

# Supporting Information

## **A novel electrochemical conducting polymer sensor for the rapid, selective and sensitive detection of biothiols**

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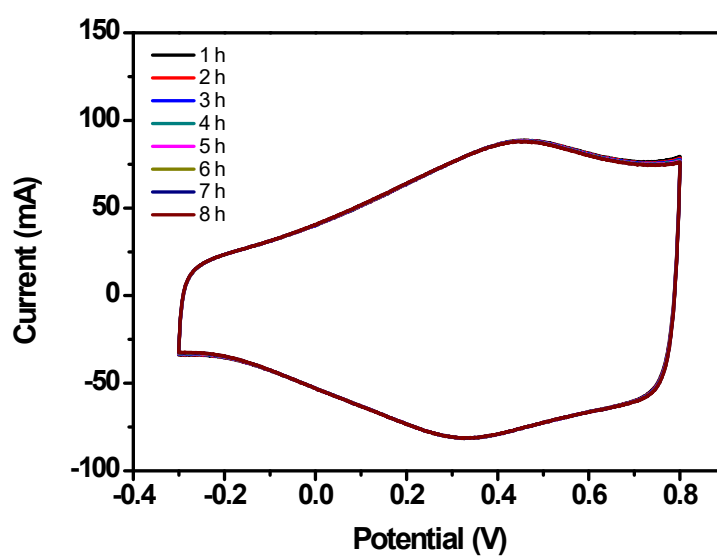
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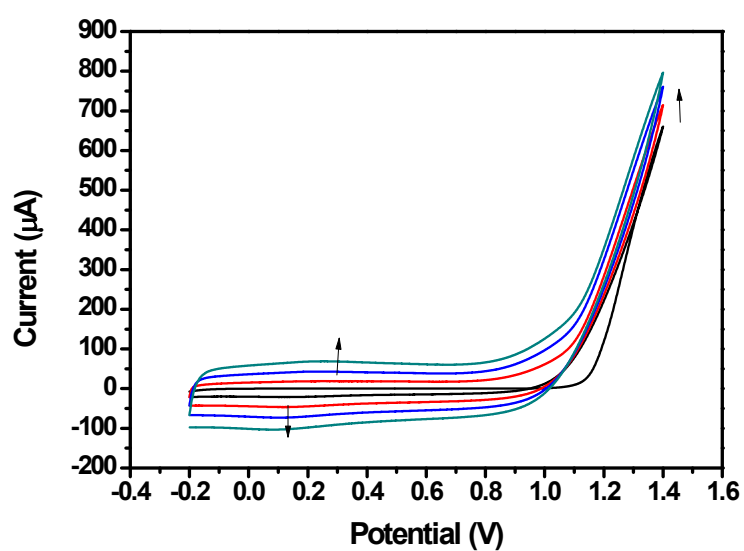
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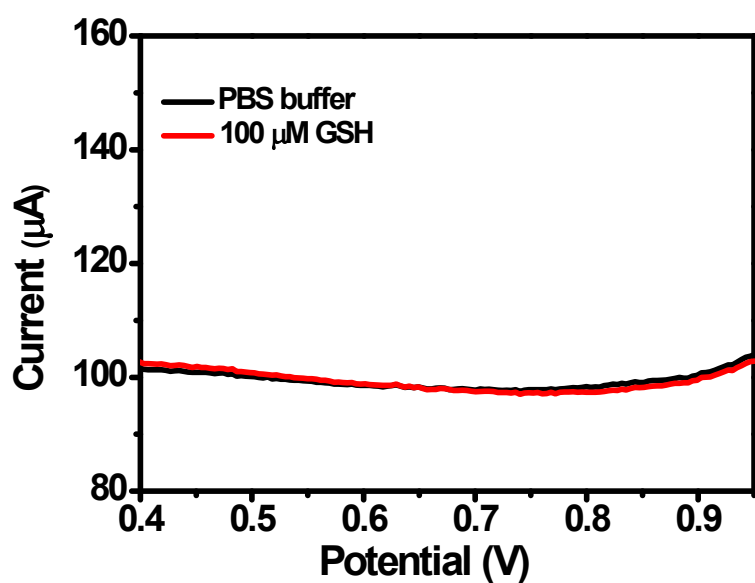
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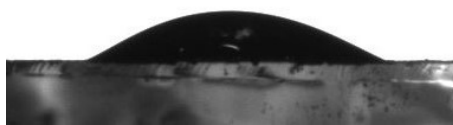
