

**First example of isatin used in four-component synthesis
of ionic unsymmetrical scaffold with three different heterocyclic rings**

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General information

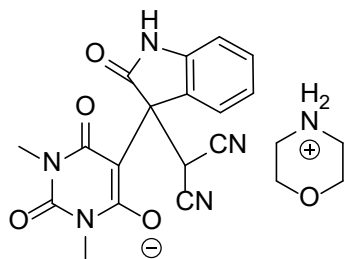
The solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Isatin **1i** was obtained from isatin **1a** and bromine in acetic acid according to literature data [B.B. Semenov *et al. Russ. Chem. Bull., Int. Ed.*, 2005, **54**, 988. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11172-005-0345-x>].

All melting points were measured with a Gallenkamp melting-point apparatus and were uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-*d*₆ with a Bruker AM300 spectrometer at ambient temperature. Two-dimensional (2D) NMR spectra were registered with a Bruker AV400 spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shift values are relative to Me₄Si. In some cases, the cationic amino groups of salts were subjected to exchange processes in DMSO-*d*₆ and were absent from ¹H NMR spectra or had underestimated integral values. The IR spectrum was recorded with a Bruker ALPHA-T FT-IR spectrometer in a KBr pellet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI).

Typical procedure

Isatin **1** (1 mmol), barbituric acid **2** (1 mmol), malononitrile (1 mmole) and morpholine (1 mmol) were stirred in 4 ml of ethanol for 1 h at ambient temperature. Then solvent was evaporated and the solid was crystallized from ethanol to isolate **3b-d,f**. In the case **3a,e,j-l** the reaction mixture was evaporated to the volume 1 ml, cooled to 0° for 2 h. After the formed solid was filtered, and rinsed with an ice-cold ethanol/water solution (1:1, 2 mL), and dried.

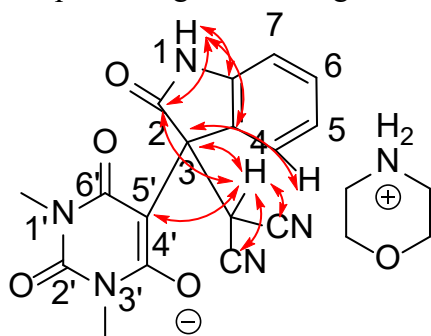
Characterization of synthesized compounds



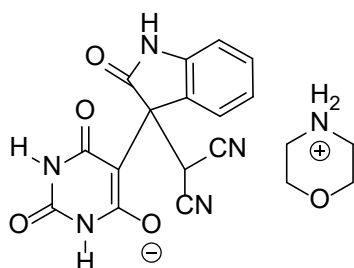
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3a).

Yield 0.40 g (91%), mp: 147-149 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 3.03 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 3.11 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 3.77 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 CH_2NH_2^+), 6.76 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.85 (t, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.92 (s, 1H, CH), 7.15 (t, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.32 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.90-9.42 (br s, 2H, NH_2^+ exch.), 10.33 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 26.9 (2C), 28.9, 43.0 (2C), 52.7, 63.4 (2C), 82.3, 108.9, 113.3, 113.4, 121.3, 123.6, 128.4, 131.2, 142.6, 152.3, 161.7 (br, 2C), 176.9 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3175$, 2976, 2868, 2507, 2256, 2201, 1713, 1577, 1433, 1106, 755 cm^{-1} . ESI-HRMS: found m/z 350.0900 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$; calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$ 350.0895.

Complete assignment of signals to atoms for compound **3a**



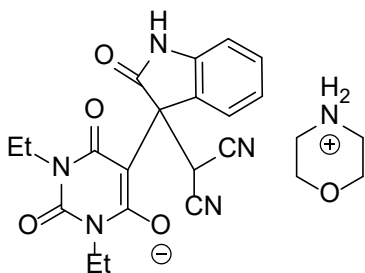
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.34 (s, 1H, $\text{H}^{1'}$), 8.61 (br s, 2H, NH_2^+), 7.30 (dd, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H^4), 7.13 (td, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H^6), 6.91 (s, 1H, 3-CH), 6.84 (td, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H^5), 6.75 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, H^7), 3.80 – 3.70 (m, 4H, CH_2NH_2^+), 3.13 – 3.07 (m, 4H, OCH_2), 3.02 (s, 6H, 1'- CH_3 , 3'- CH_3) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 176.9 ($\text{C}^{2'}$), 161.7 (2C, $\text{C}^{4'}$, $\text{C}^{6'}$), 152.2 ($\text{C}^{2'}$), 142.6 (C^{7a}), 131.2 (C^{3a}), 128.4 (C^6), 123.6 (C^4), 121.2 (C^5), 113.4 (CN), 113.3 (CN), 108.9 (C^7), 82.3 (C^5), 63.4 (2C, CH_2O), 52.6 (C^3), 43.0 (2C, CH_2NH_2^+), 28.9 (3-CH), 26.9 (2C, N- CH_3) ppm.



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3b).

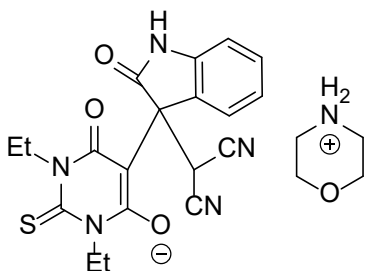
Yield 0.33 g (80%), mp: 234-236 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 3.00–3.18 (m, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 3.68–3.82 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2NH_2^+), 6.76 (d, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.88 (t, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.97 (s, 1H, CH), 7.15 (t, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.34 (d, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H, CH

Ar), 9.31 (s, 2H, 2 NH_{barb.}), 10.38 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 28.7, 43.0 (2C), 52.0, 63.5 (2C), 81.9, 108.9, 113.2, 113.4, 121.3 123.6, 128.5, 131.3, 142.4, 151.5, 164.1 (br, 2C), 176.8 ppm. IR (KBr) ν = 3305, 3234, 3178, 2974, 2194, 1714, 1645, 1617, 1474, 1311, 1111 cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found *m/z* 322.0577 [M – C₄H₁₀NO]⁺; calculated for C₁₅H₈N₅O₄ 322.0582.



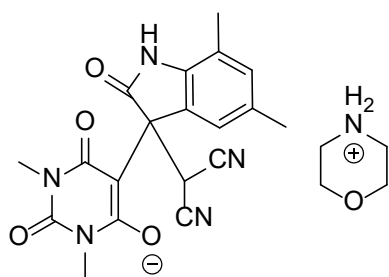
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-diethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3c).

Yield 0.41 g (87%), mp: 138-140 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.85-1.14 (m, 6H, 2 CH₃), 3.11 (t, ³*J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 3.52–3.90 (m, 8H, 2 CH₂ + 2 CH₂NH₂⁺), 6.77 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.86 (t, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.94 (s, 1H, CH), 7.15 (t, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.31 (d, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 8.01-9.30 (br s, 2H, NH₂⁺ exch.), 10.32 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.8 (2C), 29.0, 34.3 (2C), 43.0 (2C), 52.7, 63.4 (2C), 82.4, 108.9, 113.3, 113.4, 121.2 123.6, 128.4, 131.2, 142.6, 152.4, 161.6 (br, 2C), 176.9 ppm. IR (KBr) ν = 3434, 2980, 2872, 2515, 2255, 2200, 1712, 1573, 1439, 1108, 754 cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found *m/z* 378.1198 [M – C₄H₁₀NO]⁺; calculated for C₁₉H₁₆N₅O₄ 378.1208.



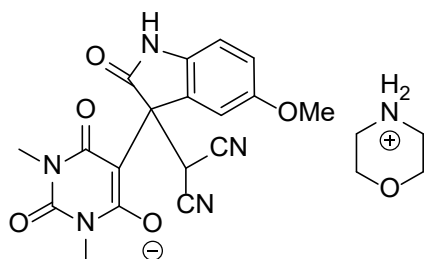
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-diethyl-6-oxo-2-thioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3d).

Yield 0.40 g (83%), mp: 193-194 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.01-1.22 (m, 6H, 2 CH₃), 3.11 (t, ³*J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 3.77 (t, ³*J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, 2 CH₂NH₂⁺), 4.20-4.51 (m, 4H, 2 CH₂), 6.77 (d, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 6.81 (s, 1H, CH), 6.88 (t, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.18 (t, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.31 (d, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.97-9.45 (br s, 2H, NH₂⁺ exch.), 10.40 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.6 (2C), 29.0, 41.4 (2C), 42.9 (2C), 52.4, 63.3 (2C), 87.4, 109.0, 113.1, 113.2, 121.4 123.6, 128.7, 130.3, 142.8, 159.8 (br, 2C), 174.6, 176.4 ppm. IR (KBr) ν = 3165, 2982, 2893, 2504, 2253, 1702, 1632, 1564, 1419, 1269, 1108 cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found *m/z* 394.0976 [M – C₄H₁₀NO]⁺; calculated for C₁₉H₁₆N₅O₃S 394.0979.



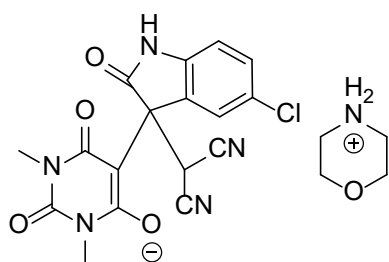
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3e).

Yield 0.44 g (98%), mp: 143-145 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.17 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃ isatin), 3.04 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 3.11 (t, $^3J = 4.9$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 3.76 (t, $^3J = 4.9$ Hz, 4H, 2 CH₂NH₂⁺), 6.78 (s, 1H, CH Ar), 6.89 (s, 1H, CH), 6.96 (s, 1H, CH Ar), 7.82-9.44 (br s, 2H, NH₂⁺ exch.), 10.30 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.4, 20.6, 26.9 (2C), 29.1, 43.0 (2C), 53.0, 63.4 (2C), 82.5, 113.4, 113.5, 117.7, 121.3, 129.9, 130.3, 130.9, 138.8, 152.3, 161.3 (br, 2C), 177.3 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3465, 3186, 2970, 2863, 2502, 2255, 1716, 1589, 1430, 1107, 873$ cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found m/z 378.1198 [M – C₄H₁₀NO]⁺; calculated for C₁₉H₁₆N₅O₄ 378.1208.



