# **Diversity-Oriented Heterocyclic Synthesis using Divergent Reactivity of** *N***-Substituted Iso(thio)cyanates**

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## **General Information.**

Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using Silicycle silica gel (40-63  $\mu$ m), unless otherwise noted. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminum, cut to size. Visualization was accomplished with UV light followed by staining with a potassium permanganate solution and heating.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 300 MHz and 400 MHz spectrometers at ambient temperature, unless otherwise indicated. Spectral data was reported in ppm using solvent as the reference (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> at 7.15 ppm or DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 2.50 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.0 ppm or DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 39.43 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR data was reported as: multiplicity (ap = apparent, br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint. = quintet, sext. = sextuplet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet), integration and coupling constant(s) in Hz. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained with neat thin films on a sodium chloride disk and were recorded on a Bomem Michelson 100 Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR). High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on a Kratos Concept-11A mass spectrometer with an electron beam of 70ev at the Ottawa-Carleton Mass Spectrometry Centre.

#### Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available materials were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

**General procedure**  $A^a$ : An oven-dried 5 mL microwave tube was charged with a stir bar, a carbarzone (1.0 equiv.), a propargylic amine (1.1 equiv.), Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mol %) and MeCN (0.3 M). The septum was removed and the tube was then quickly sealed with a microwave cap and heated for 2-6 hours at 100-150 °C in a microwave ( $\mu$ W) reactor. The tube was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography to give the corresponding products.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 1, 2a) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1a^1$  (0.144 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 35 % EtOAc/Hexane and the pure compound was obtained as an off-white solid (0.126 g, 87 %). TLC Rf = 0.21 in 35% EtOAc/Hexane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 5.87 (q, *J*= 1.37 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.9 (CH), 150.1 (C), 135.2 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 120.0 (C), 106.0 (CH), 30.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2955, 2853, 1653, 1522, 1506, 1394, 903 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 215.1059. Found: 215.1056.



**Equation 1** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone  $1n^6$  (0.180 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. NMR analysis showed a ratio of 63 / 37 of products with exocyclic and endocyclic double bonds. A 6 hours reaction gave 67 % (exo) and 27 % and 2 hours at 150 °C gave 70 % and 27 % while comparing to phenol production.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> During the optimization process, it has been observed that partial cyclization could also be obtained at 50 °C using DBU as base (20 mol%) in THF(0.3 M). Using **2a** under these conditions, 38% of product **2a** along with 62% of the uncyclized substitution product was observed after 18 hours.



(E)-3-((4-Methoxybenzylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2b): Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1b^1$  (0.162 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a off-white solid (0.126 g, 87 %). TLC Rf = 0.18 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.91-5.90 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.3 (C), 151.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.9 (C), 120.0 (C), 114.0 (CH), 105.6 (CH), 55.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1674, 1653, 1609, 1516, 1398, 1263, 1250, 1180, 1169, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 245.1164. Found: 245.1123.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2c): Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1c^2$  (0.185 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.141 g, 83 %). TLC Rf = 0.32 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.98-5.92 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.8 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 119.9 (C), 106.4 (CH), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1680, 1560, 1429, 1400, 1321, 1255, 1180, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OF<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 283.0932. Found: 283.0983.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2d) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1d^1$  (0.174 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.146 g, 92 %). TLC Rf = 0.37 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 

10.71 (s, 1H), 8.67 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.50 (m, 3H), 5.96 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.6 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 130.7 (C), 128.6 (CH), 127.0 (C), 126.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 120.1 (C), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1693, 1564, 1539, 1472, 1420, 1288, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 265.1215. Found: 265.1224.



(E)-Phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinecarboxylate (Table 2, 1e): Phenyl carbazate (2.53 g, 16.6 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (50.0 mL) completely in a round bottom flask charged with a stir bar. Salicylaldehyde (1.77 mL, 16.7 mmol) was then added to the mixtue. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was then filtered and recrystallized in boiling EtOAc followed by a few drops of hexanes yielding the title compound as thin colorless needles (1.372 g, 32% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.81 (br s, 1H), 10.71 (br s, 1H), 8.40 (br s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H) 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H) 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.86 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  156.9 (C), 145.5 (C), 131.2 (CH), 139.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH) 125.6 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.0 (C), 116.3 (CH), IR (film) 1684, 1675, 1663, 1649, 1514, 1456, 1393, 1307, 1248, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>I [M]<sup>+</sup>: 256.0845 Found: 256.0850



(E)-3-((2-Hydroxybenzylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2e) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1e (0.154 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.122 g, 92 %). TLC Rf = 0.4 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 10.87 (br s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.4 (C), 155.3 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 118.5 (C), 118.0 (C), 116.9 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 30.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1700, 1684, 1556, 1398, 1379, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 231.1008. Found: 231.1007.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((thiophen-2-ylmethylene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2f) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1f<sup>1</sup> (0.148 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.116 g, 87 %). TLC Rf = 0.29 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 5.93-5.89 (m, 1H) 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.7 (CH), 140.4 (C), 130.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 119.8 (C), 118.5 (C), 105.9 (CH), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1690, 1431, 1397, 1387, 1310, 1256 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS [M]<sup>+</sup>: 221.0623. Found: 221.0599.



