## **Supporting Information**

# **Regiodivergent Radical Oxidative Coupling of Vinyl Ethers** with Dithiane by Copper or Iron Catalysis

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#### 1. General information

Analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used as received. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Flash chromatography columns were generally performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) in petroleum (bp. 60-90 °C) and reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel GF254 plates with UV light to visualize the course of reaction. All new compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR, HRMS. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data were recorded with Bruker 300 MHz with tetramethylsilane as internal standard. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. All chemical shifts are reported relative to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.00 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C). IR spectra were obtained with neat thin films on a sodium chloride disk and were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer. Data are represented as follows: frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using electrospray ionization (ESI).

#### 2. Experimental section

#### 2.1 General procedure for α-dithianyl aldehydes 3a-3s



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane 2 (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then **1a-1s** (0.3 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1-8 h until the reaction was complete (as determined by TLC analysis). Reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate (3×3 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and then the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 1: 50~2: 50) to yield the product **3a-3s**.

#### 2.2 General procedure for 2-substituted dithiane derivatives 4



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane 2 (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then 1 (0.3 mmol) and FeCl<sub>3</sub> (4.9 mg, 0.03 mmol) were added at reaction temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h until the reaction was complete (as determined by TLC analysis). Reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate (3×3 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and then the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 1: 100~1: 50) to yield the product 4.

#### 3. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

	OMe + SSS 1a 2	oxidant/cat. NCS (1.2 eq) solvent, temp	СНО За	or S 4a	
Entry	Oxidant/Cat (x mol %)	Temp (°C)	Solvent	3a (%) <sup>b</sup>	4a (%)
1	none	rt	DCE	38	
2	none	rt	THF	-	-
3	CuCl (5)	rt	DCE	43	-
4	CuI (5)	rt	DCE	60	-
5	CuBr (5)	rt	DCE	73	-
6	$Cu(OAc)_2(5)$	rt	DCE	51	-
7	$CuBr_2(5)$	rt	DCE	47	-
8	$Cu(OTf)_2(5)$	rt	DCE	55	-
9	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	DCE	90	-
10	CuCl <sub>2</sub> (15)	rt	DCE	88	-
11	CuO (5)	rt	DCE	64	-
12	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	THF	-	-
13	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	toluene	32	-
14	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	84	-
15	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	CCl <sub>4</sub>	43	-

16	$CuCl_2(5)$	rt	DMF	-	-
17	DTBP (200)	rt	DCE	44	-
18	TBHP (200)	rt	DCE	trace	-
19	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (15)	50	DCE	-	89
20	$FeCl_2$ ·4H <sub>2</sub> O (15)	50	DCE	-	43
21	$Fe(acac)_3$ (15)	50	DCE	-	52
22	MsOH (80)	50	DCE	-	75
23	TsOH (80)	50	DCE	-	63
24	BF <sub>3</sub> Et <sub>2</sub> O (20)	50	DCE	-	55

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: 1,3-dithiane (**2**, 0.2 mmol), NCS (0.24 mmol), vinyl ether (**1a**, 0.3 mmol) and Oxidant/Cat (*x* mol %) in 2 mL of solvent at 50 °C or room temperature for 1-8 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup>Not detected or isolated.

#### 4. General Procedure for the Gram Scale Experiment



To a flame-dried 100 mL flask were sequentially added 1,3-dithiane (1.2 g, 10 mmol) and NCS (1.6 g, 12 mmol), DCE (60 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 mins. Then 1a (2.0 g, 15 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (67.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h until TLC analysis showed the reaction was completed. Reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (120 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and purified by the flash chromatography to afford the desired product in 79% yield.

#### 5. Mechanistic Experiments



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane **2** (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then ROH (R = Me, *t*-Bu;

0.6 mmol), **1a** (40 mg, 0.3 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 8 h. Then reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate (3×3 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and purified by the flash chromatography to afford **4a** product (R = Me, 74% yield; R = *t*-Bu, 65% yield).



