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**Acetyltrimethylsilane: A Novel Reagent for the Transformation of
2*H*-Pyran-2-ones to Unsymmetrical Biaryls**

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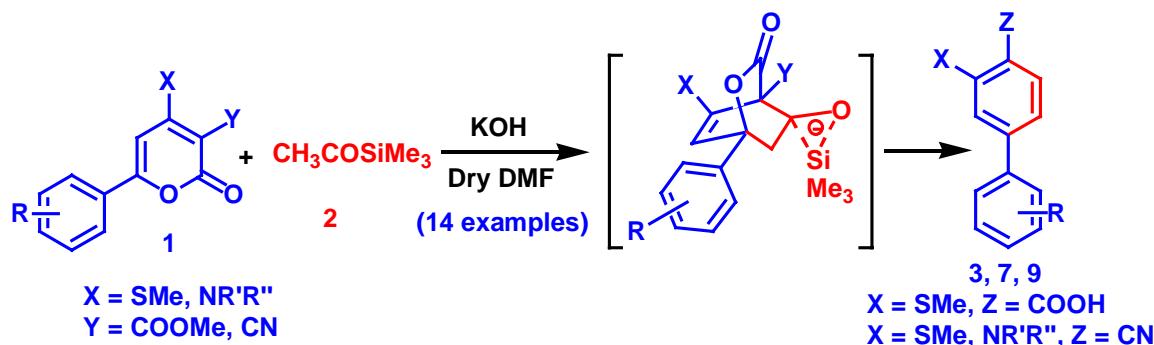


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Experimental Section

General procedure for the synthesis of 1a-f: A mixture of methyl 2-methoxycarbonyl-3,3-di(methylsulfanyl)acrylate (prepared from dimethylmalonate, CS₂ and MeI) **1** (10 mmol), acetophenone (11 mmol) and powdered KOH (12 mmol) in dry DMSO (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10h. After completion, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water with constant stirring. The precipitate thus obtained was filtered and purified on a silica gel column using chloroform as eluent. The spectroscopic analysis data for all the synthesized 2*H*-pyran-2-ones were compared with reported data.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3a-f: A mixture of 6-aryl-3-methoxycarbonyl-4-methylsulfanyl-2*H*-pyran-2-ones **1** (1 mmol), acetyltrimethylsilane (1.1 mmol) and powdered KOH (1.2 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4-6h. At the end reaction mixture was poured into ice water with vigorous stirring and finally neutralized with dilute HCl. The solid thus obtained was filtered and purified on a silica gel column using chloroform-hexane (3:1) as eluent.

3-Methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (3a)

White solid; mp 219-220 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.49 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.36-7.54 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.72-7.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.98 (d, 1H, J=5.2 Hz, ArH), 13.01 (brs, 1H, COOH); IR (KBr) 1680 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 244 (M⁺).

4'-Methyl-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (3b)

White solid; mp 205-206 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.51 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.34 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.42-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.99 (d, 1H, J=8.2 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1682 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 258 (M⁺).

4'-Methoxy-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (3c)

White solid; mp 222-223 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.27 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 3.59 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.84 (d, 2H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.18-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.49 (d, 2H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.74 (d, 1H, J=8.2 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1678 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 274 (M⁺).

4-Benzof[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-methylsulfanyl-benzoic acid (3d)

White solid; mp 218-219 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.31 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 5.90 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.85 (d, 1H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.18-7.24 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.76 (d, 1H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1679 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 288 (M⁺).

4'-Bromo-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (3e)

White solid; mp 214-216 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.53 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.45-7.53 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.66-7.80 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.01 (d, 1H, J=8.2 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1681 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 324 (M⁺+2), 322 (M⁺).

4'-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (3f)

White solid; mp 218-219 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.31 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.26-7.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.62 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.81 (d, 1H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1663 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 278 (M⁺).

4-Furan-2-yl-2-methylsulfanyl-benzoic acid (5a)

White solid; mp 192-194 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.57 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 6.71-6.75 (m, 1H, CH), 7.26 (d, 1H, J=3.2 Hz, CH), 7.55-7.64 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.91 (s, 1H, CH), 8.02 (d, 1H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1679 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 234 (M⁺).

2-Methylsulfanyl-4-thiophen-2-yl-benzoic acid (5b)

White solid; mp 194-196 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.56 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.26 (dd, 1H, CH), 7.48-7.58 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.70-7.80 (m, 2H, CH), 8.00 (d, 1H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1677 cm⁻¹ (CO); MS (FAB) 250 (M⁺).

4-Methylsulfanyl-2-oxo-6-p-tolyl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (6b)

Yellow solid; mp 215-216 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.85 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.21 (s, 1H, CH), 7.42 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.96 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1716 (CO), 2195 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 258 (M⁺⁺¹).