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-5-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3f).

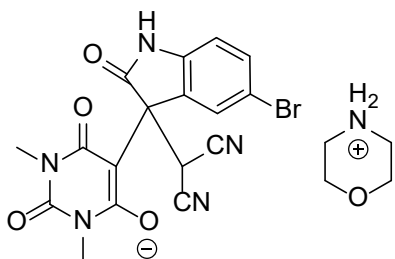
Yield 0.40 g (85%), mp: 193-194 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.04 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 3.12 (t, $^3J = 4.7$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 3.66 (s, 2H, OCH₃), 3.77 (t, $^3J = 4.7$ Hz, 4H, 2 CH₂NH₂⁺), 6.63-6.79 (m, 2H, 2 CH Ar), 6.90 (s, 1H, CH), 6.94 (d, $^4J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 8.81 (br s, 2H, NH₂⁺), 10.17 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 26.9 (2C), 29.0, 43.0 (2C), 53.1, 55.3, 63.4 (2C), 82.3, 109.2, 110.6, 113.0, 113.3, 113.4, 132.4, 136.0, 152.3, 154.5, 161.9 (br, 2C), 176.8 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3200, 2989, 2532, 2255, 2225, 1703, 1574, 1444, 1208, 1104, 872$ cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found m/z 380.1002 [M – C₄H₁₀NO]⁺; calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₅O₅ 380.1000.



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5-chloro-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3g).

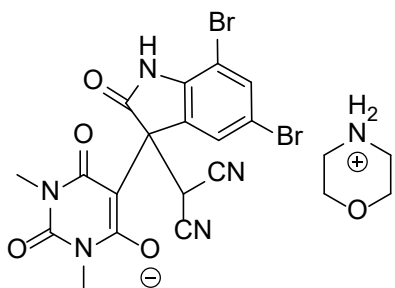
Yield 0.43 g (91%), mp: 142-144 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.04 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 3.11 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH₂), 3.76 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 CH₂NH₂⁺), 6.79 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, 1 CH Ar), 6.92 (s, 1H, CH), 7.21 (dd, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, $^4J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.31 (d, $^4J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, 1 CH Ar), 8.03-9.47 (br s, 2H, NH₂⁺), 10.51 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 26.9 (2C), 28.8, 43.0 (2C), 52.8, 63.4 (2C), 82.0, 110.4, 113.2 (2C), 123.5, 124.9, 128.4, 133.1, 141.6, 152.2, 161.8 (br, 2C), 176.6 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3434, 2976, 2863, 2509, 2256, 2200, 1717, 1574, 1434, 1107, 774$ cm⁻¹. ESI-HRMS: found m/z 384.0496 [³⁵Cl, M –

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$, 386.0473 [^{37}Cl , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$; calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_4$ 384.0505 (^{35}Cl), 386.0477 (^{37}Cl).



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5-bromo-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3h).

Yield 0.48 g (92%), mp: 160-162 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 3.04 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 3.00-3.20 (m, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 3.67-3.84 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2NH_2^+), 6.75 (d, ^1H , 1 CH Ar), 6.91 (s, 1H, CH), 7.34 (d, $^3J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.42 (s, 1H, 1 CH Ar), 7.79-9.30 (br s, 2H, NH_2^+ exch.), 10.52 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 26.9 (2C), 28.8, 43.1 (2C), 52.8, 63.5 (2C), 82.0, 110.9, 112.5, 113.2 (2C), 126.2, 131.2, 133.5, 142.0, 152.2, 161.7 (br, 2C), 176.4 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3435, 2975, 2863, 2504, 2256, 2202, 1720, 1575, 1433, 1107, 773$ cm^{-1} . ESI-HRMS: found m/z 427.9984 [^{79}Br , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$, 429.9972 [^{81}Br , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$; calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_4$ 428.0000 (^{79}Br), 429.9980 (^{81}Br).

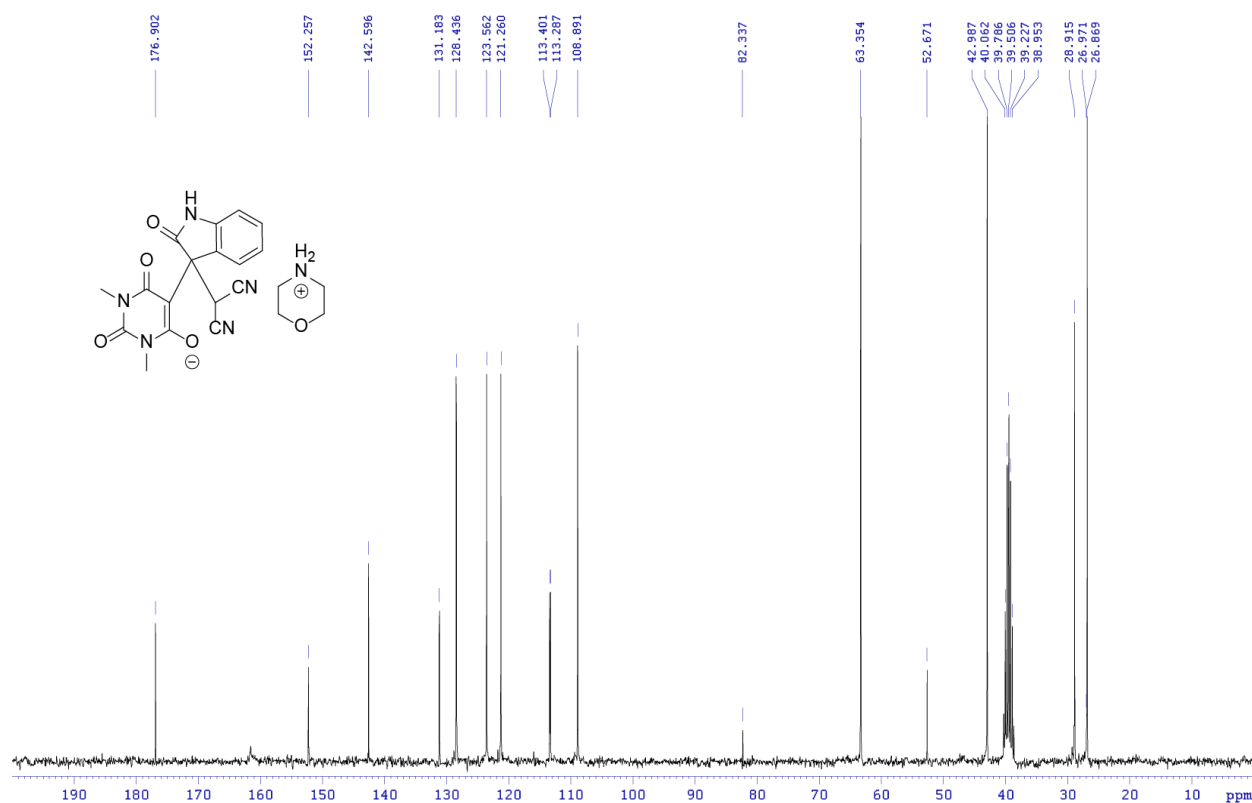
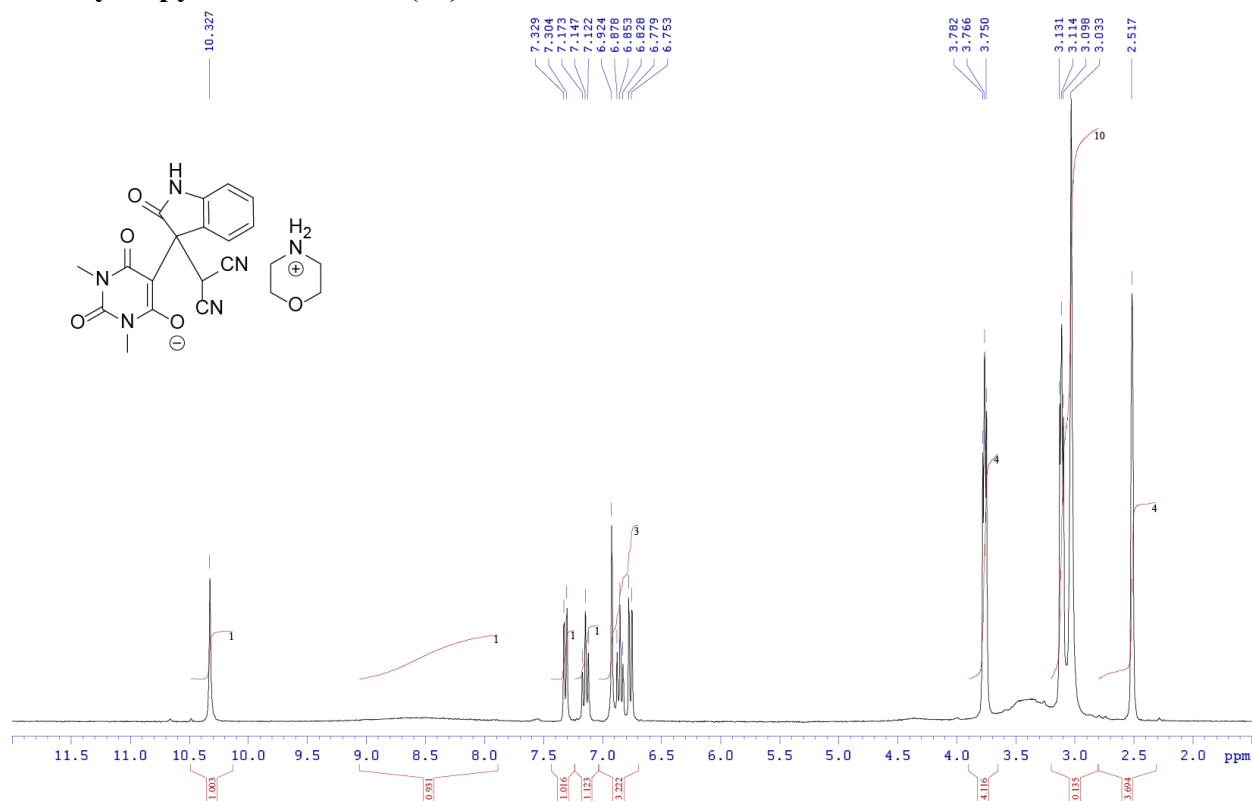


Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5,7-dibromo-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3i).

