

Supporting Information

Effects of structural modifications on the metal binding, anti-amyloid activity, and cholinesterase inhibitory activity of chalcones

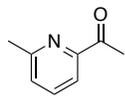
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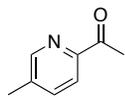
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Materials and instrumentation. All chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, MO), Alfa Aesar (Ward Hill, MA), and AK scientific (Union City, CA) and used without further purification. Chemical reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using Merck, Silica gel 60 F₂₅₀ plates. Visualization was achieved using UV light and KMnO₄ stain (1.5 g KMnO₄, 10 g K₂CO₃, 1.25 mL 10% NaOH, 200 mL H₂O). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer, using the indicated solvents. Chemical shift (δ) is given in parts per million (ppm). Coupling constants (J) are given in hertz (Hz), and conventional abbreviations used for signal shape are as follows: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; m = multiplet; dd = doublet of doublets; ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; br s = broad singlet; dt = doublet of triplets. Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS) was carried out using an Agilent 1200 series Quaternary LC system equipped with a diode array detector, and Eclipse XDB-C₁₈ column (250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μ m), and an Agilent 6120 Quadrupole MSD mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA). LCMS M + H signals were consistent with the expected molecular weights for all of the reported compounds. Cu²⁺ binding studies by UV-Vis were performed on a SpectraMax M5 multiplate reader (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) using quartz cuvettes. *N*-biotinyl A β ₁₋₄₂ (bioA β ₄₂) was purchased from Anaspec (Fremont, CA). ELISA plates (Costar 9018), NeutrAvidinTM (Promega), adhesive film (NUNC), polypropylene 96-well plates (Costar 3365), and polypropylene Eppendorf tubes (Fisher 02-681-248) used for bioA β ₄₂ oligomer assembly and dissociation assays were all purchased from Fisher Scientific (Pittsburgh, PA). Plates were washed on a BioTek ELx50 plate washer (Biotek (Winooski, VT)) and absorbance was read on a Biotek HT Synergy plate reader. Elemental analysis of all final compounds were performed at Atlantic Microlab, Inc. (Norcross, GA).

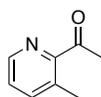
General procedure A for the synthesis of 2-acetylpyridines. Methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 eq, 3 M in diethyl ether) was slowly added to a cooled (-20 °C) solution of 2-pyridinecarbonitrile (1.0 eq) in dry THF (5 mL), and the mixture was stirred between -20 °C and -10 °C until completion of the reaction (1-3 h). The reaction mixture was then cooled down to -40 °C, and aq. HCl was slowly added until the solution stopped fizzing. 5 min later, the solution was poured into sodium phosphate buffer (10 mL, 500 mM, pH 7) and extracted with Et₂O (5x10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1).



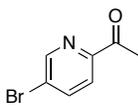
Synthesis of 2-acetyl-6-methylpyridine (1b). Following general procedure A, the known compound **1b**¹ (R_f 0.42, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained from 6-methyl-2-pyridinecarbonitrile (400 mg, 3.39 mmol) and methylmagnesium bromide (3.4 mL, 10.16 mmol) as a light yellow oil (83% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.¹) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.68 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.58 (s, 3H, CH₃).



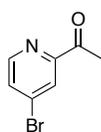
Synthesis of 2-acetyl-5-methylpyridine (1c). Following general procedure A, the known compound **1c**² (R_f 0.32, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from 5-methylpyridine-2-carbonitrile (400 mg, 3.39 mmol) and methylmagnesium bromide (3.4 mL, 10.16 mmol) as a light yellow oil (363 mg, 79% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.²) δ 8.47 (m, 1H, aromatic), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H, aromatic), 2.68 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃).



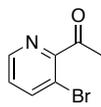
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Synthesis of 2-acetyl-5-bromopyridine (1g). Following general procedure A, the known compound **1g**⁴ (R_f 0.49, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained from 5-bromo-2-pyridinecarbonitrile (320 mg, 1.75 mmol) and methylmagnesium bromide (1.75 mL, 5.25 mmol) as a white solid (205 mg, 59% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.⁴) δ 8.71 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.95 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).

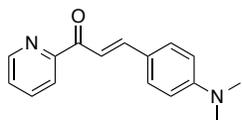


Synthesis of 2-acetyl-4-bromopyridine (1h). Following general procedure A, **1h** (R_f 0.40, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained from 4-bromopicolinonitrile (320 mg, 1.75 mmol) and methylmagnesium bromide (1.75 mL, 5.25 mmol) as an off-white solid (205 mg, 59% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S1) δ 8.48 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.62 (dd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.69 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S2) δ 198.8, 154.4, 149.7, 134.0, 130.1, 125.2, 25.8; m/z calcd for C₇H₆BrNO 199.0; found 200.0 [M+H]⁺.

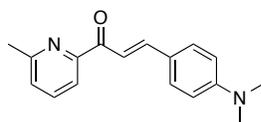


Synthesis of 2-acetyl-3-bromopyridine (1i). Following general procedure A, **1i** (R_f 0.22, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained from 3-bromopyridine-2-carbonitrile (320 mg, 1.75 mmol) and methylmagnesium bromide (1.75 mL, 5.25 mmol) as a pale yellow liquid (231 mg, 66% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S3) δ 8.55 (dd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.97 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.25 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.67 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S4) δ 199.5, 152.9, 147.2, 142.4, 126.5, 117.3, 28.0; m/z calcd for C₇H₆BrNO 199.0; found 200.0 [M+H]⁺.

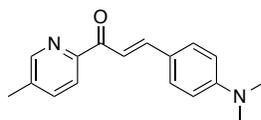
General procedure B for the synthesis of chalcone derivatives 3a-i. A mixture of 2-acetylpyridine (**1a-i**, 1.0 eq.) and 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (**2**, 1.0 eq.) in EtOH (5 mL) was treated with 20% aq. KOH (3 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 3 h. Upon completion of the reaction, H₂O (5 mL) was added and the solid residues that formed were filtered out, rinsed with H₂O and ice-cold EtOH, and recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes.



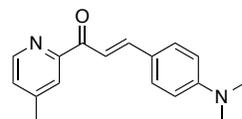
Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3a). Following general procedure B, the known compound **3a**⁵ (*R_f* 0.33, Hexanes:EtOAc/3:1) was obtained from **1a** (242 mg, 2.0 mmol) and **2** (298 mg, 2.0 mmol) as bright orange crystals (318 mg, 63% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.⁵) δ 8.72 (ddd, *J*₁ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, *J*₃ = 0.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.17 (dt, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.06 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.92 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.84 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.63 (dt, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.44 (ddd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₃ = 1.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.68 (dt, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.03 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂); Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O: C, 76.16; H, 6.39; N, 11.10. Found: C, 75.88; H, 6.48; N, 11.02 (Fig. S5).



Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3b). Following general procedure B, **3b** (*R_f* 0.17, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained from **1b** (195 mg, 1.44 mmol) and **2** (215 mg, 1.44 mmol) as a dark yellow powder (212 mg, 55% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S6) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.96 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.89 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.62 (dt, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.28 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.69 (dt, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.03 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.65 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S7) δ 189.6, 157.6, 154.5, 152.0, 145.6, 136.9, 130.8 (2 carbons), 126.0, 123.2, 119.8, 115.9, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 24.5; *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O 266.1; found 267.1 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 75.18; H, 6.83; N, 10.36 (Fig. S8).

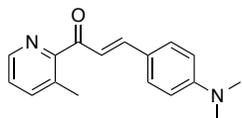


Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3c). Following general procedure B, **3c** (*R_f* 0.28, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **1c** (195 mg, 1.44 mmol) and **2** (215 mg, 1.44 mmol) as an orange solid (312 mg, 81% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S9) δ 8.54 (m, 1H, aromatic), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.07 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, HC=CH-Ph), 7.91 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.66-7.62 (m, 3H, aromatic), 6.69 (dt, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.04 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.43 (s, 3H, Ph-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S10) δ 189.1, 152.7, 152.0, 149.1, 145.6, 137.3, 136.7, 130.8 (2 carbons), 123.1, 122.5, 115.7, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 18.7; *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O 266.1; found 267.3 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 76.37; H, 6.81; N, 10.43 (Fig. S11).

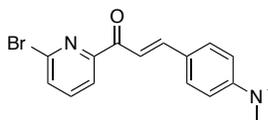


Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3d). Following general procedure B, **3d** (*R_f* 0.36, Hexanes:EtOAc/3:1) was obtained from **1d** (270 mg, 2.0 mmol) and **2** (298

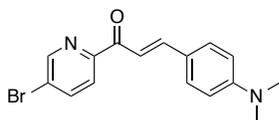
mg, 2.0 mmol) as a bright yellow solid (331 mg, 62% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S12) δ 8.57 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.04 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H-Ph}$), 7.99 (m, 1H, aromatic), 7.90 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, $\underline{\text{H}}\text{C}=\text{CH-Ph}$), 7.62 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.26 (dd, $J_1 = 2.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.67 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.03 (s, 6H, $\text{N}(\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_3)_2$), 2.43 (s, 3H, Ph-CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S13) δ 189.5, 154.8, 152.0, 148.5, 148.2, 145.8, 130.9 (2 carbons), 127.3, 123.6, 123.1, 115.7, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 21.1; m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 266.1; found 267.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 76.38; H, 6.79; N, 10.45 (Fig. S14).



Synthesis of (*E*)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3e). Following general procedure B, **3e** (R_f 0.37, Hexanes:EtOAc/3:1) was obtained from **1e** (195 mg, 1.44 mmol) and **2** (215 mg, 1.44 mmol) as a bright orange powder (153 mg, 57% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S15) δ 8.52 (ddd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.68 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H-Ph}$), 7.58 (ddd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.57 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, $\underline{\text{H}}\text{C}=\text{CH-Ph}$), 7.53 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.29 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.65 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.02 (s, 6H, $\text{N}(\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_3)_2$), 2.55 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S16) δ 192.6, 154.4, 152.0, 146.0, 145.9, 139.6, 133.9, 130.6 (2 carbons), 125.0, 122.9, 119.2, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 19.7; m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 266.1; found 267.3 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 76.44; H, 6.82; N, 10.47 (Fig. S17).

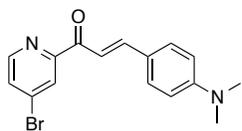


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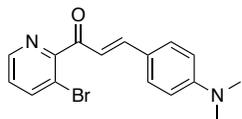


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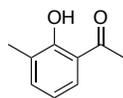
131.0 (2 carbons), 124.4, 124.1, 122.9, 114.9, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$ 330.0; found 331.1 $[M+H]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$: C, 58.02; H, 4.57; Br, 24.12; N, 8.64. Found: C, 57.51; H, 4.53; Br, 23.73; N, 8.28 (Fig. S23).



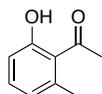
Synthesis of (E)-1-(4-bromopyridin-2-yl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3h). Following general procedure B, **3h** (R_f 0.45, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1) was obtained from **1h** (195 mg, 0.97 mmol) and **2** (145 mg, 0.97 mmol) as a bright orange powder (230 mg, 71% yield): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Fig. S24) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.99 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, $HC=CH-Ph$), 7.92 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, $HC=CH-Ph$), 7.61 (dt, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.60 (dd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.67 (dt, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.04 (s, 6H, $N(CH_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Fig. S25) δ 187.7, 156.0, 152.3, 149.4, 146.7, 134.0, 131.1 (2 carbons), 129.4, 126.2, 122.8, 114.9, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$ 330.0; found 331.1 $[M+H]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$: C, 58.02; H, 4.57; Br, 24.12; N, 8.64. Found: C, 57.50; H, 4.64; Br, 23.69; N, 8.26 (Fig. S26).



Synthesis of (E)-1-(3-bromopyridin-2-yl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3i). Following general procedure B, **3i** (R_f 0.21, Hexanes:EtOAc/3:1) was obtained from **1i** (195 mg, 0.97 mmol) and **2** (145 mg, 0.97 mmol) as a bright orange foam (137 mg, 42% yield). *Note:* In this case, recrystallization was not successful. Therefore **3i** was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , pure Hexanes to Hexanes:EtOAc/2:1, R_f 0.18, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Fig. S27) δ 8.60 (dd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.97 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.53 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, $HC=CH-Ph$), 7.48 (dt, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.25 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.15 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, $HC=CH-Ph$), 6.64 (dt, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.02 (s, 6H, $N(CH_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, Fig. S28) δ 191.3, 155.8, 152.3, 148.1, 147.3, 141.6, 130.8 (2 carbons), 125.5, 122.3, 118.9, 117.9, 111.7 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$ 330.0; found 331.1 $[M+H]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_2O$: C, 58.02; H, 4.57; Br, 24.12; N, 8.64. Found: C, 58.02; H, 4.63; Br, 24.28; N, 8.43 (Fig. S29).

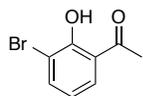


Synthesis of 2'-hydroxy-3'-methylacetophenone (4b). Methyl lithium (8.4 mL, 1.6 M in Et_2O) was slowly added to a cooled (0 °C) solution of 3-methylsalicylic acid (600 mg, 3.94 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at rt. A saturated aq. solution of NH_4Cl was added and the mixture was filtered through a bed of celite, eluting with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Following purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1), the known compound **4b**⁶ (R_f 0.74, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained as a light yellow oil (403 mg, 68% yield): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, which matches the lit.⁶) δ 12.55 (s, 1H, OH), 7.58 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.33 (br dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.79 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.62 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH_3).

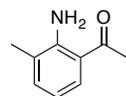


Synthesis of 2'-hydroxy-6'-methylacetophenone (4e). A solution of

methylmagnesium bromide (5.5 mL, 3.0 M in Et₂O) and Et₃N (1.9 mL, 13.3 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) was cooled down to 0 °C. A solution of ethyl 2-hydroxy-6-methylbenzoate (600 mg, 3.33 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) was slowly added and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight till rt. A saturated aq. solution of NH₄Cl was added and the mixture was filtered through a bed of celite, eluting with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Following purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1), the known compound **4e**⁷ (R_f 0.32, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained as a yellow oil (379 mg, 76% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.⁷) δ 12.30 (s, 1H, OH), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.67 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.60 (s, 3H, CH₃).

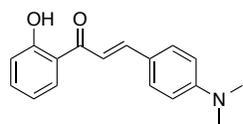


Synthesis of 3'-bromo-2'-hydroxyacetophenone (4f). A solution of 2'-hydroxyacetophenone (1.77 mL, 14.7 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NH (0.21 mL, 1.47 mmol) in carbon disulfide (25 mL) was treated with NBS (2.61 g, 14.7 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was then stirred for 1.5 h at rt. H₂O was added and the mixture was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃, H₂O, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Following purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1), the known compound **4f**⁸ (R_f 0.36, Hexanes:EtOAc/9:1) was obtained as a brown solid (292 mg, 9% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.⁸) δ 12.97 (s, 1H, OH), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.74 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.72 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.82 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.66 (s, 3H, CH₃).



