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Catalyst-Free Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Ureas from COS and

Amines: a Strategy for Selectivity Regulation

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1. General Information

All reagents were purchased from Aladdin, Adamas, Macklin, or Bidepharm and directly used without further purification. Column chromatography separations were carried out on silica gel (200–300 mesh). Melting points were determined on a XT4A melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Molecular weights were determined by high-resolution mass spectra (ESI) of Agilent Technologies LCMS TOF mass spectrometry. The NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl₃, DMSO-*d*₆ or TFA-*d* on an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 spectrometer and referenced to the residual deuterated solvent or TMS. X-ray data for compound **A** were recorded on Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer with graphite monochromated Cu-K α ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å) radiation. All data were collected using the φ - and ω -scan techniques. The molecular configurations were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F2 using SHELXL-2014.¹ All non-hydrogen atoms were restrained with DFIX, followed by additional refinements.

2. Experimental Section

2.1 The Experiment of COS Absorbed by Amines

The interaction between amine and COS was studied using benzylamine (1a) and dibenzylamine (2a) as model compounds (Figure S1). A 15 mL stainless-steel autoclave equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 25 mmol of either 1a (2.67g) or 2a (4.92g). The reactor was then charged with 1.5 MPa COS, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for the indicated time. After the reaction, the COS gas was released, and the products were weighed. It was found that 25 mmol of 1a could adsorb 12.5 mmol of COS at room temperature within 20 minutes. Extending the reaction time allowed 1a to adsorb up to 13.7 mmol of COS, resulting in the formation of a white solid product. This phenomenon indicates that 1a can completely react with COS to form thiocarbamate salts. In contrast, 25 mmol of 2a adsorbed only 5 mmol of COS within 20 minutes, and even with prolonged reaction time, it only adsorbed up to 6 mmol of COS, yielding a liquid product. This observation, along with previous research,² suggests that an equilibrium exists between 2a and COS.



Figure S1. The interaction between amines and COS.

2.2 General Procedure for Preparing Unsymmetrical Ureas

2.2.1 Reaction of aliphatic primary amine, aliphatic secondary amine with COS to synthesize unsymmetrical urea

As an example, the procedure using benzylamine (1a) and dibenzylamine (2a) as model substrates is described, and similar protocols were applied to other substrates. In a 15 mL stainless-steel autoclave equipped with a magnetic stirrer, 1a (0.1072 g, 1.0 mmol), 2a (0.3945 g, 2.0 mmol), and 1 mL of MeCN were added. The reactor was flushed with N₂ to remove air, and then charged with 0.4 MPa COS. The reaction mixture was stirred at a constant temperature for the indicated time during the first stage. In the second stage, the reactor was heated and stirred for the indicated time at a constant temperature. After the reaction was complete, an aqueous HCl solution was added to the reaction mixture, followed by extraction with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to yield the desired product, 1,1,3-tribenzylurea (3a). The selectivity was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using pyrazine (40 mg) as an internal standard, CDCl₃ as solvent (Figure S2).



Figure S2. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of reaction solution.

According to the nuclear magnetic quantitative formula $m_{*} = \frac{(A_{*}/N_{*})M_{*}}{(A_{*}/N_{*})M_{*}}m_{*}w_{*}^{\%}$, $m(3a) = \frac{(1.850/4)\times330}{(1/4)\times80} \times 40 \times 9.9\% = 305$ mg, the yield of unsymmetrical urea $3a = \frac{305}{330} \times 1.00\% = 93\%$. $m(4a) = \frac{(0.064/4)\times240}{(1/4)\times80} \times 40 \times 99\% = 7.6$ mg, the yield of symmetric urea $4a = \frac{7.6}{120} \times 100\% = 6\%$, the selectivity of $3a = \frac{93\%}{93\%+6\%} \times 100\% = 94\%$, the selectivity of $4a = \frac{6\%}{93\%+6\%} \times 100\% = 6\%$.

2.2.2 Reaction of two kinds of primary amines with COS to synthesize unsymmetrical urea

The procedure using tert-butylamine and aniline as the substrates is described, and similar methods were applied to other substrates. In a 15 mL stainless-steel autoclave equipped with a magnetic stirrer, tert-butylamine (0.735 g, 1.0 mmol), aniline (0.186 g/0.279 g, 2.0 mmol/3mmol), and MeCN (1 mL) were added. The reactor was flushed with N₂ to remove air, and then charged with 0.4 MPa COS. The reaction mixture was stirred at a constant temperature for the indicated time during the first stage. In the second stage, the reactor was heated and stirred for the indicated time at a constant temperature. After the reaction was complete, an aqueous HCl solution was added to the reaction mixture, followed by extraction with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was then purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1-1/1) to yield the desired product, 1-(tert-butyl)-3-phenylurea (**3ay**), as well as the byproduct symmetric urea (**4d** and **5a**). The selectivity was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using pyrazine (20 mg) as an internal standard, DMSO-*d*₆ as solvent (Figure S3).



Figure S3. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of reaction solution.

According to the nuclear magnetic quantitative formula $m_{\rm s} = \frac{(A_{\rm s}/N_{\rm s})M_{\rm s}}{(A_{\rm s}/N_{\rm s})M_{\rm s}}m_{\rm s}w_{\rm s}^{\%}$, $m(3ay) = \frac{(7.950/9)\times192}{(1/4)\times80} \times 20 \times 99\% = 170$ mg, the yield unsymmetrical urea $3ay = \frac{170}{192} \times 100\% = 88$ %. $m(4d) = \frac{(0.930/18)\times172}{(1/4)\times80} \times 20 \times 99\% = 8.8$ mg, the yield of symmetric urea $4d = \frac{8.8}{86} \times 100\% = 10$ %, the selectivity of $3ay = \frac{88\%}{88\%+10\%} \times 100\% = 90$ %, the selectivity of $4d = \frac{10\%}{88\%+10\%} \times 100\% = 10$ %. $m(5a) = \frac{(0.286/4)\times212}{(1/4)\times80} \times 20 \times 99\% = 15$ mg, the yield of symmetric urea $5a = \frac{15}{212} \times 100\% = 7$ %.

