

## Supplementary data

### Synthesis, antioxidant and cytoprotective activity evaluation of C-3 substituted indole derivatives

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### *N,O-diacetyl-indole-3-carbinol (2)*

Solid, (162.5 mg, 70%); mp 89-90 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 88-90 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.45-8.42 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.30 (m, 4H, indole ring), 5.27 (s, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 2.63 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO-), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.0, 168.5, 135.9, 129.2, 125.6, 124.9, 123.8, 119.0, 117.3, 116.7, 57.8, 23.9, 21.0; IR (KBr): 3115, 1732, 1705, 1607, 1457, 1342, 1331, 1249 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS (*m/z*, % int.): 231 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Elel. Anal. (calcd., found for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>): C (67.23, 67.85), H (6.08, 6.17), N (6.03, 6.01).

### *N-acetyl-indole-3-carbinol (3)*

Solid, (37.8 mg, 40%); m.p. 127-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.64-7.25 (m, 4H, indole ring), 4.87 (s, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO-); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.0, 136.2, 129.1, 125.6, 123.7, 122.8, 119.1, 116.7, 111.8, 57.3, 23.9; FT-IR (KBr): 3500-3000, 1687, 1606, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI MS (*m/z*, % int.): 189 (M<sup>+</sup>, 75). Elel. Anal. (calcd., found for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): C (69.83, 69.93), H (5.85, 5.72), N (7.40, 7.31).

### *3-Methoxy-indole-3-carbinol (4)*

Solid, (101 mg, 63%); m.p. 95-96 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 93-94 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 10.40 (s, 1H, NH), 7.72-6.73 (m, 5H, indole ring), 4.62 (s, 2H, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.29-3.25 (m, 3H, -O-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 136.3, 127.1, 124.7, 123.8, 121.7, 121.2, 118.8, 111.5, 63.9, 57.3. EI MS (*m/z*, % int.): 161 (M<sup>+</sup>, 78). Elel. Anal. (calcd., found for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO): C (74.51, 74.47), H (6.88, 6.57), N (8.69, 8.43).

### *3-Ethoxy-indole-3-carbinol (5)*

Solid, (123 mg, 70%); m.p. 64-66 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 63-65 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 9.93 (s, 1H, NH), 7.58-6.97 (5H, indole ring), 4.72 (s, 2H, indole ring-CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.58 (m, 2H, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.24 (t, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 136.3, 127.0, 124.6, 123.3, 121.9, 121.1, 118.7, 111.4, 63.9, 63.8, 15.2. EI-MS (*m/z*, % int.): 175 (M<sup>+</sup>, 63). Elel. Anal. (calcd., found for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO): C (74.97, 74.85), H (8.01, 8.17), N (7.95, 7.83).

### *3-Propoxy-indole-3-carbinol (6)*

Brown oil, (151 mg, 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.11 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.72-7.10 (m, 5H, indole ring), 4.72 (s, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.58 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 0.95-0.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 136.4, 127.2, 123.4, 122.2, 119.7, 119.3, 113.7, 111.1, 71.6, 64.9, 23.0, 10.7; EI MS (*m/z*, % int.): 189 (M<sup>+</sup>, 40). Elel. Anal. (calcd., found for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO): C (76.16, 76.07), H (7.99, 7.82), N (7.40, 7.25).

### *3-Isopropoxy-indole3-carbinol (7)*

Brown oil, (142 mg, 75%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.07 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.71-7.10 (m, 5H, indole ring), 4.72 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 3.77 (q,  $J$  = 6.1, 1H), 1.23 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 136.4, 127.1, 123.2, 122.1, 119.7, 119.3, 113.9, 111.0, 70.2, 62.1, 22.2; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 189 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 30). Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ ): C (76.16, 76.24), H (7.99, 8.06), N (7.40, 7.51).

### *3-Butoxy-indole3-carbinol (8)*

Brown oil, (112 mg, 55%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.10 (s, 1H, NH), 7.74-7.11 (m, 5H, indole ring), 4.71 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 3.60-3.52 (m, 2H, - $\text{O-CH}_2\text{-}$ ), 1.70-0.90 (m, 7H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 136.4, 127.2, 123.3, 122.1, 119.7, 119.3, 113.8, 111.1, 71.3, 65.9, 22.9, 21.5, 13.7; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 203 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 10). Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ ): C (76.81, 76.92), H (8.43, 8.39), N (6.89, 6.94).

### *3-Pentoxy-indole3-carbinol (9)*

Brown oil, (76 mg, 35%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.10-7.05 (m, 6H, NH, indole ring), 5.37 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 3.45-3.43 (m, 2H, - $\text{O-CH}_2\text{-}$ ), 1.70-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.92-0.88 (m, 3H, - $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 136.7, 127.4, 123.2, 122.3, 119.5, 119.1, 113.8, 111.2, 71.5, 65.7, 22.7, 20.5, 12.7, 10.5; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 217 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 15). Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ ): C (77.38, 77.15), H (8.81, 8.73), N (6.45, 6.32).

