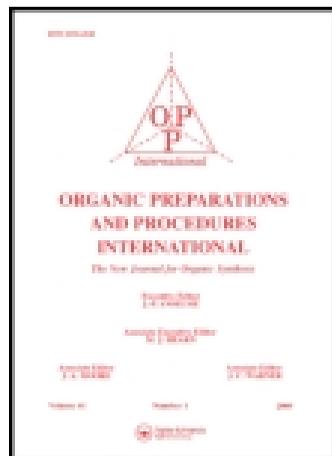


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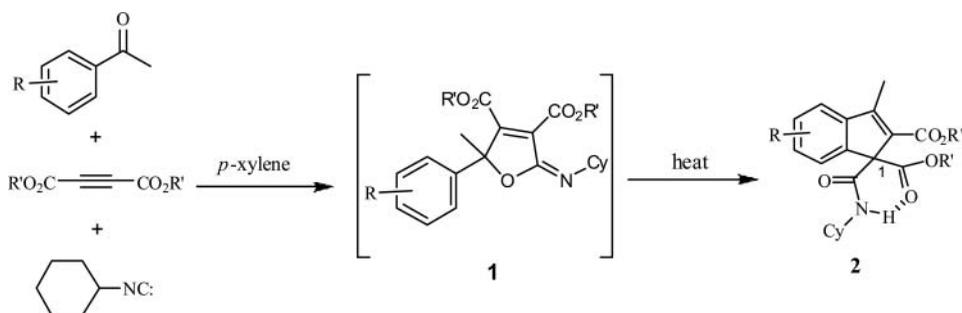
The indene moiety found in many natural products,<sup>1</sup> has attracted interest due to its possible practical applications.<sup>2,3</sup> For example, some substituted indene derivatives exhibit biological activities such as fungicidal,<sup>4</sup> selective estrogen receptor modulation,<sup>5,6</sup> anti-proliferative<sup>7</sup> and D<sub>2</sub>-like dopamine receptor agonists.<sup>8</sup> Various methods for the synthesis of indene derivatives have been reported.<sup>9–14</sup> We now describe a one-pot reaction of acetylenic esters and cyclohexyl isocyanide with aryl ketones to produce highly functionalized indenenes **2a–f** in high yields (83–88%).

It had been previously established that one-pot and multi-component reactions of alkyl isocyanides, carbonyl compounds and acetylenic esters produce heterocyclic compounds.<sup>15–22</sup> However, in the present work the indene derivatives **2** are produced and it is postulated that the heterocyclic intermediates **1** that were formed initially in the reaction are converted to indenenes **2**. Accordingly, to assess the validity of this postulate we decided to isolate the intermediates **1**. Thus, after cooling the reaction mixtures, the iminolactones **1** (the synthesis of **1a** had been reported previously<sup>22</sup>) were purified and their structure deduced by spectroscopic data. When these compounds **1** were refluxed in *p*-xylene for 35–48 h, indenenes **2** were produced nearly quantitatively. The intramolecular N–H···O hydrogen bonding stabilized the products.<sup>23</sup> (*Scheme 1*)

Solvents have been shown to have an important effect on this reaction. Thus, in refluxing benzene (bp 80°C) only iminolactones **1** were obtained in less than 30% yields and no indenenes **2** were obtained, Nair and coworkers had already reported the exclusive formation of iminolactone **1a** using benzene at 80°C in 41% yield.<sup>21,22</sup> In this study, we have found that in refluxing toluene (bp 110°C), iminolactones **1** were obtained in less than 50% yield and indenenes **2** in less than 10% yield. In refluxing *p*-xylene (bp 138°C), only indenenes **2** were obtained in 83–88% yield without any iminolactones **1**. This reaction did

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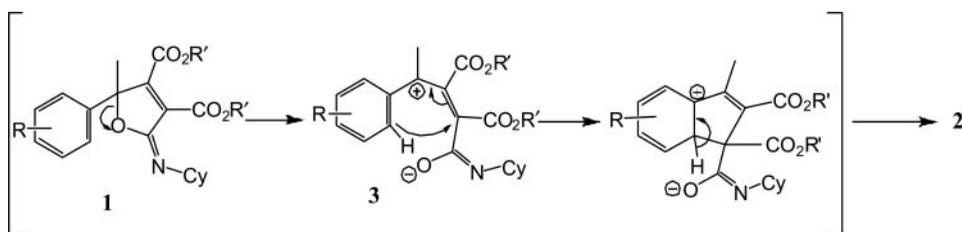


