Supporting Information

Reaction of arynes with sulfoxides

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1. Table 1S. Optimization of the reaction conditions^{*a*}



Entry	Fluoride	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%)
1	n-Bu ₄ NF	25	trace
2	KF	25	trace
3	AlF ₃	25	0
4	CaF ₂	25	0
5	NaF	25	0
6	MgF_2	25	0
7	CsF	25	23
8	CsF	40	35
9	CsF	50	39
10	CsF	60	38
11^{b}	CsF	50	80

^{*a*}Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mL) and fluoride (0.75 mmol) under air for 3 h, isolated yield. ^{*b*}16 h.

2. The reaction of benzyne with *d6*-DMSO



To disclose the position of deuteration, we have performed 1D and 2D NMR experiments (Scheme 1S-5S). Based on our observation, we conclude that the site of deuteration is in the *ortho* position of **3aa**. Herein, we supply our analysis in this SI.

1) General remarks:

As described in the ref. 1 (Vanderheiden, S.; Bulat, B.; Zevaco, T.; Jung, N.; Brase, S., *Chem. Commun.* **2011**, *47*, 9063-9065.), when carbons are directly connected to deuterium, the ¹³C NMR signals are often hard to detect owing to the lower sensitivity compared to ¹H NMR. Our observations are in agreement with this reported.¹

2) Analysis of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR

As shown in Scheme 1S and 2S, in the¹³C NMR spectrum of *d4*-**3aa**, the carbon signals of -CD₃ (14.849 ppm) and -CD (two C_a at 117.891ppm *vs* one C_a at 117.915 ppm) are both disappeared.¹ Moreover, the symmetry of meta-position(C_b) is broken due to the deuteration. Compared with **3aa**, a new carbon signal (129.584 ppm) is appeared in the spectrum of *d4*-**3aa** (Scheme 1S). The ¹H NMR spectrum of *d4*-**3aa** clearly indicates that one proton signal (6.959-6.981 ppm) is disappeared (Scheme 2S).

3) Analysis of HSQC of 3aa and d4-3aa

The deuteration in *ortho* position was further verified with the aid of HSQC two-dimensional NMR experiments (Scheme 3S, 4S). Both HSQC spectrums of *d4*-**3aa** and **3aa** showed that H signals (6.96-6.98 ppm, Peak 1) were correlated to C signal (117.9 ppm), and H signals (7.30-7.34 ppm, Peak 2) were correlated to C signal (129.7). The chemical shifts of CaHa are less than that of CbHb because of the electron-donating effect of O-group effect. Thus the chemical shifts at 6.96-6.98 ppm (H signals, Peak 1) and 117.9 ppm (C signal) were assigned for *ortho* position. We also performed ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of *d4*-**3aa** (Scheme 5S), and the result showed the correlations as follows:

Peak 1 with Peak 2; Peak 2 with Peak 1 and Peak 3.

From the correlations in the HSQC and COSY spectra, the following signals were assigned:

ortho position of **3aa**: Peak 1, H_a, 6.96-6.98 ppm; C_a, 117.9 ppm. *meta* position of **3aa**: Peak 2, H_b, 7.30-7.34 ppm; C_b, 129.7 ppm. *ortho* position of *d4*-**3aa**: Peak 1, H_a, 6.96-6.98 ppm; C_a, 117.9 ppm. *meta* position of *d4*-**3aa**: Peak 2, H_b, 7.30-7.34 ppm; C_b, 129.6, 129.7 ppm.

In summary, these results clearly indicate the deuteration is in *ortho* position.



Scheme 1S. The ¹³C NMR of 3aa and *d4*-3aa



Scheme 2S. The ¹H NMR of 3aa and *d4*-3aa

Scheme 3S. HSQC of d4-3aa



Scheme 4S. HSQC of 3aa



Scheme 5S. ¹H-¹H COSY of *d4-3*aa



3. Ylide trapping experiment with 2b and isatin

Scheme 6S. Ylide trapping experiment with 2b and isatin



4. Reactions of cyclic sulfloxide and unsymmetrical

3-methoxybenzyne

Scheme 7S. The reaction of benzyne with cyclic sulfloxide 2p or 2q.



