

Supplementary Information

Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine-based CDK inhibitor

1. Supplemental Figures

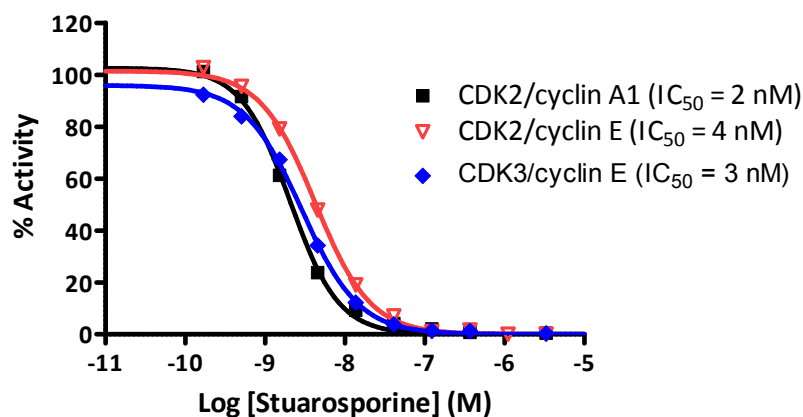


Figure S1. Dose-response curves of the inhibition of the indicated CDKs by staurosporine

Table S1. *In vitro* kinase selectivity of HSD992

Entry	Kinase	% inhibition	Entry	Kinase	% inhibition	Entry	Kinase	% inhibition	Entry	Kinase	% inhibition	Entry	Kinase	% inhibition
1	CDK3/cyclin E	89	61	CDK1/cyclin E	22	121	CDK18/cyclin Y	11	181	CDK6/cyclin D1	5	241	ALK3/BMPR1A	0
2	CDK2/cyclin E	87	62	CDK5/p25	22	122	PDGFRa	11	182	MYO3b	5	242	MEK2	0
3	CDK2/Cyclin A1	84	63	Aurora B	22	123	ABL2/ARG	11	183	MRCKb/CDC42BPB	4	243	KSR2	0
4	CDK2/cyclin O	76	64	MLCK/MYLK	21	124	HCK	11	184	SIK2	4	244	PLK3	0
5	CDK9/cyclin K	72	65	PDGFRb	21	125	SRPK1	10	185	CK1g1	4	245	CAMK1b	0
6	CDK2/cyclin A	68	66	EPHA1	20	126	ARK5/NUAK1	10	186	EPHA8	4	246	GRK2	0
7	PKG1b	67	67	STK16	20	127	CAMK2g	10	187	MARK3	4	247	JNK3	0
8	DYRK2	67	68	p70S6Kb/RPS6KB2	20	128	PKCb1	10	188	TSSK2	3	248	IKKb/IKBKB	0
9	GCK/MAP4K2	67	69	EPHA4	20	129	FGFR3	10	189	CK1g2	3	249	NEK5	0
10	CLK1	66	70	PKCb2	19	130	CAMK4	10	190	PKD2/PRKD2	3	250	CK1a1	0
11	EPHB3	65	71	FGFR1	19	131	TAOK3/JIK	10	191	ABL1	3	251	ZAP70	0
12	EPHB1	63	72	RIPK5	19	132	ULK3	10	192	JAK3	3	252	MAPKAPK2	0
13	CDK9/cyclin T2	63	73	EPHA5	19	133	PKA	10	193	IRAK1	3	253	CAMK1a	0
14	CLK2	63	74	FLT4/VEGFR3	18	134	PEAK1	10	194	CDK6/cyclin D3	3	254	TNK1	0
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22	p70S6K/RPS6KB1	52	82	AKT1	17	142	CSK	9	202	CAMK2a	2	262	PKAcg	0
23	STK39/STLK3	50	83	FYN	17	143	MLK1/MAP3K9	9	203	BLK	1	263	BRAF	0
24	ROCK2	49	84	c-Src	16	144	CDK4/cyclin D1	8	204	MARK2/PAR-1Ba	1	264	MAPKAPK5/PRAK	0
25	LOK/STK10	48	85	MLCK2/MYLK2	16	145	ASK1/MAP3K5	8	205	AKT2	1	265	CDK14/cyclin Y	0
26	EPHB4	47	86	AKT3	16	146	BRSK2	8	206	MAPKAPK3	1	266	FLT1/VEGFR1	0
27	DDR1	45	87	HIPK2	16	147	IKKe/IKBKE	8	207	ERBB2/HER2	1	267	MARK4	0
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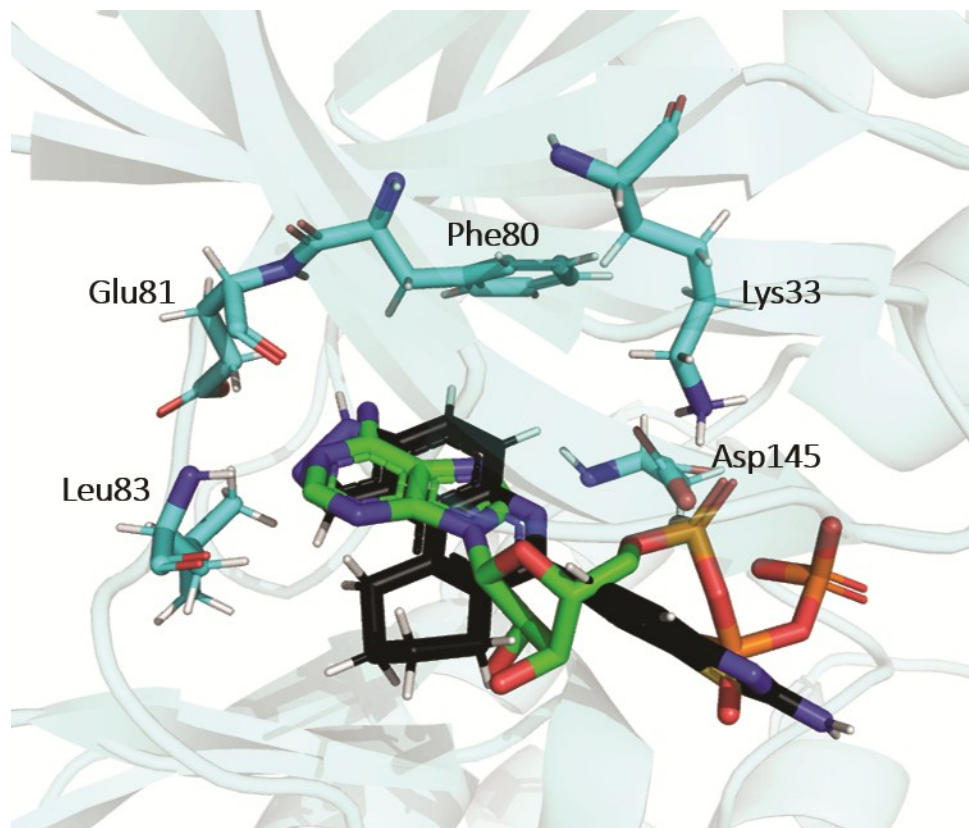


Figure S2. Overlay of ATP (green) and HSD992 (black) in the catalytic pocket of CDK2 (PDB entry 1HCK). Some residues in the active site have been shown and labeled. Figure generated in PyMOL visualization software (The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 2.0 Schrödinger, LLC).

