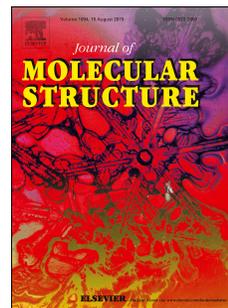


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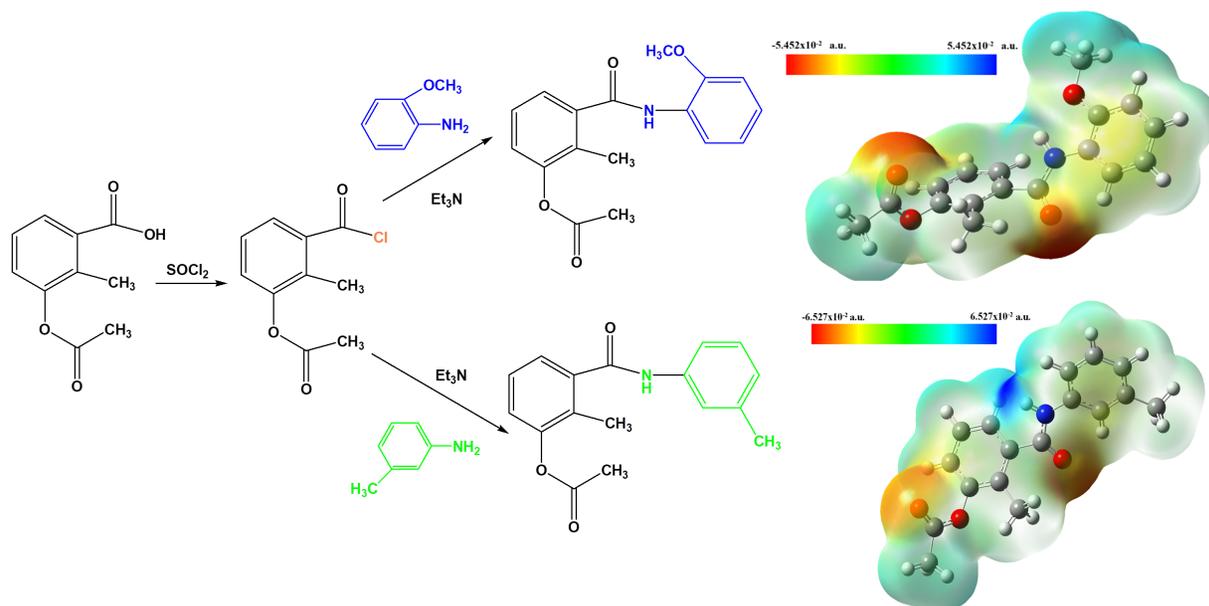
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35 **Abstract**

36 This work includes the syntheses, molecular and electronic structure analyses of two novel
37 secondary amide compounds 3-acetoxy-2-methyl-*N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)benzamide, **1** and 3-
38 acetoxy-2-methyl-*N*-(3-methylphenyl)benzamide, **2**. The title compounds were characterized
39 by X-ray single crystal diffraction, FT-IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR techniques and quantum
40 chemical calculations were used for the investigations on electronic structure. X-ray
41 diffraction analyses show that both compounds **1** and **2** crystallized in the triclinic system
42 with space group P-1. While the characteristic amide bands were observed in IR and NMR
43 spectra, crystallographic studies indicate that the supramolecular structures were stabilized by
44 intramolecular and intermolecular hydrogen bonds and C-H... π interactions for both
45 compounds. Beside the experimental studies, natural bond orbital and molecular electrostatic
46 potential analyses were carried out to understand the intramolecular charge transfers and
47 hydrogen bonding behaviors of compounds.

48 **Keywords:** Secondary amides, non-covalent interactions, spectroscopic techniques, X-ray
49 diffraction, electronic structure.

50 **1. Introduction**

51 The amide functional group can be found extensively in nature and its great significance is
52 well known. The common features of all the most important biological molecules such as
53 peptides and proteins are that they contain amide functional groups [1-8].

54 Literature review shows that the amide linkage containing compounds like benzamide
55 derivatives deserve special consideration as they have biological and pharmacological
56 activities such as antibacterials [9, 10], antimicrobial [11], antifungal [12], and anticonvulsant
57 [13] antiinflammatory [14], anti-HSV [15], analgesic [16], antitumor [17], and anticancer [18]
58 among other applications.

59 Medical and industrial fields make broad use compounds contain the amide functionality
60 [19]. Amides are also widespread in coordination chemistry because of their coordinating
61 ability [20]. Many complexes have been studied with amide group ligands which display
62 various coordinating behavior with diverse metal ions [21].

63 An increase has recently been seen in quantum chemical computational studies on
64 electronic structure of compounds. Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations based upon
65 computational quantum chemistry has been shown as favorite among several computational
66 chemistry methods because of its great accuracy in reproducing the experimental values and
67 advantages in designing/characterizing new molecules [22, 23].

68 Based on this information, we have synthesized some new benzamides which have been
69 described below and investigated with experimental and theoretical methods to elucidate their
70 structures. Cakmak et al. [24] prepared many substituted secondary amide compounds such as
71 2,3-dimethoxybenzoic acid and aniline derivatives. These new compounds, which include 3-
72 acetoxy-2-methyl-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl) benzamide, are shown to have great antioxidant
73 properties [25]. The ultimate goal of this article is to outline the synthesis and elucidation of
74 new secondary compounds within the line of our ongoing projects.

75 2. Experimental procedures

76 2.1. Synthesis of 3-acetoxy-2-methyl-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)benzamide (1)

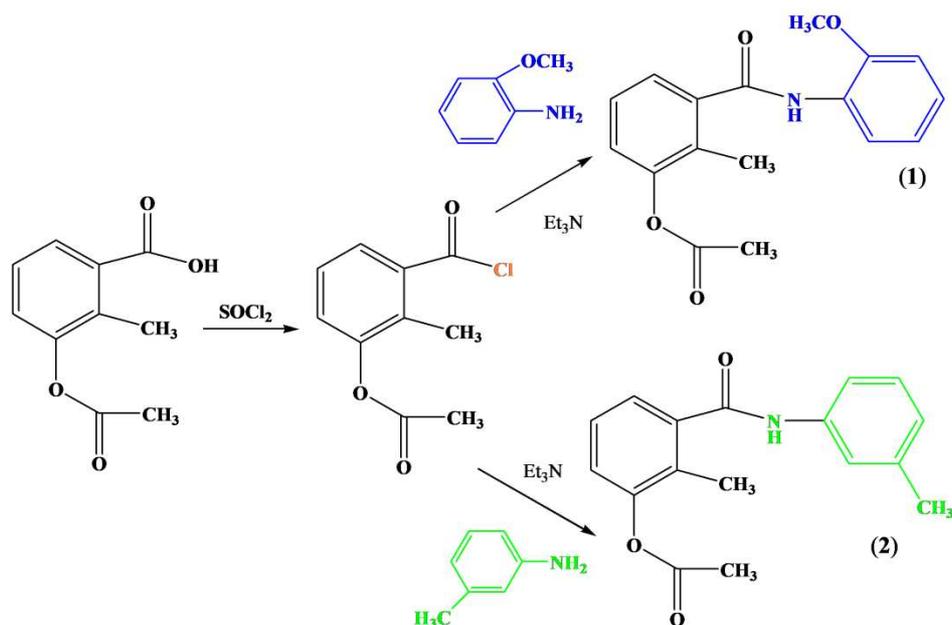
77 2-methoxyaniline (10 mmol) was dissolved in THF (5 mL), and trimethylamine (1.4 mL, 10
78 mmol) was added dropwise. Into this reaction, a mixture was slowly added 3-acetoxy-2-
79 methylbenzoyl chloride (2.34 g, 11 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at room temperature. After the
80 reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours, the resulting white salt
81 precipitate was filtered off and then 150 mL water was added dropwise to the filtrate. The
82 precipitate was filtered off and washed several times with water to remove excessive aniline
83 and triethylamine hydrochloride salt. The crude product was crystallized from acetonitrile:
84 methanol (2:1) (2.30 g, 70%; m.p. 128-130 °C). The synthesis reaction is given in Scheme 1.

