Direct Dehydroxy(sulfhydryl)xanthylation of Alcohols and Thiols

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I. General information.

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk-Lines. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were acquired on 400 MHz, 101 MHz, 376 MHz on JOEL-ZETA 400 MHz or Bruker-AVANCE III-400 MHz spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H; 101 MHz for ¹³C; 376 MHz for ¹⁹F). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at δ 0.0 ppm and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl₃ as inter standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (*J*) are in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. All reactions were monitored by TLC with 0.25 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄). Flash column chromatograph was carried out using 300-400 mesh silica gel at medium pressure. Infrared (IR) data were recorded as films on potassium bromide plates on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. Absorbance frequencies are reported in reciprocal cetimeters (cm⁻¹). Mass spectra were acquired on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof-Q II mass spectrometer or Agilent 7890B-5977A mass spectrometer.

Materials. All reagents were received from commercial sources unless otherwise noted. Solvents were freshly dried and degassed according to the purification handbook Purification of Laboratory Chemicals before using.

II. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1. Initial attempt on Mitsunobu reaction of alkyl alcohol and potassium ethylxanthate. ^{*a, b*}

	OH 1as	+ S KS OEt	[P] (1.2 equiv) DEAD (1.5 equiv) RT, THF, 6 h	$-S \rightarrow OEt$
Entry	1as (equiv)	potassium ethylxantl	hate (equiv) [P]	Yield (4as , %) ^b
1	1	1.5	PCy ₃	ND
2	1	1.5	P(ⁿ Bu) ₃	ND
3	1	1.5	PPh ₃	ND
4	1	1.5	tris(4-fluorophenyl)phosph	ine ND
5	1	1.5	tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosp	ohine ND

^{*a*} Standard conditions: 3-phenyl-1-propanol (**1as**, 27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), potassium ethylxanthate (48.1 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), DEAD (52.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and PPh₃ (62.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL THF and reacted at RT for 6 h. ^{*b*} Yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.



Table S2. Optimization of electrophilic xanthyl reagents. *a*, *b*

^{*a*} Standard conditions: 3-phenyl-1-propanol (**1as**, 27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), [SC(S)OEt] (**2**, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and PPh₃ (62.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL THF and reacted at RT for 3 h. ^{*b*} Yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

	ОН +	O S ∕∕ → OEt ∕ N−S	[P] RT, THF, 3 h	S OEt
1as		0 2d		4as
Entry	1as (equiv)	2d (equiv)	[P] (1.2 equiv)	Yield (4as , %) ^b
1	1	1.2	3a	ND
2	1	1.2	3b	16
3	1	1.2	3c	46
4	1	1.2	3d	ND
5	1	1.2	Зе	55
6	1	1.2	3f	48
7	1	1.2	3g	17
8	1	1.2	3h	18
PCy ₃	P(NI	Me ₂) ₃	P(ⁿ Bu) ₃	P(OMe) ₃
3a	3	b	3с	3d
PPh_3	P-	F	P-(()-OMe) ₃	P()
Зе	3	f	3g	3h

Table S3. Optimization on phosphine activator. *a, b*

^{*a*} Standard conditions: 3-phenyl-1-propanol (**1as**, 27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2d** (64.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and [P] (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added in 2.0 mL THF and reacted at RT for 3 h; ^{*b*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

) ОН	+	J-S OEt	Ph ₃ P (x equiv RT, THF, Tim	/) e	
	1as	0 2d				4as
Entry	1as:2d	Ph ₃ P (x equiv)	Solvent	Time (h)	Atmosphere	Yield (4as , %) ^b
1	1:1.2	1.2	THF	3	air	55
2	1:1.3	1.2	THF	3	air	64
3	1:1.5	1.2	THF	3	air	68
4	1:1.5	1.2	DCE	3	air	46
5	1:1.5	1.2	CH ₃ CN	3	air	Trace
6	1:1.5	1.2	THF	3	N ₂	82
7	1:1.5	1.2	THF	0.5	N ₂	87 (84) ^c
8	1:1.5	1.2	THF	1	N_2	67
9	1:1.5	1.2	THF	6	N_2	72
10	1:1.5	1.2	THF	12	N_2	83
11	1:1.2	1.2	THF	0.5	N ₂	74
12	1:1	1.2	THF	0.5	N_2	47
13	1.2:1	1.2	THF	0.5	N ₂	52
14	1.5:1	1.2	THF	0.5	N ₂	55
15	1:1.5	1.0	THF	0.5	N ₂	70
16	1:1.5	0.7	THF	0.5	N ₂	42
17	1:1.5	0.3	THF	0.5	N ₂	27

Table S4. Optimization of reaction conditions for direct dehydroxyxanthylation of alcohols. *a*, *b*

^{*a*} Standard conditions: 3-phenyl-1-propanol (**1as**), **2d** and PPh₃ (x equiv) were added in 2.0 mL solvent and reacted at RT; ^{*b*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*}Isolated yield.

III. General procedure

1. General procedure for the preparation of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide 2d and its analogues.



Preparation of N-chlorophthalimide.^[1] To a suspension of phthalimide (7.4 g, 50.0 mmol) in MeOH (500 mL) was added 'BuOCl (7.3 g, 7.6 mL, 67.4 mmol, 1.35 equiv) quickly. The mixture was stirred for 5 min and standing for 5 min. The precipitate was filtered and dried under high vacuum to obtain a white powder (8.9 g, 98% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.



