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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

# Direct One-Pot Cobalt(II) Phthalocyanine Catalyzed Synthesis of *N*-Substituted Isoindolinones

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## **General Experimental**

Metal salts used were purchased from Merck, Germany. Cobalt phthalocyanines was synthesized by a reported procedure with some modification and characterized by FTIR and UV-VIS spectroscopy. Silica gel (60-120 mesh) used for column chromatography was purchased from Sisco Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. India and all other chemicals were purchased from Spectrochem, India, Merck, Germany, and Sigma-Aldrich, USA and were used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-300 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on QTOF-Micro of Waters Micromass and Maxis-Bruker. The GC-MS analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu (QP 2010) series Gas Chromatogram-Mass Spectrometer (Tokyo, Japan), AOC-20i auto-sampler coupled, and a DB-5MS capillary column, (30 m x 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 $\mu$ m). The initial temperature of column was 70 °C held for 4 min. and was programmed to 230 °C at 4°C/min., then held for 15 min. at 230 °C; the sample injection volume was 2  $\mu$ l in GC grade dichloromethane. Helium was used as carrier gas at a flow rate of 1.1 ml min<sup>-1</sup> on split mode (1:50).

### **Synthesis of Cobalt (II) phthalocyanine**

A mixture of phthalimide (26.28 g, 0.18 mol), urea (55.2 g, 0.92 mol), CoCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (11.85 g, 0.05 mol) and ammonium molybdate (4.69 g, 0.0038 mol) was heated under microwave irradiation for 3 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and in sequence washed with 5% NaOH, distilled water and 2% HCl and finally with distilled water again. After

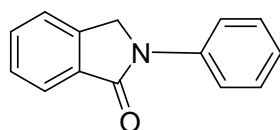
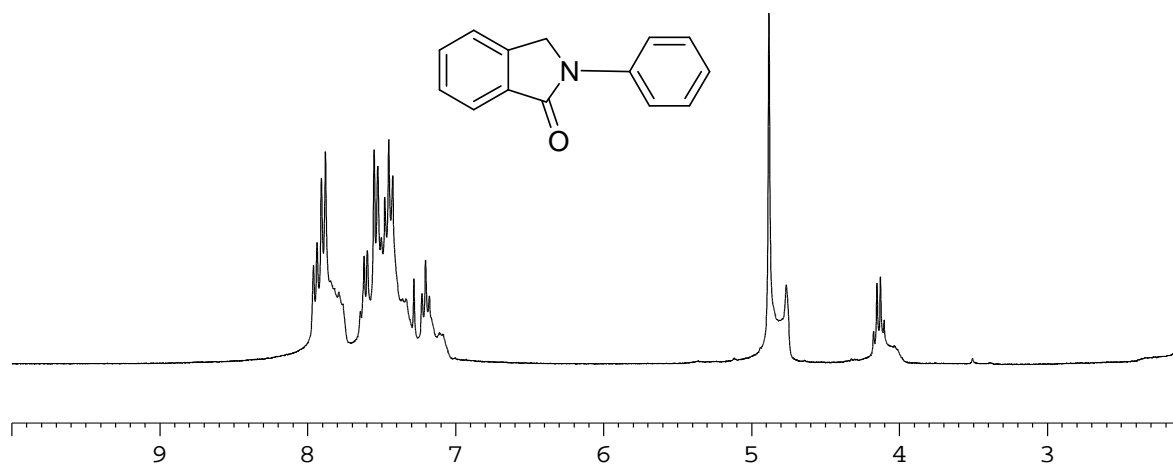
that the resulting solid was dissolved in minimum quantity of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and poured in distilled water to precipitate the desired cobalt (II) phthalocyanine, which were then filtered to give 9.5 g (48.5% yield) of cobalt (II) phthalocyanine.

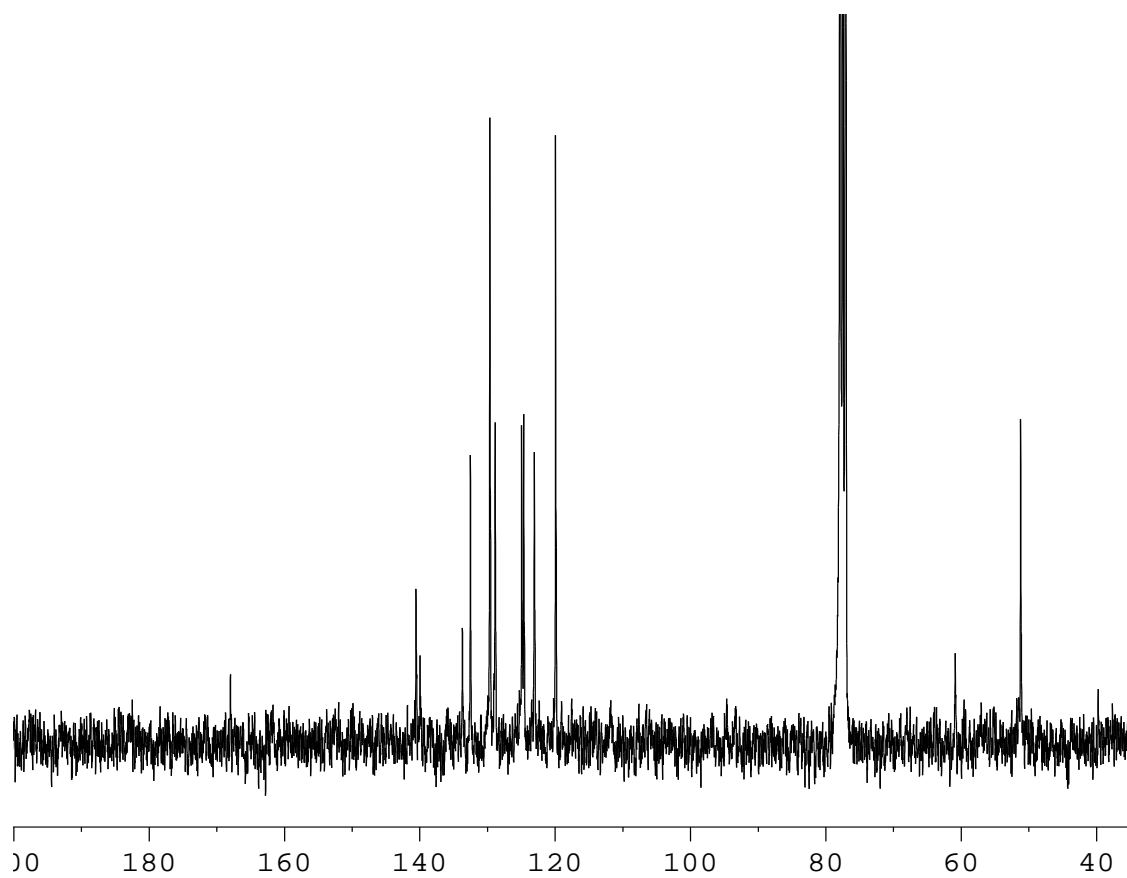
**General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-substituted isoindolinones**

To a stirred suspension of CoPc (0.01 mmol) in ethanol were added 2-carboxybenzaldehyde (1.0 mmol), amine (1.0 mmol) and diphenylsilane (1.5 mmol) at room temperature and then the temperature was raised to 70 °C. On completion of the reaction (as monitored by TLC), reaction mixture was filtered and passed through anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica-gel (60-120) mesh.