**Figure S1.** Cyclic voltammogram of poly(EDOT-thioacetate) in PBS buffer over 8h.



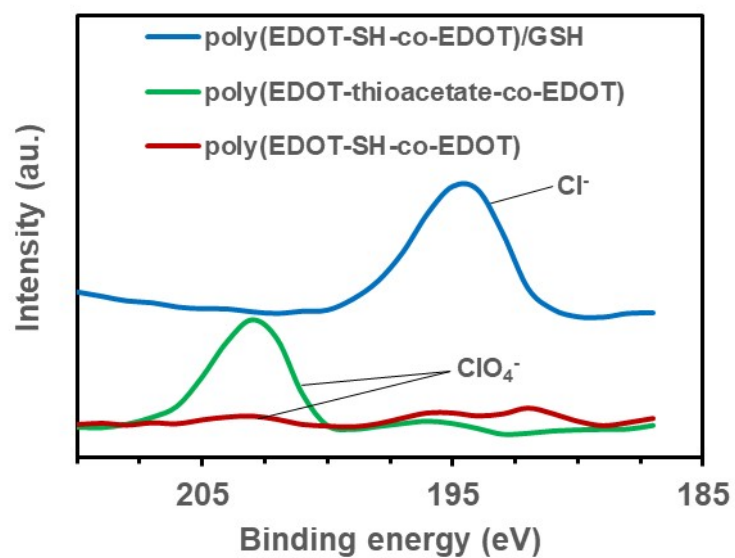
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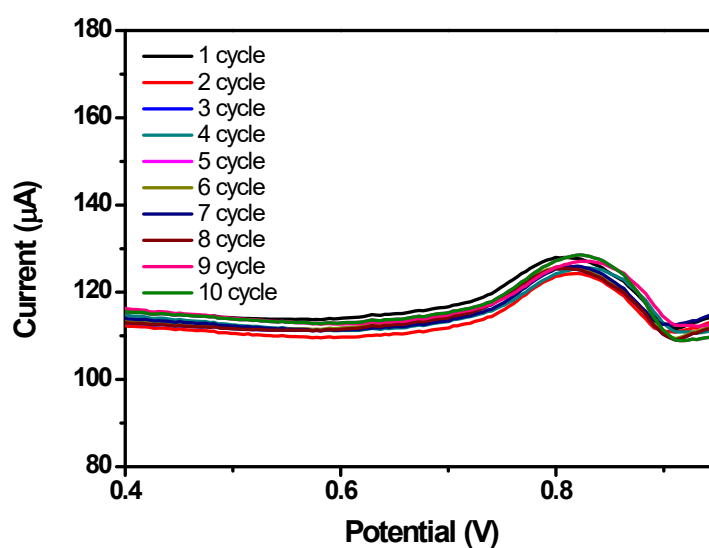
