

Supporting Information

One-Pot Synthesis of 5-Hydroxy-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-ones: Structure Revision, Synthesis and NMR Shift Dependence of Thiasporine A

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General Information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectral data were recorded at 600/700 MHz (^1H) & 100/176 MHz (^{13}C) on a Varian System or on a Bruker Avance III 700 spectrometer. The chemical shifts were referenced to the corresponding residual solvent signal (CDCl_3 : $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.16$ ppm; CD_3OD : $\delta_{\text{H}} = 3.31$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 49.00$ ppm; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$: $\delta_{\text{H}} = 2.50$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 39.52$ ppm). IR spectra were measured on a Jasco FT/IR-4100 equipped with an ATR unit. All IR spectra were measured with neat substances. High resolution ESI-TOF mass spectra were provided by The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA and on a ESI-MSD TOF Agilent 6210-System by Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. High resolution EI spectra were provided on a Waters Autospec Premier by Freie Universität Berlin. Melting points were determined by digital melting point apparatus (Stuart SMP30). Products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel 300-400 mesh (Macherey & Nagel). Additives (formic acid) for eluents are given in vol%. TLC was performed on ALUGRAM[®] Xtra SIL G/UV₂₅₄ from Macherey & Nagel. Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents were purchased from commercial distributors and used without further purification. Dichloromethane was used dry after purification by MBraun SPS-800. Dry *N,N*-Dimethylformamide was purchased from Acros Chemicals. 2-Aminobenzonitrile was obtained from Fluka Chemika. 3-Bromopyruvic acid was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. *tert*-Butyl (2-cyanophenyl)carbamate was obtained from Sigma Aldrich or was prepared by a known method.¹

Figure S1. Comparison of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR of synthetic **1a** with isolated thiasporine A in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

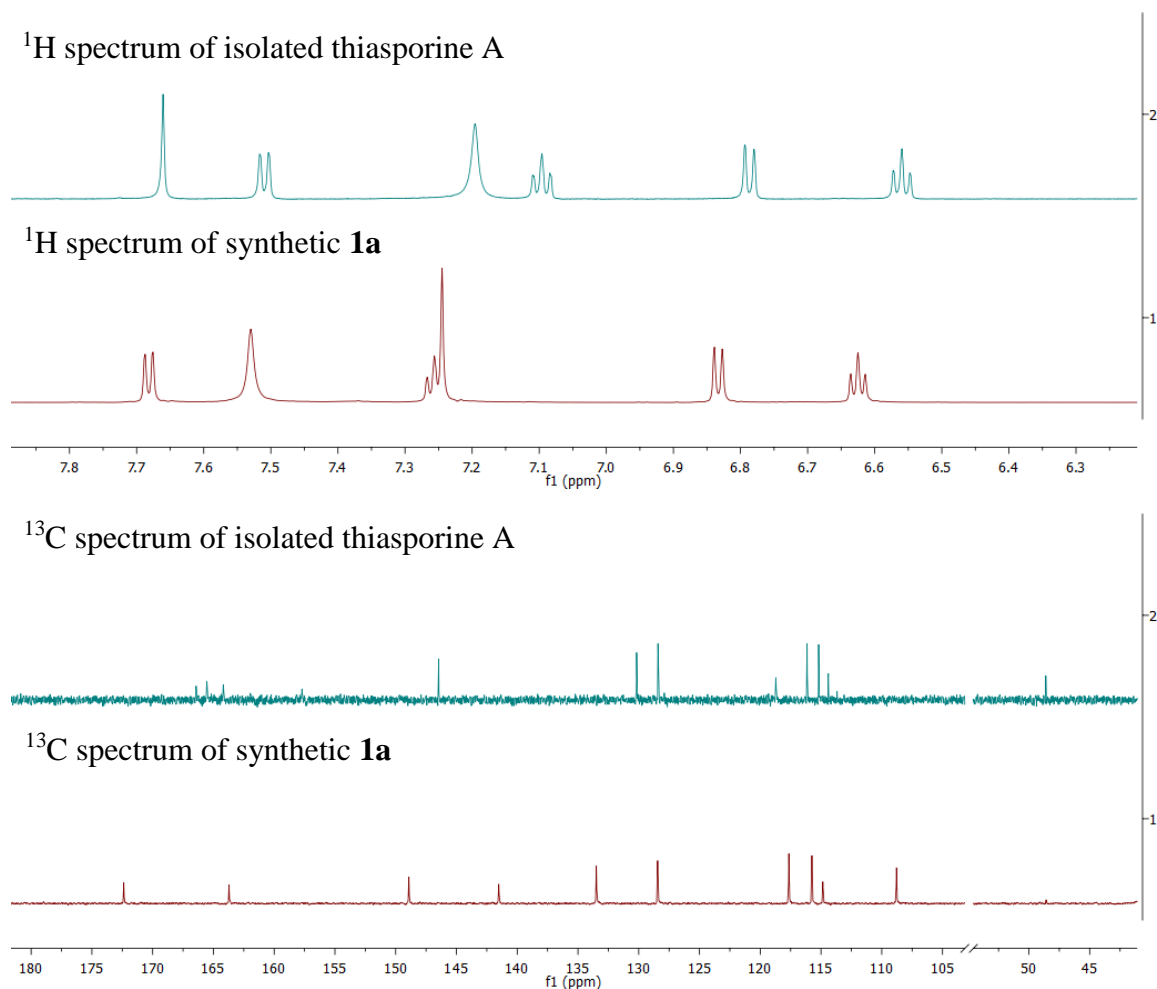


Figure S2. Comparison of the ^1H NMR of synthetic **12** with the methyl ester of isolated thiasporine A in CD_3OD .

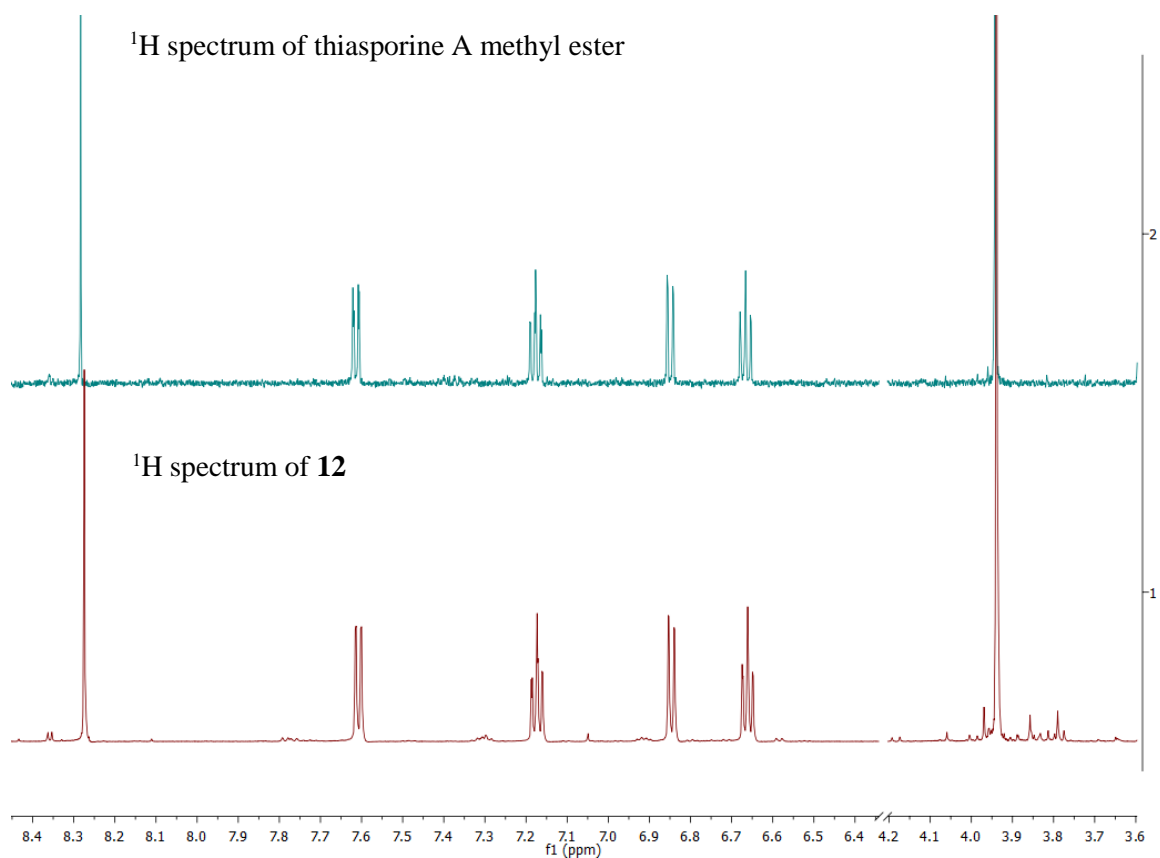


Figure S3. Histograms comparing carbon and proton chemical shifts of synthetic **1b** as different salt forms in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

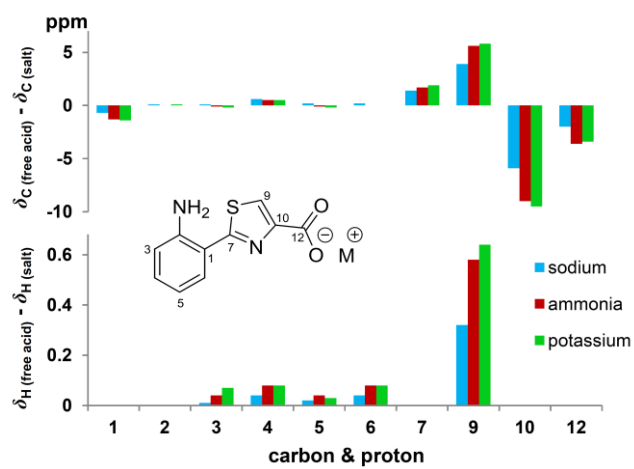


Figure S4. Variation of ^1H NMR resonances with added NaOH (6 M in H_2O) for synthetic **1b** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

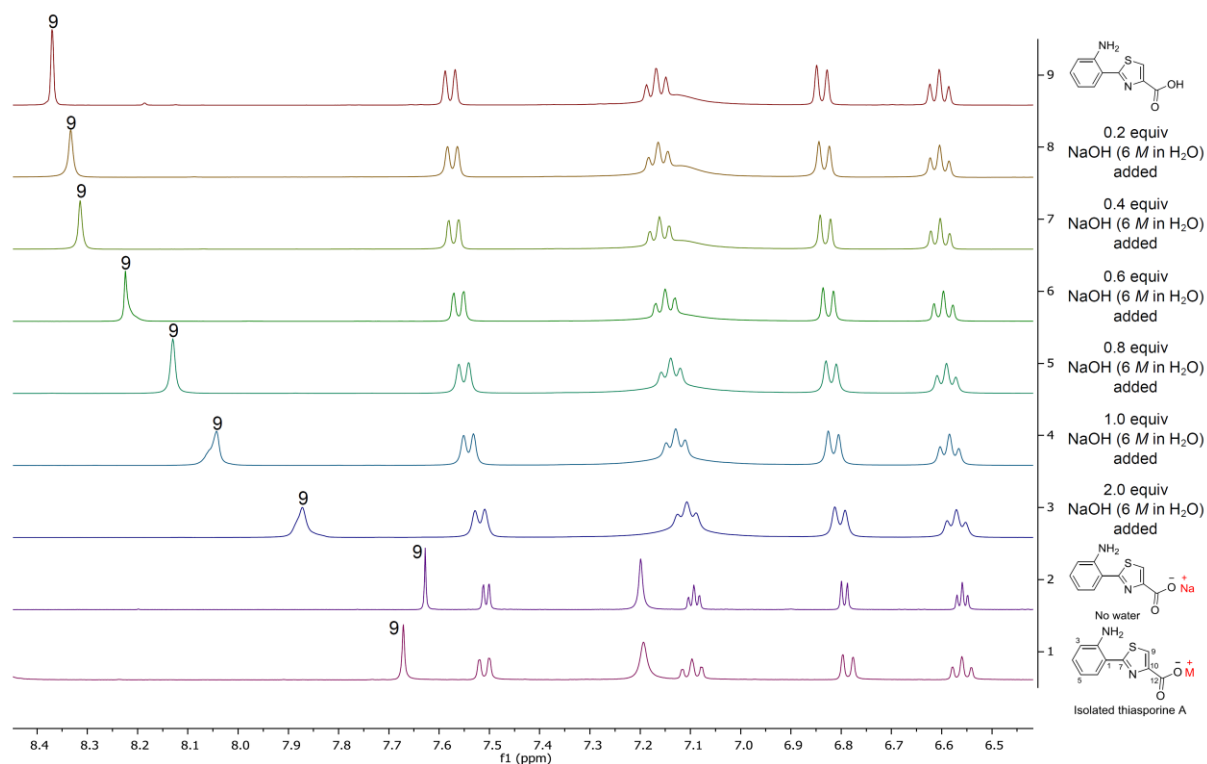
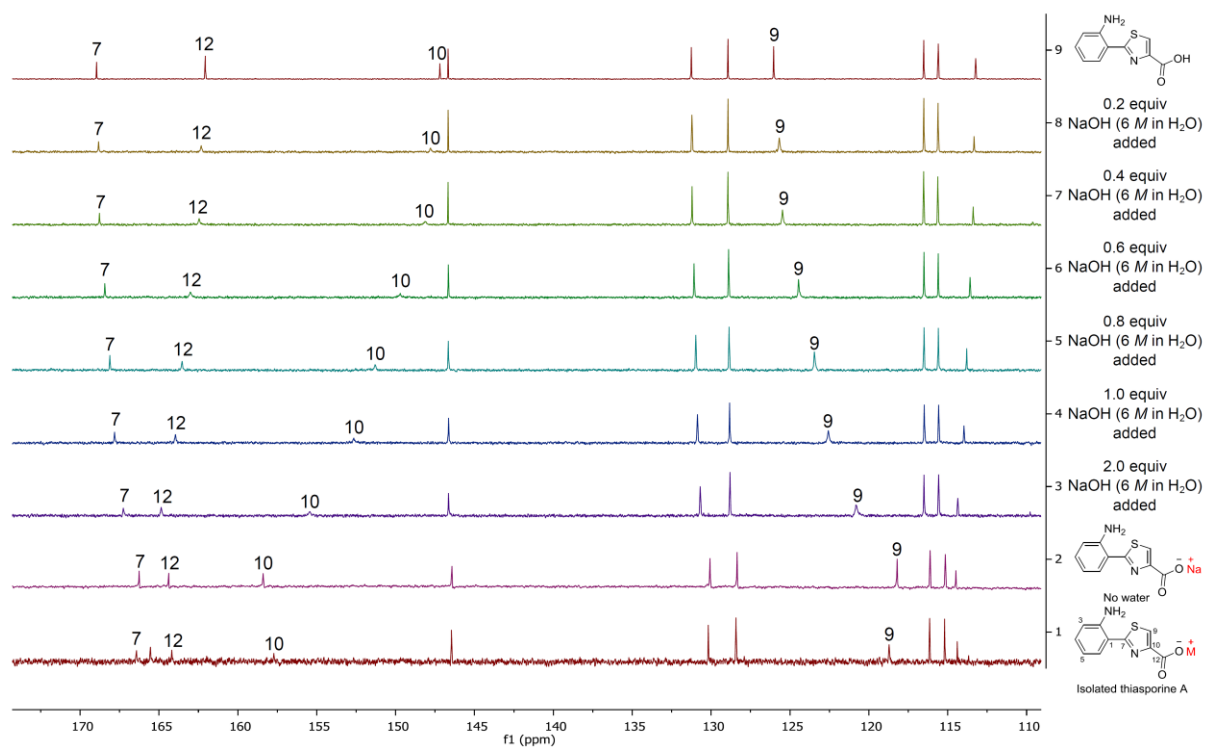
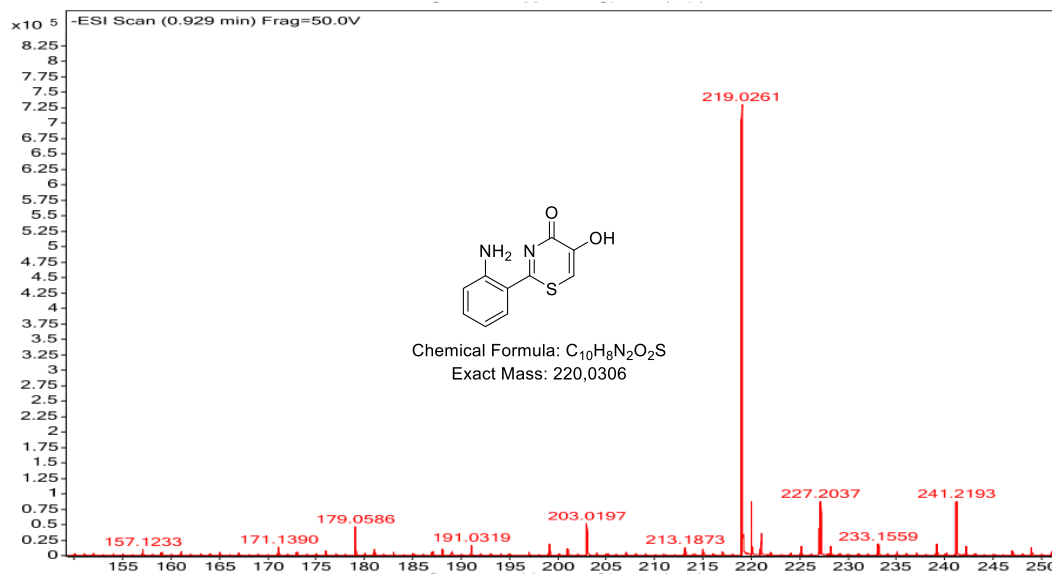
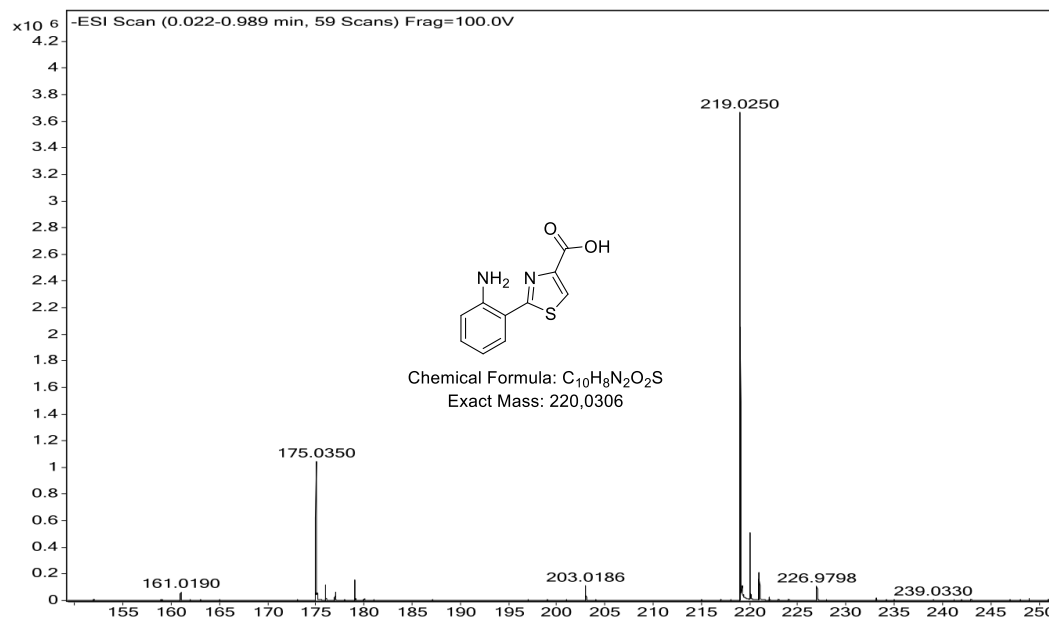


Figure S5. Variation of ^{13}C NMR resonances with added NaOH (6 M in H_2O) for synthetic **1b** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.



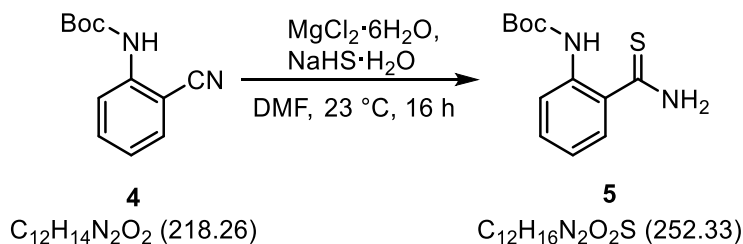
Mass spectrometric analysis of **1a** and **1b**

The two structures, **1a** and **1b** can be distinguished using electrospray ionization mass spectrometry in negative ion mode (–)ESI-MS, yielding $[M-H]^-$ at m/z 219 with a major fragment at m/z 175 $[M-COOH]^-$ for **1b**.



Experimental Procedure

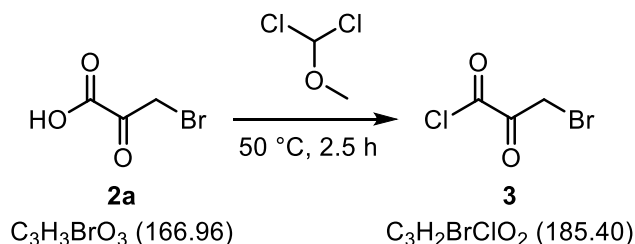
tert-Butyl (2-carbamothioylphenyl)carbamate (**5**)²



An oven-dried 250 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with *tert*-butyl (2-cyanophenyl)carbamate **4** (4.00 g, 18.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (49.0 mL). This mixture was stirred at 23 °C and magnesium chloride hexahydrate (3.73 g, 18.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in portions until it was dissolved completely (~15 min). Sodium hydrosulfide monohydrate (2.72 g, 36.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at 23 °C until TLC showed complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was diluted with water (150 mL) and brine (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 × 100 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–ethyl acetate, 3:1 to 2:1) to give the product **5** (3.97 g, 15.7 mmol, 86%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 202.1, 153.3, 136.8, 131.7, 129.7, 125.8, 122.7, 121.8, 80.9, 28.5 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3281, 3149, 3005, 2978, 2927, 2360, 1693, 1656, 1603, 1579, 1522, 1475, 1447, 1393, 1366, 1322, 1291, 1249, 1233, 1154, 1110, 1050, 1025, 909, 870, 832, 757, 734, 718, 708, 682, 669, 660, 653 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}N_2O_2SNa$ [$M + Na$]⁺: 275.0830; found: 275.0819; m.p. 171 °C.

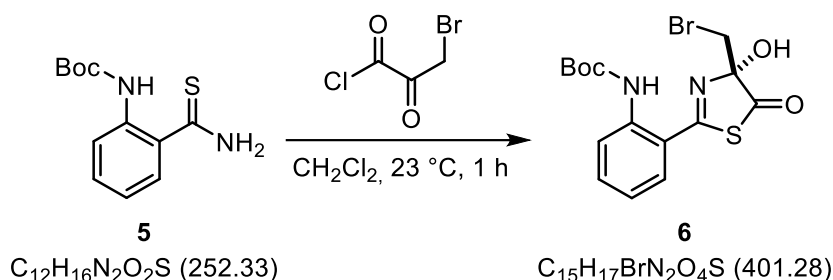
3-Bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**)



An oven-dried 10 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with 3-bromopyruvic acid **2a** (1.50 g, 8.98 mmol, 1 equiv), sealed with a rubber septum and connected to a Schlenk line through a needle. Under a stream of argon, dichloro(methoxy)methane (0.85 mL, 9.43 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated on a rotary evaporator (40 °C, 20 mbar, 5 min) and purified via bulb-to-bulb distillation (50–60 °C, 8.8×10^{-2} mbar) to give **3** (834 mg, 4.50 mmol, 50%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.32 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 179.8, 165.9, 28.2 ppm; IR (neat): 1762, 1738, 1415, 1387, 1274, 1226, 1195, 1158, 1108, 1091, 1022, 956, 909, 873, 756, 733, 692, 657 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $C_3H_2BrClO_2$ [M]⁺: 183.8921; found: 183.8925.

