# **Supporting Information**

# Electrochemical Selective Divergent C-H Chalcogenocyanation of N-Heterocyclic Scaffolds

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# **General information:**

All the chemicals and reagents were purchased from commercially suppliers and used without any prior purification. Column chromatography was performed over silica-gel (particle size: 100-200 Mesh) using hexanes and ethyl acetate as eluent, unless otherwise noted. The aluminium supported silica plate Si 60 F<sub>254</sub> was used for the thin layer chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and HRMS techniques were used for the analysis of synthesized compounds. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL ECS-400 instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  solvent. Chemical shifts reported in parts per million (ppm) with referencing the TMS at 0.00 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and coupling constants (J) were given in Hz. <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak signals were reported as s (singlet), br (broad), d (doublet), dd (double doublet), td (triplet of doublet), ddd (doublet of double doublet), qd (quartet of doublet), quint (pentet), sept (septet), and m (multiplet). In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR, chemical shifts were reported in ppm with referencing the center line of a triplet of chloroform-d at 77.10 ppm and septet of DMSO- $d_6$  at 39.50 ppm. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Xevo G2-S Q TOF (Waters, USA) mass spectrometer, and Maxis-TOF analyser. All electrocatalytic reactions were carried out in IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 instrument. Starting precursors 1a-1b<sup>1</sup>, 6p-6q<sup>1</sup>, 1c-1g<sup>2</sup>, 6a-6o<sup>3</sup>, and 1h-1m<sup>4</sup>, 1n-1p<sup>5</sup> were synthesized using reported literature. CFI refers to chromone-fused-indolizines. CV experiments were recored in a CHI 7087E electrochemical workstation.

# **Optimization of Reaction conditions:**

We commenced this electro-organic thiocyanation strategy with the reaction of model substrate 3,4dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (**1a**) and NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**) in an undivided cell of IKA electrasyn 2.0 instrument that equipped with a graphite anode and a platinum cathode (Table S1). Gratifyingly, the reaction of indolizine substrate **1a** and NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**) under 10 mA electric current with electrolyte LiClO<sub>4</sub> and additive NH<sub>4</sub>I (50 mol%), in acetonitrile solvent afforded the desired product **3a** in a 60% yield in 3 h (Table S1, entry 1). Distinct parameters were further screened to optimize the reaction conditions and the results are summarized in Table S1.

During the control experiments, we have observed that the reaction was also feasible in the absence of additive NH<sub>4</sub>I and supporting electrolyte LiClO<sub>4</sub> (entries 2-3). In the absence of electricity, product **3a** was not observed which evidences that electricity is mandatory for this thiocyanation protocol (entry 4). To get optimal reaction conditions solvent system(s) such as DMF, DMSO, EtOH, DCE, EtOAc:CH<sub>3</sub>CN (7:1), CH<sub>3</sub>CN:DMF (7:1), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN:methanol (7:1) were screened (entries 5-11) and acetonitrile was found superior among them that yielded 75% of **3a** (entry 3). To further increase

the yield of **3a**, different types of electrode pairs such as C/C, C/Ni, C/RVC, and RVC/Ni were also tried (entries 12-15), among them C/C provided the 85% yield (entry 12). Decreased current density provided the **3a** in 62% yield with unreactive starting precursor **1a** whereas the increment in current density afforded the **3a** in 76% yield along with the unidentified side products (entry 16). It was found that reduced equimolar concentration of NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**, 1.5 equiv) gave only a 68% yield of **3a** whereas on increased equimolar concentration (3.0 equiv.) of **2** provided the **3a** in 84% yield (entry 17).

	<b>H</b>	+ NHJSCN		SCN SCN	
	1a	2	5-20 mA, Ele Solvent,	RT 3a	
Entry	Electrolyte	Electrode (+)/(-)	Additive	Solvent(s)	Yield of <b>3a</b> <sup>[b]</sup> (%)
1.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	C/Pt	NH <sub>4</sub> I	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60
2.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	C/Pt		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	62
3.		C/Pt		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	75
4.				CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0
5.		C/Pt		DMF	70
6.		C/Pt		DMSO	10
7.		C/Pt		EtOH	30
8.		C/Pt		DCE	65
9.		C/Pt		EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (7:1)	73
10.		C/Pt		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:DMF(7:1)	70
11.		C/Pt		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:MeOH (7:1)	15
12.		C/C		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	85
13.		C/Ni		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	80
14.		C/RVC		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	67
15.		RVC/Ni		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	77
16.		C/C		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	62 <sup>c</sup> , 76 <sup>d</sup>
17.		C/C		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	68 <sup>e</sup> , 84 <sup>f</sup>

Table S1- Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>**Reaction conditions:** 4-Dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (**1a**, 0.25 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**, 0.5 mmol), additive (50 mol%), and electrolyte (50 mol%) in a solvent(s) (4.0 mL) were electrolyzed with continuous current 10 mA at RT in the Electrasyn 2.0 instruments for 3 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields of **3a** are

based on **1a**. <sup>c</sup>5 mA current was used instead of 10 mA. <sup>d</sup>20 mA current was used instead of 10 mA. <sup>e</sup>0.38 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol. <sup>f</sup>0.75 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol.

