

One-pot protocol for the fluorosulfonation and Suzuki coupling of phenols and bromophenols, streamlined access to biaryls and terphenyls

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Materials, Methods and Experimental Procedure

General remarks

All commercially available reagents (from Acros, Aldrich, Fluka) were used without further purification. The SO₂F₂ is commercially available from Wuhan newradar special gas co. LTD. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance II 400 spectrometer using TMS as internal standard (400 MHz for ¹H NMR). All reactions were carried out under air atmosphere. The isolated yields of products were obtained by short chromatography on a silica gel (200-300 mesh) column using petroleum ether (60-90 °C), unless otherwise noted.

General procedure for the cross-coupling reaction of phenols and arylboronic acids

A mixture of phenols (0.5 mmol), Et₃N (1.5 mmol) was added to a reaction flask (25 mL), before SO₂F₂ was introduced into the mixture by slowly bubbling from a balloon, and the mixtures was stirred in EtOH/H₂O (2 mL/2 mL) at 25 °C for 4 hours. And then arylboronic acid (0.6 mmol), 1 mol% Pd(OAc)₂, Et₃N (1.5 mmol) was added to the mixture for another 10 hours at 25 °C. Subsequently, the mixture was added to brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by short chromatography.

General procedure for the preparation of biphenylsulfonfyl fluorides

Route A: A mixture of 4-bromophenol (0.5 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.6 mmol), 1 mol% Pd(OAc)₂, K₂CO₃ (1.0 mmol) EtOH/H₂O (2 mL/2 mL) were added to a reaction flask (25 mL), and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours, before a mixture of Et₃N (1.5 mmol) and SO₂F₂ by slowly bubbling from a balloon was added to the mixture for 4 hours at room temperature. Subsequently, the mixture was added to brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by short chromatography.

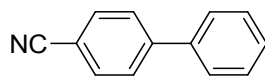
Route B: A mixture of 4-bromophenol (0.5 mmol), Et₃N (1.5 mmol) EtOH/H₂O (2 mL/2 mL) was added to a reaction flask (25 mL), before SO₂F₂ was introduced into the mixture by slowly bubbling from a balloon, and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 4 hours, then arylboronic acid (0.6 mmol), 1 mol% Pd(OAc)₂, K₂CO₃ (1.5 mmol) added to the mixture for 2 hours at room temperature. Subsequently, the mixture was added to brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by short chromatography.

General procedure for the preparation of terphenyls

A mixture of bromopheno (0.5 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.6 mmol), 1 mol% Pd(OAc)₂, K₂CO₃ (1.0 mmol) EtOH/H₂O (2 mL/2 mL) were added to a reaction flask (25 mL), and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours, before a mixture of Et₃N (1.5 mmol) and SO₂F₂ by slowly bubbling from a balloon was added to the mixture for 4 hours at room temperature. Then, the mixture was added to brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by short chromatography. Subsequently, the product of biphenylsulfonyl fluoride, arylboronic acid (1.2 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mol%), Et₃N (2.0 equiv), EtOH/H₂O (2 mL/2 mL), was added to a reaction flask (25 mL), and the mixtures was stirred at 80 °C for 12 hours. Then, the mixture was added to brine (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). Finally the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated by short chromatography.

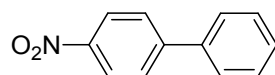
Characterization Data

[2a]: Biphenyl-4-carbonitrile¹



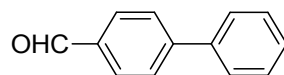
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 139.1, 132.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 127.2, 118.9, 110.8.

[2b]: 4-Nitro-1,1'-biphenyl.²



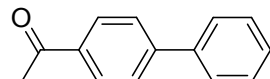
Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.36 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 138.7, 129.1, 128.8, 127.7, 127.3, 124.0.

[2c]: 4-Formyl-biphenyl.³



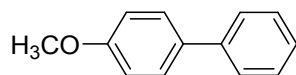
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.9, 147.1, 139.7, 135.1, 130.2, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3.

[2d]: 1-(Biphenyl-4-yl)ethanone.³



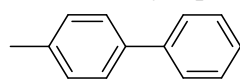
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[2e]: 4-Methoxybiphenyl.³



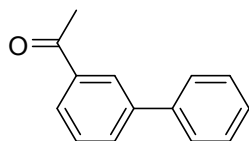
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 140.8, 133.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 114.1, 55.3.

