

Supporting Information for

N-heterocyclic carbene-catalyzed sulfa-Michael addition of enals

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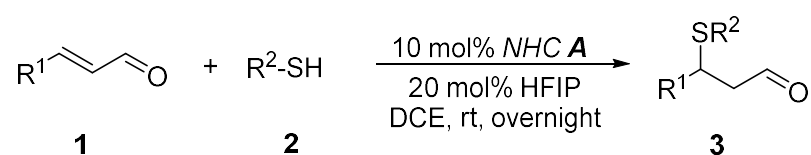
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1. Experimental Section

All reactions were conducted under nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring bar. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) spectra were recorded using deuterated chloroform as solvent, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and reported in ppm (δ). Melting points were measured on a WRS-1B melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on FTICRMS. Thiols, enals and other chemicals were obtained from Adamas-beta and used without purification. Anhydrous THF, MTBE and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone. DMSO, DMF, CH_2Cl_2 , CHCl_3 and CH_3CN were distilled from calcium hydride. 1, 2-dichloroethane was distilled from calcium chloride.

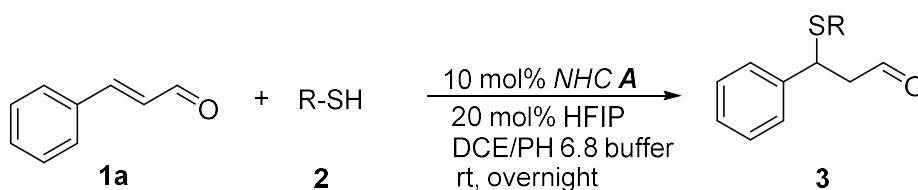
2. General procedure A: NHC-catalyzed sulfa-Michael addition of enals in 1, 2-dichloroethane



IPr **A** (7.8 mg, 10 mol%) was dissolved in 2.0 mL dry 1,2-dichloroethane. Enal **1** (0.2 mmol), thiol **2** (0.6 mmol,) and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (6.7 mg, 20 mol%) were added subsequently via a syringe at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature. Then, the mixture was diluted with Et_2O (5.0 mL $\times$ 3) and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) to give the desired product **3**.

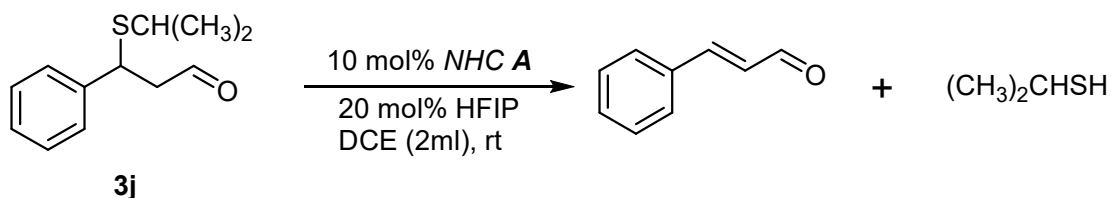
3. General procedure B: NHC-catalyzed sulfa-Michael addition of enals in DCM/

pH 6.8 phosphate aqueous mixture



IPr **A** (7.8 mg, 10 mol%) was dissolved in a mixture of 1.3 mL dry 1,2-dichloroethane and 1.0 ml pH 6.8 phosphate-based buffer solution. cinnamaldehyde **1a** (0.2 mmol), thiol **2** (0.6 mmol,) and HFIP (6.7 mg, 20 mol%) were added subsequently via a syringe at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature. Then, the mixture was extracted with DCM (5.0 mL×3) and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, then concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) to give the desired product **3**.

4. Procedure for NHC-catalyzed reversible reaction of *sulfa*-Michael adduct



To a solution of *NHC A* (7.8 mg, 10 mol%) in 2.0 mL 1,2-dichloroethane was added 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (6.7mg, 20 mol%) and 3-(isopropylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (**3j**) (0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica pad and washed with EtOAc (15.0 mL) and concentrated in vacuum. The ratio of **3j** to cinnamaldehyde (2.4 : 1) was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The crude product was further purified by flash column

chromatography on silica gel (PE) to give the product cinnamaldehyde in 29% yield.

