

Phosphine catalyzed [3+2] cyclization/Michael addition of allenoate with CS₂ to form 2-thieryl vinyl sulfide

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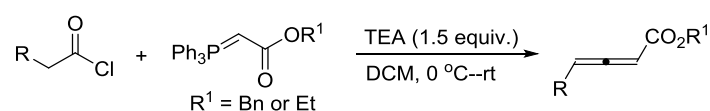
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A. General information

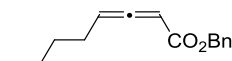
Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with dry solvents in anhydrous conditions. THF, toluene, dichloromethane and acetonitrile were dried by activated molecular sieve (4 Å). All chemicals were used without further purification as commercially available unless otherwise noted. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV-light (254 and 365 nm). Flash chromatography was conducted on silica gel (200–300 mesh). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters TOFMS GCT Premier using ESI ionization. Petroleum ether (PE) refers to the fraction with boiling point in the range 60 – 90 °C.

B. Preparation and analytical data of allenolate 1 and 3



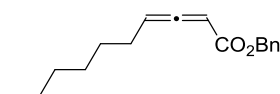
Allenolate **1** and **3** was prepared from corresponding substituted acetyl chloride with phosphonium ylide according to the reported procedure.^[1, 2] The ^1H NMR spectra of known compounds were consistent with the literature reported. The analytical data of new compounds (**1e**, **1h**, **1i**, **3b**, **3c**, **3f**, **3g**, **3h** and **3i**) were as follow.

Benzyl octa-2,3-dienoate **1e**



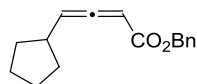
Colourless oil; it is a unseparated mixture with alkynoate, and the ratio is 2.3:1 from crude ^1H NMR. The NMR details as follow: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.66 – 5.59 (m, 1.25H, allenolate), 5.27 – 5.09 (m, 2H), 3.30 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 0.54H, alkynoate), 2.24 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.31 (m, 4H), 0.95 – 0.84 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) for allenolate: δ 212.6, 166.1, 136.0, 128.5, 128.2, 95.5, 88.0, 66.4, 30.8, 27.1, 22.0, 13.8 ppm; for alkynoate: δ 168.8, 135.5, 128.5, 128.33, 128.1, 128.1, 84.0, 71.2, 67.0, 30.7, 26.1, 21.9, 18.4, 13.6 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2958, 2932, 2026, 1960, 1722, 1631\text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 231.1380$, found = 231.1395.

Benzyl deca-2,3-dienoate **1h**



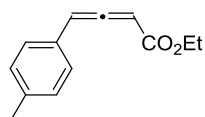
Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.66 – 5.61 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.25 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.6, 166.0, 136.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 95.5, 87.9, 66.3, 31.4, 28.6, 28.5, 27.4, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2959, 2929, 2026, 1960, 1720, 1631 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 259.1693, found = 259.1704.

Benzyl 4-cyclopentylbuta-2,3-dienoate 1i



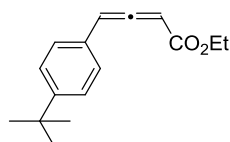
Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.71 – 5.63 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 1.88– 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.37 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.9, 166.0, 136.1, 128.4, 128.0, 128.0, 100.3, 88.6, 66.3, 38.1, 32.7, 32.4, 24.7 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2955, 2869, 2026, 1958, 1720, 1631 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 243.1380, found = 243.1396.

Ethyl 4-(p-tolyl)buta-2,3-dienoate 3b



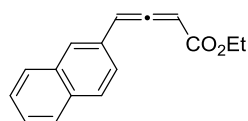
yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.6, 165.17, 137.9, 129.5, 128.0, 127.3, 98.4, 91.7, 61.0, 21.2, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2980, 2924, 2026, 1729, 1631, 1590 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 203.1067, found = 203.1081;

Ethyl 4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)buta-2,3-dienoate 3c



Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (qd, J = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.7, 165.1, 151.3, 128.1, 127.2, 125.8, 98.3, 91.7, 61.0, 34.6, 31.2, 14.2 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2963, 2026, 1733, 1632, 1592, 1386 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 245.1536, found = 245.1548.

