

Supplementary Information

Ammonium chloride catalyzed Knoevenagel condensation in PEG-400 as ecofriendly solvent

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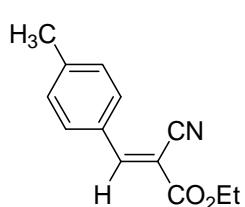
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Experimental Section:

A commercially available reagents were used of analytical grade and employed without further purification. The products were purified using column chromatography wherever needed. All synthesized compounds identified by spectroscopic data, melting points and by comparison with available standards. FTIR spectra were obtained with a Shimadzu 8000 spectrophotometer. H^1 and C^{13} NMR spectra were recorded on Varian spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and with 60 F₂₅₄ plates and spots were rendered visible by exposing to UV light and Iodine. Melting points were determined with an electro thermal model 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected.

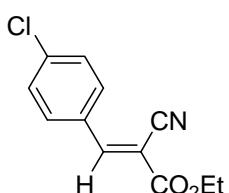
General procedure for the Knoevenagel Condensation:

A round bottom flask was charged with the aldehydes (10 mmol), active methylene compound (10 mmol), ammonium chloride catalyst (10 mol %) and solvent 10 mL. The mixture was stirred at the room temperature. The formation of the products was monitored by TLC and after completion; title compound was isolated by quenching the reaction mixture with water at 5°C and subsequent filtration. Traces of aldehyde if any, were removed by washing the product with hexane.



(E)-ethyl-2-cyano-2-p-tolylacrylate [3a]¹

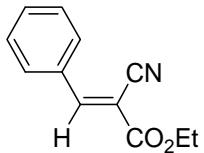
Colorless solid; **mp**: 91-92°C [Lit **mp**: 90-92°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3100, 2850, 2210, 1710, 1600, 1460, 1370, 1270, 1200, 1100; **1H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.40(t, $J=7.06$, 3H), 2.43(s, 3H), 4.38(q, $J=7.06$, 2H), 7.26(d, $J=7.69$, 2H), 7.86(d, $J=8.14$, 2H), 8.21(S, 1H).



(E)-ethyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylate [3b]^{1,4}

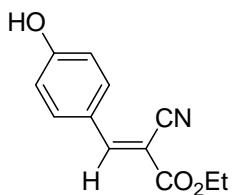
White solid; **mp**: 88-89°C [Lit **mp**: 89-90°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2985, 2225, 1739, 1600, 1452, 1373, 1242, 1047, 933, 842, 788, 634; **1H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.38 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.38 (q, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.18 (s, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 14.26, 62.03, 103.37, 115.94, 129.50, 132.02, 139.49, 153.37, 161.87.

(E)-ethyl-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylate [3c]^{1,4}



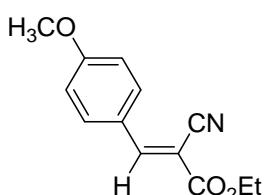
White crystalline solid; **mp:** 49–50°C [Lit **mp:** 50–51°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2924, 2224, 1726, 1604, 1529, 1452, 1367, 1265, 1199, 1093, 1014, 954, 767, 684; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.70(t, $J=7.1$, 3H), 4.67(q, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.84(t, $J=7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.30(t, $J=7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.55(s, 1H).

(E)-ethyl-2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acrylate [3d]¹



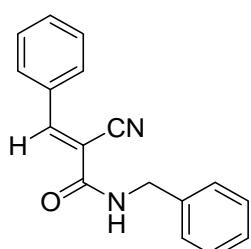
Yellow solid, **mp:** 169–171°C [Lit **mp:** 169–171°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3414, 2235, 1716, 1579, 1512, 1402, 1271, 1207, 1172, 1055, 910, 819, 734, 648; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.40(t, 3H, $J=7.1$ Hz), 2.93(s, 1H), 4.31(q, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.93(d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.96(d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.30(s, 1H).

(E)-ethyl-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate [3e]¹



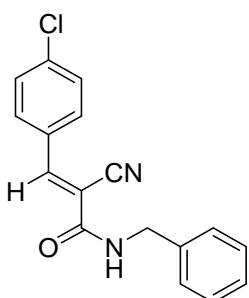
Yellow crystals, **mp:** 79–80°C [Lit **mp:** 79–81°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2990, 2916, 2215, 1710, 1584, 1561, 1513, 1431, 1262, 1211, 1184, 1127, 1089, 1017, 837; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 1.44(t, 3H, $J=7.1$ Hz), 3.92(s, 3H), 4.38(q, 2H, $J=7.1$ Hz), 6.97(d, 2H, $J=9.0$ Hz), 8.02(d, $J=9.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.20(s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): 14.2, 55.6, 62, 99.36, 114.7, 116.2, 124.37, 133, 154.4, 163.13, 163.79.

(E)-N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylamide [3f]^{5a,5b,8}



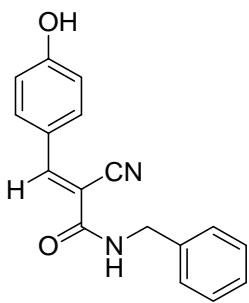
White solid, **mp:** 138–139 °C [Lit **mp:** 138–139°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3335, 3030, 2947, 2222, 1817, 1660, 1593, 1533, 1444, 1363, 1271, 1207, 1159, 1078, 1028, 987, 819, 759, 690, 653; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 4.60(s, 2H), 6.63(s, 1H), 6.98(d, $J=7.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.35(m, 5H), 7.94(d, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H, $J=7.1$ Hz), 8.31(s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 44, 103, 116, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 137, 153, 160.

(E)-N-benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylamide [3g]^{3,5c,8}



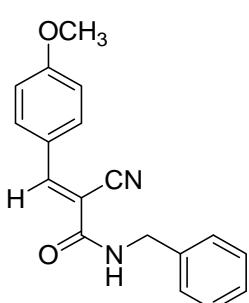
White solid, **mp**: 174-175°C [Lit **mp**: 175-177°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3358, 3217, 3026, 2931, 2216, 1896, 1672, 1591, 1527, 1494, 1452, 1419, 1356, 1317, 1274, 1203, 1089, 1018, 972, 831, 784, 700, 624; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 4.61 (d, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.85 (m, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 44.38, 104.65, 117.11, 127.63, 128.60, 129.20, 129.87, 130.46, 130.32, 136.65, 138.50; **HRMS**: 297[M+H]⁺

(E)-N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acrylamide [3h]⁹



White solid, **mp**: 228-229°C [Lit **mp**: 227-236°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3450, 3180, 3032, 2957, 2212, 1816, 1662, 1590, 1444, 1362, 1261, 1267, 1158, 1074, 1026, 983, 812, 753, 692, 651; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.51 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.94 (d, 2H), 8.40 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 44.30, 103.72, 116.88, 127.94, 128.92, 129.27, 130.69, 131.76, 132.87, 137.20, 153.39, 160.19; **HRMS**: 279 [M+H]⁺

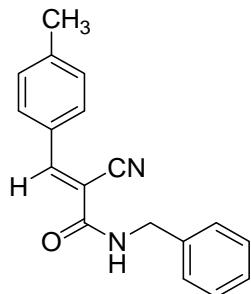
(E)-N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide [3i]^{5c,8}



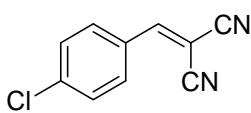
White solid, **mp**: 144-145°C [Lit **mp**: 144°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3335, 3030, 2947, 2222, 1817, 1660, 1593, 1533, 1444, 1363, 1271, 1207, 1159, 1078, 1028, 987, 819, 759, 690, 653; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.60 (d, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 8.31 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 44.91, 56.17, 100.02, 114.56, 117.41, 124.86, 127.31, 129.17, 133.15, 137.90, 152.82, 161.18, 163.04.

(E)-N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-p-tolylacrylamide [3j]^{5c,8}

White solid, **mp**: 110-112°C [Lit **mp**: 110-112°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3360, 3020, 2929, 2785, 2590, 2461, 2397, 2324, 2216, 1952, 1901, 1803, 1753, 1678, 1595, 1525, 1425, 1356, 1271, 1197, 1030, 974, 808, 746,

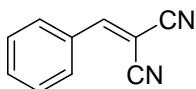


700, 615; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 2.44 (s, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 4.61 (d, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.33 (m, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 5H), 7.84 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 4H), 8.35 (s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 21.85, 44.57, 102.40, 117.29, 127.91, 127.93, 128.91, 130.02, 130.87, 137.22, 144.10, 153.33, 160.52; **HRMS**: 277($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺



2-(4-chlorobenzylidene) malononitrile [3k]⁴

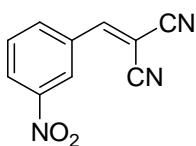
White solid, **mp**: 160-162°C [Lit **mp**: 161-162°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3807, 3724, 3317, 3032, 2935, 2584, 2303, 2225, 2075, 1928, 1788, 1585, 1419, 1410, 1290, 1219, 1095, 937, 779, 704, 617; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (75 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 83.62, 111.63, 113.25, 129.28, 130.58, 132.17, 140.94, 158.01.



2-benzylidenemalononitrile[3l]^{2,4}

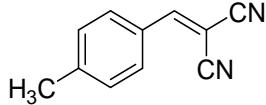
White solid, **mp**: 80-81°C [Lit **mp**: 82-83°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3817, 3722, 3307, 2934, 2540, 2302, 2221, 2074, 1922, 1783 1583, 1413 1410, 1288, 1210, 1090, 933, 774, 732, 622; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.52(t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H).

2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)malononitrile [3m]⁷



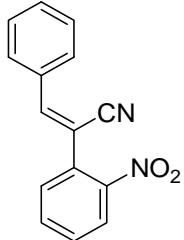
White solid, **mp**: 100-102°C [Lit **mp**: 99-100°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3088, 3045, 2949, 2866, 2742, 2636, 2571, 2461, 2301, 2229, 2000, 1942, 1892, 1795, 1763, 1602, 1425, 1344, 1313, 1217, 1153, 1105, 1035, 999, 943, 823, 736, 690, 671, 623; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (t, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, 2H), 8.47(m, 2H), 8.64(t, 2H).

2-(4-methylbenzylidene)malononitrile [3n]²



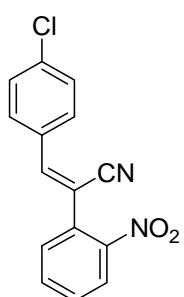
White solid, **mp**: 134-136°C [Lit **mp**: 133-134°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3827, 3712, 3300, 2928, 2530, 2302, 2201, 2064, 1922, 1783 1583, 1418 1425, 1290, 1210, 1098, 933, 778, 732, 628; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300 MHz; CDCl_3): δ

2.46 (s, 3H), 7.33 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.80(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H).



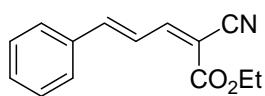
(Z)-2-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylacrylonitrile [3o]¹³

White solid, **mp**: 101-105°C [Lit **mp**: 99-101°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3098, 2936, 2845, 2506, 2401, 2204, 1930, 1900, 1802, 1502, 1511, 1332, 1204, 1087, 1028, 901, 840, 810, 742, 630; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 7.51(t, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.31(t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H).



(Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylonitrile [3p]¹¹

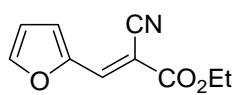
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(2Z,4E)-ethyl 2-cyano-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienoate [3q]^{6,10}

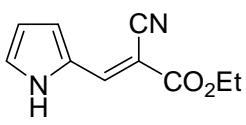
Brown solid, **mp**: 115-116°C [Lit **mp**: 115°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3090, 2985, 2251, 1730, 1640, 1221, 1023, 961, 857, 749, 669; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 8.0(d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 13.88, 62.06, 104.36, 114.95, 123.06, 128.46, 129.07, 131.35, 134.20, 148.85, 155.01, 162.16; **MS(m/z)**: 227[M⁺]

(E)-ethyl 2-cyano-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylate [3r]¹



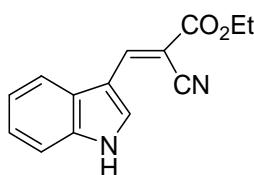
Colorless solid, **mp**: 90-91°C [Lit **mp**: 89-91°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3030, 2215, 1760, 1618, 1530, 1460, 1380, 1215, 1091, 756; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (dd, $J = 1.9, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.0 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.9, 62.3, 98.3, 113.7, 115.1, 121.6, 139.2, 148.1, 148.5, 162.3.

(E)-ethyl 2-cyano-3-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acrylate [3s]¹

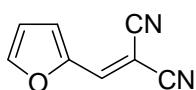


Light gray solid, **mp**: 135-136°C [Lit **mp**: 135-137°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3307, 2206, 1695, 1585, 1427, 1355, 1281, 1217, 1142, 1047, 750. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.39 (t, $J=7.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.39 (q, $J=7.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.40 (dd, $J=3.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J=3.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.0 (s, 1H), 10.05 (br. s, 1H, NH). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.1, 61.9, 91.5, 112.4, 118.2, 123.9, 126.6, 128.4, 142.6, 163.5.

(E)-ethyl -2-cyano-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)acrylate [3t]¹



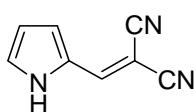
Yellow solid, **mp**: 160-161°C [Lit **mp**: 161-162°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3325, 2212, 1697, 1565, 1505, 1363, 1263, 1136, 1012, 880, 746; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.40 (t, $J=7.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.40 (q, $J=7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.85 (m, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 9.45 (br. s, 1H, NH); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.2, 29.6, 62.0, 94.3, 111.0, 112.3, 118.2, 122.5, 124.1, 127.3, 130.8, 135.6, 146.6, 163.8.



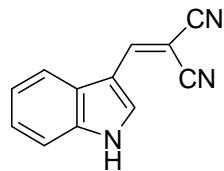
2-((furan-2-yl)methylene)malononitrile[3u]¹

Pale-yellow solid, **mp**: 67-69°C [Lit **mp**: 67-68°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3415, 3043, 2224, 1609, 1523, 1451, 1391, 1294, 1149, 1019, 935, 767, 584; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.75 (dd, $J=3.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J=3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J=1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.8 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.5, 147.9, 143.0, 123.5, 114.3, 113.7, 112.5, 77.2.

2-((1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)malononitrile [3v]¹

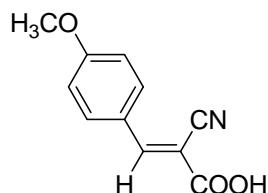


Light gray solid, **mp**: 120-121°C [Lit **mp**: 120-122°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3368, 1589, 1511, 1393, 1322, 1123, 1045, 927, 868, 769, 700, 583; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.40 (dd, $J=2.5, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J=2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J=3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 11.5 (br. s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 69.5, 113.2, 114.5, 115.5, 125.2, 126.6, 130.2, 145.9.



2-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)methylene)malononitrile[3w]¹

Brown solid, **mp**: 221-222°C [Lit **mp**: 221-223°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3270, 2915, 2215, 1566, 1499, 1336, 1225, 1139, 825, 789; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.20-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.78 (m, 1H), 8.10-8.20 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 12.30 (br. s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 69.5, 110.2, 112.1, 114.9, 117.2, 121.9, 123.2, 126.0, 131.8, 135.4, 150.2.

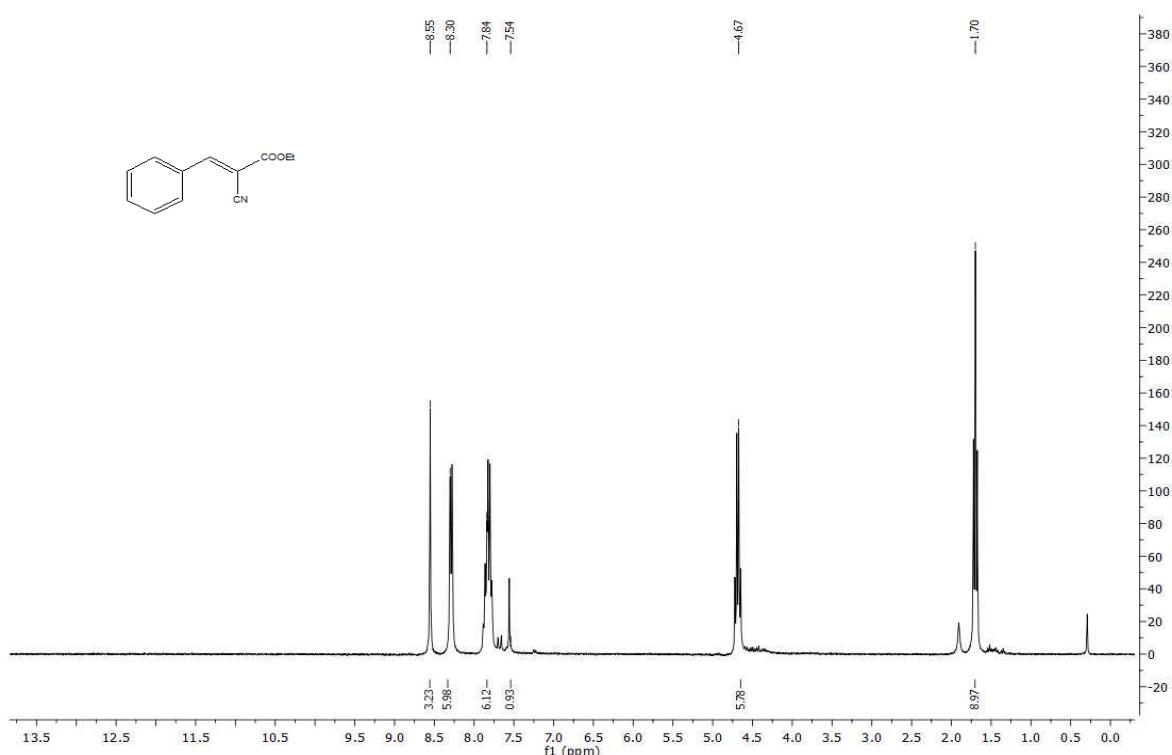


(E)-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid [3x]¹²

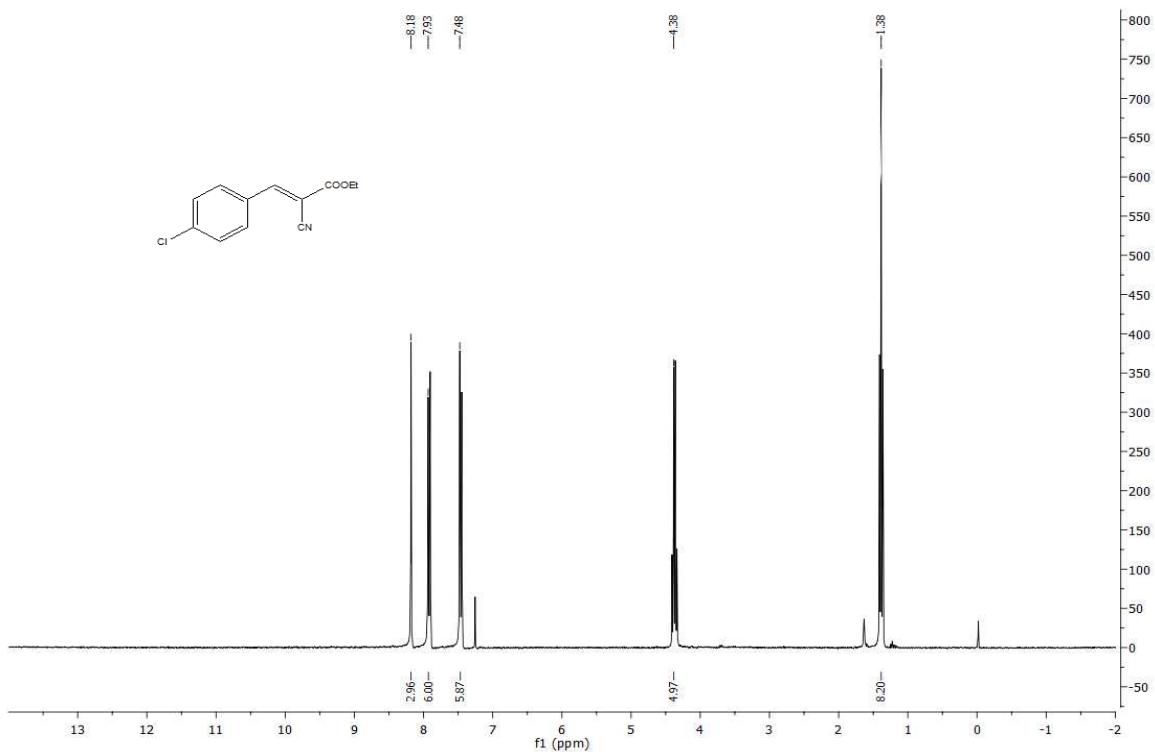
Yellow crystals, **mp**: 228-230°C [Lit **mp**: 228°C]; **IR** ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2824, 2550, 2230, 1697, 1602, 1587, 1492, 1430, 1290, 1213, 1094, 921, 833; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz; DMSO-d₆): δ 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.11(d, 2H, *J* = 9 Hz), 8.03 (d, 2H, *J* = 9 Hz), 8.23 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75MHz; DMSO-d₆): δ 53, 104, 119, 121, 128, 137, 158, 167, 168.

