Supporting Information

Regio- and stereoselective synthesis of 2-cyclopentenones *via* a hydrogenolysis-terminated Heck cyclization of β -alkylthio dienones

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I. General

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated. The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 25°C on a Varian 500 MHz and 125 MHz, and using TMS as internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using a Bruker microTOF II focus spectrometer (ESI). Melting points were uncorrected. The compound **2a** with dimension 0.40 \times 0.35 \times 0.30 mm, was glued on a glass fiber. Data were collected at 293K using graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and Bruker APEX CCD area-detector in the range 3.09° < θ < 25.00°. Substrates **1** were prepared following the known procedure.¹ **1'a**,² **1'e**,³ **1'f**,⁴ **1'g**,⁵ **1'h**,¹ **1'i**,⁶ **1'j**,⁷ **1'k**,⁸ **1a**,² **1b**,² **1e**,² **1g**,² **1v**,⁹ **1w**,⁴ and **1y**¹⁰ are known compounds.

II. Synthetic procedures/analytical data of compounds 1

O 1) base/DMF ∥ _{D1} 2) CS₂	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ R^1 \\ R^2 CHO \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ R^1 \\ R^1 \\ R^1 \\ R^1 \\ R^2 CHO \\ I \\ $
\xrightarrow{R} $\frac{j}{3}$ RX	
	1' 1
	1 2
1 ′/R, R ¹	$1/\mathrm{R},\mathrm{R}^{1},\mathrm{R}^{2}$
1'a /Et, 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	$1a/Et$, $4-MeOC_6H_4$, Ph
	1b /Et, 4 -MeOC ₆ H ₄ , 4 -MeOC ₆ H ₄
	$1c/Et$, $4-MeOC_6H_4$, $4-MeC_6H_4$
	1d /Et, 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , 2,3-CH ₂ O ₂ C ₆ H ₃
	$1e/Et$, $4-MeOC_6H_4$, $4-ClC_6H_4$
	$\mathbf{1f}/\mathrm{Et}, 4-\mathrm{MeOC}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}, 2-\mathrm{ClC}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}$
	1g/Et, 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , 2-furyl
	1h /Et, 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , t Bu
1'b /Et, 2- MeOC ₆ H ₄	1i/Et, 2-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , Ph
	1j/Et, 2-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , 2,3-CH ₂ O ₂ C ₆ H ₃
	1k/Et, 2-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , 4-ClC ₆ H ₄
1'c /Et, 4- ClC ₆ H ₄	$\mathbf{l}/\mathrm{Et}, 4-\mathrm{ClC}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{Ph}$
	$1m/Et$, $4-ClC_6H_4$, $2,3-CH_2O_2C_6H_3$
	$1n/Et$, $4-ClC_6H_4$, $4-ClC_6H_4$
	$10/Et$, $4-ClC_6H_4$, $2-furyl$
1'd /Et, 4- FC ₆ H ₄	$\mathbf{1p}/\mathrm{Et}, 4-\mathrm{FC}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{Ph}$
	$1q/Et$, $4-FC_6H_4$, $2,3-CH_2O_2C_6H_3$
	$1r/Et$, $4-FC_6H_4$, $4-ClC_6H_4$
	$1s/Et$, $4-FC_6H_4$, $2-furyl$
$1'e/Me$, $4-ClC_6H_4$	$\mathbf{1t}/\mathrm{Me}, 4-\mathrm{ClC}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{Ph}$
	$1u/Me$, $4-ClC_6H_4$, $4-ClC_6H_4$
1'f /Me, Me	1v /Me, Me, Ph
	1w/Me, Me, 2,3-CH ₂ O ₂ C ₆ H ₃
1′g /Me, <i>n</i> Bu	1x/Me, <i>n</i> Bu, Ph
1'h/Et, COPh	$1y/Et$, COPh, $4-ClC_6H_4$
1'i/Et H	$1z/Et, H, 4-ClC_6H_4$

General procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetals of 1a-u and 1y (taking 1a as an example): To a well-stirred suspension of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-one (15.4 mL, 100 mmol), K₂CO₃ (34.5 g, 250 mmol) and DMF (50 mL) at room temperature was added CS₂ (6.6 mL, 110 mmol) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, EtBr (16.4 mL, 220 mmol) was added dropwise within 15 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h, and then poured into ice-water (100 mL) under stirring and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3 × 25 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate 60/1, v/v) to give 4,4-bis(ethylthio)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl) but-3-en-2-one 1a' (23.7 g, 80%) as a yellow liquid. Then, to a stirred solution of 1a' (296 mg, 1.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.12 mL, 1.2 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added NaOH (80 mg, 2.0 mmol) in one portion at room temperature. After 1a' was consumed as indicated by TLC, the resulting mixture was quenched by ice-water (20 mL). The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water (3 × 15 mL) and dried at ambience to give 1a (353 mg, 92%) as a yellow crystal.

General procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetals 1v-x (taking 1v as an example): To a well-stirred suspension of anhydrous t-BuOK (4.94 g, 44 mmol) and butan-2-one (1.79 mL, 20 mmol) in 40 mL of anhydrous DMF were added CS₂ (1.32 mL, 20 mmol) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h, MeI (2.49 mL, 40 mmol) was added dropwise within 30 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 5 h, and then poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL) under stirring. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ $(3 \times 30 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phase was washed with water $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash acetate: chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ ethyl 80/1. v/v) to give 3-methyl-4,4-bis(methylthio)but-3-en-2-one 1'f (705 mg, 20%) as a lightyellow liquid. Then, to a stirred solution of **1'f** (176 mg, 1.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.12 mL, 1.2 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added NaOH (80 mg, 2.0 mmol) in one portion at room temperature. After 1'f was consumed as indicated by TLC, the resulting mixture was quenched by ice-water (20 mL) under stirring. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water (15 mL \times 3) and dried at ambience to give 1v (198 mg, 75%) as a light yellow crystal.

Procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetal 1z: To a well-stirred suspension of pentane-2,4-dione (10.2 mL, 100 mmol), K_2CO_3 (34.5 g, 250 mmol) and DMF (50 mL) at room temperature was added CS_2 (6.6 mL, 110 mmol) at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, EtBr (16.4mL, 220 mmol) was added dropwise within 15 min. The mixture was

allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16.0 h, and then poured into ice-water (200 mL) under stirring and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3 \times 25 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate 20/1, v/v) to give 3-(bis(ethylthio)methylene)pentane-2,4-dione (20.8g, 90%) as a yellow liquid. Then to a solution of 3-(bis(ethylthio)methylene)pentane-2,4-dione (1.16 g, 5.0 mmol) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added concentrated H₂SO₄ (1.1 mL, 20 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 10 h, and then poured onto saturated NaCl ice-water (50 mL) under stirring. The mixture was neutralized with aqueous Na₂CO₃, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3 \times 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate 30/1, V/V) to give 4,4-bis(ethylthio)but-3-en-2-one 1'i (855 mg, 90%) as a white solid. Then, to a stirred solution of 1'i (190 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehvde (154 mg, 1.1 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added NaOH (80 mg, 2.0 mmol) in one portion at room temperature. After 1'i was consumed as indicated by TLC, the resulting mixture was quenched by ice-water (20 mL) under stirring. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water (3 \times 15 mL) and dried at ambience to give 1z (281 mg, 90%) as a yellow crystal.



Procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetal 1aa: The procedure for the synthesis of **1aa** is the same as that of **1a**.



Procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetal 1ab : To a stirred solution of **1'd** (284 mg, 1.0 mmol) and benzophenone (182 mg, 1.0 mmol) in *t*BuOH (5.0 mL) was added *t*BuOK (448 mg, 4.0 mmol) in one portion at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature and then heated to 50° C to stir for additional 7 h. After **1'd** was consumed (monitored

by TLC), the reaction mixture was poured into ice water (30 mL), neutralized with diluted hydrochloric acid, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (3 × 15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate: 20/1, v/v) to give **1ab** (166 mg, 37%) as a yellow crystal.



