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Toxicity of a novel antifungal compound is modulated by ERAD components

Abstract

In a search for new antifungal compounds, we screened a library of 4454 chemicals for toxicity against the human fungal pathogen *Aspergillus fumigatus*. We identified sr7575, a molecule that inhibits growth of the evolutionary distant fungi *A. fumigatus, Cryptococcus neoformans, Candida albicans,* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* but lacks acute toxicity for mammalian cells. To gain insight into the mode of inhibition, sr7575 was screened against 4885 *S. cerevisiae* mutants from the systematic collection of haploid deletion strains and 977 barcoded haploid DAmP strains in which the function of essential genes was perturbed by the introduction of a drug resistance cassette downstream of the coding sequence region. Comparisons with previously published chemogenomic screens revealed that the set of mutants conferring sensitivity to sr7575 was strikingly narrow, affecting components of the endoplasmic-associated protein degradation (ERAD) stress response and the ER membrane protein complex (EMC). ERAD-deficient mutants were hypersensitive to sr7575 in both *S. cerevisiae* and *A. fumigatus*, indicating a conserved mechanism of growth inhibition between yeast and filamentous fungi. Although the unfolded protein response (UPR) is linked to ERAD regulation, sr7575 did not trigger the UPR in *A. fumigatus* and UPR mutants showed no enhanced sensitivity to the compound. The data from this chemogenomic analysis demonstrate that sr7575 exerts its antifungal activity by disrupting ER protein quality control ⁴¹ in a manner that requires ERAD intervention but bypasses the need for the canonical UPR. ER protein quality control is thus a specific vulnerability of fungal organisms that might be exploited for antifungal drug development.

Introduction

The burden of fungal infections in the human population is very high, with an estimated 1.5 million annual deaths worldwide, despite antifungal prophylaxis (1–3). The evolutionary proximity between mammalian and fungal cells creates a challenge for the identification of selective drug targets. Consequently, there are only a few mechanistically distinct classes of antifungal agents. The major antifungal drugs in clinical use disrupt membrane homeostasis by targeting ergosterol (4), impair cell wall integrity by inhibiting β-(1,3)-glucan synthase (5), or perturb nucleic acid synthesis via a fluorinated nucleotide analogue (6). The limited number of therapeutic options impedes effective management of invasive fungal infections, particularly when resistance to a drug is either emerging or an intrinsic characteristic of the fungal pathogen.

The identification of novel drugs and their targets can follow several strategies, ranging from the inhibition of a known protein target with a panel of inhibitors to the analysis of mutant strain sensitivity to toxic compounds (7). Chemical genomic screens analyze large collections of genetically defined mutant strains for their sensitivity to chemical libraries in a systematic manner. Data from these screens can provide insight into candidate targets for a given drug, as well as the cellular pathways required to buffer drug toxicity (8–11). The interpretation of chemogenomic screens depends on the type of mutant collection utilized for the analysis. For example, the absence of a general dosage compensation mechanism in yeast (12) allows heterozygous deletion strains to be used as tools to determine how a reduction in the level of a gene product impacts drug sensitivity. However, since heterozygous deletion strains retain some level of gene function, compensatory mechanisms could mask changes in

degradation (ERAD), a degradative pathway that disposes of misfolded proteins that arise in the ER membrane or lumen (19) are hypersensitive to sr7575. Collectively, these data implicate ER protein quality control as the target of sr7575 toxicity in evolutionarily distant fungi, and suggest that further analysis of compounds that disrupt ER homeostasis may provide novel avenues for antifungal drug development.

Materials and Methods

Screening procedure of the CERMN chemical library.

All robotic steps were performed on a Tecan Freedom EVO platform. Compounds were transferred from mother plates into clear, flat bottom, barcoded tissue culture 96-well plates 98 (Greiner Bio One): 1 µL of a DMSO solution containing 3.3 mg/mL of each compound was 99 spiked into dry wells of daughter plates (80 compounds per plate). For each plate, columns 1 and 12 served as controls: 8 positive controls spiked with DMSO alone provided the reference as 100% growth and 8 negative controls contained the antifungal drug amphotericin B at 15 μ g/mL to kill all cells. 130 μ L of a mixture containing 10 volumes of conidial suspension 10⁵ conidia/mL (in RPMI with 0.1% Tween 20) and 3 volumes of resazurin 0.01% was added to each well. After 48 hours of incubation at 37°C, the absorbance at 570 nm (measurement wavelength) and 604 nm (reference wavelength) were measured on a Safire2 (Tecan) 106 microplate reader. The data were normalized using the following formula: $\%$ viability = 100 x (sample value - average value of negative controls) / (average of positive controls - average of negative controls).

For analysis of toxicity to human cells, compounds were added to HeLa cells at a concentration of 10 μM (2.8 µg/mL for sr7575) and the release of cytoplasmic lactate

sr7575 between 1-8 µg/mL and were incubated at 37°C.

(-URA) medium and four clones of each transformant-set were screened by colony PCR using a gene-specific primer pair (Table S5), generating product sizes ranging between 500-1000 bp. The deletion parent was always included as a negative control. Complemented strains were screened in parallel with the parental deletion strains in spot assays.

Overexpression tests in *S. cerevisiae***.**

2 micron-based *LEU2* plasmids from the systematic overexpression library (24) corresponding to regions of the yeast genome that contain the ORFs *PDR1*, *PDR5*, *PDR12,* and a control lacking intact genes (Table S4) were recovered from *E. coli* DH10B cultures grown in LB medium supplemented with kanamycin (50 µg/mL), transformed into wild type 164 BY4741, and transformants selected on SC (-LEU) plates. Transformants were purified by passaging onto fresh SC (-LEU) plates. Overexpressing strains were screened by serial dilution spot assays on SC medium supplemented with increasing concentrations of sr7575.

Chemogenomic profiling.

Concentrations of sr7575 that inhibit WT growth by 10-20% in liquid culture were determined using the haploid strain BY4741 (MATa; *his3*Δ1; *leu2*Δ0; *met15*Δ0; *ura3*Δ0). 170 Single colonies from fresh YPDA plates were inoculated into 10 ml YPD and incubated at 171 30°C for 14 h. Cultures were diluted to OD_{600} of 0.01 and grown to an OD_{600} of 0.05 prior to 172 the addition of increasing concentrations of sr7575 (0.0625 µg/mL to 0.5 µg/mL). DMSO was used as a vehicle control but there was no observable difference in growth rate between the no-vehicle and DMSO-treated cultures. Growth was monitored by measuring the OD₆₀₀ every hour, starting from 0 h until 10 h (Fig. S2A).

Pooled 400 mL cultures of the haploid deletion library were grown for 12 generations in

A. fumigatus **strains, growth, and media.**

WT *A. fumigatus* strain kuA and deletion mutants *derA*Δ, *hacA*Δ, *hrdA*Δ, and *hrdA*Δ/*derA*Δ were maintained on malt slants (2% malt extract, 2% bacto agar) while strains

Measurement of fungistatic or fungicidal activity.

For *A. fumigatus*, 50 mL RPMI cultures with a starting cell number of $1x10⁵$ conidia/ml 227 were setup in the presence or absence of 5 μ g/mL sr7575 (in duplicate). 100 μ L aliquots were recovered for enumeration of colony forming units. Following 16 h of growth, mycelia from one pair of flasks were filtered and mycelial dry weight estimated. From the second pair, 100 µL from the drug-treated flask was serially diluted and plated to assess viability.

qRT-PCR.

