Photo-Induced FeCl₃-catalysed direct desulfurizative chlorination of thio-containing aromatics at room temperature

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1. General Information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 600 MHz or 400 MHz spectrometers. The chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm) for CDCl₃. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; q, quartet. The coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at 151 MHz or 100 MHz spectrometers and referenced to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.0 ppm in CDCl₃). CDCl₃ was used as the NMR solvent. Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010SE was used to monitor the reaction process. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was obtained on a Q-TOF micro spectroMeter. IR was measured with NicoletTM iS50 FTIR Spectrometer. The reaction was performed in a Quartz sealed tube. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation below 40 °C in vacuum with carefully control of the vacuum.

All the reagents (including the thiophenol compound) and solvents were purchased as reagent grade and were used without further purification.

2. Light source test report

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Figure S1. LED Spectral Test Report

3. Experimental Section

3.1 Control Experiment to Explore the Mechanism.



Scheme S1. Control experiments to explore the possible mechanism. Conditions: The reaction was performed with standard condition open to air unless otherwise noted. Substrate **1** (0.1 mmol), FeCl₃ (cat. 10 mol%, 0.01 mmol), MgCl₂ (0.2 mmol), 4A MS (20 mg) in MeCN (1 mL, 0.1 M) under 395-400 nm light irradiation. a) TEMPO (46.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added; b) BHT (66.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added; c) Cyclohexane (32.3 μ L, 0.3 mmol) was added. The product **1b** was detected by GC-MS; d) The reaction was performed in the dark, at room temperature or heated at 90 °C for overnight.



Figure S2. GC-MS trace of reaction in Scheme S1-d.

GC-MS method:											
entry	Rate (°C/min)	Final Temperature (°C)	Keep time (min)								
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1	25.0	280	3.8								
Total ti	Total time 15										

The column: Rtx-5MS, film thickness: 0.25 $\mu m,$ length: 30 m, inside diameter: 0.25 mm

3.2 Light on/off experiment



Figure S3. Light On-Off Experiments. The reaction was performed with **1** as substrate in MeCN for light on/off per 6 h. The reaction process was monitored by GC-MS.

3.3 Detailed optimization of the reaction conditions

Table S1	optimization	of conditions	[a]
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CI	conditions	CI
1		1a

Entry	Iron cat. (10 mol%)	Solvent	Cl source	Light source	Yields ^[b]
1	Fe(OTf) ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	30%
2	Fe(OTf) ₂	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	trace
3	Fe(acac) ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	trace
4	Fe ₃ O ₄	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	trace
5	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	70%
6	FeCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	60%
7	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	50%
8	FeCl ₃	acetone	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
9	FeCl ₃	DMF	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	trace
10	FeCl ₃	DCM	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
11	FeCl ₃	DCE	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
12	FeCl ₃	DMSO	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
13	FeCl ₃	DMA	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
14	FeCl ₃	HFIP	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
15	FeCl ₃	THF	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
16	FeCl ₃	t-BuCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
17	FeCl ₃	MeNO ₂	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	40%
18	FeCl ₃	MeCN	$ZnCl_2$	395-400 nm	ND
19	FeCl ₃	MeCN	TBACl	395-400 nm	ND
20	FeCl ₃	MeCN	NCS	395-400 nm	30%
21	FeCl ₃	MeCN	C_2Cl_6	395-400 nm	30%
22 ^[c]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	DCE	395-400 nm	trace
23 ^[c]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	DCM	395-400 nm	30%
24 ^[c]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	CHCl ₃	395-400 nm	30%
25	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	390-395 nm	54%
26	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	365 nm	40%
27	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	385 nm	45%
28	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	400-410 nm	63%
29	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	5 W blue LED	ND
30	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	5 W yellow LED	ND
31	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	5 W white LED	ND

	CI	SH	onditions	L Cl	
Entry	Iron cat. (10 mol%)	Solvent	Cl source	Light source	Yields ^[b]
32	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	5 W green LED	ND
33	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	5 W red LED	ND
34	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	Sun light	trace
35 ^[d]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	68%
36 ^[e]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	trace
37 ^[f]	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	45%
38	/	MeCN	MgCl ₂	395-400 nm	ND
39	FeCl ₃	MeCN	/	395-400 nm	10%
40	FeCl ₃	MeCN	MgCl ₂	/	ND

^[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.10 mmol) and TM cat. (10 mol%) in solvent (1 mL, 0.1 M) under the irradiation of indicated light. ^[b] Yields refer to the isolated products. ^[c] 0.1 mL chloro solvent DCE, DCM or CHCl₃ was used. ^[d] The concentration of reaction was 0.5 M, 0.20 mL of MeCN was used as the solvent. ^[e] The reaction is performed under argon atmosphere. ^[f] Reaction without 4 Å molecular sieve.

