Synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolines and triazoles utilizing oxazolones

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Supporting information

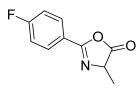
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General Information: The reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Anhydrous methylene chloride, benzene, acetonitrile, and tetrahydrofuran were dispensed from a delivery system which passes the solvents through a column packed with dry neutral alumina. Synthesis of azlactones was carried out in flame dried flask under nitrogen atmosphere while the cycloaddition reactions were carried out in 20mL disposable scintillation vials and during the reaction the vial caps were kept slightly loose. All reactions were magnetically stirred and monitored by TLC with 0.25 µm pre-coated silica gel plates using UV light to visualize the compounds. Column chromatography was carried out on Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Yields refer to spectroscopically pure compounds obtained after acid-base extraction. ¹H, ¹³C-NMR and DEPT spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz, 600MHz and 900MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported relative to the residue peaks of the solvent (CDCl₃: 7.24 ppm for ¹H and 77.0 ppm for ¹³C and CD₃OD: 3.30 ppm for ¹H and 49.0 ppm for ¹³C). The following abbreviations are used to denote the nature of the carbon atoms: s =tertiary, d = secondary, t = primary, q = quartnary. Melting points were obtained using a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Synthesis and characterization of starting oxazolones:

General procedure for synthesis of oxazolones:¹ 1.3 equivalents of TFAA was added to a suspension of N-benzoyl amino acid in anhydrous dichloromethane in a round bottom flask placed under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature, after which the contents of the flask were poured into a separating funnel and washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution three times to remove acid formed during the reaction. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and placed on a rotary evaporator to evaporate the solvent. Residual solvent was removed under vacuum and previously reported oxazolones (1, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15) were matched with their reported data².



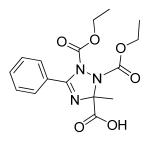
2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5(4H)-one (7): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 7.93 (2H, m), 7.10 (2H, m), 4.38 (2H, q, J= 7 Hz), 1.51 (3H, d, J= 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (125 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 178.5, 166.4, 164.4, 164.3, 160.6, 130.2 (s), 130.1 (s), 128.1, 128.0, 122.1, 122.0, 116.1 (s), 116.0 (s), 60.9 (s), 16.7 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 3290, 1734, 1705, 1631. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 194.1 mp 128-130 °C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₀H₉NO₂F (M+H)⁺: 194.0617 found: 194.0624.

General procedure for the cycloaddition reactions:

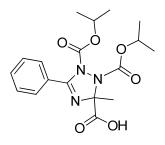
One equivalent of the azodicarboxylate was added to solution of oxazolone (0.5-0.8 mmol) in 10mL of acetonitrile in a 20mL scintillation vial. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4-22 hours. The contents of the vial were transferred into a separating funnel containing aqueous sodium bicarbonate and dichloromethane. The product was extracted into the aqueous bicarbonate layer and the dichloromethane layer was discarded. The aqueous sodium bicarbonate layer was acidified with HCl, and the product extracted four times with 40mL of dichloromethane. The dichloromethane fractions were combined and dried over sodium sulfate. The organic solvent was removed using a rotary evaporator to provide the product, which was further dried over vacuum and analyzed.

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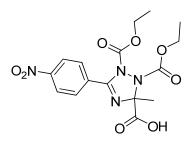
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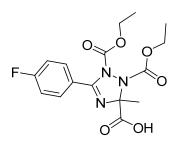
1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid (2): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 7.77 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.44 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.36 (2H, t, J= 7 Hz), 4.18 (2H, m), 4.10 (2H, m), 1.76 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz), 1.02 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (125 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 171.5, 158.8, 154.3, 152.8, 131.7 (s), 129.7 (s), 128.6, 127.7 (s), 90.2, 63.9 (d), 62.8 (d), 22.6 (t), 14.1 (t), 13.7 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 1759, 1700,1631. MS (ES+) m'_{z} : (M+H)⁺ 350.1 HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀N₃O₆ (M+H)⁺: 350.1352 found: 350.1354.



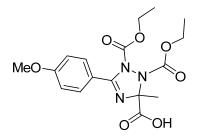
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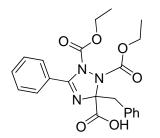
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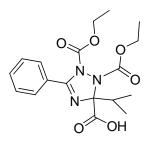
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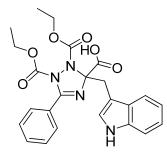
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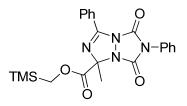
3-benzyl-1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid (12): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 7.67 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.45 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.35 (2H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.21 (2H, , J= 7 Hz), 7.15 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 4.28 (2H, m), 3.73 (1H, m), 3.70 (1H, m), 3.64 (1H, d, J= 14 Hz), 3.44 (1H, d, J= 14 Hz), 1.29 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz), 0.91 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (125 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 171.7, 159.8, 154.9, 151.4, 133.6, 131.5 (s), 131.2 (s), 129.2 (s), 128.8, 127.7 (s), 127.6 (s), 126.8 (s), 93.0, 63.4 (d), 63.0 (d), 40.7 (d), 14.1 (t), 13.4 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 3200 (br), 1757, 1718, 1686, 1635. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 426.2 mp 61-64°C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄N₃O₆ (M+H)⁺: 426.1665 found: 426.1666.



1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-3-isopropyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid (14): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 7.77 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.45 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.35 (2H, t, J= 7 Hz), 4.15 (4H, m), 2.62 (1H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz), 1.05 (6H, q, J= 7 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, J= 7 Hz) ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (125 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 171.6, 158.7, 155.5, 152.4, 131.6 (s), 129.6 (s), 128.6, 127.7 (s), 96.1, 63.7 (d), 62.9 (d), 33.1 (s), 17.2 (t), 16.2 (t), 14.0 (t), 13.8 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 1759, 1635. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 378.1 mp 98-99°C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄N₃O₆ (M+H)⁺: 378.1665 found: 378.1665.



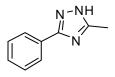
3-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid (16): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 8.28 (1H, br), 7.68 (1H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.60 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.37 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.27 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.15 (1H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.06 (2H, m), 7.01 (1H, d, J= 2 Hz), 4.25 (2H, m), 3.69 (2H, s), 3.45 (1H, m), 2.96 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, t, J= 7 Hz), 0.59 (3H, t, J= 8 Hz). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (125 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 171.2, 159.7, 154.8, 152.3, 135.6, 131.5 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.7, 128.4, 127.7 (s), 124.5 (s), 121.5 (s), 119.4 (s), 119.2 (s), 110.8 (s), 107.3, 93.4, 63.2 (d), 62.9 (d), 30.4 (d), 14.2(t), 13.1 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 3391, 2984, 1753, 1633, 1458, 1327, 1259. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 465.2 mp 97-99°C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₅N₄O₆ (M+H)⁺: 465.1774 found: 465.1776.



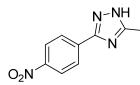
(Trimethylsilyl)methyl 1-methyl-5,7-dioxo-3,6-diphenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a][1,2,4]triazole-1carboxylate (17): 4-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one (1, 175mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in 10mL of acetonitrile in a 20mL scintillation vial and PTAD (175mg, 1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The addition of PTAD turned the solution scarlet red in color. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours, which lead to the disappearance of the color. At this point the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (1.5 mL, 3 mmol) was added to the solution in drop wise manner. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes and then methanol (3mL) was added in drop wise manner. The reaction mixture at 0°C for 3 h and then the reaction temperature was allowed to come to ambient temperature. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was concentrated to minimal residue and purified by running silica-gel column using ethyl acetate: hexanes (1:4) to obtain (trimethylsilyl)methyl 1-methyl-5,7-dioxo-3,6-diphenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a][1,2,4]triazole-1-carboxylate as viscous liquid (370 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (1H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.58 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 7.46 (6H, m), 7.38 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 4.09 (1H, d, J= 14 Hz), 3.85 (1H, d, J= 14 Hz), 2.06 (3H, s), 0.07 (9H, s). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (150MHz, -10°C) (CD₃OD) δ : 167.5, 153.7, 153.5, 148.1, 133.3 (s), 130.9, 130.3 (s), 129.2 (s), 128.7 (s), 128.4 (s), 125.9 (s), 125.0, 90.8, 60.9 (d), 23.4 (t), -3.2 (t). IR (NaCl, neat): 1794, 1740, 1616, 1500, 1450, 1398, 1329, 1251. MS (ES) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 437.2 HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅N₄O₄Si (M+H)⁺: 437.1645 found: 437.1653.

General procedure for conversion of triazolines to triazoles:

The triazoline (0.5-1mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL ethanol in 100mL flask. Four equivalents of sodium hydroxide were added to this solution and the solution was heated to reflux for 2 hours. The temperature of the flask was allowed to cool down to room temperature. The excess base in the solution was neutralized with aqueous HCl. The ethanol was removed on a rotary evaporator and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate solution was washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. Subsequently, the ethyl acetate was removed on a rotary evaporator and silica-gel column chromatography was performed using ethyl acetate to obtain the triazole³.

