

The unprecedented ring transformation from thiazoline-spiro-thiophene to thieno[2,3-b]pyrazine involved in the reaction of 2-thiocarbamoyl thiazolium salts with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate

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Melting points are uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded in the indicated solvents. The solvent THF was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl and dichloromethane was dried with phosphorus pentoxide and redistilled.

1. General procedure for the preparation of 2-thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salts **8**

At -30 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere, NaH (4 mmol, 50% in mineral oil) was added to the suspension of *N*-alkyl thiazolium bromide or thiazolium chloride (3 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h under the same conditions. To the resulting emulsion, the solution of aryl isothiocyanate (3 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was then stirred for 8-10 h at -30 to -10 °C. After removal of the solvent under vacuum at room temperature, the residue was chromatographed on a neutral Al₂O₃ column eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and acetone (from 3:1 to 1:1). The eluent was evaporated under vacuum below 40 °C to give 2-thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salts **8** in 64-95% yields.

3-Ethyl-2-(*p*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt **8a:** 95%, mp 148-149 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹): 1591, 1581, 1560, 1503, 1330; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 5.00 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 177.6, 170.8, 158.0, 145.2, 143.3, 124.7, 122.4, 119.5, 46.7, 14.9, 14.5. MS (TOF-ESI): 308 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂S₂: C 50.79, H 4.26, N 13.67. Found: C 50.82, H 4.44, N 13.30.

3-Butyl-2-(*p*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt **8b:** 92%, mp 110-111 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹): 1584, 1570, 1521, 1496, 1328; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 4.94 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 177.4, 170.9, 158.2, 145.5, 143.2, 124.7, 122.2, 119.6, 50.9, 31.8, 20.0, 14.7, 13.6. MS (ESI): 336 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 53.71, H 5.11, N 12.53. Found: C 53.76, H 5.35, N 12.18.

3-Benzyl-2-(*p*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8c: 80%, mp 141-142 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1582, 1571, 1499, 1329; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.22 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.25 (br, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 178.2, 170.8, 157.7, 146.5, 143.2, 132.7, 129.4, 128.8, 127.0, 124.6, 122.4, 119.7, 54.1, 15.0. MS (ESI): 370 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 58.52, H 4.09, N 11.37. Found: C 58.51, H 4.32, N 11.07.

3-(*p*-Methylbenzyl)-2-(*p*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8d: 80%, mp 134-135 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1581, 1567, 1498, 1328; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.22 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 178.2, 170.9, 157.8, 146.5, 143.3, 138.9, 130.0, 129.7, 127.1, 124.6, 122.4, 119.4, 54.0, 21.1, 15.0. MS (ESI): 384 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 59.51, H 4.47, N 10.96. Found: C 59.54, H 4.82, N 10.90.

3-(*p*-Bromobenzyl)-2-(*p*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8e: 85%, mp 181-182 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1583, 1566, 1514, 1499, 1326; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (br, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.31 (br, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 178.5, 170.9, 157.1, 146.1, 143.5, 132.6, 131.6, 128.8, 124.7, 123.1, 122.5, 119.6, 53.5, 15.0. MS (ESI): 448 (M+1), 450. Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 48.22, H 3.15, N 9.37. Found: C 48.30, H 2.83, N 9.21.

3-Benzyl-2-phenylthiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8f: 88%, mp 172-173 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1589, 1571, 1505; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.35-7.42 (m, 7H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.3, 167.9, 150.8, 145.9, 133.1, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 124.0, 122.3, 118.9, 54.0, 15.0. MS (ESI): 325 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$: C 66.63, H 4.97, N 8.63. Found: C 66.65, H 4.80, N 8.58.

3-Benzyl-2-(*p*-methylphenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8g: 73%, mp 168-169 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1578, 1507, 1491; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.34-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.2, 167.1, 148.4, 146.1, 133.5, 133.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.2, 122.4, 119.3, 53.9, 21.2, 14.9. MS (ESI): 339 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$: C 67.42, H 5.36, N 8.28. Found: C 67.52, H 5.51, N 8.21.

3-Benzyl-2-(*p*-fluorophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8h: 81%, mp 105-106 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1574, 1506, 1493; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.35

(s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.1, 167.7, 161.0, 157.8, 146.8, 146.2, 133.1, 129.2, 128.6, 127.1, 124.2, 124.1, 119.3, 115.1, 114.8, 54.0, 14.9. MS (ESI): 443 (M+1). Anal.Calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{S}_2$: C 63.13, H 4.41, N 8.18. Found: C 63.37, H 4.60, N 8.11.

3-Benzyl-2-(*m*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8i: 85%, mp 167-168 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1571, 1516, 1499, 1349; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.92 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 170.8, 148.6, 146.3, 132.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 119.2, 118.5, 117.6, 54.2, 15.0. MS (ESI): 370 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C 58.52, H 4.09, N 11.37. Found: C 58.55, H 3.68, N 11.29.

3-Benzyl-2-(*p*-trifluoromethylphenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8j: 89%, mp 122-123 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1607, 1574, 1516, 1496, 1321; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.37 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 178.6, 169.7, 154.5, 146.3, 132.9, 129.3, 128.7, 127.1, 126.4, 125.72, 125.67, 125.6, 125.3, 124.8, 122.8, 122.1, 119.5, 54.0, 14.9. MS (ESI): 393 (M+1). Anal.Calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$: C 58.15, H 3.85, N 7.14. Found: C 58.25, H 3.73, N 7.18.

3-Methylbenzyl-2-(*p*-fluorophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8k: 75%, mp 125-126 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}): 1575, 1508, 1493; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.51 (br, 2H), 7.18 (s, 5H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.2, 167.8, 161.0, 157.8, 146.7, 146.0, 138.6, 130.0, 129.9, 127.2, 124.2, 124.1, 118.9, 115.1, 114.8, 53.9, 21.1, 15.0. MS (ESI): 357 (M+1). Anal.Calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{S}_2$: C 64.02, H 4.81, N 7.86. Found: C 63.98, H 4.62, N 7.64.

3-Methylbenzyl-2-(*p*-trifluoromethylphenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8l: 84%, mp 121-122 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1606, 1573, 1515, 1494, 1321; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.59 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (brs, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 178.5, 169.8, 154.4, 146.2, 138.7, 129.9, 129.8, 127.2, 126.4, 125.74, 125.69, 125.6, 125.3, 122.9, 122.1, 119.2, 53.9, 21.1, 14.9. MS (ESI): 407 (M+1). Anal.Calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$: C 59.10, H 4.22, N 6.89. Found: C 59.27, H 4.22, N 6.79.

