99 % yields, Known compound.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.25-7.23 (2H), 6.95-6.91 (1H), 6.88-6.86 (2H), 3.64 (2H), 3.42 (2H), 2.03-1.05 (20H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.7, 150.7, 129.5, 123.9, 121.6, 50.5, 34.1, 26.0, 25.2.

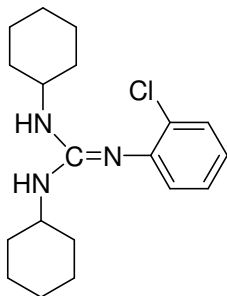


***N*-o-chlorophenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (5):** product 5 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99 % yields, Mp: 137-138 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.35-7.33 (1H), 7.15-7.11 (1H), 6.91-6.85 (2H), 3.79-3.77 (2H), 3.48 (2H), 1.19-1.17 (12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.1, 147.2, 130.1, 128.5, 127.8, 125.5, 122.7, 43.6, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>: 253.1346, found: 253.1356.



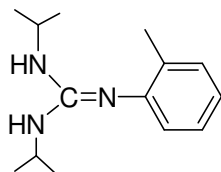
***N*-o-chlorophenyl-*N'*, *N''*-dicyclohexylguanidine (6):** product 6 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99.3 % yields.

Mp: 137-138 °C.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.34\text{-}7.33(1\text{H})$ ,  $7.15\text{-}7.11(1\text{H})$ ,  $6.92\text{-}6.85(2\text{H})$ ,  $3.56(2\text{H})$ ,  $3.42(2\text{H})$ ,  $2.05\text{-}1.06(20\text{H})$ .

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 150.1$ ,  $147.6$ ,  $130.1$ ,  $128.7$ ,  $127.8$ ,  $125.6$ ,  $122.6$ ,  $50.5$ ,  $34.1$ ,  $26.0$ ,  $25.2$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClN}_3$ :  $333.1972$ , found:  $333.1963$ .

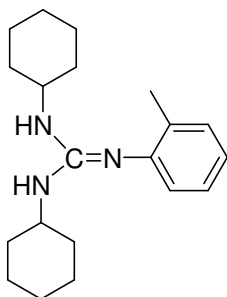


***N*-o-methylphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (7)**: product 7 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 95 % yields. Known compound.<sup>3</sup>

Mp  $\square$   $124\text{-}125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.15\text{-}7.14(1\text{H})$ ,  $7.11\text{-}7.07(1\text{H})$ ,  $6.90\text{-}6.86(1\text{H})$ ,  $6.78\text{-}6.76(1\text{H})$ ,  $3.76(2\text{H})$ ,  $3.46(2\text{H})$ ,  $2.14(3\text{H})$ ,  $1.17\text{-}1.15(12\text{H})$ .

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 149.1$ ,  $148.6$ ,  $131.8$ ,  $130.6$ ,  $126.8$ ,  $123.4$ ,  $121.9$ ,  $43.4$ ,  $23.7$ ,  $18.4$

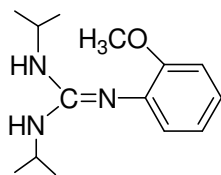


***N*-o-methylphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-dicyclohexylguanidine (8)**: product 8 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields. Known compound.<sup>3</sup>

Mp  $\square$   $134\text{-}135\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 6.95\text{-}6.91(2\text{H})$ ,  $6.80\text{-}6.76(2\text{H})$ ,  $3.62(2\text{H})$ ,  $3.40(2\text{H})$ ,  $2.00(3\text{H})$ ,  $1.97\text{-}1.03(20\text{H})$ .

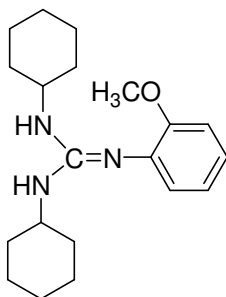
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 148.9$ ,  $148.7$ ,  $131.9$ ,  $130.6$ ,  $126.8$ ,  $123.5$ ,  $121.9$ ,  $50.4$ ,  $34.2$ ,  $25.9$ ,  $25.2$ ,  $18.4$ .



***N*-o-methoxyphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (9):** product 9 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields, Known compound.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.94-6.86(4H), 3.78 (5H), 3.56 (2H), 2.00(3H), 1.17-1.15(12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 152.4, 150.7, 139.2, 124.7, 122.2, 121.3, 111.8, 55.6, 43.3, 23.4.



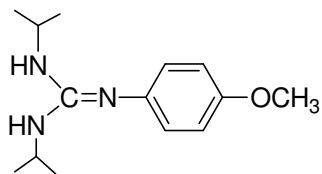
***N*-o-methoxyphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-dicyclohexylguanidine (10):** product 10 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 92 % yields.

Mp: 122-123 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.96-6.85(4H), 3.79 (3H), 3.60 (2H), 3.45 (2H), 2.04-1.04(20H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 152.6, 150.5, 139.3, 125.0, 122.4, 121.4, 111.9, 55.7, 50.4, 34.0, 25.9, 25.1.

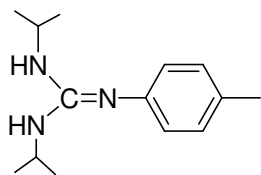
HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: 329.2467, found: 329.2458.



***N*-p-methoxyphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine(11):** product 11 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 95 % yields. Known compound.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.83-6.76(4H), 3.77 (5H), 3.57 (2H), 1.16-1.14(12H).

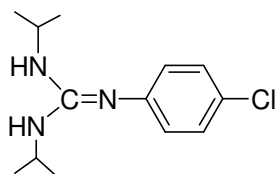
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 154.7, 150.9, 143.4, 124.5, 114.8, 55.6, 43.4, 23.6.



***N*-p-methylphenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (12):** product 12 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 90 % yields. Known compound.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.05-7.03(2H), 6.75-6.73(2H), 3.75 (2H), 3.58 (2H), 2.27(3H), 1.16-1.14(12H).

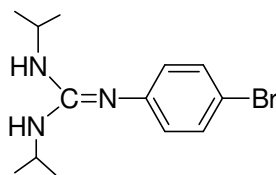
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.6, 147.6, 130.7, 130.1, 123.5, 43.4, 23.6, 21.1.



***N*-p-chlorophenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (13):** product 13 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields. Known compound.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.20-7.18(2H), 6.79-6.77(2H), 3.75 (2H), 3.60 (2H), 1.17-1.15(12H).

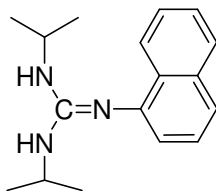
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.5, 149.2, 129.4, 126.4, 125.1, 43.5, 23.6.



***N*-p-bromophenyl-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (14):** product 14 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99 % yields. Known compound.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.33-7.31(2H), 6.73-6.71(2H), 3.74 (2H), 3.56 (2H), 1.15-1.14(12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.4, 149.7, 132.4, 125.6, 114.0, 43.5, 23.6.

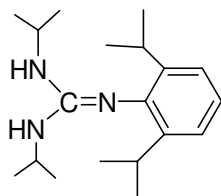


***N*-(1-naphthyl)-*N'*, *N''*-diisopropylguanidine (15)** product 15 was obtained following the

procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 96 % yields. Known compound.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.08-8.06(1H), 7.80-7.78(1H), 7.47-7.35(4H), 6.93-6.91(1H), 3.88 (2H), 3.63 (2H), 1.19-1.17(12H).

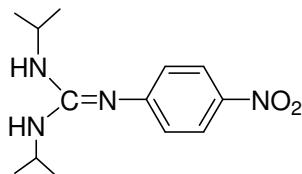
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 150.2, 147.1, 135.1, 129.9, 128.1, 126.8, 126.1, 125.0, 124.7, 121.7, 118.1, 43.6, 23.7.



***N,N'*-diisopropyl-*N'*-2,6-diisopropylphenylguanidine (16)**: product 16 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 95 % yields. Known compound.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.07-7.05(2H), 6.98-6.94(1H), 4.19(1H), 3.43-3.19(3H), 3.11-3.04 (2H), 3.56 (2H), 1.25-1.04(24H).

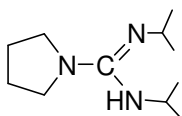
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 147.7, 144.3, 141.6, 123.2, 122.3, 43.5, 42.7, 28.0, 23.9.



***N-p*-nitrophenyl-*N',N''*-diisopropylguanidine(17)**: product 17 was obtained following the procedure 1 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a yellow solid in 95 % yields. Known compound.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.11-8.09(2H), 6.90-6.88(2H), 4.19(1H), 3.83-3.78(4H), 1.19-1.18(12H).

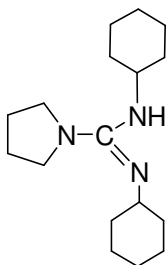
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 158.6, 150.8, 141.1, 125.9, 123.1, 43.7, 23.6.



***N,N'*-diisopropylpyrrolidine-1-carboximidamide (18)**: product 18 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 98 % yields. Known compound.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 3.38(2H), 3.26(4H), 1.80(4H), 1.11-1.10(12H).

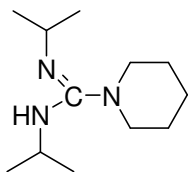
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 153.7, 47.9, 46.8, 26.3, 24.8$ .



***N, N'*-dicyclohexylpyrrolidine-1-carboximidamide (19)**: product 19 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields. Known compound.<sup>6</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 3.21(4\text{H}), 2.89(2\text{H}), 1.75-1.08(24\text{H})$ .

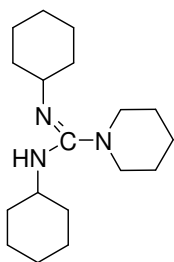
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***N, N'*-diisopropylpiperidine-1-carboximidamide (20)**: product 20 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 97 % yields. Known compound.<sup>6</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 3.40-3.30(2\text{H}), 3.03(4\text{H}), 1.53(6\text{H}), 1.10-1.08(12\text{H})$ .

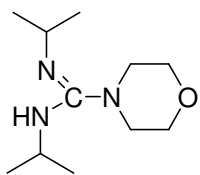
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***N, N'*-dicyclohexylpiperidine-1-carboximidamide (21)**: product 21 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 98 % yields. Known compound.<sup>6</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 3.02(4\text{H}), 2.87(2\text{H}), 1.90-1.05(26\text{H})$ .

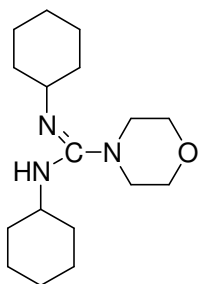
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***N, N'*-diisopropylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (22):** product 22 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 93 % yields. Known compound<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 3.69-3.67(4H), 3.42-3.39(1H), 3.32-3.29(1H), 3.08-3.06(4H), 1.14-1.06(12H).

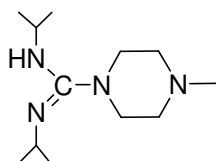
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***N, N'*-dicyclohexylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (23):** product 23 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a white solid in 99 % yields. Known compound.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 3.66(4H), 3.06(4H), 2.97-2.88(2H), 1.90-1.02(20H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 155.2, 67.5, 56.7, 54.0, 49.1, 35.6, 34.9, 26.3, 26.1, 25.9.

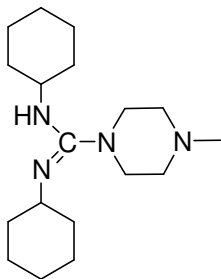


***N, N'*-diisopropyl-4-methylpiperazine-1-carboximidamide (24):** product 24 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 87 % yields.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 3.12(2H), 2.88(4H), 2.16(4H), 2.05(3H), 0.86-0.84(12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 154.9, 55.2, 47.7, 46.6, 46.1, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 226.2157, found: 226.2151.

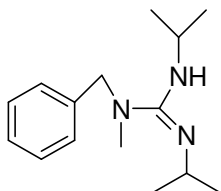


***N, N'*-dicyclohexyl -4-methylpiperazine-1-carboxamide (25):** product 25 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 90 % yields.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10(4H), 2.95-2.87(2H), 2.36(4H), 2.27(3H), 1.88-1.01(20H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.4, 52.9, 45.2, 43.8, 32.4, 23.3, 23.0, 22.2.

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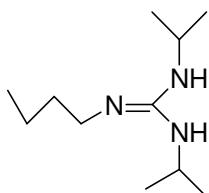


***N*-benzyl-*N*-methyl-*N',N''*- diisopropylguanidine (26):** product 26 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 95 % yields.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.32-7.29(3H), 7.24-7.20(2H), 4.30(2H), 3.50-3.35(2H), 2.61(3H), 1.12 (12H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 155.9, 139.7, 128.5, 128.0, 126.9, 55.4, 37.1, 24.9.

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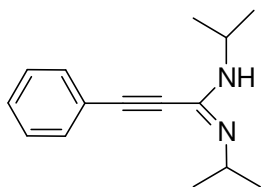


***N*-butyl-*N',N''*- diisopropylguanidine (27):** product 27 was obtained following the procedure 2 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless liquid in 94 % yields.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.57-3.48(2H), 3.05-2.98(2H), 1.53-1.48(2H), 1.42-1.34(2H), 1.15-1.07(12), 0.94-0.91(3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 151.8, 44.7, 34.0, 33.7, 24.6, 21.2, 14.7,.

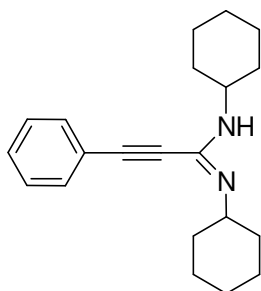
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**(E)-N, N'-diisopropyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (28):** product 28 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 94 % yields. Known compound<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.51-7.48(2H), 7.39-7.33(3H), 3.99-3.93(2H), 1.17-1.16(12H),

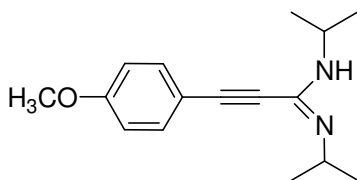
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 141.0, 131.7, 129.1, 128.2, 121.2, 91.6, 91.4, 79.0, 45.8, 23.7.



**(E)-N, N'- dicyclohexyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (29):** product 29 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 95 % yields. Known compound<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.52-7.26(5H), 3.60(2H), 1.89-1.18(20H).

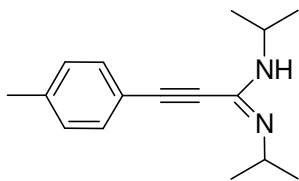
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 141.9, 132.2, 129.6, 92.3, 79.6, 55.8, 53.0, 34.5, 33.4, 26.4, 26.0, 25.3, 22.9



**(E)-N, N'- diisopropyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propiolamide (30):** product 30 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a light yellow solid in 96 % yields. Known compound<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.43-7.41(2H), 6.87-6.85(2H), 3.95-3.92(2H), 3.82(3H), 1.16-1.14(12H).

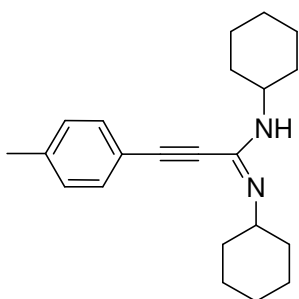
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**(E)-N,N'-diisopropyl-3-p-tolylpropiolamidine (31):** product 32 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 95 % yields. Known compound<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.38-7.37(2H), 7.16-7.14(2H), 3.96-3.93(2H), 2.36(3H), 1.16-1.14(12H).

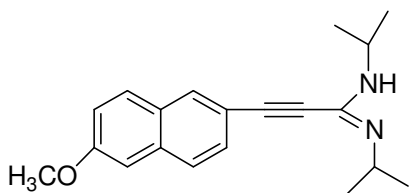
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 141.7, 139.9, 132.1, 129.4, 118.6, 92.3, 79.0, 47.2, 24.1 21.8



**(E)-N,N'-dicyclohexyl-3-p-tolylpropiolamidine(32):** product 33 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 90% yields. Known compound<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.37-7.35(2H), 7.16-7.14(2H), 3.60-3.47(2H), 2.36(3H), 1.88-1.21(20H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 159.5, 132.9, 130.2, 129.6, 127.8, 120.5, 106.6, 56.1, 47.9 35.1, 26.6, 25.9.

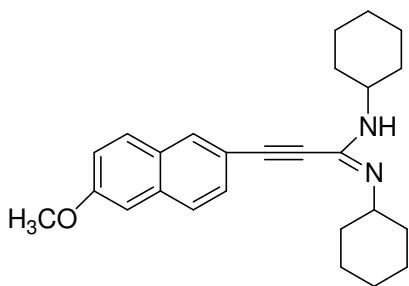


**(E)-N,N'-diisopropyl-3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propiolamidine(33):** product 34 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 98% yields.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.94(1H), 7.72-7.68(2H), 7.48-7.46(1H), 7.18-7.16(1H), 7.11(1H), 4.03-3.97(2H), 3.92(3H), 1.19-1.17(12H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 159.1, 141.9, 135.0, 132.5, 129.8, 128.7, 127.4, 120.1, 116.6 106.2, 92.9, 79.5, 55.8, 44.0, 24.5

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O$ : 308.1889, found: 308.1903.

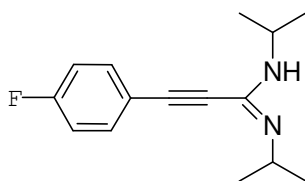


**(E)-N,N'-dicyclohexyl-3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propiolamidine(34):** product 35 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 97% yields.

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.92(1H), 7.73-7.69(2H), 7.48-7.45(1H), 7.19-7.12(2H), 3.93(3H), 3.65-3.64(2H), 1.92-1.21(20H).

$^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 159.0, 142.2, 134.9, 132.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 127.3, 112.0, 116.5, 106.1, 93.1, 79.3, 55.6, 49.2, 34.6, 26.1, 25.4.

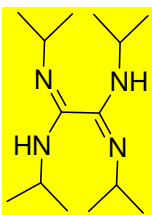
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**(E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N,N'-diisopropylpropiolamidine(35):** product 36 was obtained following the procedure 3 catalyzed by catalysts **I** and isolated as a colorless solid in 90% yields. Known compound <sup>8</sup>.

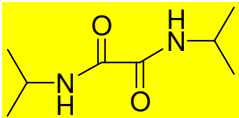
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$^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.0, 161.7, 141.3, 134.3, 134.2, 117.8, 116.3, 116.0, 90.8, 79.3, 48.6, 24.2.



**1E,2E-N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>1'</sup>,N<sup>2</sup>,N<sup>2'</sup>-tetraisopropylloxalamidine(36):** product 36 was obtained following the procedure 4 catalyzed by catalysts **I** or **IV** and isolate as a white solid. Known compound.<sup>9</sup>

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 1.14-1.16(24H), 3.77-3.86(4H).



**N<sup>1</sup>,N<sup>2</sup>-diisopropylloxalamide(37)**: product 37 was obtained following the procedure 4 catalyzed by catalysts **I** or **IV** and isolate as a white solid. Known compound.<sup>10</sup>

