

Anthraquinone derivatives as potent inhibitors of c-Met kinase and the extracellular signaling pathway

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(A) The binding mode of compound 2a with HGF fragment NK2

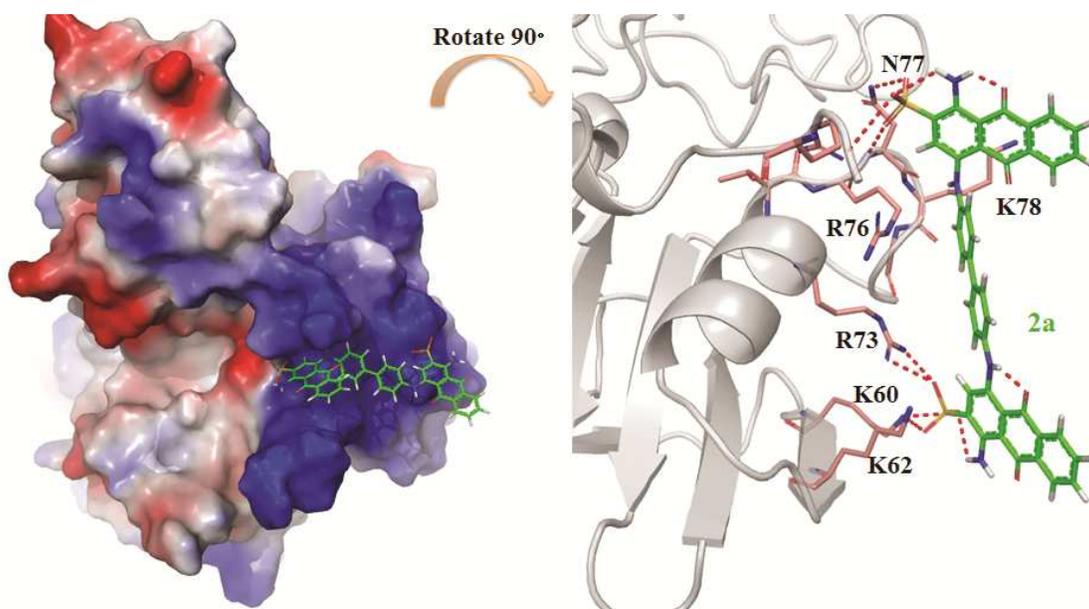


Figure S1. The binding mode of compound 2a with HGF fragment NK2.

The result displayed that the compound 2a probably bound the N-terminal heparin of HGF, which is rich in positive-charged residues in the surface. The positive-charged residues K60, K62, R73, R76 and K78 formed strong electrostatic interactions with the sulfate group for one hand. For another hand, these residues formed cation- π interactions with the aromatic rings of the compound. These two factors afford the driving force for the compound binding with the heparin site.

(B) General Methods

The reagents (chemicals) were purchased from Lancaster, Acros, and Shanghai Chemical Reagent Co. and used without further purification. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was HSGF 254 (150-200 μm thickness; Yantai Huiyou Co., China). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy was performed on a Bruker AMX-400 and AMX-300 NMR (IS as TMS). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Proton coupling patterns were described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), and broad (br). Low- and high-resolution mass spectra (LRMS and HRMS) were given with electric, electrospray, and matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (EI, ESI, and MALDI) produced by a Finnigan MAT-95, LCQ-DECA spectrometer and IonSpec 4.7 T. The purity of final compounds was assessed by the analytical HPLC method and found to be >95%. An Agilent 1100 series HPLC with an Agilent Zorbax Exlipse SB-C18 (25 \times 4.6 mm, 5 μm particle sizes) reversed-phase column was used for analytical HPLC analyses. The elution buffer was an A/B gradient, where A = H_2O (with 0.01 % TFA) and B = CH_3CN (with 0.01 % TFA).

(C) Synthesis and Spectral Characterization Data of the target compounds.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4'-amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1a.

