

Supporting Information

Eco-friendly metal-/catalyst-free one-pot three-component thioamination of 1,4-naphthoquinone in green solvent

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1. General information

Solvents, naphthoquinones, thiophenols, and amines were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Silica gel was purchased from Qing Dao Hai Yang Chemical Industry. The ^1H NMR (400 MHz), ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz), and ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz) NMR spectra data were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent at room temperature (20 ± 2 °C). To display multiplicities and signal forms correctly the following abbreviations were used: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) as an internal reference. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters Micromass Q-ToF Micro instrument using the ESI technique.

2. Experimental operation process

2.1 Preparation of deep eutectic solvents

Choline chloride (ChCl) : Urea: ChCl (0.03 mol, 4.1887 g) and urea (0.06 mol, 3.6033 g) were mixed in a small flask at a ratio of 1 : 2, then the two solids were slowly heated to 80 °C, stirred for 30 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Then the deep eutectic solvent with 100% atomic economy was obtained.

ChCl : *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (*p*-TsOH) : ChCl (0.02 mol, 2.7925 g) and *p*-TsOH (0.02 mol, 3.4440 g) were mixed in a small flask at a ratio of 1 : 1, then the two solids were slowly heated to 100 °C under N_2 atmosphere, stirred for 40 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Then the colorless deep eutectic solvent was obtained.

ChCl:Glycerol : ChCl (0.015 mol, 2.0944 g) and glycerol (0.03 mol, 2.7627 g) were mixed in a small flask at a ratio of 1 : 2, then the two compounds were slowly heated to 80 °C, stirred for 30 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Then the colourless homogenous deep eutectic solvent was obtained.

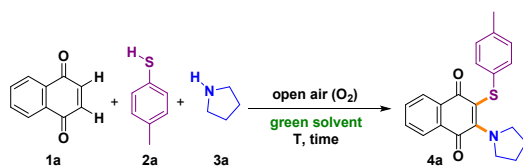
2.2 Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 4a-4o

In a 25 mL reaction tube, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol), thiophenols **2** (0.3 mmol) and pyrrolidine **3a** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the desired products **4**.

2.3 Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 5a-5f

In a 25 mL reaction tube, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol), *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol), and aliphatic amines **3** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the desired products **5**.

2.4 Condition optimization

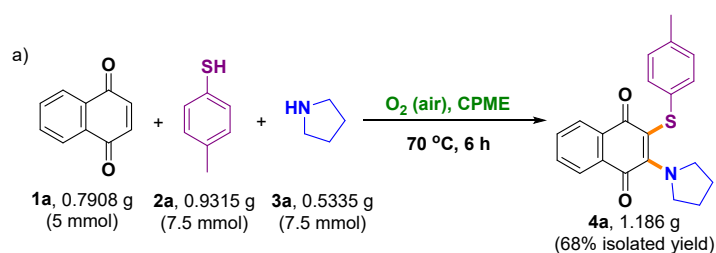


Entry	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b
1	H ₂ O	35	12	10
2	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	35	12	26
3	PEG-200	35	12	28
4	2-MeTHF	35	12	49
5	MBTE	35	12	42
6	CPME	35	12	55
7	DMC	35	12	50
8	EC	35	12	Trace
9	PC	35	12	Trace
10	BMIMBF ₄	35	12	Trace
11	ChCl:Urea (1:2)	35	12	20
12	ChCl: <i>p</i> -TsOH (1:1)	35	12	Trace
13	ChCl:Glycerol (1:2)	35	12	17
14	CPME	35	9	55
15	CPME	35	6	56
16	CPME	35	3	51
17	CPME	0	6	37
18	CPME	60	6	75
19	CPME	70	6	78
20	CPME	80	6	65
21	CPME	90	6	64

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), **3a** (0.3 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), open air. PEG-200 = polyethylene glycol (molecular weight = 200), MBTE = methyl *tert*-butyl ether, DMC = dimethyl carbonate, EC = ethylene carbonate, PC = propylene carbonate, BMIMBF₄ = 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, ChCl = choline chloride, *p*-TsOH = *p*-toluenesulfonic acid. ^bYield was determined by ¹H NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as the internal standard.

