

Supporting Information

Starter Unit Flexibility for Engineered Product Synthesis by the Non-Reducing Polyketide Synthase PksA

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Cloning and mutagenesis

All plasmids used in this study are summarized in Table S1. Cloning of plasmids to express PksA-SAT-KS-MAT (pENKA4) and PT-ACP (pEPTACP), as well as a series of active site mutants of PksA-SAT-KS-MAT (see table) has been described previously^(1, 2). Additional mutants and PksA-SAT-KS-MAT-PT-ACP were cloned for this study using standard methods. DNA manipulations were carried out in *E. coli* BL21(DE3). PksA-SAT-KS-MAT-PT-ACP was amplified from a pET-28a vector containing full-length PksA cDNA using pksA5-NheI and ACP-3-NotI primers. The resulting PCR product was ligated into pET28a at NheI and NotI sites to give pEPksA-SKMPA. For the SAT active site mutants, overlap extension PCR was used to introduce specific point mutations at Cys117. These fragments were amplified from pENKA4 using the primers listed in Table S2. PCR products were ligated into pET-28a at NcoI and NotI sites to give the plasmids listed in Table S1. All expression constructs were confirmed by automated sequencing (Johns Hopkins University Synthesis and Sequencing Facility, Baltimore MD).

Table S1

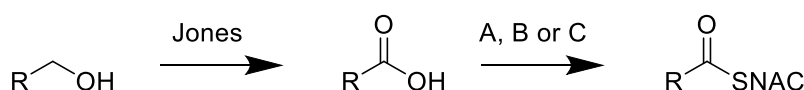
Plasmid	Protein	Tag	Mol. Wt (kDa)	Reference
pENKA4	SAT-KS-MAT	C-His ₆	144	(1)
pEPT-ACP	PT-ACP	C-His ₆	59	(1)
pENKA4-C117A	SAT ⁰ -KS-MAT	C-His ₆	144	(2)
pENKA4-C117S	SAT ⁰ -KS-MAT	C-His ₆	144	This study
pENKA4-C117G	SAT ⁰ -KS-MAT	C-His ₆	144	This study
pENKA4-C117N	SAT ⁰ -KS-MAT	C-His ₆	144	This study
pEPksA-SKMPA	SAT-KS-MAT-PT-ACP	N-His ₆ & C-His ₆	201	This study

Table S2

Primer	Sequence 5' to 3'
NT5.1	gatccatggctcaatcaaggcaactc
MAT3.4	gagtgcggccgcggatggacggt
C117S-5'	gtgctgggattcagcatgggttccttg
C117S-3'	caaggaacccatgctgaatcccagcac
C117G-5'	gtgctgggattcggcaggggttccttg
C117G-3'	caaggaacccatgccgaatcccagcac
C117N-5'	cgtgctgggattcaacatgggttccttgcc
C117N-3'	caaggaacccatgttgaatcccagcac
pksA5-NheI	gctagcatggctcaatcaaggc
ACP-3-NotI	gtaagcggccgctagccagcatccccgcttc

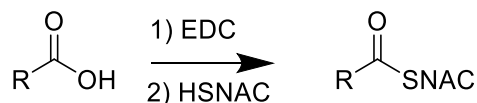
Synthesis of acyl-SNAC substrates

All reactions, unless otherwise stated, were performed under a positive N₂ or Ar atmosphere, in anhydrous, freshly distilled solvents. Commercially available compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa-Aesar and were used without further purification. All ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were acquired on a 300 MHz or 400 MHz Bruker spectrometer and are reported in parts per million (δ) referenced against a TMS standard or residual solvent peak. All NMR solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. Column chromatography was carried out on Silica Gel 60 (Sorbent Technologies, 200 x 400 mesh). Exact masses were determined on an Analytical VG-70SE Magnetic Sector Mass Spectrometer at the Johns Hopkins University Chemistry Department Mass Spectrometry Facility. ESI-MS spectra were measured at the Mass spectrometry facility of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA on a Bruker Apex-Qe Qh-FTMS instrument.



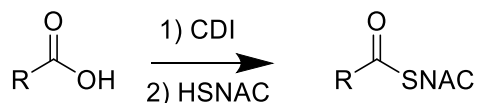
To a room temperature solution of the alcohol in acetone (200 mM), Jones reagent was added dropwise until the red color persisted. After 15 min, the reaction was quenched with isopropanol, filtered, concentrated, dissolved (5% HCl, CH₂Cl₂), separated, dried and concentrated to afford the desired carboxylic acid (~90%).

Method A:



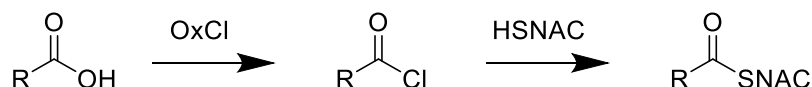
To a room temperature suspension of *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (1 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂, under N₂, Et₃N (1 eq.) was added. The carboxylic acid (1 eq.) was added dropwise followed by the addition of 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (0.1 eq.). After 10 min. *N*-acetylcysteamine (1 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was allowed to react for 12-14 h then poured into a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding thioester.

Method B:



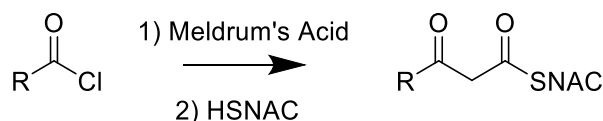
A room temperature solution of carboxylic acid (1 eq.) and CDI (1.4 eq.) in dry THF were allowed to react for 10 min. A solution of *N*-acetylcysteamine (1.1 eq.) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12-14 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was redissolved in 10 mL of EtOAc, washed (10 ml of brine), dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated and purified by column chromatography to furnish the respective SNAC-derivative.

Method C:

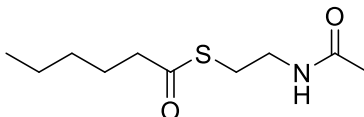


To a 0 °C solution of the carboxylic acid (1 equiv) and DMF (cat) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mM), oxalyl chloride (1.1 equiv) was added slowly. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 h, then concentrated *in vacuo* and used immediately without further purification. To a 0 °C solution of *N*-acetylcysteamine (1.0 equiv) and DIPEA (1.1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (350 mM), a 0 °C solution of the acid chloride (1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (500 mM) was added slowly, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 12 h. The resulting light orange solution was washed (NH₄Cl, sat, 1x, CuSO₄, sat, 1x, NH₄Cl, sat, 3x), filtered through a plug of silica gel, concentrated and recrystallized or purified by column chromatography.

Method D:

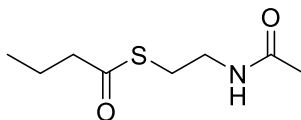


To a 0 °C solution of Meldrum's acid (1.0 equiv) and pyridine (1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (350 mM), a 0 °C solution of the acid chloride (1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (350 mM) was added. The resulting red solution was allowed to react at 0 °C for one hour, then warm to room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, then dissolved in toluene (200 mM). *N*-acetylcysteamine (1.0 equiv) was added and the red solution was heated to reflux for 2 h, cooled, washed (NH₄Cl, sat, 3x, CuSO₄, sat, 2x), dried, concentrated and recrystallized to afford the desired β-keto thioester.



***S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) hexanethioate (5)**

Watanabe, CMH, Wilson, D, Linz, JE and Townsend, CA. *Chemistry & Biology* **1996**, 3 (6), 463-469.

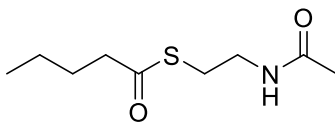


***S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) butanethioate (6)**

Method B

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.17 (br s, 1H), 3.38 (app q, *J* = 6.3, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.5, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.65 (sext, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.0, 170.4, 46.0, 39.7, 28.4, 23.2, 19.2, 13.5. HR-ESI-MS: 212.0706 ([*M* +

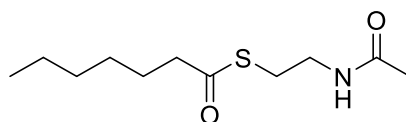
$\text{Na}]^+$, $(\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{S})\text{Na}^+$; calc. 212.0716). Spectral data matched that reported by J. Patel et al. *Tetrahedron* **1998**, 54, 15927-15936.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) pentanethioate (7)

Method A

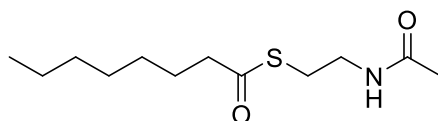
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.48 (br s, 1H), 3.32 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.57 (pent, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 (hex, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.1, 170.5, 43.8, 39.7, 28.4, 27.7, 23.1, 22.07, 13.7. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 204.1058, found: 204.1062 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. Spectral data matched that reported by Piasecki, SK, Taylor, CA, Detelich, JF, Liu, J, Zheng, J, Komsoukianants, A, Siegel, DR and Keatinge-Clay, AT. *Chem. Biol.* **2011**, 18, 1331-1340.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) heptanethioate (8)

Method A

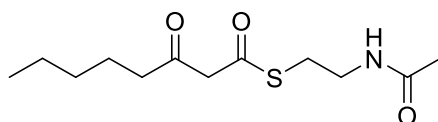
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.07 (br s, 1H), 3.66 (app q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.61 (pent, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 (br m, 6H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.4, 170.4, 44.3, 39.9, 31.5, 28.7, 28.6, 25.9, 23.3, 22.6, 14.1. HR-ESI-MS: 254.1181 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 254.1185). Spectral data matched that reported by Prasad, G, Borketey, LS, Lin, T and Schnarr, NA. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2012**, 10, 6717–6723.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) octanethioate (9)

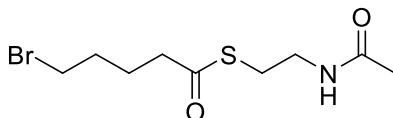
Method C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.89 (br s, 1H), 3.46 (app q, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.59 (pent, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.34–1.27 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 202.5, 192.6, 170.5, 57.3, 43.6, 39.4, 31.3, 29.4, 23.3, 23.3, 22.5, 14.01. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 246.1527, found 246.1525 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. Spectral data matched that reported by Tse, ML, Watts, RE and Khosla, C. *Biochemistry* **2007**, 46, 3385-3393.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-oxooctanethioate (10)

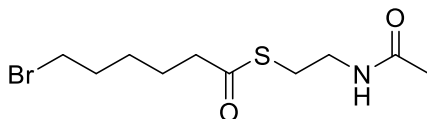
Brobst, SW and Townsend, CA. *Canadian Journal of Chemistry*, **1994**, 72 (1), 200-207.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-bromopentanethioate (11)

Method B: 76% of a colorless oil.

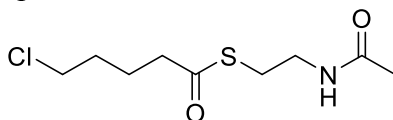
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.05 (br s, 1H), 3.36 (m, 4H), 2.98 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.3, 170.4, 42.9, 39.6, 32.8, 31.7, 28.5, 24.1, 23.2. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{79}\text{Br}$ 282.0163, found 282.01662 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{79}Br); calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{81}\text{Br}$ 284.0142, found 284.0146 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{81}Br). See Figure S32 for NMR spectra.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-bromohexanethioate (12)

Method B: 38% of a colorless oil.

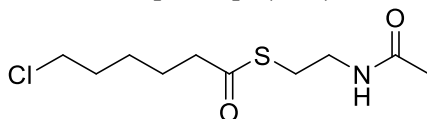
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.88 (br s, 1H), 3.39 (app q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.6, 170.2, 43.7, 39.6, 33.3, 32.3, 28.5, 27.4, 24.7, 23.2. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{79}\text{Br}$ 296.0319, found 296.0324 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{79}Br); calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{81}\text{Br}$ 298.0299, found 298.0305 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{81}Br). See Figure S33 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-chloropentanethioate (13)

Method B: 99% of a colorless oil.

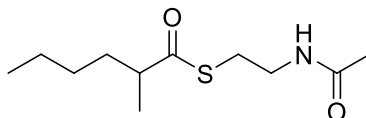
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.91 (br s, 1H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.41 (app q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.3, 170.2, 44.2, 43.1, 39.6, 31.6, 28.6, 23.2, 22.8. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{35}\text{Cl}$ 238.0668, found 238.0676 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{35}Cl); calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{37}\text{Cl}$ 240.0639, found 240.0639 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{37}Cl). See Figure S34 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-chlorohexanethioate (14)

Method B: 97% of a colorless oil.

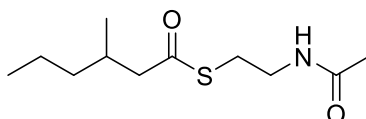
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.91 (br s, 1H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (app q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.45 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.8, 170.4, 44.7, 43.8, 39.7, 32.1, 28.5, 26.1, 25.4, 22.9. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{35}\text{Cl}$ 252.0825, found 252.0823 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{35}Cl); calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{37}\text{Cl}$ 254.0796, found 254.0794 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (^{37}Cl). See Figure S35 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methylhexanethioate (15)

Method A: 87 % of a colorless oil

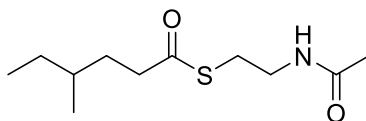
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.84 (br s, 1H), 3.43 (app q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (hex, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.29 (m, 4H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.9, 170.4, 48.9, 40.1, 34.0, 29.5, 28.3, 23.4, 22.8, 17.9, 14.1. HR-ESI-MS: 254.1182 ($[M + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 254.1185). See Figure S36 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-methylhexanethioate (16)

Method C: 95% of a colorless oil.

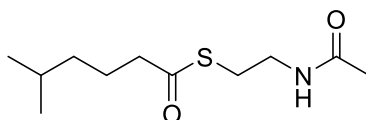
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.87 (br s, 1H), 3.44 (app q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.16 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.0, 170.4, 51.4, 39.9, 38.8, 30.9, 28.4, 23.2, 19.9, 19.5, 14.1. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 232.1371, found 232.1369 $[M+H]^+$. See Figure S37 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-methylhexanethioate (17)

Method C: 86% of a colorless oil.

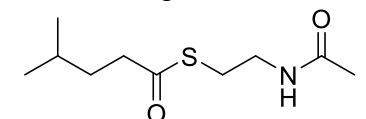
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.00 (br s, 1H), 3.41 (app q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.5, 170.5, 42.0, 39.9, 33.9, 32.1, 29.1, 28.4, 23.1, 18.8, 11.2. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 232.1371, found 232.1366 $[M+H]^+$. See Figure S38 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-methylhexanethioate (18)

Method B: 100% of a colorless oil.

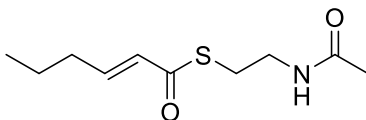
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.94 (br s, 1H), 3.38 (app q, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (app.t, $J = 15.2, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.2, 170.3, 44.3, 39.7, 38.1, 28.4, 23.5, 24.1, 23.1, 22.0. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 232.1371, found 232.1377 $[M+H]^+$. See Figure S39 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-methylpentanethioate (19)

Method B: 100% of a colorless oil.

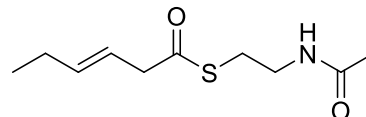
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.94 (br s, 1H), 3.38 (app q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (app t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.51 (m, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.4, 170.3, 42.3, 39.7, 34.4, 28.4, 27.6, 23.1, 22.2. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 218.1215, found: 218.1215 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. See Figure S40 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) (E)-hex-2-enethioate (20)

Method A

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.92 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (br s, 1H), 3.44 (app q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (app q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.50 (pent, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.6, 170.5, 146.7, 128.57, 47.7, 40.0, 34.4, 28.4, 23.4, 21.3. HR-ESI-MS: 238.0866 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 238.0872). Spectral data matched that reported by Tang, MC, He,

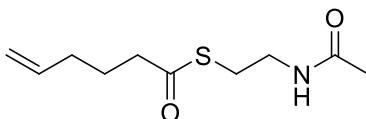


H, Zhang, F and Tang, G. *ACS Catal.* **2013**, 3, 444–447.

S-(2-acetamidoethyl) (E)-hex-3-enethioate (21)

Method C

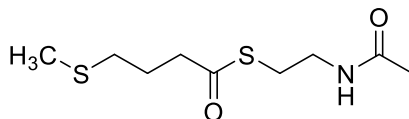
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.90 (br s, 1H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 5.48 (m, 1H), 3.43 (app q, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (ddd, J = 1.0, 4.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02, (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.9, 170.4, 138.3, 119.8, 47.6, 39.7, 28.5, 25.6, 23.2, 13.3. HRFAB m/z calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 216.1058, found: 216.1062 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. Spectral data matched that reported by Gay, DC, Spear, PJ and Keatinge-Clay, AT. *ACS Chem. Biol.* **2014**, 9, 2374–2381.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) hex-5-enethioate (22)

Method A: 24% of a colorless oil

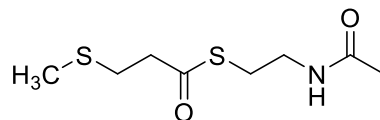
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.13 (br s, 1H), 5.72 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.02–4.95 (m, 2H), 3.38 (app q, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (q, J = 6.9, CH_2), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.72 (pent, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.4, 170.5, 137.2, 115.5, 43.1, 39.4, 32.6, 28.3, 24.50, 23.0. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 216.1058, found: 216.1059 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. See Figure S41 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-(methylthio)butanethioate (23)

Method A: 30% of a colorless oil

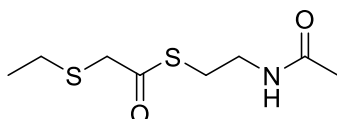
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.89 (br s, 1H), 3.42 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.3, 170.4, 42.7, 39.6, 33.3, 28.6, 24.6, 23.4, 15.4. HR-ESI-MS: 258.0589 ($[M + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+$; calc. 258.0593). See Figure S42 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-(methylthio)propanethioate (24)

Method A: 27% of a colorless oil

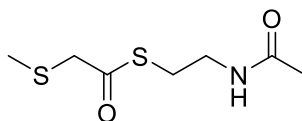
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.29 (br s, 1H), 3.36 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (AA'BB', $J \approx 7.1$, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (AA'BB', $J \approx 7.1$, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.9, 170.4, 43.4, 39.3, 29.3, 28.5, 23.1, 15.5. HR-ESI-MS: 244.0431 ($[M + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+$; calc. 244.0436). See Figure S43 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethylthio)ethanethioate (25)

Method A: colorless oil

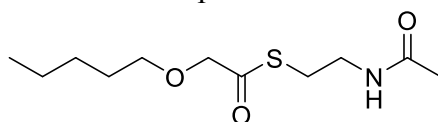
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.89 (br s, 1H), 3.45 (app q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (dq, $J = 0.8$, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.27 (dt, $J = 0.8$, 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.4, 170.3, 41.9, 39.5, 29.1, 27.0, 23.2, 14.1. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: 222.0623, found: 222.0622 $[M+H]^+$. See Figure S44 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(methylthio)ethanethioate (26)

Method A: colorless oil

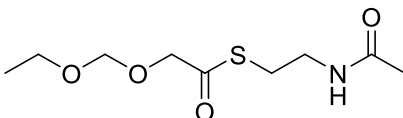
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.98 (br s, 1H), 3.44 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.0, 170.4, 44.2, 39.4, 29.1, 23.2, 16.5. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$: 208.0466, found: 208.0464 $[M+H]^+$. See Figure S45 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(pentyloxy)ethanethioate (27)

Method A: 61% of a colorless oil

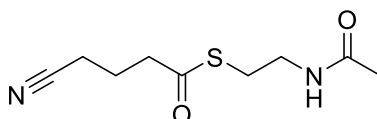
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.04 (br s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.41 (app q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.63 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.0, 170.4, 75.8, 72.9, 39.5, 29.3, 28.1, 27.4, 23.2, 22.5, 14.0. HR-ESI-MS: 270.1132 ($[M + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 270.1134). See Figure S46 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethoxymethoxy)ethanethioate (28)

Method A colorless oil

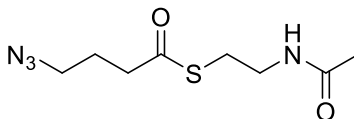
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.15 (br s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.63 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.40 (app q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.7, 170.5, 95.3, 71.9, 64.1, 39.4, 27.5, 23.1, 15.0. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$: 236.0957, found: 236.0966 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. See Figure S47 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-cyanobutanethioate (29)

Method A: 60% of a colorless oil

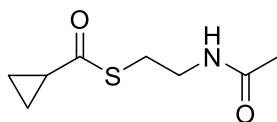
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.95 (br s, 1H), 3.42 (app q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (pent, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.1, 170.4, 118.9, 42.0, 39.4, 28.9, 23.3, 21.2, 16.3. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 215.0854, found: 215.0856 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. See Figure S48 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-azidobutanethioate (30)

Method A: 72% of a colorless oil

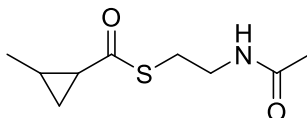
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.17 (br s, 1H), 3.39 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.88 (pent, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.6, 170.5, 50.4, 40.8, 39.4, 28.6, 24.7, 23.1. HR-ESI-MS: 253.0735 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 253.0711). See Figure S49 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) cyclopropanecarbothioate (31)

Method C

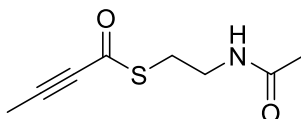
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.08 (br s, 1H), 3.41 (app q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 (sym m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.15 (sym m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.97 (sym m, 2H). ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.9, 170.3, 39.8, 31.1, 28.5, 22.8, 23.2, 22.7, 11.1. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 188.0745, found: 188.0751 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. Spectral data matched that reported by Lee, MS, Qin, G, Nakanishi, K, Zagorski, MG. *JACS* **1989**, 111, 6234-6241.



