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## **Supporting Information**

## (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>-Promoted cross-coupling of thiols/diselenides and

## sulfoxides for the synthesis of unsymmetrical disulfides/selenosulfides

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## **1. General Information**

All reactions were conducted under an inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere with oven-dried glassware fitted with a magnetic stirrer bar, unless otherwise stated.

All reagents and solvents were purchased from TCI, Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros and Meryer. All commercial reagents were used as supplied unless otherwise stated. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation below 45°C. All reactions were monitored by TLC, GC-MS. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using Merck Kieselgel 60 F254 0.20 mm precoated glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance ( $\lambda_{max}$ = 254 nm) and/or by staining with aqueous potassium permanganate. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (EM 60 F254 300 - 400 mesh) with the appropriate solvent system.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 (400 MHz) or Avance 500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are recorded in parts per million (ppm) and are quoted to the nearest 0.01 ppm relative to the residual solvent protons (CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 7.26 ppm, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> = 2.50 ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hertz (Hz), and data reported as follows: Chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constant, number of protons). Coupling constants were reported to the nearest 0.1 Hz and multiplicity reported according to the following: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qui = quintet m = multiplet, br = broad, with associated combinations e.g. dd = doublet of doublets.

Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 500 (125 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are recorded in parts per million (ppm) and are quoted to the nearest 0.1 ppm relative to the residual solvent protons (CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.2 ppm, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> = 29.8 ppm).High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a micrOTOF-Q II 10410 mass spectrometer.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and solvents were obtained commercially and used without further purification.

## 2. Substrate Preparation

2.1 Synthesis of Diselenides



#### Scheme S1

**General Procedure A:** <sup>[1]</sup> To a Schlenk tube were added arylboronic acid (0.4 mmol), selenium (1.2 mmol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.04 mmol), and DMSO (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 120 °C for 2 h. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired diselenides (**4a-4v**).

#### 2.2 Characterization of Diselenides in Details

1,2-diphenyldiselane (4a)<sup>[1]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4a** as yellow oil (60 mg, 96%). **M.p.**: 62.8 - 64.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  131.5, 130.9, 129.2, 127.7.

1,2-bis(2-chlorophenyl)diselane (4b) <sup>[2]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford 4b as yellow solid (69 mg, 90%). M.p.: 73.1 - 74.8 °C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.15 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.3, 130.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9.

1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)diselane (4c) [2]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4c** as red solid (86 mg, 92%). **M.p.**: 72.8 - 74.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.4, 132.3, 129.5, 122.4.

1,2-bis(2-bromophenyl)diselane (4d) <sup>[3]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4d** as yellow solid (69 mg, 73%). **M.p.**: 75.8 - 77.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.06 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.5, 131.4, 130.5, 128.6, 128.4, 122.9.

1,2-bis(4-iodophenyl)diselane (4e) [4]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4e** as red solid (96 mg, 85%). **M.p.**: 72.8 - 74.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.2, 133.4, 130.4, 93.7.

4,4'-diselanediyldibenzonitrile (4f) <sup>[5]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4f** as red solid (62 mg, 85%). **M.p.**: 70.4 - 72.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.9$  Hz, 4H), 7.58 - 7.53 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.4, 132.7, 130.5, 118.2, 111.4.

1,2-bis(3-nitrophenyl)diselane (4g) [6]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4g** as yellow solid (64 mg, 80%). **M.p.**: 75.2 - 80.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.5, 136.8, 131.8, 130.2, 125.9, 123.0. **1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diselane (4h)** <sup>[5]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4h** as yellow solid (76 mg, 85%). **M.p.**: 69.2 - 71.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.8, 130.7, 129.94 (q, J = 32.6 Hz), 126.13 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.85 (q, J = 272.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.6.

1,2-bis(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diselane (4i) [7]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4i** as yellow soild (75 mg, 84%). **M.p.**: 70.1 - 71.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (s, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.9, 131.6 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 131.3 (m), 129.7, 128.3 (q, J = 4.1 Hz), 124.9 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.5 (q, J = 272.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F **NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.8.

1,2-di-p-tolyldiselane (4j) <sup>[5]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4j** as yellow soild (56 mg, 83%). **M.p.**: 45.1 - 47.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.9, 133.0, 132.3, 129.9, 21.1.

1,2-bis(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)diselane (4k) [8]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4k** as yellow soild (55 mg, 65%). **M.p.**: 74.1 - 76.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 1.30 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.0, 131.6, 127.7, 126.3, 34.6, 31.3.

