Supporting Information

Iridium-catalyzed oxidative Ar-H/Ar-H cross-coupling of

primary benzamides with thiophenes

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I. General remarks

NMR spectra were obtained on an Agilent 400-MR DD2 spectrometer. The ¹H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were measured relative to CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 as the internal reference (CDCl₃: $\delta = 7.26$; DMSO- d_6 : $\delta = 2.50$). The ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were given using CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 as the internal standard (CDCl₃: $\delta = 77.16$; DMSO- d_6 : $\delta = 39.52$). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF (ESI). Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $IrCl_3 H_2O$ were purchased from Shanxi Kaida Chemical Engineering (China) CO., Ltd. Various primary benzamides and thiophenes were purchased from Adamas-beta Ltd.

II. General procedure for the heteroarylation of primary benzamides

A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 µmol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), primary benzamides **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and thiophenes **2** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 6 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **3** or **4**.

III. Procedure for the synthesis of 3a on 4 mmol scale



A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (160 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ag₂O (2780 mg, 12 mmol), benzamide **1a** (484 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and benzothiophene **2a** (1608 mg, 12.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in HFIP (5.0 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 10 h and then diluted with 10 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed

with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **3a** (627 mg, 62% yield).

IV. Intramolecular annulation of 3a¹



A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (7.6 mg, 20 mol %), PPh₃ 40 (21.0,mol %), KO^tBu (44.9,2.0 equiv), and 2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)benzamide **3a** (50.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in o-xylene (1.0 mL) under an O₂ atmosphere (1 atm). The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 30 h and then diluted with 10 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product 5 (23 mg, 47% yield) as a yellow solid. M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.49-7.55$ (m, 2H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.88 (m, 2H), 8.06-8.10 (m, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.43-8.47 (m, 1H), 12.62 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 114.1, 121.8, 123.4, 123.7, 124.9, 125.1,$ 126.8, 127.4, 128.3, 130.1, 132.6, 133.1, 133.5, 137.4, 161.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₀NOS [M+H]⁺ 252.0483, found 252.0490.

V. Mechanistic study

(i) H/D exchange experiments



A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 μ mol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), and D₂O (72 μ L, 4.0 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was

stirred at 120 °C for 1 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10/1, v/v) to provide $[D_n]$ -1a. The deuterated ratio was calculated from ¹H NMR analysis.

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A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 µmol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), benzothiophene **2a** (26.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), and D₂O (72 µL, 4.0 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10/1, v/v) to provide [D]-**2a**. The deuterated ratio was calculated from ¹H NMR analysis.



A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 µmol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg), benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), and D₂O (72 µL, 4.0 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10/1, v/v) to provide [D_n]-**1a**, [D]-**2a** and **3a**. The conversion of **1a** and **2a** were 47% and 23%, respectively and the yield of **3a** was 34%. The deuterated ratio was calculated from ¹H NMR analysis.



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(ii) Kinetic isotope experiments



A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 µmol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg) or deuterated benzamide $[D_5]$ -**1a** (25.2 mg), and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The deuterated ratio was calculated from ¹H NMR analysis. The yield of **3a** was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using dibromomethane (0.2 mmol, 14 µL) as internal standard. A kinetic isotope effect (KIE) value ($k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D} = 1.12$) was obtained.







A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with $[IrCp*Cl_2]_2$ (8.0 mg, 10 µmol), Ag₂O (139.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg), and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) or deuterated benzothiophene [D]-**2a** (81.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under an air atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h and then diluted with 3 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The deuterated ratio was calculated from ¹H NMR analysis. The yield of **3a** was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using dibromomethane (0.2 mmol, 14 µL) as internal standard. A kinetic isotope effect (KIE) value ($k_H/k_D = 1.24$) was obtained.







