## **Functionalization and Properties Investigations of Benzothiophene Derivatives** Arnas Kovševič<sup>1</sup>, Indrė Jaglinskaitė<sup>1</sup>, Vilija Kederienė<sup>1</sup>

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Due to their diverse biological properties, benzo[b]thiophenes are heterocyclic compounds widely used in pharmaceuticals. Benzo[b]thiophene derivatives have anti-allergic, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory effects. They are receptor modulators and antioxidants. [1]

It has been established that benzo[b]thiophene derivatives can be potential drugs in cancer treatment, as the inhibition of protein tubulin polymerization and cell proliferation characterizes them. [2] The drugs Raloxifene, intended for the treatment of osteoporosis during postmenopause, and Zileuton, an antiasthmatic drug, are based on them. [1] In addition, benzo[b]thiophene compounds are used in solar cells and thin-film devices due to their fluorescent properties. [3]

N-substituted benzo[b]thiophene derivatives are also used in the pharmaceutical industry because of their biological properties, such as antifungal, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. [4] In addition, the drug Encenicline was discovered, which is active against schizophrenia and Alzheimer

's disease. [1]

Also, these compounds are not only biologically active substances but also have luminescent properties so that they can act as efficient emitters. [5]

For further synthesis, benzo[b]thiophene derivatives were chosen due to their wide application. After choosing the optimal conditions at the beginning of the study, the initial derivative of 3-aminobenzo[b]thiophene was synthesized. Various reaction methodologies were employed to investigate the reactivity of 3-aminobenzo[b]thiophene-2-methylcarboxylate with different substituents. A detailed analysis was conducted on the structure of the 3-aminobenzo[b]thiophene derivatives obtained.



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