Supporting Information

N-(Acetoxy)phthalimide motif as a visible-light

pro-photosensitizer in photoredox decarboxylative arylthiation

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1. General Information

Commercial reagents, aryl thiols and N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF) were purchased from J&K Chemical and Beijing Ouhe Technology, and they were used directly without further purification. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Heidolph rotary evaporator using an alcohol-ice bath. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished by column chromatography on silica gel (Qingdao Haiyang, 200-300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Shandong Jiangyou 0.2 mm silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence quenching, p-anisaldehyde, potassium permanganate, or ceric ammonium molybdate stain. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL 300 MHz, 400 MHz (100 MHz) and 600 MHz (150 MHz) instruments, and are internally referenced to TMS and residual portion solvent signals (note: TMS referenced at 0.00 ppm; CDCl₃ referenced at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm respectively; DMSO-d₆ referenced at 2.54 and 40.4 ppm respectively; Because the probe for CDCl₃ on the 400 MHz instrument was slightly polluted, there was a needless signal at 168.2 ppm in ¹³C spectra). ¹⁵N NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL 600 (60.8 MHz) instrument by using $Me^{15}NO_2$ (0.0 ppm) as the external standard. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, h = heptet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = heptetdoublet of triplets, br = broad), coupling constant (J Hz). Data for ${}^{13}C$ and ${}^{15}N$ are reported in terms of chemical shift and no special nomenclature is used for equivalent carbons. Melting points were recorded on a Beijing Tech X-4 melting point apparatus. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on LCMS-IT/TOF (SHIMADZU, Japan) with electrospray ionization method.

2. Optimization of Conditions

Table S1 Optimization of conditions for visible-light photoredox decarboxylative arylthiation^a



entry	PC	base	solvent	yield of 3n (%) ^b	yield of 3n' (%) ^b
1	А	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	90	trace
2	В	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	58	trace
3	-	Cs_2CO_3	DMF	93 (91°)	trace
4	-	K_2CO_3	DMF	89	trace
5	-	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	85	7
6	-	NaHCO ₃	DMF	70	22
7	-	DIPEA	DMF	13	63
8		Cs_2CO_3	DMSO	91	trace
9		Cs ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	35	38
10		Cs ₂ CO ₃	DCE	trace	31
11 ^d		Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	61	15
12 ^e		Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	0	82
13 ^f		Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	92	trace

^a Reaction conditions: under Ar atmosphere and irradiation of visible light, *N*-Boc-Pro-OPht (**1k**) (0.15 mmol), 4-isopropylbenzenethiol (**2e**) (0.18 mmol), photocatalyst (PC) (1.5 μ mol), base (0.225 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), temperature (rt, ~25 °C), time (10 h) in a sealed Schlenk tube. ^b Conversion yields were determined by ¹H NMR using trichloroethylene as the internal standard. ^c Isolated yield. ^d 4-Isopropylbenzenethiol (**2e**) (0.3 mmol). ^e No light. ^f 3 W blue LED was used as the light source for 20 h. PC = photocatalyst. DIPEA = diisopropylethylamine. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane. CFL = compact fluorescent light.

First, coupling of *N*-Pro-OH with *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (PhtOH) in the presence of coupling agent (*N*,*N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC)) led to corresponding active esters, *N*-Boc-Pro-OPht (Pht = phthalimide) (**1k**). Next, coupling of **1k** with 4-isopropylbenzenethiol (**2e**) was selected as the model to optimize conditions of visible-light photoredox catalysis including photocatalysts, bases and solvents. As shown in Table 1, two common transition-metal photocatalysts, [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ and [*fac*-Ir(ppy)₃], were tested using 1.5 equiv of Cs₂CO₃ as the base and DMF as the solvent under Ar atmosphere and irradiation of visible light with 40 W compact

