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A Practical Sulfenylation of 2,5-Diketopiperazines

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I. Experimental Section

General Methods

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF), toluene, benzene, diethyl ether (Et₂O), *N*,*N*'-dimethylformamide (DMF), and methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂) were obtained by passing commercially available pre-dried, oxygen-free formulations through activated alumina columns. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as visualizing agent and an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid and cerium sulfate, and heat as developing agents. E. Merck silica gel (60, particle size 0.040 - 0.063 mm) was used for flash column chromatography. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) separations were carried out on 0.25 or 0.50 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-500 or DRX-600 instruments and calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.0$ ppm) as an internal reference. The following abbreviations were used to designate multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 100 FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent ESI-TOF (time of flight) mass spectrometer using MALDI (matrix-assisted laser desorption ionisation) or ESI (electrospray ionization). Melting points are uncorrected and were recorded on a Thomas-Hoover Unimelt capillary melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 343 polarimeter at 589 nm, and are reported in units of 10^{-1} (deg cm² g⁻¹).

General Procedure A. Preparation of epidithiodiketopiperazines.

Dithiodiketopiperazine 16: To a suspension of elemental sulfur (79.3 mg, 2.48 mmol, 8.0 equiv) in THF (1.6 mL, 0.2 M) at 25 °C under argon was added NaHMDS (0.6 M in PhMe, 1.55 mL, 0.93 mmol, 3.0 equiv) dropwise over a period of 2 min. During the addition, the insoluble yellow S_8 quickly changed color, initially into a dark blue solution, then dark orange and finally light orange solution. This solution was stirred for an additional 1 min, and diketopiperazine 6 (100 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in THF (1.6 mL, 0.2 M) was added dropwise at 25 °C over a 2 min period, at which time the reaction mixture turned to light brown. The mixture was stirred for an additional 1 min, then additional NaHMDS (0.6 M in PhMe, 1.03 mL, 2.0 equiv) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford a brownish residue which was taken to the next step without purification. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of degassed THF:EtOH (1:1, 3.1 mL, 0.05 M) at 0 °C and to the stirred solution under argon was added NaBH₄ (286 mg, 7.75 mmol, 25 equiv) in small portions over a period of 1 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 45 min while it was allowed to reach ambient temperature. After this time, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by careful addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (20 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL) and to the combined organic extracts was added an aq. solution of KI₃ (10 mL, 1.4 M). This mixture was stirred for 10 min and then quenched with sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ solution (40 mL), and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give an oily residue. The so-obtained residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4) to afford pure epidithiodiketopiperazine 16 (82 mg, 0.21 mmol, 69% yield).

General procedure B. Preparation of epidithiodiketopiperazines.

bis-Methylthiodiketopiperazine 23: To a suspension of elemental sulfur (79 mg, 2.48 mmol, 8.0 equiv) in THF (1.6 mL, 0.2 M) at 25 °C under argon was added NaHMDS (0.6 M in PhMe, 1.55 mL, 0.93 mmol, 3.0 equiv) dropwise over a period of 2 min. During the addition, the insoluble yellow S₈ quickly changed color initially into a dark blue solution, then dark orange and finally light orange solution. This solution was stirred for an additional 1 min, and diketopiperazine 6 (100 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in THF (1.6 mL, 0.2 M) was added dropwise at 25 °C over a 2 min period, at which time the reaction mixture turned light brown. The mixture was stirred for an additional 1 min, then additional NaHMDS (0.6 M in PhMe, 1.03 mL, 2.0 equiv) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford a brownish residue which was taken to the next step without purification. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of degassed THF:EtOH (1:1, 3.4 mL, 0.05 M) at 0 °C and to the stirred solution under argon was added NaBH₄ (287 mg, 7.75 mmol, 25 equiv) in small portions over a period of 1 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 45 min while it was allowed to reach ambient temperature. After this time, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and then MeI (0.96 mL, 15.5 mmol, 50 equiv) was added and the solution stirred at 25 °C for 15 h. After this time, the solution was quenched by careful addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (30 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give an oily residue. The residue so-obtained was purified by flash chromatography afford column (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 2:3) pure bisto methylthiodiketopiperazine 23 (92 mg, 0.22 mmol, 72% vield).

