Tosyl cyanide as a *C*-sulfinylating agent: 3-sulfinylation of 4-hydroxycoumarins and related heterocycles

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General Remarks

NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 400 MHz FT spectrometer at room temperature. All NMR spectra are referenced relative to the solvent residual peak. High resolution mass spectra were measured on a Waters/Micromass GCT and Waters 2996 Photodiode Array Detector instruments. Melting points were recorded in open capillaries and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Varian 3100 FT-IR spectrometer at room temperature using KBr pellets.

Materials

All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. 1,4-Dioxane, *N*,*N*'-dimethylformamide and potassium carbonate were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Tosyl cyanide was purchased from Waterstone Technologies (US) and used as received. Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck aluminium-backed sheets (silica gel 60 F_{254}). Detection was by UV and/or by coloration with ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) or vanillin. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh).

The following compounds were synthesized according to literature procedures: 4-hydroxy-1,6-dimethylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one,¹ 1-benzyl-4-hydroxy-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one,² 4hydroxy-6-methyl-1-phenylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one,³ 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1*H*)-one⁴ and 4-methylphenyl (4-methylphenyl)sulfinyl sulfone.⁵

General procedure for the C-sulfinylation of 4-hydroxy heterocycles

Tosyl cyanide (217 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of substrate (1.0 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (168 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) or a 1,4-dioxane/DMF mixture (1:1 v/v, 5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After the disappearance of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL), the pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min to allow for complete precipitation. The solid was collected by filteration, washed with water (20 mL) and dried overnight *in vacuo* to give the *C*-sulfinylated product. In the case of 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2*H*-pyran-2-one, after pH adjustment, the aq. layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL) and sat. aq. NaCl solution. The organic layer was purified by flash column chromatography.

4-Hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2*H*-chromen-2-one



Isolated as a white solid (270 mg, 90%); Mp: 144-148 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): υ 2920, 1699, 1614, 1557, 1325, 1200; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.41 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 7.24-7.32 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.59-7.63 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.85 (d, *J*

= 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.89-7.93 (m, 1 H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 100.0, 116.3, 117.0, 123.6, 124.5, 125.6, 130.3, 134.2, 139.1, 143.3, 154.2, 158.5, 170.6; HRMS (ESI): C₁₆H₁₂O₄NaS [M + Na]⁺ calculated: 323.0354, found: 323.0341.

4-Hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)-2H-chromen-2-one

OH O Isolated as a white solid (286 mg, 91%); Mp: 148-153 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): v 2920, 1698, 1627, 1357, 1203; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.41 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.67-7.68 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Tol); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.8, 21.5, 99.9, 115.9, 116.8, 123.0, 125.5, 130.3, 134.4, 135.2, 139.2, 143.2, 152.4, 158.6, 170.6; HRMS (ESI): C₁₇H₁₄O₄NaS [M + Na]⁺ calculated: 337.0511, found: 337.0521.

6-Chloro-4-hydroxy-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)-2H-chromen-2-one



Isolated as a white solid (307 mg, 92%); Mp: 171-174 °C; IR (KBr. cm⁻¹): v 3067, 2923, 1716, 1617, 1554, 1325, 1270; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.41 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 7.21 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, Tol), 7.87 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 101.0,

117.4, 118.5, 123.1, 125.6, 130.3, 130.4, 134.1, 138.8, 143.6, 152.5, 157.9, 169.4; HRMS (ESI): $C_{16}H_{11}O_4NaSCI [M + Na]^+$ calculated: 356.9964, found: 356.9959.

4-Hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-one



The title compound was isolated by flash column chromatography (SiO₂; pentane/EtOAc, 40:60) as a cream colored solid (224 mg, 85%); Mp: 110-114 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): υ 2922, 1699, 1639, 1557, 1315, 1170; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.41

(s, 3 H, CH₃), 5.79 (br s, 1 H, C=CH), 7.34 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.1, 21.5, 97.6, 102.6, 125.3, 130.2, 139.5, 143.1, 159.6, 166.2, 174.7; HRMS (ESI): $C_{13}H_{12}O_4NaS [M + Na]^+$ calculated: 287.0354, found: 287.0362.

4-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one



Isolated as a pale brown solid (291 mg, 93%); Mp: 177-182 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): v 2921, 1629, 1566, 1503, 1335, 1176; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.56 (s, 3 H, NCH₃), 7.25-7.33 (m, 4 H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H,

Tol), 8.07 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 28.7, 105.5, 114.2, 116.8, 122.2, 123.9, 125.8, 130.1, 132.9, 140.3, 140.6, 142.7, 159.3, 166.4; HRMS (ESI): $C_{17}H_{15}NO_3NaS [M + Na]^+$ calculated: 336.0670, found: 336.0678.

