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Aerobic oxysulfonylation of alkenes using thiophenols: An efficient one-pot route to β -ketosulfones

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i. General information: Reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers, and used without further purification. Organic solutions were concentrated using a Buchi rotary evaporator. Column chromatography was carried out over silica gel (Merck 100–200 mesh) and TLC was performed using silica gel GF254 (Merck) plates. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVII 400 spectrometer in CDCl_3 using TMS as internal reference with chemical shift value being reported in ppm. All coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz (Hz). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on the same instrument at 100 MHz in CDCl_3 and TMS was used as internal reference. Mass (EI) spectra were recorded on a JEOL D-300 mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were carried out in a Coleman automatic analyzer.

ii. General procedure

a. General procedure for the one-pot synthesis of β -ketosulfones 3a-3t

A mixture of alkene **1** (0.25 mmol), thiophenol/thiol **2** (0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (20 mol %), K₂S₂O₈ (0.75 mmol) and DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt in an open flask for 18-22 h (Table 2). After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-*n*-hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford an analytically pure sample of β -keto sulfones **3** (Table 2).

b. Typical procedure for radical trapping experiment

A mixture of styrene **1a** (0.25 mmol), thiophenol **2a** (0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (20 mol%), and TEMPO (0.25 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt in an open flask for 4 h. After the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum, no desired product was detected.

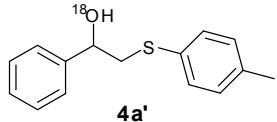
c. Typical procedure for studying the role of air

A mixture of styrene **1a** (0.25 mmol), thiophenol **2a** (0.25 mmol), and AgNO₃ (20 mol%) in DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt under nitrogen atmosphere for 4 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-*n*-hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford β -hydroxysulfide **4a** in traces (checked by TLC) and styrene was recovered.

d. Typical procedure for ¹⁸O labeling experiments

A mixture of styrene **1a** (0.25 mmol), thiophenol **2a** (0.25 mmol), and AgNO₃ (20 mol %) in DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt under ¹⁸O₂/N₂ atmosphere for 4 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column

chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-*n*-hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford an analytically pure sample of β -hydroxysulfide **4a'** (yield 88%).



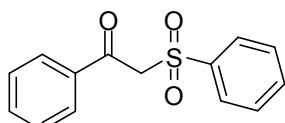
e. Typical procedure for probing the intermediate

A mixture of 1-phenyl-2-tosylethanol (0.25 mmol) and K₂S₂O₈ (0.75 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt in an open flask for 16 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOA-*n*hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford β -ketosulfone **3a** in 95% yield.

f. General procedure for the synthesis of β -hydroxysulfides 4

A mixture of alkene **1** (0.25 mmol), thiophenol/thiol **2** (0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (20 mol %), and DMF (3 mL) was stirred at rt in an open flask for 2-6 h (Table 3). After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-*n*-hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford an analytically pure sample of β -hydroxysulfides **4** (Table 3).

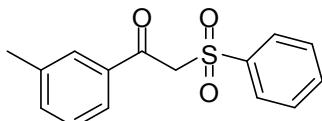
iii. Spectroscopic and analytical data for compounds 3 and 4



1-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3a)¹

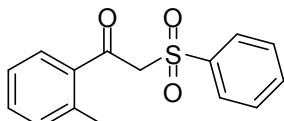
Solid; 92% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98-7.90 (m, 4H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.98,

138.83, 135.84, 134.36, 134.28, 129.30, 129.25, 128.84, 128.63, 63.52. EIMS (*m/z*): 260 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₃S: C, 64.60; H, 4.65; S, 12.32. Found: C, 64.44; H, 4.95; S, 12.06.



