

Synthesis of Multisubstituted Arylsulfones via One-Pot, Three-Component [3+3] Benzannulation Reaction

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I. Optimization of reaction conditions

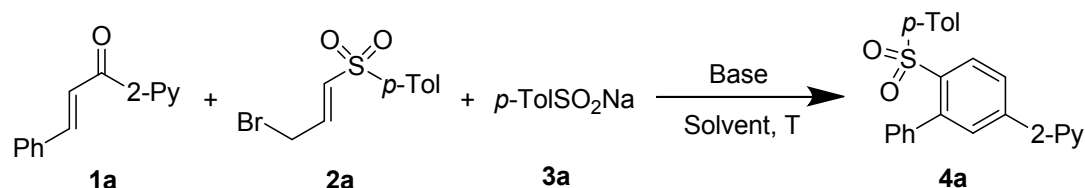


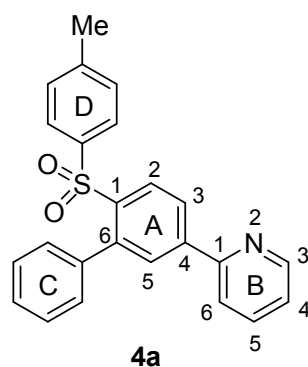
Table (SI-1). Effect of the ratio of reactants.

Entry	Solvent	Base	1a/2a/3a/base	T (°C)	Yield ^b (%)
1	DMF	DBU	1 : 1 : 1 : 1	60	66
2	DMF	DBU	1 : 1 : 1 : 1.2	60	70
3	DMF	DBU	1 : 1 : 1.2 : 1.2	60	74
4	DMF	DBU	1 : 1.1 : 1.2 : 1.2	60	78
5	DMF	DBU	1 : 1.1 : 1.2 : 2	60	78
6	DMF	DBU	1 : 2 : 2 : 2	60	80