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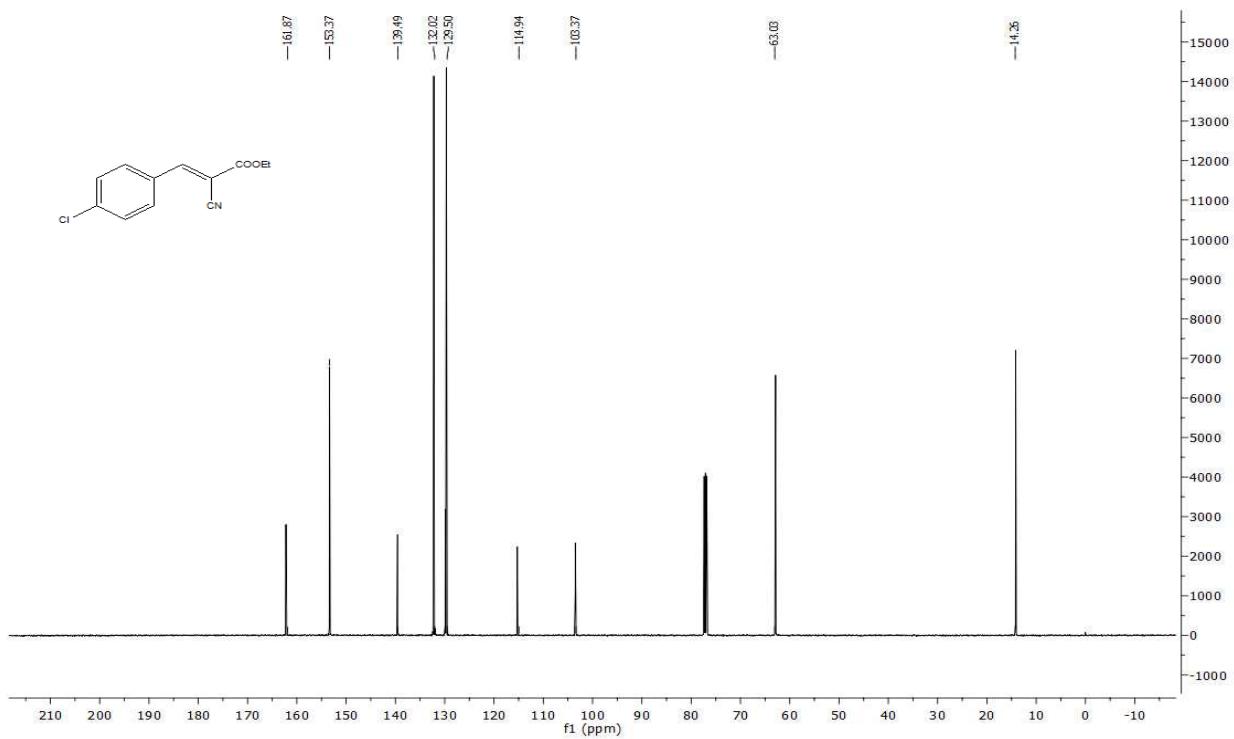
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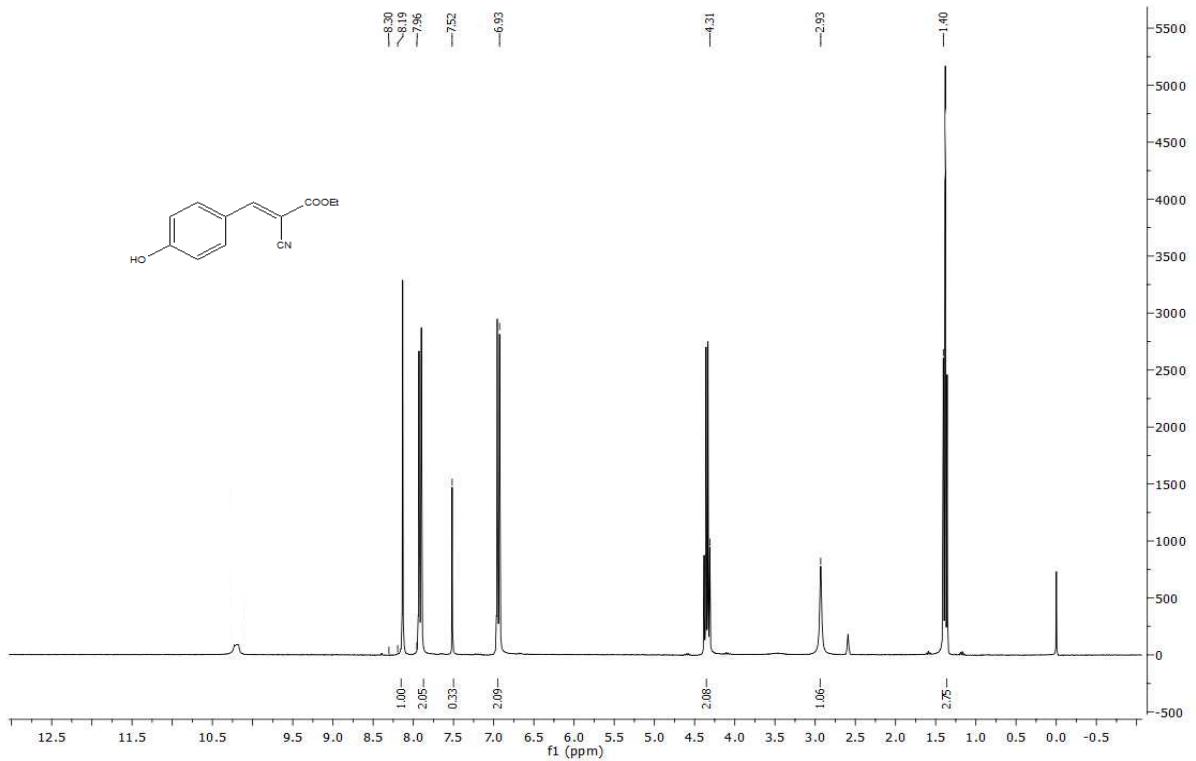
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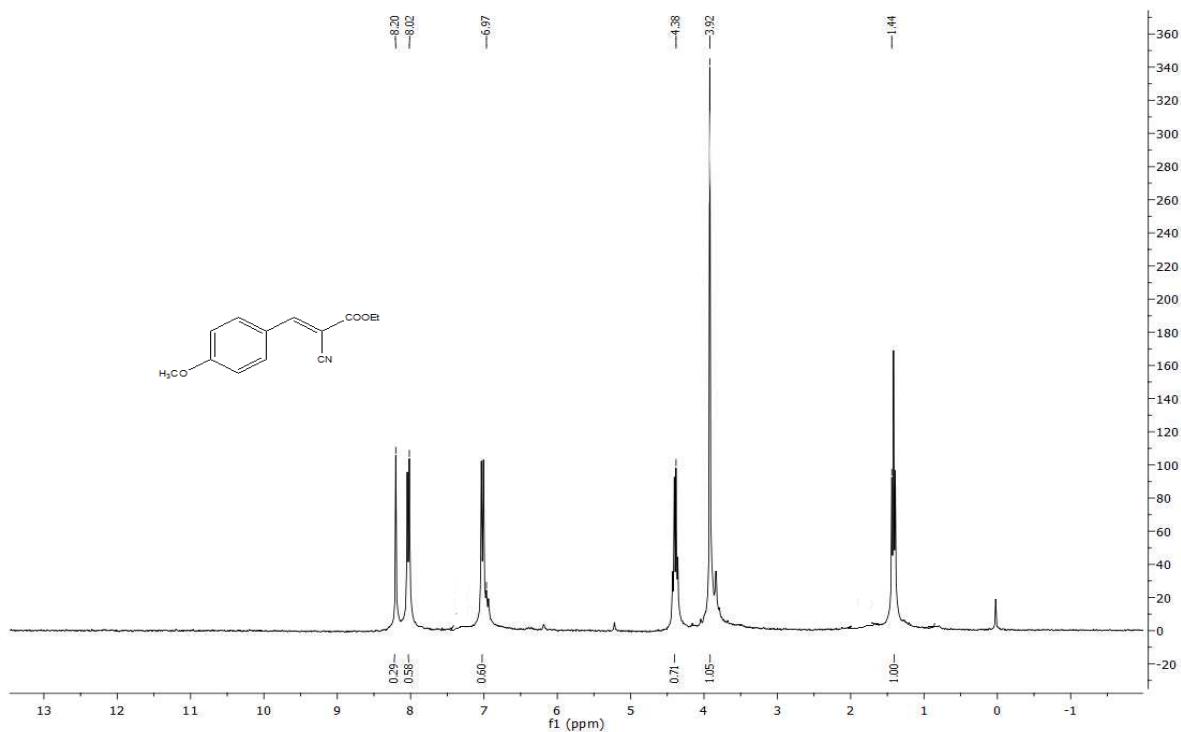
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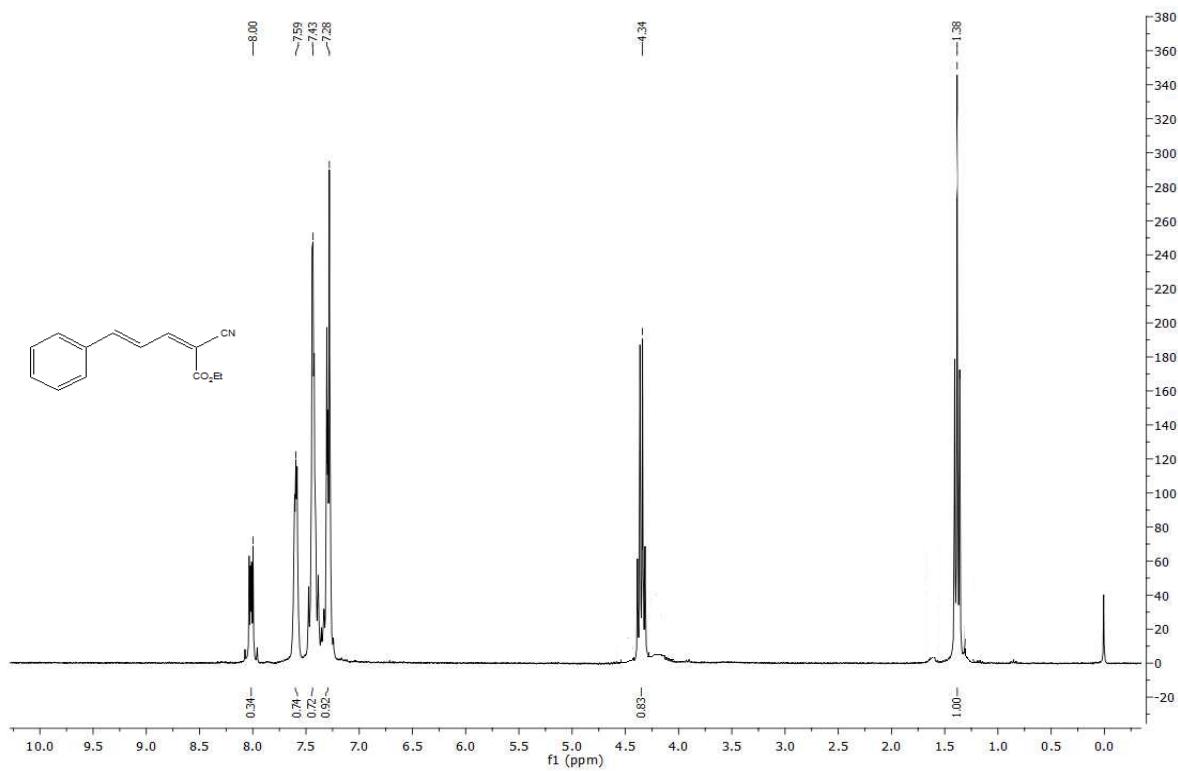
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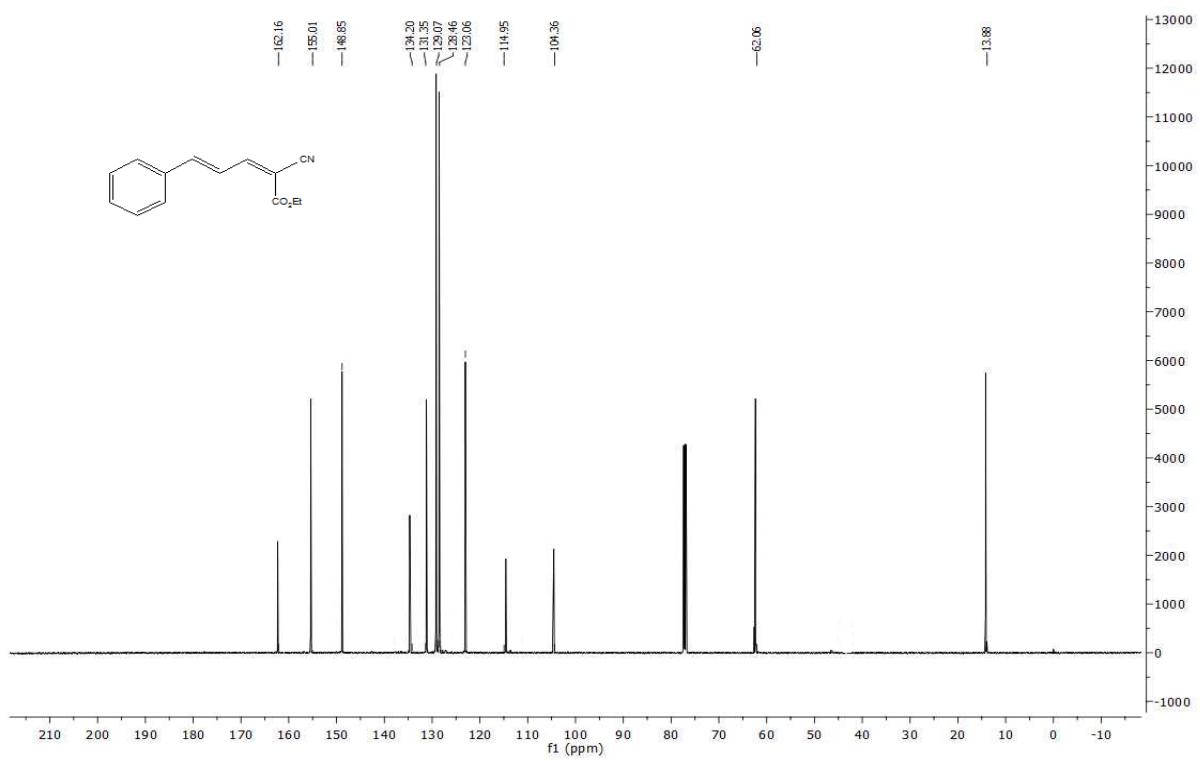
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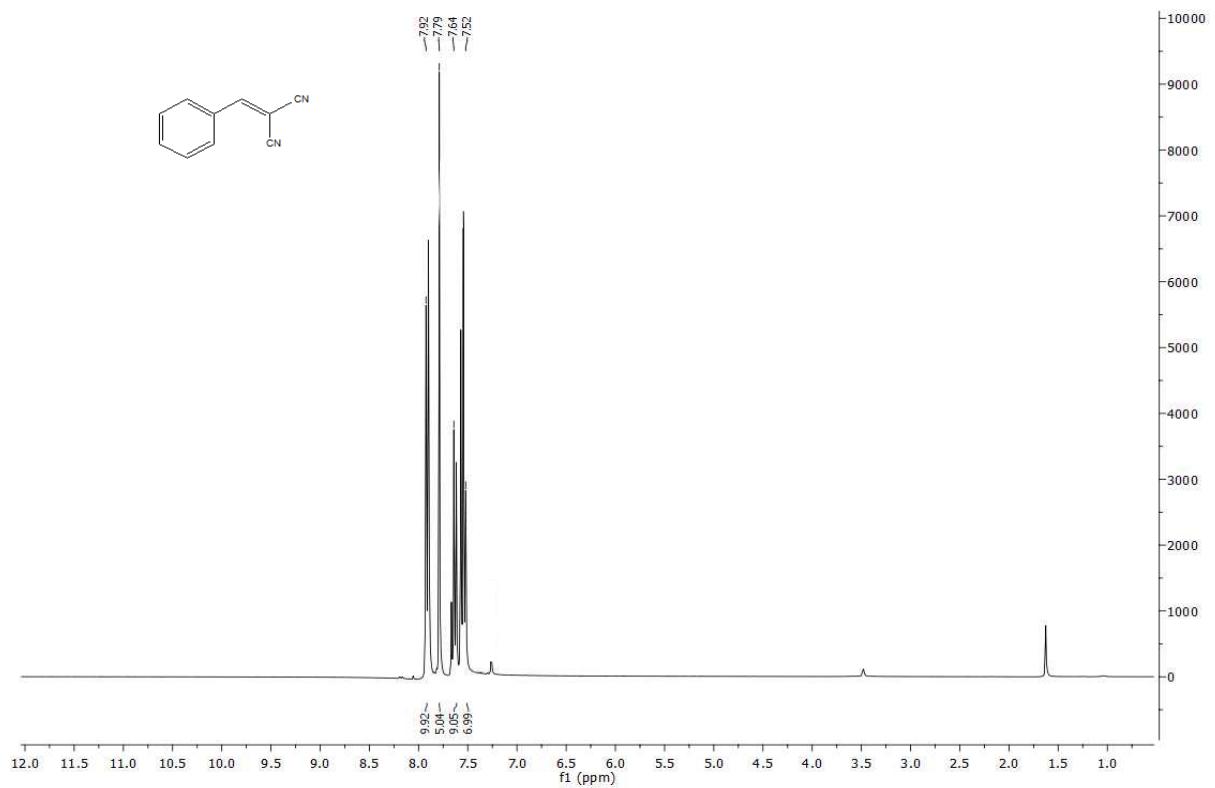


