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## Synthesis of 2-carboxyaniline-substituted maleimides from 2'-nitrochalcones

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## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectral Charts for (Z)-2-((3-amino-1-cyano-3-oxo-2-(*p*-tolyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)amino)benzoic acid (**10b**)





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<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectral Charts for 2-((2,5-dioxo-4-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)-*N*-methylbenzamide (**12**)





## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectral Charts for methyl 2-((2,5-dioxo-4-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)benzoate (**13**)





## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectral Charts for methyl 2-((1-methyl-2,5-dioxo-4-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)benzoate (**14**)




# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectral Charts for 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(phenylamino)-1*H*-pyrrole-2,5-dione (**15**)





X-Ray Crystallography data for 2-((2,5-dioxo-4-aryl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)amino)benzoic acid (4a)

**Figure S1.** ORTEP drawing of the crystal structure showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoids (left, CCDC 2236719) and microphotography of the single crystal (right) of compound **4a** used for X-Ray diffraction analysis at the bottom.

### Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 4a.

Identification code	ANNA_ROS845_YELLOW_2
Empirical formula	$C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_5S$
Formula weight	386.41
Temperature/K	100.01(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	9.71100(10)
b/Å	8.91200(10)
c/Å	20.7791(2)
$\alpha/\circ$	90
β/°	99.2150(10)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1775.11(3)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.446
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.928
F(000)	808.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.339 \times 0.178 \times 0.15$
Radiation	synchrotron ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/	° 8.622 to 152.264
Index ranges	$\text{-}12 \leq h \leq 12,  \text{-}11 \leq k \leq 7,  \text{-}26 \leq l \leq 25$
Reflections collected	19149
Independent reflections	3715 [ $R_{int} = 0.0225$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0149$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	3715/0/258
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.039
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0393, wR_2 = 0.1051$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0403, wR_2 = 0.1059$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	3 0.36/-0.64

Atom	x	у	Z	U(eq)
<b>S</b> 1	537.6(4)	8138.9(5)	7348.9(2)	27.45(13)
O2	6769.5(11)	9343.0(12)	5950.3(5)	18.8(2)
01	9174.7(11)	9161.8(14)	4238.5(5)	22.1(3)
O3	3249.0(12)	7963.7(13)	5912.4(5)	21.9(3)
O4	1241.4(13)	6686.9(16)	5722.9(6)	27.9(3)
N2	4919.3(13)	7821.8(14)	5005.1(6)	14.8(3)
N1	8283.1(14)	9468.4(16)	5196.1(6)	19.2(3)
O008	832.2(17)	6864.7(16)	6912.3(7)	38.4(4)
C3	6159.7(15)	8309.3(16)	4855.7(7)	14.5(3)
C7	4028.6(15)	6691.5(16)	4720.5(7)	14.3(3)
C12	6478.3(15)	7833.6(16)	3647.2(7)	14.8(3)
C4	7066.9(15)	9102.4(17)	5416.0(7)	15.9(3)
C8	4373.9(15)	5785.9(16)	4220.4(7)	15.8(3)
C6	2782.2(15)	6381.8(17)	4969.5(7)	15.9(3)
C17	5284.1(16)	8414.8(17)	3267.8(7)	17.3(3)
C9	3484.9(16)	4661.2(17)	3947.5(7)	18.0(3)
C5	2461.0(16)	7107.2(18)	5573.4(7)	18.0(3)
C10	2221.7(16)	4403.8(18)	4163.5(8)	19.9(3)
C2	6853.9(15)	8284.4(17)	4336.4(7)	15.4(3)
C11	1899.1(16)	5243.9(18)	4677.6(8)	19.2(3)
C1	8225.9(16)	8991.2(18)	4555.3(7)	17.6(3)
C16	4943.4(18)	8014.5(17)	2613.2(8)	20.8(3)
C15	5784.0(18)	7022.0(18)	2338.1(8)	21.3(3)
C14	6974.3(17)	6438.9(18)	2713.0(8)	21.7(3)
C13	7330.0(16)	6845.4(17)	3364.8(8)	19.2(3)
C18	1875.2(19)	9489(2)	7327.9(9)	28.3(4)
C19	1071(2)	7428(3)	8154.0(9)	39.4(5)