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86 2.2. Synthesis of 3-acetoxy-2-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl) benzamide (2)

87 3-methylaniline (10 mmol) and triethylamine (10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to
88 dropwise solution of 3-acetoxy-2-methylbenzoyl chloride (11 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room
89 temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h; next, the resulting
90 white salt precipitate was filtered off, and then 100 mL water was added dropwise to the
91 filtrate. The precipitate was filtered off and washed several times with water to remove excess
92 aniline derivative and trimethylamine hydrochloride salt. The crude product was crystallized
93 from acetonitrile (1.87 g, 60%; m.p. 142-145 °C). The synthesis reaction is given in Scheme 1.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of compounds **1** and **2**.

2.3. Instrumentation

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources (Merck, ABCR, or Sigma-Aldrich) and used without further purification except commercial thionyl chloride. It was fractionally distilled twice to give a colourless product of high purity, b.p. 77 °C/760 mmHg. The solvents were of analytical grade. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were taken at room temperature on a Bruker/Ultraschilt operating at 300 MHz for ^1H , and 75 MHz for ^{13}C NMR. IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Vertex 80V. All melting points were measured with a Stuart SMP 30. X-Ray diffraction data were collected with a STOE IPDS II diffractometer.

2.4. Crystal structure determination

A suitable sample of size $0.66 \times 0.38 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}^3$ for **1** and $0.80 \times 0.29 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}^3$ for **2** were chosen for the single crystal X-ray study. Reflections were collected in the rotation mode (ω scanning mode) and cell parameters were determined by using X-AREA software [24]. Absorption corrections ($\mu_1 = 0.094 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ and $\mu_2 = 0.083 \text{ mm}^{-1}$) were achieved by the integration method via X-RED32 software [26]. The structures were solved by direct methods

112 using SHELXT-2014/4 [27]. The refinements were carried out by full-matrix least-squares
 113 method using SHELXL 2016 on the positional and anisotropic temperature parameters of the
 114 non-hydrogen atoms, or equivalently corresponding to 201 crystallographic parameters for **1**
 115 and 383 for **2** [28]. All non-hydrogen atom parameters were refined anisotropically and after
 116 checking the electron map, H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding
 117 model. The C-H bond distances were fixed to 0.93 Å for CH and 0.96 Å for CH₃ groups. The
 118 U_{iso} values of H atoms were also fixed to 1.2 times U_{eq} value of parent atoms for CH and 1.5
 119 times U_{eq} value of parent atoms for CH₃ groups. Under the condition of $I > 2\sigma(I)$ threshold,
 120 the structures were refined to $R = 0.0415$, $wR2 = 0.1023$, $S = 1.042$ with 3114 observed
 121 reflections for **1** and $R = 0.0840$, $wR2 = 0.1959$, $S = 0.914$ with 6623 observed reflections for
 122 **2**. The other data collection conditions and parameters of refinement process are listed in
 123 Table 1.

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Table 1. Unit cell information, reflection data and refinement details for **1** and **2**.

	1	2
Formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₄	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₃
Formula weight	299.31	283.31
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1
Z	2	2
a (Å)	5.0970(14)	7.6769 (7)
b (Å)	10.907 (2)	8.8152 (8)
c (Å)	13.974 (3)	23.386 (2)
α (°)	77.117 (16)	82.708 (8)
β (°)	85.600 (2)	82.947 (7)
γ (°)	87.360 (2)	89.993 (7)
V (Å ³)	754.7 (3)	1557.7 (3)
Radiation type	MoK α	MoK α
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.094	0.083
T _{max} , T _{min}	0.9873, 0.9912	0.9764, 0.9956
Reflections read	11543	26056
Unique reflections	2402	2101
Refl. with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	3114	6623

Refined parameters	201	383
$\theta_{\max}, \theta_{\min}$	26.497, 2.680	26.752, 1.769
h, k, l	$-6 < h < 6, -13 < k < 13, -17 < l < 17$	$-9 < h < 9, -11 < k < 10, -29 < l < 29$
$R[F_2 > 2\sigma(F_2)]$	0.0415	0.0840
$wR(F_2)$	0.1023	0.1959
S	1.0420	0.9140

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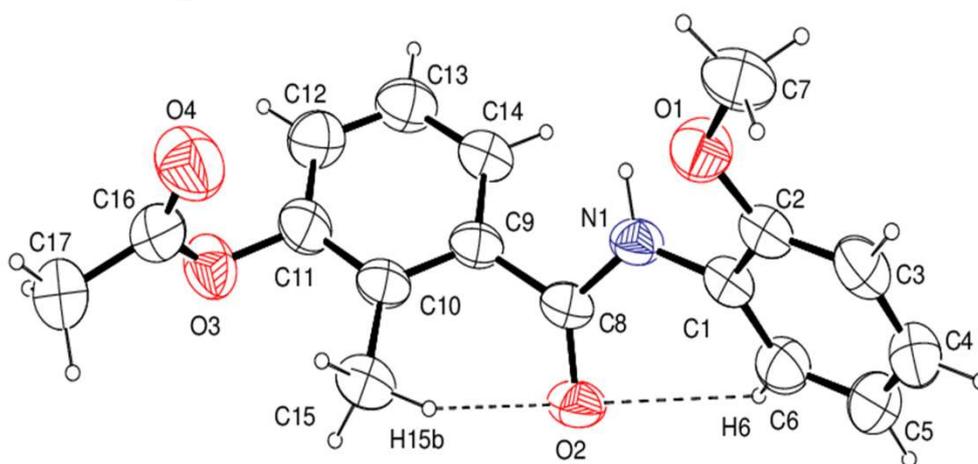
126 *2.5. Supplementary data*

127 CCDC 1472110 for **1** and CCDC 1472112 for **2** contain the supplementary crystallographic
 128 data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via
 129 www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures, by emailing data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk, or by contacting
 130 The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK;
 131 fax: +44 1223 336033.

