



THERMOCHROMIC COMPOUNDS AS SENSORS FOR HIGH STRAIN EXPERIMENTS

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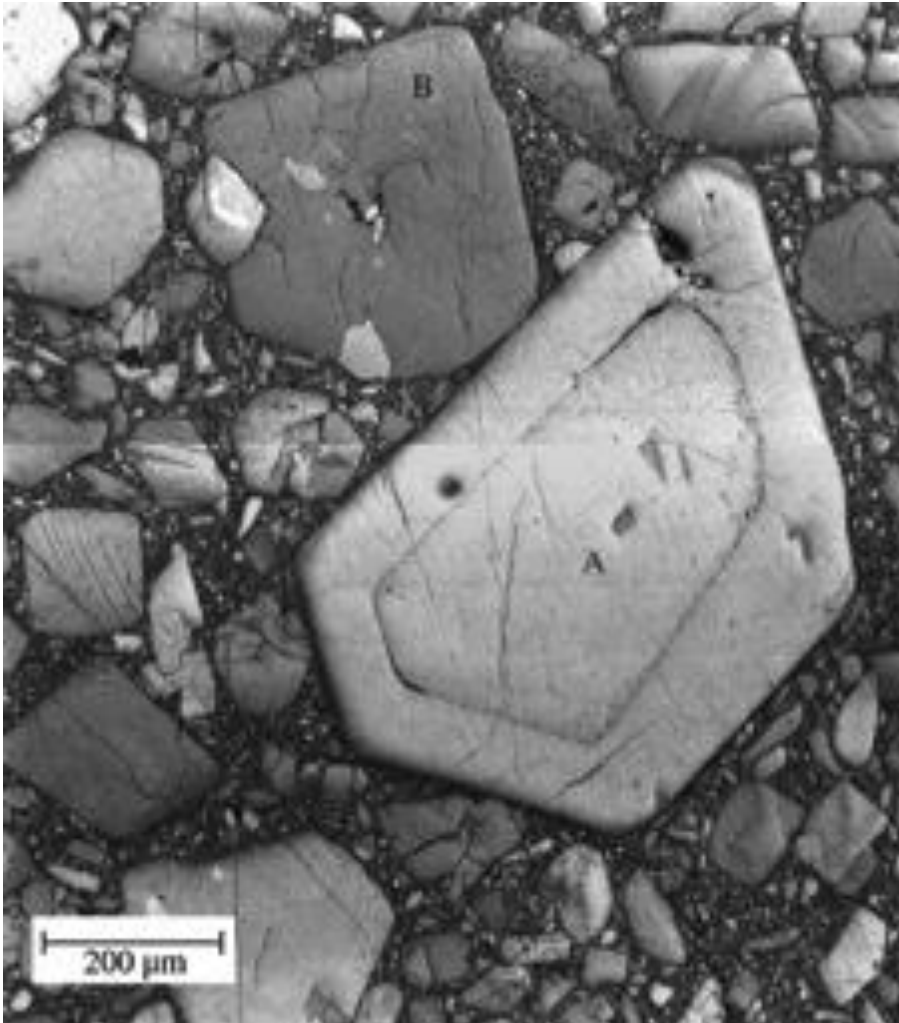
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Polymers Are Used For Safety In Everyday Life



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Polymers Can Help Make Munitions Safer

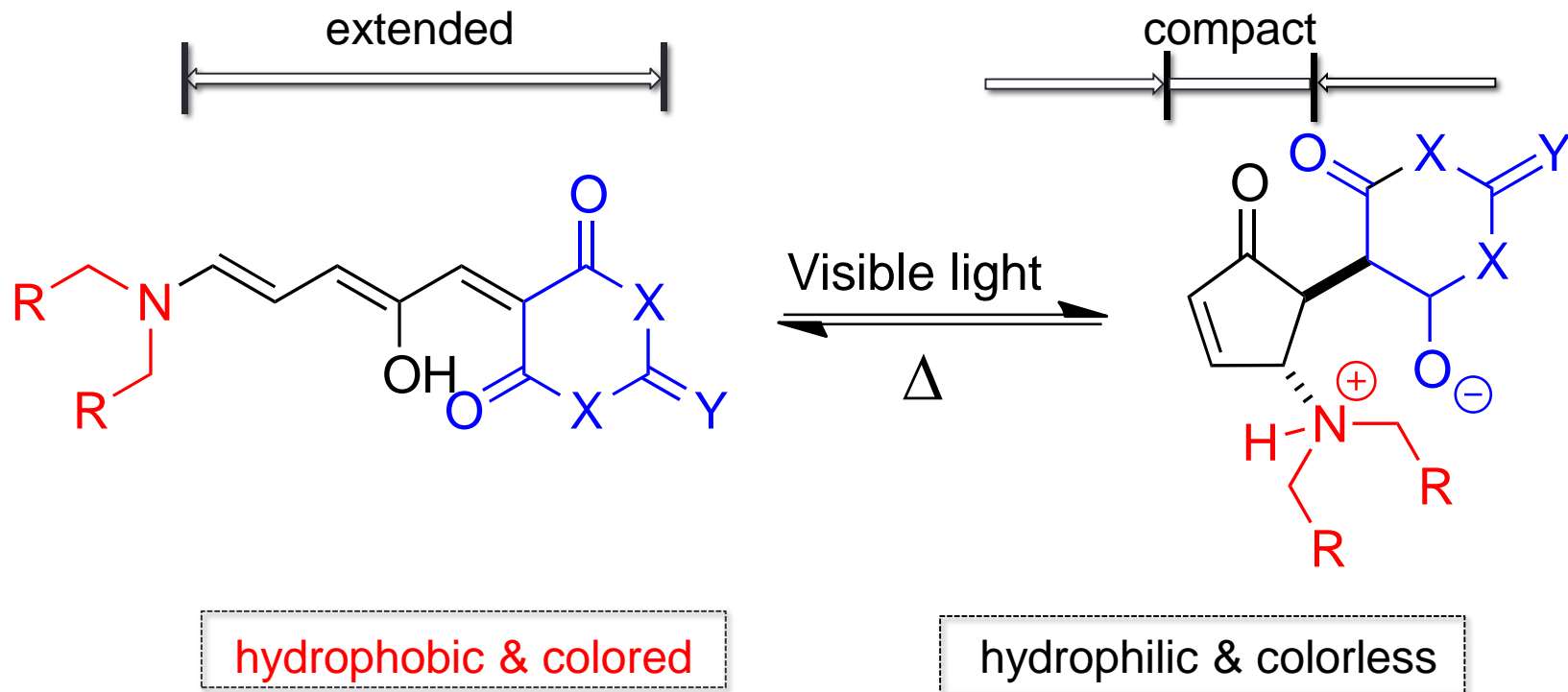


- Unintentional detonation is an important military safety concern
- Hot Spots ($>700\text{K}$) are source of explosive initiation
- HTPB is a polymer used to bind explosives together