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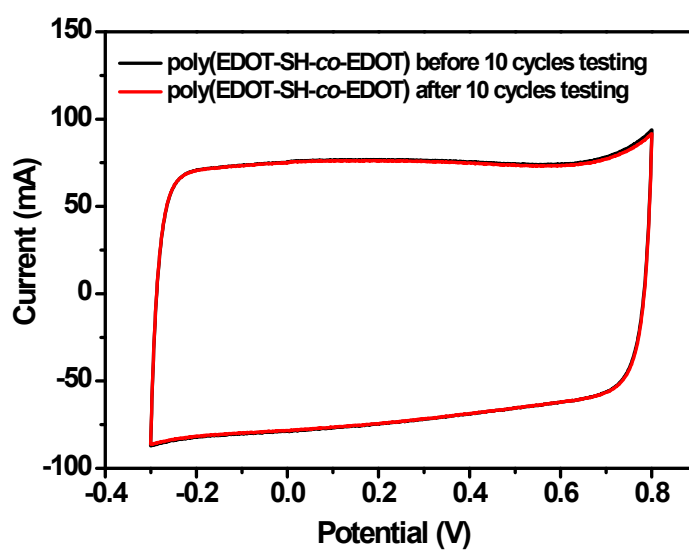
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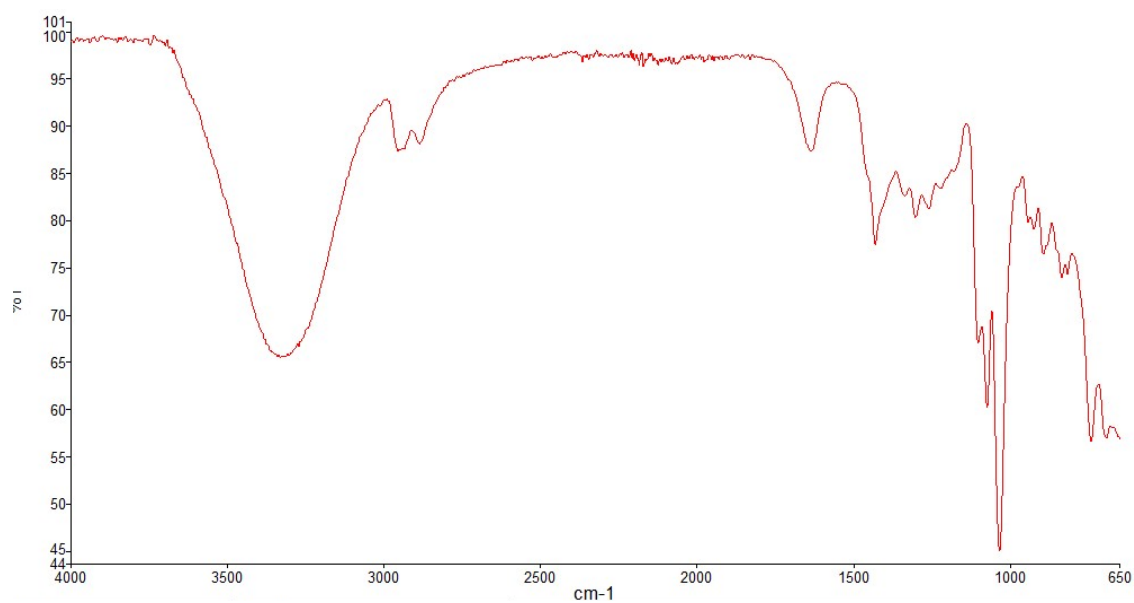