2.5 Application of this one-pot thioamination in green solvent

To a 250 mL flask, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (5 mmol), *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (7.5 mmol) and pyrrolidine **3a** (7.5 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (75 mL), and then the reaction flask was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired products **4a** (Scheme S1a).



Scheme S1. Application of this one-pot thioamination in green solvent

2.6 Experimental procedure for control experiments

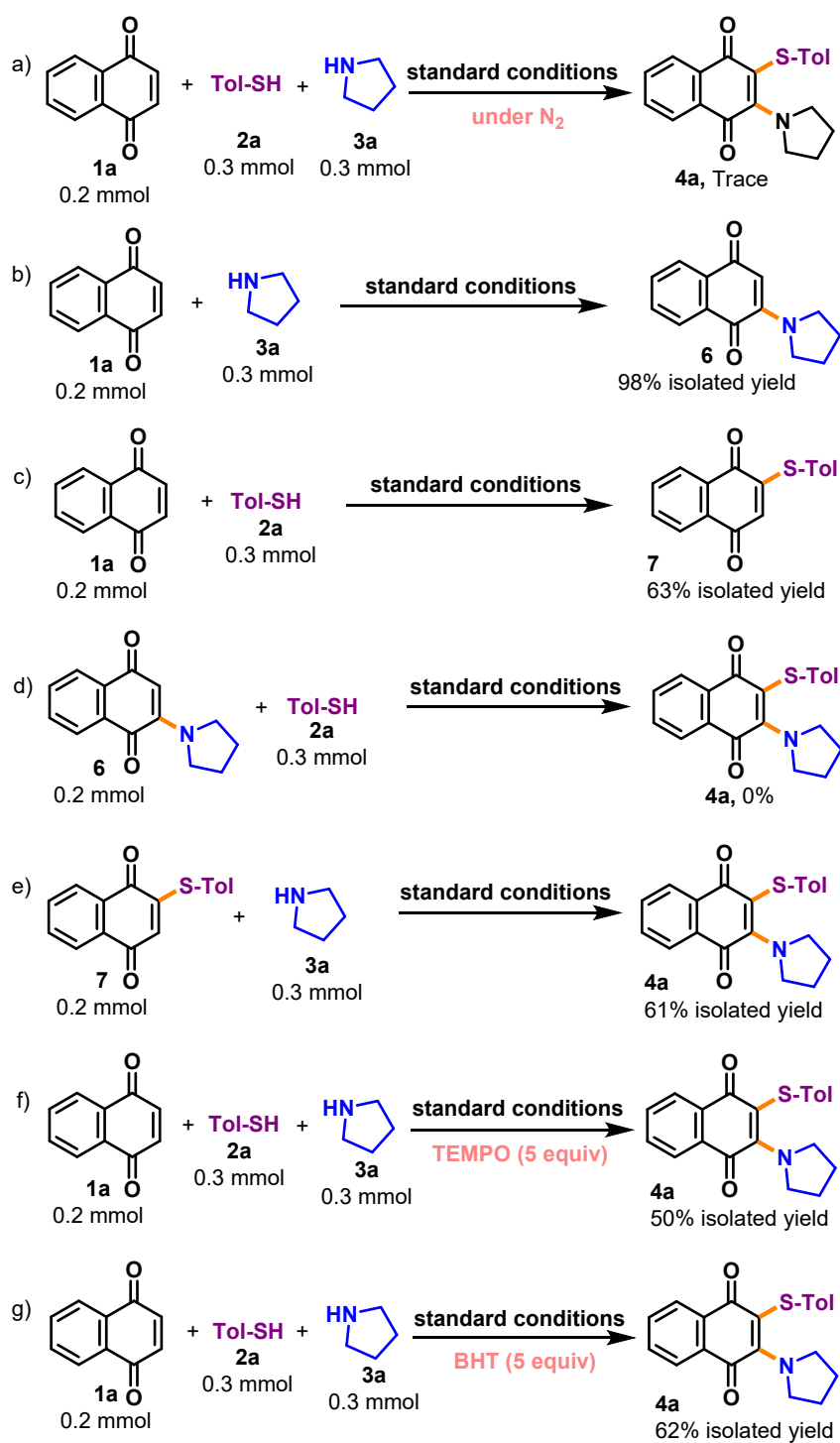
Experimental procedure for **Scheme S2(a)**: The 25 mL reaction tube containing the solution of 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol), *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol) and pyrrolidine **3a** (0.3 mmol) in CPME (1.5 mL) was filled with nitrogen three times, and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, product **4a** was detected by TLC.