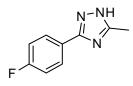


Synthesis of 5-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole (18): ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (CDCl₃) δ : 7.95 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.42 (3H, m), 2.45 (3H, s) ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (150MHz, -10°C) (CD₃OD) δ : 162.7, 155.5, 131.7, 130.6(s), 1129.8(s), 127.2 (s), 11.6 (t) IR (NaCl, neat): 3500 (br), 1700, 1720 MS (ES) ^m/_z: (M)⁺ 159.1 m.p. 144-145°C HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₉H₁₀N₃ (M+H)⁺: 160.0875 found: 160.0880



5-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole(19):

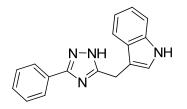
¹H NMR (600MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 8.31 (2H, d, J= 9 Hz), 8.21 (2H, d, J= 9 Hz), 2.51 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (150 MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 149.6, 138.0, 129.9, 128.0, 125.0, 11.7. IR (NaCl, neat): 3034(br), 1603, 1508. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 205.1 mp 232-234 °C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₉H₉N₄O₂ (M+H)⁺: 205.0726 found: 205.0726.



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3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole(20):

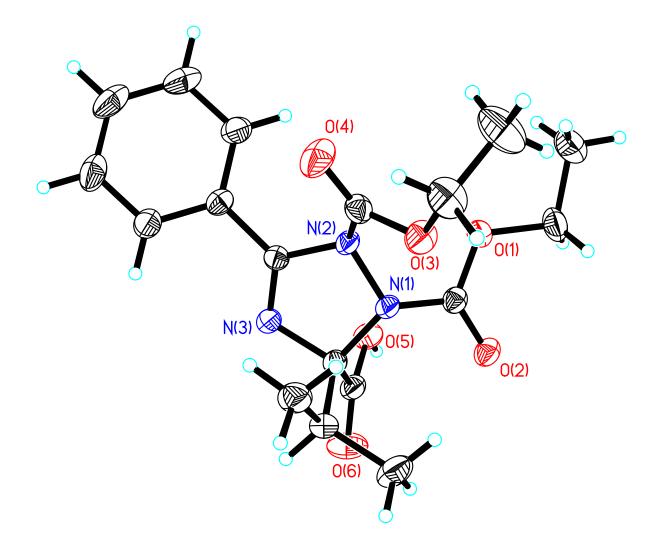
¹H NMR (600MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 7.96 (2H, dd, J= 5 Hz, 7 Hz), 7.15 (2H, t, J= 9Hz), 2.49 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (150MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 165.8, 164.1, 160.7, 156.9, 129.4, 129.3, 127.8, 127.7, 116.7, 116.6, 11.9. IR (NaCl, neat): 3055 (br), 1603, 1560, 1533, 1473, 1219. MS (ES) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 178.1 m.p. 279-283 °C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₉H₉FN₃ (M+H)⁺: 178.0781, found: 178.0783.

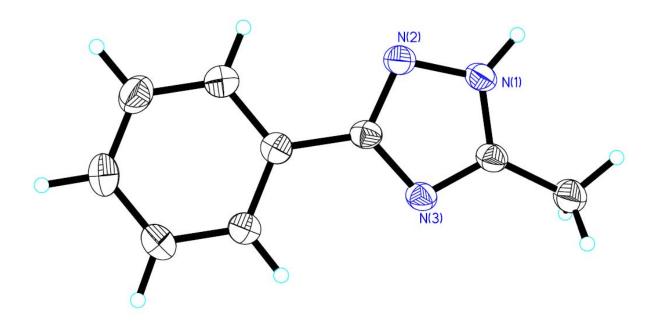


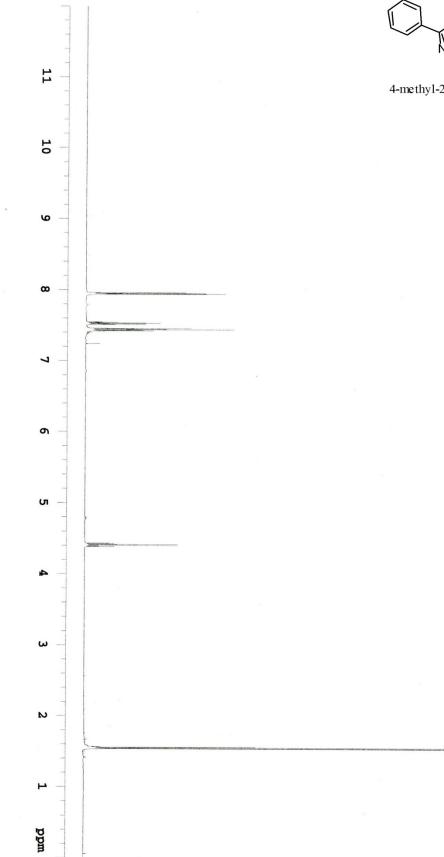
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3-((3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl)methyl)-1H-indole(21):

¹H NMR (600MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 7.98 (2H, d, J= 7 Hz), 7.44 (4H, m), 7.34 (1H, d, J= 8 Hz), 7.17 (1H, s), 7.08 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 6.98 (1H, t, J= 7 Hz), 4.30 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR/ DEPT (226MHz) (CD₃OD) δ : 160.8, 138.3, 131.2, 130.8, 129.8, 128.3, 127.4, 124.5, 122.6, 120.0, 119.2, 112.4, 110.5, 24.2. IR (NaCl, neat): 3333, 3128 (br), 1558, 1471. MS (ES+) ^m/_z: (M+H)⁺ 275.1 mp 241-243°C. HRMS (ES+) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N₄ (M+H)⁺: 275.1297 found: 275.1307.



