### Supporting Information for

# Photooxygenation of an Amino-Thienopyridone Yields a More Potent PTP4A3 Inhibitor

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General. All air-sensitive reactions were performed under an N<sub>2</sub> or Ar atmosphere in flame-dried or oven-dried glassware. Reactions carried out at temperatures above room temperature (rt) employed an oil bath, Lab Armor Beads<sup>TM</sup> (SKU # 42370), or a Biotage Initiator 2.0 microwave, where indicated. EtOH was stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and CHCl<sub>3</sub> were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Et<sub>3</sub>N was stored over KOH. 1,4-Dioxane and H<sub>2</sub>O were deoxygenated by sparging with Ar for 20 min immediately before use, where indicated. All commercial reagents were used as received. Concentrating under reduced pressure refers to removing solvents by the use of a rotary evaporator connected to a PIAB Lab Vac H40.

Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography analysis (EMD, pre-coated silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates, 250  $\mu$ m layer thickness) and visualization was accomplished with a 254 or 365 nm UV light and by staining with a phosphomolybdic acid solution (5.00 g of phosphomolybdic acid in 100 mL of 95% EtOH), *p*-anisaldehyde solution (2.50 mL of *p*-anisaldehyde, 2 mL of AcOH, and 3.5 mL of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in 100 mL of 95% EtOH), KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution (1.50 g of KMnO<sub>4</sub>, 10 g of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and 1.25 mL of 10% NaOH in 200 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O), or Vaughn's reagent (4.80 g of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>•4 H<sub>2</sub>O and 0.20 g of Ce(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in 100 mL of a 3.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) when needed. Column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (Silicycle, Silia-P Flash, or SiliaFlash® P60; 40-63  $\mu$ m) was used to purify the crude reaction mixtures where indicated. All products were placed under high vacuum (0.5-4 mmHg) to remove trace solvents. Purities of products for bio-analysis were determined using an Agilent Technologies 385-ELSD. ELSD conditions: evaporator and nebulizer set at 45 °C; gas flow set at 1.80 standard liter / min; X Bridge BEH C18 2.5  $\mu$ M; 2.1 x 50 mm column XP.

Melting points were determined using a Laboratory Devices Mel-Temp II in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were obtained from neat solids or oils on a Smiths Detection IdentifyIR FT-IR or PerkinElmer® Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometers. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass UK Limited, Q-TOF Ultima API or a Thermo Scientific Exactive Orbitrap LC-MS.  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance at 300 MHz, 400 MHz, or 500 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, and THF-d8. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in parts per million with the residual solvent peak used as an internal standard  $\delta$   $^{1}$ H /  $^{13}$ C (solvent): 7.26 / 77.16 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); 2.50 / 39.52 ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO); 1.72 and 3.58 / 67.21 and 25.31 (THF-d8).  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra were obtained and are tabulated as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m =

multiplet, bs = broad singlet), number of protons, and coupling constant(s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a proton-decoupled pulse sequence run at 75 MHz, 100 MHz, or 125 MHz and are tabulated by chemical shifts.

Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) semi-prep purification used a Mettler Toledo AG - Berger SFC<sup>TM</sup> MiniGram instrument. Sample preparation involved dissolving the analyte (10 mg/mL) in HPLC-grade MeOH and filtering with a 13 mm Millex® Syringe Filter (0.45 μm pore size). Separation was accomplished with a SiO<sub>2</sub> column (250 x 10 mm) at 100 bar pressure with a detection wavelength of 220 nm, an oven temp. of 35 °C, an evaporator temp. of 27 °C, a trimmer temp. of 27 °C and using MeOH as a modifier under isocratic conditions.

The cDNA for the full length *Ptp4a3* was obtained from OriGene (SC308739). The cDNA was amplified and cloned into a pET-15b vector to attach the N-terminal His-tag required for purification. The pET-15b construct containing *Ptp4a3* sequence was confirmed by sequencing and transformed into *E. coli* BL21 (DE3).

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#### 7-Amino-2-phenylthieno[3,2-c]pyridin-4(5H)-one (1).

#### Route 1:

A solution of **8** (0.280 g, 0.915 mmol) and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (7 mL) was heated to 80 °C, treated with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL), and heated at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to rt, stirred for 5 h, neutralized with 5 N NaOH, washed with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated to give a yellow solid that was purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (0-100% EtOAc/hexanes) to obtain crude 7-nitro-2-phenylthieno[3,2-c]pyridin-4(5H)-one (0.142 g, ca. 44%) as a yellow solid. The crude solid (0.0272 g) was dissolved in EtOH (50 mL) and was reduced and debrominated using a 10% Pd/C cartridge in an H-cube instrument (pressure: 1 atm, temp. 50 °C, flow rate 1 mL/min) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product as a white powder which turned red upon standing at room temperature. The crude product was purified by SFC (MeOH, isocratic at 35% and 10 mL/min; retention time: 4.66 min) to obtain 1 (0.00370 g, 0.0153 mmol, 9% over 2 steps) as a pink solid.

#### Route 2:

A solution of HNO<sub>3</sub> (0.100 g, 1.10 mmol, 69% grade) in glacial AcOH (1 mL) was added to a solution of **12** (0.075 g, 0.33 mmol) in AcOH (2 mL). The yellow reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15.5 h and turned dark orange. It was diluted with water (15 mL) and the yellow precipitate was filtered and washed with water (3 x 5 mL) to yield a yellow solid. A solution of the solid in

EtOAc was washed with water (15 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 15 mL), and brine (15 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield a yellow residue (ca. 0.070 g) that was treated with 10% Pd/C (0.047 g, 0.044 mmol, 17 mol%) in EtOH (10 mL). The reaction flask was flushed with N<sub>2</sub> (3x) and then H<sub>2</sub> was bubbled through the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm, balloon) for 5 h, filtered through basic Celite (EtOH), and concentrated to a dark residue that was purified by semi-prep SFC (MeOH, isocratic at 27% and 7.5 mL/min; collection/retention time: 7.25-10.25 min) to yield 1 (15.3 mg, 19% over 2 steps) as a yellow-brown solid:  $^{1}$ H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  10.85 (bs, 1 H), 7.83 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.46 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 4.46 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  156.5, 142.9, 141.0, 133.2, 131.1, 129.3, 128.2, 125.6, 124.3, 120.7, 112.21; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 243.0587, found 243.0586.

**5-Phenylthiophene-2-carbaldehyde (4)**. A mixture of phenyl boronic acid (0.770 g, 6.32 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.21 g, 11.4 mmol), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.300 g, 0.286 mmol) in a microwave vial was evacuated and refilled with Ar (3x), dissolved in deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1, 17 mL), and treated with 5-bromothiophene-2-carboxaldehyde (3) (1.12 g, 5.69 mmol). The vial was sealed and heated in a microwave reactor at 90 °C for 2 h. The biphasic mixture was diluted with water (15 mL), and the precipitate was filtered and washed with water (100 mL). The residue was purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (0-25% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield 4 (1.01 g, 95%) as a light pink solid: Mp 94.6-95.1 °C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; lit. 92-94 °C); IR (ATR) 3092, 1637, 1439, 1228, 1062 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 9.89 (s, 1 H), 7.74 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 7.68-

7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 4 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  182.9, 154.4, 142.6, 137.5, 133.2, 129.6, 129.3, 126.5, 124.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OS (M+H) 189.0369, found 189.0368.

**4-Bromo-5-phenylthiophene-2-carbaldehyde (5)**. <sup>2</sup> Bromine (0.09 mL, 2 mmol) was added to a solution of **4** (0.300 g, 1.59 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub>/AcOH (1:1, 4 mL). The reaction mixture was shielded from light, stirred for 20 h, and diluted with EtOAc (15 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 15 mL), aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2 x 15 mL), and brine (15 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield **5** (0.418 g, 98%) as yellow oil, which solidified upon standing to a light pink solid: Mp 81.7-82.5 °C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) (lit. 83 °C); IR (ATR) 3051, 1677, 1663, 1430, 1217, 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 9.85 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (s, 1 H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2 H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 181.9, 148.2, 141.5, 140.0, 131.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 108.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrOS (M+H) 266.9474, found 266.9473.

(*E*)-3-(4-Bromo-5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)acrylic acid (6). Malonic acid (0.094 g, 0.90 mmol) was added to a solution of 5 (0.200 g, 0.749 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL) and piperidine (0.25 mL).

The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 5.5 h, allowed to cool to rt, poured over ice and dropwise treated with 12 N HCl (15 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with 1 N HCl (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to give **6** (0.203 g, 88%) as a yellow solid: Mp 169.1-171.9 °C (EtOAc); IR (ATR) 3300-2200 (br), 1676, 1614, 1413, 1273, 1195 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  12.6 (bs, 1 H), 7.70 (d, 1 H, J = 16.0 Hz), 7.66-7.64 (m, 3 H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 3 H), 6.28 (d, 1 H, J = 16.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.8, 139.6, 138.2, 135.1, 134.7, 131.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 119.1, 107.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 308.9579, found 308.9578.

(*E*)-3-(4-Bromo-5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)acryloyl azide (7). A stirred suspension of 6 (0.650 g, 2.10 mmol) and DMF (0.1 mL) in toluene (10 mL) was treated dropwise with thionyl chloride (0.183 mL, 2.52 mmol) at room temperature, heated to reflux for 2.5 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude acid chloride (0.660 g) as a brown oil that was used without further purification. A stirred suspension of NaN<sub>3</sub> (0.261 g, 4.03 mmol) in a mixture of toluene (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) was treated dropwise with a solution of the crude oil (0.660 g) in toluene (2.5 mL) at 0 °C. The suspension was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature. The toluene layer was then isolated and concentrated in vacuo, dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (0-10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 7 (0.310 g, 44% over 2

steps) as a yellow solid: IR (ATR) 2135, 1677, 1610, 1431, 1129 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (THF-d8, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, 1 H, J = 15.5 Hz), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (s, 1 H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 3 H), 6.34 (d, 1 H, J = 15.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (THF-d8, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  171.3, 142.7, 138.7, 137.9, 136.9, 132.9, 129.8, 129.4 (2 C), 119.3, 109.2; EIMS m/z 335 (50), 333 (35), 307 (95), 293 (55), 198 (95), 171 (100); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>OS 332.9571, found 332.9571.

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**3-Bromo-2-phenylthieno**[3,2-c]pyridin-4(5H)-one (8). A solution of azide 7 (0.101 g, 0.302 mmol) in diphenyl ether (2.5 mL) was heated in a microwave vial to 250 °C for 30 min. The dark brown reaction mixture was purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (20-70% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **8** (0.0481 g, 0.157 mmol, 52%) as a buff colored solid: Mp 239-240 °C; IR (ATR) 3313, 1684, 1638, 1602, 1591, 1494, 1440, 1192 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  11.96 (bs, 1 H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.33 (d, 1 H, J = 6.6 Hz), 6.74 (d, 1 H, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5, 148.9, 137.0, 132.5, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 105.7, 102.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrNOS (M+H) 305.9588, found 305.9583.