[2f]: 4-Methylbiphenyl.⁴



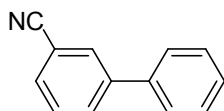
Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1, 138.3, 137.0, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 126.9, 126.9, 21.1.

[2g]: 1-(Biphenyl-3-yl)ethanone.⁵



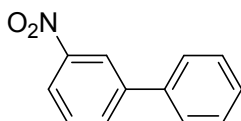
Colorless oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 141.1, 140.1, 137.6, 131.7, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 26.7.

[2h]: Biphenyl-3-carbonitrile.⁶



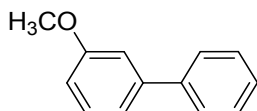
Colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dt, J = 10.0, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 138.8, 131.4, 130.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.0, 118.8, 112.8.

[2i]: 3-Nitro-biphenyl.⁷



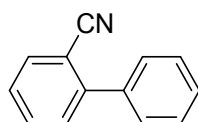
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[2j]: 3-Methoxy-biphenyl.⁵



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 142.8, 141.1, 129.8, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 119.7, 112.9, 112.7, 55.3.

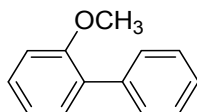
[2k]: 2-Cyano-biphenyl.³



Colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H),

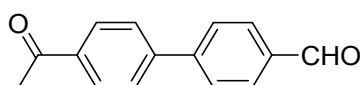
7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4, 138.1, 133.7, 132.8, 130.0, 128.7, 128.7, 127.5, 118.7, 111.2.

[2l]: 2-Methoxy-biphenyl.³



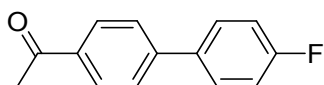
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[2m]: 4-Formyl-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.⁸



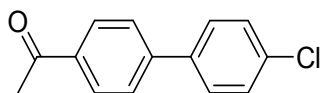
White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.6, 191.8, 145.7, 144.1, 136.7, 135.8, 130.3, 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 26.8.

[2n]: 4-Fluorine-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.¹



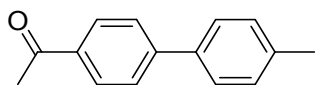
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[2o]: 4-Chlorine-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.⁹



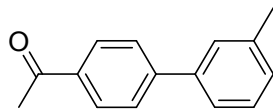
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[2p]: 4-methyl-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.¹⁰



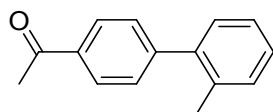
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[2q]: 3-Methyl-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.¹¹



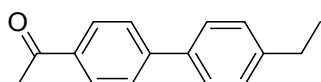
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[2r]: 2-Methyl-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.¹²



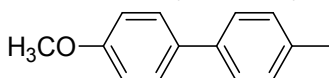
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[2s]: 4-Ethyl-4'-acetyl-biphenyl.¹³



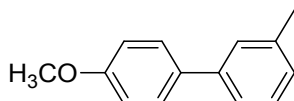
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[2t]: 4-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl.³



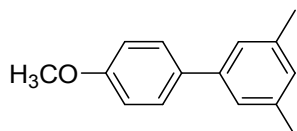
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[2u]: 4'-Methoxy-3-methylbiphenyl.³



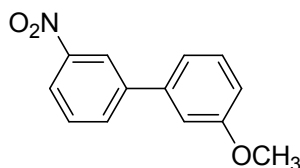
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[2v]: 4'-Methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-biphenyl.¹⁴



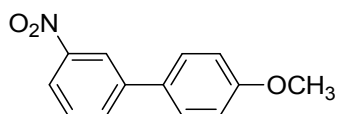
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[2x]: 3-Methoxy-3'-nitro-biphenyl.¹⁵



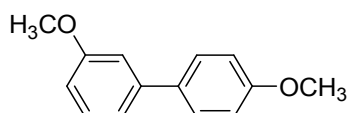
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[2y]: 4-Methoxy-3'-nitro-biphenyl.¹⁶



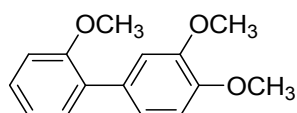
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[2z]: 3,4'-Dimethoxy-biphenyl.¹⁶



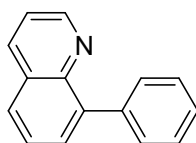
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[2aa]: 2, 3',4'-Trimethoxy-biphenyl.¹⁷



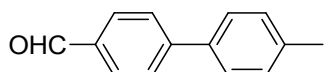
Colorless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.4, 148.3, 148.1, 131.2, 130.7, 130.4, 128.3, 121.8, 120.8, 113.0, 111.2, 110.8,

[2ab]: 8-phenylquinoline.¹⁸



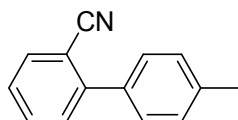
Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 146.0, 140.9, 139.6, 136.3, 130.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.3, 121.0.