VI. Experimental data for the described substances



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)benzamide (3a)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3a** as a yellow solid (35 mg, 70% yield). M.p.: 138-139 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.71$ (d, J = 48.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 122.3$, 124.0, 124.1, 124.82, 124.83, 128.8, 128.9, 130.5, 131.0, 132.0, 135.5, 140.3, 140.4, 141.2, 171.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 254.0640, found 254.0643.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-methylbenzamide (3b)

Following the general procedure. 3-Methylbenzamide **1b** (27.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3b** as a yellow solid (36 mg, 68% yield). M.p.: 223-224 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.43 (s, 3H), 5.62 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.4, 122.3, 123.9, 124.0, 124.7, 124.8, 129.2, 129.5, 131.7, 132.0, 132.6, 140.2, 140.4, 140.9, 141.4, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 268.0796, found 268.0798.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzamide (3c)

Following the general procedure. 4-Methylbenzamide **1c** (27.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3c** as a yellow soild (35 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 185-186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.42 (s, 3H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 40 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.4, 122.3, 123.9, 124.0, 124.7, 124.8, 129.2, 129.5, 131.7, 132.0, 132.6, 140.2, 140.4, 140.9, 141.4, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 268.0796, found 268.0798.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzamide (3d)

Following the general procedure. 4-Methoxybenzamide **1d** (30.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3d** as a yellow soild (41 mg, 72% yield). M.p.: 187-188 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 55.7, 114.2, 116.4, 122.3, 124.1, 124.2, 124.90, 124.92, 127.6, 131.3, 134.0, 140.1, 140.4, 141.3, 161.0, 170.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂S [M+H]⁺ 284.0745, found 284.0743.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dimethylbenzamide (3e)

Following the general procedure. 3,4-Dimethylbenzamide **1e** (29.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3e** as a yellow soild (42 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 198-199 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.33 (m, 6H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 38.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.84 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.6, 19.8, 122.2, 123.7, 123.9, 124.6, 124.8, 129.4, 130.3, 132.2, 132.6, 137.8, 139.6, 140.3, 140.4, 141.6, 171.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NOS [M+H]⁺ 282.0953, found 282.0958.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-ethylbenzamide (3f)

Following the general procedure. 4-Ethylbenzamide **1f** (29.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3f** as a yellow soild (39 mg, 70% yield). M.p.: 152-153 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.28$ (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.69-2.75 (m, 2H), 5.67 (d, J = 41.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 15.4$, 28.8, 122.3, 123.9, 124.0, 124.7, 124.8, 128.4, 129.2, 130.6, 132.1, 132.8, 140.3, 140.4, 141.6, 147.1, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NOS [M+H]⁺ 282.0953, found 282.0949.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-(*tert*-butyl)benzamide (3g)

Following the general procedure. 4-(*tert*-Butyl)benzamide **1g** (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3g** as a yellow soild (48 mg, 78% yield). M.p.: 162-163 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 59.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.2, 35.0, 122.3, 123.9, 124.0, 124.7, 124.8, 126.0, 128.2, 129.0, 131.8, 132.6, 140.3, 140.4, 141.9, 154.0, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NOS [M+H]⁺ 310.1266, found 310.1263.



2-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-4-butylbenzamide (3h)

Following the general procedure. 4-Butylbenzamide **1h** (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3h** as a yellow soild (46 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 145-146 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.67 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (d, J = 30.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.0, 22.4, 33.4, 35.5, 122.3, 123.9, 124.0, 124.7, 124.8, 128.9, 129.1, 131.1, 132.0, 132.7, 140.3, 140.4, 141.6, 145.8, 171.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NOS [M+H]⁺ 310.1266, found 310.1267.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-ethoxybenzamide (3i)

Following the general procedure. 3-Ethoxybenzamide **1i** (33.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3i** as a yellow soild (40 mg, 68% yield). M.p.: 195-196 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.44$ (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.08-4.13 (m, 2H), 5.68 (d, J = 27.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 14.9$, 64.0, 114.2, 117.3, 122.2, 123.5, 123.9, 124.1, 124.6, 124.8, 132.4, 136.5, 140.3, 140.4, 141.3, 159.3, 170.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂S [M+H]⁺ 298.0902, found 298.0904.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-6-fluorobenzamide (3j)

