

Supporting Information for

**One-Pot Synthesis of Amine-Substituted Aryl Sulfides and Benzo[*b*]thiophene
Derivatives**

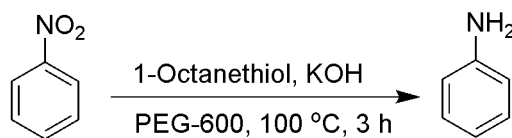
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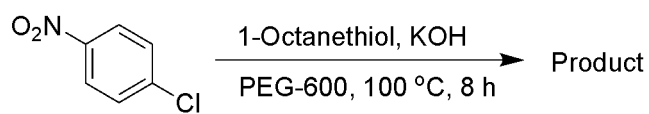
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Table S1. The C-S Cross-Coupling of 1-Chloro-4-Nitrobenzene with Different Concentrations of 1-Octanethiol



entry	1-chloro-4-nitrobenzene	1-Octanethiol	KOH	product	yield ^a
1	0.5 mmol	0.75 mmol	3.0 equiv		98
2	0.5 mmol	0.75 mmol	---		7
3	0.5 mmol	---	3.0 equiv		80
4	0.5 mmol	0.4 mmol	3.0 equiv		80
5	0.5 mmol	0.5 mmol	3.0 equiv		90
6	0.5 mmol	0.6 mmol	3.0 equiv		92

^a GC yield.

Table S2. Reduction of Nitrobenzene with 1-Octanethiol

entry	1-Octanethiol	KOH	yield ^a
1	1.5 equiv	3.0 equiv	71
2	1.5 equiv	---	< 2
3	0.5 equiv	3.0 equiv	36
4	0.25 equiv	3.0 equiv	19
5	0.025 equiv	3.0 equiv	13
6	---	3.0 equiv	12

^a GC yield.

