# - Supplementary Information - 

# Controlling stereoselectivity of solid-state photoreactions by co-crystal formation 

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## Materials and instruments.

All chemicals and solvents were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Ltd., Wako Pure Chemical Co., Ltd., and Tokyo Kasei Kogyo Co., Ltd., and were used without further purification. Compounds 1-3 were synthesized according to procedures reported by Schultz et.al. ${ }^{1}$ Melting points were measured on Yanaco Micro Melting Point Apparatus 3120. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz ) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz ) spectra were recorded on a JEOL $\alpha-500$ spectrometer. In addition to $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solution, fluorene was selected as the internal standard (see Fig. S8c) because its methylene singlet peak at 3.8 ppm does not overlap with other relevant peaks. The chemical shift values reported here are with respect to an external tetramethylsilane (TMS) standard. IR data were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-350 spectrometer. EI-MS was acquired on JEOL JMS-600H MSroute.

## X-ray crystallography.

X-ray crystallographic data of $\mathbf{X ( 1 ) , ~} \mathbf{X ( 2 )}, \mathbf{X ( 3 )}, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{1}: \mathbf{3}=1: 1)$ and $\mathbf{3 c}$ were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromatized Mo $\operatorname{K} \alpha$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) at 103 K . X-ray crystallographic data of $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{2}: \mathbf{3}=1: 1), \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{( 1 : 3 = 9 : 1 )}$ and $\mathbf{1 t}$ were collected on a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID imaging plate area detector using graphite-monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=$ $0.71073 \AA$ ) at 153 K or 103 K . Crystallographic parameters are summarized in Table S1. The crystal structures were solved by the direct method using SHELXS-97 program and refined by the successive differential Fourier syntheses and full-matrix least-squares procedure using SHELXL-97 program. ${ }^{2}$ Anisotropic thermal factors were applied to all non-hydrogen atoms. All hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. The occupancy factors of the disordered atoms in $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{2}: \mathbf{3}=1: 1)$ and $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{1}: \mathbf{3}=9: 1)$ were fixed to $0.5: 0.5$ and $0.9: 0.1$, respectively. The occupancy factors of the disordered atoms in $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{1}: \mathbf{3}=1: 1)$ were estimated by SHELXL-97 program. ${ }^{2}$ Computer graphics of ORTEP drawing of the Xray crystal structures were portrayed with Mercury 2.3 program. ${ }^{3}$

## Stereochemistry.

The stereochemistry of the photochemical reaction products (the trans and the cis isomers) were determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Crystal and molecular structures of $\mathbf{1 t}$ (trans isomer) and 3c (cis isomer) are shown in Fig. S4 and S5, respectively. They are representatives of the trans isomers ( $\mathbf{1 t}, \mathbf{2 t}$, and $\mathbf{3 t}$ ) and the cis isomers ( $\mathbf{1 c}, \mathbf{2 c}$, and $\mathbf{3 c}$ ).

## Experimental procedure of the photochemical reactions.

A single crystal of a reactant (ca. $1.6 \sim 2 \mathrm{mg}$ ) was stored in a NMR sampling tube (KUSANO SCIENCE Corp., hard glass, $\phi 5 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). The NMR sampling tube was degassed and then filled with dry argon (this process was repeated three times). The single crystal was irradiated at 365 nm with SPOT CURE SP-V (USHIO SCIENCE Corp.) using a cut-filter ( $\lambda<350 \mathrm{~nm}$ ). After irradiation, the sample was dissolved in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and then subjected to ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR measurement.