Following the general procedure. 2-Fluorobenzamide **1j** (27.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3j** as a yellow soild (34 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 122-123 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.89 (d, *J* = 90 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.83 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 115.7 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 122.2, 124.0 (d, *J* = 18 Hz), 124.1, 124.3, 124.8, 125.0, 126.2 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 134.0 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 139.6 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 140.2, 140.3, 159.4 (d, *J* = 248 Hz), 166.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FNOS [M+H]⁺ 272.0545, found 272.0544.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-chlorobenzamide (3k)

Following the general procedure. 4-Chlorobenzamide **1k** (31.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3k** as a yellow soild (37 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: 179-180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.65$ (d, J = 34.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.54 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 122.4$, 124.3, 124.7, 125.0, 125.2, 128.9, 130.5, 130.9, 133.7, 133.8, 136.5, 139.6, 140.1, 140.5, 170.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₁CINOS [M+H]⁺ 288.0250, found 288.0242.



Methyl 3-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-4-carbamoylbenzoate (3l)

Following the general procedure. Methyl 4-carbamoylbenzoate **11** (35.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **31** as a yellow soild (45 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.95 (s, 3H), 5.81 (d, J = 54.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 52.7, 122.3, 124.2, 124.5, 124.9, 125.1, 129.0, 129.6, 131.9, 132.0, 132.3, 139.3, 140.0, 140.2, 140.5, 166.0, 170.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 312.0694, found 312.0692.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-1-naphthamide (3m)

Following the general procedure. 1-Naphthamide **1m** (34.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3m** as a yellow soild (40 mg, 66% yield). M.p.: 216-217 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.82 (d, *J* = 65.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.90 (m, 3H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 110.2, 122.2, 124.2, 124.3, 124.8, 125.8, 127.1, 127.4, 127.9, 128.2, 128.8, 129.8, 130.1, 133.0, 133.2, 140.5, 141.3, 171.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 304.0796, found 304.0793.



3-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-2-naphthamide (3n)

Following the general procedure. 2-Naphthamide **1n** (34.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3n** as a yellow soild (44 mg, 72% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.86-7.88 (m, 1H), 8.00-8.09 (m, 5H), 8.17 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 132.2, 132.7, 133.8, 134.5, 134.7, 137.1, 137.4, 137.5, 137.9, 138.0, 139.0, 139.2, 141.8, 142.7, 145.5, 149.4, 150.1, 152.0, 180.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 304.0796, found 304.0796.



3-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (30)

Following the general procedure. Thiophene-2-carboxamide **1o** (25.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **3o** as a yellow soild (30 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: 157-158 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.18 (s, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.87 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 122.4, 124.2, 125.0, 125.1, 125.3, 129.6, 131.8, 134.8, 135.7, 136.3, 139.7, 140.6, 163.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₀NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ 260.0204, found 260.0193.



2-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide (3p)

Following the general procedure. Thiophene-3-carboxamide **1p** (25.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and benzothiophene **2a** (80.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) afforded **3p** as a yellow soild (23 mg, 44% yield). M.p.: 177-178 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.82 (d, *J* = 54.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.84 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 122.3, 124.3, 125.1, 125.5, 125.9, 126.2, 130.0, 133.6, 140.0, 137.0, 139.7, 140.9, 165.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₀NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ 260.0204, found 260.0200.



2-(Thiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4a)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and thiophene **2a** (50.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4a** as a yellow soild (27 mg, 67% yield). M.p.: 131-132 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.65 (d, *J* = 76.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 126.7, 127.3, 128.0, 128.3, 128.9, 130.5, 131.0, 132.1, 135.1, 141.1, 171.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NOS [M+H]⁺ 204.0483, found 204.0479.



2-(5-Methylthiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4b)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-methylthiophene **2b** (58.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4b** as a yellow soild (31 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 116-117 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.51 (s, 3H), 5.71 (d, J = 64.4 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 15.5, 126.2, 127.3, 127.9, 128.9, 130.4, 130.7, 132.4, 134.8, 138.6, 141.5, 171.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 218.0640, found 218.0638.



