

## Supporting Information

# **N-Thiocyanato-dibzenesulfonimide : A New Electrophilic Thiocyanating Reagent with Enhanced Reactivity**

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## 1. General Experimental Information.

All chemicals were bought from commercial companies and used directly unless noted. Reactions were carried out in a reaction tube with common solvents open to air. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 or 700 instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. Chemical shifts are recorded in ppm. All of the MS of samples were analyzed on an Agilent (Q-TOF6520) unit with an ESI source. All IR spectra were measured on a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1s spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a digital micro melting point apparatus unless otherwise indicated. Melting points were measured on a DSC-60 under a nitrogen flow (50 mL/min) at a heating rate of 5 °C/min.

## 2. Synthesis of reagent R-5

*N*-(Phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (9.0 g, 30.30 mmol) and tert-butyl hypochlorite (33.33 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were stirred in methanol (50 mL) for 5 min at room temperature. Then the suspension was filtered giving the *N*-chloro-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)-benzenesulfonamide as a white powder with a yield of 82 %. *N*-chloro-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)-benzenesulfonamide (2.6 g, 7.9 mmol) was treated with AgSCN (2 g, 11.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25.0 mL) for 12 h at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the product reagent R-5 in 86% yield.

***Thiocyanato-dibenzenesulfonimie (R-5):*** white solid (2.4 g, 86% yield), mp: 132-134°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.4, 134.1, 129.2, 127.8, 107.0, ppm; IR (KBr) 3126, 2158, 1448, 1363, 1083, 866 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M-SCN]<sup>-</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> 296.0057 found 296.0057.

### 3. Reaction with substrates

#### Procedure for the Thiocyanation of Indoles

Indoles (0.2 mmol) and **R-5** (92 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL) for 10 min at room temperature. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products.



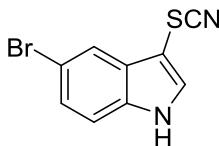
**3-Thiocyanato-1H-indole (1a):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), off-white solid (34 mg, 98% yield), mp: 72-74 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.60 (s, 1H, NH), 7.82-7.80 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.52 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 2H, Ar-H) ppm; IR (KBr) 3286, 2154, 1714, 1456, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



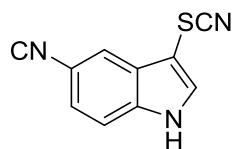
**5-Methoxy-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1b):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v), white solid (39 mg, 94% yield), mp: 119-121 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (s, 1H, NH), 7.50 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.98-6.95 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; IR (KBr) 3283, 2156, 1632, 1554, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**5-Chloro-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1c):**<sup>2</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (40 mg, 94% yield), mp: 132-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.73 (s, 1H, NH), 7.77 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.54 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.25 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.2, 132.1, 128.8, 127.9, 124.4, 118.3, 113.1, 111.4, 92.9, ppm; IR (KBr): 2954, 2154, 1750, 1460, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**5-Bromo-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1d):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (48 mg, 96% yield), mp: 140-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (s, 1H, NH), 7.93 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.53 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.6, 132.0, 129.4, 127.1, 121.5, 115.5, 113.5, 111.4, 92.3. ppm; IR (KBr): 3260, 2920, 2152, 1593, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



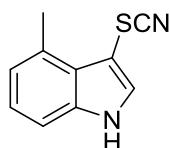
**5-cyano-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1e):**<sup>3</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v), white solid (48mg, 96% yield), mp: 210-212 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 12.46 (s, 1H, NH), 8.19 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 8.17 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; IR(KBr): 3263, 2920, 2156, 2104, 1601, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**5-Nitro-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1f):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v), white solid (48 mg, 96% yield), mp: 140-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 12.59 (s, 1H, NH), 8.51 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.26 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 8.12 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; IR (KBr): 3215, 2156, 1581, 1323, 750cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1g):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (36 mg, 96% yield), mp: 83-85 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.40-7.30 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 3121, 2156, 1649, 1532 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



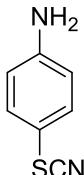
**4-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-1H-indole (1h):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (40 mg, 95% yield), mp: 108-110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.63 (s, 1H, NH), 7.47 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 7.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.4, 132.0, 131.0, 125.5, 123.9, 123.5, 113.2, 109.9, 92.3, 19.1 ppm; IR (KBr): 3240, 2146, 1527, 1465 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



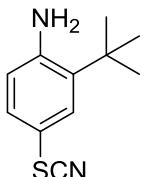
**2-Thiocyanato-1H-pyrido[2,3-b]pyridine (1i):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v), white solid (33 mg, 96% yield), mp: 200-202 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.59 (s, 1H, NH), 8.39 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.17 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H) ppm; IR (KBr): 3254, 2922, 2152, 1595, 1496, 1274 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Procedure for the thiocyanation of anilines

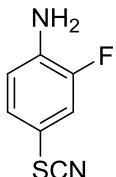
Anilines (0.2mmol) and **R-5** (92 mg, 0.206 mmol, 1.3 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0mL) for 10 min at room temperature. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products.