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**6,7-Dihydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridin-4(5H)-one (10)**. Thiophene-2-ethylamine (9) (1.0 mL, 8.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a three neck flask (one gas inlet, two rubber septa) containing a

solution of triphosgene (1.25 g, 4.21 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (12 mL) at 0 °C under Ar, followed by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (12 mL) over 5 min. The resulting biphasic mixture was stirred at 0 °C under Ar for 5 h. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), passed through a short SiO<sub>2</sub> column ( $CH_2Cl_2$ ), and concentrated to yield crude 2-(2-isocyanatoethyl)thiophene as an oil: IR (ATR) 2263 (NCO) cm<sup>-1</sup>. A solution of this oil in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25 mL) was added to a mixture of anhydrous FeCl<sub>3</sub> (1.36 g, 8.37 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The flask was equipped with a condenser and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 40 min, poured into sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (25 mL), extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 25 mL), and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solution was passed through a short basic  $Al_2O_3$  column (10% MeOH/ $CH_2Cl_2$ ) and concentrated to yield 10 (0.976 g, >90% pure based on NMR analysis, 71% over two steps) as a viscous dark oil with minor solvent impurities: <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, 1 H, J = 5.2 Hz), 7.10 (d, 1 H, J = 5.2 Hz), 6.46 (bs, 1 H), 3.64 (dt, 2 H, J = 6.8, 2.8 Hz), 3.05 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  164.2, 146.3, 132.2, 126.0, 123.2, 41.3, 24.5.

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**2-Bromo-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridin-4(5***H***)-one (11).<sup>4</sup> After addition of Br<sub>2</sub> (0.11 mL, 2.1 mmol) to a solution of <b>10** (0.300 g, 1.96 mmol) in AcOH (6 mL), the red reaction mixture was shielded from light and stirred at rt for 12 h, neutralized (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) and diluted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), and brine (30 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield **11** (0.340 g, 75%) as a brown solid: Mp >100 °C (dec., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (ATR) 3195, 3059, 2930, 1664, 1478, 1430, 1286 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.36 (s, 1 H), 6.24 (bs, 1 H), 3.63 (dt, 2 H, J = 6.8, 2.8 Hz), 2.97 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  162.6, 147.4, 132.9, 128.5, 110.4, 41.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrNOS (M+H) 231.9426, found 231.9425.

**2-Phenylthieno**[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4(5*H*)-one (12).<sup>5</sup> A mixture of bromide 11 (0.200 g, 0.862 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (0.127 g, 1.04 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.045 g, 0.043 mmol), and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.211 g, 2.00 mmol) in a microwave vial was flushed with Ar (3x), diluted with deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1, 10 mL) and sealed. The reaction mixture was heated in an oil bath to 90 °C for 24 h, concentrated, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (50-100% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield 2-phenyl-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4(5*H*)-one (12-a) as a crude solid (0.178 g) with minor aromatic impurities. The solid was typically used in the next step without further purification. Analytically pure compound was acquired by washing with ether in a sonication bath: Mp 173.3-175.1 °C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (ATR) 3211 (br.), 3062, 2947, 2901, 1657, 1483, 1430, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.63 (s, 1 H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1 H), 6.75 (bs, 1 H), 3.67 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 6.8, 2.8 Hz), 3.06 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 164.1, 145.6, 142.3, 133.7, 133.1, 129.1, 128.0, 125.8, 121.3, 41.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NOS (M+H) 230.0634, found 230.0632.

After addition of DDQ (0.218 g, 0.932 mmol) under an atmosphere of Ar to a solution of crude **12-a** (0.178 g) in 1,4-dioxane (15 mL), the dark reaction mixture was stirred at 101 °C in a sealed vial under an Ar atmosphere for 1.5 d. Additional DDQ (0.218 g, 0.932 mmol) was added

and heating was continued for another 24 h. The dark solution was concentrated to a crude brown solid that was purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (0-100% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield a crude light yellow solid with red and orange impurities. The crude solid was suspended in a small amount of EtOAc (<5 mL), filtered, and dried under vacuum to yield **12** (0.094 g, 48% over 2 steps) as light yellow solid: Mp >245 °C (dec., EtOAc); IR (ATR) 2828 (br), 1638, 1597, 1500, 1215, 749, 686 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  11.47 (bs, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.45 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.27 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.85 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  158.6, 147.6, 141.2, 133.0, 131.6, 130.0, 129.3, 128.3, 125.7, 119.9, 100.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NOS (M+H) 228.0478, found 228.0474.

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7-Imino-2-phenylthieno[3,2-c]pyridine-4,6(5H,7H)-dione (13). A solution of 1 (32.51 mg, 0.1342 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) in a 50 mL Pyrex® round bottom flask was placed 15 cm away from a 23 W compact fluorescent lamp and stirred at 23-24 °C until the starting material was consumed (2.5 days), as determined by high resolution LC-MS. Brown product 13 started to precipitate after 1 day. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove about half of the solvent and the brown precipitate was filtered, washed with MeOH (5 mL) and dried under vacuum to yield a brown solid (14.86 mg). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove all of the solvent. The brown residue was washed with MeOH (5 mL) and dried under vacuum to yield a brown solid (11.72 mg). The solids were combined to yield 13

(26.58 mg, 77%) as an amorphous brown solid. Both precipitates had the same purity based on  $^{1}$ H NMR analysis. Yellow-green crystals were obtained from the slow evaporation of a solution of **13** in MeCN: Mp >260 °C (dec., MeOH); IR (ATR) 3239, 3095, 2823, 1695, 1598, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  11.87 (bs, 1H), 11.59 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (s, 1 H), 7.87 (d, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.1, 157.9, 153.4, 149.3, 141.9, 136.8 132.0, 129.6, 129.5, 126.2, 122.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 257.0379, found 257.0378. The X-ray structure of **13** was deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 1476250).

$$\mathsf{Ph} \underbrace{\mathsf{CO}_2\mathsf{Me}}_{\mathsf{NH}_2}$$

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**Methyl 2-amino-5-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate** (20).<sup>6</sup> After addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.2 mL, 8.5 mmol) to a stirred mixture of phenylacetaldehyde (18) (1.0 mL, 8.4 mmol), methyl cyanoacetate (19) (0.80 mL, 8.8 mmol) and elemental sulfur (0.269 g, 8.40 mmol) in DMF (8.4 mL, 1 M), the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 21 h and then diluted with water (10 mL). The yellow precipitate was filtered, washed with water (40 mL) and then hexanes (50 mL), and dried under vacuum to yield 20 (1.77 g, 90%) as a light yellow solid: Mp 183.8-185.1 °C (lit. 194.5 °C); IR (ATR) 3459, 3348, 2943, 1664, 1569, 1543, 1484, 1230 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz) δ 7.50 (bs, 2 H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz) δ 164.6, 163.5, 133.7, 128.9, 126.2, 124.0, 122.3, 121.0, 104.7, 50.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 234.0583, found 234.0576.

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**6-Phenylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2,4(1***H***,3***H***)-dione (21).<sup>7</sup> Chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (0.15 mL, 1.7 mmol) was added slowly at -78 °C to a solution of <b>20** (0.200 g, 0.857 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 40 min. The slurry was concentrated and then diluted with wet 1,4-dioxane (4 mL), stirred at rt for 15 min and then at 85 °C for 30 min and treated with conc. NaOH (1 mL) so that the final concentration of the base was 1 M. Heating at 85 °C was continued for 30 min and then the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to rt, diluted with water (5 mL), and acidified with conc. HCl with stirring until precipitation stopped. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water (20 mL), and dried under vacuum to yield **21** (0.120 g, 57%) as a colorless solid: Mp >300 °C (dec.); IR (ATR) 3159, 3044, 2806, 1707, 1653, 1555, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz) δ 12.03 (s, 1 H), 11.21 (s, 1 H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz) δ 159.1, 151.4, 150.5, 133.3, 132.6, 129.2, 127.8, 125.1, 117.6, 116.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 245.0379, found 245.0378.

23-a (tentative structural assignment)

**Methyl 2-(3-benzoylthioureido)-5-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate (23-a)**. A solution of benzoyl chloride (0.50 mL, 4.3 mmol) and anhydrous ammonium thiocyanate (0.489 g, 6.43 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) was stirred at reflux for 30 min under N<sub>2</sub> and then treated with a suspension of **20** (0.500 g, 2.14 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at reflux, cooled, and the precipitate was filtered, washed with water (75 mL), and dried under vacuum to yield **23-a** (0.583 g, 69%) as a fine bright yellow powder: Mp 229.6-231.2 °C (CH<sub>3</sub>CN); IR (ATR) 3275, 2943, 1694, 1670, 1508, 1221 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 14.78 (bs, 1 H), 9.17 (bs, 1 H), 7.98-7.96 (m, 2 H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 3 H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 3 H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1 H), 4.02 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 174.0, 165.5, 164.9, 147.7, 134.8, 133.9, 133.7, 131.5, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9 (2 C), 125.9, 120.4, 118.3, 52.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 397.0675, found 397.0673.

**24-a** (tentative structural assignment)

Methyl 2-(3-benzoylthioureido)thiophene-3-carboxylate (24-a). A mixture of benzoyl chloride (0.59 mL, 5.1 mmol) and anhydrous ammonium thiocyanate (0.581 g, 7.63 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) was stirred at reflux for 30 min under N<sub>2</sub>, treated with a suspension of 22 (0.400 g, 2.54 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL), and stirred for 6 h at reflux and then cooled to 0 °C. The precipitate was filtered, washed with cold CH<sub>3</sub>CN (50 mL) and then water (75 mL), and dried under vacuum to yield 24-a (0.543 g, 67%) as a yellow solid: Mp 179.7-181.6 °C (EtOH); IR (ATR) 3422, 2934, 1683, 1543, 1148 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ

14.77 (bs, 1 H), 9.16 (bs, 1 H), 7.97-7.95 (m, 2 H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, 1 H, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.85 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.6, 0.4 Hz), 3.99 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  174.4, 165.5, 165.0, 148.7, 133.9, 131.6, 129.3, 127.9, 125.1, 117.5, 117.4, 52.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 321.0362, found 321.0360.

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**6-Phenyl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrothieno**[2,3-*d*]**pyrimidin-4(1***H***)-one (23).<sup>8</sup> A suspension of 23-a (0.100 g, 0.252 mmol) and KOH (0.100 g, 1.78 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was stirred at reflux for 14 h, cooled to rt, and acidified with aq. HCl. The colorless precipitate was filtered and washed with water (20 mL). The solid was then precipitated from EtOH, filtered and dried under vacuum to yield 23** (0.032 g, 49%) as an off-white solid: Mp >230 °C (dec., EtOH) (lit. >305 °C, dec.); IR (ATR) 3059, 2932, 1653, 1543, 1199, 1126, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz) δ 13.54 (bs, 1 H), 12.51 (bs, 1 H), 7.69 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.65 (s, 1 H), 7.43 (t, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz) δ 173.4, 156.5, 150.8, 135.9, 132.3, 129.3, 128.3, 125.4, 119.8, 117.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 261.0151, found 261.0148.

**2-Thioxo-2,3-dihydrothieno[2,3-***d*]**pyrimidin-4(1***H***)-one (24). A suspension of 24-a (0.350 g, 1.09 mmol) and KOH (0.350 g, 6.24 mmol) in EtOH (15 mL) was stirred at reflux for 19 h, cooled to rt and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 1 N HCl (25 mL). The precipitate was filtered and washed with water (50 mL) to yield a brown solid. The solid was stirred in hot EtOH, cooled, filtered and dried under vacuum to yield 24** (0.115 g, 57%) as a fine yellow powder: Mp >280 °C (dec., EtOH) (lit. 305-307 °C, EtOH); IR (ATR) 3059, 2898, 1629, 1553, 1523, 1450, 1187, 1128, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  13.44 (bs, 1 H), 12.44 (bs, 1 H), 7.27 (d, 1 H, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.20 (d, 1 H, J = 5.6 Hz);  $^{13}$ C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.5, 156.7, 151.7, 121.8, 119.8, 118.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calcd for  $C_6H_5N_2OS_2$  (M+H) 184.9838, found 184.9838.