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbothioate (32)

Method C: 72% of a colorless oil

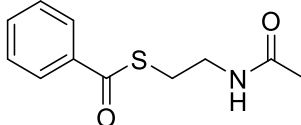
As a 3:1 mixture of diastereomers. Major: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.99 (br s, 1H), 3.42 (app q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.76 (sym m, 1H), 1.55 (b m, 1H), 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (sym m, 1H). Minor: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.99 (br s, 1H), 3.42 (app q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.10 (b m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.48 (b m, 1H), 1.14 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.10 (m, 1H). Major: ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.2, 170.3, 39.9, 31.4, 28.5, 23.2, 20.4, 19.6, 17.9. Minor: ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.7, 170.3, 40.1, 28.6, 28.3, 23.2, 19.6, 16.3, 11.9. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 202.0902, found: 202.0910 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. See Figure S50 for NMR spectra



S-(2-acetamidoethyl) but-2-ynethioate (33)

Method A: colorless prisms

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.01 (br s, 1H), 3.45 (app q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 176.6, 170.4, 92.5, 77.9, 39.3, 29.3, 23.2, 4.3. HR-ESI-MS calculated exact mass for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 186.0589, found: 186.0585 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. Melting point: 59 °C. See Figure S51 for NMR spectra



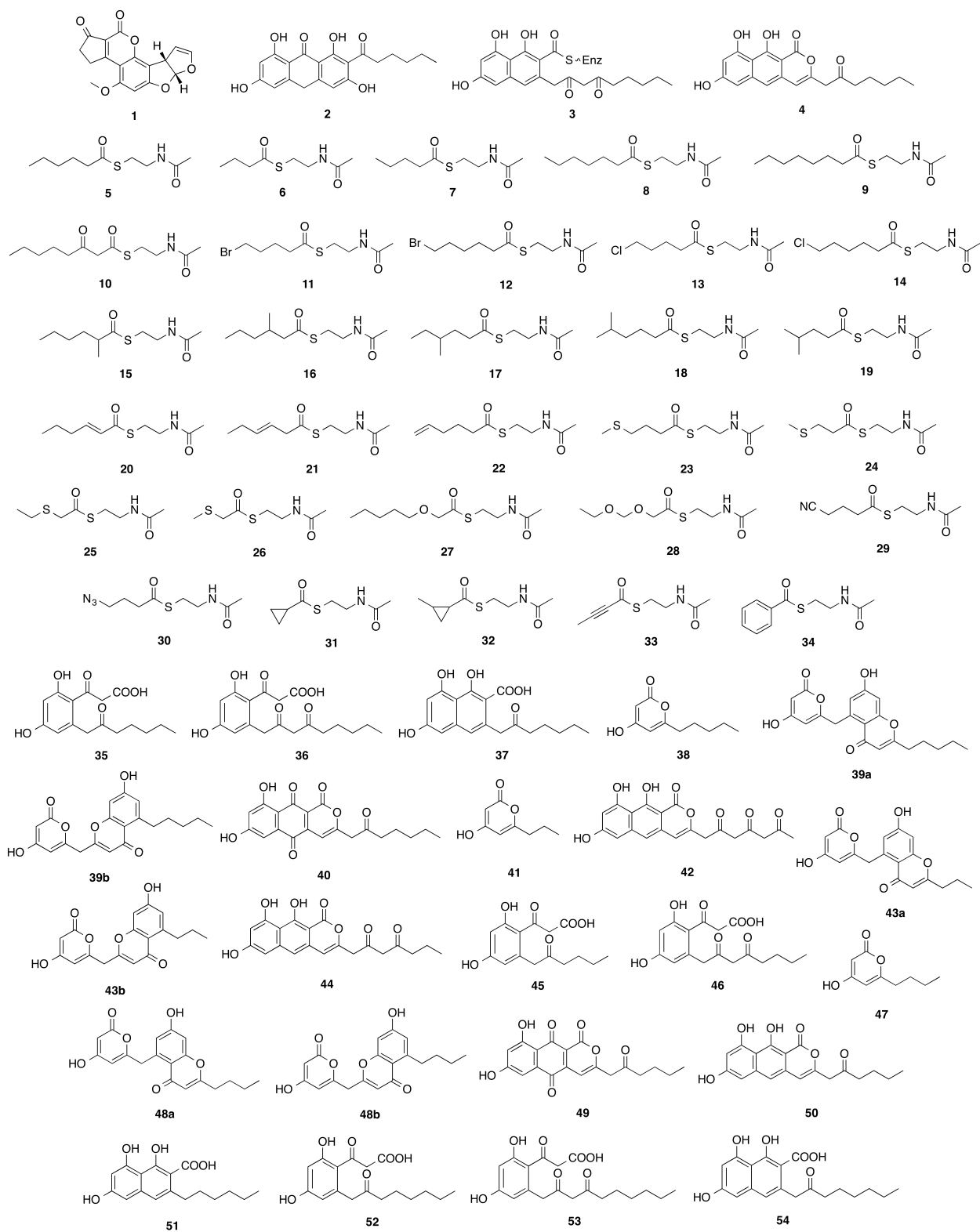
S-(2-acetamidoethyl) benzothioate (34)

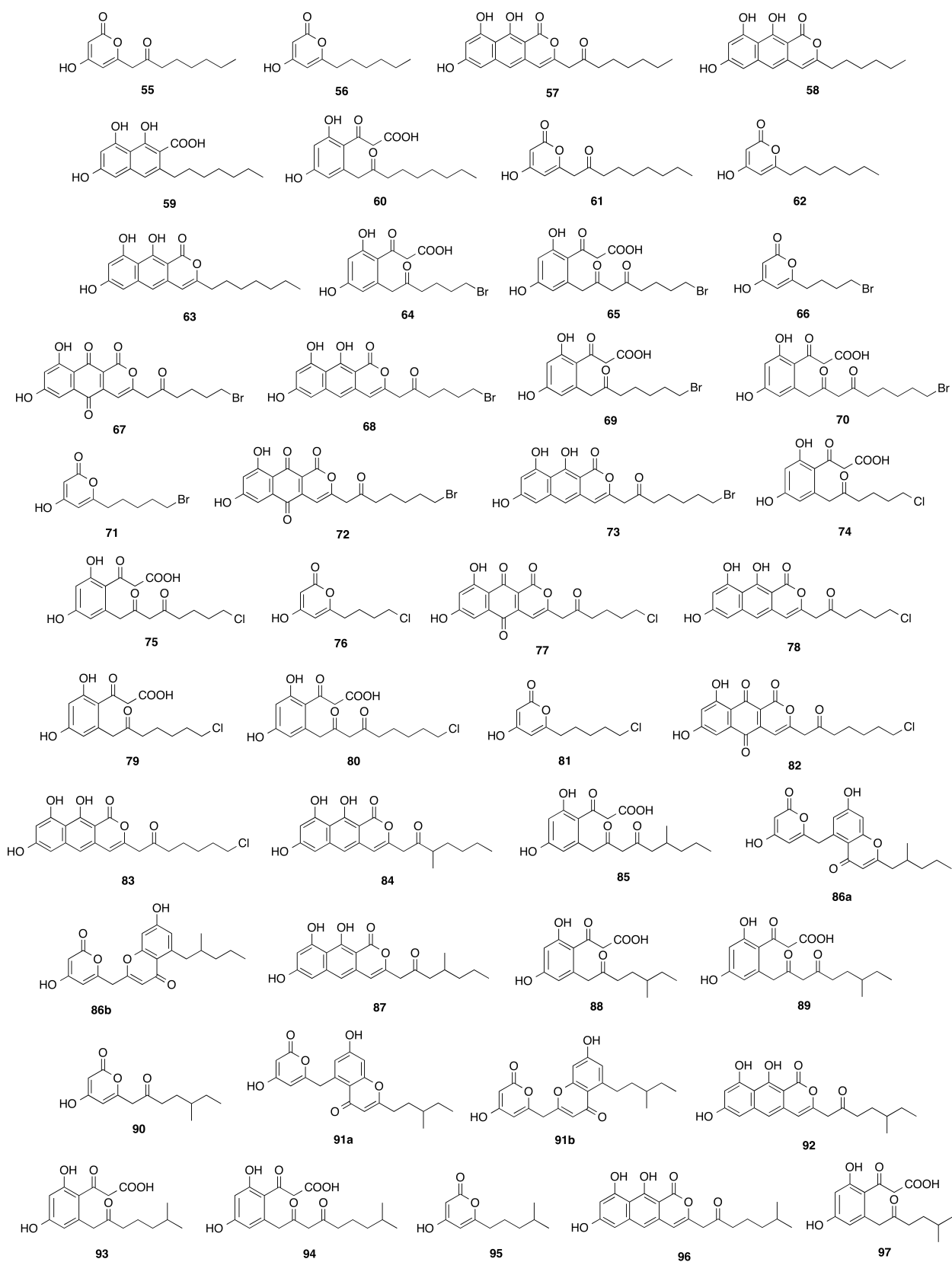
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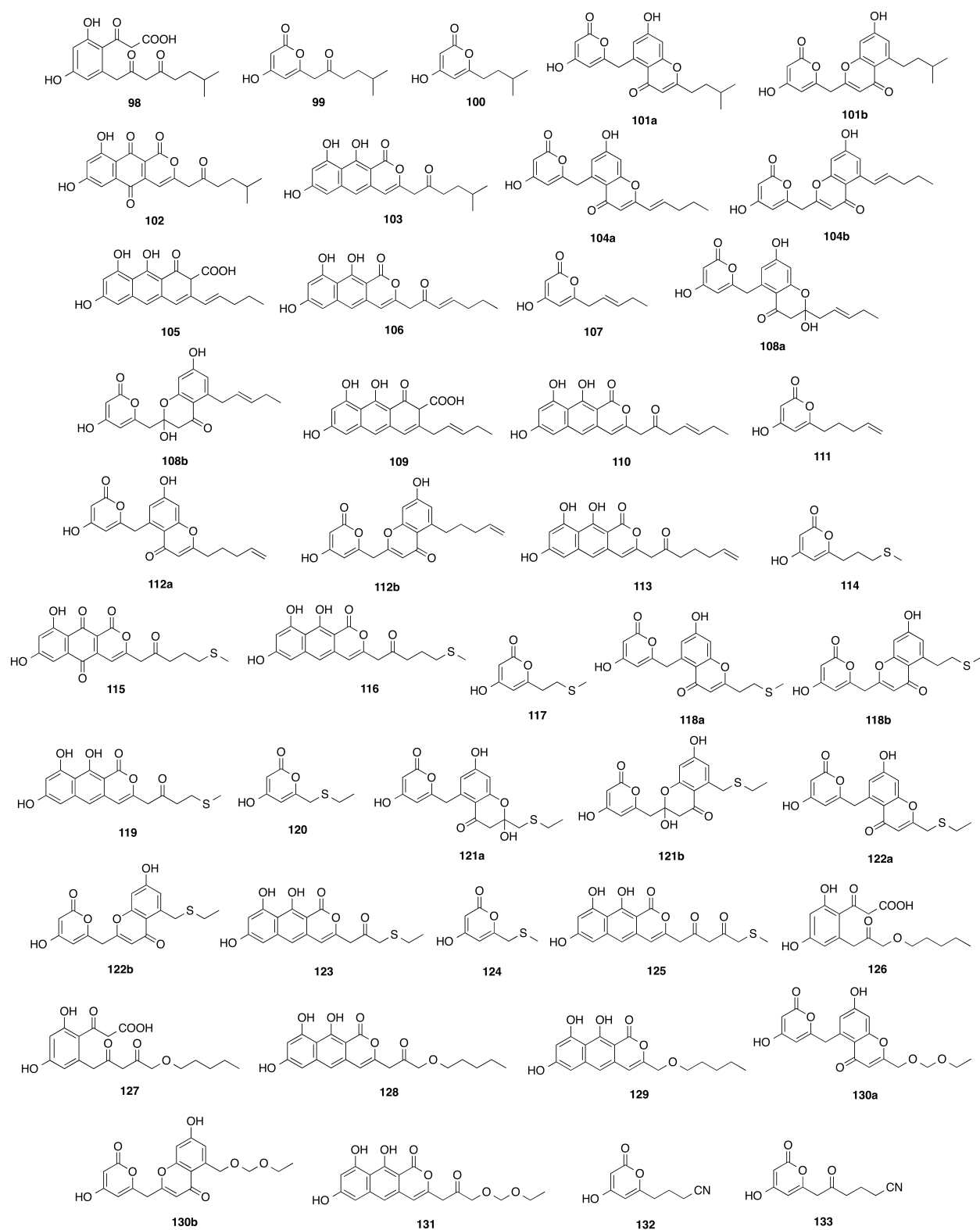
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 4.7, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.01 (br s, 1H), 3.51 (app q, $J \approx 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.4, 170.5, 136.8, 133.8, 128.8, 127.4, 39.8, 28.7, 23.4. HR-ESI-MS: 246.0554 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}^+$; calc. 246.0559). Spectral data matched that reported by Prasad, G, Borketey, LS, Lin, T and Schnarr, NA. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2012**, 10, 6717–6723.

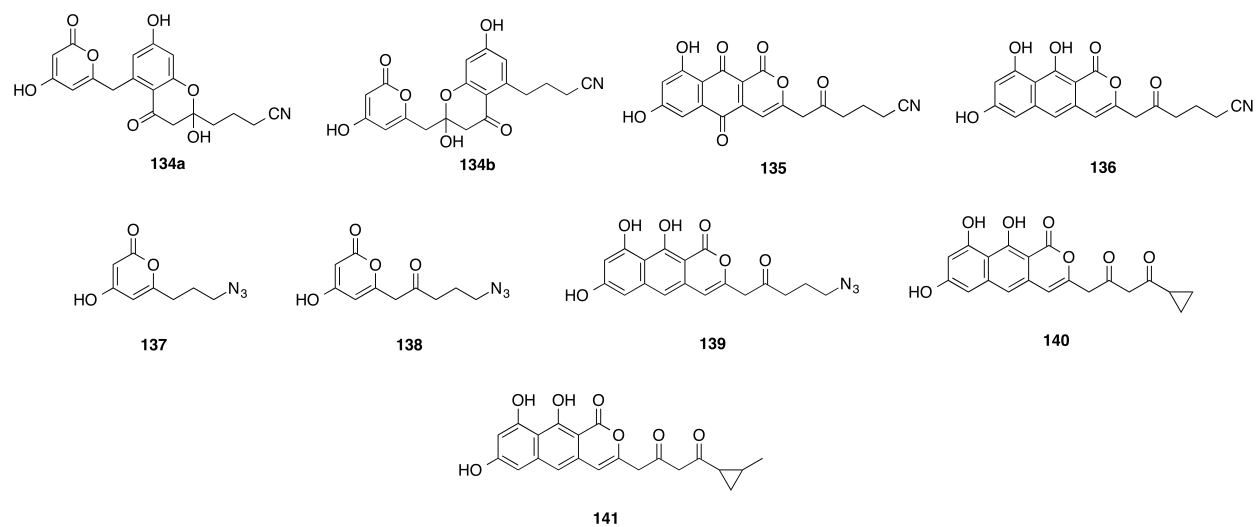
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Scheme S1. Full structures of all starter units assayed in this paper and the resulting enzymatic products. See following figures (Figures S1-S31) for HPLC and HR-ESI-MS characterization of enzymatic products **35-141**.

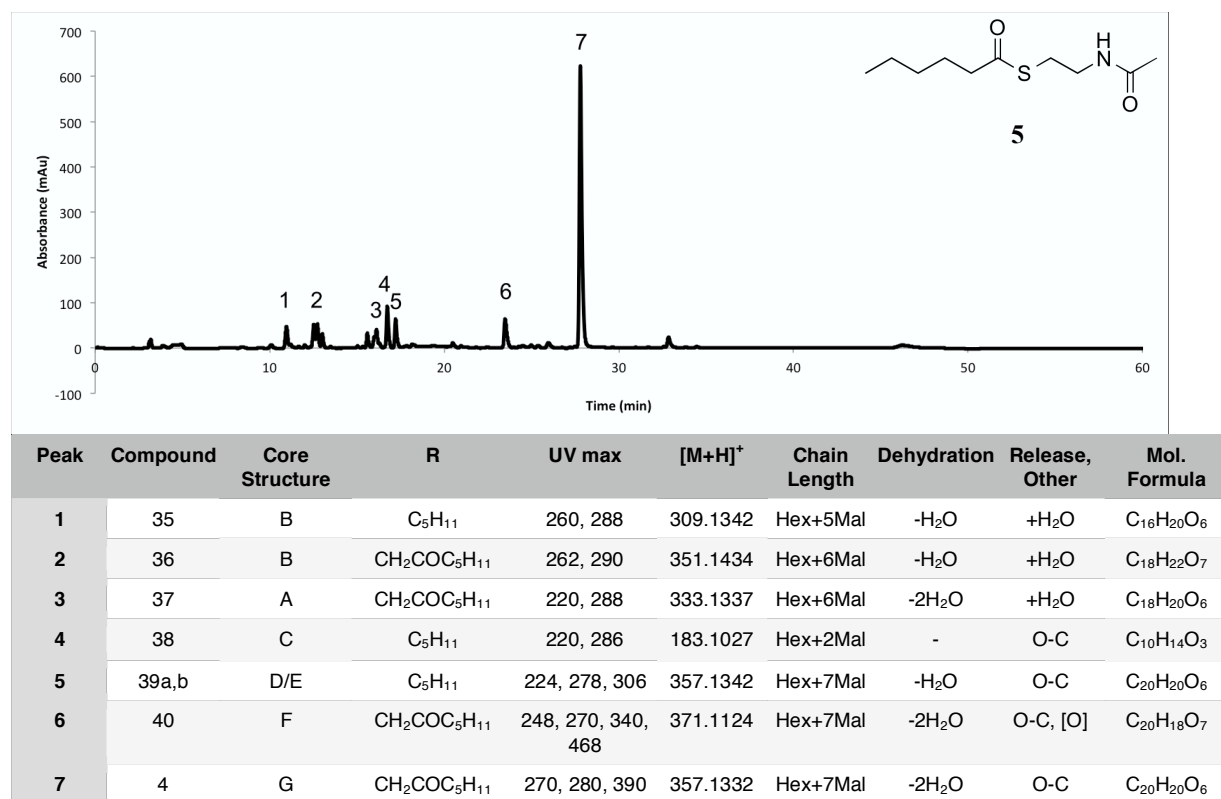


Figure S1. Product profile for starter unit **5** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) hexanethioate)

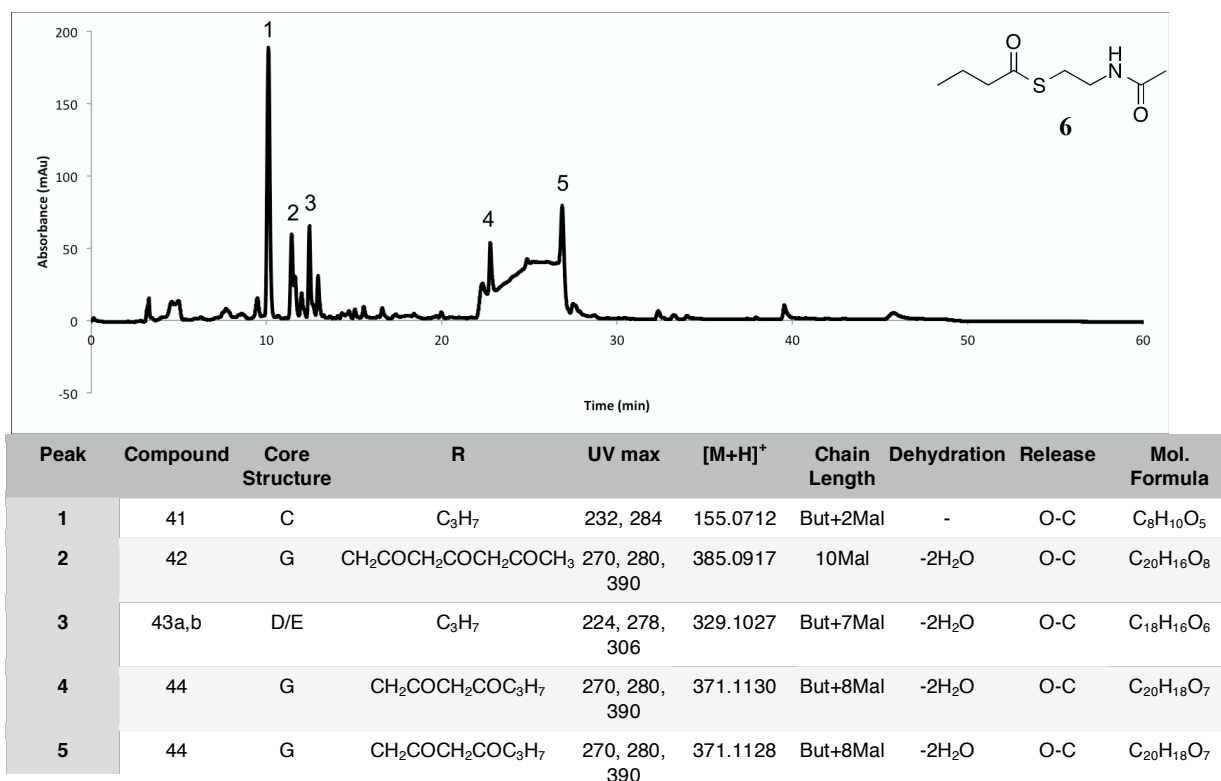


Figure S2. Product profile for starter unit **6** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) butanethioate).

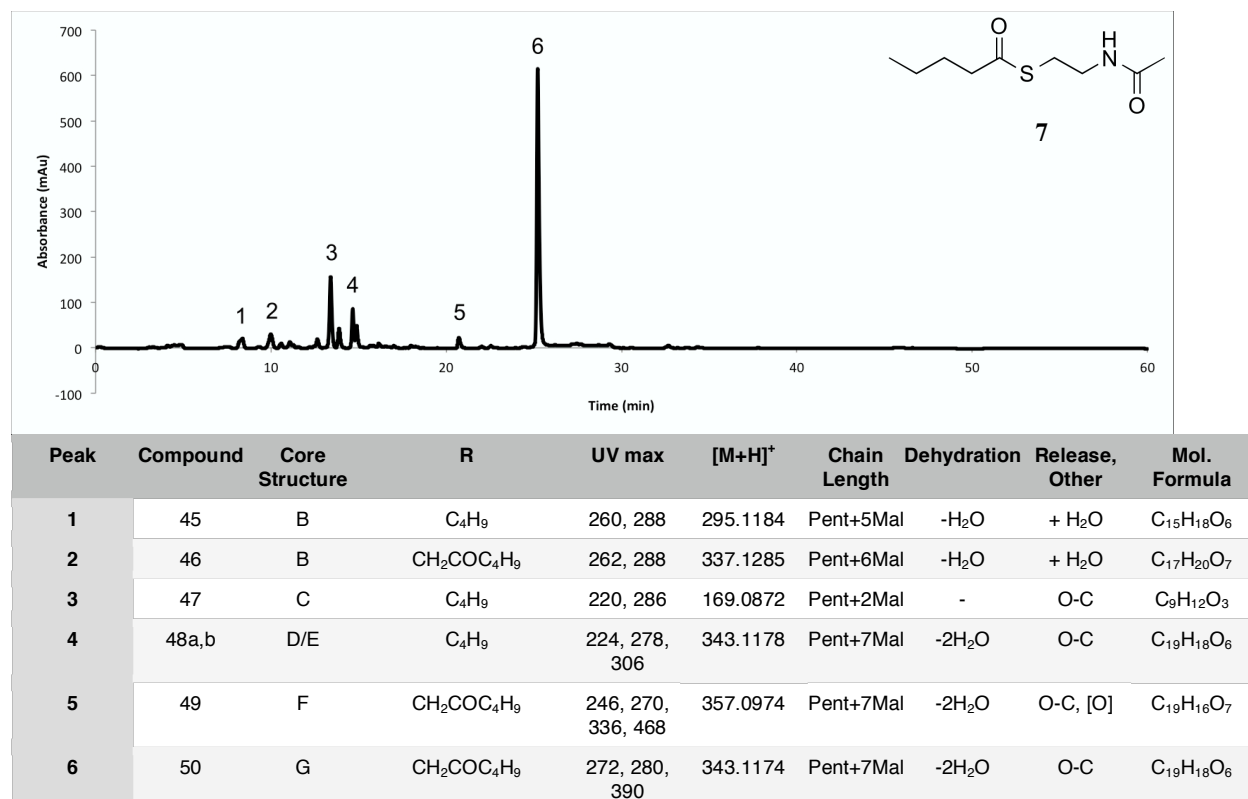


Figure S3. Product profile for starter unit **7** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) pentanethioate).

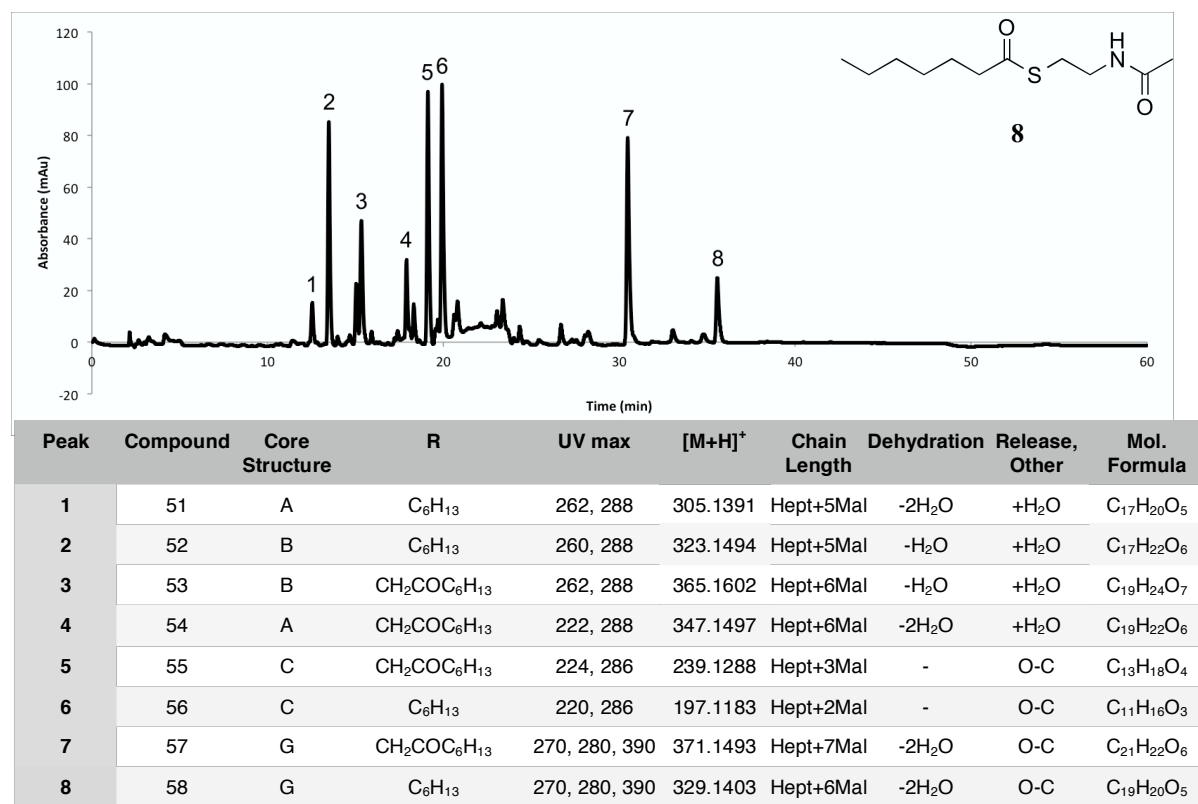


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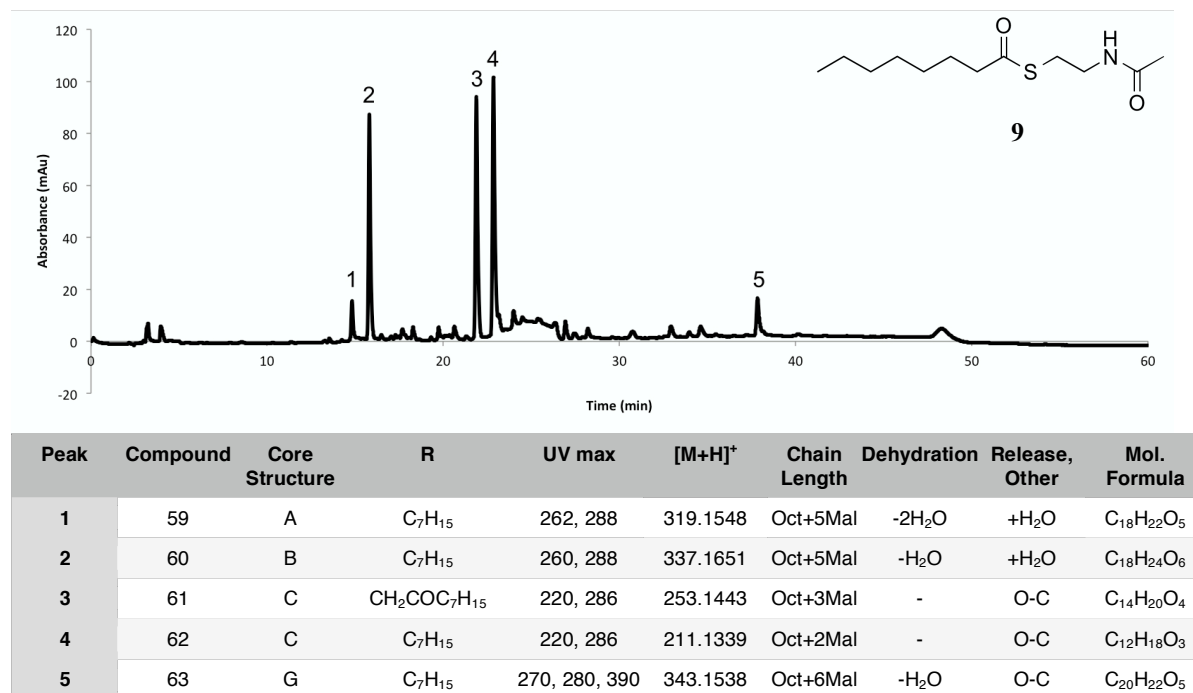


Figure S5. Product profile for starter unit **9** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) octanethioate).