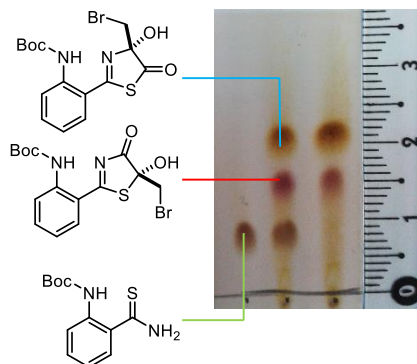
***tert*-Butyl (2-(4-(bromomethyl)-4-hydroxy-5-oxo-4,5-dihydrothiazol-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**6**)**



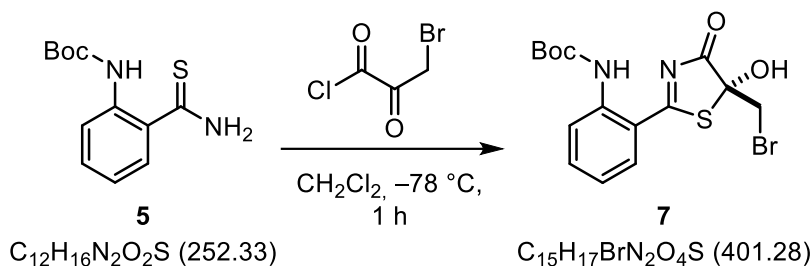
An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **5** (100 mg, 396 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and dry CH_2Cl_2 (7.2 mL). 3-Bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (49.4 μL , 495 μmol , 1.25 equiv) was added slowly at 23 $^\circ\text{C}$ to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and brine (5 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×25 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane– Et_2O , 4:1 to pentane– Et_2O , 3:1) to give **6** (105 mg, 263 μmol , 66%) as orange solid.

^1H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 169.2, 153.2, 140.83, 134.2, 132.7, 121.9, 119.5, 117.1, 103.0, 81.1, 35.1, 28.5 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3357, 3228, 2978, 2929, 1731, 1699, 1607, 1592, 1577, 1530, 1474, 1448, 1415, 1392, 1368, 1307, 1240, 1154, 1075, 1048, 954, 889, 865, 826, 755, 714, 695, 665 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{SK}$ $[\text{M} + \text{K}]^+$: 438.9729; found: 438.9746; m.p. 124 $^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposition).

TLC: pentane– Et_2O 1:1, stain solution: vanillin (1 g) in methanol (170 mL) + conc. acetic acid (20 mL) + conc. sulfuric acid (10 mL)



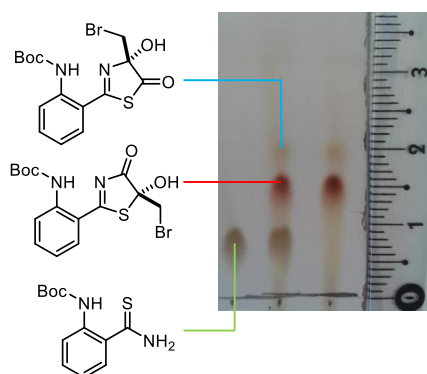
***tert*-Butyl (2-(5-(bromomethyl)-5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4,5-dihydrothiazol-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**7**)**



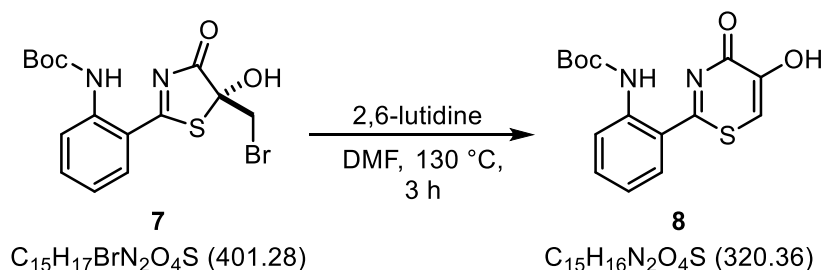
An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **5** (100 mg, 396 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and dry CH_2Cl_2 (7.2 mL). The solution was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (49.4 μL , 495 μmol , 1.25 equiv) was added slowly at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to the suspension. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After complete consumption of the starting material (TLC) the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to $23\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and brine (5 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($3 \times 25\text{ mL}$). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane– Et_2O , 4:1 to pentane– Et_2O , 3:1) to give **7** (93.4 mg, 233 μmol , 59%) as yellow solid.

^1H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 8.55–8.53 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 10.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 10.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 186.8, 152.8, 142.3, 137.5, 130.7, 121.7, 119.5, 116.5, 92.0, 81.5, 37.5, 28.3 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3341, 2956, 2920, 2851, 2361, 2341, 1733, 1608, 1582, 1524, 1494, 1438, 1393, 1368, 1320, 1305, 1229, 1146, 1051, 1022, 773, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{SK}$ $[\text{M} + \text{K}]^+$: 438.9729; found: 438.9728; m.p. $130\text{--}131\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposition).

TLC: pentane– Et_2O 1:1, stain solution: vanillin (1 g) in methanol (170 mL) + conc. acetic acid (20 mL) + conc. sulfuric acid (10 mL)



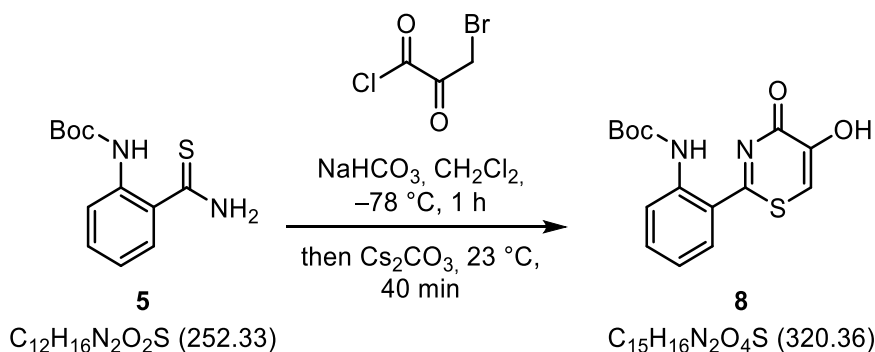
***tert*-Butyl (2-(5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4H-1,3-thiazin-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (8)**



An oven-dried 5 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thiazolinone **7** (25.0 mg, 62.3 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and dry *N,N*-dimethylformamide (0.61 mL). 2,6-Lutidine (14.5 μ L, 125 μ mol, 2.0 equiv) was added at 23 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 \times 10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (1 \times 20 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 + 1% formic acid to pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:1 + 1% formic acid) to give **8** (16.3 mg, 50.9 μ mol, 82%) as yellow solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 164.3, 153.1, 141.6, 139.2, 134.2, 128.9, 122.4, 121.9, 121.1, 108.2, 81.0, 28.4 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3453, 2932, 2872, 1715, 1596, 1458, 1434, 1414, 1382, 1323, 1311, 1298, 1248, 1214, 1169, 1139, 1110, 1074, 1044, 1022, 969, 927, 892, 849, 821, 784, 766, 712, 693, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₄SNa [M + Na]⁺: 343.0728; found: 343.0727; m.p. 177 °C (decomposition).

***tert*-Butyl (2-(5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4H-1,3-thiazin-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (8)**

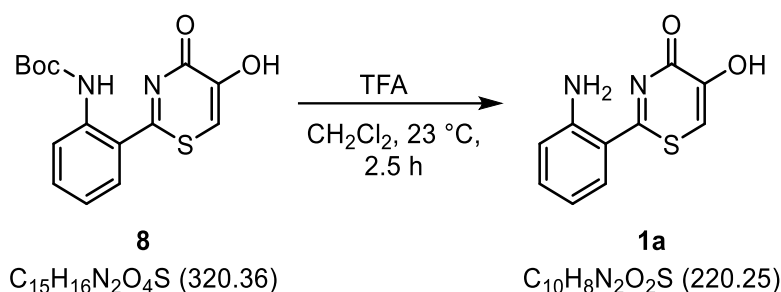


An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **5** (91.3 mg, 362 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (8.0 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (76.0 mg, 905 μ mol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to -78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (44.7 μ L, 441 μ mol, 1.2 equiv) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C. Caesium carbonate (141.5 mg, 434 μ mol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 40 min at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 \times 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load,

pentane-Et₂O, 1:1 to pentane–ethyl acetate, 2:1 + 1% formic acid) to give **8** (92.8 mg, 290 μmol, 80%) as yellow solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, *J* = 8.6, 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 164.3, 153.1, 141.6, 139.2, 134.2, 128.9, 122.4, 121.9, 121.1, 108.2, 81.0, 28.4 (3C) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 172.9, 163.6, 152.5, 142.5, 137.1, 132.7, 129.3, 124.8, 123.4, 121.7, 109.9, 79.8, 27.9 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3453, 2932, 2872, 1715, 1596, 1458, 1434, 1414, 1382, 1323, 1311, 1298, 1248, 1214, 1169, 1139, 1110, 1074, 1044, 1022, 969, 927, 892, 849, 821, 784, 766, 712, 693, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₄SNa [M + Na]⁺: 343.0728; found: 343.0727; m.p. 177 °C (decomposition).

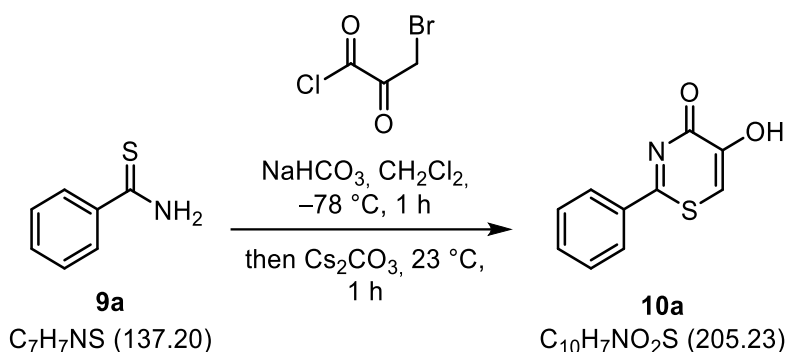
2-(2-Aminophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4H-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**1a**)



An oven-dried 5 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with 1,3-thiazin-4-one **8** (19.0 mg, 59.0 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.55 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and trifluoroacetic acid (54.8 μL, 712 μmol, 12.0 equiv) was added and the reaction was kept at this temperature for 30 min. Upon warming to 23 °C, the reaction was stirred for another 2 h. A pH-7 buffer solution (NaH₂PO₄ 0.1 M/NaOH 0.1 M (1.72:1), 5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 + 1% formic acid to pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:1 + 1% formic acid) to give **1a** (12.2 mg, 55.6 μmol, 94%) as red-brown solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.4, 163.7, 148.9, 141.5, 133.5, 128.5, 117.7, 115.8, 114.9, 108.8 ppm; IR (neat): 3372, 3266, 3055, 2923, 2853, 1734, 1713, 1613, 1556, 1501, 1467, 1445, 1407, 1378, 1300, 1273, 1248, 1227, 1194, 1155, 1119, 1062, 942, 915, 851, 834, 805, 785, 762, 751, 733, 709, 696, 682, 672, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₈N₂O₄SNa [M + Na]⁺: 243.0204; found: 243.0228; m.p. 199 °C (decomposition).

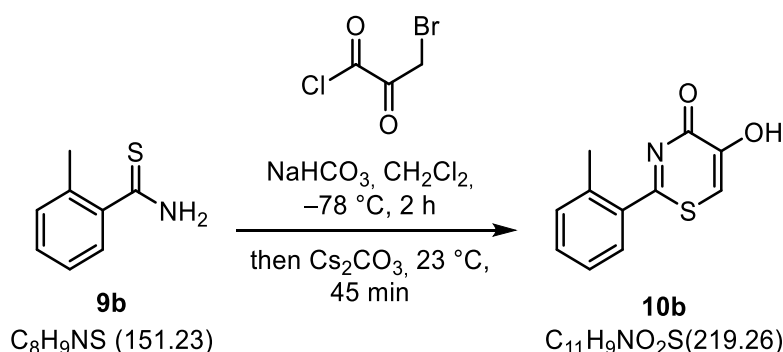
5-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (10a)



An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9a**³ (100 mg, 729 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (153 mg, 1.82 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to -78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (74.2 μL, 729 μmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 40 min at -78 °C, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (7.40 μL, 72.9 μmol, 0.10 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 20 min at -78 °C. Caesium carbonate (261 mg, 802 μmol, 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 to Et₂O + 1% formic acid) to give **10a** (114 mg, 553 μmol, 76%) as brown solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 166.0, 142.3, 136.3, 133.5, 129.3, 127.4, 107.2 ppm; IR (neat): 3296, 3027, 2918, 2849, 1614, 1597, 1578, 1500, 1490, 1446, 1394, 1314, 1265, 1248, 1203, 1182, 1175, 1098, 1074, 1001, 951, 909, 860, 790, 766, 700, 683, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₇NO₂SNa [M + Na]⁺: 228.0089; found: 228.0096; m.p. 201 °C (decomposition).

5-Hydroxy-2-(*o*-tolyl)-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (10b)

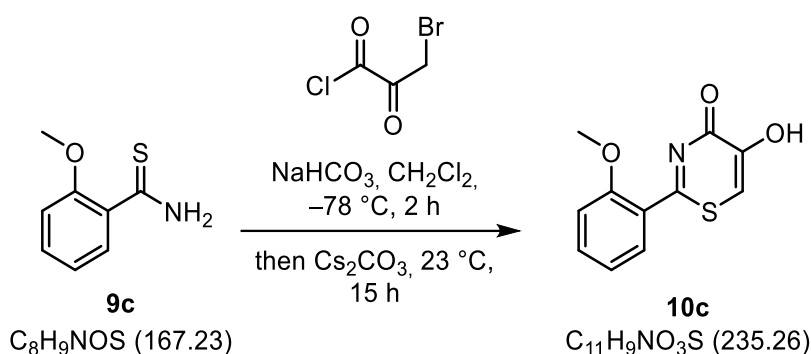


An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9b**⁴ (100 mg, 661 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (139 mg, 1.65 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to -78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (67.4 μL, 661 μmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 1.5 h at -78 °C, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (4.72 μL, 46.3 μmol, 0.07 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at -78 °C. Caesium carbonate (237 mg, 727 μmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction

mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 45 min at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 to Et₂O + 1% formic acid) to give **10b** (122 mg, 556 μmol, 85%) as beige solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 165.4, 142.0, 136.8, 136.4, 131.8, 131.5, 129.1, 126.3, 108.9, 20.4 ppm; IR (neat): 3316, 3055, 2980, 2960, 2925, 2854, 1616, 1599, 1509, 1487, 1455, 1395, 1291, 1265, 1232, 1188, 1173, 1120, 938, 900, 829, 792, 759, 719, 681, 668 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₂SNa [M + Na]⁺: 242.0246; found: 242.0248; m.p. 137–140 °C.

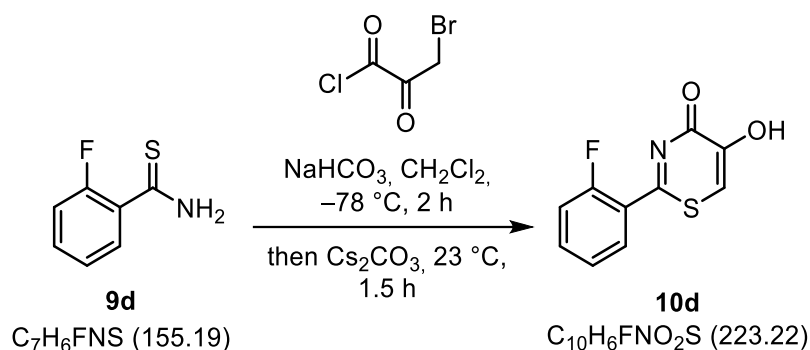
5-Hydroxy-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**10c**)



An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9c**⁵ (100 mg, 598 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (10.8 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (125.6 mg, 1.49 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to –78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (60.9 μL, 598 μmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 1.5 h at –78 °C, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (6.09 μL, 59.8 μmol, 0.10 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at –78 °C. Caesium carbonate (312 mg, 957 μmol, 1.6 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 15 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–ethyl acetate, 2:1 + 1% formic acid to pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:1 + 1% formic acid to pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:2 + 1% formic acid) to give **10c** (82.4 mg, 350 μmol, 59%) as dirty yellow solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 165.9, 158.5, 142.1, 134.2, 130.8, 124.9, 121.3, 111.9, 109.4, 55.9 ppm; IR (neat): 3247, 3087, 3052, 2957, 2920, 2851, 1611, 1595, 1485, 1478, 1438, 1396, 1317, 1285, 1249, 1218, 1197, 1161, 1119, 1013, 947, 910, 817, 788, 764 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₃SNa [M + Na]⁺: 258.0201; found: 258.0243; m.p. 159 °C (decomposition).

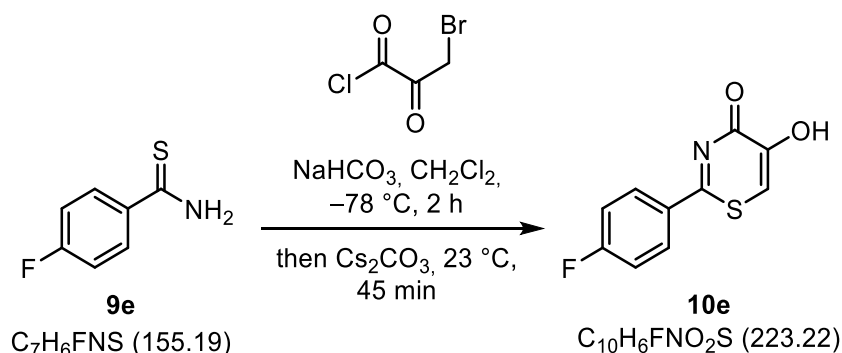
2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**10d**)



An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9d**³ (100 mg, 644 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and dry CH_2Cl_2 (11.5 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (135 mg, 1.61 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (65.6 μL , 644 μmol , 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 1.5 h at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (3.28 μL , 32.2 μmol , 0.05 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Caesium carbonate (231 mg, 709 μmol , 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to $23\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred for 1.5 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($4 \times 20\text{ mL}$). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane– Et_2O , 1:1 + 1% formic acid to Et_2O + 1% formic acid) to give **10d** (104 mg, 467 μmol , 72%) as light brown solid.

^1H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (t, $J = 7.7\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8 (d, $J = 5.2\text{ Hz}$), 165.7, 161.0 (d, $J = 255.5\text{ Hz}$), 142.4 (d, $J = 1.3\text{ Hz}$), 134.6 (d, $J = 9.0\text{ Hz}$), 130.6, 125.1 (d, $J = 3.3\text{ Hz}$), 124.1 (d, $J = 10.4\text{ Hz}$), 116.9 (d, $J = 22.5\text{ Hz}$), 108.3 (d, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$) ppm; IR (neat): 3284, 3033, 2980, 2921, 2851, 1592, 1575, 1484, 1450, 1392, 1306, 1270, 1226, 1200, 1176, 1105, 1031, 957, 914, 869, 854, 801, 790, 768, 723, 679, 665, 656 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 246.0001; found: 246.0009; m.p. $166\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposition).

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**10e**)

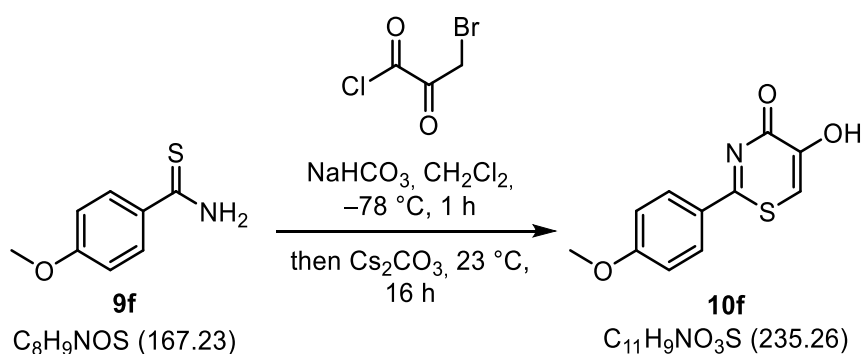


An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9e**⁶ (100 mg, 644 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and dry CH_2Cl_2 (11.6 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (135 mg, 1.61 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (65.6 μL , 644 μmol , 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because

TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 1.5 h at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (6.56 μL , 64.4 μmol , 0.10 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Caesium carbonate (231 mg, 709 μmol , 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred for 45 min at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($4 \times 20\text{ mL}$). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane– Et_2O , 1:1 to pentane– Et_2O , 1:1 + 1% formic acid to Et_2O + 1% formic acid) to give **10e** (113 mg, 504 μmol , 78%) as beige solid.

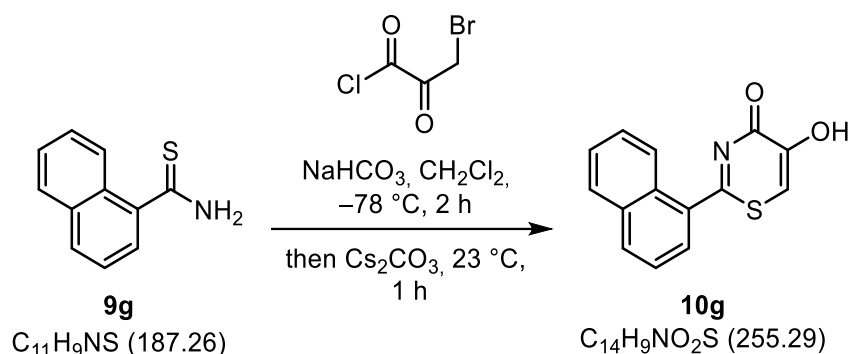
^1H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.90, 166.07 (d, $J = 255.9\text{ Hz}$), 165.76, 142.18, 132.36 (d, $J = 3.2\text{ Hz}$), 129.65 (d, $J = 9.4\text{ Hz}$, 2C), 116.48 (d, $J = 22.1\text{ Hz}$, 2C), 106.67 ppm; IR (neat): 3289, 3058, 3030, 2924, 2852, 1741, 1683, 1615, 1600, 1513, 1493, 1412, 1392, 1300, 1234, 1202, 1179, 1159, 1123, 1102, 1012, 9523, 910, 839, 820, 808, 791, 760, 718, 685, 659 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 246.0001; found: 246.0004; m.p. $216\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (decomposition).

5-Hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**10f**)



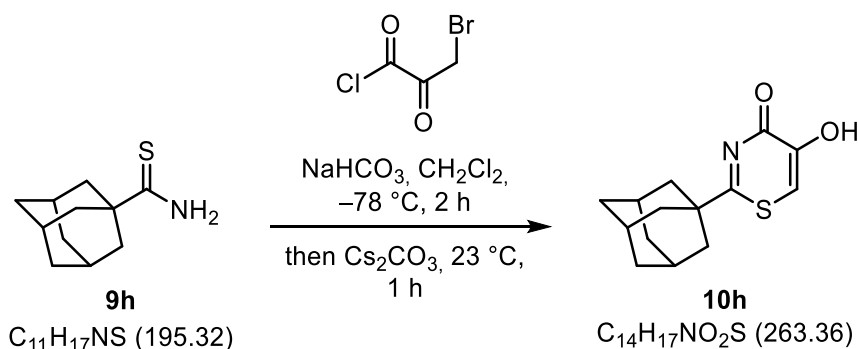
An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9f** (100 mg, 598 μmol , 1.0 equiv) and dry CH_2Cl_2 (11 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (126 mg, 1.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (60.9 μL , 598 μmol , 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 40 min at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (3.05 μL , 29.9 μmol , 0.05 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 20 min at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Caesium carbonate (195 mg, 598 μmol , 1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred for 16 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($4 \times 20\text{ mL}$). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:2 to pentane–ethyl acetate, 1:2 + 1% formic acid) to give **10f** (99.3 mg, 422 μmol , 71%) as brown solid.

^1H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 166.1, 164.2, 142.0, 129.4, 128.8, 114.7, 106.6, 55.8 ppm; IR (neat): 3297, 3026, 2921, 2850, 1602, 1574, 1508, 1485, 1418, 1394, 1322, 1308, 1258, 1196, 1175, 1114, 1035, 953, 910, 829, 793, 725, 696, 660 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 258.0201; found: 258.0216; m.p. $209\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (decomposition).

5-Hydroxy-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4H-1,3-thiazin-4-one (10g)

An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9g**⁸ (100 mg, 534 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (9.5 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (112 mg, 1.33 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to -78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (54.4 μ L, 534 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. Caesium carbonate (191 mg, 587 μ mol, 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 \times 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane-Et₂O, 3:2 + 1% formic acid to Et₂O + 1% formic acid to ethyl acetate + 1% formic acid) to give **10g** (104 mg, 405 μ mol, 76%) as brown solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.2, 165.4, 142.2, 134.1, 134.0, 132.8, 129.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.2, 127.1, 125.1, 124.8, 109.4 ppm; IR (neat): 3293, 3056, 3011, 1610, 1506, 1395, 1269, 1238, 1191, 1095, 929, 903, 801, 773, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₉NO₂SNa [M + Na]⁺: 278.0252; found: 278.0265; m.p. 165 °C (decomposition).