- a) R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, R' = Me; b) R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, R' = Et; c) R = 3-NO<sub>2</sub>, R' = Me; d) R = 3-NO<sub>2</sub>, R' = Et;  
 e) R = 4-Cl, R' = Me; f) R = 4-Cl, R' = Et

Scheme 1

not proceed in acidic solvents and indeed Schmiar and coworkers had previously reported that iminolactones are hydrolyzed to other products in acidic solvents.<sup>24</sup>

We suggest the following mechanism for the overall transformation involving the conversion of intermediates **1** to indenes **2** via a ring opening-ring closure mechanism. Such a ring opening-ring closure mechanism has been reported previously for other heterocyclic frameworks<sup>25–28</sup> including a furan to indole process.<sup>25</sup> Several attempts to intercept the putative zwitterions **3** as carbocations (Scheme 2) with amines, thiols and phenols and the anion of acetylacetonate, were unsuccessful; thus, if this mechanism is operative, the conversion of **1** to **2** must be rapid and quantitative.



Scheme 2

Structures **1** and **2** were assigned on the basis of their elemental analysis, IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectral data. The mass spectra of these compounds displayed molecular ion peaks at appropriate m/z values. For iminolactones **1**, initial fragmentation involving the loss of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N, CH<sub>3</sub>OH for **1c**, **1e** and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH for **1b**, **1d** and **1f**. For indenes **2**, fragments involves M<sup>+</sup>- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NCO and M<sup>+</sup>- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NCO, R'OH were the most intense signals. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the products **2b**, **2d** and **2f** clearly indicated the diastereotopic CH<sub>2</sub> protons of the ester groups on the C<sub>1</sub> of indenes (Table 3). The IR spectra of compounds **2a-f** showed N–H absorptions 3327–3353 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which did not change upon dilution with CCl<sub>4</sub>, evidence of intramolecular hydrogen bonding. The intramolecular N–H···O hydrogen bond for indene **2b** was detected and its details have been published.<sup>23</sup>

All compounds showed C=O absorptions (1715–1732, 1670–1679  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and there were also two absorptions for the  $\text{NO}_2$  groups in compounds **2a-d** (1339–1344, 1449–1525  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The IR spectra of compounds **1b-f** showed C=O absorptions (1740–1755  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1719–1731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), C=N absorption (1674–1682  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and C–O absorptions (1253–1284, 1087–1129, 1020–1028  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). Additionally there were two absorptions for the  $\text{NO}_2$  groups in compounds **1b-d** (1524–1533, 1339–1353  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Overall we have developed a one-pot synthesis of some new indene derivatives *via* an interesting isomerization reaction. The reaction described here represents a simple and efficient entry into the synthesis of highly functionalized indenenes. High yields and simple conditions make it a useful addition to the modern synthetic methodologies. In this procedure, intermediates **1** can be isolated in high yields through modifications in the reaction conditions. These compounds **1** belong to the iminolactone family and some of their derivatives act as antibacterial agents, aldosterone inhibitors and as precursors for the preparation of a wide spectrum of natural compounds.<sup>29,30</sup> Further investigations of this method are currently in progress to establish its scope and utility.

## Experimental Section

Chemicals and solvents were obtained from Merck (Germany) and Fluka (Switzerland) and were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (0.015–0.04 mm, mesh-size) and TLC on precoated plastic sheets (25 DC<sub>UV-254</sub>). Melting points were measured on a Barnstead Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are not corrected. Elemental analyses for C, H and N were performed using a Thermo Finnigan Flash EA1112 instrument. IR spectra were measured on a Shimadzu FT-IR-4300 spectrophotometer as KBr discs. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were determined in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker 500 spectrophotometer and chemical shifts were expressed in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan-MAT 8430 spectrometer at an ionization potential of 70 eV.

### *Dimethyl 1-(Cyclohexylcarbamoyl)-3-methyl-6-nitro-1H-indene-1,2-dicarboxylate (2a).*

#### *General Procedure*

To a stirred solution of 4-nitroacetophenone (0.33 g., 2 mmol) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (0.28 g., 2 mmol) in *p*-xylene (15 mL) was added a mixture of cyclohexyl isocyanide (0.22 g., 2 mmol) in *p*-xylene (10 mL) dropwise at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  over 2 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then refluxed for 36 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC, when the intermediate spots ( $R_f \approx 0.2$  on silica gel, *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate 4:1) disappeared, the reaction was complete (indene spot:  $R_f = 0.6$  on silica gel, *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate 4:1). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was washed with *n*-hexane and recrystallized from acetone-ethyl acetate. The product (0.724 g., 87%) was obtained as colorless crystals, mp.  $134\text{--}135^\circ\text{C}$ . The same procedure was used to prepare **2b-f** as colorless crystals in yields of 83–88%.

