

Supporting information for
Iodine-promoted 2-arylsulfanylphenol formation using
cyclohexanones as phenol source

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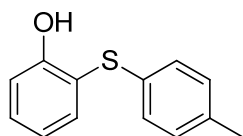
General information

Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 48-75 μm . Unless otherwise noted, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to SiMe_4 or chloroform signals. MS analyses were performed on Agilent 5975 GC-MS instrument (EI). The new compounds were characterized by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, MS and HRMS. The structure of known compounds were further corroborated by comparing their ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR data and MS data with those of literature. Reagents were used as received or prepared by our laboratory.

General procedure for 3aa:

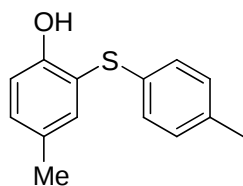
The reaction mixture of cyclohexanone (**1a**, 52 μL , 0.5 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (**2a**, 114 mg, 0.6 mmol), iodine (25.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was stirred at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 18 h under an air atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 95:5) to yield the desired product **3aa** as pale yellow liquid (88.6 mg, 82% yield).

2-(*p*-Tolylthio)phenol (**3aa**, CAS: 59010-83-2):^[1]



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 5H), 6.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.1, 136.7, 136.3, 132.2, 132.1, 130.0, 127.5, 121.2, 117.2, 115.5, 21.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 216 (100), 201, 183, 96, 91.

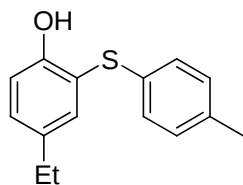
4-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (**3ba**):^[1]



Pale yellow liquid; yield 80%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0

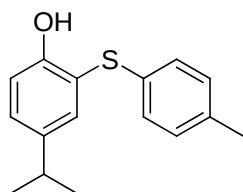
Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 155.0, 136.7, 136.2, 132.8, 132.5, 130.5, 130.1, 127.6, 116.8, 115.3, 21.0, 20.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 230 (100), 197, 110, 91, 77, 65.

4-Ethyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (3ca):^[1]



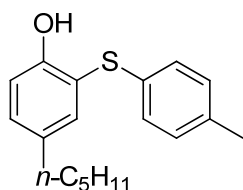
Pale yellow liquid; yield 70%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.58 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 155.2, 137.1, 136.2, 135.6, 132.5, 131.6, 130.0, 127.5, 116.8, 115.4, 27.9, 21.0, 15.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 244 (100), 229, 211, 124, 91, 77.

4-(*iso*-Propyl)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (3da):



Pale yellow liquid; yield 72%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 155.2, 141.8, 136.1, 134.4, 132.5, 130.3, 130.1, 127.3, 116.5, 115.3, 33.3, 24.2, 21.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 258, 243 (100), 151, 123, 91, 79; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 257.0995, found 257.0999.

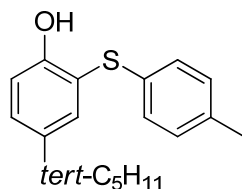
4-Pentyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (3ea):^[1]



Pale yellow liquid; yield 78%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.96 (m, 5H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.53 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.61-1.57 (m, 2H),

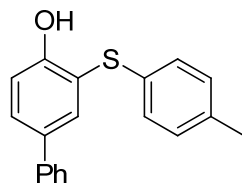
1.33-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 155.2, 136.2, 136.1, 135.8, 132.6, 132.1, 130.0, 127.4, 116.6, 115.3, 34.9, 31.4, 31.3, 22.6, 21.0, 14.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 286, 229 (100), 137, 91, 77, 65.

4-(*tert*-Pentyl)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (3fa):^[1]



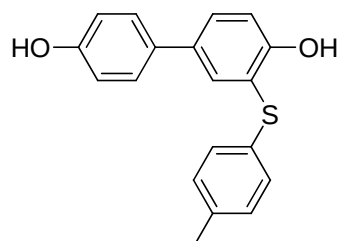
Pale yellow liquid; yield 78%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 0.67 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 154.8, 142.4, 136.0, 134.3, 132.6, 130.0, 129.9, 126.9, 115.9, 114.9, 37.5, 37.0, 28.6, 20.9, 9.2; MS (EI) m/z (%) 286, 257 (100), 134, 91, 77, 65.

3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (3ga):^[1]



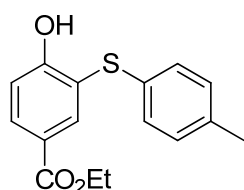
Pale yellow solid; yield 87%; mp 56-58 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 5H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 156.7, 140.0, 136.5, 135.1, 134.6, 132.2, 130.8, 130.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 118.0, 116.0, 21.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 292 (100), 172, 139, 91, 77, 65.