Experimental procedure for **Scheme S2(c)**: In a 25 mL reaction tube, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol) and *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the desired product **7** in 63% yield.

Experimental procedure for **Scheme S2(d)**: In a 25 mL reaction tube, compound **6** (0.2 mmol) and *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, no product **4a** was detected by TLC.

Experimental procedure for **Scheme S2(e)**: In a 25 mL reaction tube, compound **7** (0.2 mmol) and pyrrolidine **3a** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the desired product **4a** in 61% yield.

Experimental procedure for **Scheme S2(f and g)**: In a 25 mL reaction tube, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol), *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol) and pyrrolidine **3a** (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in CPME (1.5 mL), in addition, a corresponding amount of additive (TEMPO or BQ) was added to the reaction system, and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the yield was determined by ^1H NMR (1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as the internal standard).

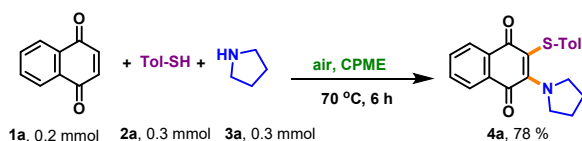


Scheme S2. Control Experiments

2.7 The calculation of green chemistry metrics

Entry	This work	Previous work (Ref 13)
AU (Atom Utilization)	0.63	0.63
E-factor	1.53	1.86
RME (Reaction Mass Efficiency)	0.39	0.35
MI (Mass Intensity)	38.53	88.29

Table S1 Green metrics of this work



Item	Reactant 1	Reactant 2	Reactant 3	Product
	1a	2a	3a	4a
Mmol	0.2 mmol	0.3 mmol	0.3 mmol	0.156 mmol
MW	158.04	124.03	71.07	226.09
Mass	31.61 mg	37.21 mg	21.32 mg	35.27 mg

$$A U (a t o m \ u t i l i z a t i o n) = \frac{M W \ o f \ d e s i r e d \ p r o d u c t s}{M W \ R e a c t a n t \ 1 + M W \ R e a c t a n t \ 2 + M W \ R e a c t a n t \ 3}$$

$$= \frac{226.09}{158.04 + 124.03 + 71.07}$$

$$= 0.63$$

$$E - f a c t o r = \frac{\sum M W \ o f \ s t o i c h i o m e t r i c \ r e a c t a n t s}{\sum M W \ o f \ d e s i r e d \ p r o d u c t s}$$

$$= \frac{31.61 + 37.21 + 21.32}{35.27}$$

$$= 1.54$$

$$R M E (r e a c t i o n \ m a s s \ e f f i c i e n c y) = \frac{\sum M W \ o f \ d e s i r e d \ p r o d u c t s}{\sum M W \ o f \ s t o i c h i o m e t r i c \ r e a c t a n t s}$$

$$= \frac{35.27}{31.61 + 37.21 + 21.32}$$

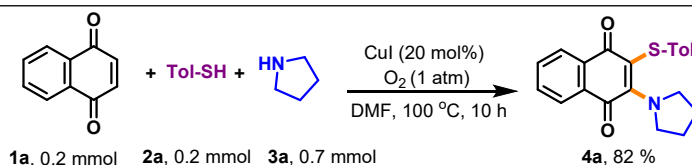
$$= 0.39$$

$$M (m a s s \ i n t e n s i t y) = \frac{\sum M W \ o f \ a l l \ s u b s t a n c e s \ (e x c l u d i n g \ s o l v e n t \ a n d \ c a t a l y s t)}{\sum M W \ o f \ d e s i r e d \ p r o d u c t s}$$