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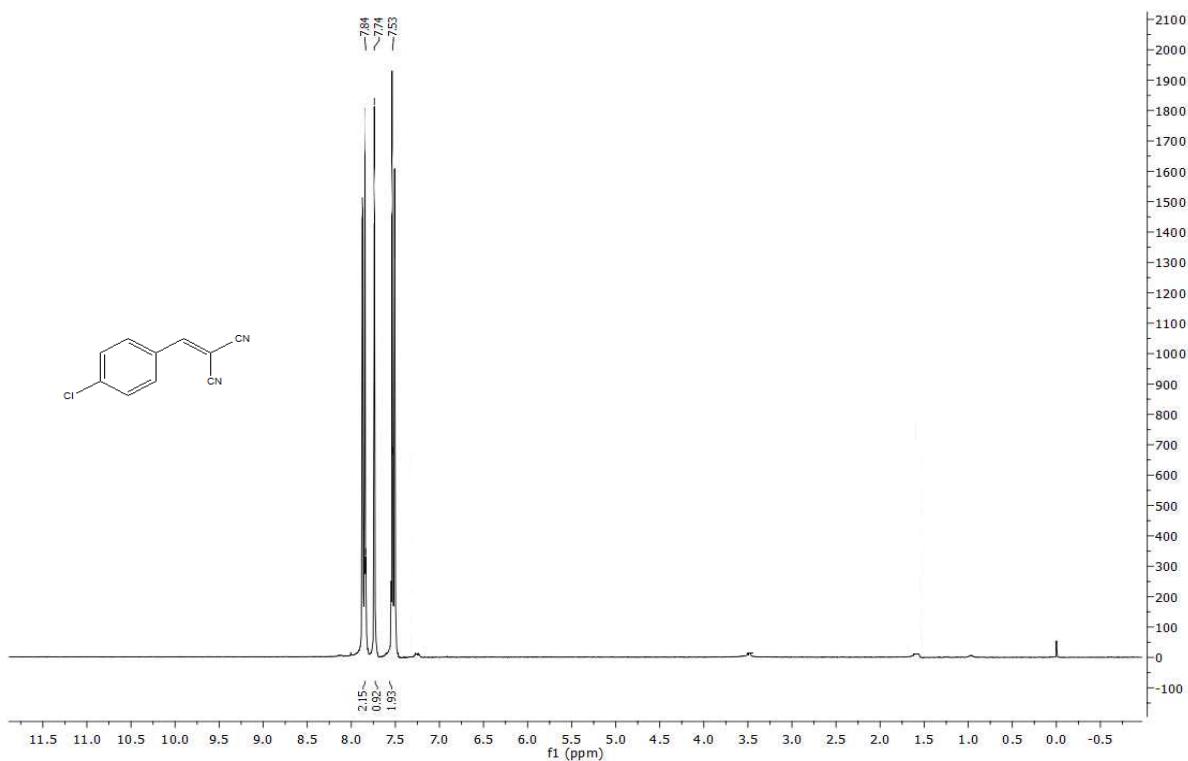


