

Synthesis of trialkyl semithioglycolurils from alkylthiourea-glyoxal cyclic adducts and dialkylureas

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General

All reagents (Acros) were used as purchased, unless otherwise indicated. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded at 25 to 30 °C using Bruker AM300 (¹H, 300.13 MHz; ¹³C, 75.5 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in the δ scale relative to Me₄Si as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using the electrospray ionization method (ESI). Infrared spectra were obtained on a BrukerALPHA spectrometer using KBr pellets and reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Melting points were determined in a SMP10 instrument (Stuart).

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Spectral data of compounds 1a-h

1,3-Diethyl-4-methyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one **1a**. Beige powder. Yield 52% (0.30 g), mp 180 – 182 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3206, 1693, 1672, 1508, 1450, 1405, 1359, 1322, 1288, 1260, 1222, 1206, 1119, 1102, 1067, 1022, 976, 929, 917, 840, 798, 777, 755, 700, 657, 632, 586. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 1.06 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 1.10 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 3.11 (s, 3H, NMe); 3.09 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 14.2 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 3.17 – 3.33 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃); 3.42 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 14.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 5.40 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, CH); 5.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 9.31 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 12.81, 13.16 (CMe), 32.22 (NMe), 35.68, 37.56 (NCH₂), 66.59, 74.41 (HC-CH), 157.05 (C=O), 182.23 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 229.1114 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₉H₁₆N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 229.1118); *m/z*: 251.0936 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₉H₁₆N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 251.0937).

1,3,4-Trimethyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one **1b**. Beige powder. Yield 58% (0.29 g), mp 191 – 193 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3180, 1724, 1505, 1449, 1410, 1392, 1336, 1269, 1239, 1209, 1116, 1062, 1035, 1002, 918, 862, 788, 748, 728, 670, 652, 609, 575. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 2.70 (s, 3H, NMe); 2.88 (s, 3H, NMe); 3.12 (s, 3H, NMe); 5.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, CH); 5.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, CH); 9.32 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 28.15, 30.26, 32.28 (Me), 68.42, 76.51 (HC-CH), 157.72 (C=O), 182.25 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 201.0811 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₇H₁₂N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 201.0805); *m/z*: 223.0622 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₇H₁₂N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 223.0624).

4-Methyl-1,3-dipropyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one **1c**. Grey powder. Yield 46% (0.30 g), mp 166 – 168 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3234, 1672, 1503, 1459, 1429, 1404, 1382, 1330, 1270, 1250, 1218, 1197, 1117, 1076, 1010, 969, 942, 896, 858, 795, 760, 743, 727, 682, 662, 648, 627, 584. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 0.81 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 0.82 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 1.37 – 1.67 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₃); 3.10 (s, 3H, NMe); 2.96 – 3.22 (m, 3H, NCH₂CH₂); 3.28 – 3.39 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH₂); 5.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 5.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 9.31 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆/D₂O (98/2)): δ (ppm) 11.04, 11.16 (CMe), 20.36, 20.66 (CCH₂C), 32.56 (NMe), 42.59, 44.38 (NCH₂), 66.85, 66.96 (HC(6a)), 74.66 (HC(3a)), 157.73 (C=O), 182.35 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 257.1438 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₁H₂₀N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 257.1431); *m/z*: 279.1256 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₁H₂₀N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 279.1250).

4-Ethyl-1,3-dimethyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one **1d**. Beige powder. Yield 63% (0.34 g), mp 183 – 185 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3275, 1692, 1508, 1484, 1422, 1403, 1379, 1324, 1250, 1228, 1123, 1082, 1068, 1038, 958, 861, 792, 750, 666, 645, 578,

556. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 1.15 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 2.69 (s, 3H, NMe); 2.88 (s, 3H, NMe); 3.43 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 14.2 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 3.79 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 14.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 5.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 5.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 9.31 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆/D₂O (98/2)): δ (ppm) 12.45 (CMe), 28.15(NMe), 30.59 (NCH₂), 68.59, 68.70 (HC(6a)), 74.76 (HC(3a)), 158.07 (C=O), 181.72 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 215.0971 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₈H₁₄N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 215.0961); *m/z*: 237.0787 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₈H₁₄N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 237.0781).

*1,3,4-Triethyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1H)-one* **1e**. Beige powder. Yield 58% (0.35 g), mp 154 – 156 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3232, 1692, 1673, 1492, 1437, 1379, 1355, 1320, 1260, 1238, 1209, 1123, 1064, 1027, 952, 918, 838, 800, 775, 756, 703, 660, 625, 584. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 1.05 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 1.14 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 3.01 – 3.54 (m, 5H, CH₂CH₃); 3.87 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 14.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 5.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, CH); 5.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, CH); 9.29 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆/D₂O (98/2)): δ (ppm) 12.37, 12.93, 13.19 (CMe), 35.85, 37.88, 39.43 (NCH₂), 66.75, 66.85 (HC(6a)), 72.23 (HC(3a)), 157.38 (C=O), 181.72 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 243.1285 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₀H₁₈N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 243.1274); *m/z*: 265.1099 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₀H₁₈N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 265.1094).

*4-Ethyl-1,3-dipropyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1H)-one* **1f**. Grey powder. Yield 60% (0.40 g), mp 132 – 133 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3231, 1673, 1487, 1462, 1431, 1374, 1321, 1239, 1199, 1124, 1076 1017, 959, 935, 893, 856, 798, 780, 755, 699, 653, 627, 594, 574. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 0.81 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂CH₂CH₃); 0.82 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂CH₂CH₃); 1.14 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); 1.37 – 1.67 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₃); 2.96 – 3.22 (m, 3H, NCH₂); 3.28 – 3.43 (m, 2H, NCH₂); 3.86 (dq, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 14.4 Hz, NCH₂CH₃); 5.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 5.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH); 9.28 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆/D₂O (98/2)): δ (ppm) 11.08, 11.17 (CH₂CH₂Me), 12.42 (NCH₂Me), 20.31, 20.68 (CCH₂C), 39.59, 42.54, 44.48 (NCH₂), 66.92, 67.03 (HC(6a)), 72.35 (HC(3a)), 157.84 (C=O), 181.75 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 271.1587 [M+H]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₂H₂₂N₄OS+H, *m/z*: 271.1587); *m/z*: 293.1402 [M+Na]⁺ (calc. for: C₁₂H₂₂N₄OS+Na, *m/z*: 293.1407).

*4-Isobutyl-1,3-dimethyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-*d*]imidazol-2(1H)-one* **1g**. Beige powder. Yield 66% (0.40 g), mp 153 – 155 °C (H₂O). IR (v/cm⁻¹): 3269, 1699, 1680, 1505, 1416, 1400, 1372, 1317, 1282, 1265, 1230, 1172, 1038, 1017, 888, 862, 793, 761, 748, 666, 642, 588, 573. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 0.84 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CHCH₃); 0.94 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CHCH₃); 2.08 – 2.23 (m, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 2.70 (s, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, NCH₃); 2.88 (s, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, NCH₃); 3.10 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz, *J* = 14.0 Hz, NCH₂CH);

3.78 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.6$ Hz, $J = 13.8$ Hz, NCH_2CH); 5.28 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, CH); 5.45 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, CH); 9.33 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ (98/2)): δ (ppm) 19.60, 20.28 (CH_2CHMe_2), 25.80 (NCH_2CH), 28.16, 31.29 (NMe), 51.18 (NCH_2), 68.52, 68.63 (HC(6a)), 74.82 (HC(3a)), 158.26 (C=O), 182.36, 182.43 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 243.1282 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calc. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OS}+\text{H}$, m/z : 243.1274); m/z : 265.1101 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (calc. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{OS}+\text{Na}$, m/z : 265.1094).