To gain the leverage of above-appended optimal reaction conditions of model substrate 3,4dihydropyrido[1,2-a] indol-1(2H)-one (1a) and NH4SCN (2), for the C-H chalcogenocyanation of indolizing frameworks, 6a with NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) was chosen as a model substrate for optimization of electrolysis conditions (Table S2). The electrolysis was conducted in an undivided cell of IKA electrasyn 2.0 instrument that equipped with a graphite anode and graphite cathode. Under the optimal reaction conditions of Table S1, mixture of C-H mono and bis-thiocyanated indolizines 7a and 8a was obtained in 30% and 10% yields respectively (entry 1). RVC/RVC electrode system also provided the similar results providing 7a and 8a in 35% and 12% yields respectively (entry 2). In order to develop the optimized reaction conditions, various parameters were studied but none of them provided significant results (entries 3-15). The use of DBU as additive almost put an end to formation of thiocyanate products 7a and 8a (entry 3). Supporting electrolytes LiClO<sub>4</sub>, <sup>n</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> and altering the electrode pairs such as C/C, C/Pt, C/Ni were all detrimental for the reaction conditions (entries 4-8). In the solvent screening DMSO, acetone, CH<sub>3</sub>CN: DMF, and CH<sub>3</sub>CN: methanol practically ceased the formation of thiocyanate products (entries 9-12). The use of equimolar concentration of additives NH<sub>4</sub>I, KI, and TBAI, and I<sub>2</sub> were profound influence on the C-3 mono-thiocyanate product 7a (entries 13-16), among them I<sub>2</sub> drastically increased the formation of **7a**. An optimal 91% yield of absolute C-3 thiocyanate **7a** was obtained when **6a** (1.0 equiv.), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**, 2.0 equiv.), and iodine (1.0 equiv.) were charged using EtOAc: CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1:1) solvent system in an undivided cell equipped with RVC/RVC electrodes (entry 16). Further, decreased current density from 10 mA to 5 mA provided the 7a in 60% yield with unreactive starting precursor 6a and abolished the formation of 8a, whereas increased current density from 10 mA to 20 mA provided the sole bis- thiocyanate product 8a in 68% yield (entry 17). The alleviated equimolar concentration of NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2, 1.5 equiv.) provided only a 70% yield of 7a whereas elevated equimolar concentration (3.0 equiv.) of 2 provided the 7a in 60% and 8a in 35% yields (entry 18). On account of out-puts observed in controlled experiments the slight modulation in optimal reaction conditions of C-3 mono-thiocyanate product 7a (entry 16) such as advancement in current density up to 20 mA, concentration of iodine (1.5 equiv.), and reaction time for 3 h, produced exclusively 8a bisthiocyanate product in 92% yield (entry 19). Therefore, the mediator I<sub>2</sub> and electric current serves crucial roles in controlling reaction selectivity, and enhancing reaction efficiency.

Ph-	H + +	NH <sub>4</sub> SCN				N.
H 6a 2			electrolyte, additive solvent, RT		NCS	8a
Entry	Electrolyte	Electrode (+)/(-)	Additive	Solvent(s)	Yield of $7a^{[b]}(\%)$	Yield of <b>8a</b> <sup>[b]</sup> (%)
1.		C/C		EtOAc: CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	30	10
2.		RVC/RVC		EtOAc: CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	35	12
3.		C/C	DBU	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	trace	
4.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	C/C		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	13	
5.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	C/Pt		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	12	
6.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	C/Ni		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10	
7.	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	RVC/RVC		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	15	
8.	<sup>n</sup> Bu <sub>4</sub> NPF <sub>6</sub>	RVC/RVC		CH <sub>3</sub> CN	18	
9.		RVC/RVC		DMSO	trace	
10.		RVC/RVC		Acetone	trace	
11.		RVC/RVC		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:DMF (1:1)	trace	
12.		RVC/RVC		CH <sub>3</sub> CN:Methanol (1:1)	trace	
13.		RVC/RVC	NH <sub>4</sub> I	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	40	18
14.		RVC/RVC	KI	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	48	20
15.		RVC/RVC	TBAI	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	25	trace
16.		RVC/RVC	$I_2$	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	91	< 5
17.		RVC/RVC	$I_2$	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN(1:1)	60 <sup>c</sup> , trace <sup>d</sup>	trace <sup>c</sup> , 68 <sup>d</sup>
18.		RVC/RVC	$I_2$	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)	70 <sup>e</sup> , 60 <sup>f</sup>	trace <sup>e</sup> , 35 <sup>f</sup>
19.		RVC/RVC	$I_2$	EtOAc:CH <sub>3</sub> CN (1:1)		92 <sup>g</sup>

<sup>a</sup>**Reaction conditions:** 2-Phenylindolizine (**6a**, 0.25 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**, 0.5 mmol), and additive (100 mol%), and electrolyte (50 mol%) in EtOAc: acetonitrile (1:1) (4.0 mL) were electrolyzed with continuous current 10 mA at RT in the Electrasyn 2.0 instruments for 1 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields of **7a** and **8a** are based on **1a**. <sup>c</sup>5 mA current was used instead of 10 mA. <sup>d</sup>20 mA current was used instead of 10 mA. <sup>e</sup> 0.38 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol. <sup>f</sup> 0.75 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol. <sup>g</sup> 0.75 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol. <sup>g</sup> 0.75 mmol of **2** was used instead of 0.5 mmol with I<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv.) at 20 mA constant current for 3 h.

# Large-scale experiments

To explore the synthetic utility of this interesting electrochemical selective C-H chalcogenocyanation protocol, large-scale experiments were also performed (Scheme S1). As shown in Scheme S1a, indolizine **1a** (4.0 mmol, 0.740 g) was charged with **2** (8.0 mmol, 0.608 g) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN under optimized reaction conditions for 6 h afforded the corresponding thiocyanate product **3a** in 82% yields. Similarly, the reaction of **6a** (4.0 mmol, 0.733 g) with **2** (12.0 mmol, 0.913 g) in the presence of I<sub>2</sub> (6.0 mmol, 1.52 g) in EtOAc: acetonitrile solvent under optimized reaction conditions after 7 h provided **8a** in 88% yield (Scheme S1b).

### Scheme S1:



# **Radical trapping experiment**

To find out a possible reaction pathway of this selective electrochemical chalcogeno-cyanation protocol, a radical trapping experiment was also carried out (Scheme S2). When, we charged 2-phenylindolizine (**6a**, 0.25 mmol, 0.048 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) in the presence of galvinoxyl free radical **9** (6.0 equiv., 1.5 mmol, 0.633 g) under standard conditions only trace amount of **7a** was obtained instead a galvinoxyl-**2** coupled product **10** and galvinoxyl-**6a** coupled product **11** were formed (confirmed by HRMS data analysis) which supports that a radical-based pathway was involved in this transformation.

