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# Benzenesulfonamide Decorated Dihydropyrimidin(thi)ones: Carbonic Anhydrase Profiling and Antiproliferative Activity

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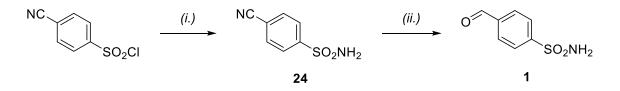
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### Chemistry

### Synthesis of 4-formyl benzenesulfonamide 1

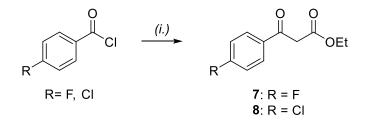
4-Formyl benzenesulfonamide **1** was obtained through a two-step synthetic pathway (**Scheme S1**) starting from the commercially available 4-cyanobenzenesulfonyl chloride that was converted into sulfonamide **24** by reaction with aqueous ammonia.(1) Then, the cyano group was converted into aldehyde through selective reduction by Raney Nichel.(2)



**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of 4-formyl benzenesulfonamide **1**. *Reagents and conditions*: i) NH<sub>4</sub>OH, dry THF, 0 °C-r.t., 5 h; ii) Ni Raney, HCOOH, ref., 3 h.

## Synthesis of formyl ketoesters 7-8 and amido derivative 9

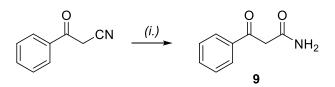
Ketoesters **7** and **8** were synthesized by reacting the suitable benzoyl chloride and EtOAc in presence of LDA as previously reported (**Scheme S2**).(3)



Scheme S2. Synthesis of ketoesters 7 and 8.

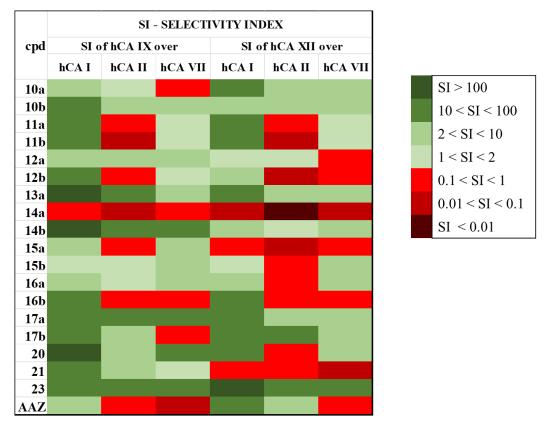
Reagents and conditions: i) LDA, EtOAc, THF, -78 °C, 2.5 h.

Derivative **9** was obtained by adding H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to the commercial 3-phenyl-3-oxopropanenitrile (**Scheme S3**). (4)



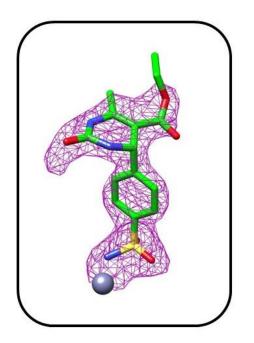
**Scheme S3.** Synthesis of amido derivative **9**. *Reagents and conditions*: i) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, r.t., 16 h.

## Heat Map for Selectivity Indexes



**Figure S1.** Heat Map for Selectivity Indexes of enzymatic inhibition. Selectivity index (SI) is calculated as the ratio between the  $K_l$  value of the test compound on the off-target isoform and that on the referred isoform (*e.g.*, SI of hCA IX over hCA I is calculated as follow:  $K_l$  on hCA I /  $K_l$  on hCA IX).

Electron density maps of inhibitor 12a



**Figure S2.** Electron density of inhibitor **12a** bound to zinc (grey) in hCA I active site. 2Fo-Fc maps and contoured to the 1.0  $\sigma$  level.

hCA I + 12a PDB ID 8QGV Wavelength (Å) 0.9718 Space Group P212121 Unit cell (a, b, c,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ) 62.94, 71.14, 120.92, (Å) 90.00, 90.00, 90.00 Limiting resolution (Å) 50.0-1.84 (1.84-1.88) Unique reflections 48159 (3513) Rmerge (%) 12.2 (176.2) Rmeas (%) 12.7 (183.5) Redundancy 12.76 (12.8) Completeness overall (%) 100.0 (100.0)  $< I/\sigma(I) >$ 22.21 (2.28) CC (1/2) 99.9 (78.1) **Refinement statistics** Resolution range (Å) 50.0-1.84 Rfactor (%) 19.78 Rfree (%) 24.03 r.m.s.d. bonds (Å) 0.0097 r.m.s.d. angles (°) 1.6577 Ramachandran statistics (%) Most favored 97.4 additionally allowed 2.6 outlier regions 0.0 Average B factor (Å<sup>2</sup>) All atoms 34.334 inhibitors 38.500 solvent 35.482

Table S1. Summary of data collection and atomic model refinement statistics for hCAI.

#### Chemistry - Experimental

#### Procedure for the synthesis of 4-formyl benzenesulfonamide 1.

**4-Cyanobenzenesulfonamide (24).** 4-Cyanobenzenesulfonyl chloride (10 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (40 mL). Then, an aqueous solution of ammonium hydroxide (30%) (4 mL) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Then, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under *vacuum*. The obtained solid was triturated with Et<sub>2</sub>O. No further purification was required. Yield: 94%, white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ :7.69 (2H, s, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.02 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz), 8.12 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz) ppm.

**4-Formylbenzenesulfonamide (1).** To a solution of **24** (1.7 g, 9.3 mmol) in formic acid (75%, 65 mL), Raney Nickel (2.45 g) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 3 h. Then, it was filtered through a Celite cake. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, extracted with EtOAc three times, and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under *vacuum*. No further purification was required. Yield: 80 %, beige solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.64 (2H, s, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.06 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz), 8.14 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz), 10.13 (1H, s) ppm.

