

Pyridine-borane complex catalysed thioesterification: the direct conversion of carboxylic acids into thioesters

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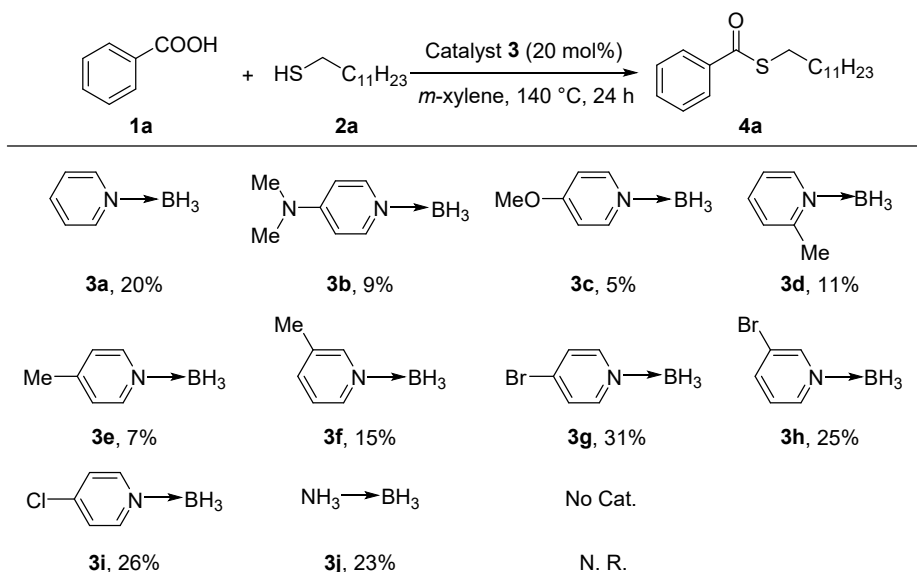
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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all manipulations were carried out under argon atmosphere. ^{11}B , ^{13}C ^{19}F and ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature, on a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz NMR with Autosampler. Spectral data is reported in ppm using solvents as the reference (CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm and DMSO at 2.50 ppm for ^1H NMR/ CDCl_3 at 77.16 ppm, and DMSO at 39.52 ppm for ^{13}C NMR). Spectral data is reported as: δ value, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant(s) in Hz and integration. The ^{11}B NMR spectrum measured for the compound **3i** was hydrogen decoupled. All solvents for routine isolation of products were reagent-grade and were purchased from Sinopharm. The high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on Bruker micrOTOF-II mass spectrometer by ESI using a positive electrospray ionization (ESI+). Measured values are reported to 4 decimal places of the calculated value. The calculated values are based on the most abundant isotope. Sodium borohydride was purchased from Sinopharm and used without further purification. All pyridines, thiols, thiophenols, carboxylic acids, benzylamine and ammonia-borane complex were purchased from Energy Chemical, Bidepharm and Aladdin and used without further purification. All reactions requiring heating were using an aluminum heating block except that the gram-scale reactions were heated in an oil bath.

2. Optimization Tables

Table S1. Survey of the catalysts for the synthesis of *S*-dodecyl benzothioate (**4a**).



Reaction conditions: **1a** (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **3** (0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), *m*-xylene (2.0 mL), at 140 °C under argon, and yields reported are ¹H NMR yields and determined by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. N.R. = No reaction.

Table S2. Optimization of solvents and the effect of temperature.

Reaction scheme showing the synthesis of **4a** from **1a** and **2a** using Catalyst **3g** (20 mol%) in various solvents at different temperatures for 24 h.

Entry	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%)
1	<i>M</i> -xylene	140	31
2	Mesitylene	140	24
3	DMSO	140	0
4	DMF	140	Trace
5	Dodecane	140	35
6	Nitrobenzene	140	31
7	1,2-DCB	140	35
8	<i>M</i> -xylene	120	11
9	1,2-DCB	150	41

Reaction conditions: **1a** (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **3g** (0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), solvent (2.0 mL), under argon, and yields reported are ¹H NMR yields and determined by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. 1,2-DCB = 1,2-dichlorobenzene, DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide.

Table S3. Dosage proportional and concentration optimization table for the synthesis of **4a**.