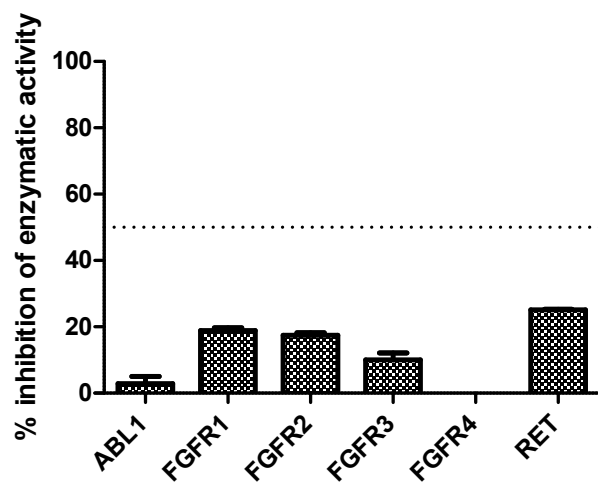


Figure S3. In vitro kinase inhibition by HSD992. The cell lines substantially inhibited by HSD992 are driven by ABL1, FGFR1-4 and RET kinases. However, HSD992 does not inhibit the *in vitro* activity of these driver kinases.

2. Experimental Section

Biology

In vitro kinase inhibition assay

The kinase inhibition assay was performed using the kinase profiling service of Reaction Biology Corporation (Malvern, PA, USA). Briefly, DMSO stock solutions of compounds were diluted into reaction mixture containing 100 μ M ATP and kinase in a single dose mode at a concentration of 0.5 μ M. Alternatively, compounds were tested in 10-dose IC₅₀ duplicate mode with a 3-fold serial dilution starting at 3.33 μ M. The kinase activity was determined relative to DMSO control. IC₅₀ data were fit to a non-linear regression using GraphPad Prism 4 Software (GraphPad, La Jolla, CA, USA).

Cell culture

Purdue University compound ND992 was dissolved in DMSO in 20 mM stock. The reference compound staurosporine was dissolved in DMSO in 1 mM stock. Staurosporine was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Louis, MI). Cell Titer-Glo® 2.0 Luminescent cell viability assay reagent was purchased from Promega (Madison, WI, USA). KMS-11 cell line was purchased from Japan Cell Bank. UACC-62 cell line was purchased from Addexbio. HCC-78 and NOMO-1 cell lines were purchased from Reactive-Bioarray. LC-2/Ad was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Other cell lines were purchased from American Type Culture Collection. Apart from DMS114, HLY-1, NCI-H1703, NCI-H520, and LC-2/Ad, all cell lines were tested at Reaction Biology Corporation. Cell culture media are listed in the following table. Media were routinely supplemented with 100 μ g/mL of penicillin, and 100 μ g/mL of streptomycin. Cultures were maintained at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ and 95% air.

Table S1. Culture method for cell lines used in this study

Cell line	Medium
NK-92	EMEM without ribonucleosides and deoxyribonucleosides + 12.5%FBS + 12.5%Horse serum + 0.2mM Myo-inositol + 0.1mM B-mercaptoethanol + 0.02mM folic acid + 100unit/ml recombinant human IL-2 + 1.5g/L sodium bicarbonate
MDA-MB-361	DMEM/F12 + 10%FBS
MDA-MB-468	DMEM + 10%FBS
HS578T	DMEM + 10%FBS + 0.01mg/ml Bovine insulin
A549	F12K + 10%FBS
MDA-MB-157	F12K + 10%FBS
HS578Bst	Hybri-care + 10%FBS + EGF 30ng/ml
BT474	Hybri-Care + 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate + 10%FBS
HT-29	McCoy's 5A + 10%FBS
SK-BR-3	McCoy's 5A + 10%FBS
SK-OV3	McCoy's 5A + 10%FBS
Hep G2	EMEM + 10%FBS
U87MG	EMEM + 10%FBS
A-498	EMEM + 10%FBS
SK-MEL-2	EMEM + 10%FBS

ZR-75-1	RPMI + 10%FBS
SNU-182	RPMI + 10%FBS
KMS-11	RPMI + 10%FBS
UACC-62	RPMI + 10%FBS
SU-DHL-1	RPMI + 10%FBS
SU-DHL-6	RPMI + 10%FBS
Molt-4	RPMI + 10%FBS
HCC-78	RPMI + 10%FBS
NCI-H441	RPMI + 10%FBS
NOMO-1	RPMI + 10%FBS
LnCap	RPMI + 10%FBS
BT-549	RPMI + 10%FBS + 0.01mg/ml Bovine Insulin
OVCAR3	RPMI + 20%FBS + 0.01mg/ml Bovine Insulin
DMS114	Waymouth + 10%FBS
LC-2/Ad	RPMI/F12 + 10%FBS
NCI-H1703	RPMI + 10%FBS
NCI-H1755	RPMI + 10%FBS
NCI-H520	RPMI + 10%FBS
HLY-1	RPMI + 10%FBS
K562	IMDM + 10%FBS

Antiproliferative activity of compounds

Compound ND992 was diluted in DMSO solution with 10-dose and 3-fold dilution in a source plate starting at 20 mM. The reference compound staurosporine was diluted in DMSO solution with 10-dose and 3-fold dilution in a source plate starting at 10 mM (for adherent cell lines) and 1 mM (for suspension cell lines). 12.5 nL of each test compound was delivered from the source plate to each well of the 384-well cell culture plates by Echo 550 (Labcyte, San Jose, CA, USA). 25 µL of culture media containing 2000 cells was added to each of the wells in duplicates of the cell culture plate. The cells were incubated with the compounds at 37°C, 5% CO₂ for 72 hours. 25 µL of Cell Titer Glo 2.0 reagent was added to each well. The contents were mixed on an orbital shaker for 2 min and incubated at room temperature for 15 min to stabilize luminescent signal. Luminescence was recorded by Envision 2104 Multilabel Reader (PerkinElmer, Santa Clara, CA). The number of viable cells in culture was determined based on quantitation of the ATP present in each culture well. The IC₅₀ curves were plotted and IC₅₀ values were calculated using the GraphPad Prism 4 program based on a sigmoidal dose-response equation.

