

A Novel Synthesis of (β -Organochalcogenyl)allyl Phenyl Sulfoxides via Regioselective Hydrochalcogenation Reaction of 1,2-Allenyl Sulfoxides

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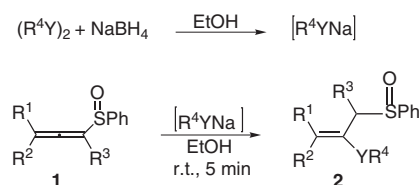
Abstract: (β -Organochalcogenyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxides **2** were prepared by treatment of allenyl sulfoxides **1** with sodium organyl chalcogenolates in good yields. The reaction was regioselective, giving exclusively one isomer in all cases. The applications of (β -phenyltelluro)allyl phenyl sulfoxide **2d** and (β -organosulfanyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxide **2m** in organic synthesis were also described.

Key words: allenyl sulfoxide, hydrochalcogenation, regioselectivity

Allenyl sulfoxides are versatile and valuable building blocks in organic synthesis, as shown by their remarkable utility in the synthesis of a variety of functionalized compounds¹ and natural products.² β -Functionalized allenyl sulfoxides³ are also class of compounds with significant synthetic potential. Hence, efficient and convenient methods for the synthesis of such compounds are still in demand and their goal is a challenge.

In the last few decades, there has been remarkable interest in the synthesis of vinylic chalcogenides and their synthetic applications.⁴ Considering the well-known chemical reactivities of vinylic chalcogenides, β -organochalcogenyl substituted allenyl sulfoxides, which combine the unit of vinylic chalcogenides and allenyl sulfoxides into one molecule, will be intermediates of great synthetic potential. Recently, we⁵ and others^{6–8} have reported the regio- and stereoselective hydrochalcogenation reaction of electron-deficient carbon–carbon triple bond to prepare several functionalized vinylic chalcogenides. Another class of compounds that attracted our interest is the electron-deficient 1,2-dienes, which have been found to have high and unique reactivity.^{9,10} Usually, one of the two carbon–carbon double bonds can be selectively reacted to give vinylic products via delicately tuning the steric and electronic factors. Thus, hydrochalcogenation of electron-deficient allene would be one of the most efficient ways to prepare β -organochalcogenyl substituted allenyl compounds. As a part of ongoing study of this area, in this paper we wish to disclose our recent results on the corresponding hydrochalcogenation reaction of allenyl sulfoxides.

We started our investigations with the hydrotelluration reaction of 1,2-allenyl sulfoxides **1a**. When allenyl sulfoxide **1a** was added to an ethanol solution of sodium phenyltellurolate, prepared by reduction of diphenyl ditelluride with sodium borohydride at room temperature, to our delight, the (β -phenyltelluro)allyl phenyl sulfoxide **2a** was formed in 80% yield with total regioselectivity (Scheme 1, Table 1, entry 1). Then, a series of allenyl sulfoxides¹¹ were prepared to study such a reaction. As shown in Table 1, the substrates can be mono- (entry 1), di- (entry 2) and trisubstituted (entries 3, 4) allenyl sulfoxides. With these results in mind, the similar procedure was used for the synthesis of (β -organoselanyl) and (β -organosulfanyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxides (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1

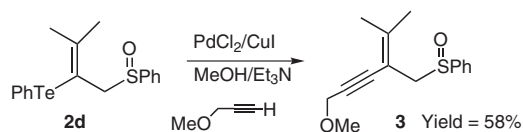
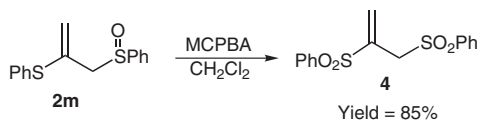
The results are summarized in Table 1 (entries 5–16). These reactions showed exclusive regioselectivity, and only one regioisomer (**2e–p**) was obtained. For the mono-, di-, or trisubstituted allenyl sulfoxides, yields of (β -organoselanyl) (entries 5–12) and (β -organosulfanyl)allyl (entries 13–16) phenyl sulfoxides were very high.

