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Supporting Information

Highly sulphated cellulose: A versatile, reusable and selective desilylating agent for deprotection of alcoholic TBDMS ethers

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General Information

Solvents were dried by standard procedures. All commercially available alcohols and phenols were purchased from the Sigma Aldrich Company. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica gel plates and chromatographic spots were visualized by using UV light and staining with anisaldehyde charring solution. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectral analyses were recorded on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a Linux workstation running on vNMRj software and the chemical shifts are based on the internal standard TMS peak at δ = 0.00 *ppm* for proton NMR and the CDCl₃ peak at δ = 77.23 *ppm* (t) for carbon NMR. For cellulose sulphate sodium both ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded in D₂O. IR spectra were obtained on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS 50 FT-IR instrument. Silyl ethers were prepared from phenols\alcohols using a standard procedure¹ (TBDMS chloride, imidazole, DCM). TBDMS ethers **3k**, **5e**, **5f** were synthesized by the Barbier allylation procedure². TBDMS ethers **3a-3j** and **5a-5d** were prepared from commercially available phenols/alcohols. Compound **3I** was prepared by the reduction of methyl 8-(4-chlorophenyl)-1, 4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-ene-7-carboxylate using lithium aluminum hydride (LAH) as reducing agent to afford **4I**. Compound **4I** was converted to its TBDMS ether by reaction with TBDMS chloride and imidazole in DCM.¹ TBDMS ethers **3a³**, **3b⁴ 3e⁵**, **5a⁵**, **5b⁶**, **5c⁵** are known compounds **and the** characterization data for these ethers complied with the literature reported data. The desilylated products **4a⁷**, **4b⁸**, **4c⁹**, **4d**, **¹⁰ 4e¹¹**, **4f¹²**, **4g¹³**, **4h¹⁴**, **4i**, **¹⁵ 4j**, **¹⁶ 4k¹⁷**, **6a⁶**, **6b¹⁸**, **6c¹⁹**, **6d²⁰**, **6e²¹ are known**

compounds, and their characterization data complied with the literature reported data. Characterization data for the new compounds **3c**, **3d**, **3f**, **3g**, **3h**, **3i**, **3j**, **3k**, **3l**, **4l**, **5d**, **5e**, **5f** and **6f** are provided below.

Characterization data for new compounds



HS-cellulose sulphate sodium salt

HS-Cellulose sulphate (H₂SO₄ method) sodium salt: The compound was obtained as a white solid; ¹H-NMR (D₂O, 400 MHz): δ 4.56 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, H₁), 4.37 (m, 1H, H₆), 4.0-3.49 (m, 3H, H₃, H₆, H₄), 3.36 (s, 1H, H₅) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (D₂O, 100 MHz): δ 104.8 (C-1), 80.7, 77.2, 76.4, 75.4 (C-2 to C-5), 62.3 (C-6) *ppm*. Sulphur combustion analysis calcd for the 2,6-disubstited cellulose sulphate, empirical formula C₆H₈S₂O₁₁Na₂: 17.51%. Found: 15.42% (88.06% of theoretical), FT-IR: 3332, 2896, 1427, 1053, 663, 557 cm⁻¹.

<u>NOTE</u>: Sulphur combustion analysis calcd for 2,6-disubstituted cellulose sulphate, empirical formula $C_6H_8S_2O_{11}Na_2$: 17.51%. Found: 15.42% (88.06% of theoretical); sulphur combustion analysis calcd for 6-monosubstituted cellulose sulphate, empirical formula $C_6H_9SO_8Na$: 12.14%. Found: 15.42% (27.01 % greater than theoretical); sulphur combustion analysis calcd for 2,3,6-trisubstituted cellulose sulphate, empirical formula $C_6H_7S_3O_{14}Na_2$: 20.54%. Found: 15.42% (24.92% less than theoretical). These data indicate that the sulphated cellulose product is predominantly the 2,6-disulphated cellulose rather than the 2,3,6-trisubstituted or 6-monosulphated cellulose.

Cellulose sulphate (chlorosulphonic acid method): Sulphur content calcd for the empirical formula $C_6H_7S_3O_{14}Na_3$: 20.54%. Found: 0.42%; sulphur content: 2.04% of theoretical; FT-IR: 3331, 2891, 1315, 1201, 1159, 1023, 895, 558, and 433 cm⁻¹.