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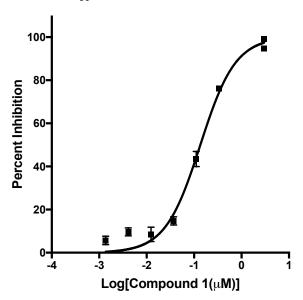
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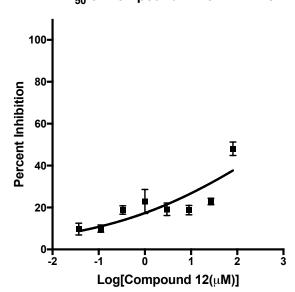
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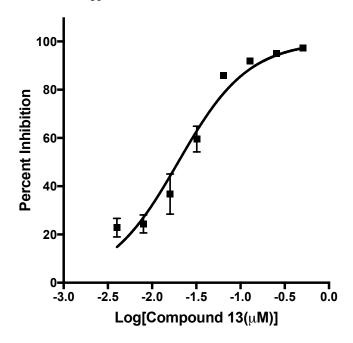




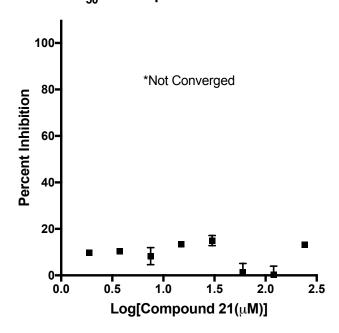
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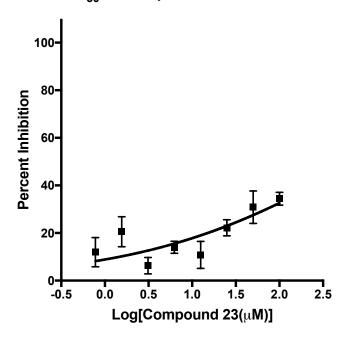
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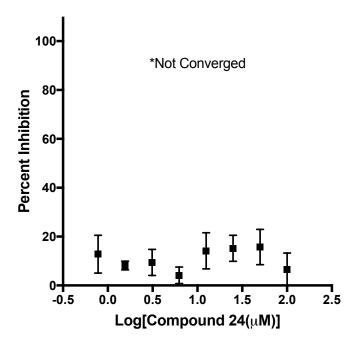
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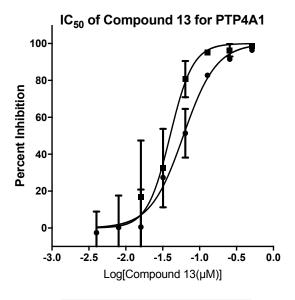


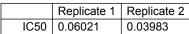
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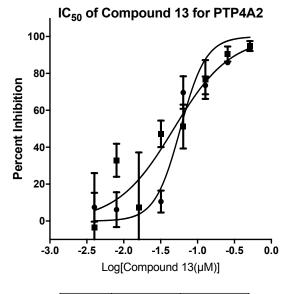


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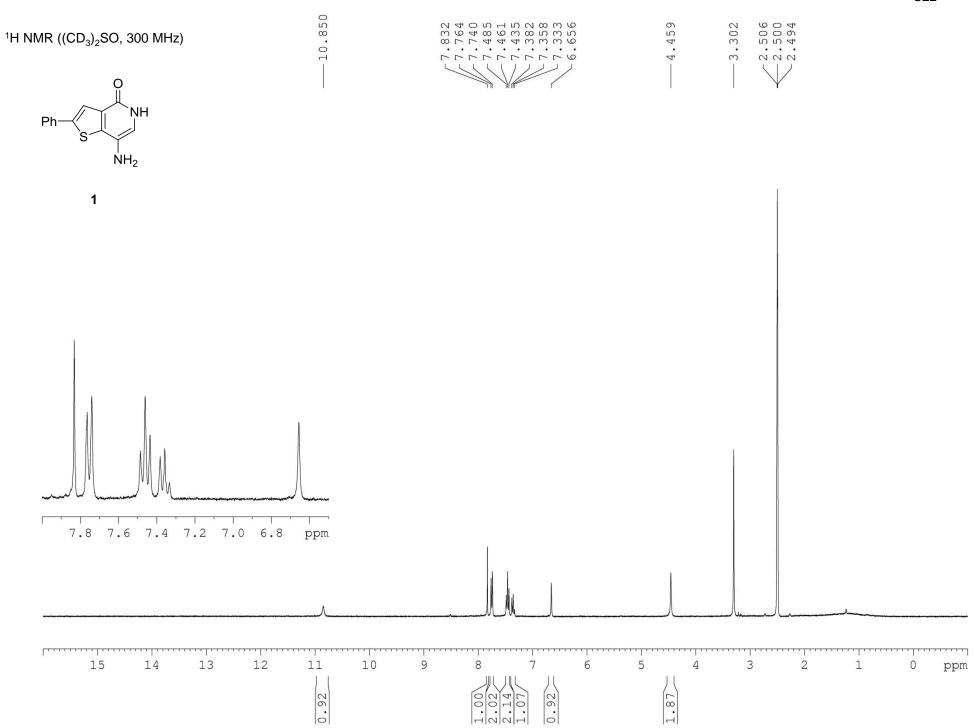


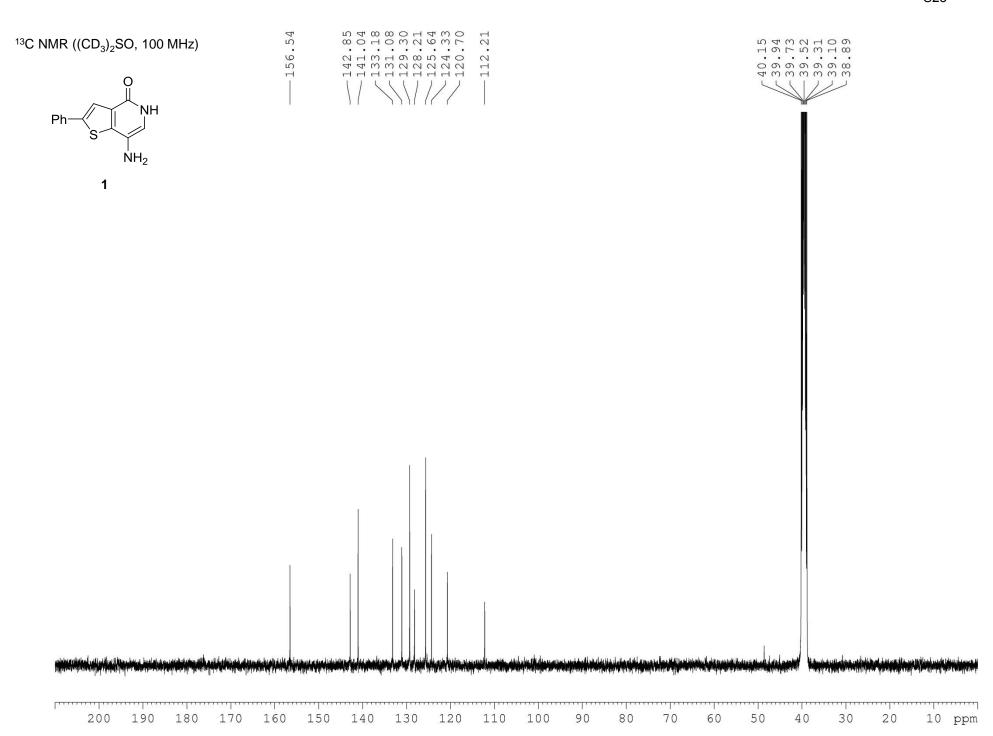




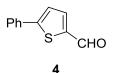


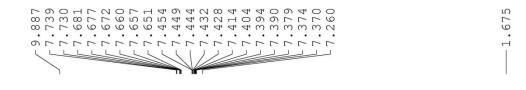
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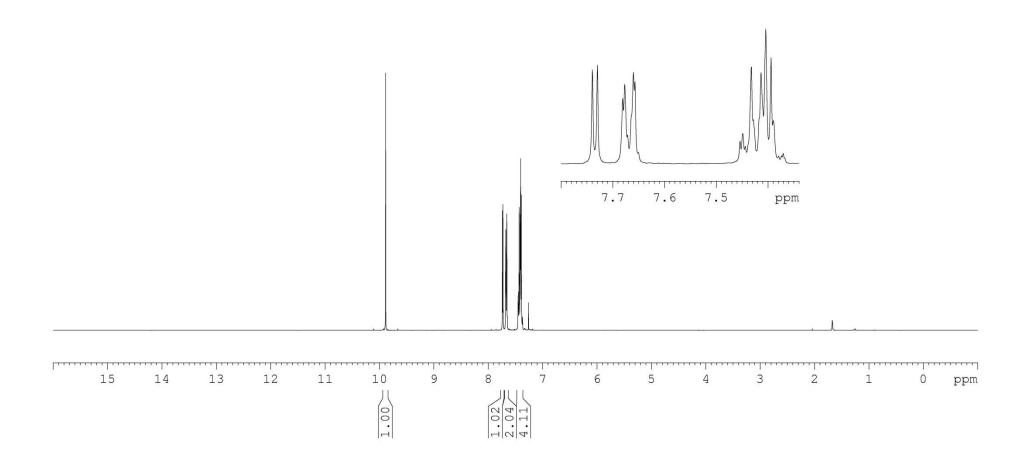




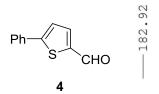
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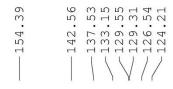




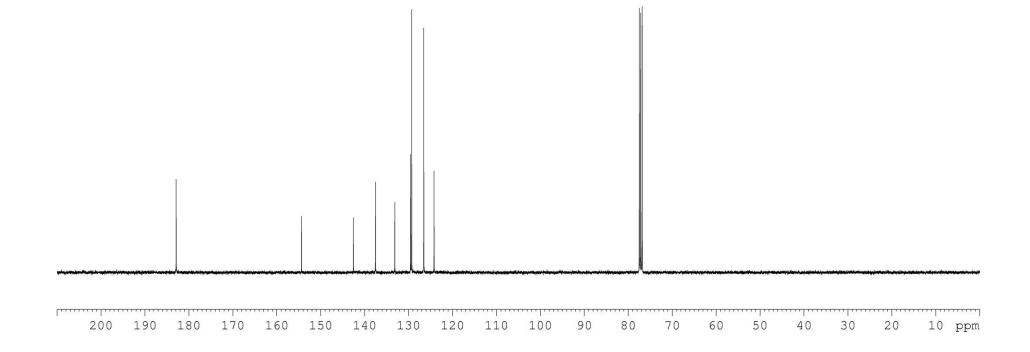


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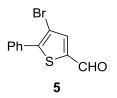