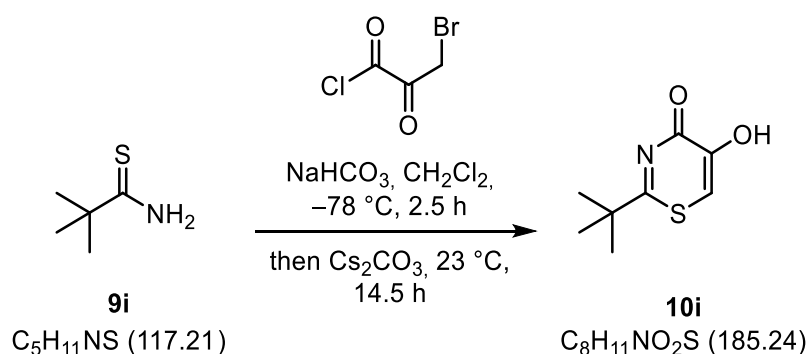
2-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-yl)-5-hydroxy-4H-1,3-thiazin-4-one (10h)

An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9h**⁹ (25.0 mg, 128 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.3 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (26.9 mg, 320 μ mol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to -78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (13.0 μ L, 128 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 1.5 h at -78 °C, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (1.30 μ L, 12.8 μ mol, 0.10 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at -78 °C. Caesium carbonate (45.9 mg, 141 μ mol, 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction

mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–Et₂O, 2:1 + 1% formic acid to Et₂O + 1% formic acid) to give **10h** (24.0 mg, 91.1 μmol, 71%) as yellow solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 1.81–1.71 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.1, 165.8, 142.1, 107.8, 45.8, 41.2 (3C), 36.4 (3C), 28.5 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3312, 3059, 2906, 2849, 1611, 1594, 1583, 1498, 1471, 1451, 1412, 1397, 1367, 1342, 1268, 1242, 1216, 1200, 1159, 1102, 995, 909, 832, 794, 684 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO₂SNa [M + Na]⁺: 286.0878; found: 286.0880; m.p. 203 °C (decomposition).

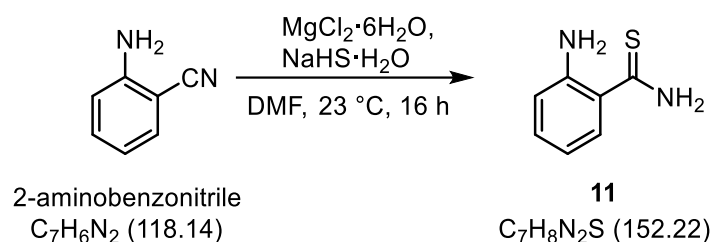
2-(tert-butyl)-5-hydroxy-4*H*-1,3-thiazin-4-one (**10i**)



An oven-dried 25 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with thioamide **9i**¹⁰ (100 mg, 853 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (15.5 mL). Upon addition of sodium bicarbonate (179 mg, 2.13 mmol, 2.5 equiv), the suspension was cooled to –78 °C and 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (**3**) (95.6 μL, 938 μmol, 1.1 equiv) was added slowly. Because TLC-control showed incomplete conversion after 2 h at –78 °C, 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoyl chloride (4.35 μL, 42.7 μmol, 0.05 equiv) was added and the reaction stirred for additional 30 min at –78 °C. Caesium carbonate (306 mg, 938 μmol, 1.1 equiv) was added and the cooling bath was removed, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 14.5 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with hydrochloric acid (1 M, 10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane-ethyl acetate, 2:1 + 1% formic acid) to give **10i** (99.5 mg, 537 μmol, 63%) as beige solid.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 165.7, 141.9, 107.6, 44.0, 29.4 (3C) ppm; IR (neat): 3310, 3044, 2962, 2930, 2867, 1616, 1599, 1584, 1502, 1477, 1455, 1405, 1365, 1274, 1246, 1201, 1178, 1040, 1011, 937, 912, 861, 834, 795, 670, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₈H₁₁NO₂SNa [M + Na]⁺: 208.0402; found: 208.0408; m.p. 137.0–139 °C.

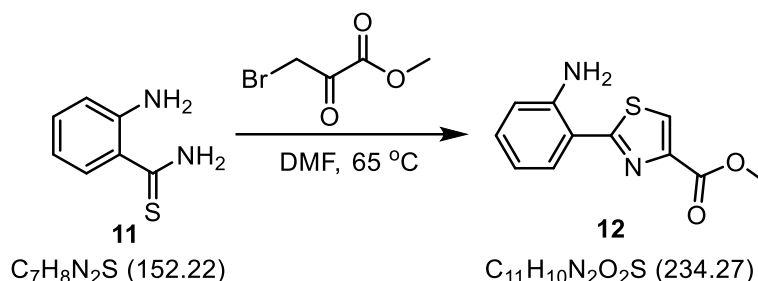
2-Aminobenzothioamide (**11**)²



An oven-dried 50 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with 2-aminobenzonitrile (1.00 g, 8.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (22.0 mL). This mixture was stirred at 23 °C and magnesium chloride hexahydrate (1.72 g, 8.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in portions until it was dissolved completely (~15 min). Sodium hydrosulfide monohydrate (1.25 g, 16.9 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at 23 °C until TLC showed complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was diluted with water (70 mL) and brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4×50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3×50 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (dry load, pentane–ethyl acetate, 3:1 to 2:1) to give the product **11** (1.25 g, 8.24 mmol, 97%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.25 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 203.4, 147.7, 132.2, 127.9, 126.3, 118.4, 117.9 ppm. The spectra correlate with the literature data.¹¹

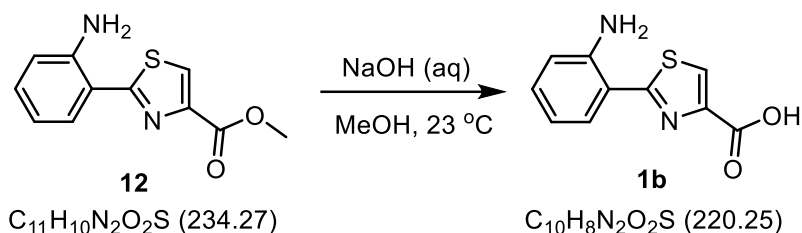
Methyl 2-(2-aminophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**12**)



To a solution of **11** (70.0 mg, 460 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (7 mL) was added methyl bromopyruvate (49.0 μ L, 460 μ mol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred under argon at 65 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4×15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (2×20 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (pentane–ethyl acetate, 4:1) to give the product **12** (55.9 mg, 239 μ mol, 52%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 7.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 169.3, 161.0, 146.7, 145.4, 131.4, 129.0, 126.9, 116.5, 115.7, 113.0, 52.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}N_2O_2S$ [$M + H$]⁺: 235.0536; found: 235.0538.

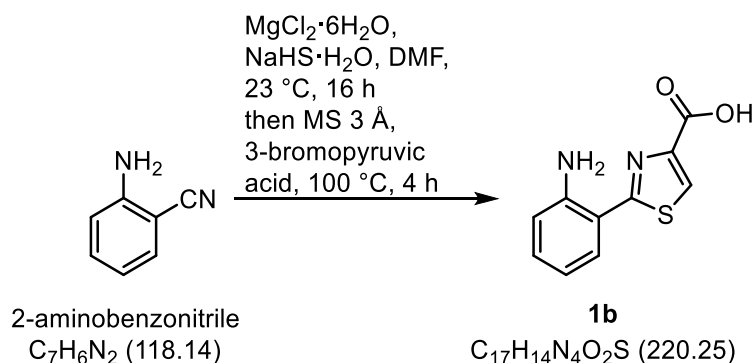
2-(2-Aminophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylic acid (**1b**)



A solution of **12** (50 mg, 202 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with a solution of NaOH (100 mg) in water (1 mL) added dropwise over 1 min and the resulting solution was stirred at 23 °C for 1 h. The pH was adjusted to ~6 by concentrated hydrochloric acid. Then, the methanol was removed under reduced pressure and 10 mL of water was added. It was extracted by ethyl acetate (2 \times 30 mL). The organic layer was concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes–ethyl acetate, 2:1) to yield **1b** (39 mg, 177 μ mol, 88%).

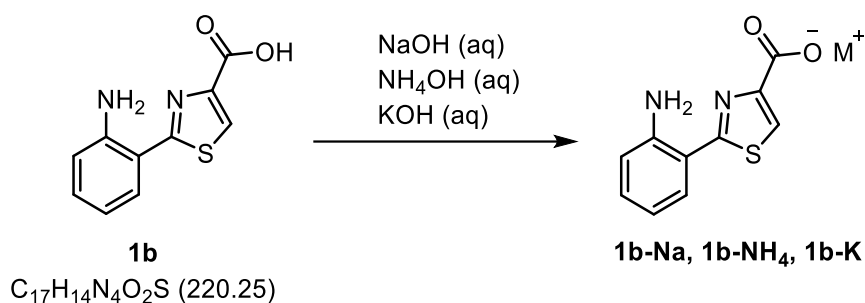
1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 169.0, 162.1, 147.2, 146.7, 131.3, 128.9, 126.0, 116.5, 115.6, 113.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_8N_2O_2S$ [$M + H$] $^+$: 221.0379; found: 221.0382.

2-(2-Aminophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylic acid (**1b**)



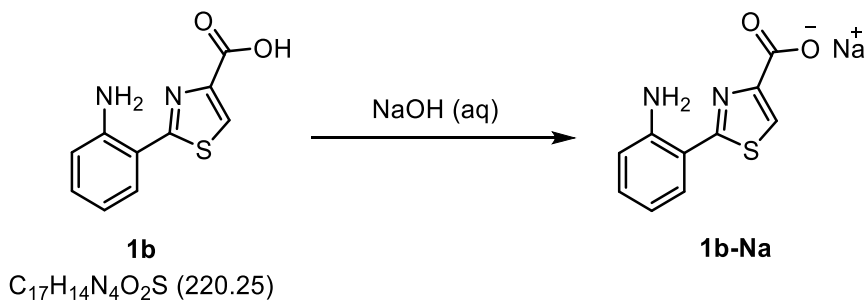
An oven-dried 10 mL round-bottom-flask equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirrer bar was charged with 2-aminobenzonitrile (25.0 mg, 212 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (0.55 mL). This mixture was stirred at 23 °C and magnesium chloride hexahydrate (43.0 g, 212 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) was added in portions until it was dissolved completely (~15 min). Sodium hydrosulfide monohydrate (31.4 mg, 423 μ mol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h at 23 °C until TLC showed complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with *N,N*-dimethylformamide (4.5 mL) and molecular sieve (3 Å, 305 mg) was added. After stirring for 30 min at 23 °C 3-bromopyruvic acid (72.8 mg, 423 μ mol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction was stirred for 4 h at 100 °C. The reaction was quenched with sat. ammonium chloride solution (40 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 \times 15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (2 \times 50 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 + 0.5% formic acid to pentane–Et₂O, 1:1 + 0.5% formic acid). To avoid side products toluene (50 mL) was added to the column fractions before removal of the solvent under reduced pressure to give the product **3** (17.3 mg, 78.5 μ mol, 37%) as a yellow solid. The analytical data correlate with the saponification product **1b** from the stepwise protocol.

Preparation of different salts (**1b**-Na, **1b**-cNH₄, **1b**-K)



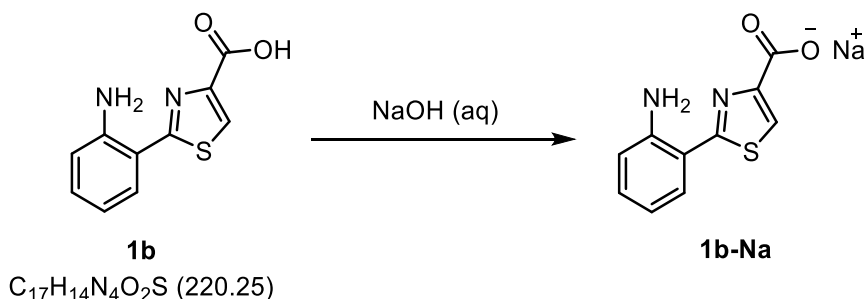
A solution of **1b** (10 mg for each salt) in DMSO-*d*₆ (0.5 mL) was treated with 50 μL of 2 M NaOH, 28%-30% ammonium hydroxide or 2 M KOH and the resulting solutions were used for the NMR experiments.

Preparation of the sodium salt (**1b**-Na, water was removed)



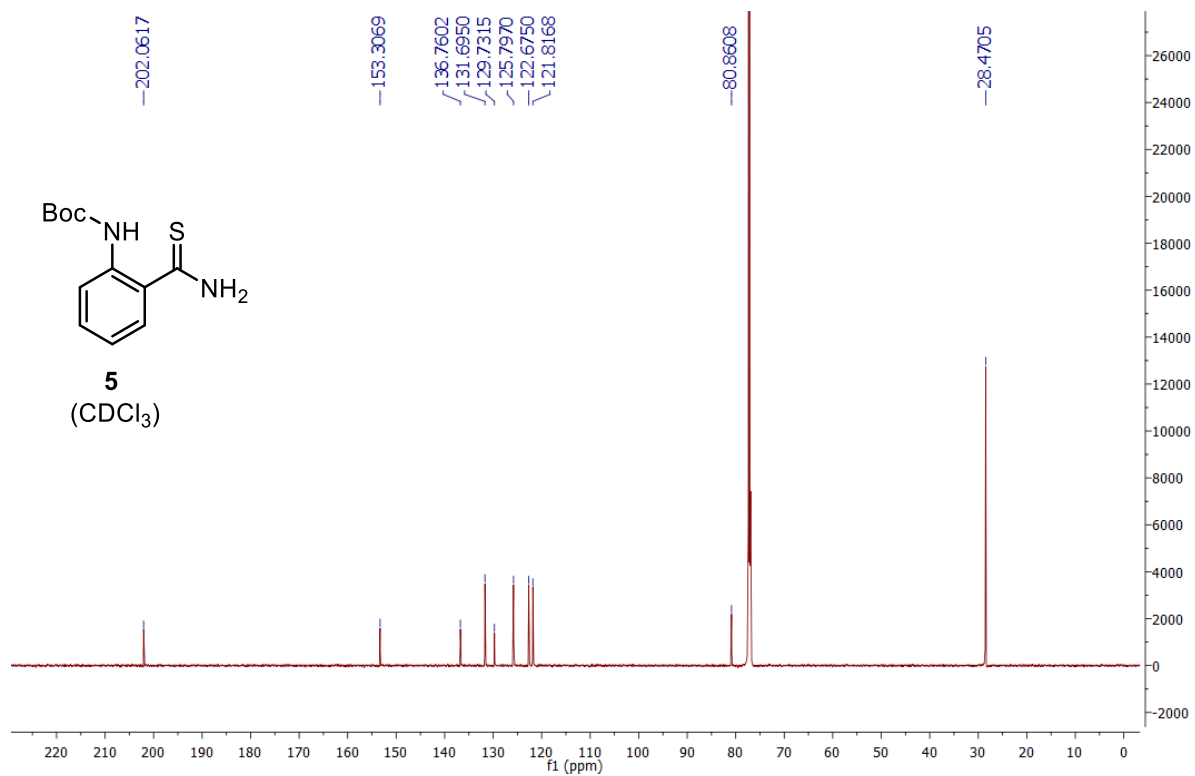
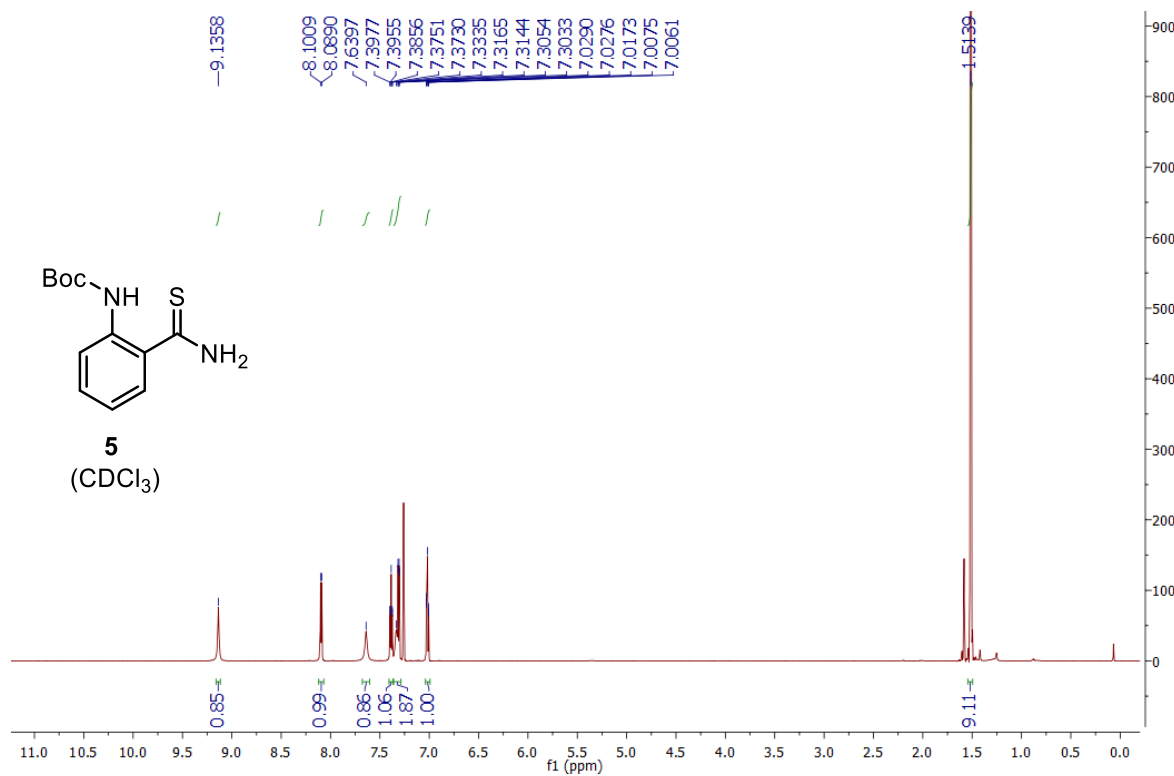
To a suspension of **1b** (3.05 mg, 13.8 μmol, 1 equiv) in water (0.1 mL) was added 2 M NaOH (6.93 μL, 13.8 μmol, 1 equiv). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure with a rotary evaporator and the residue was then dried in high vacuum at 45 °C for 15 h. The NMR sample was prepared by dissolving **1b**-Na in dry DMSO-*d*₆.

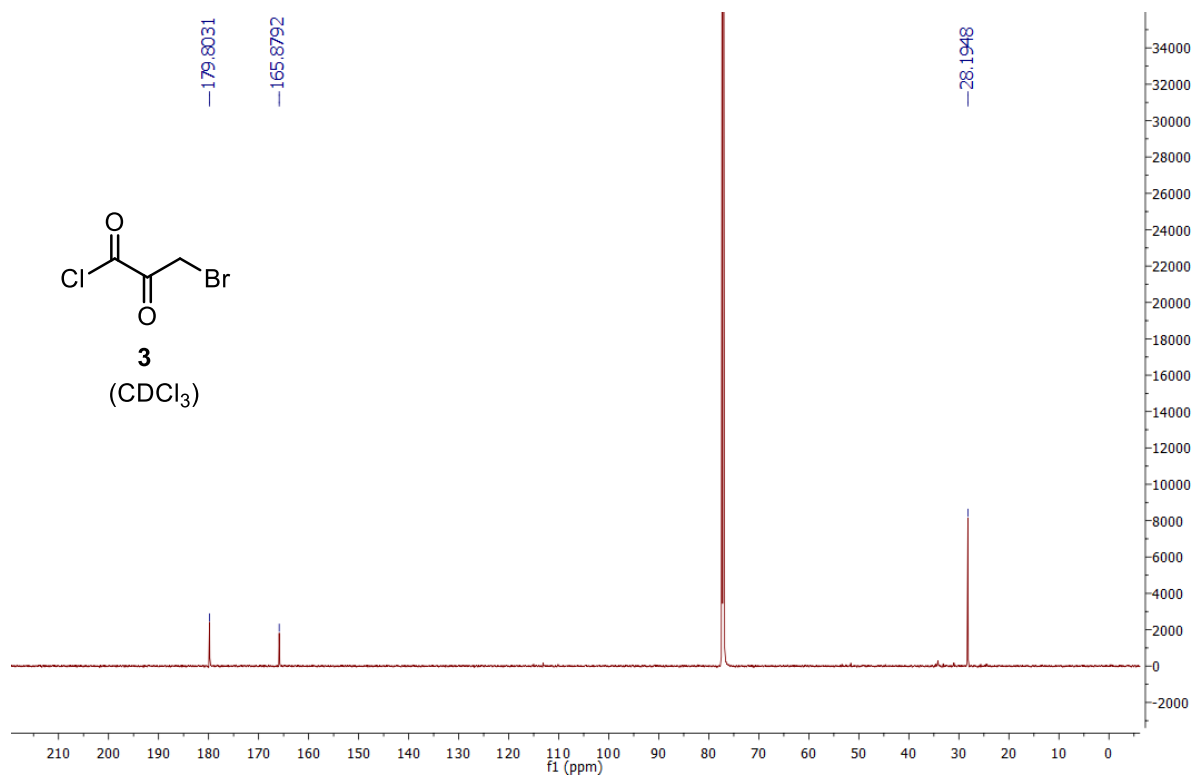
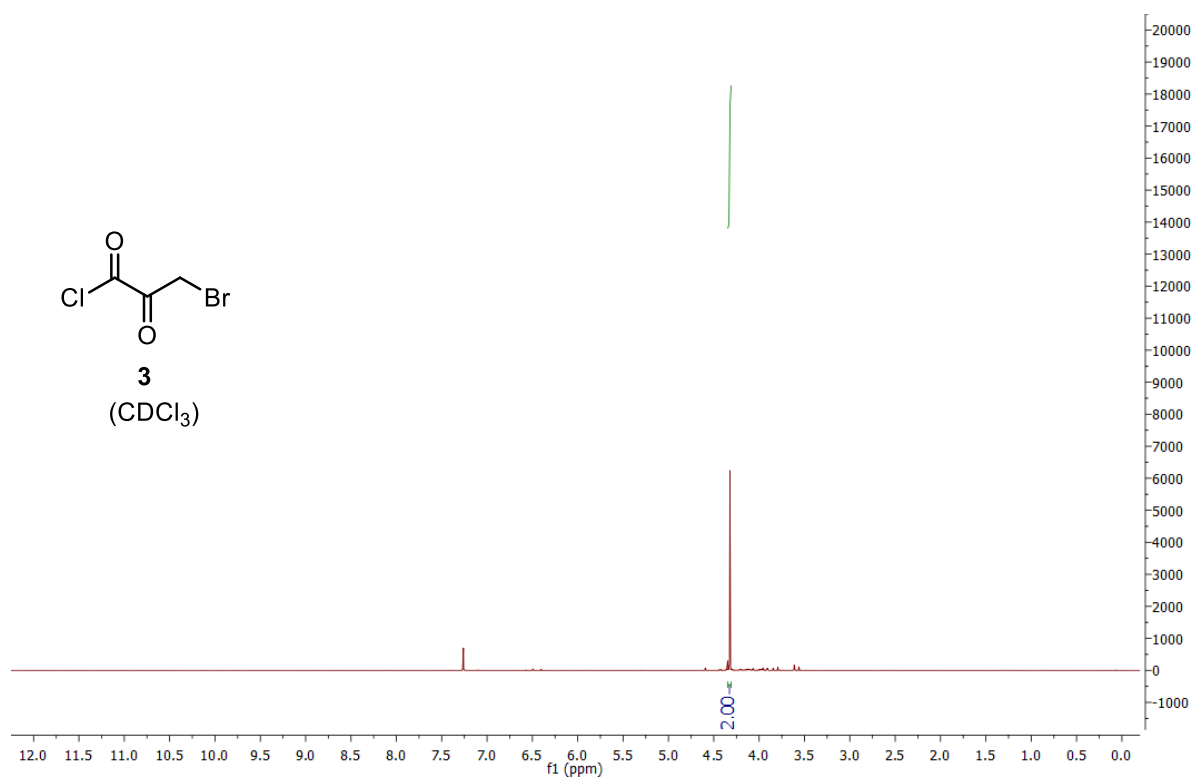
Preparation of the sodium salt (**1b**-Na) with different equivalents of NaOH (aqueous, 6 M)

