

C-H Bond sulfonylation of anilines with the insertion of sulfur dioxide under metal-free conditions

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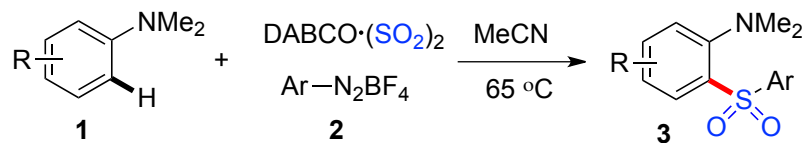
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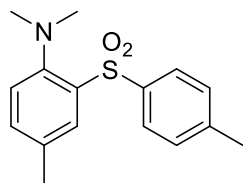
General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr at 25–35°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a micrOTOF II Instrument.

General experimental procedure for the C-H Bond sulfonylation of anilines with the insertion of sulfur dioxide under metal-free conditions

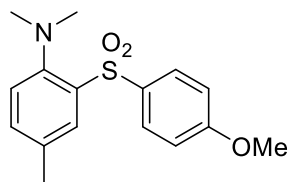


DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.3 mmol), aryldiazonium tetrafluoroborate **2** (0.3 mmol) were combined in a tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ three times before the addition of MeCN (2.0 mL). The mixture was then placed in oil bath at 65 °C. Then aniline **1** (0.2 mmol) was added dropwisely during 5 min (if aniline is solid, dissolve it in 0.1 mL of MeCN) and stirred for 8 hours. After the conversion was completed as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/*n*-hexane, 1:10) to give the corresponding product **3**.



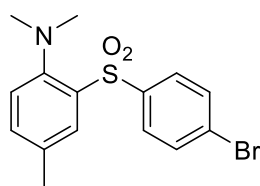
N,N,4-Trimethyl-2-tosylaniline (**3a**)¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.4, 143.2, 139.7, 138.1, 135.4, 129.9, 129.9, 128.8, 128.4, 124.4, 45.6, 21.8, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₁O₂S: 290.1209 (M + H⁺), found: 290.1208.



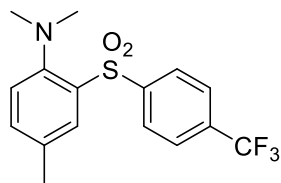
2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-*N,N*,4-trimethylaniline (**3b**)¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.9, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.9, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 163.0, 151.3, 139.3, 135.4, 134.3, 130.8, 129.8, 126.8, 124.4, 114.0, 113.4, 55.8, 45.8, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₁O₃S: 306.1158 (M + H⁺), found: 306.1150.]



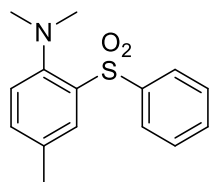
2-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-*N,N*,4-trimethylaniline (**3c**)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.16 -7.12 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.3, 141.7, 137.4, 135.9, 135.7, 131.4, 129.9, 129.9, 127.6, 124.5, 45.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆BrN₁O₂S: 354.0158 (M + H⁺), found: 354.0156.



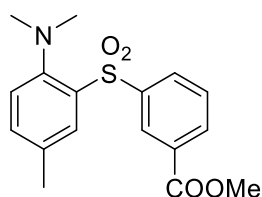
N,N,4-Trimethyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)aniline (**3d**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.3, 146.3, 137.1, 136.2, 135.9, 135.1 (d, J = 216 Hz), 130.1 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 128.7, 124.9 (d, J = 69 Hz), 45.5, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 344.0927 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 344.0929.



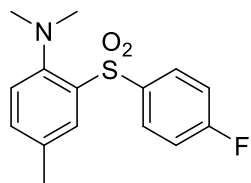
N,N,4-Trimethyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)aniline (**3e**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.04 (d, J = 1.6, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.4, 142.7, 137.9, 135.5, 132.5, 129.9, 128.2, 124.5, 109.9, 45.4, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 276.1053 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 276.1050.



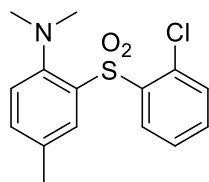
Methyl 3-((2-(dimethylamino)-5-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (**3f**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.18 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 166.0, 151.2, 143.2, 137.4, 135.8, 133.5, 132.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 124.6, 52.8, 45.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_1\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 334.1108 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 334.1118.



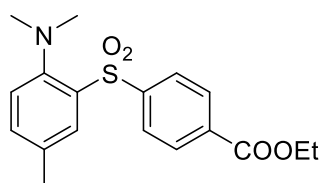
2-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-*N,N*,4-trimethylaniline (**3g**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 165.2 (d, J = 252 Hz), 151.3, 138.6, 137.7, 135.7, 131.3, 130.5 (d, J = 126 Hz), 124.5, 115.4 (d, J = 15.4 Hz), 45.7, 45.6, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 294.0959 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 294.0959.