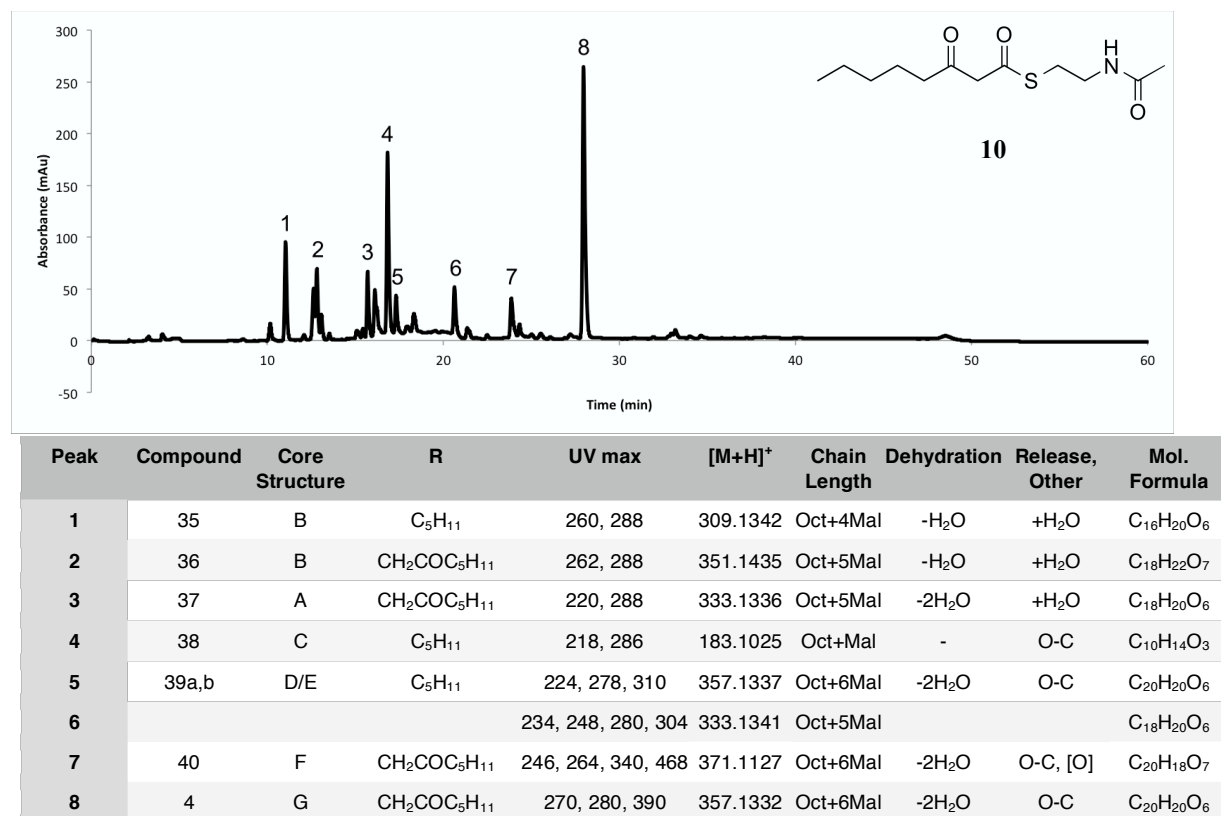


Figure S6. Product profile for starter unit **10** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-oxooctanethioate).

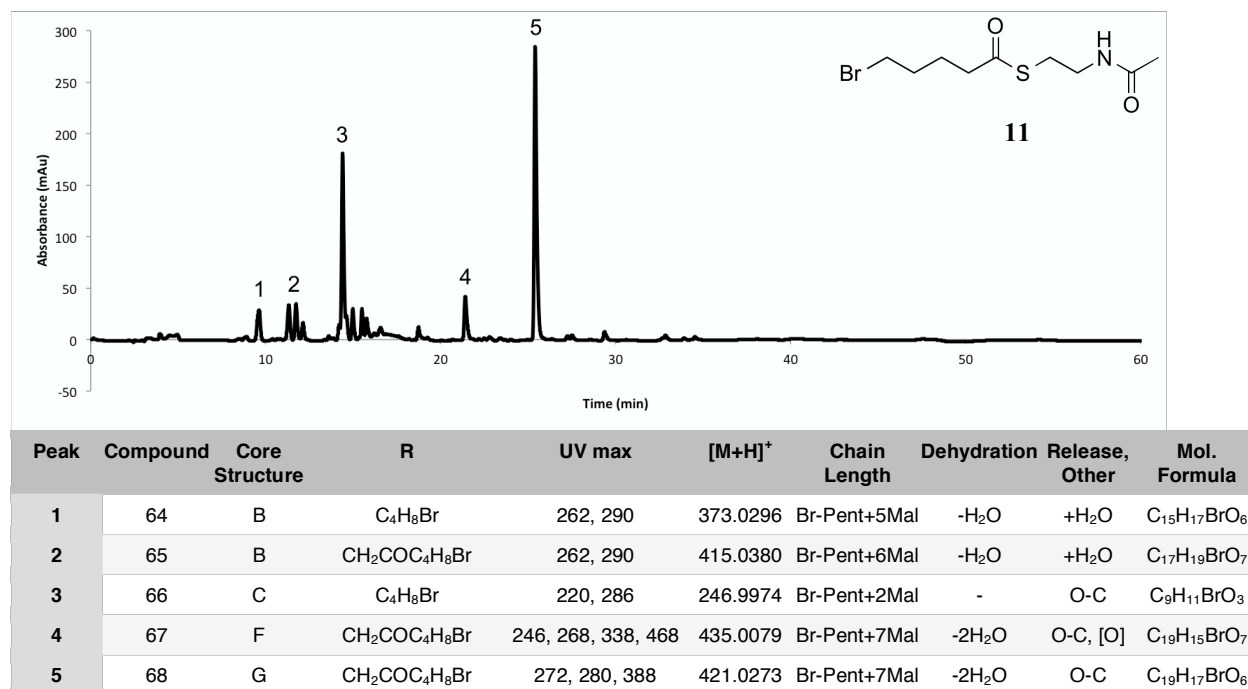


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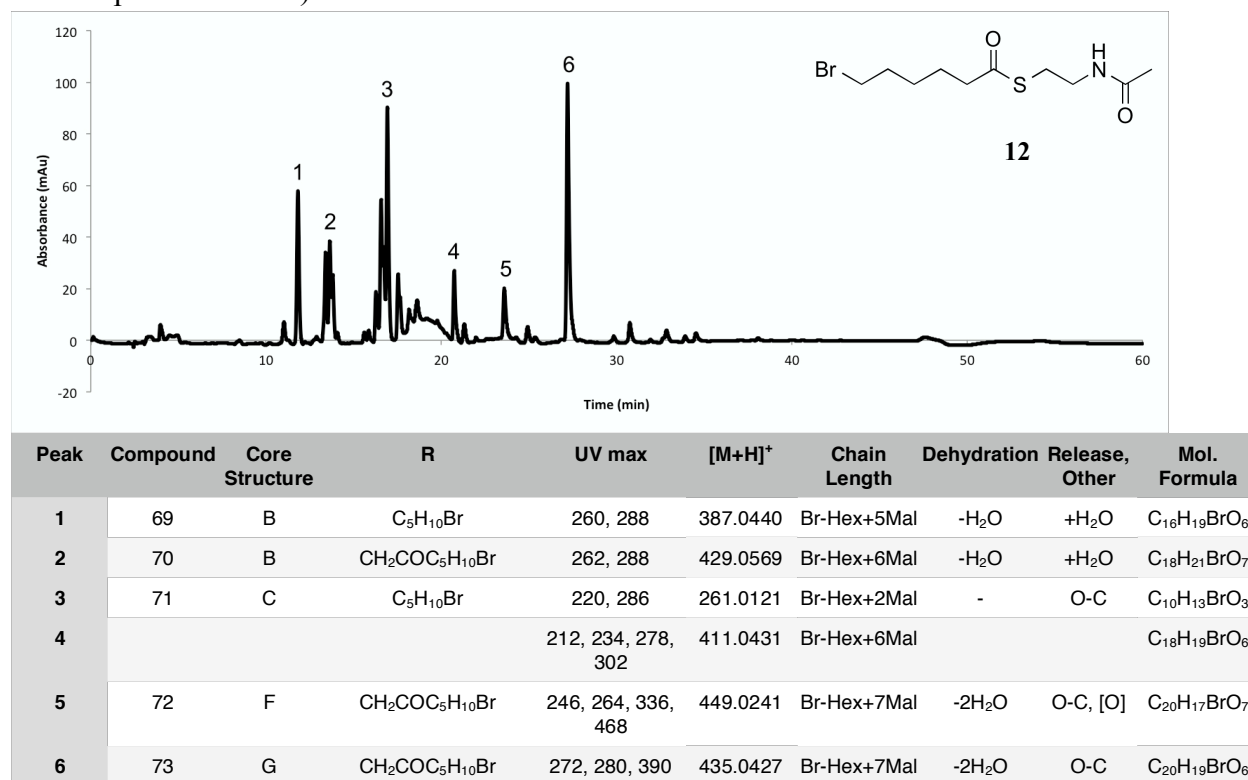


Figure S8. Product profile for starter unit **12** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-bromohexanethioate).

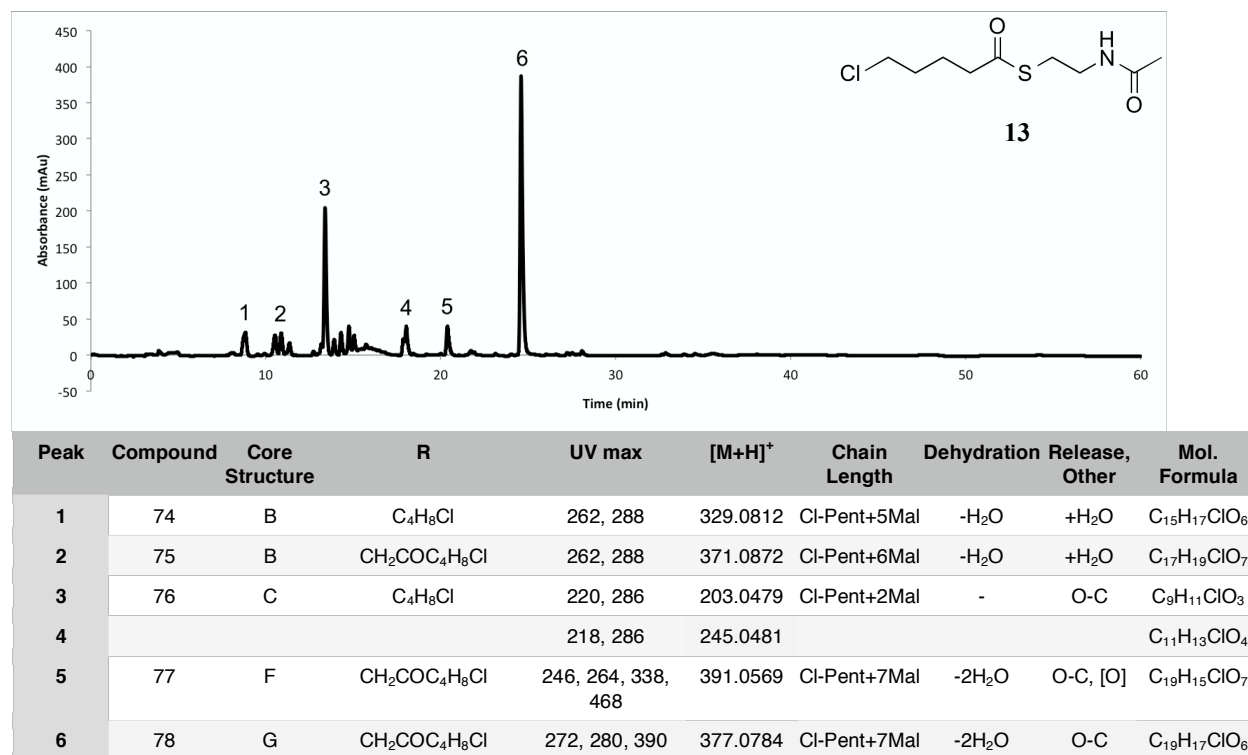


Figure S9. Product profile for starter unit **13** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-chloropentanethioate).

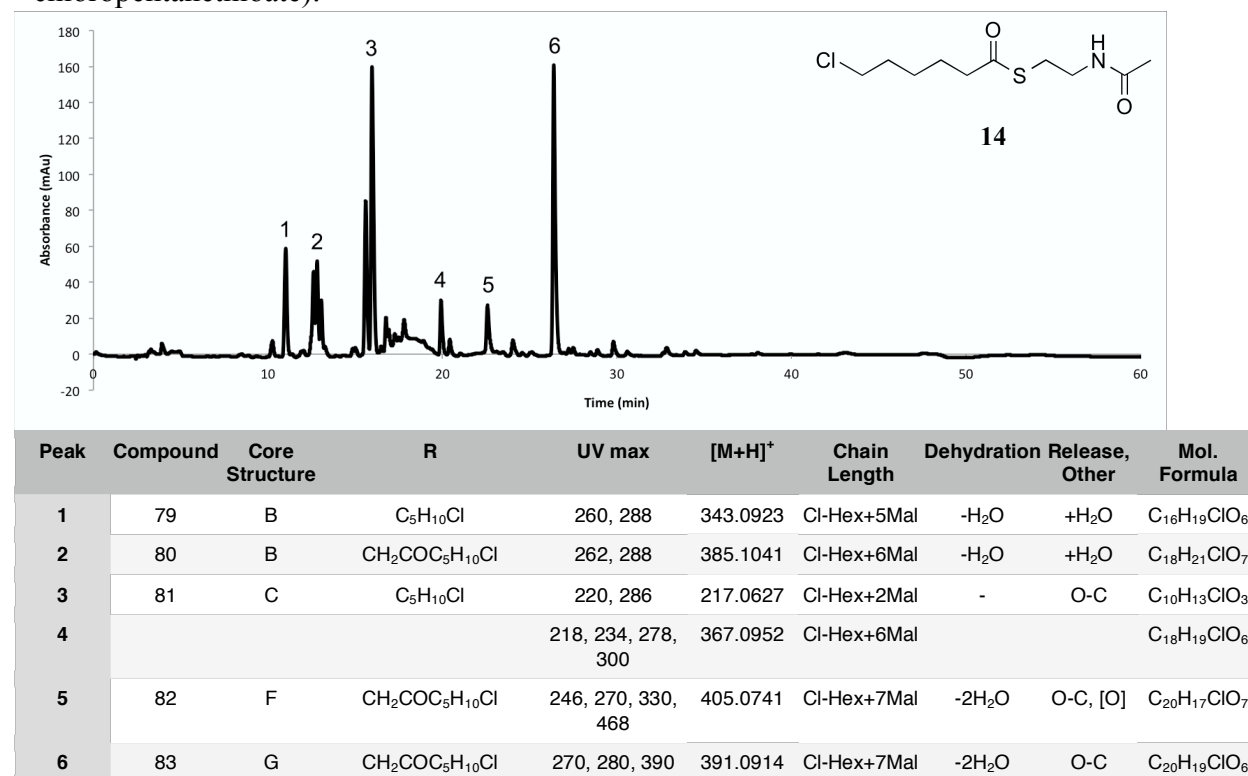
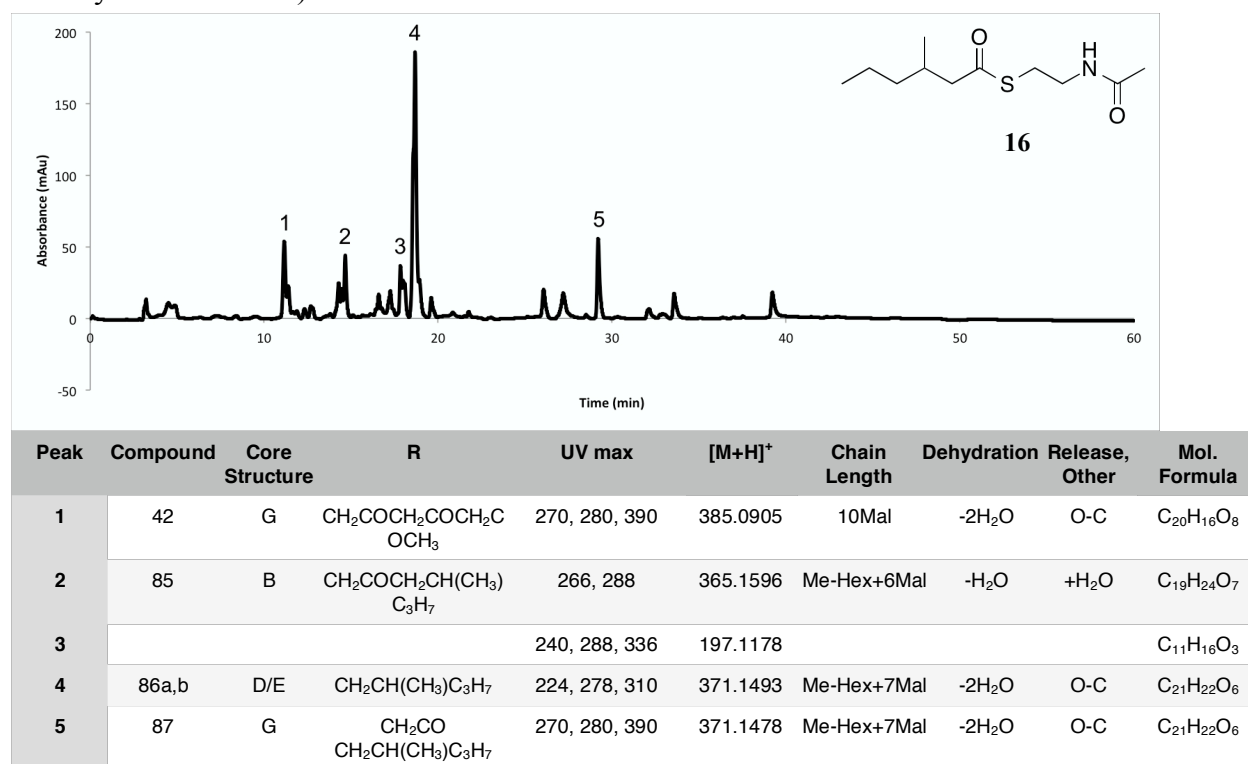
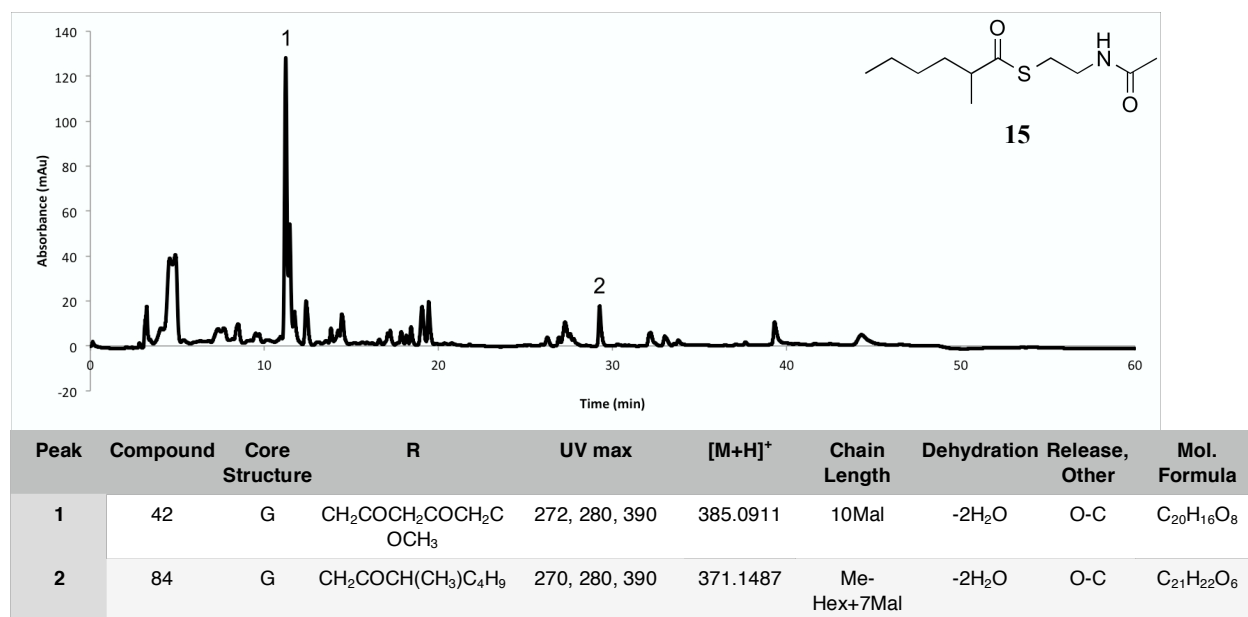


Figure S10. Product profile for starter unit **14** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-chlorohexanethioate).



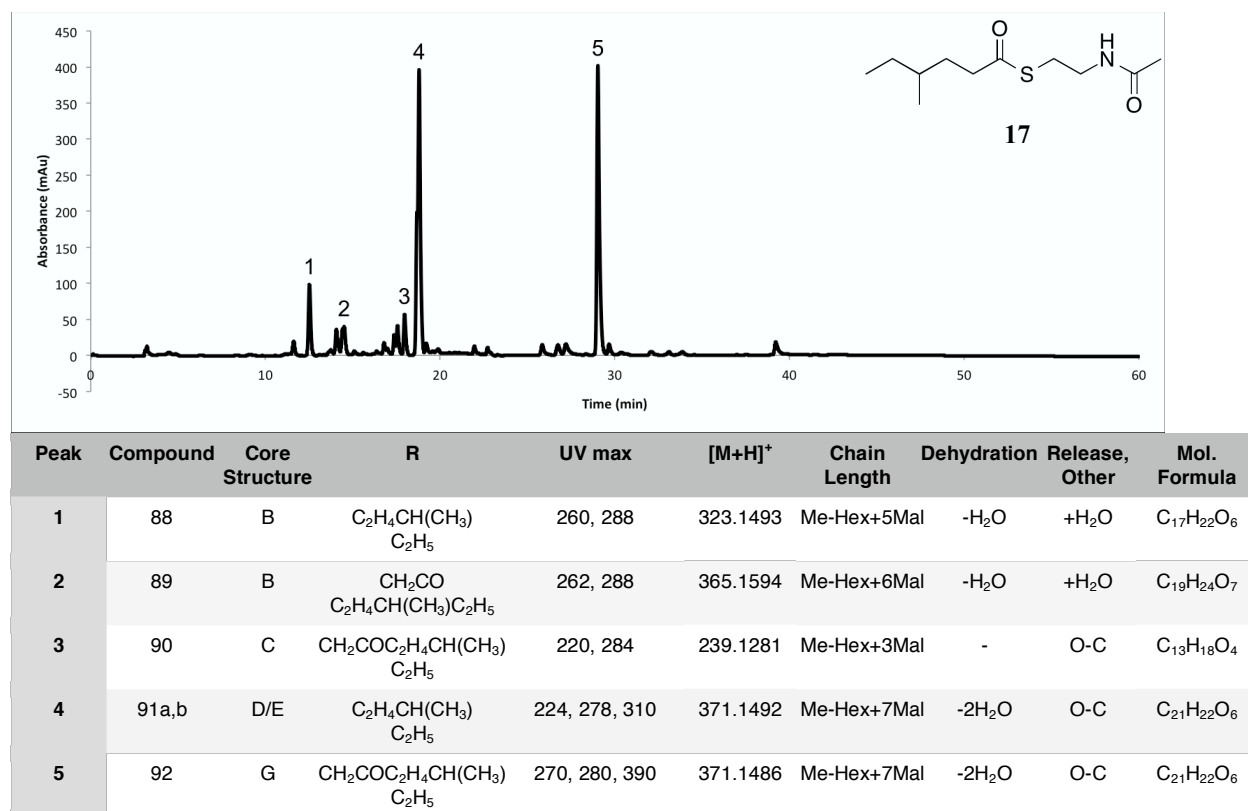


Figure S13. Product profile for starter unit **17** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-methylhexanethioate).

