

## Supporting Information

### Trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyzed one-pot pseudo four-component synthesis of fully functionalized pyridine derivatives

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#### Experimental

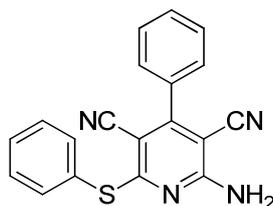
##### General.

Melting points were recorded on a Digital Melting Point Apparatus (Model No. MT-934) and are uncorrected. TLC was performed on silica gel 60 F254 (Merck) plates. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained at 500 MHz Jeol (JNM ECX-500) NMR machines with DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as the solvent. Mass spectra (TOF-MS ES<sup>+</sup>) were measured on a Bruker Impact HD QTOF Micro mass spectrometer.

##### General procedure for the synthesis of 2-amino-4-aryl-6-(aryltio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (**4a-4i**)

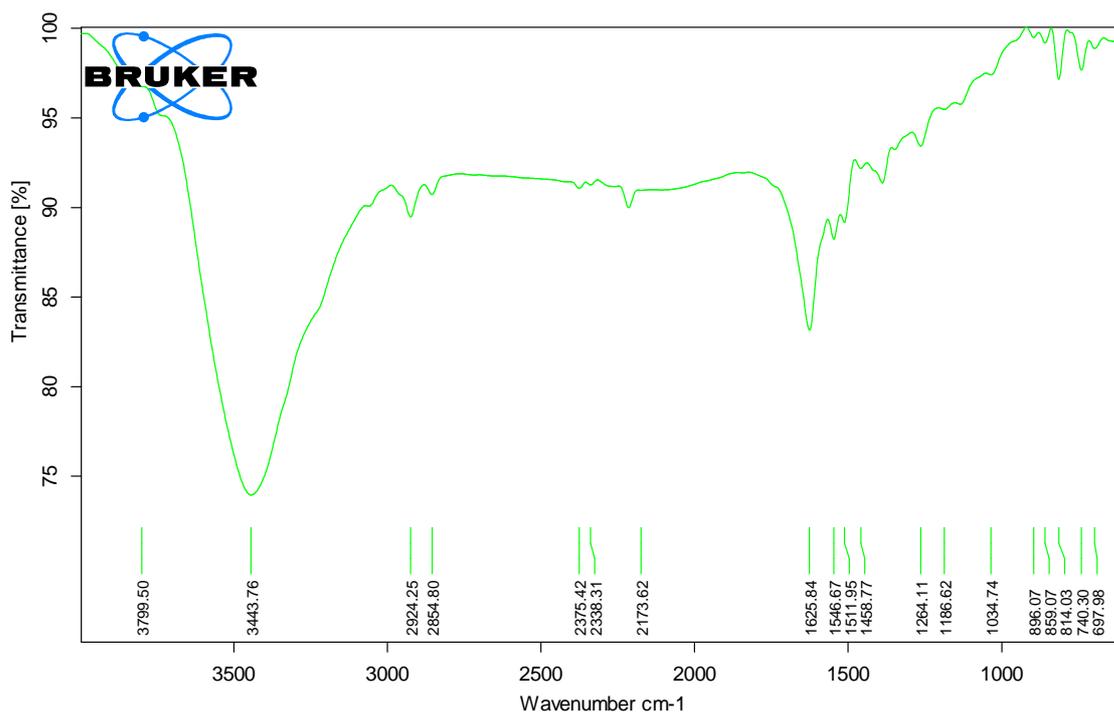
In a dry screw-cap test tube a magnetic stir bar, substitute benzaldehydes (**1a**; 0.5 mmol), malononitrile (**2**; 1 mmol), thiophenol (**3**; 0.5 mmol), 4 ml aqueous ethanol and a catalytic amount of tri-sodium citrate dihydrate (20 mol%) were taken sequentially. The whole reaction mixture was then refluxed for 30-45 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, corresponding products (**4a-4d**) were isolated pure just by simple filtration and subsequent washing with aqueous ethanol (H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH = 1:2). Under the same optimized reaction conditions, 2-amino-4-aryl-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles (**4e-4i**) were also synthesized from the reactions of substitute benzaldehydes (**1a**; 0.5 mmol), malononitrile (**2**; 1 mmol), 2-naphthalenethiol (**3**; 0.5 mmol).

*Characterization data along with scanned spectra of all the synthesized compounds are given below:*



**4a**

*2-Amino-4-phenyl-6-(phenylthio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4a)*. White solid; yield 91%; mp 240-245 °C (lit. 220-221°C)<sup>[1]</sup>; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444, 2924, 2855, 2174, 1547, 1264, 1035, 740, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm: 7.80 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>); 7.58-7.50 (m, 6H, aromatic H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 4H aromatic H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm: 166.26, 160.20, 159.20, 135.41 (2C), 134.44, 130.96, 130.29, 130.04 (2C), 129.28 (2C), 128.97 (2C), 127.57, 115.88, 115.58, 93.82, 87.60; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 328.0783; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 327.1804.



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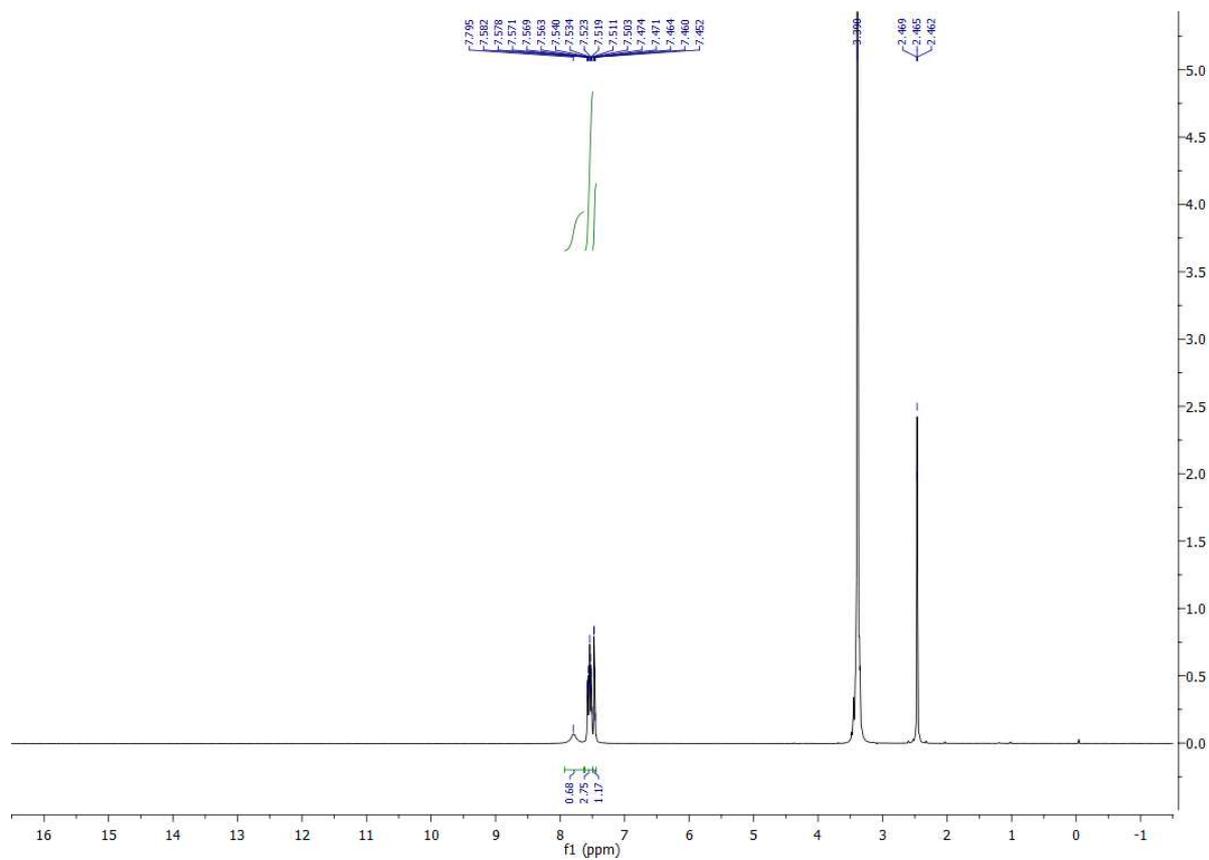


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4a**

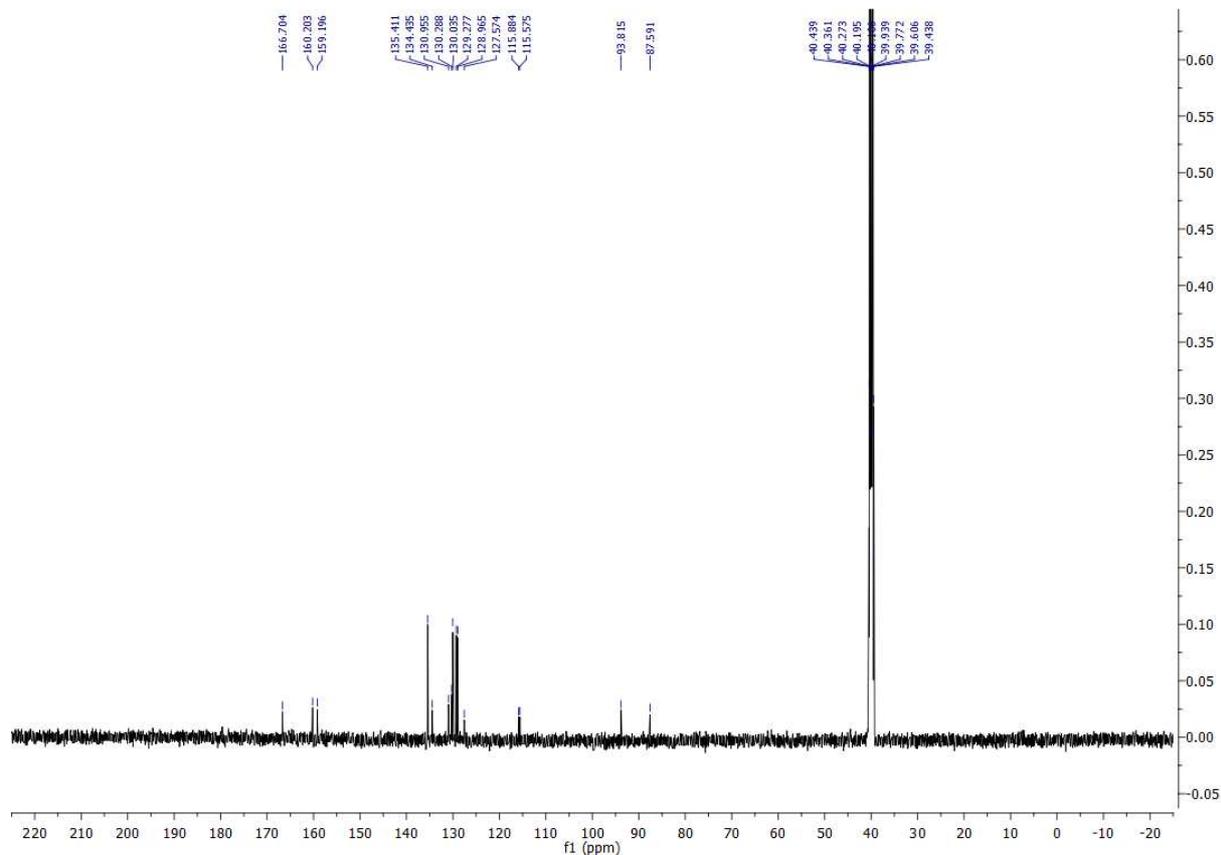


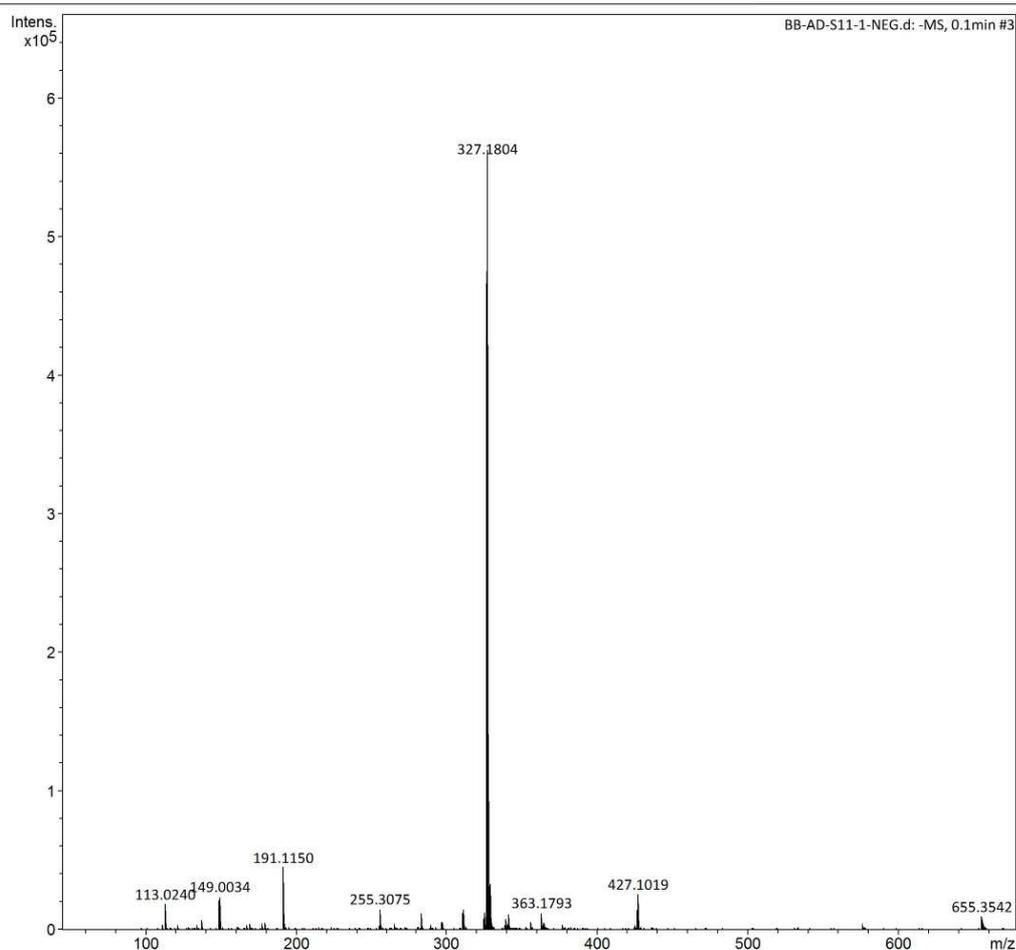
Figure S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4a**