A. fumigatus conidia were inoculated into YG medium (0.5% yeast extract, 2% glucose) and incubated overnight at 37°C, 200 rpm. The mycelium was treated with the indicated concentrations of sr7575 or dithiothreitol (DTT), along with appropriate vehicle controls, for 1 h. The mycelia were harvested by filtration and lysed by crushing in liquid nitrogen. RNA was isolated using the TRIzol reagent, treated with DNase to remove traces of DNA, and reverse-transcribed using M-MuLV reverse transcriptase (NEB) together with an oligo-d(T) primer. Quantitation of *bipA* and *tigA* mRNA expression was performed by qRT-PCR, as previously described (30).

Results

Identification of a new inhibitor of fungal growth

In a search for new antifungals, we tested the toxicity of 4454 chemicals from the CERMN compound library against *A. fumigatus* using the strategy outlined in Fig. 1A. The CERMN library is part of the French national collection of chemicals (31) and was built since 1998 to be used in the framework of partnerships with public research laboratories. The dynamic range and degree of separation between positive and negative controls in the screen 247 was evaluated by computing the Z' score (32). The average Z' value was 0.92 ± 0.03 , indicating a robust and reliable assay. Data analysis identified 76 hits showing greater than 90% fungal growth inhibition, which were clustered into 7 chemical families and 29 singletons (Table S1). Compounds with known effects on human physiology (33), or which showed cytotoxicity for HeLa cells in a lactate dehydrogenase release assay, were eliminated from further consideration. The compound sr1810 was active against *A. fumigatus* and was selected for further analysis. Since sr1810 consisted of a mixture of two isomers, 75% of sr7575 (1) (Fig. 1A) and 25% of sr7576 (2), we synthesized each isomer (Fig S1, A and B) and found that it was only sr7575 that was responsible for the antifungal activity. The sr7575 compound showed no mutagenic activity in the bacterial reverse mutation test, and no acute toxicity was observed in mice at a dose of 100 mg/kg.

To gain insight into the structural basis for sr7575 antifungal activity, we prepared thirty analogues using aniline derivatives with different substitutions in the first reaction (compounds 3-32, Tables S2 and S3, synthesis detailed in Text S1). Growth inhibition tests with these compounds showed that at least two features of sr7575 were required for its antifungal potency: the chlorine at position 4 of the phenyl group and the positioning of the

nitro group in relation to the pyrrole moiety (Table S2).

In addition to its effects on *A. fumigatus*, sr7575 was active against *A. flavus* (Fig. 1B), *C. neoformans, C. albicans* (Fig. 1C)*,* and *S. cerevisiae* (Fig. 1D) on plates and in liquid medium at inhibitory concentrations ranging from 0.6 to 10 µg/mL (Fig. S2A, B, C, D)*.* More than 90% of either *S. cerevisiae* or *A. fumigatus* cells were able to resume growth after a 16 h incubation in the presence of sr7575 (0.625 µg/mL and 5 µg/mL, respectively) indicating that the compound exerts a fungistatic effect. **ERAD-deficient mutants of** *S. cerevisiae* **are hypersensitive to sr7575** To gain insight into the mechanism by which sr7575 perturbs fungal physiology, the effect of sr7575 was tested on the growth rate of each of 4885 haploid yeast deletion strains in the systemic deletion collection (20). In addition, sr7575 activity was measured on 977 locus tagged barcoded DAmP (17) mutants of essential genes that were previously generated in our 275 laboratory (21). This collection of gene knockout and DAmP strains contains molecular barcodes to facilitate detection and quantitation of DNA by custom Agilent microarrays (34, 35). Following the strategy outlined in Fig. 1A, the normalized ratio of the hybridization signal in the presence or absence of treatment was used as an estimate of relative growth rate in pools of mutants. Only a fraction of mutant strains showed hypersensitivity to sr7575, as indicated by the left tail of the distribution for sensitivity values (Fig. 2A). The strain that showed the most dramatic increase in sr7575 sensitivity harbors a deletion of the PDR1 gene, encoding the main regulator of multidrug resistance in yeast (36). Pdr1 is a transcriptional activator for xenobiotic efflux transporter genes, thereby governing resistance to numerous toxic compounds. It is likely that the effect of *PDR1* deletion on sensitivity to sr7575 is

mediated through the plasma membrane ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter Pdr5, since 286 *PDR5* is a known target of Pdr1 (37) and the pdr5 mutant was ranked $6th$ among deletion strains that were most affected by sr7575.

To identify cellular pathways or protein complexes that allow cells to counteract sr7575 effects, we used a gene set enrichment analysis on 89 mutant strains that showed an average increase in generation time of at least 10% relative to WT in the presence of sr7575. The most over-represented pathway in the dataset was ER-associated protein degradation (ERAD), specifically the GO term "ER-associated ubiquitin-dependent protein catabolic process" 293 (GO:0030433), with a p-value corrected for multiple hypotheses testing of 1.5 X 10^{-6} . This set included *CUE1*, *UBC7*, *HRD1*, *HRD3*, *UFD2*, *UBX4*, *SSM4* (*DOA10*), *DSK2*, and *UBX2,* encompassing one fifth of the total number of genes annotated to this term (Fig. 2B). The second most over-represented GO term was "aromatic amino acid family biosynthetic process" (GO:0009073). However, strains deficient in this pathway are known to exhibit a multidrug response signature (9), so the study of the corresponding strains was not pursued further.

Cellular component enrichment analysis was used to determine whether any of the 89 proteins selected in the screen were linked to the same protein complex or intracellular location. The ER membrane protein complex (EMC) was the most over-represented group by this analysis, with a p-value of 2×10^{-7} . In addition to gene deletions directly affecting *EMC1*, *EMC3*, *EMC4* and *EMC5*, deletions affecting dubious ORFs which overlap with *EMC2* (*YJR087W*) and *EMC1* (*YCL046W*) that are distinct mutants of these genes, were also present in this dataset. Members of the EMC complex are required for efficient protein folding in the ER (38), potentially through roles in phospholipid metabolism at the ER membrane (39).

The sr7575 sensitivity profile suggests a UPR-independent stress response

The effects of sr7575 on haploid yeast deletion strains were compared to profiles obtained from 1,824 different chemicals in a recently published large-scale chemogenomic screen (16). The compound CMB4166 had the highest Spearman correlation coefficient in this 321 comparison (Fig. 2C, r= 0.44) and showed a remarkably similar profile to that of sr7575 (Fig. 2D). Most of the strains showing sensitivity to sr7575 were also sensitive to CMB4166 (Fig. 2E), suggesting that the two compounds trigger similar cellular responses. However, CMB4166 is a macrolide (D. Hoepfner, personal communication) and shares no structural homology to sr7575. To acquire insights into the specificity of the response to sr7575, we compared its

sensitivity profile to published results on 3,356 other chemical compounds (10). The pattern of sr7575 sensitive mutants revealed little-to-no similarity to profiles obtained from the other compounds in this comparison. For example, the maximum computed Pearson correlation

Seventeen *S. cerevisiae* mutant strains were selected to validate the results of the

transcriptional activator of proteasome genes (Fig. 4A). Since proteasomal degradation is the final step in the disposal of misfolded proteins by ERAD, this finding is consistent with the notion that sr7575 affects protein quality control in the ER. In conclusion, these findings demonstrate that components of the ERAD pathway are necessary to protect yeast cells from the toxic effects of sr7575 in *S. cerevisiae*, suggesting a mechanism of action that involves perturbation of ER protein quality control.

