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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Formation of Carbanions from Carboxylate Ions Bearing Electron-withdrawing Groups via Photoinduced Decarboxylation: Addition of Generated Carbanions to Benzaldehyde

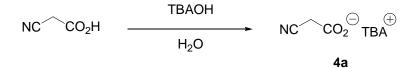
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General Experimental

¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on JEOL JNM-AL-300 (300 and 75 MHz) spectrometer and for solution in CDCl₃ containing tetramethylsilane as internal standard. GC-MS spectra were obtained using a Shimazu GCMS-QP5000. The light source was RIKO UV-100HA 100-W high-pressure mercury arc. Phen, Biphenyl, DCB, and DCN were recrystallized from hexane and EtOAc. Column chromatography was performed on Wakogel C-300, particle size 45-75 mm.

Preparation of tetra-n-butylammonium cyanoacetate 4a



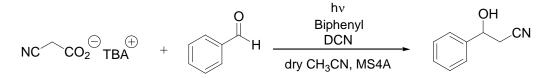
Cyanoacetic acid (5 mmol) and tetra-*n*-butylammonium hydroxide 30-hydrate (TBAOH, 5 mmol) were added to H_2O (50 ml). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and then concentrated under reduced pressure to give **4a**. Other TBA salts **4b-e** were also prepared from the corresponding acetic acid derivatives with TBAOH.

Preparation of malonate acid monoethyl ester

$$\begin{array}{c} 0^{\circ}C, 1 h \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline \\ Et0 & OEt \end{array} \xrightarrow{1M \text{ NaOH}} 0 & 0 \\ \hline \\ THF/H_2O & Et0 & OH \end{array}$$

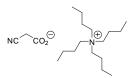
Diethylmalonate (50 mmol) was hydrolyzed by using 1M NaOH in an aqueous THF solution (THF 125 ml, H₂O 125 ml) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and then was concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane and EtOAc as eluents to give malonate acid monoethyl ester.

General procedure for the photoreaction of 4a



A dry CH₃CN solution (30 ml) containing **4a** (0.15 mmol, 5 mM), benzaldehyde **5a** (0.15 mmol, 5mM), biphenyl (0.6 mmol, 20 mM), 1,4-dicyanonaphthalene (0.6 mmol, 20 mM), and 4A molecular sieves (6g) in two Pyrex vessels (15 mm x 180 mm) was purged with argon for 10 min. The mixture was irradiated with a 100-W high-pressure mercury lamp for 10 h. Then the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane, chloroform, and EtOAc as eluents to give adduct **6a**.

Characterization date

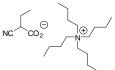


4a; Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.38-1.50 (m, 8H), 1.61-1.71 (m, 8H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 3.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz,

8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5, 19.5, 23.8, 58.6, 118.8, 165.1.

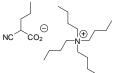
4b; Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.25, (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.39-1.51 (m, 8H), 1.61-1.72 (m, 8H), 3.25

(s, 2H), 3.29-3.35 (m, 8H), 4.12 (q, *J* =7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.4, 13.9, 19.4, 23.6, 45.7, 58.3, 59.7, 170.0, 170.4.



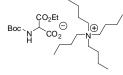
4c; Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95-1.12 (m, 15H), 1.38-1.50 (m, 8H), 1.60-1.71 (m, 8H), 1.91-2.01 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.38 (m,

9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.1, 13.7, 19.7, 23.9, 24.5, 42.8, 58.7, 122.0, 169.0.



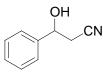
4d; Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91-1.07 (m, 15H), 1.38-1.71 (m, 17H), 1.84-1.93 (m, 2H), 3.26-3.32 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 19.6, 20.8, 23.8, 32.9, 41.0, 58.6, 122.0, 169.1.



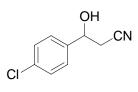
4e; Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.94-1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 3H), 1.37-1.47 (m, 17H), 1.49-1.69 (m, 8H), 3.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

13.5, 14.0, 19.5, 23.7, 28.2, 58.3, 60.1, 60.4, 155.0, 166.9, 171.0.

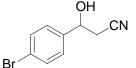


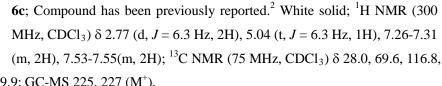
6a; Compound has been previously reported.¹ White solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.9, 70.2, 117.2, 125.5, 128.9, 129.0,

141.0; GC-MS 147 (M⁺).

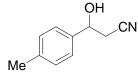


6b; Compound has been previously reported.¹ White solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.76 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.0, 69.7, 116.9, 126.9, 129.1, 134.7,139.4; GC-MS 181, 183 (M⁺).