**4-Thiocyanatoaniline (2a):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (28 mg, 93% yield), mp: 49–51 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.97 (s, 2H, NH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.7, 134.4, 116.0, 112.3, 109.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 3367, 2920, 2150, 1624, 1593, 1496 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

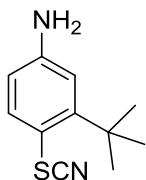


**2-(tert-Butyl)-4-thiocyanatoaniline (2b):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless liquid (37 mg, 90% yield), mp: 50–52 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 -7.39 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.12 (s, 2 H, NH), 1.40 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 3501, 3402, 2150, 1593, 1512 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

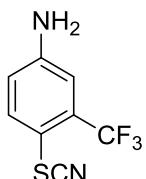


**2-Fluoro-4-thiocyanatoaniline(2c):**<sup>4</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless liquid (32 mg, 91% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.23 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.05 (s, 2H, NH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>J = 243 Hz), 137.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 12 Hz), 129.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>J =

3.0 Hz), 119.74 (d,  $^2J = 21$  Hz), 117.2 (d,  $^3J = 5.0$  Hz), 111.61, 109.4 (d,  $^3J = 7.0$  Hz), ppm; IR(KBr): 3052, 3046, 2154, 1487, 1274  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



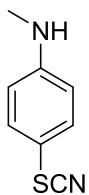
**3-(tert-Butyl)-4-thiocyanatoaniline (2d):<sup>1</sup>** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), yellow liquid (37 mg, 90% yield), mp: 49–51 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz ,1H, Ar-H), 6.54 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.89 (s, 2H, NH), 1.46 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.3, 148.6, 139.2, 114.3, 113.7, 113.2, 108.9, 36.2, 30.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 3054, 3041, 2152, 1602, 1523  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



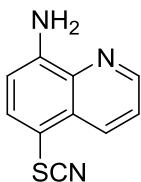
**3-Trifluoromethyl-4-thiocyanatoaniline (2e):<sup>4</sup>** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), yellow liquid (30 mg, 88% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.81 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H); 4.20 (s, 2H, NH), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.9, 138.1, 124.1, 121.4, 118.0, 113.7, 111.2, 107.2, ppm; IR (KBr): 3212, 2920, 2154, 1750, 1498  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



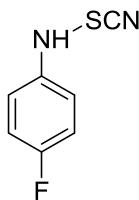
**2,6-Diisopropyl-4-thiocyanatoaniline (2f):<sup>1</sup>** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless liquid (44 mg, 96% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 4.02 (s, 2H, NH), 2.87 (m, 2H, CH), 1.27 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 12H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), ppm; IR (KBr): 3405, 2920, 2152, 1654  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



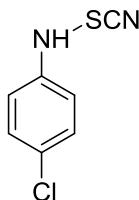
**N-Methyl-4-thiocyanatoaniline (2g):**<sup>5</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless liquid (28 mg, 88% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 4.09 (s, 1H, NH), 2.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 3341, 2960, 2152, 1494, 1396 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**5-Thiocyanato-8-aminoquinoline (2h):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), yellow solid (28 mg, 70% yield), mp: 85-87 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.82 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H Ar-H), 8.60 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.45 (s, 1H, NH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.0, 147.9, 138.7, 137.4, 133.3, 129.6, 123.3, 111.8, 108.8, 103.0, ppm; IR (KBr): 3421, 2954, 2150, 1502, 1465 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

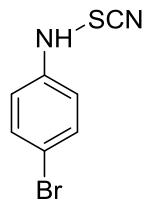


**4-(Thiocyanatoamino)fluorobenzene (2i):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (24 mg, 73% yield) mp: 78-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07-7.04 (m, 4 H, Ar-H), 5.03 (s, 1H, NH), ppm; IR (KBr): 3269, 2964, 2152, 1504, 1274 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**4-(Thiocyanatoamino)chlorobenzene (2j):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless liquid (28 mg, 78% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

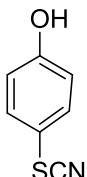
2H, Ar-H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.21 (s, 1H, NH), ppm; IR (KBr): 3297, 2925, 2156, 1510, 1284  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



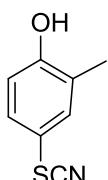
**4-(Thiocyanatoamino)bromobenzene (2k):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), colorless solid (33 mg, 73% yield); mp: 63–65°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.20 (s, 1H, NH), ppm; IR (KBr): 3294, 2966, 2144, 1485, 1267  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Procedure for the Thiocyanation of phenols and anisoles

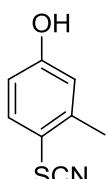
Phenols and anisoles (0.2mmol) and **R-5** (92 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0mL) for 10 min at room temperature. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products.



