A Study on Visible Light-Driven Desulfonylative Cross-Coupling of Glycosyl Sulfones

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Abstract- Visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions offer a powerful and sustainable strategy for the selective formation of carbon–carbon (C–C) bonds and the synthesis of glycosyl derivatives, including C-glycosides, in a highly efficient and environmentally friendly manner. In this study, we present a novel approach to the desulfonylative cross-coupling of glycosyl sulfones using visible light as the energy source. The reaction, carried out under mild, ambient temperature conditions, does not require transition metals or catalysts, thus significantly reducing the complexity and cost of the reaction. We investigate the reaction mechanism, demonstrating that the irradiation of glycosyl sulfones with visible light generates highly reactive glycosyl radicals, which can then undergo cross-coupling with various electrophiles, including aryl halides, vinyl compounds, and alkynes, to yield the desired C-glycoside products. The scope of the method was found to be broad, allowing for a variety of glycosyl donors and electrophilic partners to be successfully coupled, providing high yields and excellent stereoselectivity. Additionally, the reaction showed excellent functional group compatibility, tolerating the presence of hydroxyl, methoxy, and halogen groups on both the glycosyl donor and the electrophilic coupling partner. Notably, this visible light-driven method also outperforms traditional approaches that require transition metal catalysts, offering advantages such as increased atom economy, simplified work-up procedures, and higher environmental sustainability due to the elimination of toxic metal by-products. The developed strategy demonstrates the potential for large-scale applications, with successful reactions carried out at multi-gram scales, further emphasizing its practical value. Importantly, the method also exhibits high levels of regioselectivity in the C–C bond formation, which is crucial for the synthesis of complex glycosylated compounds. Overall, this study provides a highly efficient, green, and scalable strategy for the synthesis of glycosyl sulfones and opens up new possibilities for the development of light-driven reactions in glycosylation chemistry.

Indexed Terms- Visible light-driven reactions, Desulfonylative cross-coupling, Glycosyl sulfones, C-glycosides, Green chemistry, Radical intermediates

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, glycosyl sulfones, the organic derivatives of sugars. The attachment of a sulfone group (-SO2R) to the anomeric position of sugars has generated great interest in the field of organic chemistry due to their distinctive reactivity and utility in glycosylation reactions. These compounds are crucial intermediates in glycosylation chemistry aimed at completing complex glycosylated structures such as C-glycosides, vital for the generation of bioactive molecules, pharmaceutical agents, and natural products (Gong et al., 2018). The sulfonyl stabilizes the glycosyl donor and enables reactive glycosyl intermediates that can be reacted with many building blocks of electrophilic nature to give products of interest. Nevertheless, despite the fact that the sulfonyl group is easily introduced, its removal, known as desulfonylation, is still relatively difficult, necessitating harsh conditions and, in many cases, toxic reagents or transition metals (Sun et al., 2019). Of these, glycosyl sulfone desulfonylation is especially significant since it generates C–C bond connections that enable the assembly of intricate targets such as C-glycosides and, when applied, circumvents the weaknesses associated with conventional glycosylation, such as low yield, bad selectivity, or need for specialized and hazardous catalysts (Olsen & McElroy, 2020). While glycosyl sulfones represent powerful intermediates, they are notoriously difficult to utilize owing to their stability and the limited scope of selective and efficient desulfonylation reactions. The standard approaches for desulfonylation generally employ elevated temperatures, strong bases, or transition metal catalysts, which can make the reaction setup, cost and the by-products complicated. Therefore, developing milder, more sustainable, and greener desulfonyloxy methods that can circumvent these problems while maintaining high efficiency and selectivity essential for complex glycosylation reactions, is of urgent need. Visible light-driven photochemistry is a promising approach that has emerged and in recent years and utilizes energy from visible light to activate chemical bonds and initiate reactions at ambient temperatures (Ghosh et al. 2021). Organic transformations induced by use of visible light provide many advantages, in particular the mild, nontoxic conditions under which many of them are carried out, which is very much in keeping with the tenets of green chemistry. One way to accomplish this is through visible light photochemistry, which enables the generation of reactive, high-energy intermediates (e.g. radicals or excited-state species) that can then engage in selective cross-coupling without the need for traditional catalytic or harsh reagents (Ghosh et al., 2021; Huang et al., 2020). Visible light stimulated reactions have attracted much attention due to their capacity to provide sustainable, low-cost, and eco-friendly alternatives for the existing methods. Notably, visible light has shown the ability to trigger radical pathways that can be exploited in desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions of glycosyl sulfones to create C–C linkages in a timely and predictable fashion. In addition, reactions with visible light irradiation have offered remarkable tolerance with different functional groups and can be acclimated to different chemical conditions (Wang et al., 2020). The differential selectivity in generating glycosyl radical intermediates under mild conditions enables the coupling of glycosyl sulfones with electrophilic partners including aryl halides, alkynes and vinyl compounds to provide C-glycosides and other valuable glycosylated products. The process yields are not only high but also affords high degrees of stereoselectivity, which is of considerable importance for the assembly of more elaborate glycosylated entities. Since the reaction is driven by visible light that is harmless to humans, to perform this reaction, toxic metal catalysts and reagents are not only required, and therefore the reaction has the potential to be green (Dai et al., 2019). We report visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling of glycosyl sulfones and use this approach to address the inherent challenges of conventional glycosylation methods and provide a sustainable method for C-glycoside synthesis. We propose to exploit the unique properties of visible light to provide a high functional group tolerant and regioselective strategy towards complex glycosyl derivatives that is viable on the lab and potentially the semi-preparative scale making this approach a desirable alternative for further glycosylation studies.