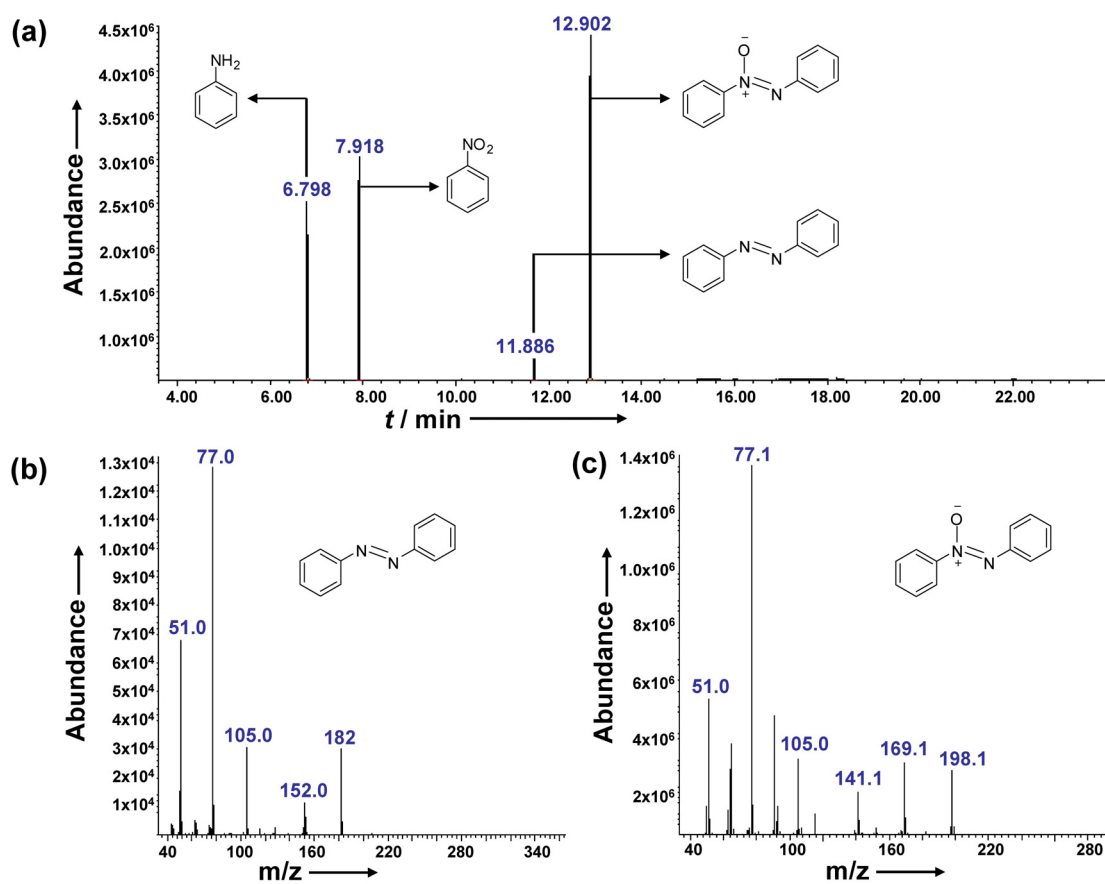


Figure S1. a) GC Analysis of Nitrobenzene Reduction with 1-Octanethiol in the presence of KOH and PEG-600. b) and c) Corresponding mass spectra of the peaks shown in GC spectrum at 11.88 and 12.90 minute, confirming the formation of azobenzene and azoxybenzene, respectively.

Recycling Experiments of the PEG-600 for C-S Cross-Coupling

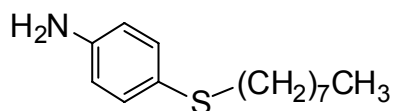
To a glass vial (20 mL) charged with PEG-600 (3 mL) was added 1-chloro-4-nitrobenzene (0.5 mmol), 1-octanethiol (0.75 mmol), and KOH (3 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h, at which time the product was extracted with diethyl ether (3×10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with water, dried over NaSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford the coupling product of 4-(octylthio)benzenamine. The separated mixture of KOH and PEG-600 was first treated *in vacuo* to remove unextracted diethyl ether and subsequently reused for recycling experiments with the same stoichiometric amounts of substrates and base.

runs	1	2	3
GC yield (%)	98	92	82

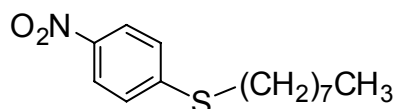
General Methods. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out without taking precautions to exclude air and moisture. All solvents were used as received. All the chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used as received unless stated otherwise. Reactions were conducted in 20 mL of glass vials equipped with conventional screw caps. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (230-400 mesh). The yields of the coupling products listed in Tables 2 and 3 refer to isolated yields (average of two runs).

Physical Measurements. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 and 125 MHz FT-NMR spectrometers and referenced to solvent peaks. The coupling reaction of 1-chloro-4-nitrobenzene with 1-octanethiol shown in Table 1 was determined by using Hewlett- Packard Series 6890 GC (Santa Clara, CA, USA) coupled to a Hewlett Packard 5973 MS detector. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using a Finnigan MAT95XL-T mass spectrometer.

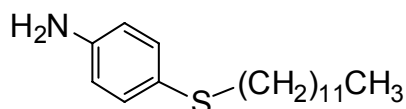
A General procedure for the one-pot C-S cross-coupling reaction. To a glass vial charged with PEG-600 (3 mL) was added nitroaryl halide (0.5 mmol), thiol (0.75 mmol), and KOH (84 mg, 3 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C and monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction (approx. 2 h), the mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into water (10 mL), and extracted several times with ethyl acetate (15×3 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the aryl sulfide product.



4-(octylthio)benzenamine (3a). Obtained as a yellow oil in 92% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26-7.22(td, 2 H), 6.62-6.60 (d, 2 H), 3.58 (br s, 2 H), 2.78-2.75(t, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (quint, 2 H), 1.40-1.37(m, 2H), 1.26(m, 8H), 0.90-0.87(t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 133.5, 123.7, 115.5, 36.3, 31.7, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 28.6, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; HR EIMS 237.1557 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NS}$: 237.1551).