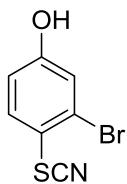
**4-Thiocyanatophenol (3a):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), yellow solid (29 mg, 97% yield); mp: 53-55 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.37 (s, 1H, OH), ppm; IR (KBr): 3420, 2924, 2160, 1583, 1494 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



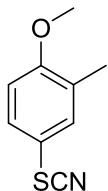
**2-Methyl-4-thiocyanatophenol (3b):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (29 mg, 88% yield); mp: 60-62 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H, Ar-H), 5.26 (s, 1H, OH), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 3377, 2154, 1597, 1496 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



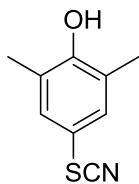
**3-Methyl-4-thiocyanatophenol (3c):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), yellow solid (32 mg, 97% yield); mp: 75-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.57 (s, 1H, OH), 2.48 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>); ppm; IR (KBr): 3363, 2158, 1591, 1301 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



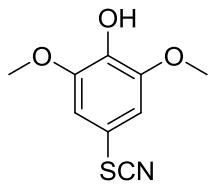
**3-Bromo-4-thiocyanatophenol (3d):**<sup>5</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1,v/v), yellow solid (38 mg, 83% yield); mp: 89-91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); 5.90 (s, 1H, OH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.1, 133.8, 126.0, 121.2, 116.6, 115.6, 110.8, ppm; IR (KBr): 3483, 2962, 2144, 1618, 1436 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-Methoxy-2-methyl-4-thiocyanatobenzene (3e):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1,v/v), colorless liquid (30 mg, 83% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.34 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 3467, 2922, 2154, 1577, 1492, 1253 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

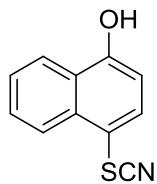


**2,6-Dimethyl-2-methyl-4-thiocyanatobenzene (3f):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1,v/v), white solid (29 mg, 81% yield); mp: 97-99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 4.89 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; IR(KBr): 3454, 2154, 1581, 1479, 1236 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**2,6-Dimethoxy-4-thiocyanatophenol (3g):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1,v/v), colorless liquid (30 mg, 83% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.09 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 5.71 (s,

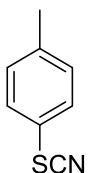
1H, OH), 3.85 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.5, 160.7, 112.4, 92.8, 89.2, 87.3, 56.3, ppm; IR (KBr): 3271, 2920, 2154, 1573, 1489 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



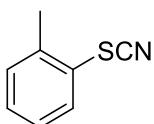
**4-Thiocyanatonaphthalen-1-ol (3h):**<sup>6</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), yellow solid (36 mg, 92% yield); mp: 111-113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.60 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.25 (s, 1H, OH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.3, 135.2, 134.2, 128.8, 126.4, 125.6, 124.7, 123.0, 111.8, 110.7, 108.8, ppm; IR (KBr): 3412, 2924, 2158, 1668, 1558 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Procedure for the thiocyanation of unactivated arenes and heteroaromatics

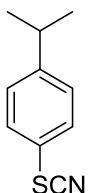
Unactivated arenes and heteroaromatics (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (30 mg. 0.2 mmol, 1.0 mmol) and **R-5** (92 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL) for 12 h at 60 °C temperature. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products.



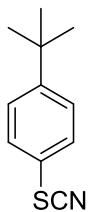
**4-Thiocyanotoluene (4a):**<sup>7</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1,v/v), colorless liquid (15 mg ,50% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.2, 130.9, 130.7, 127.7, 111.0, 21.1, ppm; IR (KBr): 2926, 2156, 1492, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



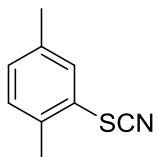
**2-Thiocyanotoluene (4a'):**<sup>8</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1,v/v), colorless liquid (7.5 mg, 25% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.29 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 2.48 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.3, 132.0, 131.4, 130.2, 123.6, 120.6, 110.4, 20.4, ppm; IR (KBr): 2926, 2156, 1492, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



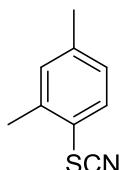
**4-Isopropylphenyl thiocyanate (4b):**<sup>7</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (28 mg, 80% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.96-2.89 (m, 1H, CH), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.8, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151, 130.8, 128.4, 120.7, 111.0, 33.9, 23.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2154, 1576, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



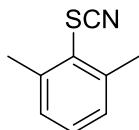
**4-tert-Butylphenylthiocyanate (4c)** : eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (30 mg, 77% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 1.32 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.4, 130.4, 127.3, 120.8, 111.0, 31.1, 30.5, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2156, 1754, 1564  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NS}^+$  192.0841 found 192.0841.



