

Supporting Information

Iodine-mediated Synthesis of (*E*)-Vinyl Sulfones from Sodium Sulfinates and Cinnamic Acids in Aqueous Medium

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1. General Information.

Unless otherwise noted, all of solvents and reagents were used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 spectrometer (^1H : 400 MHz, ^{13}C : 100 MHz). The chemical shifts were referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP5050A spectrometer at an ionization voltage of 70 eV equipped with a DB-WAX capillary column. GC-MS was obtained using electron ionization (EI). High-resolution mass spectra (ESI) were obtained with a LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer.

2. Synthesis of 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl iodide.¹

Sodium 4-methylbenzenesulfinate (5 mmol, 0.89 g) was dissolved in 100 mL water at room temperature. Meanwhile, iodine (2.1 g) was dissolved in 10 mL alcohol at room temperature. Then, the sodium 4-methylbenzenesulfinate solution was added to the iodine solution gradually until a slight excess of iodine was present, and the yellow precipitate was generated continuously. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried at room temperature. Finally, 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl iodide could be obtained.

MS spectrum of the prepared 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl iodide was given in Figure S-1.

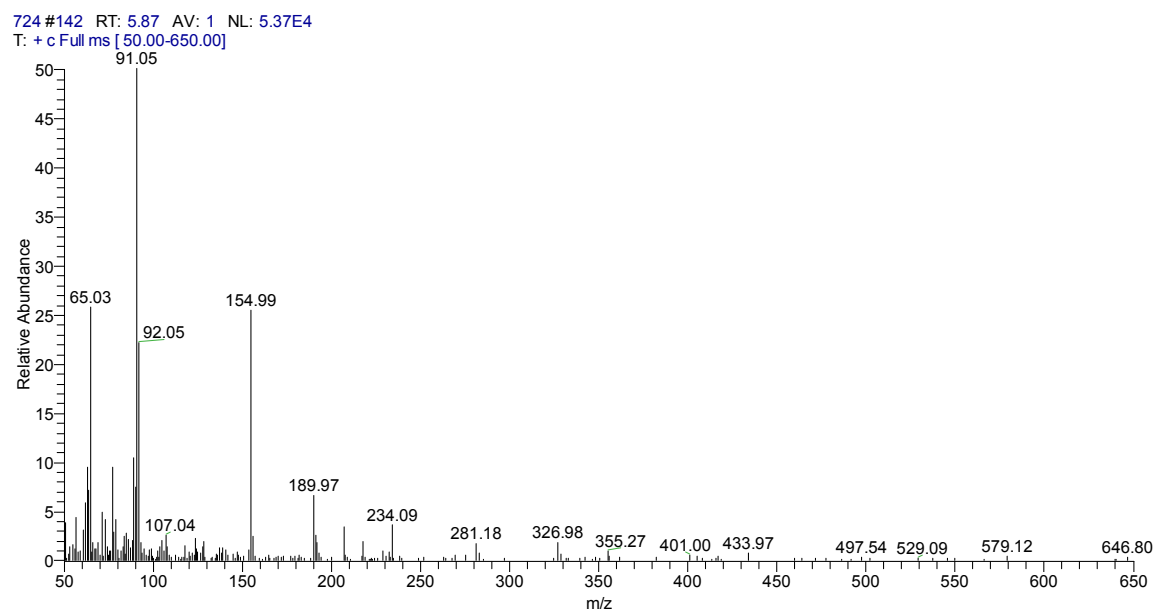
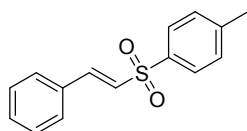


Figure S-1. MS spectrum of the prepared 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl iodide

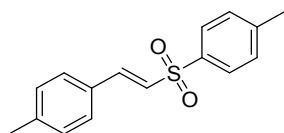
3. General Procedure for the Synthesis of (*E*)-Vinyl Sulfones.

Trans-cinnamic acid **1a** (0.5 mmol), sodium 4-methylbenzenesulfinate **2a** (0.6 mmol), I₂ (1.0 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (1.0 equiv.) and H₂O (2 mL) were added to a 10 mL glass tube at 60 °C under continuously stirring for 10 h and monitored periodically by TLC. Then the aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 5 mL) and dried by anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure by an aspirator, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to give the pure product **3a**.

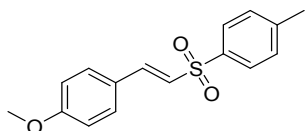
4. Analytical Data for All Products (3a–3t).



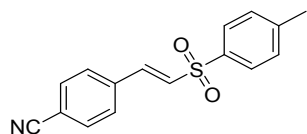
(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3a).² Pale Yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 142.0, 137.8, 132.5, 131.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.5, 127.7, 127.7, 21.6.



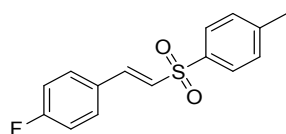
(*E*)-1-methyl-4-((4-methylstyryl)sulfonyl)benzene (3b).³ Pale Yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 142.0, 141.7, 138.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.7, 126.5, 21.6, 21.5.