Molecular Docking with GOLD program

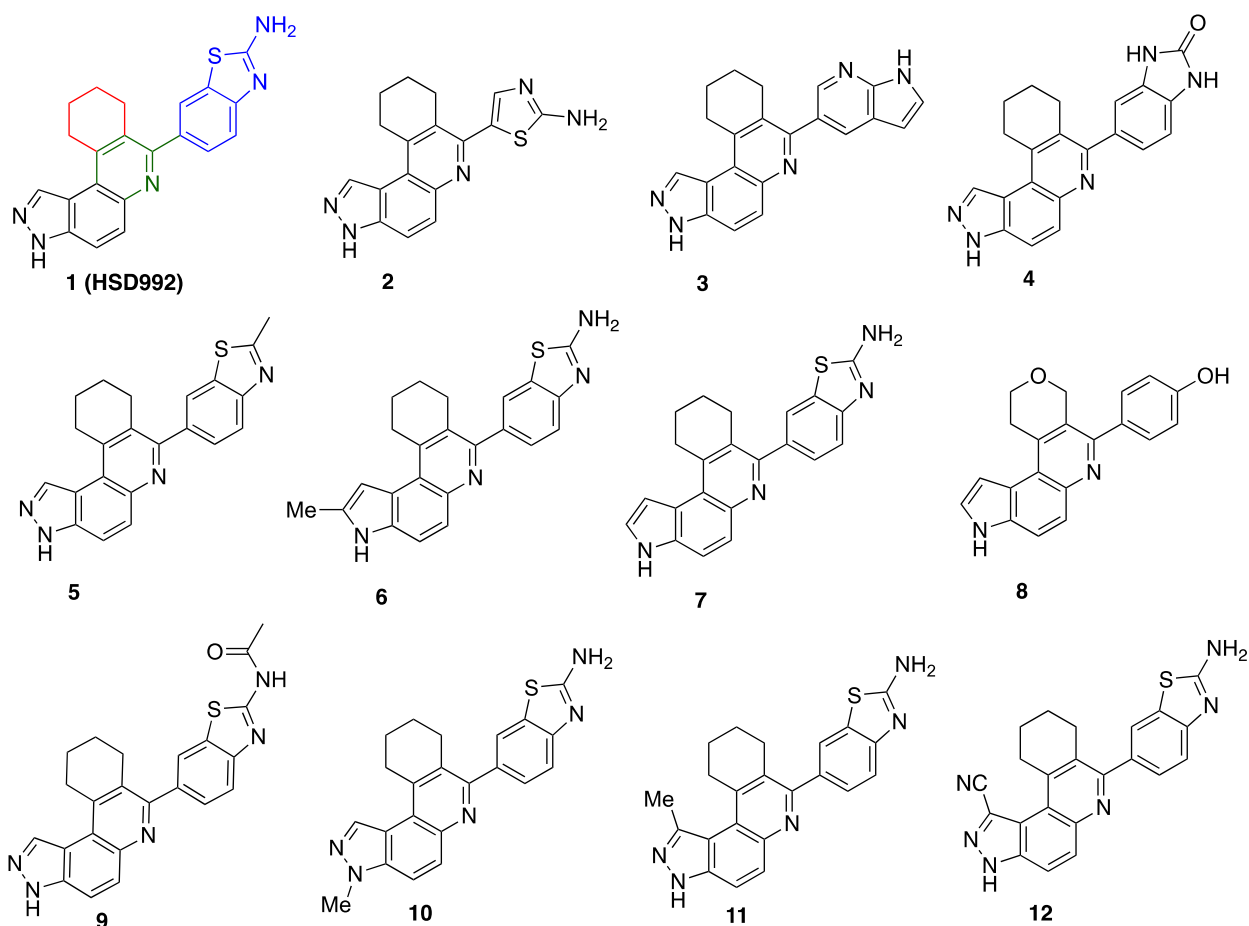
The PDB file for CDK2 (1HCK) was obtained from the RCSB Protein Data bank (www.rcsb.org). **HSD992** was drawn in ChemDraw Professional software version 16.0 and Chem3D software version 16.0 (PerkinElmer Informatics) was used to generate an energy minimized 3D structure saved as a mol2 file. GOLD docking was run from the Hermes visualizer. For protein preparation, the wizard option was used to add hydrogens, delete water molecules and the crystalized ligand. **HSD992** was then docked into

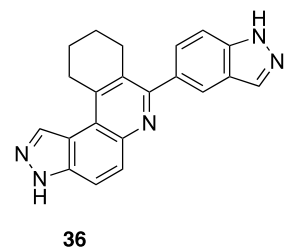
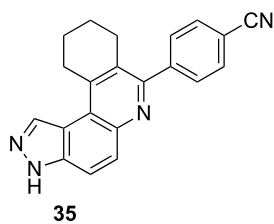
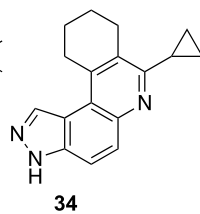
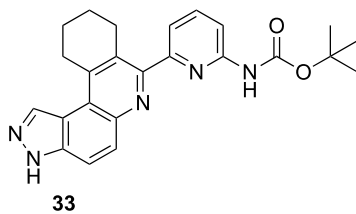
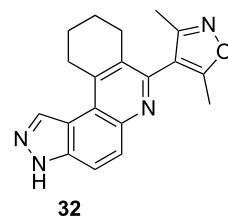
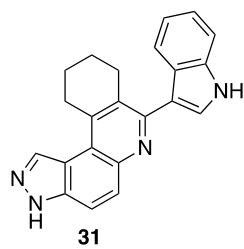
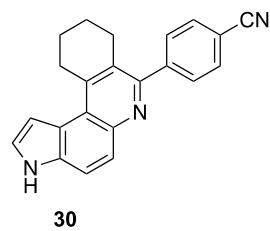
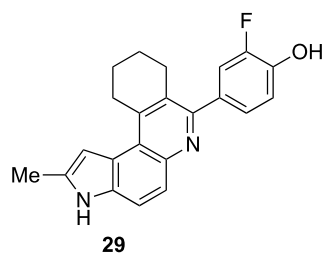
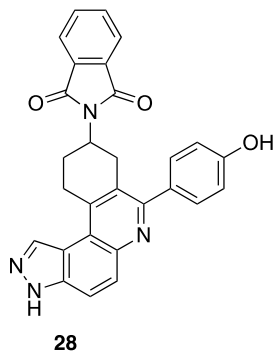
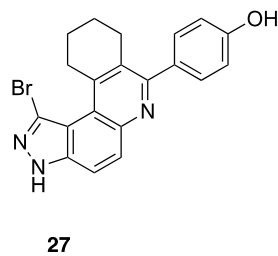
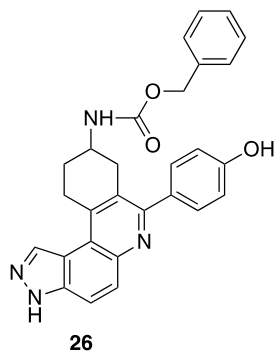
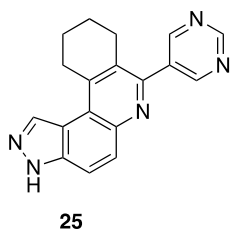
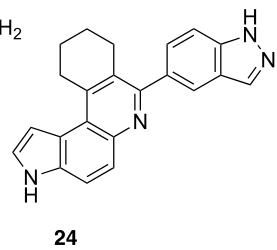
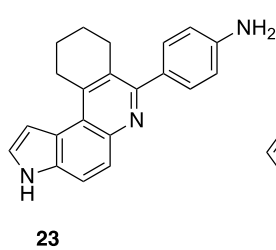
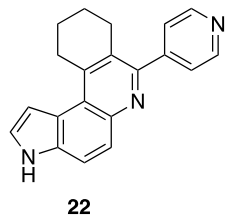
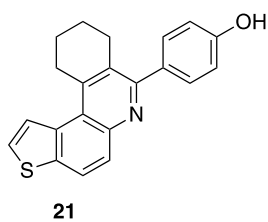
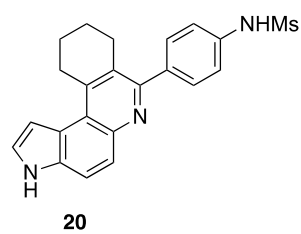
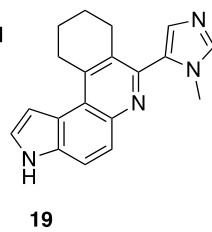
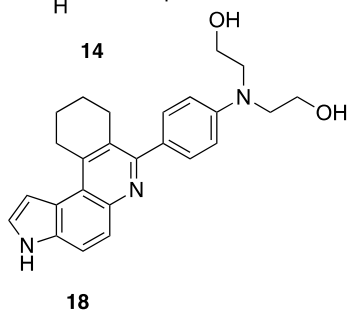
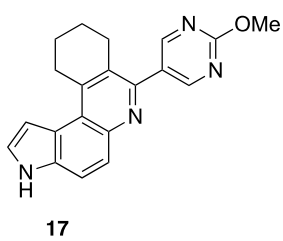
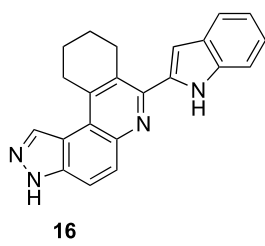
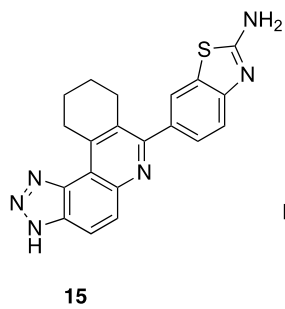
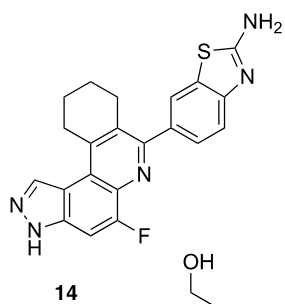
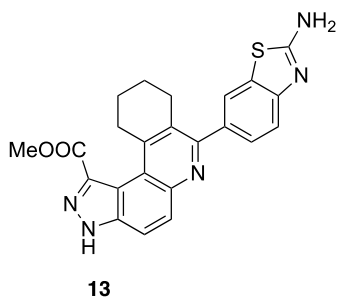
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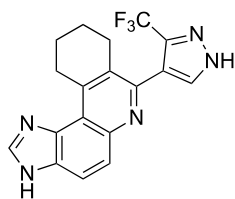
Chemistry