CI	CI
1	1a

Table S2 the control experiments of active oxygen species inhibitors^[a]

	1	1a	
Entry	Additives	Functions	Yields ^[b]
1	_	_	70%
2	NaN ₃	¹ O ₂ Inhibitor	trace
3	9,10-dimethylanthracebe	¹ O ₂ Inhibitor	trace
4	t-BuOH	OH [•] Inhibitor	60%
5	BQ	O_2^- Inhibitor	trace
6	Luminol	O_2^- Inhibitor	trace

^[a] Unless otherwise noted, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.10 mmol) and TM cat. (10 mol%) in solvent (1 mL, 0.1 M) under the irradiation of indicated light. ^[b] Yields refer to the isolated products. Only trace amounts of product **1a** were detected in GC-MS with the addition of the additives NaN₃ and 9,10-dimethylanthracebe, which inhibit the singlet oxygen ${}^{1}O_{2}$; The addition

of the additives BQ and Luminol, which inhibit O_2^{-} radicals, only traces of product 1a were detected in GC-MS; The addition of the additive *t*-BuOH, which inhibits OH radicals, the reaction could be carried out normally and there was a 60% yield. This indicates that singlet oxygen ${}^{1}O_2$

and O_2^{-} radicals may generated in the reaction.

3.4 Additional control experiments to explore the possible intermediates





Scheme S2. Additional control experiments to explore the possible mechanism.

Crude GC-MS trace of Scheme S2-a

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Crude GC-MS trace of Scheme S2-b

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Crude GC-MS trace of Scheme S2-e

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Crude GC-MS trace of Scheme S2-f

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3.4 General procedure for the photo-induced FeCl₃-catalysed chlorination

The substrate thio-containing aromatic (0.10 mmol), MgCl₂ (19 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv.), 4A MS (20 mg) was dissolved in MeCN (0.9 mL) in a quartz tube, 100 μ L of FeCl₃/MeCN (1.63 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) was added to the reaction mixture, which was then stirred at room temperature with the irradiation under 395-400 nm light (5 W, 2 cm distance from the light). The process of the reaction was monitored by GC-MS (about 36 h-48 h). Upon completion, the solution was transferred to a random flask and was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with n-pentane or pentane/Et₂O as mobile phase to afford the desired chloroarenes.

3.5 Data and references

1,4-Dichlorobenzene (1a)^[1]



Compound 1a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **1a** was obtained (10.2 mg, 70% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.26 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl3**) δ 132.5,

1,3-Dichlorobenzene (2a)^[2]

129.8.



Compound 2a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **2a** was obtained (10.1 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.0, 130.5, 128.7, 126.9.

1,2-Dichlorobenzene (3a)^[3]



Compound 3a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **3a** was obtained (10.7 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 132.5, 130.5, 127.7.

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (4a)^[4]



Compound 4a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **4a** was obtained (13.5 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta \delta 7.87 - 7.71$ (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.41 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) $\delta 133.4$, 133.0, 131.1, 130.3, 128.7, 128.0.

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (5a)^[4]



Compound 5a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **5a** was obtained (13.1 mg, 73% yield).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 133.4, 133.0, 131.1, 130.3, 128.7, 128.0.

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (6a)^[4]



Compound 6a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **6a** was obtained (12.4 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.4, 133.0, 131.1, 130.3, 128.7, 128.0.

1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (7a)^[4]



Compound 7a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **7a** was obtained (13.5 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 134.3, 131.5, 128.7, 127.5.

1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene (8a)^[4]



Compound 8a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **8a** was obtained (10.8 mg, 60% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.3, 131.5, 128.7, 127.5.