General procedure for the synthesis of 7a-c: A mixture of 6-aryl-4-methylsulfanyl-2-oxo-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile **6a-c** (1 mmol), acetyltrimethylsilane (1 mmol) and powdered KOH (1.2 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 6-8h in dark under highly inert atmosphere. At the end reaction mixture was poured into ice water with vigorous stirring and finally neutralized with dilute HCl. The solid thus obtained was filtered and purified on a silica gel column using chloroform-hexane (1:9) as eluent.

3-Methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (7a)

Light yellow solid; mp 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.62 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.36-7.70 (m, 8H, ArH); IR (KBr) 2221 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 226 (M⁺⁺¹).

4'-Methyl-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (7b)

Light yellow solid; mp 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.61 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.28 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 2219 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 240 (M⁺⁺¹).

4'-Bromo-3-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (7c)

Light yellow solid; mp 132-134 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.62 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.32-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.58-7.70 (m, 3H, ArH); IR (KBr) 2216 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 306, 304 (M⁺⁺¹).

2-Oxo-6-phenyl-4-piperidin-1-yl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (8a)

White solid; mp 218-219 °C (Lit.²¹: 211 °C); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.56-1.58 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 3.74-3.76 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 6.92 (s, 1H, CH), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.81-7.86 (m, 2H, ArH); IR (KBr) 1692 (CO), 2196 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 281 (M⁺+1).

2-Oxo-4-piperidin-1-yl-6-p-tolyl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (8b)

White solid; mp 198-199 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.70-1.72 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.88-3.90 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.02 (s, 1H, CH), 7.37 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.89 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1693 (CO), 2195 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 295 (M⁺+1).

6-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxo-4-piperidin-1-yl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (8c)

White solid; mp 247-248 °C (Lit.²¹: 248 °C); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.63-1.65 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 3.80-3.83 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.04 (s, 1H, CH), 7.69 (d, 2H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.87 (d, 2H, J=8.6 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1691 (CO), 2196 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 361, 359 (M⁺+1).

6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-4-piperidin-1-yl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (8d)

White solid; mp 189-190 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.69-1.71 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 3.84-3.87 (m, 7H, OCH₃&2CH₂), 6.93 (s, 1H, CH), 7.08 (d, 2H, J=8.9 Hz, ArH), 7.93 (d, 2H, J=8.9 Hz, ArH); IR (KBr) 1693 (CO), 2199 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 311 (M⁺+1).

6-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-oxo-4-piperidin-1-yl-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (8e)

White solid; mp 217-218 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.54-1.58 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 3.72-3.75 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 6.02 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.79 (s, 1H, CH), 6.94 (d, 1H, J=8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.38 (d, 1H, J=8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.48 (s, 1H, ArH); IR (KBr) 1693 (CO), 2201 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 325 (M⁺+1).

3-Piperidin-1-yl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (9a)

Viscous Oil; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.60-1.68 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.78-1.87 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 3.18-3.26 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.14-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.64 (m, 6H, ArH); IR (neat) 2220 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 263 (M⁺+1).

4'-Methyl-3-piperidin-1-yl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (9b)

Viscous Oil; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.56-1.68 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.72-1.86 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.19-3.24 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.46 (d, 2H, J=8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.57 (d, 1H, J=8.4 Hz, ArH); IR (neat) 2217 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 277 (M⁺+1).

4'-Bromo-3-piperidin-1-yl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (9c)

White solid; mp 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.60-1.65 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.76-1.82 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 3.20-3.26 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.06-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.56-7.61 (m, 3H, ArH); IR (KBr) 2219 cm⁻¹ (CN); MS (FAB) 343, 341 (M⁺+1).

4'-Methoxy-3-piperidin-1-yl-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (9d)

Viscous Oil; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.52-1.61 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.68-1.78 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2), 3.10-3.18 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 6.90 (d, 2H, $J=8.8$ Hz, ArH), 7.00-7.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.50 (m, 3H, ArH); IR (neat) 2217 cm^{-1} (CN); MS (FAB) 293 (M^++1).

4-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-piperidin-1-yl-benzonitrile (9e)

Viscous Oil; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.61-1.68 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.78-1.90 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2), 3.20-3.28 (m, 4H, 2 CH_2), 6.01 (s, 2H, CH_2), 6.85 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.00-7.12 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.18 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz, ArH); IR (neat) 2216 cm^{-1} (CN); MS (FAB) 307 (M^++1).

Crystal structure of 3a (ORTEP view): Crystals suitable for X-ray structure were obtained by slow evaporation of chloroform-methanol solution of **3a** at room temperature. The crystal data of **3a**: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{S}$, $M = 244.30$, triclinic, $P -1$, $a = 7.215(1)$ Å, $b = 11.234(1)$ Å, $c = 14.4730(1)$ Å, $\alpha = 84.09(1)$, $\beta = 88.61(1)^\circ$, $\gamma = 87.87(1)$, $V = 1165.8(2)$ Å 3 , $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.392 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu (\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.263 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $F(000) = 512$, rectangular block, colourless, size = 0.25 x 0.3 x 0.125 mm, 5174 reflections measured ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0209$), 4110 unique, $wR_2 = 0.1217$ for all data, conventional $R = 0.0455$ [$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 000$] on F-values of 2996 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, $S = 1.087$ for all data and 311 parameters. Unit cell determination and intensity data collection ($2\theta = 50^\circ$) was performed on a Bruker P4 diffractometer at 293(2) K. Structure solutions by direct methods and refinements by full-matrix least-squares methods on F^2 . Programs: XSCANS [Siemens Analytical X-ray Instrument Inc.: Madison, Wisconsin, USA 1996], SHELXTL-NT [Bruker AXS Inc.: Madison, Wisconsin, USA 1997]. CCDC (deposit No: 290318) contains the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge from www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, U. K; Fax: (Internet) + 44-1223/336-033; E-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk.

