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Chemical and spectroscopic properties of the 3hydroxythiophene [thiophen-3(2*H*)-one] system.

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\mathbf{R}^2	\mathbf{R}^{5}	$\delta_{\rm H}(2)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(4)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(5)$	$^{3}J_{4,5}/\text{Hz}$	${}^{4}J_{2,4}/\text{Hz}$	${}^{4}J_{2,5}/\text{Hz}$
Н	H ^a	6.29	6.71	7.10	5.1	1.6	3.2
Me	Н		6.59	6.84	5.4		
Ph	Н		6.74	7.08	5.4		
CO ₂ Et	Н		6.69	7.31	5.4		
Н	Me ^a	5.95	6.38 ^b			1.7	
Н	Ph ^a	6.27	7.06			1.7	
Н	SMe ^a	6.24	6.66			1.8	

Table S1. ¹H NMR parameters of 3-hydroxythiophenes for solutions in CDCl₃ unless otherwise stated.

^a d₆-DMSO solution; ^b ⁴J_{H4,Me} 1.1 Hz



Table S2. ¹³C NMR parameters of 3-hydroxythiophenes for solutions in CDCl₃ unless otherwise stated; ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ values shown in parentheses are quoted in Hz.

\mathbf{R}^2	\mathbf{R}^{5}	$\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(2) (^{1}J_{\mathrm{H2}})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(3)$	$\delta_{\rm C}(4)(^1J_{\rm H4})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(5) (^1 J_{\rm H5})$
Н	H ^a	98.0 (184.1)	155.1	119.9 (167.1)	124.4 (187.2)
Me	Н	113.2	148.9	119.9 (163.0)	119.5 (188.7)
Ph	Н	117.8	148.7	120.5 (169.6)	122.3 (188.4)
CO ₂ Et	H ^b	103.8	164.4	118.9	131.1
Н	Me ^a	95.2 (184.0)	154.1	118.6 (166.0)	137.2
Н	Ph ^a	98.2 (185.4)	155.4	116.4 (166.1)	140.9
Н	SMe ^a	100.1 (185.9)	154.4	122.5 (168.6)	134.6

^a d₆-DMSO solution; ^bcoupling constants not measured



R ²	R ⁵	$^{3}J_{\text{C2-H4}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C2-H5}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C3-H5}}$	${}^{2}J_{\text{C3-H4}} =$	$^{3}J_{\text{C4-H2}}$	$^{2}J_{\text{C4-H5}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C5-H2}}$	$^{2}J_{\text{C5-H4}}$
					${}^{2}J_{\text{C3-H2}}$				
Н	H ^{a,b}	7.6	3.8	11.6	1.8	7.4	4.7	6.3	6.3
Me	H ^a	m	m	m	m		3.8		5.1
Ph	Н	m	m	10.7	2.0		2.5		4.0
Н	Me ^a	7.4			S	5.4		m	m
Н	Ph ^a	7.5				6.8		m	m
Н	SMe ^a	7.2				6.7		m	m

Table S3. Long range ¹³C-¹H coupling constants of 3-hydroxythiophenes for solutions in CDCl₃ unless otherwise stated; (m = multiplet; s = singlet); J_{CH} values quoted in Hz.

^a d₆-DMSO solution; ^b additional couplings to OH observed – see Fig. 1 in main paper.



Table S4. ¹H NMR parameters of 3-hydroxy-, 3-methoxy- and 3-acetoxythiophene for solutions in CDCl₃.

R	$\delta_{\rm H}(2)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(4)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(5)$	$^{3}J_{4,5}/\text{Hz}$	${}^{4}J_{2,4}/\mathrm{Hz}$	${}^{4}J_{2,5}/\text{Hz}$
Н	6.29	6.71	7.10	5.1	1.6	3.2
Me	6.28	6.79	7.20	5.2	1.6	3.1
Ac	7.09	6.90	7.23	5.3	1.4	3.3



Table S5. ¹³C NMR parameters of 3-hydroxy-, 3-methoxy- and 3-acetoxythiophene for solutions in CDCl₃; ¹ J_{CH} values shown in parentheses are quoted in Hz.

R	$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{C}}(2)(^{1}J_{\mathrm{H2}})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(3)$	$\delta_{\rm C}(4)(^1J_{\rm H4})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(5) (^1J_{\rm H5})$
Н	98.0 (184.1)	155.1	119.9 (167.1)	124.4 (187.2)
Me	96.5 (183.2)	158.7	119.2 (166.9)	124.7 (187.2)
Ac	110.7 (188.5)	146.9	121.7 (172.0)	124.0 (188.6)



Table S6. Long range ¹³C-¹H coupling constants of 3-hydroxy-, 3-methoxy- and 3acetoxythiophene for solutions in CDCl₃ (m = multiplet; s = singlet); J_{CH} values quoted in Hz.