ERAD protects against sr7575 toxicity in *A. fumigatus***, but is UPR-independent**

The UPR is a stress response pathway that communicates information on ER 406 homeostasis to the nucleus (40, 41). The pathway is triggered by misfolded proteins, which accumulate in the ER when the demand for secretion exceeds ER folding capacity, or when the cell encounters adverse environmental conditions. Unfolded proteins are sensed by the ER-transmembrane sensor Ire1, which triggers the synthesis of Hac1, a transcription factor. Hac1 translocates to the nucleus and upregulates the expression of chaperones, folding enzymes, and ⁴¹¹ other proteins that support ER function (44, 50). Since ERAD mutants are hypersensitive to sr7575, and ERAD capacity can be regulated by the UPR, we were surprised to find that neither *HAC1* nor *IRE1* were identified in the sr7575 chemogenomic screen. The UPR independence of this response was confirmed by susceptibility testing: yeast *ire1*Δ and *hac1*Δ mutants were not affected by sr7575 at concentrations of up to 0.5 µg/mL (Fig. 4C). These findings suggest that ERAD protects against sr7575 toxicity through a mechanism that is independent of the UPR in *S. cerevisiae*.

Consistent with the results obtained in *S. cerevisiae*, UPR mutants of *A. fumigatus* that lack either the ER sensor IreA or the transcription factor HacA showed no hypersensitivity to

Discussion

In this study, we describe the identification of a novel antifungal compound, sr7575 that was active against species from four fungal genera. Chemogenomic profiling in *S. cerevisiae* demonstrated that the set of genes required for protection against sr7575 was markedly narrow, involving components of the ERAD stress response and other components of the ER membrane. The function of the ERAD pathway is to maintain protein quality control in the ER 449 by eliminating toxic unfolded proteins that may accumulate in the fungus during periods of high secretory activity, or when the organism encounters adverse environmental conditions. This disposal mechanism centers on a multi-protein complex in the ER membrane that selectively identifies misfolded proteins in the ER lumen or membrane and transports them back into the cytoplasm for degradation by the proteasome. The results from our chemogenomic screen demonstrate that mutants of this complex, either in *S. cerevisiae* or *A. fumigatus*, are hypersensitive to sr7575 inhibition, suggesting that the antifungal effects of this compound involves a disruption of ER protein quality control. ER protein quality control is also affected by the UPR, a signaling pathway that counters

the accumulation of unfolded proteins in the ER by increasing the expression of chaperones and other proteins involved in protein folding when the demand for secretion exceeds the folding capacity of the organelle. A tight coordination between the UPR and ERAD pathways was demonstrated in yeast where UPR mutants have decreased ERAD activity whereas ERAD mutants exhibit constitutive UPR upregulation (50). In addition, although ERAD is sufficient to eliminate misfolded proteins that continually arise during normal growth, it requires the UPR for optimal degradative capacity under conditions of severe ER stress (51). Basal ERAD activity is thus sufficient to handle low levels of unfolded proteins and is UPR-independent.

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→ Singletons:

Structure	% viability
Ν. \sim O Ω	$\boldsymbol{0}$
CH ₃ CH ₃ O Br' $\frac{N}{H}$ CH ₃ H_3C O ² CH_3	4
ΞN CH ₃	4
	CI H_3C $_{\rm H_3C}$

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Supplementary Table S2: Analogues of sr7575 and MIC values against *A. fumigatus***.**

Supplementary Table S3: Analogues of sr7576 and MIC values against *A. fumigatus***.**

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Supplementary Table S5 - list of oligonucleotides used in this study List of oligonucleotides to screen deletion/DAmP mutants:

List of oligonucleotides to screen MoBY plasmids:

Supporting information (S1) - Synthesis of sr7575-related compounds.

General Methods

All chemical reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel plates. Silica gel 0.06−0.2 mm, 60 Å was used for all column chromatography. Melting points were determined on a Kofler melting point apparatus. NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AVANCE III 400 MHz (¹H NMR at 399.8 MHz and ¹³C NMR at 100 MHz) with the solvents indicated. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale and referenced to the appropriate solvent peak. High-resolution mass spectral (HRMS) were performed on a BRUKER maxis mass spectrometer by the "fédération de Recherche" ICOA / CBM (FR2708) platform. LC-MS Analysis was performed on a Waters alliance 2695 using the following gradient: A $(95\%)/B$ (5%) to A $(5\%)/B$ (95%) in 4 min. This ratio was held for 1.5 min before returning to initial conditions in 0.5 min. Initial conditions were then maintained for 2 min $(A, H_2O; B, MeCN; each containing 0.1\% HCOOH; column, C18$ Xbridge 4.6 x 50 mm / 2.5 μm). MS detection was performed with a SQDetector.

Compound sr1810: Mixture of (*E***) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole [75%] and (***E***) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1H-pyrrole [25%].**

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**33**).[1](#page-73-0) 4-chloropyridine, hydrochloride (9.25 g, 0.0617 mol) and 2,5-dimethoxytetrahydrofuran (8.15 g, 0.0617 mol) were stirred in 150 mL of dioxane at room temperature for 30 min. 2,4-dichloroaniline (10 g, 0.0617 mol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. 150 mL of water were added to the residue, followed by 200 mL of Et ₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et $_{2}O$ (2x 100 mL). The

¹ Azizi, N. *et al.* Iron-catalyzed inexpensive and practical synthesis of N-substituted pyrroles in water. *Synlett*, **14**, 2245-2248 (2009).

combined organic layers were washed with HCl 1N (200 mL) and water (2x 200 mL), dried over MgSO ⁴ and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using CH $_2$ Cl₂ as eluant to give compound **33** as a brown oil (11.4 g, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.7$ and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 133.3, 130.5, 130.4, 128.5, 127.9, 122.1, 109.7.

Mixture of 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**34**) and 1-(2,4- Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**35)**. Dimethylformamide (2.20 mL, 0.0283 mol) was stirred at 0°C. Phosphorus oxychloride (2.7 mL, 0.0283 mol) was then added dropwise and the white solid obtained was stayed cold for 30 min. After this time, a solution of compound **33** (6 g, 0.0283 mol) in 120 mL of CH $_2$ Cl₂ was slowly added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction was refluxed for 20 h. After cooling, 120 mL of water were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was alkalized with 20% sodium hydroxide solution. This aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O ($2x$ 120 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO ⁴and concentrated under vacuum. The mixture of compound **34** and **35** was engaged in the next tape without further purification and was obtained as brown solid (4.4 g, 65%). LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.66 and 4.79 min; [M+H]⁺ 240.35. HRMS for C₁₁H₈Cl₂NO [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 239.9977 , measured: 239.9974.

Compound **34**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* $= 8.6$ and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 1.4$ and 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.5, 136.0, 135.2, 132.9, 132.9, 131.1, 130.0, 129.6, 127.7, 123.2, 111.2.

