Supporting Information

Metal-Free Visible Light-Promoted Synthesis of Isothiazoles: a Catalytic Approach for N–S Bond Formation from Iminyl Radicals under Batch and Flow Conditions

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1. General Information

Reaction temperatures are reported as the ones of the heat transfer medium surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated.

The following solvents DCM, MeCN, PhMe and THF were purified by passing through a Pure SolvTM column drying system from Innovative Technology, Inc. Additional anhydrous solvents (≤50 ppm water) were purchased from Acros Organics, Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa Aesar and stored over molecular sieves under a nitrogen atmosphere. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Acros Organics, Aldrich Chemical Co., Alfa Aesar, TCI Chemicals and Fluorochem, and used as received, unless otherwise stated.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F254 aluminum plates (Merck) and they were visualized by exposure to short wave ultraviolet light (254 nm, 366 nm) and/or by staining. For staining the TLC plates were dipped into a solution of KMnO₄ (1 g KMnO₄, 6 g K₂CO₃ and 0.1 g KOH in 100 mL H₂O) and developed with a heat gun if necessary. Flash chromatography was performed using Geduran® Silica Gel 60 (0.040 - 0.063 nm) or latrobeads 6RS - 8060 silica gel with appropriate mixtures of cyclohexane and ethyl acetate and compressed air.

NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker AV 300 or or 500 MHz spectrometer running at 300 or 500 MHz for ¹H, 75 or 126 MHz for ¹³C, 282 or 471 MHz for ¹⁹F in solvents as indicated. Chemical shifts (δ) for ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) using the residual solvent signals as references for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃: δ_H = 7.26 ppm, δ_C = 77.16 ppm, (CD₃)₂CO: δ_H = 2.05 ppm, δ_C = 29.84, 206.26 ppm, C₆D₆: δ_H = 7.16 ppm, δ_C = 134.19, 129.26, 128.25, 125.96 ppm, CD₂Cl₂: δ_H = 5.32 ppm, δ_C = 53.84 ppm).^[1] ¹⁹F-NMR spectra are not externally calibrated and chemical shifts is given relative to CCl₃F as received from the automatic data processing. ¹³C-NMR and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were acquired on a broadband decoupled mode. Chemical shifts are generally reported with two (¹H) or one (all other nuclei) digits after the decimal point. NMR-data are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [s = singlet, d = doublet,

t = triplet, q = quartet, p = quintuplet, hept = heptuplet, m = multiplet, br = broad], coupling constants (J, Hz) and integration). All spectra were processed using the MestReNova program.

High-Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6120 Quadrupole LC/MS coupled with an SFC Agilent Technologies 1260 Infinity Series instrument for the ESI-MS (Electrospray Ionization) or on an Agilent Technologies 5977B MSD coupled with an Agilent Technologies 7820A GC System for the EI-MS (Electron Ionization mass spectroscopy). MassWorks software version 4.0.0.0 (Cerno Bioscience) was used for the formula identification. MassWorks is an MS calibration software which calibrates isotope profiles to achieve high mass accuracy and enables elemental composition determination on conventional mass spectrometers of unit mass resolution allowing highly accurate comparisons between calibrated and theoretical spectra.^[2] Obtained data are expressed in mass/charge (m/z) units.

UV-Vis measurements were acquired on an Agilent 8453 UV-Vis Spectrophotometer controlled by UV-Visible ChemStation Software. Emission spectra were recorded on a JASCO Spectrofluorometer FP-8600 equipped with a TC-815 Peltier thermostated single cell holder (water-cooled) controlled by Spectra Manager Version 2.10.01. Time resolved emission spectra were carried out using an Edinburg Instruments FS5 Spectrofluorometer, and a 450 nm EPL laser.

Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) experiments were acquired on an IVIUM Technologies CompactStat controlled by lviumSoft version 2.124 offering a compliance voltage of up to \pm 100 V (available at the counter electrode), \pm 10 V scan range and \pm 1 A current range. HPLC grade acetone solvent was used for all measurements. Tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate was used as supporting electrolyte at 0.1 M concentration. All cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed using a conventional three-electrode system, containing a coiled Pt wire acting as counter electrode, an Ag/AgCl saturated solution as reference electrode and a glassy carbon working electrode (A = 0.071 cm²) at 20 mV/s scan rate. All the electrodes were

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purchased from Metrohm. Redox-active species were dissolved at 1.0 nM concentration and these solutions were throughout the measurements.

A custom-made temperature-controlled photoreactor setup was used for the photocatalytic reactions (Figure S1). The irradiation takes place at the desired wavelengths (365, 385, 420, 450 or 540 nm) using 380 mW single LEDs, located 1 cm beneath the base of the vial. Reaction temperature is kept at 20-25 °C using a recirculating chiller.



Figure S1. Experimental setup employed during photocatalytic reactions.

2. Synthesis and Characterization of Substrates

2.1. General Procedure and Characterization of Sulfides SI-1



General procedure A for the synthesis of sulfides SI-1:

Compounds **SI-1a-c** were prepared following a slightly modified procedure reported in the literature.^[3] 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (1 equiv) was added to a stirred solution of the corresponding sodium alkanethiolate (1.1. equiv) in THF (1.3M) and heated to 75 °C for 12 h. After this time, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water (3x) and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced

pressure. Then, the solid residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure products SI-1.

General procedure B for the synthesis of sulfides SI-1:

Compounds SI-1d-s were prepared following a slightly modified procedure reported in the literature.^[3] The corresponding thiol (1.05 equiv) was added dropwise over 0.25 h to a stirred suspension of NaH (1.2 equiv) in THF or DMF (2 mL/mmol of thiol) at 0 °C (icebath). Afterwards, a solution of the bromide/chloride/fluoride compound (1 equiv) in THF or DMF (0.5 mL/mmol) was added and the reaction was heated to 75 °C for 12 h. After this time, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water (3x) and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, the solid residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure products SI-1.

1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1a)



Following the general procedure A. the reaction of 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2.1 mmol, 0.28 mL) and sodium SMe methanethiolate (2.3 mmol, 160.1 mg) in THF (1.6 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1a (88%, 305.3 mg) as a pale orange solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz,

CDCI₃) δ 7.71 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[4]

1-(2-(isopropylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1b)

Following the general procedure A, the reaction of 0 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 0.27 mL) and sodium 2-propanethiolate (2.2 mmol, 215.9 mg) in THF (1.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1b (75%, 292.3 mg) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 7.7, 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (hept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75) **MHz, CDCI**₃) δ 200.5, 138.7, 137.8, 131.3, 129.6, 129.1, 124.7, 36.2, 29.3, 22.6.