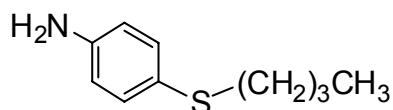


1-Nitro-4-(octylthio)benzene (3a').¹ Obtained as a yellow oil in 89% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13-8.10(d, 2 H), 7.33-7.30 (d, 2 H), 3.05-3.00 (t, 2 H), 1.78-1.68 (quint, 2 H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 8H), 0.91-0.87 (t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.2, 144.7, 125.8, 123.8, 31.8, 31.7, 29.1, 29.0, 28.8, 28.4, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; HR EIMS 267.1296 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{NS}$: 267.1293).

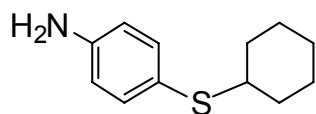


4-(dodecylthio)benzenamine (3b). Obtained as a yellow solid in 95% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24-7.22 (td, 2 H), 6.63-6.61 (d, 2 H), 3.64 (br s, 2 H), 2.77-2.74 (t, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (quint, 2 H), 1.38-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.25 (m, 16H), 0.90-0.87 (t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 133.7, 124.0, 115.6, 36.4, 31.9,

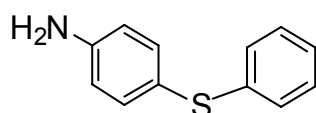
29.7, 29.65, 29.61, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.7, 22.7, 14.1 ppm; HR EIMS 293.2176 m/z (calcd. for $C_{18}H_{31}NS$: 293.2177).



4-(butylthio)benzenamine (3c).² Obtained as a yellow oil in 96% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.24-7.22 (td, 2 H), 6.63-6.61 (td, 2 H), 3.50 (br s, 2 H), 2.78-2.75 (t, 2H), 1.56-1.52 (quint, 2 H), 1.43-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.90-0.88 (t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 145.6, 133.6, 123.9, 115.5, 36.0, 31.5, 21.8, 13.6 ppm; HR EIMS 181.0930 m/z (calcd. for $C_{10}H_{15}NS$: 181.0925).

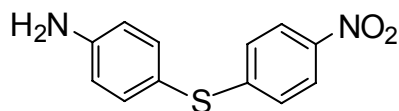


4-(cyclohexylthio)benzenamine (3d). Obtained as a yellow oil in 83% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.29-7.27 (d, 2 H), 6.64-6.62 (d, 2 H), 3.76 (br s, 2 H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.93 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.20 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 146.3, 136.1, 121.9, 115.3, 48.1, 33.4, 26.2, 25.8 ppm; HR EIMS 207.1092 m/z (calcd. for $C_{12}H_{17}NS$: 207.1082).

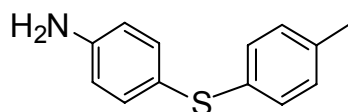


4-(phenylthio)benzenamine (3e).³ Obtained as a light-yellow solid in 90% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.33-7.29 (td, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (t, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.69-6.67 (td, 2H), 3.80 (br s, 2 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.09, 139.7,

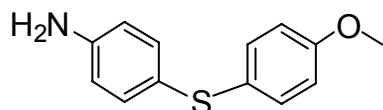
136.1, 128.8, 127.3, 125.2, 120.5, 115.8 ppm; HR EIMS 201.0613 m/z (calcd. for $C_{12}H_{11}NS$: 201.0612).



4-[(4-nitrophenyl)thio]benzenamine (3f). Obtained as yellow solid in 50% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.04-8.02(td, 2H), 7.35-7.32(td, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (td, 2 H), 6.75-6.73 (td, 2 H), 3.96 (s, 2 H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.0, 148.4, 144.8, 137.2, 125.3, 123.9, 116.5, 116.1 ppm; HR EIMS 246.0470 m/z (calcd. for $C_{12}H_{10}NO_2S$: 246.0463).

