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Flupirtine Analogues: Explorative Synthesis and Influence of Chemical Structure on $K_v7.2/K_v7.3$ Channel Opening Activity

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Specific procedures and characterization

2-Amino-6-chloro-3-nitropyridine (**6a**)

2,6-Dichloro-3-nitropyridine (40 mmol, 7.72g) was dissolved in 2-propanol (300 mL). An excess of aqueous ammonia (20 mL, 25%) was added. The reaction mixture was then warmed to 35 °C and stirred for 5 days. A light yellow precipitate was collected by filtration, which was washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and dried using desiccator. Light yellow solid (yield= 77%); mp: 194-195 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.40 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (br s, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 155.0, 153.5, 138.4, 126.1, 112.0; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3442, 3277, 1633, 1556, 1495, 1422, 1338, 1234, 1148, 946, 762, 502 cm⁻¹.

6-Chloro-*N*-methyl-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**6b**)

2,6-Dichloro-3-nitropyridine (5 mmol, 1.0 g) was dissolved in acetonitrile (20 mL). After adding triethylamine (7.5 mmol, 1 mL), the mixture was cooled to about 0 °C. Methylamine (6 mmol, 613 μL) was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 mL) and added slowly over a period of 30 min. After complete addition of methylamine, the mixture was stirred for 10 min at about 0 °C and then allowed to rise to room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The product was purified using silica gel chromatography (solvent: toluene). Yellow solid (yield= 68%); mp: 119-120 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.72 (d, *J*= 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 155.2, 152.1, 138.4, 126.9, 111.0, 28.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3397, 3111, 1567, 1504, 1375, 1217, 758 cm⁻¹.

6-Amino-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (**7a**)

Compound **6a** (4.2 mmol, 730 mg), sulfur (3.1 mmol, 103 mg), Na₂S·9H₂O (3 mmol, 702mg) and sodium hydroxide (4.2 mmol, 168 mg) were added to a round bottom flask. After adding ethanol (30 mL), the mixture was held under reflux for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-cooled water (100 mL) and then washed with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The mixture was acidified (pH=4) with stepwise addition of 10% HCl, which resulted in precipitation of the product. Eventually, an orange coloured product was collected by filtration and dried using desiccator. Orange coloured solid (yield= 80%); mp: 190-191 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 12.64 (s,

1H), 8.69 (br d, $J=7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J=9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (br d, $J=10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J=9.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=183.8, 149.5, 131.9, 119.5, 118.8$; IR: $\tilde{\nu}=3386, 3243, 1631, 1593, 1258, 1090, 755\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

6-(Methylamino)-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (**7b**)

Compound **6b** (7.34 mmol, 1.38 mg), sulfur (5.35 mmol, 171 mg), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5.29 mmol, 1.25 g) and sodium hydroxide (7.34 mmol, 294 mg) were added to a round bottom flask. After adding ethanol (30 mL), the mixture was heated under reflux for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-cooled water (100 mL) and then washed with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The mixture was acidified to pH=4 with stepwise addition of 10% HCl. Eventually, the product was collected by filtration and dried using desiccator. Orange coloured solid (yield= 48%); mp: 193-194 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=11.92$ (br s, 1H), 9.62 (d, $J=4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J=9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J=9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, $J=5.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=185.0, 149.4, 131.4, 119.3, 119.1, 29.5$; IR: $\tilde{\nu}=3246, 1623, 1581, 1338, 1140, 748, 529\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

6-Methyl-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (**7c**)

Compound **6c** (10 mmol, 2.17 g), sulfur (7.29 mmol, 234 mg), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (7.2 mmol, 1.73 g) and sodium hydroxide (10 mmol, 400 mg) were added to a round bottom flask. After adding ethanol (40 mL), the mixture was heated under reflux for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-cooled water (100 mL) and then washed with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The pH of the solution was adjusted to 4 with stepwise addition of 10% HCl. Eventually, the product was collected by filtration. Brown solid (yield= 32%); mp: 175-176 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=13.95$ (br s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J=9.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J=9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta=183.2, 150.6, 135.5, 130.9, 130.6, 19.0$; IR: $\tilde{\nu}=3196, 1585, 1327, 1210, 1069, 830, 510\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

6-[(4-Fluorobenzyl)thio]-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**8a**)

Compound **7a** (6 mmol, 1.03 g) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL). This was followed by the addition of 10% KOH (6 mmol, 3.1 mL) and 4-fluorobenzyl bromide (6 mmol, 740 μL). The reaction was completed after 1 hour of stirring at room temperature. The product was

precipitated with addition of water. A yellow product was collected by filtration and then washed with n-hexane and ethanol. Yellow solid (yield = 85%); mp: 139-140 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.16 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 166.3, 162.5 (d, *J*= 243 Hz, 1C), 153.1, 134.5, 134.2 (d, *J*= 3 Hz, 1C), 131.2 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 1C), 123.5, 115.2 (d, *J*= 21 Hz, 1C), 110.3, 32.2; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3458, 3333, 1558, 1345, 1220, 1144, 763 cm⁻¹.

6-[(1,1'-Biphenyl-4-yl)methylthio]-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**8b**)

Compound **7a** (2.5 mmol, 430 mg) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL), to which 10% KOH (2.5 mmol, 1.4 mL) and 4-(bromomethyl)biphenyl (2.5 mmol, 668 mg) were added respectively. The reaction was completed after 1 hour of stirring at room temperature. Water was added to precipitate the product. The product was filtered and washed with n-hexane and ethanol. Yellow solid (yield= 90%); mp: 179-181 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.18 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.66 (m, 6H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H) 4.45 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 166.4, 153.1, 139.7, 139.0, 136.9, 134.4, 129.6 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 127.3, 126.6 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 123.4, 110.2, 32.7; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3463, 3324, 1595, 1335, 1166, 1144, 763, 740 cm⁻¹.

6-[(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl)thio]-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**8c**)

Compound **7a** (2 mmol, 344 mg) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL). 10% KOH (2 mmol, 1.1 mL) and dimethoxybenzyl bromide (2 mmol, 463 mg) were added respectively to the reaction solution, which was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Water was added in order to precipitate the product. The product was washed with ethanol and n-hexane. Yellow solid (yield = 76%); mp: 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.17 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 166.5, 160.4 (2C), 153.1, 139.9, 134.4, 123.4, 110.2, 107.1 (2C), 99.0, 55.1 (2C), 33.2; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3488, 3362, 2834, 1577, 1462, 1204, 1145, 1052 cm⁻¹.

3-Nitro-6-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)thio]pyridin-2-amine (**8d**)

Compound **7a** (2 mmol, 344 mg) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL). 10% KOH (3 mmol, 1.8 mL) and 2-(bromomethyl)pyridine HBr (2 mmol, 502 mg) were added respectively to the reaction solution. The reaction was completed after 1 hour of stirring at room temperature. The product was precipitated with the addition of water. Eventually, the product was filtered and washed with *n*-hexane. Saffron coloured solid (yield = 88%); mp: 121-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.78 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (t, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 166.5, 157.0, 153.1, 149.2, 136.8, 134.5, 123.5, 122.4, 110.2, 35.3; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3404, 3242, 2595, 1606, 1569, 1243, 1143, 749 cm⁻¹.

S-(6-Amino-5-nitropyridin-2-yl) 4-fluorobenzothioate (**8e**)

Compound **7a** (2 mmol, 344 mg) was dissolved in 2-propanol (15 mL). Triethylamine (4 mmol, 560 μL) and 4-benzoyl chloride (2 mmol, 120 μL) were added to the reaction solution. The mixture was held at reflux for overnight. Water was added to precipitate the product. The precipitate was filtered and washed with water and *n*-hexane. Eventually, the product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate. Yellow solid (yield = 82%); mp: 168-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 186.3, 167.1 (d, *J* = 254 Hz, 1C), 157.8, 153.3, 152.9, 136.1, 133.5, 132.4 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1C), 130.4 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 2C), 126.6, 117.0 (t, *J* = 24 Hz, 2C), 107.2; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3489, 3067, 1674, 1549, 1477, 1236, 765 cm⁻¹.

3-Nitro-6-[[2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl]thio]pyridin-2-amine (**8f**)

Aqueous KOH 10% (3 mmol, 1.8 mL) was added to the round bottom flask that contains compound **7a** (2 mmol, 344 mg) and 1-(2-chloroethyl)piperidine HCl. Dimethylformamide (10 mL) was added to put the above compounds into a solution. The solution was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The product was precipitated by the addition of water. The precipitate was then washed with *n*-hexane and aqueous NaOH 10%. Saffron coloured solid (yield = 87%); mp: 108-109 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, 2H), 2.56 (t, 2H), 2.40 (m, 4H), 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

DMSO- d_6): δ = 167.7, 153.2, 134.1, 123.2, 110.6, 57.41, 53.8 (2C), 27.1, 25.5 (2C), 24.0; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3457, 3328, 2933, 2760, 1607, 1557, 1347, 1229, 1141, 766 cm^{-1} .

6-(Benzylthio)-*N*-methyl-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**8g**)

Compound **7b** (3.25 mmol, 602 mg) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL). 10% KOH (3.25 mmol, 2 mL) and benzyl bromide (3.25 mmol, 387 μL) were added sequentially to the above mixture. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour and a yellow product was precipitated with the addition of water. The precipitate was washed with ethanol and *n*-hexane. Yellow solid (yield= 89%); mp: 133-134 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 8.76 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.09 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 166.8, 151.8, 137.4, 134.6, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.2, 124.1, 109.3, 33.4, 28.3; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3374, 1577, 1374, 1212, 1036, 928, 760 cm^{-1} .

6[(4-Fluorobenzyl)thio]-2-methyl-3-nitropyridine (**8h**)

Compound **7c** (3 mmol, 510 mg) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL). This was followed by the addition of aqueous KOH 10% (3 mmol, 1.68 mL) and 4-fluorobenzyl bromide (3 mmol, 374 μL) respectively. After 1 hour of stirring at room temperature, the reaction was complete. The product was precipitated with the addition of water. Eventually, the product was filtered and further purified by washing with *n*-hexane. Pale yellow solid (yield= 66%); mp: 66-67 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 8.23 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 163.4, 162.5 (d, J = 243 Hz, 1C), 153.4, 142.1, 133.7 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1C), 133.1, 131.0 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2C), 119.6, 115.3 (d, J = 22 Hz, 2C), 32.8, 23.9; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3074, 1566, 1499, 1324, 1066, 753, 530 cm^{-1} .

N-{2-Amino-6-[(4-fluorobenzyl)thio]pyridin-3-yl}-3,4-difluorobenzamide (**9a**)

Compound **8a** (5 mmol, 1.4 g), iron powder (50 mmol, 2.8 g) and ammonium chloride (50 mmol, 2.675 g) were suspended in 4:1 ethanol/water (15 mL). The suspension was stirred at 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 hour. The suspension was filtered through a glass filter protected with 1 cm layer of diatomaceous earth and washed with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The filtrate was poured into water (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). Triethylamine (7.5 mmol, 1.05 mL)

was added to the combined filtrate. The solution was cooled to about 0 °C and 3,4-difluorobenzyl chloride (5 mmol, 630 µL) was added slowly over a period of 30 min. After complete addition of 3,4-difluorobenzyl bromide, the mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Eventually, the mixture was concentrated and left in the refrigerator to allow precipitation of the product. The product was further purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane. White solid (yield= 35%); purity 99%; mp: 150-151 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 9.64 (s, 1H), 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 167.3, 162.3 (d, *J*= 241 Hz, 1C), 154.6, 152.5, 150.3, 147.8, 135.2, 135.0 (d, *J*= 3 Hz, 1C), 130.8 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 2C), 125.4, 117.5 (d, *J*= 9 Hz, 1C), 117.3 (d, *J*= 9 Hz, 1C), 115.1 (d, *J*= 21 Hz, 2C), 114.1, 109.0, 32.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3396, 3298, 3150, 1629, 1504, 1462, 1226, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI *m/z* [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃OF₃S: 388.0737, found: 388.0747.

Ethyl-{6-[(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methylthio]-2-aminopyridin-3-yl}carbamate (**9b**)

Compound **8b** (2 mmol, 675 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (10 mmol, 2.26 g) were suspended in absolute ethanol (20 mL). The suspension was carefully set under an argon atmosphere and stirred at 70 °C. After 24 hours, the temperature was reduced to 40 °C and then triethylamine (20.4 mmol, 2.85 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (2.6 mmol, 248 µL) were added respectively. The reaction was stirred for overnight. The suspension was filtered through a protected glass filter and washed with ethanol (2 x 30 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and water was added to precipitate the product. The product was further purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane. Beige coloured solid (yield = 38%); purity 97%; mp: 165-167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 154.9, 154.2, 152.0, 139.6, 139.5, 130.8 (2C), 129.9, 128.9 (2C), 127.5, 126.5 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 120.1, 108.6, 60.6, 58.7, 14.4; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3484, 3290, 3161, 1703, 1622, 1460, 1219, 1065, 747 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI *m/z* [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₃O₂S: 378.1282, found: 378.1272.

Ethyl-{2-amino-6-[(3,5-dimethoxybenzylthio)pyridin-3-yl]}carbamate (**9c**)

Compound **8c** (2.5 mmol, 800 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (12.5 mmol, 2.82 g) were suspended in absolute alcohol (20 mL). The suspension was carefully set under an argon atmosphere and stirred at 70 °C for overnight. The temperature was lowered to 40 °C. Triethylamine (25.5 mmol, 3.5 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (3.25 mmol, 310 µL) were added sequentially and the mixture was stirred for 4 hours. The mixture was then filtered through a protected glass filter and washed with ethanol (3x 20 mL). The product was separated using column flash chromatography (solvent: n-hexane and ethyl acetate). The fractions that contain the product were combined and evaporated to dryness. The product was dissolved in ethanol and then precipitated with the addition of water. Off-white solid (yield = 52%); purity 100%; mp: 84-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.57 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J*= 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 1.24 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 160.2 (2C), 154.4, 152.8, 150.4, 140.9, 131.8, 115.2, 109.4, 106.7 (2C), 98.7, 60.3, 55.1 (2C), 33.7, 14.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3475, 3285, 3163, 2935, 1685, 1598, 1520, 1460, 1202, 1148, 1057 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₁N₃O₄S: 364.1326, found: 364.1317.

Ethyl-{2-amino-6-[(pyridin-2-ylmethylthio)pyridin-3-yl]}carbamate (**9d**)

Compound **8d** (1 mmol, 263 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (4.6 mmol, 1.04 g) were suspended in ethanol (10 mL). The suspension was carefully set under an argon atmosphere and then stirred at 70 °C for 22 hours. The temperature was lowered to 40 °C. Triethylamine (10.2 mmol, 1.4 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (1.3 mmol, 120 µL) were added respectively and stirred overnight. The filtrate was concentrated and water was added. The product was then partitioned into dichloromethane and packed for flash column chromatography (solvent: dichloromethane and methanol). The fractions containing the product were combined and evaporated to dryness. Brown solid (yield= 30%); purity 100%; mp: 129-131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J*= 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J*= 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 158.2, 154.5, 152.8, 150.3, 149.0, 136.7, 131.9, 130.1, 123.1,

122.1, 115.2, 109.2, 60.4, 45.6, 35.7, 14.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3361, 3227, 2979, 2929, 1721, 1524, 1456, 1245, 1221, 1071 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 305.1067, found: 305.1061.

S-{6-Amino-5-[(ethoxycarbonyl)amino]pyridin-2-yl} 4-fluorobenzothioate (**9e**)

Compound **8e** (1 mmol, 293 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (5 mmol, 1.13 g) were suspended in absolute ethanol (10 mL). The suspension was carefully set under argon atmosphere. The suspension was stirred at 70 °C for 48 hours. The temperature was lowered to 40 °C. Triethylamine (10.2 mmol, 1.4 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (2.6 mmol, 240 μL) were added respectively. After 4 hours of stirring at 40 °C, the reaction was complete. The mixture was filtered through a protected glass filter and washed with ethanol (3 x 20 mL). The product was separated by flash column chromatography (solvent: dichloromethane and ethanol). The product was further purified using preparative HPLC (water and methanol). Off-white solid (yield= 28%); purity 100%; mp: 156-157 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 188.2, 166.7 (d, J = 251 Hz, 1C), 154.2, 132.8, 130.0 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1C), 119.8, 119.4, 116.5 (d, J = 23 Hz, 1C), 60.6, 14.4; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3434, 3377, 3161, 1736, 1649, 1505, 1470, 1201, 906 cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{FS}$: 336.0813, found: 336.0816.

Ethyl {2-amino-6-([2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethylthio]pyridin-3-yl)carbamate (**9f**)

Compound **8f** (1 mmol, 282 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (4.6 mmol, 1.02g) were suspended in absolute ethanol (10 mL). After carefully setting under argon atmosphere, the suspension was stirred at 70 °C for 25 hours. The temperature was lowered to 40 °C. Triethylamine (10.2 mmol, 1.4 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (2.6 mmol, 240 μL) were added and the mixture was stirred for 3 hours. The mixture was filtered and washed with ethanol (3 x 20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and poured into water (50 mL). The product was partitioned into dichloromethane, which was evaporated to dryness in order to give a pure product. Brown coloured solid (yield= 32%); purity 100%; mp: 136-137 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ = 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (q, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.38 (m, 4H), 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6):

d₆): δ = 154.5, 152.8, 151.1, 131.9, 114.9, 109.3, 60.3, 58.2, 53.8 (2C), 26.9, 25.5 (2), 24.0, 14.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3341, 3212, 2934, 1713, 1530, 1452, 1214, 1065 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₄N₄O₂S: 325.1693, found: 325.1698.

N-[6-(Benzylthio)-2-(methylamino)pyridin-3-yl]-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)acetamide (**9g**)

Compound **8g** (2.8 mmol, 771 mg), iron powder (28 mmol, 1.57 g) and ammonium chloride (28 mmol, 1.5 g) were suspended in 15 mL ethanol 20%. The suspension was stirred at 100 °C for 2 hours, filtered over diatomaceous earth, and the filter washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was poured into water. The collected precipitate was washed with ethyl acetate. 2,6-Dichlorophenyl acetic acid (2.8 mmol, 600 mg) and *O*-(7-azabenzotriazole-1-yl)-*N,N,N,N'*-tetramethyluroniumhexafluorophosphate (HATU, 5.6 mmol, 2.1 g) were added and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C overnight. The product was separated using silica gel chromatography (solvent: ethyl acetate/hexane). The combined product containing fractions were evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in ethanol and water was added to precipitate the product. Lavender coloured solid (yield = 8%); purity 100%; mp: 201-202 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 9.25 (s, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 168.7, 163.4 (dd, *J* = 13 Hz, *J* = 244 Hz, 2C), 153.2, 151.6, 140.4 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 1C), 138.9, 133.2, 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 126.8, 115.1, 112.7 (dd, *J* = 6 Hz, *J* = 17 Hz, 2C), 107.9, 102.2 (t, *J* = 26 Hz, 1C), 41.8, 33.3, 27.9; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3442, 3404, 3269, 1652, 1591, 1496, 1389, 1230, 1119, 991, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI m/z [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₄O₂S: 398.1144, found: 398.1157.

Ethyl [6-(4-fluorobenzylthio)-2-methylpyridin-3-yl]carbamate (**9h**)

Compound **8h** (1.8 mmol, 501 mg) and tin (II) chloride dihydrate (9 mmol, 2.03 g) were suspended in absolute ethanol (20 mL). The suspension was carefully set under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for overnight. The temperature was then lowered to 40 °C. Triethylamine (18.36 mmol, 2.56 mL) and ethyl chloroformate (2.34 mmol, 223 μ L) were added respectively. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred for 3 hours and then filtered through a glass filter protected with 1 cm layer of diatomaceous earth. The mixture was washed with ethanol (3 x 10 mL). Eventually, the mixture was concentrated and water added to precipitate

the product. Beige coloured solid (yield = 84%); purity 100%; mp: 102-103 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 162.3 (d, *J*= 243 Hz, 1C), 154.4, 152.0, 134.7 (d, *J*= 3 Hz, 1C), 132.8, 130.8 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 2C), 129.5, 119.5, 115.1 (d, *J*=21 Hz, 2C), 60.43, 32.8, 20.8, 14.5; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3284, 2980, 1689, 1509, 1442, 1250, 1061 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N₂O₂FS: 321.1068, found: 321.1060.