1-(2-(tert-butylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1c)

Following the general procedure A, the reaction of 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 0.27 mL) and sodium 2-methyl-2-propanethiolate (2.2 mmol, 246.8 mg) in THF (1.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1c** (68%, 284.4 mg) as an yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, **CDCI**₃) 7.58 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[5]

1-(2-(benzylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1d)

О Following the general procedure Β. the reaction of 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 0.27 mL), NaH (60%, 2.4 SBn mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in THF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1d (71%, 342.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[6]

1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1e)

Following the general procedure Β. the reaction of 0 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 0.27 mL), NaH (60%, 2.4 SPh mmol, 96 mg) and thiophenol (2.1 mmol, 0.21 mL) in THF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1e (72%, 330.0 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 **MHz**, **CDCI**₃) δ 7.83 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[7]

1-(2-(benzylthio)-4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1f)

Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-one (2.8 mmol, 600.0 mg), NaH (60%, 3.4 mmol, 134.4 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (3.0 mmol, 0.35 mL) in THF (7.7 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1f** (64%, 463.7 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H),

7.35 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 164.8 (d, J = 255.0 Hz), 145.8 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 135.5, 133.6 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 113.0 (d = 25.1 Hz), 110.8 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 37.7, 28.1; ¹⁹F NMR (282) **MHz, CDCI₃)** δ -105.6.

1-(2-(benzylthio)-4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1g)

Following the general procedure Β, the reaction 0 of 1-(2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2.4 mmol, 408.1 mg), MeO SBn NaH (60%, 2.9 mmol, 115.2 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.5 mmol, 0.3 mL) in DMF (6.6 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1g (63%, 412.9 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H);¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 162.5, 144.8, 136.3, 133.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.3, 127.1, 111.3, 108.8, 55.5, 37.3, 27.7.

1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1h)



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Following the general procedure В. the reaction of 1-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 458.1 mg),

NaH (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in THF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1h (60%, 327.5 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 **MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 200.7, 157.6, 140.9, 136.9, 131.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 127.0, 117.0, 114.5, 55.3, 39.6, 29.4.

1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1i)

Following the general procedure Β, the reaction of 0 Br. 1-(2-fluoro-5-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 434.1 mg), NaH SBn (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in THF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1i (57%, 367.3 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz,

1H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 139.5, 137.1, 135.7, 134.6, 133.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.5, 127.4, 117.6, 37.8, 28.4.

1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1j)



i) 1) MeMgBr, Et₂O, 0 °C; 2) PCC, silica gel, DCM, rt.

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Compound SI-2 was prepared following a previously reported procedure^[8] and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[9]

Following the general procedure Β. the reaction of 0 1-(2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)ethan-1-one (SI-2) (1.7 mmol, 453.9 mg), NaH (60%, 2 mmol, 81.6 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (1.9 SBn mmol, 0.22 mL) in DMF (4.7 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1j (43%, 224.6 mg) as a pale yelow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,

J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 197.9, 146.4 (q, J = 1.0 Hz), 135.5, 134.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.6, 127.4 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 126.4, 126.0 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 37.5, 28.1; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCI₃) δ-62.3.

1-(6-(benzylthio)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1k)



i) 1) MeMgBr, Et₂O, 0 °C; 2) PCC, silica gel, DCM, rt.

Compound SI-3 was prepared following a previously reported procedure^[8] and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[10]



Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 1-(6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethan-1-one (**SI-3**) (1.2 mmol, 291.7 mg), NaH (60%, 1.4 mmol, 57.6 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (1.3 mmol, 0.15 mL) in DMF (3.3 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product

SI-1k (57%, 195.8 mg) as a pale brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 151.1, 145.1, 136.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.4, 110.2, 107.4, 102.2, 38.6, 28.6.

1-(3-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-1I)



i) K₂CO₃, BnBr, DMF, rt; ii) 1) MeMgBr, Et₂O, 0 °C; 2) PCC, silica gel, DCM, rt; iii) HSBn, NaH, DMF, 75 °C.

Compounds **SI-4** and **SI-5** were prepared following previously reported procedures^[8,11] and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[12]



Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 1-(3-(benzyloxy)-2-bromophenyl)ethan-1-one (**SI-5**) (0.7 mmol, 213.6 mg), NaH (60%, 0.84 mmol, 33.6 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (0.74 mmol, 0.09 mL) in DMF (1.9 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1I** (61%,

150.0 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.9, 159.7, 149.1, 138.1, 136.6, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 118.8, 118.6, 113.8, 71.1, 39.3, 31.3.

1-(1-(benzylthio)naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1m)



Compound **SI-6** was prepared following a previously reported procedure^[8] and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[13]



Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 1-(1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (**SI-6**) (2 mmol, 498.2 mg), NaH (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol,

0.25 mL) in DMF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1m** (62%, 364.3 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.56 (pd, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 204.6, 146.9, 137.4, 134.7, 134.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.4, 122.7, 42.2, 31.6.

1-(3-(benzylthio)furan-2-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1n)



Compound **SI-7** was prepared following a previously reported procedure and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[14]

Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 0 + 1-(3-bromofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-7) (3.45 mmol, 652.1 mg), NaH (60%, 4.1 mmol, 166 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (3.6 mmol, 0.47 mL) in DMF (9.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1n (87%, 696.9 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.33 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.41 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 186.7, 146.8, 145.2, 136.1, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 111.8, 37.1, 26.1.

1-(3-(benzylthio)thiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1o)

Following the general procedure Β, the reaction of 0 1-(3-bromothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (2 mmol, 408.1 mg), NaH (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in DMF SBn (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-10 (83%, 412.9 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 143.7, 136.2, 132.1, 131.4, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 38.1, 28.8.

1-(2-(benzylthio)pyridin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1p)



Compound **SI-8** was prepared following a previously reported procedure^[8] and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[15]

Following the general procedure Β, the reaction of 0 1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (1 mmol, 110.4 mg), NaH (60%, 1.2 SBn mmol, 48 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (1.05 mmol, 0.13 mL) in THF (2.8 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1p (45%, 108.7 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.58 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 161.4, 151.7, 138.4, 138.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 126.9, 118.3, 34.9, 27.7.