$$= \frac{31.61 + 37.21 + 21.32 + 10.14}{35.27}$$

$$= 3.853$$

Table S2 Green metrics of the previous work

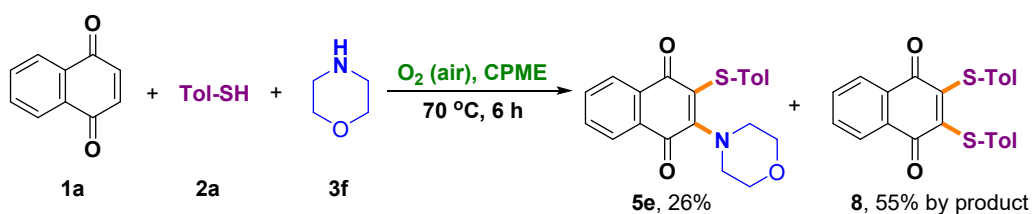


Item	Reactant 1	Reactant 1	Reactant 1	Product
	1a	2a	3a	4a
Mmol	0.2 mmol	0.2 mmol	0.7 mmol	0.164 mmol
MW	158.04	124.03	71.07	226.09
Mass	31.61 mg	24.81 mg	49.75 mg	37.08 mg

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Atom Utilization} &= \frac{\sum \text{MW of desired products}}{\sum \text{MW Reactant}} \\
 &= \frac{226.09}{158.04 + 124.07 + 71.07} \\
 &= 0.63 \\
 \text{E-factor} &= \frac{\sum \text{MW of stoichiometric reagents}}{\sum \text{MW of desired products}} \\
 &= \frac{31.6 + 24.8 + 19.75}{37.08} \\
 &= 1.86 \\
 \text{Reaction mass efficiency} &= \frac{\sum \text{MW of desired products}}{\sum \text{MW of stoichiometric reactants}} \\
 &= \frac{37.08}{31.6 + 24.8 + 19.75} \\
 &= 0.35 \\
 \text{Intensity} &= \frac{\sum \text{MW of all substances (excluding O}_2\text{)}}{\sum \text{MW of desired products}} \\
 &= \frac{31.6 + 24.8 + 19.75 + 90.45 + 0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.0 \times 0.9 + 100 + 1.2}{37.08} \\
 &= 88.29
 \end{aligned}$$

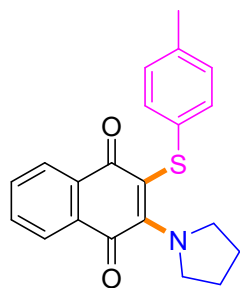
(The weight of O₂ balloon is approximately 1.28 g)

2.8 Byproduct analysis



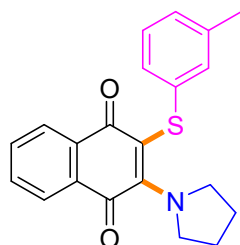
Experimental procedure: To 25 mL reaction tube, 1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (0.2 mmol), *p*-methylthiophenol **2a** (0.3 mmol) and morpholine **3f** (0.3 mmol), CPME (1.5 mL) were added, and then the reaction tube was stirred in air at 70 °C for 6 h. After the reaction, the mixture was collected, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the desired product **5e** and byproduct **8** with yields of 26% and 55%, respectively.

3. Characterization data



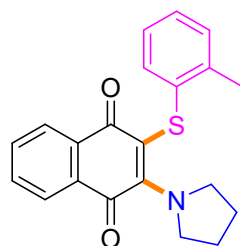
2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (4a)¹

Reddish brown solid, 75% yield (52 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.95 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.75 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.39, 180.29, 155.61, 135.06, 134.78, 134.09, 133.48, 131.96, 131.90, 129.59, 126.40, 126.25, 125.90, 105.66, 53.82, 25.50, 20.93.