General Considerations All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used them as received, unless otherwise stated. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained in CD_3OD or $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ as solvent using a 500 MHz spectrometer with Me_4Si as an internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) downfield from internal standard Me_4Si . Data for ^1H NMR spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, or combinations thereof. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using electron spray ionization (ESI) technique and as TOF mass analyzer. All the new synthesized compounds were characterized using ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and HRMS data. Substrate 2-amino-benzthiazole-6-carbaldehyde (95% purity) was purchased from Chemcia Scientific, LLC.

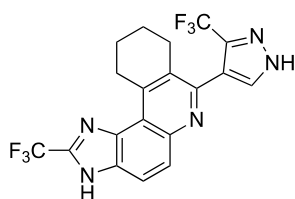
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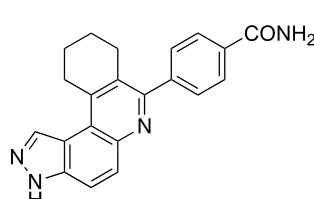




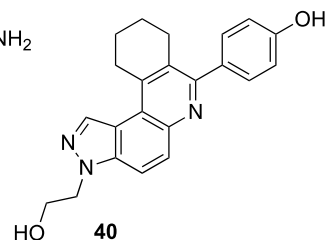
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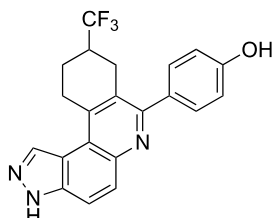
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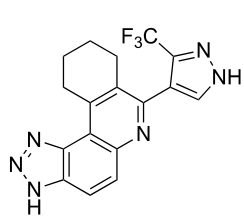
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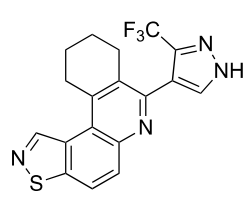
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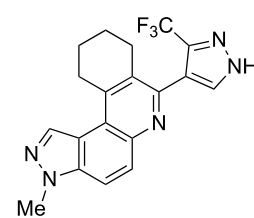
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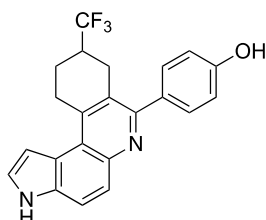
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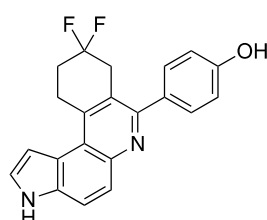
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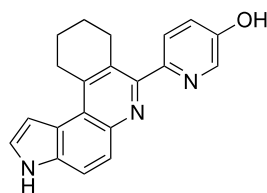
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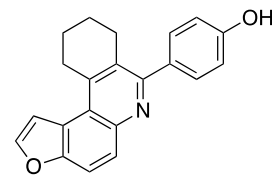
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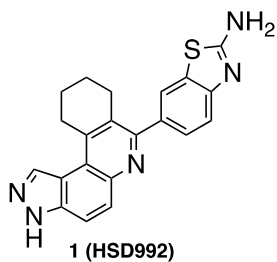
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General procedure for the multicomponent reaction:

A screw capped 20 mL vial charged with amine (1 mmol) and aldehyde (1 mmol) in 5 mL of absolute ethanol was refluxed for 2 h. After complete conversion of substrates to imine, cyclic ketone (2.5 mmol) and a catalytic amount of conc. hydrochloric acid was added. The reaction was continued to reflux for 12 h. The resultant reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane:methanol (99:01 to 80:20) to give the desired cyclized compound. (Note: In some cases, product may get precipitated out as solid after completion of reaction which was filtered, washed with ethanol and further purified using flash silica gel column chromatography).

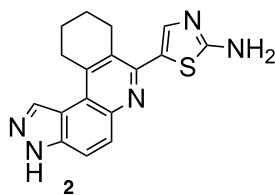
Compounds characterization data

5-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-amine



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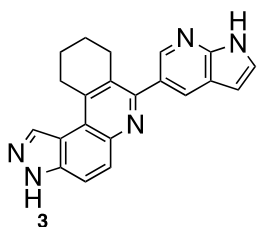
Pale yellow solid (137 mg, 37%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (qq, J = 5.2, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (dp, J = 9.1, 3.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.61, 156.90, 152.94, 143.53, 142.39, 138.63, 136.32, 133.93, 131.17, 129.60, 127.25, 122.13, 121.64, 117.32, 116.50, 114.34, 29.75, 29.18, 22.66, 22.62; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 372.1283, found 372.1269.



5-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)thiazol-2-amine

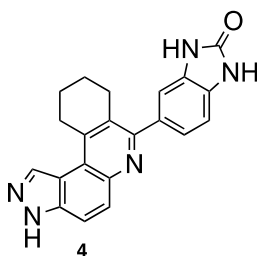
Yellow solid (166 mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 3.28 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.46, 148.47, 143.26, 142.39, 140.03, 138.39, 136.08, 129.21, 128.99, 128.03, 120.39, 116.44, 114.43, 29.95, 28.90, 22.52, 22.24; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₅S [M + H]⁺ 322.1126, found 322.1123.

7-(1H-Pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine



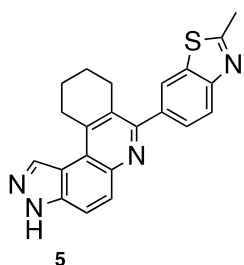
Off-white solid (203 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.09 (s, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (q, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.20, 149.00, 143.45, 136.93, 132.02, 130.20, 128.42, 122.92, 122.10, 119.30, 115.16, 115.08, 101.14, 30.71, 28.46, 21.95, 21.88; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₅ [M + H]⁺ 340.1562, found 340.1551.