The mechanism for the current regioselective hydrochalcogenation reaction is believed to be a nucleophilic conjugate addition of RY^- to allenyl sulfoxides at the β -position to afford an allenyl carbanion stabilized by the sulfoxide group.

(β -Organochalcogenyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxides **2** are useful intermediates and undergo many transformations in organic chemistry. For example, when compound **2d** was treated with alkyne using $PdCl_2/CuI$ as the catalyst, the β -alkynyl allyl sulfoxide **3** was obtained in moderate yields (Scheme 2). And compound **2m** can be easily oxidized to 2,3-bis(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-ene (**4**)¹² by MCPBA in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature (Scheme 3). Compound **3** has many valuable transformation in organic synthesis, such as α -alkylation reaction,^{1b,13} 1,3-rearrangement,¹⁴ 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition,¹⁵ etc.¹⁶

Table 1 (β -Organochalcogenyl)allyl Phenyl Sulfoxides Prepared

Entry	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴ Y	Yields (%) ^a	Products
1	H	H	H	C ₆ H ₅ Te	80	2a
2	H	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅ Te	79	2b
3		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	H	C ₆ H ₅ Te	81	2c
4	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅ Te	75	2d
5	H	H	H	C ₆ H ₅ Se	83	2e
6	H	H	H	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉ Se	82	2f
7	H	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅ Se	81	2g
8	H	H	C ₆ H ₅	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉ Se	80	2h
9		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	H	C ₆ H ₅ Se	84	2i
10		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	H	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉ Se	82	2j
11	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅ Se	83	2k
12	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉ Se	83	2l
13	H	H	H	C ₆ H ₅ S	84	2m
14	H	H	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅ S	79	2n
15		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	H	C ₆ H ₅ S	80	2o
16	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₅ S	81	2p

^a Isolated yields based on the allenyl sulfoxides.**Scheme 2****Scheme 3**

In summary, we have disclosed here the high efficient regioselective hydrohalcogenation of allenyl sulfoxides to afford synthetically important (β -organochalcogenyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxides. The application of (β -phenyltelluro)allyl phenyl sulfoxide **2d** and (β -organosulfanyl)allyl phenyl sulfoxide **2m** in organic synthesis has also been described.

All ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured in CDCl₃ and recorded on Bruker Avance-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer with TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and *J* values are given in Hz. IR spectra were run on a Bruker vector 22 spectrometer. EIMS were determined with a HP5989B mass spectro-

meter. Elemental analyses were performed on an EA-1110 instrument.

(β -Organochalcogenyl)allyl Phenyl Sulfoxides **2a–p**; General Procedure

A solution of allenyl sulfoxide **1** (0.5 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of RYNa, prepared in situ by reduction of (R⁴Y)₂ (0.25 mmol) with NaBH₄ (0.6 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) at r.t. under N₂. After completion of the reaction (5 min), the mixture was diluted with brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and filtered. Removal of the solvent in vacuo, and purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (5:1) as eluent gave the product **2**.

2a

Yellow oil.

IR (neat): 1610, 1040 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.86–7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 6 H), 7.37–7.24 (m, 2 H), 6.06 (s, 1 H), 5.71 (s, 1 H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.9, 139.9, 131.6, 131.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.0, 124.3, 115.1, 113.2, 69.6.

MS (EI): *m/z* = 373 [*M*⁺ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄OSTe: C, 48.70; H, 3.81. Found: C, 48.64; H, 3.93.

2b

Yellow oil.

IR (neat): 1625, 1040 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82–7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 10 H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 3 H), 4.2 (s, 2 H), 2.1 (s, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.2, 141.8, 140.0, 138.7, 135.2, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 124.1, 111.4, 70.0.

MS (EI): m/z = 449 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSTe}$: C, 56.55; H, 4.07. Found: C, 56.63; H, 3.98.

2c

Yellow oil.