#### Procedure for the synthesis of ketoesters 7 and 8.

To a flame-dried flask containing LDA solution (5 mL, 2.0 M in heptane, THF, ethylbenzene) at -78 °C, EtOAc (0.49 mL, 5 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes. Then, the suitable benzoyl chloride (5 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 hours. Upon completion, aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the crude was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under *vacuum*. The crude mixture was then purified through flash column chromatography on silica gel by using hexane/EtOAc 1:4 as eluent to give the desired keto-ester as a yellow oil.

**Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxopropanoate (7).** Yield 69 % (keto/enol: 1/0.06); yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: Keto: 1.21 (3H, t, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 4.15 (2H, q, *J*= 6.8 Hz), 4.23 (2H, s), 7.42 (2H, t, *J*= 8.8 Hz), 8.08 (2H, t, *J*= 7.2 Hz); Enol: 1.31 (3H, t, *J*= 6.8 Hz), 4.07 (2H, q, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 5.99 (1H, bs), 7.39 (2H, t, *J*= 8.8 Hz), 7.98 (2H, t, *J*= 6.8 Hz), 12.70 (1H, bs) ppm.

**Ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropanoate (8).** Yield 65 % (keto/enol: 1/0.1); yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: Keto: 1.21 (3H, t, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 4.15 (2H, q, *J*= 6.8 Hz), 4.24 (2H, s), 7.67 (2H, d,

*J*= 8.8 Hz), 8.01 (2H, d, *J*= 8.8 Hz); Enol: 1.31 (3H, t, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 4.07 (2H, q, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 6.03 (1H, bs), 7.59 (2H, d, *J*= 8.8 Hz), 7.93 (2H, d, *J*= 8.8 Hz), 12.64 (1H, bs) ppm.

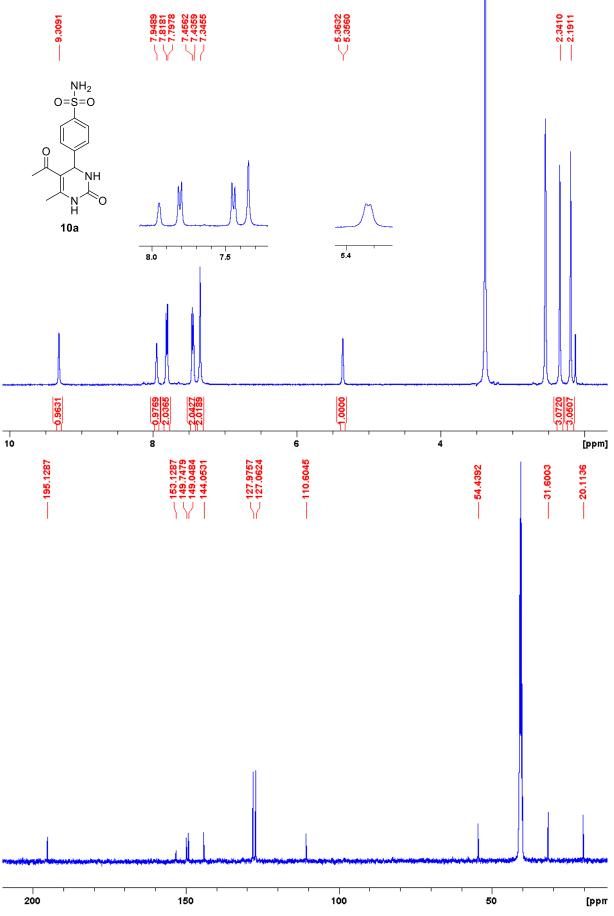
**3-Oxo-3-phenylpropanamide (9).** 3-Phenyl-3-oxopropanenitrile (725.0 mg, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (25.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 16 h. Then, the mixture was poured into ice water, basified with NH<sub>4</sub>OH, and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under *vacuum* to provide the desired amide. Yield 71 %; mp: 109-110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.90 (2H, s), 7.15 (1H, bs), 7.64 (1H, bs), 7.58 (2H, t, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 7.69 (1H, t, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 8.01 (2H, d, *J*= 7.2 Hz) ppm.

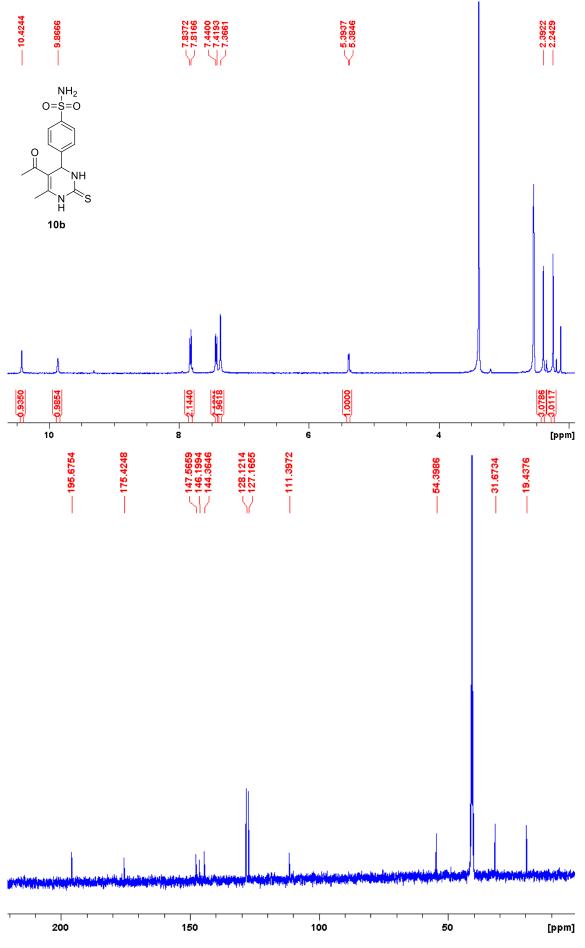
#### Procedure for the synthesis of 2-aminopyrimidine 23