### *3-Isopentoxy-indole3-carbinol (10)*

Brown oil, (137 mg, 63%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.05-7.00 (m, 6H, NH, indole ring), 5.36 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$ ), 3.48-3.45 (m, 2H, - $\text{O-CH}_2\text{-}$ ), 1.74-1.43 (m, 3H), 0.86-0.84 (m, 6H, - $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 136.8, 127.4, 123.1, 122.4, 119.6, 119.1, 113.6, 111.2, 71.6, 65.5, 22.8, 21.5, 15.7, 15.2; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 217 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 6). Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ ): C (77.38, 77.45), H (8.81, 8.94), N (6.45, 6.52).

### *3,3'-Diindolylmethane DIM (11)*

Solid, (25 mg, 20%); m.p. 166-168 °C (lit.<sup>2</sup> 167-169 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.5 (bs, 2H), 7.00-8.05 (m, 12H, indole rings), 4.64 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 137.2, 127.8, 122.8, 121.9, 119.6, 115.9, 110.3, 75.7, 21.2; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 246 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).

### *(1*H*-indol-2-yl)methylpyrrolidine-1-carbodithioate (12)*

Brown oil, (69 mg, 25%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (403 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.33 (s, 1H, NH), 7.72-7.11 (m, 5H, indole ring), 4.77 (s, 2H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-S}$ ), 3.97-3.86 (m, 2H, N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-}$ ), 3.56-3.53 (m, 2H, N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-}$ ), 2.07-1.84 (m, 4H, - $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 192.9, 136.1, 126.8, 124.0,

122.2, 119.6, 118.9, 111.3, 109.9, 54.7, 50.5, 32.8, 25.9, 24.2; FT-IR (KBr): 3405, 3054-2870, 1617, 1547, 1436, 1338, 1248, 1181  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 276 ( $M^+$ , 8); Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $C_{14}H_{16}N_2S_2$ ): C (60.83, 60.79), H (5.83, 5.74), N (10.13, 10.17), S (23.20, 23.18).

### *3-Imidazol-1-ylmethyl-indole (13)*

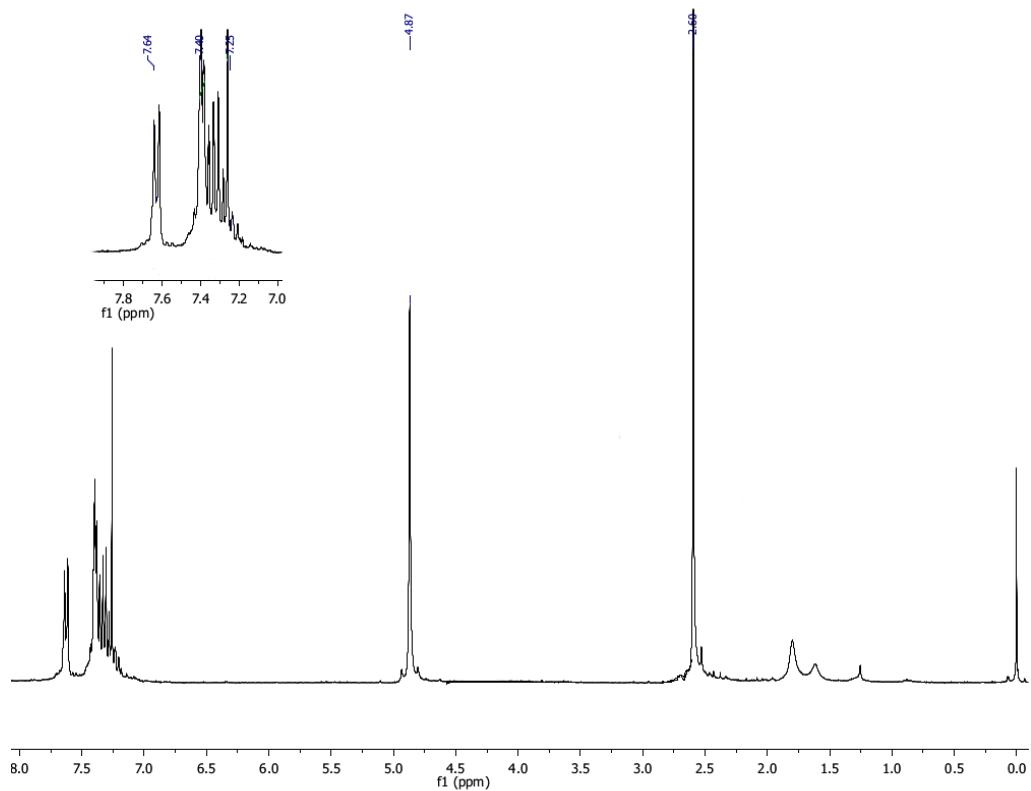
Solid, (187 mg, 95%); m.p. 170-171 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 172-174 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (403 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 12.13 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.72 (s, 1H, N-CH=N), 7.60-7.02 (m, 5H, indole ring), 7.12 (s, 2H, N-CH=CH-N), 5.31 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -N); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 136.7, 135.2, 128.5, 126.1, 124.2, 122.4, 121.8, 119.9, 119.4, 118.0, 42.8; FT-IR (KBr): 3124-2615, 1542, 1448, 1326, 1262  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 197 ( $M^+$ , 20); Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_3$ ): C (73.07, 73.14), H (5.62, 5.59), N (21.30, 21.27).