1,2-dimesityldiselane (4l)<sup>[8]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **41** as yellow soild (67 mg, 84%). **M.p.**: 114.0 - 116.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.82 (s, 4H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.7, 139.1, 128.8, 128.3, 24.2, 21.1.

1,2-di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)diselane (4m) [5]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4m** as yellow soild (78 mg, 84%). **M.p.**: 183.5 - 185.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 - 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.9, 140.2, 132.2, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0.

1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)diselane (4n) [6]



The **General Procedure** A was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4n** as yellow soild (49 mg, 66%). **M.p.**: 52.5 - 55.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 3.81 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 135.5, 121.9, 114.7, 55.4.

1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)diselane (40)<sup>[2]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **40** as white solid (41 mg, 55%). **M.p.**: 193.8 - 195.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 - 7.15 (m, 6H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9, 131.9, 129.9, 123.5, 116.6, 113.8, 55.3.

1,2-bis(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)diselane (4p) [9]



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4p** as yellow solid (50 mg, 63%). **M.p.**: 99.3 - 111.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.00 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.3, 147.5, 126.9, 123.0, 113.7, 109.1, 101.2.

1,2-di(naphthalen-2-yl)diselane (4q) <sup>[5]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4q** as yellow solid (62 mg, 75%). **M.p.**: 126.2 - 127.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 - 7.70 (m, 6H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.1, 134.1, 134.0, 130.1, 129.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 126.4, 125.7.

1,2-di(pyridin-3-yl)diselane (4r) <sup>[2]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4r** as yellow oil (47 mg, 75%). **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (s, 2H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.9 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.5, 149.3, 140.2, 127.8, 124.3.

1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)diselane (4v)<sup>[2]</sup>



The **General Procedure A** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **4v** as yellow soild (71 mg, 93%). **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.23 - 7.21 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.4, 133.3, 129.4, 128.8.

## 3. Reaction Optimization

 Table S1 Reaction optimization<sup>a</sup>

	CI 1a temp,	additive DMSO atmosphere	CI S S	
entry	Additive (x equiv)	T (°C)	atmosphere	yield (%)
1	$K_{2}S_{2}O_{8}(2)$	140	$N_2$	31
2	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	140	$N_2$	93
3	$Na_{2}S_{2}O_{8}(2)$	140	$N_2$	trace
4	$PhI(OAc)_2(2)$	140	$N_2$	trace
5	TBHP (2)	140	$N_2$	22
6	$(NH_4)_2SO_4(2)$	140	$N_2$	62
7	NH4Cl (2)	140	$N_2$	86
8	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH (2)	140	$N_2$	85
9	$CF_3COOH(2)$	140	$N_2$	58
10	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	150	$N_2$	82
11	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	130	$N_2$	78
12	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	120	$N_2$	66
13	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(1.5)$	140	$N_2$	66
14	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	140	$N_2$	25
15	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	140	air	70
16	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8(2)$	140	$O_2$	73

"Reactions conditions: 1a (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL), additive (2 equiv), 28 h, N2 atmosphere, isolated yields.

Table S2 The Influence of the amount of DMSO on the Yield of 2a

CI SH 1a	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2 equiv) DMSO, toluene (2 mL) Cl 140 °C, N <sub>2</sub> , 28 h	2a CI	S S S
entry	DMSO (equiv.)	Yield of <b>2a</b> /%	Yield of 7e/%
1	3	25	67
2	5	34	59
3	7	46	50
4	9	58	35

C	1a SH OUS SH	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2 equiv) solvent	CI 2w	]
entry	solvent	temp/°C	time/h	yields/%
1	toluene	130	12	<5
2	xylene	130	12	N.R.
3	PhCl	130	12	N.R.
4	DMF	130	12	trace
5	NMP	130	12	trace
6	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	130	12	N.R.
7	toluene	140	12	3
8	toluene	150	12	14
9	toluene	160	12	13
$10^{b}$	toluene	150	12	29
11 <sup>c</sup>	toluene	150	12	25
$14^{b}$	toluene	150	24	39
15 <sup>c</sup>	toluene	150	24	63

Table S3 Reaction Optimization for the Synthesis of 2w<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **3w** (0.6 mmol),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (0.4 mmol),  $N_2$ , isolated yields. <sup>*b*</sup>**3w** (1.0 mmol). <sup>*c*</sup>**3w** (1.8 mmol).