Caution! Carbonyl sulfur is a colorless, flammable, and toxic gas with an unpleasant odor similar to that of rotten eggs. Therefore, both the reaction process and the post-processing step should be carried out in a fume hood.

2.3 Detailed Optimization of Reaction Conditions



Entry	2a Amount (equiv.)	P _{COS} (MPa)	T1/ºC	T2/ºC	Solvent	t1/h	t2/h	3a Yield	selectivity	
1	1	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	72%	75%	
2	1.5	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	81%	84%	
3	2	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	94%	97%	
4	2.5	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	91%	96%	
5	3	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	92%	97%	
6	4	0.4	25	90	MeCN	12	12	95%	98%	
7	2	0.2	25	90	MeCN	12	12	81%	82%	
8	2	0.3	25	90	MeCN	12	12	91%	93%	
9	2	0.5	25	90	MeCN	12	12	91%	95%	
10	2	0.6	25	90	MeCN	12	12	77%	78%	
11	2	0.4	25	90	DMF	12	12	84%	85%	
12	2	0.4	25	90	NMP	12	12	70%	71%	
13	3	0.4	25	90		12	12	96%	98%	
14	2	0.4	30	90	MeCN	12	12	93%	96%	
15	2	0.4	40	90	MeCN	12	12	91%	93%	
16	2	0.4	50	90	MeCN	12	12	87%	89%	
17	2	0.4	60	90	MeCN	12	12	82%	82%	
18	2	0.4	25	80	MeCN	12	12	96%	98%	
19	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	12	12	95%	98%	
20	2	0.4	25	60	MeCN	12	12	90%	95%	
21	2	0.4	25	50	MeCN	12	12	42%	89%	
22	2	0.4	25	40	MeCN	12	12	36%	88%	
23	2	0.4	25	30	MeCN	12	12	28%	85%	
24	2	0.4	25	100	MeCN	12	12	80%	83%	

Table S1 Optimization of reaction conditions^a

25	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	12	12	95%	98%
26	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	8	12	91%	96%
27	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	6	12	97%	99%
28	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	4	12	93%	96%
29	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	2	12	87%	89%
30	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	1	12	84%	88%
31	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	4	10	94%	96%
32	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	4	8	94%	97%
33	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	4	6	92%	94%
34	2	0.4	25	70	MeCN	4	4	71%	94%
35	2	0.4	70	70	MeCN	4	8	79%	80%

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol), solvent (1 mL), isolated yield based on **1a** after column chromatography, selectivity determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using pyrazine as an internal standard (selectivity=amount of **1a** consumed by the target product / total substrate **1a** consumption). Based on weighing and flow meter monitoring, a COS of 0.4 MPa is approximately 3-5 mmol.

2.4 Gram-scale Experiment for Preparing Useful Unsymmetrical Urea

A gram-scale reaction was carried out in a 100mL mechanically stirred high-pressure reactor (Figure S4). 2-Phenylpropan-2-amine (10 mmol, 1.36g), *p*-toluidine (20 mmol, 2.15g) and 30 mL of MeCN were loaded into the reactor. The reactor was flushed with N₂ to remove air, and then charged with 0.5 MPa COS (approximately 50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h, followed by heating and stirring at 70 °C for 8 h. Upon completion of the reaction, dichloromethane (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, leading to the precipitation of the target product. The precipitate was filtered to obtain a portion of the unsymmetrical urea products (0.56 g). The filtrate was then concentrated by rotary evaporation, and an aqueous HCl solution was added to remove any remaining amines. The mixture was extracted three times with EtOAc, and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1 to 1/1) to afford the desired product, 1-(tert-butyl)-3-phenylurea (1.72 g). The selectivity of the reaction was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using pyrazine as an internal standard.



Figure S4. Gram-scale Experiment.

2.5 Characterization of Unsymmetrical Urea Products



<u>1,1,3-tribenzylurea (3a)</u>³: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA =5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (323.4mg, 94% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p.=117–119°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 9H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 4H), 4.45 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ158.5, 139.5, 137.7, 128.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4,

127.2, 50.5, 45.1. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O$ 331.1805; Found 331.1807.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-methylbenzyl)urea(3b)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (330.1mg, 96% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 118-120°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 4H), 4.40 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ

158.4, 137.6, 136.7, 136.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.3, 50.3, 44.8, 21.1. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O$ 345.1961; Found 345.1963.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)urea (3c)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (334.9mg, 92% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. = $128-130^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s,

4H), 4.38 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 138.2, 137.6, 132.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 50.6, 44.4. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁ClN₂O 365.1415; Found 365.1416.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-bromobenzyl)urea (3d)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (388.5mg, 95% yield, 97% selectivity). m.p. = 139-141°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54

 $(s, 4H), 4.36 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). {}^{13}C{}^{1}H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 158.4, 138.7, 137.6, 131.7, 129.1, 129.0, 127.7, 127.3, 121.0, 50.6, 44.4. [M+H]^+ Calcd for C_{22}H_{21}BrN_2O 409.0910; Found 409.0912.$



