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## **Supporting Information**

# Metal-free cascade reaction of β-halo-α,β-unsaturated aldehyde and 1,4-dithiane-2,5-diol: synthesis of polycyclic 2-formylthiophenes

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Experimental data and copies of <sup>1</sup>H , <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS spectra of all products

#### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Information. All reactions involving oxygen- or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out under argon atmosphere using oven-dried or flame-dried glassware. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using aluminium-backed silica gel plates (0.2 mm thickness); the chromatograms were visualized first with ultraviolet light (254 nm) and then by immersion in solutions of *p*-anisaldehyde followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (100-200 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature on a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer (125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). IR spectra were recorded on a spectrophotometer using CHCl<sub>3</sub>. HRMS data were recorded by electronspray ionization with a Q-TOF mass analyzer.

# General experimental procedure for the synthesis of 2-formylthiophenes from $\beta$ -halo- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde and 1,4-dithiane-2,5-diol



1,5,7-Triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene bound to polystyrene **B-5** (1 g; ~3 mmol/g loading) was added to a 50 mL round-bottom flask containing  $\beta$ -halo- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde (1 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,5-dithiane-1,4-dithiol (0.5 mmol; 0.5 equiv), EtOAc (7 mL). The resultant mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 4 hrs and monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). The reaction was terminated by filtering the supported base from the reaction mixture. The recovered base was washed with aq. NaOH solution (0.5 N; 10 mL) followed by ethanol (10 mL) and dried at 80 °C for 6 hrs. Then, the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent.

#### Characterization data of polycyclic 2-formylthiophenes:

#### 4,5-Dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3a

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3a** (0.190 g, 89% yield) as brown gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.48$  % (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 3H), 2.74-2.94 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.6, 146.3, 140.4, 138.1, 136.6, 135.7, 130.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.2, 124.1, 29.6, 28.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1659, 1494, 1460, 1218, 1122, 772, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 215.0531 found: 215.0759

#### 6-Methoxy-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3b

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3b** (0.227 g, 93% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.4$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 110-114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.85 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.8, 156.7, 146.3, 140.5, 138.2, 136.7, 131.1, 127.6, 123.9, 116.7, 111.1, 55.6, 23.1, 20.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2929, 1660, 1582, 1539, 1432, 1361, 1258, 1218, 1020, 772, 666cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.0636; found: 245.0697.

#### 7-Methoxy-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3c

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3c** (0.212 g, 87% yield) as greenish yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.4$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 67-72 °C ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.87 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.78-3.01 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.4, 160.3, 146.7, 139.2, 137.7, 136.9, 136.4, 125.5, 123.2, 113.9, 112.3, 55.3, 29.1, 23.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2922, 1656, 1604, 1575, 1418, 1308, 1284, 1220, 1141, 1109, 1036, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> :245.0636; found: 245.0697.

#### 8-Methoxy-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3d

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3d** (0.198 g, 81% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.4$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 73-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.85 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J*=2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>=2.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>=8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.80-2.95 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.7, 158.7, 146.3, 140.4, 138.5, 136.7, 131.1, 129.2, 127.9, 114.6, 109.3, 55.4, 29.6, 27.8 ; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2922, 1656, 1605, 1574, 1450, 1418, 1285, 1236, 1142, 1039, 865 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 245.0636; found: 245.0729.

#### 8-Fluoro-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3e

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3e** (0.209 g, 90% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.42$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 126-131 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J_I$ =5.6 Hz,  $J_2$ =8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J_I$ =2.6 Hz,  $J_2$ =9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dt,  $J_I$ =2.6 Hz,  $J_2$ =8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83-3.01 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.7, 161.8 (d, J=244.8 Hz), 145.0 (d, J=2.7 Hz), 141.1, 138.8, 136.5, 131.8 (d, J=8.3 Hz), 131.3 (d, J=2.9 Hz), 129.7 (d, J=7.9 Hz), 115.0 (d, J=21.4 Hz), 110.9 (d, J=23.0 Hz), 28.0, 23.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2946, 1651, 1610, 1586, 1489, 1463, 1403, 1358, 1290, 1241, 1220, 1112, 867 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.0436; found: 233.0470.