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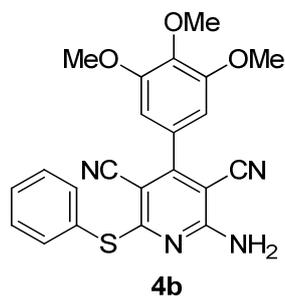
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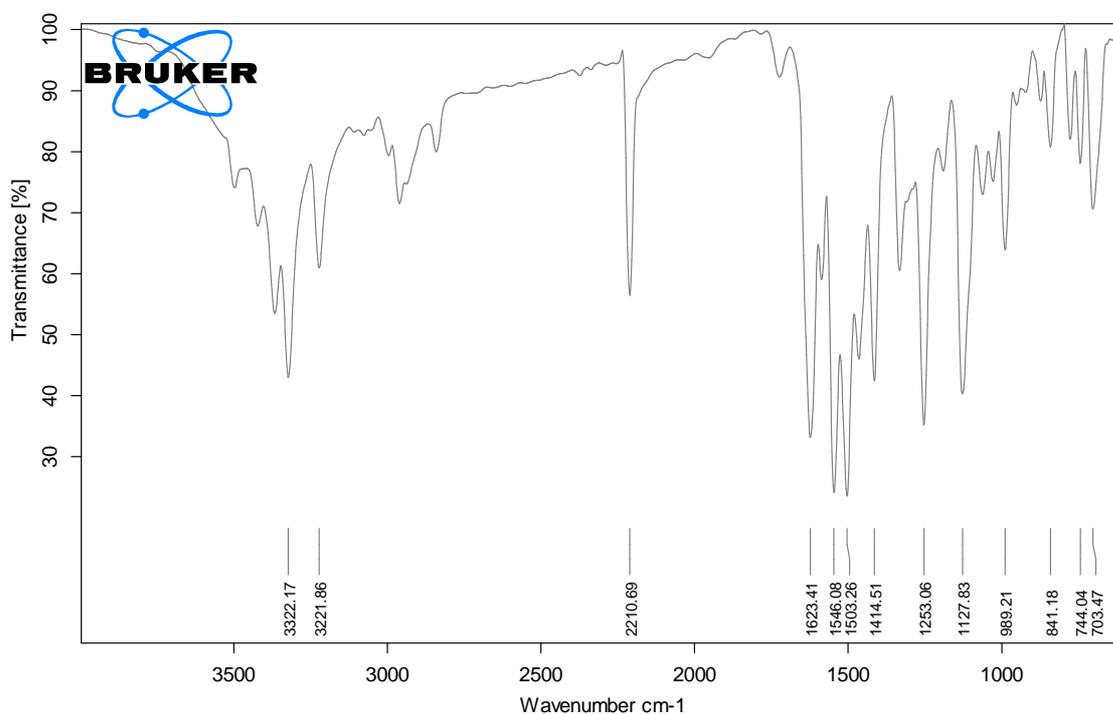
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Figure S4. HRMS spectrum of **4a**



*2-Amino-6-(phenylthio)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4b)*. White solid, yield 93%; mp 258-262 °C (lit. 238-239 °C)<sup>[2]</sup>; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3322, 3222, 2753, 2211, 1623, 1503, 1415, 1253, 1128, 841, 744, 703; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 7.76 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.56 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 3H, aromatic H), 6.89 (s, 2H, aromatic H), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2X -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 166.64, 160.20, 158.89, 153.31 (2C), 139.29, 135.41 (2C), 130.28, 130.04 (2C), 129.49, 127.60, 116.04, 115.75, 106.86 (2C), 93.89, 87.60, 60.68, 56.70 (2C); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 418.1100; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 417.0281.



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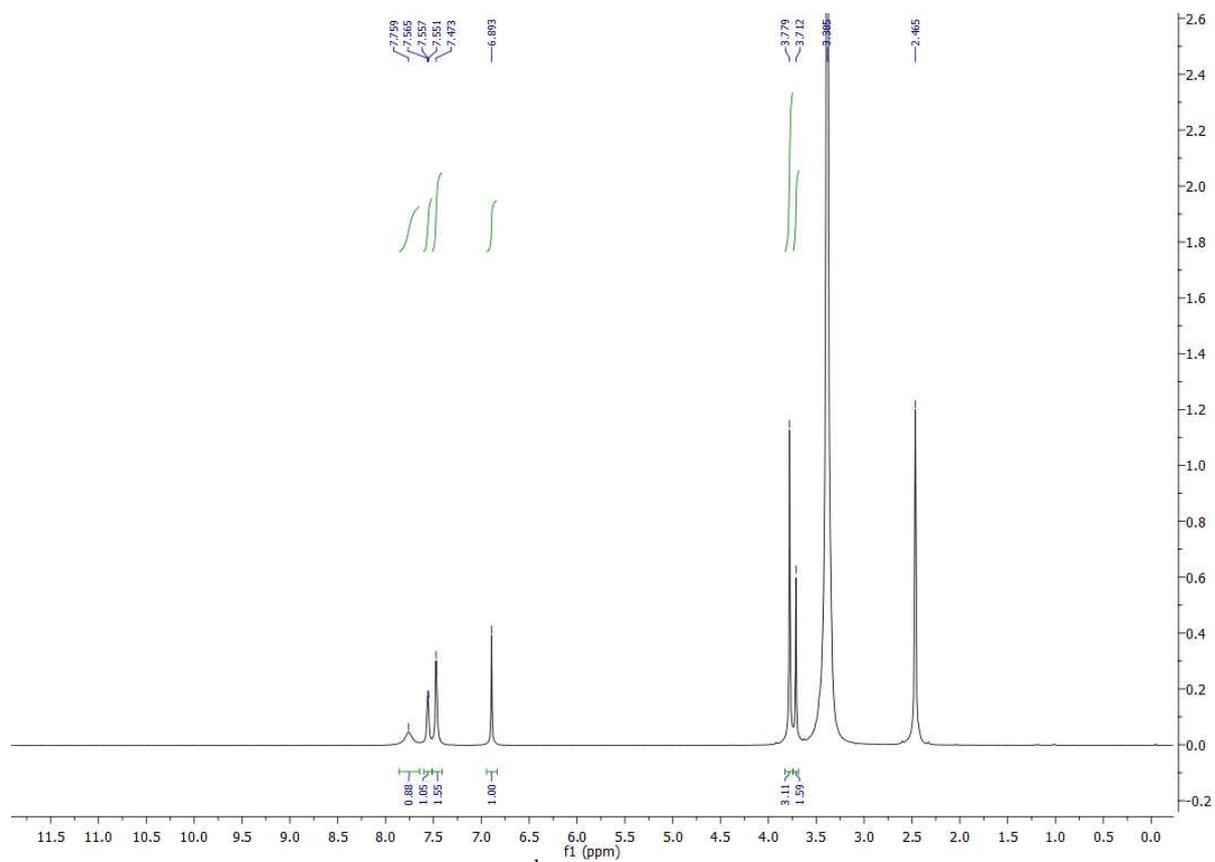


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4b**

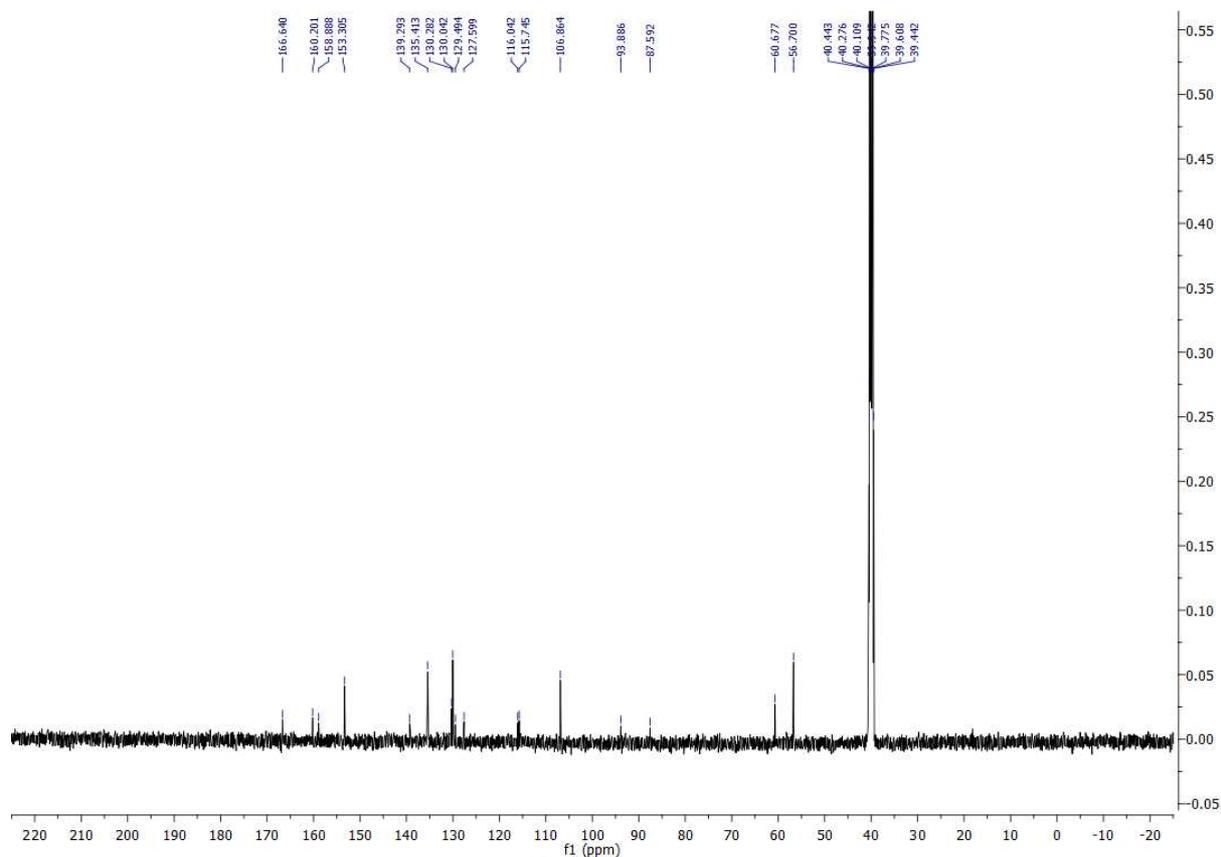


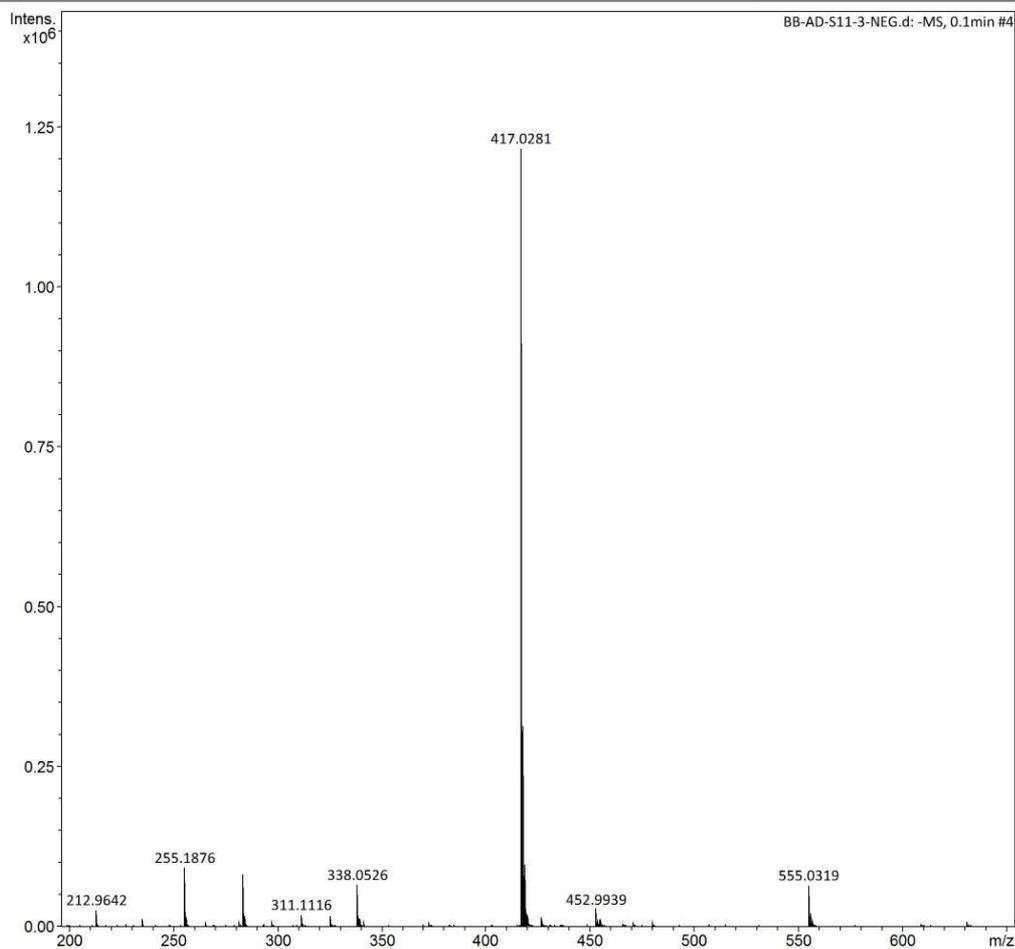
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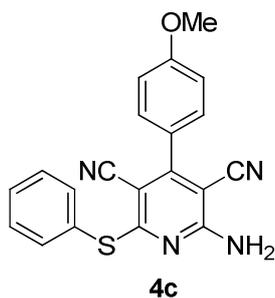
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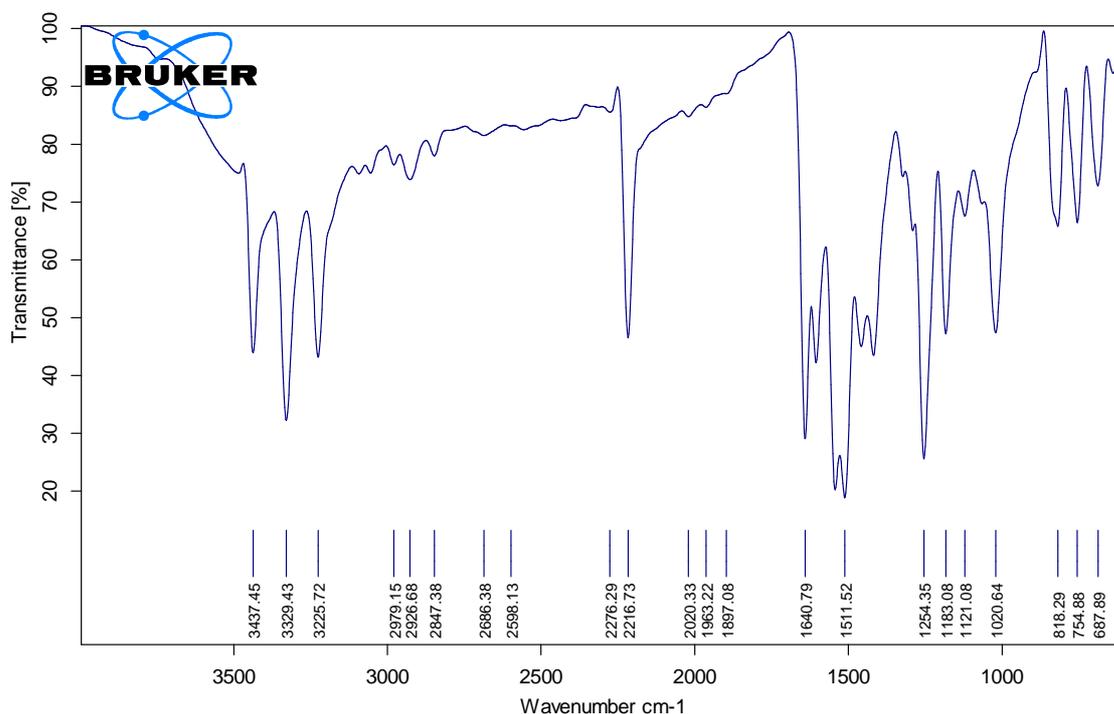


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Figure S8. HRMS spectrum of **4b**



*2-Amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(phenylthio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4c)*. White solid, yield 92%; mp 274-277 °C (lit. 251-253 °C)<sup>[3]</sup>; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3329, 3226, 2927, 2847, 2217, 1641, 1512, 1254, 1021, 755, 688; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 7.73 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H, aromatic H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 5H, aromatic H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 166.22, 161.38, 160.32, 158.88, 135.38 (2C), 130.80 (2C), 130.23, 130.01 (2C), 127.70, 126.32, 116.12, 115.84, 114.64, 105.32, 93.87, 87.50, 55.90; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS Calcd. [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 381.0786; Found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 381.2312.



