

Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed direct decarboxylative hydrosulfonylation of aryl propiolic acids with sulfonylhydrazides leading to vinylsulfones

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1. General information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer with CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ as the solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Melting points were measured using a WC-1 microscopic apparatus and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were ensured on a MALDI-FTMS. Dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and hexane were used for column chromatography without further purification. Other solvents were purified according to the standard methods. Reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.

2. General procedure

In a clean tube equipped with a stir bar, sulfonylhydrazide (0.2 mmol), aryl propiolic acid or terminal alkyne (0.24 mmol), CuI (0.02 mmol) and 2, 2'-bpy (0.02 mmol) were added in DMF (1 ml). The resulting mixture was heated at 100 °C for 18 h under air unless otherwise noted. After the reaction was completed and cooled to room temperature, the mixture was added into H_2O (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and filtered. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to afford the pure product.

3. Optimization of the reaction conditions^[a]

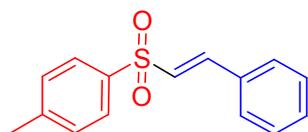
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Ligand	Yield ^[b]
1	CuCl	DMF	-	28%
2	CuBr	DMF	-	51%
3	CuI	DMF	-	57%
4 ^[c]	Cu_2O	DMF	-	25%
5	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	DMF	-	36%
6	CuCl_2	DMF	-	<5%
7	CuBr_2	DMF	-	<5%

8	CuF ₂ ·2H ₂ O	DMF	-	<5%
9	CuI	DMA	-	<5%
10	CuI	THF	-	<5%
11	CuI	toluene	-	<5%
12	CuI	DMSO	-	41%
13	CuI	Dioxane	-	25%
14	CuI	p-xylene	-	21%
15	CuI	DMF	pyridine	<5%
16	CuI	DMF	phen	<5%
17	CuI	DMF	DMEDA	<5%
18	CuI	DMF	2, 2'-bpy	85%
19	-	DMF	2, 2'-bpy	< 5%
20 ^[d]	CuI	DMF	2, 2'-bpy	87%
21 ^[e]	CuI	DMF	2, 2'-bpy	64%
13 ^[f]	CuI	DMF	2, 2'-bpy	< 5%

^[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.24 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%) and base (0.4 mmol) in solvent (1 mL) at 100 °C under air for 18 h. ^[b] Isolated yield. ^[c] Under 5 mol% of Cu₂O catalyst loading. ^[d] At 120 °C. ^[e] At 80 °C. ^[f] Under a nitrogen atmosphere.

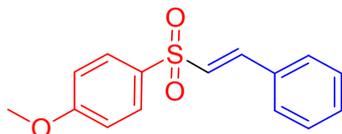
4. Characterizations of Products

(E)-1-methyl-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (**3a**)³



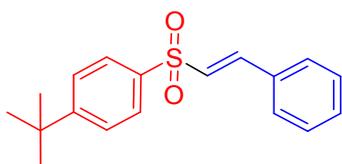
White solid, mp 118–120 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 127.6, 127.7, 128.5, 129.0, 130.0, 131.1, 132.5, 137.7, 141.9, 144.4.

(E)-1-methoxy-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3b)¹



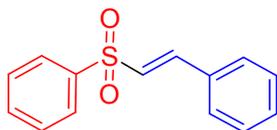
Pale yellow solid, mp 110–112 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.6, 114.5, 127.9, 128.4, 129.0, 129.8, 131.0, 132.2, 132.5, 141.3, 163.5.

(E)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3c)



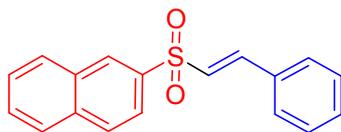
Light yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.34 (s, 9H), 6.87 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 31.0, 35.2, 126.3, 127.5, 127.6, 128.5, 129.0, 131.1, 132.4, 137.6, 141.9, 157.3.

(E)-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)benzene (3d)¹



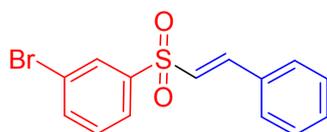
Light yellow solid, mp 69–71 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.87 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 127.3, 127.7, 128.6, 129.1, 129.4, 131.3, 132.4, 133.4, 140.7, 142.5.

(E)-2-(styrylsulfonyl)naphthalene (3e)¹



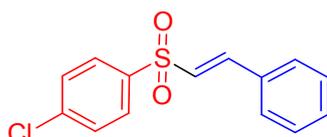
White solid, mp 115–116 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.92 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.97–8.00 (m, 2H), 8.55 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 122.5, 127.3, 127.6, 127.9, 128.6, 129.1, 129.2, 129.2, 129.4, 129.7, 131.2, 132.3, 132.4, 135.1, 137.5, 142.5.