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane **2** (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (7.2  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol), **1q** (38 mg, 0.3 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 8 h. Then reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate (3×3 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and purified by the flash chromatography to afford **3q** product in 34% yield.



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane **2** (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then **6q** (34 mg, 0.3 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 8 h. Then reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 3$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 1,3-dithiane **2** (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NCS (32 mg, 0.24 mmol), DCE (2 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min. Then TEMPO (62 mg, 0.4 mmol), **1a** (40 mg, 0.3 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 8 h. Then reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 3$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a** (40 mg, 0.3 mmol) and FeCl<sub>3</sub> (4.9 mg, 0.03 mmol) were added at reaction temperature in solvent (2 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h until the reaction was complete (as determined by TLC analysis). Reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3\times3$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and purified by the flash chromatography to afford the desired product in 80% yield.

#### 6. Characterization of synthesized compounds



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-phenylacetaldehyde (3a):** Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.25$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 125-126; isolated yield 90% (43 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.72 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.77 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 1.77 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 132.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 62.3, 45.7, 29.4, 29.3, 25.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3055 (w), 2927 (m), 2853 (w), 1673 (s), 1598 (w), 1579 (w), 1558 (m), 1443 (m), 1421 (m), 1355 (w), 1265 (s), 1195 (w), 1027 (w), 895

(w), 871 (w), 736 (m), 704 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for  $C_{12}H_{15}OS_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 239.0564, found: 239.0565.



**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)acetaldehyde (3b):** Yellow oil;  $R_f$ = 0.21 (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 87% (47 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.73 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.79 (m, 4H), 2.14 – 1.88 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.3, 134.5, 131.2, 130.7, 129.2, 61.6, 46.0, 29.7, 29.6, 25.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3054 (w), 2928 (m), 2720 (w), 1722 (m), 1678 (s), 1572 (w), 1552 (w), 1489 (s), 1421 (w), 1357 (w),

1264 (w), 1197 (w), 1093 (m), 1014 (m), 909 (w), 872 (m), 838 (m), 759 (w), 737 (m), 569 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0175, found: 273.0179.



2720 (w), 1717 (s), 1669 (m), 1582 (w), 1510 (s), 1422 (m), 1304 (m), 1180 (m), 1030 (m), 907 (w), 830 (m), 735 (m), 656 (w), 607 (w), 543 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.0670, found: 269.0673.



**2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)acetaldehyde (3d):** Yellow oil;  $R_f$ = 0.19 (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 84% (46 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.71 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 2.11 – 1.86 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.1, 134.8, 134.7, 130.1, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 61.8, 45.7, 29.5, 29.3, 25.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3056 (w), 2904 (m), 2828 (m), 2721 (w), 1723 (m), 1668 (s), 1594 (m), 1421 (m), 1298 (w), 1264

(m), 1196 (w), 1082 (w), 999 (w), 876 (m), 792 (m), 735 (s), 692 (m), 480 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0175, found: 273.0180.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetaldehyde (3e):** Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.15$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 87% (47 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.70 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 4.68 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.77 (m, 4H), 2.11 – 1.87 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.4, 159.8, 134.1, 129.9, 121.4, 115.1, 113.6, 62.3, 55.2, 45.7, 29.5, 29.3, 25.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3052 (w), 3001 (w), 2935 (s), 2834 (m), 1721 (m), 1672 (s),

1487 (m), 1429 (m), 1317 (w), 1257 (m), 1167 (m), 1099 (w), 995 (w), 908 (w), 858 (m), 783 (w), 736 (m), 698 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.0670, found: 269.0674.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)acetaldehyde (3f):** Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.22$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 85% (44 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.82 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.70