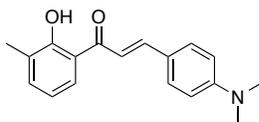
Synthesis of 2'-amino-3'-methylacetophenone (5b). Following the procedure for the synthesis of **4b**, the known compound **5b**⁹ (R_f 0.66, Hexanes:EtOAc/3:1) was obtained from 2-amino-3-methylbenzoic acid (302 mg, 2.0 mmol) and methyllithium (3.7 mL, 6.0 mmol) as a yellow solid (139 mg, 47% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.⁹) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 2.57 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH₃).

General procedure C for the synthesis of chalcone derivatives 6a-h, 7a, 7b, and 7h. A mixture of 2'-hydroxyacetophenone (**4a-h**)/2'-aminoacetophenone (**5a**, **5b**, **5h**) (1.0 eq.), 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (**2**, 1.0 eq.), and NaOH (5.0 eq.) in EtOH (2.5 mL) was stirred at rt overnight. Upon completion of the reaction, EtOH was evaporated and the residue was neutralized with 1 N aq. HCl. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min and the solid residues that formed were filtered out, rinsed with H₂O and ice-cold EtOH, and recrystallized from EtOH.

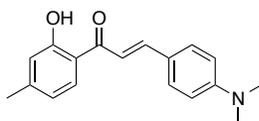


Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6a). Following general procedure C, the known compound **6a**¹⁰ (R_f 0.56, Hexanes:EtOAc/2:1) was obtained from **4a** (272 mg, 2.0 mmol) and **2** (298 mg, 2.0 mmol) as dark purple crystals (143 mg, 27% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, which matches the lit.¹⁰) δ 13.17 (s, 1H, OH), 7.93 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.58 (dt, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.46 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.46 (ddd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ =

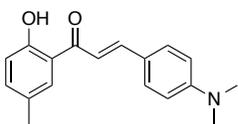
7.2 Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.01 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.92 (ddd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.71 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.07 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 193.5, 163.5, 152.3, 146.5, 135.6, 130.8 (2 carbons), 129.3, 122.3, 120.4, 118.55, 118.46, 114.3, 111.8 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂ 267.1; found 268.3 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂: C, 76.38; H, 6.41; N, 5.24. Found: C, 76.20; H, 6.42; N, 5.24 (Fig. S30).



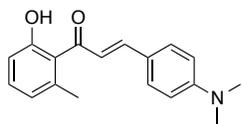
Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6b). Following general procedure C, **6b** (R_f 0.50, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **4b** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as red crystals (239 mg, 85% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S31) δ 13.48 (s, 1H, OH), 7.90 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.57 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.47 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.81 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.72 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.05 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S32) δ 193.7, 162.0, 152.1, 146.1, 136.4, 130.7 (2 carbons), 127.4, 127.0, 122.8, 119.6, 117.8 (2 carbons), 114.9, 112.0, 40.2 (2 carbons), 15.6; m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ 281.1; found 282.1 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.79; H, 6.76; N, 5.01 (Fig. S33).



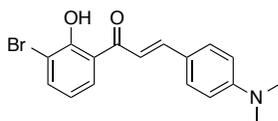
Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6c). Following general procedure C, the known compound **6c**¹¹ (R_f 0.37, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1) was obtained from **4c** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a dark red powder (168 mg, 60% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.21 (s, 1H, OH), 7.88 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.56 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.42 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 6.80 (s, 1H, aromatic), 6.74-6.68 (m, 3H, aromatic), 6.69 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.05 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.35 (s, 3H, Ph-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 163.6, 152.2, 147.2, 146.0, 130.7 (2 carbons), 129.2, 122.5, 119.8, 118.5, 118.1, 114.5, 111.8 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 21.9; m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ 281.1; found 282.1 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.33; H, 6.74; N, 4.94 (Fig. S34).



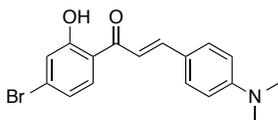
Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6d). Following general procedure C, the known compound **6d**¹² (R_f 0.39, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1) was obtained from **4d** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as dark purple crystals (218 mg, 76% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.97 (s, 1H, OH), 7.89 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.68 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.57 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.44 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.26 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.69 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.05 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 161.4, 152.3, 146.3, 136.7, 130.8 (2 carbons), 129.1, 127.5, 122.4, 120.0, 118.2, 114.5, 111.8 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 20.6; m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ 281.1; found 282.1 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.83; H, 6.93; N, 5.00 (Fig. S35).



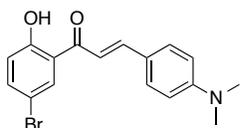
Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxy-6-methylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6e). Following general procedure C, **6e** (R_f 0.22, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **4e** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a red powder (101 mg, 36% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S36) δ 10.72 (s, 1H, OH), 7.72 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.50 (dt, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.02 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.78-6.70 (m, 3H, aromatic), 3.05 (s, 6H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.54 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S37) δ 196.3, 160.1, 152.2, 145.3, 137.9, 133.0, 130.7 (2 carbons), 124.0, 122.6, 122.4, 121.7, 115.2, 111.9 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons), 23.0; m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ 281.1; found 282.2 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.57; H, 6.79; N, 5.02 (Fig. S38).



Synthesis of (E)-1-(3-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6f). Following general procedure C, **6f** (R_f 0.34, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **4f** (215 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as purple crystals (153 mg, 44% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S39) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.90 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.73 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.58 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.43 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 6.83 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.74 (br. dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.08 (s, 6H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S40) δ 192.9, 160.0, 152.3, 147.5, 138.7, 131.1 (2 carbons), 128.5, 122.6, 121.3, 119.2 (2 carbons), 113.7, 112.2, 112.1, 40.3 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2$ 345.0; found 346.0 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2$: C, 58.98; H, 4.66; Br, 23.08; N, 4.05. Found: C, 58.90; H, 4.72; Br, 22.91; N, 3.95 (Fig. S41).

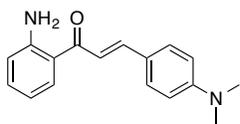


Synthesis of (E)-1-(4-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6g). Following general procedure C, the known compound **6g**¹¹ (R_f 0.47, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **4g** (215 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a red powder (108 mg, 31% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.36 (s, 1H, OH), 7.92 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.35 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.03 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.06 (s, 6H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.8, 164.0, 152.5, 147.2, 131.0 (2 carbons), 130.2, 129.8, 122.1, 122.0, 121.6, 119.3, 113.7, 111.8 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2$ 345.0; found 346.0 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; Elemental analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2$: C, 58.98; H, 4.66; Br, 23.08; N, 4.05. Found: C, 59.06; H, 4.73; Br, 22.96; N, 4.10 (Fig. S42).

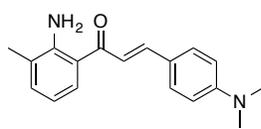


Synthesis of (E)-1-(5-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6h). Following general procedure C, **6h** (R_f 0.52, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1) was obtained from **4h** (215 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a red powder (168 mg, 49% yield): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Fig. S43) δ 13.14 (s, 1H, OH), 7.99 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.92 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.58 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.51 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.33 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-

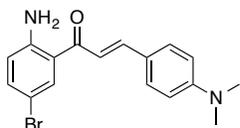
Ph), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.69 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 3.06 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S44) δ 192.3, 162.4, 152.6, 147.6, 138.1, 131.5, 131.1 (2 carbons), 122.1, 122.7, 120.4, 113.4, 111.8 (2 carbons), 110.1, 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₂ 345.0; found 346.0 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₂: C, 58.98; H, 4.66; Br, 23.08; N, 4.05. Found: C, 58.32; H, 4.68; Br, 23.15; N, 3.91 (Fig. S45).



Synthesis of (E)-1-(2-aminophenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (7a). Following general procedure C with the exception of quenching the reaction with H₂O instead of 1 N aq. HCl, the known compound **7a**¹³ (R_f 0.21, Hexanes:EtOAc/5:1) was obtained from **5a** (135 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a bright orange powder (214 mg, 80% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.71 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.52 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.40 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.25 (ddd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.70-6.66 (m, 4H, aromatic), 6.22 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 3.02 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.0, 151.8, 150.6, 143.9, 133.6, 130.8, 130.1 (2 carbons), 123.1, 119.9, 118.0, 117.2, 115.8, 111.8 (2 carbons), 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O 266.1; found 267.1 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 76.51; H, 6.78; N, 10.47 (Fig. S46).



Synthesis of (E)-1-(2-amino-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (7b). Following general procedure C, with the exception of quenching the reaction with H₂O instead of 1 N aq. HCl, **7b** (R_f 0.34, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **5b** (122 mg, 0.82 mmol) and **2** (122 mg, 0.82 mmol) as a brown powder (178 mg, 78% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S47) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.71 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.52 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.43 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.70 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 6.63 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.40 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 3.02 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S48) δ 192.4, 151.6, 149.1, 143.7, 134.5, 130.1 (4 carbons), 128.8, 123.3, 119.3, 118.5, 115.1, 112.0, 40.2 (2 carbons), 17.4; m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O 280.2; found 281.2 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O: C, 77.11; H, 7.19; N, 9.99. Found: C, 77.11; H, 7.17; N, 10.08 (Fig. S49).



Synthesis of (E)-1-(2-amino-5-bromophenyl)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (7h). Following general procedure C, with the exception of quenching the reaction with H₂O instead of 1 N aq. HCl, **7h** (R_f 0.27, Hexanes:EtOAc/4:1) was obtained from **5h** (214 mg, 1.0 mmol) and **2** (149 mg, 1.0 mmol) as a dark yellow powder (181 mg, 52% yield): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S50) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.72 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 7.54 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.304 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.298 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H, HC=CH-Ph), 6.69 (dt, $J_1 = 9.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, aromatic), 6.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, aromatic), 6.24 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 3.03 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, Fig. S51) δ 190.8, 152.0, 149.4, 145.0, 136.1, 132.8, 130.4 (2 carbons), 122.7, 121.2, 118.9, 117.0, 111.8 (2 carbons), 106.9, 40.1 (2 carbons); m/z calcd for

C₁₇H₁₇BrNO₂ 344.0; found 345.0 [M+H]⁺; Elemental analysis calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇BrN₂O: C, 59.14; H, 4.96; Br, 23.14; N, 8.11. Found: C, 59.03; H, 5.04; Br, 23.27; N, 7.96 (Fig. S52).

Cu²⁺ binding studies of chalcones. A 100 mM master stock solution of CuCl₂ was first prepared by dissolving copper (II) chloride dihydrate powder in mQ ddH₂O. 20-fold dilution of the master stock solution yielded a 5 mM CuCl₂ stock solution, C₃. The latter was then subjected to a 2.5-fold dilution to obtain a 2 mM CuCl₂ stock solution, C₂, which was further diluted to afford a 1 mM CuCl₂ stock solution, C₁. To a cuvette containing 980 μL of a 20.4 μM solution of chalcone in EtOH was added 20 μL of H₂O, C₁, C₂, or C₃, corresponding to treatment with 0, 1, 2, and 5 equivalents of CuCl₂, respectively. The resulting solution was gently mixed and allowed to stand for 2 min at rt before its absorbance was measured by UV-Vis from 250 to 750 nm.

Zn²⁺ binding studies of chalcones by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. As previously described,⁵ a solution of chalcone (**3a**, **3b**, **3d**, **3f**, **3h**, **6a**, or **7a**) (4 mM) in acetonitrile-*d*₃ (CD₃CN) was treated with ZnCl₂ (3 equivalents) and the resulting mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

Solution speciation studies. The pK_a values for chalcones **3a**, **3d**, **3h**, **6a**, and **7a** were determined by UV-visible variable-pH titrations as previously described.⁵ A mixture of chalcone [20 μL of an ethanolic solution of **3a/6a/7a** (1 mM) or 50 μL of an ethanolic solution of **3d/3h** (1 mM)], CuCl₂ (1 mM, 10 μL for **3a/6a/7a** or 25 μL for **3d/3h**) and buffer (10 mM NaOH, pH 12, 100 mM NaCl, 970 μL for **3a/6a/7a** or 925 μL for **3d/3h**) was transferred to a cuvette and titrated with small aliquots of HCl (0.1 N). The absorbance was measured upon each addition of HCl from 250 to 900 nm to obtain at least 30 spectra in the range of pH 12-2. In order to investigate the binding properties of ligands to Cu²⁺ at various pH values, a mixture of chalcone [20 μL of an ethanolic solution of **3a/6a/7a** (1 mM) or 50 μL of an ethanolic solution of **3d/3h** (1 mM)], CuCl₂ (1 mM, 10 μL for **3a/6a/7a** or 25 μL for **3d/3h**) and buffer (10 mM NaOH, pH 12, 100 mM NaCl, 970 μL for **3a/6a/7a** or 925 μL for **3d/3h**) was transferred to a cuvette and allowed to stand for 30 min at room temperature. It was then titrated with small aliquots of HCl (0.1 N). Upon each addition of HCl, the absorbance was measured from 250 to 900 nm to obtain at least 20 spectra in the range of pH 2-7 for **3a** and **3d**, and pH 2-10 for **3h**, **6a**, and **7a**. Using the HypSpec program (Protonic Software, U.K.), the pK_as and log β constants were determined. The speciation diagrams were obtained with Sigmaplot Software). UV-visible variable-pH titration spectra and solution speciation diagrams of **6a** and **7a** in the presence of CuCl₂ are presented in Fig. S53.

Assays for bioAβ₄₂ oligomer assembly and dissociation. The bioAβ₄₂ oligomer assembly and dissociation experiments were carried out as previously described.^{14,15}

NeutrAvidinTM-coated ELISA plates: Each well of an immunoassay ELISA plate was coated with 50 μL of 1 μg/mL NeutrAvidinTM in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.5 (50 ng NeutrAvidinTM per well). The plate was sealed with adhesive film and stored at 4 °C overnight. The following day, 200 μL of PBS containing 0.1% v/v Tween 20 was added to each well to block the uncoated well surface and the plate was stored at 4 °C at least overnight. These plates were used to measure both oligomer assembly and dissociation.

bioA β ₄₂ oligomer assembly: A 1 mg/mL stock solution of *N*-biotinyl A β ₁₋₄₂ (bioA β ₄₂) in hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) was evaporated, treated with neat trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) for 10 min to allow complete disaggregation of the peptide, dried again, dissolved further in HFIP to remove residual TFA, and dried and re-dissolved to a concentration of 500 nM (50x) in DMSO. After standing with intermittent vortexing for 10 min, 2 μ L of the 50x monomeric peptide solution was transferred into each well of a polypropylene 96-well plate. In a separate plate 100x DMSO-solubilized chalcone (5 mM-78 μ M) was prepared and then diluted (50 μ M-0.78 μ M final concentration of chalcone) in PBS with or without 25 μ M metal ion (ZnCl₂ or CuCl₂) (final 1% DMSO). 100 μ L of the chalcone dilutions were added to each well containing the DMSO solubilized bioA β ₄₂ (final A β concentration 10 nM). 30 min later, 50 μ L Tween 20 in ddH₂O (0.3% v/v) was added to each well to stop oligomer assembly. Once formed, these oligomers have a half-lifetime $t_{1/2}$ = 30 h at 22 °C for dissociation into monomers.