Compound **35**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* $= 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.5$ and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.4, 136.1, 135.0, 130.8, 130.7, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 124.8, 108.8.

sr1810: Mixture of (*E*) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**1**) and (*E*) 1- (2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2**). Nitromethane (54 mL, 1 mol) and ammonium acetate (15.4 g, 0.2 mol) were stirred in 100 mL of acetic acid at 30°C for 30 min. Then, the mixture of compounds **34** and **35** (12 g, 0.05 mol) was added and the solution was heated at 90°C for 24 h. Then, the reaction was concentrated under vacuum. A saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate (100 mL) was added to the residue. This aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x 100mL). The organic layers were washed with water (2x 100 mL), dried over MgSO4 and concentrated under vacuum. The mixture of compound **1** and **2** was obtained as a yellow solid (8.7 g, 61%). Mp: 114 °C. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.22$ and 5.32 min; $[M+H]^+$ 283.31. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

Compound **1**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 136.4, 134.3, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 127.4, 125.8, 116.7, 112.3.

Compound 2: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.56 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 136.0, 134.9, 134.2, 133.2, 130.9, 130.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 125.5, 116.8, 108.3.

(*E***) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (1** or sr7575**)**. See **Supplementary Fig.1a**.

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**34**). Dimethylformamide (2.20 mL, 0.0283 mol) was stirred at 0°C. Phosphorus oxychloride (2.7 mL, 0.0283mol) was then added dropwise and the white solid obtained was cooled for 30 min. After this time, a solution of compound **33** (6 g, 0.0283 mol) in 120 mL of CH $_2$ Cl₂ was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction was refluxed for 20 h. After cooling to room temperature, 120 mL of water were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was alkalized with 20% sodium hydroxide solution. This aqueous layer was extracted with $Et₂O (2x 120 mL)$ and the organic layers were dried over MgSO $_4$ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane and CH $_2$ Cl₂ as eluants (50/50) to afford compound **34** as a beige solid (2.1 g, 30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 8.6$ and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J =$ 4.0 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 178.5, 136.0, 135.2, 132.9, 132.9, 131.1, 130.0, 129.6, 127.7, 123.2, 111.2. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.79$ min; [M+H] $+ 240.35$. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8Cl_2NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 239.9977 , measured: 239.9974.

(*E*) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole **(1)**. Nitromethane (54 mL, 1 mol) and ammonium acetate (15.4 g, 0.2 mol) were stirred in 100 mL of acetic acid at 30°C for 30 min. Then, 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (12 g, 0.05 mol) was added and the mixture was heated at 90°C for 24 h. Then, the reaction was concentrated under vacuum. A saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate (100 mL) was added to the residue. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x 100mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water ($2x 100$ mL), dried over MgSO $_4$ and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane and CH $_2Cl_2$ as eluant (50/50) to obtain compound **1** as a yellow solid (6.6 g, 47%). Mp: 118°C. ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ δ 7.62 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 2.3$ and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 136.4, 134.3, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 127.4, 125.8, 116.7, 112.3. LC-MS (ESI): t $_{R}$ = 5.20 min; [M+H] + 283.44. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0036.

(*E***) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (2** or sr7576**)**. See **Supplementary Fig.1b**.

1-([2](#page-75-0),4-Dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (35).² 4-chloropyridine, hydrochloride (9.88 g, 0.0617 mol) and 2,5-Dimethoxy-3-tetrahydrofurancarboxaldehyde (8.15 g, 0.0617 mol) were stirred in 150 mL of dioxane at room temperature for 30 min. 2,4-dichloroaniline (10 g, 0.0617 mol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. 150 mL of water were added to the residue, followed by 200 mL of Et_2O . The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (2x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 1N HCl (200 mL) and water $(2x 200 \text{ mL})$, dried over MgSO 4 and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using CH $_2$ Cl₂ as eluant to afford compound **35** as a

² Dallemagne, P. *et al*. A convenient rearrangement of 1-phenylpyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes into their 3-isomers. *Synthetic Communications*. **13**, 1855-1857 (1994).

beige solid (5.2 g, 35%). Mp: 186°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.5$ and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 185.4, 136.1, 135.0, 130.8, 130.7, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 124.8, 108.8. LC-MS (ESI): t $R = 4.66$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 240.35.

(*E*) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**2**). Nitromethane (54 mL, 1 mol) and ammonium acetate (15.4 g, 0.2 mol) were stirred in 100 mL of acetic acid at 30°C for 30 minutes. Then, 1-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (12 g, 0.05 mol) was added and the mixture was heated at 90°C for 24 h. The reaction was concentrated under vacuum. A saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate (100 mL) was added to the residue. This aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x 100 mL). The organic layers were washed with water ($2x 100$ mL), dried over MgSO $_4$ and concentrated under vacuum. The solid resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane and CH₂Cl₂ as eluant (50/50) to give compound **2** as a yellow solid (6.1 g, 43%). Mp: 186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 6.4 and 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- *d6*) δ 136.5, 134.8, 134.6, 134.0, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 126.3, 117.5, 109.3. LC-MS (ESI): t R= 5.34 min; [M+H]⁺ 283.40. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0036.

(*E*) 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**3**). See **Supplementary Fig.1c**.

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-pyrrole (**36**). A mixture of 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1 *H*pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**34**) (1g, 0.02 mol), potassium hydroxide (0.7g, 0.06 mol) and hydrazine monohydrate (0.61 ml, 0.06 mol) in ethylene glycol (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then slowly heated to 150°C and maintained for 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, poured into ice-water and extracted with $Et₂O$ (2x 20 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO4, filtered and concentrated under vacuum*.* The crude compound was purified by chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane and CH $_{2}Cl_{2}$ as eluant (90/10) to afford compound **36** as an orange oil (0.78 g, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 2.8 and 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.04 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 134.6, 133.7, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 127.7, 121.3, 108.5, 107.4, 12.1. HRMS for $C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N$ [M+H]⁺calculated mass: 226.0184, measured: 226.0185.

Synthetic procedure for the compound (**3**) is the similar as that described for the compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**37**). Yellow oil (61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.37 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 177.6, 140.1, 135.4, 134.8, 133.7, 132.7, 130.4, 130.1, 128.0, 123.8, 110.4, 12.1. LC-MS (ESI): t $_{R}$ = 4.52 min; [M+H] $+$ 254.37. HRMS for $C_{12}H_{10}Cl_2NO$ [M+H]⁺calculated mass: 254.0133, measured: 254.0133.

(E) 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**3**). Orange solid (50%). Mp: 90°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 136.8, 134.5, 133.1, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 128.7, 127.7, 125.3, 118.0, 111.7, 12.8, LC-MS (ESI): t $R = 5.35$ min; [M+H] $+297.42$. HRMS for $C_{13}H_{11}C_{2}N_{2}O_{2}$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 297.0192, measured: 297.0193.

(*E***) 3-[1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1***H***-pyrrol-2-yl]-acrylonitrile (4).** See **Supplementary Fig.1d**.

2-Cyano-3-(1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (**38**). To a solution of 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**34**) (1g, 4.16 mmol) in ethanol (10 ml), were added ethylcyanoacetate (0.49 ml, 4.58 mmol) and triethylamine (0.58 ml, 4.16 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 4 h. After removal of the solvent under vacuum, CH $_2$ Cl₂ was added to the residue and the organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO filtered and concentrated in vacuo*.* The crude compound was purified by chromatography on silica gel using CH₂Cl₂ as eluant to obtain compound **34** as a yellow solid (1.2 g, 86%). Mp: 138 °C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 $(S, 1H)$, 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.3$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.59 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 163.5, 140.1, 136.5, 133.6, 133.5, 130.7, 130.7, 130.6, 128.3, 128.3, 119.4, 116.6, 113.3, 95.2, 62.2, 14.2. HRMS for $C_{16}H_{13}Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺calculated mass: 335.0348, measured: 335.0346.