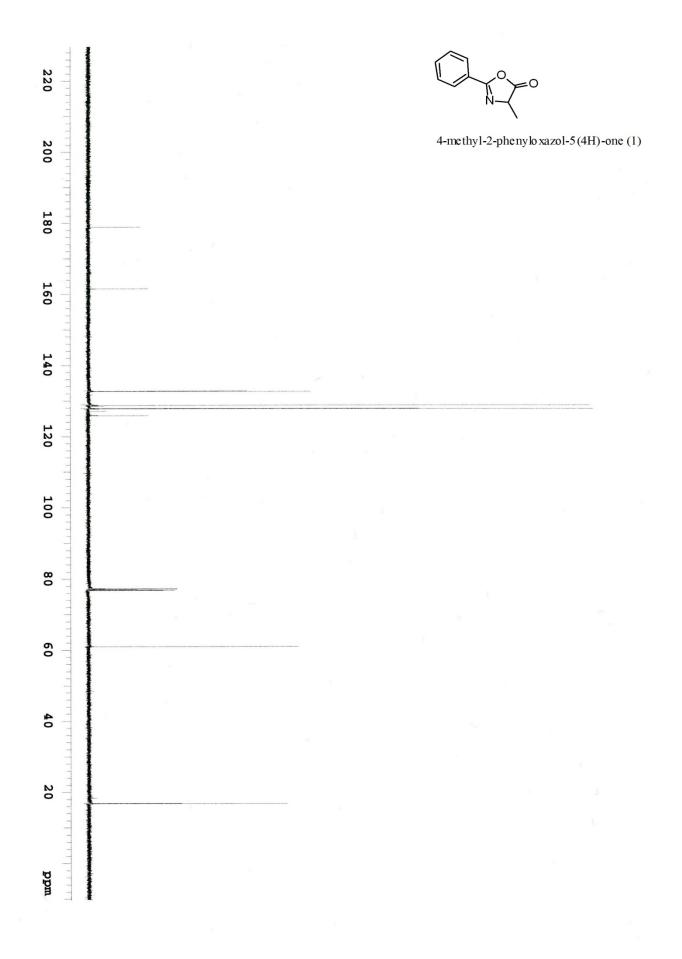


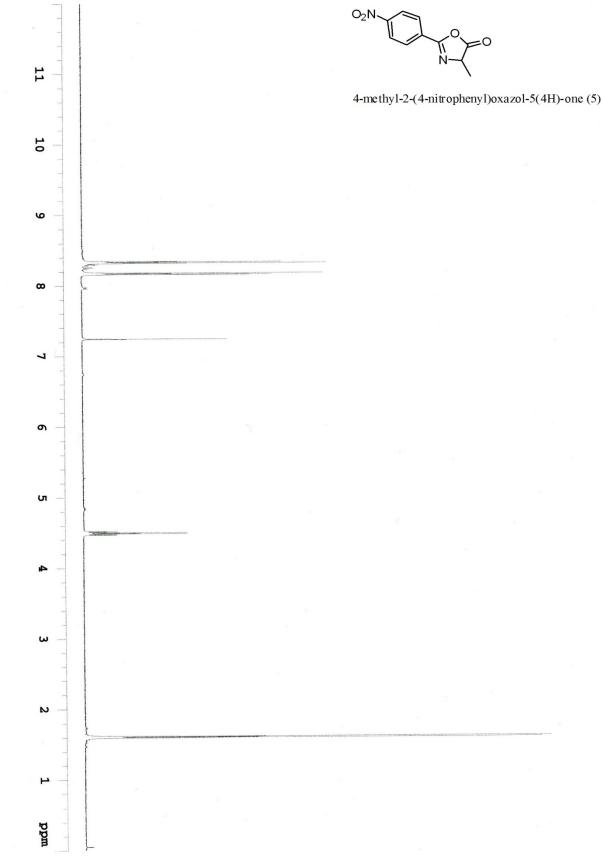


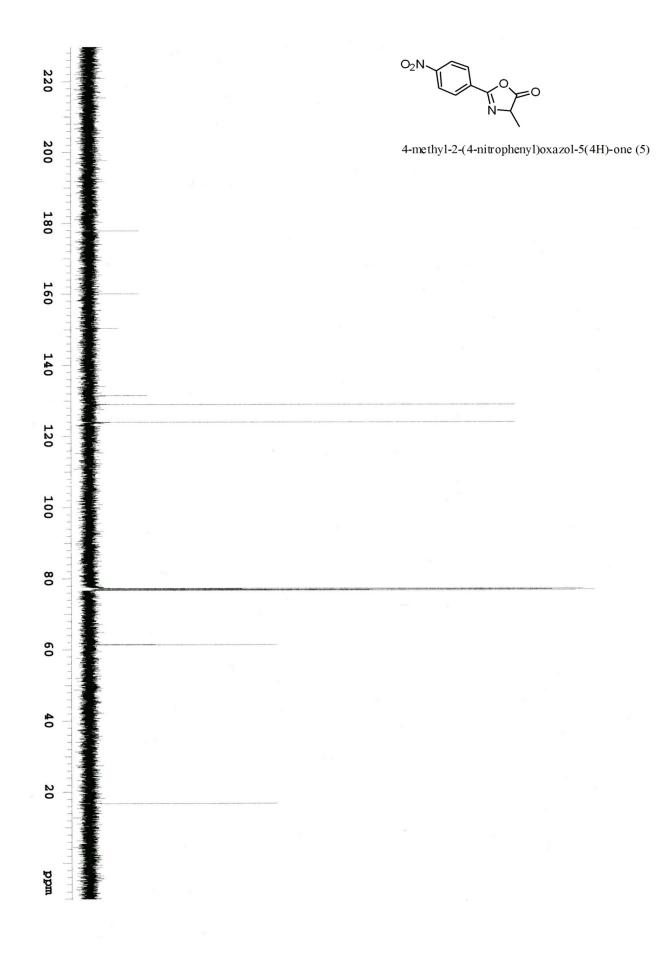
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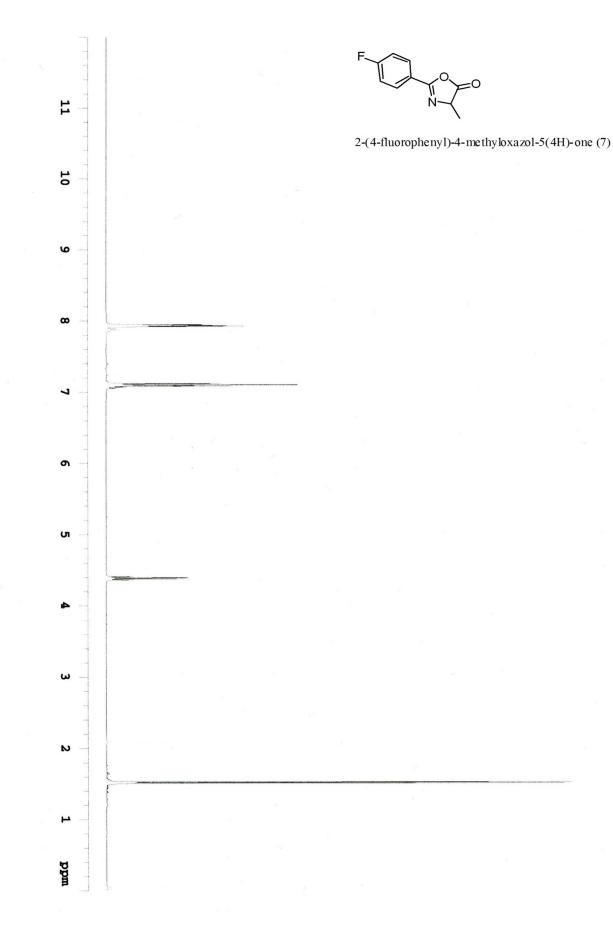
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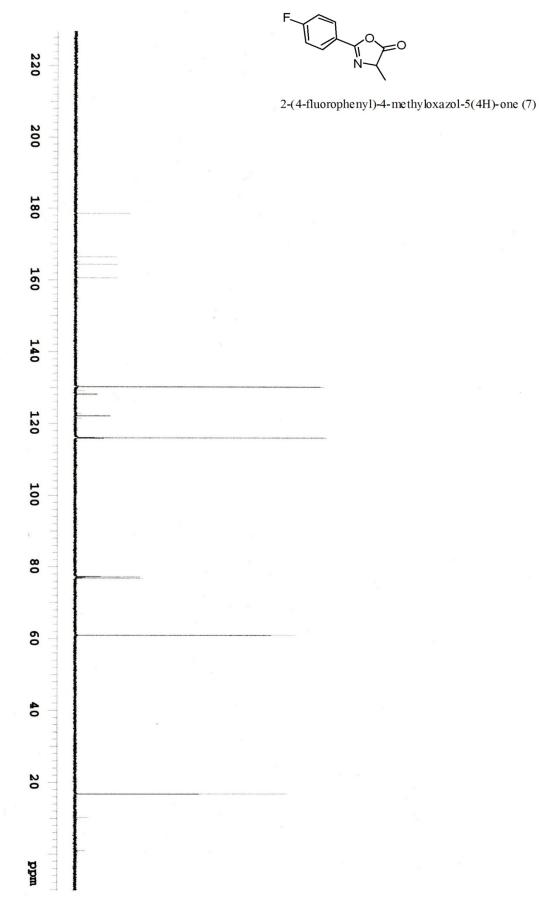
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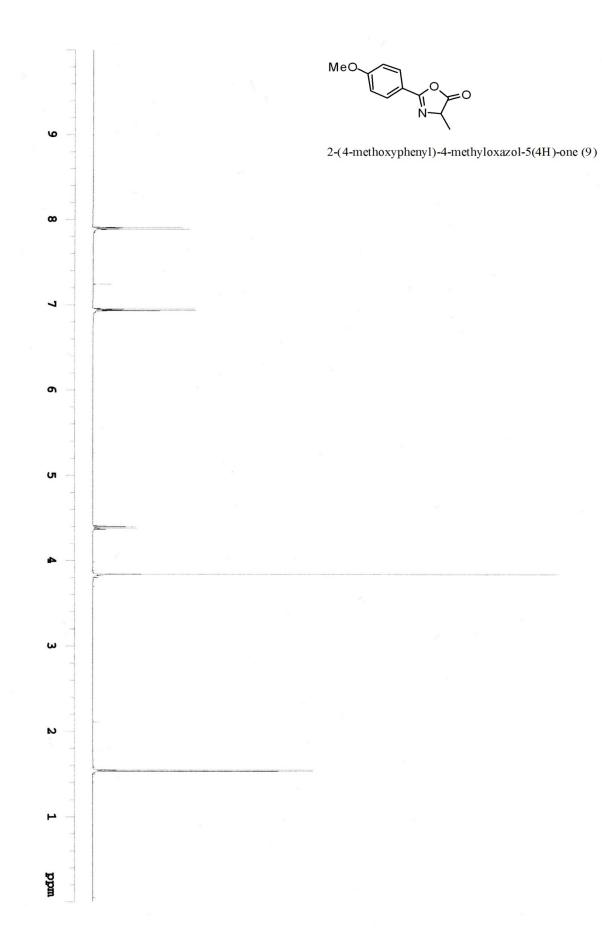