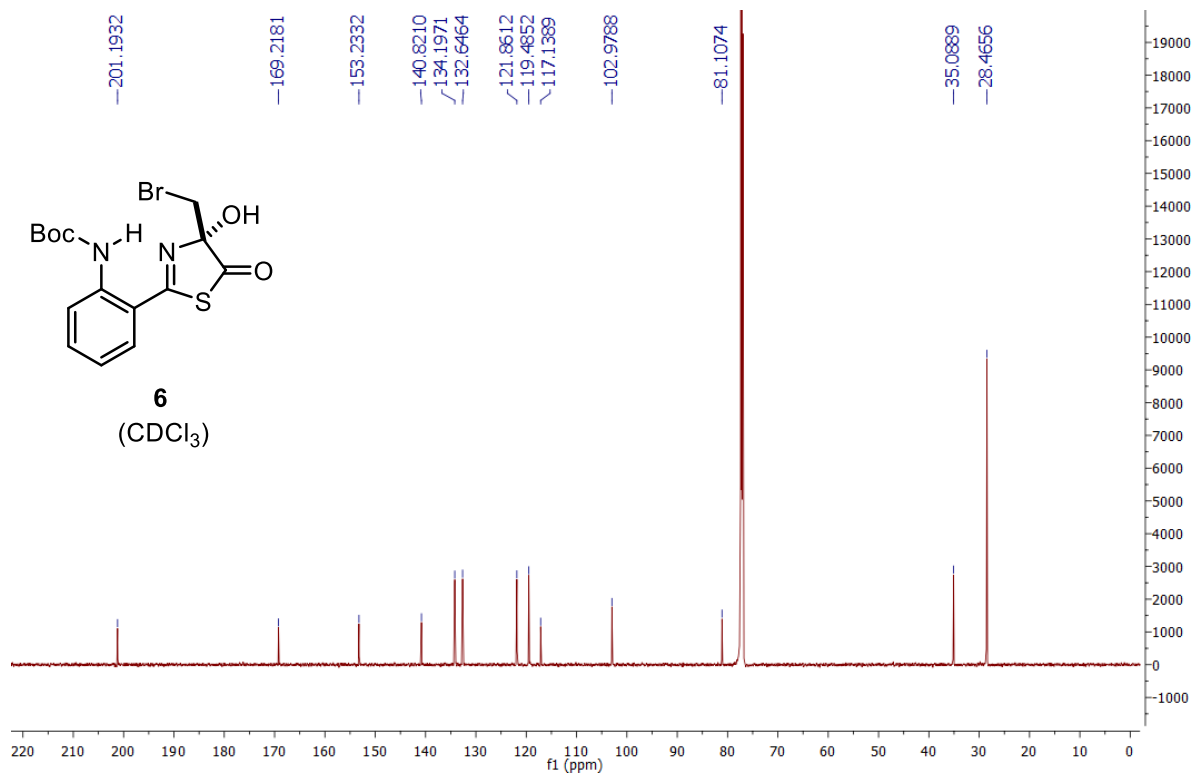
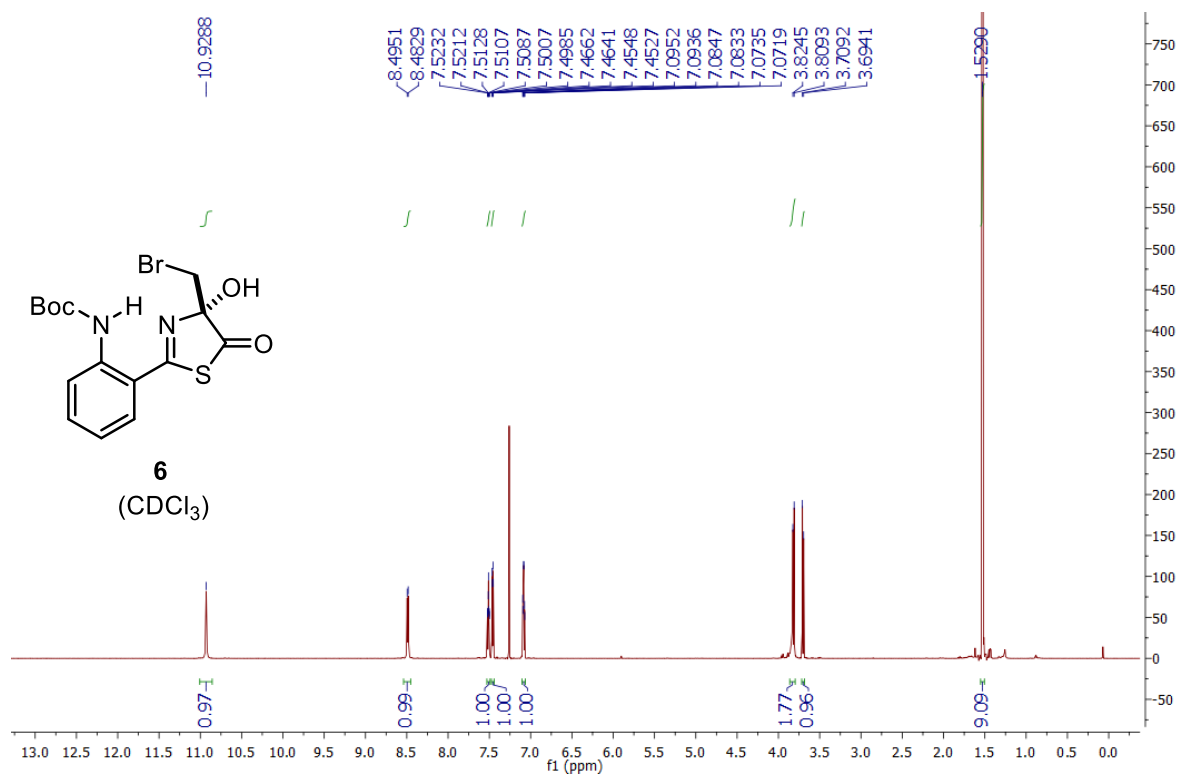


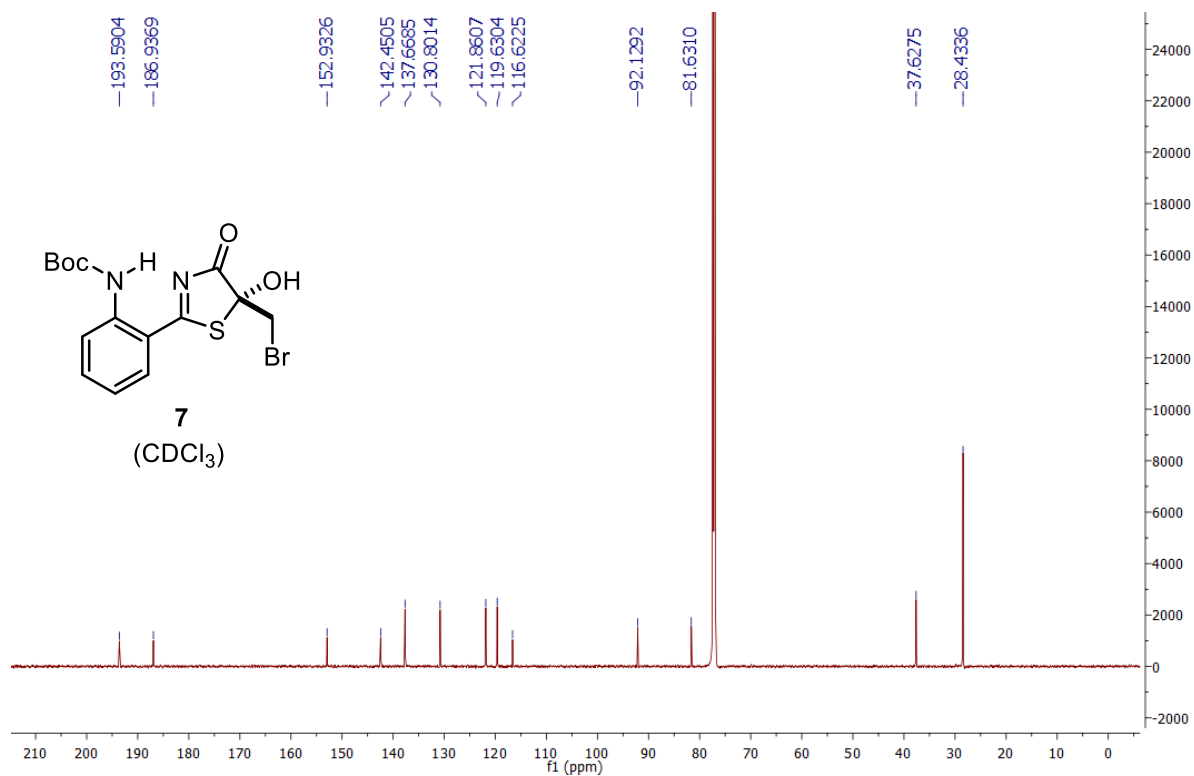
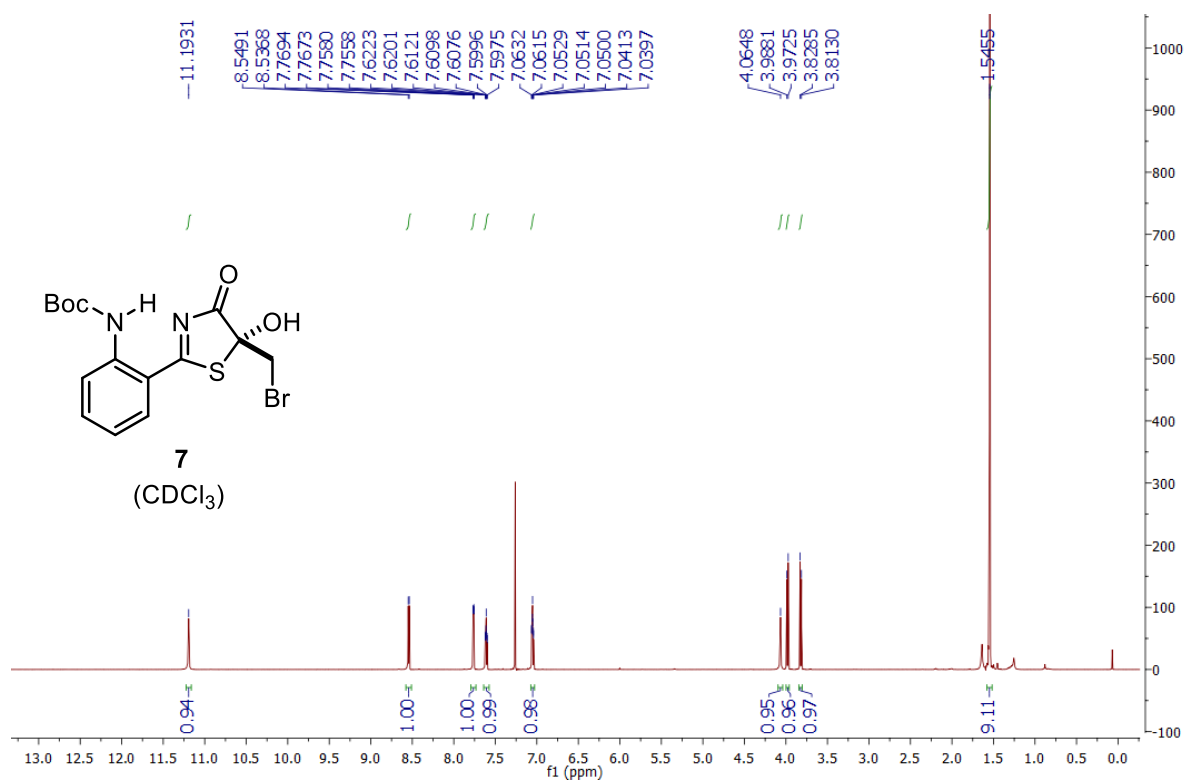
A solution of **1b** (15 mg) in DMSO-*d*₆ (530 μL) was treated with 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, and 2.0 equivalents of NaOH (aqueous, 6 M), respectively, and the resulting solutions were used for the NMR experiments.

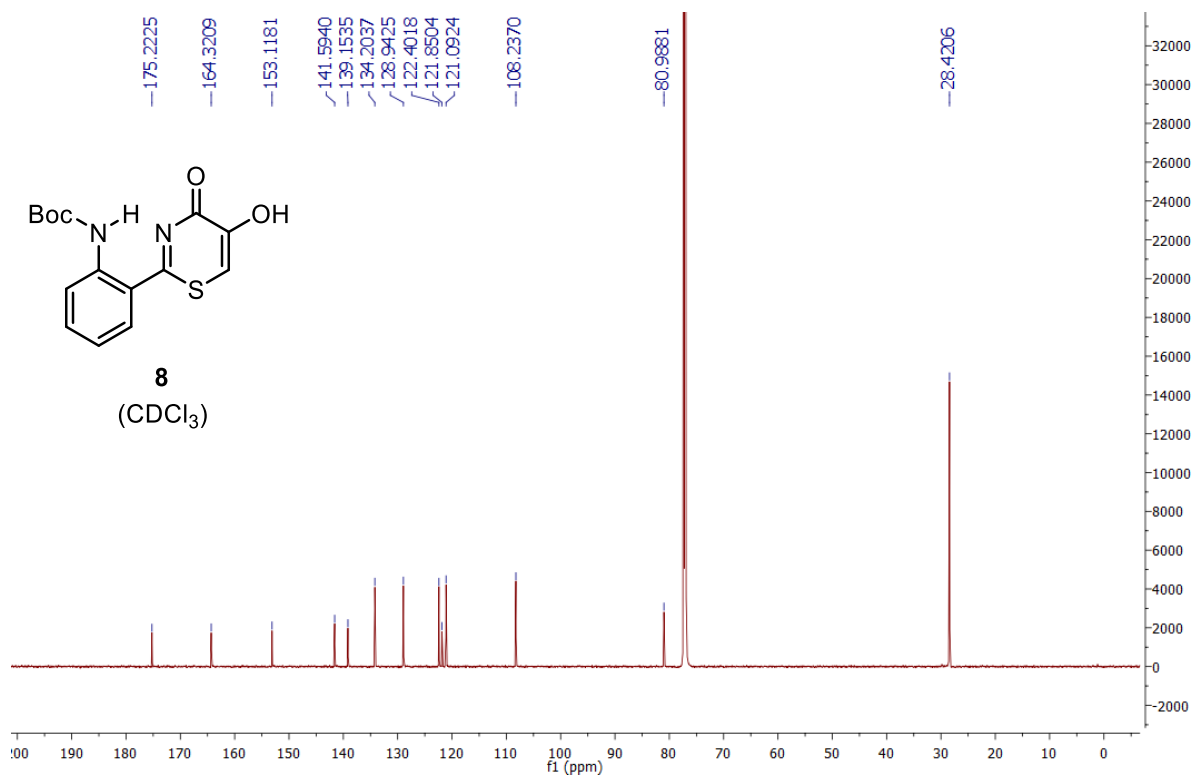
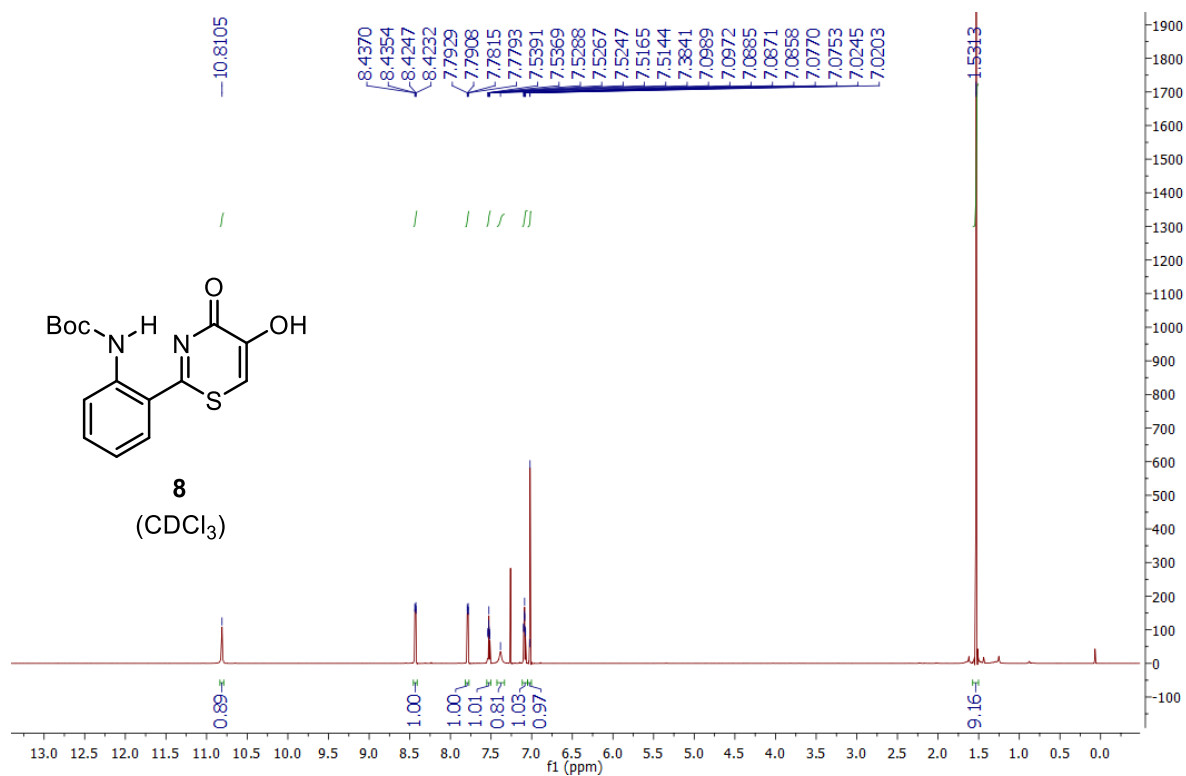
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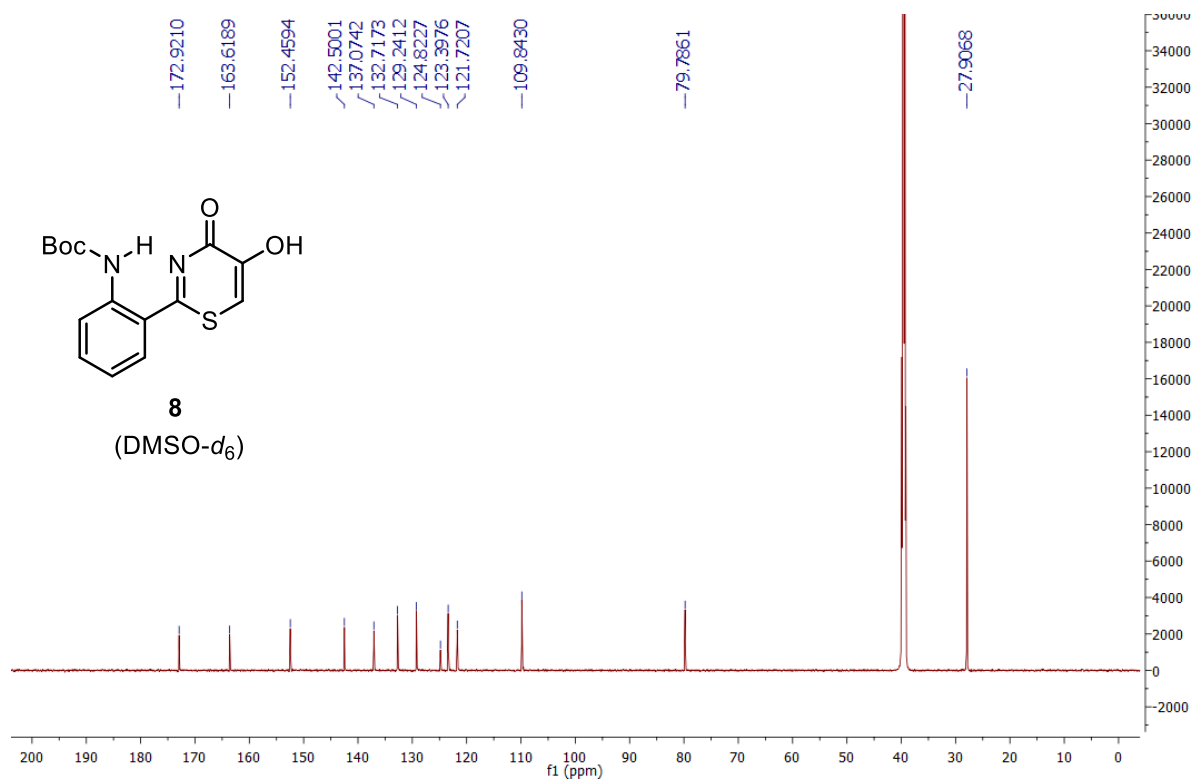
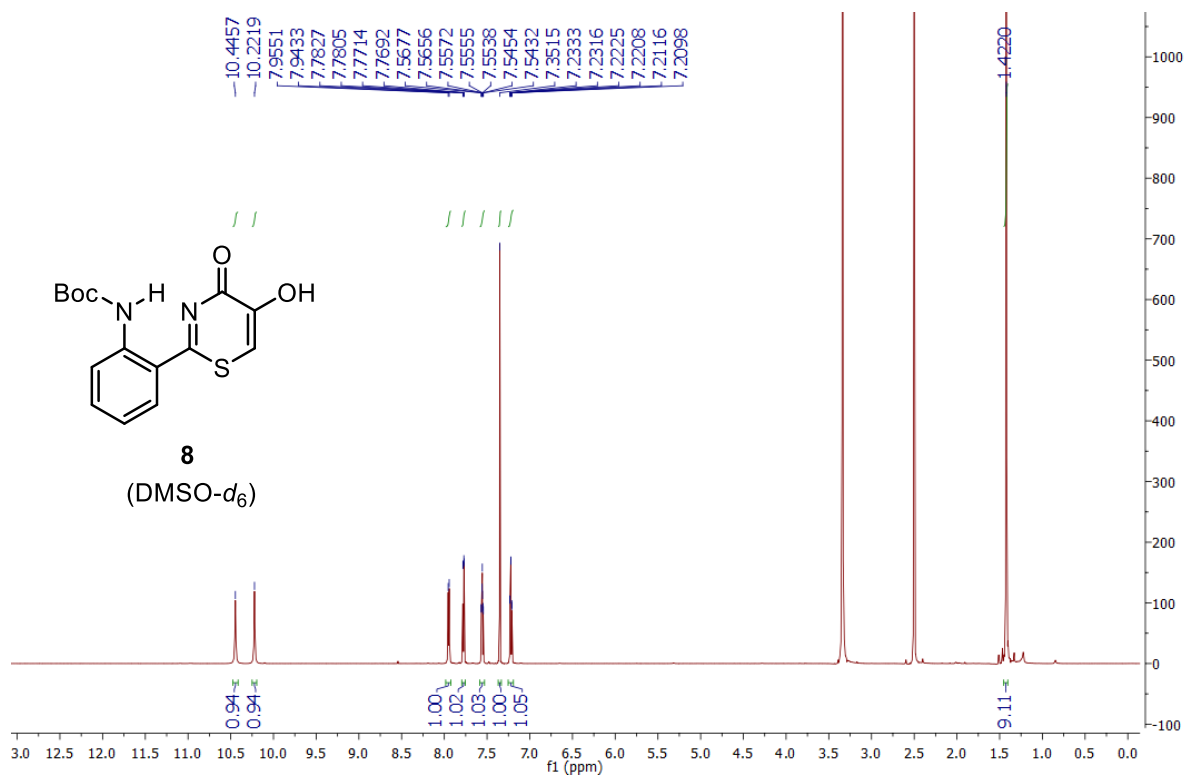