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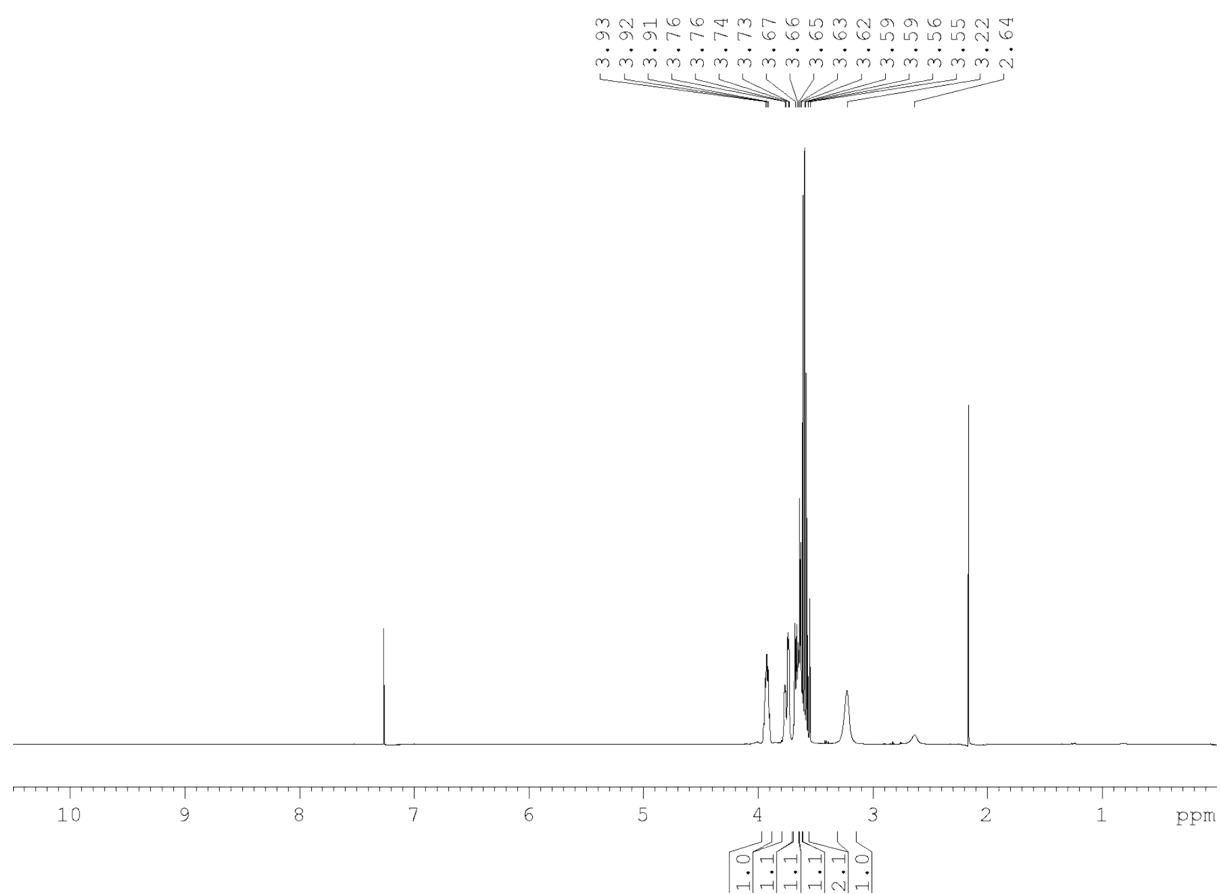
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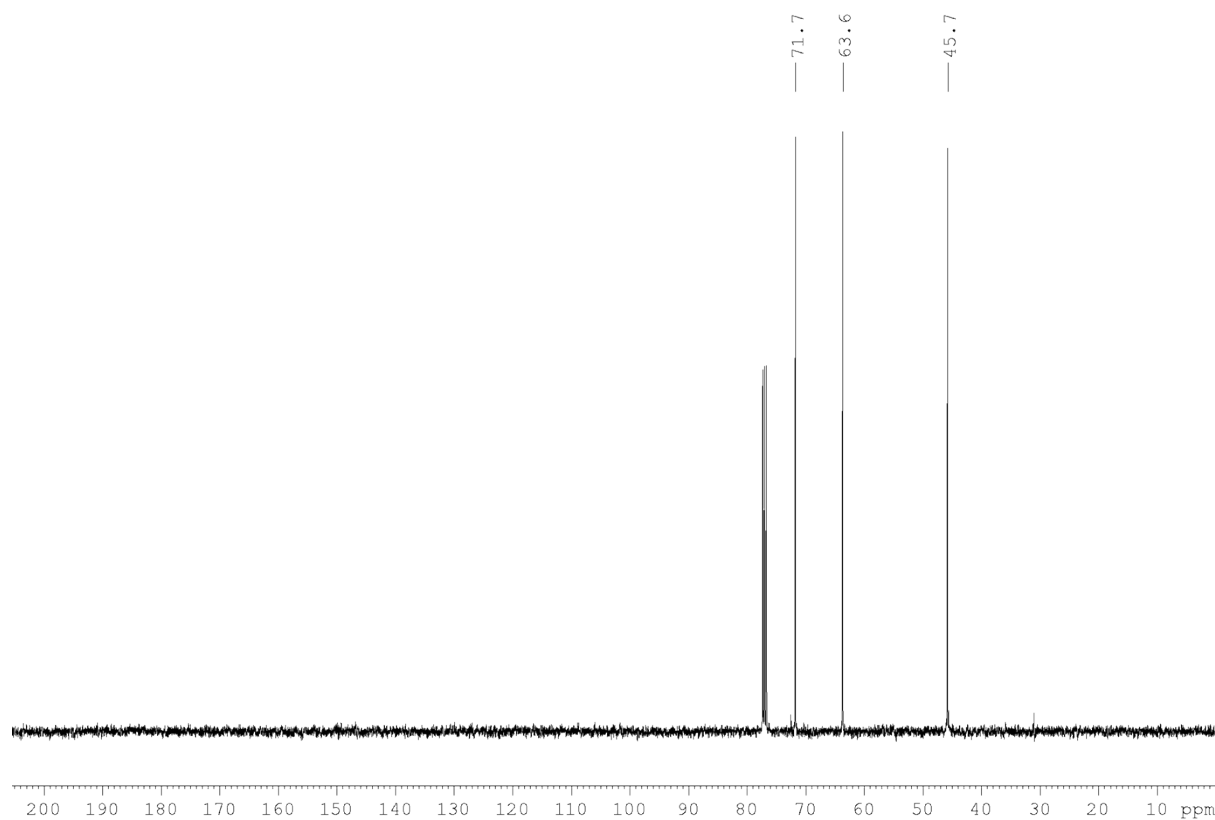
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