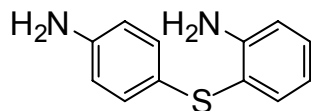


4-[(4-methylphenyl)thio]benzenamine (3g). Obtained as a yellow solid in 87% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30-7.28 (td, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (d, 2H), 7.07-7.04 (d, 2H), 6.67-6.64 (td, 2H), 3.77(br s, 2 H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 146.7, 135.6, 135.5, 135.4, 129.7, 128.3, 121.7, 115.9, 21.0 ppm; HR EIMS 215.0777 m/z (calcd. for $C_{13}H_{13}NS$: 215.0769).



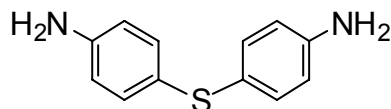
4-[(4-methoxyphenyl)thio]benzenamine (3h). Obtained as a yellow solid in 84% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.25-7.22(m, 4H), 6.83-6.81 (td, 2H), 6.63-6.61 (td, 2H), 3.77 (s, 5H, NH_2 and CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.4, 146.2,

133.8, 131.3, 128.7, 123.3, 115.7, 114.5, 55.2 ppm; HR EIMS 231.0719 m/z (calcd. for $C_{13}H_{13}ONS$: 231.0718).

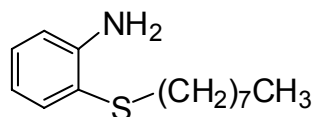


2-[(4-aminophenyl)thio]benzenamine (3i). Obtained as a yellow solid in 85% yield.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.37-7.35 (dd, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (dt, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (td, 2H), 6.72-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.57 (td, 2H), 3.76 (br s, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.6, 145.4, 135.5, 130.8, 129.9, 123.5, 118.7, 118.0, 116.0, 115.3 ppm; HR EIMS 216.0729 m/z (calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}N_2S$: 216.0721).



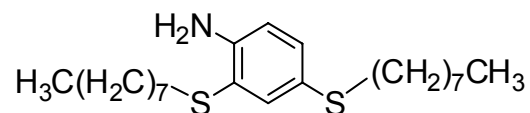
4, 4'-thiobisbenzenamine (3j). Obtained as a yellow solid in 87% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.26-7.15 (m, 4H), 6.61-6.57 (t, 4H), 3.78 (br s, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.1, 133.9, 125.7, 115.4 ppm; HR EIMS 216.0728 m/z (calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}N_2S$: 216.0721).



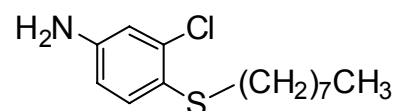
2-*n*-Octylsulfanylaniline (3k).⁴ Obtained as a yellow liquid in 82% yield. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.39-7.36 (d, 1H), 7.14-7.08 (t, 1H), 6.74-6.67 (m, 2H), 4.34 (br s, 2H), 2.76-2.72 (t, 2H), 1.62-1.52 (quint, 2H), 1.40-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.90-0.86 (t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.0, 135.5, 129.3, 118.4,

118.3, 114.7, 34.8, 31.7, 29.6, 29.1, 29.0, 28.6, 22.6, 14.0 ppm; HR EIMS: 237.1551

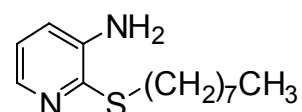
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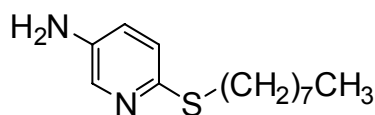
2,4-diocetylthio-benzenamine (3l). Obtained as a brown oil in 68% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45(s, 1 H), 7.18-7.16(d, 1 H), 6.65-6.64(d, 1H), 4.36(br s, 2 H), 2.77-2.72(m, 4H), 1.57-1.54 (quint, 4 H), 1.37(s, 4H), 1.29 (m, 16H), 0.89-0.86 (t, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.3, 139.3, 133.8, 123.6, 119.0, 115.2, 36.5, 34.9, 31.8, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 29.18, 29.16, 28.7, 22.7, 14.1 ppm; HR EIMS 381.2528 m/z (calcd. for $C_{22}H_{39}NS_2$: 381.2524).



