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Metal-free Alkynylsulfonylation of Vinylarenes

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General information

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in glassware with magnetic stirring unless otherwise indicated. Commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Solvents were dried by Inert PureSolv MD5. Liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-BioSpin AVANCE III HD and JNM-ECZ600R/S1. Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported relative to chloroform as an internal standard (7.26 ppm) and are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C NMR spectra are reported relative to chloroform as an internal standard (77.16 ppm) and are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm). GC data were recorded on Thermo Trace 1300. GC-MS data were recorded on Thermo ISQ QD. HRMS data were recorded on Bruker Impact II Q-TOF from our institute.

Experimental procedure

The synthesis of aryl alkynylsulfones 2

Following a literature procedure.¹

Arylacetylene (1 equiv, 5 mmol) and TBHP (3 equiv, 15 mmol) were added to a solution of sodium benzenesulfinate (2 equiv, 10 mmol) and iodine (0.5 equiv, 2.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 8-12 h and monitored by TLC. H₂O (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction, dropwise addition of sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate solution until the solution changed from brown to clear and transparent. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with EA (3×40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography using EA/PE as eluent to afford the corresponding product. The aryl alkynylsulfones were shown below. ¹⁻²



General procedure for the synthesis of 3

For repeatability, all reactions need to carry out in a glove box. General procedure:

In a glove box, vinylarene (1 equiv, 0.25 mmol) and BEt₃ (in hexane, 5 mol %, 14 μ L) were added to a solution of alkynyl sulfone (2 equiv, 0.5 mmol), NFSI (2 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 158 mg), HE (2 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127 mg) in DCE (1 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 h and monitored by TLC. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and the remaining residue was purified by column chromatography using DCM/PE as eluent to afford the corresponding product **3**.

A scaled-up reaction:



In a glove box, **1a** (1 equiv, 1.25 mmol) and BEt₃ (in hexane, 5 mol %, 70 μ L) were added to a solution of alkynyl sulfone **2a** (2 equiv, 2.5 mmol), NFSI (2 equiv, 2.5 mmol, 790 mg), HE (2 equiv, 2.5 mmol, 635 mg) in DCE (5 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 h and monitored by TLC. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and the remaining residue was purified by column chromatography using DCM/PE as eluent to afford the corresponding product **3aa** in 70% yield.

Detailed reaction condition optimization

(+	}────SO₂Ph -	BEt ₃ (Z mol %) NFSI (X equiv), HE (Y equiv)		Ph
1a 2a		2a	501vont, n, 40 m	3aa	
Entry	NFSI (X equiv)	HE (Y equiv)	BEt ₃ (Z equiv)	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	2	2	0.05	DCE	76 ^c
2	2	2	0	DCE	29
3	2	2	1	DCE	67
4	2	0	0.05	DCE	36
5	2	0.20	0.05	DCE	40
6	2	0.50	0.05	DCE	46
7	2	1.0	0.05	DCE	52
8	0.05	2	0.05	DCE	-
9	0.1	2	0.05	DCE	3
10	0.2	2	0.05	DCE	9
11	0.5	2	0.05	DCE	5
12	1	2	0.05	DCE	8
13	2	0	0	DCE	-
14	0	2	0	DCE	-
15	2	2	0.05	MeOH	-
16	2	2	0.05	THF	-
17	2	2	0.05	Toluene	40
18	2	2	0.05	DMF	-
19	2	2	0.05	DCM	62
20	2	2	0.05	DCE	51^{d}
21	2	2	0.05	DCE	59 ^e

Table S1. Detailed reaction condition optimization^a

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (2 equiv), NFSI (X equiv), HE (Y equiv), BEt₃ (in hexane, Z mol %), solvent (1 mL), glove box, rt, 48 h. ^{*b*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR. ^{*c*}Isolated yield. ^{*d*}50 °C instead of rt. ^{*e*}90 °C instead of rt.