3-Bromobenzyl-2-(*p*-methylphenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8m: 64%, mp 163-164 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1575, 1503, 1484, 1475; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.33 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.5, 166.9, 148.0, 145.9, 133.8, 132.3, 129.1, 129.0, 122.7, 122.5, 119.4, 53.4, 21.1, 14.9. MS (ESI): 417 (M+1), 419. Anal.Calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{S}_2$: C 54.67, H 4.11, N 6.71. Found: C 54.25, H 3.83, N 6.30.

3-Bromobenzyl-2-(*p*-fluorophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8n: 82%, mp 132-133 °C, IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1575, 1506, 1488; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.46-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 179.5, 167.5, 161.1, 157.9, 146.5, 145.9, 132.4, 132.1, 128.9, 124.3, 124.2, 122.8, 119.4,

115.1, 114.8, 53.4, 14.9. MS (ESI): 421 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrFN₂S₂: C 51.31, H 3.35, N 6.65. Found: C 51.36, H 3.59, N 6.67.

3-Bromobenzyl-2-(*m*-nitrophenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8o: 78%, mp 162-163 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹): 1567, 1514, 1501, 1486, 1343; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.22 (brs, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.8, 151.8, 148.6, 146.2, 132.6, 131.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 123.1, 119.6, 118.6, 117.5, 53.6, 15.0. MS (ESI): 448 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrN₃O₂S₂: C 48.22, H 3.15, N 9.37. Found: C 48.33, H 3.18, N 9.23.

3-Bromobenzyl-2-(*p*-trifluoromethylphenyl)thiocarbamoyl thiazolium inner salt 8p: 90%, mp 169-170 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1606, 1576, 1515, 1485, 1320; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (brs, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 178.8, 169.6, 154.1, 146.1, 132.4, 131.9, 128.9, 125.8, 125.73, 125.70, 125.67, 125.4, 122.9, 122.2, 119.6, 53.5, 14.9. MS (ESI): 471 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄BrF₃N₂S₂: C 48.41, H 2.99, N 5.94. Found: C 48.65, H 2.96, N 5.78.

2. General procedure for the reaction of 2-thiocarbamoyl thiazolium salts 8 with DMAD.

A solution of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (2.5 mmol) in dichloroethane (10 mL) was added dropwise to the 2-thiocarbamoyl thiazolium salts **8** (1 mmol) in dichloroethane (20 mL) while cooling in an ice-bath. The mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hour. After removal of the solvent under vacuum at room temperature, the residue was chromatographed on a neutral Al₂O₃ column eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate (from 3:1 to 1:1). The eluent was evaporated under vacuum below 40 °C, and the products **9** were isolated in 72-97% yields.

(*E*)-Dimethyl

1-ethyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9a: 97%, mp 123-124 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1737, 1715, 1591; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.6, 165.5, 164.2, 161.5, 154.7, 152.3, 149.9, 143.3, 138.0, 137.3, 130.1, 126.1, 124.2, 118.2, 116.0, 106.6, 53.7, 53.1, 52.2, 44.1, 17.2, 14.8. MS (TOF-ESI): 592 (M+1). Anal.Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₃O₁₀S₂: C 50.75, H 4.26, N 7.10. Found: C 50.79, H 4.54, N 6.87.

(*E*)-Dimethyl

1-butyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9b: 95%, mp 130-131 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1738, 1714, 1590; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 8.28 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.41-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.05-1.09 (m, 2H), 0.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.6, 164.2, 161.5, 155.5, 152.6, 150.0, 143.1, 138.2, 136.8, 129.7, 126.1, 124.7, 117.4,