Table S1 Crystallographic parameters

| Crystal | X(1) | X(2) | X(3) | $\mathbf{X}_{3}(2: 3=1: 1)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | 1 | 2 | 3 | $2+3$ |
| Ratio | - | - | - | 2:3 $=0.52: 0.48$ |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OS}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSCl}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSBr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSCl}_{0.5} \mathrm{Br}_{0.5}$ |
| Formula weight | 232.3 | 252.7 | 297.2 | 275.0 |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | P $\overline{1}(\# 2)$ | Pbca (\#61) | Pbca (\#61) | Pbca (\#61) |
| a/ $\AA$ | 7.923(2) | 15.596(3) | 15.730(5) | 15.8902(4) |
| $b / \AA$ | 10.418(2) | 14.935(3) | 15.142(5) | 15.2239(3) |
| c/ $\AA$ | 15.473(3) | 20.531(4) | 20.590(6) | 20.6540(5) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\text {o }}$ | 91.07 (3) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta)^{\text {o }}$ | 102.32(3) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\gamma^{\prime}{ }^{\circ}$ | 104.43(3) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V/ $\AA^{3}$ | 1204.9(4) | 4782.2(2) | 4904(3) | 4996.4(2) |
| $D_{\text {calc. }} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.28 | 1.40 | 1.61 | 1.46 |
| Z | 4 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| $2 \theta_{\text {max }} /{ }^{\circ}$ | 55.6 | 55.8 | 55.8 | 54.8 |
| $\mu(\mathrm{MoK} \alpha) / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.244 | 0.468 | 3.498 | 1.941 |
| Temperature /K | 103 | 103 | 103 | 153 |
| Crystal form | block | block | block | block |
| Crystal size / mm | $0.40 \times 0.35 \times 0.20$ | $0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.20$ | $0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.20$ | $0.60 \times 0.52 \times 0.42$ |
| Crystal colourless | colourless | colourless | colourless | colourless |
| $h$ range | $-9 \rightarrow 10$ | $-20 \rightarrow 20$ | $-11 \rightarrow 20$ | $0 \rightarrow 20$ |
| $k$ range | $-10 \rightarrow 13$ | $-19 \rightarrow 19$ | $-19 \rightarrow 16$ | $0 \rightarrow 19$ |
| $l$ range | $-20 \rightarrow 14$ | $-26 \rightarrow 26$ | $-26 \rightarrow 25$ | $-26 \rightarrow 0$ |
| \# of total reflections | 7394 | 39673 | 28443 | 43366 |
| \# of unique reflections | 5205 | 5630 | 5696 | 5653 |
| \# of observed reflections | 4521 | 4938 | 4446 | 2699 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0230 | 0.0412 | 0.0461 | 0.0406 |
| Criterion for observed reflections | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ |
| X-ray apparatus | SMART-CCD | SMART-CCD | SMART-CCD | Rigaku-IP |
| R1 (observed) | 0.0423 | 0.0393 | 0.0345 | 0.0413 |
| $w R 2$ (observed) | 0.1066 | 0.0930 | 0.0771 | 0.0969 |
| G. O. F. | 1.035 | 1.063 | 1.014 | 0.815 |
| \# of parameters used | 293 | 291 | 291 | 309 |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}\right)$ | +0.403 | +0.452 | +0.754 | +0.360 |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | -0.282 | -0.323 | -0.627 | -0.297 |
| $C C D C$ number | 679703 | 679704 | 679705 | 679709 |

Table S1 Crystallographic parameters (continued)