N-[2-Amino-6-(4-fluorobenzylsulfinyl)pyridin-3-yl]-3,4-difluorobenzamide (**10a**)

Compound **9a** (1 mmol, 390 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and was allowed to cool using an ice-cold water bath. 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (1.1 mmol, 190 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and was added slowly to the reaction mixture. Following the complete addition of 3-chloroperbenzoic acid, the solution was stirred for 1 hour. The solution was concentrated and left in the refrigerator for overnight. The product was collected by filtration and washed with 10% NaHCO₃. The product was further purified by recrystallization from ethanol. Beige coloured solid (yield = 30%); purity 100%; mp: 118-119 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 2H), 4.38 (d, *J*= 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J*= 13.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 163.9, 163.1 (d, *J*= 243 Hz, 1C), 157.5, 154.6, 134.7, 132.3 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 1C), 131.7, 126.6, 125.6, 119.3, 117.6, 117.4, 115.1 (d, *J*= 21 Hz, 2C), 108.1, 57.6; IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3470, 3349, 3234, 1657, 1596, 1494, 1456, 1289, 1229, 1042 cm⁻¹; HRMS-ESI m/z [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O₂F₃S: 404.0686, found: 404.0701.

Ethyl {6-[(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methylsulfinyl]-2-aminopyridin-3-yl}carbamate (**10b**)

Compound **9b** (0.64 mmol, 241 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and was cooled in an ice-cold water bath. 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (0.71 mmol, 122mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and added slowly to the reaction solution. The solution was stirred for an additional 1 hr, which was then concentrated and left in the refrigerator to allow precipitation of the product. The product was collected by filtration, which was washed with 10% NaHCO₃. Off-white solid (yield = 88%); purity 100%; mp: 224-225 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ= 8.90 (br s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, 2H), 7.38 (t,

1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 4.39 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 154.9, 154.1, 152, 139.6, 139.5, 130.8$ (2C), 129.9, 128.9 (2C), 127.5, 126.6 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 120.6, 108.6, 60.6, 58.7, 14.4; IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3341, 3211, 2988, 1725, 1530, 1465, 1220, 1030, 762$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 396.1376, found: 396.1366.

Ethyl [2-amino-6-(3,5-dimethoxybenzylsulfinyl)pyridin-3-yl]carbamate (**10c**)

Compound **9c** (0.8 mmol, 291 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and was cooled in an ice-cold water bath. 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (0.88 mmol, 152 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and was added to the reaction mixture over a period on 1 hour. After full addition of 3-chloroperbenzoic acid, the solution stirred for 1 hr, concentrated and left in the refrigerator for overnight. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with 10% NaHCO_3 . The product was separated using flash column chromatography (solvent: dichloromethane and ethanol). White solid (yield = 18%); purity 100%; mp: 200-202 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 8.88$ (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t, 1H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 6.23 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 6H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 160.0$ (2C), 154.9, 154.2, 152.1, 132.7, 129.7, 120.5, 108.7, 108.1 (2C), 99.8, 60.7, 59.1, 55.1 (2C), 14.4; IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3340, 3210, 1732, 1595, 1524, 1208, 1036$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 380.1275, found: 380.1274.

Ethyl [6-(4-fluorobenzylsulfinyl)-2-methylpyridin-3-yl]carbamate (**10d**)

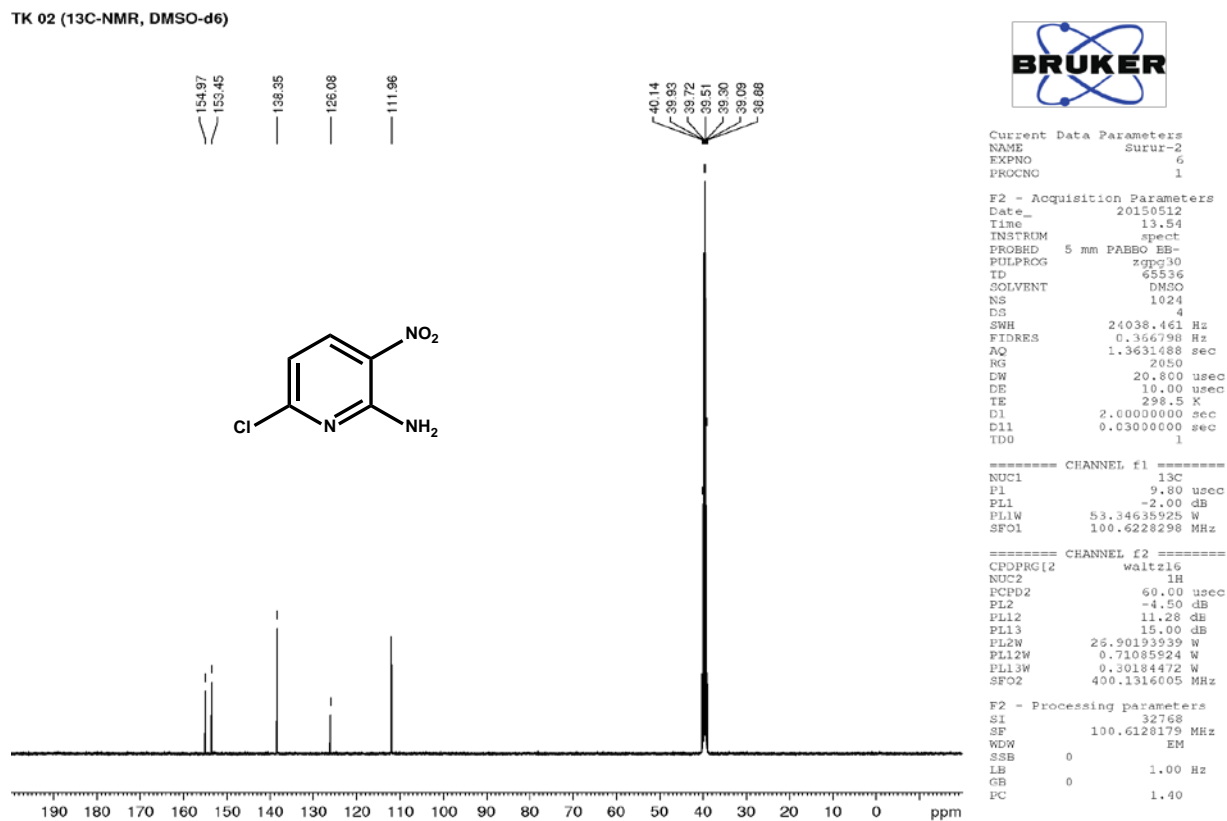
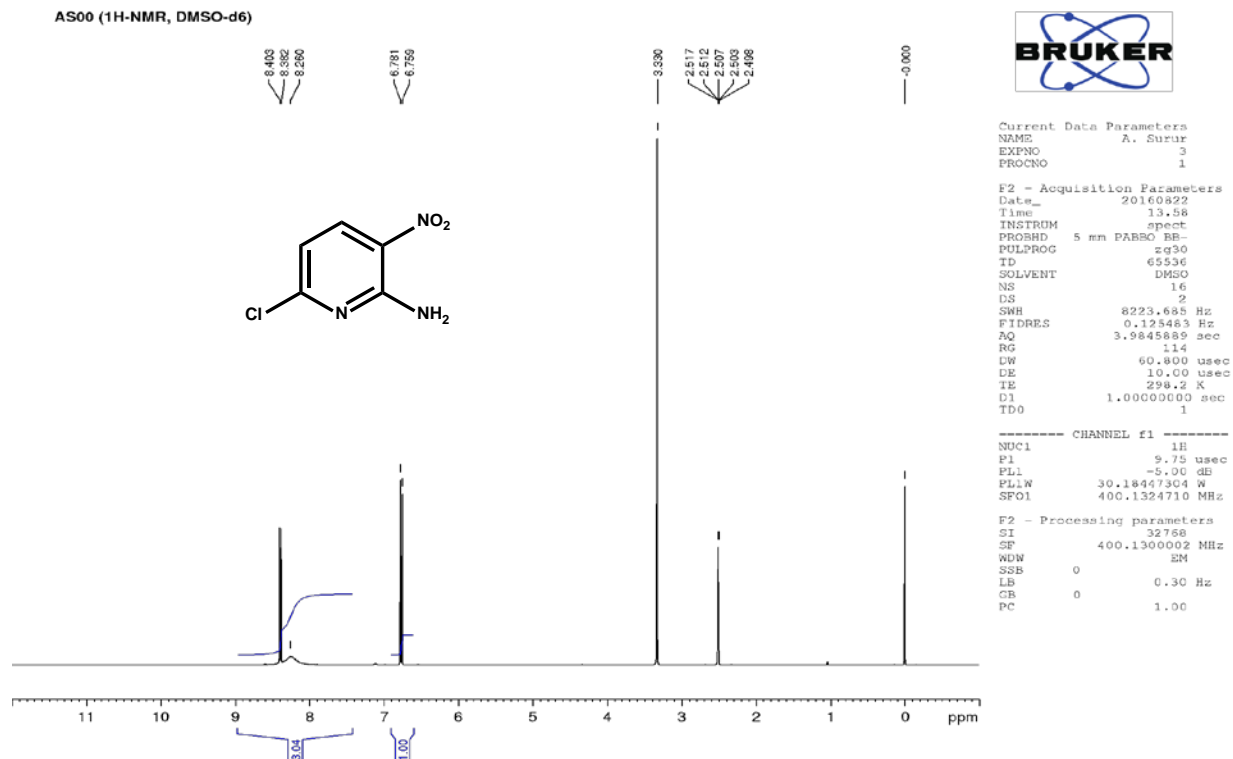
Compound **9d** (0.8 mmol, 275 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL). The solution was put in an ice-cold water bath. 3-Chloroperbenzoic acid (0.88 mmol, 152 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) and added to the reaction solution slowly over a period of 1 hour. After complete addition, the solution was stirred for another 1 hour. The solution was then concentrated and left in the refrigerator to allow the precipitation of the product. The product was washed with 10% NaHCO_3 and dried under reduced pressure. White solid (yield = 25%); purity 100%; mp: 155-156 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 9.28$ (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (m, 4H), 4.39 (d, $J = 13.08$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d,

$J = 13.08$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 163.1$ (d, $J = 244$ Hz, 1C), 156.6, 154.1, 151.3, 134.2, 132.3 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2C), 131.4, 126.3 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 1C), 118.2, 115.0 (d, $J = 22$ Hz, 2C), 60.8, 57.9, 21.0, 14.4; IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3164, 3058, 2994, 1712, 1528, 1231, 1040, 870$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS-ESI m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{FS}$: 337.1017, found: 337.1008.

Determination of $\text{LogD}_{7.4}$

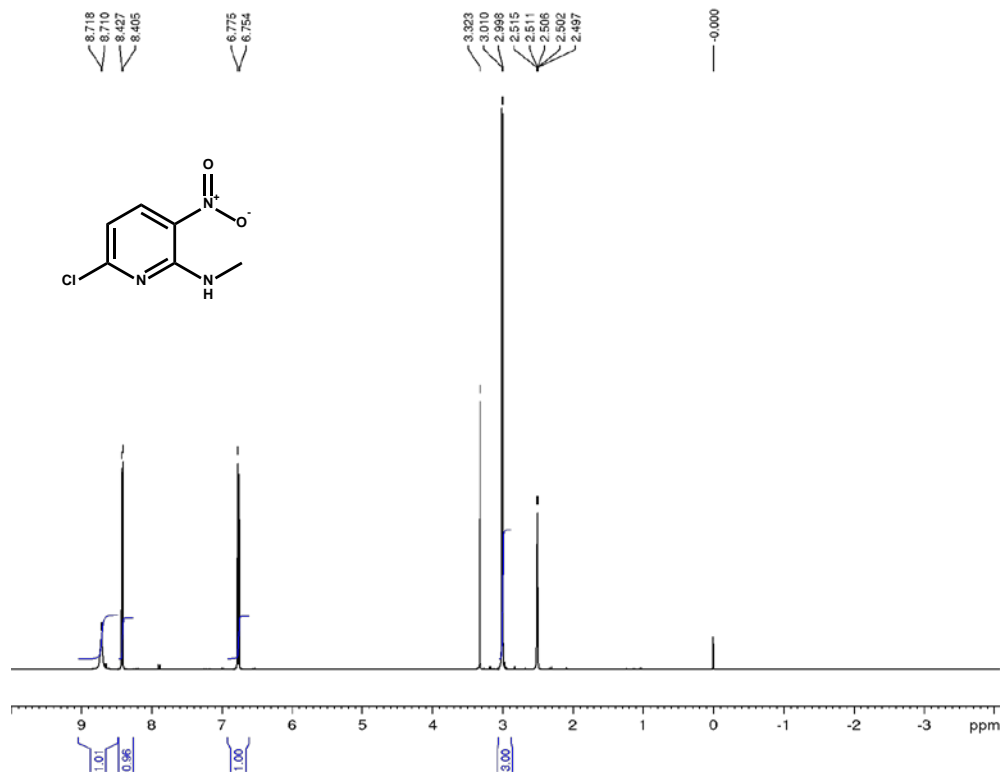
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2-Amino-6-chloro-3-nitropyridine (6a)



6-Chloro-N-methyl-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (6b)

AS-54 (1H-NMR, DMSO-d6)



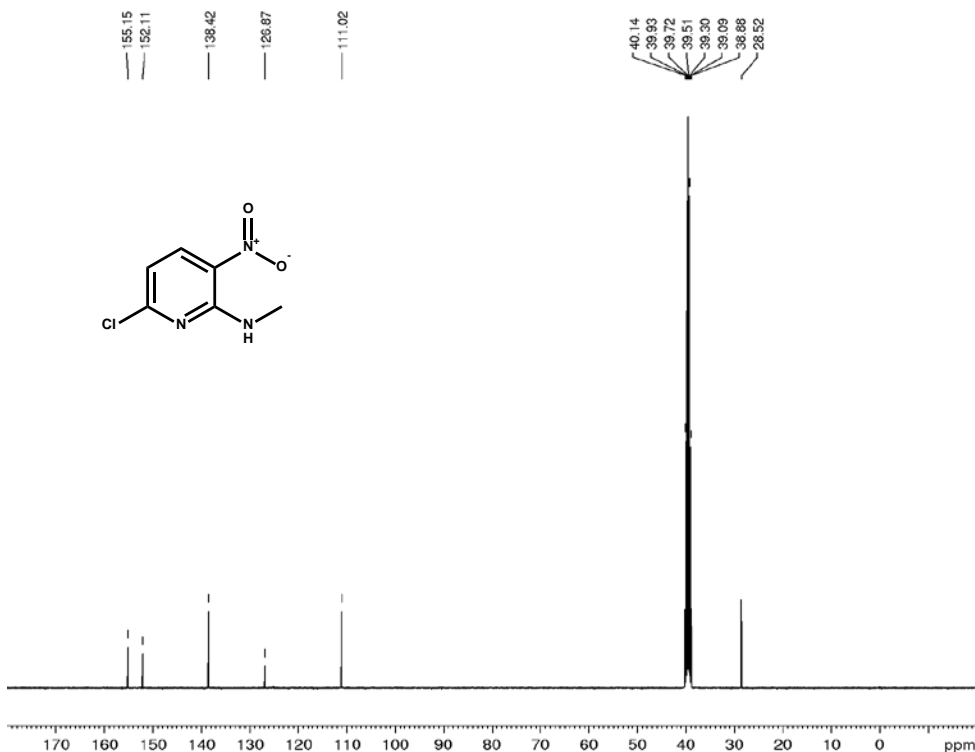
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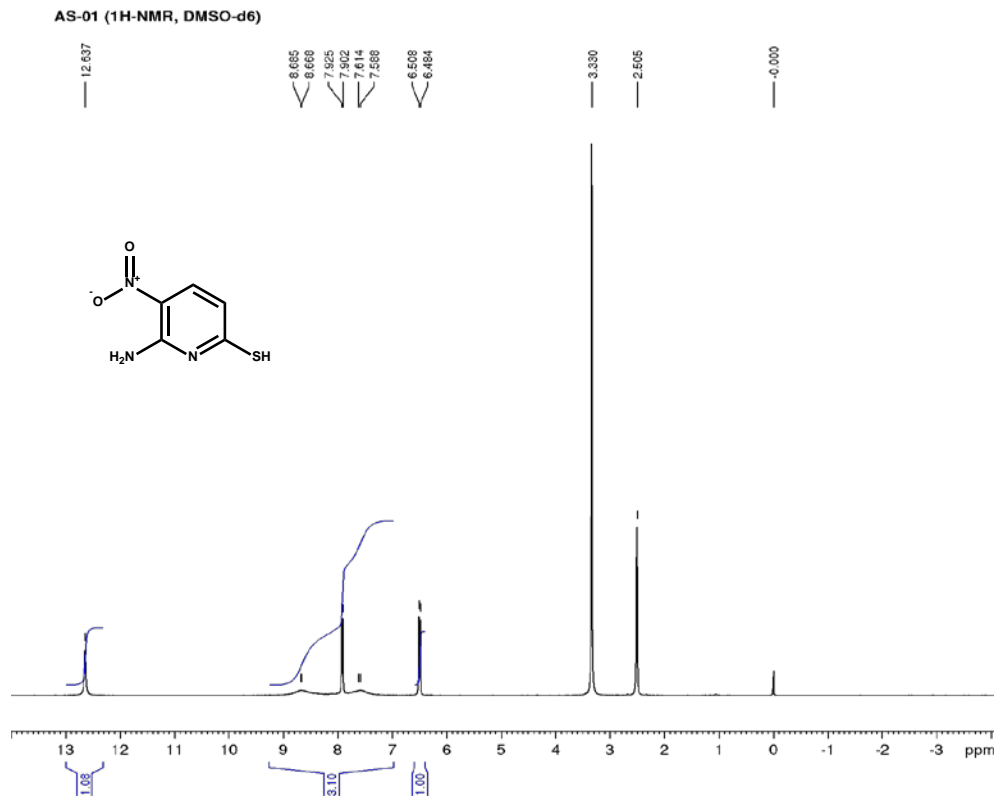
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6-Amino-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (7a)