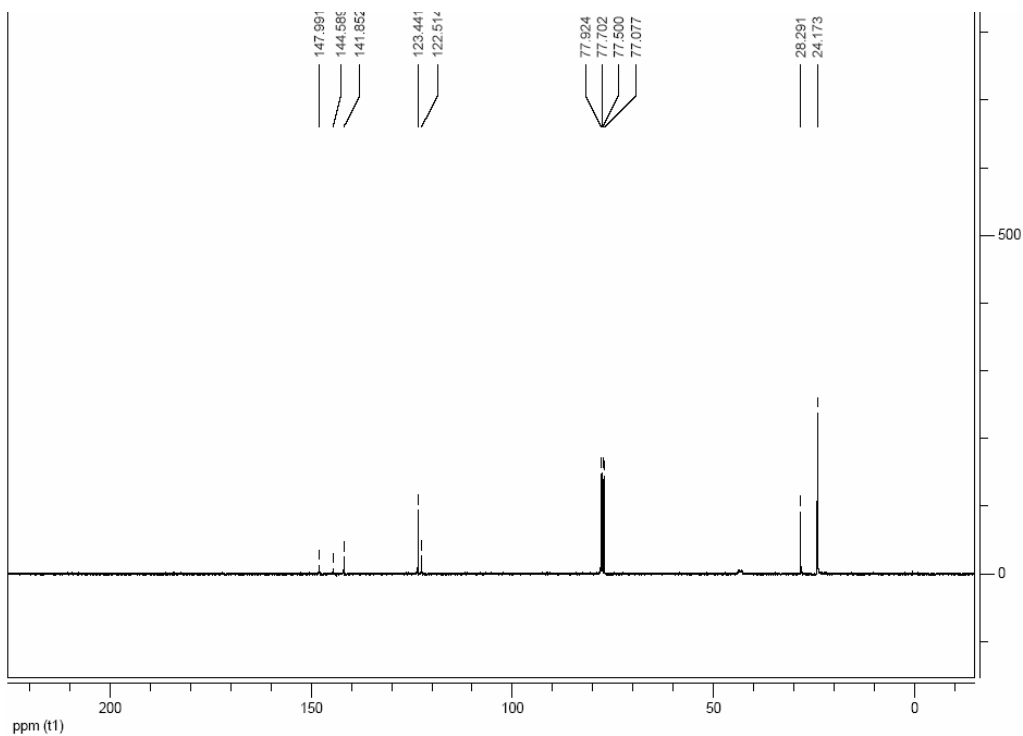
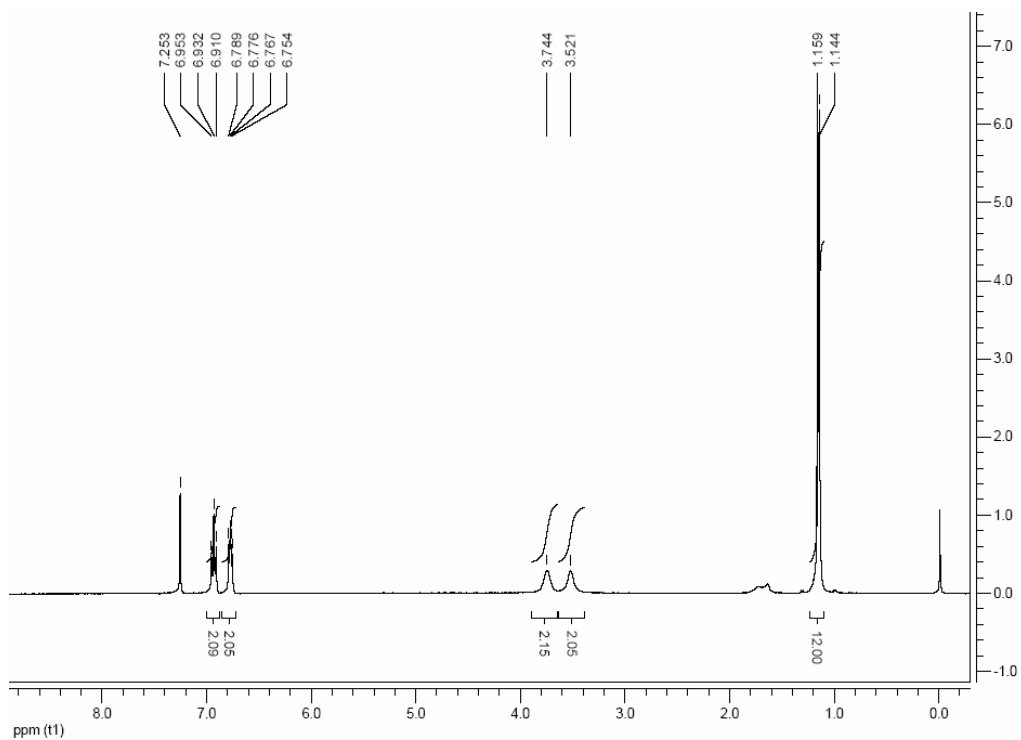
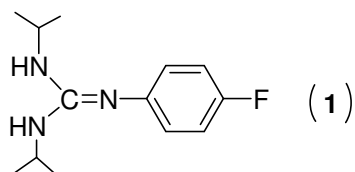
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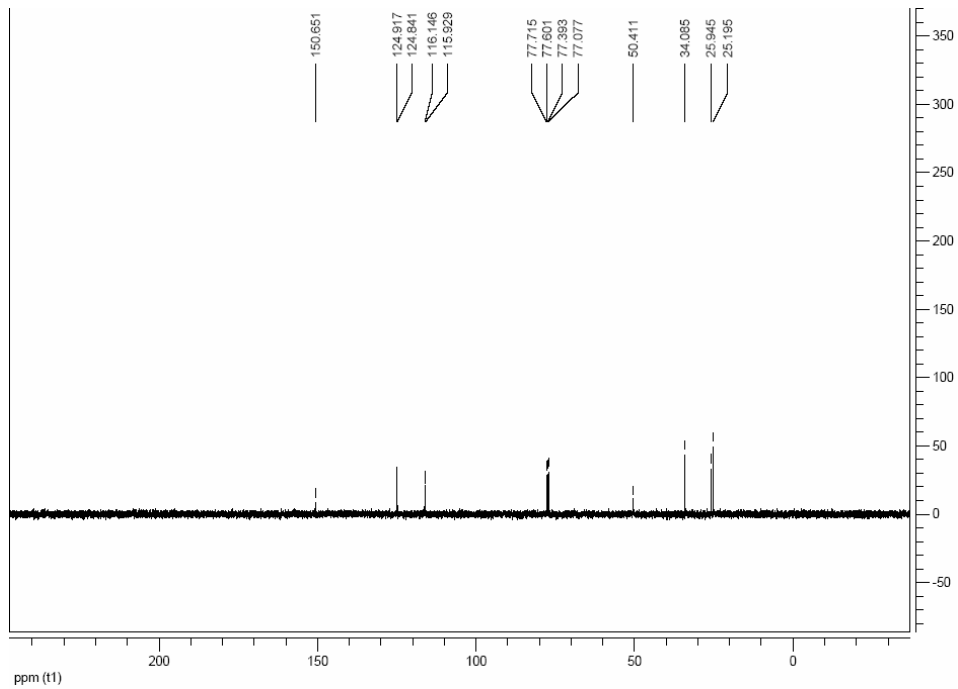
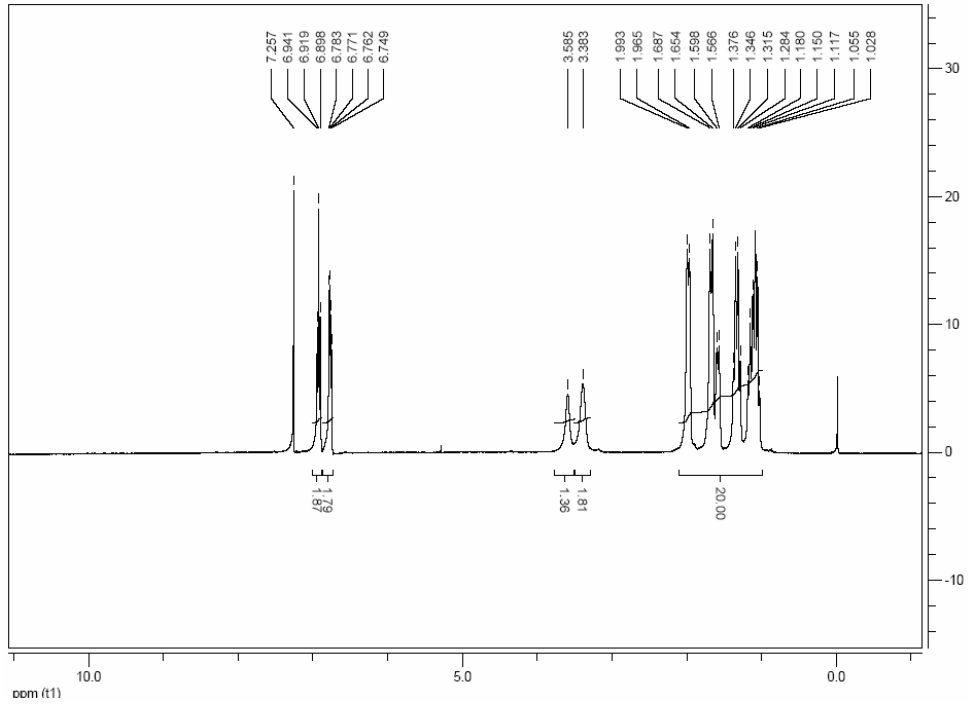
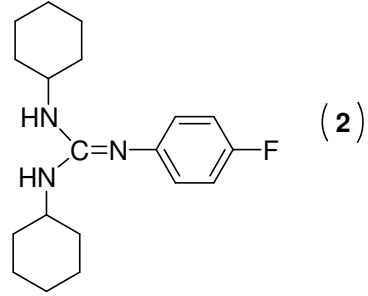
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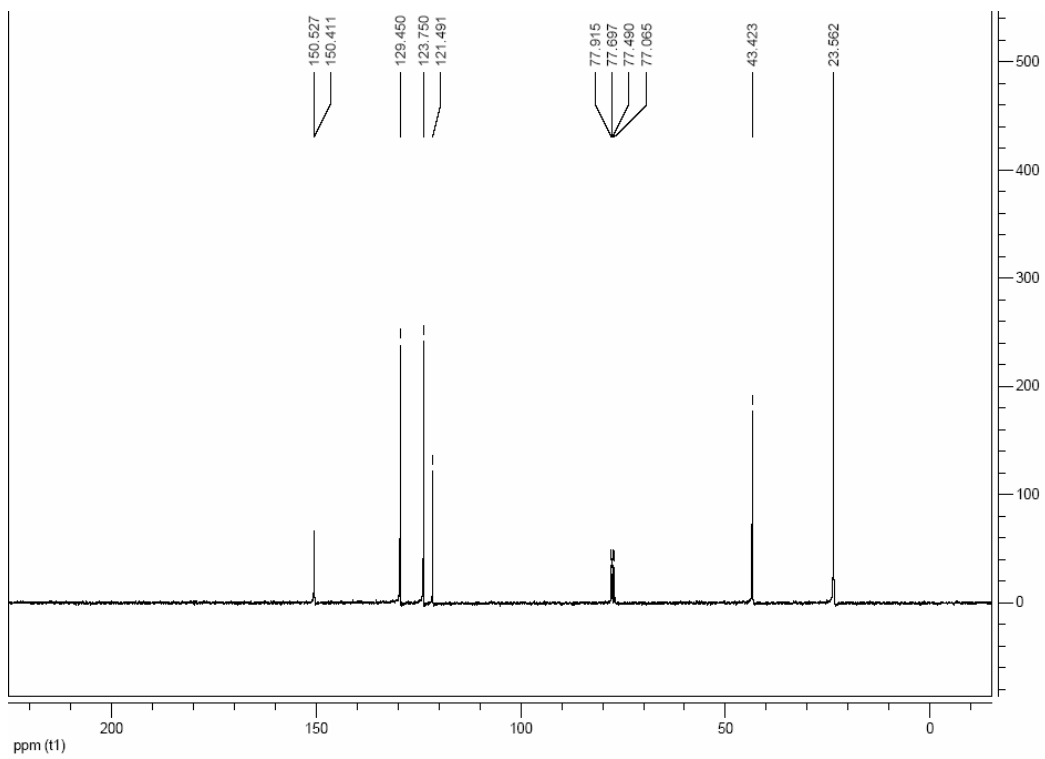
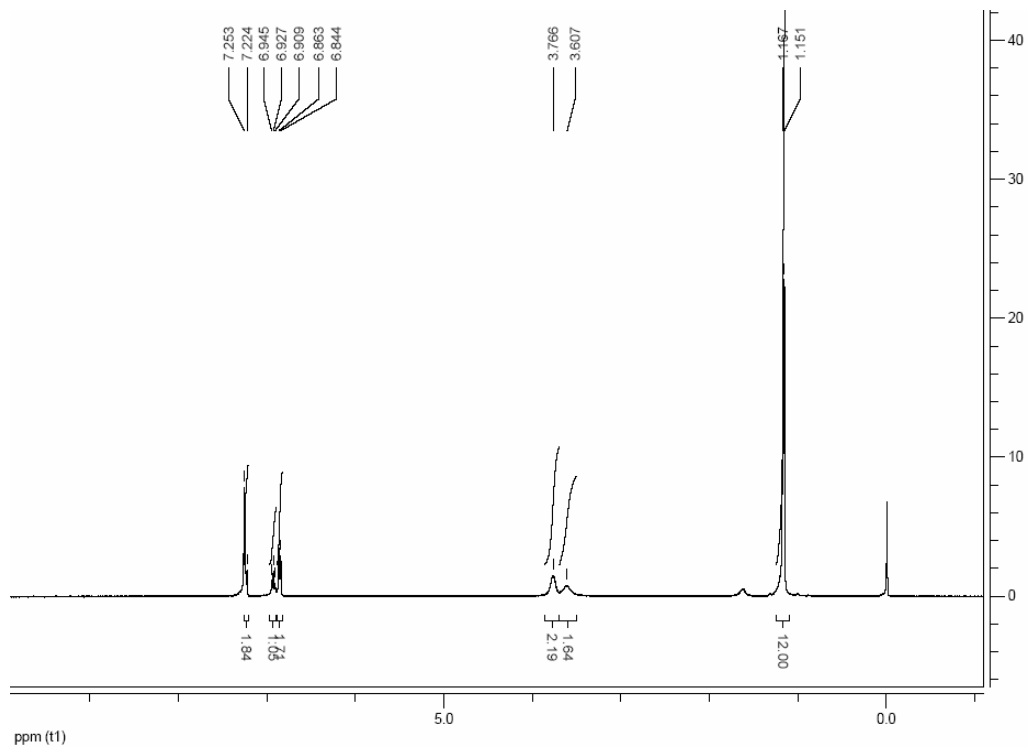
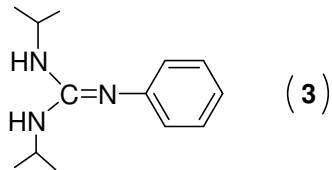
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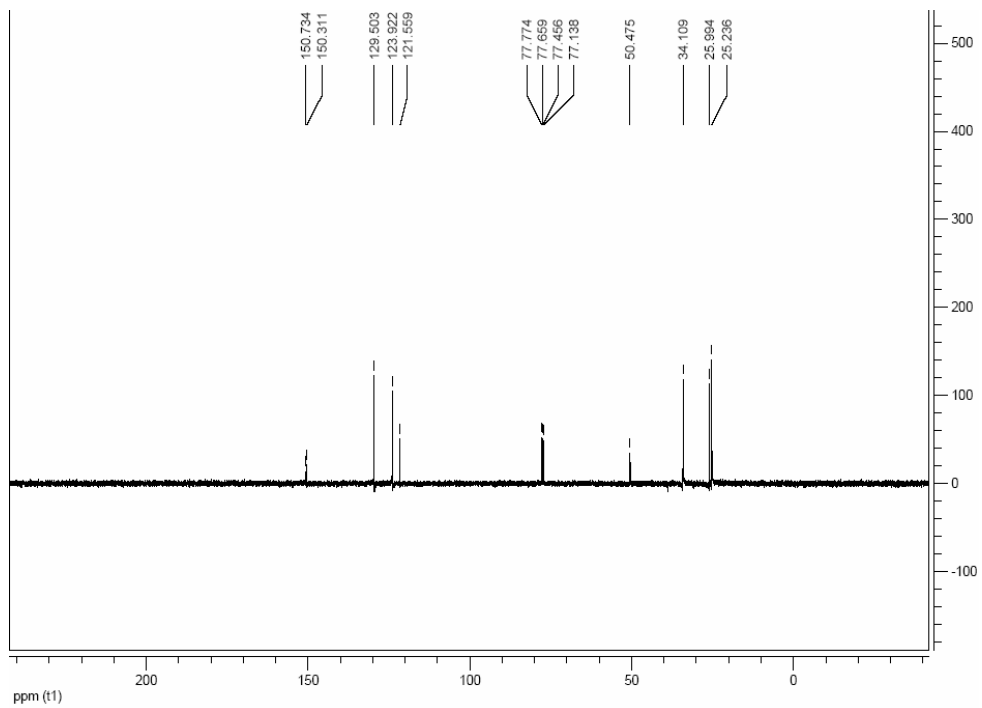
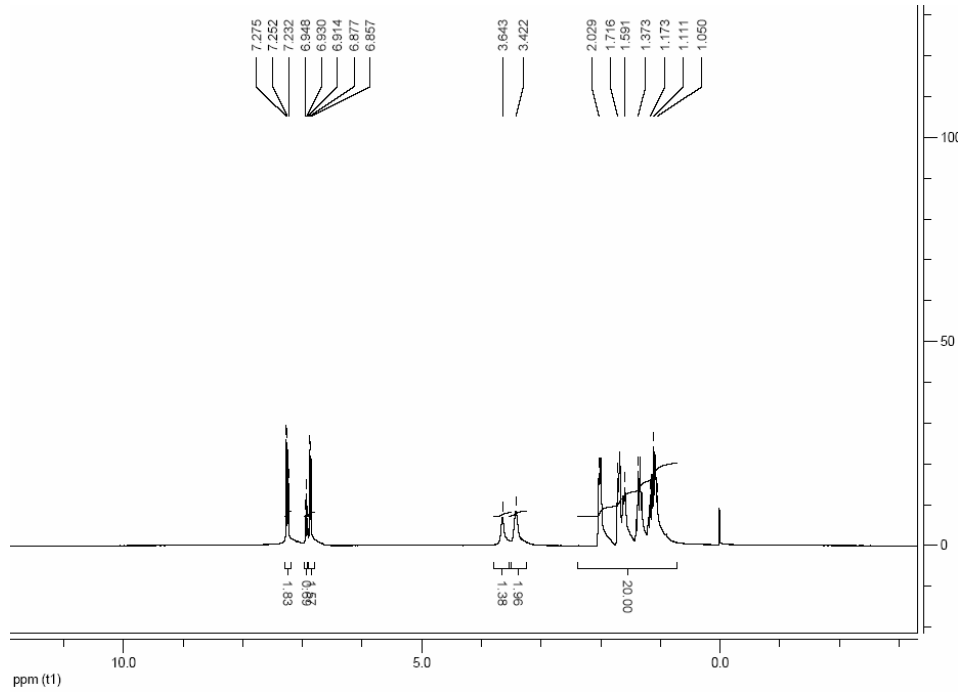
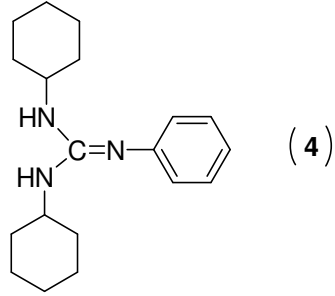
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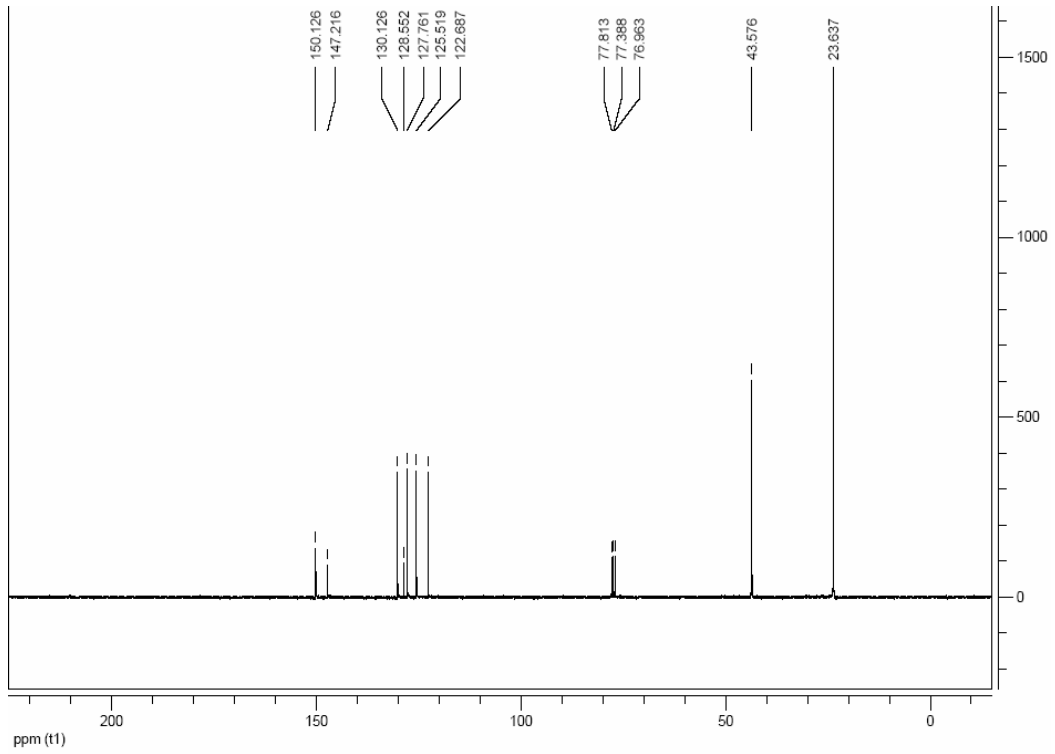
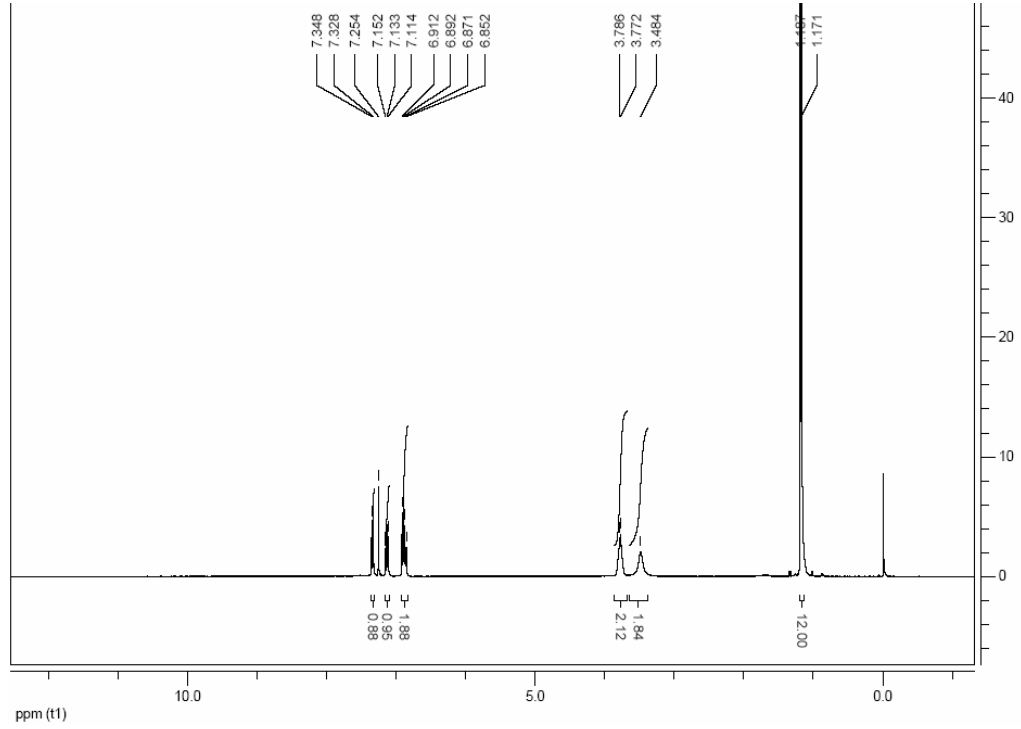
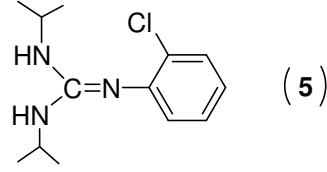
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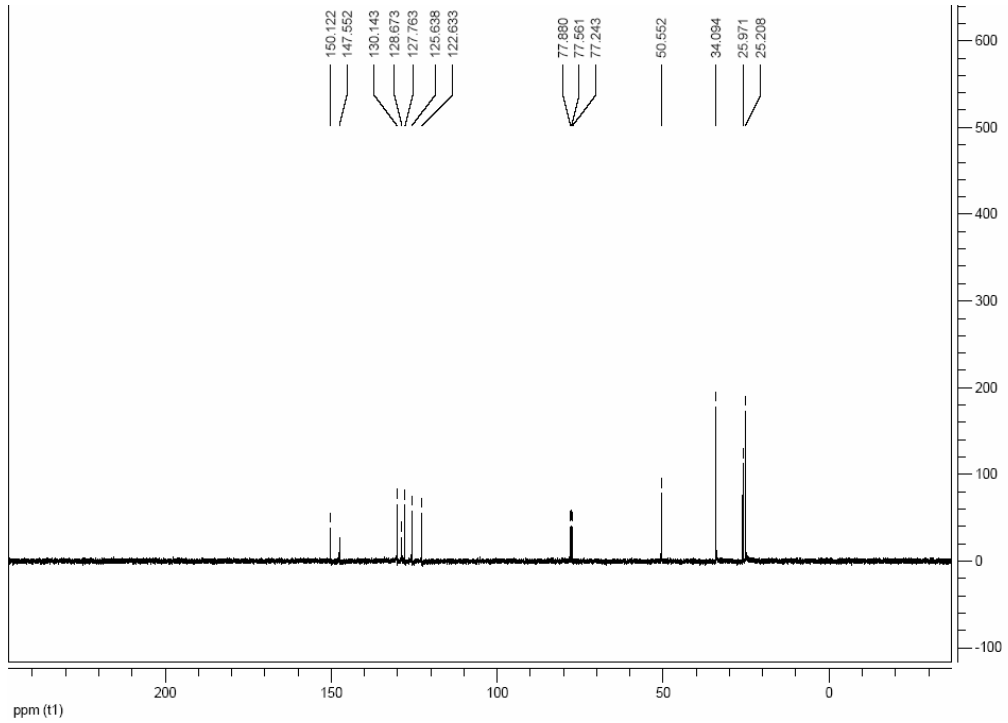
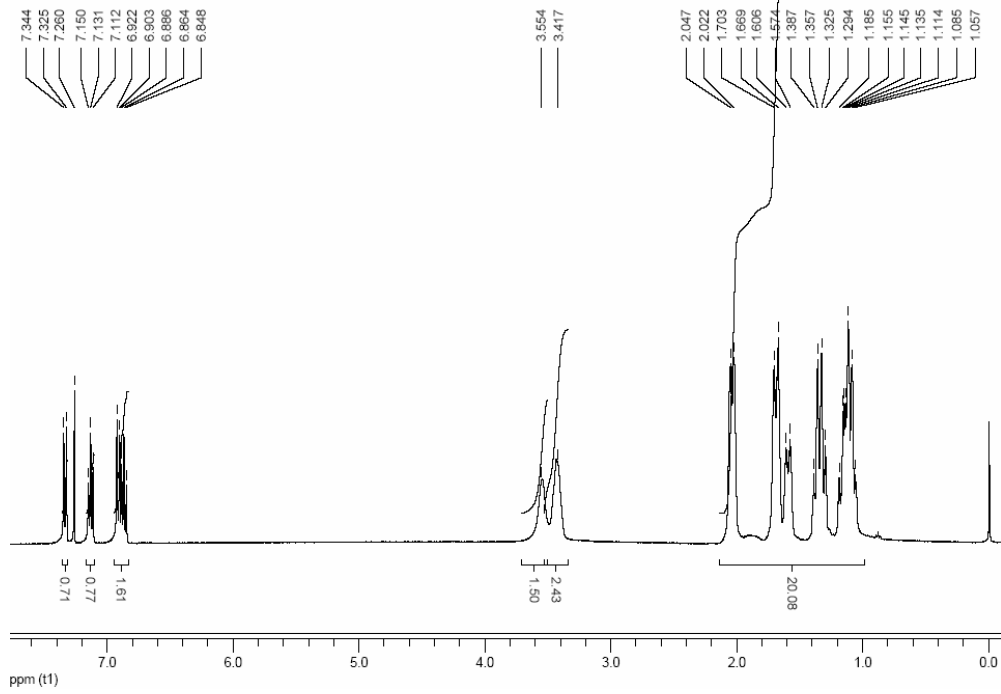
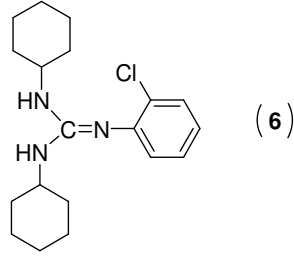