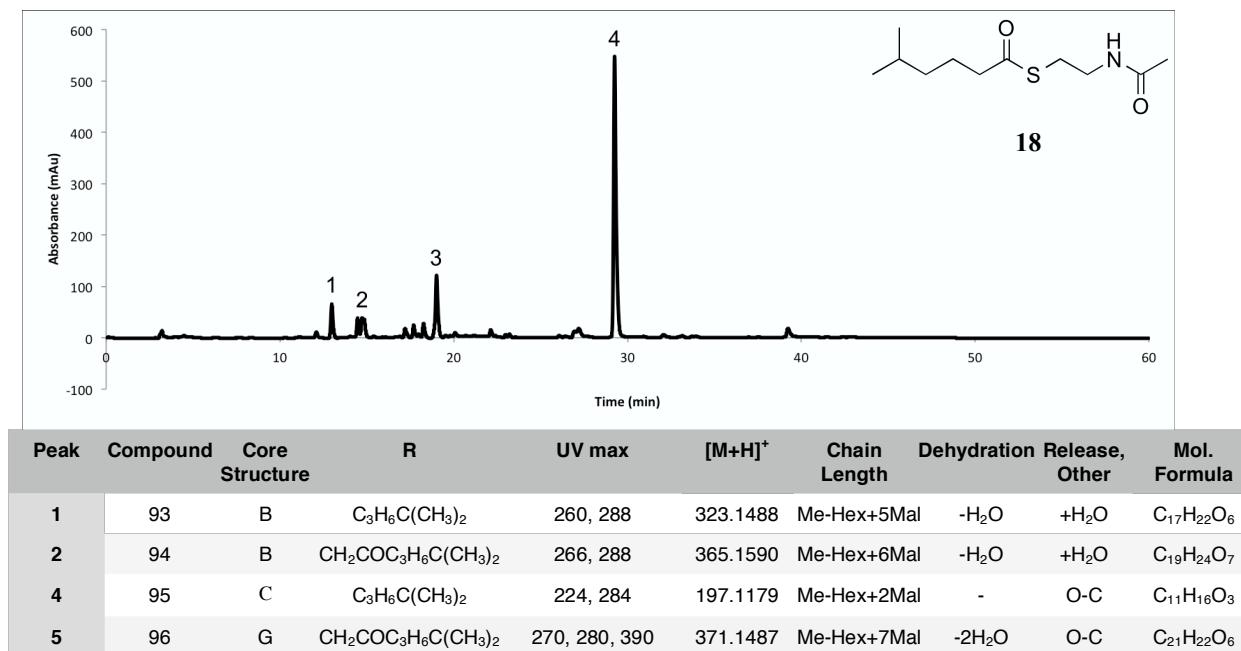


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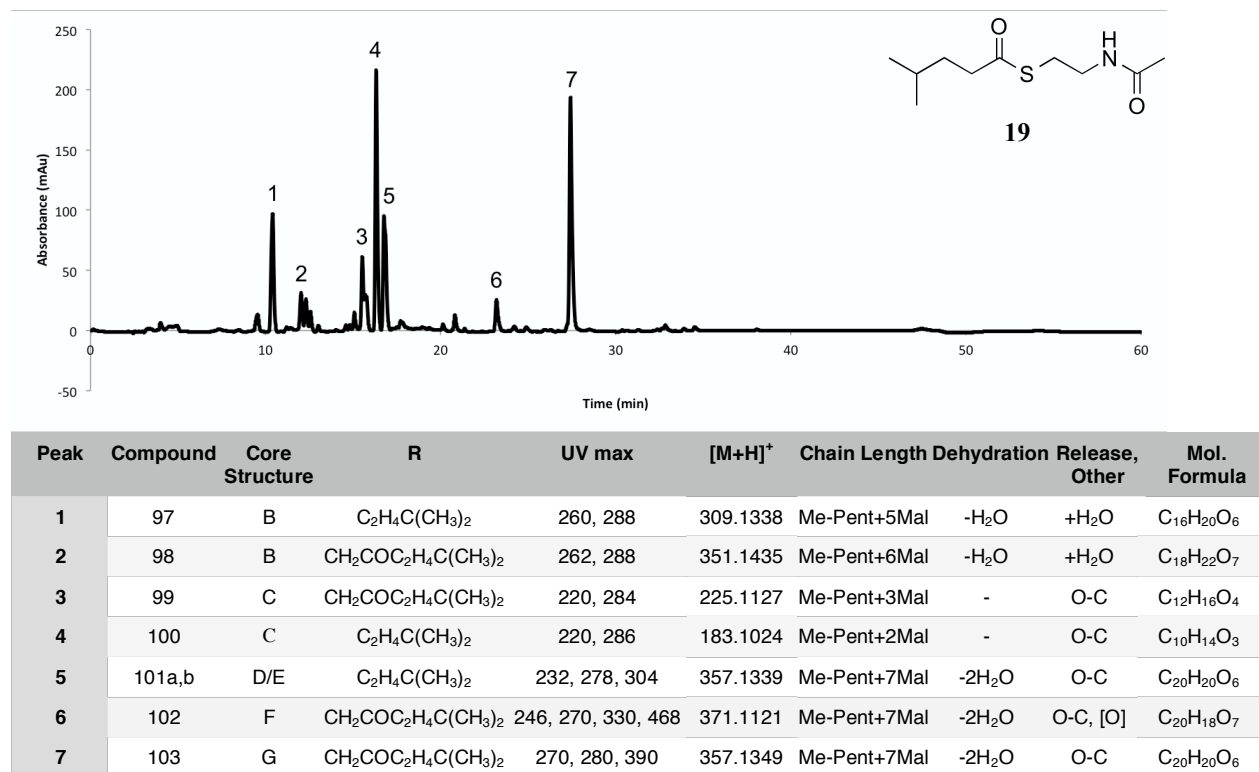


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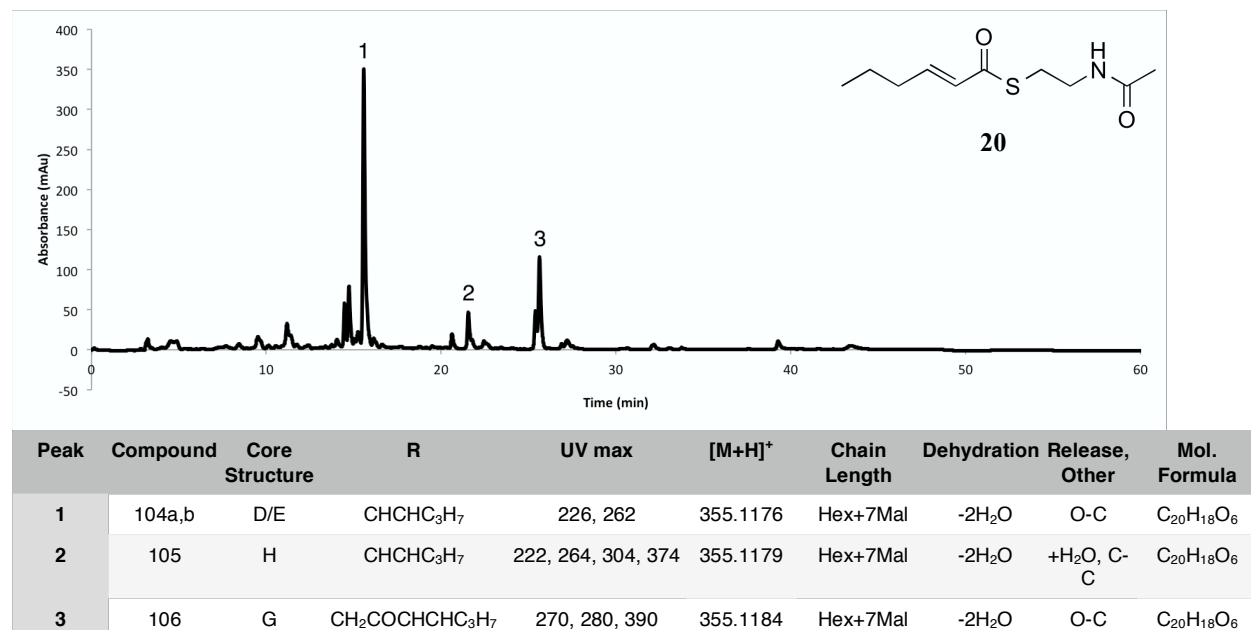


Figure S16. Product profile for starter unit **20** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) (*E*)-hex-2-enethioate).

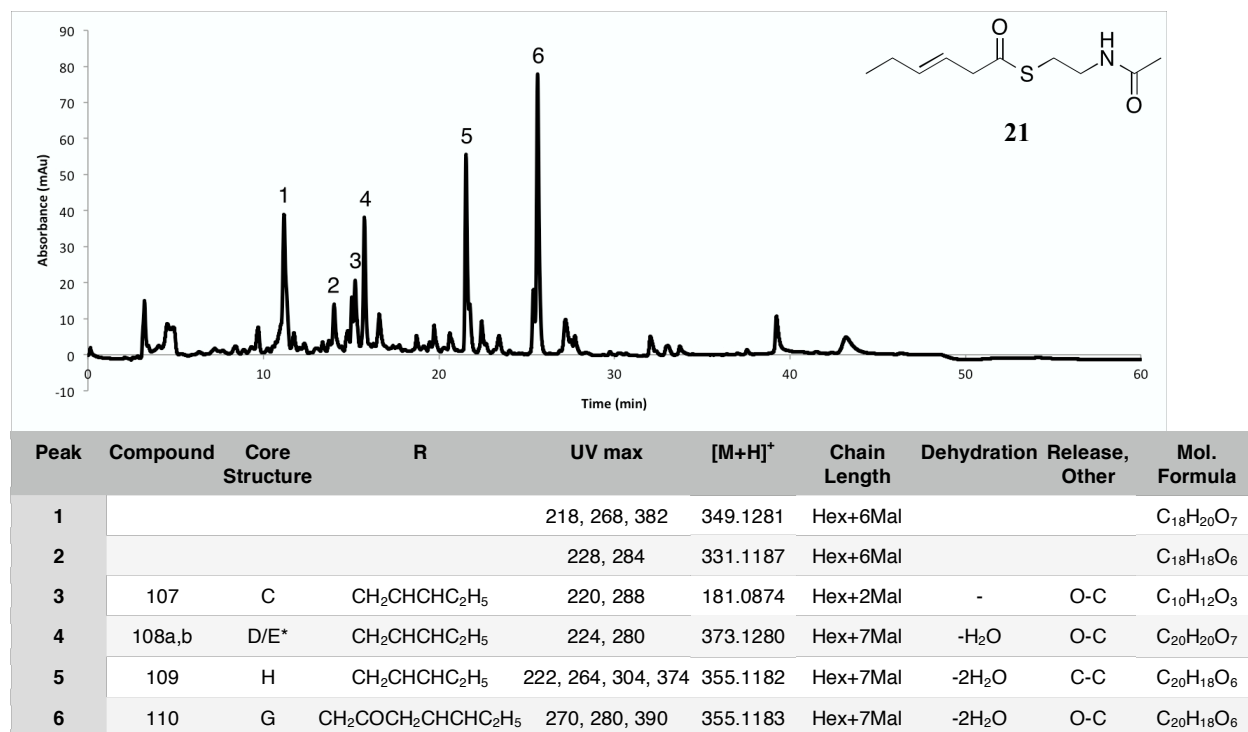


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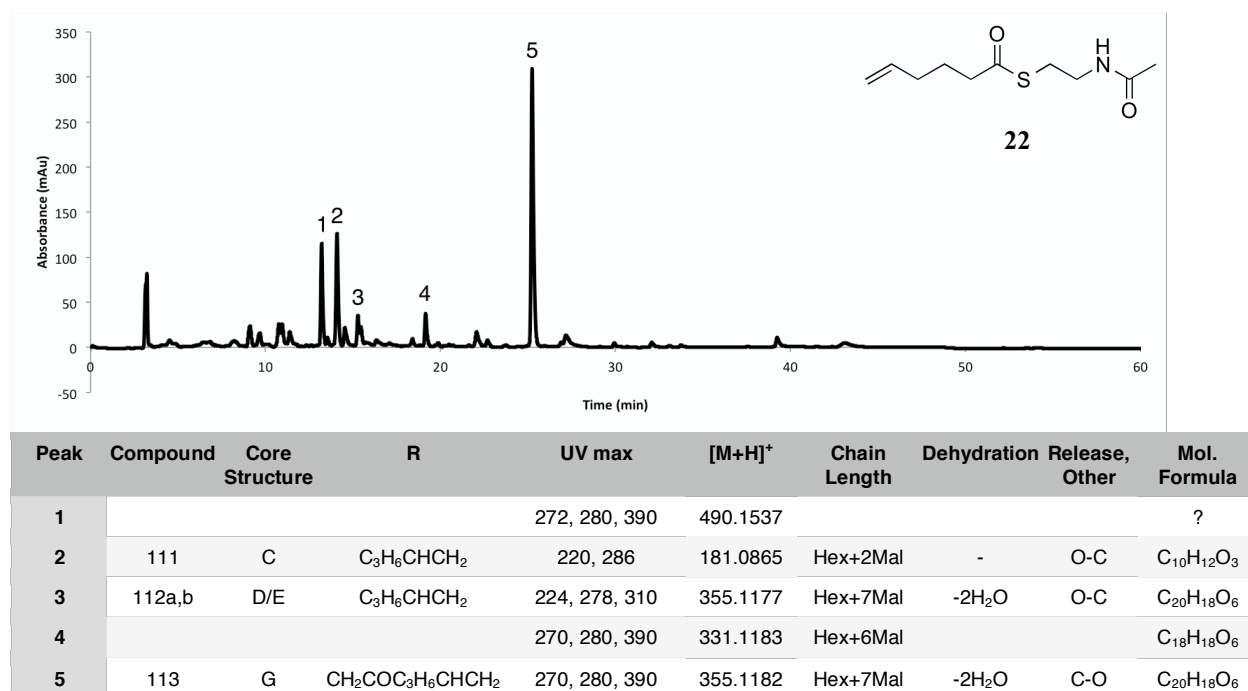


Figure S18. Product profile for starter unit **22** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) hex-5-enethioate).

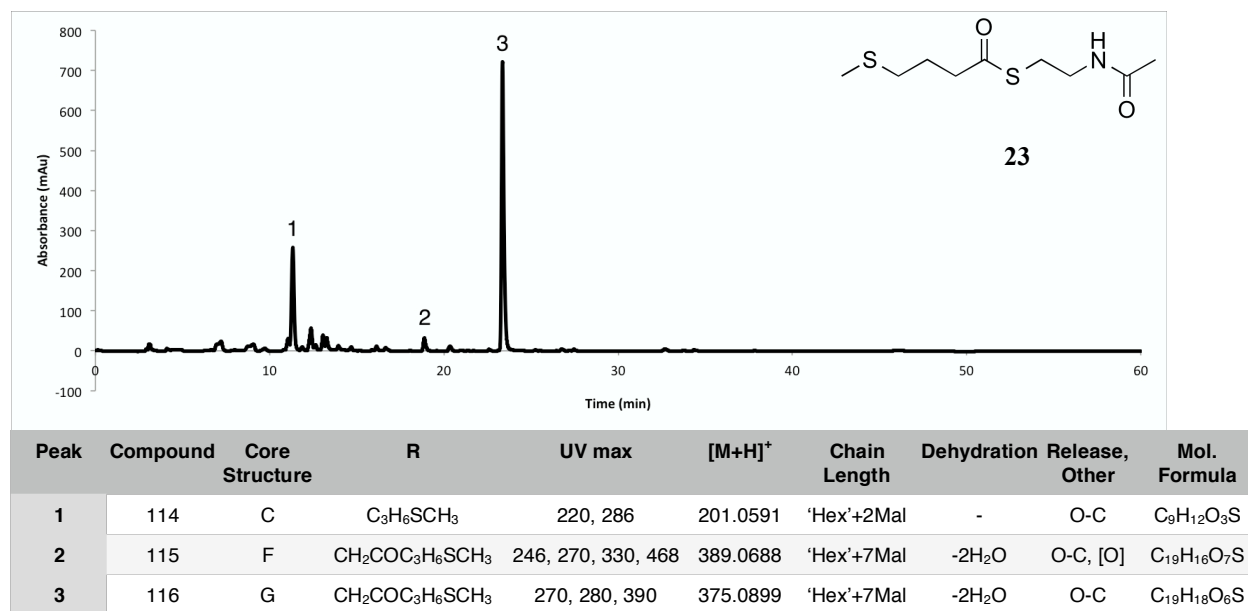


Figure S19. Product profile for starter unit **23** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-(methylthio)butanethioate).

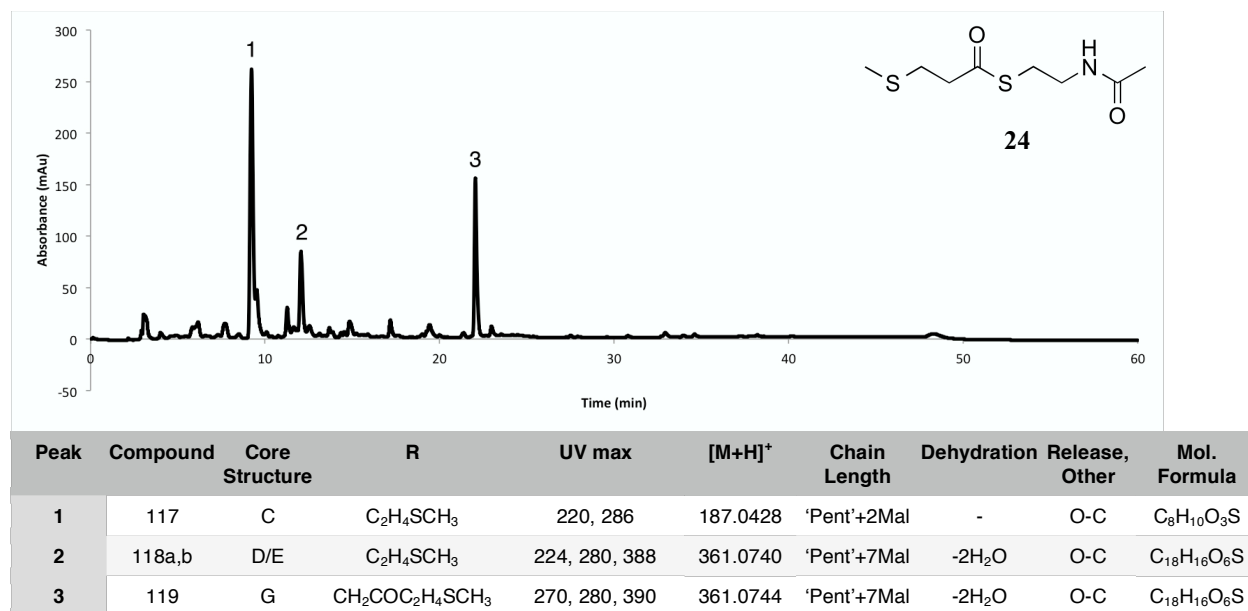


Figure S20. Product profile for starter unit **24** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-(methylthio)propanethioate).

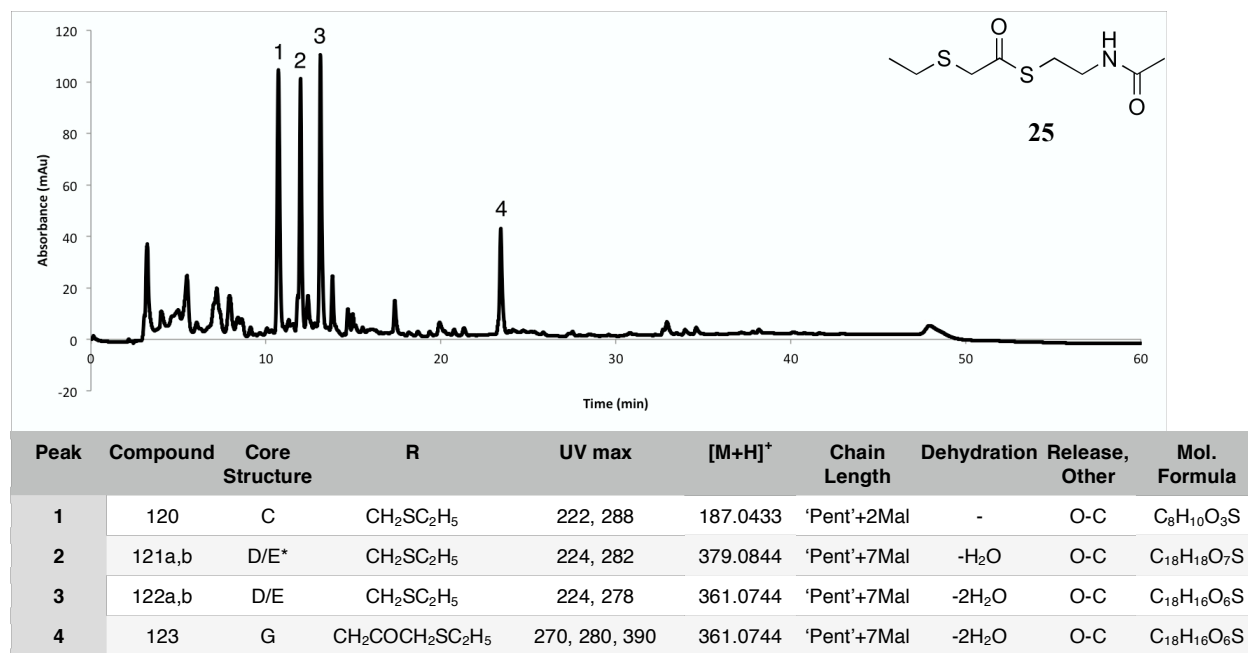


Figure S21. Product profile for starter unit **25** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethylthio)ethanethioate).

*129a,b are hydrated versions of 130a,b

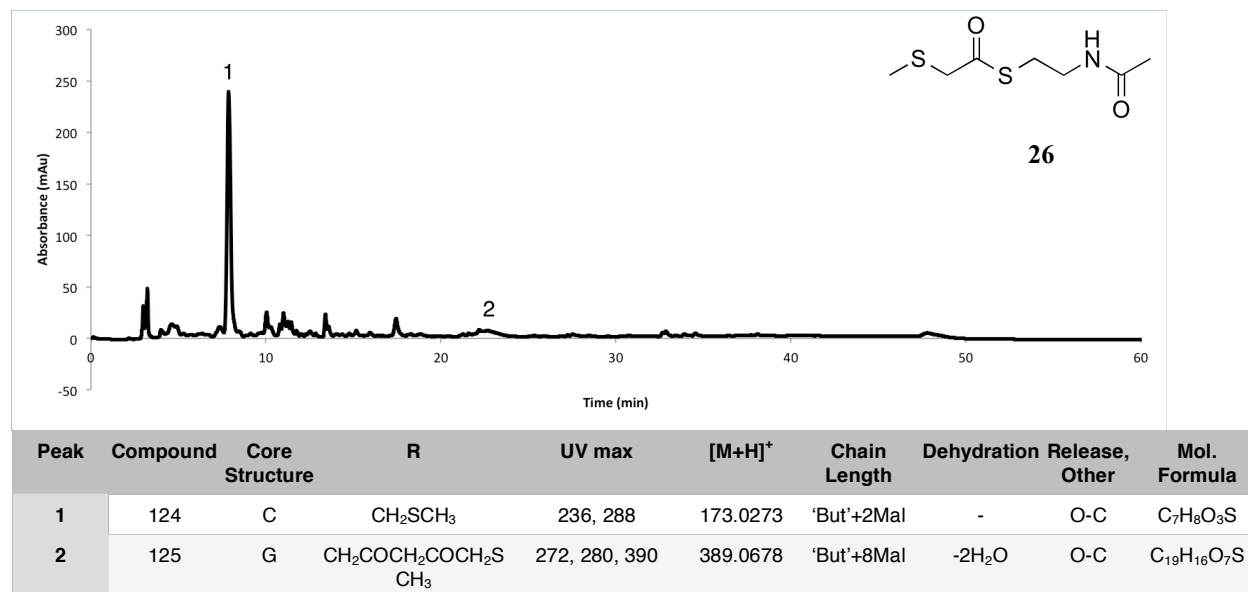


Figure S22. Product profile for starter unit **26** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(methylthio)ethanethioate).

