

Cs₂CO₃-promoted cross-dehydrogenative coupling of thiophenols with active methylene compounds

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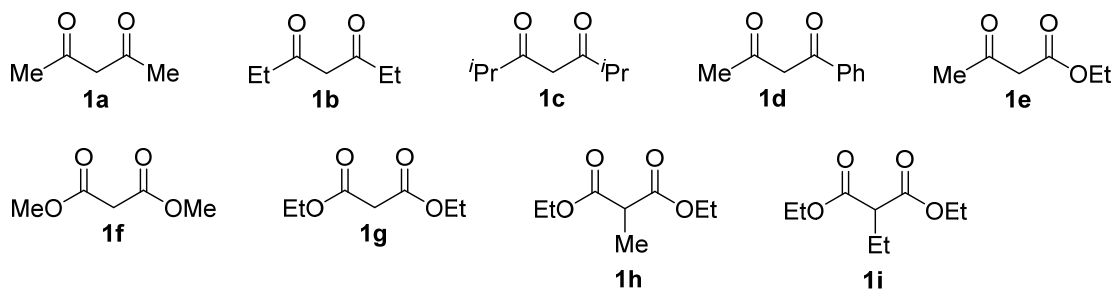
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1. General Information

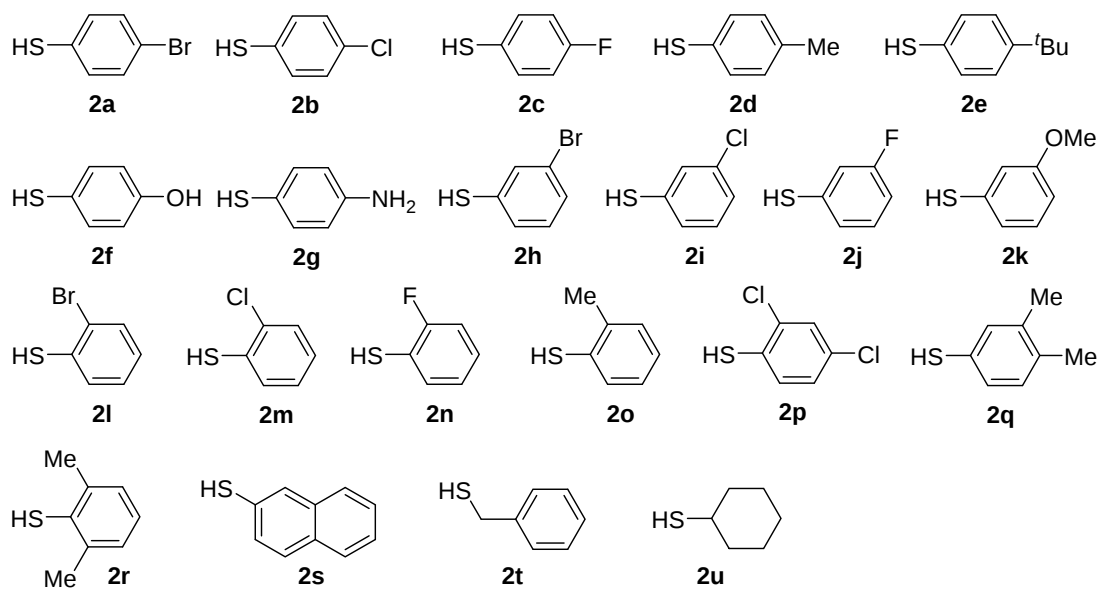
All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of air using oven-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques. Petroleum ether refers to the petroleum fraction bp 40~60 °C. Commercial reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. Flash chromatography was performed using the indicated solvent system on silica gel standard grade 60 (230–400 mesh). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 ppm) for ^1H NMR and CDCl_3 (δ 77.00 ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on ESI-TOF. Melting points (mp) were uncorrected and measured on micro melting point apparatus.