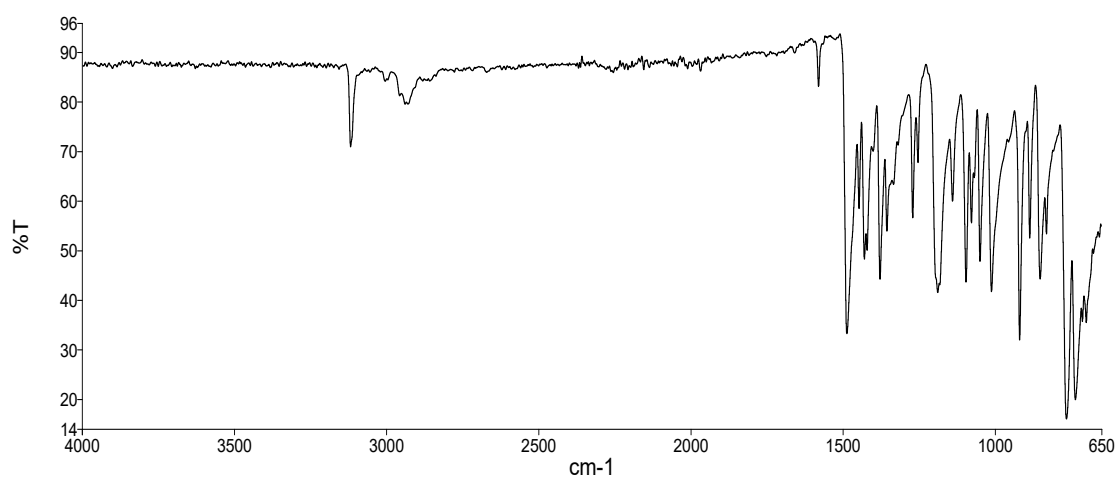
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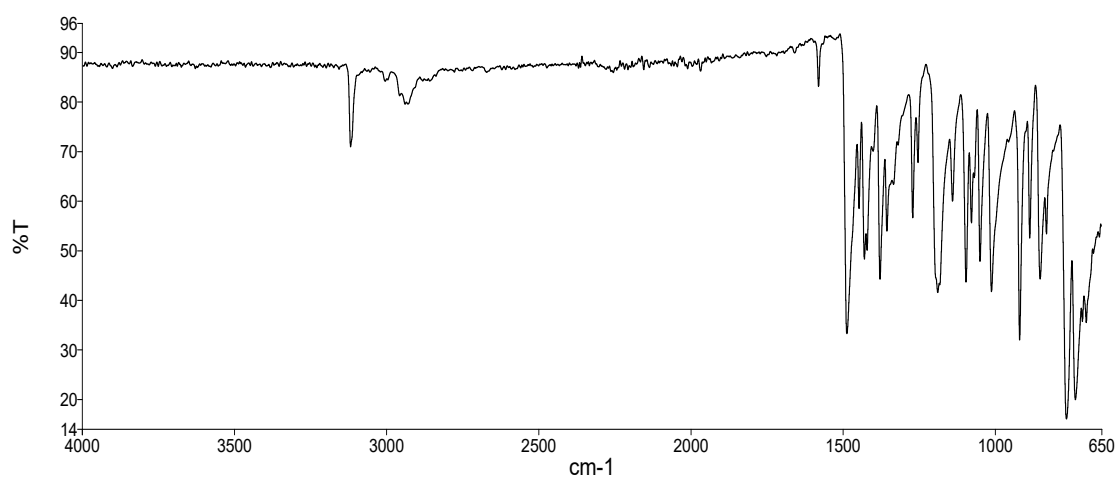
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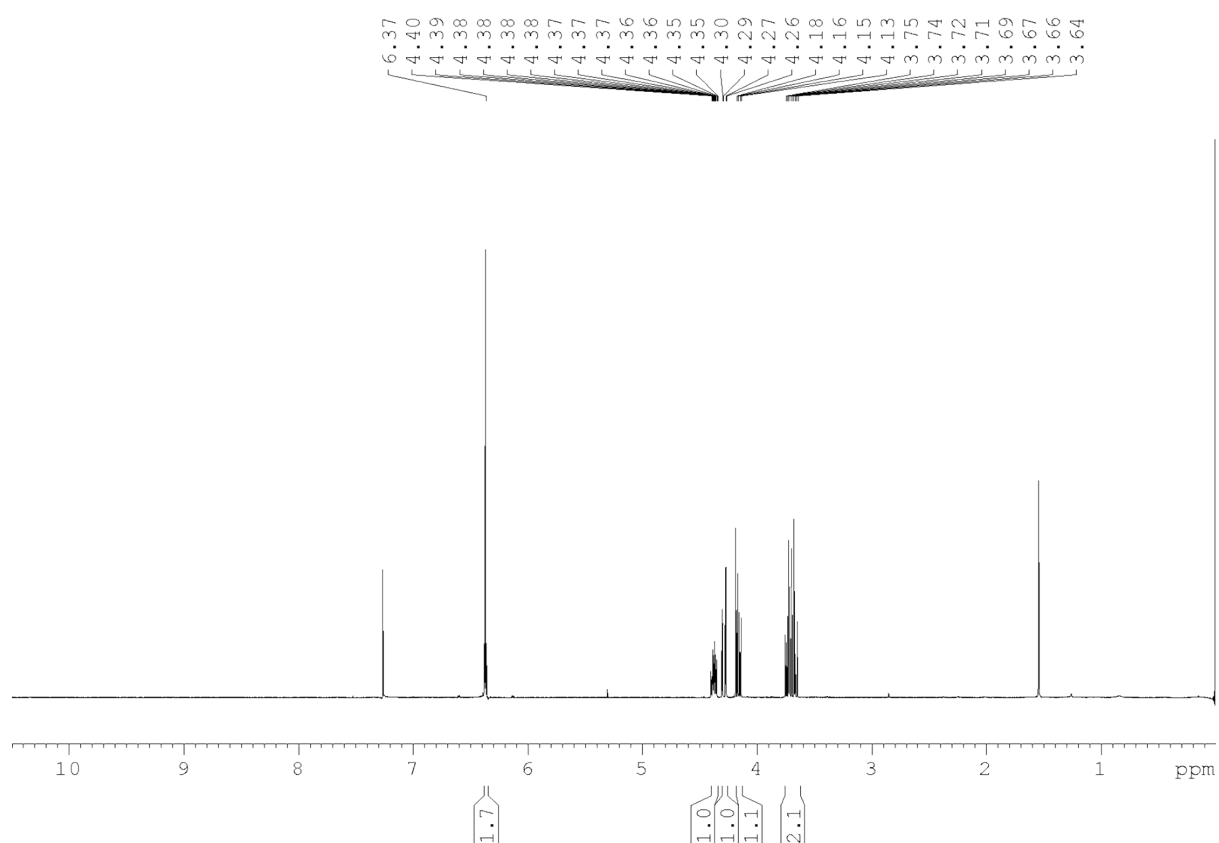