To measure the bioA β ₄₂ oligomers, the following steps were performed at rt (~22 °C). The blocking solution was flicked out of the wells of a NeutrAvidinTM-coated ELISA plate, 50 μ L of the oligomer assembly reaction mixture was added, and the plate was sealed with adhesive film. The plate was shaken at 150 rpm for 2 h to allow monomeric and oligomeric bioA β ₄₂ to bind to the NeutrAvidinTM on the well surface. The plate was then washed three times with a low salt solution (34 mM aqueous NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.1% v/v Tween 20 (TBST)) on a BioTek ELx50 plate washer. 50 μ L of 50 ng/mL (1:20,000 diluted) Streptavidin-conjugated horseradish peroxidase (HRP) were added, the plate sealed with adhesive film, and the plate shaken at rt for 1 h. The plate was washed on the plate washer as previously, and 100 μ L of 0.2 M citrate buffer, pH 4.0 containing 0.01% w/w H₂O₂ as HRP substrate and 1 mM tetramethylbenzidine were added. Since each captured bioA β ₄₂ peptide contains one biotin, NeutrAvidinTM-captured monomers will not react with the Streptavidin-HRP. Only oligomers will have biotin available for the Streptavidin-HRP to bind. The HRP reaction was stopped by the addition of 100 μ L of 1% (v/v) H₂SO₄ to each well. The absorbance of each well was read at 450 nm with a Biotek HT Synergy plate reader.

bioA β ₄₂ oligomer dissociation:

Pre-formation of bioA β ₄₂ oligomers for dissociation: A stock sufficient for four 96-well plates of pre-formed bioA β ₄₂ was prepared as follows. 1 μ L of bioA β ₄₂ (1 mg/ml stock in HFIP) was pipetted into 20 μ L of HFIP in a 0.65 mL polypropylene Eppendorf tube, dried down, and disaggregated as described for oligomer assembly. The dried peptide was re-dissolved in 250 μ L of DMSO. After 10 min at rt with intermittent vortexing, the DMSO-solubilized bioA β ₄₂ was added to 12.5 mL of PBS in a 17x100 mm polypropylene tube, sealed with Parafilm[®], and mixed several times by inversion. The solution was then incubated at rt for 1 h with intermittent vortexing, then 375 μ L of 100 mM Tween 20 (10% v/v in ddH₂O) was added for a final concentration of 0.3% v/v. The pre-formed stock oligomers (16.8 nM bioA β ₄₂) were mixed by inversion and stored in aliquots at -75 °C.

Pre-formed oligomer dissociation: 25 μ L of the pre-formed bioA β ₄₂ oligomers adjusted to 0.6% v/v Tween 20 was pipetted into each well of a polypropylene 96-well plate, followed by the addition of 125 μ L PBS containing DMSO-solubilized chalcone (50 μ M-0.78 μ M final

concentration in two-fold serial dilutions in DMSO that is then added to PBS) with or without 25 μM metal ion (ZnCl_2 or CuCl_2) (final 1% DMSO) to each well containing pre-formed oligomers. The total final concentration of bioA β_{42} peptide in each well was 2.8 nM. The plate was sealed and shaken at 150 rpm overnight at rt to allow the oligomers to dissociate. After 18 h of incubation, the plates were centrifuged at 1000xg for 10 min at rt to collect any condensate, and a 125 μL aliquot was transferred from each well into a NeutrAvidinTM-coated ELISA plate to assay for oligomers as described for oligomer assembly.

***In vitro* cholinesterase (ChE) inhibition assays.** Experiments were performed as previously described.^{16,17} Briefly, chalcones (102 μM to 200 μM) were dissolved in sodium phosphate buffer ((100 μL), 0.1 M, pH 8.0) (Buffer A) and subjected to a 5-fold serial dilution. ChE (either AChE or BChE) was added to the solution of inhibitors (50 μL , containing 0.08 U/mL ChE (final concentration for both AChE and BChE) in Buffer A. The mixture of inhibitor and enzyme were incubated for 10 min before initiation with DTNB (50 μL , 0.25 mM final concentration) and acylthiocholine (acetylthiocholine for AChE or butyrylthiocholine for BChE) (0.5 mM final concentration) in phosphate buffer. The reaction was monitored at 412 nm taking measurements every 30 s for 10 min using a SpectraMax M5 plate reader. Data was corrected with the negative control (no acylthiocholine) and normalized to the positive control (no inhibitor) using the initial rates (first 5 min). All assays were performed in triplicate. The data was fitted to a sigmoidal curve and IC_{50} values calculated using KaleidaGraph 4.1. Representative IC_{50} curves are presented in Fig. S54.

Effect of metals on AChE inhibition. Chalcones were dissolved in Buffer A as above. To the solution, AChE mixed with metal ion (CuCl_2 or ZnCl_2 , 200 μM) in Buffer A was added and incubated for 10 min. The reactions were then initiated with the acetylthiocholine/DTNB mixture. Reactions were monitored and analyzed as above and previously described.¹⁸

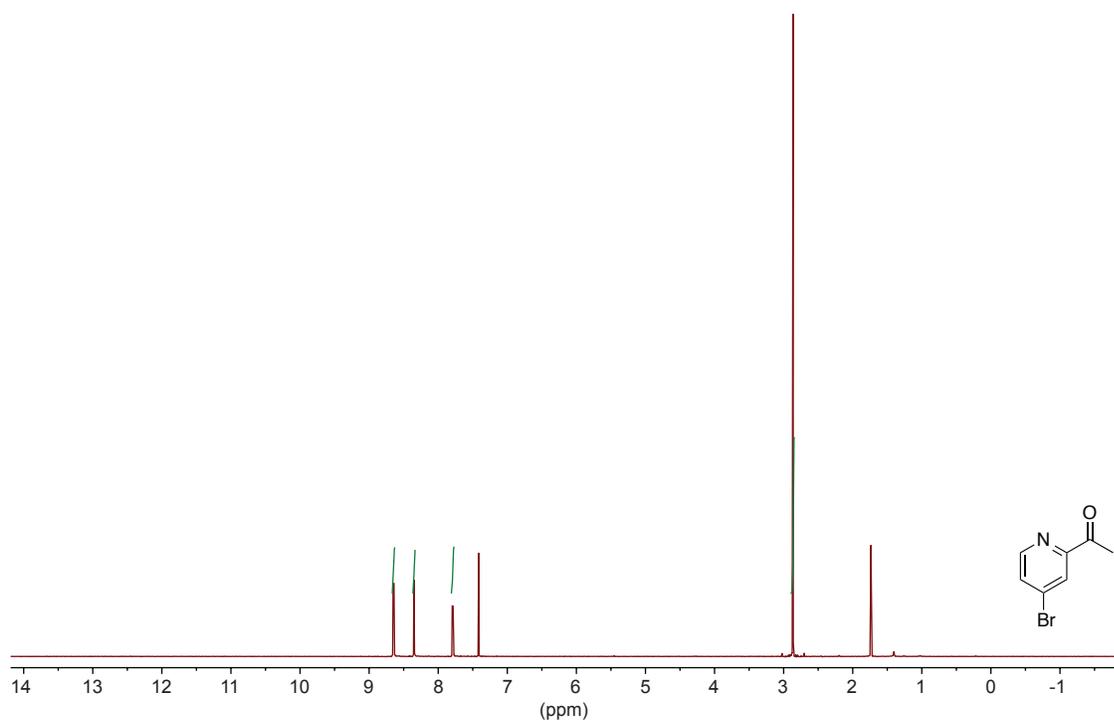


Fig. S1: ^1H NMR spectrum for compound **1h**.

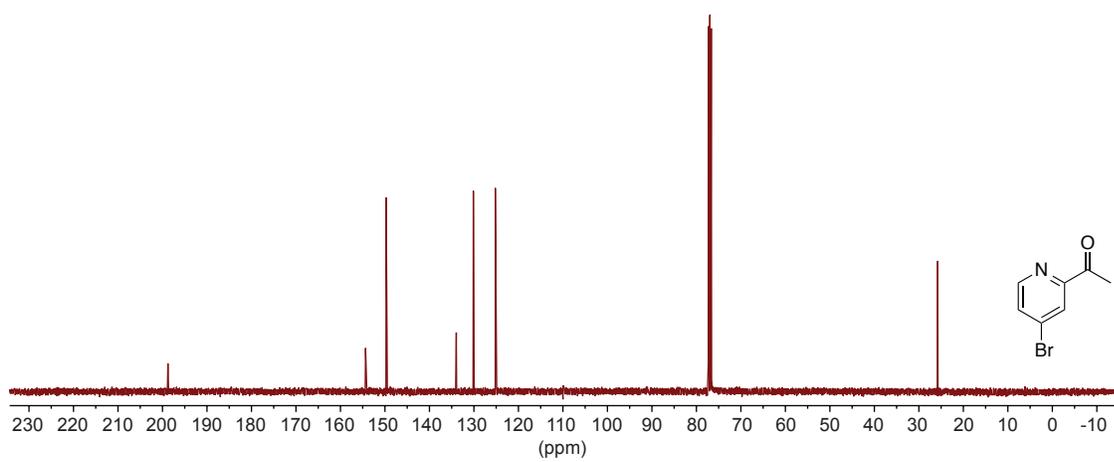


Fig. S2: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound **1h**.

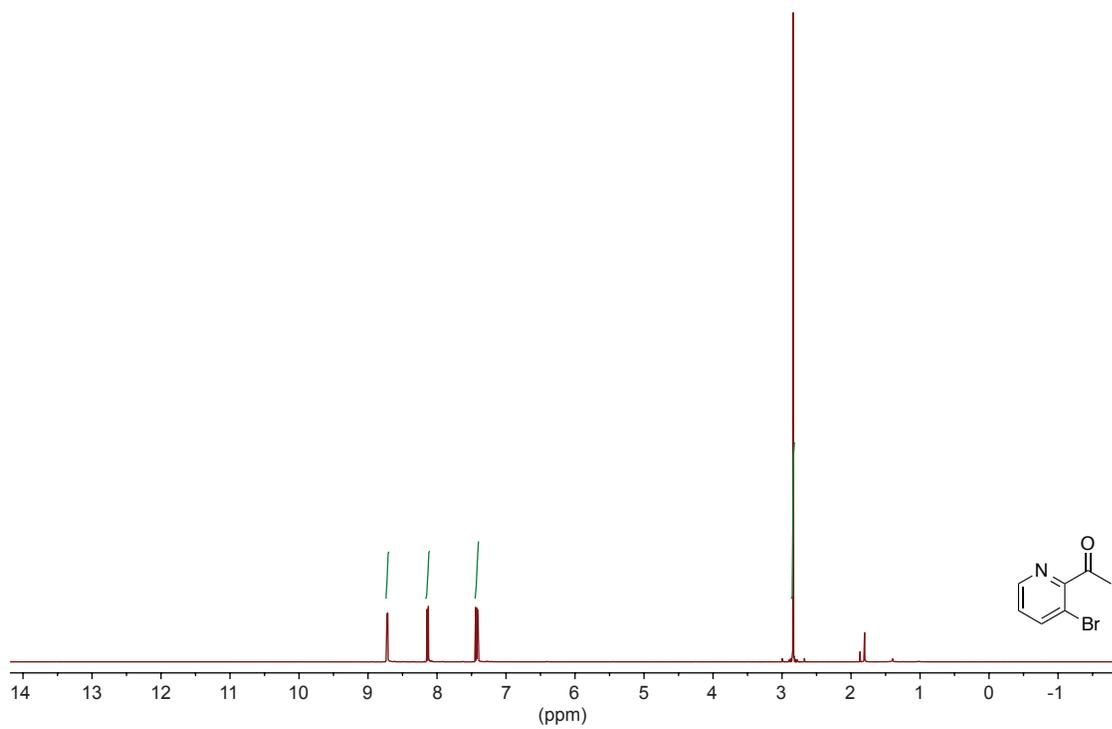


Fig. S3: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound **1i**.

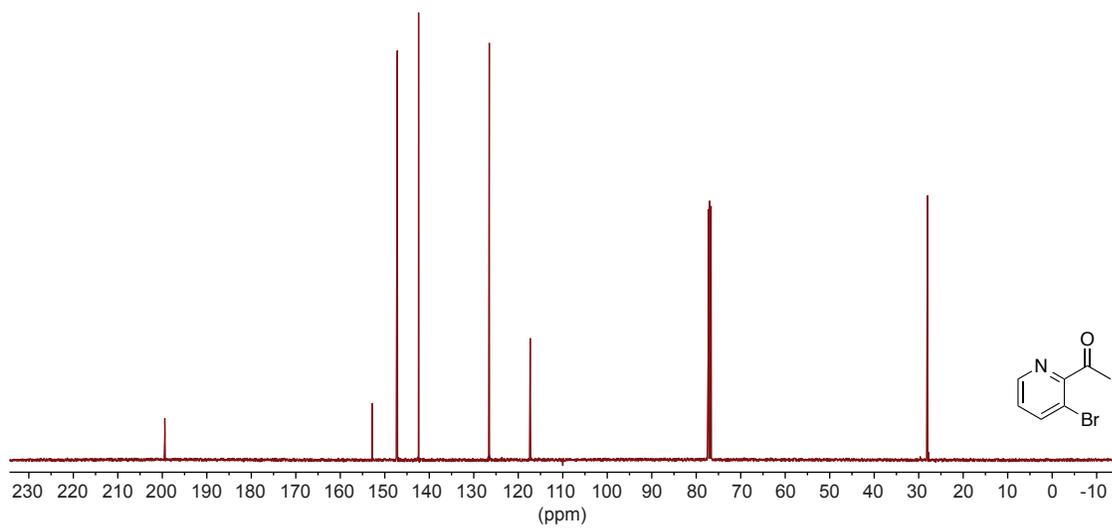


Fig. S4: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound **1i**.

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Fig. S5: Elemental analysis for compound 3a.