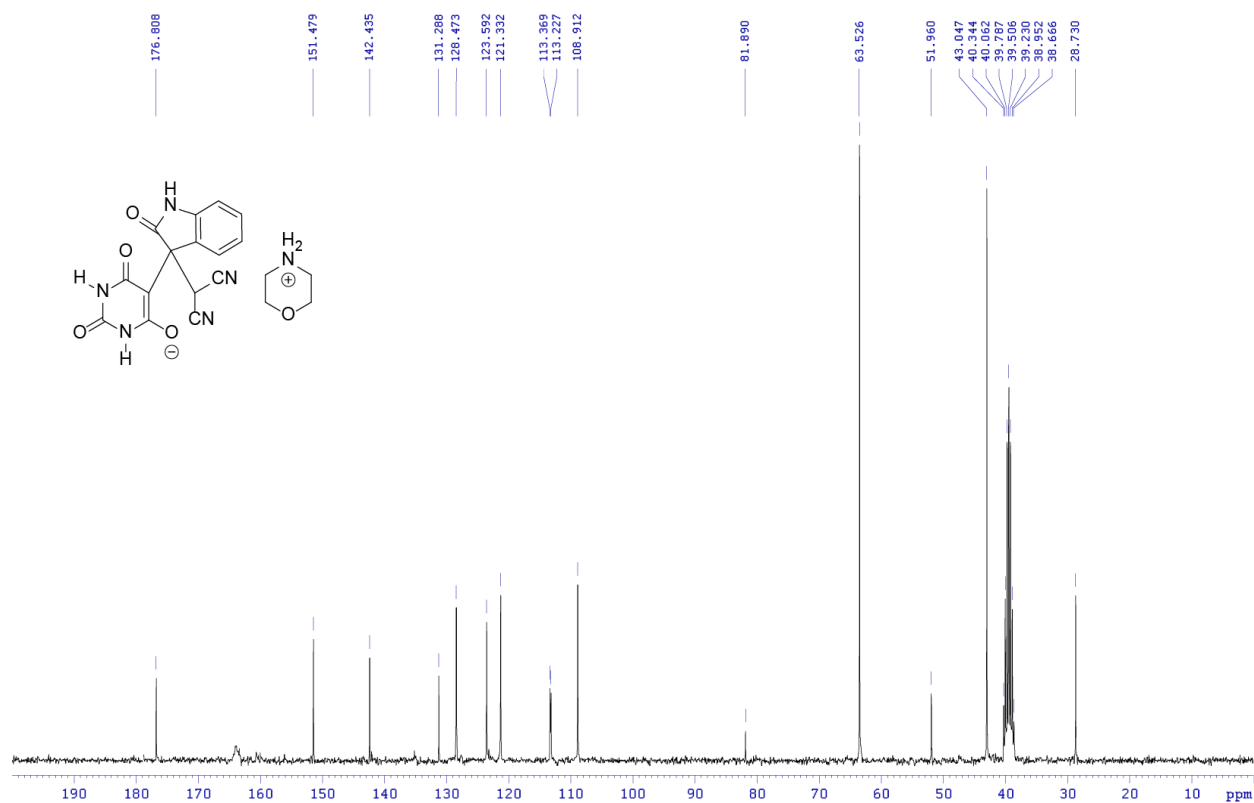
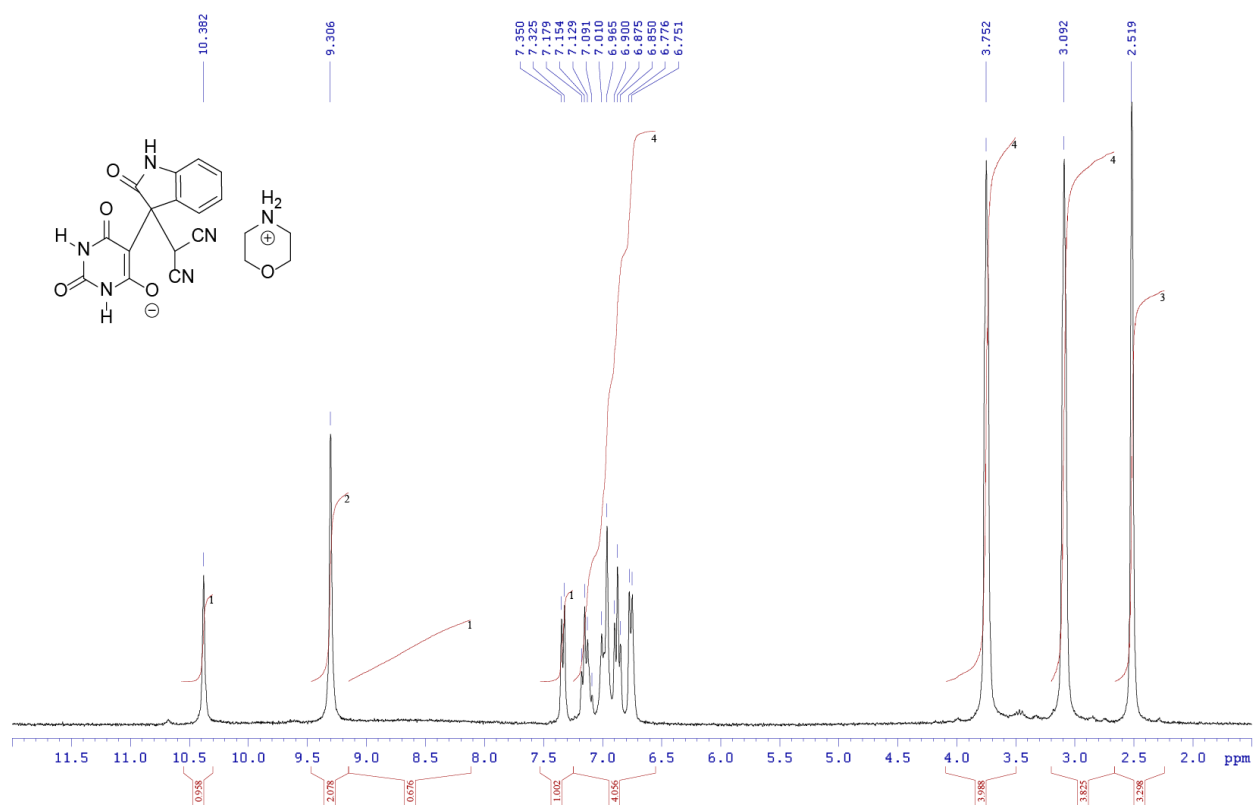
Yield 0.56 g (95%), mp: > 300°C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 3.04 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 3.12 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 OCH_2), 3.77 (t, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H, 2 CH_2NH_2^+), 6.90 (s, 1H, CH), 7.42 (d, $^4J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 7.62 (d, $^4J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, CH Ar), 8.20-9.18 (br s, 2H, NH_2^+), 10.55-11.29 (br s, 1H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 26.9 (2C), 28.8, 43.0 (2C), 53.8, 63.4 (2C), 81.8, 102.1, 112.9, 113.0 (2C), 125.4, 133.2, 134.4, 141.7, 152.2, 161.4 (br, 2C), 176.2 ppm. IR (KBr) $\nu = 3435, 2970, 2863, 2501, 2256, 2200, 1728, 1572, 1436, 1107, 771$ cm^{-1} . ESI-HRMS: found m/z 505.9093 [^{79}Br , ^{79}Br , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$, 507.9075 [^{79}Br , ^{81}Br , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$, 509.9060 [^{81}Br , ^{81}Br , $\text{M} - \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$; calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$ 505.9105 (^{79}Br , ^{79}Br), 507.9086 (^{79}Br , ^{81}Br), 509.9065 (^{81}Br , ^{81}Br).