(d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.13 – 1.92 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.2, 130.9, 130.2, 130.1, 124.5, 116.0, 115.7, 56.1, 44.7, 28.9, 28.7, 25.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3055 (w), 2916 (m), 2829 (w), 1723 (m), 1673 (s), 1568 (m), 1487 (m), 1450 (m), 1354 (w), 1265 (m), 1225 (m), 1187 (w), 1082 (m), 910 (w), 872 (m), 825 (m), 757 (m), 736 (s), 702 (m), 680 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.0470, found: 257.0472.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acetaldehyde (3g):** Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.18$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 88% (47 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.91 – 2.76 (m, 4H), 2.10 – 1.87 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.8, 157.1, 130.9, 129.5, 122.6, 120.6, 110.9, 57.2, 55.4, 44.6, 29.0, 28.8, 25.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3049 (w), 3004 (w), 2936 (s), 2902 (m), 2836 (m), 2724 (w), 1721 (s), 1672 (m),

1598 (m), 1422 (w), 1333 (w), 1247 (m), 1026 (m), 938 (w), 908 (m), 870 (w), 752 (m), 702 (w), 508 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.0670, found: 269.0675.



**2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propanal (3h):** Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.24$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 81% (46 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.61 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.10 – 2.70 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.1, 139.2, 134.8, 129.9, 128.1, 127.7, 125.6, 57.3, 54.4, 31.3, 25.5, 16.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3075 (w), 2983 (w), 2937 (w), 2902 (m), 2828 (w), 1729 (s), 1593 (m), 1570 (m), 1479 (m), 1421 (m), 1266 (m), 1196 (w), 1100 (w), 998 (w), 933 (w), 907 (m),

788 (m), 737 (s), 691 (m), 668 (w), 441 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0331, found: 287.0333.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanal (3i):**<sup>1</sup> White solid;  $R_f = 0.28$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 107-108; isolated yield 95% (48 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.05 – 2.75 (m, 4H), 2.15 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.6, 136.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.3, 57.4, 54.5, 31.3, 31.2, 25.6, 15.8; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3067 (w), 2979 (m), 2951 (m), 2885 (s), 2825 (m), 2723 (w), 1727 (s), 1493 (m), 1443 (m), 1391 (w), 1279 (m), 1246 (w), 935 (m), 904 (m), 879 (m), 781 (w), 698 (m); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for

C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 253.0721, found: 253.0726.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)propanal (3j):** White solid;  $R_f = 0.27$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 88-89; isolated yield 90% (48 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.28 – 2.83 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.5, 137.6, 133.7, 129.4, 127.1, 57.0, 54.5, 31.2, 31.2, 25.5, 20.9, 15.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3025 (w), 2981 (m), 2900 (m), 2826 (m), 2715 (w), 1723 (s), 1670 (w), 1512 (m), 1421 (m), 1372 (m), 1276 (m), 1186 (w), 1068 (w), 906 (m), 812 (m), 779

(w), 701 (w), 634 (w), 544 (w), 514 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for  $C_{14}H_{19}OS_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 267.0877,



**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propanal (3k):** White solid;  $R_f = 0.28$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 112-113; isolated yield 87% (50 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.08 – 2.71 (m, 4H), 2.22 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.2, 135.5, 133.9, 128.8, 128.7, 57.0, 54.3, 31.2, 25.4, 16.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020 (w), 2935 (w), 2900 (w), 2825 (w), 1726 (s), 1669 (w), 1493 (m), 1421 (w), 1276 (w), 1097 (m), 1011 (m), 928 (w), 906 (w), 822 (w), 723 (w), 517

(w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0331, found: 287.0334.



**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(1,3-dithian-2-yl)propanal (31):** White solid;  $R_f = 0.25$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 116-117; isolated yield 85% (56 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.21 – 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.2, 136.0, 131.8, 129.1, 122.3, 57.1, 54.4, 31.2, 25.5, 16.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3014 (w), 2987 (w), 2948 (w), 2902 (s), 2817 (m), 2710 (w), 1724 (s), 1491 (m), 1458 (w), 1399 (m), 1277 (m), 1083 (m), 1008 (m),

904 (m), 814 (m), 703 (w), 654 (m), 522 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 330.9826, found: 330.9831.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)propanal (3m):** White solid;  $R_f = 0.26$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 89-90; isolated yield 84% (45 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.59 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.03 – 2.75 (m, 4H), 2.14 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.4, 163.8, 160.5, 132.7, 129.2, 115.8, 115.5, 56.9, 54.5, 31.2, 31.2, 25.5, 16.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3071 (w), 2980 (w), 2896 (m), 2833 (w), 1725 (s), 1598 (m), 1509 (s), 1455 (w), 1410 (m), 1373 (w), 1277 (m), 1200 (m), 1167