122.9, 127.3, 132.1, 139.9; GC-MS 225, 227 (M^+).



6d; Compound has been previously reported.¹ White solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz,

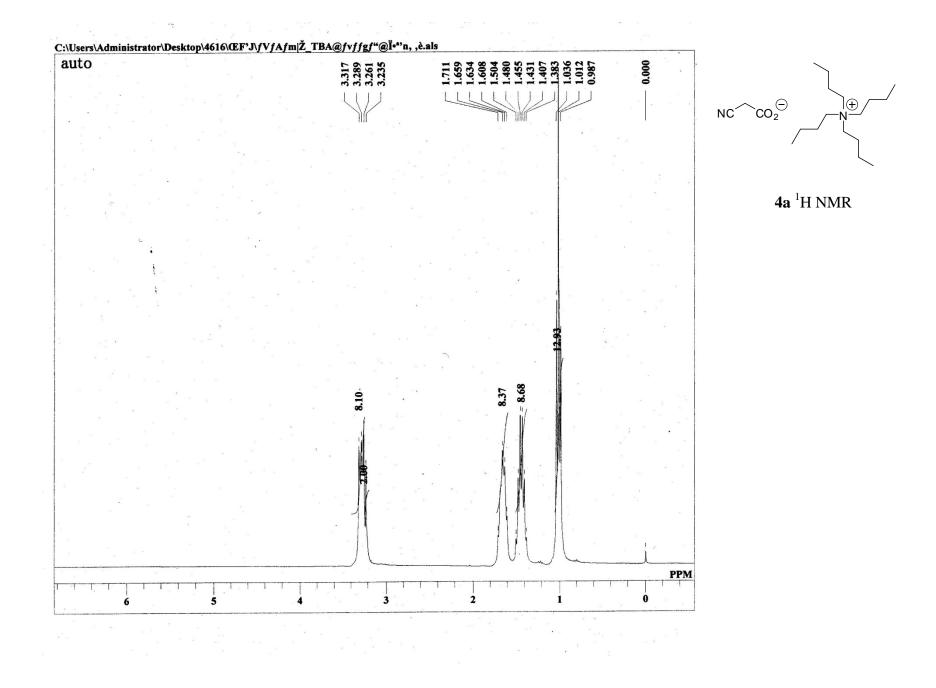
1H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.2, 27.9, 70.1, 117.3, 125.4, 129.6, 138.1, 138.8; GC-MS 161 (M⁺).