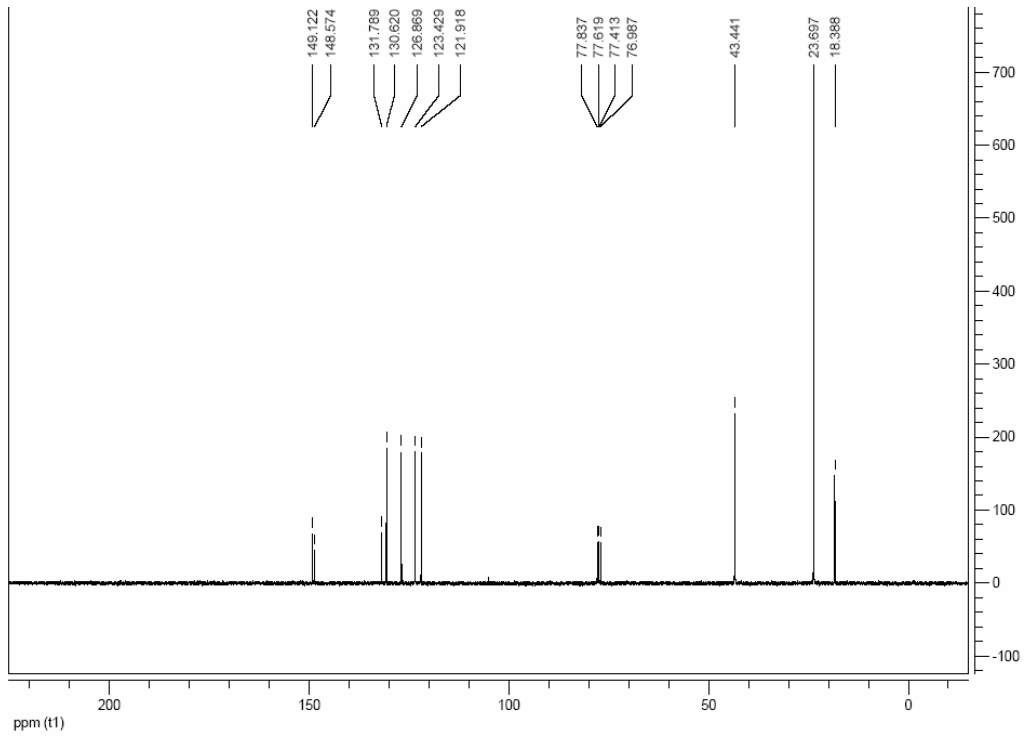
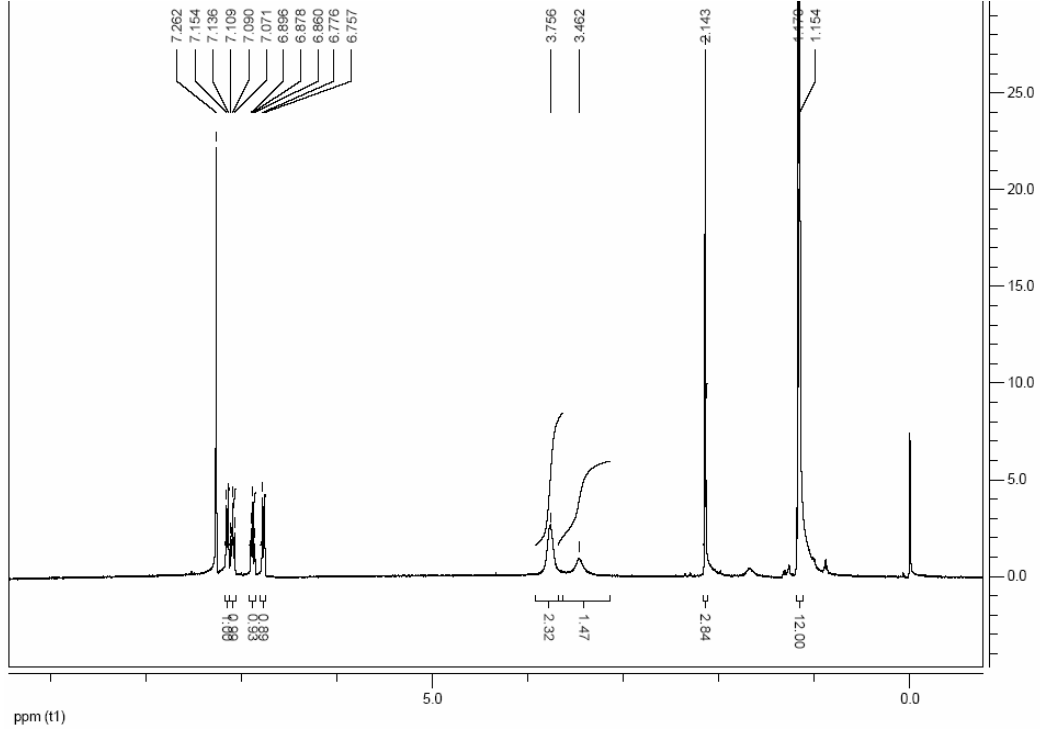
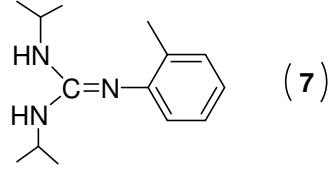


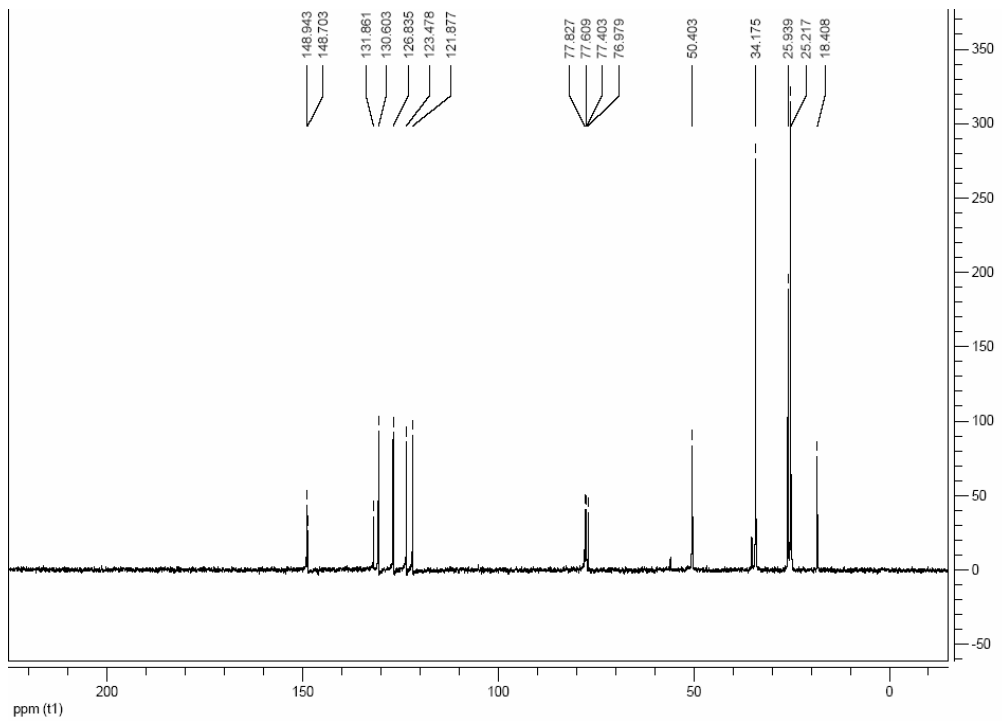
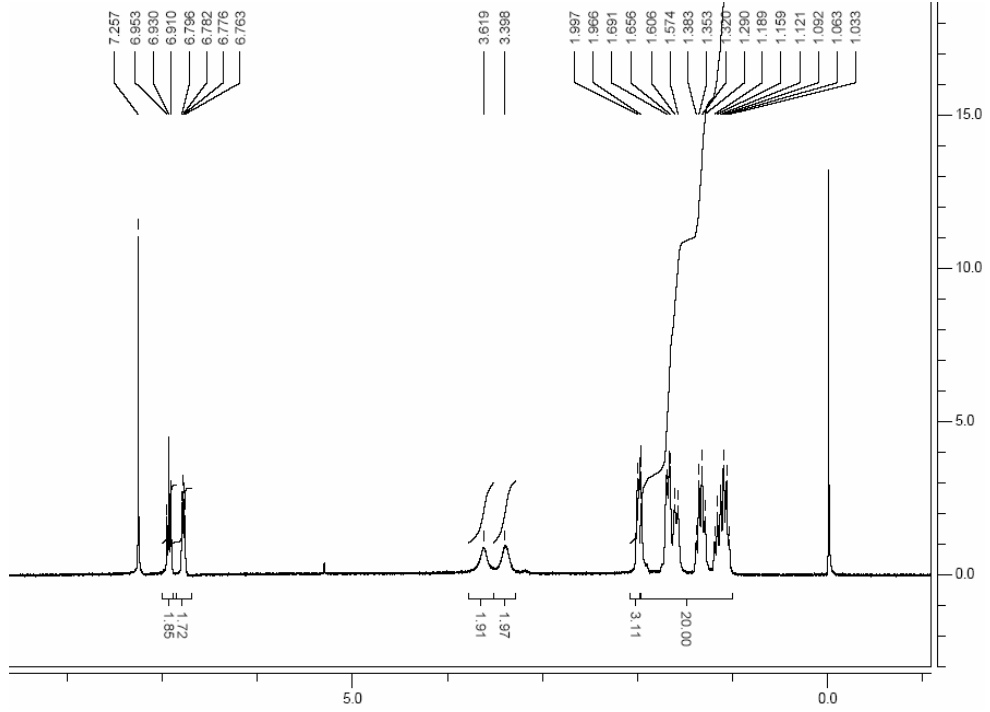
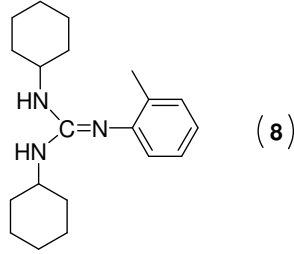


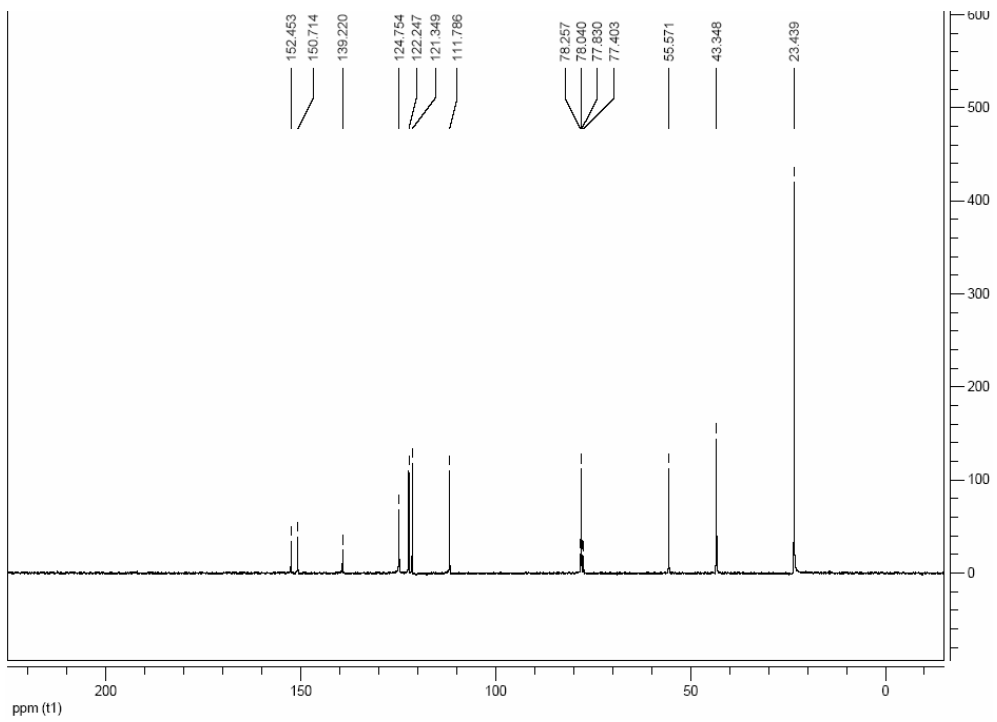
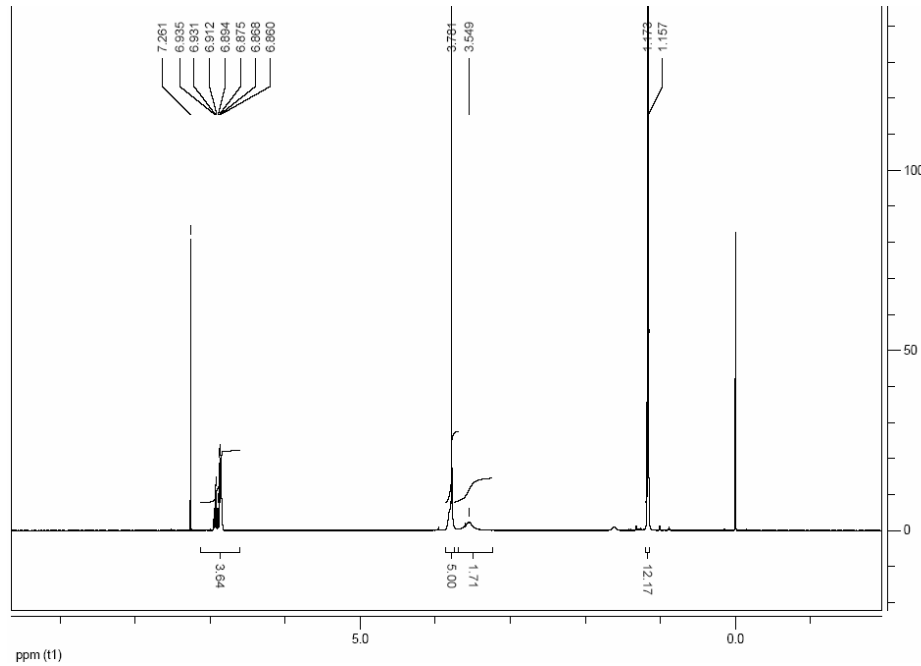
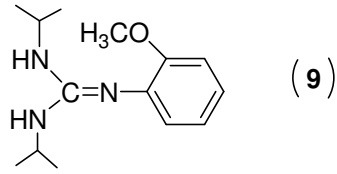


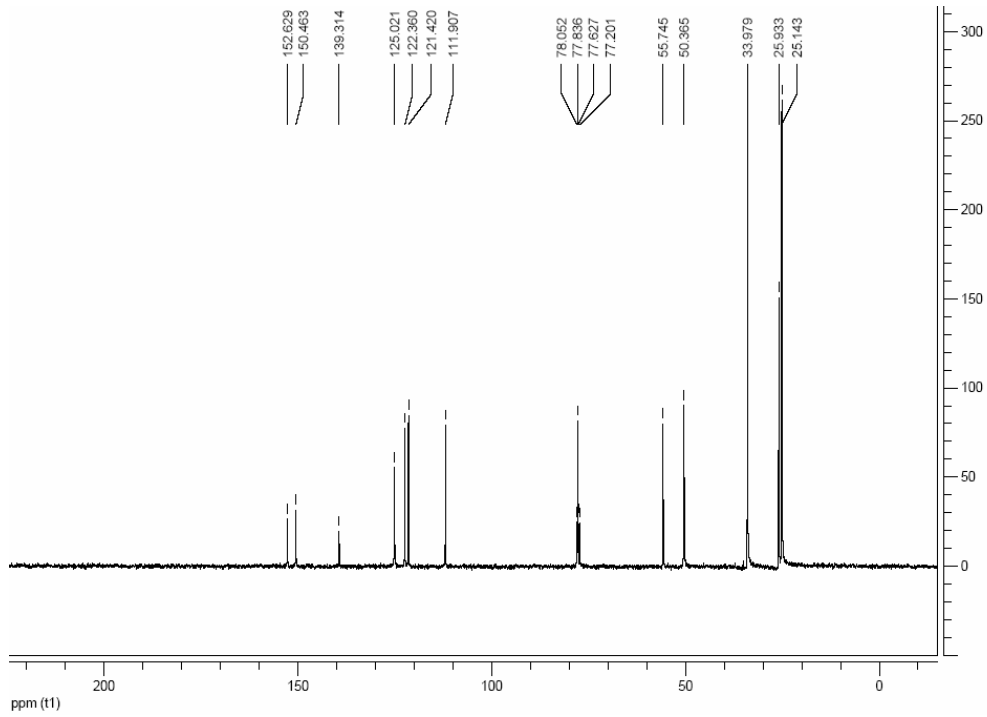
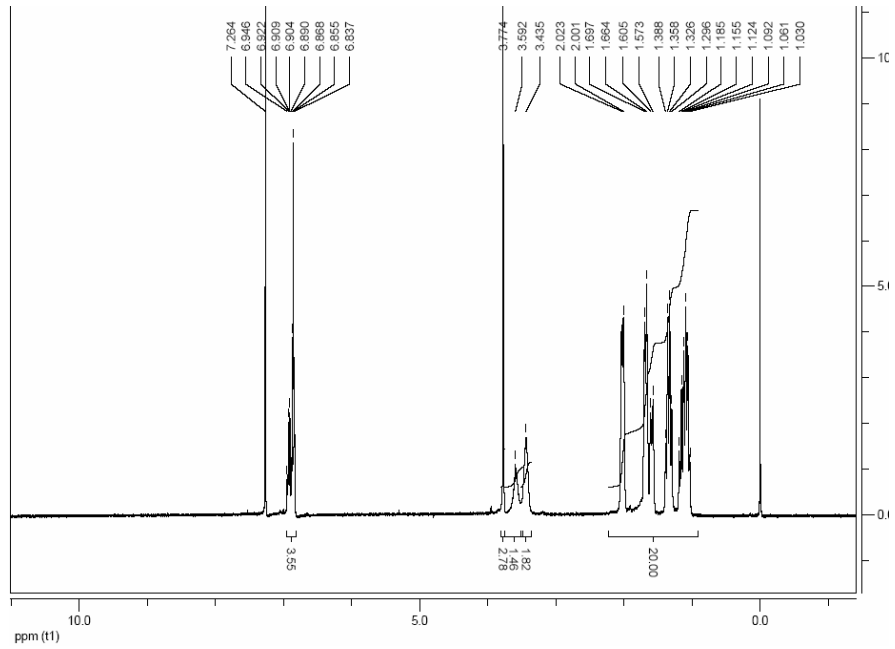
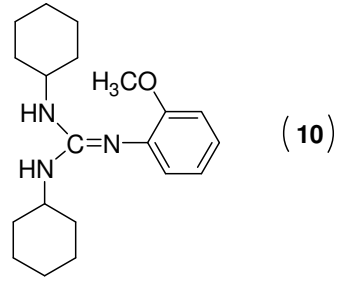


