Visible-light-promoted and chlorophyll-catalyzed aerobic desulfurization of thioamides to amides

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1. General information

Column chromatography silica gel (200-300 mesh) and TCL plate were purchased from Qingdao Meijin Chemical Inc (Qingdao; China); HRMS data were obtained in the ESI mode on an Agilent 6530 Q-TOF/MS system. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer and chemical shifts were given in δ with TMS as an internal reference.

2. General procedure for the synthesis compounds 2



Scheme 1s.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with a mixture of thioamide 1 (0.3mmol) and 15 mg of chlorophyll a powder (5 mol%) and 3 mL MeCN. The tube was set on a RLH-18 photo reactor (Beijing Rogertech Ltd.) and irradiated by 10 W blue LED open to air. After irradiation at room temperature for 8 h, the LED light was removed, and the solvent was poured to 30 mL water and extracted with 30mL EtOAc for three times. The organic layer was then washed with 20mL water for three times and evaporated giving crude product, which was purified on silica gel chromatography and eluted with PE/EtOAc to give target compounds.

3. GC-MS analysis of model reaction





4. Spectra data of compounds 2

Compound **2a**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J*=8Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.12

(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 137.9, 135.0, 131.8, 129.1(×2), 128.8(×2), 127.1(×2), 124.6, 120.3(×2). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 198.0913 for

 $C_{13}H_{12}NO^+$ [M+H]⁺; Found, 198.0913. Data were consistent with those previously reported¹.



Compound 2b, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 8.26 (s, 1H), 7. 86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.02, 135.49, 135.47, 135.05, 134.16, 131.62, 129.49(×2), 128.64, 128.62, 127.14, 127.12, 120.62, 120.58, 20.94. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 212.1070 for C₁₄H₁₄NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 212.1070. Data were consistent with those previously reported².

Compound 2c, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.82, 135.79, 134.94, 131.81, 130.58, 129.87, 128.78(×2), 127.14(×2), 126.81, 125.51, 123.56, 17.78. HRMS (ESI+): calcd 212.1070 for C₁₄H₁₄NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 212.1070. Data were consistent with those previously reported¹.



Compound **2d**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.21, 138.85, 138.01, 135.02, 131.67,

128.78, 128.61(×2), 127.20(×2), 125.36, 121.28, 117.73, 21.47. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 212.1070 for $C_{14}H_{14}NO^{+}[M+H]^{+}$; Found, 212.1070. Data were consistent with those previously reported¹.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.21, 155.21, 138.27, 132.05, 128.95(×2), 127.14(×2), 125.63(×2), 124.38, 120.62(×2), 34.96, 31.20(×3). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 254.1539 for C₁₇H₂₀NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 254.1542.

Compound **2f**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (d, J = 22 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.60, 139.21, 134.51, 134.42, 131.99, 129.91, 128.65, 127.23, 127.21, 124.59, 120.85, 120.81, 118.81, 118.76. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 232.0524 for C₁₃H₁₁ClNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 232.0520.

Compound **2g**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.50, 9.49 (dd, J = 2.8Hz, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 8.07-8.03 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.41, 155.61(d, ¹ $J_{F-C} =$ 51.9Hz), 144.63, 133.55, 132.76, 129.08(×2), 127.46(d, ² $J_{F-C} =$ 11.5Hz), 127.16(×2), 119.96(d, ³ $J_{F-C} =$ 9.2Hz), 117.42(d, ⁴ $J_{F-C} =$ 3.2Hz), 115.38(d, ² $J_{F-C} =$ 22Hz). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 261.0670 for C₁₃H₁₀FN₂O₃⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 261.0679.

Compound **2h**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.46-8.42 (m, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.54, 152.89(d, ¹*J*_{F-C} = 241.6Hz), 134.51, 132.09, 128.83(×2), 127.13(×2), 126.49(d, ²*J*_{F-C} = 10 Hz), 124.66, 124.56(d, ²*J*_{F-C} = 3.7Hz), 122.10, 114.87(d, ³*J*_{F-C} = 9.8Hz). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 216.0819 for C₁₃H₁₁FNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 216.0819.