When the cyclic sulfloxide **2p** or **2q** was used as a substrate, the double de-alkylation of sulfoxide was occurred. Three molecules of benzyne participated in assembling the product **3ab**, accompanying the double de-alkylation of sulfoxide (Scheme 7S). The reactions gave low yields (10% and 17%). Based on our primary results and previous report (Ref. 21 in maintext), we herein present a possible mechanism to explain the formation of unexpected product **3ab** (Scheme 7S). The product thioether **C1** could be obtained *via* the formation of **A1** and subsequent ylide reaction of **B1** with **E**. This pathway has been described in the Scheme 4

in the maintext. However, we think that **C1** is not the final product. The reaction does not stop at the stage of formation of **C1**, and a subsequent reaction of **C1** with benzyne occurs to give another ylide **D1**, which undergoes ylide reaction with electrophile **E**' to provide product **3ab**. The similar ylide forming pathway of **D1** from benzyne and thioether has been recently disclosed by ref. 21. In the cases of cyclic sulfloxide **2p** and **2q**, we speculated that above side-reactions led to the unexpected product **3ab**.

Ref. 21 in maintext:

(21) Xu, H.-D.; Cai, M.-Q.; He, W.-J.; Hu, W.-H.; Shen, M.-H. *RSC Adv.* **2014**, *4*, 7623.

Scheme 8S. The reaction of unsymmetrical 3-methoxybenzyne with DMSO.



As shown in Scheme 8S, the reaction of unsymmetrical 3-methoxybenzyne **1e** produced a mixture of isomers, which could not be separated using column chromatography. Only one insertion product **7** was obtained by HPLC.

5. Experimental details and characterization data for compounds 3-7

5.1 General remarks

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE AV400 (400MHz for H and 100MHz for C). Signal positions were recorded in ppm with the abbreviations s, d, t, q, and m denoting singlet, doublet, triplet, quartet, and multiplet respectively. All NMR chemical shifts were referenced to residual solvent peaks or to Si(CH₃)₄ as an internal standard. NMR Spectra recorded in CDCl₃ were referenced to residual CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm for ¹H or 77.0 ppm for ¹³C. NMR spectra recorded in CD₃OD were referenced to residual CH₃OH at 3.34 ppm for ¹H or 49.86 ppm for ¹³C. All coupling constants *J* were quoted in Hz. Data were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity, coupling constant and integration. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on 0.25mm silica gel glass plates coated with 60 F254. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using a mixture of petroleum ether (60-90°C)/ethyl acetate as eluant. Commercially available reagents were used as received without further purification. Raw materials **1c**², **2b-2p**³ were prepared relied on the related references.

5.2 Representative Procedure

Preparation of methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane 3aa

2-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 122 μ L, 1 equiv) was added to a mixture of DMSO **2a** (7.0 mmol, 0.5 mL, 14 equiv) and CsF (0.75 mmol, 113 mg, 1.5 equiv) under air. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 16 h. Then 10 mL of water was added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate (10 mL) for 3 times. The combined organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the product methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane **3aa** (43 mg, 80%).

Preparation of (2-phenoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane 3ab and

(2-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane 6ab

2-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 122 μ L, 1 equiv) was added to a mixture of methyl phenyl sulfoxide **2b** (0.75 mmol, 105 mg, 1.5 equiv), CsF (0.75 mmol, 113 mg, 1.5 equiv) and DME (0.5 mL) under air. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 16 h. Then 10 mL of water was added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate (10 mL) for 3 times. The combined organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the product (2-phenoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane **3ab** (46 mg, 72%) and (2-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane **6ab** (20 mg, 8%).

5.3 The characterization of the products

Methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3aa). White solid (43.2 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.2, 153.6, 130.7, 129.7, 126.8, 126.0, 124.4, 123.0, 119.3, 117.9, 14.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₂OS[M+Na] ⁺: 239.0501, found

239.0505.



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6ab

(2-Phenoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (3ab). Yellow oil (45.9 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.89 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.0, 154.7, 134.0, 132.3, 131.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 124.2, 123.2, 119.4, 118.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄OS[M+Na]⁺: 301.0658, found 301.0663.