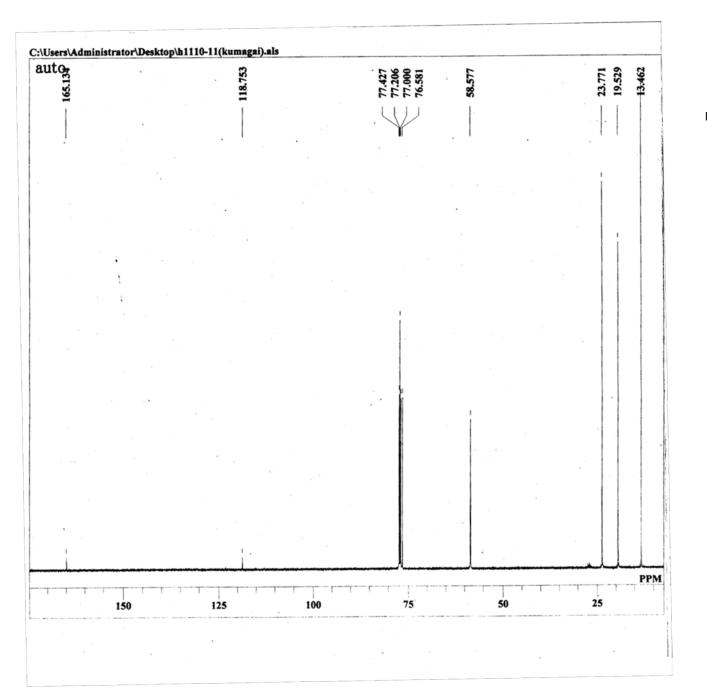
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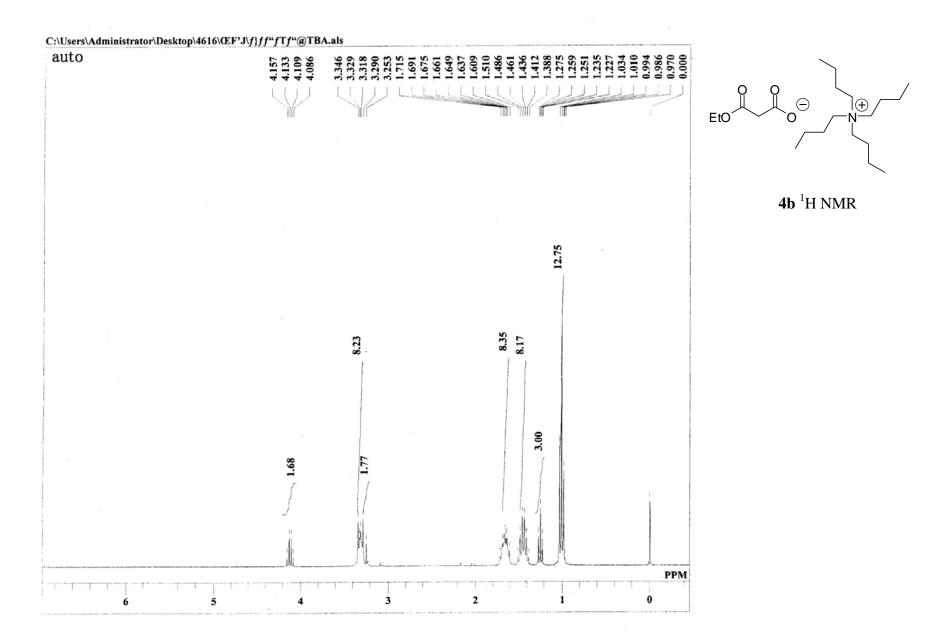
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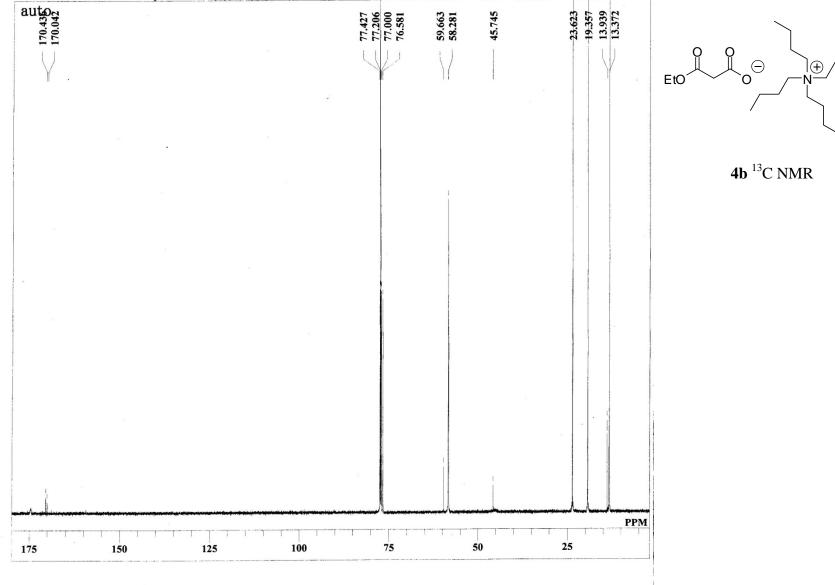