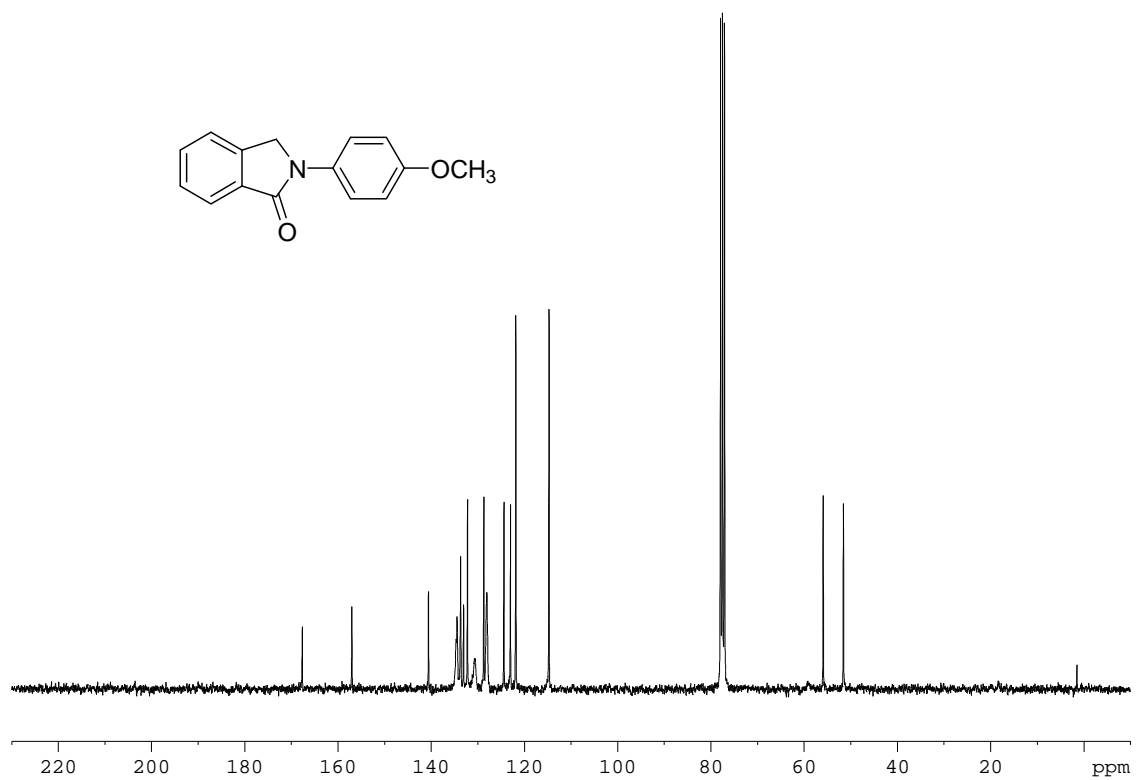
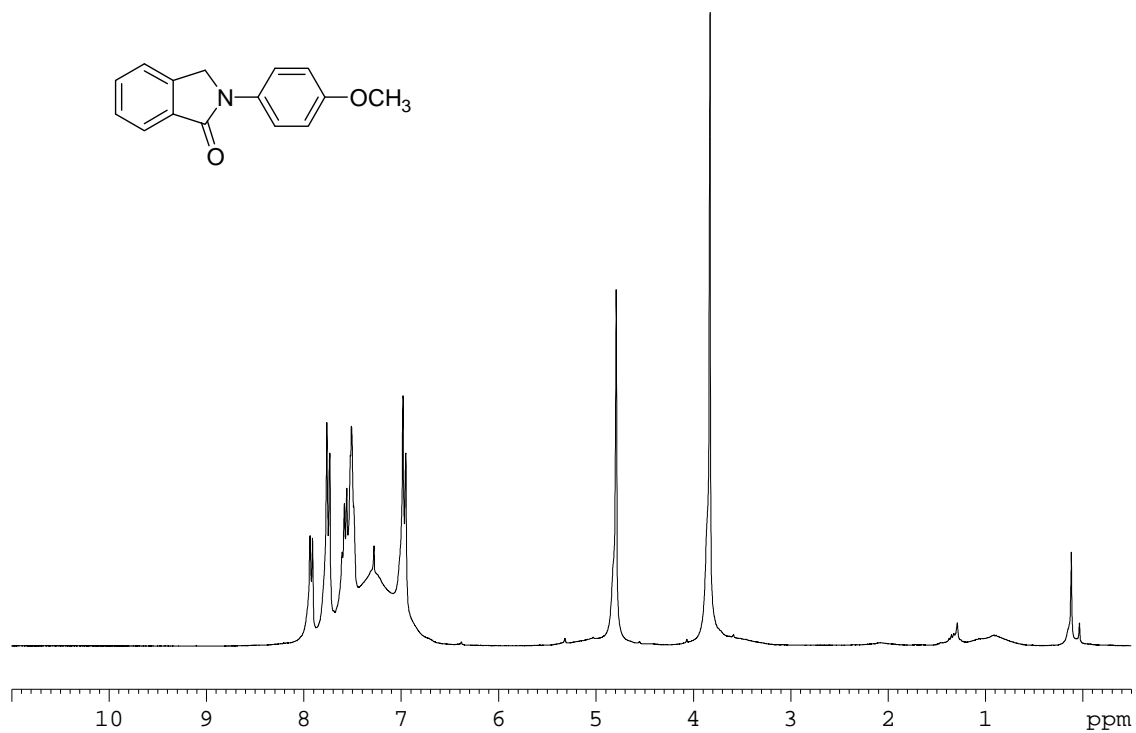
**NMR spectra of isolated compounds**

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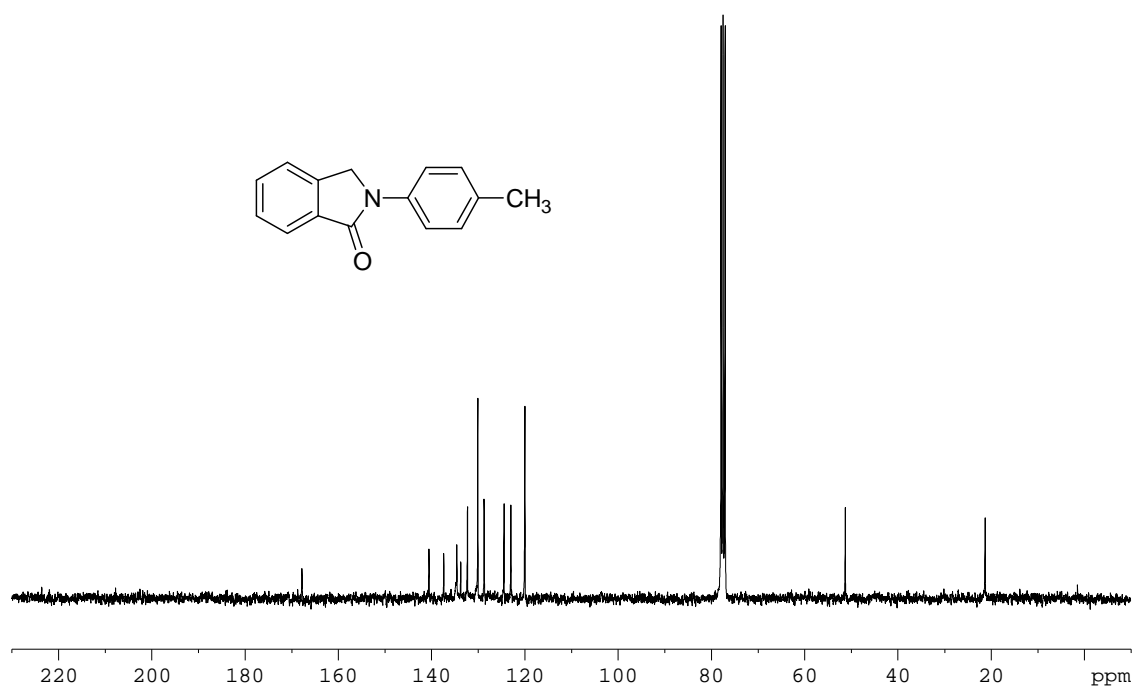
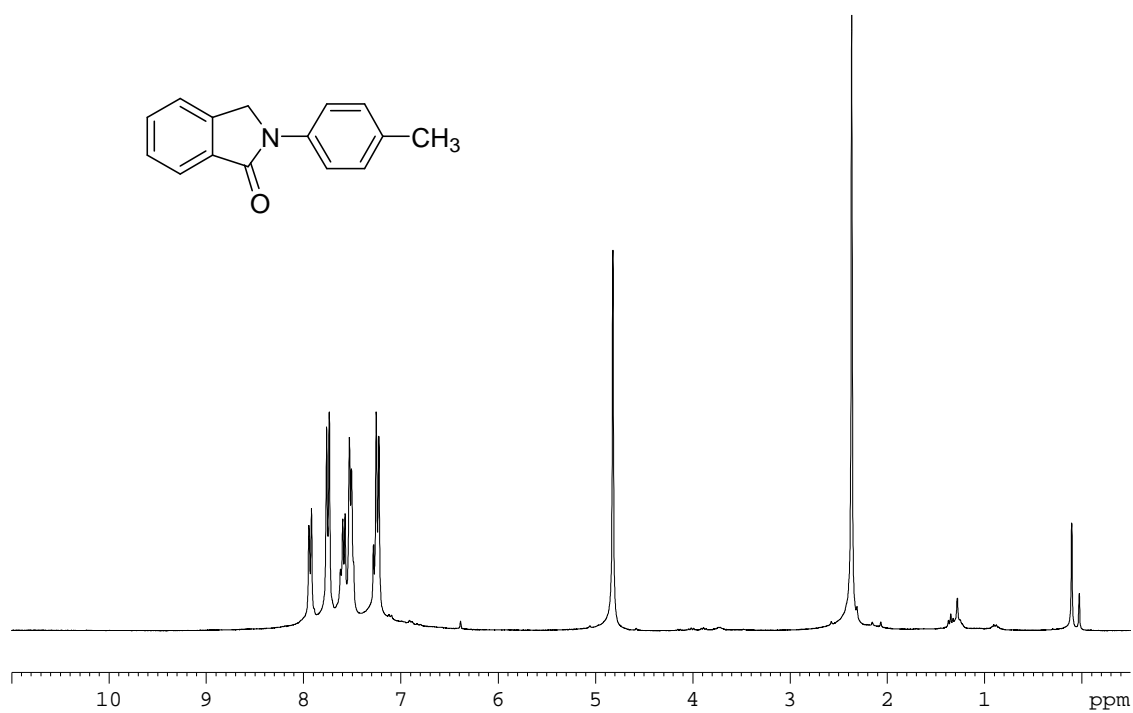