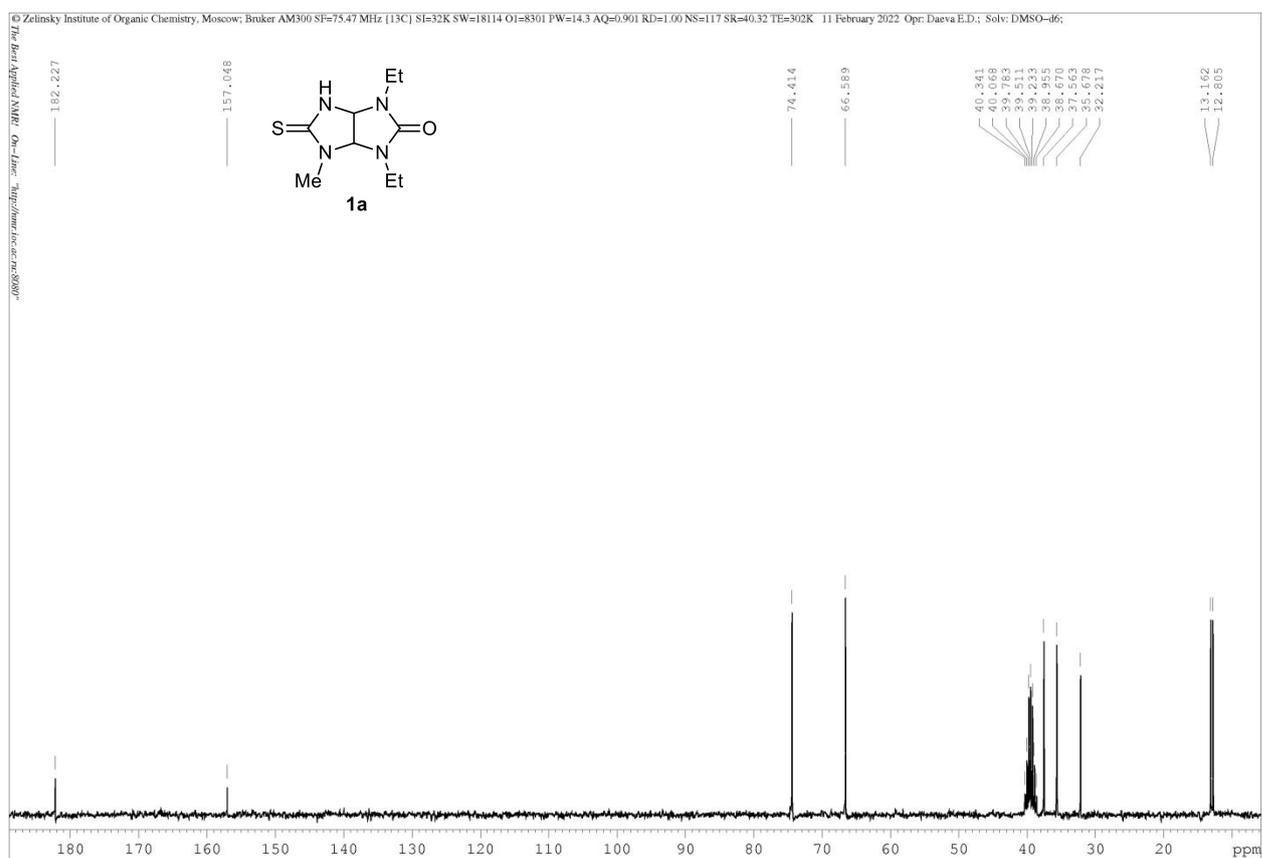
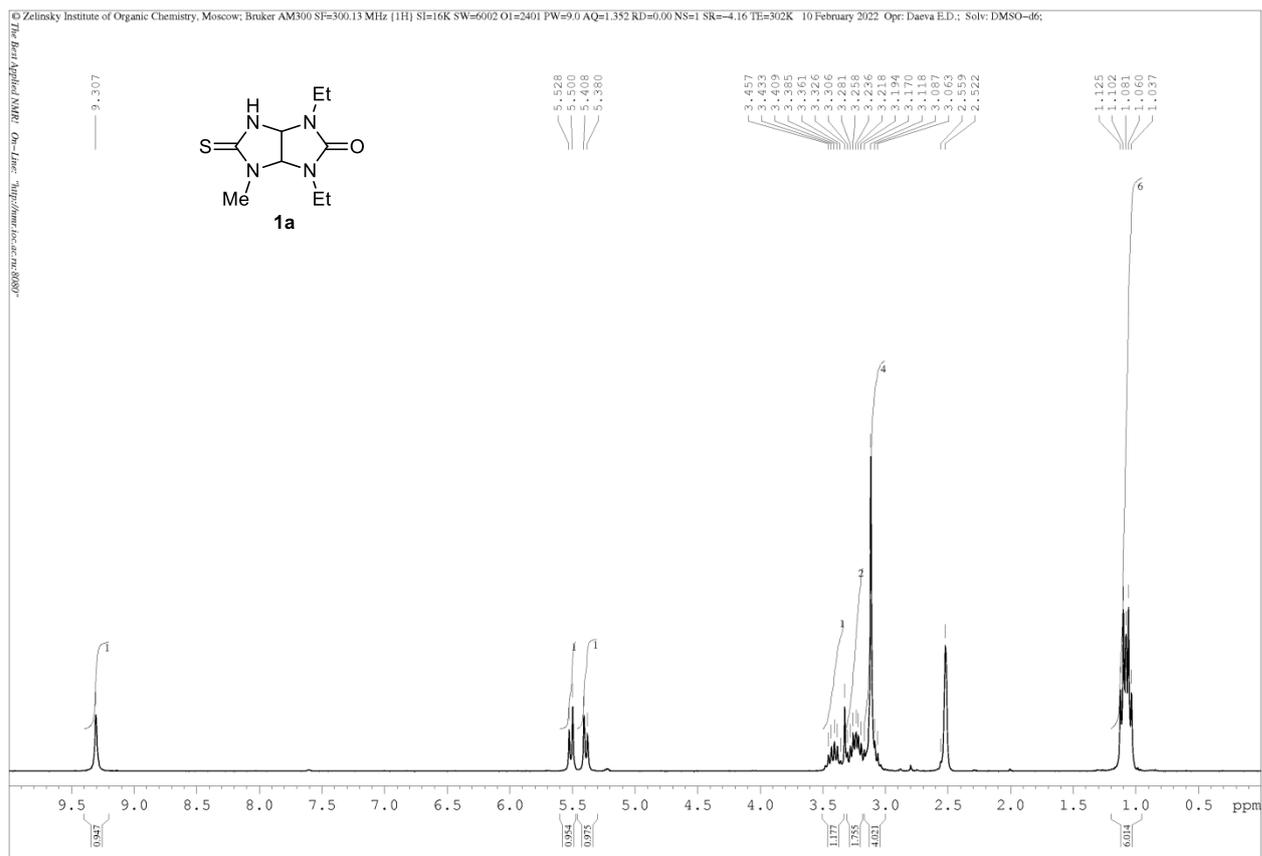
1,3-Diethyl-4-isobutyl-5-thioxohexahydroimidazo[4,5-d]imidazol-2(1H)-one **1h**. Beige crystals. Yield 58% (0.39 g), mp 132 – 134 °C (H_2O), 132 – 134 °C (EtOAc). IR (v/cm^{-1}): 3225, 1696, 1500, 1465, 1437, 1380, 1358, 1330, 1297, 1275, 1256, 1239, 1200, 1132, 1069, 1019, 913, 888, 851, 820, 789, 771, 757, 742, 655, 596, 567. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ (ppm) 0.84 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, CHCH_3); 0.94 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz, CHCH_3); 1.06 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH_2CH_3); 1.07 (t, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz, CH_2CH_3); 2.03 – 2.21 (m, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); 2.96 – 3.14 (m, 2H+1H, $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_3+\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}$); 3.28 (dq, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $J = 14.4$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3); 3.38 – 3.49 (m, 1H, NCH_2CH_3); 3.82 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.5$ Hz, $J = 14.0$ Hz, NCH_2CH); 5.41 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, CH); 5.57 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, CH); 9.31 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ (98/2)): δ (ppm) 12.87, 13.21 (NCH_2Me), 19.66, 20.26 (CH_2CHMe_2), 26.00 (NCH_2CH), 35.78, 38.48 (NCH_2Me), 50.93 (NCH_2CH), 66.62, 66.73 (HC(6a)), 72.36 (HC(3a)), 157.48 (C=O), 182.33 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 271.1596 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calc. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OS}+\text{H}$, m/z : 271.1587); m/z : 293.1416 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (calc. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OS}+\text{Na}$, m/z : 293.1407).