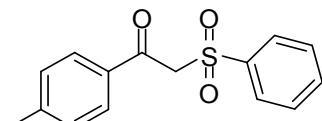
2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-*m*-tolylethanone (3b)²

Solid; 90% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.10, 138.90, 138.76, 135.82, 135.24, 134.21, 129.68, 129.17, 128.72, 128.65, 126.56, 63.50, 21.32. EIMS (*m/z*): 274 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃S: C, 65.67; H, 5.14; S, 11.69. Found: C, 65.57; H, 5.49; S, 11.53.



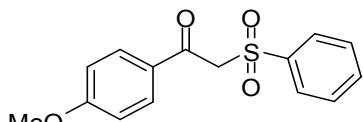
2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-*o*-tolylethanone (3c)²

Solid; 88% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.40, 140.09, 139.05, 135.78, 134.15, 132.82, 132.39, 130.32, 129.20, 128.49, 125.98, 65.52, 21.51. EIMS (*m/z*): 274 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃S: C, 65.67; H, 5.14; S, 11.69. Found: C, 65.98; H, 5.02; S, 11.42.



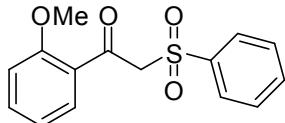
2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-*p*-tolylethanone (3d)³

Solid; 90% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.67, 145.75, 138.90, 134.35, 133.49, 129.77, 129.57, 129.35, 128.72, 63.62, 21.94. EIMS (*m/z*): 274 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃S: C, 65.67; H, 5.14; S, 11.69. Found: C, 65.80; H, 5.33; S, 11.49.



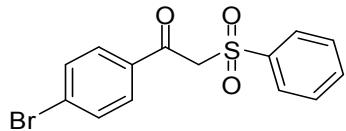
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3e)⁴

Solid; 85% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (dd, $J = 16.6, 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.26, 164.70, 138.89, 134.32, 131.95, 129.27, 128.99, 128.63, 114.25, 63.53, 55.76. EIMS (m/z): 290 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 62.05; H, 4.86; S, 11.04. Found: C, 62.13; H, 5.03; S, 10.96.



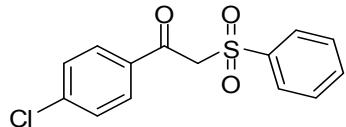
1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3f)⁵

Solid; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 7.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.09, 159.12, 139.75, 135.45, 133.91, 131.47, 129.07, 128.71, 126.34, 121.17, 111.87, 67.51, 55.83. EIMS (m/z): 290 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 62.05; H, 4.86; S, 11.04. Found: C, 62.01; H, 4.97; S, 11.26.



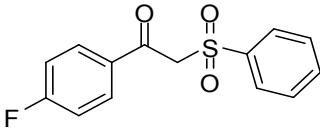
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3g)¹

Solid; 86% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.23, 138.70, 134.69, 134.52, 132.45, 130.97, 130.21, 129.40, 128.71, 63.75. EIMS (m/z): 337, 339 ($\text{M}^+, \text{M}^+ + 2$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_3\text{S}$: C, 49.57; H, 3.27; S, 9.45. Found: C, 49.42; H, 3.18; S, 9.76.



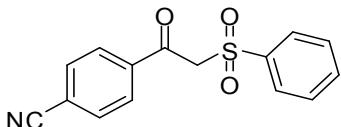
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3h)⁴

Solid; 91% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94-7.88 (m, 4H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.97, 141.25, 138.68, 134.54, 134.13, 130.89, 129.46, 129.35, 128.70, 63.75. EIMS (m/z): 294, 296 ($\text{M}^+, \text{M}^+ + 2$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}$: C, 57.05; H, 3.76; S, 10.88. Found: C, 57.23; H, 3.44; S, 10.77.



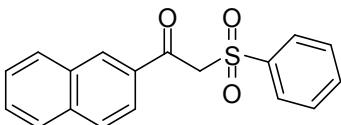
1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3i)²

Solid; 92% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.43, 167.79, 165.30, 138.76, 134.39, 132.30, 132.19, 129.30, 128.53, 116.24, 116.00, 63.62. EIMS (*m/z*): 278 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁FO₃S: C, 60.42; H, 3.98; S, 11.52. Found: C, 60.55; H, 4.11; S, 11.35.