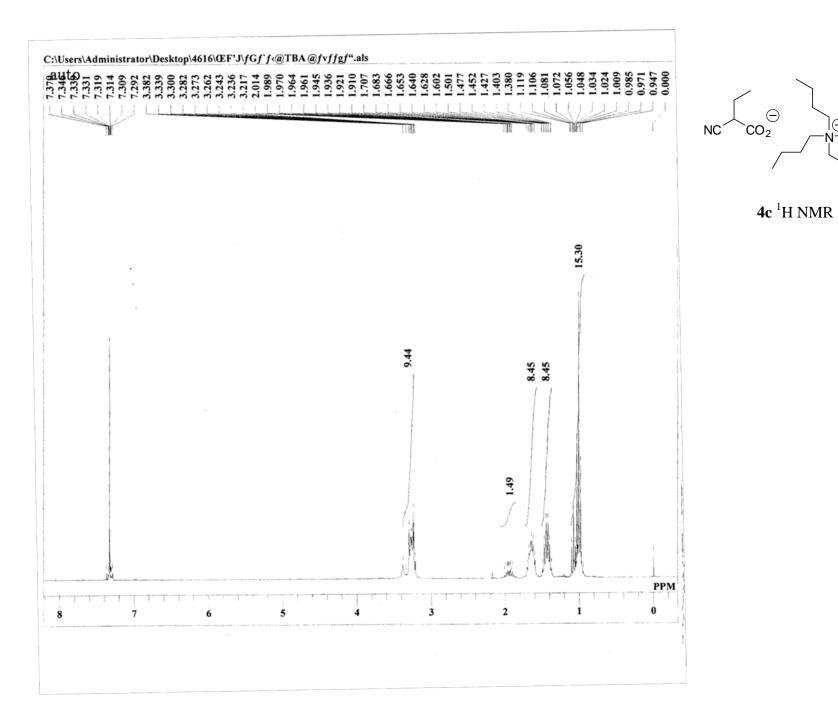


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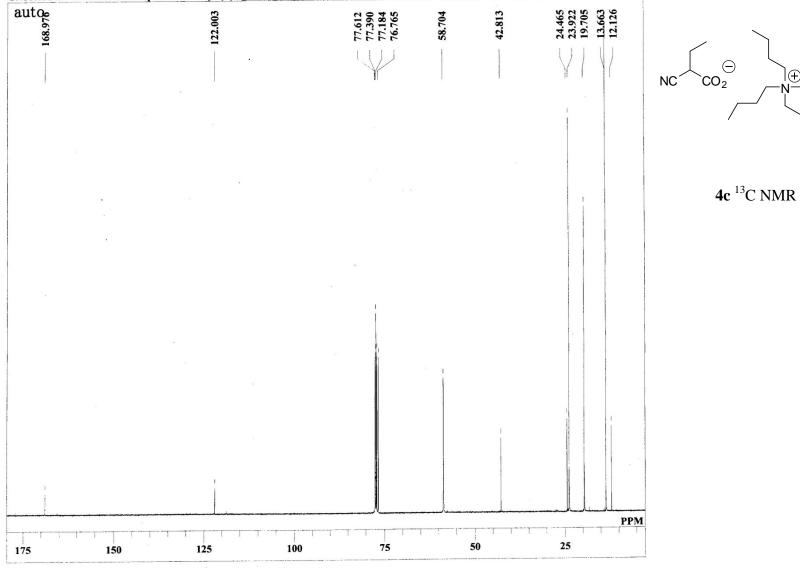




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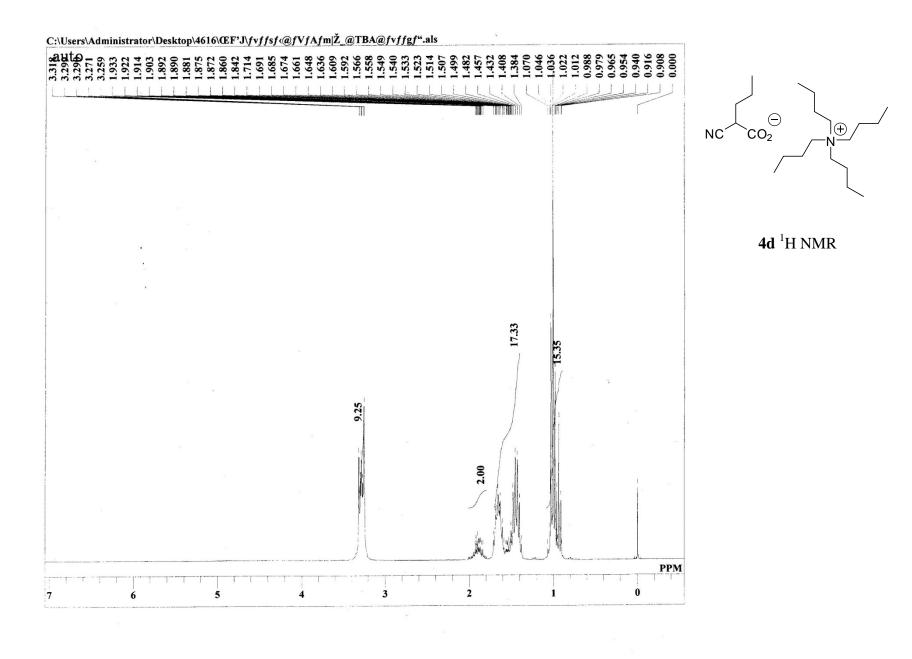
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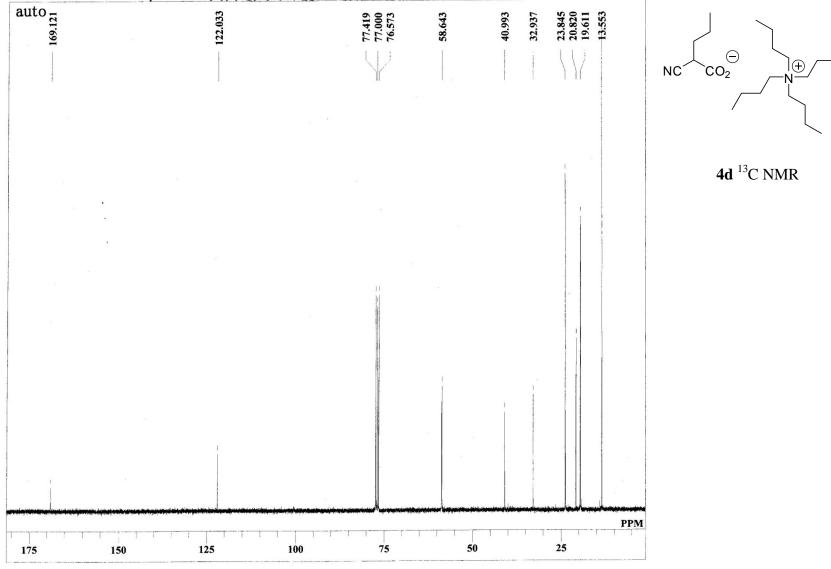