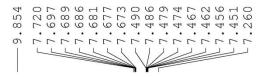


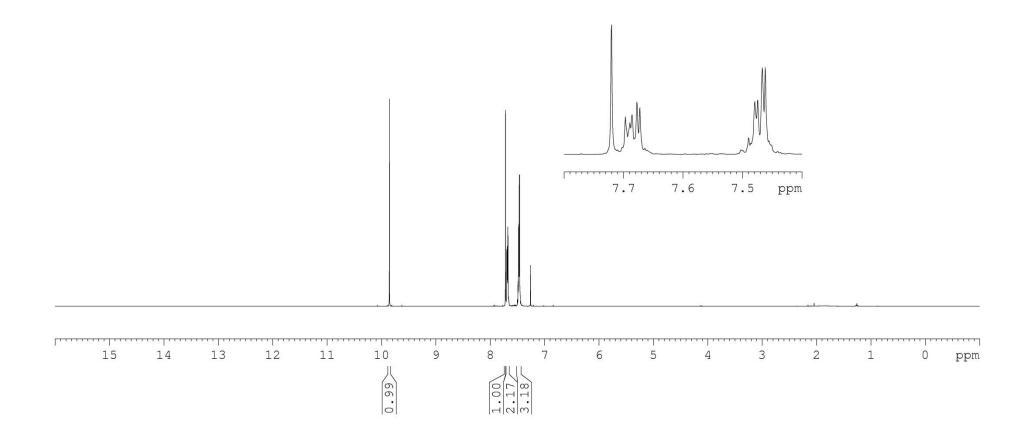




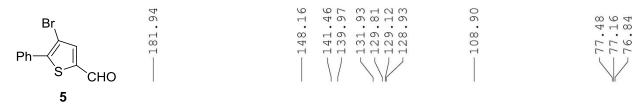
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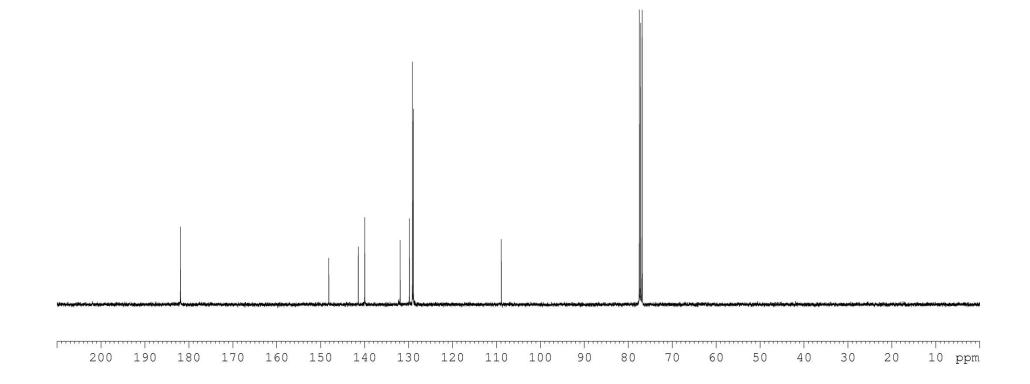


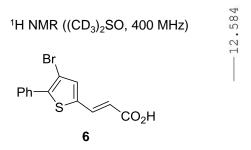


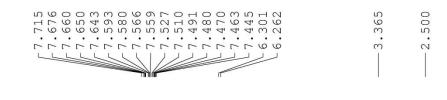


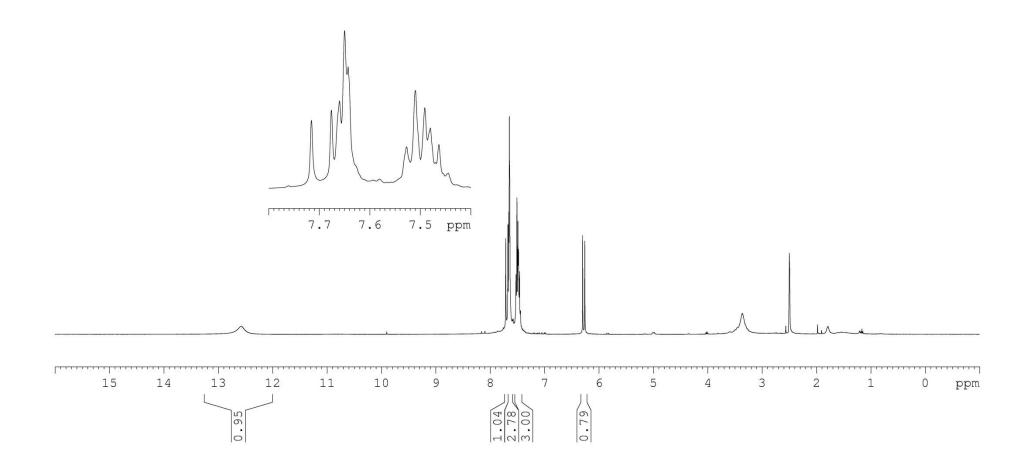
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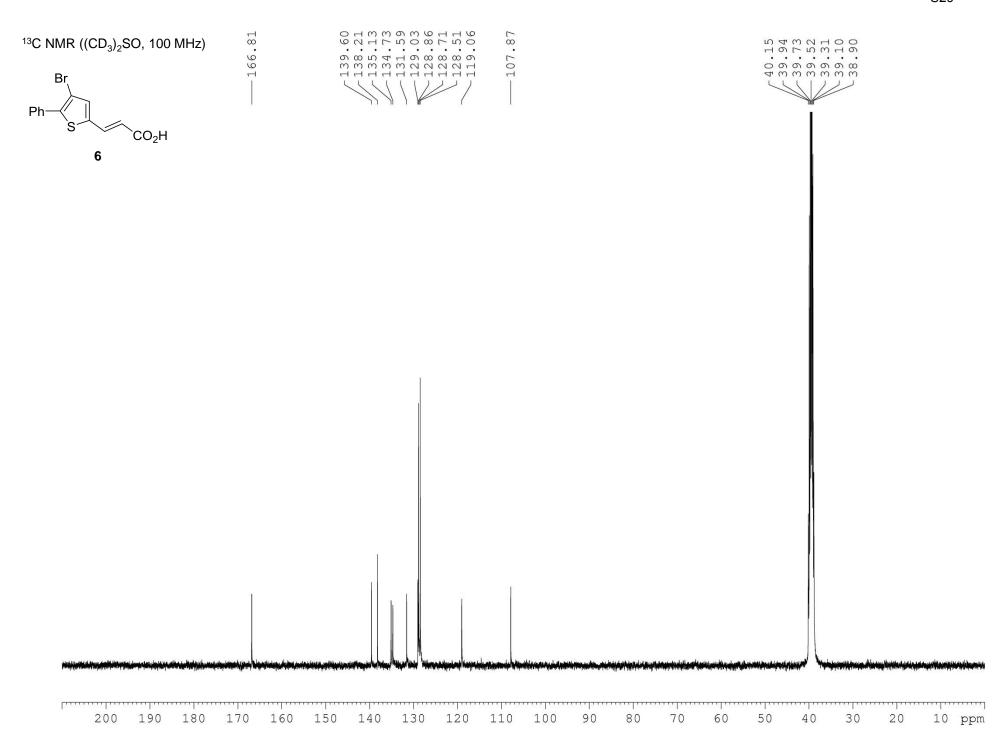


