

Supporting Information

A Radical Coupling Reaction of DMSO with Sodium Arylsulfonates in Air: Mild Utilization of DMSO as C₁ Resource for the synthesis of arylsulfonyl dibromomethane

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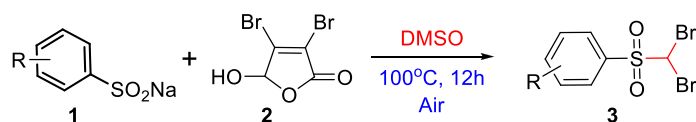
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General Information

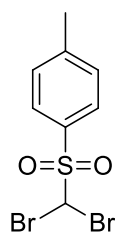
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER DRX-400 spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Gas chromatograph mass spectra (GC-MS) were performed on a SHIMADZU model GCMS-QP5000 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (ESI) were tested on a LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. 3,4-Dibromo-5-hydroxy-2(5*H*)-furanone was synthesized according to the literature procedure.¹

Experimental Procedure for Compounds 3



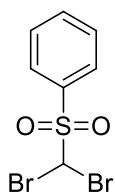
The mixture of sodium arylsulfonates **1** (0.55 mmol) and 3,4-dibromo-2(5*H*)-furanone **2** (0.50 mmol) in DMSO (3 mL) was stirred at 100 °C under air for 12 h. At room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford desired product.

Characterization Data for All Products 3



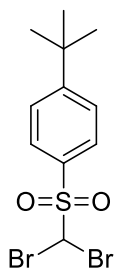
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (3a)

Yellow liquid (138 mg, 84%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.9, 131.2, 129.9, 129.1, 50.8, 21.9. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3040, 2974, 1592, 1495, 1331, 1150, 814, 643, 544. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 326.85 (100.0), Found: 326.96 (30.0). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 29.29, H 2.46, O 9.76, Found: C 29.17, H 2.56, O 9.67.



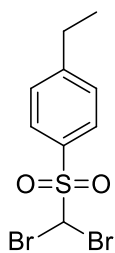
(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)benzene (3b)

Yellow liquid (129 mg, 82%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 135.4, 132.2, 131.2, 129.2, 50.5. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3066, 2917, 2854, 1581, 1504, 1450, 1342, 1163, 824, 684, 556. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 312.84 (100.0), Found: 313.09 (52.7). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 26.78, H 1.93, O 10.19, Found: C 26.87, H 1.86, O 10.26.



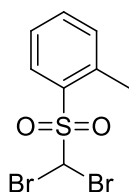
1-Tert-butyl-4-(dibromomethylsulfonyl)benzene (3c)

Yellow solid (148 mg, 79%). m.p. 72.9-74.5 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.72, 131.1, 129.0, 126.3, 50.8, 35.51, 31.0. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3063, 2961, 2866, 1597, 1503, 1338, 1161, 832, 608, 514. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 368.90 (100.0), Found: 368.83 (68.3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 35.70, H 3.81, O 8.65, Found: C 35.78, H 3.93, O 8.79.



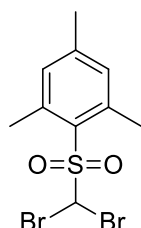
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-4-ethylbenzene (3d)

Yellow liquid (138 mg, 72%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 2.84-2.78 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.9, 131.3, 129.2, 128.7, 50.8, 29.0, 14.9. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3052, 2958, 2870, 1600, 1502, 1451, 1331, 1155, 825, 648, 547. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 340.87 (100.0), Found: 340.86 (45.3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 31.60, H 2.95, O 3.96, Found: C 31.78, H 2.83, O 3.89.



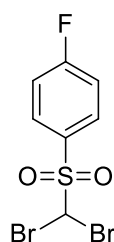
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-2-methylbenzene (3e)

Yellow liquid (128 mg, 78%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 139.7, 136.2, 132.0, 131.2, 129.1, 128.3, 50.7, 21.4. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3065, 2921, 2849, 1600, 1503, 1477, 1451, 1330, 1155, 855, 682, 572. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 326.85 (100.0), Found: 327.07 (77.2). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 29.29, H 2.46, O 9.76, Found: C 29.18, H 2.53, O 9.89.



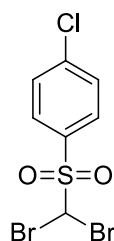
2-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (3f)

Yellow solid (132 mg, 74%). m.p. 115.6-117.6 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.1, 141.0, 131.6, 51.3 (C-1), 22.3, 20.1. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3034, 2920, 2848, 1600, 1502, 1455, 1331, 1155, 803, 642, 516. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 354.88 (100.0), Found: 355.24 (40.3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C 33.73, H 3.40, O 8.99, Found: C 33.68, H 3.53, O 8.89.