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133 **3. Results and discussion**134 *3.1. Crystal structures*

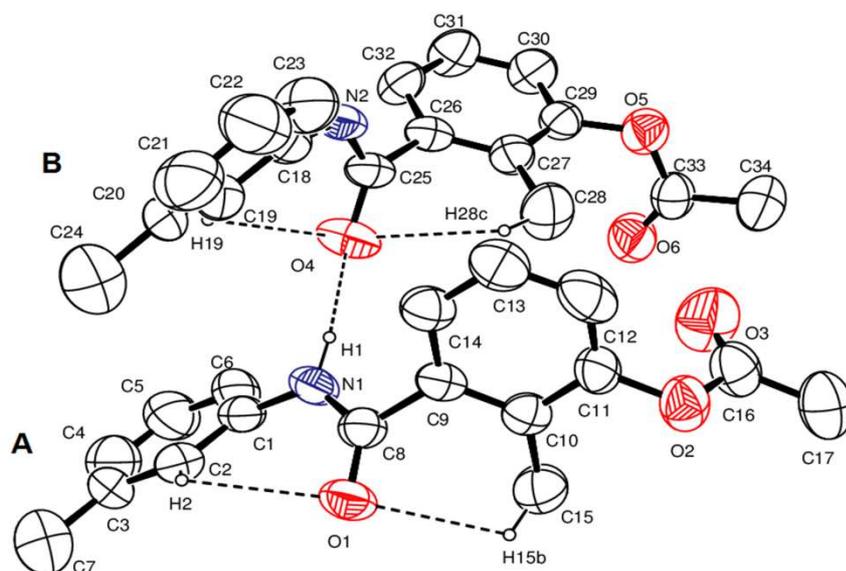
135 Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 show the ORTEP-3 [29] plots and atom numbering schemes for the title
 136 compounds **1** and **2**. Hydrogens are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radii and the other
 137 atoms are seen as displacement ellipsoids at 30% probability level.



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139 **Figure 1.** ORTEP-3 depiction of **1** with number scheme. The dashed bonds are the
 140 intramolecular hydrogen bonds.

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143 **Figure 2.** ORTEP-3 depiction of **2** with number scheme. The dashed bonds indicate the
 144 intramolecular hydrogen bonds and the hydrogen bonding in asymmetric unit. For clarity,
 145 hydrogen atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding were omitted.

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147 There are two crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit of **2**
 148 (named molecule **A** and molecule **B**). Molecular geometries of **1** and **2** are not planar and the
 149 dihedral angles between the planes P1, P2 and P3 are listed in Table 2. P1, P2 and P3 are the
 150 planar groups which form the molecular structure (see Figure s1 at supplementary materials).

Table 2. Dihedral angles between planes P1, P2 and P3 for **1** and **2** (°).

Molecule	P1-P2	P2-P3	P1-P3
1	53.84	37.01	89.30
2A	58.93	39.24	82.03
2B	73.02	36.82	70.32

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152 The molecular conformations are also affected by intermolecular and intramolecular
 153 hydrogen bonds, van der Waals interactions, C-H... π and π ... π interactions. Both the crystal
 154 packing of compound **1** and the crystal packing of compound **2** contain intermolecular

155 hydrogen bonds, C-H... π interactions and weak van der Waals interactions in their own three-
156 dimensional networks.

157 The crystal packing of **1** appears to be stabilized by two intramolecular C-H...O bonds,
158 intermolecular N-H...O and C-H...O hydrogen bonds and two C-H... π interactions. While
159 the intramolecular C6-H6...O2 [with D...A distance: 2.9095(8) Å] and C15-H15B...O2
160 [3.0345 (8) Å] bonds which can be seen from Fig. 1 form two pseudo six-membered rings of
161 N(6) graph-set motif, the intermolecular N1-H1...O2ⁱ [3.0014 (8) Å, symmetry code: (i) 1+x,
162 y, z] and C17-H17A...O4ⁱⁱ [3.5044 (8) Å, symmetry code: (ii) -1+x, y, z] bonds form
163 hydrogen-bonded $R_2^2(20)$ motifs according to Graph-Set Notation [30]. It shows the
164 formation of these motifs parallel to bc-plane of the unit cell. C7-H7C...Cg(1)ⁱ [3.5743 (10)
165 Å, symmetry code: (i) 1+x, y, z] and C14-H14...Cg(2)ⁱⁱ [3.6563 (10) Å, symmetry code: (ii) -
166 1+x, y, z] bonded chain structure of **1** along the a-axis of the unit cell (see Figures s2 and s3
167 at supplementary materials).

168 The crystal packing of **2** appears to be stabilized by four intramolecular C-H...O bonds, an
169 N-H...O hydrogen bond in asymmetric unit, an intermolecular N-H...O bond, two
170 intermolecular C-H...O bonds and two C-H... π interactions. The N1-H1...O4 [2.8633 (3) Å]
171 hydrogen bond which links two independent identical molecules in asymmetric unit,
172 intermolecular N2-H2A...O1ⁱⁱⁱ [2.8531 (3) Å, symmetry code: (iii) x, 1+y, z], C12-
173 H12...O6^{iv} [3.3874 (3) Å, symmetry code: (iv) -1+x, y, z] and C17-H17B...O3^v [3.4067 (3)
174 Å, symmetry code: (v) 1-x, -y, 1-z] bonds can be seen (see Figure s4 at supplementary
175 materials). Among these bonds, C17-H17B...O3^v forms a $R_2^2(8)$ motif. All these
176 intermolecular hydrogen bonds in compound **2** connect the molecules along all directions and
177 form a complex bonding motif. The C14-H14...Cg(3) [3.6539 (3) Å] (in asymmetric unit)
178 and C32-H32...Cg(1)ⁱⁱⁱ [3.6759 (3) Å] interactions generate a chain motif along b-axis of the

179 unit cell (see Figure s5 at supplementary materials). Very similar intermolecular interactions
 180 can be seen from the previous paper [31].

181 The contact distances, angles, and the other details of intramolecular and intermolecular
 182 hydrogen bonds are summarized in Table 3.

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Table 3. Hydrogen bonding geometry for **1** and **2** (Å, °).

D-H...A	D-H (Å)	H...A (Å)	D...A (Å)	D-H...A(°)
1				
C6-H6...O2	0.93	2.49	2.9095 (8)	108
C15-H15B...O2	0.96	2.41	3.0345 (8)	122
N1-H1...O2 ⁱ	0.86	2.18	3.0014 (8)	159
C17-H17A...O4 ⁱⁱ	0.96	2.58	3.5044 (8)	163
C7-H7...Cg(1) ⁱ	0.93	2.69	3.5743 (10)	154
C14-H14...Cg(2) ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.76	3.6563 (10)	156
2				
C2-H2...O1	0.93	2.59	2.9816 (3)	106
C15-H15B...O1	0.96	2.37	3.0383 (3)	126
C19-H19...O4	0.93	2.56	2.9665 (3)	107
C28-H28C...O4	0.96	2.59	3.2071 (3)	126
N1-H1...O4	0.86	2.05	2.8633 (3)	158
N2-H2A...O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86	2.06	2.8531 (3)	154
C12-H12...O6 ^{iv}	0.93	2.48	3.3874 (3)	167
C17-H17B...O3 ^v	0.96	2.54	3.4067 (3)	150
C14-H14...Cg(3)	0.93	2.79	3.6539 (3)	155
C31-H31...Cg(4) ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.94	3.6759 (3)	137

184 ⁱ[1+x, y, z], ⁱⁱ[-1+x, y, z], ⁱⁱⁱ[x, 1+y, z], ^{iv}[-1+x, y, z], ^v[1-x, -y, 1-z].