(2-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6ab).Yellow oil (19.5 mg, 8%). ¹H
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H),
7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.86 (m,
2H); 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.4, 134.5, 131.7,
131.5, 129.1, 128.3, 127.0, 124.1, 121.2, 110.9, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z

calcd for C₁₃H₁₂OS[M+Na]⁺: 239.0501, found 239.0504.

(2-Phenoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfane (3ac). Yellow oil. (43.8 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.16-6.95 (m, 8H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.2, 153.9, 138.1, 133.5, 130.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 127.3, 124.2, 123.1, 119.4, 118.2, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆OS[M+Na]⁺: 315.0814, found 315.0817.



(2-Methoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfane (6ac). Yellow oil. (11.5 mg, 10%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83(t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.6, 137.7, 132.9, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 127.4, 125.7, 121.2, 110.6, 55.9, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄OS[M+Na]⁺: 253.0658, found 253.0649.

(2-Methoxyphenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ad). Yellow oil (42.4 mg, 55%). (?? mg,



55%).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.3, 157.1, 155.2, 133.2, 131.7, 129.6, 129.0, 127.9, 127.1, 124.0, 123.2, 122.0, 121.2, 119.1, 118.5, 111.1, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₂S[M+Na] ⁺:

331.0763, found 331.0760.

Bis(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ad). White solid (5 mg, 4%).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ



7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92-6.85 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.9, 132.0, 128.4, 122.7, 121.2, 110.8, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂S[M+Na]⁺: 269.0607, found 269.0610.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ae). Yellow oil (37.8 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.82 (m, 7H), 3.74(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1, 157.2, 153.1, 136.3, 131.3, 129.7, 128.9, 126.7, 124.3, 123.1, 122.6, 119.3, 118.1, 115.1, 55.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₂S[M+Na]⁺: 331.0763, found 331.0765.



(4-Fluorophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3af). White solid (40.0 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.7 (d, J = 246.6 Hz), 157.0, 154.3, 135.1 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 130.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 127.9, 124.3, 123.3, 119.5, 118.2, 116.4 (d, J = 21.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FOS[M+Na] ⁺:

319.0563, found 319.0567.

(4-Fluorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6af). Yellow oil (26.9 mg, 23%) ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 156.8, 134.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 130.4, 129.0, 128.0, 125.0, 121.3, 116.3 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 110.8, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FOS[M+Na]⁺: 257.0407, found 257.0408.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ag). White solid (39.8 mg,



51%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.19 (m, 8H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9, 155.1, 133.4, 133.0, 132.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 127.3, 124.3, 123.3, 119.5, 118.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClOS[M+Na] ⁺: 335.0268, found 335.0265.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ag). White solid (20.0 mg, 16%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H); 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.7, 133.7, 132.8, 132.4, 132.0, 129.2, 129.0, 123.0, 121.3, 111.1, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁ClOS[M+Na] ⁺: 273.0111, found 273.0115.

(4-Bromophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ah). White solid (40.9



mg, 46%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9, 155.3, 133.8, 133.0, 132.6, 132.2, 129.7, 128.8, 127.0, 124.3, 123.3, 121.3, 119.5, 118.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃BrOS[M+Na] ⁺: 378.9763, found 378.9765.



(4-Bromophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ah). Yellow oil (23.5 mg, 16%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.14(m, 3H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.8, 134.6, 132.7, 132.1, 132.0, 129.2, 122.6, 121.3, 120.6, 111.1, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrOS[M+Na]⁺: 316.9606, found 316.9605.



4-((2-Phenoxyphenyl)thio)benzonitrile (3ai). Yellow oil (21.2 mg, 28%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.6, 156.3, 144.4, 136.3, 132.2, 131.2, 129.8, 127.8, 124.3, 123.8, 122.0, 119.3, 118.8, 118.7, 108.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₃NOS[M+Na]⁺:

326.0610, found 326.0612.

4-((2-Methoxyphenyl)thio)benzonitrile (6ai). White solid (15.7 mg, 13%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CDCl₃): δ 7.49-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6, 145.1, 136.6, 132.1, 131.6, 126.8, 121.6, 118.9, 118.1, 111.7, 108.3, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₁NOS[M+Na]⁺: 264.0454, found 264.0456.