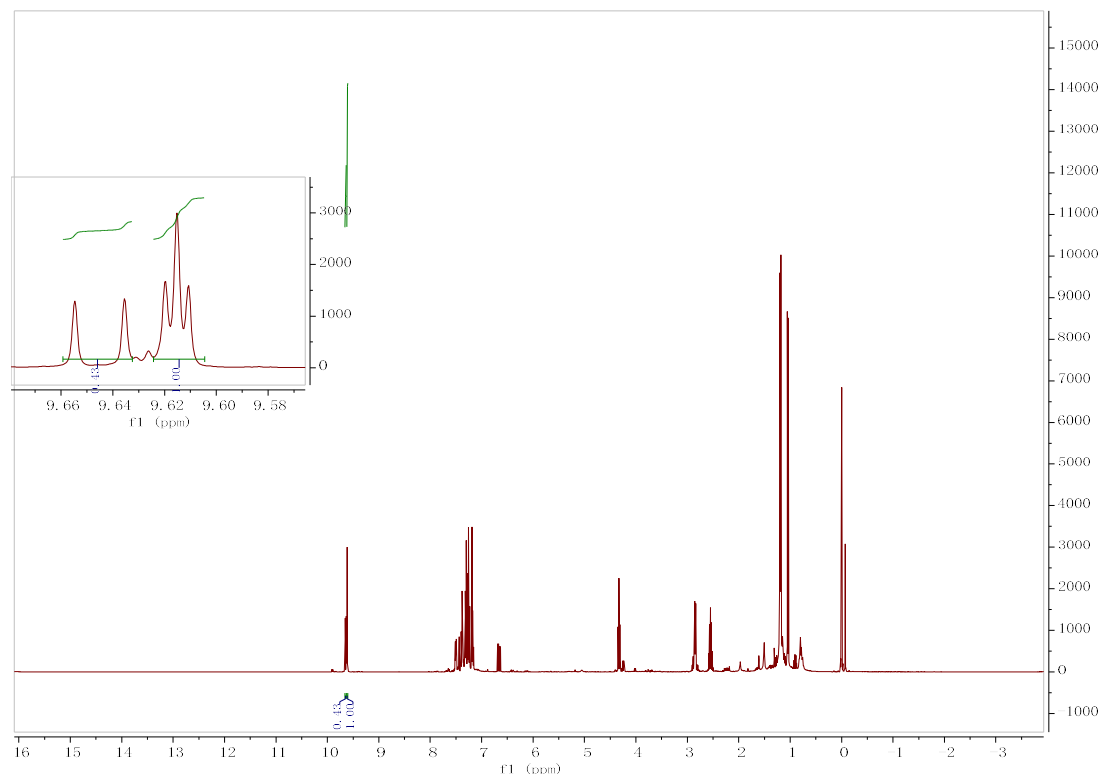
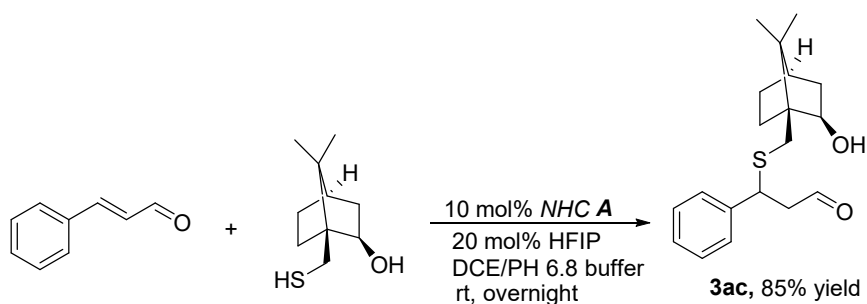


Fig.1 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of the crude reaction mixture of **3j**

5. 1 NHC-catalyzed Michael addition between mercaptoisoborneol and cinnamaldehyde

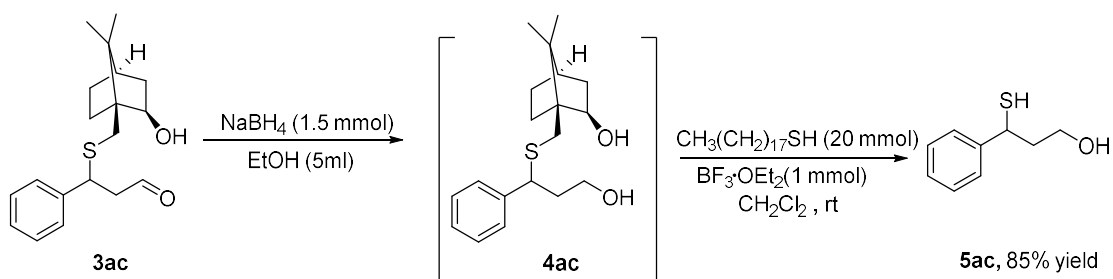
3ac was prepared according to **General Procedure B**.