185 Cg(1): ring C1/C6 of **1**, Cg(2): ring C9/C14 of **1**, Cg(3): ring C18/C23 of **2**, Cg(4): ring C1/C6 of **2**.

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187 Some selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 4. The C-N and C=O bond
 188 lengths in the amide group of molecules fall within expected values and the good agreement
 189 can be seen between these bond lengths and angles with the counterparts in similar amide
 190 compounds [24, 25, 31-35].

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Table 4. Selected geometrical parameters for **1** and **2** (Å, °).

	1		2A		2B
C8=O2	1.2218 (17)	C8=O1	1.220 (5)	C25=O4	1.224 (5)
C8-N1	1.3435 (19)	C8-N1	1.339 (6)	C25-N2	1.337 (6)
N1-C1	1.4165 (18)	N1-C1	1.426 (6)	N2-C18	1.446 (7)
C8-C9	1.504 (2)	C8-C9	1.508 (6)	C25-C26	1.500 (7)
C2-O1	1.3633 (18)	C11-O2	1.406 (6)	C29-O5	1.407 (6)
O1-C7	1.4177 (19)	O2-C16	1.373 (7)	O5-C23	1.360 (6)
C11-O3	1.4027 (19)	C16=O3	1.179 (6)	C33=O6	1.188 (5)
C16-O3	1.354 (2)	-	-	-	-
C16=O4	1.196 (2)	-	-	-	-
C9-C8-N1	114.92 (12)	C9-C8-N1	114.8 (4)	C26-C25-N2	114.8 (4)
C9-C8-O2	121.68 (13)	C9-C8-O1	120.8 (5)	C26-C25-O4	121.9 (4)
O2-C8-N1	123.40 (14)	O1-C8-N1	124.5 (4)	O4-C25-N2	123.3 (5)
C8-N1-C1	123.23 (12)	C8-N1-C1	126.6 (4)	C25-N2-C18	127.6 (4)

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194 It is well known that the aromaticity is a sign of more delocalized electron clouds, and the
195 delocalization of electrons gives more stability to the molecules. Beside the delocalization,
196 *trans* configuration of main groups of molecules is another factor which gives additional
197 stability to the molecule. In *trans* configuration steric interactions between the hydrogen
198 atoms are less effective than that of *cis* configuration. Molecules have two six-membered
199 rings which are in *trans* configuration with respect to amide C-N bonds. The harmonic
200 oscillator model of aromaticity (HOMA) index gives information about the aromaticity of
201 compounds and is based upon average squared deviation of bond lengths. HOMA index has
202 been calculated for both rings of **1** and **2** by using following equation [36, 37] because we
203 observed that the bond lengths in one of the rings in molecule **2B** are very different from each
204 other.

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$$206 \quad \text{HOMA} = 1 - \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (R_i - R_{opt})^2 \right] \quad (1)$$

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208 Where n is the number of bonds in the molecular fragments of interest (in our case n is
209 equal to 6 for the six-membered rings), α_i normalization constant is equal to 257.7, R_i is
210 individual bond length and R_{opt} is equal to 1.388 Å for C-C bonds in an aromatic ring. For the
211 purely aromatic systems the HOMA index is equal to 1 and for the non-aromatic ones equal to
212 0. The calculated indices are found as 0.974 for C1/C6 ring (ring containing atoms C1 to C6,
213 hereafter abbreviated C1/C6 ring) and 0.976 for C9/C14 ring (ring containing atoms C9 to
214 C14) of **1**, 0.727 for C1/C6 ring, 0.961 for C9/C14 ring of **2A** and 0.322 for C18/C23 ring
215 (ring containing atoms C18 to C23), 0.937 for C26/C32 ring (ring containing atoms C26 to
216 C32) of **2B**. There is one slight and one considerable deviation from the aromaticity for the six
217 membered rings in compound **2**. The slight deviation belongs to C1/C6 ring of **2A** but the ring
218 can still be defined as aromatic. On the other hand, C18/C23 ring of **2B** appears to show a
219 somewhat reduced degree of aromaticity in the solid state. The C-H... π interaction including
220 the C18/C23 ring and the hyperconjugative resonance effect with the methyl group must be
221 responsible for the deviations.

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223 *3.2. Electronic structures*

224 For all the DFT calculations, B3LYP hybrid exchange-correlation functional [38,39] has been
225 employed with 6-311+G(d,p) basis set [40] as implemented in Gaussian03 package [41].

226 The electron delocalization gives amides a polar character, and because of this polar
227 character, amides form relatively strong hydrogen bonds involving both their C=O group and
228 N-H proton [42]. In this part of the study, we examine the electronic delocalization and
229 electrostatic potential surfaces on the basis of natural bond orbital (NBO) analyses and
230 molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) plots of compounds **1** and **2** with the help of density
231 functional theory (DFT) to investigate the above-mentioned hydrogen bondings.

232 The electron delocalization can be rationalized well by the NBO analysis which gives the
 233 stabilization energy and the redistribution of electron density in bonding and antibonding
 234 orbitals. The NBO calculations were performed using NBO 3.1 program [43] as implemented
 235 in the Gaussian 03W package on the optimized geometries of compounds **1** and **2**. In this
 236 method, the stabilization energy $E(2)$ associated with the delocalization $i \rightarrow j$ for each donor (i)
 237 and acceptor (j) is defined with the following equation:

$$238 \quad E(2) = q_i \frac{(F_{ij})^2}{(E_j - E_i)} \quad (2)$$

239 where q_i is the donor orbital occupancy, E_i and E_j are the diagonal and F_{ij} is the off-diagonal
 240 elements of the Fock matrix (orbital energies) [44, 45]. The larger $E(2)$ values indicate the
 241 stronger interactions between electron-donors and acceptors and larger extent of conjugation
 242 of the whole system. Table 5 summarizes the possible intensive interactions (which the
 243 stabilization energies are larger than 15 kcal/mol) for compound **1** and **2**.

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Table 5. Electron delocalization and second order interaction energies for **1** and **2**.