1-(2-(benzylthio)quinolin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1q)

Following the general procedure Β. the reaction 0 of 1-(2-chloroquinolin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (0.8 mmol, 187.5 mg), NaH SBn (60%, 1 mmol, 38.4 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (0.84 mmol, 0.10 mL) in DMF (2.2 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product SI-1q (96%, 225.8 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 158.7, 148.4, 139.6, 138.4, 132.4, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 124.0, 35.0, 27.7.

2-(benzylthio)benzaldehyde (SI-1r)

O Following the general procedure B, the reaction of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (2 mmol, 370.0 mg), NaH (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in THF (5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1r** (75%, 341.1 mg) as a white solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCI**₃) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 4.11 (s, 2H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[16]

(2-(benzylthio)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (SI-1s)

O Ph SBn Following the general procedure B, the reaction of (2-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (2 mmol, 522.2 mg), NaH (60%, 2.4 mmol, 96 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (2.1 mmol, 0.25 mL) in THF

(5.5 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1s** (63%, 385.4 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 3.91 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 196.6, 140.7, 137.3, 136.8, 135.3, 133.0, 131.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.0, 125.9, 39.6.

2.2. General Procedure and Characterization of Selenides SI-10



General procedure for the synthesis of selenides SI-10:

Compounds SI-10a and SI-10b were prepared following a reported procedure in the literature.^[17] The corresponding 2-aminoacetophenone or 2-amino-5-chlorobenzaldehyde (1.1 equiv) and an aqueous HCl solution (2M) were added to an Erlenmeyer flask. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and a water solution of NaNO₂ (1 equiv, 2M) was added dropwise. At 0 °C, sodium acetate (2.5 equiv) was added, followed by the addition of acetate buffer solution until pH 4.3. The KSeCN (1.5 equiv) was then added under vigorous agitation and the solution was kept 1 h at 0 °C. Then, sodium acetate was added until pH 5.5. The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3x) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure products SI-9a or SI-9b.

To a two necked round-bottomed flask under nitrogen, compound **SI-9a** or **SI-9b** (1 equiv) and methanol (5 mL/mmol) were added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and benzylbromide (4 equiv) was added, followed by the slow addition of NaBH₄ (1.1 equiv). The solution was stirred 2h at 0 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was diluted in ethyl acetate followed by addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. After phase separation, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x) and the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was removed in vacuum and the residue was removed in vacuum and the residue was subjected to flash

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chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure products **SI-10a** or **SI-10b**.

1-(2-(benzylselanyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (SI-10a)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1-(2-selenocyanatophenyl)ethan-1-one (**SI-9a**) (2 mmol, 448.2 mg), NaBH₄ (2.2 mmol, 83.2 mg) and benzyl bromide (8.8 mmol, 1.05 mL) in MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C afforded the product **SI-10a** (71%, 411.7 mg) as a pale brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[17]

2-(benzylselanyl)-5-chlorobenzaldehyde (SI-10b)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of 5-chloro-2-selenocyanatobenzaldehyde (**SI-9b**) (2 mmol, 489.0 mg), NaBH₄ (2.2 mmol, 83.2 mg) and benzyl bromide (8.8 mmol,

1.05 mL) in MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C afforded the product **SI-10b** (76%, 469.3 mg) as an yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 4.10 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 191.5, 136.6, 134.5, 133.8, 133.7, 133.1, 132.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 127.3, 31.5.

2.3. General Procedure and Characterization of α-Imino-oxy

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Compound **SI-11** was prepared following a reported procedure in the literature and spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[18]

General procedure for the synthesis of oximes 1:

Compounds **1a-u** were prepared following a slightly modified procedure reported in the literature.^[18] A solution of ketone (1.0 equiv) in MeOH or EtOH (0.2M) was treated with 2-(aminooxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid hydrochloride (**SI-11**) (1.2 equiv) and sodium acetate (2.4 equiv) and heated to reflux until completion by TLC analysis. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and water was added. The resulting aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to provide the product. Then, the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure products **1**.

2-methyl-2-(((1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)propanoic acid (1a)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1a** (0.9 mmol, 149.6 mg), **SI-11** (1.08 mmol, 168.0 mg) and sodium acetate (2.2 mmol, 177.2 mg) in EtOH (4.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1a** (57%, 137.3 mg) as a white solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 10.02 (bs, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 3H),

7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 179.5, 157.5, 137.7, 136.5, 129.1, 128.8, 126.8, 124.9, 81.3, 24.4, 16.8, 16.0; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 266.0856, found 266.0862.

2-(((1-(2-(isopropylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1b)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1b** (1 mmol, 194.0 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1b** (75%, 22.7 mg) as a yellow oil. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz,**

CDCI₃) δ 8.20 (bs, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m,

1H), 7.22 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.40 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 6H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, (CDCI₃)** δ 177.0, 160.0, 139.8, 134.5, 132.7, 129.2, 129.1, 126.8, 81.7, 38.7, 24.5, 23.0, 17.3.; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃S

(M-H)⁻ 294.1169, found 249.1165.

2-(((1-(2-(tert-butylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1c)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1c** (0.3 mmol, 66.0 mg), **SI-11** (0.36 mmol, 56.0 mg) and sodium acetate (0.72 mmol, 59.1 mg) in EtOH (1.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1c** (60%, 55.9 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32

(m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 1.22 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.0, 160.8, 144.3, 139.4, 131.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 81.5, 47.9, 31.3, 24.6, 18.8; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₂₂NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 308.1326, found 308.1336.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1d)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1d** (0.4 mmol, 100.2 mg), **SI-11** (0.48 mmol, 74.7 mg) and sodium acetate (0.96 mmol, 78.7 mg) in EtOH (2 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1d** (96%, 132.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.91 (bs, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24

(m, 8H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 6H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 179.4, 158.3, 139.1, 137.4, 134.9, 131.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.1, 126.5, 81.3, 39.5, 24.4, 16.7; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 342.1169, found 342.1162.