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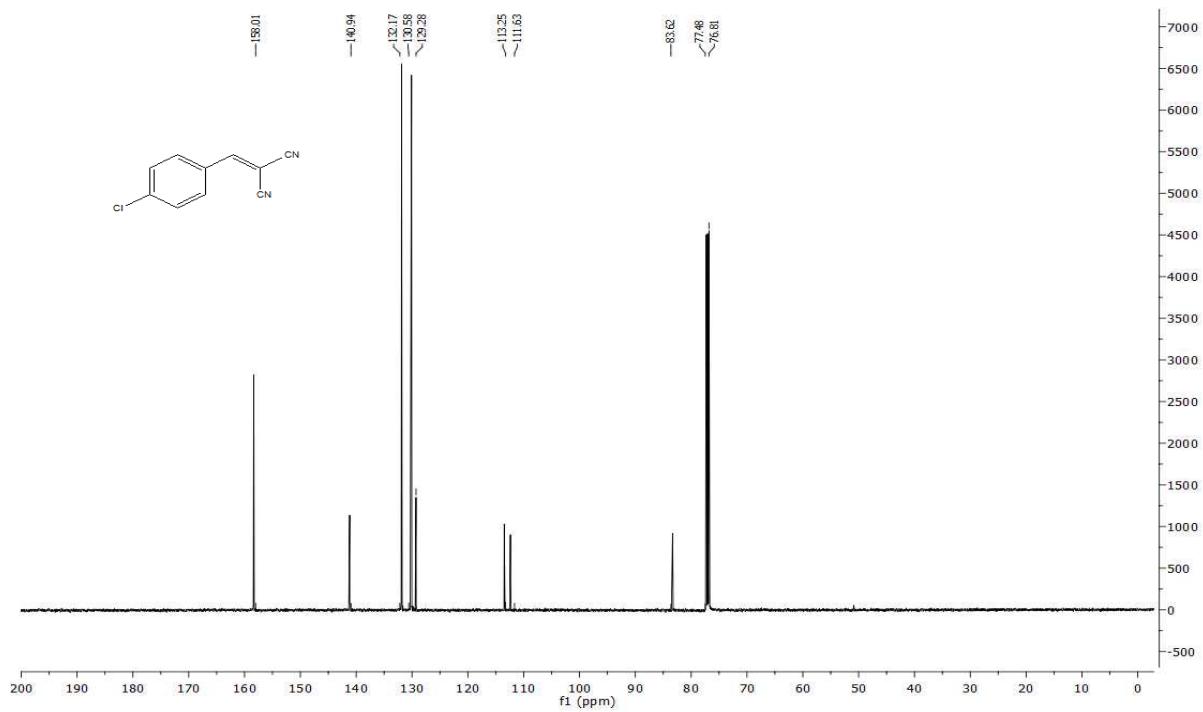
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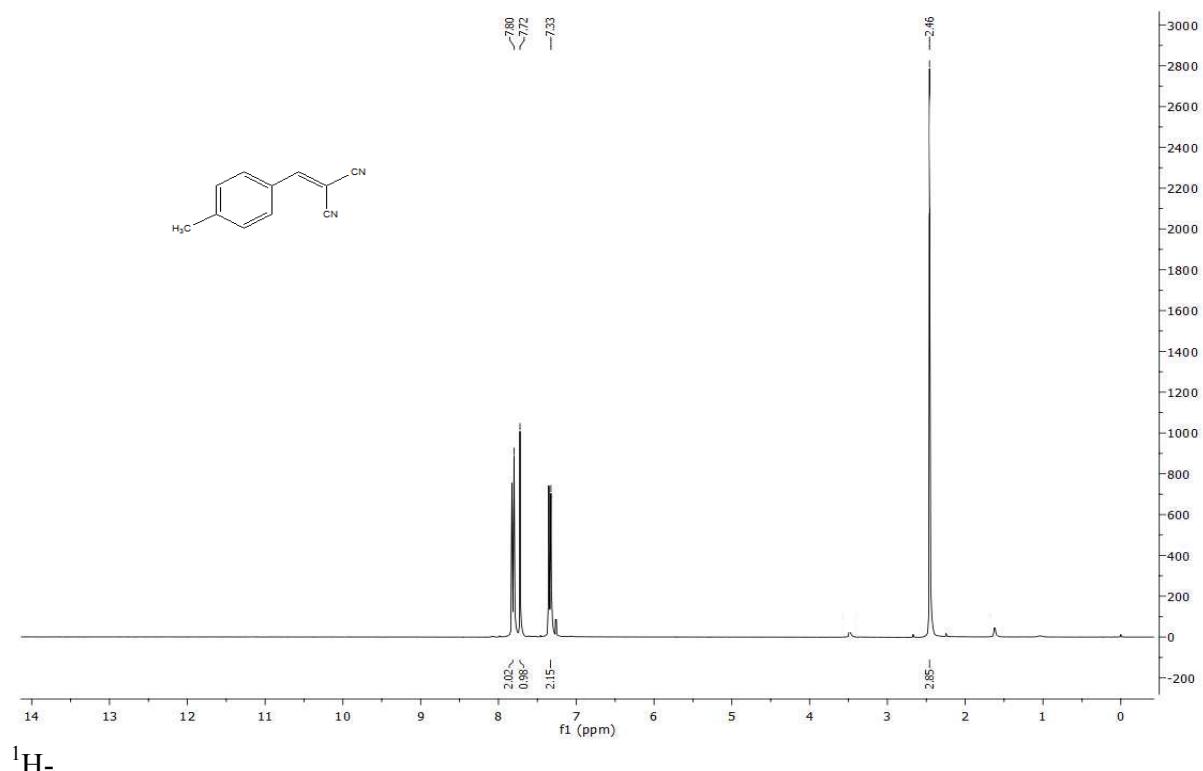
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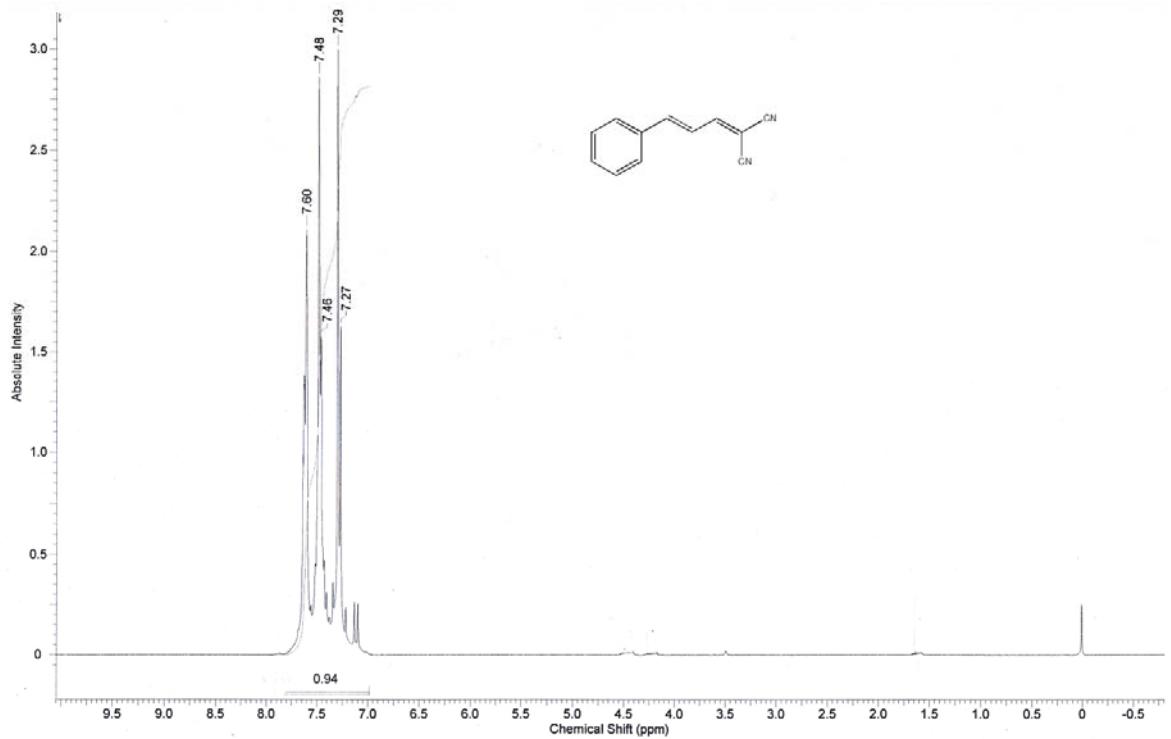


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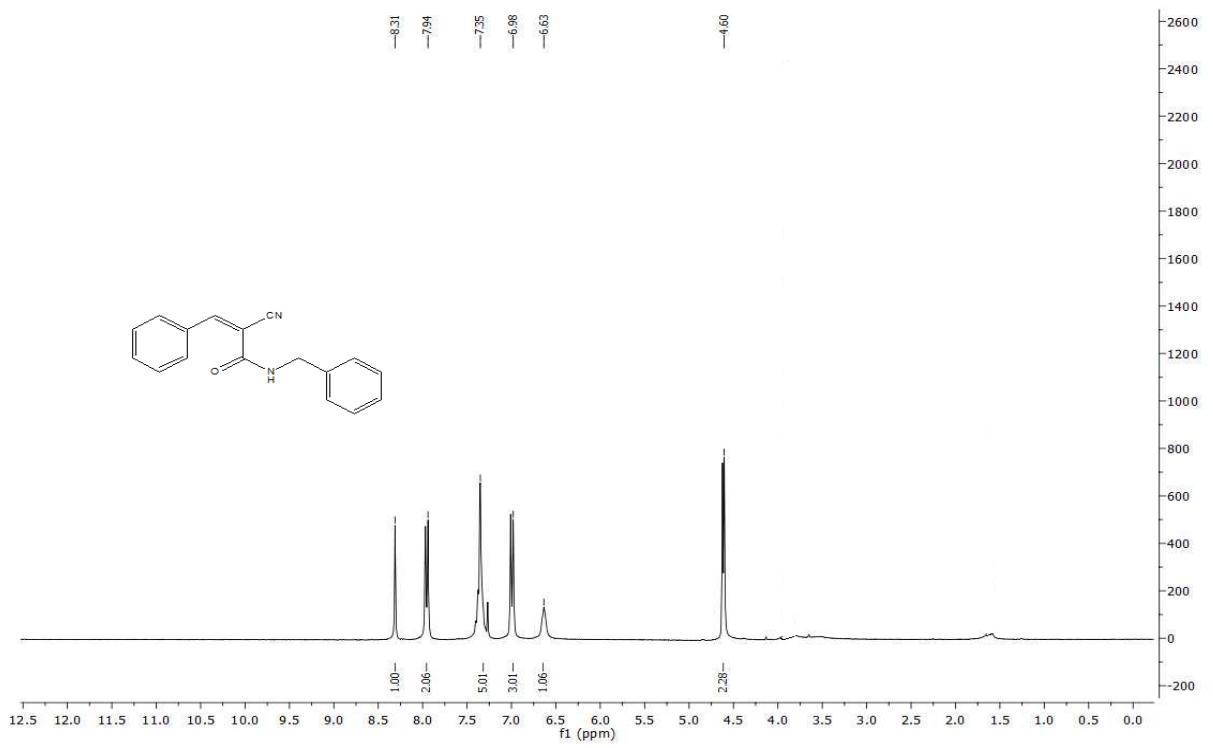


