

Iodine catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative C–S coupling by C(sp²)–H bond activation: Direct access to aryl sulfides from aryl thiols

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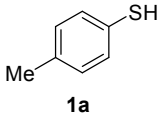
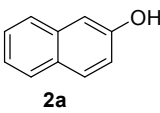
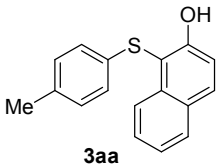
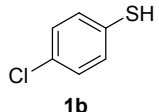
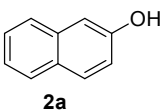
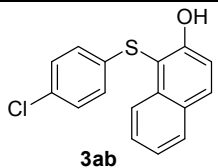
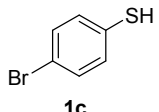
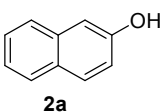
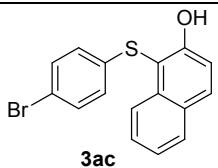
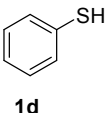
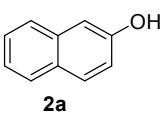
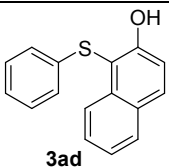
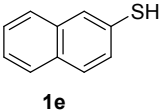
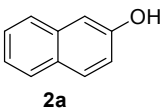
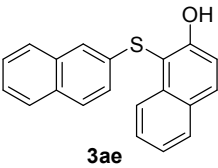
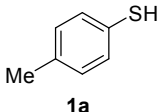
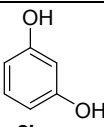
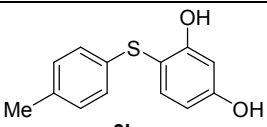
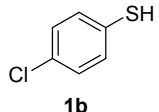
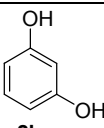
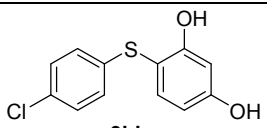
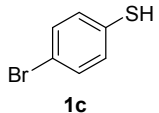
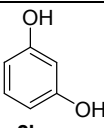
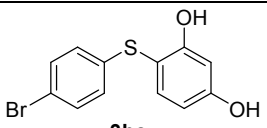
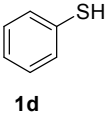
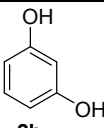
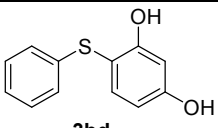
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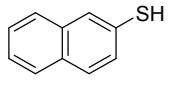
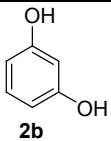
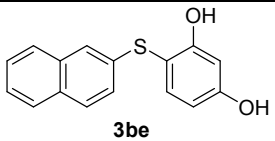
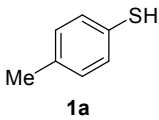
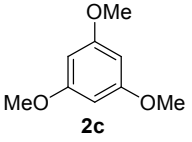
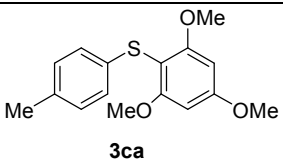
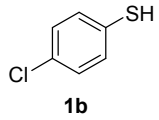
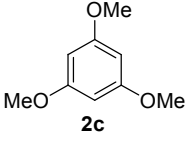
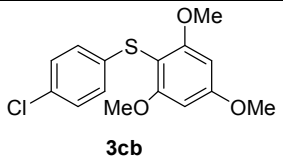
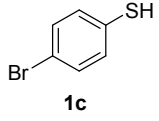
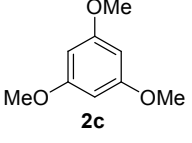
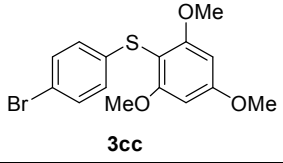
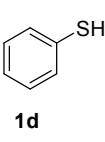
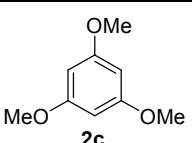
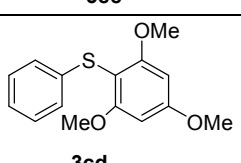
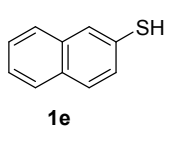
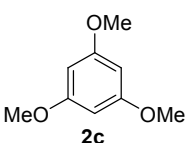
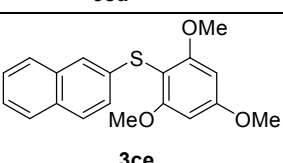
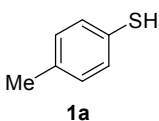
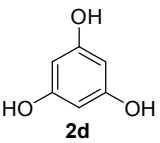
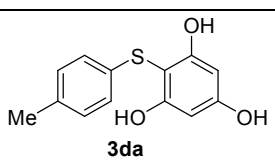
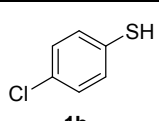
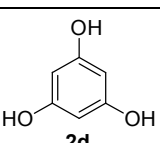
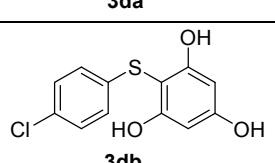
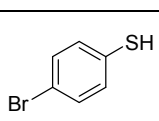
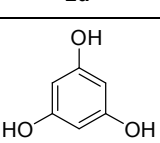
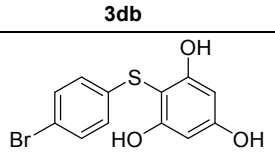
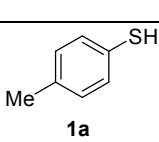