2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-(m-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (4b)

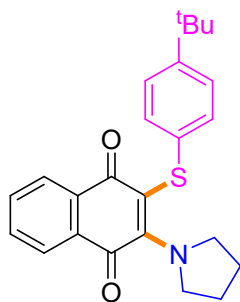
Reddish brown solid, 58% yield (41 mg), mp 50.8 – 51.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.12 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.44, 180.23, 155.89, 138.51, 134.12, 133.48, 131.98, 131.91, 128.68, 126.48, 126.42, 125.92, 125.88, 122.98, 104.85, 53.87, 25.50, 21.47. HRMS Calcd for C₂₇H₂₀NO₂S [M + H]⁺: m/z 350.1209, found: 350.1213.



2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-(o-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (4c)

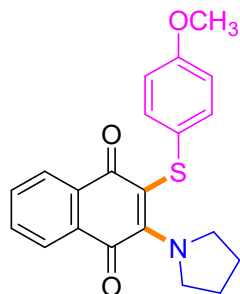
Reddish brown solid, 56% yield (39 mg), mp 80.8 – 81.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.44, 180.18, 156.55, 137.67, 134.43, 134.15, 133.52, 132.02, 131.91, 130.07, 126.44, 126.34, 125.94, 125.20, 124.52, 103.82, 53.78, 25.49, 20.02. HRMS Calcd for C₂₇H₂₀NO₂S [M + H]⁺: m/z 350.1209, found: 350.1208.

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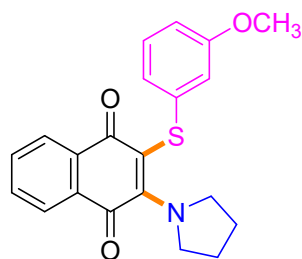
2-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4d**)¹

Reddish brown solid, 71% yield (56 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.40, 180.29, 155.69, 148.03, 135.03, 134.07, 133.46, 131.95, 131.90, 126.36, 125.91, 125.89, 125.84, 105.52, 53.85, 34.33, 31.33, 25.48.



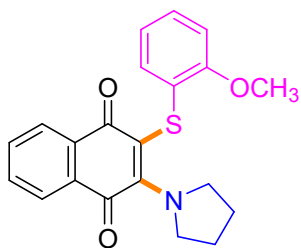
2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4e**)¹

Reddish brown solid, 65% yield (47 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.35, 180.43, 157.80, 155.15, 134.05, 133.43, 131.90, 129.11, 128.42, 126.34, 125.88, 114.58, 107.21, 55.35, 53.83, 25.52.



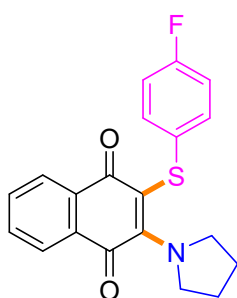
2-((3-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4f**)

Reddish brown solid, 54% yield (39 mg), mp 38.8 – 39.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.39, 180.10, 159.88, 156.11, 140.32, 134.12, 133.43, 131.96, 131.92, 129.65, 126.36, 125.91, 118.18, 111.41, 110.57, 104.16, 55.20, 53.88, 25.47. HRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃S [M + H]⁺: *m/z* 366.1158, found: 366.1160.



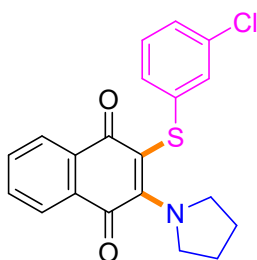
2-((2-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4g**)¹

Reddish brown solid, 76% yield (55 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 3.92 – 3.89 (m, 7H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.50, 180.09, 156.73, 155.51, 134.11, 133.59, 132.03, 131.85, 127.10, 126.42, 126.37, 125.90, 125.61, 121.16, 110.36, 103.00, 55.87, 53.80, 25.50.



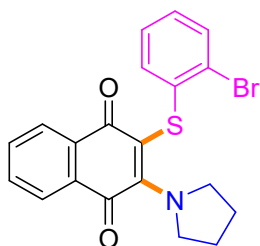
2-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4h**)¹

Reddish brown solid, 60% yield (42 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.95 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 1.88 – 1.77 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.33, 180.21, 162.03, 159.60, 156.04, 134.20, 133.88, 133.84, 133.35, 132.01, 131.89, 127.92, 127.85, 126.38, 125.97, 116.02, 115.80, 105.03, 54.03, 25.50. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -117.70.



