

Supporting Information

**Rh(III)-Catalyzed Oxime Ether-Directed Heteroarylation of Arene through
Oxidative C–H/C–H Cross-Coupling**

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I. General Remarks

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$,^[1] oxime ethers^[2] were prepared according to the literature procedures. All solvents were dried according to the known methods and distilled prior to use. Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were carried out under N_2 atmosphere. NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AMX-400. The ^1H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were measured using CDCl_3 or acetone- d_6 as the internal reference (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 7.26$ ppm; acetone- d_6 : $\delta = 2.05$ ppm). The ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts are given using CDCl_3 or acetone- d_6 as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 77.16$ ppm; acetone- d_6 : $\delta = 29.84$ ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI). Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected.

II. Optimization of the reaction conditions

A flame-dried Schlenk test tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime **1a** (37.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene **2a** (44.5 mg, 0.375 mmol), [Rh] catalyst (0.00625 mmol, 2.5 mol%), AgSbF_6 (10 mol%, if required), oxidant (2.2 equiv), additive (50 mol%) and solvent (1.0 mL) under an N_2 atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at room temperature, and then heated at 140-160 °C for the indicated time. After the reaction was cooled down to ambient temperature, it was diluted with 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and filtered through a celite pad, which was then washed with 10-20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 15/1-5/1, v/v) to provide the desired product **3a**.

Table S1. Screening of solvents^a

1a + **2a** $\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2 \text{ (2.5 mol\%)} \\ \text{AgSbF}_6 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \\ \text{Cu(OAc)}_2 \text{ (2.2 equiv)} \\ \text{solvent (1 mL)} \\ 150^\circ\text{C, 24 h} \end{array}}$ **3a**

Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	DCE	32	8	DMSO	12
2	mesitylene	12	9	MeOH	20
3	DMF	22	10	NMP	18
4	dioxane	24	11	MeCN	22
5	<i>o</i> -DCB	22	12	THF	26
6	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	24	13	diglyme	trace
7	DMA	18			

^a Reaction conditions: acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime (0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), AgSbF_6 (10 mol%), Cu(OAc)_2 (2.2 equiv), solvent (1.0 mL) at 150 °C for 24 h under an N_2 atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

Table S2. Screening of oxidants^a

1a + **2a** $\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2 \text{ (2.5 mol\%)} \\ \text{AgSbF}_6 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \\ \text{oxidant (2.2 equiv)} \\ \text{DCE (1 mL)} \\ 150^\circ\text{C, 24 h} \end{array}}$ **3a**

Entry	Oxidant	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	Oxidant	Yield (%) ^b
1	Cu(OAc)_2	32	8	AgOAc	trace
2	$\text{Cu(OAc)}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	24	9	AgOTf	trace
3	$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	N.D	10	Ag_2O	N.D
4	CuBr_2	N.D	11	NFSI	trace
5	Cu(OTf)_2	trace	12	BQ	N.D
6	$\text{Cu(TFA)}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	24	13	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$	N.D
7	Ag_2CO_3	36	14	PhI(OAc)_2	18

^a Reaction conditions: acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime (0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), AgSbF_6 (10 mol%), oxidant (2.2 equiv), DCE (1.0 mL) at 150 °C for 24 h under an N_2 atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

Table S3. Screening of additives^a

1a + **2a** $\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2 \text{ (2.5 mol\%)} \\ \text{AgSbF}_6 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \\ \text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3 \text{ (2.2 equiv)} \\ \text{DCE (1 mL)} \\ \text{additive (50 mol\%)} \\ 150^\circ\text{C, 24 h} \end{array}}$ **3a**

Entry	Additive	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	Additive	Yield (%) ^b
1	PivOH	trace	9	K ₂ CO ₃	36
2	TFA	trace	10	t-BuOK	trace
3	TfOH	trace	11	KH ₂ PO ₄	trace
4	NaOAc	12	12	Cu(OAc) ₂	47
5	KOAc	16	13	Cu(TFA) ₂ ·H ₂ O	50
6	CsOAc	19	14	Cu(TFA) ₂ ·H ₂ O ^c	58
7	Cs ₂ CO ₃	28	15	Cu(TFA) ₂ ·H ₂ O ^d	55
8	CsOPiv	25	16	Cu(TFA) ₂ ·H ₂ O ^e	47