**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 3-chloro-1,2-propanediol (100 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

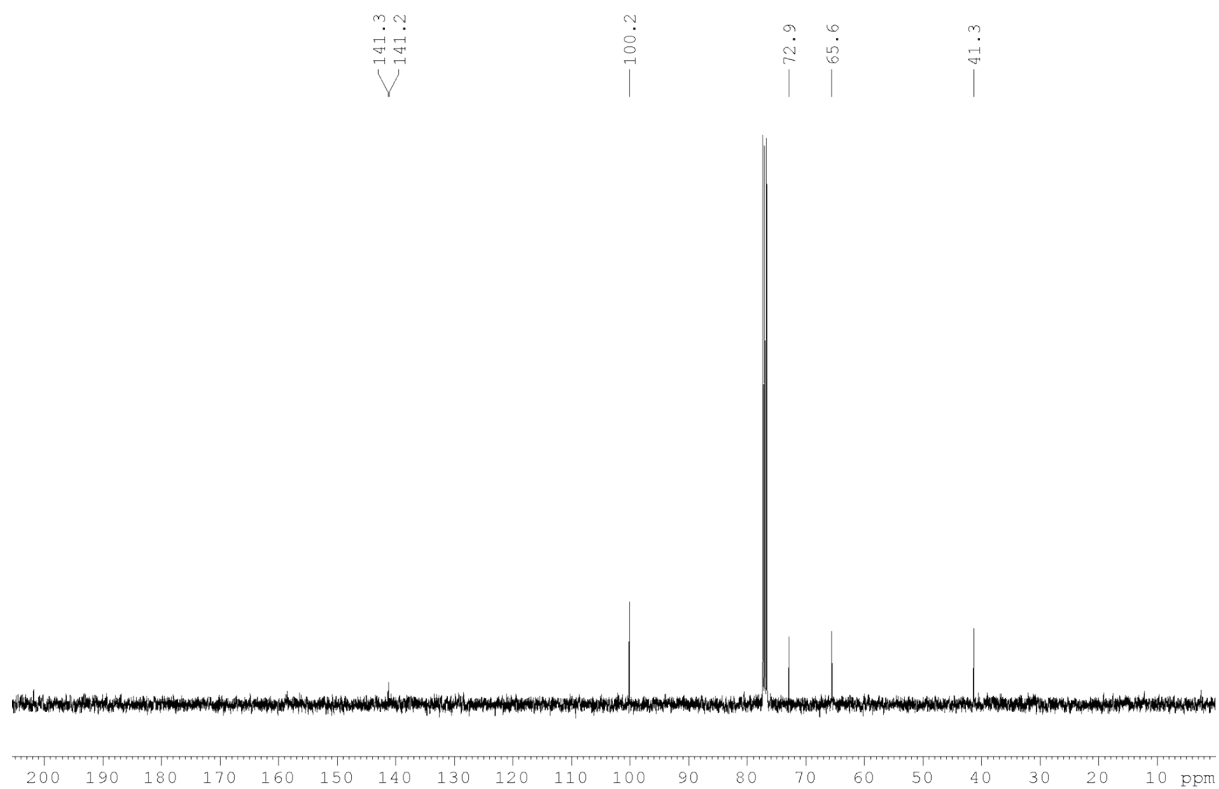


