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Supporting Information

Transition-metal-free Persulfuration to Construct Unsymmetrical Disulfides and Mechanistic Study of Sulfur Redox Process

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I. General Information

NMR spectrum:

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were collected on 400 MHz NMR spectrometers (Bruker AVANCE) using CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃ = δ 7.26). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃ = δ 77.0). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz), integration.

Mass spectroscopy:

Mass spectra were in general recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Ultra and a HP 5989A mass selective detector.

Chromatography:

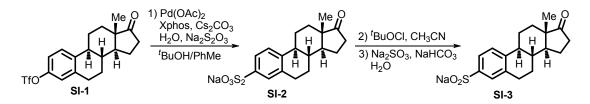
Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh ASTM).

IR:

TENSOR (27) Series FT-IR Spectrometers.

II. Starting Materials Synthetic Procedure

Most of the thiosulfate and sulfinate sodium are prepared according to the reported literatures.^[1, 2]



SI-1 (483.0 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (26.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 10 mol%), Xphos (171.6 mg, 0.36 mmol, 30 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 (782.0 mg, 2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), H_2O (43.2mg, 2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Na_2S_2O_3$ (474.3 mg, 3.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added to solvent of 'BuOH/PhMe (1.2/1.8 mL) at N₂ atmosphere. Then the mixture was heated to 80 °C for 8 h^[1c] before Et₂O was added to this mixture, which was then filter at atmosphere pressure, MeOH (20 mL) was added to the filter cake, which was then filtered at atmosphere pressure. The filtrate was collected and removed the solvent under vacuum to give the crude **SI-2**.

The crude product **SI-2** was dissolved in CH₃CN (10 mL) and treated with H₂O (108.0 mg, 6.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), 'BuOCl (651.4 mg, 6.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) at 0 °C for 30 min. Then removed the solvent under vacuum and purified by silica gel to give the corresponding sulfonyl chloride.

The corresponding sulfonyl chloride (113.0 mg, 0.32 mmol), Na₂SO₃ (80.7 mg, 0.64 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and NaHCO₃ (53.8 mg, 0.64 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added to the solvent of water (1.0 mL), then the mixture was heated to 80 °C for 8 h. Removed the solvent under vacuum, then added MeOH to dissolved the residue. Then the mixture was filtered at atmosphere pressure. The filtrate was collected and concentrated to give **SI-3** (82 mg, 0.24 mmol, 20% over three steps) as a colorless solid.

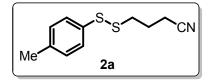
III. General procedure:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{1}X \\ \text{5.0 equiv.} \end{array} \stackrel{(1) \text{Na}_{2}\text{S}_{2}\text{O}_{3}.5\text{H}_{2}\text{O} (5.0 \text{ equiv.})}{\underbrace{\text{EtOH/H}_{2}\text{O} (1/2), \text{ reflux, } 2.0 \text{ h, N}_{2}}{2) \text{R}^{2}\text{S}\text{O}_{2}\text{Na}, 1,4\text{-dioxane, reflux, } 11 \text{ h}} \quad \text{R}^{2 \cdot \text{S} \cdot \text{S}^{-\text{R}^{1}}} \end{array}$$

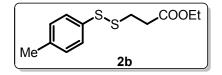
Step 1: To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3$:5H₂O (248.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), alkyl halide (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (0.25 mL/0.5 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2 hours under N₂ atmosphere, then removed the solvent to proceed step 2.

Step 2: R^2SO_2Na (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were added to the reaction, then the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The desired product was obtained after work up and purification.

VI. Disulfides Synthesis and Spectra Data

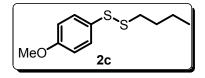


Compound **2a**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, PPh₃ (31.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at 50 °C for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (41.9 mg, 0.188 mmol, 94%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.74, 133.11, 129.90, 129.06, 118.94, 36.41, 24.08, 21.04, 15.59; IR (film) 3028, 2924, 2247, 1900, 1488, 1424, 1260, 1206, 1110, 1017, 805, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃NS₂ 223.0489, Found 223.0491.

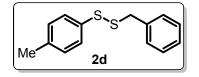


Compound 2b: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure.

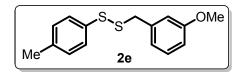
Concentration under vacuum and purification by column chromatography gave the title compound (44.6 mg, 0.174 mmol, 87%) as a yellow oil. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.61, 137.26, 133.43, 129.77, 128.49, 60.70, 33.73, 33.04, 20.99, 14.12; **IR** (film) 2978, 1733, 1487, 1372, 1235, 1181, 1023, 932, 849, 804 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂S₂ 256.0592, Found 256.0594.



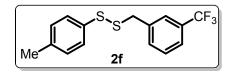
Compound **2c**: To a Schlenk tube were added ^{*n*}BuS₂O₃Na (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), 4-MeOPhSO₂Na (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, worked up with tri-*o*-tolylphosphine (0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) at 100 °C for 4 hours. The mixture was then concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford desired product (24.2 mg, 0.106 mmol, 53%) as a yellow oil. ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.40, 131.59, 128.44, 114.55, 55.36, 38.43, 30.72, 21.58, 13.64; **IR** (film) 2955, 1588, 1490, 1458, 1287, 1244, 1175, 1097, 1031, 823, 738 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆OS₂ 228.0643, Found 228.0645.



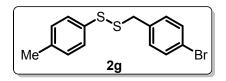
Compound $2d^{[3]}$: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. Concentration under vacuum and purification by column chromatography gave the title compound (38.4 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H) 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) 4.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.11, 136.62, 133.51, 129.68, 129.36, 128.59, 128.48, 127.44, 43.19, 21.02; IR (film) 3027, 2921, 1892, 1597, 1488, 1451, 1262, 1203, 1073, 1022, 914, 803, 763, 698 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI)** m/z 246 (M+).



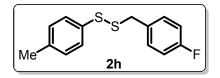
Compound **2e**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. Concentration under vacuum and purification by column chromatography gave the title compound (50.3 mg, 0.182 mmol, 91%) as a colorless oil. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.60, 138.11, 137.13, 133.53, 129.67, 129.46, 128.66, 121.70, 114.69, 113.13, 55.14, 43.36, 21.02; **IR** (film) 2919, 2834, 1894, 1599, 1489, 1453, 1435, 1296, 1263, 1222, 1151, 1115, 1078, 1043, 1016, 996, 934, 871, 804, 782, 735, 700 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆OS₂ 276.0643, Found 276.0645.



Compound **2f**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, tri-*o*-tolylphosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at 100 °C for 4 hours before it was cooled to room temperature. Then DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added (to obtain the purified unsymmetrical disulfide, DDQ was added to oxidize a small amount of 3-CF₃BnSH), and the system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (49.0 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%) as a red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.65; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.77, 137.41, 133.01, 132.70, 130.71 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.1 Hz), 129.70, 128.84, 128.83, 126.13 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 124.16 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 123.94 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 270.6 Hz), 42.57, 20.98; **IR** (film) 3028, 1489, 1448, 1327, 1166, 1124, 1075, 899, 801, 744, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃S₂ 314.0411, Found 314.0409.

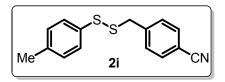


Compound **2g**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (48.8 mg, 0.150 mmol, 75%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (m, 4H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.29, 135.74, 133.20, 131.49, 131.01, 129.68, 128.73, 121.43, 42.40, 21.03; **IR** (film) 3027, 2920, 1896, 1589, 1485, 1404, 1193, 1071, 1012, 873, 805, 731 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrS₂ 323.9642, Found 323.9639.

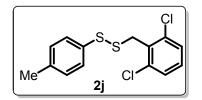


Compound **2h**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, tri-*o*-tolylphosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at 100 °C for 4 hours before it was cooled to room temperature. Then DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added, and the system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (37.5 mg, 0.142 mmol, 71%) as a red oil. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 114.83;¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.16 (d, ^{*1*}*J*_{C-F} = 244.7 Hz), 137.24, 133.35, 132.47 (d, ^{*4*}*J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 130.97 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} *F* = 8.1 Hz), 129.70, 128.63, 115.34 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.4 Hz), 42.30, 21.02; **IR** (film) 2919, 1897, 1599, 1502, 1423, 1300, 1226, 1155, 1086, 1016, 835, 806, 747, 680 cm⁻¹;

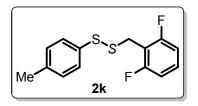
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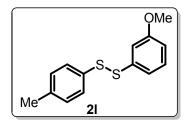
Compound **2i**: Step 1 was according to the general procedure. Removed the solvent after step 1 was finished, TolSO₂Na (0.2 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were added, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford desired product (29.3 mg, 0.108 mmol, 54%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.36, 137.58, 132.79, 132.11, 130.07, 129.72, 128.82, 118.66, 111.10, 42.53, 21.01; **IR** (film) 2922, 2228, 1902, 1604, 1490, 1413, 1178, 1103, 1021, 841, 804, 741 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NS₂ 271.0489, Found 271.0490.



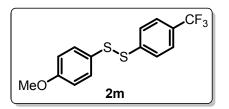
Compound **2j**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (46.7 mg, 0.148 mmol, 74%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.88, 135.95, 133.67, 133.03, 129.54, 128.95, 128.24, 127.97 38.58, 21.01; **IR** (film) 2921, 1894, 1567, 1488, 1434, 1299, 1209, 1089, 1018, 872, 804, 769, 733, 674 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂Cl₂S₂ 313.9757, Found 313.9754.



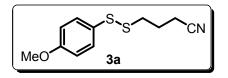
Compound **2k**: The reaction was conducted according to general procedure. Concentration under vacuum and purification by column chromatography gave the title compound (48.5 mg, 0.172 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 114.13; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.40 (dd, ¹*J*_{C-*F*} = 248.2 Hz, ³*J*_{C-*F*} = 7.7 Hz), 137.20, 133.39, 129.62, 129.07 (t, ³*J*_{C-*F*} = 10.2 Hz), 128.57, 113.45 (t, ²*J*_{C-*F*} = 19.1 Hz) 111.13 (dd, ²*J*_{C-*F*} = 19.0 Hz, ⁴*J*_{C-*F*} = 6.1 Hz), 29.61, 21.02; **IR** (film) 2924, 1905, 1624, 1590, 1470, 1272, 1235, 1173, 1135, 994, 788, 734, 695 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂F₂S₂ 282.0348, Found 282.0347.



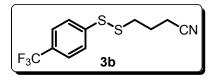
Compound **2I**: To a Schlenk tube were added 3-MeOPhS₂O₃Na (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), TolSO₂Na (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (26.7 mg, 0.102 mmol, 51%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H) 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.78-6.75 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.96, 138.54, 137.54, 133.54, 129.81, 128.40,119.51, 112.98, 112.40, 55.26, 21.03; **IR** (film) 2937, 1584, 1477, 1426, 1282, 1239, 1178, 1039, 851, 803, 772, 685 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄OS₂ 262.0486, Found 262.0488.