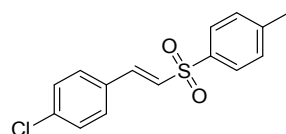
(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3c).⁴ White solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 144.1, 141.8, 138.2, 130.3, 129.9, 127.6, 125.1, 124.9, 114.5, 55.4, 21.6.



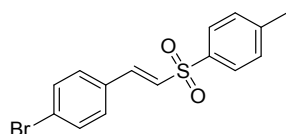
(E)-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzonitrile (3d). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 139.2, 136.9, 136.8, 132.8, 131.4, 130.2, 128.9, 127.9, 118.0, 114.2, 21.7. ESI-HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 306.0565, found 306.0559.



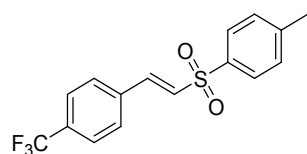
(E)-1-fluoro-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3e).² Colourless oil, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 163.0, 144.5, 140.6, 137.7, 130.6, 130.6, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 116.4, 116.2, 21.6.



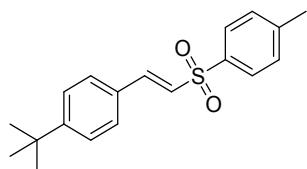
(E)-1-chloro-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3f).³ White solid, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 23.0, 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 6.85 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 140.4, 137.5, 137.1, 131.0, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 21.6.



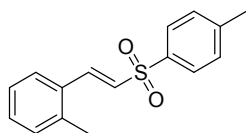
(E)-1-bromo-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3g).² White solid, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 4H), 6.85 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 140.5, 137.5, 132.4, 131.4, 130.1, 129.9, 128.4, 127.8, 125.5, 21.6.



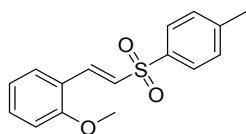
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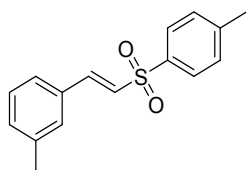
(E)-1-(tert-butyl)-4-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3i).⁵ Pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 144.3, 142.0, 138.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.6, 126.1, 35.0, 31.1, 21.6.



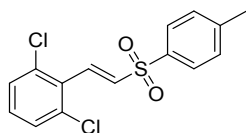
(E)-1-methyl-2-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3j).⁵ Pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 139.6, 138.1, 137.8, 131.4, 131.0, 130.9, 130.0, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 126.5, 21.6, 19.8.



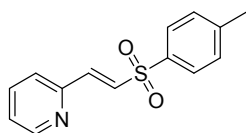
(E)-1-methoxy-2-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3k).² Colourless oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 144.0, 138.3, 138.0, 132.4, 130.7, 129.9, 128.3, 127.7, 121.3, 120.8, 111.3, 55.5, 21.6.



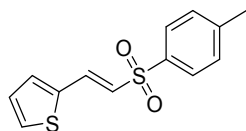
(E)-1-methyl-3-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3l).⁶ Pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 142.1, 138.8, 137.9, 132.4, 131.9, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 125.8, 21.6, 21.3.



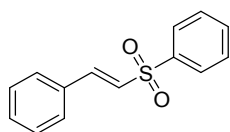
(E)-1,3-dichloro-2-(2-tosylvinyl)benzene (3m). Pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 137.1, 135.8, 135.3, 135.3, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 127.9, 21.7. ESI-HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂NaO₂S [M+Na]⁺ 348.9831, found 348.9827.



(E)-2-(2-tosylvinyl)pyridine (3n). Yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 - 8.41 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 150.3, 144.6, 140.0, 137.3, 137.1, 132.2, 130.0, 127.9, 125.4, 124.9, 21.6. ESI-HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂O₂S M⁺ 260.0743, found 260.0740.

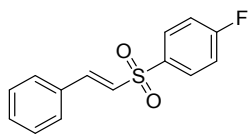


(E)-2-(2-tosylvinyl)thiophene (3o).⁴ Brown solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 137.9, 137.1, 134.6, 132.3, 130.0, 129.9, 128.3, 127.7, 125.9, 21.6.

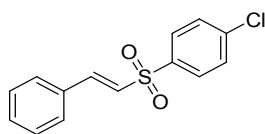


(E)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinylbenzene (3p).³ Pale yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H),

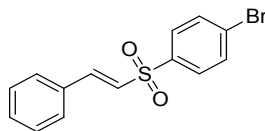
7.47 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.89 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.5, 140.8, 133.5, 132.4, 131.3, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4.



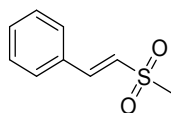
(E)-1-fluoro-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3q).² Colourless oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 164.4, 142.7, 136.9, 136.8, 132.3, 131.4, 130.6, 130.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.2, 116.8, 116.6.



(E)-1-chloro-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3r).⁷ White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 6.85 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.1, 140.1, 139.3, 132.2, 131.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 126.9.



(E)-1-bromo-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene (3s).² White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.86 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.1, 139.8, 132.7, 132.2, 131.5, 129.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.7, 126.9.



(E)-2-(methylsulfonyl)vinylbenzene (3t).⁷ Yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.95 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.0, 132.1, 131.4, 129.2, 128.6, 126.3, 43.3.

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5. NMR Spectra for All Compounds.

