Supporting Information for:

Direct Carbon-Carbon Bond Formation via Soft Enolization: Aldol Addition of **α**-Halogenated Thioesters to Enolizable Aldehydes

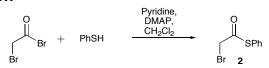
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General Considerations: Unless stated to the contrary, where applicable, the following conditions apply: Reactions were carried out using dried solvents (see below) and under a slight static pressure of Ar (pre-purified quality) that had been passed through a column (5 x 20 cm) of Drierite. Glassware was dried in an oven at 120 °C for at least 12 h prior to use and then either cooled in a dessicator cabinet over Drierite or assembled quickly while hot, sealed with rubber septa, and allowed to cool under a stream of Ar. Reaction were stirred magnetically using Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars. Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars and syringe needles were dried in an oven at 120 °C for at least 12 h prior to use and then cooled in a dessicator cabinet over Drierite. Hamilton microsyringes were dried in an oven at 60 °C for at least 24 h prior to use and cooled in the same manner. Commercially available Norm-Ject disposable syringes were used. Dry benzene, toluene, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, THF, MeCN and DME were obtained using an Innovative Technologies solvent purification system. All other dry solvents were of anhydrous quality purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Commercial grade solvents were used for routine purposes without further purification. Et₃N, pyridine, *i*-Pr₂NEt, 2,6-lutidene, *i*-Pr₂NH and TMEDA were distilled from CaH₂ under a N₂ atmosphere prior to use. Brine (NaCl), NaHCO₃, and NH₄Cl refer to saturated aqueous solutions. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (32-63 μ) with reagent grade solvents. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian spectrometer (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) at ambient temperature. All ¹H chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to TMS (0.00); 13 C shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to CDCl₃. MS data were collected from Agilent 1100 Series liquid chromatography-electrospray ionization mass spectrometer.

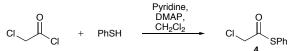
Thioester Preparation



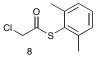
S-phenyl a-bromothioacetate (2). Pyridine (0.93 mL, 11.5 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of Bromoacetyl bromide (1.09 mL, 12.5 mmol), benzenthiol (1.12 mL, 10.9 mmol) and DMAP (0.136 g, 1.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min, then warmed to rt and allowed to stir overnight. Reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL), diluted in EtOAc (200 mL), H₂O added to just dissolve the formed precipitate (5 mL), organic

phase washed with H_2O (2 x 10 mL), brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 2 (2.37 g; 94%) as a pure, white solid. Spectroscopic data was identical to that previously reported.^{1,2}

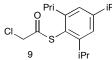
The following reaction is representative of the preparation of **a***-chloro thioesters* 5, 8, 9, *and* 10:



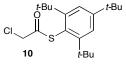
General procedure. *S*-phenyl **a**-chlorothioacetate (4). Pyridine (2.5 mL, 5% v/v was added dropwise to a stirred solution of chloroacetyl chloride (1.80 mL, 22.6 mmol), benzenthiol (2.0 mL, 19.5 mmol) and a catalytic amount of DMAP in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min, then warmed to rt and allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL), diluted in EtOAC (200 mL), H₂O added to just dissolve the formed precipitate (5 mL), organic phase washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 4 (3.45 g; 95%) as a pure, white solid. Spectroscopic data was identical to that previously reported.^{3,4}



S-(2,6-Dimethyl)phenyl α-chlorothioacetate (8). Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 8 (0.640 g; 86%) as a pure, colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.28-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 191.3, 143.0, 130.4, 128.6, 125.8, 48.0, 21.7; ESI-MS m / z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₂ClOS: 215.0, found 214.9.

