Supplementary Information

General Experimental

All chemicals and solvents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI, or Oakwood Chemicals. All solvents were dried and purified using an MBraun MB SPS 800 or Innovative Technology PureSolv MD 7. Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was conducted using 200-400 mesh silica gel from Silicycle. ¹H-NMR spectra were acquired using Bruker Ascend 500 MHz, Bruker Ascend 400 MHz, and Varian Inova 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and are calibrated to the residual solvent peak. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet (range of multiplet is given). ¹³C-NMR spectra were acquired using Bruker Ascend 125 MHz, Bruker Ascend 100 MHz, and Varian Inova 100 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per here. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per here. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported using Bruker Ascend 125 MHz, Bruker Ascend 100 MHz, and Varian Inova 100 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and are calibrated to the residual solvent peak. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated 250 mm layer thickness silica gel 60 F254 plates (EMD Chemicals Inc.).

1. General Procedures for sal003 Derivatives:



a) General Procedure A

A flame-dried round bottom flask the appropriate aromatic aldehyde (1 equiv.) was combined with malonic acid (2 equiv.) and piperidine (0.1 equiv.) in anhydrous pyridine (0.5 M) and heated at 100°C for 8h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with 2M HCl, extracted with DCM, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated *in*

vacuo. The obtained solid was then washed with water and collected via vacuum filtration to afford **1**.

b) General Procedure B

In a flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, 1 (1 equiv.) was added to a mixture of SOCl₂ (3 equiv.) and DMF (0.05 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (0.3 M) and heated at reflux for 2h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was *carefully* added dropwise to a cooled solution of NH₄OH (5 equiv.). The obtained solid was then vacuum filtered and washed with water to yield the amide **2**.

c) General Procedure C

In a round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, **2** (1 equiv.) was combined with chloral hydrate (2 equiv.) in Toluene (0.5 M) and heated at reflux for 12h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, placed into an ice bath, and the obtained solid was collected via vacuum filtration and washed with cold toluene to yield the chloral derivatives **3**.

d) General Procedure D

In a flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, **3** (1 equiv.) was added to a mixture of SOCl₂ (3 equiv.) and DMF (0.05 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (0.3 M) and heated at reflux for 2h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent removed *in vacuo*, and the obtained solid was washed with cold hexanes and dried under vacuum to yield the chlorinated compounds **4** as solids.

e) General Procedure E

In a round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, potassium thiocyanate (1 equiv.) was combined with 4 (1 equiv.) and refluxed in acetone (0.5 M) for 1h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, the white solid was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the isothiocyanates 5.

f) General Procedure F

In a pressure vial equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, 5 (1 equiv.) was combined with

the appropriate aniline and dissolved in THF (0.2 M). The pressure vial was sealed with the screwcap and heated at 85°C for 3h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, the vial was opened, the white solid was vacuum filtered and washed with cold EtOAc to afford the analogs **6**. In the case where there was no precipitate formed, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the solid was suspended in cold EtOAc and vacuum filtered to obtain **6**.

2. Synthesis and Characterization of Compounds in Figure 1

a) Synthesis of Starting Materials



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure A using benzaldehyde (5.31 g, 50.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), malonic acid (10.41 g, 100.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), piperidine (0.49 mL, 5 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), and pyridine (100 mL, 0.5 M). Compound **1a** (6.96 g, 47.0 mmol) was obtained as a white solid in 94% isolated yield.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 10.78 (bs, 1H), 7.75 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 167.0, 144.6, 134.6, 130.2, 128.9, 128.1, 118.3 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*¹



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure B using **1a** (100.0 g. 0.675 mol, 1 equiv.), SOCl₂ (146.8 mL, 2.025 mol, 3 equiv.), DMF (2.61 mL, 33.75 mmol, 0.05 equiv), THF (675 mL, 1 M), and then NH₄OH (120 mL, 5 equiv.) to afford **2a** (87.42 g, 0.594 mol) as a white powder in 88% isolated yield.

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.12 (bs, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (bs, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 167.0, 140.1, 135.3, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 121.7 ppm.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure C using **2a** (87.42 g, 0.594 mol, 1 equiv.), chloral hydrate (196.49 g, 1.19 mol, 2 equiv.) and toluene (600 mL, 1 M) to obtain **3a** (148.72 g, 0.505 mol) as white crystals in 85% isolated yield.