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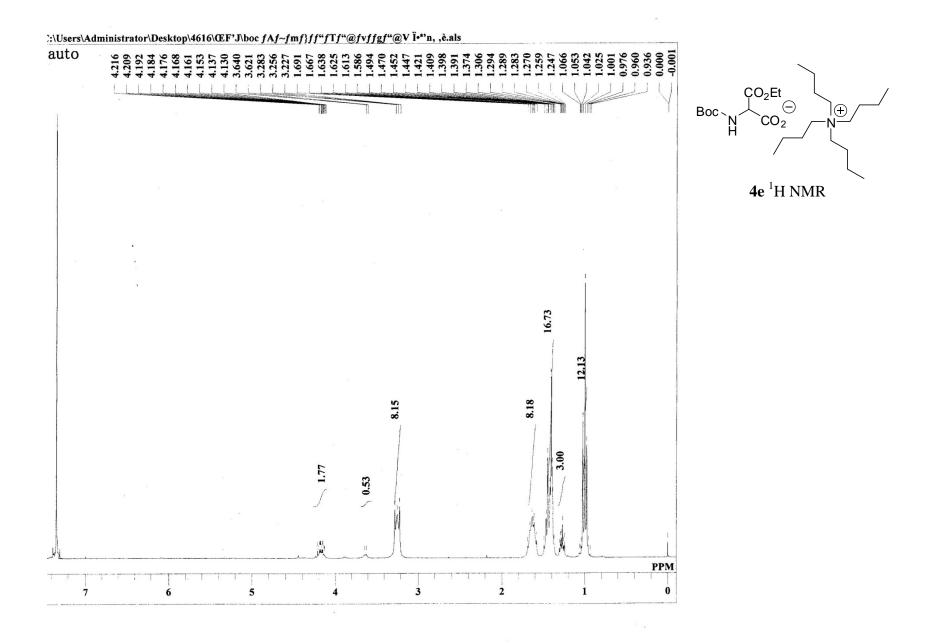
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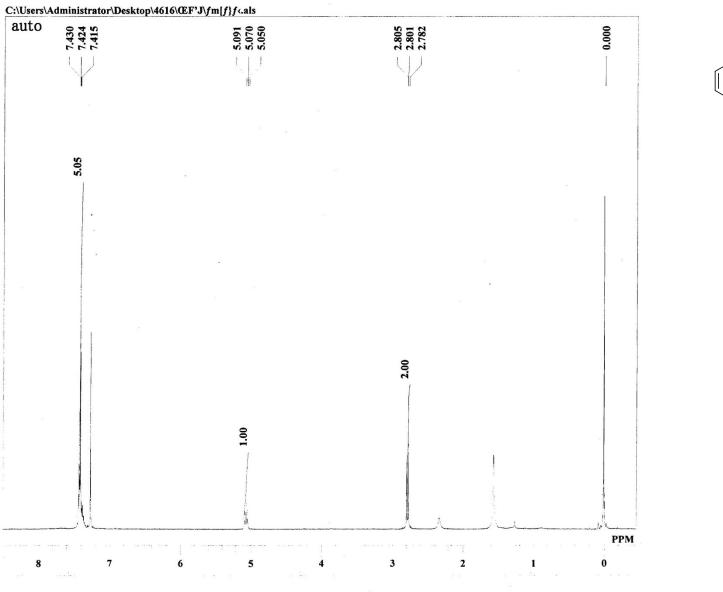
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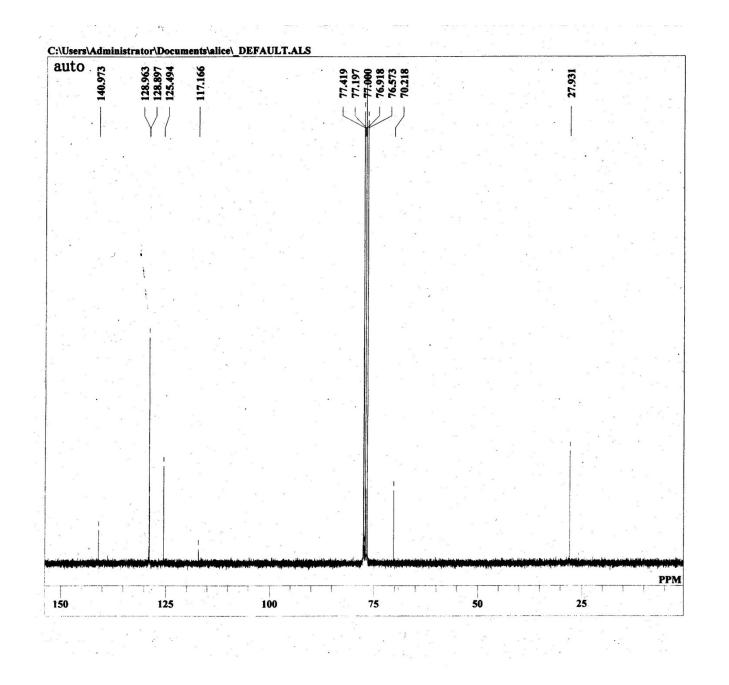