Compounds **1a-1m** were synthesized according to the improved synthetic procedure¹⁻² and compound **1a** as an example: To a mixture of bromaminic acid sodium salt (0.081 g, 0.20 mmol) and related aniline (0.20 mmol) in Na₂HPO₄ (pH 9.6) (4 mL) and NaH₂PO₄ (pH 4.2) (1 mL) buffer solution was added catalytic amount of powdered copper (0.002-0.003 g). The mixture was stirred under biotage microwave for 20 min at 80 °C. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with methanol. The mixture was filtered and methanol was evaporated. The crude was purified via flash reversed column chromatography using RP-18 silica gel (water as an eluent) to obtained **1a** as a blue solid. Yield: 85 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.32 - 8.29 (m, 3 H), 7.79 - 7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.44 - 7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 6.83 - 6.81 (m, 2 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 484 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₁₈N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 484.0967 found 484.0972. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.72 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4'-amino-3,3'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1b. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1b** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 3,3'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine. Yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.40 - 8.38 (m, 2 H), 8.06 (s, 1 H), 7.84 - 7.81 (m, 2 H), 7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.48 - 7.45 (m, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 3 H), 6.83 - 6.81 (m, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 512[M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 512.1280 found 512.1299. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.80 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4'-(benzylamino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1c. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1b** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and N⁴-benzyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine. Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.71 - 7.69 (m, 3 H), 7.49 - 7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.42 - 7.26 (m, 10 H), 6.85 - 6.83 (m, 2 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 574 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₄N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 574.1437 found 574.1444. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.84 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 4-((4'-acetamido-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-1-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1d. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1d** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and N-(4'-amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetamide. Yield: 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.35 (m, 3 H), 7.81 - 7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.69 - 7.61 (m, 6 H), 7.37 (br s, 2 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 526 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₀N₃O₆S [M-Na]⁻ 526.1073 found 526.1079. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.82 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4'-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1e. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1e** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and *tert*-butyl (4'-amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)carbamate. Yield: 34%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.38 - 8.27 (m, 3 H), 7.83 - 7.2 (m, 2 H), 7.61 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.41 - 7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.93 - 6.91 (m, 2 H), 1.37 (s, 9 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 584 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₁H₂₆N₃O₇S [M-Na]⁻ 584.1491 found 584.1500. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.86 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4'-(cyclohexanecarboxamido)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1f. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1e** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and N-(4'-amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide. Yield: 76%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.36 - 8.35 (m, 3 H), 7.83 - 7.81 (m, 2 H), 7.70 - 7.63 (m, 6 H), 7.38 - 7.36 (m, 2 H), 2.47 - 2.42 (m, 1 H), 1.96 - 1.89 (m, 4 H), 1.80 - 1.70 (m, 1 H), 1.63 - 1.56 (m, 1 H), 1.39 - 1.30 (m, 4 H).LRMS (ESI) m/z 594 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₃O₆S [M-Na]⁻ 594.1699 found 594.1704. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.87 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4-(4-aminobenzyl)phenyl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1h. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1h** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 4,4'-methylenedianiline. Yield: 75 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.30 - 8.26 (m, 2 H), 8.00 (s, 1 H), 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.18 (m, 4 H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.54 - 6.51 (m, 2 H), 4.89 (s, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 2 H).LRMS (ESI) m/z 498 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 498.1124 found 498.1136. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.77 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4-(4-aminophenoxy)phenyl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10 dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1i. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1i** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 4,4'-oxydianiline. Yield: 79 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.28 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 - 7.84 (m, 3 H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 2 H), 6.96 - 6.82 (m, 4 H), 6.64 - 6.61 (m, 2 H), 5.01 (br s, 2 H).LRMS (ESI) m/z 500 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₁₈N₃O₆S [M-Na]⁻ 500.0916 found 500.0917. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.70 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4-(4-aminophenethyl)phenyl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10

dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1j. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1j** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 4,4'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)dianiline. Yield: 78 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 - 7.84 (m, 3 H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 2 H), 6.96 - 6.82 (m, 4 H), 6.64 - 6.61 (m, 2 H), 5.01 (br s, 2 H). LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 512 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 512.1280 found 512.1287. HPLC: 100%, *t_R* = 0.85 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4-aminophenyl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10 dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1k. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1k** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and benzene-1,4-diamine. Yield: 80 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.30 - 8.28 (m, 2 H), 7.86 - 7.82 (m, 3 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H). LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 408 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₄N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 408.0654 found 408.0659. HPLC: 100%, *t_R* = 0.55 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-4-((4-amino-2,5-dimethylphenyl)amino)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1l. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1l** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 2,5-dimethylbenzene-1,4-diamine. Yield: 85 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.31 - 8.28 (m, 2 H), 7.86 - 7.83 (m, 2 H), 7.51 (s, 1 H), 6.80 (s, 1 H), 6.60 (s, 1 H), 4.94 (br s, 2 H), 2.05 (s, 6 H). LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 436 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₄N₃O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 436.0967 found 436.0969. HPLC: 100%, *t_R* = 0.57 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1-amino-9,10-dioxo-4-(phenylamino)-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate 1m. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **1a**, **1m** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and aniline. Yield: 90 %. ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.31 - 8.27 (m, 3 H), 7.79 - 7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.21 - 7.17 (m, 1 H).LRMS (ESI) m/z 393 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₃N₂O₅S [M-Na]⁻ 393.0545 found 393.0556. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.77 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1,1'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diylbis(azanediyl))bis(4-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-3-sulfonate) 2a.