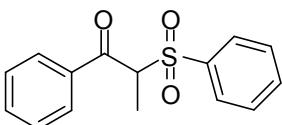
4-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetyl)benzonitrile (3j)²

Solid; 76% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.06, 138.53, 138.49, 134.53, 132.68, 129.70, 129.42, 128.53, 117.69, 117.57, 63.76. EIMS (*m/z*): 285 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NO₃S: C, 63.14; H, 3.89; N, 4.91; S, 11.24. Found: C, 63.01; H, 3.98; N, 4.99; S, 11.59.



1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone (3k)²

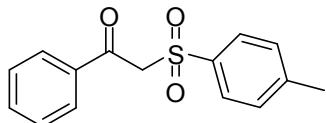
Solid; 83% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.90 (m, 6H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 3H), 4.82 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.82, 138.85, 136.14, 134.21, 133.12, 132.36, 132.13, 129.98, 129.46, 129.26, 128.89, 128.63, 127.78, 127.20, 123.99, 63.72. EIMS (*m/z*): 310 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₃S: C, 69.66; H, 4.55; S, 10.33. Found: C, 69.80; H, 4.22; S, 10.54.



1-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)propan-1-one (3l)⁶

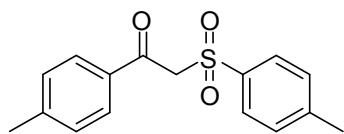
Solid; 84% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.64 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (tt, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.69, 136.33, 136.19, 134.37, 134.22, 129.96, 129.30, 129.10, 128.90, 65.17, 13.40. EIMS

(*m/z*): 274 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}O_3S$: C, 65.67; H, 5.14; S, 11.69. Found: C, 65.58; H, 5.38; S, 11.56.



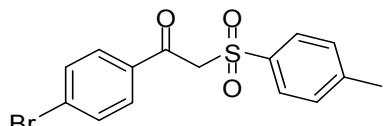
1-phenyl-2-tosylethanone (3m)¹

Solid; 94% yield; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (t, $J = 8.6$, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 188.30, 145.51, 135.89, 135.84, 134.48, 129.93, 129.42, 128.98, 128.75, 63.90, 21.82. EIMS (*m/z*): 274 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}O_3S$: C, 65.67; H, 5.14; S, 11.69. Found: C, 65.83; H, 5.32; S, 11.51.



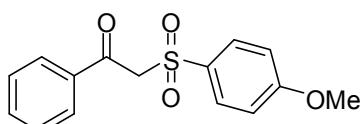
1-p-tolyl-2-tosylethanone (3n)⁷

Solid; 93% yield, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 187.64, 145.40, 145.14, 136.09, 133.44, 129.68, 129.40, 129.37, 128.49, 63.55, 21.58, 21.51. EIMS (*m/z*): 288 (M^+); Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{16}O_3S$: C, 66.64; H, 5.59; S, 11.12; Found: C, 66.81; H, 5.39; S, 11.36.



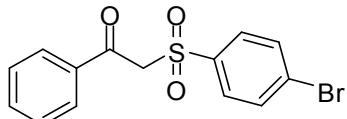
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-tosylethanone (3o)²

Solid; 86% yield; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.86 (dd, $J = 6.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 187.30, 145.60, 135.61, 134.53, 132.27, 130.83, 129.95, 129.90, 128.57, 63.79, 21.74. EIMS (*m/z*): 351, 353 ($M^+, M^+ + 2$). Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}BrO_3S$: C, 51.00; H, 3.71; S, 9.08. Found: C, 51.14; H, 3.40; S, 9.19.