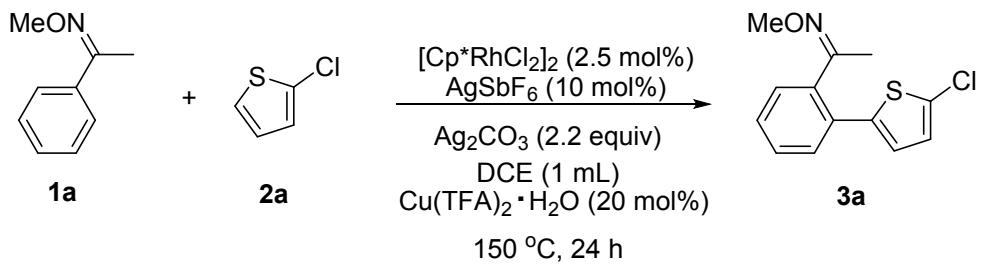
^a Reaction conditions: acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime (0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (2.5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), Ag₂CO₃ (2.2 equiv), additive (50 mol%) and DCE (1.0 mL) at 150°C for 24 h under an N₂ atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield. ^c 20 mol% was used. ^d 10 mol% was used. ^e 100 mol% was used.

Table S4. Screening of catalysts^a

1a + **2a** $\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{catalysts} \\ \text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3 \text{ (2.2 equiv)} \\ \text{DCE (1 mL)} \\ \text{Cu(TFA)}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O (20 mol\%)} \\ 150^\circ\text{C, 24 h} \end{array}}$ **3a**

Entry	Catalysts	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	Catalysts	Yield (%) ^b
1	[Cp [*] Rh(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5 mol%)	42	4	[Cp [*] RhCl ₂] ₂ ,	trace
2	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ Cl (5 mol%)	trace	5	[Cp [*] RhCl ₂] ₂ ,	trace
3	RhCp ^{*(OAc)₂ (5 mol%)}	16	6	[Cp [*] RhCl ₂] ₂ ,	trace

^a Reaction conditions: acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime (0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Rh source (2.5 mol%), Ag source (10 mol%), Ag₂CO₃ (2.2 equiv), Cu(TFA)₂·H₂O (20 mol%) and DCE (1.0 mL) at 150°C for 24 h under an N₂ atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

Table S5. Other reaction parameters^a

Entry	Variation	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	Variation	Yield (%) ^b
1	no variation	58	7	without Ag_2CO_3	N.D
2	DCE (0.6 mL)	65	8	without AgSbF_6	8
3	DCE (2.0 mL)	44	9	0.25 mmol of 2a and 0.375 mmol of 1a	48
4	140 °C	56	10	36 h	54
5	160 °C	51	11	20h	50
6	without	N.D			

^a Reaction conditions: acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime (0.25 mmol), 2-Chlorothiophene (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), AgSbF_6 (10 mol%), Ag_2CO_3 (2.2 equiv), $\text{Cu}(\text{TFA})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (20 mol%) and DCE (1.0 mL) at 150 °C for 24 h under an N_2 atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

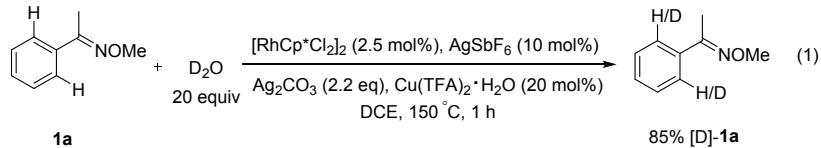
III. General procedure for the oxidative C–H/C–H cross-coupling of oxime ethers with heteroarenes

A flame-dried Schlenk test tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with oxime ethers (0.25 mmol), heteroarene (0.375 mmol), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (3.9 mg, 0.00625 mmol), AgSbF_6 (8.6 mg, 0.025 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (151.7 mg, 0.55 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{TFA})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (14.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), and DCE (0.6 mL) under an N_2 atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at room temperature, and then heated at 150 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was cooled down to ambient temperature, it was diluted with 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and filtered through a celite pad, which was then washed with 10-20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product.