(E)-1-bromo-3-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3f)



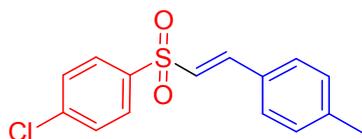
Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 123.3, 126.2, 126.7, 128.7, 129.2, 130.6, 130.9, 131.5, 132.1, 136.4, 142.7, 143.5.

(E)-1-chloro-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3g)³



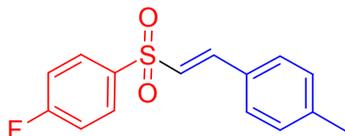
White solid, mp 79–81 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.53 (m, 7H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 126.8, 128.6, 129.1, 129.7, 131.4, 132.1, 139.2, 140.1, 143.0.

(E)-1-chloro-4-((4-methylstyryl)sulfonyl)benzene (3h)²



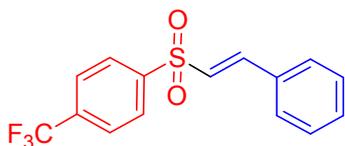
Light yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.89 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.5, 125.6, 128.6, 129.1, 129.4, 129.6, 129.8, 139.4, 139.9, 142.1, 143.1.

(E)-1-fluoro-4-((4-methylstyryl)sulfonyl)benzene (3i)²



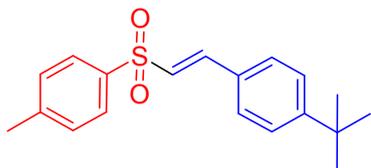
Light yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 6.79 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.98 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.5, 116.6 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 125.8, 128.6, 129.4, 129.8, 130.4 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 136.9 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 142.0, 142.7, 165.5 (d, $J = 254.7$ Hz).

(E)-1-(styrylsulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3J)¹



Light yellow solid, mp 78–80 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.86 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 123.1 (q, $J = 271.4$ Hz), 126.2, 126.5 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 128.2, 128.7, 129.2, 131.6, 132.0, 135.0 (q, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 144.1, 144.3.

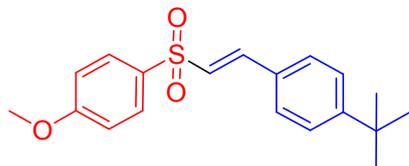
(E)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3k)²



Light yellow solid, mp 77–79 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.30 (s, 9H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, J

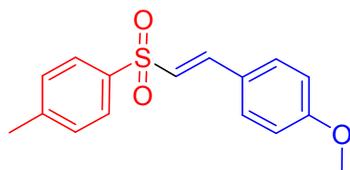
= 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 31.1, 34.9, 126.0, 126.6, 127.6, 128.4, 129.7, 129.9, 137.9, 141.9, 144.2, 154.8.

(E)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)vinyl)benzene (3l)



White solid, mp 134–136 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.30 (s, 9H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 31.0, 34.9, 55.6, 114.4, 126.0, 126.9, 128.3, 129.7, 129.7, 132.3, 141.3, 154.7, 163.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 331.1362, found 331.1366.

(E)-1-methoxy-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3m)³



White solid, mp 96–98 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.69 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 55.4, 114.5, 124.8, 125.1, 127.6, 129.9, 130.3, 138.2, 141.7, 144.1, 162.0.

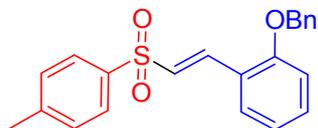
(E)-1-methyl-4-((4-methylstyryl)sulfonyl)benzene (3n)²



Light yellow solid, mp 152–155 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.79 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C

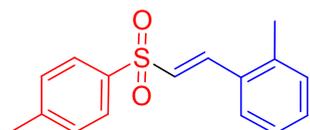
NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 21.6, 126.4, 127.1, 127.6, 128.5, 129.8, 129.9, 138.0, 141.7, 142.0, 144.2.

(E)-1-(benzyloxy)-2-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3o)



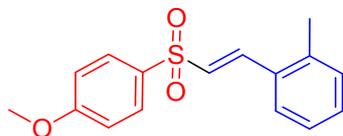
Light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 6.94–6.98 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 9H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6, 70.4, 112.7, 121.1, 121.6, 127.2, 127.6, 128.1, 128.7, 128.7, 129.8, 130.9, 132.2, 136.1, 137.7, 138.1, 144.0, 157.8; **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₃S [M+H]⁺ 365.1206, found 365.1205.