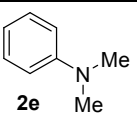
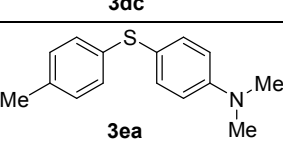
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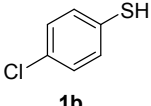
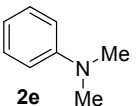
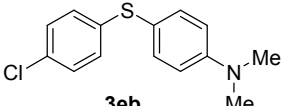
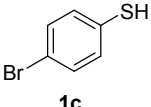
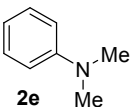
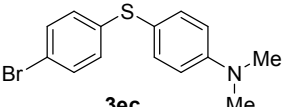
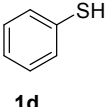
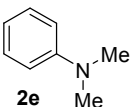
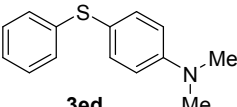
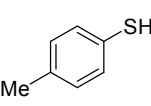
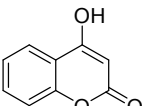
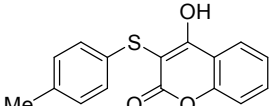
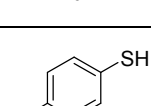
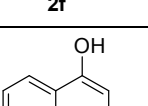
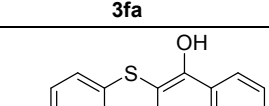
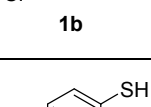
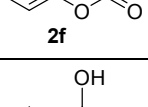
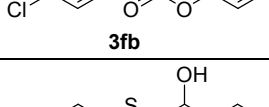
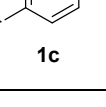
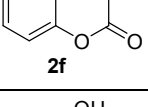
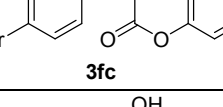
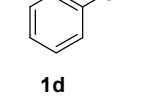
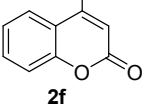
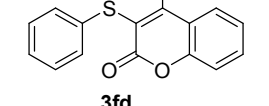
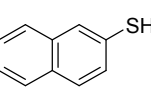
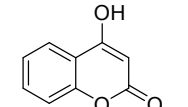
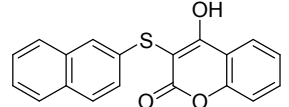
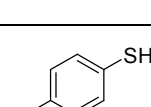
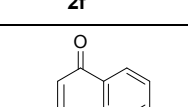
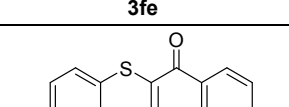
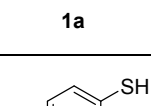
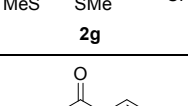
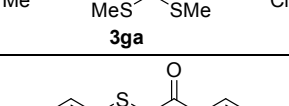
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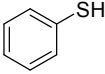
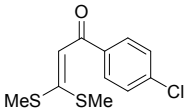
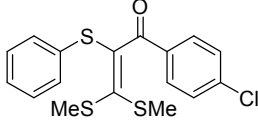
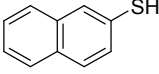
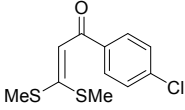
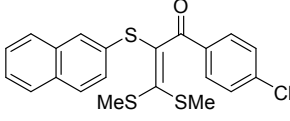
To a mixture of aryl thiol **1** (0.75/0.5 mmol) and electron-rich species **2** (0.5 mmol) was added DMSO (1.5 mmol, 0.1 mL) followed by iodine (10 mol%, 0.05 mmol, 0.013 g). Then the reaction mixture was heated on a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C for 3-5 h under solvent-free conditions. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂/ethyl acetate, and quenched with saturated sodium thiosulphate solution and extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂/ethyl acetate (2 X 15 mL). The organic layer was washed with water and dried over anhyd. sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography using ethyl acetate in hexanes as eluent to afford pure aryl sulfide derivative **3**.