(E)-3-((Furan-2-ylmethylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2g) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1g^1$  (0.138 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.105 g, 85 %). TLC Rf = 0.32 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.1 (C), 145.6 (CH), 140.8 (CH), 119.9 (C), 114.3 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 106.0 (CH), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1695, 1653, 1558, 1433, 1398, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 205.0851. Found: 205.0866.



(E)-3-(((5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-yl)methylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)one (Table 2, 2h) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1h<sup>3</sup> (0.231 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a light brown solid (0.175 g, 80 %). TLC Rf = 0.41 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ 

153.8 (C), 149.3 (C), 139.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 128.6 (C), 125.8 (CH), 121.3 (C), 118.3 (CH), 117.0 (C), 109.1 (CH), 107.1 (CH), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1657, 1556, 1436, 1251, 1067, 1028 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}N_3O_2Br$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 359.0269. Found: 359.0244.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2i) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1i<sup>1</sup> (0.156 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 40 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.120 g, 85 %). TLC Rf = 0.16 in 40% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.6 (C), 142.2 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 119.7 (C), 106.7 (CH), 30.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1695, 1670, 1652, 1553, 1431, 1396, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS [M]<sup>+</sup>: 235.0779. Found: 235.0803.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-phenylethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2j) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1j^1$  (0.153 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 40 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.100 g, 73 %). TLC Rf = 0.3 in 40% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 3H), 5.98 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.9 (C), 148.3 (C), 137.1 (C), 130.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 119.5 (C), 106.7 (CH), 30.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1680, 1558, 1506, 1433, 1398, 1385, 1355, 1265, 1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 229.1215. Found: 229.1220.



**3-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2k)** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1k^4$  (0.189 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.130 g, 75 %). TLC Rf = 0.10 in 20% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (qd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H) 6.10 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.6 (C), 143.0 (C), 141.6 (C), 136.4 (C), 132.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.0 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 119.8 (C), 119.7 (CH), 107.5 (CH), 30.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1686, 1678, 1605, 1589, 1450, 1431, 1379, 1340, 1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 289.1215. Found: 289.1252.



(E)-1,4-Dimethyl-3-((1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2I) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $11^{1}$  (0.153 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.119 g, 86 %). TLC Rf = 0.08 in 20% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H) 6.00 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.7 (C), 148.6 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 119.6 (C), 107.0 (CH), 30.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1701, 1690, 1670, 1636, 1560, 1543, 1499, 1472, 1263, 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 230.1168. Found: 230.1158.



(E)-3-((Cyclohexylmethylene)amino)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 2, 2m) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone  $1n^5$  (0.148 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 10 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0900 g, 68 %). TLC Rf = 0.31 in 10% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

8.98 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.17 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.3 (CH), 150.0 (C), 119.7 (C), 105.1 (CH), 41.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 9.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1684, 1664, 1345, 1265, 1248 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 221.1528. Found: 221.1527.



**(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-methyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (Table 2, 2n)** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone  $1n^3$  (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0460 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.139 g, 76 %). TLC Rf = 0.12 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.75-8.67 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.30-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.47-4.40 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.24 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.3 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 132.0 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.0 (C), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 105.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film):1690, 1607, 1566, 1537, 1456, 1408, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 305.0987. Found: 305.1005.



*N*-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (Table 2, 10): To a solution of Acetone (0.15 mL, 2.00 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL) was added *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.425 g. 2.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred at reflux for 3 hours. Upon cooling, a solid precipitated and was collected by filtration to afford the desired product as a orange solid (0.250 g, 50 %). TLC Rf = 0.29 in 10 % EtOAC/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.75 (br s, 1H), 10.25 (br s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  175.8 (C), 154.5 (C), 145.5 (C), 143.1 (C), 123.7 (CH). 123.5 (CH), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film):1637,



(E)-3-Methyl-5-methylene-2-(propan-2-ylidenehydrazono)thiazolidine (Table 2, 20) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 10 (0.0760 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0230 g, 0.330 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.00600 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (1.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0470 g, 85 %). TLC Rf = 0.24 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.18-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.4 (C), 159.8 (C), 138.7 (C), 104.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film):1679, 1638, 1593, 1466, 1389, 1263, 1068 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 183.0830. Found: 183.0835.