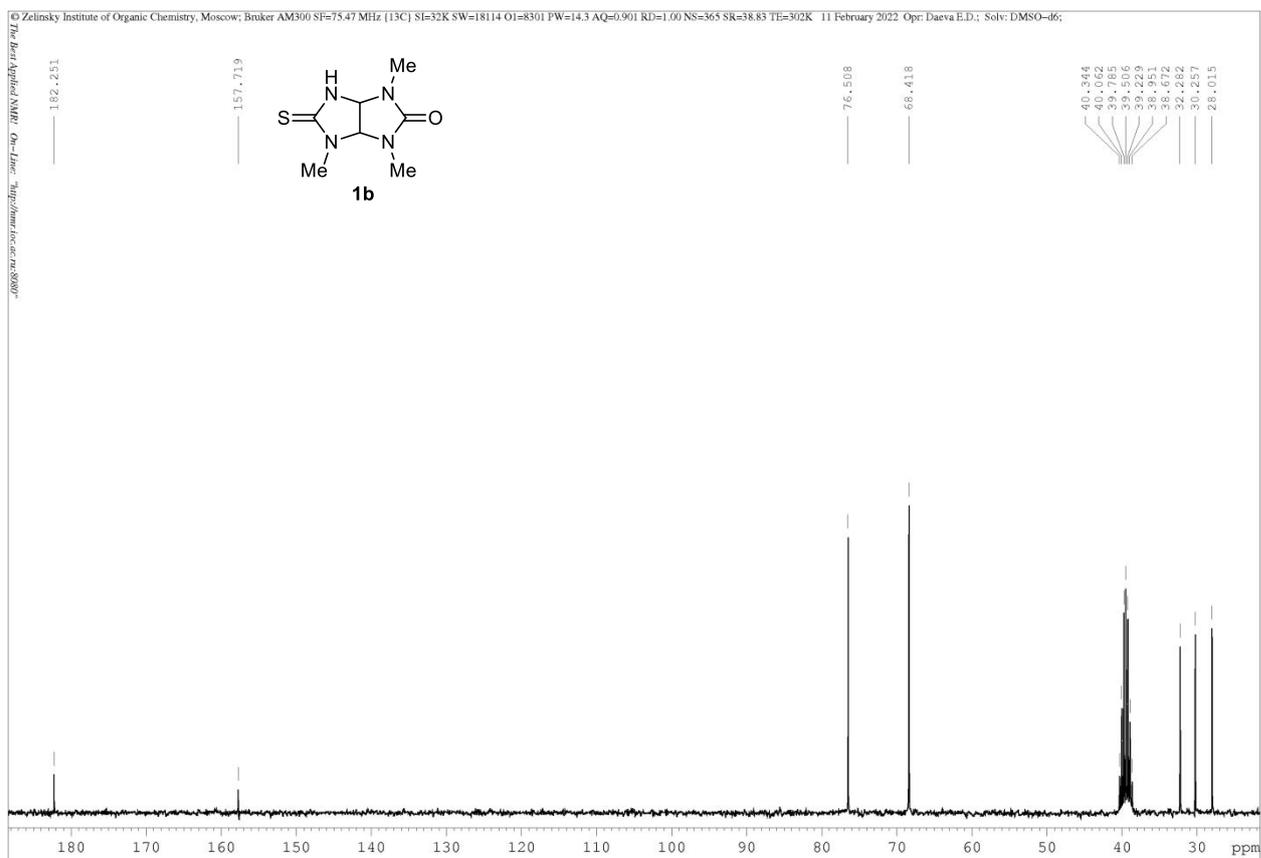
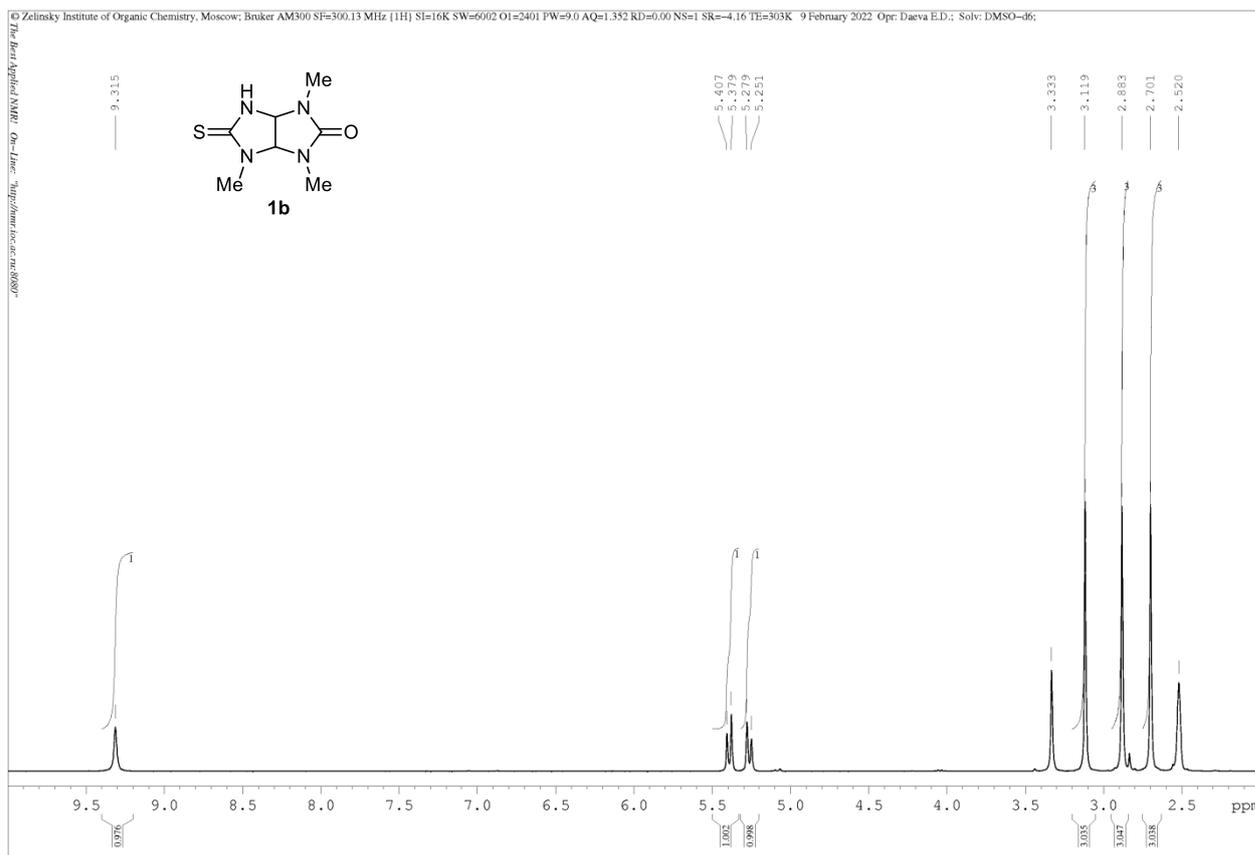
Synthesis and spectral data of compound **4c**

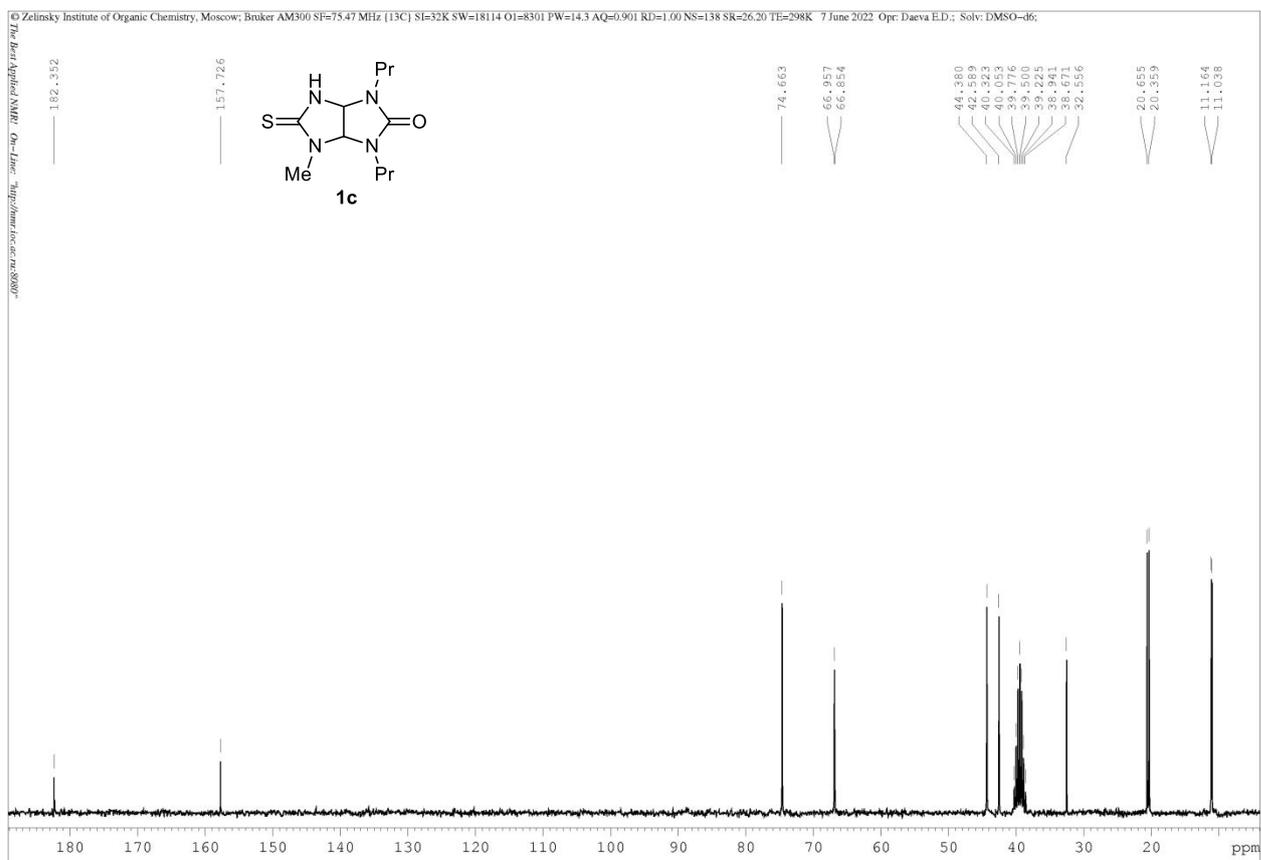
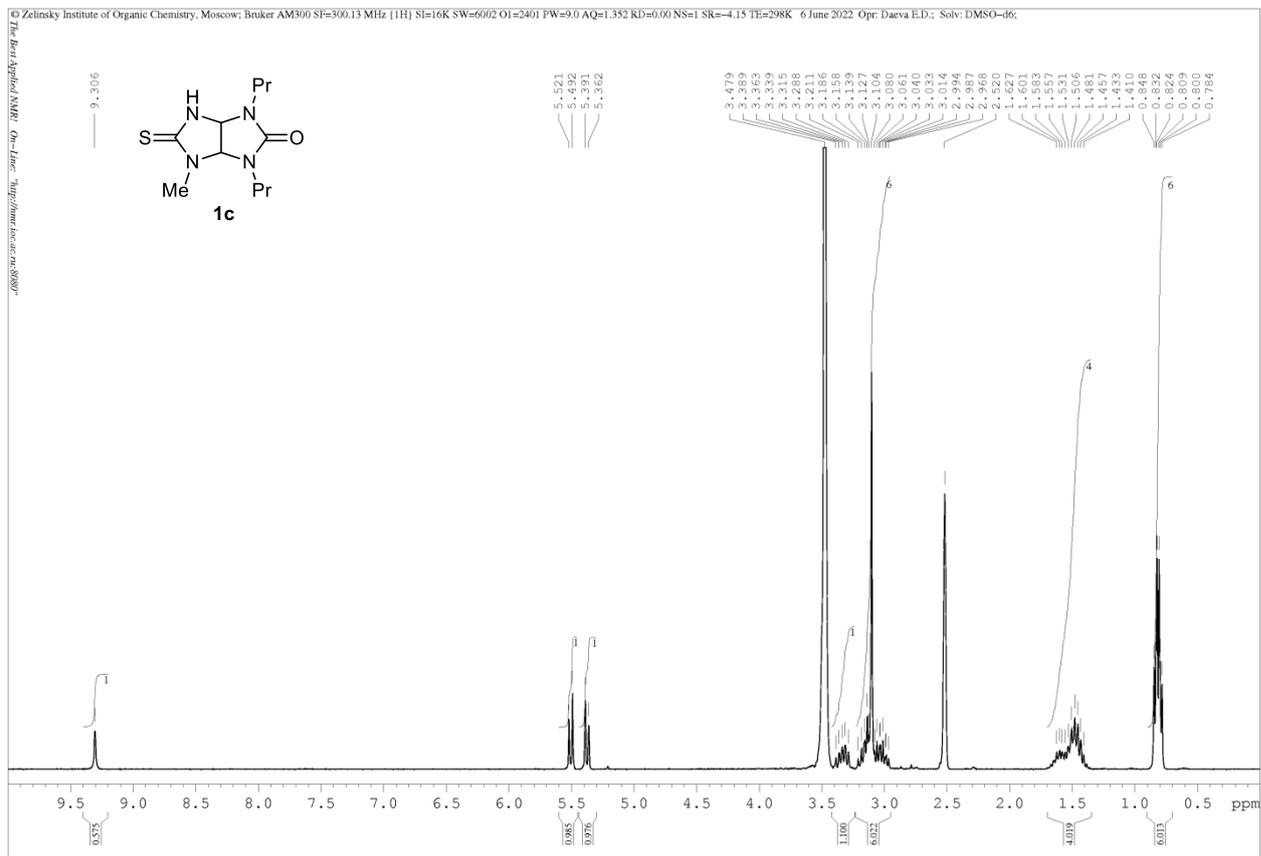
A suspension of 1-isobutylthiourea **2c** (3.30 g, 25 mmol), glyoxal trimer dihydrate (1.75 g, 8.33 mmol) in water (20 ml) was stirred at 45 °C for 1 h. The formed precipitate of compound **4c** was filtered off and dried in air. The second crop of the product was obtained by evaporation of filtrate to dryness. The residue was triturated with H_2O , and the formed precipitate of compound **4c** was filtered off.