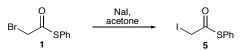


S-(2,4,6-triisopropyl)phenyl α-chlorothioacetate (9). Starting from 2,4,6-Triisopropylbenzenethiol; flash chromatography over silica gel, using 3:97 EtOAchexanes gave 9 (0.353 g; 89%) as a pure, pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H) 3.35 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H) 1.27 (d, J = 6.8, 6H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 192.8, 152.7, 151.8, 122.4, 120.4, 48.0, 34.5, 32.1, 24.5, 23.6; ESI-MS m / z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₅CINaOS: 335.1, found 335.1.



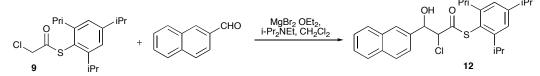
S-(2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butyl)phenyl **a**-chlorothioacetate (10). Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 2.5:97.5 EtOAc-hexanes gave 10 (0.449 g; 70%) as a pure, colorless solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (s, 2H), 4.17 (br s, 2H) 1.45 (s, 18H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C

NMR (CDCl₃): δ 193.3 (br s), 154.8, 152.4 (br s), 123.5, 121.5 (br s), 47.8, 38.0, 35.4, 32.1, 31.4; **ESI-MS** m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₃₁ClNaOS: 377.2, found 377.2.

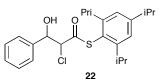


S-phenyl α-iodothioacetate (5). NaI (1.69 g, 11.3 mmol) was added to a stirred solution *S*-phenyl α-bromothioacetate (2) (1.31 g, 5.67 mmol) in acetone (50 mL). The reaction was covered to exclude to light and allowed to stir overnight. The mixture was concentrated and then dissolved in Et₂O. Organic phase was washed with H₂O, brine, dried over MgSO4, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 17 (1.55 g; 98%) as a yellow light-sensitive solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (s, 5H), 4.08 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 191.2 134.5, 130.0, 129.5, 127.2, 3.6; ESI-MS m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₈H₇INaOS: 300.9, found 300.9.

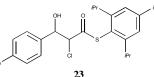
The following reaction is representative of those depicted in Table 3. All aldehydes, except for 2-naphthaldehyde, were freshly distilled prior to use. Diastereomeric ratios were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude materials. Each reaction was run at rt for either 30 min or 1 h.



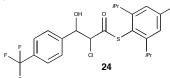
a-Chloro-**β**-hydroxy thioester (12). MgBr₂OEt₂ (0.181 g, 0.7 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of thioester 9 (0.188 g, 0.6 mmol) and 2-naphthaldehyde (0.078 g, 0.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), followed by the addition of *I*-Pr₂NEt (0.18 mL, 1.0 mmol) at rt. Stirring was continued for 30 min at rt and then EtOAc (2.5 mL) and 10% (v/v) aqueous HCl (2.5 mL) were added. Stirring continued for 10 min and the mixture was then partitioned between EtOAc (10 mL) and H_2O (2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc ($3 \times 10 \text{ mL}$) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO4, and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow oil. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 to 10:90 EtOAc-hexanes gave 12 (0.210 g, 90%) as a yellow oil of a 5.2:1 (syn:anti) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.92-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.08 - 6.90 (m, 1H, including a s at 7.04 and a s at6.94) 5.37-5.35 [m, 1H, including a dd at 5.31 (J = 3.6, 6.4 Hz) and dd at 5.31 (J = 5.6, 6.4 Hz) 6.4 Hz)], 4.88-4.81 [m, 1H including d at 4.87 (J = 6.4 Hz) and d at 4.81 (J = 6.8Hz)], 3.39 (d, OH, J = 5.2 Hz) 3.29 (two overlapping sept, 1 H, J = 6Hz), 3.08 (d, OH, 3.6Hz), 2.92-2.79 (two overlapping sept, 1H, J = 7.2Hz), 2.56-2.42 (two overlapping sept, 1H, J =6.4 Hz) 1.26-1.21 [m 1H, including a d at 1.25 (J = 7.2Hz) and a d at 1.22 (J = 6.8 Hz)], 1.20-1.10 (br s, 1H) 1.03-0.92 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 193.6, 152.6, 152.4, 151.8, 151.7, 136.2, 135.4, 133.5, 133.4, 133.2, 133.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.35, 128.31, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.48, 126.4, 124.2, 124.1, 122.2, 122.1, 120.1, 120.0, 75.7, 74.9, 68.1, 64.6, 34.4, 34.3, 31.9, 31.8, 31.7, 24.3, 24.2, 23.8, 23.6, 22.8 **ESI-MS** m / z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₃ClNaO₂S: 491.2, found 491.2.



