

Supporting Information

Pd(II) and Cu(II) Catalyzed Oxidative Cross-Coupling of Mercaptoacetylenes and Arylboronic Acids

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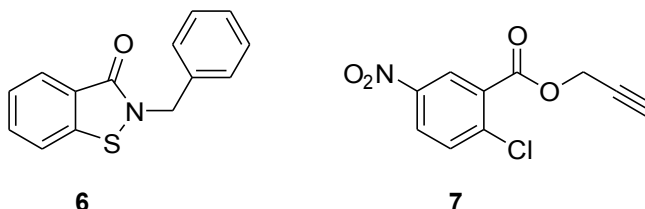
General Experimental.

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at Bruker Avance 400 MHz NMR spectrometer with solvent residual peak (CDCl_3 : ^1H = 7.24 ppm, ^{13}C = 77.23; $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$: ^1H = 2.05 ppm, ^{13}C = 206.68 ppm; $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$: ^1H = 2.50 ppm, ^{13}C = 39.51 ppm) as the internal reference unless otherwise noted. Data are reported in the following order: chemical shifts are given (δ); multiplicities are indicated b (broadened), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), app (apparent); coupling constants, J , are reported in Hz. Peaks in IR are reported in cm^{-1} with the following relative intensities: s (strong, 67-100%), m (medium, 40-67%), w (weak, 10-40%). HPLC analyses were carried out on an Acquity UPLC-MS Instrument (Waters Corporation), GC-MS analyses on Agilent GC-MS System (Agilent Technologies). Elemental analyses were carried out on Perkin Elmer PE 2400 Series II. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a LTQ Orbitrap XL (EI). IR spectra were measured with Bruker IFS 55 Equinox. Melting points were determined on Stuart SMP30 and are not corrected. Column chromatography procedures were followed using 70-230 μm silica gel. Visualization was effected with ultraviolet light.

Terminal alkynes and the palladacycle **4** were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Solvents for reaction media were obtained from commercial sources, dried over 4 Å molecular sieves and titrated for water level with a Karl Fischer Coulometer (Mettler Toledo DL 32) (water content below 10 ppm).

Synthesis of *N*-thioamide and Terminal Alkyne

N-Thioamide **6**, propargyl benzoate **7** and copper(I) 3-methylsalicylate (CuMeSal) were prepared according to the previously reported procedures.^{1,2}

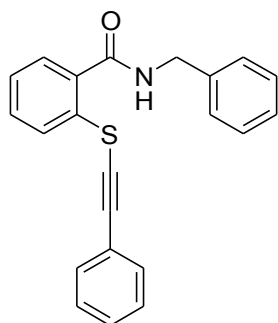


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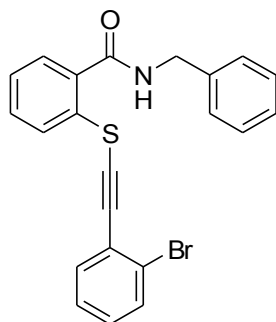
The General Method for Preparation of Mercaptoacetylenes

N-Thioamide **5** (1.5 mmol – 3.0 mmol) and AgOAc (3 mol%) were placed in a reaction tube. The tube was covered by tinfoil to protect the light-sensitive catalyst. DMF (2-3 mL) and corresponding terminal alkyne (1.2-1.3 eq) were added and the reaction tube was sealed with a cap. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 70-80 °C (the exact times and temperature are included for individual transformations below). The reaction progress was followed by UPLC. After the reaction was complete, it was quenched with ice cooled 5% hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water and dried or the quenched reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x) (in case of products which have not precipitated). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (4x), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by recrystallization or column chromatography.



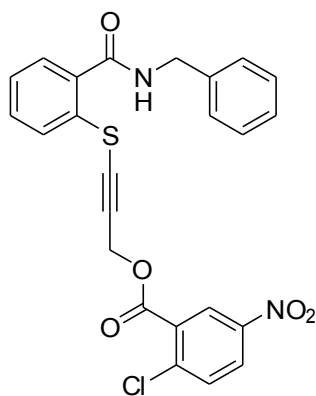
***N*-Benzyl-2-(phenylethynylthio)benzamide (1a)**¹. The general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (720 mg; 3.0 mmol) and phenylacetylene (0.43 mL; 3.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 46 h at 80 °C. Mercaptoacetylene **1a** was obtained as a white crystalline product after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:1:2) in 94 % yield (970 mg). M.p. 123.5-125.5 °C (EtOH/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (dd, *J* = 0.7, 8.1, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, *J* = 4.4, 7.5, 14.8, 8H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.33 (bs, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.7, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 138.0, 135.4, 132.2, 132.0, 131.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.2, 123.2, 98.7, 77.3, 44.4.