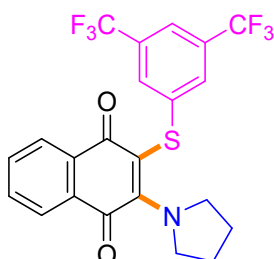
2-((3-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4i**)¹

Reddish brown solid, 55% yield (41 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 4.00 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 1.94 – 1.55 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.25, 179.98, 156.49, 141.32, 134.69, 134.25, 133.33, 132.05, 131.95, 129.85, 126.43, 126.05, 125.41, 124.98, 123.84, 103.00, 54.09, 25.47.



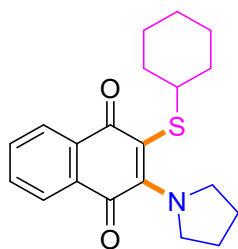
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Reddish brown solid, 63% yield (52 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.94 – 3.90 (m, 4H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.41, 179.90, 157.05, 139.95, 134.31, 133.43, 132.72, 132.03, 132.00, 127.67, 126.92, 126.49, 126.05, 125.82, 120.24, 102.74, 54.06, 25.49.



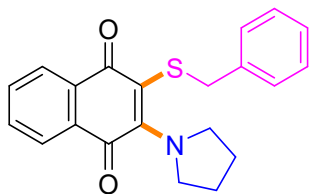
2-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4k**)

Reddish brown solid, 49% yield (46 mg), mp 169.1 – 169.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 3.94 – 3.91 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.78 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 183.92, 179.62, 156.93, 142.98, 134.44, 133.15, 132.39, 132.25, 132.06, 131.88, 131.73, 131.40, 126.40, 126.23, 125.18, 124.49, 121.78, 100.58, 54.27, 25.39. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -63.02. HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆F₆NO₂S [M + H]⁺: m/z 472.0800, found: 472.0803.



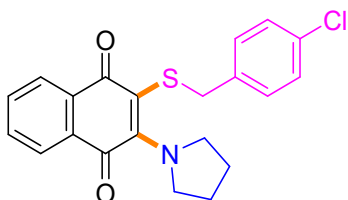
2-(cyclohexylthio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4l**)¹

Purple solid, 22% yield (15 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 2.90 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.15 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.58, 181.00, 156.28, 133.85, 133.56, 131.90, 131.69, 126.14, 125.60, 108.36, 54.37, 46.05, 32.85, 26.10, 25.90, 25.65.



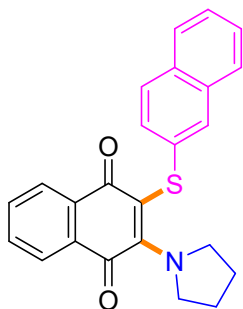
2-(benzylthio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4m**)¹

Purple solid, 62% yield (43 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 6.3, 5.9, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.72 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.70 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.19, 180.65, 156.55, 138.24, 133.91, 133.70, 131.76, 131.65, 128.96, 128.17, 126.90, 126.04, 125.69, 106.61, 54.32, 40.13, 25.45.



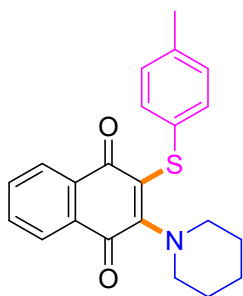
2-((4-chlorobenzyl)thio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4n**)¹

Purple solid, 64% yield (49 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.59 – 3.44 (m, 4H), 2.78 – 2.60 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.96, 181.64, 156.45, 136.57, 133.83, 133.06, 132.93, 132.74, 131.94, 130.26, 128.50, 126.70, 126.34, 125.31, 55.05, 38.27, 28.04.