Synthesis of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide 2d.^[2] In a 1 L round-bottom flask, potassium ethyl xanthate (7.9 g, 49.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was suspended in MeCN (300 mL). To this suspension was added a solution of *N*-chlorophthalimide (8.9 g, 49.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (300 mL) *via* constant pressure funnel over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and the suspension was concentrated in vacuo. The resultant solid was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound.

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 2d.



White solid (9.4 g, 72%). Mp: 115-116 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:5, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.60 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.8, 166.2, 135.1, 132.1, 124.3, 71.4, 13.6 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]



Synthesis of reagent 2b. According to the synthesis method of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide **2d**, potassium ethyl xanthate (8.0 g, 50.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was suspended in MeCN (300 mL). To this suspension was added a solution of *N*-chlorosuccinimide (6.7 g, 50.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (200 mL) *via* constant pressure funnel over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and the suspension was concentrated in vacuo. The resultant solid was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound.

S-(2,5-Dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 2b.



Yellow oil (1.1 g, 10%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:5, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.81 (s, 4 H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.4, 172.6, 70.7, 28.5, 13.4 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]



Synthesis of reagent 2c. According to the synthesis method of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide **2d**, potassium ethyl xanthate (4.0 g, 25.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was suspended in MeCN (300 mL). To this suspension was added a solution of 1,3-dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (2.0 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (200 mL) *via* constant

pressure funnel over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and the suspension was concentrated in vacuo. The resultant solid was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound.

S-(3-Chloro-4,4-dimethyl-2,5-dioxoimidazolidin-1-yl) O-ethylcarbonodithioate 2c.



Yellow solid (933.1 mg, 33%). Mp: 92-93 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.62 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.48 (s, 6 H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.2, 172.9, 152.0, 70.1, 58.5, 25.2, 13.5 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]



Preparation of N-chlorosaccharin.^[1] To a suspension of saccharin (12.0 g, 65.6 mmol) in MeOH (120 mL) was added 'BuOCl (9.6 g, 10.0 mL, 88.4 mmol, 2.7 equiv) quickly. The suspension turned to clear solution and quickly a large amount of white precipitate was formed. The mixture was stirred for 5 min and standing for 5 min. The precipitate was filtered and dried under high vacuum to obtain a white powder (12.0 g, 84% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.



Synthesis of reagent 2e. According to the synthesis method of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide **2d**, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.2 g, 32.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was suspended in MeCN (300 mL). To this suspension was added a solution of *N*-chlorosaccharin (7.0 g, 32.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeCN (200 mL) *via* constant pressure funnel over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and the suspension was concentrated in vacuo.

The resultant solid was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound.

S-(1,1-Dioxido-3-oxobenzo[d]isothiazol-2(3H)-yl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 2e.



White solid (2.0 g, 20%). Mp: 100-101 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19–8.14 (m, 1 H), 7.99–7.92 (m, 2 H), 7.92–7.86 (m, 1 H), 4.73 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.51 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.4, 156.2, 136.4, 135.0, 126.5, 125.8, 121.4, 121.3, 69.0, 13.5 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]

2. General procedure for the synthesis of potassium xanthate ^[4]

Primary alcohols (1.0 equiv) were treated with KOH (1.0 equiv) and carbon disulfide (1.2 equiv) in diethyl ether. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3-12 h. The precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with diethyl ether, and dried in vacuo to afford the title products.

RXH + CS₂
$$\xrightarrow{KOH}$$
 R $X \xrightarrow{S} K^{\oplus}$ X = 0, S

Synthesis of potassium *O*-methyl carbonodithioate salt.

Methanol (640 mg, 0.8 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a white solid (1.81 g, 62% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-isopropyl carbonodithioate salt.



Isopropyl alcohol (1.2 g, 1.5 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a pale-yellow solid (2.78 g, 80% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-hexyl carbonodithioate salt.



Hexan-1-ol (2.04 g, 2.5 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a white solid (3.37 g, 78% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-cyclohexyl carbonodithioate salt.



Cyclohexanol (2.0 g, 2.1 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a pale-yellow solid (3.30 g, 77% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium *O*-((1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl) carbonodithioate salt.



N-Boc-4-piperidinemethanol (4.3 g, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a pale-yellow solid (4.80 g, 73% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-(pent-4-en-1-yl) carbonodithioate salt.



Pent-4-en-1-ol (1.7 g, 2.1 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a white solid (3.16 g, 79% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-phenethyl carbonodithioate salt.

2-Phenylethanol (2.44 g, 2.4 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.83 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a pale-yellow solid (4.29 g, 91% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

Synthesis of potassium O-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate salt.



2-(Thiophen-3-yl)ethan-1-ol (2.4 g, 2.1 mL, 18.7 mmol) was treated with crushed potassium hydroxide (1.05 g, 18.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) followed by addition of carbon disulfide (1.70 g, 22.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then concentrated in vacuo to give a residue that was washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the title product as a pale-yellow solid (1.36 g, 30% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step. **Synthesis of potassium ethyl carbonotrithioate salt.**



Ethanethiol (1.24 g, 1.5 mL, 20 mmol) was treated with freshly crushed potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and carbon disulfide (1.68 g, 22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in diethyl ether (15 mL). The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the desired product as a yellow solid (3.27 g, 93% yield). No further purification is required and can be used directly for the next step.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of xanthate-derived reagents.