Table-S1: Iodine catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative coupling of aryl thiols **1** and electron-rich species **2**.

S. No.	Aryl thiol	Electron-rich arene	Product	Time	Yield (%)
1	 1a	 2a	 3aa	3 h	99
2	 1b	 2a	 3ab	3 h	98
3	 1c	 2a	 3ac	3 h	91
4	 1d	 2a	 3ad	3 h	95
5	 1e	 2a	 3ae	3 h	85
6	 1a	 2b	 3ba	3 h	91
7	 1b	 2b	 3bb	3 h	92
8	 1c	 2b	 3bc	3 h	86
9	 1d	 2b	 3bd	3 h	89

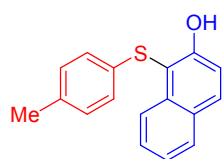
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11	 1a	 2c	 3ca	3 h	92
12	 1b	 2c	 3cb	3 h	95
13	 1c	 2c	 3cc	3 h	90
14	 1d	 2c	 3cd	3 h	91
15	 1e	 2c	 3ce	3 h	94
16	 1a	 2d	 3da	3 h	93
17	 1b	 2d	 3db	3 h	84
18	 1c	 2d	 3dc	3 h	78
19	 1a	 2e	 3ea	3 h	90

20	 1b	 2e	 3eb	3 h	84
21	 1c	 2e	 3ec	3 h	76
22	 1d	 2e	 3ed	3 h	72
23	 1a	 2f	 3fa	5 h	96
24	 1b	 2f	 3fb	5 h	100
25	 1c	 2f	 3fc	5 h	90
26	 1d	 2f	 3fd	5 h	100
27	 1e	 2f	 3fe	5 h	88
28	 1a	 2g	 3ga	3 h	100
29	 1b	 2g	 3gb	3 h	100
30	 1c	 2g	 3gc	3 h	94

31	 1d	 2g	 3gd	3 h	100
32	 1e	 2g	 3ge	3 h	98

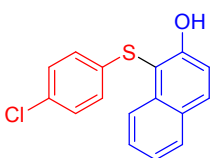
Characterization Data:

1-(*p*-Tolylthio)naphthalen-2-ol (3aa):



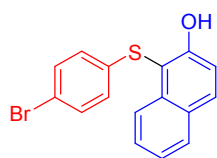
Yield: 0.130 g (99%) as yellow solid; Mp: 78–79 °C (Lit.² 77–79 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 1.0, 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.8 (C), 135.8 (C), 135.4 (C), 132.6 (CH), 131.7 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.4 (C), 128.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 116.8 (CH), 108.7 (C), 20.8 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₄SONa [M + Na]⁺: 289.0658, found 289.0657.