Compounds **2a-2h** were synthesized according to the improved synthetic procedure¹⁻² and compound **2a** as an example: To a mixture of bromaminic acid sodium salt (0.162 g, 0.40 mmol) and related aniline (0.20 mmol) in Na₂HPO₄ (pH 9.6) (4 mL) and NaH₂PO₄ (pH 4.2) (1 mL) buffer solution was added catalytic amount of powdered copper (0.002-0.003 g). The mixture was irradiated under biotage microwave for 20 min at 120 °C. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with methanol. The mixture was filtered and methanol was evaporated. The crude was purified by flash reversed column chromatography using RP-18 silica gel (water as an eluent) to obtained **2a** as a blue solid. Yield: 12 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.40 (s, 2 H), 8.38 - 8.35 (m, 4 H), 7.83 - 7.81 (m, 4 H), 7.76 - 7.74 (m, 4 H), 7.42 - 7.40 (m, 4 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 807 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₀H₂₄N₄O₁₀S₂Na [M-Na]⁻ 807.0832 found 807.0839. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.70 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1,1'-((2,2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(4-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-3-sulfonate) 2b. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2b** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 2,2'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine. Yield: 15 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.39 - 8.22 (m, 3 H), 8.08 (s, 1 H), 7.93 - 7.90 (m, 1 H), 7.81 - 7.66 (m, 5 H), 7.53 - 7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H).LRMS (ESI) m/z 835 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₂H₂₈N₄O₁₀S₂Na [M-Na]⁻ 835.1145 found 835.1149. HPLC: 100%,

$t_R = 0.83$ min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1,1'-((2,2'-dimethoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(4-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-3-sulfonate) 2c. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2c** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 2,2'-dimethoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine. Yield: 14 %. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ 8.36 - 8.21 (m, 4 H), 7.94 - 7.91 (m, 1 H), 7.79 - 7.67 (m, 6 H), 7.50 - 7.47 (m, 1 H), 7.29 - 7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.14 - 7.08 (m, 2 H), 4.02 (s, 3 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 867 $[\text{M-Na}]^-$. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{12}\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M-Na}]^-$ 867.1043 found 867.1049. HPLC: 100%, $t_R = 0.75$ min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 1,1'-((3,3'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(4-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-3-sulfonate) 2d. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2d** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 3,3'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine. Yield: 14 %. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD): δ 8.43 - 8.38 (m, 4 H), 7.85 - 7.70 (m, 8 H), 7.52 - 7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.37 - 7.32 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 835 $[\text{M-Na}]^-$. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M-Na}]^-$ 835.1145 found 835.1138. HPLC: 100%, $t_R = 0.76$ min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 4,4'-((methylenebis(4,1-phenylene))bis(azanediyl))bis(1-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate) 2e. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2e** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 4,4'-methylenedianiline. Yield: 21 %. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 8.30 - 8.27 (m, 4 H), 8.03 (s, 2 H), 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 4 H), 7.38 - 7.36 (m, 4 H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 4 H), 4.02 (s, 2 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 821 $[\text{M-Na}]^-$. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M-Na}]^-$ 821.0988 found 821.1996. HPLC: 100%, $t_R = 0.73$ min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 4,4'-((oxybis(4,1-phenylene))bis(azanediyl))bis(1-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate) 2f. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2f** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 4,4'-oxydianiline. Yield: 19 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.31 - 8.28 (m, 4 H), 7.99 (s, 2 H), 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 4 H), 7.37 - 7.34 (m, 4 H), 7.20 - 7.17 (m, 4 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 823 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₀H₂₆N₄O₁₁S₂Na [M-Na]⁻ 823.0781 found 823.0789. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.67 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 4,4'-(1,4-phenylenebis(azanediyl))bis(1-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate) 2g. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2g** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and benzene-1,4-diamine. Yield: 18 %. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.30 - 8.18 (m, 6 H), 7.77 - 7.74 (m, 4 H), 7.27 - 7.21 (m, 4 H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 731 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₂₀N₄O₁₀S₂Na [M-Na]⁻ 731.0519 found 731.0523. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.52 min. Mp > 300 °C.

Sodium 4,4'-((2,5-dimethyl-1,4-phenylene)bis(azanediyl))bis(1-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate) 2h. In the same manner as described in the preparation of **2a**, **2h** was prepared from sodium 1-amino-4-bromo-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-sulfonate and 2,5-dimethyl benzene-1,4-diamine. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.30 - 8.18 (m, 6 H), 7.77 - 7.74 (m, 4 H), 7.27 - 7.21 (m, 4 H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). LRMS (ESI) m/z 759 [M-Na]⁻. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₆H₂₄N₄O₁₀S₂Na [M-Na]⁻ 759.0832 found 759.0822. HPLC: 100%, t_R = 0.57 min. Mp > 300 °C.

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