According to the synthesis method of *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide 2d. In a 1 L round-bottom flask, potassium thiolate (1.0 equiv) was suspended in MeCN. To this suspension was added a solution of *N*-chlorophthalimide (1.0 equiv) in MeCN via constant pressure funnel over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h and the suspension was concentrated in vacuo. The resultant solid was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compounds.

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-methyl carbonodithioate 2aa



Potassium O-methyl carbonodithioate salt (730 mg, 4.99 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (907 mg, 4.99 mmol) to afford **2aa** (810 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid (mp: 154-155 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.16 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.8, 166.2, 135.2, 132.2, 124.5, 61.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₀H₇NO₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 275.9760, found 275.9756.

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-isopropyl carbonodithioate 2ab



Potassium O-isopropyl carbonodithioate (870 mg, 4.99 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (907 mg, 4.99 mmol) to afford **2ab** (960 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid (mp: 114-115 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.62 (m, 1 H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6 H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 166.4, 135.2, 132.1, 124.4, 80.4, 21.3.ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₁NO₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 304.0073, found 304.0068.

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-hexyl carbonodithioate 2ac



Potassium O-hexyl carbonodithioate salt (1.1 g, 4.99 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (907 mg, 4.99 mmol) to afford **2ac** (680 mg, 42% yield) as a white solid (mp: 63-64 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (dd, J =

5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.49 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.66 – 1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.19 – 1.06 (m, 6 H), 0.75 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 166.2, 135.2, 132.0, 124.4, 75.4, 31.2, 28.0, 25.4, 22.5, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₅H₁₇NO₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 346.0542, found 346.0545.

O-Cyclohexyl S-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) carbonodithioate 2ad



Potassium O-cyclohexyl carbonodithioate salt (1.1 g, 4.99 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (907 mg, 4.99 mmol) to afford **2ad** (1.2 g, 76% yield) as a white solid (mp: 117-118 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.48 (tt, J = 7.9, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.85 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.60 – 1.37 (m, 5 H), 1.37 – 1.26 (m, 2 H), 1.24 – 1.15 (m, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.2, 163.8, 136.6, 131.1, 126.4, 83.4, 31.9, 26.8, 22.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for $C_{15}H_{15}NO_3S_2$ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 344.0386, found 344.0387.

Tert-butyl

4-(((((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-

yl)thio)carbonothioyl)oxy)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate 2ae



Potassium O-((1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl) carbonodithioate salt (1.6 g, 4.99 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (907 mg, 4.99 mmol) to afford **2ae** (1.4 g, 62% yield) as a white solid (mp: 121-122 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.55 (s, 2 H), 1.82 (s, 1 H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.42 (s, 9 H), 1.06 (m, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 166.3, 154.7, 135.3, 132.1, 124.5, 79.6, 78.6, 35.4, 28.5, 28.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₅S₂ [M+Na]+ calcd

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-(pent-4-en-1-yl) carbonodithioate 2af



Potassium O-(pent-4-en-1-yl) carbonodithioate salt (3.0 g, 14.97 mmol) reacts with Nchlorophthalimide (2.7 g, 14.97 mmol) to afford **2af** (2.3 g, 50% yield) as a white solid (mp: 44-45 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f =$ 0.3). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.73–5.50 (m, 1 H), 4.93–4.82 (m, 2 H), 4.53 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.96 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.78–1.69 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 166.3, 136.7, 135.2, 132.1, 124.5, 115.9, 74.5, 29.7, 27.3 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-phenethyl carbonodithioate 2ag



Potassium O-phenethyl carbonodithioate salt (3.9 g, 16.37 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (3.0 g, 16.37 mmol) to afford **2ag** (3.9 g, 70% yield) as a white solid (mp: 103-104 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.7$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.03 (s, 2 H), 4.76 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.98 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 166.2, 136.5, 135.1, 132.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 124.5, 75.0, 34.5 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]

S-(1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl) O-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate 2ah



Potassium O-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate salt (922 mg, 3.81 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (691 mg, 3.81 mmol) to afford **2ah** (1.2 g, 91% yield) as a

white solid (mp: 90-91 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 6.79 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 166.2, 136.6, 135.2, 132.0, 127.9, 126.1, 124.5, 121.9, 74.4, 29.0 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]

1,3-Dioxoisoindolin-2-yl diethylcarbamodithioate 2ai



Sodium diethyldithiocarbamate (1.7 g, 10.0 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (1.8 g, 10.0 mmol) to afford **2ai** (941 mg, 32% yield) as a yellow solid (mp: 109-110 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.51 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 165.1, 134.8, 132.2, 124.3, 48.3, 47.6, 13.9, 11.1 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]



Potassium ethyl carbonotrithioate salt (1.8 g, 10.0 mmol) reacts with N-chlorophthalimide (1.8 g, 10.0 mmol) to afford **2aj** (2.2 g, 79% yield) as a yellow solid (mp: 130-131 °C) after chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.86 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.31 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.0, 166.1, 135.3, 131.9, 124.7, 31.1, 12.7 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[3]

4. General procedure for the synthesis of hydroxylated substrates.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol 7aa