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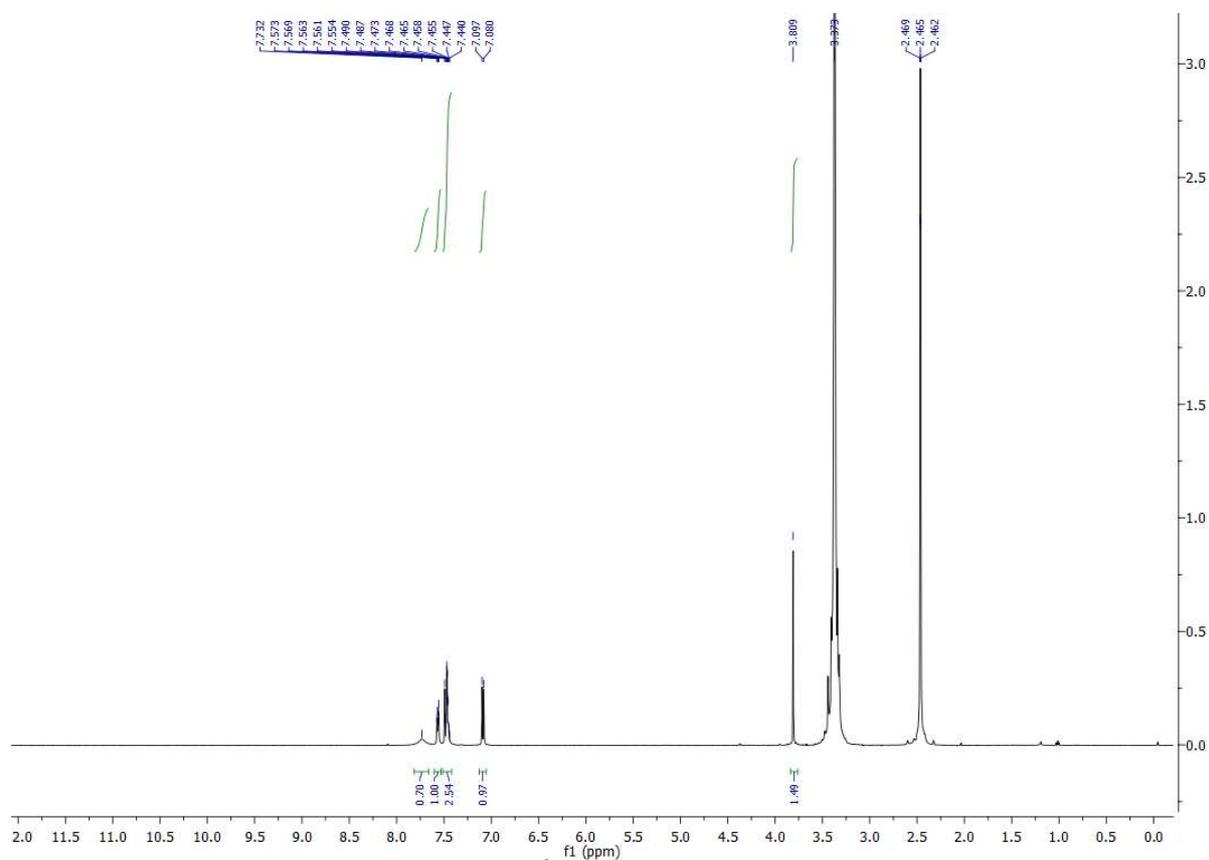


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4c**

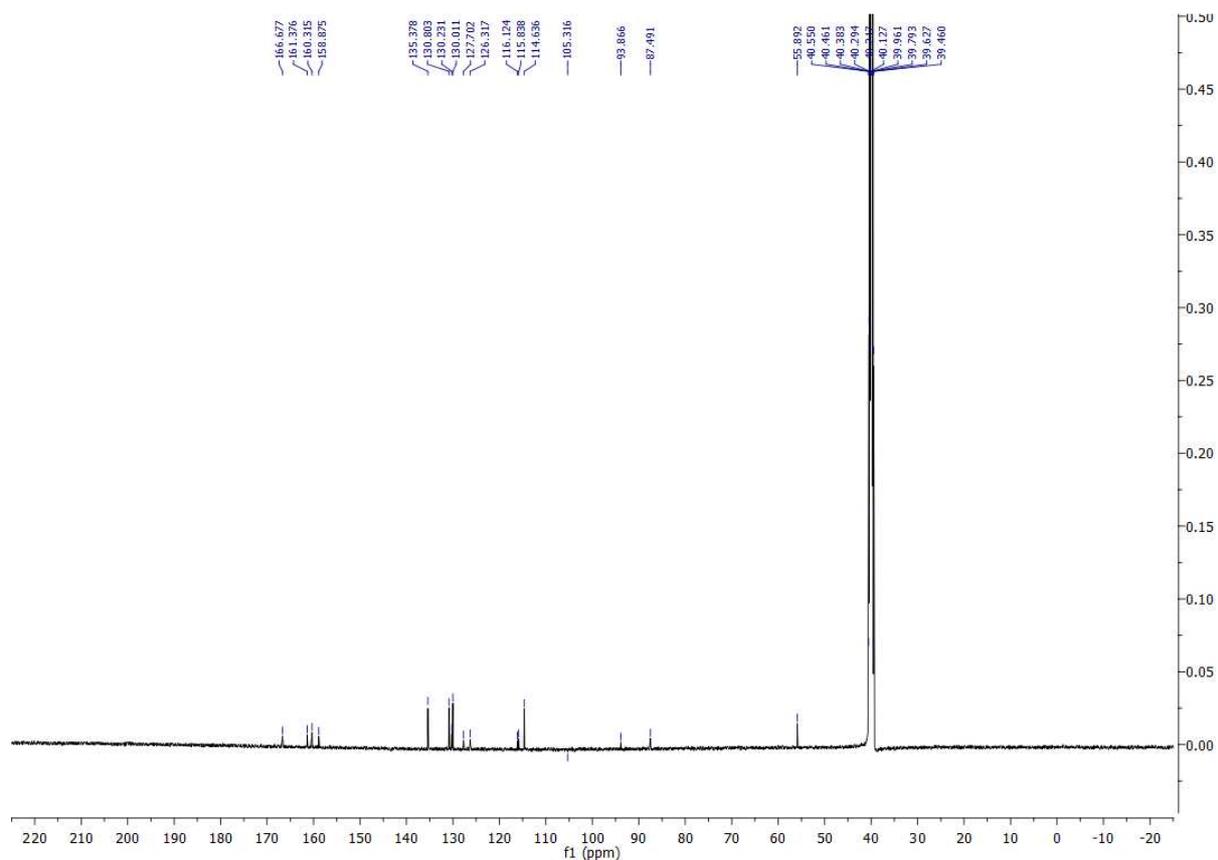


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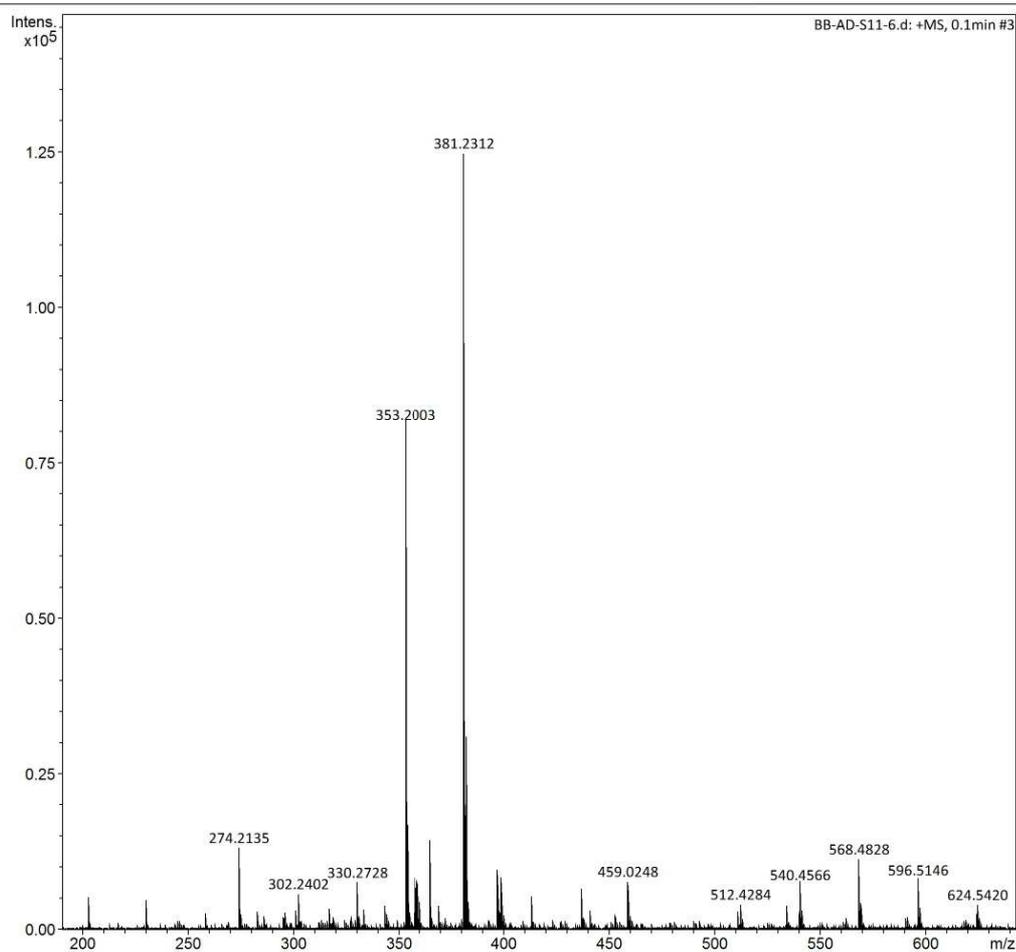
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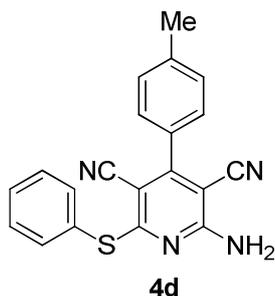
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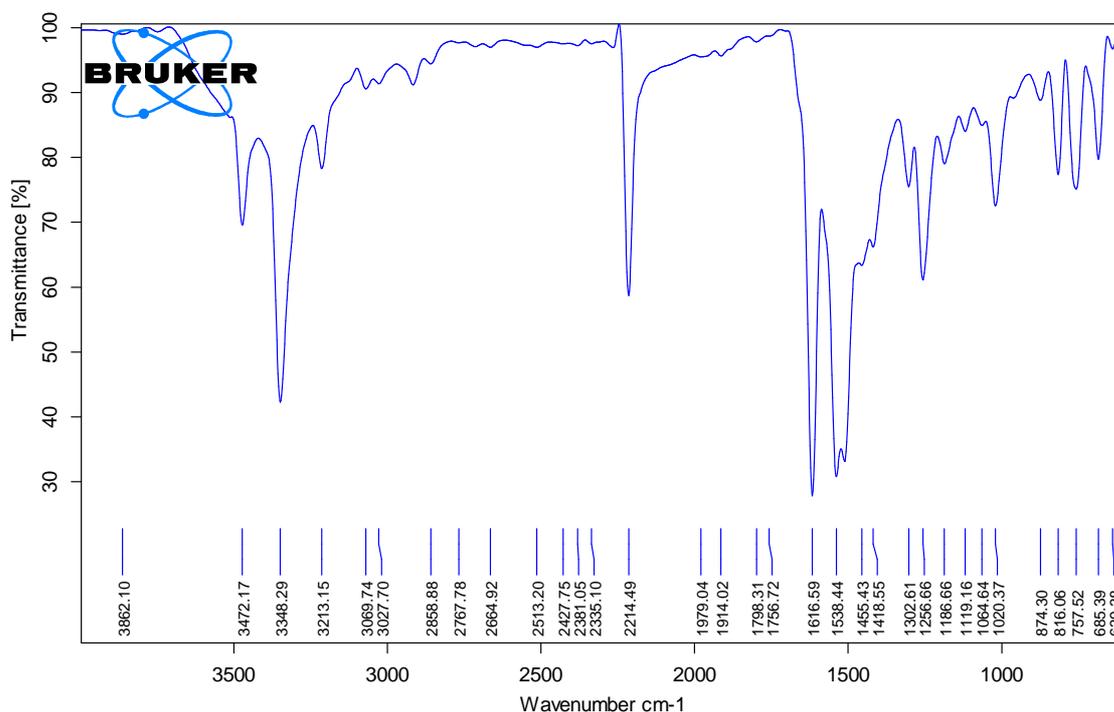
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Figure S12. HRMS spectrum of **4c**



*2-Amino-6-(phenylthio)-4-(p-tolyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4d)*. White solid, yield 90%; mp 222-224 °C (lit. 206-210 °C)<sup>[4]</sup>; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3348, 3213, 3070, 2214, 1617, 1538, 1257, 1020, 685, 639 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 7.74 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 3H aromatic H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 181.06, 171.58, 167.06, 166.57, 146.01, 139.47, 136.65, 135.39, 130.02 (2C), 129.82, 128.93, 127.63, 127.60, 118.82, 115.68, 113.86, 76.35, 75.34, 19.07; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 342.0939; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 341.1014.