116.0, 105.1, 53.7, 53.15, 53.08, 52.2, 48.3, 32.4, 19.9, 17.1, 13.6. MS (MALDI-TOF): 619 (M^+).
Anal. Calcd for $C_{27}H_{29}N_3O_{10}S_2$: C 52.33, H 4.72, N 6.78. Found: C 52.27, H 4.89, N 6.64.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(p-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-b]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9c: 82%, mp 161-162 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1735, 1718, 1708, 1590; 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 8.21 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 5 H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 165.4, 164.2, 161.4, 154.0, 151.6, 149.2, 143.6, 139.7, 137.8, 137.3, 130.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.1, 125.9, 124.1, 119.0, 116.6, 110.3, 53.6, 53.5, 53.12, 53.07, 52.2, 17.6. MS (MALDI-TOF): 562 (M-Bn), 653 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{27}N_3O_{10}S_2$: C 55.12, H 4.16, N 6.43. Found: C 55.14, H 4.37, N 6.37.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(p-methylbenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(p-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-b]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9d: 85%, mp 142-142 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1737, 1715, 1708, 1588; 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 8.19 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 165.4, 164.2, 161.5, 154.1, 151.7, 149.1, 143.5, 140.1, 138.2, 137.4, 134.5, 130.9, 129.9, 128.2, 125.7, 124.2, 118.8, 116.6, 111.0, 53.7, 53.5, 53.1, 52.2, 20.9, 17.6. MS (MALDI-TOF): 562 (M-MeBn), 668 ($M+1$). Anal. Calcd for $C_{31}H_{29}N_3O_{10}S_2$: C 55.76, H 4.38, N 6.29. Found: C 55.82, H 4.74, N 6.10.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(p-bromobenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(p-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-b]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9e: 80%, mp 155-156 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1735, 1723, 1706, 1589; 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 8.20 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 165.4, 164.2, 161.4, 153.8, 151.3, 148.8, 143.6, 140.8, 137.0, 136.6, 132.4, 131.0, 130.4, 125.8, 124.4, 122.2, 118.7, 116.9, 112.4, 53.7, 53.3, 53.1, 52.2, 17.6. MS (MALDI-TOF): 562 (M-BrBn), 732 ($M+1$). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{26}BrN_3O_{10}S_2$: C 49.19, H 3.58, N 5.74. Found: C 49.22, H 3.95, N 5.49.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-phenyl-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-b]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9f: 75%, mp 159-160 °C; IR ν (cm^{-1}) 1740, 1718, 1603; 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 7.36-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.3, 164.3, 161.6, 148.5, 148.0, 144.9, 144.4, 137.6, 132.6, 131.2, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.5, 125.9, 118.2, 118.1, 116.2, 55.8, 53.3, 53.1, 52.5, 52.1, 18.1; MS (TOF-ESI): 609 ($M+1$), 631 ($M+Na^+$). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{28}N_2O_8S_2$: C 59.20, H 4.64, N 4.60. Found: C 59.18, H 4.65, N 4.42.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9g: 72%, mp 107-108 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1736, 1716, 1603; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.3, 164.3, 161.6, 149.1, 148.5, 143.5, 141.5, 137.9, 137.5, 132.9, 130.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 126.6, 119.1, 117.3, 116.1, 56.2, 53.3, 53.1, 52.4, 52.1, 21.0, 18.2. MS (MALDI-TOF): 622.9 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₂O₈S₂: C 59.79, H 4.86, N 4.50. Found: C 59.84, H 4.36, N 4.25.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9h: 77%, mp 119-120 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1740, 1720, 1605; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.3, 164.3, 161.6, 160.5, 148.5, 148.0, 144.1, 140.4, 137.4, 132.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.01, 128.98, 128.9, 118.8, 118.1, 117.0, 116.7, 116.5, 56.1, 53.4, 53.2, 52.6, 52.2, 18.2. MS (MALDI-TOF): 535 (M-Bn), 627 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₇FN₂O₈S₂: C 57.50, H 4.34, N 4.47. Found: C 57.53, H 4.60, N 4.41.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*m*-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9i: 77%, mp 99-100 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1741, 1727, 1712, 1613; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 5H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 164.6, 164.4, 163.3, 160.5, 149.4, 148.7, 147.5, 145.7, 142.6, 136.5, 133.9, 130.9, 130.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 120.9, 119.1, 115.9, 115.8, 113.4, 53.8, 52.7, 52.3, 52.0, 51.3, 17.0. MS (MALDI-TOF): 562 (M-Bn), 653 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₇N₃O₁₀S₂: C 55.12, H 4.16, N 6.43. Found: C 54.61, H 4.43, N 6.16.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-benzyl-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9j: 82%, mp 102-103 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1736, 1712, 1612; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.5, 165.4, 164.3, 161.5, 150.7, 149.0, 148.9, 143.0, 137.6, 135.1, 131.4, 129.4, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 126.1, 122.1, 121.9, 116.5, 113.4, 54.3, 53.5, 53.1, 52.9, 52.2, 17.8. MS (MALDI-TOF): 585 (M-Bn), 677 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₂₇F₃N₂O₈S₂: C 55.02, H 4.02, N 3.98. Found: C 55.02, H 4.21, N 3.98.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(*p*-methylbenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9k: 72%, mp 109-110 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1743, 1737, 1720, 1602; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.3, 164.3, 163.7, 161.6, 148.6, 148.0, 144.1, 140.4, 138.7, 134.2, 133.0, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 119.0, 118.0, 116.9, 116.6, 116.5, 55.9, 53.4, 53.2, 52.5, 52.2, 21.2, 18.2. MS (MALDI-TOF): 535 (M-MeBn), 641 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₂₉FN₂O₈S₂: C 58.11, H 4.56, N 4.37. Found: C 58.04, H 4.71, N 3.86.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(*p*-methylbenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9l: 81%, mp 105-106 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1736, 1712, 1612; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.5, 165.4, 164.3, 161.5, 150.9, 148.9, 143.3, 138.3, 135.2, 134.5, 131.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 127.11, 127.06, 126.3, 125.9, 121.9, 116.4, 113.9, 54.3, 53.6, 53.1, 52.9, 52.2, 21.0, 17.8. MS (MALDI-TOF): 585 (M-MeBn), 691 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₉F₃N₂O₈S₂: C 55.64, H 4.23, N, 4.06. Found: C 55.62, H 4.59, N, 3.77.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(*p*-bromobenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9m: 76%, mp 131-132 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1747, 1734, 1713, 1601; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.2, 164.3, 161.6, 149.4, 148.3, 143.1, 141.3, 138.0, 136.5, 133.0, 132.6, 131.9, 130.8, 129.7, 126.4, 122.6, 119.9, 117.5, 116.4, 55.7, 53.3, 53.1, 52.5, 52.1, 21.0, 18.2. MS (MALDI-TOF): 531 (M-BrBn), 701 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₂₉BrN₂O₈S₂: C 53.07, H 4.17, N 3.99. Found: C 53.04, H 4.40, N 3.94.

(E)-Dimethyl

1-(*p*-bromobenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(1,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinylthio)-4-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-1,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6,7-dicarboxylate 9n: 82%, mp 110-111 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1748, 1736, 1715, 1601; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.76-6.78 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ (ppm): 165.7, 165.3, 164.3, 161.6, 148.7, 147.9, 143.8, 140.2, 136.5, 132.9, 132.6, 131.9, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 122.6, 119.4, 118.2, 117.1, 116.8, 116.7, 55.5, 53.4, 53.2, 52.6, 52.2, 18.2. MS (MALDI-TOF): 535 (M-BrBn), 705 (M+1). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₆BrFN₂O₈S₂: C 51.07, H 3.71, N 3.97. Found: C 51.14, H 4.19, N 3.94.