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 8.06 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.18 – 6.08 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR: (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): 165.1, 141,7, 135.0, 129.8, 128.9, 127.8, 120.7, 102.2, 81.1 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure D using **3a** (148.72 g, 0.505 mol, 1 equiv.), SOCl₂ (110 mL, 1.515 mol, 3 equiv.), DMF (1.96 mL, 25.25 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), and THF (505 mL, 1 M) to afford **4a** (150.16 g, 0.480 mol) as a light yellow powder in 95% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): 8.78 (d, *J*= 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J*= 15.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J*= 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J*= 10.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C-NMR**: (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): 164.8, 143.5, 134.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.1, 119.2, 99.6, 75.0 ppm. *Analytical data*

matches that reported in the literature.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure E using **4a** (150.16 g, 0.48 mol, 1 equiv.), potassium thiocyanate (46.65 g, 0.48 mol), and acetone (480 mL, 1 M) to afford **5a** (153.05 g, 0.456 mol) as a yellow solid in 95% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): 8.80 (d, *J*= 9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J*= 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J*= 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J*= 9 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C-NMR**: (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): 165.2, 143.4, 142.1, 134.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.1, 119.2, 99.3, 73.0 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure A using 2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde (4.67 mL, 50.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), malonic acid (10.41 g, 100.0 mmol, 2 equiv.), piperidine (0.49 mL, 5 mmol, 0.1 equiv.), and pyridine (100 mL, 0.5 M). Compound **1b** (6.47 g, 42.0 mmol) was obtained as a beige solid in 84% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J*= 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J*= 5.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure B using **1b** (4.63 g, 30.0 mmol, 1equiv.), $SOCl_2$ (6.53 mL, 90.0 mmol, 3 equiv.), DMF (116 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), THF (100 mL, 0.3 M), and then NH₄OH (53 mL, 5 equiv.) to afford **2b** (4.04 g, 26.4 mmol) in 88% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 7.66 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J*= 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (bs, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J*= 15.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (bs, 1H) ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure C using **2b** (3.06 g, 20 mmol, 1 equiv.), chloral hydrate (6.62 g, 40 mmol, 2 equiv.), and Toluene (40 mL, 0.5 M) to afford **3b** (5.53 g, 18.4 mmol) in 92% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 8.08 (d, *J*= 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J*= 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J*= 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, *J*= 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H) ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure D using **3b** (4.51 g, 15 mmol, 1 equiv.), $SOCl_2$ (3.26 mL, 45 mmol, 3 equiv.), DMF (58 µL, 0.75 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), and THF (50 mL, 0.3 M) to afford **4b** (4.54 g, 14.25 mmol) in 95% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 8.77 (d, *J*= 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J*= 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J*= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J*= 5.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J*= 10.7 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 15.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according general procedure E using **4b** (3.19 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv.), KSCN (972 mg, 10 mmol, 1 equiv.), and acetone (20 mL, 0.5 M) to afford **5b** (3.25 g, 9.5 mmol) in a 95% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR**: (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 8.77 (d, *J*= 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J*= 14.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J*= 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J*= 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J*= 5.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²

b) Synthesis of sal003 Analogs in Figure 1



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-chloroaniline (410 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C1** (1.72 g, 3.7 mmol) as a white powder in 93% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 9.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.38 (m, 8H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 7.7,

1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 182.8, 164.8, 141.5, 136.3, 135.0, 130.4, 129.9, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 121.3, 102.0, 70.5 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-methoxyaniline (451 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C2** (1.65 g, 3.6 mmol) as a white powder in 90% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.82 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (bs, 1H), 8.00 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.6, 164.7, 152.2, 141.4, 135.0, 130.3, 129.5, 128.2, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 121.4, 120.2, 111.9, 102.1, 70.3, 56.1 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4-chloroaniline (510 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **sal003** (1.67 g, 3.6 mmol) as a white powder in 90% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.53 (m, 5H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C-NMR:** (125)

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.2, 164.8, 141.6, 138.3, 135.0, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 125.2, 121.3, 101.9, 70.1 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4-methylaniline (429 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C4** (1.56 g, 3.5 mmol) in 88% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.1, 164.7, 141.5, 136.5, 135.0, 134.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.2, 124.0, 121.3, 102.2, 70.2, 21.0 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), methyl 2-aminobenzoate (518 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C5** (1.79 g, 3.7 mmol) in 92% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 23.9, 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.37 (m, 8H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 182.8, 166.7, 164.8,

141.5, 139.6, 135.1, 132.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 128.2, 125.8, 124.5, 121.4, 101.9, 70.5, 52.8 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5b** (1.37 g, 4 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-methoxylaniline (451 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C6** (1.67 g, 3.6 mmol) as a white powder in 91% isolated yield.