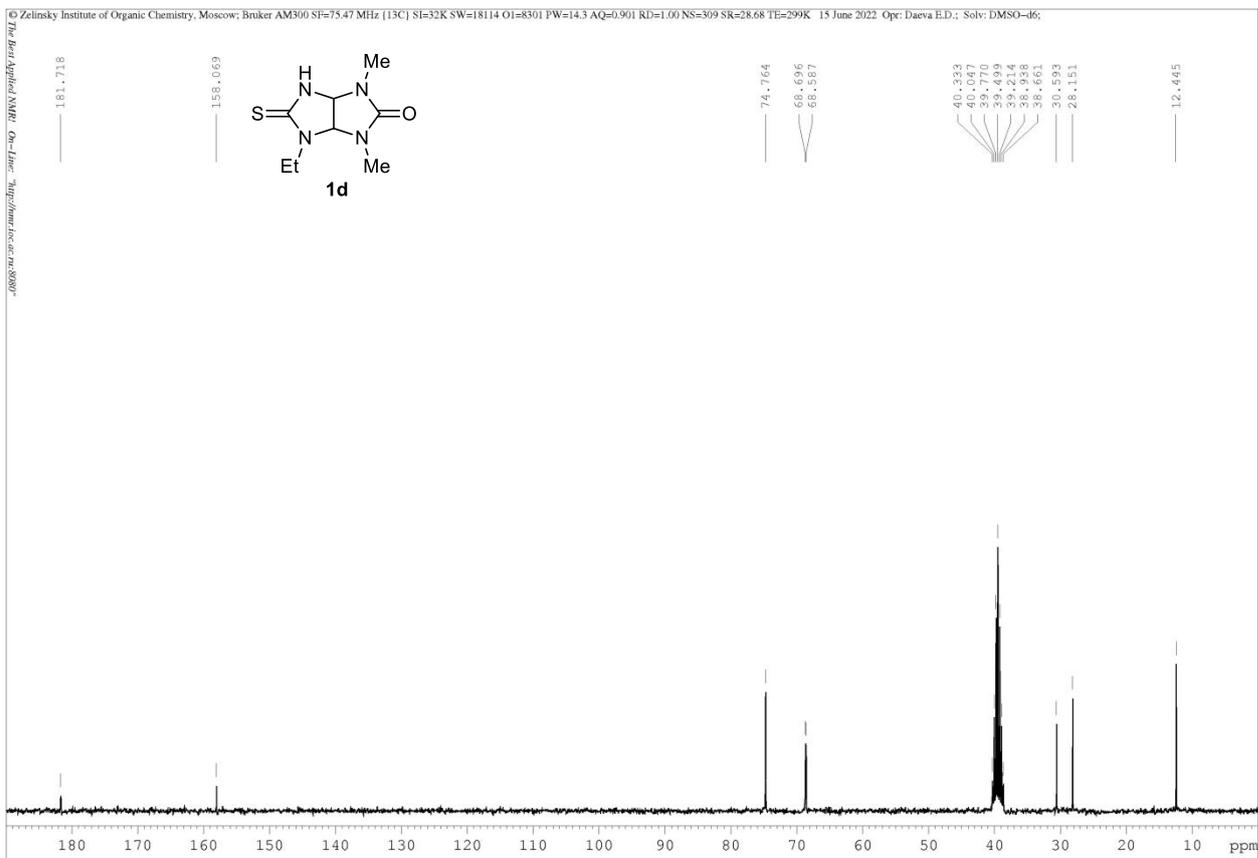
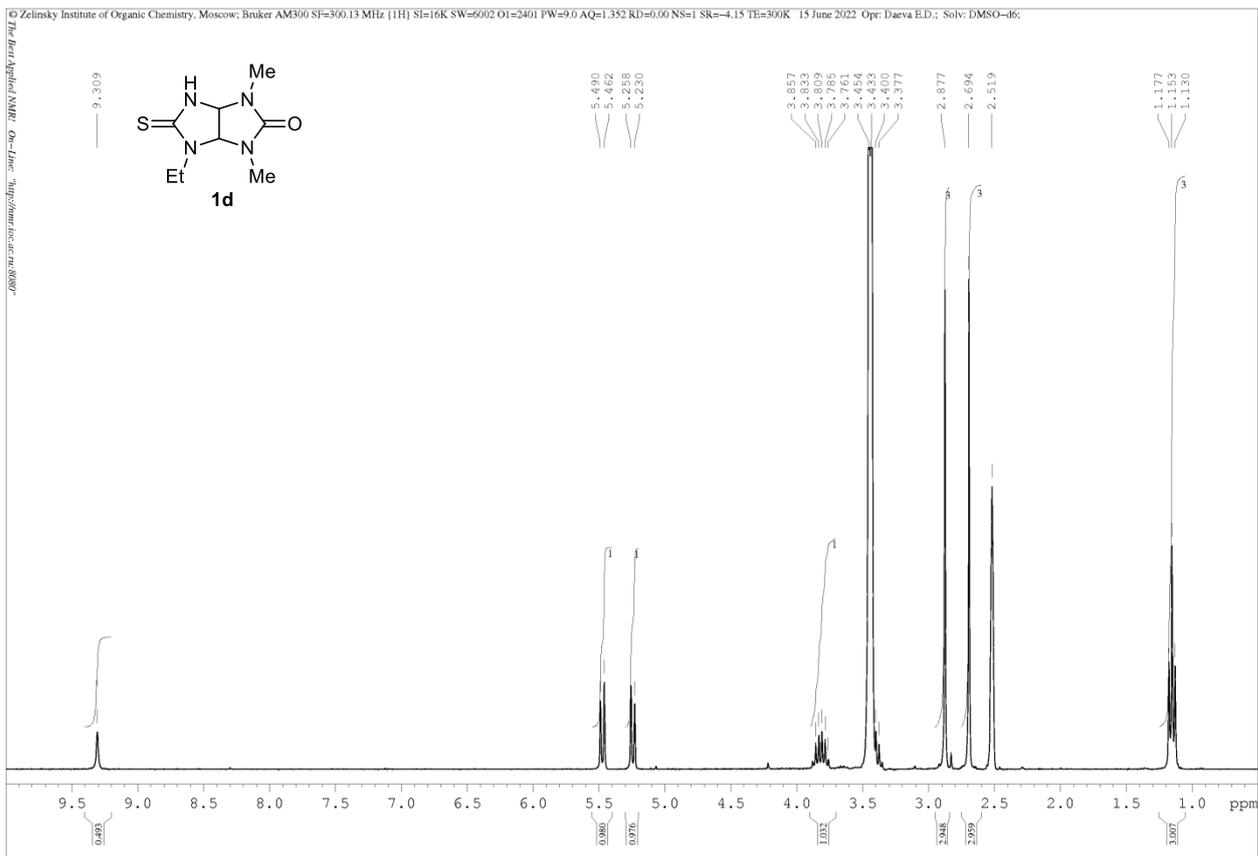
4,5-Dihydroxy-1-isobutylimidazolidine-2-thione **4c**. Grey powder. Yield 94% (4.465 g), mp 155 – 156 °C (H_2O). IR (v/cm^{-1}): 3306, 3210, 3064, 2957, 1499, 1424, 1390, 1368, 1303, 1249, 1202, 1156, 1092, 1078, 1052, 906, 832, 812, 741, 654, 616, 526, 441. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ (ppm) 0.82 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz, CHCH_3); 0.89 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz, CHCH_3); 1.96 – 2.11 (m, 1H, CHMe_2); 3.04 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2); 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz, $J = 13.5$ Hz, CH_2); 5.04 (s, 2H, CH-CH); 5.89 (d 1H, $J = 4.6$ Hz, OH), 6.09 (d 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, OH), 8.67 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ (ppm) 20.02, 20.38 (CHMe_2), 26.32 (CHMe_2), 49.22 (NCH_2), 76.75, 81.84 (HC-CH), 180.90 (C=S). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 191.0856 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calc. for: $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}$, m/z : 191.0849).