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***N*-Benzyl-2-((2-bromophenyl)ethynylthio)benzamide (1b).** The

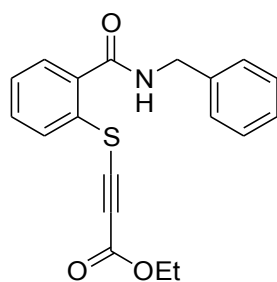
general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (480 mg; 2.0 mmol) and 1-bromo-2-ethynylbenzene (0.33 mL; 2.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 60 h at 70 °C. Mercaptoacetylene **1b** was obtained as a white crystalline product after recrystallization from EtOAc/hexane in 98 % yield (830 mg). M.p. 116.5-118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.38 (bs, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.1, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.7, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 8.1, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26 (apptt, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.2, 140.8, 136.2, 134.8, 134.1, 133.4, 133.0, 131.5, 129.9, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 125.8, 98.2, 85.0, 44.7. IR (KBr): 3344 m (NH), 2167 w (C-C triple bond), 1643 s (CONH), 1631 s (CONH), 1523 s (CONH), 1466 m, 1455 m, 1433 m, 750 s, 704 m, 697 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₁₆BrNOS: C, 62.56; H, 3.82; N, 3.32. Found: C, 62.23; H, 3.77; N, 3.14.



3-(2-(Benzylcarbamoyl)phenylthio)prop-2-ynyl 2-chloro-5-

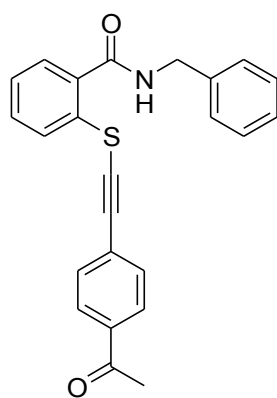
nitrobenzoate (1c). The general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (350 mg; 1.45 mmol) and propargyl benzoate **7** (420 mg; 1.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 days at 70 °C. Mercaptoacetylene **1c** was obtained as a white crystalline product after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:1:2) in 86 % yield (600 mg). M.p. 117.5-118.5 °C (EtOH/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 2.8, 1H), 8.43 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8, 1H), 8.35 (bs, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.1, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.7, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 0.6, 1.4, 7.5, 1H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25 (apptt, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.1, 164.3, 148.1, 141.2,

140.8, 135.9, 134.2, 133.7, 133.0, 132.3, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 95.4, 78.7, 56.0, 44.7. IR (CHCl₃): 3343 w (NH), 3029 w, 3013 m, 2195 w (C-C triple bond), 1743 s (C=O), 1657 s (CONH), 1528 s (NO₂), 1519 s (CONH), 1464 m, 1455 m, 1350 s (NO₂), 1305 m, 1254 m, 1240 s, 1127 s, 1047 m, 945 w, 839 w, 701 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₁₇ClN₂O₅S: C, 59.94; H, 3.56; N, 5.82. Found: C, 59.71; H, 3.45; N, 5.58.



Ethyl 3-(2-(benzylcarbamoyl)phenylthio)propiolate (1d). The

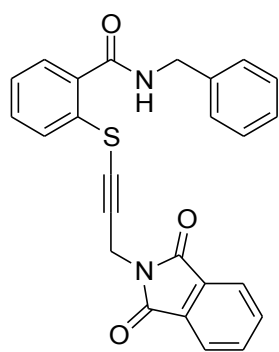
general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (420 mg; 1.75 mmol) and ethyl propiolate (0.23 mL; 2.30 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 h at 70 °C. Mercaptoacetylene **1d** was obtained as an colorless oil after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:1:2) in 97 % yield (575 mg). M.p. 96-96.5 °C (EtOAc/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 6.41 (bs, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 5.7, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 153.2, 137.8, 132.8, 132.4, 132.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 92.6, 81.4, 62.2, 44.5, 14.4. IR (CHCl₃): 3343 w (NH), 3028 w, 3013 w, 2150 s (C-C triple bond), 1700 s (C=O), 1657 s (CONH), 1589 w, 1517 s (CONH), 1463 m, 1367 w, 1299 m, 1247 s (C-O), 1032 m, 786 m, 739 m, 701 m. Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₃S: C, 67.24; H, 5.05; N, 4.13. Found: C, 67.36; H, 4.99; N, 4.06.