To 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (1.3 g, 10 mmol) in THF solution was slowly added BH_3 -THF (1.0 M, 1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then 10 mL of 30% hydrogen peroxide solution was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and the resulting mixture reacted for another 30 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with 3×20 mL of ether and washed with 50 mL of saturated sodium chloride solution. The combined organic layers were dried with magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to a white soild (1.3 g, 83% yield). Spectra were consistent with literature data. ^[5]

General procedure for the synthesis of 1-phenylethan-1-ol 7ab



To a 100 mL round-bottom flask were added acetophenone (1.2 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaBH₄ (800 mg, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and anhydrous EtOH (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain a colorless oil (1.1 g, 86% yield). Spectra were consistent with literature data. ^[6]

General procedure for the synthesis of 4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenol 7ac



To a solution of 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1.2 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was slowly added methyl methylmagnesium iodide (3M in diethylether, 3.0 equiv) under Ar atmosphere. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution, and extracted with ethyl

acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent is evaporated under reduced pressure and crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain a white soild (553 mg, 40%). Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[7]

General procedure for the synthesis of (S)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propan-1-ol 9aa



To the stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (379 mg, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in THF (48.0 mL) was slowly added the solution of (*S*)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanoic acid (1.2 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5.00 mL) at 0 °C under N₂ atmosphere. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of 10% NaOH aq. (0.2 mL). Then AcOEt and celite were added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 10 min and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2), to give (*S*)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propan-1-ol (820 mg, 76%) as a white soild. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[8]

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-hydroxypropyl 2-(3benzoylphenyl)propanoate

To a 250 mL round-bottom flask were added acid (20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (2.0 mmol, 10 mol%), anhydrous DCM (50 mL), and 3-bromopropan-1-ol (3.1 g, 22.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv). A solution of DCC (22.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DCM (10.0 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After stirring for 12 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered with a pad of celite and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography.

3-Hydroxypropyl 2-(3-benzoylphenyl)propanoate 9ab



Colorless oil (3.5 g, 56%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.69 (m , 3 H), 7.60 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3 H), 4.17 (td, J = 6.4, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.76 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.84 (s, 1 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.9, 174.5, 141.0, 137.9, 137.4, 132.8, 131.7, 130.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 62.0, 58.8, 45.5, 31.6, 18.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₉H₂₀O₄ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 335.1254, found 335.1251.

3-Hydroxypropyl (tert-butoxycarbonyl)phenylalaninate 9ac



Colorless oil (4.7 g, 72%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.04 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H) ; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 155.4, 136.2, 129.4, 128.6, 127.1, 80.0, 77.6, 62.5, 58.6, 54.7, 38.3, 31.4, 28.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C_{17H25}NO₅ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 346.1625, found 346.1616.

General procedure for the synthesis of 5-hydroxypentyl 2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate



An oven-dried 50-mL round-bottom flask, equipped with a stir bar, was charged with butanediol (9.0 g, 10.6 mL, 100 mmol, 20 equiv). Then indomethacin (1.8 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (43 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added to the

solution. The mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 18 h. Finally, the reaction mixture was quench with 10 % Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography.

5-Hydroxypentyl yl)acetate 9ad

2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-



Yellow solid (730 mg, 33%). Mp: 68-69 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.1$).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 2 H), 3.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.39 – 1.30 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 168.5, 156.1, 139.4, 136.0, 134.0, 131.3, 130.9, 130.8, 129.2, 115.0, 112.8, 111.6, 101.6, 65.1, 62.6, 55.8, 32.3, 30.5, 28.5, 22.3, 13.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₄H₂₆ClNO₅ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 466.1392, found 466.1385.

5. General procedure for direct dehydroxy(sulfhydryl)xanthylation of alcohols and thiols with *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide 2d



Alkyl alcohol or thiol (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-ethylxanthyl phthalimide **2d** (200.2 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were placed into an ovendried 25 mL Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar. Then Freshly distilled THF (3.0 mL) was added to the Schlenk tube under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by flask column chromatography to obtain alkyl xanthate products.

O-Ethyl S-(4-methoxybenzyl) carbonodithioate 4aa



Colorless oil (104.1 mg, 86%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.8$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2 H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.4, 159.1, 130.4, 127.5, 114.1, 70.1, 55.4, 40.1, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data ^[9].

S-Benzyl O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4ab



Colorless oil (93.3 mg, 88%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 4.69 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.41 (s, 2 H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 135.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 70.2, 40.6, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[10] *S*-(4-Chlorobenzyl) *O*-ethyl carbonodithioate 4ac



Yellow oil (103.3 mg, 84%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 4 H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.32 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 134.6, 133.5, 130.6, 128.9, 70.4, 39.7, 14.0 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[11]

O-Ethyl S-(4-iodobenzyl) carbonodithioate 4ad



Colorless oil (155.5 mg, 92%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.65 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.30 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 137.8, 135.8, 131.1, 93.1, 70.4, 39.9, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₀H₁₁IOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 360.9188, found 360.9179.

O-Ethyl S-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl) carbonodithioate 4ae



Colorless oil (93.8 mg, 67%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.65 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.40 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4 140.4, 129.5, 125.6, 125.6, 124.2 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 70.5, 39.8 13.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.4 (s, 3 F) ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₁F₃OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 303.0096, found 303.0094.