1-(4-Chlorophenylthio)naphthalen-2-ol (3ab):



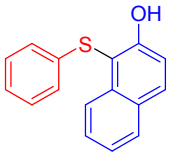
Yield: 0.139 g (98%) as brown solid; Mp: 84–85 °C (Lit.² 85–87 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.0 (C), 135.1 (C), 133.9 (C), 133.1 (CH), 131.8 (C), 129.5 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 116.9 (CH), 107.6 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₁ClSONa [M + Na]⁺: 309.0111, found 309.0111.

1-(4-Bromophenylthio)naphthalen-2-ol (3ac):

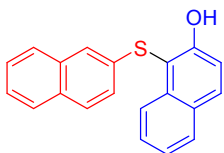


Yield: 0.150 g (91%) as brown solid; Mp: 104–105 °C (Lit.² 103–105 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.0 (C), 135.1 (C), 134.6 (C), 133.1 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 129.5 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 119.6 (C), 116.9 (CH), 107.4 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₁BrSONa [M + Na]⁺: 352.9606, found 352.9596.

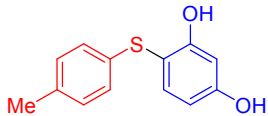
1-(Phenylthio)naphthalen-2-ol (3ad):

 Yield: 0.119 g (95%) as white solid; Mp: 66–67 °C (Lit.² 65–67 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9 (C), 135.4 (C), 135.3 (C), 132.7 (CH), 129.4 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 116.8 (CH), 108.0 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₂SONa [M + Na]⁺: 275.0501, found 275.0493.

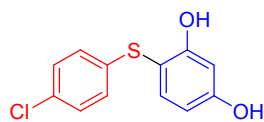
1-(Naphthalen-2-ylthio)naphthalen-2-ol (3ae):

 Yield: 0.128 g (85%) as white solid; Mp: 94–95 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 1.0, 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.1 (C), 135.4 (C), 133.7 (C), 132.9 (CH), 132.7 (C), 131.7 (C), 129.5 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 116.9 (CH), 108.0 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₄SONa [M + Na]⁺: 325.0658, found 325.0656.

4-(*p*-Tolylthio)benzene-1,3-diol (3ba):

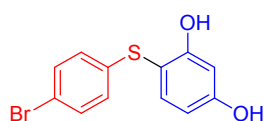
 Yield: 0.105 g (91%) as brown solid; Mp: 77–78 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (br s, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (br s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1 (C), 158.2 (C), 138.0 (CH), 135.9 (C), 132.9 (C), 129.9 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 109.2 (CH), 108.0 (C), 102.4 (CH), 20.8 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI[−]): *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₁SO₂ [M − H][−]: 231.0474, found 231.0482.

4-(4-Chlorophenylthio)benzene-1,3-diol (3bb):



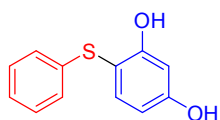
Yield: 0.115 g (92%) as white solid; Mp: 99–100 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (br s, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.4 (C), 158.2 (C), 138.2 (CH), 135.2 (C), 131.8 (C), 129.2 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 109.5 (CH), 106.8 (C), 102.6 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{ClSO}_2$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 250.9928, found 250.9942.

4-(4-Bromophenylthio)benzene-1,3-diol (3bc):



Yield: 0.128 g (86%) as brown solid; Mp: 116–117 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (br s, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.4 (C), 158.2 (C), 138.2 (CH), 135.9 (C), 132.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 119.6 (C), 109.5 (CH), 106.6 (C), 102.6 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrSO}_2$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 294.9423, found 294.9433.