2. Overview of Substrates Numbering

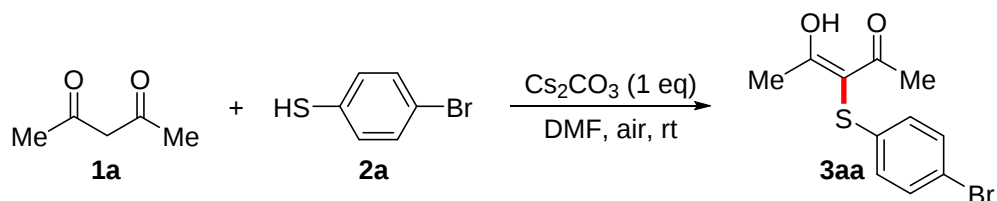
Active methylene compounds:



Thiols:



3. General Procedure for the CDC Reactions

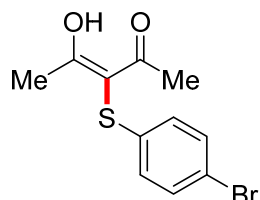


To a solution of acetylacetone **1a** (40 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 4-bromo-thiophenol **2a** (151 mg, 0.8 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added Cs₂CO₃ (130 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature under air atmosphere for 6 h. The mixture was then added to water (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. After removal of the solvent, the residue was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (99:1) to give the desired **3aa** (107 mg, 93%) as a white solid.

4. Characterizations of Compounds 3

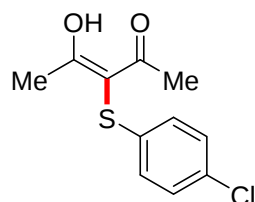
The known compounds **3aa**,¹ **3ab**,¹ **3ac**,¹ **3ad**,¹ **3ah**,¹ **3ak**,¹ **3al**,¹ **3ao**,¹ **3ba**,² **3ca**,² and **3fa**³ showed characterization data in full agreement with previously reported data.

3-(4-Bromophenylthio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (**3aa**)¹



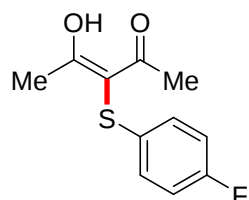
White solid (107 mg, 93%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.28 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 137.0, 132.2, 126.2, 118.8, 101.1, 24.3.

3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (**3ab**)¹



White solid (60 mg, 62%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.27 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 136.3, 131.1, 129.3, 125.9, 101.3, 24.3.

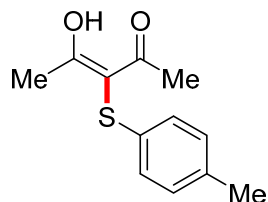
3-(4-Fluorophenylthio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (**3ac**)¹



Colorless oil (68 mg, 75%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.24 (s, 1H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 161.0

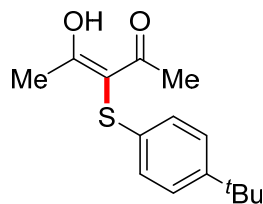
(d, $J = 243$ Hz), 132.8 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 126.5 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 102.1 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz), 24.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -117.5.

4-Hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolylthio)pent-3-en-2-one (3ad)¹



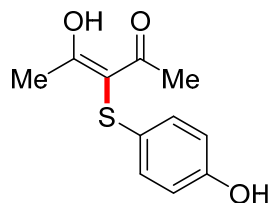
Colorless oil (77 mg, 86%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.26 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 135.0, 134.1, 129.9, 124.8, 102.0, 24.3, 20.8.

3-((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ae)



White solid (92 mg, 87%): mp 104–106 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.26 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 148.4, 134.2, 126.2, 124.6, 102.0, 34.3, 31.3, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ 287.1076; Found 287.1078.

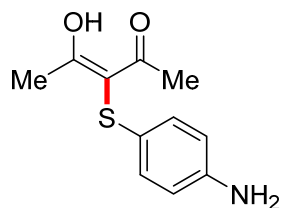
4-Hydroxy-3-((4-hydroxyphenyl)thio)pent-3-en-2-one (3af)



White solid (45 mg, 50%): mp 105–106 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.11 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.51 (brs, 1H), 2.36 (s, 6H);

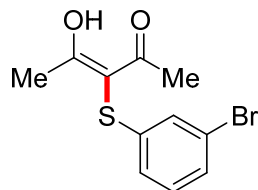
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 154.0, 128.3, 127.1, 116.4, 103.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ 247.0399; Found 247.0404.

3-((4-Aminophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ag)



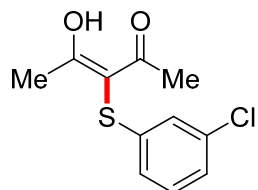
Brown oil (47 mg, 53%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.12 (brs, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (brs, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 144.7, 127.4, 125.4, 116.0, 103.7, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ 246.0559; Found 246.0561.