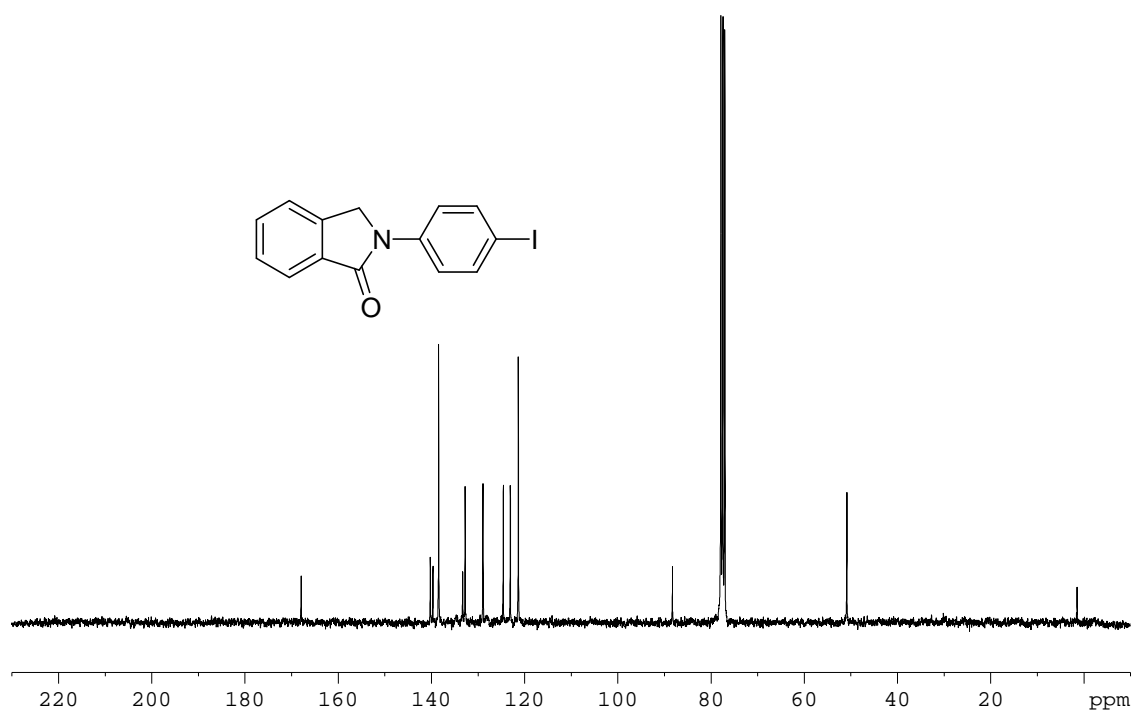
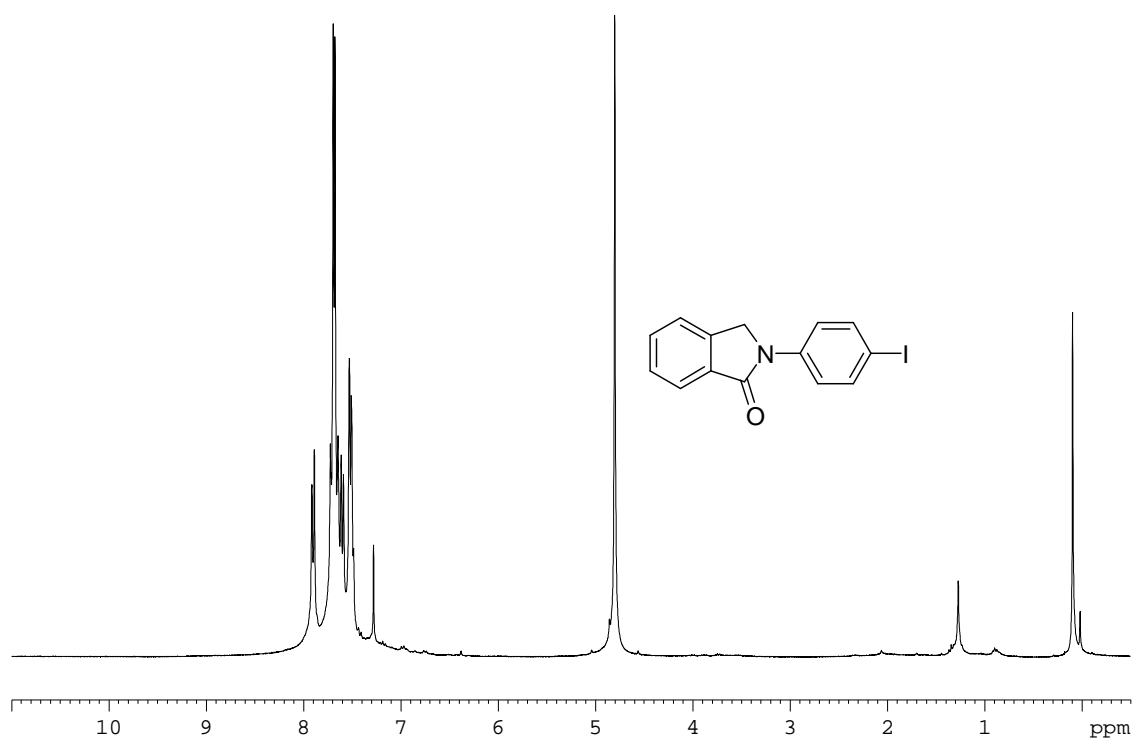
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***N*-(4-methylphenyl)isoindolinone 3c (Table 2, entry 3)**

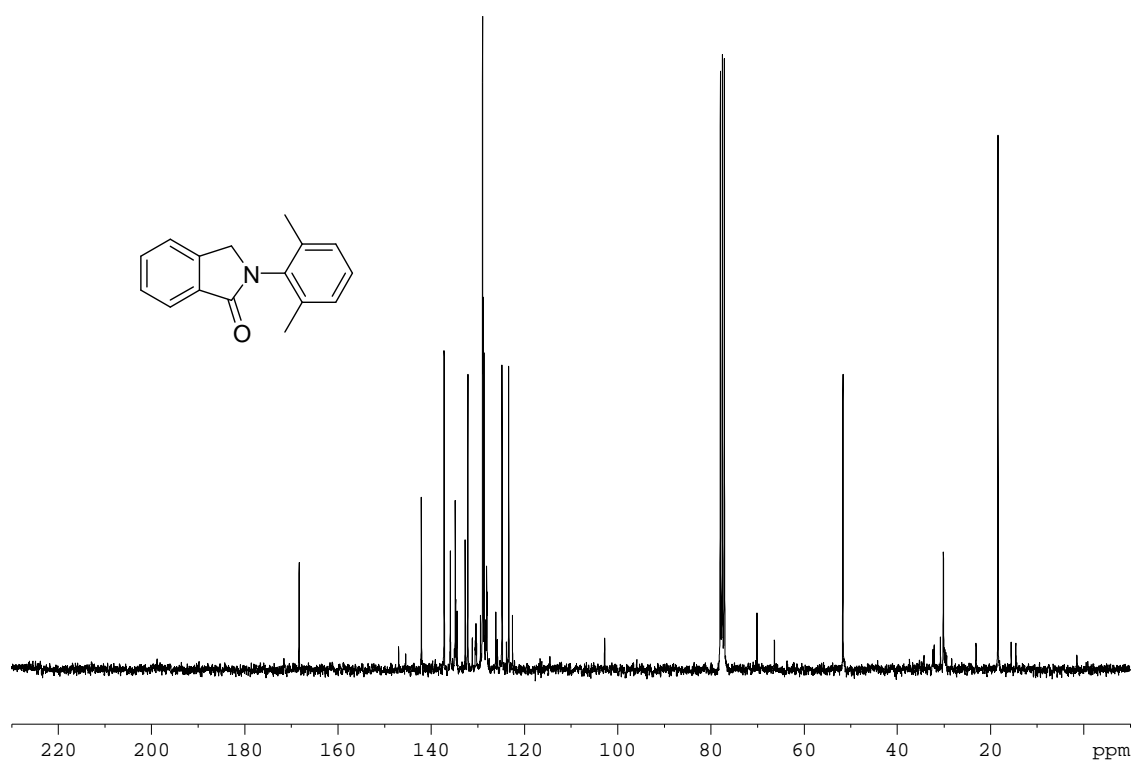
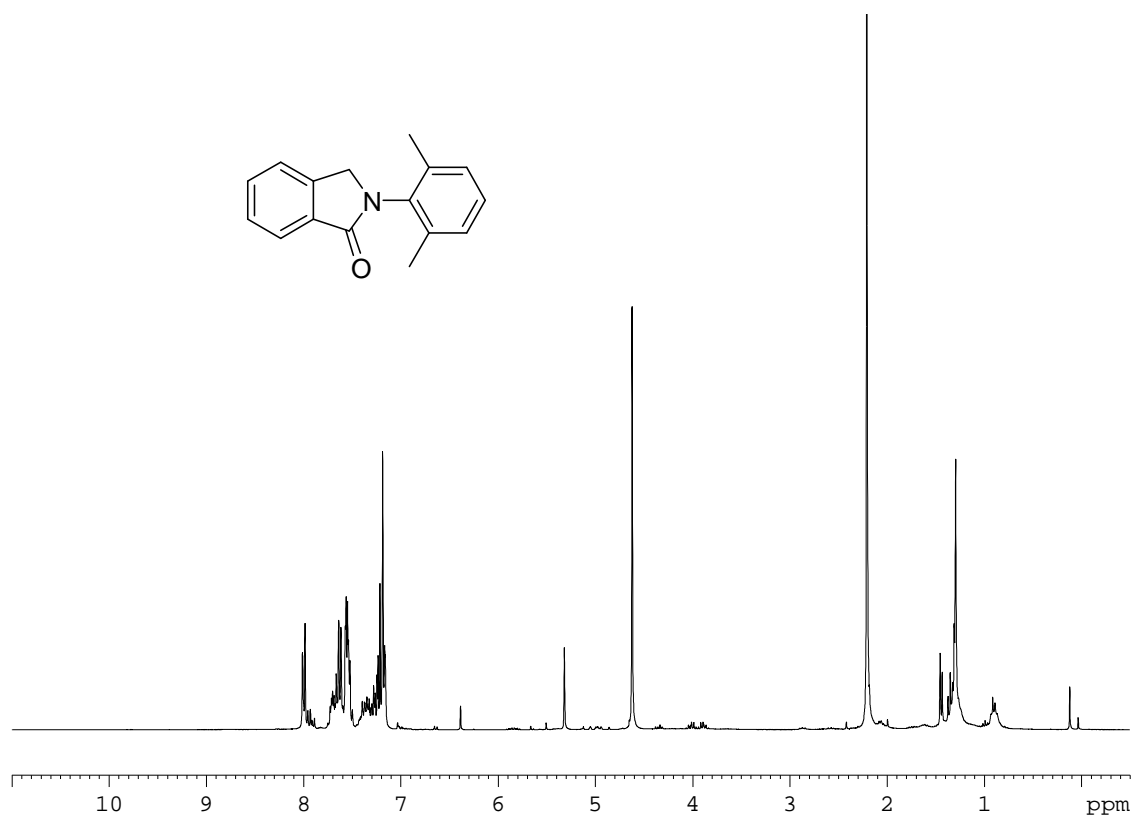