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)urea (3e)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (338.4 mg, 94% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = $149-151^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.18 (m, 10H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 4H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.8

$$\begin{split} \text{Hz, 2H}\text{, } 3.80\ (\text{s, 3H}\text{).}\ ^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}\ \text{NMR}\ (126\text{MHz, CDCl}_{3})\ \delta\ 158.7,\ 158.3,\ 137.6,\ 131.5,\ 128.8,\ 128.7,\ 127.5,\ 127.3,\ 113.9,\ 55.3,\ 50.3,\ 44.5.\ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^{+}\ \text{Calcd for }\ C_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_{2}\text{O}_{2}\ 361.1911;\ \text{Found}\ 361.1912. \end{split}$$



1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)urea (3f): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (366.2mg, 92% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. = 141-143°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H),

 $\begin{aligned} &7.21 \ (d, \ J=7.9 \ Hz, \ 2H), \ 4.85 \ (t, \ J=5.4 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 4.56 \ (s, \ 4H), \ 4.47 \ (d, \ J=5.7 \ Hz, \ 2H). \ ^{13}C\{^1H\} \ NMR \\ &(126MHz, \ CDCl_3) \ \delta \ 158.2, \ 143.7, \ 137.4, \ 129.3 \ (q, \ J=32.8 \ Hz), \ 128.9, \ 127.6, \ 127.3, \ 127.2, \ 125.4 \ (q, \ J=3.8 \ Hz), \ 124.2 \ (q, \ J=277.2 \ Hz), \ 50.6, \ 44.4. \ [M+H]^+ \ Calcd \ for \ C_{23}H_{21}F_3N_2O \ 399.1679; \ Found \ 399.1681. \end{aligned}$



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-isopropylbenzyl)urea</u> (3g): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (320.1mg, 86% yield, 90% selectivity). m.p. = $104-106^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.70

 $(d, J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.54 (s, 4\text{H}), 4.42 (d, J = 4.3 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.89 (m, 1\text{H}), 1.25 (d, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 6\text{H}). \ ^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\} \\ \text{NMR} (126\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \, \delta \, 158.5, 147.9, 137.7, 136.8, 128.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 50.4, 44.9, 33.9, 24.1. \ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^{+} \text{ Calcd for } C_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_{2}\text{O} \, 373.2274; \text{ Found } 373.2277. \\ \end{cases}$



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-(dimethylamino)benzyl)urea (3h)</u>:</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (344.5mg, 93% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = 107-109^{\circ}C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.61

(s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.35 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (s, 6H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 149.9, 137.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 112.7, 50.2, 44.7, 40.7. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇N₃O 374.2227; Found 374.2227



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(2-methylbenzyl)urea (3i)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (299.7 mg, 87% yield, 95% selectivity). m.p. = $137-139^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H),

 $\begin{aligned} &7.05 \text{ (d, J} = 7.1 \text{ Hz, 1H), } 4.56 \text{ (s, 1H), } 4.54 \text{ (s, 4H), } 4.44 \text{ (s, 2H), } 2.21 \text{ (s, 3H).} \ ^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\} \text{ NMR (126MHz, CDCl_3) } \delta 158.2, 137.6, 136.8, 136.2, 130.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.3, 126.0, 50.5, 43.2, 18.8. \\ & [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{ Calcd for } \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O} 345.1961; \text{ Found } 345.1963. \end{aligned}$



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)urea</u> (3j): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (377.3 mg, 95% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = $125-127^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.5 (s, 1

8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 4H), 4.32 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 140.1, 137.4, 132.4, 130.8, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 50.5, 43.7. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀Cl₂N₂O 399.1025; Found 399.1028.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-phenethylurea (3k)</u>³: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (323.4 mg, 94% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. = 100-102°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.06 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (m, 5H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 139.3, 137.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6,

127.5, 127.3, 126.3, 50.4, 42.2, 36.4. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O$ 345.1961; Found 345.1962.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(3-phenylpropyl)urea (31)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (336.5 mg, 94% yield, 97% selectivity). m.p. = 68-70°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34 -7.21 (m, 8H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (s, 4H), 4.39 (t, J = 5.2

Hz, 1H), 3.27 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 141.7, 137.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 125.8, 50.4, 40.6, 33.2, 31.7. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₆N₂O 359.2118; Found 359.2120.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(1-phenylethyl)urea (3m)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (326 mg, 95% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = 116-118°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 13H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.11 - 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.60 - 4.43 (m, 4H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.4

Hz, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 144.5, 137.7, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 125.8, 50.5, 50.2, 22.8. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N₂O 345.1961; Found 345.1963.



<u>3-benzhydryl-1,1-dibenzylurea (3n)</u>⁴: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (391.2 mg, 96% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 140-142°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.16 (m, 16H), 7.05 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ

157.5, 142.5, 137.7, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.1, 58.5, 50.8. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{26}N_2O$ 407.2118; Found 407.2119.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)urea (30)</u>:</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (354.5 mg, 90% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. = 116-118^{\circ}C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.00 (m, 12H), 5.96 - 5.83 (m, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 4H), 1.56

 $(d, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}). \ ^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR (126MHz, CDCl}_{3}) \ \delta \ 157.5, \ 139.7, \ 137.6, \ 133.9, \ 131.0, \ 128.8, \ 128.7, \ 127.9, \ 127.5, \ 127.3, \ 126.3, \ 125.6, \ 125.1, \ 123.7, \ 122.1, \ 50.4, \ 46.3, \ 21.8. \ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \ \text{Calcd for } C_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_{2}\text{O} \ 395.2118; \ \text{Found } 395.2120.$



1,1-dibenzyl-3-propylurea (3p): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid. (242.5 mg, 86% yield, 89% selectivity). m.p. = $72-74^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 5H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.37 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (m, 2H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 137.9, 128.9, 127.6, 127.4, 50.5, 42.9, 23.5,

11.3. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd $C_{18}H_{22}N_2O$ 283.1805; Found 283.1804.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-butylurea(3q)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (245.6 mg, 83% yield, 85% selectivity). m.p. = 65-67°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 3.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 137.8, 128.8,

127.4, 127.2, 50.4, 40.7, 32.2, 19.9, 13.7. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$ 297.1961; Found 297.1964.