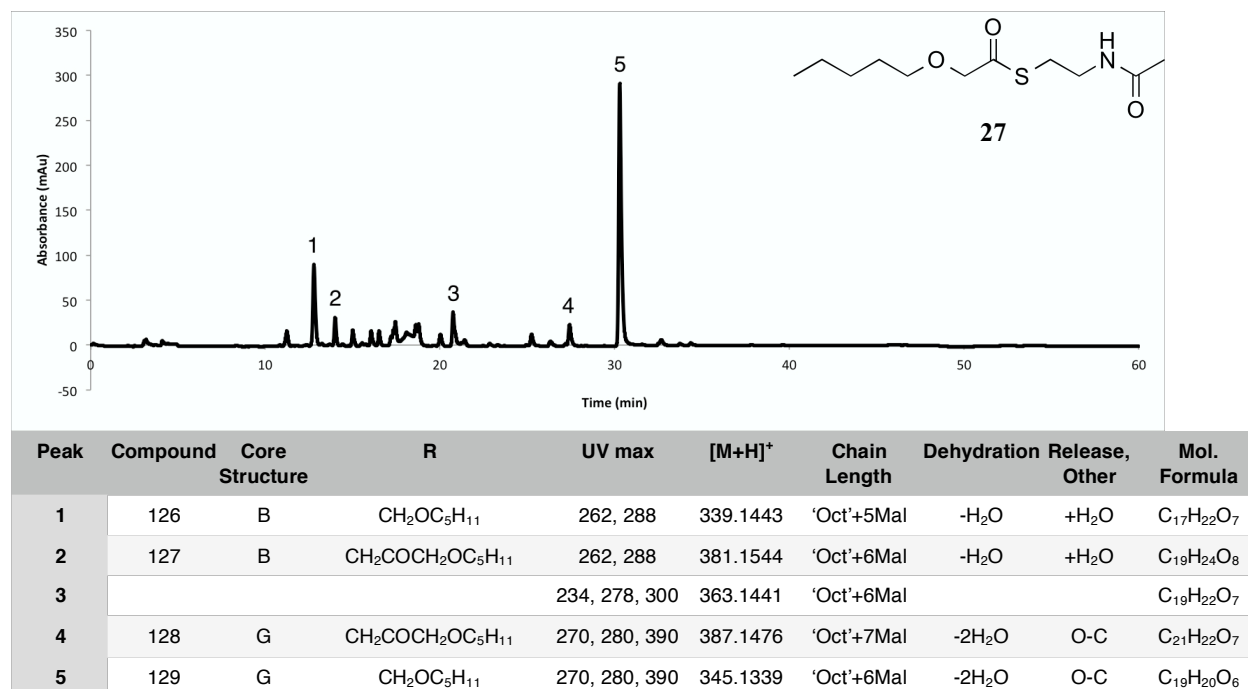


Figure S23. Product profile for starter unit **27** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(pentyloxy)ethanethioate).

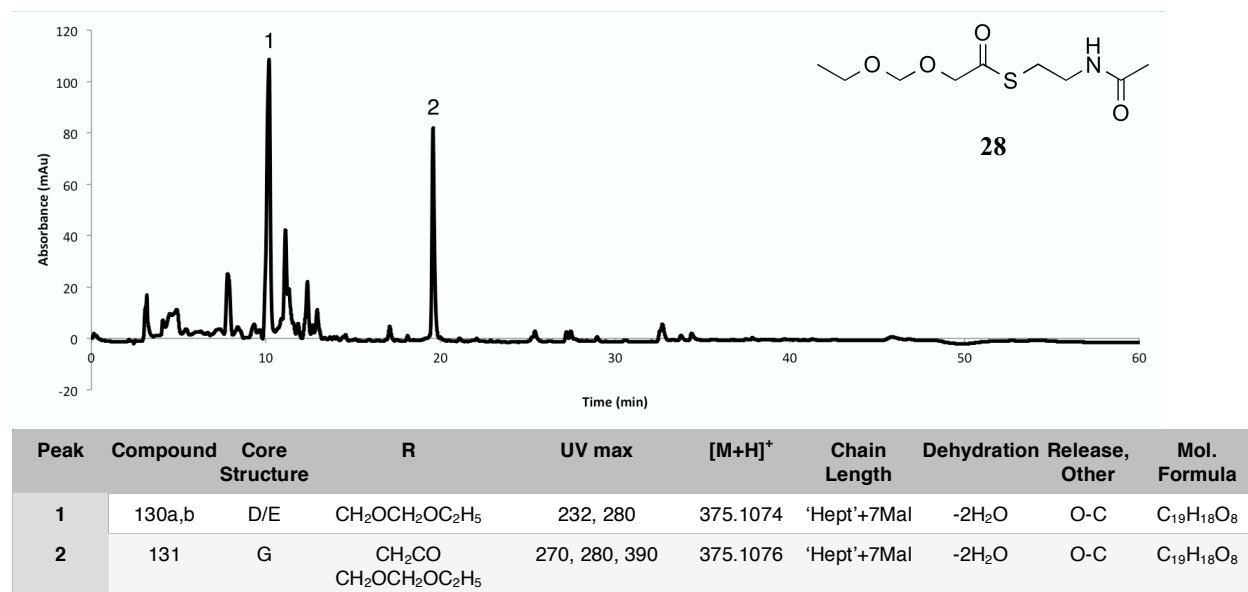


Figure S24. Product profile for starter unit **28** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethoxymethoxy)ethanethioate).

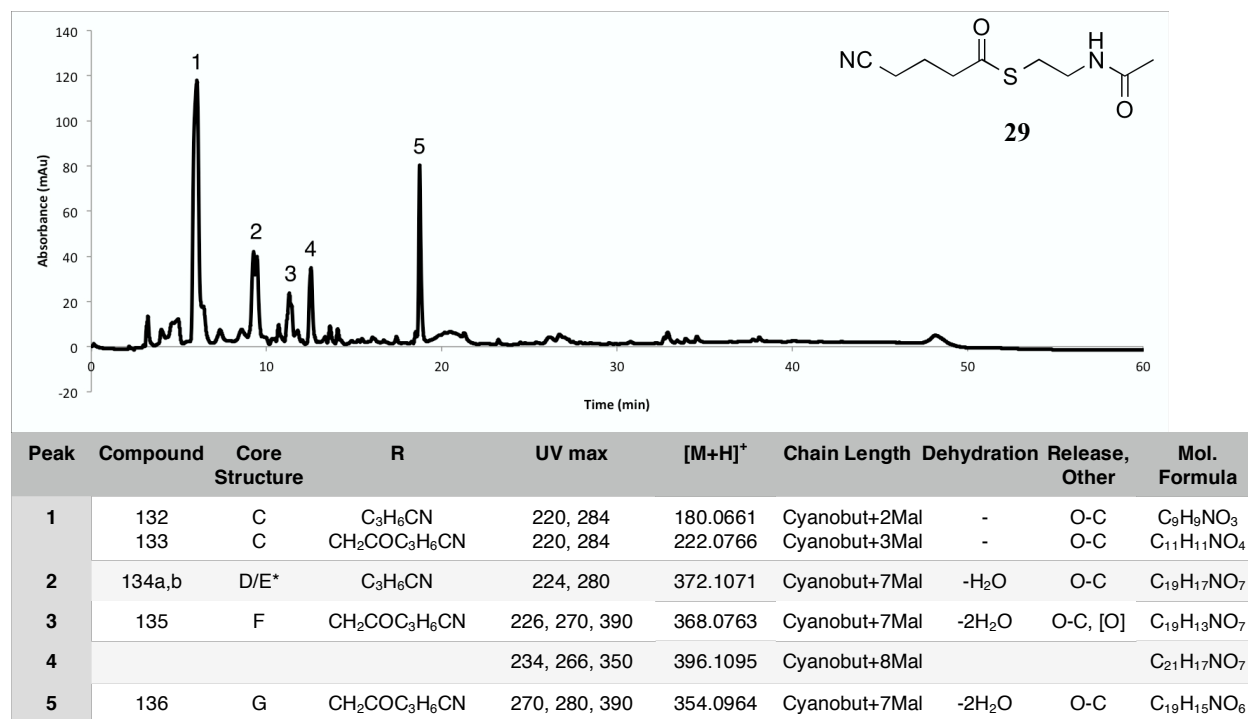


Figure S25. Product profile for starter unit **29** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-cyanobutanethioate).

*142a,b contain hydrated versions of cores D, E

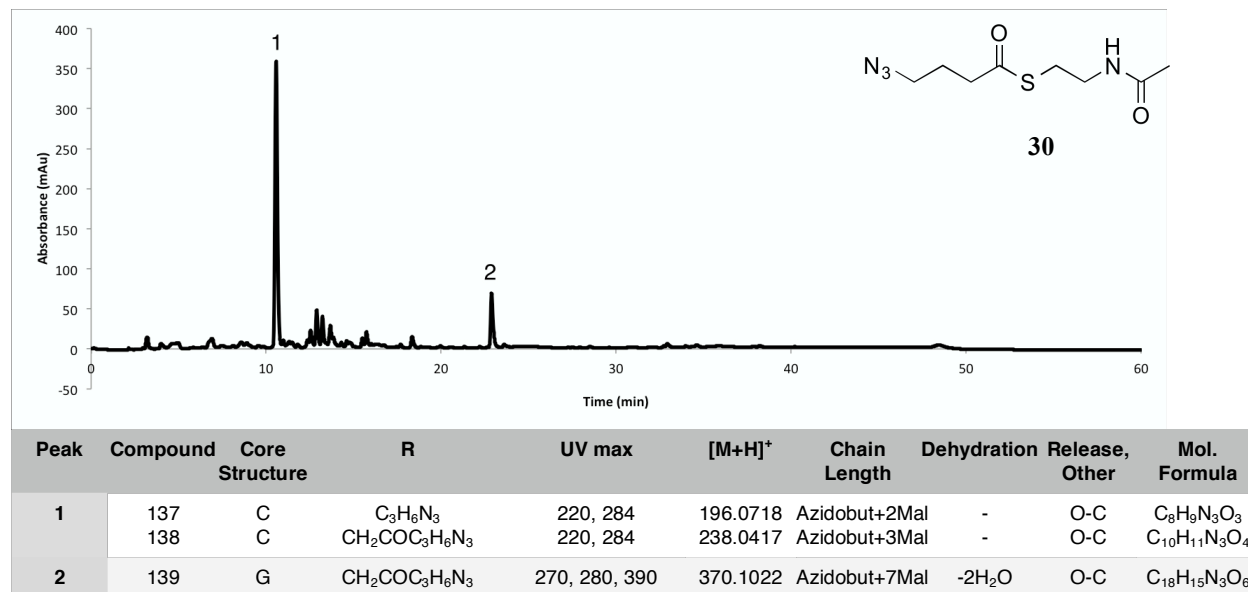


Figure S26. Product profile for starter unit **30** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-azidobutanethioate).

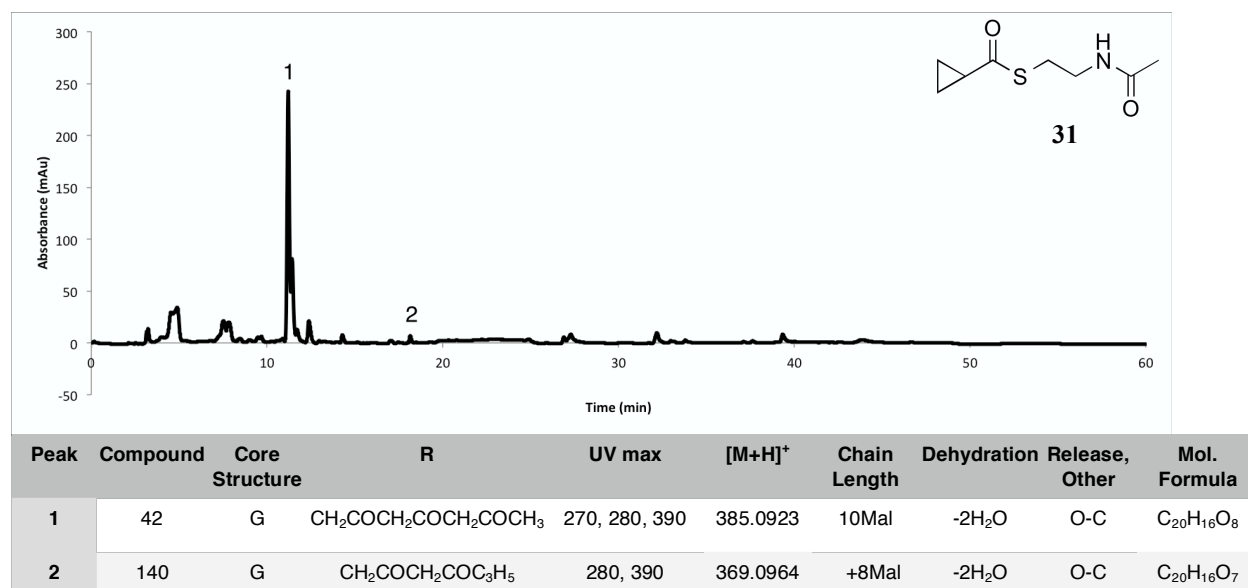


Figure S27. Product profile for starter unit **31** reaction (*S*-(2-(2-(cyclopropanecarbothioate)).

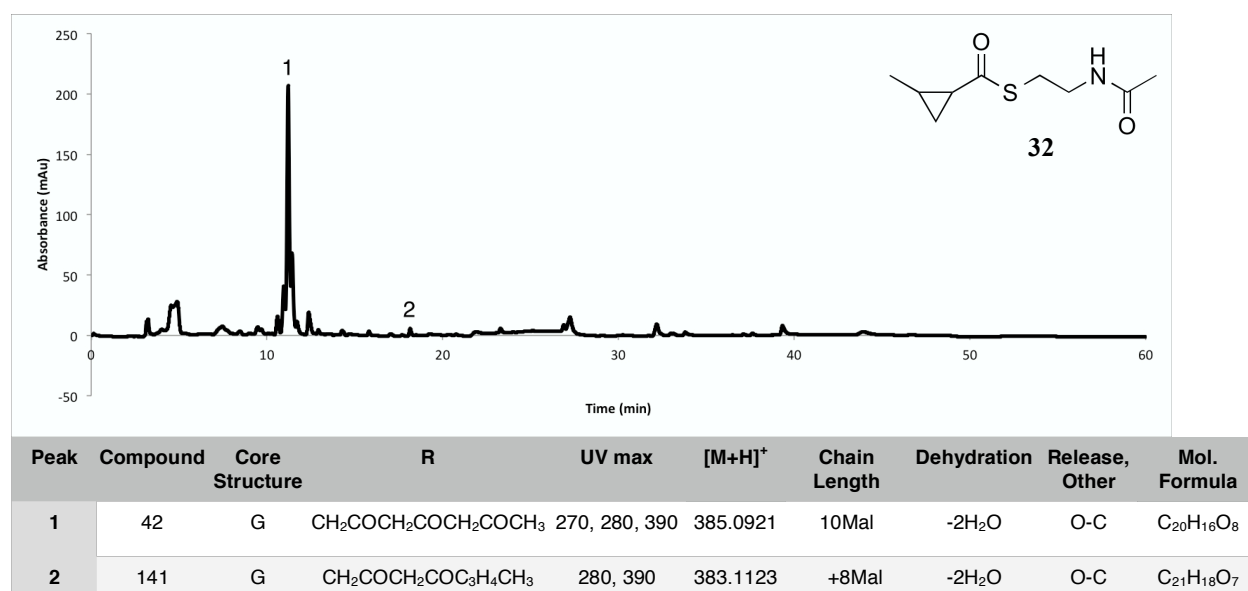


Figure S28. Product profile for starter unit **32** reaction (*S*-(2-(2-(2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbothioate)).

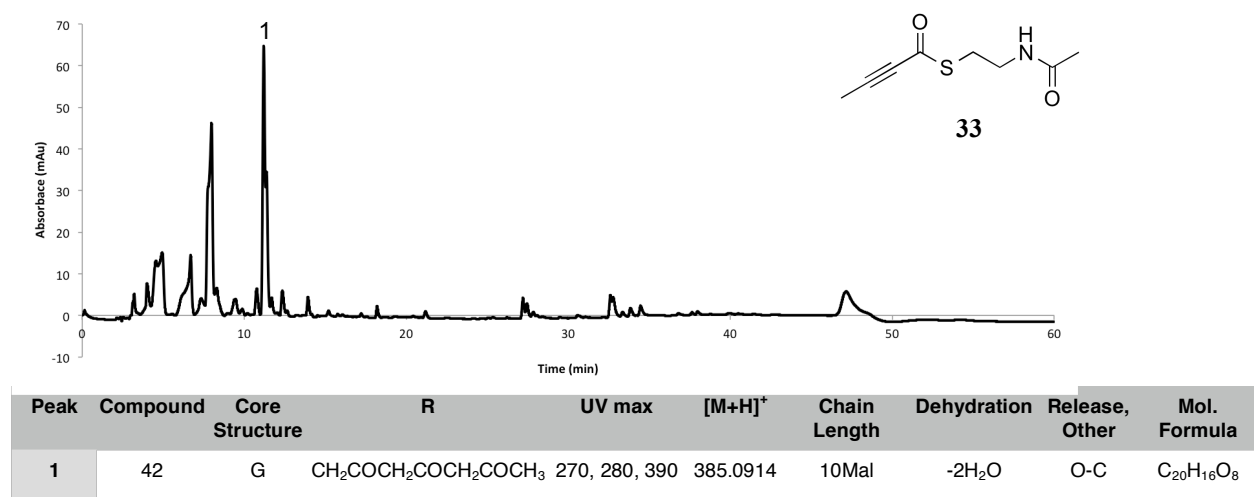


Figure S29. Product profile for starter unit **33** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) but-2-ynethioate).

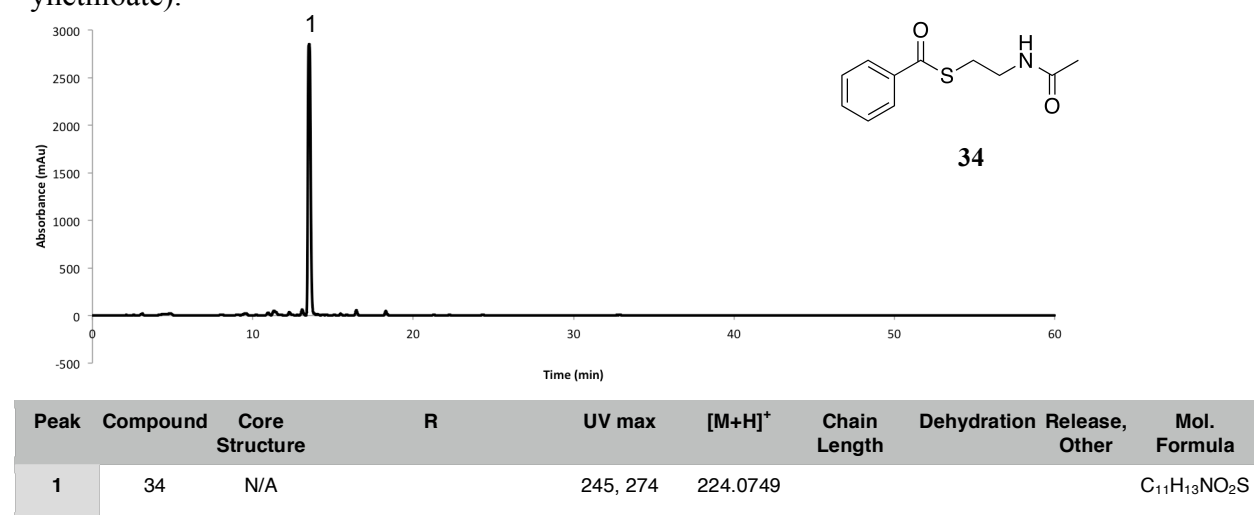


Figure S30. Product profile for starter unit **34** reaction (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) benzothioate).

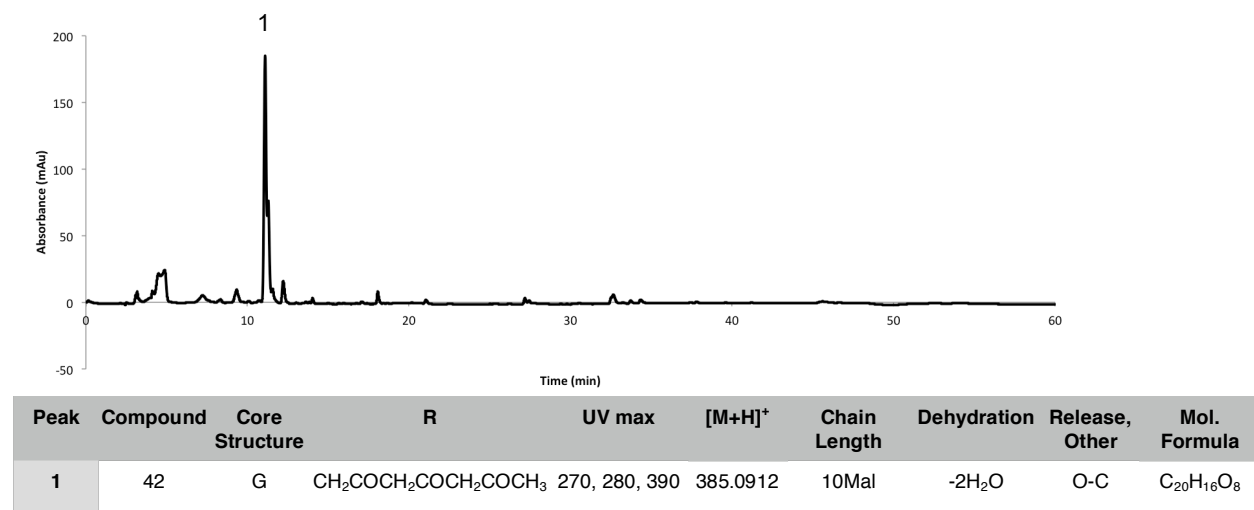


Figure S31. Product profile for control reaction containing only malonyl-SNAC.

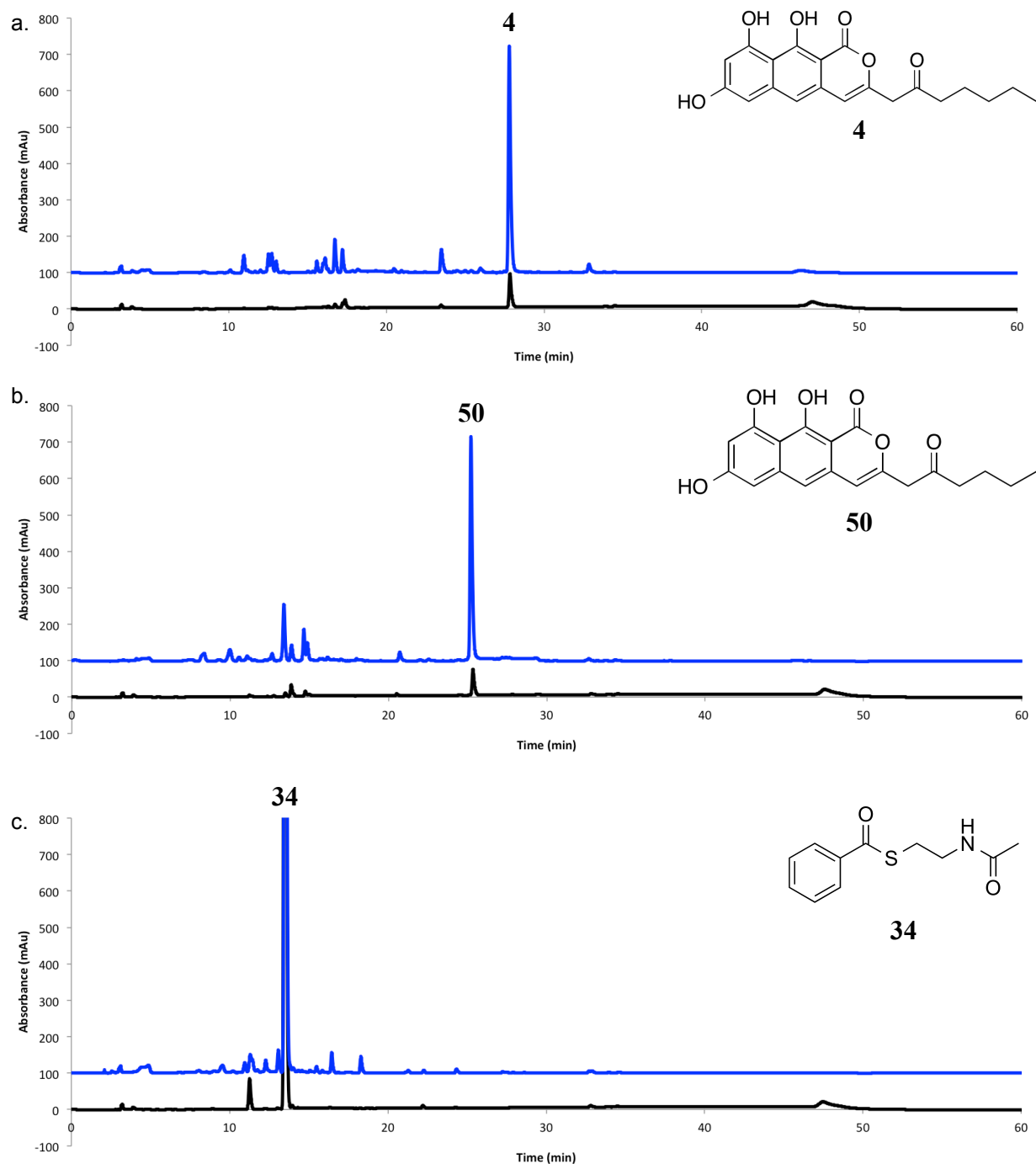


Figure S32. Comparison of intact pentadomain (black) and dissected two-part (blue) reactions. (A) Reaction of starter unit **5** (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) hexanethioate) (B) Reaction of starter unit **7** (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) pentanethioate). (C) Reaction of starter unit **34** (*S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) benzothioate).