2-Cyano-3-(1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-acrylic acid (**39**). To a solution of lithium hydroxyde (340 mg, 0.014 mol) in water (50 ml) was added a solution of 2-cyano-3-(1-(2,4 dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (**38**) (3.2 g, 9.54 mmol) in THF (50 ml) and the mixture was heated at 50°C for 5h. After removing THF under vacuum, the aqueous layer was acidified with 6N HCl and then extracted with EtOAc (2x 50 mL). The organic layers were washed with water $(2x 50 \text{ mL})$, dried over MgSO $_4$ and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by recrystallization in CH $_2Cl_2$ to obtain compound **39** as a yellow solid (1.1 g, 37%). Mp: 110°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.65 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 168.8, 141.2, 136.7, 133.5, 133.2, 131.8, 130.8, 130.6, 128.4, 128.3 120.7, 116.0, 113.8, 93.8. LC-MS (ESI): $t = R = 4.55$ min; $[M+H]$ + 307.32. HRMS for C $_{14}H_{9}Cl_{2}N_{2}O_{2}$ $[M+H]^{+}$ $_{14}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺calculated 307.0035, measured: 307.0034.

3-(1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-acrylonitrile (**4**). To a solution of copper (155 mg, 2.44 mmol) in quinoleine (10 ml), heated at 190°C, was added 2-cyano-3-(1-(2,4 dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-acrylic acid (**39**) (500 mg, 1.62 mmol). The mixture was stirred vigorously. After the carbon dioxide evolution stopped and TLC indicated complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and 1N HCl (10 ml) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH $_2$ Cl₂ (2x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water $(2x 20 \text{ mL})$, dried over MgSO 4 and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane and CH₂Cl₂ as eluant (50/50 to 30/70) to obtain compound 4 as a white solid (150 mg, 36%). Mp: 108 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 7.58 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.49 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 135.8 135.1, 134.5, 133.7, 130.8, 130.4, 129.3, 128.1, 126.4, 118.2, 114.3, 111.6,

88.7. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.18$ min; [M+H]⁺ 263.51. HRMS for C₁₃H₉Cl₂N₂ [M+H]⁺calculated mass: 263.0137, measured: 263.0136.

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitroethyl)-1*H***-pyrrole (5).** See **Supplementary Fig.1e**. 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitroethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**5**). To a solution of (*E*) 1-(2,4- Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole **(1)** (200 mg, 0.70 mmol) in methanol (7 ml) was added portionwise sodium borohydride (53 mg, 1.41 mmol) at 0° C. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h. Then a mixture of ice / water (10 ml) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x 20 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water $(2x 30 \text{ ml})$, dried over MgSO $_4$, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give compound 5 as a brown oil (0.1 g, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, $J =$ 2.9 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 15.2 and 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 15.4 and 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 135.7, 135.4, 133.7, 130.6, 130.3, 128.1, 127.6, 122.8, 109.2, 108.0, 74.1, 24.3. HRMS for C $_{12}H_{11}Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H] + calculated mass: 285.0192, measured: 285.0189.

(*E***) 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (6)**.

Synthetic procedure for compound (**6**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**40**).**[3](#page-78-0)** Beige solid (85%). Mp: 90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, *J* $= 2.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 131.1, 129.8, 121.6, 119.3, 110.8.

1-([4](#page-78-1)-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (41) .⁴ Orange solid (30%) . Mp: 98° C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.49 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 4.1 and 2.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.7, 137.5, 134.1, 132.4, 131.3, 129.2, 127.2, 123.7, 111.1. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.52 min; [M+H]⁺ 206.39.

(*E*) 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**6**).Yellow solid (54%). Mp: 124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* =

³ Das, B. *et al*. Novel approach for the synthesis of N-substituted pyrroles starting directly from nitro compounds in water. *Synthetic Communications*. **4**, 548-553 (2012)

 4 Pina, M. et al. Synthesis and spectral data of 1-aryl-2-formylpyrroles. *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii*. **2**, 180-184, (1989).

13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 136.5, 134.9, 132.8, 130.0, 129.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.2, 116.5, 112.1. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.07$ min; [M+H] + 249.44. HRMS for C₁₂H₁₀ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 249.0425, measured: 249.0425.

(*E***) 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (7).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**7**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**42**).**[5](#page-79-0)** Brown solid (90%). Mp: 54 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.1 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 135.2, 130.6, 125.6, 120.6, 119.2, 118.4, 111.1.

1-(3-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**43**).⁴ Brown solid (50%). Mp: 68°C. ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ δ 9.49 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.7, 140.0, 134.6, 132.4, 131.2, 130.0, 128.4, 126.3, 124.4, 123.5, 111,2. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.42 min ; $[M+H]^+ 206.34$.

(*E*) 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**7**)**.** Red oil (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 2.6 and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J=* 3.8 and 0.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 139.1, 135.5, 132.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.1, 127.7, 126.6, 125.2, 124.7, 116.5, 112.2. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.06$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 249.40. HRMS for $C_{12}H_{10}CIN_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 249.0425, measured: 249.0425.

(*E***) 1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (8).**

⁵ Corsi, C. *et al*. Preparation of pyrrole derivatives as plant growth regulators. PCT Int. Appl., 2010069879, 24 Jun 2010.

Synthetic procedure for compound (**8**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**44**) **1 .** Brown oil (87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.88 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.31 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8, 130.7, 129.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 122.2, 109.3.

1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**45**).**⁴** Beige solid (29%). Mp: 94°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.42 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ 178.6, 137.1, 133.0, 132.0, 131.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.0, 127.4, 122.2, 110.9. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.38$ min; [M+H]⁺ 206.39.

(*E*) 1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (8). Brown oil (50%). ¹H NMR (400) MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 7.5 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt, *J* = 7.6 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* =13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 2.5 and 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 2.6 and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 0.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 132.5, 132.3, 131.0, 130.9, 130.3, 129.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.8, 116.9, 112.0. LC-MS (ESI): $t \text{ R} = 4.95 \text{ min}$; [M+H] + 249.44. HRMS for C $_{12}H_{10}CIN_{2}O_{2}$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 249.0425, measured: 249.0425.

(*E***) 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (9).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**9**) is similar as that described for compound **(1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**46**)**.** Brown solid (77%). Mp: 56 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 8.7$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.0, 133.5, 131.2, 129.2, 122.1, 119.4, 119.2, 111.4.

1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**47**)**.** Brown solid (40%). Mp: 104°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.50 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 138.3, 132.9, 132.5, 132.2, 131.6, 130.6, 127.8, 125.5, 124.6, 111,4. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.81 min; [M+H]⁺ 240.30. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8Cl_2NO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 239.9977, measured: 239.9975.

(*E*) 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**9**) : yellow solid (65%). Mp: 128 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 8.5$ and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 2.6$ and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 135.7, 132.5, 132.3, 131.0, 130.9, 130.3, 129.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.8, 116.9, 112.0. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.29$ min; [M+H] + 283.44. HRMS for C₁₂H₉Cl₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 1-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (10).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**10)** is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole (48).³ Pink oil (78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 134.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.5, 126.2, 122.2, 109.6.