SEM Image of an Explosive Formulation

Photo from Joe Hooper

Donor Acceptor Stenhouse Adducts (DASAs) As Thermochromic Sensors In Polymers



HTPB with DASA

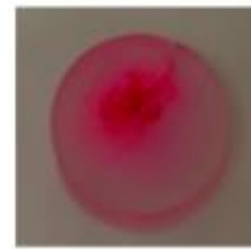
Ambient



Post-Heat

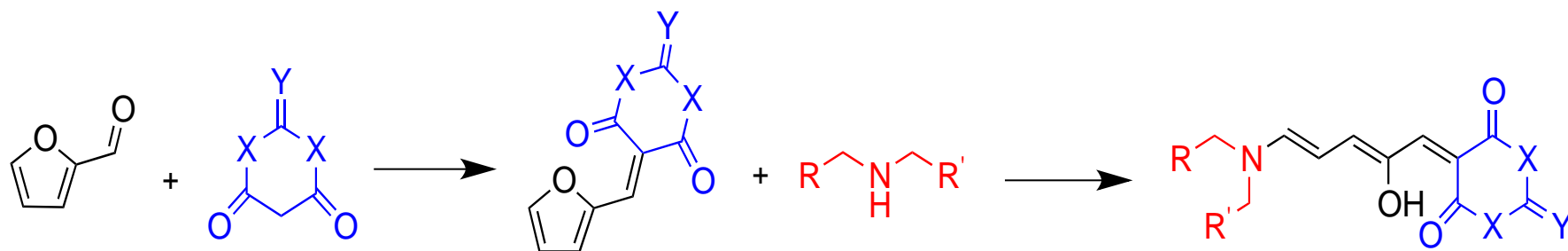


Post-Shot

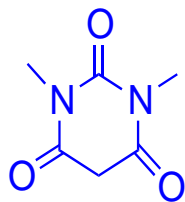


Overall Synthesis Plan Of DASAs

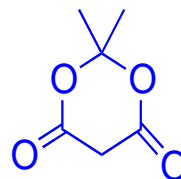
General Scheme of DASA Synthesis



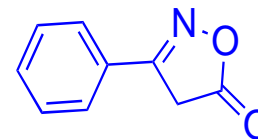
Carbon Acids (Acceptor)



Barbituric Acid

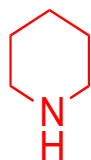


Meldrums Acid

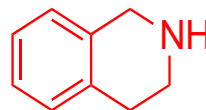


PIO

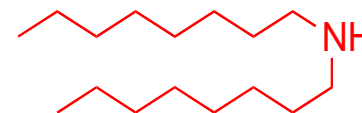
Secondary Amines (Donor)



Piperidine

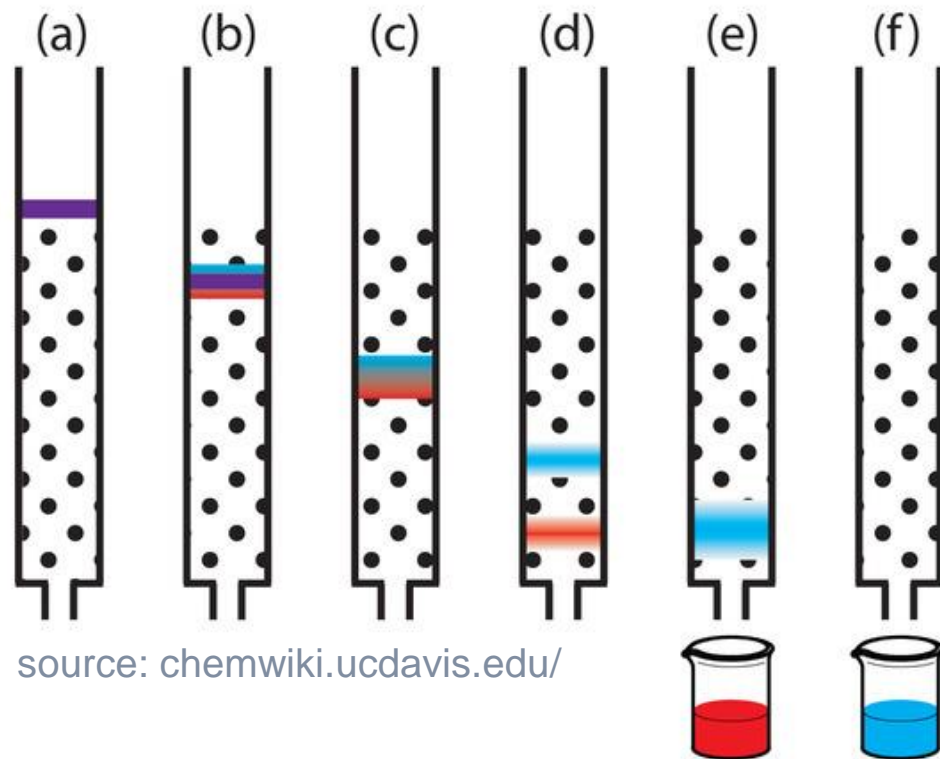
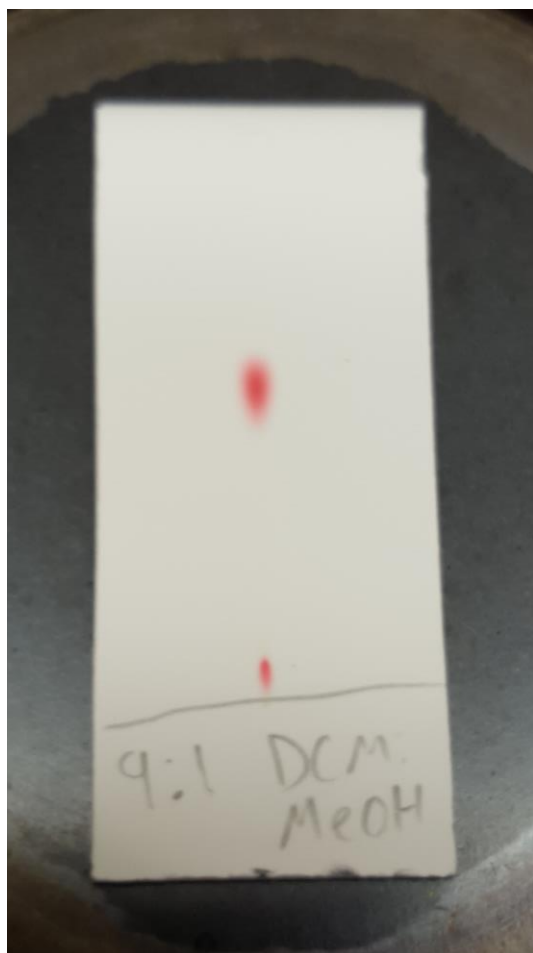