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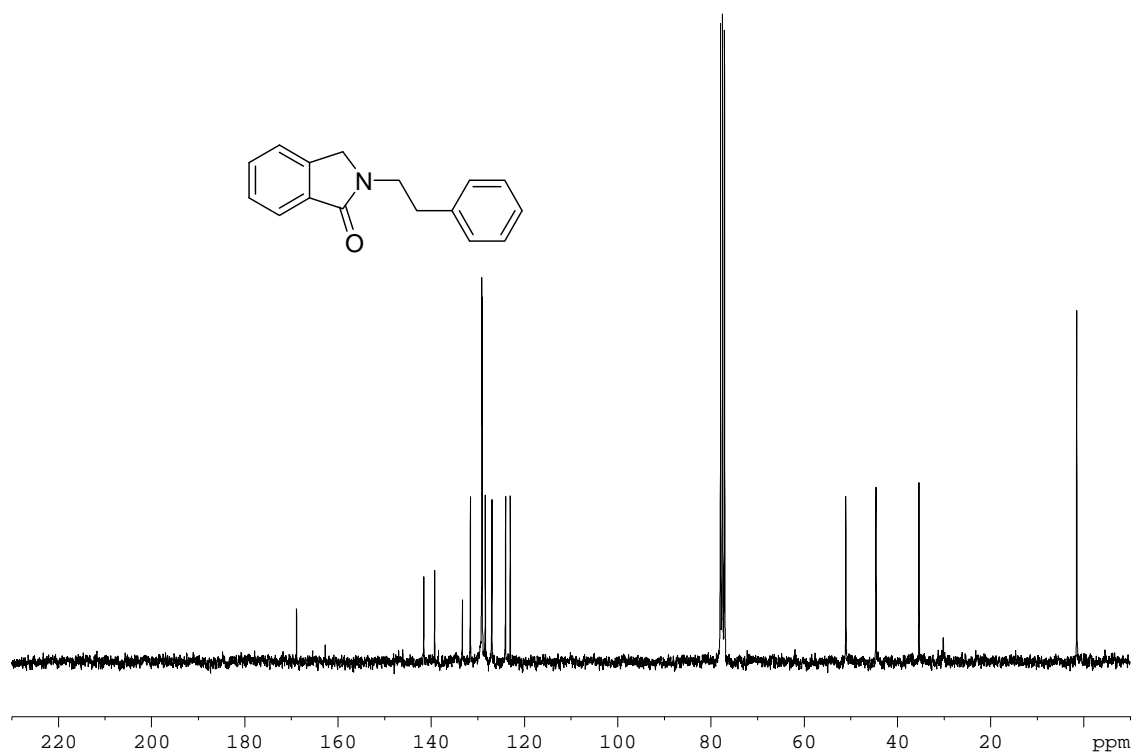
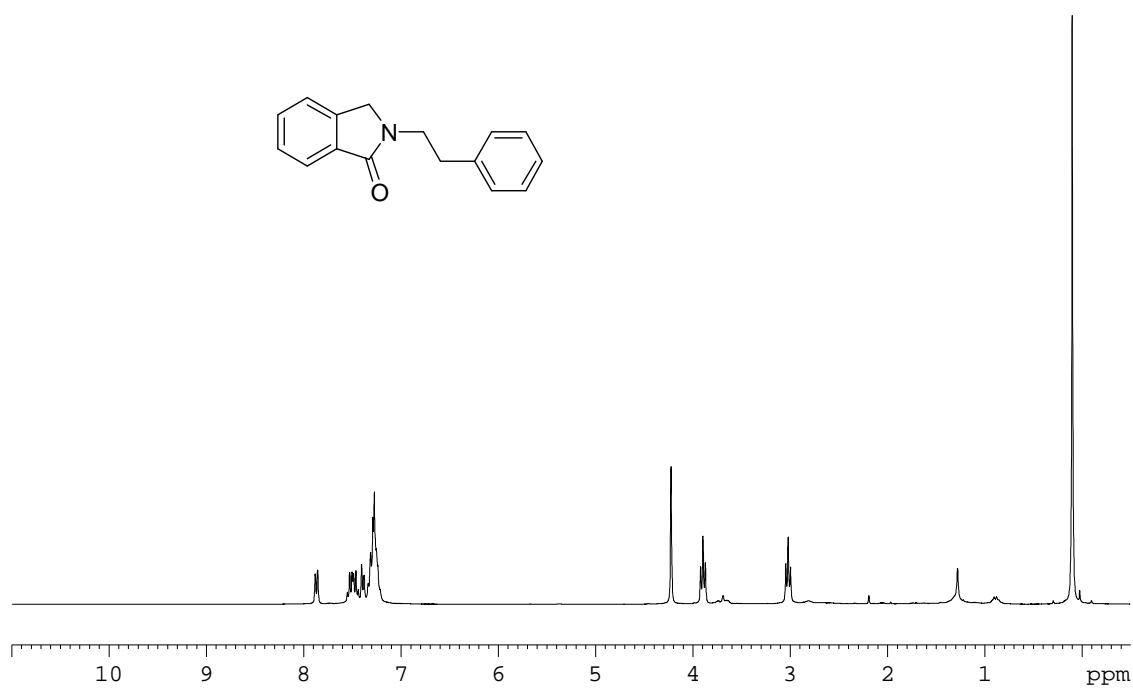


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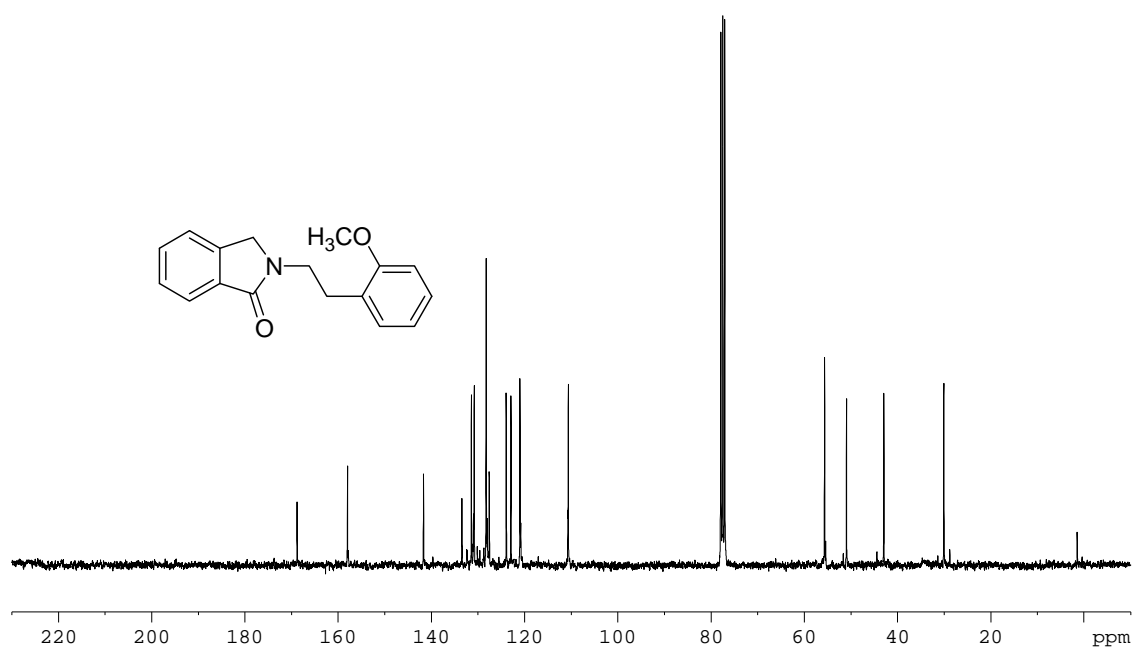
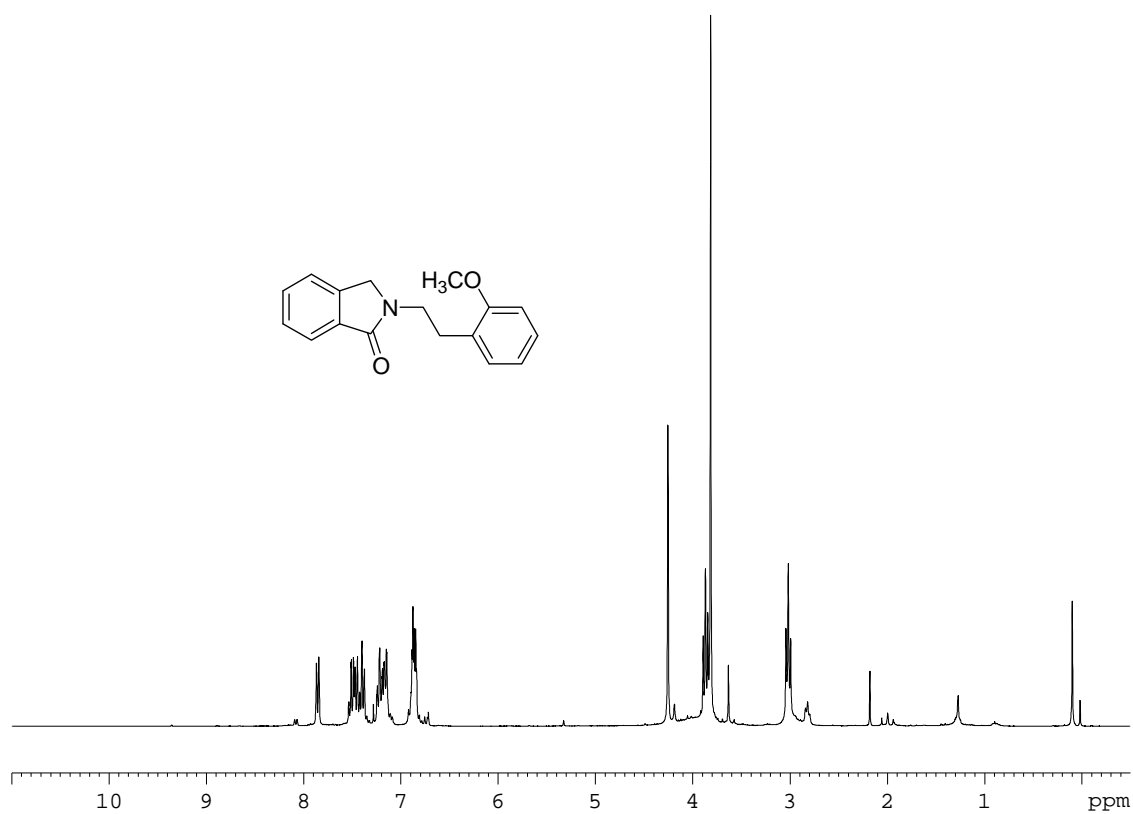