# Scheme S2



# Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) Studies:

To find out a plausible mechanistic pathway for this interesting C-H chalcogenocyanation protocol, cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments were also performed (Fig. S1-S13). To record CV experiments a CHI 7087E electrochemical workstation was used. All CV studies were measured at room temperature in a three-electrode cell, a glassy carbon electrode (GCE; 5 mm diameter) as working electrode and platinum foil (1 x 2 cm) as counter electrode. The reference was an aqueous Ag/AgCl electrode submerged in saturated 3 M KCl solution, and separated from the reaction mixture by a salt bridge. 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> was used as supporting electrolyte in acetonitrile. The scan rate was 0.05 V/s.

### Cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies for the formation of 3a:

The CV of LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) showed no oxidation peak (graph **a**-blank, Fig. S1). The CV of NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**) (5 mM) with supporting electrolyte LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) showed an oxidation peak at +1.01 V (graph **b**, Fig. S1) which indicates that SCN<sup>-</sup> ion gets oxidized into SCN<sup>-</sup> radical. The CV of CFI (chromone-fused-indolizine) **1a** (5 mM), and LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) revealed that it has three prone sites (*N*-atom at indolizine core moiety, a ketonic and an ether functional group at chromone core moiety) for readily oxidation in potential window 0 to 2 V. The irreversible CV of CFI **1a** demonstrates the oxidation peaks at +0.95 V, +1.15 V, and weak oxidation peak at +1.43 V without any quantifiable current (graph **c**- CFI, Fig. S2). The CV of the mixture of **1a**, and **2** (graph **d**- RM, Fig. S2) demonstrated an apparent oxidation peak at +1.22 V along with the peak at +0.98 V with peak current spike of 0.09 mA which is might be due to synergistic peak potential effect of **1a** (+0.95 V) and **2** (+1.01 V). This indicates that the one of the functional sites of **1a** is preferably oxidize at anode and also, the new oxidation peak at +1.22 V supports the formation of intermediate due to radical-radical oxidative coupling of compounds **1a** and **2**. For better representation a comparative CV of **1a**, **2** and **RM** is also depicted in Fig. S3.



**Figure S1.** Cyclic voltammetry of NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **a**-blank LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M); **b**-NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**) (5 mM)



**Figure S2.** Cyclic voltammetry of **1a** and reaction mixture (RM): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **c**-CFI **1a** (5 mM); **d**-RM **1a** (5 mM) + **2** (5 mM)



**Figure S3.** Comparative cyclic voltammetry of **1a**, **2** and RM: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **b-1a** (CFI) (5 mM); **c-2** (5 mM); **d-RM 1a** (5 mM) + **2** (5 mM)

#### Cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies for the formation 7a and 8a:

We have also performed cyclic voltammetry studies for the reaction between 6a and NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) to further understand the plausible mechanism for the formation of 7a and 8a. As shown in graph b, Fig. S1, NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5 mM) showed an oxidation peak at +1.01 V. The CV of **6a** and LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) showed an oxidation peak at +1.27 V (graph **f**-6a, Fig. S4). To understand the role of iodine (I<sub>2</sub>), we have also carried out CV experiments of 2 and 6a individually in the presence of iodine as shown in Figs. S5 & S6. The CV of 2 in the presence of iodine showed an enhancement in the peak potential of 2 from +1.01 V to +1.13 V (graph-e, Fig. S5) suggesting an interaction between 2 and iodine. The CV of 6a and LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) in the presence of iodine showed two oxidation peaks at +0.90 V and +1.43 V (graph g- $6a+I_2$ , Fig S6) suggesting a favorable chemical interaction between 6a and iodine. The iodine lowers the onset peak current and oxidation potential of **6a** from +1.27 V to +0.90 V (graph g-6a+I<sub>2</sub>, Fig. S6) and increased the peak potential of 2 which support the preferential oxidation of 6a over 2 at anode. The CV of the mixture of 6a and 2 in presence of iodine (graph h- RM, Fig. S7) demonstrated two apparent oxidation peaks at +1.15 V and +1.57 V supporting the paired electrolysis and formation of a possible intermediate(s) to proceed the reaction. Further, it is noteworthy that the CV of product 7a (C-3 thiocyanate product) exhibited two apparent oxidation potential peaks at +1.22 V and +1.65 V (graph i-**7a**, Fig. S8) whereas, the CV of **7a** in the presence of iodine decreased these potential to +1.16 V and +1.50 V respectively, closest to the peak potential of reaction mixture of **6a**, **2** and iodine confirming that **7a** was initially formed and then converted into **8a** (graph  $j-7a + I_2$ , Fig. S8).



**Figure S4.** Cyclic voltammetry of **6a**: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammogram: **f**-indolizine **6a** (5 mM)



**Figure S5.** Cyclic voltammetry of **2** and **2**+I<sub>2</sub>: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **b**-NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (**2**) (5 mM); **e**-NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (5 mM) + I<sub>2</sub> (5 mM)



**Figure S6.** Cyclic voltammetry of **6a**: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammogram: **f**-indolizine **6a** (5mM) +I<sub>2</sub> (5 mM)



**Figure S7.** Cyclic voltammetry of reaction mixture ( $6a + 2 + I_2$ ): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammogram: g-RM 1a (5 mM) + 2 (5 mM)



**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammetry of **7a**: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **i-7a** (5mM); **j-7a** (5mM) +  $I_2$  (5 mM)

### Cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies for the radical trapping experiments:

To established a radical pathway for this interesting C-H chalcogenocyanation protocol, we have also carried out cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies for the radical trapping experiments. The CV of LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) and galvinoxyl free radical (9) (5 mM) showed a potent oxidation peak at +1.26 V (graph 9, Fig. S9). The behavior of cyclic voltammetry wave of 9 (5mM) with NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5mM) showed an enhancement in the oxidation potential of 2 from +1.01 V to +1.28 V (graph 9+b, Fig-S10). The CV experiment of **6a** with galvinoxyl free radical showed two oxidation peaks +0.95 and +1.58 which support that the addition of galvinoxyl free radical to **6a** declined the peak current of **6a** (graph 9+6a, Fig S11)



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammetry of galvinoxyl free radical (9): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammogram: galvinoxyl **9** (5 mM)



**Figure S10.** Cyclic voltammetry of galvinoxyl free radical (9) with NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **b**-NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5 mM); **9**-galvinoxyl (5 mM; **9+b**-galvinoxyl free radical (5 mM) NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5 mM).