Donor (i)	Acceptor (j)	$E(2)$ (kcal/mol)	$E_j - E_i$ (a.u.)	F_{ij} (a.u.)
1				
$\pi(C1-C6)$	$\pi^*(C2-C3)$	20.65	0.28	0.068
$\pi(C1-C6)$	$\pi^*(C4-C5)$	19.07	0.29	0.067
$\pi(C2-C3)$	$\pi^*(C1-C6)$	16.54	0.30	0.064
$\pi(C2-C3)$	$\pi^*(C4-C5)$	18.93	0.30	0.068
$\pi(C4-C5)$	$\pi^*(C1-C6)$	20.07	0.28	0.068
$\pi(C4-C5)$	$\pi^*(C2-C3)$	18.83	0.27	0.065
$\pi(C9-C14)$	$\pi^*(C10-C11)$	20.38	0.29	0.069
$\pi(C9-C14)$	$\pi^*(C12-C13)$	18.65	0.30	0.067
$\pi(C10-C11)$	$\pi^*(C9-C14)$	19.80	0.29	0.067
$\pi(C10-C11)$	$\pi^*(C12-C13)$	20.47	0.30	0.071
$\pi(C12-C13)$	$\pi^*(C9-C14)$	20.62	0.29	0.069
$\pi(C12-C13)$	$\pi^*(C10-C11)$	20.69	0.29	0.069

n1(N1)	$\pi^*(\text{C1-C6})$	34.04	0.30	0.090
n1(N1)	$\pi^*(\text{C8-O2})$	50.02	0.30	0.112
n2(O1)	$\pi^*(\text{C2-C3})$	26.79	0.35	0.093
n2(O2)	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-C9})$	18.54	0.66	0.100
n2(O2)	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-N1})$	25.08	0.70	0.120
n2(O4)	$\sigma^*(\text{C16-C17})$	17.62	0.64	0.098
n2(O4)	$\sigma^*(\text{C16-O3})$	36.04	0.61	0.134
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$\pi(\text{C1-C2})$	$\pi^*(\text{C3-C4})$	22.14	0.29	0.072
$\pi(\text{C1-C2})$	$\pi^*(\text{C5-C6})$	18.05	0.28	0.064
$\pi(\text{C3-C4})$	$\pi^*(\text{C1-C2})$	18.49	0.28	0.064
$\pi(\text{C3-C4})$	$\pi^*(\text{C5-C6})$	23.78	0.27	0.072
$\pi(\text{C5-C6})$	$\pi^*(\text{C1-C2})$	20.77	0.29	0.070
$\pi(\text{C5-C6})$	$\pi^*(\text{C3-C4})$	16.27	0.30	0.063
$\pi(\text{C9-C10})$	$\pi^*(\text{C11-C12})$	21.03	0.29	0.068
$\pi(\text{C9-C10})$	$\pi^*(\text{C13-C14})$	21.63	0.30	0.070
$\pi(\text{C11-C12})$	$\pi^*(\text{C9-C10})$	20.92	0.30	0.071
$\pi(\text{C11-C12})$	$\pi^*(\text{C13-C14})$	19.80	0.29	0.068
$\pi(\text{C13-C14})$	$\pi^*(\text{C9-C10})$	19.50	0.29	0.068
$\pi(\text{C13-C14})$	$\pi^*(\text{C11-C12})$	20.28	0.28	0.068
n1(N1)	$\pi^*(\text{C1-C2})$	33.16	0.30	0.090
n1(N1)	$\pi^*(\text{C8-O1})$	48.24	0.31	0.111
n2(O1)	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-C9})$	18.56	0.66	0.100
n2(O1)	$\sigma^*(\text{C8-N1})$	25.39	0.70	0.121
n2(O3)	$\sigma^*(\text{C16-C17})$	17.60	0.64	0.098
n2(O3)	$\sigma^*(\text{C16-O2})$	35.07	0.61	0.132

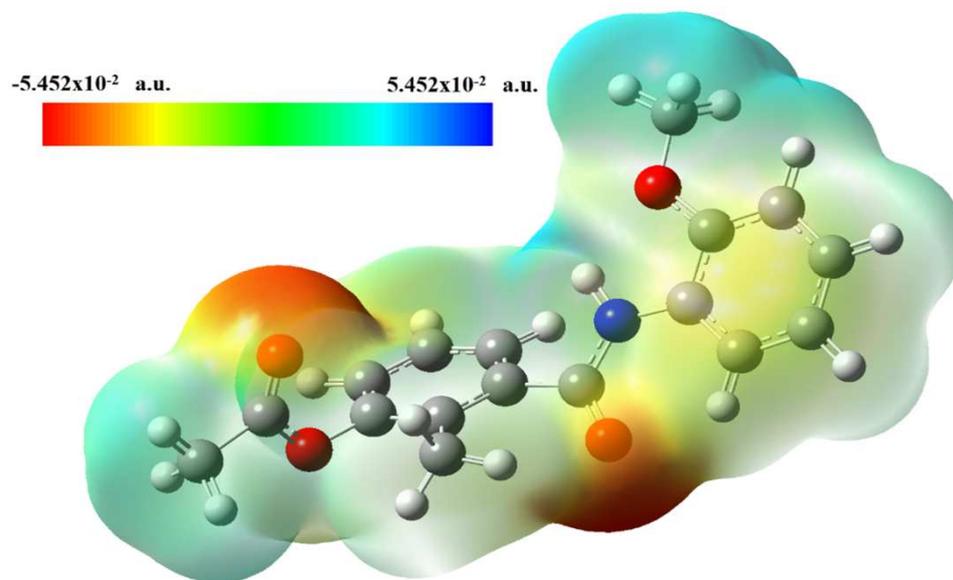
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246 In Table 5, first twelve lines for both **1** and **2** are about the electron delocalization in the
 247 phenyl rings of compounds. These are expected donor – acceptor interactions because of the
 248 aromaticity of phenyl rings which they give additional stability to the compounds. The
 249 stabilization energy values for these expected $\pi(\text{C-C}) \rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C-C})$ intramolecular charge
 250 transfers are in the range of 16 kcal/mol - 20 kcal/mol. The strongest interaction for **1** is the
 251 electron donation that forms the donor lone pair n1(N1) orbital to the $\pi^*(\text{C8-O2})$ anti-bonding

252 orbital with the 50.02 kcal/mol stabilization energy which contributes to a resonance
253 interaction in the amide group of molecules. The other significant contributions in second
254 order perturbation approach table for **1** is $n2(O4) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C16-O3)$, $n1(N1) \rightarrow \pi^*(C1-C6)$ and
255 $n2(O2) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C8-N1)$ with the stabilization energies of 36.04, 34.04 and 25.08 kcal/mol,
256 respectively. The similar donor – acceptor interactions occurred in compound **2** according to
257 the second order perturbation theory analysis of **2**. Beside the $\pi(C-C) \rightarrow \pi^*(C-C)$ interactions,
258 there are four more noteworthy donations attract the attention in Table 5. The strongest one is
259 the electron donation that forms the donor lone pair $n1(N1)$ orbital to the anti-bonding $\pi^*(C8-$
260 $O1)$ orbital in the amide group with the 48.24 kcal/mol stabilization energy. The others are
261 $n2(O3) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C16-O2)$, $n1(N1) \rightarrow \pi^*(C1-C2)$ and $n2(O1) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C8-N1)$ with the
262 stabilization energies of 35.07, 33.16 and 25.39 kcal/mol, respectively. NBO analyses of **1**
263 and **2** reveal that the electron delocalizations in amide groups make these groups more polar,
264 the oxygen and NH proton becomes much better hydrogen bond acceptors and donors.