[2ae]: 4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde.¹⁹



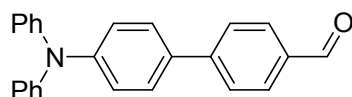
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[2af]: 4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitrile⁴



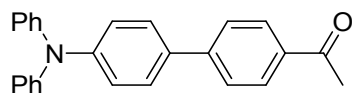
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 138.7, 136.2, 132.5, 129.8, 127.4, 127.0, 119.0, 110.5, 21.1.

[2ag]: 4'-(diphenylamino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde²⁰



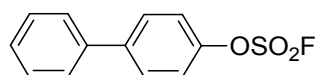
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (s, 6H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.8, 148.4, 147.3, 134.6, 132.7, 130.3, 129.3, 128.0, 126.8, 124.8, 123.4, 123.0.

[2ai]: 1-(4'-(diphenylamino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethanone²⁰



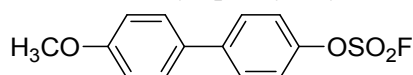
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 135.2, 133.0, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.4, 124.7, 123.3, 123.2, 26.6.

[3e] Biphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²¹



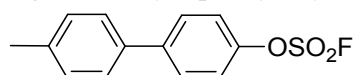
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 141.9, 139.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.17, 127.0, 121.1.

[3f] 4'-Methoxybiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



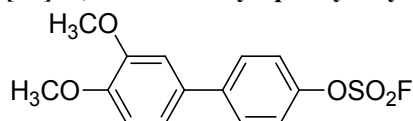
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 148.7, 141.4, 131.5, 128.3, 126.8, 120.9, 114.2, 55.2.

[3g] 4'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



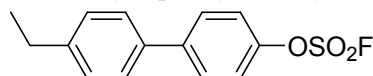
White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 141.8, 138.0, 136.3, 129.6, 128.7, 127.22, 127.0, 121.0, 21.1.

[3h] 3',4'-Dimethoxybiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



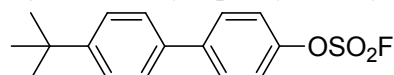
Colourless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 19.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 149.2, 149.0, 141.8, 132.1, 128.6, 121.1, 119.6, 111.5, 110.3, 55.9.

[3i] 4-ethylbiphenylsulfonyl fluoride.



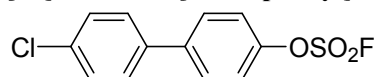
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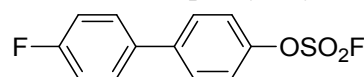
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[3k] 4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl sulfurofluoridate.



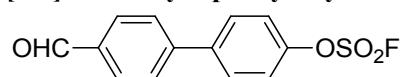
White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.8, 140.7, 137.6, 134.3, 121.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{ClFO}_3\text{S}$ 284.9788; Found 284.9792.

[3l] 4'-Fluorobiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²³



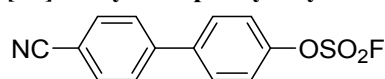
Colourless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 8.0, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.0, 160.5, 148.2, 139.8, 132.4, 127.8, 120.2, 114.9.

[3m] 4'-Formylbiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



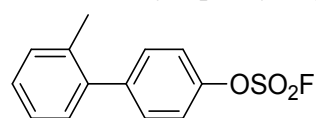
Colourless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.7, 150.0, 145.0, 140.4, 135.7, 130.4, 129.3, 127.8, 121.5.

[3n] 4'-Cyanobiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²⁴



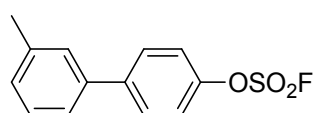
White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.07, 143.54, 139.87, 133.50, 132.77, 129.23, 127.83, 121.61, 118.49, 111.87.