2-methyl-2-(((1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)propanoic acid (1e)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1e** (1 mmol, 228.3 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1e** (34%, 111.0 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 10.32 (bs, 1H), 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 177.3, 157.1, 137.3, 134.7, 134.1, 131.2, 130.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 126.2, 125.9, 80.5, 23.3, 15.4; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for $C_{18}H_{18}NO_3S$ (M-H)⁻ 328.1013,

found 328.1017.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-4-fluorophenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1f)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1f** (0.4 mmol, 99.2 mg), **SI-11** (0.48 mmol, 74.7 mg) and sodium acetate (0.96 mmol, 78.7 mg) in EtOH (2 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1f** (88%, 126.9 mg) as a white solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 9.99 (bs, 1H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 6H),

6.99 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (td, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 179.0, 162.7 (d, J = 250.1 Hz), 157.3, 138.3 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 136.6, 134.1 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 128.9, 128.7, 127.5, 116.5 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 113.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 81.5, 39.1, 24.4, 16.5; ¹⁹**F NMR (282 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ -111.98 (syn isomer), -112.59 (anti isomer); **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉FNO₃S (M-H)⁻ 360.1064, found 360.1050.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-4-methoxyhenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoi c acid (1g)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1g** (0.5 mmol, 149.6 mg), **SI-11** (0.6 mmol, 93.3 mg) and sodium acetate (1.2 mmol, 98.4 mg) in EtOH (2.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1g** (70%, 143.0 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCI**₃) δ 9.89 (bs, 1H), 7.30 –

7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 6H); ¹³**C** NMR (75 MHz, **CDCI₃)** δ 178.6, 159.9, 158.3, 137.2, 136.8, 130.8, 130.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.3, 115.8, 111.9, 81.4, 55.4, 39.3, 24.5, 16.8; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂NO₄S (M-H)⁻ 372.1264, found 372.1264.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-methoxyphenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropano ic acid (1h)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1h** (1 mmol, 272.2 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1h** (71%, 266.5 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.33 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 6.88 –

6.59 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.1, 159.2, 159.1, 142.2, 137.8, 135.8, 128.9, 128.9, 128.3, 126.9, 124.2, 114.7, 81.4, 55.4, 41.2, 24.3, 17.1; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂NO₄S (M-H)⁻ 372.1264, found 372.1259.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-bromophenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1i)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1i** (1 mmol, 320.0 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1i** (74%, 313.8 mg) as a brown oil. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17

(m, 5H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.3, 157.1, 140.6, 136.9, 134.1, 132.5, 131.9, 131.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 120.2, 81.5, 39.4, 24.3, 16.4; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉BrNO₃S (M-H)⁻ 420.0264, found 420.0277.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methyl propanoic acid (1j)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1j** (0.6 mmol, 179.8 mg), **SI-11** (0.7 mmol, 112.0 mg) and sodium acetate (1.4 mmol, 118.1 mg) in EtOH (3 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1j** (89%, 211.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.12 (bs, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³**C** NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.4, 156.3, 141.1 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 137.8, 136.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 127.4, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J* = 271.9 Hz), 81.6, 38.5, 24.3, 16.0; ⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.43 (syn isomer), -62.48 (anti isomer); HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉F₃NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 410.1032, found 410.1026.

2-(((1-(6-(benzylthio)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpr opanoic acid (1k)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1k** (0.1 mmol, 37.5 mg), **SI-11** (0.12 mmol, 18.7 mg) and sodium acetate (0.24 mmol, 19.7 mg) in EtOH (0.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1k** (81%, 41.0 mg) as a white solid. ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.0, 158.9, 148.1, 147.2, 137.5, 134.6, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 126.6, 113.4, 109.2, 101.7, 81.4, 41.1, 24.4, 17.2; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₅S (M-H)⁻ 386.1057, found 386.1096.

2-(((1-(3-(benzyloxy)-2-(benzylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropa noic acid (11)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of SI-1I (0.3 mmol, 99.9 mg), SI-11 (0.36 mmol, 56.0 mg) and sodium acetate (0.72 mmol, 59.1 mg) in EtOH (1.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product 1I (59%, 75.6 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.63 (bs, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H),

7.48 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 177.7, 160.2, 159.8, 143.9, 138.3, 136.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 121.6, 113.2, 81.5, 71.1, 39.1, 24.5, 17.6; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆NO₄S (M-H)⁻ 448.1577, found 448.1596.

2-(((1-(1-(benzylthio)naphthalen-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1m)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1m** (1 mmol, 292.0 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1m** (78%, 305.3mg) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.56 (pd, *J* = 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 177.3, 160.0, 141.5, 137.2, 134.5, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 81.0, 41.2, 24.0, 17.4; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 392.1326, found 392.1328.

2-(((1-(3-(benzylthio)furan-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1n)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1n** (1.3 mmol, 302.0 mg), **SI-11** (1.56 mmol, 240.5 mg) and sodium acetate (3.1 mmol, 256.0 mg) in EtOH (6.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1n** (81%, 349.6 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.20

(m, 5H), 6.40 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.0, 150.0, 145.2, 142.7, 137.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 118.8, 113.2, 81.8, 38.1, 24.1, 11.7. HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO₄S (M-H)⁻ 332.0962, found 332.0960.

2-(((1-(3-(benzylthio)thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (10)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-10** (0.6 mmol, 149.2 mg), **SI-11** (0.72 mmol, 112.1 mg) and sodium acetate (1.44 mmol, 118.1 mg) in EtOH (3 mL) at reflux afforded the product **10** (84%, 176.3 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300

MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.03 (bs, 1H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 178.5, 152.4, 137.3, 133.1, 132.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 125.7, 81.9, 39.5, 24.3, 15.4; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO₃S₂ (M-H)⁻ 348.0723, found 348.0746.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)pyridin-3-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1p)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of SI-1p (0.2 mmol, 56.3 mg), SI-11 (0.24 mmol, 37.4 mg) and sodium acetate (0.48 mmol, 39.4 mg) in EtOH (1 mL) at reflux afforded the product 1p (77%, 61.7 mg) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 9.92 (bs, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H),

7.46 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 179.0, 157.3, 155.2, 148.7, 138.2, 135.9, 131.2, 129.2, 128.3, 126.9, 119.0, 81.7, 35.2, 24.4, 15.2; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₃S (M-H)⁻ 343.1111, found 343.1099.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)quinolin-3-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1q)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of SI-1q (0.7 mmol, 200.0 mg), SI-11 (0.8 mmol, 130.7 mg) and sodium acetate (1.68 mmol, 137.8 mg) in EtOH (3.5 mL) at reflux afforded the product 1q (80%, 215.1 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.87 (bs, 1H),

7.98 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.3, 157.4, 155.4, 147.4, 138.5, 135.2, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 125.7, 125.3, 81.8, 35.1, 24.5, 15.7; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁N₂O₃S (M-H)⁻ 393.1278, found 393.1285.