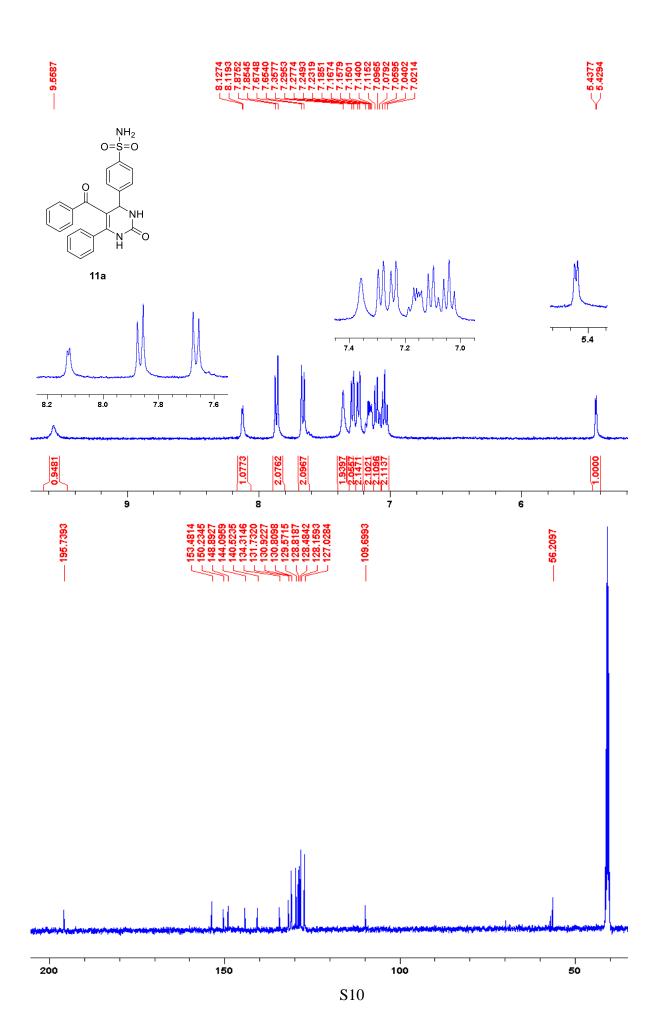
(E)-4-(3-phenyl-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (22). To an aqueous solution of NaOH (650.0 mg, 6.4 mmol, 3.0 mL), a solution of acetophenone (600.0 mg, 5.0 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was added slowly at 0 °C. Then, 4-formylbenzenesulfonamide (925.0 mg, 5.0 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 16 h at r.t.. After completion, the formed precipitate was filtered under *vacuum* and washed with EtOH and H<sub>2</sub>O. Yield 55 %; white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.46- 7.52 (3H, m), 7.58 (2H, s, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.80 (1H, d, *J*= 15.6 Hz), 7.90- 7.94 (2H, m), 7.96 (1H, d, *J*= 15.6 Hz), 8.0 (2H, d, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 8.32 (2H, d, *J*= 8.0 Hz) ppm; LC-MS (ESI) (*m/z*): 286.1 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>

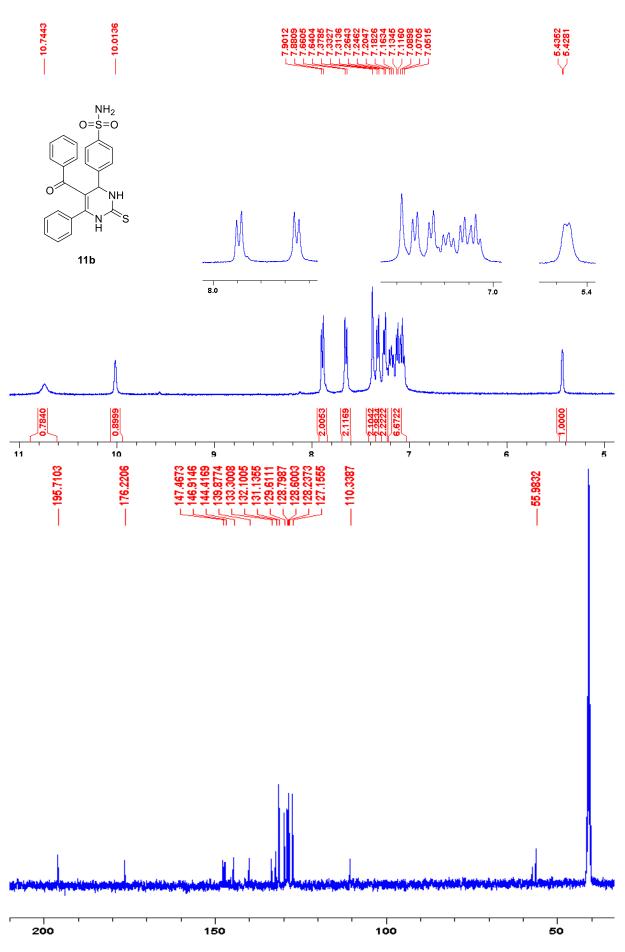
**4-(2-amino-6-phenylpyrimidin-4-yl)benzenesulfonamide (23).** To a solution of chalcone **22** (287.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and guanidine hydrochloride (143.2 mg, 1.5 mmol) in EtOH (4.0 mL), 50% aqueous KOH (3.9 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred till chalcone starting material consumption. Then, 30% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.34 mL, 3.34 mmol) was added portionwise over a period of 1 h and the reaction mixture was left to stir. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated under *vacuum* and H<sub>2</sub>O was added to induce precipitation. The solid obtained was filtered under vacuum and washed with additional H<sub>2</sub>O. Then, it was recrystallized from EtOH. Yield 45 %; White solid; mp: 259-261°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 6.91 (2H, s, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.52 (2H, s, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.58 (3H, t, *J*= 3.2 Hz), 7.84 (1H, s, H-C5), 8.01 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz), 8.27 (2H, d, *J*= 3.6 Hz), 8.44 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 103.5 (CH), 127.0 (CHx2), 128.1 (CHx2), 128.6 (CHx2), 129.7 (CHx2), 131.7 (CH), 138.2 (C), 141.5 (C), 146.6 (C), 164.5 (C), 165.1 (C), 166.4 (C) ppm; LC-MS (ESI) (*m/z*): 327.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