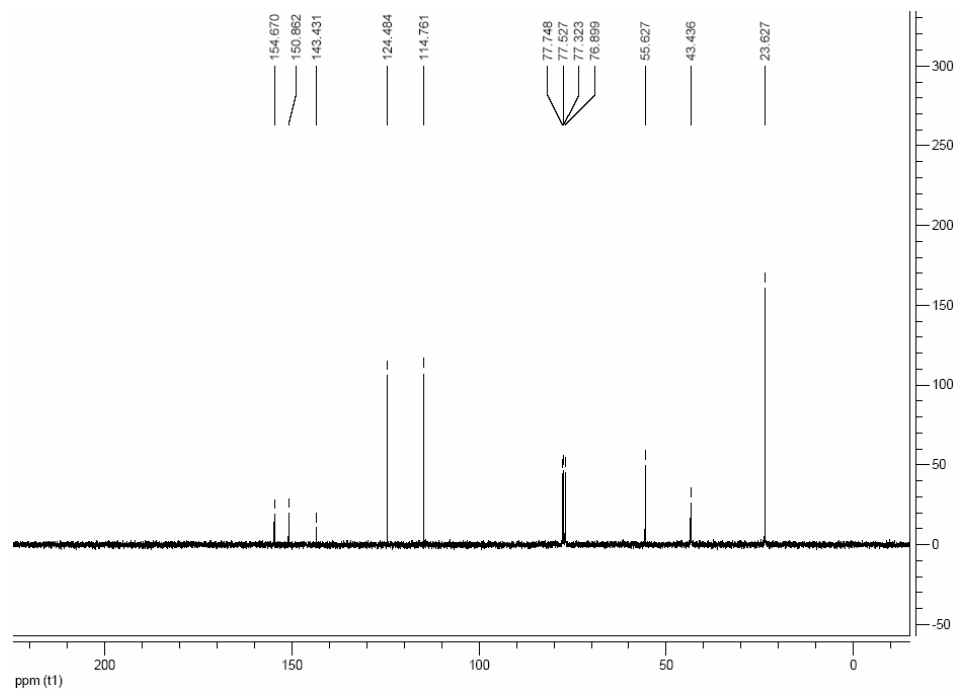
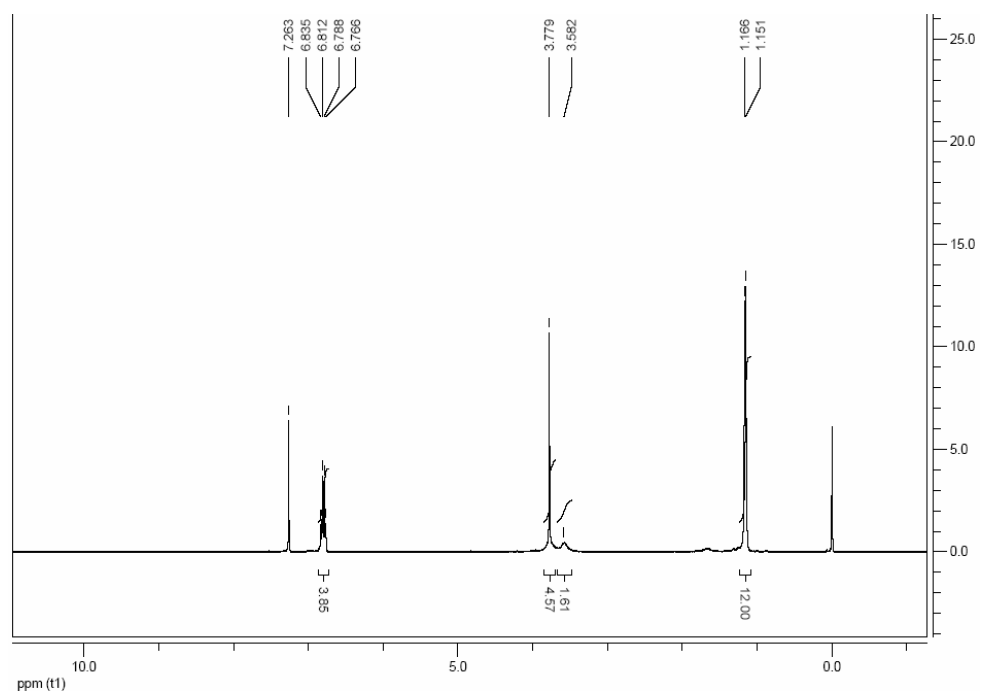
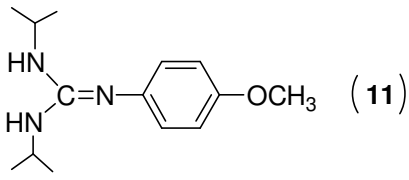


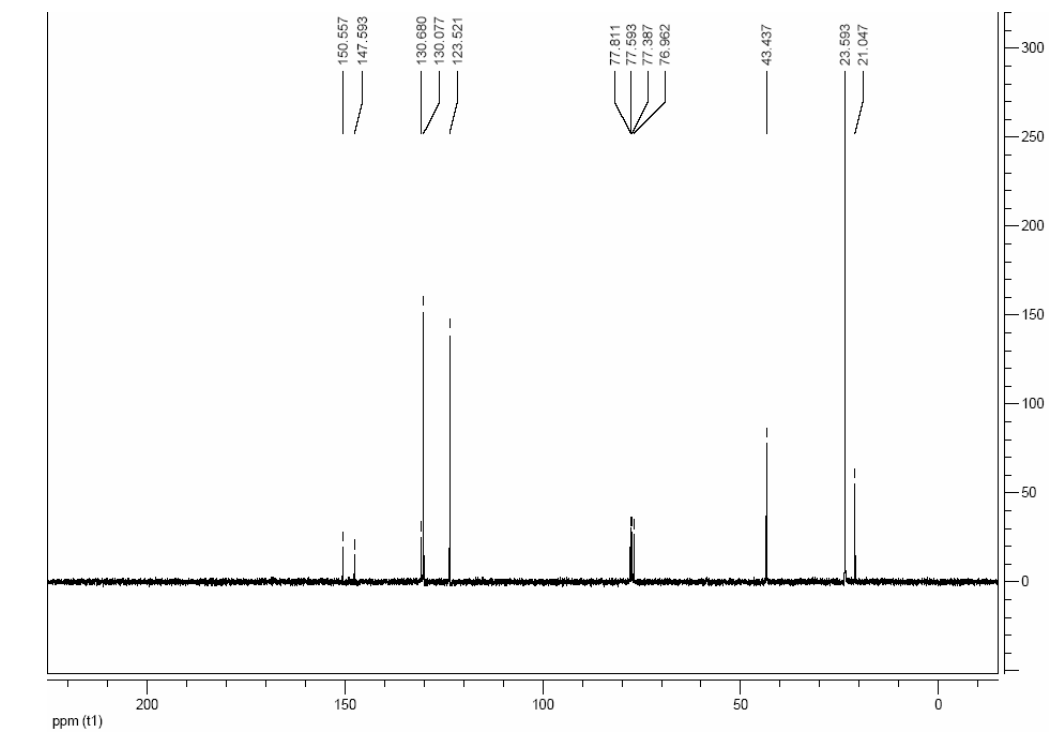
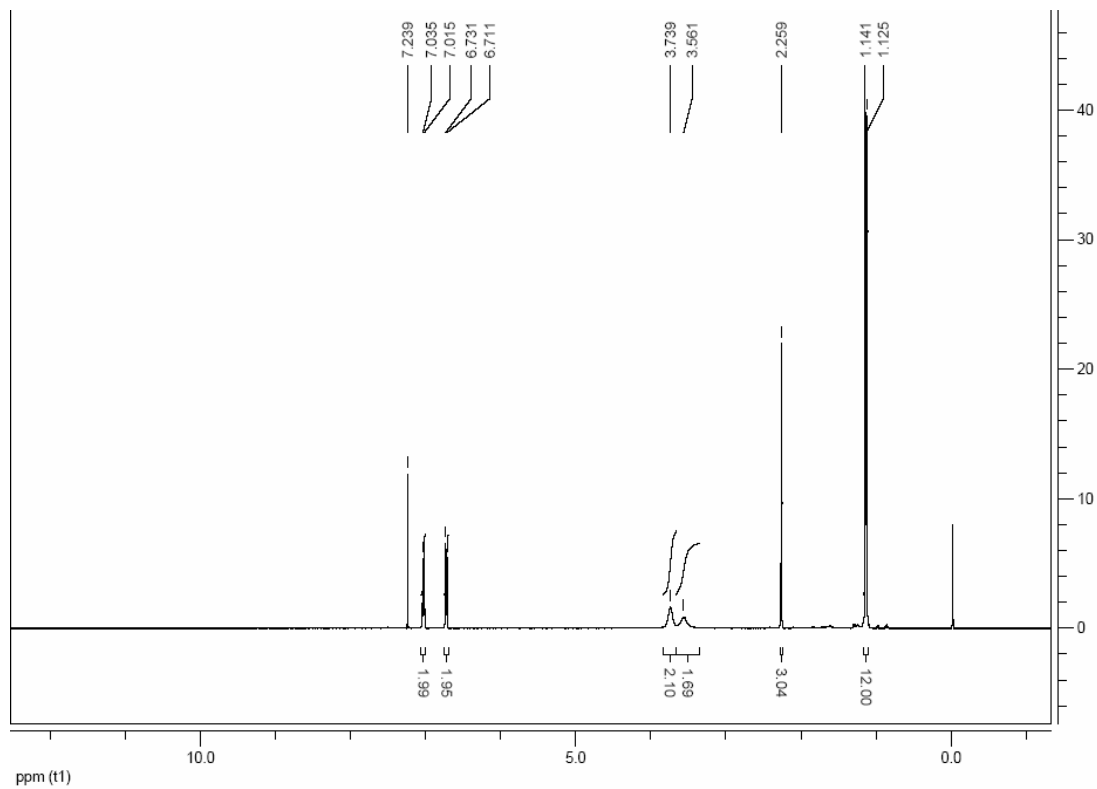
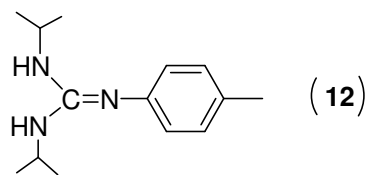


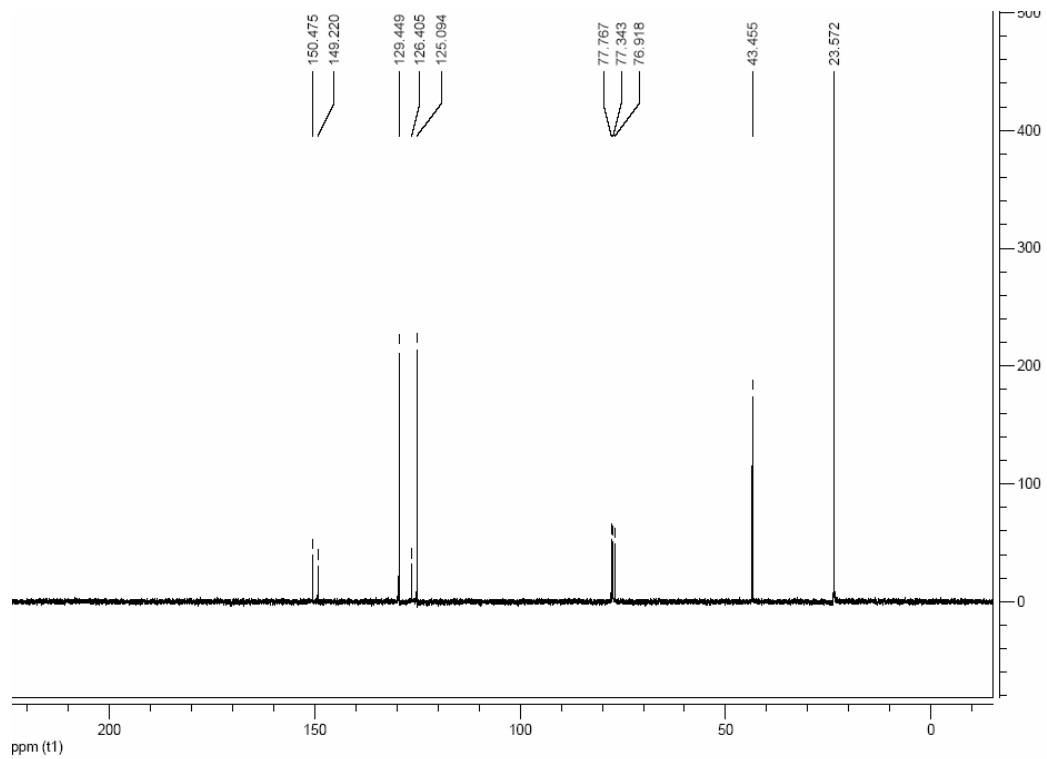
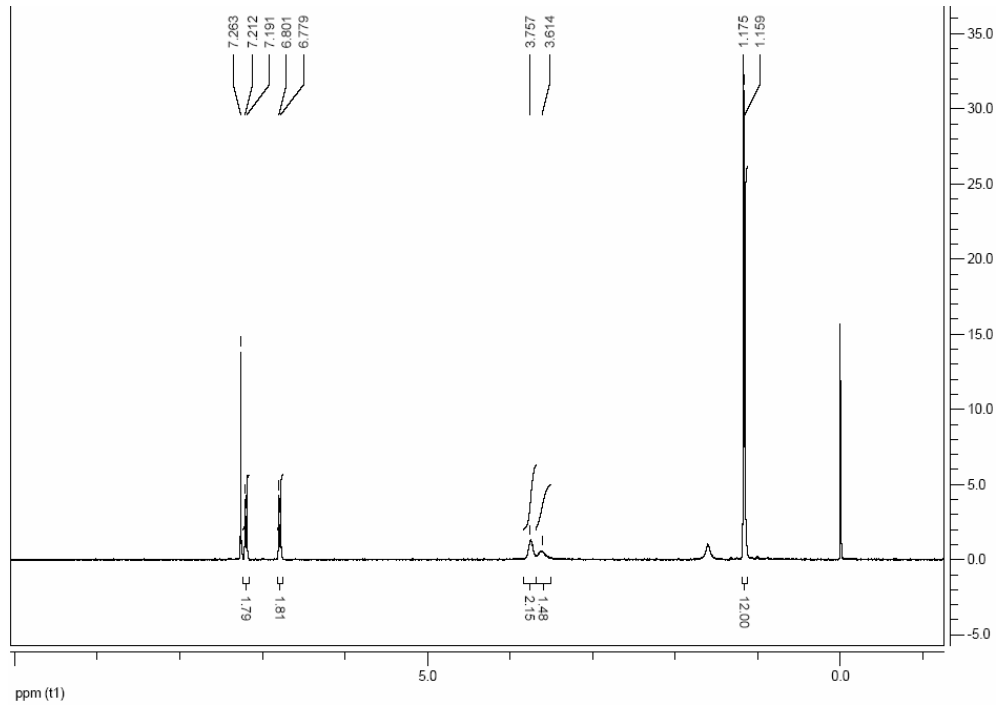
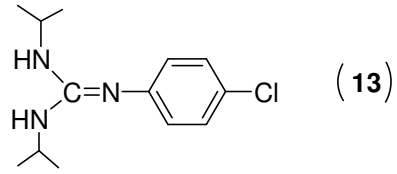


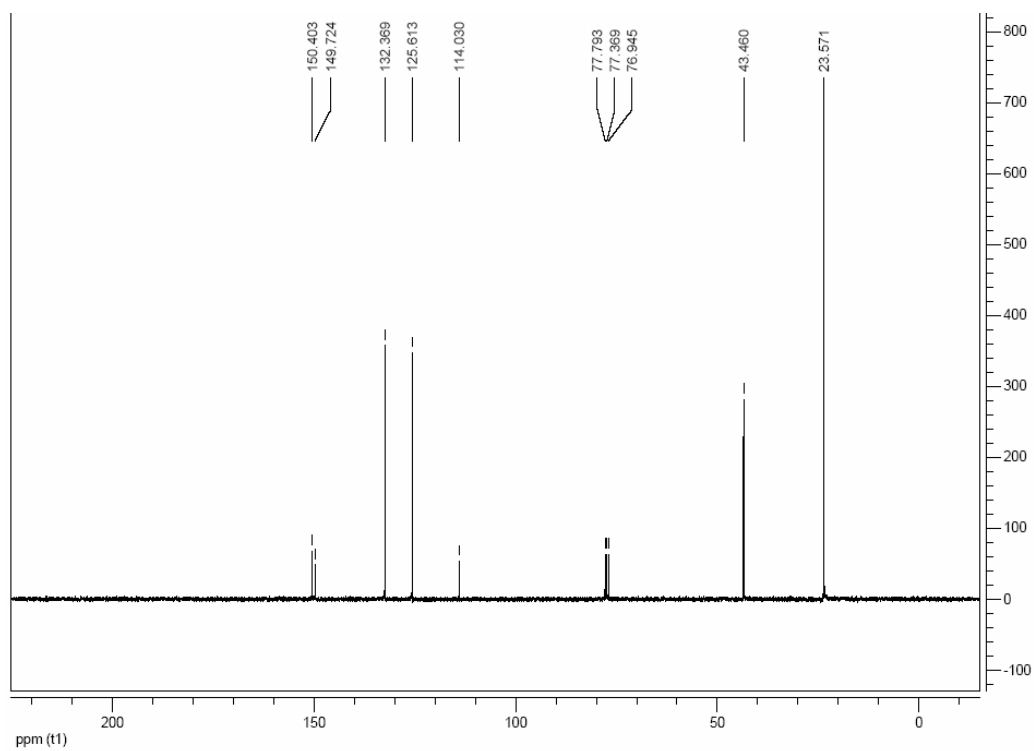
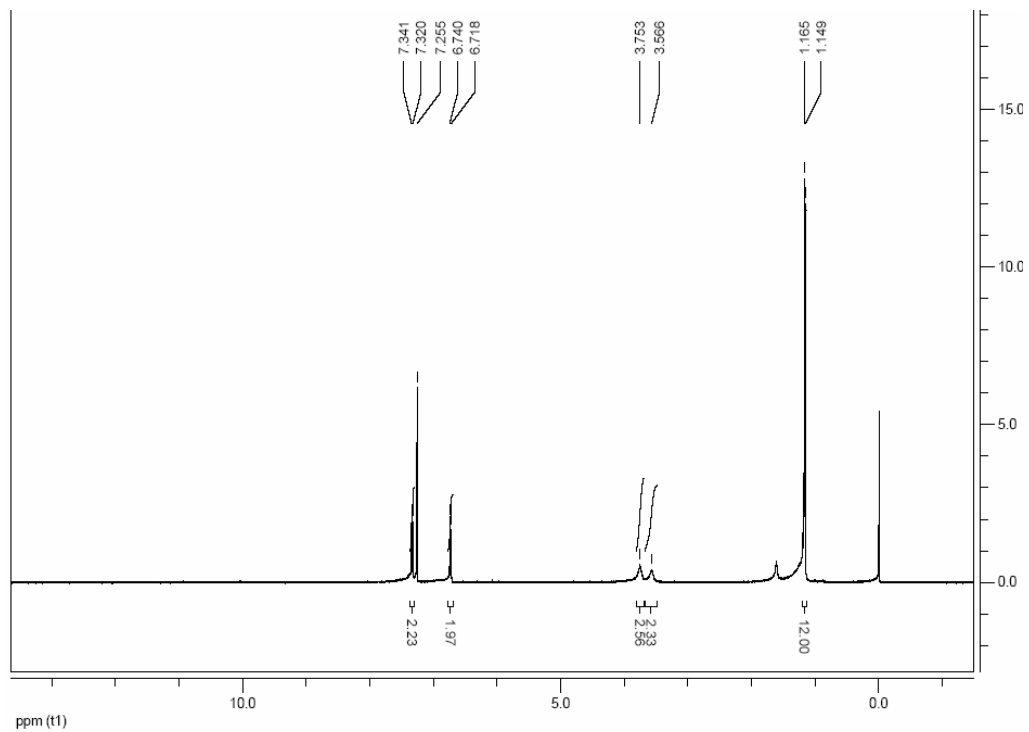
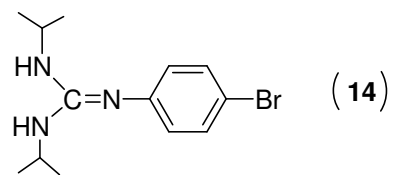


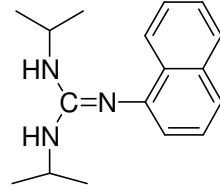




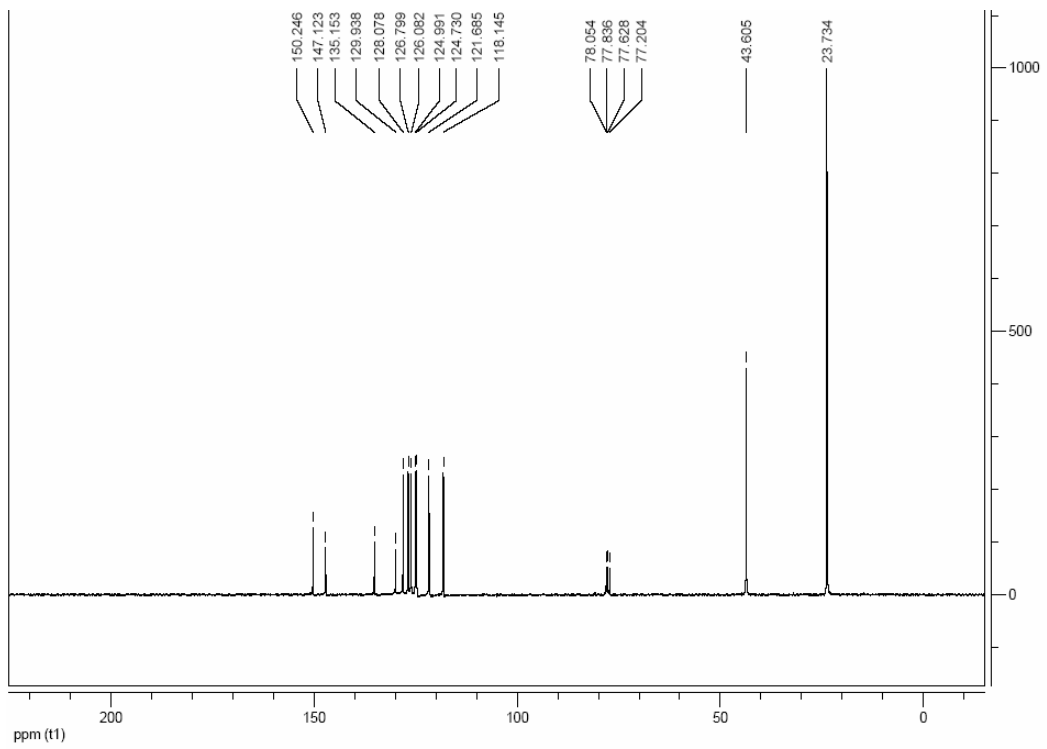
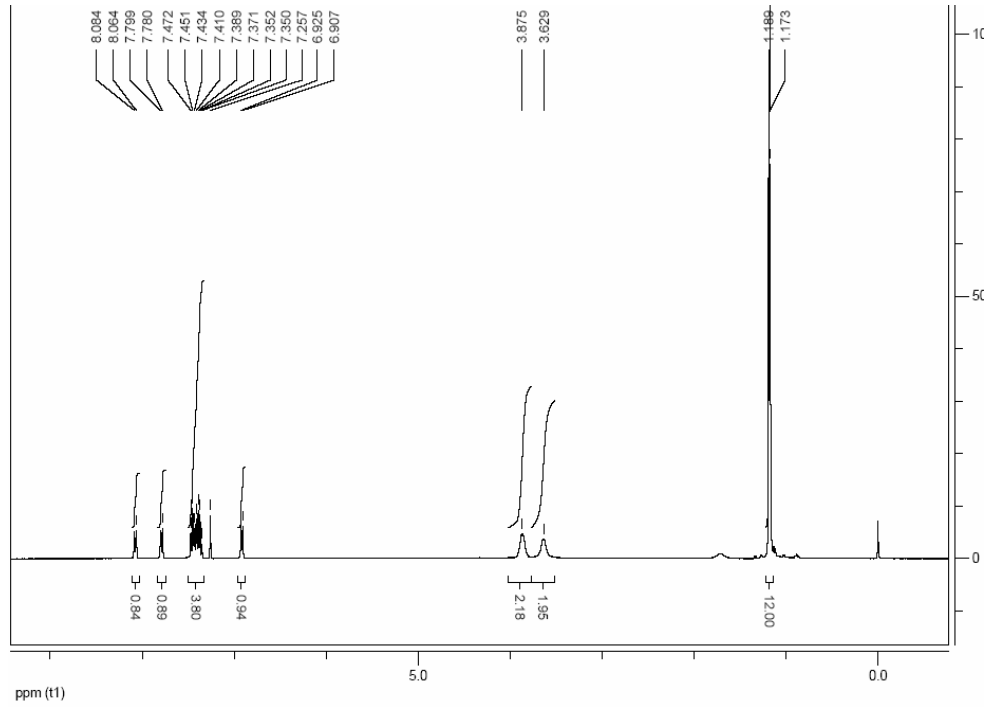