Characterization Data



Following the general procedure, product **3aa** was obtained as a yellow solid (65.8 mg, 76% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 93.4 – 94.8 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 139.0, 133.8, 131.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 122.7, 87.7, 85.4, 63.1, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₈NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 369.0920, found: 369.0917.



Following the general procedure, product **3ba** was obtained as a white solid (76.5 mg, 85% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 92.9 – 93.5 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 139.1, 138.5, 133.8, 131.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 119.6, 86.9, 85.4, 63.2, 33.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 383.1076, found: 383.1076.



Following the general procedure, product **3ca** was obtained as a yellow solid (86.5 mg, 86% yield, $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 93.2 - 94.5 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 - 7.20 (m, 9H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.6

Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.8, 139.7, 135.8, 133.7, 131.8, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.0, 122.8, 87.9, 85.1, 63.1, 34.6, 33.3, 31.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₆H₂₆NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 425.1546, found: 425.1548.



Following the general procedure, product **3da** was obtained as a colorless oil (67.8 mg, 72% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 2:3)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.2, 139.7, 133.7, 131.8, 130.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 122.8, 114.5, 88.0, 85.1, 63.2, 55.4, 33.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 399.1025, found: 399.1024.



Following the general procedure, product **3ea** was obtained as a yellow solid (78.2 mg, 74% yield, $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 46.2 – 46.5 °C). 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.53 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.9, 140.6, 139.6, 137.9, 133.8, 131.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 122.7, 87.6, 85.4, 63.1, 33.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₈H₂₂NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 445.1233, found: 445.1235.



Following the general procedure, product **3fa** was obtained as a yellow solid (71.1 mg, 72% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 116.5 – 116.7 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.49 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 139.1, 137.2, 133.9, 131.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 122.6, 87.4, 85.4, 62.9, 45.8, 33.5.

HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₁₉ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 417.0686, found: 417.0684.



Following the general procedure, product **3ga** was obtained as a yellow oil (67.4 mg, 74% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3 (d, J = 246.8 Hz), 139.5, 134.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 133.8, 131.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 122.5, 115.9 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 87.5, 85.4, 63.0, 33.1. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -114.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇FNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 387.0825, found: 387.0826.



Following the general procedure, product **3ha** was obtained as a colorless oil (60.6 mg, 57% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 4.46 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 137.9, 133.8, 132.2, 131.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 122.4, 121.9, 87.1, 85.6, 62.7, 33.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇BrNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 447.0025, found: 447.0027.



Following the general procedure, product **3ia** was obtained as a colorless oil (73.6 mg, 72% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.57 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.8, 139.4, 134.0, 131.8, 130.2 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.1 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 272.0 Hz), 122.3, 86.7, 85.8, 62.6, 33.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₁₇F₃NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 437.0794, found: 437.0794.



Following the general procedure, product **3ja** was obtained as a colorless oil (52.6 mg, 52% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 3:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.16 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 5H), 4.47 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 143.9, 139.4, 133.9, 131.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 122.4, 86.8, 85.8, 62.6, 52.3, 33.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₄H₂₀NaO₄S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .427.0975, found: 427.0975.



Following the general procedure, product **3ka** was obtained as a yellow oil (68.8 mg, 68% yield, $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 2:3)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.5, 150.2, 139.5, 136.4, 133.9, 131.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 122.2, 87.3, 85.5, 63.0, 33.2, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₄H₂₀NaO₄S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 427.0975, found: 427.0975.



Following the general procedure, product **3la** was obtained as a colorless oil (63.9 mg, 71% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.9, 138.9, 133.7, 131.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 124.6, 122.8, 87.8, 85.2, 63.1, 33.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 383.1076, found: 383.1077.



Following the general procedure, product **3ma** was obtained as a yellow oil (60.0 mg, 63% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.8, 139.5, 134.9, 133.9, 131.8, 130.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 125.9, 122.4, 86.9, 85.7, 62.7, 33.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 403.0530, found: 403.0530.