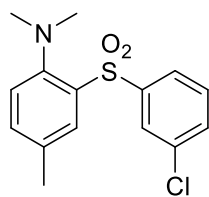
2-((2-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-*N,N*,4-trimethylaniline (**3h**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.32 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 135.8, 135.7, 133.4, 131.6, 131.2, 130.7, 126.5, 124.4, 45.1, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 310.0663 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 310.0663.



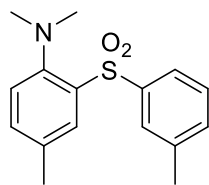
Ethyl 4-((2-(dimethylamino)-5-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (**3i**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 165.6, 151.3, 146.7, 137.3, 136.0, 135.8, 133.9, 130.1, 129.4, 128.1, 124.6, 61.8, 45.4, 21.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 348.1264 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 348.1265.



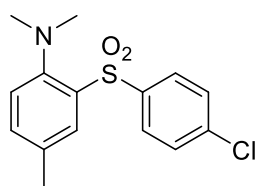
2-((3-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-*N,N*,4-trimethylaniline (**3j**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.3, 144.3, 137.2, 136.0, 135.8, 134.2, 132.6, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 126.4, 124.6, 45.4, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 310.0663 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 310.0692.



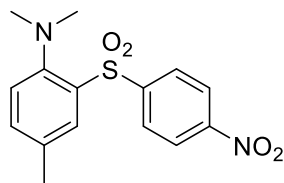
N,N,4-Trimethyl-2-(*m*-tolylsulfonyl)aniline (**3k**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.02 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.4, 142.5, 138.3, 138.0, 135.6, 133.4, 130.0, 128.5, 128.0, 125.5, 124.6, 45.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 290.1209 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 290.1206.



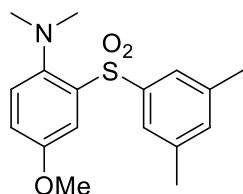
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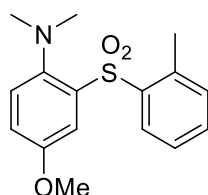
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.26 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.2, 150.0, 148.6, 136.5, 136.2, 130.2, 129.3, 124.6, 123.4, 109.9, 45.5, 30.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 343.0723 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$), found: 343.0722.



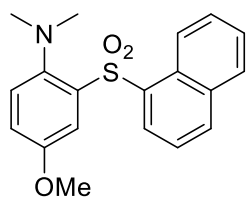
2-((3,5-Dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-methoxy-*N,N*-dimethylaniline (**3n**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.72 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 157.0, 146.6, 142.1, 139.6, 138.1, 134.3, 126.0, 125.9, 121.4, 113.2, 113.2, 56.0, 45.5, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_1\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 320.1315 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 320.1314.



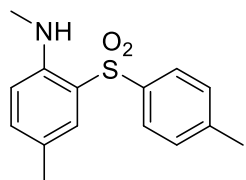
4-Methoxy-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-(*o*-tolylsulfonyl)aniline (**3o**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.17 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 157.0, 146.4, 140.6, 139.5, 136.9, 132.6, 131.8, 130.4, 126.1, 125.6, 121.5, 113.4, 56.2, 45.1, 20.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_1\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 306.1158 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 306.1163.



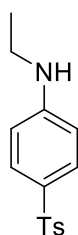
4-Methoxy-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)aniline (**3p**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.48 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 157.2, 146.4, 140.1, 137.3, 134.0, 133.9, 130.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.1, 124.2, 121.4, 112.9, 112.8, 56.3, 45.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_1\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 342.1158 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 342.1174.



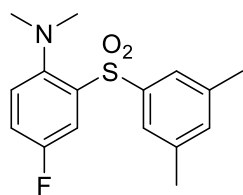
N,4-Dimethyl-2-tosylaniline (**3q**)

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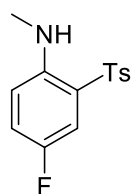
N-Ethyl-4-tosylaniline (**3r'**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl_3) δ (ppm) 7.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.4, 151.0, 144.8, 140.0, 129.8, 127.9, 125.3, 122.4, 112.3, 38.4, 21.6, 15.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 276.1053 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 276.1056.



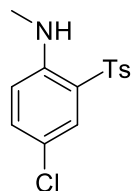
2-((3,5-Dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-fluoro-*N,N*-dimethylaniline (**3s**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 142.9, 139.1 (d, $J = 31.8$ Hz), 135.2, 134.5, 134.3 (d, $J = 202$ Hz), 133.2, 127.6, 125.5, 125.4, 109.9, 40.9, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_1\text{N}_1\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 308.1115 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 308.1112.



4-Fluoro-*N*-methyl-2-tosylaniline (**3t**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 143.5 (d, $J = 253$ Hz), 140.6, 136.7, 130.4, 129.5, 127.8, 124.8, 123.8, 21.9, 21.7.



4-Chloro-*N*-methyl-2-tosylaniline (**3u**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 144.8, 142.3, 136.7, 130.4, 129.5, 127.8, 124.8, 109.9, 29.6, 22.0.

Reference:

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