1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-4-chlorobenzene (3h)

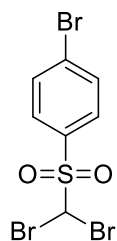
Yellow liquid (130 mg, 78%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.11-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.0 (d, $J = 258.0$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 127.0 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 49.4. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3102, 2920, 2853, 1583, 1493, 1455, 1339, 1244, 1155, 834, 622, 548. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2\text{FO}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 330.83 (100.0), Found: 331.26 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{Br}_2\text{FO}_2\text{S}$: C 25.32, H 1.52, O 9.64, Found: C 25.48, H 1.43, O 9.79.



1-Chloro-4-(dibromomethylsulfonyl)benzene (3h)

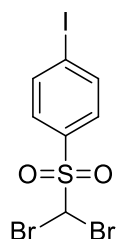
Yellow solid (133 mg, 76%). m.p. 127.8-129.2 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.6, 132.6, 130.5, 129.6, 50.2. IR (film), ν , cm^{-1} : 3091, 2959, 2858, 1579, 1507, 1457, 1339, 1187, 826, 710, 649, 556. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2\text{ClO}_2\text{S}^-$ ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$): 346.80 (100.0), Found: 346.98 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{Br}_2\text{ClO}_2\text{S}$:

C 24.13, H 1.45, O 9.18, Found: C 24.28, H 1.33, O 9.29.



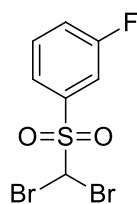
1-Bromo-4-(dibromomethylsulfonyl)benzene (3i)

White solid (142 mg, 72%). m.p. 130.1-131.3 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.62, 132.61, 131.3, 131.0, 50.2. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3095, 2916, 2849, 1574, 1502, 1451, 1339, 1155, 826, 635, 579. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for C₇H₄Br₃O₂S⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 392.74 (100.0), Found: 393.15 (98.7). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₅Br₃O₂S: C 21.40, H 1.28, O 8.14, Found: C 21.48, H 1.43, O 8.29.



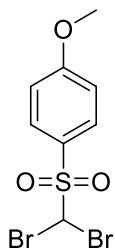
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-4-iodobenzene (3j)

Yellow solid (152 mg, 69%). m.p. 124.8-126.3 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.6, 132.3, 131.8, 104.3, 50.1. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3086, 2920, 2844, 1571, 1455, 1339, 1155, 821, 636, 579, 527. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for C₇H₄Br₂IO₂S⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 438.73 (100.0), Found: 439.11 (67.7). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₅Br₂IO₂S: C 19.11, H 1.15, O 7.29, Found: C 19.28, H 1.23, O 7.17.



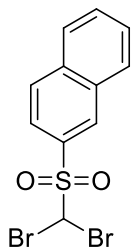
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-3-fluorobenzene (3k)

Yellow liquid (118 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.2 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 134.1 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 122.8 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 118.5 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 50.0. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3077, 2985, 2853, 1601, 1498, 1440, 1339, 1224, 1154, 801, 673, 547. ESI-MS, m/z (%): Calcd for C₇H₅Br₂FO₂S⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 330.83 (100.0), Found: 331.09 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₅Br₂FO₂S: C 25.32, H 1.52, O 9.64, Found: C 25.38, H 1.34, O 9.79.



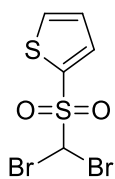
1-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)-4-methoxybenzene (3l)

Gray solid (154 mg, 90%). m.p. 90.0-91.3 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.2, 133.5, 123.0, 114.5, 55.9, 51.1. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3086, 2980, 2840, 1587, 1498, 1457, 1339, 1264, 1155, 821, 651, 555. ESI-MS, *m/z* (%): Calcd for C₈H₇Br₂O₃S⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 342.85 (100.0), Found: 343.05 (30.7). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₈Br₂O₃S: C 27.93, H 2.34, O 13.95, Found: C 27.98, H 2.45, O 13.89.



2-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)naphthalene (3m)

Yellow solid (153 mg, 84%). m.p. 126.9-128.7 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.05-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.76-7.66 (m, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.1, 133.8, 131.9, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 124.8, 50.8. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3053, 2981, 1592, 1507, 1453, 1331, 1155, 813, 753, 653, 549. ESI-MS, *m/z* (%): Calcd for C₁₁H₇Br₂O₃S⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 362.85 (100.0), Found: 362.59 (65.7). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₈Br₂O₂S: C 36.29, H 2.21, O 8.79, Found: C 36.18, H 2.33, O 8.89.