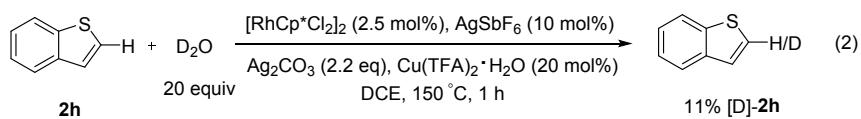
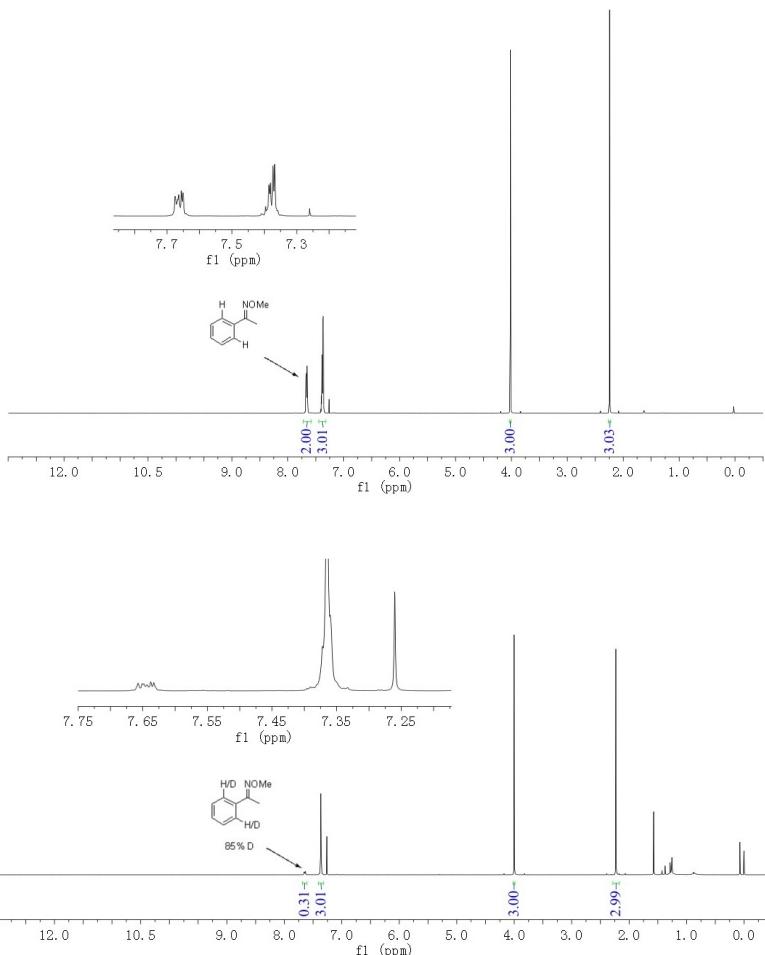
IV. Mechanism study

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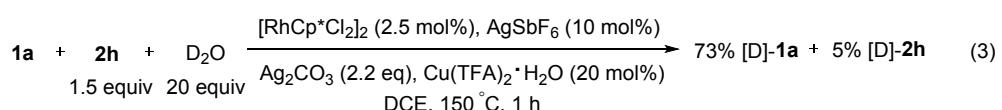
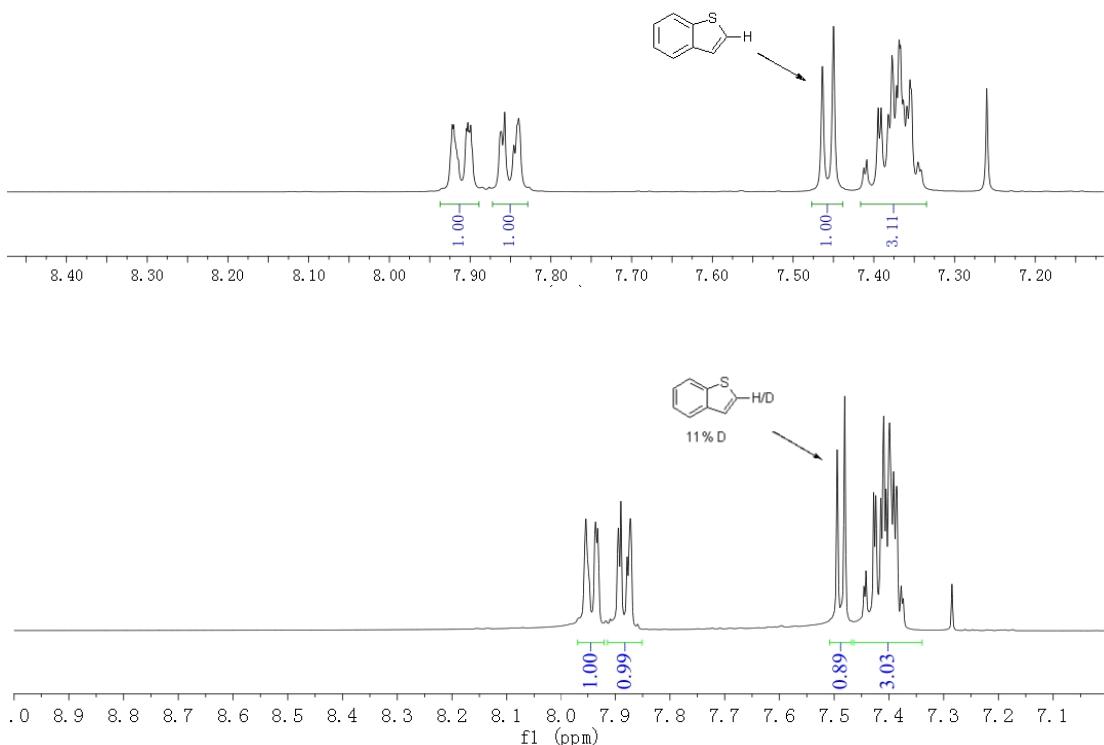
The reactions were conducted by using the general procedure with (1) only **1a**, (2) only **2h** and (3) both in the presence of D₂O (5.0 mmol).