2-((4-Acetylphenyl)ethynylthio)-*N*-benzylbenzamide (1e). The

general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (485 mg; 2.0 mmol) and 4'-ethynylacetophenone (0.37 mL; 2.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 h at 70

°C. Mercaptoacetylene **1e** was obtained as a white crystalline product after recrystallization from EtOH/acetone in 91 % yield (700 mg). M.p. 171-172.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.28 (t, *J* = 5.9, 1H), 8.03 – 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.7, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 1.3, 7.7, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 1.0, 7.6, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 197.1, 166.2, 139.1, 136.2, 133.3, 131.9, 131.3, 131.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 97.6, 81.8, 42.6, 26.7. IR (KBr): 3342 m (NH), 3276 m, 3062 w, 2163 w (C-C triple bond), 1679 s (C=O), 1633 s (CONH), 1600 m, 1588 m, 1542 s (CONH), 1433 m, 1403 w, 1359 m, 1318 m, 1286 m, 1270 s, 842 w, 829 m, 746 m, 730 m, 700 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NO₂S: C, 74.78; H, 4.97; N, 3.63. Found: C, 74.69; H, 4.89; N, 3.41.



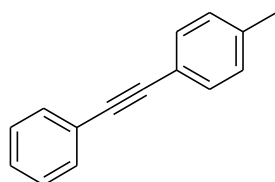
***N*-Benzyl-2-(3-(1,3-dioxisoindolin-2-yl)prop-1-ynylthio)benzamide**

(3f). The general method was followed, using *N*-thioamide **6** (440 mg; 1.8 mmol) and *N*-propargylphthalimide (440 mg; 2.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 79 h at 80 °C. Mercaptoacetylene **1f** was obtained as a white crystalline product after recrystallization from EtOH/hexane in 78 % yield (600 mg). M.p. 157-158.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.29 (bs, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 8.1, 1H), 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.7, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 0.7, 1.4, 7.4, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 (apptt, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.3, 168.1, 140.8, 136.2, 135.9, 133.7, 133.5, 132.9, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 124.7, 95.6, 73.2, 44.6, 29.5. IR (KBr): 3304 m (NH), 2200 w (C-C triple bond), 1770 w, 1716 s (CONCO), 1637 m (CONH), 1532 s (CONH), 1419 m, 1393 m, 1342 m, 1314 m, 1112 m, 939 m, 749 w, 739 w, 728 m, 710 w. Anal. calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₂O₃S: C, 70.41; H, 4.25; N, 6.57. Found: C, 70.21; H, 4.28; N, 6.38.

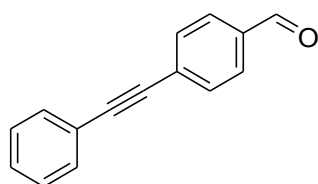
The General Protocol for Cross-Coupling Reaction

Mercaptoacetylene **1** (0.5-1.0 mmol) and corresponding boronic acid (1.1 eq), CuMeSal (3 mol%) and Pd(dba)₂ (1 mol %) were placed to a flask (10 ml). DMF (2-4 ml) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 8-20 h at 45-50 °C in the presence of air. Reaction progress was followed by UPLC. After the boronic acid was consumed, the second portion of the boronic acid was added (0.2-0.4 eq.) to reach full conversion. After the reaction was complete, it was quenched with ice cooled 5% hydrochloric acid. The quenched reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5x), dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford both alkyne and thioether product.

Alkynes:



1-Methyl-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (2a). The general method was followed, by using thioacetylene **1a** (345 mg; 1.0 mmol) and 4-tolylboronic acid (340 mg; 2.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 22 h. Acetylene **2a** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/DCM 20:1) in 86 % yield (165 mg). M.p. 73-74.5 °C (MeOH/water) (lit. 72.5-74 °C).³ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.6, 131.8, 131.7, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 123.8, 120.5, 89.8, 89.0, 21.7.

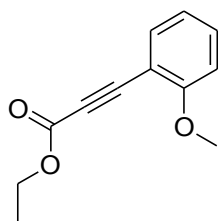


4-(Phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2b). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1a** (345 mg; 1.0 mmol) and 4-formylphenylboronic acid (450 mg; 3.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 22 h. Acetylene **2b** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 10:1:2) in 80 % yield (165 mg). M.p. 96.5-98 °C (hexane) (lit. 96.5-98 °C)⁴. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 7.97 (ddd, *J* = 0.4, 1.6, 8.1, 2H), 7.77 (ddd, *J* = 0.4, 1.6, 8.1, 2H), 7.63-7.58

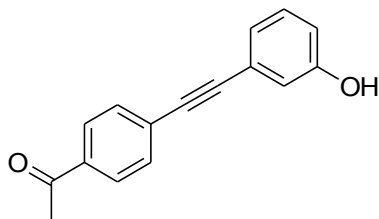
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⁴ Tolosa, J.; Kub, C.; Bunz, U. H. F. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2009**, *48*, 4610 - 4612

(m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- d_6): δ 192.8, 137.6, 133.5, 133.2, 131.0, 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 124.0, 94.2, 89.8.