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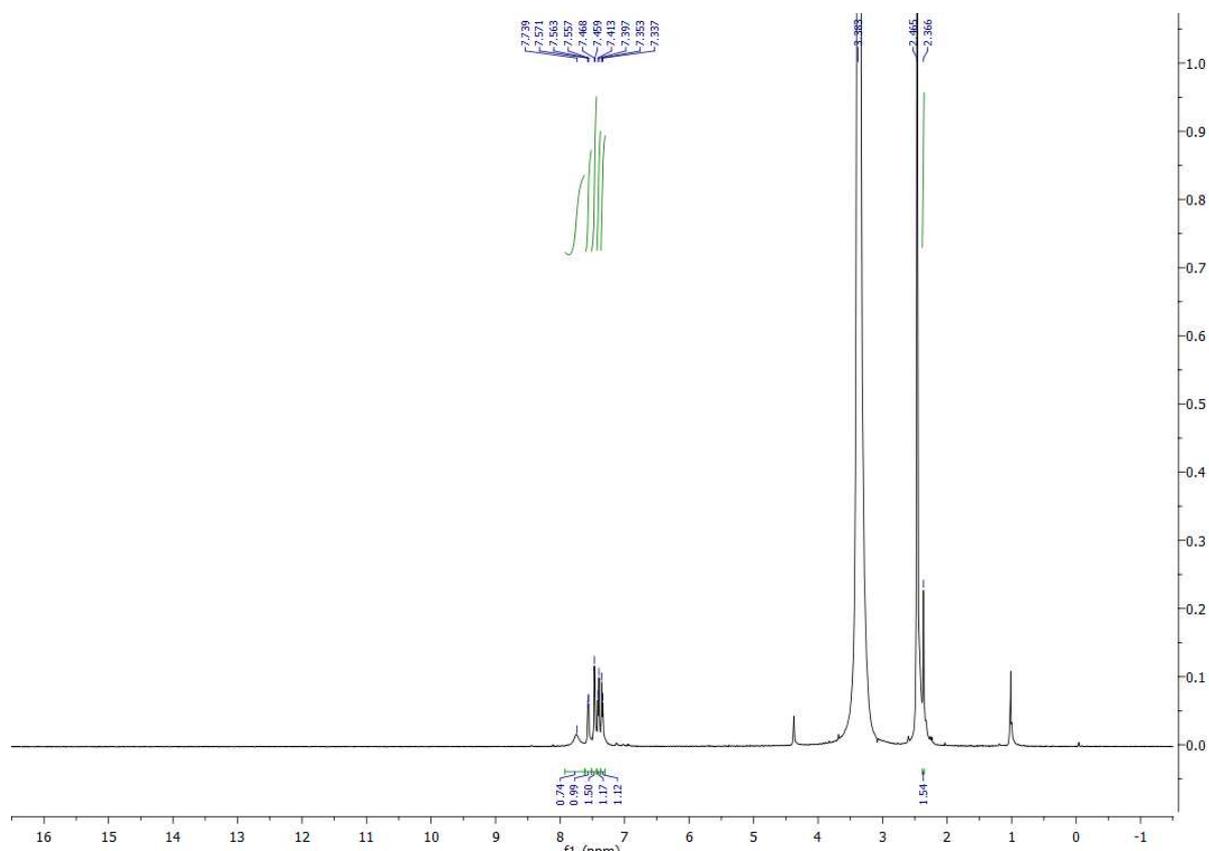


Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4d**

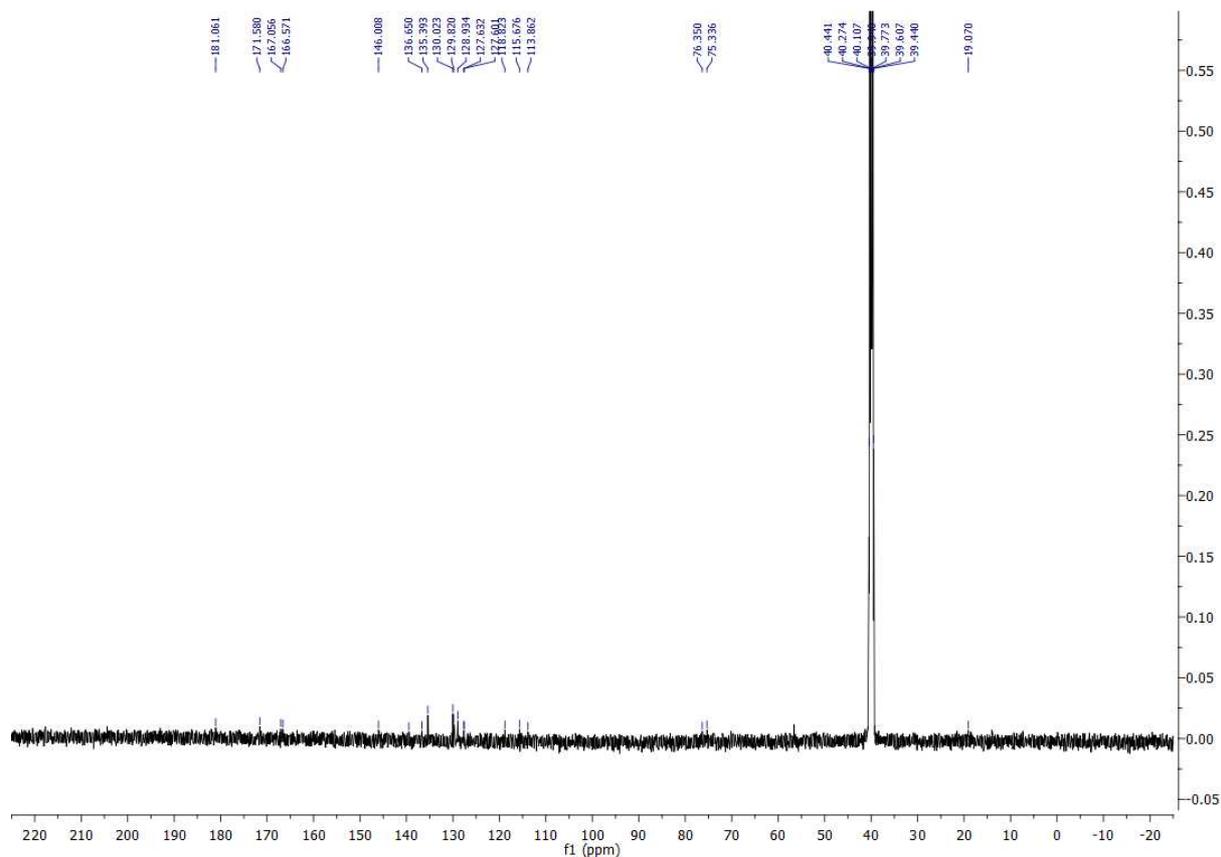


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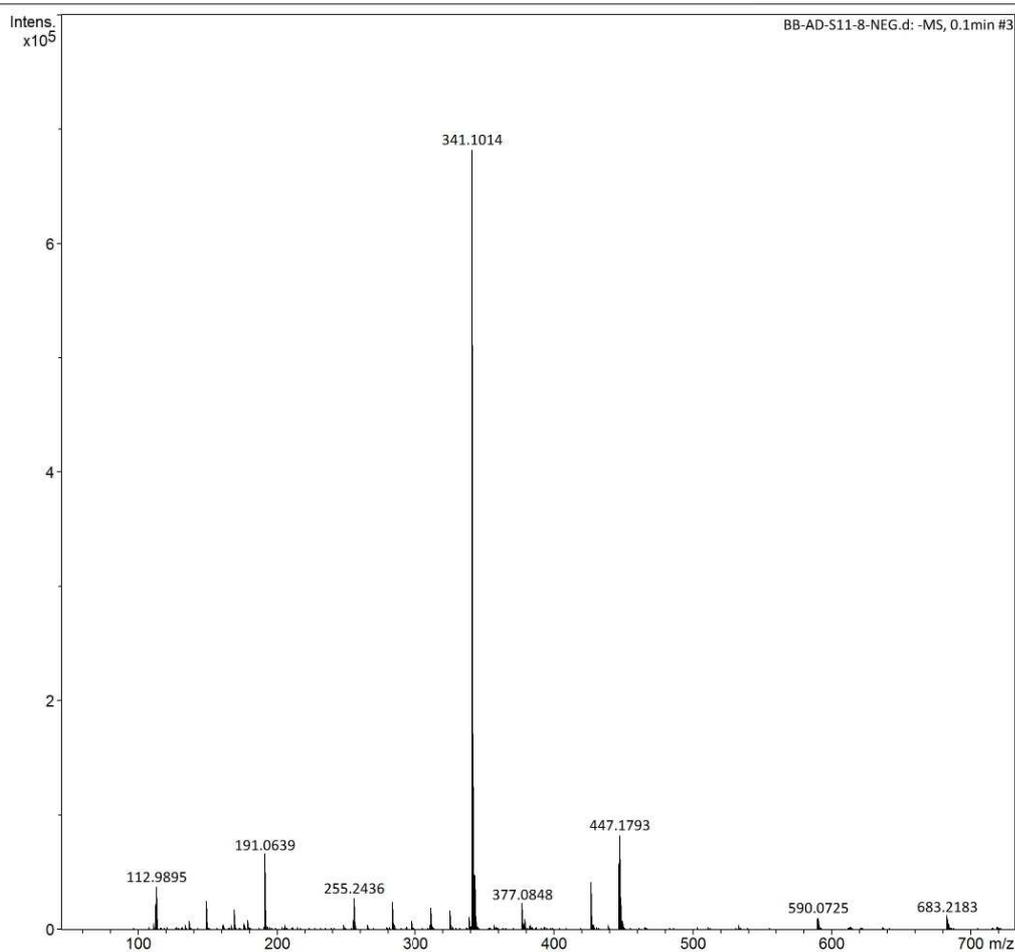
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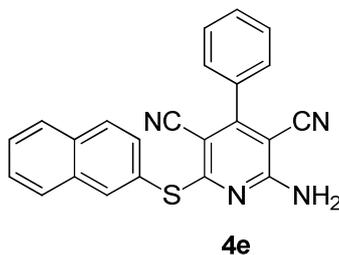
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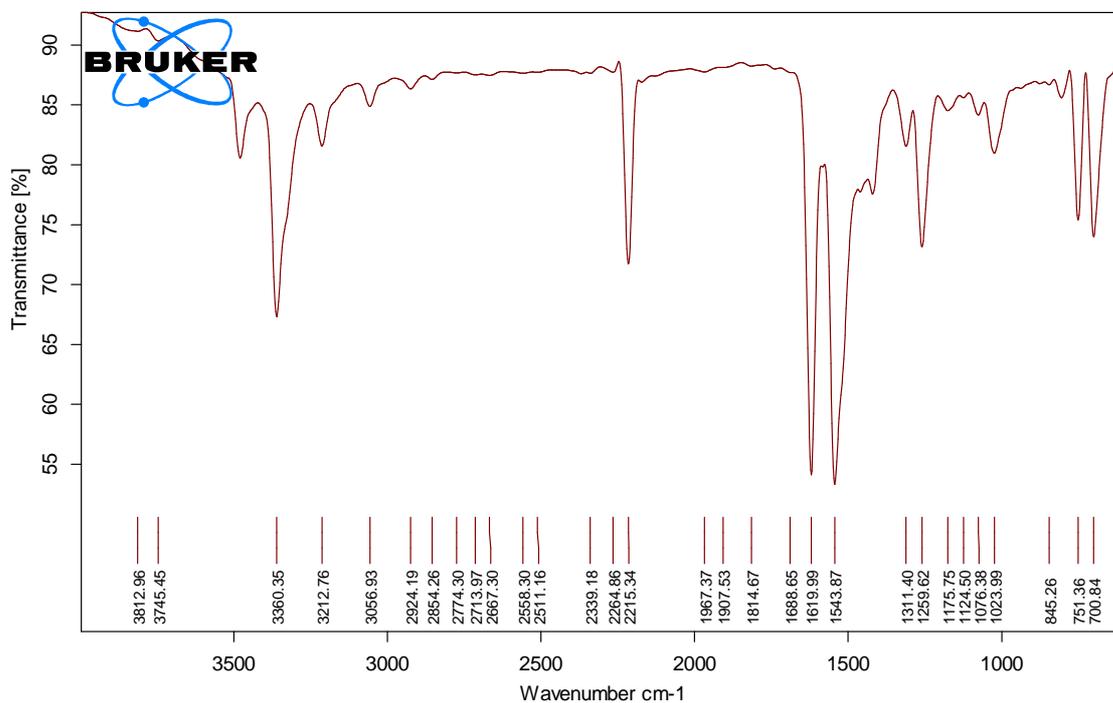
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Figure S16. HRMS spectrum of **4d**



*2-Amino-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-4-phenylpyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4e)*. White solid, yield 94%; mp 159-161 °C; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3360, 3213, 3057, 2215, 1620, 1544, 1260, 1076, 751, 701; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 8.10 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.85 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H aromatic H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.75, 2 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H, aromatic H), 7.49 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 173.63, 163.91, 162.13, 146.97, 141.93, 140.33, 133.61 (2C), 133.53 (2C), 129.87 (2C), 128.28 (2C), 127.92 (2C), 127.66 (2C), 127.18, 126.71, 125.79, 107.53, 80.05; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 378.0939; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 377.0448.



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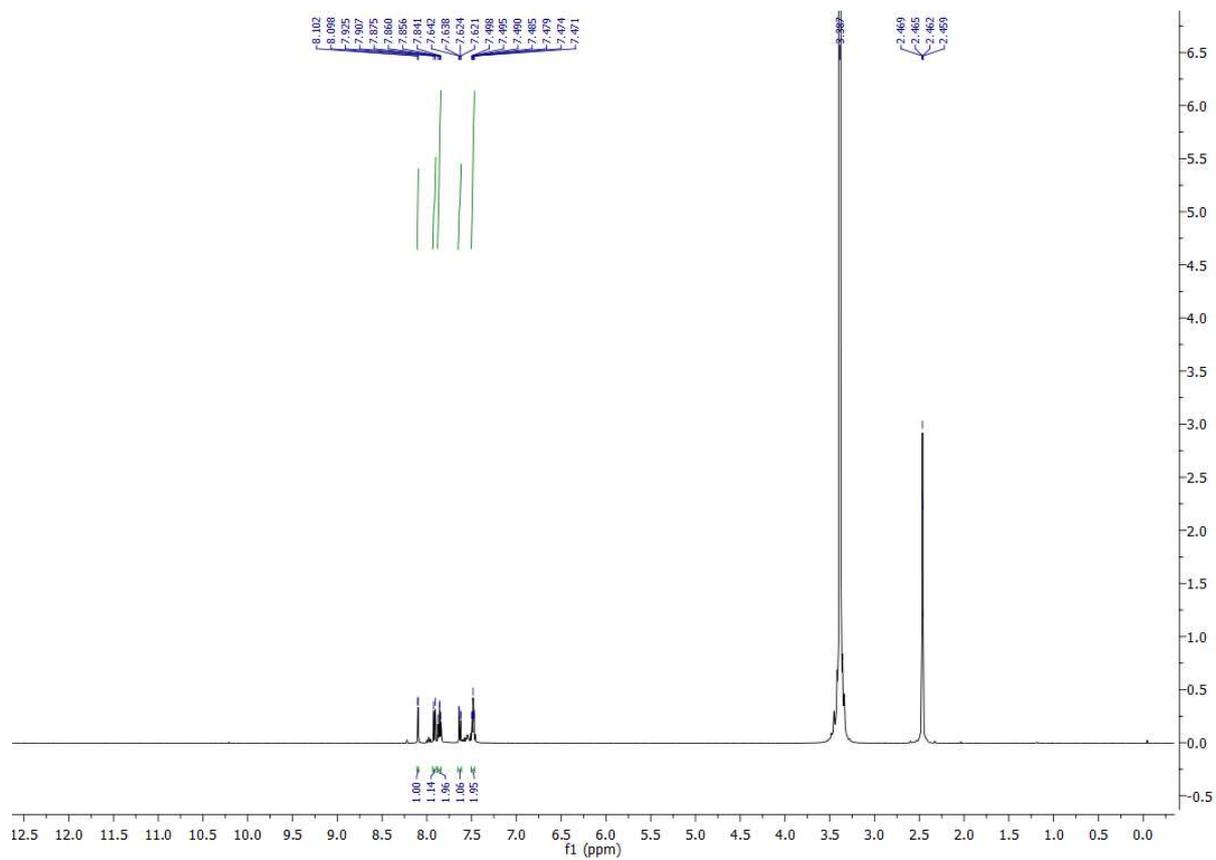