### *Dimethyl 1-(Cyclohexylcarbamoyl)-3-methyl-6-nitro-1H-indene-1, 2-dicarboxylate (2a) from 1. General Procedure*

A magnetically stirred solution of the imino-lactone **1** (0.83 g., 2 mmol) in *p*-xylene (50 mL) was refluxed for 32–45 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. When the

**Table 1**  
Spectroscopic Data of **1b-f**

Cmpd	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ:ppm)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR (δ:ppm)	MS (m/z)
<b>1b</b>	1.24–2.12 (10H, 3m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 1.27, 1.41 (6H, 2t, 2CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 2.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.68–3.69 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.18–4.21, 4.40–4.45 (4H, 2q, <i>J</i> = 13.81, 6.91 Hz, 2 CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.63–7.66, 8.25–8.27 (4H, 2m, Ar protons)	14.20, 14.45 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 24.17, 25.14, 26.14 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.79 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 57.01 (CH of cyclohexyl); 62.44, 62.73 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 89.32 (C–CH <sub>3</sub> ); 124.06, 127.48 (CH of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 136.38, 148.23 (C <sub>ipso</sub> (C=C) of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 145.74, 147.13 (2 C=CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 154.70 (C=N-cyclohexyl); 160.85, 162.29 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	444 (M <sup>+</sup> , 13) 415 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , 30) 398 (m <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 75) 315 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N, 100)
<b>1c</b>	1.24–1.82 (10H, 4m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.13 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.67–3.70 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 3.77, 3.96 (6H, 2s, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 7.58–7.61 (1H, t, Ar proton); 7.76–7.78 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.01Hz, Ar proton); 8.23–8.24 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.01 Hz, Ar proton); 8.36 (1H, s, Ar proton)	24.77, 25.20, 26.11 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.73 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 53.27, 53.54 (2CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 57.19 (CH of cyclohexyl); 89.24 (C–CH <sub>3</sub> ); 121.56, 123.93, 130.03, 132.38 (CH of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 127.85, 134.19 (C <sub>ipso</sub> (c=c) of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 146.00, 148.74 (2C=CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 154.55(C=N-cyclohexyl); 161.23, 162.70 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Me)	416 (M <sup>+</sup> , 7) 304 (M <sup>+</sup> -CH <sub>3</sub> , 15) 384 (M <sup>+</sup> -CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 73) 287 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N, 100)
<b>1d</b>	1.23–1.81(10H, m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 1.26, 1.38 (6H, 2t, 2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 2.12 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.68 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.16–4.21, 4.40–4.44 (4H, 2q, <i>J</i> = 14.02, 6.99 Hz, 2CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.58–7.61, 7.61–7.73, 7.73–7.78, 8.23–8.36 (4H, 4m, Ar protons)	14.23, 14.71 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 24.66, 25.01, 26.11 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.79 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 56.98 (CH of cyclohexyl); 62.30, 62.79 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 89.24 (C–CH <sub>3</sub> ); 121.49, 123.91, 127.85, 130.03, 132.38, 134.19(Ar carbons); 146.85, 148.56 (2 C=CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 154.59 (C=N-cyclohexyl); 161.24, 162.78 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	444 (M <sup>+</sup> , 11) 415 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , 28) 398 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 74) 315 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N, 100)
<b>1e</b>	1.22–1.36, 1.42–1.46, 1.64–1.81 (10H, 3m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.11 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.64–3.68 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 3.75, 3.94 (6H, 2s, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 7.06–7.07, 7.15–7.16 (4H, 2m, Ar protons)	24.63, 25.21, 26.10 (cyclohexyl carbons); 33.76 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 53.35, 53.61 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 57.21 (CH of cyclohexyl); 89.47 (C–CH <sub>3</sub> ); 124.67, 127.45 (CH of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 130.37, 138.25 (C <sub>ipso</sub> (C=C) of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 136.112, 136.85 (2 C=CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 154.63 (C=N-cyclohexyl); 161.52, 162.73 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Me)	405, 407 (M <sup>+</sup> , M+2, 15, 5) 390, 392 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-CH <sub>3</sub> , 28, 9) 373, 375 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 78, 28) 276, 278 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N, 100, 37)

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**Table 1**  
Spectroscopic Data of **1b-f** (Continued)