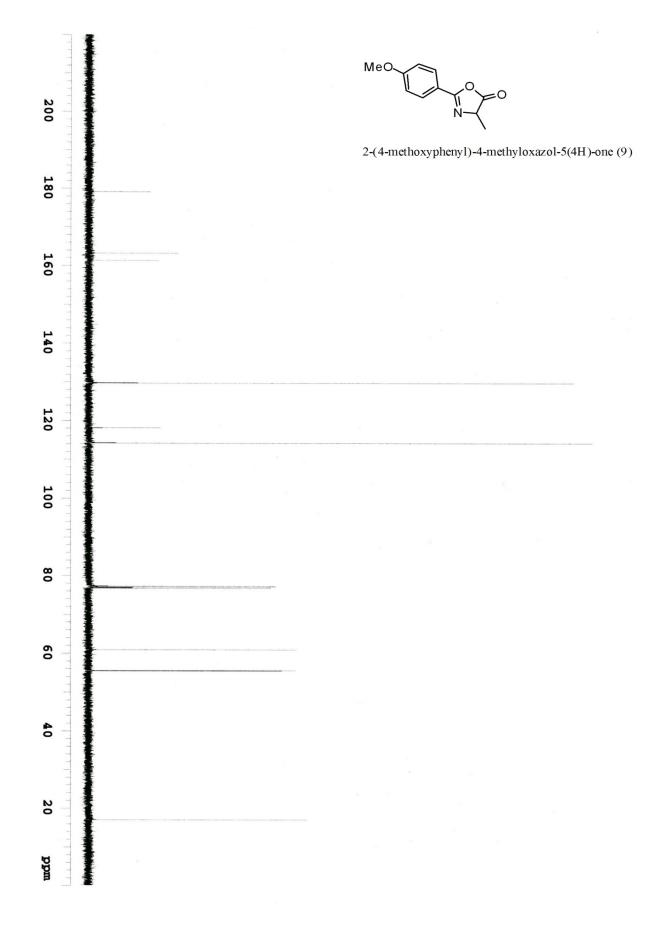


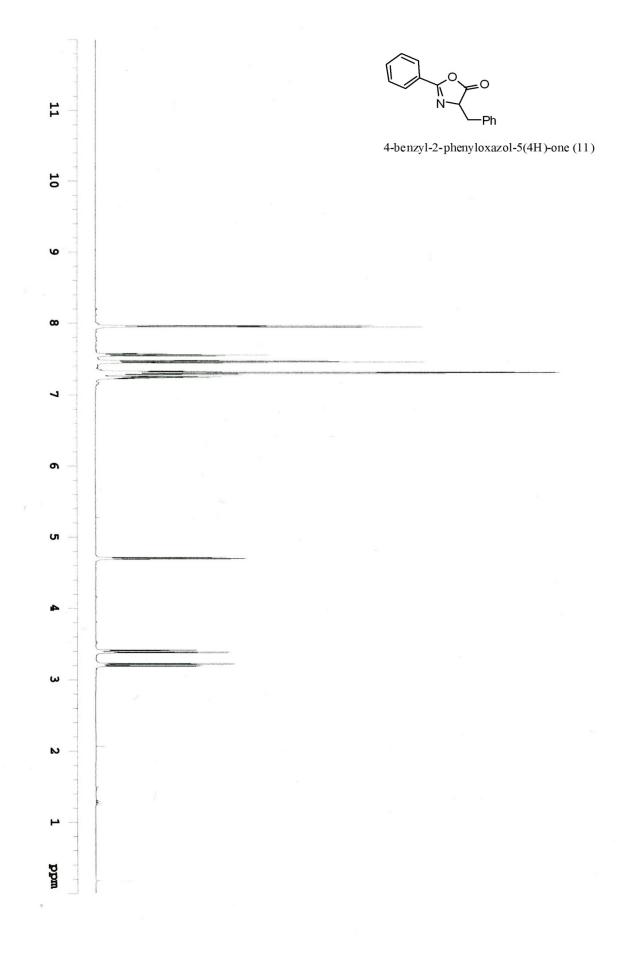


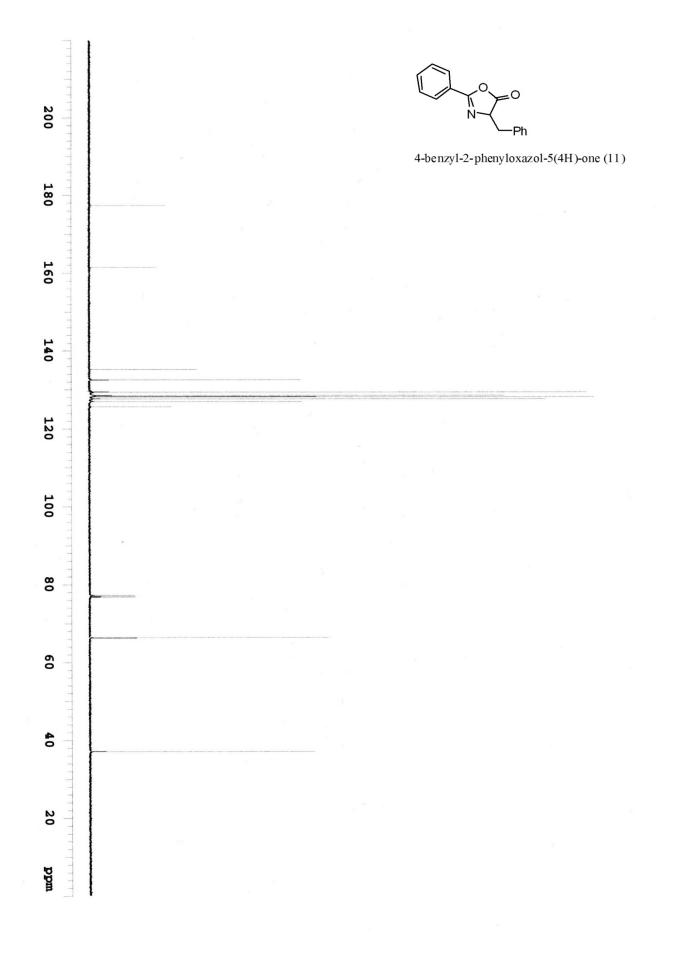


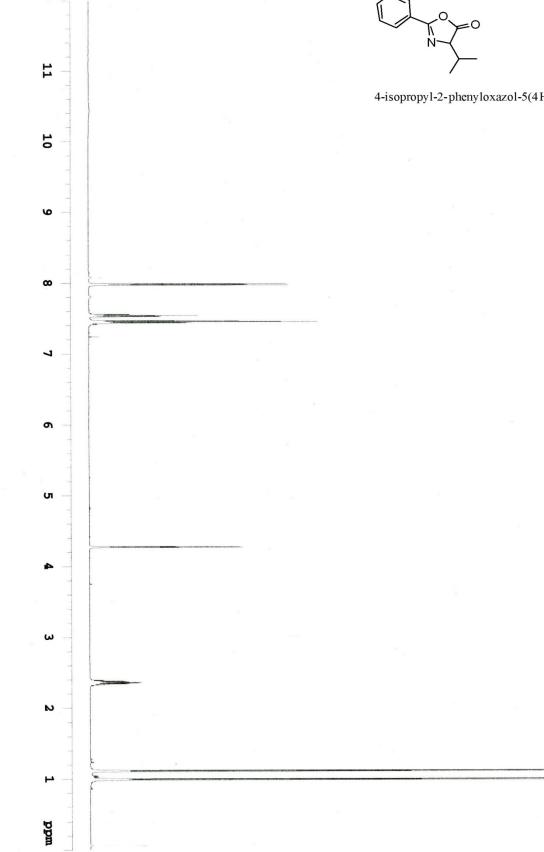




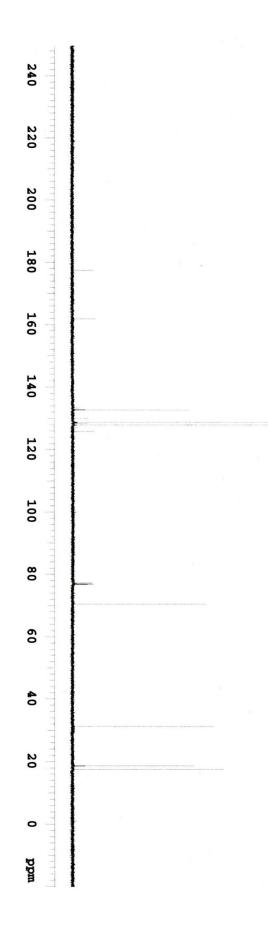


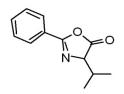




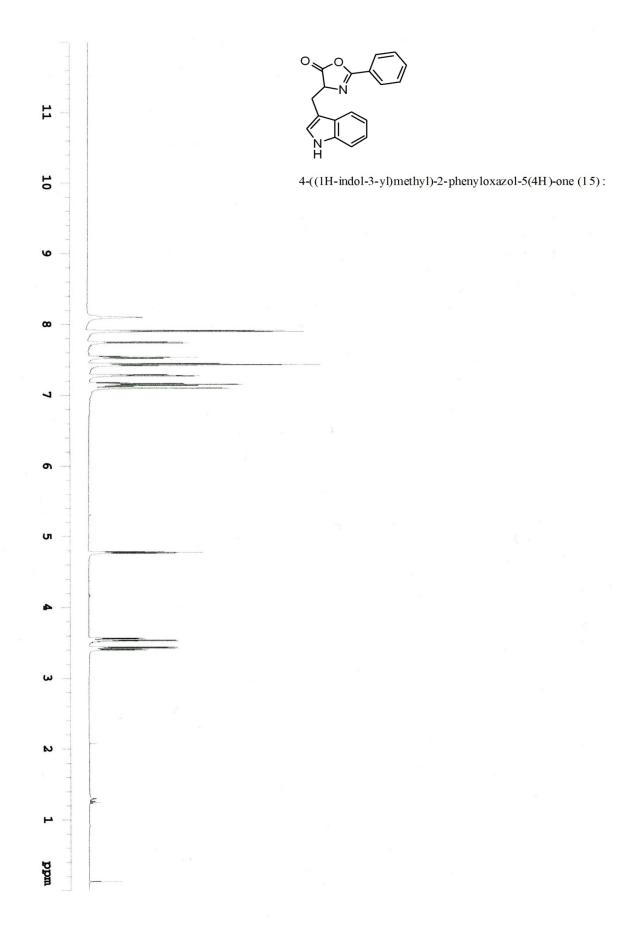