265 The charge density and chemical reactivity, so also the relative polarity of a molecule can
266 be understood well by looking at the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) map which
267 represents different values of electrostatic potential with different colours [46]. MEPs are
268 drawn onto the constant electron density surface. On these maps, while blue colour represents
269 the most positive regions which have the strongest attraction, red colour is for the most
270 electronegative regions which indicate the strongest repulsion. The MEPs of title compounds
271 are presented in Figures 3 and 4 for compound **1** and **2**, respectively. The colour scales on the
272 maps show the lower and upper limits of electrostatic potentials. The electrostatic potential is
273 in the range between -5.452×10^{-2} a.u. and 5.452×10^{-2} a.u. for compound **1** and in the range
274 between -6.527×10^{-2} a.u. and 6.527×10^{-2} a.u. for compound **2**. The figures clearly show that
275 the MEPs of two investigated compounds are very similar. In both maps, the most positive
276 regions are localized on the hydrogen atoms bonded to nitrogens of amide groups. On the

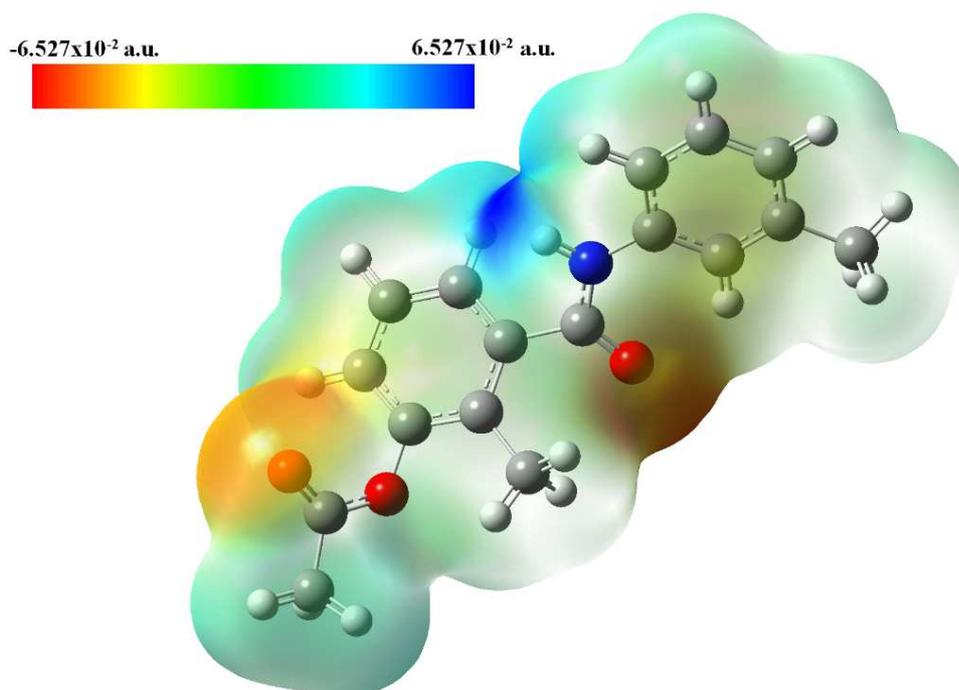
277 other hand, the most negative regions are on the C=O oxygens. These results are in agreement
278 with the well-known fact that the negative regions of MEPs are associated with the lone
279 electron pairs of the electronegative atoms in general. The obtained results are also in
280 accordance with NBO data.



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Figure 3. MEP of title compound 1.



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Figure 4. MEP of title compound 2.

285 We have also calculated the NLO (non-linear optical) properties like linear polarizability
 286 (α) and the first-order hyperpolarizability (β) values of the title compounds with the help of
 287 DFT because of their good transfer of charges which can be seen from the NBO analyses
 288 results. The NLO properties of a compound have an important role for design of new
 289 materials in optical technology, for example signal processing and optical interconnection
 290 devices. Because of their π -electron cloud movement, especially organic molecules have
 291 larger NLO susceptibilities [47]. In order to obtain the α and β values of the compounds, the
 292 components of linear polarizability and the first-order hyperpolarizability have been
 293 calculated using polar=ENONLY input to Gaussian03 at the level of B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) in
 294 the gas phase and the components have been used in the following equations: [48]

$$295 \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{3} [\alpha_{xx} + \alpha_{yy} + \alpha_{zz}] \quad (3)$$

$$296 \quad \beta = \left[\begin{array}{l} (\beta_{xxx} + \beta_{xyy} + \beta_{xzz})^2 + \\ (\beta_{yyy} + \beta_{xxy} + \beta_{yzz})^2 + \\ (\beta_{zzz} + \beta_{xxz} + \beta_{yyz})^2 \end{array} \right]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

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298 The calculated α and β values are 230.762 \AA^3 and $3.716 \times 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^5/\text{esu}$ for compound **1**,
 299 224.567 \AA^3 and $3.513 \times 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^5/\text{esu}$ for compound **2**. In order to understand whether the
 300 compound is a good candidate for non-linear optical studies or not, we compared the linear
 301 polarizability and the first-order hyperpolarizability values with those of urea as a common
 302 way in literature. For urea with the same functional and basis set by DFT method, calculated α
 303 and β values were found as 3.831 \AA^3 and $0.373 \times 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^5/\text{esu}$ [49]. In our ongoing work,
 304 while β of compound **1** is 9.96 times greater than that of urea, β of compound **2** is 9.41 times
 305 greater than that of urea. These values are relatively high when compared to the literature [50,
 306 51] and point out that both compound **1** and **2** can be good candidates for non-linear optical
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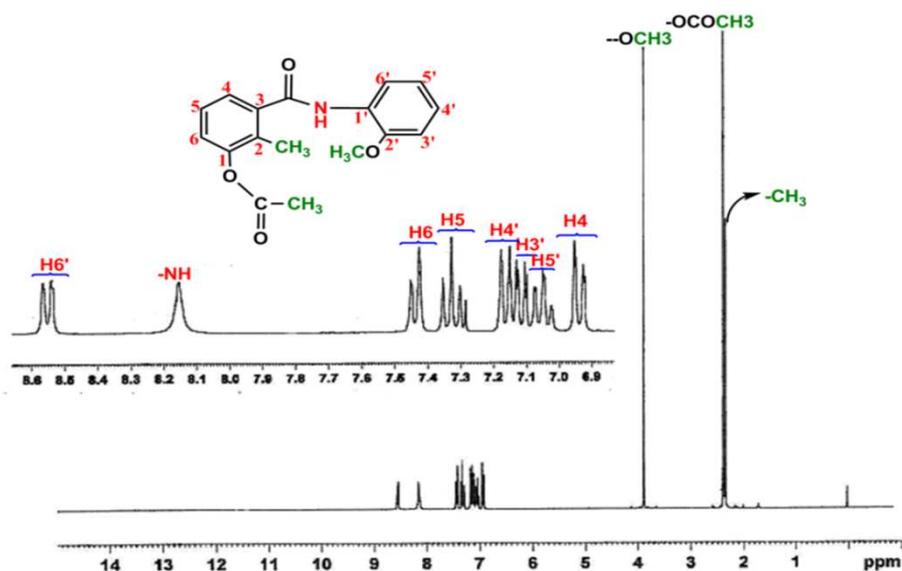
308 3.3. Vibrational frequencies