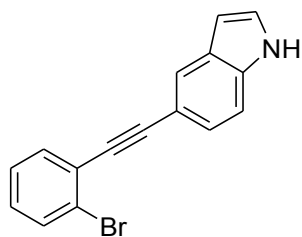


Ethyl 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propiolate (2c). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1d** (330 mg; 0.97 mmol) and 2-methoxyphenylboronic acid (335 mg; 2.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h. Acetylene **2c** was obtained as a yellowish oil after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 75 % yield (148 mg). ^1H NMR (in agreement with ref)⁵ (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (dd, J = 1.8, 7.6, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 0.7, 1.8, 7.5, 1H), 6.92 (td, J = 0.9, 7.6, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 0.6, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.8, 154.4, 135.1, 132.4, 120.7, 111.1, 109.2, 84.8, 83.4, 62.2, 56.1, 14.3.

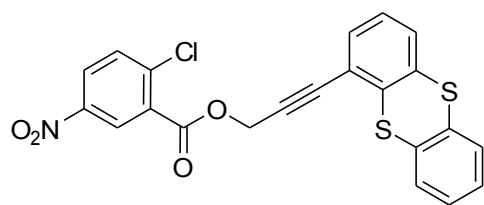


1-(4-((3-Hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)ethanone (2d). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1e** (385 mg; 1.0 mmol) and 3-hydroxyphenylboronic acid (395 mg; 2.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 8.5 h. Acetylene **2d** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:1:2) in 87 % yield (205 mg). M.p. 163-164 °C (EtOH/hexan). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6): δ 8.67 (bs, 1H), 8.02 (ddd, J = 0.4, 1.6, 8.2, 2H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 1.0, 2.5, 8.2, 2H), 7.26 (dd, J = 0.4, 7.8, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92 (ddd, J = 1.0, 2.5, 8.2, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- d_6): δ 197.8, 158.9, 138.1, 133.0, 131.3, 129.8, 129.1, 125.0, 124.5, 119.6, 118.0, 93.7, 89.4, 27.3. IR (CHCl₃): 3595 w (OH), 3012 w, 2213 w (C-C triple bond), 1641 s (C=O), 1602 s, 1591 m, 1580 m, 1441 w, 1404 w, 1360 m, 1266 s, 1179 m, 958 w, 947 w, 843 w, 831 w, 684 w. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₂: C, 81.34; H, 5.12. Found: C, 81.35; H, 5.10.

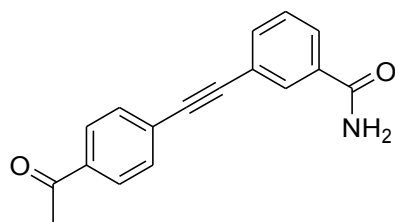
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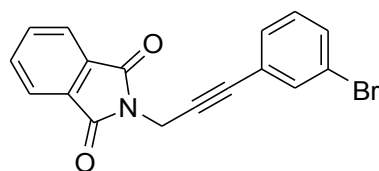
5-((2-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)-1H-indole (2e). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1b** (422 mg; 1.0 mmol) and 5-indolylboronic acid (484 mg; 3.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 11 h. Acetylene **2e** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 78 % yield (230 mg). M.p. 108-109.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 10.51 (bs, 1H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 0.3, 1.2, 8.1., 1H), 7.63 (ddd, *J* = 0.3, 1.7, 7.7, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 8.4, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.4, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 0.6, 1.7, 7.5, 1H), 6.57 – 6.53 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 137.9, 134.5, 134.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 114.6, 113.2, 103.4, 97.8, 86.8. IR (CHCl₃): 3479 w (NH), 3011 m, 2213 m (C-C triple bond), 1619 w, 1586 w, 1479 s, 1414 s, 1304 m, 1088 w, 1044 w, 1025 m, 887 m, 807 m, 699 s. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₀BrN: C, 64.89; H, 3.40; N, 4.73. Found: C, 64.80; H, 3.35; N, 4.49.