1,1-dibenzyl-3-hexylurea (3r): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (233.4 mg, 72% yield, 81% selectivity). m.p. = $50-52^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.22 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.30 –

1.07 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 137.8, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 50.4, 41.0, 31.5, 30.1, 26.4, 22.5, 14.0. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₈N₂O 325.2274; Found 325.2278.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-octylurea (3s)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as colorless oil (246 mg, 70% yield, 71% selectivity). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 6H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.33 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H),

1.13 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 137.8, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 50.4, 41.0, 31.8, 30.1, 29.24, 29.20, 26.7, 22.6, 14.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₃₂N₂O 353.2587; Found 353.2589.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-cyclopropylurea (3t)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (246.4 mg, 88% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 110-113°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 4H), 2.72 - 2.60 (m, 1H), 0.69 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 0.40 - 0.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H}NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 137.5, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 50.2, 23.6, 6.9. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for

C₁₈H₂₀N₂O 281.1648; Found 281.1649.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-cyclohexylurea(3u)</u>⁵: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (280 mg, 87% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 139-142°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.34 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 4.49 (s, 4H), 4.23 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.96 (q, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 137.9, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 50.4, 49.3, 33.6, 25.6, 24.7. [M+H]^+ Calcd for C_{21}H_{26}N_{2}O 323.2118; Found 323.2120



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-cycloheptylurea</u> (**3v**): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (242 mg, 72% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 119-121°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.49 (s, 4H), 4.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.50 - 1.34 (m, 6H), 1.28 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ

157.7, 137.9, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 51.6, 50.4, 35.5, 27.9, 24.0. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{28}N_2O$ 337.2274; Found 337.2277



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(furan-2-ylmethyl)urea (3w)</u>:</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (279.3 mg, 87% yield, 92% selectivity). m.p. = 83-85^{\circ}C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 4.79 -

4.69 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 4.43 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 152.5, 141.8, 137.4, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 110.3, 106.6, 50.2, 38.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂ 321.1598; Found 321.1597.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(thiophen-2-vlmethyl)urea</u> (3x): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (306 mg, 91% yield, 94% selectivity). m.p. = 85-87^{\circ}C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 7.40 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.19 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.86 - 4.76 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 4H). ¹³C{¹H}

NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 142.7, 137.4, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 125.1, 124.7, 50.2, 40.0. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂OS 337.1369; Found 337.1370.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-isobutylurea (3y):</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (240.5 mg, 81% yield, 84% selectivity). m.p. = 90-92 °C ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 6H), 4.52 (s, 4H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 3.13-2.96 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 0.75 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 137.8, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 50.6,

48.4, 28.7, 19.9. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$ 297.1961; Found 297.1963.



<u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)urea (3z)</u>:</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (315 mg, 88% yield, 89% selectivity). m.p. = 92-94 °C ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 4H), 1.59 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) \delta 157.0, 147.9, 138.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5,

127.4, 126.3, 124.7, 55.5, 50.7, 29.7. [M+H]+ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₆N₂O 359.2118; Found 359.2124.



<u>**1,1-dibenzyl-3-(1,3-dibenzyl-1-methylurea) (3aa)**⁶: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (252mg, 99% yield, 99%</u>

selectivity). m.p. = 101-103 °C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.46 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 139.6, 137.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.3, 127.24, 127.22, 52.3, 45.1, 34.4. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O 225.1492; Found 225.1493.



<u>1,3-dibenzyl-1-butylurea (3ab)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (299.9mg, 99% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = $58-60 \degree$ C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

2H), 4.63 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.44 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.37-3.24 (m, 2H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 139.6, 138.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 50.5, 47.4, 44.9, 30.5, 20.2, 13.9. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O 297.1961; Found 297.1963.



<u>**3-benzyl-1-methyl-1-(4-methylbenzyl)urea (3ac):**</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (249 mg, 93% yield, 95%)

selectivity). m.p. = 76-78°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.16 (s, 4H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 139.6, 137.0, 134.8, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 127.2, 52.0, 45.0, 34.4, 21.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O 269.1648; Found 269.1649.



N-benzyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline-2(1H)-carboxamide (3ad):

According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid

(243mg, 91% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. = 96-98 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13 (q, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.49 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 139.5, 135.1, 133.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126. 7, 126.4, 126.3, 45.6, 45.1, 41.3, 29.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O 267.1492; Found 267.1493.