(E)-1-methyl-2-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3p)²



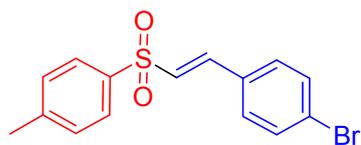
Light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.44 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 6.77 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.7, 21.6, 126.4, 126.8, 127.7, 128.5, 130.0, 130.8, 131.0, 131.4, 137.8, 138.1, 139.6, 144.3.

(E)-1-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)vinyl)-2-methylbenzene (3q)



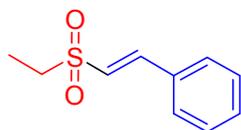
Light yellow solid, mp 106–108 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.7, 55.7, 114.5, 126.4, 126.8, 128.8, 129.9, 130.7, 131.0, 131.4, 132.2, 138.0, 139.0, 163.5; **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃S [M+H]⁺ 289.0893, found 289.0894.

(E)-1-Bromo-4-((4-methylstyryl)sulfonyl)benzene (3r)²



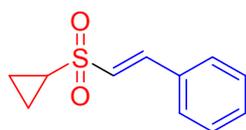
Light yellow solid, mp 160–162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6, 125.5, 127.7, 128.2, 129.8, 130.0, 131.3, 132.3, 137.3, 140.4, 144.6.

(E)-2-(ethylsulfonyl)vinylbenzene (3s)⁴



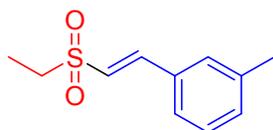
Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.37 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.08 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.2, 49.3, 124.0, 128.5, 129.1, 131.3, 132.2, 145.1.

(E)-2-(cyclopropylsulfonyl)vinylbenzene (3t)⁵



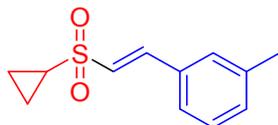
Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.04–1.10 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.33 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.49 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.58 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.2, 31.2, 125.5, 128.4, 129.0, 131.0, 132.3, 143.0.

(E)-1-(2-(ethylsulfonyl)vinyl)-3-methylbenzene (3u)



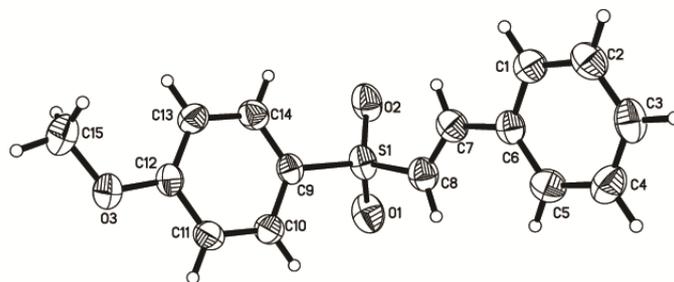
Light yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 1.38 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.09 (q, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J=15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.2, 21.2, 49.4, 123.8, 125.7, 129.0, 129.1, 132.1, 138.9, 145.3; **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 211.0787, found 211.0784.

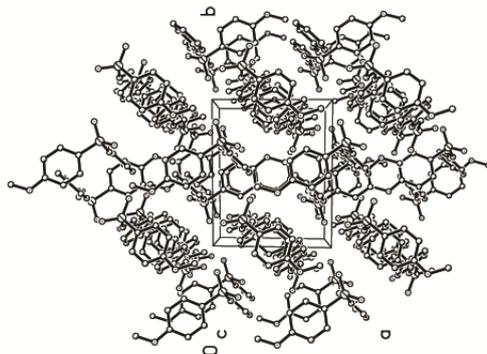
(E)-1-(2-(cyclopropylsulfonyl)vinyl)-3-methylbenzene (3v)



Light yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 1.06-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.31 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.41-2.47 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.2, 21.2, 31.3, 125.4, 125.6, 128.9, 129.0, 131.9, 132.4, 138.8, 143.3; **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 223.0787, found 223.0783.

The single crystal X-ray diffraction study: CCDC 1059933 (**3b**).[†] Crystal data for compound **3b**: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}$, $M = 274.32$, Triclinic, $a = 8.5030(6)$ Å, $\alpha = 76.750(5)^\circ$, $b = 10.6762(5)$ Å, $\beta = 81.107(5)^\circ$, $c = 15.8607(10)$ Å, $\gamma = 88.437(5)^\circ$, $V = 1384.60(15)$ Å³, $T = 291.15$ K, space group = $P1$, $Z = 4$, number of reflections = 9993, Independent reflections = 4932, $[\text{R}(\text{int}) = 0.0186]$, Final R indices $[\text{I} > 2\sigma(\text{I})]$ $\text{R1} = 0.0630$, $\text{wR2} = 0.1737$, R indices (all data) $\text{R1} = 0.0743$, $\text{wR2} = 0.1857$.





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6. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for the products