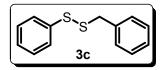
Compound **2m**: To a Schlenk tube were added, 4-CF₃PhS₂O₃Na (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), 4-MeOPhSO₂Na (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (37.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.40;¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.04, 142.31, 131.81, 128.80 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 126.95, 126.86, 126.68 (q, ^{*1*}*J*_{C-F} = 270.2 Hz), 125.82(q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 114.84, 55.36; IR (film) 2949, 2838, 1595, 1490, 1400, 1321, 1247, 1167, 1120, 1022, 824, 705 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₃OS₂ 316.0203, Found 316.0201.



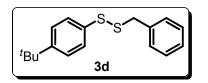
Compound **3a**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, tri-*m*-tolylphosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (30.6 mg, 0.128mmol, 64%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), δ 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.85, 132.41, 127.35, 118.99, 114.75, 55.36, 36.32, 24.07, 15.57; **IR** (film) 2941, 2837, 2247, 2043, 1588, 1490, 1452, 1288, 1245, 1175, 1101, 1027, 825 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃NOS₂ 239.0439, Found 239.0438.



Compound **3b**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, tri-*m*-tolylphosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (34.4 mg, 0.124mmol, 62%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.09-2.0 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.47; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5, 128.95 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 126.70, 125.94 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz) 123.88 (q, ^{*1*}*J*_{C-F} = 270.2 Hz), 118.64, 36.42, 24.27, 15.73; IR (film) 2929, 2248, 1603, 1496, 1401, 1323, 1261, 1163, 1120, 1080, 1061, 1012, 829, 777, 724, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀F₃NS₂ 277.0207, Found 277.0205.

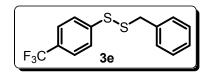


Compound **3c**^[3]: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (40.0 mg, 0.172mmol, 86%) as a red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 8H), 4.0 (s, 2H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.94, 136.50, 129.36, 128.89, 128.50, 127.58, 127.52, 126.6, 43.28; IR (film) 3062, 2922, 1580, 1478, 1443, 1301, 1230, 1069, 1024, 910, 740, 693 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z 232 (M+).

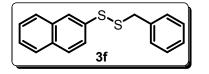


Compound 3d: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After

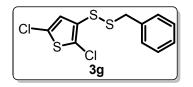
the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (38.0 mg, 0.132mmol, 66%) as a red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.9-7.30 (m, 7H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.27, 136.65, 133.56, 129.37, 128.48, 128.15, 127.45, 126.00, 43.35, 34.50, 31.25; **IR** (film) 3029, 2959, 1596, 1489, 1397, 1268, 1196, 1115, 1071, 1016, 916, 824, 763, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀S₂ 288.1006, Found 288.1004.



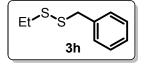
Compound **3e**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (36.6 mg, 0.122mmol, 61%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 4H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 5H), 4.00 (s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.42;¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.98, 136.13, 129.34, 128.57, 128.40 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 127.73, 126.41, 125.55 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 124.01 (q, ^{*1*}*J*_{C-F} = 270.1 Hz), 43.42; **IR** (film) 3031, 1603, 1494, 1453, 1401, 1323, 1165, 1121, 1071, 1013, 829, 764, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₃S₂ 300.0254, Found 300.0252.



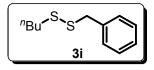
Compound **3f**^[4]: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. Concentration under vacuum and purification by column chromatography gave the title compound (44.0 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 5H), 4.03 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.59, 134.18, 133.41, 132.24, 129.39, 128.68, 128.52, 127.71, 127.55, 127.31, 126.61, 126,24, 126.00, 125.72, 43.28; **IR** (film) 3052, 1947, 1586, 1496, 1452, 1344, 1231, 1195, 1134, 1067, 1020, 946, 888, 851, 810, 745, 697 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI)** m/z 282 (M+).



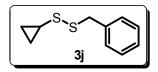
Compound **3g**: Step 1 was according to the general procedure. Removed the solvent after step 1 was finished, sodium 2,5-dichlorothiophene-3-sulfinate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were added, the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (44.2 mg, 0.144 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.3, 131.50, 129.35, 128.58, 128.31, 127.74, 126.33, 125.94, 43.99; IR (film) 3092, 3028, 2920, 1947, 1878, 1598, 1504, 1452, 1415, 1303, 1231, 1195, 1138, 1032, 913, 823, 761, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₁H₈Cl₂S₃ 305.9165, Found 305.9168.



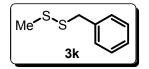
Compound **3h**^[5]: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (22.8 mg, 0.124mmol, 62%) as a red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 5H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.54, 129.25, 128.45, 127.34, 43.73, 32.39, 14.26; IR (film) 3028, 2967, 2922, 1600, 1494, 1450, 1252, 1195, 1067, 1031, 968, 913, 763, 698, 668 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z 184 (M+).



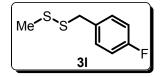
Compound **3i**^[6]: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (32.7 mg, 0.154mmol, 77%) as a red oil. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.17 (m, 5H), 3.8 (s, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.59, 129.25, 128.43, 127.31, 43.69, 38.33, 31.07, 21.57, 13.61; **IR** (film) 3032, 2946, 1598, 1453, 1279, 1216, 1069, 911, 761, 698 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI)** m/z 212 (M+).



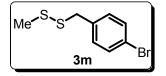
Compound **3j**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (34.5 mg, 0.176mmol, 88%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 1H), 0.87-0.82 (m, 2H), 0.65-0.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.71, 129.32, 128.44, 127.29, 43.28, 18.63, 9.61; IR (film) 3071, 3021, 1598, 1493, 1451, 1420, 1272, 1230, 1192, 1060, 1024, 912, 868, 817, 764, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂S₂ 196.0380, Found 196.0382.



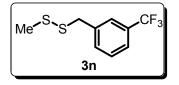
Compound $3k^{[5]}$: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, tri-*m*-tolylphosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (23.8 mg, 0.140mmol, 70%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.31 (m, 5H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.57, 129.35, 128.55, 127.42, 43.02, 23.02; **IR** (film) 3028, 2915, 1600, 1493, 1451, 1418, 1306, 1231, 1067, 1027, 953, 764, 698 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI)** m/z 170 (M+).



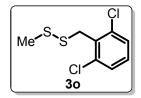
Compound **31**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (28.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 114.96; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.25 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 244.5 Hz), 133.37 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz) 130.88 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz), 115.43 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 42.08, 23.06; IR (film) 2918, 1887, 1601, 1507, 1420, 1304, 1225, 1156, 1089, 1016, 952, 834, 749 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₈H₉FS₂ 188.0130, Found 188.0128.



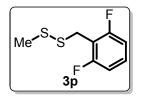
Compound **3m**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (45.8 mg, 0.184 mmol, 92%) as a red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) 3.84 (S, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.88, 133.72, 128.90, 128.32, 37.78, 23.62; **IR** (film) 2914, 1897, 1652, 1585, 1485, 1412, 1412, 1305, 1195, 1070, 1011, 953, 874, 821, 729 cm⁻¹;



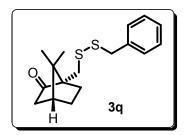
Compound **3n**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (35.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 62.62; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.67, 132.61, 130.84 (q, ²*J*_{C-*F*} = 32.2 Hz), 128.95, 125.99 (q, ³*J*_{C-*F*} = 3.7 Hz), 124.16 (q, ³*J*_{C-*F*} = 3.7 Hz), 123.98 (q, ¹*J*_{C-*F*} = 270.7 Hz), 42.24, 22.91; **IR** (film) 2923, 1735, 1448, 1330, 1169, 1128, 1077, 901, 803, 702 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₉H₉F₃S₂ 238.0098, Found 238.0096.



Compound **30**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (25.3 mg, 0.106 mmol, 53%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.88, 133.72, 128.90, 128.32, 37.79, 23.62; IR (film) 2917, 1565, 1432, 1304, 1215, 1090, 953, 874, 768 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₈H₈Cl₂S₂ 237.9444, Found 237.9443.

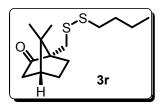


Compound **3p**: The reaction was conducted according to the general procedure. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (27.2 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product (21.0 mg, 0.102 mmol, 51%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 114.50; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.48 (dd, ^{*i*}*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 247.9 Hz, ³*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 7.7 Hz), 129.01 (t, ³*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 10.1 Hz), 114.06 (t, ²*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 18.9 Hz), 111.19 (dd, ²*J*_{*C*-*F*</sup> = 219.0 Hz, ⁴*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 6.3 Hz), 28.93, 22.99; **IR** (film) 2919, 1624, 1589, 1470, 1422, 1271, 1235, 1170, 1059, 995, 955, 786, 736, 694 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₈H₈F₂S₂ 206.0035, Found 206.0034.}

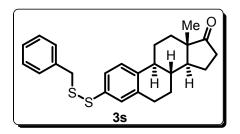


Compound **3q**: To a Schlenk tube were added BnS₂O₃Na (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), the sodium sulfinate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, The mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (38.0 mg, 0.124 mmol, 62%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddd, *J* = 18.4, 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.76, 137.55, 129.37, 128.46, 127.30, 61.12, 47.72, 43.50, 43.40, 42.97, 38.17, 26.77, 26.38, 20.03, 19.93; IR (film) 2956, 1739, 1453, 1239, 1045, 912, 764, 732, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂OS₂ 306.1112,

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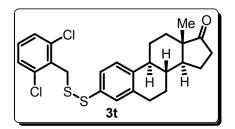


Compound **3r**: To a Schlenk tube were added ^{*n*}BuS₂O₃Na (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), the sodium sulfinate (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, The mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (34.8 mg, 0.128 mmol, 64%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.18 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.69 (m, 3H), 2.38-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.98 (m, 3H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H),0.93-0.89 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.95, 61.26, 47.77, 43.49, 43.01, 38.95, 38.50, 31.14, 26.79, 26.51, 21.59, 20.17, 20.10, 13.65; **IR** (film) 2954, 1741, 1416, 1045 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₂₄OS₂ 272.1269, Found 272.1269.

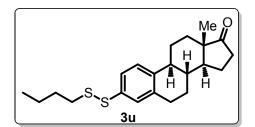


Compound **3s**: To a Schlenk tube were added BnS₂O₃Na (0.7 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), the sodium sulfinate (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, The mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (35.4 mg, 0.0868 mmol, 62%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.12 (m, 7H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.19 (td, *J* = 10.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.11-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.30 (m, 6H), 0.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.61, 138.94, 137.38, 136.79, 133.97, 129.34, 128.68, 128.48, 127.43, 126.00,

125.71, 50.44, 47.89, 44.22, 43.47, 38.00, 35.79, 31.52, 29.26, 26.33, 25.65, 21.54, 13.79; **IR** (film) 2928, 1737, 1561, 1436, 1088, 1007, 909, 817, 778, 761, 733 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₂₅H₂₈OS₂ 408.1582, Found 408.1580.



Compound **3t**: To a Schlenk tube were added sodium 2,6-dichlorobenzyl sulfothioate (0.35 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), the sodium sulfinate (0.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, The mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (16.7 mg, 0.035 mmol, 50%) as a yellow solid. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.81 (dd, *J*= 8.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (dd, *J*= 19.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.13-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.33 (m, 6H), 0.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.76, 138.70, 137.26, 136.02, 134.09, 133.08, 128.97, 128.27, 127.91, 125.90, 125.08, 50.45,47.94, 44.24, 38.80, 38.05, 35.82, 31.53, 29.30, 26.38, 25.70, 21.57, 13.80 ; **IR** (film) 2928, 1737, 1561, 1436, 1088, 1007, 909, 817, 778, 761, 733 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₂₅H₂₆Cl₂OS₂ 476.0802, Found 476.0805.