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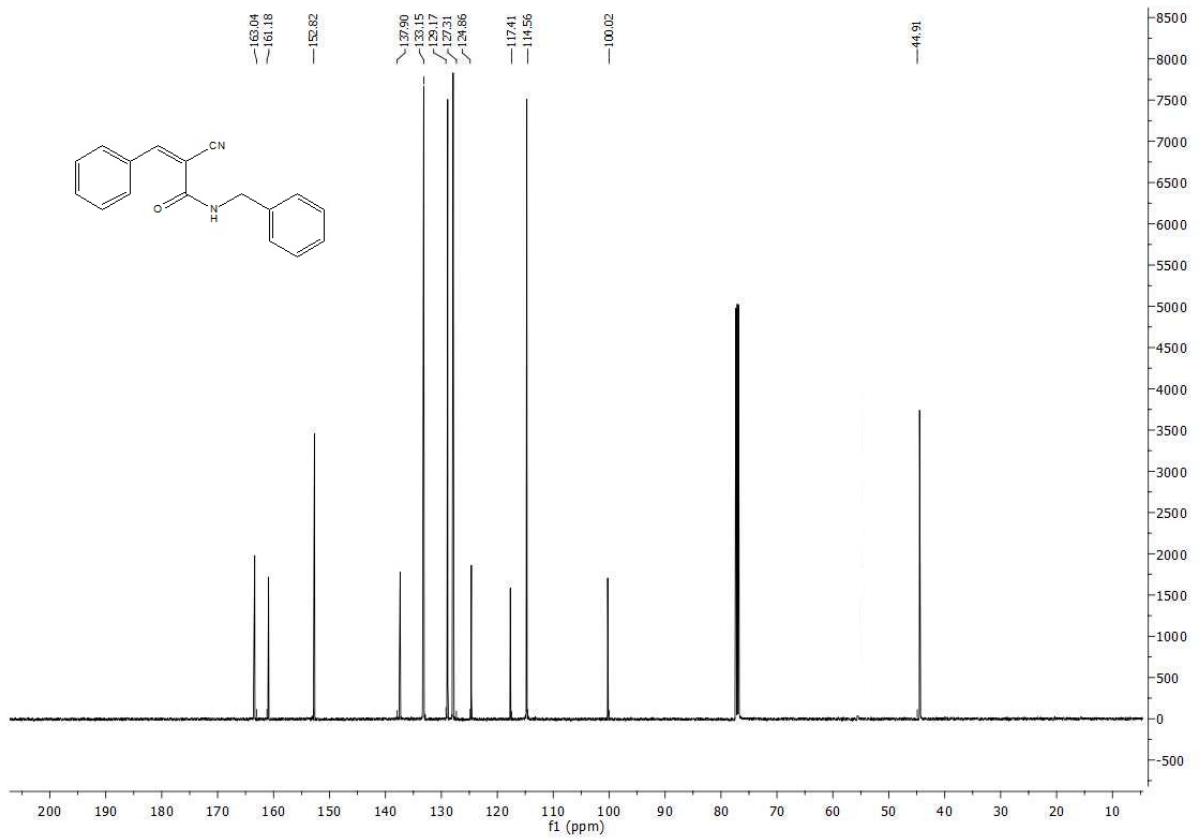
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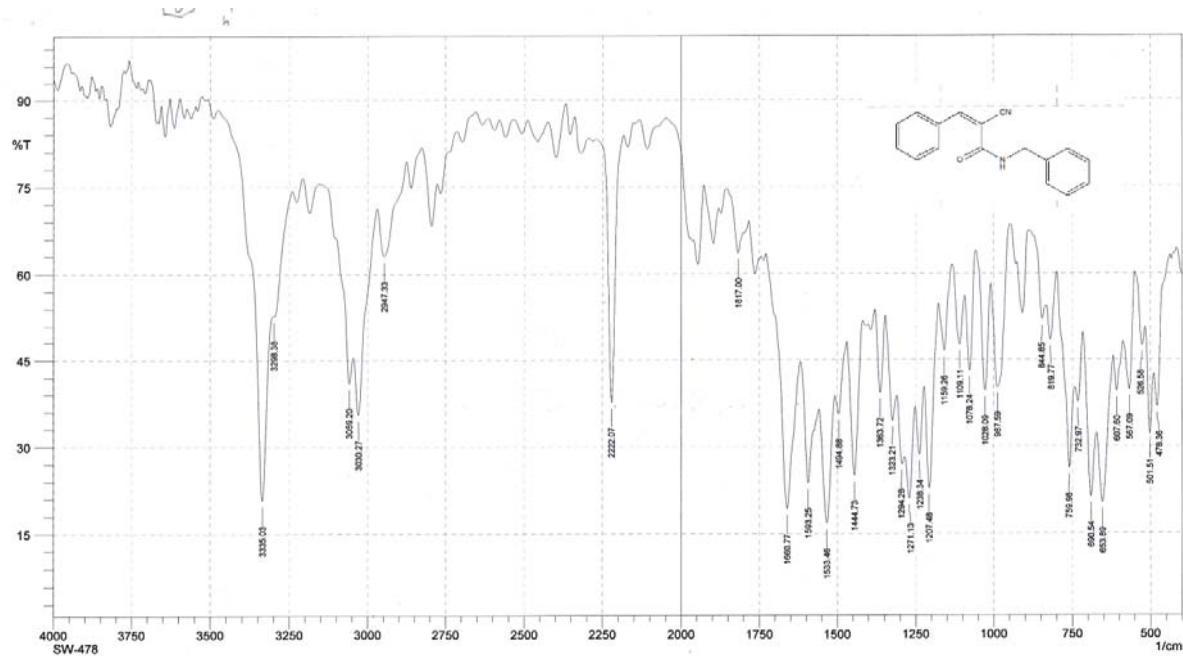
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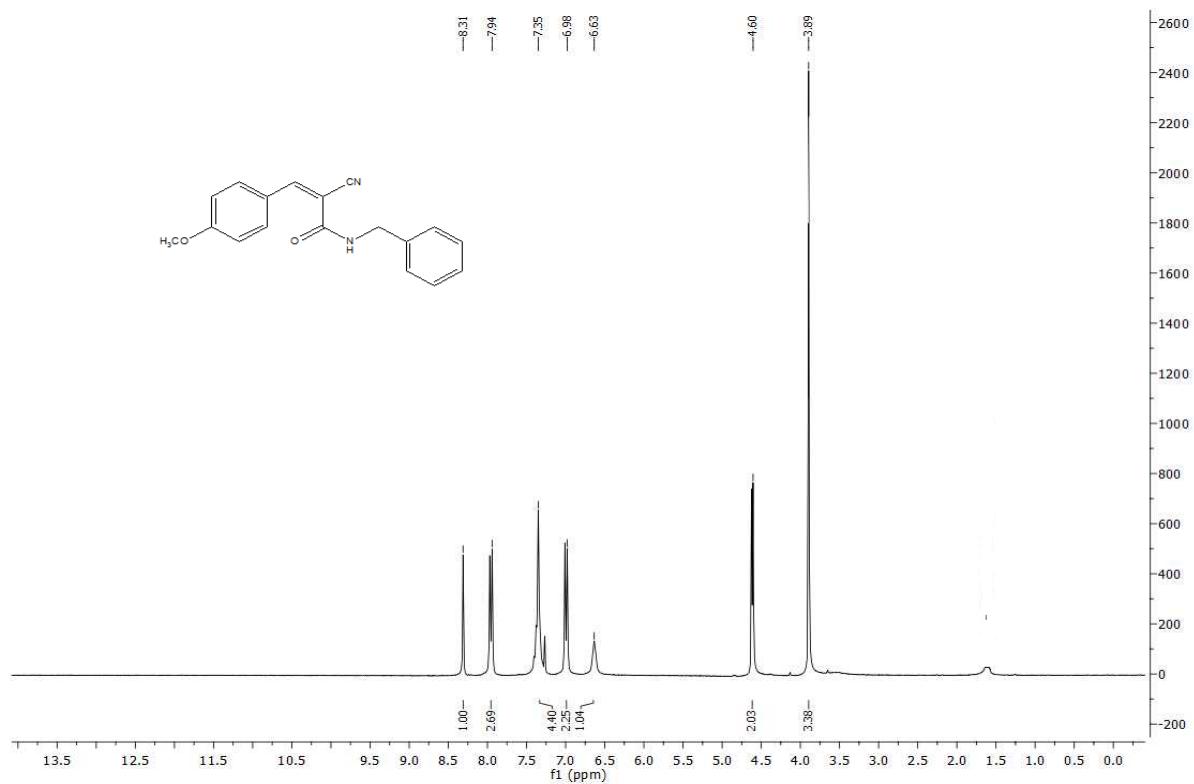
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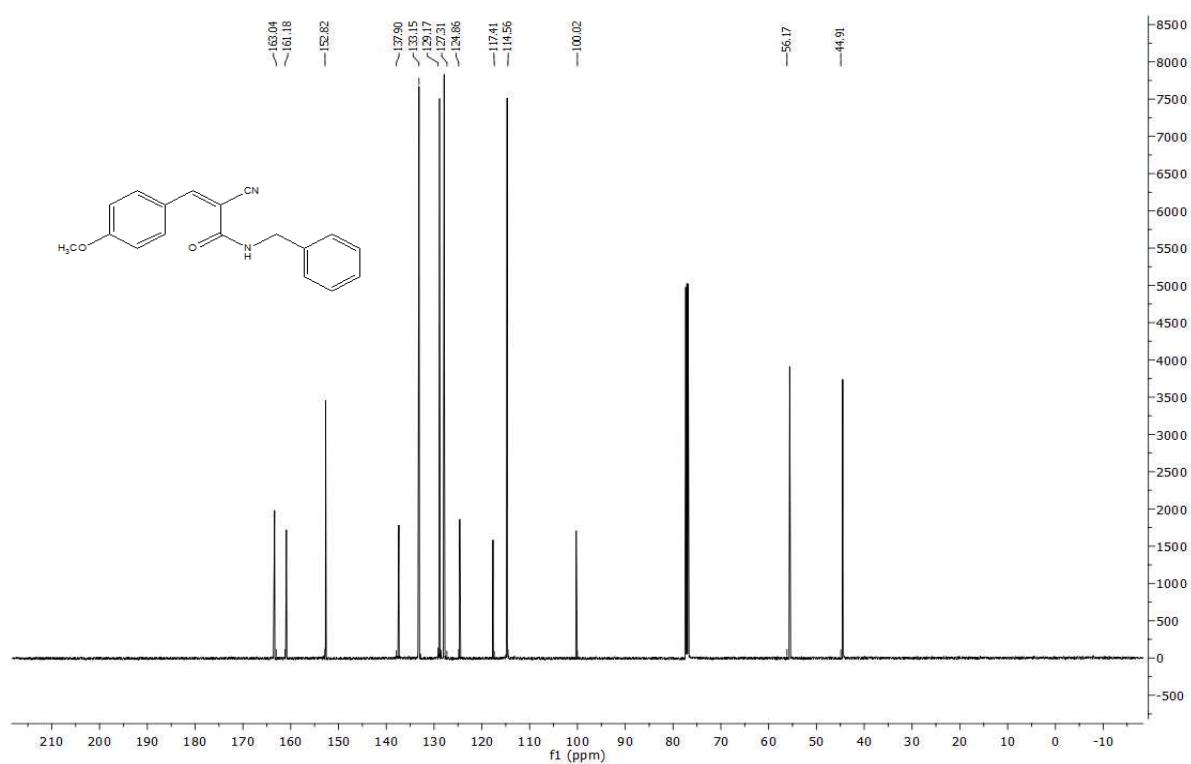
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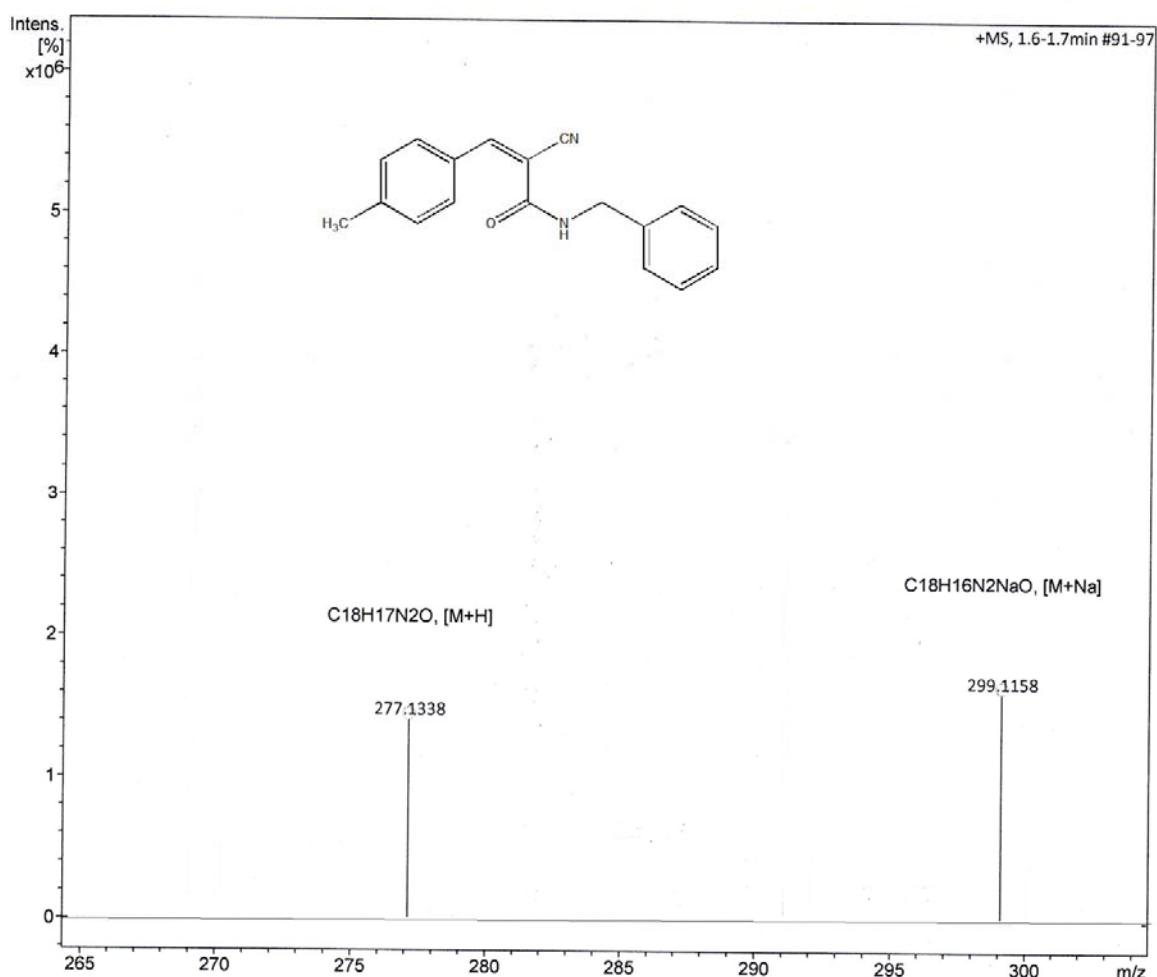
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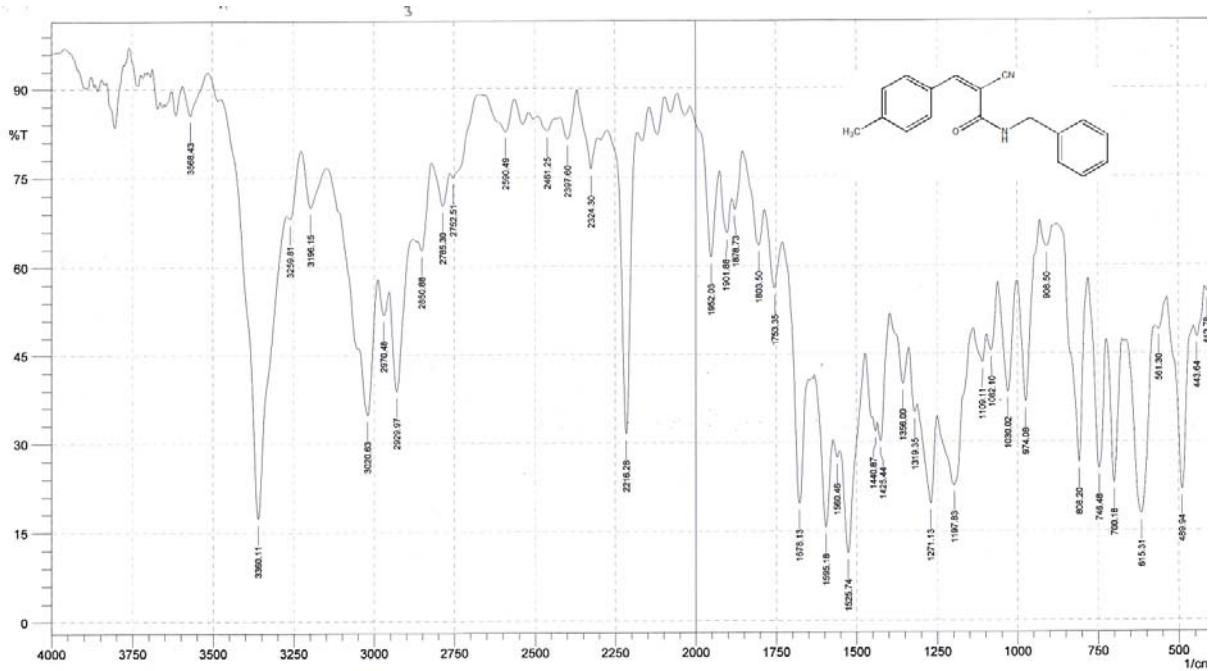
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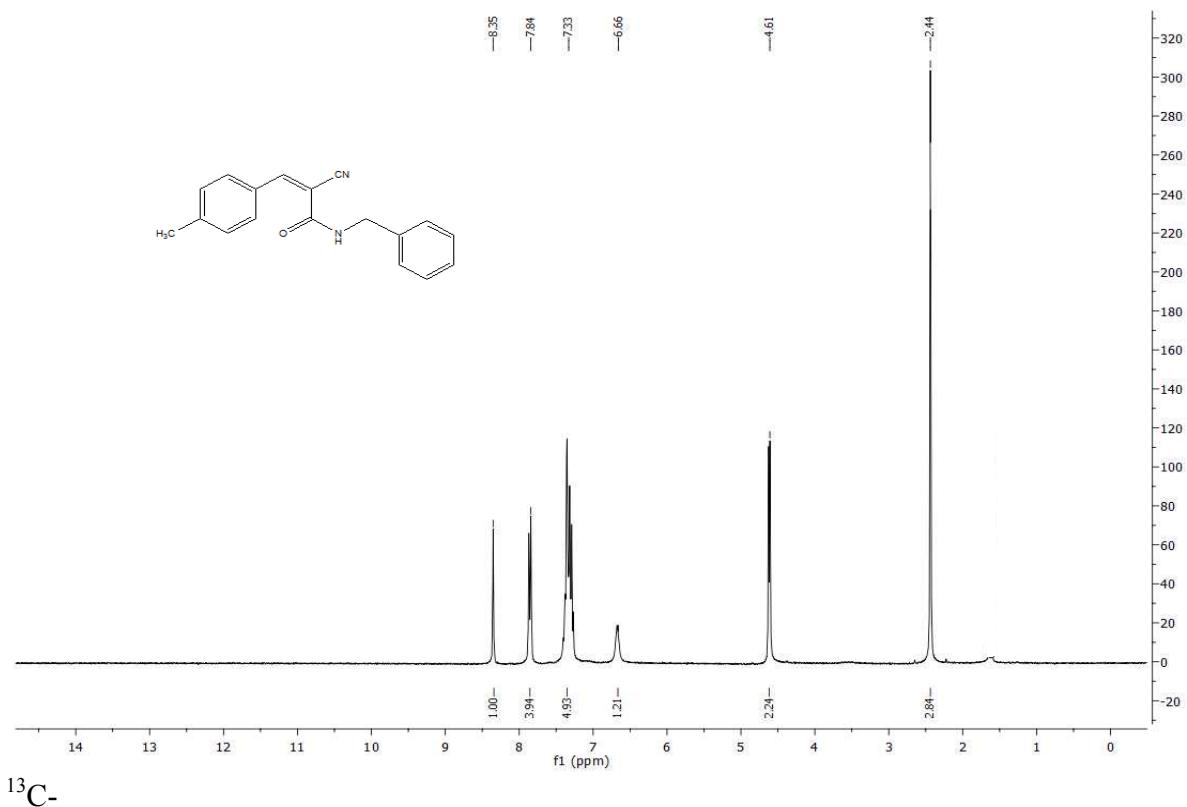
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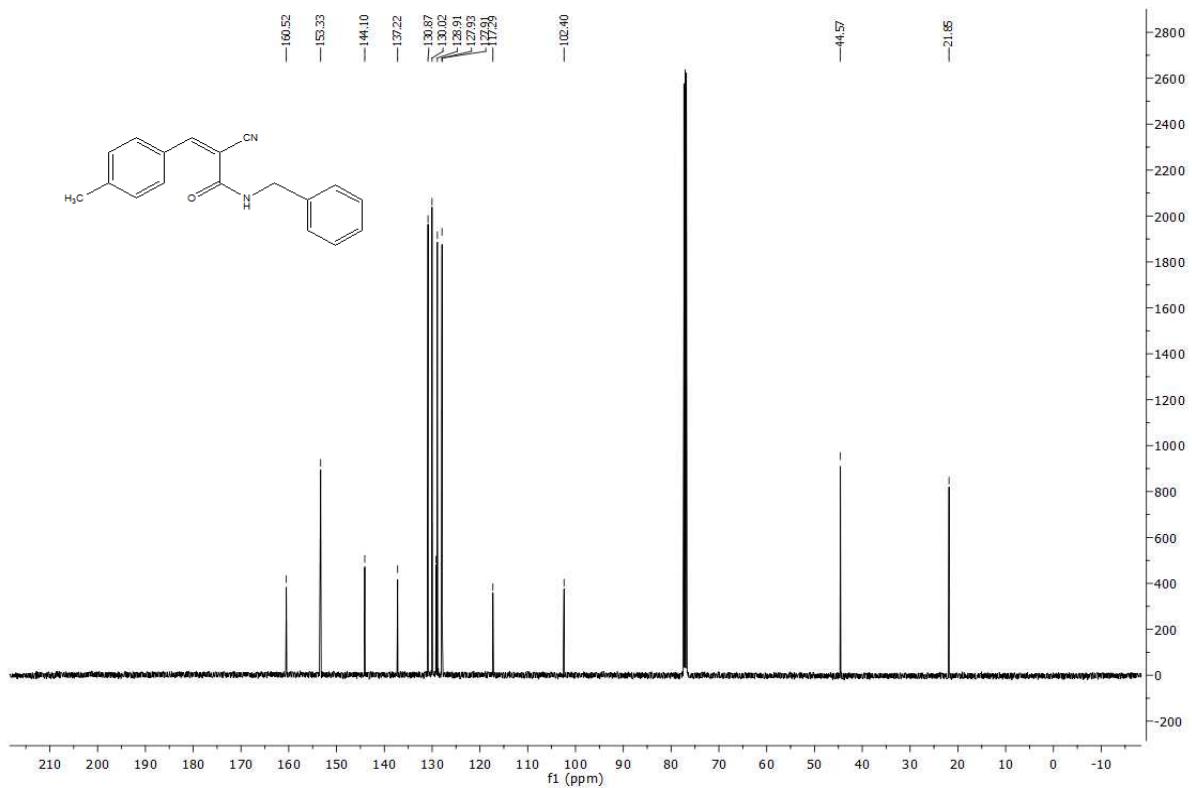