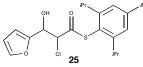
α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (22). Stirred at rt for 30 min. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 to 10:90 EtOAc-hexanes gave 22 (0.389 g, 96%) as a yellow oil of a 4:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 2H), 5.16 (dd, 1H, 4 Hz, 6.8 Hz), 5.12 (dd, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz, 6.6 Hz), 4.72 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.38-3.25 (br m, 1H), 3.22 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 3.00-2.71 [m including d at 2.96 (1H, J = 4.4Hz), sept at 2.88 (1H, J = 6.8 Hz), br m at 2.77 (1H)] 1.29-0.98 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 193.7, 152.6, 151.8, 151.7, 138.8, 138.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 127.0, 122.3, 122.2, 120.2, 120.1, 75.5, 74.7, 68.3, 64.8, 34.4, 31.9, 31.8, 31.7, 24.5, 24.3, 23.9, 23.6, 23.4, ; ESI-MS *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₁ClNaO₂S: 441.2, found 441.2.



α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (23). Stirred at rt for 1 hour. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 23 (0.053 g, 96%) as a white solid of a 4:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.15 (d, 1H, J=7.0 Hz), 4.73-4.69 (m, 1H [containing d at 4.70 (J=7.0) and d at 4.60 (J=7.0)]), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.76 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.27 (m, 6H [containing d at 1.30 (J=7.0) and d at 1.28 (J=7.0)]), 1.24-1.16 (m, 10H), 1.08-1.02 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 193.5, 159.9, 152.6, 151.7, 130.0, 128.6, 128.4, 122.4, 122.1, 120.0, 114.2, 113.9, 75.3, 75.0, 74.7, 74.3, 68.2, 68.0, 55.4, 55.2, 34.5, 34.3, 31.9, 31.8, 31.6, 24.5, 24.4, 23.9, 23.8, 23.5, 23.2; ESI-MS *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₃₃ClO₃S: 448.2, found 448.3.

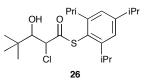


α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (24). Stirred at rt for 30 min. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 24 (0.055 g, 97%) as a white solid of a 4:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.67-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.29-5.19 (m, 1H, containing apparent dd), 4.72-4.67 (m, 1H [containing d at 4.71 (J=6.0 Hz), d at 4.68 (J=7.0 Hz)]), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.82 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.24 (m, 7H), 1.17-1.03 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 194.0, 152.5, 151.9, 142.0, 131.0, 130.8, 131.0, 130.8, 127.5, 127.4, 122.5, 119.7, 75.0, 74.8, 74.0, 73.9, 67.9, 67.7, 34.5, 34.3, 31.9, 31.8, 24.3, 24.2, 33.8; ESI-MS *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₃₀ClF₃O₂S: 487.0, found 487.0.

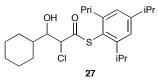


α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (25). Stirred at rt for 30 min. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 EtOAc-hexanes gave 25 (0.046 g, 83%) as a white solid of a 4:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.41-6.40 (m, 1H), 6.36 (dd, 1H, J=1.5 Hz, J=3.25 Hz), 5.25-5.14 (m, 1H [containing apparent dd at 5.24 and apparent dd at 5.15]), 4.93-4.85 (m, 1H)

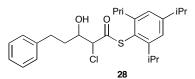
[containing d at 4.92 (J=5.5 Hz) and d at 4.86 (J=7.0 Hz)]), 3.33-3.31 (m, 1H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.84 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.22 (m, 8H), 1.14-1.09 (m, 13H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃): δ 194.0, 152.6, 152.5, 151.7, 150.9, 142.9, 142.8, 122.4, 122.2, 110.5, 109.0, 69.3, 69.1, 66.3, 65.0, 34.5, 34.3, 31.9, 24.4, 23.9, 23.8; **ESI-MS** *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₉ClO₃S: 408.2, found 408.1.