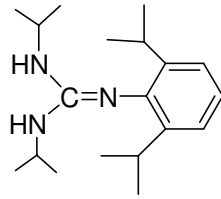




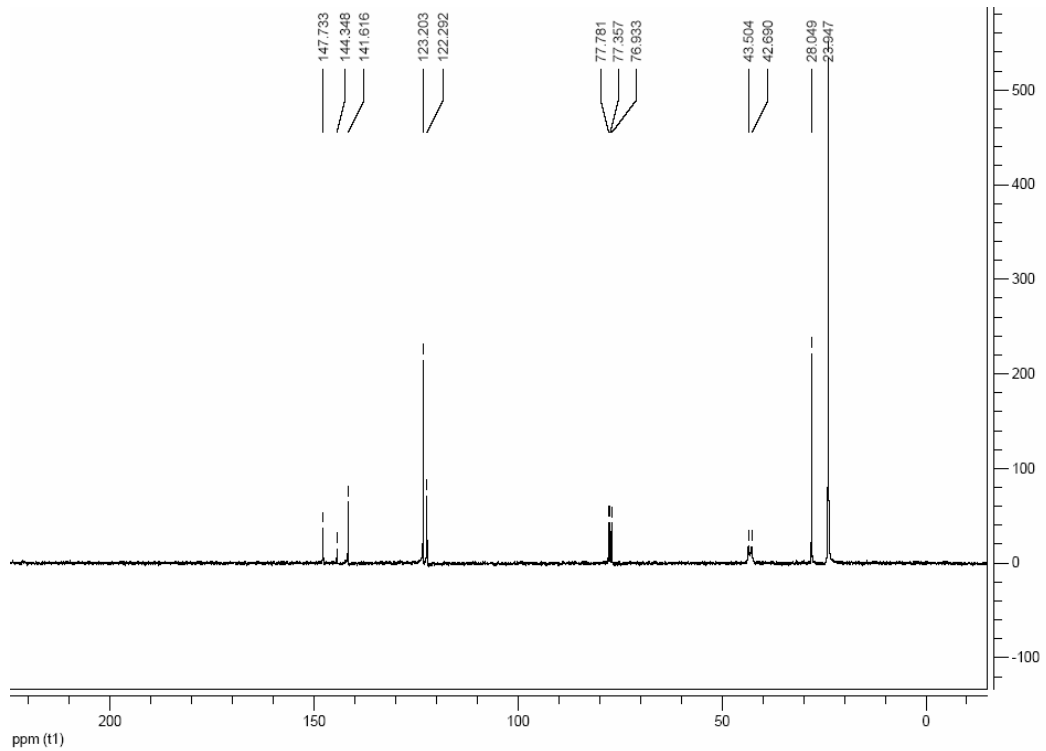
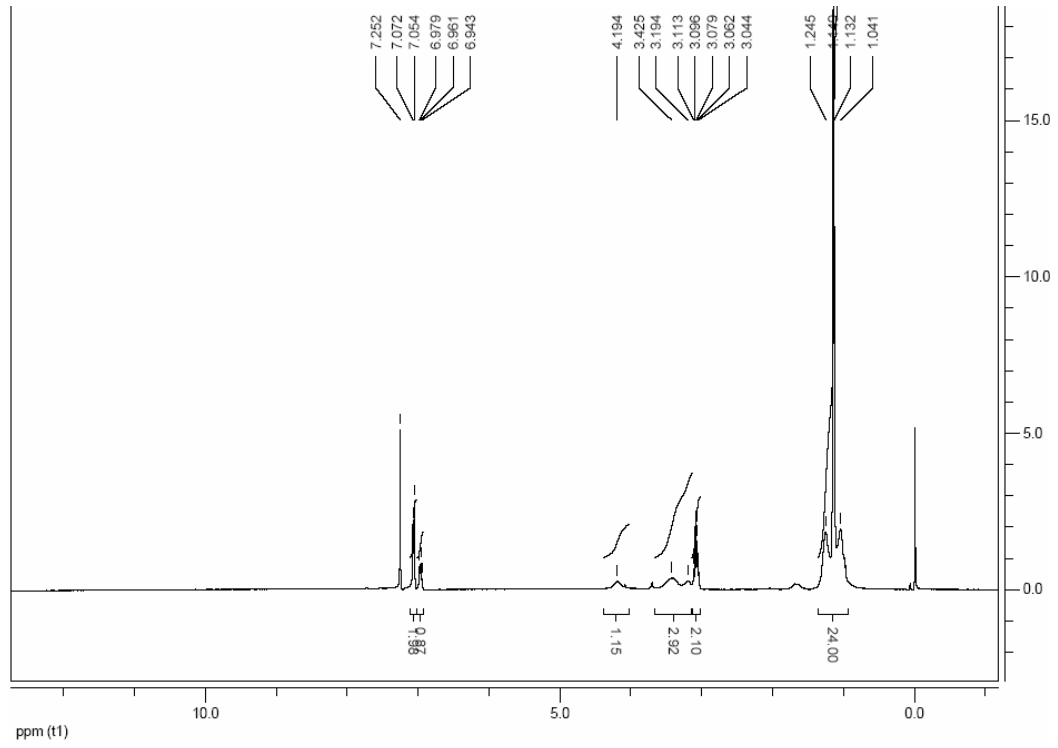


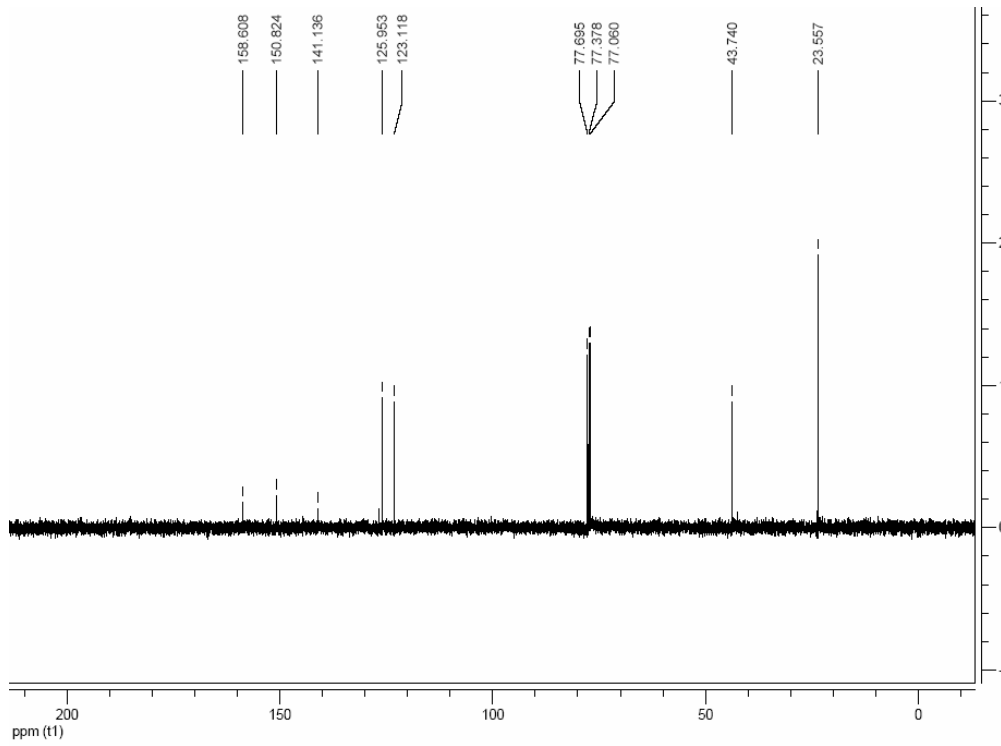
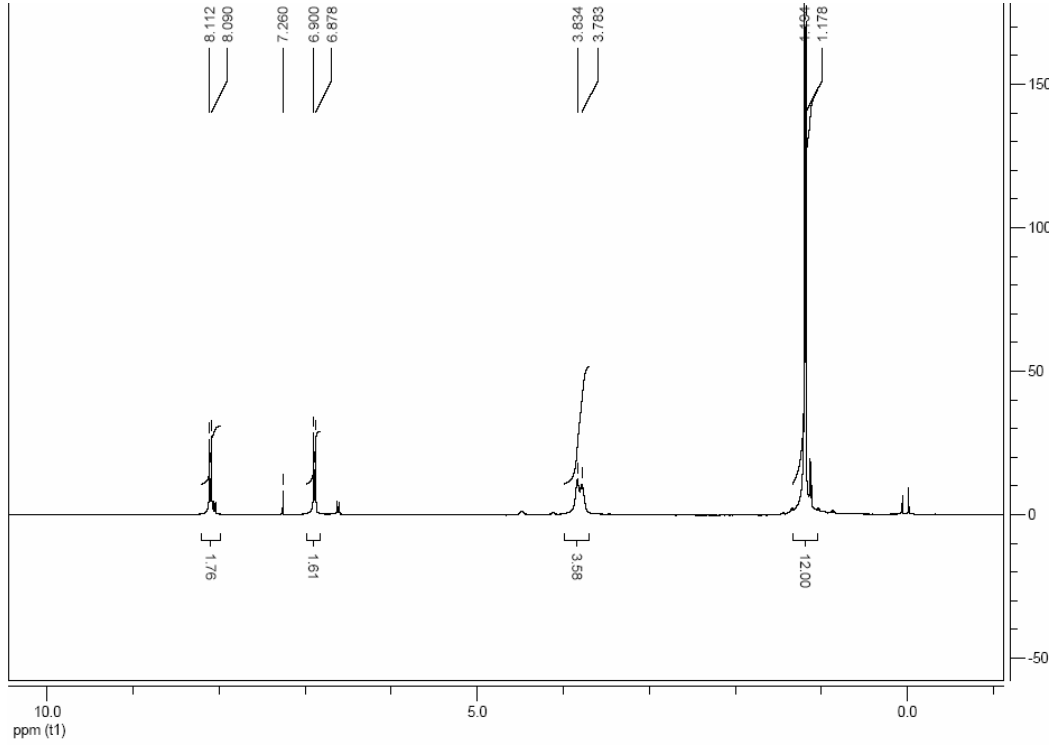
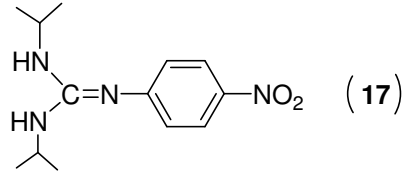
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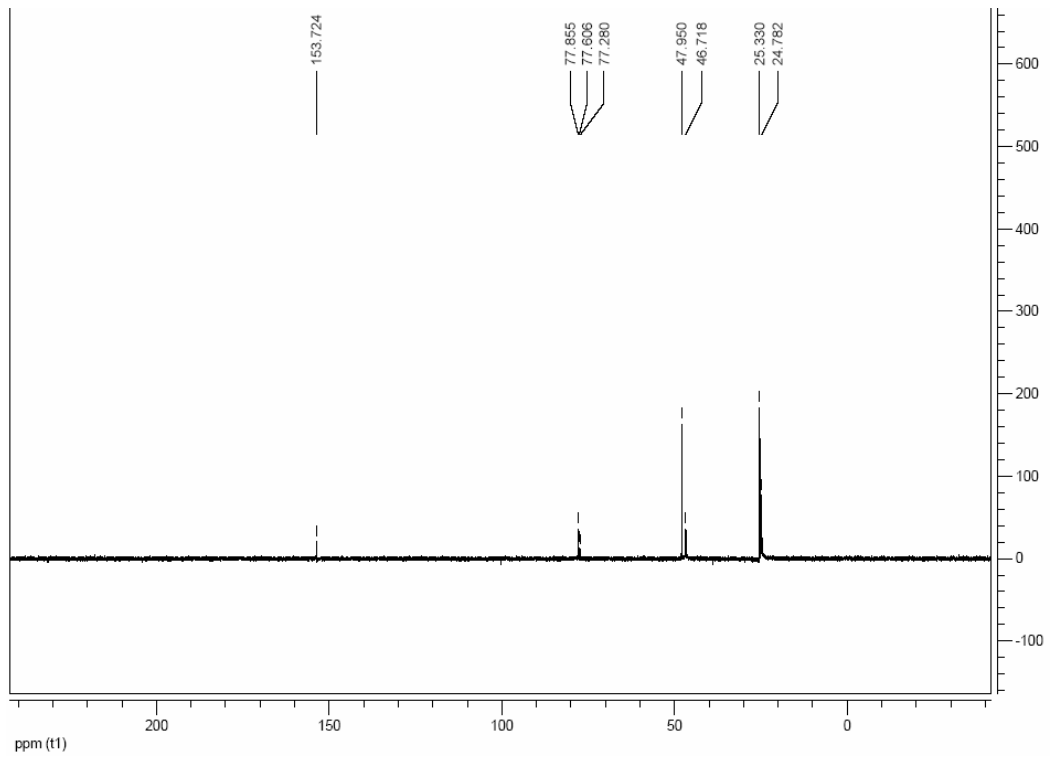
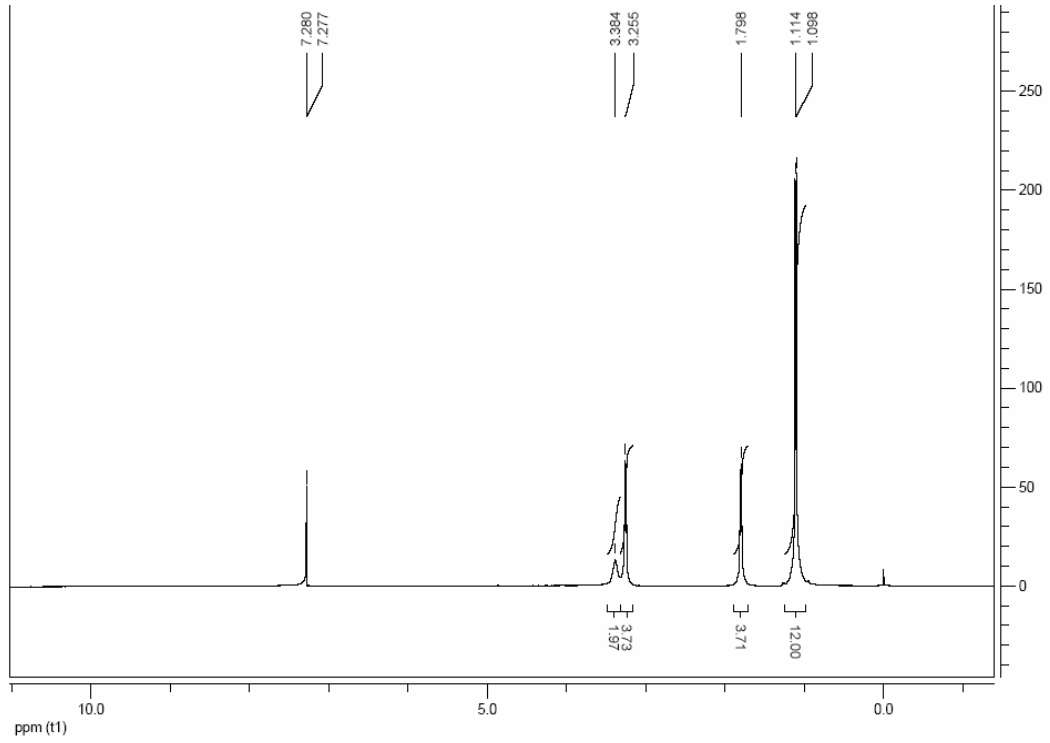
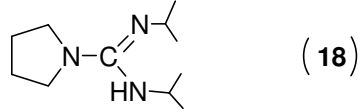


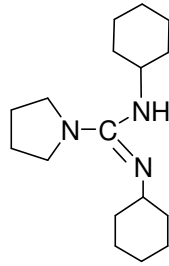


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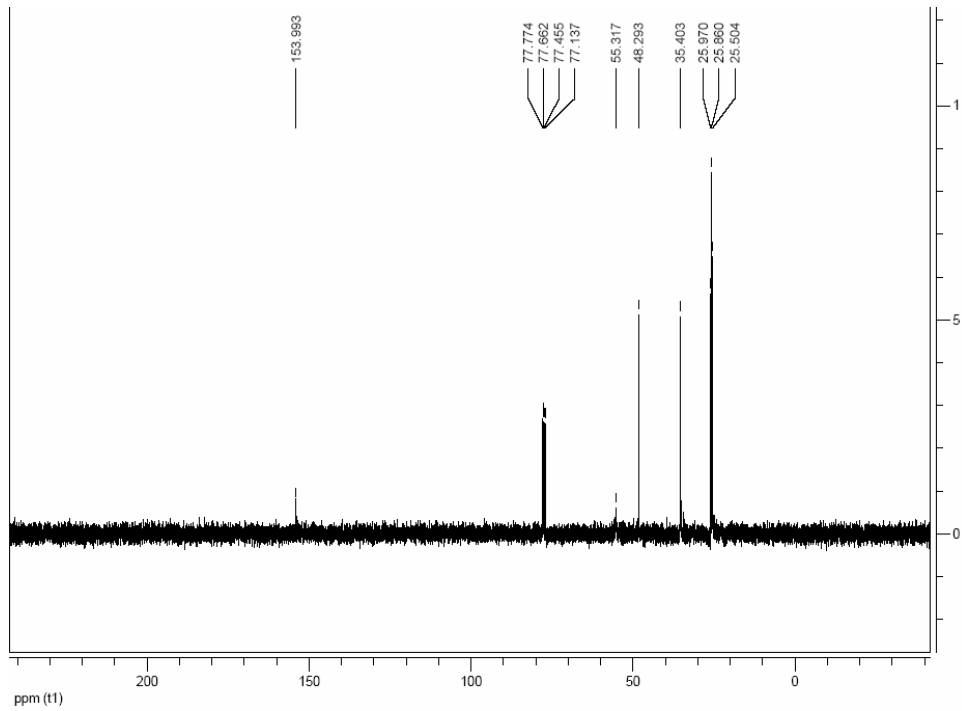
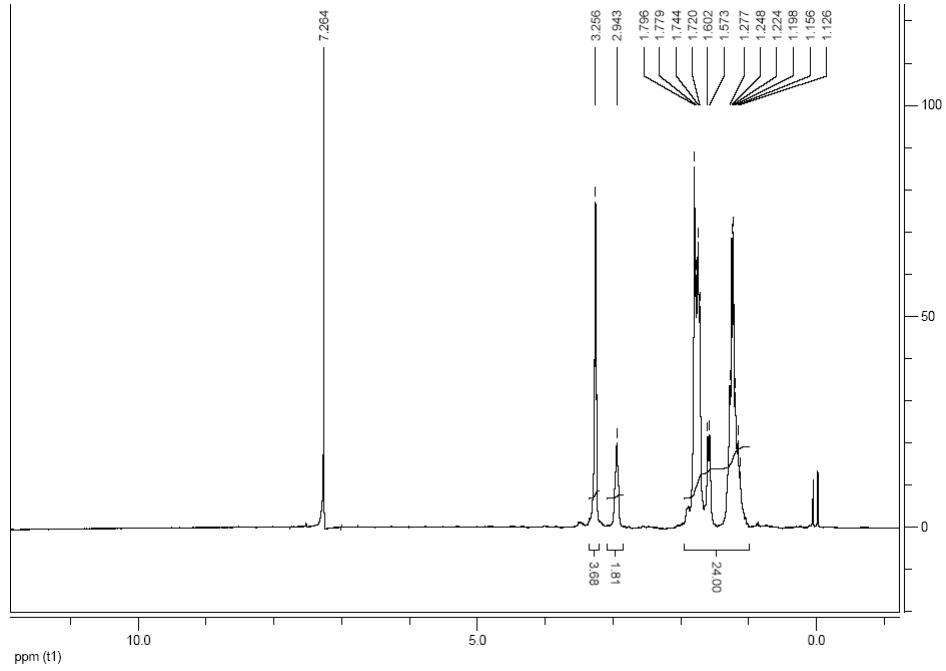


