Supporting Information

Visible-light-mediated difunctionalization of C–C bond for the synthesis of 1sulfonylmethyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalenes

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1. General Information

All reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring and in dried glassware. Standard syringe techniques were applied for transfer of dry solvents. All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without any further purification unless specified. Proton (¹H NMR) and carbon (¹³C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100MHz, respectively. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta (δ) scale. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for ¹H NMR: TMS = 0.00 ppm, for ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ = 77.00 ppm. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, td = triplet of doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad. Analytical TLC was performed on precoated silica gel plates. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Agilent mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

2. Experiment Section

2.1 General procedure for the synthesis of vinylcyclopropanes (1):

All vinylcyclopropanes (1) were synthesized according to the known methods.¹

2.2 Typical Experimental Procedure for the visible-light-mediated C-C σ-bond

sulfonylation/arylation of vinylcyclopropanes with sulfonyl chlorides for the

synthesis of 1-sulfonylmethyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalenes



To a Schlenk tube were added **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂ (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol), 2,6-lutidine (2 equiv, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4dioxane (2 mL). Then the mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath temperature) in argon atmosphere (1 atm) under 5 W blue LED light for 24 h until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC and GC-MS analysis. After the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was washed with brine. The aqueous phase was re-extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10 : 1 to 5 : 1) to afford the desired products **3**.

2.3 The Quantum Yield of the reaction of substrate 1a and benzenesulfonyl

chloride 2a under the optimal conditions



- Fs Integrated area of fluorescence of Rhodamine B: 79780 (red line)
- Fu Integrated area of fluorescence of reaction system: 9673 (black line)



As UV-Vis absorbtion of Rhodamine B at 350nm: 0.054 (red line) Au UV-Vis absorbtion of reaction system at 450nm: 0.42 (black line) Yu = Ys*(Fu/Fs)*(As/Au)Fu = 9673, Fs = 79780, As (350 nm) = 0.054, Au (450 nm) = 0.42Yu = Ys*(Fu/Fs)*(As/Au) = 0.016Ys

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4. Spectra



4-((Phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3aa)





4-(Tosylmethyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ab)



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4-(((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ac)



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4-(((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ad)





2.00-

3.5

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

0.5

0.0



 $\begin{array}{c} 2.730 \\ -2.713 \\ -2.696 \\ 2.679 \end{array}$





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4-(((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ah)





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1-(4-(((3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)phenyl)ethanone (3ai)





4-(((4-Nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3aj)





4-((*m*-Tolylsulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ak)



9.5 7.858 7.839 7.446 7.427 7.427 7.424 7.408 7.268 7.268 7.268 7.268 7.229 7.205 7.205 7.109 7.102 7.104 7.104 7.097 7.086 7.0979.0 7.9 07-5 7.8 8.5 7.7 8.0 7.6 $<^{7.858}_{7.839}$ 1.07-7.5 f1 7.5 7.4 (ppm) 1.09A 3.38J 3.07J 09-3 7.0 7.3 -7.209 -7.195 38--7. 119 -7. 119 -7. 112 -7. 104 -7. 097 -7. 074 -5. 897 UW 7.2 6.5 F3 07. 6.0 7.067 7.063 $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 5.885 \\ 5.874 \end{array} \right\}$ 1.00-7.0 5. 5 5.0 fl (ppm) 4.5 $<^{4.243}_{4.242}$ 2.04-4.0 0⁻⁻`v`^{--O} 3.5 3.0 $\begin{array}{c} 2.\ 682\\ 2.\ 673\\ 2.\ 653\\ 2.\ 632\\ 2.\ 225\\ 2.\ 213\\ 2.\ 204\\ 2.\ 193\\ 2.\ 185\\ 2.\ 173\end{array}$ 5.02-] 2.5 2.06--2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 $= \frac{0.073}{-0.000}$ 0.0 -0.5

4-((o-Tolylsulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3al)











4-(((2-Nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3an)










2-(((3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)naphthalene (3ap)





2-(((3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)thiophene (3aq)





4-((Dodecylsulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3at)





4-((Ethylsulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3au)





4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-5-methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3bf)





4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-6-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3cf) and 4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-8-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3cf')





4-(((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7-methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3df)





7-(benzyloxy)-4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ef)





4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7-methyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3ff)

-0.076-0.000

0.0





7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3gf)





4-(((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7-fluoro-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3hf)









7-Chloro-4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3if)





7-Bromo-4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3jf)





4-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (3kf)







1-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-3,4-dihydrophenanthrene (3lf)



5-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)isoquinoline (3mf)







5-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7,8-dihydroquinoline (3nf)




8-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-5,6-dihydroquinoline (3of)





7-(((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-4,5-dihydrobenzo[b]thiophene (3pf)



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(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (4)