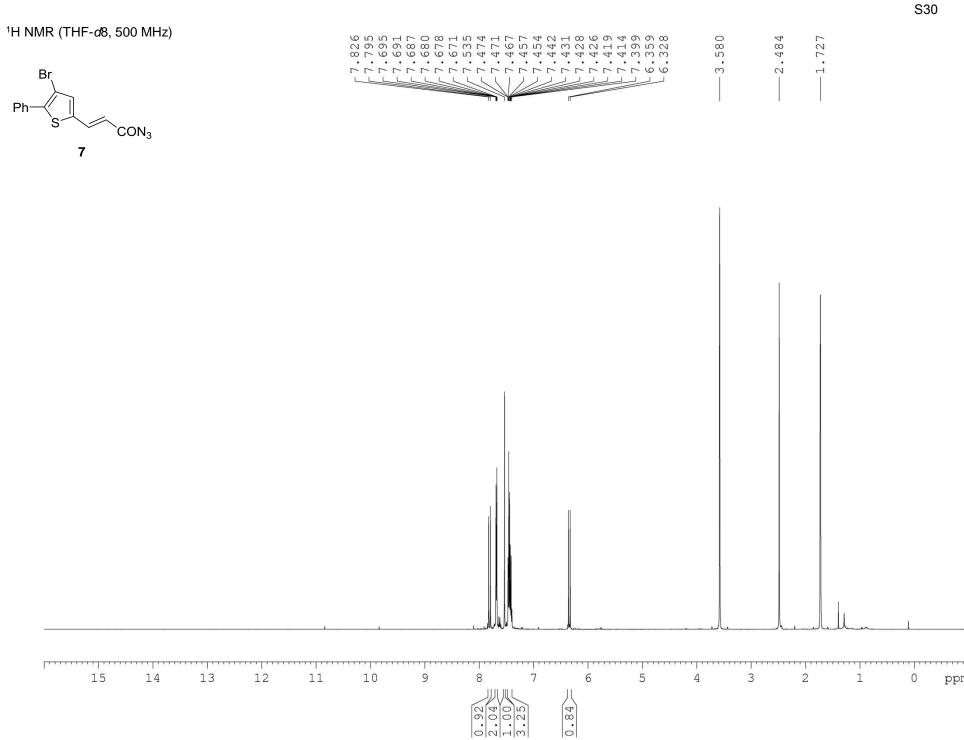


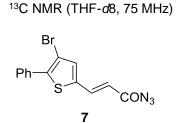


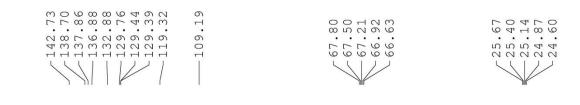


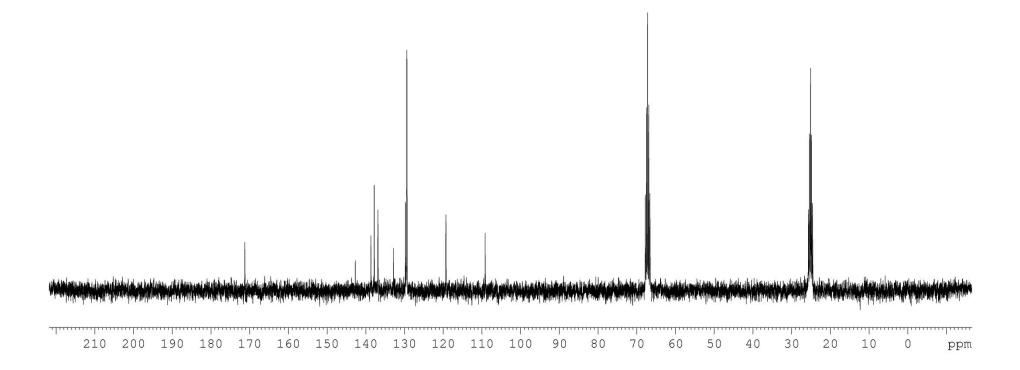






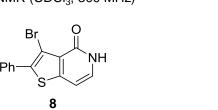




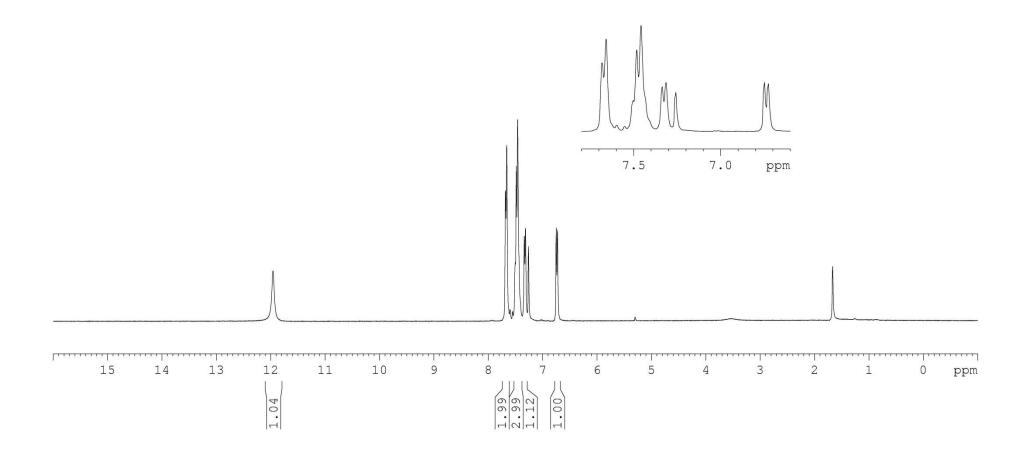


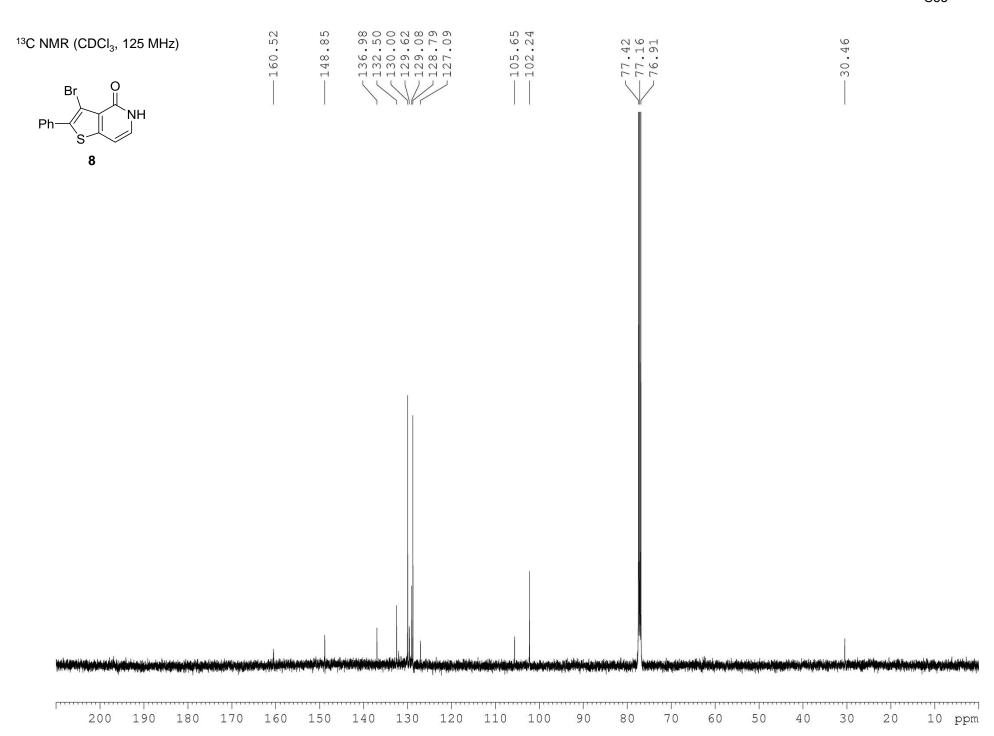
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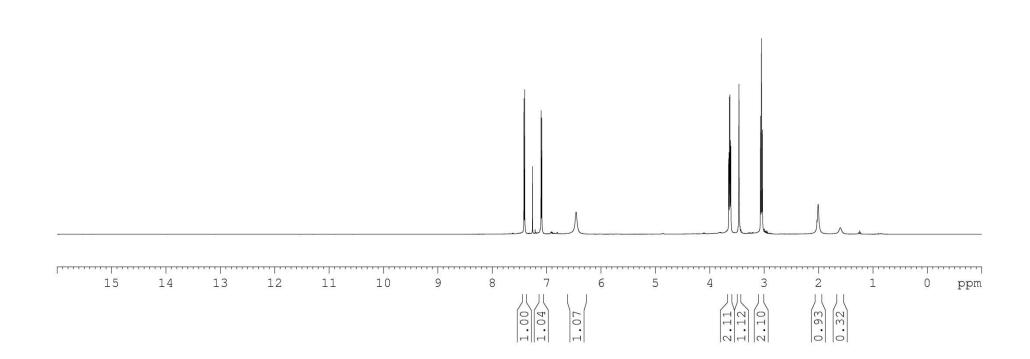


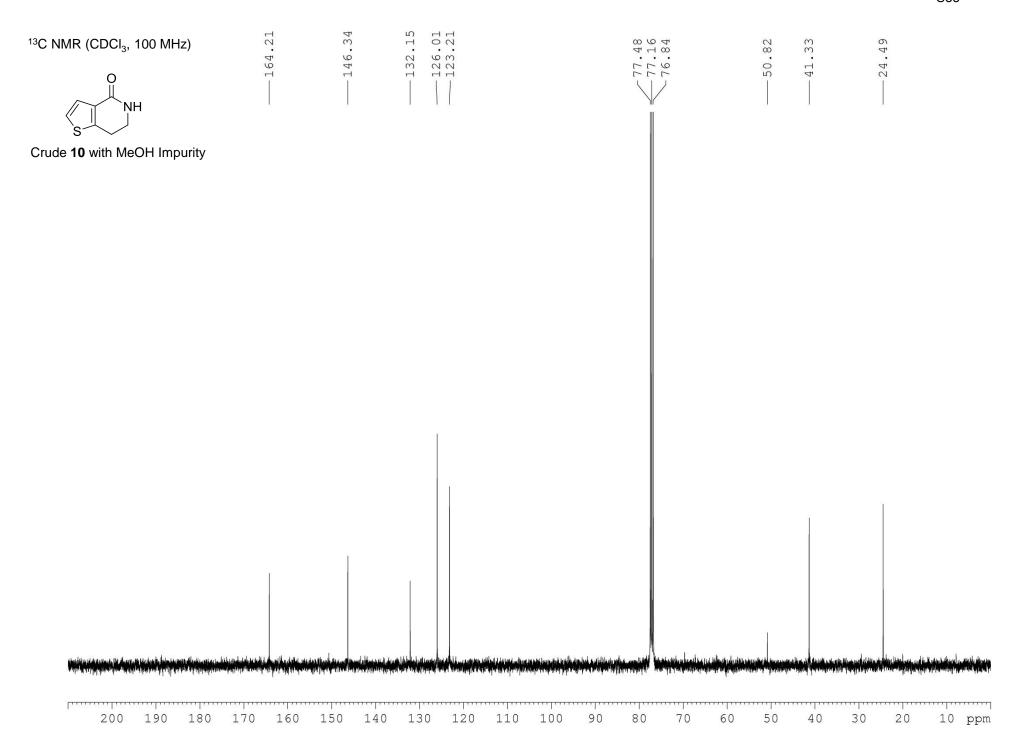
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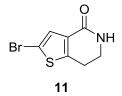
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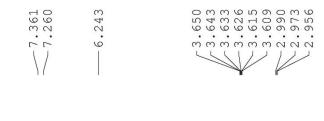


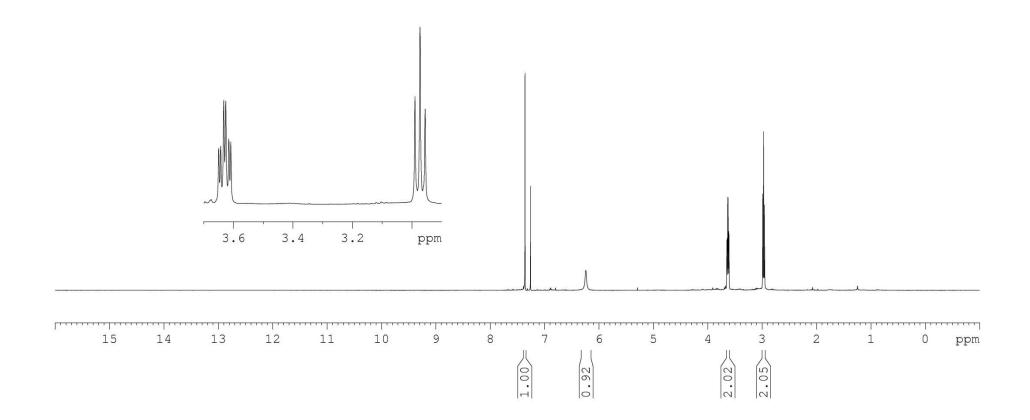


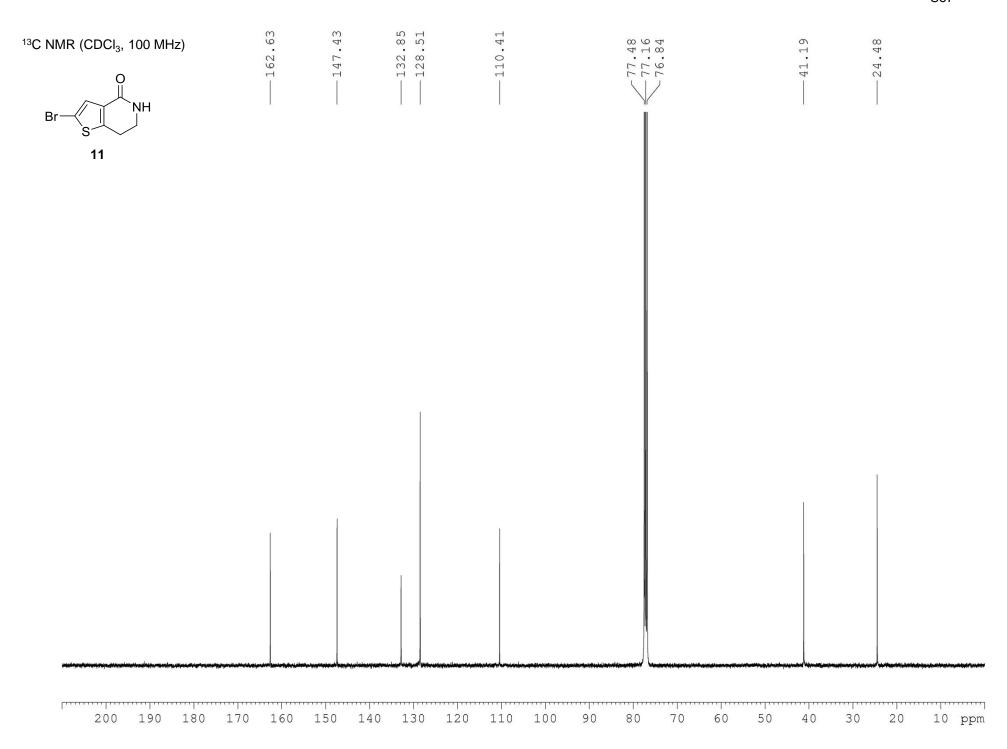


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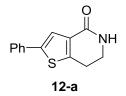