### *N-Indol-3-ylmethyl-phtalimide (14)*

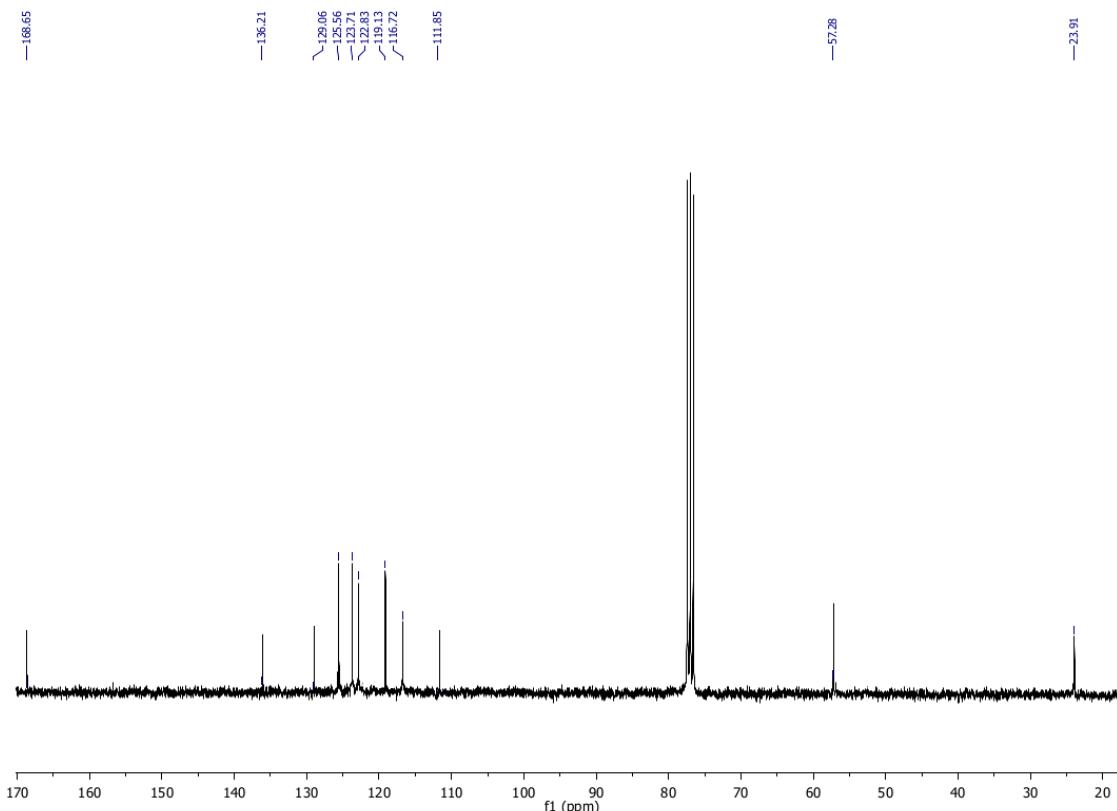
Solid, (218 mg, 79%); m.p. 180-182 °C (lit.<sup>4</sup> 181-183 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (403 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.09 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 3.0, 2H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 168.2, 135.9, 133.8, 132.2, 126.4, 125.1, 123.1, 122.4, 120., 119.4, 111.4, 111.2, 32.6; FT-IR (KBr): 3389, 3108, 3069, 2943, 1764, 1696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 276 ( $M^+$ , 75); Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $C_{17}H_{12}N_2O_2$ ): C (73.90, 73.76), H (4.38, 4.30), N (10.14, 10.19).