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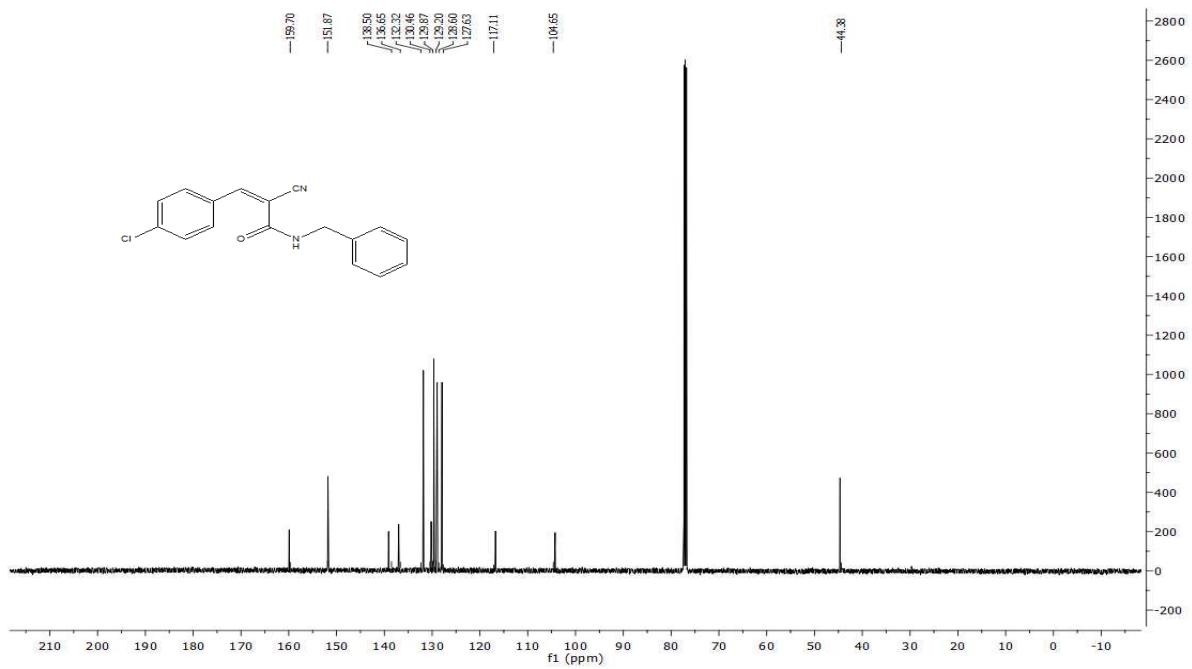