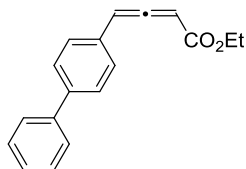
Ethyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)buta-2,3-dienoate 3f



Pale yellow gel; it is a unseparated mixture with alkynoate, and the ratio is 9:1 from crude ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm;

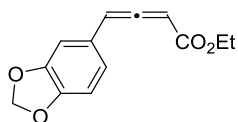
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 215.1, 165.0, 133.5, 133.0, 131.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.8, 126.4, 126.2, 124.8, 99.0, 92.1, 61.1, 14.2 ppm; IR (KBr) ν = 2980, 2026, 1718, 1632, 1596, 1351 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 239.1067, found = 239.1080.

Ethyl 4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)buta-2,3-dienoate **3g**



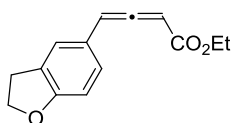
White solid, m.p. 59.8-62.1 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.9, 165.0, 140.9, 140.4, 130.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.5, 126.9, 98.3, 92.0, 61.2, 14.2 ppm; IR (KBr) ν = 3031, 2978, 2026, 1943, 1714, 1632 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 265.1223 found = 265.1236.

Ethyl 4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)buta-2,3-dienoate **3h**



Pale yellow oil; it is a mixture containing 14% unseparated alkynoate from ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.20 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.4, 165.0, 148.2, 147.7, 124.8, 121.6, 108.5, 107.2, 101.2, 98.6, 92.1, 61.1, 14.2 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2980, 2903, 2026, 1718, 1632, 1603 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 233.0808, found = 233.0822.

Ethyl 4-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)buta-2,3-dienoate **3i**



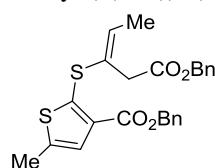
pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (qd, J = 7.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.6, 165.3, 160.3, 128.0, 127.7, 123.9, 122.9, 109.5, 109.2, 98.5, 91.8, 71.5, 61.0, 29.5, 14.2 ppm; IR (film) ν = 2980, 2026, 1716, 1632, 1593, 1385 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ = 231.1016, found = 231.1029.

C. General procedure for the DPPE catalyzed tandem reaction

To a dried sealed tube with a magnetic stirring bar were added allenolate **1** or **3** (0.4 mmol) and CS₂ (2 mL), followed by the addition of DPPE (0.04 mmol, 15.9 mg) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was sealed and stirred overnight at room temperature. After the completely consumption of allenolate monitored by TLC, the mixture was purified directly by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea as eluent to afford product **2** or **4**.

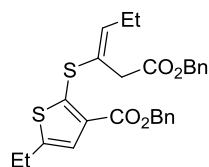
D. Analytical data of products 1 or 3

Benzyl (E)-2-((5-(benzyloxy)-5-oxopent-2-en-3-yl)thio)-5-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2a**



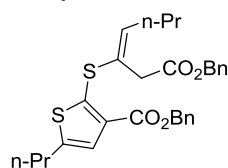
Crude ¹HNMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.42 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 162.5, 146.0, 140.6, 137.6, 136.1, 135.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 126.2, 66.7, 66.2, 37.6, 15.5, 15.2 ppm; IR (film) ν = 3033, 2917, 1736, 1701, 1455, 1232 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₅O₄S₂[M+H]⁺ = 453.1189, found = 453.1193.

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-1-oxohex-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-ethylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2b**



Crude ¹HNMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 162.7, 147.7, 145.0, 136.2, 135.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 125.6, 124.7, 66.8, 66.2, 37.9, 23.3, 15.4, 13.1 ppm; IR (film) ν = 3032, 2967, 1737, 1701, 1497, 1455 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₂₉O₄S₂[M+H]⁺ = 481.1502, found = 481.1505.