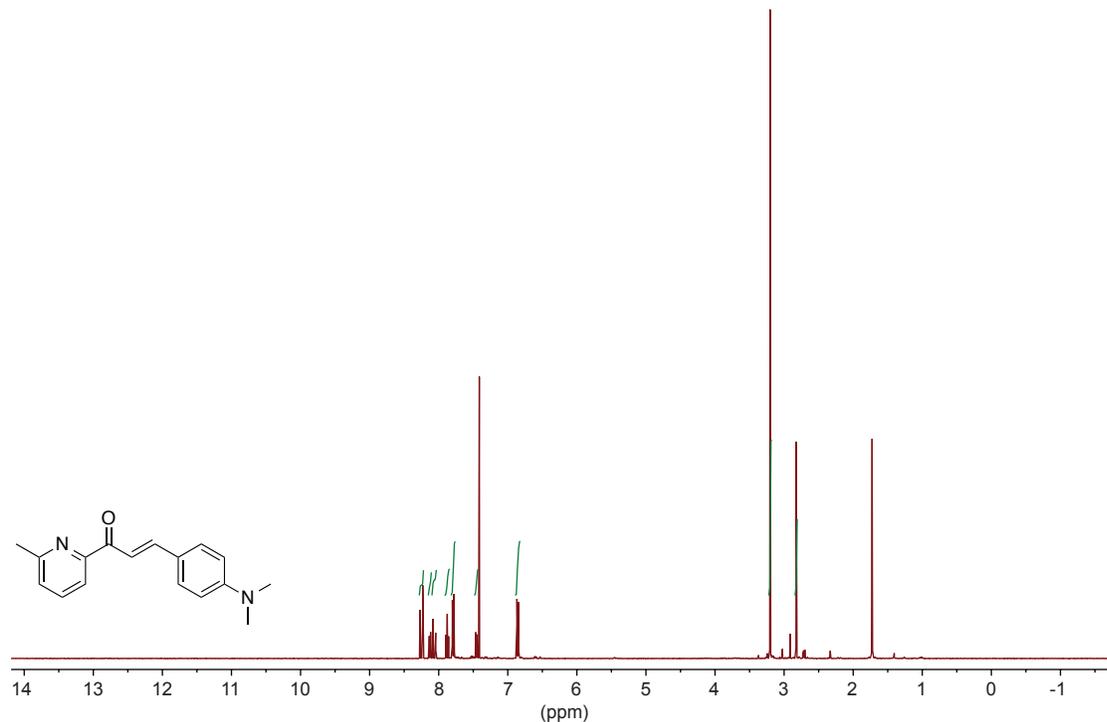


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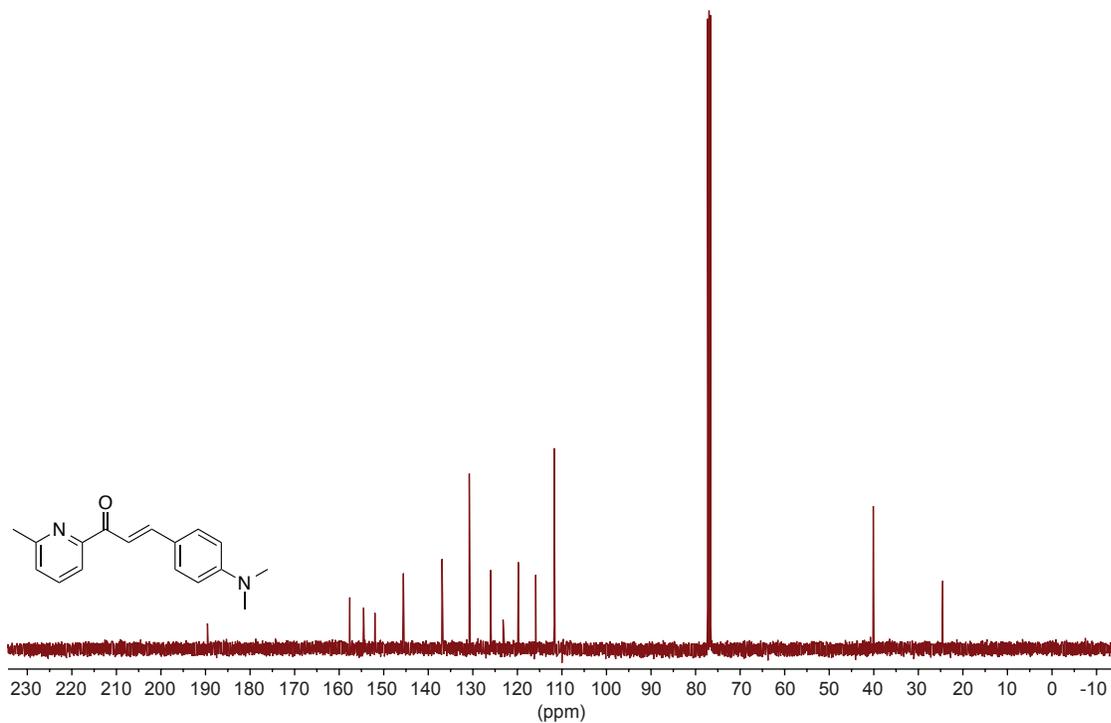


Fig. S7: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound **3b**.

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Fig. S8: Elemental analysis for compound **3b**.

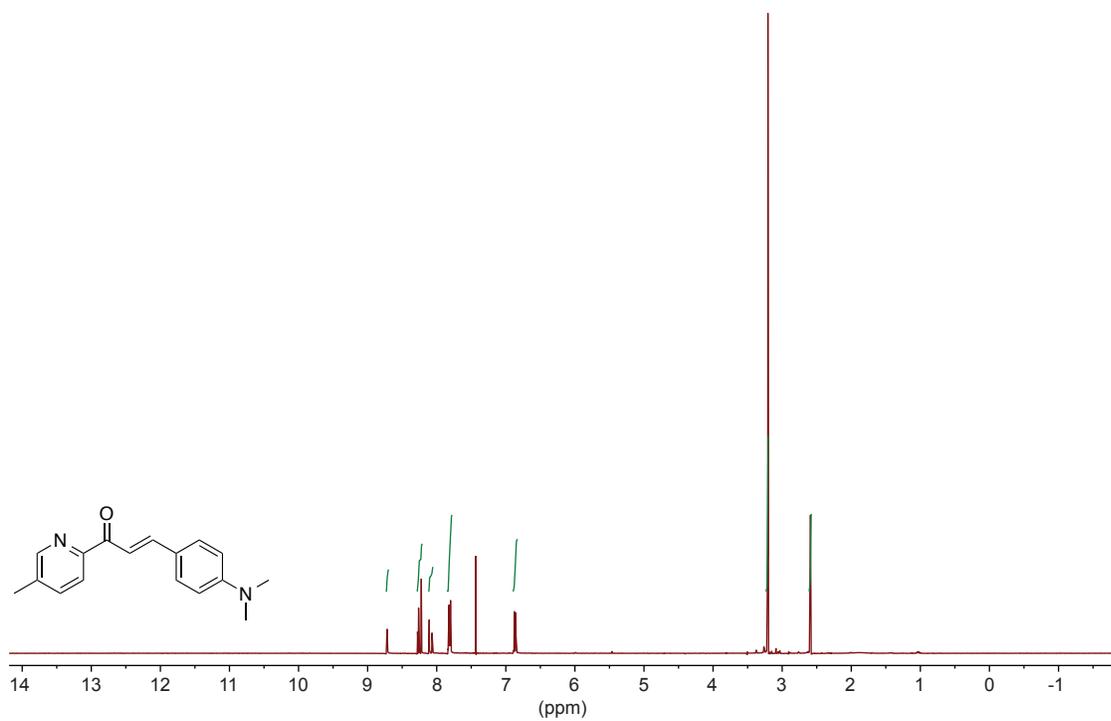


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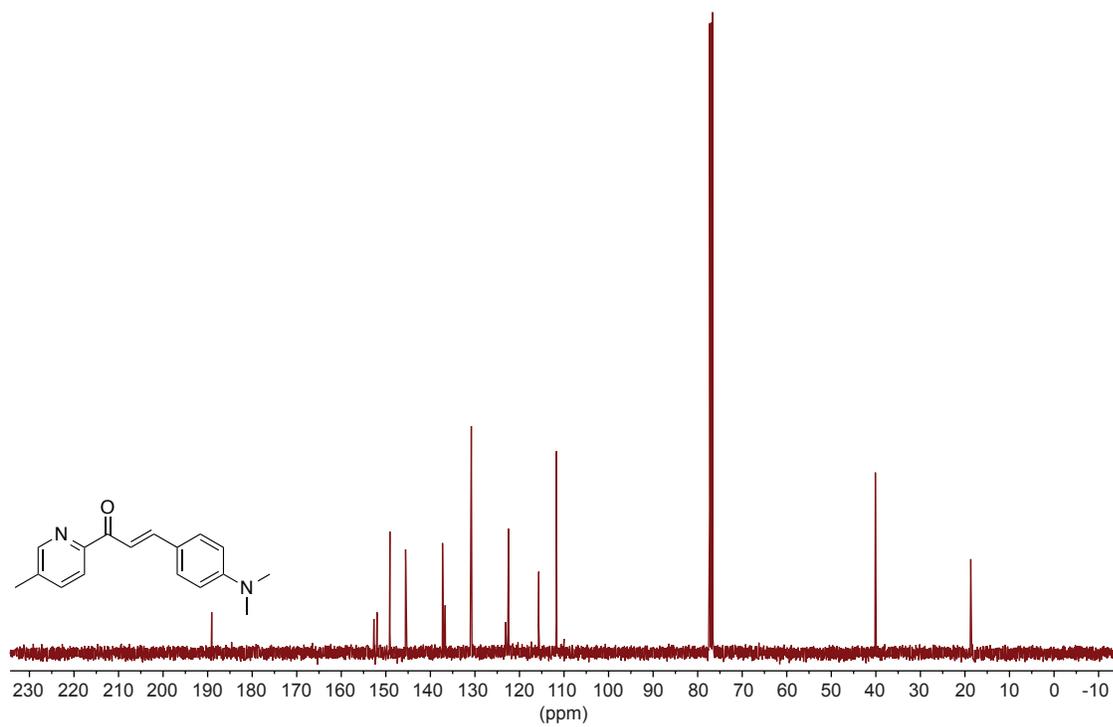


Fig. S10: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3c.

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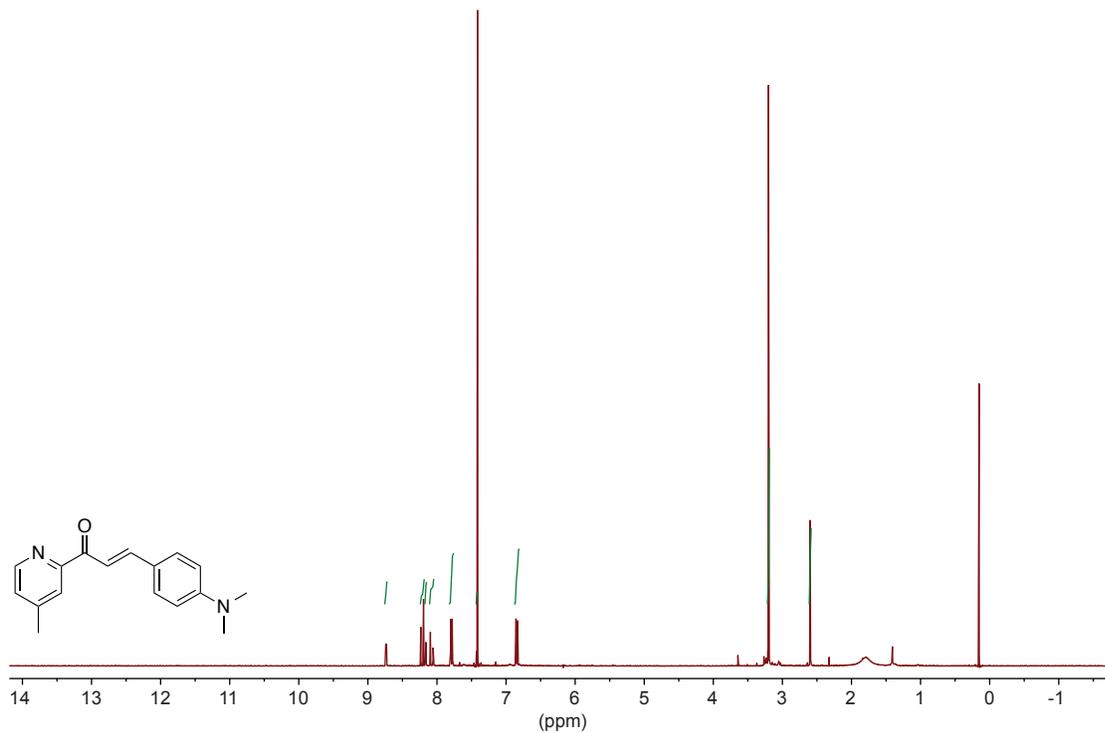


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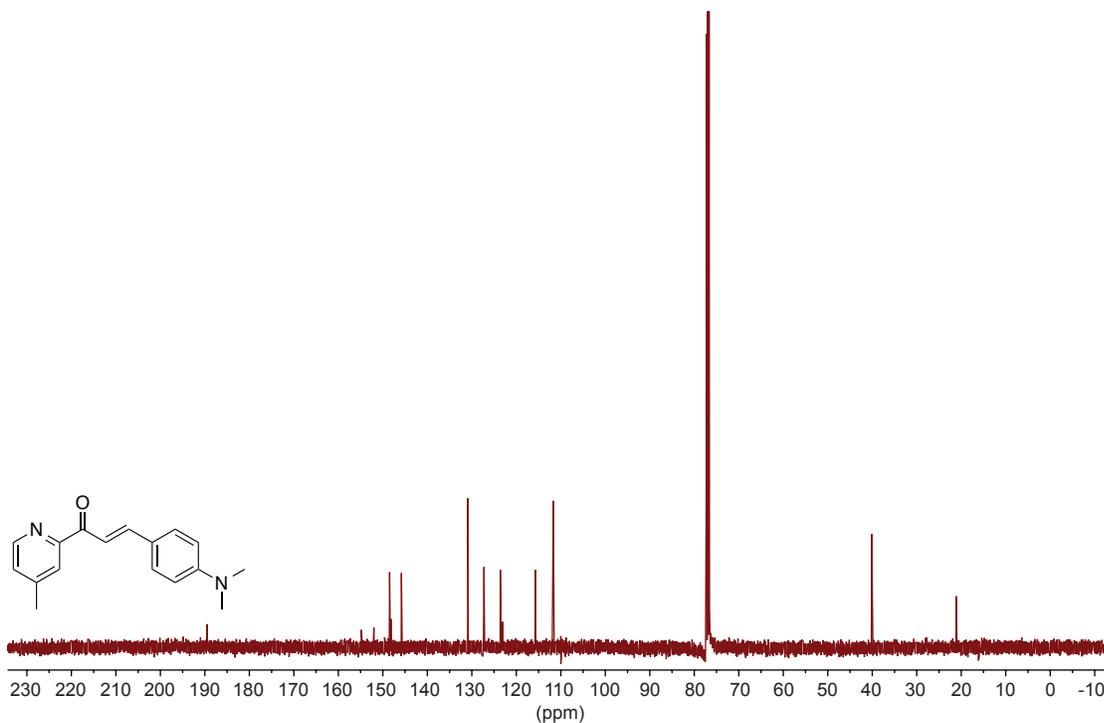


Fig. S13: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound 3d.