<u>**3-benzyl-1,1-dibutylurea (3ae)**⁷: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (257.2mg, 98% yield, 99% selectivity).</u>

$$\begin{split} \text{m.p.} &= 53\text{-}55\ ^\circ\text{C};\ ^1\text{H}\ \text{NMR}\ (500\text{MHz},\ \text{CDCl}_3)\ \delta\ 7.62\ -\ 7.06\ (m,\ 5\text{H}),\ 4.59\ (m,\ 1\text{H}),\ 4.45\ (d,\ J=5.5\ \text{Hz},\\ 2\text{H}),\ 3.29\ -\ 3.12\ (m,\ 4\text{H}),\ 1.54\ (m,\ 4\text{H}),\ 1.32\ (m,\ 4\text{H}),\ 0.93\ (t,\ J=7.4\ \text{Hz},\ 6\text{H}).\ ^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}\ \text{NMR}\ (126\text{MHz},\\ \text{CDCl}_3)\ \delta\ 157.5,\ 140.0,\ 128.6,\ 127.6,\ 127.1,\ 47.2,\ 44.9,\ 30.8,\ 20.2,\ 13.9.\ [\text{M+H}]^+\ \text{Calcd}\ \text{for}\ C_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_{2}\text{O}\\ 263.2118;\ \text{Found}\ 263.2121. \end{split}$$



<u>3-benzyl-1,1-dihexylurea(3af)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as colorless oil (295mg, 93%yield, 98% selectivity).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 - 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.59 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.23 - 3.12 (m, 4H), 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.22 (m, 12H), 0.92 - 0.84 (m, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 140.0, 128.6, 127.6, 127.1, 47.4, 44.9, 31.6, 28.6, 26.7, 22.6, 14.02. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₄N₂O 319.2744; Found 319.2746.



<u>3-benzyl-1,1-diethylurea</u> Chemical Formula(3ag): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (195.5mg, 95% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = 42-44 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (m, 4H),

7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.65 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 139.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 44.9, 41.3, 13.9. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₂O 207.1492; Found 207.1493.



<u>**3-benzyl-1,1-diisobutylurea (3ah):**</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (244.5mg, 93% yield, 98% selectivity). m.p. = 53-55 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 - 7.23

(m, 1H), 4.64 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 12H).¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 140.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 55.7, 45.1, 27.8, 20.4. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₆N₂O 263.2118; Found 263.2120.



3-benzyl-1-butyl-1-ethylurea (**3ai**) : According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as colorless oil (222.4mg, 95%yield, 98%

selectivity). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.17 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 140.0, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 46.8, 45.1, 41.9, 31.1, 20.4, 14.0, 13.9. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂N₂O 235.1805; Found 235.1807.



<u>**3-benzyl-1-cyclohexyl-1-ethylurea (3aj):**</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (259.7mg, 99% yield, >99% selectivity). m.p. = $70-72^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.307.24 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.66 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 4H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 140.0, 128.6, 127.6, 127.1, 54.5, 45.0, 36.5, 31.5, 26.0, 25.6, 16.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O 261.1961; Found 261.1963.



<u>**3-benzyl-1-methyl-1-phenethylurea** (3ak)⁸: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as colorless oil (240 mg, 90% yield, 96% selectivity). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 2H),</u>

7.29 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.51 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 139.6, 139.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.4, 51.1, 45.0, 34.74, 34.65. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O 269.1648; Found 269.1650.



<u>3-benzyl-1-methyl-1-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)urea (3al)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (258.1mg, 98% yield, 99% selectivity). m.p. = 61-63°C; ¹H NMR (500

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.26 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 4.47 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} MMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 141.1, 139.5, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 125.8, 125.2, 47.4, 45.1, 34.1. [M+H]+ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₂OS 269.1648; Found 269.1650.



<u>N-benzylmorpholine-4-carboxamide $(3am)^9$:</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (195.6mg, 89% yield, 96%)

selectivity). m.p. = 118-120 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.59 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 3.44 – 3.30 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 139.2, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 66.5, 45.0, 44.0. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₂ 221.1285; Found 221.1285.



<u>N-benzylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide(3an)¹⁰</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (176.5mg, 87% yield, 96% selectivity). m.p. =115-117 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 - 7.31

 $(m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 1.91 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H). {}^{13}C{}^{1}H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 156.7, 139.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 45.6, 44.7, 25.6. [M+H]^+ Calcd for C_{12}H_{16}N_2O 205.1335; Found 205.1336.$



<u>**1,3-dibenzyl-1-cyclopropylurea (3ao)**¹¹: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (239.4mg, 86% yield, 89% selectivity).</u>

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{m.p.}=60\text{-}62\ ^\circ\text{C};\ ^1\text{H}\ \text{NMR}\ (500\ \text{MHz},\ \text{CDCl}_3)\ \delta\ 7.41\text{-}7.21\ (m,\ 10\text{H}),\ 5.64\ (s,\ 1\text{H}),\ 4.61\ (s,\ 2\text{H}),\ 4.53\ (d,\ J=5.7\ \text{Hz},\ 2\text{H}),\ 2.38\ (m,\ 1\text{H}),\ 0.78\ (d,\ J=5.4\ \text{Hz},\ 4\text{H}).\ ^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}\ \text{NMR}\ (126\ \text{MHz},\ \text{CDCl}_3)\ \delta\ 159.0,\ 139.8$

139.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 50.5, 44.8, 27.7, 8.7. $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O 281.1648; Found 281.1650.



<u>3-benzyl-1,1-dicyclohexylurea (3ap)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (223.1mg, 71% yield, 86% selectivity). m.p. = 131-133 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (t, J = 11.7

Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.61 (m, 14H), 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.11 (m, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 140.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.0, 55.2, 44.8, 31.8, 26.4, 25.5. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₀N₂O 315.2431; Found 315.2433.