**Figure S11.** Cyclic voltammetry of galvinoxyl free radical (**9**) with indolizine **6a**: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **9**-galvinoxyl (5 mM); **f**-indolizine **6a** (5 mM); **9+6a**-galvinoxyl (5 mM) + **6a** (5 mM)

The CV of iodine was also recorded which showed the quasi-reversible cyclic voltammetry oxidation peak at +0.71 V and reduction peak at +0.61 V (graph-I<sub>2</sub>, Fig. S12).



**Figure S12.** Cyclic voltammetry of Iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) as per IUPAC convention: Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: iodine (5mM).

The CV of reaction mixture (6a, 2 and iodine) in the presence of galvinoxyl free radical (9) demonstrated only two apparent oxidation peak at +0.88 V and +1.55 V (graph-9+RM, Fig. S13)

supporting the radical coupling of **6a** and **2** with galvinoxyl free radical (**9**) as it was confirmed by HRMS data analysis (Scheme S2).



**Figure S13.** Cyclic voltammetry of reaction mixture with galvinoxyl free radical (9): Supporting electrolyte 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>, Cyclic voltammograms: **b**-NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5 mM); **f**-indolizine **6a** (5 mM); **9+RM** (**6b**+**2**+I<sub>2</sub>)-galvinoxyl (5 mM) + **6a** (5 mM) + NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (2) (5 mM) + I<sub>2</sub> (5 mM)



**Starting Material Notation:** 

# **General procedure for Table 1**

In an undivided Electrasyn 2.0 cell equipped with a graphite anode and a graphite cathode was charged with *N*-heterocycles **1** (0.25 mmol), and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol), or potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol), in acetonitrile (4 mL) solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred at 400 rpm and electrolyzed at a constant current of 10 mA at room temperature for 4-5 h *via* the manual programming of IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 instrument. After the completion of the reaction, the acetonitrile solvent was evaporated and the crude was diluted with water (20 mL) followed by extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure to get crude product which were further purified through column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexanes as an eluent to afford the corresponding products **3** and **5**.

# 10-Thiocyanato-3,4-dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (3*a*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3,4-dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (**1a**, 0.25 mmol, 0.046 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (25-30% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3a** as a yellow solid; Yield: 0.052 g, 85%; M.P.: 121 °C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dt, J = 9.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.31 (quint, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  194.5, 136.3, 134.3, 123.4, 122.5, 122.1, 118.2, 113.8, 111.7, 83.5, 38.9, 23.0, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 243.0587; Found: 243.0585.

# 11-Thiocyanato-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-10*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]indolizin-10-one (*3b*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-10*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]indolizin-10-one (**1b**, 0.25 mmol, 0.050 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (25-30%)

EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3b** as a greenish yellow solid; Yield: 0.054 g, 84%; M.P.: 130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.73 (td, *J* = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  198.4, 134.9, 129.6, 126.7, 123.1, 121.5, 118.2, 113.7, 112.2, 86.6, 44.4, 26.0, 25.1, 22.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 257.0743; Found: 257.0743.

### 11-Thiocyanato-12H-chromeno[3,2-b]indolizin-12-one (3c):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (1c, 0.25 mmol, 0.059 g), and ammonium thiocyanate (2, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (35-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained 3c as a yellow solid;

Yield: 0.064 g, 87%; M.P.: 182 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  173.5, 152.8, 141.7, 134.7, 132.3, 126.4, 125.2, 124.6, 122.8, 122.5, 118.1, 116.9, 113.5, 112.0, 79.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S + Na (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>, 315.0198; Found; 315.0196.

#### **3-Methoxy-11-thiocyanato-12***H***-chromeno**[**3**,**2***-b*]**indo**lizin-12-one(*3d*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3-methoxy-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1f**, 0.25 mmol, 0.066 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (40-45% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3d** as

a yellow solid; Yield: 0.073 g, 90%; M.P.: 186 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.8 and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  172.8, 166.0, 155.3, 140.5, 133.5, 127.2, 124.3, 122.2, 116.9, 115.5, 113.9, 113.6, 107.4, 101.0, 77.9, 56.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 323.0485; Found: 323.0488.

### **3-Fluoro-11-thiocyanato-12***H***-chromeno**[**3**,**2***-b*]**indolizin-12-one** (*3e*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3-fluoro-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-b]indolizin-12-one (**1g**, 0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (35-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3e** as a yellow solid;

Yield: 0.066 g, 84%; M.P.: 194 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.39 (dd, J = 8.8 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dt, J = 9.6 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.0, 165.6 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 254.0 Hz), 154.8 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 13.0 Hz), 141.8, 132.2, 129.5 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 10.0 Hz), 123.6, 121.2, 120.5, 117.9, 113.9, 113.7, 111.2, 108.5, 104.6 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 26.0 Hz), 80.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -102.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>7</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S+ H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 311.0285;

Found: 311.0285.

# 2-Bromo-11-thiocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (3*f*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 2-bromo-11-thiocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1e**, 0.25 mmol, 0.079 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (40-45% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3f** as a yellow

solid; Yield: 0.072 g, 77%; M.P.: 268 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.51 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 6.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.9, 152.6, 141.7, 136.6, 132.1, 130.3, 126.2, 123.8, 121.7, 119.9, 118.5, 117.9, 114.5, 111.8, 109.0, 80.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 370.9485; Found: 370.9486.

### 1-Isopropyl-3-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (3*g*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-isopropylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1h**, 0.25 mmol, 0.067 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3g** as a white solid; Yield: 0.054 g, 80%; M.P.: 148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd,

J = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H)<sup>\*</sup>, 7.29 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.1, 134.5, 132.9, 129.5, 129.1, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1, 117.1, 115.3, 110.7, 109.2, 30.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 268.0903; Found: 268.0908.