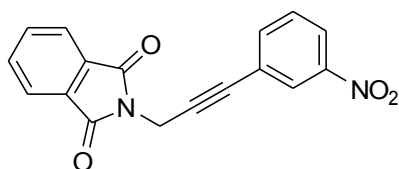
3-(Thianthren-1-yl)prop-2-ynyl 2-chloro-5-nitrobenzoate (2f). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1c** (315 mg; 0.65 mmol) and 1-thianthrenylboronic acid (575 mg; 2.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h. Acetylene **2f** was obtained as a yellowish solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 10:1:2) in 64 % yield (190 mg). M.p. (fast decomp.) >65 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 2.7, 1H), 8.46 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 8.8, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.7, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 164.2, 148.2, 141.3, 139.6, 137.0, 136.3, 135.9, 134.2, 133.2, 132.4, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 123.4, 91.1, 85.2, 55.5. IR (KBr): 2242 w (C-C triple bond), 1739 s (C=O), 1609 m, 1518 s (NO₂), 1443 m, 1394 m, 1345 s (NO₂), 1309 m, 1239 s, 1128 m, 1048 s, 788 m, 747 m, 740 m. HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₁₂ClNO₄S 452.9896, found 452.9897.



3-((4-Acetylphenyl)ethynyl)benzamide (2g). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1e** (290 mg; 0.75 mmol) and 3-aminocarbonylphenylboronic acid (430 mg; 2.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 8.5 h. Acetylene **2g** was obtained as white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:2:4) in 96 % yield (190 mg). M.p. 183-185 °C (decomp.). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.14 (td, *J* = 0.4, 1.7, 1H), 8.04 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.6, 8.2, 2H), 7.99 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.7, 7.8, 1H), 7.74 (ddd, *J* = 0.4, 1.6, 7.8, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.6, 8.2, 2H), 7.61 (bs, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 0.5, 7.8, 1H), 6.81 (bs, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 197.8, 168.6, 138.4, 136.6, 135.6, 133.1, 132.2, 130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 124.2, 92.8, 90.4, 27.3. IR (KBr): 3358 s (NH₂), 3172 m (NH₂), 2974 m, 1677 s (C=O), 1657 s (CONH), 1625 m, 1604 m, 1574 w, 1440 m, 1405 m, 1391 m, 1365 m, 1267 s, 1050 m, 964 w, 833 m. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₂: C, 77.55; H, 4.98; N, 5.32. Found: C, 77.19; H, 4.89; N, 5.19.

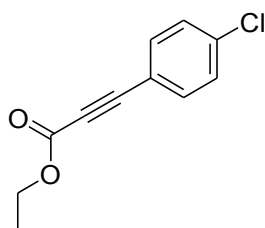


2-(3-(3-Bromophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2h). The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1f** (215 mg; 0.5 mmol) and 3-bromophenylboronic acid (300 mg; 1.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h. Acetylene **2h** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 80 % yield (135 mg). M.p. 156-157 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 1.6, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 1.1, 2.0, 8.0, 1H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.8, 1H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 0.3, 7.9, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.2, 136.0, 135.6, 133.7, 133.3, 132.0, 131.9, 126.2, 124.7, 123.2, 86.7, 82.0, 28.7. IR (CHCl₃): 3020 w, 1774 m, 1723 s (CONCO), 1591 w, 1558 w, 1474 w, 1424 m, 1392 m, 1346 m, 1118 m, 943 m, 711 m. HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₀BrNO₂ 338.9895, found 338.9904.



2-(3-(3-Nitrophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2i).

The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1f** (165 mg; 0.39 mmol) and 3-nitrophenylboronic acid (185 mg; 1.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h. Acetylene **2i** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 70 % yield (83 mg). M.p. 184-184.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.26 – 8.19 (m, 2H), 7.95 – 7.88 (m, 4H), 7.85 (dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.8, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.2, 149.8, 139.0, 136.0, 133.7, 131.6, 127.6, 125.6, 124.8, 124.7, 87.7, 81.4, 28.7. IR (KBr): 3078 w, 2974 w, 1768 m, 1710 s (CONCO), 1524 s (NO₂), 1415 s, 1391 m, 1351 s (NO₂), 1319 m, 1117 m, 936 m, 738 w, 725 m, 710 w. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₀N₂O₄: C, 66.67; H, 3.29; N, 9.15. Found: C, 66.52; H, 3.21; N, 9.00.