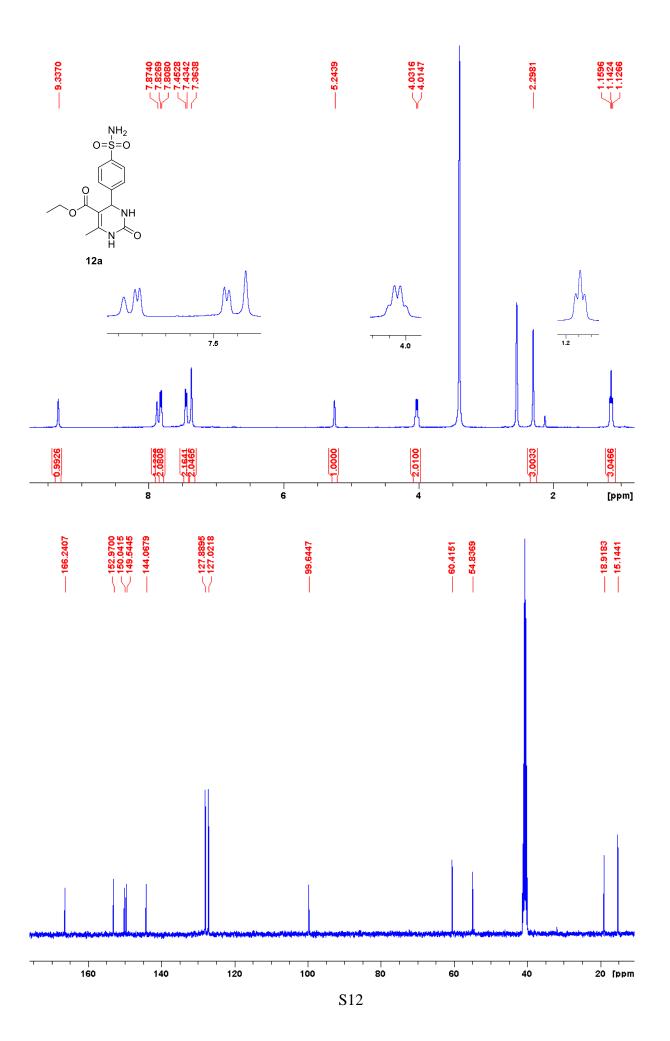
NMR spectra of final compounds

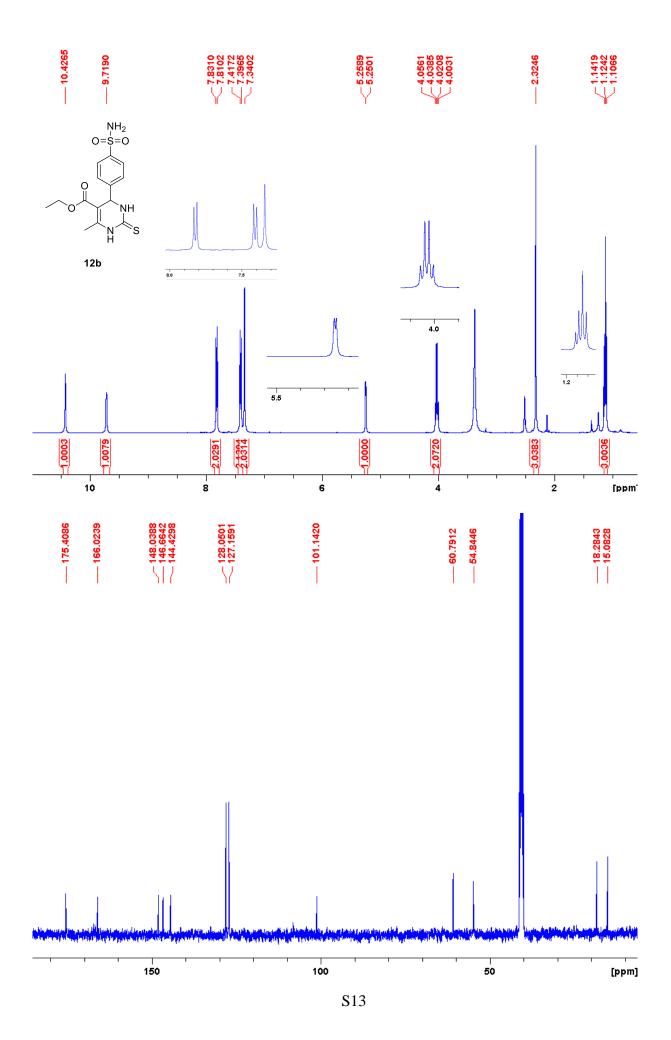


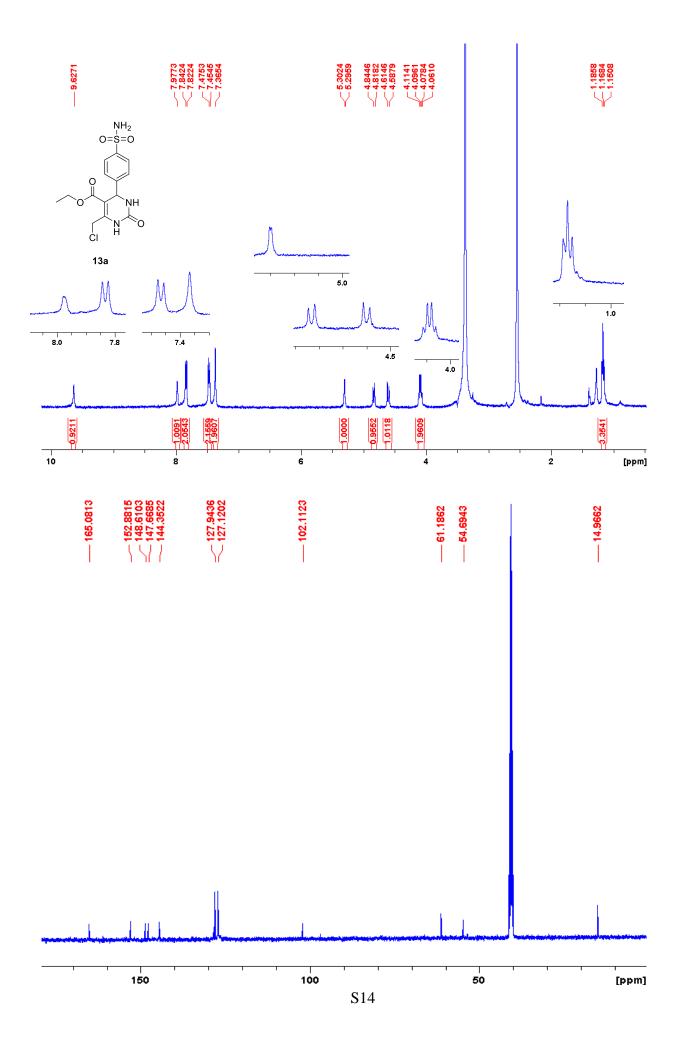