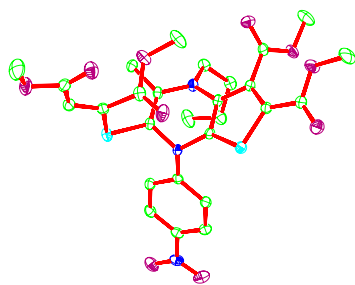
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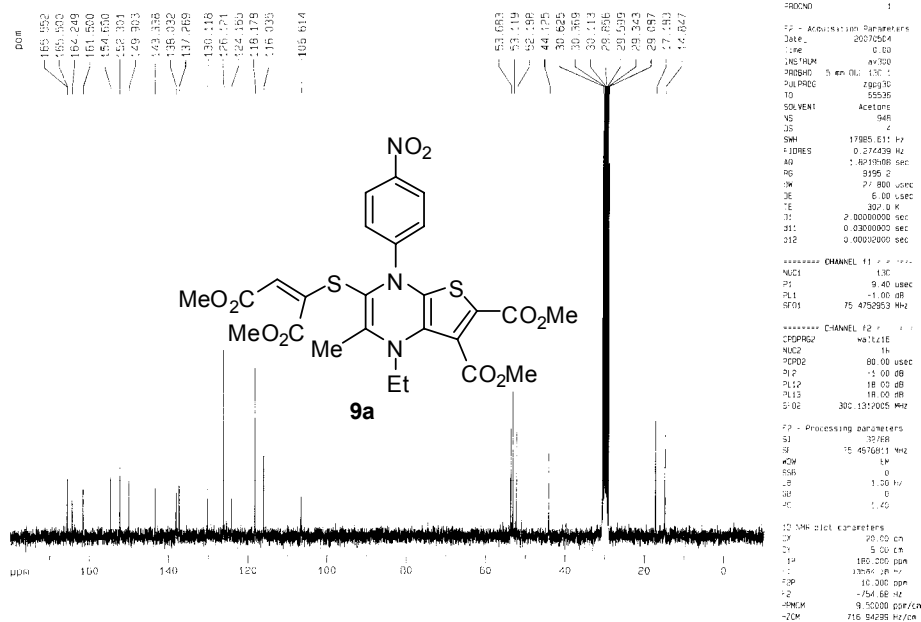
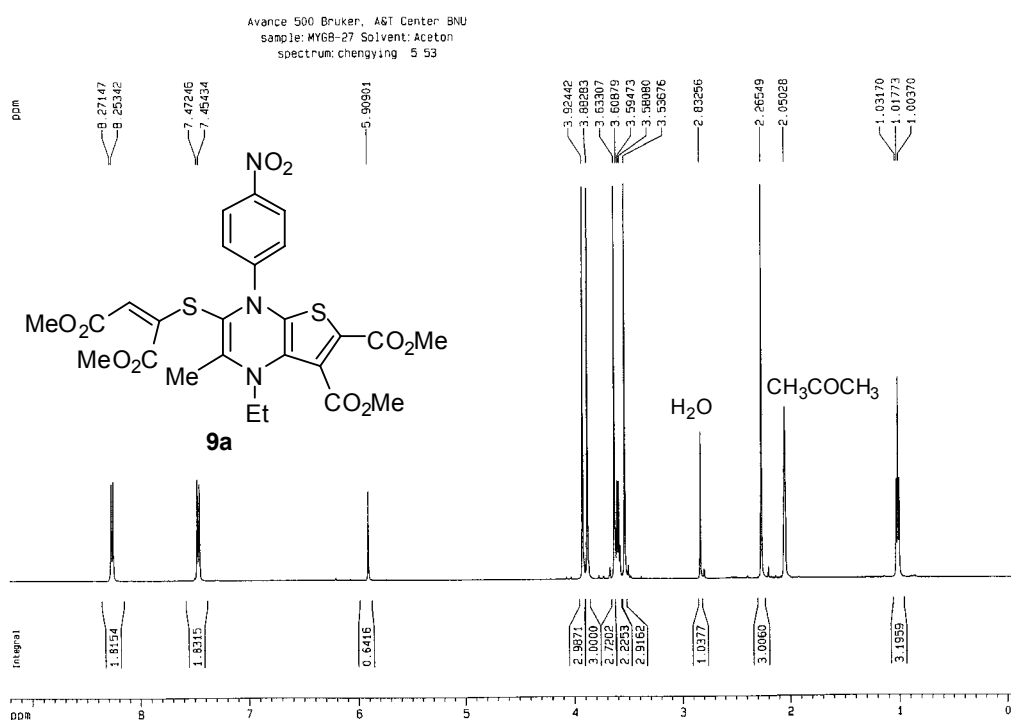
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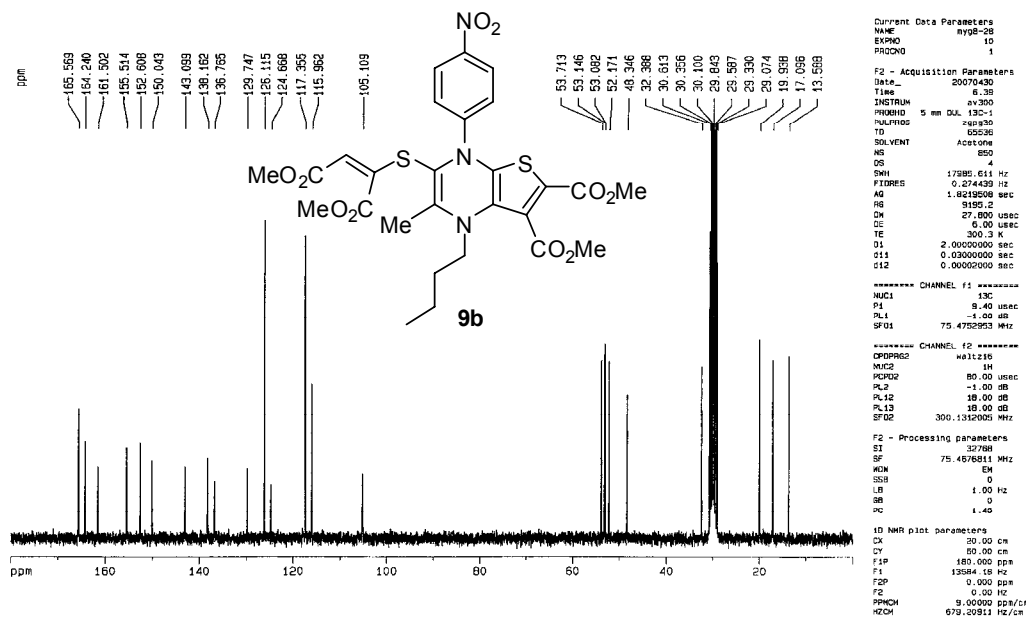
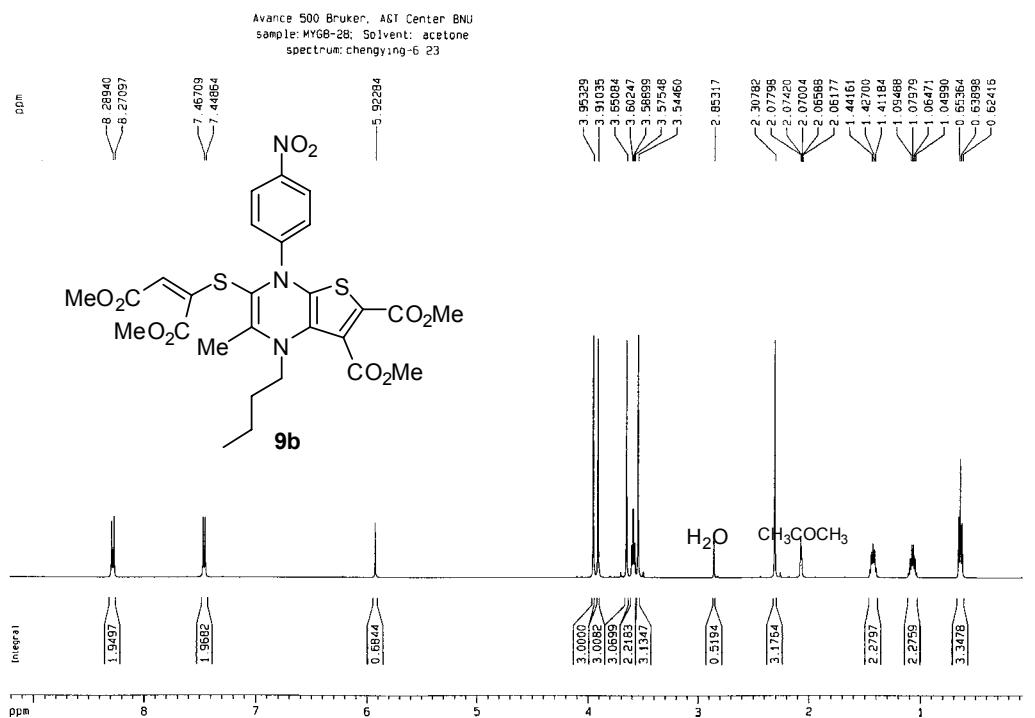