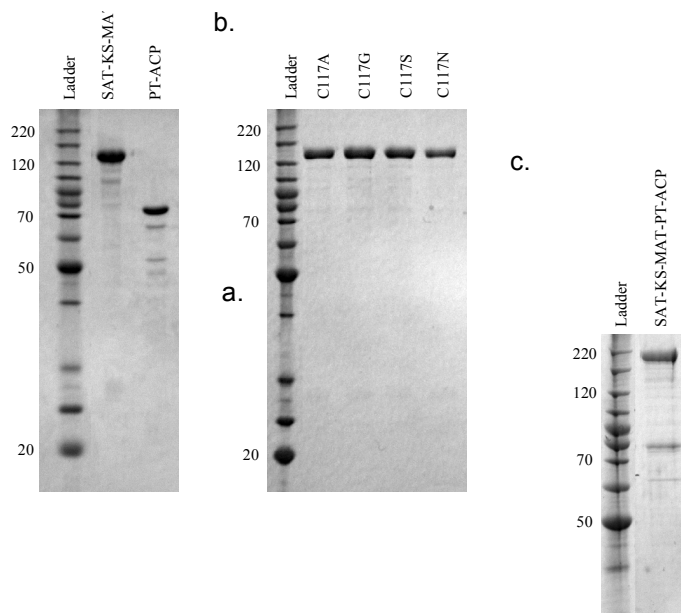


Figure S33. Purified proteins used in this study separated by SDS-PAGE and stained with Coomassie Blue. BenchMark Protein Ladder (Invitrogen) was used as a molecular weight standard (indicated in kDa). (A) 12% SDS-PAGE of wild-type PksA SAT-KS-MAT and PT-ACP. (B) 12% SDS-PAGE of PksA SAT-KS-MAT mutants. (C) 12% SDS-PAGE of PksA-SAT-KS-MAT-PT-ACP

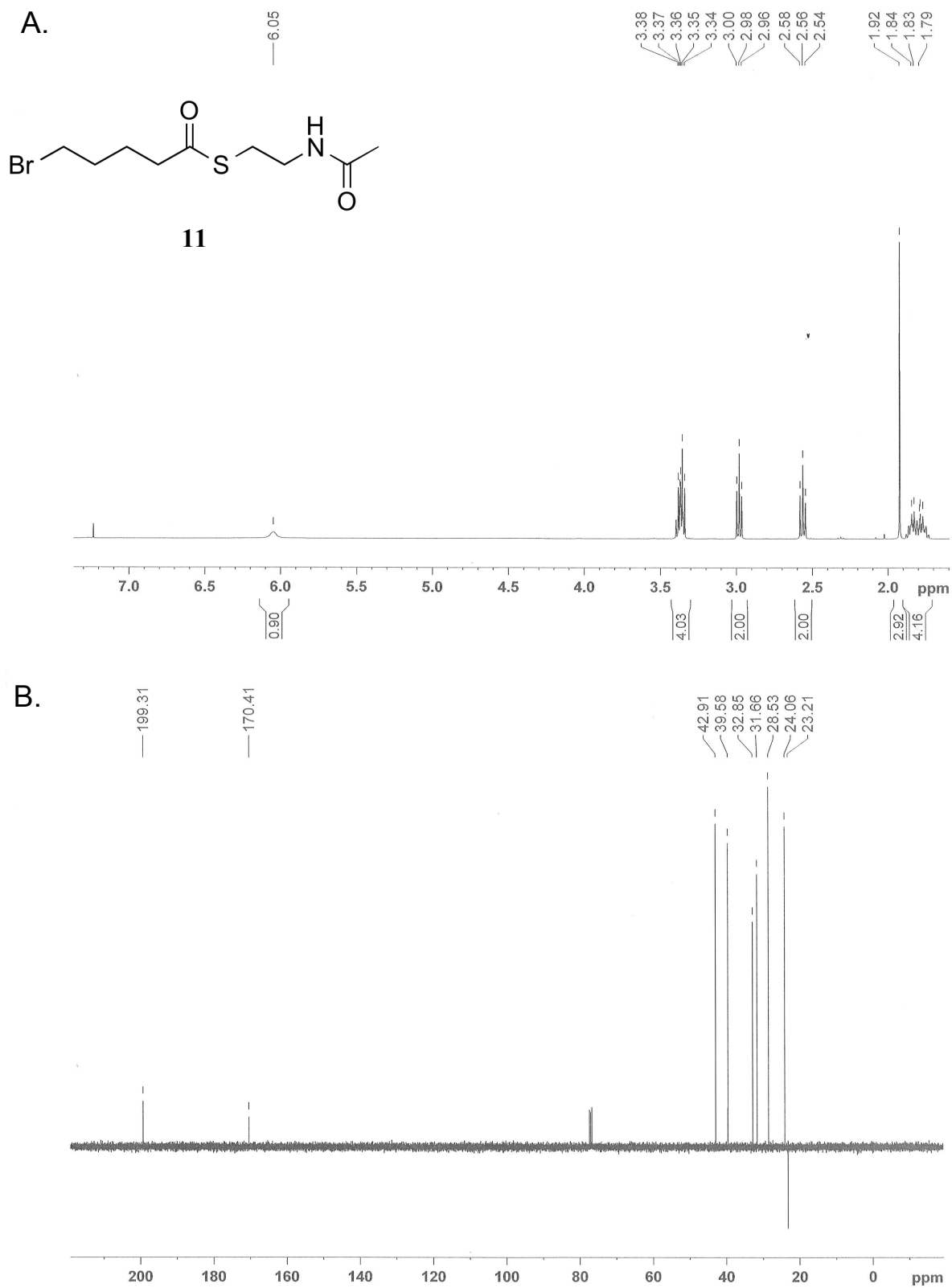


Figure S34. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-bromopentanethioate (**11**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

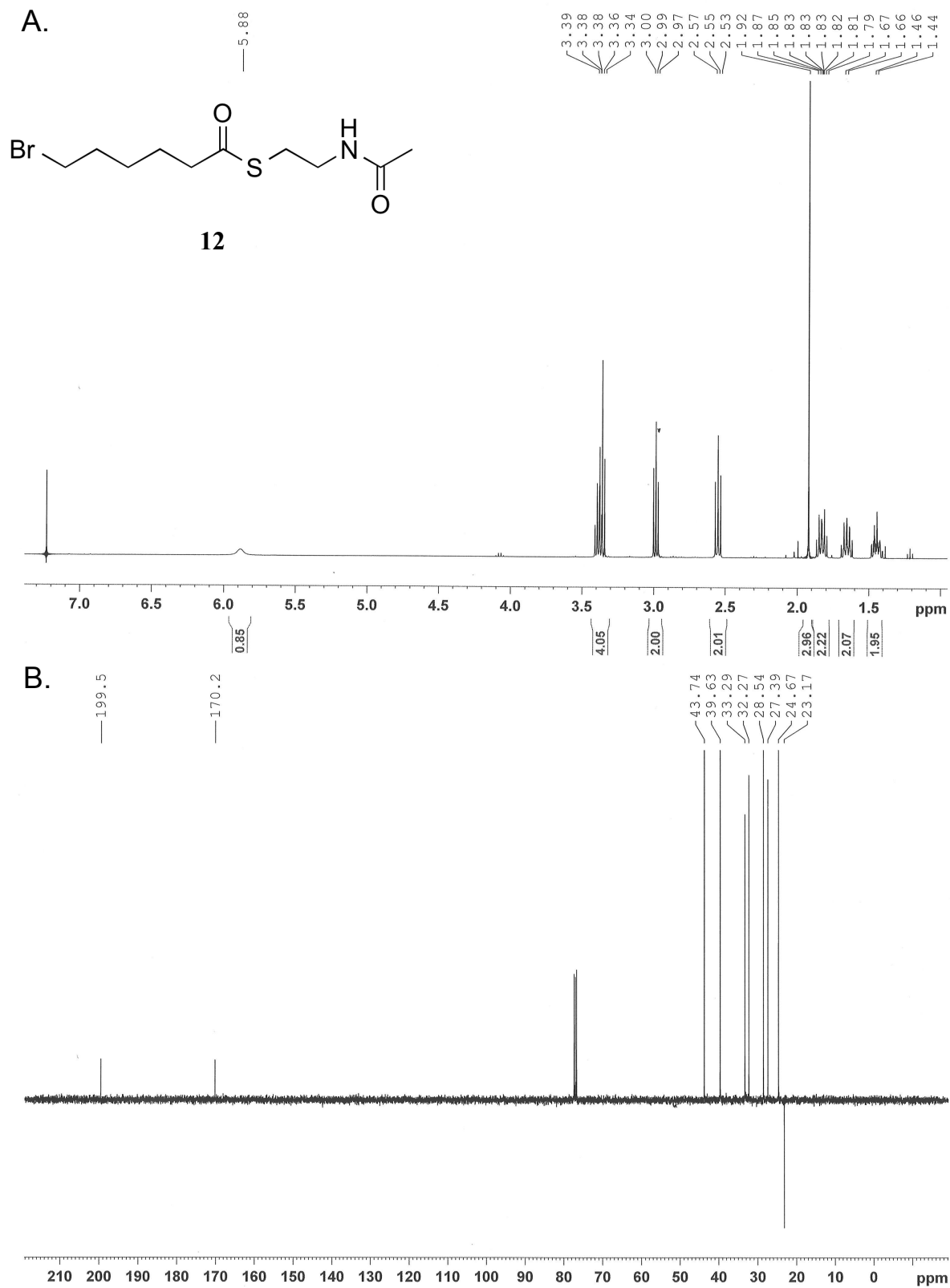


Figure S35. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-bromohexanethioate (**12**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

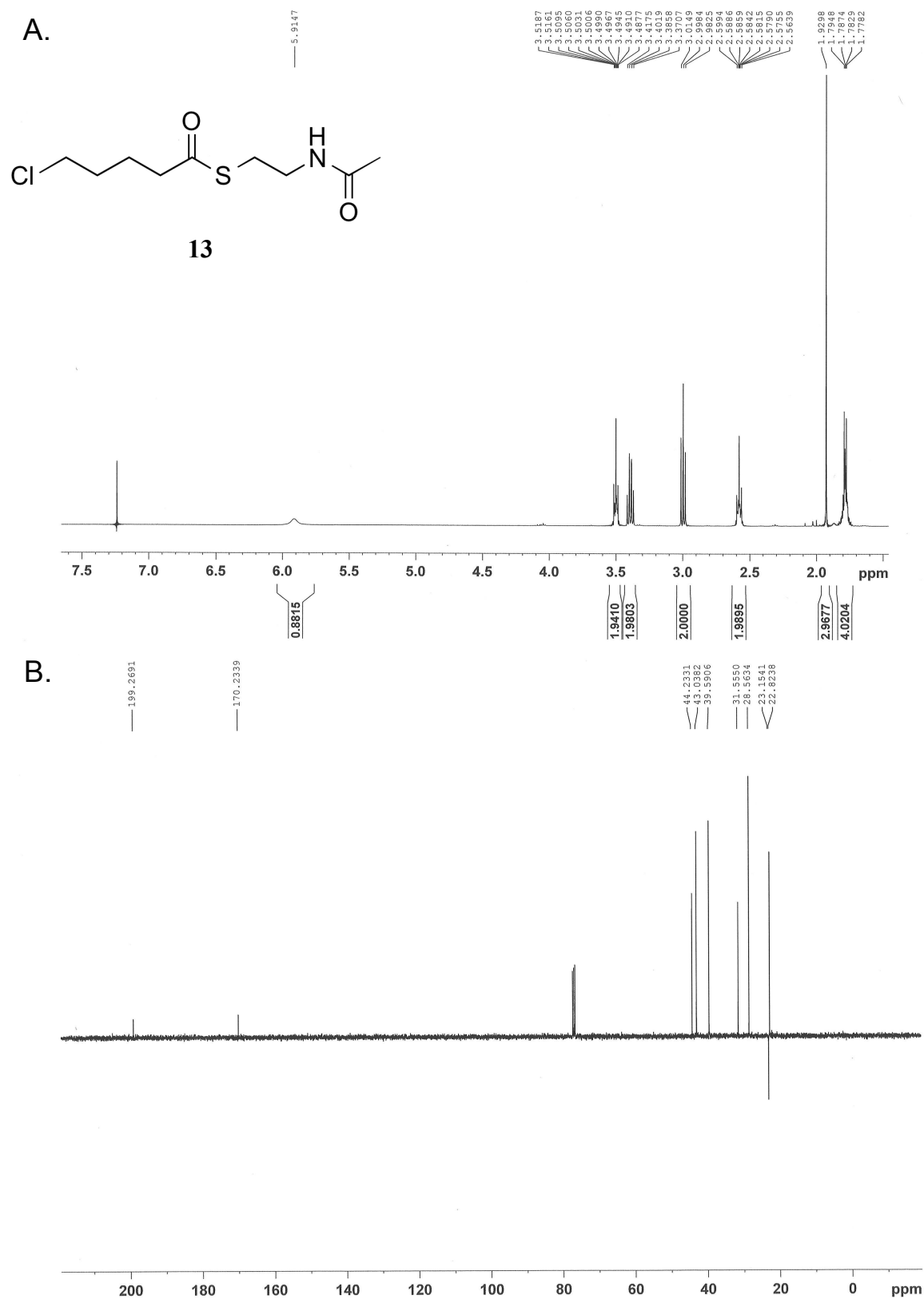


Figure S36. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-chloropentanethioate (**13**) A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

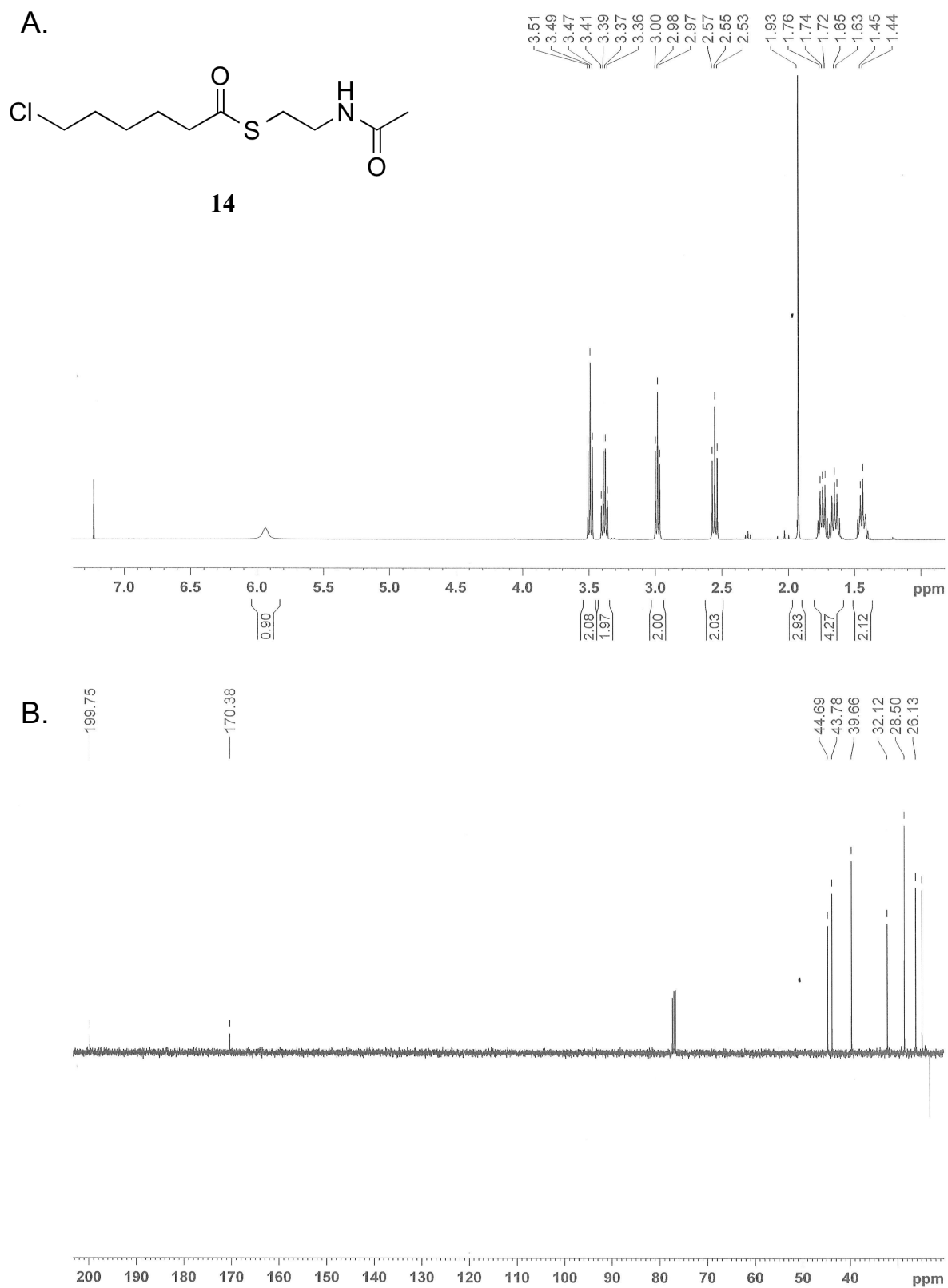


Figure S37. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 6-chlorohexanethioate (**14**) A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

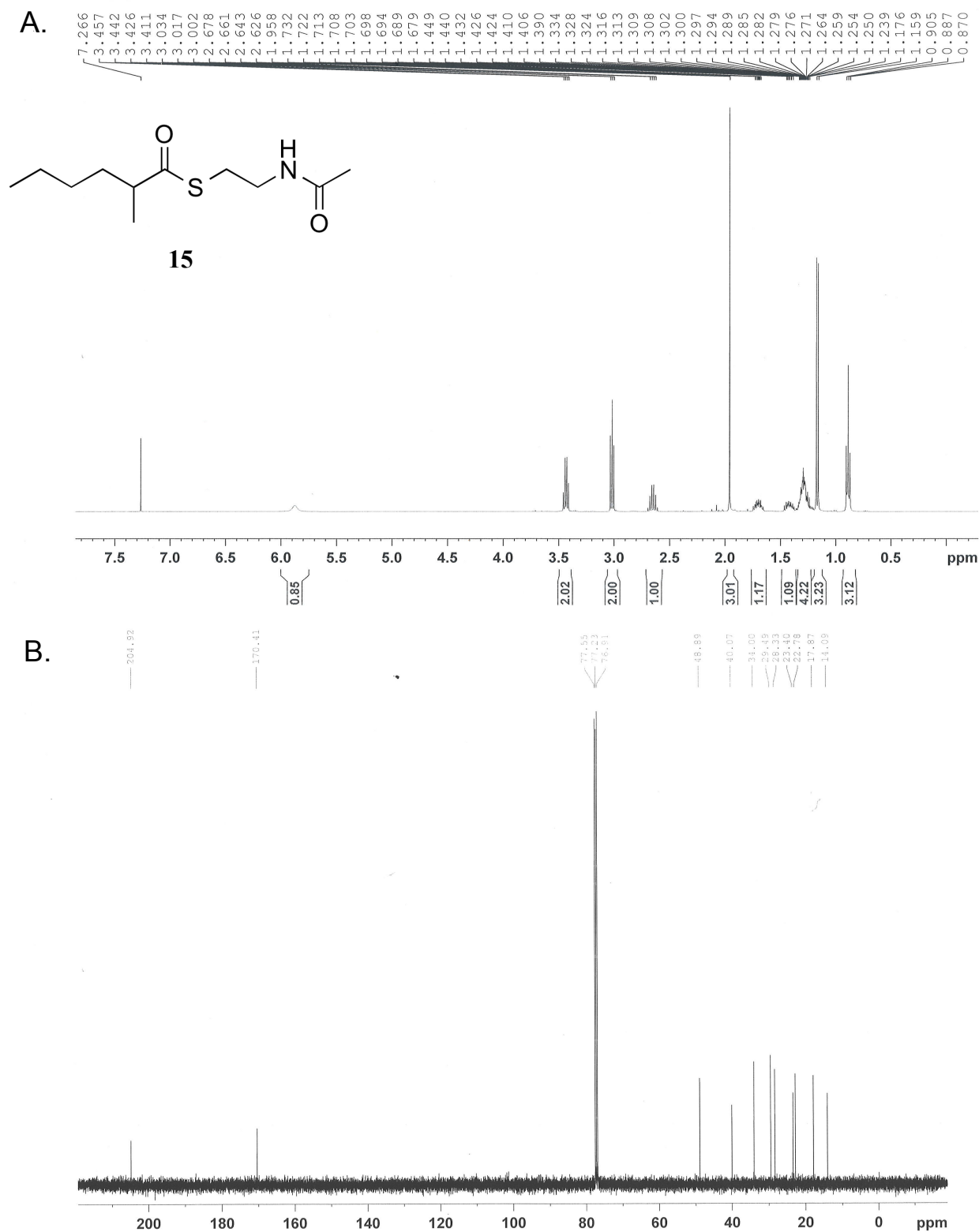


Figure S38. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methylhexanethioate (**15**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

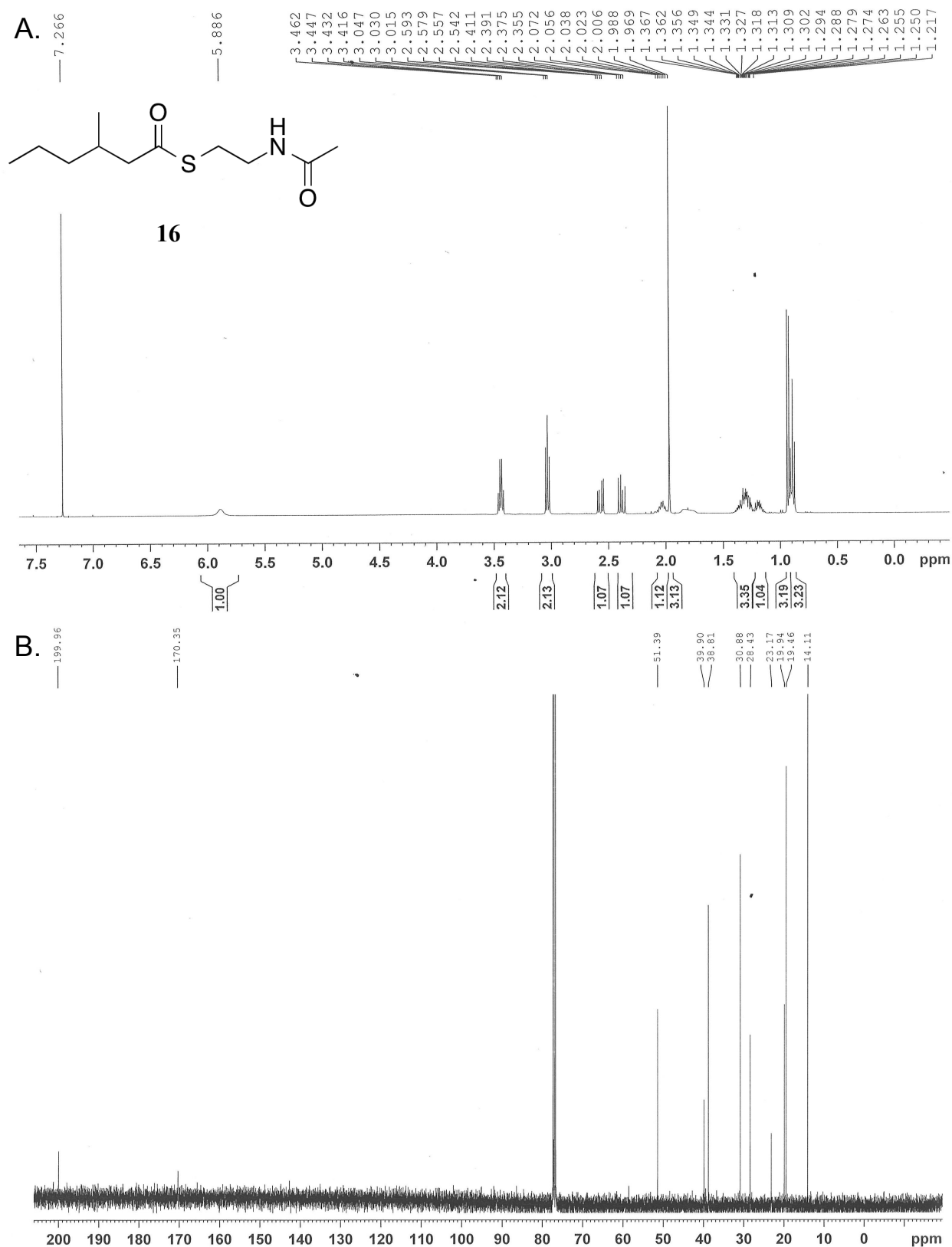


Figure S39. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-methylhexanethioate (**16**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