Entry	1a (equiv)	2a (equiv)	V (mL)	Concentration (M)	Yield (%)
1	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	17
2	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.5	20
3	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	35
4	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	22
5	4.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	30
6	2.0	1.0	4.0	0.25	18
7	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	40
8	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	24

Reaction conditions: **1a**, **2a**, catalyst **3g** (0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), 1,2-DCB, at 140 °C, under argon, and yields reported are ¹H NMR yields and determined by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

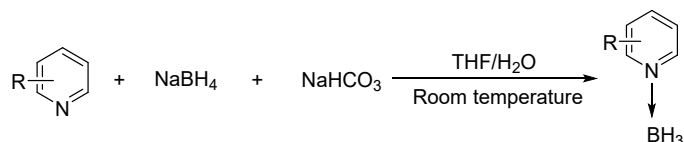
Table S4. Survey of the catalyst's loading amount for the synthesis of **4a** and effects of temperature.

Entry	Temperature (°C)	X	Yield (%)
1	140	20	40
2	140	50	74 (60)^a
3	140	40	46
4	140	60	73
5	140	80	77
6	150	50	48
7	140	100	74

Reaction conditions: **1a** (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), catalyst **3g** (0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), 1,2-DCB (1.0 mL), at 140 °C under argon, and yields reported are ¹H NMR yields and determined by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^aIsolated yield.

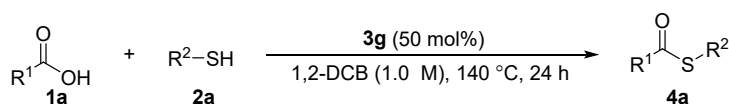
3. Experimental Procedures

3.1 Experimental procedures for the synthesis of pyridine-borane complexes.



The pyridine-borane complexes were synthesized according to the reported procedure. [1a] Sodium borohydride (0.28 g, 7.5 mmol) and powdered sodium bicarbonate (1.26 g, 15 mmol) were added to a 50 mL dry round bottom flask. The corresponding pyridine was charged into the reaction flask followed by the addition of reagent-grade THF (1.9 mL for liquid pyridines) at ambient temperature. Under vigorous stirring, 1.9 mL of 14.4% v/v solution water in THF was added dropwise. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion (4 - 12 h), the reaction was filtered through sodium sulfate and celite and the solid residue was washed with 50 mL THF. Remove the solvent *in vacuo* and the residue was purified with flash chromatography with 200-300 mesh silica gel, eluting with petroleum, ether and ethyl acetate.

