

Photoinduced synthesis of allylic sulfones using potassium metabisulfite as the source of sulfur dioxide

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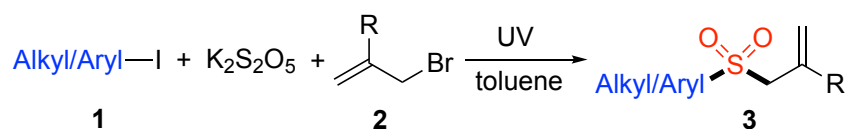
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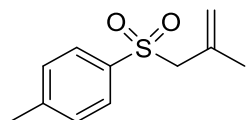
General experimental methods:

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 reaction of aryl/alkylic halides 1, sulfur dioxide, and allylic bromides 2.

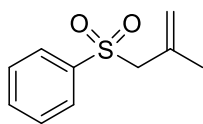


In a quartz tube, aryl/alkyl halide **1** (0.4 mmol) was added to a mixture of $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ (1.2 mmol) and allylic bromide **2** (1.0 mmol) in toluene (4.0 mL) under N_2 atmosphere. The mixture, placed around the mercury lamp (purchased from Yuming, Shanghai) with a distance of 10 centimeters, was stirred under UV irradiation (0.67 W cm^{-1}) at room temperature. After 12 hours, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography (n -hexane/ethyl acetate = 16:1-8:1) to give the corresponding product **3**.



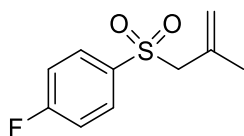
1-Methyl-4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3a**)¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 144.5, 135.4, 133.4, 129.5, 128.4, 120.5, 64.4, 22.6, 21.5.



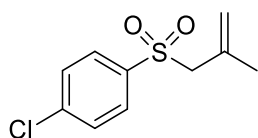
((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3b**)²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.04-5.03 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 138.3, 133.6, 133.3, 128.9, 128.4, 120.7, 64.3, 22.6.



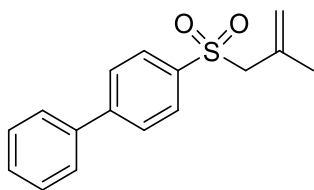
1-Fluoro-4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3c**)³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.05-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.7 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 256.2 Hz), 134.2, 133.3, 131.3 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 9.6 Hz), 120.9, 116.2 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 22.6), 64.5, 22.6. ¹⁹F NMR (276 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 103.89-103.96 (m).



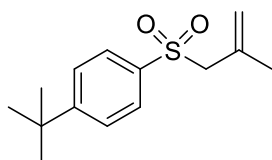
1-Chloro-4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3d**)

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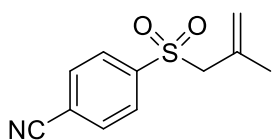
4-((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3e**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 146.5, 139.0, 136.9, 133.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 120.8, 64.5, 22.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+$: 290.1209 ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$), found: 290.1229.



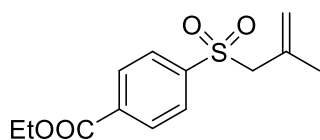
1-(*tert*-Butyl)-4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3f**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (m, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 157.5, 135.5, 133.3, 128.2, 125.9, 120.6, 64.4, 35.2, 31.0, 22.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$: 253.1257 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 253.1257.



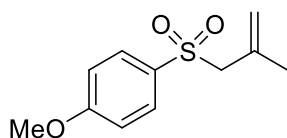
4-((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzonitrile (**3g**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 142.2, 132.8, 132.7, 129.3, 121.5, 117.5, 117.1, 64.3, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$: 239.0849 ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$), found: 239.0817.



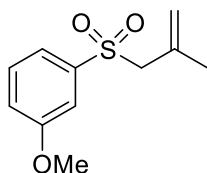
Ethyl 4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (**3h**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.22 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 5.04 – 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 165.0, 141.9, 135.2, 133.1, 130.0, 128.6, 121.1, 64.4, 61.8, 22.6, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$: 269.0842 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 269.0844.



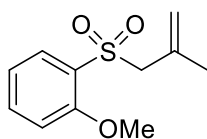
1-Methoxy-4-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3i**)³

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.04-5.03 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 163.6, 133.6, 130.6, 129.9, 120.5, 114.1, 64.6, 55.6, 22.7.



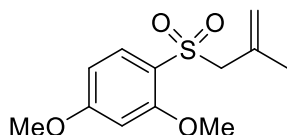
1-Methoxy-3-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3j**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.46-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.8, 139.6, 133.3, 130.0, 120.7, 120.6, 120.1, 112.9, 64.3, 55.7, 22.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$: 227.0736 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 227.0737.



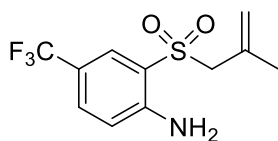
1-Methoxy-2-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3k**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 157.2, 135.5, 133.7, 130.8, 126.3, 120.6, 120.0, 112.0, 62.2, 56.2, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$: 227.0736 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 227.0742.



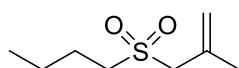
2,4-Dimethoxy-1-((2-methylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3l**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.82 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 165.4, 158.6, 133.9, 132.4, 119.6, 118.5, 104.5, 99.1, 62.3, 56.1, 55.6, 22.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}^+$: 274.1108 ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$), found: 274.1136.