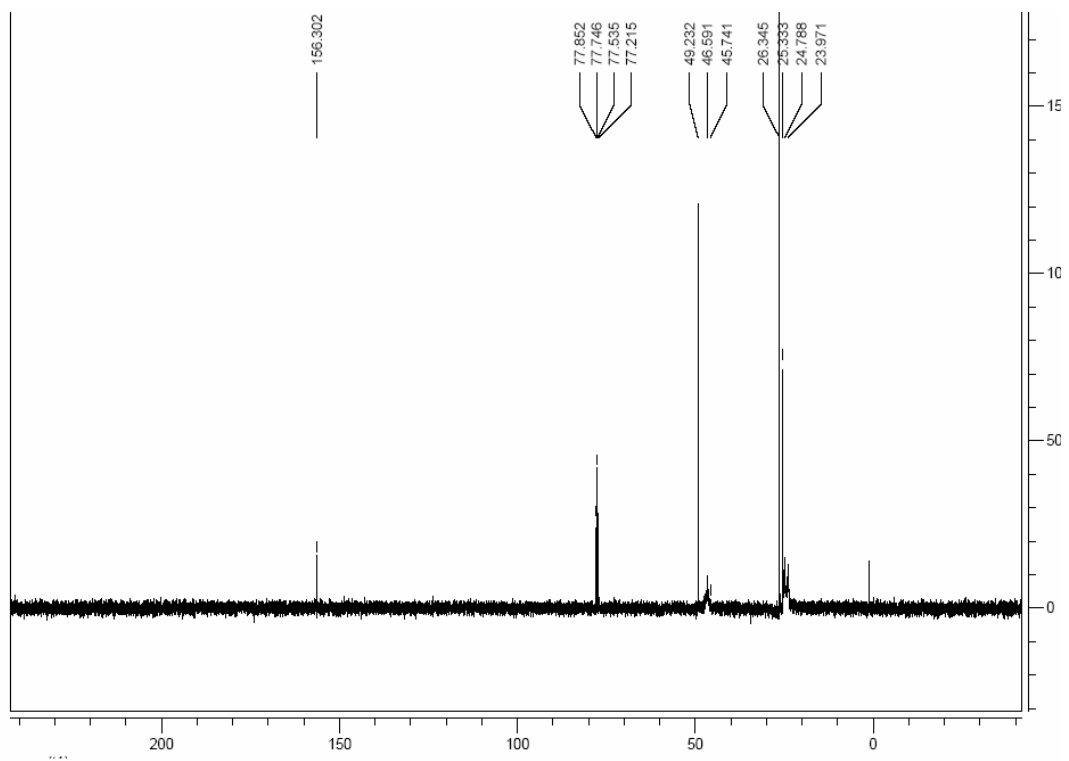
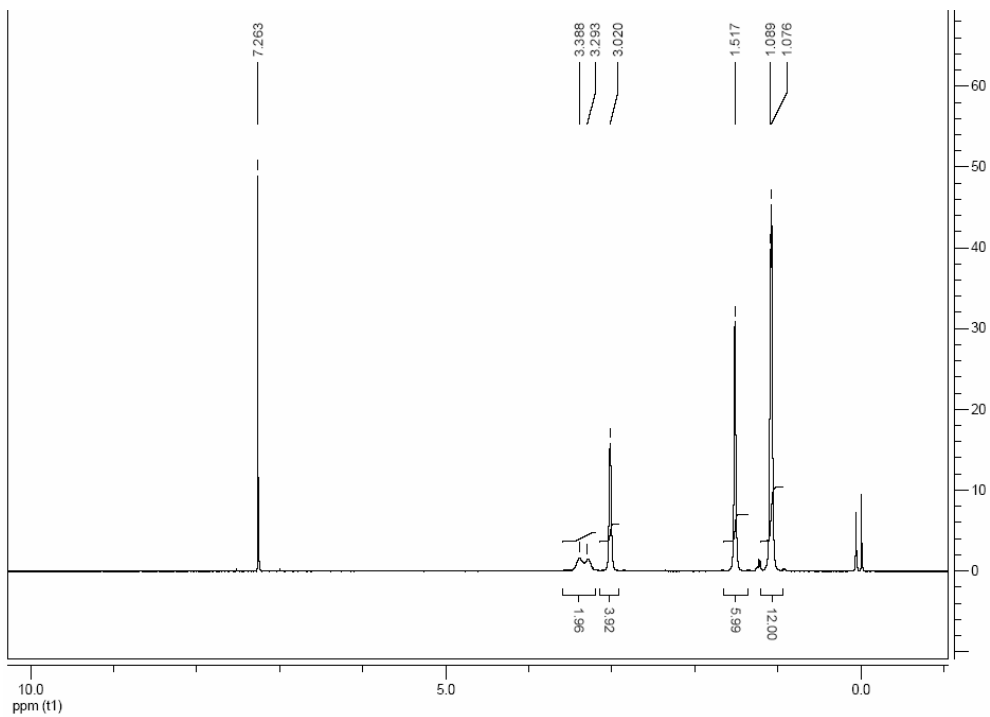
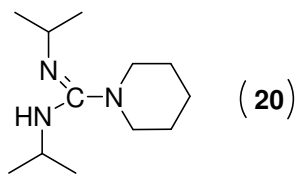




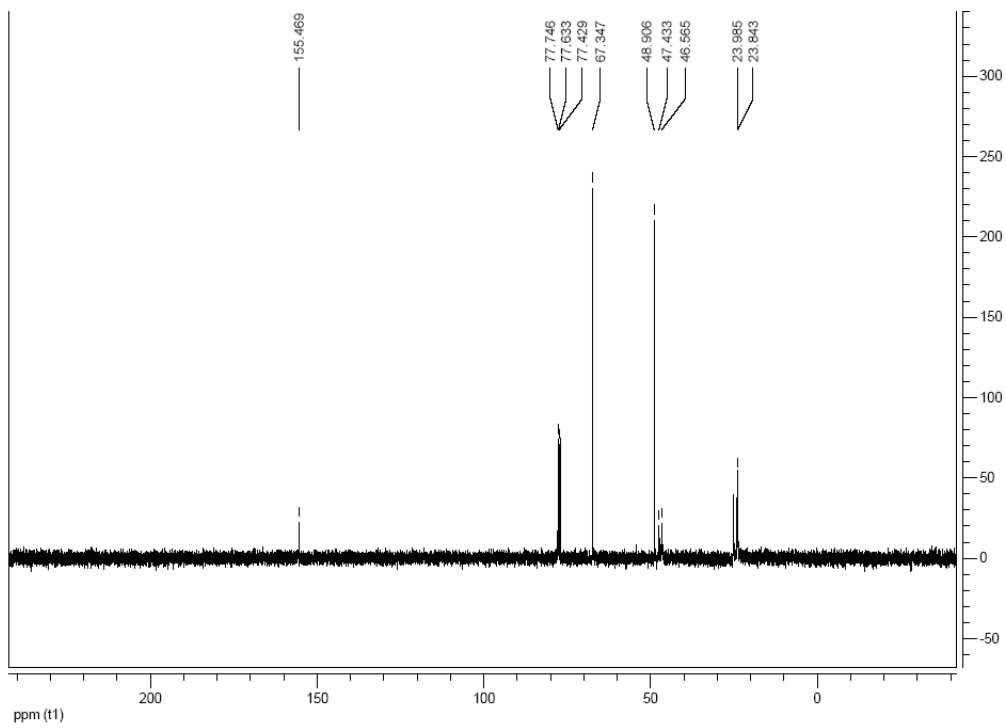
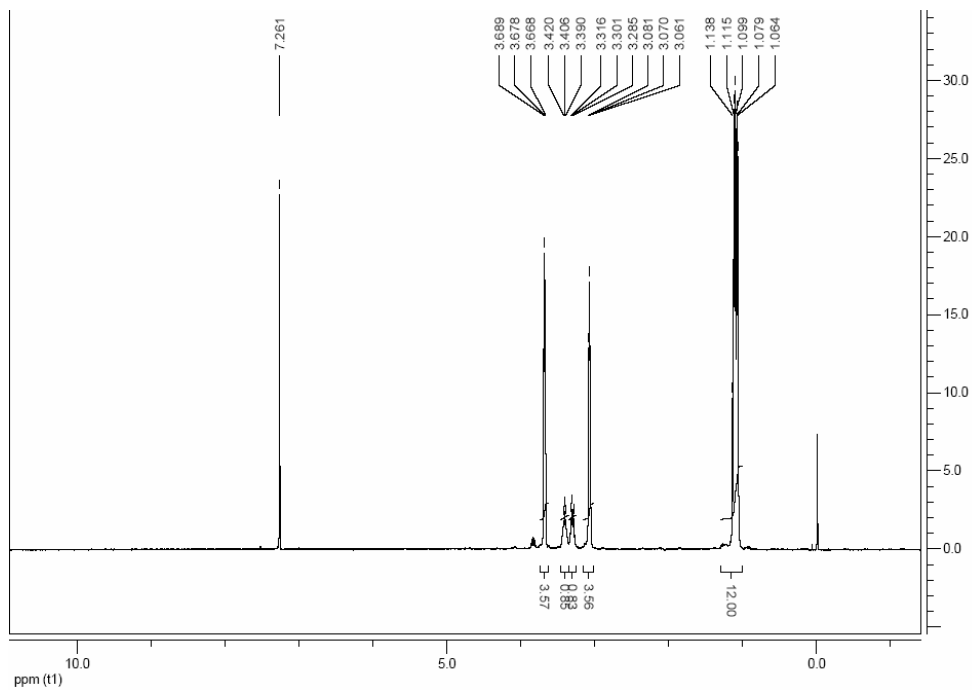
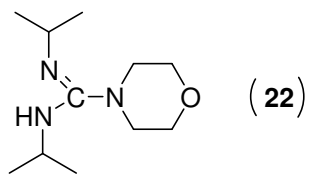


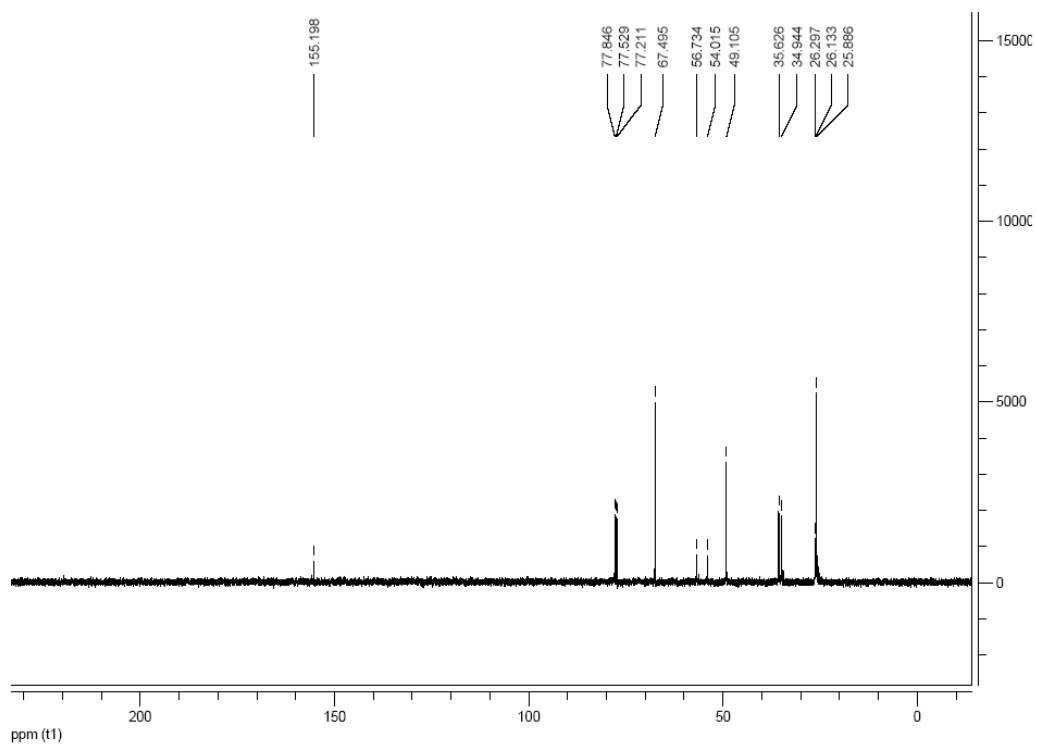
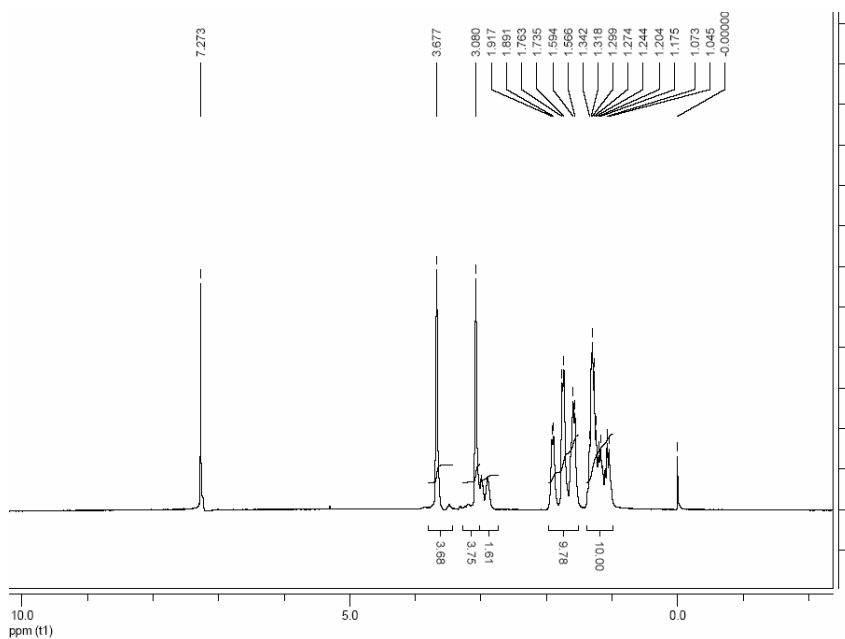
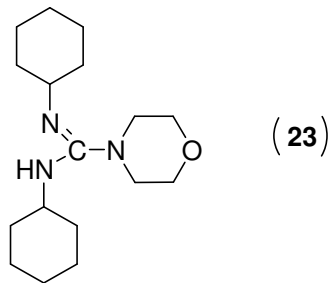
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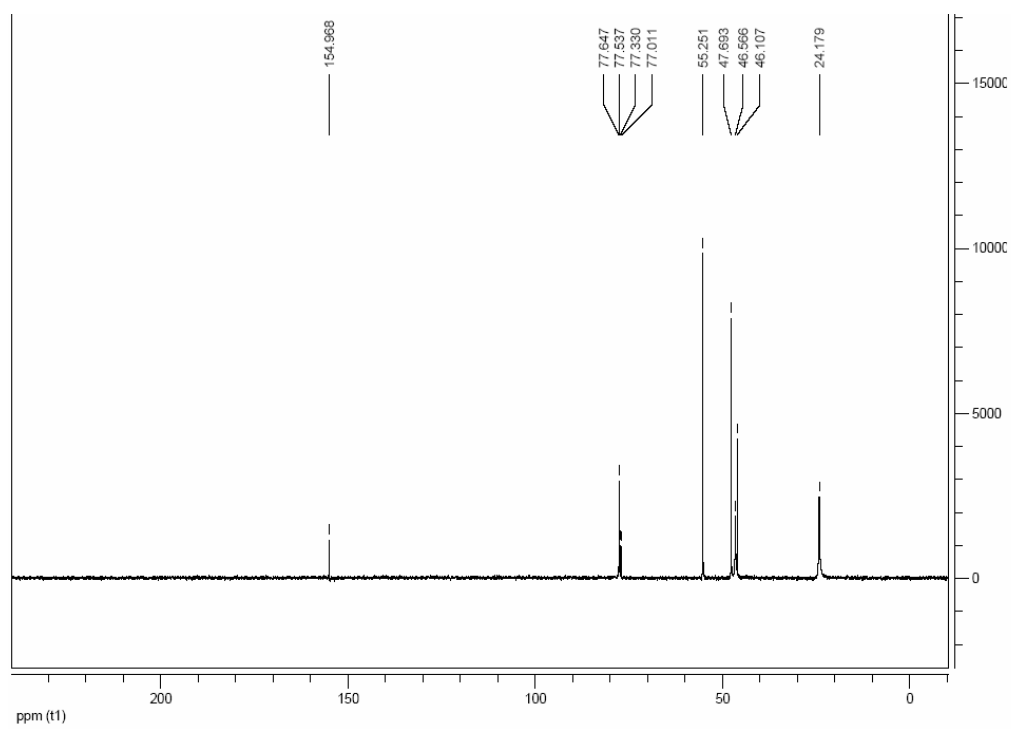
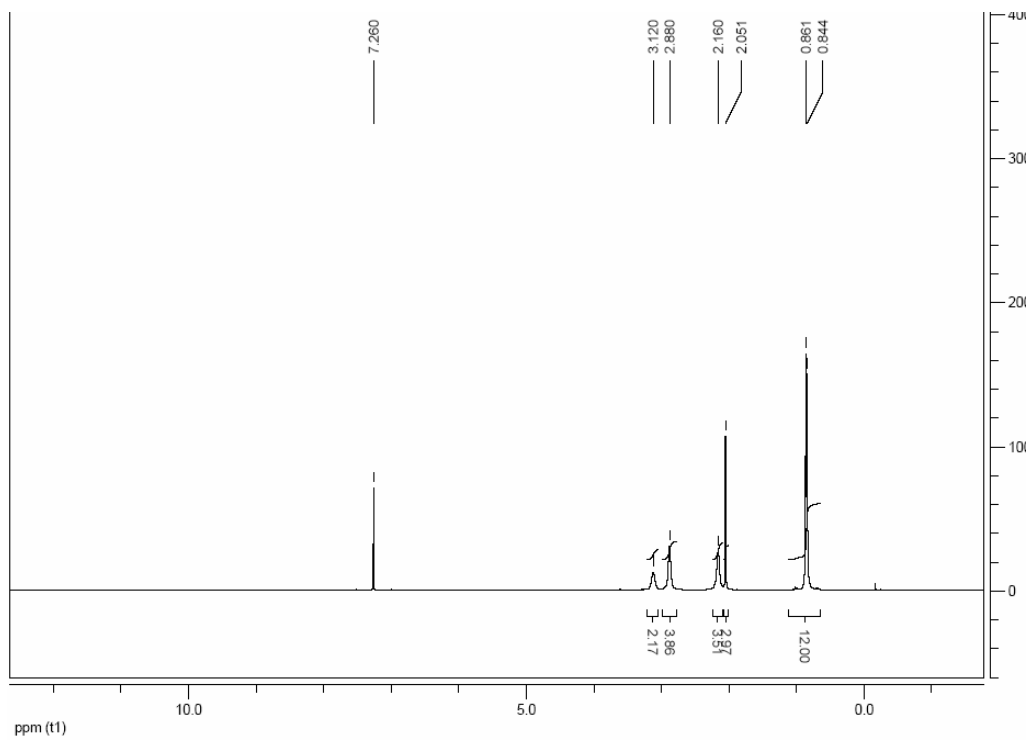
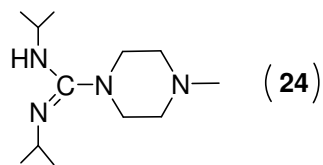




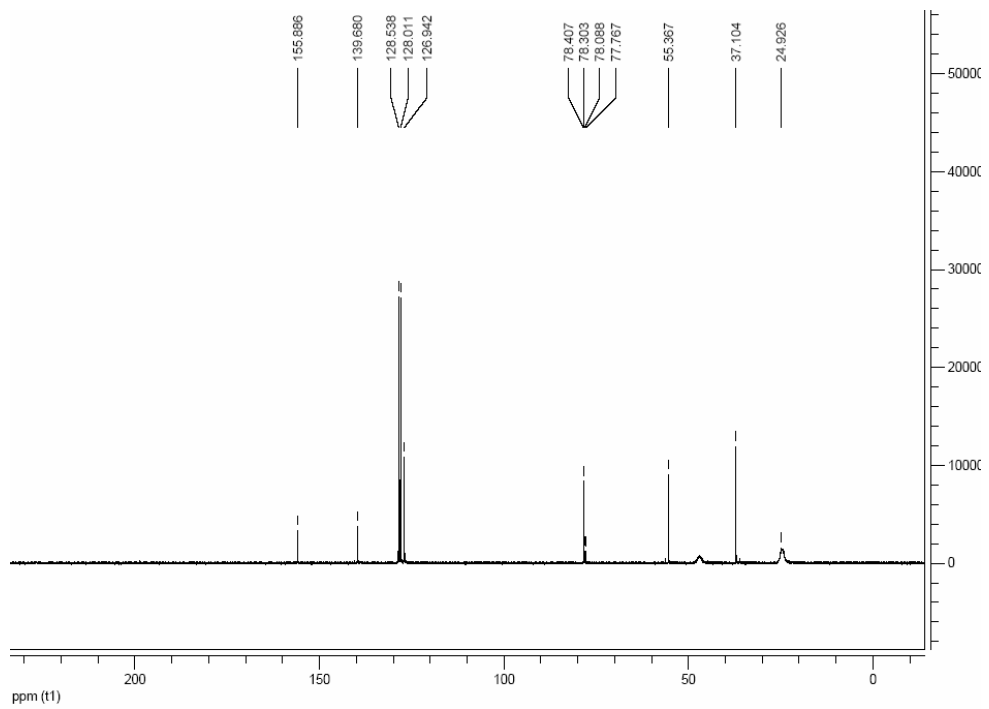
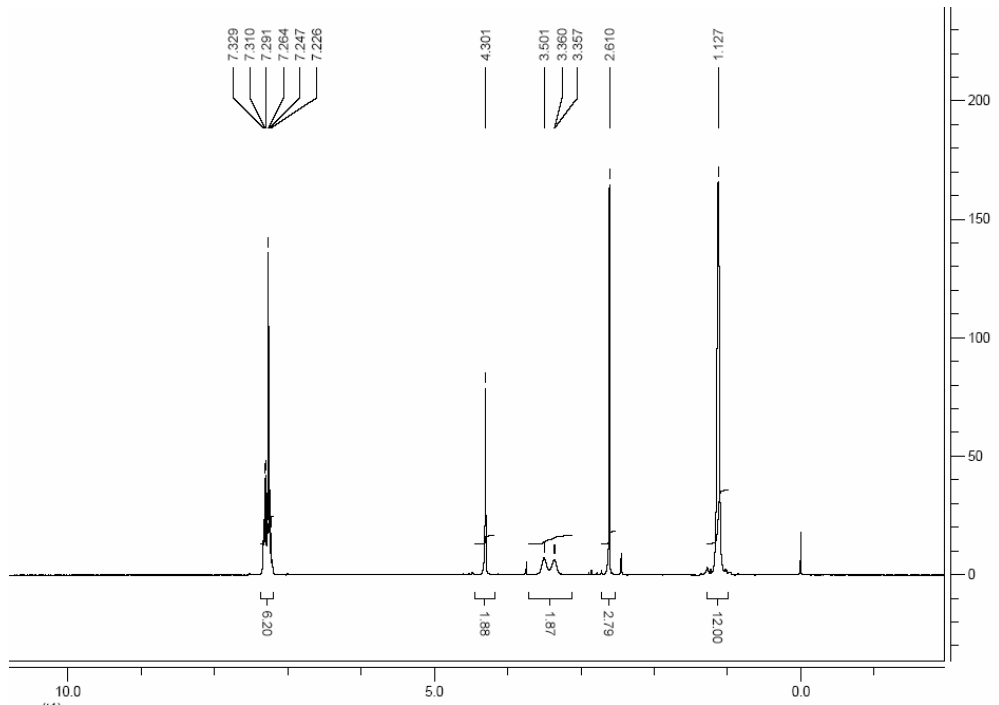
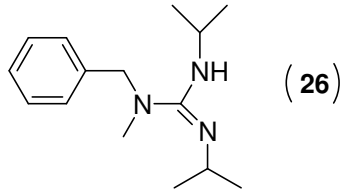