### *N-(N'-acetylindol-3-yl)methyl-phtalimide (15)*

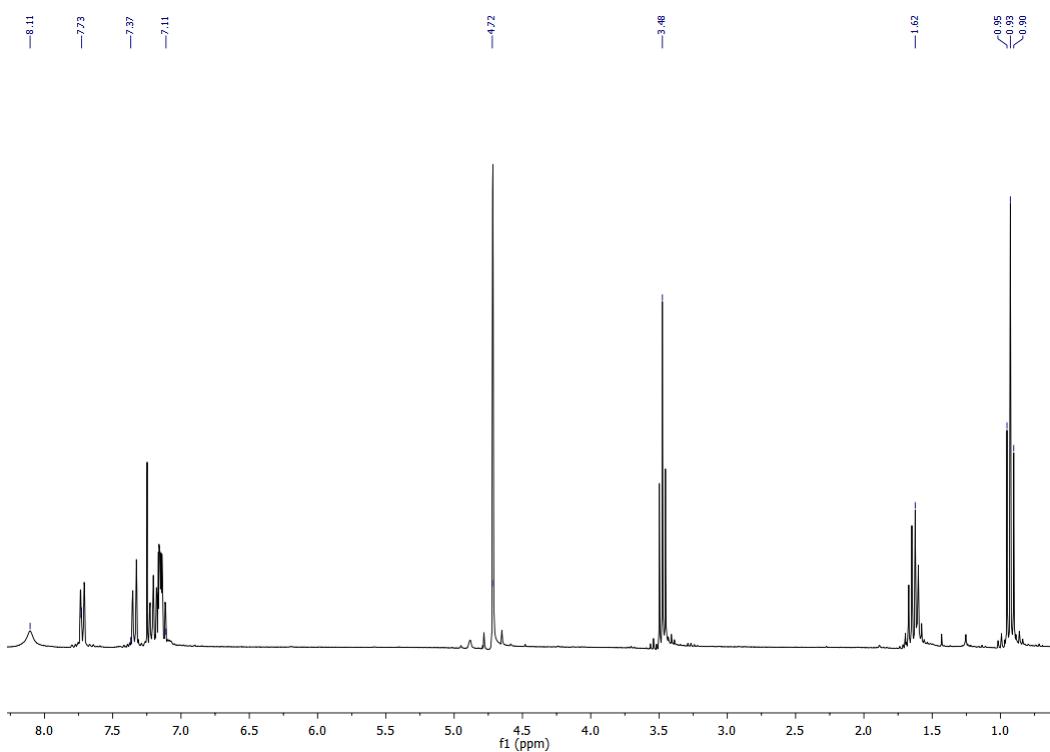
Solid, (92 mg, 80%); m.p. 196-198 °C (lit.<sup>5</sup> 200-200.5 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (403 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.40 (s, 1H, NH), 7.86 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.73-7.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.6 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 168.6, 168.0, 135.7, 134.1, 132.0, 129.1, 125.7, 125.5, 123.9, 123.3, 119.4, 117.3, 116.6, 32.2, 24.0; FT-IR (KBr): 3459, 3125, 3051, 1768, 1712, 1610, 1453  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EI MS ( $m/z$ , % int.): 318 ( $M^+$ , 25), 276 (25), 130 (50). Elem. Anal. (calcd., found for  $C_{19}H_{14}N_2O_3$ ): C (71.69, 71.60), H (4.43, 4.51), N (8.80, 8.76).



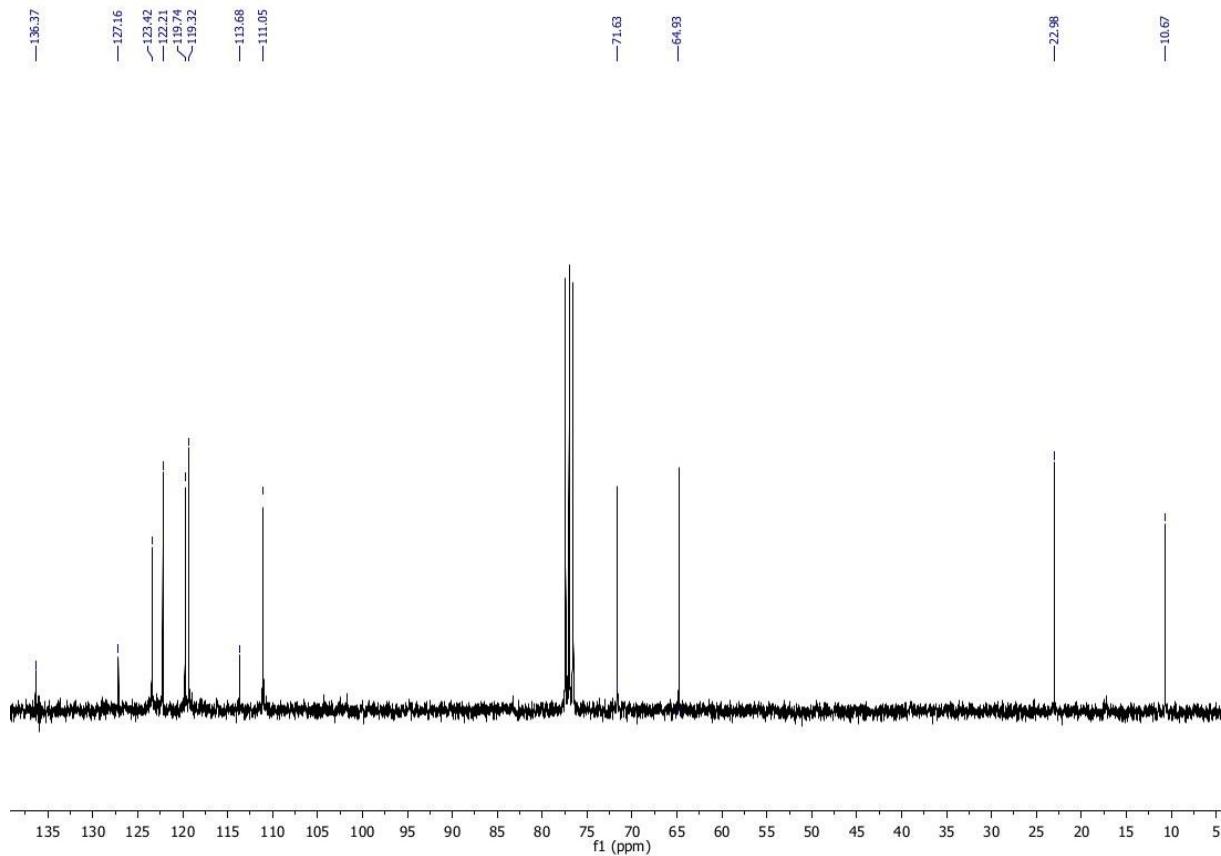
**Figure S1a.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *N*-acetyl-indole-3-carbinol **3**.