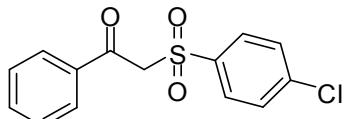
2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1-phenylethanone (3p)⁴

Solid; 81% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.44, 164.26, 135.95, 134.49, 130.96, 130.38, 129.43, 128.92, 114.56, 63.89, 55.87. EIMS (m/z): 290 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 62.05; H, 4.86; S, 11.04. Found: C, 61.96; H, 4.56; S, 11.40.



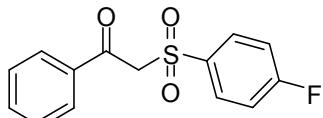
2-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-1-phenylethanone (3q)¹

Solid; 79% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.01, 137.79, 135.64, 134.61, 132.60, 130.35, 129.94, 129.30, 129.04, 63.54. EIMS (m/z): 337, 339 ($\text{M}^+, \text{M}^+ + 2$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_3\text{S}$: C, 49.57; H, 3.27; S, 9.45. Found: C, 49.71; H, 3.40; S, 9.76.



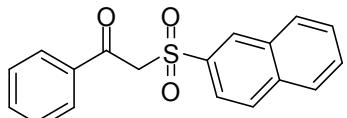
2-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-1-phenylethanone (3r)²

Solid; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 4H), 4.78 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.10, 141.25, 137.26, 135.69, 134.62, 130.33, 129.69, 129.35, 129.08, 63.51. EIMS (m/z): 294, 296 ($\text{M}^+, \text{M}^+ + 2$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}$: C, 57.05; H, 3.76; S, 10.88. Found: C, 57.17; H, 3.59; S, 10.56.



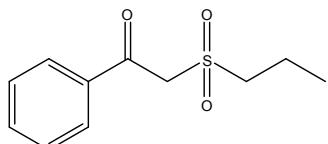
2-(4-fluorophenylsulfonyl)-1-phenylethanone (3s)⁴

Solid; 80% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.25, 167.60, 164.92, 135.78, 134.65, 131.80, 131.73, 129.40, 129.06, 116.87, 116.52, 63.58. EIMS (m/z): 278 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_3\text{S}$: C, 60.42; H, 3.98; S, 11.52. Found: C, 60.29; H, 3.70; S, 11.59.



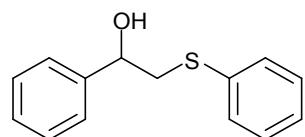
2-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-1-phenylethanone (3t)¹

Solid; 75% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.81 (m, 6H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H) 4.80 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.11, 135.87, 135.79, 135.63, 134.42, 132.08, 130.77, 129.70, 129.69, 129.61, 129.44, 128.90, 128.17, 127.84, 123.11, 63.69. EIMS (*m/z*): 310 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₃S: C, 69.66; H, 4.55; S, 10.33. Found: C, 69.81; H, 4.62; S, 10.07.



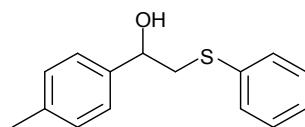
1-phenyl-2-(propylsulfonyl)ethanone (3u)

Liquid; 84% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.93-7.95 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.36-7.47 (m, 2 H), 4.49 (s, 2 H), 3.15-3.19 (m, 2 H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 2 H), 1.02-1.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 189.2, 135.5, 134.7, 129.2, 129.0, 61.2, 52.10, 15.93, 13.01. EIMS (*m/z*): 226 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₃S: C, 58.38; H, 6.24; S, 14.17. Found: C, 58.62; H, 6.06; S, 14.29.



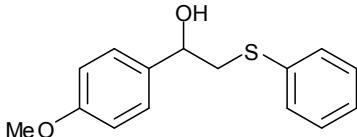
1-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)ethanol (4a)⁸

Oil; 92% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 8 H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.12-3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (br s, 1 H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.12, 134.93, 130.23, 129.14, 128.49, 128.01, 126.72, 125.78, 71.65, 44.04. EIMS (*m/z*): 230 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄OS: C, 73.01; H, 6.13; S, 6.95. Found: C, 73.13; H, 5.98; S, 7.33.