1,4-Dibenzyl-2,5-diketopiperazine 3: Physical properties match those reported.^[1]



1,4-Dibenzyl-3-allyl-2,5-diketopiperazine 4: To a stirred solution of diketopiperazine **3** (1.37 g, 4.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (17 mL) at -10 °C was added NaHMDS (0.6 M in toluene, 8.6



mL, 5.13 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to – ^{Bn}
⁷⁸ °C and allyl bromide (0.4 mL, 4.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 h and then guenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl

solution (25 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The so-obtained residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1) to give diketopiperazine **4** as a white foam (1.0 g, 2.99 mmol, 67% yield). **4**: $R_f = 0.41$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1); IR v_{max} (film): 2924w, 1660s, 1453w, 1326w, 725w cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.38 - 7.24$ (m, 10 H), 5.64 (ddt, J = 17.5, 10.1, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.13 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.08 (dd, J = 10.1, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.88 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (dd, J= 9.8, 4.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.67 (dd, J = 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.1 Hz, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 165.9$, 164.3, 135.3, 130.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.55, 128.54, 128.53, 128.38, 128.37, 128.36, 128.19, 128.14, 121.0, 59.0, 49.5, 49.2, 47.1, 36.0 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 335.1754 found 335.1745.

1,4-Dibenzyl-3-allyl-6-methyl-2,5-diketopiperazine 5: To a stirred solution of diketopiperazine 4 (0.39 g, 1.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5.9 mL) at -10 °C was added NaHMDS



(0.6 M in toluene, 2.2 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and MeI (0.09 mL, 1.42 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added.

The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 h and then quenched

with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The so-obtained residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2) to give diketopiperazine **5** as a white foam (0.3 g, 0.86 mmol, 75% yield). **5**: $R_f = 0.37$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1); IR v_{max} (film): 2939w, 1651s, 1450m, 1322w, 1168w, 911w, 726s, 698s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.30$ (m, 10 H), 5.79 (ddt, J = 17.4, 10.1, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.21 – 5.18 (m, 1 H), 5.16 (dd, J = 25.1, 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.12 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 – 2.61 (m, 2 H), 1.54 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 167.2$, 165.4, 135.7, 135.4, 132.2, 128.89(2C), 128.83(2C), 128.1(2C), 128.03(2C), 128.01. 127.9, 119.8, 58.9, 55.0, 47.3, 47.1, 37.0, 19.7 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N₂O₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 349.1911 found 349.1912.

1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dibenzyl 2,5-diketopiperazine 6: Physical properties match those reported.^[2]



1,4-Diallyl-3,6-dibenzyl 2,5-diketopiperazine 7: To a stirred solution of cyclo (L-Phe-L-Phe) (1.0 g, 3.39 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (17 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60% dispersion, 0.34 g,



8.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv). After stirring for 10 min, allyl bromide (0.44 mL, 7.13 mmol,
2.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 15 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (20)

mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The so-obtained residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2) to give diketopiperazine **7** as a white foam (0.92 g, 2.47 mmol, 73% yield). **7**: $R_f = 0.46$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -89.0$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃);

IR v_{max} (film): 2926w, 1654s, 1450m, 1417m, 1262w, 935m, 758m, 731m, 703s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.24$ (dd, J = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 6 H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 4 H), 5.25 – 5.16 (m, 2 H), 5.13 – 5.05 (m, 4 H), 4.85 – 4.76 (m, 2 H), 3.69 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.40 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.15 (dd, J = 14.2, 3.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.1 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 165.1, 134.7, 131.3, 129.8(2C), 128.4(2C), 127.1, 119.6, 58.0, 45.6, 35.8$ ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 375.2067 found 375.2071.