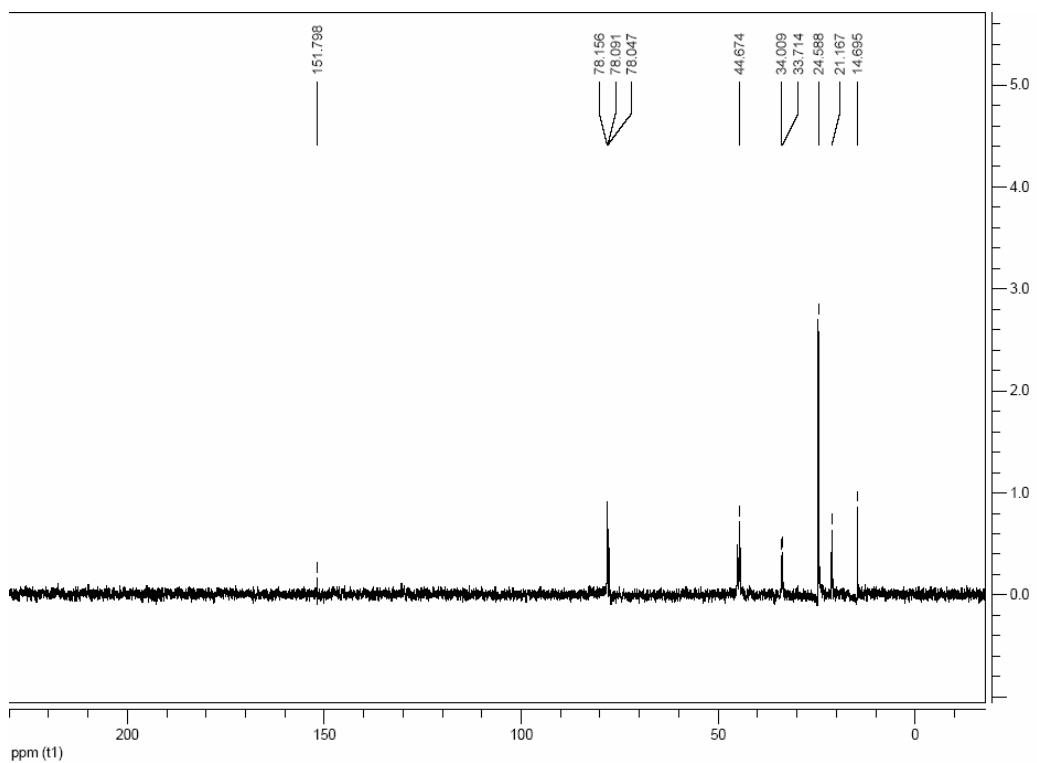
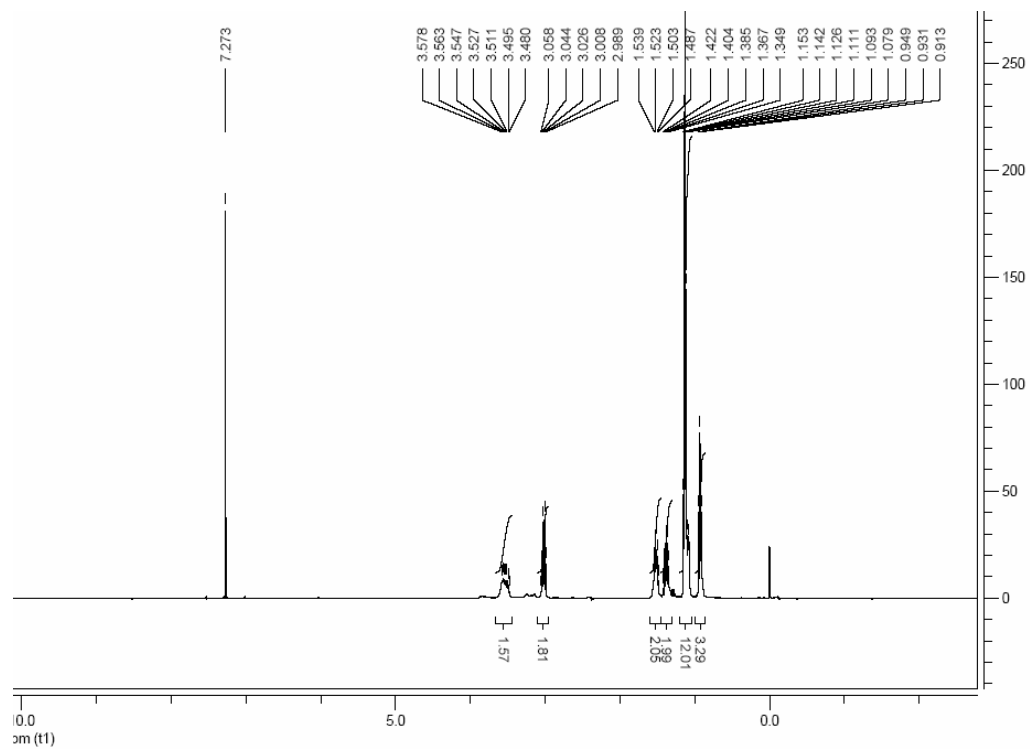
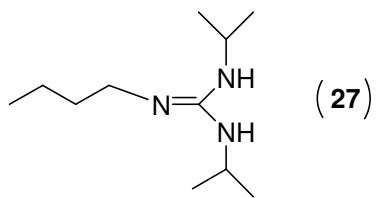


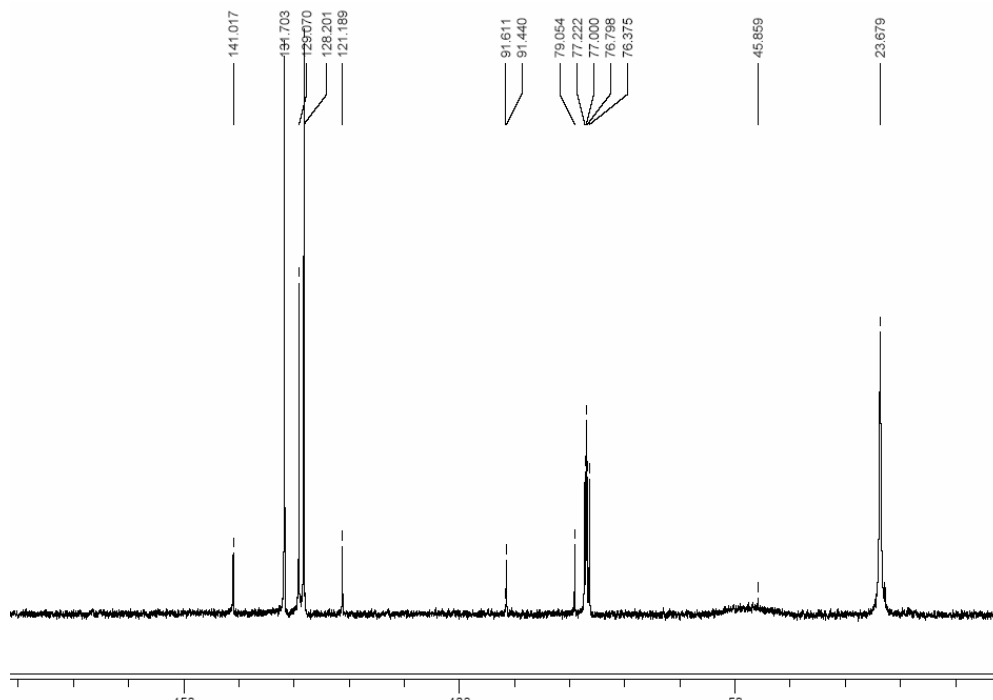
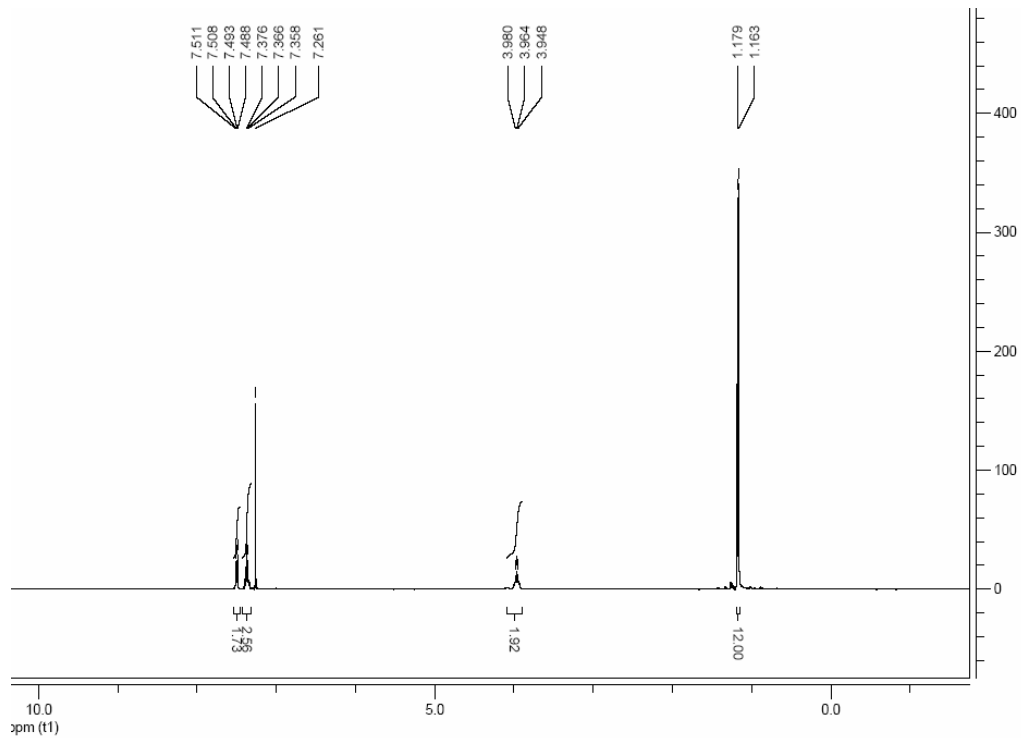
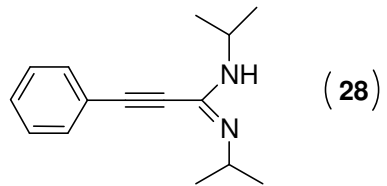


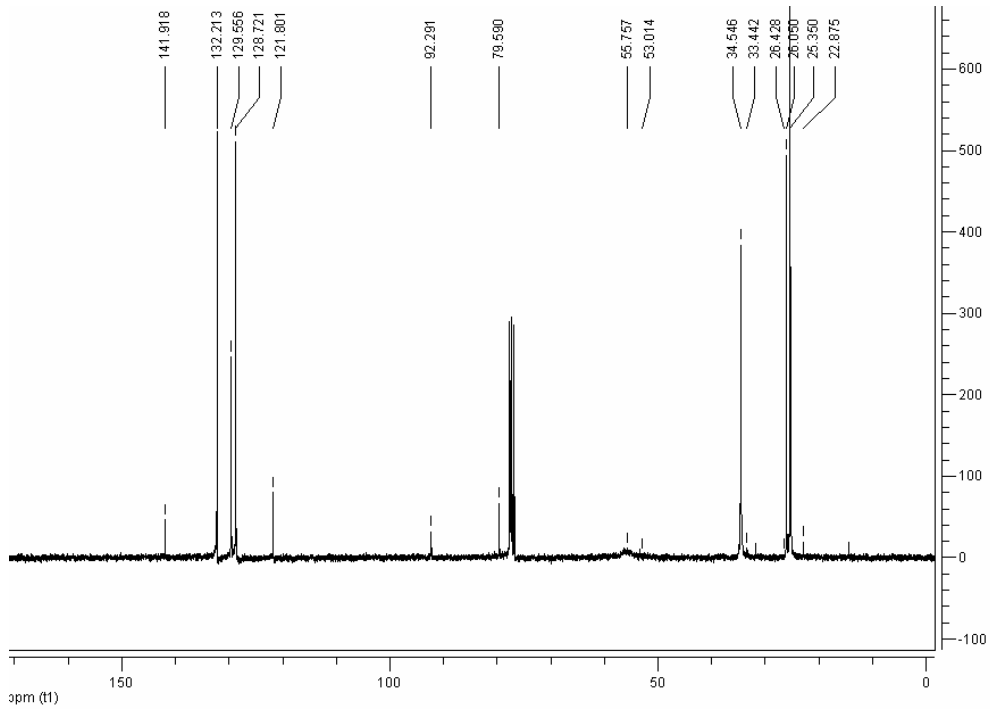
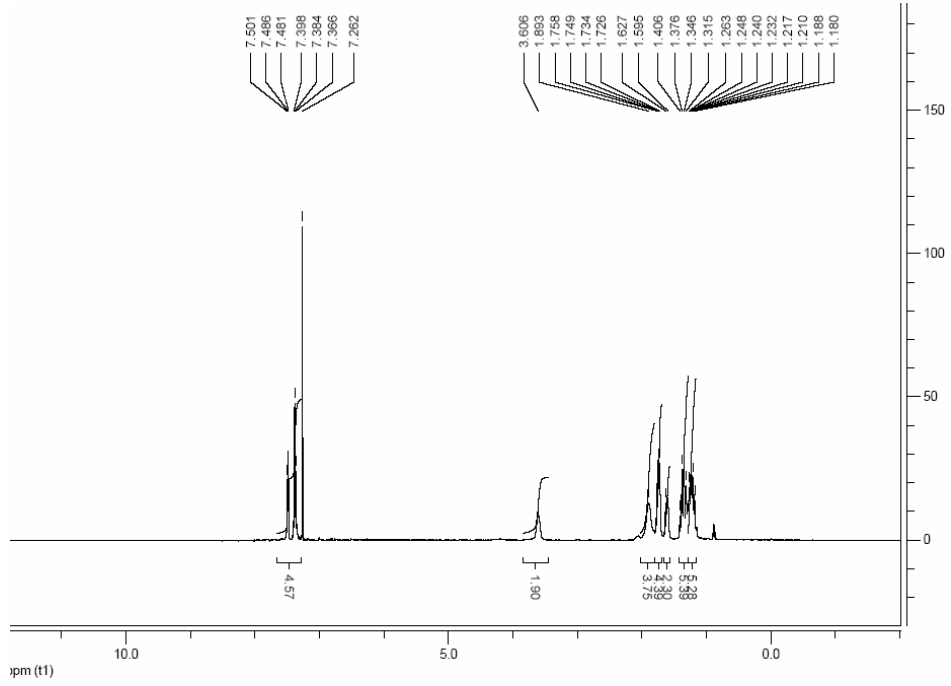
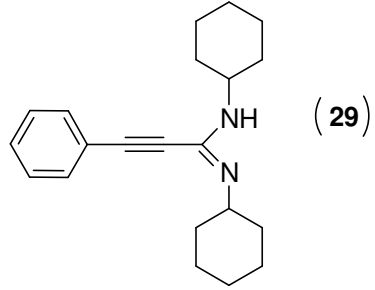


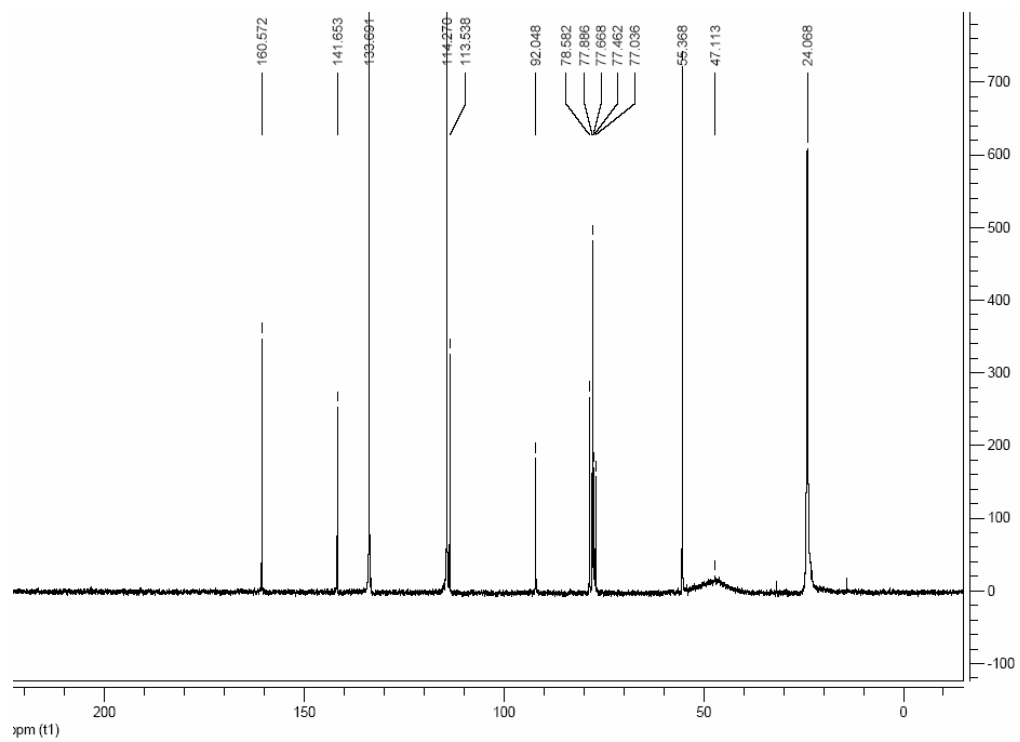
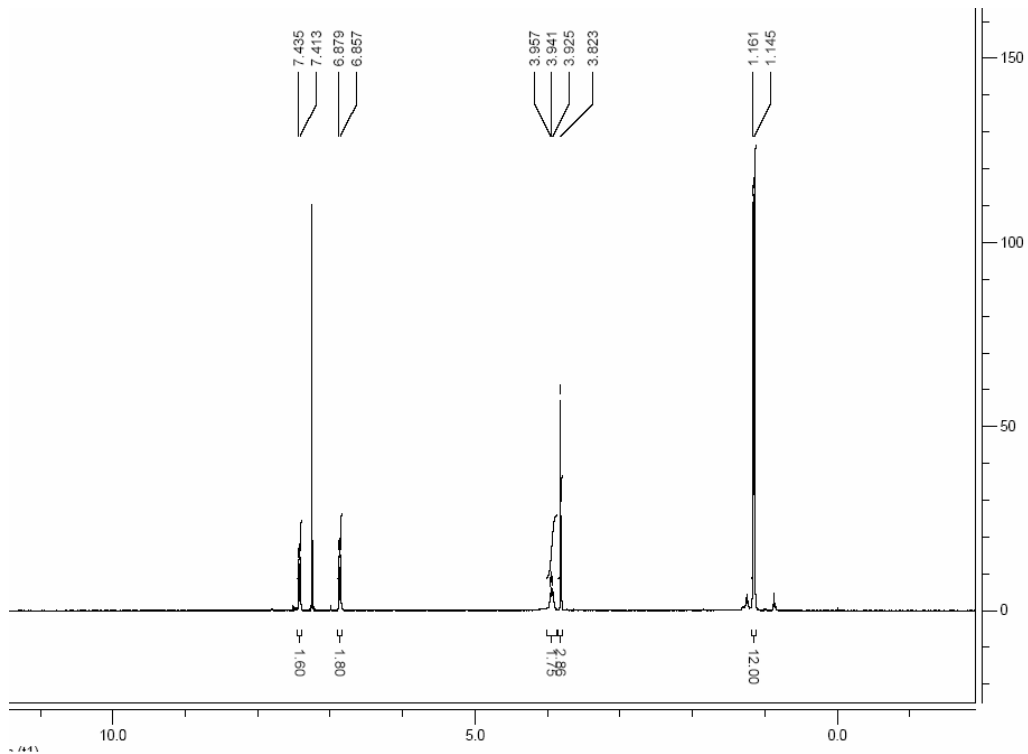
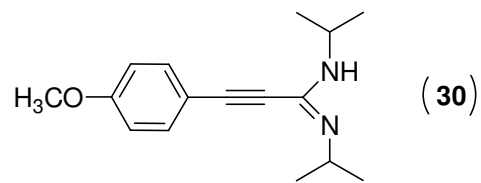


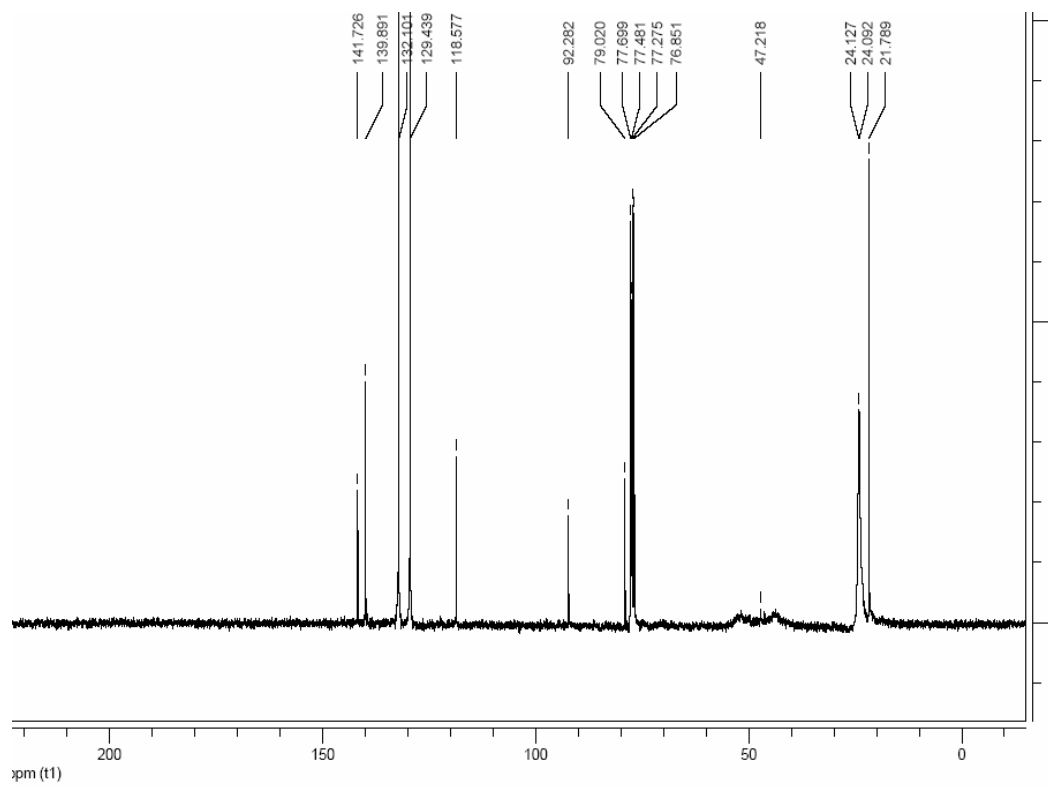
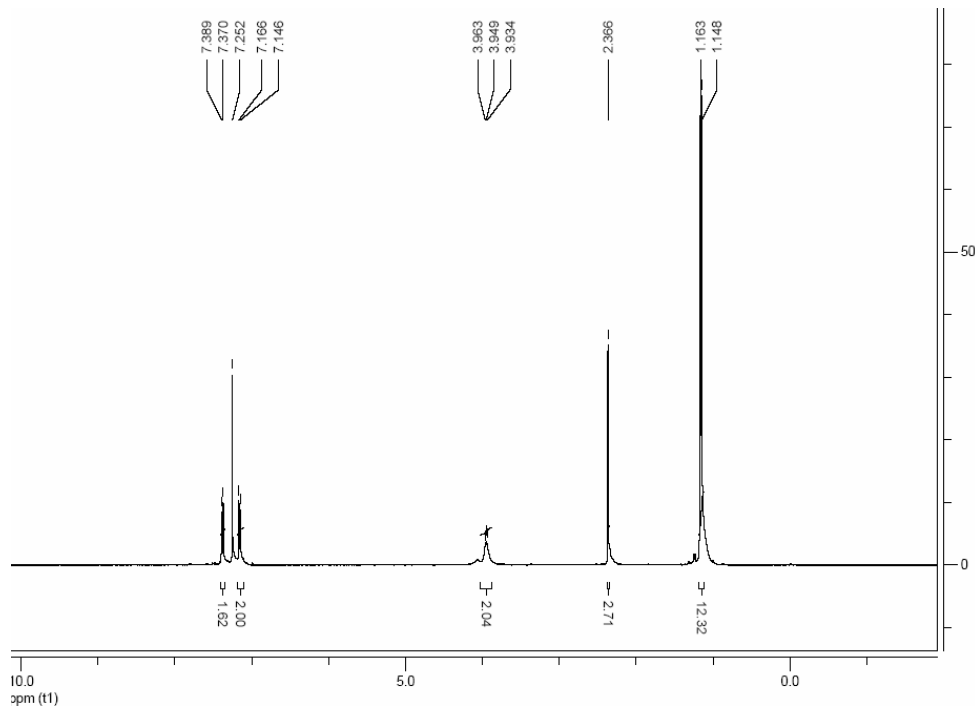
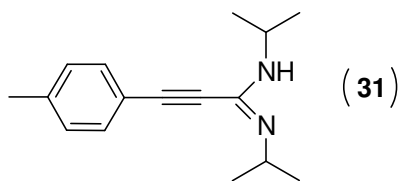