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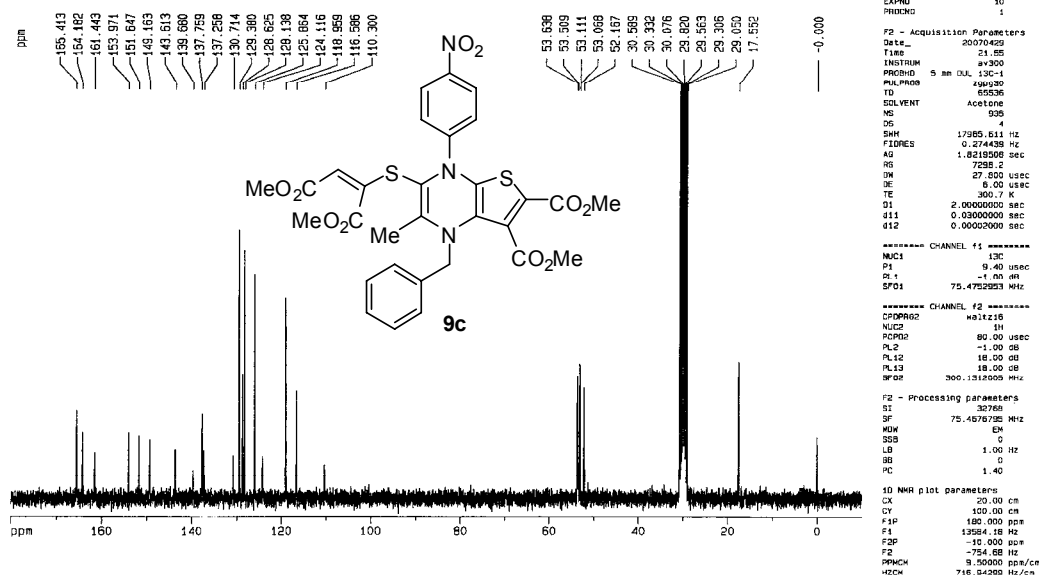
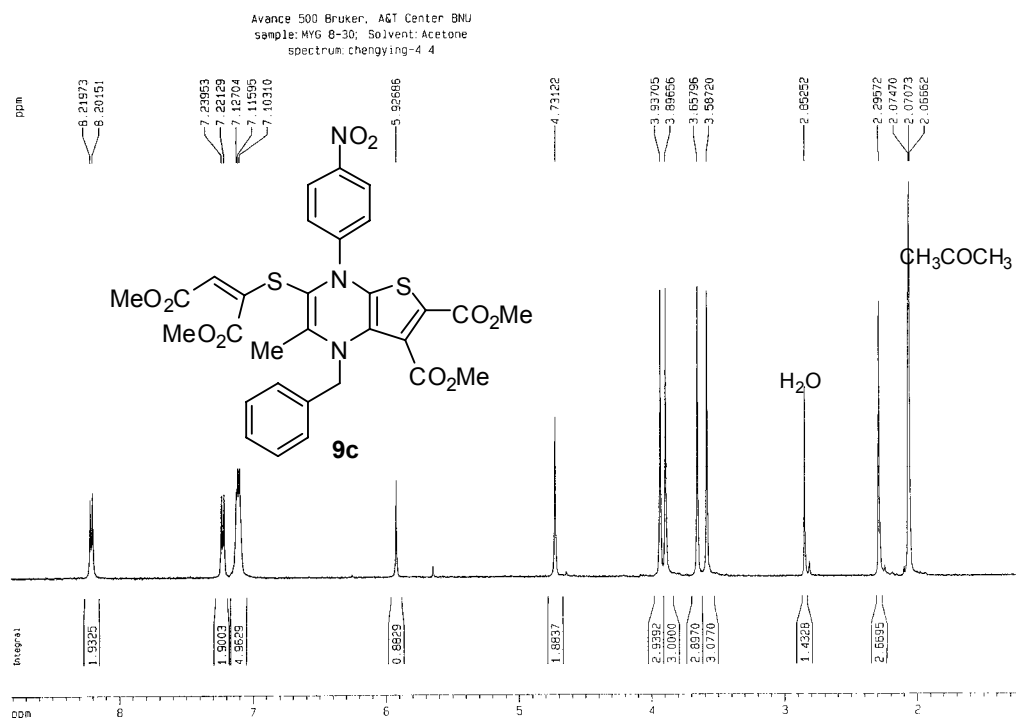
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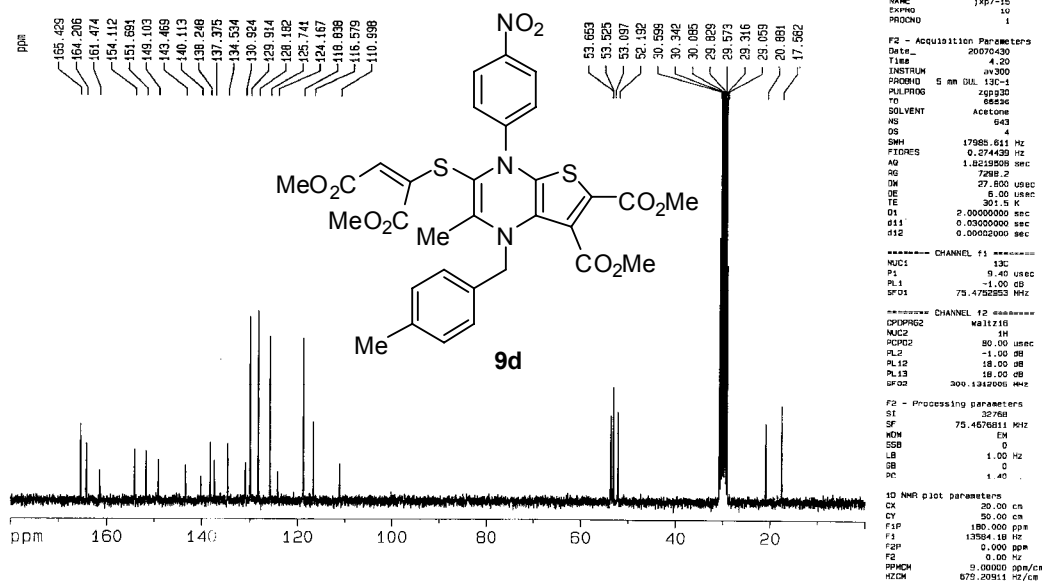
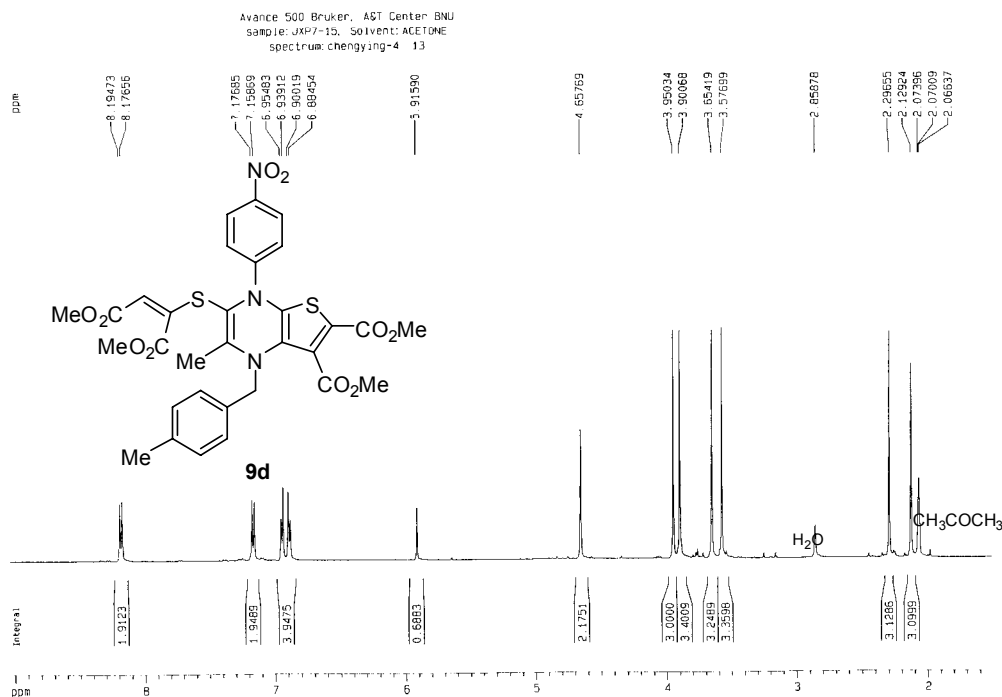