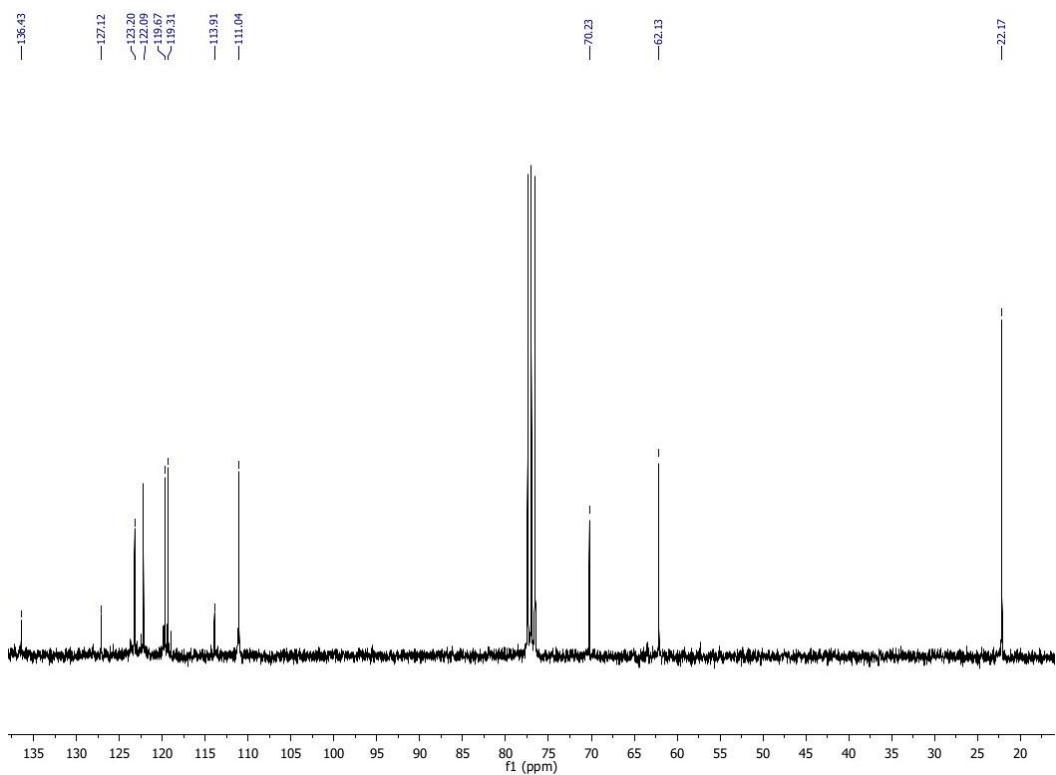
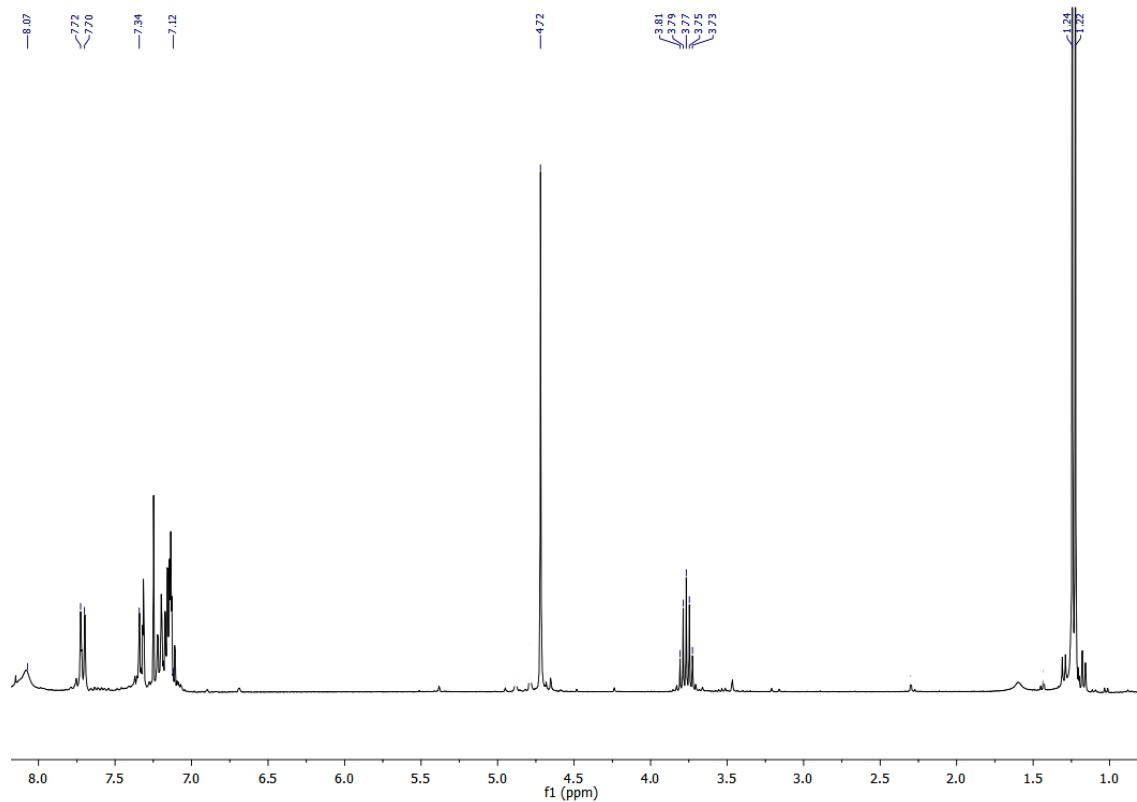
**Figure S1b.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *N*-acetyl-indole-3-carbinol **3**.