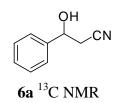
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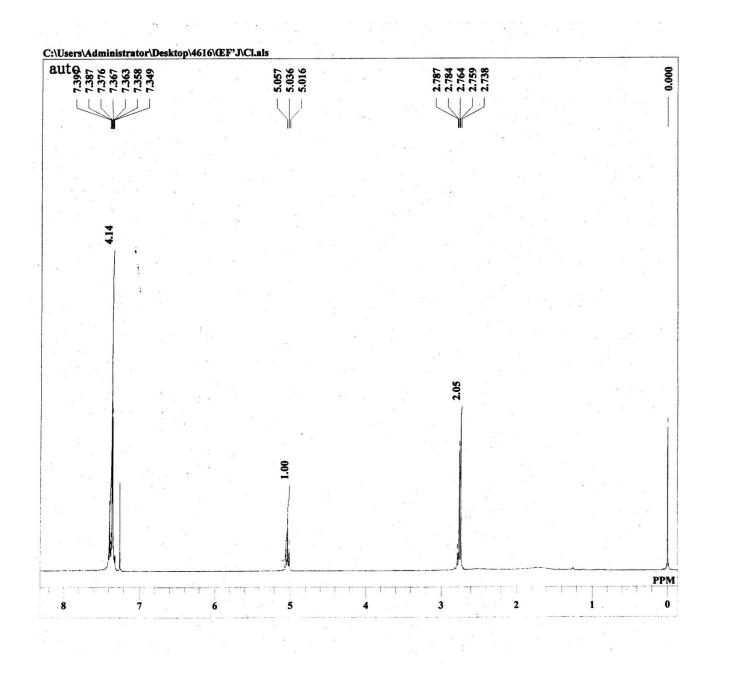
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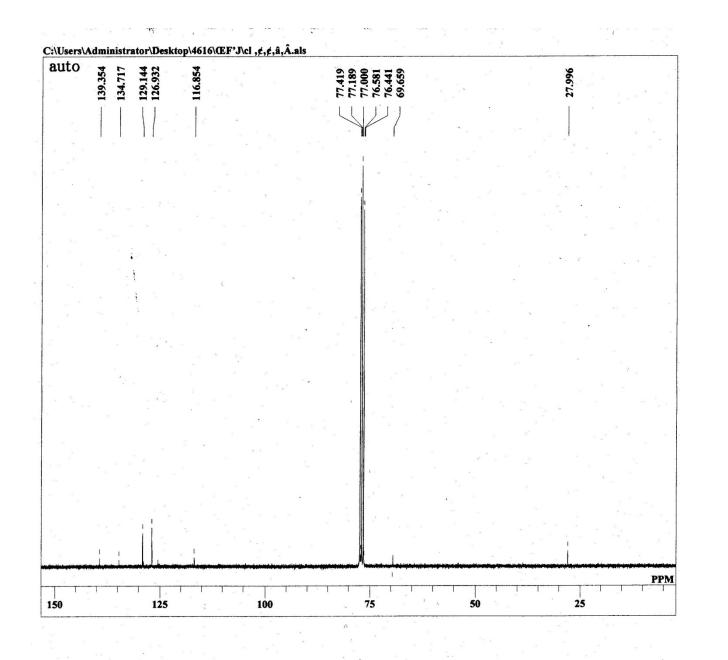