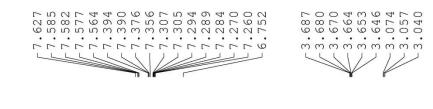


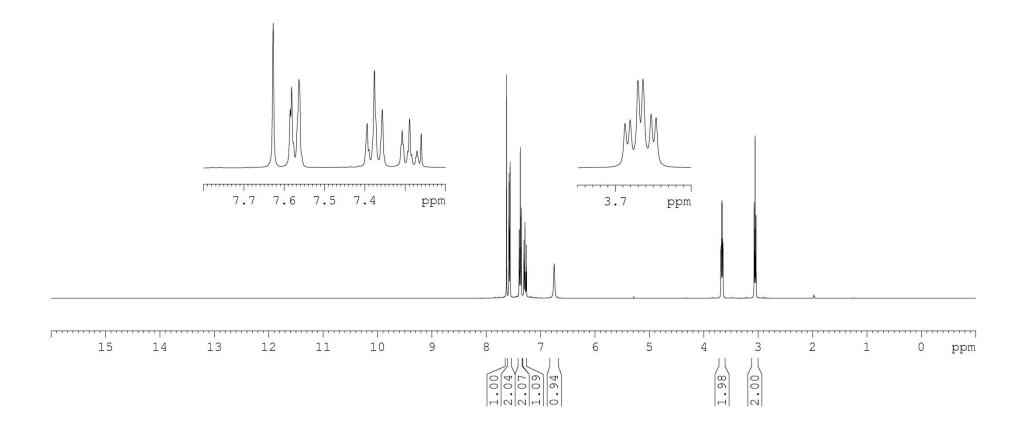


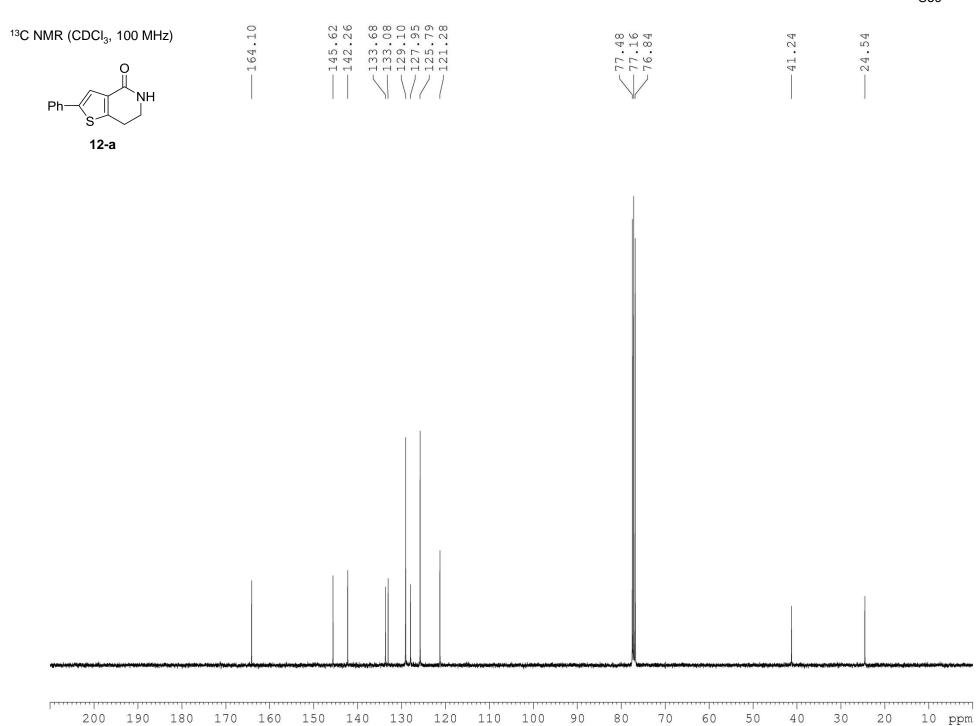


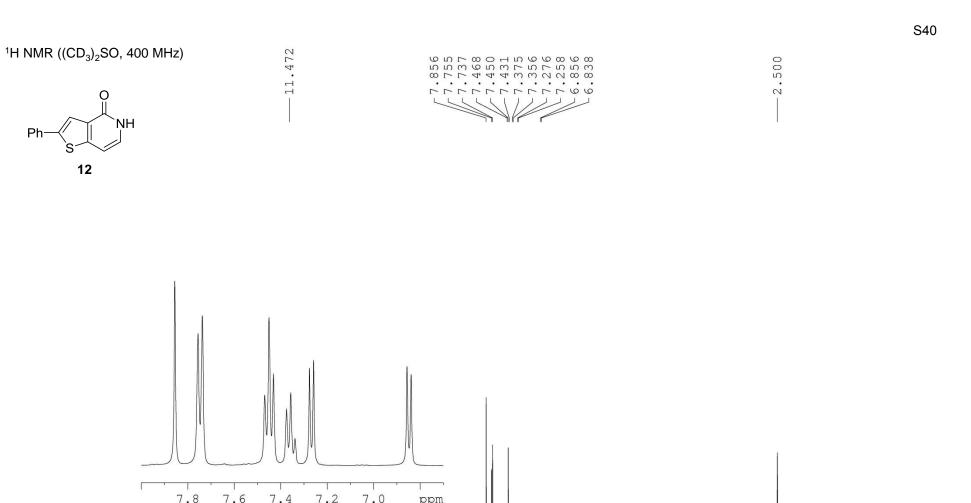
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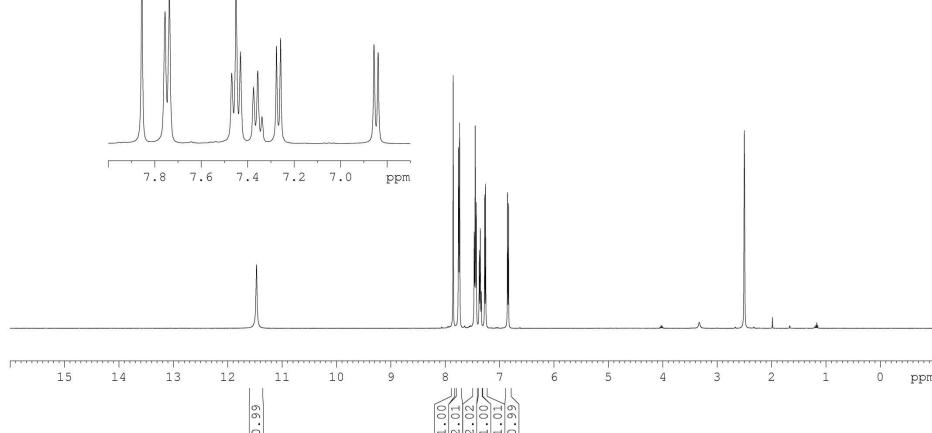