1-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**49**). Yellow solid (32%). Mp: 92°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 4.1 and 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.5, 139.0, 134.0, 132.9, 131.3, 131.0, 130.8, 127.3, 127.2, 122.9, 111,1. LC-MS (ESI): $t \text{ R} = 4.69 \text{ min}$; [M+H] + 240.30. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8Cl_2NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 239.9977, measured: 239.9975.

(*E*) 1-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**10**). Yellow solid (53%). Mp: 122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.9 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, $J = 2.5$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.50 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.3, 134.8, 132.6, 131.9, 131.8, 130.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 125.7, 116.7, 112.3. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.11$ min; [M+H] + 283.44. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 1-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (11)***.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**11)** is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**50**)**.** Brown oil (79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.6 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* $= 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.26 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 139.5, 133.1, 131.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 122.0, 109.9. HRMS for C 10H₉Cl₂N [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 212.0028, measured: 212.0030.

1-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**51**)**.** Orange solid (45%). Mp: 126°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 3.9 and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.5, 138.2, 132.9, 132.8, 130.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.0, 123.1, 111.2. LC-MS (ESI): $t \text{ R} = 4.72 \text{ min}$; [M+H] + 240.35. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8Cl_2NO$ [M+H] + calculated mass: 239.9977, measured: 239.9972.

(*E*) 1-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**11**) Yellow solid (59%). Mp: 124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 133.7, 132.8, 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 129.9, 129.8, 127.4, 125.8, 116.8, 112.5. LC-MS (ESI): $t_{R} = 5.13$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 283.49. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (12).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**12**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**52**)**.** Brown solid (79%). Mp: 60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 142.2, 135.9, 125.4, 119.1, 118.7, 111.6. HRMS for $C_{10}H_8Cl_2N$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 212.0028, measured: 212.0032.

1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**53**). Yellow solid (50%). Mp: 144°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 3.9 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 3.9 and 2.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.5, 140.7, 135.1, 132.2, 131.3, 128.4, 124.8, 124.6, 111.5. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.69$ min; [M+H] $+ 240.26$. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8Cl_2NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 239.9975, measured: 239.9977.

(*E*) 1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**12**). Orange solid (65%). Mp: 120°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 2.6$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 136.2, 133.4, 129.6, 129.2, 127.2, 125.2, 125.1, 116.7, 112.5. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.33$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 283.44. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0036.

(*E***) 1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (13)**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**13**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**54**).[6](#page-83-0) Orange solid (83%). Mp: 90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 137.0, 134.5, 129.6, 128.7, 121.9, 109.4.

1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (55).⁶ Orange solid (45%). Mp: 94°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (s, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 9.0 and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 3.8$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.4, 135.6, 134.2, 132.3, 130.4, 130.2, 128.4, 123.1, 111,4. LC-MS (ESI): t_R $= 4.61$ min; $[M+H]$ ⁺ 240.35.

(*E*) 1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**13**). Orange solid (60%). Mp: 120°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 135.1, 133.8, 132.3, 131.4, 129.5, 129.1, 127.2, 125.1, 117.5, 112.7. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.05$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 283.40. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9C_{12}N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 1-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenyl)- 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (14).**

⁶ Ikegami, H. *et al* . Hydrazide compound and their preparation, formulation and pesticidal use. PCT Int. Appl., 2007043677, 19 Apr 2007

Synthetic procedure for compound (**14**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**56**).[7](#page-84-0) Brown solid (79%). Mp: 102 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 131.7, 131.7, 131.6, 128.8, 128.2, 122.0, 110.2.

1-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**57**)**.** Beige solid (32%). Mp: 96°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.55 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.47 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.5, 136.7, 133.7, 132.9, 131.4, 131.1, 131.0, 130.9, 130.0, 123.7, 111.4, LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.07 min; [M+H] $+ 274.26$. HRMS for C $_{11}H_7Cl_3NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 273.9587, measured: 273.9587.

(*E*) 1-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenyl)- 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**14**)**.** Yellow solid (62%). Mp: 166 [°]C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.3 Hz 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 3.8 and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 135.1, 134.9, 133.0, 132.3, 131.8, 131.5, 130.8 129.7, 127.1, 125.8, 116.6, 112.7. LC-MS (ESI): $t \rightarrow R = 5.42$ min; [M+H] + 317.27. HRMS for $C_{12}H_8Cl_3N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 316.9645, measured: 316.9645.

(*E***) 1-(2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl)- 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (15).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**15**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**58**). Beige solid (88%). Mp: 90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.37 (s, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 135.8, 135.1, 134.6, 128.6, 121.8, 109.7. HRMS for C ₁₀H₇Cl₃N [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 245.9638, measured: 245.9642.

 7 Ma, F et al. A recyclable magnetic nanoparticles supported antimony catalyst for the synthesis of N-substituted pyrroles in water. *Applied Catalysis* , *A: General* , **457**, 34-41 (2013)

1-(2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**59**). Yellow solid (30%). Mp: 100 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.4, 135.3, 134.8, 134.6, 132.2, 130.4, 128.5, 123.6, 111,7. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.97$ min; [M+H]⁺ 274.31. HRMS for $C_{11}H_7C_8NO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 273.9587, measured: 273.9587.

(*E*) 1-(2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl)- 2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**15**). Light brown solid (50%). Mp: 114 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 1.4 Hz 1H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 3.8 and 2.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 136.8, 135.7, 132.7, 132.6, 129.3, 129.2, 126.8, 125.1, 117.3, 113.0. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.32$ min; [M+H] + 317.32. HRMS for $C_{12}H_8Cl_3N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 316.9645, measured: 316.9645.

(*E***) 1-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (16)***.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**16**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**60**). Orange oil (80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.6 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 161.1 (d, *J* = 250.7 Hz), 135.3 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 122.3 (s), 117.7 (d, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 114.6 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 109.5 (s). HRMS for C $_{10}$ H₈ClFN [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 196.0323, measured: 196.0326.

1-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**61**)**.** White solid (61%). Mp: 104°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 8.7$ and 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J =$ 8.0 and 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.6 (s), 162.1 (d, $J = 250.9$ Hz), 133.6 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 133.0 (s), 131.2 (s), 129.9 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 123.0 (bs), 117.5 (d, $J = 25.9$ Hz), 114.6 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 111.0 (s), LC-MS (ESI): t $_{R} = 4.49$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 224.40. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8$ ClFNO $[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 224.0272, measured: 224.0272.

(*E*) 1-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**16**)*.* Orange solid (55%). Mp: 102 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.20- 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 2.6$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, $J = 3.8$ and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6 (d, *J* = 257.9 Hz), 133.9 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 132.5 (s), 132.0 (d, *J*= 3.7 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 130.3 (s), 127.5 (s), 125.9 (s), 118.3 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 116.8 (s), 115.4 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 112.3 (s). LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.95 min; [M+H] + 267.41. HRMS for C 12H₉ClFN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 267.0331, measured: 267.0329.

(*E***) 1-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (17).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**17**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**62**). Orange oil (75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7 (d, $J = 255.7$ Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 125.5 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 125.1 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 121.2 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 117.8 (d, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 110.3 (s). HRMS for C ₁₀H₈ClFN [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 196.0323, measured: 196.0329.