| Crystal | $\left.\mathbf{X}_{3} \mathbf{( 1 : 3}=1: 1\right)$ | $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{1}: 3=9: 1)$ | - | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | $1+3$ | $1+3$ | 1t | 3c |
| Ratio | 1:3 $=0.49: 0.51$ | $\mathbf{1}: \mathbf{3}=0.9: 0.1$ | - | - |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{27.18} \mathrm{H}_{29.54} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{0.82} \mathrm{C}_{13.9} \mathrm{H}_{15.7} \mathrm{OSBr}_{0.1}$ |  | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OS}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSBr}$ |
| Formula weight | 517.8 | 238.8 | 232.3 | 297.2 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | Pbca (\#61) | Pbca (\#61) | P2 ${ }_{1} / n(\# 14)$ | P2 $1_{1}$ n (\#14) |
| a/ $\AA$ A | 15.591(3) | 15.5798(4) | 6.9911(2) | 9.607(2) |
| $b / \AA$ | 15.064(3) | 15.0633(4) | 17.8652(4) | 7.577(2) |
| c/ $\AA$ | 20.669(4) | 20.6424(5) | 9.4401(2) | 17.375(4) |
| $\alpha /^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta /^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 | 96.020(1) | 103.40(3) |
| $\gamma^{\prime}{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V/ $\AA^{3}$ | 4854.4(2) | 4844.4(2) | 1172.54(5) | 1230.3(4) |
| $D_{\text {calc. }} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.42 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.60 |
| Z | 8 | 16 | 4 | 4 |
| $2 \theta_{\max } /{ }^{\circ}$ | 55.8 | 59.8 | 59.8 | 55.8 |
| $\mu(\operatorname{MoK} \alpha) / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 1.590 | 0.573 | 0.251 | 3.486 |
| Temperature $/ K$ | 103 | 103 | 153 | 103 |
| Crystal form | plate | block | block | block |
| Crystal size / mm | $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.05$ | $0.52 \times 0.50 \times 0.46$ | $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.05$ | $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ |
| Crystal colourless | colourless | colourless | colourless | colourless |
| $h$ range | $-20 \rightarrow 20$ | $-20 \rightarrow 21$ | $0 \rightarrow 9$ | $-12 \rightarrow 12$ |
| $k$ range | $-19 \rightarrow 19$ | $-21 \rightarrow 21$ | $0 \rightarrow 25$ | $-9 \rightarrow 9$ |
| $l$ range | $-26 \rightarrow 26$ | $-28 \rightarrow 28$ | $-13 \rightarrow 13$ | $-22 \rightarrow 22$ |
| \# of total reflections | 40034 | 53767 | 13602 | 10251 |
| \# of unique reflections | 5714 | 6998 | 3385 | 2840 |
| \# of observed reflections | 4730 | 5748 | 2475 | 2553 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0502 | 0.0551 | 0.0331 | 0.0387 |
| Criterion for observed |  |  |  |  |
| reflections | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ | $I>2 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$ |
| X-ray apparatus | SMART-CCD | Rigaku-IP | Rigaku-IP | SMART-CCD |
| $R 1$ (observed) | 0.0464 | 0.0517 | 0.0380 | 0.0317 |
| $w R 2$ (observed) | 0.1092 | 0.1215 | 0.0923 | 0.0793 |
| G. O. F. | 1.112 | 1.193 | 1.003 | 1.066 |
| \# of parameters used | 301 | 299 | 146 | 145 |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-3}\right)$ | +0.520 | +1.461 | +0.491 | +0.923 |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | -0.318 | -1.142 | -0.282 | -0.351 |
| $C C D C$ number | 679710 | 801654 | 679706 | 679707 |

## Physical properties of 2-(2-methylphenylthio)-3-methyl-2-cyclohexene-1-one (1)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $2.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.23(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),, 2.41(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.56(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.62(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 20.3, 21.9, 24.5, 24.5. 34.4, 38.4, 124.9, 125.7, 126.1, 129.4, 130.0, 135.6, 169.3, 194.3; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): 232 (M+); Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 72.37$; H, 6.94; N, 0. Found: C, 72.40; H, 7.07; N, 0.; Melting Point: $103.0-103.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Physical properties of 2-(2-chlorophenylthio)-3-methyl- 2-cyclohexene-1-one (2)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $2.08(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.27(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{t}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 6.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.5,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{ddd}, J=1.5,7.6,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=1.2,7.6,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 7.31 (dd, $J=1.2,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 21.7,24.4,34.4,38.2,126.0,126.9$, 127.0, 129.5, 129.6, 131.9, 135.7, 170.7, 194.1; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): 254 ( $\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{37} \mathrm{Cl}$ ), $252\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{35} \mathrm{Cl}\right)$; Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSCl}: \mathrm{C}, 61.77$; H, 5.18 ; N, 0. Found: C, $61.70 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.30$; N, 0. ; Melting Point: $94.0-95.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Physical properties of 2-(2-bromophenylthio)-3-methyl- 2-cyclohexene-1-one (3)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $2.09(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),, 2.59(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{t}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 6.78 (dd, $J=1.5,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{ddd}, J=1.5,7.3,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{ddd}, J=1.2,7.3,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.2,7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 21.7, 24.5, 34.4, 38.2, 121.5, 126.1, 126.7, 127.5, 128.9, 132.9, 137.7, 170.8, 194.1; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): $298\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right), 296\left(\mathrm{M}+{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right)$; Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSBr}$ : C, 52.54 ; H, 4.41; N, 0. Found: C, 52.60; H, 4.47; N, 0.; Melting Point: $99.0-100.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