3.2 Experimental procedures of thioesters.

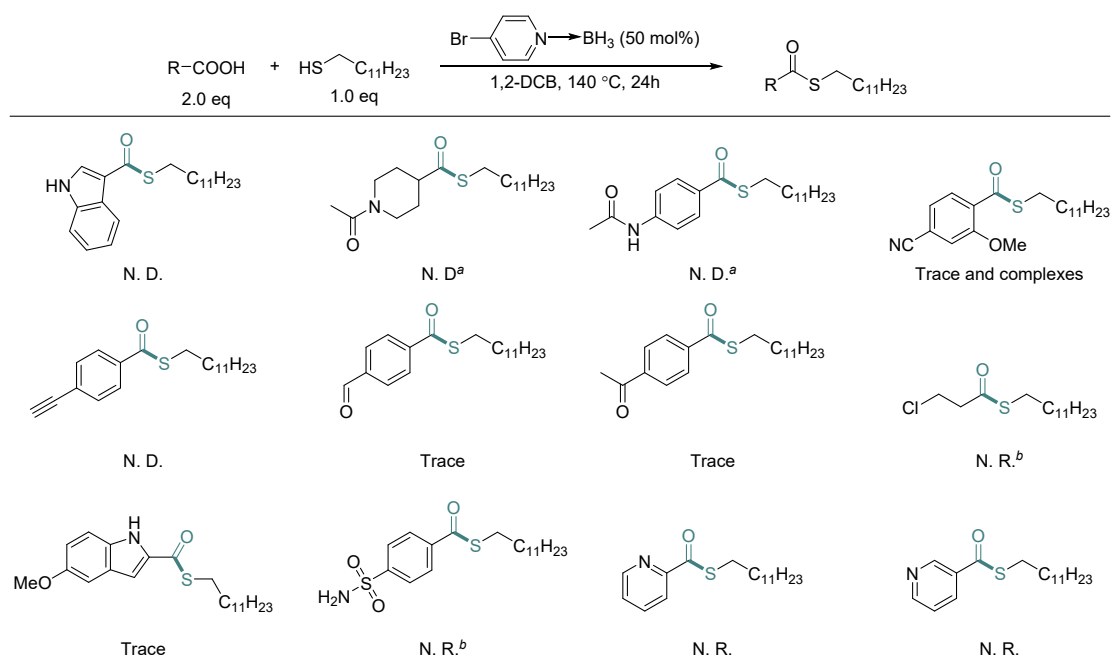


To a 25 mL Schlenk tube was added carboxylic acids (2.0 mmol), thiols or thiophenols (1.0 mmol), and pyridine-borane complex **3g** (0.5 mmol, 50 mol%) under argon atmosphere. Then 1,2-DCB was added into the tube (1.0 mL, 1.0 M with respect to thiols or thiophenols), and the reaction was then heated to 140 °C for 24 hours. When completed, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3), then the combined organic layer was washed with brine and then dried over Na₂SO₄. Filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with flash chromatography with 200-300 mesh silica gel, eluting with petroleum ether and dichloromethane, to afford desired thioesters.

3.3 Experimental procedures of gram-scale reactions

To a 50 mL round-bottom flask, carboxylic acids (20.0 mmol), thiols (10.0 mmol), and pyridine-borane complex **3g** (5.0 mmol, 50 mol%) were added under argon atmosphere. Then 1,2-DCB was added into the flask (10.0 mL, 1.0 M with respect to thiols). The reaction was heated to 140 °C for 24 hours. When the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then washed with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, and then dried over Na₂SO₄. Filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* and purified with 200-300 mesh silica gel, eluting with petroleum ether and dichloromethane, to afford desired thioesters.

3.4 Unsuccessful examples.

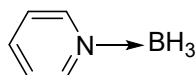


N. D. = Not detected. N. R. = No reaction. ^a*S*-dodecyl ethanethioate as the product was obtained, and yields < 10%. ^bCarboxylic acid could not dissolve in the solvent.

4. Characterization data of catalysts, thioesters and amide products

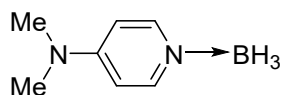
4.1 Characterization data of pyridine-borane complexes.

3a Pyridine-Borane complex



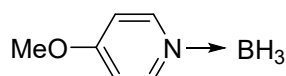
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.03 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 7.93 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 2.59 (br, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.5, 139.2, 125.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[1a]

3b 4-Dimethylaminopyridine-Borane complex



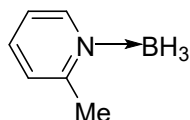
The title compound was isolated as a white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (s, 6H), 2.86 – 1.97 (br, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.7, 146.8, 106.5, 39.6. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[1a]

3c 4-Methoxypyridine-Borane complex



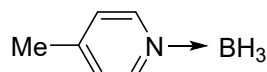
The title compound was isolated as a white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.95 – 2.10 (br, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 149.0, 111.0, 56.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[1c]

3d 2-Methylpyridine-Borane complex



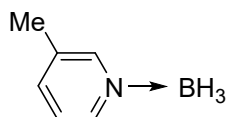
The title compound was isolated as a white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.83 – 2.12 (br, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.9, 148.8, 139.6, 126.9, 122.5, 22.6. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[1a]

3e 4-Methylpyridine-Borane complex



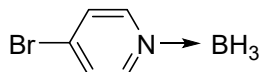
The title compound was isolated as a white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.03 – 2.09 (br, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.6, 147.0, 126.1, 21.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[1c]

3f 3-Methylpyridine-Borane complex



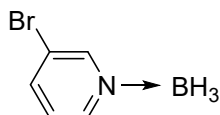
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.04 (br, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 144.5, 139.7, 135.8, 124.9, 18.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [1c]

3g 4-Bromopyridine-Borane complex



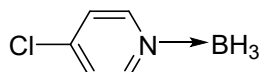
The title compound was isolated as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.02–1.94 (br, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3, 136.6, 129.1. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [1c]

3h 3-Bromopyridine-Borane complex



The title compound was isolated as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.09 (3H, br). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 146.1, 142.0, 126.2, 121.2. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [1c]

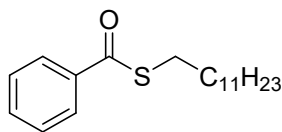
3i 4-Chloropyridine-Borane complex



The title compound was isolated as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.14 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 147.8, 126.0. ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -12.03. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calculated for C₅H₇BBrN[Na]⁺: 149.0253; found: 149.0255.