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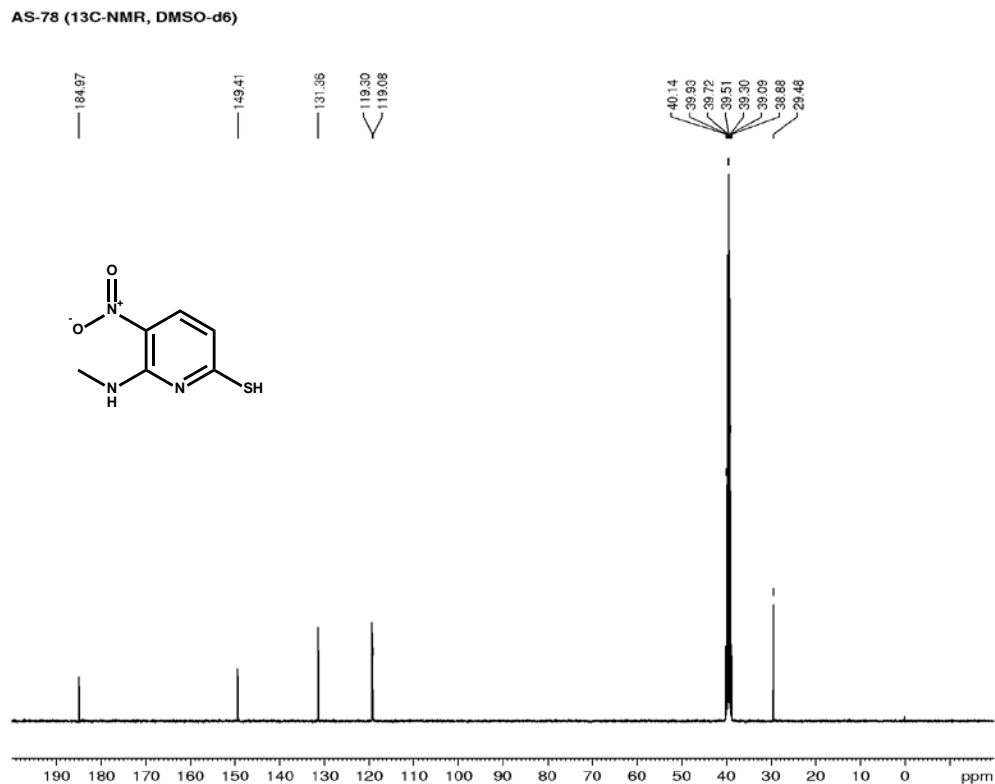
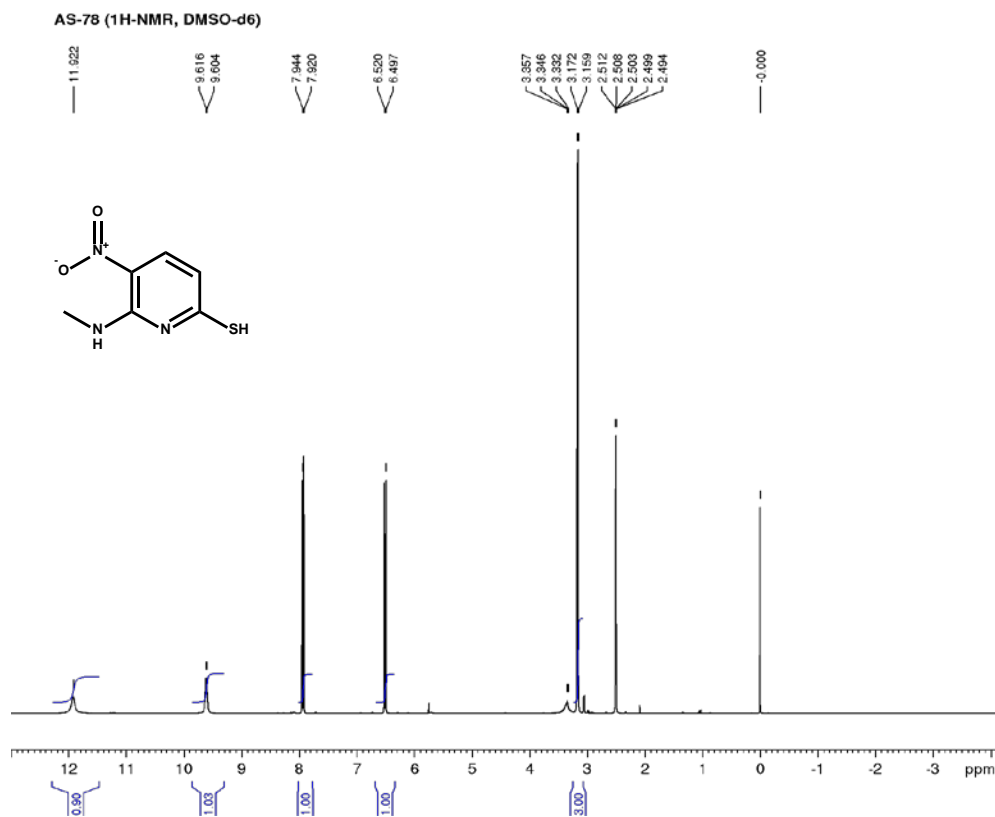
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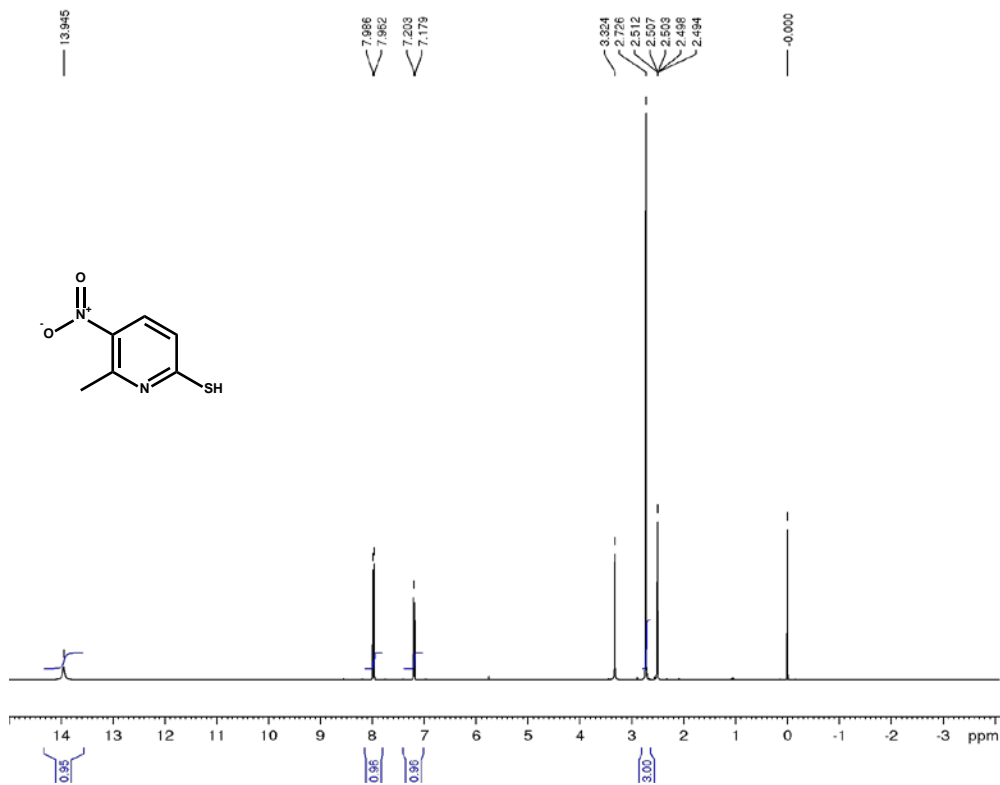
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6-(Methylamino)-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (**7b**)



6-Methyl-5-nitropyridine-2-thiol (7c)

AS-43 (1H-NMR, DMSO-d6)



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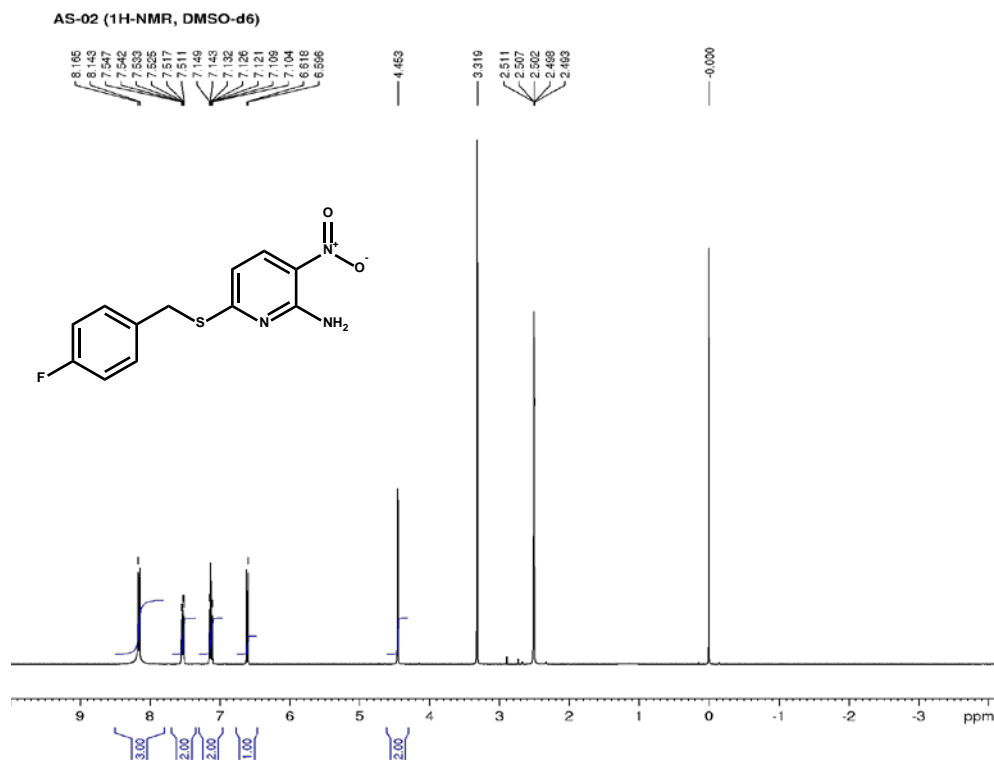
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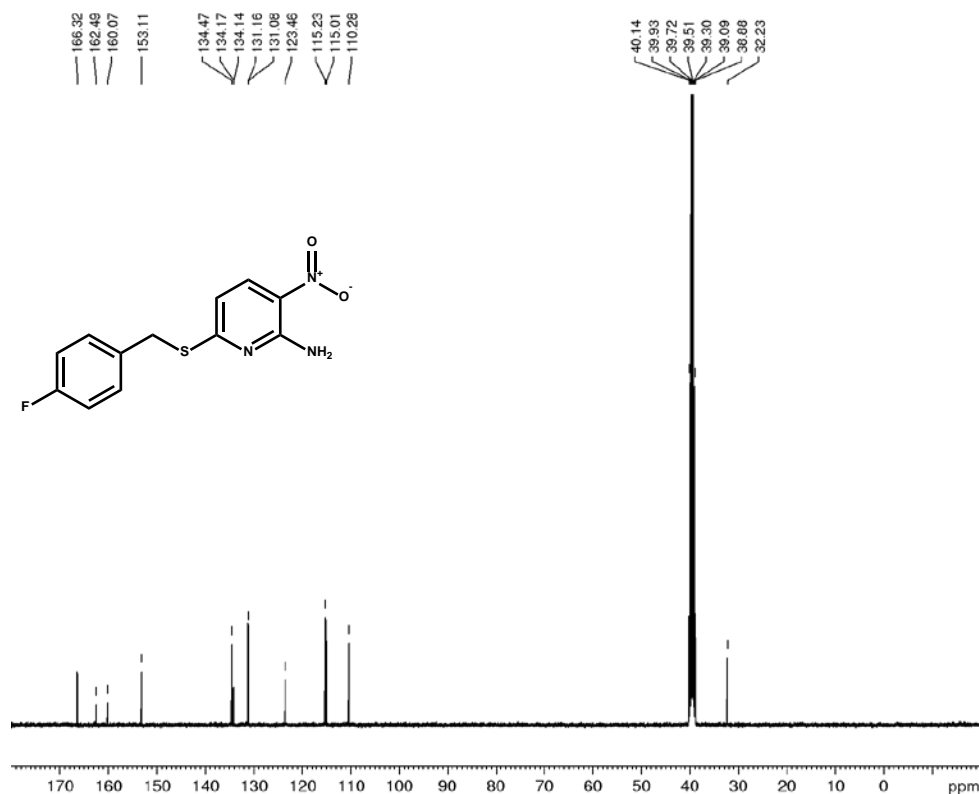
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F2 - Processing parameters
SI        32768
SF        400.1300023 MHz
WDW       EM
SSB       0
LB        0.30 Hz
GB        0
PC        1.00
    
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TK 04 (13C-NMR, DMSO-d6)



Current Data Parameters

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NAME      Surur-2
EXPNO     15
PROCNO    1

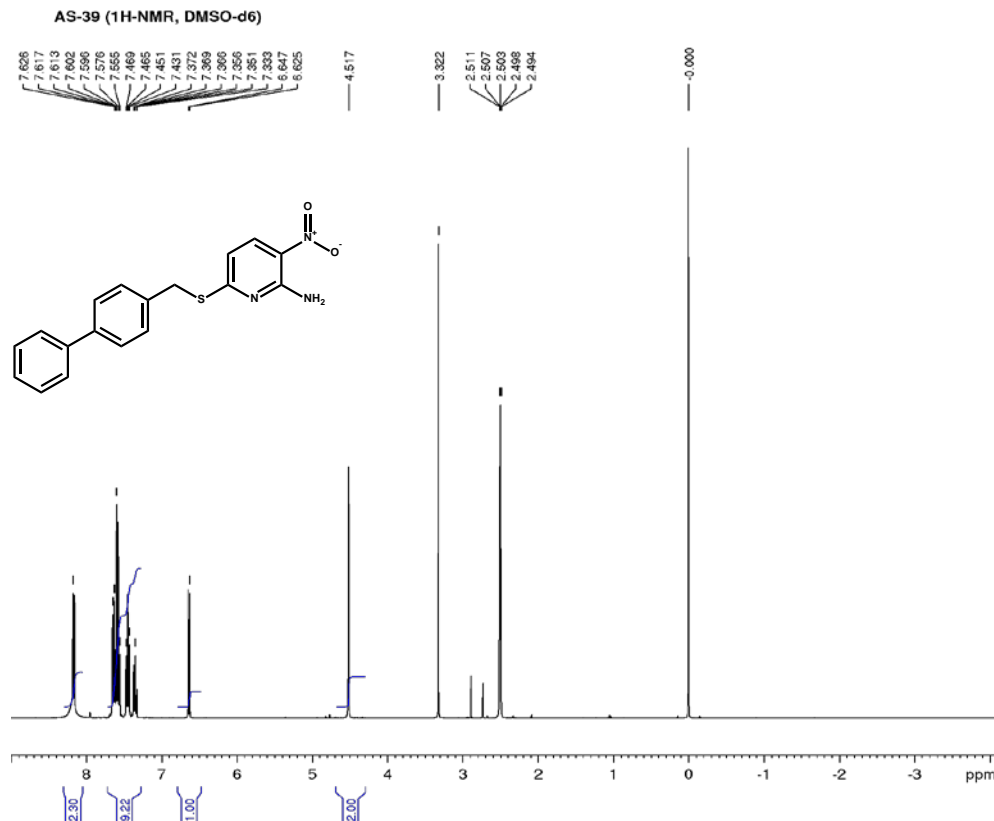
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Date_     20150527
Time      12.18
INSTRUM   spect
PROBHD    5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG   zgpg30
TD         65536
SOLVENT   DMSO
NS         1024
DS         4
SWH        24038.461 Hz
FIDRES     0.366798 Hz
AQ         1.3631488 sec
RG         2050
DW         20.800 usec
DE         10.00 usec
TE         297.9 K
D1         2.0000000 sec
D11        0.0300000 sec
TDD        1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
NUC1      13C
P1        9.80 usec
PL1       -2.00 dB
PL1W      53.34635925 W
SFO1      100.6228298 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG[2] waltz16
NUC2      1H
FCPD2     60.00 usec
PL2       -4.50 dB
PL12      11.23 dB
PL13      15.00 dB
PL2W      25.90193939 W
PL12W     0.71085924 W
PL13W     0.30184472 W
SFO2      400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI        32768
SF        100.6128178 MHz
WDW       EM
SSB       0
LB        1.00 Hz
GB        0
PC        1.40
    
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6-[(1,1'-Biphenyl-4-yl)methylthio]-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (**8b**)

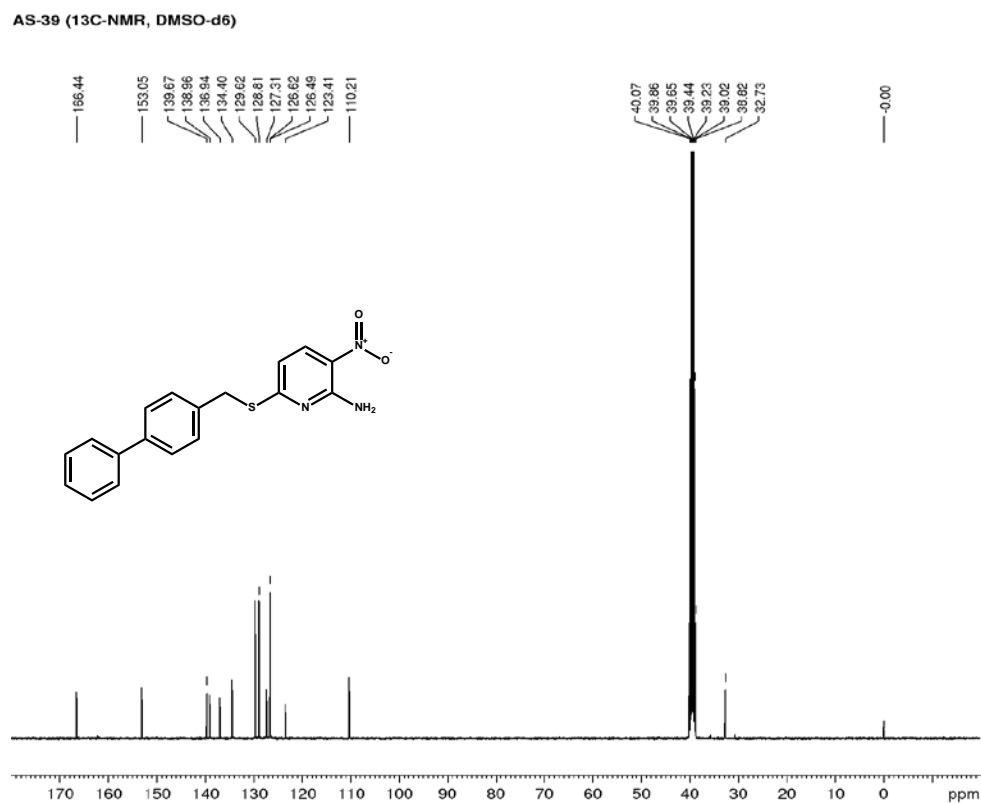


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 313
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170608
 Time 9.54
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65535
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845809 sec
 RG 128
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 1.00000000 sec
 TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300021 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 314
 PROCNO 1

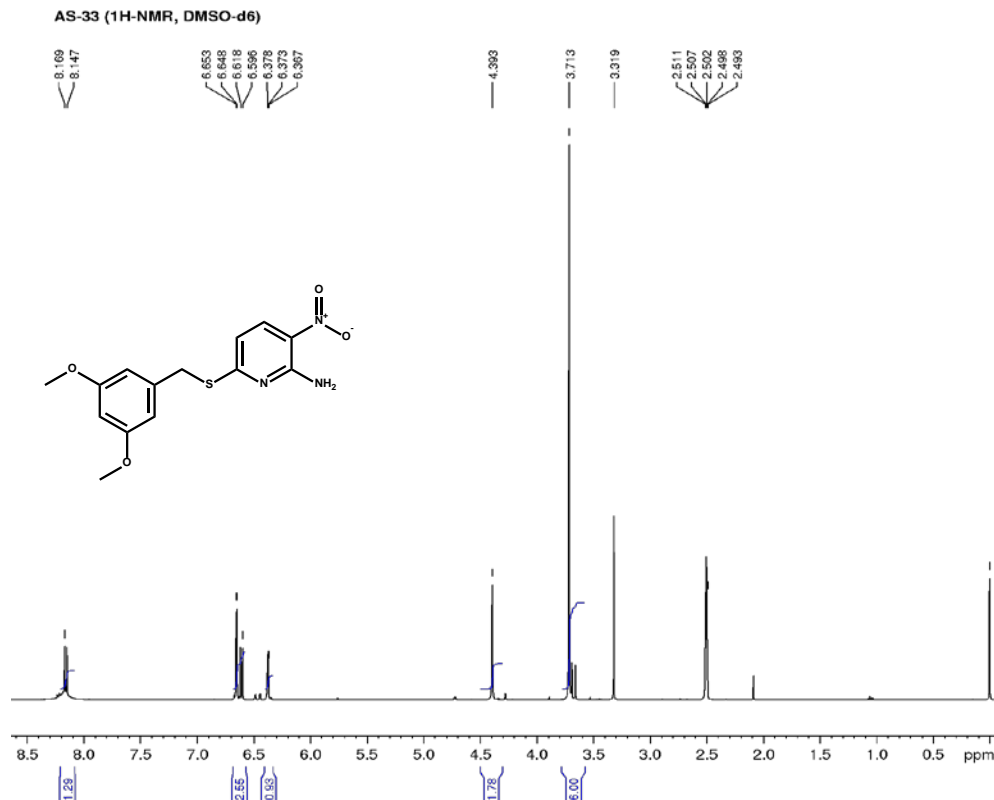
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 Date_ 20170608
 Time 20.19
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 5000
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 299.2 K
 D1 2.00000000 sec
 D11 0.03000000 sec
 TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
 CPDPRG[2] waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 FCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128263 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

6-[(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl)thio]-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (8c)



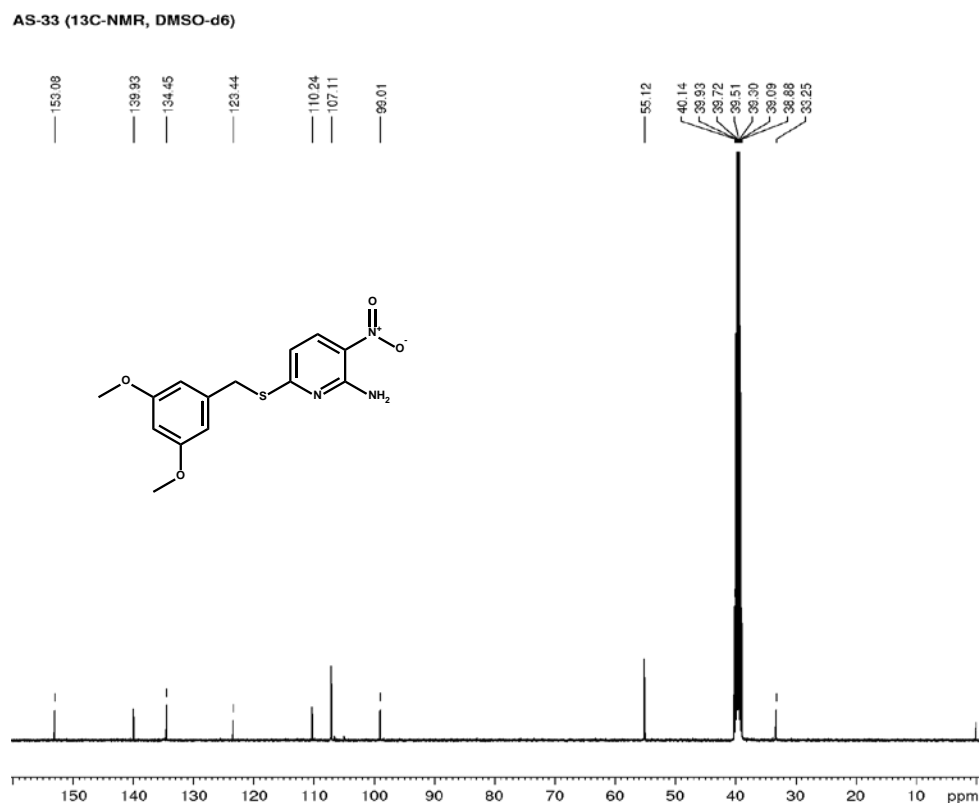
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Current Data Parameters
NAME      A. Surur
EXPNO    280
PROCNO   1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
Date_    20170515
Time     9.28
INSTRUM spect
PROBHD   5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG zg30
TD       65536
SOLVENT  DMSO
NS       16
DS       2
SWH      8223.685 Hz
FIDRES   0.125483 Hz
AQ       3.9845889 sec
RG       114
DW       60.800 usec
DE       10.00 usec
TE       298.2 K
D1       1.00000000 sec
TD0      1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
NUC1     1H
P1       9.75 usec
PL1      -5.00 dB
PL1W     30.18447304 W
SFO1     400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI       32768
SF       400.1300023 MHz
WDW      EM
SSB      0
LB       0.30 Hz
GB       0
PC       1.00
    