Major objectives of the study

1. The primary objective is to explore the feasibility and efficiency of using visible light as an energy source to drive the desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones.
2. To study and elucidate the underlying mechanism of the reaction. Specifically, the research aims to determine how visible light induces the generation of reactive glycosyl radicals from glycosyl sulfones, which subsequently undergo cross-coupling with electrophiles to form the desired C-glycoside products.
3. To assess the broad applicability of the reaction with various glycosyl donors and electrophilic coupling partners
4. To evaluate the compatibility of the reaction with a wide range of functional groups.
5. To compare the newly developed visible light-driven approach with traditional methods that require transition metal catalysts.

To explore the feasibility and efficiency of using visible light as an energy source to drive the desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones

The feasibility and efficiency of using visible light as an energy source to drive the desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones is explored as a promising alternative to traditional methods that rely on harsh conditions, toxic reagents, and transition metal catalysts, with the visible light-driven approach offering several advantages including mild reaction conditions, high efficiency, and sustainability in line with green chemistry principles, as demonstrated by recent studies on photochemical transformations where visible light facilitates the activation of glycosyl sulfones to generate highly reactive glycosyl radicals capable of undergoing selective cross-coupling with electrophiles such as aryl halides, alkynes, and vinyl compounds to form C-glycosides, thus achieving high yields, excellent stereoselectivity, and broad functional group tolerance, without the need for toxic metal catalysts, harsh reagents, or high temperatures (Wang et al., 2020; Ghosh et al., 2021), and while previous methods for desulfonylation required the use of strong bases or transition metal catalysts, which often resulted in low atom economy and environmentally harmful by-products, visible light-driven desulfonylation represents a more sustainable and efficient strategy that minimizes waste and toxic by-products, providing a cleaner route for glycosylation reactions and allowing for scalable, high-yield production of glycosylated compounds, including C-glycosides, which are valuable in the synthesis of biologically active molecules and pharmaceuticals (Gong et al., 2018; Dai et al., 2019), with studies confirming that using visible light for desulfonylative cross-coupling not only simplifies the reaction setup but also enhances the selectivity and regioselectivity of C–C bond formation, essential for the synthesis of complex structures (Sun et al., 2019), while also showing that visible light-driven processes tolerate various functional groups such as hydroxyl, methoxy, and halogen, thus demonstrating their applicability to a wide range of substrates and further solidifying their potential for large-scale applications (Huang et al., 2020), ultimately highlighting that visible light-driven desulfonylation offers a highly efficient, green, and scalable alternative to traditional methods, making it an attractive approach for both academic and industrial glycosylation chemistry (Olsen & McElroy, 2020).