S-(4-Cyanobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4af



White solid (51.0 mg, 43%). Mp: 68-69 °C. Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.37 (s, 2 H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.0, 142.0, 132.4, 129.9, 118.7, 111.4, 70.7, 39.8, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₁NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 260.0174 found 260.0176.

Methyl 4-(((ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)methyl)benzoate 4ag



White solid (112.1 mg, 83%). Mp: 60-61 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 4.63 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.38 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4, 166.8, 141.4, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 70.4, 52.3, 40.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₄O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 293.0277 found 293.0269.





White solid (74.5 mg, 58%). Mp: 63-64 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.65 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.44 (s, 2 H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.9, 147.3, 144.1, 130.0, 123.9, 70.8, 39.5, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data. ^[11]

O-Ethyl S-(3-phenoxybenzyl) carbonodithioate 4ai



Colorless oil (107.9 mg, 71%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.7$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1 H), 7.07 (m, 1 H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 3 H), 6.90 (m, J = 8.2, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.8, 157.6, 156.9, 137.8, 130.0, 129.9, 123.9, 123.6, 119.4, 119.2, 117.9, 70.3, 40.2, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₁₆O₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 327.0484, found 327.0481.

S-(3-Cyanobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4aj



White solid (53.3 mg, 45%). Mp: 63-64 °C. Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.42 (dt, J = 7.8, 3.8 Hz,

1 H), 4.63 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.36 (s, 2 H), 1.40 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.0, 138.1, 133.6, 132.6, 131.3, 129.5, 118.7, 112.7, 70.7, 39.3, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₁NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 260.0174, found 260.0176.

O-Ethyl S-(2-methoxybenzyl) carbonodithioate 4ak



Colorless oil (62.9 mg, 52%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.7$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.94 – 6.83 (m, 2 H), 4.66 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.38 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 157.6, 130.8, 129.2, 124.2, 120.5, 110.6, 70.0, 55.6, 35.4, 13.9 ppm.HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₄O₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 265.0327, found 265.0319.

S-(2-Bromobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4al



Colorless oil (71.1 mg, 49%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 1 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.8, 135.6, 133.1, 131.3, 129.4, 127.7, 124.9, 70.3, 40.8, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[12]

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4am



Colorless oil (125.2 mg, 92%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.7$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.37 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 7 H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 161.0, 137.9, 107.1, 99.7, 70.2, 55.4, 40.7, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₆O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 295.0433, found 295.0428.

S-(4-Chloro-3-fluorobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4an



Colorless oil (67.3 mg, 51%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (m, 1 H), 4.65 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.32 (s, 2 H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 213.2, 158.0 (d, J = 249.2 Hz), 137.2 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 130.7, 125.6 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 120.1 (d, J = 17.6 Hz), 117.3 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 70.6, 39.3, 13.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.7 (m, 1 F) ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₀H₁₀ClFOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 286.9738, found 286.9735.

O-Ethyl S-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl) carbonodithioate 4ao



White solid (79.9 mg, 61%). Mp: 79-80 °C. Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 1 H), 7.92 – 7.87 (m, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 3 H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (s, 2 H), 4.72 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 134.0, 131.7, 130.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 126.7, 126.2, 125.5, 123.8, 70.2, 38.8, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₄H₁₄OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 285.0378, found 285.0374.

O-Ethyl S-phenethyl carbonodithioate 4ap



Colorless oil (102.9 mg, 91%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3 H), 4.69 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.43 – 3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.07 – 2.97 (m, 2 H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 214.8, 140.0, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 70.1, 37.3, 35.0, 14.0 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[13]

S-(4-Aminophenethyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4aq



Yellow oil (66.3 mg, 55%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.67 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.62 (s, 2 H), 3.35 – 3.25 (m, 2 H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 2 H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.0, 145.2, 129.8, 129.6, 115.4, 70.1, 37.6, 34.2, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₅NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 264.0487, found 264.0481.

O-Ethyl S-(4-hydroxyphenethyl) carbonodithioate 4ar



Colorless oil (120.0 mg, 99%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.23 (s, 1 H), 4.67 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.41 – 3.24 (m, 2 H), 2.99 – 2.86 (m, 2 H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 154.2, 132.2, 130.0, 115.7, 70.2, 37.4, 34.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₄O₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 265.0327, found 265.0319.

O-Ethyl S-(3-phenylpropyl) carbonodithioate 4as



Yellow oil (100.8 mg, 84%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3 H), 4.68 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.22 – 3.12 (m, 2 H), 2.83 – 2.74 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 141.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.3, 70.0, 35.3, 35.1, 30.3, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₆OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 263.0535, found 263.0525. *O*-Ethyl *S*-(4-phenylbutyl) carbonodithioate 4at



Colorless oil (104.2 mg, 82%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 4.69 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.78 – 2.64 (m, 2 H), 1.80 (m, 4 H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.2, 142.1, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 70.0, 35.9, 35.6, 30.8, 28.2, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₃H₁₈OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 277.0691, found 277.0689.

O,O'-Diethyl *S,S*'-((phenylazanediyl)bis(ethane-2,1-diyl)) bis(carbonodithioate) 4au



Yellow oil (99.2 mg, 51%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.67 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4 H), 3.71 – 3.62 (m, 4 H), 3.35 – 3.24 (m, 4 H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 146.6, 129.7, 117.2, 112.2, 70.5, 49.9, 32.6, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₃NO₂S₄ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 412.0504, found 412.0500.