<u>1,3-dibenzyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)urea(3aq)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as colorless oil (200 mg, 58% yield, 93% selectivity). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.18 (m, 2H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR

 $(126 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \,\delta\,158.5, 141.8, 139.3, 138.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.41, 127.35, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 52.8, 47.0, 44.9, 17.4. \ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \ \text{Calcd for } C_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}\;345.1961; \ \text{Found}\;345.1961.$



<u>1-benzyl-3-phenylurea (3ar)</u>¹²: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (138.9mg, 61% yield, 63% selectivity). m.p. = 167-169°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6

Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 (q, J = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 155.7, 140.9, 140.8, 129.1, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 121.5, 118.1, 43.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O 227.1179; Found 227.1179.



<u>**1-benzyl-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3as)**¹³: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (158mg, 66% yield, 67% selectivity). m.p. = 182-184°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.31 (m, 6H),</u>

7.23 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR (126MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 155.7, 140.9, 138.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 118.3, 43.2, 20.8. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O 241.1335; Found 241.1336.



<u>**1-benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)urea (3at)**¹⁴: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (156mg, 60% yield, 61% selectivity).</u>

m.p. = 210-212°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.72 - 6.58 (m, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.5, 140.7, 139.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 125.0, 119.6, 43.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClN₂O 261.0789; Found 261.0789.



<u>1-benzyl-3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)urea (3au)</u>¹⁵: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (155mg, 61% yield, 64% selectivity). m.p. = 176-178°C; ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSOd₆) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H),

6.55 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 155.7, 140.9, 140.7, 138.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 123.2, 115.9, 43.2, 21.60. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O 255.1492; Found 255.1496.



<u>**1-phenyl-3-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)urea** (3av)¹⁶: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (230mg, 90% yield, 91% selectivity). m.p. = 175-177 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J =</u>

8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 146.6, 138.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.0, 125.2, 123.0, 119.9, 55.2, 30.1. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O 255.1942; Found 255.1942.



<u>**1-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3aw)**¹⁷: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (243mg, 91% vield, 95% selectivity). m.p. = 185-188 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)</u>

δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 - 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 146.5, 135.8, 133.2, 129.6, 128.7, 127.1, 125.2, 120.8, 55.3, 30.1, 20.7. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O 269.1648; Found 269.1649.



<u>1-cyclohexyl-3-phenylurea (3ax)</u>¹⁸: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (201mg, 92% yield, 95% selectivity). m.p. = 177-180 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t,

 $J = 6.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}, 6.57 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 4.85 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.76 - 3.56 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 1.96 \text{ (d, } J = 10.1 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.69 \text{ (d, } J = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 1.60 \text{ (d, } J = 10.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.36 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 1.13 \text{ (m, 3H)}. {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR} (126 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \\ \delta 155.1, 138.7, 129.3, 123.7, 121.0, 49.0, 33.7, 25.5, 24.9. [M+H]^{+} \text{ Calcd for } C_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_{2}\text{O} \text{ 219.1492}; \\ \text{Found 219.1492}.$



<u>**1-(tert-butyl)-3-phenylurea (3ay)**</u>¹⁹: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (169 mg, 88% yield, 90% selectivity). m.p. = 163-165 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m,

4H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.1, 139.01, 129.2, 123.32, 120.6, 50.76, 29.36. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O 193.1335; Found 193.1336.



<u>**1-isopropyl-3-phenylurea (3az)**²⁰: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (111mg, 60% yield, 61% selectivity). m.p. = 148-150°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 - 7.27 (m, 4H),</u>

7.06 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 138.8, 129.2, 123.5, 120.8, 42.2, 23.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₂O 179.1179; Found 179.1179.



<u>1-butyl-3-phenylurea</u> (3ba)²¹: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (106 mg, 55% yield, 56% selectivity). m.p. = 125-127 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.37

(d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 155.6, 141.1, 129.1, 121.3, 118.0, 39.1, 32.3, 20.0, 14.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂O 193.1335; Found 193.1336.



<u>1-benzyl-3-butylurea (3bb)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/1) to give the product as a white solid (136mg, 60% yield, 61% selectivity). m.p. = 70-74 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

2H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 - 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 158.5, 141.5, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0, 43.3, 39.5, 32.6, 20.0, 14.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₂O 207.1492; Found 207.1492.



<u>1,3-dibenzylurea (4a)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = 158-160 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 6H), 6.43 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H),

4.23 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.5, 141.4, 128.7, 127.4, 127.0, 43.4. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O 241.1335; Found 241.1336.



<u>**1,3-bis(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)urea (4b):</u>** According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = 226-10/1-1/5</u>

228 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (m, 8H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 1.53 (s, 12H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 146.7, 128.5, 126.9, 125.2, 54.9, 30.0. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O 297.1961; Found 297.1963.



<u>1,3-dicyclohexylurea</u> (4c): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p.=224-226 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, TFA-

d) δ 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.54 (m, 4H), 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.86 (m, 12H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, TFA-*d*) δ 159.9, 55.3, 35.0, 27.3, 26.9. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₄N₂O 225.1961; Found 225.1962.



1,3-di-tert-butylurea (4d): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p.=164-167 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) & 4.08 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 18H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 50.3, 29.6. [M+H]⁺

Calcd for C₉H₂₀N₂O 173.1648; Found 173.1649.



1,3-diisopropylurea (4e): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p.=179-181 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 5.48 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 - 3.53 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 12H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR

(126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.2, 41.1, 23.8. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₇H₁₆N₂O 145.1335; Found 145.1335.



1,3-dibutylurea (4f): According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = 68-70 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 5.70 (t, J =

5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (m, 4H), 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.5, 39.37, 32.7, 20.0, 14.2. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₂₀N₂O 173.1648; Found 173.1649.



