

Supporting Information for

Hemin-Catalyzed Sulfonium Ylide Formation and Subsequently Reactant-Controlled Chemoselective Rearrangements

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1. General Information and Materials

All reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification. Purification of products was carried out with silica gel (academic grade, 200-300) and a preparative HPLC (Varian ProStar 215 and Shimadzu Shimpack-C 18 column, 250×20mm i.d.). Some NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz with Bruker ARX-400 instrument. The Other NMR spectra were recorded at 600MHz and 150 MHz with Bruker Avance DMX-500 instrument. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Shimadzu LC/MS IT-TOF.

2. Preparation of benzyl sulfide ^[1]

1.2 equiv. of benzyl bromide were added to an ethanolic solution of thiophenol/thiol (3 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (3.6 mmol) at room temperature, and the reaction was stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was concentrated and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. Then the extract was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford the desired sulfide.

3. Screening reaction conditions

Table S1. Screening reaction condition^a

entry	catalyst (mol%)	solvent	temp(°C)	time(h)	yield ^b (%)
1	hemin(2.5)	Et ₂ O	40	48	N.R.
2	hemin(2.5)	Pyridine	40	48	N.R.
3	hemin(2.5)	MeCN	40	48	N.R.

4	hemin(2.5)	CHCl ₃	40	48	19
5	hemin(2.5)	Acetone	40	48	47
6	hemin(2.5)	DMF	40	48	52
7	hemin(2.5)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	40	48	27
8	hemin(2.5)	H ₂ O	40	48	57
9	hemin(2.5)	EtOH	40	48	36
10	hemin(2.5)	THF	40	48	88
11	hemin(5)	THF	40	48	70
12	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	8	85
13	hemin(2.5)	THF	40	8	23
14	hemin(2.5)	THF	0	8	1
15	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	10	83
16	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	12	77
17 ^c	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	12	76
18 ^d	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	12	66
19 ^e	hemin(2.5)	THF	80	12	79

^aThe molar ratio **2a** / **1a** was 2.

^bYield was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

^cThe molar ratio **2a** / **1a** was 2.5.

^dThe molar ratio **2a** / **1a** was 1.5.

^eN₂ protected.

4. General procedures for [1, 2]-Stevens rearrangement

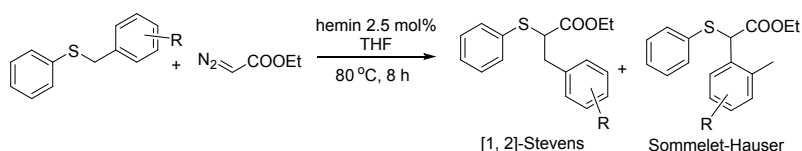
Sulfide (1.5 mmol) was added into a solution of hemin (0.0375 mmol) in 15 mL THF, followed by adding 3 mmol diazo reagent in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 hours, then the solvent was removed in vacuum and hemin was removed by a short silica gel column. Finally, the crude reaction mixture was purified by a preparative HPLC with a C-18 column using elution of methanol/ H₂O 80: 20 to obtain the corresponding product.

5. General procedures for Sommelet-Hauser rearrangement

Sulfide (1.5 mmol) was added into 15 mL aqueous solution of 0.0375 mmol hemin, followed by adding 3 mmol diazo reagent in one portion. The reaction was then placed in a constant temperature shaker and left to shake at 200 rpm under 40 °C. After 12 hours, the mixture was extracted thrice with EtOAc. The organic layer was further washed with brine and then dried with Na₂SO₄. Then the organic solvent was removed in vacuum and hemin was removed by a short silica gel column. Finally, the crude reaction mixture was purified by a preparative HPLC with a C-18 column using elution of methanol/ H₂O 80: 20 to obtain the corresponding product.