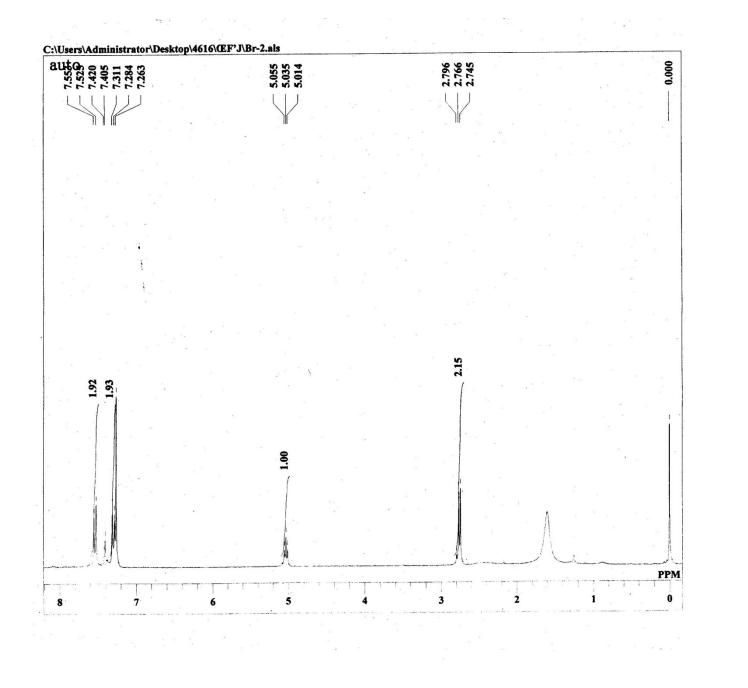


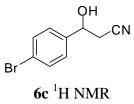
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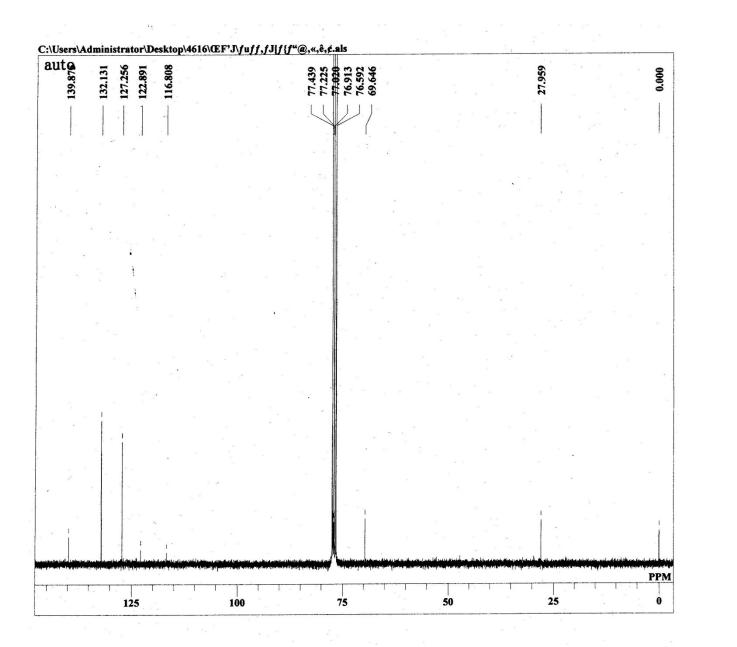
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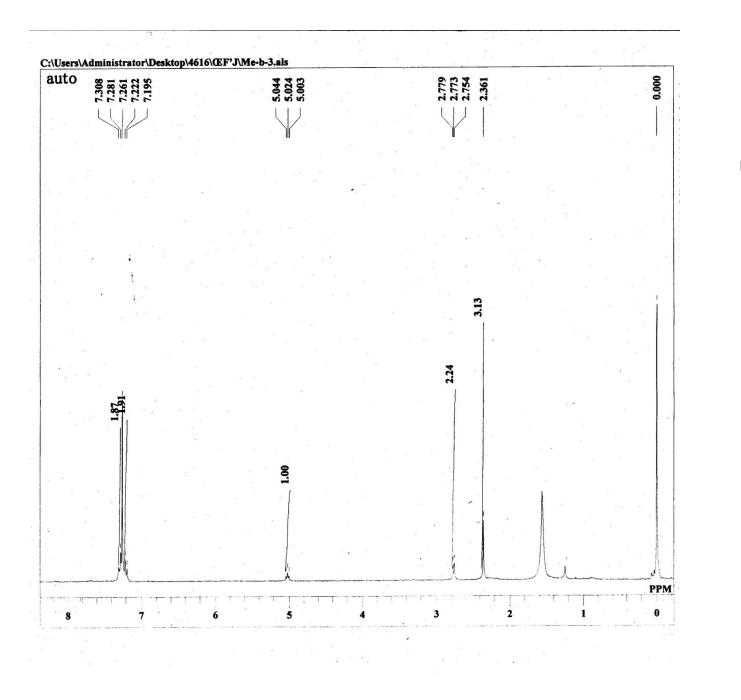