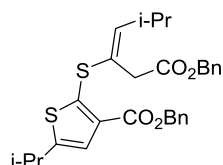
Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-1-oxohept-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-propylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2c**



Crude ¹HNMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

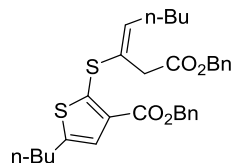
7.44 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.64 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.93 (tt, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 162.6, 146.3, 146.0, 143.3, 136.1, 135.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 126.3, 125.2, 66.7, 66.1, 38.0, 32.0, 31.9, 24.4, 21.9, 13.7, 13.5 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2959, 2930, 1736, 1702, 1455, 1250$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 509.1815$, found = 509.1822 .

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-5-methyl-1-oxohex-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-isopropylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2d**



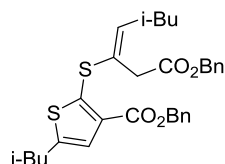
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is 10:1 and it is an unseparated mixture. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.18 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.09 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.04 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7, 162.7, 153.3, 150.5, 146.1, 136.2, 135.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 124.1, 122.9, 66.8, 66.1, 38.1, 30.0, 29.6, 24.2, 22.0 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 3033, 2961, 1738, 1702, 1456, 1324$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 509.1815$, found = 509.1823 .

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-1-oxooct-3-en-3-yl)thio)-4-butylcyclopenta-1,4-diene-1-carboxylate **2e**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.17 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.58 (dt, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7, 162.7, 146.6, 143.5, 136.2, 135.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.2, 125.0, 66.8, 66.2, 38.0, 33.3, 30.7, 29.7, 29.7, 22.3, 22.0, 13.8, 13.7 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2956, 2929, 2857, 1739, 1704, 1456$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 537.2128$, found = 537.2138.

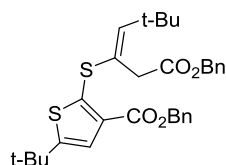
Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-6-methyl-1-oxohept-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-isobutylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2f**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.38 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.54 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.89 (m, 12H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 162.7, 146.3, 145.6, 142.1, 136.1, 135.6, 128.4,

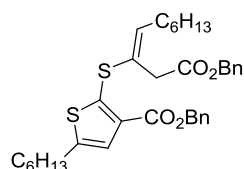
128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 127.0, 125.6, 66.7, 66.26, 39.2, 38.9, 38.0, 30.3, 28.3, 22.4, 22.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2956, 2925, 1739, 1704, 1495, 1454 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 537.2128$, found = 537.2133.

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-5,5-dimethyl-1-oxohex-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-(tert-butyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **2g**



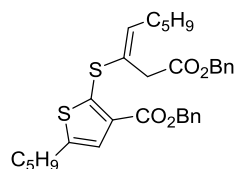
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. white powder, m.p. = 45.5 – 47.4 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.19 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 162.8, 156.1, 154.4, 146.8, 136.2, 135.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.2, 124.2, 123.5, 66.7, 66.1, 38.8, 34.8, 34.6, 32.0, 30.1, 29.6 ppm; IR (KBr) $\nu = 3033, 2961, 1740, 1704, 1456, 1364 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 537.2128$, found = 537.2136.

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-1-oxodec-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-hexylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2h**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.36 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.17 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 0.98 – 0.83 (m, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 162.7, 146.8, 146.2, 143.5, 136.2, 135.6, 128.4, 128.27, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.2, 125.0, 66.7, 66.1, 38.0, 31.6, 31.4, 31.2, 30.0, 29.9, 28.9, 28.6, 28.5, 22.6, 22.5, 14.0, 14.0 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2954, 2927, 2855, 1740, 1705, 1456 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{45}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 593.2754$, found = 593.2764.

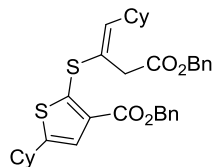
Benzyl (E)-2-((4-(benzyloxy)-1-cyclopentyl-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-cyclopentylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2i**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 3.17 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.69 (h, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.54 (m, 12H), 1.42 – 1.32 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 162.7, 151.6, 148.1, 146.2, 136.2, 135.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 126.7, 124.7, 123.4, 66.7, 66.1, 41.0, 40.7, 38.2, 34.9,

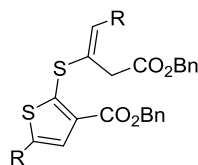
32.8, 25.3, 25.0 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2954, 2868, 1736, 1702, 1451, 1223 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 561.2128$, found = 561.2133.