6. Substrate electronic effects on Stevens/ Sommelet-Hauser rearrangement

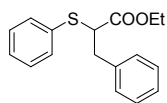
Table S2. Substrate electronic effects of Stevens/ Sommelet-Hauser rearrangement



Entry	R	Hammett constant $\sigma^{[2]}$	Yield ^b (%)	
			Stevens	Sommelet-Hauser
1	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	0.78	0	94
2	<i>p</i> -CN	0.66	36	54
3	<i>p</i> -CF ₃	0.54	71	20
4	<i>p</i> -COOMe	0.45	54	23
5	<i>p</i> -Br	0.23	76	10
6	<i>p</i> -Cl	0.23	87	0
7	<i>p</i> -F	0.06	89	0
8	H	0	81	0
9	<i>p</i> -Me	-0.17	71	0

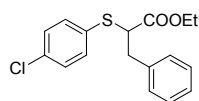
^aReaction were carried out under standard reaction conditions as in entry 12 of Table 1. ^bIsolated yield based on sulfide.

7. Experimental Characterization of Products



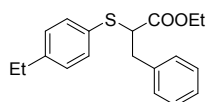
Ethyl 3-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3a**):

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.06 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 137.8, 133.3, 133.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 61.2, 52.3, 38.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₈O₂SNa)⁺: 309.0920, found: 309.0898.



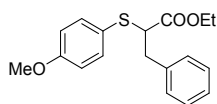
Ethyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3b**):

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.09 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.85 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 137.6, 134.6, 134.5, 131.8, 129.2, 129.2, 128.6, 127.1, 61.3, 52.4, 38.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₇ClO₂SNa)⁺: 343.0530, found: 343.0520.



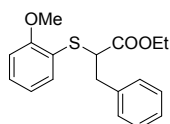
Ethyl 2-((4-ethylphenyl)thio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3c**):

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.06 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.83 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 144.9, 138.0, 134.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 61.1, 52.6, 38.1, 28.7, 15.5, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₉H₂₂O₂SNa)⁺: 337.1233, found: 337.1210.



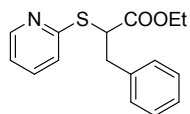
Ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3d**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 138.8, 137.9, 133.7, 133.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 127.0, 61.2, 52.4, 38.2, 21.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 339.1025, found: 339.1003.



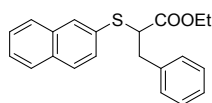
Ethyl 2-((2-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3e**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.24 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 159.2, 138.1, 134.9, 130.0, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 120.9, 110.9, 61.0, 55.9, 50.1, 37.9, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 339.1025, found: 339.1003.



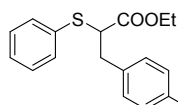
Ethyl 3-phenyl-2-(2-pyridin-2-ylthio)propionate (**3f**):

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.84 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0, 157.2, 149.4, 137.9, 136.3, 129.3, 128.5, 127.0, 122.7, 120.1, 61.4, 48.2, 38.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 310.0872, found: 310.0849.



Ethyl 2-(naphthalin-2-ylthio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3g**):

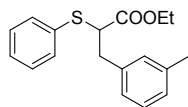
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 4.06 – 3.95 (m, 3H), 3.27 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.7, 137.8, 133.6, 132.7, 132.1, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 126.6, 61.2, 52.3, 38.1, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 359.1076, found: 359.1057.



Ethyl 3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3h**):

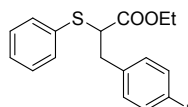
Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.08 (m, 4H), 4.08 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.90 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 136.5, 134.7, 133.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 61.2, 52.3, 37.6, 21.2, 14.0.
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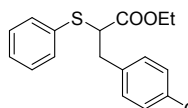
Ethyl 3-(3-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3i**):

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 3H), 4.07 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (ddd, *J* = 20.1, 13.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 138.1, 137.7, 133.4, 133.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.1, 61.1, 52.3, 38.0, 21.4, 14.0.
HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₈H₂₀O₂SNa)⁺: 323.1076, found: 323.1052.



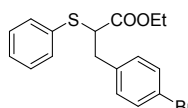
Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3j**):

Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 163.1, 160.7, 133.5, 133.5, 133.3, 133.2, 130.7, 130.7, 129.1, 128.3, 115.5, 115.3, 61.3, 52.4, 52.4, 37.2, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₇FO₂SNa)⁺: 327.0825, found: 327.0793.