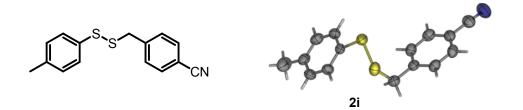


Compound **3u**: To a Schlenk tube were added sodium S-2,6-dichlorobenzyl sulfothioate (0.35 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), the sodium sulfinate (0.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL), the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (14.4 mg, 0.0385 mmol, 55%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (dd, *J*= 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.17

(m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.22 (td, J = 10.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.28 (m, 3H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.76, 138.73, 137.42, 134.57, 128.23, 126.05, 125.28, 50.45, 47.93, 44.24, 38.58, 38.04, 35.82, 31.53, 30.83, 29.34, 26.37, 25.68, 21.60, 21.56, 13.81,13.63; **IR** (film) 2927, 1735, 1456, 910,733 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₂₂H₃₀OS₂ 374.1738, Found 374.1740.

V. X-ray Crystallography Analysis of Compound 2i, 4 and 5

Compound 2i (CCDC-1017450):



Datablock: z

Bond precision:		C-C = 0.0035 A		Wavelength=0.71073
Cell:	a=6.154	6(2)	b=15.4938(6)	c=28.9800(11)
	alpha=9	0	beta=90	gamma-90
Temperature	:296 K			
		Calculate	d	Reported
Volume		2763.48(1	7)	2763.48(17)
Space group		Pbca		Pbca
Hall group		-P 2ac 2a	b	?
Moiety form	ula	C15 H13 N	S2	?
Sum formula		C15 H13 N	S2	C15 H13 N S2
Mr		271.40		271.38
Dx,g cm-3		1.305		1.305
Z		8		8
Mu (mm-1)		0.366		0.366
F000		1136.0		1136.0
F000'		1138.29		
h,k,lmax		7,18,34		7,18,34
Nref		2441		2439
Tmin,Tmax		0.932,0.9	54	0.911,0.954
Tmin'		0.909		
Correction	method- 1	MULTI-SCAN		
Data comple	teness=	0.999	Theta (max)	- 25.010
R(reflections) = 0.0380(1730) wR2(refl		flections) = 0.1029(2439)		
S = 1.021		Npar-	Npar = 163	

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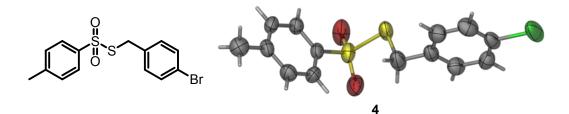
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Compound 4 (CCDC-1017451):



Datablock: z

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Cell:	a=10.1609(11) alpha=90		
Temperature:	296 K		-
	Calculat	ted	Reported
Volume	1528.7(3	3)	1528.7(3)
Space group	P 21/n		P2(1)/n
Hall group	-P 2yn		2
Moiety form	la C14 H13	Br 02 S2	?
Sum formula	C14 H13	Br 02 S2	C14 H13 Br 02 S2
Mr	357.28		357.27
Dx,g cm=3	1.552		1.552
2	4		4
Mu (mm-1)	2.956		2.956
F000	720.0		720.0
F000'	720.11		
h,k,lmax	12,17,12	2	12,17,12
Nref	2687		2684
Tmin, Tmax	0.629,0	.661	0.649,0.682
Tmin'	0.617		
Correction m	ethod= MULTI-SCA	N	
Data complet	eness= 0.999	Theta (max)	- 25.000
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S = 0.983	Npar	• Npar = 172	

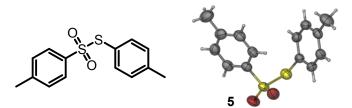
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Compound **5** (CCDC-1017452):



Datablock: z

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	alpha=90	beta=118.268(7) gamma=90
Temperature	296 K		
	Calcu	lated	Reported
Volume	1361.	3(6)	1361.3(6)
Space group	P 21/	c	P2(1)/c
Hall group	-P 23	'bc	?
Moiety form	ula C14 H	114 O2 S2	?
Sum formula	C14 H	14 O2 S2	C14 H14 O2 S2
Mr	278.3	9	278.37
Dx,g cm-3	1.358		1.358
Z	4		4
Mu (mm-1)	0.382		0.382
F000	584.0)	584.0
F000'	585.2	1	
h,k,lmax	18,7,	18	18,7,18
Nref	2383		2380
Tmin, Tmax	0.925	,0.959	0.881,0.959
Tmin'	0.878		
Correction n	method= MULTI-	SCAN	
Data complet	eness= 0.999	Theta (max	x) = 25.010
R(reflection	ns)= 0.0473(1	531) wR2(r	eflections) = 0.1301(2380)
S = 1.032	NI	par= Npar = 163	

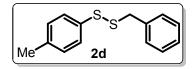
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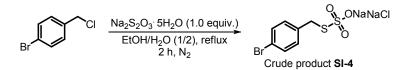
VI. Gram Scale Reaction



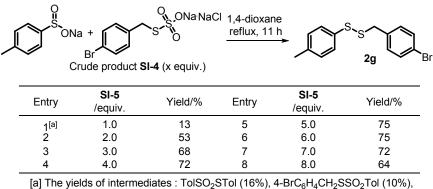
To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3\cdot 5H_2O$ (1.24 g, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), BnCl (580 uL, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (1.3 mL/2.5 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere before the solvent was removed. TolSO₂Na (178.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (2.5 mL) were added, the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hour. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (136 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added, the reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product **2d** (172.0 mg, 0.7 mmol, 70%) as a colorless solid.

To a Schlenk tube were added, $Na_2S_2O_3\cdot 5H_2O$ (12.4 g, 50 mmol, 5.0 equuiv.), BnCl (5.8 mL, 50 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (12.5 mL/25 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere, before the solvent was removed. TolSO₂Na (1.78 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (25 mL or 13 mL) were added, the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours. After the reaction was finished, DDQ (1.36 g, 6.0 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) was added, the reaction system was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was concentrated under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title product **2d** (1.89 g, 7.7 mmol, 77%) as a colorless solid.

VII. Control Experiments

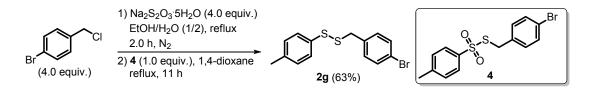


Prepared for **SI-4** following as step 1: To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3$ ·5H₂O (2.48 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-4-(chloromethyl)benzene (2.05 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (2.5 mL/5.0 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for two hours under N_2 atmosphere before the solvent was removed. The crude product **SI-4** was obtained as a white solid.

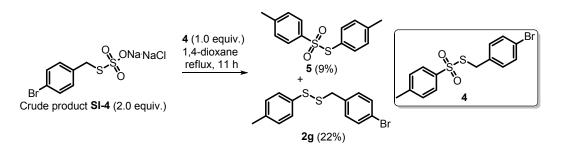


 $(4-BrC_6H_4CH_2S)_2$ (34%)

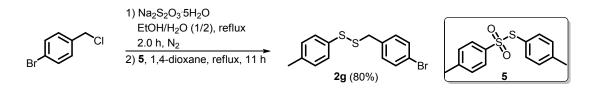
Procedures of disulfide obtained by equivalents of halide and Na₂S₂O₃: To a Schlenk tube were added TolSO₂Na (0.2 mmol) and crude product **SI-4**, the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours before it was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **2g**. When the amount of **SI-4** was 1.0 equiv., compound **2g** (13%), **4** (10%) and **5** (16%), **6** (34%) were obtained.



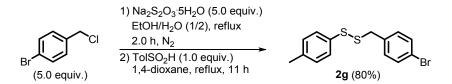
To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3$ $^{5}H_2O$ (198.6 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), 1bromo-4-(chloromethyl)benzene (164.4 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (0.2 mL/0.4 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for two hours under N₂ atmosphere, then the solvent was removed. Compound **4** (71.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,4dioxane (1.0 mL) were added to the reaction, then the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours before it was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **2g** (40.9 mg, 0.126 mmol, 63%).



To a Schlenk tube were added **4** (71.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the crude **SI-4** (144.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), then the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours before it was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product. Compound **5** (2.5 mg, 0.009 mmol, 9%) and **2g** (14.3mg, 0.044 mmol, 22%) was obtained, starting material **4** (56%) was recovered simultaneously.

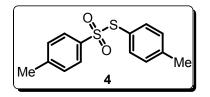


To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ (248.2 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1-bromo-4-(chloromethyl)benzene (205.5 mg, 1.0 mmol), EtOH/H₂O (0.25 mL/0.5 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere before the solvent was removed. **5** (27.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were added, the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours before it was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **2g** (52.0 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80%).

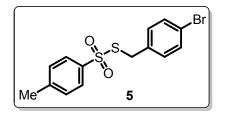


To a Schlenk tube were added $Na_2S_2O_3$ ·5H₂O (248.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), 1bromo-4-(chloromethyl)benzene (205.5 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), EtOH/H₂O (0.25 mL/0.5 mL), the mixture was stirred at reflux for 2 hours under N₂ atmosphere, then removed the solvent. TolSO₂H (52.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL)

were added, the mixture was stirred at 110 °C (reflux) for 11 hours before it was concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **2g** (52.0 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80%).



Compound **4**^[7]: A colorless solid. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ144.56, 142.01, 140.43, 136.45, 130.16, 129.33, 127.55, 124.56, 21.61, 21.43; **IR** (film) 2920, 1912, 1742, 1591, 1486, 1322, 1135, 1076, 883, 807, 737 cm⁻¹; **MS (EI)** m/z 278 (M+).



Compound **5**: To a 25 mL flask were added sodium 4-methylbenzenesulfonothioate^[8] (526 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1-bromo-4-(chloro- methyl)benzene (565 mg, 2.75 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), TBAI (92 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) CH₃CN (12 mL), the mixture was heated to 50 °C. After 24 hours, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated, purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product (643.1 mg, 1.8 mmol, 72%) as a red solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ 4.22 (s, 2H), δ 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.80, 142.02, 132.96, 131.77, 130.69, 129.69, 126.94, 121.93, 39.61, 21.63; **IR** (film) 2923, 2857, 1592, 1485, 1406, 1323, 1139, 1075, 1013, 810, 708 cm⁻¹; **HRMS (EI)** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrO₂S₂ 355.9540, Found 355.9539.