THIQ



Diocetylamine

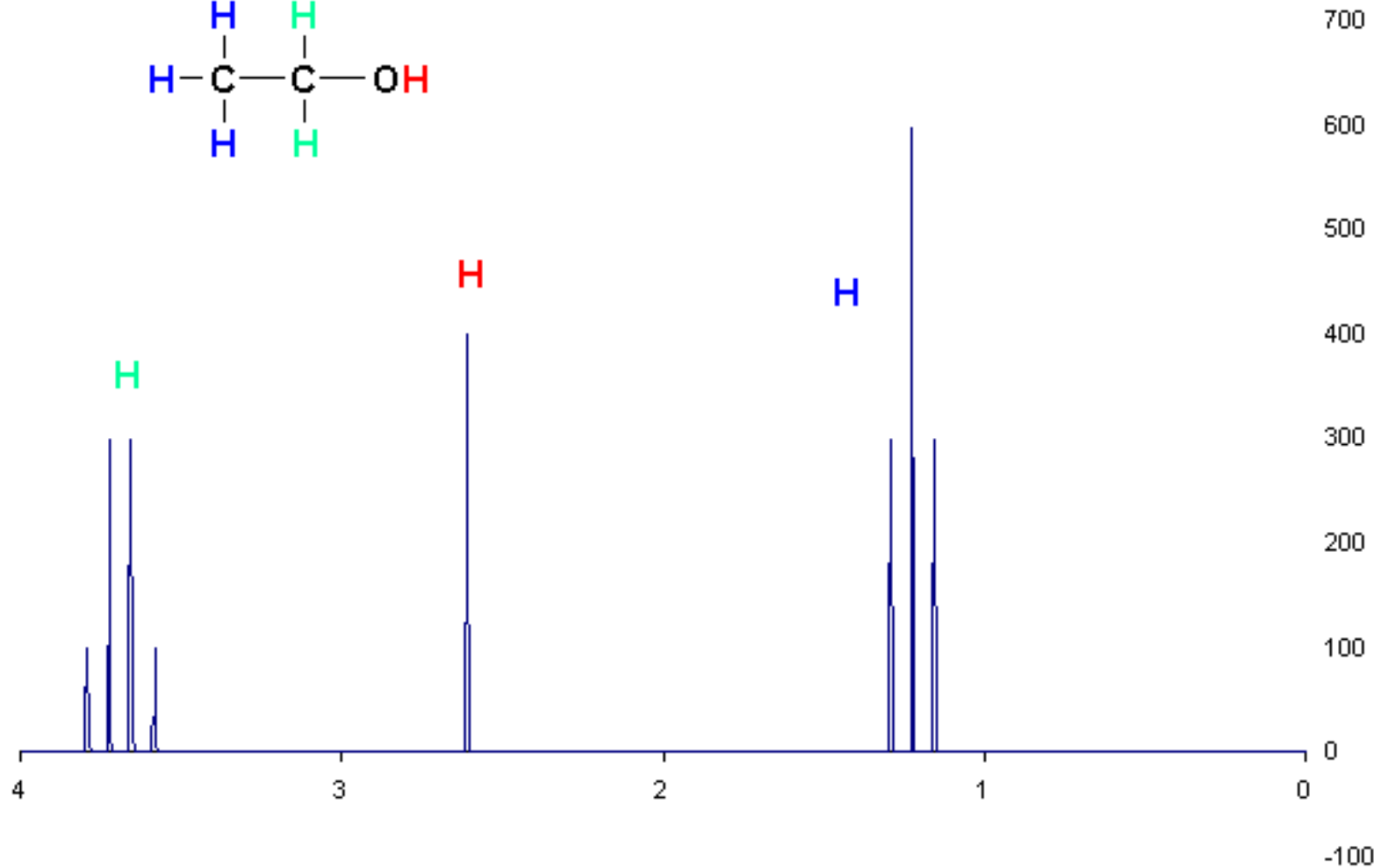
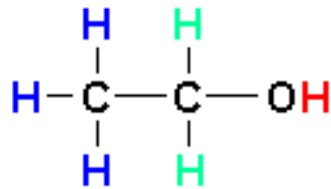
Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) For Reaction Analysis And Column Chromatography For Purification



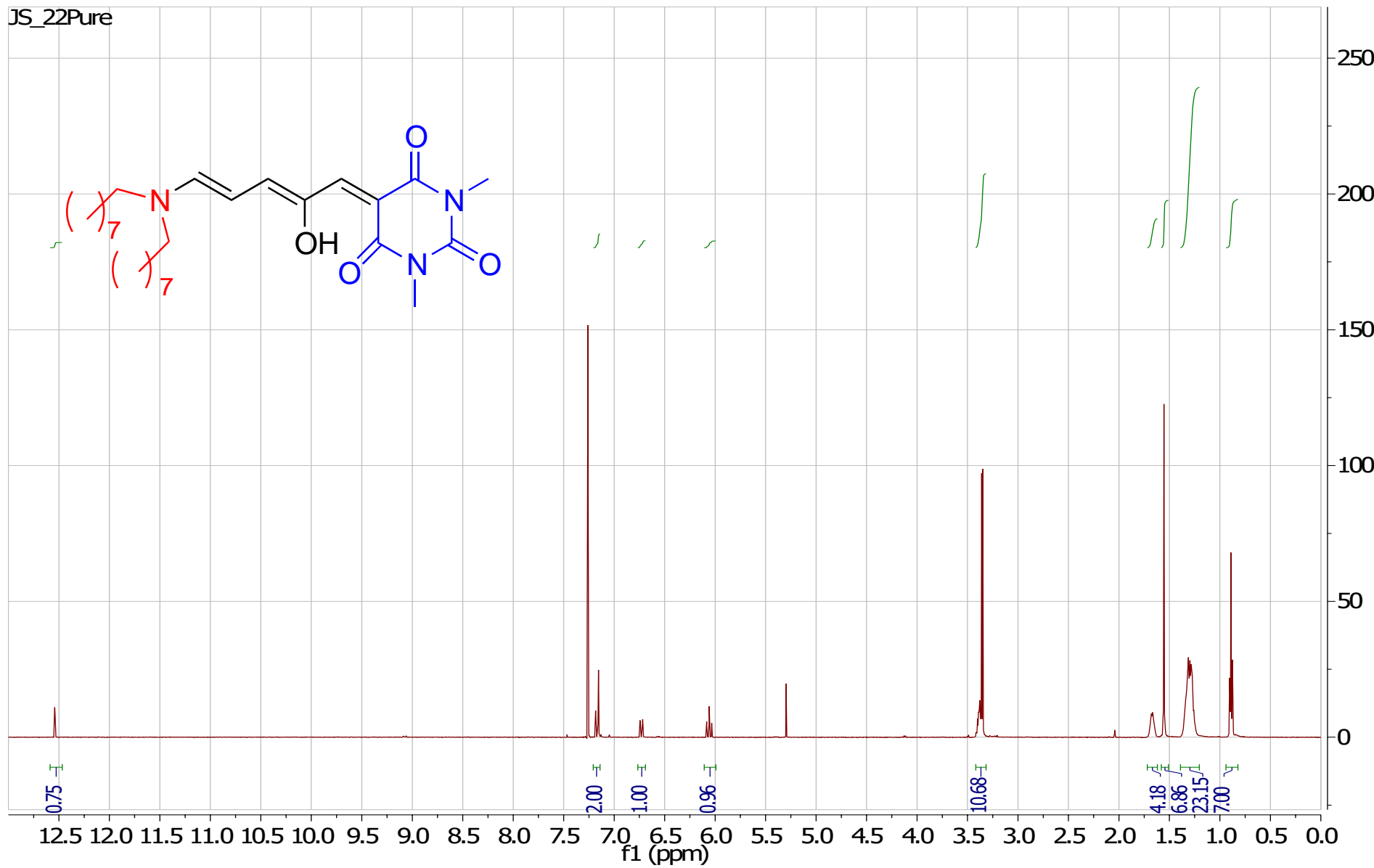
- TLC help visualize progress of reaction
- Column Chromatography purifies the reaction