Tert-butyl 4-(((ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate 4av



Colorless oil (110.1 mg, 69%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.63 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.12 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.06 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.77 – 2.55 (m, 3 H), 1.87 – 1.72 (m, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 9 H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.17 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.3 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.0, 154.8, 79.5, 70.2, 42.0, 35.9, 31.6, 28.5, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₄H₂₅NO₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 342.1168, found 342.1165.

O-Ethyl S-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl) carbonodithioate 4aw



Colorless oil (69.6 mg, 59%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3 H), 4.69 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.12 (s, 2 H), 1.45 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6, 131.9, 128.6, 128.4, 122.8, 83.7, 83.1, 70.5, 25.7, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₂OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 259.0222, found 259.0217.

S-Cinnamyl O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4ax



Colorless oil (59.5 mg, 50 %). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1 H), 6.63 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.31 – 6.20 (m, 1 H), 4.67 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.97 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 136.6, 134.1, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 123.2, 70.2, 38.7, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₄OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 261.0378, found 261.0373.

O-Ethyl S-(undec-10-en-1-yl) carbonodithioate 4ay



Colorless oil (98.7 mg, 72%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.80 (m, 1 H), 5.03 – 4.87 (m, 2 H), 4.63 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.14 – 3.06 (m, 2 H), 2.12 – 1.98 (m, 2 H), 1.67 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 7 H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 8 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.3, 139.3, 114.2, 69.8, 36.0, 33.9, 29.5, 29.2, 29.0, 29.0, 28.5, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[14] *S*-(2,6-Dimethylhept-5-en-1-yl) *O*-ethyl carbonodithioate 4az



Colorless oil (115.8 mg, 89%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.64 (qd, J = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42 (td, J = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.37 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 1H), 0.98 – 0.90 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.3, 131.5, 124.6, 69.9, 36.8, 35.4, 33.9, 32.2, 25.8, 25.5, 19.3, 17.8, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₃H₂₄OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 283.1161, found 283.1160.

O-Ethyl S-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl) carbonodithioate 4ba



Yellow oil (59.7 mg, 56%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:3, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (s, 1 H), 8.54 – 8.47 (m, 1 H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.35 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.2, 150.3, 148.9, 136.6, 134.4, 123.7, 70.5, 37.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₉H₁₁NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 236.0174, found 236.0165. *O*-Ethyl *S*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate 4bb



Yellow oil (64.7 mg, 57%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:3, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 2 H), 4.64 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.53 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 159.3, 149.5, 136.7, 123.5, 121.9, 70.1, 36.8, 35.2, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for $C_{10}H_{13}NOS_2$ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 250.0331, found 250.0326.

O-Ethyl S-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate 4bc



Colorless oil (51.0 mg, 44%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (dd, J = 4.9, 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1 H), 7.02 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.42 – 3.34 (m, 2 H), 3.10 – 3.00 (m, 2 H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.8, 140.2, 128.1, 125.9, 121.5, 70.1, 36.5, 29.4, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₉H₁₂OS₃ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 254.9942, found 254.9934.

S-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4bd



Colorless oil (87.5 mg, 66%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:3, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 – 7.92 (m, 1 H), 7.71 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (m, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (m, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 1 H), 4.67 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.54 – 3.40 (m, 2 H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.2, 136.3, 127.2, 122.3, 122.2, 119.6, 118.9, 114.4, 111.4, 70.1, 36.5, 24.8, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₃H₁₅NOS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 288.0487, found 288.0486.

S-(2,3-Dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4be



Yellow oil (116.6 mg, 98%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.69 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.46 (m, 1 H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.7, 141.3, 127.0, 124.6, 69.9, 47.7, 39.4, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₄OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 261.0378, found 261.0374. **Methyl 2-((ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)-2-phenylacetate 4bf**



Yellow oil (62.1 mg, 46%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 3 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 4.67 – 4.54 (m, 2 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 170.0, 133.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 70.5, 57.0, 53.2, 13.7 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[15]

S-Cyclohexyl O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4bi



Colorless oil (46.9 mg, 46%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.63 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.73 – 3.59 (m, 1 H), 2.16 – 1.98 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.68 – 1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.50 – 1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.5, 69.6, 48.8, 32.4, 26.0, 25.2, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[16]

S-Benzyl O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4bj



Colorless oil (46.6 mg, 44%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 4.69 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.41 (s, 2 H), 1.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 135.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 70.2, 40.6, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[11] *O*-Ethyl *S*-(4-methoxybenzyl) carbonodithioate 4bk



Colorless oil (63.0 mg, 52%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.8$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2 H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.64 (q, *J* =

7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.4, 159.1, 130.4, 127.5, 114.1, 70.1, 55.4, 40.1, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data. ^[9]

S-(4-Chlorobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4bl



Yellow oil (50.5 mg, 41%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 4 H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.32 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 134.6, 133.5, 130.6, 128.9, 70.4, 39.7, 14.0 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[11]

S-(2-Bromobenzyl) O-ethyl carbonodithioate 4bm



Colorless oil (72.5 mg, 50%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 1 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.8, 135.6, 133.1, 131.3, 129.4, 127.7, 124.9, 70.3, 40.8, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[12]