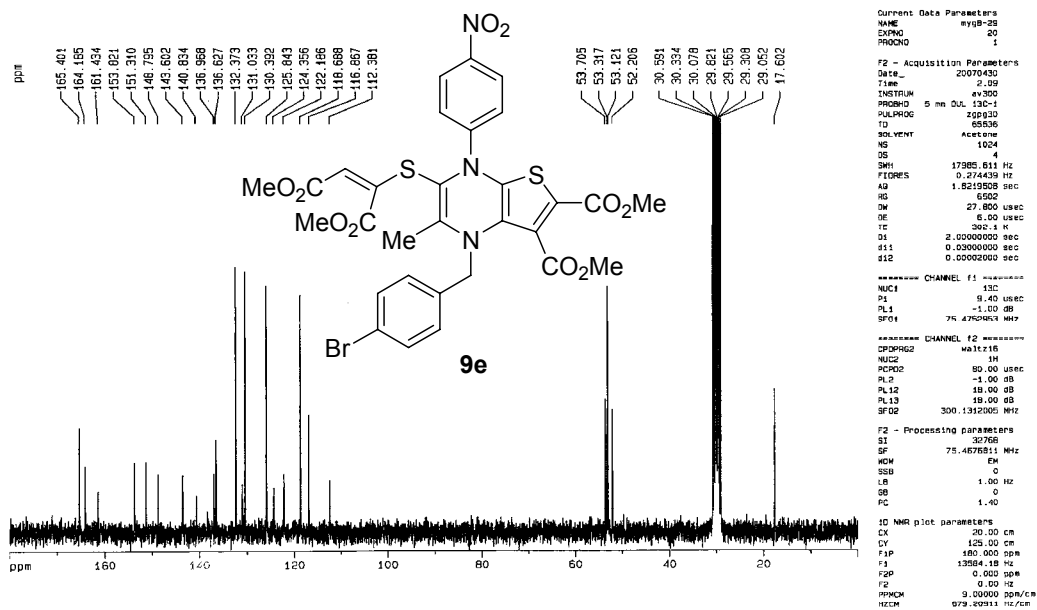
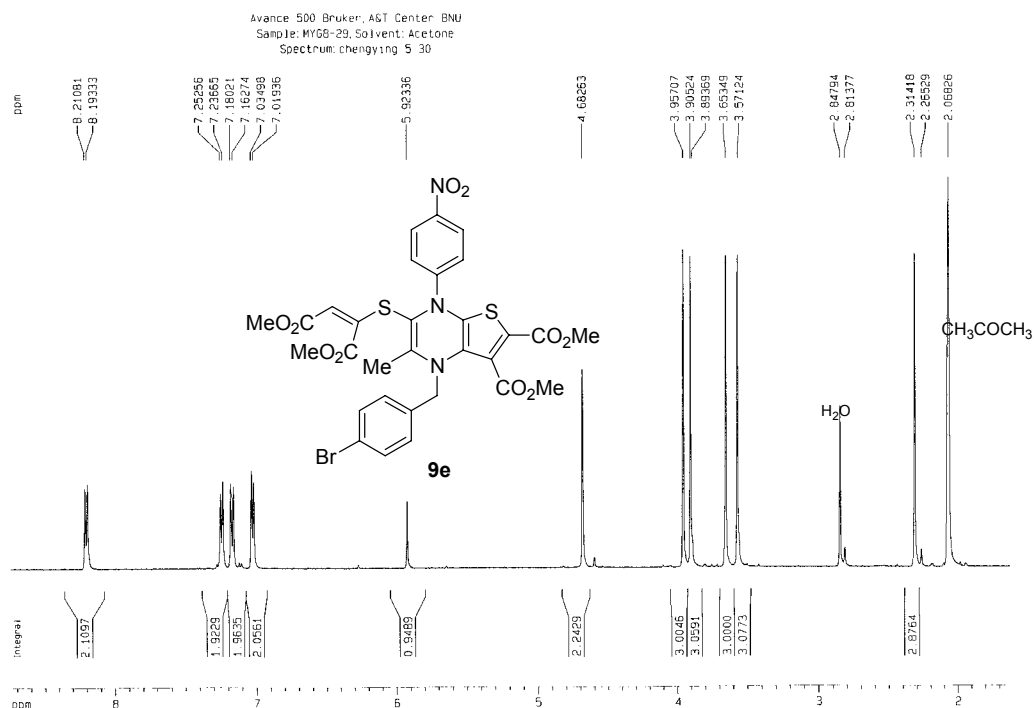
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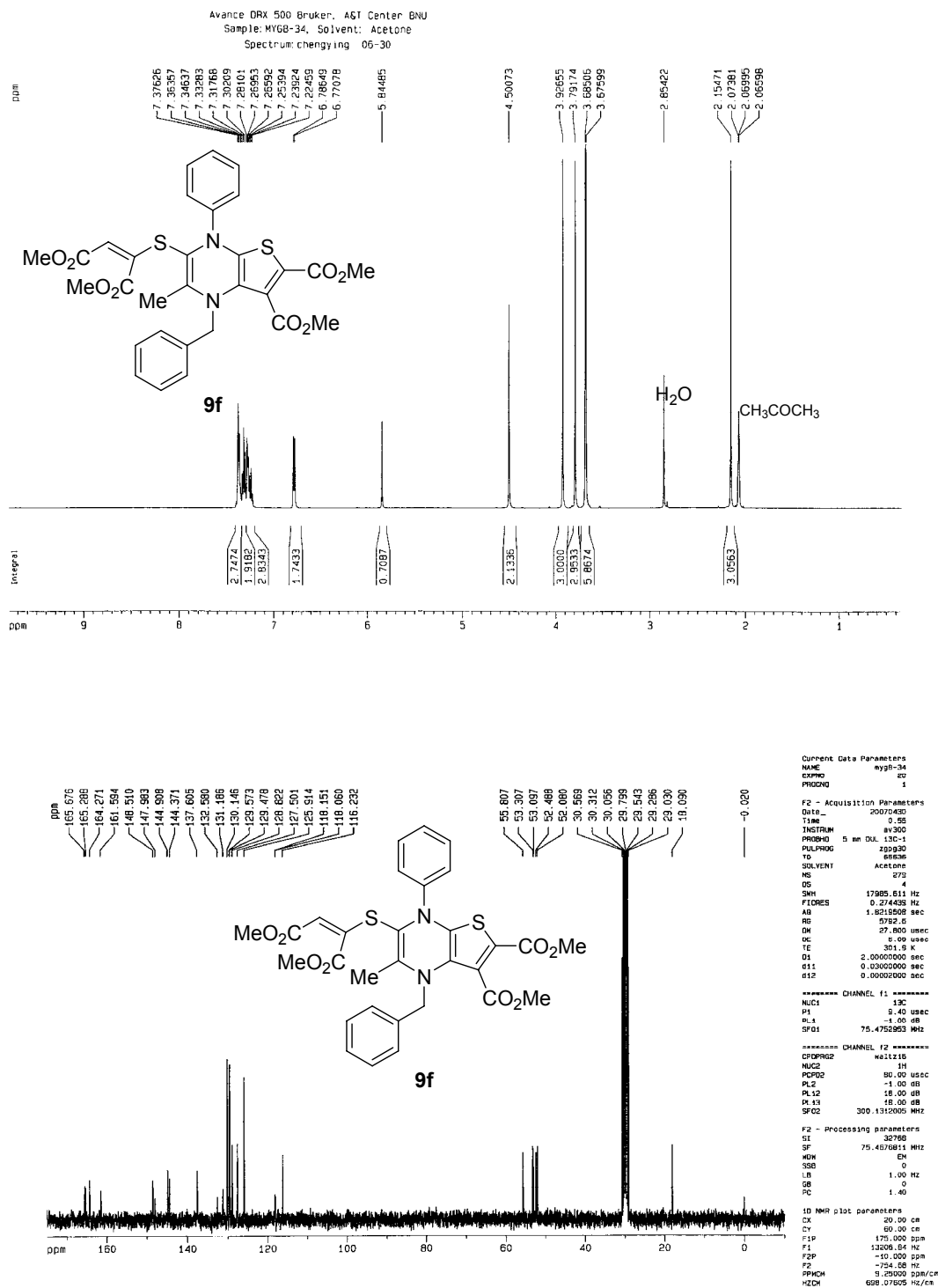