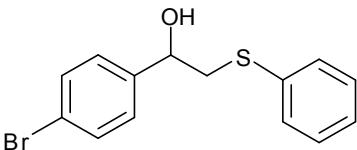
2-(phenylthio)-1-p-tolylethanol (4b)⁹

Pale yellow oil; 91% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.14, 137.73, 134.85, 130.32, 129.14, 128.76, 125.82, 125.55, 71.53, 44.02, 21.39. EIMS (*m/z*): 244 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆OS: C, 73.73; H, 6.60; S, 13.12. Found: C, 73.43; H, 6.46; S, 13.36.



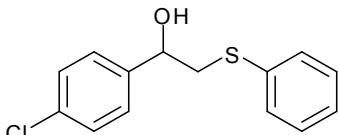
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)ethanol (4c)¹⁰

pale yellow oil; 88% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.22 (m, 7H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.35, 135.07, 134.28, 130.13, 129.10, 127.16, 126.74, 113.98, 71.32, 55.33, 43.86. EIMS (*m/z*): 260 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₂S: C, 69.20; H, 6.19; S, 12.32. Found: C, 68.98; H, 6.12; S, 12.66.



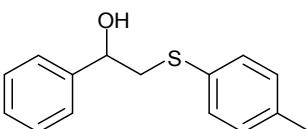
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)ethanol (4d)⁹

Pale yellow oil; 88% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.18 (m, 5H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.01-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.10, 134.81, 131.43, 130.26, 129.08, 126.82, 125.81, 122.44, 71.63, 44.14. EIMS (*m/z*): 307 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrOS: C, 54.38; H, 4.24; S, 10.37. Found: C, 54.59; H, 4.42; S, 10.09.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)ethanol (4e)¹¹

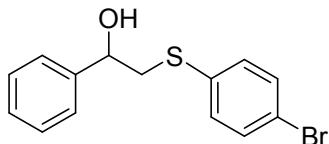
Oil; 91% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 7 H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 2 H, including br s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.66, 134.52, 133.64, 130.42, 129.27, 128.62, 127.25, 126.91, 71.08, 44.02. EIMS (*m/z*): 264 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClOS: C, 63.51; H, 4.95; S, 13.39. Found: C, 63.25; H, 5.13; S, 13.56.



1-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethanol (4f)¹²

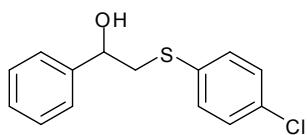
Oil; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 7 H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.07-2.97 (m, 2 H, including br s, OH), 2.33 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.22, 137.12, 131.05, 130.96, 130.02,

128.53, 127.93, 125.82, 71.51, 44.86, 21.02. EIMS (*m/z*): 244 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆OS: C, 73.73; H, 6.60; S, 13.12. Found: C, 73.80; H, 6.36; S, 13.46.



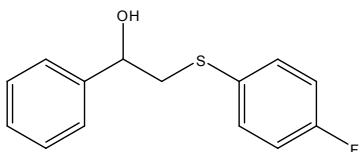
2-(4-bromophenylthio)-1-phenylethanol (4g)⁹

Pale yellow oil; 80% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 7H), 4.76-4.70 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.22, 133.90, 132.03, 129.94, 128.51, 128.11, 126.63, 120.23, 71.60, 43.81. EIMS (*m/z*): 307 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrOS: C, 54.38; H, 4.24; S, 10.37. Found: C, 54.08; H, 4.40; S, 10.17.