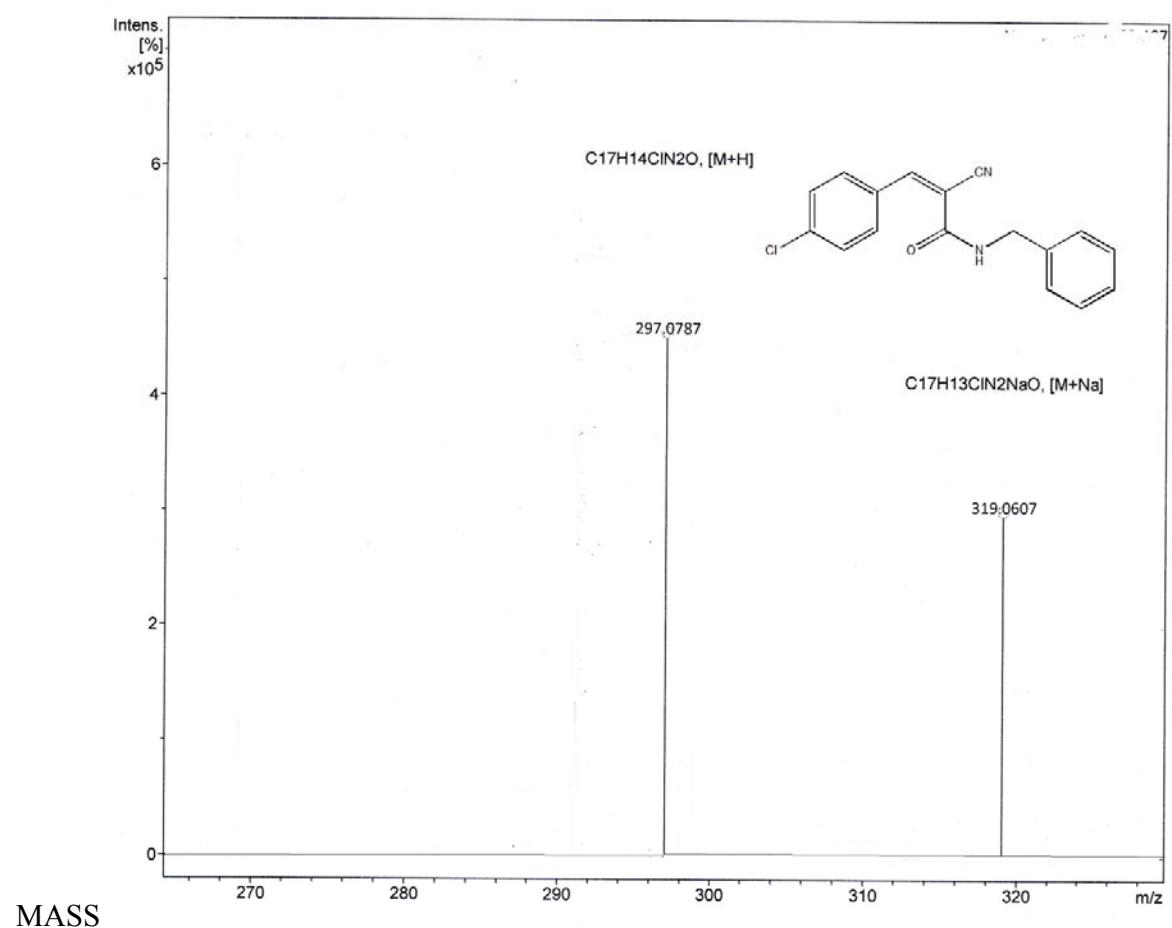
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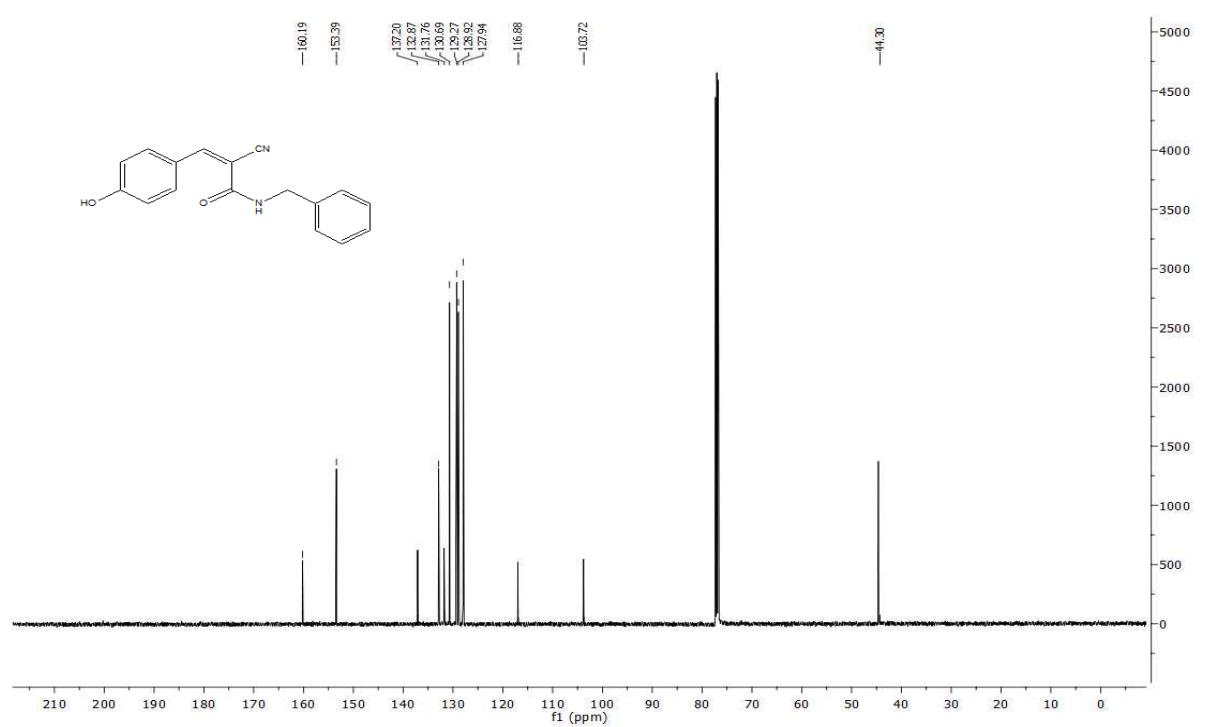


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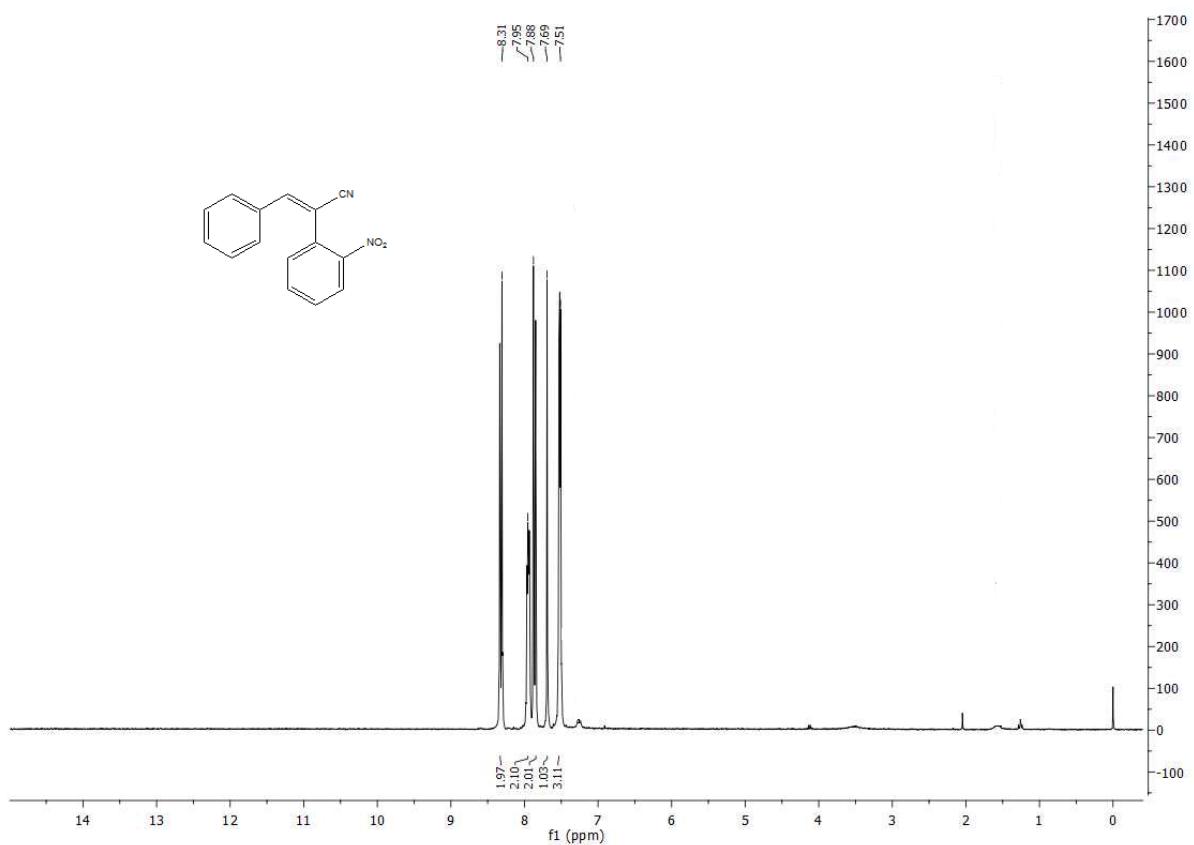




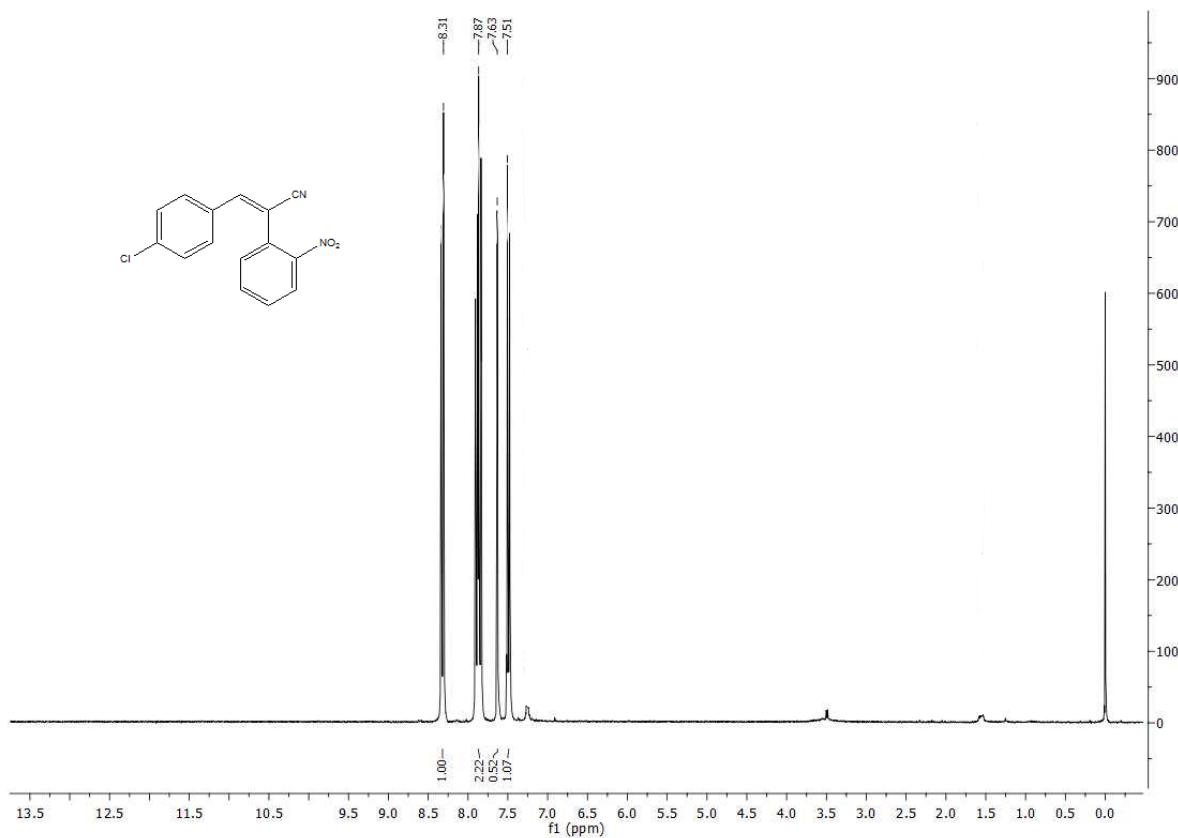
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