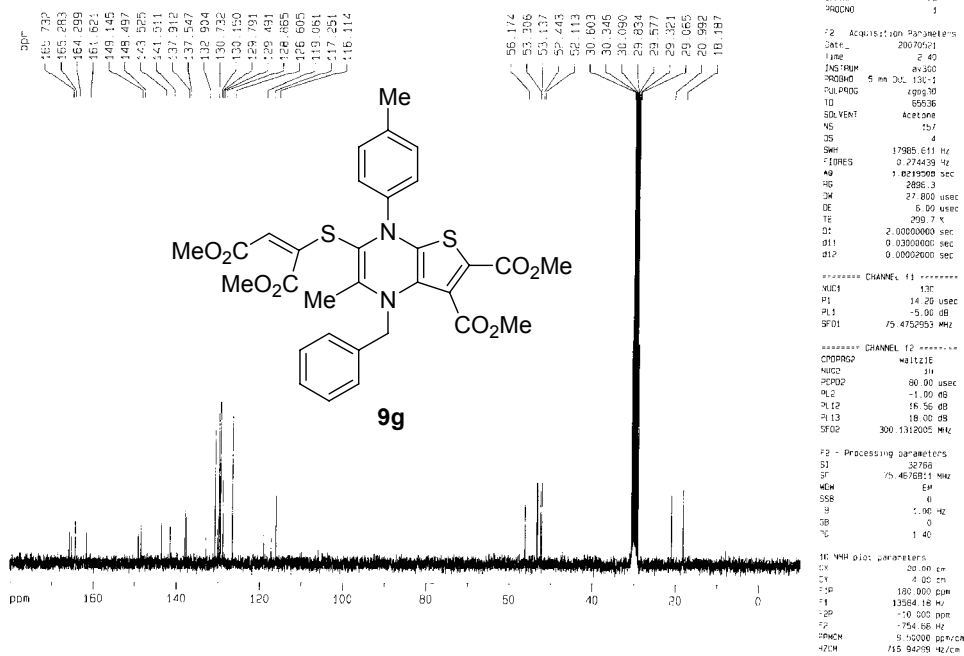
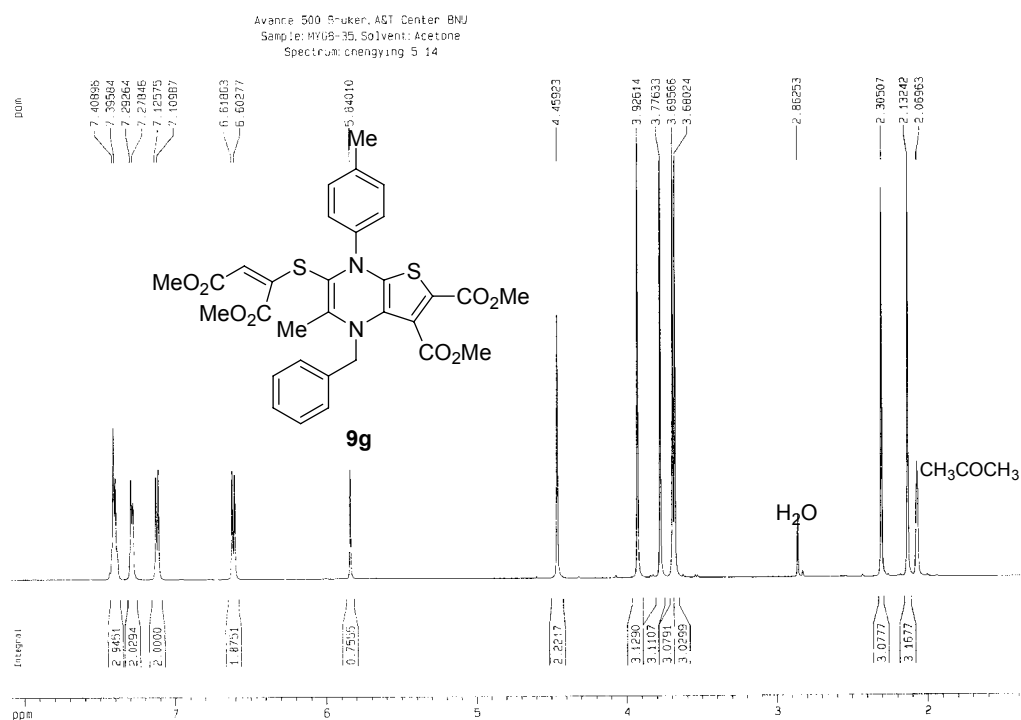