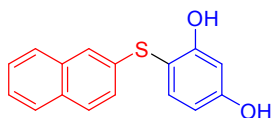
4-(phenylthio)benzene-1,3-diol (3bd):



Yield: 0.086 g (89%) as brown solid; Mp: 111–112 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95–6.70 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.2 (C), 158.1 (C), 138.2 (CH), 136.5 (C), 129.0 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 109.4 (CH), 107.1 (C), 102.4 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{SO}_2$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 217.0318, found 217.0324.

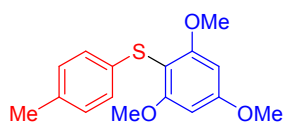
4-(Naphthalen-2-ylthio)benzene-1,3-diol (3be):

Yield: 0.110 g (82%) as white solid; Mp: 95–96 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.82 (br s, 2H), 7.82–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.41 (dd, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR



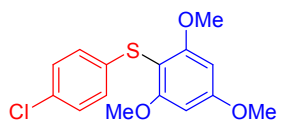
(125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.4 (C), 159.8 (C), 137.9 (CH), 136.8 (C), 133.4 (C), 130.9 (C), 128.3 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 108.2 (CH), 105.7 (C), 103.4 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI[−]): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₁SO₂ [M − H][−]: 267.0474, found 267.0482.

***p*-Tolyl(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ca):**



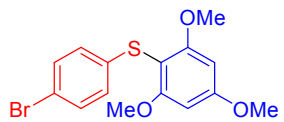
Yield: 0.132 g (92%) as white solid; Mp: 111–112 °C (Lit.³ 112–113 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 4H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.6 (C), 162.3 (C), 134.9 (C), 133.9 (C), 129.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 99.1 (C), 91.0 (CH), 56.1 (CH₃), 55.2 (CH₃), 20.7 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₈SO₃Na [M + Na]⁺: 313.0869, found 313.0869.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3cb):



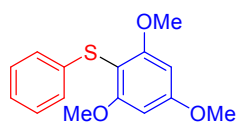
Yield: 0.146 g (95%) as white solid; Mp: 92–93 °C (Lit.³ 93–94 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.0 (C), 162.3 (C), 137.3 (C), 129.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 98.1 (C), 91.1 (CH), 56.1 (CH₃), 55.3 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₅ClSO₃Na [M + Na]⁺: 333.0323, found 333.0317.

(4-Bromophenyl)(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3cc):



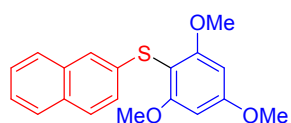
Yield: 0.158 g (90%) as white solid; Mp: 113–114 °C (Lit.³ 114–115 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.0 (C), 162.3 (C), 138.1 (C), 131.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 117.7 (C), 97.9 (C), 91.1 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 55.3 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₅BrSO₃Na [M + Na]⁺: 376.9817, found 376.9814.

Phenyl(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3cd):



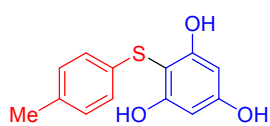
Yield: 0.125 g (91%) as white solid; Mp: 92–93 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.16–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.8 (C), 162.3 (C), 138.6 (C), 128.3 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 98.4 (C), 91.0 (CH), 56.1 (CH_3), 55.2 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 299.0712, found 299.0712.

Naphthalen-2-yl(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ce):

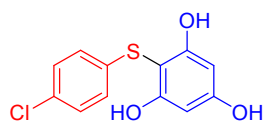


Yield: 0.152 g (94%) as white solid; Mp: 87–88 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 2.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.9 (C), 162.5 (C), 136.3 (C), 133.7 (C), 131.1 (C), 127.8 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 98.5 (C), 91.2 (CH), 56.2 (CH_3), 55.3 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 349.0869, found 349.0878.

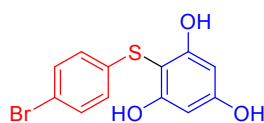
2-(*p*-Tolylthio)benzene-1,3,5-triol (3da):



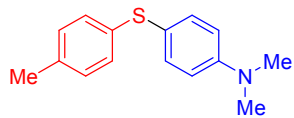
Yield: 0.115 g (93%) as brown solid; Mp: 125–126 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9.50 (br s, 1H), 9.30 (br s, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 160.8 (C), 160.4 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.4 (C), 129.2 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 94.7 (CH), 93.3 (C), 20.5 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{SO}_3$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 247.0423, found 247.0441.