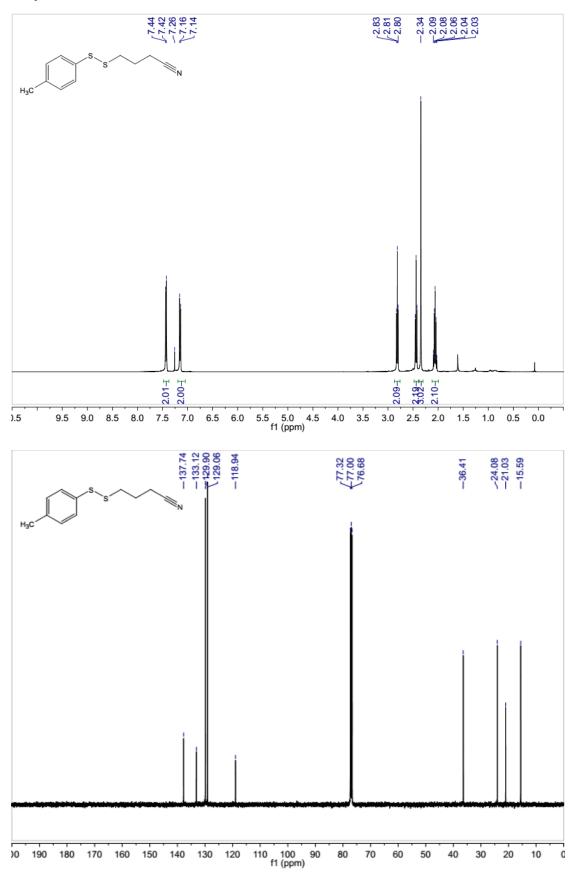
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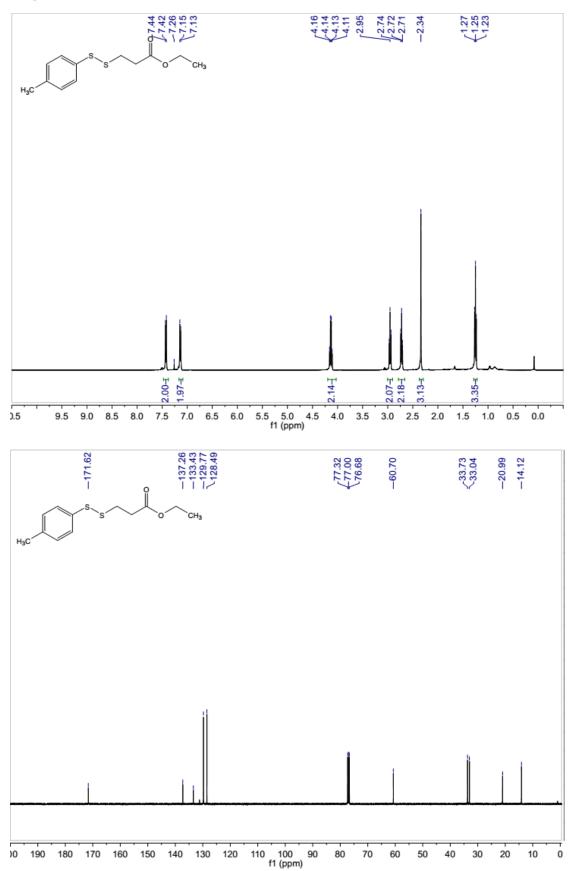
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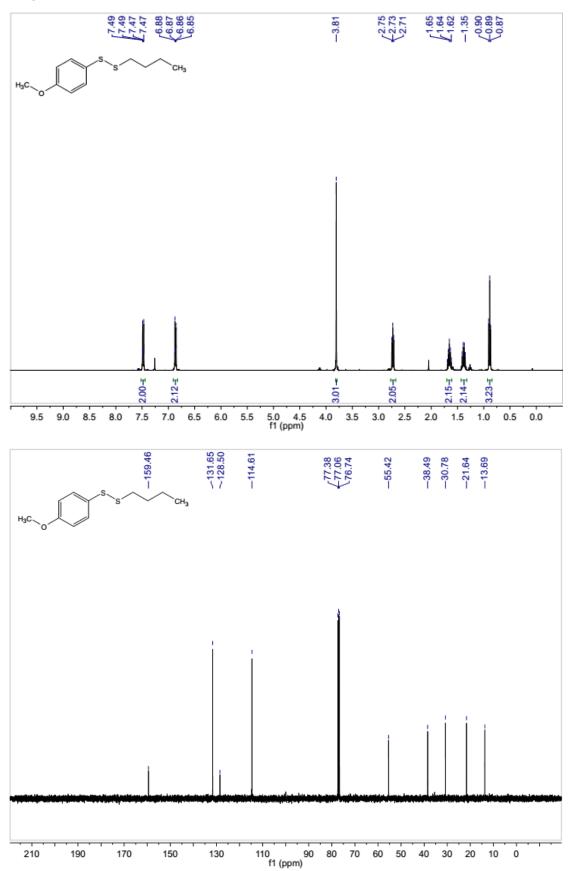
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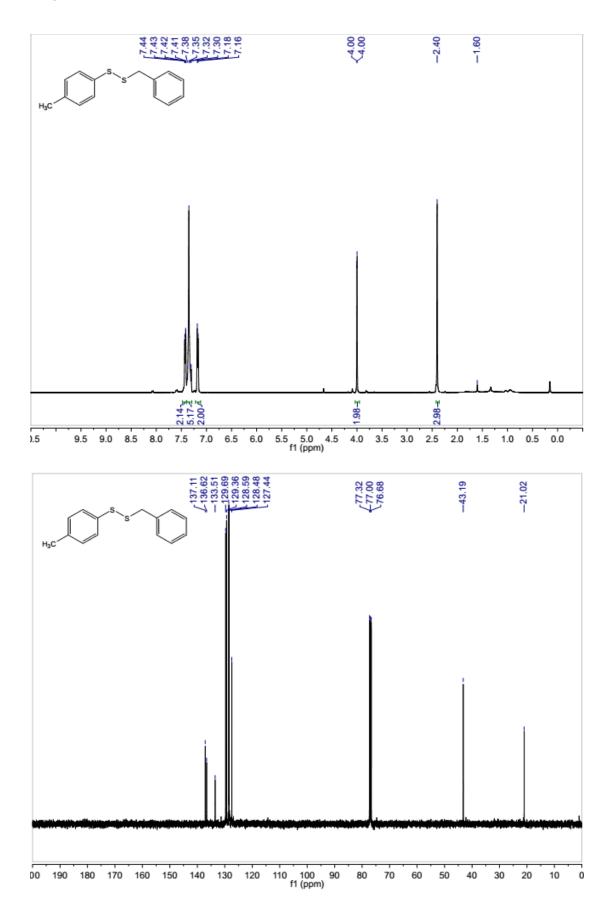
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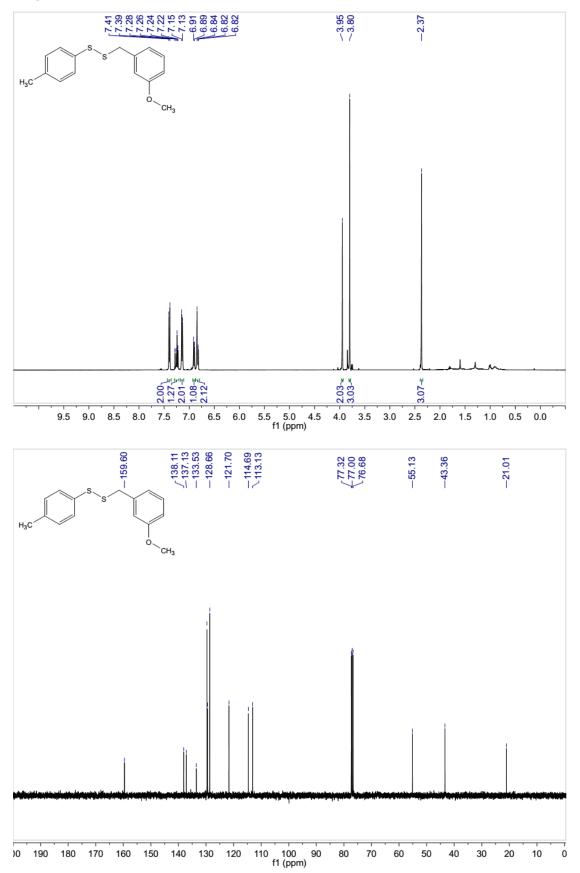
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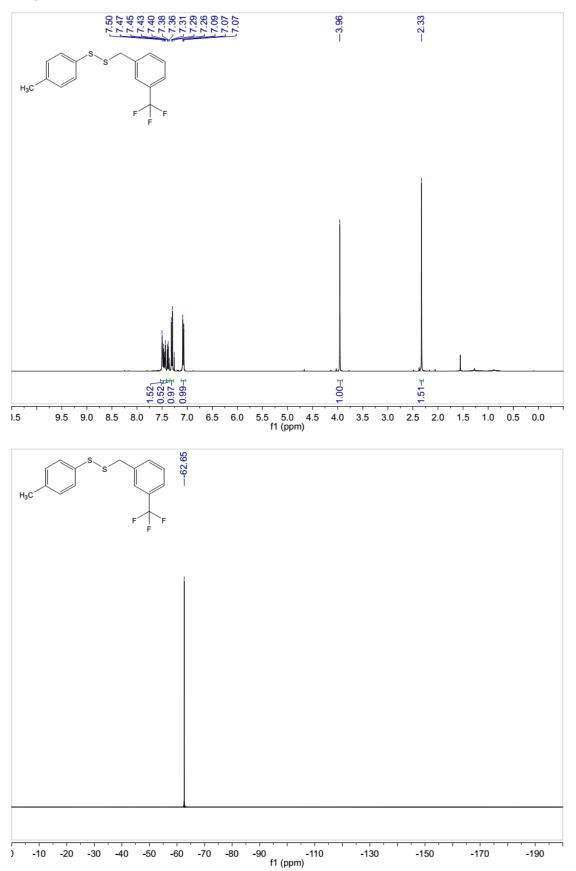
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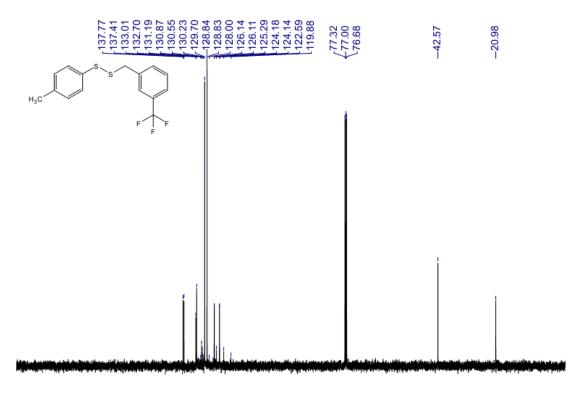


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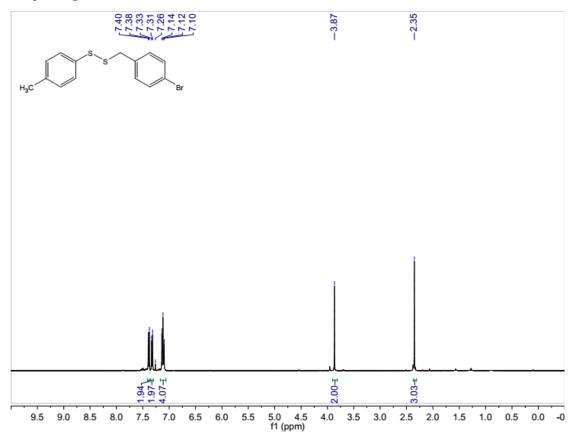
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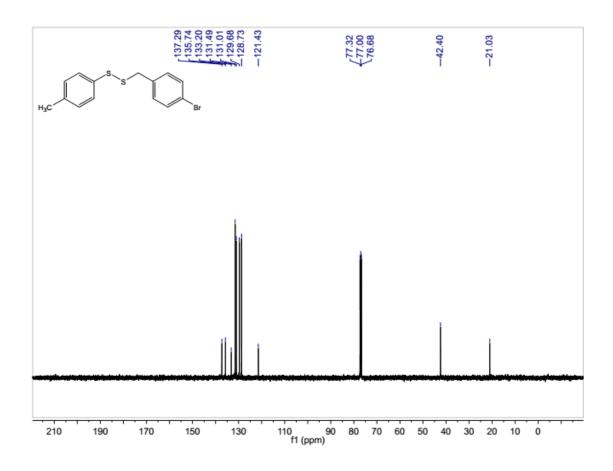