fluorescent light (CFL) (entries 1 and 2), and $[Ru(bpy)_3]Cl_2$ provided the target product (**3n**) in 90% conversion yield (determination by ¹H NMR using trichloroethylene as the internal standard) together with trace amount of substituted product (**3n'**) (entry 1). However, [*fac*-Ir(ppy)₃] afforded a weak result (entry 2). Interestingly, the reaction gave target product **3n** in 93% conversion (91% isolated yield) in the absence of photocatalyst (entry 3). We also attempted K₂CO₃, Na₂CO₃ and NaHCO₃ as the bases (entries 4-6), and the results exhibited that Cs₂CO₃ was optimal (compare entries 3, 4-6). **3n'** became the major product when diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) was used as the base (entry 7). Effect of solvents was investigated, and we found that DMF was a suitable solvent (compare entries 3, 8-10). When amount of 4-isopropylbenzenethiol (**2e**) increased from 1.2 equivalents to 2.0 equivalents (relative to amount of **1k**), yield of **3n** decreased with that of **3n'** increasing (entry 11). Only substituted product **3n'** was observed without irradiation of visible light (entry 12). When 3 W blue LED was used as the light source for 20 h, **3n** was observed in 92% conversion (entry 13).

3. Experimental Procedures

(1) Synthesis of ¹⁵N-Labeled c-Hex-COOPht (1h')



Synthesis of ¹⁵N-hydroxyphthalimide. Synthesis of ¹⁵N-hydroxyphthalimide was performed according to the previous reference.¹ A flask fitted with a Dean-Stark trap was charged with ¹⁵N-hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.5 mmol, 0.104 g) and toluene (5 mL). To the suspension were added phthalic anhydride (1.56 mmol, 0.23 g) and pyridine (1.5 mmol, 120 μ L). The solution was stirred and heated to reflux. After 4 h, the resulting solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated by rotary evaporation until precipitation occurred. The precipitated crop was collected and washed with Et₂O (15 mL) and cold water (15 mL). The washed solids were combined and dried in a vacuum desiccator to afford ¹⁵N-hydroxyphthalimide as a light yellow solid, yield 0.115 g (47%).

Synthesis of ¹⁵*N*-Labeled *c*-Hex-COOPht (1h'). Synthesis of ¹⁵*N*-labeled *c*-Hex-COOPht (1h') was performed according to the previous reference.² DCC (0.24 mmol, 49.4 mg) was added to a solution of cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (0.2 mmol, 25.6 mg), ¹⁵*N*-hydroxyphthalimide (0.22 mmol, 36.1 mg) and DMAP (0.02 mmol, 2.4 mg) in THF (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h, and the resulting solution was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:1) to provide ¹⁵*N*-labeled *c*-Hex-COOPht (1h') as a white solid, yield 38.9 mg (71%).

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(2) General procedure for synthesis of compounds 3a-ah



RCO-OPht (1) (0.15 mmol), aryl thiol (2) (0.18 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.225 mmol, 73.3 mg) were added to a 25-mL Schlenk tube with DMF (1.5 mL), and the tube was evacuated and back-filled with argon for three cycles. The tube was sealed, and then irradiated with a 40 W fluorescent lamp (approximately 2 cm away from the light source). After the complete conversion of the substrates (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with 20 mL of EtOAc, and the solution was filtered by flash chromatography. The filtrate was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product (**3**).

4. Mechanism Investigations

a. The UV-visible absorption spectra of aryl thiols and disulfides

The UV-visible absorption spectra of 4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol (TFTP) (**2l**) and 1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane (BTFPD) were determined in the absence or presence of Cs_2CO_3 , and no new absorption peak was observed beyond 400 nm (Figure S1-I,II), which implied that neither aryl thiols nor disulfides could be the visible light photosensitizers in the reactions. Unexpectedly, a new absorption band at 340 nm was observed, and one possible reason is that small amount of by-product from homolysis of BTFPD appeared in the presence of Cs_2CO_3 under irradiation of UV.