2-(4-Chlorophenylthio)benzene-1,3,5-triol (3db):

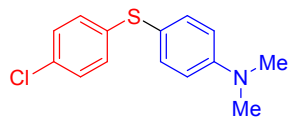
Yield: 0.112 g (84%) as brown solid; Mp: 110–111 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.53 (br s, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 161.1 (C), 160.9 (C), 138.9 (C), 129.0 (C), 128.8 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 95.1 (CH), 92.8 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{ClSO}_3$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 266.9877, found 266.9888.

2-(4-Bromophenylthio)benzene-1,3,5-triol (3dc):

Yield: 0.122 g (78%) as brown solid; Mp: 127–128 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.56 (br s, 1H), 9.49 (br s, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 161.0 (C), 160.8 (C), 139.5 (C), 131.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 116.8 (C), 95.0 (CH), 92.5 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrSO}_3$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$] $^-$: 310.9372, found 310.9378.

***N,N*-Dimethyl-4-(*p*-tolylthio)benzenamine (3ea):**

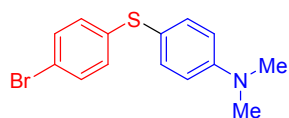
Yield: 0.112 g (90%) as yellow solid; Mp: 51–52 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.3 (C), 136.2 (C), 135.4 (CH), 135.0 (C), 129.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 118.5 (C), 112.9 (CH), 40.2 (CH_3), 20.8 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{NSNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 266.0974, found 266.0972.

4-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-*N,N*-dimethylbenzenamine (3eb):

Yield: 0.110 g (84%) as yellow solid; Mp: 120–121 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C

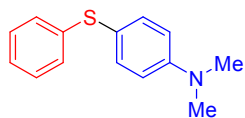
NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.7 (C), 139.0 (C), 136.2 (CH), 130.6 (C), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 116.7 (C), 113.0 (CH), 40.2 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₅CINS [M + H]⁺: 264.0608, found 264.0604.

4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-*N,N*-dimethylbenzenamine (3ec):



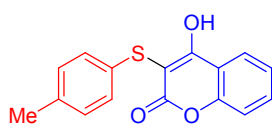
Yield: 0.117 g (76%) as yellow solid; Mp: 127–128 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.7 (C), 139.8 (C), 136.2 (CH), 131.6 (C), 128.1 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 116.4 (C), 112.9 (CH), 40.2 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₅BrNS [M + H]⁺: 308.0103, found 308.0100.

***N,N*-Dimethyl-4-(phenylthio)benzenamine (3ed):**



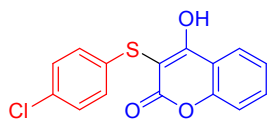
Yield: 0.082 g (72%) as brown solid; Mp: 68–69 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.5 (C), 140.2 (C), 136.0 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 117.2 (C), 112.8 (CH), 40.1 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NS [M + H]⁺: 230.0998, found 230.0996.

4-Hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2*H*-chromen-2-one (3fa):



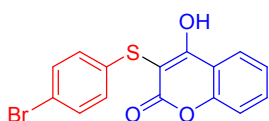
Yield: 0.135 g (96%) as white solid; Mp: 160–161 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.00 (br s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 168.1 (C), 160.9 (C), 153.0 (C), 135.2 (C), 133.5 (CH), 132.3 (C), 129.7 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 115.7 (C), 95.3 (C), 20.5 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₂SO₃Na [M + Na]⁺: 307.0399, found 307.406.

3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3fb):



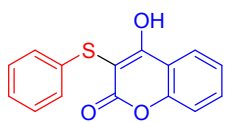
Yield: 0.151 g (100%) as white solid; Mp: 187–188 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.94 (dd, J = 0.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.8 (C), 161.1 (C), 153.2 (C), 135.3 (C), 133.9 (CH), 130.3 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 115.9 (C), 94.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{ClSO}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 326.9853, found 326.9873.