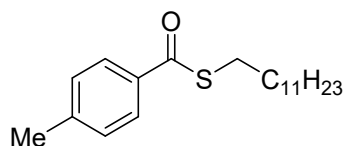
4.2 Characterization data of thioesters.

4a *S*-dodecyl benzothioate



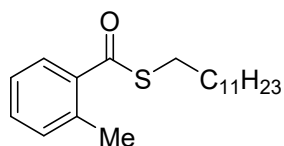
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (184 mg, 60% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.3, 137.4, 133.3, 128.7, 127.3, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2a]

4b *S*-dodecyl 4-methylbenzothioate



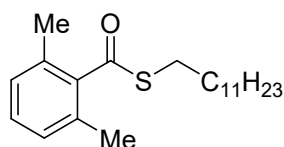
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (199 mg, 62% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.66 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.9, 144.1, 134.9, 129.3, 127.4, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 21.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2b]

4c *S*-dodecyl 2-methylbenzothioate



The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (237 mg, 74% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.66 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 138.0, 136.7, 131.6, 131.5, 128.5, 125.8, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 20.7, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2b]

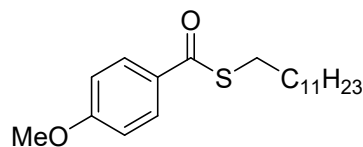
4d *S*-dodecyl 2,6-dimethylbenzothioate



The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (261 mg, 78% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 1.70 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 16H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz,

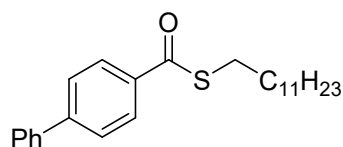
CDCl_3) δ 198.0, 140.6, 133.7, 129.3, 127.7, 32.1, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 22.8, 19.1, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{34}\text{OS}[\text{H}]^+$: 335.2404; found: 335.2409.

4e *S*-dodecyl 4-methoxybenzothioate



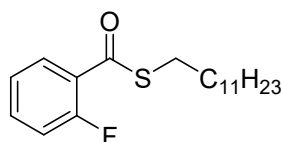
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (281 mg, 83% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 (p, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (q, $J = 7.3, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.8, 163.7, 130.3, 129.4, 113.8, 55.6, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2c]

4f *S*-dodecyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbothioate



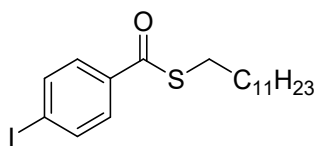
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (233 mg, 61% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (s, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.8, 146.1, 134.0, 136.1, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2d]

4g *S*-dodecyl 2-fluorobenzothioate



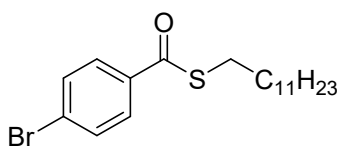
The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (193 mg, 59% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dddd, $J = 8.3, 7.2, 5.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.42 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.1 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 160.4 (d, $J = 257.7$ Hz), 134.2 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 129.8 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 126.0 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 124.2 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 14.2. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -111.00 (ddd, $J = 11.1, 6.9, 4.3$ Hz). **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{FOS}[\text{H}]^+$: 325.1996; found: 325.1990.