5-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one



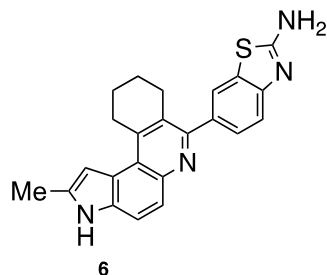
Off-white solid (178 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.16, 156.09, 143.72, 142.21, 139.73, 134.99, 133.77, 130.00, 129.94, 129.53, 129.35, 122.16, 121.65, 116.30, 115.27, 109.89, 108.18, 29.70, 29.28, 22.65, 22.62; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₅O [M + H]⁺ 356.1511, found 356.1507.

2-Methyl-6-(8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[d]thiazole



Off-white solid (207 mg, 56%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.85 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dq, *J* = 8.8, 6.1, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (tq, *J* = 9.4, 6.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.38, 154.36, 150.99, 136.08, 135.88, 131.87, 129.54, 128.07, 124.74, 124.31, 123.33, 122.34, 122.00, 121.15, 115.41, 114.98, 112.01, 40.49, 40.32, 40.25, 40.16, 39.99, 39.82, 39.66, 39.49, 30.86, 28.22, 21.86, 21.70, 20.47; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄S [M + H]⁺ 371.1330, found 371.1320.

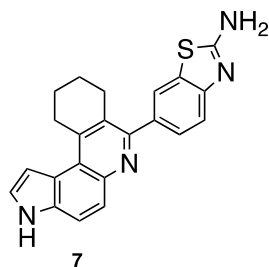
6-(2-Methyl-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-amine



Pale yellow solid (76 mg, 20%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.72 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.53 (m, 3H), 2.03 (ddt, *J* = 10.1, 7.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 168.99, 155.62, 151.48, 143.70, 142.35, 134.68, 133.75, 133.15, 130.60, 127.26, 126.73, 122.27, 121.26, 121.14, 120.64, 116.83, 115.28, 104.03, 29.95,

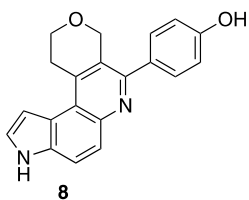
28.70, 22.51, 22.21, 12.08; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{21}N_4S$ $[M + H]^+$ 385.1487, found 385.1495.

6-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-amine



Pale yellow solid (115 mg, 31%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 11.73 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 167.48, 155.93, 152.75, 143.41, 142.23, 134.61, 133.18, 131.12, 127.69, 127.23, 124.12, 123.90, 122.33, 122.08, 120.38, 117.29, 116.41, 106.26, 30.01, 29.30, 22.94, 22.64; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}N_4S$ $[M + H]^+$ 371.1330, found 371.1327.

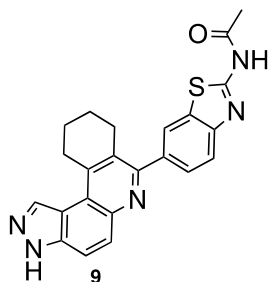
4-(1,2,4,9-Tetrahydropyrano[3,4-*c*]pyrrolo[3,2-*f*]quinolin-5-yl)phenol



Yellow solid (193 mg, 61%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.61 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 159.90, 149.19, 133.51, 132.49, 131.49, 130.87, 127.07, 126.51, 122.13, 120.36, 119.93, 116.30, 115.93, 115.62, 105.92, 66.43, 64.15, 29.76; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{17}N_2O_2$ $[M + H]^+$ 317.1290, found 317.1290.

***N*-(6-(8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)acetamide**

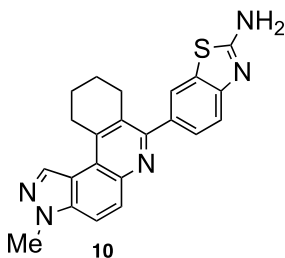
Compound **1** (HSD992) (93 mg, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DMF (2 mL) and triethylamine (2 equiv), followed by addition of acetyl chloride (30 mg, 1.5 mmol). The reaction was continued for overnight at room temperature. After completion of reaction, reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 X 20 mL) and washed with brine solution and the crude was purified with dichloromethane:methanol (90:10) by flash column chromatography to get the desired product as yellow solid (73 mg, 70%).



1H NMR (500 MHz, $Methanol-d_4$) δ 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 3H), 3.67 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $MeOD$) δ 170.98, 155.22, 149.49, 141.56, 138.36, 135.15, 134.18, 132.65, 129.29, 127.49, 125.42, 124.19, 123.58, 118.90, 118.87, 115.92, 114.54, 35.36, 31.10, 27.83, 21.22, 21.15; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}N_5O_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 414.1389, found 414.1399.

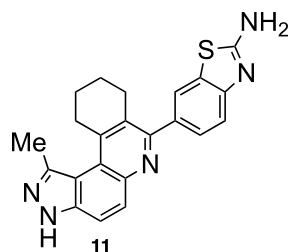
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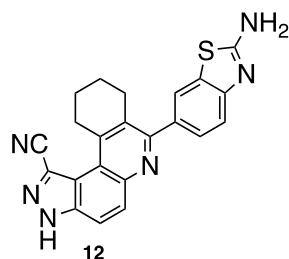
Off-white solid (138 mg, 36%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.50 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.91 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 4.17 (s, 3H), 3.31 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.66 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 167.75, 156.84, 152.94, 143.09, 142.79, 138.18, 135.06, 133.62, 131.17, 129.90, 129.18, 127.28, 122.20, 121.53, 117.29, 117.17, 114.03, 36.31, 29.76, 29.17, 22.58, 22.54. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}N_5S$ $[M + H]^+$ 386.1439, found 386.1435.

6-(1-Methyl-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine



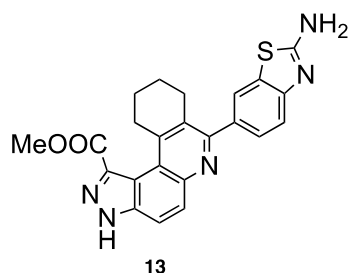
Off-white solid (116 mg, 30%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.81 (q, *J* = 4.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 169.08, 156.70, 151.68, 143.60, 143.42, 143.25, 141.25, 133.99, 130.75, 128.98, 128.59, 126.61, 123.95, 121.19, 116.95, 115.76, 113.89, 31.88, 27.83, 22.07, 21.90, 17.96; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₅S [M + H]⁺ 386.1439, found 386.1447.

7-(2-Aminobenzo[*d*]thiazol-6-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridine-1-carbonitrile



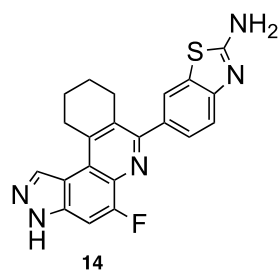
Pale yellow solid (174 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (qd, *J* = 8.0, 6.6, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (dp, *J* = 6.4, 4.3, 3.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.91, 158.23, 152.69, 144.42, 143.50, 139.88, 133.26, 131.59, 131.03, 129.99, 127.25, 122.19, 120.97, 120.20, 117.80, 117.26, 116.41, 114.67, 31.84, 28.91, 22.12, 21.96; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₆S [M + H]⁺ 397.1235, found 397.1245.