#### 6,8-Dimethoxy-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3f

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (9% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3f** (0.258g, 94% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.36$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 135-141 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**):  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.94 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**125** MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.5, 149.7, 148.0, 146.9, 139.2, 136.9, 136.6, 129.0, 122.8, 111.3, 107.2, 56.1, 55.9, 28.5, 23.7; **IR** (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2928, 1655, 1607, 1512, 1458, 1436, 1393, 1343, 1245, 1214, 1146, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for** C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 275.0742; found: 275.0746.

#### 6,8-Dimethyl-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3g

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3g** (0.211 g, 87% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.47$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp 121-127 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H ), 7.55 (s, 1H ), 7.18 (s, 1H ), 6.98 (s, 1H ), 2.78-2.97 (m, 4H ), 2.32 (s, 3H ), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.6, 147.2, 140.3, 137.7, 136.6, 136.2, 135.8, 132.0, 131.1, 129.9, 122.7, 24.3, 23.5, 20.9, 19.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2919, 1657, 1425, 1361, 1249, 1175, 1133, 873, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 243.0844; found: 243.0841.

#### 5-Methyl-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3h

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3h** (0.207 g, 91% yield) as brown solid;  $R_f = 0.46$  % (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); mp 69-75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.76 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J*=7.3 H<sub>Z</sub>, 1H), 7.15-7.24 (m, 3H), 3.00-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd,  $J_I = 6.3 H_Z$ ,  $J_2 = 15.5 H_Z$ , 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J_I = 6.4 H_Z$ ,  $J_2 = 15.5 H_Z$ , 1H), 1.16 (d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.7, 145.7, 140.7, 140.4, 137.2, 136.8, 129.4, 129.2, 127.1, 127.0, 124.3, 33.1, 31.2, 20.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2922, 1661, 1464, 1425, 1284, 1235, 1144, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 229.0687 found: 229.0756.

#### 5,6-Dihydro-4H-benzo[6,7]cyclohepta[1,2-b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3i

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3i** (0.176 g, 77% yield) as yellow sticky solid,  $R_f = 0.46$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.85 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 3H), 2.57-2.70 (m, 4H), 2.17-2.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.7, 149.1, 140.9, 140.7, 140.4, 138.5, 133.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 32.6, 32.5, 26.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3584, 2929, 1664, 1427, 1248, 1220, 1138 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 229.0687; found: 229.0725.

#### 5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-4H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3j

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3j** (0.117 g, 65% yield) as brown liquid;  $R_f$ = 0.48 % (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.57 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 2.50-2.83 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.83 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.5, 152.7, 142.8, 139.5, 138.0, 32.2, 30.9, 30.5, 27.7, 27.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 2923, 2850, 1665, 1453, 1241, 1159 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C**<sub>10</sub>**H**<sub>13</sub>**OS [M+H]**<sup>+</sup>: 181.0687 found: 181.0738

#### 4,5,6,7,8,9-Hexahydrocycloocta[b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3k

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3k** (0.140 g, 72% yield) as brown liquid;  $R_f$ = 0.47 % (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.67 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 2.28-2.96 (m, 4H), 1.04-1.68 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.3, 151.1, 140.6, 139.3, 138.4, 31.7, 30.7, 27.4, 26.7, 25.4, 25.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2926, 2852, 1661, 1455, 1405, 1239, 1214, 1149, 1074, 853 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 195.0844 found: 195.0926

#### 4*H*-Thieno[3,2-*c*]chromene-2-carbaldehyde; 3l<sup>1</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **31** (0.168 g, 78% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.42$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 103-105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.86 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.4, 153.1, 142.5, 141.8, 132.9, 132.0, 131.3, 124.1, 122.4, 119.1, 117.1, 65.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2922, 1660, 1467, 1440, 1233, 1147, 1112, 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 217.0323; found: 217.0397.

#### 4H-Thieno[3,2-c]thiochromene-2-carbaldehyde; 3m

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3m** (0.137 g, 59% yield) as yellow sticky solid,  $R_f = 0.46$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.86 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.28 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.5, 146.1, 140.9, 135.4, 132.3, 129.4, 129.3, 127.8, 126.5, 125.7, 25.9 one peak is missing due to overlap; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3583, 1663, 1453, 1220, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.0095; found: 233.0095.