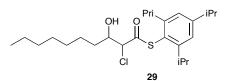
α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (26). Stirred at rt for 30 min. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 2:98 to 6:94 EtOAc-hexanes gave 26 (0.258 g, 76%) as a yellow oil of a 3:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.75 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 4.63 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 3.88 (dd, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz), 3.78 (dd, 1H, J = 4 Hz, 7.8 Hz), 3.48-3.30 (br m, 2H), 3.18 (d, 1H, J = 7.6), 2.91 (sept, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.45 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.26 (d, 6H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.18 (d, 12H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.05 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 196.3, 196.2, 152.7, 152.5, 151.8, 151.6, 122.3, 120.6, 119.9, 82.6, 77.9, 65.8, 60.4, 35.9, 35.8, 34.3, 31.9, 26.7, 26.5, 24.4, 23.8, 23.6; ESI-MS *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₃₅ClNaO₂S: 421.2 found 421.2.



α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (27). Stirred at rt for 1 h. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 to 7:93 EtOAc-hexanes gave **27** (0.160 g, 73%) as a yellow oil of a 3:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃): δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.68 (d, 1H, *syn*, J = 3.6), 4.56 (d, 1H, *anti*, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.89-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.30 (br m, 2H), 2.91 (sept, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.51 (d, OH, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.27 (d, OH, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.05-2.00 (br m, 1H), 1.87-1.57 (m, 6H), 1.28-1.09 [m including d at 1.26 (6H, J = 6.8), d at 1.18 (12 H, J = 6 Hz), and m (4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.9, 195.8, 152.7, 152.5, 151.7, 151.6, 122.3, 122.2, 120.6, 120.4, 67.0, 62.6, 40.6, 39.8, 34.5, 32.0, 31.9, 29.2, 28.1, 26.5, 26.24, 26.2, 26.1, 25.98, 25.9, 25.8, 24.4, 23.8, 23.6; ESI-MS m / z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₈H₇INaOS: 425.1, found 425.3.