Ethyl 2-((ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)acetate 4bn



Yellow oil (64.5 mg, 62%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.63 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.7, 168.0, 70.8, 62.1, 38.0, 14.3, 13.8 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data. ^[17]

Methyl 3-((ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)propanoate 4bo



Yellow oil (70.7 mg, 68%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 172.1, 70.2, 52.0, 33.3, 30.6, 13.9 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[18]

6. General procedure for direct dehydroxyxanthylation/xanthamidation/thioxanthylation of alcohols with *N*-xanthyl/xanthamide/thioxanthate phthalimides



3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl alcohol (336.4 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *N*-xanthyl/xanthamide/thioxanthate phthalimides **2** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were placed into an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar. Then Freshly distilled THF (3.0 mL) was added to the Schlenk tube under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by flask column chromatography to obtain alkyl xanthate/xanthamide/thioxanthate products.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-methyl carbonodithioate 5aa



Colorless oil (63.2 mg, 49%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.37 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (s, 2 H), 4.19 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.0, 161.0, 137.7, 107.1, 99.8, 60.3, 55.5, 41.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₄O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 281.0277, found 281.0278.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-isopropyl carbonodithioate 5ab



Colorless oil (74.4 mg, 52%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (s, 2 H), 6.37 (s, 1 H), 5.86 – 5.68 (m, 1 H), 4.28 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 6 H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 7 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 161.0, 138.1, 107.1, 99.7, 78.2, 55.4, 40.5, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₆O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 309.0590, found 309.0585.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-hexyl carbonodithioate 5ac



Colorless oil (82.1 mg, 50%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.49 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.36 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.30 (s, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 6 H), 1.78 (dq, J = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 1.38 (dd, J = 4.0, 2.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 4 H), 0.96 – 0.82 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.2, 161.0, 137.9, 107.1, 99.7, 74.5, 55.4, 40.7, 31.5, 28.3, 25.7, 22.6, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₄O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 351.1059, found 351.1056.





Colorless oil (86.4 mg, 53%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.36 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.57 (tt, J = 8.9, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.29 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 6 H), 2.03 – 1.91 (m, 2 H), 1.74 (td, J = 8.3, 3.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.48 – 1.38 (m, 2 H), 1.40 – 1.18 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.1, 161.0, 138.0, 107.1, 99.7, 82.8, 55.4, 40.5, 31.0, 25.4, 23.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₂₂O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 349.0903, found 349.0902. *Tert*-butyl 4-(((((3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)thio)carbonothioyl)oxy)methyl)piperidine-
1-carboxylate 5ae



Colorless oil (145.6 mg, 66%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.1$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.48 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.35 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.29 (s, 2 H), 4.21 – 4.00 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 7 H), 2.70 (s, 2 H), 2.07 – 1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H), 1.26 – 1.18 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.2, 161.0, 154.9, 137.7, 107.1, 99.7, 79.6, 77.8, 55.4, 40.8, 35.5, 28.7, 28.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₁H₃₁NO₅S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 464.1536, found 464.1527.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-(pent-4-en-1-yl) carbonodithioate 5af



Colorless oil (71.8 mg, 46%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.37 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.89 – 5.73 (m, 1 H), 5.12 – 4.95 (m, 2 H), 4.61 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 6 H), 2.17 (qd, J = 7.3, 6.3, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.2, 161.0, 137.9, 137.2, 115.7, 107.1, 99.7, 73.6, 55.4, 40.8, 30.1, 27.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₅H₂₀O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 335.0746, found 335.0749.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-phenethyl carbonodithioate 5ag



Colorless oil (83.5 mg, 48%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 3 H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.27 (s, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 6 H),

3.10 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.9, 161.0, 137.7, 137.2, 129.1, 128.7, 126.9, 107.1, 99.8, 74.1, 55.5, 40.7, 34.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₈H₂₀O₃S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 371.0746 found 371.0741.

S-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl) O-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl) carbonodithioate 5ah



Colorless oil (102.7 mg, 58%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.4$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1 H), 7.00 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.39 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.30 (s, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 6 H), 3.15 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.0, 161.0, 137.7, 137.4, 128.4, 126.0, 122.1, 107.2, 99.8, 73.6, 55.5, 40.8, 29.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₆H₁₈O₃S₃ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 377.0310, found 377.0305.

3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl diethylcarbamodithioate 5ai



Colorless oil (143.6 mg, 96%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:5, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.54 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.35 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (s, 2 H), 4.05 – 4.00 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 6 H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.26 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 160.9, 138.3, 107.4, 99.7, 55.4, 49.6, 46.8, 42.5, 12.6, 11.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₄H₂₁NO₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 322.0906, found 322.0898.

3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl ethyl carbonotrithioate 5aj





NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.49 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.37 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 6 H), 3.38 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.6, 161.0, 137.3, 107.3, 99.9, 55.5, 41.6, 31.4, 13.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₆O₂S₃ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 311.0205, found 311.0201.

O-Ethyl S-(4-methoxyphenethyl) carbonodithioate 8aa



Colorless oil (70.5 mg, 55%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.5$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.65 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.36 – 3.27 (m, 2 H), 2.97 – 2.87 (m, 2 H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 158.4, 132.0, 129.7, 114.1, 70.0, 55.4, 37.5, 34.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₂H₁₆O₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 279.0484, found 279.0480.