(2-Fluorophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3aj). Yellow oil (34.0 mg,



46%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9 (d, J = 246.2 Hz), 156.9, 155.0, 134.6, 131.4, 129.9, (d, J = 7.7 Hz) 129.7, 128.3, 126.6, 124.7, 124.2, 123.3, 119.3, 118.4, 116.1, 115.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for

 $C_{18}H_{13}FOS[M+Na]^+$: 319.0563, found 319.0564.

(2-Fluorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6aj). Yellow oil (10.6 mg, 9%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.5 (d, J = 245.6 Hz), 157.5, 133.7, 131.4, 129.3 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.6, 124.6, 122.3, 121.6 (d, J = 17.9 Hz), 121.3, 115.9 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 111.0, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FOS[M+Na] ⁺: 257.0407, found

257.0406.

(2-Iodophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ak). White solid (24.3 mg, 24%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.88 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.7, 156.1, 140.3, 139.8, 133.5, 130.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 124.2, 123.5, 119.2, 118.8, 118.3, 101.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃IOS[M+Na]⁺: 426.9624, found 426.9615.

(2-Iodophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ak). Yellow oil (25.7 mg, 15%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (dd, J = 1.2 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

158.6, 141.1, 139.6, 134.2, 130.0, 129.4, 128.6, 127.3, 122.0, 121.5, 111.4, 99.6, 55.9.

(2-Ethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6al). Yellow oil (18.4 mg, 16%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):



δ 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.01 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H); 3.98 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.6, 134.6, 131.7, 131.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.0, 124.7, 121.0, 112.0, 64.3, 14.6; MS (EI) m/z calcd

for C₁₄H₁₄OS: 230.0, found 230.0.

(2-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6am). Yellow oil (20.5 mg, 14%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 1H); 5.11 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.5, 136.7, 134.8, 131.9, 131.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 125.5, 124.8, 121.5, 112.6, 70.4; MS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆OS: 292.0, found 292.1.

(2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenoxy)-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3ba). Yellow solid (42.0



mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 2.4 Hz, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 149.9, 148.9, 148.7, 145.8, 144.7, 119.7, 113.5, 111.7, 107.7, 104.8, 102.5, 56.5, 56.3, 56.2, 55.9, 17.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₅S[M+H] ⁺: 337.1104, found 337.1110.

Methyl(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ba). Yellow solid (10.7 mg, 10%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.6, 148.8, 143.3, 115.8, 115.0, 98.1, 56.8, 56.7, 56.3, 17.0; HRMS (ESI)

m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{14}O_3S[M+H]^+$: 237.0556, found 237.0558.

(2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenoxy)-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (3bb). Yellow oil (58.7 mg,



59%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J = 2.8 Hz, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.773-3.769 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.8, 151.0, 150.4,

149.8, 145.6, 144.8, 137.1, 128.8, 126.0, 117.4, 115.3, 111.6, 108.4, 104.4, 102.8, 56.3, 56.2, 56.1, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₅S[M+H]⁺: 399.1261, found 399.1267.

Phenyl(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (6bb). Yellow oil (22.1 mg, 16%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CDCl₃): δ 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.5, 150.8, 143.5, 137.7, 128.8, 127.7, 125.5, 118.9, 110.8, 98.1, 57.0, 56.6, 56.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃S[M+H]⁺: 277.0893, found 277.0888.



(2-Isopropoxy-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6bn). Yellow oil (10.6 mg, 7%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.47-4.38 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 150.2, 144.0, 137.8,

128.7, 128.5, 125.7, 117.9, 114.2, 102.4, 73.2, 56.4, 56.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{20}O_3S[M+H]^+$: 305.1206, found 305.1211.

(2-(3,4-Difluorophenoxy)-4,5-difluorophenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3ca). Yellow oil (7.2 mg, 10%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 150.6 (dd, J = 248.8 Hz, 13.9 Hz), 148.0 (dd, J = 247.7 Hz, 13.9 Hz), 148.4 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 147.7 (dd, J = 202.2 Hz, 12.9 Hz), 145.6 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 127.4 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 117.7 (d, J = 18.7 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 113.1, 109.3 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 107.4 (d, J = 20.1 Hz), 15.2; MS (EI) m/z

calcd for C₁₃H₈F₄OS: 288.0, found 288.1.