3-((3-Bromophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ah)¹



Colorless oil (70 mg, 61%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.30 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.98 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 140.2, 130.4, 128.2, 127.0, 123.3, 123.0, 100.7, 24.2.

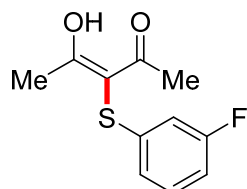
3-((3-Chlorophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ai)



Colorless oil (78 mg, 80%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.31 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.94 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.3, 140.0, 135.2, 130.2, 125.4, 124.2, 122.6, 100.8, 24.3;

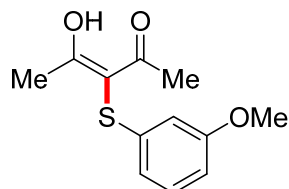
HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}ClO_2SNa$ 265.0060; Found 265.0064.

3-((3-Fluorophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3aj)



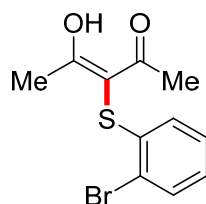
Colorless oil (81 mg, 89%): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 17.36 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.91 (m, 1H), 6.89–6.82 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.3, 163.4 (d, $J = 247$ Hz), 140.5 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 120.2 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 112.2 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 111.5 (d, $J = 24.1$ Hz), 100.9 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz), 24.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -111.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}FO_2SNa$ 249.0356; Found 249.0359.

4-Hydroxy-3-((3-methoxyphenyl)thio)pent-3-en-2-one (3ak)



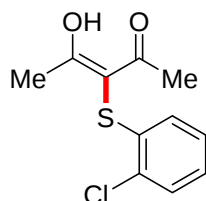
Colorless oil (73 mg, 76%): ^{12}C 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 17.27 (s, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 8.0, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68–6.66 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.63 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.3, 160.3, 139.3, 130.0, 116.9, 110.5 (2C), 101.4, 55.2, 24.4.

3-((2-Bromophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3al)¹



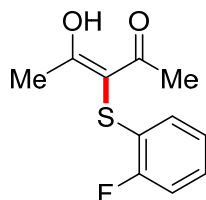
White solid (108 mg, 94%): mp 84–85 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.37 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.03–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 138.5, 133.2, 128.0, 126.2, 124.3, 120.1, 100.9, 24.2.

3-((2-Chlorophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3am)



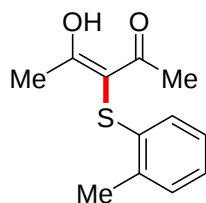
Colorless oil (70 mg, 72%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.38 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 136.6, 130.5, 129.9, 127.4, 125.9, 124.2, 100.1, 24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2\text{SNa}$ 265.0060; Found 265.0064.

3-((2-Fluorophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3an)



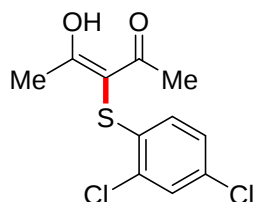
Colorless oil (72 mg, 80%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.32 (s, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 159.3 (d, J = 243 Hz), 126.8 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 126.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 16.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 99.7, 24.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_2\text{SNa}$ 249.0356; Found 249.0359.

4-Hydroxy-3-(*o*-tolylthio)pent-3-en-2-one (3ao)¹



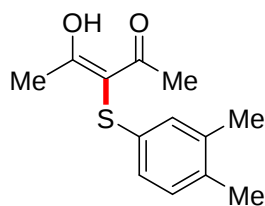
Colorless oil (68 mg, 76%):^{12c} ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.33 (s, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.83 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 136.5, 134.3, 130.3, 126.7, 124.7, 122.7, 100.7, 24.2, 19.6.

3-((2,4-Dichlorophenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ap)



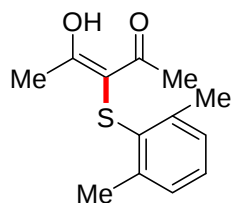
Colorless oil (71 mg, 64%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.37 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.5, 135.5, 131.1, 131.0, 129.7, 127.7, 125.1, 99.8, 24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀Cl₂O₂SNa 298.9671; Found 298.9670.

3-((3,4-Dimethylphenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3aq)



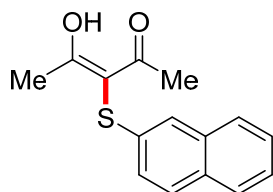
Colorless oil (69 mg, 73%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.26 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 137.6, 134.3, 133.8, 130.4, 126.0, 122.2, 102.0, 24.4, 19.8, 19.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O₂SNa 259.0763; Found 259.0766.