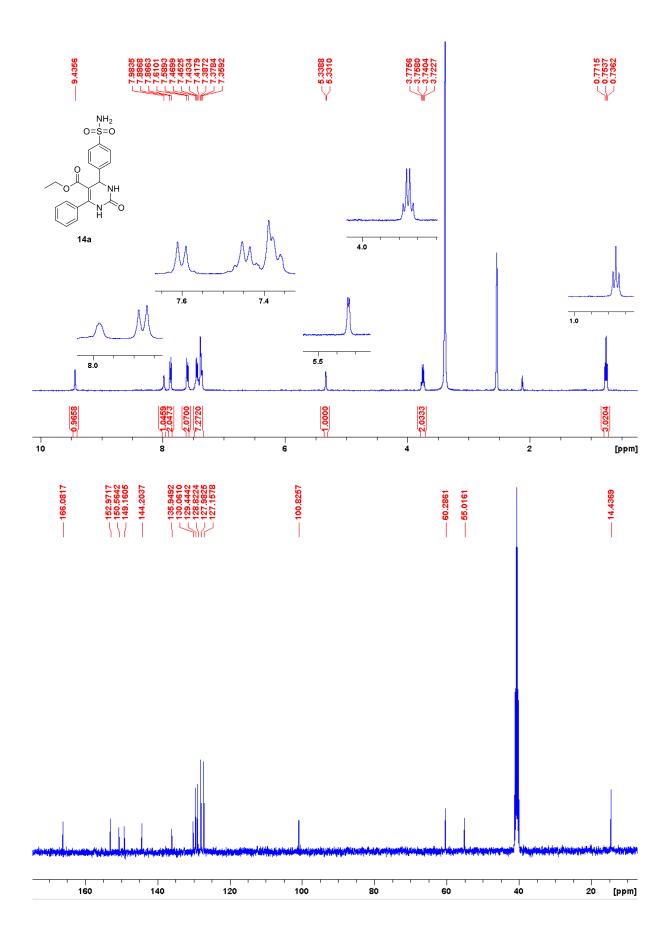


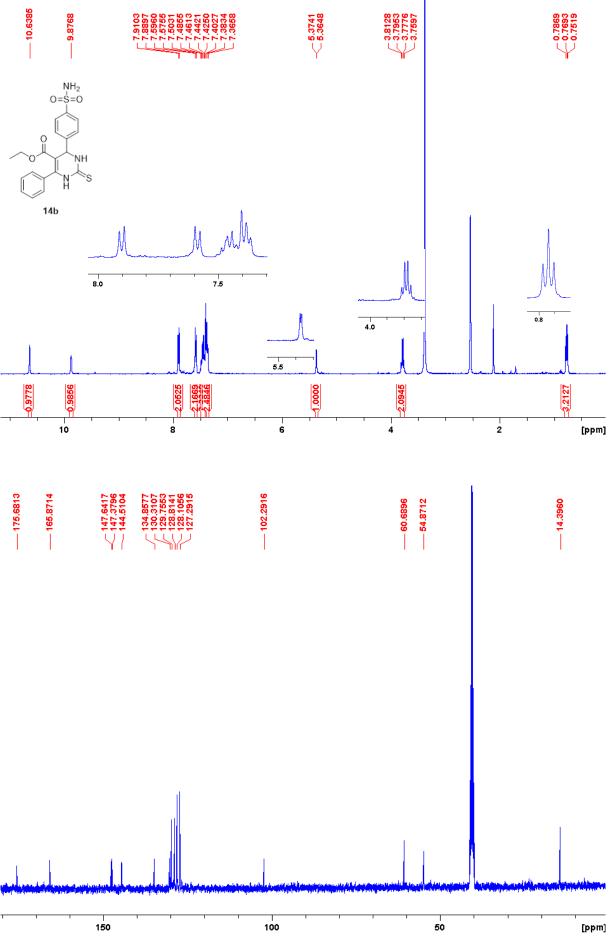


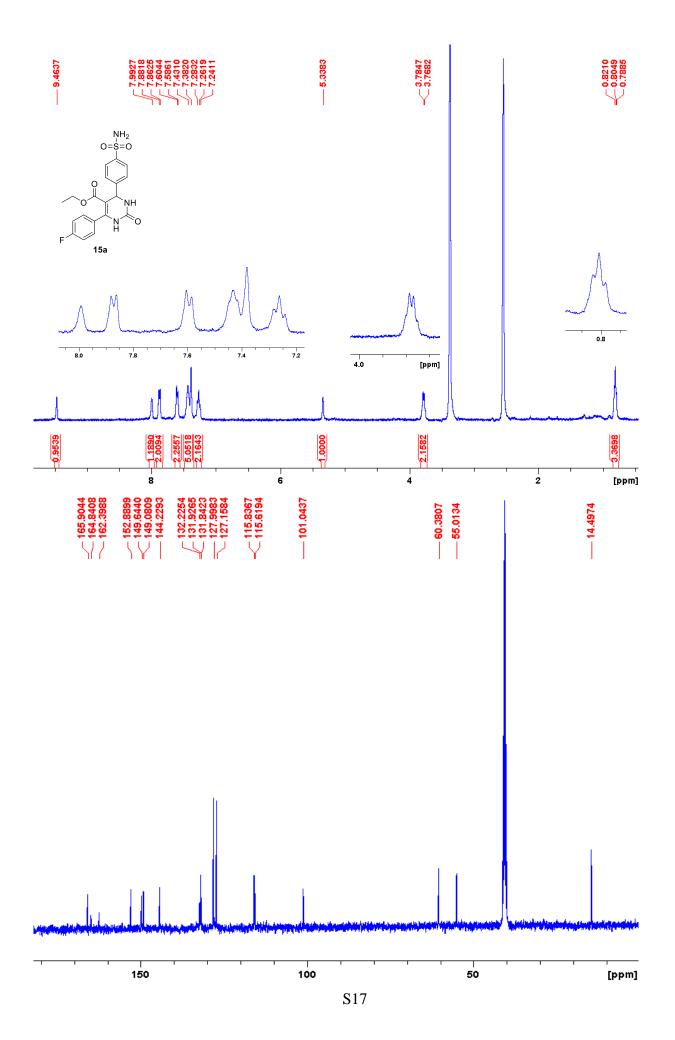


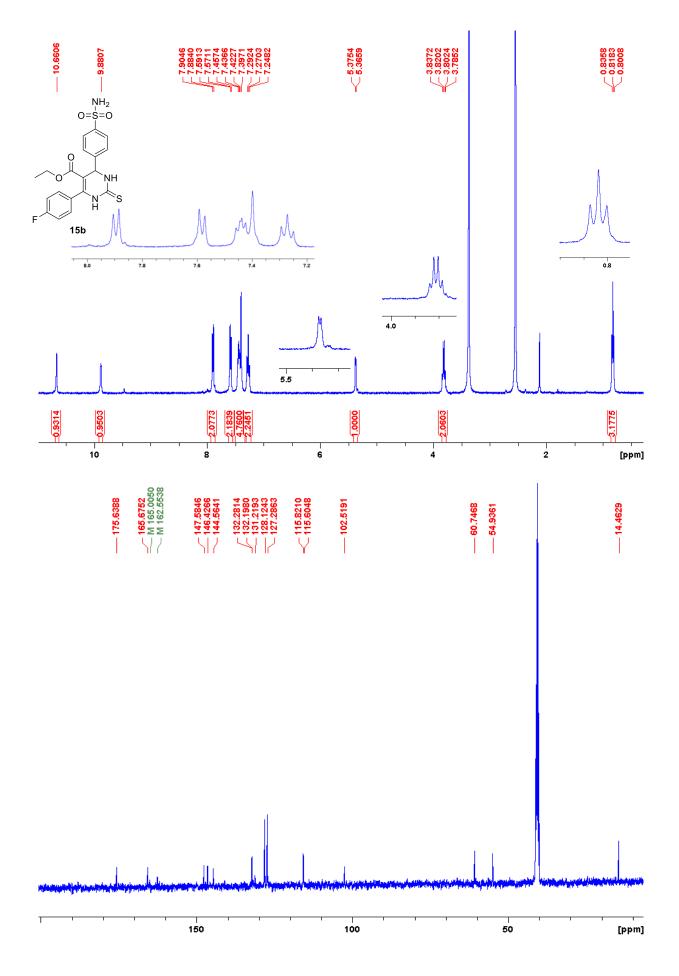