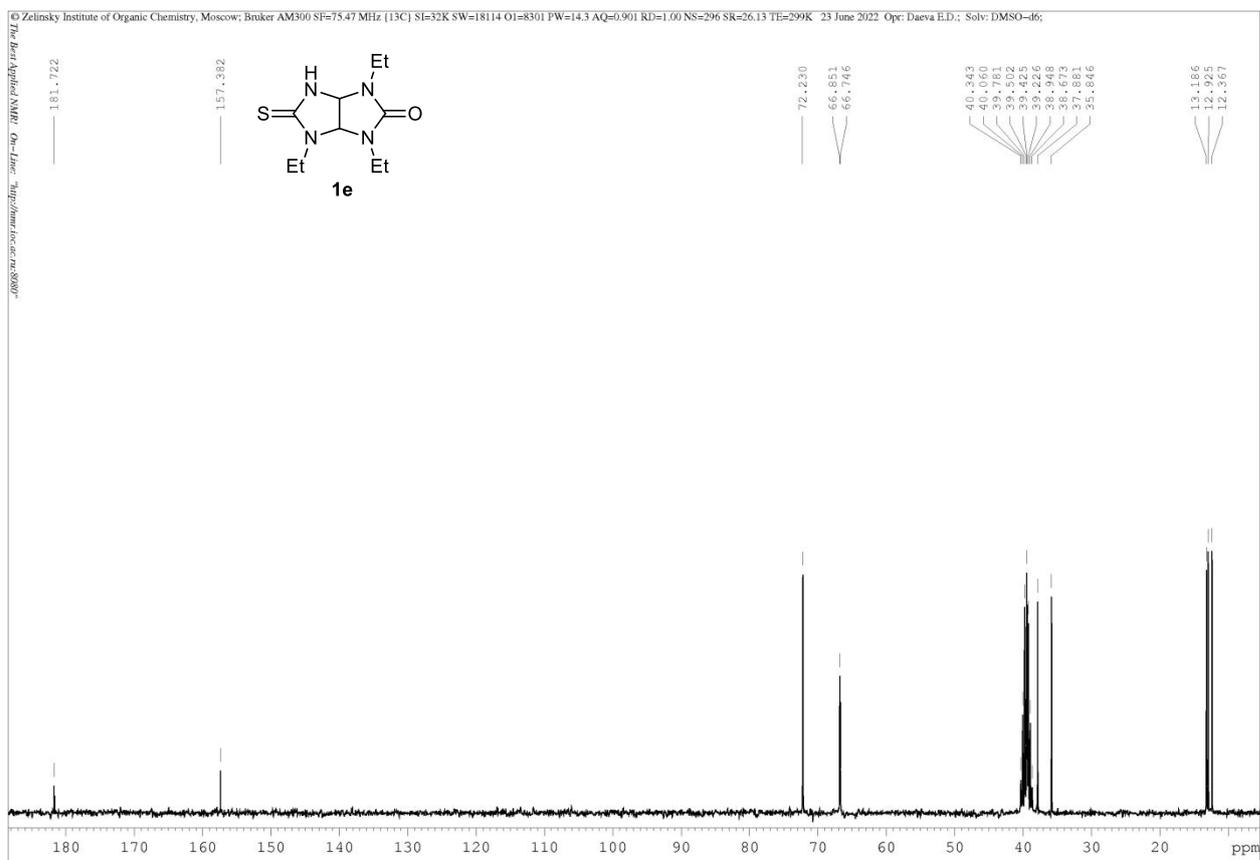
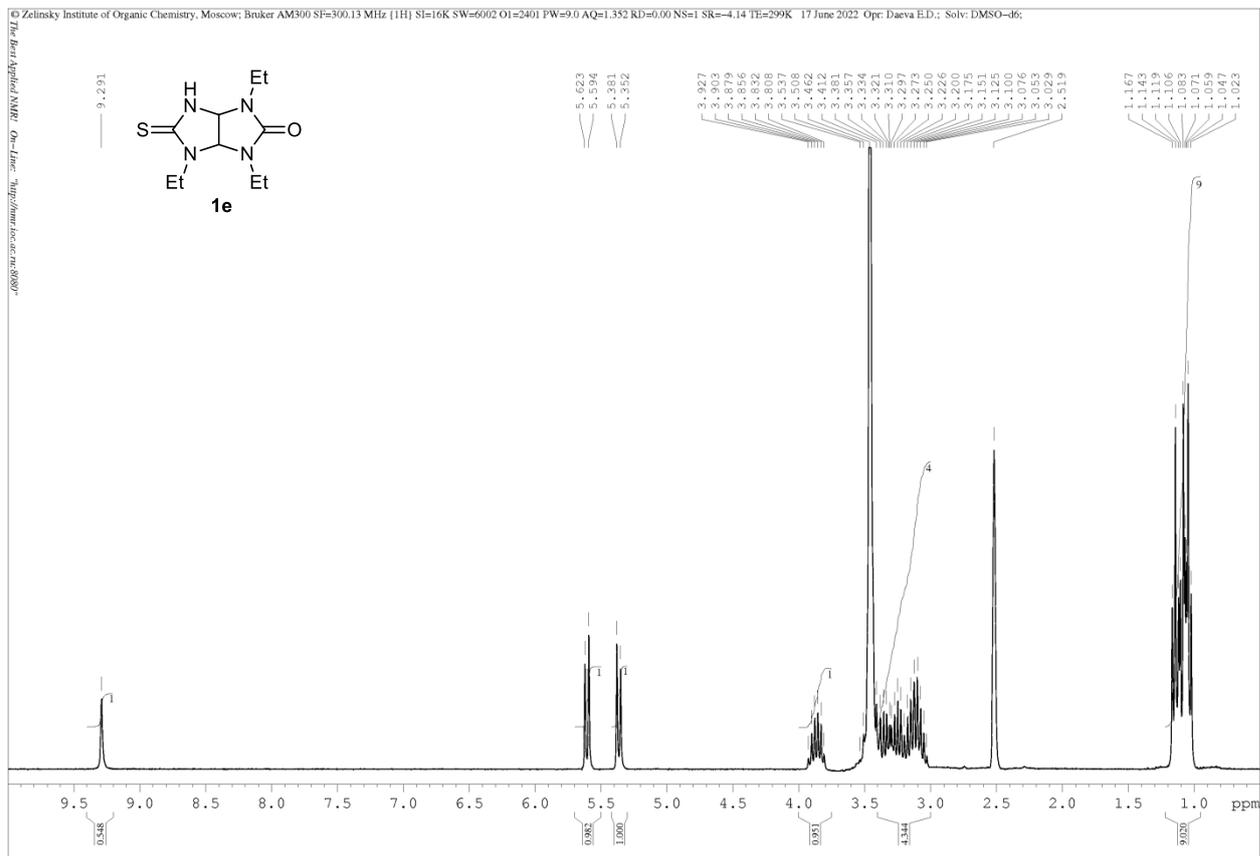
NMR spectra of compounds 1a-h, 4c