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Current Data Parameters
NAME      A. Surur
EXPNO    281
PROCNO   1

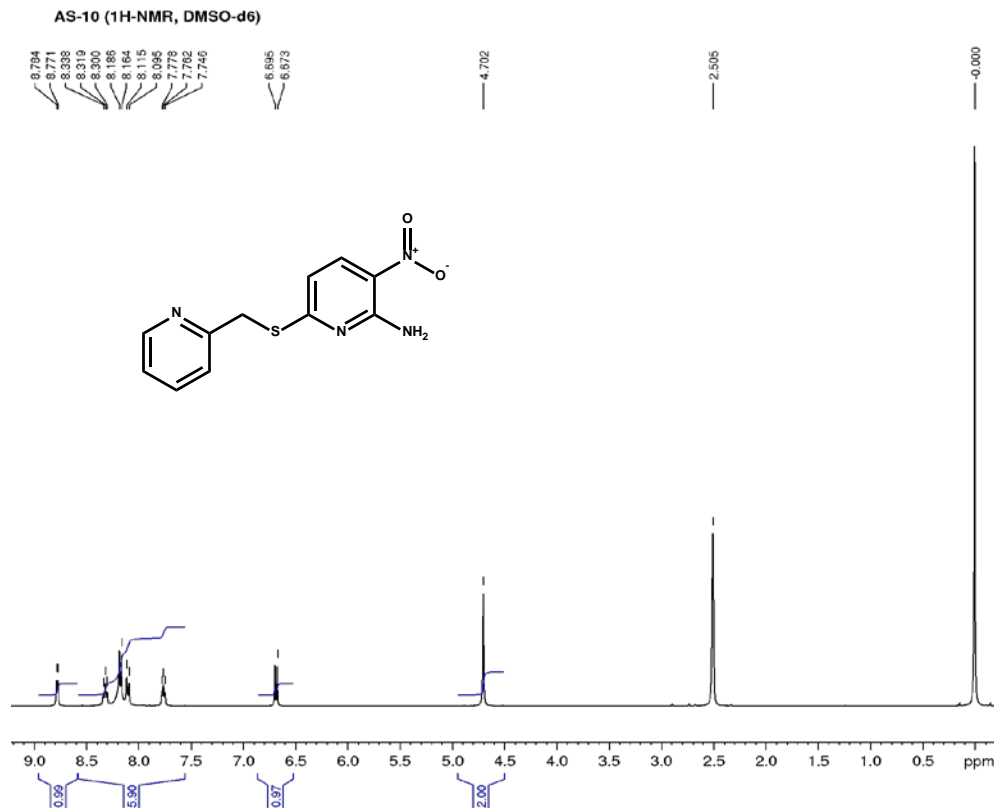
F2 - Acquisition Parameters
Date_    20170515
Time     19.22
INSTRUM spect
PROBHD   5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG zgpg30
TD       65536
SOLVENT  DMSO
NS       4000
DS       4
SWH      24038.461 Hz
FIDRES   0.366798 Hz
AQ       1.3631488 sec
RG       2050
DW       20.800 usec
DE       10.00 usec
TE       301.2 K
D1       2.00000000 sec
D11      0.03000000 sec
TD0      1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
NUC1     13C
P1       10.00 usec
PL1      -2.70 dB
PL1W     62.67650986 W
SFO1     100.6220298 MHz

----- CHANNEL f2 -----
CPDPRG[2] waltz16
NUC2     1H
PCPD02   60.00 usec
PL2      -5.00 dB
PL12     10.78 dB
PL13     15.00 dB
PL2W     30.18447304 W
PL12W    0.79759723 W
PL13W    0.30184472 W
SFO2     400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI       32768
SF       100.6120199 MHz
WDW      EM
SSB      0
LB       1.00 Hz
GB       0
PC       1.40
    
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3-Nitro-6-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)thio]pyridin-2-amine (**8d**)



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 103
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170105
 Time 13.40
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 101
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 1.0000000 sec
 TDO 1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300008 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 49
 PROCNO 1

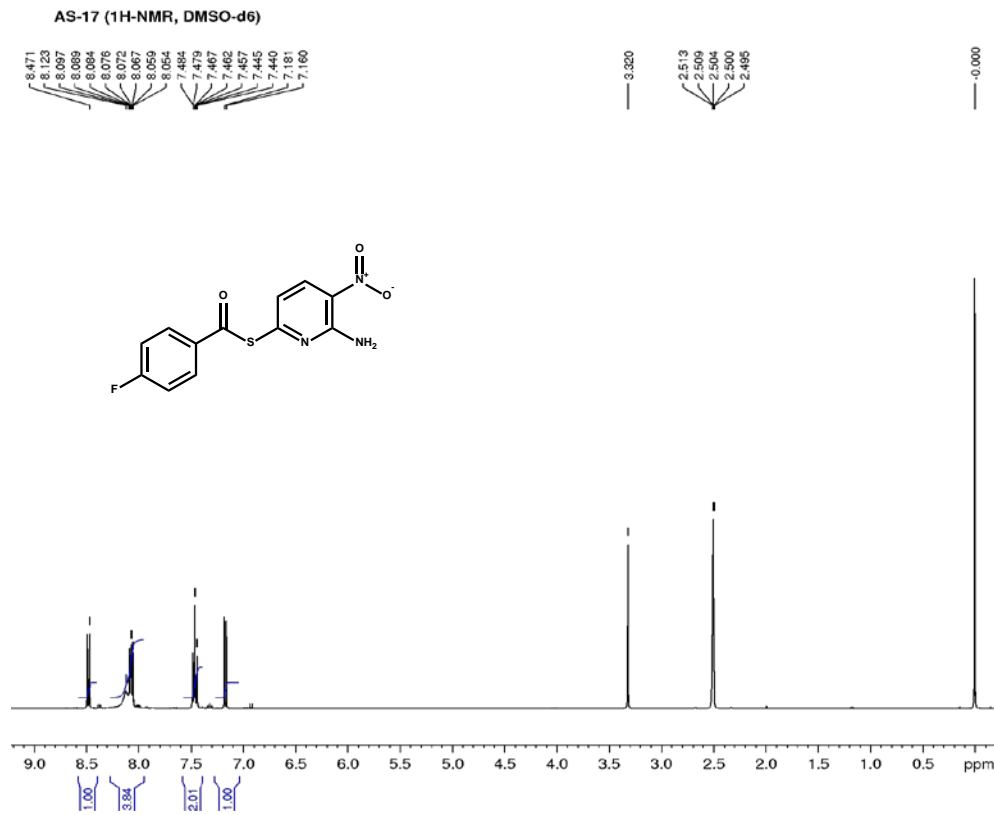
F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20161121
 Time 12.16
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 1024
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 299.2 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.0300000 sec
 TDO 1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

----- CHANNEL f2 -----
 CPDPRGf2 waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 PCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128189 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

S-(6-Amino-5-nitropyridin-2-yl) 4-fluorobenzothioate (**8e**)

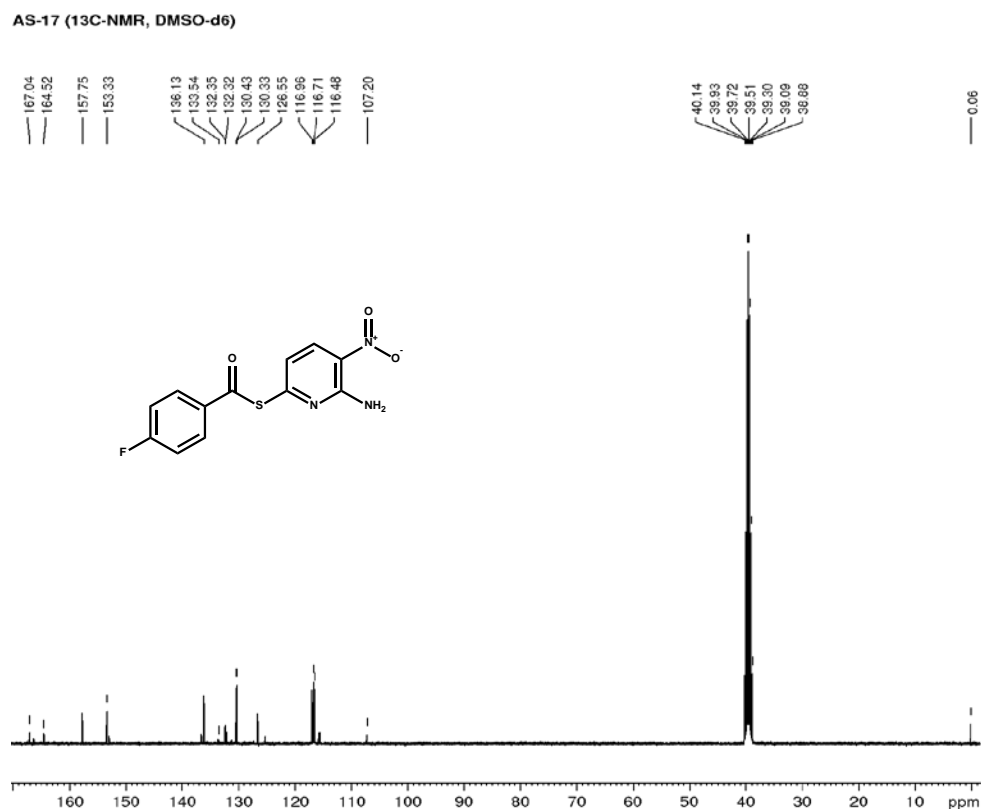


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 159
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170220
 Time 10.23
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.665 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 114
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 1.0000000 sec
 TDD 1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300017 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 128
 PROCNO 1

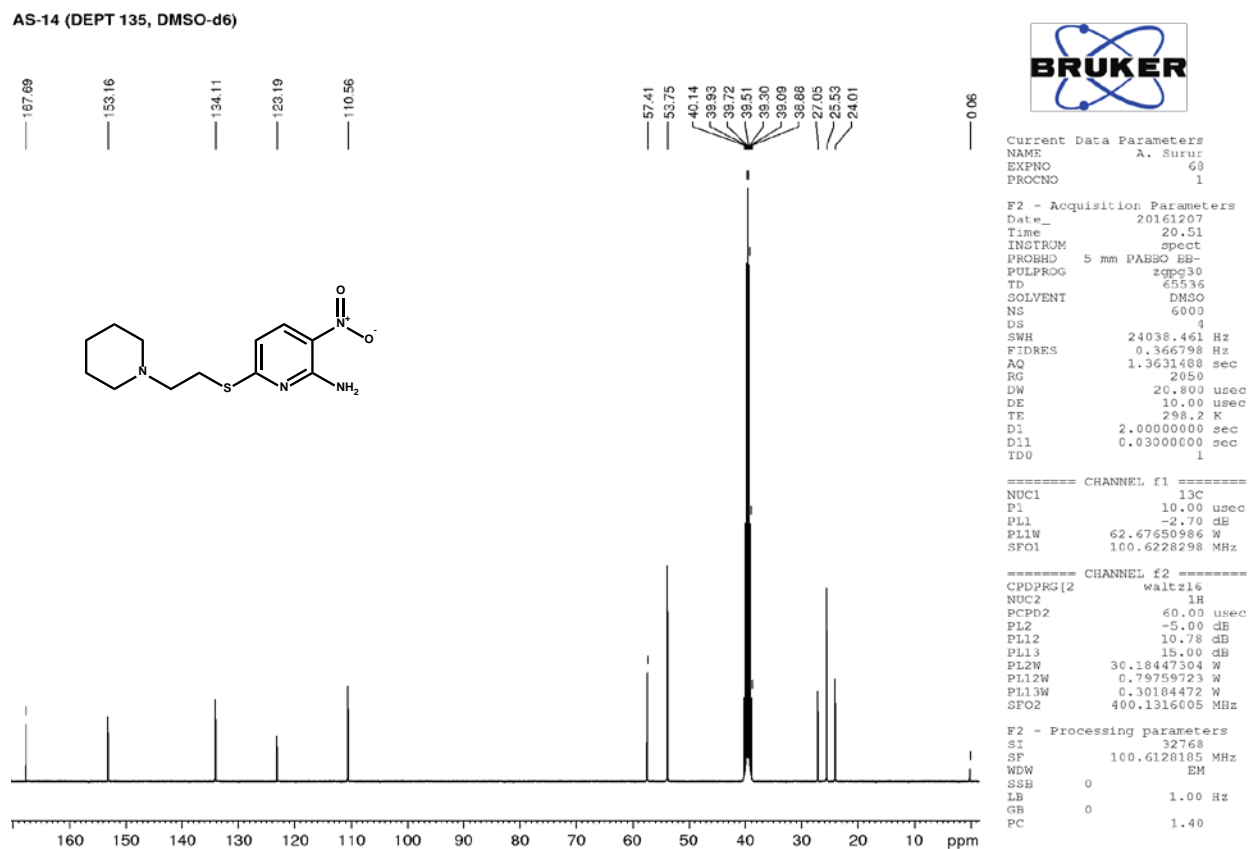
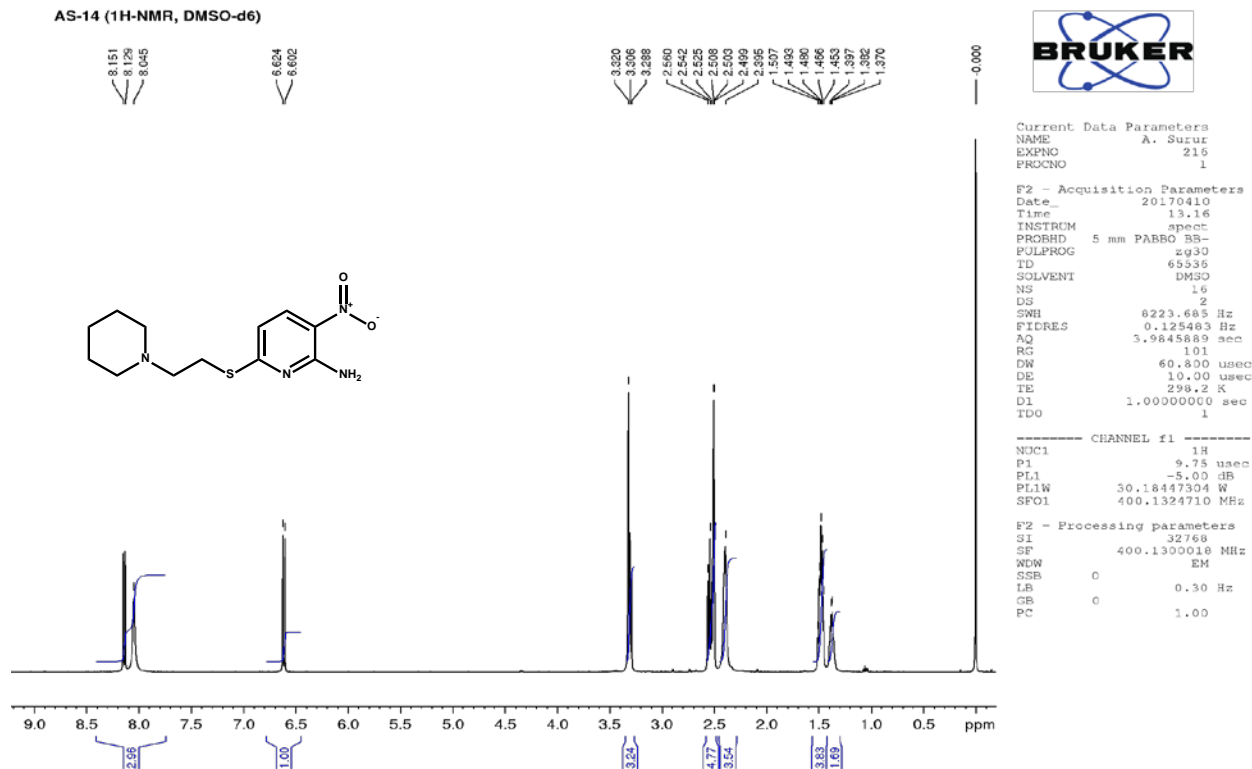
F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170120
 Time 14.52
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 1024
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.0300000 sec
 TDD 1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

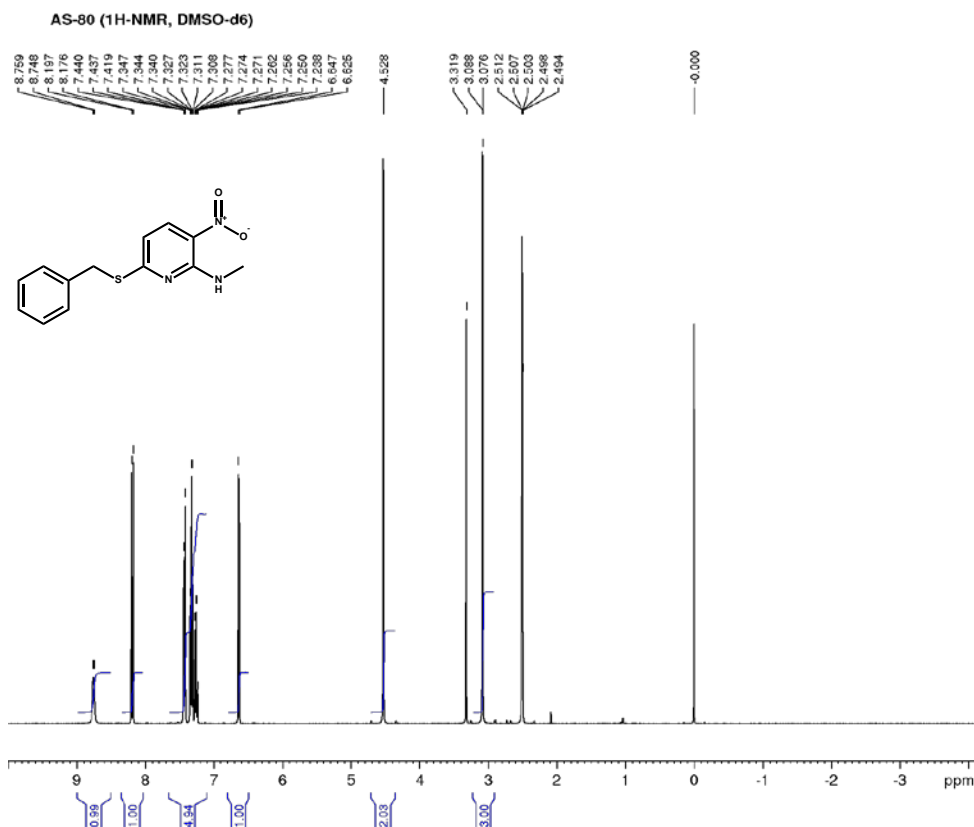
----- CHANNEL f2 -----
 CPDPRG2 waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 FCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL12W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128179 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

3-Nitro-6-[[2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl]thio]pyridin-2-amine (8f)



6-(Benzylthio)-*N*-methyl-3-nitropyridin-2-amine (8g)