Tert-butyl(4-ethoxyphenethoxy)dimethylsilane (3c)

`ó^{`Si}́

Colourless liquid, Yield: (95%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H. Ar-H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.76 (t, *J* = 7.43, 7.04 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 2.74 (t, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 1.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H, -CH₃), 0.88 (s, 9H, t-Bu), -0.01 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.3, 131.0, 130.0, 114.2, 64.8, 63.3, 38.7, 25.9, 18.3, 14.8, - 5.4 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 281.0447 (M+H)⁺.

Tert-butyl (4-methoxy-3-methylphenethoxy) dimethylsilane (3d)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (95%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.75 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 2.74 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.20 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 0.89 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.01 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 156.1, 131.5, 130.6, 127.0, 126.2, 109.7, 64.9, 55.3, 38.7, 25.9, 18.35, 16.1, -5.3 *ppm*; ESI-MS(*m/z*): 281.0610 (M+H)⁺, 304.0410 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyldimethyl (3, 4, 5-trimethoxyphenethoxy)silane (3f)

Colourless liquid, Yield: (85%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.43 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 3.84 (s, 6H, 2 x -OCH₃), 3.82-3.78 (m, 5H, -OCH₃ and –OCH₂), 2.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.87 (s, 9H, t-Bu), -0.01 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 136.3, 135.1, 106.0, 64.4, 60.7, 55.9, 39.8, 25.8, 18.2, -5.4 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 327.0410 (M+H)⁺, 349.0256 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl ((3, 4-dichlorobenzyl) oxy)dimethylsilane (3g)

Colourless liquid, Yield: (85%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 -7.41 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.68 (s, 2H, -OCH₂), 0.95 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.11 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.7, 132.2, 130.6, 130, 127.8, 125.1, 63.6, 25.8, 18.3, -5.3 *ppm*; ESI-MS(*m/z*): 291.022 (M+H)⁺.

Tert-butyldimethyl(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethoxy)silane (3h)



Colourless liquid; Yield: (88%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.97-3.93 (m, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.88 (s, 9H, t-Bu), -0.03 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.0, 133.7, 132.2, 128.6, 127.1, 126.9, 125.7, 125.4, 125.3, 123.8, 63.9, 36.6, 25.9, 18.3, -5.4 *ppm*; ESI-MS(*m/z*): 287.0406 (M+H)⁺, 310.294 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl (2-(2, 3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)ethoxy)dimethylsilane (3i)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (92%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.04 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 8.99, 8.66 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.17 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.75 (t, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 7.04 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.89 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.01 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.4, 130.9, 128.4, 126.7, 125.6, 108.8, 71.1, 64.9, 39.01, 29.7, 25.9, 18.3, -5.3 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 279.0549 (M+H)⁺, 301.0227 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl ((2, 3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl) methoxy)dimethylsilane (3j)

Colourless liquid, Yield: (75%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.17 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.65 (s, 2H, -OCH₂), 4.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.94 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.10 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 133.4, 126.9, 126.2, 123.2, 108.78 71.2, 65.0, 29.7, 26.0, 18.4, -5.1 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 287.0778 (M+Na)⁺.

2-(1-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl) oxy) but-3-en-1-yl)phenol (3k)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (82%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (s, 1H, Ar-OH), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.81-6.77 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.78-5.67 (m, 1H, -OCH), 5.08 (d, *J* = 1.17 Hz, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 5.05-5.03 (m, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 2.65-2.45 (m, 2H, Allyl-CH), 0.90 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.14 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.02 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.7, 134.1, 128.6, 127.0, 126.8, 119.2, 117.9, 117.1, 77.7, 43.2, 25.6, 18.1, -5.0, -5.1 *ppm*; ESI-MS(*m/z*): 279.0549 (M+H)⁺, 301.0227 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-Butyl((8-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-en-7-yl)methoxy)dimethylsilane (3I)



Colourless liquid, Yield: 95%, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 4.04 – 4.01 (m, 4H, -(OCH₂)₂), 3.94 (s, 2H, -OCH₂), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 4H, 2x CH₂), 1.86 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 0.85 (s, 9H, t-Bu), -0.05 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 140.3, 132.6, 132.4, 131.2, 129.6, 128.1, 108.1, 64.4, 63.9, 37.0, 31.4, 31.1, 25.8, 18.2, -5.3 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m*/*z*): 394.9949 (M+H)⁺, 416.9845 (M+Na)⁺.