3-((2,6-Dimethylphenyl)thio)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (3ar)



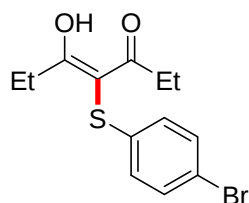
Yellow oil (55 mg, 58%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.87 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.01 (m, 3H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 139.9, 133.8, 129.0, 127.2, 105.3, 24.5, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ 259.0763; Found 259.0766.

4-Hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)pent-3-en-2-one (3as)



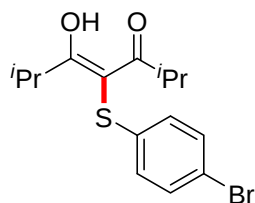
White solid (98 mg, 95%): mp 88–89 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.35 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 135.3, 133.9, 131.5, 128.9, 127.8, 126.8, 126.7, 125.4, 123.6, 121.8, 101.5, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ 281.0607; Found 281.0605.

4-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-5-hydroxyhept-4-en-3-one (3ba)²



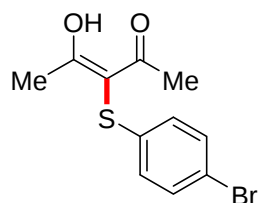
Yellow oil (107 mg, 85%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.47 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (brs, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 137.6, 132.1, 126.0, 118.6, 99.6, 29.9, 9.5.

4-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-5-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylhept-4-en-3-one (3ca)²



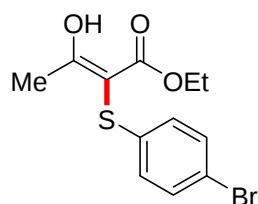
Yellow oil (114 mg, 83%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.05 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.46–3.36 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 138.4, 132.0, 125.9, 118.5, 97.7, 33.8, 19.5 (br).

2-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (3da)



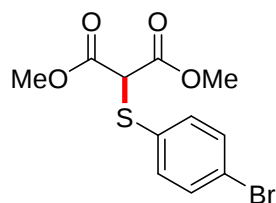
Yellow solid (95 mg, 68%): mp 87–88 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.75 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.30 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.9, 191.0, 137.9, 135.4, 132.2, 131.3, 128.3, 127.8, 126.3, 118.8, 100.3, 25.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃BrO₂SNa 370.9712; Found 370.9715.

Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-3-hydroxybut-2-enoate (3ea)



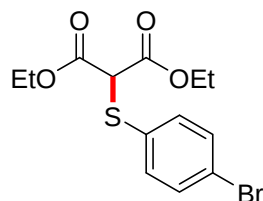
Colorless oil (104 mg, 82%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.85 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.8, 172.7, 137.4, 131.8, 127.1, 118.6, 91.8, 61.7, 20.9, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃BrO₃SNa 338.9661; Found 338.9667.

Dimethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)malonate (3fa)³



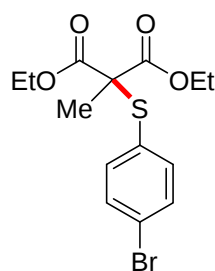
Colorless oil (102 mg, 80%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 134.9, 132.2, 130.9, 123.3, 54.9, 53.2.

Diethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)malonate (3ga)



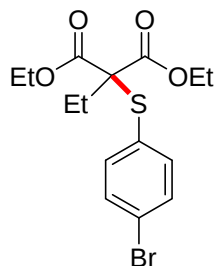
Colorless oil (110 mg, 79%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 134.7, 132.1, 131.2, 123.0, 62.4, 55.2, 13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅BrO₄SNa 368.9767; Found 368.9766.

Diethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-2-methylmalonate (3ha)



Colorless oil (121 mg, 84%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.24–4.12 (m, 4H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 138.5, 131.9, 129.1, 124.7, 62.2, 60.0, 22.2, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇BrO₄SNa 382.9923; Found 382.9925.

Diethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-2-ethylmalonate (3ia)



Colorless oil (134 mg, 89%): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.25–4.11 (m, 4H), 1.97 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 138.3, 131.9, 129.0, 124.5, 66.0, 62.0, 26.8, 13.9, 8.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrO}_4\text{SNa}$ 397.0080; Found 397.0084.

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