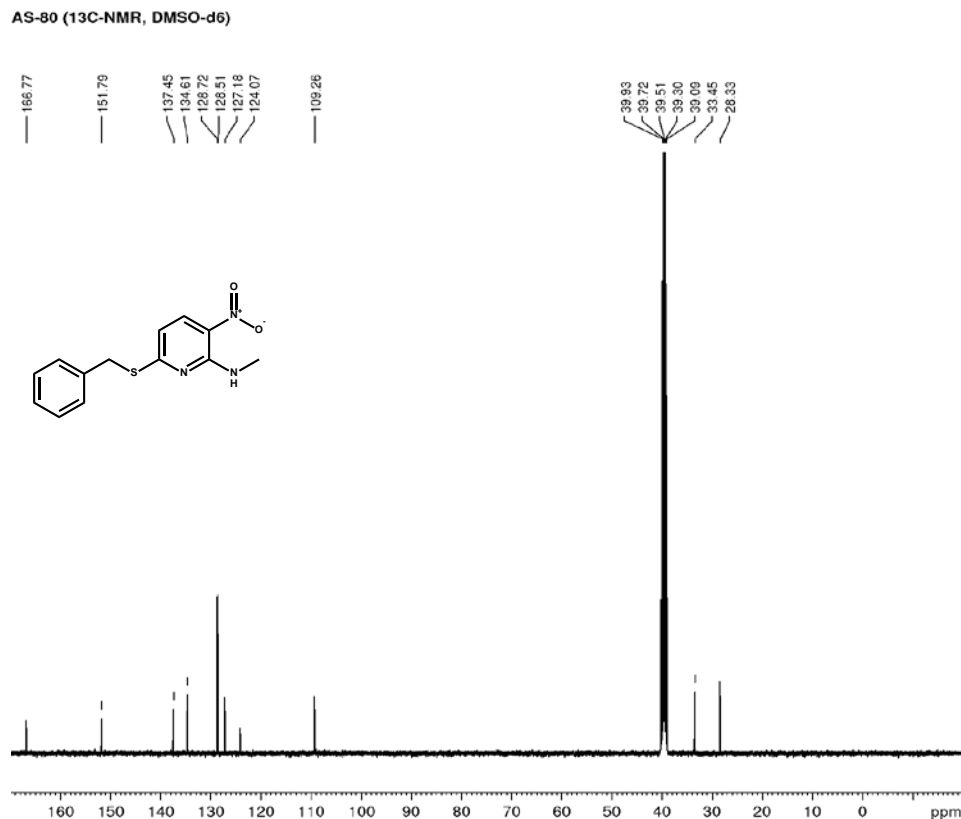


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 523
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20171110
 Time 9.47
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 ID 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 6223.695 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125883 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 114
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.1 K
 D1 1.0000000 sec
 TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300019 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 549
 PROCNO 1

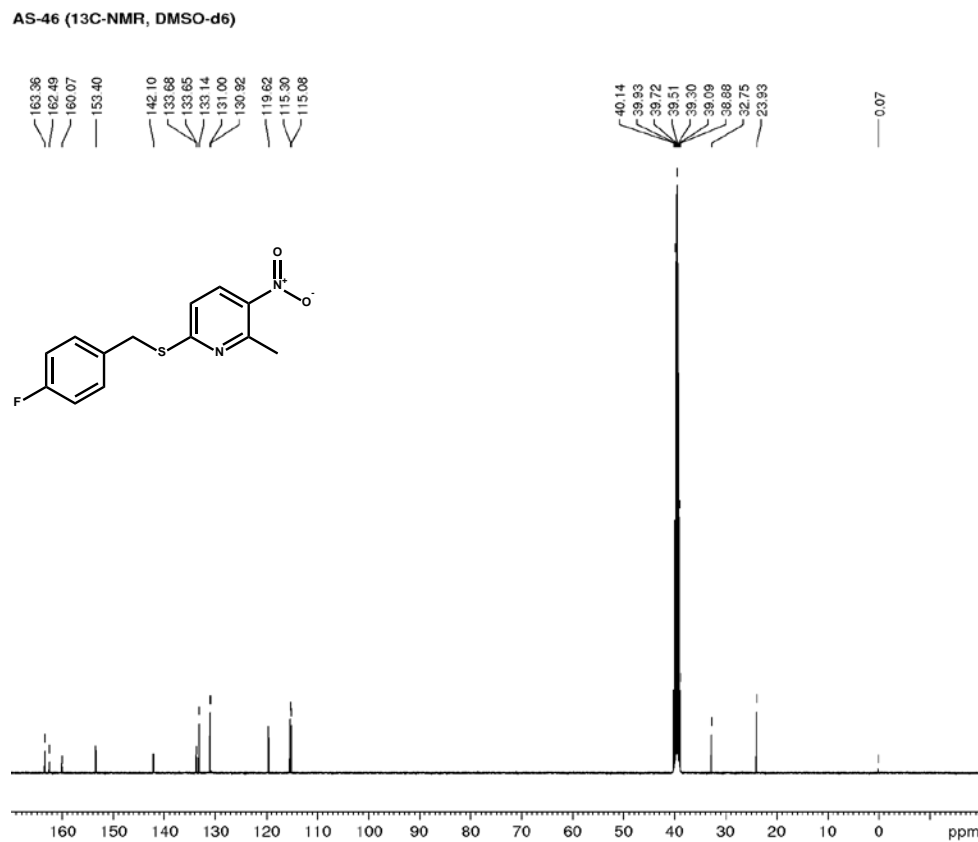
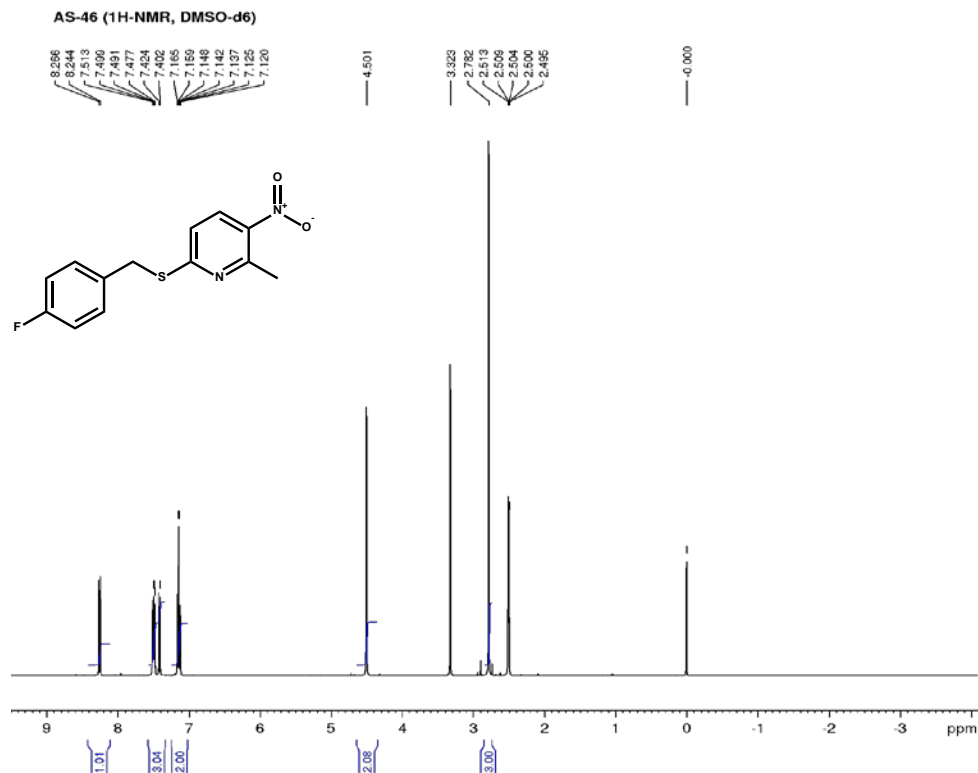
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 Date_ 20171124
 Time 9.59
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 ID 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 1024
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.356798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.0300000 sec
 TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

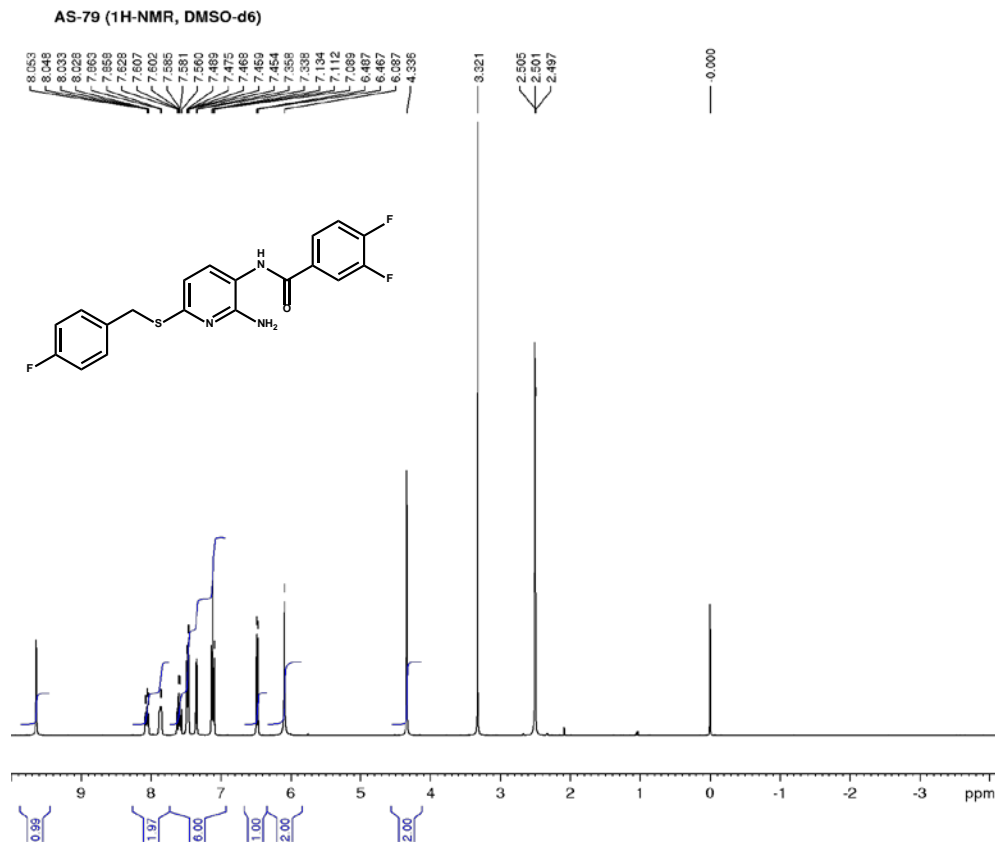
===== CHANNEL f2 =====
 CPOPRG2 waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 PCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128175 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

6[(4-Fluorobenzyl)thio]-2-methyl-3-nitropyridine (8h)



N-{2-Amino-6-[(4-fluorobenzyl)thio]pyridin-3-yl}-3,4-difluorobenzamide (9a)

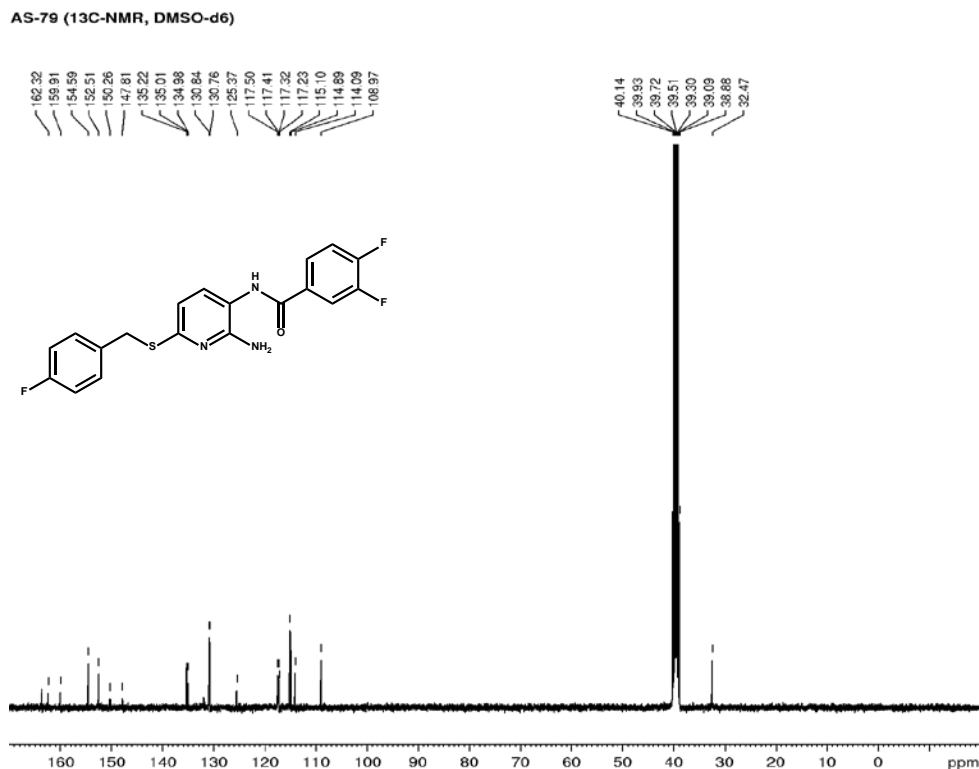


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 529
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20171115
 Time 3.08
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8273.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 114
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.1 K
 D1 1.0000000 sec
 TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300027 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 554
 PROCNO 1

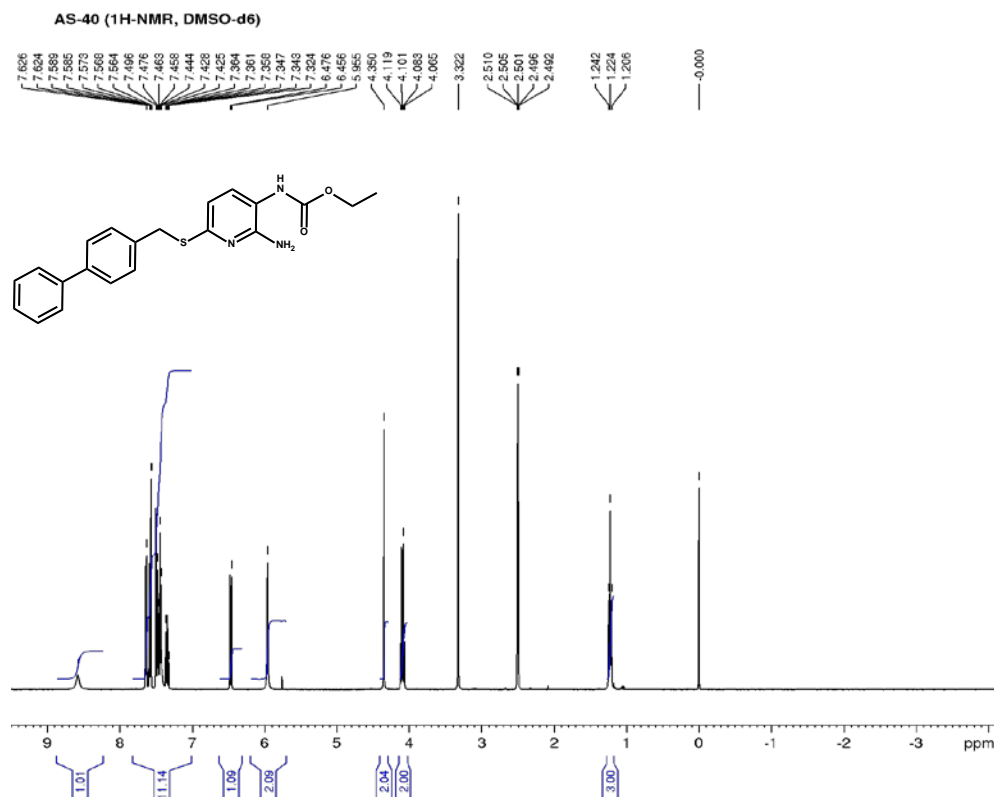
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 Time 11.53
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 1024
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.03000000 sec
 TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
 CPDPRG12 waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 PCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128177 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

Ethyl-{6-[(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methylthio]-2-aminopyridin-3-yl}carbamate (9b)

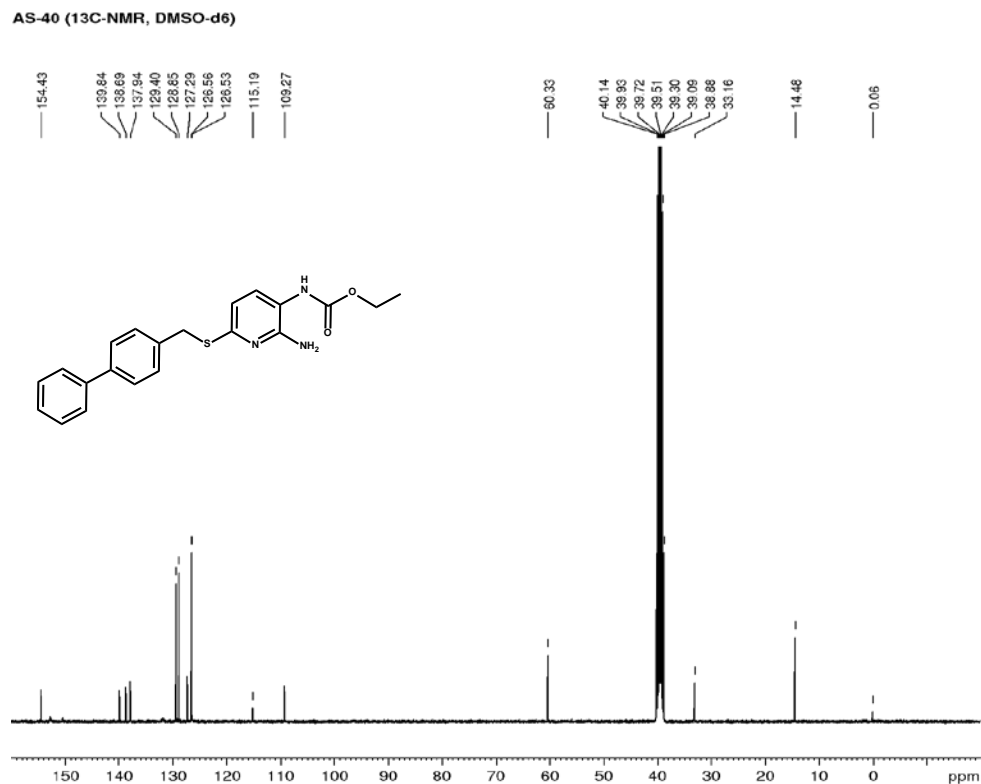


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 325
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170622
 Time 14.01
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125403 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 101
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 1.0000000 sec
 TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300030 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 FC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 326
 PROCNO 1

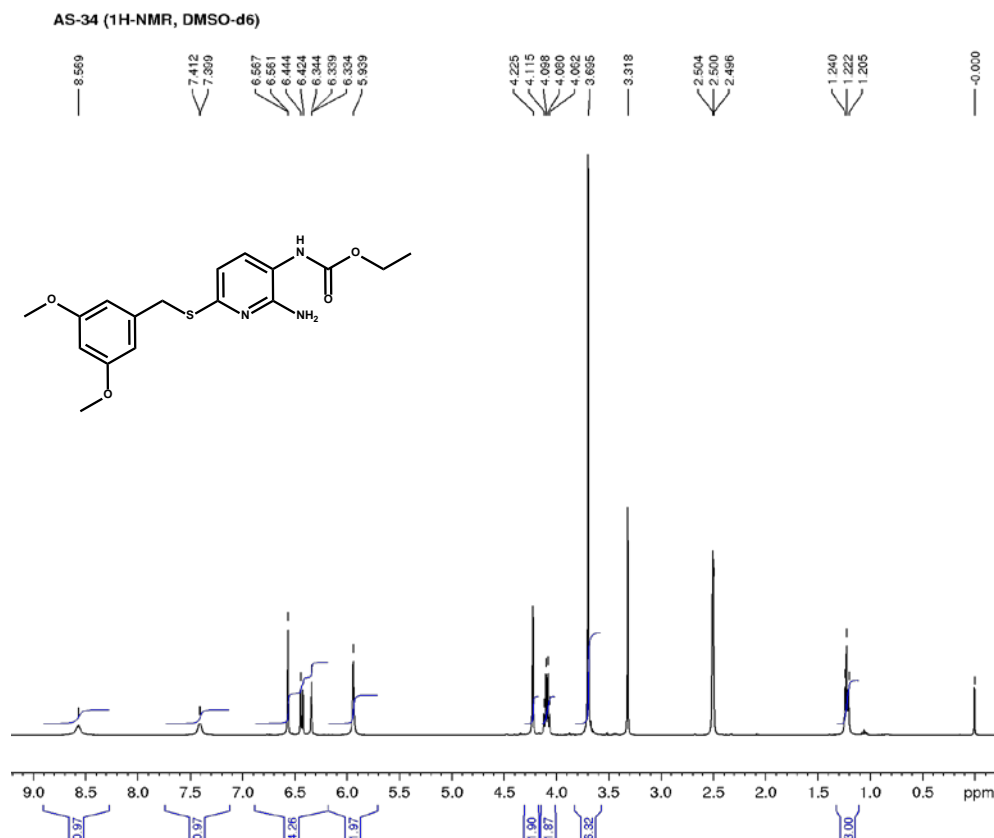
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 Date_ 20170622
 Time 18.49
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 4000
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 301.2 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.0300000 sec
 TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
 CPDPRG[2] waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 PCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.79759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128202 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 FC 1.40

