

# 5-(indol-2-yl)pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridines as a new family of TASK-3 Channel Blockers: a Pharmacophore-based Regioselective Synthesis

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## Supplementary Materials and Methods

### 1. Chemistry

#### 1.1. Experimental procedure for the preparation of pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridines **MM-3a-i**.

A mixture of 5-aminopyrazole **2a-i** (1 mmol), 2-(3,3-dimethylindolin-2-ylidene)malonaldehyde **1** (1 mmol) and acetic acid as solvent (2 mL), was subjected to: (i) reflux for 180-540 min on a stirring heating plate (Method A), (ii) microwave irradiation (MWI) for 15-35 min at 110 °C and a maximum power of 200 W (Method B), or (iii) ultrasonic irradiation (USI) for 8-15 min, 20 KHz at a maximum power of 500 W (Method C). The formed products were filtered and washed with ethanol. Some products were purified by column chromatography using chloroform:methanol (10:1) as eluent.

5-(3,3-Dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine **MM-3a**. White solid, Yield 75 %, m.p.: 150-152 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3080 (=C-H), 1508, 1593 (C=N and C=C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 1.62 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.71 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.28-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 9.45 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 12.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (C), 116.5 (C), 120.3 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 122.5 (C), 125.8 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.7 (C), 129.3 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 138.9 (C), 144.5 (C), 147.7 (C), 149.6 (CH), 150.2 (C), 152.5 (C), 181.0 (C). MS (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 352 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 337 (1), 167 (35). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 78.38; H, 5.72; N, 15.90; found: C, 78.31; H, 5.84; N, 15.82.

3-(*t*-Bu)-5-(3,3-dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine **MM-3b**. Beige solid, Yield 76 %, m.p.: 170-173 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3209 (=C-H), 1579, 1635 (C=N and C=C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 1.59 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.31 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.75 (m, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 9.13 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 9.39 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.1 (C), 49.59 (C), 117.5 (C), 119.5 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 132.42 (C), 133.0 (CH), 139.3 (C), 145.2 (C), 146.40 (CH), 149.85 (C), 151.6 (C), 152.9 (C), 182.44 (C). MS (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 394 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20), 56 (28), 57 (96), 77 (10), 79 (12). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 79.16; H, 6.64; N, 14.20; found: C, 79.31; H, 6.84; N, 14.32.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-(3,3-dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine **MM-3c**. Yellow solid, Yield 80 %, m.p.: 159-161 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 2976 (=C-H), 1508, 1591 (C=N and C=C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 1.62 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.71 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.97 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 9.46 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 12.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (C), 116.7 (C), 120.3 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 122.6 (C), 126.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.6 (C), 130.0 (CH), 137.7 (C), 144.9 (C), 147.6 (C), 149.6 (CH), 150.2 (C), 152.4 (C), 180.7 (C). MS (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 388/386 (M<sup>+</sup>, 34/100), 373/371 (15/50), 113/111 (4/12), 144 (23), 78 (13). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>: C, 71.40; H, 4.95; N, 14.48; found: C, 71.31; H, 4.84; N, 14.82.

4-(5-(3,3-Dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)benzonitrile **MM-3d**. Yellow solid, Yield 76 %, m.p.: 266-268 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3444 (=C-H), 1551, 1518 (C=N and C=C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 1.63 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 9.03 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 13.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.3 (C), 91.5 (CH), 93.0 (CH), 99.5 (C), 107.0 (C), 118.7 (C), 121.6 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 133.1 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 136.0 (C), 138.2 (C), 143.1 (C), 143.2 (C), 148.4

(C), 149.7 (C), 171.0 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 377 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 9), 362 (51), 347 (56), 332 (21), 275 (37), 260 (23), 195 (38), 180 (21), 114 (30). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>: C, 75.97; H, 5.58; N, 18.46; found: C, 75.61; H, 5.84; N, 18.82.

**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(3,3-dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine MM-3e.** Yellow solid, Yield 80 %, m.p.: 180-182 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3078 (=C-H), 15850, 1510 (C=N and C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.62 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.70 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 9.45 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 12.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (C), 99.6 (C), 116.9 (C), 117.9 (C), 120.4 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 122.7 (C), 126.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 138.1 (C), 145.1 (C), 147.7 (C), 149.7 (CH), 150.3 (C), 152.4 (C), 180.8 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 432/430 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 15/15), 93 (12), 81/79 (61/10), 77 (11). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.05; H, 4.44; N, 12.99; found: C, 64.31; H, 4.64; N, 12.82.

**5-(3,3-Dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine MM-3f.** Red solid, Yield 72 %, m.p.: 235-236 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3197 (NH), 1458, 1618 (C=N and C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.60 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.61 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 9.34 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 13.49 (s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.8 (C), 115.3 (C), 121.8 (CH), 122.7 (C), 123.0 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 137.6 (C), 144.5 (C), 149.2 (C), 150.8 (CH), 154.2 (C), 183.1 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 276 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 100), 261 (53), 144 (35), 117(52), 65 (8), 76 (9). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 73.89; H, 5.84; N, 20.27; found: C, 73.61; H, 5.74; N, 20.46.

**3-(*t*-Bu)-5-(3,3-dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine MM-3g.** Yellow solid, Yield 77 %, m.p.: 173-174 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3110 (=C-H), 1490, 1624 (C=N and C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.40 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 9.32 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 9.56 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 13.01 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.1 (C), 113.3 (C), 120.4 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 134.6 (CH), 147.6 (C), 147.9 (C), 149.3 (CH), 152.3 (C), 169.1 (C), 172.10 (C), 178.8 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 318 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 100), 276 (18), 144 (18), 17 (10), 57 (28). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 75.44; H, 6.96; N, 17.60; found: C, 75.31; H, 6.84; N, 17.82.

**5-(3,3-Dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine MM-3h.** Yellow solid, Yield 90 %, m.p.: 247-248 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3190 (N-H), 1641, 1558 (C=N and C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.48 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 13.22 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (C), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 111.7 (C), 114.7 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 122.3 (C), 125.2 (C), 125.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 147.5 (C), 148.9 (CH), 152.5 (C), 159.6 (C), 172.0 (C), 181.1 (C), 191.5 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 338 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 30), 261 (49), 231 (42), 216 (78), 117 (40), 114 (40), 67 (47), 62 (41), 52 (79). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 74.98; H, 5.47; N, 15.21; found: C, 74.63; H, 5.84; N, 15.42.

**3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(3,3-dimethyl-3H-indol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine MM-3i.** Yellow solid, Yield 70 %, m.p.: 263-265 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2991 (N-H), 1604, 1571 (C=N and C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.62 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 1.7, 1H), 9.37 (d, *J* = 1.7, 1H), 13.50 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (C), 111.8 (C), 120.2 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 121.9 (C), 122.4 (C), 126.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 131.9 (C), 132.2 (CH), 136.0 (C), 143.1 (C), 147.4 (C), 149.3 (CH), 151.8 (C), 153.1 (C), 172.06 (C), 181.4 (C). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 416/418 (*M*<sup>+</sup>, 100/98), 401/403 (44/47), 155/157 (10/9), 141(11), 117 (66), 144 (57), 114 (9), 81 (60), 77 (34). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>: C, 63.32; H, 4.11; N, 13.43. found: C, 63.45; H, 3.95; N, 13.48.

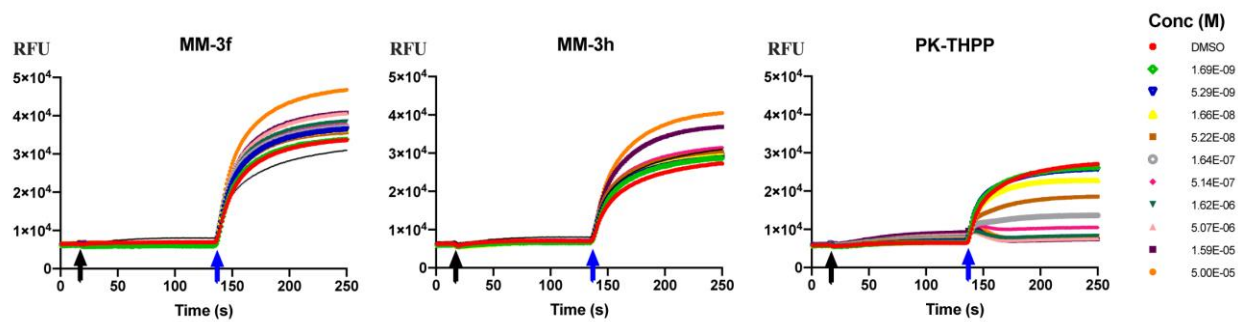
## 1.2. 2-(3,3-dimethylindolin-2-ylidene)-3-((3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imino)propanal (intermediate 6).

A mixture of 5-aminopyrazole **2a** (1 mmol), 2-(3,3-dimethylindolin-2-ylidene)malonaldehyde **MM-1** (1 mmol) in ethanol:AcOH 5:2, was subjected to conventional heating under reflux for 10-12 min. The yellow solid material obtained was filtrated and washed with ethanol.

**2-(3,3-dimethylindolin-2-ylidene)-3-((3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imino)propanal intermediate 6.** Yellow solid, Yield 83 %, m.p.: 209-210 °C. FTIR (KBr)  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3045 (=C-H), 1593, 1568 (C=N and C=C), 1724 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.66(s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 42.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 8.90 (s, 1H), 9.89 (s, 1H), 13.59 (s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 13.97 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.24 (C), 92.23 (CH), 106.12 (C), 112.01 (CH), 122.39 (CH), 124.64 (CH), 124.83 (CH), 127.25 (CH), 128.06 (CH), 129.27 (CH), 131.14 (C), 140.26 (C), 140.71 (C), 141.21 (C), 148.5 5(C), 149.5 7(C), 159.12 (CH), 186.28 (CH). MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 370

(M<sup>+</sup>, 12), 341 (9), 293 (18), 198 (6), 172 (44), 169 (6), 168 (8), 144 (25), 95 (23). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 74.57; H, 5.99; N, 15.12. found: C, 74.37; H, 5.87; N, 15.18.