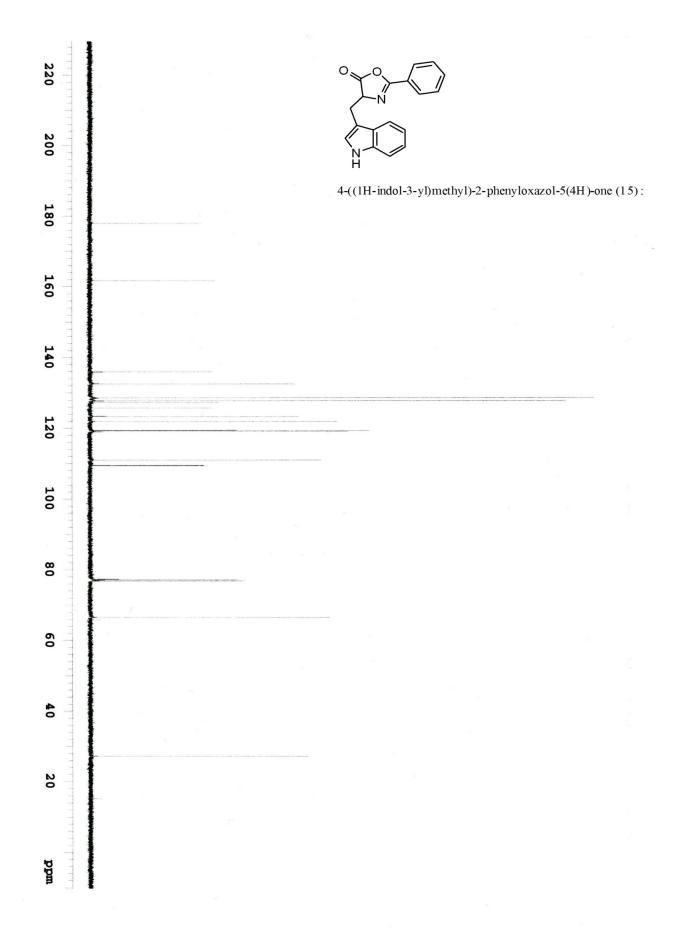
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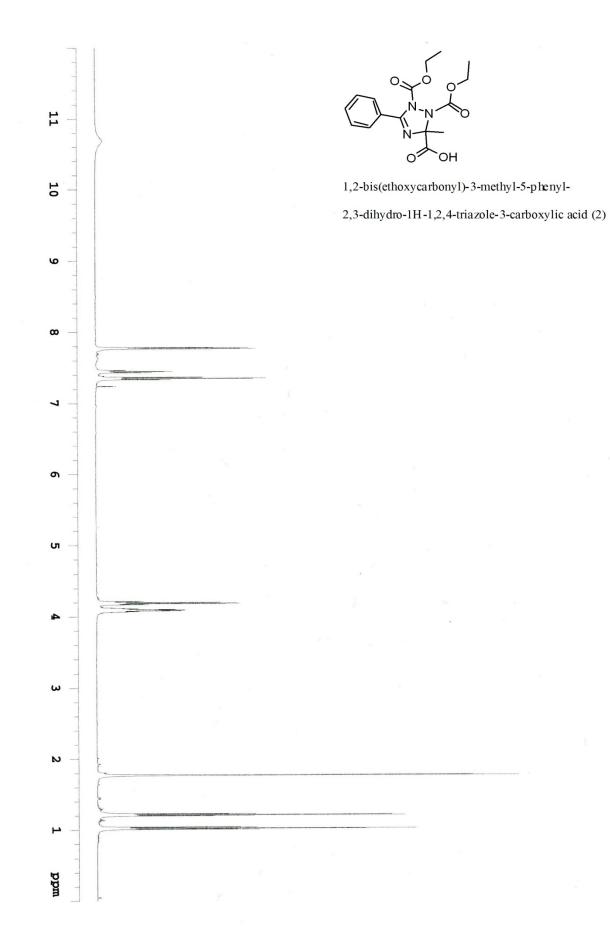




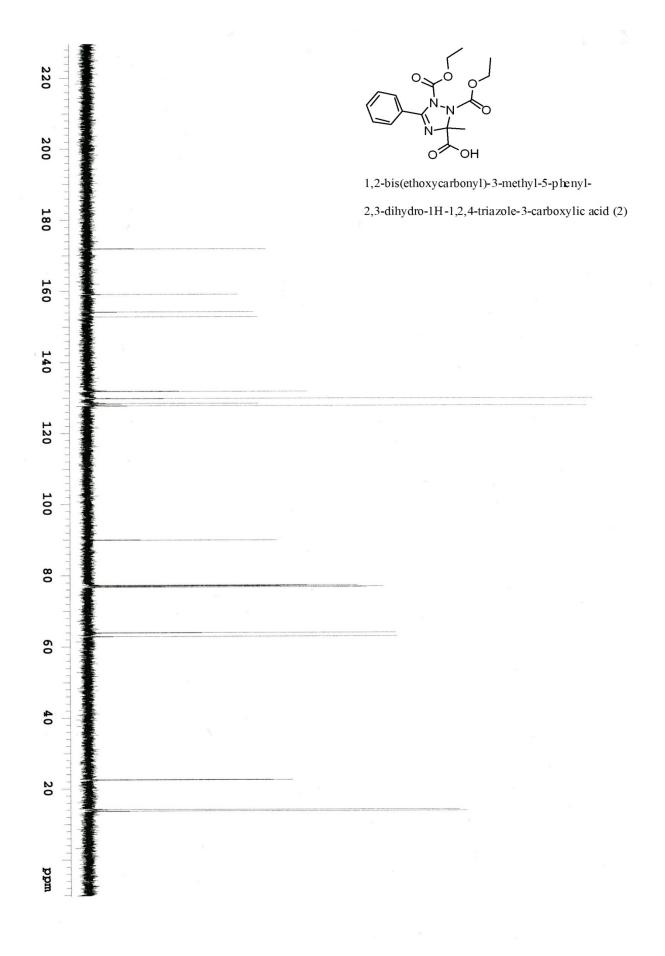
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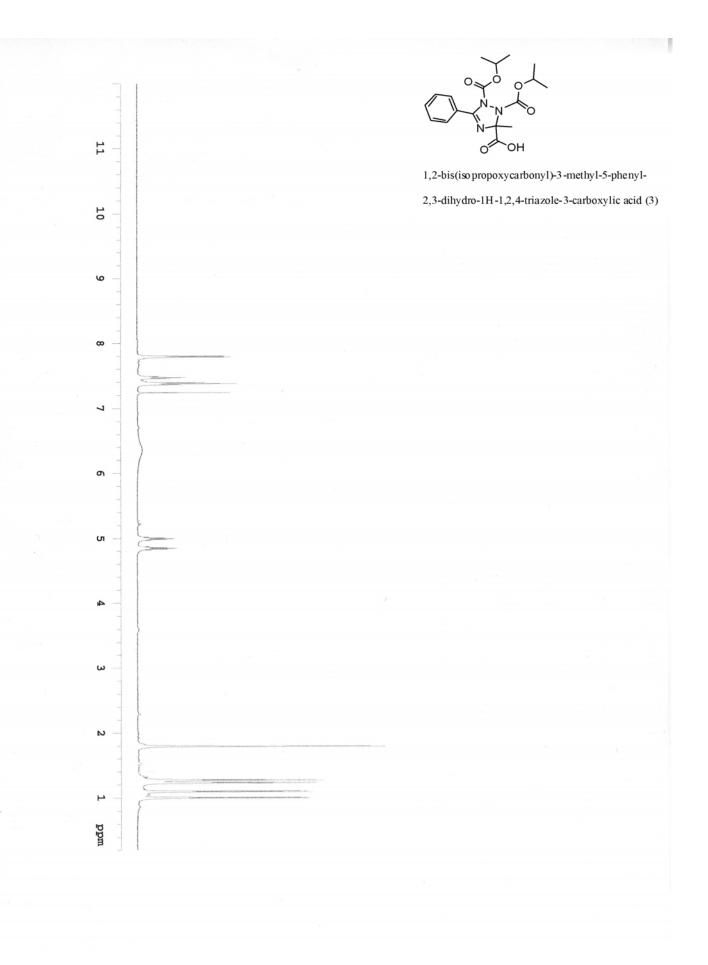