Ethyl-{2-amino-6-[(3,5-dimethoxybenzylthio)pyridin-3-yl]}carbamate (9c)

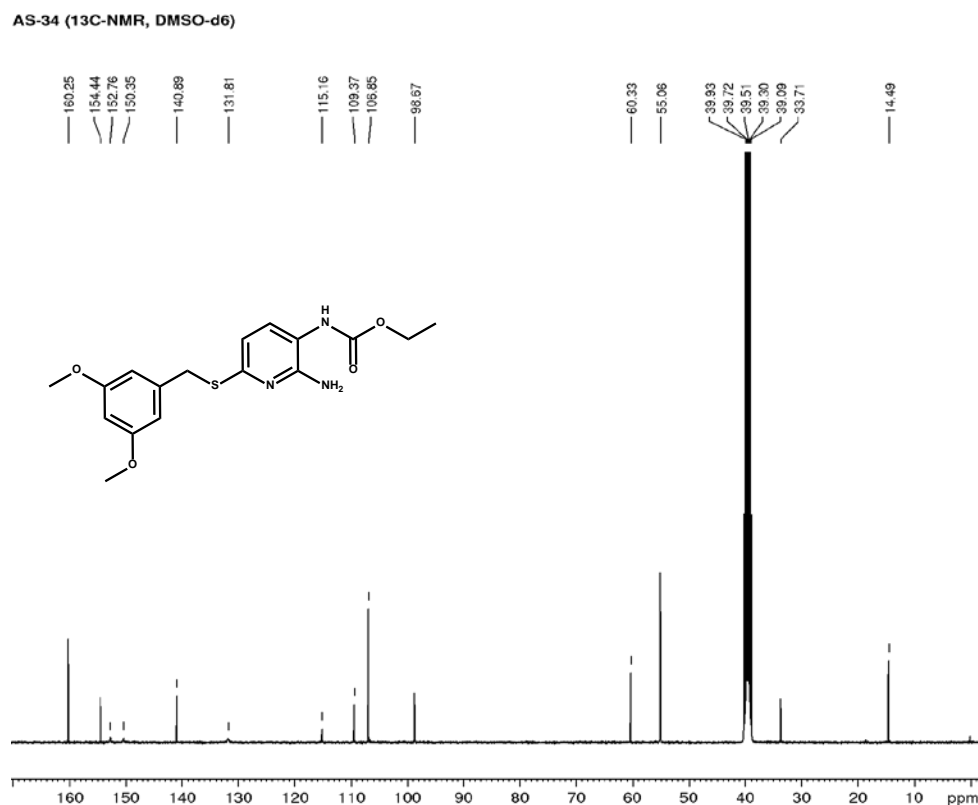


Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 291
 PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
 Date_ 20170524
 Time 10.28
 INSTRUM spect
 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 114
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 298.2 K
 D1 1.00000000 sec
 TD0 1

CHANNEL f1
 NUC1 1H
 P1 9.75 usec
 PL1 -5.00 dB
 PL1W 30.18447304 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 400.1300030 MHz
 WDN EM
 SSB 0
 LB 0.30 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME A. Surur
 EXPNO 292
 PROCNO 1

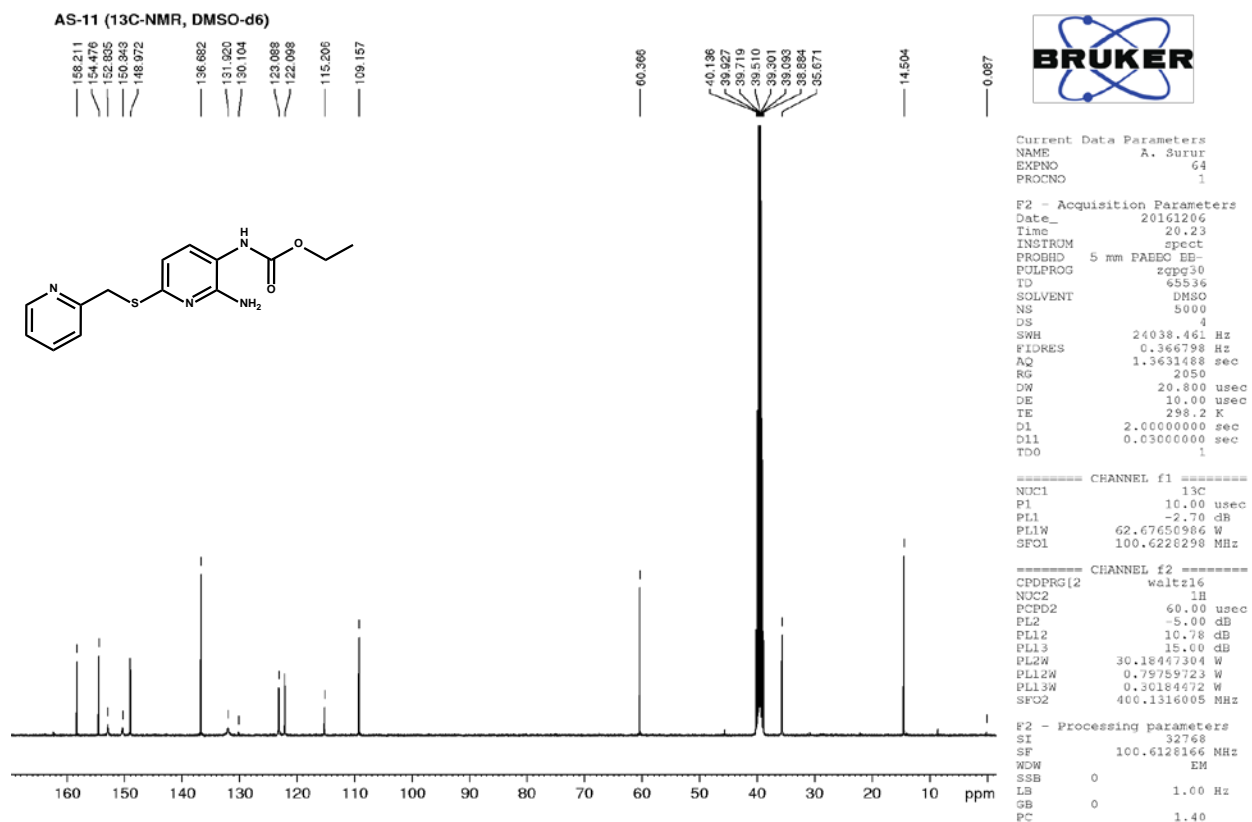
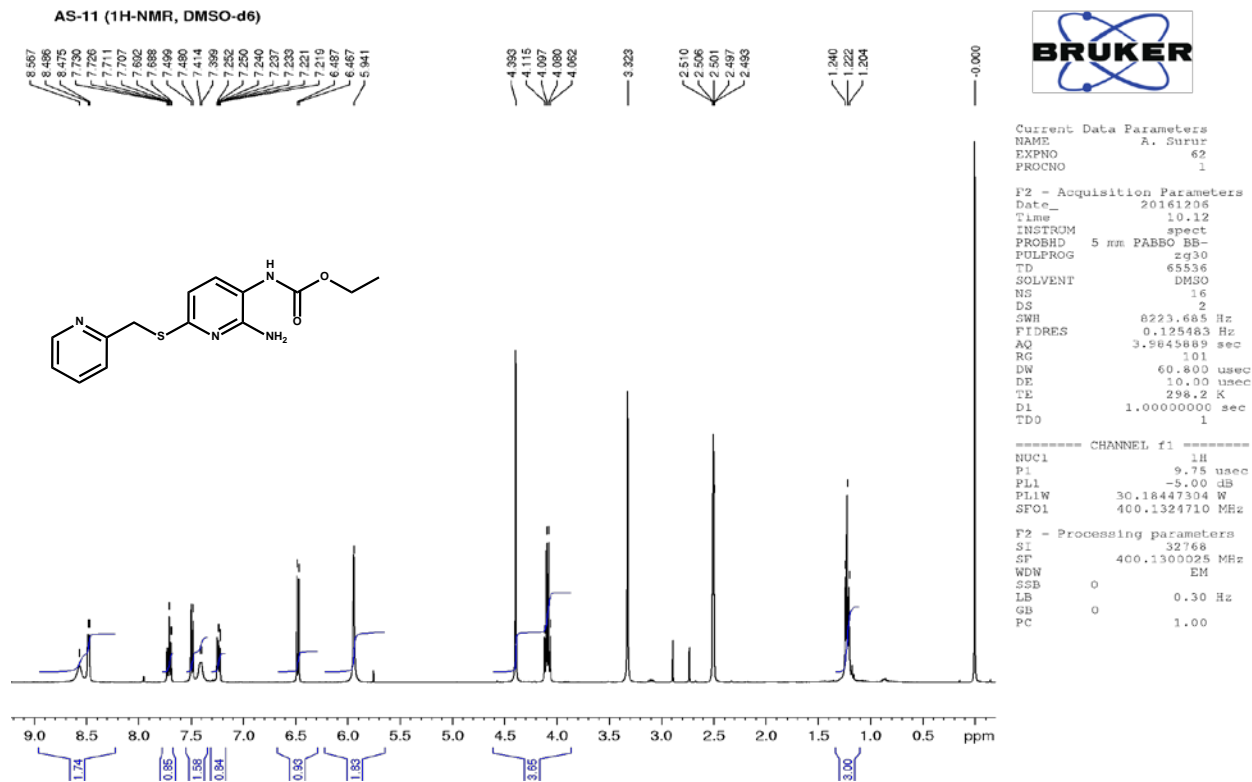
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 Time 7.17
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 PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
 PULPROG zgpg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT DMSO
 NS 15000
 DS 4
 SWH 24038.461 Hz
 FIDRES 0.366798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 2050
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 10.00 usec
 TE 299.2 K
 D1 2.00000000 sec
 D11 0.03000000 sec
 TD0 1

CHANNEL f1
 NUC1 13C
 P1 10.00 usec
 PL1 -2.70 dB
 PL1W 62.67650986 W
 SFO1 100.6228298 MHz

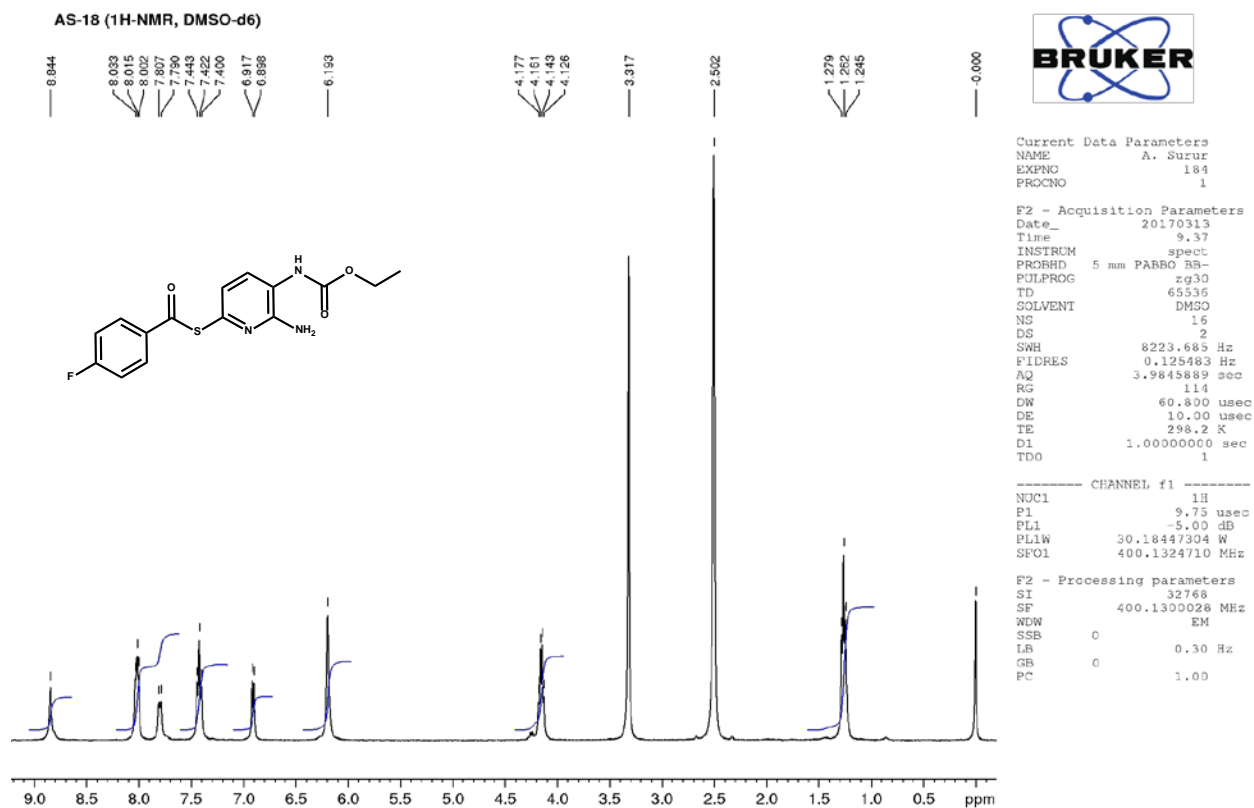
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 CPDPRG2 waltz16
 NUC2 1H
 PCPD2 60.00 usec
 PL2 -5.00 dB
 PL12 10.78 dB
 PL13 15.00 dB
 PL2W 30.18447304 W
 PL12W 0.78759723 W
 PL13W 0.30184472 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6128189 MHz
 WDN EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

