# **Supporting Information**

# The impact of modular substitution on crystal packing: The tale of two ureas

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# 1. Synthesis

#### 1.1 Synthesis of 2-iodophenylurea (3a):

In a 500 ml flask 2-iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of aqueous HCl (2M).



200 mL of water was added to completely dissolve the solid. In another beaker KNCO (13.69 mmol) was dissolved in a minimum volume of water and was dropwise added to the above solution and the reaction mixture was diluted by adding 300 ml of water. After stirring at room temperature for 4 h, a white precipitate was filtered and washed with

hot water (20 ml  $\times$  3 times). The compound was dried under vacuum, washed with toluene (20 ml  $\times$  3 times) and dried under vacuum to yield 2-iodophenylurea (**3a**) in 38%. 3a was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of ethanol:ethyl acetate.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 7.78 (ddd, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 2H, Ar, *CH*), 7.62 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.28 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 6.76 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 6.35 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 155.8 (s, *CO*), 140.6 (s, Ar, quat), 138.7 (s, Ar, *CH*), 128.4 (s, Ar, *CH*), 124.4 (s, Ar, *CH*), 122.8 (s, Ar, *CH*), 90.8 (s, Ar-I). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3298 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3200 (NH), 1698 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (For C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O) m/z = 262.96 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 284.94 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 140°C.









Figure S4. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectra of 1-(2-iodophenyl)urea (3a).

#### **1.2 Synthesis of 3-iodophenylurea (3b):**

In a 500 ml flask 3-iodoaniline (4.5 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL aqueous hydrochloric



acid (2M). 200 mL of water was added to completely dissolve the solid. In another beaker KNCO (10.04 mmol) was dissolved in a minimum volume of water and was dropwise added to the above solution and the reaction mixture was diluted by adding 300 ml of water. After stirring at room temperature for 6 h, a white precipitate

was filtered and washed with hot water (20 ml  $\times$  3 times). The compound was dried under vacuum, washed with toluene (20 ml  $\times$  3 times) and dried under vacuum to obtain 3-iodophenylurea (**3b**) in 64% yield. The 3-iodophenyurea was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of ethanol and ethyl acetate.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 8.66 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.98 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.24 (q,  $J_{\text{H-H}}$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 6.99 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}}$  = 8.00 Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 5.94 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 157.2 (s, CO), 143.3 (s, Ar, quat), 131.2 (s, Ar, CH), 131.0 (s, Ar, CH), 127.8 (s, Ar, CH), 118.3 (s, Ar, CH), 94.8 (s, Ar-I). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3429

(NH<sub>2</sub>), 3295 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3203 (NH), 1698 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (For C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O) m/z = 262.96  $[M+H]^+$ , 284.94  $[M+Na]^+$ . **Mp** = 165°C.



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (in THF-d<sub>8</sub>) of 1-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3b).



Figure S8. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectra of 1-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3b).

#### **1.3 Synthesis of 1-(4-iodophenyl)urea (3c):**

In a 11it flask 4-iodoaniline (22.83 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of dilute (2M) aqueous

hydrochloric acid. 200 mL of water was added to completely dissolve



the solid. In another beaker KNCO (45.66 mmol) was dissolved in a minimum volume of water and was dropwise added to the above solution and the reaction mixture was diluted by adding 300 ml of water. After stirring at room temperature for 6 h, a white precipitate was filtered and washed with hot water (20 ml  $\times$  3 times). The compound was dried under vacuum, washed with toluene (20 ml  $\times$  3 times) and dried under vacuum to obtain 1-(4-iodophenyl)urea (**3c**) in excellent yield (72%). 3c was crystallized from ethanol:ethyl acetate (1:1) mixture.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 8.7$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.52 (s, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.26 (s, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 5.93 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 155.8$  (s, CO), 140.5 (s, Ar, quat), 137.1 (s, Ar, CH), 120.0 (s, Ar, CH), 83.6 (s, Ar-I). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3303 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3259 (NH), 1654 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (For C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O) m/z = 262.96 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 284.94 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 220°C.