^1H -NMR Identifies Compounds

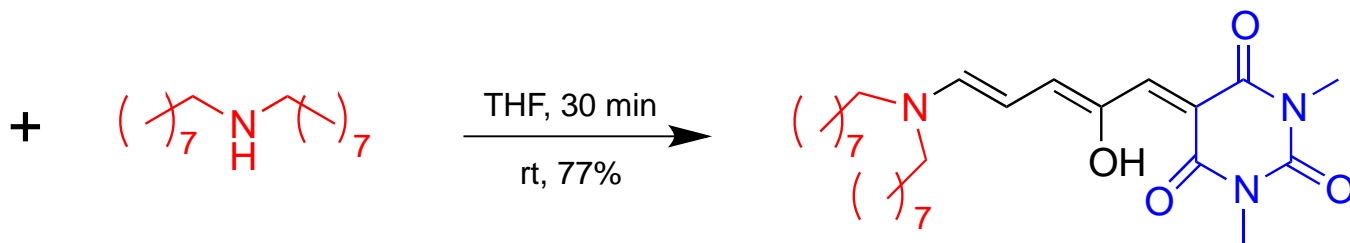
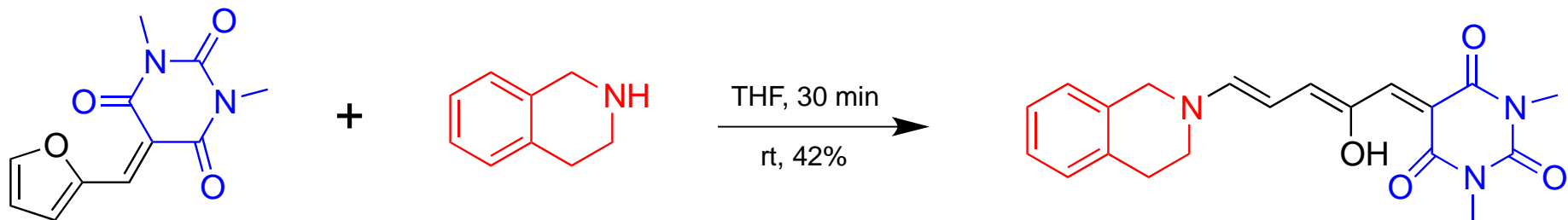
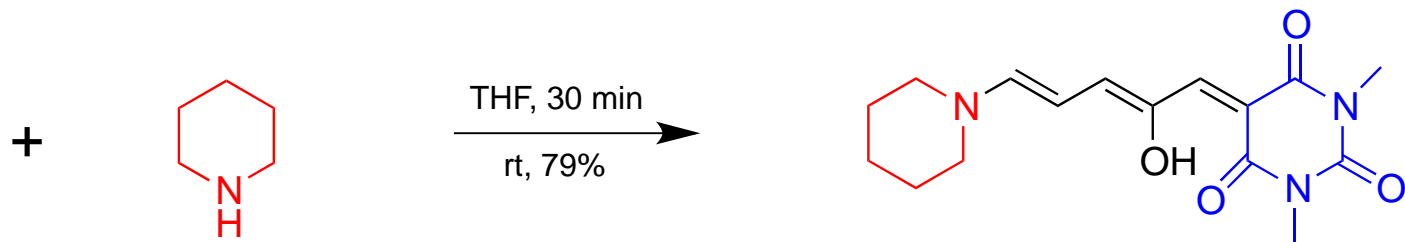
Ethanol



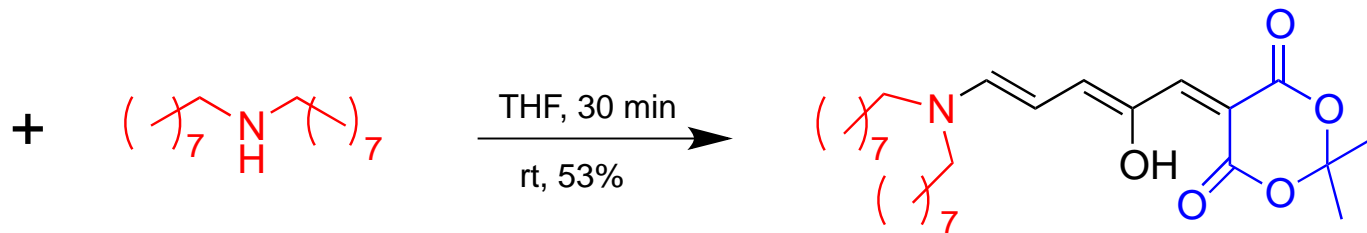
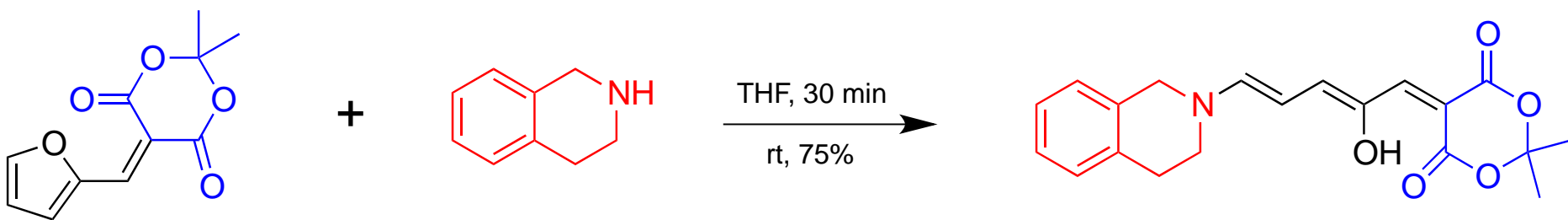
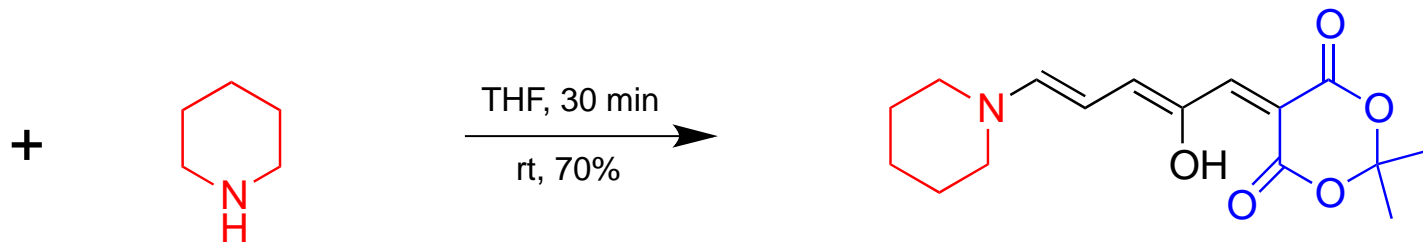
¹H-NMR Of Dioctyl Amine Adduct Confirms Purity