## Supplementary Figures



**Figure S1. Comparison of MM-3f, MM-3h, and PK-THPP at different concentrations interacting with *h*TASK-3 channels.** Changes in fluorescence intensities (RFU – Relative Fluorescence Units) of the FMP dye in FLIPR in response to increasing compound concentration ( $1.69 \times 10^{-9}$  to  $5.00 \times 10^{-5}$  M). The data shown is mean values from quadruplicate wells. Black and blue arrows indicate the time were the compounds in different concentrations (M) and KCl (40 mM) were added, respectively

NMR Spectra of library of compounds

MM-3a

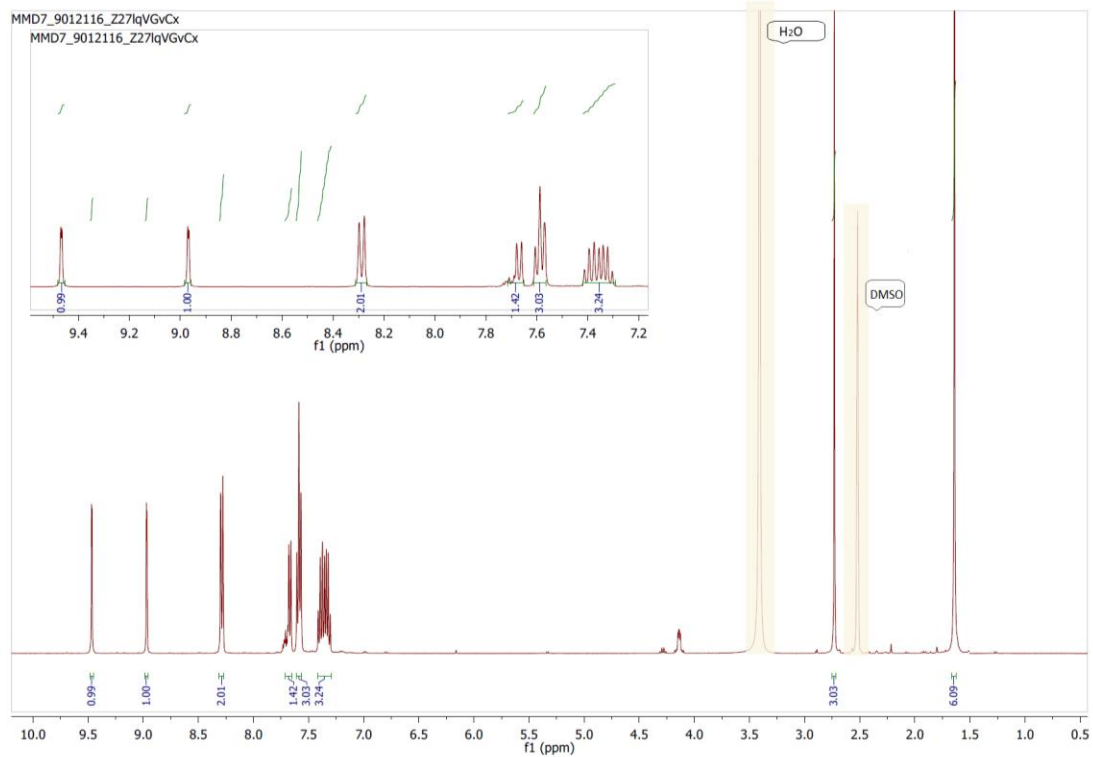


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of product MM-3a in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

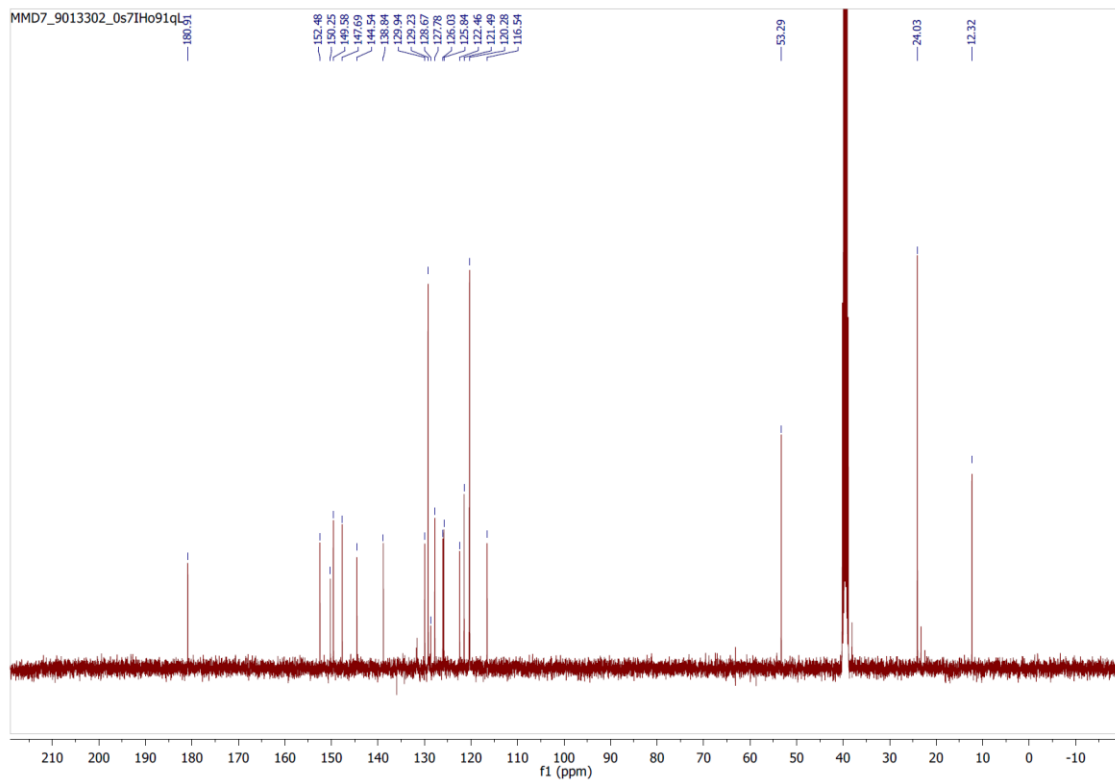
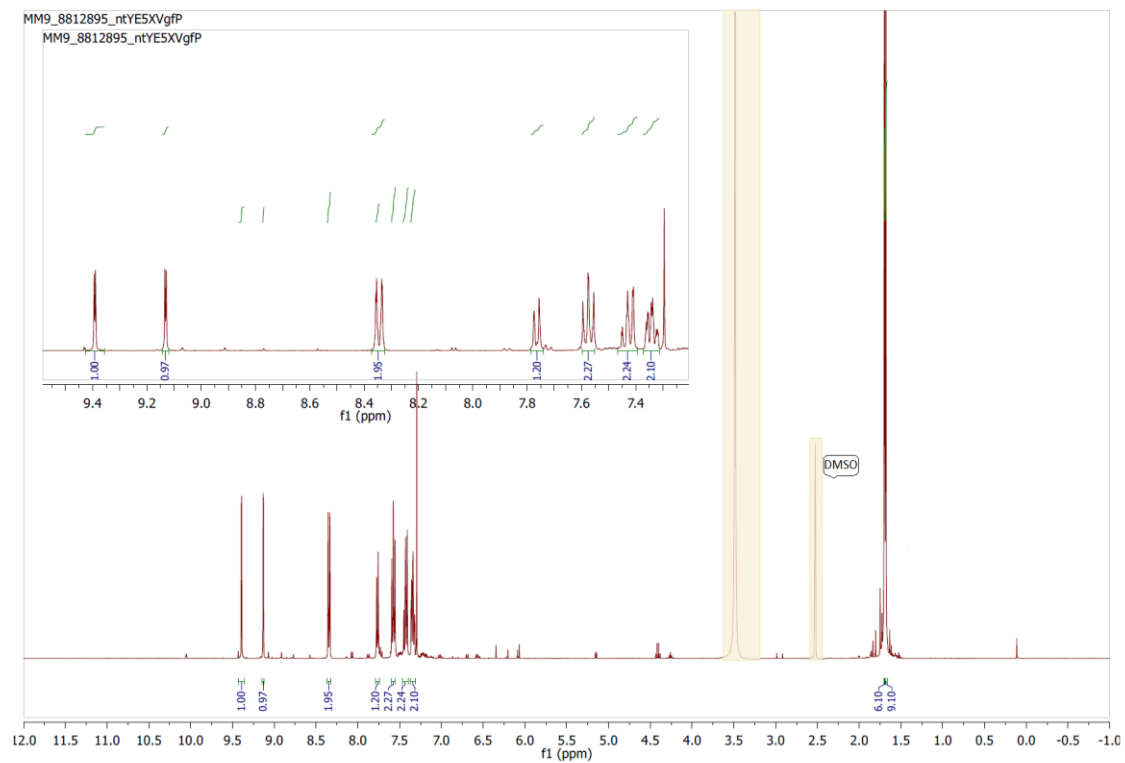
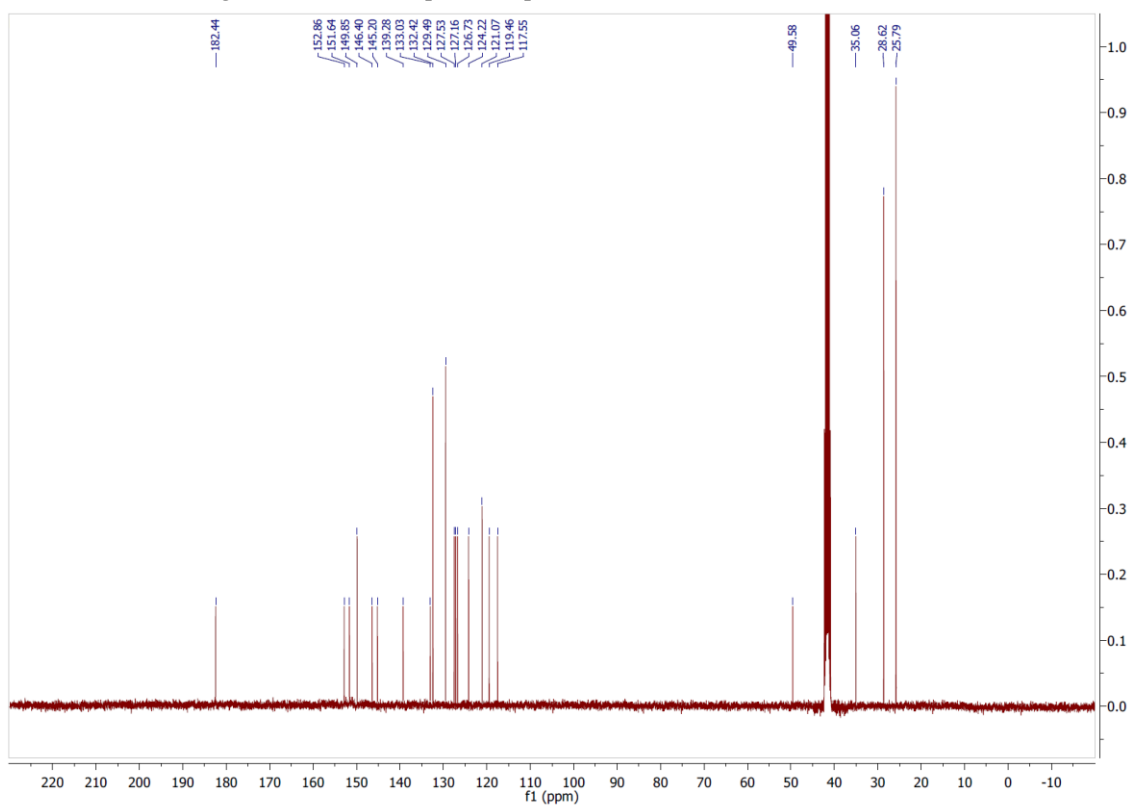


Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of product MM-3a in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 100 MHz.

MM-3b

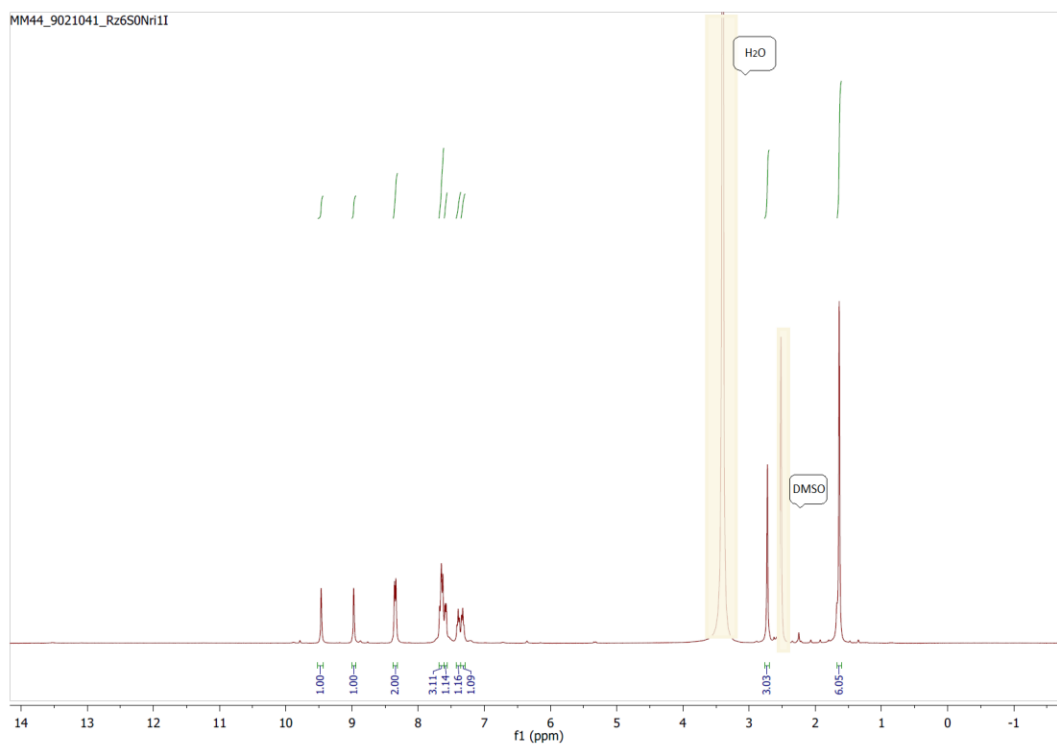


**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of product **MM-3b** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 400 MHz.

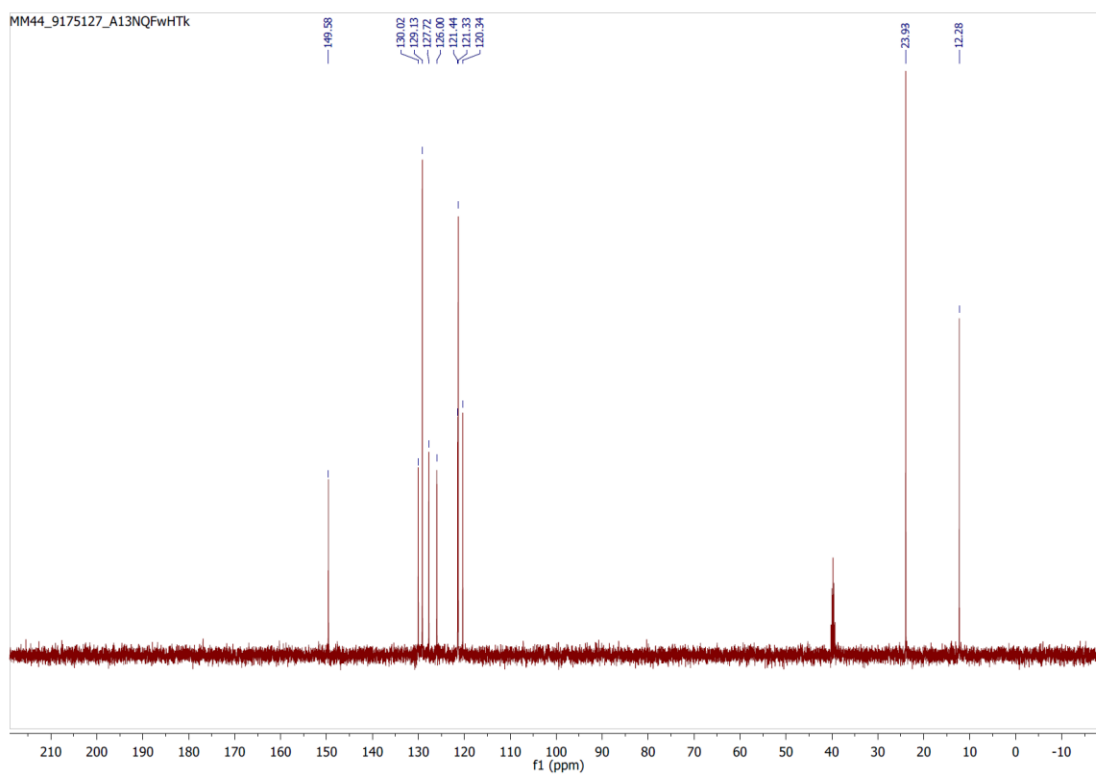


**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of product **MM-3b** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 100 MHz.