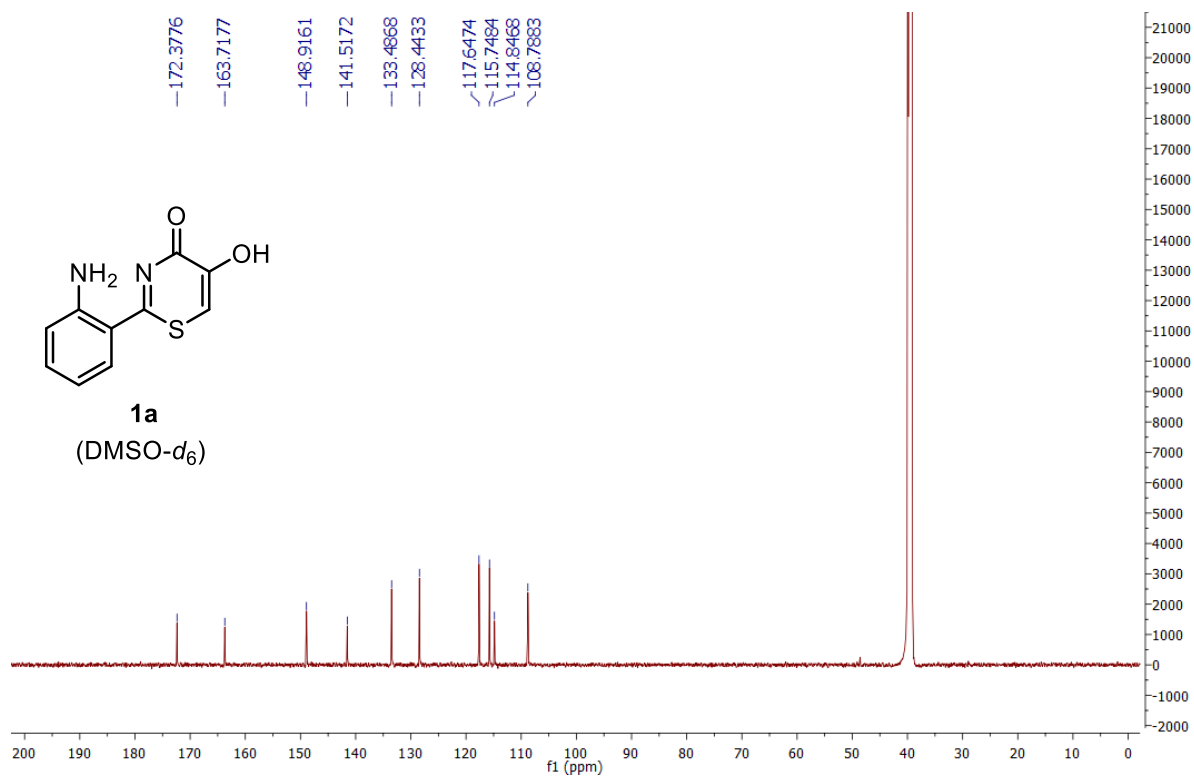
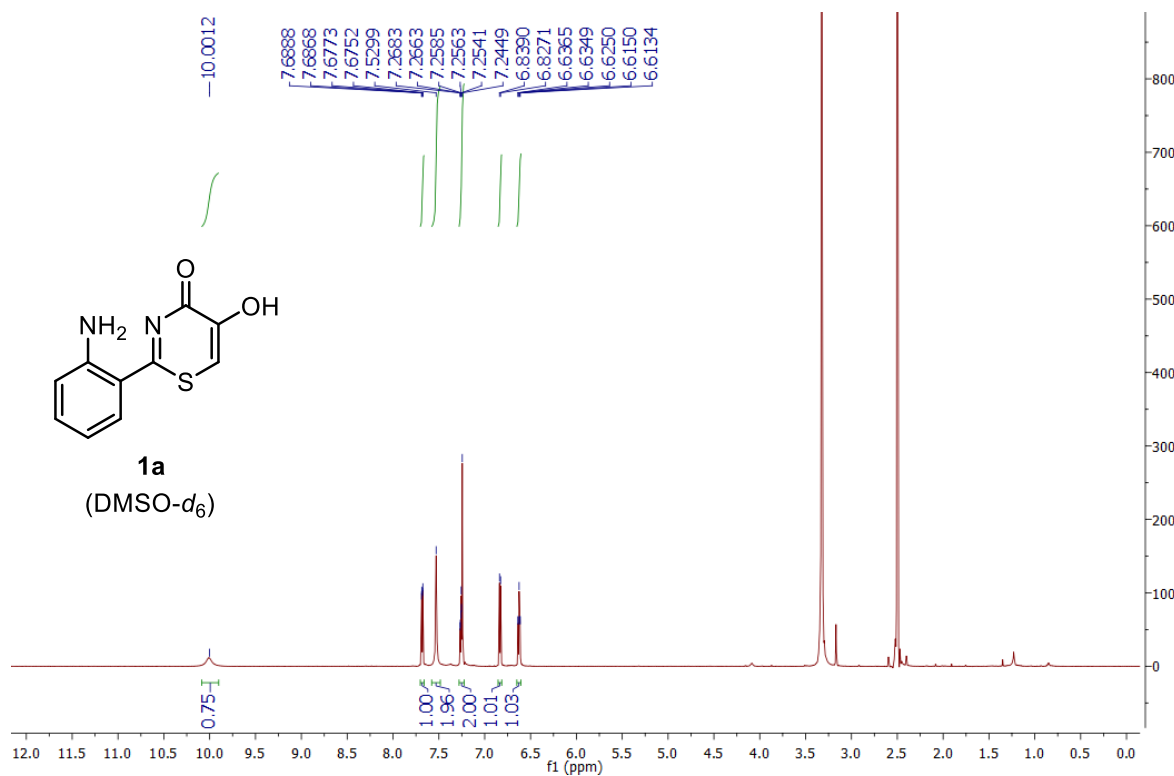


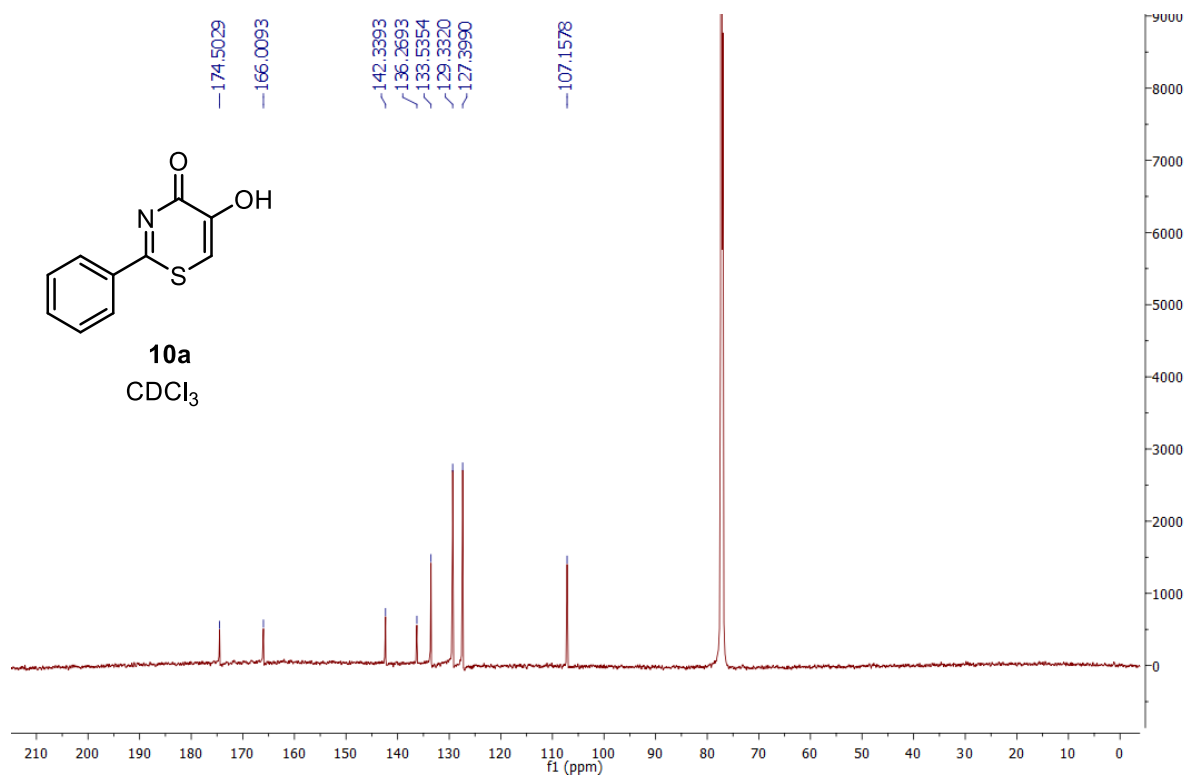
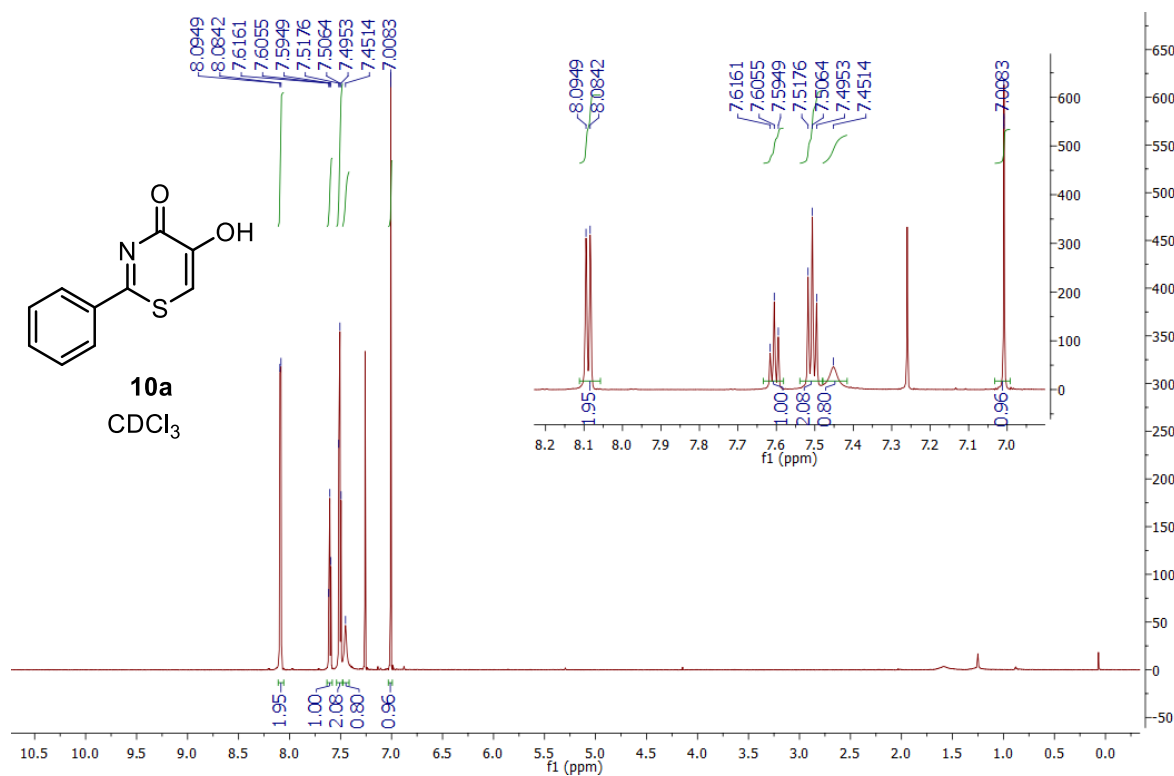


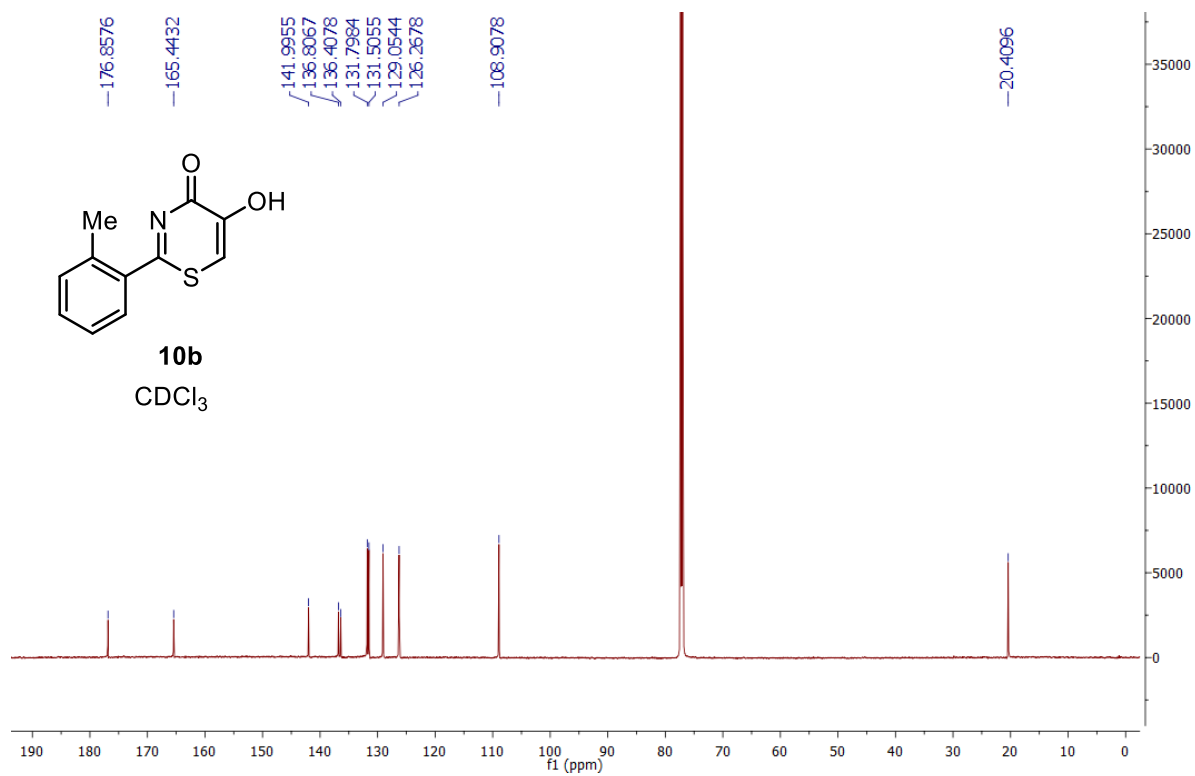
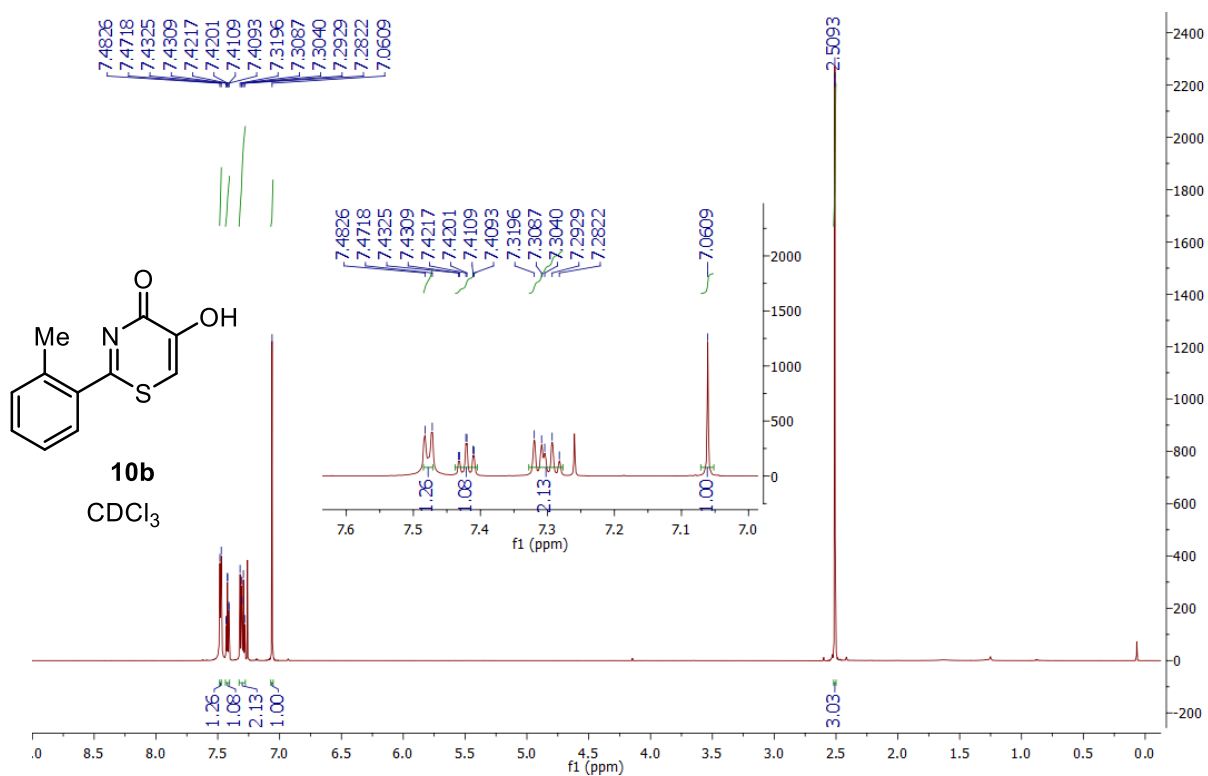


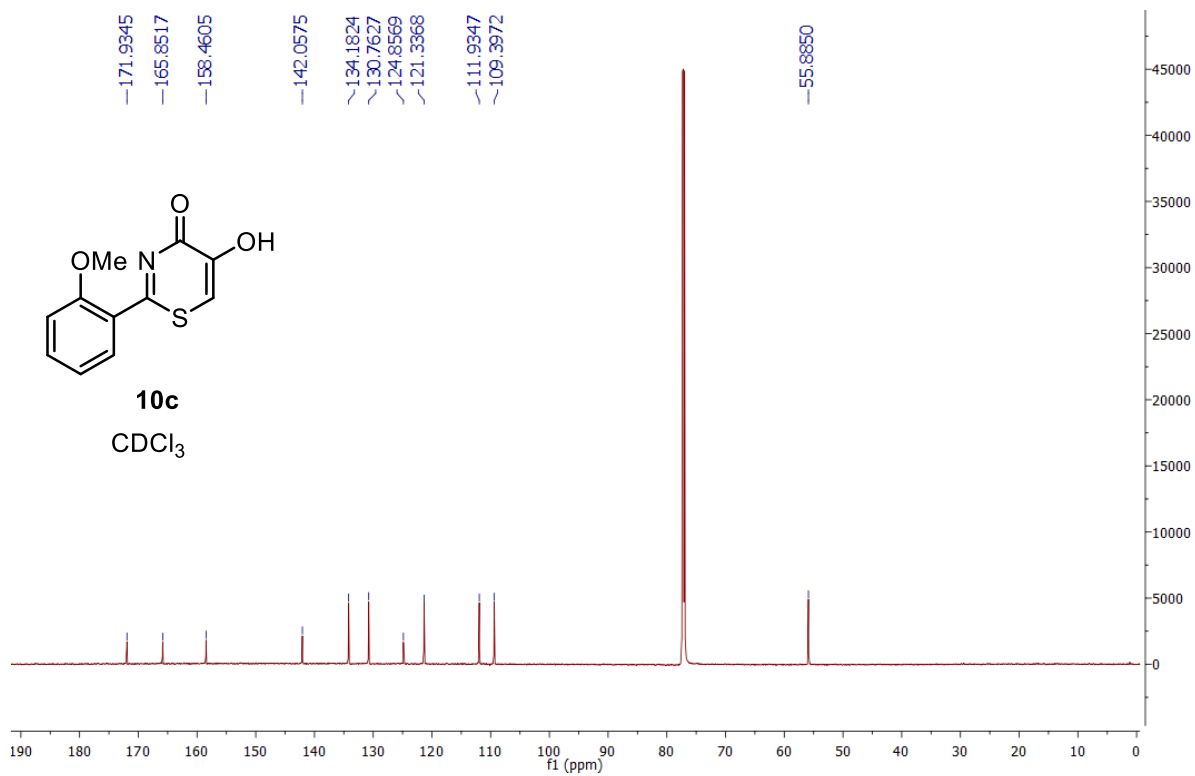
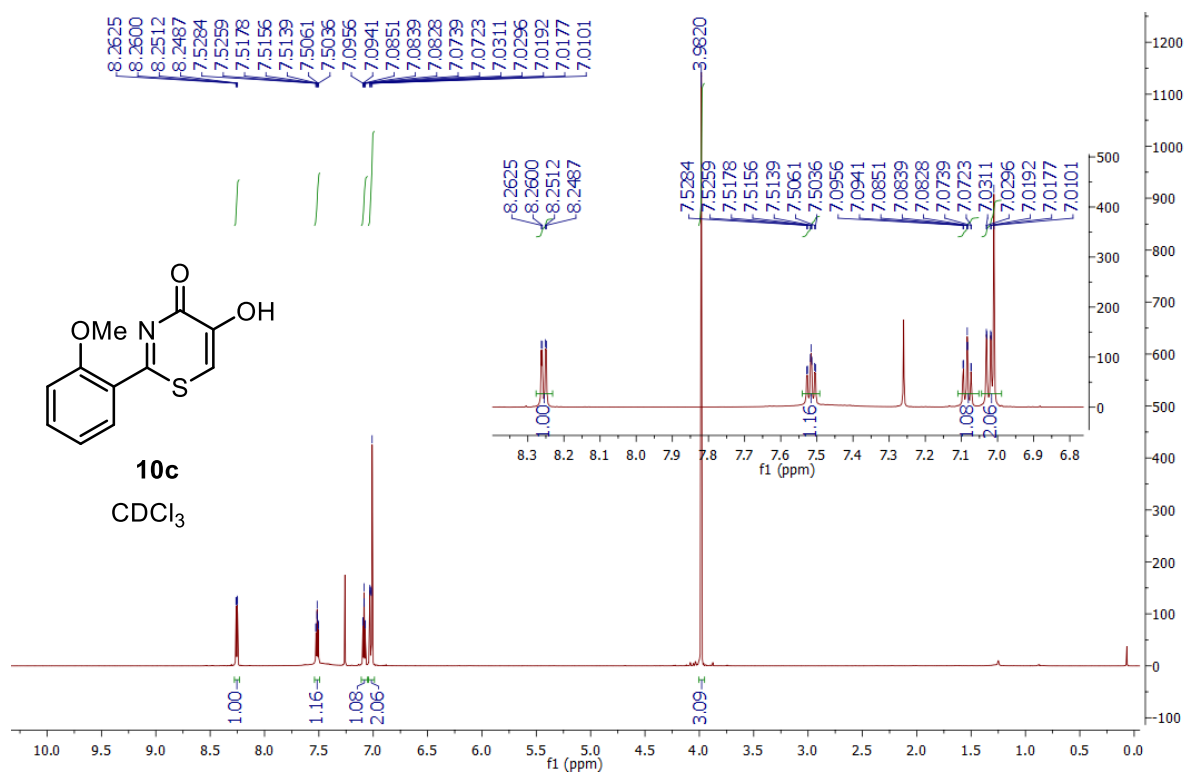


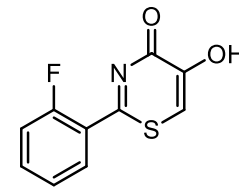
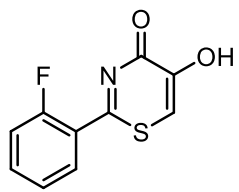