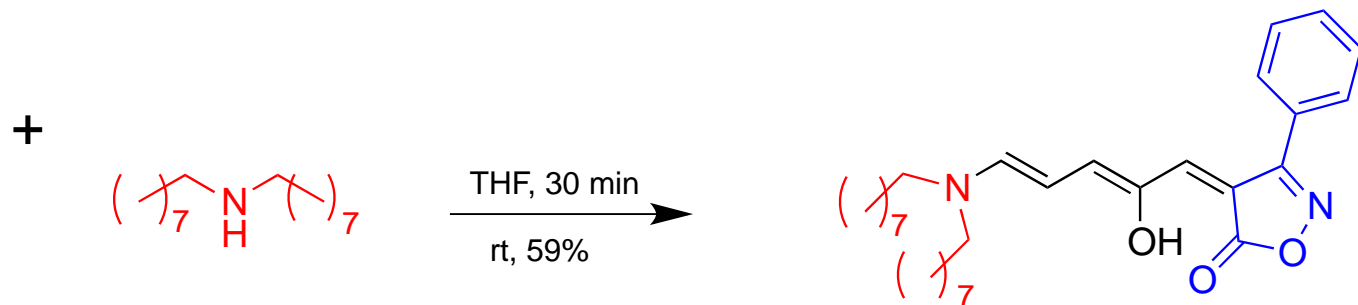
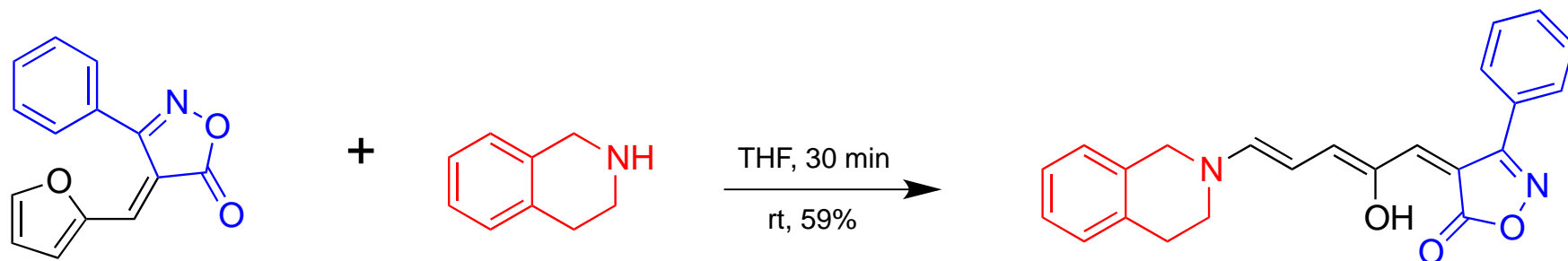
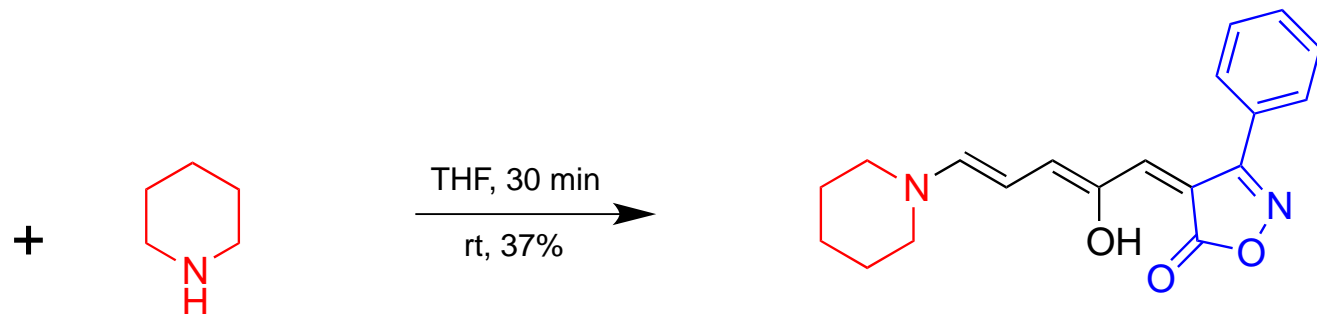
Synthesis Of Barbituric Acid Acceptor With Various Secondary Amines



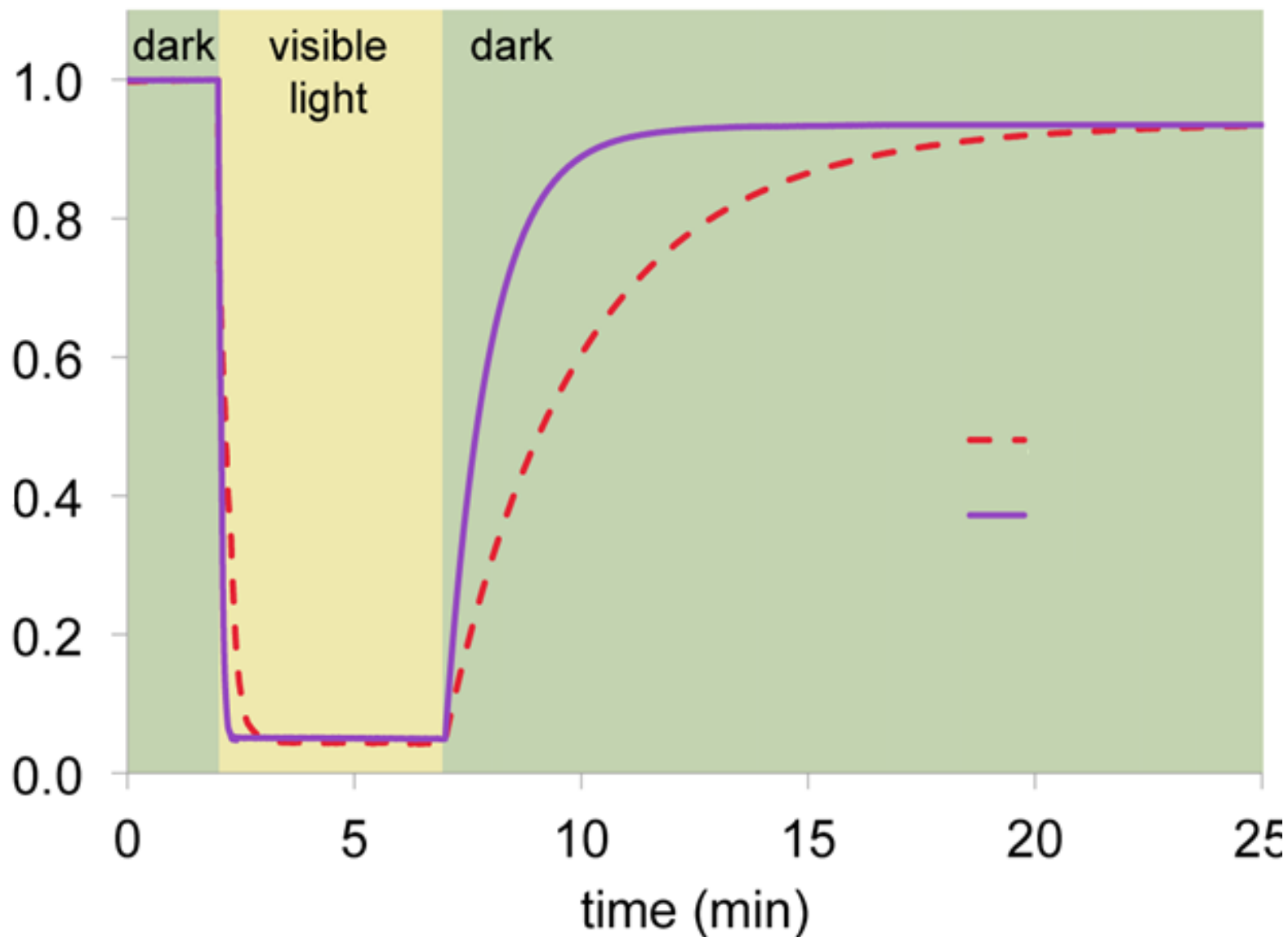
Meldrums Acid Acceptor Yields Same Results