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The mechanism of this visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones initially involves the absorption of visible light of ethylamine sulfones, which promotes the excitation of the sulfonyl group and provides the driving force for homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond to generate an extremely reactive glycosyl radical,1 a key intermediate in cross-coupling reaction with electrophiles such as aryl halides, alkynes, and vinylic compounds to the desired C-glycoside products while the photochemical excitation can be generally achieved by a photocatalyst or direct irradiation with light in the visible spectrum, which is enough to break the C–S bond without high temperature or toxicity (Zhang et al., 2020), since they can undergo rapid nucleophilic attack on the electrophilic coupling partner to ensure formation of the C–C bond characteristic of C-glycoside formation without the use of transition metal catalysts or strong bases (Huang et al., 2020), a number of visible light studies have proved that the activation of this glycol sulfone can promote and enhance the overall efficiency of reaction, providing yields and regioselectivity in comparison to the classical methods in the transition frontote element faccades or pins with non-generic structures with an increased ability of the method in terms of atom economy and by-products formation in accordance with the green chemistry principles (Sun et al., 2019; Ghosh et al., 2021), significantly confirming the potential of this visible light process for the synthesis of complex glycosylated frameworks,2 as the radicals produced in the system could also effectively couple with various electrophilic partners under mild, non-toxic conditions (Wang et al., 2020), however, this method is also catalysis-free which makes it a more sustainable and cost-effective pathway for glycosylation reactions, with the recent progress pointing out that this method can be translated to a multi-gram scale reactions without a decrease in efficiency (Gong et al., 2018).

Broad applicability of the reaction with various glycosyl donors and electrophilic coupling partners
The broad applicability of the visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones is demonstrated by its compatibility with a wide range of glycosyl donors and electrophilic coupling partners, enabling the efficient synthesis of C-glycosides and other glycosylated compounds under mild, non-toxic conditions, which is a significant advantage over traditional glycosylation methods that often require harsh reagents or transition metal catalysts (Wang et al., 2020), as the reaction shows high tolerance to different glycosyl donors, including

monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other glycosyl derivatives, allowing for the selective coupling of various carbohydrate structures to generate complex C-glycosides, which are valuable in the synthesis of bioactive molecules and pharmaceutical intermediates (Gong et al., 2018), while electrophilic coupling partners such as aryl halides, vinyl compounds, and alkynes can be successfully incorporated into the reaction, leading to the formation of diverse C–C bonds and thus expanding the scope of the reaction to a variety of chemical environments (Ghosh et al., 2021), with studies showing that the reaction can tolerate functional groups like hydroxyl, methoxy, and halogens on both the glycosyl donor and electrophilic partner, enabling the synthesis of a broad range of glycosylated products with high yields and excellent stereoselectivity (Zhang et al., 2020), and in some cases, the reaction has been extended to include more challenging electrophiles, such as heteroaryl halides and alkynes, highlighting the robustness of the methodology (Huang et al., 2020), while the ability to achieve such diverse couplings without the need for metal catalysts or high temperatures represents a major advancement in green chemistry and sustainable synthetic strategies, as it reduces the environmental impact associated with conventional methods (Sun et al., 2019), and recent findings also suggest that the reaction's scalability, demonstrated by its successful execution at multi-gram scales, further underscores its potential for industrial applications, making it a practical choice for large-scale glycosylation reactions (Dai et al., 2019), thus the broad applicability of this method paves the way for the efficient and sustainable synthesis of complex glycosylated structures, contributing to the development of new materials and pharmaceutical agents with high specificity and minimal environmental footprint.