<u>1.3-diphenylurea (5a)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = $240-242^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)

 δ 8.61 (s, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 153.0, 140.1, 129.2, 122.2, 118.6. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O 213.1022; Found 213.1023.



i-p-tolylurea (5b): According to general procedure, the crude residue product as a white solid. m.p. = 248-251°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-

 d_6) δ 8.48 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 2.23 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126) MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 153.1, 137.7, 131.0, 129.6, 118.7, 20.8. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O 241.1335; Found 241.1336.



cl <u>**1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)urea (5c):**</u> According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = 244-246 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

DMSO- d_6) δ 8.84 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) & 152.8, 139.0, 129.1, 126.0, 120.3. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀Cl₂N₂O 281.0243; Found 281.0242.



<u>1,3-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)urea(5d)</u>: According to general procedure, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-1/5) to give the product as a white solid. m.p. = 270-272°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 4H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 12H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.9, 140.0, 138.2, 123.8, 116.3, 21.6. [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O 269.1648; Found 269.1649.

3. Control Experiment to Investigate the Reaction Mechanism

3.1 NMR experiments

We attempted to monitor the reaction process using high-pressure NMR tubes with temperaturevariable NMR. However, we encountered difficulties due to the poor solubility of thiocarbamate I in deuterated solvents such as CDCl₃, CD₃CN, and DMF- d_7 , which resulted in very weak NMR signals. Notably, DMSO- d_6 was able to dissolve thiocarbamate salt I, producing visible NMR signals. However, because DMSO- d_6 has oxidizing properties, when it was heated with **1a**, **2a**, and COS, it tended to oxidize either the COS or its reaction intermediates.²² This oxidation property of DMSO hindered the progress of the reaction, making DMSO- d_6 unsuitable for monitoring the reaction process over extended periods at high temperatures. To address these issues, we conducted the reactions in the absence of solvent, using three separate stainless-steel autoclaves equipped with a magnetic stirrer, each containing the same quantities of **1a** (0.1072 g, 1.0 mmol), **2a** (0.3945 g, 2.0 mmol). The reactor was flushed with N₂ to remove air, and then charged with 0.4 MPa COS. The reactions were carried out under identical conditions, and sampling was performed at different time intervals for NMR analysis.

- In the first reactor, the reaction was allowed to proceed at 25 °C for 4 h, after which the reaction solution was dissolved in DMSO- d_6 for immediate NMR analysis.

- The second reactor followed the same protocol, but after the initial 4 h at 25 °C, the reaction continued for an additional 2 h at 70 °C. The reaction solution was then dissolved in DMSO- d_6 for immediate NMR testing.

- The third reactor was maintained at 25 °C for 4 h, followed by 8 h at 70 °C. The reaction solution was subsequently collected and dissolved in DMSO- d_6 for immediate NMR analysis.

The ¹HNMR spectra of **1a**, **2a**, **3a** were acquired when **1a** (6.0 mg), **2a** (10.0 mg) or **3a** (13 mg) were dissolved in the NMR tube containing DMSO- d_6 respectively, which were shown in Figure S5a, Figure S5b and Figure S5g. The ¹HNMR spectra for the mixture solution of **1a** (7.2 mg) and **2a** (17.8 mg) were dissolved in the NMR tube containing DMSO- d_6 (0.4 mL), which were shown in Figure S5c. The ¹HNMR and ¹³CNMR spectra for the first reactor mixture solution were acquired when the solution (16.9 mg) dissolved in the NMR tube containing DMSO- d_6 (0.4 mL), which were shown in Figure S5d and Figure S6. The ¹HNMR spectra for the second reactor mixture solution were acquired when the solution (16.8 mg) dissolved in the NMR tube containing DMSO- d_6 (0.4 mL), which were shown in Figure S5d and Figure S5e. The ¹HNMR spectra for the third reactor mixture solution were acquired when the solution (16.5 mg) dissolved in the NMR tube containing DMSO- d_6 (0.4 mL), which were shown in Figure S5f.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectra of **1a** (a), **2a** (b), the mixture of **1a** and **2a** (c), the mixture of **1a**, **2a** and COS 25°C for 4 h (d), the mixture of **1a**, **2a** and COS 25°C for 4 h then 70 °C for 2 h (e), the mixture of **1a**, **2a** and COS 25°C for 4 h then 70 °C for 5 h (e), the mixture of **1a**, **2a** and COS 25°C for 4 h then 70 °C for 8 h (f), the product **3a** (g) in DMSO- d_{δ} .



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectra of **1a**, **2a** and COS 25 °C for 4 h in DMSO-*d*₆.

3.2 Analysis on the composition of the reaction solution

Unsymmetrical urea can be selectively synthesized from two different amines and COS under mild conditions. Notably, only the carbonyl group of COS is utilized in the synthesis of unsymmetrical urea, while the sulfur is not incorporated. To investigate the fate of sulfur in COS, we separated and analyzed all the components in the reaction mixture. In the solvent-free reaction system (Table 1, entry 11), after extraction with ethyl acetate and water, the aqueous layer was collected and evaporated to dryness. The residue was then treated with dichloromethane (5 mL) and petroleum ether (2 mL), followed by slow

evaporation at room temperature, resulting in the formation of crystalline salt **A**. The crystallographic data for salt **A** is shown in Figure S7. Additionally, when the reaction was performed using MeCN as the solvent, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1 to 1/1), yielding not only the desired unsymmetrical urea product and the symmetric urea byproduct but also a compound **B**. The NMR data for these compounds is presented in section **3.2.2**. Based on the identified structures, we speculate that COS releases H₂S during its reaction with amines. The released H₂S is then absorbed by the substrate **2a** or MeCN, leading to the formation of salt **A** or thioacetamide **B**, as illustrated in Scheme S1.