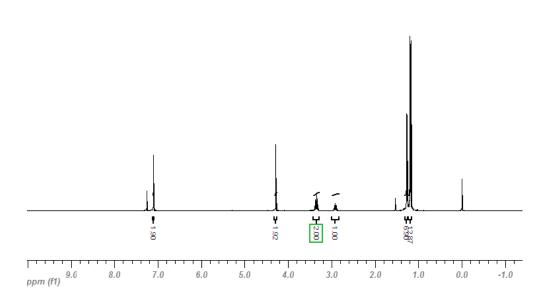


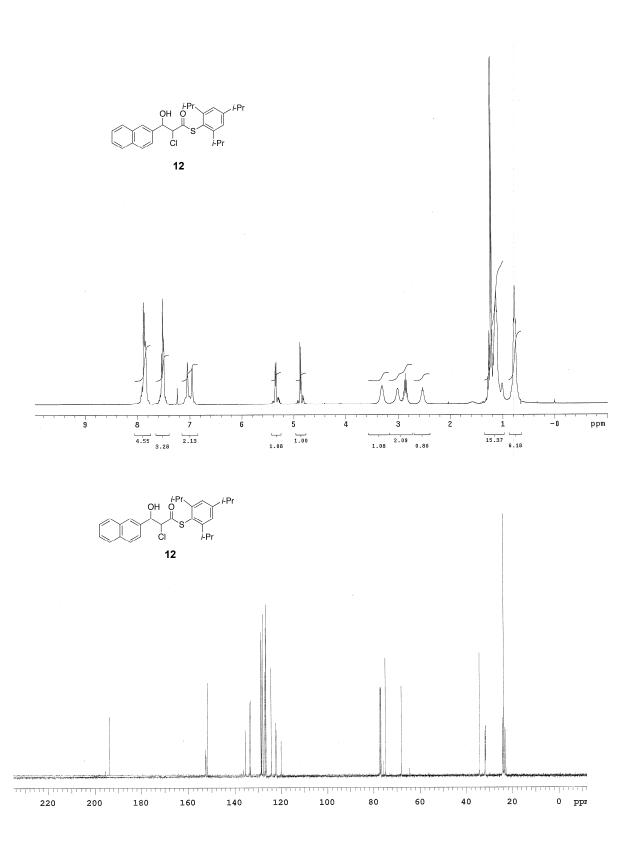
α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (28). Stirred at rt for 1 h. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 5:95 to 9:91 EtOAc-hexanes gave 28 (0.05 g, 22%) as a yellow oil of a 3:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.54-4.50 [m, 1H, including d at 4.53 (J = 4Hz) and d at 4.51 (J = 6Hz)], 4.19-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.47 [m, 1H including d at 2.53 (*anti* OH, J = 6.4 Hz) and a d at 2.48 (*syn* OHJ = 6.4 Hz)], 2.12-1.86 (two overlapping m, 1H), 1.26 (d, 6H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.18-1.14 (m, 12 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.8, 195.7 151.7, 141.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 122.3, 120.3, 71.8, 68.2, 35.4, 34.3, 32.0, 31.7, 24.3, 23.82, 23.80, 23.6; ESI-MS m / z [M + Na]+ calcd for C₂₆H₃₅CINaO₂S: 469.2, found 469.2.