4-Hydroxy-1,6-dimethyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one



Isolated as a cream colored solid (263 mg, 95%); Mp: 181-185 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): v 3073, 1637, 1570, 1557, 1339, 1220; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.39 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.36 (s, 3 H, NCH₃), 5.77 (s, 1 H, C=CH), 7.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 12.79 (s, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 21.5, 30.2, 102.6, 103.7, 125.6, 130.0, 140.7, 142.4, 150.2, 160.2, 169.6; HRMS (ESI): C₁₄H₁₅NO₃NaS [M + Na]⁺ calculated 300.0670, found: 300.0683.

1-Benzyl-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one



Isolated as a cream colored solid (297 mg, 84%); Mp: 189-195 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): υ 3070, 1635, 1573, 1560, 1335, 1225; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.18 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 4.97 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1 H, PhCH*H*), 5.30 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1 H, PhC*H*H), 5.75 (s, 1

H, C=CH), 7.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.15-7.43 (m, 5 H, Ph-H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 12.87 (s, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.6, 21.5, 46.3, 103.1, 104.0, 125.4, 126.3, 127.5, 128.8, 129.9, 135.9, 140.7, 142.3, 150.5, 160.3, 170.0; HRMS (ESI): C₂₀H₁₉NO₃S [M + Na]⁺ calculated: 376.0983, found: 376.0991.

4-Hydroxy-6-methyl-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one



Isolated as a cream colored solid (312 mg, 92%); Mp: 171-175 °C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): υ 3071, 1642, 1562, 1338, 1226; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.91 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.39 (s, 3 H, Tol-CH₃), 5.84 (bs, 1 H, C=CH), 7.01-7.07 (m, 1 H, Ph-H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 1 H, Ph-H),

7.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 7.38-7.54 (m, 3 H, Ph-H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Tol), 12.98 (s, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4, 21.5, 102.6, 104.0, 125.4, 128.0, 128.1, 129.1, 129.7, 129.7, 129.9, 137.1, 140.5, 142.2, 150.3, 160.4, 170.5; HRMS (ESI): C₁₉H₁₈NO₃NaS [M + Na]⁺ calculated 340.1007, found: 340.1022.

4-Hydroxy-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)-2H-chromen-2-one using TsCN/Et₃N

To a solution of 4-hydroxycoumarin (162 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Et_3N (122 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added tosyl cyanide (217 mg, 1.2 mmol) in one portion at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until TLC analysis indicated the disappearance of the starting material (2 h). The reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL), the pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the aq. layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL) and aq. sat. NaCl solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was

purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂: pentane/EtOAc, 40/60) to give the title compound as a white solid (270 mg, 90%).

4-Hydroxy-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)-2H-chromen-2-one using sulfinyl sulfone (2)/Et₃N

To a solution of 4-hydroxycoumarin (162 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Et₃N (122 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added sulfinyl sulfone **2** (353 mg, 1.2 mmol) in one portion at rt. After stirring the reaction mixture at rt for 6 h, the pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the aq. layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂: pentane/EtOAc, 40/60) to give the sulfinylated product as a white solid (234 mg, 78%).

4-Hydroxy-1,6-dimethyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one using TsCN/Et₃N

To a solution of 4-hydroxy-1,6-dimethylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (139 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Et₃N (122 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane/DMF mixture (1:1 v/v, 5 mL) was added tosyl cyanide (272 mg, 1.5 mmol) in one portion at rt. After stirring the reaction mixture at rt for 2 h, the pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the aq. layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL) and sat. aq. NaCl solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. ¹H NMR analysis of this material indicated a 70% conversion to the title compound.

4-Methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one



This compound was prepared by a modified procedure. To a suspension of 4-hydroxycoumarin (1.00 g, 12 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (2.06 g, 15 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) was added dimethyl sulphate (1.86 g, 1.40 mL, 15 mmol) slowly drop wise at rt and stirring was continued at rt for 14 h. The reaction

mixture pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the aq. layer was extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the title compound as a white solid (0.98 g, 90%). The spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

2-Oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate

To a solution of 4-hydroxycoumarin (162 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Et₃N (122 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added tosyl chloride (229 mg, 1.2 mmol) in one portion at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Water (10 mL) was added, the pH was adjusted to ~2 with 1 M aq. HCl and the mixture was stirred for 5 min to allow for complete precipitation. The solid was collected by filtration, washed with water (20 mL) and recrystallized from DCM/pentane to give the title compound as a white solid (282 mg, 89%). The spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in the literature.⁷

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Crystal structure of 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)-2H-chromen-2-one

(thermal ellipsoids are drawn on the 50% probability level)

Crystal data and structure refinement

Identification code	has27	
Empirical formula	$C_{17}H_{14}O_4S$	
Formula weight	314.34	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /c (#14)	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.2101(6) Å α= 90°.	
	b = 7.1147(2) Å	β= 114.959(5)°.
	$c = 15.2952(7) \text{ Å } \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	1401.94(10) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.489 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	2.204 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	656	
Crystal size	0.1946 x 0.1512 x 0.0507	mm ³
Theta range for data collection	3.43 to 77.01°.	