General procedure for the synthesis of ketene dithioacetals 1ac–ae: General procedure for the synthesis of 1ac–ae is the same as that of 1a.

4,4-Bis(ethylthio)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one(1'b)



Yellow liquid. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.60 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.7, 156.7, 143.9, 140.7, 131.1, 129.6, 127.6, 120.5, 110.7, 55.3, 30.0, 28.5 (2C), 14.6, 14.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₅H₂₁O₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 297.0977, found 297.0983.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4,4-bis(ethylthio)but-3-en-2-one(1'c)



White solid. mp 62-63 °C. ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.68 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 2.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 2.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 147.9, 136.7, 134.8, 134.0, 130.4 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 30.4, 28.4, 28.2, 14.6, 14.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈ClOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 301.0482, found 301.0484.

4,4-Bis(ethylthio)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-en-2-one(1'd)



Yellow solid. mp 40-41 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 162.3 (d, *J* = 247 Hz, 1C), 148.2, 135.9, 132.2 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 130.8 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 115.3 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 30.3, 28.3, 28.0, 14.6, 14.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈FOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 285.0778, found 285.0778.

(E)-1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-p-tolylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one (1c)



Yellow solid. mp 82-83 °C. ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.7, 159.3, 147.8, 144.6, 140.9, 134.1, 131.9, 130.5 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 128.9, 128.3 (2C), 126.1, 113.7 (2C), 55.2, 28.6, 27.9, 21.5, 14.8, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₇O₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 399.1447, found 399.1454.

(E)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1 d)



Yellow solid. mp 60-61 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 2H),

7.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 159.3, 149.8, 148.3, 147.8, 144.3, 134.2, 130.5 (2C), 129.1, 128.9, 125.1, 124.9, 113.7 (2C), 108.6, 106.6, 101.6, 55.2, 28.6, 27.9, 14.8, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅O₄S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 429.1189, found 429.1187.

(E) - 5 - (2 - Chlorophenyl) - 1, 1 - bis(ethylthio) - 2 - (4 - methoxyphenyl) penta - 1, 4 - dien - 3 - one(1f)



Yellow solid. mp 65-66 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 159.4, 147.3, 140.3, 135.2, 134.7, 132.8, 131.2, 130.5 (2C), 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 127.5, 127.1, 113.7 (2C), 55.2, 28.7, 27.9, 14.8, 14.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₄ClO₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 419.0901, found 419.0902.

(E)-1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethylhepta-1,4-dien-3-one(1h)



Yellow solid. mp 57-58 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.70 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.10 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 159.8, 159.2, 148.0, 132.6, 130.2 (2C), 128.8, 126.0, 113.5 (2C), 55.1, 33.9, 28.5 (3C), 28.4, 27.6, 14.7, 14.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₉O₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 365.1603, found 365.1605.

(E)-1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1i)



Yellow solid. mp 76-77 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5

Hz, 3H), 2.65 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 156.6, 143.8, 142.6, 139.6, 135.2, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.0, 126.9, 120.5, 110.9, 55.3, 28.7, 28.2, 14.8, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₅O₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 385.1290, found 385.1289.

(E)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1 j)



Yellow solid. mp 128-129 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 156.5, 149.4, 148.2, 144.0, 142.8, 139.1, 130.7, 129.6, 129.5, 126.9, 125.1, 124.5, 120.5, 110.8, 108.5, 106.5, 101.4, 55.3, 28.6, 28.1, 14.8, 14.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅O₄S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 429.1189, found 429.1188.

(E)-5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1k)



Yellow solid. mp 118-119 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 6.86-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 156.6, 143.5, 140.7, 140.3, 135.7, 133.7, 130.9, 129.7, 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 127.4, 127.0, 120.6, 110.9, 55.3, 28.8, 28.3, 14.8, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₄ClO₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 419.1158, found 419.1152.

(E) - 2 - (4 - Chlorophenyl) - 1, 1 - bis (ethylthio) - 5 - phenylpenta - 1, 4 - dien - 3 - one (11)



Yellow solid. mp 138-139 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.7, 146.2, 144.4, 137.2, 135.1, 134.4, 133.9, 130.5, 130.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 126.7, 28.6, 28.1, 14.7, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂ClOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 389.0795, found 389.0802.