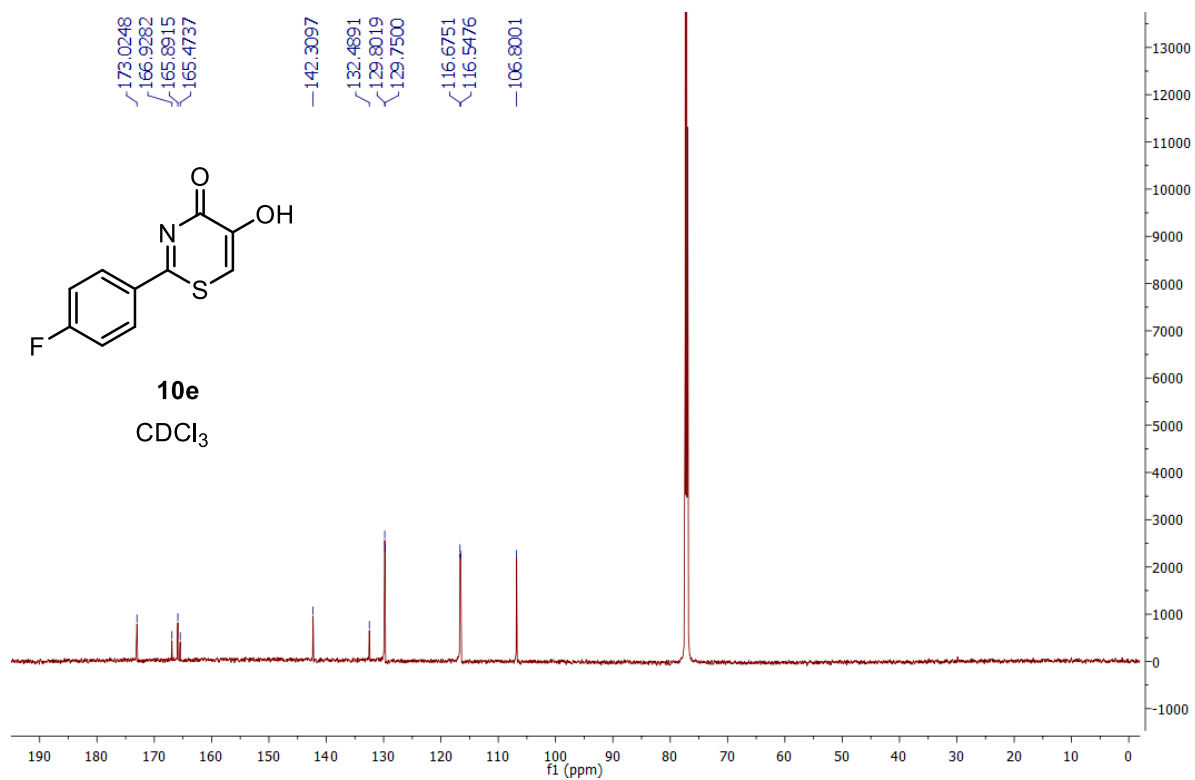
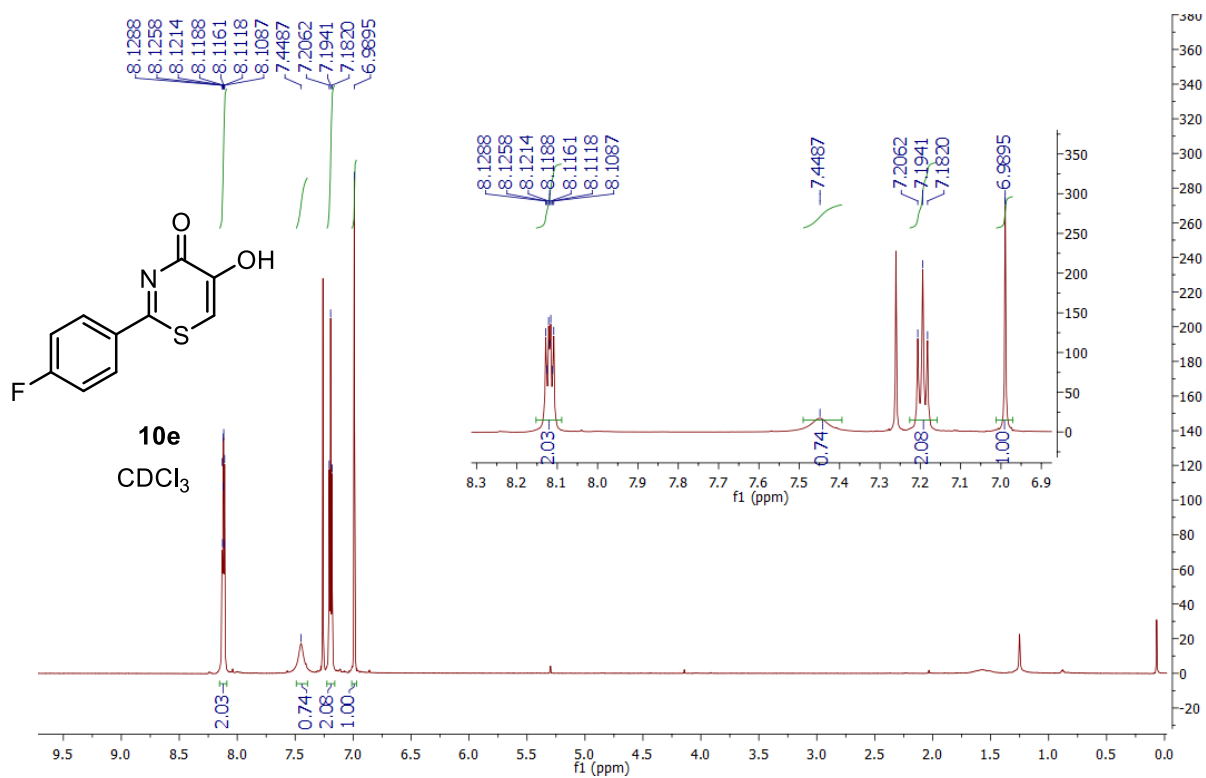


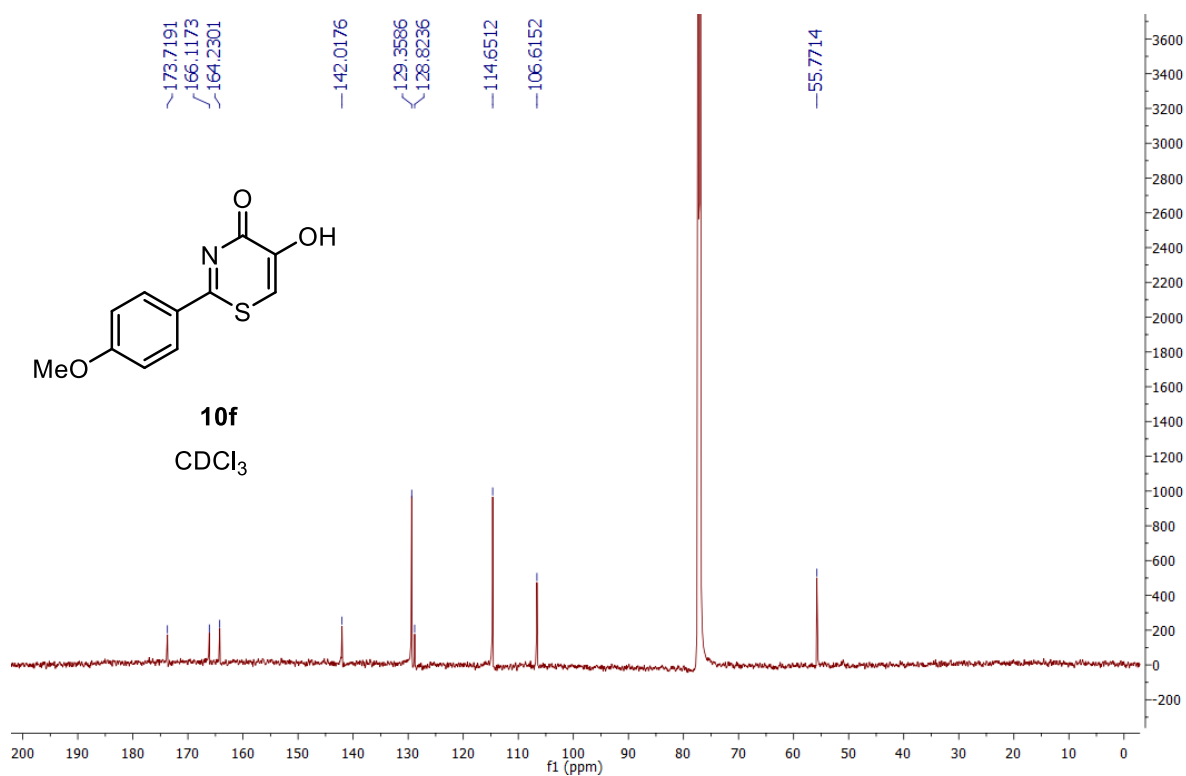
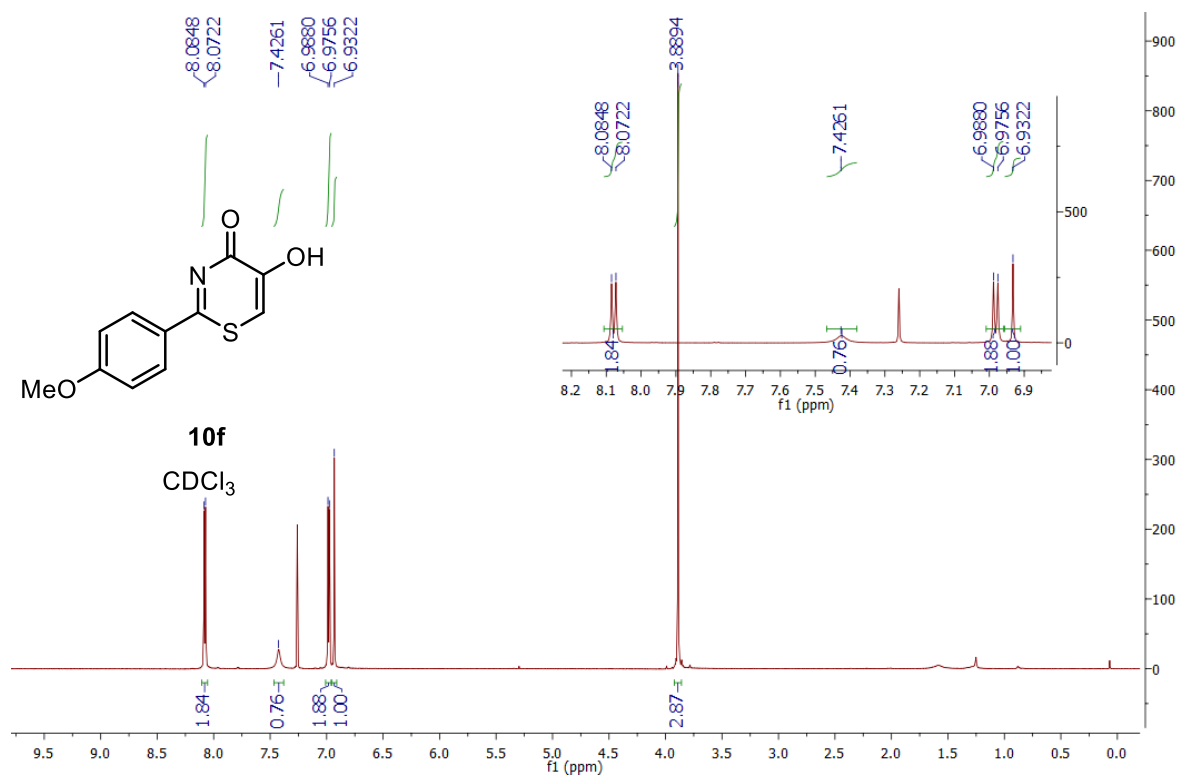


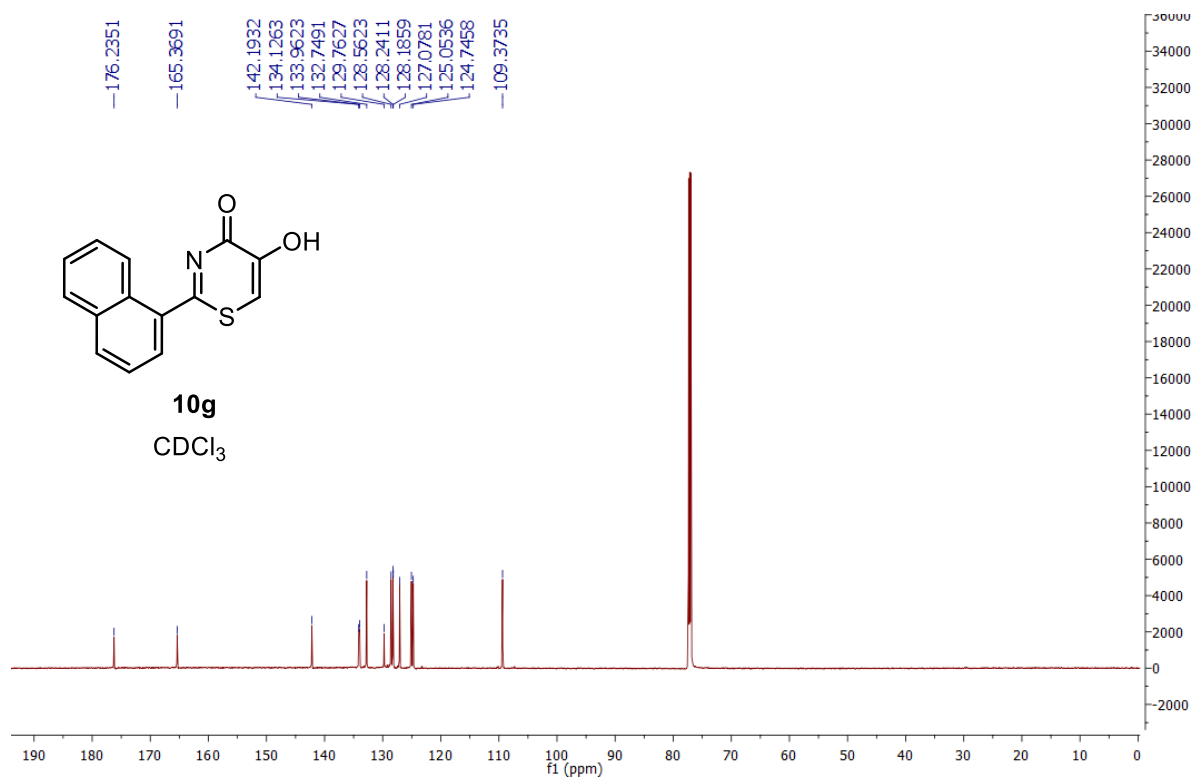
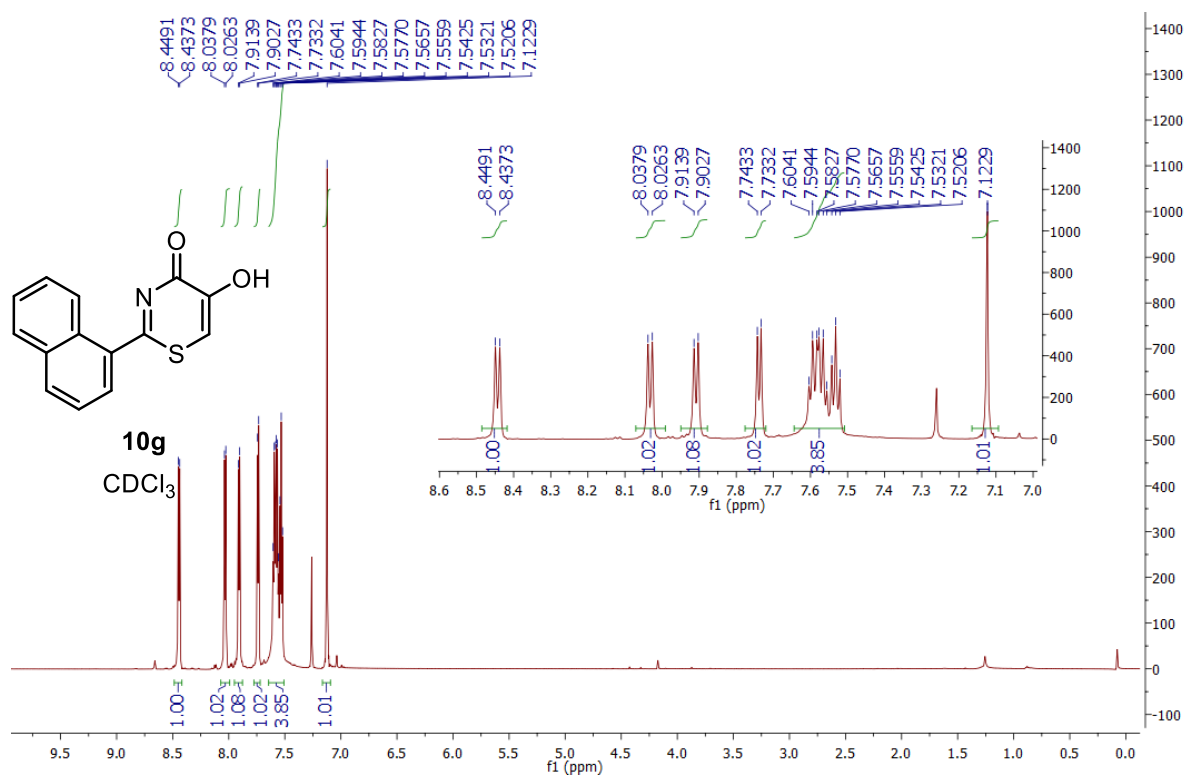


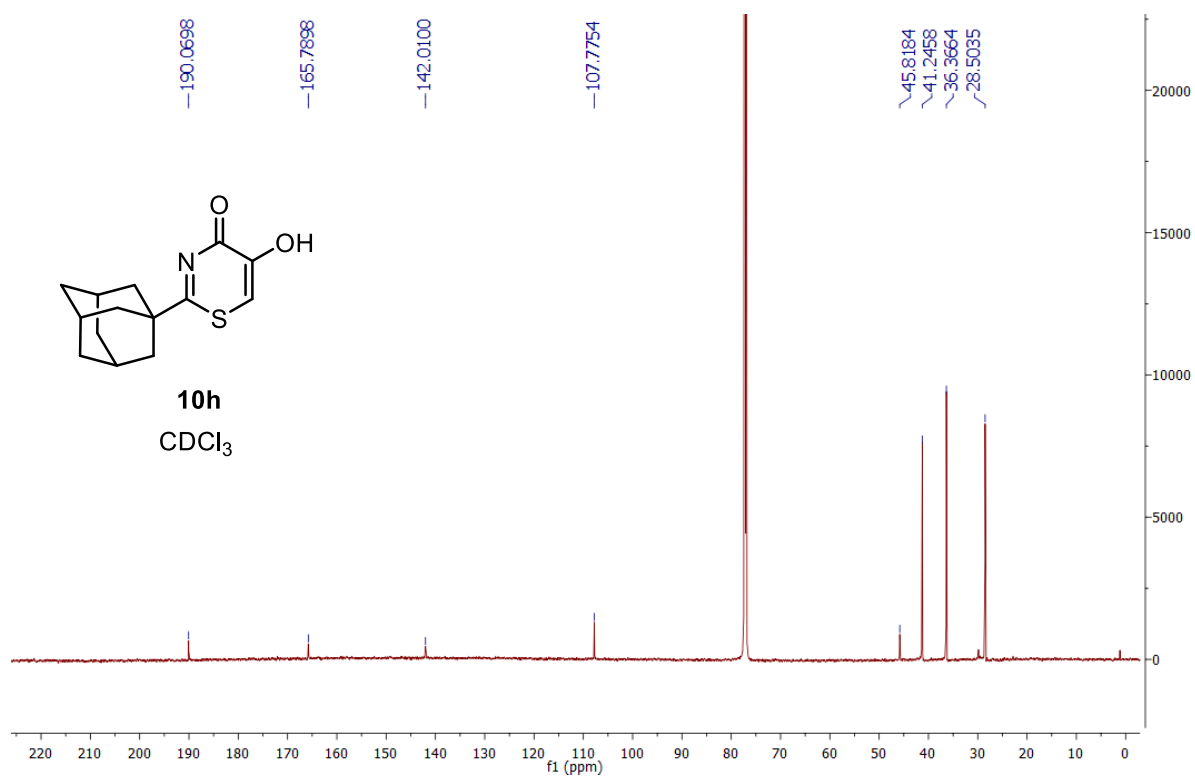
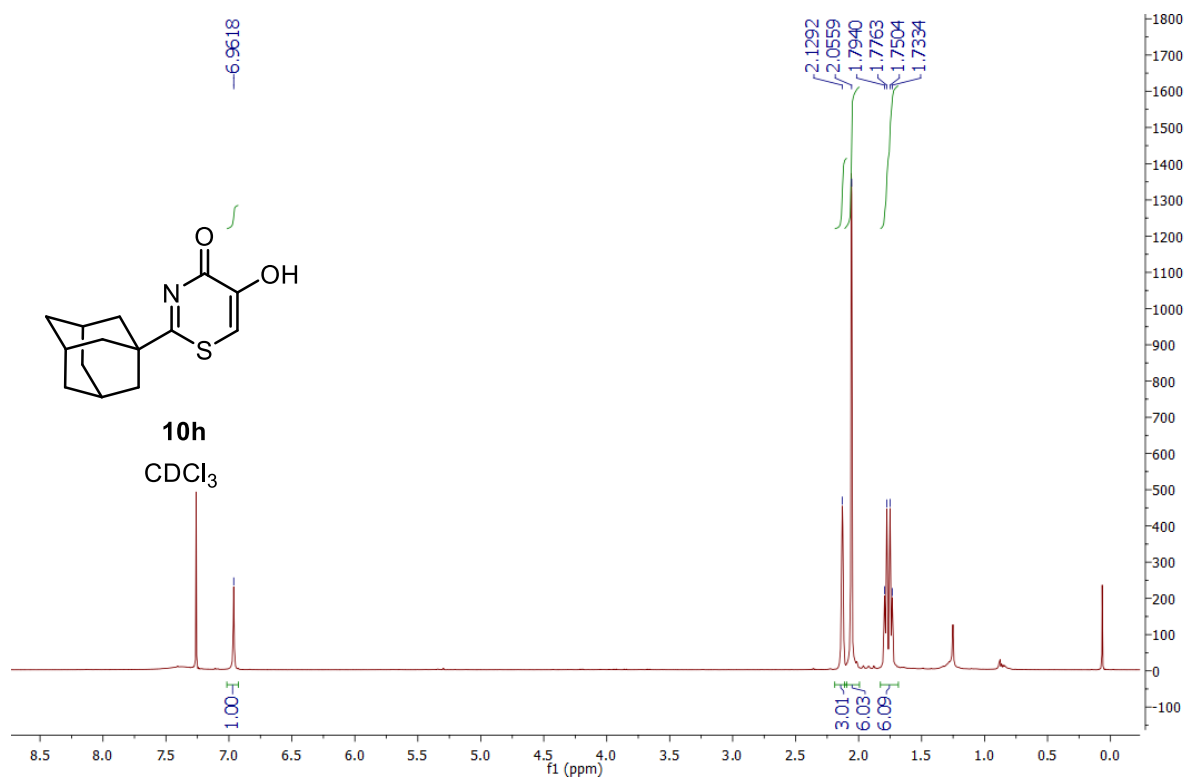


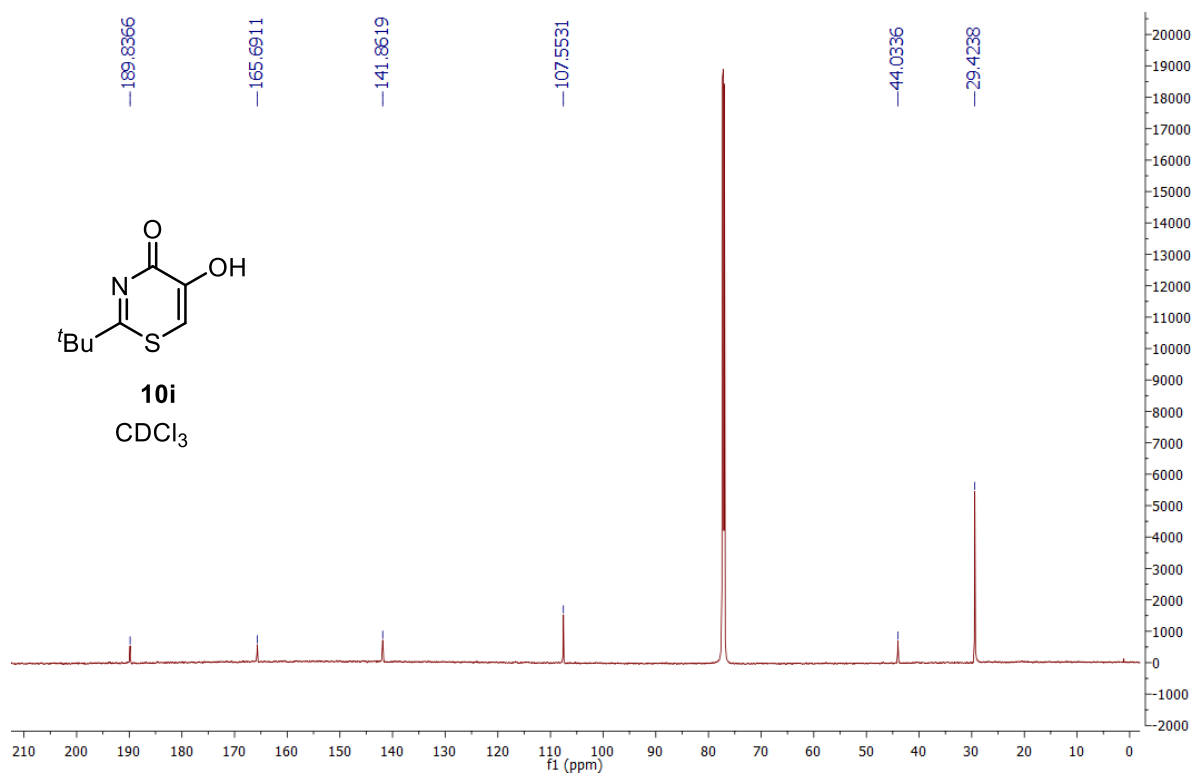
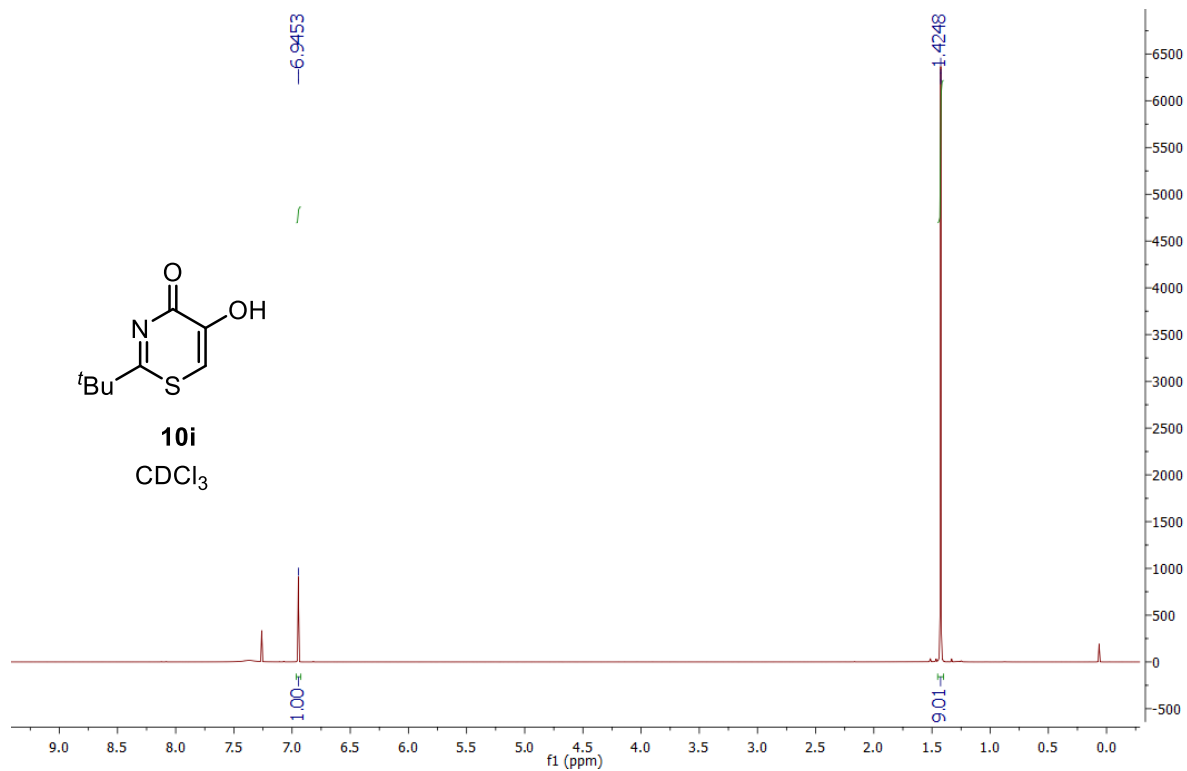


