## **Supporting Information**

# Radical Addition Cascade Cyclization of 1,6-Enynes with DMSO to Access Methylsulfonylated and Carbonylated Benzofurans under Transition-Metal-Free Conditions

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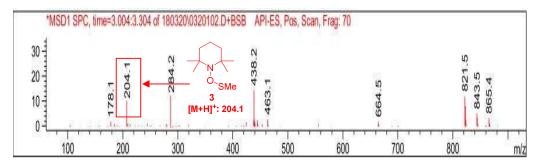
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#### 1. The control experiments

#### 1.1. Free radical-trapping experiment A

To a sealed tube were added 1,6-enyne **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NH<sub>4</sub>I (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv), TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), DMSO (1.6 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was stopped, no desired product **2a** was detected by TLC and LC-MS, indicating that the reaction was completely inhibited. Meanwhile, a methylthiyl radical (MeS·) trapping product **3** was observed through the LC-MS analysis of the reaction solution (Figure S1).



**Figure S1.** LC-MS analysis of the radical trapping product **3**.

#### 1.2. Free radical-trapping experiment B

To a sealed tube were added 1,6-enyne **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NH<sub>4</sub>I (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv), DMSO (1.6 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 h and then TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added under air atmosphere. The reaction was continued for 12 h. After the reaction was stopped, the desired product **2a** was separated in 15% yields.

Meanwhile, a radical trapping product 4 was observed through LC-MS analysis of the reaction solution (Figure S2).

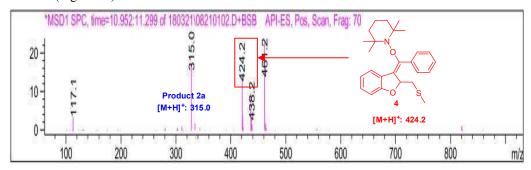


Figure S2. LC-MS analysis of the radical trapping product 4.

#### 1.3. The isotopic labeling experiments

The isotopic labeling experiment was performed according to the general procedure for the preparation of 2a except changing DMSO to DMSO- $d_6$ . The desired product  $2a-d_3$  was obtained in 70% yield (Figure S3).

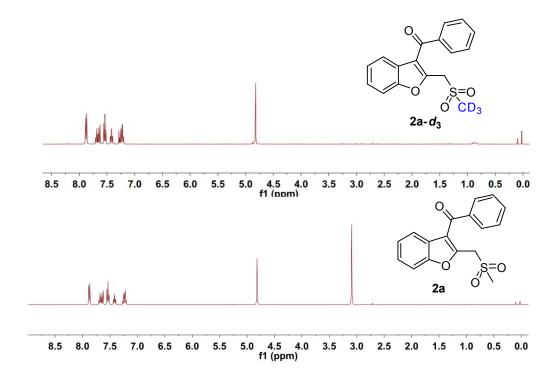
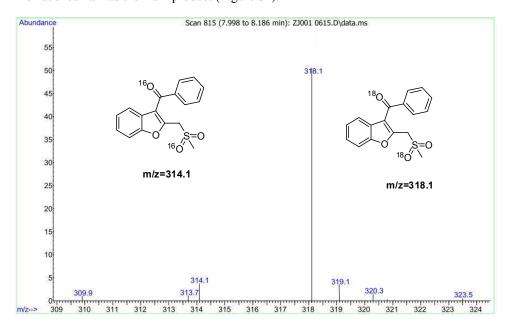


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of 2a and 2a- $d_3$ .

### 1.4. H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>18</sup>-isotope labeling experiment

To identify the source of oxygen in product 2a, <sup>18</sup>O-labeling experiment was performed using  $H_2O^{18}$  under the standard condition, and the subsequent GC-MS analysis revealed that the <sup>18</sup>O-labelled 2a was the main product (Figure S4).



**Figure S4.** GC-MS analysis of <sup>18</sup>O-labelled product **2a**.

# 2. $^{1}$ H and $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of the products 2