Following the general procedure, product **3na** was obtained as a white solid (63.9 mg, 71% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 107.3 – 108.0 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.65 (dd, J = 9.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 14.5, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 14.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 137.2, 135.0, 133.8, 131.8, 131.1, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 122.8, 88.0, 84.7, 61.8, 30.4, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 383.1076, found: 383.1076.



Following the general procedure, product **30a** was obtained as a white solid (63.8 mg, 67% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 104.5 – 105.8 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 4.82 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 – 3.57 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.4, 136.0, 133.9, 132.7, 131.9, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 122.6, 86.5, 85.9, 60.7, 31.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 403.0530, found: 403.0531.



Following the general procedure, product **3pa** was obtained as a yellow solid (66.3 mg, 60% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 78.2 - 78.6 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 - 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.14 (dd, J = 9.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J = 8.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.78 (d, J = 252.5 Hz), 139.3, 133.8, 131.8, 130.9 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 122.3 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 119.6 (d, J = 24.7 Hz), 85.7, 85.4, 60.4, 28.1 (d, J = 2.7 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -114.28. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₉BrFNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 464.9931, found: 464.9929.



Following the general procedure, product **3qa** was obtained as a colorless oil (69.3 mg, 70% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 136.1, 133.7, 133.5, 132.9, 131.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2, 122.7, 87.7, 85.5, 62.9, 34.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₆H₂₀NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 419.1076, found: 419.1074.





Following the general procedure, product **3ra** was obtained as a brown solid (53.8 mg, 60% yield, dr > 20:1, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 102.0 – 102.3 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.5,

138.6, 138.2, 134.1, 131.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 124.7, 124.6, 122.7, 87.8, 83.2, 70.3, 39.3, 32.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₁₈NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 381.0920, found: 381.0917.



Following the general procedure, product **3sa** was obtained as a yellow oil (62.1 mg, 63% yield, dr = 6:1, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), contains some impurity). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.41 (m, 7H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.8, 137.8, 137.4, 134.2, 133.7, 131.8, 131.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 126.0, 124.4, 123.3, 122.7, 120.4, 87.4, 83.0, 75.9, 39.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₆H₁₈NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 417.0920, found: 417.0922.





Following the general procedure, product **3ab** was obtained as a colorless oil (66.6 mg, 74% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 139.1, 138.5, 133.8, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 119.6, 86.9, 85.5, 63.2, 33.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .383.1076, found: 383.1076.



3ac

Following the general procedure, product **3ac** was obtained as a white solid (72.0 mg, 77% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 84.5 – 85.2 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.8, 139.6, 139.1, 133.8, 131.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.8, 127.6, 119.9, 86.9, 85.5, 63.2, 33.8, 28.9, 15.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₄H₂₂NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .397.1233, found: 397.1232.



Following the general procedure, product **3ad** was obtained as a yellow solid (97.6 mg, 97% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 76.0 - 77.0 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.7, 139.6, 139.1, 133.8, 131.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 125.2, 119.7, 87.0, 85.4, 63.3, 34.9, 33.9, 31.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₆H₂₆NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .425.1546, found: 425.1542.



Following the general procedure, product **3ae** was obtained as a white solid (96.0 mg, 91% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 105.2 - 106.4 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 11H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.51 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.1, 140.4, 139.6, 139.0, 133.8, 132.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 121.6, 88.4, 85.2, 63.2, 33.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₈H₂₂NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 445.1233, found: 445.1234.



Following the general procedure, product **3af** was obtained as a yellow oil (78.0 mg, 83% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.7, 139.7, 139.2, 133.7, 133.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 114.9, 113.8, 86.2, 85.2, 63.2, 55.4, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NaO₃S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 399.1025, found: 399.1028.