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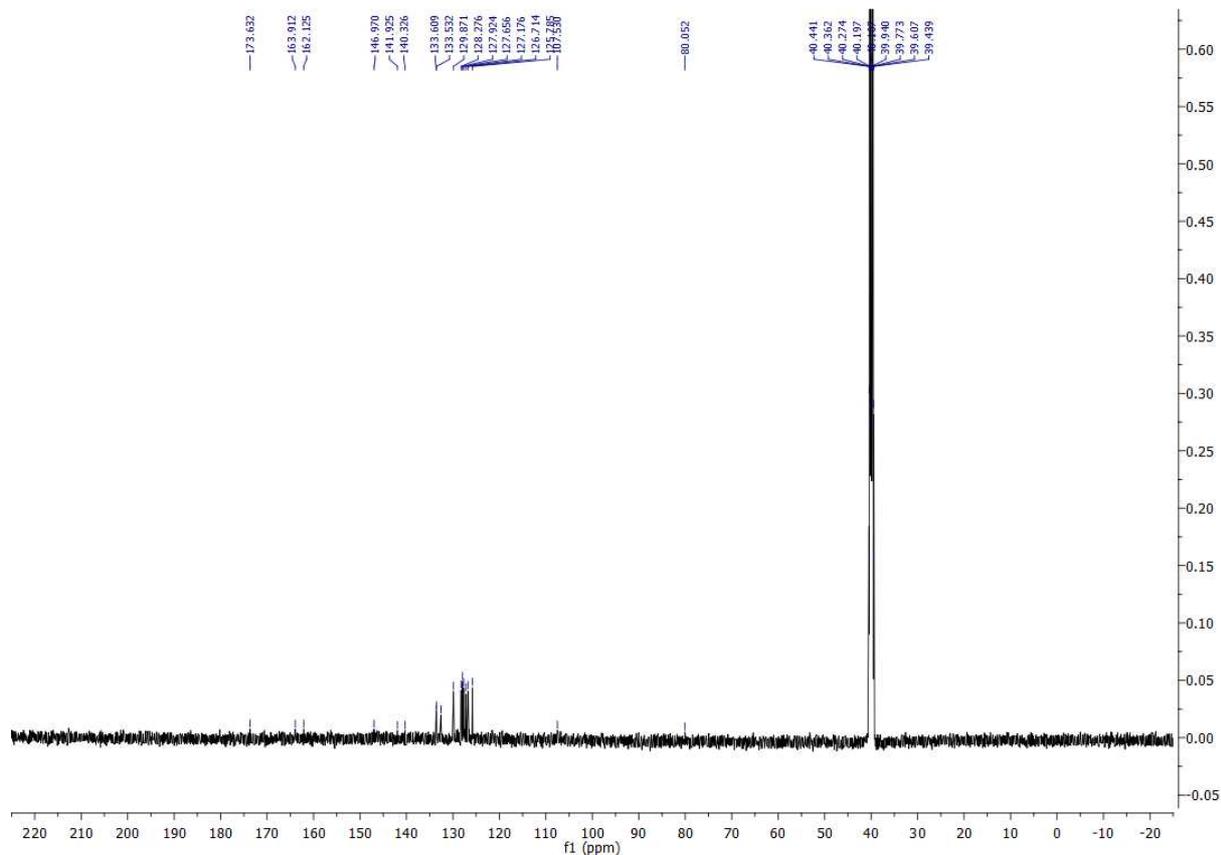


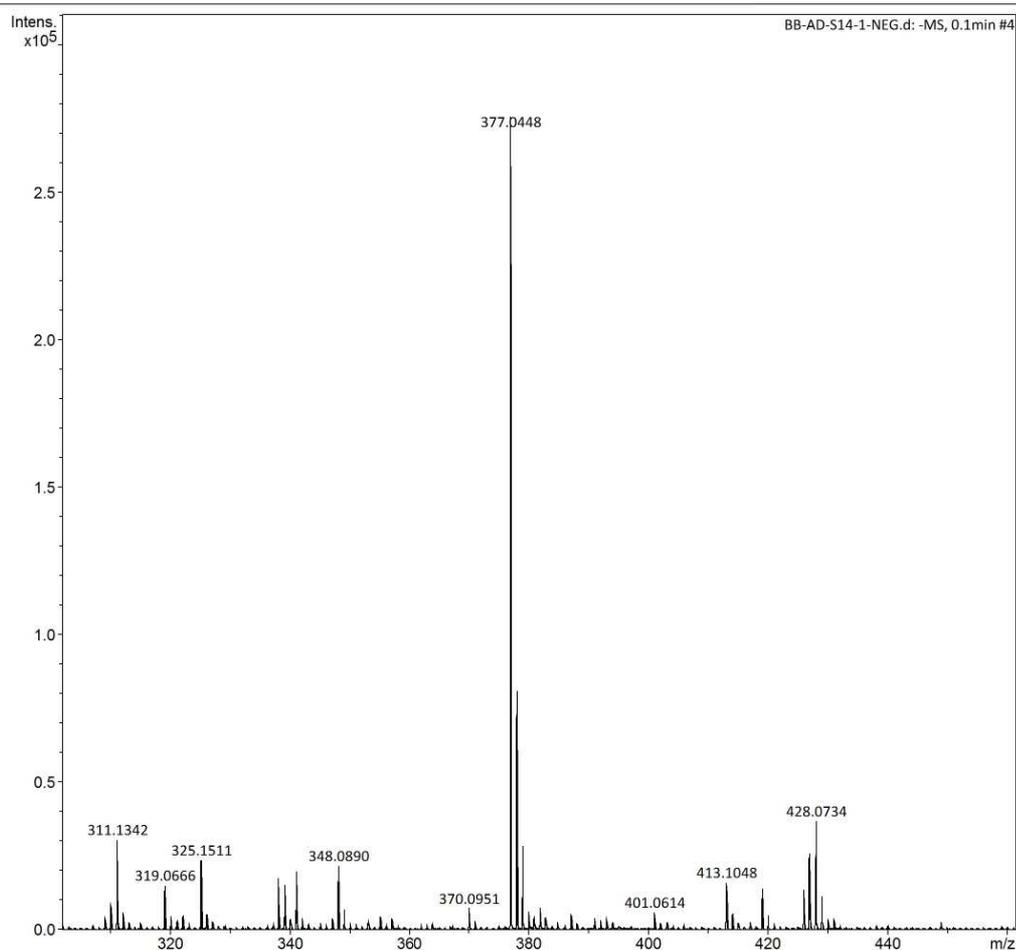
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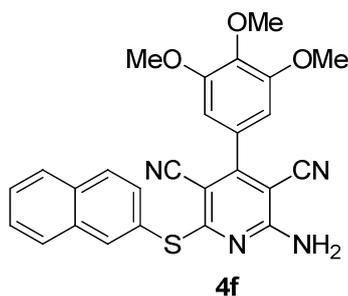
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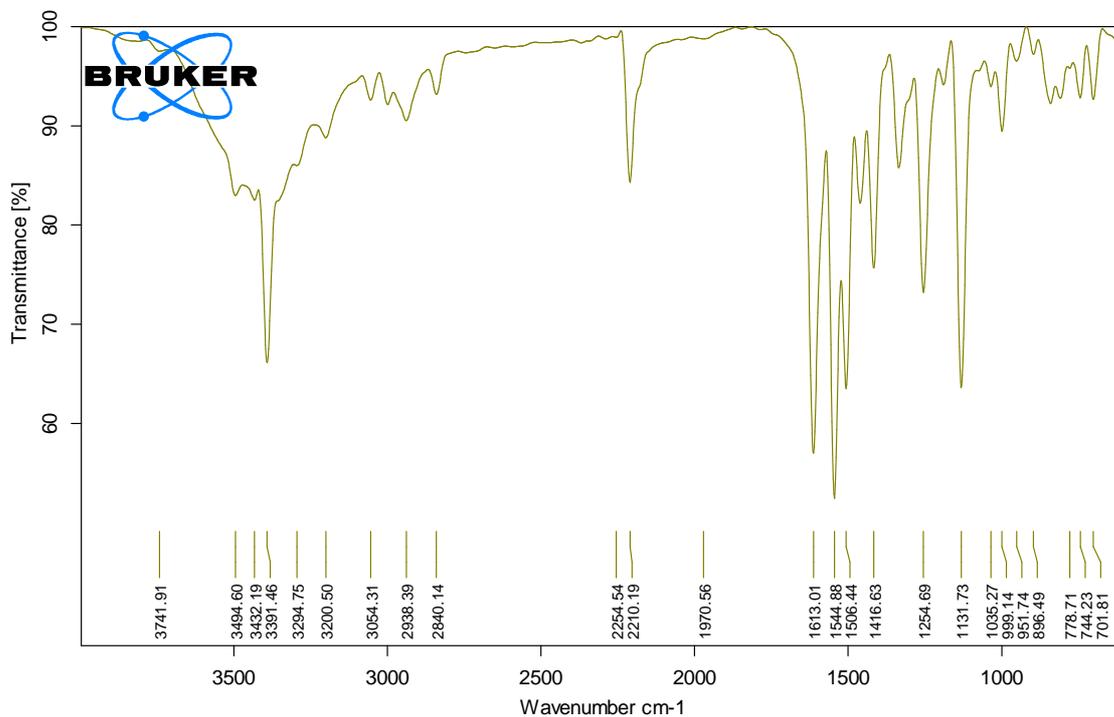
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Figure S20. HRMS spectrum of **4e**



*2-Amino-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile* (**4f**).

White solid, yield 93%; mp 236-240 °C; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3391, 3200, 3054, 2210, 1545, 1417, 1132, 779, 744, 702; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 8.21 (s, 1H aromatic H), 7.60-7.59 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H, aromatic H), 7.91 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, aromatic H), 7.68 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.58 (d, 3H, *J* = 6 Hz, aromatic H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 1H, aromatic H) 3.80 (s, 6H, 2X -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 166.87, 160.28, 158.88, 153.37 (2C), 150.87, 139.58, 134.81, 133.82, 133.57, 131.98, 129.43, 128.52, 128.23, 127.97, 127.27, 125.43, 117.44, 115.69, 107.10, 106.11, 94.22, 87.76, 60.71, 56.81; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 468.1256; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 467.4878.



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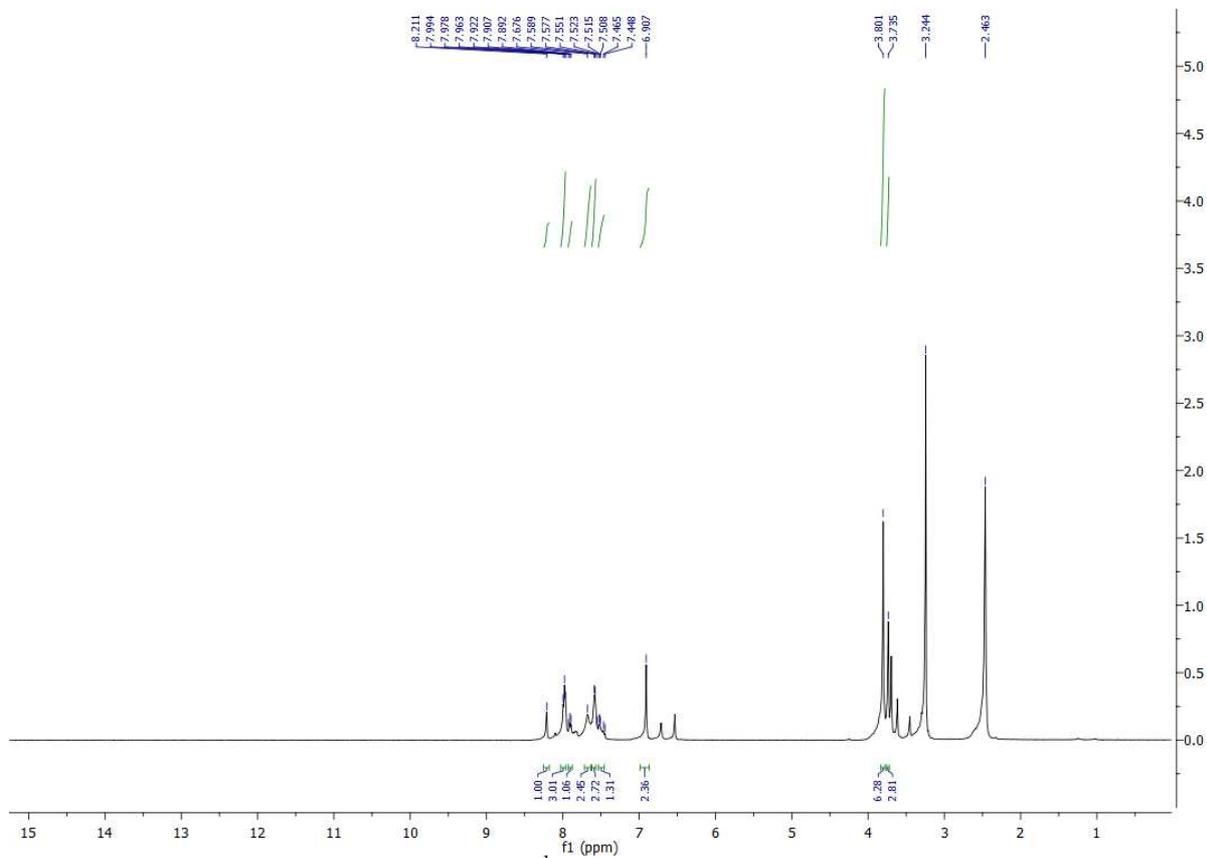