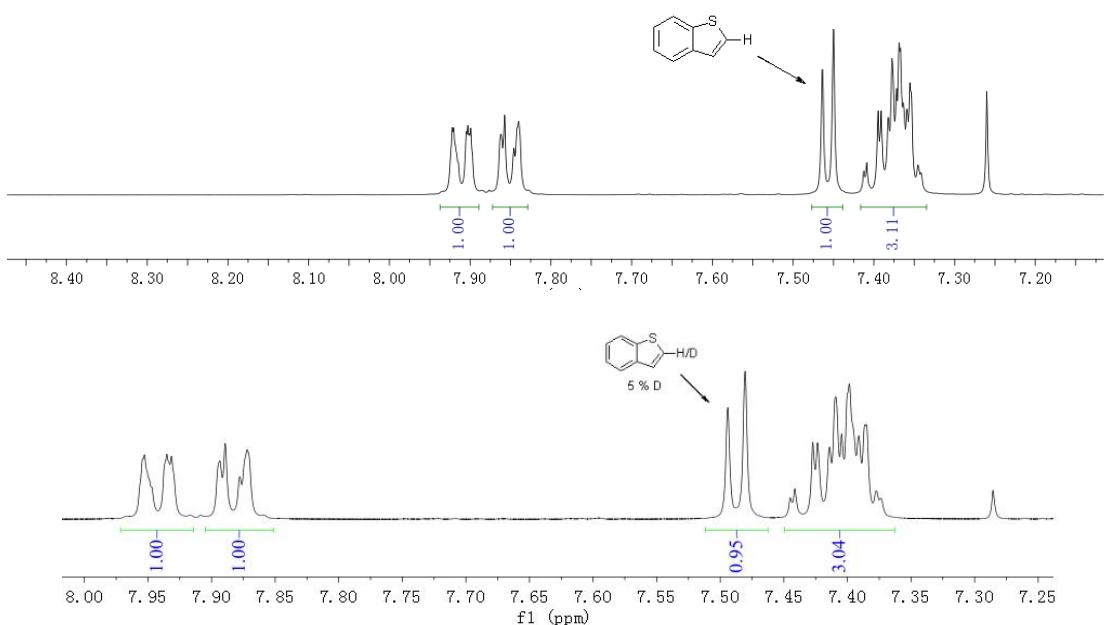
The ¹H NMR analysis showed that 85% hydrogen at the *ortho*-position of phenyl ring of acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime was deuterated.