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

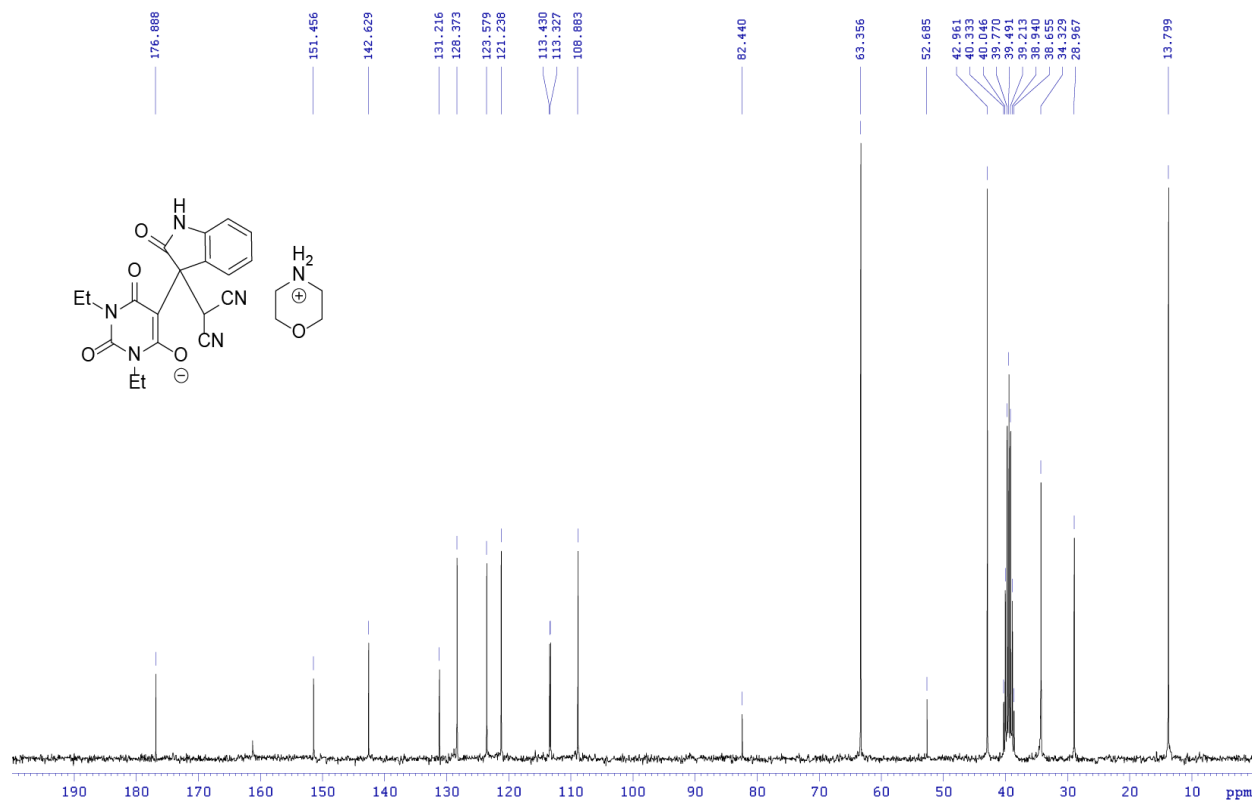
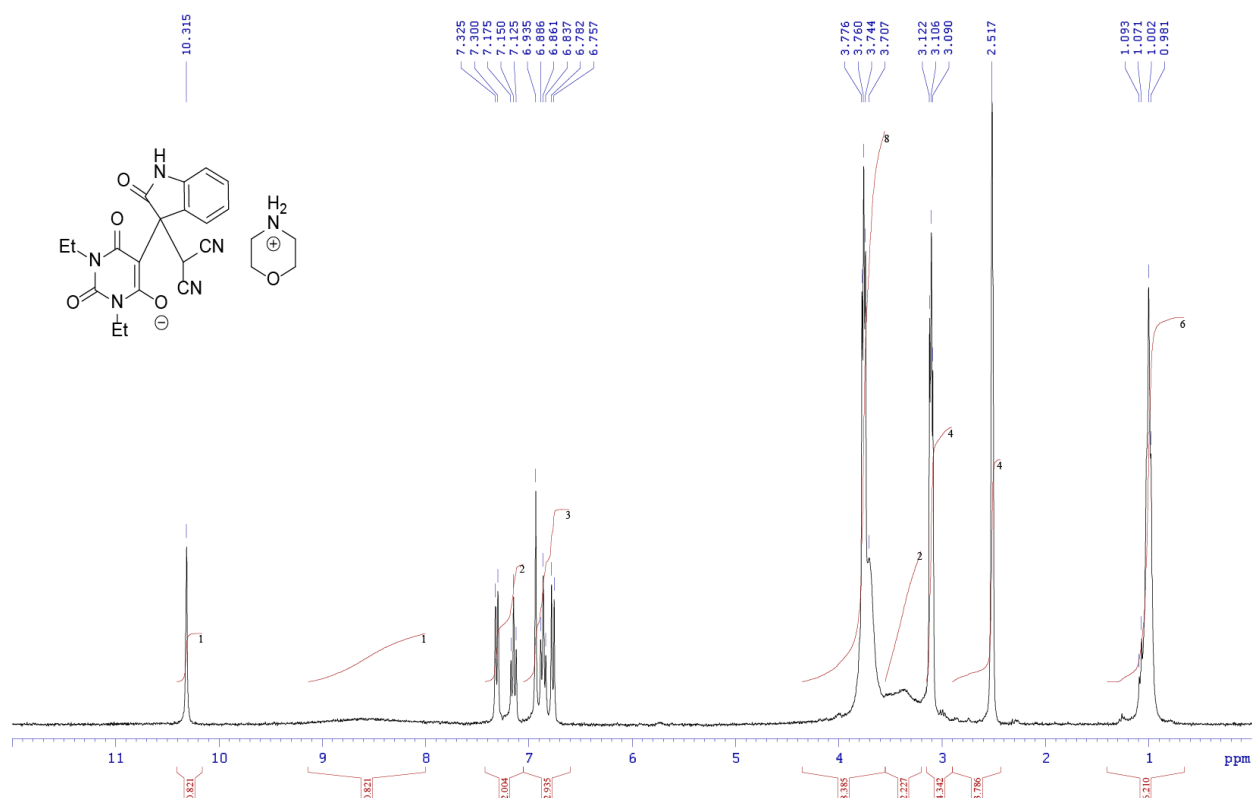
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3a).