Benzyl (E)-2-((4-(benzyloxy)-1-cyclohexyl-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-cyclohexylthiophene-3-carboxylate
2j



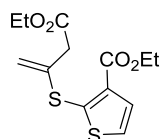
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.73 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.13 (m, 10H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 162.7, 151.8, 149.5, 145.9, 136.2, 135.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.6, 124.0, 123.3, 66.7, 66.1, 39.4, 39.3, 38.2, 34.8, 31.9, 26.2, 25.7, 25.4 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2925, 2850, 1738, 1702, 1448, 1245 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 589.2441$, found = 589.2441.

Benzyl (E)-2-((1-(benzyloxy)-1-oxo-6-phenylhex-3-en-3-yl)thio)-5-phenethylthiophene-3-carboxylate
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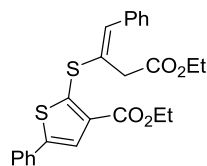
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 12H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.35 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 162.6, 145.9, 144.8, 142.3, 140.8, 140.5, 136.1, 135.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 126.6, 126.38, 126.1, 125.9, 66.8, 66.2, 38.0, 37.4, 34.6, 31.8, 31.6 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 3027, 2921, 1735, 1701, 1496, 1453 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 633.2128$, found = 633.2139

Ethyl 2-((4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)thiophene-3-carboxylate **2l**



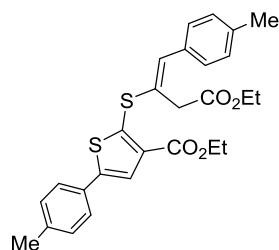
Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 162.6, 143.3, 136.3, 130.9, 129.8, 125.1, 124.5, 61.0, 60.7, 42.1, 14.2, 14.0 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2981, 2935, 1736, 1702, 1509, 1445 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 323.0382$, found = 323.0398.

Ethyl (E)-2-((4-ethoxy-4-oxo-1-phenylbut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate **4a**



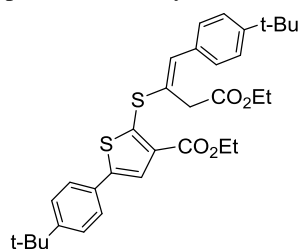
Crude $^1\text{H NMR}$ show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. white solid, m.p. = 64.7 - 66.1 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 162.8, 146.1, 142.8, 142.0, 135.6, 133.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 125.4, 125.0, 61.2, 60.8, 38.7, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr) $\nu = 3030, 2927, 1735, 1702, 1441, 1225$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ = 475.1008, found = 475.1012.

Ethyl (E)-2-((4-ethoxy-4-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)but-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-(p-tolyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4b**



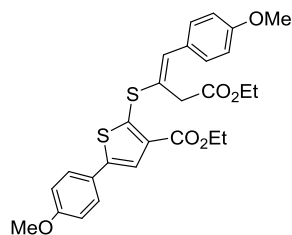
Crude $^1\text{H NMR}$ show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. white solid, m.p. = 65.3-67.5 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 162.8, 146.0, 143.1, 142.0, 138.3, 137.8, 132.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 125.2, 124.4, 61.2, 60.7, 38.8, 21.2, 21.1, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr) $\nu = 2980, 2922, 1735, 1702, 1441, 1224$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ = 503.1321, found = 503.1331

Ethyl (E)-5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-((1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4c**



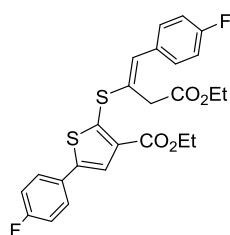
Crude $^1\text{H NMR}$ show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 162.9, 151.5, 151.1, 146.3, 143.1, 142.0, 132.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 125.8, 125.6, 125.2, 124.5, 61.2, 60.8, 38.9, 34.7, 34.6, 31.2, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2962, 2902, 1735, 1702, 1507, 1438$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ = 587.2260, found = 587.2266.