2-((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**3m**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 149.1, 132.8, 131.7 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.3$ Hz), 128.7 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 123.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 271.0$ Hz), 121.1, 119.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 33.9$ Hz), 118.9, 117.5, 62.0, 22.8. ^{19}F NMR (276 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 61.77 (s). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+$: 280.0614 ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$), found: 280.0638.

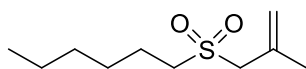


1-((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)butane (**3n**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 5.23-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.02 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H).

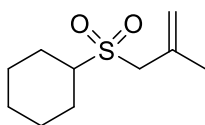
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 134.2, 120.2, 61.1, 50.9, 23.8, 22.6, 21.7, 13.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$: 177.0944 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 177.0943.



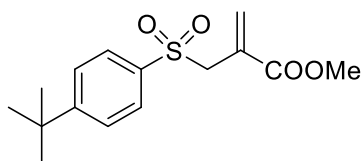
1-((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)hexane (**3o**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.01-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 134.3, 120.2, 61.1, 51.2, 31.2, 28.1, 22.6, 22.2, 21.8, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$: 205.1257 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 205.1258.



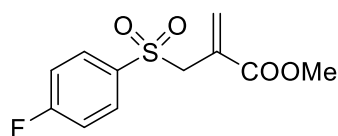
((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)cyclohexane (**3p**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 5.32-5.17 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.02-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 133.9, 120.2, 59.5, 57.8, 25.0, 25.0, 22.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$: 203.1100 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 203.1105.



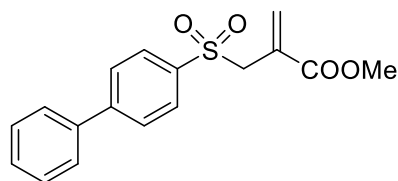
Methyl 2-(((4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)acrylate (**3q**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 165.2, 157.8, 135.3, 133.5, 128.9, 128.6, 126.0, 57.6, 52.2, 35.2, 31.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$: 297.1155 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 297.1178.



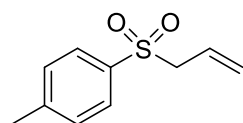
Methyl 2-(((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)acrylate (**3r**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.88 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 165.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 255.2$ Hz), 165.1, 134.3, 133.7, 131.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9.6$ Hz), 128.7, 116.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22.7$ Hz), 57.6, 52.4. ^{19}F NMR (276 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 102.98-103.04 (m). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_4\text{S}^+$: 259.0435 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 259.0428.



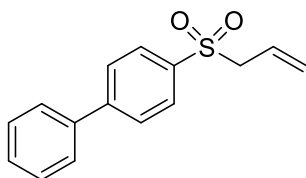
Methyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)methyl)acrylate (**3s**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 3H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 165.2, 146.7, 138.9, 136.7, 133.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 57.6, 52.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$: 317.0842 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 317.0852.



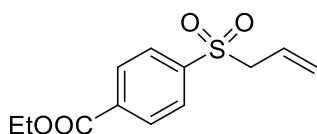
1-(Allylsulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (**3t**)²

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.85-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.34 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 144.7, 135.3, 129.6, 128.4, 124.7, 124.5, 60.9, 21.6.



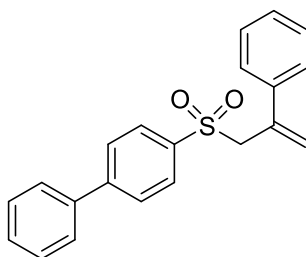
4-(Allylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3u**)²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.95-1.93 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 3H), 5.89-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 146.7, 139.1, 136.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 124.7, 124.7, 61.0.



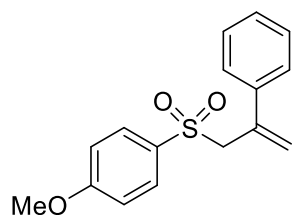
Ethyl 4-(allylsulfonyl)benzoate (**3v**)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.23-8.21 (m, 2H), 7.96-7.94 (m, 2H), 5.85-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.35 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.0, 141.9, 135.3, 130.1, 128.6, 125.1, 124.3, 61.8, 60.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₄S⁺: 255.0686 (M+H⁺), found: 255.0678.



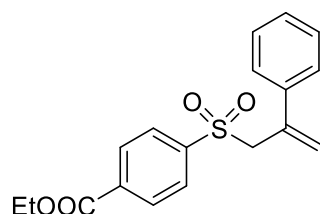
4-((2-Phenylallyl)sulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3w**)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.8-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 4.34 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 146.5, 139.2, 138.8, 137.0, 136.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 126.2, 121.9, 62.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉O₂S⁺: 335.1100 (M+H⁺), found: 335.1101.



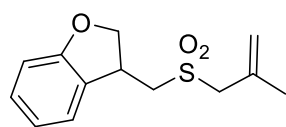
1-Methoxy-4-((2-phenylallyl)sulfonyl)benzene (**3x**)²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 163.6, 138.8, 136.7, 130.8, 129.9, 128.3, 127.9, 126.2, 121.6, 114.0, 62.2, 55.6.



Ethyl 4-((2-phenylallyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (**3y**)¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 5H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 164.9, 141.9, 138.4, 136.2, 135.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.1, 122.1, 62.0, 61.7, 14.2.



3-(((2-Methylallyl)sulfonyl)methyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (**6**)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.94-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27-5.24 (m, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.81-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.74 (q, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.7, 133.9, 129.3, 126.9, 124.2, 120.9, 120.9, 110.1, 75.9, 62.4, 54.7, 35.7, 22.5.

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