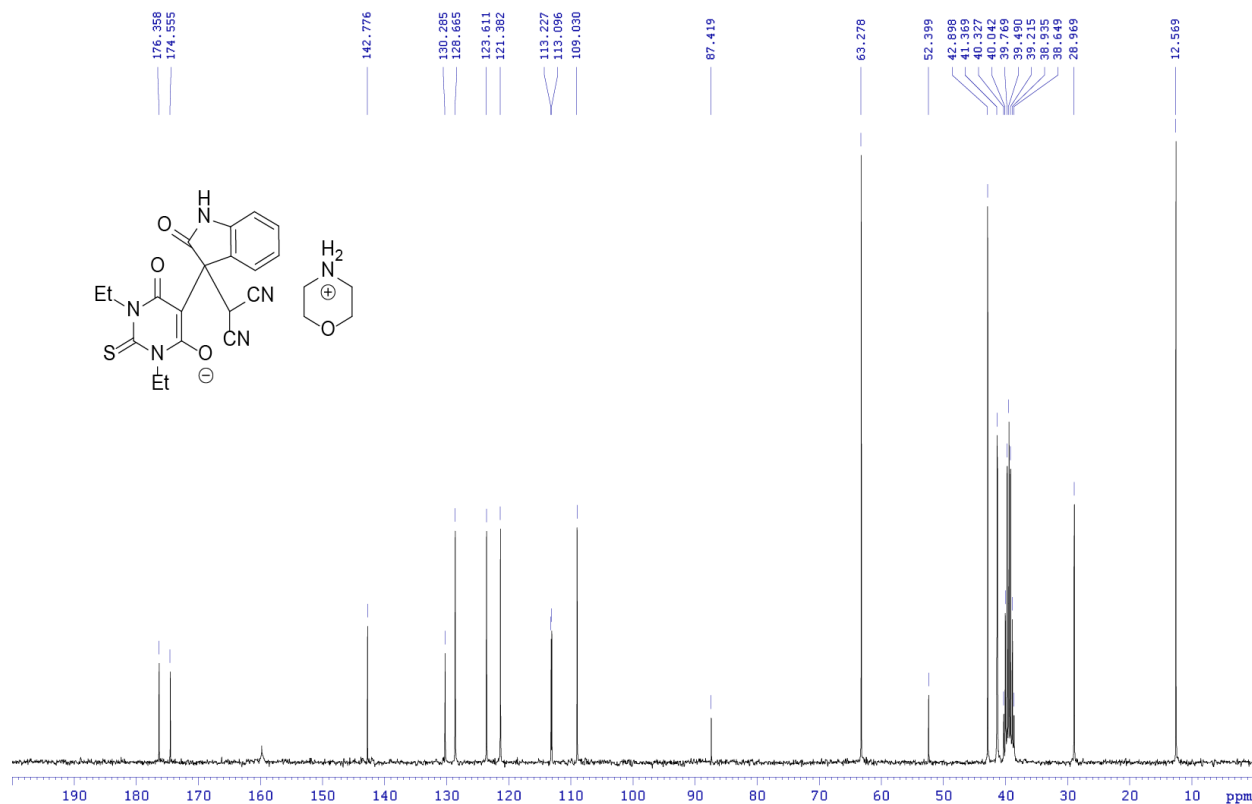
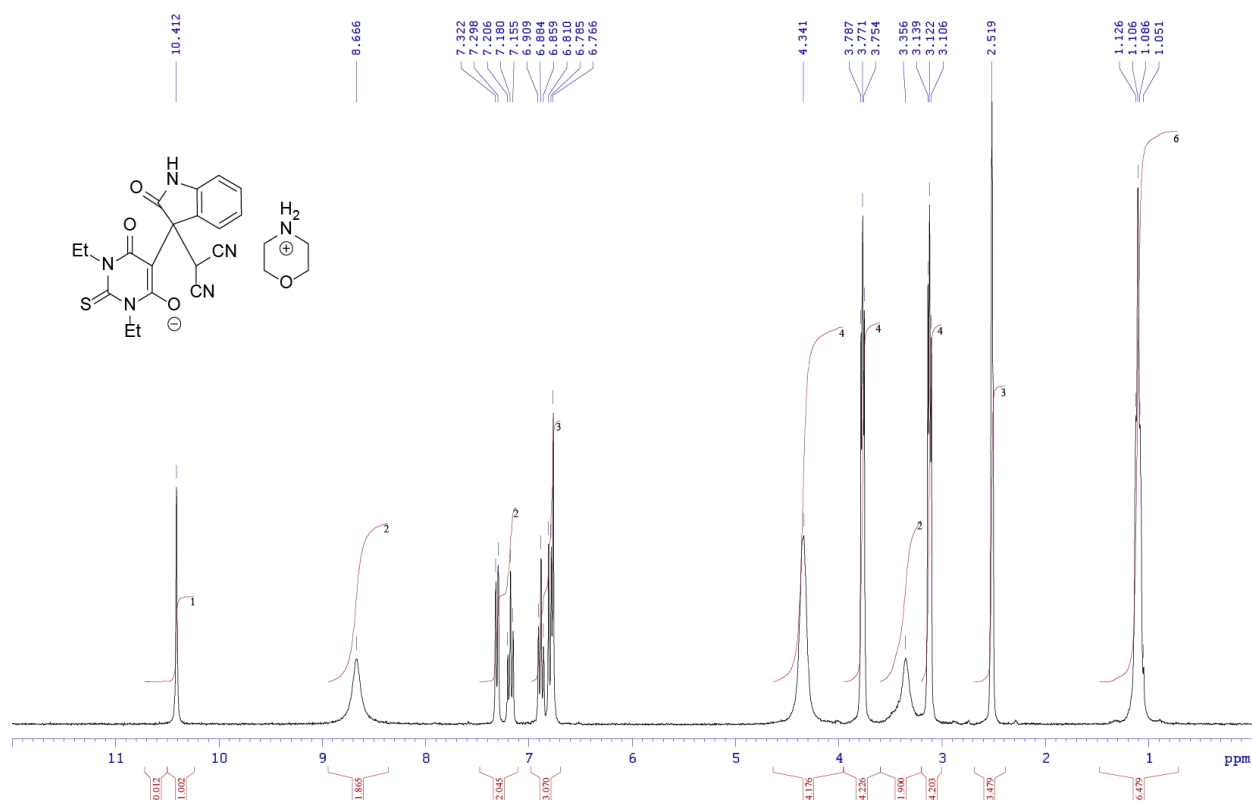
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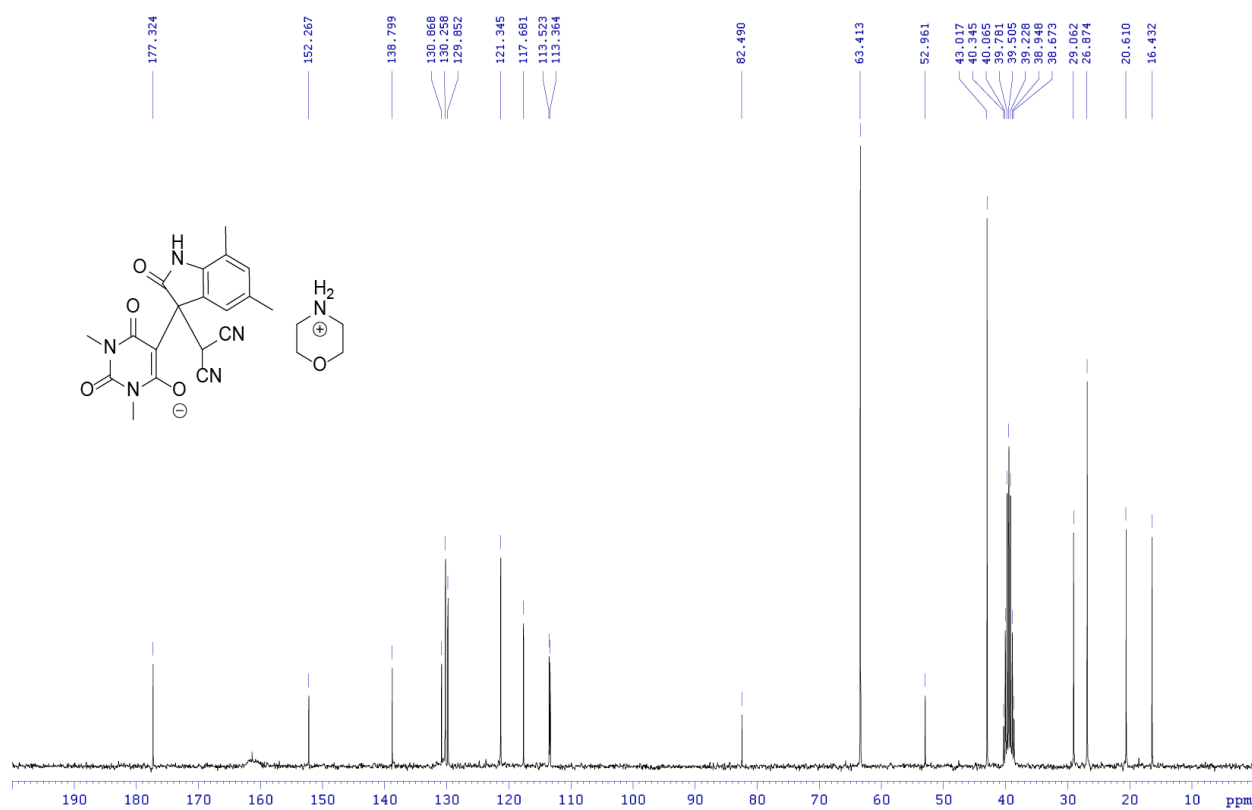
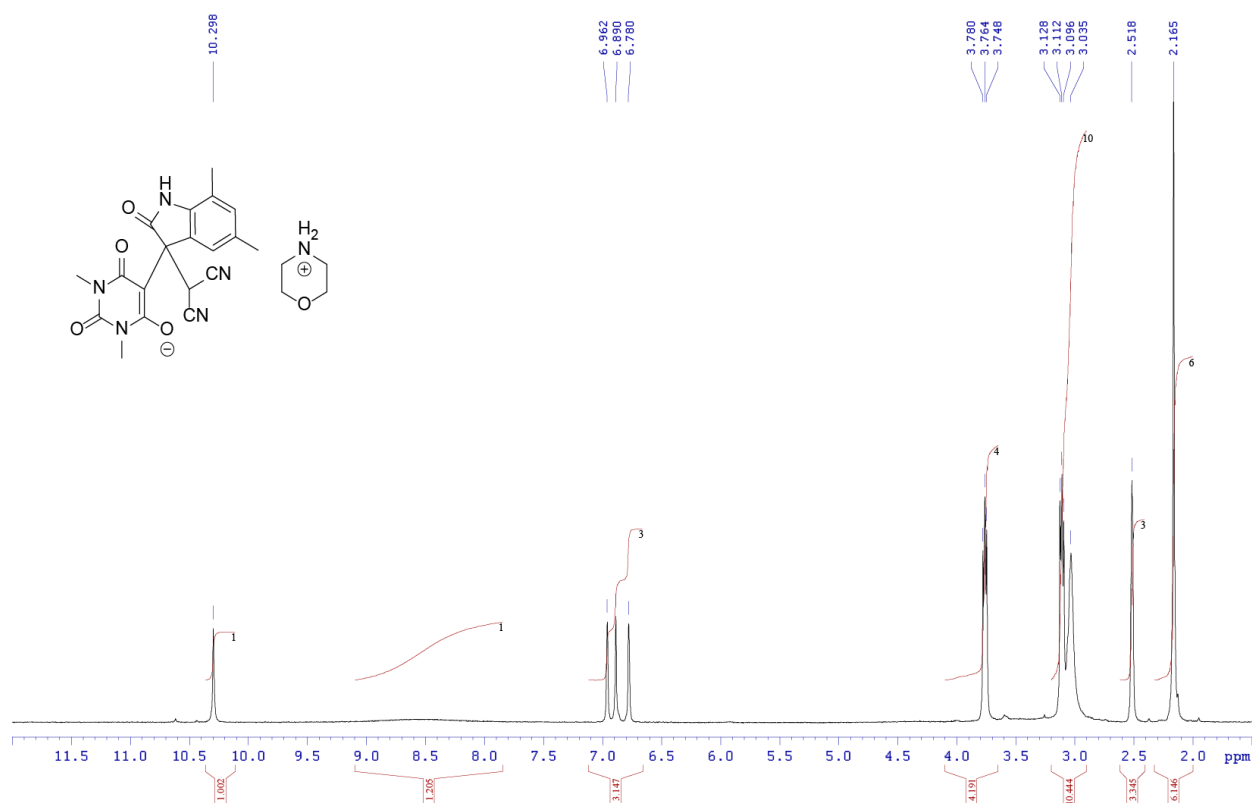
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-diethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3c).



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-diethyl-6-oxo-2-thioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3d).



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(3-dicyanomethyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3e).

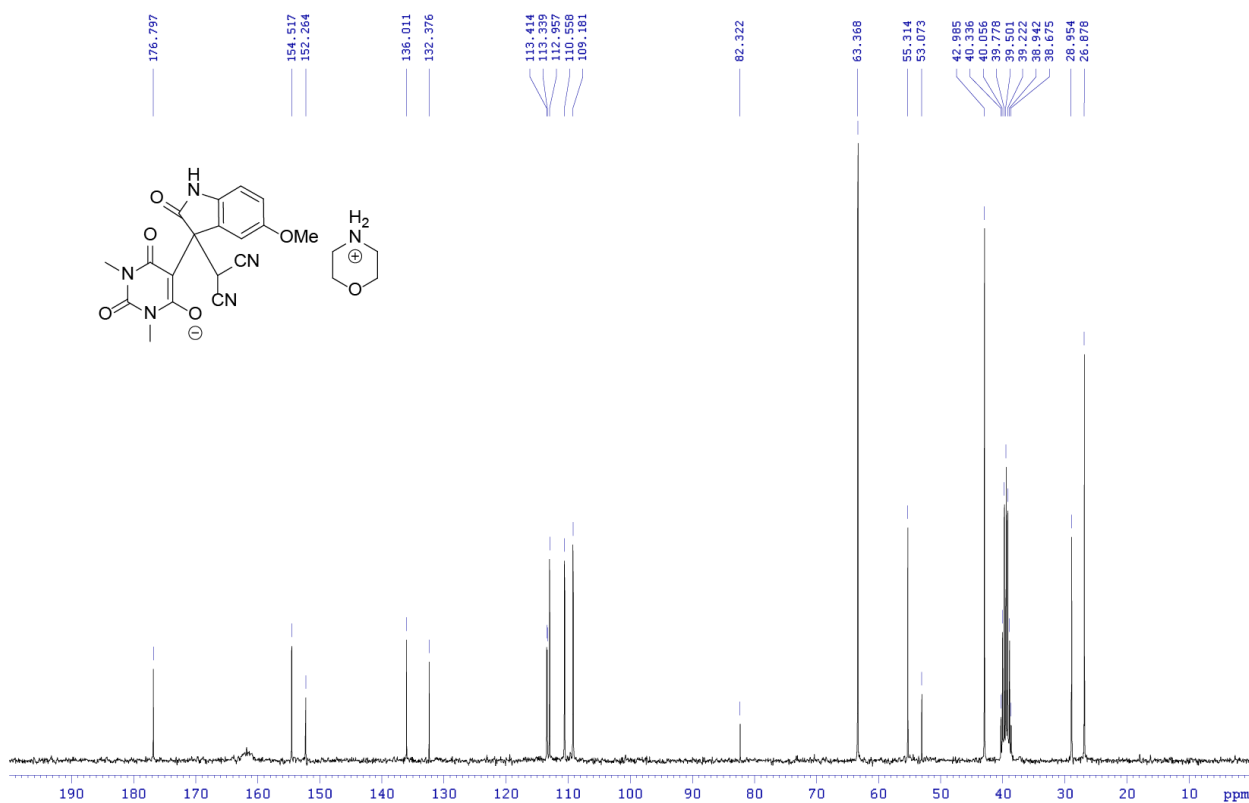


Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown as an inset. The structure is a complex polycyclic system, likely a derivative of a nucleoside or nucleotide, featuring a methoxy group (OMe), nitrile groups (CN), and a morpholinium cation (H₂N⁺).

