Supporting Information

# Synthesis of unsymmetrical disulfides *via* PPh<sub>3</sub>-mediated reductive coupling of thiophenols with sulfonyl chlorides

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#### **1. General Information**

All the solvents and reagents were available from commercial sources and used without purification unless stated otherwise. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were gathered on Bruker Avavce 400 MHz NMR spectrometers using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Reference peaks for CDCl<sub>3</sub> in <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were set at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm. For DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, the reference peaks were set as follows: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: DMSO at 2.50 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR: DMSO at 40.0 ppm. Data are presented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz), integration. Highresolution mass spectras (HRMS) were obtained on Waters GCT premier of EI. X-ray was obtained on Gemini A Ultra with Atlas CCD.

#### 2. General procedure

$$Ar^{1}-S-H + Ar^{2}-S-CI \xrightarrow{PPh_{3}, MeCN} Ar^{1}-S-Ar^{2}$$

$$1 \qquad 2 \qquad 3$$

Add PPh<sub>3</sub> (3 mmol, 6 equiv) to the solution of aryl thiol **1** (0.5 mmo 1 equiv) and aryl sulfury chloride **2** (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv) in MeCN (2.0 mL). The reaction was stirred at 80°C for 2 h. After the reaction is completed, remove the solvent and purified by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1/20 - 1/10) to offered the product **3**.

#### 3. Control Experiments d and e



Under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>, *N*-chlorosuccinimide (1.46 g, 11 mmol) was placed in a 50-mL reaction flask and dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL). 4-methoxybenzenethiol (1.2 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added slowly at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. After the solvent was removed, hexane (15 mL) was added to the residue. The resulting white precipitate of succinimide was filtrated. The hexane was removed by distillation under reduced pressure to obtain the crude material **5** for the experiment d without further purification. <sup>1</sup>

In order to confirm the credibility of the results of experiment f, we conducted following experiments using commercial materials phenylsulfenylchloride.



Tolerance = 1.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

## Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 10 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 70 best isotopic matches for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-100 H: 0-200 S: 0-2 WDG1064 737 (4.884) TOF MS EI+ 246.0536

0	245.850	245.900	245.950	246.000	246.050	246.100	246.150	246.200	246.250	m/z
Minimum: Maximum:		1.0	10.0	$^{-1.5}_{50.0}$						
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Formula				
246.0536	246.0537	-0.1	-0.4	8.0	5548111.0	C14 H14 S2				

4.21e+003

2.90e+003

Tolerance = 1.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 43 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 70 best isotopic matches for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-100 H: 0-200 O: 0-3 S: 0-2 WDG1064 888 (5.689) TOF MS EI+ 100-278.0437

%-278.300 m/z 0-277.800 277.900 278.000 278.100 278.200 Minimum: Maximum:  $^{-1.5}_{50.0}$ 1.0 10.0 Mass Calc. Mass mDa PPM DBE i-FIT Formula 278.0437 278.0435 0.2 0.7 8.0 5547455.5 C14 H14 O2 S2

## 4. X-ray of compound 3t



The structure of Compound 3t



X-ray of compound **3t** CCDC: 1938235

#### 5. Spectra Data



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)disulfane (3a)*<sup>2</sup>, Yellow oil.97 mg, 74%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 137.6, 134.0, 131.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.3, 114.6, 55.3, 21.1. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 262.0486 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 262.0484.



*I*-(*4*-*isopropylphenyl*)-2-(*4*-*methoxyphenyl*)*disulfane* (*3b*), Yellow oil. 91 mg, 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 2.93 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9 159.7, 148.5 148.3, 134.4 134.2, 132.6 131.7, 128.9 128.2, 128.4 128.3, 127.2 127.2, 114.6 114.6, 55.4, 33.7 33.7, 23.9. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>290.0799 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 290.0798.



*1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3c)*, Yellow oil. 104 mg, 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7, 150.7, 134.1, 131.6, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 114.6, 55.4, 34.6, 31.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 304.0956 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 304.0954.