2-(((2-(benzylthio)benzylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1r)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-1r** (1 mmol, 228.1 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1r** (88%, 290.9 mg) as a white solid. ¹H **NMR** (300

MHz, CDCI₃) δ 11.29 (bs, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.05 (m, 7H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 1.60 (s, 6H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 179.6, 148.3, 136.9, 135.6, 133.1, 132.7, 130.1, 128.8, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.2, 81.6, 40.3, 24.0; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 328.1013, found 328.1015.

2-((((2-(benzylthio)phenyl)(phenyl)methylene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1s)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of SI-1s (1 mmol, 304.1 mg), SI-11 (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in MeOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product 1s (67%, 272.8 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.45 – 7.25 (m, 9H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 4.00 (d, J = 9.8 Hz,

2H), 1.55 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 6H);¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 176.2, 157.6, 137.1, 135.6, 134.8, 133.7, 131.6, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 82.7, 39.1, 24.3; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 404.1326, found 404.1325.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylselanyl)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1t)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-10a** (1 mmol, 289.2 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in MeOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1t** (76%, 295.5 mg) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 4.08 (s, 2H),

2.26 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 177.7, 159.0, 139.0, 138.0,

132.6, 131.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.8, 126.5, 81.5, 32.3, 24.5, 16.1; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO₃Se (M-H)⁻ 390.0614, found 390.0623.

2-(((2-(benzylselanyl)-5-chlorobenzylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (1u)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **SI-10b** (1 mmol, 309.7 mg), **SI-11** (1.2 mmol, 186.7 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in MeOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1u** (65%, 268.2 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz,

1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 178.6, 149.3, 137.6, 136.8, 135.6, 134.2, 130.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 82.0, 33.1, 24.1; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇CINO₃Se (M-H)⁻ 410.0068, found 410.0072.

Procedure for the synthesis of oxime 1a':



Compound **SI-12** was prepared following a reported procedure in the literature.^[18] Compound **1a**' was prepared following a slightly modified procedure reported in the literature.^[18] A solution of ketone (1.0 equiv) in EtOH (0.2M) was treated with 2-(aminooxy)propanoic acid hydrochloride (**SI-12**) (1.2 equiv), sodium acetate (2.4 equiv) and heated to reflux until completion by TLC analysis. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and water was added. The resulting aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to provide the product. Then, the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure product **1a**'.

2-(((1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)propanoic acid (1a')



Following the procedure, the reaction of **SI-1a** (1 mmol, 166.2 mg), **SI-12** (1.2 mmol, 168.6 mg) and sodium acetate (2.4 mmol, 196.9 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) at reflux afforded the product **1a**^{$^{-1}$} (78%, 198.0 mg) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.19 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 4.77 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31

(s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CDCI₃) δ 178.4, 158.4, 137.5, 136.6, 129.2, 128.8, 127.1, 125.1, 21.4, 16.9, 16.8, 16.3; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 252.0700, found 252.0704.

Procedure for the synthesis of oxime 1a



Compound **1a**⁻⁻⁻ was prepared following a slightly modified procedure reported in the literature.^[19] A solution of **SI-1a** (0.8 mmol, 139.2 mg, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (0.5 M) was treated with hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.3 mmol, 93.1 mg, 1.6 equiv), sodium acetate (1.7 mmol, 137.4 mg, 2.0 equiv) and heated to reflux for 12 h. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum to provide the product **SI-13** as a white solid, which was used for the next step without purification. Then, **SI-13** was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of NaH 60% in mineral oil (2.5 mmol, 60.3 mg, 3.0 equiv) in dry THF (1.5 M) at 0 °C (ice bath) under inert atmosphere and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. Afterwards, a solution of 2-bromo-2-phenylacetic acid (0.9 mmol, 198.1 mg, 1.1 equiv) in dry THF (0.5 M) was added and the reaction was heated to 75 °C for 12 h. After this time, the reaction was cooled to room temperature hydrochloric acid was added until pH 2. The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to provide the

product. Then, the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure product **1a**^{''}.

2-(((1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-phenylacetic acid (1a⁽)



Following the procedure, the reaction of **SI-1a** (0.8 mmol, 139.2 mg) afforded the product **1a**^{$\prime \prime$} (40% for two reaction steps, 106.5 mg) as white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 11.00 (bs, 1H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s,

3H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, (CDCI₃)** δ 176.7, 159.1, 137.6, 136.5, 134.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 127.2, 125.1, 83.2, 16.9, 16.6; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃S (M-H)⁻ 314.0856, found 314.0856.

3. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

General procedure for the optimization of the reaction conditions of the synthesis of isothiazoles **2**:

In an oven-dried glass vial equipped with stirring bar, а 2-methyl-2-(((1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)propanoic acid (1a, 0.05 mmol, 13.4 mg, 1 equiv), the base (0.05 mmol, 1 equiv), the photocatalyst $(2.5 \cdot 10^{-3})$ mmol, 0.05 equiv) and the respective solvent (0.67 mL) were added under air. Then, the vial was closed with a PTFE/rubber septum perforated several times to enable the air enter into the reaction. Afterwards, the mixture was stirred and irradiated at 450 nm using 380 mW single LEDs in a custom-made temperature-controlled system (see Figure S1) for 16h at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and yield was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (8.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) as internal standard.

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions with 1a.