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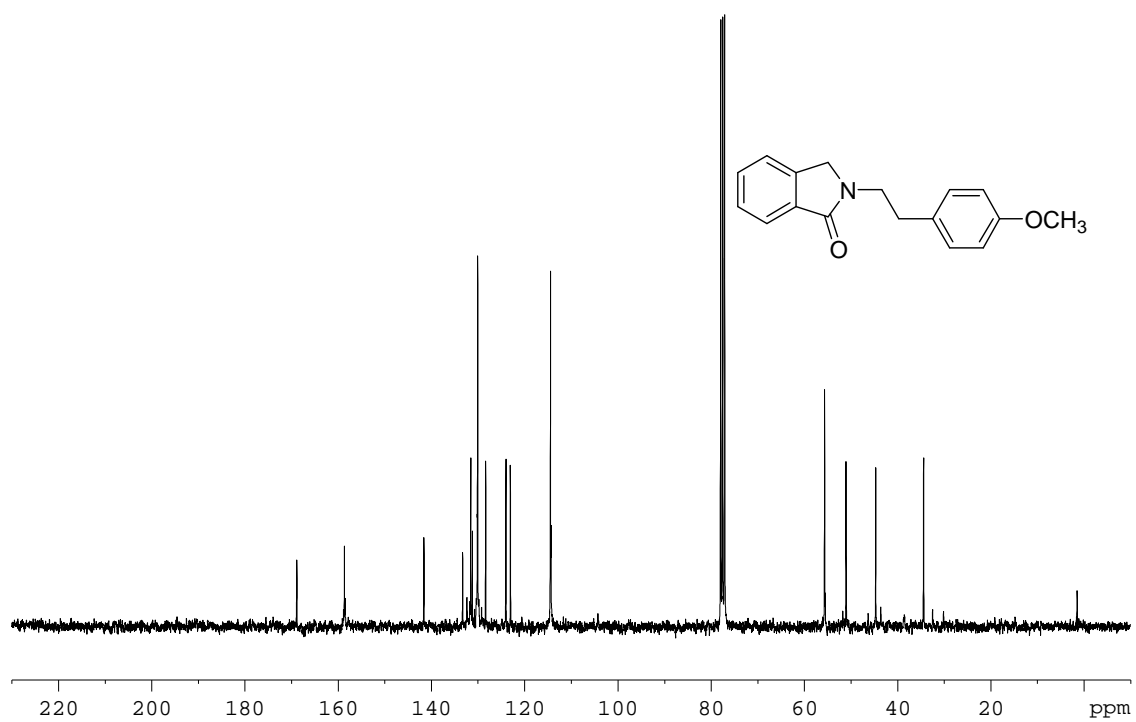
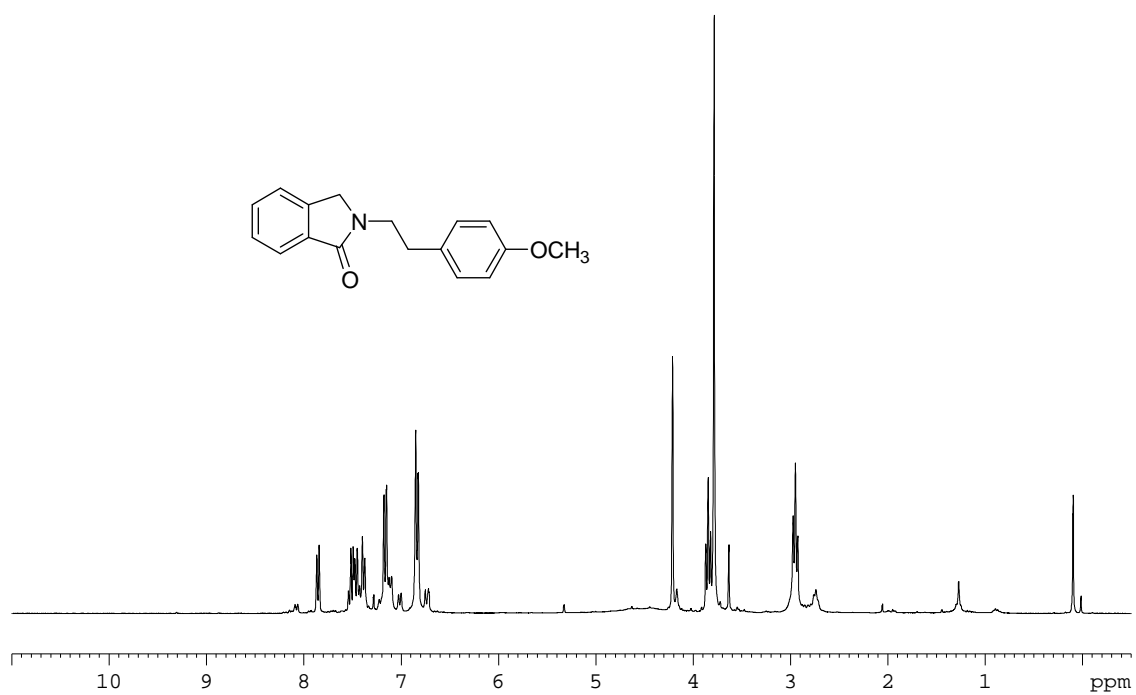


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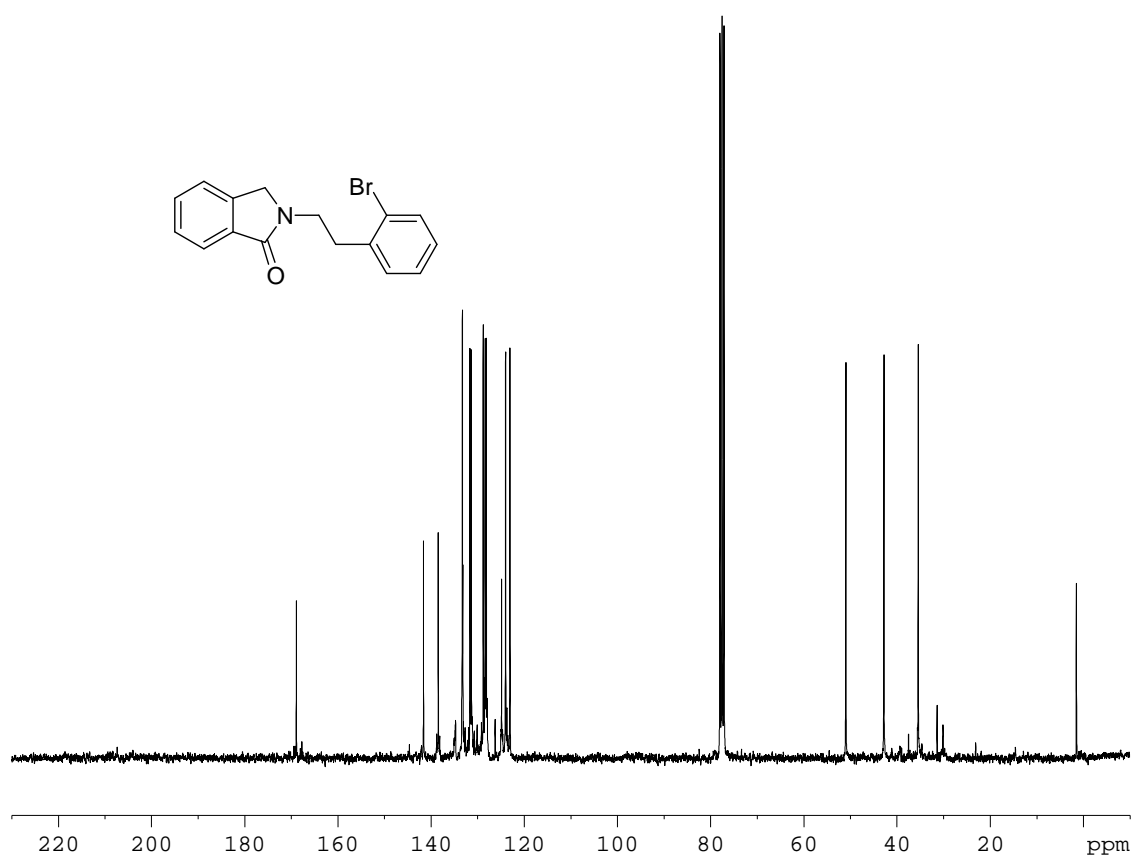
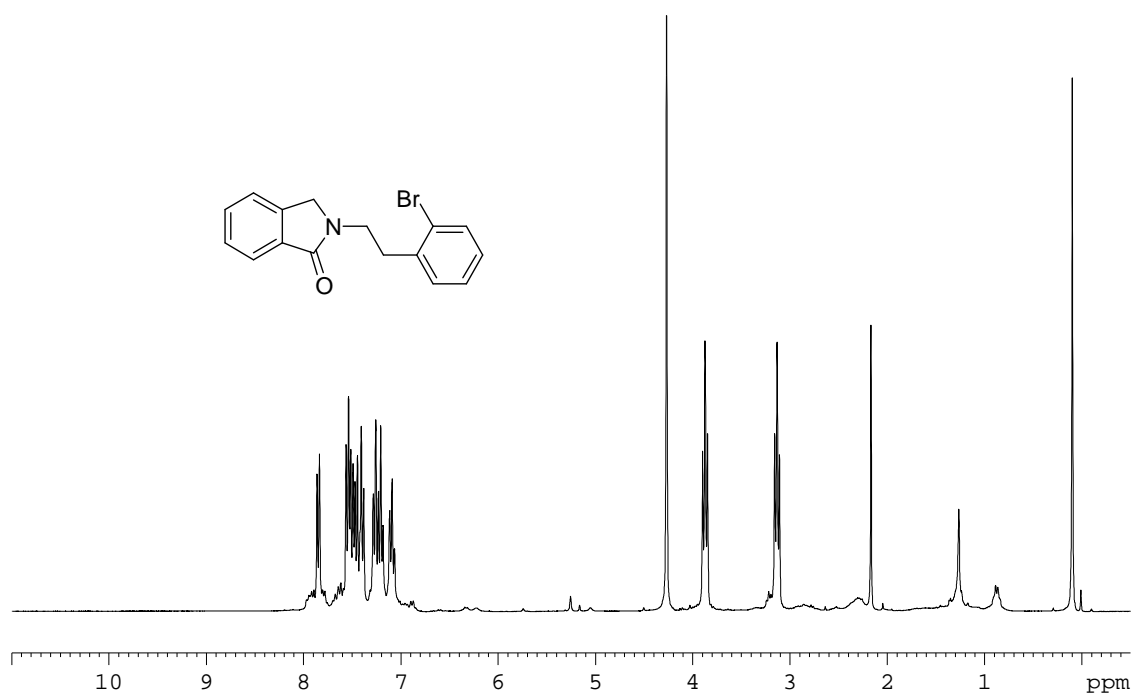