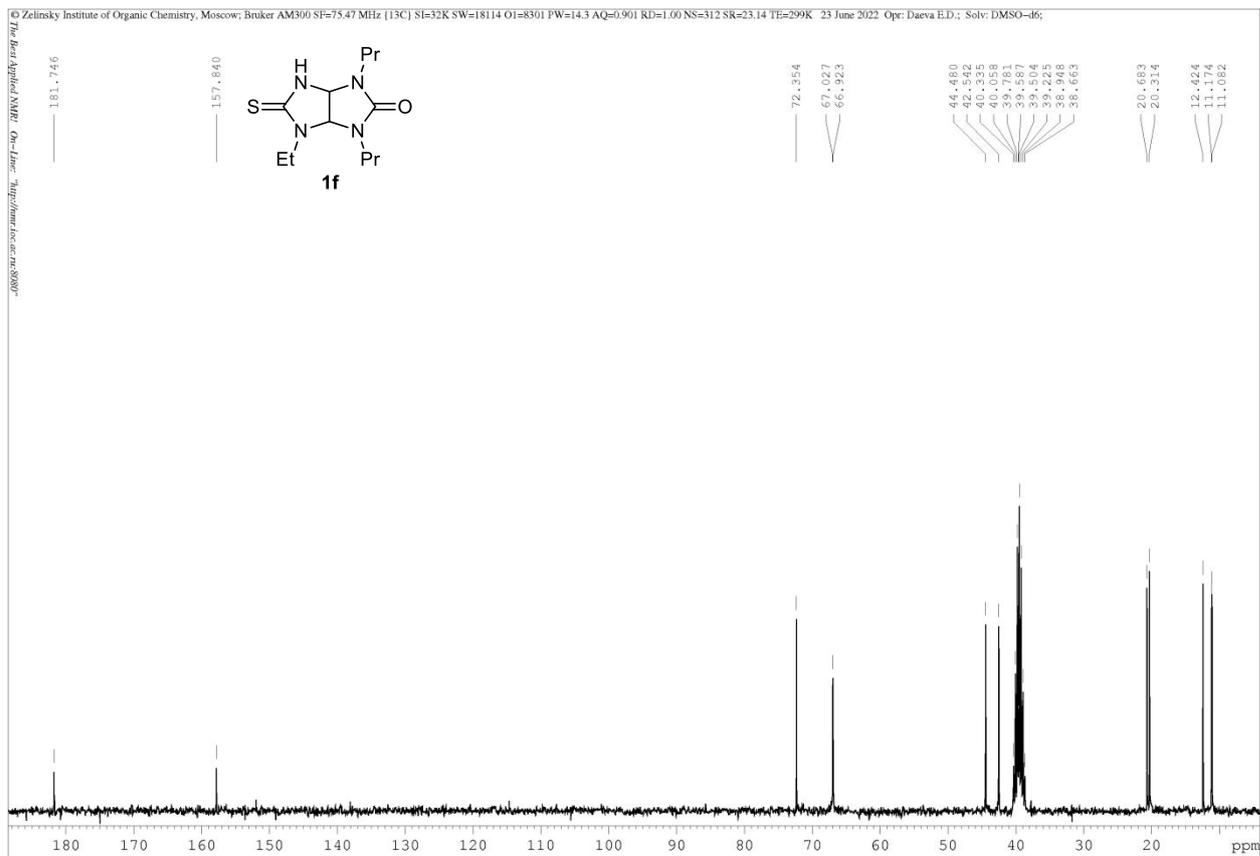
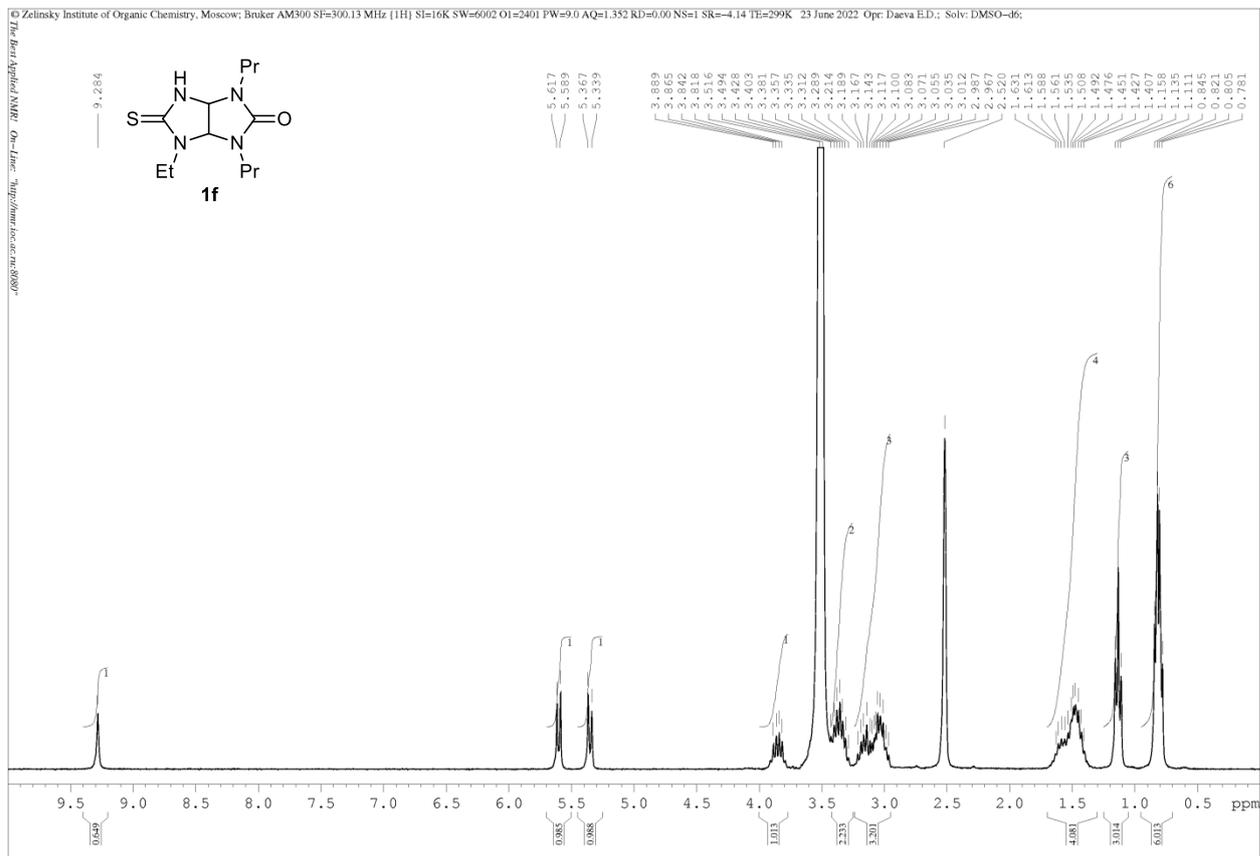