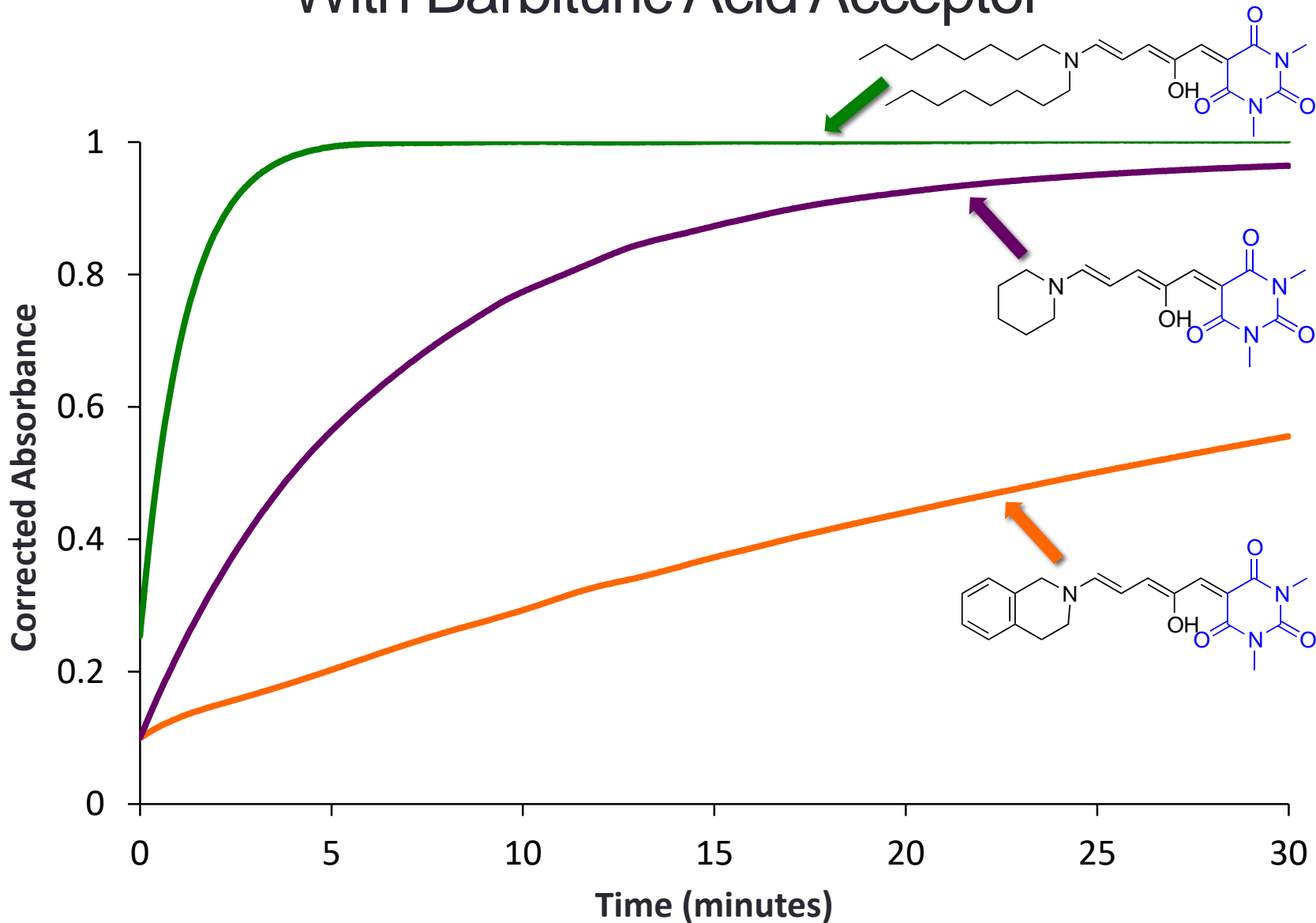
DASAs With PIO Acceptor Have Slightly Lower Yields