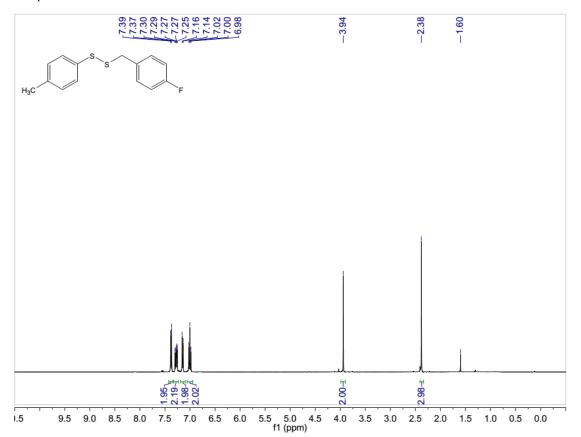
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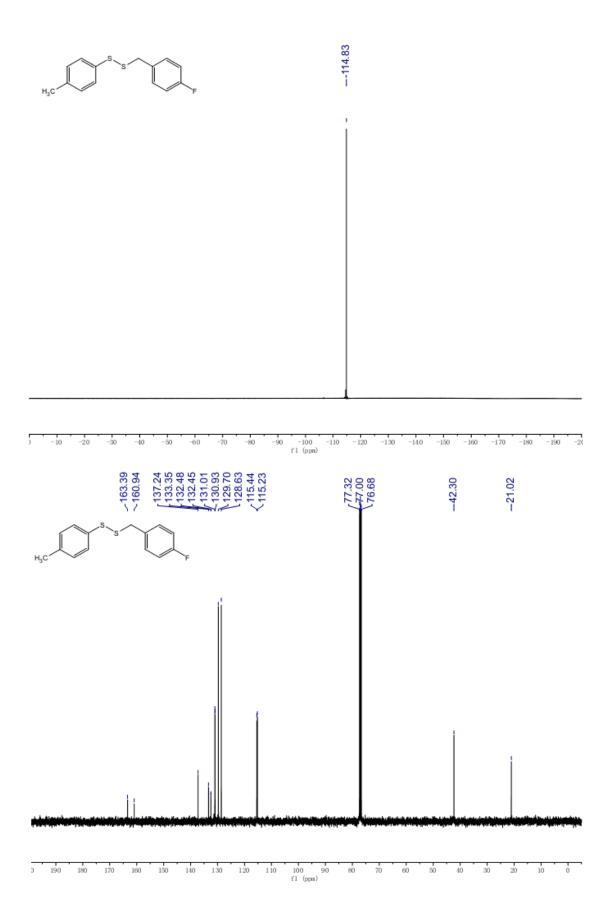
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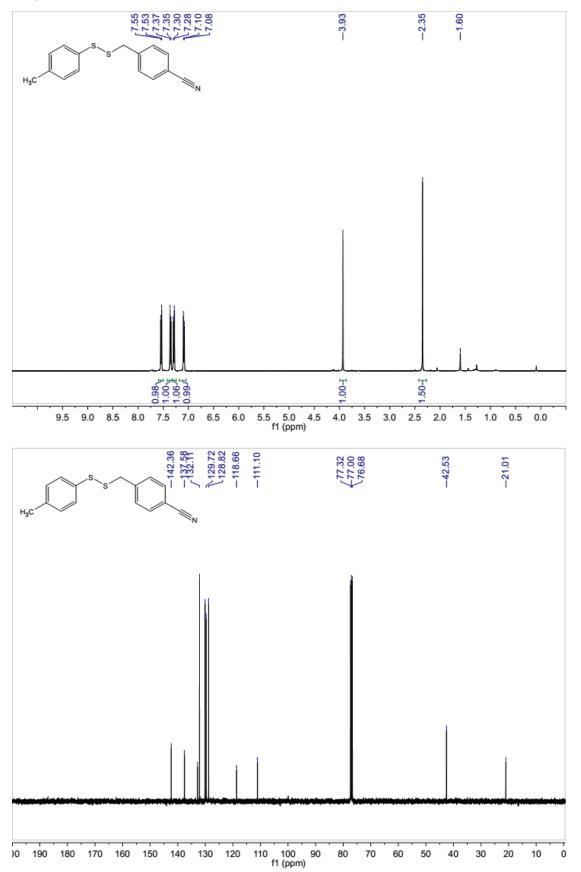


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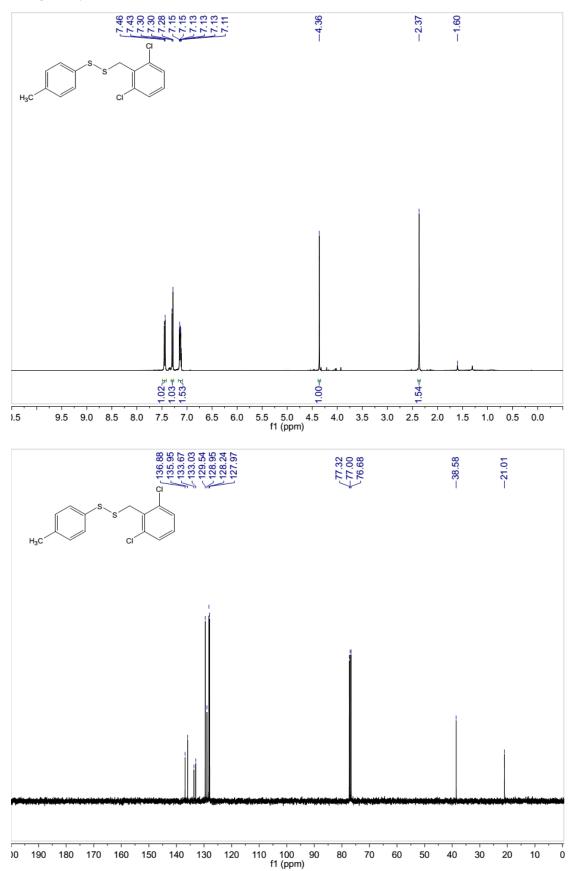




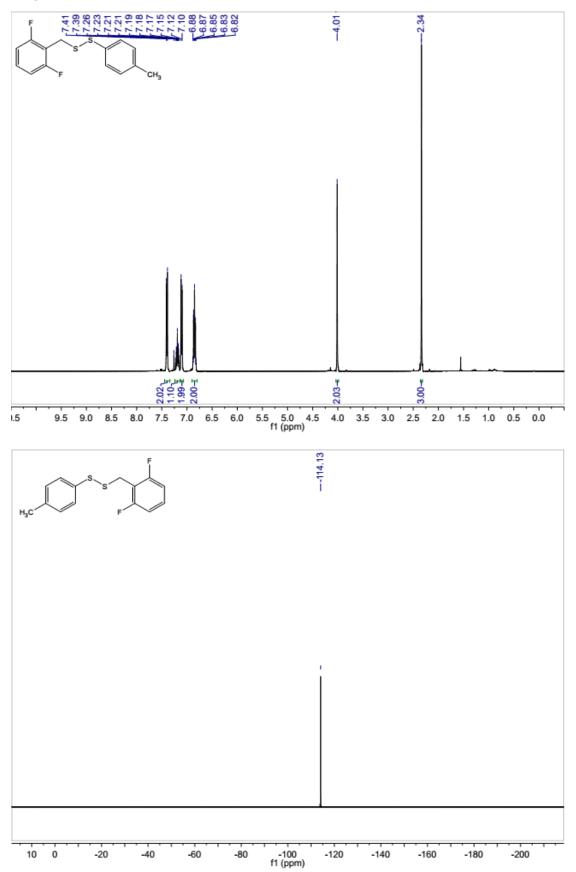
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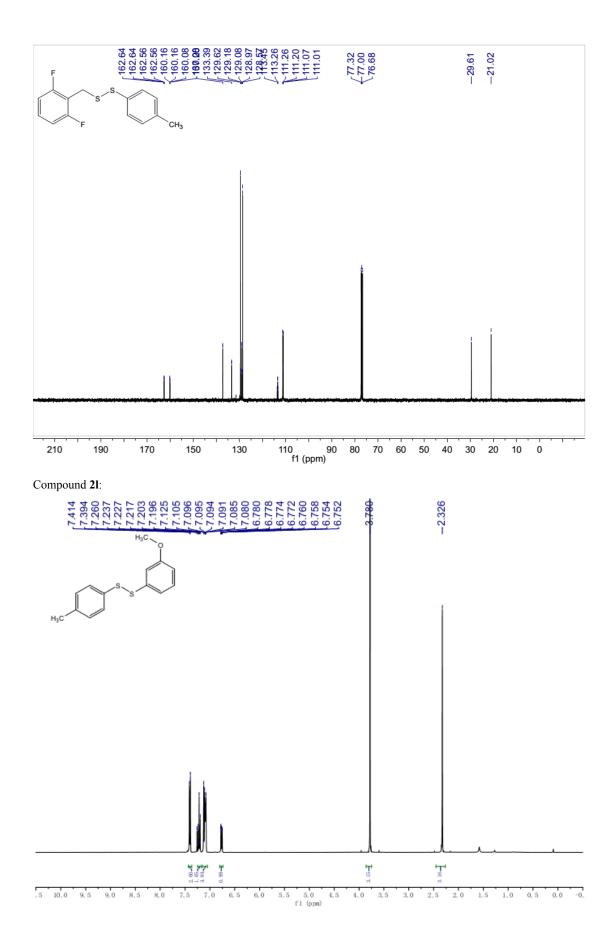