*N*-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (Table 2, 1p): To a solution of cyclohexane carboxaldehyde (0.225 g, 2.00 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL) was added *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (0.425 g. 2.00 mmol) and the solution was stirred at reflux for 3 hours. Upon cooling, a solid precipitated and was collected by filtration to afford the desired product as a yellow solid (0.375 g, 61 %). TLC Rf = 0.36 in 10 % EtOAC/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.25-8.14 (m, 3H), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.61 (m, 5H), 1.34-1.16 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.0 (C), 152.8 (CH), 145.4 (C), 143.2 (C), 123.7 (CH). 40.1 (CH), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 2941, 1641, 1585, 1552, 1450, 1332, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 306.1150. Found: 306.1197.



(E)-2-((Z)-(Cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazono)-3-methyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (Table 2, 2p) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.0920 g, 0.300 mmol), *N*-methylpropragylamine (0.0230 g, 0.330 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.00600 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (1.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.0430 g, 60 %). TLC Rf = 0.30 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.14 (m, 2H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.63 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.17 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.5 (C), 160.7 (CH), 138.3 (C), 104.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.7 (CH), 33.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 2910, 1639, 1585, 1423, 1392, 1265, 951 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 237.1300. Found: 237.1329.



(E)-1-Benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3a): Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-benzyl propargylamine (0.960 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a off white solide (0.148 g, 85 %). TLC Rf = 0.3 in 5% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 8H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.2 (CH), 149.8 (C), 136.7 (C), 135.1 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 120.4 (C), 104.6 (CH), 46.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2953, 2853, 1679, 1647, 1456, 1398, 1362, 1327, 1258 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 291.1372. Found: 291.1387.



(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-benzyl-5-methylenethiazolidine (Table 3, 4a) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone X (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-benzyl propargylamine (0.0960 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.155g, 68 %). TLC Rf = 0.27 in 40% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0 (C), 169.9 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 105.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 81.1 (C), 58.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1684, 1647, 1554, 1506, 1107, 903 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 381.1300. Found: 381.1321.



(E)-*tert*-Butyl 3-(3-(benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazol-1-yl)propanoate (Table 3, 3b) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>7</sup> (0.121 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using a gradient of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 5 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow oil (0.140 g, 71 %). TLC Rf = 0.47 in 5% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H) . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.6 (C), 151.2 (CH), 135.1 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 119.9 (C), 105.4 (CH), 81.1 (CH), 39.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1718, 1687, 1555, 1506, 1418, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1739. Found: 329.1710.



(E)- *tert*-Butyl 3-(2-((9H-fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3yl)propanoate (Table 3, 4b) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 10 (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>7</sup> (0.121 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a orange foam (0.200 g, 79 %). TLC Rf = 0.27 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H) . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0 (C), 169.9 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 105.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, 81.1 (C), 58.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>) . IR (film): 1676, 1601, 1558, 1526, 1501, 1431, 1420, 1398, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 419.1667. Found: 419.1666.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3c) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), ethanolpropagylamine<sup>8</sup> (0.0650 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 6 hours. After trying multiple purification methods and different reaction conditions that did not increase the yield or the purity of the obtained compound, a NMR yield was determined using ratio of phenol to the desired compound : 49-51 %



(E)-2-(2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3-yl)ethanol (Table 3, 4c) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), ethanolpropargylamine<sup>8</sup> (0.0650 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 100 % EtOAc and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.147 g, 73 %). TLC Rf = 0.20 in 100% EtOAc. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.55 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.84-3.82 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.8 (C), 153.0 (C), 153.1 (C), 141.5 (C), 140.1 (C), 137.6 (C), 137.5 (C), 131.7 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 106.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 2960, 2853, 1535, 1495, 1416, 1265, 1141 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS [M]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1092. Found: 335.1100.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3d) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-phenylpropargylamine (0.0870 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et<sub>3</sub>N treated<sup>b</sup> column chromatography using 25 % hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0900 g, 54 %). TLC Rf = 0.25 in 25% hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.37 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H) . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.8 (C), 135.0 (C), 130.4 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.7 (C), 121.6 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 10.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1693, 1684, 1506, 1398, 1376, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 277.1215. Found: 227.1228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>  $Et_3N$  is crucial for separating product from phenol. Every solvent system without the use of  $Et_3N$  resulted in poor to no separation of the two compounds.