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1.37-1.27 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.83, 134.80, 131.12, 128.32(×2), 127.01(×2), 39.85, 31.65, 20.14, 13.75. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 178.1226 for $C_{11}H_{16}NO^{+}[M+H]^{+}$; Found, 178.1225. Data were consistent with those previously reported¹.

Compound **2j**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.20 (m, 1H), 1.22(s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.82, 134.96, 131.10, 128.33(×2), 126.96(×2), 41.83, 22.67(\times 2). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 164.1070 for C₁₀H₁₄NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 164.1071.



Compound **2k**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.31 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 134.9, 131.2, 128.4(×2), 127.0(×2), 51.7, 33.0(×2), 23.8(×2). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 190.1226 for C₁₂H₁₆NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 190.1225.

Compound **2I**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.4Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.38 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 135.9, 130.9, 128.3(×2), 126.8(×2), 51.5, 28.8(×3). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 178.1226 for C₁₁H₁₆NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 178.1221.

Compound 2m, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39- 7.27 (m, 7H), 4.57 (d, J = 6Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.70, 138.50, 134.41, 131.46, 128.65(×2), 128.49(×2), 127.74(×2), 127.38,

 $127.19(\times 2)$, 43.94. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 212.1070 for C₁₄H₁₄NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 212.1070. Data were consistent with those previously reported³.



Compound **2n**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.61-8.58 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.22, 148.26, 135.27, 131.73, 128.77(×2), 127.81, 127.05(×2), 123.96, 121.11, 119.88, 110.03, 55.82. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 228.1019 for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 228.1021.



Compound **20**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47, 7.42 (dd, $J_1 = 2$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d. J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s,

3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.58, 151.97, 149.04, 138.22, 128.97(×2), 127.48, 124.34, 120.38(×2), 119.75, 110.75, 110.31, 55.99, 55.91. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 258.1125 for C₁₅H₁₆NO₃⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 258.1125.

Compound **2p**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 1.6Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 (td, J = 1.2 Hz, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.53, 159.03, 137.80, 133.61(d, ³J_{F-C} = 2.1Hz), 131.95(d, ⁴J_{F-C} = 2.1 Hz), 129.04(×2), 124.97(d, ³J_{F-C} = 3.2 Hz), 124.74, 121.67(d, ²J_{F-C} = 11.4 Hz), 120.57(×2), 116.23(d, ¹J_{F-C} = 24.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 216.0819 for C₁₃H₁₁FNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 216.0819.

Compound **2q**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.86 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.37, 163.36(d, ¹J_{F-C} = 248.3 Hz), 139.68(d, ³J_{F-C})

 $_{\rm C}$ = 8.4 Hz), 137.91, 132.55, 129.07(×3), 128.79(d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm F-C}$ = 8.9 Hz), 124.67, 120.06, 117.95(d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm F-C}$ = 21.2 Hz), 112.67(d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm F-C}$ = 21.4 Hz), 19.93(d, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.5 Hz). HRMS 7/38 (ESI⁺): calcd 230.0976 for C₁₄H₁₃FNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 230.0976.



 δ 8.11 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.74, 137.67, 137.37, 134.75, 132.40, 130.81, 130.06, 129.08(×2), 127.46, 124.76, 120.16(×2), 20.75. HRMS (ESI+): calcd 353.9100 for C₁₃H₁₀Br₂NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 355.9103. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 246.0680 for C₁₄H₁₃ClNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 246.0678.

Compound **2r**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

Compound 2s, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.97, 137.81, 137.72, 133.37, 131.44, 129.43, 129.02(×2), 127.56, 124.77, 120.29(×2), 119.41. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 276.0019 for C₁₃H₁₁BrNO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 276.0019.

B Compound **2t**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.19, 139.31, 137.24, 134.85, 134.49, 132.45, 129.15(×2), 125.14, 121.64, 120.27(×2), 118.01. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 353.9124 for C₁₃H₁₀Br₂NO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 353.9124.