3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diol (3ha):



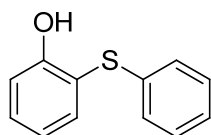
White solid; yield 84%; mp 119-121 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.71-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 5H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm) δ 157.0, 155.5, 136.8, 132.8, 132.0, 131.0, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 127.5, 127.1, 121.5, 116.5, 116.2, 21.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 308(100), 281, 207, 188, 91, 28; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 307.0787, found 307.0791.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolylthio)benzoate (3ia):^[1]



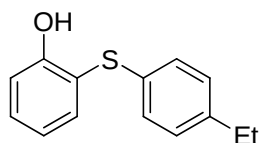
Pale yellow solid; yield 75%; mp 72-74 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 5H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 165.7, 160.8, 138.4, 136.8, 133.5, 131.3, 130.2, 128.1, 123.7, 118.2, 115.4, 61.0, 21.0, 14.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 288 (100), 260, 243, 171, 91, 63.

2-(Phenylthio)phenol (3ab, CAS: 55214-86-3):^[2]



Pale yellow liquid; yield 65%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 3H) 6.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.3, 136.9, 135.9, 132.3, 129.2, 127.0, 126.2, 121.3, 116.5, 115.6; MS (EI) m/z (%) 202 (100), 169, 141, 96, 77, 51.

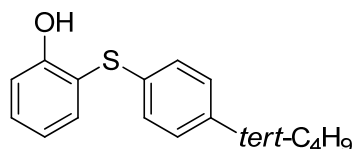
2-((4-Ethylphenyl)thio)phenol (3ac):



Pale yellow liquid; yield 83%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36

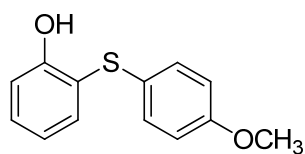
(t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 5H), 6.94 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H); 2.61-2.55 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.2, 142.7, 136.7, 132.4, 132.0, 128.8, 127.6, 121.1, 117.3, 115.5, 28.3, 15.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 230 (100), 215, 105, 91, 77, 63; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 229.0682, found 229.0686.

2-((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)thio)phenol (3ad, CAS: 2976-28-5):^[3]



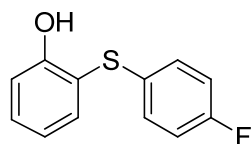
Pale yellow liquid; yield 85%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.3, 149.5, 136.9, 132.3, 132.2, 127.0, 126.4, 121.3, 116.9, 115.6, 34.5, 31.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 258, 243(100), 125, 108, 97, 77.

2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)phenol (3ae):^[1]



Pale yellow solid; yield 64%; mp 62-64 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 159.0, 156.8, 136.1, 131.6, 130.3, 126.2, 121.2, 118.8, 115.5, 115.1, 55.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 232 (100), 217, 171, 108, 96.

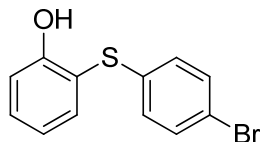
2-((4-Fluorophenyl)thio)phenol (3af):^[1]



Pale yellow liquid; yield 80%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 3H), 6.49 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 161.7 (d, $J = 243.0$ Hz), 157.1, 136.6, 132.3, 130.9 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 129.3 (d, $J =$

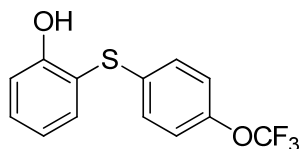
8.0 Hz), 121.4, 117.1, 116.4 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 115.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 220, 128, 96 (100), 75, 61.

2-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)phenol (3ag, CAS: 1254831-59-8):^[1]



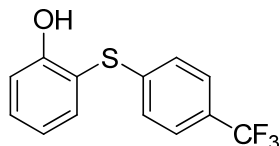
Pale yellow liquid; yield 70%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.92 (m, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.3, 136.9, 135.2, 132.7, 132.3, 128.4, 121.6, 120.0, 115.8, 115.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 282, 280, 201, 168, 96 (100).

2-((4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)thio)phenol (3ah):



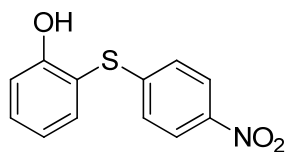
Pale yellow liquid; yield 66%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.3, 147.6, 136.9, 134.7, 132.7, 128.0, 121.9, 121.6, 120.4 (q, $J = 256.0$ Hz), 115.8, 115.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 286 (100), 201, 171, 128, 96; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 285.0192, found 285.0195.