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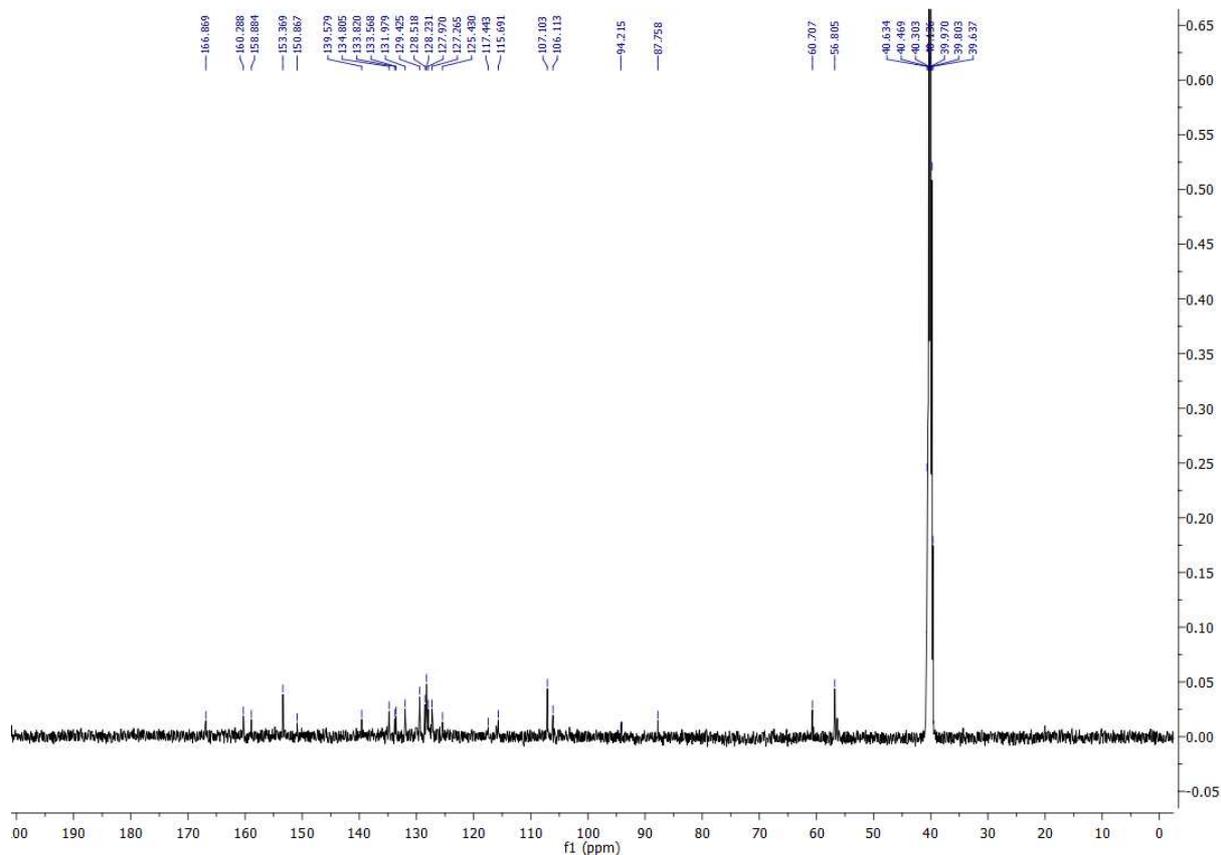


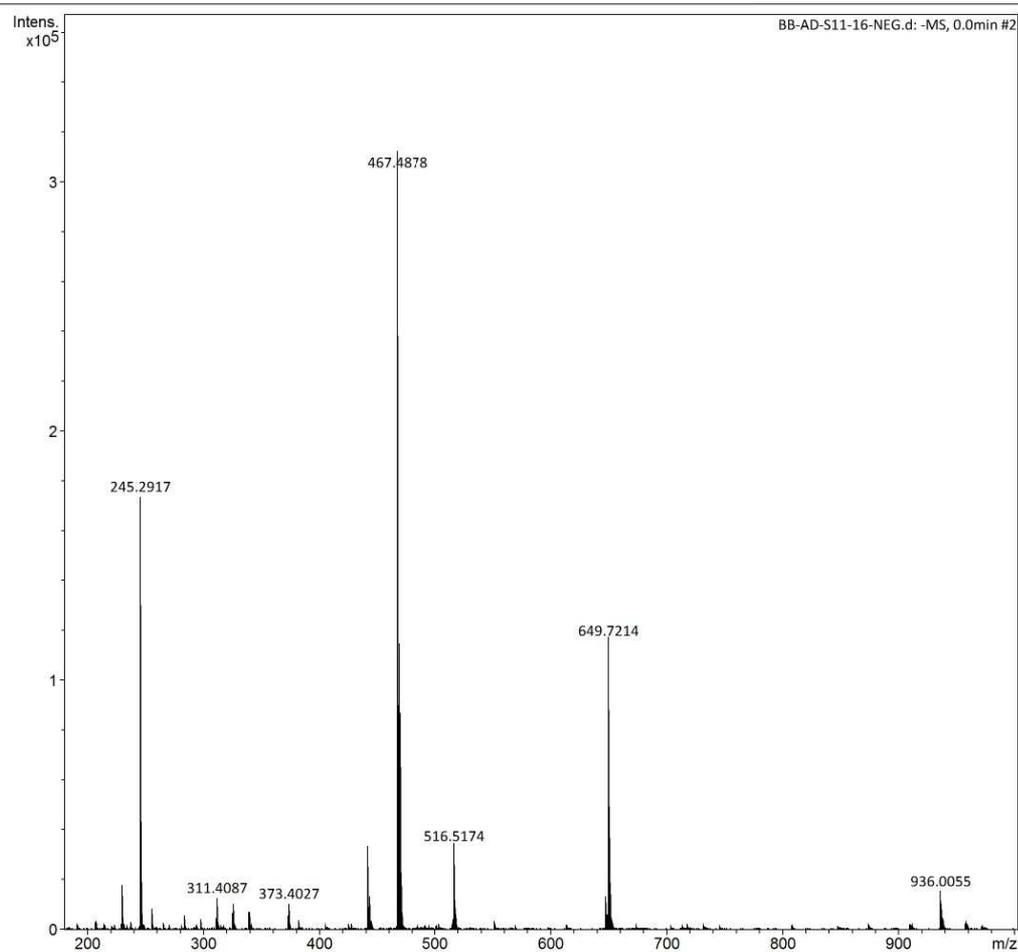
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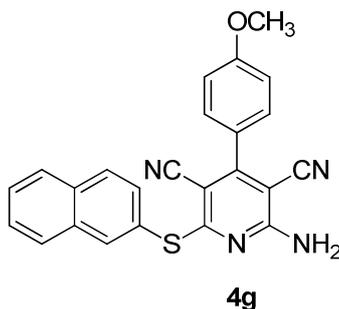
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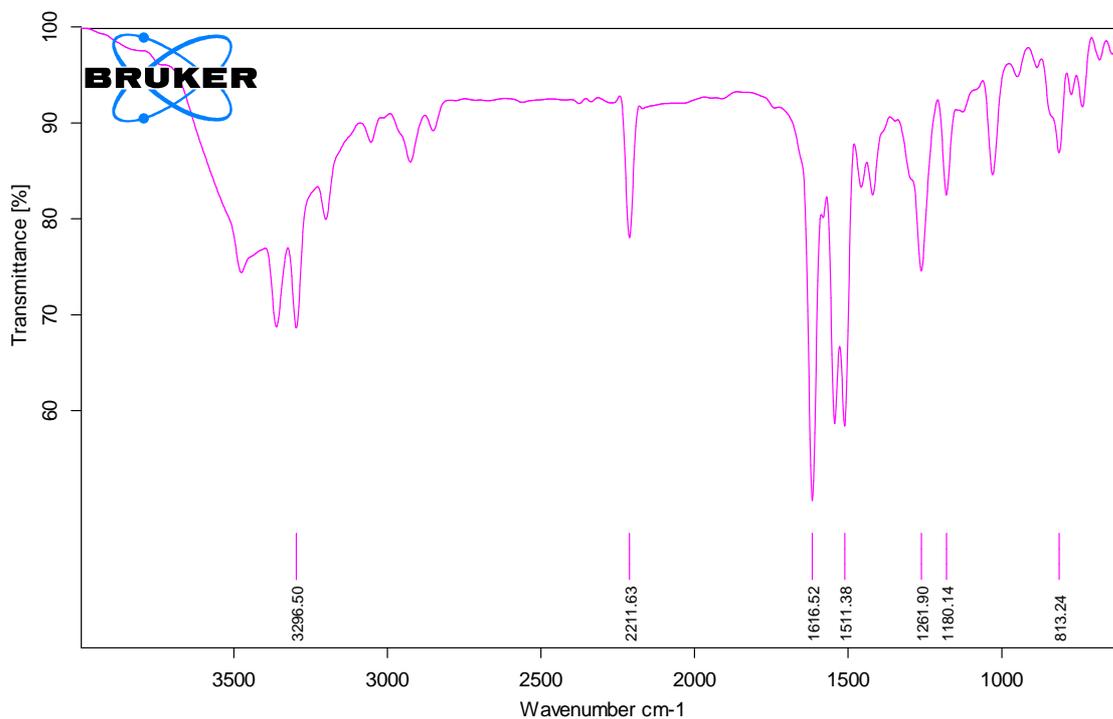
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Figure S24. HRMS spectrum of **4f**



*2-Amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile* (**4g**). White solid, yield 91%; mp 208-211 °C; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3297, 2212, 1617, 1511, 1262, 1180, 813; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 8.22 (d, 1H aromatic H), 7.98 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H, aromatic H), 7.71 (br s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.59-7.56 (m, 3H, aromatic H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.10 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, aromatic H), 3.82 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 166.95, 161.39, 160.38, 158.86, 134.85, 133.79, 133.54, 132.06, 130.85, 130.81, 129.41, 128.51, 128.24, 127.98, 127.26, 126.33, 125.39, 116.20, 115.84, 114.68, 114.62, 93.91, 87.55, 55.86; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 408.1045; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 407.2195.



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Figure S25. FTIR spectrum of **4g**