Ethyl (E)-2-((4-ethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4d**



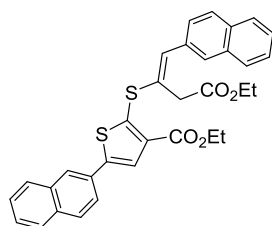
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is 12:1. pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 162.8, 159.6, 159.4, 145.7, 142.7, 141.8, 130.9, 129.9, 129.3, 128.1, 126.7, 126.0, 123.8, 114.3, 114.0, 61.2, 61.0, 60.7, 55.3, 55.2, 38.8, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2932, 2834, 1732, 1699, 1606, 1507$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_6\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 535.1220$, found = 535.1226.

Ethyl (E)-2-((4-ethoxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4e**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow gel; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 162.7, 162.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 248.9$ Hz), 162.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 248.2$ Hz), 141.5, 141.5, 141.2, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.7$ Hz), 130.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.2$ Hz), 129.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$ Hz), 128.8, 128.8, 127.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 125.0, 116.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.6$ Hz), 61.4, 60.9, 38.6, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2988, 2917, 1736, 1700, 1655, 1507$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 511.0820$, found = 511.0829.

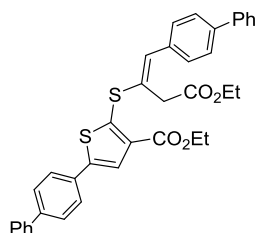
Ethyl (E)-2-((4-ethoxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4f**



Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow gel; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 6H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H),

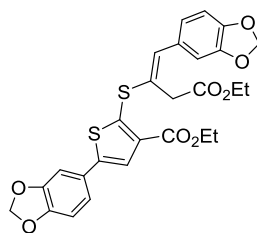
7.55 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.45 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 162.8, 146.4, 142.9, 142.2, 133.44, 133.2, 133.0, 132.9, 132.8, 130.5, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 123.9, 123.5, 61.3, 60.9, 38.9, 14.4, 14.2 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 3063, 2980, 2923, 1733, 1701, 1596\text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 575.1321$, found = 575.1324

Ethyl (E)-5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-((1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4g**



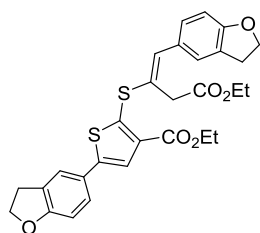
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is 14:1. pale yellow gel; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 10H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 14.1, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 162.8, 146.2, 142.4, 141.7, 141.2, 140.7, 140.3, 140.2, 134.5, 132.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 125.8, 125.1, 125.0, 61.3, 60.9, 38.9, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 3030, 2980, 1734, 1701, 1487, 1438\text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{32}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 627.1634$, found = 627.1641.

Ethyl (E)-5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-((1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4h**



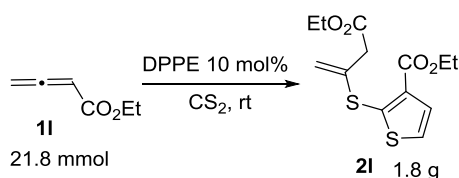
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow gel; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 162.8, 148.2, 147.9, 147.7, 147.6, 145.7, 145.6, 142.7, 142.7, 141.9, 129.6, 127.5, 124.3, 122.9, 119.4, 108.6, 108.6, 108.5, 106.0, 101.3, 101.3, 61.3, 60.8, 38.8, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2980, 2920, 1734, 1701, 1502, 1489\text{ cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_8\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 563.0805$, found = 563.0813.

Ethyl (E)-5-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)-2-((1-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-1-en-2-yl)thio)thiophene-3-carboxylate **4i**



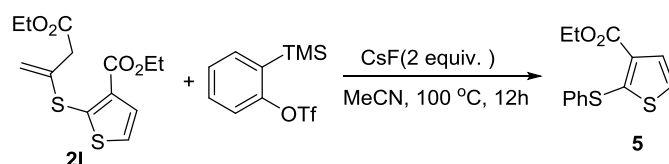
Crude ^1H NMR show the E/Z ratio is more than 19:1. pale yellow gel; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (td, $J = 8.7, 6.2$ Hz, 4H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.23 (q, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 170.2, 162.9, 160.4, 160.1, 143.4, 142.3, 130.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 125.2, 123.6, 122.3, 109.5, 109.4, 71.5, 71.5, 61.2, 60.7, 38.9, 29.5, 29.5, 14.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (film) $\nu = 2980, 2922, 1734, 1701, 1611, 1491$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_6\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 559.1220$, found = 559.1222.