Figure S1. (I) the UV-visible absorption spectra of 4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol (TFTP) in the absence or presence of Cs_2CO_3 . (II) The UV-visible absorption spectra of 1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane (BTFPD) in the absence or presence of Cs_2CO_3 .

b. Investigation on treatment of cyclopentanecarboxylic acid active ester (*c*-Pen-COOPht) with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide by HRESI-MS

Cyclopentanecarboxylic acid active ester (*c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**)) (0.1 mmol), 4-cyanobenzyl bromide (0.3 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol) were added to a 5-mL flask with DMF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting solution was centrifuged, and the solid was removed. The remained solution was diluted with CH₃CN (1 mL), and then performed a mass spectral analysis with high resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometer. Mass spectral peaks at m/z 391.1299 (Figure S2) and 508.1867 (Figure S3) corresponding to **B-2** and **B-3** in Scheme S1 were observed. According to the results and UV-visible absorption spectrum of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**) in the presence of Cs₂CO₃ (Line **1g**+Cs₂CO₃ in Figure 1a in text), treatment of *c*-Pen-COOPht with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide can undergo the following process: Tautomerization of **1g** in the presence of base (Cs₂CO₃) gives **Ig**, and reaction of **Ig** with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide affords **B-1**. Hydrolysis of **B-1** leds to **B-2**, and further coupling of **B-2** with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide provides **B-3** (see Scheme S1). Therefore, the experiment showed that tautomerization of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**) via n- π electron delocalization could be reasonable.



Figure S2. Negtive ion mass spectrum of products from reaction of c-Pen-COOPht (1g) with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide.



Figure S3. Positive ion mass spectrum of products from reaction of c-Pen-COOPht (1g) with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide.



Scheme S1. Treatment of *c*-Pen-COOPht (1g) with 4-cyanobenzyl bromide.

c. The radical-trapping experiments

Treatment of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**) and methyl 4-mercaptobenzoate in the presence of 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) or butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) was investigated, and only trace amount of **3g** was found. HRESI-MS showed that intermediate **B-4** occurred in the former reaction. The results displayed that free-radical intermediates were involved in the reactions (Figure S4, Scheme S2).



Figure S4. Positive ion mass spectrum of products from reaction of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**), methyl 4-mercaptobenzoate and 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO).



Scheme S2. Treatment of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**) and methyl 4-mercaptobenzoate in the presence of 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) or butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

d. Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments

Firstly, we investigated the emission and excitation spectrums of the active esters in the absence or presence of bases. A 1.0 mM solution of cyclopentanecarboxylic acid active ester (*c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**)) in DMF in the presence of $Cs_2CO_3(1.5 \text{ mM})$ was chosen as the model. To avoid the effect of UV absorption of 4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol (TFTP) and 1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane (BTFPD), the emission spectra were obtained under irradiation of 375 nm exciting light (Figure S5). Meanwhile, the fluorescence excitation spectra were obtained with the detection wavelength of 429 nm (emission maximum of **IIg***) (Figure S6). The results exhibited that the active esters can absorb a part of visible light and launch fluorescence in the presence of base. The quantum yield of **Ig** in Scheme S1 was 10.3% using 1,4-bis(5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)benzene (POPOP) as the reference (Table S2).



Figure S5. The fluorescence emission spectra of c-Pen-COOPht (1g) in the absence or presence of Cs₂CO₃ excited at 375 nm.



Figure S6. The fluorescence excitation spectra of *c*-Pen-COOPht (1g) in the absence or presence of Cs_2CO_3 with the detection wavelength of 429 nm.

Table S2. Measurement of the Quantum Yield of **IIg*** in Scheme S1 Using 1,4-Bis(5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)benzene (POPOP) as the Reference. (ϕ = quantum yield, I = fluorescence intensity, A = absorbance, T = transmissvity)



substrate	transmissvity	fluorescence intensity	quantum
	(T) (350 nm)	(I) (402 nm)	yield (φ)
POPOP (p)	0.789	5158	0.885
			(Ref.3)
I	0.860	382	φι

$$\varphi_I = \varphi_p \times \frac{I_I}{I_p} \times \frac{A_p}{A_I} = \varphi_p \times \frac{I_I}{I_p} \times \frac{\log(1/T_p)}{\log(1/T_I)} = 10.3 \%$$

Next, we conducted the fluorescence quenching experiments. In a typical experiment, 1.0 mL solution of *c*-Pen-COOPht (**1g**) (1.0 mM) in DMF in the presence of Cs_2CO_3 (1.5 mM) was added to the appropriate amount of quencher in a screw-top 1.0 cm quartz cuvette. After degassing by bubbling a stream of nitrogen for 10 minutes, 0.1 M solution of the quencher was added to the cuvette by microliters and the emission of the sample was collected. The solutions were excited at λ = 375 nm (to avoid the effects of UV absorption of TFTP and BTFPD) and the emission intensity at 429 nm (emission maximum of **IIg***) was observed (Figure S7-9). Stern–Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments demonstrated that the emission intensity of **IIg*** diminished in the presence of TFTP, presumably signifying an electron transferring from TFTP to **IIg***.