2-(5-Phenylthiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4c)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-phenylthiophene **2c** (96.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4c** as a yellow soild (34 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 147-148 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =

5.76 (d, J = 62.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 123.9$, 125.8, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.9, 129.1, 130.5, 130.6, 131.9, 134.0, 135.0, 140.3, 145.6, 171.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 280.0796, found 280.0798.



2-(5-Chlorothiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4d)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-chlorothiophene **2d** (70.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4d** as a yellow soild (27 mg, 58% yield). M.p.: 126-127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.74$ (d, J = 85.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.64 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 126.6$, 127.0, 128.6, 128.7, 130.6, 130.7, 131.0, 131.2, 135.2, 139.6, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₉CINOS [M+H]⁺ 238.0093, found 238.0095.



2-(5-Hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4e)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-hexylthiophene **2e** (100.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4e** as a yellow soild (42 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 67-68 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.39 (m, 6H), 1.65-1.73 (m, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (d, J = 71.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.2, 22.7, 29.0, 30.3, 31.68, 31.71, 124.9, 127.0, 127.9, 128.9, 130.4, 130.7, 132.5, 134.8, 138.2, 147.7, 171.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 288.1422, found 288.1413.



2-(3-Methoxythiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4f)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-methoxylthiophene **2f** (68.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) afforded **4f** as yellow oil (35 mg, 76% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.90 (d, J = 33.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.80 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 58.6, 116.6, 117.3, 124.5, 128.1, 129.4, 129.9, 130.6, 132.0, 135.7, 154.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NO₂S [M+H]⁺ 234.0589, found 234.0596.



2-(3-Bromothiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4g)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-bromolthiophene **2g** (68.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4g** as a yellow soild (35 mg, 63% yield). M.p.: 111-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.68$ (d, J = 104.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 110.9$, 126.9, 129.3, 129.5, 130.4, 130.67, 130.68, 132.2, 136.1, 136.4, 170.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₉BrNOS [M+H]⁺ 281.9588, found 281.9582.



2-(4,5-Dibromothiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4h)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2,3-dibromothiophene **2h** (144.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4h** as a yellow soild (36 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: 172-173 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.73$ (d, J = 64.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 112.0$, 114.5, 128.5, 129.1, 129.5, 130.4, 130.5, 130.7, 135.3, 142.4, 170.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₈Br₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 359.8693, found 359.8696.



2-(3,4-Dibromothiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4i)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3,4-dibromothiophene **2i** (144.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4i** as yellow oil (37 mg, 52% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.68$ (d, J = 91.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.82 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 114.0$, 114.4, 123.9, 129.0, 129.9, 130.6, 130.8, 132.1, 136.2, 137.6, 170.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₈Br₂NOS [M+H]⁺ 359.8693, found 359.8697.



2-(5-Chlorobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4j)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 5-chlorobenzothiophene **2j** (100.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4j** as a yellow soild (35 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: 124-125 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.71$ (d, J = 58.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.81 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 123.1$, 123.3, 123.5, 125.2, 127.5, 128.8, 129.0, 130.6, 131.0, 131.6, 135.6, 138.5, 141.3, 143.3, 171.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₁CINOS [M+H]⁺ 288.0250, found 288.0255.



2-(3-Methylbenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4k)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-methylbenzothiophene **2k** (88.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4k** as a yellow soild (36 mg, 67% yield). M.p.: 143-144 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.27 (s, 3H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.98 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.4, 122.4, 122.6, 124.8, 125.1, 129.1, 130.0, 130.8, 130.9, 131.9, 132.1, 135.0, 135.6, 139.5, 140.4, 170.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 268.0796, found 268.0805.



2-(Thieno[3,2-b]thiophen-2-yl)benzamide (4l)

Following the general procedure. Benzamide **1a** (24.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and thieno[3,2-*b*]thiophene **2l** (84.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) were used. Purification via column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) afforded **4l** as a yellow soild (29 mg, 56% yield). M.p.: 147-148 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.73$ (d, J = 61.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 119.5$, 119.6, 127.6, 128.5, 128.8, 130.5, 130.9, 132.2, 135.3, 139.8, 142.7, 171.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₀NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ 260.0204, found 260.0191.

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