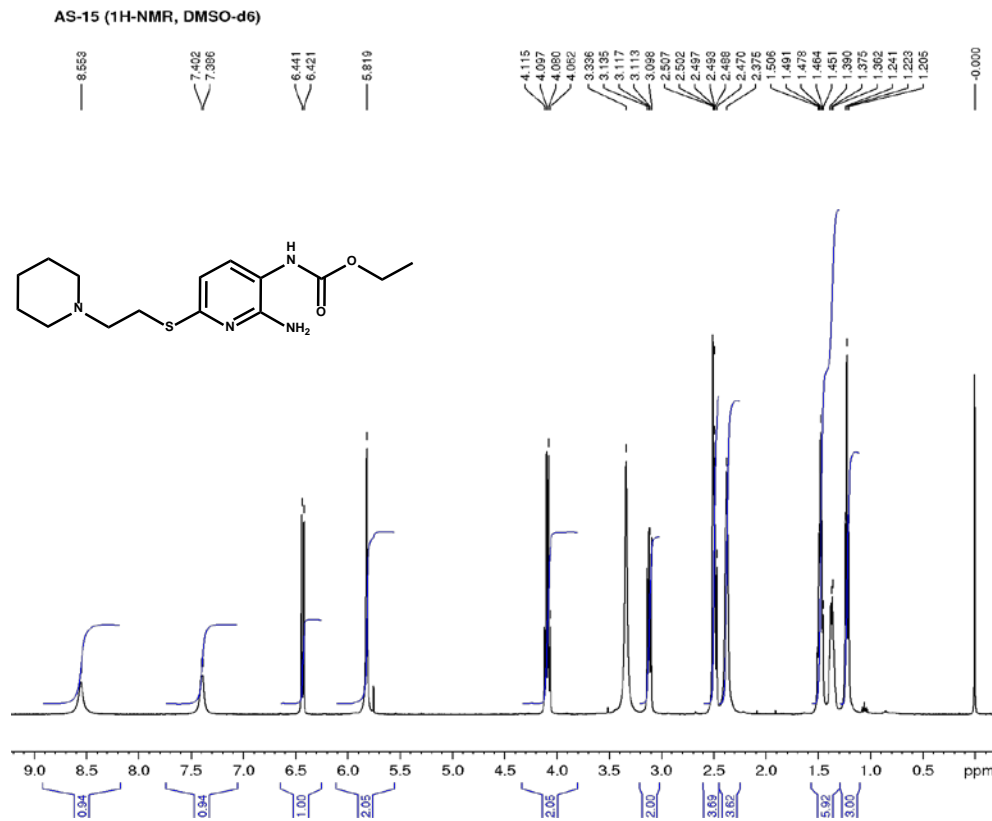
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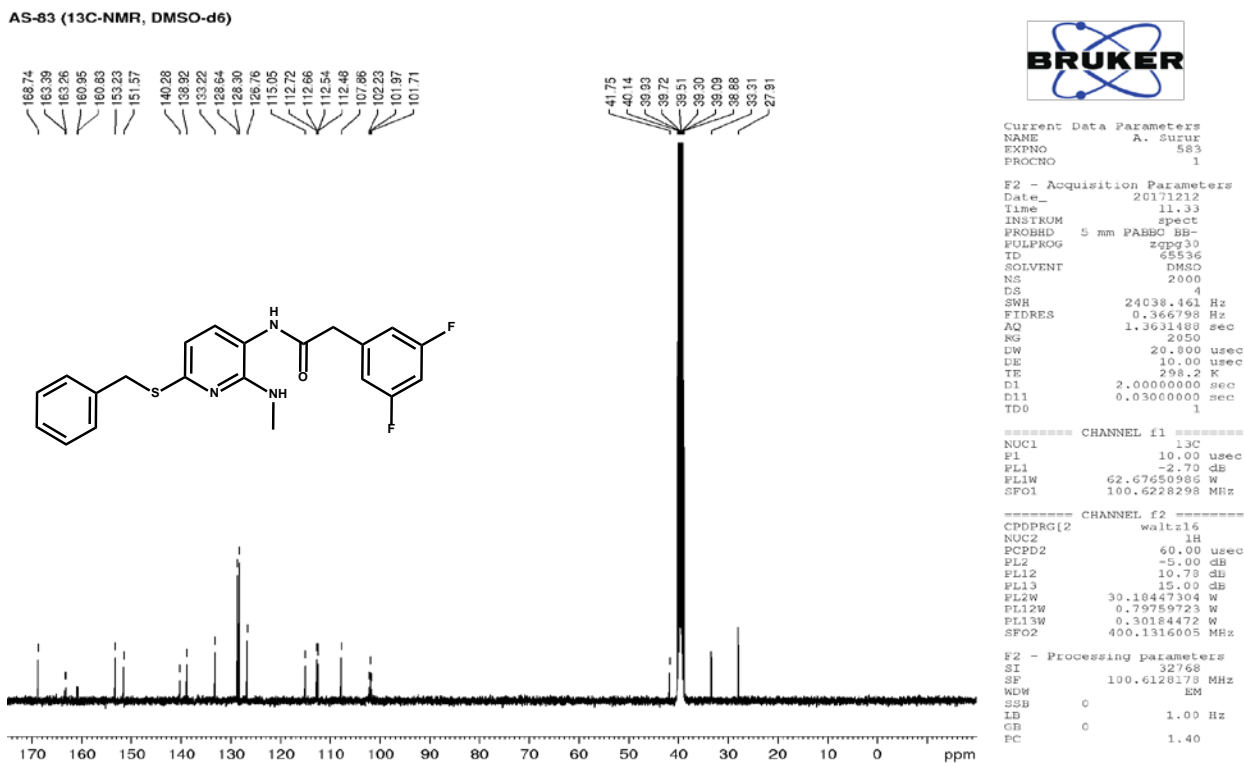
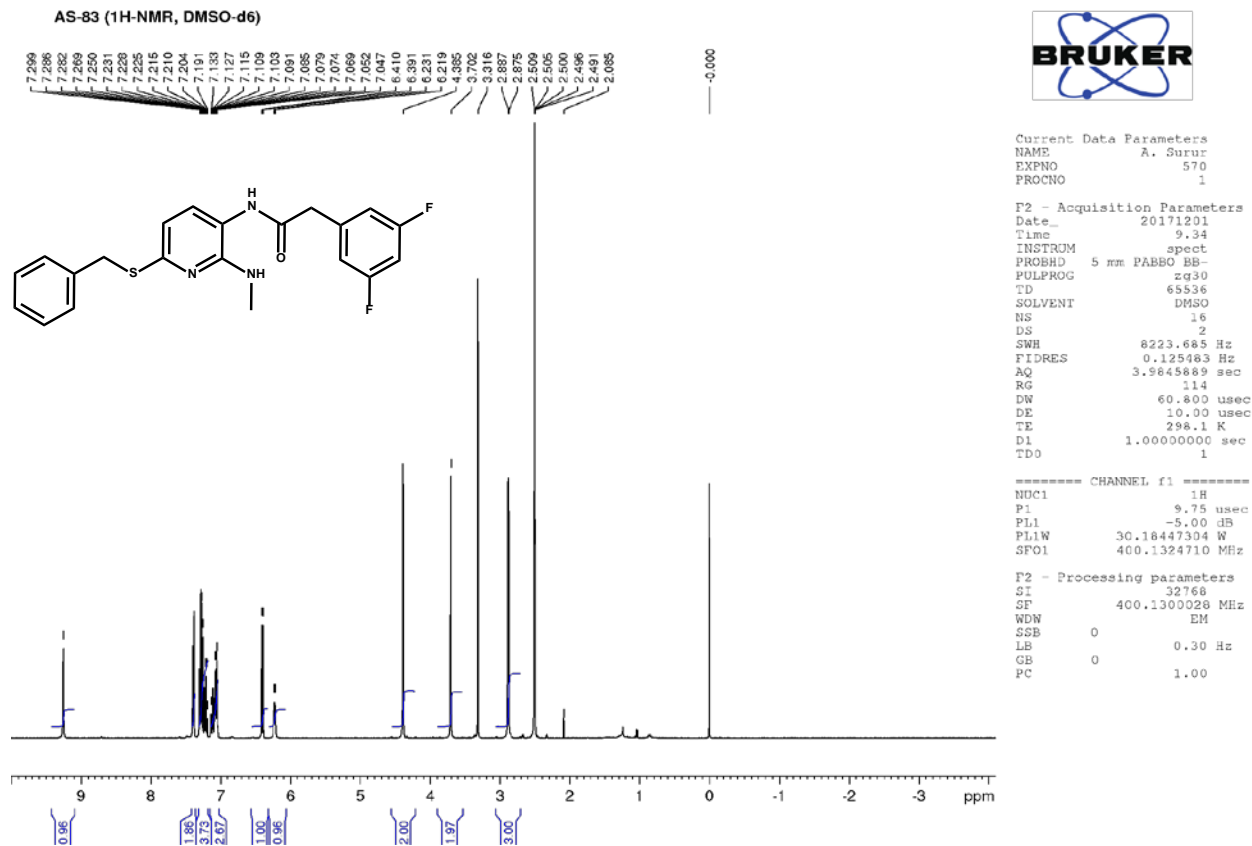
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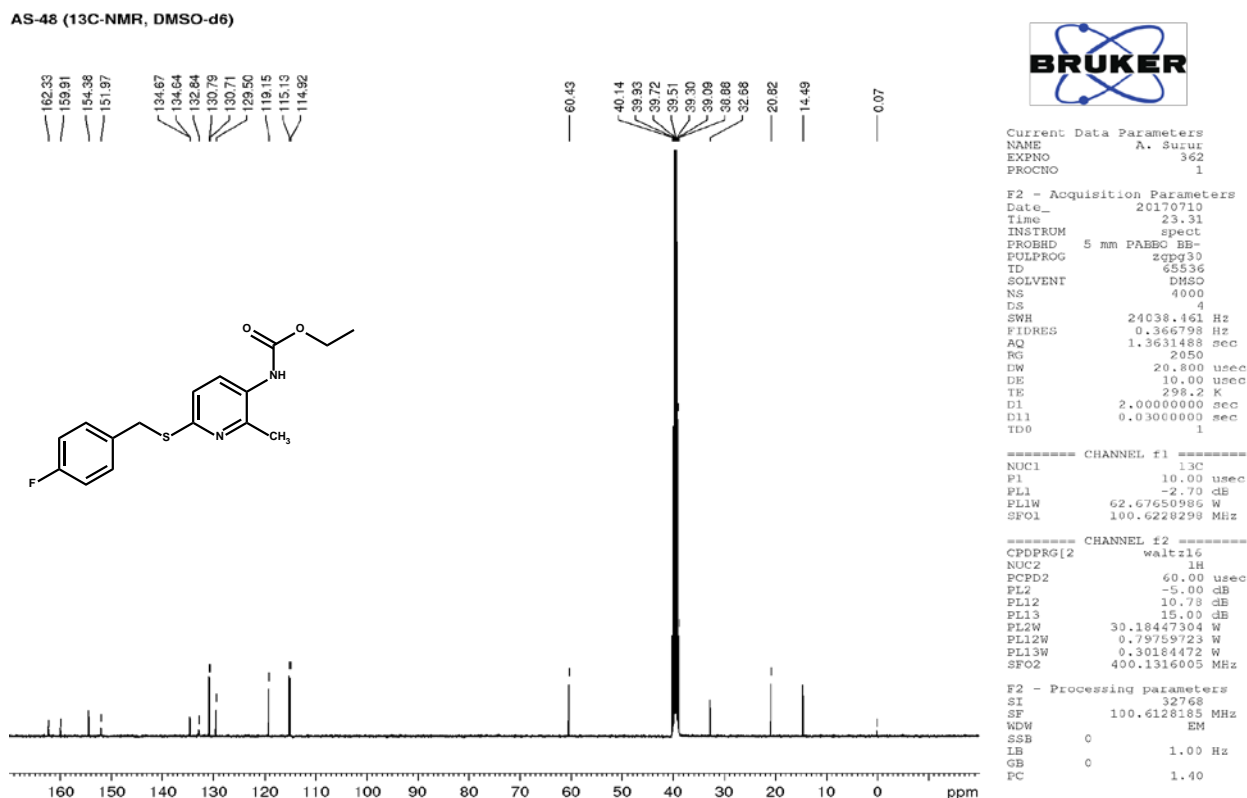
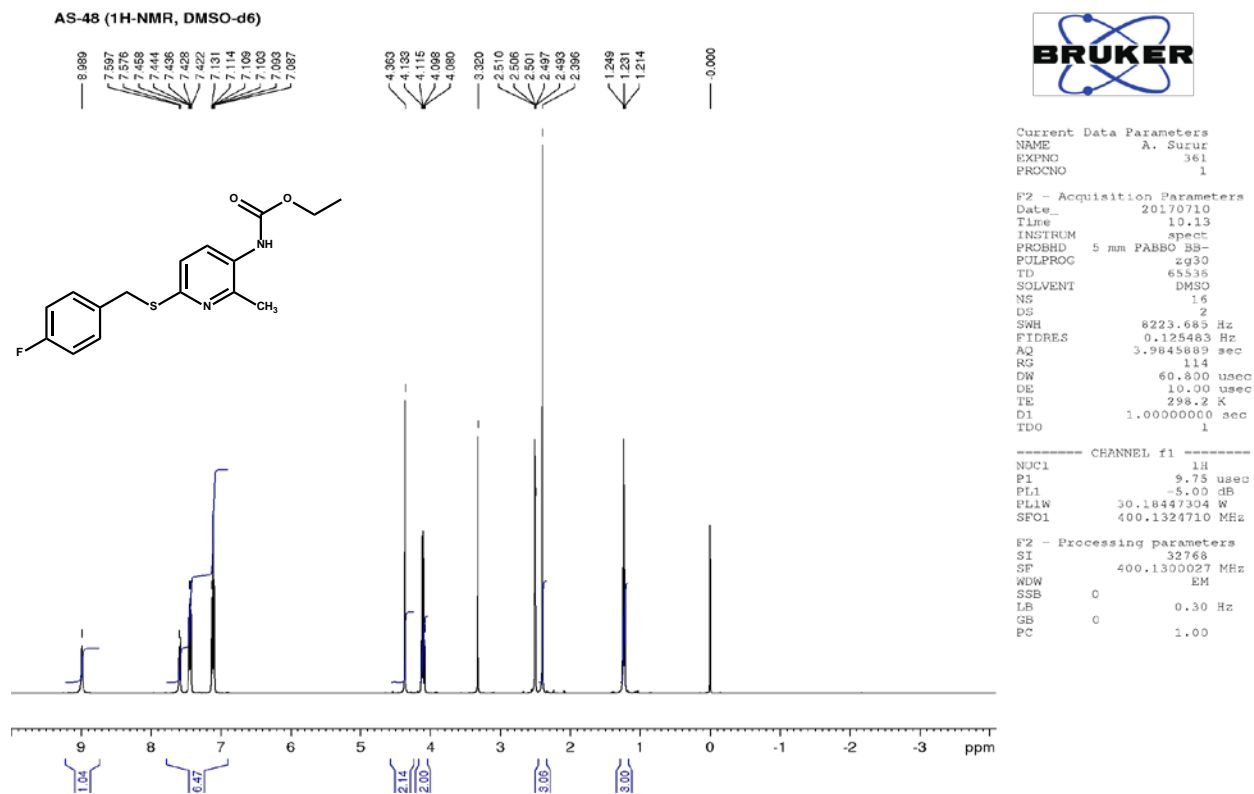
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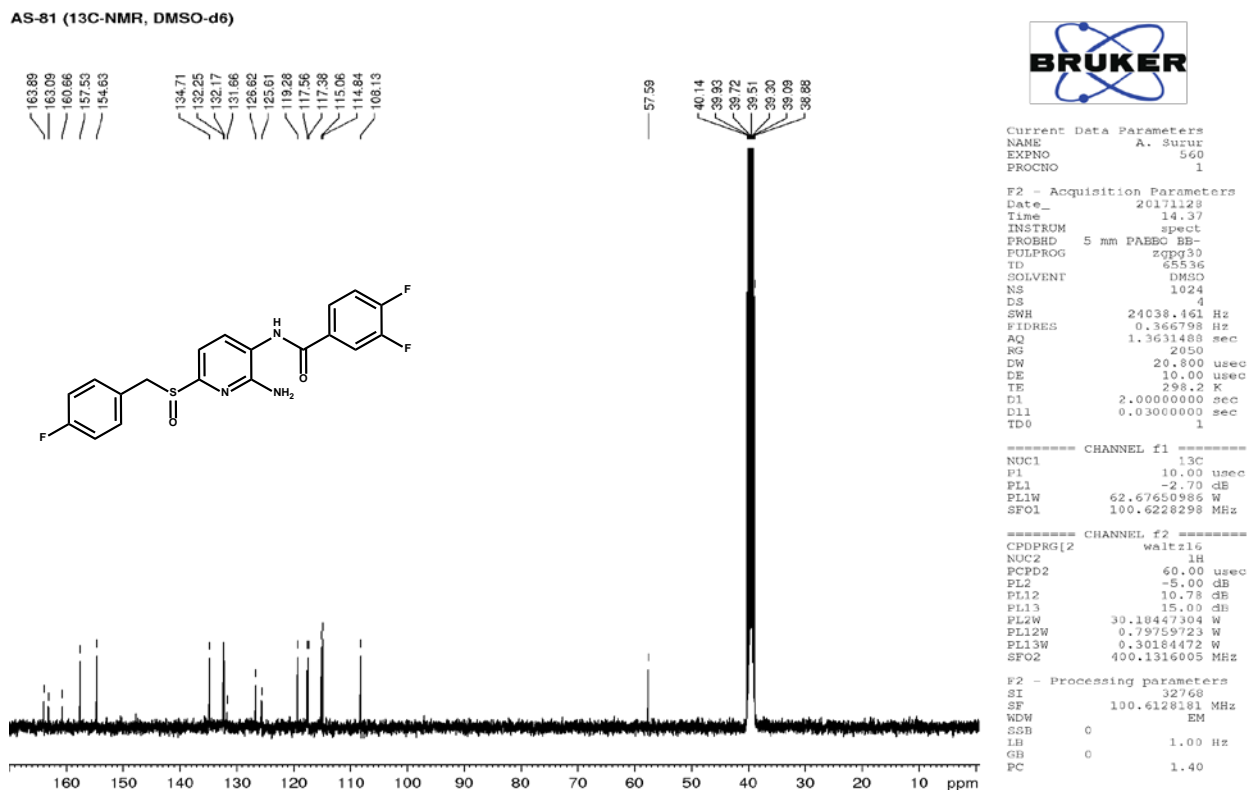
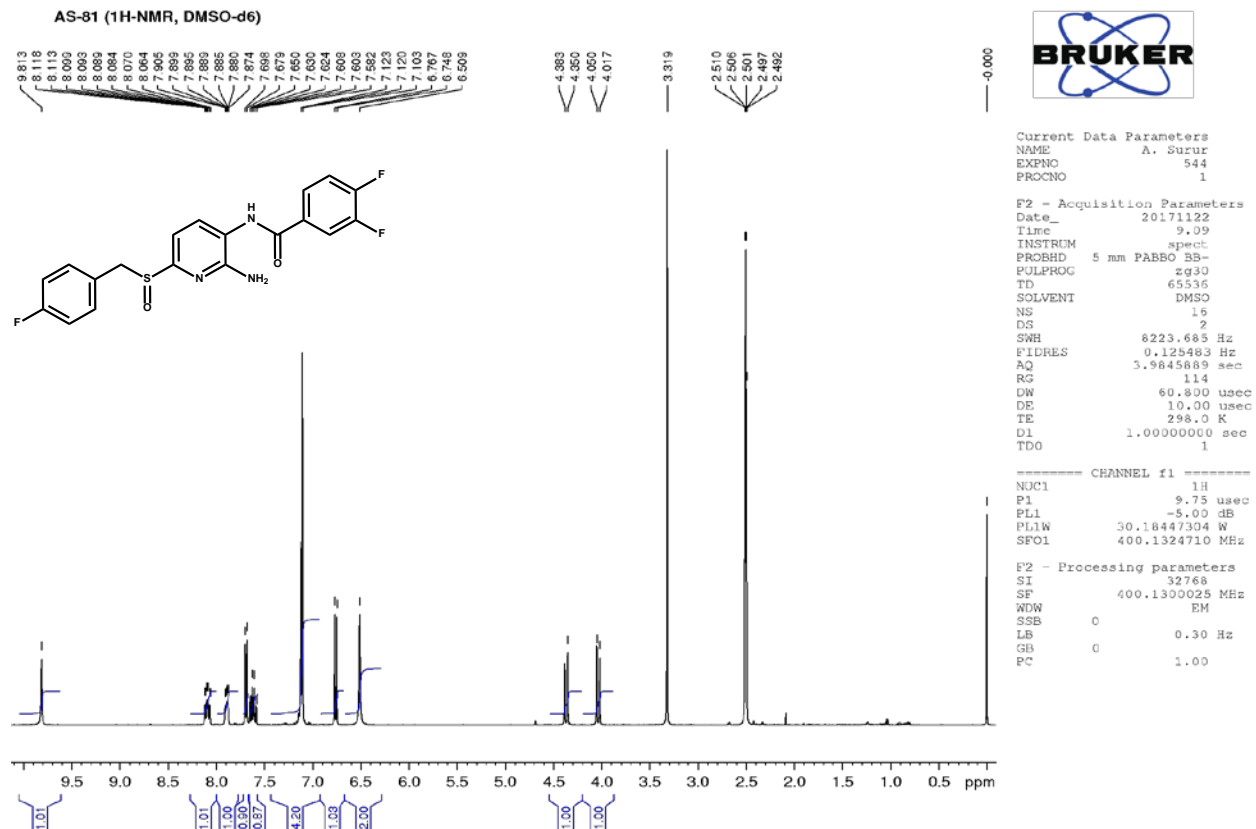
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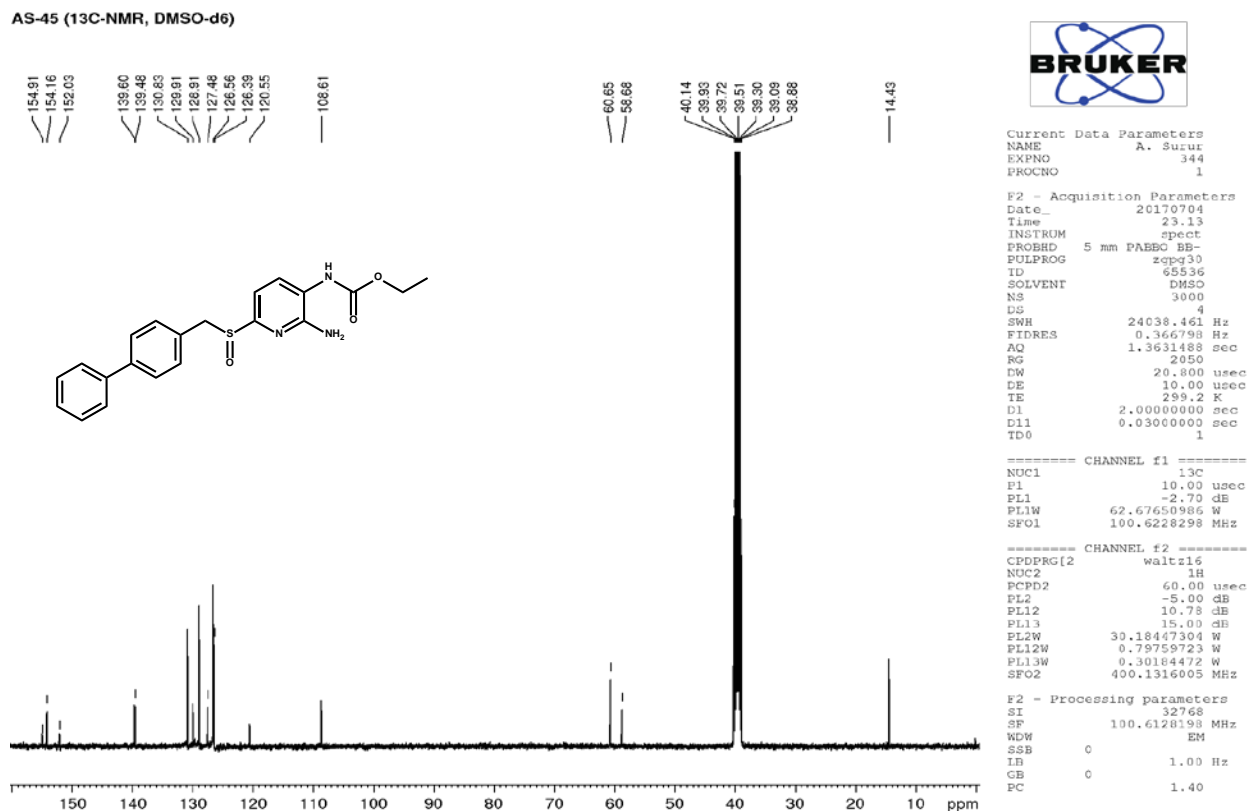
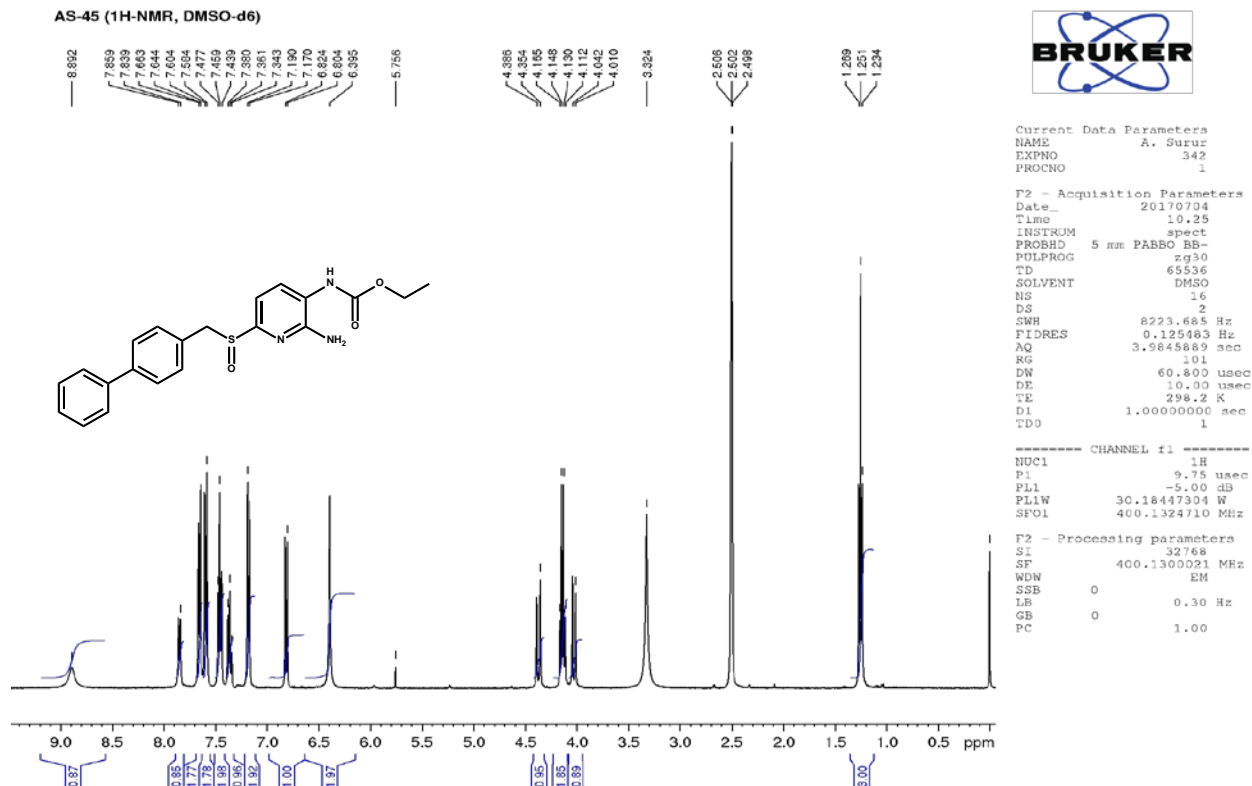
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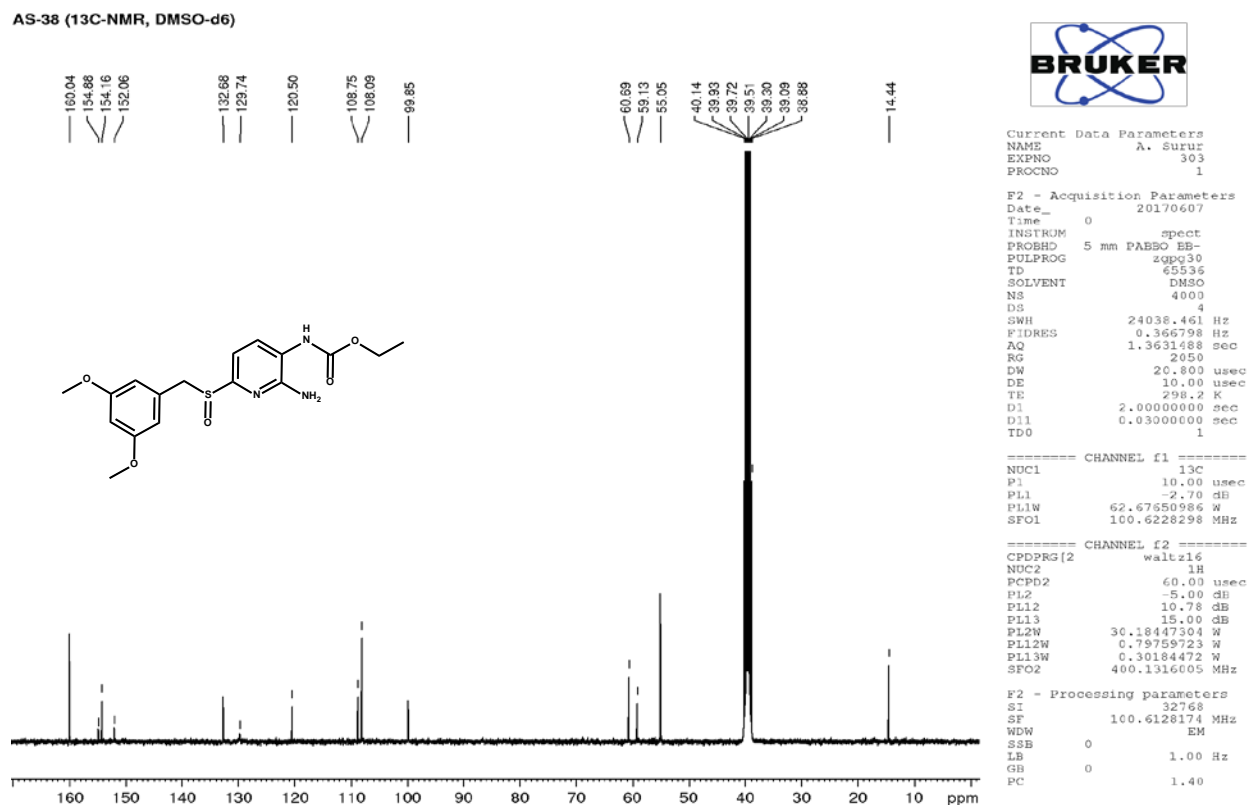
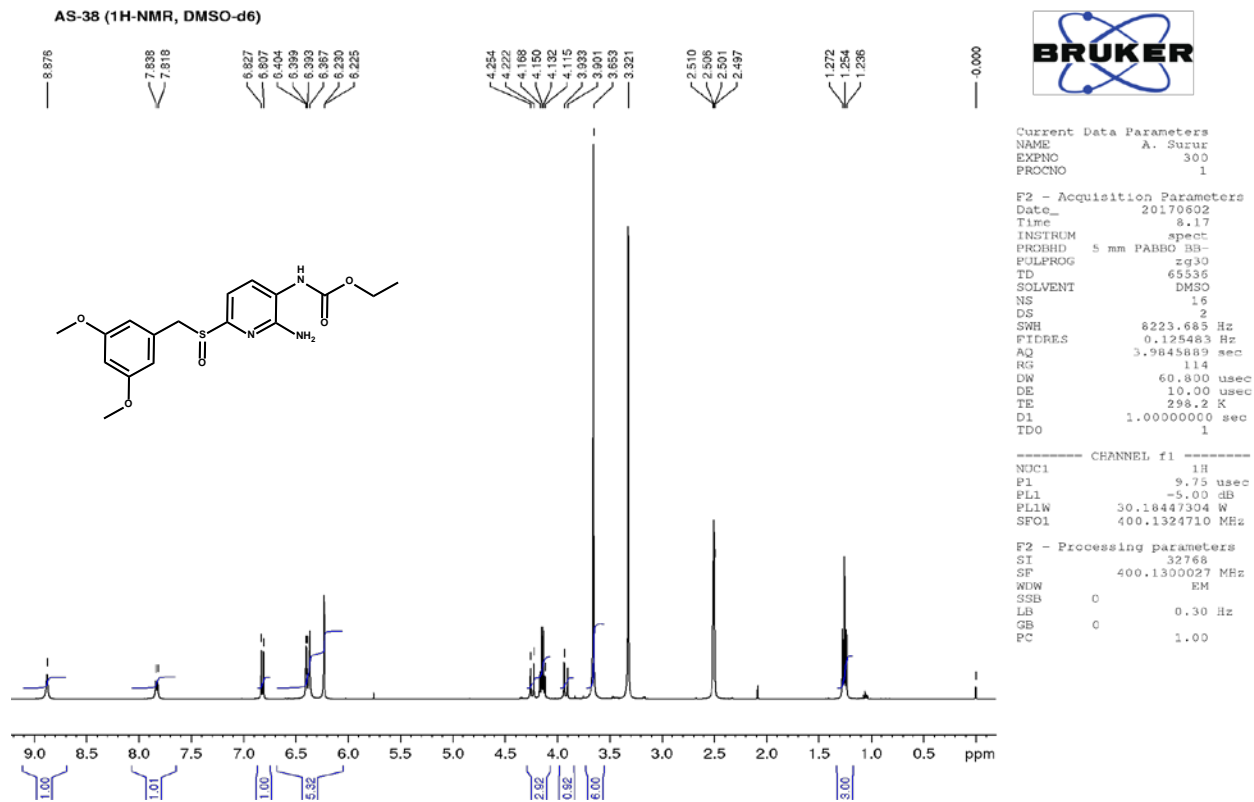
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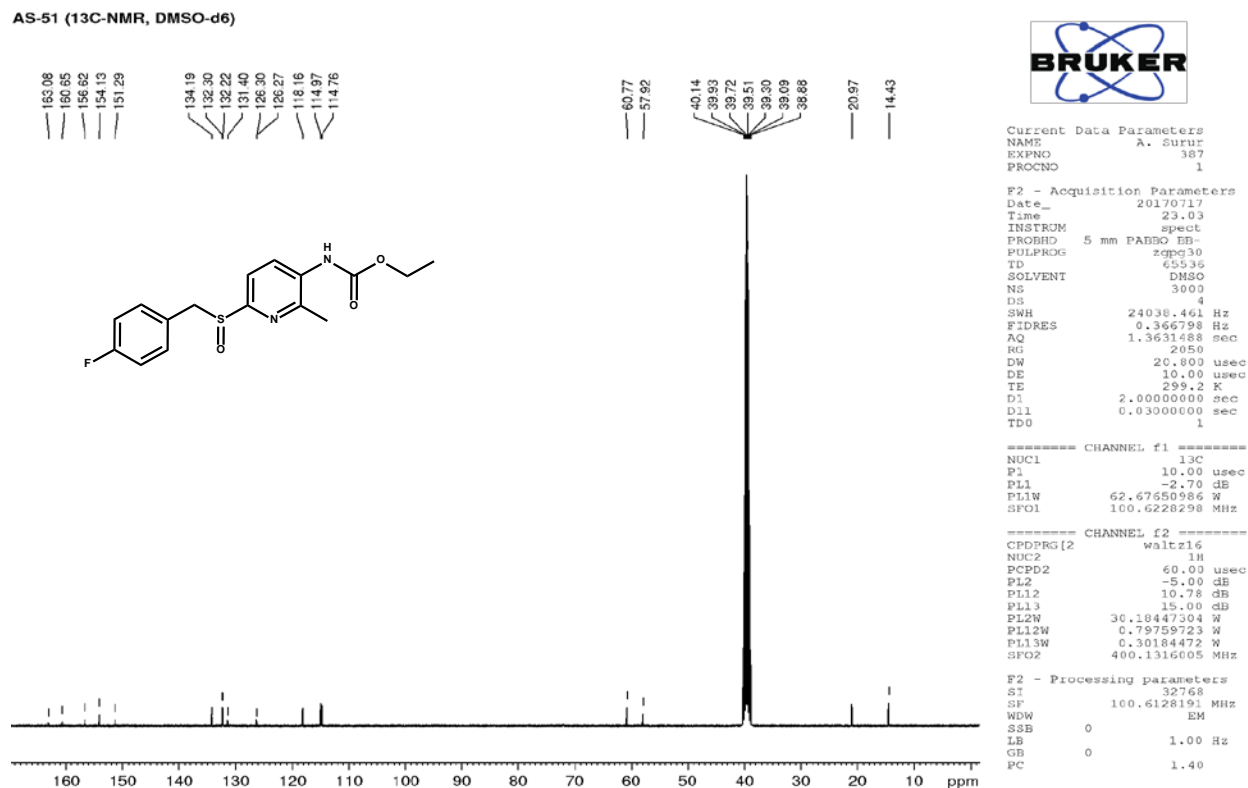
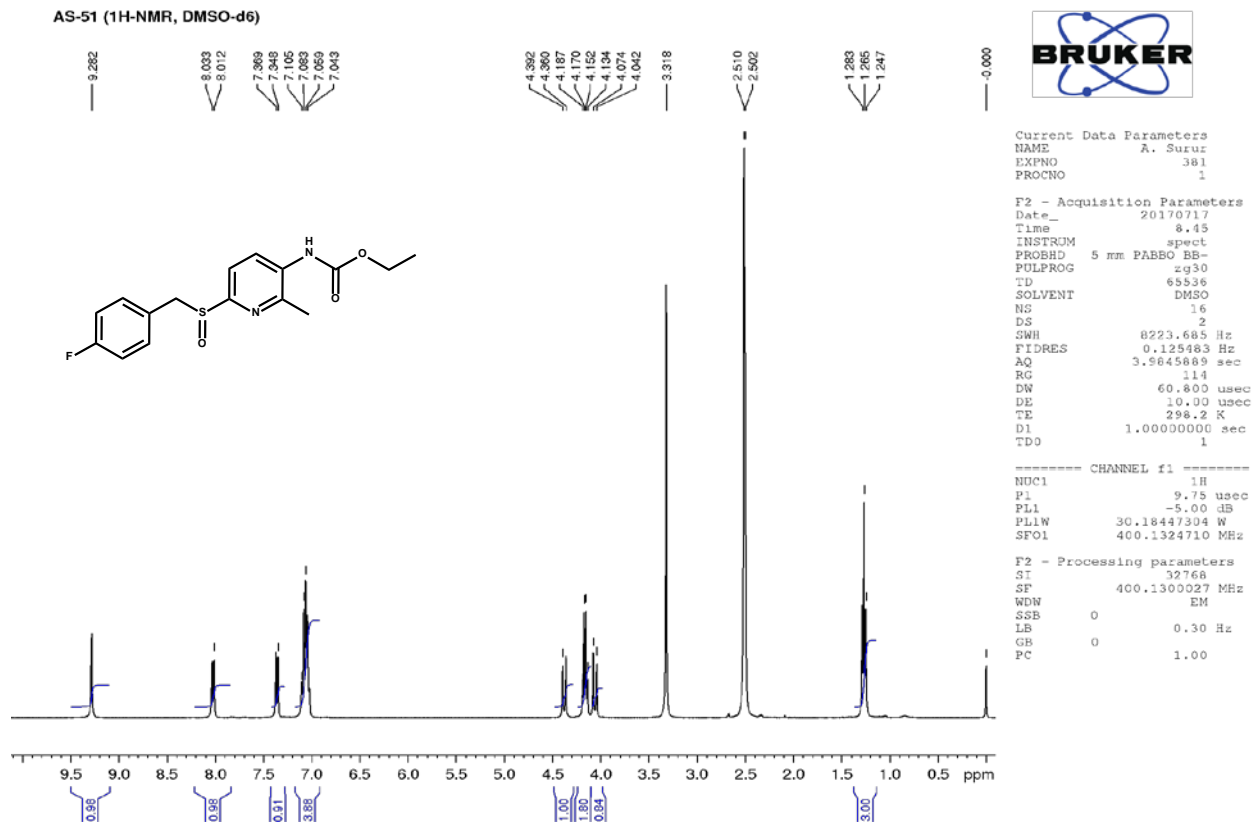
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Ethyl [2-amino-6-(3,5-dimethoxybenzylsulfinyl)pyridin-3-yl]carbamate (10c)