Compound **2u**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30, 8.29 (dd, J = 2.4Hz, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11,

7.11 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.50, 159.83(d, ${}^{1}J_{F-C} = 3.8$ Hz), 158.05, 137.35, 136.44(d, ${}^{3}J_{F-C} = 10$ Hz), 134.90(d, ${}^{3}J_{F-C} =$ 2.3 Hz), 129.15(×2), 125.09, 123.14(d, ${}^{2}J_{F-C} = 12.8$ Hz), 120.60, 118.18(d, ${}^{2}J_{F-C} = 27$ 8/38

Compound **2v**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.40, 142.03, 139.97, 137.62, 131.42, 129.08(×2), 128.48, 128.28, 124.86, 120.23(×2), 92.49. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd323.9880 for C₁₃H₁₁INO⁺[M+H]⁺; Found, 323.9884.

Compound **2w**, obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 138.1, 128.8(×2), 124.3, 120.3(×2), 24.4. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd136.0757 for C₈H₁₀NO⁺ [M+H]⁺; Found, 136.0757. Data were consistent with those previously reported¹.

Compound **2x**, Obtained as white solid, ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84(d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54(t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46(t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.34(s, 2H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 133.3, 132.0, 128.6(2), 127.4(2). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 122.0600 for C₇H₈NO⁺ [M+H]⁺; found, 122.0601.

Compound **2y**, Obtained as colorless oil, ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34(dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20(dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 3.45(t, J= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.22(t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.77-1.71(m, 2H), 1.67-1.61(m, 2H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl3): δ 169.4, 137.1, 129.6, 128.0(×2), 126.9(×2), 49.4, 46.0, 26.2, 24.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 176.1070 for C₁₁H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺; found, 176.1072

Compound **5**, Obtain as the yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.2, 137.1, 133.1, 128.6(×2), 128.3(×2), 26.6. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 121.0648 for C₈H₉O⁺ [M+H]⁺; Found, 121.0648.

Compound **6**, Obtain as the yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 132.9, 130.2, 129.5(×2), 128.3(×2), 52.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd 159.0417 for C₈H₈NaO₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺; Found, 159.0420.

5. X-ray crystal data for compound 2a (CCDC deposition number: 2160655).

 $C_{13}H_{11}NO, M = 197.23, a = 5.3315(6) Å, b = 7.7796(8) Å, c = 12.4238(14) Å, a = 72.694(6)^{\circ}, \beta = 78.711(5)^{\circ}, \gamma = 89.961(5)^{\circ}, V = 481.54(9) Å^{3}, T = 100.(2) K, space group$ *P*-1,*Z* $= 2, <math>\mu$ (Cu Ka) = 0.687 mm⁻¹, 5689 reflections measured, 1857 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0652$). The final R_I values were 0.1139 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.3700 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_I values were 0.1245 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.3950 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.833.



Figure 1s. View of the molecules in an asymmetric unit. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



Figure 2s. View of a molecule of cp2 with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.





Table 1s. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 2a

Identification code global Empirical formula C₁₃ H₁₁ N O 197.23 Formula weight Temperature 100(2) K Wavelength 1.54178 Å Crystal system Triclinic P-1 Space group Unit cell dimensions a = 5.3315(6) Å $\alpha = 72.694(6)^{\circ}$. b = 7.7796(8) Å $\beta = 78.711(5)^{\circ}$. $c = 12.4238(14) \text{ Å} \quad \gamma = 89.961(5)^{\circ}.$ Volume 481.54(9) Å³ Ζ 2 Density (calculated) 1.360 Mg/m³ Absorption coefficient 0.687 mm⁻¹ F(000) 208 Crystal size 0.700 x 0.400 x 0.150 mm³ Theta range for data collection 3.81 to 74.94°. Index ranges -6<=h<=6, -7<=k<=9, -15<=l<=15 Reflections collected 5689 Independent reflections 1857 [R(int) = 0.0652]Completeness to theta = $74.94^{\circ}93.5$ % Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents Max. and min. transmission 0.90 and 0.52 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F² Data / restraints / parameters 1857 / 716 / 272 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.833 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.1139, wR2 = 0.3700 R indices (all data) R1 = 0.1245, wR2 = 0.3950Largest diff. peak and hole 0.436 and -0.381 e.Å-3

6. NMR Spectra data of compounds 2







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