Figure S7. IIg* emission quenching by 4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol (TFTP). Non-linear quenching is observed.



Figure S8. Log plot of emission quenching of **IIg*** by 4-(trifluoromethyl)thiophenol (TFTP). Linear correlation represents exponential trend in emission quenching.

As highlighted in Figure S7, we observe non-linear quenching of **IIg*** in the presence of TFTP. The diminished intensity of **IIg*** emission is attributed to several factors. Firstly, nucleophilic substitution could occur in the solution. Besides that, the reactive hydrogen of TFTP may affect the PH of the solution. Taking into consideration these effects, we suggest that the trend observed in Figure S8 is due to the additive effects of non-linear emission quenching by TFTP and some other factors although we cannot rule out all factors that may influence the emission intensity.



Figure S9. IIg* emission quenching in the presence of 1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane (BTFPD). No quenching was observed.

5. Characterization of the Products



Methyl 4-(propylthio)benzoate (3a). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 21.0 mg (67%). White solid, mp 45-47 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 144.5, 130.0, 126.6, 126.4, 52.1, 34.1, 22.2, 13.6. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 211.0787. Found 211.0784.



Methyl 4-(butylthio)benzoate (3b). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 22.9 mg (68%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quint, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (sext, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 144.6, 130.0, 126.6, 126.3, 52.1, 31.8, 30.9, 22.1, 13.7. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 225.0944. Found 225.0940.



Methyl 4-(tridecylthio)benzoate (3c). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 37.7 mg (72%). White solid, mp 74-75 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (quint, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.51-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.18 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 144.6, 130.0, 126.6, 126.3, 52.1, 32.1, 32.0, 29.76, 29.75, 29.73, 29.65, 29.57, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 28.8, 22.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₁H₃₅O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 351.2352. Found 351.2351.



Methyl 4-((4-methylphenethyl)thio)benzoate (3d). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 28.5 mg (66%). White solid, mp 75-76 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 144.0, 136.8, 136.3, 130.1, 129.4, 128.5, 126.8,

126.6, 52.2, 34.8, 33.8, 21.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_2S$, $[M+H]^+$ m/z 287.1100. Found 287.1098.



Methyl 4-((**4-methoxyphenethyl)thio)benzoate** (**3e**). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 31.6 mg (70%). White solid, mp 57-58 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 158.4, 144.0, 131.9, 130.0, 129.6, 126.9, 126.6, 114.1, 55.4, 52.1, 34.4, 34.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NaO₃S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 325.0869. Found 325.0872.



Methyl 4-(but-3-en-1-ylthio)benzoate (3f). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 14.8 mg (44%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 600 MHz) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.91-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 166.4, 144.5, 136.8, 130.1, 126.7, 126.4, 117.1, 52.6, 32.8, 30.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 223.0787. Found 223.0784.



Methyl 4-(cyclopentylthio)benzoate (3g). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 32.8 mg (93%). White solid, mp 37-38 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.71 (quint, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.60 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 145.2, 129.9, 127.0, 126.5, 52.1, 44.2, 33.5, 25.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 237.0944. Found 237.0945.



Methyl 4-(cyclohexylthio)benzoate (3h). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 33.6 mg (89%). White solid, mp 69-70 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.34-3.23 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 1H),

1.48-1.23 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 143.1, 129.9, 128.5, 127.1, 52.1, 45.1, 33.2, 26.0, 25.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 251.1100. Found 251.1103.



Methyl 4-(*tert*-butylthio)benzoate (3i). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 30.4 mg (90%). White solid, mp 62-63 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.8, 139.0, 136.9, 130.1, 129.5, 52.3, 46.8, 31.1. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 225.0944. Found 225.0943.