	Sese	O oxidant, I	base	S	
	4a		5a		
entry	oxidant	base	temp/°C	time/h	yields/%
$1^{b}$	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	140	24	47
$2^c$	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	140	24	41
3	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	140	24	62
4	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	140	24	64
5	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	КОН	140	24	64
6	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	CH <sub>3</sub> ONa	140	24	50
7	$Na_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	150	24	NR
8	$K_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	150	24	trace
9	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	-	140	24	4
$10^d$	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	140	24	71
11	-	t-BuOK	150	24	trace
$12^{e}$	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	150	24	68
13 <sup>f</sup>	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	t-BuOK	150	12	72

## Table S4 Reaction Optimization for the Synthesis of 5a<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reactions conditions: **4a** (0.2 mmol), oxidant (1.0 mmol), base (0.6 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL), 140 °C, N<sub>2</sub>, 12 h, isolated yields. <sup>*b*</sup>Air atmosphere. <sup>*c*</sup>O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>*d*</sup>Base (0.8 mmol). <sup>*e*</sup>Oxidant (0.6 mmol), base (0.8 mmol).

# 4. General Procedure for the Synthetic of Unsymmetrical Disulfides and Selenosulfides

4.1 Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Disulfides

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R^{1}-SH & + & R^{2}-\overset{O}{\overset{S}{\overset{S}{\overset{S}{\overset{S}{\phantom{S}}}}}}R^{3} & \underbrace{(NH_{4})_{2}S_{2}O_{8} (2 \text{ equiv})}_{N_{2}, 140 \ ^{\circ}C, 28 \ h} & R^{1}-\overset{S}{\overset{S}{\overset{S}{\phantom{S}}}}R^{2} \\ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{2} \end{array}$$

## Scheme S2

**General Procedure B**: To a Schlenk tube were added thiols (0.2 mmol), sulfoxide (2 mL),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (91 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 140 °C for 28 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired unsymmetrical disulfides.

4.2 Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Selenosulfides

$$Ar \xrightarrow{Se} Se^{Ar} \xrightarrow{t-BuOK (4 equiv)} Ar \xrightarrow{Se} Se^{Ar} \xrightarrow{t-BuOK (4 equiv)} Ar \xrightarrow{Se} S$$

**General Procedure C**: To a Schlenk tube were added diselenide (0.2 mmol),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (137 mg, 0.6 mmol), *t*-BuOK (90 mg, 0.8 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 140 °C for 12 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired unsymmetrical selenosulfides.

4.3 The reaction between diselenide 4s and selenoxide 6a.



Scheme S4

To a Schlenk tube were added diselenide **4s** (0.2 mmol),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (137 mg, 0.6 mmol), *t*-BuOK (90 mg, 0.8 mmol), **6a** (337 mg, 1.8 mmol) and toluene (1 mL). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 140 °C for 12 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired products.

4.4 Gram-Scale Synthesis of 1a



To a Schlenk tube were added **1a** (1.01 g, 7.0 mmol),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (3.2 g, 14 mmol), and DMSO (5 mL). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 140 °C for 28 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (150 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to afford **2a** (1.15 g, 87 %) as yellow oil.

## 5. Preliminary Mechanistic Studies

5.1 GC-MS



Scheme S7

















Scheme S10



5.2 Kinetic Isotope Effect Experiments



#### Scheme S11

Preparing five identical 20 mL-Schlenk tubes and each one equipped with a stir bar was charged with **1a** (0.2 mmol), (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (0.4 mmol). Each tube was fitted with a rubber septum, then evacuated and refilled with nitrogen three times. Under nitrogen, DMSO (2 mL) was added in turn to the Schlenk tube through the rubber septum using syringes, and then the rubber septum was replaced by a Teflon screwcap under nitrogen flow. In the other five identical 25 mL-Schlenk tubes, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> was used instead of DMSO. In each group, 30, 60, 90, 120 and 150 min was chosen the reaction time respectively and the corresponding yield was obtained by flash chromatography. A kinetic isotope effect value  $K_{\rm H}/K_{\rm D} = 3.7229/0.5600 = 5.5$  was obtained.



## 5.3 Competitive Reaction between 2a and 2a-d<sub>3</sub>



#### Scheme S12

To a Schlenk tube were added **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  (0.4 mmol), DMSO (1.0 mL) and DMSO- $d_6$  (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred in a heating mantle preheated to 130 °C for 2 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine (150 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was detected by GC-MS and the ratio of **2a** to **2a**- $d_3$  (4:1) was obtainted.