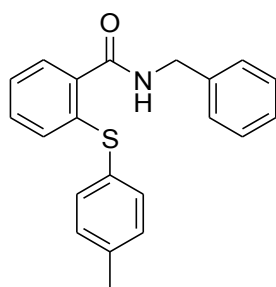


Ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)propiolate (2j).

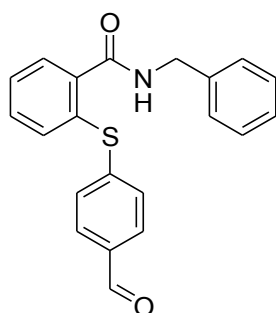
The general method was followed, by using mercaptoacetylene **1d** (285 mg; 0.84 mmol) and 4-chlorophenylboronic acid (380 mg; 2.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 9 h. Acetylene **2j** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 50:1:2) in 69 % yield (120 mg). M.p. 40-41.5 °C (hexane) (lit. 40.7-42.9 °C)⁶. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 7.67 (ddd, *J* = 0.4, 2.3, 8.4, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 0.4, 2.3, 8.4, 2H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 154.6, 138.1, 135.8, 130.7, 119.7, 85.2, 82.8, 63.3, 14.9.

Thioethers:

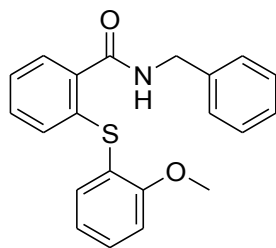
⁶ Bloomfield, J.; Fuchs R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1961**, 26, 2991-2993



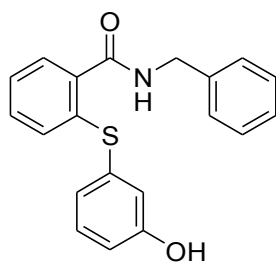
N-Benzyl-2-(p-tolylthio)benzamide (3a). Thioether **3a** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 10:1:2) in 83 % yield (280 mg). M.p. 124-125 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.03 (bs, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.6, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 7.9, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 6.1, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.1, 141.0, 139.8, 138.6, 138.3, 135.1, 132.5, 131.8, 131.6, 131.3, 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 127.2, 44.6, 21.8. IR (KBr): 3370 m (NH), 3060 w, 3033 w, 1641 s (CONH), 1514 s (CONH), 1493 m, 1463 w m, 1434 w, 1303 w, 1261 w, 812 m, 748 m, 740 m, 697 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NOS: C, 75.64; H, 5.74; N, 4.20. Found: C, 75.44; H, 5.82; N, 3.99.



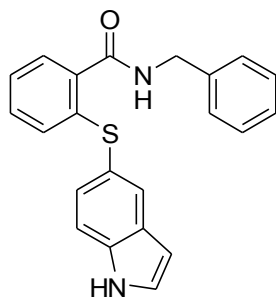
N-Benzyl-2-(4-formylphenylthio)benzamide (3b). Thioether **3b** was obtained as a yellowish solid after column chromatography (grad. hexane/Et₂O/acetone 10:1:2-5:1:2) in 84 % yield (290 mg). M.p. 95.5-96 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 8.02 (bs, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, *J* = 2.2, 0.5, 8.1, 2H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 2.2, 0.5, 8.1, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 6.1, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 192.5, 168.9, 147.1, 142.7, 140.8, 136.2, 136.0, 132.2, 132.0, 131.4, 130.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.3, 44.6. IR (CHCl₃): 3304 w (NH), 3028 m, 3012 m, 2835 w, 2741 w, 1699 s (C=O), 1661 s (CONH), 1592 s, 1564 m, 1514 s (CONH), 1463 m, 1456 m, 1388 w, 1302 m, 1285 m, 1170 m, 1082 m, 837 m, 817 m, 699 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NO₂S: C, 72.60; H, 4.93; N, 4.03. Found: C, 72.65; H, 5.02; N, 3.86.



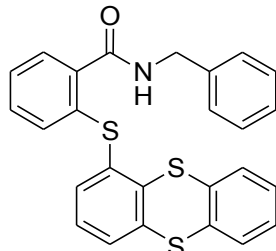
***N*-Benzyl-2-(2-methoxyphenylthio)benzamide (3c).** Thioether **3c** was obtained as a yellowish oil after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 64 % yield (220 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.41 (bs, 1H), 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 10H), 6.90 (td, *J* = 1.2, 7.6, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 8.2, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 5.6, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9, 158.1, 138.3, 137.2, 133.5, 133.2, 133.0, 130.9, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 123.3, 121.7, 111.5, 55.8, 44.4. IR (CHCl₃): 3358 w (NH), 3011 m, 2840 w, 1653 s (CONH), 1583 m, 1515 m (CONH), 1498 m, 1478 s, 1464 m, 1434 m, 1294 m, 1275 m, 1245 s, 1041 w, 1026 m, 700 m. HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₂S 350.12093, found 350.12072.