(E)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1m)



Yellow solid. mp 149-150 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.7, 149.9, 148.4, 146.5, 144.4, 136.8, 135.2, 133.9, 130.5 (2C), 128.9, 128.5 (2C), 125.0, 124.8, 108.6, 106.6, 101.6, 28.6, 28.2, 14.8, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂ClO₃S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 433.0693, found 433.0701.

(E)-2,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1n)



Yellow solid. mp 120-121 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 146.0, 142.6, 138.0, 136.4, 135.1, 134.0, 133.0, 130.6 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.1, 28.7, 28.3, 14.8, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁Cl₂OS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 423.0405,

found 423.0409.

(E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-5-(furan-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1o)



Yellow solid. mp 87-88 °C. **'H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.71 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (dd, J = 2.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.47 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 151.2, 146.3, 145.1, 137.8, 135.3, 133.9, 130.6 (2C), 130.0, 128.5 (2C), 124.1, 115.9, 112.6, 28.7, 28.3, 14.7, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀ClO₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 379.0588, found 379.0587.

(E)-1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1p)



Yellow solid. mp 125-126 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 162.3 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz, 1C), 146.5, 144.4, 136.7, 134.5, 132.7, 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 130.5, 128.9 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 126.8, 115.3 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 28.7, 28.1, 14.8, 14.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂FOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 373.1091, found 373.1086.

(E)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1q)



Yellow solid. mp 134-136 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz,

1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 162.3 (d, J = 247.0 Hz, 1C), 149.9, 148.4, 146.8, 144.4, 136.3, 132.7, 131.0 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.0, 125.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2C), 115.3 (d, J = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 108.6, 106.6, 101.6, 28.6, 28.1, 14.8, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂FO₃S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 417.0989, found 417.0983.

(E)-5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1r)



Yellow solid. mp 123-125 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 162.4 (d, J = 247.1 Hz, 1C), 146.3, 142.5, 137.5, 136.4, 133.1, 132.7, 131.0 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 127.1, 115.3 (d, J = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 28.7, 28.2, 14.8, 14.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁ClFOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 407.0701, found 407.0698.

(E)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1s)



Yellow solid. mp 59-60 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.71 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 162.3 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz, 1C), 151.2, 146.6, 145.0, 137.2, 132.8 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.9, 124.1, 115.8, 115.3 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 112.6, 28.7, 28.2, 14.7, 14.6. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀FO₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 363.0883, found 363.0883.

(E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(methylthio)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1t)



Yellow solid. mp 134-135 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.50-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.1, 144.2, 143.7, 141.7, 135.2, 134.5, 134.1, 130.6 (3C), 128.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 126.6, 18.1, 17.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 361.0482, found 361.0478.

(E)-2,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(methylthio)penta-1,4-dien-3-one(1u)



Yellow solid. mp 114-115 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.6, 143.4, 142.6, 142.3, 136.4, 135.1, 134.2, 133.0, 130.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 126.9, 18.2, 17.5. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇Cl₂OS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 395.0092, found 395.0085.

1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one (1ab)



Yellow solid. mp 99-100 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.61 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7,36 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.9, 162.2 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz, 1C), 153.0, 147.8, 141.4, 138.8, 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 131.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.9 (2C), 129.2, 128.4 (2C), 128.3, 128.2 (3C) 127.9 (2C), 126.2, 114.8 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 28.8, 28.3, 14.8, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₆FOS₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 449.1404, found 449.1400.

(E)-1,1-Bis(ethylthio)-2,4,5-triphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1ac)



Yellow solid. mp 114-115 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 148.8, 142.2, 141.0, 136.2, 135.6, 134.6, 133.2, 130.7 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 127.8, 28.5, 27.7, 14.9, 14.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{27}H_{27}OS_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 431.1498, found 431.1499.