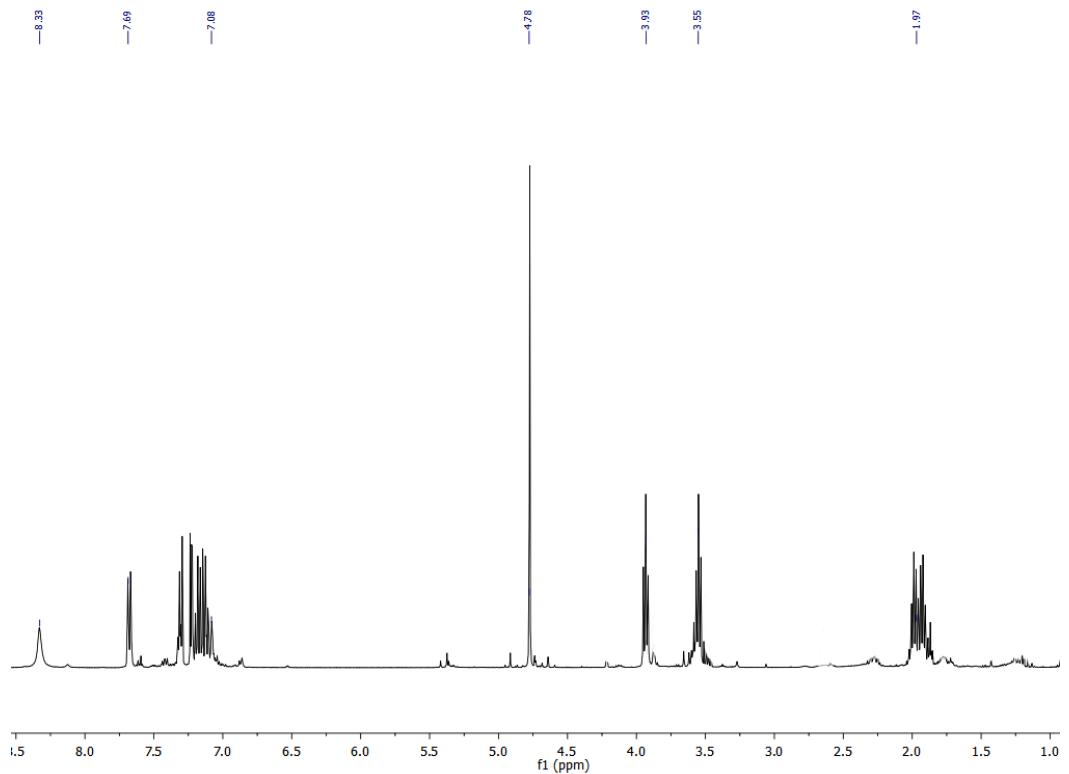


**Figure S2a.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3-Propoxy I3C **6**.

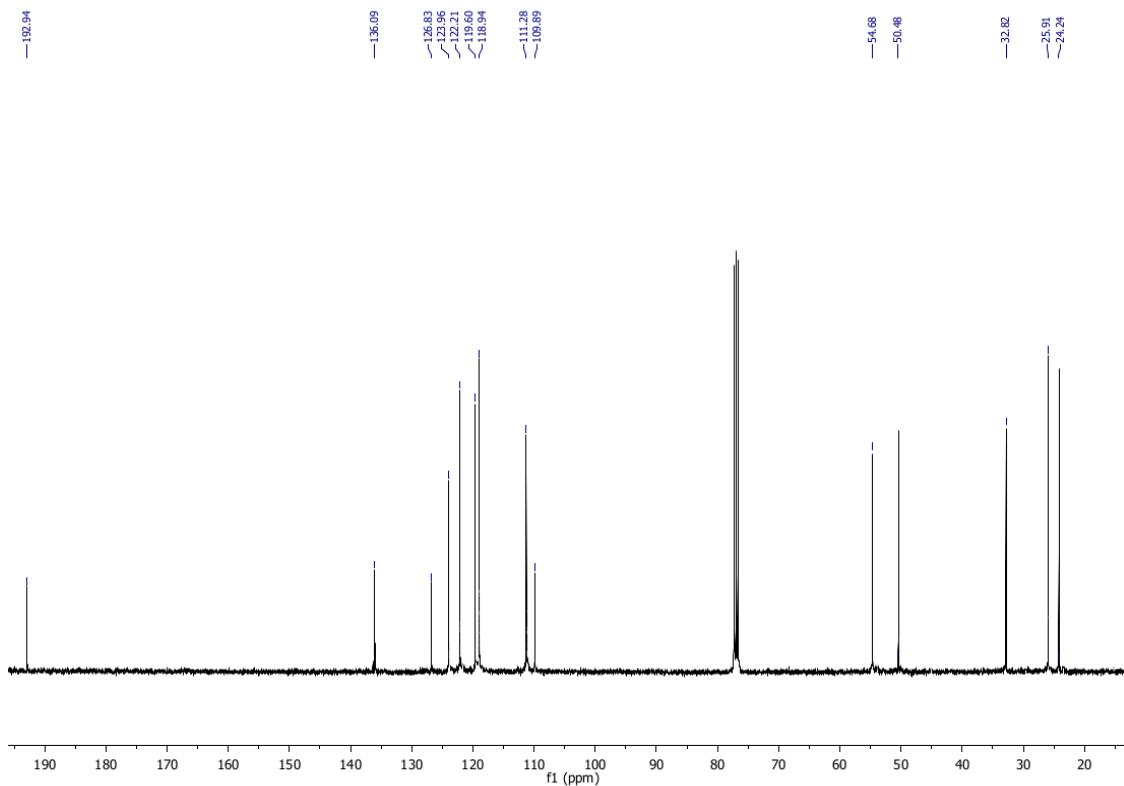


**Figure S2b.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 3-Propoxy I3C **6**.





**Figure S4a.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*1H*-indol-2-yl)methylpyrrolidine-1-carbodithioate **12**.