Table S2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10<sup>4</sup>) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\mathring{A}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 4a. U<sub>eq</sub> is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised U<sub>IJ</sub> tensor.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	$U_{22}$	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	$U_{12}$
<b>S</b> 1	19.6(2)	39.3(3)	24.1(2)	-5.87(17)	5.42(16)	-3.97(16)
O2	19.5(5)	23.0(5)	14.6(5)	-2.8(4)	4.9(4)	-2.1(4)
O1	16.0(5)	32.5(6)	19.1(5)	-4.4(5)	6.3(4)	-7.6(5)
O3	20.8(6)	27.3(6)	19.1(5)	-6.9(4)	7.5(4)	-6.8(5)
O4	20.2(6)	43.8(7)	22.2(6)	-11.4(5)	11.0(5)	-11.8(5)
N2	14.4(6)	17.6(6)	13.2(6)	-1.8(5)	4.7(4)	-2.8(5)
N1	14.4(6)	27.9(7)	15.3(6)	-4.9(5)	3.0(5)	-7.6(5)
O008	56.8(9)	37.6(8)	24.8(7)	-10.0(6)	18.5(6)	-17.2(7)
C3	13.3(7)	14.9(6)	15.3(7)	-0.2(5)	2.0(5)	-1.2(5)
C7	14.6(7)	14.2(6)	13.6(6)	2.2(5)	1.1(5)	-0.8(5)
C12	16.3(7)	15.3(7)	13.9(7)	-1.2(5)	6.2(5)	-4.9(5)
C4	15.0(7)	16.6(7)	15.9(7)	0.2(5)	2.4(5)	-0.9(5)
C8	16.4(7)	15.8(7)	15.8(7)	2.3(5)	4.8(5)	-0.2(5)
C6	14.6(7)	18.3(7)	15.0(7)	0.0(5)	2.8(5)	-1.4(5)
C17	20.7(7)	15.9(7)	16.0(7)	-1.4(5)	4.9(6)	-1.5(6)
C9	21.9(7)	16.6(7)	15.9(7)	-1.0(6)	4.1(6)	0.3(6)
C5	15.4(7)	22.4(7)	16.9(7)	0.3(6)	5.1(6)	-1.9(6)
C10	19.7(7)	19.4(7)	20.1(7)	-2.6(6)	1.1(6)	-4.9(6)
C2	13.4(7)	17.2(7)	15.8(7)	-0.6(5)	2.7(5)	-2.3(5)
C11	15.1(7)	22.9(8)	19.8(7)	0.3(6)	3.7(6)	-4.1(6)
C1	16.0(7)	21.2(7)	15.7(7)	-1.7(6)	3.1(5)	-2.9(6)
C16	27.7(8)	18.2(7)	15.6(7)	1.5(6)	0.5(6)	-2.2(6)
C15	32.7(9)	18.3(7)	14.5(7)	-2.9(6)	8.3(6)	-8.6(6)
C14	23.9(8)	19.6(7)	24.7(8)	-7.4(6)	13.1(6)	-6.1(6)
C13	15.5(7)	19.7(7)	23.5(8)	-2.8(6)	6.7(6)	-2.9(6)
C18	32.1(9)	25.2(8)	27.1(9)	3.0(7)	3.6(7)	-2.8(7)
C19	51.1(12)	47.4(12)	21.0(9)	-3.3(8)	9.4(8)	-25.0(10)

Table S3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $Å^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 4a. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -  $2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+...]$ .