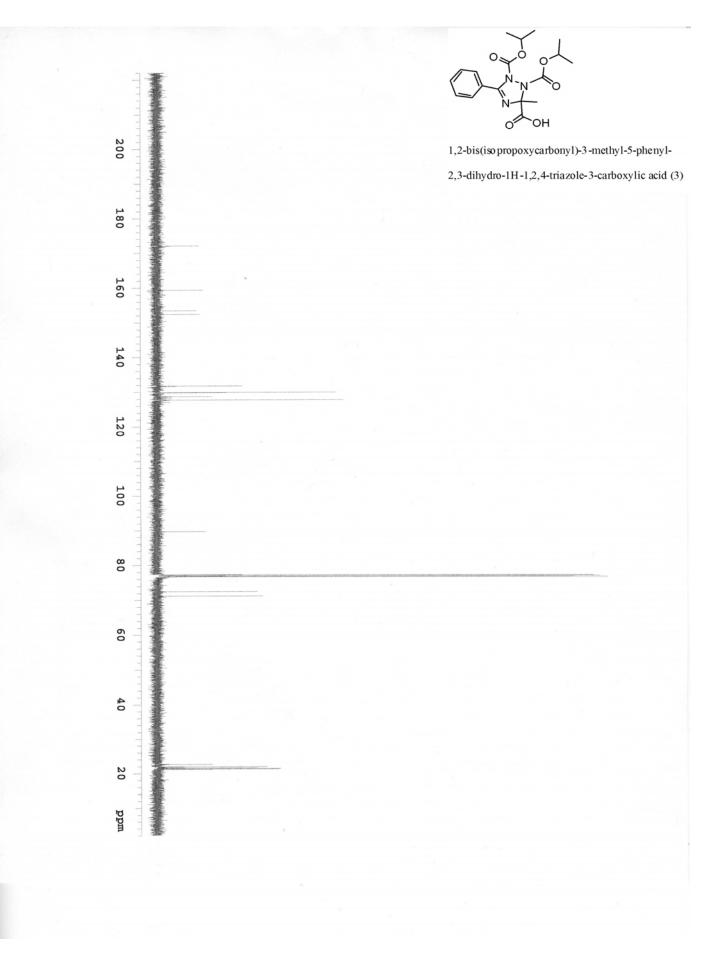


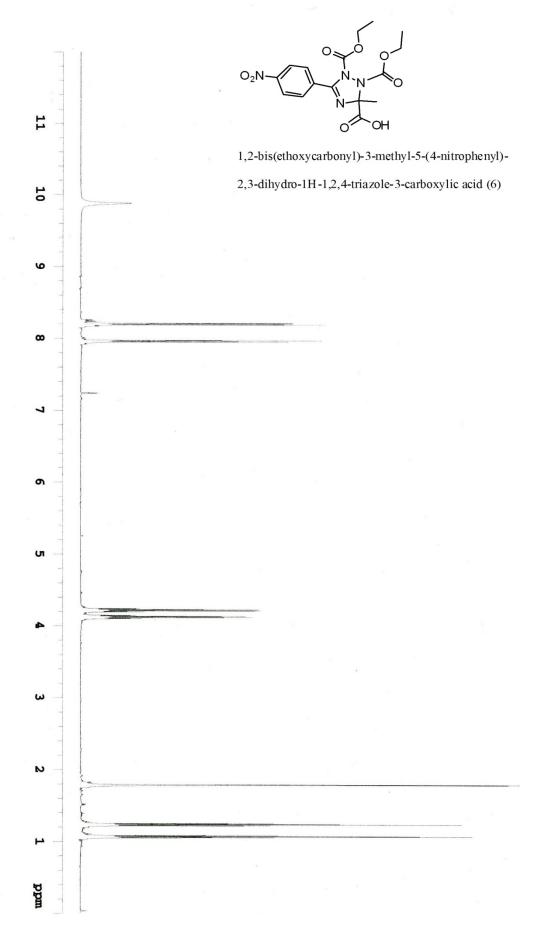


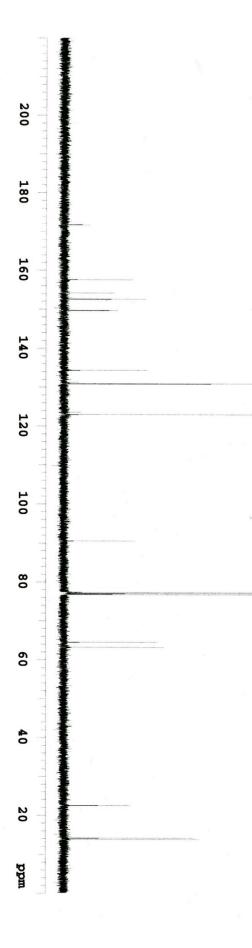


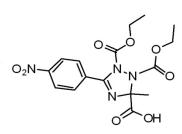




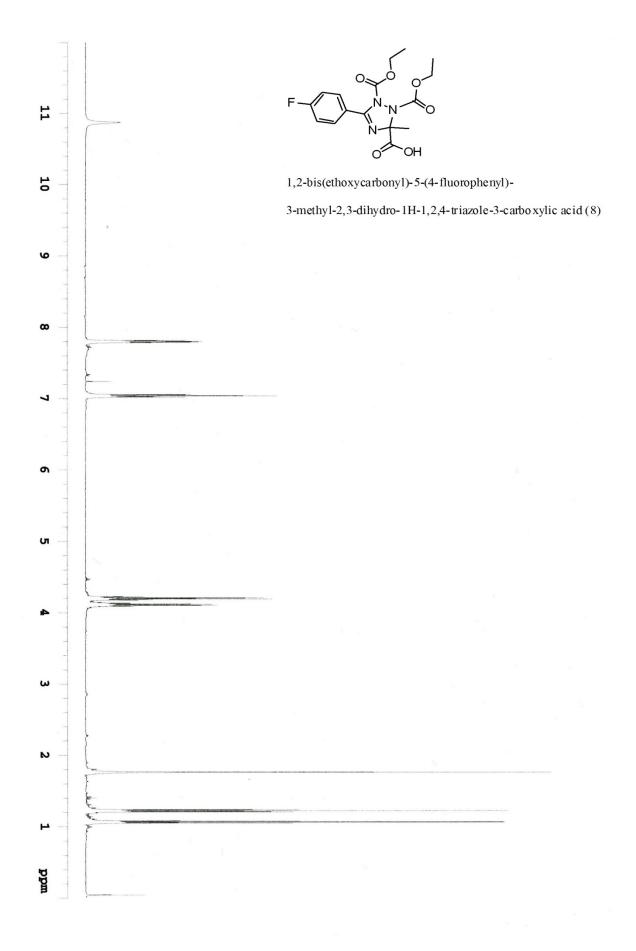


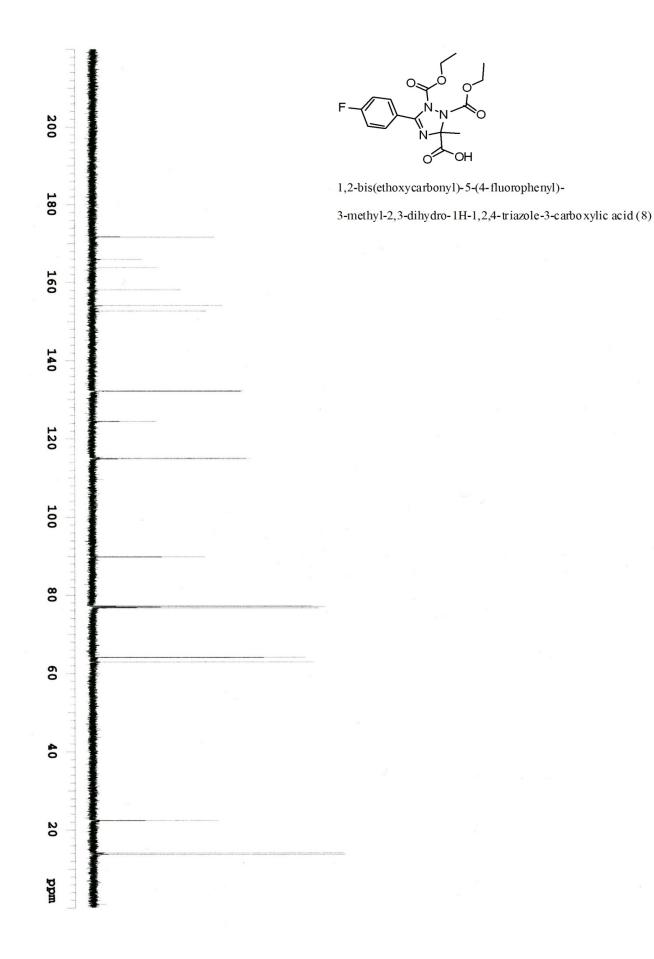




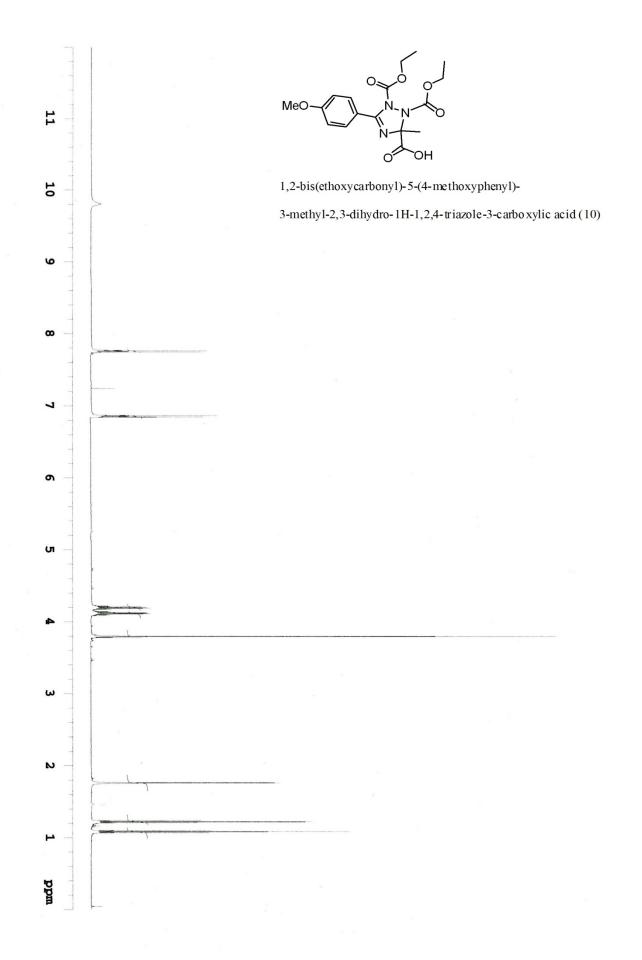


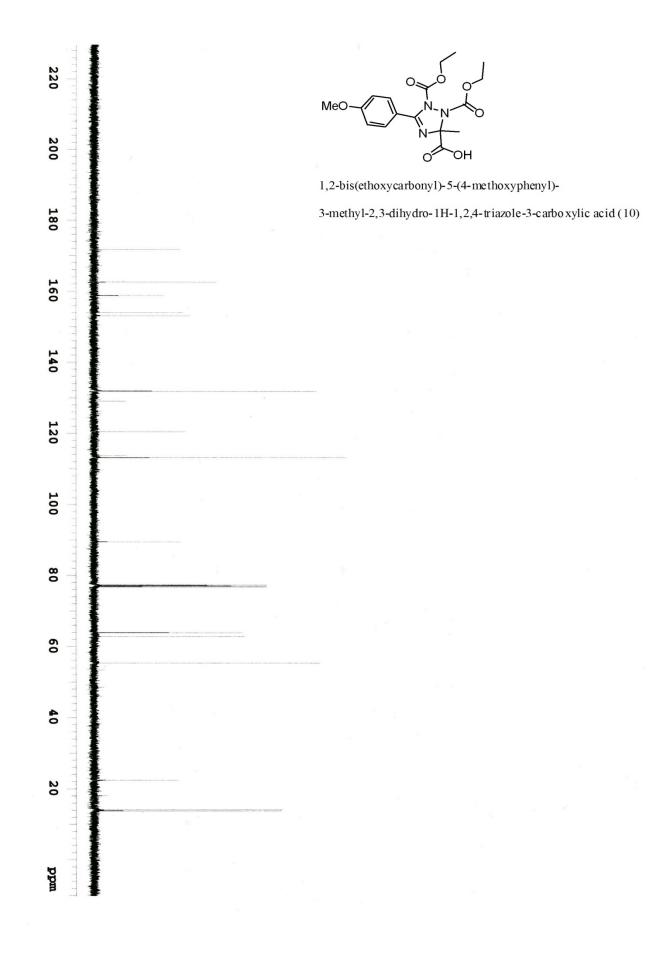
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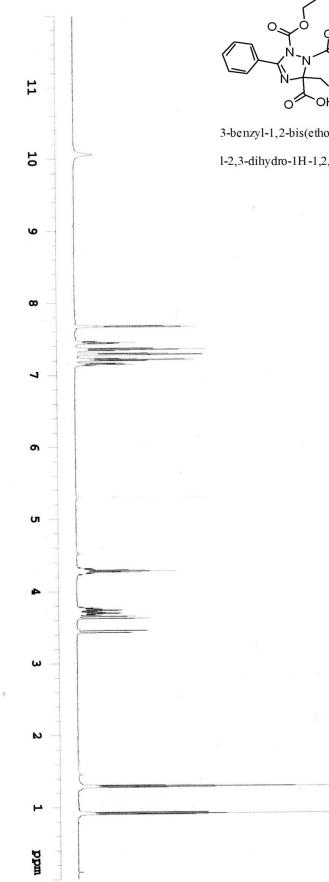