309 In the IR spectra, characteristic amide bands were observed for the compounds (see Figure s6
310 at supplementary materials). The N–H stretching vibration was observed as characteristic
311 absorption at 3323 cm^{-1} for compound **1**. In compound **2**, the same band appeared at 3234
312 cm^{-1} . In compounds **1** and **2**, the C=O (amide I) stretching vibrations were observed as second
313 characteristic absorption band at 1660 cm^{-1} and 1651 cm^{-1} , respectively. For compounds **1** and
314 **2**, the C=O stretching vibration of ester carbonyl groups were observed very strong
315 vibrational bands at 1750 cm^{-1} and 1761 cm^{-1} , respectively. The strong C=O stretching
316 vibration of ester carbonyl group was observed at higher wavenumber than the normal
317 stretching vibration of aliphatic ester ($\sim 1740 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) due to resonance of the phenyl group with
318 oxygen. Another group wavenumber was the C–N stretching vibration with the N–H bending
319 vibration (amide II) resulting from Fermi resonance effect. In compounds **1** and **2**, this mode
320 was observed at 1458 cm^{-1} and 1455 cm^{-1} in the infrared spectra, respectively. These data are
321 in agreement with those both previously reported for similar compounds [25, 52].

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323 3.4. NMR spectra

324 The ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1** was recorded in CDCl_3 [Fig. 5]. While the three
325 methyl protons attached to ester carbonyl was resonated at 2.38 ppm (s, 3H, $-\text{OCOCH}_3$) as a
326 singlet, three protons due to methyl group at 2-position on the phenyl ring were observed at
327 2.35 ppm (s, 3H, ArCH_3) as a singlet. The signal was observed at 3.89 ppm (s, 3H, ArOCH_3)
328 due to the methoxy group at 2'-position of the phenyl ring. The signal of NH proton appeared
329 as a singlet at 8.15 ppm (s, 1H, NH-C=O) which was very characteristic for this type of amide
330 protons. For compound **1**, the aromatic protons of the phenyl rings appeared in the region of
331 $\delta = 6.92\text{--}7.42$ ppm [Fig. 5].

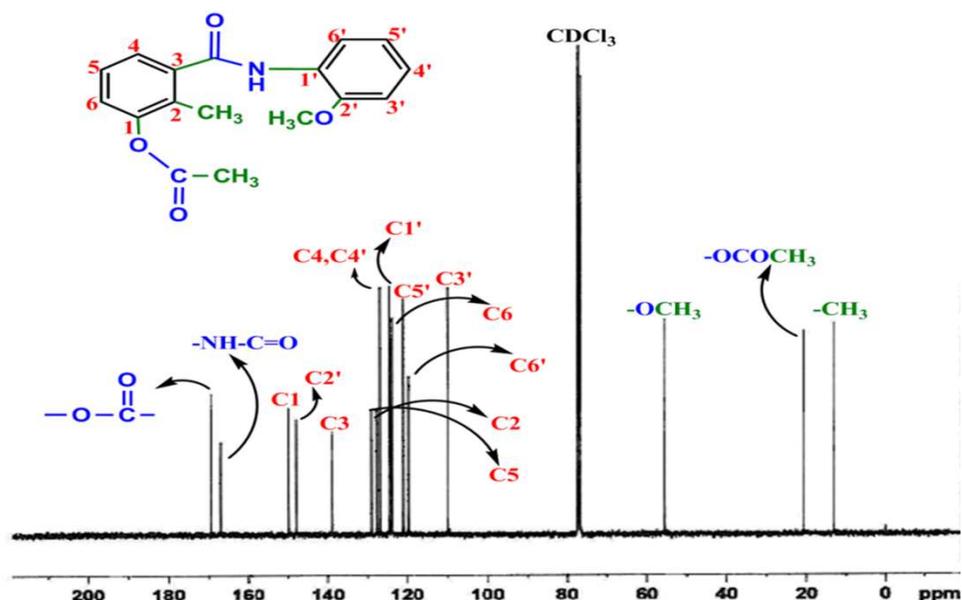


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Figure 5. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1**.

334 This compound was further characterized by ^{13}C NMR [Fig. 6]. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of
 335 compound **1** showed 17 distinct resonances in agreement with the proposed structure. The
 336 carbon atom of the ester carbonyl group appeared at 169.4 ppm, whereas the amide carbonyl
 337 functional group was observed at 167.0 ppm. The aromatic C1 and C2' carbons were the most
 338 downfield in comparison with the other carbons of the aromatic rings and so these carbons
 339 gave the signal at 149.9 ppm and 148.1 ppm respectively. This downfield shift was due to the
 340 presence of acetoxy group at the 1-position in the aromatic ring and the methoxy group at 2'-
 341 position of the other phenyl ring. The other carbons of the aromatic rings (C2, C3, C4, C5,
 342 C6, C1', C3', C4', C5' and C6') were at 127.6 ppm, 138.9 ppm, 126.9 ppm, 128.9 ppm, 124.2
 343 ppm, 124.7 ppm, 119.8 ppm, 126.9 ppm, 124.0 ppm and 121.1 ppm, respectively. The methyl
 344 carbon attached to ester carbonyl group ($-\text{OCOCH}_3$) gave a signal at 20.8 ppm, while the
 345 signal at 13.0 ppm belonged to methyl group carbon ($-\text{CH}_3$) located at 2-position on the
 346 phenyl ring. The methyl carbon attached to methoxy group ($-\text{OCH}_3$) at 2'-position of the
 347 phenyl ring gave a signal at 55.6 ppm. These values are in agreement with the values of
 348 previously reported for similar compounds [25].



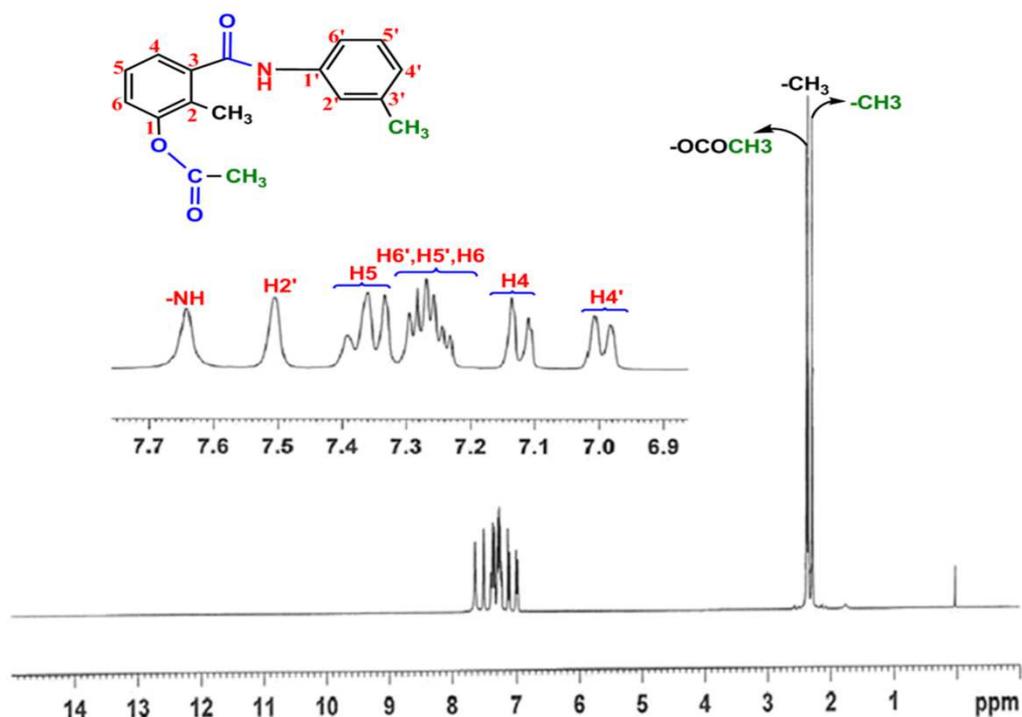
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Figure 6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 1.