#### 5.4 A Control Experiment for the Identification of Butoxydibutylsulfonium Salt 9b





For the identification of butoxydibutylsulfonium salt **9b**, a control experiment involving an intermediate with similar structure to **9b** was conducted. This intermediate was generated in-situ from swern oxidation of phenylpropanol, the general procedure for this control experiment was as followed: to a Schlenk tube were added DMSO (6.0 eq, 213*u*L) and DCM (1.0 mL). Oxalyl choride (5.0 eq, 212 *u*l) was added through a syringe at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. Then phenylpropanol (1.0 eq, 68 *u*L) was added through a syringe ,and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. After the removal of the DCM under reduced pressure followed by the addition of toluene (2 mL). When the resulting mixture was conducted at room temperature for 24 h, no formation of the desired phenylpropionaldehyde. When the resulting mixture was conducted at 140 °C for 24 h, 23% yield of phenylpropionaldehyde was isolated.

## 6. Characterization of Products in Details

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2a)<sup>[10]</sup>



The General Procedure B was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2a** as yellow oil (36 mg, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 135.6, 133.0, 129.2, 129.1, 22.8.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2b)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2b** as white solid (37 mg, 78%). **M.p.** 42.4 - 47.7. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.3, 132.1, 129.2, 120.8, 22.8. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrS<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 234.9245, found 234.9248.

1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2c)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2c** as a colorless oil (39 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (dd,  $J_1$ =8.0 Hz,  $J_2$ =1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J_1$ =7.9 Hz,  $J_2$ =1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.10 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.4, 133.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.8, 121.5, 22.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrS<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 234.9245, found 234.9250.

1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2d)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2d** as a colorless oil (39 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 - 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.44 - 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 125.7, 123.1, 22.9. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrS<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 234.9245, found 234.9247.

#### 1-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2e)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2e** as a colorless oil (20 mg, 58%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.02 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6 (d, *J* = 245.5 Hz), 130.8, 129.2 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 124.7 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 23.0 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz); <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.4 (s, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>FS<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 175.0046, found 175.0051.

1-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2f)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2f** as a colorless oil (28 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 6.96 - 6.71 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.20 (dd,  $J_1 = 208.2 \text{ Hz}, J_2 = 11.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 162.16 - 160.26 (m), 133.46 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, J_2 = 2.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 119.81 (dd,  $J_1 = 18.4 \text{ Hz}, J_2 = 4.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 112.00 (dd,  $J_1 = 21.7 \text{ Hz}, J_2 = 3.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 104.61 (t, J = 26.1 Hz), 23.13 (d, J = 3.4 Hz). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -104.3 (s, 1F), -109.1 (s, 1F). **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 191.9879, found 191.9875.

## 1-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)disulfane (2g)<sup>[11]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2g** as a yellow oil (37 mg, 93%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 - 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.73 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.4, 146.3, 125.8, 124.1, 22.7.

## 1-methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)disulfane (2h)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2h** as a colorless oil (32.3 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 - 7.57 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.3 - 141.7 (m), 126.7 - 126.6 (m), 126.4 , 126.1 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 22.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.4 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.9941, found 223.9938.

1-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)disulfane (2i)<sup>[12]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2i** as a colorless oil (14 mg, 41%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.3, 133.6, 129.8, 128.7, 22.9, 21.0.

## 1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2j)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2j** as a colorless oil (21 mg, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 6.3Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.1, 137.6, 131.9, 131.5, 129.8, 127.3, 22.6, 20.9, 20.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 184.0380, found 184.0390.

### 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (2k)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2k** as a colorless oi (28 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.5, 133.6, 128.2, 126.1, 34.6, 31.3, 23.0. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>S<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 212.0693, found 212.0688.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyldisulfane (21)<sup>[13]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2l** as a yellow oil (14 mg, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.6, 132.0, 127.7, 114.6, 55.3, 55.3, 22.8.

1-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)disulfane (2m)<sup>[13]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2m** as a yellow solid (34 mg, 82%). **M.p.** 52.5 - 53.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.85 - 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.65 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.2, 133.6, 132.4, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8, 22.9.

#### 2-(methyldisulfaneyl)thiophene (2n)<sup>[13]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2n** as a yellow oil (15 mg, 46%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.4 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.3 - 7.2 (m, 1H), 7.0 (dd,  $J_1 = 5.4$ ,  $J_1 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.5 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.4, 134.2, 130.9, 127.7, 23.2.