Ethyl [6-(4-fluorobenzylsulfinyl)-2-methylpyridin-3-yl]carbamate (**10d**)

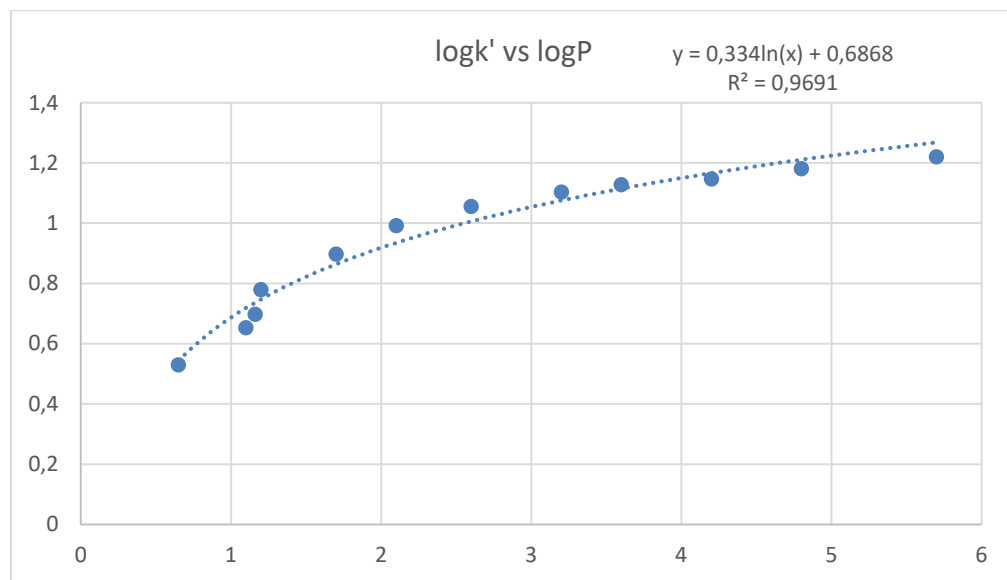


Calibration curve and retention times for LogD_{7.4} determination

Retention time, retention factor and literature LogP values of references

Reference	Retention time (mean)	k'	Logk'	LogP (Lit.)
Uracil	2.72			
Pyridine	11.92	3.38	0.53	0.65
Benzyl alcohol	14.95	4.50	0.65	1.1
Acetanilide	16.25	4.98	0.70	1.16
Picoline	19.09	6.02	0.78	1.2
Acetophenone	24.15	7.88	0.90	1.7
Methyl benzoate	29.39	9.82	0.99	2.1
Ethyl benzoate	33.65	11.38	1.06	2.6
Benzophenone	37.18	12.68	1.10	3.2
Phenyl benzoate	39.18	13.42	1.13	3.6
Diphenyl ether	40.85	14.03	1.15	4.2
Diphenyl ethane	43.94	15.17	1.18	4.8
Triphenylamine	47.87	16.62	1.22	5.7

Calibration curve



Retention time, retention factor and LogD_{7.4} of synthesized compounds

Compounds	Retention time (mean)	k'	Logk'	LogD _{7.4}
9a	41.00	13.85	1.14	3.90
9b	44.26	15.03	1.18	4.34
9c	38.76	13.04	1.12	3.61
9d	30.39	10.18	1.01	2.62
9e	34.00	11.31	1.05	3.00
9f	25.99	8.41	0.92	2.04
9g	43.73	14.84	1.17	4.27
9h	40.64	13.72	1.14	3.85
10a	35.88	12.00	1.08	3.24
10b	39.61	13.34	1.12	3.72
10c	32.50	10.77	1.03	2.81
10d	34.18	11.38	1.06	3.02

Biological Evaluations

MTT cell viability assay

The TAMH and HEP-G2 cell lines were a gift of Dr. Sidney D. Nelson (University of Washington, Seattle, USA) and purchased from the Leibniz-Institute DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Braunschweig, Germany), respectively. Cultivation of TAMH cell line and the determination of the LD₅₀ values with the MTT cell viability assay have been described elsewhere [1]. The HEP-G2 cell line was cultured in T75 flask (Sarstedt) with RPMI 1640 (PAN Biotech), supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Sigma Aldrich) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (PAN-Biotech) and were incubated at 37 °C in a humidified incubator with 95% air/5% CO₂. The HEP-G2 cells were detached from flask by Trypsin-EDTA (Sigma Aldrich) when ~70% confluent and suspended in RPMI 1640. Cells were counted with an EVE™ Automated Cell Counter (NanoEntek) and 15000 cells/well/100 μL RPMI 1640 media were seeded into 96 well plates (Sarstedt). Cells were allowed to attach for 24 h in a humidified incubator at 37 °C. Test compounds and controls were then added to the wells of the plates as previously described for TAMH cells [1]. Both cell lines were exposed for 48 h to the test compounds that had shown activity in K_v7.2/3 channel opening assay (were a EC₅₀ value could be generated). The LD₂₅ is the estimated concentration that reduces the T/C_{corr} by 75% and was determined by plotting (log)concentration of test compound versus T/C_{corr} and performing linear regression analysis in Microsoft Excel (2013). Determined values are the mean of at least three independent experiments ± standard deviation (SD).

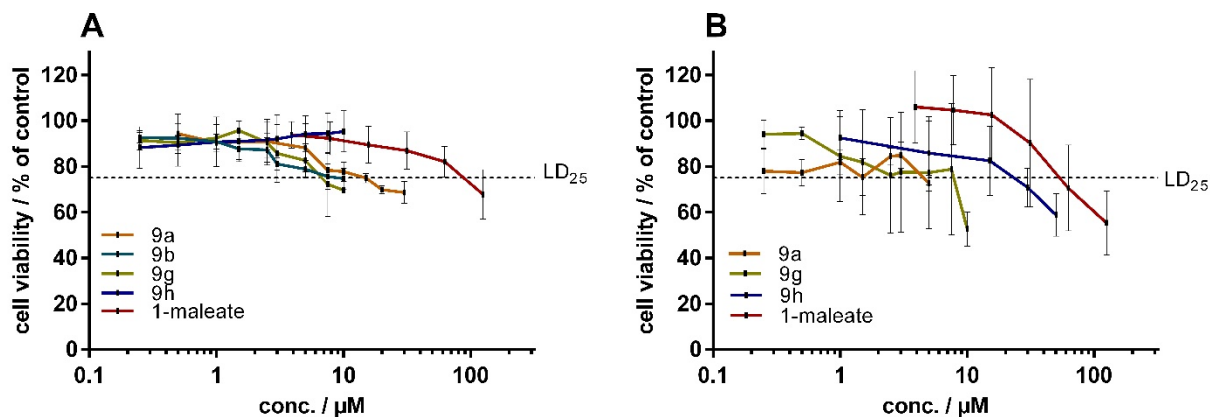


Figure 1. Cell viability as a function of compound concentration in TAMH (A) and HEP-G2 cell line (B) after a 48 h exposure, determined by MTT assay; values are the mean \pm SD from ≥ 3 independent experiments.

K_v7.2/3 channel opening assay

Cultivation of HEK293 cells expressing K_v7.2/3 and K_v7.2/3 channel opening assay were performed as described [1]. E_{\max} value indicates intrinsic activity of a compound relative to flupirtine. It was determined by calculating the difference of lowest and highest corr. $\Delta F/F$ value of an obtained sigmoidal curve of a compound when corr. $\Delta F/F$ were plotted versus log(concentration) and related to E_{\max} of flupirtine maleate that was defined as 100%. E_{\max} value of a compound is the mean of at least three independent experiments \pm standard deviation (SD).

Toxicity/Activity ratio

To estimate the therapeutic ratio between pharmacological activity (i.e., K_v7.2/3 channel opening activity) and toxicity (i.e., reduced viability in either the TAMH and HEP-G2 cell lines), a toxicity/activity ratio was calculated following the known safety index [2]. Here, the average LD₂₅ value by the MTT assay after a 48 h exposure of compound in either the TAMH or HEP-G2 cell lines was divided by the average EC₅₀ value obtained in K_v7.2/3 channel opening assay with transfected HEK293 cells.

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