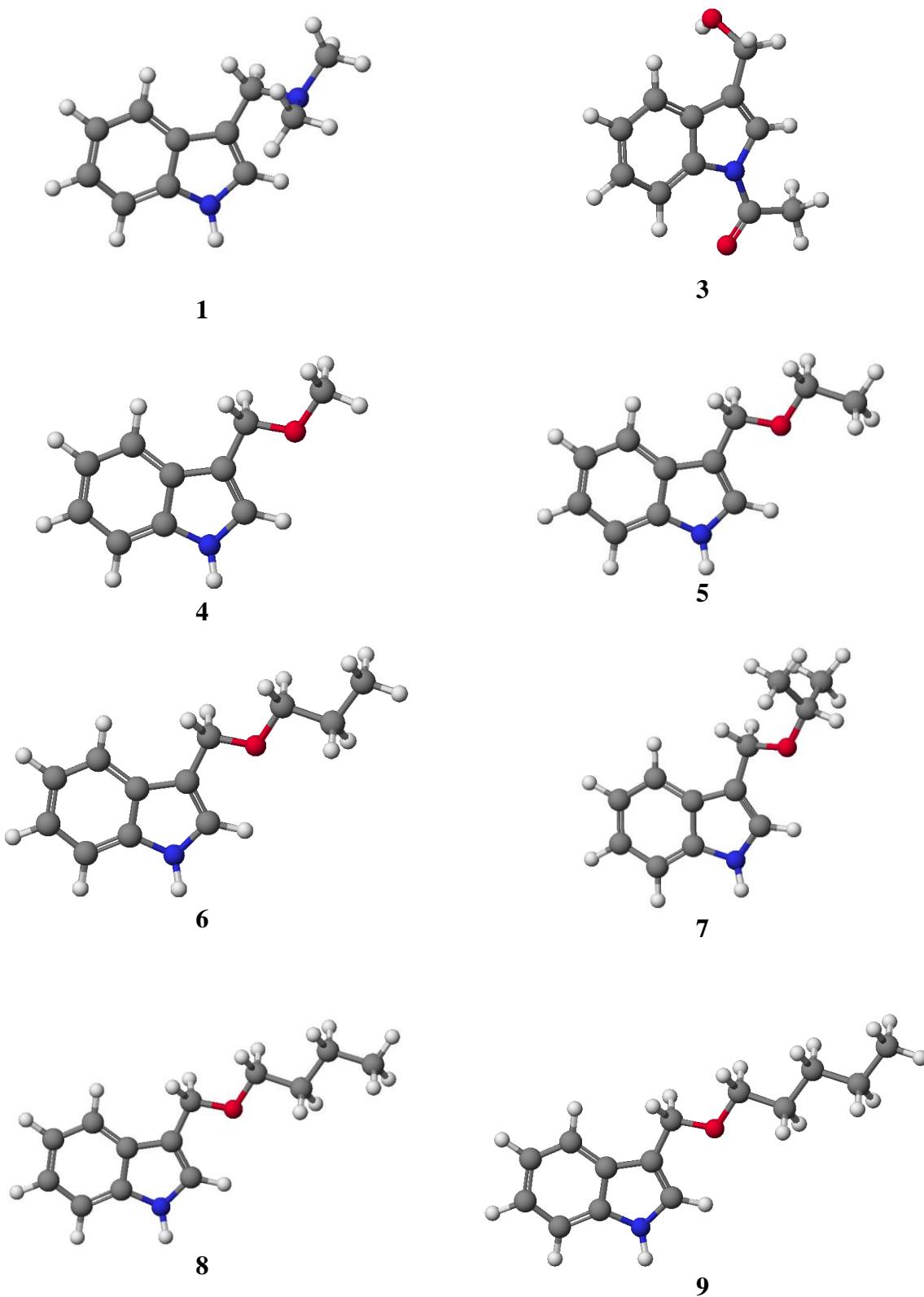


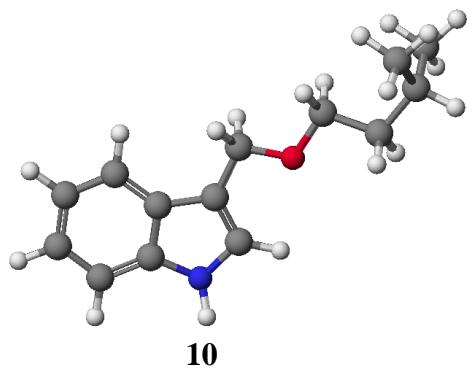
**Figure S4b.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (*1H*-indol-2-yl)methylpyrrolidine-1-carbodithioate **12**.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and data collection, and refinement details

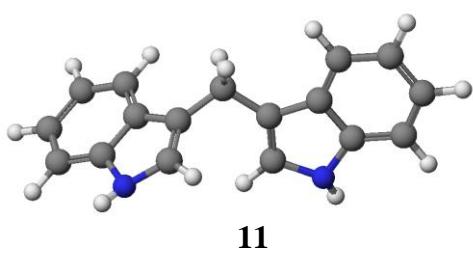
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Crystal data			
Chemical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
M <sub>r</sub>	231.24	276.29	318.32
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c	Orthorhombic, Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	Triclinic, P <bar{1}< td=""></bar{1}<>
Temperature (K)	295		
a, b, c (Å)	19.2159 (4), 7.4704 (2), 16.7645 (3)	6.9761 (1), 17.7481 (1), 10.9011 (1)	4.7470 (2), 12.8370 (8), 13.4424 (7)
α, β, γ (°)	90, 100.070 (2), 90	90, 90, 90	69.868 (5), 81.294 (4), 81.284 (5)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2369.48 (9)	1349.69 (2)	755.86 (7)
Z	8	4	2
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.76	0.74	0.79
Crystal size (mm)	0.50 × 0.23 × 0.02	0.45 × 0.30 × 0.10	0.55 × 0.05 × 0.02
Data collection			
Diffractometer	SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas		