Methyl 4-(adamantan-1-ylthio)benzoate (3j). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 41.5 mg (91%). White solid, mp 129-130 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.99 (m, 3H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 6H), 1.67-1.56 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.8, 137.3, 137.0, 130.1, 129.3, 52.3, 49.0, 43.8, 36.1, 30.1. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₃O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 303.1413. Found 303.1414.



tert-Butyl 2-(phenylthio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3k). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 38.8 mg (93%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.58-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 3H), 5.44-5.24 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.21-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.24 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.7, 134.7, 134.4, 134.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 80.1, 80.0, 67.1, 66.8, 46.3, 45.6, 34.0, 33.3, 28.5, 28.3, 23.1, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NNaO₂S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 302.1185. Found 302.1186.



tert-Butyl 2-(p-tolylthio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (31). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 36.7 mg (83%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of

rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.47-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.36-5.17 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.30 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.7, 138.2, 138.0, 135.1, 134.9, 130.3, 129.7, 80.1, 79.9, 67.1, 66.9, 46.3, 45.6, 33.8, 33.1, 28.5, 28.3, 23.1, 22.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₂S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 316.1342. Found 316.1338.



tert-Butyl 2-(m-tolylthio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3m). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 37.7 mg (86%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.37-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 1H), 5.41-5.23 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.20-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.31 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.7, 138.7, 135.2, 134.9, 133.9, 131.6, 131.3, 128.8, 80.1, 67.2, 66.8, 46.4, 45.6, 34.0, 33.3, 28.5, 28.3, 23.0, 22.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₂S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 316.1342. Found 316.1348.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-isopropylphenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3n). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 44.0 mg (91%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.50-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.40-5.22 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.89 (h, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.27 (m, 9H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.7, 149.1, 135.2, 134.9, 130.7, 127.2, 80.0, 67.1, 66.8, 46.3, 45.5, 33.9, 33.1, 28.5, 28.3, 24.0, 23.0, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇NNaO₂S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 344.1655. Found 344.1654.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (30). Eluent: PE/EtOAc

(15:1). Yield 39.4 mg (78%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.50-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.41-5.23 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.20-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.23 (m, 18H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.7, 151.4, 134.8, 134.6, 130.4, 126.0, 80.0, 67.1, 66.7, 46.2, 45.5, 34.7, 33.9, 33.2, 31.3, 28.5, 28.3, 23.1, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₉H₂₉NNaO₂S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 358.1811. Found 358.1809.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3p). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 36.8 mg (79%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.29-5.11 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.19-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.54-1.28 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 160.1, 160.0, 153.7, 137.2, 132.7, 124.3, 114.7, 114.6, 80.0, 79.8, 67.1, 55.4, 46.3, 45.6, 33.6, 33.0, 28.5, 28.3, 23.1, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₃S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 332.1291. Found 332.1291.



tert-Butyl 2-((3-methoxyphenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3q). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 39.0 mg (84%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.78 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.25 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.23-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.54-1.28 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 159.7, 153.6, 135.4, 129.7, 126.6, 126.2, 119.5, 119.0, 113.9, 80.1, 67.1, 66.7, 55.4, 46.4, 45.6, 34.1, 33.3, 28.5, 28.3, 23.1, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₃S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 332.1291. Found 332.1291.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3r). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 36.3 mg (81%). White solid, mp 56-57 °C. The product gives two sets of NMR signals,

owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.57-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.08-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.39-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.20-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.26 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 163.1 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 153.7, 137.3 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 137.1 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 129.0, 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 80.2, 80.0, 67.3, 67.2, 46.3, 45.6, 33.7, 33.1, 28.4, 28.3, 23.2, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NNaO₂SF, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 320.1091. Found 320.1088.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3s). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 40.6 mg (86%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.18 (m, 2H), 5.43-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.23-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.26 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.6, 136.0, 135.8, 132.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 80.3, 80.1, 67.3, 67.1, 46.3, 45.6, 33.9, 33.3, 28.4, 28.3, 23.2, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NNaO₂SCl, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 336.0795. Found 336.0795.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3t). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 50.4 mg (94%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.50-7.29 (m, 4H), 5.43-5.20 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.23-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.54-1.22 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.6, 136.2, 135.9, 133.3, 132.1, 132.0, 80.3, 80.1, 67.2, 67.0, 46.3, 45.6, 34.0, 33.3, 28.4, 28.3, 23.2, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NNaO₂SBr, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 382.0270. Found 382.0263.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3u). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 48.0 mg (95%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals,

owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.00-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 2H), 5.57-5.35 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.55-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.30-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.27 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.8, 153.5, 141.7, 131.9, 131.4, 130.0, 80.5, 80.3, 66.8, 66.3, 52.2, 46.3, 45.7, 34.5, 33.6, 28.4, 28.3, 23.2, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 360.1240. Found 360.1238.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3v). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 47.8 mg (92%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.68-7.46 (m, 4H), 5.60-5.32 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.30-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.54-1.21 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 153.5, 139.8, 133.1 (*J* = 41.2 Hz), 125.7, 124.7 (*J* = 388.2 Hz), 80.4, 80.3, 67.1, 66.7, 46.2, 45.7, 34.3, 33.5, 28.4, 28.2, 23.2, 22.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NNaO₂SF₃, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 370.1059. Found 370.1060.



tert-Butyl 2-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)thio)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3w). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (15:1). Yield 48.6 mg (92%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*6, 400 MHz) δ 7.99-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.20-5.84 (m, 1H), 3.99-3.73 (m, 4H), 3.21-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.01 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*6, 100 MHz) δ 166.3, 153.4, 141.1, 132.8, 131.5, 130.0, 80.1, 64.0, 61.3, 52.6, 38.8, 31.8, 30.9, 28.1, 25.2, 19.9. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 374.1397. Found 374.1398.



Benzyl 2-((4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)thio)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3x). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 48.2 mg (87%). Colorless oil. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.10-7.78 (m,

2H), 7.65-7.12 (m, 7H), 5.63-5.42 (m, 1H), 5.28-4.82 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.36 (m, 2H), 2.40-1.87 (m, 4H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.8, 166.7, 154.2, 154.1, 141.4, 141.0, 136.5, 136.3, 132.1, 131.4, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 67.4, 67.2, 66.9, 66.6, 52.2, 46.3, 46.2, 34.6, 33.8, 23.3, 22.4. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 394.1084. Found 394.1085.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)ethyl)thio)benzoate (3y). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 43.2 mg (84%). White solid, mp 97-98 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.0, 166.6, 140.2, 134.4, 131.6, 130.6, 130.2, 128.9, 123.6, 52.9, 52.2, 20.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 364.0614. Found 364.0607.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-methylbutyl)thio)benzoate (3z). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 46.4 mg (81%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.02-0.88 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.2, 166.6, 140.4, 134.4, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 128.7, 123.6, 55.9, 52.2, 41.8, 25.9, 22.6, 21.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 406.1084. Found 406.1083.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-2-phenylethyl)thio)benzoate (3aa). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 43.3 mg (69%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz,

2H), 7.77-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.43 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.12 (m, 5H), 5.97 (dd, $J_1 = 6.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dd, $J_1 = 10.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, $J_1 = 6.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.1$ Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.1, 166.6, 140.1, 136.5, 134.3, 131.3, 130.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.3, 123.6, 58.2, 52.2, 39.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NNaO₄S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 440.0927. Found 440.0928.



Methyl 4-((2-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)ethyl)thio)benzoate (3ab). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 49.7 mg (80%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (dd, $J_1 = 6.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94-3.82 (m, 4H), 1.12 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.3, 166.6, 140.6, 134.3, 131.7, 130.2, 129.9, 128.7, 123.6, 74.1, 61.6, 57.4, 52.2, 27.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₅S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 436.1189. Found 436.1187.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(methylthio)propyl)thio)benzoate (3ac). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 47.8 mg (79%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.67-2.54 (m, 4H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.1, 166.6, 140.0, 134.5, 131.5, 130.6, 130.2, 128.9, 123.7, 56.3, 52.2, 32.4, 31.2, 15.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NNaO₄S₂, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 424.0648. Found 424.0648.