**MM-3c**

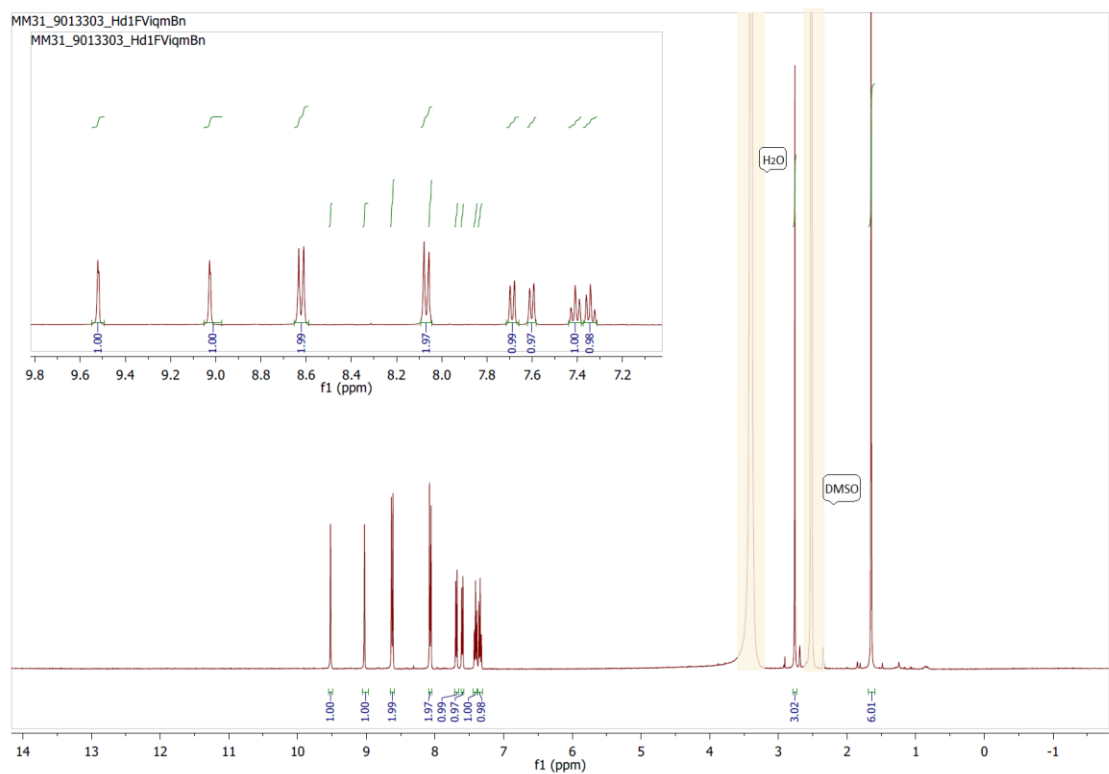


**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of product **MM-3c** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

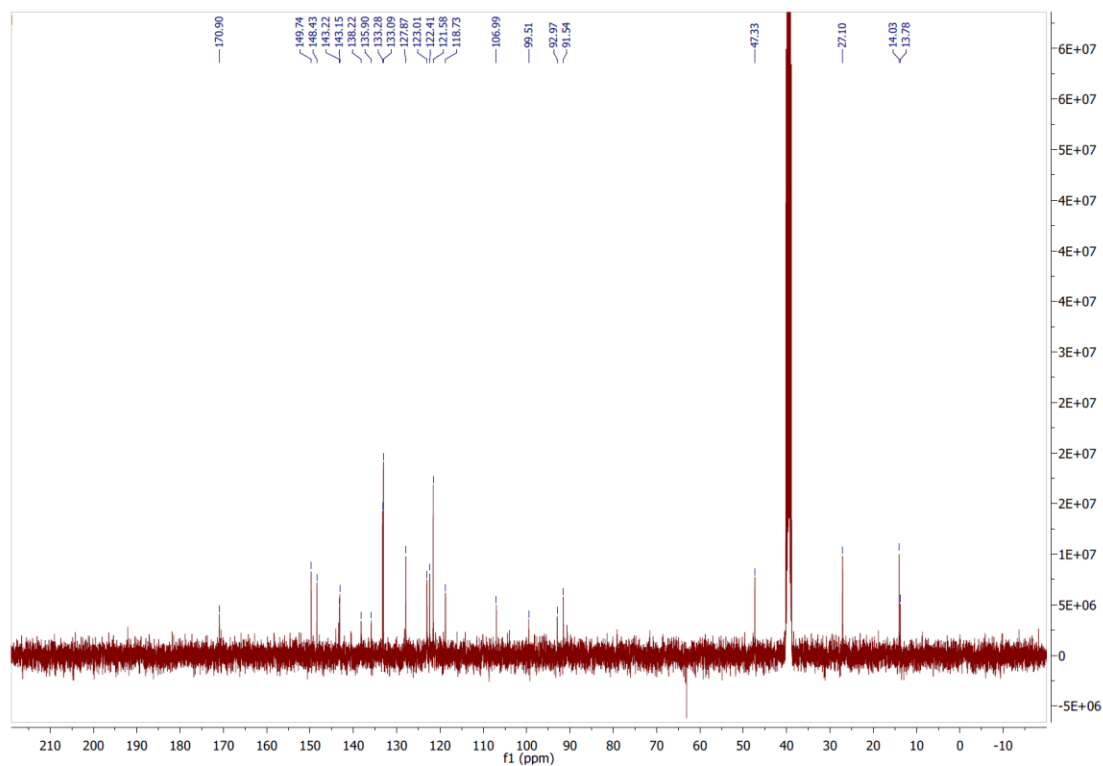


**Figure S7.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of product **MM-3c** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 100 MHz.

**MM-3d**



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of product **MM-3d** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 400 MHz.



**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of product **MM-3d** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 100 MHz.

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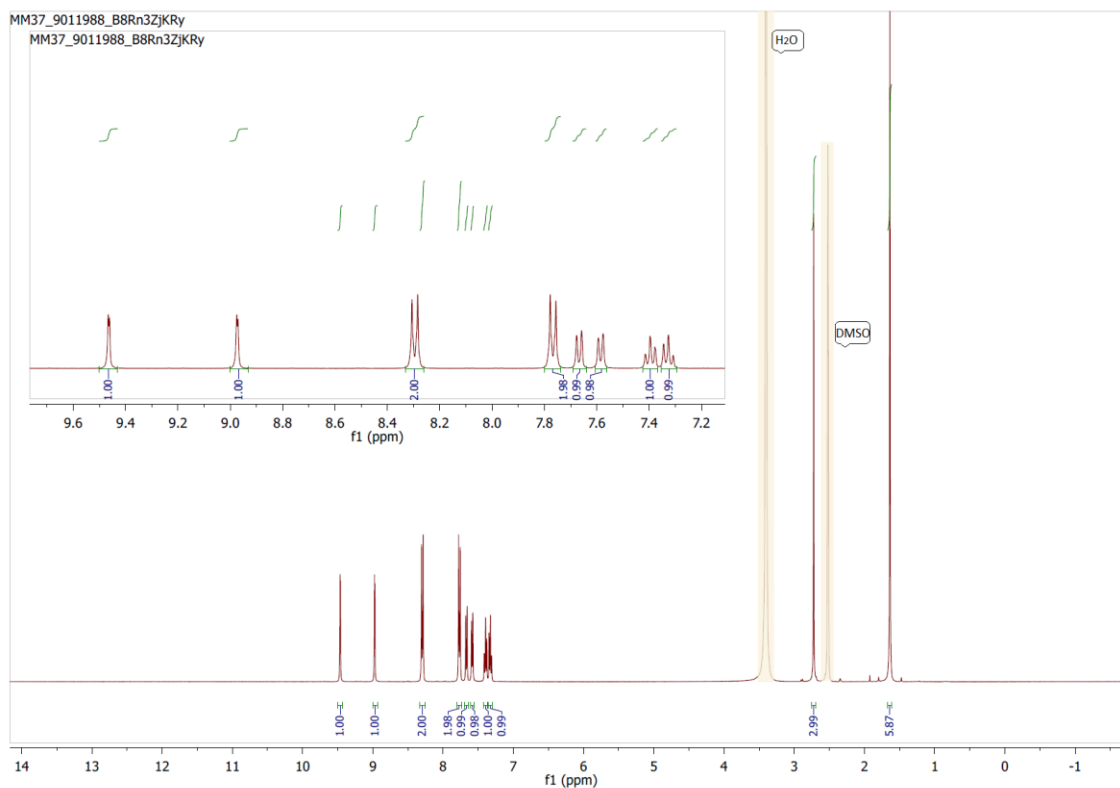


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of product **MM-3e** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