(m), 946 (w), 832 (m), 778 (w), 737 (m), 703 (w), 532 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 271.0627, found: 271.0630.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanal (3n):** White solid;  $R_f = 0.24$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 138-139; isolated yield 91% (55 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.70 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.11 – 2.76 (m, 4H), 2.23 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.7, 134.4, 133.1, 132.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 126.4, 124.6, 57.6, 54.5, 31.3, 25.6, 16.2; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3056 (w), 2982 (w), 2935 (w), 2899 (w), 2825 (w), 1725 (s), 1597 (w), 1506 (w), 1421

(w), 1276 (m), 1183 (w), 947 (w), 908 (w), 748 (m), 658 (w), 477 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.0877, found: 303.0880.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)-2-phenylbutanal (30):** Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.38$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 84% (45 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.83 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 6.92 (m, 5H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.20 – 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.31 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.52

(m, 2H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.8, 135.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 61.1, 52.5, 31.3, 31.1, 26.0, 25.5, 8.4; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3057 (w), 3025 (w), 2968 (m), 2935 (s), 2829 (m), 1724 (s), 1668 (m), 1495 (m), 1421 (m), 1276 (m), 1181 (w), 1002 (w), 909 (m), 758 (m), 700 (s), 555 (m); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 267.0877, found: 267.0875.



3p

1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)cyclopentane-1-carbaldehyde (3p): Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.32$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 83% (36 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 2.99 – 2.83 (m, 4H), 2.22 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.69 – 1.49 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.3, 61.4, 54.4, 31.1, 30.4, 25.8, 25.7; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2952 (s), 2902 (m), 2868 (m), 2827 (w), 2726 (w), 1722 (s), 1449 (m), 1422 (m), 1390 (w), 1276 (m), 1183 (w), 1001 (w), 909 (m), 882 (w), 866 (w), 778 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.0721, found: 217.0724.



1-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)cyclohexane-1-carbaldehyde (3q):<sup>2</sup> Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.45$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 86% (40 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.11 – 2.69 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.46 – 1.05 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.5, 55.3, 53.1, 31.4, 29.0, 25.9, 25.2, 22.3; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3053 (w), 2936 (s), 2857 (m), 2711 (w), 1724 (s), 1671 (w), 1451 (m), 1423 (m), 1348 (w), 1265 (s), 1192 (w), 963 (w), 907 (m), 832 (w), 737 (s), 704 (m), 660 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 231.0877, found: 231.0872.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)acetaldehyde (3r):**<sup>3</sup> Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.21$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 93% (30 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.75 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, J =6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.80 (m, 4H), 2.21 – 1.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.0, 48.1, 40.0, 29.9, 24.9; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2900 (m), 2828 (m), 2731 (w), 1722 (s), 1422 (m), 1336 (w), 1277 (w), 1244 (w), 1175 (w), 1029 (w), 908 (m), 772 (w), 659 (w), 534 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 163.0251, found: 163.0254.



**2-(1,3-Dithian-2-yl)propanal (3s):**<sup>4</sup> Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.34$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 85% (30 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.70 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J =5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.80 (m, 4H), 2.79 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 201.1, 50.2, 48.0, 30.1, 30.0, 25.3, 11.3; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3052 (w), 2935 (m), 2904 (m), 2830 (m), 2727 (w), 1724 (s), 1670 (w), 1423

(m), 1375 (w), 1266 (w), 1185 (w), 946 (w), 908 (m), 736 (s), 703 (m), 658 (w); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 177.0408, found: 177.0405.