2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)phenol (3ai):



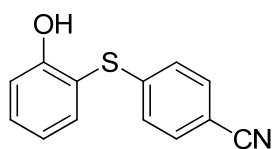
Pale yellow liquid; yield 46%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.01 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.4, 141.2, 137.1, 133.0, 128.1 (q, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 126.1, 126.0 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 124.0 (q, $J = 270.0$ Hz), 121.7, 116.0, 114.5; MS (EI) m/z (%) 270 (100), 251, 171, 96, 69; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 269.0243, found 269.0247.

2-((4-Nitrophenyl)thio)phenol (3aj):^[4]



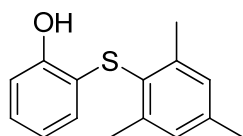
Yellow solid; yield 36%; mp 99-101 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), , 6.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.5, 145.9, 137.1, 133.4, 126.5, 126.0, 124.4, 124.2, 121.9, 116.3; MS (EI) m/z (%) 247 (100), 230, 200, 171, 97.

4-((2-Hydroxyphenyl)thio)benzonitrile (3ak):^[5]



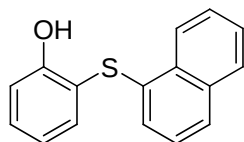
Pale yellow solid; yield 42%; mp 82-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.52-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), , 6.29 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.5, 143.5, 137.1, 133.3, 132.8, 132.6, 126.7, 126.3, 121.8, 118.5, 116.2; MS (EI) m/z (%) 227 (100), 198, 166, 96, 63.

2-(Mesitylthio)phenol (3al):



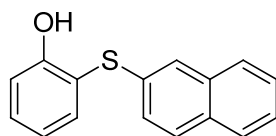
Pale yellow solid; yield 75%; mp 61-63 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 154.1, 142.9, 139.1, 129.9, 129.7, 127.9, 122.2, 121.4, 115.4, 110.0, 21.9, 21.1; MS (EI) m/z (%) 244, 150, 120 (100), 105, 91, 77; HRMS calcd. for: C₁₅H₁₅OS [M-H]⁻: 243.0838, found 243.0842.

2-(Naphthalen-1-ylthio)phenol (3am):



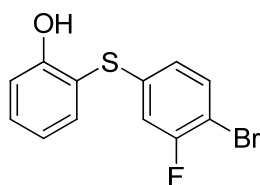
Pale yellow solid; yield 73%; mp 87-89 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.4, 136.9, 134.1, 133.0, 132.2, 131.4, 128.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 124.6, 124.0, 121.6, 116.3, 115.9; MS (EI) m/z (%) 252, 189, 128 (100), 115, 77; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 251.0525, found 251.0530.

2-(Naphthalen-2-ylthio)phenol (3an):^[1]

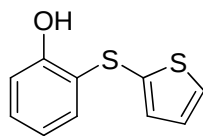


Pale yellow liquid; yield 79%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.77-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.4, 136.9, 133.8, 133.2, 132.3, 131.9, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 125.9, 125.4, 125.3, 121.4, 116.6, 115.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 252, 219, 128 (100), 115, 77.

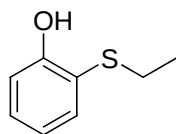
2-((4-Bromo-3-fluorophenyl)thio)phenol (3ao):



Pale yellow liquid; yield 56%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 159.4 (d, $J = 248.0$ Hz), 157.3, 138.0 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 136.9, 133.9, 133.0, 123.4 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 121.7, 116.1, 115.0, 114.7 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz), 106.4 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (%) 300 (100), 218, 186, 109, 96, 63; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{BrFOS}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 296.9380, found 296.9382.

2-(Thiophen-2-ylthio)phenol (3ap):

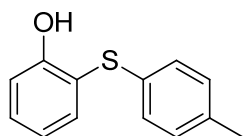
Pale yellow solid; yield 43%; mp 39-41 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.00-6.87 (m, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 156.0, 134.9, 133.6, 132.1, 131.5, 129.1, 127.6, 121.2, 120.4, 115.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 208 (100), 175, 147, 96, 84, 71; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{OS}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 206.9933, found 206.9935.

2-(Ethylthio)phenol (3aq, CAS: 29549-60-8)^[6]:

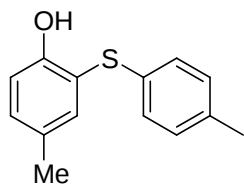
Pale yellow liquid; yield 43%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.72 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.1, 136.1, 131.1, 120.7, 118.8, 114.7, 30.8, 14.9; MS (EI) m/z (%) 154 (100), 139, 126, 97, 53.