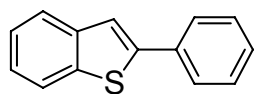
3-chloro-4-octylthio-benzenamine (3m). Obtained as a yellow oil in 80% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.25-7.23(d, 1 H), 6.75-6.74 (d, 1 H), 6.53-6.50 (dd, 1H), 3.77 (br s, 2 H), 2.81-2.78(t, 2H), 1.59-1.54 (quint, 2 H), 1.42-1.36 (quint, 2H), 1.25 (m, 8H), 0.89-0.86 (t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 146.7, 137.7, 134.7, 122.3, 116.1, 113.9, 34.9, 31.8, 29.1, 29.0, 28.7, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; HR EIMS: 271.1162 m/z (calcd. for $C_{14}H_{22}NCIS$: 271.1161).



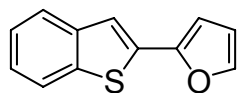
2-octylthio-3-pyridinamine (3n). Obtained as a brown oil in 75% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96-7.94(m, 1 H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (br s, 2 H), 3.23-3.19 (t, 2H), 1.72-1.66 (quint, 2 H), 1.46-1.40 (quint, 2H), 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.89-0.86(t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 140.6, 139.7, 120.4, 120.1, 31.8, 30.8, 29.7, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 22.7, 14.1 ppm; HR EIMS: 238.1512 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 238.1504).



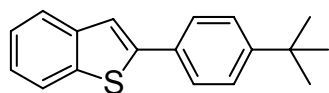
6-octylthio-3-pyridinamine (3o). Obtained as a brown oil in 61% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99(s, 1 H), 7.04-7.02 (d, 1H), 6.90-6.87(d, 1H), 3.94 (br s, 2 H), 3.08-3.04(t, 2H), 1.68-1.62 (quint, 2 H), 1.44-1.38(quint, 2H), 1.25(m, 8H), 0.89-0.86(t, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.3, 139.7, 137.1, 123.7, 123.3, 31.8, 31.7, 29.6, 29.2, 29.0, 28.9, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; HR EIMS: 238.1497 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 238.1504).



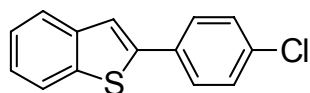
2-phenylbenzo[b]thiophene (3p).⁵ Obtained as a white solid in 81% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85-7.83 (d, 1H), 7.79-7.77 (d, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (td, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.42(t, 2H), 7.38-7.30(m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.3, 140.7, 139.5, 134.3, 129.0, 128.3, 126.5, 124.5, 124.3, 123.6, 122.3, 119.5; HR EIMS: 210.0499 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{S}$: 210.0503).



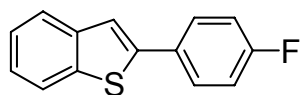
2-(2-furanyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene(3q). Obtained as a white solid in 86% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.79 (d, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (d, 1H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.29(m, 2H), 6.65-6.64 (d, 1H), 6.50-6.49 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.3, 142.5, 140.2, 138.9, 133.3, 124.6, 124.4, 123.6, 122.2, 118.6, 111.9, 107.0; HR EIMS: 200.0305 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{OS}$: 200.0296).



2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene (3r). Obtained as a white solid in 87% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83-7.81 (d, 1H), 7.77-7.75 (d, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (d, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.44(d, 2H), 7.35-7.30(m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.5, 144.3, 140.8, 139.4, 131.5, 126.2, 125.9, 124.4, 124.1, 123.4, 122.2, 118.9, 34.7, 31.3; HR EIMS: 266.1131 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{S}$: 266.1129).