•,				J ¹⁰¹⁰ (70)
1	PC1	CsF	DCE	17
2	PC1	CsF	DCM	20
3	PC1	CsF	THF	9
4	PC1	CsF	DMF	21
5	PC1	CsF	MeCN	10
6	PC1	CsF	Acetone	20
7	PC1	Cs_2CO_3	Acetone	26
8	PC1	K ₂ CO ₃	Acetone	26
9	PC1	Na ₂ CO ₃	Acetone	53
10	PC1	Li ₂ CO ₃	Acetone	9
11	PC1	NaF	Acetone	17
12	PC1	Na ₂ HPO ₄	Acetone	41

13	PC1	NaHCO ₃	Acetone	23
14	PC1	NaOAc	Acetone	56
15	PC2	NaOAc	Acetone	35
16	PC3	NaOAc	Acetone	31
17	PC4	NaOAc	Acetone	32
18	PC5	NaOAc	Acetone	44
19 ^[b]	PC1	NaOAc	Acetone	54
20 ^[c]	PC1	NaOAc	Acetone	4
21	-	NaOAc	Acetone	0
22	PC1	-	Acetone	0.
23 ^[d]	PC1	NaOAc	Acetone	0.

^[a] The yield was determined from the crude ¹H-NMR. ^[b] Oxygen was used instead air. ^[c] Argon was used instead air. ^[d] The reaction was performed in the dark. DCE = 1,2-Dichloroethane. DCM = Dichloromethane, THF = Tetrahydrofuran, DMF = N,N-Dimethylformamide.

4. Optimization of the α-Imino-oxy Acid Structure

General procedure for the optimization of the α -imino-oxy acid structure in the synthesis of isothiazoles **2**:

In an oven-dried glass vial equipped with a stirring bar, the corresponding α -imino-oxy acid **1** (0.05 mmol, 1 equiv), NaOAc (0.05 mmol, 4.1 mg, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate, (2.5·10⁻³ mmol, 1.05 mg, 0.05 equiv) and acetone (0.67 mL) were added under air. Then, the vial was closed with a PTFE/rubber septum perforated several times to enable the air enter into the reaction. Afterwards, the mixture was stirred and irradiated at 450 nm using 380 mW single LEDs in a custom-made temperature-controlled system (see Figure S1) for 16h at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and yield was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (8.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) as internal standard.

Table S2. Optimization of α -imino-oxy acid structure.



^[a] The yield was determined from the crude ¹H-NMR. ^[b] Isolated yield in 0.1 mmol scale in parentheses. ^[c] The reaction was performed with a blue LED spot of 40W instead of 380 mW single LEDs.

5. General Procedure and Characterization of Isothiazoles 2



General procedure for the synthesis of isothiazoles 2:

In an oven-dried glass vial equipped with a stirring bar, **1** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate, $(5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mmol}, 2.1 \text{ mg}, 0.05 \text{ equiv})$ and acetone (1.33 mL) were

added under air. Then, the vial was closed with a PTFE/rubber septum perforated several times to enable the air enter into the reaction. Afterwards, the mixture was stirred and irradiated at 450 nm using 380 mW single LEDs in a custom-made temperature-controlled system (see Figure S1) for 16h at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and the analytically pure product 2 was obtained by flash chromatography (latrobeads silica gel; cyclohexane/EtOAc).

3-methylbenzo[*d*]isothiazole (2a)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1d (0.1 mmol, 34.0 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst PC1 (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product 2a

(81%, 11.9 mg) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48 - 7.40 (m, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[20]

6-fluoro-3-methylbenzo[d]isothiazole (2b)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1f (0.1 mmol, 35.4 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst PC1 (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2b** (82%, 13.4 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆)** δ 7.05 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (td, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 162.6 (d, J = 249.6 Hz), 162.1, 154.2 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 132.4, 124.9 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 113.6 (d, J = 25.4 Hz), 105.9 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 17.0; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -113.77; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₈H₆FNS (M)⁺ 167.0205,

found 167.0200.

6-methoxy-3-methylbenzo[d]isothiazole (2c)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1g (0.1 mmol, 37.1 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst PC1 (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded

the product **2c** (89%, 15.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 162.1, 160.0, 155.1, 130.3, 124.2, 115.9, 101.1, 55.1, 17.1; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for $C_9H_{10}NOS$ (M+H)⁺ 180.0478, found 180.0480.

5-methoxy-3-methylbenzo[d]isothiazole (2d)



the product **2d** (75%, 13.4 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO)** δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO)** δ 163.1, 159.1, 146.0, 137.5, 121.7, 120.0, 105.4, 56.2, 17.6; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₉H₁₀NOS (M+H)⁺ 180.0478, found 180.0482.

5-bromo-3-methylbenzo[d]isothiazole (2e)



mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the

Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1i (0.1 mmol, 42.0

product **2e** (68%, 15.6 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (**300** MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H);¹³C NMR (**75** MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 163.2, 152.1, 137.9, 131.2, 127.4, 122.9, 119.2, 17.5; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₈H₆BrNS (M)⁺ 227.9477, found 226.9404.

3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]isothiazole (2f)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1j** (0.1 mmol, 40.6 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded

the product **2f** (71%, 15.2 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 8.28 – 8.22 (m, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H);¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 163.9, 155.8, 135.4, 127.6 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 125.0 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 121.5 (q, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 121.4, 17.8; ¹⁹**F NMR (282 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ -61.17; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₉H₆F₃NS (M)⁺ 217.0173, found

217.0166.

3-methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-d]isothiazole (2g)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1k** (0.1 mmol, 36.0 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded

the product **2g** (66%, 11.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (**300** MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 161.4, 149.8, 148.7, 147.4, 130.8, 102.0, 101.2, 98.6, 17.1; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₉H₈NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 194.0270, found 194.0265.

7-(benzyloxy)-3-methylbenzo[d]isothiazole (2h)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1**I (0.1 mmol, 44.8 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2h** (88%, 22.4 mg) as a white solid. ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)** δ 163.7, 152.6, 143.0, 137.9, 137.0, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.0, 116.4, 108.8, 71.1, 17.9; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NOS (M+H)⁺ 256.0791, found 256.0800.

3-methylnaphtho[2,1-d]isothiazole (2i)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1m** (0.1 mmol, 39.3 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2i** (70%, 14.3 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ

8.24 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.16 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 2.79 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO)** δ 164.7, 153.9, 133.9, 133.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1, 121.6, 17.7; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₂H₉NS (M)⁺ 199.0456, found 199.0465.

3-methylfuro[2,3-d]isothiazole (2j)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1n** (0.1 mmol, 33.3 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2j** (32%,

4.5 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 7.91 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 152.0, 148.3, 146.4, 135.3, 107.4, 15.8; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₆H₆NOS (M+H)⁺ 140.0165, found 140.0169.