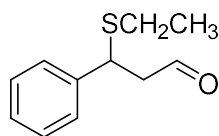


5. 2 Reduction and deprotection of compound **3ac**

To a solution of **3ac** (1 mmol) in anhydrous EtOH (10.0 mL) was added NaBH_4 (1.5 mmol) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and after the addition of NaBH_4 , the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 2.0 hours. The reaction was quenched with water

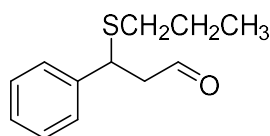
(30 ml) at 0 ° and extracted with DCM (3×20 ml), the combined organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum to give intermediate **4ac**, which was used directly in the next step. Intermediate **4ac** was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (12.0 mL), and then, BF₃•OEt₂ (1.0 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until full consumption of **4ac** (about 3 hours). n-Octadecylmercaptan (20.0 mmol) was then added and the resultant mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, and dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) gave the product **5ac**.





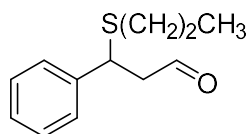
3-(Ethylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3a) ¹

Pale yellow oil; 37.7 mg, 97% yield; R_f (PE/DCM = 2/1): 0.35; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.42–2.24 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.50, 141.33, 128.71, 127.64, 127.53, 49.76, 42.89, 25.19, 14.29.



3-Phenyl-3-(propylthio)propanal (3b)

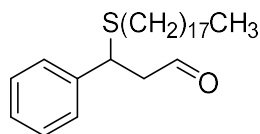
Colorless oil; 37.5 mg, 90% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.35; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (ddd, J = 7.6, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.55, 141.39, 128.70, 127.65, 127.52, 49.85, 43.16, 33.25, 22.46; FTIR (film) 3430, 3029, 2962, 2727, 1724, 1679, 1491, 1454, 1385, 1293, 1240, 1123, 1051, 751, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{OS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 209.0995, found 209.0999.



3-(Butylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3c) ²

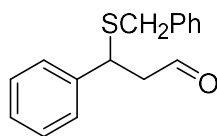
Colorless oil; 36.0 mg, 81% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.35; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.56,

141.36, 128.69, 127.65, 127.52, 49.83, 43.21, 31.17, 30.90, 21.93, 13.60.



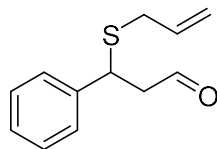
3-(Octadecylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3d)

Colorless oil; 68.5 mg, 82%^b yield; **R_f** (PE/DCM = 3/1): 0.21; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.70 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 30H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.56, 141.38, 128.69, 127.65, 127.52, 49.83, 43.24, 31.94, 31.25, 29.71, 29.68, 29.65, 29.58, 29.46, 29.38, 29.14, 29.10, 28.82, 22.71, 14.14. FTIR (film) 3435, 3029, 2923, 2852, 1727, 1454, 1384, 1053, 911, 748, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₄₇OS⁺ (M+H)⁺ 419.3342, found 419.3347.



3-(Benzylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3e)³

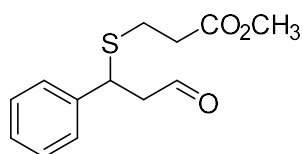
Pale yellow oil; 46.6 mg, 91% yield; **R_f** (PE/DCM = 1/1): 0.35; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.89 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 3.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.39, 140.88, 128.94, 128.77, 128.52, 127.89, 127.67, 127.15, 49.58, 42.75, 35.57.



3-(Allylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3f)

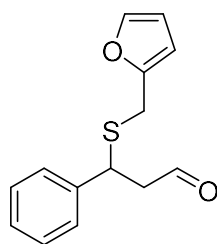
Pale yellow oil; 36.3 mg, 88% yield; **R_f** (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.35; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.67 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 5.81 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.87 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.41, 141.02, 133.92, 128.74, 127.87, 127.61, 117.60, 49.68, 42.10, 34.13. FTIR (film) 3429, 3082, 3029, 2914, 2827, 2727, 1724, 1635, 1453, 1403, 1230, 991, 919, 751, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₅OS⁺ (M+H)⁺ 207.0838, found 207.0838.