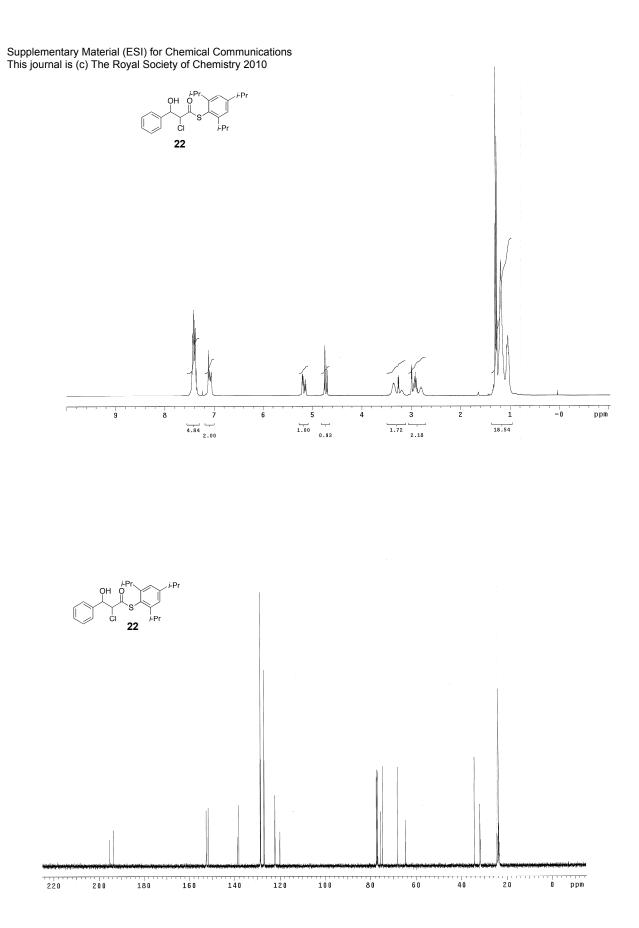


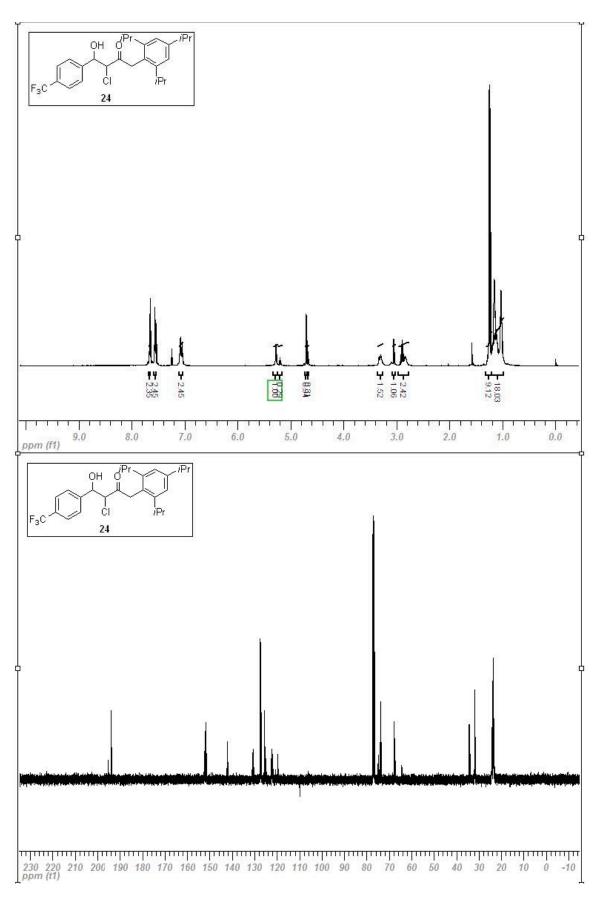
α-Chloro-β-hydroxy thioester (29). Stirred at rt for 1 h. Flash chromatography over silica gel, using 4:96 EtOAc-hexanes gave 29 (0.076 g, 33%) as a yellow oil of a 5:1 (*syn:anti*) mixture of diastereomers. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.53-4.48 (overlapping d, 1H, *syn J* = 4.4 Hz), 4.18-4.08 (m, 1H, *J* = 4.4, 6.8 Hz), 3.42-3.29 (br m, 2H, *J* = 5.6Hz), 2.92 (sept, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.47-2.39 [m including d at 2.45 (*anti* OH, *J* = 6.8 Hz) and d at 2.42 (*syn* OH, *J* = 6.4 Hz)], 1.66-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.11 [m, 23H, including d at 1.26 (*J* = 6.8 Hz) and d at 1.18 (*J* = 6.8 Hz)], 0.89-0.86 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 195.9, 195.6, 152.6, 151.6, 122.3, 120.4, 120.37, 73.2, 72.7, 68.4, 66.5, 34.3, 33.7, 33.1, 32.0, 31.9, 31.8, 31.7, 29.4, 29.38, 29.2, 29.1; ESI-MS *m* / *z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₇ClNaO₂S: 463.2, found 463.3.