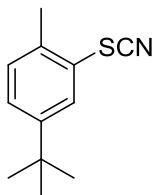
**1,4-Dimethyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene (4d)**:<sup>9</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (21 mg, 64% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.15 (m. 2H, Ar-H), 2.42 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.34 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.7, 136.0, 132.3, 131.2, 131.0, 123.1, 110.6, 20.7, 19.8, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2156, 1716, 1456  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



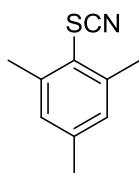
**2,4-Dimethylphenylthiocyanateeluent (4e)** petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (24 mg, 75% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.46 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.34 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.9, 139.7, 132.7, 132.2, 128.4, 119.7, 110.8, 21.0, 20.4, ppm; IR (KBr): 2924, 2156, 1734, 1456  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{NS}^+$  164.0528, found 164.0526.



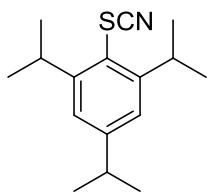
**2,6-Dimethylphenylthiocyanate (4e')**: eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (3 mg, 7% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.60 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.9, 131.0, 129.1, 122.6, 110.5, 21.9, ppm; IR (KBr): 2924, 2156, 1734, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> 164.0528, found 164.0526.



**4-tert-Butyl-1-methyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene(4f)**: eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (28 mg, 68% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 136.6, 131.1, 129.4, 127.6, 122.9, 110.8, 34.7, 31.1, 19.9, ppm; IR (KBr): 2921, 2154, 1765, 1542 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> 206.0998 found 206.0989.

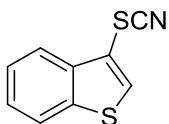


**1.3.5-Trimethyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene (4g)**:<sup>10</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1,v/v), colorless liquid (30 mg, 83% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.00 (s,1H, Ar-H), 2.55 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.7, 141.4, 130.0, 119.1, 110.9, 21.8, 21.0, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2154, 1593, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

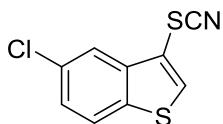


**1.3.5-Triisopropyl-2-thiocyanatobenzene(4h)**:<sup>11</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (38 mg, 73% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (s, 2H,

Ar-H), 3.79-3.73 (m, 2H, CH), 2.94-2.87 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.9, 152.9, 123.1, 117.7, 112.2, 34.4, 32.4, 23.86, 23.81, ppm; IR (KBr): 2964, 2153, 1595, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



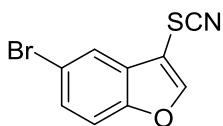
**3-Thiocyanatobenzo[b]thiophene (4i):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (36 mg, 95% yield); mp: 90-92 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.91 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.57 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; IR (KBr): 2926, 2150, 1724, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



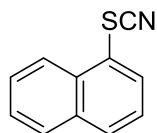
**5-Chloro-3-thiocyanatobenzo[b]thiophene (4j):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (37 mg, 86% yield); mp: 151-153 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.97 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 8.8$ , 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.9, 138.1, 136.1, 129.2, 125.0, 124.4, 120.1, 111.5, 109.1, ppm; IR (KBr): 2993, 2156, 1770, 1274 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClNS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 225.9546 found 225.9547, 227.9571.



**4-Bromo-3-thiocyanatobenzo[b]thiophene (4k):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (45 mg, 80% yield); mp: 90-92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.84 (dd,  $J = 8.0$ , 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.64 (dd,  $J = 8.0$ , 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.3, 133.7, 130.5, 130.1, 126.5, 112.8, 116.0, 114.6, 110.4, ppm; IR (KBr): 3005, 2158, 1770, 1757, 1274 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>BrNS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 269.9041 found 269.9044, 270.9019.



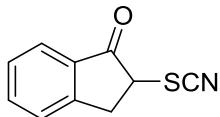
**4-Bromo-3-thiocyanatobenzofuran (4l):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), brown solid (30 mg, 60% yield); mp: 51-52 °C  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H, CH=CH), 7.91 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.55 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.1, 150.4, 129.5, 128.1, 122.4, 117.8, 113.8, 108.8, ppm; IR (KBr): 3358, 2920, 2158, 1770, 1247, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{BrNOS}^+$  253.9270 found 253.9271, 255.9242.