IR (neat): 1620, 1034 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.72–7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 5 H), 7.30–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 2 H), 4.25 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.44–2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.39–2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.15–2.10 (m, 1 H), 1.51–1.49 (m, 5 H), 1.46–1.33 (m, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.4, 143.5, 138.7, 130.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.1, 124.4, 114.3, 98.8, 66.0, 41.6, 31.5, 28.1, 28.0, 26.2.

MS (EI): m/z = 441 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSTe}$: C, 54.84; H, 5.06. Found: C, 54.76; H, 5.18.

2d

Yellow oil.

IR (neat): 1615, 1036 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.75–7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 5 H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 2 H), 4.26 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.0 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 148.2, 143.6, 138.9, 130.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.2, 124.2, 114.0, 101.6, 66.6, 30.4, 20.9.

MS (EI): m/z = 400 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSTe}$: C, 51.30; H, 4.56. Found: C, 51.45; H, 4.48.

2e

Oil.

IR (neat): 1628, 1040 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.55–7.53 (m, 4 H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 3 H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3 H), 5.6 (s, 1 H), 5.42 (s, 1 H), 3.72 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.51 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.3, 135.0, 131.2, 130.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 127.7, 124.2, 123.7, 66.7.

MS (EI): m/z = 323 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OSSe}$: C, 56.07; H, 4.39. Found: C, 56.14; H, 4.30.

2f

Oil.

IR (neat): 1625, 1043 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.53–7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 3 H), 5.39 (s, 1 H), 5.11 (s, 1 H), 3.67 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.58–1.51 (m, 2 H), 1.31 (m, 2 H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.4, 131.2, 129.6, 128.9, 124.3, 119.5, 67.9, 31.2, 26.3, 22.9, 13.5.

MS (EI): m/z = 303 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSSe}$: C, 51.82; H, 6.02. Found: C, 51.91; H, 5.97.

2g

Oil.

IR (neat): 1637, 1032 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.48–7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 4 H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 5 H), 4.19 (s, 2 H), 1.77 (s, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.3, 141.5, 140.2, 138.4, 135.0, 129.1, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 124.1, 112.4, 69.5.

MS (EI): m/z = 399 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSSe}$: C, 63.47; H, 4.57. Found: C, 63.35; H, 4.64.

2h

Oil.

IR (neat): 1645, 1038 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51–7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 3 H), 4.37 (s, 2 H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.04 (s, 1 H), 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.32 (m, 2 H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.5, 135.2, 132.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 126.5, 124.3, 112.6, 68.3, 30.2, 27.8, 23.6, 13.4.

MS (EI): m/z = 379 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSSe}$: C, 60.47; H, 5.88. Found: C, 60.38; H, 5.80.

2i

Oil.

IR (neat): 1630, 1034 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.52–7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 3 H), 4.11 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.63 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.63–2.60 (m, 1 H), 2.52–2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.30–2.25 (m, 1 H), 2.06–2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 5 H), 1.36–1.34 (m, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.9, 143.7, 132.1, 130.9, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.0, 124.3, 111.3, 64.2, 36.2, 31.9, 28.1, 28.0, 26.1.

MS (EI): m/z = 391 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSSe}$: C, 61.69; H, 5.69. Found: C, 61.75; H, 5.60.

2j

Oil.

IR (neat): 1628, 1035 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.60–7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.44–7.43 (m, 3 H), 4.16 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.56–2.53 (m, 1 H), 2.42–2.39 (m, 1 H), 2.10–2.07 (m, 1 H), 1.86–1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 2 H), 1.46–1.40 (m, 3 H), 1.39–1.32 (m, 4 H), 1.18–1.16 (m, 1 H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 153.9, 144.6, 130.9, 128.9, 124.5, 109.9, 65.2, 36.0, 32.2, 31.5, 27.9, 27.8, 26.7, 26.1, 22.8, 13.5.

MS (EI): m/z = 371 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{OSSe}$: C, 58.52; H, 7.09. Found: C, 58.60; H, 7.15.

2k

Oil.

IR (neat): 1645, 1045 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.52–7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 5 H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 3 H), 4.08 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.58 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 146.7, 143.5, 131.0, 128.8, 124.2, 112.5, 65.4, 32.3, 26.3, 25.8, 22.9, 20.9, 13.6.