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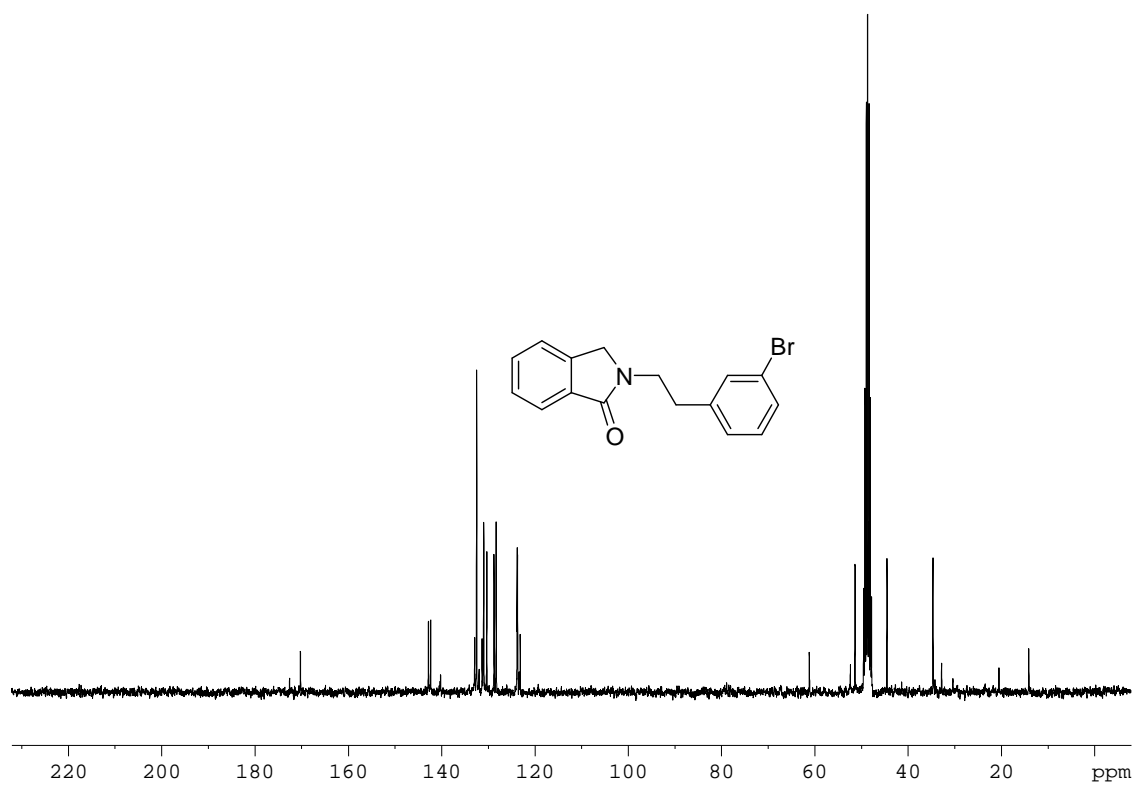
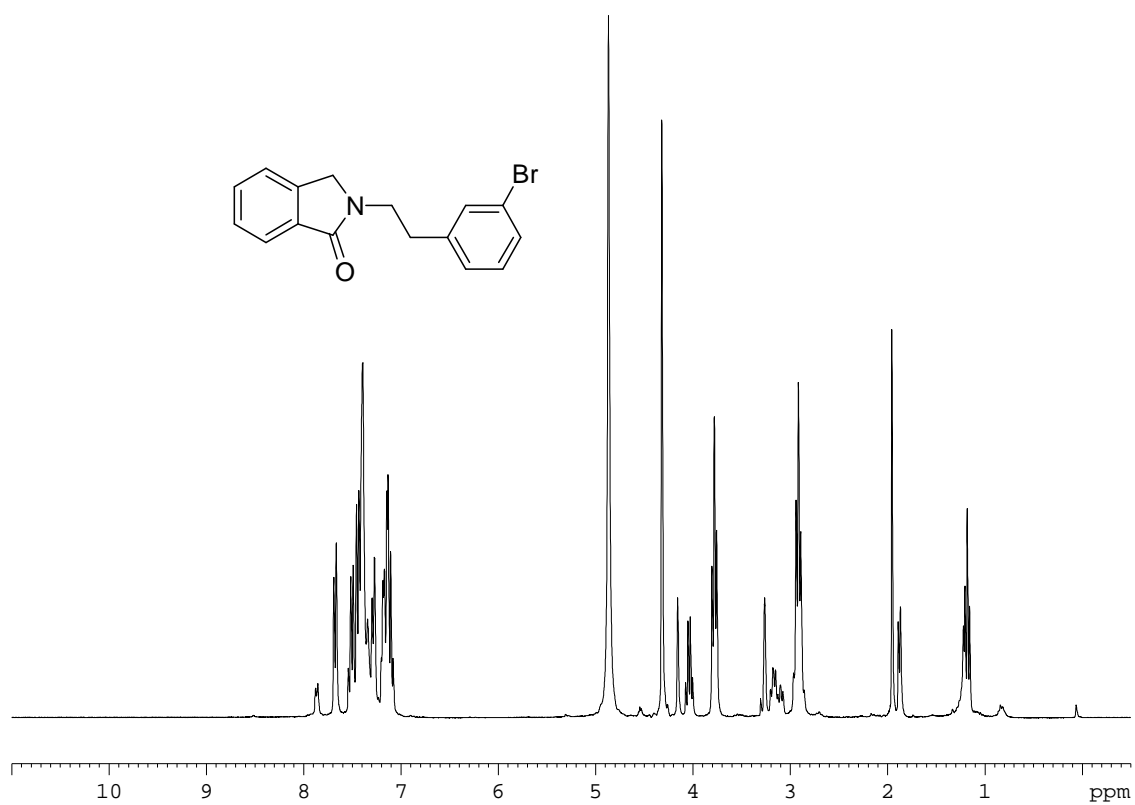
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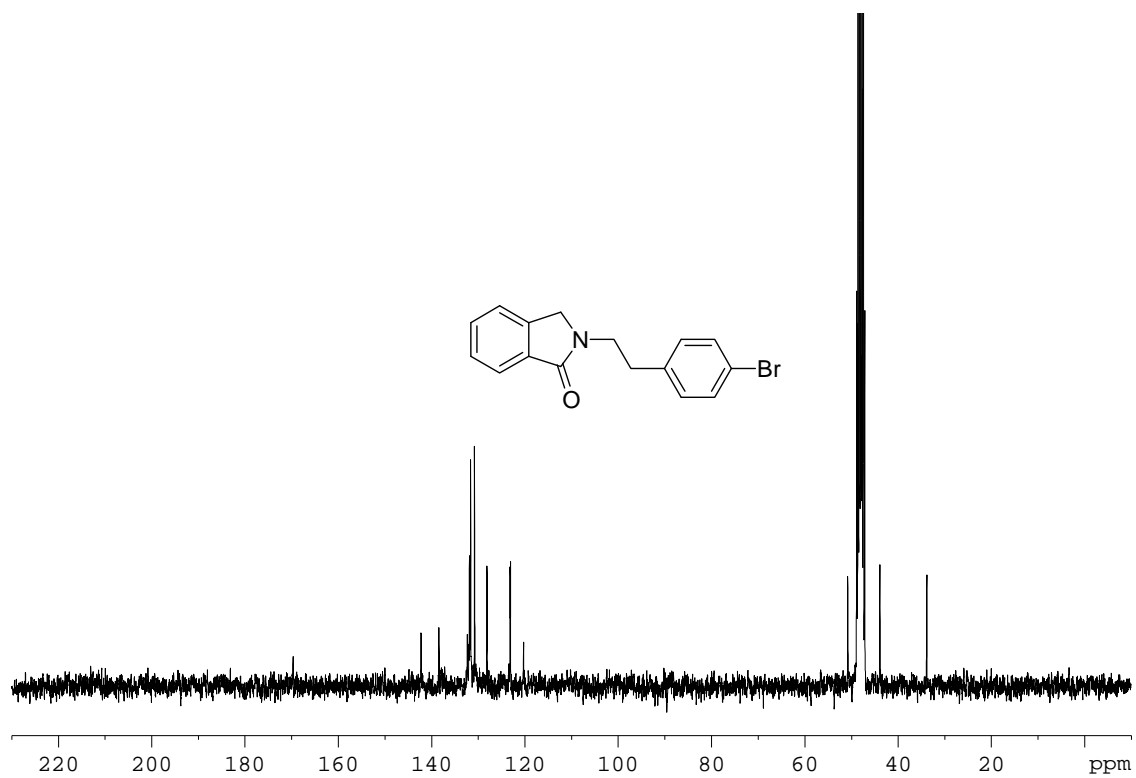
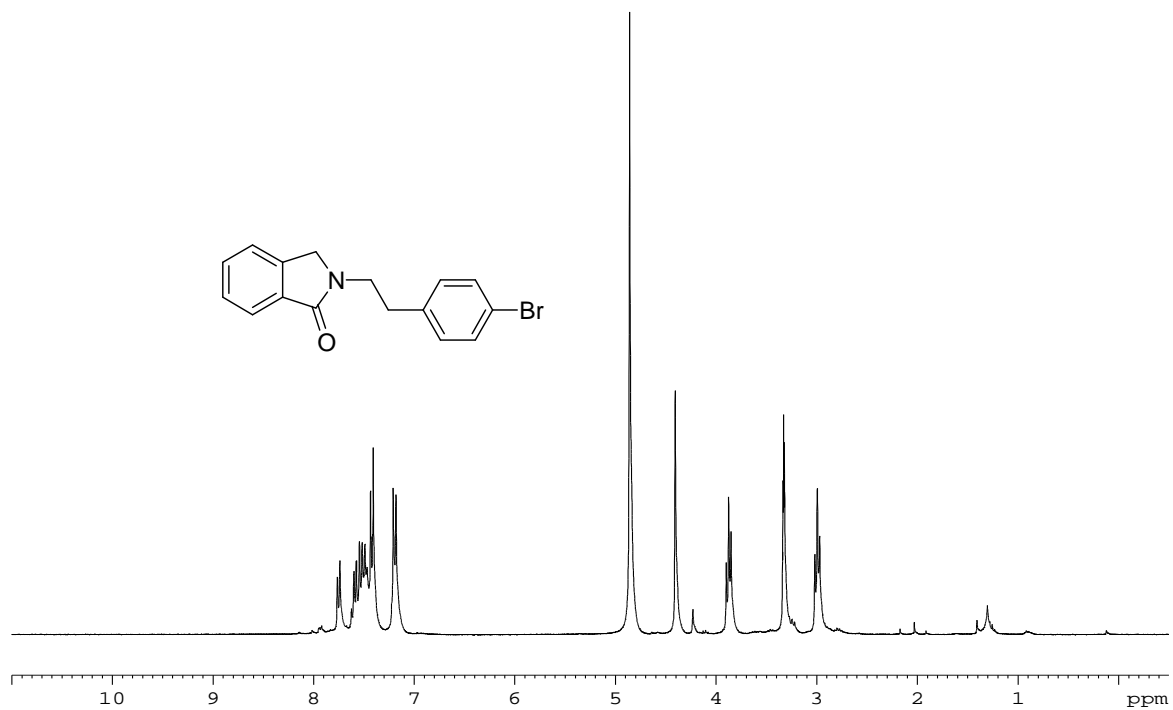