\* This multiplet contains  $\delta$  7.52 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H) and  $\delta$  7.51 (td, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H).

# 1-Isobutyl-3-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (3*h*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-isobutylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1i**, 0.25 mmol, 0.056 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3h** as a white solid; Yield: 0.060 g, 85%;

M.P.: 140 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.37 (m, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.2, 134.6, 132.9, 129.5, 129.0, 126.0, 125.5, 125.1, 116.7, 115.2, 110.5, 109.3, 41.1, 26.5, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) exact

mass calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}N_3S + H (M + H)^+$ , 282.1060; Found: 282.1062.

# 1-Benzyl-3-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (3*i*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-benzylimidazo[1,5-a]quinoline (**1j**, 0.25 mmol, 0.065 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (10-12%)

EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3i** as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.064 g, 81%; M.P.: 136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dt, J = 8.0 and 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.1, 135.7, 134.9, 132.3, 129.2, 129.19, 129.15, 128.1, 127.2, 126.1, 125.5, 125.2, 117.1, 115.1, 110.4, 110.0, 37.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 316.0903; Found: 316.0901.

### 1-Methyl-3-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (3*j*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-methylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1k**, 0.25 mmol, 0.046 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (22-25% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3j** as a white solid; Yield: 0.048 g, 79%;

M.P.: 148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H)<sup>\*</sup>, 7.28 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.8, 134.5, 133.0, 129.4, 129.1, 126.1, 125.2, 125.1, 116.3, 115.0, 110.5, 109.0, 19.7; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 240.0590; Found: 240.0594.

\* This multiplet contains  $\delta$ 7.51 (td, J = 7.6 and 1.2 Hz, 1H),  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H).

### 1-(2-(Methylthio)ethyl)-3-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (3*k*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1**, 0.25 mmol, 0.061 g) and ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **3k** as a white solid;

Yield: 0.059 g, 78%; M.P.: 138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 7.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.8, 134.7, 132.7, 129.5, 129.3, 126.2, 125.4, 125.0, 116.5, 115.1, 110.4, 109.4, 33.0, 31.2, 16.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass

calcd for  $C_{15}H_{13}N_3S_2 + H (M + H)^+$ , 300.0624; Found: 300.0626.

# 10-Selenocyanato-3,4-dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (5*a*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3,4-dihydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-1(2*H*)-one (**1a**, 0.25 mmol, 0.046 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (25-30% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5a** as an orange solid; Yield: 0.061 g, 84%; M.P.:

104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, J = 9.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.32 (quint, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  195.1, 135.6, 134.0, 123.3, 122.5, 121.8, 119.2, 113.7, 101.9, 80.9, 38.6, 23.1, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSe + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 291.0031; Found: 291.0036.

### 11-Selenocyanato-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-10*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]indolizin-10-one (5*b*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-10*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]indolizin-10-one (**1b**, 0.25 mmol, 0.050 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (25-30% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5b** as a greenish yellow solid;

Yield: 0.063 g, 82%; M.P.: 114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 9.2 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  199.7, 131.5, 128.4, 125.8, 123.0, 119.7, 119.2, 113.7, 104.5, 88.5, 44.0, 27.1, 25.4, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSe + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 305.0188; Found: 305.0189.

### 11-Selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (5*c*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1c**, 0.25 mmol, 0.059 g), and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (35-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5c** as a yellow solid; Yield: 0.072 g, 84%;

M.P.: 205 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, *J* = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  173.1, 153.4, 141.7, 134.1, 131.6, 125.9, 125.1, 123.6, 122.8, 122.1, 118.3, 118.0, 113.2, 108.0, 104.5, 78.3; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 340.9824;

Found: 340.9825.

# 2-Methoxy-11-selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (5*d*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 2-methoxy-11-selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1d**, 0.25 mmol, 0.066 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (40-45%

EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5d** as a yellow solid; Yield: 0.081 g, 87%; M.P.: 160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 9.2 and 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 9.6 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  171.2, 158.3, 144.0, 123.7, 122.6, 122.1, 119.5, 119.1, 117.6, 113.1, 109.0, 93.1, 65.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se + Na (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>, 392.9749; Found; 392.9750.

### 2-Bromo-11-selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (5*e*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 2-bromo-11-thiocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (1e, 0.25 mmol, 0.079 g) and potassium selenocyanate (4, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (40-45% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5e** as a

yellow solid; Yield: 0.083 g, 79%; M.P.: 208 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.52 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.87 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.7, 151.7, 141.0, 135.7, 131.8, 128.1, 123.9, 123.0, 120.6, 119.0, 117.8, 117.3, 112.8, 107.7, 101.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 418.8929; Found: 418.8929.

# 3-Methoxy-11-selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (5*f*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3-methoxy-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1f**, 0.25 mmol, 0.066 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (40-45% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained

**5f** as an orange solid; Yield: 0.074 g, 80%; M.P.: 191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.51 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dt, J = 9.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  172.7, 163.7, 155.2, 141.6, 131.3, 127.3, 123.3, 121.8, 118.3,

116.6, 113.8, 113.3, 107.6, 104.1, 101.0, 78.42, 56.21; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for  $C_{17}H_{10}N_2O_3Se + H (M + H)^+$ , 370.9930; Found: 370.9932.

# 3-Fluoro-11-selenocyanato-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (5*g*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 3-fluoro-12*H*-chromeno[3,2-*b*]indolizin-12-one (**1g**, 0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (35-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5g** as an orange solid; Yield: 0.069 g, 77%; M.P.: 199 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.41 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J = 8.8 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 9.2 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, J = 9.6 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.2, 165.5 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 254.0 Hz), 154.8 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 13.0 Hz), 141.8, 132.2, 129.4 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 11.0 Hz), 123.2, 121.1, 120.4, 118.9, 113.8, 113.6, 113.5, 108.8, 104.6 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 26.0 Hz), 101.4; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -102.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>7</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 358.9730; Found: 358.9725.