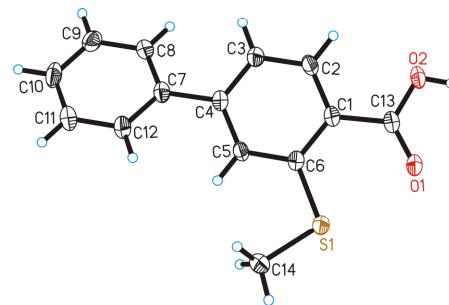
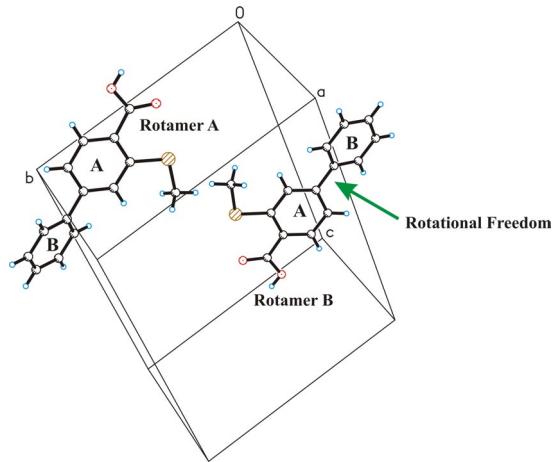


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of compound **3a** with arbitrary numbering

The ORTEP diagram, Fig. 1 shows the crystal structure of **3a** and its conformation with atomic numbering scheme. The structural studies of the compound **3a** revealed the existence of two rotamers in the unit cell (Figure 2). The twisting angle of ring A and ring B around biaryl axis is 23.84° for one molecule and 36.68° for other molecule. The crystal packing of **3a** showed the most robust and reliable supramolecular pattern for aromatic carboxylic acid, which forms a stable eight-membered ring by O-H...O

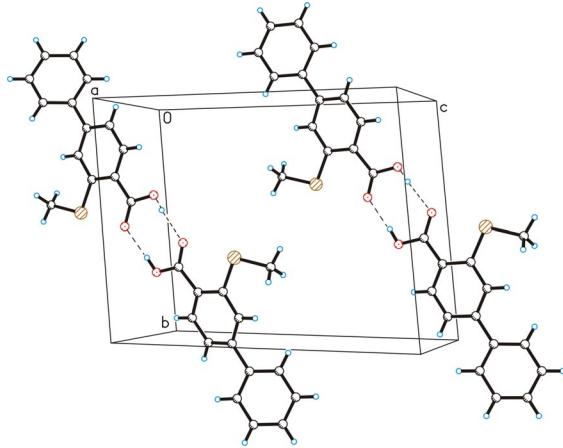
interactions [O2-H2A...O3: 2.634 Å and O4-H4A...O3: 2.667 Å] as indicated by dashed lines in Figure 3. There are two intramolecular H-bonds, C2-H2...O2, with H-bonding parameters C2-O2: 2.6892 Å; H2...O2: 2.34 Å, and C2-H2-O2: 102° and C16-H16...O4, with H-bonding parameters C16-O4: 2.6763 Å; H16...O4: 2.33 Å, and C16-H16-O4: 102°. The packing further shows S...O (S2...O3) close contact of distance 2.746 Å.

Figure 2: Unit cell packing diagram of 3a showing structures of two rotamers formed due to rotational degree of freedom along biaryl axis



The twisting angle of ring A and ring B around biaryl axis is 23.84° for one molecule and 36.68° for other molecule.

Figure 3: Stable eight-membered ring by O-H...O interactions of carboxylic acid



Packing diagram of **3a** showing carboxylic acid dimerisation due to stable eight-membered ring formed by intermolecular strong H-bonding through O-H...O interactions [O2-H2A...O3: 2.634 Å, $\angle \text{OHO} = 173.87^\circ$ and O4-H4A...O3: 2.667 Å, $\angle \text{OHO} = 175.27^\circ$]. Symmetry codes [x, y, z+1 and x, y, z-1]. There are two intramolecular H-bonds, C2-H2...O2, with H-bonding parameters C2-O2: 2.6892 Å; H2...O2: 2.34 Å, and C2-H2-O2: 102° and C16-H16...O4, with H-bonding parameters C16-O4: 2.6763 Å; H16...O4: 2.33 Å, and C16-H16-O4: 102°.