Methyl 3-((3-oxo-1-phenylpropyl)thio)propanoate (3g)

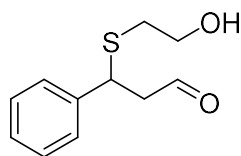
Colorless oil; 42.0 mg, 83% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 5/1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.68 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (td, J = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.12, 172.15, 140.89, 128.84, 127.77, 127.67, 51.81, 49.71, 43.35, 34.14, 26.14; FTIR (film) 3441, 2923, 1723, 1436, 1360, 1171, 1055, 751, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₃S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 253.0893, found 253.0889.



3-((Furan-2-ylmethyl)thio)-3-phenylpropanal (3h)

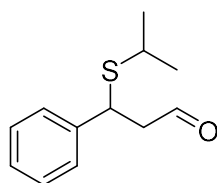
Colorless oil; 45.3 mg, 92% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.35; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.30 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.21, 151.16, 142.21, 140.57, 128.78, 127.90, 127.74, 110.44, 107.73, 49.47, 42.88, 27.64; FTIR (film) 3463, 2728, 1723, 1638, 1502, 1384, 1150, 1010, 934, 740, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS

(ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{15}O_2S^+$ ($M+H$) $^+$ 247.0787, found 247.0786.



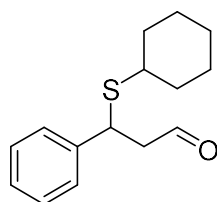
3-((2-Hydroxyethyl)thio)-3-phenylpropanal (3i)

Colorless oil; 36.8 mg, 87%^b yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 1/1): 0.15; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.70 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.55 (m, 3H), 2.99 (dt, J = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.17, 141.13, 128.88, 127.80, 127.64, 60.64, 49.99, 42.71, 34.37. FTIR (film) 3428, 2919, 1721, 1453, 1384, 1057, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2S^+$ ($M+H$) $^+$ 211.0787, found 211.0779.



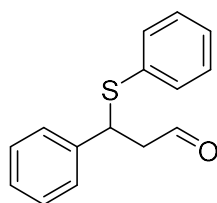
3-(Isopropylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3j)

Colorless oil; 31.7 mg, 76%^b yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.35; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.68 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.67 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.56, 128.72, 127.60, 127.47, 50.19, 42.36, 34.55, 23.48, 22.90; FTIR (film) 3028, 2960, 2929, 2866, 2725, 2359, 1724, 1679, 1453, 1246, 1055, 752, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}OS^+$ ($M+H$) $^+$ 209.0995, found 209.0993.



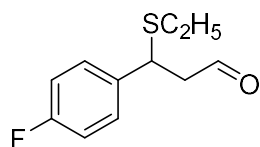
3-(Cyclohexylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3k)

Pale yellow oil; 38.3 mg, 77%^b yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.33; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.68 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dt, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.40 – 1.11 (m, 5H), 0.94 – 0.80 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.70, 128.69, 127.55, 127.42, 50.27, 43.06, 41.81, 33.63, 33.14, 25.89, 25.75, 25.68. FTIR (film) 3436, 2929, 1724, 1637, 1449, 1384, 1073, 908, 734 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{OS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 249.1308, found 249.1307.



3-Phenyl-3-(phenylthio)propanal (3m)⁴

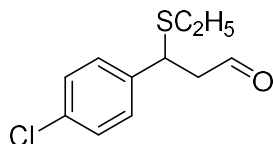
Pale yellow oil; 26.1 mg, 54%^b yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.29; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 4.69 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, J = 7.2, 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.45, 140.44, 133.40, 129.06, 128.93, 128.63, 127.99, 127.67, 49.22, 47.26.



3-(Ethylthio)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanal (3n)

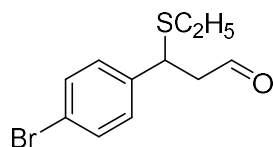
Colorless oil; 39.9 mg, 94% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.24; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 199.14, 161.95 (d, J = 246.4 Hz), 137.14 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 115.57 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 49.97 (d, J = 0.7 Hz), 42.09, 25.20, 14.24; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.73; FTIR (film) 3430, 2969,

2928, 2828, 2730, 2360, 1725, 1683, 1601, 1509, 1224, 1159, 1124, 974, 841 cm^{-1} ;
 HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{FOS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 213.0744, found 213.0742.