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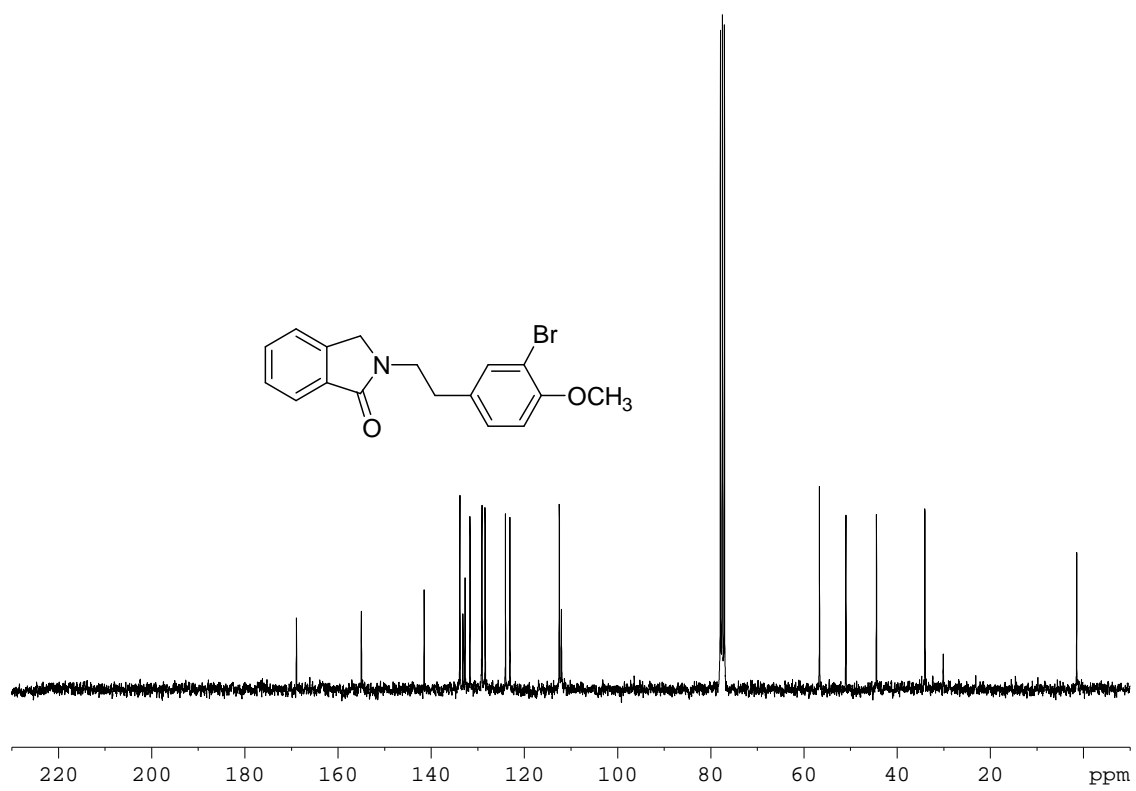
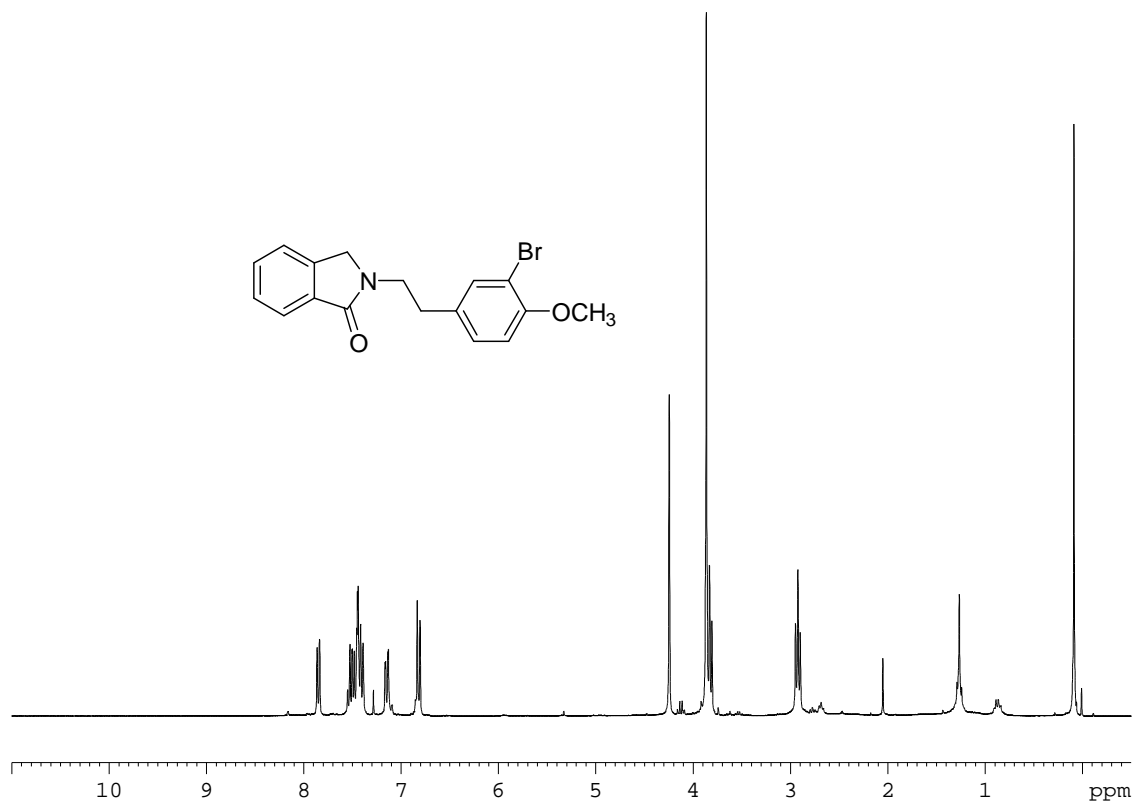
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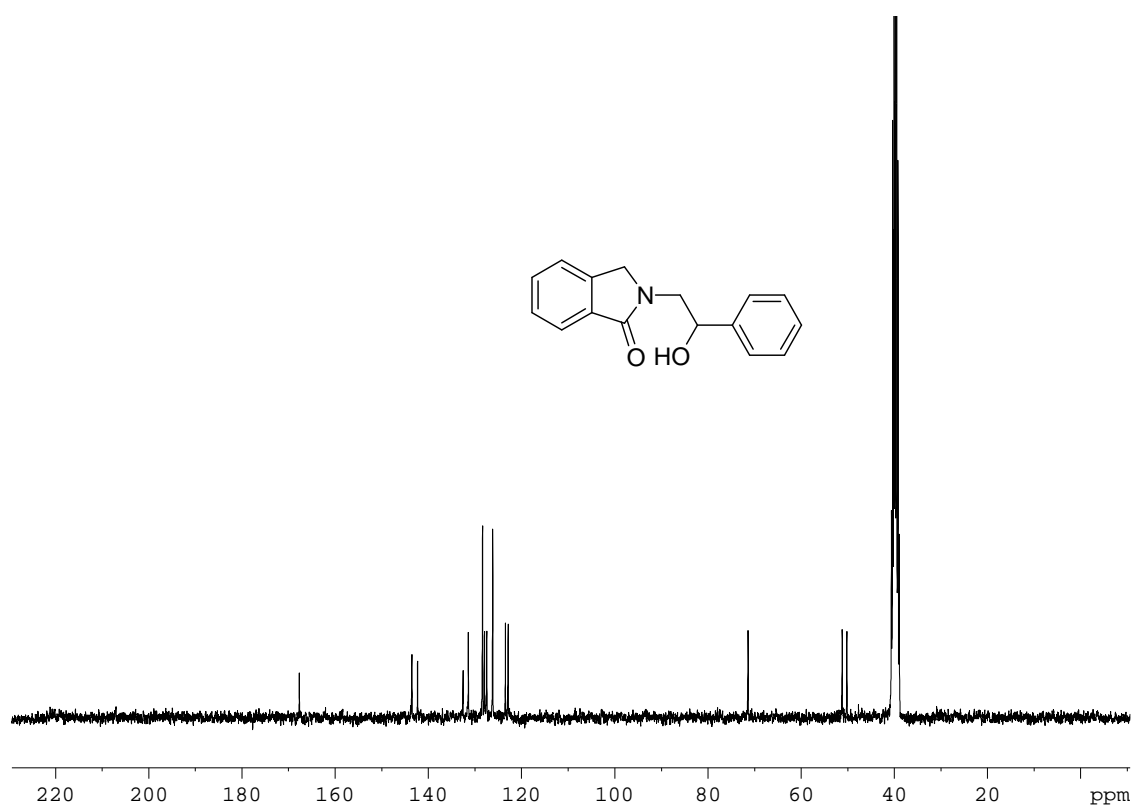
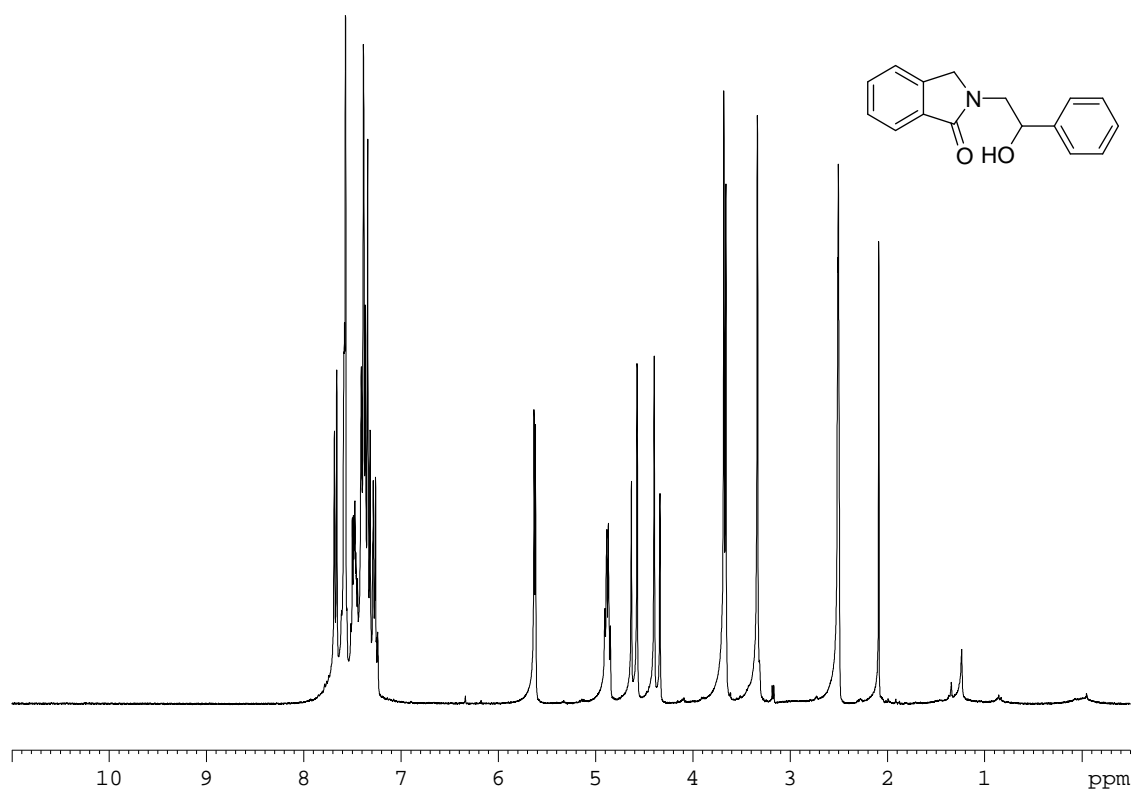
***N*-(3'-Bromo-4'-methoxyphenethyl)isoindolinone 5h (Table 3, entry 8)**



***N*-(1-Hydroxyphenethyl)isoindolinone 5i (Table 3, entry 9)**

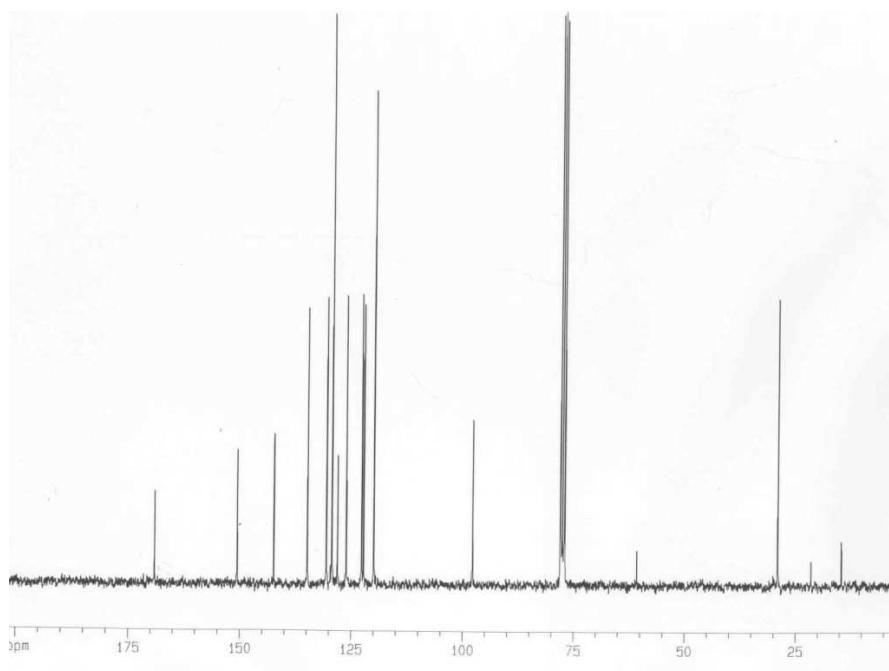
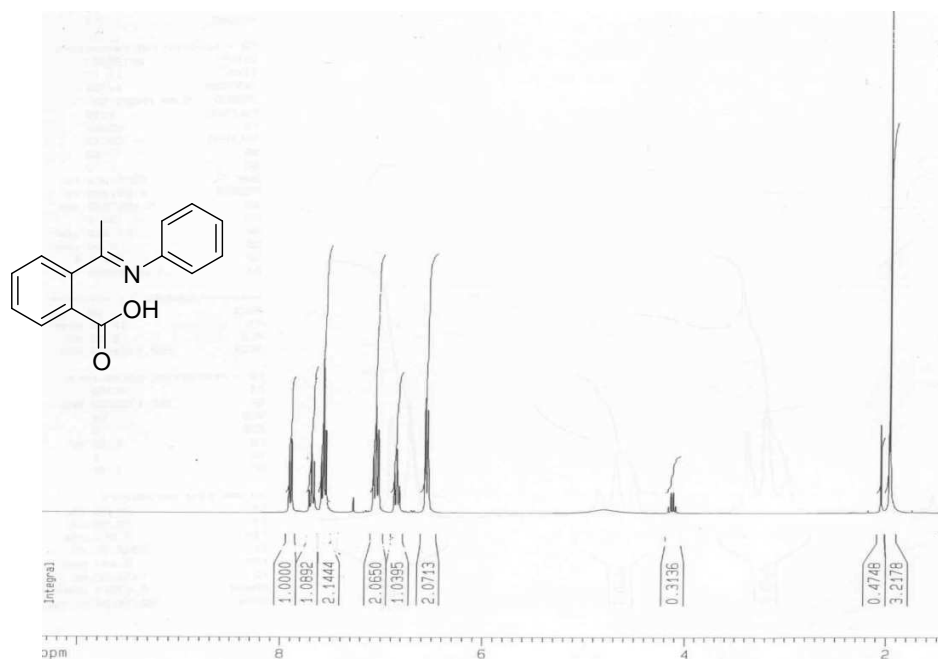
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**2-(1'-Methyl-N-phenylimino)benzoic acid 7a (Scheme 1)**

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**2-(1'-Methyl-N-tolylimino)benzoic acid 7c (Scheme 1)**