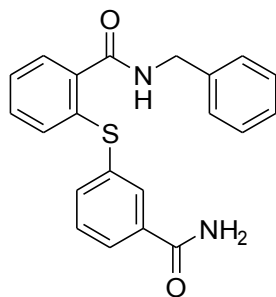
***N*-Benzyl-2-(3-hydroxyphenylthio)benzamide (3d).** Thioether **3d** was obtained as a colorless oil after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:1:2) in 93 % yield (310 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 6.81 (appt, *J* = 2.0, 1H), 6.78 – 6.69 (m, 3H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 5.6, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.6, 157.4, 137.6, 136.8, 135.6, 133.8, 133.0, 131.3, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 122.8, 118.2, 115.3, 44.7. IR (KBr): 3402 s (broad) (OH, NH), 1637 s (CONH), 1584 s, 1530 m (CONH), 1496 m, 1455 m, 1435 s, 1302 m, 1254 m, 1220 m, 995 w, 888 m, 747 m, 696 m. HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂S 336.10528, found 336.10530.



2-(1H-Indol-5-ylthio)-N-benzylbenzamide (3e). Thioether **3e** was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (grad. hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2-5:1:2) in 82 % yield (295 mg). M.p. 127-128.5 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 10.52 (bs, 1H), 8.04 (bs, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 (appt, *J* = 2.7, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 (td, *J* = 1.6, 7.5, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 1.3, 7.4, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 7.9, 1H), 6.54 – 6.51 (m, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.2, 141.5, 141.1, 137.9, 136.5, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.6, 125.9, 123.5, 114.2, 103.2, 44.6. IR (CHCl₃): 3438 w (NH), 3317 w (NH), 3011 m, 1655 s (CONH), 1588 m, 1512 s (CONH), 1455 m, 1433 m, 1412 m, 1247 m, 889 m, 700 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂OS: C, 73.72; H, 5.06; N, 7.81. Found: C, 73.28; H, 4.95; N, 7.59.

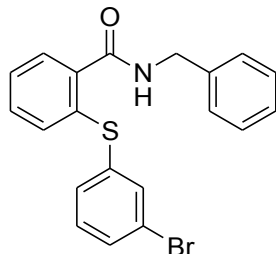


N-Benzyl-2-(thianthren-1-ylthio)benzamide (3f). Thioether **3f** was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (grad. hexane/Et₂O/acetone 10:1:2-7:1:2) in 79 % yield (235 mg). M.p. (fast decomp.) >53 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.15 (bs, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 9H), 7.21 (apptt, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 6.1, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.0, 141.0, 140.0, 139.6, 137.6, 137.1, 136.8, 136.4, 136.0, 134.0, 132.4, 130.0, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 44.6. IR (KBr): 3330 w (NH), 3058 w, 1639 s (CONH), 1587 m, 1527 m (CONH), 1452 m, 1430 m, 1308 m, 1255 m, 748 s, 702 m. HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NOS₃ 458.07015, found 458.07012.



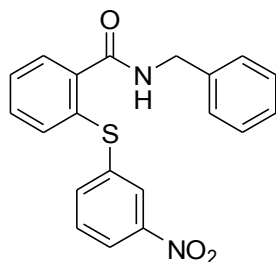
***N*-Benzyl-2-(3-carbamoylphenylthio)benzamide (3g).** Thioether **3g**

was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (grad. hexane/Et₂O/acetone 5:2:4-3:1:2) in 85 % yield (230 mg). M.p. 151-152 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.08 (bs, 1H), 7.98 (t, *J* = 1.6, 1H), 7.89 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.8, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 0.3, 7.8, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (apptt, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.72 (bs, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.0, 168.7, 140.9, 139.4, 137.3, 137.3, 136.7, 136.5, 132.8, 132.6, 131.8, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 44.6. IR (KBr): 3402 m (NH₂), 3305 m (NH), 3226 m (NH₂), 1669 m (CONH₂), 1647 s (CONH), 1608 m, 1565 m, 1535 m (CONH), 1422 w (C-N), 1385 w, 1305 w, 757 w, 697 w. Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₂O₂S: C, 69.59; H, 5.01; N, 7.73. Found: C, 69.63; H, 5.23; N, 7.35.



