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Supporting Information

Rhodium-catalyzed direct C-H bond alkynylation of aryl sulfonamides with bromoalkynes

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1) General Information

All reactions were carried out under air atmosphere in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise specified. All other reagents and solvents were purchased from Energy Chemical or J&K Chemical Company and used without any further purification. TLC information was recorded on GF-254 (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd. P. R. China) plates. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using Silica gel (200-300 mesh, Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd. P. R. China). All products were recorded using Bruker Avance-400 instruments, calibrated to TMS (¹H NMR spectra) and CDCl₃ (¹³C NMR spectra) as the internal reference (0.00 ppm for 1H NMR spectra and 100.00 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectra). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Apex IV FTMS mass spectrometer using ESI (electrospray ionization). Melting points were measured uncorrected.

2) Synthetic methods of starting materials¹

To a mixture of aryl sulfonamide (2.0 mmol) and anhydride (3.0 mmol), 3 mol % of anhydrous $ZnCl_2$ was added and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 1-12 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), then poured into a mixture of EtOAc (15.0 mL) and H₂O (15.0 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude compound was purified by column chromatography (hexanes and ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding N-acylated product **1**.



3) Rhodium-catalyzed direct C-H bond alkynylation

A mixture of N-acylated aryl sulfonamide 1 (0.20 mmol), (triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl bromide 2 (57 mg, 0.22 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol %), Ag₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1equiv), LiOAc (4.1 mg, 0.004 mmol, 20 mol %), and DCE (1 mL) were charged into a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. After the mixture cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired product 3 or 4.

4) Characterization Data for products 3 and 4







N-Acetyl-4-methyl-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-

benzenesulfonamide (**3b**) White solid, isolated yield 82% (65 mg); mp: 113-114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz,1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.15 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.72, 144.38, 135.14, 130.13, 129.26, 121.40, 102.64, 104.22, 101.14, 23.27, 21.25, 18.69, 11.38. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₂NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 394.1897, found 394.1895.



N-Acetyl-4-ethyl-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-

benzenesulfonamide (**3c**) White solid, isolated yield 85% (69 mg); mp: 86-87 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.07 (s, 1H), δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (q, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.15 (m, 24H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.77, 150.42, 137.13, 135.11, 130.21, 128.10, 121.48, 102.73, 101.04, 28.55, 23.28, 18.69, 14.83, 11.39. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₃₄NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 408.2047, found 408.2019.



N-Acetyl-4-methoxy-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3d) White solid, isolated yield 78% (64 mg); mp: 85-87 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.14 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.32, 163.08, 132.52, 131.50, 123.36, 121.19, 113.48, 102.26, 101.33, 55.84, 23.25, 18.67, 11.37. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₃₄NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 410.1843, found 410.1842.



N-Acetyl-4-tert-butyl-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3e) White solid, isolated yield 76% (66 mg); mp: 85-87 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.26-1.18 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.78, 157.25, 136.94, 132.68, 129.98, 125.82, 121.20, 103.01, 100.79, 35.11, 30.86, 23.31, 18.69, 11.42. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₃₈NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 436.2342, found 436.2346.



N-Acetyl-4-trifluoromethoxy-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-

benzenesulfonamide (**3f**) White solid, isolated yield 73% (68 mg); mp: 114-115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.09 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.39, 152.35, 137.81, 132.61, 126.91, 123.94, 119.94, 101.11, 100.99, 23.38, 18.64., 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₉F₃NO₄SSi (M+H)⁺ 464.1539, found 464.1534.



N-Acetyl-4-trifluoromethyl-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (**3g**) White solid, isolated yield 71% (64 mg); mp: 86-88 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.27-1.15 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.39, 142.77, 135.22 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 132.28 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 131.04, 125.18 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 124.01, 122.59, 121.29, 104.48, 101.09, 29.68, 23.38, 18.65, 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₉F₃NO3SSi (M+H)⁺ 448.1590, found 448.1587.



N-Acetyl-4-fluoro-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3g) White solid, isolated yield 67% (53 mg); mp: 138-139 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19-8.15 (m, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.16 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.48, 166.19, 163.63, 135.84, 133.20 (d, J = 10 Hz),124.24, 122.52 (d, J = 24 Hz),115.55 (d, J = 24 Hz), 103.57, 101.20, 23.32, 18.64, 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉FNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 398.1622, found 398.1620.