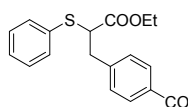
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Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 136.3, 133.4, 133.0, 132.8, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 61.3, 52.1, 37.3, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₇ClO₂SNa)⁺: 343.0530, found: 343.0508.



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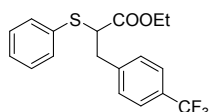
Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.06 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 136.8, 133.4, 133.0, 131.7, 131.0, 129.1, 128.4, 120.9, 61.4, 52.0, 37.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₇BrO₂SNa)⁺: 387.0025, found: 387.0007.



Ethyl 3-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3m**):

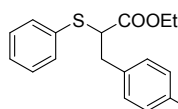
Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.09 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.27 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 167.0, 143.2, 133.5, 132.9, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9,

128.5, 61.4, 52.2, 51.9, 38.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₉H₂₀O₄SNa)⁺: 367.0975, found: 367.0954.



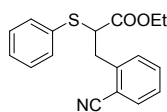
Ethyl 2-(phenylthio)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propionate (**3n**):

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 4.10 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 141.9, 133.5, 132.8, 129.6, 129.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32.3 Hz), 129.2, 128.5, 125.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 270.6 Hz), 61.5, 51.9, 37.8, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₈H₁₇F₃O₂SNa)⁺: 377.0794, found: 377.0780



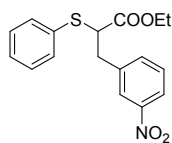
Ethyl 3-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3o**):

Yellowish oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 5.56 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.08 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 143.4, 133.6, 132.4, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 118.9, 111.0, 61.6, 51.7, 38.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₈H₁₇NO₂SNa)⁺: 334.0872, found: 334.0863.



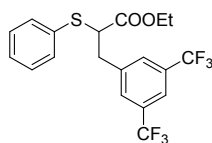
Ethyl 3-(2-cyanophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3p**):

Yellowish oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 4.11 – 3.98 (m, 3H), 3.43 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 141.6, 133.6, 133.2, 132.9, 132.8, 130.8, 129.2, 128.6, 127.7, 117.8, 113.1, 61.5, 51.2, 36.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₈H₁₇NO₂SNa)⁺: 334.0872, found: 334.0850.



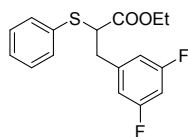
Ethyl 3-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3r**):

Yellowish oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.11 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 148.4, 139.8, 135.6, 133.6, 132.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 124.1, 122.2, 61.6, 51.8, 37.5, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₇H₁₇NO₄SNa)⁺: 354.0770, found: 354.0758.



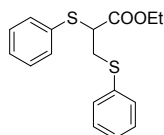
Ethyl 3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3s**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.12 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.0, 140.3, 133.8, 132.3, 131.8 (q, J_{CF} = 33.1 Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 123.4 (q, J_{CF} = 271.0 Hz), 121.1 (m), 61.7, 51.7, 37.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 445.0667, found: 445.0684.



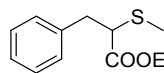
Ethyl 3-(3, 5-difluorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3t**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.75 – 6.64 (m, 3H), 4.09 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.84 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 164.3, 164.2, 161.9, 161.7, 141.6, 133.6, 132.7, 129.2, 128.6, 112.2, 112.1, 112.0, 112.0, 102.8, 102.5, 102.3, 61.5, 51.7, 37.7, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$) $^+$: 321.0766, found: 321.0753.



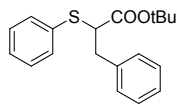
Ethyl 2, 3-bis(phenylthio)propionate (**3u**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 8H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 134.6, 133.8, 132.1, 130.8, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 61.6, 49.9, 35.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2\text{Na}$) $^+$: 341.0640, found: 341.0623.



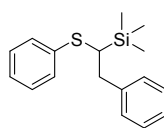
Ethyl 2-(methylthio)-3-phenylpropionate (**3w**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.18 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.2, 129.1, 128.6, 126.9, 61.2, 48.9, 37.3, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 247.0763, found: 247.0759.