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.608, 1.000	0.714, 1.000	0.852, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [I > 2σ(I)] reflections	12989, 2084, 1922	60142, 2385, 2370	7543, 2668, 2426
R <sub>int</sub>	0.022	0.041	0.017
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.595	0.595	0.595
Refinement			
R[F <sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F <sup>2</sup> )], wR(F <sup>2</sup> ), S	0.053, 0.166, 1.09	0.029, 0.073, 1.07	0.037, 0.104, 1.04
No. of reflections	2084	2385	2668
No. of parameters	156	195	218
No. of restraints	0	14	0
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.42, -0.27	0.12, -0.13	0.14, -0.19
Absolute structure parameter	—	0.08 (5)	—

**Figure S8.** Molecular models of gramine (**1**), and its derivatives **3-13** calculated by the PM5 method (WinMopac 2003)<sup>6</sup>.

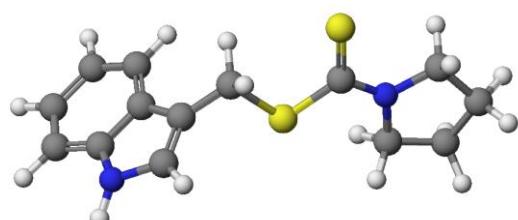




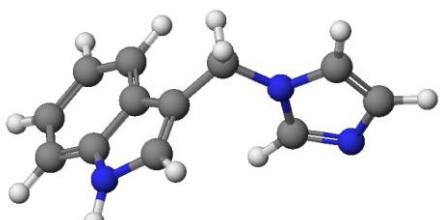
**10**



**11**



**12**



**13**

**Table S2.** Heat of formation (HOF) [kcal/mol] of gramine (**1**), and its derivatives (**11–15**).

Number of compound	HOF [kcal/mol]
<b>1</b>	47.9987
<b>2</b>	-87.7940
<b>3</b>	-44.3566
<b>4</b>	5.3853
<b>5</b>	-0.5144
<b>6</b>	-5.9727
<b>7</b>	-9.8850
<b>8</b>	-11.4646
<b>9</b>	-17.0637
<b>10</b>	-16.6643
<b>11</b>	85.2579
<b>12</b>	58.4619
<b>13</b>	84.3824
<b>14</b>	-38.3733
<b>15</b>	-45.2249

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