Methyl 7-(2-aminobenzo[*d*]thiazol-6-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridine-1-carboxylate



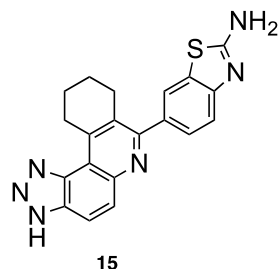
Off-white solid (126 mg, 30%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 169.18, 166.71, 157.69, 151.84, 144.55, 143.72, 142.35, 133.71, 130.80, 129.60, 128.44, 126.65, 121.94, 121.24, 116.99, 113.56, 112.70, 100.49, 51.92, 29.50, 27.49, 21.91, 21.88; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₅O₂S [M + H]⁺ 430.1338, found 430.1322.

6-(5-Fluoro-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine



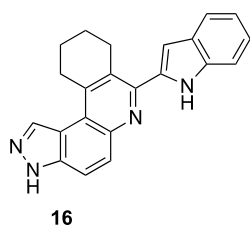
Off-white solid (148 mg, 38%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.36 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.68, 158.36 (d, *J* = 253.26 Hz), 157.08, 153.14, 142.83, 136.79, 136.49, 134.35, 133.64, 131.24, 131.14, 127.29, 122.53, 122.22, 117.37, 113.06, 98.20, 29.80, 29.24, 22.52, 22.44; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₇FN₅S [M + H]⁺ 390.1189, found 390.1184.

6-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-[1,2,3]triazolo[4,5-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-amine



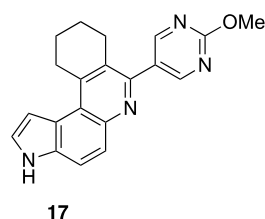
Off-white solid (112 mg, 30%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.57 (s, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.75, 158.87, 153.15, 145.33, 143.19, 139.18, 133.64, 131.24, 130.36, 130.18, 127.24, 122.15, 118.50, 117.37, 116.27, 29.93, 29.07, 22.66, 22.39. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N₆S [M + H]⁺ 373.1235, found 373.1243.

7-(1H-Indol-2-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine



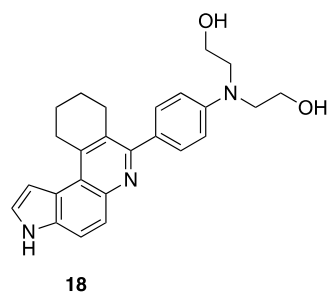
Yellow solid (264 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.12 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.38 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.4, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.18 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 143.78, 137.55, 134.89, 131.22, 130.49, 128.14, 124.23, 122.63, 121.72, 120.53, 119.45, 115.27, 112.54, 108.05, 30.84, 28.26, 21.91, 21.86, 21.86; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄ [M + H]⁺ 339.1610, found 339.1618.

4-(2,3,4,8-Tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-b]phenanthridin-5-yl)phenol



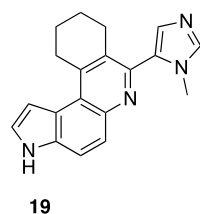
Off white solid (178 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.81 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 4.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.77, 159.82, 149.96, 143.68, 142.81, 133.37, 129.18, 127.97, 124.12, 124.09, 122.80, 120.25, 116.84, 106.43, 55.22, 29.96, 28.70, 22.75, 22.49; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₄O [M + H]⁺ 331.1558, found 331.1553.

2,2'-((4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenyl)azanediyl)diethanol



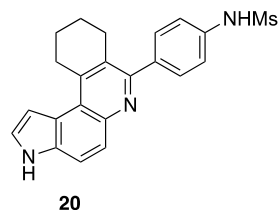
Yellow solid (209 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.84 (td, *J* = 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 152.36, 151.09, 149.41, 136.32, 133.50, 130.36, 129.04, 124.91, 122.68, 121.37, 120.18, 118.91, 115.34, 111.33, 106.08, 58.85, 53.41, 30.85, 28.37, 21.94, 21.66; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₈N₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 402.2181, found 402.2179.

7-(1-Methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridine



Off- white solid (151 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.81 (q, *J* = 6.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 144.67, 144.01, 142.83, 138.47, 133.43, 130.97, 129.25, 128.07, 122.97, 122.14, 120.11, 116.34, 105.94, 31.45, 29.82, 27.83, 22.28, 21.90; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₄ [M + H]⁺ 303.1609, found 303.1599.

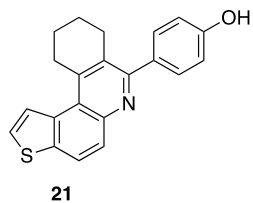
N-(4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide



Pale yellow solid (245 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 155.50, 143.69, 142.59, 139.11, 136.56, 133.23, 129.82,

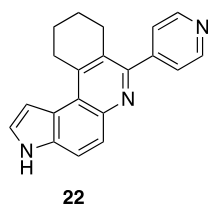
127.48, 122.76, 121.96, 120.26, 119.66, 115.91, 105.76, 37.83, 29.92, 28.63, 22.47, 22.15; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}N_3O_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 392.1433, found 392.1435.

4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydrothieno[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



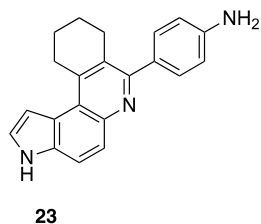
Off-white solid (245 mg, 74%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (dp, J = 6.6, 4.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 158.82, 139.74, 133.74, 131.22, 130.02, 128.68, 127.46, 125.78, 123.88, 115.49, 31.70, 29.13, 22.58, 21.88; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}NOS$ $[M + H]^+$ 332.1109, found 332.1118.

7-(Pyridin-4-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridine



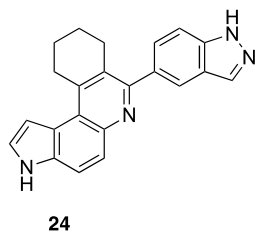
Off white solid (183 mg, 61%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 11.81 (s, 1H), 8.67 (dt, J = 4.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.75 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 153.34, 149.84, 149.10, 143.44, 142.78, 133.41, 127.19, 124.49, 124.16, 124.08, 122.90, 120.26, 116.87, 106.42, 29.94, 28.67, 22.76, 22.39; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}N_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 300.1500, found 300.1508.

4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)aniline



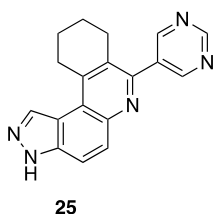
Bright yellow solid (194 mg, 62%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 2H), 3.51 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 151.31, 133.58, 133.58, 131.48, 129.37, 129.33, 127.94, 126.34, 122.49, 120.03, 118.73, 113.57, 106.60, 31.13, 28.60, 22.25, 21.94; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}N_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 314.1657, found 314.1651.

7-(1H-Indazol-5-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridine



White solid (173 mg, 51%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 156.34, 143.43, 142.27, 139.73, 134.40, 134.08, 133.20, 128.24, 127.74, 124.12, 123.87, 123.10, 122.38, 121.28, 120.41, 116.42, 109.84, 106.27, 30.01, 29.35, 22.91, 22.62; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}N_4$ $[M + H]^+$ 339.1610, found 339.1618.