1-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**63**)**.** White solid (60%). Mp: 82°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.47 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6 (s), 156.9 (d, $J = 253.8$ Hz), 135.0 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 132.8 (s), 131.5 (s), 128.9 (s), 126.3 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 124.7 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124,0 (bs), 117,2 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 111.3 (s). LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.55$ min; [M+H] + 224.35. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8CIFNO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 224.0272, measured: 224.0272.

(*E*) 1-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**17**). Yellow solid (60%). Mp: 134 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.60 (dt, *J* = 13.4 and 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 1.9 and 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.8 and 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 156.9 (d, *J* = 257.9 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 133.0 (s), 130.2 (s), 129.7 (s), 127.3 (s), 125.8 (s), 125.7 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.6 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 118.1 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 116.5 (s), 112.5 (s). LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.02 min; [M+H]⁺ 267.45. HRMS for C₁₂H₉ClFN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 267.0331, measured: 267.0330.

(*E***) 1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (18).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**18**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**64**). Orange oil (94%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.1 and 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* $= 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 139.6, 136.1, 131.3, 129.2, 122.1, 121.4, 120.6, 109.6. HRMS for C 10H₈Br₂N [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 299.9018, measured: 299.9017.

1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**65**)**.** White solid (30%). Mp: 88 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 3.9 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* $= 3.8$ and 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.2, 138.1, 135.7, 132.7, 131.3, 130.9, 130.0, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 111.1. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.92 min; [M+H]⁺ 328.25. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8Br_2NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 327.8967, measured: 327.8963.

(*E*) 1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**18**). Orange solid (60%). Mp: 122 ^oC. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 2.7 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 136.4, 134.3, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 127.4, 125.8, 116.7, 112.3. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.30$ min; [M+H] ⁺ 371.30. HRMS for C₁₂H₉Br₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 370.9025, measured: 370.9023.

(*E***) 1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (19).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**19**) is is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**66**).[8](#page-87-0) Orange oil (89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 139.2, 134.6, 133.6, 128.9, 128.5, 122.2, 120.4, 109.6.

1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**67**). White solid (30%). Mp: 102 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 4.1 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.38 (dd, $J = 3.9$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.5, 137.6, 135.4, 133.0, 132.8, 131.0, 129.6, 128.3, 123.0, 122.6, 111.1. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.80 min; [M+H]⁺ 284.30. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8BrCINO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.9472, measured: 283.9470.

⁸ Sugita, K et al. Preparation of tricyclic compounds such as pyrrolobenzoxazepine derivatives and analogs thereof for treatment of hypercholesteremia, hyperlipemia, and arteriosclerosis. Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho, 2008291018, 04 Dec 2008

(*E*) 1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**19**). Yellow solid (53%). Mp: 98 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 8.3$ and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J =$ 2.5 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.8 and 2.7 Hz 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 136.6, 136.0, 133.7, 132.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.0, 127.4, 125.7, 123.3, 116.9, 112.3. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.23$ min; [M+H]⁺ 327.35. HRMS for C₁₂H₉BrClN₂O₂ calculated mass: 326.9530, measured: 326.9529

(*E***) 1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (20).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**20**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**68**). Orange oil (90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 137.9, 133.3, 130.8, 130.6, 128.8, 122.0, 120.8, 109.7. HRMS for C₁₀H₈BrClN [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 255.9523, measured: 255.9523.

1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**69**). Beige solid (31%). Mp: 92 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 3.9 and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 178.5, 136.5, 133.1, 132.9, 132.8 131.1, 130.7, 129.9, 123.2, 122.9, 111.2. LC-MS (ESI): t $R = 4.83$ min; [M+H] $+ 284.25$. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8BrCINO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.9472, measured: 283.9468.

(*E*) 1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**20**). Orange solid (57%). Mp: 124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* $= 2.7$ and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 4.0$ and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 134.8, 133.6, 133.7, 132.6, 131.4, 130.6, 130.0, 127.4, 125.7, 124.1, 116.7, 112.4. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.26$ min; [M+H] + 327.35. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9BrClN_2O_2$ calculated mass: 326.9530, measured: 326.9529.

(*E***) 1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (21).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**21**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-1H-pyrrole (70).^{[9](#page-89-0)} Yellow solid (88%). Mp: 72 °C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.26 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 142.7, 139.2, 134.2, 129.1, 128.4, 122.1, 109.5, 96.0.

1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**71**). Pink solid (30%). Mp: 62 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* $= 4.0$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 178.5, 141.2, 138.8, 135.3, 132.5, 130.8, 129.1, 128.8, 122.9, 111.2, 97.8. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.86 min; [M+H]⁺ 332.23. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8$ ClINO [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 331.9333, measured: 331.9329.

(*E*) 1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**21**). Orange solid (57%). Mp: 100 °C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.6, 136.5, 132.6, 132.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 127.5, 125.4, 117.2, 112.4, 98.6. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.35 min; [M+H] + 375.29. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9C1N_2O_2$ calculated mass: 374.9391, measured: 374.9391

(*E***) 1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (22).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**22**) is similar as that described for compound (**1**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**72**). Orange oil (95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* $= 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.27 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 139.0, 138.6, 137.8,

⁹ Chai, D. et al. Mechanistic Studies of Pd-Catalyzed Regioselective Aryl C-H Bond Functionalization with Strained Alkenes: Origin of Regioselectivity. *Chemistry - A European Journal*, **29**, 8175-8188, S8175/1-S8175/54 (2011).

130.5, 129.0, 122.0, 109.8, 91.6. HRMS for C 10H₈ClIN [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 303.9384, measured: 303.9384.

1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**73**). Yellow solid (32%). Mp: 92 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 3.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* $= 3.9$ and 2.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ 178.5, 138.5, 137.2, 136.6, 133.0, 132.8, 131.0, 130.1, 123.2, 111.2, 94.1. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.98 min; [M+H]⁺ 332.28. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8$ ClINO [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 331.9333, measured: 331.9329.

(*E*) 1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**22**). Orange solid (57%). Mp: 96 °C.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.2 and 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 2.1 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.49 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 137.3, 135.5, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 130.0, 127.4, 125.7, 116.8, 112.4, 95.4. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.35 min; $[M+H]$ + 375.29. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9ClIN_2O_2$ calculated mass: 374.9391, measured: 374.9391.

(*E***) 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (23).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**23**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (74).^{[10](#page-90-0)} Brown solid (50%). Mp: 68°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 3.1 and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.4, 140.5, 135.6, 131.0, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 122.2, 121.4, 119.2, 110,0. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.42 min; [M+H]⁺ 206.34.

(*E*) 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (23). Brown solid (50%). Mp: 104 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dt, *J* = 8.1 and 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dt, *J* = 8.0 and 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 3.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 140.4, 135.7, 134.3, 133.1, 131.0, 127.2, 124.9, 122.7, 121.1, 118.8, 118.2, 109.5. LC-MS (ESI): $t = R = 5.15$ min; [M+H]⁺ 249.40. HRMS for C $_{12}H_{10}CIN_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 249.0425, measured: 249.0424.

¹⁰ McInnes, Campbell and Liu, Shu. Cyclin based inhibitors of CDK2 and CDK4. U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 20130289240, 31 Oct 2013.

(*E***) 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (24)** *.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**24**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**75**).[11](#page-91-0) Orange solid (30%). Mp: 112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.6 and 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 3.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.4, 138.8, 134.0, 131.6, 131.4, 128.7, 126.8, 123.0, 122.1, 120.2, 110.0. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.92$ min; [M+H]⁺ 240.26.