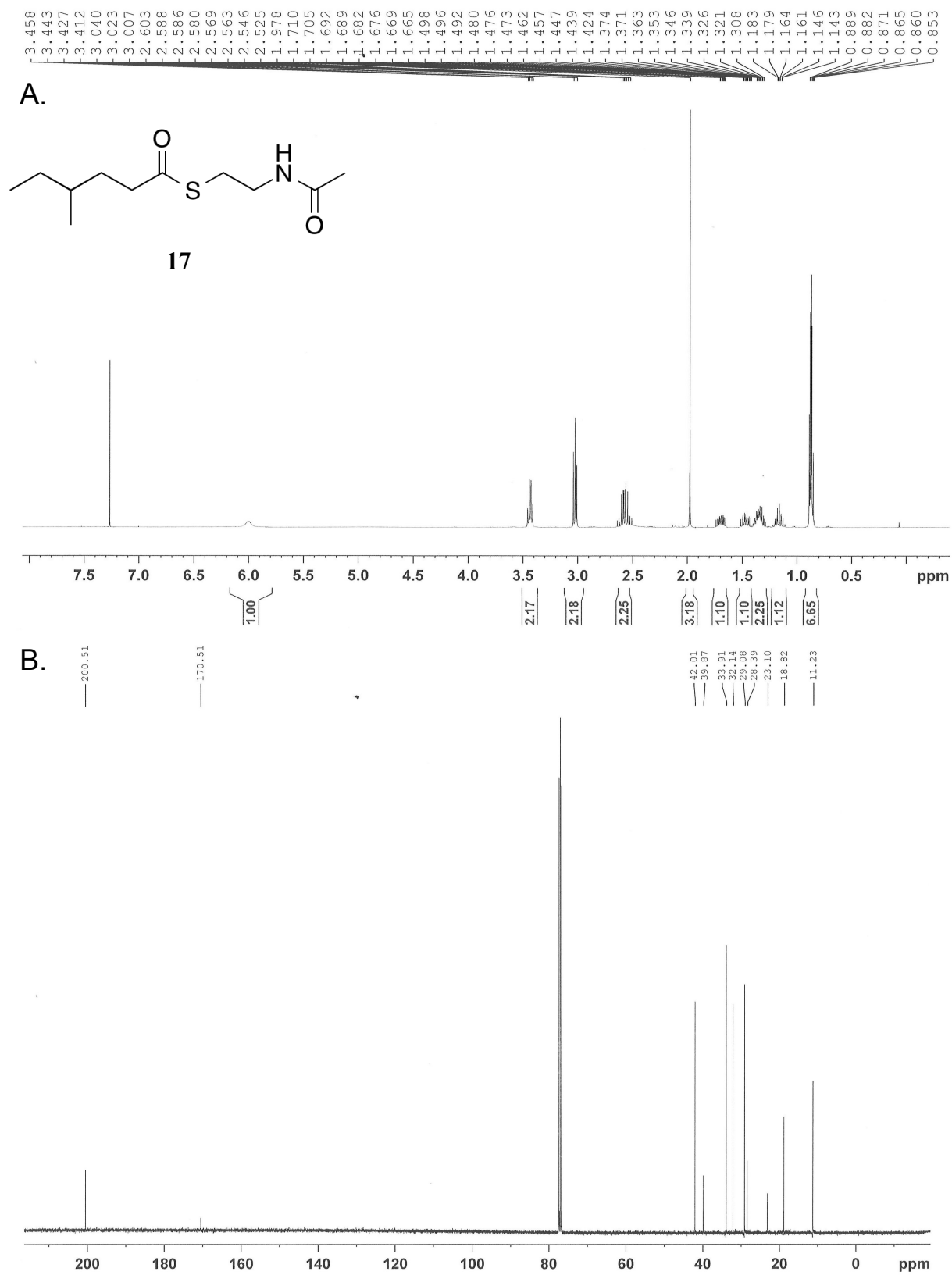


Figure S40. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-methylhexanethioate (**17**) A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

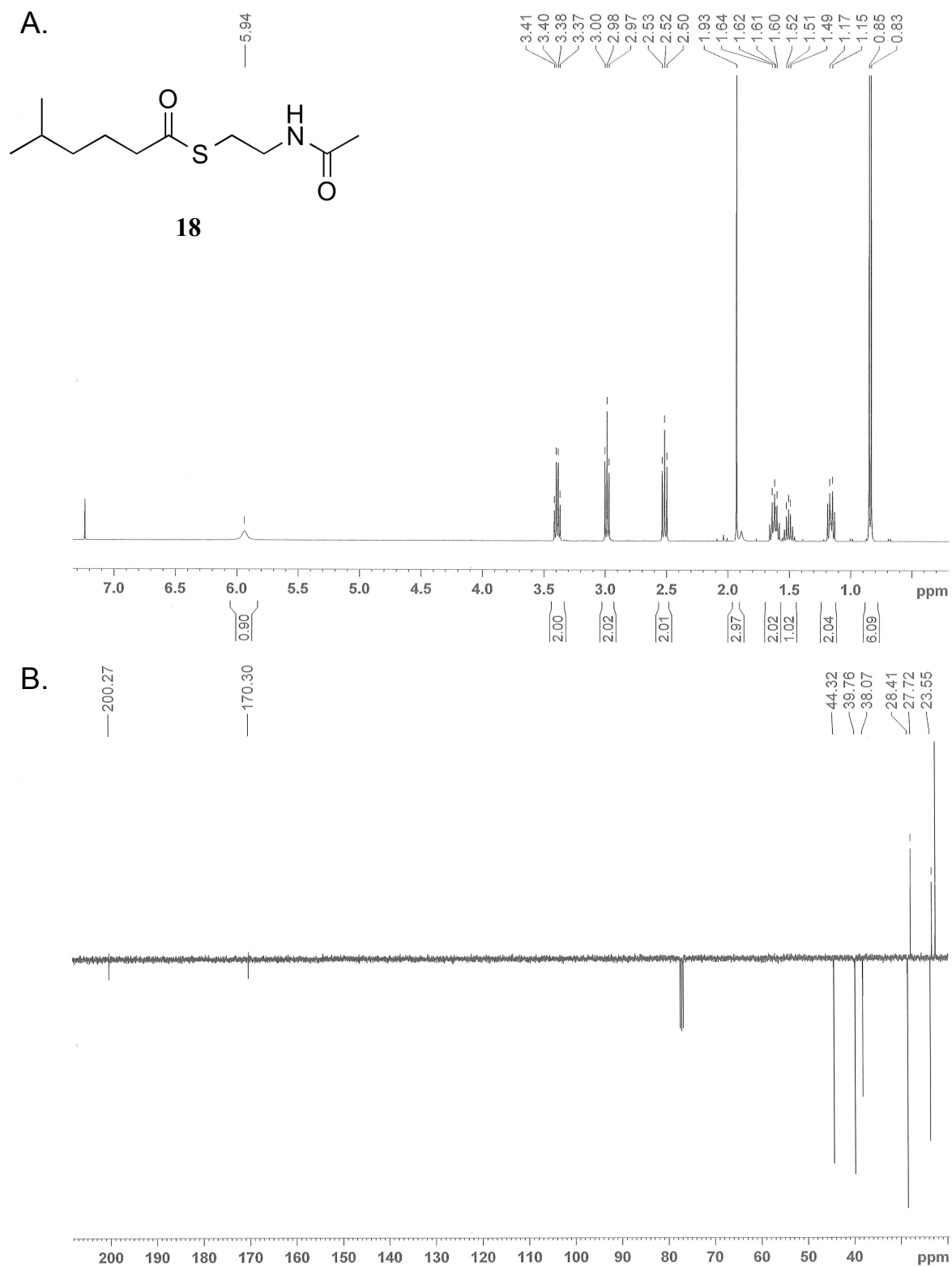


Figure S41. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 5-methylhexanethioate (**18**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

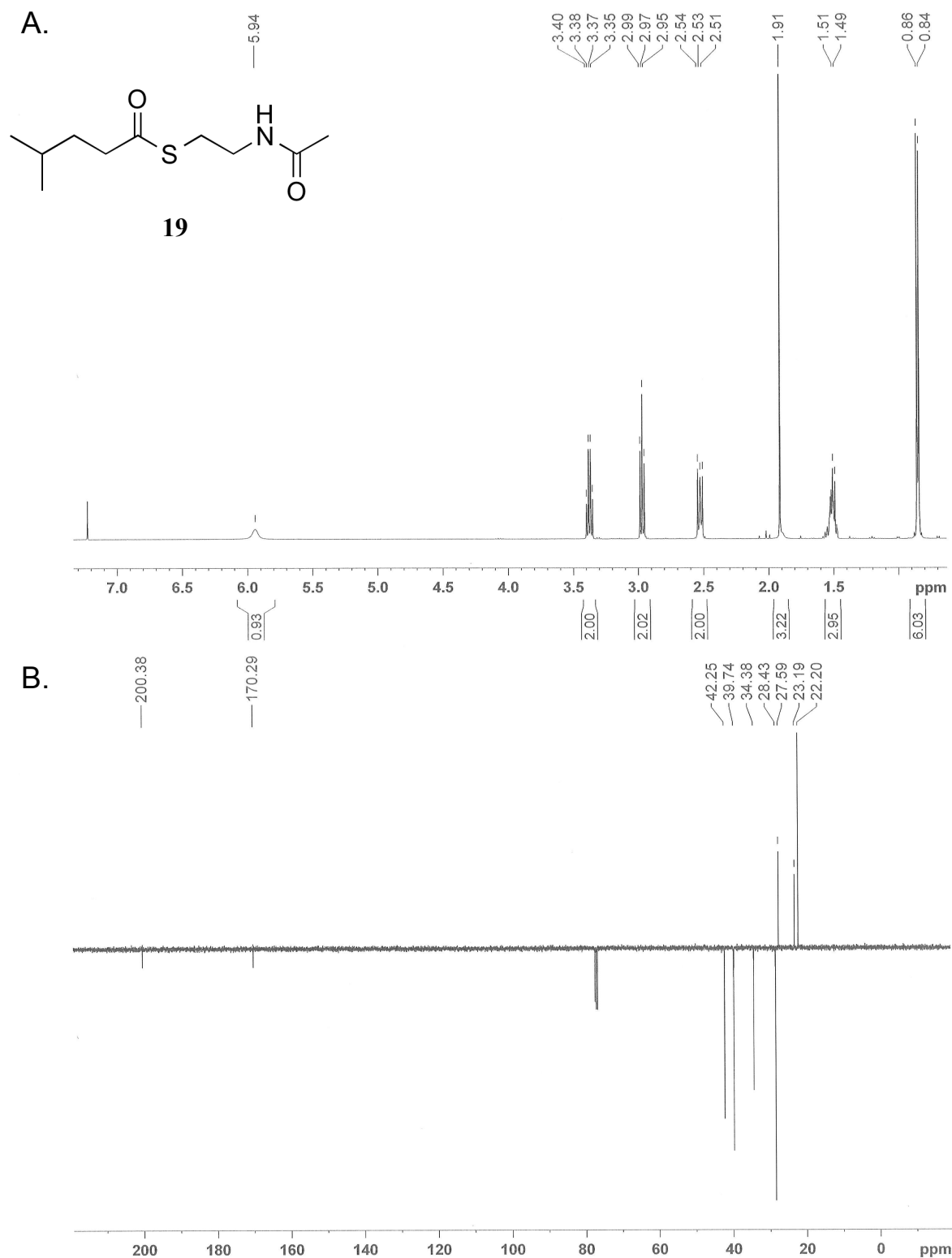


Figure S42. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-methylpentanethioate (**19**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

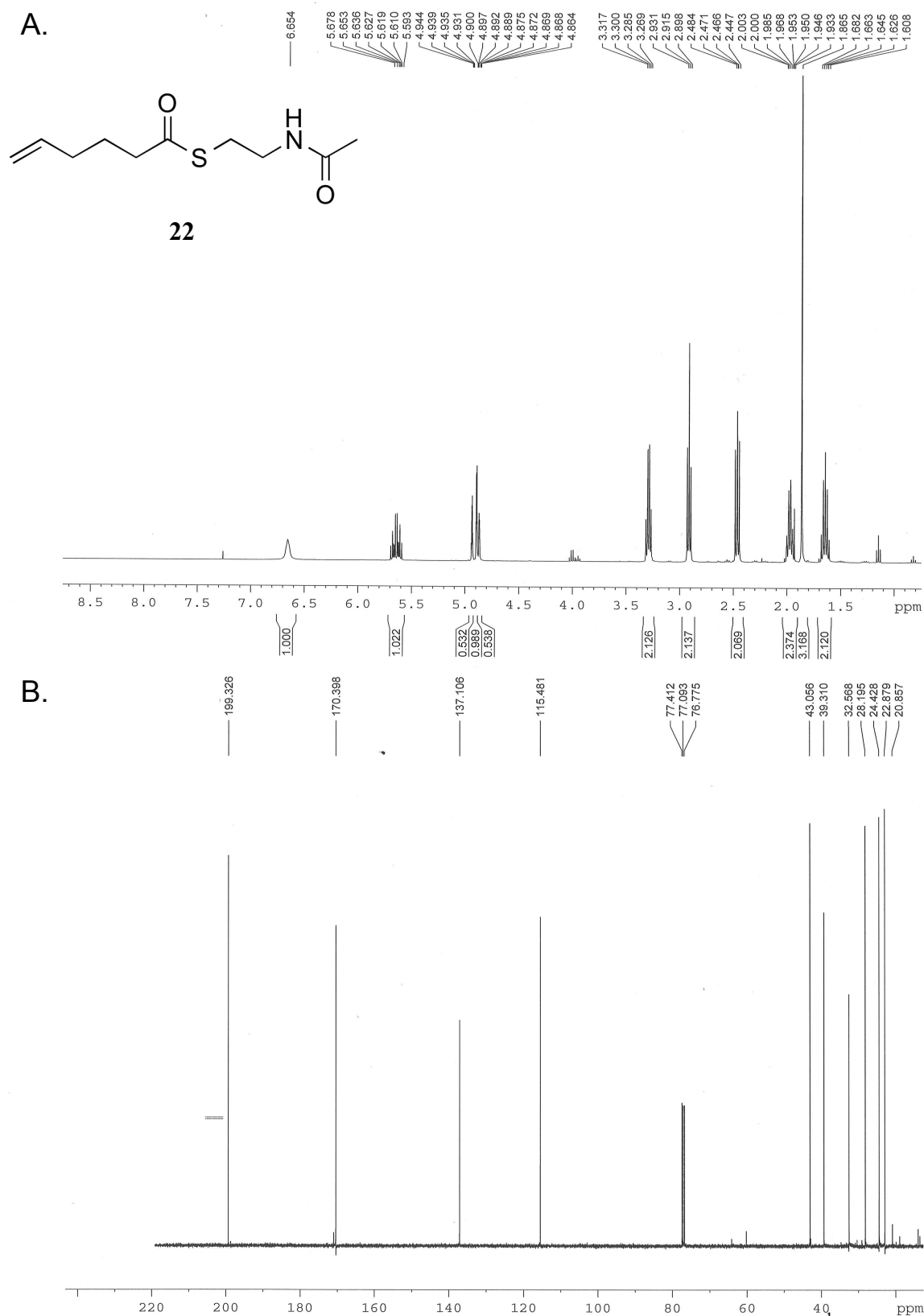


Figure S43. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) hex-5-enethioate (**22**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

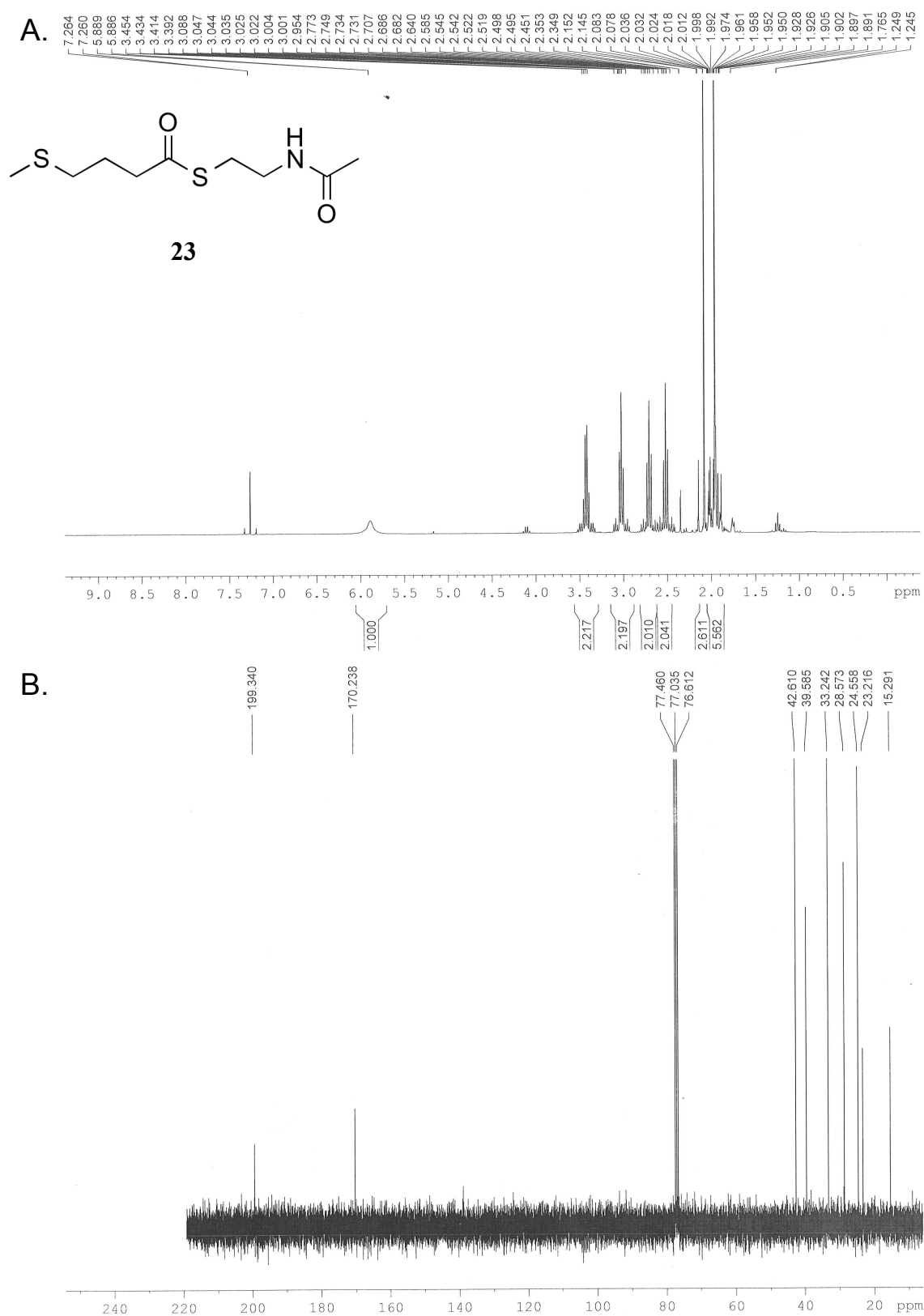


Figure S44. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-(methylthiol)butanethioate (**23**) A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

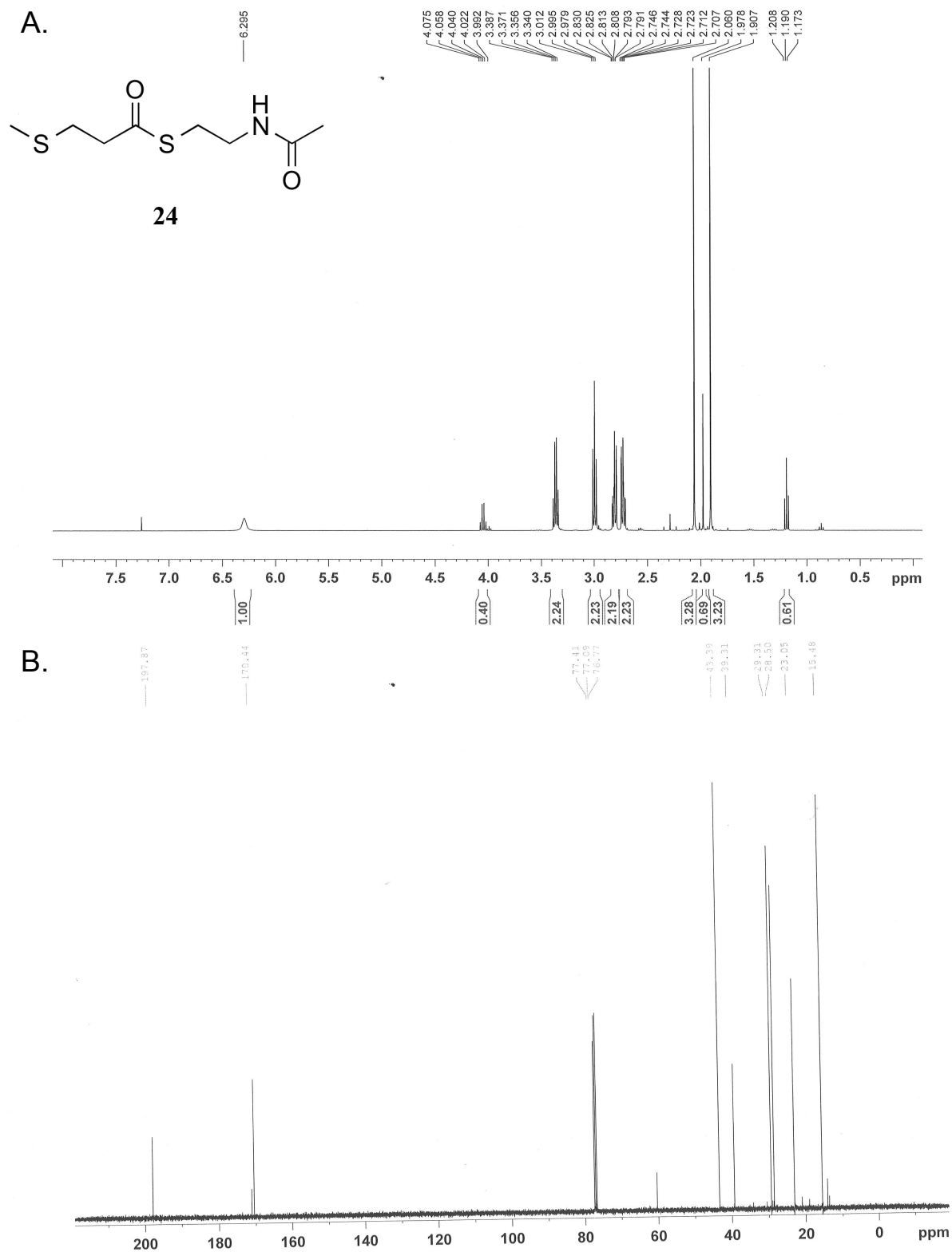


Figure S45. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-(methylthio)propanethioate (**24**) A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