Figure S11. DEPT-135 NMR (in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 1-(4-iodophenyl)urea (3c).



Figure S12. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectra of 1-(4-iodophenyl)urea (3c).

#### 1.4 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d):



A 10 ml dichloromethane solution of 2-Iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) was taken in a 100 ml Schlenk flask and kept at 0°C. Phenyl isocyanate (10.04 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction

mixture with constant stirring at 0°C. After that the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (10:90)) to yield 81% of **3d**. This compound was crystallized from a DMF:ethyl acetate (1:1) mixture at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 9.44 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.90 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.86 (dd, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.95 Hz, 1.14Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 7.83 (dd, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.92 Hz, 1.12Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 7.50 (s, 1H,

Ar, CH), 7.48 (s, 1H, Ar, CH),7.34 (s, 1H, Ar, CH), 7.30 (td, 8.6Hz, 1.3Hz, 2H, Ar, CH), 6.98 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.28$  Hz, 1H, Ar, CH), 6.83 (td, 7.65Hz, 1.2Hz, 1H, Ar, CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 152.3$  (s, quat, C=O), 139.8 (s, quat, Ar), 139.6 (s, quat, Ar), 138.9 (s, Ar), 128.8 (s, Ar), 128.5 (s, Ar), 125.0 (s, Ar), 123.0 (s, Ar), 122.0 (s, Ar), 118.2 (s, Ar), 91.3 (s, quat, Ar, C-*I*). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3284 (NH), 1644 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OI) m/z = 338.99 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 360.98 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 190 °C.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.





Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d)in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

Figure S16. IR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d).



Figure S17. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3d).

#### 1.5 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e):

In a 100 ml flask, 20 ml DCM was taken and 3-Iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) was dissolved. The



reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and phenyl isocyanate (10.04 mmol) was dropwise added to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. The reaction mixture allowed to warm to room

temperature and stirred it for 2 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (40:60)) in 86% yield. This compound was crystallized from a DMF : ethyl acetate (1:1) mixture at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 8.75$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 8.67 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.97 (d, 1.8Hz, 1H, C*H*), 7.42 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.39 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.27-7.22 (m, 4H, Ar, C*H*), 7.03 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.32$  Hz 1H, Ar, C*H*), 6.94 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.33$  Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 152.4$  (s, quat, C=O), 141.2 (s, quat, Ar), 139.4 (s, quat, Ar), 130.8 (s, Ar), 130.3(s, Ar), 128.8 (s, Ar), 126.3 (s, Ar), 122.1 (s, Ar), 118.4 (s, Ar), 117.5 (s, Ar), 94.8 (s, quat, Ar). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3295 (NH), 1631 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OI) m/z = 338.99 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 360.98 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 195°C.



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S19. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S21. IR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e).



Figure S22. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3e).

#### 1.6 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f):

In a 100 ml flask, DCM (20 ml) solution of 4-Iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) was taken and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. Phenyl isothiocyanate (10.04 mmol) was added dropwise



to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. After that the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 4 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Volatiles were evaporated from the reaction mixture by reducing pressure and the product was purified by silica gel

column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (30:70)) in 90% yield. This compound was crystallized form a 1:1 mixture of DMF and ethyl acetate at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 8.79$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 8.70 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.60 (d,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 8.66$  Hz, 2H, C*H*), 7.46 (d,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.66$ Hz, 2H, C*H*), 7.33 (d,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 8.66$  Hz, 2H, C*H*), 7.28 (t,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.66$  Hz, 2H, C*H*), 6.98 (t,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.34$  Hz, 1H, C*H*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, 298K,

DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.3 (s, quat, C=O), 139.6 (s, quat, Ar), 139.5 (s, quat, Ar), 137.3 (s, Ar, CH), 128.3 (s, Ar, CH), 121.8 (s, Ar, CH), 120.4 (s, Ar, CH), 118.3 (s, Ar, CH), 84.6 (s, quat, Ar). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3300 (NH), 1632 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OI) m/z = 338.99 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 360.98 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp**= 150°C.