E. Gram scale synthesis of 2I



To a dried 100 mL round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar were added ethyl buta-2,3-dienoate **1I** (21.8 mmol, 2.44g) and CS_2 (50 mL), followed by the addition of DPPE (2.18 mmol, 0.87 g) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight. After the completely consumption of **1I** monitored by TLC, the mixture was evaporated to remove CS_2 and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 10:1 as eluent to afford product **2I** (1.8g, 55% yield) as a yellow oil.

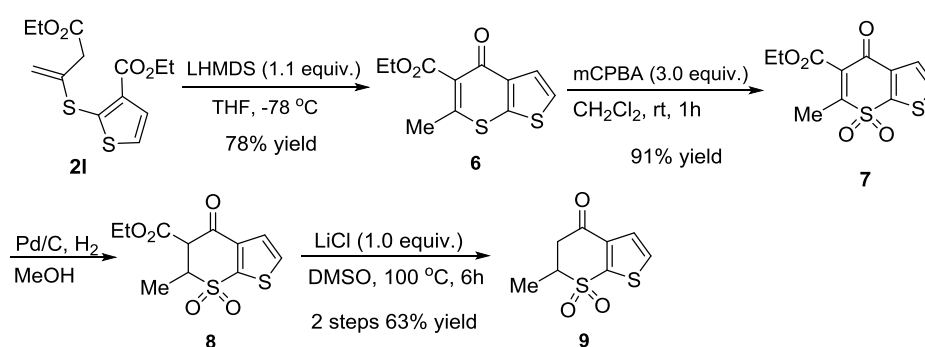
F. Reaction of 2I with benzyne



To a dried sealed tube with a magnetic stirring bar were added CsF (0.4 mmol, 60.8 mg) and acetonitrile (1.5 mL), followed by the addition of **2I** (0.2 mmol, 60.1 mg) and benzyne precursor (0.3 mmol, 89.5 mg). The resulting mixture was sealed and stirred at 100 °C. After the completely

consumption of **11** monitored by TLC (about 12 h), the mixture was evaporated to remove solvent and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 10:1 as eluent to afford product **5** (22.7 mg, 55% yield) as a white powder, m.p. = 46.0-48.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 151.0, 134.5, 133.2, 129.7, 129.2, 127.2, 122.7, 60.7, 14.4 ppm; IR (KBr) ν = 2980, 2927, 1698, 1509, 1421, 1260 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃O₂S₂[M+H]⁺ = 265.0351, found = 265.0365.

G. Transformation of **21**



Step 1

To the solution of **21** (5 mmol, 1.502 g) in 25 mL anhydrous THF was added dropwise LHMDS (5.5 mmol, 5.5 mL, 1 mol/L in THF) over 15 min at -78 °C under Nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at the same temperature for one hour, and then was warmed to 0 °C and kept stirring. After the completely consumption of **21** monitored by TLC (about one hour), 20 mL saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution was added and separated. The aqueous phase was extracted by Ea (20 mL × 2), and the organic phase was combined, dried by Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to remove solvent and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford product **6** (0.992 g, 78% yield) as a white powder, m.p. = 102.8-103.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 165.9, 147.4, 142.6, 137.1, 132.2, 125.9, 125.3, 61.9, 21.0, 14.2 ppm; IR (film) ν = 3109, 2920, 1934, 1683, 1647, 1507cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₁O₃S₂[M+H]⁺ = 255.0144, found = 255.0149.

Step 2

To the solution of **6** (3.6 mmol, 0.916g g) in 25 mL anhydrous DCM was added mCPBA (10.8 mmol,

1.86g) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the completely consumption of **6** monitored by TLC (about one hour), the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to remove solvent and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford product **7** (0.938 g, 91% yield) as a white powder, m.p. = 118.2-121.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 162.3, 150.9, 144.0, 137.4, 133.8, 130.8, 126.2, 62.7, 14.0, 11.6 ppm; IR (film) *ν* = 2927, 2814, 2026, 1724, 1661, 1631 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₁O₅S₂[M+H]⁺ = 287.0042, found = 287.0044.