### 1-Isopropyl-3-selenocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (5*h*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-isopropylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1h**, 0.25 mmol, 0.053 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5h** as a white solid; Yield: 0.062 g, 78%; M.P.: 102 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65

(dd, J = 7.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (sept, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.3, 135.2, 132.8, 129.4, 128.9, 125.8, 125.6, 124.8, 117.1, 116.1, 107.7, 101.1, 30.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 316.0348; Found: 316.0347.

### 1-Isobutyl-3-selenocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (5*i*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-isobutylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1i**, 0.25 mmol, 0.056 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5i** as a white solid; Yield: 0.066 g, 80%;

M.P.: 320 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 7.2

Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.4, 135.3, 132.9, 129.4, 128.9, 125.9, 125.5, 124.8, 116.74, 116.70, 116.1, 101.0, 41.1, 26.5, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 330.0504; Found: 330.0505.

# 1-Benzyl-3-selenocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (5*j*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-benzylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1j**, 0.25 mmol, 0.065 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5j** as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.072 g, 79%; M.P.:

146 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.05-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.85 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.3, 135.8, 135.7, 132.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.1, 126.0, 125.3, 125.2, 117.0, 115.9, 108.1, 100.9, 37.7; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 364.0348; Found: 364.0347.

### 1-Methyl-3-selenocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (5*k*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-methylimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (**1k**, 0.25 mmol, 0.046 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (22-25% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5k** as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.054 g,

75%; M.P.: 192 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.1, 135.3, 133.0, 129.3, 129.0, 126.0, 125.3, 124.9, 116.3, 115.9, 107.4, 100.8, 19.7; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Se + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 288.0035; Found: 288.0036.

### 1-(2-(Methylthio)ethyl)-3-selenocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]quinoline (5*l*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 1, using 1-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)imidazo[1,5-a]quinoline (**1**], 0.25 mmol, 0.065 g) and potassium selenocyanate (**4**, 0.5 mmol, 0.072 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **5**I as a pale yellow solid;

Yield: 0.066 g, 76%; M.P.: 146 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H)<sup>\*</sup>, 7.29 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.1, 135.5,

132.7, 129.6, 129.2, 126.1, 125.6, 125.2, 116.5, 115.9, 107.8, 100.9, 33.0, 31.2, 16.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for  $C_{15}H_{13}N_3SSe + H (M + H)^+$ , 348.0068; Found: 348.0065.

\* This multiplet contains  $\delta$  7.53 (td, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H) and  $\delta$  7.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

# **General procedure for Table 2**

In an undivided Electrasyn 2.0 cell equipped with a graphite anode and a graphite cathode was charged with *N*-heterocycles **6** (0.25 mmol), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol), and iodine (100 mol%) in EtOAc: acetonitrile (1:1) (4 mL) solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred at 400 rpm and electrolyzed at a constant current of 10 mA at room temperature for an hour *via* the manual programming of IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 instrument. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated and the crude was diluted with water (20 mL) and ethyl acetate (20 mL), and sat. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure to get crude product which were further purified through column chromatography using basic silica gel as stationary phase and chloroform/hexanes as an eluent to afford the corresponding products **7**.

### 2-Phenyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7*a*):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-phenylindolizine (**6a**, 0.25 mmol, 0.048 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7a** as a yellow liquid;

Yield: 0.057 g, 91%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.46 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  136.6, 132.7, 131.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 122.4, 116.2, 113.7, 112.7, 82.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 251.0638; Found: 251.0642.

# 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7b):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(4-fluorophenyl)indolizine (**6c**, 0.25 mmol, 0.053 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7b** as a yellow viscous liquid; Yield: 0.063 g, 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.47

(dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  161.8 ( $J_{C-F} = 244.0$  Hz), 136.6, 130.6 ( $J_{C-F} = 8.0$  Hz), 130.4, 129.1 ( $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 127.2, 122.5, 116.2, 115.7 ( $J_{C-F} = 21.0$  Hz), 113.7, 112.7, 112.6, 82.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -114.1; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 269.0543; Found: 269.0545.

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7c):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(4-chlorophenyl)indolizine (**6d**, 0.25 mmol, 0.057 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7c** as a yellow solid; Yield: 0.066 g, 92%; M.P.: 115 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 

8.48 (dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  136.7, 132.5, 131.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 127.2, 122.6, 116.2, 113.9, 112.8, 112.6, 82.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 285.0248; Found: 285.0241.

# 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7d):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(3-bromophenyl)indolizine (**6e**, 0.25 mmol, 0.068 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7d** as a yellow viscous liquid; Yield: 0.072 g, 87%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.47 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J

= 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.0 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  136.7, 135.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 127.6, 127.3, 122.8, 122.0, 116.3, 114.2, 112.9, 112.6, 82.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 328.9743; Found: 328.9742.

2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7e):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolizine (**6f**, 0.25 mmol, 0.061 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7e** as a red

viscous liquid; Yield: 0.066 g, 88%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.51 (dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 8.4 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  136.8, 133.0, 132.2, 131.3, 130.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 122.6, 116.2, 114.1, 112.8, 112.7, 82.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 301.0794; Found: 301.0798.

# 7-Methyl-2-phenyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7f):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 7-methyl-2-phenylindolizine (**6h**, 0.25 mmol, 0.052 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7f** as a yellow

viscous liquid; Yield: 0.062 g, 93%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.38 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 6.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  137.2, 133.0, 132.9, 131.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 126.7, 115.2, 114.2, 113.0, 112.8, 80.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 265.0794; Found: 265.0798.

# 6-Ethyl-2-phenyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7g):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 6-ethyl-2-phenylindolizine (**6i**, 0.25 mmol, 0.055 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7g** as a yellow viscous liquid; Yield: 0.064 g, 91%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.30 (t, J = 1.2

Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 9.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (qd, J = 7.6 and 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  135.7, 132.9, 131.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 124.5, 123.9, 115.9, 113.4, 112.7, 81.9, 24.9, 14.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 279.0951; Found: 279.0953.