MS (EI): m/z = 351 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSSe}$: C, 58.45; H, 5.19. Found: C, 58.39; H, 5.25.

2l

Oil.

IR (neat): 1640, 1048 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.68–7.66 (m, 2 H), 7.53–7.51 (m, 2 H), 4.19 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.0 (s, 3 H), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2 H), 1.53 (s, 3 H), 1.47–1.41 (m, 2 H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.7, 143.5, 131.0, 128.8, 124.2, 112.5, 65.4, 32.3, 26.3, 25.8, 22.9, 20.9, 13.6.

MS (EI): m/z = 331 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSSe}$: C, 54.70; H, 6.73. Found: C, 54.81; H, 6.62.

2m

Oil.

IR (neat): 1618, 1050 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 (m, 5 H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 3 H), 5.27 (s, 1 H), 5.18 (s, 1 H), 3.70 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.5, 134.6, 133.5, 131.4, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 124.2, 11.9, 63.7.

MS (EI): m/z = 275 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}_2$: C, 65.66; H, 5.14. Found: C, 65.54; H, 5.21.

2n

Oil.

IR (neat): 1608, 1049 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51–7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 6 H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 4 H), 4.20 (s, 2 H), 1.68 (s, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.2, 140.5, 140.2, 139.4, 138.4, 135.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 124.1, 113.4, 68.9.

MS (EI): m/z = 351 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$: C, 71.96; H, 5.18. Found: C, 72.05; H, 5.06.

2o

Oil.

IR (neat): 1635, 1030 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62–7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 3 H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 3 H), 4.04 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.69–2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.57–2.54 (m, 1 H), 2.32–2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.11–2.07 (m, 1 H), 1.56–1.51 (m, 5 H), 1.39 (m, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.7, 143.6, 135.3, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 126.2, 124.3, 113.1, 62.6, 33.5, 32.1, 28.1, 28.0, 26.1.

MS (EI): m/z = 343 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{OS}_2$: C, 70.13; H, 6.47. Found: C, 70.21; H, 6.35.

2p

Oil.

IR (neat): 1618, 1050 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.54–7.46 (m, 5 H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 5 H), 4.01 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H), 1.78 (s, 1 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 148.7, 134.9, 131.0, 131.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 126.4, 124.2, 116.2, 65.2, 23.7, 21.8.

MS (EI): m/z = 303 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$: C, 67.51; H, 6.00. Found: C, 67.60; H, 5.89.

5-Methoxy-2-(1-methylethylidene)pent-3-ynyl Phenyl Sulfoxide (3)

A mixture of **2d** (398 mg, 1 mmol), 3-methoxypropyne (140 mg, 2.0 mmol), PdCl_2 (10 mol%), CuI (10 mol%) and Et_3N (101 mg, 1.0 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 24 h under N_2 . After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO_4). After filtration and removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was purified via chromatography on silica gel with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (3:1) as the eluent to give **3** as an oil; yield: 152 mg (58%).

IR (KBr): 2230, 1605, 1049 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.65–7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.48 (m, 3 H), 4.19 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 1.96 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 149.4, 143.2, 131.2, 128.8, 124.4, 106.3, 88.3, 85.4, 61.4, 60.2, 57.5, 24.0, 20.2.

MS (EI): m/z = 263 [M^+ + 1].

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 68.67; H, 6.92. Found: C, 68.76; H, 6.81.

2,3-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-ene (4)

To a solution of **2m** (274 mg, 1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added MCPBA (690 mg, 5 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, then the temperature was allowed to warm up to r.t. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the mixture was quenched with aq NH_4Cl (5 mL), and extracted with Et_2O (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined Et_2O extracts were dried (Mg_2SO_4) and filtered. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (hexane–EtOAc, 3:1) to afford **4**; yield: 274 mg (85%); mp 128–129 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Lit¹² mp 128–129.5 $^\circ\text{C}$).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.54–7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38–7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 5 H), 6.80 (s, 1 H), 5.21 (s, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 2 H).

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