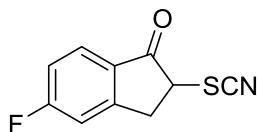
**1-Thiocyanonaphthalene (4m):<sup>7</sup>** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate ((10:1, v/v), light yellow liquid (24 mg, 67% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.70 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ar-H), ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  134.3, 32.4, 132.2, 131.6, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 125.9, 124.2, 120.8, 110.6, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2148, 1751, 1274  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Procedure for the Thiocyanation of ketones

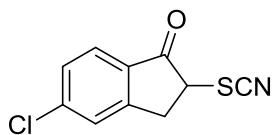
Ketones (0.2 mmol), Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (14.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and **R-5** (141 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL) for 24 h at 40 °C. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products.



**2-Thiocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (5a):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), red liquid (34 mg, 91% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.83 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.9, 151.0, 136.4, 134.1, 128.6, 126.5, 125.1, 109.9, 48.2, 34.8, ppm; IR(KBr): 2924, 2156, 1650, 1467, 1255, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

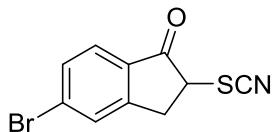


**5-Fluoro-2-thiocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (5b):**<sup>12</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), red solid (30 mg, 73%); mp: 80-82 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88-7.84 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.82 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.40-3.34 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.0, 196.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J = 258 Hz), 154.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 10.0 Hz), 130.6 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 2.0 Hz), 127.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 10 Hz), 117.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 24 Hz), 113.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 23 Hz), 109.5, 48.2, 34.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2158, 1724, 1602, 1265 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

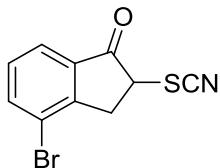


**5-Chloro-2-thiocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (5c):**<sup>12</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (32 mg, 74% yield); mp: 124-126 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.78-7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.80 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.35 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* =

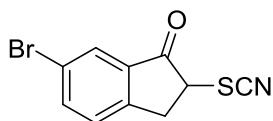
18, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.5, 152.3, 143.3, 132.6, 129.6, 126.7, 126.1, 109.5, 48.1, 34.5, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2154, 1714, 1591, 1261 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



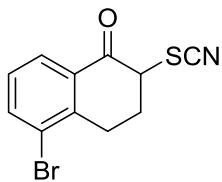
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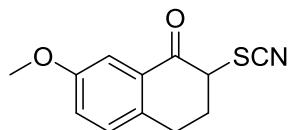
**4-Bromo-2-thiocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one(5e):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), red liquid (43 mg, 80% yield); mp: 93-95 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.79 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.4, 150.8, 139.1, 136.1, 130.4, 123.8, 121.8, 109.4, 47.8, 35.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 2921, 2154, 1632, 1261, 914 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



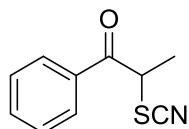
**4-Bromo-2-thiocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one(5f):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), red liquid (50 mg, 84% yield); mp: 91-93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.78 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (dd, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 18, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; IR (KBr): 2922, 2156, 1625, 1268, 915 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**5-Bromo-2-thiocyanato-3,4-dihydroronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (5g):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (47 mg, 84% yield); mp: 137-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.35-3.34 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.09-3.00 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.93-2.87 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48-2.47 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.9, 142.4, 138.7, 132.5, 128.5, 127.3, 124.8, 111.3, 54.8, 30.3, 29.7, ppm; IR (KBr); 3005, 2152, 1676, 1274, 912 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrNOS<sup>+</sup> 281.9583 found 281.9583.



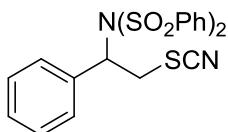
**7-Methoxy-2-thiocyanato-3,4-dihydroronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (5h):**<sup>13</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v), white solid (47 mg, 84% yield); mp: 121-123 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.83 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87-2.80 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.46-2.37 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.6, 158.7, 136.1, 131.3, 130.1, 123.3, 111.6, 109.6, 55.6, 55.5, 31.7, 28.2, ppm; IR(KBr); 2953, 2152, 1670, 1494, 1274, 1028 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-Phenyl-2-thiocyanatoethan-1-one (5i):**<sup>1</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), colorless liquid (31 mg, 82%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.07 (m, 1H, CH) 1.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.8, 134.8, 133.9, 129.2, 128.4, 111.8, 43.0, ppm; IR(KBr): 2920, 2156, 1683, 1558, 1274, 1001 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Procedure for the Thiocyanation of Alkenes