Cmpd	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ:ppm)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR (δ:ppm)	MS (m/z)
<b>1f</b>	1.23–1.81 (10 H, 4m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 1.27, 1.36 (6H, 2t, 2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 2.136 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.68 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.186–4.23, 4.40–4.45 (4H, 2q, <i>J</i> = 14.36, 7.11 Hz, 2 CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.05 – 7.07, 7.13–7.15 (4H, 2m, Ar protons)	14.20, 14.67 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 24.73, 25.40, 26.28 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 32.69 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 57.35 (CH of cyclohexyl); 62.64, 63.30 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 88.98 (C–CH <sub>3</sub> ); 124.84, 127.25 (CH of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 130.47, 135.69 (C <sub>ipso</sub> (C=C) of C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 136.14, 138.65 (2 C=CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 154.63 (C=N-cyclohexyl); 161.26, 162.62 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	433, 435 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2, 16, 6) 404, 402 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , 29, 9) 387, 389 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2 -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 8, 30) 304, 306 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2 -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N, 100, 38)

iminolactone spot disappeared, the thermal interconversion of **1** into **2** was complete. At this stage, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The same procedure for the purification of **2a-f** was performed as for the one-pot procedure. Although the purified **2a-f** were obtained in 96–99% yields, the yields of indenenes **2** reported in *Table 4* are those obtained in the one-pot reaction which is simpler and more convenient.

Compounds **1b-f** which were not previously described in *references 21 and 22*, can be obtained in 85–90% yields by the following procedure.

#### Synthesis of Compounds **1b-f**. General Procedure

To a stirred solution of the acetophenone derivative (2 mmol) and dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylate (2 mmol) in *p*-xylene (15 mL) was added a mixture of alkyl isocyanide (2 mmol) in *p*-xylene (10 mL) dropwise at -10°C over 2 h. The reaction mixture was warmed to 75°C and stirred at 75°C for 10 h then allowed standing in a refrigerator for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane: ethyl acetate 3:1) and recrystallized in acetone to afford the pure products **1** as colorless crystals. The results are shown in *Tables 1, 2*.

**Table 2**  
Yields, mps and Elemental Analysis of **1b-f**

Cmpd	Yields (%)	mp (°C)	Elemental Analysis (Found)			Formula (M.W.)
			C	H	N	
<b>1b</b>	86	125	62.15(62.12)	6.35(6.33)	6.30(6.32)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (444.48)
<b>1c</b>	90	108	60.57(60.56)	5.81(5.82)	6.73(6.73)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (416.42)
<b>1d</b>	87	112	62.15(62.13)	6.35(6.33)	6.30(6.31)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (444.48)
<b>1e</b>	87	97	62.14(62.11)	5.96(5.93)	3.45(3.49)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClNO <sub>5</sub> (405.87)
<b>1f</b>	85	105	63.66(63.63)	6.50(6.47)	3.23(3.25)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> ClNO <sub>5</sub> (433.93)

**Table 3**  
Spectroscopic Data of **2a-f**

Cmpd	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ:ppm)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR (δ:ppm)	MS (m/z)
<b>2a</b>	1.33–1.94 (10H, 4m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.67 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.68, 3.88 (6H, 2s, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 3.78–3.80 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 7.61–7.62, 8.32–8.37 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.35 Hz; 2H, m, Ar protons); 8.48–8.50 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 0.65 Hz, NH).	23.04, 23.72, 24.60, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 32.94 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 49.17 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclopentene); 61.56, 63.08 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 68.92(C of cyclohexyl); 117.33, 123.00, 125.77, 137.22, 144.15, 148.41, 151.23, 152.49 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 163.71, 164.09 (C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 171.03(C=O of amide).	416 (M <sup>+</sup> , 15) 384 (M <sup>+</sup> -MeOH, 16) 291 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 95) 252 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 100)
<b>2b</b>	1.15–1.18 (3H, t, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 1.34–1.44, 1.75–1.93(13 H, 4m, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.66 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.7–3.78 (1H,m,CH of cyclohexyl); 4.00–4.06, 4.26, 4.28(2H, 2m, CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 4.28–4.34 (2H, q,CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.30–7.61, 8.32–8.36 (3H, 2m, Ar protons); 8.56–8.57 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, NH)	13.04, 14.15 (CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 24.94, 25.97, 26.60 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.02 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 49.17 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclohexyl); 61.28, 63.08 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 68.92 (CH of cyclohexyl); 118.06, 122.63, 125.32, 137.43, 143.74, 148.41, 151.50, 152.49 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 163.73, 164.09 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 170.75 (C=O of amide)	444 (M <sup>+</sup> , 12) 398 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 25) 319 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 83) 273(M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 100)
<b>2c</b>	1.23–1.82 (10H, 4m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.70 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.40–3.96 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.04–4.16 (6H, 2s, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 7.68–7.71, 8.33–8.58 (3H, 2m, Ar protons); 8.60 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz, NH)	23.23, 24.15, 24.71 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 32.39 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 50.56 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclopentene ring); 62.04, 63.15 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 69.12 (CH of cyclohexyl); 120.56, 123.93, 125.85, 135.19, 141.45, 146.30, 149.00, 149.74 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 161.23, 162.70 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 171.03 (C=O of amide)	416 (M <sup>+</sup> , 13) 384 (M <sup>+</sup> -CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 23) 291 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 80) 259 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 100)