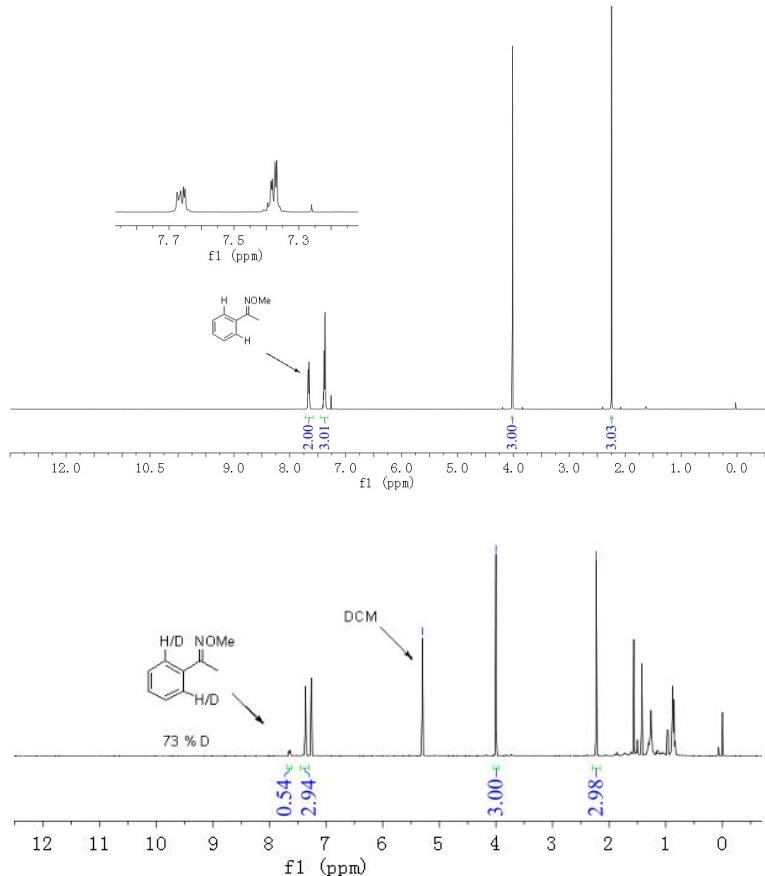


The ¹H NMR analysis showed that 11% hydrogen at the C2-position of benzothiophene was deuterated.

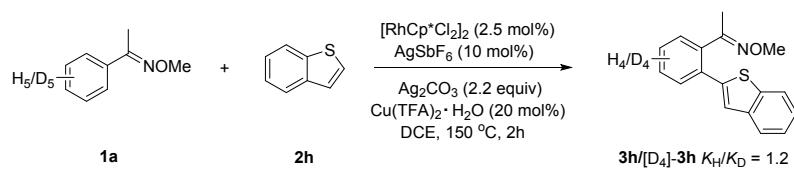


The ^1H NMR analysis showed that 5% hydrogen at the C2-position of benzothiophene and 73% hydrogen at the *ortho*-position of the phenyl ring of acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime were deuterated, respectively.

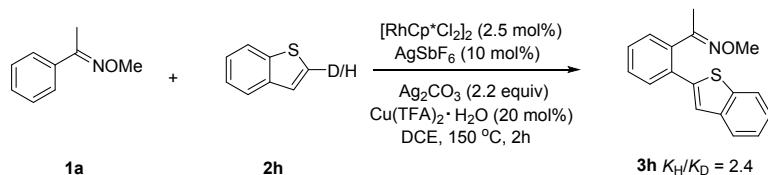




(b) Kinetic isotope experiments



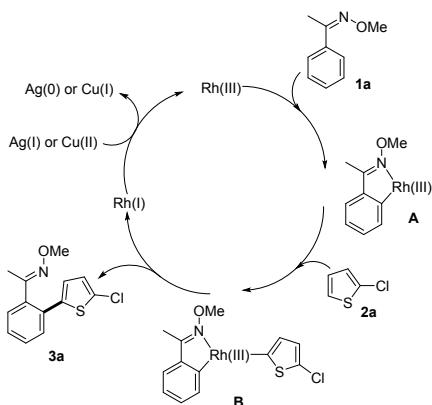
Two sets of reactions were carried out in a parallel manner under the optimal conditions for only 2 h. In each case benzothiophene was allowed to react with acetophenone *O*-methyl oxime and its deuterated derivative, respectively. **3h** was obtained in 17% yield and $[\text{D}_4]\text{-3h}$ was obtained in 14% yield. $\text{KIE} = 1.2$.



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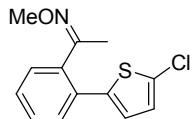
obtained in 17% and 7% yields, respectively. KIE = 2.4.