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H	6.81	6.79		
N	10.52	10.45		
O	6.01			

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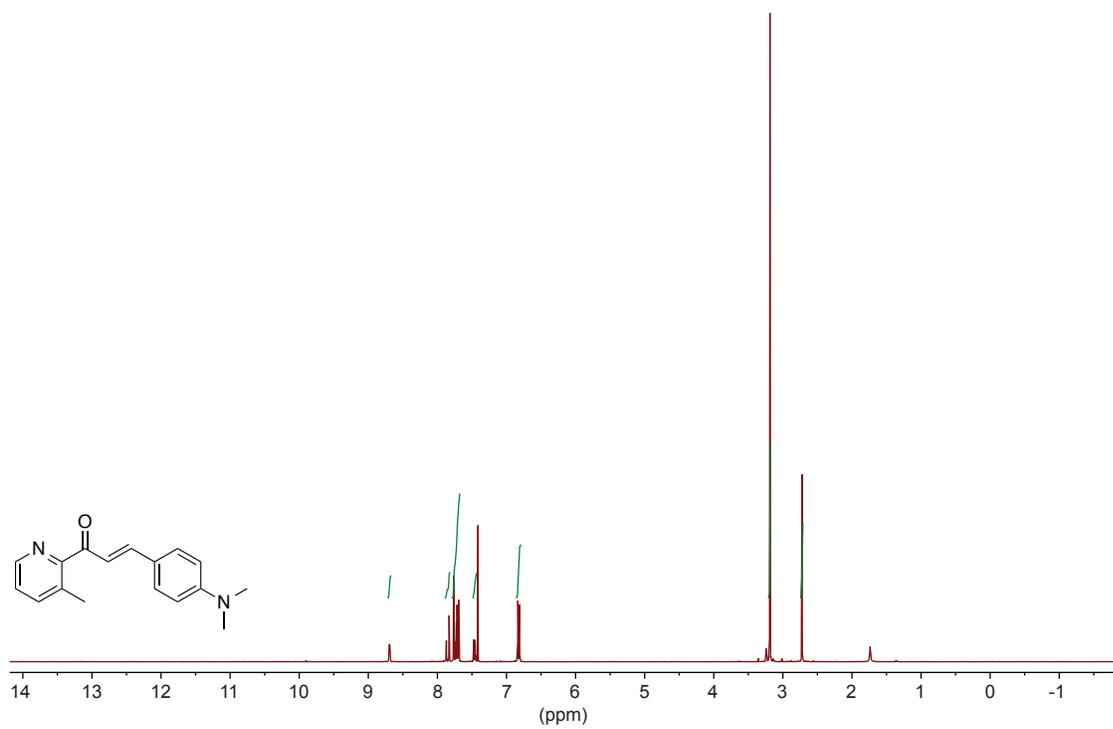


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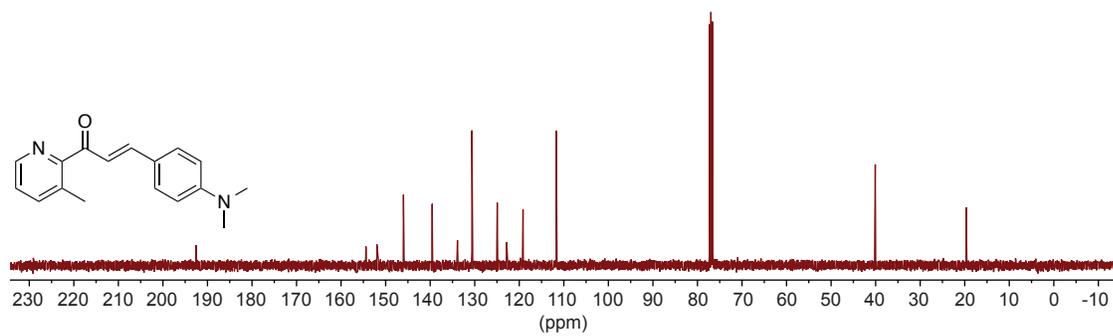


Fig. S16: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3e.

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Fig. S17: Elemental analysis for compound 3e.

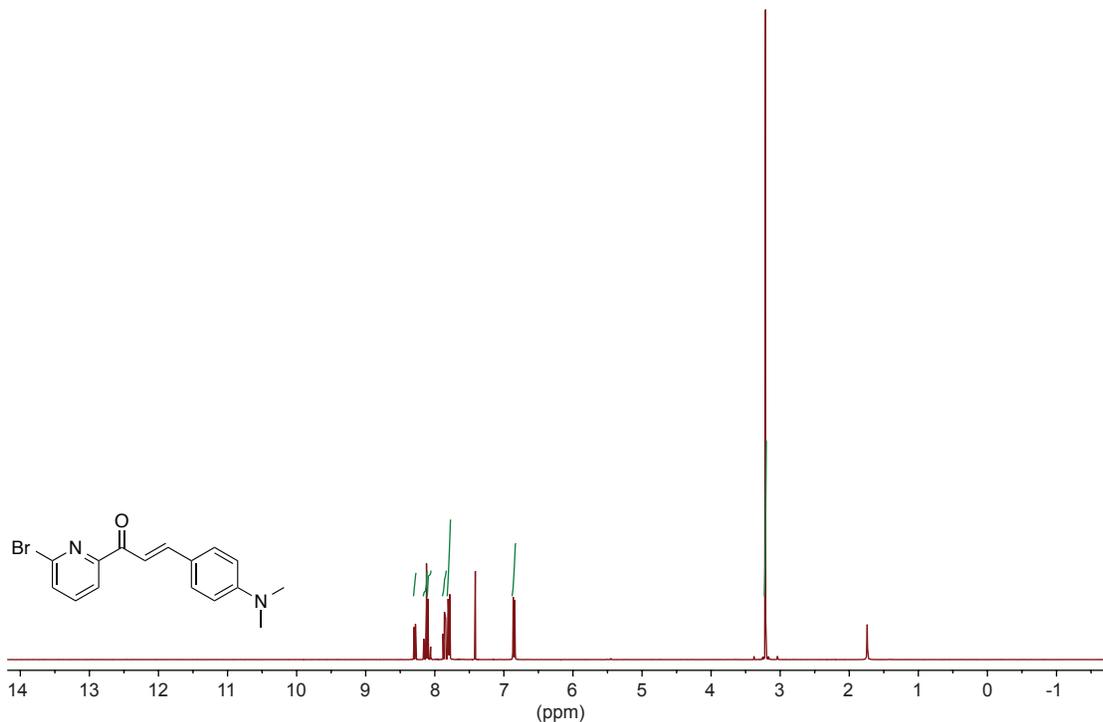


Fig. S18: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3f.

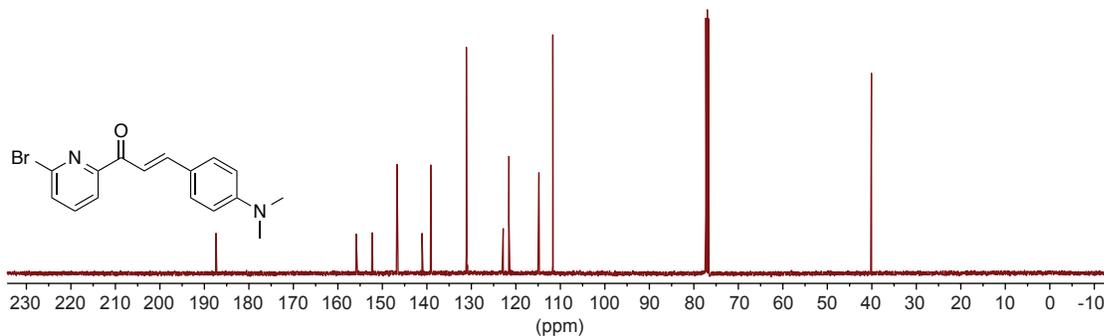


Fig. S19: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound 3f.

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Element	Theory	Found	
C	58.02	56.76	56.93
H	4.57	4.60	4.62
Br	24.12	23.43	
N	8.46	8.20	8.10
O	4.83	NO CHARGE FOR DUPLICATES	

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 for: _____
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Fig. S20: Elemental analysis for compound 3f.

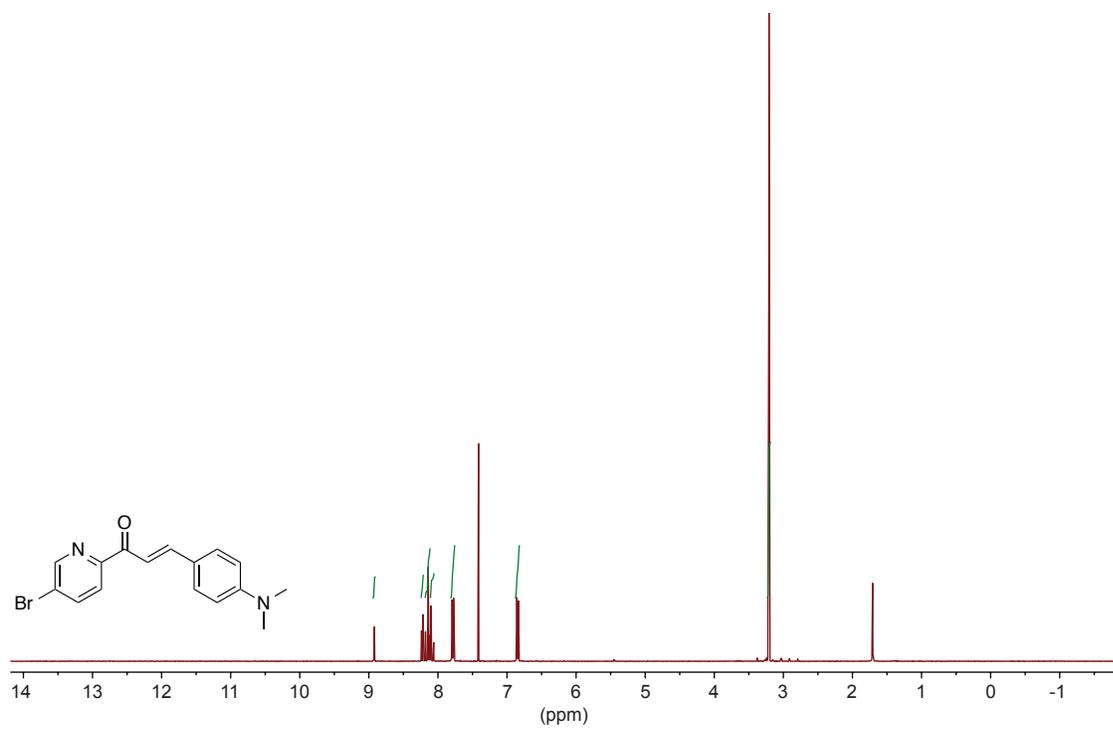


Fig. S21: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3g.

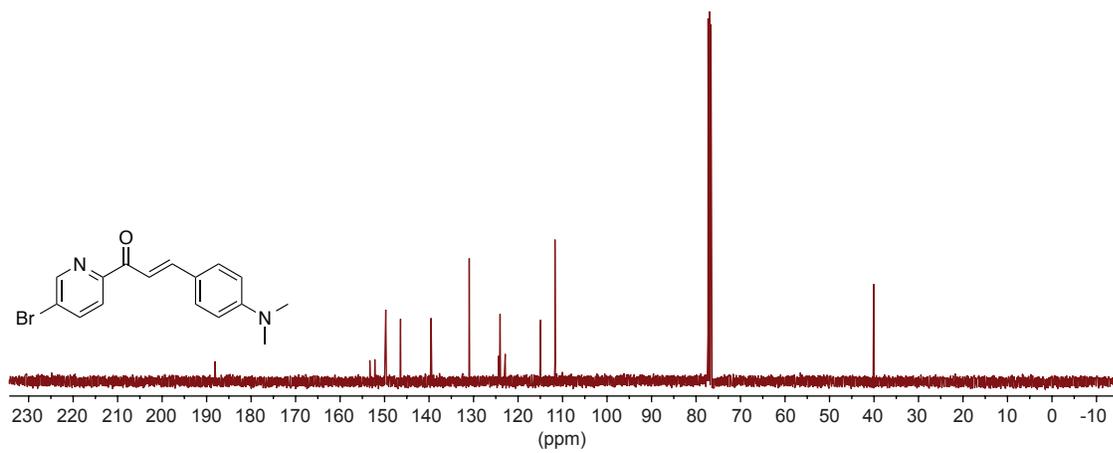


Fig. S22: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3g.

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C	58.02	57.51	57.40	Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.57	4.53	4.49	Analyze for: C, H, N, Br	
Br	24.12	23.73		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
N	8.46	8.28	8.34	To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>25°C</u> Vac. <u>✓</u> Time <u>3-4 h</u>	
O	4.83	NO CHARGE FOR DUPLICATES		Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> Rush service guarantees analysis will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.	
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Fig. S23: Elemental analysis for compound **3g**.

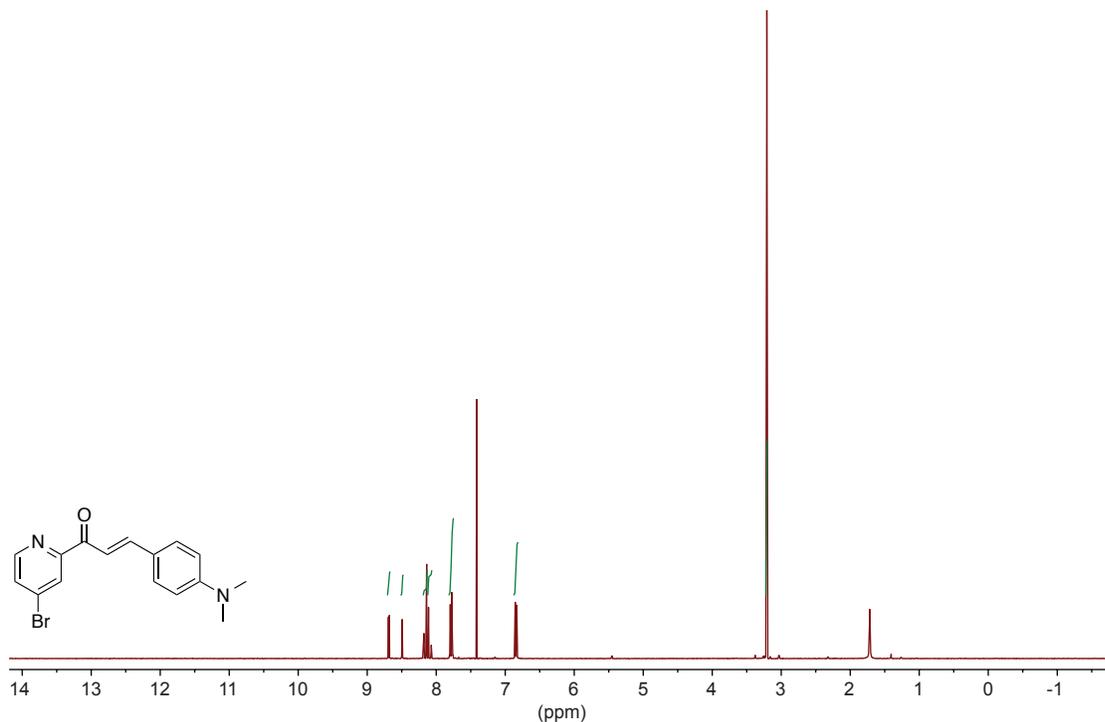


Fig. S24: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound **3h**.