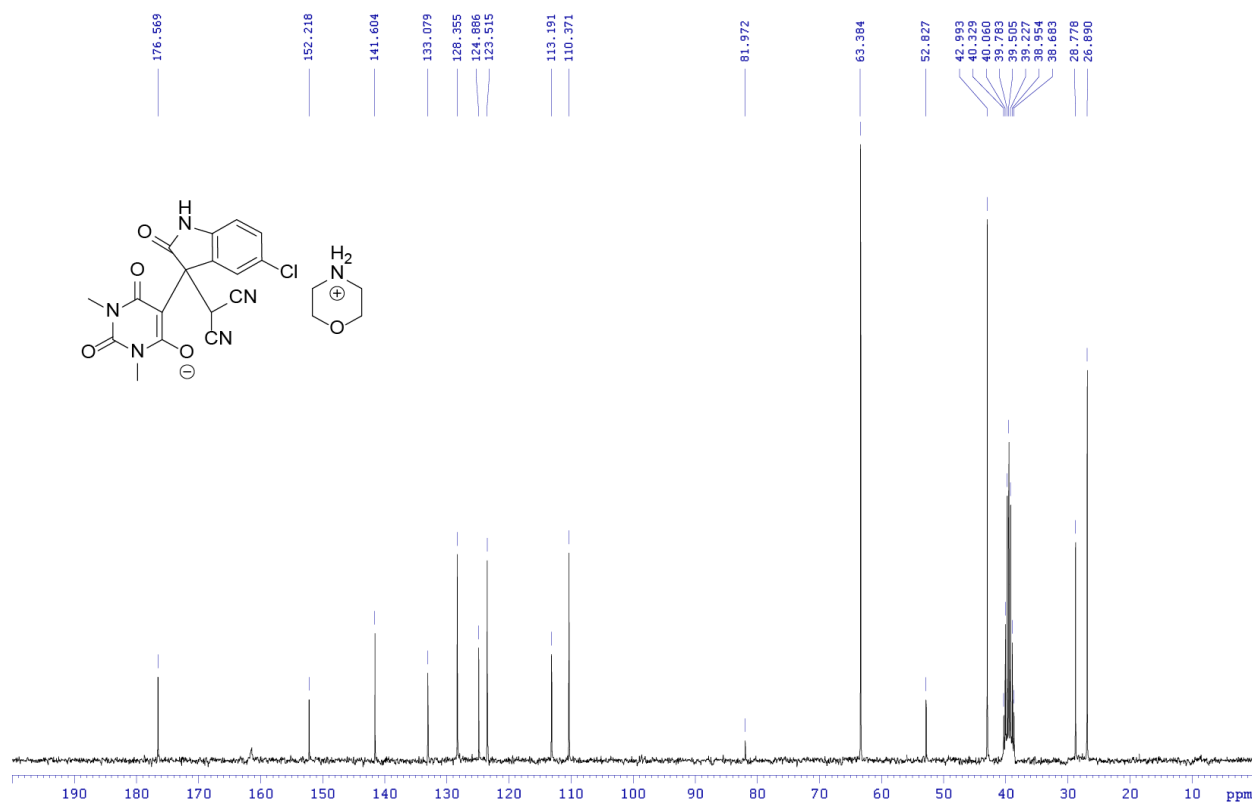
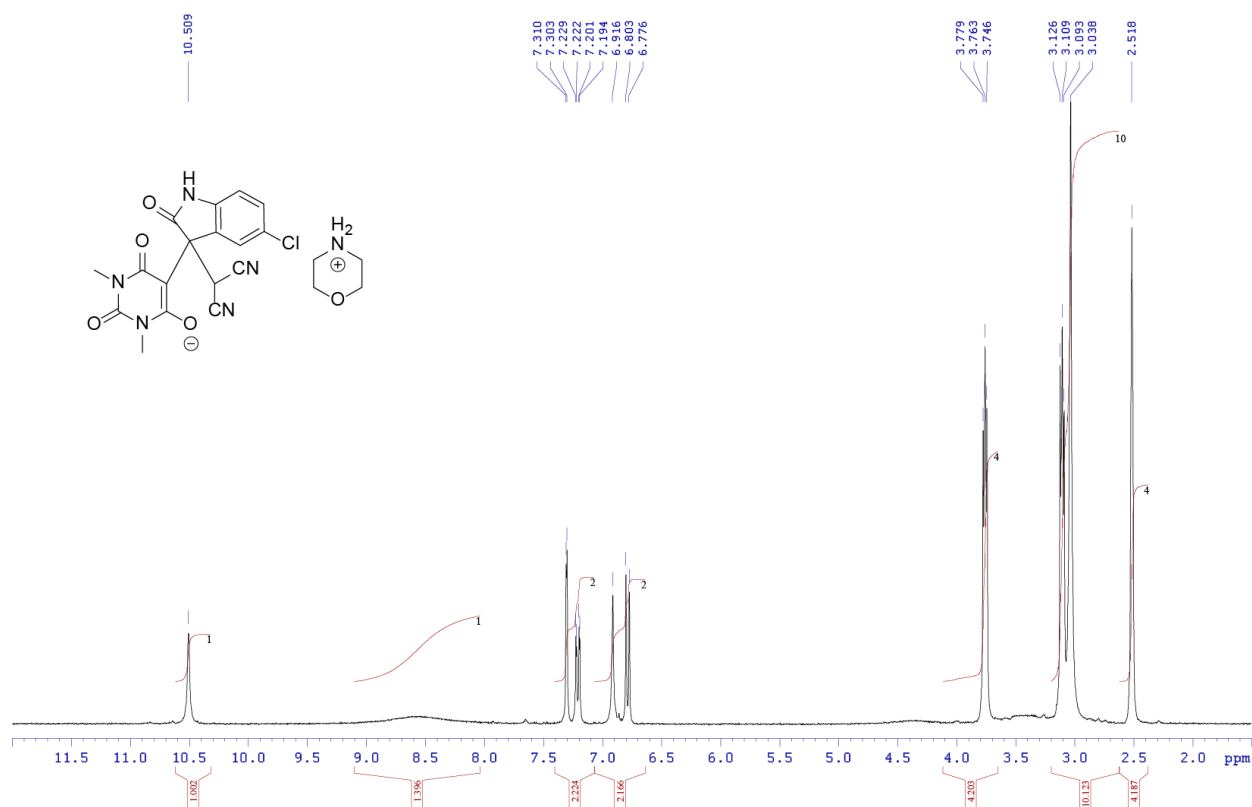
The ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆) shows the following peaks (ppm):

- 10.171 (s, 1H)
- 8.47 (s, 1H)
- 7.105 (m, 2H)
- 3.781 (s, 3H)
- 3.131 (s, 3H)
- 3.099 (s, 3H)
- 2.518 (s, 3H)