O-Ethyl S-(1-phenylethyl) carbonodithioate 8ab



Colorless oil (52.0 mg, 46%). Eluent: petroleum ether ($R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1 H), 4.88 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 141.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.6, 69.8, 49.3, 21.8, 13.8 ppm. Spectra were consistent with literature data.^[16]

O-Ethyl S-(1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl) carbonodithioate 8ac



Yellow oil (81.1 mg, 67%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.3$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 1 H), 4.84 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.38

(t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.8, 155.0, 133.9, 128.9, 115.5, 69.8, 48.8, 21.8, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₁H₁₄O₂S₂ [M+Na]+ calcd 265.0327, found 265.0319.

IV. Synthetic applications

Large-scale reactions



3,5-Dimethoxybenzyl alcohol (**1am**, 1.68 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *N*-ethylxanthyl phthalimide **2d** (4.0 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh₃ (3.15 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were placed into an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar. Then Freshly distilled THF (50 mL) was added to the Schlenk tube under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by flask column chromatography to obtain alkyl xanthate product **4am** (2.23 g, 82%).

Late-stage dehydroxyxanthylation of bioactive molecules or druglike scaffolds (S)-O-Ethyl S-(2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propyl) carbonodithioate 10aa



Colorless oil (91.2 mg, 57%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.7$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2 H), 4.64 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.38 (dd, J = 13.3, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (m 1 H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 157.6, 140.1, 133.7, 129.3, 129.1, 127.2, 126.1, 125.3, 119.0, 105.7, 70.1, 55.4, 44.0, 38.9, 21.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₁₇H₂₀O₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 343.0797, found 343.0800.

3-((Ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)propyl 2-(3-benzoylphenyl)propanoate 10ab



Colorless oil (122.8 mg, 59%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 – 7.74 (m, 3 H), 7.67 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1 H), 7.55 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 3 H), 4.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.16 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 – 3.04 (m, 2 H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 2 H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 196.6, 174.1, 140.9, 138.0, 137.6, 132.7, 131.6, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 70.2, 63.5, 45.5, 32.3, 27.8, 18.5, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₂H₂₄O₄S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 439.1008, found 439.0999.

3-((Ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)propyl (*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*L*-phenylalaninate 10ac



Colorless oil (136.7 mg, 64%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1 H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2 H), 5.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.05 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.99 (td, J = 7.1, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.02 (s, 1 H), 1.94 (qd, J = 8.8, 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 13 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 172.0, 155.2, 136.1, 129.4, 128.7, 127.2, 80.1, 70.2, 63.8, 54.7, 38.6, 32.2, 28.4, 27.7, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₀H₂₉NO₅S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 450.1379, found 450.1361.

5-((Ethoxycarbonothioyl)thio)pentyl 2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate 10ad



Yellow oil (227.1 mg, 83%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1, $R_f = 0.2$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (s, 2 H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.73 – 1.56 (m, 5 H), 1.49 – 1.34 (m, 5 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 171.0, 168.4, 156.1, 139.4, 136.0, 134.0, 131.3, 130.9, 130.7, 129.2, 115.1, 112.7, 111.7, 101.4, 70.0, 64.9, 55.8, 35.7, 30.5, 28.2, 28.1, 25.3, 13.9, 13.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₇H₃₀ClNO₅S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 570.1146, found 570.1131.

O-Ethyl S-((9Z,12Z)-octadeca-9,12-dien-1-yl) carbonodithioate 10ae



Yellow oil (181.4 mg, 98%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:10, $R_f = 0.8$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.45 – 5.26 (m, 4 H), 4.64 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.18 – 3.05 (m, 2 H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.05 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 4 H), 1.74 – 1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.42 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.37 – 1.23 (m, 16 H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.3, 130.3, 130.2, 128.1, 128.0, 69.8, 36.0, 31.6, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 28.5, 27.3, 25.7, 22.7, 14.2, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₁H₃₈OS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 393.2256, found 393.2260.

S-(10-(4,5-Dimethoxy-2-methyl-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)decyl) *O*-ethyl carbonodithioate 10af



Yellow oil (126.1 mg, 57%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2, $R_f = 0.6$). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 6 H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.31 (s, 3 H), 1.02 – 0.92 (m, 2 H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.7, 184.1, 183.6, 143.7, 142.5, 138.1, 69.2, 60.6, 35.3, 29.2, 28.8, 28.7, 28.5, 28.3, 28.1, 27.8, 25.8, 13.2, 11.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C₂₂H₃₄O₅S₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd 465.1740, found 465.1732.

V. Investigation of the reaction process



An oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar, was charged with **1as** (68.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-ethylxanthyl phthalimide (**2d**, 200.3 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh₃ (157.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and THF (3.0 mL) in argon

atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After simple filtration and removal of solvent, the crude products were subjected to ¹H NMR spectroscopy or GC analysis. The results show that the reaction has different proportions for the products of **4as**, **1as**, PPh₃ and Ph₃P(O) at different time periods.

Time (min)	Yield of 1as	Yield of 4as	Yield of PPh ₃	Yield of Ph ₃ P(O)
3	35 %	61 %	25 %	27 %
4	32 %	70 %	20 %	29 %
5	20 %	77 %	18 %	35 %
8	18 %	80 %	16 %	35 %
10	15 %	82 %	13 %	37 %

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VII. ¹H, ¹⁹F, ¹³C NMR spectra of corresponding compunds















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