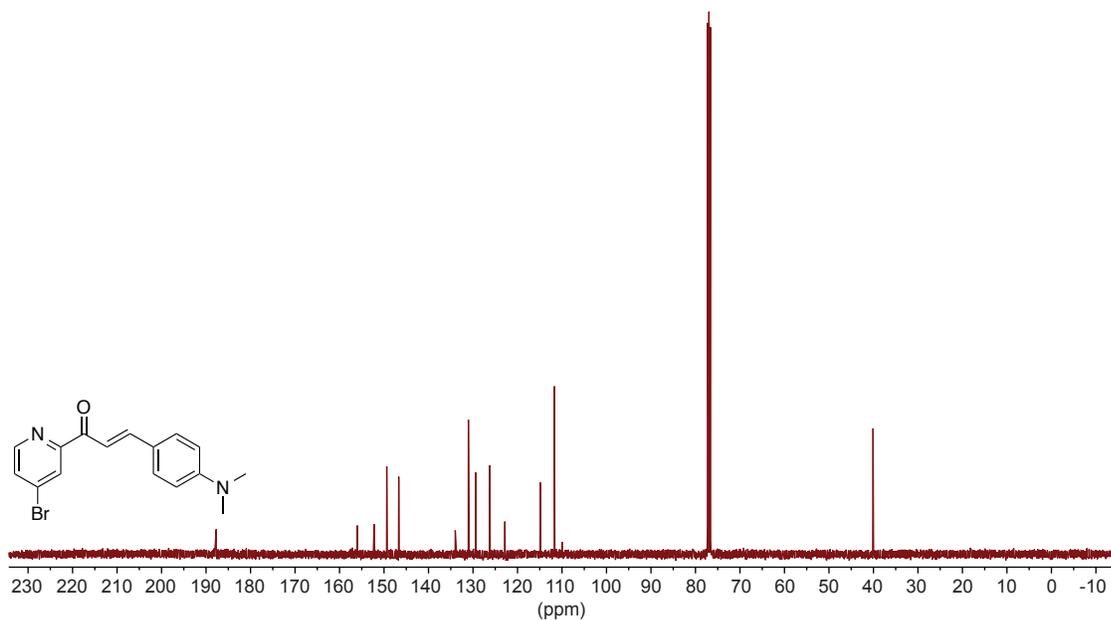


Fig. S25: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound 3h.

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C	58.02	57.50	57.37	Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.57	4.64	4.55	Analyze for: C, H, N, Br	
Br	24.12	23.69		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
N	8.46	8.26	8.27	To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. 25°C Vac. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time 3-4h	
O	4.83	NO CHARGE FOR DUPLICATES		Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> Rush service guarantees analyses will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.	
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Fig. S26: Elemental analysis for compound 3h.

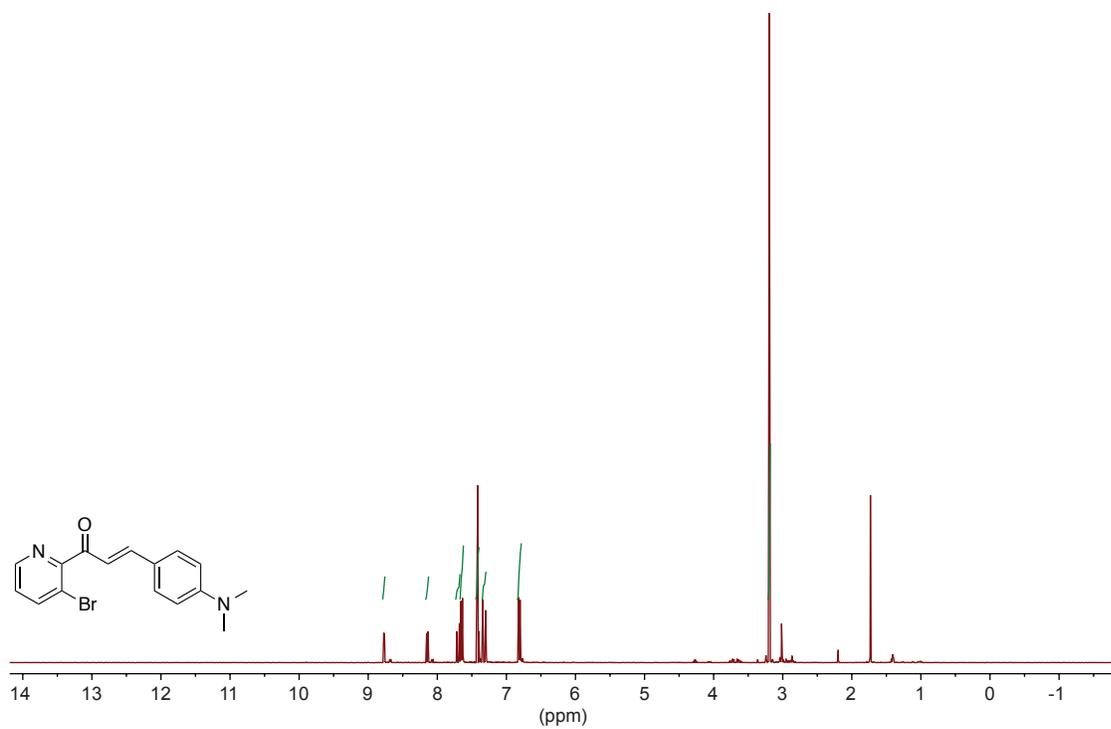


Fig. S27: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3i.

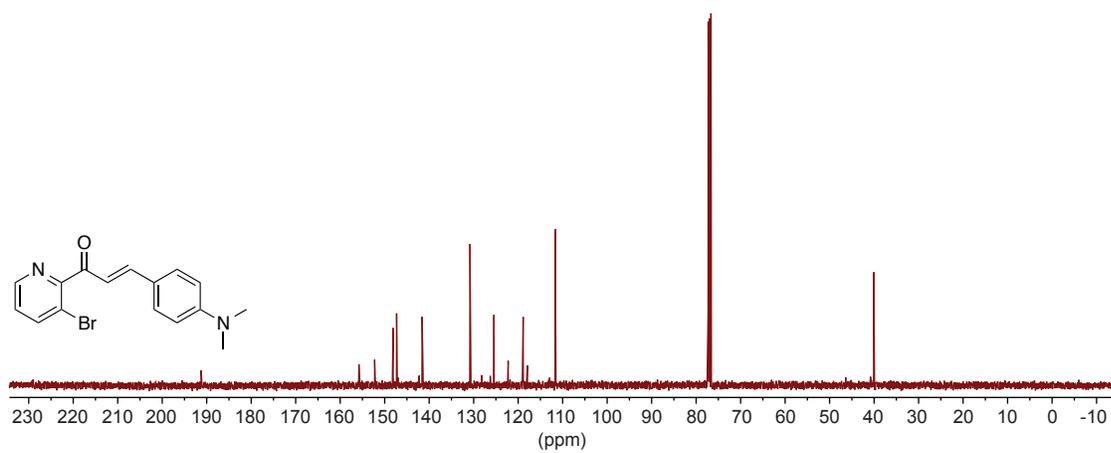


Fig. S28: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3i.

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C	58.02	58.02		Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.57	4.63		Analyze C, H, N, Br for:	
Br	24.12	24.28		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
N	8.46	8.43		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>23°C</u> Vac. <u>✓</u> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
O	4.83			Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> <small>Rush service guarantees analyses will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.</small>	
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Fig. S29: Elemental analysis for compound **3i**.

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Element	Theory	Found		Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
C	76.38	76.20		Elements C, H, N, O Present:	
H	6.41	6.42		Analyze C, H, N for:	
N	5.24	5.24		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
O	11.97			To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>23°C</u> Vac. <u>✓</u> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
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Fig. S30: Elemental analysis for compound **6a**.

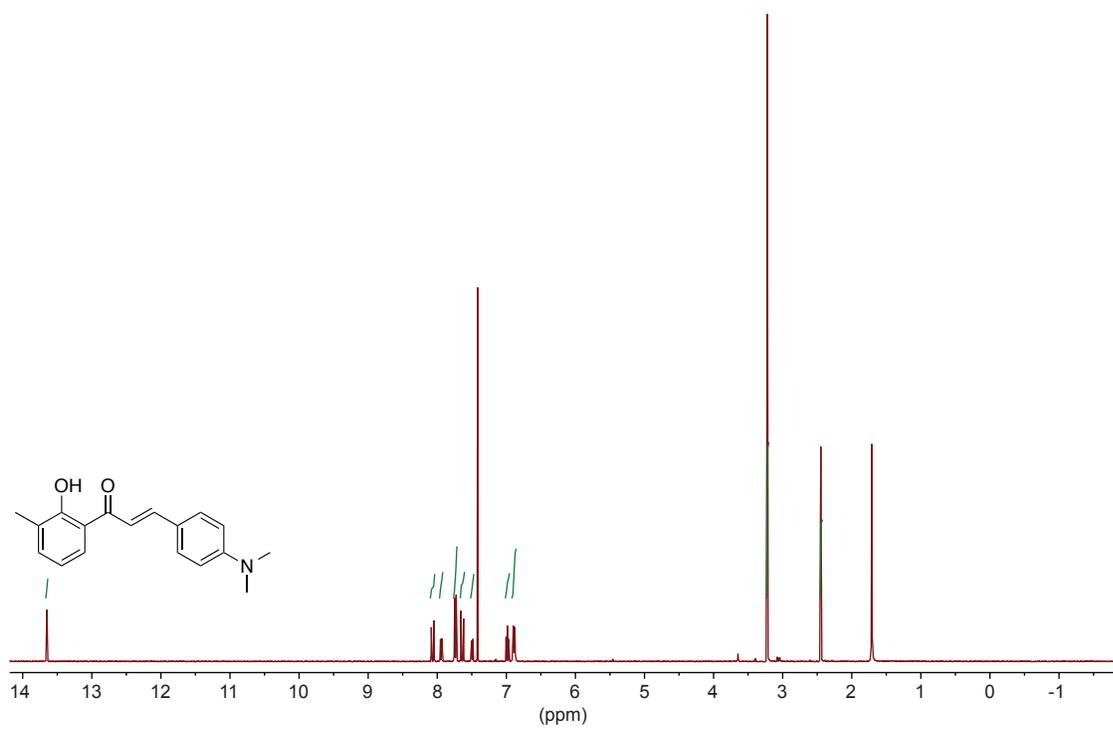


Fig. S31: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound **6b**.

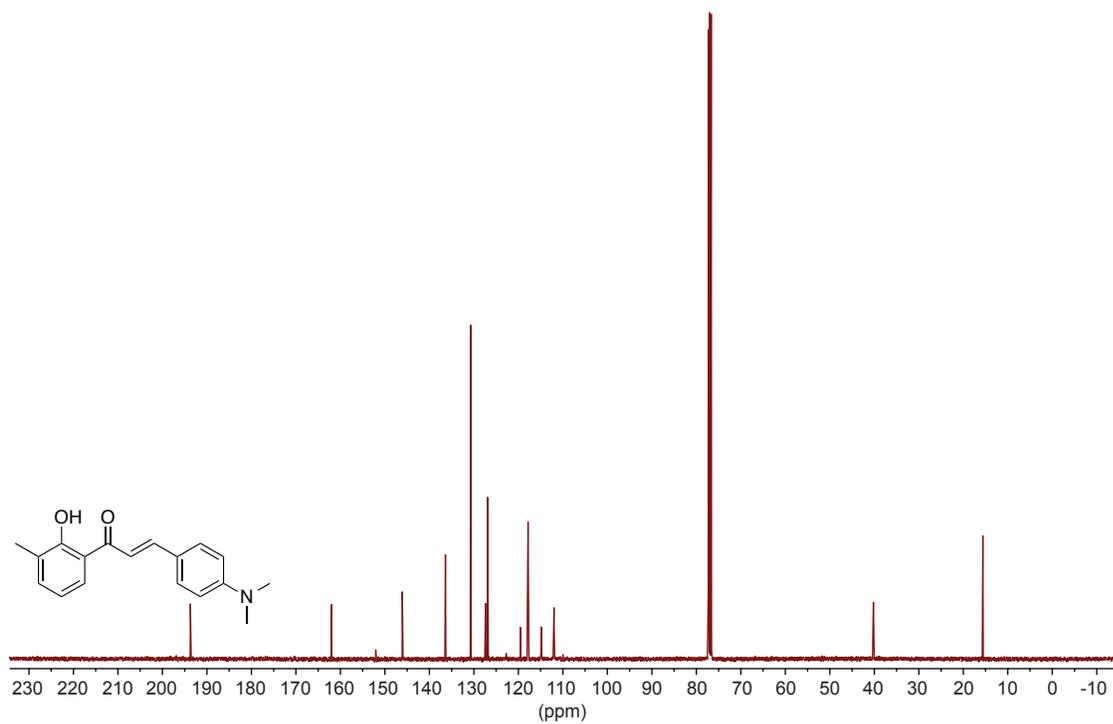


Fig. S32: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound **6b**.

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Element	Theory	Found		Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
				Elements C, H, N, O Present:	
C	76.84	76.79		Analyze for: C, H, N	
H	6.81	6.76		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>	
N	4.98	5.01		M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
O	11.37			To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Fig. S33: Elemental analysis for compound 6b.

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C	76.84	76.33	76.18	Analyze for: C, H, N	
H	6.81	6.74	6.86	Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>	
N	4.98	4.94	4.93	M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
O	11.37	NO CHARGE FOR DUPLICATES		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Fig. S34: Elemental analysis for compound 6c.

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C	76.84	76.83	Elements C, H, N, O Present: Analyze for: C, H, N	
H	6.81	6.93	Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>	
N	4.98	5.00	M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
O	11.37		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Fig. S35: Elemental analysis for compound 6d.

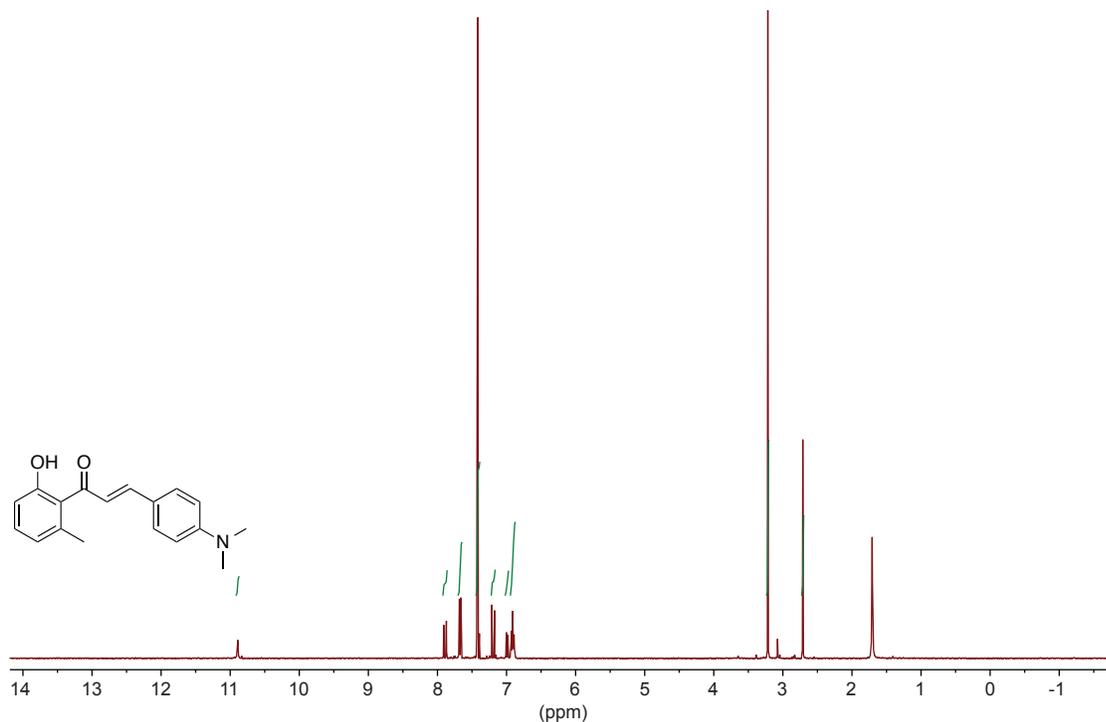


Fig. S36: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 6e.