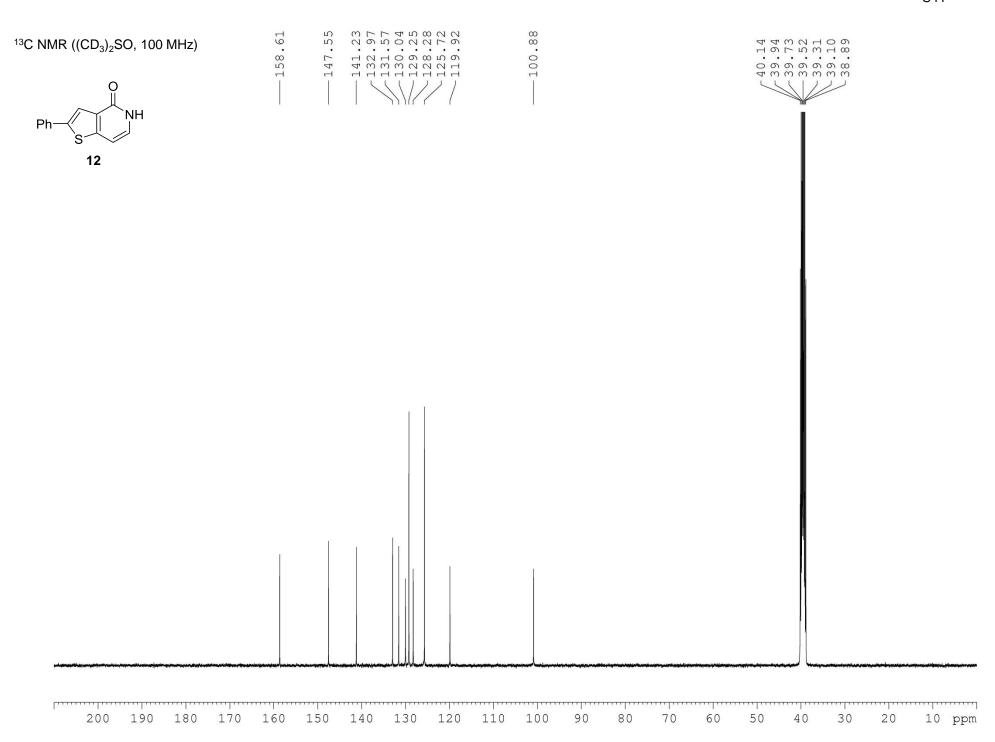


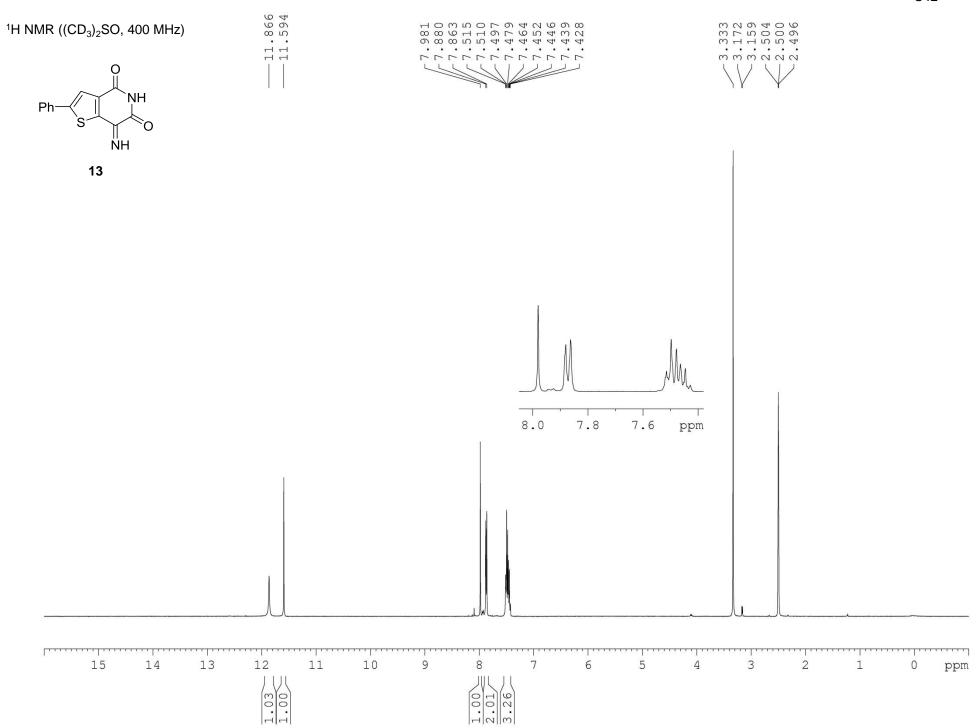


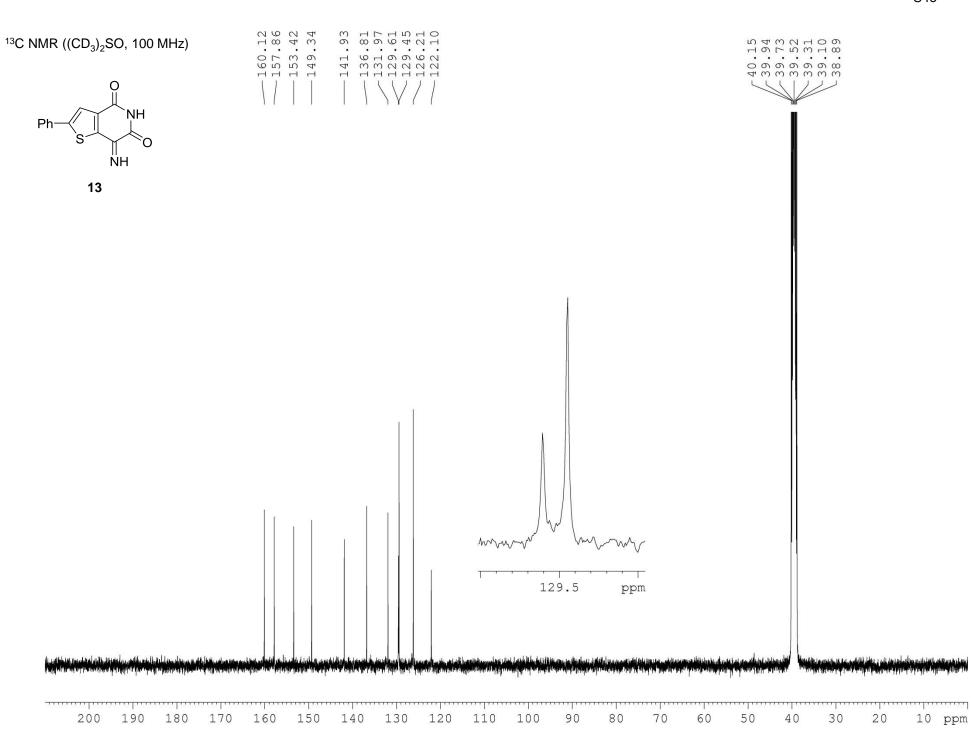


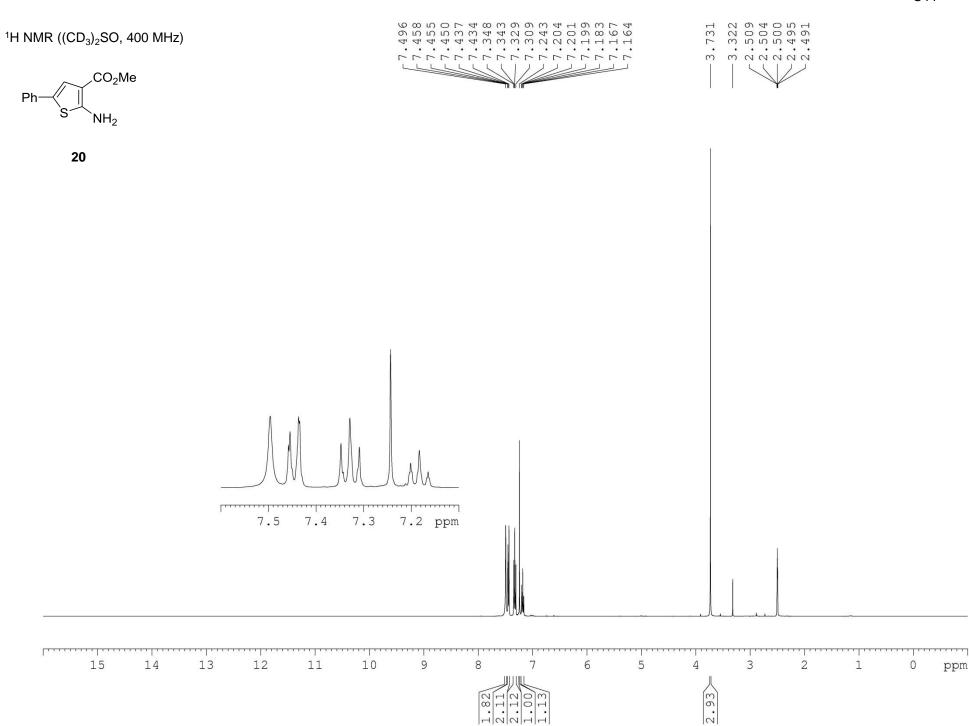


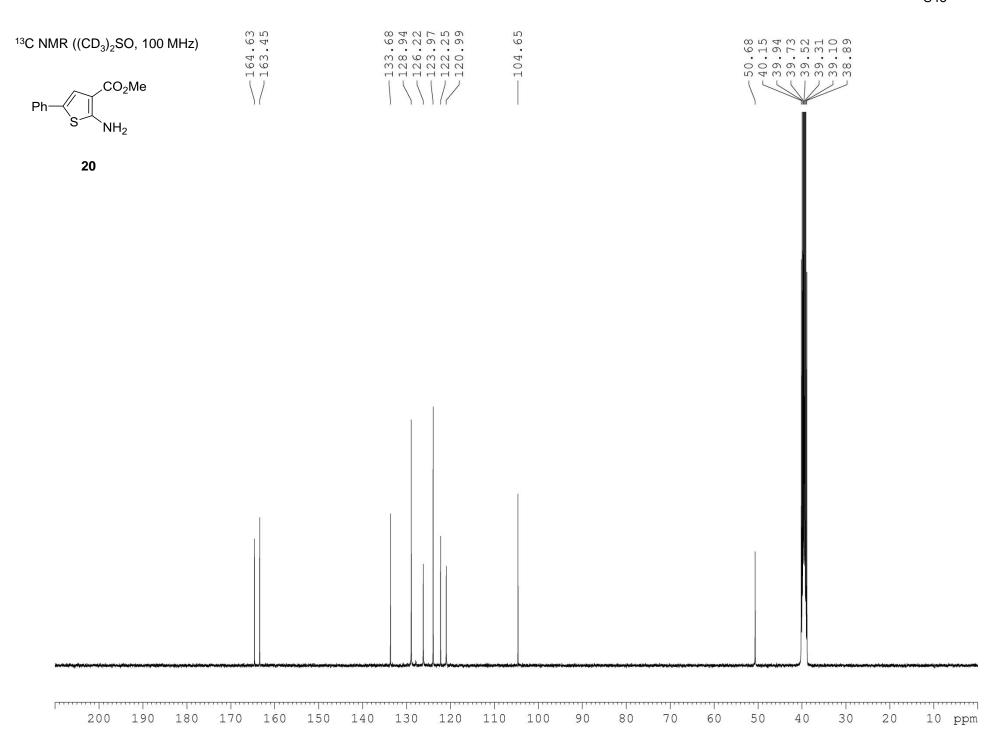


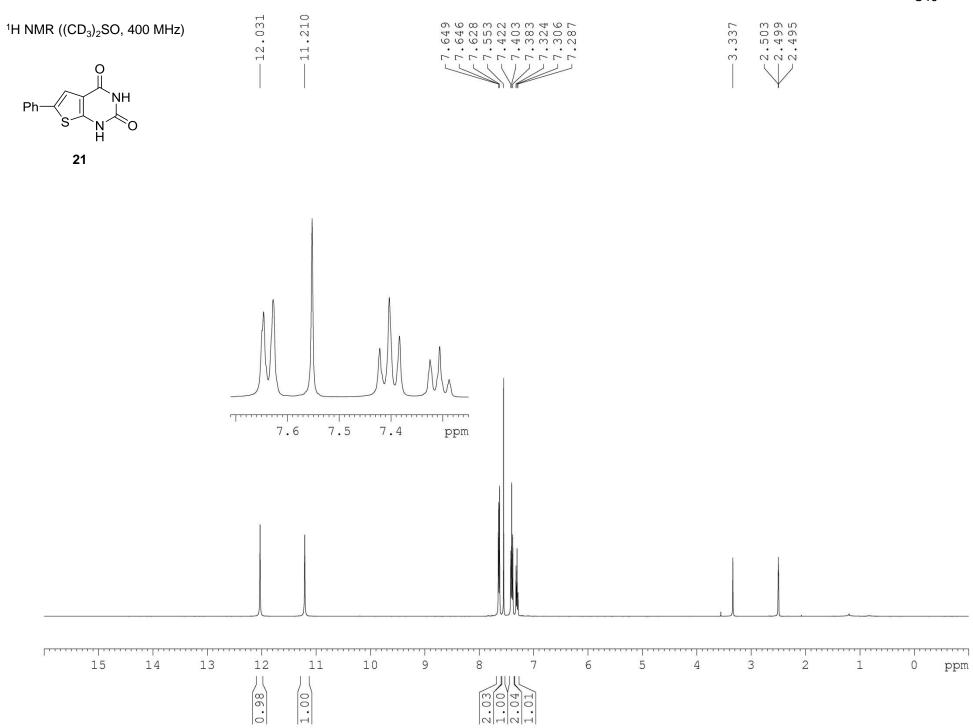


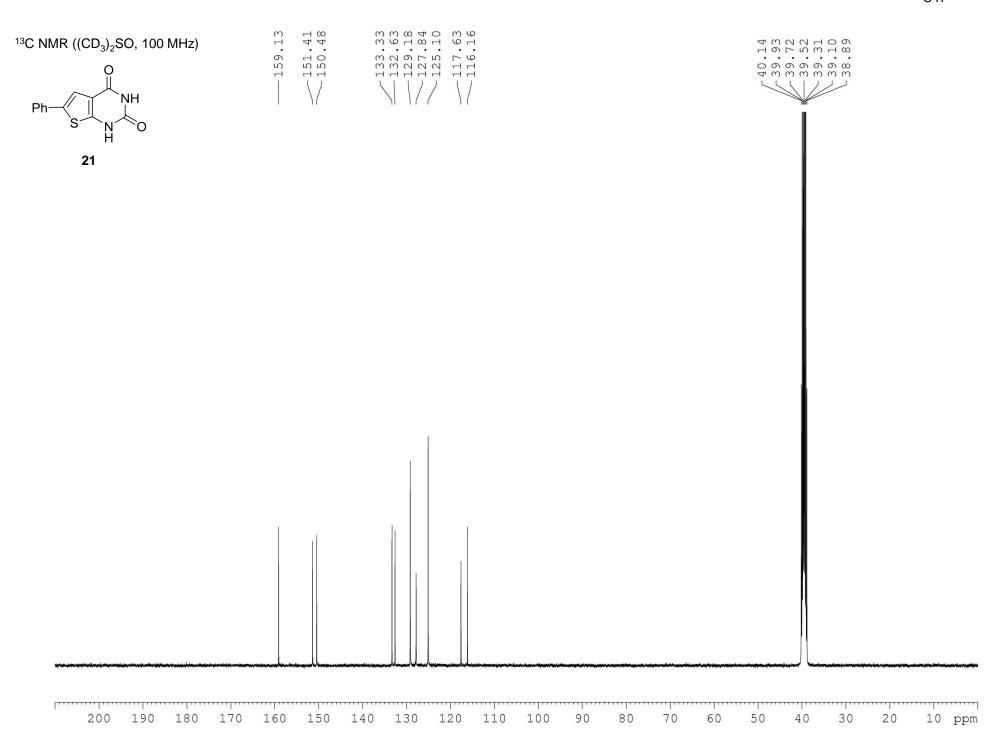


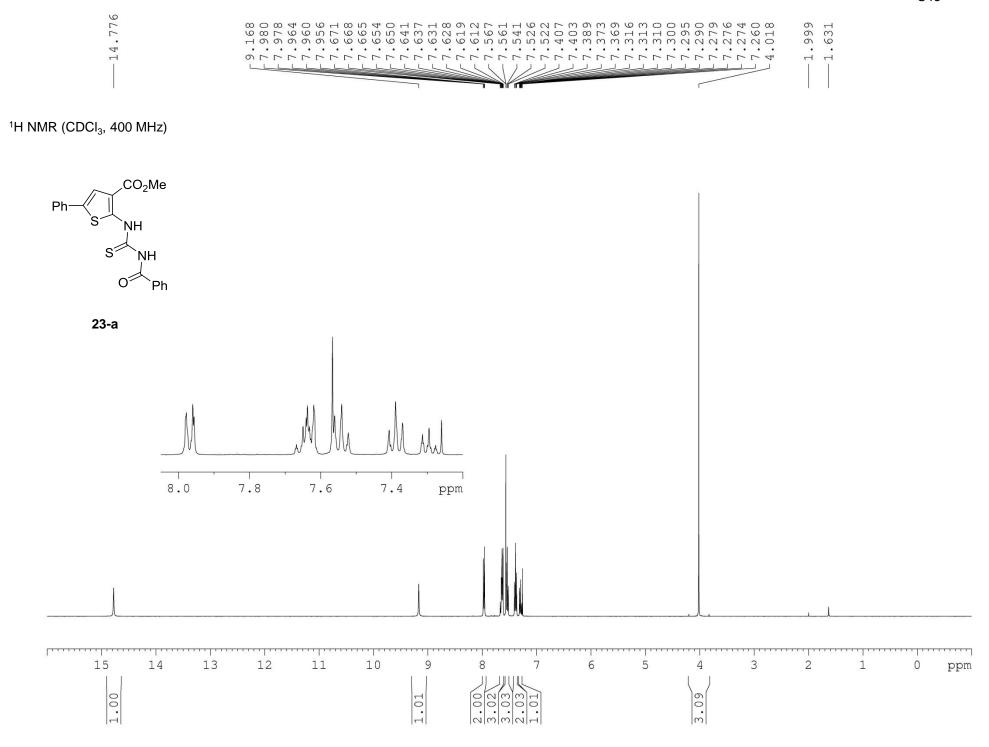