1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-*cis***-diisopropyl 2,5-diketopiperazine 8**: Physical properties match those reported.^[3]



1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-*trans***-diisopropyl 2,5-diketopiperazine 9**: Physical properties match those reported.^[3]



Cycloproline 10: Physical properties match those reported.^[4]



Pipecolic acid dimer 11: Physical properties match those reported.^[5]



Bis-diene 12: Physical properties match those reported.^[6]



Epidithiodiketopiperazine 13:^[7] Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 3:7) to afford pure

epidithiodiketopiperazine **13** as a white foam (40% yield). **13**: $R_f = 0.55$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 3:7); IR v_{max} (film): 2963w, 1674s, 1420w, 731w cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.41 - 7.35$ (m, 6 H), 7.31 - 7.28 (m, 4 H), 5.24 (s, 2 H), 4.86

(d, J = 15.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.50 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 163.7$, 134.0, 129.2(2C), 128.6, 128.4(2C), 64.6, 47.6 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 357.0726 found 357.0737.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 14: Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4) to afford pure epidithiodiketopiperazine **14** as a white foam (63% yield). **14**: $R_f = 0.37$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4); IR v_{max} (film): 2918w, 1686s, 1385w, 730w, 697w cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.44 - 7.27$ (m, 10 H), 6.13 (ddt, J = 16.9, 10.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1 H), 5.33 - 5.24 (m, 2 H), 5.11 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.11 (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 164.9$, 164.4, 135.8, 134.2, 131.4, 129.14,129.13, 128.75, 128.74(3C), 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 120.7, 74.9, 63.9, 48.4, 45.1, 36.1 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 397.1039 found 397.1046. Epidithiodiketopiperazine 15: Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 3:7) to afford pure

epidithiodiketopiperazine **15** as a white foam (70% yield). **15**: $R_f = 0.39$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 3:7); IR v_{max} (film): 3030w, 2943w, 1678s, 1352m, 1283m, 909m, 727s, 695s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.36 - 7.27$ (m, 10 H), 6.21 - 6.10 (m, 1 H), 5.34 - 5.25 (m, 2 H), 5.19 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (dd, J = 16.0, 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.34 - 3.25 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (s, 3 H), 3.18 - 3.10 (m, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 166.3$, 165.28, 136.2, 135.9, 131.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.74, 127.71, 126.99, 126.96, 120.6, 74.3, 71.5, 45.9, 45.7, 36.7, 18.79 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 411.1195 found 411.1194.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 16:^[8] Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4) to afford pure

epidithiodiketopiperazine **16** as a white crystals (69% yield). **16**: $R_f = 0.48$ (silica, $Ph \xrightarrow{0}_{Me} \xrightarrow{0}_{Me} \xrightarrow{0}_{He}$ EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4); m.p. = 151.5 - 152.5 °C (EtOH); IR v_{max} (film): 3030w, 2935w, 1679s, 1338m, 1258w, 908w, 726s, 697s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.36 - 7.27$ (m, 10 H), 4.14 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.64 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (s, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 165.9$, 134.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 76.8, 37.0, 29.0 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 385.1039 found 385.1043.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 17: Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:5) to afford pure



4.00 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.82 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 164.7$, 134.3, 131.3, 129.5, 128.5(3C), 127.4, 118.2, 75.9, 46.4, 36.2 ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}N_2O_2S_2Na^+$ [M+Na⁺] 459.1171 found 459.1158.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 18:^[3] Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:5) to afford pure



epidithiodiketopiperazine **18** as a white foam (45% yield from **8** or 47% yield from **9**). **18**: $R_f = 0.45$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:5); m.p. = 109 °C (EtOH); IR v_{max} (film): **18**2963w, 1663s, 1363m, 1054w cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 3.08$ (s, 6 H),

1.55 (s, 2 H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6 H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 168.0, 80.5, 35.4, 30.2, 18.6, 18.4$ ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{20}N_2O_2S_2H^+$ [*M*+H⁺] 289.1039 found 289.1041.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 19:^[4] Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc) to afford pure epidithiodiketopiperazine **19** as a white crystal (65% yield). **19**: $R_f = 0.36$ (silica, EtOAc); m.p. = 136 °C (EtOH); IR v_{max} (film): 2955w, 2890w, 1687s, 1380m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 3.88$ (ddd, J = 12.1, 8.7, 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.61 – 3.54 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (ddd, J = 13.7, 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 4 H), 2.28 – 2.18 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 163.3, 77.3, 45.8, 32.2, 23.6$ ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 257.0413 found 257.0412.

¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 4.20 - 4.10$ (m, 2 H), 2.94 (td, J = 13.2, 3.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 - 2.37 (m, 2 H), 2.26 - 2.15 (m, 2 H), 2.02 - 1.90 (m, 4 H), 1.83 - 1.71 (m, 2 H), 1.60 - 1.51 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 166.0$, 71.7, 40.7, 28.6, 22.2, 19.5 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 285.0726 found 285.0737.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 21: Physical properties match those reported.^[6]



bis-Methylthiodiketopiperazine 22: Following general procedure B, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2) to afford

pure *bis*-methylthiodiketopiperazine **22** as a colorless syrup (70% yield). **22**: $R_f = 0.52$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2); IR v_{max} (film): 2922w, 1658s, 1392m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.50$ (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 6 H), 5.43 – 5.31 (m, 1 H), 5.18 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 (t, J = 14.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.87 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.19 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 166.8$, 165.5, 137.6, 137.4, 129.9, 128.5(2C), 128.29(2C), 128.24(2C), 127.7(2C), 127.2, 127.1, 121.8, 73.3, 68.9, 47.9, 47.8, 41.8, 26.0, 14.5, 14.4 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₈N₂O₂S₂Na⁺ [*M*+Na⁺] 463.1484 found 463.1482.

bis-Methylthiodiketopiperazine 23:^[9] Following general procedure B, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1) to afford

 2921w, 1650s, 1367m, 1088m, 697s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.14$ (dd, J = 9.7, 3.9Hz, 6 H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 4 H), 3.31 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.14 (s, 6 H), 2.90 (d, J = 14.3Hz, 2 H), 2.17 (s, 6 H) ppm; 13 C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ = 165.2, 134.2, 130.0, 128.46, 128.45, 128.44, 127.3, 73.2, 43.0, 31.3, 14.1 ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_2S_2H^+$ [*M*+Na⁺] 437.1328 found 437.1330.

bis-Methylthiodiketopiperazine 24: Following general procedure B, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4) to afford

pure *bis*-methylthiodiketopiperazine **24** as a colorless syrup (63% yield). **24**: $R_f =$



0.58 (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:4); IR v_{max} (film): 2920w, 1653s, 1382m, 699s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 7.32 - 7.14$ (m, 6 H), 7.10 - 6.99 (m, 4 H), 5.94 (dd, J = 17.0, 10.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.36 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 - 5.08 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 - 5.08 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 - 5.08 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 - 5.08 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 5.25 - 5.08 (m, 2 H), 5.25 (m, 2 H), 5.214.0, 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.86 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.76 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.05 (s, 6 H), ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ = 165.3, 134.3, 132.9, 130.91(2C), 130.90, 128.4, 127.6, 119.3, 75.2, 48.8, 44.1, 13.7 ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_2S_2Na^+$ [*M*+Na⁺]

489.1641 found 489.1647.

bis-Methylthiodiketopiperazine 25:^[4] Following general procedure B, the crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc) to afford pure bis-



methylthiodiketopiperazine 25 as a white powder (64% yield). 25: $R_f = 0.47$ (silica, EtOAc); IR v_{max} (film): 2925w, 1657s, 1382m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta =$ 3.72 (dt, J = 11.9, 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 12.0, 9.9, 2.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (dd, J =

13.3, 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (ttd, J = 12.3, 9.6, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.23 (s, 6 H), 2.09 (ddd, J = 13.0, 12.1, 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.05 - 1.98 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 164.8$, 71.3, 45.3, 34.0, 19.8, 14.6 ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_2S_2H^+$ [*M*+H⁺] 287.0810 found 287.0815.