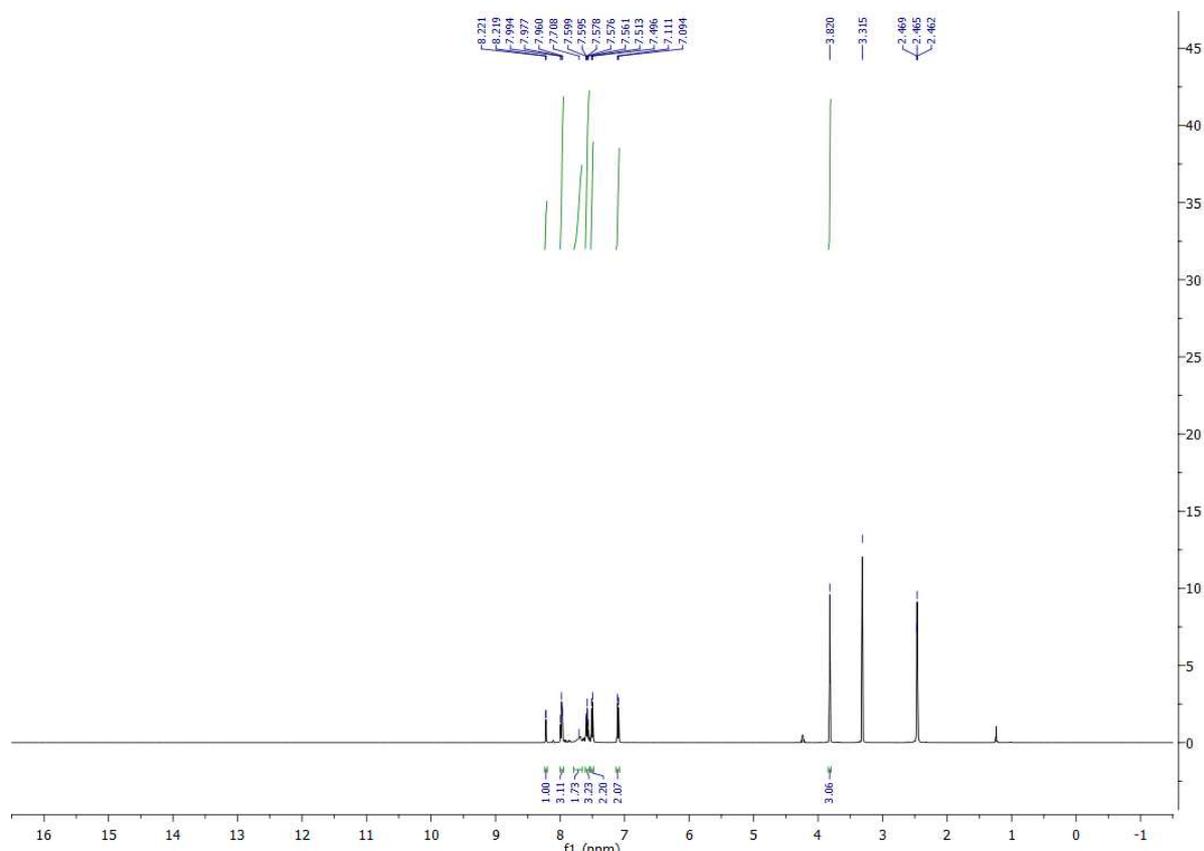


Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4g**

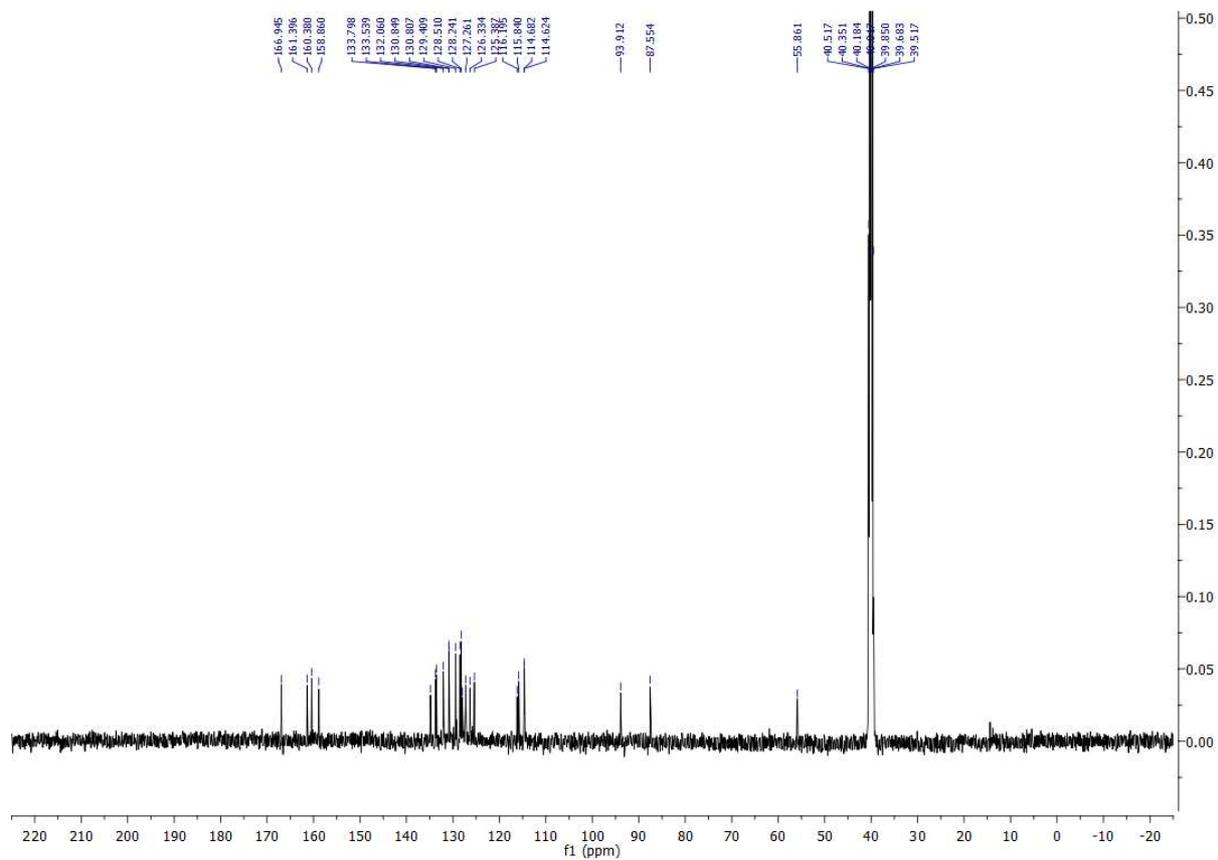


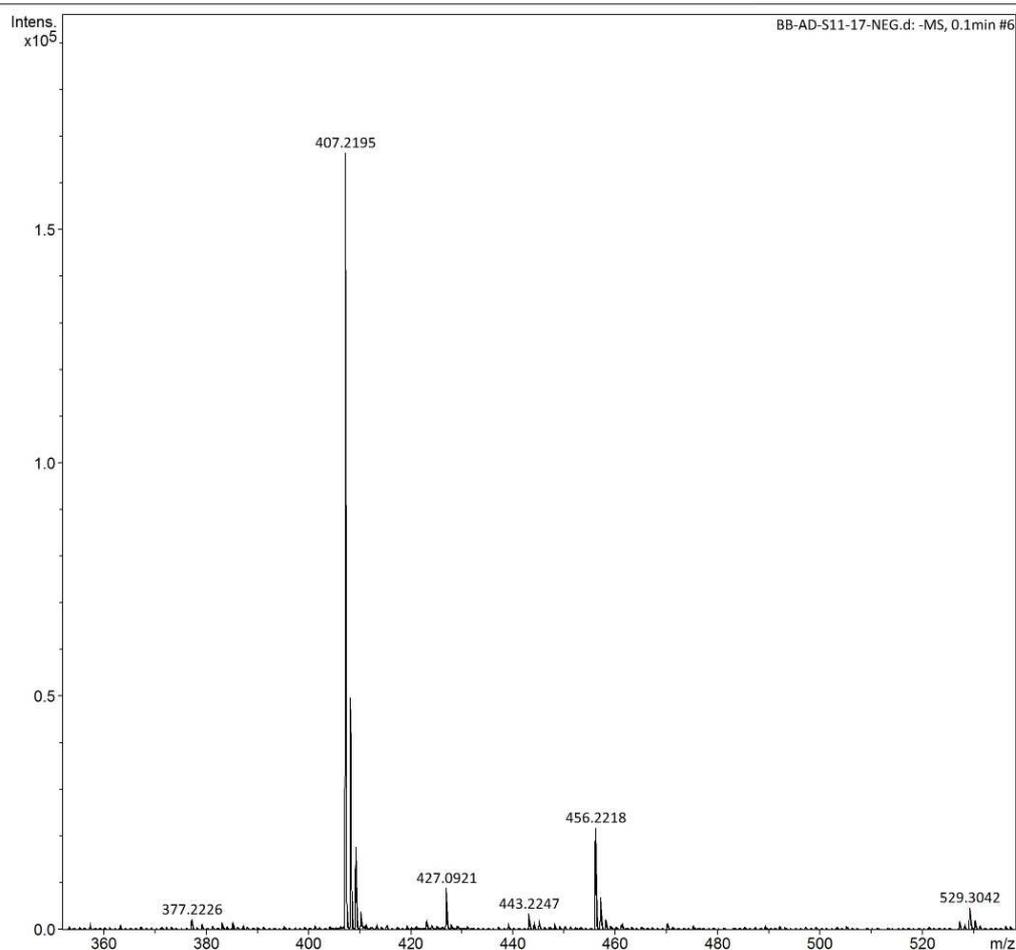
Figure S27.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4g**

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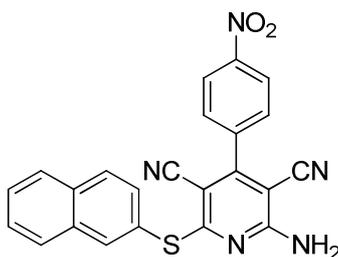
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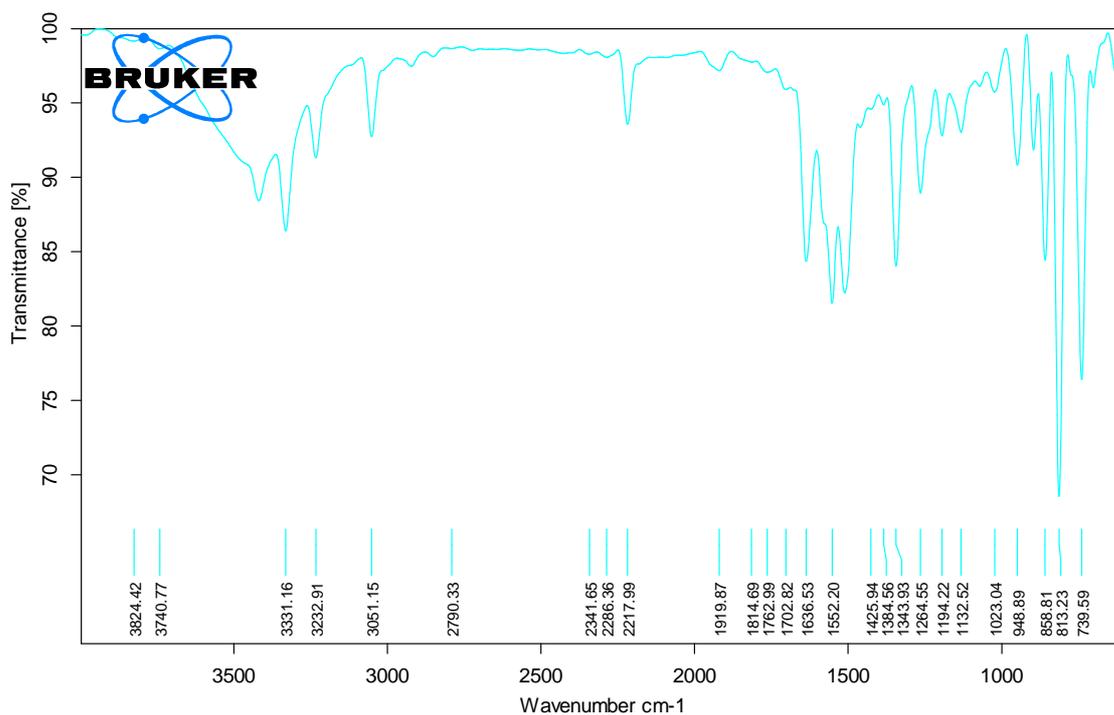
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Figure S28. HRMS spectrum of **4g**



**4h**

*2-amino-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4h)*. Yellow solid, yield 95%; mp 154-157 °C; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3331, 3233, 3051, 2218, 1637, 1552, 1344, 1023, 813, 740; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 8.09 (s, 2H, aromatic H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 4H aromatic H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H, aromatic H), 7.51 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H aromatic H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 175.12, 164.51, 155.35, 133.79 (2C), 133.62, 132.71, 129.80 (2C), 128.24 (2C), 127.92 (2C), 127.57 (2C), 127.13, 127.04 (2C), 125.96 (2C), 122.81, 117.20, 77.56; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: For C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 423.0790; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 422.2160.



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Figure S29. FTIR spectrum of **4h**

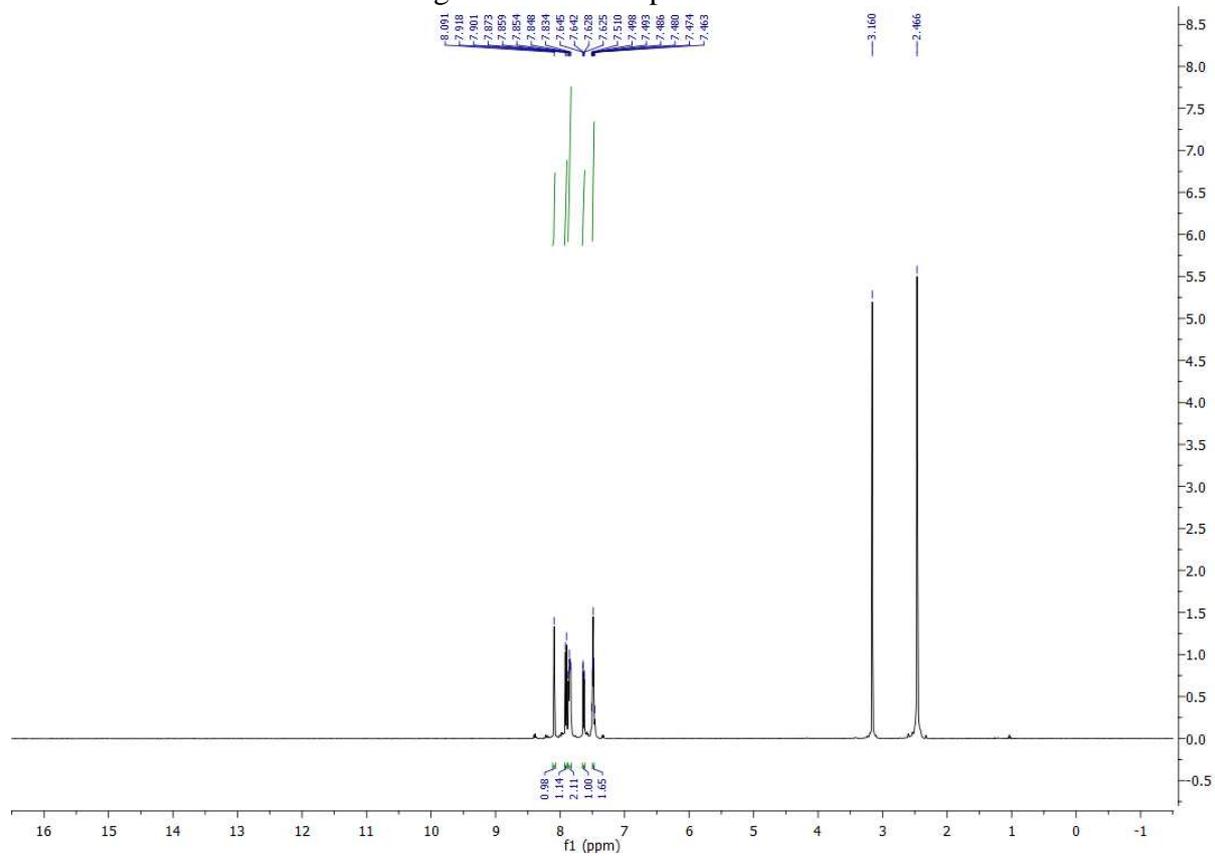


Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4h**

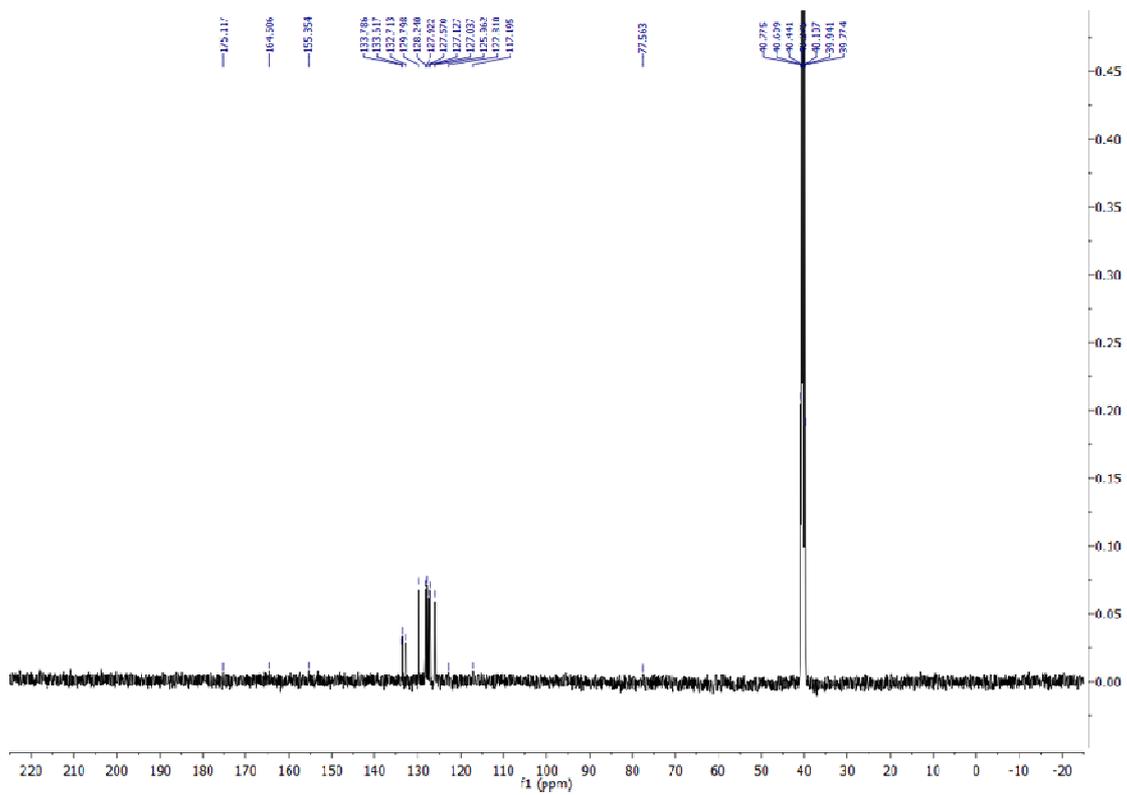


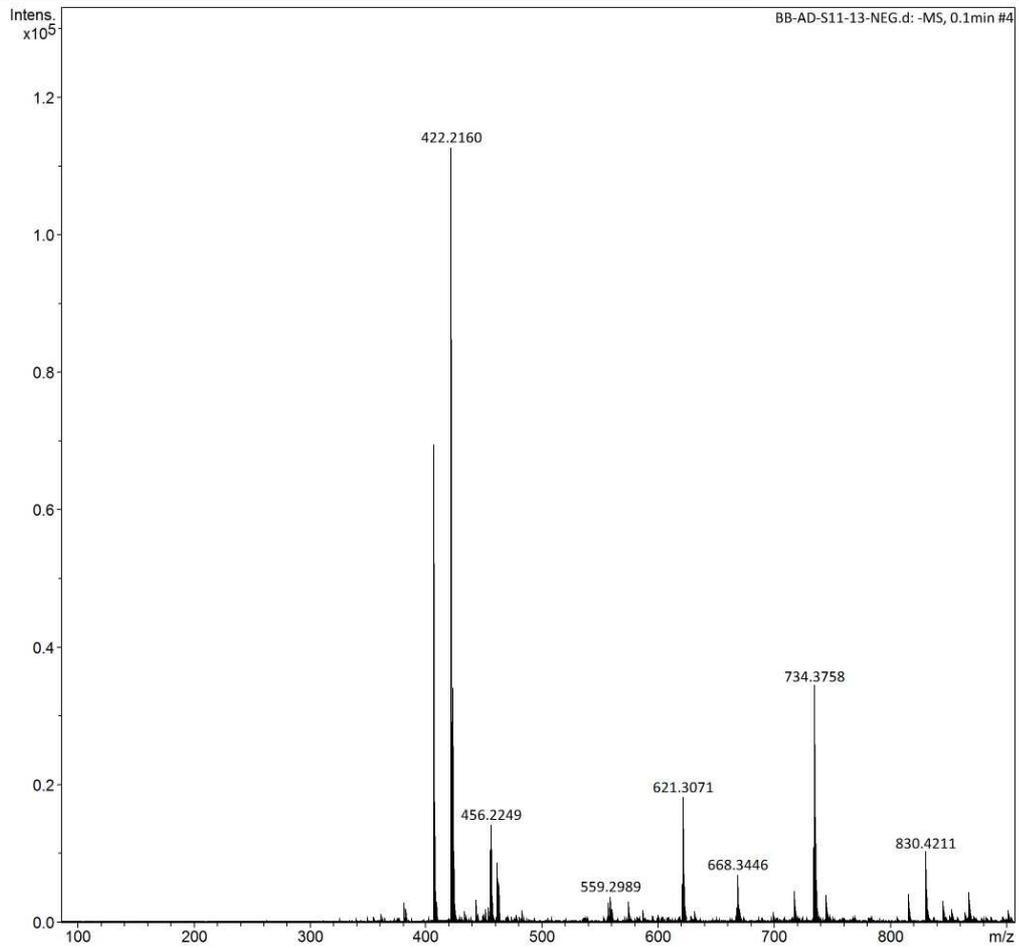
Figure S31.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4h**