3-methylthieno[2,3-d]isothiazole (2k)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1o** (0.1 mmol, 35.0 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2k** (36%,

5.6 mg) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[21]

3-methylisothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridine (2l)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1p** (0.1 mmol, 34.2 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1

mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2I** (86%, 12.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆)** δ 8.40 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[22]

3-methylisothiazolo[5,4-b]quinoline (2m)



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1q** (0.1 mmol, 39.2 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded

the product **2m** (69%, 13.8 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 12 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 171.3, 163.9, 149.2, 133.9, 132.8, 130.6, 129.3, 127.5, 126.9, 125.7, 18.3; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for

 $C_{11}H_9N_2S$ (M+H)⁺ 201.0481, found 201.0481.

benzo[d]isothiazole (2n)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1r** (0.1 mmol, 32.9 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2n** (27%, 3.6 mg) as a white solid. ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO)** δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H). Spectral data is in accordance with the literature.^[23]

3-phenylbenzo[*d*]isothiazole (20)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1s** (0.1 mmol, 28.3 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2o** (85%, 17.9 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (**300** MHz, (**CD**₃)₂**CO**) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 3H);¹³C NMR (**75** MHz, (**CD**₃)₂**CO**) δ 165.1, 154.6, 136.3, 134.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 126.4, 125.7, 121.4; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₀NS (M+H)⁺ 212.0528, found 212.0534.

3-methylbenzo[d][1,2]selenazole (2p)

Following the general procedure, the reaction of 1t (0.1 mmol, 39.0 mg),
NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst PC1 (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product 2p (82%,

16.1 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H);¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 167.6, 153.0, 139.4, 128.8, 126.9, 125.9, 125.2, 20.1; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₈H₈NS (M+H)⁺ 197.9816, found 197.9819.

5-chlorobenzo[d][1,2]selenazole (2q)

Click Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1u** (0.1 mmol, 41.1 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **2q**

(60%, 13.0 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 9.47 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 160.6, 151.7, 142.2, 132.0, 129.1, 126.7, 126.6; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₇H₄CINSe (M)⁺ 216.9197, found 216.9202.

6. Synthesis of Brassilexin Derivative 4



Following the general procedure for the synthesis of sulfides, benzyl mercaptan (0.53 mmol, 0.06 mL, 1.05 equiv) was added dropwise for 0.25 h to a stirred suspension of NaH (60%, 0.6 mmol, 24 mg, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (1.1 mL) at 0 °C (ice bath). Afterwards, a solution of the 3-acetyl-2-chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (0.5 mmol, 103.8 mg, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.25 mL) was added and the reaction was heated to 75 °C for 12 h. After this time, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water (3x) and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then, the solid residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure product 1-(2-(benzylthio)-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one.

1-(2-(benzylthio)-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (SI-1t)



Following procedure, the reaction of 3-acetyl-2-chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (0.5 mmol, 103.8 mg), NaH (60%, 0.6 mmol, 24 mg) and benzyl mercaptan (0.53 mmol, 0.06 mL) in DMF (1.35 mL) at 75 °C afforded the product **SI-1t** (89%, 131.2 mg) as a pale yellow

solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 137.4, 137.1, 135.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.5, 123.9, 122.6, 122.5, 121.4, 109.9, 42.4, 30.6, 28.4.

Following the general procedure for the synthesis of oximes, a solution of 1-(2-(benzylthio)-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (**SI-1t**, 0.44 mmol, 131.2 mg, 1 equiv) in EtOH (2.2 mL) was treated with 2-(aminooxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid hydrochloride (**SI-11**, 0.53 mmol, 82.2 mg, 1.2 equiv), sodium acetate (1.06 mmol, 86.6 mg, 2.4 equiv) and heated to reflux until completion by TLC analysis. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and water was added. The resulting aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to provide the product. Then, the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/EtOAc) to give the analytically pure product **3**.

2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)-2-methylpro panoic acid (3)



Following the procedure, the reaction of SI-1t (0.44 mmol, 131.2 mg), SI-11 (0.53 mmol, 82.2 mg) and sodium acetate (1.06 mmol, 86.6 mg) in EtOH (2.2 mL) at reflux afforded the product 3 (84%, 145.7 mg) (75% for two steps) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 176.6, 155.8, 137.6, 137.3, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 125.5, 123.5, 121.0, 120.5, 118.3, 110.0, 81.5, 42.6, 29.8, 24.6, 16.4; **HRMS** m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₃S (M-H)⁻ 395.1435, found 395.1241.

Following the general procedure for the synthesis of isothiazoles, in an oven-dried glass vial equipped with a stirring bar, **3** (0.1 mmol, 39.6 mg, 1 equiv), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate, ($5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ mmol, 2.1 mg, 0.05 equiv) and acetone (1.33 mL) were added under air. Then, the vial was closed with a PTFE/rubber septum perforated several
times to enable the air enter into the reaction. Afterwards, the mixture was stirred and irradiated at 450 nm using 380 mW single LEDs in a custom-made temperature-controlled system (see Figure S1) for 16h at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and the analytically pure product **4** was obtained by flash chromatography (latrobeads silica gel; cyclohexane/EtOAc).

3,8-dimethyl-8H-isothiazolo[5,4-b]indole (4)



Following the procedure, the reaction of **3** (0.1 mmol, 39.6 mg), NaOAc (0.1 mmol, 8.2 mg) and photocatalyst **PC1** (5 mol%, 2.1 mg) in acetone (1.33 mL) irradiated at 450 nm afforded the product **4**

(71%, 14.4 mg) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 161.4, 157.3, 144.7, 123.9, 123.0, 120.7, 120.2, 118.9, 109.8, 32.2, 17.9; HRMS m/z (ESI): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀N₂S (M+H)⁺ 202.0565, found 202.0559.