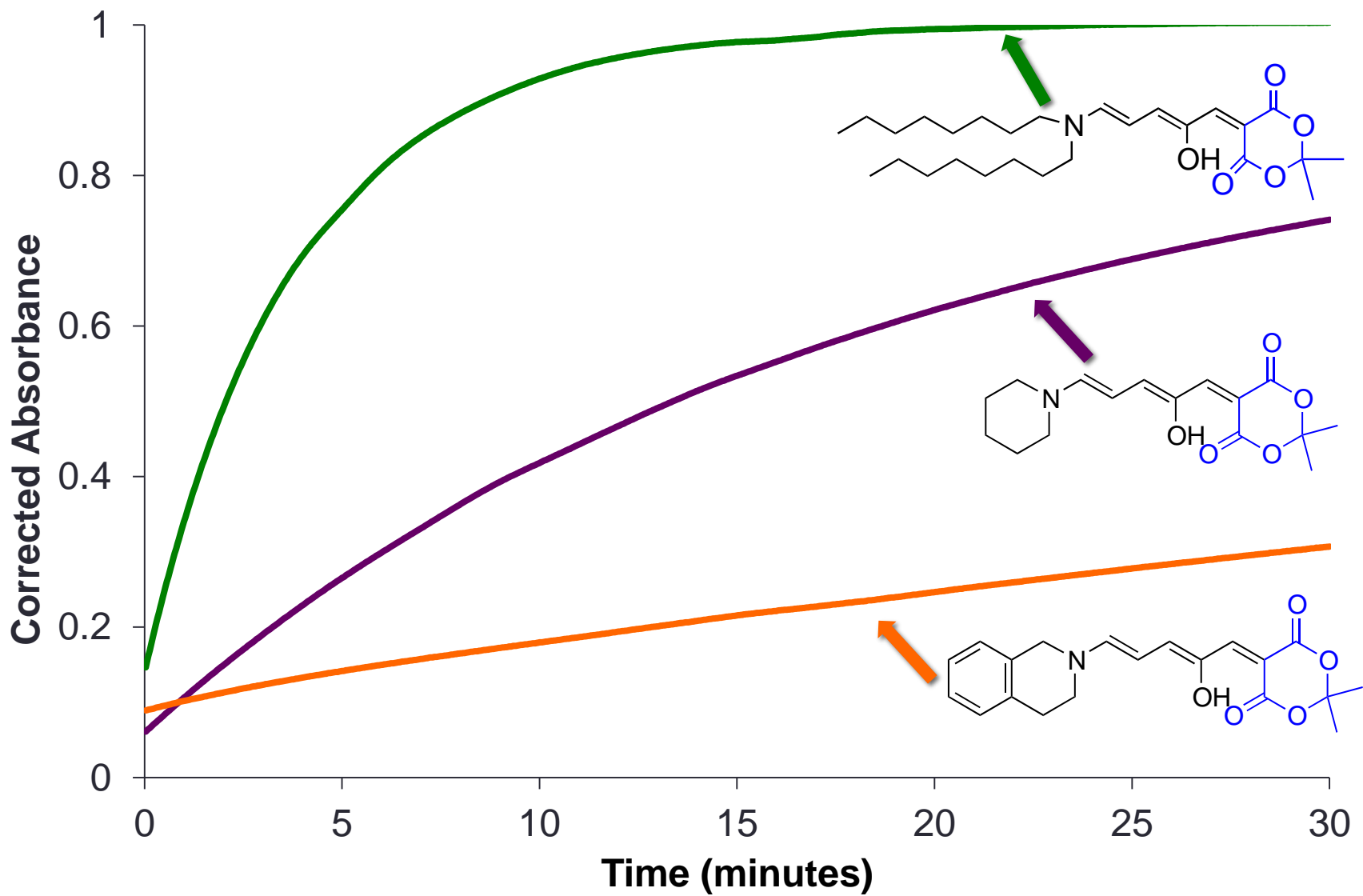
UV/VIS Spectroscopy Measures Absorption



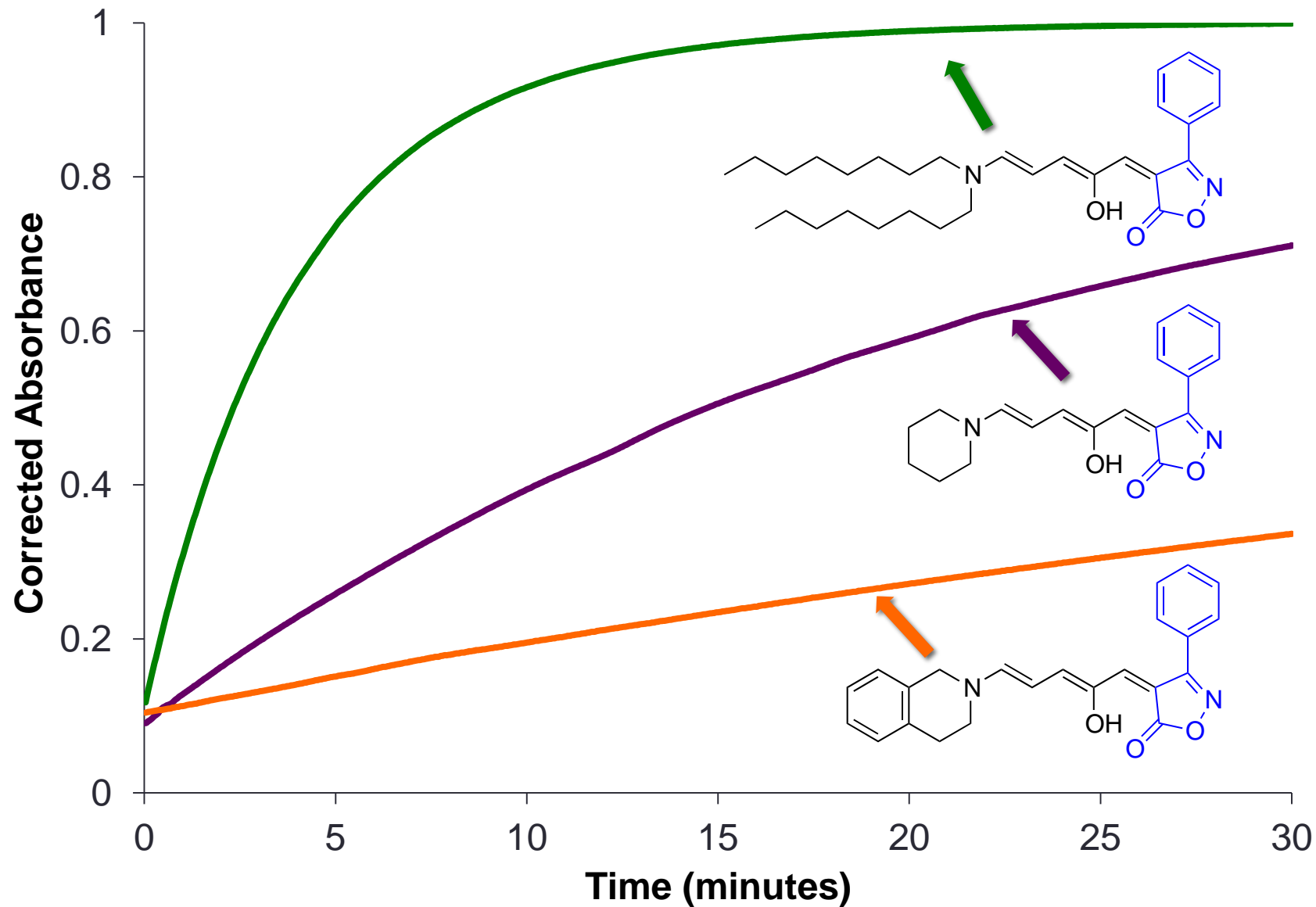
Rate of Conversion From Colorless To Colored With Barbituric Acid Acceptor



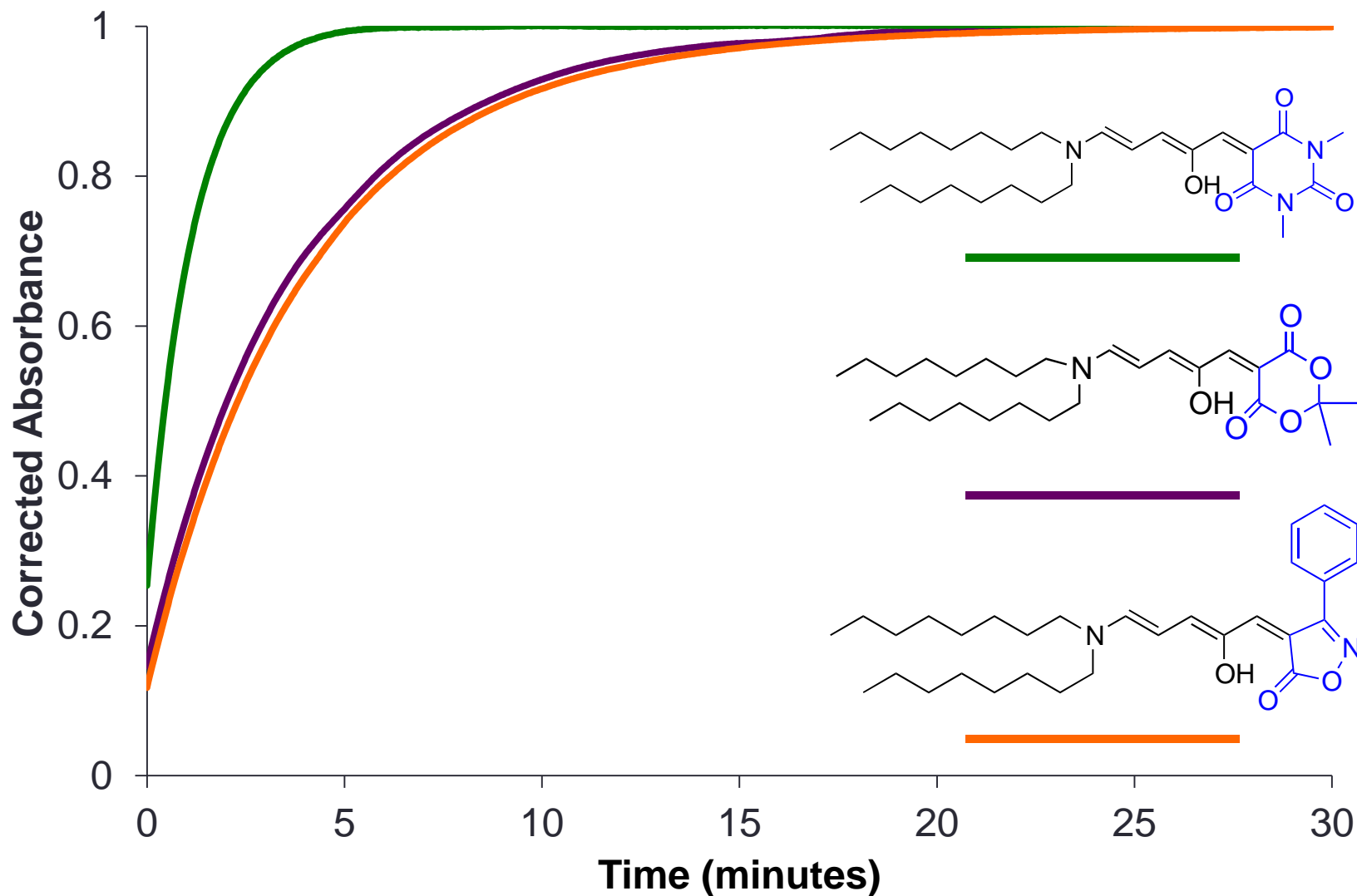
Conversion Is Slower With Meldrums Acid Acceptor