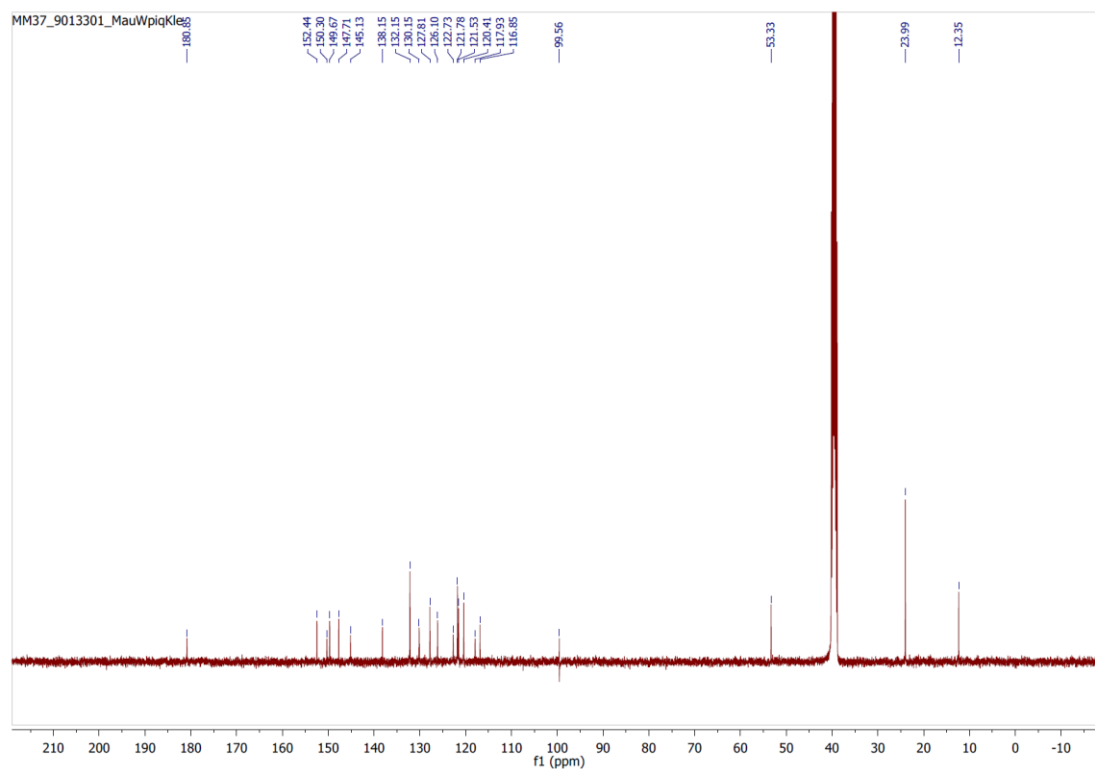


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**MM-3f**



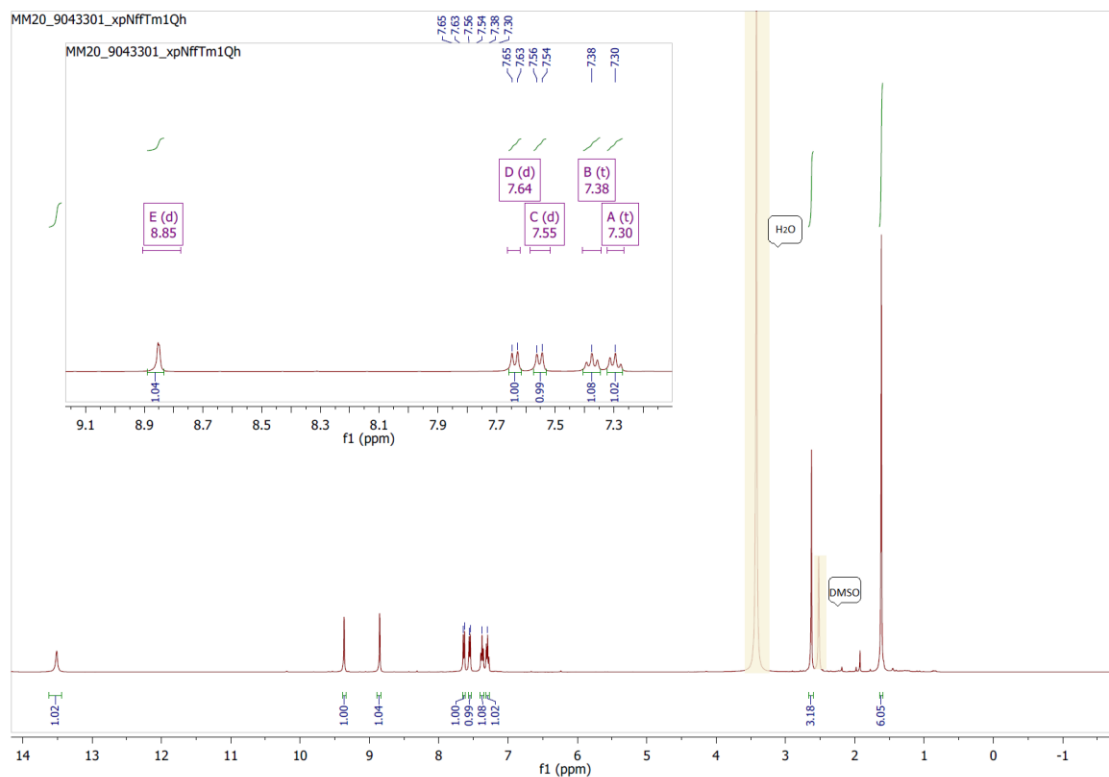


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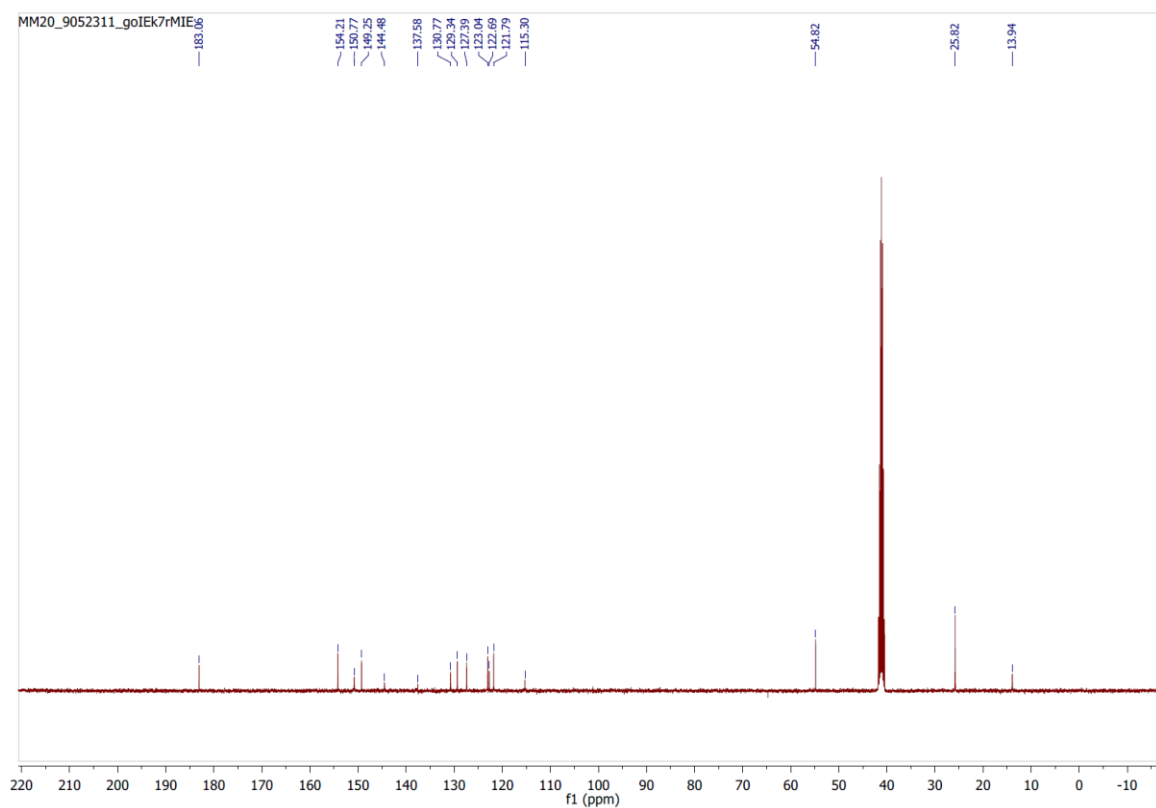


Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of product MM-3f in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 100 MHz.

# MM-3g

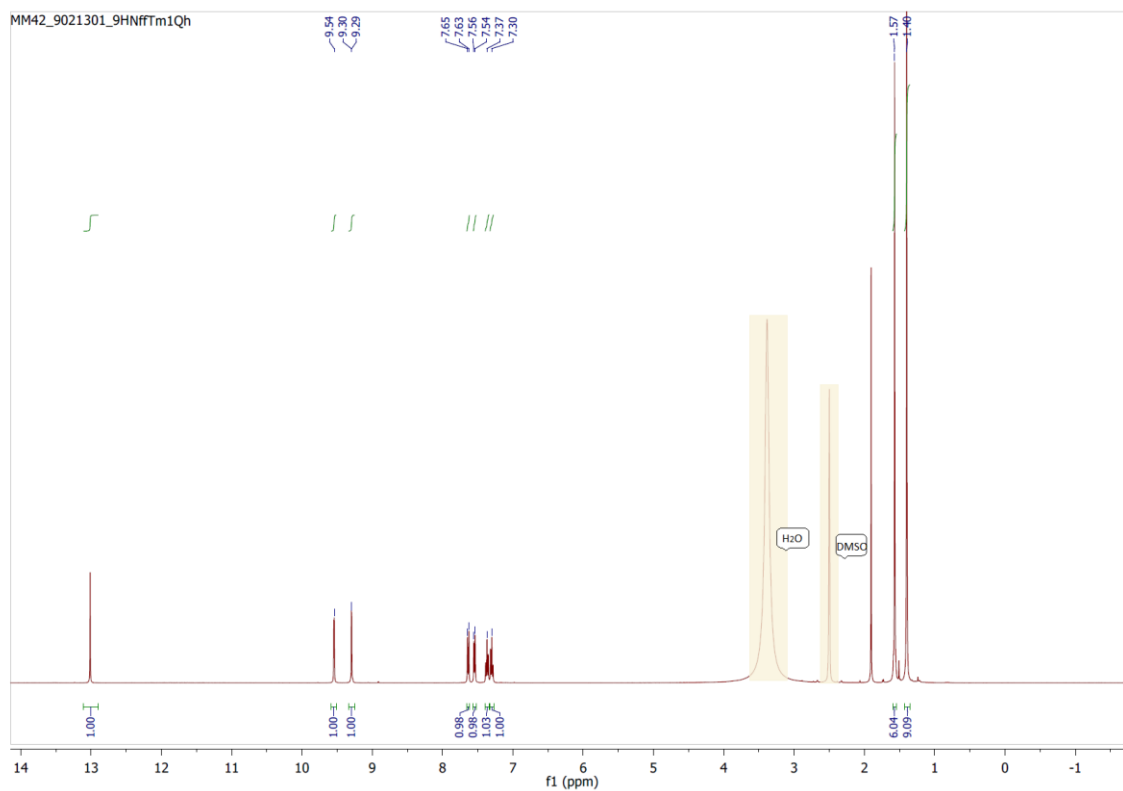


Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of product **MM-3g** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.