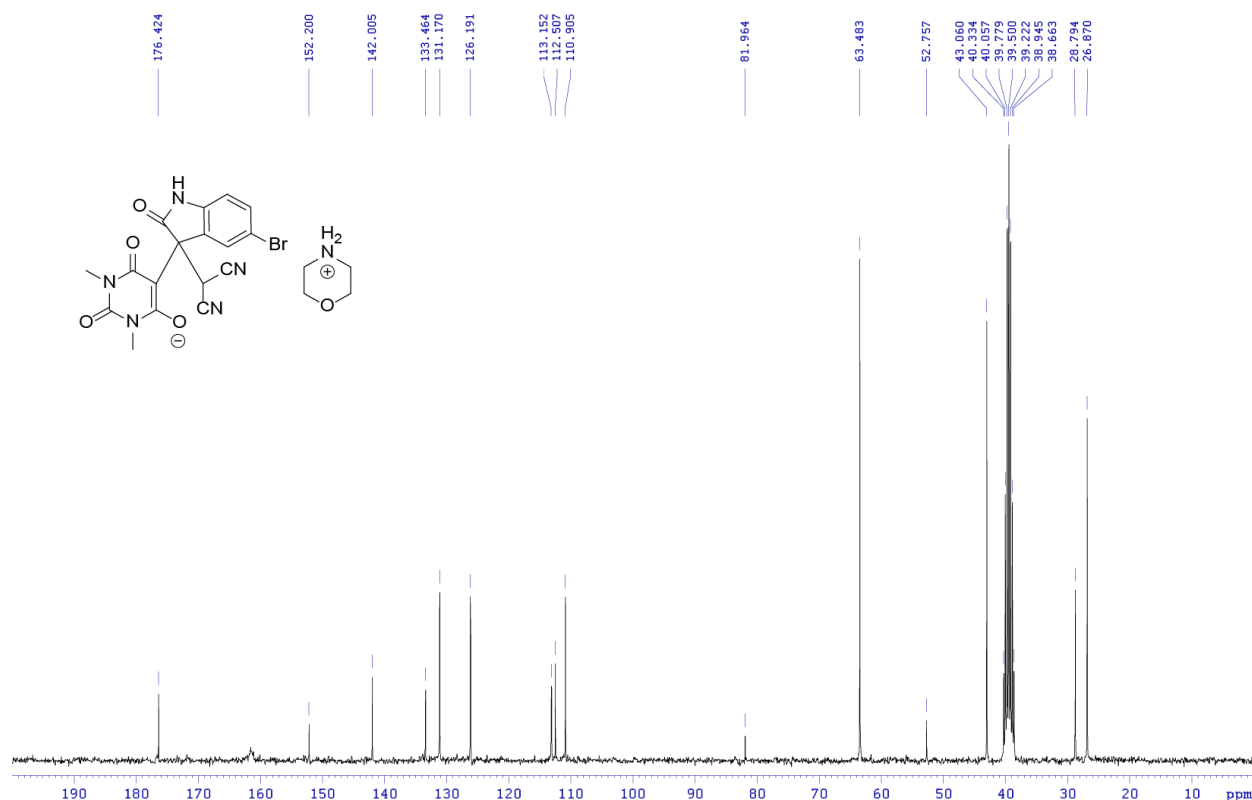
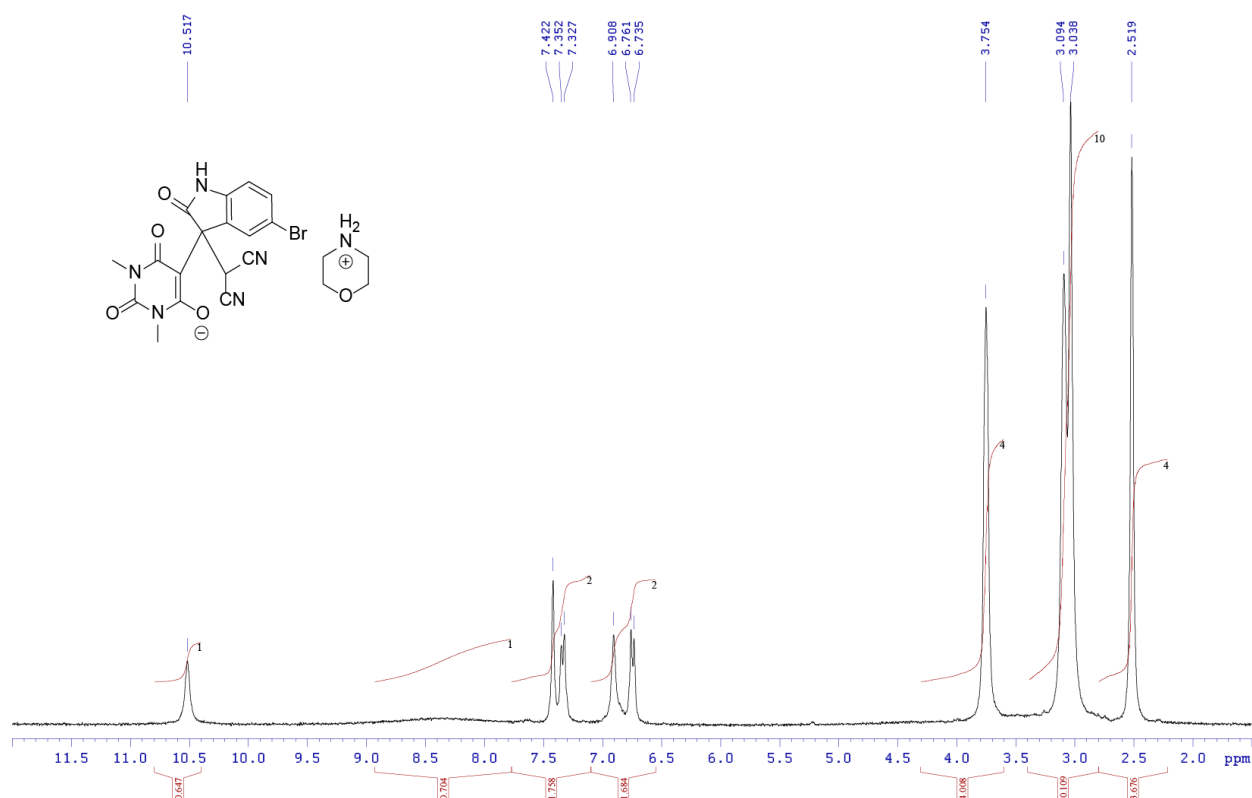
The integration values for the peaks are: 1.002, 1.647, 2.080, 2.114, 7.105, 10.57, and 3.809.



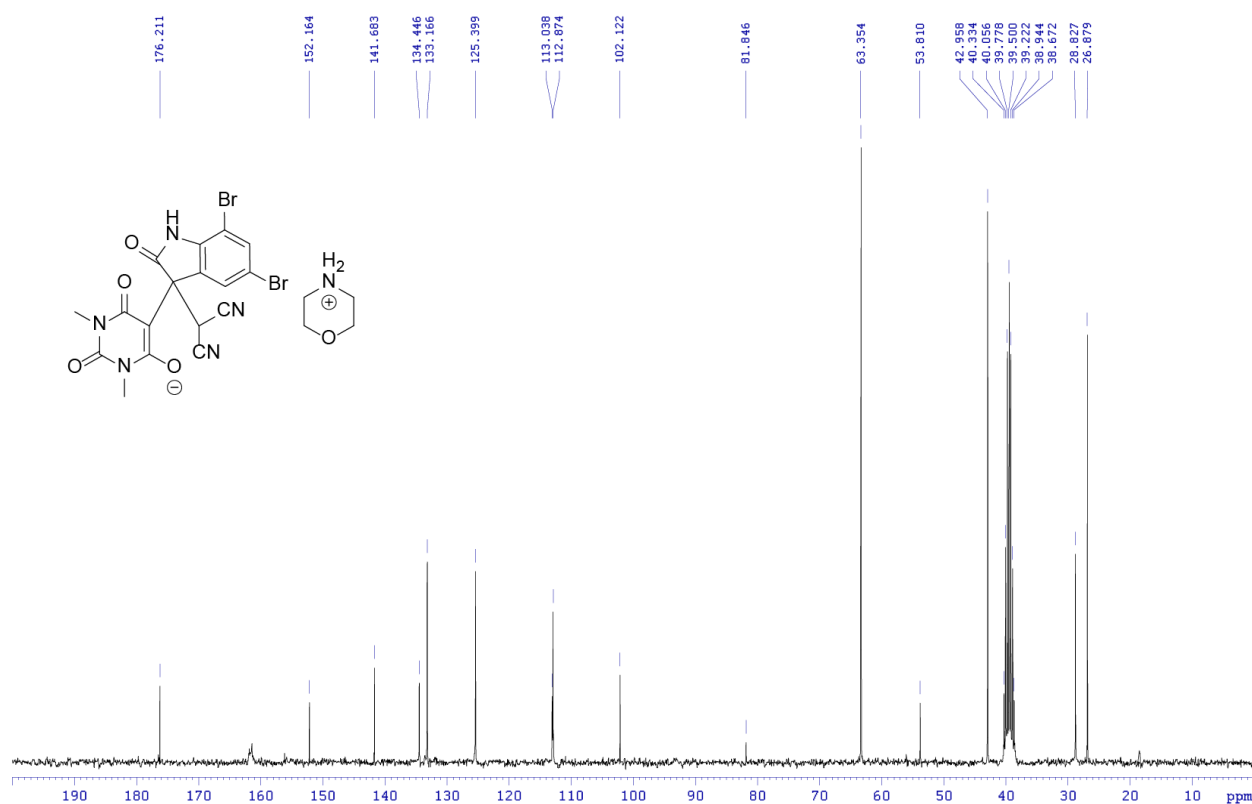
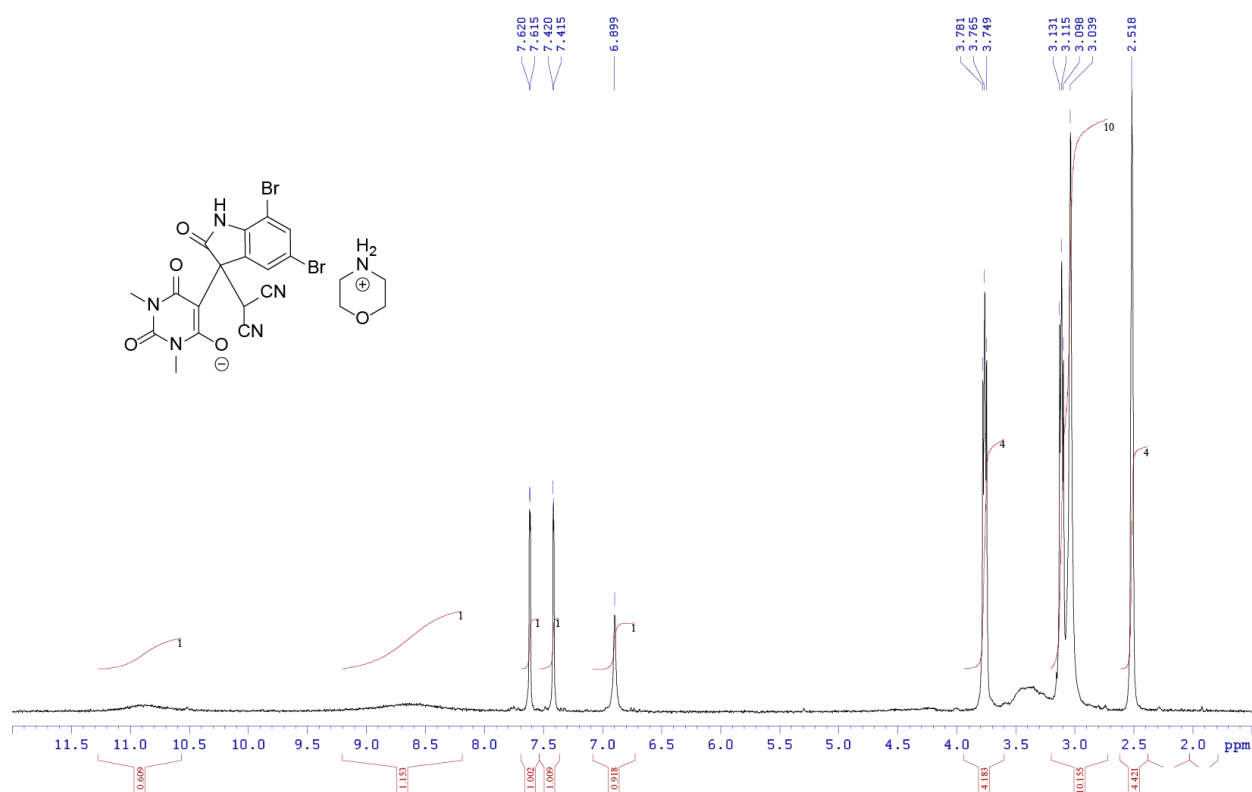
Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5-chloro-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3g).