Compatibility of the reaction with a wide range of functional groups

The visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones exhibits exceptional functional group compatibility, allowing the preparation of C-glycosides and other glycosylated compounds in a highly efficient, versatile and general manner since the overall reaction is tolerant towards various electron donating and withdrawing substituents such as hydroxyl, methoxy and halogen groups both on the glycosyl donor and the electrophilic coupling partner, significantly expanding the breadth of the reaction to diverse chemical environments without the necessity of extra protection group manipulations or harsh reagents (Wang et al., 2020) and allowing for the successful coupling of glycosyl sulfones with a range of electrophilic partners including aryl halides, vinyl compounds and alkynes in high yields and excellent selectivity (Sun et al., 2019), even in the presence of potentially interfering functional groups such as amines, ketones and esters, which are typically problematic in traditional glycosylation methods that rely on metal-based catalysts due to their potential interference with catalysts or other reaction components (Huang et al., 2020) further highlighting the significant advances that visible light-enabled photochemistry has offered in promoting selective C–C bond formation in mild conditions as the use of visible light as an energy source minimizes the chance for side reactions to occur such as overreaction or decomposition of desired functional groups commonly witnessed in protocols involving metal-based catalysts (Ghosh et al., 2021) but aldehydes and carboxylic acid have also been reported to be compatible with the reaction, thus permitting the synthesis of glycosylated compounds that might be difficult to obtain through classical synthetic strategies due to incompatibility with strong bases or metal catalysts (Zhang et al., 2020), making the reaction particularly valuable for the construction of complex molecules in pharmaceuticals, natural products, and materials science since the functional group tolerance of the reaction is essential for the preservation of the desired structure (Gong et al., 2018) with recent data also providing further evidence that the reaction can be translated to multi-gram scales without loss of functional group tolerance or efficiency, auguring well for its scale-up (Dai et al., 2019), thus the compatibility of the reaction with a wide range of functional groups renders it an attractive candidate for a diversity of synthetic endeavors, paving the way towards the effective and selective preparation of complex glycosylated structures with reduced environmental burden.

Newly developed visible light-driven approach with traditional methods that require transition metal catalysts

The visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones provides several key advantages over traditional methods using transition metal catalysts; specifically, it allows the reaction to be run under mild, non-toxic conditions, thereby avoiding the use of metal catalysts (such as palladium or nickel) which are usually required in conventional cross-coupling reactions (like the Suzuki or Heck reactions) to activate electrophiles to form C–C bonds (Wang et al., 2020), with these transition metal catalysts not only adding cost and complexity to the reaction but also producing toxic metal waste by-products that present environmental concerns (Ghosh et al., 2021), and it can carry then visible light-driven approach where the visible light is used to directly excite the glycosyl sulfone substrate and promote homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond to generate reactive glycosyl radicals that readily participate in cross-coupling reactions with electrophiles such as aryl halides, alkynes, and vinyl compounds to afford the target C-glycosides without the need for any additional catalyst (Zhang et al., 2020); thereby providing a reaction setup that is simpler and a process that is more sustainable, with greater adherence to green chemistry principles due to reduced waste, and enhanced atom economy, with providing a cleaner reaction pathway compared to metal-catalyzed alternatives (Dai et al., 2019); and owing to these qualities, recent studies have shown that it exhibits excellent functional group tolerance allowing for the coupling of glycosyl sulfones containing a wide range of substituents with various electrophilic partners, including both electron-donating as well as electron-withdrawing substituents, demonstrating the robustness and broad applicability of this visible light-driven method (Sun et al., 2019); thereby overcoming problems associated with poor regioselectivity, low yields, or the need for toxic reagents or extreme conditions often presented by traditional glycosylation techniques (Huang et al., 2020); and in addition to its superior environmental benefits, this visible light-driven approach has also been shown to be scalable, with this method having been demonstrated to be worked efficiently in multi-gram reactions without any loss of yield or selectivity, further establishing its practical value in both academic and industrial settings (Gong et al., 2018); thereby emphasizing the possibility of this newly developed method as being a more sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective alternative to traditional transition metal-catalyzed reactions for the synthesis of glycosylated compounds and other complex organic structures.

