## Supporting information

## Solid-Phase Synthesis of Aryl Squaramides Using Liebeskind-Srogl Cross-Coupling

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of 3-(tert-butoxy)-4-methoxycyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione



3,4-dimethoxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (2 g, 14.1 mmol) was placed in annealed Schlenk flasks and dissolved in THF dry (50 mL) under argon at 0 °C. Then, *t*BuOK (1.57 g, 14.1 mmol) was added portion wisely. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C and another 2 h at rt. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by LC using DCM/MeOH 9:0.15 as mobile phase. The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 1.5g (56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  4.38 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  189.63, 188.64, 185.80, 184.79, 87.54, 60.94, 28.71. HRMS: m/z: calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 185.0808 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 185.0812.

## Scheme S2. Synthesis of 3-ethoxy-4-mercaptocyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione



3,4-diethoxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (340 mg, 2 mmol) was placed in annealed Schlenk flasks and dissolved in EtOH dry (5 mL) under argon atmosphere. Then NaSH ' xH<sub>2</sub>O was added portion wisely. The mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. Solids from the reaction mixture were filtered and the filtrate was precipitated by the addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). Formed precipitation was filtered and washed by Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). The product was obtained as yellow solid. Yield: 302.4mg (96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  4.73 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  207.30, 203.92, 197.30, 192.29, 66.88, 15.97. HRMS: m/z: calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>-</sup>: 156.9953 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>; found: 156.9954.



Fig S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 3-(tert-butoxy)-4-methoxycyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione

Fig S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 3-(tert-butoxy)-4-methoxycyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione





Fig S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 3-ethoxy-4-mercaptocyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione





Fig S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 3-(benzylamino)-4-(p-tolyl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione 6a



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