# 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-7-methyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7h):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6j**, 0.25 mmol, 0.056 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7h** as a

yellow semi solid; Yield: 0.062 g, 88%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50 (br, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  161.7 (*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 244.0 Hz), 137.1, 133.1, 130.5 (*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 8.0 Hz), 130.2, 129.3 (*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 126.7, 115.7 (*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 22.0 Hz), 115.32, 114.2, 113.0, 112.8, 80.7, 20.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  -114.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 283.0700; Found: 283.0700.

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7i):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6**, 0.25 mmol, 0.060 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g) and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained

**7i** as a brown solid; Yield: 0.065 g, 87%; M.P.: 102 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (br, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.50 (br, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 6.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  137.2, 133.3, 132.4, 131.8, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 126.7, 115.4, 114.2, 113.2, 112.7, 80.7, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 299.0404; Found: 299.0408.

### 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-7-methyl-1-thiocyanatoindolizine (7j):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 2-(3-bromophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6m**, 0.25 mmol, 0.072 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (15% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7j** as a green viscous liquid; Yield: 0.079 g, 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 

8.36 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (br, 1H), 7.89 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, J = 8.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.0 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, J = 6.8 and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  137.3, 135.3, 133.3, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 129.4, 127.5, 126.8, 121.9, 115.5, 114.3, 113.5, 112.7, 80.8, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 342.9899; Found: 342.9899.

### Methyl 1-thiocyanatoindolizine-2-carboxylate (7k):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using methyl indolizine-2-carboxylate (**6p**, 0.25 mmol, 0.038 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (50% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **7k** as a red solid; Yield:

0.049 g, 90%; M.P.: 112 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.91 (dt, J = 6.8 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dq, J = 9.2 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  193.5, 136.8, 128.4, 126.6, 122.8, 118.4, 118.3, 114.2, 111.6, 86.2, 29.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 217.0430; Found: 217.0427.

### 1-(1-Thiocyanatoindolizin-2-yl)propan-1-one (7l):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using 1-(indolizin-2-yl)propan-1-one (**6q**, 0.25 mmol, 0.043 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 0.038 g), and iodine (0.25 mmol, 0.063 g) after column chromatography (50% chloroform/hexanes) obtained **71** as a red solid; Yield: 0.045

g, 78%; M.P.: 95 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90 (dt, J = 7.2 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dq, J = 9.2 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.6, 136.7, 128.1, 126.6, 122.7, 118.2, 117.8, 114.1, 111.7, 86.0, 34.4, 8.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS + Na (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>, 253.0406; Found: 253.0408.

# **General procedure for Table 3**

In an undivided Electrasyn 2.0 cell equipped with a graphite anode and a graphite cathode was charged with *N*-heterocycles **6** (0.25 mmol), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol), and iodine (150 mol%) in EtOAc: acetonitrile (1:1) (4 mL) solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred at 400 rpm and electrolyzed at a constant current of 20 mA at room temperature for the 3-5 h *via* the manual programming of IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 instrument. After the completion of the reaction, the acetonitrile solvent was evaporated and the crude was further diluted with water (20 mL) followed by extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure to get crude products which were further purified through column chromatography using basic silica gel as stationary phase and ethyl acetate/hexanes as an eluent to afford the corresponding products **8**.

# 2-Phenyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8a):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-phenylindolizine (**6a**, 0.25 mmol, 0.048 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8a** as a white solid; Yield:

0.071 g, 92%; M.P.: 110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd, J = 9.2 and 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  140.4, 138.7, 130.8, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 125.8, 125.7, 116.9, 115.0, 112.2, 110.4, 100.2, 88.3; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 308.0311; Found: 308.0311.

### 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8b):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)indolizine (**6b**, 0.25 mmol, 0.056 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (8-10% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8b** 

as a white solid; Yield: 0.072 g, 85%; M.P.: 132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 9.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.3, 142.6, 140.2, 131.9, 125.4, 124.9, 122.7, 117.6, 114.8, 114.3, 111.5, 108.5, 97.4, 88.9, 55.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 338.0417; Found: 338.0420.

### 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8c):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(4-fluorophenyl)indolizine (**6c**, 0.25 mmol, 0.053 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8c** as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.065 g, 80%; M.P.: 158 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.48

(dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, J = 8.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.3 ( $J_{C-F} = 249.0$  Hz), 141.8, 140.2, 132.5 ( $J_{C-F} = 8.0$  Hz), 126.5 ( $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 125.6, 124.9, 117.7, 116.0 ( $J_{C-F} = 22.0$  Hz), 115.1, 111.2, 108.2, 97.8, 89.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -111.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 326.0217; Found: 326.0220.

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8d):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(4-chlorophenyl)indolizine (**6d**, 0.25 mmol, 0.057 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8d** as a yellow

solid; Yield: 0.081 g, 94%; M.P.: 104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.48 (dt, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, J = 9.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dt, J = 8.8 and 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.5, 140.2, 135.5, 131.9, 129.1, 129.0, 125.7, 124.9, 117.7, 115.1, 111.1, 108.1, 97.8, 89.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 341.9921; Found: 341.9915.

#### 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8e):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(3-bromophenyl)indolizine (**6e**, 0.25 mmol, 0.068 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8e** as an orange solid; Yield: 0.090 g, 93%; M.P.: 142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (dt, J =

6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, J = 8.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.1, 140.1, 133.3, 132.5, 132.2, 130.3, 129.3, 125.7, 124.9, 122.7, 117.7, 115.2, 110.9, 108.0, 98.0, 89.1; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 385.9416; Found: 385.9413.

# 2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8f):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolizine (**6f**, 0.25 mmol, 0.061 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (8-10% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8f** as a pale

yellow solid; Yield: 0.083 g, 92%; M.P.: 162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 9.6 and 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.4 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 9.2 and 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 6.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.8, 140.2, 133.2, 133.1, 130.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 125.5, 124.9, 117.7, 115.0, 111.3, 108.4, 97.9, 89.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + Na (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>, 380.0286; Found: 380.0285

### **1,3-Dithiocyanato-2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolizine** (8g):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolizine (**6g**, 0.25 mmol, 0.050 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8g** as a yellow solid;

Yield: 0.069 g, 88%; M.P.: 138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.48-8.45 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 4.0 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, J = 4.0 and 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.5, 134.5, 132.0, 130.8, 130.5, 125.9, 124.9, 117.8, 116.0, 115.4, 110.8, 107.7, 97.7, 88.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub> + Na (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>, 335.9693; Found: 335.9693.