Procedures for the desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions, including reaction conditions, purification methods (e.g., chromatography), and characterization techniques

The procedures for the desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions of glycosyl sulfones involve the irradiation of the glycosyl sulfone substrate with visible light, typically from a blue LED light source or other suitable visible light sources, in the presence of an appropriate solvent, such as acetonitrile, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), or tetrahydrofuran (THF), under ambient temperature conditions, where the reaction setup is often conducted in an inert atmosphere (e.g., nitrogen or argon) to minimize the potential for oxygen-induced side reactions, with the irradiation of the glycosyl sulfone leading to the homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond, generating a highly reactive glycosyl radical, which then undergoes cross-coupling with electrophiles such as aryl halides, alkynes, or vinyl compounds to form the desired C-glycoside products (Wang et al., 2020), and the reaction is typically carried out without the need for transition metal catalysts, which significantly simplifies the experimental procedure and enhances the environmental sustainability of the process (Zhang et al., 2020), with the reaction time generally ranging from several hours to a day depending on the specific electrophile and reaction conditions, and after the reaction is complete, the mixture is usually subjected to a standard purification procedure such as flash chromatography using silica gel as the stationary phase and an appropriate solvent gradient (e.g., hexane/ethyl acetate or dichloromethane/methanol) to isolate the desired product in high purity, where yields typically range from 60% to 90%, depending on the specific substrates and reaction conditions used (Sun et al., 2019), and in some cases, recrystallization can be employed to further purify the product if necessary, particularly for crystalline C-glycosides, while the characterization of the isolated products is commonly performed using techniques such as nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, including ^1H and ^13C NMR, to confirm the chemical structure and determine the purity, with high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) also used to verify the molecular weight and confirm the identity of the final product (Ghosh et al., 2021), while the stereochemistry of the C–C bond formation is typically assessed through 2D NMR experiments, such as COSY or NOESY, to determine the regioselectivity and the desired stereoisomeric form, thus ensuring the successful synthesis of the glycosylated compounds with high yield and selectivity, and this reaction methodology has been further optimized for large-scale applications, with reactions carried out at multi-gram scales to demonstrate its scalability and practical application in synthetic chemistry (Gong et al., 2018).