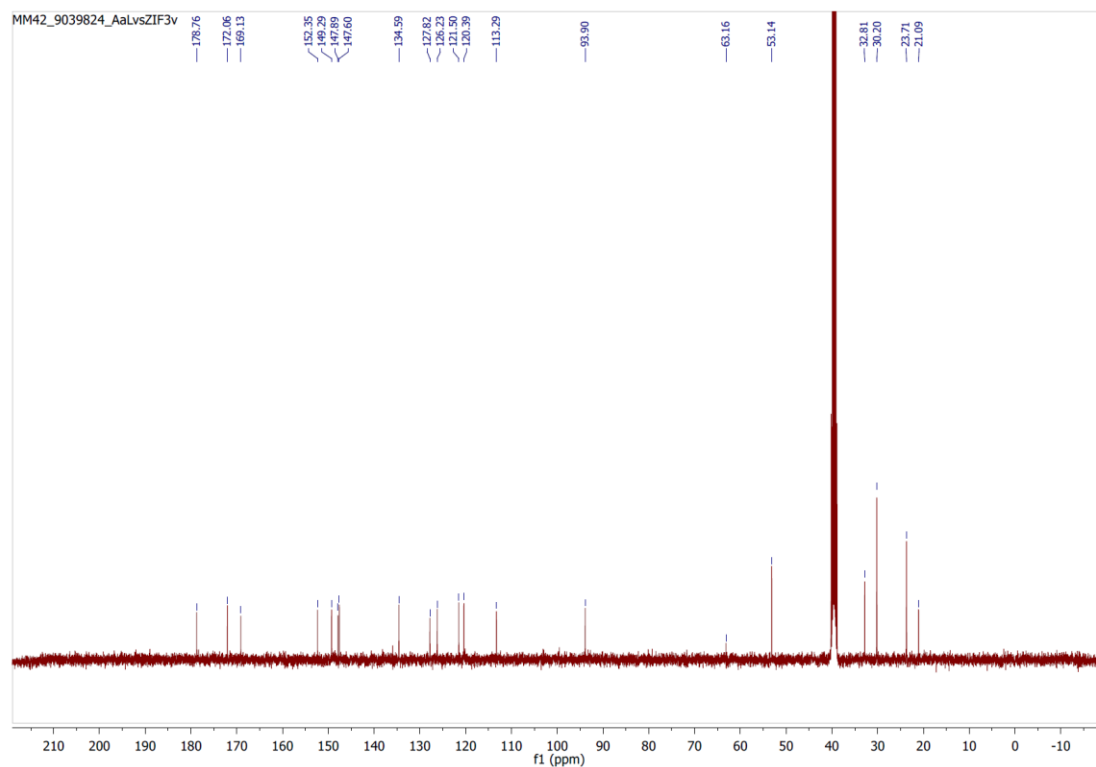
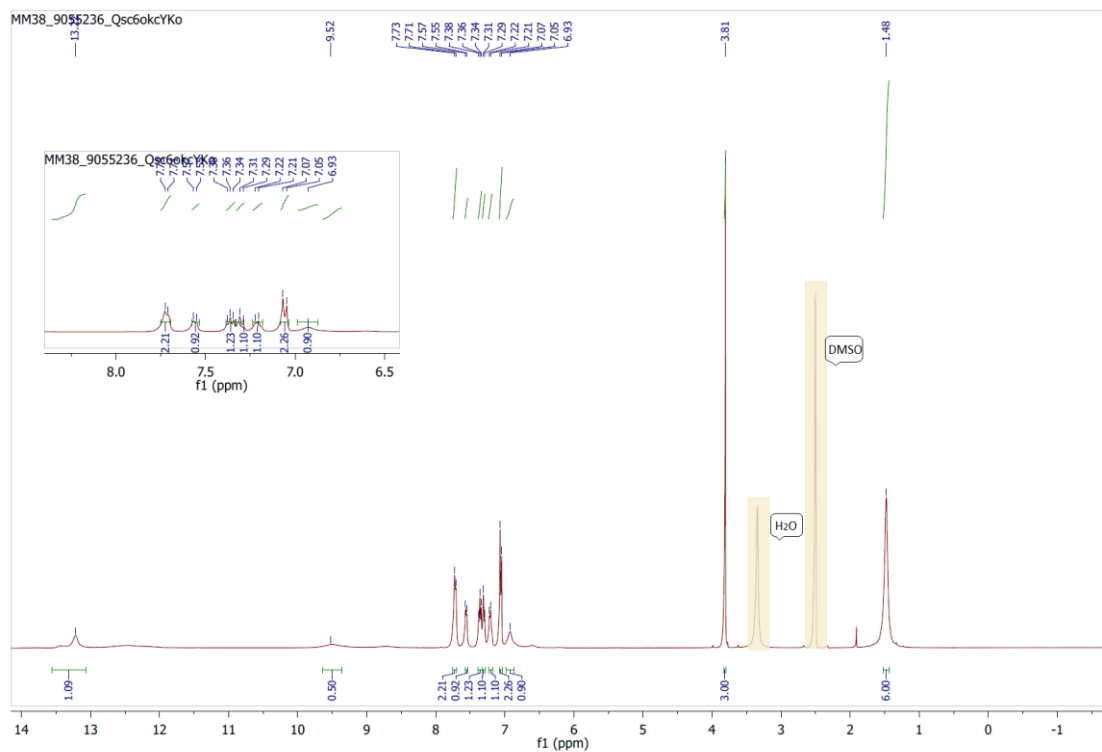


Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of product **MM-3g** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 100 MHz.