(c) Plausible mechanism

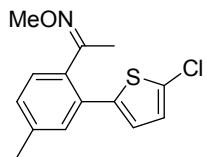


Scheme S1. Plausible mechanism

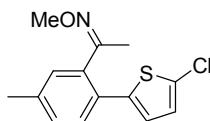
V. Characterization of the products



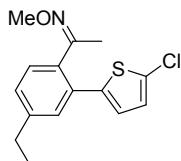
1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3a): Pale yellow oil (40.4 mg, 61%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.87 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.86 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 4H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.5, 62.0, 126.4, 126.8, 128.4, 129.1, 129.7, 130.2, 130.6, 132.4, 137.0, 140.9, 157.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 266.0406, found 266.0406.



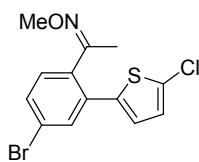
1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylphenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3b): Pale yellow oil (41.8 mg, 60%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.85 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.6, 21.3, 62.0, 126.3, 126.7, 129.1, 129.7, 130.4, 130.9, 132.1, 134.3, 139.1, 141.1, 157.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0563, found 280.0560.



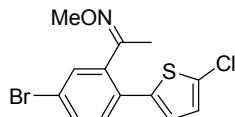
1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3c): Pale yellow oil (37.0 mg, 53%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.5, 21.2, 62.0, 126.1, 126.7, 129.5, 129.8, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 136.8, 138.4, 141.0, 158.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0563, found 280.0560.



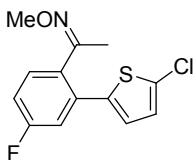
1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-ethylphenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3e): Pale yellow oil (51.3 mg, 70%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H) 7.18 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 15.6, 16.6, 28.7, 62.0, 126.3, 126.7, 127.9, 129.7, 129.8, 130.3, 132.2, 134.5, 141.2, 145.5, 157.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 316.0539, found 316.0539.



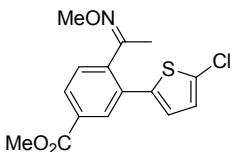
1-(4-bromo-2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3f) : Pale yellow oil (41.1 mg, 48%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.84 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.4, 62.1, 123.0, 126.9, 127.0, 131.2, 131.3, 131.5, 132.8, 134.2, 135.9, 139.1, 156.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 343.9512, found 343.9522.



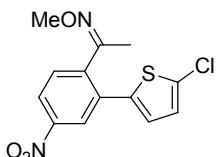
1-(5-bromo-2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3g): Pale yellow oil (44.6 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.84 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.3, 62.2, 122.3, 126.7, 126.9, 131.1, 131.3, 131.6, 132.1, 132.6, 138.5, 139.6, 156.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrClNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 343.9512, found 343.9515.



1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-fluorophenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3h): Brown oil (38.9 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.85 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.87-6.89 (m, 2H), 7.04 (td, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.6, 62.1, 115.2 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 116.9 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 126.9, 131.4, 131.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 133.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 139.5 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 157.0, 161.5, 164.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClFNOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.0312, found 284.0316.

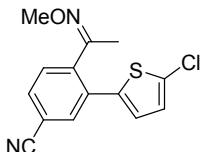


methyl 3-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-(1-(methoxyimino)ethyl)benzoate (3i): Pale yellow oil (62.9 mg, 78%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.87 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.89-6.91 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.3, 52.6, 62.2, 126.9, 127.0, 129.2, 130.0, 130.8, 131.3, 131.4, 132.7, 139.7, 141.0, 157.1, 166.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 324.0461, found 324.0457.

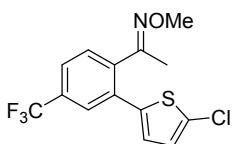


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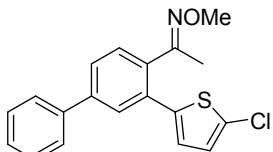
yellow solid (51.3 mg, 70%). M.p.: 110-111 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.88 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.2, 62.4, 122.8, 125.0, 127.1, 127.7, 131.1, 132.5, 134.0, 138.1, 142.8, 148.1, 156.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 333.0077, found 333.0077.



3-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-(1-(methoxyimino)ethyl)benzonitrile (3k): A brown solid (31.9 mg, 44%). M.p.: 80-82 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.85 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.1, 62.4, 113.2, 118.1, 127.1, 127.5, 130.8, 131.4, 132.3, 133.6, 133.7, 138.1, 141.2, 156.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 313.0178, found 313.0179.