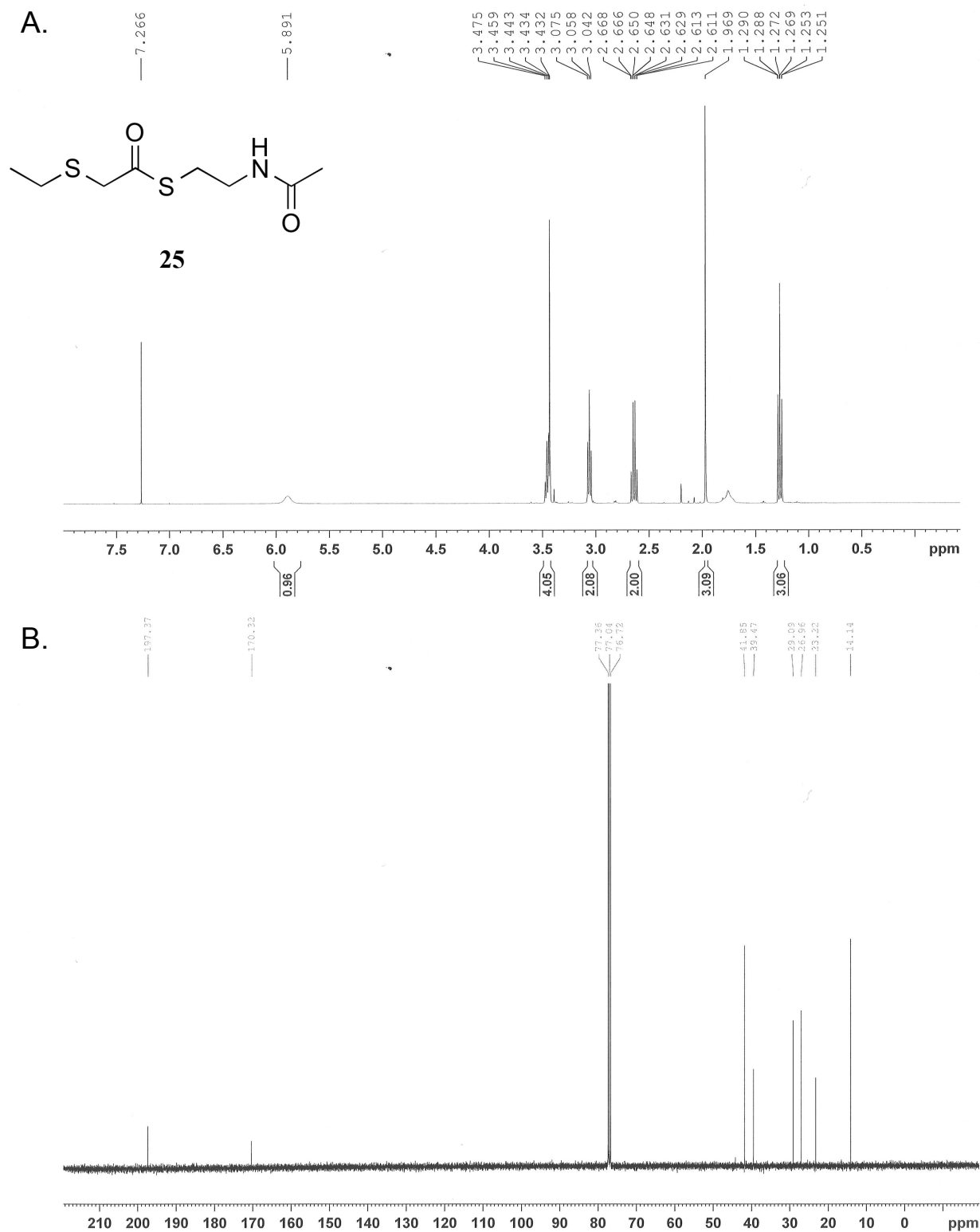


Figure S46. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethylthio)ethanethioate (**25**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

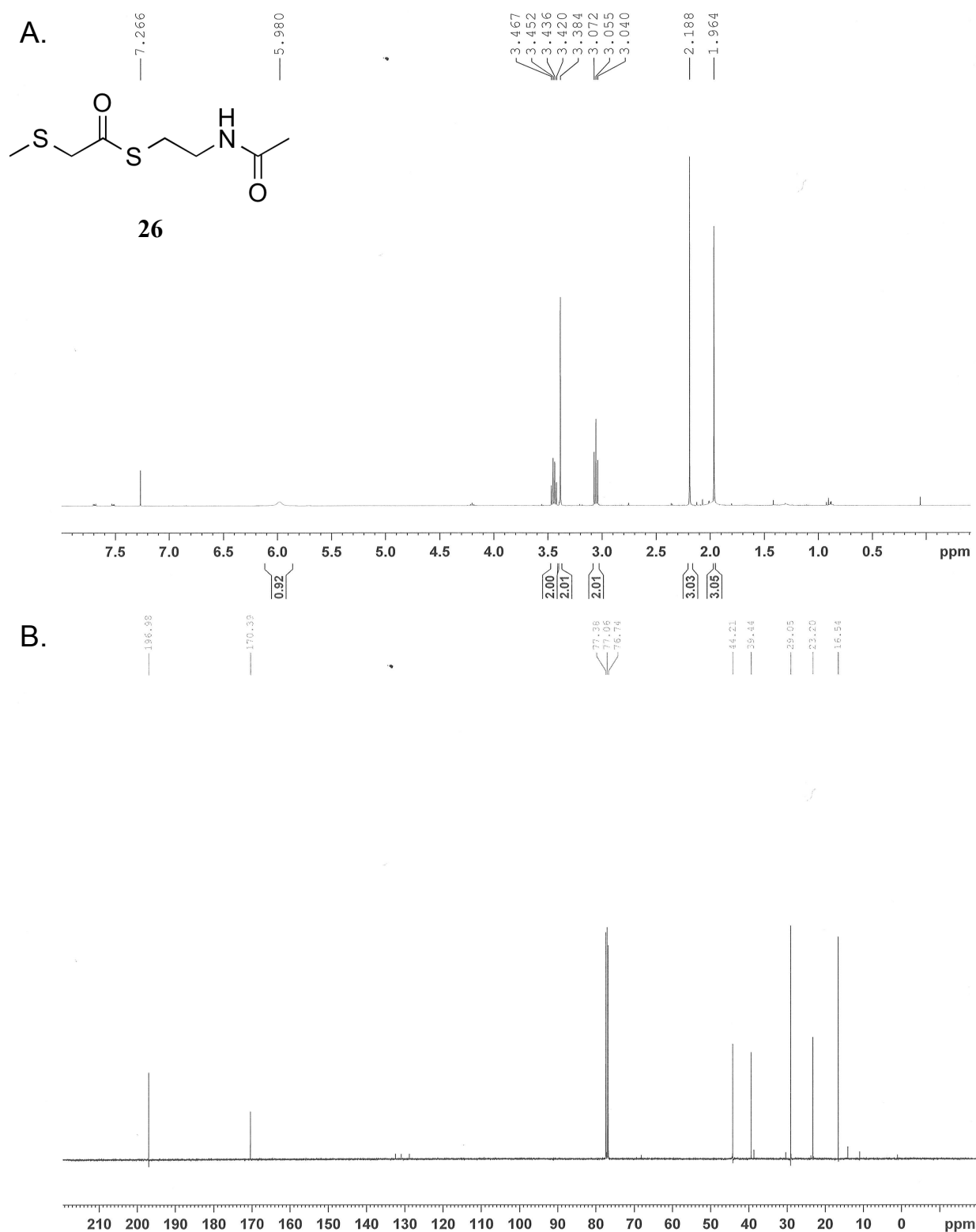


Figure S47. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(methylthio)ethanethioate (**26**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

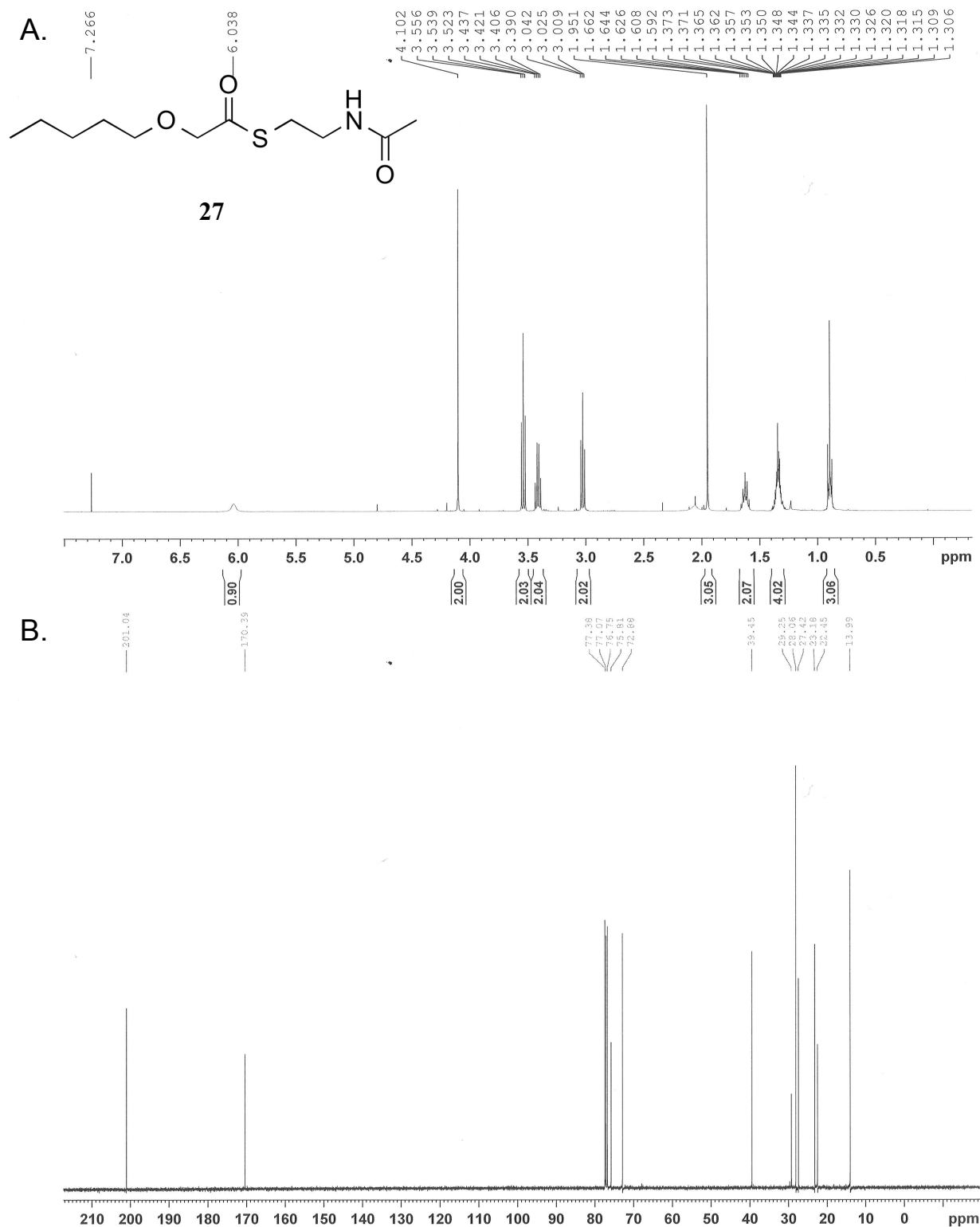


Figure S48. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(pentyloxy)ethanethioate (**27**) (A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum

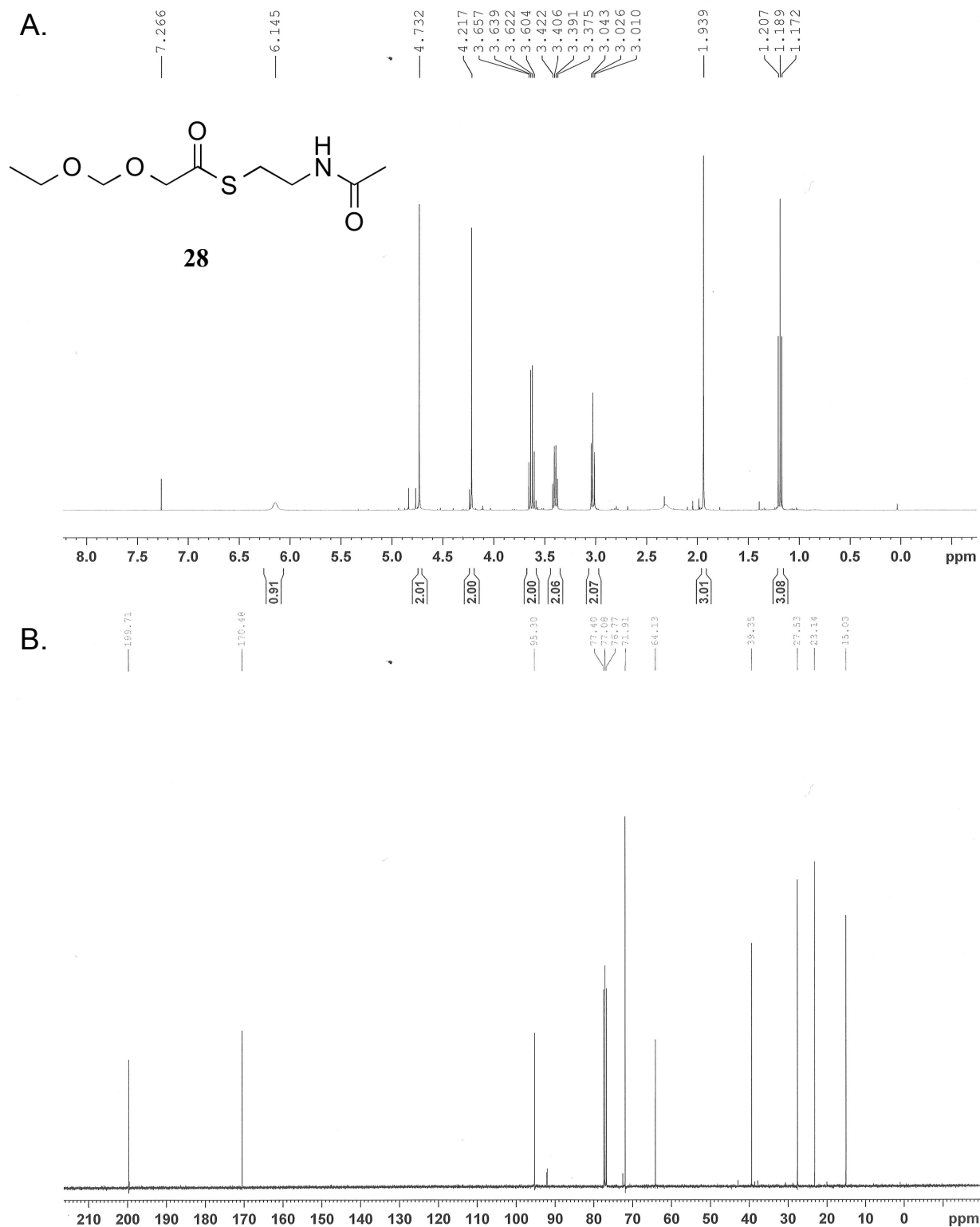


Figure S49. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-(ethoxymethoxy)ethanethioate (**28**) (A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

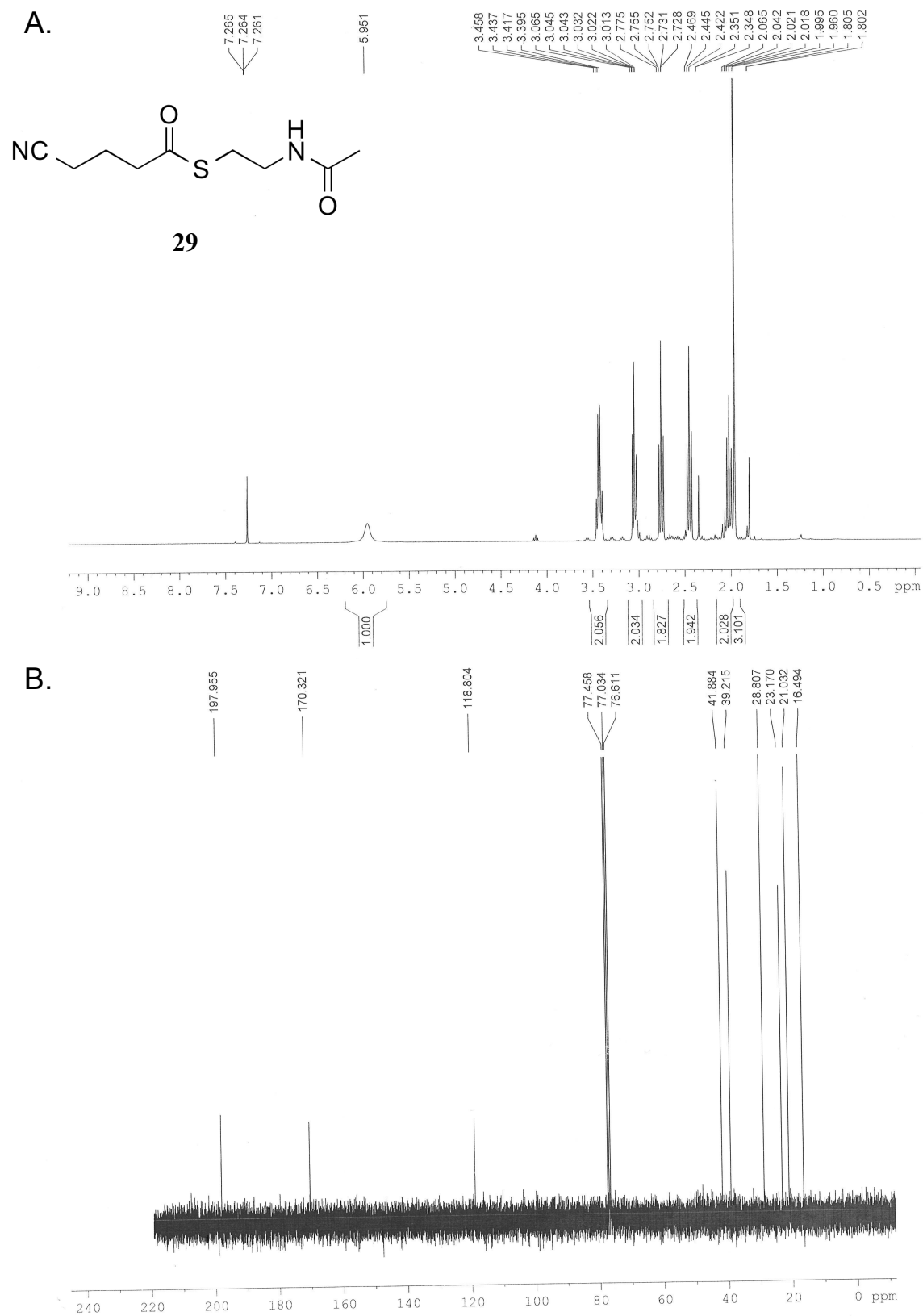


Figure S50. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-cyanobutanethioate (**29**) (A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum

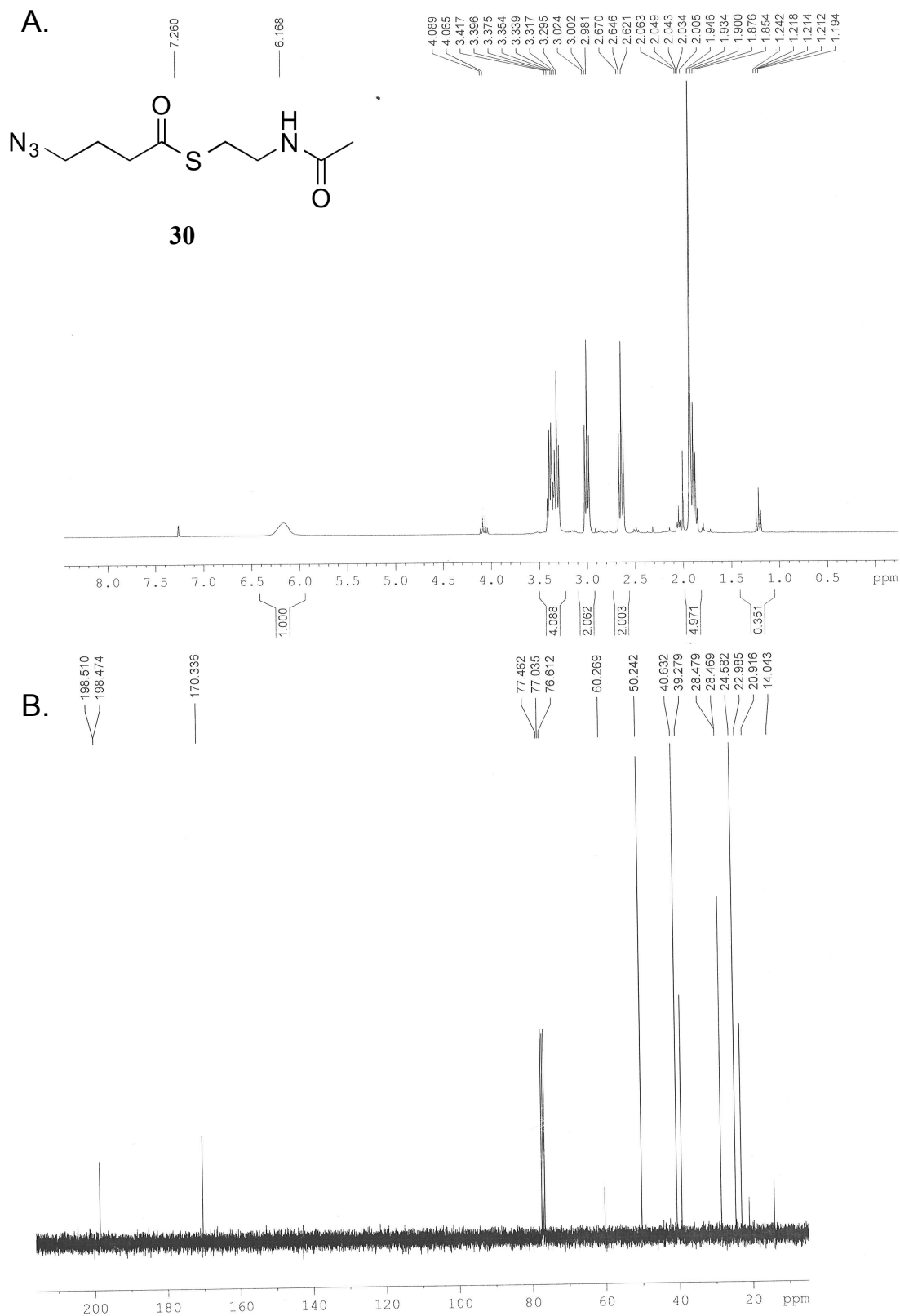


Figure S51. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 4-azidobutanethioate (**30**) (A) ^1H NMR spectrum B) ^{13}C NMR spectrum



Figure S52. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methylcyclopropane-1-carbothioate (**32**)
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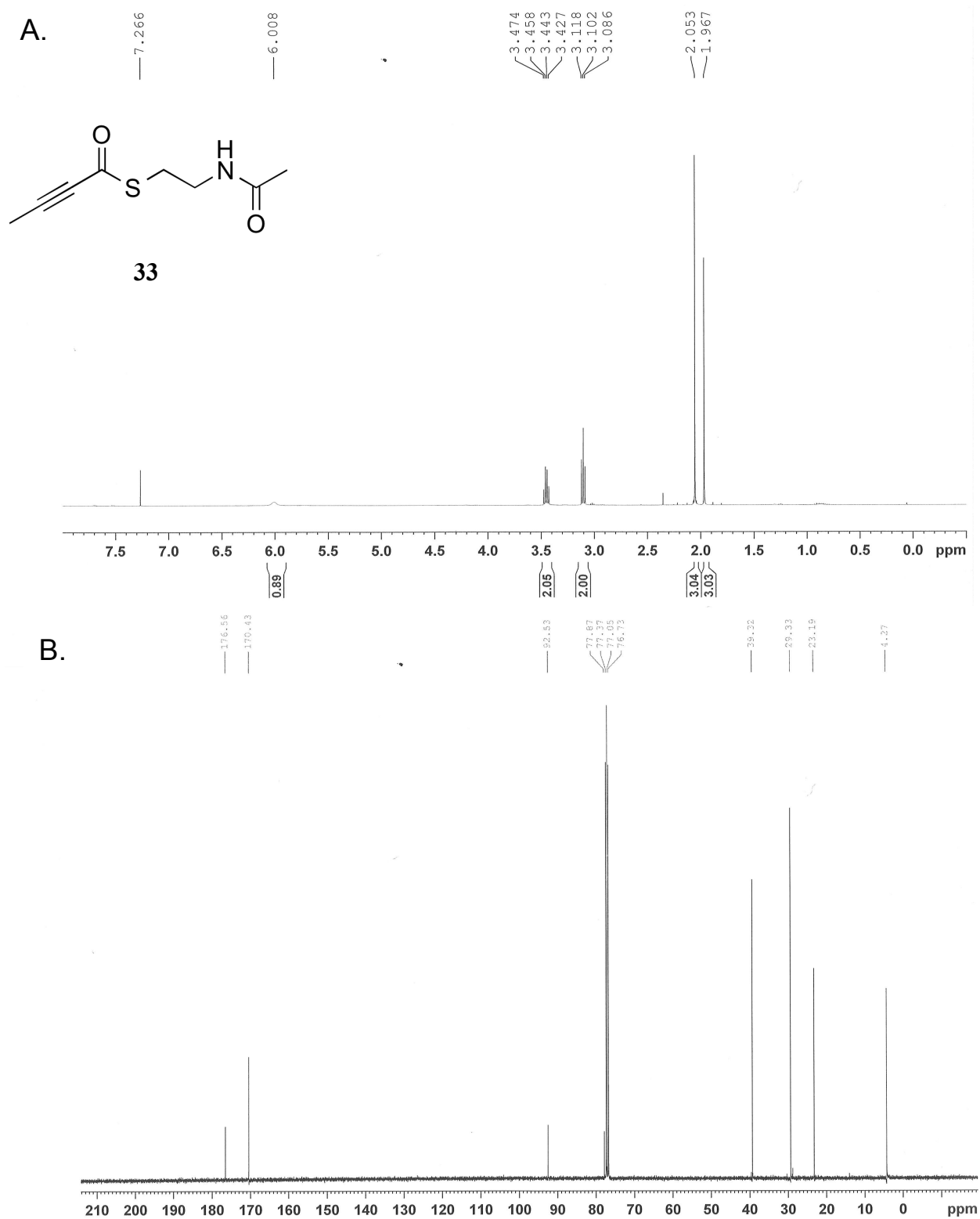


Figure S53. NMR spectra of *S*-(2-acetamidoethyl) but-2-ynethioate (**33**) A) ¹H NMR spectrum B) ¹³C NMR spectrum