[3o] 2'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



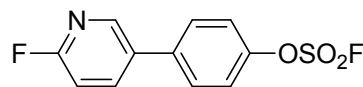
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[3p] 3'-Methylbiphenyl-4-yl fluorosulfate.²²



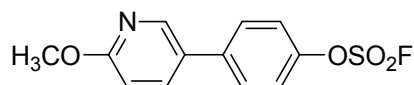
White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.3, 142.1, 139.2, 138.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.89, 128.0, 124.3, 121.1, 21.5.

[3q] 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl sulfurofluoridate.



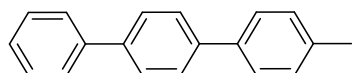
White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.96 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.8, 162.4, 150.0, 146.1, 139.9, 137.7, 129.2, 121.9, 109.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 309.9752; Found 309.9748

[3r] 4-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenyl sulfurofluoridate.



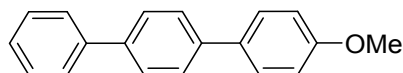
White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.0, 149.2, 145.1, 138.7, 137.3, 128.5, 128.1, 121.4, 111.1, 53.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$ 282.0236; Found 282.0242

[4d] 4-Methyl-p-terpheny.²⁵



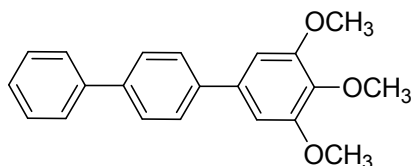
White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.7, 140.0, 139.8, 137.7, 137.1, 129.5, 128.7, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 21.14.

[4e] 4-Methoxy-p-terpheny.²⁶



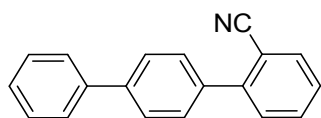
White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 6H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 140.7, 139.7, 139.4, 133.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 114.2, 55.3.

[4f] 3,4,5-Trimethoxy-p-terpheny.²⁷



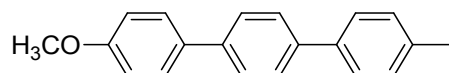
White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 – 7.59 (m, 6H), 7.47 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 140.6, 140.2, 137.7, 136.7, 128.8, 127.4, 127.44, 127.3, 127.0, 104.3, 60.9, 56.2.

[4g] 2-Cyano-*p*-terphenyl.²⁸



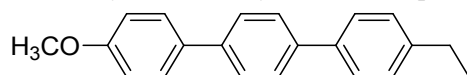
White solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 5H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 141.5, 140.3, 136.9, 133.8, 132.8, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 118.8, 111.1.

[4h] 4-Methoxy-4''-Methyl-*p*-terphenyl.²⁹



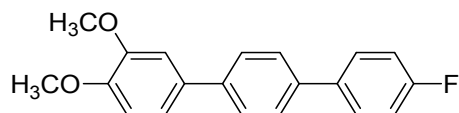
White solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 139.4, 137.8, 137.0, 133.2, 129.4, 128.0, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 114.2, 55.3, 21.1.

[4i] 4-ethyl-4''-methoxy-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl.²⁸



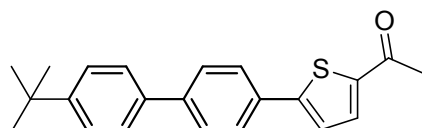
White solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 143.3, 139.3, 138.0, 133.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 114.2, 55.3, 28.5, 15.6.

[4j] 4''-fluoro-3,4-dimethoxy-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl.²²



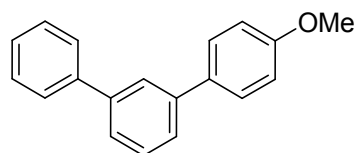
White solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.51 (m, 6H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 148.7, 139.9, 138.7, 133.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 119.3, 115.8, 115.5, 111.5, 110.3, 56.0, 55.9.

[4k] 1-(5-(4'-(*tert*-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)thiophen-2-yl)ethanone.



Yellow solid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 190.6, 152.9, 152.4, 142.6, 133.5, 130.5, 126.0, 126.0, 123.4, 34.76, 31.1, 26.5.
HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂OS 335.1470; Found 335.1478

[4l] 4-Methoxy-*m*-terpheny.³⁰



White solid, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dt, $J = 24.4, 7.5$ Hz, 5H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 141.7, 141.3, 141.2, 133.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2,

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