(E)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2,4-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1ad)



Yellow solid. mp 86-87 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.70 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 149.0, 148.8, 147.5, 142.2, 139.1, 136.3, 135.7, 132.8, 129.7 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.8, 128.7 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 109.6, 108.2, 101.3, 28.4, 27.6, 14.9, 14.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{28}H_{27}O_3S_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 475.1396, found 475.1400.

(E)-5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1-bis(ethylthio)-2,4-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one(1ae)



Yellow solid. mp 94-95 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 148.5, 141.4, 140.4, 136.1, 135.3, 135.2, 133.5, 133.1, 131.8 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.1, 128.0, 28.5, 27.7, 14.9, 14.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd

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for $C_{27}H_{26}ClOS_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 465.1114, found 465.1117.

III. Synthetic procedures/analytical data of compounds 2

General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopentenones 2 (taking 2a as an example): To a starting 1a (192 mg, 0.5 mmol) in a dried flask under N₂ were added triphenylsilane (262 mg, 1.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and anhydrous DMF (5.0 mL) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature, it was heated to 90°C and stirred for 10 h. After 1a was consumed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was poured into ice water (30 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (3 × 15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate: 15/1, v/v) to give 2a (148 mg, 92%) as a light yellow crystal.

3-(Ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2a)



Light yellow solid. mp 159-160 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.81 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.35 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 172.7, 158.9, 142.0, 137.2, 130.1 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.0, 126.5 (2C), 123.2, 113.3 (2C), 54.9, 46.5, 45.8, 24.6, 13.8. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 325.1257, found 325.1255.

3-(Ethylthio)-2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2b)



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.80 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H),

4.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C** NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 173.0, 159.2, 158.7, 137.4, 134.2, 130.3 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 123.5, 114.5 (2C), 113.6 (2C), 55.2, 55.1, 46.2, 46.1, 24.8, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃O₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 355.1362, found 355.1366.

3-(Ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-p-tolylcyclopent-2-enone (2c)



Yellow solid. mp 91-92 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.37 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.82 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.29 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.51 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.1, 172.9, 159.1, 139.2, 137.4, 136.9, 130.3 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 126.6 (2C), 123.5, 113.5 (2C), 55.1, 46.5, 46.1, 24.8, 20.9, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃O₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 339.1413, found 339.1417.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2d)



White solid. mp 55-56 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (dd, J = 1.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.85 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.71-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.0, 172.7, 159.2, 148.3, 146.7, 137.6, 135.9, 130.3 (2C), 123.3, 120.1, 113.6 (2C), 108.7, 106.8, 101.1, 55.2, 46.6, 46.1, 24.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₄S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 369.1155, found 369.1157.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2e)



Yellow oil. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.76 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 0.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.78 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.7, 172.0, 159.3, 140.9, 137.9, 133.1, 130.4 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 123.3, 113.7 (2C), 55.2, 46.3, 45.9, 25.0, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 359.0867, found 359.0863.

4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2f)



White solid. mp 99-100 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.77 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 171.9, 159.3, 139.9, 137.9, 133.3, 130.3 (2C), 129.6, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 123.4, 113.7 (2C), 55.2, 44.6, 42.9, 24.8, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 359.0867, found 359.0869.

3-(Ethylthio)-4-(furan-2-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2g)



Yellow solid. mp 69-70 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.61 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.88 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.43 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, J = 1.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.46 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.7, 169.4, 159.3, 154.2, 142.0, 137.6, 130.4 (2C), 123.3, 113.6 (2C), 110.6, 106.2, 55.2, 42.8, 40.3, 24.9, 14.3. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 315.1049, found 315.1043.

4-Tert-butyl-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2h)



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 12H), 2.45-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.92 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.0, 172.0, 159.3, 139.4, 130.7 (2C), 124.1, 113.6 (2C), 55.2, 54.0, 40.8, 35.4, 27.9 (3C), 27.8, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₂₅O₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 305.1570, found 305.1578.

3-(Ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2i)



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.40-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.69 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.33 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.38 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 174.9, 157.1, 142.3, 136.7, 130.7, 129.8, 129.0, 127.2 (2C), 126.9, 120.6, 120.4 (2C), 111.9, 55.5, 47.7, 45.9, 24.6, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 325.1257, found 325.1251.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2j)



White solid. mp 127-128 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (dd, J = 1.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.73 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 175.0, 157.1, 148.4, 146.7, 136.6, 136.1, 130.7, 129.8, 120.6, 120.5, 120.4, 111.0, 108.5, 107.0, 101.1, 55.5, 47.4, 46.0, 24.6, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₄S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 369.1155, found 369.1159.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2k)



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.35-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.69 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.31 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 174.3, 157.0, 140.9, 132.9, 130.6, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 120.4, 120.3, 110.1, 55.5, 47.0, 45.7, 24.6, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 359.0867, found 359.0861.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2l)



Yellow solid. mp 151-152 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.82 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.50 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 174.4, 142.0, 136.8, 133.9, 130.5 (2C), 129.6, 129.3 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.5, 126.8 (2C), 47.2, 46.1, 25.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 329.0761, found 329.0765.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (2m)



White solid. mp 142-143 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.85 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 2.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 174.3, 148.4, 146.9, 136.7, 135.6, 133.8, 130.4 (2C), 129.6, 128.4 (2C), 120.2, 108.8, 106.8, 101.2, 46.8, 46.1, 25.0,

14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}ClO_3S^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 373.0660, found 373.0664

2,4-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (2n)



Yellow solid. mp 97-98 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.80 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 173.7, 140.4, 137.0, 133.9, 133.2, 130.4 (2C), 129.5, 129.4 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 46.4, 45.8, 25.1, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇Cl₂OS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 363.0372, found 363.0378.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-4-(furan-2-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (20)



Yellow solid. mp 70-71°C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.89 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36-6.37 (m, 1H), 7.39 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 171.1, 153.8, 142.1, 136.8, 133.9, 130.5 (2C), 129.5, 128.4 (2C), 110.7, 106.4, 42.8, 40.6, 25.1, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆ClO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 319.0554, found 319.0556.

3-(Ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2p)



White solid. mp 145-146 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.47-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.82 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.7, 174.0, 162.2 (d, J = 246.6 Hz, 1C), 142.0,

137.0, 130.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.4, 127.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 126.8 (2C), 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 47.1, 46.1, 24.9, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 313.1057, found 313.1058.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2q)



Yellow solid. mp 146-147 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (dd, J = 1.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.84 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.69-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 173.9, 162.2 (d, J = 246.1 Hz, 1C), 148.4, 146.9, 136.9, 135.7, 130.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2C), 127.1 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 120.1, 115.1 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 108.8, 106.8, 101.2, 46.8, 46.1, 24.9, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈FO₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 357.0955, found 357.0954.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopent-2-enone (2r)



Yellow solid. mp 136-137 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (dd, J = 1.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.80 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.3, 173.2, 162.3 (d, J = 247.0 Hz, 1C), 140.5, 137.2, 133.2, 130.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 126.9 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 46.4, 45.8, 25.0, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇ClFOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 347.0667, found 367.0664.

3-(Ethylthio)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(furan-2-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (2s)



Yellow solid. mp 99-100 °C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.89 (m, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36-6.37 (m, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 170.7, 162.3 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz, 1C), 153.9, 142.1, 136.9, 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 127.0, 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 110.6, 106.3, 42.8, 40.5, 24.9, 14.2. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆FO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 303.0850, found 303.0859.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(methylthio)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2t)



Yellow solid. mp 55-56°C. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.41 (dd, J = 1.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 174.8, 141.6, 136.8, 133.8, 130.3 (2C), 129.5, 129.3 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.5, 126.7 (2C), 46.8, 46.1, 13.9. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆ClOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 315.0605, found 315.0609.

2,4-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(methylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (2u)



White solid. mp 152-153 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.36 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 2.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 173.9, 140.2, 137.1, 133.9, 133.3, 130.3 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 129.3, 128.4 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 46.1, 45.9, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅Cl₂OS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 349.0215, found 349.0213.

