# 1,3-Dianionic annulation of ketones with ketene dithioacetal: A modified route to 3-aryl/cyclopropyl-5-thiomethyl-phenols and 1- (methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ols

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1. General method for synthesis of precursors: [3,3-bis(methylthio)-1-arylprop-2-en-1-ones] (1)<sup>1</sup>



To a stirred solution of NaH (44 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0°C, alkyl aryl ketone (20 mmol) was added dropwise manner (in 8-10 minutes) through a dropping funnel. The suspension was stirred for 20 minutes, and carbon disulfide (CS<sub>2</sub>) (24 mmol) was added in dropwise over 8-10 minutes. The reaction mixture (RM) was allowed to stir for 30 min, then MeI (42 mmol) was added dropwise over 12-15 minutes. The RM was slowly brought up to room temperature (RT) and stirring continued for another 4-8 hours with monitoring by TLC. After completion of the reaction, RM was poured into crushed ice. Most of the 3,3-bis(methylthio)-1-arylprop-2-en-1-ones were precipitated in crushed ice. The precipitate was filtered and washed with ice-cold water and dried overnight inside a vacuum hood. Few 3,3-bis(methylthio)-1-arylprop-2-en-1-ones were not precipitated on crushed ice, which was extracted with ethyl acetate in ice-cooled water, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was recrystallized with ethyl acetate and n-hexane.



#### 2. General information on experimental:

Commercially available reagents and solvents from Alfa Aesar, Spectrochem, Sigma Aldrich, Fischer Scientific and TCI Chemicals were used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz and 100 MHz NMR spectrometer (Jeol and Bruker instrument) respectively, and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (from Eurisotop) was used as solvent. Chemical shifts for all the compounds are reported in parts per million (ppm) shifts ( $\delta$ -value). One singlet at  $\delta$  7.26 ppm of <sup>1</sup>H and a triplet at 77.00 ppm of <sup>13</sup>C NMR for CDCl<sub>3</sub> were taken as an internal standard. Signal patterns are mentioned as s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, double doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; bs, broad singlet and bm, broad multiplet. The coupling constant (*J*) for protons are given in hertz (Hz). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkine Elmer AX-1 spectrophotometer and reported in wave number (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HRMS is reported for the peak of (M+H)<sup>+</sup> using Agilent G6530AA (LC-HRMS-Q-TOF) spectrometer. Reagent-grade solvents were used for extraction and chromatography. The yield of the product was reported as chromatographically isolated pure materials.

#### 3. Crystal data of product 5h:

**Crystal Preparation:** The product is a sticky solid at room temperature. To grow the crystal, a highly concentrated (saturated) solution of the compound **5h** was prepared by dissolving it in hot methanol. After that, the compound was cooled to room temperature and kept in the fridge for 3 days. After 3 days of cooling small crystals were generated (with minimum exposure of room temperature).

**X-ray structure analysis**: Intensity data for the compound **5h** was collected at 288 K on an XtaLAB Synergy, Single source at home/near, HyPix diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å. The structure was solved by Using Olex2<sup>2</sup> with SHELXT<sup>3</sup> structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the olex2 refine<sup>4</sup> refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimisation. The hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions and included in the last cycles of the refinement. The graphics for publication were prepared by using Mercury software. Crystallographic data collection and structure solution parameters are summarized in Table 1.

Empirical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
CCDC	2297558
Formula weight	352.44
Temperature/K	288
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	22.2427(13)
b/Å	5.4882(4)
c/Å	29.653(2)
α/°	90
<i>6/°</i>	90.096(6)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3619.8(4)
Ζ	68
$ ho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.293
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.195
F(000)	1489.9
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)

#### Table S1: Crystallographic data of 5h

20 range for data collection/°	6.6 to 73.96
Index ranges	-27 ≤ h ≤ 28, -6 ≤ k ≤ 7, -42 ≤ l ≤ 46
Reflections collected	8803
Independent reflections	4088 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0816, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0895]
Data/restraints/parameters	4088/0/230
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.972
`Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0509, wR_2 = 0.1128$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1103, wR_2 = 0.1462$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.39/-0.54



Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of product 5h in 50% probability.



Figure 2. Packing structure of 5h in a unit cell.

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### 5. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of products



## 3a. 5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR

## Expanded view for aromatic and phenolic proton.







3b. 4'-methyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3c. 4'-methoxy-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3d. 4'-fluoro-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



## 3e. 4'-chloro-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3f. 4'-bromo-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3g. 2'-chloro-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3h. 2'-bromo-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3i. 2',4'-dichloro-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3j. 3-(methylthio)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3k. 3-(methylthio)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3l. 3-(furan-2-yl)-5-(methylthio)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



3m. 3-(methylthio)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



5a. 2,4-dimethyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



5b. 2'-chloro-2,4-dimethyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5c. 2'-bromo-2,4-dimethyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5d. 2,6-dimethyl-3-(methylthio)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



5e. 2,6-dimethyl-3-(methylthio)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5fa and 5fb. 4-methyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol and 2-methyl-5-(methylthio)-[1,1'biphenyl]-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (When prepared in NaH, 5fa:5fb = 10;3): <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5fa and 5fb (When prepared in <sup>t</sup>BuOK, 5fa:5fb = 5;1)







# 5g. 4-methoxy-6'-(methylthio)-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5h. 4,4"-dimethoxy-6'-(methylthio)-[1,1':4',1"-terphenyl]-2'-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5i. 4'-methoxy-6-(methylthio)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5j. 4-(furan-2-yl)-4'-methoxy-6-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





5k. 5'-(methylthio)-4'-phenyl-[1,1':2',1''-terphenyl]-3'-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





6a. 1-(methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





6b. 2,4-dimethyl-1-(methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





6c. 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





6d. 1-(methylthio)-2,4-diphenyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR





6e. 7-Methoxy-1-(methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C

6f. 7-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(methylthio)-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-3-ol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



## 7. 3-cyclopropyl-5-(methylthio)phenol: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR



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210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50