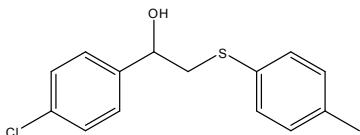
2-(4-chlorophenylthio)-1-phenylethanol (4h)¹¹

Oil; 83% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.39-7.27 (m, 9 H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.15-3.07 (m, 1 H), 2.84 (br s, 1 H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 141.89, 131.21, 129.54, 129.03, 128.44, 127.92, 125.63, 125.20, 71.64, 43.82. EIMS (*m/z*): 264 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClOS: C, 63.51; H, 4.95; S, 12.11. Found: C, 63.60; H, 4.76; S, 11.99.



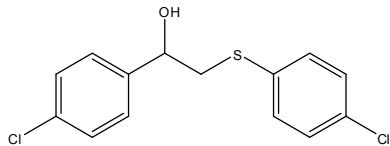
2-(4-fluorophenylthio)-1-phenylethanol (4i)

Oil; 82% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.44-7.30 (m, 7 H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 2 H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.12-3.03 (m, 1 H), 2.88 (br s, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 162.11 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 245.8 Hz, 1 C), 142.04, 133.12 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 129.89 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 128.54, 128.06, 125.83, 116.22 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 71.76, 45.14; EIMS (*m/z*): 248 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃FOS: C, 67.72; H, 5.28; S, 12.91; Found: C, 67.42; H, 5.22, S, 13.13.



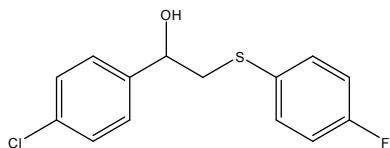
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(p-tolylthio)ethanol (4j)

Oil; 90% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.33-7.20 (m, 6 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 4.67-4.60 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 13.8, 3.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 140.64, 137.38, 133.52, 131.22, 130.51, 130.04, 128.69, 127.25, 70.72, 44.98, 21.07; EIMS (m/z): 278 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClOS}$: C, 64.62; H, 5.42; S, 11.50. Found: C, 64.32; H, 5.59; S, 11.65.



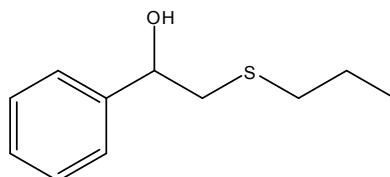
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenylthio)ethanol (4k)

Oil; 81% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.35-7.21 (m, 8 H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.9, 1$ H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 13.8, 3.9$ Hz, 1 H), 3.09-3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (br s, 1 H, OH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 140.33, 133.54, 133.10, 132.87, 131.42, 129.63, 129.14, 128.57, 127.06, 126.86, 125.12, 70.94, 43.80; EIMS (m/z): 298 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{OS}$: C, 56.20; H, 4.04; S, 10.72. Found: C, 56.25; H, 4.16; S, 10.46.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenylthio)ethanol (4l)

Oil; 78% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.33-7.22 (m, 4 H), 7.06 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 9.1, 3.9, 1$ H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 3.9, 13.8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.06-2.98 (m, 2 H, including br s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 162.20 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 246.3$ Hz), 140.46, 133.65, 133.37 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 129.51 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 128.64, 127.22, 116.35 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.7$ Hz), 71.00, 45.04; EIMS (m/z): 282 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClFO}_2$: C, 59.47; H, 4.28; S, 11.34. Found: C, 59.34; H, 4.49; S, 11.01.



1-phenyl-2-(propylthio)ethanol (4m)

Oil; 87% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.41-7.26 (m, 5 H), 4.37 (dd, $J = 9.4, 3.4, 1$ H), 3.02-2.99 (br s, 1 H, OH), 2.93 (dd, $J = 13.7, 3.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (dd, $J = 13.7, 9.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2 H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 142.53, 128.53, 127.85, 125.80, 71.57, 42.11, 34.16, 23.00, 13.43; EIMS (m/z): 196 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{OS}$: C, 67.30; H, 8.22; S, 16.33. Found: C, 67.61; H, 7.94; S, 16.41.

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v. NMR spectra of products **3** and **4**