R	$^{3}J_{\text{C2-H4}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C2-H5}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C3-H5}}$	${}^{2}J_{\text{C3-H4}} =$	$^{3}J_{\text{C4-H2}}$	$^{2}J_{\text{C4-H5}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C5-H2}}$	$^{2}J_{\text{C5-H4}}$
				$^{2}J_{\text{C3-H2}}$				
Н	7.6	3.8	11.6	1.8	7.4	4.7	6.3	6.3
Me	6.8	3.9	m	m	6.6	6.6	5.4	5.4
Ac	6.8	2.7	12.6	а	6.9	4.1	5.7	6.5

^aundetected



\mathbf{R}^2	R ² ′	R ⁵	$\delta_{\rm H}(2)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(4)$	$\delta_{\rm H}(5)$	${}^{3}J_{4,5}/\text{Hz}$
Н	Н	Н	3.58	6.22	8.36	5.7
Me	Н	Н	3.61	6.14	8.34	5.8
Me	Me	Н		5.98	8.24	6.0
-(CH ₂) ₅ -		Н		6.03	8.27 ^a	5.9
Me	Ph	Н		6.16	8.48	6.0
Н	Н	Me	3.63	5.98		
Н	Н	Ph	3.81	6.56		
Н	Н	SMe	3.61	5.88		
Н	Н	4-t- BuC ₆ H ₄	3.77	6.53		

Table S7. ¹H NMR parameters of thiophen-3(2*H*)-ones for solutions in CDCl₃.

^aAdditional coupling to one proton of the cyclohexyl ring, ${}^{5}J 0.7$ Hz.



Table S8. ¹³C NMR parameters of thiophen-3(2*H*)-ones for solutions in CDCl₃; ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ values shown in parentheses are quoted in Hz

R ²	R ² ′	\mathbf{R}^{5}	$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathrm{C}}(2) (^{1}J_{\mathrm{H2}})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(3)$	$\delta_{\rm C}(4)(^1J_{\rm H4})$	$\delta_{\rm C}(5)(^1J_{\rm H5})$
Н	Н	Н	38.6 (143.6)	203.4	123.4 (176.2)	164.9 (180.3)
Me	Н	Н	48.3 (138.4)	207.2	121.9 (175.8)	164.5 (178.2)
Me	Me	Н	56.6	207.7	120.3 (175.4)	161.4 (179.2)
-(CH ₂) ₅ -		Н	65.5	207.3	121.6 (173.8)	161.9 (179.1)
Me	Ph	Н	62.3	206.3	119.6 (176.2)	162.5 (180.3)
Н	Н	Me	41.4 (143.6)	202.5	121.7 (172.3)	180.1
Н	Н	Ph	40.6 (143.6)	202.4	118.3 (170.8)	178.7
Н	Н	SMe	40.6 (141.3)	197.9	115.7 (174.1)	182.5
Н	Н	4-t- BuC ₆ H ₄	40.4	202.8	117.7	178.4



Table S9. Long range ¹³C-¹H coupling constants of thiophen-3(2*H*)-ones for solutions in CDCl₃ (m = multiplet); J_{CH} values quoted in Hz. Couplings to C3 usually too complex for assignment.

\mathbf{R}^2	R ² ′	R ⁵	${}^{3}J_{\text{C2-H4}}$	$^{3}J_{\text{C2-H5}}$	$^{2}J_{\text{C4-H5}}$	J_{C5-H4}
Н	Н	Н	6.7	2.7	4.0	8.0 ^a
Me	Н	Н	m	m	3.3	m
Me	Me	Н	m	m	3.9	7.0
-(CH ₂) ₅ -		Н	m	m	2.8	7.2
Me	Ph	Н	m	m	2.8	7.8
Н	Н	Me	6.7		b	m
Н	Н	Ph	5.7			m
Н	Н	SMe	6.6			m

^aAdditional coupling to C2, ${}^{3}J$ 2.6 Hz; ^badditional coupling to 5-methyl group, ${}^{3}J$ 4.2 Hz.

3-Methoxy-5-phenylfuran S2



The conditions used for the alkylation of the thiophen-3(2*H*)-ones were also applicable to 5-phenylfuran-3(2*H*)-one¹ **S1** to give 3-methoxy-5-phenylfuran **S2** (52%) bp 152-154 °C (0.2 Torr) (Found: C, 75.6; H, 5.95. $C_{11}H_{10}O_2$ requires C, 75.9; H, 5.75%), δ_H 7.65-7.30 (5H, m), 7.14 (1H, d, ⁴*J* 1.0), 6.48 (1H, d, ⁴*J* 1.0) and 3.75 (3H, s); δ_C 151.40 (quat), 130.68 (quat), 128.45, 127.40, 126.45 (quat), 123.53, 122.60, 98.58 and 57.85; *m/z* 174 (M⁺, 100%), 145 (9), 131 (31), 105 (46), 103 (37), 102 (18) and 77 (35).



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (80 MHz) of adduct **24** formed from 2,2dimethylthiophen-3(2*H*)-one **11** and morpholine in CD₃CN. The precursor **11** (34% of mixture) is characterised by signals at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.51 and 6.06 and the product **24** (66% of mixture) by two protons of an AMX system at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.79 (³*J* 8.4 and 3.4 Hz) and 3.20 (²*J* 17.7 and ³*J* 8.4 Hz) (the third proton is overlapping).

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