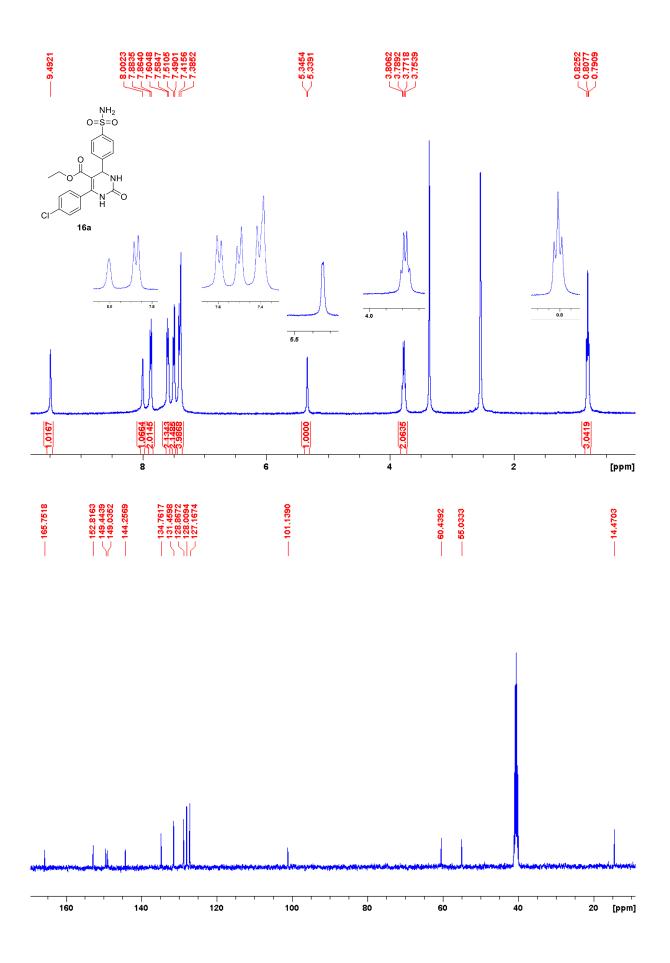


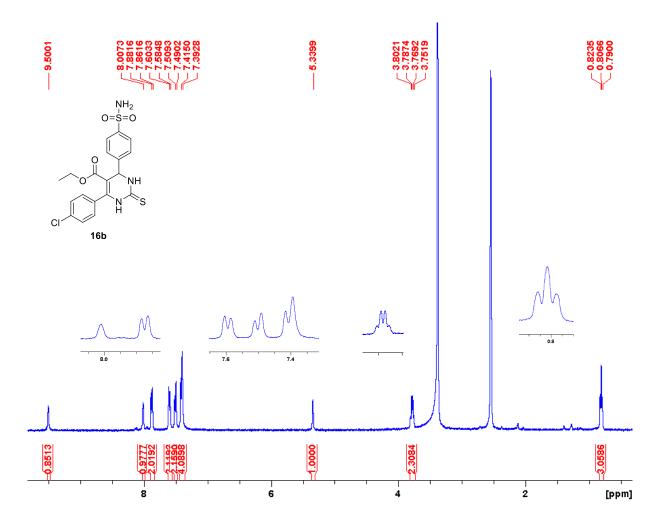


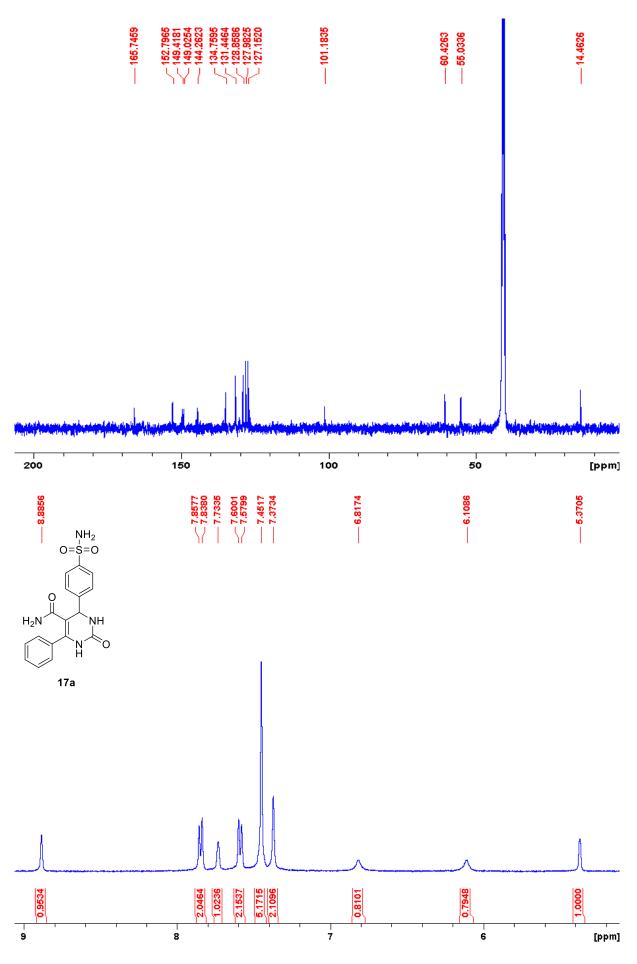