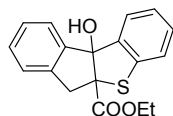
tert-Butyl 3-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)propionate (**3x**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 3.85 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.18 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 138.0, 133.8, 133.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.9, 81.5, 52.9, 38.1, 27.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 337.1233, found: 337.1214.



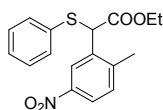
Trimethyl(2-phenyl-1-(phenylthio)ethyl)silane (**3y**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 0.00 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.9, 137.7, 130.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 126.3, 126.0, 38.2, 36.8, -2.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{SSi}$) $^+$: 287.1284, found: 287.1287.



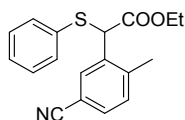
Ethyl 10b-hydroxy-6,10b-dihydro-5aH-benzo[b]indeno[1,2-d]thiophene-5a-carboxylate (**5a**):

White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (dd, J = 153.9, 17.1 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.6, 141.6, 141.0, 140.1, 137.9, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 125.7, 125.0, 124.7, 124.1, 122.4, 95.5, 69.3, 62.0, 38.8, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 335.0712, found: 335.0696.



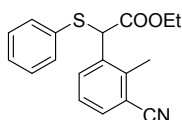
Ethyl 2-(2-methyl-5-nitrophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4q**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.25 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 146.7, 144.1, 136.2, 133.6, 132.6, 131.4, 129.2, 128.8, 124.0, 122.9, 62.3, 52.5, 19.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 354.0770, found: 354.0767.



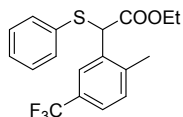
Ethyl 2-(5-cyano-2-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4o**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 142.1, 135.9, 133.6, 132.7, 132.4, 131.5, 131.4, 129.2, 128.8, 118.7, 110.5, 62.3, 52.2, 20.0, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 334.0872, found: 334.0861.



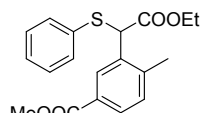
Ethyl 2-(3-cyano-2-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4p**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.22 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 140.0, 136.1, 133.4, 133.1, 132.8, 132.5, 129.2, 128.7, 126.9, 118.2, 113.9, 62.2, 52.7, 17.7, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 334.0872, found: 334.0868.



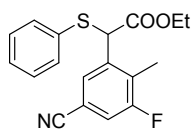
Ethyl 2-(2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4n**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.21 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 140.5, 135.1, 133.5, 133.1, 131.0, 129.2, 128.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.5$ Hz), 128.6, 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.7$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 270.6$ Hz), 125.6, 124.9, 124.9, 62.2, 52.6, 19.7, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 377.0794, found: 377.0791.



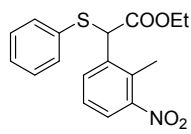
Ethyl 2-(2-methyl-5-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4m**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 166.9, 141.8, 134.7, 133.7, 133.1, 130.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 62.1, 52.9, 52.2, 19.9, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 367.0975, found: 367.0963.



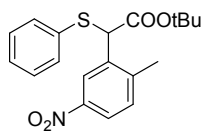
Ethyl 2-(5-cyano-3-fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4f**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.24 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 2.28 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 161.7, 159.2, 138.6, 138.6, 133.8, 132.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 118.2, 117.9, 117.6, 117.6, 110.9, 110.8, 62.4, 52.2, 52.2, 14.1, 11.1, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 352.0778, found: 352.0780.



Ethyl 2-(2-methyl-3-nitrophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4z'**):

Yellowish oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.22 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 151.6, 137.4, 133.5, 132.9, 132.7, 130.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.9, 123.8, 62.3, 52.8, 14.8, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$ ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{SNa}$) $^+$: 354.0770, found: 354.0757.



tert-Butyl 2-(2-methyl-5-nitrophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)acetate (**4q'**):

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 5.4, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 146.7, 144.1, 136.6, 133.3, 133.1, 131.3, 129.2, 128.5, 123.9, 122.8, 83.2, 53.3, 27.9, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ (C₁₉H₂₁NO₄SNa)⁺: 382.1083, found: 382.1068.

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