N,*N*'-tetrathio-*bis*-trimethylsilyl compound 29:^[10] To a suspension of elemental sulfur (87 mg, 2.72 mmol, 8.0 equiv) in THF (1.7 mL, 0.2 M) at 25 °C under argon was added NaHMDS (0.6

M in PhMe, 1.70 mL, 1.02 mmol, 3.0 equiv) dropwise over a period of 2 min. TMS TMS, $N_{S}S_{S}S_{S}N_{N}$ During the addition, the insoluble yellow S₈ quickly changed color, turned 29 TMS initially into a dark blue solution, then dark orange and finally light orange

solution. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (10 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford a brownish residue. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes) to afford pure N,N'-tetrathio-bis-trimethylsilyl compound 29 as a yellow syrup (40% yield). **29**: $R_f = 0.8$ (silica, hexanes); IR v_{max} (film): 2956w, 1251s, 907s, 842s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: $(CDCl_3, 500 \text{ MHz}) \delta = 0.26 \text{ (s, 36 H), ppm;} {}^{13}C \text{ NMR:} (CDCl_3, 125 \text{ MHz}) \delta = 2.3(6C); HRMS calcd$ for $C_{12}H_{36}N_2O_2S_4Si_4H^+$ [*M*+H⁺] 449.0911 found 449.0908.

Epitetrathiodiketopiperazine 31: Following general procedure A, the crude residue obtained before the NaBH₄ reduction was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography



(benzene) to afford pure epitetrathiodiketopiperazine 31 as a white crystal (43% Physical We wild). **31**: $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, benzene); m.p. = 167–169 °C (hexanes:CH₂Cl₂) IR v_{max} (film): 2939s, 1666s, 1360m, 697m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ = 7.13 (t, J

= 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 3.87 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.19 (s, 6 H), 3.18 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 167.4$, 133.5, 129.1(2C), 128.7(2C), 127.3, 78.4, 39.4, 31.0 ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}N_2O_2S_4H^+$ [*M*+H⁺] 449.0480 found 449.0472.

Diketopiperazine 33: To a stirred solution of *bis*-diene **12**^[6] (1.0 g, 3.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (20 mL) was added Pd(OH)₂/C (20% w/w, 100 mg, 0.11 mmol, 0.03 equiv). The mixture was



stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere (balloon) at 25 °C for 3 h. The combined solution was filtered through Celite[®], and the residue was rinsed with EtOAc

several times. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1) to give diketopiperazine **33** as a white foam (0.95 g, 3.14 mmol, 93% yield). **33**: $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 2:3); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -107.0$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); IR v_{max} (film): 2927m, 1657s, 1419m, 751m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 4.19$ (dd, J = 9.3, 2.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.06 – 3.99 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (ddd, J = 12.6, 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.92 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 6 H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 4 H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 166.3$, 58.4, 56.6, 35.2, 27.3, 26.5, 25.6, 23.1, 20.4 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₆N₂O₂H⁺ [M+H⁺] 303.2067 found 303.2060.

bis-Pivthiodiketopiperazine 34: Following general procedure B, except PivCl (20 equiv)

was used instead of MeI in the last step. The crude residue obtained was purified by flash column

Pivs O H N H H O SPiv 34 chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1) to afford pure *bis*-Pivthiodiketopiperazine **34** as a colorless syrup (35% yield). **34**: $R_f = 0.30$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -163.8$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); IR v_{max} (film): 2935m,

1686s, 1382m, 1100m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 4.07$ (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.65 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.91 (dd, J = 12.8, 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.53 – 2.47 (m, 2 H), 2.44 – 2.36 (m, 2 H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 3 H), 2.12 – 2.03 (m, 3 H), 2.02 – 1.97 (m, 2 H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2 H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 2 H), 1.29 (s, 18 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 203.3, 167.7, 72.4, 57.6, 47.2, 38.9, 33.2, 29.6, 27.1(3C), 25.1, 22.5, 20.0 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₂₈H₄₂N₂O₄S₂H⁺ [$ *M*+H⁺] 535.2586 found 535.2590.