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2


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Physical properties of trans-6,9b-dimethyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one (1t)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.13(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.24(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.27(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.37$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.61(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.04(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 18.8,20.6,23.2,34.0,40.4,55.0,70.5,118.9$, 125.3, 128.6, 133.5, 138.9, 147.5, 204.9; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, m / z$ ): 232 (M+); Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 72.37 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.94 ; \mathrm{N}, 0$. Found: C, 72.36; H, 6.98; $\mathrm{N}, 0 . ;$ Melting Point: $161.0-163.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Physical properties of trans-6-chloro-9b-methyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one

 (2t)${ }^{1}{ }^{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.15(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.46$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.55(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.66(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.2,7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $1.2,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ) ${ }^{13}{ }^{3} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 18.8, 23.0, 33.9, 40.3, 55.7, 70.3, 119.6, 126.5, 128.0, 149.5, 204.1; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): 254 (M+, ${ }^{37} \mathrm{Cl}$ ), 252 (M+, ${ }^{35} \mathrm{Cl}$ ); Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSCl}: \mathrm{C}, 61.77$; H, 5.18; N, 0 . Found: C, 61,63; H, 5.32; N, 0.; Melting Point: $148.0-149.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Physical properties of trans-6-bromo-9b-methyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one (3t)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.16(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$ ), $2.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.55(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=2.4,6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ : $18.9,23.0,34.0,40.3,56.1,69.9,118.2,120.2,126.6,131.0,141.7,149.2,204.1$; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): $298\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right), 296\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right)$; Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSBr}: \mathrm{C}, 52.54$; $\mathrm{H}, 4.41 ; \mathrm{N}, 0$. Found: C, $52.44 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.45 ; \mathrm{N}, 0 . ;$ Melting Point: $129.0-130.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


1t


2t


3t

## Physical properties of cis-6,9b-dimethyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one (1c)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.45(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.66(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.36(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.79$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 20.5, 21.1, 25.8, 34.3, 37.5, 54.5, 64.4, 120.0, 125.4, 128.7, 132.2, 138.9, 145.9, 208.5; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): $232\left(\mathrm{M}+\right.$ ); Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 72.37$; H , 6.94; N, 0. Found: C, 72.18 ; H, 7.15; N, 0.; Melting Point: $99.0-100.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Physical properties of cis-6-chloro-9b-methyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one

 (2c)${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{2}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.47(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.80$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.1,7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.1,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 21.0, 25.8, 34.4, 37.4, 64.8, 120.7, 126.6, 128.1, 148.0, 207.5; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): $254\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{37} \mathrm{Cl}\right), 252\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{35} \mathrm{Cl}\right)$; Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSCl}: \mathrm{C}, 61.77$; H, 5.18; N, 0. Found: C, 61.71 ; H, 5.24; N, 0.; Melting Point: $65.0-66.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Physical properties of cis-6-bromo-9b-methyl-2,3,4a,9b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenzothiophene-4-one (3c)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $1.46(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.66(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.80$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.5,7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 20.9, $25.9,34.5,37.4,55.8,63.6,116.3,121.2,126.6,131.0,141.5,147.6,207.5$; MS (EI, $70 \mathrm{eV}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ): 298 $\left(\mathrm{M}+,{ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}\right), 296\left(\mathrm{M}+{ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}\right)$; Elemental Analysis calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{OSBr}$ : C, 52.54; H, 4.41; N, 0. Found: $\mathrm{C}, 52.65 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.57 ; \mathrm{N}, 0 . ;$ Melting Point: $73.0-74.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


1c


2c


3c


Fig. S1 Typical UV/vis absorption spectra $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ of (a) the reactant (1), (b) the trans isomer (1t) and (c) the cis isomer (1c).