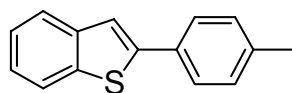


2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene(3s).⁵ Obtained as a white solid in 75% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84-7.82 (d, 1H), 7.78-7.76 (d, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (d, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.32(m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.8, 140.6, 139.5, 134.1, 132.8, 129.1, 127.6, 124.7, 124.6, 123.6, 122.3, 119.9; HR EIMS: 244.0122 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{ClS}$: 244.0113).



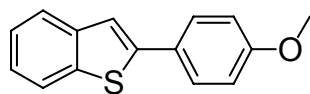
2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene (3t).⁵ Obtained as a white solid in 74% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.81 (d, 1H), 7.78-7.76 (d, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.31(m, 2H), 7.14-7.11(t, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 140.7, 139.4, 130.6, 128.1, 124.6, 124.4, 123.5, 122.2, 119.4, 116.0, 115.9; HR EIMS: 228.0410 *m/z* (calcd. for C₁₄H₉FS: 228.0409).

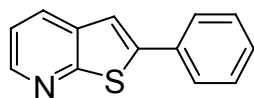


2-(4-methylphenyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene(3u).⁵ Obtained as a white solid in 85% yield.

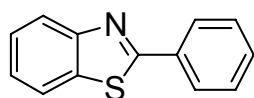
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.81 (d, 1H), 7.77-7.75 (d, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (d, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (d, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 140.8, 139.3, 138.3, 131.5, 129.6, 126.4, 124.4, 124.1, 123.4, 122.2, 118.8, 21.2; HR EIMS: 224.0655 *m/z* (calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂S: 224.0660).



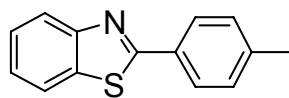
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzo[*b*]thiophene (3v).^{5, 6} Obtained as a white solid in 82% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.80 (d, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (d, 1H), 7.67-7.64 (td, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.32(t, 1H), 7.30-7.27(t, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (td, 2H); 3.86(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 144.2, 140.9, 139.2, 127.8, 127.1, 124.5, 124.0, 123.3, 122.2, 118.2, 114.4, 55.4; HR EIMS: 240.0610 *m/z* (calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂OS: 240.0609).



2-phenyl-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyridine (3w). Obtained as a white solid in 70% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53-8.51 (dd, 1H), 8.02-8.00 (dd, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (d, 2H), 7.46-7.43(m, 3H), 7.40-7.37(m, 1H), 7.30-7.27(m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 146.3, 144.6, 134.3, 133.9, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 126.6, 119.8, 116.7; HR EIMS: 211.0458 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NS}$: 211.0456).



2-Phenylbenzothiazole (3x). Obtained as a white solid in 46% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12-8.07 (3H, m, aromatic), 7.93-7.90 (1H, d, aromatic), 7.52-7.47 (4H, m, aromatic), 7.42-7.39 (1H, t, aromatic); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.1, 154.1, 135.1, 133.6, 131.0, 129.0, 127.6, 126.3, 125.2, 123.2, 121.6; HR EIMS: 211.0453 m/z (calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NS}$: 211.0456).



2-(4-Methylphenyl)benzothiazole (3y).⁷ Obtained as a white solid in 40% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08-8.06 (1H, d, aromatic), 8.00-7.98 (2H, d, aromatic), 7.89-7.87 (1H, d, aromatic), 7.50-7.47 (1H, t, aromatic), 7.39-7.35(1H, t, aromatic), 7.30-7.28(2H, d, aromatic), 2.42(3H, s, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3,

154.2, 141.4, 135.0, 131.0, 129.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.0, 123.1, 121.6, 21.5; HR EIMS: 225.0612 m/z (calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁NS: 225.0612).

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