3.2.1. X-Ray Crystallography Data of Salt A





Figure S7. The crystallography structure of salt A.

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Datablock: A_a

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0040 A	Wavelength	=1.54178
Cell:	a=10.3127(4) alpha=90	b=24.2441(10) beta=90	c=5.0951(2) gamma=90
Temperature:	273 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	1273.89(9)	1273.89(9)
Space group	Pnma	Pnma	
Hall group	-P 2ac 2n	-P 2ac 2n	
Moiety formula	C14 H16 N, H S	H S, C14	H16 N
Sum formula	C14 H17 N S	C14 H17 N	S
Mr	231.35	231.36	
Dx,g cm-3	1.206	1.206	
Z	4	4	
Mu (mm-1)	2.014	2.014	
F000	496.0	498.5	
F000'	498.41		
h,k,lmax	12,30,6	12,30,6	
Nref	1345	1338	
Tmin, Tmax		0.443,0.7	54
Tmin'			
Correction metho AbsCorr = MULTI-	od= # Reported T Lim -SCAN	its: Tmin=0.443 Tm	aax=0.754
Data completenes	as= 0.995	Theta(max) = 74.65	0
R(reflections) =	0.0536(1046)		wR2(reflections) = 0.1636(1338)
S = 1.003	Npar= 79		

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PLAT913_ALERT_3_C	Missing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF	6	Note

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3.2.2. NMR Data of Thioacetamide B



3.2.3 Control experiment for symmetric urea synthesis

In a 15 mL stainless-steel autoclave equipped with a magnetic stirrer, 1a (107.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 1 mL of MeCN were added. The reactor was flushed with N2 to remove air, and then charged with 0.4 MPa COS. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was complete, an aqueous HCl solution was added to the reaction mixture, followed by extraction with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1-1/1) to yield the desired product 1,3-dibenzylurea (4a, 108.2 mg, 90%). The same procedure to yield the product 1,3-bis(2-phenylpropan-2-yl) urea (4b, 81.3 mg, 55%) (Scheme S2).



2-phenylpropan-2-amine

Scheme S2. Reaction of symmetric urea synthesis.

4. NMR Spectra



f1 (ppm)





¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-methylbenzyl)urea(3b)</u>

- 158.35 137.58 136.71 136.31 129.17 127.26 127.26 127.26 $- 50.33$	- 44.79 - 21 07	10114
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)urea (3c)</u>



- 158.37 138.15 137.61 137.69 128.70 127.34 127.34	- 50.63 - 44.38
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-bromobenzyl)urea (3d)</u>



- 158.36	138.68 137.60 131.65 128.99 127.72 120.98	50.64 44.42
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$< rac{158.72}{158.33}$	137.59 131.48 128.65 128.65 127.47 127.47 - 113.89	- 55.28 - 50.33 - 44.51
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-isopropylbenzyl)urea (3g)</u>



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(4-(dimethylamino)benzyl)urea</u> (<u>3h)</u>









¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)urea (3j)</u>


















¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1,1-dibenzyl-3-(1-phenylethyl)urea (3m)







¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)urea</u> (30)











¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-butylurea(3q)</u>

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50.38 40.70 32.20 -19.89 -13.74







¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-hexylurea (3r)</u>

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 30.05
 26.40
 22.54
 14.00









¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-cyclopropylurea (3t)</u>



¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1,1-dibenzyl-3-cyclohexylurea(3u)







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¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,1-dibenzyl-3-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)urea (3z)</u>

156.99 147.90 138.03 138.03 128.16 127.51 124.67 124.67	55.49	50.67
	40	40
	1	1

- 29.67















- 158.27	139.62 137.00 134.77 129.38 129.38 127.61 127.19 127.19	52.01 45.04 34.40
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- 21.09



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>N-benzyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline-2(1H)-</u> <u>carboxamide (3ad)</u>



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¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1,1-dihexylurea(3af)</u>







¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1,1-diethylurea Chemical Formula(3ag)</u>





¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1,1-diisobutylurea (3ah)</u>







¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1-butyl-1-ethylurea (3ai)</u>







¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1-cyclohexyl-1-ethylurea (3aj)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1-methyl-1-phenethylurea (3ak)</u>



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47.37 45.06 34.07



f1 (ppm)



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>N-benzylmorpholine-4-carboxamide (3am)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>N-benzylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide(3an)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,3-dibenzyl-1-cyclopropylurea (3ao)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>3-benzyl-1,1-dicyclohexylurea (3ap)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,3-dibenzyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)urea(3aq)</u>

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1,3-dibenzyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)urea(3aq)</u>

158.52 141.79 141.79 138.47 128.85 128.85 128.85 128.85 128.55 127.23 126.53 126.53	52.81 47.03 44.91	17.40
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¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of <u>1-benzyl-3-phenylurea (3ar)</u>

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



¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of <u>1-benzyl-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3as)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of <u>1-benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)urea (3at)</u>














¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1-phenyl-3-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)urea (3av)</u>

154.86 146.62 138.76 128.93 127.04 127.04 125.16 119.86 119.86	55.19
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- 30.10







¹³C{¹H} NMR (126MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)urea (3aw)</u>











¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1-(tert-butyl)-3-phenylurea (3ay)</u>

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¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) of <u>1-isopropyl-3-phenylurea (3az)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d₆) of <u>1-butyl-3-phenylurea (3ba)</u>



¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of <u>1-benzyl-3-butylurea (3bb)</u>











220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 f1 (ppm)







¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of <u>1,3-dibutylurea (4f)</u>







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220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 f1 (ppm)

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