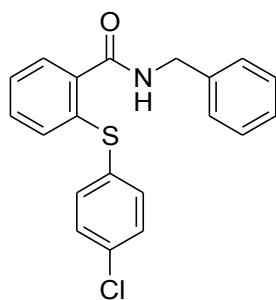
***N*-Benzyl-2-(3-bromophenylthio)benzamide (3h).** Thioether **3h** was

obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 81 % yield (160 mg). M.p. 105-106 °C (EtOH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.06 (bs, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 0.3, 1.8, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.4, 7.6, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.0, 140.9, 140.6, 140.3, 135.2, 135.1, 133.9, 132.5, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 124.0, 44.6. IR (CHCl₃): 3435 w (NH), 3332 w (NH), 3013 m, 1658 s (CONH₂), 1575 m, 1561 m, 1513 s (CONH), 1461 s, 1434 w, 1290 w, 1250 w, 1068 w, 700 m. HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOSBr 397.0136, found 397.0142.



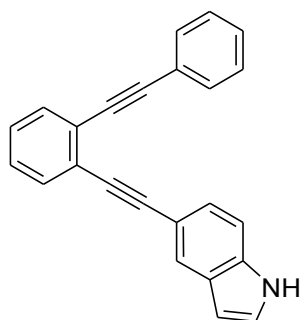
N-Benzyl-2-(3-nitrophenylthio)benzamide (3i). Thioether **3i** was

obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 7:1:2) in 82 % yield (115 mg). M.p. 137.5-138 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.15 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 0.6, 1.1, 7.8, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 (apptt, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 168.9, 150.4, 141.6, 141.0, 140.8, 137.8, 134.9, 133.5, 132.1, 131.8, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.4, 126.0, 123.1, 44.6. IR (KBr): 3323 s (NH), 2974 m, 2894 w, 1633 m (CONH₂), 1586 w, 1535 s (NO₂), 1524 s (CONH), 1463 w, 1433 s, 1348 s (NO₂), 1310 m, 1164 w, 1086 m, 1050 m, 876 w, 732 m, 699 m, 676 m. Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₂O₃S: C, 65.92; H, 4.43; N, 7.69. Found: C, 65.79; H, 4.44; N, 7.46.



N-Benzyl-2-(4-chlorophenylthio)benzamide (3j). Thioether **3j** was

obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 9:1:2) in 78 % yield (230 mg). M.p. 137.5-138 °C (EtOH/hexan). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.04 (bs, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.8, 7.3, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 10H), 7.24 (apptt, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 0.5, 1.3, 7.8, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.0, 140.9, 139.8, 136.3, 136.1, 135.2, 134.7, 133.0, 131.9, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 44.6. IR (CHCl₃): 3436 w (NH), 3332 w (NH), 3012 m, 1657 s (CONH₂), 1588 w, 1513 s (CONH), 1476 s, 1462 m, 1457 m, 1434 m, 1390 w, 1287 m, 1250 m, 1155 w, 1094 s, 825 m, 700 m, 669 s. Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₆ClNOS: C, 67.88; H, 4.56; N, 3.96. Found: C, 67.92; H, 4.44; N, 3.88.



5-((2-(Phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-1*H*-indole (4). Alkyne **2e**

(100 mg; 0.34 mmol) and one tablet of the palladium catalyst (palladium(II) acetate-X-Phos(Pd:P 1:2), loading 1 μ mol of Pd per tablet) were placed to a Schlenk flask (3 ml) under atmosphere of Ar. A mixture of phenylacetylene (75 μ L; 0.68 mmol) and Et₃N (72 μ L; 0.51 mmol) in DMA (1 mL) purged with Ar was then added to the schlenk flask and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 80 °C . Reaction progress was followed by UPLC. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice cooled 5% hydrochloric acid. The quenched reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (5x), dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexane/Et₂O/acetone 12:1:2). The product was obtained as a orange oil in 65 % yield (70 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 10.50 (bs, 1H), 7.89 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.34 (m, 8H), 6.53 – 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆): δ 137.8, 133.2, 133.0, 133.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 125.8, 124.8, 115.0, 113.2, 103.4, 97.5, 94.6, 89.9, 87.0. IR (CHCl₃): 3479 s (NH), 3064 w, 3012 m, 2208 m (C-C triple bond), 1618 w, 1600 w, 1592 w, 1495 s, 1418 s, 1444 m, 1414 s, 1344 m, 1303 m, 1083 m, 886 m, 807 m, 726 s, 691 s. HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₅N 317.1204, found 317.1026.