(4,5-Difluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (6ca). Yellow oil (6.7 mg, 7%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.98 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, J =10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, J =12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.5 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 148.1 (dd, J = 244.5 Hz, 13.5 Hz), 144.7

(dd, J = 239.9 Hz, 12.8 Hz), 122.6 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 20.6 Hz), 110.5 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 56.5, 15.2; MS (EI) m/z calcd for C₈H₈F₂OS: 190.0, found 190.0.

(2-(3,4-Difluorophenoxy)-4,5-difluorophenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (3cb). Yellow oil (25.4 mg, 29%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.7 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 151.2 (dd, J = 134.2 Hz, 14.1 Hz), 149.5-149.3 (m), 148.5 (d, J = 12.9 Hz), 148.1-147.9 (m), 145.8 (dd, J = 12.9 Hz, 39.0 Hz), 132.8 , 132.3, 129.6, 128.5, 125.5 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 119.3 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 117.7(d, J

= 18.6 Hz), 113.4, 109.3 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 107.7 (d, J = 20.0 Hz); MS (EI) m/z calcd for $C1_8H_{10}F_4OS$: 350.0, found 350.1.

(4,5-Difluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6cb). Yellow oil (34.0 mg, 27%). ¹H NMR



(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 148.5 (dd, J = 13.9 Hz, 13.9 Hz), 143.6 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 12.4 Hz), 132.4, 130.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.8, 118.4 (d, J = 20.1 Hz), 99.9 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 55.6; MS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₀F₂OS: 252.0, found 252.0.

(3-(Naphthalen-2-yloxy)naphthalen-2-yl)(phenyl)sulfane (3db). White solid (10.4 mg, 11%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.16 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.7, 153.1, 134.3, 133.7, 133.1, 132.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.3, 124.8, 119.9,

114.9, 114.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{26}H_{18}OS[M+Na]^+$: 401.0971, found 401.0969.

1-Methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-oxiran]-2-one (5)⁴. White solid. (80 mg, 91%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 H, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.8, 145.1, 130.4, 122.9, 122.7, 122.1, 108.9, 56.4, 54.1, 26.7.

Methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane-d4 (d4-3aa)⁵. White solid. (45 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 H, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 0.37H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.2, 153.6, 129.7, 129.6, 126.8, 126.0, 124.4, 123.0, 119.3, 117.9; MS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₈D₄OS: 220.1, found 220.1.

(2,6-Dimethoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (7)⁶. White solid (10.2 mg, 11%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,



CD₃OD-*d*₄): δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD-*d*₄): δ 160.6, 129.2, 119.5, 104.1, 55.2, 16.3.

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Methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3aa)







(2-Phenoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (3ab).







(2-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6ab).



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(2-Phenoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfane (3ac).







(2-Methoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfane (6ac).

(2-Methoxyphenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ad).

Bis(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ad).

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(4-Fluorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6af).







(4-Chlorophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ag).





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(4-Chlorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ag).





(4-Bromophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ah).







(4-Bromophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ah).







4-((2-Phenoxyphenyl)thio)benzonitrile (3ai).



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4-((2-Methoxyphenyl)thio)benzonitrile (6ai).







(2-Fluorophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3aj).



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(2-Fluorophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6aj).







(2-Iodophenyl)(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane (3ak).





(2-Iodophenyl)(2-methoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ak).





(2-Ethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6al).





(2-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6am).







(2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenoxy)-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3ba).





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Methyl(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (6ba).



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(2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenoxy)-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (3bb).





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Phenyl(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (6bb).





(2-Isopropoxy-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6bn).





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(2-(3,4-Difluorophenoxy)-4,5-difluorophenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3ca).



(4,5-Difluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (6ca).













(4,5-Difluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (6cb).









(3-(Naphthalen-2-yloxy)naphthalen-2-yl)(phenyl)sulfane (3db).
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1-Methylspiro[indoline-3,2'-oxiran]-2-one (5).





Methyl(2-phenoxyphenyl)sulfane-d4 (d4-3aa).







(2,6-Dimethoxyphenyl)(methyl)sulfane (7).