(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylene-3-phenylthiazolidine (Table 3, 4d) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), *n*-phenylpropargylamine (0.0870 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a orange solid (0.170 g, 78 %). TLC Rf = 0.12 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.84-7.72 (m, 5H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0 (C), 152.8 (C), 140.6 (C), 139.7 (C), 136.5 (C), 135.8 (C), 130.6 (CH), 130.6 (C), 129.9 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 106.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 1684, 1647, 1555, 1506, 1107 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 367.1143. Found: 367.1438.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3e) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-fluoro-*n*-propargylaniline<sup>9</sup> (0.0980 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified column chromatography using 6% EtOAc/Hexane and the pure compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.0660 g, 37 %). TLC Rf = 0.25 in 6% EtOAc/Hexane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.29 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.7 (C), 159.3 (C), 152.0 (CH), 148.6 (C), 135.0 (C), 133.0 (133.0 fluorine coupling) (C), 130.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 121.8 (C), 116.1 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 10.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2954, 2841, 1690, 1678, 1558, 1512, 1400, 1377, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 295.1121. Found: 295.1164.



#### (E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylenethiazolidine

(Table 3, 4e) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p(0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-fluoro-*n*-propargylaniline<sup>9</sup> (0.0980 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.180 g, 78 %). TLC Rf = 0.11 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.83-7.71 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  168.6 (C), 152.8 (C), 140.3 (C), 139.4 (C), 136.3 (C), 135.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH) 127.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 115.3 (CH), 115.0 (CH), 105.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 1690, 1670, 1609, 1595,1526, 1506, 1477, 1433, 1398 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>SF [M]<sup>+</sup>: 385.1049. Found: 385.1015.



(E)-3-(Benzylideneamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3f) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-methoxy-*n*-propargylaniline<sup>9</sup> (0.106g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a off white solid (0.0760 g, 41 %). TLC Rf = 0.20 in 50% hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.28 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.6 (C), 151.6 (CH), 148.7 (C), 135.0 (C), 130.3 (CH), 130.0 (C), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 121.1 (C), 114.3 (CH), 104.7 (CH), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 10.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2960, 2849, 1684, 1653, 1555, 1520, 1506, 1397, 1255, 1251 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 307.13208. Found: 307.13229



**(E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylenethiazolidine (Table 3, 4f)** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), 4-methoxy-*n*-propargylaniline<sup>9</sup> (0.106 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as a brown solid (0.170 g, 78 %). TLC Rf = 0.3 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.38 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dq, *J* = 7.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.31 (dq, *J* = 11.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.9 (C), 157.3 (C), 154.2 (C), 144.3 (C), 140.4 (C), 137.5 (C), 136.8 (C), 133.2 (C), 131.7 (C), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 114.1 (C), 105.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2968, 2854, 1734, 1555, 1497, 1246, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS [M]<sup>+</sup>: 397.1249. Found: 397.1224.



(E)-3-(3-(Benzylideneamino)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazol-1-yl)propanenitrile (Table 3, 3g) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>10</sup> (0.0710 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N ( 0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 6 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.0920 g, 60 %). TLC Rf = 0.40 in 6% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.8 (CH), 149.3 (C), 134.7 (C), 130.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 121.0 (C), 117.4 (C), 104.7 (CH), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 9.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 2360, 1730, 1701, 1553, 1433, 1398, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 254.1168. Found: 254.1155.



(E)-3-(2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-5-methylenethiazolidin-3-yl)propanenitrile (Table 3, 4g) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p<sup>°c</sup> (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>10</sup> (0.0710 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 20 % EtOAc/Hexanes and the pure compound was obtained as a orange solid (0.152 g, 74 %). TLC Rf = 0.27 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz,1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.30 (m, 4H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 4.69-4.68 (m, 2H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO- *d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2 (C), 151.8 (C), 140.6 (C), 139.5 (C), 136.7 (C), 136.6 (C), 131.0 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.7 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 119.1 (C), 106.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 2314, 1684, 1601, 1458. 1420, 1398 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1096. Found: 344.1126.



(E)-1-Allyl-4-benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3h): Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone 1a (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>11</sup> (0.113 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. Purifications were unsuccessful (product seems to degrade and equilibrate threw isomerization), therefore another reaction was performed and 0.0114 g of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was added as NMR internal standard. 35 % of desired product (endocyclic alkene) was observed with 14 % of the exocyclic present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> *O*-Nitroaniline was used as leaving group to ensure good separation for the flash chromatography. For synthesis see: Lavergne, K.; MSc thesis, University of Ottawa, 2015



(2E,5E)-2-((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)hydrazono)-3-allyl-5-benzylidenethiazolidine (Table 3, 4h) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>11</sup> (0.113 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified filtration and the pure compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.223 g, 91 %). TLC Rf = 0.13 in 20% EtOAc/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 (d, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.27 (m, 9H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.00 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.32 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.3 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 137.6 (C), 135.9 (C), 131.9 (C), 131.5 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.1 (C), 129.0 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, 127.1 (CH), 121.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 120.2 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 1602, 1533, 1522, 1460, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 407.1456. Found: 407.1665.