(*E*) 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**24**) *.* Brown solid (40%). Mp: 128 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.6$ and 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 3.1 and 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 138.6 134.6, 134.0, 132.8, 131.6, 131.2, 124.7, 122.7, 122.6, 119.9, 118.4, 109.8. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.37$ min; [M+H] + 283.44. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0036.

(*E***) 1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (25)***.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**25**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**76**)**.** Brown solid (35%). Mp: 154 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, *J* $= 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 3.0$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.3, 141.1, 136.3, 128.8, 127.3, 126.7, 122.0, 119.7, 110.4. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.85 min; [M+H]⁺ 240.35. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8Cl_2NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 239.9975, measured: 239.9977.

¹¹ Haldar, P. *et al*. Sodium borohydride-iodine mediated reduction of γ-lactam carboxylic acids followed by DDQ mediated oxidative aromatization: a simple approach towards N-arylformylpyrroles and 1,3-diaryl-formylpyrroles. *Tetrahedron*, **14**, 3049-3056 (2007)

(*E*) 1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**25**) *.*Brown solid (40%). Mp: 190°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 3.0$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 140.9, 136.3, 134.7, 132.6, 127.1, 124.5, 122.6, 119.3, 118.6, 109.9. LC-MS (ESI): t $R = 5.49$ min; [M+H] $+ 283.40$. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Cl_2N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (26)***.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**26**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (77).⁶ White solid (30%). Mp: 92°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 3.7 and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 3.1$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.4, 135.5, 133.9, 130.6, 130.4, 128.9, 127.7, 124.7, 108.5. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.85 min; $[M+H]^+ 240.39$.

(*E*) 1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**26**) *.*Yellow solid (50%). Mp: 108 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.8 and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.58 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 134.1, 133.9, 133.4, 130.5, 129.9, 128.9, 128.1, 125.3, 117.1, 108.0. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.08 min; [M+H] + 283.40. HRMS for C ₁₂H₉Cl₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 283.0035, measured: 283.0035.

(*E***) 3-(2-Nitrovinyl)-1-(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (27)***.*

Synthetic procedure for compound (**27**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**78**)**.** Beige solid (30%). Mp: 74°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 3.1 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.3, 135.8, 134.6, 134.3, 130.1, 128.9, 127.9, 124.6, 108.8. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.86 min; [M+H]⁺ 274.31. HRMS for $C_{11}H_7Cl_3NO$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 273.9587, measured: 273.9582.

(*E*) 3-(2-Nitrovinyl)-1-(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**27**)*.* Yellow solid (50%). Mp: 90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 135.8, 134.5, 134.3, 134.2, 133.1, 128.9, 127.9, 125.2, 117.3, 108.3. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.39 min; [M-H] \cdot 315.31. HRMS for C $_{12}H_8Cl_3N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 316.9645, measured: 316.9645.

(*E***) 1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (28).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**28**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**79**). Rose solid (32%). Mp: 86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 3.0 and 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.4, 137.8, 135.3, 133.7, 130.1, 128.7, 128.7, 127.7, 124.9, 120.4, 108.7. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.72$ min; [M+H] + 284.25. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8BrClNO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.9472, measured: 283.9470.

(*E*) 1-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (28). Yellow solid (53%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 2.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 138.2, 134.9, 134.5, 134.3, 133.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.4, 126.4, 120.4, 117.4, 109.2. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 5.36 min; [M+H] + 327.35. HRMS for C $_{12}H_9BrClN_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 326.9530, measured: 326.9529.

(*E***) 1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (29).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**29**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**80**). Orange solid (34%). Mp: 100 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 2.9$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 185.4, 136.6, 133.6, 131.2, 130.8, 130.0, 128.7, 127.8, 124.8, 122.5, 108.9. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 4.76 min; [M+H]⁺ 284.21. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8BrClNO [M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 283.9472, measured: 283.9470.

(*E*) 1-(4-Bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**29**).Yellow solid (55%). Mp: 182°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, *J* = 2.1 and 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* =13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (bs, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1, and 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.83 (m, 2.8 and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 136.9, 134.8, 134.6, 133.3, 132.0, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 126.3, 122.1, 117.6, 109.3. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.38$ min; [M+H]⁺ 327.35. HRMS for C₁₂H₉BrClN₂O₂ [M+H] + calculated mass: 326.9530, measured: 326.9528.

(*E***) 1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (30).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**30**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**81**). Pink solid (32%). Mp: 86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.78 (m, 1H), \cdot ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.4, 138.2, 136.4, 131.7, 130.0, 129.1, 127.7, 124.8, 123.0, 120.6, 108.7. LC-MS (ESI): t_R = 4.81 min; [M+H]⁺ 328.25.

(*E*) 1-(2,4-Dibromophenyl)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)-1 *H*-pyrrole (**30**). Yellow solid (52%). Mp: 190 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ⁶) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4 and 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dd, 3.0 and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d $_6$) δ 138.6, 136.0, 134.9, 134.5, 132.4, 130.3, 130.2, 126.4, 122.6, 120.6, 117.4, 109.2. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 5.44$ min; $[M+H]^+$ 369.37. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9Br_2N_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 370.9025, measured: 370.9023.

(*E***) 1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (31).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**31**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**82**). Yellow solid (31%). Mp: 102 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 185.4, 141.3, 139.5, 135.5, 130.0, 129.5, 128.2, 127.7, 124.8, 108.8, 95.6. LC-MS (ESI): $t_R = 4.81$ min; [M+H] $+ 332.23$. HRMS for C $_{11}H_8CIINO$ [M+H] $+$ calculated mass: 331.9333, measured: 331.9328.

(*E*) 1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (31). Yellow solid (53%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 2.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 $(t, J = 2.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{ H})$, 6.55 (dd, $J = 2.9$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl 3) δ 139.3, 138.9, 137.2, 137.1, 134.2, 133.2, 130.5, 128.7, 127.8, 125.3, 117.3, 108.3. LC-MS (ESI): t R 5.40 min; [M-H] \cdot 373.32. HRMS for C $_{12}H_{9}CIIN_{2}O_{2}$ [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 374.9391, measured: 374.9390.

(*E***) 1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1***H***-pyrrole (32).**

Synthetic procedure for compound (**32**) is similar as that described for compound (**2**) and spectra data are shown below.

1-(4-Chloro-2-iodophenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (**83**). Beige solid (35%). Mp: 118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.3 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 3.2 and 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 185.4, 139.3, 137.2, 137.1 130.6, 130.0, 128.9, 127.8, 124.7, 108.8, 93.5. LC-MS (ESI): t _R = 4.87 min; [M+H] + 332.28. HRMS for $C_{11}H_8$ ClINO [M+H]⁺ calculated mass: 331.9333, measured: 331.9328. (E) 1-(2-Chloro-4-iodophenyl)-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (32). Yellow solid (53%). ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ δ 8.02 (d, $J = 13.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{ H}$), 7.91 (d, $J = 1.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{ H}$), 7.72 (dd, $J = 8.2 \text{ and}$ 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91(m, 1H), 6.55 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ³) δ 139.3, 138.9, 137.2, 137.1, 134.2, 133.2, 130.5, 128.7, 127.8, 125.3, 117.3, 108.3. LC-MS (ESI): t R = 5.47 min; [M-H]⁻ 373.27. HRMS for $C_{12}H_9CIIN_2O_2[M+H]^+$ calculated mass: 374.9391, measured: 374.9390.