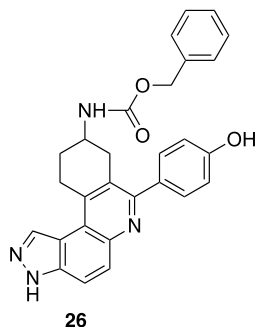
7-(Pyrimidin-5-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine



Yellow solid (144 mg, 48%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 2H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $DMSO$) δ 158.00, 157.25, 150.89,

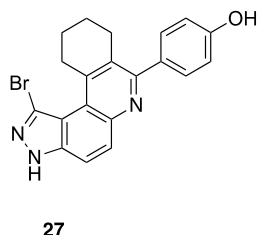
143.91, 142.97, 138.83, 136.49, 134.77, 129.84, 129.50, 122.42, 116.25, 114.94, 29.62, 28.44, 22.43, 22.38; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{17}N_4$ $[M + H]^+$ 301.1453, found 301.1457.

Benzyl (7-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-9-yl)carbamate



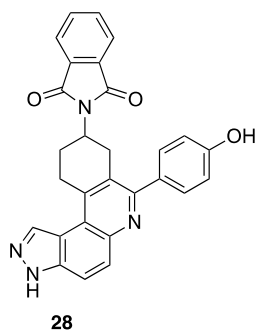
Off-white solid (241 mg, 52%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 8.66 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.97 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.67 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.18 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 161.72, 159.87, 156.89, 152.70, 150.63, 139.58, 136.84, 136.35, 130.82, 129.46, 128.03, 127.56, 127.34, 123.73, 122.33, 120.83, 119.33, 118.00, 115.47, 114.97, 66.04, 48.13, 48.08, 47.96, 47.79, 47.62, 47.45, 47.28, 47.11, 45.66, 33.71, 29.28, 26.87; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{28}H_{25}N_4O_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 465.1927, found 465.1927

4-(1-Bromo-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



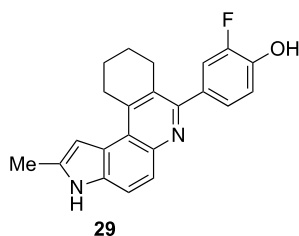
Off-white solid (153 mg, 39%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 8.18 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.97 (s, 2H), 1.97 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 160.37, 155.96, 154.60, 151.79, 141.55, 135.37, 132.94, 130.83, 127.59, 123.46, 121.93, 120.38, 119.25, 115.60, 114.56, 36.01, 27.02, 20.91, 20.80; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{17}BrN_3O$ $[M + H]^+$ 394.0555, found 394.0556.

2-(7-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-9-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione



Off-white solid (239 mg, 52%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 5H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.45 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.53 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.26 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.38, 157.66, 156.88, 143.84, 141.13, 138.66, 136.38, 134.76, 132.01, 131.67, 130.75, 129.58, 127.50, 123.38, 121.10, 116.54, 115.25, 114.60, 47.46, 32.19, 31.15, 26.15; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{28}H_{21}N_4O_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 461.1614, found 461.1619.

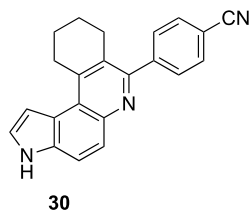
Methyl 4-(8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzoate



Off-white solid (105 mg, 30%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 8.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dt, J = 8.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.48 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 154.38, 152.03 (J = 241.92 Hz), 144.97, 144.23, 141.91, 133.92, 133.16, 132.30, 127.16, 125.13, 122.28, 121.10, 120.18, 117.07, 116.57, 116.41, 115.50, 104.05, 29.98, 28.55, 22.44, 22.14, 12.07; HRMS (ESI)

m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}FN_2O$ $[M + H]^+$ 349.1716, found 349.1717.

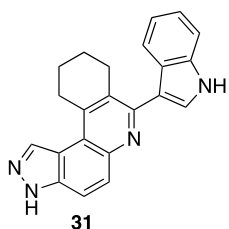
4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzonitrile



Off-white solid (195 mg, 60%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.80 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, $J = 8.9, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.38 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 154.08, 146.45, 143.42, 142.77, 133.40, 132.39, 130.61, 127.28, 124.14, 124.07, 122.82, 120.26, 119.41, 116.85, 110.74, 106.41, 29.95, 28.81, 22.76, 22.41;

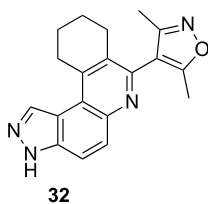
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 326.1657, found 326.1662.

7-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine



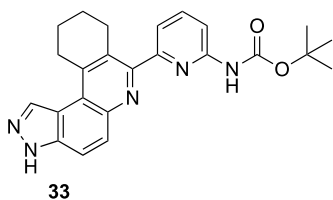
White solid (183 mg, 54%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{MeOD}-d_4$) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.87 (q, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 152.83, 147.51, 136.55, 135.07, 132.76, 128.62, 125.73, 122.77, 122.39, 120.99, 119.61, 118.86, 115.08, 112.11, 107.22, 30.80, 27.71, 21.46, 21.29; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 339.1610, found 339.1618.

3,5-Dimethyl-4-(8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)isoxazole



White solid (229 mg, 72%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{MeOD}-d_4$) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.86 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.20 (m, 5H), 2.06 – 1.98 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 170.18, 158.64, 155.86, 140.72, 140.00, 135.64, 134.42, 134.28, 124.70, 121.79, 118.93, 114.70, 108.54, 30.94, 26.68, 21.17, 20.88, 10.39, 8.99; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 319.1559, found 319.1563.

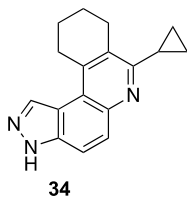
tert-Butyl (6-(8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)pyridin-2-yl)carbamate



White solid (245 mg, 51%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{MeOD}-d_4$) δ 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 5.7, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 154.62, 153.09, 153.05, 147.37, 146.93, 140.49, 139.57, 134.87, 134.39, 132.10, 124.03, 120.98, 119.75, 119.68, 114.62, 114.29, 80.98, 30.97, 27.41, 27.15, 21.16, 21.06; HRMS

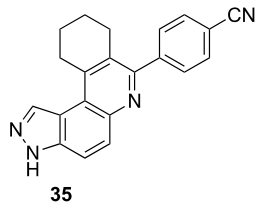
(ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 416.2087, found 416.2089.

7-Cyclopropyl-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-a]phenanthridine



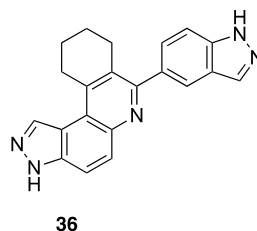
Off-white solid (181 mg, 69%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (q, $J = 5.3, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (tt, $J = 8.1, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.10 – 0.99 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.87 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.71, 143.33, 140.97, 138.28, 135.75, 129.57, 129.38, 120.82, 116.55, 113.67, 29.49, 26.38, 22.40, 22.37, 13.67, 9.14; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 264.1501, found 264.1509.

4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzonitrile



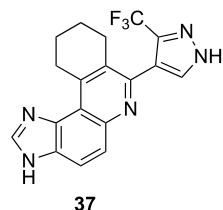
Off-white solid (182 mg, 56%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 150.26, 140.30, 138.64, 136.93, 135.01, 132.87, 131.23, 130.97, 123.45, 122.31, 119.99, 118.89, 115.01, 113.13, 30.63, 28.01, 21.85, 21.68; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄ [M + H]⁺ 325.1453, found 325.1455.