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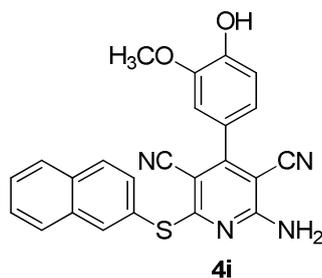
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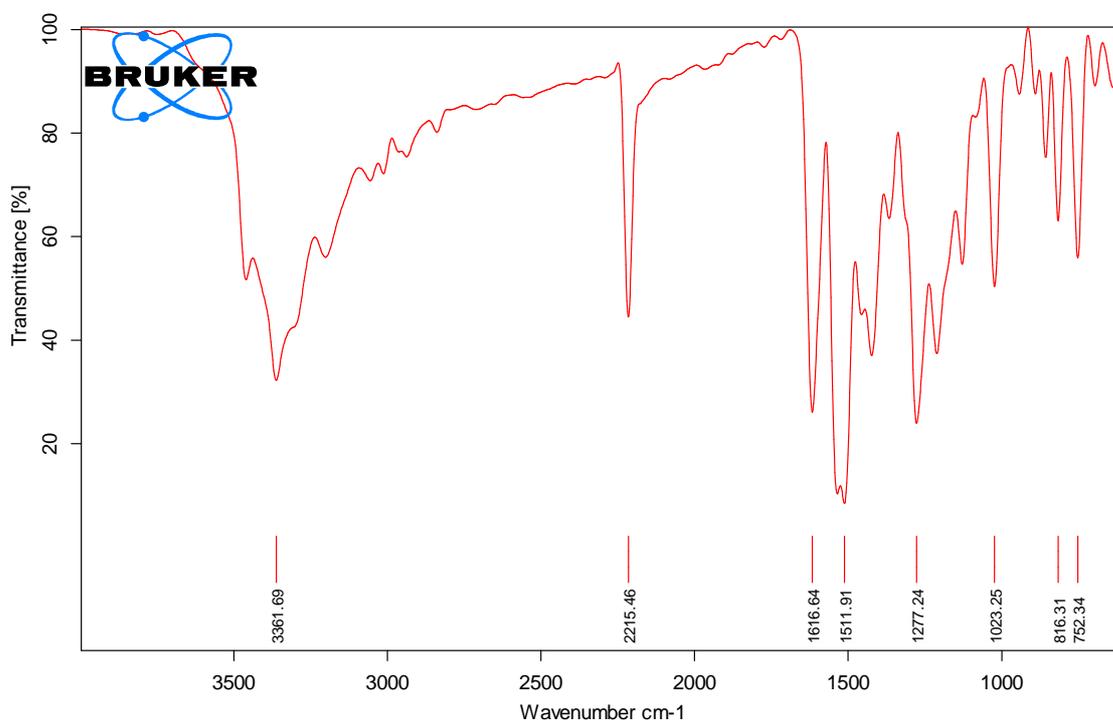
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Figure S32. HRMS spectrum of **4h**



*2-amino-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)pyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (4i)*. White solid, yield 94%; mp 205-209 °C; FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3362, 3056, 2786, 2215, 1617, 1512, 1277, 1023, 816, 752; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub>/ppm 9.49 (s, 1H, OH), 8.20 (s, 1H, aromatic H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 3H aromatic H), 7.58 (m, 2H, aromatic H), 7.51 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H aromatic H), 7.15(d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, aromatic H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8, 2 Hz, 1H, aromatic H), 6.95 (d, 1H, aromatic H), 3.80 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>C</sub>/ppm 169.03, 166.83, 161.29, 160.46, 159.08, 149.48, 148.02, 134.69 (2C), 131.91 (2C), 129.34, 128.50 (2C), 128.20 (2C), 127.89, 127.20, 122.50, 116.19, 113.86, 94.34, 87.70, 56.53; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: For C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S Calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> 424.0994; Found [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 423.4188.



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Figure S33. FTIR spectrum of **4i**

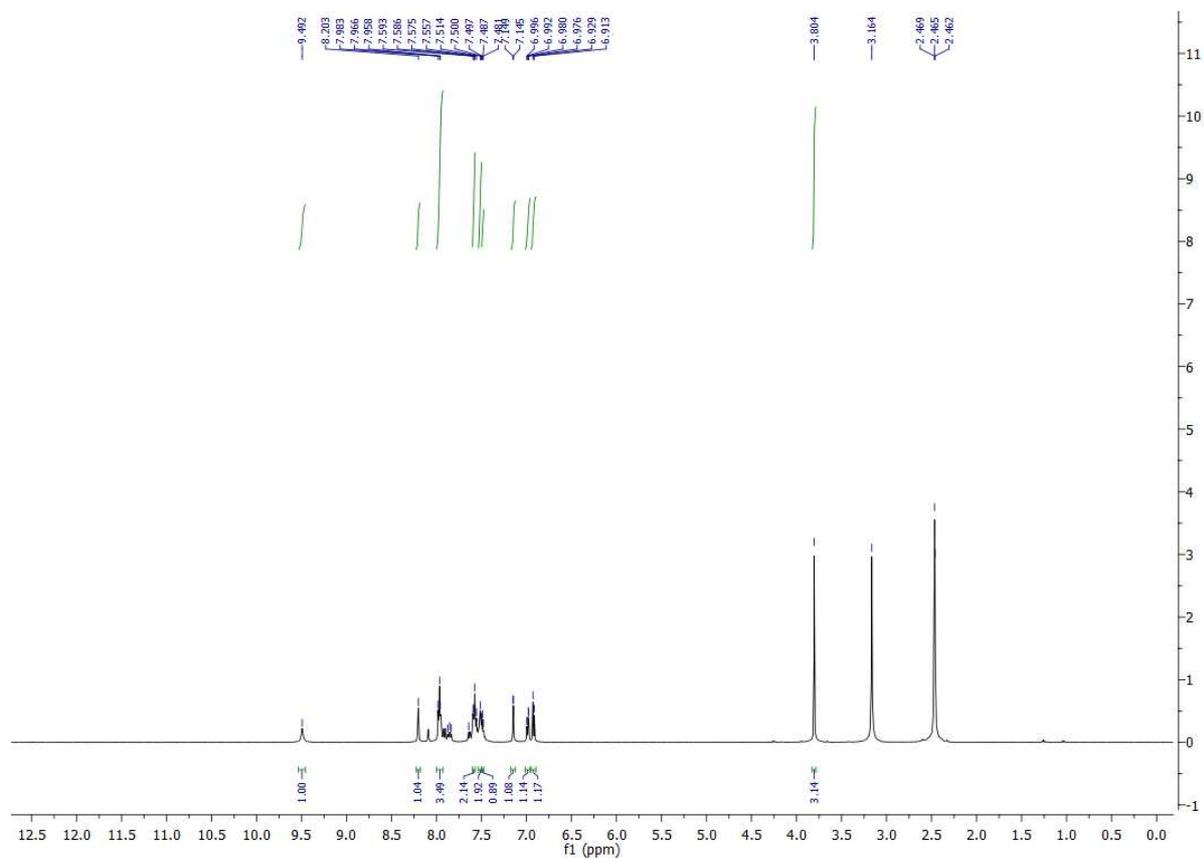


Figure S34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4i**



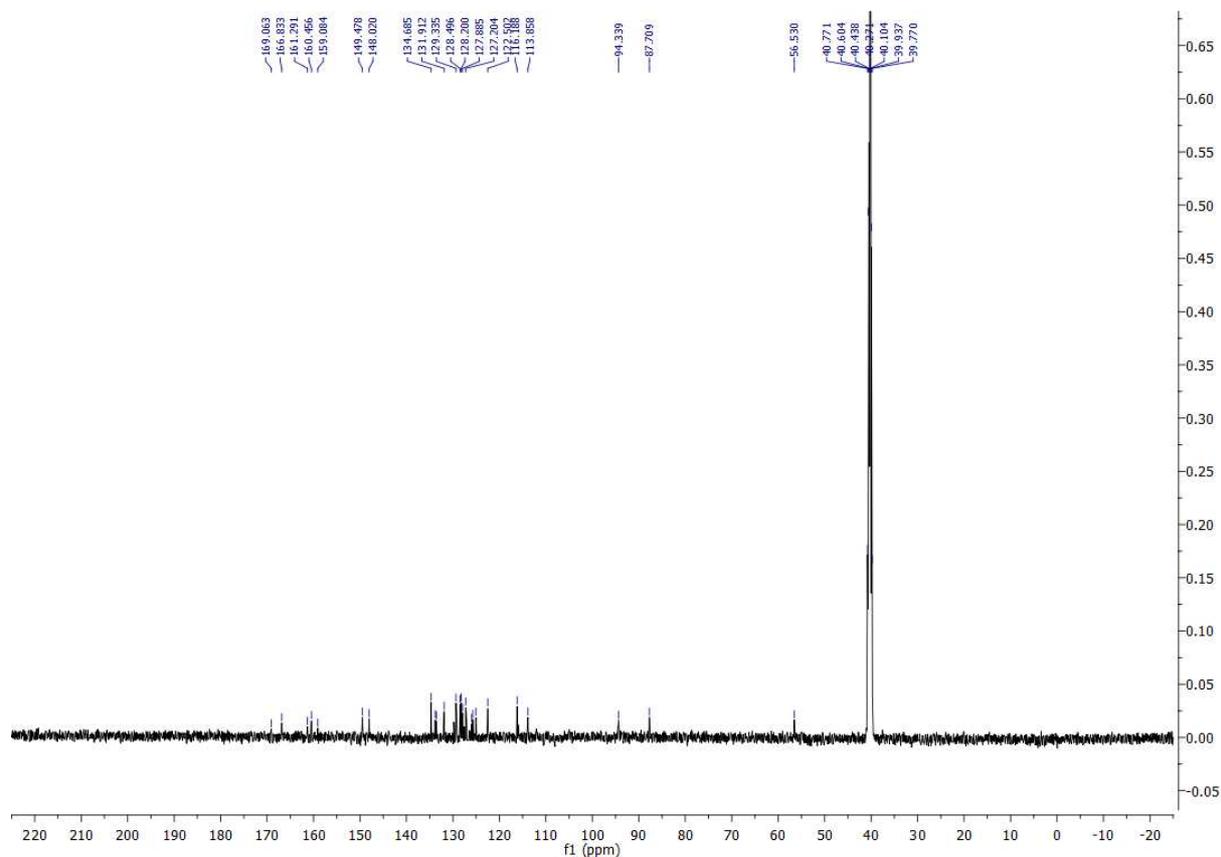


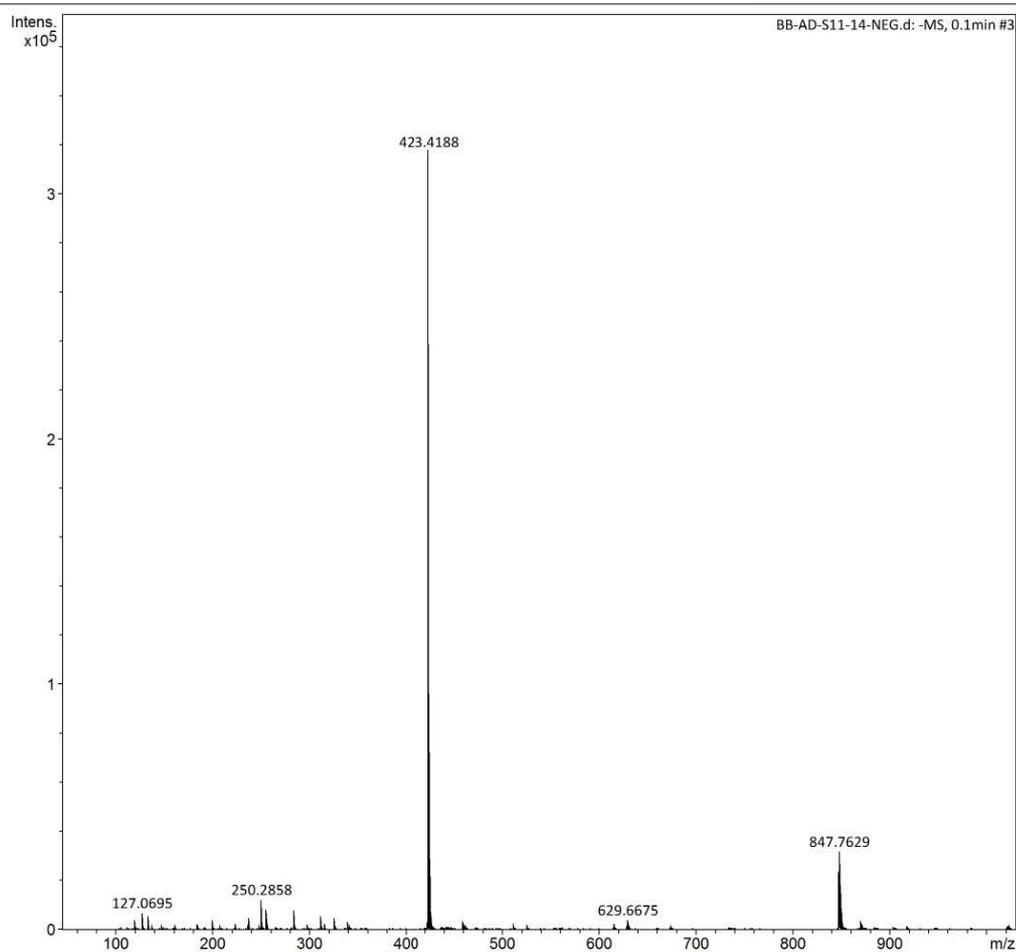
Figure S35.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4i**

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Figure S36. HRMS spectrum of **4i**

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