## Table S4 Bond Lengths for 4a.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	n Atom	Length/Å
<b>S</b> 1	O008	1.5092(14)	C7	C6	1.418(2)
<b>S</b> 1	C18	1.7765(19)	C12	C17	1.394(2)
<b>S</b> 1	C19	1.786(2)	C12	C2	1.476(2)
O2	C4	1.2101(19)	C12	C13	1.400(2)
01	C1	1.2246(19)	C8	C9	1.384(2)
03	C5	1.2214(19)	C6	C5	1.488(2)
O4	C5	1.3256(19)	C6	C11	1.402(2)
N2	C3	1.3624(19)	C17	C16	1.394(2)
N2	C7	1.3960(19)	C9	C10	1.391(2)
N1	C4	1.3722(19)	C10	C11	1.381(2)
N1	C1	1.3906(19)	C2	C1	1.478(2)
C3	C4	1.517(2)	C16	C15	1.387(2)
C3	C2	1.361(2)	C15	C14	1.387(2)
C7	C8	1.398(2)	C14	C13	1.391(2)

# Table S5 Bond Angles for 4a.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
O008	<b>S</b> 1	C18	106.57(9)	C11	C6	C7	118.81(14)
O008	<b>S</b> 1	C19	103.99(10)	C11	C6	C5	118.86(13)
C18	<b>S</b> 1	C19	99.20(9)	C12	C17	C16	120.20(14)
C3	N2	C7	130.10(13)	C8	C9	C10	120.78(14)
C4	N1	C1	109.98(12)	03	C5	O4	122.84(14)
N2	C3	C4	113.55(13)	03	C5	C6	124.13(14)
C2	C3	N2	138.06(14)	O4	C5	C6	112.99(13)
C2	C3	C4	108.39(12)	C11	C10	C9	118.76(14)
N2	C7	C8	121.68(13)	C3	C2	C12	134.18(14)
N2	C7	C6	119.55(13)	C3	C2	C1	106.60(13)
C8	C7	C6	118.64(13)	C12	C2	C1	119.02(13)

# Table S5 Bond Angles for 4a.

Atom	1 Atom	n Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Aton	n Atom	Angle/°
C17	C12	C2	120.12(13)	C10	C11	C6	121.87(14)
C17	C12	C13	119.38(14)	01	C1	N1	123.96(14)
C13	C12	C2	120.48(14)	01	C1	C2	127.32(14)
O2	C4	N1	127.44(14)	N1	C1	C2	108.71(12)
O2	C4	C3	126.29(14)	C15	C16	C17	120.13(15)
N1	C4	C3	106.27(12)	C14	C15	C16	119.98(14)
C9	C8	C7	120.97(14)	C15	C14	C13	120.25(15)
C7	C6	C5	121.98(13)	C14	C13	C12	120.05(15)

# Table S6 Torsion Angles for 4a.

Α	В	С	D	Angle/°	Α	B	С	D	Angle/°
N2	C3	C4	O2	-1.5(2)	C8	C7	C6	C5	169.08(14)
N2	C3	C4	N1	177.83(13)	C8	C7	C6	C11	-4.1(2)
N2	C3	C2	C12	8.4(3)	C8	C9	C10	C11	-3.1(2)
N2	C3	C2	C1	- 177.02(17)	C6	C7	C8	C9	3.5(2)
N2	C7	C8	C9	179.41(13)	C17	C12	C2	C3	52.2(2)
N2	C7	C6	C5	-6.9(2)	C17	C12	C2	C1	- 121.90(16)
N2	C7	C6	C11	179.95(13)	C17	C12	C13	C14	-0.7(2)
C3	N2	C7	C8	3.7(2)	C17	C16	C15	C14	-0.7(2)
C3	N2	C7	C6	179.54(14)	C9	C10	C11	C6	2.5(2)
C3	C2	C1	01	178.41(16)	C5	C6	C11	C10	- 172.24(15)
C3	C2	<b>C</b> 1	N1	-2.22(18)	C2	C3	C4	O2	178.98(15)
C7	N2	C3	C4	- 157.52(14)	C2	C3	C4	N1	-1.70(17)
C7	N2	C3	C2	21.8(3)	C2	C12	C17	C16	178.66(14)
C7	C8	C9	C10	0.1(2)	C2	C12	C13	C14	-

 Table S6 Torsion Angles for 4a.