3-(4-Bromophenylthio)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3fc):



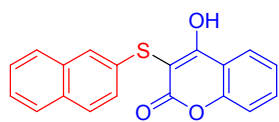
Yield: 0.156 g (90%) as light yellow solid; Mp: 197–198 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.93 (dd, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.8 (C), 161.0 (C), 153.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.8 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 118.5 (C), 116.6 (CH), 115.8 (C), 94.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{BrSO}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 370.9348, found 370.9361.

4-Hydroxy-3-(phenylthio)-2H-chromen-2-one (3fd):



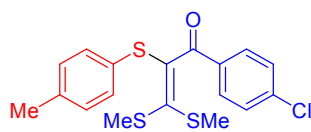
Yield: 0.135 g (100%) as white solid; Mp: 197–198 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.96 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.4 (C), 160.9 (C), 153.0 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 115.6 (C), 94.5 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 293.0243, found 293.0231.

4-Hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-2H-chromen-2-one (3fe):



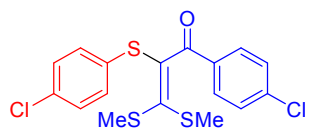
Yield: 0.140 g (88%) as light yellow solid; Mp: 160–161 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 7.99 (dd, $J = 1.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, $J = 1.5, 7.0, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.37 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 168.6 (C), 161.1 (C), 153.2 (C), 133.7 (CH), 133.7 (C), 133.5 (C), 131.2 (C), 128.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 116.6 (CH), 115.9 (C), 94.5 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 343.0399, found 343.0392.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (3ga):



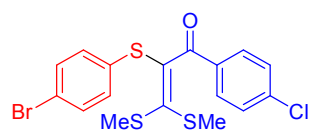
Yield: 0.190 g (100%) as yellow solid; Mp: 81–82 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.6 (C), 139.4 (C), 139.2 (C), 138.8 (C), 134.6 (C), 134.1 (CH), 133.6 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.6 (C), 21.0 (CH_3), 18.3 (CH_3), 16.3 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClS}_3\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 403.0022, found 403.0029.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenylthio)-3,3-bis(methylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (3gb):



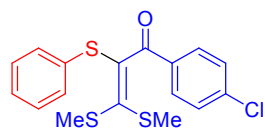
Yield: 0.200 g (100%) as yellow solid; Mp: 67–68 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.4 (C), 139.7 (C), 137.8 (C), 136.4 (C), 134.6 (C), 134.4 (CH), 134.3 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.5 (C), 129.0 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 18.4 (CH_3), 16.4 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{S}_3\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 422.9476, found 422.9476.

2-(4-Bromophenylthio)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-bis(methylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (3gc):



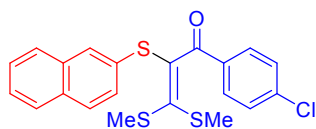
Yield: 0.210 g (94%) as yellow solid; Mp: 74–75 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.4 (C), 139.7 (C), 137.8 (C), 136.0 (C), 134.5 (CH), 134.4 (C), 132.0 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 130.3 (C), 128.8 (CH), 122.8 (C), 18.5 (CH_3), 16.5 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrClS}_3\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 466.8971, found 466.8974.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-(phenylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (3gd):



Yield: 0.183 g (100%) as yellow viscous liquid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.5 (C), 139.4 (C), 137.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 134.5 (C), 133.5 (CH), 130.6 (C), 130.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 18.4 (CH_3), 16.4 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClS}_3\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 388.9866, found 388.9869.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (3ge):



Yield: 0.204 g (98%) as yellow solid; Mp: 100–101 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.5, 15.0 Hz, 4H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.6 (C), 139.4 (C), 137.3 (C), 137.0 (C), 134.5 (C), 133.2 (C), 132.8 (CH), 132.6 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.2 (C), 127.5 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 18.5 (CH_3), 16.4 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClS}_3\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 439.0022, found 439.0022.

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