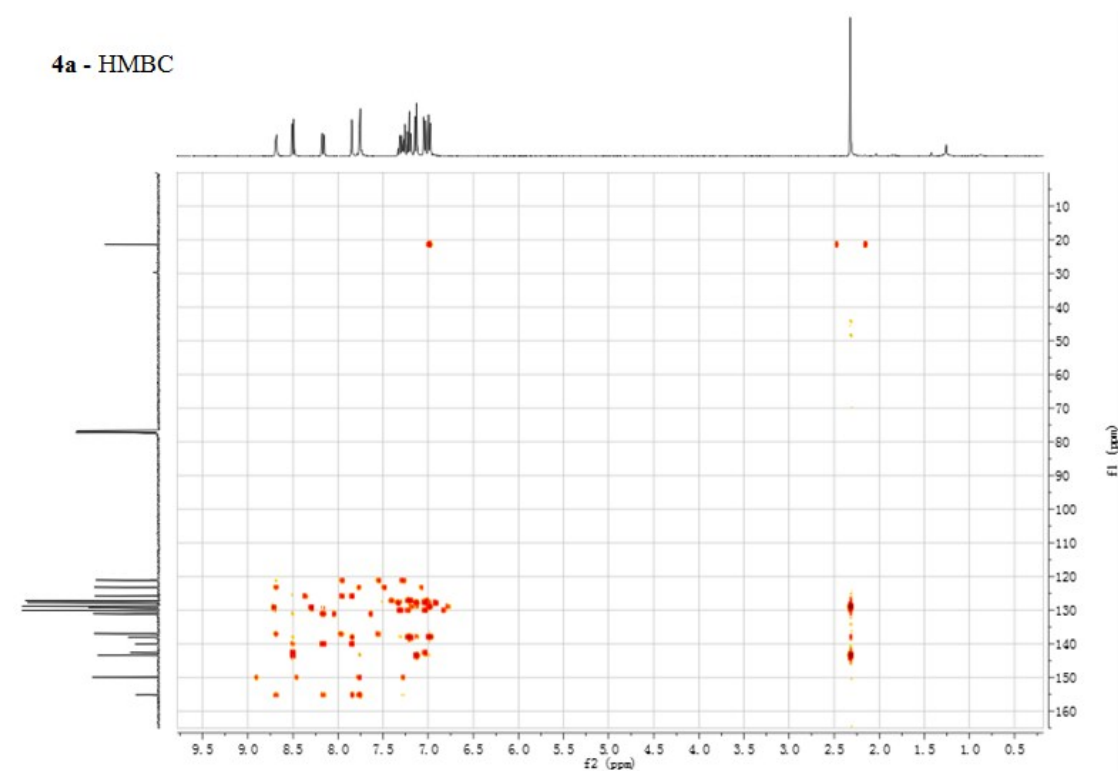
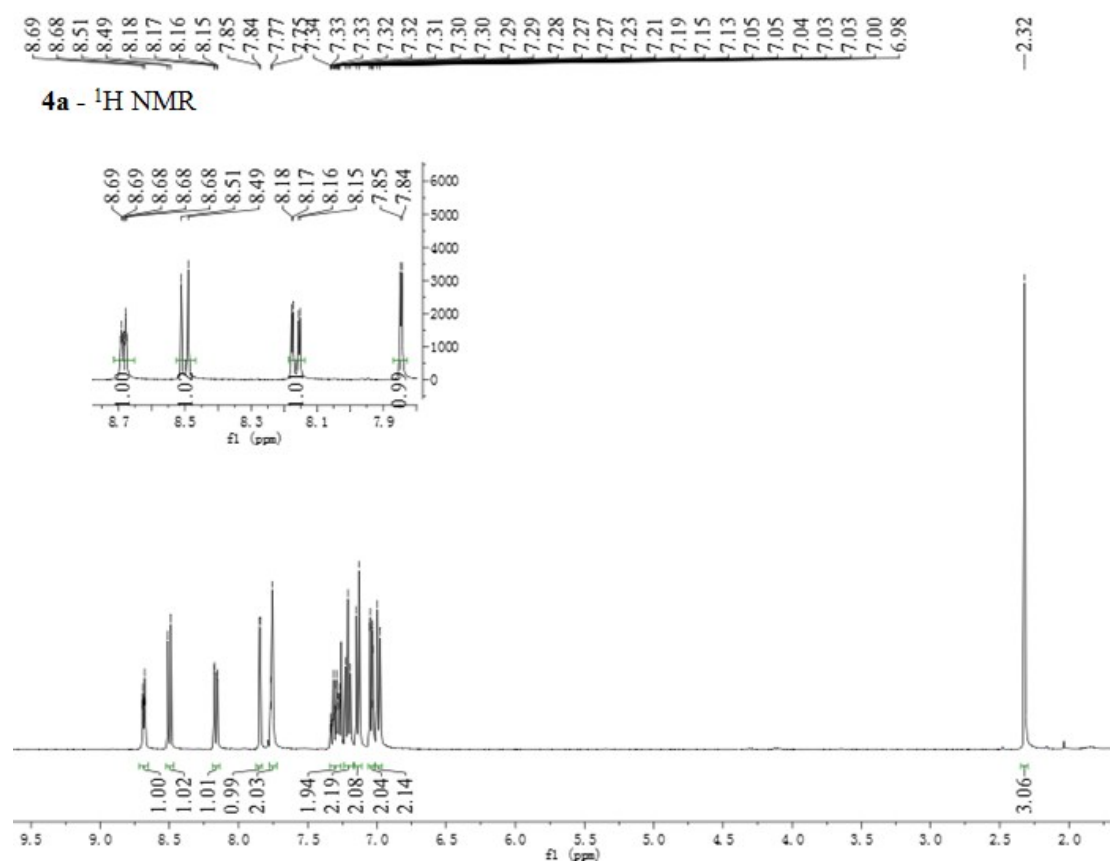
Table (SI-2). Effect of the reaction time.

Entry	Solvent	Base	T (°C)	Time	Yield ^b (%)
1	DMF	DBU	40	24	34
2	DMF	DBU	60	24	56
3	DMF	DBU	80	24	53
4	DMF	DBU	100	24	45

II. Assignment of chemical structure of product 4a



The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4a** showed two adjacent aromatic H(A2) and H(A3) (δ 8.50, 8.16 ppm) with a coupling constant of 8.4 Hz. In addition, the dd peak of H(A3) and second small coupling constant (1.8 Hz) indicated that it also couples with the more distant H(A5) (δ 7.85). In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **4a**, the signal of δ 155.27 ppm was assigned to C(B1) of the pyridine ring. The HMBC spectrum of **4a** showed that C(B1) has strong correlations with H(A3), H(A5) and H(B3). The result indicated that the pyridine ring is at A4 position. The structure of **4a** was further confirmed by HRMS.



III. Copies of NMR spectra