**2-Benzyl-1,3-dithiane (4a):**<sup>5</sup> Yellow oil;  $R_f = 0.53$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 89% (37 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.91 – 2.72 (m, 4H), 2.18 – 1.71 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.2, 129.1, 128.3, 126.9, 48.6, 41.7, 30.5, 25.7; IR

(neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3061 (w), 3027 (w), 2932 (m), 2899 (s), 2847 (w), 2826 (w), 1603 (w), 1496 (m), 1453 (m), 1421 (m), 1275 (m), 1242 (w), 1075 (w), 1029 (w), 941 (w), 907 (m), 740 (m), 698 (s), 663 (w), 510 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 211.0615, found: 211.0611.



**2-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1,3-dithiane (4b):**<sup>6</sup> Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.48$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 65-66; isolated yield 86% (42 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 – 2.77 (m, 4H), 2.14 – 1.81 (m, 2H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.7, 130.5, 128.5, 48.4, 41.0, 30.5, 25.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3077 (w), 2933 (m), 2899 (s), 2852 (w), 2827 (w), 1491 (s), 1422 (m), 1241 (w), 1177 (w), 1092 (m), 1015 (m), 907 (m), 867 (w), 803 (w), 765 (w), 519 (m); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.0225, found: 245.0222.



**2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1,3-dithiane (4c):**<sup>7</sup> White solid;  $R_f = 0.43$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 71-72; isolated yield 87% (42 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 – 2.75 (m, 4H), 2.16

- 1.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 130.1, 129.2, 113.6, 55.1, 48.9, 40.8, 30.5, 25.7; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3030 (w), 2996 (w), 2931 (m), 2901 (m), 2932 (w), 1611 (m), 1512 (s), 1437 (m), 1276 (s), 1246 (s), 1178 (m), 907 (w), 868 (m), 822 (m), 782 (w), 729 (w), 545 (m); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 241.0721, found: 241.0722.



**2-(1-Phenylethyl)-1,3-dithiane (4i):**<sup>8</sup> Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.53$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 91% (41 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.69 (m, 4H), 2.12 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.9, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 54.8, 44.8, 30.9, 30.5, 25.7, 18.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3059 (w), 3026 (m), 2968

(m), 2896 (s), 2827 (w), 1601 (w), 1421 (m), 1276 (m), 1179 (w), 1014 (w), 905 (w), 797 (w), 754 (m), 698 (m); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 225.0772, found: 225.0775.



**2-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1,3-dithiane (4j):**<sup>9</sup> Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.57$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 90% (43 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 4.23 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.8, 136.5, 128.9, 127.4, 55.0, 44.3, 30.9, 30.5, 25.8, 21.1, 18.6; IR

(neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020 (m), 2968 (m), 2896 (s), 2826 (w), 1514 (m), 1421 (m), 1276 (m), 1183 (w), 1046 (w), 904 (w), 816 (m), 719 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 239.0928, found: 239.0933.



**2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-1,3-dithiane (4k):** Colorless oil;  $R_f = 0.49$  (EA/PE = 1:10); isolated yield 87% (45 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.09 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.3, 132.7, 129.0, 128.3, 54.7,

44.2, 30.9, 30.6, 25.7, 18.6; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3031 (w), 2969 (m), 2931 (m), 2898 (m), 2827 (w), 1713 (w), 1492 (s), 1451 (m), 1421 (m), 1376 (w), 1275 (m), 1178 (m), 1094 (m), 1012 (m), 904 (w), 823 (m), 772 (w), 724 (w), 568 (w), 536 (m); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.0382, found: 259.0380.



**2-Cyclohexyl-1,3-dithiane (4q):**<sup>10</sup> White solid;  $R_f = 0.59$  (EA/PE = 1:10); mp (°C) 46-47; isolated yield 84% (34 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.04 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.80 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.56 (m, 6H), 1.23 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  55.3, 43.1, 30.9, 30.4, 26.4, 26.2, 26.1; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2926 (s), 2851 (s), 2662 (w), 1709 (w), 1687 (w), 1448 (s), 1421 (m), 1348 (w), 1276 (m), 1183 (m), 1112 (w), 1040 (w), 964 (w), 909 (m), 870 (w), 790 (w), 760 (m), 684 (w), 606 (w); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 203.0928, found: 203.0931.

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