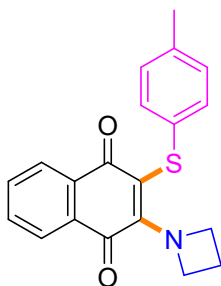
2-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**4o**)

Reddish brown solid, 55% yield (42 mg), mp 49.6 – 50.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 1.88 – 1.66 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.38, 180.27, 155.99, 136.40, 134.20, 133.85, 133.48, 132.02, 131.37, 128.42, 127.72, 126.93, 126.46, 126.03, 125.18, 124.64, 123.64, 104.40, 53.91, 25.45. HRMS Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₂S [M + H]⁺: m/z 386.1209, found: 386.1210.



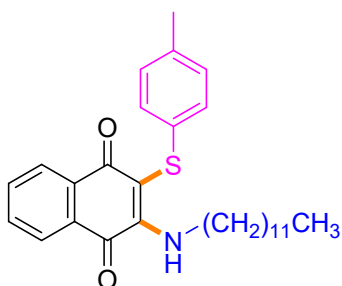
*2-(piperidin-1-yl)-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (5a)*¹

Reddish brown solid, 81% yield (59 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.41 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.39, 181.71, 155.02, 135.94, 133.79, 133.20, 132.81, 132.66, 132.26, 129.64, 127.95, 126.65, 126.45, 120.01, 53.39, 26.87, 24.10, 21.06.



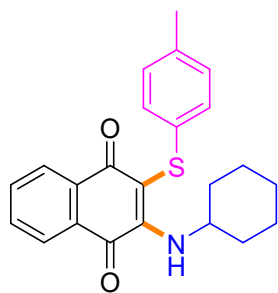
2-(azetidin-1-yl)-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (5b)

Reddish brown solid, 60% yield (40 mg), mp 68.5 – 69.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.70, 179.51, 151.22, 136.39, 134.59, 134.51, 133.58, 131.77, 131.30, 129.77, 126.59, 126.05, 125.92, 102.58, 58.77, 20.92, 18.31. HRMS Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂S [M + H]⁺: m/z 336.1053, found: 336.1053.



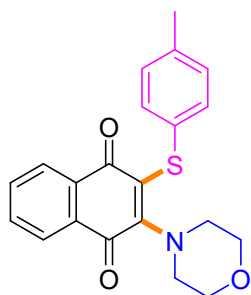
*2-(dodecylamino)-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (5c)*¹

Reddish brown solid, 37% yield (34 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 – 1.17 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.59, 135.25, 134.97, 133.85, 132.13, 129.82, 127.15, 126.81, 126.60, 45.65, 31.93, 30.49, 29.65, 29.57, 29.49, 29.36, 29.20, 26.64, 22.71, 20.94, 14.15.



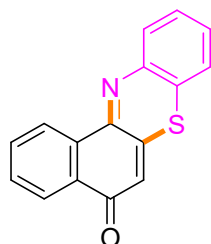
*2-(cyclohexylamino)-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (5d)*¹

Reddish brown solid, 40% yield (30 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.69 (dt, *J* = 13.0, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.15 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.60, 179.88, 135.33, 134.91, 133.81, 132.13, 130.47, 129.80, 127.06, 126.61, 52.91, 34.17, 25.33, 24.53, 20.98.



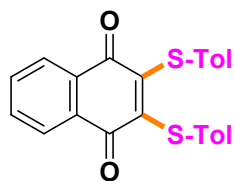
*2-morpholino-3-(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (5e)*¹

Reddish brown solid, 26% yield (19 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.12 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 182.07, 181.90, 153.09, 136.48, 133.96, 132.97, 132.57, 132.19, 132.05, 129.79, 128.18, 126.74, 126.55, 122.13, 67.45, 51.81, 21.06.



*5H-benzo[a]phenothiazin-5-one (5f)*¹

Yellow solid, 92% yield (48 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.79 – 8.63 (m, 1H), 8.30 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 8.0, 7.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.71 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 180.16, 144.65, 138.53, 137.75, 134.16, 133.34, 132.56, 131.59, 131.27, 129.93, 127.71, 125.73, 125.57, 124.63, 122.88, 120.20.



*2,3-bis(p-tolylthio)naphthalene-1,4-dione (8)*¹

Reddish brown solid, 55% yield (44 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.78, 148.32, 137.98, 133.68, 132.86, 131.43, 130.21, 129.95, 127.13, 21.27.

4. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra