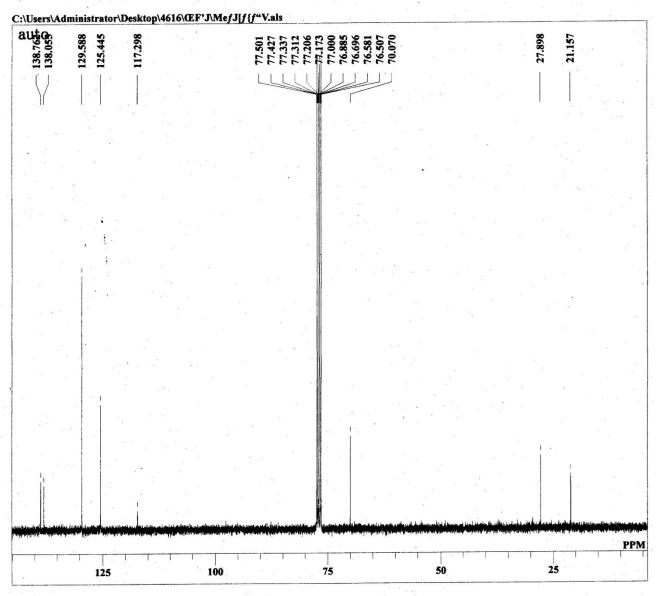


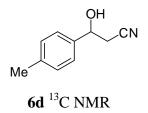
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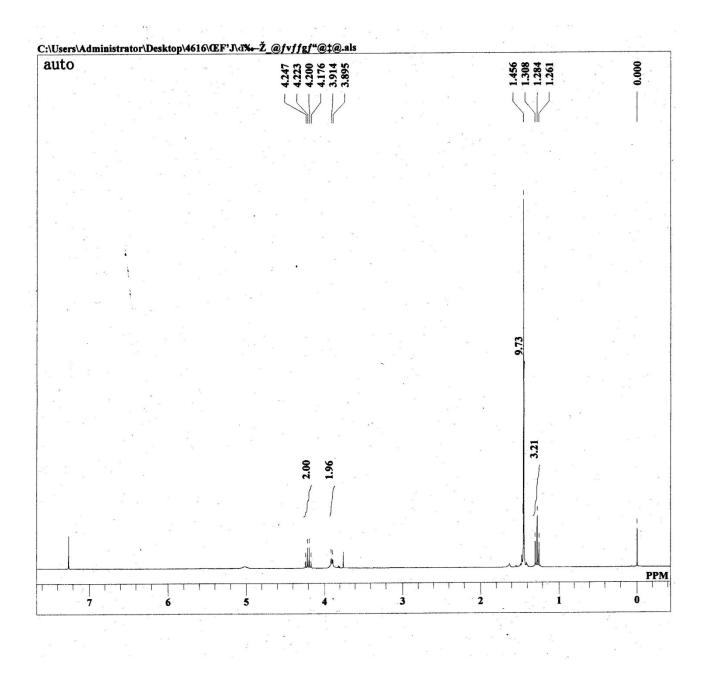




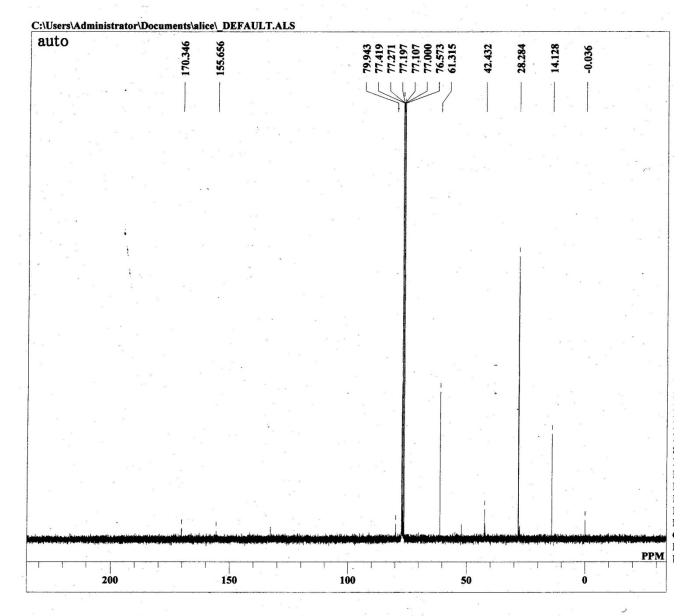




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