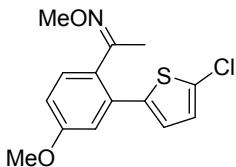


1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3l): Pale yellow oil (43.3 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.87 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 6.90-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.3, 62.3, 123.8 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 124.9 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 126.99, 127.00 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 127.3, 130.4, 131.3 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 131.8, 133.2, 139.1, 140.2, 156.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClF}_3\text{NOS}$ [M+H] $^+$ 334.0280, found 334.0280.

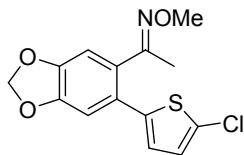


1-(3-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3m): Yellow oil (44.0 mg, 51%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.91 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s,

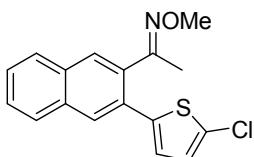
3H), 6.90 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 16.5, 62.1, 126.6, 126.8, 127.0, 127.3, 128.0, 129.0, 130.2, 130.7, 132.8, 135.8, 140.1, 140.8, 142.2, 157.5$ ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 342.0719, found 342.0719.



1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3n): Brown oil (37.6 mg, 51%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.84$ (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.85-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 16.7, 55.6, 61.9, 113.7, 115.6, 126.5, 126.8, 129.8, 130.6, 131.1, 133.6, 140.8, 157.6, 160.0$ ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$ 318.0331, found 318.0328.

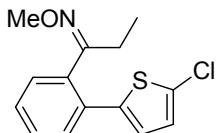


1-(6-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3o): Yellow oil (42.5 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.84$ (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 16.8, 62.0, 101.7, 108.0, 114.7, 123.3, 126.3, 128.2, 131.2, 131.4, 133.6, 145.6, 148.1, 157.2$ ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_3$ [M+Na] $^+$ 332.0124, found 332.0127.

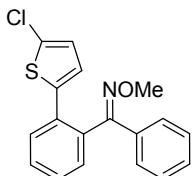


1-(1-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (3p): Pale yellow oil (44.9 mg, 57%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.92$ (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 6.92 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.88 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 16.9, 62.1, 126.5, 126.9,$

127.1, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 129.1, 129.5, 129.9, 130.4, 132.7, 133.2, 134.9, 141.0, 158.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄CINOS [M+Na]⁺ 338.0382, found 338.0385.



1-(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)propan-1-one O-methyl oxime (3q): Pale yellow oil (50.9 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.36 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.44 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.3, 23.2, 62.0, 126.3, 126.8, 128.1, 129.1, 129.9, 130.4, 130.6, 132.5, 135.4, 141.0, 163.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₄CINOS [M+H]⁺ 280.0563, found 280.0564.

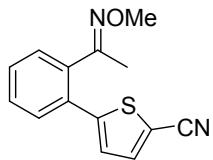


(2-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone O-methyl oxime (3r): A off-white solid (55.6 mg, 68%). M.p.: 47-49 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.01 (s, 3H), 6.68 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 62.6, 126.0, 126.7, 127.7, 128.3, 129.2, 129.3, 130.0, 130.2, 130.5, 131.1, 133.0, 133.8, 136.7, 140.7, 156.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₁₄CINOS [M+H]⁺ 328.0563, found 328.0564.

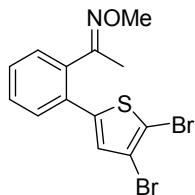


1-(2-(4-methylthiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone O-methyl oxime (4a): Pale yellow oil (40.0 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 15.9, 16.5, 62.0, 121.7, 127.8, 129.0, 129.4, 129.6, 130.3, 133.4,

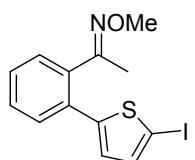
136.8, 138.2, 142.0, 158.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅NOS [M+H]⁺ 246.0593, found 246.0593.



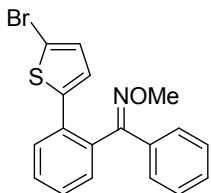
5-(2-(1-(methoxyimino)ethyl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carbonitrile (4b): Yellow oil (32.0 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 16.6, 62.1, 110.0, 114.3, 127.2, 129.3, 129.6, 129.9, 130.5, 130.8, 137.5, 137.8, 150.5, 156.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂OS [M+H]⁺ 257.0749, found 257.0746.