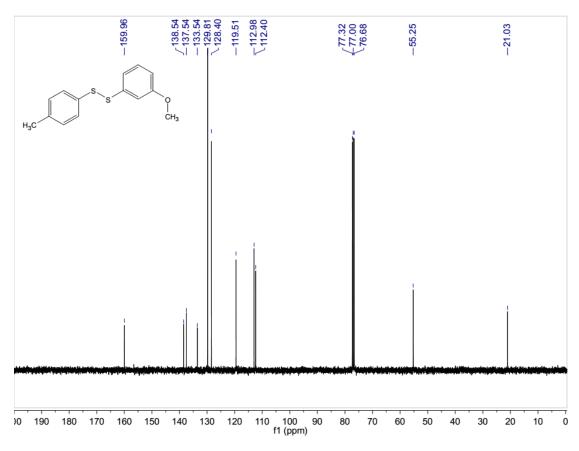
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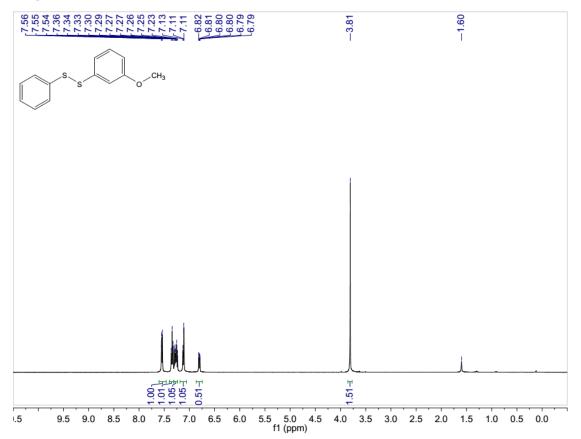
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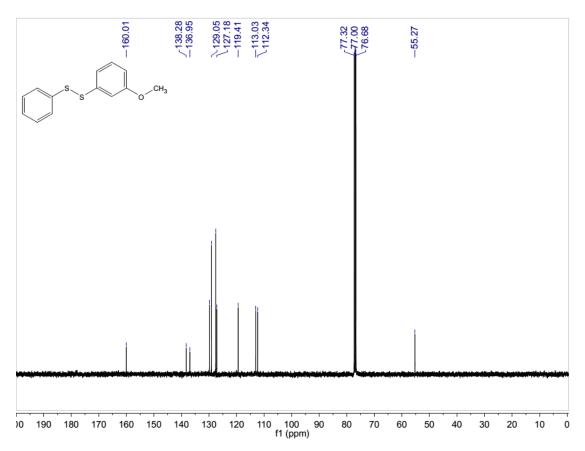




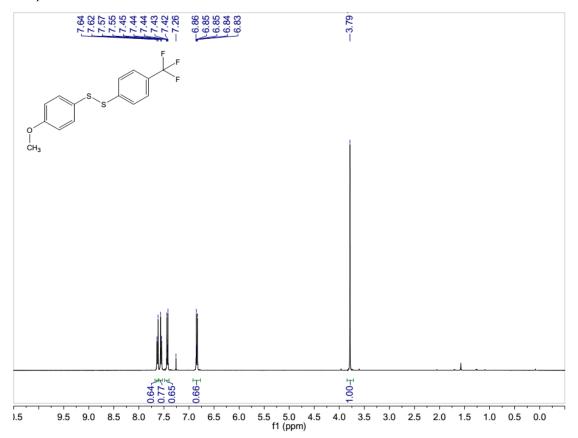


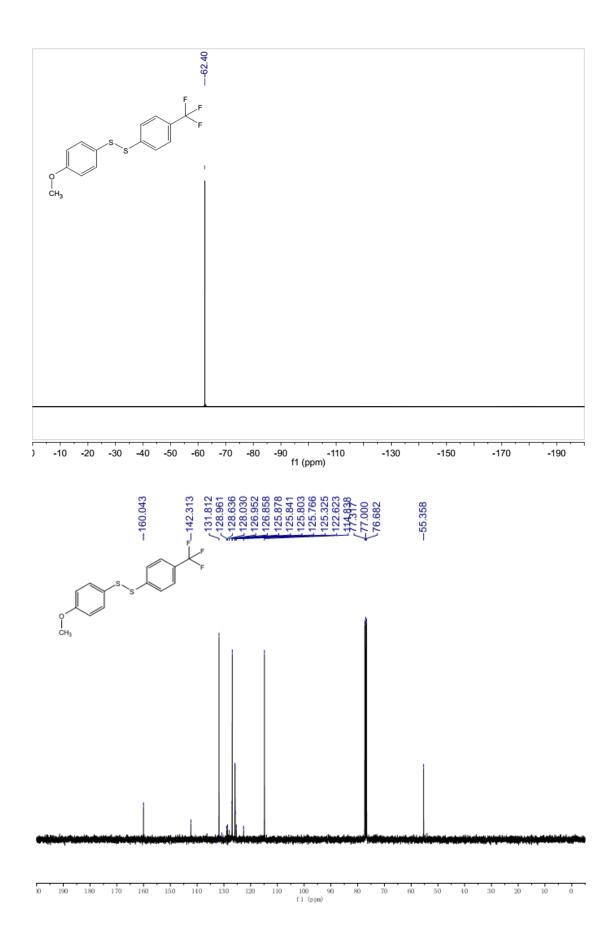
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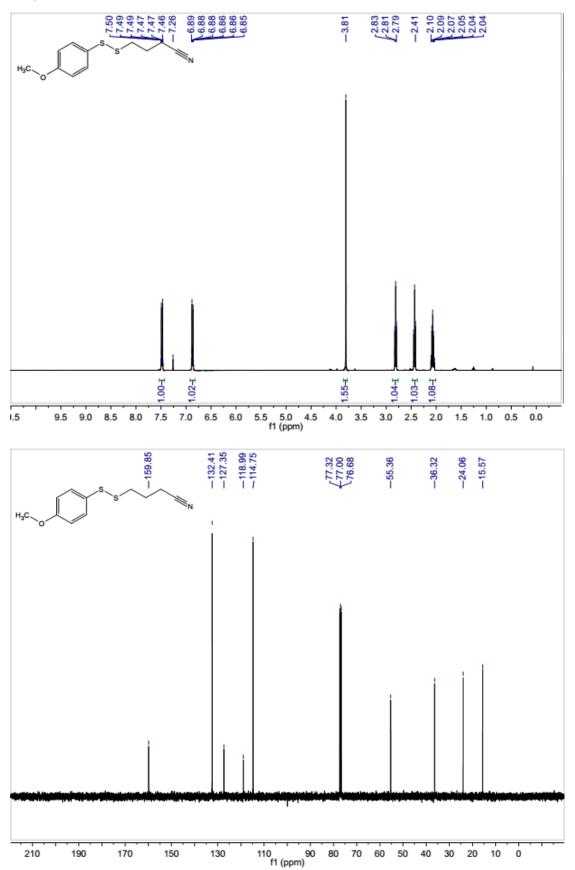




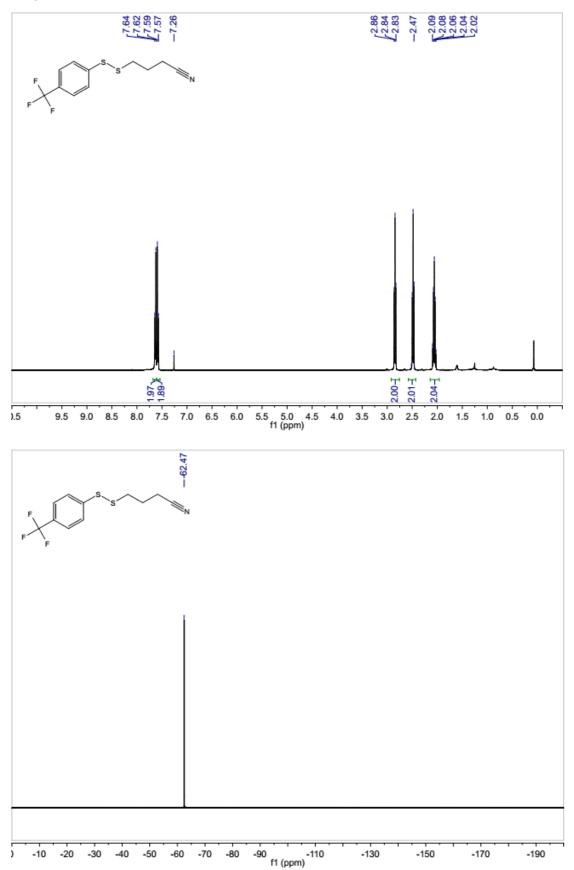


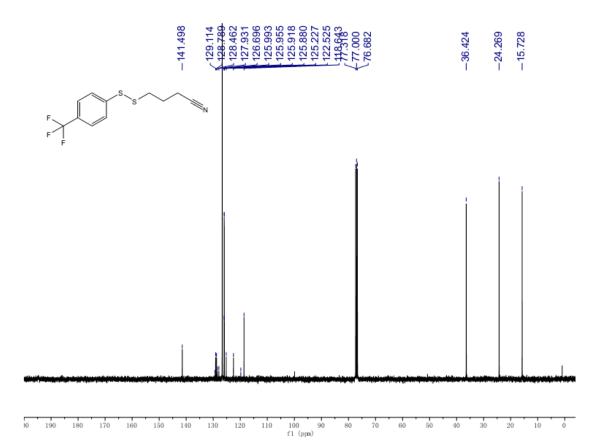


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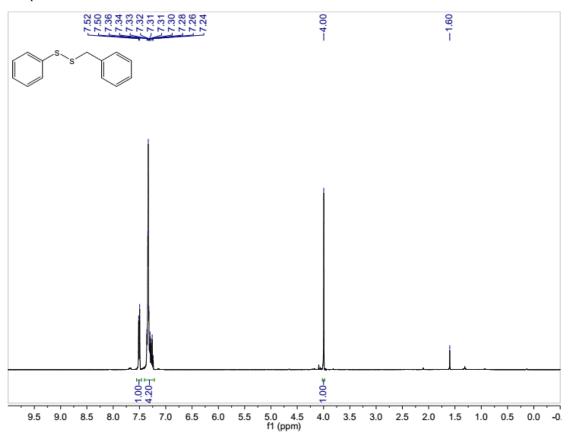


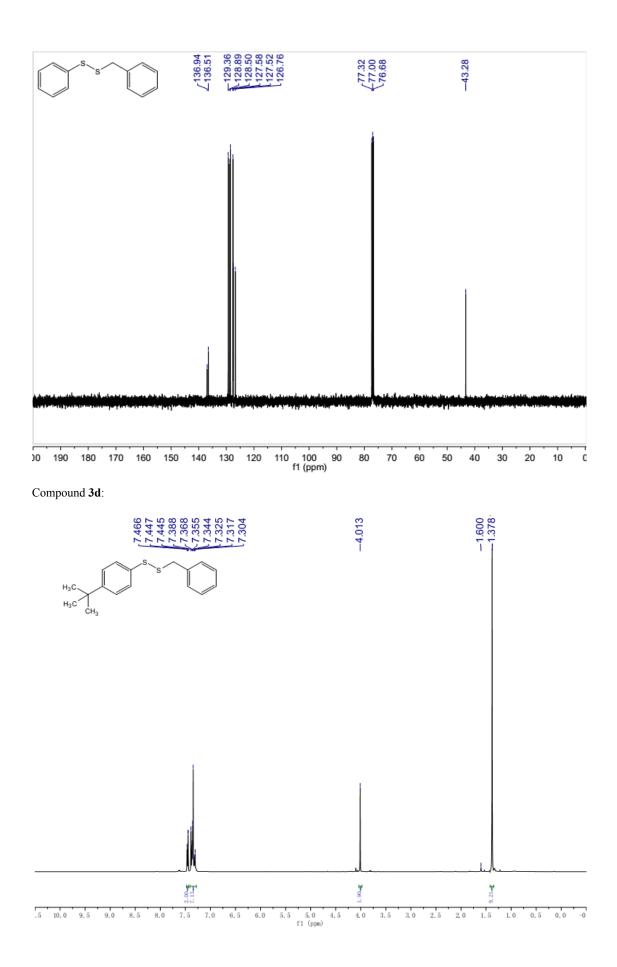
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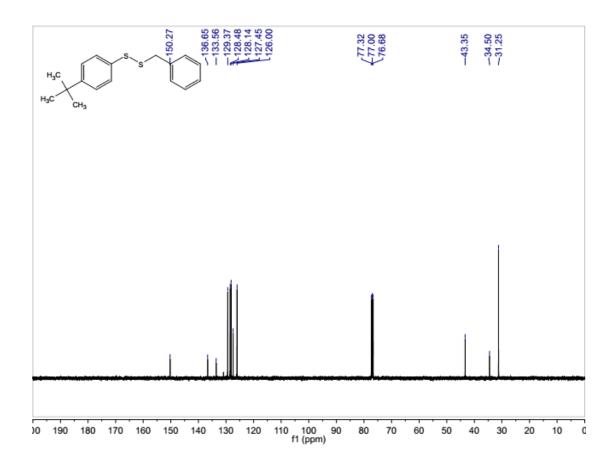