Methyl 4-((5-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)pentyl)thio)benzoate

(3ad). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (2:1). Yield 61.9 mg (83%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.69-4.58 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.31 (m, 13H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.2, 166.6, 156.0, 140.3, 134.4, 131.4, 130.4, 130.2, 128.8, 123.6, 79.1, 57.3, 52.2, 40.2, 33.0, 29.4, 28.4, 24.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₆H₃₀N₂NaO₆S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 521.1717. Found 521.1719.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methoxy-4-oxobutyl)thio)benzoate (3ae). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (5:1). Yield 54.1 mg (87%). Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 172.4, 167.0, 166.5, 140.0, 134.5, 131.4, 130.5, 130.2, 128.9, 123.7, 56.7, 52.2, 51.9, 31.2, 28.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NNaO₆S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 436.0825. Found 436.0828.



Methyl 4-((1-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-oxo-4-((tritylamino)oxy)butyl)thio)benzoate (3af). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (2:1). Yield 77.7 mg (81%). White solid, mp 98-100 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.10 (m, 15H), 6.72-6.65 (m, 1H), 5.87 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.38 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.9, 167.1, 166.6, 144.7, 140.2, 134.5, 131.5, 130.3, 130.2, 128.8, 128.1, 127.2, 123.7, 70.8, 57.1, 52.3, 34.4, 29.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₃₉H₃₂N₂NaO₅S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 663.1924. Found 663.1923.



Methyl 4-((3-(diBoc-amino)-4-methoxy-4-oxobutyl)thio)benzoate (3ag). Eluent: PE/EtOAc

(5:1). Yield 41.5 mg (57%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.57-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 170.8, 166.8, 152.0, 143.4, 130.1, 127.0, 126.7, 83.6, 57.1, 52.4, 52.1, 29.9, 29.1, 28.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NNaO₈S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 506.1819. Found 506.1818.



Methyl 4-((1-(2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acetamido)acetyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)thio)benzo -ate (3ah). Eluent: DCM/MeOH (25:1). Yield 49.3 mg (73%). Colorless gum. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of rotamers around the tertiary amide. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.01-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.12 (br, 1H), 5.71-5.32 (m, 2H), 4.36-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.94-3.74 (m, 5H), 3.65-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.34-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.7, 167.6, 166.8, 166.7, 166.5, 156.0, 140.9, 139.3, 132.0, 131.2, 130.4, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 80.2, 65.2, 52.4, 52.3, 46.5, 45.7, 44.1, 42.2, 42.0, 34.5, 33.1, 28.4, 23.4, 21.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₁H₂₉N₃NaO₆S, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 474.1699. Found 474.1694.



(**Z**)-methyl 4-(heptadec-8-en-1-ylthio)benzoate (3ai). Eluent: PE/EtOAc (25:1). Yield 38.4 mg (63%). White solid, mp 50-51 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.40-5.31 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.69 (quint, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.50-1.19 (m, 20H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 144.6, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 126.6, 126.4, 52.1, 32.7, 32.6, 32.2, 32.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 28.8, 27.4, 27.3, 22.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₂₅H₄₁O₂S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 405.2822. Found 405.2830.



methyl 4-(((6aS,6bR,8aR,10S,12aR,12bR,14bS)-10-acetoxy-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14b-icosahydropicen-4a-yl)thio)benzoate (3aj). Eluent: PE/DCM/EtOAc (20:10:1). Yield 51.0 mg (55%). White solid, mp 263-265 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.41-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.84 (m, 6H), 1.79-1.38 (m, 10H), 1.33-0.97 (m, 15H), 0.94-0.80 (m, 10H), 0.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 171.1, 166.9, 143.6, 139.1, 137.0, 129.9, 129.4, 122.9, 81.0, 56.2, 55.4, 52.3, 47.8, 47.7, 45.6, 41.7, 40.1, 38.3, 37.8, 37.1, 36.4, 35.6, 33.0, 32.9, 30.8, 28.2, 27.0, 26.2, 25.5, 23.7, 23.6, 23.4, 21.4, 18.4, 17.7, 16.8, 15.6. HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for C₃₉H₅₇O₄S, [M+H]⁺ m/z 621.3972. Found 621.3956.

6. NMR Spectra of the Products













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