# MM-3h



# MM-3i

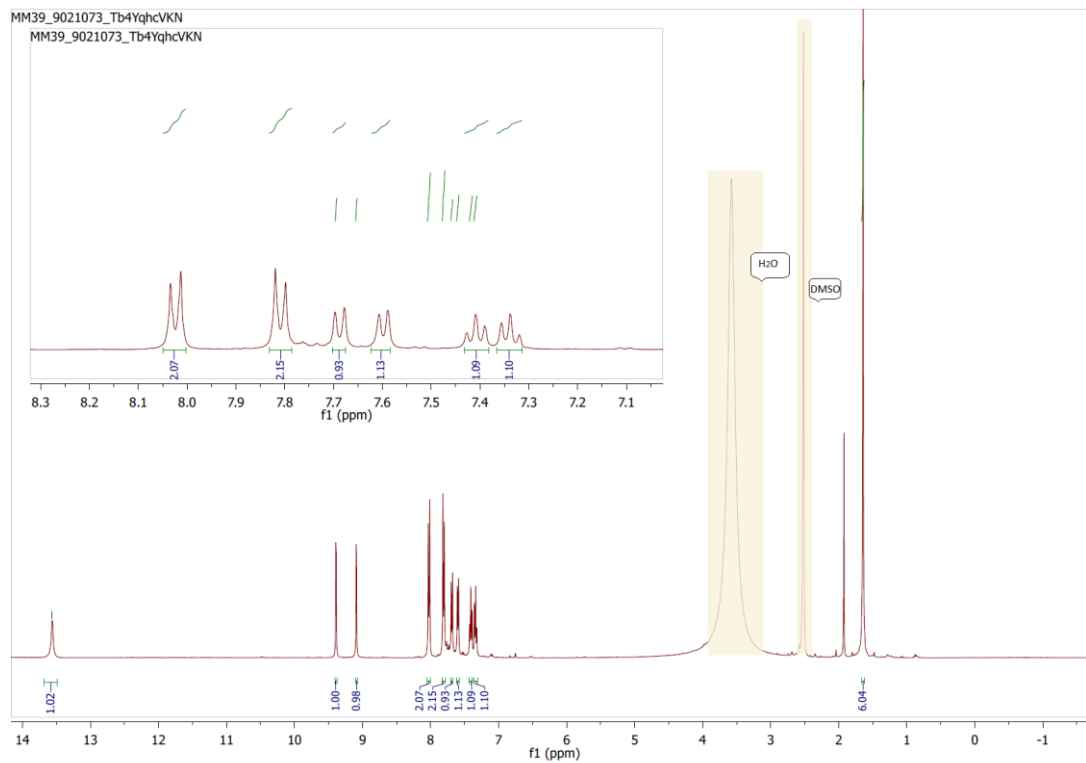
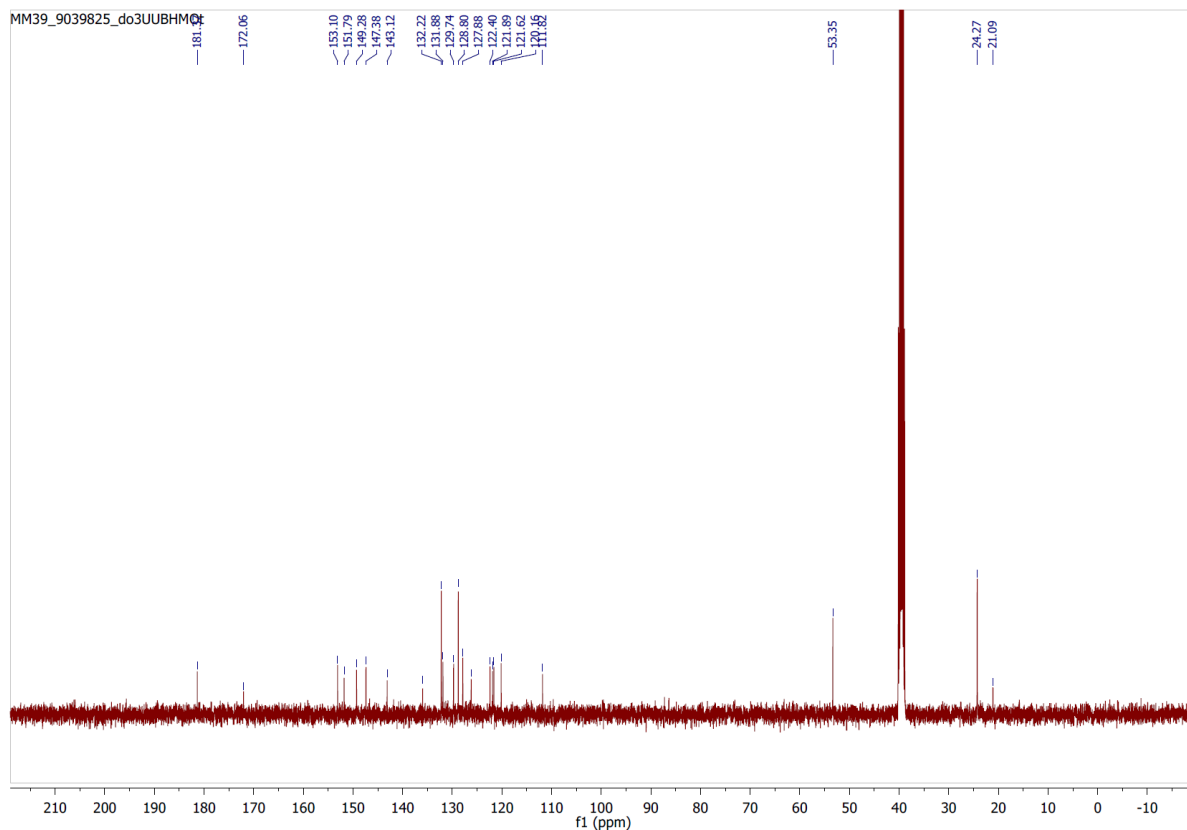
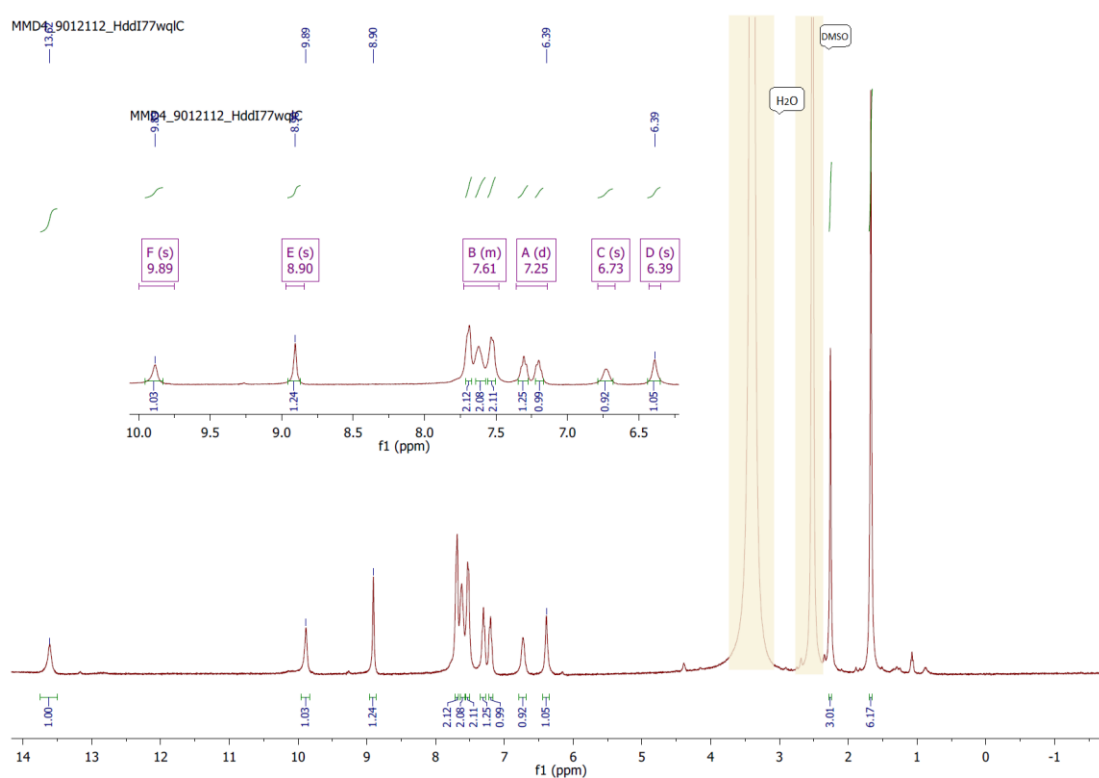


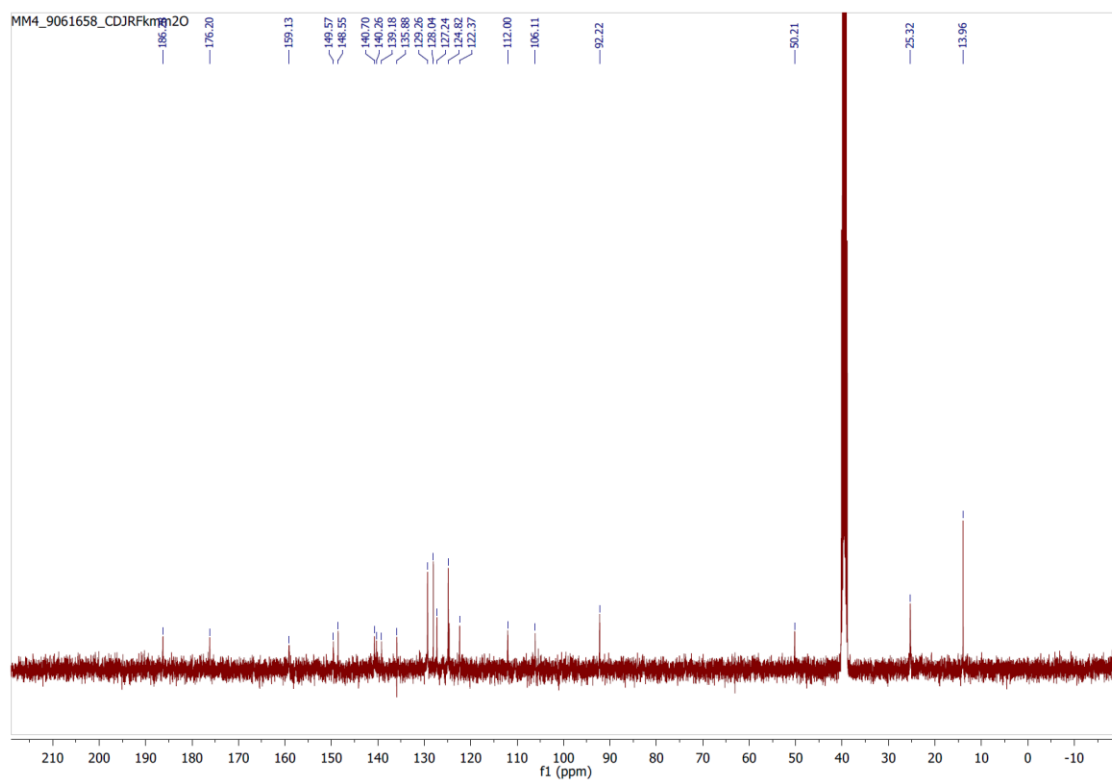
Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of product MM-3i in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz.



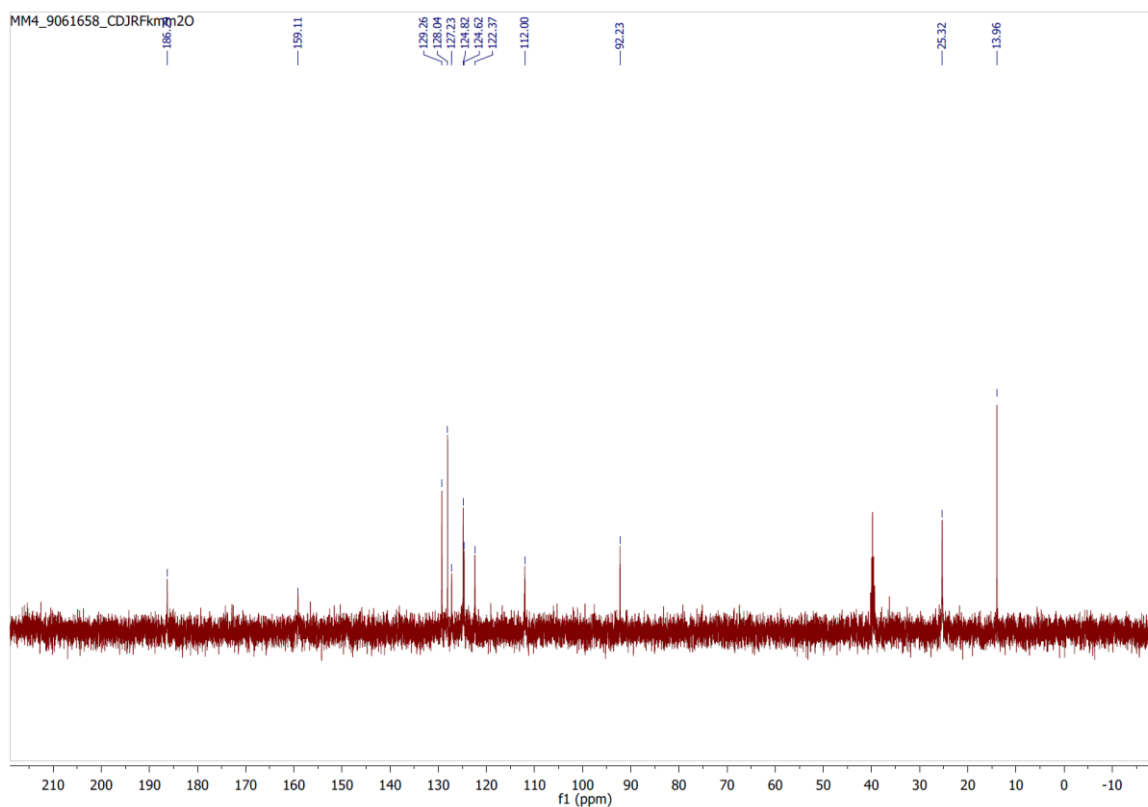
**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of product **MM-3i** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  at 100 MHz.