4h *S*-dodecyl 4-iodobenzothioate



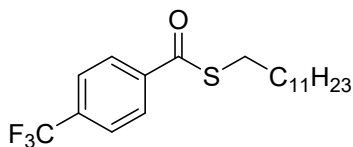
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (208 mg, 48% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (s, 16H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.5, 137.9, 136.7, 128.6, 101.0, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2e]

4i *S*-dodecyl 4-bromobenzothioate



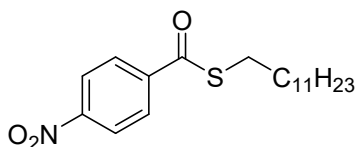
The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (160 mg, 42% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.66 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 136.2, 132.0, 128.8, 128.3, 32.1, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2e]

4j *S*-dodecyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzothioate



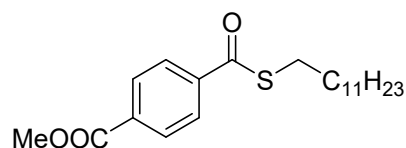
The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (153 mg, 41% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 140.1, 134.7 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 127.6, 125.8 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.7 (d, $J = 272.6$ Hz), 32.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 14.2. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2e]

4k *S*-dodecyl 4-nitrobenzothioate



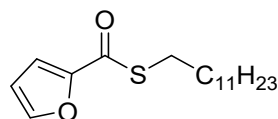
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (107 mg, 30% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (dt, $J = 14.6, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.25 (br, 16H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.8, 150.6, 142.0, 128.3, 124.0, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2p]

4l methyl 4-((dodecylthio)carbonyl)benzoate



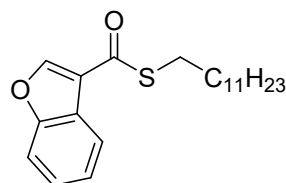
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (179 mg, 49% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.68 (p, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.8, 166.3, 140.7, 134.1, 130.0, 127.2, 52.6, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2q]

4o *S*-dodecyl furan-2-carbothioate



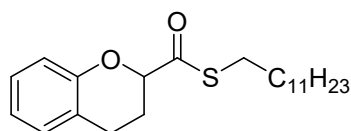
The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (160 mg, 54% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (m, 16H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.8, 151.2, 146.0, 115.3, 112.2, 32.0, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 28.2, 22.8, 14.2. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2c]

4p *S*-dodecyl benzofuran-3-carbothioate



The title compound was isolated as a white solid (216 mg, 62% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.6, 155.5, 151.5, 128.1, 127.1, 124.1, 123.2, 112.5, 111.0, 32.0, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 28.6, 22.8, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{S}[\text{H}]^+$: 347.2040; found: 347.2039.

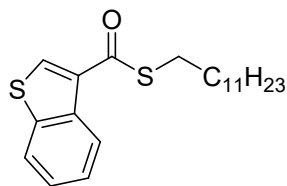
4q *S*-dodecyl chromane-2-carbothioate



The title compound was isolated as a white solid (219 mg, 60% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, $J = 6.8, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 18H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.9, 153.2, 129.6, 127.8, 121.8, 121.1, 117.0, 80.3, 32.0, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 28.4, 25.0, 23.0, 22.8,

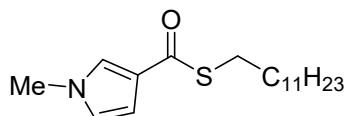
14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $C_{22}H_{34}O_2S[K]^+$: 385.2172; found: 385.2161.

4r *S*-dodecyl benzo[*b*]thiophene-3-carbothioate



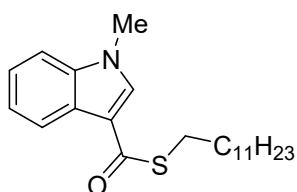
The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (298 mg, 55% yield), 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.58 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.10 (t, $J = 7.4$, 2H), 1.71 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.45 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 16H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 186.4, 140.0, 135.9, 135.1, 135.0, 125.9, 125.6, 125.0, 122.5, 32.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 29.1, 22.8, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $C_{21}H_{30}OS_2[Na]^+$: 385.1631; found: 385.1631.

4s *S*-dodecyl 1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carbothioate



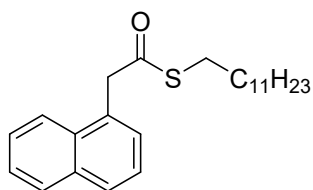
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (107 mg, 35% yield), 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.07 (dd, $J = 4.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J = 4.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.96 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (q, $J = 6.5, 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 182.3, 130.2, 129.7, 118.1, 108.4, 37.2, 32.0, 30.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.4, 22.8, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $C_{18}H_{31}NOS[H]^+$: 310.2200; found: 310.2199.