7-(1H-Indazol-5-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridine



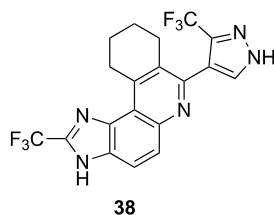
Off-white solid (224 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.30, 143.71, 142.28, 139.80, 138.66, 136.27, 134.45, 133.55, 129.66, 129.54, 128.17, 123.07, 121.71, 121.43, 116.44, 114.31, 109.93, 29.69, 29.22, 22.64, 22.59; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₅ [M + H]⁺ 340.1562, found 340.1565.

7-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-imidazo[4,5-*a*]phenanthridine



Off-white solid (75 mg, 21%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 149.00, 145.68, 143.27, 142.66, 140.11, 130.25, 130.05, 124.01, 122.80 (q, *J* = 270.51 Hz), 118.99, 118.30, 115.91, 112.78, 94.71, 29.26, 27.75, 22.04, 21.86. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃N₅ [M + H]⁺ 358.1280, found 358.1286.

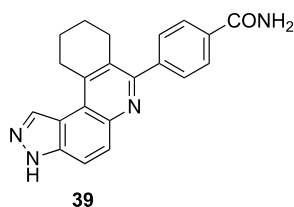
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Off-white solid (106 mg, 25%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD-*d*₄) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.77 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 149.46, 144.26, 143.57, 140.04, 139.76, 137.30, 131.82, 130.86, 130.17, 126.46, 124.94 (q, *J* = 269.64 Hz), 120.67, 120.32 (q, *J* = 268.64 Hz), 118.93, 114.85, 29.42, 27.82, 21.99, 21.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₆N₅ [M + H]⁺

426.1153, found 426.1155.

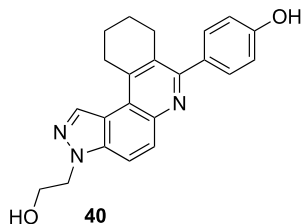
4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)benzamide



Off-white solid (172 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 3.39 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.13, 156.17, 144.02, 143.77, 142.55, 133.95, 129.63, 129.40, 129.29, 127.64, 122.07, 116.23, 29.68, 28.86, 22.58, 22.49; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₄O

[M + H]⁺ 345.1715, found 345.1719.

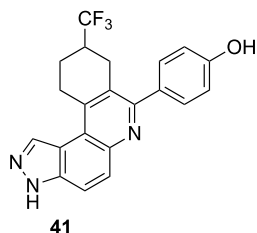
4-(3-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



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Off-white solid (177 mg, 49%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.55 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.88 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.32 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.70 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.58, 157.01, 143.57, 142.09, 138.61, 135.29, 131.97, 130.89, 129.53, 129.38, 121.31, 117.15, 115.09, 114.17, 60.84, 51.76, 29.69, 29.23, 22.64; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 362.1869, found 362.1871.

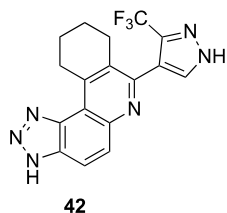
4-(9-(Trifluoromethyl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



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Off-white solid (165 mg, 43%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.54 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.79 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 159.74, 152.87, 148.17, 137.78, 131.71, 129.43 (q, J = 278.46 Hz), 127.87, 122.81, 121.71, 115.86, 115.01, 37.62 (q, J = 26.46 Hz), 29.44, 27.22, 20.90; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 386.1480, found 386.1484.

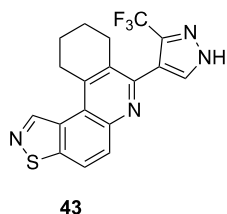
7-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-[1,2,3]triazolo[4,5-*a*]phenanthridine



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Off-white solid (72 mg, 20%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 8.40 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (dp, J = 9.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 154.39, 145.35, 140.07, 139.75, 138.56, 137.77, 134.33, 132.14, 122.37 (q, J = 269.6 Hz), 121.20, 120.95, 116.39, 111.31, 30.87, 27.26, 21.12, 21.07; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_6$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 359.1232, found 359.1239.

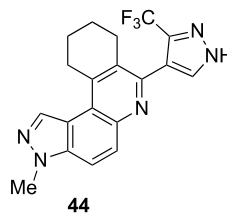
7-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydroisothiazolo[4,5-*a*]phenanthridine



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Off-white solid (120 mg, 32%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.00 (td, J = 11.2, 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 156.17, 155.87, 155.79, 145.11, 140.04, 139.75, 136.42, 135.01, 132.65, 129.80, 125.95, 125.43, 121.58, 120.19, 118.46, 109.79, 32.51, 27.76, 21.37, 20.63; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 375.0891, found 375.0899.

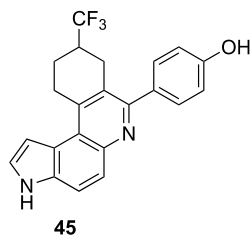
3-Methyl-7-(3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrazolo[4,3-*a*]phenanthridine



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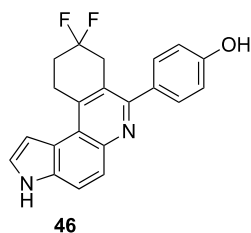
Off-white solid (148 mg, 40%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 8.77 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, J = 9.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 3H), 3.68 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 155.03, 142.35, 140.13 (q, J = 37.8 Hz), 138.47, 135.21, 134.39, 134.19, 132.52, 124.04, 122.33 (q, J = 269.6 Hz), 119.30, 118.65, 115.97, 109.85, 35.32, 30.84, 27.26, 21.19, 20.86; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 372.1436, found 372.1438.

4-(9-(Trifluoromethyl)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



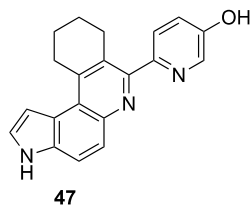
Off-white solid (157mg, 41%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.65 (dd, J = 18.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.77 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.87, 155.35, 133.27, 131.96, 130.83, 129.75, 127.53, 124.57, 124.44, 121.71, 120.23, 117.24, 115.32, 106.11, 37.63 (q, J = 26.6 Hz), 29.04, 27.78, 21.66; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 385.1528, found 385.1532.

4-(9,9-Difluoro-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



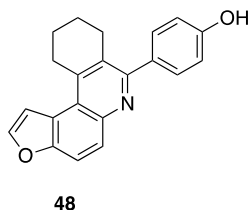
Off-white solid (180 mg, 49%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.84 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (t, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.78, 155.53, 143.87, 139.53, 133.29, 131.52, 130.80, 125.76, 124.38, 123.95, 123.87, 122.78, 121.98, 121.20, 120.23, 117.15, 115.32, 106.13, 37.50 (J = 26.46 Hz), 29.55 (J = 23.94 Hz), 28.22; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 353.1465, found 353.1470.

6-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)pyridin-3-ol



Off-white solid (107 mg, 34%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.95 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.80, 153.32, 151.06, 142.98, 142.40, 136.29, 133.31, 128.21, 125.55, 124.11, 123.92, 123.07, 122.67, 120.36, 116.37, 106.28, 30.10, 28.50, 22.89, 22.51; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 316.1450, found 316.1453.

4-(8,9,10,11-Tetrahydrofuro[3,2-a]phenanthridin-7-yl)phenol



Off-white solid (218 mg, 69%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.47 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (q, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (dq, J = 8.7, 5.8, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.65 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 160.63, 153.59, 153.01, 148.23, 132.05, 131.37, 122.86, 121.34, 119.47, 116.00, 110.37, 30.67, 28.32, 21.74, 21.57; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 316.1337, found 316.1343.