1,2-Dichloro-4-fluorobenzene (9a)^[5]



Compound 9a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **9a** was obtained (10.0 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9 (d, J = 249.2 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 117.9 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 22.7 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.25.

1-Chloro-4-fluorobenzene (10a)^[6]



Compound 10a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **10a** was obtained (7.8 mg, 60% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, J = 22.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.93 (m, 1F).

1-Chloro-3-fluorobenzene (11a)^[6]



Compound 11a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **11a** was obtained (9.2 mg, 71% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (td, J = 8.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dt, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, J = 251.0 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 124.5

(d, J = 3.0 Hz), 116.4 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 113.8 (d, J = 21.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.92.

1-Chloro-2-fluorobenzene (12a)^[7]



Compound 12a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **12a** was obtained (8.2 mg, 63% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 2H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2 (d, *J* = 249.5 Hz), 130.7, 128.1 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 121.0 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz). ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.45.

1-Chloro-3,5-difluorobenzene (13a)^[8]



Compound 13a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **13a** was obtained (8.6 mg, 58% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (tt, J = 6.6, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (tt, J = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (dd, J = 252.2, 13.6 Hz), 135.8 (t, J = 12.1 Hz), 112.5 (dd, J = 22.7, 6.0 Hz), 102.8 (t, J = 24.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -108.24.

1,2,4-Trifluorobenzene (14a)



Compound 14a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After

standard work-up and purification, **14a** was obtained (10.2 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (ddd, J = 9.5, 6.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3 (dd, J = 252.2, 13.6 Hz), 149.4 (dd, J =249.2, 12.1 Hz), 129.2 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.5 Hz), 124.7 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 118.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 118.0. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -134.60 (m, 1F), -139.75 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₆H₃ClF₂Na [M + Na⁺] 170.9784, found 170.9779.

1-Chloro-2,4-difluorobenzene (15a)



Compound 15a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **15a** was obtained (9.5 mg, 64% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (td, J = 8.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (dd, J = 249.7, 10.1 Hz), 158.1 (dd, J = 252.5, 12.1 Hz), 131.0 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 116.5 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz), 112.1 (dd, J = 23.2, 4.0 Hz), 105.2 (dd, J = 26.3, 24.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.5 (m, 1F), -111.2 (m, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_6H_3ClF_2Na [M + Na^+]$ 170.9784, found 170.9788.

3-Chloro-1,2,4,5-tetrafluorobenzene (16a)



Compound 16a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **16a** was obtained (11.6 mg, 63% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (tt, J = 9.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4 (m), 145.3 (m), 144.9 (m), 142.8 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 104.6 (td, J = 44.4, 2.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -137.7 (m, 2F), -140.7 (m, 2F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₆HClF₄Na [M + Na⁺] 206.9595, found 206.9586.

Chloropentafluorobenzene (17a)



Compound 17a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **17a** was obtained (11.1 mg, 55% yield). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8 (m), 143.2 (m), 141.6 (m), 139.3 (m), 136.9 (m), 108.0 (m). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -140.3 (m, 1F), -155.6 (t, 1F), -160.9 (m, 3F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₆HClF₄Na $[M + Na^+]$ 224.9501, found 224.9510.

1-Chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (18a)^[9]



Compound 18a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h, during which 20 mol% of FeCl₃ was used. After standard work-up and purification, **18a** was obtained (10.6 mg, 59% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 160.5, 129.9 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 116.7 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.93.

1-Chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (19a)^[10]



Compound 19a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **19a** was obtained (9.7 mg, 54% yield). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 8.1 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 134.92, 132.3 (d, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 132.01, 130.17, 126.7 (q, J = 4.5 Hz), 125.7 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.5 Hz), 123.4 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.5 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.95.

1-Chloro-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (20a)^[9]



Compound 20a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 84 h, during which 20 mol% of FeCl₃ was used. After standard work-up and purification, **20a** was obtained (12.6 mg, 51% yield).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 18.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.1, 133.3 (q, J = 34.7 Hz), 129.1 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 125.3, 123.5, 121.7, 120.7 (m), 119.9. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.31.