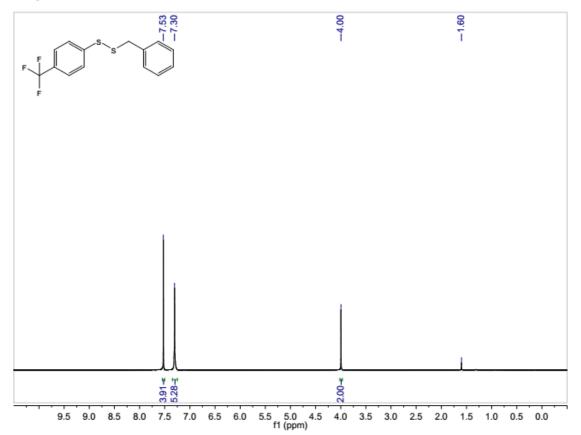
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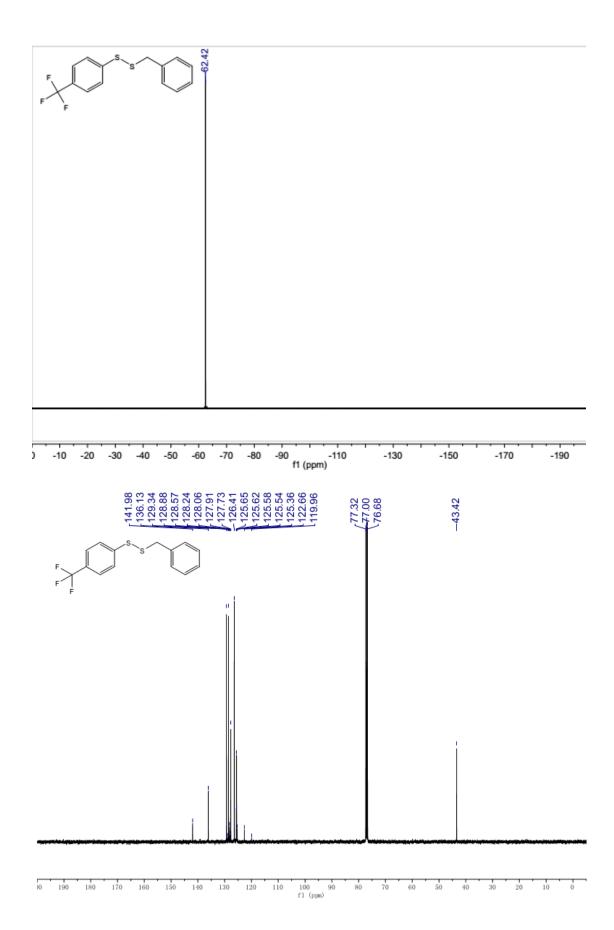


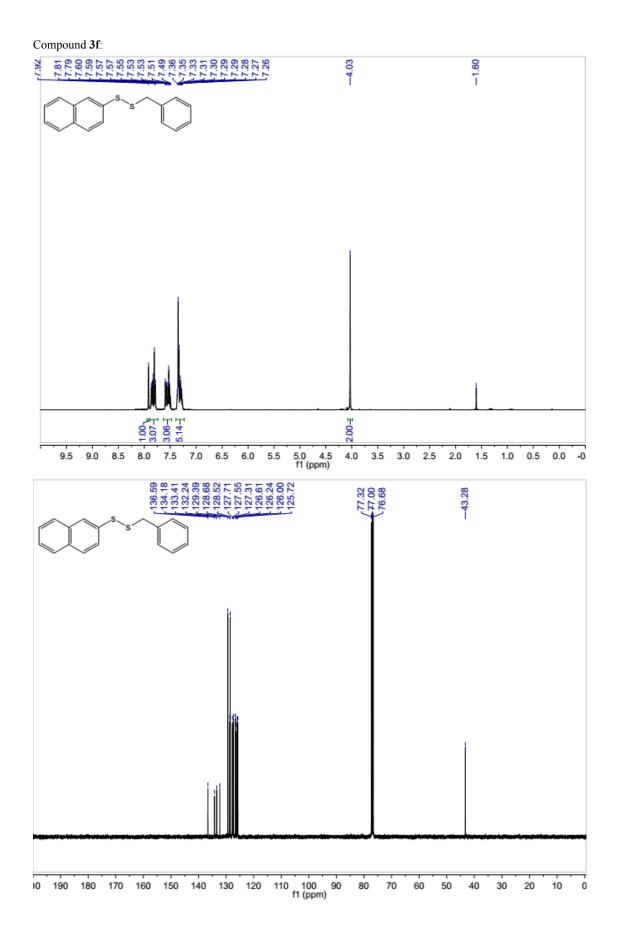




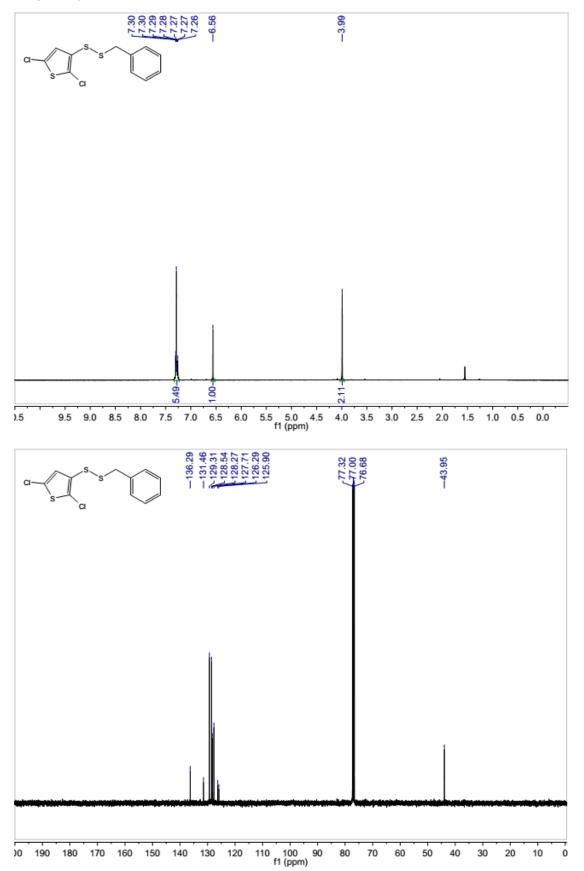
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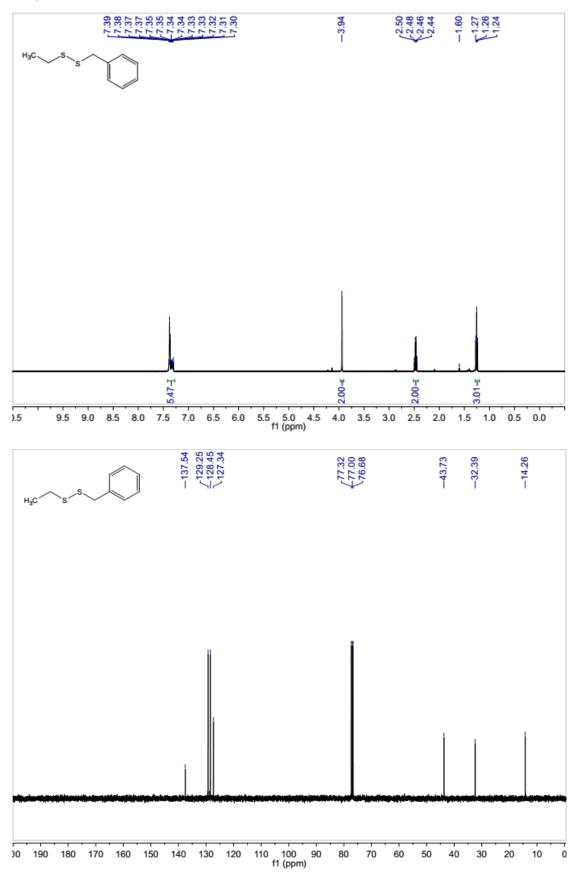