Α	B	С	D	Angle/°	Α	B	С	D	Angle/°
									179.36(14)
C7	C6	C5	03	-3.0(2)	C11	C6	C5	O3	170.11(15)
C7	C6	C5	O4	179.27(14)	C11	C6	C5	O4	-7.6(2)
C7	C6	C11	C10	1.1(2)	C1	N1	C4	O2	179.57(15)
C12	C17	C16	5C15	0.7(2)	C1	N1	C4	C3	0.26(17)
C12	C2	C1	01	-6.0(2)	C16	C15	C14	C13	0.0(2)
C12	C2	C1	N1	173.37(13)	C15	C14	C13	C12	0.7(2)
C4	N1	C1	01	- 179.45(15)	C13	C12	C17	C16	0.0(2)
C4	N1	C1	C2	1.15(18)	C13	C12	C2	C3	- 129.14(18)
C4	C3	C2	C12	- 172.30(16)	C13	C12	C2	C1	56.8(2)
C4	C3	C2	C1	2.32(16)					

Atom	x	у	z	U(eq)
H8	5213.41	5941.77	4069.08	19
H17	4712.75	9071.79	3451.89	21
H9	3734.87	4070.5	3615.73	22
H10	1605.9	3679.39	3965.43	24
H11	1072.51	5049.15	4834.72	23
H16	4151.11	8413.49	2360.39	25
H15	5549.51	6747.65	1902.47	26
H14	7536.51	5773.62	2527.82	26
H13	8134.35	6460.41	3613.07	23
H18A	2769.5	9020.31	7447.35	42
H18B	1776.11	10283.56	7629.21	42
H18C	1802.75	9894.13	6895.58	42

Table S7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates (Å×10<sup>4</sup>) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>×10<sup>3</sup>) for 4a.

Atom	x	у	z	U(eq)
H19A	495.38	6588.39	8225.89	59
H19B	977.14	8200.69	8465.97	59
H19C	2027.56	7113.07	8202.85	59
H2	4720(20)	8130(20)	5362(12)	30(6)
H1	9000(20)	9870(30)	5407(11)	31(6)
H4	1150(30)	6960(30)	6107(15)	61(9)

# Table S7 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates (Å×10<sup>4</sup>) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>×10<sup>3</sup>) for 4a.

### Experimental

Single crystals of  $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_5S$  4a were obtained by slow evaporation of saturated solution in EtOAc. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on the glass stick by acrylic glue on a SuperNova, Dual, Cu at home/near, AtlasS2 diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 100.01(10) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [S1], the structure was solved with the SHELXT [S2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL [S3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

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### Crystal structure determination of 4a

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (*M* =386.41 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c (no. 14), a = 9.71100(10) Å, b = 8.91200(10) Å, c = 20.7791(2) Å,  $\beta = 99.2150(10)^\circ$ , V = 1775.11(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, T = 100.01(10) K,  $\mu$ (synchrotron) = 1.928 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *Dcalc* = 1.446 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 19149 reflections measured (8.622°  $\leq 2\Theta \leq 152.264^\circ$ ), 3715 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0225$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0149$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0393 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1059 (all data).

### **Refinement model description**

Number of restraints - 0, number of constraints - unknown.

Details: 1. Fixed Uiso At 1.2 times of: All C(H) groups At 1.5 times of: All C(H,H,H) groups 2.a Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates: C8(H8), C17(H17), C9(H9), C10(H10), C11(H11), C16(H16), C15(H15), C14(H14), C13(H13) 2.b Idealised Me refined as rotating group: C18(H18A,H18B,H18C), C19(H19A,H19B,H19C)

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