1-benzyl-2-methyldisulfane (20)<sup>[13]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **20** as a yellow oil (13 mg, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.6, 129.4, 128.6, 127.5, 43.0, 23.1.

1-methyl-2-octadecyldisulfane (2p)



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2p** as a white soild (38 mg, 57%). **M.p.** 63.2 - 65.6. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.68 (t, J = 7.3, 2H), 1.70 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 28H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  39.2, 31.9, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 28.5, 22.7, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>40</sub>S<sub>2</sub>H [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 332.2571, found 332.2575.

3-(methyldisulfaneyl)propan-1-ol (2q)<sup>[14]</sup>



The General Procedure B was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford 2q as a colorless oil (12 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.76 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 1.97 (qui, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  60.9, 34.4, 31.8, 23.1.

3-(methyldisulfaneyl)propanoic acid (2r)<sup>[15]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2r** as a colorless oil (24 mg, 78%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.21 (s, 1H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.4, 34.0, 31.9, 23.2.

1-butyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (2s)<sup>[15]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2s** as a yellow oil (32 mg, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.5 - 7.4 (m, 2H), 6.9 - 6.8 (m, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 2.7 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.68 -1.60 (m, 2H), 1.4 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.9 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.5, 131.6, 128.5, 114.6, 55.4, 38.5, 30.8, 21.7, 13.7.

1-butyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)disulfane (2t)<sup>[16]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2t** as a yellow oil (30 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 - 7.38 (m, , 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 2.70 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (m, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.1, 133.6, 129.3, 129.0, 38.9, 31.3, 21.7, 13.7.

1-benzyl-2-cyclohexyldisulfane (2u)<sup>[17]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2u** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 - 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 2.35 (tt, *J* = 10.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.7, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.28 - 1.12 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.7, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 49.3, 44.7, 32.8, 26.1, 25.7.

1-benzyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)disulfane (2v)<sup>[18]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2v** as a yellow oil (43 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.16 (m, 7H), 3.90 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.4, 132.8, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 43.5.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyldisulfane (2w)<sup>[19]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2w** as a yellow oil (32 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.6, 135.6, 133.3, 129.2, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.5. **1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldisulfane (2x)**<sup>[8]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2w** as a yellow oil (21 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.4 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.3 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 136.1, 133.4, 132.2, 129.8, 129.2, 127.6, 114.8, 55.4.

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyldisulfane (2y)<sup>[24]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2y** as a yellow oil (33 mg, 62%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.2 - 8.1 (m, 2H), 7.7 - 7.6 (m, 2H), 7.5 - 7.4 (m, 2H), 7.3 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.3 - 7.2 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.5, 146.2, 135.3, 129.4, 128.0, 127.8, 126.2, 124.2.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)disulfane (2z)<sup>[21]</sup>



The General Procedure B was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford 2z as a yellow soild (27 mg, 52%). M.p. 43.2 - 45.3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

7.44 - 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 137.6, 134.1, 131.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.31, 114.7, 55.4, 21.1.

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)disulfane (2aa)<sup>[22]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2aa** as a yellow soild (28 mg, 50%). **M.p.** 63.0 -63.5. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.20 - 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.69 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.5, 146.4, 138.5, 131.9, 130.2, 128.7, 126.2, 124.1, 21.1.

#### 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (2bb)<sup>[20]</sup>



The **General Procedure B** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2x** as a yellow oil (20 mg, 31%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 - 7.32 (m, 6H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 136.7, 132.1, 132.1, 129.9, 127.5, 121.3, 114.8, 55.4.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)disulfane (2cc)<sup>[6]</sup>



The General Procedure B was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **2cc** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.4 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.3 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.8 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 136.1, 133.4, 132.2, 129.8, 129.2, 127.6, 114.8, 55.4.

## methyl(phenylselanyl)sulfane (5a)<sup>[23]</sup>



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5a** as a yellow oil (29 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 131.7, 130.2, 129.2, 127.5, 22.3.

((2-chlorophenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5b)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5b** as a yellow oil (41 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 - 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 132.8, 131.1, 129.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 22.0. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 238.9195, found 238.9199.

((4-bromophenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5c)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5c** as a yellow oil (36 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.2, 131.7, 130.6, 121.6, 22.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.8690, found 282.8698.

## ((2-bromophenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5d)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5d** as a yellow oil (37 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s,

3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 132.2, 131.7, 130.6, 121.6, 22.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.8690, found 282.8698.