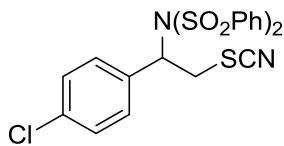
Alkenes (0.2 mmol) and **R-5** (92 mg, 0.26 mmol, 2 equiv) were stirred in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) for 1 h at room temperature. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products



**N-(1-Phenyl-2-thiocyanatoethyl)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (6a):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid (69 mg, 75% yield), mp: 133-135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60-7.33 (m, 15H, Ar-H), 5.78-5.75 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.12-4.06 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19-3.14 (dd, *J* = 14, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.4, 134.0, 132.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 110.9, 62.8, 34.5, IR (KBr): 3064, 2154, 1714, 1448, 1382, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub> 476.0767 found 476.0767.

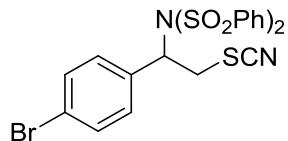


**N-(1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-thiocyanatoethyl)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (6b):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid (60 mg, 62% yield), mp: 115-117 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62-7.42 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.02 (dd, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 14, 11.2, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.15 (dd, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 14, 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm; 163.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>J = 249 Hz), 139.5, 134.1, 131.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 9 Hz), 129.1, 128.1, 128.1, 115.6 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 2.2 Hz), 110.6, 62.2, 34.6, ppm; IR (KBr): 2926, 2156, 1637, 1512, 1384, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 494.0673 found 494.0676.

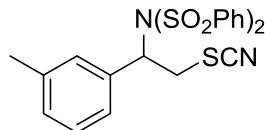


**N-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-thiocyanatoethyl)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (6c):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid (56 mg, 56% yield), mp: 133-135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63-7.28 (m, 14H, Ar-H), 5.70 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H,

CH), 4.01 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 14$ , 11.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.13 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 14$ , 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.4, 134.1, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 129.1, 128.1, 123.5, 110.6, 62.1, 34.3, ppm; IR(KBr): 2922, 2156, 1384, 1274, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 494.0673, found 494.0676.



*N-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-thiocyanatoethyl)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (4d):* eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 70 mg, 63% yield), mp:158-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64-7.28 (m, 14H, Ar-H), 5.70 (dd,  $J = 10.8$ , 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.02 (dd,  $J = 14$ , 11.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.13 (dd,  $J = 14$ , 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.4, 134.1, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 129.1, 128.1, 123.5, 110.6, 62.1, 34.3, ppm; IR (KBr): 2924, 2156, 1489, 1382, 1168 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub> 553.9872 found 553.9876.

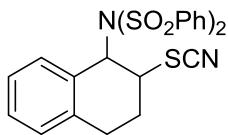


*N-(Phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-thiocyanato-1-(m-tolyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (6e):* eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 71 mg, 82% yield), mp: 122-124 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.59-7.44 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 5.74 (dd,  $J = 11.2$ , 4.4, 1H, CH), 4.06 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 13.6$ , 11.2, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 14$ , 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ : 139.7, 138.6, 134.0, 131.9, 130.4, 129.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.1, 111.0, 62.8, 34.6, 21.3, ppm; IR (KBr): 3064, 2154, 1629, 1448, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 490.0929 found 490.0914.

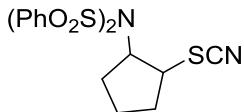


*N-(1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-thiocyanatoethyl)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (6f):* eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 73 mg, 84% yield), mp: 127-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85-7.74 (m, 17 H, Ar-H), 5.96 (dd,  $J = 11.2$ , 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.22 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 14$ , 11.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (dd,  $J_{AB} = 14$ , 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ : 139.5, 133.9, 133.2, 132.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4,

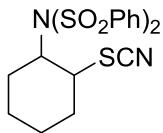
128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 126.2, 111.0, 63.0, 34.7, ppm; IR (KBr): 2924, 2156, 1689, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 508.0585 found 508.0580.



**N-(Phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-thiocyanato-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (6g):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 68 mg, 70 % yield), mp: 60-62 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62-8.60 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.15 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.81-6.78 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.79 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.50-4.47 (m, 1H, CH), 3.24-3.15 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.89-2.83 (m, 1H, CH), 2.55-2.50 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.26-2.15 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.8, 137.45, 134.0, 131.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 126.6, 110.3, 66.2, 49.9, 32.8, 29.6, ppm; IR (KBr): 2954, 2156, 1490, 1382, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 502.0923, found 502.0926.