*1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3d)*, Yellow oil. 93 mg, 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 160.0, 132.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.4, 131.5 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.8, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 114.7, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 266.0235 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 266.0236.



*1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane* (*3e*)<sup>3</sup>, Yellow oil. 99 mg, 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 136.0, 133.3, 132.1, 129.8, 129.1, 127.5, 114.8, 55.4. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 281.9940 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 281.9940.



*1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3f)*, Yellow oil. 102 mg, 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 136.7, 132.0, 132.0, 129.8, 127.4, 121.2, 114.7, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrOS<sub>2</sub>+ 325.9435 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 325.9433.



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane*  $(3g)^4$ , Yellow oil.100 mg, 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 142.3, 131.8, 128.9 (d, J = 32.0 Hz), 127.0, 126.9, 125.8 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 270.0 Hz), 114.9, 55.4. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 316.0203 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 316.0202.



*N*-(*4*-((*4-methoxyphenyl*)*disulfaneyl*)*phenyl*)*acetamide* (*3h*), Yellow oil. 91 mg, 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.08 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 159.7, 139.4, 132.1, 130.1, 129.5, 126.8, 119.7, 115.0, 55.3, 24.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 305.0544 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 305.0543.



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(o-tolyl)disulfane (3i)*, Yellow oil.86 mg, 66%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.62(m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8,

137.6,135.9, 132.1, 130.3, 129.2, 127.8, 127.4, 126.6, 114.6, 55.3, 20.1. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{14}OS_2^+$  262.0486 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 262.0485.



*1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3j)*, Yellow oil. 86 mg, 61%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 12,0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 135.8, 131.9, 131.5, 129.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 114.8, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 281.9940 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 281.9940.



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(m-tolyl)disulfane (3k)*, Yellow oil. 90 mg, 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.7, 138.8, 137.2, 131.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 125.2, 114.6, 55.3, 21.4. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 262.0486 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 262.0486.



*1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (31)*, Yellow oil. 85 mg, 64%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.0 (d, J = 247.0 Hz), 160.0, 139.9 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 131.9, 130.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 127.4, 123.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 114.8, 114.4 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 55.4. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 266.0235 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 266.0236.



*1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3m)*, Yellow oil. 94 mg, 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz,

1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 139.5, 134.9, 132.0, 130.0, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 125.7, 114.8, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 281.9940 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 281.9942.



*1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (3n)*, Yellow oil. 92 mg. 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 138.3, 138.0, 132.5, 132.4, 131.3, 130.7, 128.1, 127.3, 114.5, 55.3, 21.0, 20.2. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 276.0643 [M<sup>+</sup>], found 276.0644.



*1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (30)*, Yellow oil. 106 mg, 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 134.6, 133.0, 132.7, 131.8, 129.4, 129.0, 127.6, 126.5, 114.8, 55.4. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 315.9550, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 315.9553.



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)disulfane* (*3p*)<sup>3</sup>, Yellow oil. 98 mg, 66%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9, 134.7, 133.4, 132.5, 132.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 126.2, 114.7, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 298.0486, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 298.0488.



**2-((4-methoxyphenyl)disulfaneyl)thiophene (3q),** Yellow oil. 89 mg, 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.4, 136.5, 134.5, 134.3, 131.3, 127.9, 127.5, 114.6, 55.3. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>OS<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 253.9894, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 253.9892.



3-((4-methoxyphenyl)disulfaneyl)-2-methylfuran (3r), Yellow oil. 78 mg, 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.3, 156.5, 140.8, 134.4, 128.1, 114.5, 114.4, 113.1, 55.4, 11.6. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 252.0279, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 252.0277.



*methyl* **4**-(*p*-tolyldisulfaneyl)benzoate (3*s*), Yellow oil.85 mg, 59%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 143.4, 137.9, 132.7, 130.1, 130.0, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 52.1, 21.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 290.0435, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 290.0433.



*4-(p-tolyldisulfaneyl)benzonitrile (3t)*, White solid. 103 mg, 80%, mp: 74.7-76.5°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 138.3, 132.4, 132.1, 130.1, 128.5, 126.4, 118.5, 109.9, 21.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 257.0333, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 257.0336.