3i

N-Acetyl-4-chloro-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3i) White solid, isolated yield 64% (53 mg); mp: 122-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.00 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.48, 139.88, 138.10, 135.20, 128.77, 123.18, 103.63, 101.15, 23.33, 18.66, 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉ClNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 414.1327, found 414.1329.



N-Acetyl-4-bromo-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-

benzenesulfonamide (**3j**) White solid, isolated yield 67% (53 mg); mp: 118-119 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.16 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.46, 138.64, 138.05, 131.77, 131.56, 128.22,123.20, 103.71, 101.06, 23.35, 18.67, 11.31. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉BrNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 458.0822, found 458.0815.



3k

N-Acetyl-5-chloro-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3k) White solid, isolated yield 74% (61 mg); mp: 122-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.14 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.51, 141.13, 135.64, 134.87, 133.38, 130.11, 119.87, 103.16, 101.54, 23.38, 18.66, 11.34. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉ClNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 414.1327, found 414.1331.



N-Acetyl-5-bromo-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (31) White solid, isolated yield 77% (70 mg); mp: 121-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.61 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.18-1.07 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.52, 141.10, 136.71, 136.34, 132.83, 122.58, 120.31, 103.35, 101.64, 23.38, 18.66, 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉BrNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 458.0822, found 458.0817.



N-Acetyl-2-chloro-6-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3m) White solid, isolated yield 63% (52 mg); mp: 143-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.13 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.57, 135.95, 135.55, 133.95, 132.32, 125.31, 103.48, 102.60, 23.12, 18.63, 11.35. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉ClNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 414.1327, found 414.1330.



N-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (3n) White solid, isolated yield 77% (61 mg); mp: 80-81 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.17 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.20, 140.91, 138.46, 134.54, 133.41, 132.21, 123.12, 104.44, 101.37, 23.33, 22.66, 18.70, 11.42. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₂NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 394.1897, found 394.1893.



N-Acetyl-2-trifluoromethoxy-6-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-

benzenesulfonamide (**3o**) White solid, isolated yield 65% (60 mg); mp: 114-115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.15 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.44, 147.50, 134.74, 133.73, 132.70, 125.73, 121.59, 118.93, 104.08, 101.93, 23.06, 18.60, 11.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₉F₃NO₄SSi (M+H)⁺ 464.1539, found 464.1537.



N-Acetyl-2,4-dimethoxy-6-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide

(**3p**) White solid, isolated yield 58% (51 mg); mp: 168-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.14 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ 170.11, 163.60, 159.34, 126.54, 120.25, 112.79, 102.62, 101.13, 100.07, 56.83, 55.80, 22.84, 18.62, 11.36. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₃₄NO₅SSi (M+H)⁺ 440.1928, found 440.1931.



N-Acetyl-4-fluoro-2-methyl-6-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (**3q**) White solid, isolated yield 61% (50 mg); mp: 142-143 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.31-1.08 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.01, 164.70, 162.15, 144.75 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 134.68, 123.02, 144.75 (q, *J* = 20 Hz), 103.09, 102.96, 23.36, 23.01, 18.67, 11.37. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₁FNO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 412.1779, found 412.1782.

3r

3-[(Triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid acetyl-amide (**3**r) White solid, isolated yield 64% (58 mg); mp: 142-143 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H,), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.42 (m, 5H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.16 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ 167.72, 146.50, 138.29, 138.15, 134.17, 130.67, 129.14, 128.96, 127.36, 127.05, 121.99, 102.56, 101.76, 23.36, 18.71, 11.40. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₃₄NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 456.2029, found 456.2027.



N-Acetyl-4-nitro-2-[(triisopropylsilanyl)-ethynyl]-benzenesulfonamide (**3s**) White solid, isolated yield 63% (54 mg); mp: 116-117 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.44 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39-8.31 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.14 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.22-1.18 (m, 21H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.32, 150.21, 144.59, 132.07, 130.11, 123.44, 122.98, 106.01, 100.43, 23.45, 18.67, 11.31. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₉N₂O₅SSi (M+H)⁺ 425.1567, found 425.1564.



4a

1-(1,1-dioxido-3-triethylsilanyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone (4a) White solid, isolated yield 79% (53 mg); mp: 147-148 °C;; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ
8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.910.86 (m, 6H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.51, 135.70, 134.09, 133.00, 131.78, 127.66, 127.54, 123.38, 117.33, 25.88, 25.85, 7.27, 3.90. HRMS (ESI) m/z

calcd for C₁₆H₂₄NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 338.1247, found 338.1275.