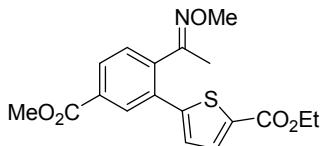
1-(2-(4,5-dibromothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone O-methyl oxime (4c): Pale yellow oil (53.2 mg, 55%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.91 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 16.7, 62.1, 111.8, 114.2, 129.0, 129.2, 129.3, 129.8, 130.1, 131.4, 137.0, 143.7, 157.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₁Br₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 387.9006, found 387.9006.



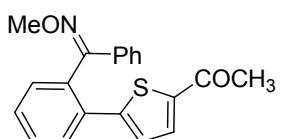
1-(2-(5-iodothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone O-methyl oxime (4d): Pale yellow oil (44.0 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.84 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 16.4, 62.0, 126.2, 127.2, 127.7, 128.0, 129.0, 129.6, 130.5, 133.2, 137.0, 142.2, 158.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₂INOS [M+H]⁺ 357.9763, found 357.9758.



(2-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone *O*-methyl oxime (4e): Pale yellow oil (40.8 mg, 44%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 4.00 (s, 3H), 6.70 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 62.6, 112.5, 127.68, 127.70, 128.3, 129.2, 129.3, 129.8, 129.9, 130.5, 131.1, 133.0, 133.8, 136.7, 143.7, 156.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNOS}$ [M+H] $^+$ 372.0058, found 372.0061.

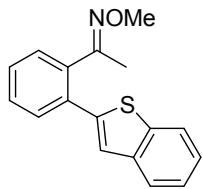


Ethyl 5-(5-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(1-(methoxyimino)ethyl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carboxylate (4f): off-white oil (47.0 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 14.5, 16.3, 52.5, 61.5, 62.2, 128.2, 129.8, 130.1, 130.8, 131.6, 132.6, 133.7, 134.7, 141.4, 148.0, 156.7, 162.2, 166.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [M+H] $^+$ 362.3062, found 362.3054.

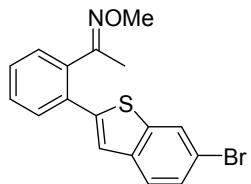


1-(5-(2-((methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)thiophen-2-yl)ethanone (4g): Yellow oil (45.2 mg, 54%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 26.8, 62.7, 127.7, 128.5, 129.0, 129.3, 129.4, 130.0, 130.7, 131.3, 132.4, 132.9, 133.7, 136.8, 144.2, 151.0, 156.1, 190.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$

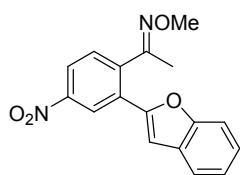
$[M+Na]^+$ 358.0878, found 358.0878.



1-(2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (4h): Pale yellow oil (43.5 mg, 62%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.88 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.6, 62.0, 122.2, 123.8, 123.9, 124.5, 124.6, 128.5, 129.1, 129.7, 130.8, 133.2, 137.4, 140.3, 140.5, 142.6, 158.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 282.0953, found 282.0946.

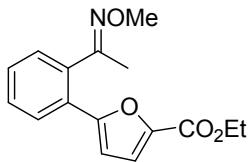


1-(2-(6-bromobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (4i): Pale yellow oil (55.1 mg, 62%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 1.83 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 16.6, 62.0, 118.6, 124.1, 125.4, 126.1, 128.7, 129.5, 129.9, 130.6, 131.3, 133.2, 138.3, 140.0, 142.7, 144.2, 157.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 360.0058, found 360.0058.



1-(2-(benzofuran-2-yl)-4-nitrophenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime (4j): Yellow oil (50.4 mg, 65%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.04 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 16.2, 62.4, 107.4, 111.6, 121.7,

123.0, 123.2, 123.6, 125.7, 128.7, 130.6, 131.3, 141.6, 148.2, 151.7, 155.0, 156.2 ppm.
HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 311.1032, found 311.1024.



ethyl 5-(2-(1-(methoxyimino)ethyl)phenyl)furan-2-carboxylate (4k): Pale yellow oil (32.3 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.38 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.5, 16.7, 61.1, 62.0, 110.7, 119.6, 128.1, 129.0, 129.1, 129.7, 136.2, 144.3, 155.9, 157.6, 158.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 310.1055, found 310.1058.

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XIII. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