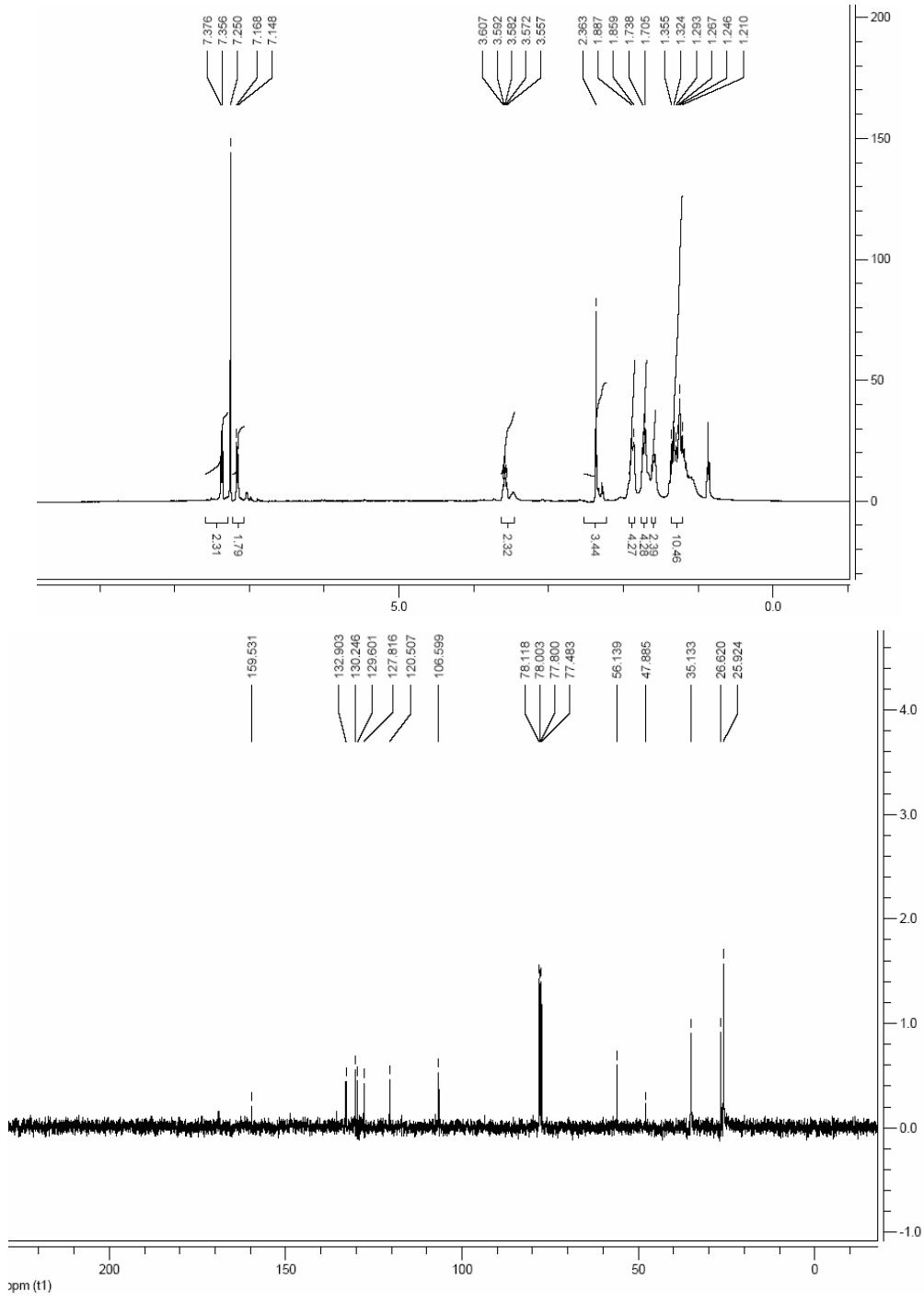
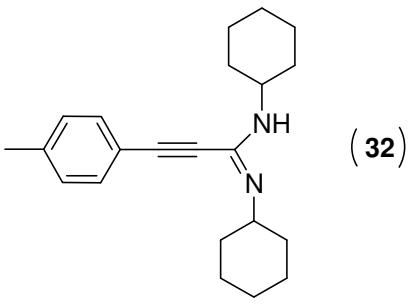


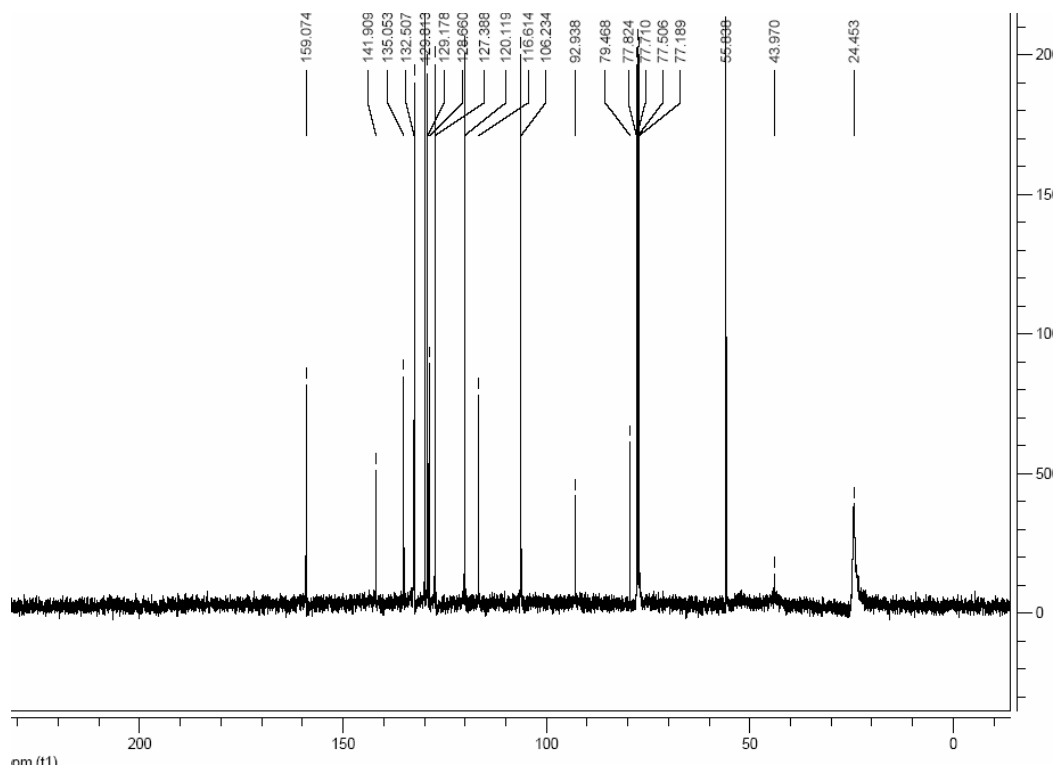
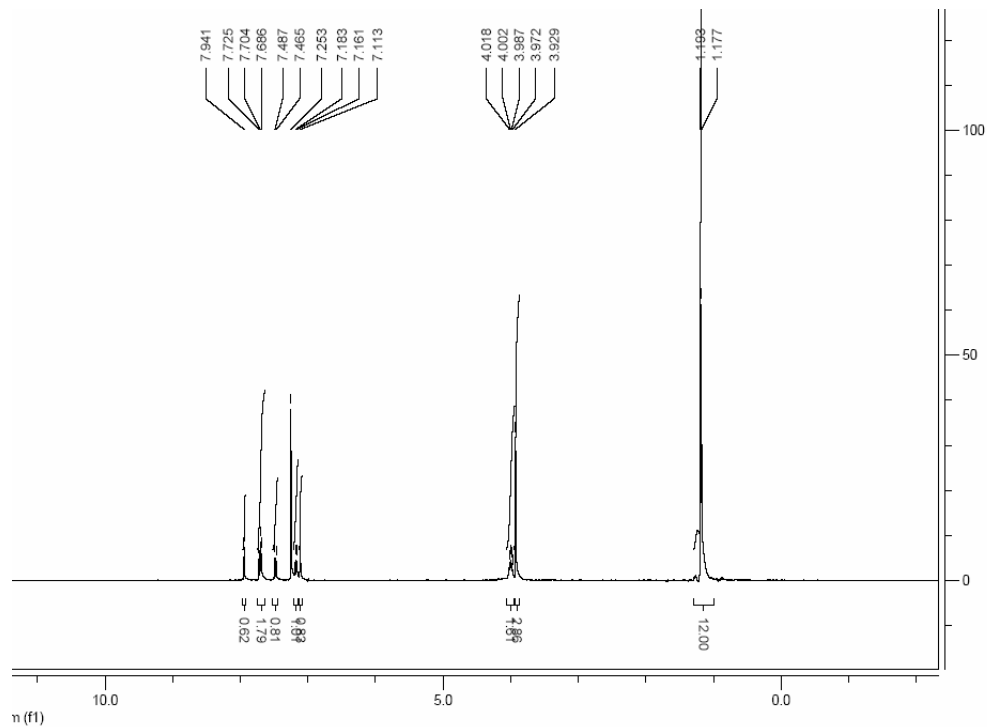
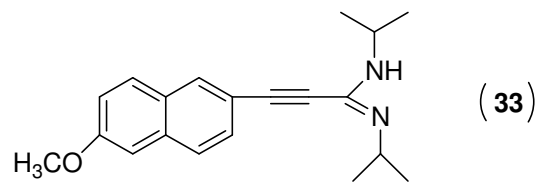


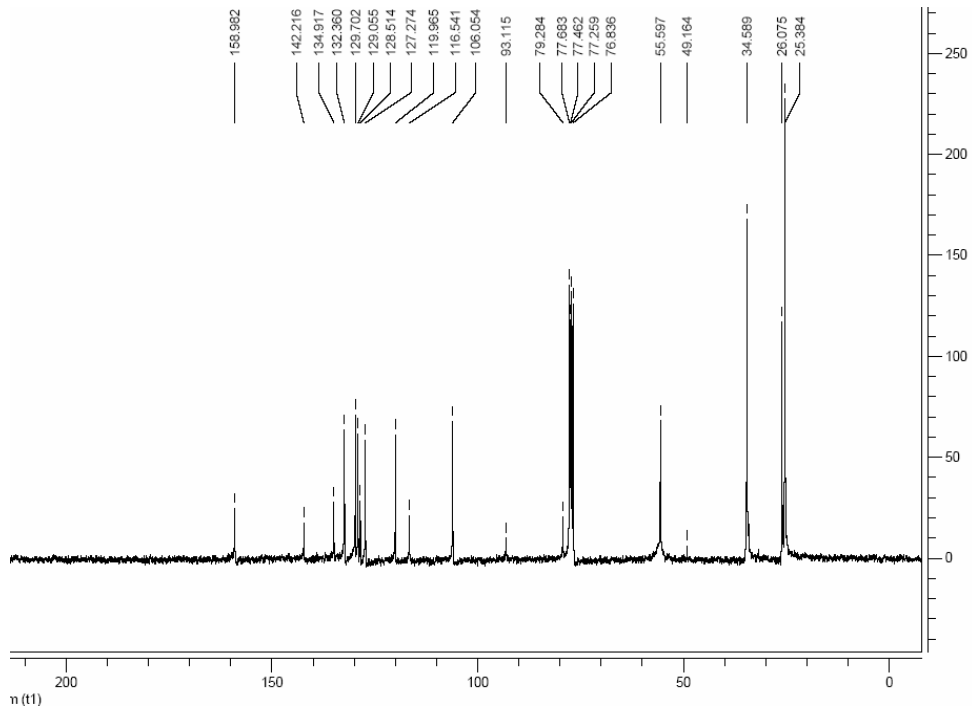
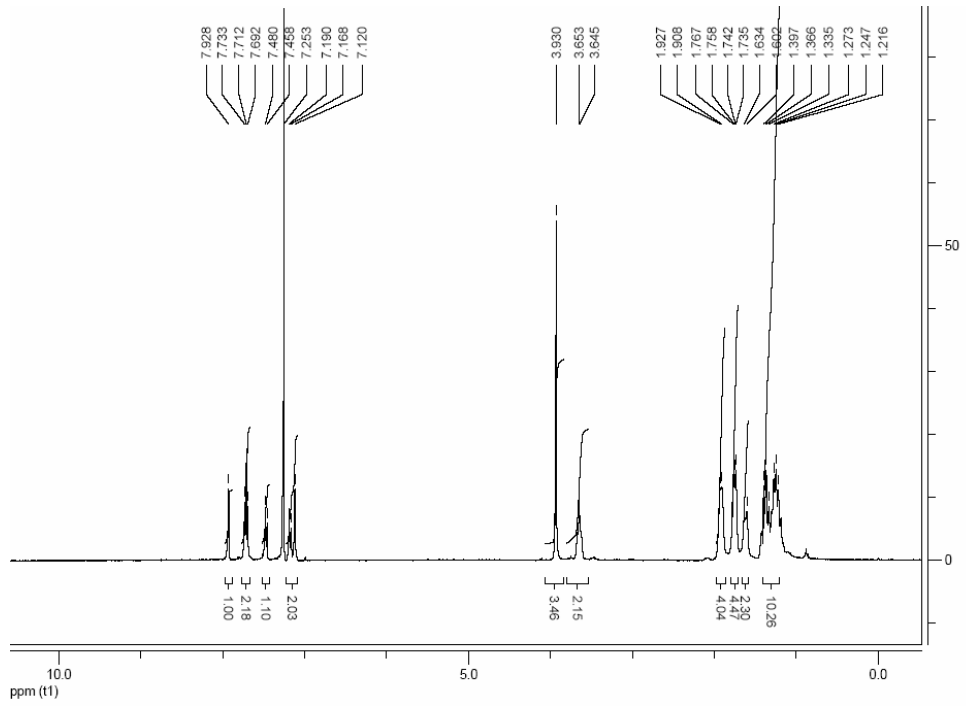
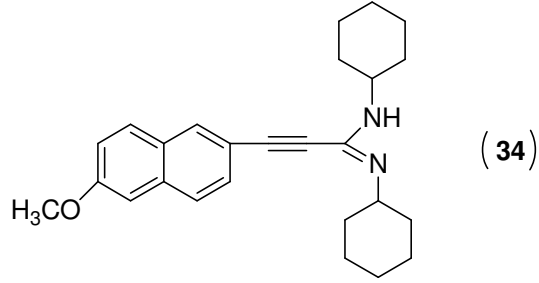


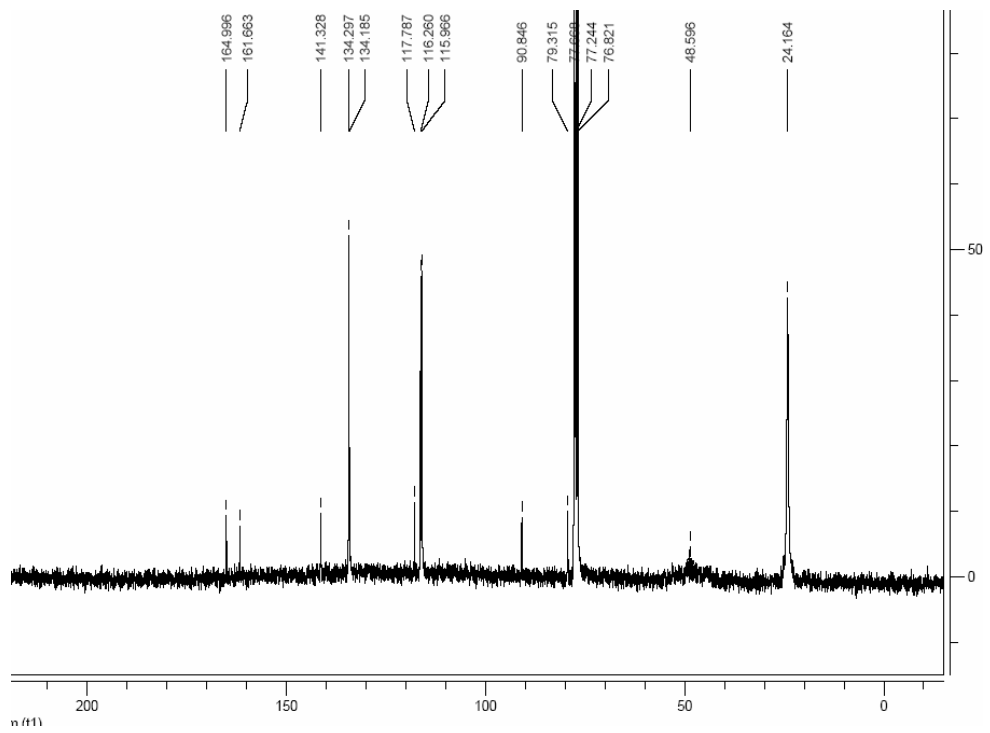
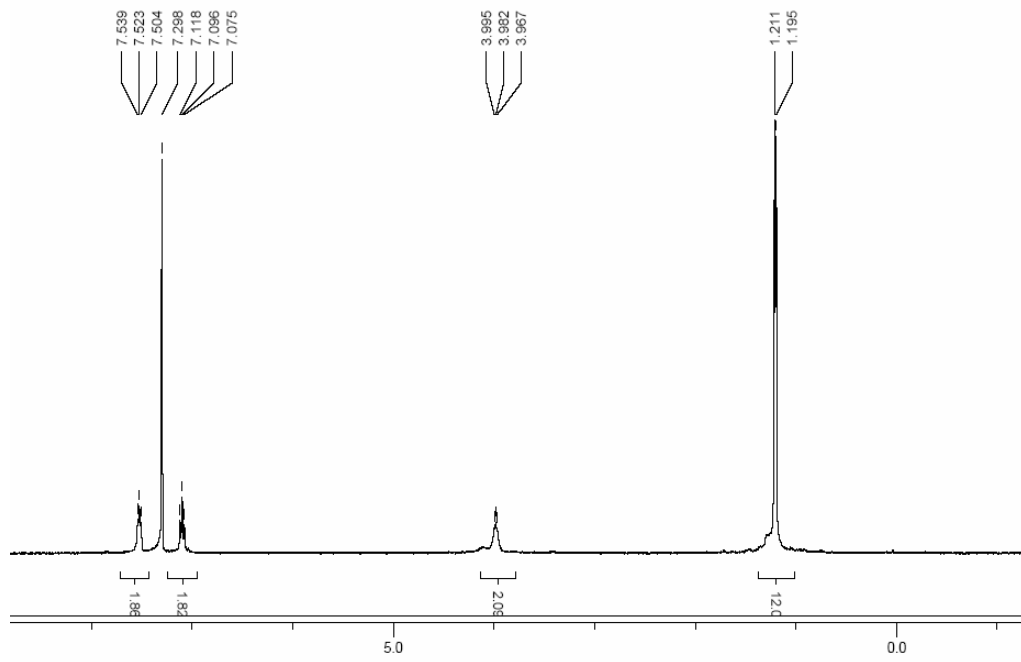
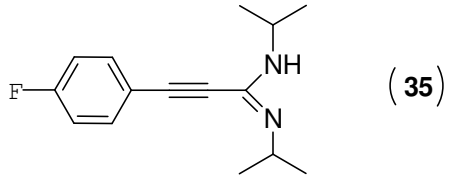


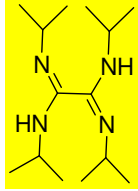




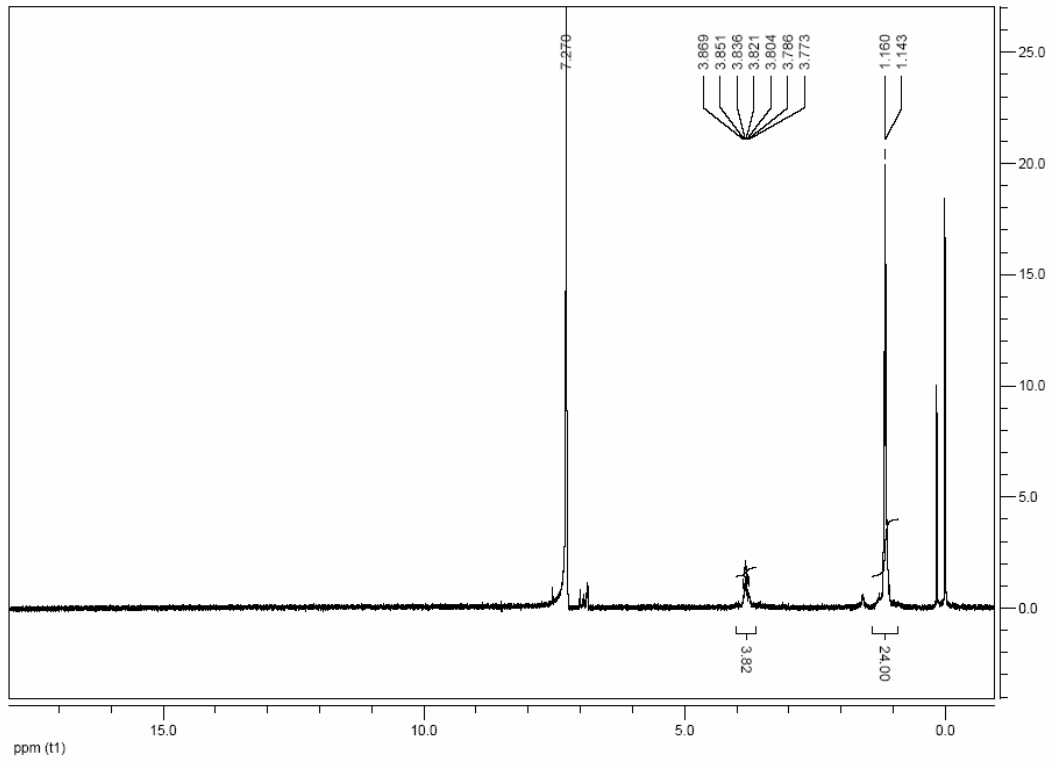


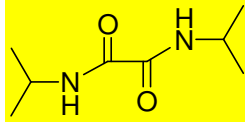






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