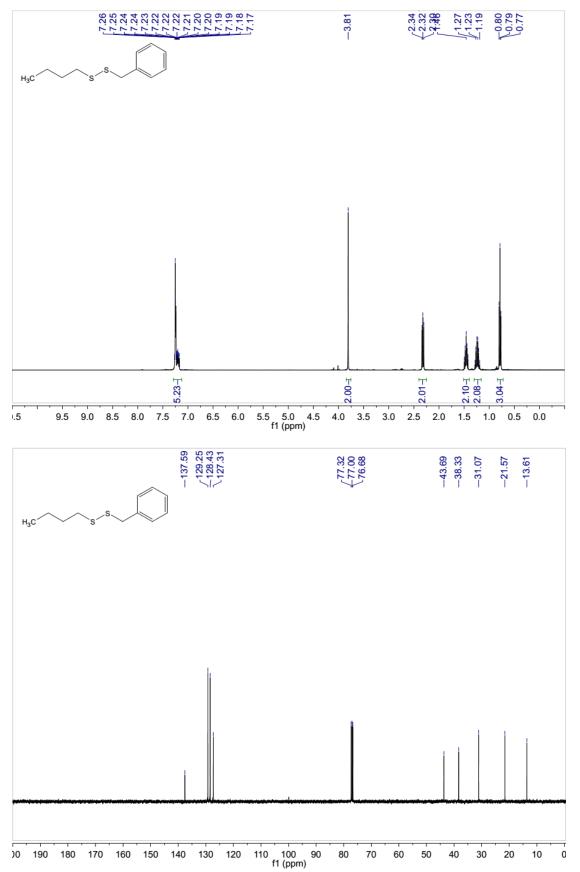
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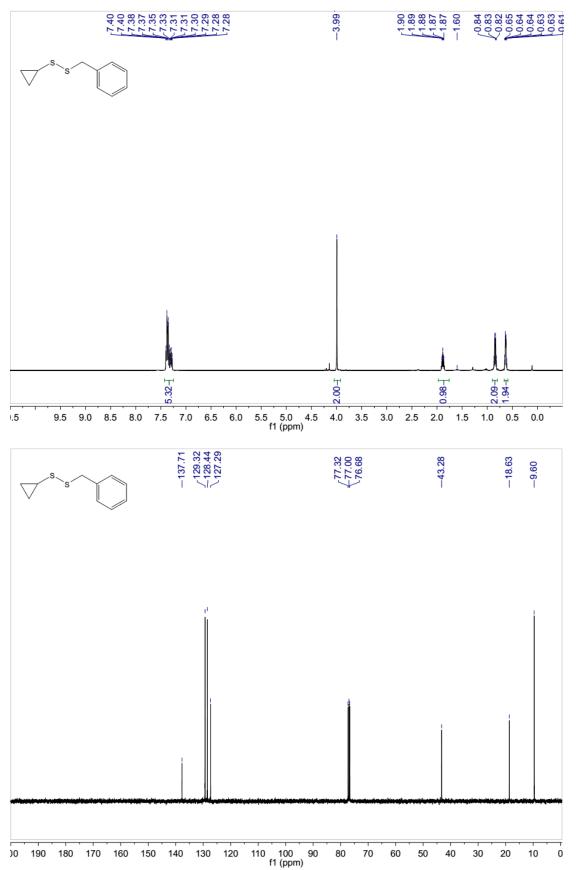
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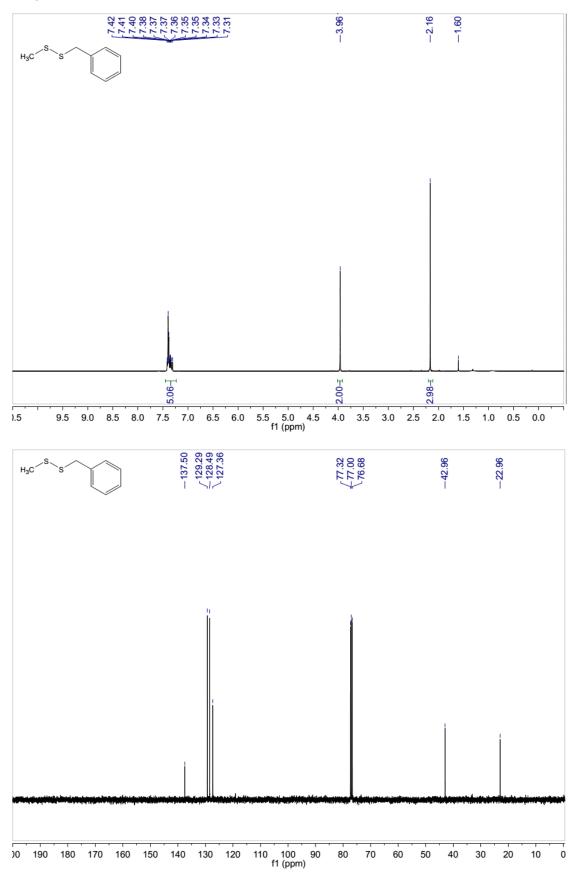
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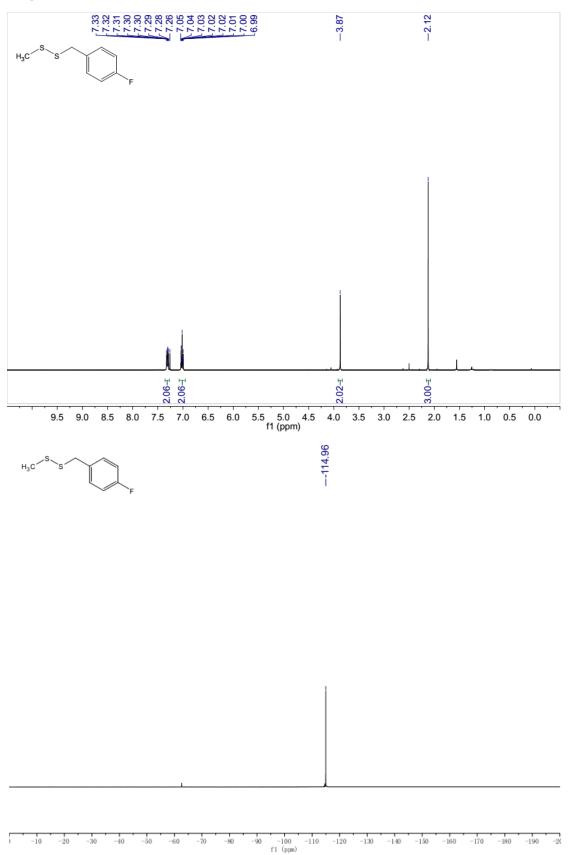
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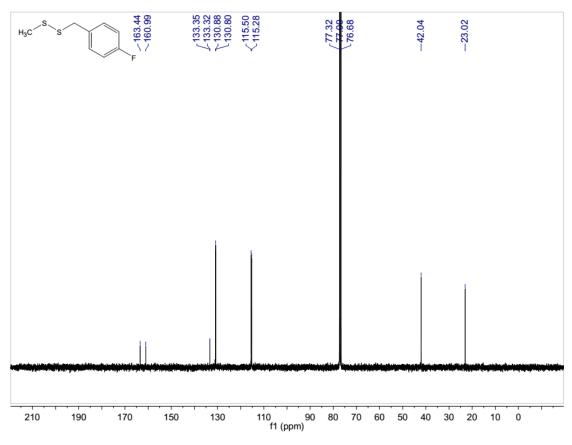


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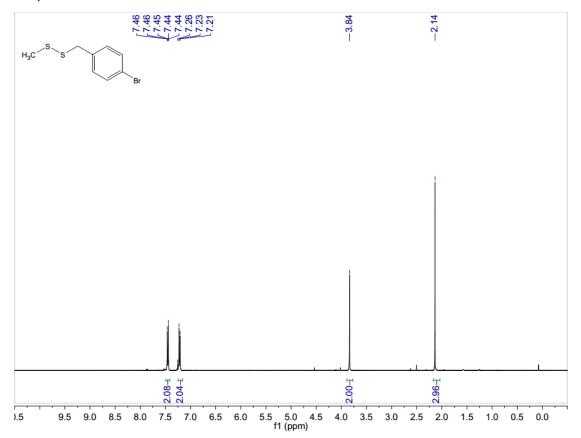


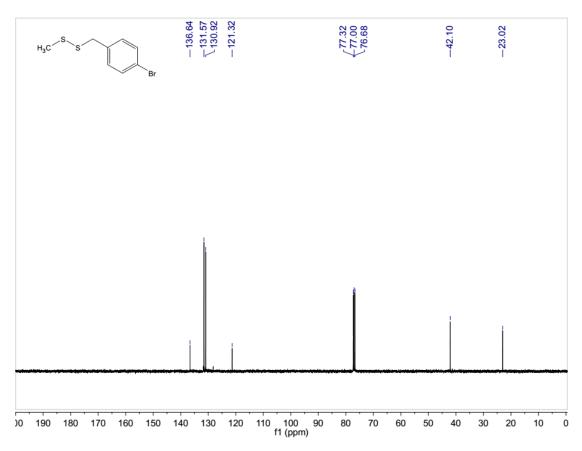
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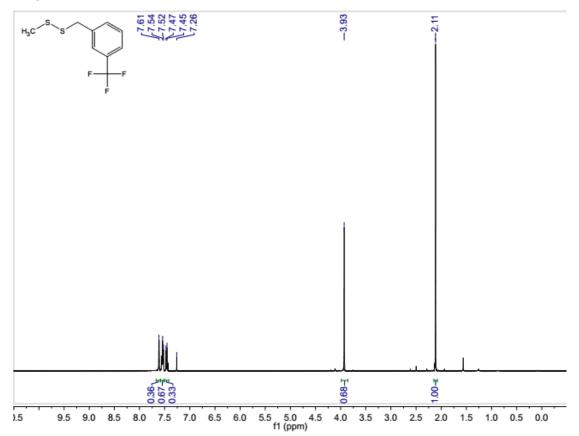


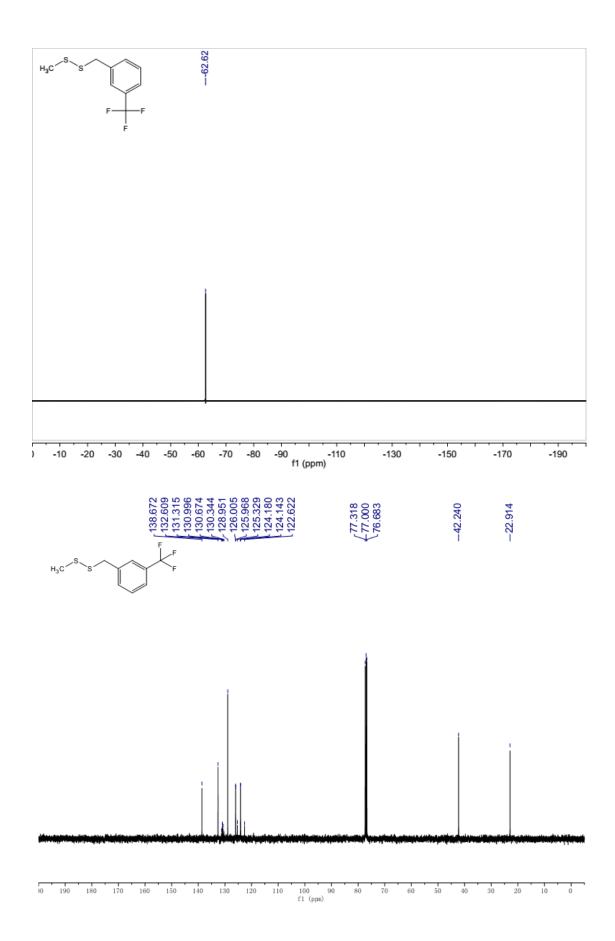
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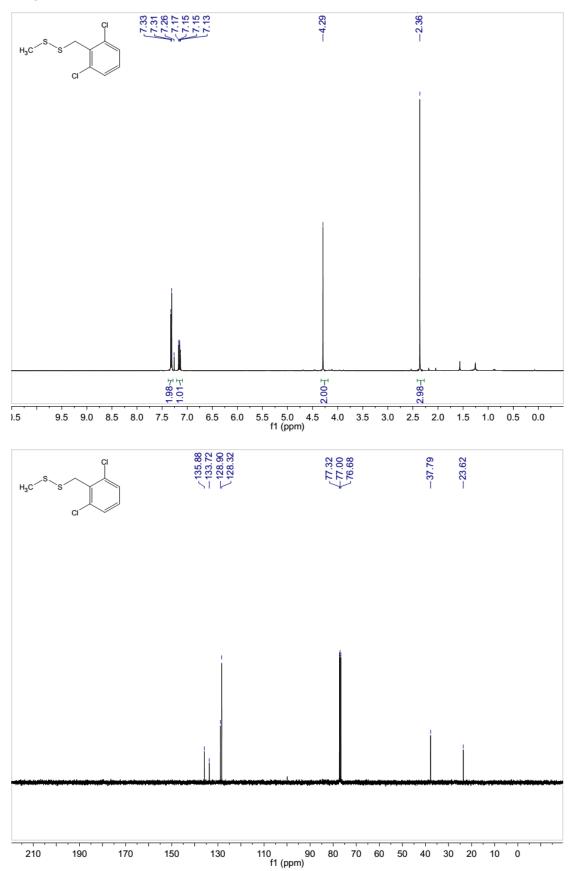








Compound **3o**:



Compound **3p**:



