Supporting information for

## Copper-catalyzed Reductive Coupling of Aryl Sulfonyl Chlorides with H-Phosphonates Leading to S-Aryl Phosphorothioates

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#### **General Information:**

All reagents were used directly without further purification. Silica gel was purchased from Qing Dao Hai Yang Chemical Industry Co. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a **Bruker DPX-400** (400 MHz) spectrometer with deuterated chloroform as solutions. The chemical shifts  $\delta$  are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane. The multiplicity of signals is designated by the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz on **Bruker DPX-400**. The chemical shifts  $\delta$  are reported relative to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_c$ = 77.00 ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an **Agilent LC- MSD- Trap-XCT** 6450 spectrometer with micromass MS software using electrospray ionisation (ESI).

#### **Experimental Procedure:**

# Typical Procedure for Copper-catalyzed Direct Coupling of Aryl Sulfonyl Chlorides with H-Phosphonates.

Aryl sulfonyl chloride (0.4 mmol), H-phosphonate (2.8 mmol) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mol %) were added to a 10 mL round-bottomed flask and then 2.5 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was evaporated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent to give the pure product.

#### The recovery of dimethyl phosphonate 2a (<sup>1</sup>H NMR yield).

When the reaction of tosyl chloride (1a) and dimethyl phosphonate (2a) (1:7) was performed in the presence of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mol%) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 100 °C for 24 h, the desired product was obtained in 64% yield. The reaction system was detected by NMR and 2a was recovered in 55% yield calculated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. The characterization was reflected (Page 76-77).

#### **Characterization of S-Aryl Phosphorothioates**

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**3a** <sup>1</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 76%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (dd, J=8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.6 (d, J=3.2 Hz), 134.7 (d, J=5.0 Hz), 130.3 (d, J=2.4 Hz), 122.3 (d, J=7.3 Hz), 54.3 (d, J=6.0 Hz), 21.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.0; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 233.0396; found: 233.0397.



**3b** <sup>2</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield:73%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (dd, J=8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.23-4.08 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.3 (d, J=3.1 Hz), 134.6 (d, J=5.0 Hz), 130.2 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 122.8 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 64.0 (d, J=6.2 Hz), 21.2, 16.0 (d, J=7.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.7; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 261.0709; found: 261.0712.



**3c** <sup>2c</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 71%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (dd, J=8.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.11-3.98 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.70-1.61 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2 (d, J=3.1 Hz), 134.6 (d, J=5.1 Hz), 130.1 (d, J=2.2 Hz), 122.8 (d, J=7.3 Hz), 69.4 (d, J=6.6 Hz), 23.6 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 21.2, 10.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.8; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 289.1022; found: 289.1025.



**3d** <sup>3</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 72%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (dd, J=8.2 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.15-4.01 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.28 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2 (d, J=3.1 Hz), 134.6 (d, J=5.1 Hz), 130.1 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 122.9 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 67.7 (d, J=6.6 Hz), 32.2 (d, J=7.0 Hz), 21.2, 18.7, 13.6; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.8; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 317.1335; found: 317.1339.



**3e** <sup>2a, 2c, 3b</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 66%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 (dd, J=8.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78-4.70 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, J=6.4 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.9 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 134.3 (d, J=5.3 Hz), 130.0 (d, J=2.1 Hz), 123.5 (d, J=7.1 Hz), 73.2 (d, J=6.7 Hz),

23.8 (d, J=4.0 Hz), 23.5 (d, J=5.7 Hz), 21.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.3; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 289.1022; found: 289.1023.



**3f:** Colorless oil; Yield: 71%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.29 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90-0.83 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.8 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 134.4 (d, J=5.3 Hz), 129.9 (d, J=2.1 Hz), 123.6 (d, J=7.1 Hz), 78.0-77.7 (m), 30.4 (d, J=5.0 Hz), 30.2 (d, J=6.4 Hz), 21.2, 21.1 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 20.8 (d, J=4.2 Hz), 9.3 (d, J=4.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 317.1335; found: 317.1338.



**3g** <sup>4</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 73%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.4 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 135.2 (d, J=5.2 Hz), 131.6 (d, J=5.2 Hz), 130.1 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 125.6 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 54.3 (d, J=6.1 Hz), 21.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.9; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 233.0396; found: 233.0397.



**3h** <sup>5</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 70%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.5 (d, J=3.2 Hz), 134.3 (d, J=5.1 Hz), 126.6 (d, J=2.2 Hz), 122.2 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 54.2 (d, J=6.0 Hz), 34.7, 31.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.1; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 275.0865; found: 275.0872.



**3i** <sup>3a, 6</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 79%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, J=8.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 136.4 (d, J=4.7 Hz), 116.0 (d, J=7.4 Hz), 115.1 (d, J=2.4 Hz), 55.4, 54.2 (d, J=6.1 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.3; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 249.0345; found: 249.0347.

**3j**: Colorless oil; Yield: 64%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.2 (d, J=5.2 Hz), 139.9 (d, J=3.4 Hz), 136.3 (d, J=4.1 Hz), 131.9 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 127.8 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 121.5 (d, J=7.6 Hz), 54.3 (d, J=6.5 Hz), 21.3, 21.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.9; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 247.0552; found: 247.0557.



**3k** <sup>7</sup>: olorless oil; Yield: 54%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.94 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 6H), 2.25 (d, J=2.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.9 (d, J=4.6 Hz), 139.6 (d, J=3.8 Hz), 129.5 (d, J=3.3 Hz), 120.7 (d, J=7.9 Hz), 54.4 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 22.4, 21.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.7; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 261.0709; found: 261.0714.

**3I**: Colorless oil; Yield: 69%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.4 (d, J=5.3 Hz), 135.8 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 135.0 (d, J=4.2 Hz), 130.8 (d, J=3.1 Hz), 127.4 (d, J=7.4 Hz), 127.2 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 54.5 (d, J=6.6 Hz), 19.1; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.8; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 267.0006; found: 267.0009.



**3m**: Colorless oil; Yield: 80%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.5 (d, J=5.1 Hz), 129.4 (d, J=2.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, J=2.9 Hz), 125.9 (d, J=7.0 Hz), 54.2 (d, J=6.1 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.6; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 219.0239; found: 219.0243.



**3n** <sup>3a</sup> : Colorless oil; Yield: 76%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.4 (d, J=5.4 Hz), 131.6-130.6 (m, J=32.8 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 131.3 (d, J=3.0 Hz), 126.3-126.2 (m), 123.7 (q, J=270.7 Hz), 54.5 (d, J=6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.1; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 287.0113; found: 287.0115.



**3o**: Colorless oil; Yield: 60%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J=8.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 137.2 (d, J=2.5 Hz), 134.1 (d, J=5.5 Hz), 132.5 (d, J=7.0 Hz), 129.1 (d, J=2.8 Hz), 54.5 (d, J=6.2 Hz), 26.6; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.2; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 261.0345; found: 261.0347.



**3p** <sup>3a, 8</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 86%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3 (dd, J=248.7 Hz, 3.3 Hz), 136.7 (dd, J=8.6 Hz, 5.0 Hz), 121.0 (dd, J=7.3 Hz, 3.4 Hz), 116.6 (dd, J=22.2 Hz, 2.3 Hz), 54.2 (d, J=6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.3 (d, J=5.0 Hz); HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 237.0145; found: 237.0147.



**3q** <sup>1, 9</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 78%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (dd, J=8.4 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.7 (d, J=5.2 Hz), 135.6 (d, J=3.6 Hz), 129.6 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 124.4 (d, J=7.2 Hz), 54.3 (d, J=6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.9; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 252.9850; found: 252.9852.



**3r**: Colorless oil; Yield: 76%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3,81 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.3 (d, J=5.5 Hz), 131.2 (d, J=5.9 Hz), 130.8 (d, J=2.6 Hz), 126.14-126.08 (m), 54.4 (d, J=6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.7; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 296.9344; found: 296.9345.



**3s**: Colorless oil; Yield: 72%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.4 (d, J=6.8 Hz), 133.5 (d, J=2.3 Hz), 133.0 (d, J=2.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, J=3.9 Hz), 129.1 (d, J=1.7 Hz), 127.7, 127.1 (d, J=1.0 Hz), 126.8, 123.1 (d, J=7.5 Hz), 54.3 (d, J=6.2 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.6; HRMS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sup>+</sup>: 269.0396; found: 269.0397.

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**3t** <sup>10</sup>: Colorless oil; Yield: 63%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J= 5.3 Hz, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.3 (d, J= 6.5), 131.3 (d, J= 3.4), 127.9, 122.4 (d, J= 9.2), 54.4; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.5; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 224.9803; found: 224.9805.



**4a** <sup>11</sup>: White solid, mp 77–78°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J=8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.7, 142.1, 140.5, 136.6, 130.3, 129.4, 127.6, 124.6, 21.7, 21.6; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 279.0508; found: 279.0510.



**4b** <sup>12</sup>: White solid, mp 44-45°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.5, 133.9, 129.9, 128.6, 21.1.



**5a**: White solid, mp 107-108°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 21H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 144.3, 136.0, 134.9, 129.3, 128.9, 127.7, 119.0, 34.1, 30.1, 21.6; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 397.1808; found: 397.1808.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3a** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3a** 



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3b** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3b** 



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3**c



 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3c



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3d** 



 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3d





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3e** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3e** 





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<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound **3f** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3**g



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3**g













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<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound **3i**










<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3**k



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound **3**k



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3**l



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3**l





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3m** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3m** 





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3n** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3n** 



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **30** 





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3p** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3p** 



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound **3**p





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3**q









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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3s** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3s** 



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound **3s** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3t** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **3**t



<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 3t



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4a** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **4a** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4b**


<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **4b** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **5a** 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **5a** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2a** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum to show the recovery of 2a