2-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2v)



Light yellow solid. mp 79-80 °C **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.85 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.25 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 7.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.3, 172.4, 142.0, 135.6, 129.1 (2C), 127.3, 126.8 (2C), 46.9, 45.8, 13.4, 8.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₅OS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 219.0838, found 219.0837.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methyl-3-(methylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (2w)



Light yellow solid. mp 111-112 °C **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.24 (dd, J = 1.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 7.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.1, 172.3, 148.4, 146.7, 135.8, 135.6, 120.1,108.6, 106.8, 101.1, 46.5, 45.8, 13.4, 8.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅O₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 263.0736, found 263.0731.

2-Butyl-3-(methylthio)-4-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (2x)



Light yellow oil. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95 (s, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.49 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.40 (m, 1H) 2.96 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.1, 172.2, 142.1, 140.4, 129.2 (2C), 127.2, 126.7 (2C), 46.7, 45.9, 29.3, 23.6, 22.8, 13.9, 13.3. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₆H₂₁OS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 261.1308, found 261.1304.

2-Benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)cyclopent-2-enone (2y)



Yellow solid. mp 142-143 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (dd, J = 2.0, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.79 (m, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 8.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.3, 192.0, 184.1, 139.7, 136.9, 136.6, 133.7, 133.6, 129.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 48.0, 46.2, 26.2, 13.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClO₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 357.0711, found 357.0719.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(1,3-dithiolan-2-ylidene)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-2-one(2aa')



Yellowish liquid. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.7, 159.3, 143.4, 140.1, 132.1, 131.5, 130.9 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 126.0, 114.4 (2C), 55.2, 41.9, 39.8, 33.5, 29.8. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClO₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 391.0588, found 391.0585.

5-(Ethylthio)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,1-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one (2'ab)



Light yellow solid. mp 128-129 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.79 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.35-7,40 (m, 6H), 7.78(s, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.5, 162.1 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz, 1C), 152.1, 148.5, 141.0, 139.1, 136.4, 134.9, 131.2 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 129.6 (2C), 129.0, 128.4 (2C), 128.3

(2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.8, 124.8, 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 29.0, 15.4. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₂FOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 389.1370, found 389.1374.

3-(Ethylthio)-2,4,5-triphenylcyclopent-2-enone(2ac)



Lightyellow liquid. ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.44-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.79 (m, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.39 (m, 9H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 173.3, 141.4, 139.6, 137.6, 131.2, 129.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.7, 128.2 (2C), 127.6, 127.5 (2C), 127.2, 126.9 (2C), 63.2, 57.4, 25.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃OS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 371.1464, found 371.1460.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(ethylthio)-2,5-diphenylcyclopent-2-enone(2ad)



Yellow solid. mp 149-150 °C. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.83 (m, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 173.2, 148.5, 147.1, 139.6, 137.6, 135.2, 131.2, 129.2 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.2 (3C), 127.5 (2C), 127.2, 120.3, 108.9, 106.9, 101.2, 63.2, 57.2, 25.1, 14.2. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 415.1362, found 415.1362.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-2,5-diphenylcyclopent-2-enone(2ae)



Lightyellow liquid. ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.44-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.78 (m, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.8, 172.5, 139.9, 139.3, 137.9, 133.4, 131.0, 129.6 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.3, 128.3 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.4, 63.1, 56.8, 25.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₂ClOS⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 405.1074, found 405.1078.

IV. Crystal data and ORTEP drawing of compound 2a

Crystal data for **2a**: C₂₀H₂₀O₂S, colorless, M = 324.42, monoclinic, space group *P*21/c, a = 19.0155(8) Å, b = 8.2100(3) Å, c = 11.6450(5) Å, V = 1735.83(12) Å³, $\alpha = 90.00$, $\beta = 107.291(4)$, $\gamma = 90.00$, Z = 4, T = 293(2) K, *F*000 = 688, 6642 reflections collected, 3048 unique with *R*(int) = 0.0206, $R_1 = 0.0427$, $wR_2 = 0.1047$ ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). CCDC 901005 (**2a**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre *via* www.ccdc.cam.uk/data request/cif.



Fig. ORTEP diagram of **2a**.

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VI. Copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 1', 1 and 2








































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