1-Chloro-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (21a)^[11]



Compound 21a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **21a** was obtained (13.3 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.5, 129.9, 122.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 258.6 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.20.

p-Chloroacetophenone (22a)^[1]



Compound 22a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After

standard work-up and purification, **22a** was obtained (11.2 mg, 73% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 196.6, 139.3, 135.2, 129.5, 128.7, 26.3.

p-Chloroacetophenone (23a)^[1]



Compound 23a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **23a** was obtained (8.9 mg, 58% yield). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 196.6, 139.3, 135.2, 129.5, 128.7, 26.3.

Methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (24a)^[12]



Compound 24a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **24a** was obtained (10.7 mg, 60% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 139.3, 130.9, 128.6, 128.5, 52.2.

4-Chlorobenzonitrile (25a)^[12]



Compound 25a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **25a** was obtained (9.6 mg, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 133.3, 129.7, 117.9, 110.7.

1,4-Dichlorobenzene (26a)^[1]



Compound 26a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h, during which 0.3 mmol of MgCl₂ was used. After standard work-up and purification, **1** was obtained (8.8 mg, 60% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.5, 129.8.

Chlorobenzene (27a)^[3]



Compound 27a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **27a** was obtained (8.1 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.2, 129.7, 128.6, 126.4.

1,4-Dichlorobenzene (28a)^[1]



Compound 28a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **28a** was obtained (10.7 mg, 73% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.26 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.5,

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.5, 129.8.

Chlorobenzene (29a)^[3]



Compound 29a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **29a** was obtained (7.7 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.2, 129.7, 128.6, 126.4.

1-Chloro-4-fluorobenzene (30a)^[6]



Compound 30a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **30a** was obtained (8.1 mg, 62% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, J = 22.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.93 (m, 1F).

Chlorobenzene (31a)^[3]



Compound 31a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **31a** was obtained (7.7 mg, 69% yield). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR**

(**151 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 134.2, 129.7, 128.6, 126.4.

4-Chlorotoluene (32a)^[13]



Compound 32a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **32a** was obtained (7.7 mg, 61% yield). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 136.2, 131.1, 130.3, 128.3, 128.3, 20.8.

1,2,4-Trifluorobenzene (33a)



Compound 33a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **33a** was obtained (8.6 mg, 69% yield).

¹**H NMR** (**600 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 7.19 (ddd, J = 9.5, 6.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (**151 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 150.6 (dd, J = 145.0, 13.6 Hz), 149.4 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 148.5 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 129.2 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.5 Hz), 124.7 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.0 Hz), 118.1 (dd, J = 21.1, 3.0 Hz). ¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ -134.60 (m, 1F), -139.75 (m, 1F).

Chlorobenzene (34a)^[3]



Compound 34a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **34a** was obtained (8.2 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.2, 129.7, 128.6, 126.4.

1-Chloro-4-fluorobenzene (35a)^[6]



Compound 35a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **35a** was obtained (7.8 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.93 (m, 1F).

Chlorobenzene (36a)^[3]



Compound 36a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **36a** was obtained (8.2 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.2, 129.7, 128.6, 126.4.

1,4-Dichlorobenzene (37a)^[1]



Compound 37a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **37a** was obtained (9.8 mg, 67% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.5, 129.8.

1,2-Dichlorobenzene (38a)^[3]



Compound 38a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **38a** was obtained (10.7 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 132.5, 130.5, 127.7.

1-Chloro-4-fluorobenzene (39a)^[6]



Compound 39a was prepared according to the general procedure in about 48 h. After standard work-up and purification, **39a** was obtained (8.3 mg, 64% yield). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (**151 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 161.3 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz). ¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -115.93 (m, 1F).

3.6 Gram-scale reaction



The substrate 4-chlorothiophenol (1.44 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (100 mL, 0.10 M) in a flask, FeCl₃ (163 mg, 1 mmol), MgCl₂ (1.90 g, 20 mmol) and 4A MS (500 mg) was added also to the flask. The reaction mixture was then stirred with air atmosphere at room temperature with the irradiation of two lamps (20 W, 2 cm distance from the light, 395-400 nm) at room temperature. The process of the reaction was monitored by TLC and GC-MS (about 24-36 h). Upon completion, the solution was filtered and the filtrate transferred to a random flask. Then the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether (PE)/diethyl ether (Et₂O) as mobile phase to afford the corresponding product 1a (0.95 g, 65% yield).

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5. NMR Spectra of the Products



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