7. Flow Setup for the Synthesis of Isothiazoles 2

General procedure for the optimization of the reaction conditions for the flow setup:

In a coil (V = 18 mL) made of perfluoroalkoxy (PFA) tubing (i.d. = 1.6 mm) irradiated with a blue LED spot (40 W), 2-(((1-(2-(benzylthio)phenyl)ethylidene) amino)oxy)-2-methylpropanoic acid (**1d**, 0.15 mmol, 36.3 mg, 1 equiv), NaOAc (0.15 mmol, 12.3 mg, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate and acetone (2 mL) were injected at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and yield was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis using nitromethane (8 μ L, 0.15 mmol) as the internal standard. O₂ gas was employed in a segmented flow fashion and a BPR (1.6 bar) was added at the end of the coil to increase the pressure of the system.



entry	conditions ^[a]	PC1 (mol%)	<i>t</i> _R (min)	conv. (%) ^[b]	yield (%) ^[b]
1	No oxygen	10	80	50	13
2	Acetone sat. with O ₂ BPR (1.6 bar)	10	80	68	41
3	O ₂	10	80	84	47
4	O ₂	10	180	88	48
5	O ₂ BPR (1.6 bar)	10	80	100	26
6	O ₂	5	60	82	47

Table S3. Optimization of reaction conditions for the flow setup.

^[a] Segmented flow (2 mm slugs) was made by passing oxygen gas and reaction solution through a T-union (1.25 mm thru-hole; 17.5 μ I swept volume). ^[b] The yield was determined from the crude ¹H-NMR. BPR = black pressure regulator

General procedure for the synthesis of isothiazoles **2** in the flow setup:

The corresponding oxime derivative **1** (0.33 mmol, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate (0.017 mmol, 6.8 mg, 0.05 equiv) and acetone (4.4 mL) were mixed at 20 °C and passed through a packed bed reactor filled with NaOAc (Figure S2a). Afterwards, reaction solution and O_2 gas, used in a segmented flow fashion, were mixed through a T-union (Figure S2b), controlling the gas slugs (2 mm) with a micrometric valve. Compounds **1b**, **1c** and **1g** were injected consecutively (separated by 4 mL of acetone) in the coil (V = 18 mL) made of perfluoroalkoxy (PFA) tubing (i.d. = 1.6 mm) and irradiated with a blue LED spot (40 W) (Figure S3). After 2 h, isothiazoles **2** were collected in different vials. Then, the volatiles were removed and yield was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis using nitromethane (17.7 μ L, 0.33 mmol) as the internal standard: **2b** (55%; 0.18 mmol), **2c** (58%; 0.19 mmol) and **2g** (44%; 0.14 mmol). In all the transformations the throughput of the reaction is \approx 140 times higher than in conventional conditions and around 15% of starting material is recovered in all the cases.

a)





Figure S2. a) Packed bed reactor filled with NaOAc and b) T-union with a micrometric valve employed in flow setup.



Figure S3. Coil of PFA with liquid and gas slugs employed in flow setup.

8. Mechanistic Studies

8.1. Cyclic Voltammetry of α -Imino-oxy Acids 1

Electrochemical studies of substrates 1a-d, 1a'and 1a'' were performed employing

1 nM solution of the corresponding α -imino-oxy acid **1** freshly prepared in HPLC grade acetone along with 1 nM sodium acetate and 0.1 M supporting electrolyte (tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate) solutions. Nitrogen was passed through each sample before measurements to avoid the influence of oxygen reduction.



Figure S4. Cyclic voltammetry of α -imino-oxy acids 1a, 1a'and 1a''.

α-Imino-oxy acids	E _{1/2} ^{ox} (V) vs SCE
Me O NONA SMe 1a	+1.58
Me O NO ONA SMe 1a [′]	+1.58
Me O NO NO Ph SMe 1a ''	+1.58

Table S4. Oxidation potentials of α -imino-oxy acids **1a**, **1a**'and **1a**''.



Figure S5. Cyclic voltammetry of α -imino-oxy acids **1a-d**.







Figure S6. Electrochemical scale of α-imino-oxy acids 1a-d.

8.2. Fluorescence Quenching Studies

Emission intensities and time resolved emission spectra were recorded using an Edinburg Instruments FS5 Spectrofluorometer, and a 450 nm EPL laser.

For the steady-state and time resolved fluorescence quenching studies, increasing concentrations of quencher were added to a solution 3,7 mM of **PC1** in acetone (λ_{exc} = 450 nm).



a)



Figure S7. Fluorescence quenching studies. a) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **1d**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot of the steady state; (3) Time resolved luminescence quenching and (4) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; b) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **1d + NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot of the steady state; (3) Time resolved luminescence quenching and (4) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; c) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; c) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; c) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; c) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq; c) Quenching studies of **PC1** with **NaOAc**: (1) Steady state luminescence quenching spectrum and (2) Stern-Volmer plot of the steady state; (3) Time resolved luminescence quenching and (4) Stern-Volmer plot to obtain Kq.

8.3. Radical Trapping Experiments

 Table S6. Radical Trapping Experiments.



entry	Radical scavenger	yield (%) ^[a]
1	None	85
2	TEMPO	33
3	BHT	39

^[a] The yield was determined from the crude ¹H-NMR.

Following the general procedure for the synthesis of isothiazoles **2**, in an oven-dried glass vial equipped with a stirring bar, 2-methyl-2-(((1-(2-(methylthio) phenyl)ethylidene)amino)oxy)propanoic acid (**1a**, 0.05 mmol, 13.4 mg, 1 equiv), the NaOAc (0.05 mmol, 4.1 mg, 1 equiv), photocatalyst **PC1**, 9-mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate, (2.5·10⁻³ mmol, 1 mg, 0.05 equiv), the corresponding radical scavenger (0.25 mmol, 5 equiv) and acetone (0.67 mL) were added under air. Then, the vial was closed with a PTFE/rubber septum perforated several times to enable the air enter into the reaction. Afterwards, the mixture was stirred and irradiated at 450 nm using 380 mW single LEDs in a custom-made temperature-controlled system (see Figure S1) for 16h at 20 °C. Then, the volatiles were removed and yield was determined by ¹H-NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (8.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) as internal standard.

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10. NMR Spectra

10.1. NMR Spectra of Sulfides SI-1













































10.2. NMR Spectra of Selenides SI-10



10.3. NMR Spectra of α -Imino-oxy Acids 1






























































10.4. NMR Spectra of Isothiazoles 2





10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100	-110	-120	-130	-140	-150	-160	-170	-180	-190	-200	-210
											f1 (ppm))										











10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100	-110	-120	-130	-140	-150	-160	-170	-180	-190	-200	-210
											f1 (ppm))										



-2.71















10.5. NMR Spectra of Brassilexin Derivative 4