1-(6-Methyl-1,1-dioxido-3-triethylsilanyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone (**4b**) White solid, isolated yield 75% (53 mg); mp: 152-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.91-0.86 (m, 6H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.51, 135.70, 134.09, 133.00, 127.66, 127.54, 123.38, 117.33, 25.88, 25.58, 7.27, 3.93. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 352.1403, found 352.1406.



1-(6-Ethyl-1,1-dioxido-3-triethylsilanyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl) ethanone

(4c) White solid, isolated yield 74% (54 mg); mp: 137-138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 2.76 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.91-0.85 (m, 6H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.56, 149.89, 135.80, 131.73, 131.51, 127.43, 126.78, 123.43, 117.19, 29.07, 25.85, 15.10, 7.31, 4.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₈NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 366.1560, found 366.1564.



1-(6-Methyl-1,1-dioxo-3-trimethylsilanyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone (**4d**) White solid, isolated yield 71% (44 mg); mp: 152-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H) , 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.38 (m, 9H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.84, 144.03, 135.55, 131.53, 131.13, 128.69, 1228.37, 123.69, 119.90, 26.12, 22.19, 0.00, 7.31, 4.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₀NO₃SSi (M+H)⁺ 310.0934, found 310.0931.



1-(6-Methoxy-1,1-dioxo-3-trimethylsilanyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone e (4e) White solid, isolated yield 68% (43 mg); mp: 140-141 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H) , 2.71 (s, 3H), 0.39 (m, 9H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.85, 163.24, 137.67, 131.70, 126.56, 125.88, 119.62, 113.45, 113.10, 55.97, 25.16, 0.00. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₀NO₄SSi (M+H)⁺ 326.0833, found 326.0829.

5) Gram-scale reaction



N-acylated aryl sulfonamide **1a** (1.0g, 5.0 mmol), (triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl bromide **2** (1.4g, 0.22 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (88 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2 mol %), Ag₂CO₃ (1.375 g, 5 mmol, 1equiv), LiOAc (102.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), and DCE (20 mL) were charged into a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. After the mixture cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired product **3a** (1.53g, 81%).

6) General procedure for desilylation of products of 3 and 4



The compound **3** or **4** (0.2 mmol) in dry THF (4 mL) was added TBAF (1 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Water was then added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford compound **5**.



1-(6-Methyl-1,1-dioxo-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone e (**5a**) White solid, isolated yield 74% (35 mg); colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H) , 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.46 (m, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.36, 144.42, 132.43, 130.93, 129.13, 127.63, 125.79, 123.06, 110.57, 25.76, 21.65. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₃S (M+H)⁺ 238.0539, found 238.0540.



1-(6-Methoxy-1,1-dioxo-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazin-2-yl)ethanone (5b) White solid, isolated yield 87% (44 mg); 95-98 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.72 (m, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.32, 163.37, 134.62, 126.29, 125.27, 114.68, 114.54, 111.20, 110.39, 55.81, 25.72. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₃S (M+H)⁺ 238.0539, found 238.0540.

7) Mechanism study





A mixture of N-(o-tolylsulfonyl) acetamide **1n** (0.20 mmol), D₂O (72 μ L, 4 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol %), Ag₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1equiv), LiOAc (4.1 mg, 0.004 mmol, 20 mol %), and DCE (1 mL) were charged into a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. After the mixture cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired product **1n-D** (28%).



2. Kinetic isotope experiments



Preparation of N-((2-methylphenyl-6-d)slfonyl)acetamide (1n-D)²

A mixture of 1 N-(o-tolylsulfonyl) acetamide **1n** (42.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (6.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), NaOAc (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and D₂O (0.5 mL), were charged into a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the mixture cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired product **1n-D** as a white solid (36 mg, 81%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.66, 137.65, 136.49, 134.13, 132.67, 126.34, 23.32, 20.28.







A mixture of N-(o-tolylsulfonyl) acetamide **1n** (0.10 mmol) and **1n-D** (0.10 mmol), (triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl bromide **2** (57 mg, 0.22 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 2 mol %), Ag₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1equiv), LiOAc (4.1 mg, 0.004 mmol, 20 mol %), and DCE (1 mL) were charged into a reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. After the mixture cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford a mixture of the intact substrates **1n and 1n-D**. The ratio of the intact substrates **1n and 1n-D** was determined by ^HNMR, then, the Kinetic isotope effect (KIE = 2.6) was obtained.



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