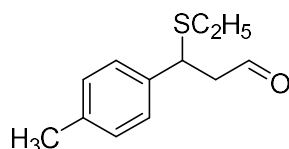
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)propanal (3o)

Yellow oil; 40.1 mg, 88% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.23; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 4H), 4.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.94, 139.99, 133.18, 129.02, 128.86, 49.79, 42.14, 25.23, 14.23. FTIR (film) 3431, 2968, 2926, 2851, 2728, 1724, 1682, 1490, 1409, 1265, 1091, 1013, 807 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 229.0448, found 229.0445.



3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)propanal (3p)⁵

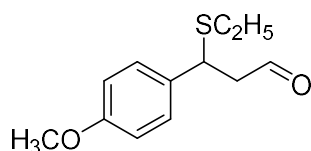
Yellow oil; 43.5 mg, 80% yield; R_f (PE/DCM = 1/1): 0.31; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.91, 140.54, 131.82, 129.38, 121.25, 49.73, 42.19, 25.23, 14.23.



3-(Ethylthio)-3-(p-tolyl)propanal (3q)

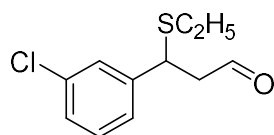
Pale yellow oil; 29.2 mg, 70% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.41; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz,

2H), 4.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dt, $J = 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 2.30 (m, 5H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.70, 138.18, 137.24, 127.50, 49.81, 42.63, 25.15, 14.29; FTIR (film) 2966, 1686, 1629, 1488, 1073, 1010, 905, 868, 728, 649 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{OS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 209.0995, found 209.0997.



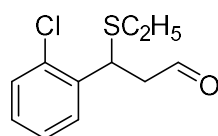
3-(Ethylthio)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanal (3r)⁶

Yellow oil; 31.4 mg, 70% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 5/1): 0.45; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.34 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dt, $J = 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.72, 158.88, 128.70, 114.05, 55.28, 49.93, 42.31, 25.12, 14.30.



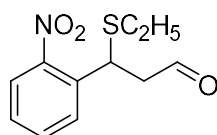
3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)propanal (3s)

Yellow oil; 36.0 mg, 79% yield; R_f (PE/DCM = 2/1): 0.38; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.83, 143.65, 134.57, 129.94, 127.75, 125.94, 49.70, 42.35, 25.32, 14.22; FTIR (film) 3434, 2970, 2931, 1724, 1629, 1384, 1079, 786 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 229.0448, found 229.0446.



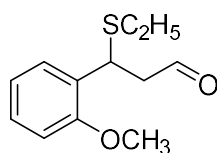
3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)propanal (3t)

Yellow oil; 34.7 mg, 76% yield; R_f (PE/DCM = 2/1): 0.38; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.72 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.97 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 7.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.15, 138.90, 133.32, 129.66, 129.00, 128.56, 127.49, 49.24, 39.02, 25.50, 14.48. FTIR (film) 3432, 2969, 2928, 1725, 1473, 1443, 1268, 1035, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOS}^+ (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 229.0448, found 229.0449.



3-(Ethylthio)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)propanal (3u)

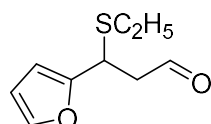
Yellow oil; 43.0 mg, 90% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 5/1): 0.23; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.72 (dd, $J = 2.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.33, 136.80, 133.21, 129.9, 128.19, 124.24, 50.10, 37.57, 25.95, 14.31. FTIR (film) 3436, 2967, 2927, 1723, 1686, 1526, 1350, 1119, 971, 785, 741 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+ (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 240.0689, found 240.0688.



3-(Ethylthio)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propanal (3v)

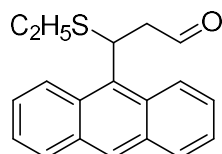
Yellow oil; 36.8 mg, 82% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 5/1): 0.51; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.90 (ddd, $J = 7.4, 2.2, 0.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 – 2.37 (m, 2H),

1.19 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.48, 156.63, 129.33, 128.42, 128.23, 120.95, 110.73, 55.51, 49.06, 36.26, 25.48, 14.45. FTIR (film) 3435, 2970, 2928, 1724, 1631, 1384, 1149, 1069, 1010, 925, 740 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 225.0944, found 225.0943.