**N-(Phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-thiocyanatocyclopentyl)benzenesulfonamide (6h):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 65 mg, 77 % yield), mp: 126-128 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4, Ar-H), 4.32 (dd, J = 18, 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.19 (dd, J = 17.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.45-2.36 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.20-2.13 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.92-1.71 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>). ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.7, 134.2, 129.3, 128.3, 110.5, 66.9, 48.9, 32.7, 29.7, 21.9 IR (KBr): 2922, 2156, 1456, 1367, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 440.0767, found 440.0760.



**N-(Phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-thiocyanatocyclohexyl)benzenesulfonamide (6i):** eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), white solid ( 53 mg, 74 % yield), mp: 183-185 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.14-8.98 (dd, J = 17.6, 7.6 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58 (dd, J = 17.6, 8.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 4.13 (dt, J = 15.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.88 (dt, J = 12, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.47-2.42 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.83-1.64 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.39-1.19 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.0, 138.1, 134.5,

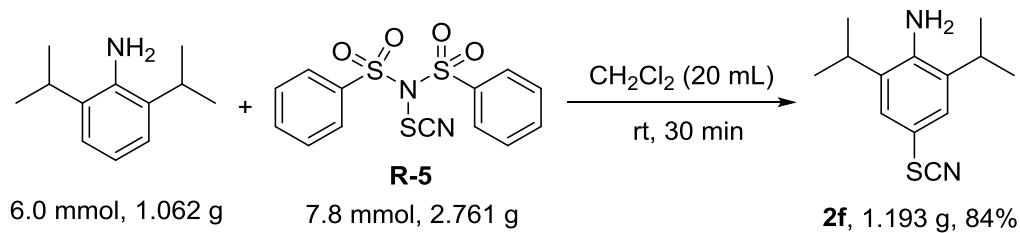
134.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 110.5, 66.5, 49.5, 35.5, 32.7, 25.9, 25.6, ppm; IR (KBr): 2920, 2152, 1446, 1371, 1274, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+ H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub> 437.0658, found 437.0650.



**(2-Thiocyanatoethene-1,1-diyldibenzene (6j):**<sup>14</sup> eluent petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v), yellow liquid ( 53 mg, 74 % yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44-7.42 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.59 (s, 1H, CH), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.3, 139.1, 136.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 111.1, 111.1, ppm; IR (KBr): 2921, 2156, 1654, 1566, 1478, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

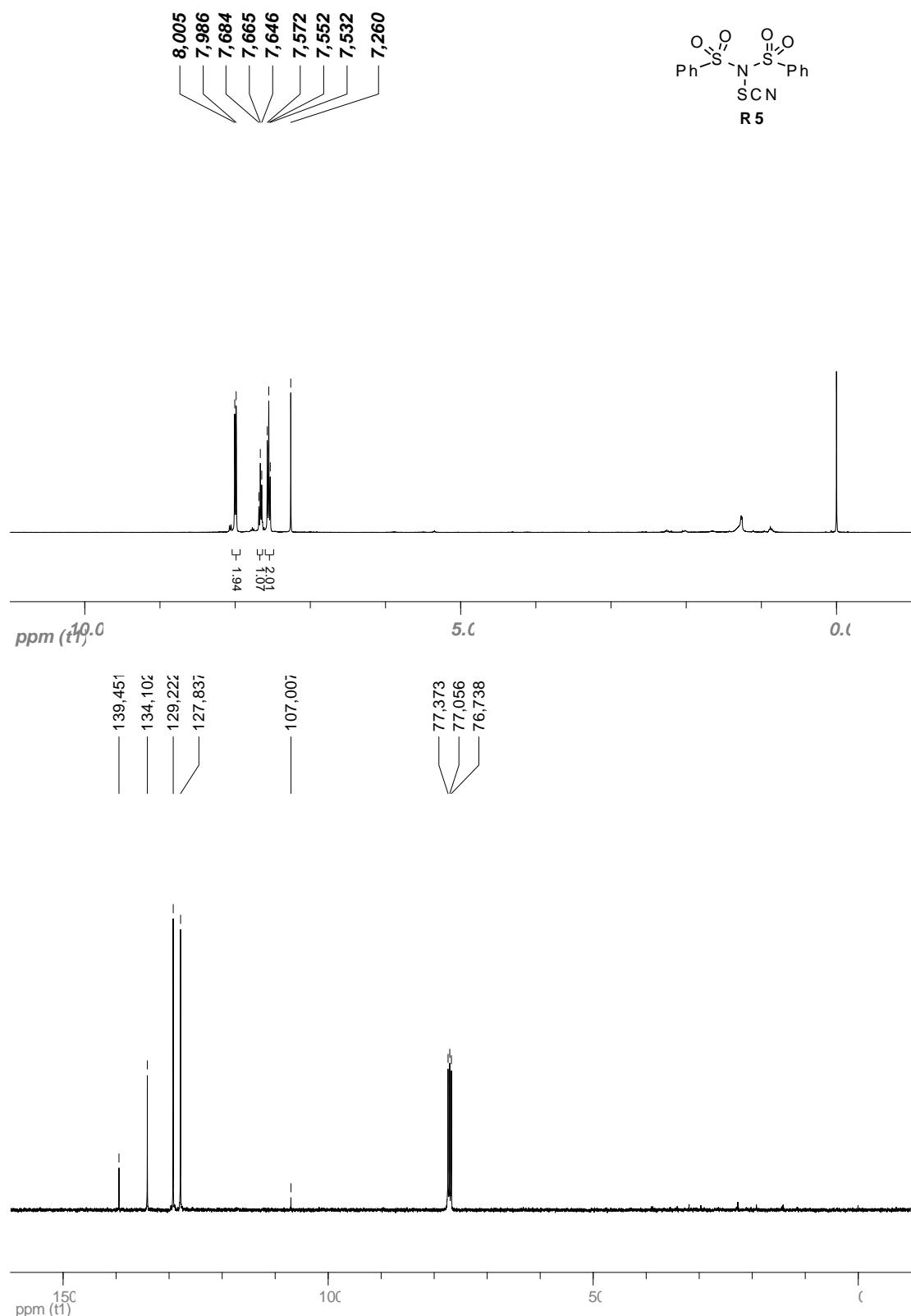
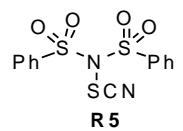
### Synthesis of 2f on a Gram Scale