#### 7-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8h):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 7-methyl-2-phenylindolizine (**6h**, 0.25 mmol, 0.052 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8h** as a brown

solid; Yield: 0.074 g, 91%; M.P.: 146 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.35 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (quint, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 5H), 6.90 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.8, 140.6, 137.0, 130.7, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 124.3, 117.5, 116.1, 111.6, 108.6, 96.6, 87.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 322.0467; Found: 322.0467.

### 6-Ethyl-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8i):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 6-ethyl-2-phenylindolizine (**6i**, 0.25 mmol, 0.055 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g) after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8i** as a white solid; Yield: 0.074 g, 88%; M.P.: 110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 8.33-8.32 (m,

1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 9.2 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 9.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (qd, J = 7.6 and 0.8 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.4, 139.1, 131.3, 130.8, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 122.0, 117.2, 111.5, 108.6, 97.1, 88.3, 26.2, 15.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 336.0624; Found: 336.0623.

### 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-7-methyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8j):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6j**, 0.25 mmol, 0.056 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8j** 

as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.077 g, 90%; M.P.: 138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (br, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.2 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 248.0 Hz), 141.9, 140.6, 137.2, 132.4 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 9.0 Hz), 126.7 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz), 124.3, 117.7, 116.1, 116.0 ( $J_{C-F}$  = 22.0 Hz), 111.5, 108.5, 96.7, 87.3, 21.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -112.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 340.0373; Found: 340.0370.

### 7-Ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8k):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 7-ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)indolizine (**6k**, 0.25 mmol, 0.060 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8k** as a green solid; Yield: 0.077 g, 87%; M.P.: 120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 

8.33-8.32 (m, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 9.2 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 9.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 2.80 (qd, J = 7.6 and 0.8 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.2 ( $J_{C-F} = 249.0$  Hz), 141.4, 139.1, 132.4 ( $J_{C-F} = 8.0$  Hz), 131.5, 127.7, 126.7 ( $J_{C-F} = 4.0$  Hz), 122.0, 117.2, 116.0 ( $J_{C-F} = 22.0$  Hz), 111.4, 108.5, 97.2, 88.4, 26.2, 15.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -111.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 354.0530; Found: 354.0532.

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (81):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6**l, 0.25 mmol, 0.060 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (5-8%)

EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8l** as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 0.082 g, 92%; M.P.: 136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (quint, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.6,

140.6, 137.3, 135.4, 131.9, 129.2, 129.1, 124.3, 117.7, 116.2, 111.4, 108.4, 96.7, 87.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for  $C_{17}H_{10}ClN_3S_2 + H (M + H)^+$ , 356.0078; Found: 356.0078.

### 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-7-methyl-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8m):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 2-(3-bromophenyl)-7-methylindolizine (**6m**, 0.25 mmol, 0.072 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (5-8% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8m** as a dark brown solid; Yield: 0.089 g, 88%; M.P.: 122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.2, 140.6, 137.3, 133.3, 132.7, 132.2, 130.3, 129.3, 124.3, 122.7, 117.8, 116.2, 111.2, 108.2, 96.9, 87.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 399.9573; Found: 399.9568.

### 7-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-dithiocyanatoindolizine (8n):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 7-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolizine (**6n**, 0.25 mmol, 0.100 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (8-10% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained **8n** as a brown solid; Yield: 0.076 g, 81%; M.P.: 138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.39 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.62 (quint, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.4 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, J = 7.2 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.9, 140.7, 137.1, 133.2, 133.1, 130.5, 128.57, 128.50, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8, 124.3, 117.6, 116.2, 111.6, 108.6, 96.9, 87.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 372.0624; Found: 372.0629.

### 7-Methyl-1,3-dithiocyanato-2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolizine (80):



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for Table 3, using 7-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolizine (**60**, 0.25 mmol, 0.082 g), ammonium thiocyanate (**2**, 0.75 mmol, 0.057 g) and iodine (0.375 mmol, 0.095 g), after column chromatography (10-12% EtOAc/Hexanes) obtained

**80** as a yellow solid; Yield: 0.076 g, 93%; M.P.: 274 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.34 (dd, J = 6.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (quint, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 3.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 3.6 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 7.2 and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.9, 137.6, 134.5, 132.3, 130.7, 130.4, 124.3, 118.0, 116.2, 115.8, 111.0, 108.0, 96.6, 87.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S + H (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, 328.0032; Found: 328.0032.

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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

180 170

140 130





110 100 f1 (ppm)

70 60

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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

210 200



110 100 f1 (ppm) 80 70 60

10 0












110 100 f1 (ppm)









Ó f1 (ppm)





110 100

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110 100 f1 (ppm) ò 















f1 (ppm)



110 100 ò f1 (ppm)



## S63



<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 7h (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) <sub>RU-KU-287</sub> single\_pulse

















S72










## S77















## <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 3e (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







## <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 7b (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

0.1

abundance 0

200.0

X : parts per Million : Fluorine19

-100.0

-112.471

8j

0

100.0

= JNM-ECS400 = DELTA2\_NMR

= 9.389766[T] (400[MHz]) = 86.50752[ms] = 19F = 376.17105393[MHz] = 0[ppm] = 16384

= 16384 = 1 = 11,5596868[Hz] = 15,55552[Hz] = 151,55552[Hz] = 76,07105393[HHz] = 376,17105393[HHz] = 376,17105393[HHz] = 36,17105393[HHz] = 36,17105393[HHz] = 74,522 = 16

= 16 = 210 = 30 = 23.2[dC] = 11[us] = 86.50752[ms] = 45[deg] = 2.1(dB] = 5.5[us] = 0ff

Spectrometer Field Strength X Acq Duration X Area X Acque X Ac

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-200.0



## <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 8k (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)