General procedure (5aa):

Iodine (15.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid sodium (**4a**, 107 mg, 0.6 mmol) were added to a 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel. The reaction vessel was purged with argon for three times and was added diether phosphite (50 μL , 0.4 mmol), cyclohexanone (**1a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol), DMSO (0.1 mL) and toluene (0.5 mL) by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 98:2) to yield the desired product **5aa** as pale yellow liquid (30.6 mg, 71% yield). The product is same as **3aa**.

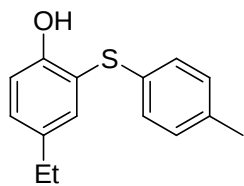


4-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (5ba):^[1]



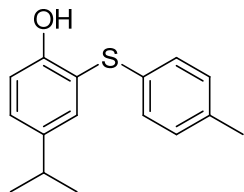
Pale yellow liquid; yield 75%. The product is same as **3ba**.

4-Ethyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (5ca):^[1]



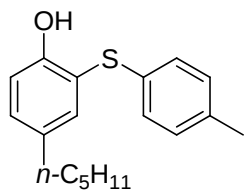
Pale yellow liquid; yield 83%. The product is same as **3ca**.

4-(*iso*-Propyl)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (5da):



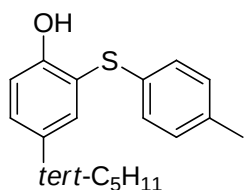
Pale yellow liquid; yield 81%. The product is same as **3da**.

4-Pentyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (5ea):^[1]



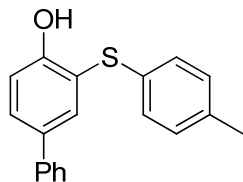
Pale yellow liquid; yield 83%. The product is same as **3ea**.

4-(*tert*-Pentyl)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol (5fa):^[1]



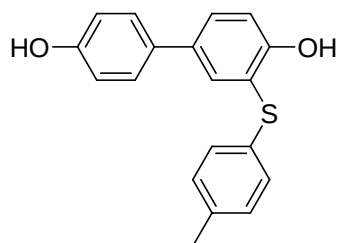
Pale yellow liquid; yield 85%. The product is same as **3fa**.

3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (5ga):^[1]



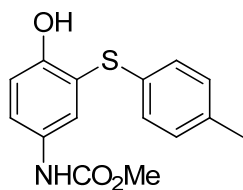
Pale yellow solid; yield 80%. The product is same as **3ga**.

3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diol (5ha):



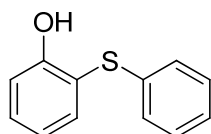
White solid; yield 68%. The product is same as **3ha**.

N-(4-Hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolylthio)phenyl)acetamide (5ia):^[1]



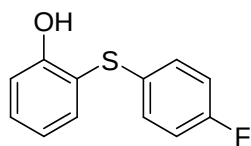
Pale yellow liquid; yield 50%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 6H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 168.5, 153.8, 136.6, 131.7, 131.2, 130.1, 128.1, 128.0, 124.5, 117.9, 115.6, 24.2, 21.0; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 273 (100), 231, 207, 139, 111, 91.

2-(Phenylthio)phenol (5ab, CAS: 55214-86-3):^[2]



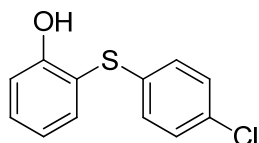
Pale yellow liquid; yield 64%. The product is same as **3ab**.

2-((4-Fluorophenyl)thio)phenol (5ac):^[1]



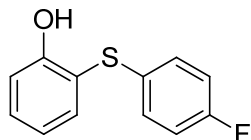
Pale yellow liquid; yield 75%. The product is same as **3af**.

2-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)phenol (5ad, CAS: 59010-71-8):^[1]



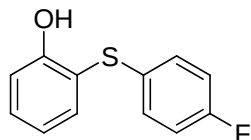
Pale yellow liquid; yield 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 157.2, 136.8, 134.5, 132.5, 132.3, 129.3, 128.3, 121.4, 116.2, 115.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 236 (100), 220, 200, 168, 96.

2-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)phenol (5ae, CAS: 1254831-59-8):^[1]



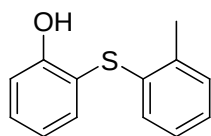
Pale yellow liquid; yield 68%; The product is same as **3ag**.

2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)phenol (5af):



Pale yellow liquid; yield 42%. The product is same as **3ai**.

2-(o-Tolylthio)phenol (5ag):^[1]



Pale yellow liquid; yield 56%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 157.4, 136.8, 135.7, 134.9, 134.9, 132.0, 130.4, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 121.4, 115.6, 20.0; MS (EI) m/z (%) 216 (100), 201, 122, 96, 91.

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