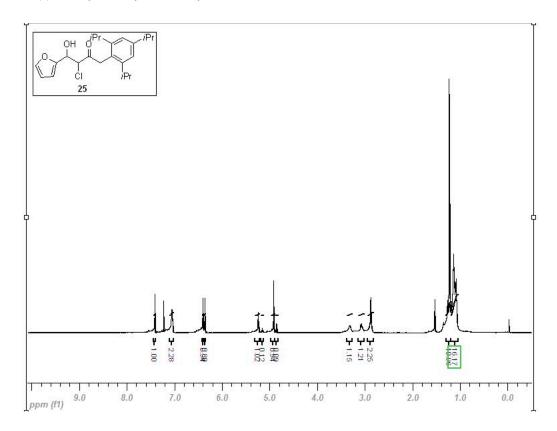


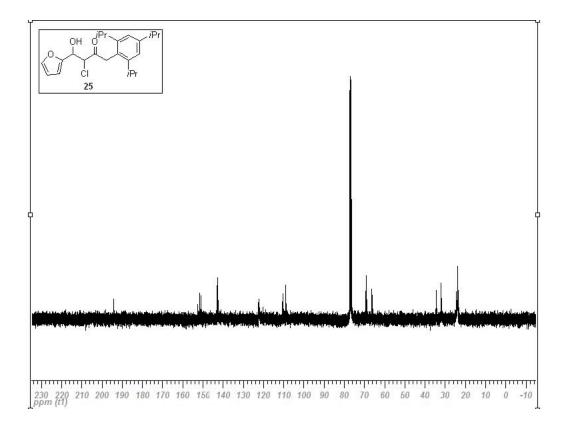


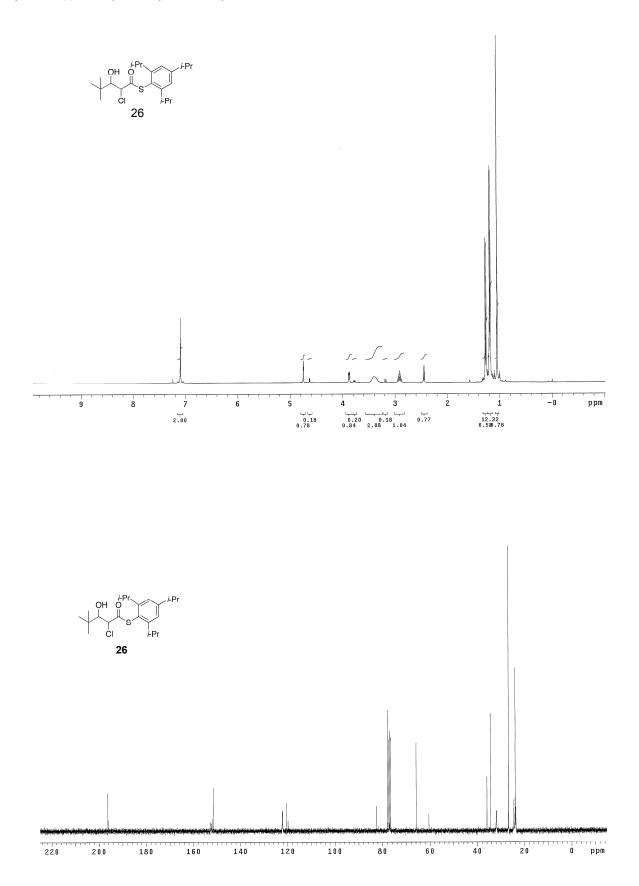


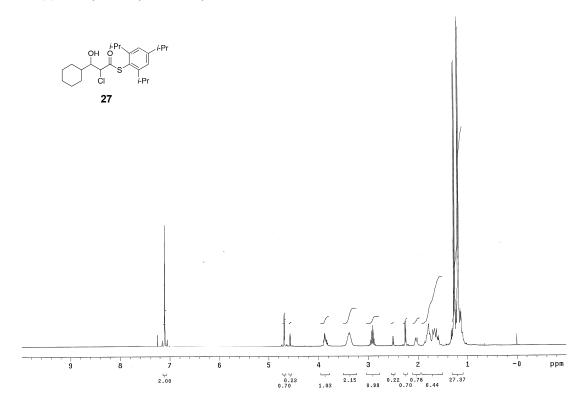
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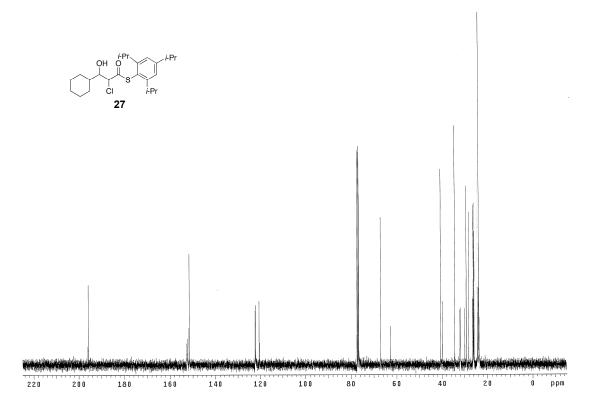
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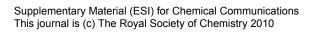