(8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-en-7-yl)methanol (4l)



Colourless liquid, Yield: 91%, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 4.05-4.01 (m, 4H, -(OCH₂)₂), 3.93 (s, 2H, -OCH₂), 2.50 (t, *J* = 12.0, 8Hz, 4H, Allyl-CH₂), 1.87 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, -CH₂) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 140.0, 134.6, 132.6, 130.7, 129.5, 128.3, 107.9, 64.4, 63.4, 37.0, 31.4, 31.3 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 281.9937 (M+2H)⁺, 302.9126 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl ((4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl) oxy)-3, 5-dimethoxybenzyl) oxy)dimethylsilane (5d)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (82%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.52 (s, 2H, Ar-CH), 4.66 (s, 2H, -OCH₂), 3.78 (s, 6H, -(OCH₃)₂), 1.00 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.94 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.11 (s, 6H, CH₃)₂-Si), 0.09 (s, 6H, (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.4, 133.9, 133.0, 103.1, 65.1, 55.6, 25.9, 25.8, 18.7, 18.4, -4.6, -5.1 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*):413.0653 (M+H)⁺, 435.0308 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl (2-(1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl) oxy) but-3-en-1-yl) phenoxy) dimethylsilane (5e)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (90%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.94-5.84 (m, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, Vinyl-CH), 5.02 (s, -OCH), 2.47-2.32 (m, 2H, Allyl-CH₂), 1.06 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.92 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.31 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.27 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.05 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), -0.08 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.2, 135.8, 135.7, 127.3, 127.2, 120.8, 117.4, 116.5, 68.7, 43.8, 25.9, 25.8, 18.3, 18.2, -3.8, -4.2, -4.7, -4.9 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 415.0718 (M+Na)⁺.

Tert-butyl ((1-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl) oxy)-3, 5-dimethoxyphenyl) but-3-en-1-yl) oxy) dimethylsilane (5f)



Colourless liquid, Yield: (88%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.50 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 5.83-5.74 (m, 1H, -OCH), 5.05-5.00 (m, 2H, Vinyl-CH), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, -OCH), 3.78 (s, 6H, -(OCH₃)₂), 2.48-2.33 (m, 2H, Allyl-CH₂), 1.02 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.88 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.13 (s, 6H, Si-(CH₃)₂), 0.02 (s, 3H, Si-CH₃), -0.12 (s, 3H, Si-CH₃) *ppm*; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.1, 137.9, 135.5, 132.9, 116.5, 102.9, 75.2, 55.6, 44.5, 25.8, 18.7, 18.2, -4.6, -4.69, -4.7, -4.9 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 475.0574 (M+Na)⁺.

1-(4-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (6f)



Colourless liquid, Yield: 88%, ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 6.55 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 5.86-5.76 (m, 1H, -Vinyl-CH), 5.15 (t, , *J* = 12 Hz, 2H, Vinyl-CH), 4.67-4.63 (m, 1H, -OCH), 3.80 (s, 6H, -(OCH₃)₂), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H, Allyl-CH₂), 1.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, -OH), 1.01 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.12 (s, 6H, , (CH₃)₂-Si) *ppm*; ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 151.4, 136.4, 134.6, 133.3, 118.0, 102.7, 73.5, 55.6, 43.8, 25.7, 18.6, -4.6 *ppm*; ESI-MS (*m/z*): 339. 0476 (M+H)⁺, 361.8842 (M+Na)⁺.



IR spectrum of HS-cellulose sulphate



IR spectrum of HS-cellulose sulphate sodium



Solid state NMR spectrum of HS-cellulose sulpate sodium



 ^1H NMR spectrum of HS-cellulose sulphate sodium in D_2O







 $^{13}\mbox{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound cellulose sulphate sodium in $D_2\mbox{O}$



¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3c in CDCl₃







¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3d in CDCl₃







¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3f in CDCl₃







¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3g in CDCl₃

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¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3h in CDCl₃

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¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3i in CDCl₃

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¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3i in CDCl₃

















 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 3I in CDCl_3



¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3I in CDCl₃











 ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 5d in CDCl_3





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¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5e in CDCl₃







¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5f in CDCl₃



¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 5f in CDCl₃



¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6f in CDCl₃



¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6f in CDCl₃



 ^1H NMR spectrum of recovered (after 3rd cycle) HS-cellulose sulphate sodium in D2O



 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of recovered (after 3^{rd} cycle) HS-cellulose sulphate sodium in D_2O

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