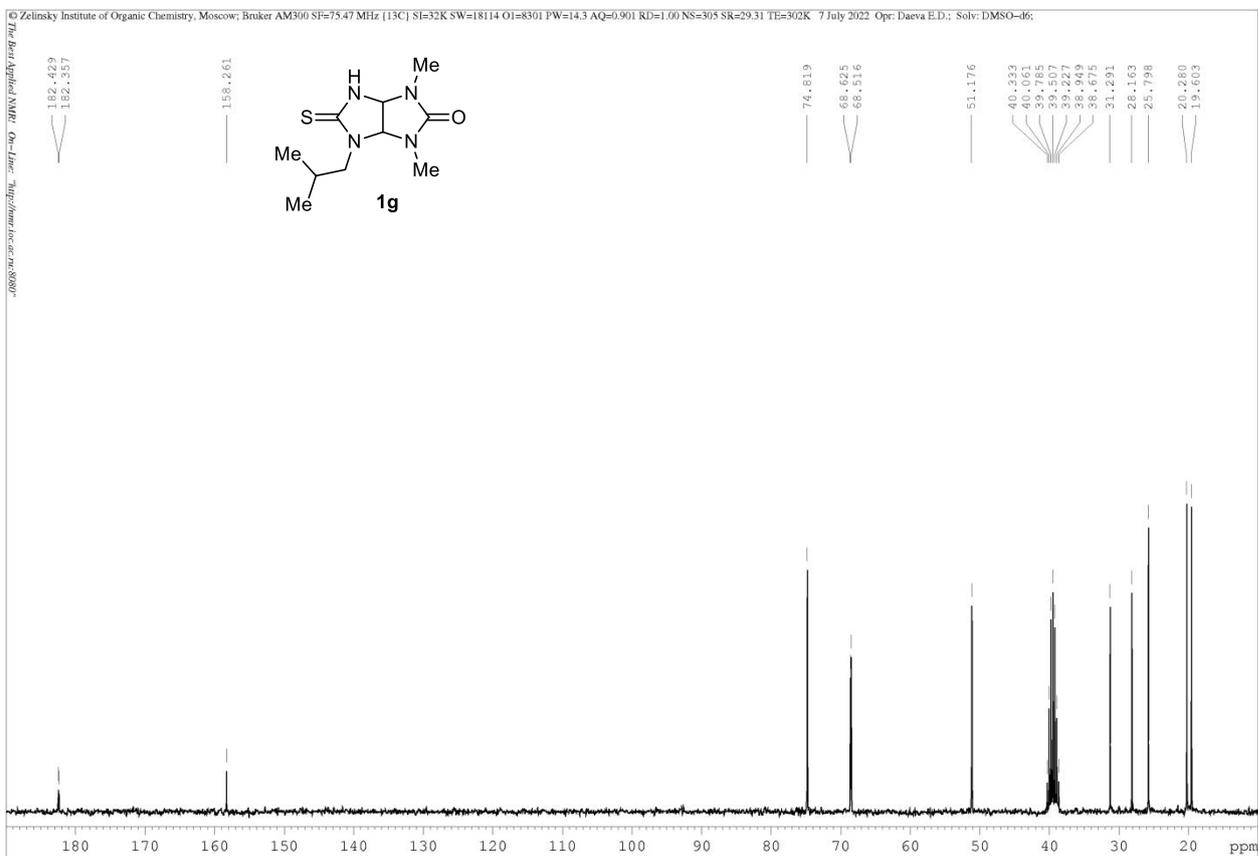
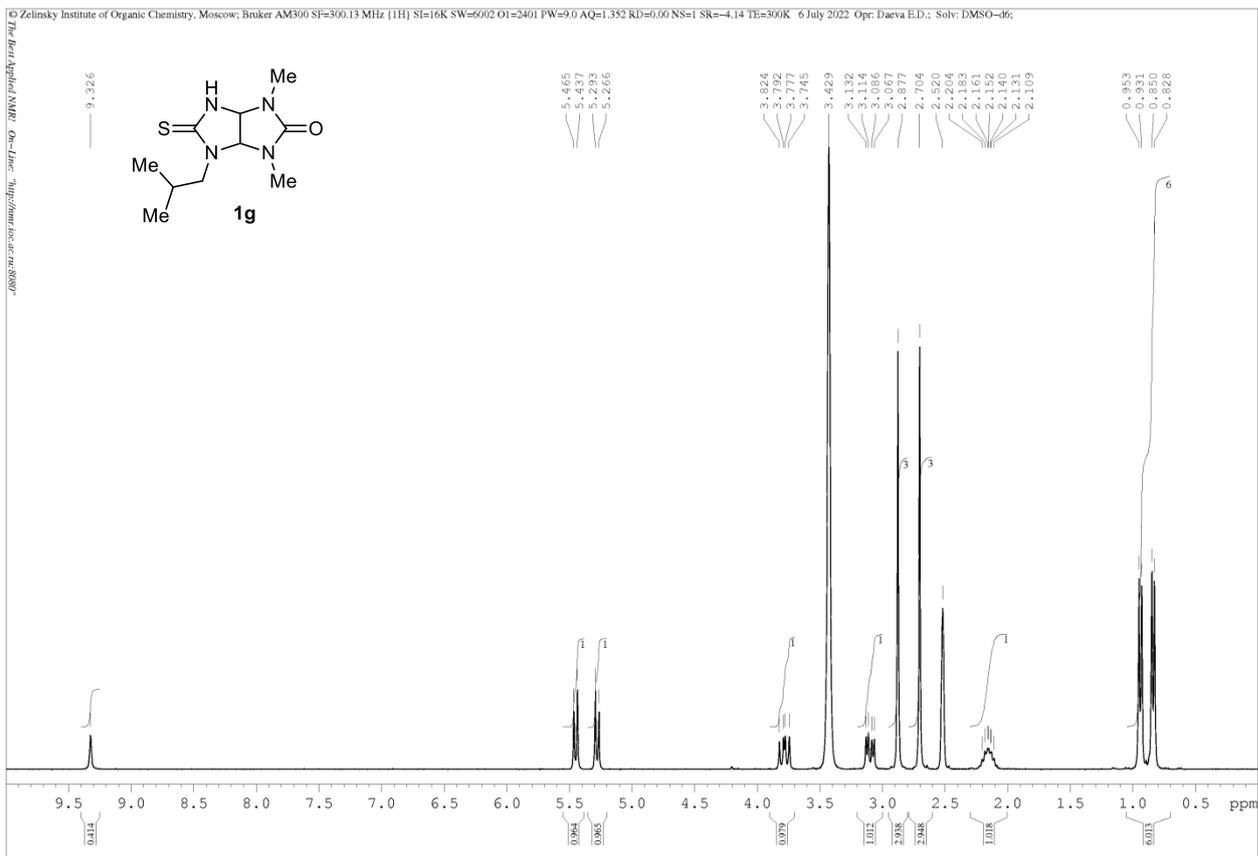


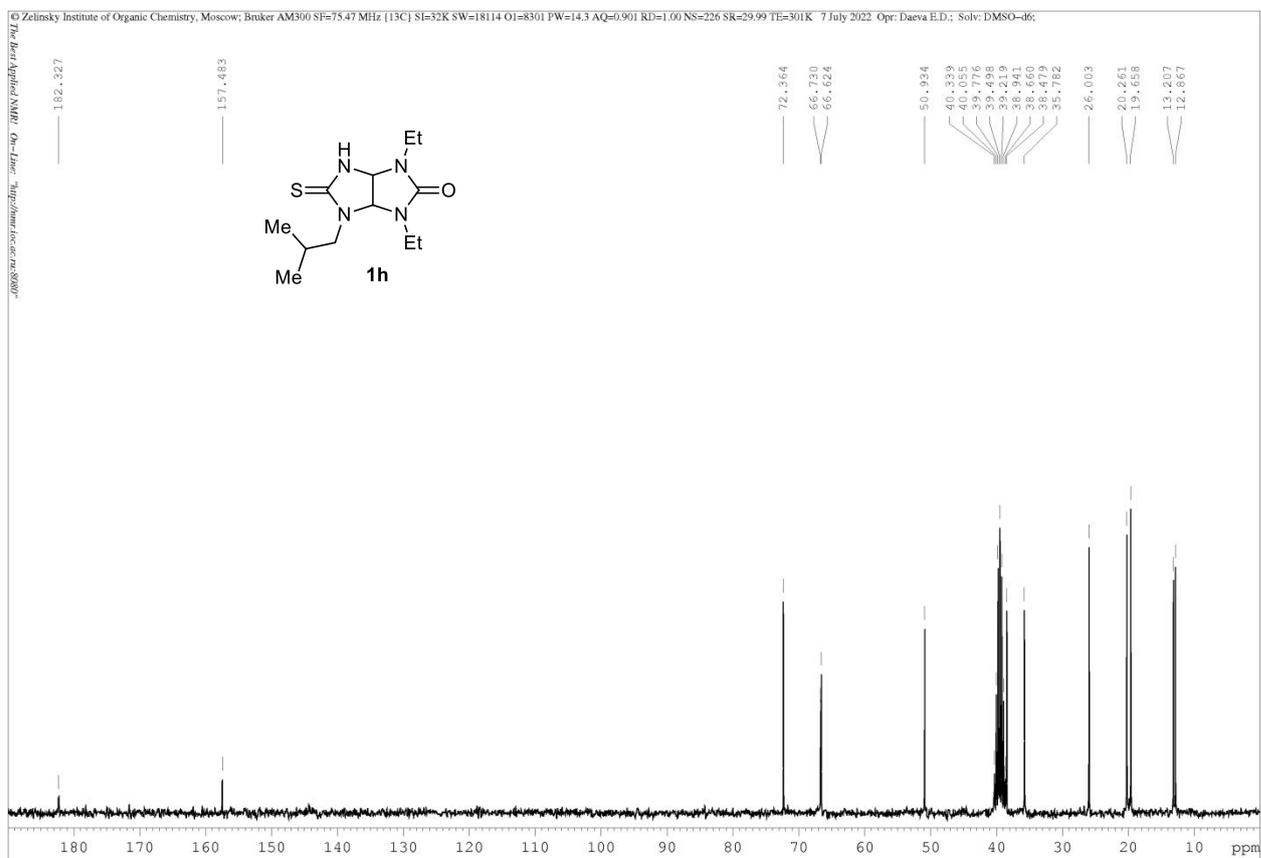
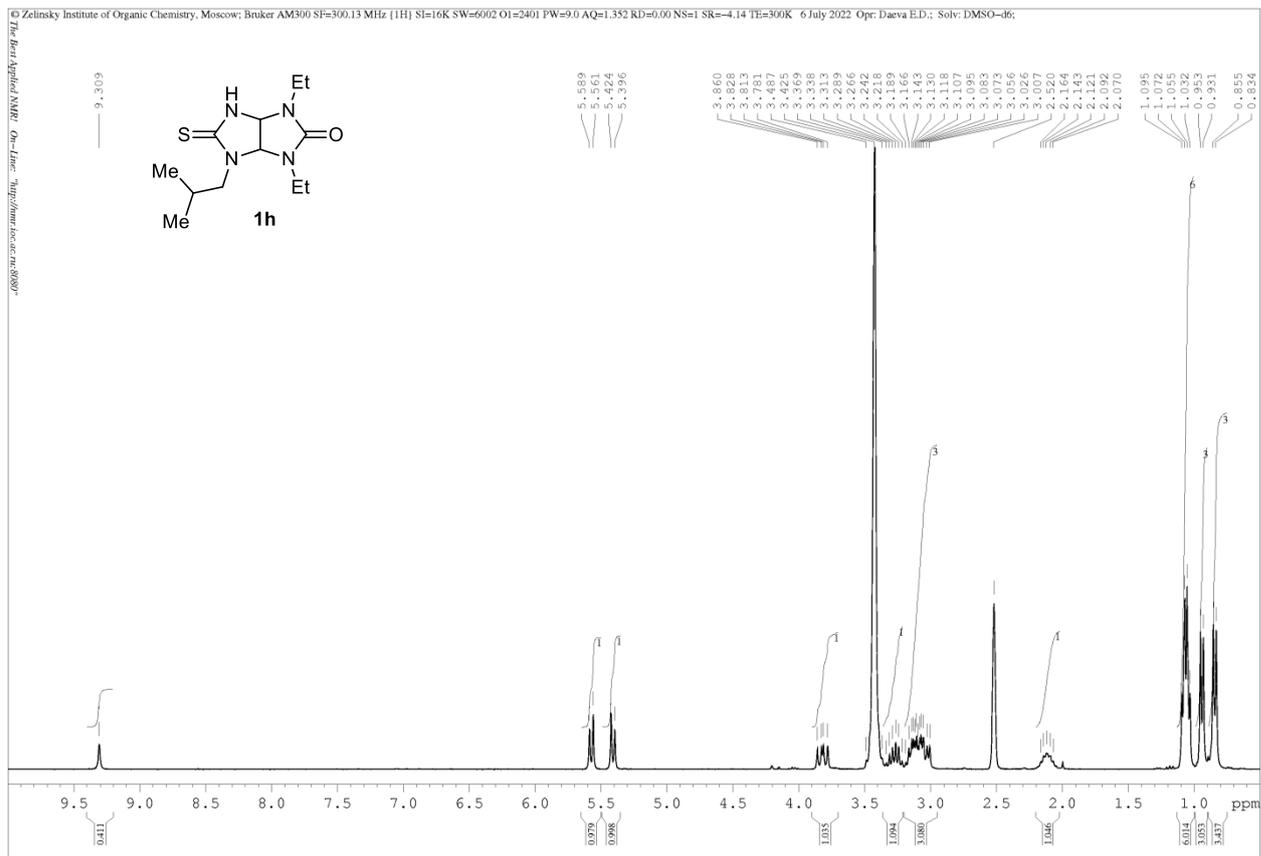