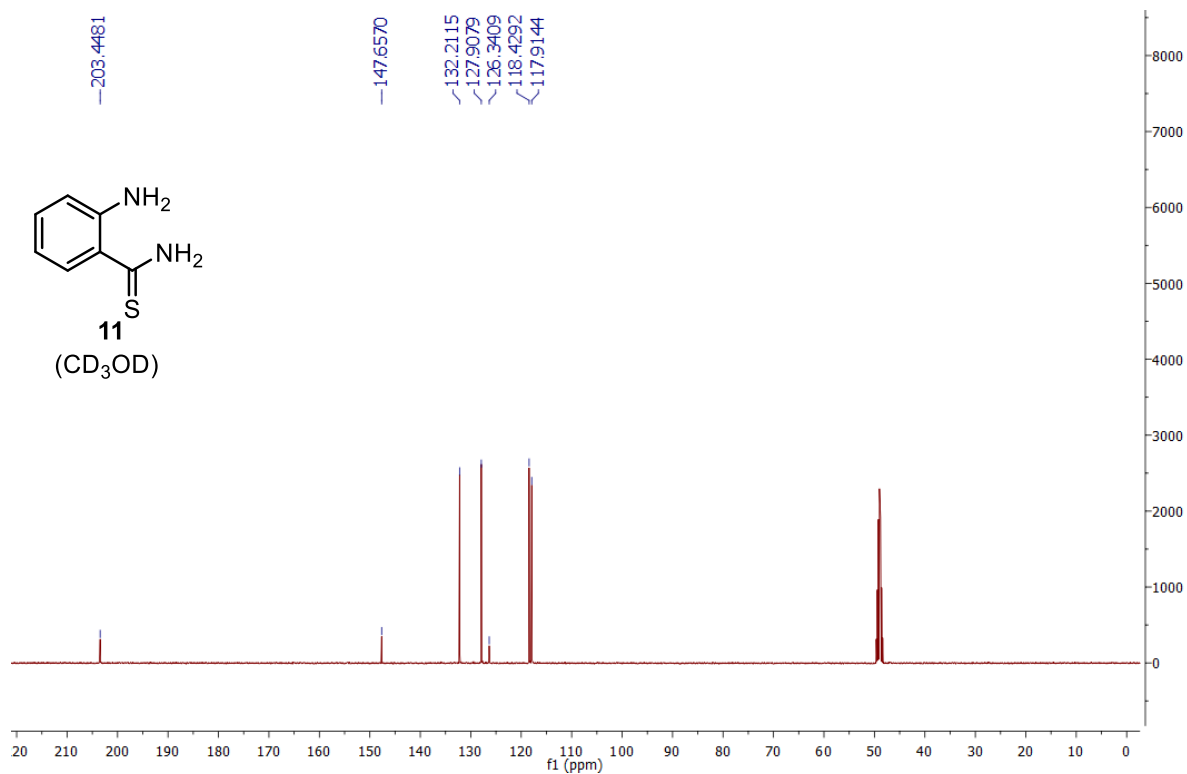
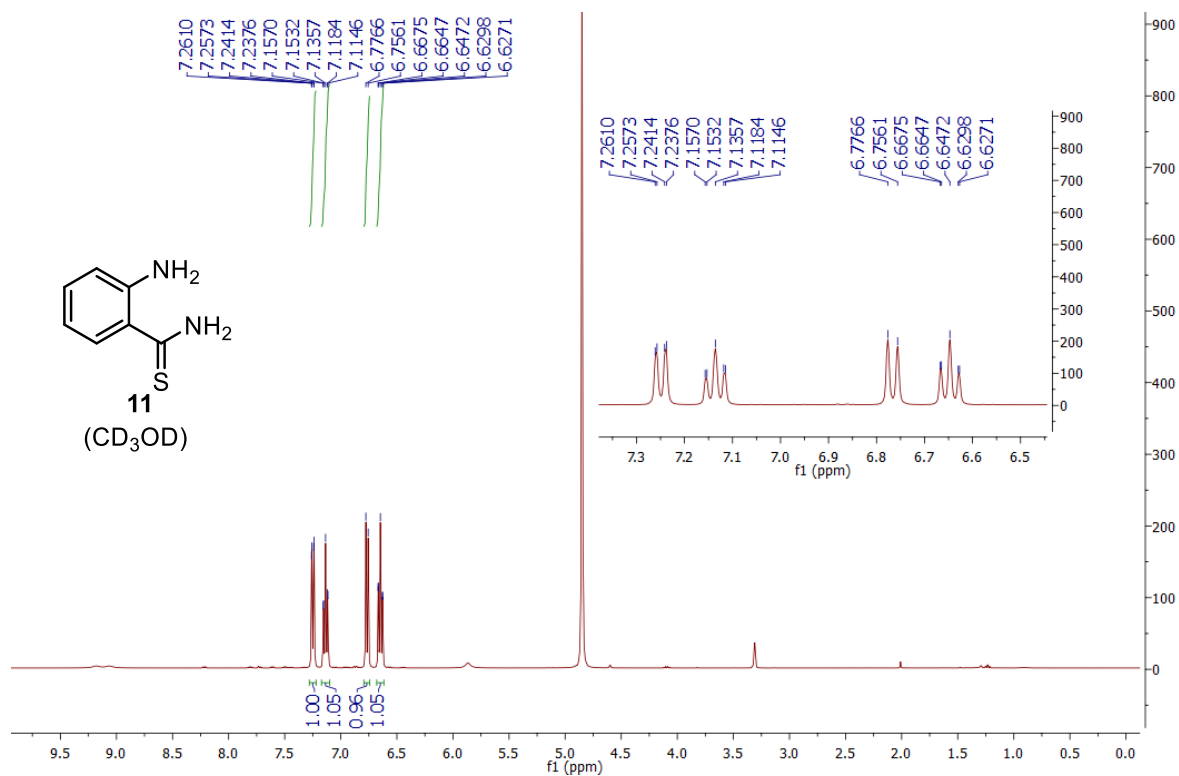


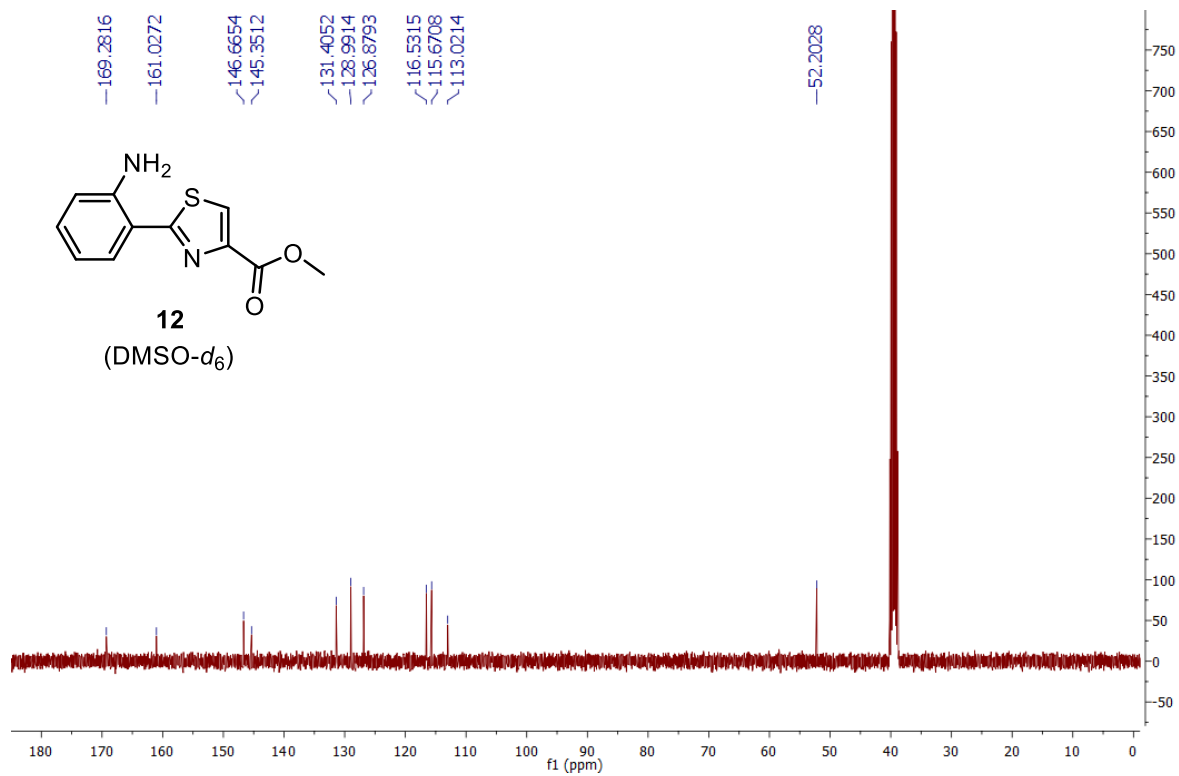
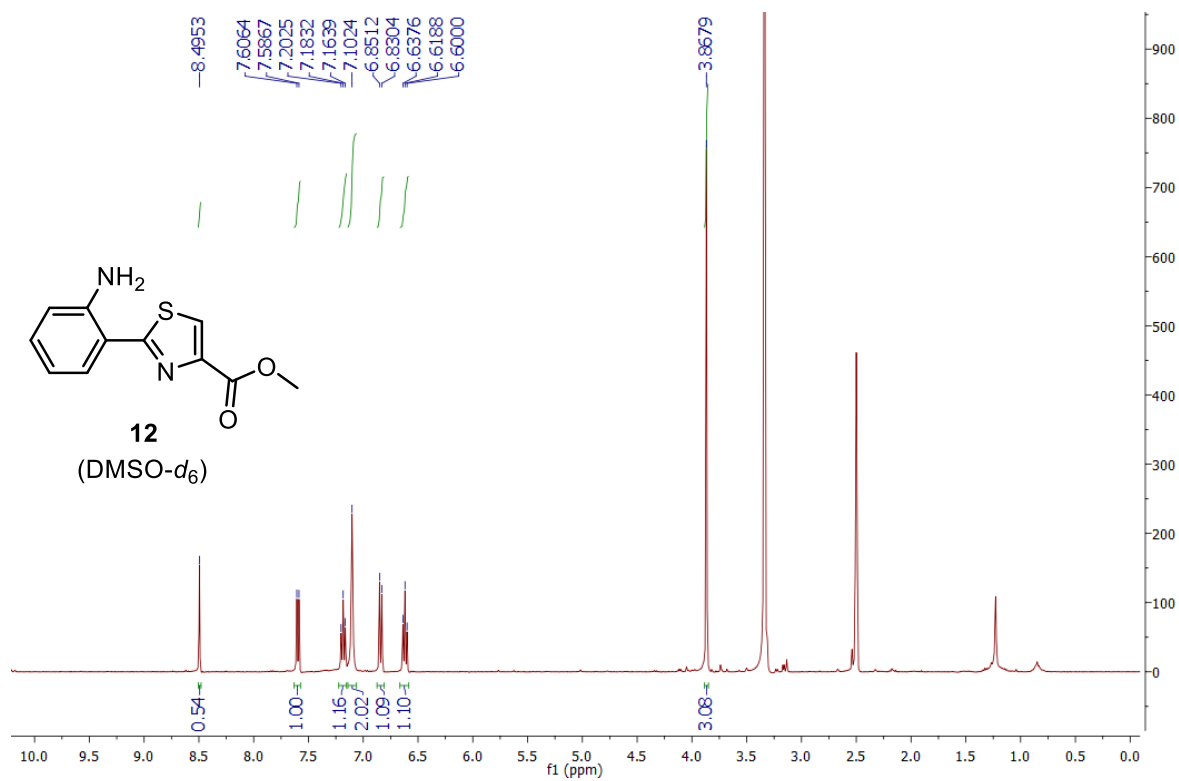


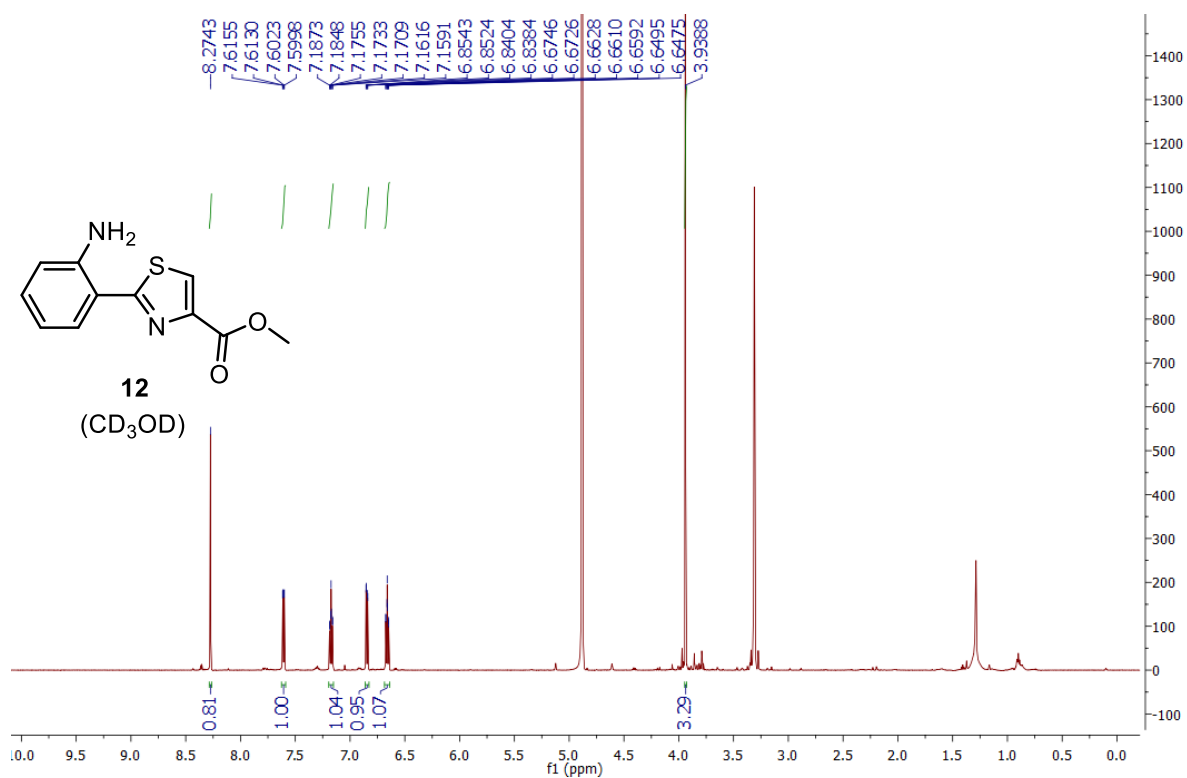


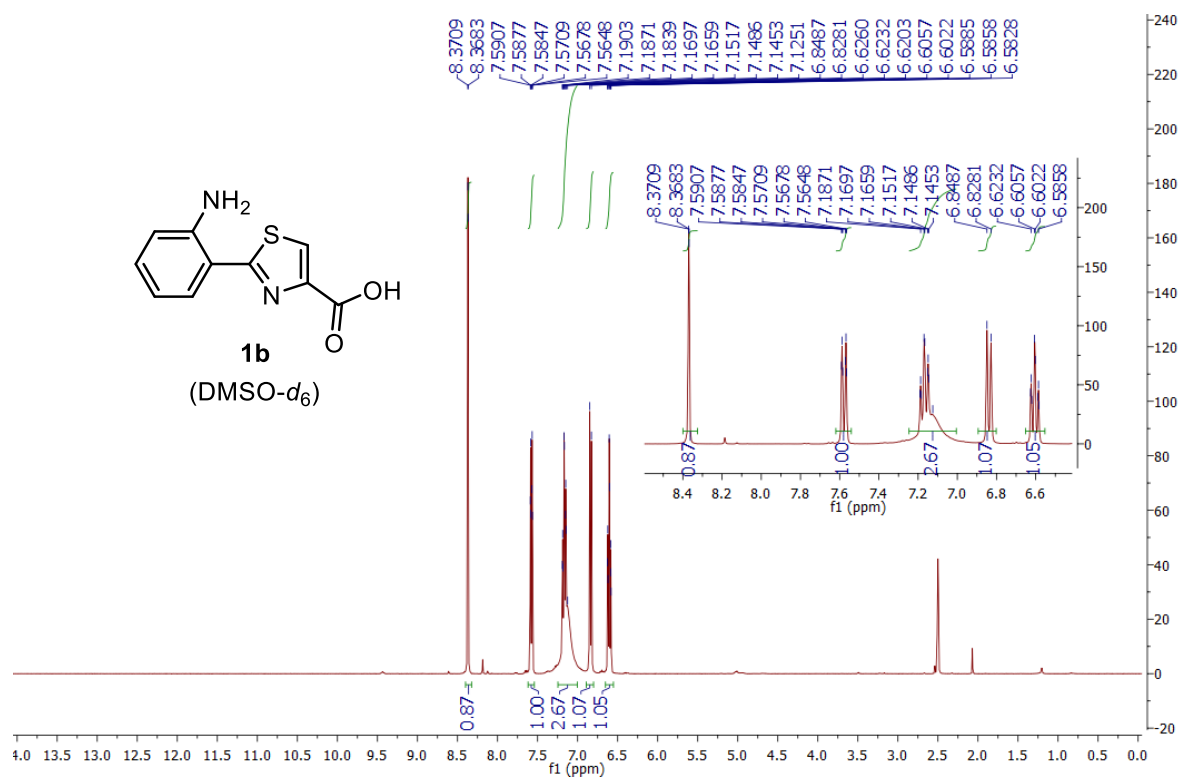


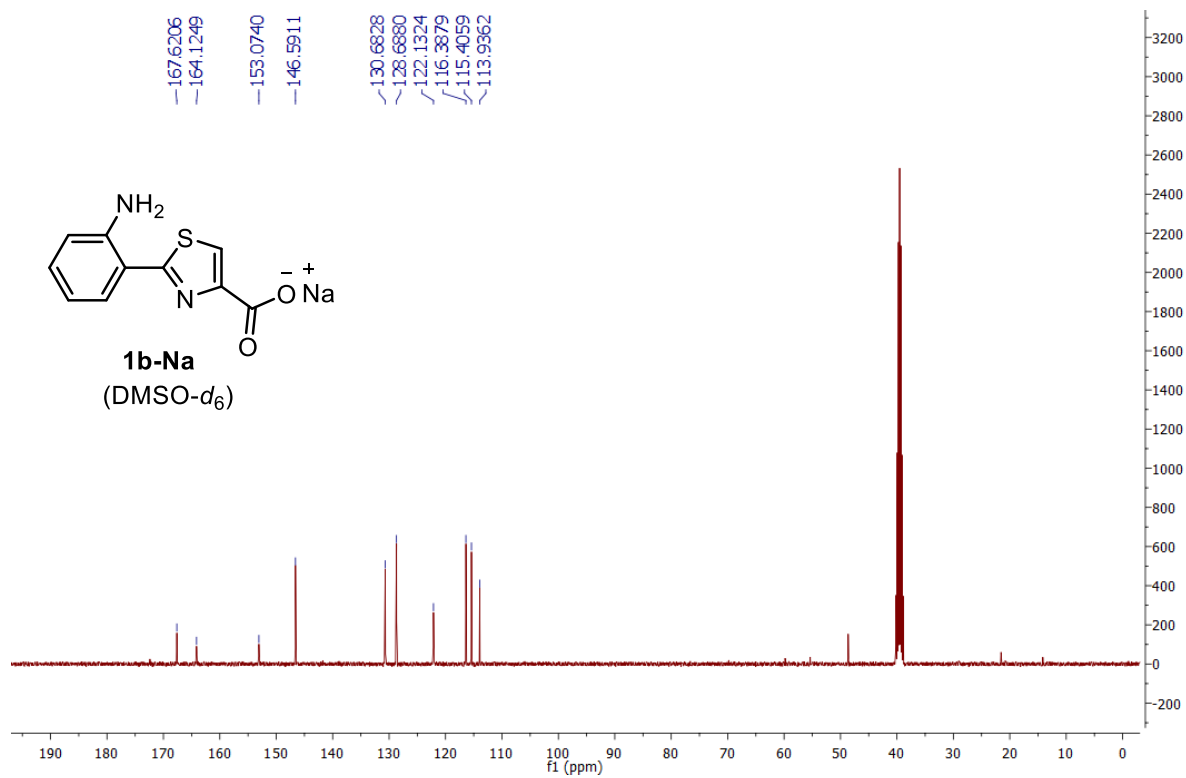
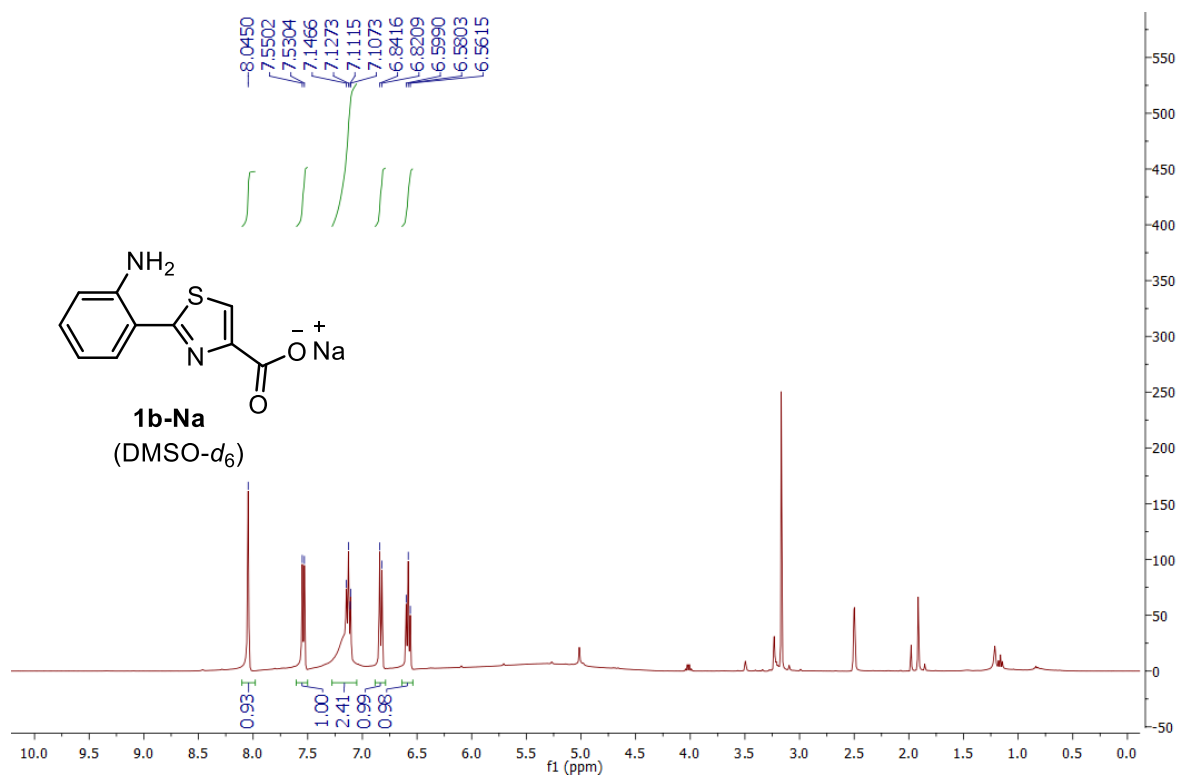