2-(Dibromomethylsulfonyl)thiophene (3n)

Gray solid (168 mg, 77%). m.p. 120.9-122.8 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.0, 137.4, 131.4, 128.2, 51.0. IR (film), ν, cm⁻¹: 3095, 2923, 1503, 1457, 1339, 1155, 744, 627, 577. ESI-MS, *m/z* (%): Calcd for C₅H₃Br₂O₂S₂⁻ ([M-H]⁻): 318.79 (100.0), Found: 319.36 (64.7). Anal. Calcd for C₅H₄Br₂O₂S₂: C 18.77, H 1.26, O 10.00, Found: C 18.88, H 1.37, O 10.26.

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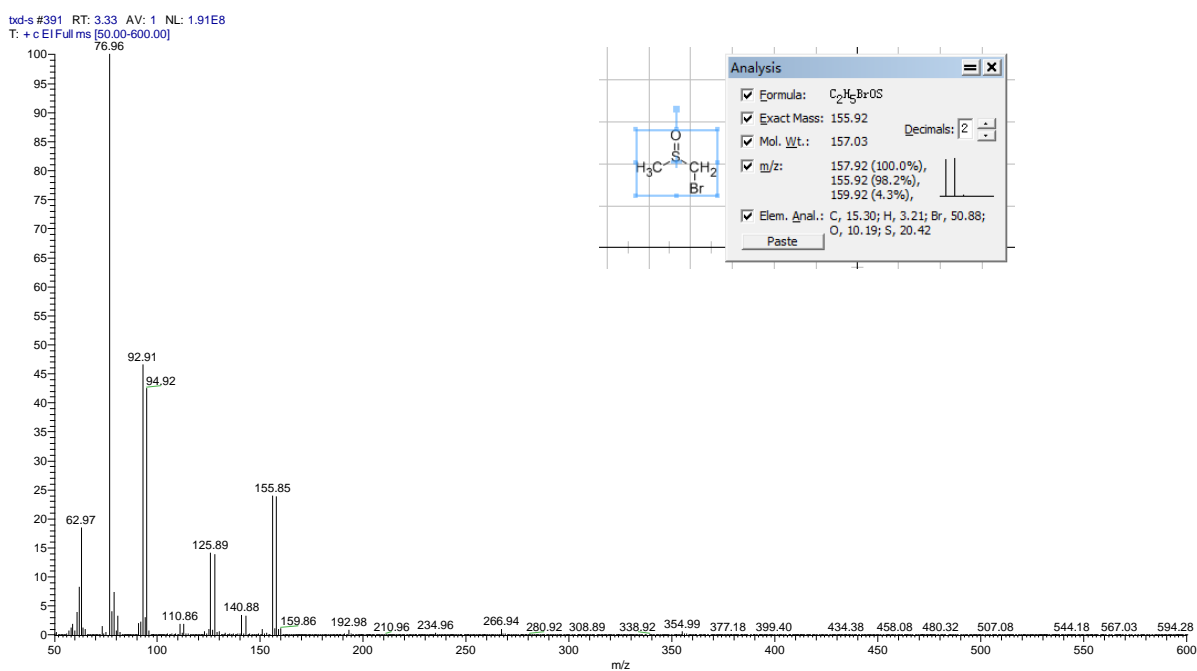
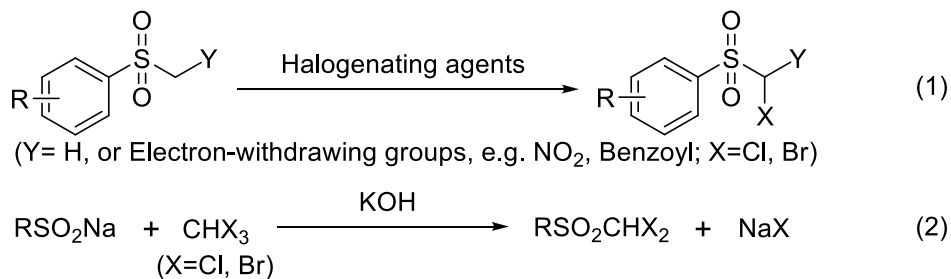


Figure S1. MS spectrum of intermediate **I** in Schemes 3 and 4 detected by GC-MS



Scheme S1. The reported synthetic methods of arylsulfonyl dibromomethanes

NMR Spectra for All Compounds 3