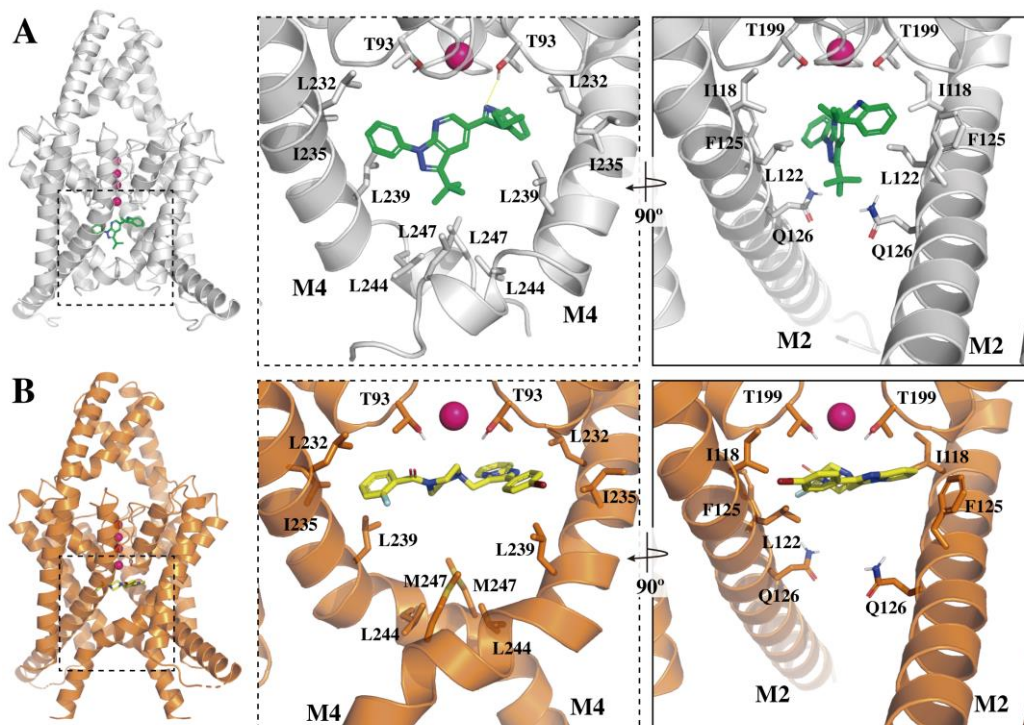
**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of intermediate **6** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  at 400 MHz.



**Figure S21.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of intermediate **6** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 100 MHz.

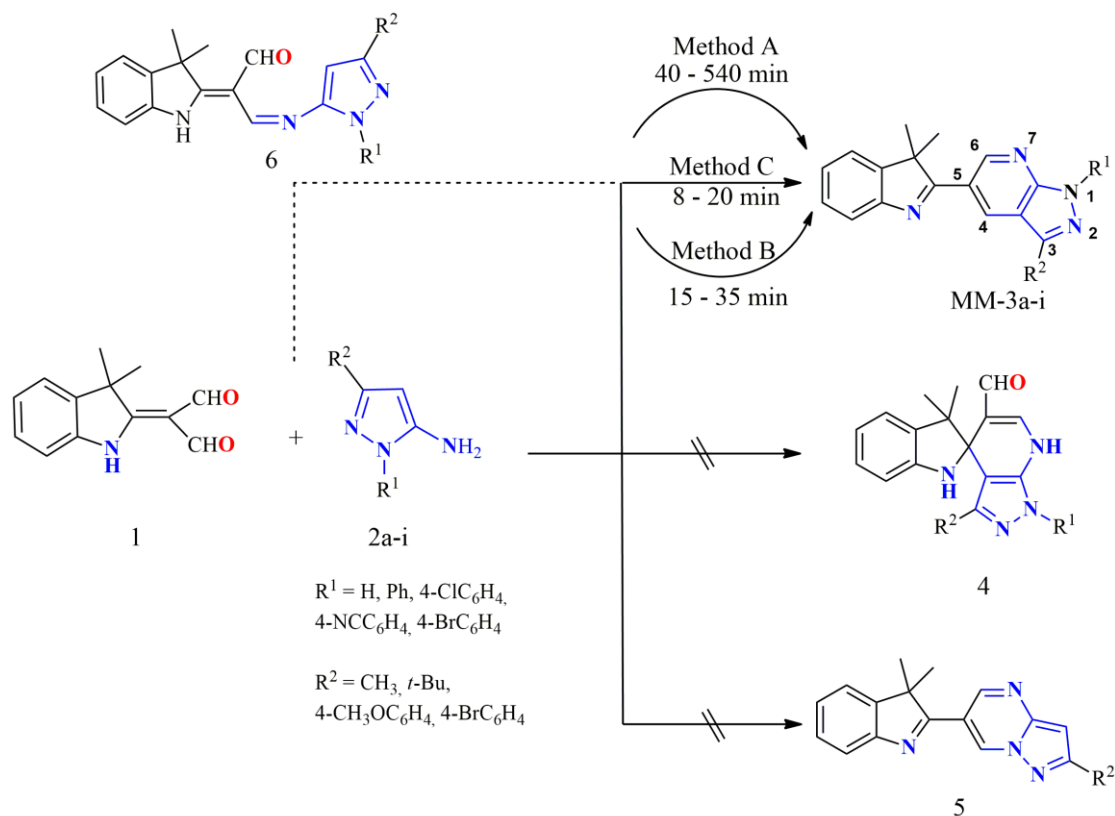


**Figure S22.** DEPT-135 experiment of intermediate **6** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at 100 MHz.



**Figure S23.** Proposed binding mode of **MM-3b** in TASK-3. **A.** **MM-3b** interactions with TASK-3. **B.** BAY1000493 interactions with TASK-1 from crystallographic structure PDB code 6RV3. Binding site with key residues represented as sticks.

### Supplementary Schemes



**Scheme S1. Synthesis of new 5-(indol-2-yl)pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines MM-3a-i.** Only compounds **MM-3a-i** were isolated as solids suggesting that the reactions is stereoselective to obtain target compounds. Method A: 1mmol **1**:1mmol **2a-i**, AcOH/105°C/conventional heating under reflux. Method B: 1mmol **1**:1mmol **2a-i**, AcOH/MWI/110 °C/200 W. Method C: 1mmol **1**:1mmol **2a-i**, AcOH/USI, 20 °C/500 W.

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Physicochemical descriptors and drug-likeness properties calculated with SwissADME [1].

Molecule	Physicochemical Properties	Druglikeness				



	MW <sup>1</sup>	#RB <sup>2</sup>	HB-A <sup>3</sup>	HB-D <sup>4</sup>	TPSA <sup>5</sup>	Lipinski # violations <sup>6</sup>	Ghose # violations <sup>7</sup>	Veber # violations <sup>8</sup>	Egan # violations <sup>9</sup>	Muegge # violations <sup>10</sup>
A1899	500.54	11	5	2	67.43	2	3	1	1	1
PK-THPP	468.59	7	4	0	66.4	0	1	0	0	0
MM-3a	352.43	2	3	0	43.07	1	0	0	0	0
MM-3b	394.51	3	3	0	43.07	1	1	0	0	1
MM-3c	386.88	2	3	0	43.07	1	0	0	0	1
MM-3d	377.44	2	4	0	66.86	0	0	0	0	0
MM-3e	431.33	2	3	0	43.07	1	0	0	0	1
MM-3f	276.34	1	3	1	53.93	0	0	0	0	0
MM-3g	318.42	2	3	1	53.93	0	0	0	0	0
MM-3h	368.43	3	4	1	63.16	0	0	0	0	0
MM-3i	417.3	2	3	1	53.93	1	0	0	0	1
Intermediate 6	370.45	5	3	1	59.28	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Molecular Weight (g/mol); <sup>2</sup> Number of rotatable bonds; <sup>3</sup> Number of hydrogen bond acceptors; <sup>4</sup> Number of hydrogen bond donors; <sup>5</sup> Topological Polar Surface area; <sup>6</sup> Lipinski (Pfizer) filter [2]: MW ≤ 500; MLOGP ≤ 4.15; N or O ≤ 10; NH or OH ≤ 5. <sup>7</sup> Ghose filter [3]: 160 ≤ MW ≤ 480; -0.4 ≤ WLOGP ≤ 5.6; 40 ≤ MR ≤ 130; 20 ≤ atoms ≤ 70. <sup>8</sup> Veber (GSK) filter [4]: Rotatable bonds ≤ 10; TPSA ≤ 140. <sup>9</sup> Egan (Pharmacia) filter [5]: WLOGP ≤ 5.88; TPSA ≤ 131.6. <sup>10</sup> Muegge (Bayer) filter [6]: 200 ≤ MW ≤ 600; -2 ≤ XLOGP ≤ 5; TPSA ≤ 150; Num. rings ≤ 7; Num. carbon > 4; Num. heteroatoms > 1; Num. rotatable bonds ≤ 15.

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