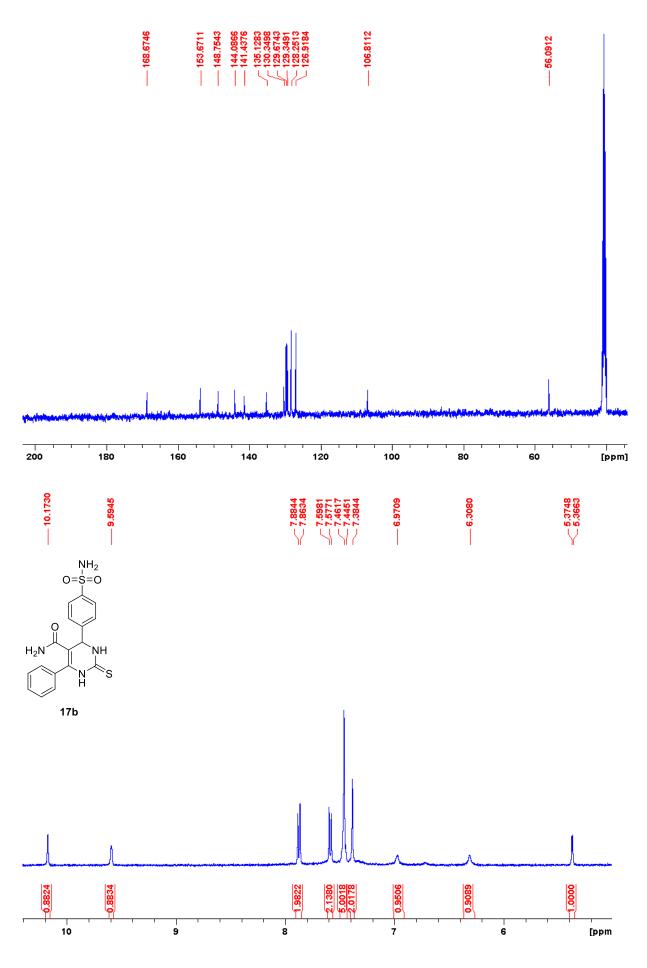


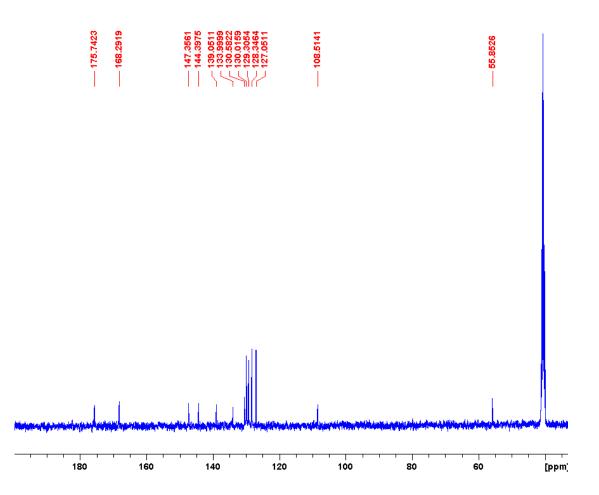


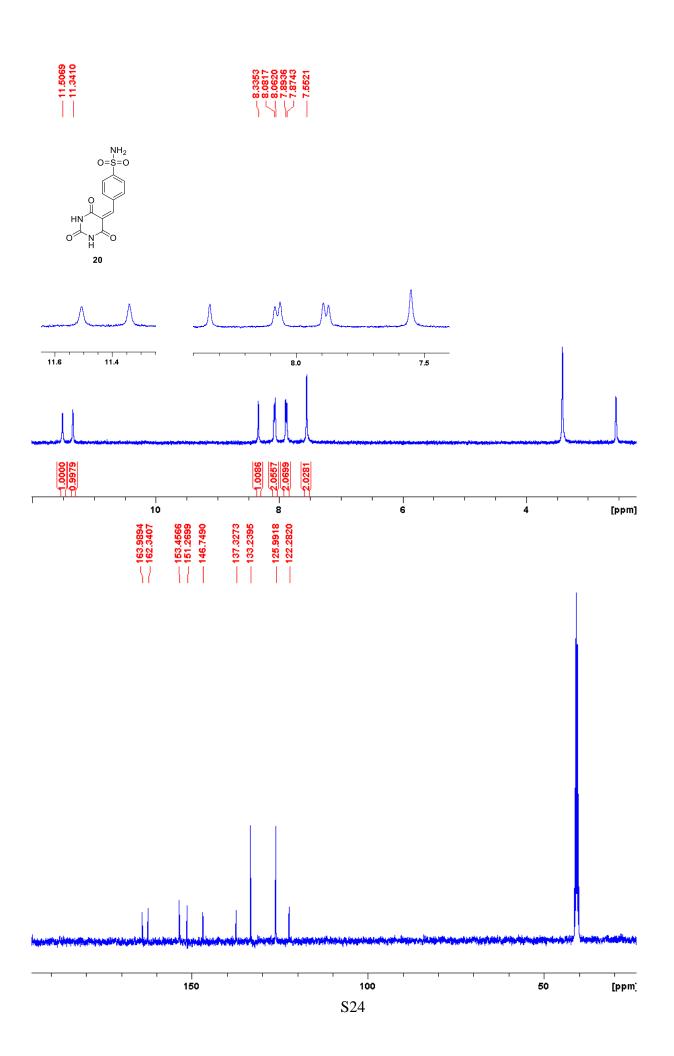


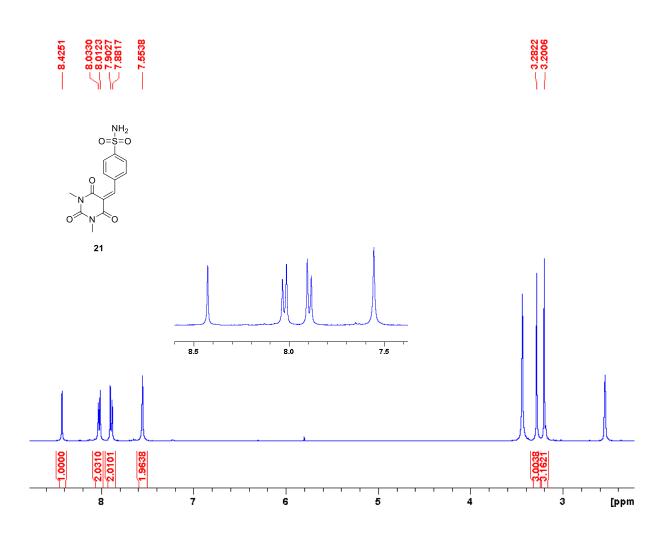