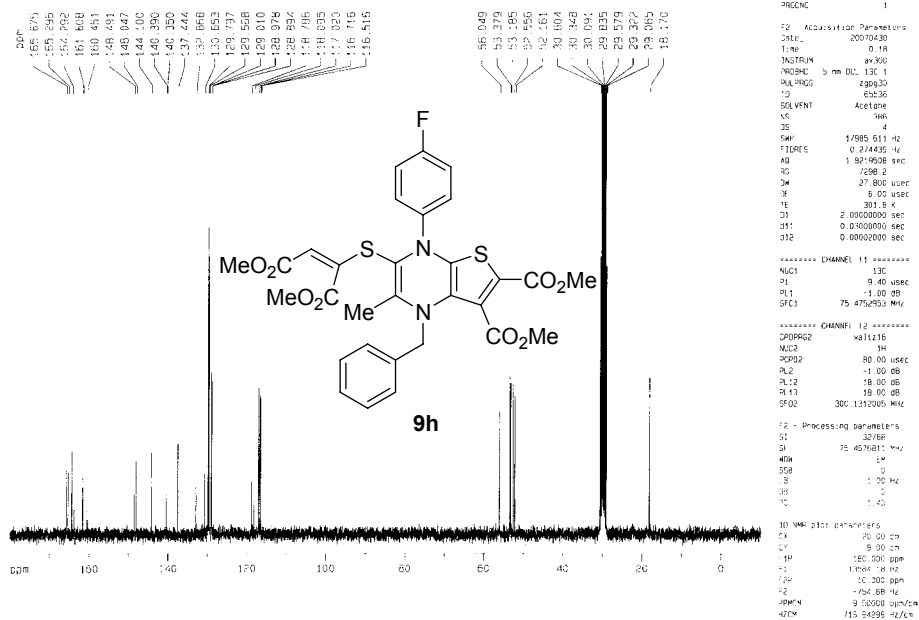
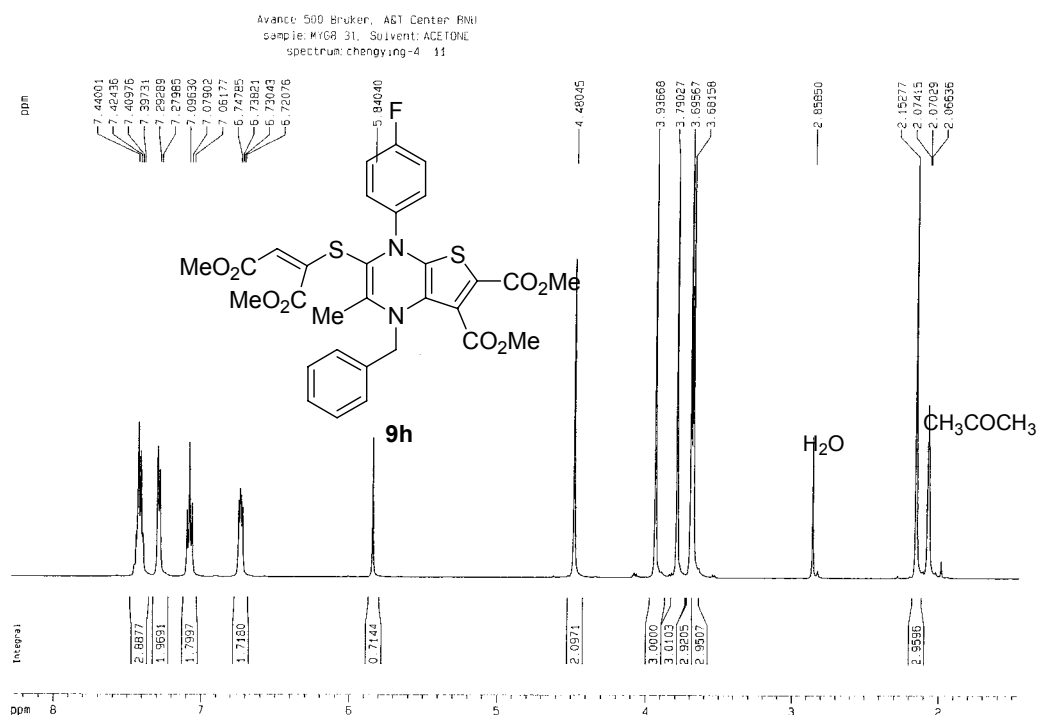












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