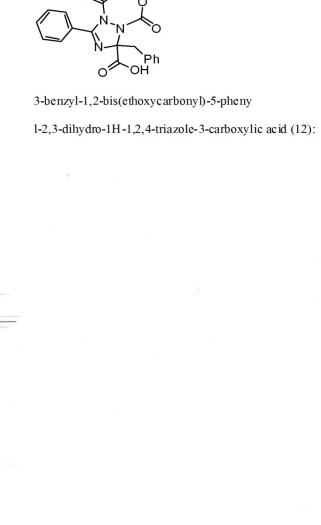


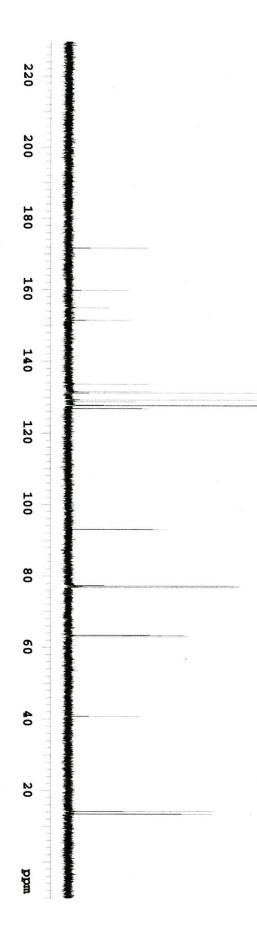


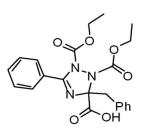




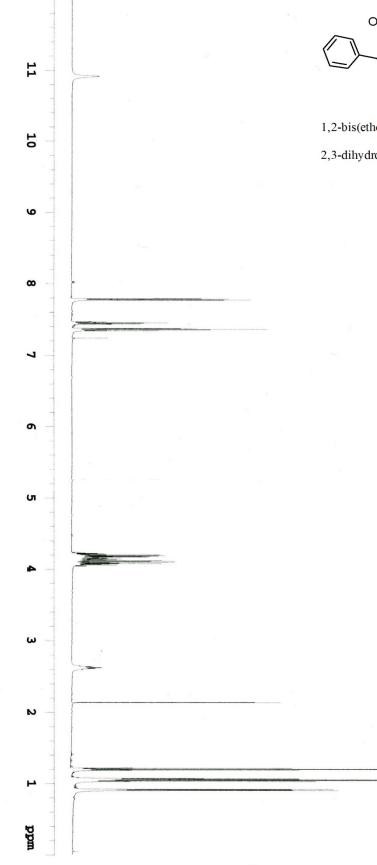


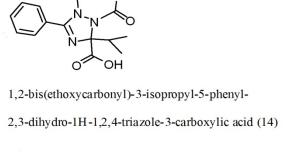


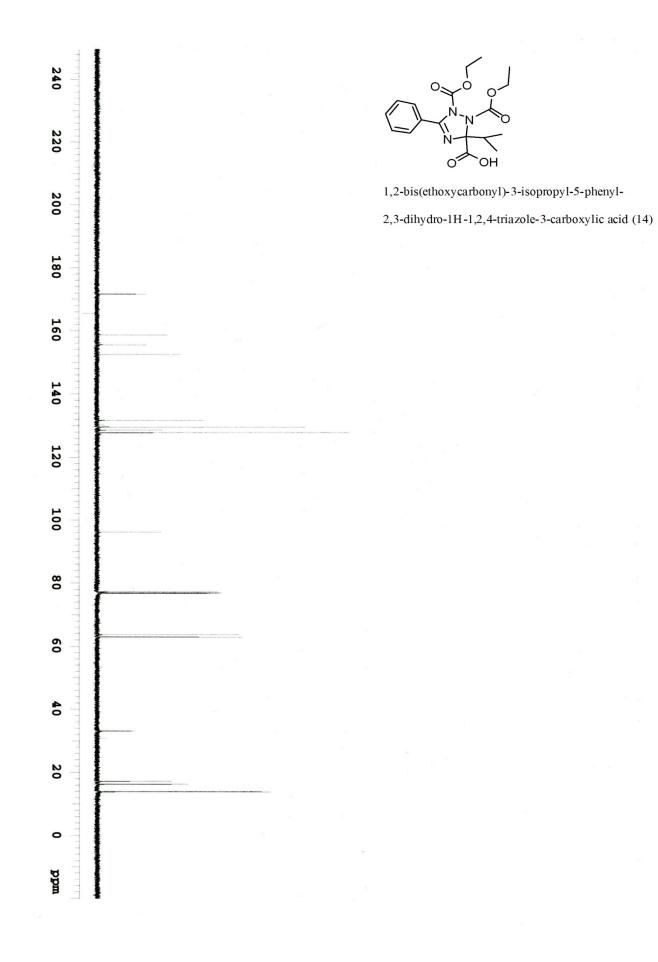


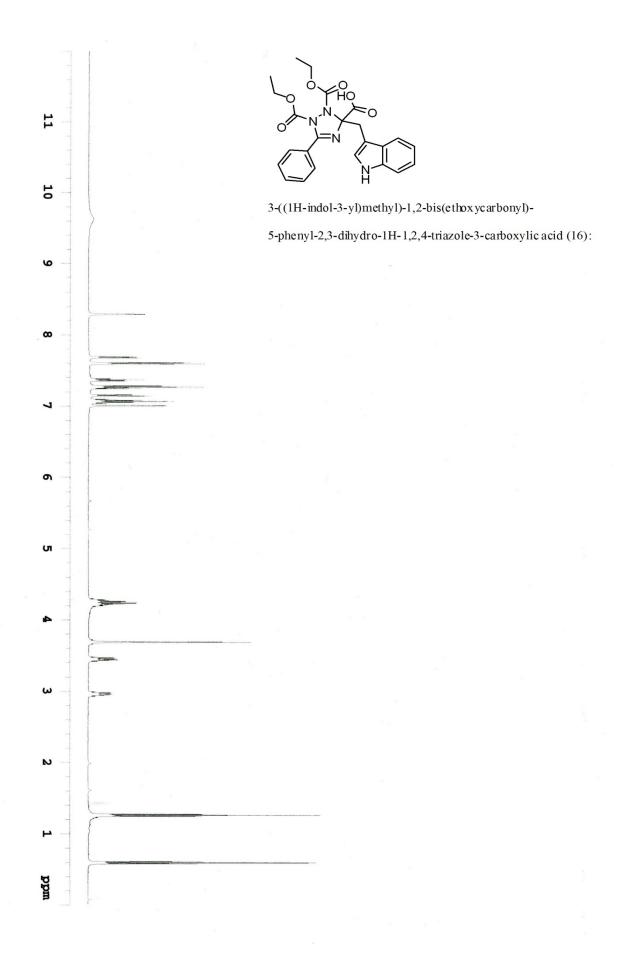