Epidithiodiketopiperazine 35: To a stirred solution of *bis*-Pivthiodiketopiperazine **35** (30 mg, 0.056 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (1 mL) at room temperature was added Mg(OMe)₂ (8% in



MeOH, 1.2 mL, 1.12 mmol, 20 equiv). The mixture was allowed to stir for 2 h at room temperature, followed by bubbling oxygen through the solution. The reaction

mixture was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (5 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The so-obtained residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1) to give epidithiodiketopiperazine **35** as a white foam (87% yield). **35**: $R_f = 0.71$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -255.5$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); IR v_{max} (film): 2935m, 1686s, 1382m cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 4.07 - 4.01$ (m, 2 H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.3, 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.51 (td, J = 12.4, 6.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.31 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.17 – 2.10 (m, 2 H), 1.83 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.72 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 4 H), 1.57 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.21 – 1.11 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 163.0$, 75.4, 57.9, 37.1, 33.0, 26.3, 25.5, 23.1, 20.1 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₄N₂O₂S₂H⁺ [M+H⁺] 365.1352 found 365.1350.

bis-SEMthiodiketopiperazine 36: Following general procedure B, except SEMCl (50 equiv) was used instead of MeI in the last step. The crude residue obtained was purified by flash column



chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:5) to afford pure *bis*-SEMthiodiketopiperazine **36** as a colorless syrup (40 % yield). **36**: $R_f = 0.47$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:5); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -189.4$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); IR v_{max} (film): 2925w,

1661s, 1390m, 1069m, 835s cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 5.24$ (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.67 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.40 – 4.29 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (ddd, J = 11.7, 9.4, 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.42 (ddd, J = 11.4, 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.0, 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.97 (dd, J = 13.9, 11.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2 H), 1.98 – 1.84 (m, 4 H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 4 H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.54 – 1.46 (m, 2 H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.21 (ddd, J = 14.5, 12.7, 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.00 (ddd, J = 13.6, 11.8, 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 0.91

 $(ddd, J = 13.7, 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 0.02 (s, 18 H) ppm; {}^{13}C NMR: (CDCl_3, 150 MHz) \delta = 165.8, 73.0,$ 70.2, 66.0, 59.3, 40.8, 35.7, 26.2, 25.4, 23.1, 19.9, 17.8, 1.4(3C) ppm; HRMS calcd for $C_{30}H_{54}N_2O_2S_2Si_2Na^+ [M+Na^+]$ 649.2956 found 649.2957.

O,*S*-acetal diketopiperazine 37: To a solution of compound 37 (52 mg, 0.084 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) at 25 °C was added $SnCl_4$ (1.0 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 1.17 mL, 1.17 mmol, 14



equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min, then quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution. (20 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford an

incolore oil. The crude residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2) to afford pure diketopiperazine **37** as white crystals (28 mg, 0.078 mmol, 93 % yield). **37**: $R_f = 0.52$ (silica, EtOAc:hexanes, 1:2); m.p. = 122–123 °C (CH₂Cl₂\Hexanes); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -162.3$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃); IR v_{max} (film): cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta = 5.11$ (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.97 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (dt, J = 11.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dt, J = 10.7, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.1, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (t, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 2 H), 1.98 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 4 H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 2 H), 1.38 – 1.15 (m, 4 H), 1.13 – 1.06 (m, 1 H), 0.98 (ddd, J = 24.0, 13.4, 3.6 Hz, 1 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta = 167.3$, 164.3, 94.1, 70.5, 67.1, 57.2, 56.7, 36.3, 35.9, 34.2, 33.1, 27.7, 27.2, 25.32, 25.30, 23.0, 22.9, 20.8, 20.5 ppm; HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O₃SH⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 363.1664 found 363.1666

II. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of Compounds



















































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