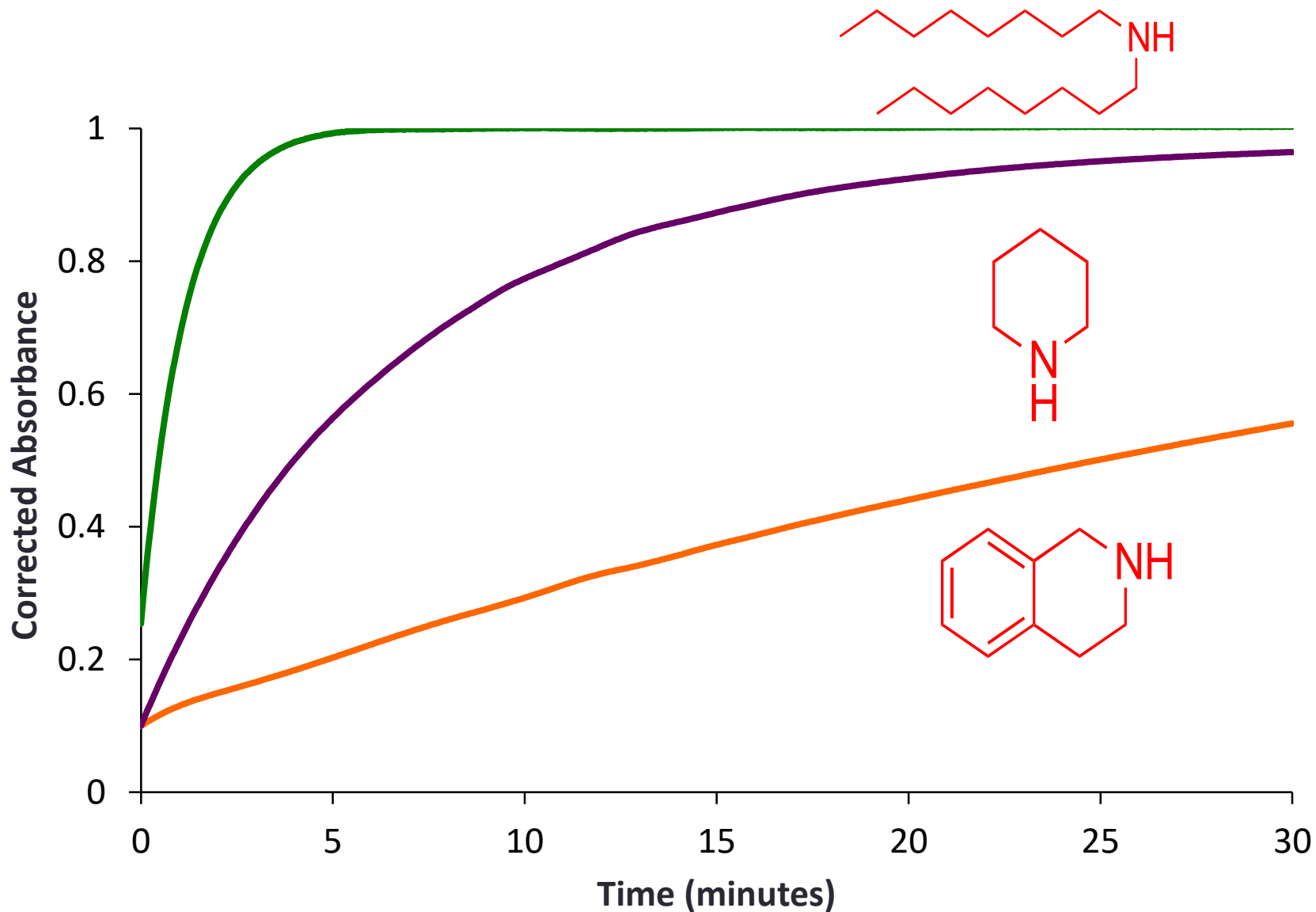
Conversion With PIO Acceptor Similar To Meldrums



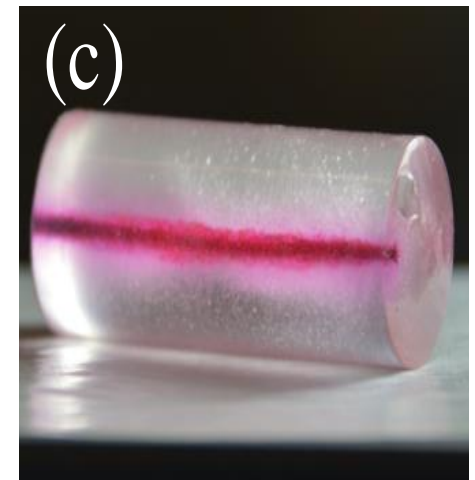
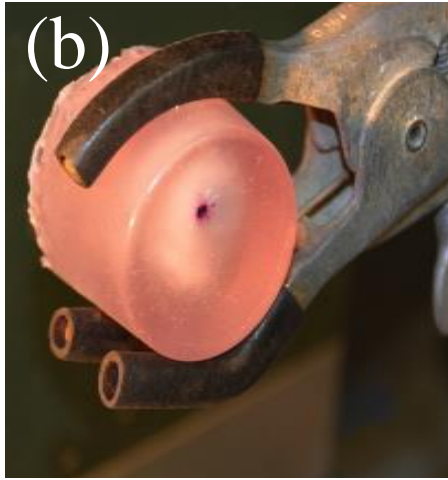
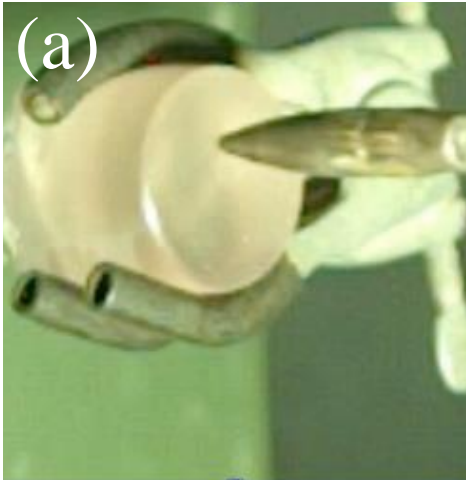
Acceptor Group's Affect On Conversion Rate



Conclusions And Future Work



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- a) High speed image of projectile prior to impact
- b) Image of HTPB sample immediately after impact
- c) Projectile trajectory seen by DASA activation

Thank You!!!

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