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S24. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S25. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S26. IR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f).



Figure S27. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylurea (3f).

#### 1.7 Synthesis of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3g):

20 ml dichloromethane was taken in a 100 ml flask and 3- Iodoaniline (10.2 mmol) was dissolved in it. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0°C and phenyl isothiocyanate (7.29 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 4 h. The progress of



the reaction was monitored by TLC. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (60:40)) in 81% yield. **3g** was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of DMF and ethyl acetate at room

temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, , DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta = 8.78$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 8.75(s, 1H, N*H*), 8.01 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.46 (q, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.26 Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.32 (q, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.98 Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.12 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.10 Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.06 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.05 Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta = 158.4$  (s, quat, C=S), 152.4 (s, quat, Ar), 141.2 (s, quat, Ar), 135.7 (s,

quat, Ar), 130.7 (s, Ar, CH), 130.3 (s, Ar, CH), 126.3 (s, Ar, CH), 120.2 (d, Ar, CH), 117.5 (s, Ar, CH), 115.2 (s, Ar, CH), 94.7 (s, quat, Ar, C-I). **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3300 (NH), 1632 (C=O). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For  $C_{13}H_{11}N_2OFI$ ) m/z = 356.98 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 378.97 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 210°C.



Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3g) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S29. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3g) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.(\* impurity)











Figure S32. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-iodophenyl)urea (3g).

#### 1.8 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3h):

In 100 ml round bottom flask, DCM (20 ml) and 2-Iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) was added the



reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. Phenyl isothiocyanate (10.04 mmol) was added dropwise to reaction mixture with constant stirring. After that the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The

progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (10:90)) in 62% yield. **3h** was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of DMF:ethyl acetate at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 9.93$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 9.33 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.88 (d,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.96$  Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.56 (d,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.71$ Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.33-7.44 (m, 4H, Ar, C*H*), 7.15 (t,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 7.20$  Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.02 (t,  ${}^{J}_{\text{H-H}} = 6.57$  Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 180.2$  (s, quat, C=S), 141.1 (s, quat, Ar), 139.7 (s, quat, Ar), 138.9 (s, Ar), 128.9 (s, Ar), 128.5 (s, Ar), 128.5 (s, Ar), 128.2 (s, Ar), 124.6 (s, Ar), 123.8 (s, Ar), 99.6 (s, quat, Ar, C-*I*). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3289 (NH), 1588 (C=S). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SI) m/z = 354.97 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 376.95 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 160°C.



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3h)in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.







Figure S35. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3h) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.





Figure S36. IR spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3h).

Figure S37. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(2-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3h).

#### 1.10 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i):

In a 100 ml round bottom flask, 25 ml DCM and 3-Iodoaniline (16.62 mmol) were added amd the flask was cooled to 0°C. Phenyl isothiocyanate (18.28 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. After that the reaction mixture was allowed to



warm to room temperature and was stirred for 18 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, solvent was evaporated from the reaction mixture and the product was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (10:90)) in 94% yield. **3i** was

crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of THF:ethyl acetate (1:1) at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 9.95 (s, 1H, N*H*), 9.86 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.97 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.48 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}}$  = 7.57 Hz, 4H, Ar, C*H*), 7.35 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}}$  = 7.58, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.14 (q,  $J_{\text{H-H}}$ 

<sub>H</sub> = 7.34 Hz, 2H, Ar, CH). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K) δ = 179.5 (s, quat, C=S), 141.0 (s, quat, Ar), 139.1 (s, quat, Ar), 132.7 (s, Ar), 131.7 (s, Ar), 130.3 (s, Ar), 128.5 (s, Ar), 124.6 (s, Ar), 123.3 (s, Ar), 122.9 (s, Ar), 93.8 (s, quat, Ar). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3323 (NH), 1577 (C=S). ESI-MS (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SI) m/z = 354.97[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 376.95[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** =110°C.