4t *S*-dodecyl 1-methyl-1H-indole-3-carbothioate



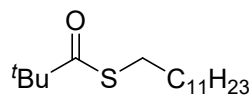
The title compound was isolated as a yellow solid (204 mg, 57% yield), 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.32 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.44 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 – 1.26 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 185.0, 137.4, 134.3, 125.6, 123.4, 122.6, 122.2, 116.0, 109.9, 33.7, 32.1, 30.3, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 29.1, 28.3, 22.8, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $C_{22}H_{33}NOS[H]^+$: 360.2356; found: 360.2338.

4u *S*-dodecyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethanethioate



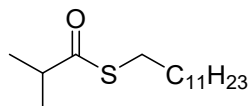
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (266 mg, 71% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 6.4, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 2.94 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 1.51 (p, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (d, $J = 8.51$ Hz, 18H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.0, 134.0, 132.3, 130.4, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6, 124.1, 48.5, 32.1, 29.8, 29.68, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.9, 22.8, 14.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [20]

4v *S*-dodecyl 2,2-dimethylpropanethioate



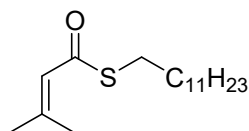
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (171 mg, 60% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.84 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 1.53 (dt, $J = 15.0, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.18 (m, 27H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.1, 46.5, 32.1, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.7, 27.5, 22.8, 14.2. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [21]

4w *S*-dodecyl 2-methylpropanethioate



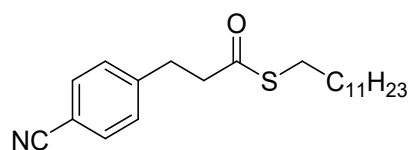
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (169 mg, 62% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.83 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 18H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.5, 43.2, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 28.7, 22.8, 19.5, 14.2. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [21]

4x *S*-dodecyl 3-methylbut-2-enethioate



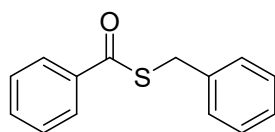
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (200 mg, 70% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.97 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.86 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.16 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.6, 153.3, 123.5, 32.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.9, 27.3, 22.8, 21.2, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{32}\text{OS}[\text{H}]^+$: 285.2247; found: 285.2247.

4y *S*-dodecyl 3-(4-cyanophenyl)propanethioate



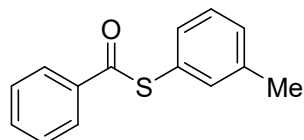
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (231 mg, 64% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.89 – 2.77 (m, 4H), 1.53 (p, *J* = 7.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 145.9, 132.5, 129.4, 119.0, 110.5, 44.6, 32.0, 31.5, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 22.8, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calculated for C₂₂H₃₃NOS[H]⁺: 360.2356; found: 360.2356.

4z *S*-benzyl benzothioate



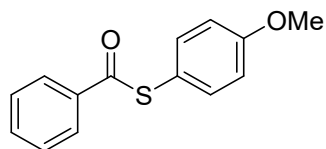
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (132 mg, 58% yield; gram-scale reaction: 1.152g, 50% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.3, 137.6, 136.8, 133.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 127.4, 127.4, 33.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2g]

4aa *S*-(*m*-tolyl) benzothioate



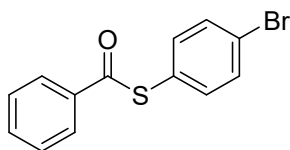
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (113 mg, 49% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 139.2, 136.8, 135.8, 133.7, 132.2, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.6, 127.1, 21.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2h]

4ab *S*-(4-methoxyphenyl) benzothioate



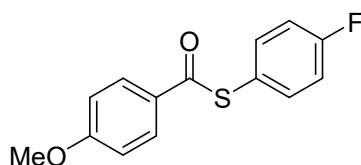
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (89 mg, 36% yield), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.2, 160.9, 136.8, 133.7, 128.9, 127.6, 118.0, 115.1, 55.5. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2i]