Fig. S2 The change of IR spectra of $\mathbf{X ( 3 )}$ in a KCl disk upon UV irradiation at rt. Reaction time: 0 - 960 s.


Fig. S3 Typical ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, 293 \mathrm{~K}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) of (a) the trans isomer (3t) and (b) the cis isomer $(\mathbf{3 c}) .(\bullet)$ and $(\circ)$ denote the methine proton of $3 \mathbf{t}$ and the methine proton of $3 \mathbf{c}$, respectively.

Top view


Side view


1t

Fig. S4 ORTEP drawing (50 \% probability ellipsoids) of top (left) and side (right) views of $\mathbf{1 t}$. Colour scheme: black (carbon), black (hydrogen), red (oxygen), orange (sulphur).



Fig. S5 ORTEP drawing (50 \% probability ellipsoids) of top (left) and side (right) views of 3c. Colour scheme: black (carbon), black (hydrogen), red (oxygen), orange (sulphur), brown (bromine).

Molecule A


Molecule B


1

Fig. S6 ORTEP drawing (50 \% probability ellipsoids) of the two independent molecules (Molecule A and B) of $\mathbf{1}$ in $\mathbf{X ( 1 ) . ~ C o l o u r ~ s c h e m e : ~ b l a c k ~ ( c a r b o n ) , ~ b l a c k ~ ( h y d r o g e n ) , ~ r e d ~ ( o x y g e n ) , ~ o r a n g e ~ ( s u l p h u r ) . ~}$

## Molecule A



Molecule B


2

Fig. S7 ORTEP drawing (50 \% probability ellipsoids) of the two independent molecules (Molecule A and B) of $\mathbf{2}$ in $\mathbf{X ( 2 ) . ~ C o l o u r ~ s c h e m e : ~ b l a c k ~ ( c a r b o n ) , ~ b l a c k ~ ( h y d r o g e n ) , ~ r e d ~ ( o x y g e n ) , ~ o r a n g e ~ ( s u l p h u r ) , ~}$ green (chorine).

Molecule A


Molecule B


3

Fig. S8 ORTEP drawing (50 \% probability ellipsoids) of the two independent molecules (Molecule A and B) of $\mathbf{3}$ in $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{3})$. Colour scheme: black (carbon), black (hydrogen), red (oxygen), orange (sulphur), brown (bromine).


Fig. S9 Photochemical reaction products of (a) compound 1, (b) compound 2 and (c) compound 3 in degassed benzene solution after UV irradiation $(\lambda=365 \mathrm{~nm})$ for $2.0 h .(\bullet)$ and ( $\circ$ ) denote the cis and the trans isomers, respectively.
(a)

(b)


Fig. S10 Intermolecular carbonyl-Br (a) and carbonyl-Me (b) contacts found in $\mathbf{X ( 3 )}$ and $\left.\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{( 1 : 3}=1: 9\right)$, respectively.

There are two independent molecules in crystals $\mathbf{X ( 3 )}$ and $\left.\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{( 1 : 3}=1: 9\right)$. Contacts for one molecule are shown in Fig. 3 and those for the other are shown in this Figure.


Fig. S11 The photochemical reaction products after UV irradiation for $0.5 h$ on single crystals of $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{1}: 3=9: 1)$ (a) and $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{3}}(2: 3=1: 1)$ (b). ( $\bullet$ ), (○), ( $\mathbf{\Delta}$ ) and ( $\square$ ) denote the cis isomer, the trans isomer, the reactant and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, respectively.

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