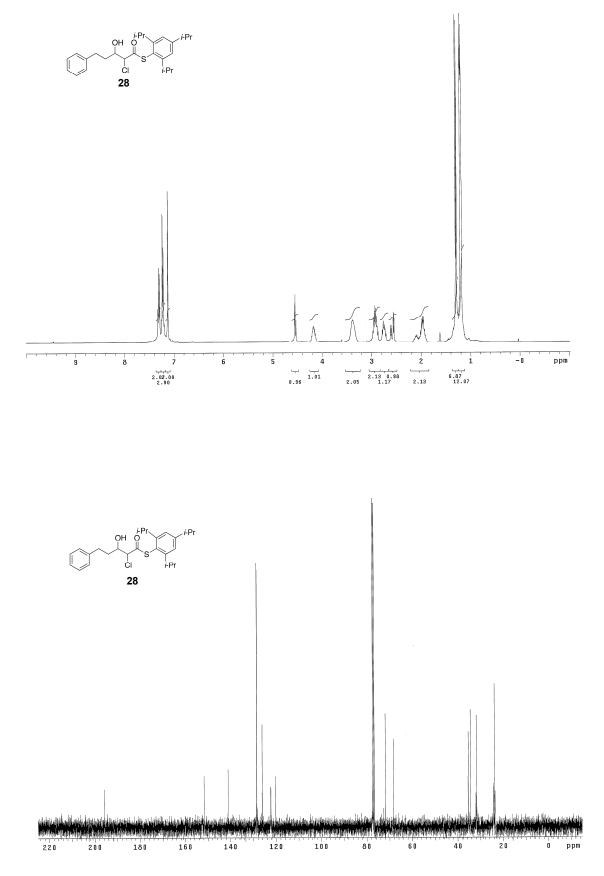


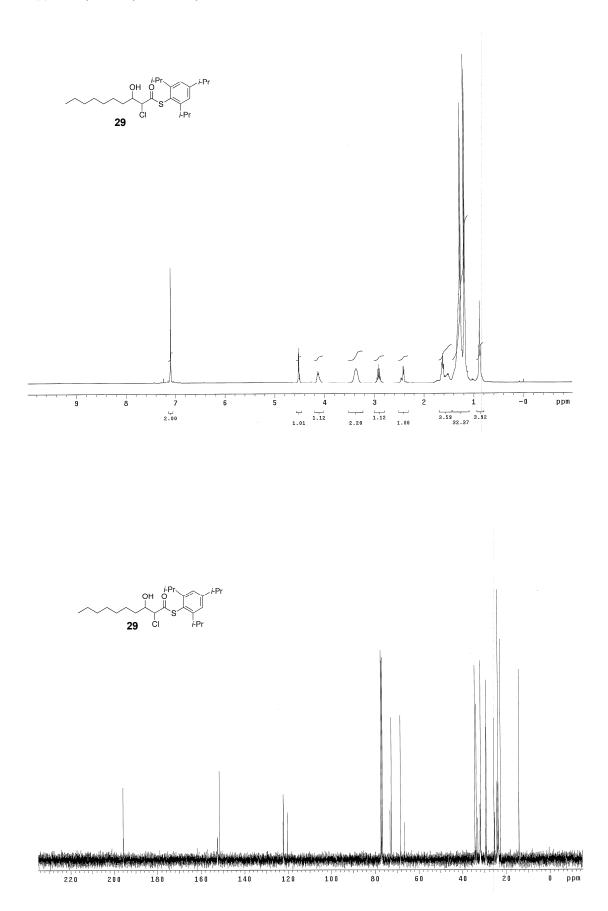












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