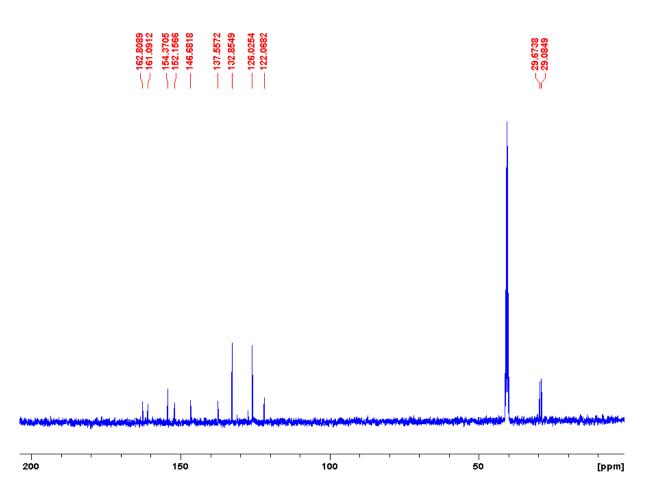


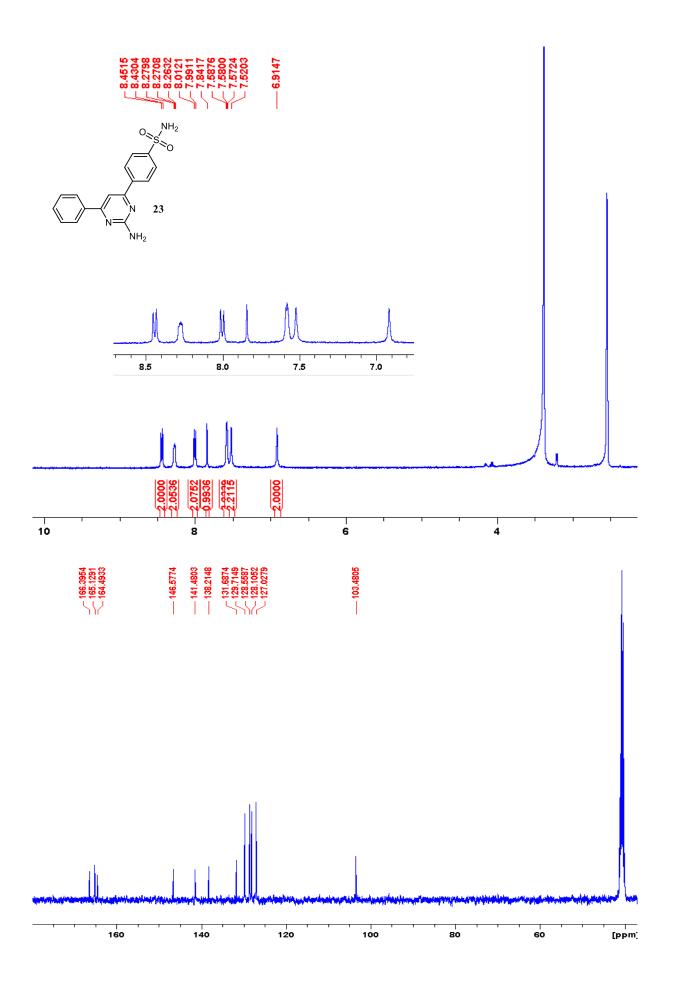












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