4ac *S*-(4-bromophenyl) benzothioate



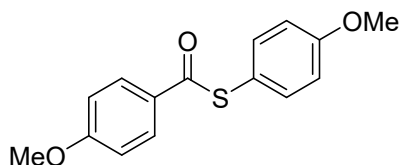
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (86 mg, 30% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.5, 136.6, 136.4, 133.9, 132.5, 128.9, 127.6, 126.6, 124.3, Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2j]

4ad *S*-(4-fluorophenyl) 4-methoxybenzothioate



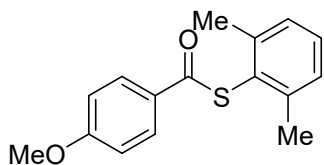
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (79 mg, 30% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.6, 164.2, 163.6 (d, $J = 249.8$ Hz), 137.3 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 129.8, 129.2, 123.0 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 116.5 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 114.0, 55.6. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2k]

4ae *S*-(4-methoxyphenyl) 4-methoxybenzothioate



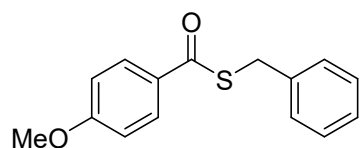
The title compound was isolated as a white solid (89 mg, 32% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.5, 164.0, 160.7, 136.8, 129.7, 129.5, 118.2, 114.9, 113.9, 55.6, 55.4. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2l]

4af *S*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl) 4-methoxybenzothioate



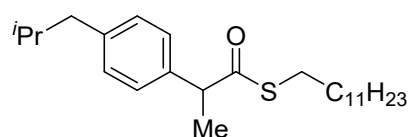
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (76 mg, 28% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.7, 164.0, 143.4, 129.9, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 113.9, 55.6, 21.9. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2m]

4ag *S*-benzyl 4-methoxybenzothioate



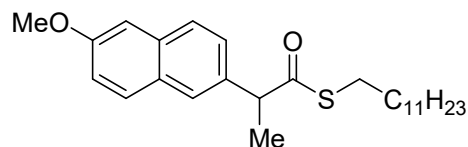
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (Gram-scale reaction: 1.453 g, 56% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.9, 163.9, 137.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 127.4, 113.9, 55.6, 33.3. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. [2g]

4ah *S*-dodecyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanethioate



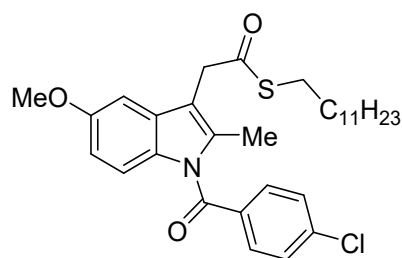
The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (229 mg, 59% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.46 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.86 (dp, $J = 13.6, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 5H), 1.35 – 1.19 (m, 18H), 0.87 – 0.92 (m, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 140.9, 137.4, 129.5, 127.7, 54.0, 45.2, 32.1, 30.3, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.2, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8, 22.5, 18.6, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{42}\text{OS}[\text{H}]^+$: 391.3030; found: 391.3014.

4ai *S*-dodecyl 2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanethioate



The title compound was isolated as a colorless oil (208 mg, 50% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.83 (tt, $J = 13.3, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 (p, $J = 7.5, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 18H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.6, 157.8, 135.3, 134.0, 129.5, 129.1, 127.3, 126.7, 126.5, 119.1, 105.7, 55.4, 54.3, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8, 18.6, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_2\text{S}[\text{H}]^+$: 415.2666; found: 415.2657.

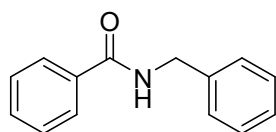
4aj *S*-dodecyl 3-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanethioate



The title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (225 mg, 40% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.54 (p, $J = 7.5, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.22 (s, 18H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.4, 168.4, 156.2, 139.4, 136.6, 133.9, 131.3, 130.9, 130.7, 129.2, 115.1, 112.5, 111.9, 101.3, 55.8, 39.5, 32.0, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8, 14.2, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{40}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}[\text{Na}]^+$: 654.2310; found: 654.2304.

4.3 Characterization data of amide.

5 *N*-benzylbenzamide



The title compound was isolated as a white solid (49 mg, 77% yield), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.6, 138.3, 134.4, 131.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.1, 44.1. Characterization is in agreement with previous reports for this compound. ^[2n]

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6. NMR spectra