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**Table 3**  
Spectroscopic Data of **2a-f** (Continued)

Cmpd	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ:ppm)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR (δ:ppm)	MS (m/z)
<b>2d</b>	1.15–1.78 (3H, t, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 1.34–1.42, 1.75–1.93 (13H, 4m, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.68(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.75 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.26–4.35 (4H, 2q, CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.30–7.38, 7.60–7.62, 8.33–8.38 (3H, 3m, Ar protons); 8.57–8.58 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.55Hz, NH)	14.94, 15.98 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 23.04, 24.15, 24.60 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.69 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 49.12 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclopentene); 61.43, 63.63 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 68.32 (CH of cyclohexyl); 117.28, 123.08, 125.92, 141.06, 142.02, 149.41, 152.13, 153.60 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 163.23, 164.05 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 171.08 (C=O of amide)	444 (M <sup>+</sup> , 11) 398 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 30) 319 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 78) 273 (M <sup>+</sup> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 100)
<b>2e</b>	1.25–1.82 (10H, 4m, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.63 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.96–3.99 (1 H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.04, 4.15 (6H, 2s, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 7.06–7.08, 7.13–7.17 (3H, 2m, Ar protons); 8.56–8.57(1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.41Hz, NH)	23.84, 24.49, 24.92 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.24 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 50.06 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclopentene ring); 62.13–63.49 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 69.08 ( <sup>13</sup> CH of cyclohexyl); 123.45, 126.02, 127.44, 128.44, 129.17, 132.43, 146.24, 148.12 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 163.12, 164.39 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Me); 170.43 (C=O of amide)	405, 407 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2, 40, 12) 373, 375 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 25, 6), 280, 282 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 85, 35) 248, 250 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, CH <sub>3</sub> OH, 100, 40)
<b>2f</b>	1.15–1.18 (3H, t, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 1.34–1.42, 1.75–1.76, 1.77–1.93 (13H, 4m, CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et, CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 2.66 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 4.03 (1H, m, CH of cyclohexyl); 4.24–4.26, 4.26–4.29 (2H, 2m, CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 4.31–4.34 (2H, q, CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 7.06–7.07 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.59Hz, Ar protons); 7.14–7.17 (2H, m, Ar protons), 8.56–8.58 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.15Hz, NH)	14.32, 14.88 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 24.62, 25.91, 26.17 (CH <sub>2</sub> of cyclohexyl); 33.13 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 49.08 (C <sub>ipso</sub> of cyclopentene); 61.13, 63.48 (CH <sub>2</sub> of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 68.92 (CH of cyclohexyl); 122.63, 125.32, 127.47, 128.42, 129.47, 132.43, 146.74, 148.41 (Alkene and Ar carbons); 163.19, 164.28 (2 C=O of CO <sub>2</sub> Et); 171.15 (C=O of amide)	432, 434 (M <sup>+</sup> , M <sup>+</sup> +2, 25,8) 396, 398 (M <sup>+</sup> , M+2-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 35, 9) 307, 309 (M <sup>+</sup> , M+2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, 85, 30) 261, 263 (M <sup>+</sup> , M+2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NCO, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, 100, 39)

**Table 4**  
Yields, mps and Elemental Analysis of **2a-f**

Cmpd	*Yields (%)	mp (°C)	Elemental Analysis (Found)			Formula (M.W.)
			C	H	N	
<b>2a</b>	87	134–135	60.57(60.55)	5.81(5.80)	6.73(6.74)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (416.42)
<b>2b</b>	85	142–143	62.15(62.13)	6.35(6.32)	6.30(6.33)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (444.48)
<b>2c</b>	88	131–132	60.57(60.58)	5.81(5.80)	6.73(6.75)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (416.42)
<b>2d</b>	86	139–140	62.15(62.13)	6.35(6.35)	6.30(6.34)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (444.48)
<b>2e</b>	85	121–122	62.14(62.12)	5.96(5.94)	3.45(3.48)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClNO <sub>5</sub> (405.87)
<b>2f</b>	83	128–129	63.66(63.65)	6.50(6.47)	3.23(3.24)	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> ClNO <sub>5</sub> (433.93)

\*Yields from one-pot procedure.

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