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352 The ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 2 was recorded in CDCl_3 [Fig. 7]. The methyl group
 353 protons at the 3'- and 2-positions of phenyl rings were observed as two different singlets at
 354 2.30 and 2.34 ppm for compound 2. The methyl proton of ester carbonyl group was observed
 355 at 2.38 ppm. The proton of the amide group (NH-C=O) also appeared as a singlet at 7.64
 356 ppm. Aromatic protons of phenyl ring appeared in the region of 7.10-7.50 ppm. The H2'
 357 proton showed a singlet at 7.50 ppm. The H4' proton coupled to H5' proton and gave doublet
 358 peak at 6.99 ppm.



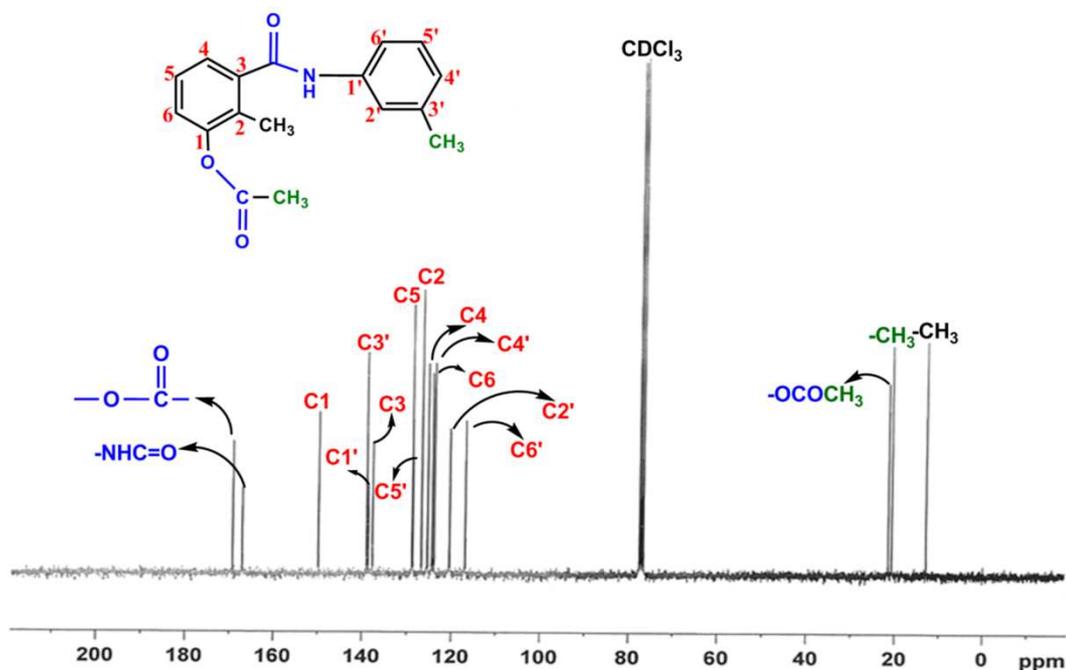
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Figure 7. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2**.

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362 The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2** was recorded in CDCl_3 [Fig. 8]. The chemical
 363 structure was confirmed by the presence of 17 peaks, as expected. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of
 364 compound **2** displayed a peak at 21.5 ppm, which was consistent with methyl group carbon at
 365 3'-position on the phenyl ring. The other two methyl carbons were attached to ester carbonyl
 366 group ($-\text{OCOCH}_3$) and were located at 2-positions of phenyl ring resonate at 20.8 ppm and
 367 13.0 ppm, respectively. The carbon of ester carbonyl group appeared at 169.3 ppm, whereas
 368 the amide carbonyl functional group was observed at 167.2 ppm. The aromatic C1 carbon
 369 bearing the acetoxy group ($-\text{OCOCH}_3$) and the aromatic C3' carbon of phenyl ring was the
 370 most deshielded carbons, and so these carbons gave the signals which were the furthest
 371 downfield at 149.90 ppm and 139.09 ppm respectively. The rest of aromatic carbon signals
 372 were observed between 138.7-117.0 ppm. These results are consistent with the literature
 373 values [25].



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Figure 8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2.

376 4. Conclusions

377 In the present work, we have described the syntheses and characterizations of two secondary
 378 amide compounds 3-acetoxy-2-methyl-*N*-(2-methoxyphenyl) benzamide and 3-acetoxy-2-
 379 methyl-*N*-(3-methylphenyl) benzamide by using the X-ray diffraction, IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C
 380 NMR techniques experimentally and by using DFT theoretically. The results of X-ray studies
 381 showed that the six-membered rings are in *trans* configuration with respect to C-N bond of
 382 amide bridge in both molecules. The intramolecular and intermolecular hydrogen bonds and
 383 C-H... π interactions stabilized the crystal structures of compounds 1 and 2. According to the
 384 FT-IR and NMR results, characteristic absorption bands and NMR signals are in the expected
 385 ranges for the amide structures. MEP and NBO studies carried out by DFT method are
 386 qualified to explain the hydrogen bondings in compounds. Calculated linear polarizability and
 387 first-order hyperpolarizability values of compounds indicated that they can be considered as
 388 potential non-linear optical materials. We hope that the results of this study will be helpful for
 389 the further studies.

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563 **Figure Captions**

564 **Scheme 1.** Synthesis of compounds **1** and **2**.

565 **Figure 1.** ORTEP-3 depiction of **1** with number scheme. The dashed bonds are the
566 intramolecular hydrogen bonds.

567 **Figure 2.** ORTEP-3 depiction of **2** with number scheme. The dashed bonds indicate the
568 intramolecular hydrogen bonds and the hydrogen bonding in asymmetric unit. For clarity,
569 hydrogen atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding were omitted

570 **Figure 3.** MEP of title compound **1**.

571 **Figure 4.** MEP of title compound **2**.

572 **Figure 5.** ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1**.

573 **Figure 6.** ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1**.

574 **Figure 7.** ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2**.

575 **Figure 8.** ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **2**.

Highlights

- Syntheses of two new secondary amide compounds.
- The compounds were characterized by X-ray crystal diffraction and spectroscopic techniques.
- Quantum chemical calculations were used for the investigations on electronic structure.
- The intramolecular and intermolecular hydrogen bonds and C-H... π interactions.
- MEP and NBO studies which carried out by DFT method.

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