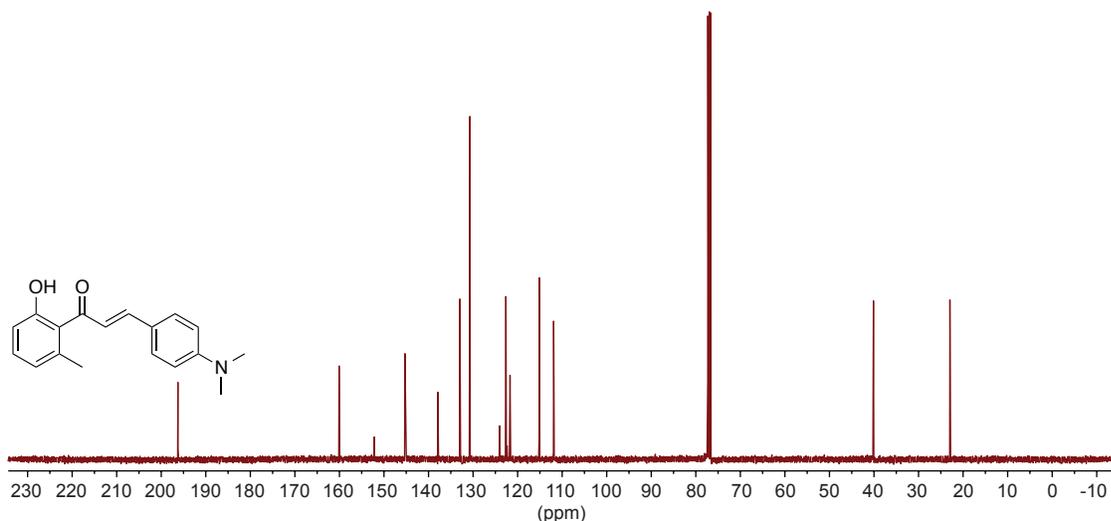


Fig. S37: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound 6e.

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Element	Theory	Found		Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
C	76.84	76.57		Elements C, H, N, O Present:	
H	6.81	6.79		Analyze C, H, N for:	
N	4.98	5.02		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>	
O	11.37			M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
				To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>25°C</u> Vac. <u>yes</u> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
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Fig. S38: Elemental analysis for compound 6e.

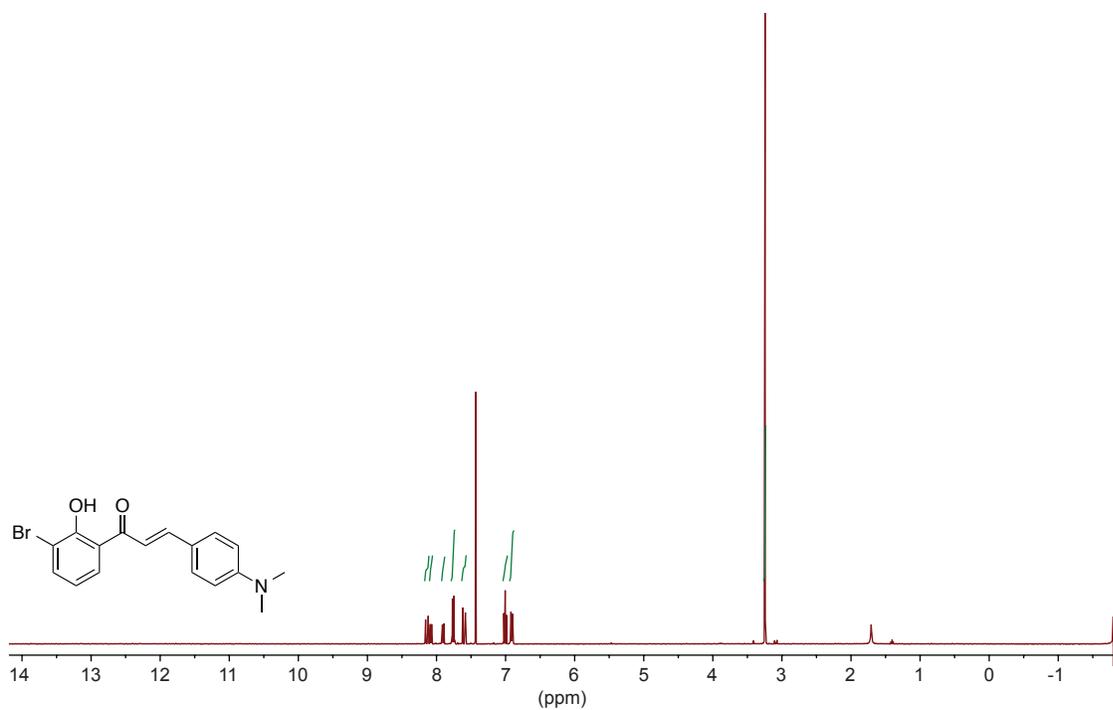


Fig. S39: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound **6f**.

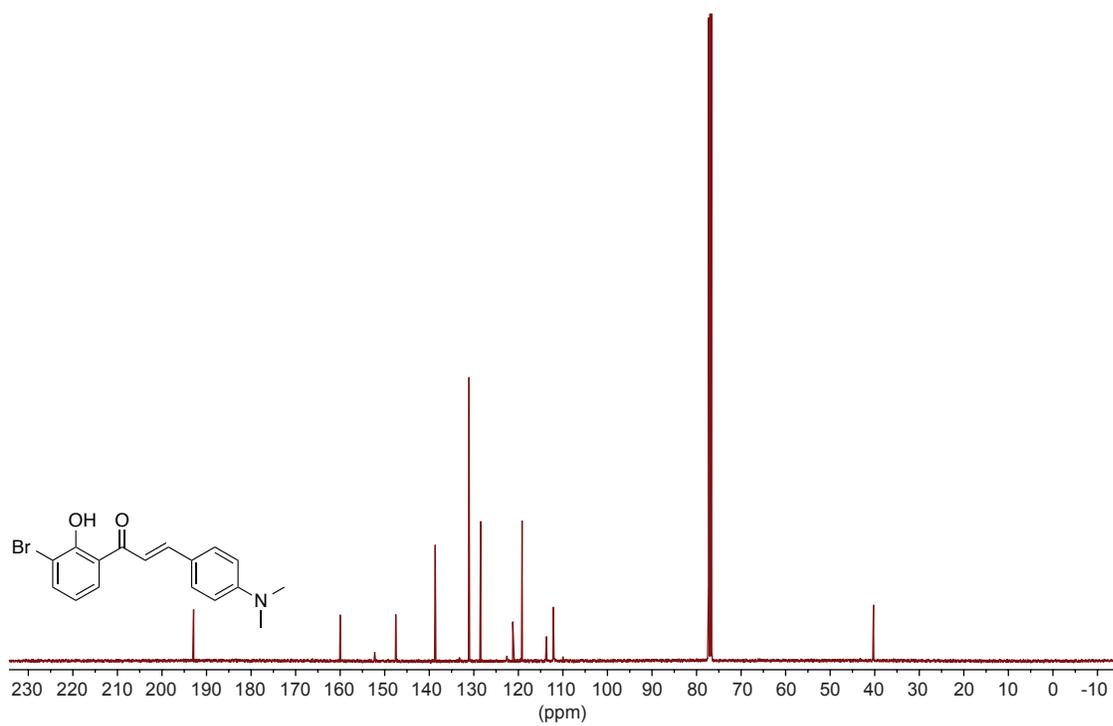


Fig. S40: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound **6f**.

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Element	Theory	Found		Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
C	58.98	58.90		Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.66	4.72		Analyze C, H, N, Br for:	
Br	23.08	22.91		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
N	4.05	3.95		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>25°C</u> Vac. <u>yes</u> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
O	9.24			Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> Rush service guarantees analyses will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.	
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Fig. S41: Elemental analysis for compound 6f.

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C	58.98	59.06		Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.66	4.73		Analyze C, H, N, Br for:	
Br	23.08	22.96		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
N	4.05	4.10		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Temp. <u>25°C</u> Vac. <u>yes</u> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
O	9.24			Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> Rush service guarantees analyses will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.	
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Fig. S42: Elemental analysis for compound 6g.

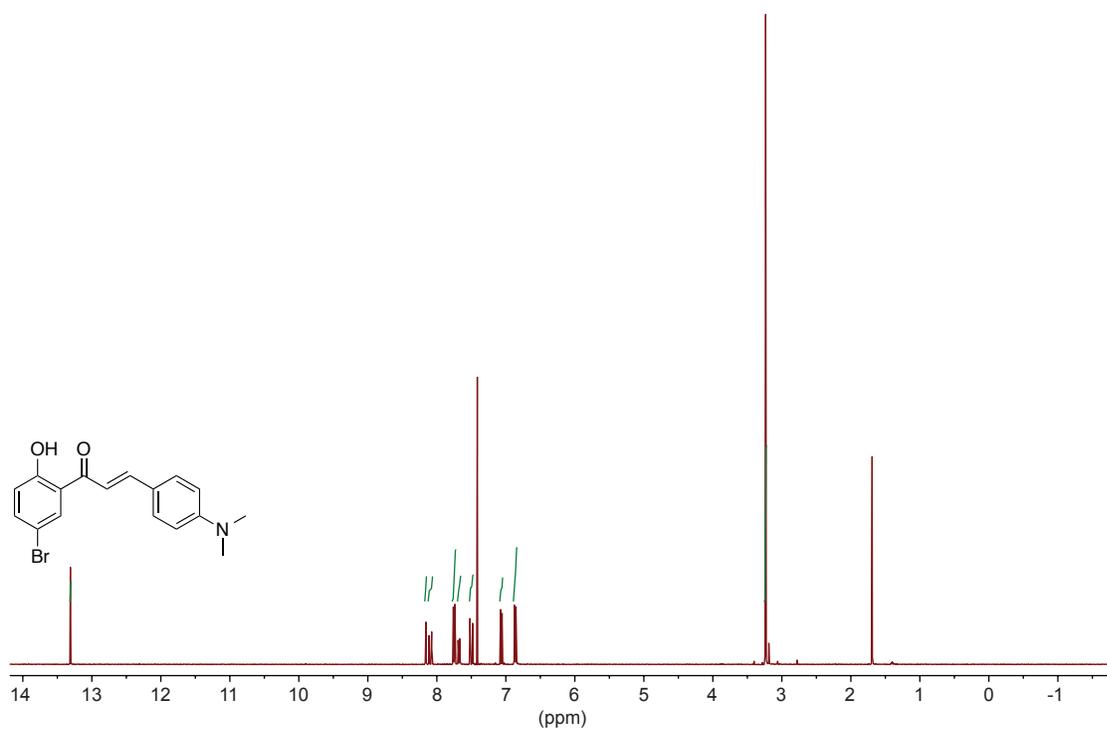


Fig. S43: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound **6h**.

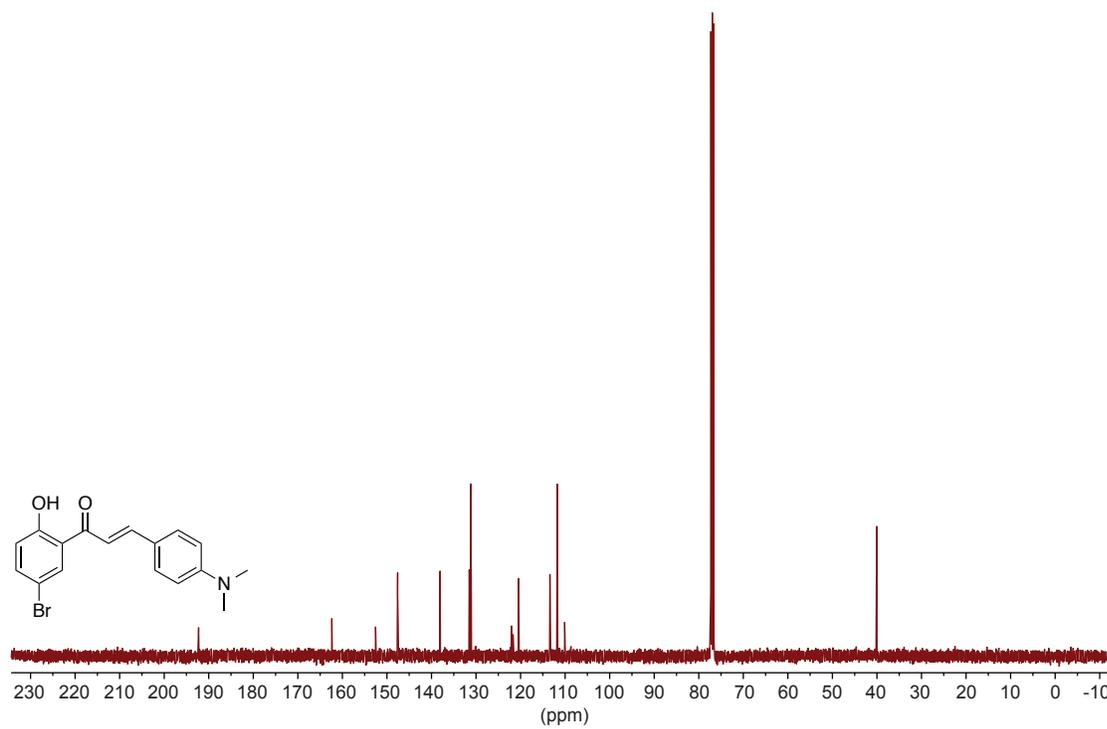


Fig. S44: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound **6h**.

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C	58.98	58.32	58.37	Elements C, H, N, O, Br	
H	4.66	4.68	4.58	Present:	
Br	23.08	23.15		Analyze C, H, N, Br	
N	4.05	3.91	3.91	for:	
O	9.24	NO CHARGE FOR DUPLICATES		Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>
				M.P. _____	B.P. _____
				To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Fig. S45: Elemental analysis for compound 6h.

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Element	Theory	Found		Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
C	76.66	76.51		Elements C, H, N, O	
H	6.81	6.78		Present:	
N	10.52	10.47		Analyze C, H, N	
O	6.01			for:	
				Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>
				M.P. _____	B.P. _____
				To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Fig. S46: Elemental analysis for compound 7a.