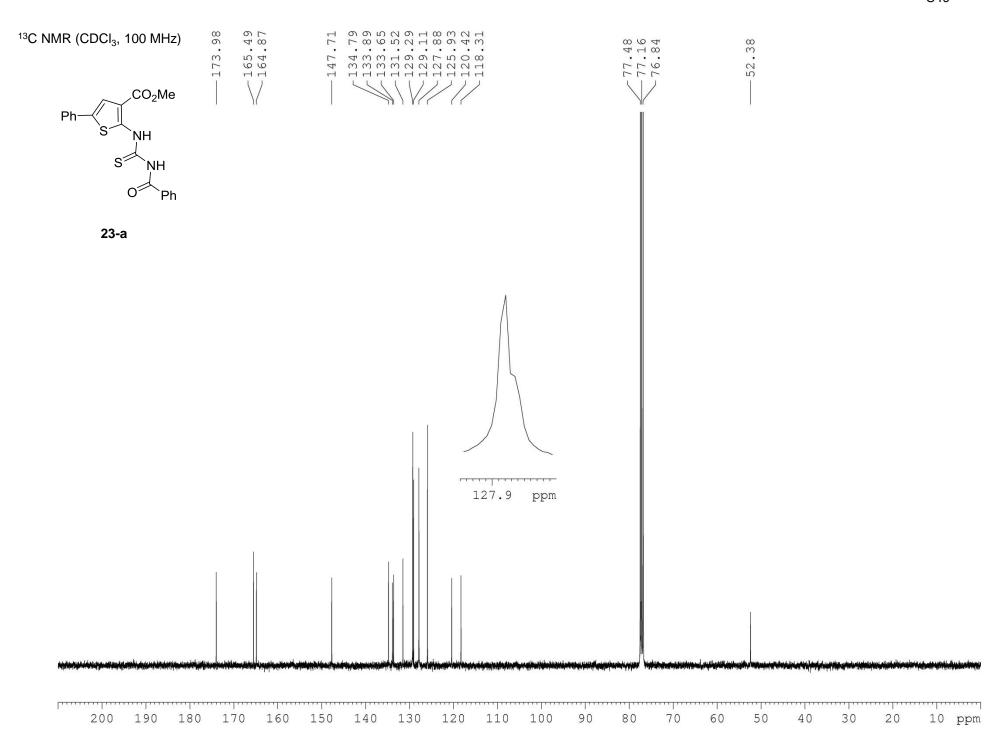


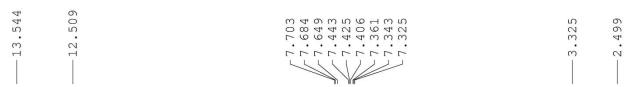




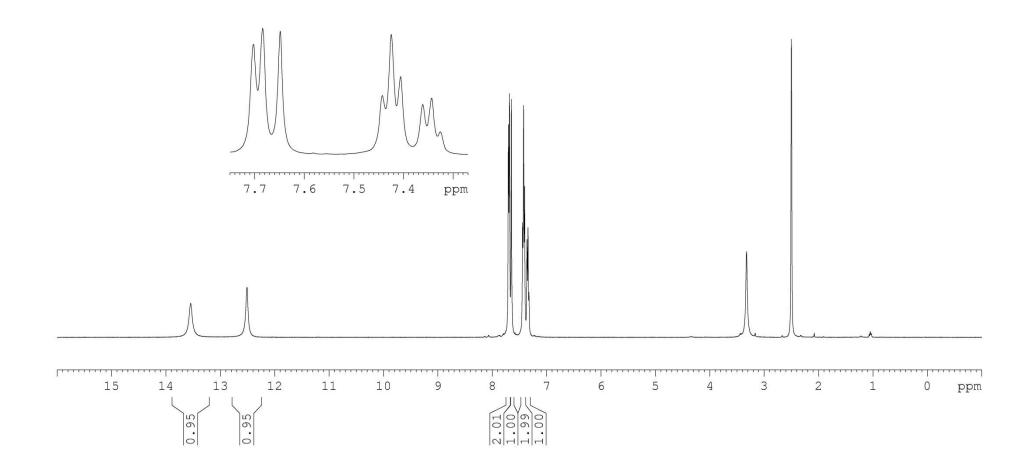


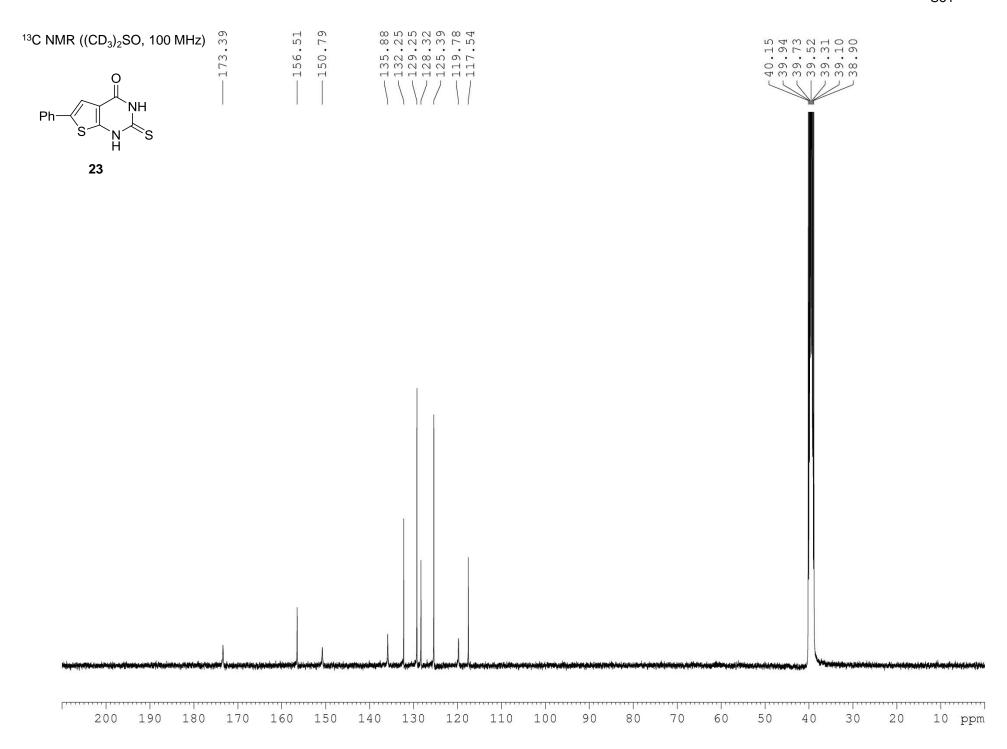


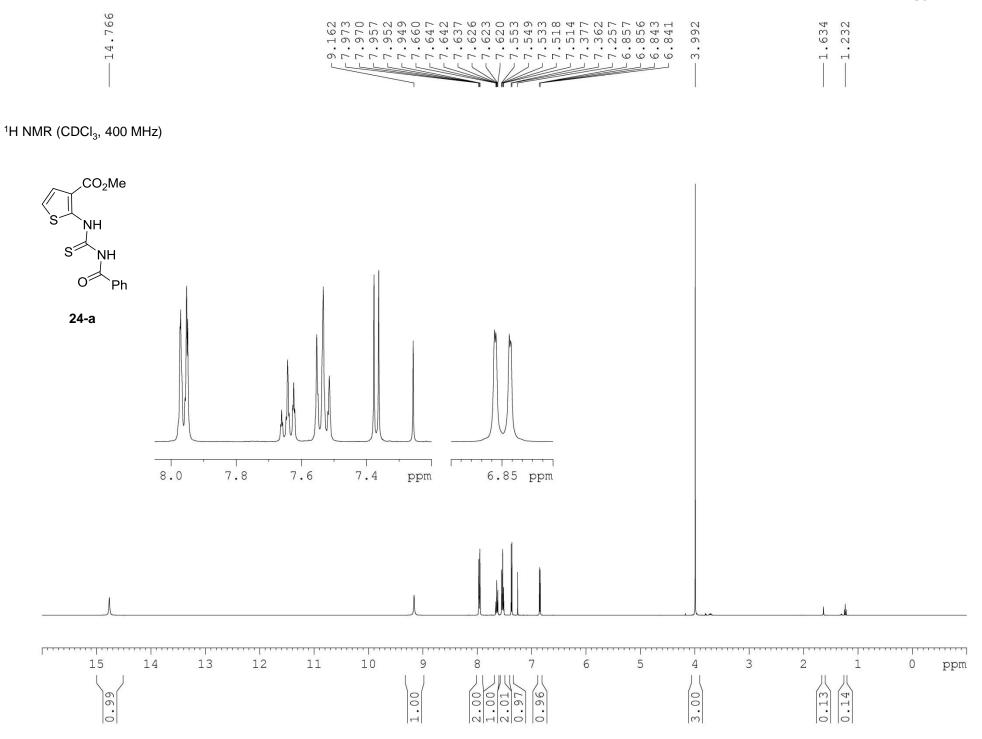


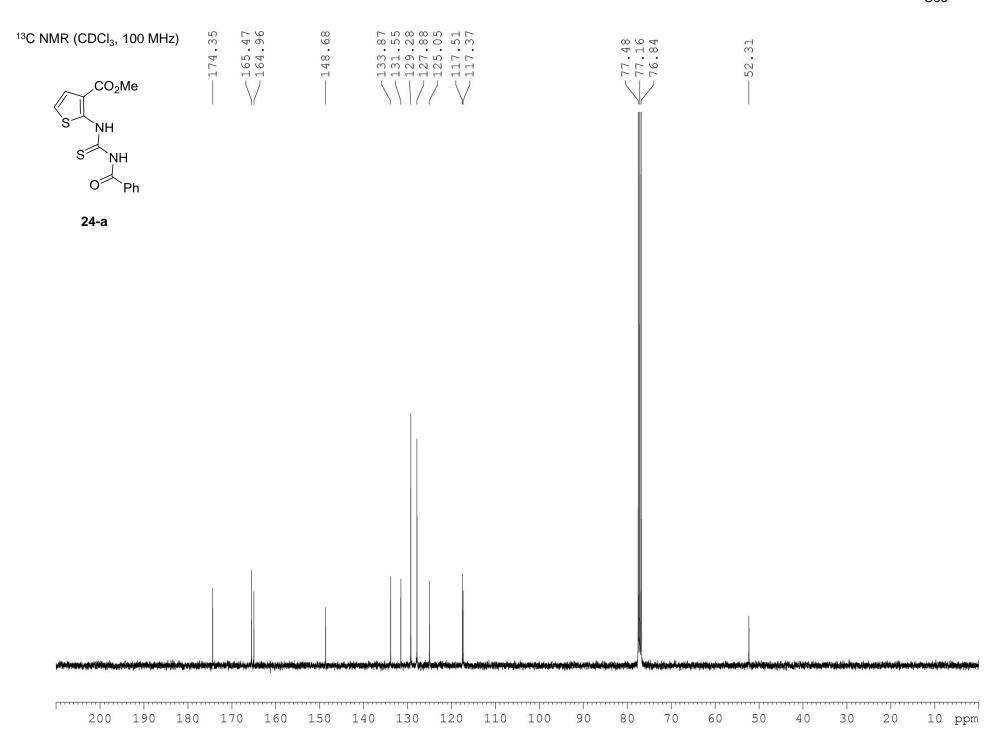


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