((4-iodophenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5e)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford, **5e** as a yellow oil (53 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.9, 132.1, 131.8, 91.0, 7.3. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ISSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.8551, found 330.8560.

## 4-((methylthio)selanyl)benzonitrile (5f)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5f** as a yellow oil (28 mg, 62%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4, J_2 =$  1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 138.9, 132.5, 128.8, 118.5, 110.5, 22.3. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 229.9537, found 229.9544.

methyl((3-nitrophenyl)selanyl)sulfane (5g)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5g** as a yellow oil (38 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.48 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.11 - 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.93 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.8, 134.8, 134.1, 129.8, 123.8, 122.1, 22.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.9435, found 249.9428.

methyl((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)selanyl)sulfane (5h)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5h** as a yellow oil (46 mg, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7, 129.0, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9 (q, J = 12.5 Hz), 125.9, 22.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.5 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 272.9459, found 272.9455.

methyl((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)selanyl)sulfane (5i)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5i** as a yellow oil (33 mg, 61 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.9, 132.7, 131.6 (q, J = 37.5 Hz), 129.5, 126.1 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 275 Hz), 22.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.7 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 272.9459, found 272.9455.

methyl(p-tolylselanyl)sulfane (5j)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5j** as a yellow oil (29 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.8, 131.1, 130.0, 128.2, 22.3, 21.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 218.9741, found 218.9738.

((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5k)



The General Procedure C was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford 5k as a yellow oil (42 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz,

2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.0, 130.6, 128.3, 126.3, 34.6, 31.3, 22.4. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for  $C_{11}H_{16}SSeH [M+H]^+ 261.0211$ , found 2610207.

(mesitylselanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5l)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5l** as a yellow oil (24 mg, 48%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.97 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 9H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.9, 139.3, 129.8, 128.8, 24.4, 21.9, 21.0. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 247.0054, found 247.0061.

## ([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylselanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5m)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5m** as a yellow oil (29 mg, 51%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 - 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$ ,  $J_2 = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.7, 140.4, 130.8, 130.8, 128.9, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 22.4. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.9898, found 280.9891.

((4-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (5n)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5n** as a yellow oil (16 mg, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.0, 134.1, 122.2, 114.9, 55.4, 22.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>OSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 234.9690, found 234.9696.

((3-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)(methyl)sulfane (50)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **50** as a yellow oil (24 mg, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.81 - 6.79 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2, 132.8, 129.9, 122.0, 115.1, 113.3, 55.3, 22.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>OSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 234.9690, found 234.9696.

5-((methylthio)selanyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (5p)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5p** as a yellow oil (26 mg, 53%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.16 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0, J_2 = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.3, 148.1, 125.9, 123.4, 112.6, 108.9, 101.3, 22.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 248.9483, found 248.9488. methyl(naphthalen-2-ylselanyl)sulfane (5q)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5q** as a yellow soild (29 mg, 57%). **M.p.** 52.5 - 54.6. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.1$ Hz,  $J_2 = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.2, 130.5, 130.1, 129.0, 128.7, 126.7, 126.3, 125.8, 22.1. **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>SSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.9741, found 254.9735.

3-((methylthio)selanyl)pyridine (5r)



The General Procedure C was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5r** as a yellow oil (23 mg, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s,

1H), 7.99 - 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.0, 148.6, 138.3, 124.3, 22.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 205.9537, found 205.9545.

butyl(phenylselanyl)sulfane (5s)<sup>[15]</sup>



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5s** as a yellow oil (60 mg, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.3 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.8 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.6 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.4 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.9 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  132.4, 130.9, 129.9, 129.1, 127.2, 38.0, 32.3, 21.6, 13.6.

(4-methoxyphenyl)(phenylselanyl)sulfane (5u)<sup>[25]</sup>



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5u** as a yellow oil (77 mg, 65%; 41 mg, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.7 - 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.4 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.6$ Hz ,  $J_2 = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.3 - 7.2 (m, 3H), 6.9 - 6.8 (m, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.3, 133.9, 133.0, 131.9, 131.3, 129.6, 128.8, 115.0, 55.7.

((4-chlorophenyl)selanyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (5v)



The **General Procedure C** was followed, and hexane was used as the eluant to afford **5v** as a yellow oil (91 mg, 69%; 62 mg, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.5 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.4 - 7.4 (m, 2H), 7.3 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.8 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2, 134.1, 133.8, 132.5, 131.0, 129.3, 127.5, 114.7, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClOSSeH [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 329.9384, found 329.9388.

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