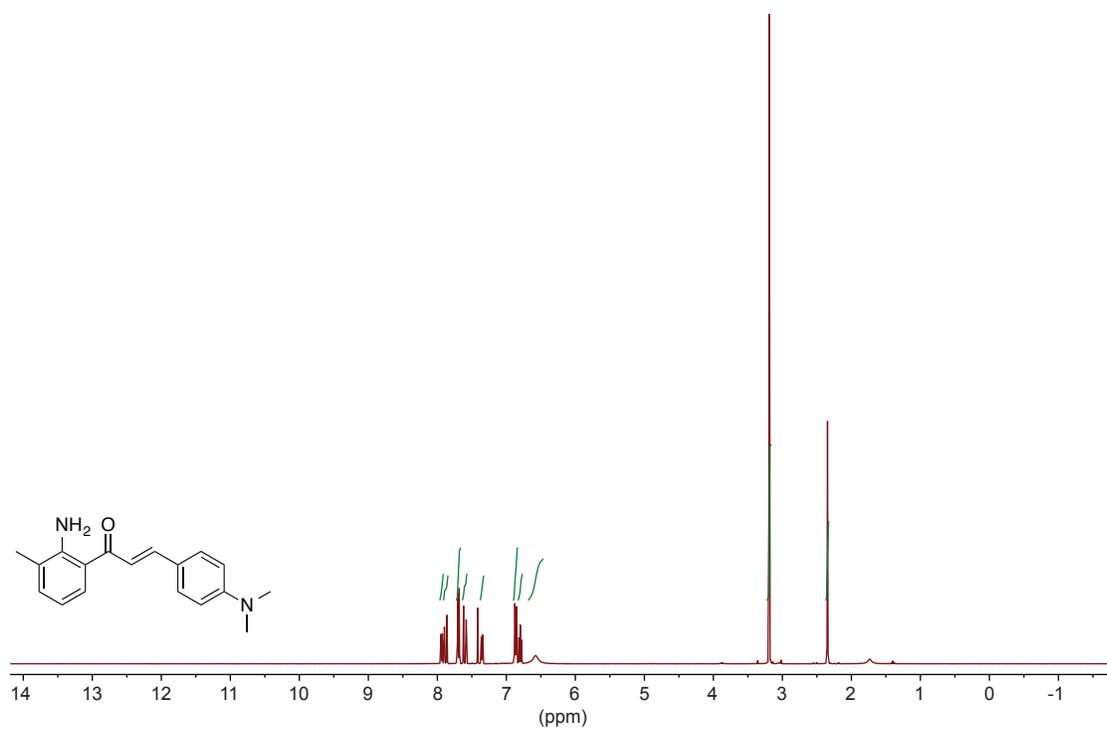


Fig. S47: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 7b.

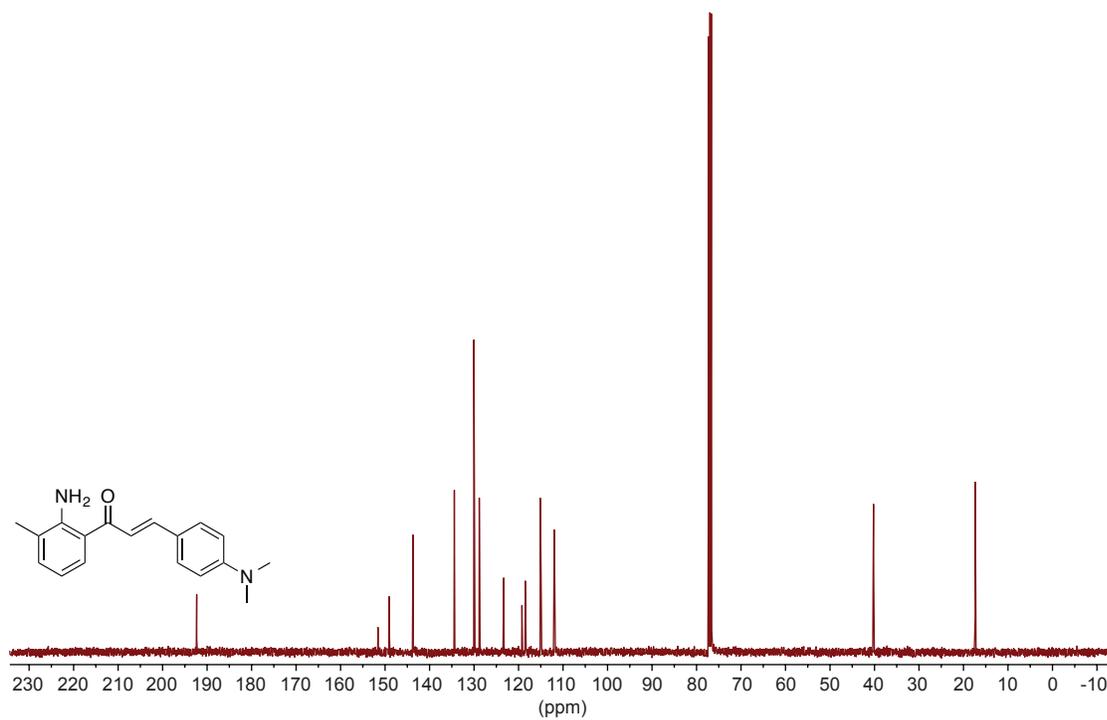


Fig. S48: ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 7b.

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C	77.11	77.11		
H	7.19	7.17		
N	9.99	10.08		
O	5.71			

Elements C, H, N, O
Present:
Analyze C, H, N
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Hygroscopic Explosive
M.P. _____ B.P. _____
To be dried: Yes No
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Fig. S49: Elemental analysis for compound 7b.

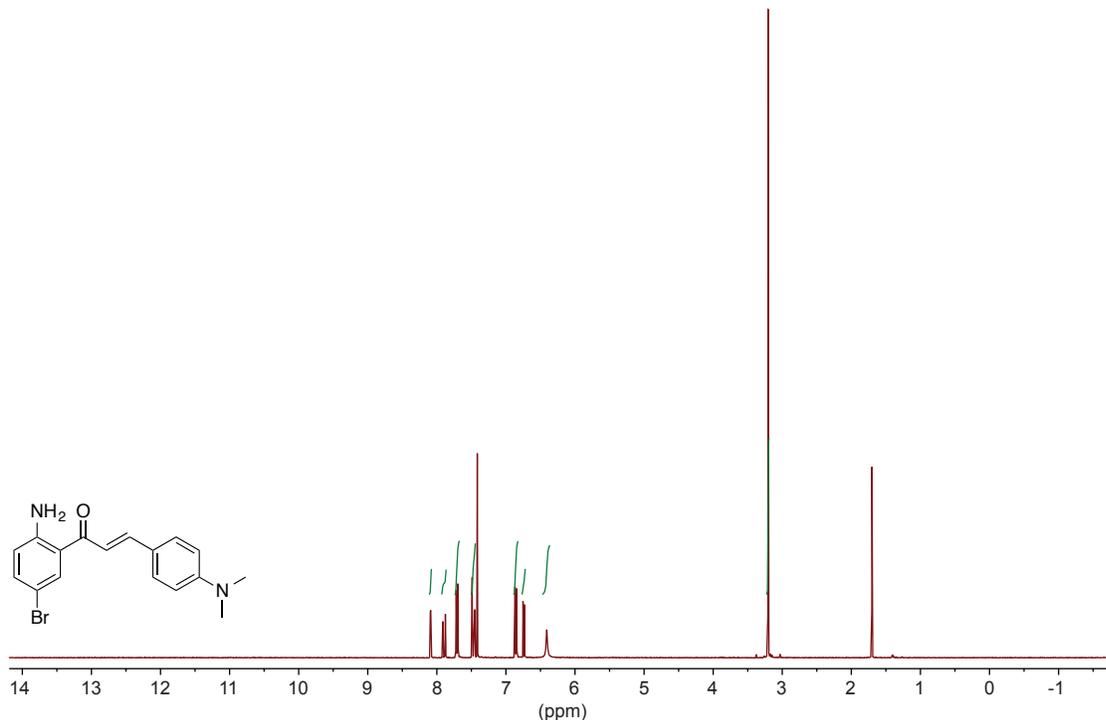


Fig. S50: ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 7h.

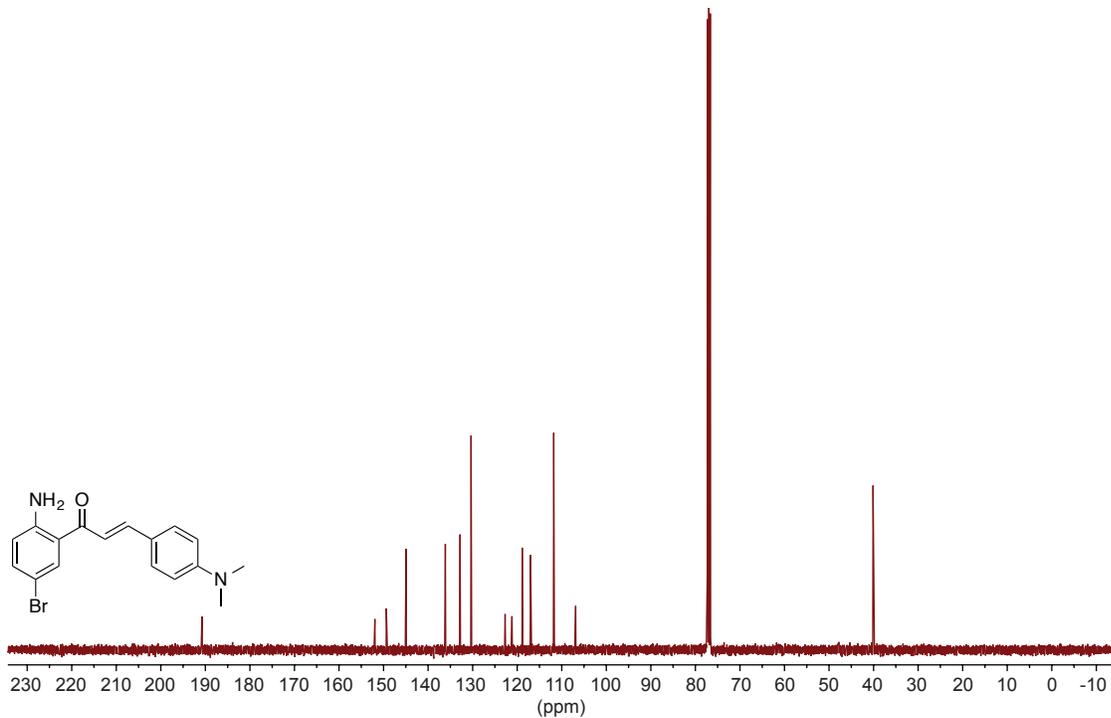


Fig. S51: ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound 7h.

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Element	Theory	Found	Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/>
C	59.14	59.03	Elements C, H, N, O, Br Present:	
H	4.96	5.04	Analyze for: C, H, N, Br	
Br	23.14	23.27	Hygroscopic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/>	
N	8.11	7.96	M.P. _____ B.P. _____	
O	4.63		To be dried: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Temp. <u>25°C</u> Vac. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time <u>3-4h</u>	
			Rush Service <input type="checkbox"/> Rush service/guaranteed analyses will be completed and results available by 5 PM EST on the day the sample is received by 11 AM.	
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 Remarks:

Fig. S52: Elemental analysis for compound 7h.

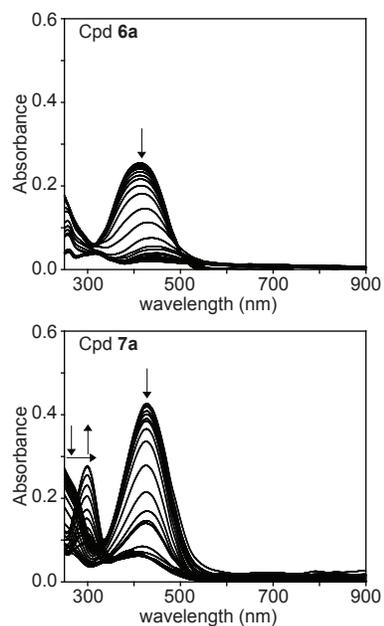


Fig. S53: UV-visible variable-pH spectra (left) and solution speciation diagrams (right) of **6a** and **7a** in the presence of CuCl_2 . 20 μM of the chalcone (S: **6a** or **7a**) was incubated for 30 minutes with CuCl_2 ($[\text{Cu}^{2+}]/[\text{S}] = 1/2$). Titrations were then performed at room temperature from pH 12-2. There were no differences between the curves obtained in the absence and presence of CuCl_2 , suggesting that these chalcones (**6a** and **7a**) do not bind Cu^{2+} .

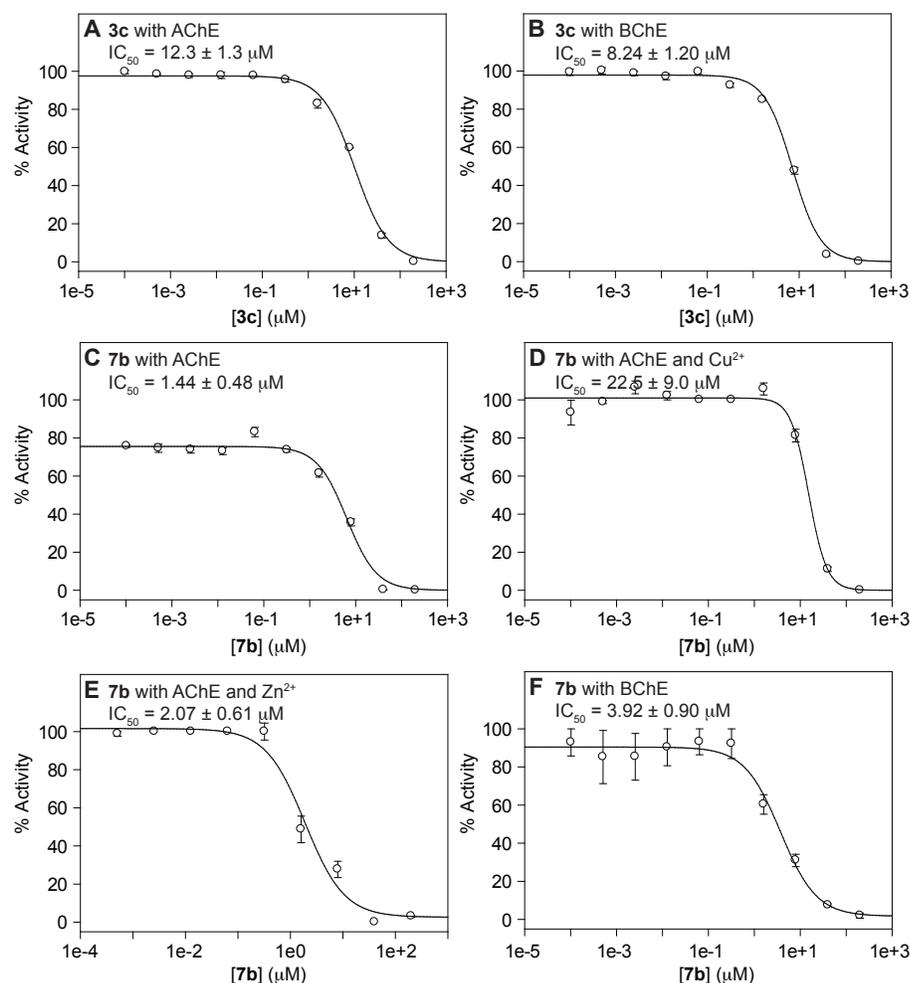


Fig. S54: Representative IC_{50} curves for compounds **3c** and **7b** with AChE and BChE in the absence or presence of $CuCl_2$ or $ZnCl_2$.

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