*N*-(*4*-(*p*-tolyldisulfaneyl)phenyl)acetamide (3u), Colorless oil. 65 mg, 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.5, 139.5 139.4, 137.6 137.5, 132.7 132.6, 130.1 130.0, 129.8, 129.3 129.3, 128.5 128.1, 119.7 119.7, 24.0, 20.6. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 289.0595, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 289.0596.



**3-**(*p*-tolyldisulfaneyl)benzonitrile (3v), Yellow oil. 87 mg, 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.6, 138.3, 132.2, 131.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.7, 118.2, 113.3, 21.1. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 257.0333, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 257.0333.



**2-**(*p*-tolyldisulfaneyl)benzonitrile (3w), Yellow oil. 104 mg, 81%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.8, 138.4, 135.5, 133.1, 132.0, 130.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.2, 116.3, 111.9, 21.1. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 257.0333, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 257.0332.



*1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)disulfane (3x)*, Yellow oil. 103 mg, 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 149.1, 137.8, 134.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.5, 122.8, 113.2, 111.3, 55.9, 55.9, 21.1. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 292.0592, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 292.0589.



*N*-(*4*-((*4*-(*tert-butyl*)*phenyl*)*disulfaneyl*)*phenyl*)*acetamide* (*3y*), White solid. 76 mg, 46%, mp: 163.7-165.3°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.09 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 150.5, 139.3, 132.8, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 126.3, 119.7, 34.3, 31.0, 24.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 331.1065, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 331.1063.



*N*-(*4*-((*4-fluorophenyl*)*disulfaneyl*)*phenyl*)*acetamide* (*3z*), White solid. 72 mg, 49%, mp: 90.5-92.1°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.10 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 161.9 (d, *J* = 244.0 Hz), 139.6, 131.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 130.1, 128.9, 119.8, 116.5 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 24.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 293.0344, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 293.0343.



*N*-(*4*-((*4-chlorophenyl*)*disulfaneyl*)*phenyl*)*acetamide* (*4a*), White solid. 52 mg, 34%, mp: 116.3-118.0°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.10 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 2.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 139.7, 135.2, 132.3, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 119.8, 24.0. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 309.0049, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 309.0045.



*N*-(*4*-(*mesityldisulfaneyl*)*phenyl*)*acetamide* (*4b*), White solid. 70 mg, 44%, mp: 150.2-152.1°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.11 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 2.05 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 142.2, 140.3, 139.4, 133.5, 131.1, 129.2, 129.3, 119.2, 24.1, 21.4, 20.7. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 317.0908, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 317.0909.



**4-((4-(***trifluoromethyl***)***phenyl***)***disulfaneyl***)***benzonitrile* **(4***c***), White solid. 100 mg, 64%. mp: 65.7-67.3°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d,** *J* **= 2.9 Hz, 4H),7.57 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.6, 140.2, 132.7, 129.6 (q,** *J* **= 32.8 Hz), 126.6, 126.4, 126.2 (q,** *J* **= 3.8 Hz), 123.7 (q,** *J* **= 271 Hz), 118.2, 110.6. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 311.0050, [M+], found 311.0049.** 



*methyl* **4**-((**4**-(*trifluoromethyl*)*phenyl*)*disulfaneyl*)*benzoate* (**4***d*), White solid. 104 mg, 60%. mp: 77.3-79.2°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.43 (m, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.3, 141.9, 140.9, 130.3, 129.3 (d, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.9, 126.5, 126.03 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 125.9, 123.8 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 52.2. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 344.0153, [M<sup>+</sup>], found 344.0155.



*1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldisulfane (4e)*<sup>5</sup>, Yellow oil. 77 mg, 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 137.4, 131.7, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 114.7, 55.3.

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## 7. NMR Spectra for the Compounds







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



































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







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





















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









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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3q



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







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



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



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





















 $^{1}\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3**y







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







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













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



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4d



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4e