Following the general procedure, product **3ag** was obtained as a colorless oil (58.3 mg, 83% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.7, 134.4, 133.9, 133.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 121.2, 88.7, 84.3, 63.0, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: 403.0530, found: 403.0529.



Following the general procedure, product **3ah** was obtained as a white solid (79.8 mg, 84% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 55.1 – 56.4 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 9.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.5, 138.6, 136.1, 133.7, 133.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 122.7, 93.0, 82.2, 63.1, 34.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .403.0530, found: 403.0529.



Following the general procedure, product **3ai** was obtained as a white solid (73.1 mg, 77% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 107.0 – 108.0 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.6, 134.0, 133.9, 131.7, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 124.4, 89.0, 84.0, 63.0, 33.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .403.0530, found: 403.0528.



Following the general procedure, product **3aj** was obtained as a white solid (62.8 mg, 69% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 108.8 – 109.7 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.7, 133.9, 129.8 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.3, 129.2,

128.5, 128.0, 127.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 127.5, 124.5 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 118.7, 117.2 (d, J = 265.3 Hz), 115.7, 88.7, 84.2 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 63.0, 33.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -113.15. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $[C_{22}H_{17}FNaO_2S]^+$ [M+Na⁺]: .387.0825, found: 387.0824.



3ak

Following the general procedure, product **3ak** was obtained as a white solid (64.6 mg, 71% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 66.4 - 66.7 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07 - 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 9.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3 (d, J = 246.8 Hz), 139.6, 138.6, 133.9, 129.8 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 128.5, 128.0, 127.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 127.5, 124.5 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 124.2, 121.9, 118.6 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 88.7, 84.1, 62.9, 33.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -113.16. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇FNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .387.0827, found: 387.0825.



Following the general procedure, product **3al** was obtained as a white solid (76.8 mg, 76% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 100.4 – 101.4 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 – 7.90 (m, 4H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 139.6, 138.6, 133.9, 131.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 90.8, 84.7, 62.9, 52.4, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₄H₂₀NaO₄S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .427.0975, found: 427.0973.



Following the general procedure, product **3am** was obtained as a colorless oil (29.6 mg, 32% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.7, 133.9, 131.9, 131.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 123.2, 122.1, 89.8, 84.8, 83.3, 63.0, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₄H₁₈NaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .393.0920, found: 393.0919.



3an

Following the general procedure, product **3an** was obtained as brown solid (28.2 mg, 32% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 100.5 – 100.8 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.6, 138.9, 133.8, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 125.2, 121.7, 87.2, 63.1, 33.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₂H₁₇ClNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .375.0484, found: 375.0487.



Following the general procedure, product **3ap** was obtained as yellow solid (629 mg, 70% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1:1), mp = 104.5 – 105.3 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.7 Hz,

1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.9, 139.1, 136.5, 131.7, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 122.8, 87.7, 85.3, 63.3, 33.9, 21.7. These data matches with the reported value.³

Synthetic applications

Reaction of 3aa to 4



Product **4** was prepared according literature method.⁴ A solution of **3ap** (0.1 mmol, 36 mg), RuCl₃ (5mol%, 1 mg) and NaIO₄ (0.4 mmol, 86 mg) in CCl₄/CH₃CN/H₂O (0.7 mL, (2:2:3)). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and monitor by TLC. The solution was extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA, 5:1) to yield **4**.

Product **4** was obtained as a yellow oil (13.5 mg, 57% yield, $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.8, 194.6, 145.3, 135.0, 134.9, 133.7, 133.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for dimer of **4** [C₃₂H₂₅O₄]⁺ [2M+H⁺]: .401.1182, found: 401.1183.

Reaction of 3ap to 5



Product **5** was prepared according literature method.⁵ TfOH (0.15 mmol, 14 μ L) was added to a solution of **3ap** (0.1 mmol, 35 mg) in THF (1 mL). The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h and

monitor by TLC. NaHCO₃ (3 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA, 5:1) to yield **5**.