#### 5-Phenylthiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3n<sup>2</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3n** (0.135 g, 72% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.47$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 75-78 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.50 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.9, 154.3, 142.3, 137.5, 132.9, 129.4, 129.1, 126.3, 124.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1655, 1454, 1441, 1222, 1062, 807, 772, 755, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 189.0374; found: 189.0473.

#### 5-(p-Tolyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 30<sup>3</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **30** (0.139 g, 69% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.42$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 81-84 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz,1H), 7.56 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.8, 154.6, 141.8, 139.7, 137.6, 130.2, 129.8, 126.3, 123.5, 21.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2923, 1655, 1452, 1225, 1054, 803 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 203.0531; found: 203.0607.

#### 5-(4-Fluorophenyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3p<sup>4</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3p** (0.111g, 54% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.44$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes), mp: 100-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J*= 3.9 H<sub>Z</sub>, 1H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J*= 3.9 H<sub>Z</sub>, 1H), 7.07-7.18 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.8, 163.4 (d, *J*=250.3 Hz), 153.0, 142.4, 137.5, 129.3 (d, *J*=3.5 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 124.1, 116.3 (d, *J*=21.9 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2922, 1646, 1447, 1234, 1162, 1063, 811 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 207.0280; found: 207.0333.

#### 5-(4-Nitrophenyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3q<sup>5</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (30% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **3q** (0.119g, 51% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.5$  (in 40% ethyl acetate/ hexane), mp 164-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.8, 150.4, 147.8, 144.5, 139.0,

137.1, 126.9, 126.3, 124.6; **IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):** 1674, 1512, 1342, 1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for** C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 234.0225; found: 234.0226.

#### 5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3r<sup>6</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3r** (0.172 g, 74% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.43$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 125-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.86 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>*=1.8 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J*=1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.6, 154.2, 148.7, 148.3, 141.5, 137.5, 127.2, 123.3, 120.7, 108.8, 106.6, 101.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1651, 1454, 1220, 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.0272; found: 233.0314.

#### 5-(4-Cyclohexylphenyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3s

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3s** (0.184 g, 68% yield) as yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.45$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 116-118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.89 (m, 6H), 1.24-1.42 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.8, 154.6, 149.8, 141.9, 137.6, 130.5, 127.6, 126.4, 123.6, 44.3, 34.2, 26.7, 25.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2850, 1664, 1454, 1220, 1061, 803 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 271.1157; found: 271.1227.

#### 5-(Naphthalen-2-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde; 3t<sup>7</sup>

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3t** (0.145 g, 61% yield) as brown solid,  $R_f = 0.43$  (10% ethyl acetate in hexane); mp 44-49 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1H), 8.05-8.24 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>=1.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.9, 152.3, 143.4, 136.6, 133.7, 131.0, 130.9, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 125.2, 124.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1662, 1450, 1220, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 239.0531; found: 239.0537.

### (6βS,8αS,12αS,12βR)-4-Methoxy-8α-methyl-2,6β,7,8,8α,12,12α,12β-octahydro-1Hnaphtho[2',1':4,5]indeno[1,2-b]thiophene-10-carbaldehyde; 3u

Flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) gave **3u** (0.232 g, 66% yield) as brown solid; mp 172-176 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>*=2.7 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>*=8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J*=2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.87-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.78 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>*=6.4 Hz, *J<sub>I</sub>*=14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29-2.56 (m, 3H); 2.13-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.92-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.90 (m, 3H), 1.45-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  182.7, 166.1, 157.5, 144.9, 144.5, 137.6, 132.7, 132.0, 126.0, 113.8, 111.5, 60.1, 55.1, 45.9, 43.9, 37.6, 35.1, 29.5, 28.5, 27.5, 26.2, 19.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2929, 2853, 1664, 1609, 1499, 1461, 1425, 1252, 1154, 1129 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (+ESI) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 353.1575 found: 353.1577

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#### Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all thiophene products

































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