**(E)-1-Benzyl-3-(benzylideneamino)-4,5-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-2(3H)-one (Table 3, 3i)** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using carbazone **1a** (0.146 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>12</sup> (0.105 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 6 hours. The crude mixture was purified by Et<sub>3</sub>N treated silica gel column chromatography using 2% hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a white solid (0.150 g, 82 %). TLC Rf = 0.12 in 2% hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.7 (CH), 150.0 (C), 137.5 (C), 135.4 (C), 130.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 115.2 (C), 112.0 (C), 44.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (film): 1701, 1664, 1653, 1558, 1387, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1528. Found: 305.1522.



# (E) - 2 - ((9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene) hydrazono) - 3 - benzyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - methylenethiazolidine

(Table 3, 4i) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1p (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), the propargylic amine<sup>12</sup> (0.105 g, 0.660 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.0120 g, 0.120 mmol) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography and the pure compound was obtained as an orange foam (0.161 g, 68 %). TLC Rf = 0.26 in 25% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55-8.52 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.16 (m, 9H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 15.3, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 1.97, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 1.85, 1H), 4.53-4.43 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.40, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.2 (C), 153.2 (C), 143.7 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 137.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 131.9 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 105.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.5 (CH), 48.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) IR (film): 2854, 1599, 1521, 1506, 1423, 1398, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 395.1456. Found: 395.1432.



### 5'-Allyl-3',3a',4',5'-tetrahydrospiro[fluorene-9,2'-imidazo[1,5-b]pyrazole]-6'(1'H)-thione

(Scheme 2, 6a) : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone 1n (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), diallylamine (0.0640 g, 0.660 mmol),) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 150 °C for 2 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a orange was obtained as a yellow solid (0.158 g, 79 %). TLC Rf = 0.4 in 5% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-  $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.94-5.82 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.26 (m, 2H), 4.58-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-  $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  188.5 (C), 150.7 (C), 139.2 (C), 138.5 (C), 131.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 118.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.7 (C), 60.6 (CH<sub>4</sub>, 49.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.6

(CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 1680, 1610, 1553, 1379, 1360, 1310, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_3S$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1300. Found: 333.1292.



**5'-Cyclohexyl-3',3a',4',5'-tetrahydrospiro[fluorene-9,2'-imidazo[1,5-b]pyrazole]-6'(1'H)thione (Scheme 2, 6b** : Synthesized according to general procedure A using thiosemicarbazone **1n** (0.225 g, 0.600 mmol), diallylamine (0.0640 g, 0.660 mmol),) and MeCN (2.0 mL) and heated at 150 °C for 4 hours. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography using 5 % EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the pure compound was obtained as a orange was obtained as a yellow solid (0.145 g, 64 %). TLC Rf = 0.26 in 5% EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.74 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.22 (m, 5H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.51-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.67 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.28 (m, 4H), 1.19-1.08 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  187.6 (C), 150.7 (C), 148.4 (C), 139.2 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 74.6 (C), 60.5 (CH), 55.3 (CH), 46.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>). IR (film): 1680, 1653, 1556, 1456, 1263, 1226, 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1769. Found: 375.1797.



**2-(9H-Fluoren-9-ylidene)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinecarbamide** : To a solution of 9-fluorenone hydrazone (1.94 g, 10 mmol) in MeCN (50.0 mL) was slowly added 4-nitrophenyl isocyanate (1.62 g, 10 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours and the title compound was obtained by filtration as a yellow amorphous solid (3.44 g, 96 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.64 (br s, 1H), 10.02 (br s, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  153.2 (C), 145.7 (C), 145.5 (C), 145.3 (C), 141.8 (C), 141.3 (C), 139.0 (C), 136.7 (C), 131.2 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 122.2(CH), 120.7 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 118.9 (CH). IR (film): 1684, 1649, 1541, 1529, 1263 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1060. Found: 358.1060.

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11.4 mg of TMB = 0.0678 mmol 0.600 mmol/ 0.0678 mmol = 8.34 3 proton (tmd signal)/8.34 = 0.34 proton





Noesy correlation between the olefinic proton and the protons on the cycle





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