Product **5** was obtained as a white solid (24.3 mg, 64% yield, $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1). mp = 100.5 – 101.3 °C) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 3.95 – 3.88 (m 1H), 3.75 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.51 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 197.4, 144.7, 141.8, 136.7, 133.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 61.0, 44.2, 36.2, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [C₂₃H₂₂NaO₃S]⁺ [M+Na⁺]: .401.1182, found: 401.1183.

Reaction of 3aa to 6



Product **6** was prepared according literature method.⁶ NaH (0.2 mmol, 8 mg) was added to a solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol, 35.5 mg) in THF (1 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 8 h and monitor by TLC. NaHCO₃ (3 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to get product **6** in 90% yield.

Product **6** was obtained as a yellow oil ($R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 137.4, 131.8, 130.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 123.2, 120.8, 90.9, 88.7. These data matches with the reported value.⁷

Reduction of 3ap to 7



Product 7 was prepared according literature method.⁸ To a solution of **3ap** (0.1 mmol, 36 mg) and 10 wt% Pd/C (10mol%, 10 mg) in THF (1 mL), the hydrogenation was performed at room temperature for 24 h. After filtration through a short pad of celite, the organic solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA, 10:1) to yield 7.

Product **7** was obtained as a colorless oil (35.5 mg, 98% yield, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1)). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 6.52 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.5, 142.0, 136.6, 136.2, 131.6, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 63.1, 39.4, 21.7. These data matches with the reported value.⁹

A tentative mechanism

On the basis of these results and previous reports,¹⁰ a tentative mechanism for this radical alkynylsulfonylation process is depicted in Scheme S1. During the reaction condition optimization, but-1-yn-1-ylbenzene, presumably generated from the interaction between ethyl radical and alkynylsulfone (2a), was observed by GC-MS analysis (Table 1, entry 3). Therefore, catalytic amount of BEt₃ can successfully initiate the reaction to generate a phenyl sulforyl radical (\mathbf{A}) ,¹¹ which can add to a styrene (step a) to form a benzylic radical (\mathbf{B}) . Then, the radical **B** reacts with **2a** (step b) to produce the final alkynylsulfonylation product and to regenerate the sulforyl radical (A) species. However, without the assistance of HE and NFSI, only a trace amount of the alkynylsulfonylation product was observed, presumably because of the reversible addition of the sulfonyl radical to the styrene (step a) and the steric hindrance for step b.¹² As a result, random side reactions of the sulfonyl radical A terminate the reaction. On the basis of the previous studies, HE can reduce the aryl sulforyl radical to an arylsulfinic acid,¹³ while NFSI has the power to oxidize an arylsulfinic acid back to the corresponding aryl sulfonyl radical ¹⁴ Therefore, the overall effect of HE and NFSI presumably is that they can maintain exist of the sulfonyl radical in this study and consequently promote the reaction. However, other possibilities should also be considered.





Single crystal data of 3ai (CCDC 2046732)



Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3ai**.

Identification code	3ai		
Empirical formula	C22 H16 Cl N0 O2 S		
Formula weight	379.86		
Temperature	293(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P21		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.556(5) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$.	
	b = 16.760(16) Å	$\beta = 90.089(17)^{\circ}.$	
	c = 10.120(9) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.	
Volume	942.4(15) Å ³		
Z	2		
Density (calculated)	1.339 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.326 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	394		
Crystal size	0.2 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	3.156 to 27.514°.		
Index ranges	-7<=h<=7, -21<=k<=21, -13<=l<=13		
Reflections collected	7376		
Independent reflections	4045 [R(int) = 0.0456]		
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	97.9 %		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	4045 / 1 / 237		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.867		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0441, wR2 = 0.0960		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0531, wR2 = 0.0994		
Absolute structure parameter	-0.03(6)		
Extinction coefficient	0.015(3)		
Largest diff. peak and hole 0.304 and -0.192 e.	Å-3		

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