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5-bromo-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3h).



Morpholin-4-ium 5-(5,7-dibromo-3-dicyanomethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-olate (3i).



2D NMR spectra and description for compound **3a**

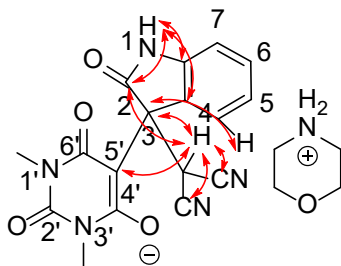


Figure S1. The structure and numbering of the compound **3a**. Key ^1H - ^{13}C -HMBC spectrum correlations established by NMR are shown by arrows.

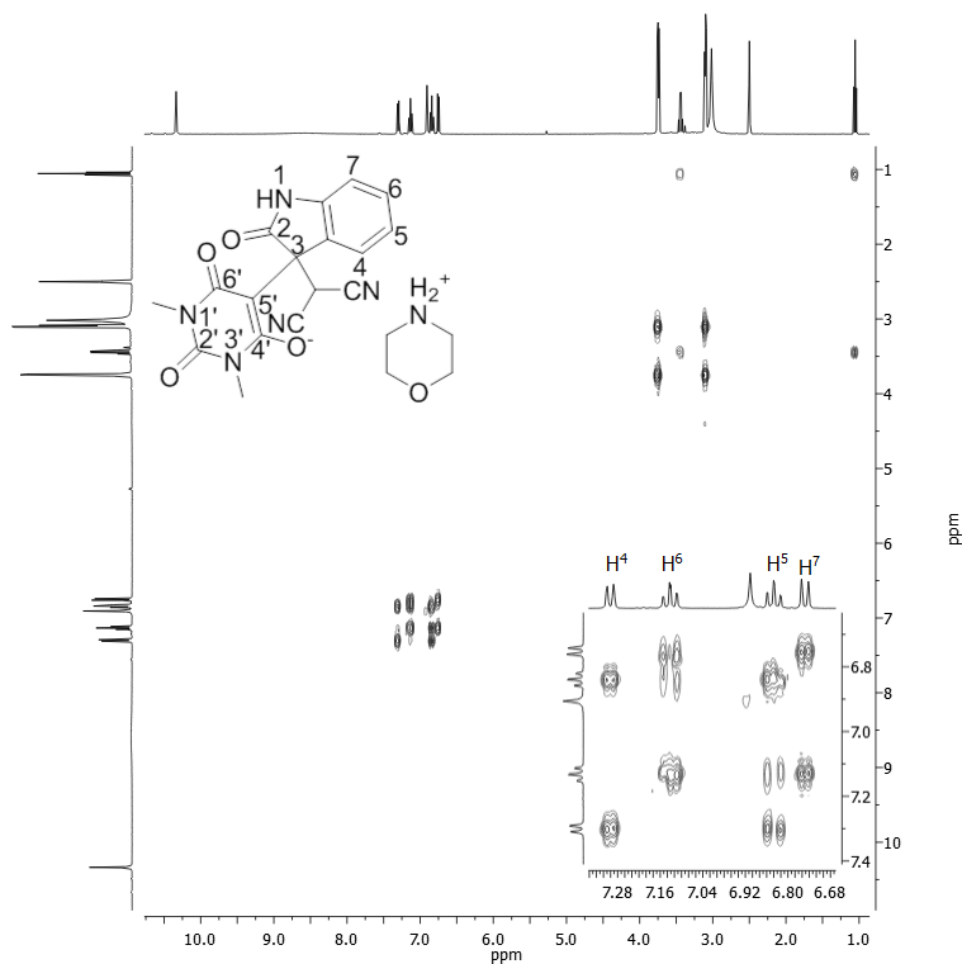
Complete assignment of signals to atoms for compound **3a**:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.34 (s, 1H, H^1), 8.61 (br s, 2H, NH_2^+), 7.30 (dd, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H^4), 7.13 (td, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H^6), 6.91 (s, 1H, 3-CH), 6.84 (td, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H^5), 6.75 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, H^7), 3.80 – 3.70 (m, 4H, CH_2NH_2^+), 3.13 – 3.07 (m, 4H, OCH_2), 3.02 (s, 6H, $1'\text{-CH}_3$, $3'\text{-CH}_3$) ppm.

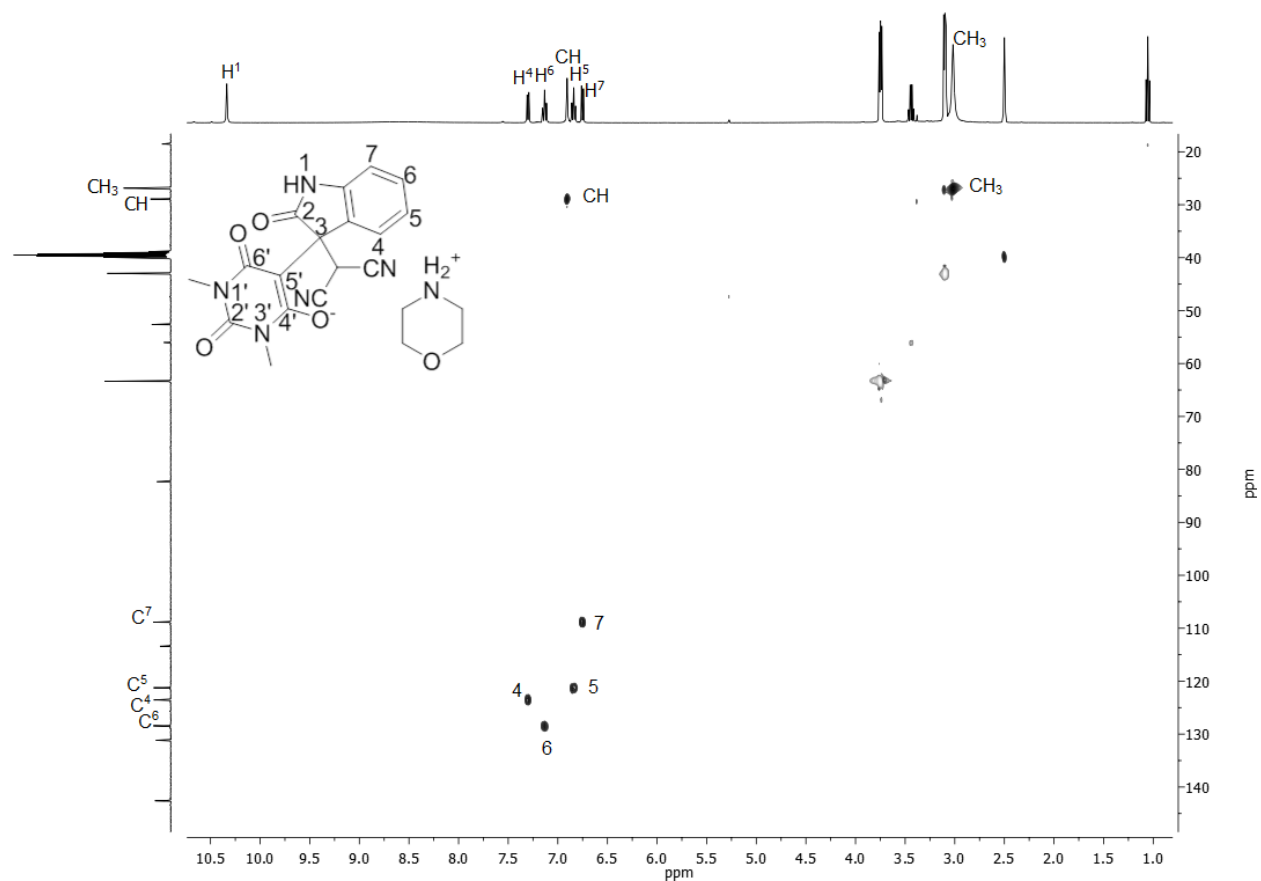
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 176.9 (C^2), 161.7 (2C, C^4 , C^6), 152.2 ($\text{C}^{2'}$), 142.6 (C^{7a}), 131.2 (C^{3a}), 128.4 (C^6), 123.6 (C^4), 121.2 (C^5), 113.4 (CN), 113.3 (CN), 108.9 (C^7), 82.3 ($\text{C}^{5'}$), 63.4 (2C, CH_2O), 52.6 (C^3), 43.0 (2C, CH_2NH_2^+), 28.9 (3-CH), 26.9 (2C, N- CH_3) ppm.

The structure of compound **3a** was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy. The full assignment was carried out using 2D NMR experiments such as ^1H - ^1H COSY, ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC, and ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC. The proton spectrum showed two broadened signals from the compound, which meant the presence of dynamics in the sample. Morpholinium NH_2 was in exchange with water, so both proton signals had a large width. Also, there was a broad singlet at 3.02 ppm from N- CH_3 groups due to keto-enol tautomerism. In the carbon NMR spectrum, $\text{C}^{4'}$ and $\text{C}^{6'}$ have the same chemical shifts and appear as a broad signal because of tautomerism too. It is noteworthy that the CH proton from the malononitrile moiety appeared at low field (6.91 ppm) and the assignment was made on the base of the HSQC cross-peak with the high field carbon signal (at 28.9 ppm).

^1H - ^1H COSY NMR spectrum.



^1H - ^1H COSY NMR spectrum.



^1H - ^{13}C HMBC NMR spectrum.