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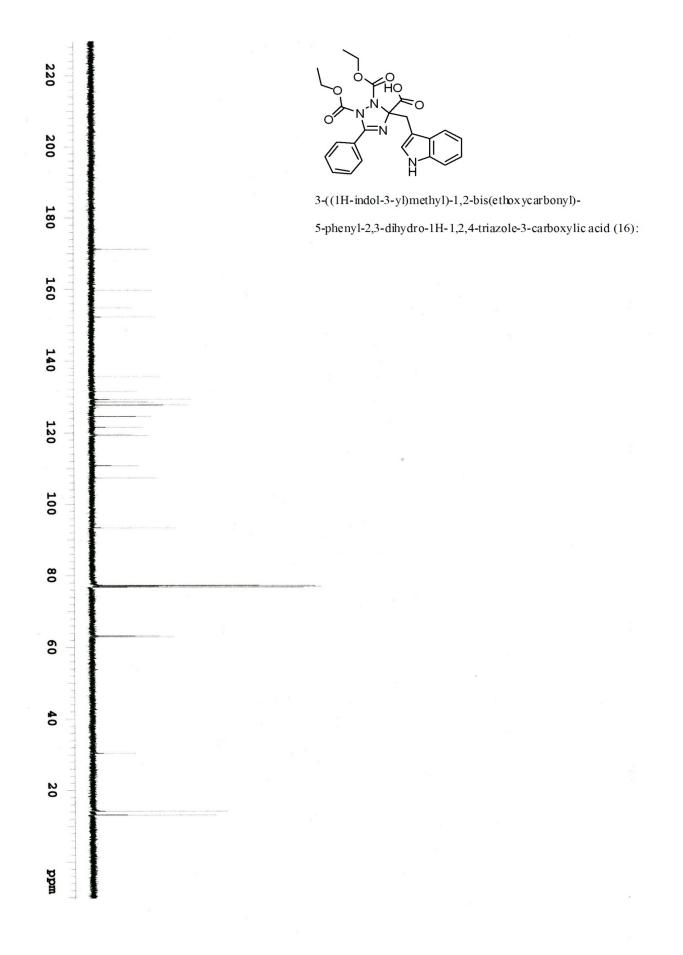


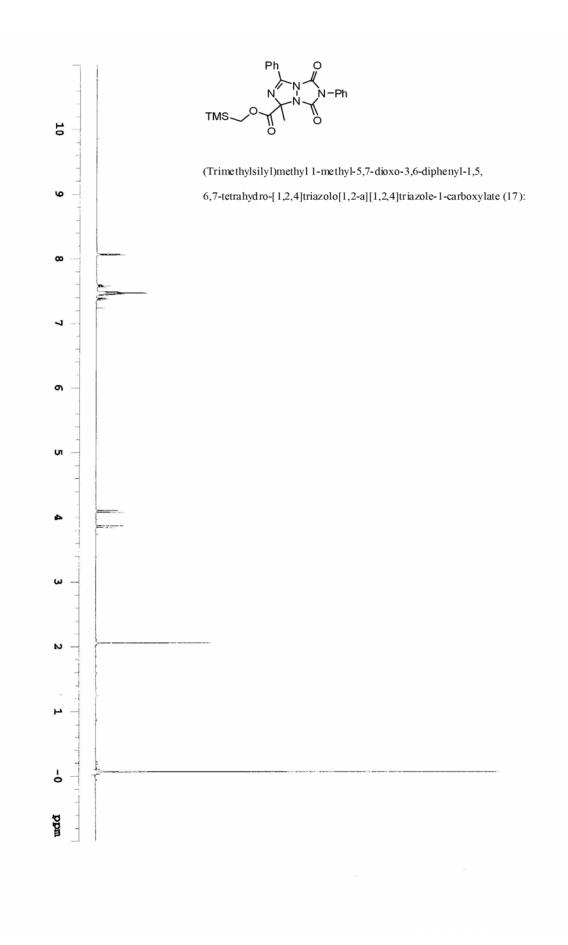


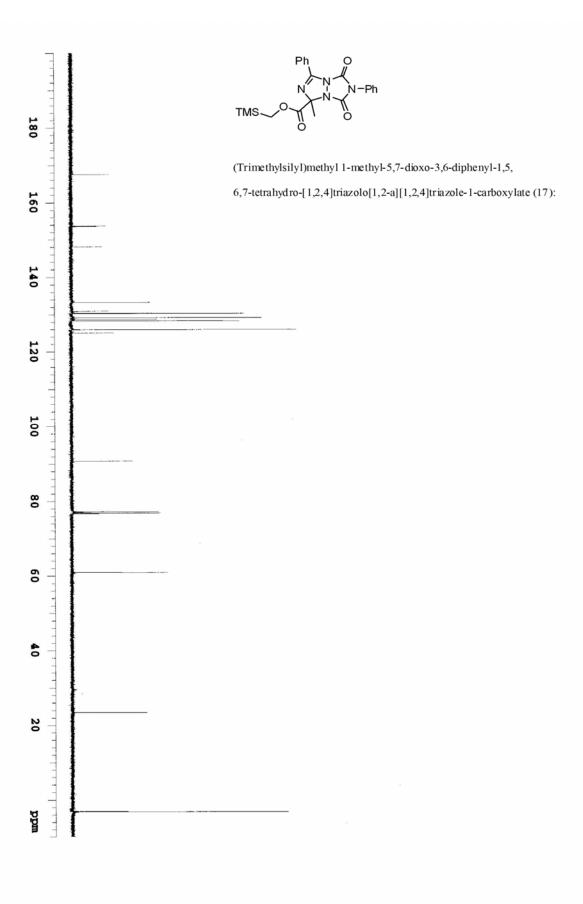


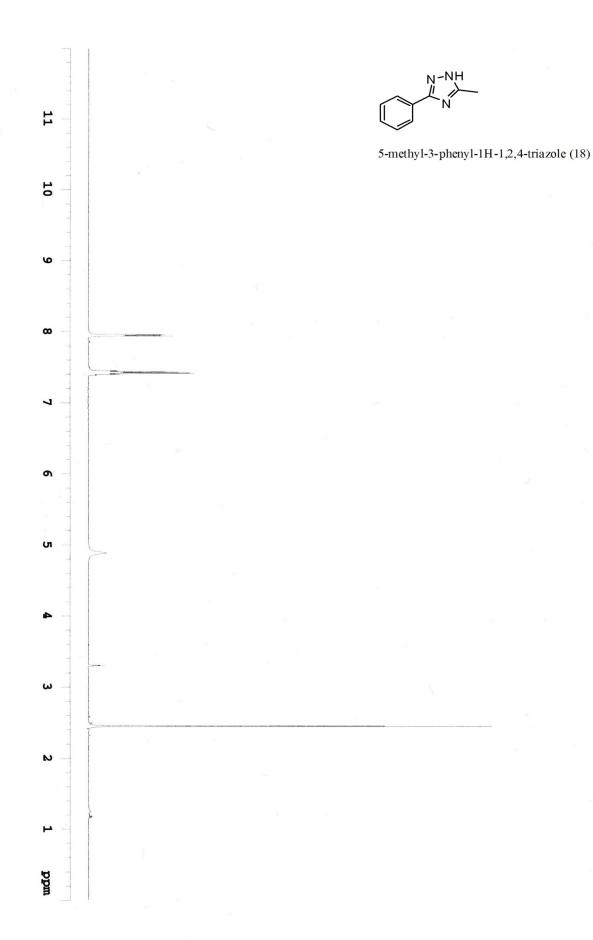


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