Gram-scale reaction was carried out giving 1.193 g of **2f** in 84% yield from 2,6-diisopropylaniline (6.0 mmol) at room temperature for 30 min.

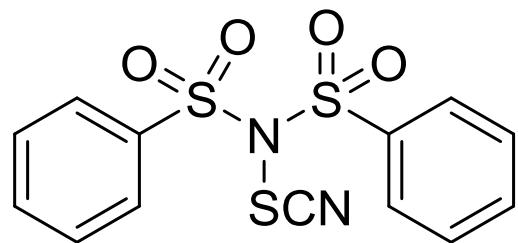


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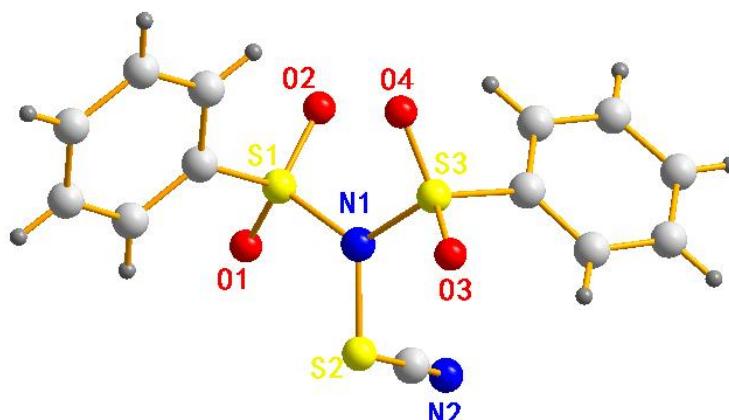


6. X-ray Structure of reagent R-5 (CCDC1919695).



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**Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for reagent R-5 (CCDC1919695).**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Identification code               | lcq137  |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>3</sub>  |
| Formula weight                    | 354.41  |
| Temperature                       | 296(2) K  |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å   |
| Crystal system, space group       | Monoclinic, P 21/c  |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 11.5057(16) Å   alpha = 90 deg.<br>b = 9.9709(14) Å   beta = 105.100(4) deg.<br>c = 13.652(2) Å   gamma = 90 deg. |
| Volume                            | 1512.1(4) Å <sup>3</sup>  |
| Z, Calculated density             | 4, 1.557 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>  |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.508 mm <sup>-1</sup>  |
| F(000)                            | 728   |
| Crystal size                      | ? x ? x ? mm  |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.561 to 24.767 deg.  |
| Limiting indices                  | -13<=h<=13, -11<=k<=11, -16<=l<=16  |
| Reflections collected / unique    | 13844 / 2588 [R(int) = 0.0206]  |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242    | 94.8 %  |
| Absorption correction             | None  |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>   |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2588 / 0 / 199  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 0.662   |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]     | R1 = 0.0243, wR2 = 0.0692   |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0258, wR2 = 0.0715   |
| Extinction coefficient            | n/a   |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.332 and -0.383 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>  |

## 7. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