Figure S38. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i) in DMSO-d<sub>6.</sub>



Figure S39. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i) in DMSO-d<sub>6.</sub>



Figure S40. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Figure S41. IR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i).



Figure S42. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3i).

#### 1.9 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j):

In a 100 ml round bottom flask, 40 ml DCM and 4-Iodoaniline (9.13 mmol) were added and the resulting solution was cooled to 0°C. Phenyl isothiocyanate (10.04 mmol) was added



dropwise to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 4 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Solvent was evaporated and the product was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate:pet. ether (30:70)) in 90%

yield. This compound was crystallized in combination of DMF:ethyl acetate (1:1) at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298 K)  $\delta$  = 8.78 (s, 1H, N*H*), 8.69 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.61 (d, 2H, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.31 Hz, 2H, Ar, *CH*), 7.45 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.99 Hz, 2H, Ar, *CH*), 7.27-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar, *CH*), 6.98 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.20 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (50 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 179.4 (s, quat, C=S), 139.4 (s, quat, Ar), 139.3 (s, quat, Ar), 137.0 (s, Ar), 128.5 (s, Ar), 125.7 (s, Ar), 124.6 (s, Ar), 123.7 (s, Ar), 88.5 (s, quat, Ar, C-*I*). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3199 (NH), 1587 (C=S). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For  $C_{13}H_{11}N_2SI$ ) m/z = 354.97 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 376.95 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 140°C.



Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S44. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S45. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S46. IR spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j).



Figure S47. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(4-iodophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (3j).

#### 1.12 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k):

In a 100 ml round bottom flask, DCM (15 ml) and 3-Iodoaniline (2.77 mmol) were added and



the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. 1-isothiocyanato-4-nitrobenzene (3.8 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. After that the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room

temperature and was stirred for 4 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (60:40)) in 80% yield. **3k** was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of DMF:ethyl acetate at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, , DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta = 10.50$  (s, 1H, N*H*), 10.30 (s, 1H, N*H*), 8.23 (d, 2H, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.16 Hz, Ar, *CH*), 7.95 (s, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 7.83 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.16 Hz, 2H, Ar, *CH*), 7.52 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.60 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 7.50 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.85 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*), 7.17 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.93 Hz, 1H, Ar, *CH*). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta = 179.3$  (s, quat, C=S), 145.9 (s, quat, Ar), 142.4 (s, quat, Ar), 140.4 (s, quat, Ar), 133.4 (s, Ar, CH), 131.8 (s, Ar, CH), 130.5 (s, Ar, CH), 124.4 (s, Ar, CH), 123.0 (s, Ar, *CH*), 121.7 (s, Ar, CH), 93.9 (s, quat, Ar, C-*I*). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3216 (NH), 3154 (NH), 1576 (C=S). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SI) m/z = 399.96 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 150°C.



Figure S48. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S49. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S51. IR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k).



Figure S52. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)thiourea (3k).

#### 1.13 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (3I):

In a 100 ml round bottom flask, DCM (15 ml) and 3-Iodoaniline (4.24 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. 1-isothiocyanato-4-methoxybenzene (3.03 mmol)



was added dropwise to reaction solution with constant stirring at 0°C. After that the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 18 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The solvent was evaporated and the product was purified by

column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (15:85)) in 94% yield. **31** was crystallized from DMF:ethyl acetate (1:1) solution at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 9.76 (s, 1H, N*H*), 9.68 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.95 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.46 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 2H Ar, C*H*), 7.32 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar, C*H*), 7.11 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 6.92 (d, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.5 Hz, 2H, C*H*), 3.75 (s, 3H, OC*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125)

MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  = 179.7 (s, quat, C=S), 156.7 (s, quat, Ar, *C-OMe*), 141.1 (s, quat, Ar), 132.6 (s, Ar, CH), 131.6 (s, Ar, CH), 131.7 (s, Ar, CH), 130.2(s, Ar, CH), 126.1 (s, Ar, CH), 122.9 (s, Ar, *CH*), 113.7 (s, quat, Ar), 93.8 (s, quat, Ar, C-I), 55.2 (s, *OCH*<sub>3</sub>). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3199 (NH), 1587 (C=S). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSI) m/z = 384.98 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 406.96 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 105°C.



Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (31) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S54. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (31) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S55. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (31) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S56. IR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (31).



Figure S57. ESI-MS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (31).

#### 1.11 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (3m):

3-Iodoaniline (4.24 mmol) was dissolved in 15 ml of DCM in a 100 ml of round bottom flask and the solution was cooled to 0°C. 1-isothiocyanato-3-methoxybenzene (3.03 mmol) was



added dropwise to the reaction mixture with constant stirring. After that the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 18 r. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The volatiles were

evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate : petroleum ether (15:85)) in 94% yield. **3m** was crystallized from a 1:1 mixture of DMF:ethyl acetate at room temperature.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta$  = 9.95 (s, 1H, N*H*), 9.04 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.95 (s, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.07 Hz, Ar, C*H*), 7.25 (t, *J*<sub>H-H</sub> = 8.07 Hz, 1H, Ar, C*H*), 7.16 (s,

1H, Ar, CH),7.13 (t,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.32$  Hz,1H, Ar, CH ), 7.02 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.00$  Hz, 1H, Ar, CH), 6.73 (d,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.68$  Hz, 1H, Ar, CH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 298K)  $\delta = 179.3$  (s, quat, C=S), 159.3 (s, quat, Ar, *C-OMe*), 140.9 (s, quat, Ar), 140.2 (s, quat, Ar), 132.8(s, Ar), 131.7(s, Ar), 130.3 (s, Ar), 129.3 (s, Ar), 122.9 (s, Ar), 115.6 (s, Ar), 110.0 (s, Ar), 109.3 (s, Ar), 93.8 (s, quat, Ar, *C-I*), 55.1 (s, Ar, OCH<sub>3</sub>). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3190 (NH), 1580 (C=S). **ESI-MS** (+ve) (Cal. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSI) m/z = 384.98 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 406.96 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. **Mp** = 115°C.



Figure S58. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (3m) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S59. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (3m) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S60. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (3m) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S61. IR spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thioure (3m).



Figure S62. ESIMS (+ve mode) spectrum of 1-(3-iodophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thioure (3m).

### 2. Trans-Trans and Trans-Cis motifs



X = O or S; R = any substituent

Figure S63. Geometrical representations of *Trans-Trans* and *Trans-Cis* motifs in urea and thiourea derivatives

# 3. Halogen bonding motif



Figure S64. Types of halogen bonding motifs

4. View of molecular packing along 3rd direction:





Figure S65. Molecular packing in crystals of (a) 3a, (b) 3b and (c) 3c along the third direction.





(b)





(d)

Figure S66. Molecular packing in crystals of (a) 3d, (b) 3e, (c) 3f and (d) 3g along the third direction.





Figure S67. Molecular packing in crystals of (a) 3h, (b) 3i and (c) 3j along the third direction.



(a)





Figure S68. Molecular packing in crystals of (a) 3k, (b) 3l and (c) 3m along the third direction.

## 5. CSD Search Criteria



R = acyl, aromatic, aliphatic group with or without electronic donating or electron withdrawing groups. Some representative examples are given bellow



Η̈́.

Y = N or C, position of N can be anywahere on the aromatic compound

Figure S69. Criteria applied in CSD search.

# 6. Differential Scanning Calorimetry Studies





Figure S70: DSC profiles of compounds 3a-3m.