**Figure S11.** FTIR spectrum of 2-chloromethyl-2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-*b*]-1,4-dioxine.

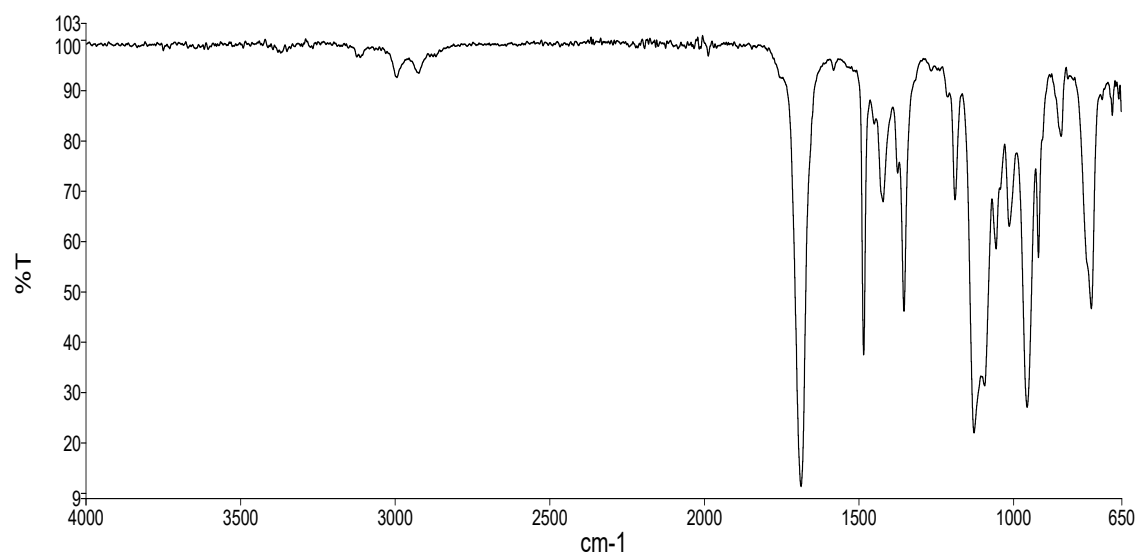




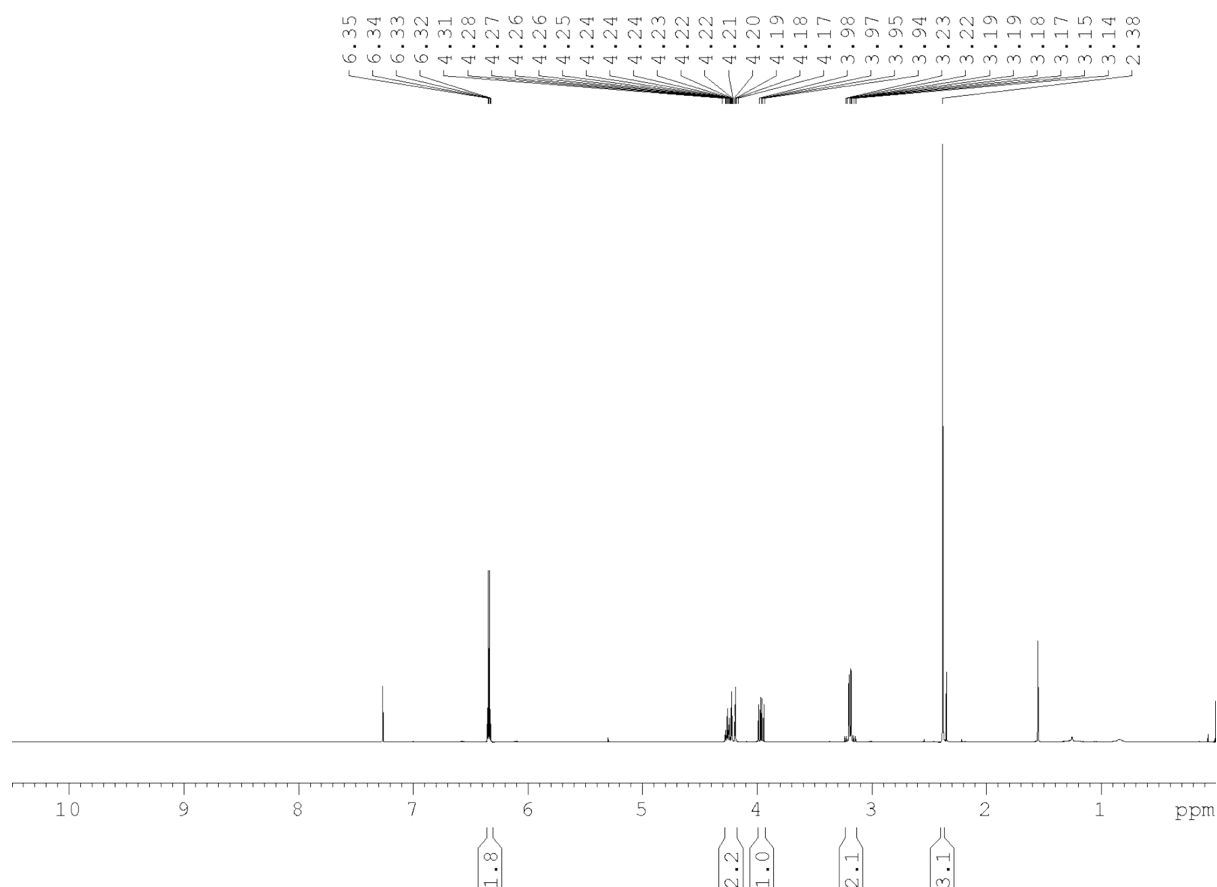
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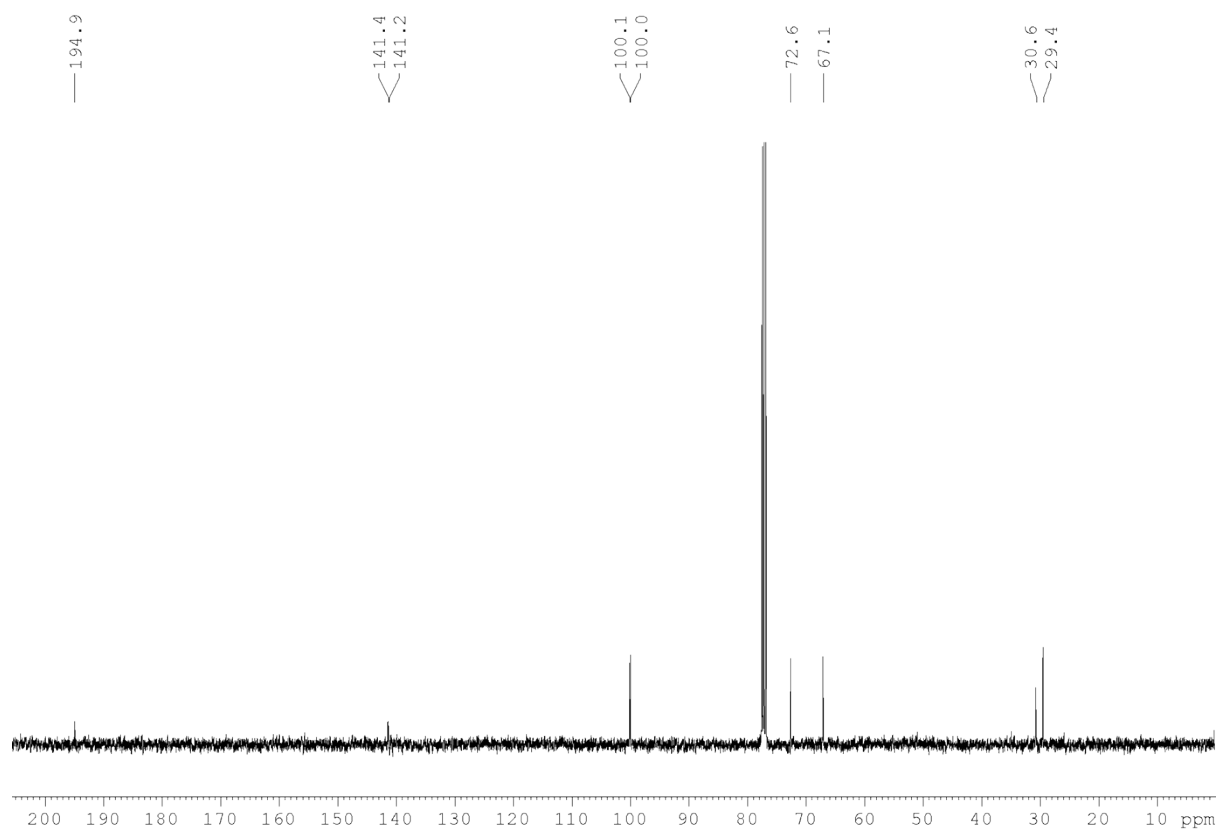
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**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *S*-((2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-*b*][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methyl)ethanethioate (EDOT-thioacetate) (400 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *S*-((2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-*b*][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)methyl)ethanethioate (EDOT-thioacetate) (100 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).