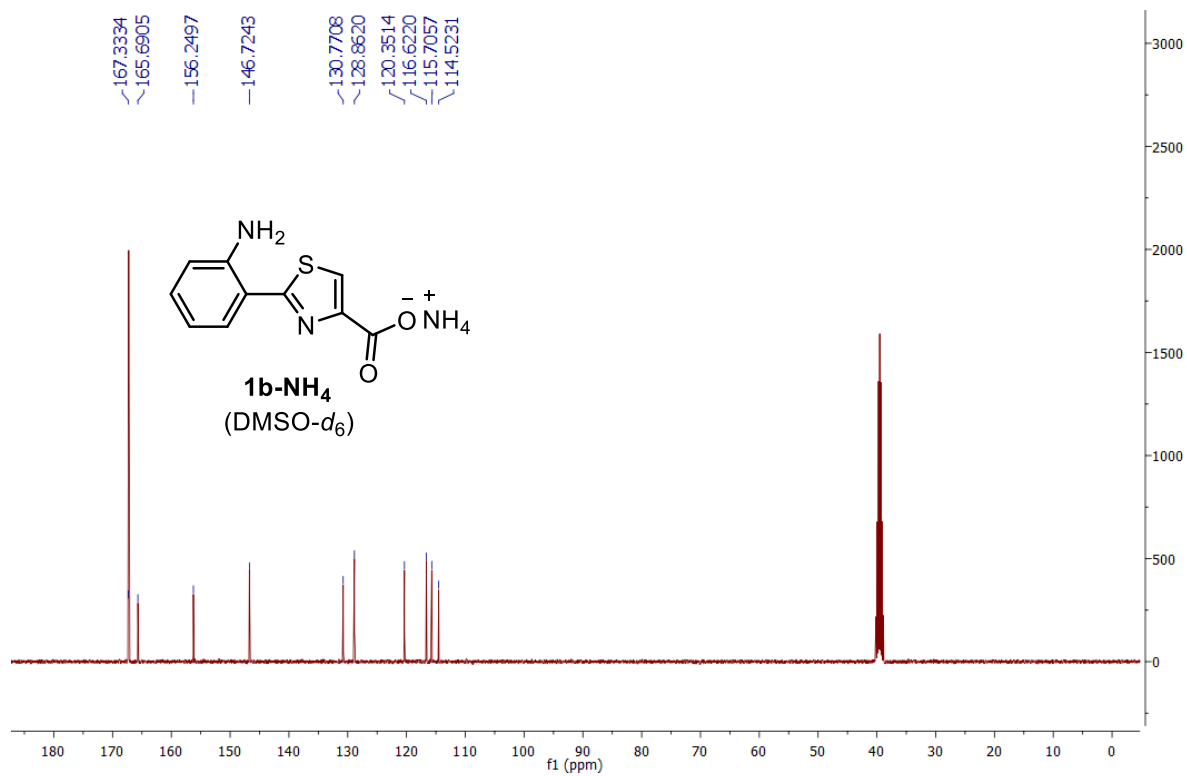
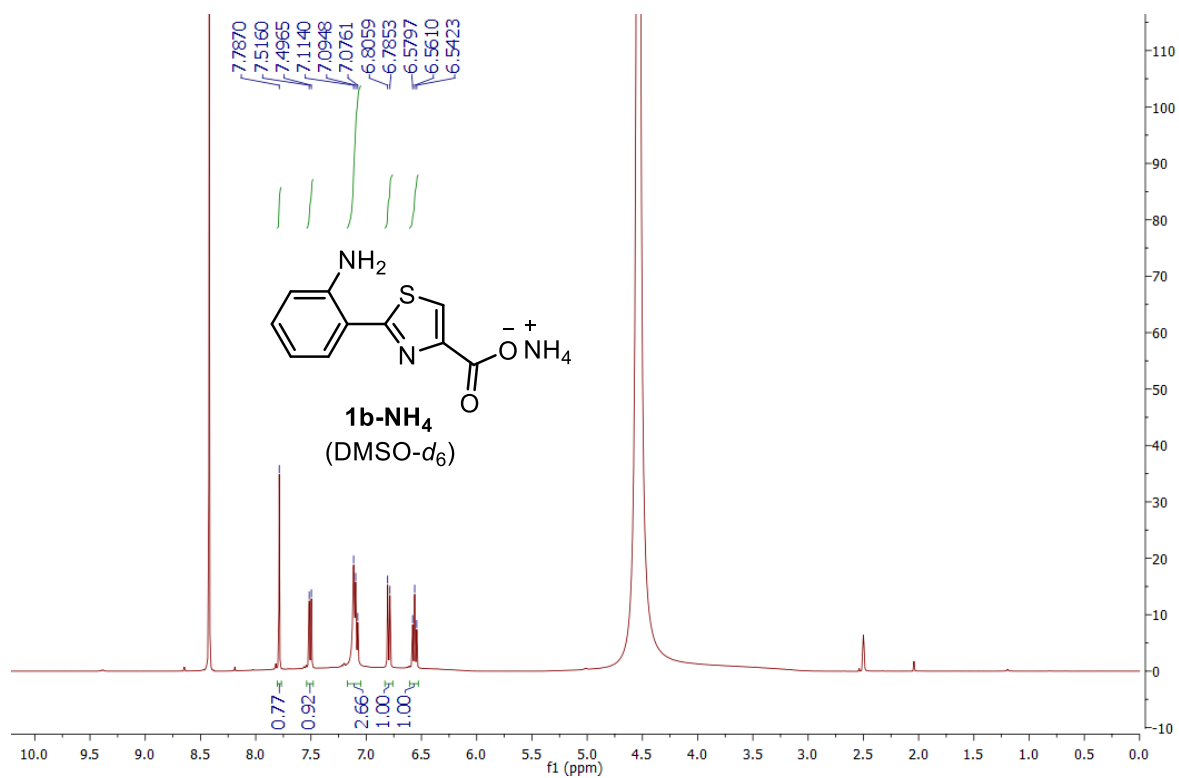


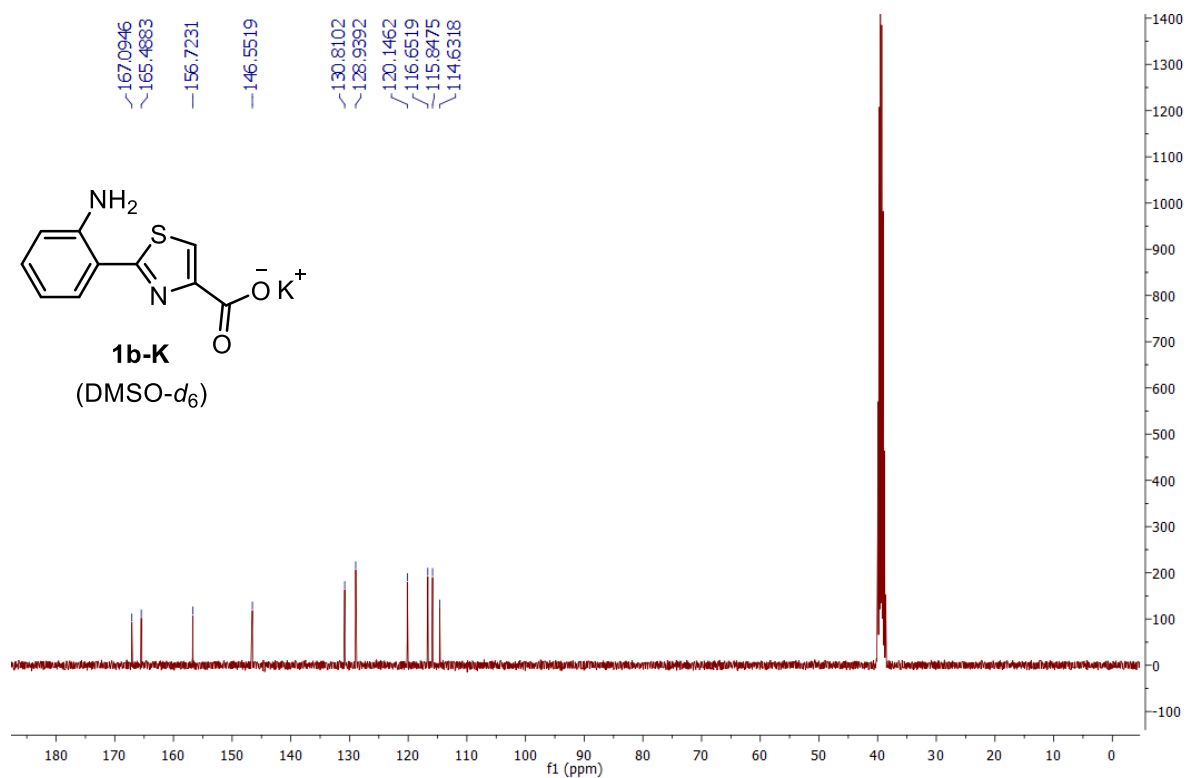
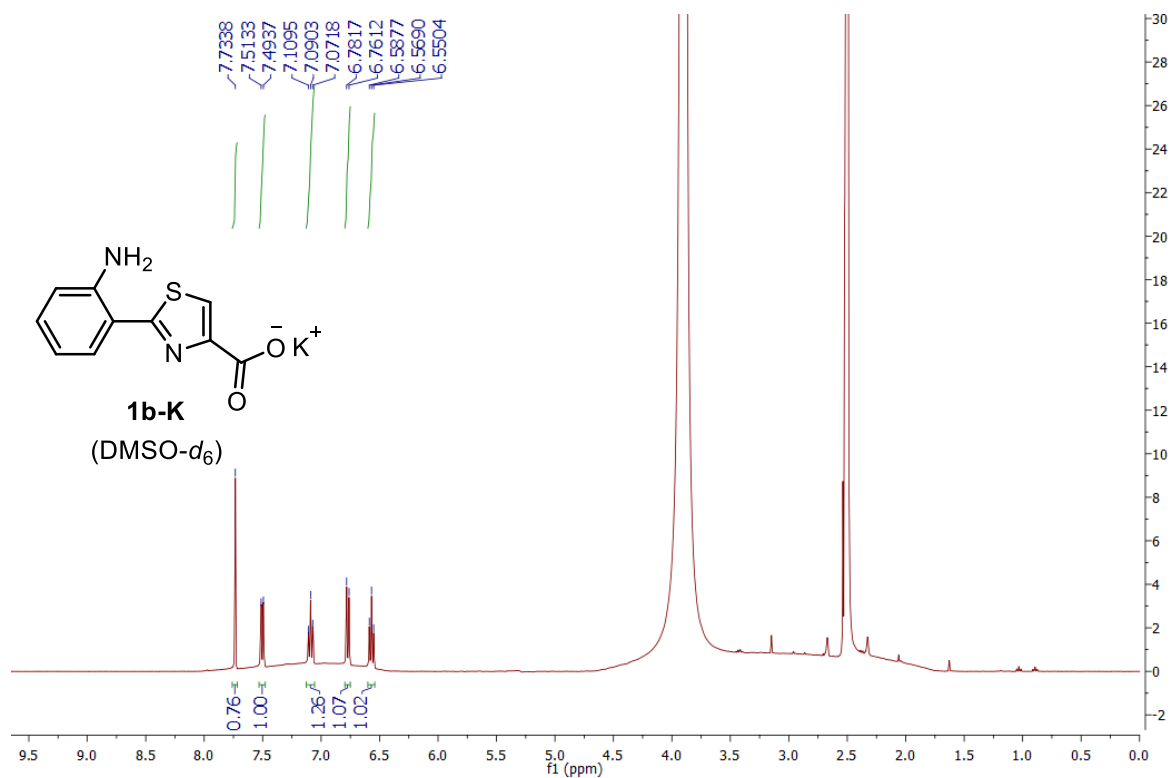


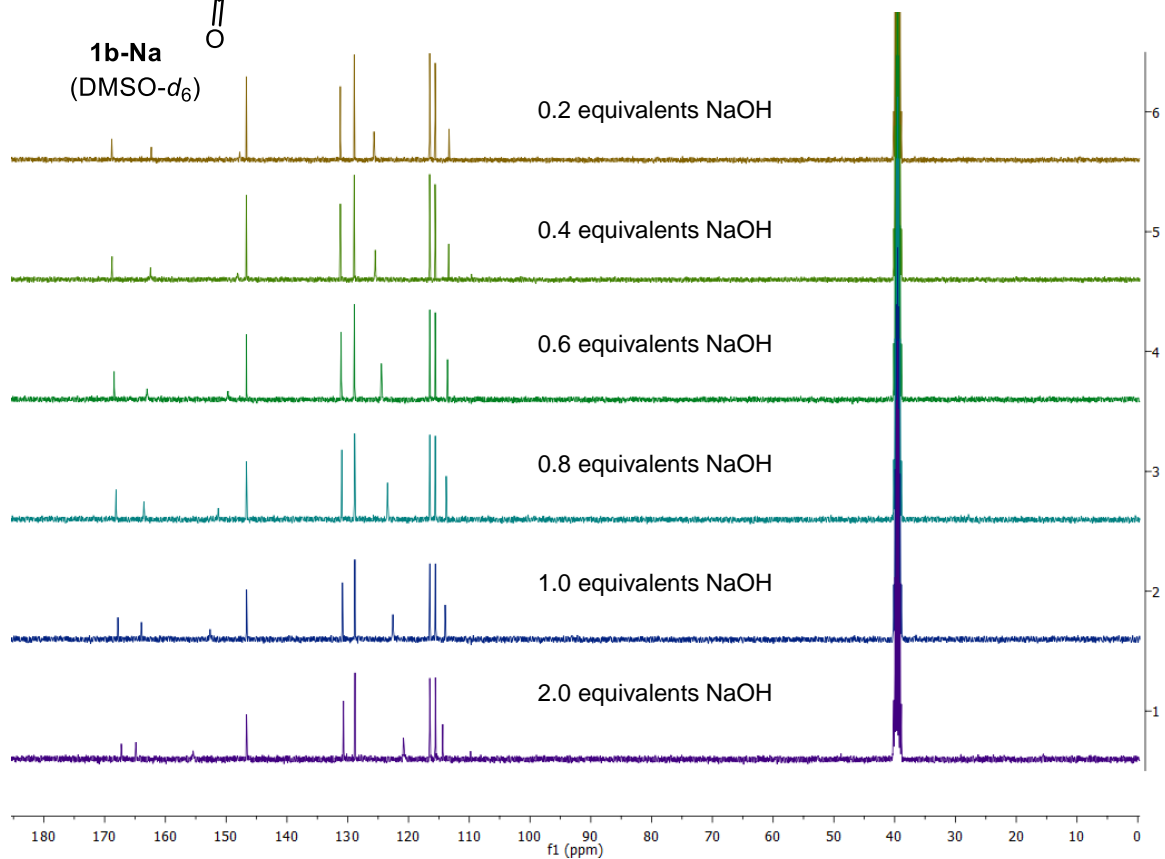
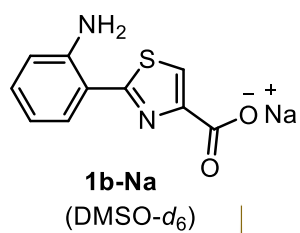
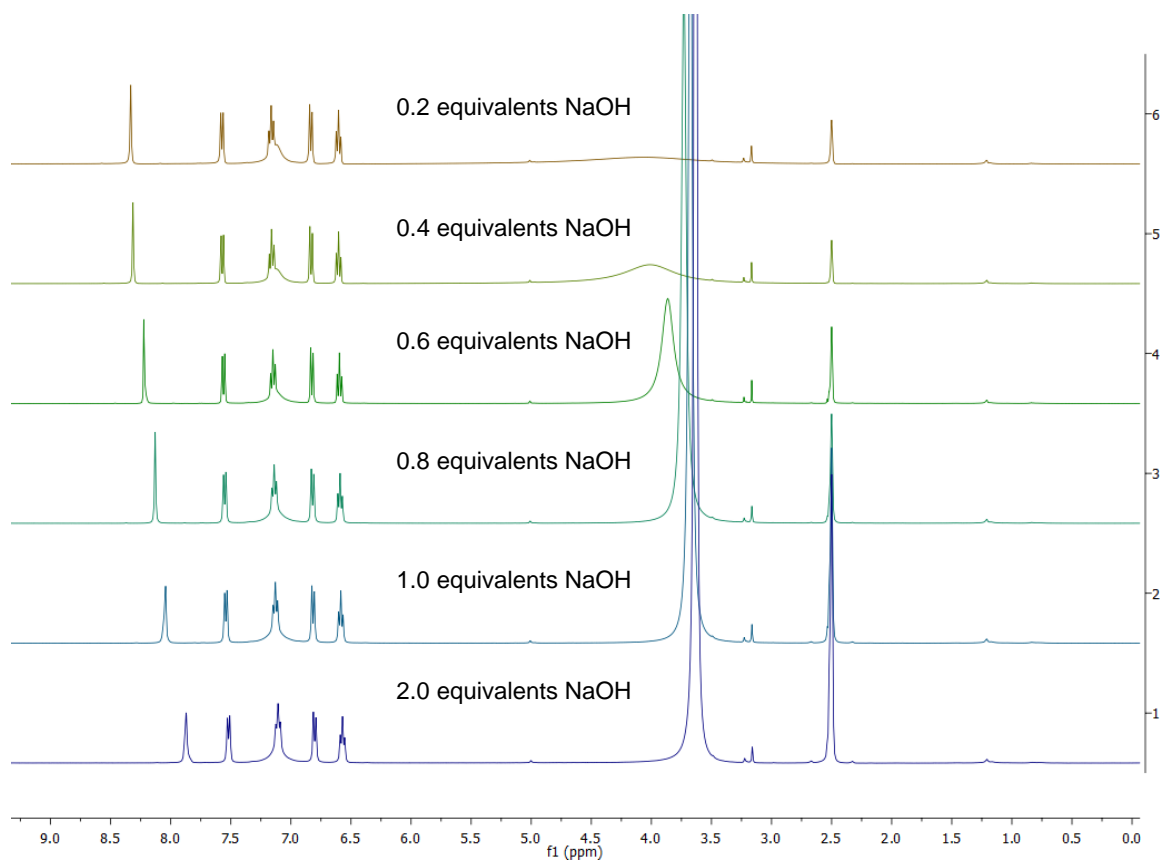


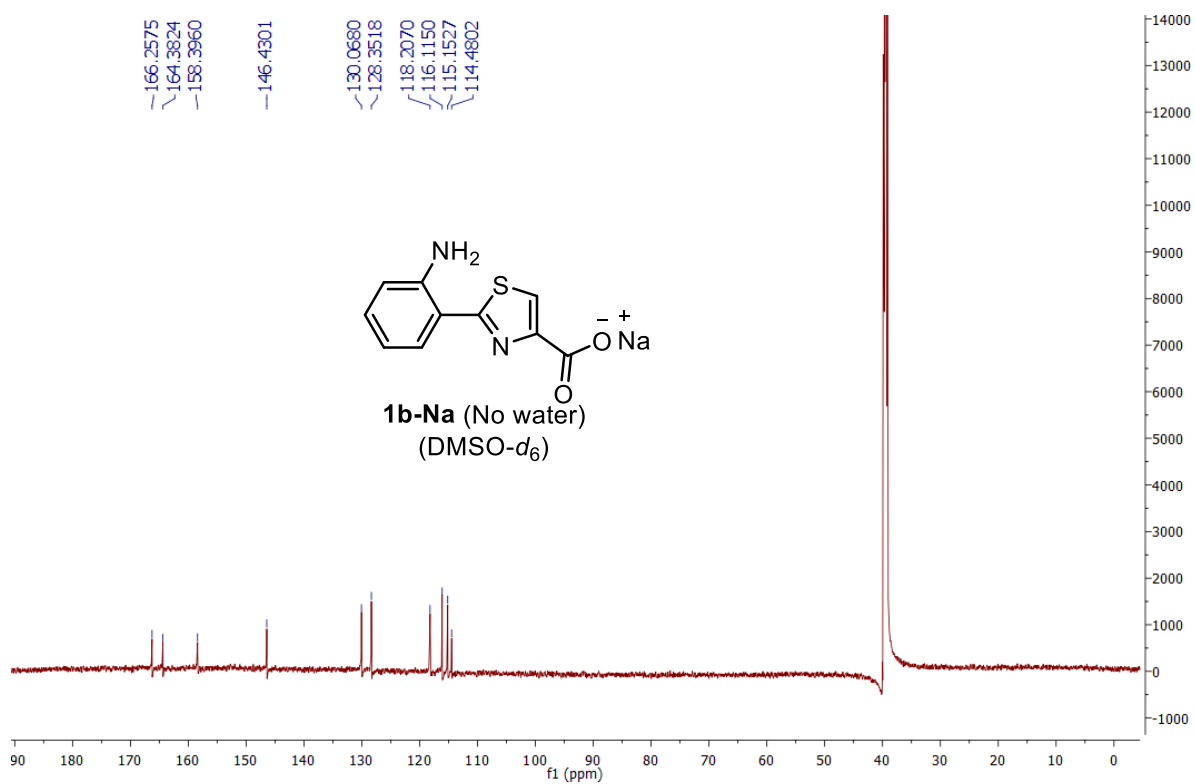
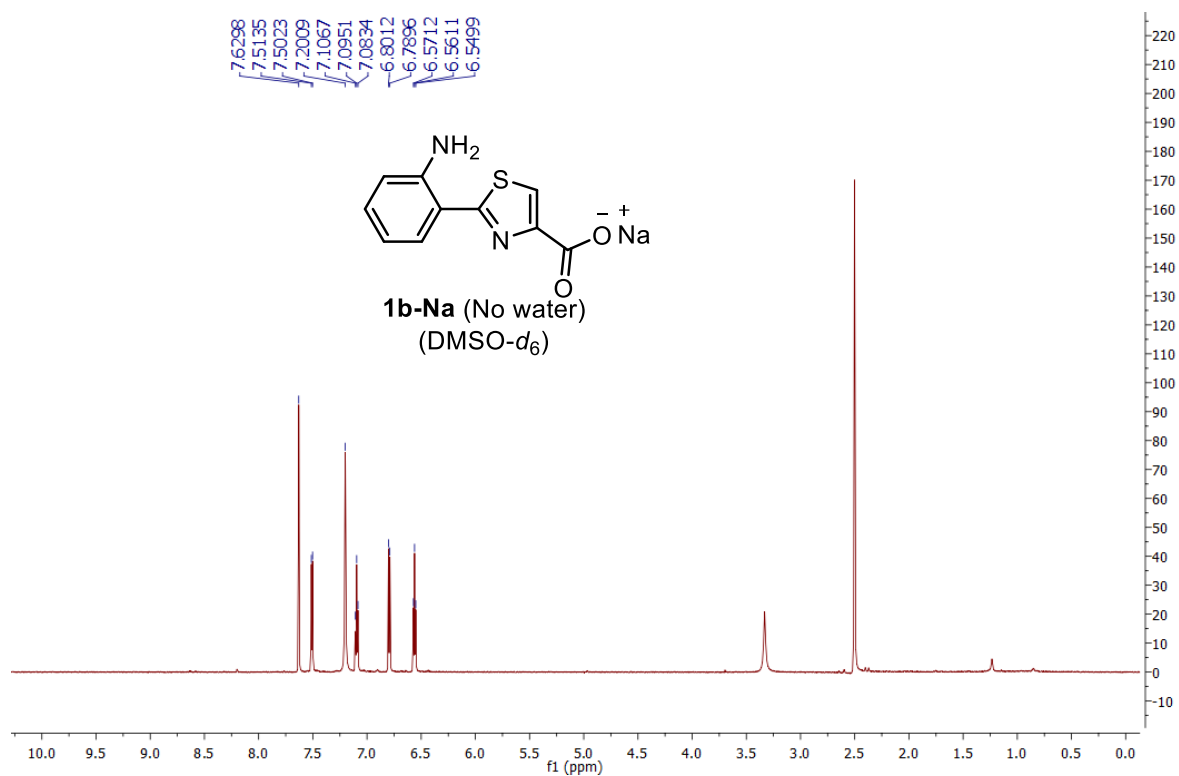












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