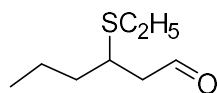
3-(Ethylthio)-3-(furan-2-yl)propanal (3w)

Pale yellow oil; 23.6 mg, 64% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 5/1): 0.42; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.75 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.49 (qd, $J = 7.4, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.11, 153.24, 142.25, 110.31, 107.06, 46.90, 35.74, 25.20, 14.37. FTIR (film) 3435, 2970, 2928, 1724, 1631, 1384, 1149, 1069, 1010, 925, 740 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 185.0631, found 185.0631.



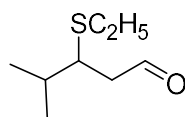
3-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(ethylthio)propanal (3x)

Yellow oil; 23.6 mg, 78% yield; R_f (PE/DCM = 1/1): 0.53; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.74 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 – 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.11 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (ddd, $J = 18.2, 7.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 18.3, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.41, 133.32, 129.77, 129.53, 128.22, 126.70, 126.16, 125.54, 125.16, 124.97, 124.88, 123.05, 51.67, 35.56, 27.82, 14.79; FTIR (film) 3435, 3050, 2924, 2360, 1720, 1681, 1445, 888, 731 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 295.1151, found 295.1152.



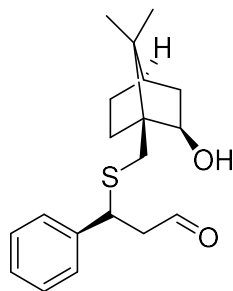
3-(Ethylthio)hexanal (3y)⁷

Colorless oil; 31.1 mg, 97% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.49; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.79 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.56 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.15, 48.84, 39.04, 37.48, 24.48, 20.03, 14.74, 13.82.



3-(Ethylthio)-4-methylpentanal (3z)⁵

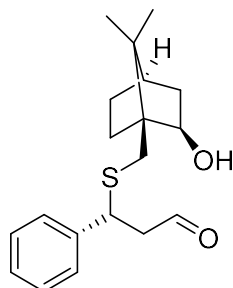
Colorless oil; 31.1 mg, 97% yield; R_f (PE/EtOAc = 10/1): 0.53; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.83 – 9.76 (m, 1H), 3.03 (ddd, J = 8.9, 5.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.54 (m, 4H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.7 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.40, 46.40, 46.37, 32.37, 26.24, 19.34, 19.27, 14.85.



(R)-3-((((1S,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-7,7-dimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)methyl)thio)-3-phenylpropanal (*syn*-3ac)

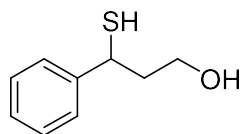
Colorless oil; 26.0 mg 31% yield. R_f (PE /EtOAc = 5/1): 0.35, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.59 (m, 6H), 1.51 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.30,

141.49, 128.95, 127.93, 127.46, 51.93, 49.65, 47.61, 44.98, 44.06, 38.95, 30.90, 30.21, 27.11, 20.59, 19.75. FTIR (film) 3435, 2931, 1723, 1453, 1388, 1265, 1072, 878, 739, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 319.1726, found 319.1722.



(R)-3-((((1S,2R,4R)-2-hydroxy-7,7-dimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)methyl)thio)-3-phenylpropanal(*anti*-3ac)

Colorless oil; 34.3 mg 54% yield. R_f (PE /EtOAc = 5/1): 0.30, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.73 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 8.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.37 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.13 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.02 – 0.96 (m, 4H), 0.71 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.51, 141.42, 128.79, 127.63, 127.46, 51.90, 49.75, 47.62, 45.13, 44.51, 39.24, 30.93, 30.83, 27.06, 20.55, 19.89. FTIR (film) 3436, 2930, 1723, 1454, 1388, 1264, 1072, 879, 739, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 319.1726, found 319.1722.



3-Mercapto-3-phenylpropan-1-ol(5ac)

Colorless oil; 94% yield. R_f (Pet. ether /EtOAc = 3/1): 0.20, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.21 (td, J = 7.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.96 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.38, 128.77, 127.34, 126.87, 60.61, 42.04, 40.59.

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