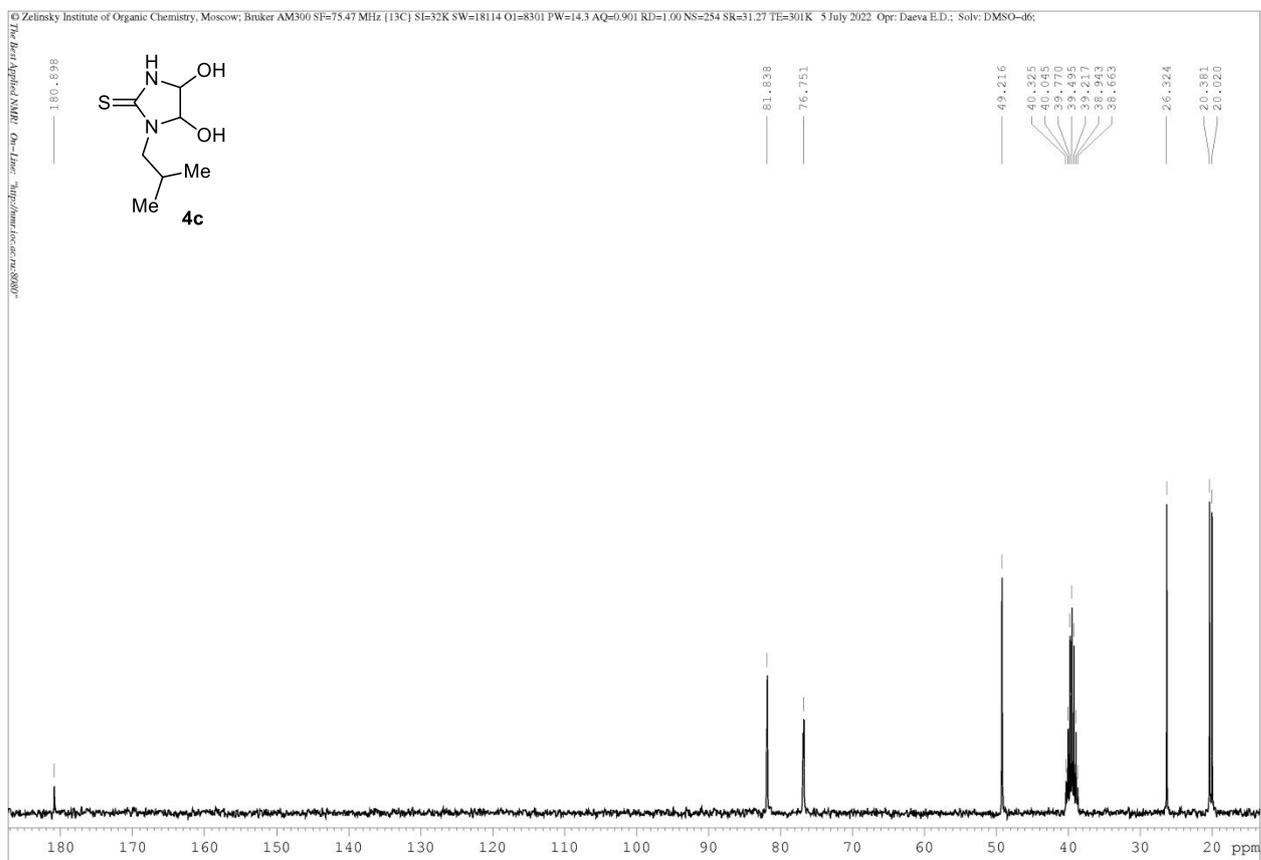
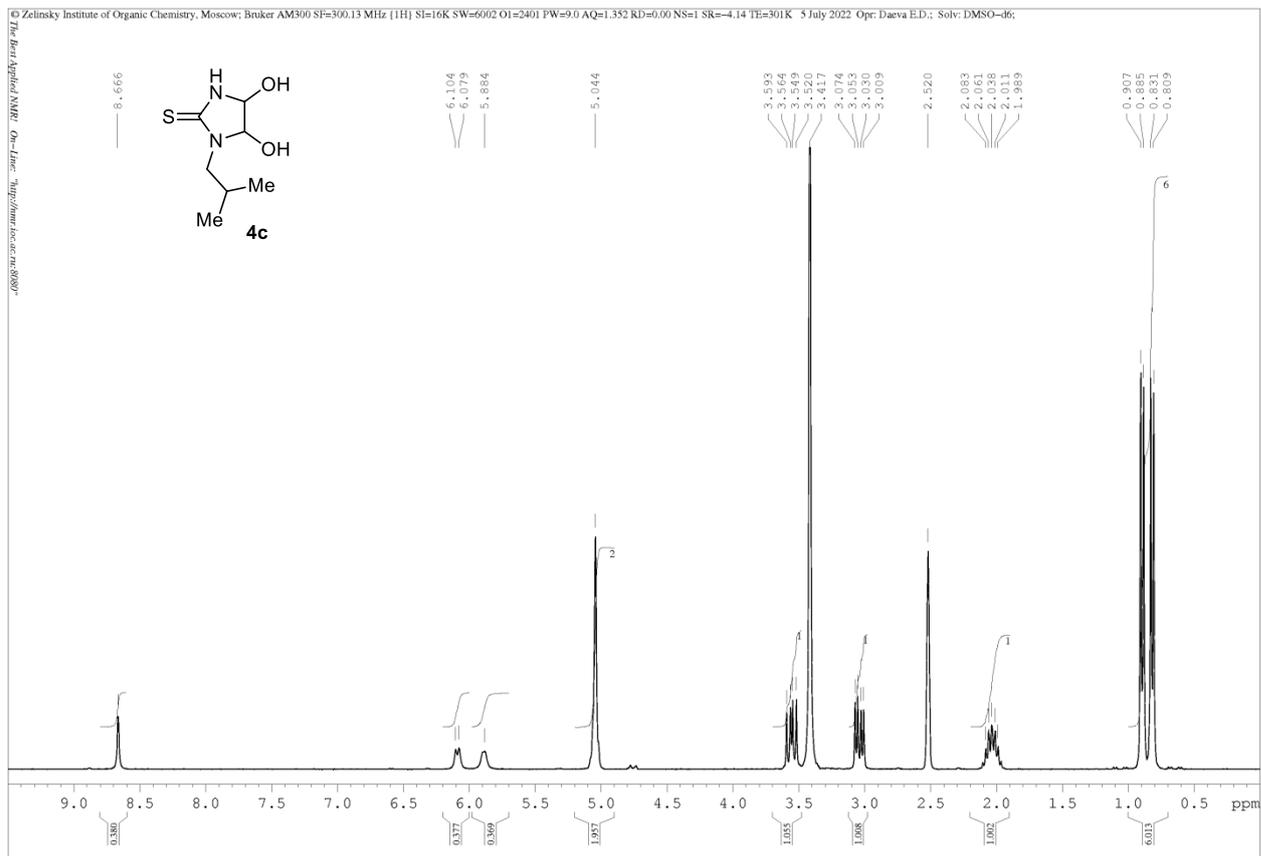












IR spectra of compounds 1a-h, 4c