Index ranges	-17<=h<=17, -8<=k<=8, -17<=l<=13
Reflections collected	16011
Independent reflections	2820 [R(int) = 0.0209]
Completeness to theta = 77.01°	95.6 %
Absorption correction	Analytical
Max. and min. transmission	0.904 and 0.744
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2820 / 0 / 202
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.060
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0302, wR2 = 0.0820
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0305, wR2 = 0.0824
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.267 and $-0.392 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$

Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]

C(1)–C(6)	1.3881(17)
C(1)–C(2)	1.3923(18)
C(1)–H(1)	0.9500
C(2)–C(3)	1.3940(18)
C(2)–H(2)	0.9500
C(3)–C(4)	1.3984(18)
C(3)–C(7)	1.5064(17)
C(7)–H(7A)	0.9800
C(7)–H(7B)	0.9800
C(7)–H(7C)	0.9800
C(4)–C(5)	1.3880(18)
C(4)–H(4)	0.9500
C(5)–C(6)	1.3920(17)
C(5)–H(5)	0.9500
C(6)–S	1.7909(12)
S–O(1)	1.5204(9)
S–C(8)	1.7821(12)

C(8)–C(16)	1.3701(16)
C(8)–C(9)	1.4371(18)
C(9)–O(2)	1.2135(15)
C(9)–O(3)	1.3770(15)
O(3)–C(10)	1.3826(14)
C(10)–C(11)	1.3877(17)
C(10)–C(15)	1.3938(18)
C(11)–C(12)	1.3888(18)
C(11)–H(11)	0.9500
C(12)–C(13)	1.3976(19)
C(12)–H(12)	0.9500
C(13)–C(14)	1.3899(17)
C(13)–C(17)	1.5103(16)
C(17)–H(17A)	0.9800
C(17)–H(17B)	0.9800
C(17)–H(17C)	0.9800
C(14)–C(15)	1.4034(16)
C(14)–H(14)	0.9500
C(15)–C(16)	1.4487(16)
C(16)–O(4)	1.3250(15)
O(4)–H(1O4)	0.8400
C(6)–C(1)–C(2)	119.13(12)
C(6)–C(1)–H(1)	120.4
C(2)–C(1)–H(1)	120.4
C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	120.96(12)
C(1)–C(2)–H(2)	119.5
C(3)–C(2)–H(2)	119.5
C(2)–C(3)–C(4)	118.57(12)
C(2)–C(3)–C(7)	120.53(12)
C(4)–C(3)–C(7)	120.89(12)
C(3)-C(7)-H(7A)	109.5
C(3)–C(7)–H(7B)	109.5

H(7A)-C(7)-H(7B)	109.5
C(3)–C(7)–H(7C)	109.5
H(7A)-C(7)-H(7C)	109.5
H(7B)-C(7)-H(7C)	109.5
C(5)–C(4)–C(3)	121.32(12)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	119.3
C(3)–C(4)–H(4)	119.3
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	118.77(11)
C(4)–C(5)–H(5)	120.6
C(6)–C(5)–H(5)	120.6
C(1)–C(6)–C(5)	121.18(11)
C(1)–C(6)–S	118.34(10)
C(5)–C(6)–S	120.48(9)
O(1)–S–C(8)	104.07(5)
O(1)–S–C(6)	106.34(6)
C(8)–S–C(6)	98.76(5)
C(16)–C(8)–C(9)	122.84(11)
C(16)–C(8)–S	122.10(10)
C(9)–C(8)–S	114.98(9)
O(2)–C(9)–O(3)	117.79(11)
O(2)–C(9)–C(8)	124.75(12)
O(3)–C(9)–C(8)	117.46(10)
C(9)–O(3)–C(10)	121.02(10)
O(3)–C(10)–C(11)	116.80(11)
O(3)–C(10)–C(15)	122.26(11)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	120.94(11)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	118.56(12)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.7
C(12)–C(11)–H(11)	120.7
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	122.16(11)
С(11)-С(12)-Н(12)	118.9
C(13)–C(12)–H(12)	118.9

C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	118.28(11)
C(14)-C(13)-C(17)	120.76(11)
C(12)-C(13)-C(17)	120.96(11)
С(13)-С(17)-Н(17А)	109.5
С(13)-С(17)-Н(17В)	109.5
H(17A)-C(17)-H(17B)	109.5
С(13)-С(17)-Н(17С)	109.5
H(17A)-C(17)-H(17C)	109.5
H(17B)-C(17)-H(17C)	109.5
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	120.69(11)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.7
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	119.7
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	119.37(11)
C(10)-C(15)-C(16)	118.08(11)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	122.55(11)
O(4)-C(16)-C(8)	124.18(11)
O(4)-C(16)-C(15)	117.55(10)
C(8)-C(16)-C(15)	118.27(11)
C(16)-O(4)-H(1O4)	109.5

Hydrogen bonds [Å and $^\circ]$

D–H…A	d(D–H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
O(4)-H(1O4)O(1)	0.84	1.76	2.5435(12)	154.1