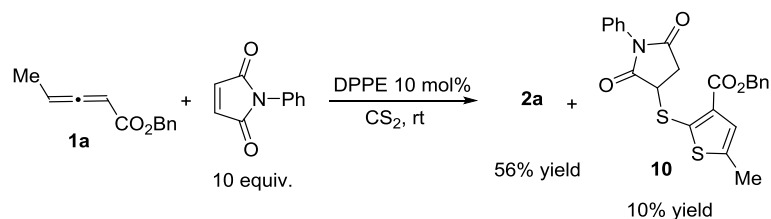
Step 3

To a 25 mL round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar were added compound **7** (2 mmol, 0.572 g) and 10% Pd/C (60 mg), followed by the addition of 10 mL Methanol. The RBF was connected with vacuum bump and Hydrogen balloon. After switched 4 times of vacuum and Hydrogen, the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. when compound **7** was completely consumed monitored by TLC, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to remove solvent to afford crude product **8**, which was used directly in the next step.

Step 4

To the solution of above product **8** in 10 mL DMSO was added LiCl (2 mmol, 84.8 mg), and the resulting solution was stirred at 100 °C. After the completely consumption of **8** monitored by TLC (about 6 hour), the mixture was cooled to room temperature, then added 20 mL water and 20 mL ether. After separation, the aqueous phase was extracted by ether (20 mL ×2). The organic phase was combined, washed by brine, dried by Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to remove solvent and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford product **9** (272.5 mg, 63% yield in two steps) as a white powder, m.p. = 99.9 – 102 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 6.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.41 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.5, 146.8, 139.8, 130.6, 126.1, 58.0, 44.7, 11.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₈H₉O₃S₂[M+H]⁺ = 216.9988, found = 216.9989.

H. Control experiment with Maleimide



To a dried sealed tube with a magnetic stirring bar were added allenolate **1a** (0.4 mmol, 75.3 mg), N-phenyl Maleimide (4 mmol, 692.7 mg) and CS₂ (2 mL). After the mixture became clear, DPPE (0.04 mmol, 15.9 mg) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. When allenolate **1a** was completely consumed monitored by TLC, the mixture was purified directly by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea as eluent to afford product **2a** (50.7 mg, 56% yield) and **10** (17.5 mg, 10% yield) as a yellow solid, m.p. = 137.2 – 139.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 173.3, 162.2, 142.6, 135.6, 135.0, 134.6, 131.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.3, 66.8, 44.7, 35.3, 15.4 ppm; IR (KBr) ν = 2914, 2843, 1783, 1716, 1702, 1495 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NNaO₄S₂[M+Na]⁺ = 460.0648, found = 460.0655.

I. X-Ray crystallographic analysis of 4a

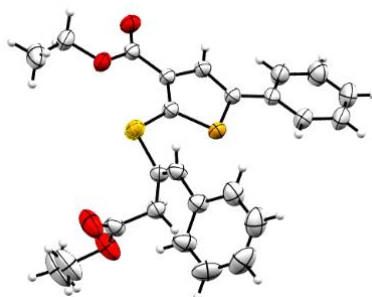


Figure 1. X-ray structure of **4a**

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **4a** (CCDC 2018743)

Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₂₄ O ₄ S ₂
Formula weight	452.56
Temperature	296K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å

Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.917 (3) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 7.526 (3) Å	$\beta = 100.154^\circ$
	c = 26.688 (11) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2320.1 (14) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.296 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.258 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	952	
Crystal size	0.664 x 0.305 x 0.16 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.576 to 30.548 °	
Index ranges	-15<=h<=15, -10<=k<=10, -40<=l<=40	
Reflections collected	38600	
Independent reflections	7096 [R(int) = 0.0330]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242 °	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	multi-scan from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.9073	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	7096 / 0 / 282	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.031	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0462, wR2 = 0.1241	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0614, wR2 = 0.1377	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.454 and -0.408 e.Å ⁻³	

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