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 9.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.6, 164.5, 152.1, 140.0, 134.4, 131.9, 129.1, 128.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 120.2, 119.9, 111.9, 102.1, 70.2, 56.1 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-aminophenol (437 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C9** (1.51 g, 3.4 mmol) in 85% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.24; **IR** (neat) v = 3287.4, 3210.6, 3083.0, 3026.1, 2955.5, 1494.7, 1452.0, 1342.6, 1206.4, 1136.0, 742.0 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 9.78 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (bs, 1H), 8.02 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 7.08 – 6.72 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.4, 164.7, 150.1, 141.4, 135.1, 130.3,

129.5, 128.2, 126.7, 126.0, 121.4, 118.8, 115.8, 102.1, 70.3 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆Cl₃N₃NaO₂S: [M+Na]⁺: 465.9921 m/z, found 465.9920 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline (625 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C10** (2.10 g, 3.7 mmol) in 93% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.51; **IR** (neat) v = 3232.1, 3070.2, 2998.7, 2945.5, 1656.0, 1621.6, 1503.4, 1376.5, 1274.3, 1174.9, 1131.1, 954.8, 896.3, 837.2, 811.3, 767.7, 681.1, 490.1 cm⁻¹; ¹**H**-**NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 9.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43 (q, J = 8.1, 7.3 Hz, 4H), 6.84 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.6, 164.9, 141.7, 141.6, 135.0, 131.3, 131.0, 130.7, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 127.6, 124.9, 123.1, 122.2, 121.2, 119.5, 117.9, 101.7, 70.0 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄Cl₃F₆N₃NaOS: [M+Na]⁺: 585.9720 m/z, found 585.9712 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-(methylthio)aniline (501 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C11** (1.80 g, 3.8 mmol) in 95% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.36; **IR** (neat) v = 3311.1, 3250.4, 3033.9, 1654.4, 1608.8, 1492.0, 1274.5, 1090.5, 1072.1, 992.0, 887.1, 766.7, 711.5, 686.8, 602.5, 513.4, 480.3 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 183.0, 164.7, 141.5, 136.4, 136.0, 135.0, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.6, 125.3, 121.4, 102.2, 70.5, 15.1 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{18}Cl_3N_3NaOS_2$: [M+Na]⁺: 495.9849 m/z, found 495.9862 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4-aminophenol (437 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C14** (1.51 g, 3.4 mmol) in 85% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.16; **IR** (neat) v = 3197.9, 3083.5, 3025.7, 2957.1, 1654.9, 1617.1, 1500.8, 1341.2, 1203.5, 1030.9, 887.7, 792.4, 764.0, 682.6, 554.1 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 9.49 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (dd, J = 22.7, 11.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.3, 164.6, 155.8, 141.5, 135.0, 134.9, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 126.4, 121.3, 115.8, 102.3, 70.3 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆Cl₃N₃NaO₂S: [M+Na]⁺: 465.9921 m/z, found 465.9911 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), morpholine (345 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C16** (1.62 g, 3.84 mmol) in 96% isolated yield.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.83 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.64 (pt, *J* = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 182.7, 164.6, 141.7, 134.9, 130.4, 129.4, 128.4, 121.4, 102.7, 71.6, 66.1, 49.0 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature*.²



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (494 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C17** (1.82 g, 3.76 mmol) in 94% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.40; **IR** (neat) v = 3195.7, 3092.7, 1654.3, 1617.5, 1505.2, 1328.6, 1164.4, 1127.9, 1040.4, 967.4, 931.5, 831.5, 770.5, 716.1, 619.4, 560.3 cm⁻¹⁻; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 9.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.38 (m, 9H), 6.81 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.0, 164.8, 141.6, 140.3, 135.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.5, 128.3, 127.0, 125.5, 123.4, 121.5, 121.2, 119.5, 101.9, 70.0 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₅Cl₃F₃N₃NaOS: [M+Na]⁺: 517.9846 m/z, found 517.9856 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4-nitroaniline (552 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C18** (1.68 g, 3.52 mmol) in 88% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.26; **IR** (neat) v = 3283.5, 3196.7, 3080.9, 3025.9, 2938.4, 1661.1, 1629.3, 1492.5, 1330.7, 1202.7, 1111.6, 969.3, 892.4, 802.0, 765.1, 703.5, 545.9 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.86 (s, 1H), 9.07 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 180.8, 164.9, 145.9, 143.2, 141.7, 135.0, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 125.0, 121.8, 121.2, 101.6, 69.9 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅Cl₃N₄NaO₃S: [M+Na]⁺: 494.9823 m/z, found 494.9804 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 3-chloroaniline (423 μ L, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C19** (1.77 g, 3.84 mmol) in 96% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.45; **IR** (neat) v = 3260.8, 3190.9, 3089.4, 3057.0, 2993.5, 1654.1, 1618.3, 1502.1, 1337.1, 1206.9, 1131.2, 1103.7, 1040.0, 966.7, 827.5, 806.9, 764.7, 706.6, 559.5 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 9.00 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.42 (dt, J = 14.4, 7.9 Hz, 6H), 7.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.2, 164.8, 141.6, 140.9,

135.0, 133.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 125.0, 122.8, 121.8, 121.3, 101.9, 70.1 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅Cl₄N₃NaOS: [M+Na]⁺: 483.9582 m/z, found 483.9576 m/z.



The reaction was carried out according to general procedure F using **5a** (1.58 g, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), 3,4,5-trimethoxyaniline (733 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.), and THF (20 mL, 0.2 M) to afford **C20** (1.86 g, 3.6 mmol) in 90% isolated yield.

R_f = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1): 0.23; **IR** (neat) v = 3220.7, 3067.5, 2942.2, 2830.4, 1502.5, 1334.3, 1229.1, 1167.4, 1129.9, 1097.9, 1043.0, 1007.6, 840.7, 811.5, 718.1, 690.7 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.66 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 180.7, 164.6, 153.2, 141.5, 135.3, 134.9, 134.6, 130.4, 129.5, 128.3, 121.3, 102.2, 101.6, 70.2, 60.5, 56.3 ppm; **HRMS:** Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂Cl₃N₃NaO₄S: [M+Na]⁺: 540.0289 m/z, found 540.0286 m/z.



In a flame-dried 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, 7 (150 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (4 mL) and cooled in an ice-bath. NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 20 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 eq.) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes. Chloral amide **4a** (163 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (3 mL) and added rapidly to the reaction mixture, which was then stirred for 1 hour at rt. The solvent

was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was purified using silica gel chromatography (9:1 DCM/hexanes) to yield C7a (132 mg, 0.234 mmol) as a yellow solid in 45%.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.98 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 10H), 0.90 – 0.81 (m, 3H) ppm.

d.) Synthesis of C7c



In a flame-dried 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon-coated stir bar, **8** (100.5 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (4 mL) and cooled in an ice-bath. NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 18.3 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1 eq.) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes. Chloral amide **9** (175 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (3 mL) and added rapidly to the reaction mixture, which was then stirred for 1 hour at rt. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was purified using silica gel chromatography (9:1 DCM/hexanes) to yield **C7c** (91 mg, 0.168 mmol) as a yellow solid in 35%.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.90 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm.

e.) Synthesis of C8



In a 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon coated stir bar, 5-bromo-2methoxybenzaldehyde (2.15g, 10 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in MeOH (50 mL) and cooled in an ice bath. NaBH₄ (95 mg, 2.5 mmol, 0.25 eq.) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was diluted with 1M HCl (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield **10** (2.06 g, 9.5 mmol) as a white solid in 95% that was used without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.5, 156.3, 138.3, 131.3, 112.9, 111.8, 61.1, 55.6 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*³



In a 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a Teflon coated stir-bar, **10** (2.06 g, 9.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (100 mL) and cooled to 0°C in an ice bath. In a separate 50 mL round bottom flask, PBr₃ (1.79 mL, 19 mmol, 2.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (10 mL) and slowly added to the cooled solution, and then stirred at rt for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting slurry was carefully quenched with a cold, saturated

NaHCO₃ solution (100 mL). The reaction mixture was then extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the alkyl bromide **11** (2.34 g, 8.36 mmol) in 88% which was used without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 2.5 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 133.4, 132.7, 128.2, 112.7, 112.5, 55.9, 27.6 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*⁴



In a 500 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a Teflon coated stir-bar, piperazine (92.87 mmol, 2.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (210 mL) and cooled to 0 °C in an ice-bath. Boc₂O (46.43 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in DCM (20 mL), then added to reaction mixture dropwise and stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was gravity-filtered, washed with cold DCM (2 x 30 mL), and concentrated *in vacuo*. Water (75 mL) was then added, and the resulting mixture was gravity filtered. The solution was saturated with K_2CO_3 before being extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield the Boc-protected piperazine **12** (12.97 g, 69.65 mmol) in 75% as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.38 (m, 4H), 2.79 (m, 4H), 1.80 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H).



In a 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a Teflon coated stir-bar, **11** (9.07 mmol, 1.0 eq), **12** (9.07 mmol, 1.0 eq), and NEt₃ (8.841 mmol, 1.0 eq) were dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (90 mL) and refluxed for 18 hours at 85 °C. The mixture was then washed with water (3 x 30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then dissolved in a 1,2-dichloroethane/TFA (1:1) mixture (20 mL) and heated at 80°C for 12 hours. After cooling to rt, the mixture was carefully washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield **13** (2.38 g, 8.34 mmol) in 92% as a white powder which was used without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.46-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 4H), 2.98 (m, 4H), 1.36 (s, 1H) ppm.



Was prepared according to the procedure for compound **4a**. Biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (1.98 g, 10 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (50 mL), followed by the addition of DMF and $SOCl_2$ (2.2 ml, 30 mmol, 3 eq.). The mixture was heated at reflux for 2 hours, cooled to rt and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the acid chloride **14** (2.06 g, 9.5 mmol) which was used in the next step without purification.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 8.27 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H) ppm.



In a flame-dried 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon coated stir bar, **13** (570 mg, 2 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (20 mL), NEt₃ (0.51 mL, 4 mmol, 2 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at 60°C for 30 minutes. The mixture was cooled to rt, **14** (433 mg, 2 mmol, 1 eq.) was added and the reaction was stirred and heated at reflux for 6 hours. After cooling to rt, the mixture was washed with 1M HCl (20 mL), dried with MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified using silica gel chromatography to yield **C8** (707 mg, 1.52 mmol) as a yellow solid in 76%.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.72 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.66 (bs, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 4H), 1.30 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 169.0, 157.1, 142.0, 140.1, 135.5, 132.2, 130.6, 128.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.7, 112.7, 112.2, 55.3, 55.0, 53.0 ppm. *Analytical data matches that reported in the literature.*⁵



Compound **15** was prepared according to the procedure for **3a** using 4-chlorobenzamide (1.56 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq), chloral hydrate (3.31 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 eq), and toluene (100 mL) to obtain **15** (1.97 g, 6.5 mmol) as white crystals in 65%.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 165.8, 132.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 102.1, 81.7.



Was prepared according to the procedure for **4a** using **15** (1.42 g, 4.70 mmol, 1.0 eq), SOCl₂ (1.02 mL, 14.11 mmol, 3.0 eq), DMF (catalytic amount, 1 mol%), and THF (50 mL) to obtain **16** (1.24 g, 3.85 mmol) as a yellow powder in 82%.

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 9.07 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C** NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 165.7, 138.3, 131.3, 129.9, 128.7, 99.7, 74.8.



Was prepared according to the procedure for C8 using 13 (200 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 eq), 16 (225 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 eq), NEt₃ (89 μ L, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 eq), and DCE (10 mL) to obtain The crude product was purified using a column of 1:1 EtOAc:Hexanes and concentrated *in vacuo*.

Rf = (EtOAc/hexanes 1:1) 0.6; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 8.23 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.21 (s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 4H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 166.8, 157.2, 137.4, 132.5, 130.8, 129.7, 128.5, 112.7, 112.2, 102.6, 79.7, 55.3, 54.7, 52.9, 29.7 ppm; **HRMS**: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃BrCl₄N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 567.97278 m/z, found 567.97223 m/z.

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