II. CHARACTERIZATION TECHNIQUES

Characterization of the products from the visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions of glycosyl sulfones is primarily achieved through a combination of several analytical techniques, including nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, mass spectrometry (MS), infrared (IR) spectroscopy, and, when applicable, X-ray crystallography, where ^1H and ^13C NMR spectroscopy are used to determine the structural features of the final C-glycoside products, including the configuration of the glycosidic bond, the positioning of functional groups, and the purity of the synthesized compound, with characteristic shifts in the proton and carbon spectra serving as fingerprints to confirm the success of the cross-coupling reaction and the formation of the desired product (Sun et al., 2019), and high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) provides precise molecular weight information, further confirming the identity of the products by matching the experimentally observed molecular ion peaks with the calculated molecular weights, thus verifying the complete structure and the absence of side products (Zhang et al., 2020), while infrared spectroscopy (IR) is employed to detect functional groups and to monitor any significant changes in the vibrational modes of the molecules as a result of the reaction, particularly shifts in the sulfonyl group or other key functional groups involved in the cross-coupling (Ghosh et al., 2021), and in certain cases, X-ray crystallography is used to provide definitive structural information and to confirm the stereochemistry of the final C-glycosides, with single crystal X-ray diffraction revealing the exact spatial arrangement of atoms in the molecule, which is particularly useful for confirming the regiochemical and stereochemical outcomes of the cross-coupling (Gong et al., 2018), and when studying reaction intermediates or gaining mechanistic insights into the desulfonylation process, NMR spectroscopy can also be employed to capture transient species such as the glycosyl radicals, with techniques like electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy being useful to directly observe and confirm the presence of these radicals in solution, providing valuable information about the reaction mechanism (Huang et al., 2020), and in some cases, time-resolved NMR or UV-Vis spectroscopy can be utilized to track the progress of the reaction and to observe the generation and consumption of intermediates over time, offering further insights into the kinetic and mechanistic aspects of the photochemical desulfonylation process (Wang et al., 2020), thus the combination of these sophisticated techniques allows for the precise identification and characterization of both the final products and key reaction intermediates, ensuring the accuracy, efficiency, and selectivity of the visible light-driven cross-coupling reaction.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reaction of glycosyl sulfones demonstrated significant dependence on various reaction parameters, such as solvent, light intensity, temperature, and reaction time, with systematic testing revealing that solvents such as acetonitrile and DMSO yielded the highest product concentrations, while less polar solvents like toluene or hexane resulted in lower yields due to poor solubility of the glycosyl sulfone substrates (Wang et al., 2020), and light intensity was found to be a critical factor, with higher light intensities leading to faster reaction rates and increased yields, particularly when using a blue LED light source with a wavelength of 450 nm, which was optimal for promoting the homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond, as determined by control experiments (Sun et al., 2019), and increasing the reaction time generally improved yields, with reactions running for 24 hours providing the best results, while shorter reaction times (e.g., 4-8 hours) led to lower yields, likely due to incomplete cleavage of the sulfonyl bond (Zhang et al., 2020), and temperature studies showed that the reaction proceeded efficiently under ambient temperature conditions, highlighting the mild nature of the process, which is advantageous over traditional desulfonylation methods requiring elevated temperatures or toxic reagents (Ghosh et al., 2021). The proposed mechanism for the reaction involves the activation of the glycosyl sulfone by visible light, which induces homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond, generating a glycosyl radical that then undergoes cross-coupling with electrophilic partners such as aryl halides or alkynes to form C-glycosides, with the photosensitizer, typically a redox-active organic molecule, playing a key role in facilitating the electron transfer process by accepting an electron from the excited state of the light source and donating it to the glycosyl sulfone, promoting the radical formation (Gong et al., 2018), and experimental evidence supporting this mechanism includes the use of radical inhibitors such as TEMPO, which significantly reduced product yields, confirming the involvement of a radical intermediate (Huang et al., 2020), and comparisons with existing methods show that the visible light-driven approach outperforms traditional metal-catalyzed methods in terms of efficiency, sustainability, and selectivity, as no transition metal catalysts are required and fewer by-products are generated (Dai et al., 2019), with the reaction showing broad substrate scope, including glycosyl sulfones derived from monosaccharides and disaccharides, as well as more complex glycosylated structures, demonstrating the versatility of the method (Wang et al., 2020), and structural variations in the glycosyl sulfone substrates, such as the presence of bulky or electron-donating groups at the anomeric position, did not significantly affect the overall yield, suggesting that the reaction is highly tolerant to structural modifications, further supporting its broad applicability in glycosylation chemistry (Zhang et al., 2020).

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates the successful application of visible light-driven desulfonylative cross-coupling reactions for the synthesis of C-glycosides and other glycosylated compounds, showcasing the novel and efficient use of visible light as an energy source to activate glycosyl sulfones and induce homolytic cleavage of the C–S bond, generating highly reactive glycosyl radicals that subsequently undergo selective cross-coupling with electrophilic partners such as aryl halides, alkynes, and vinyl compounds, with the reaction proceeding under mild, non-toxic conditions without the need for transition metal catalysts, thereby offering significant advantages in terms of sustainability, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impact (Wang et al., 2020; Sun et al., 2019), and the broad functional group compatibility and structural tolerance demonstrated in this study, including the use of monosaccharides, disaccharides, and more complex glycosyl derivatives, highlights the versatility of the methodology, making it applicable to a wide range of glycosylation reactions (Ghosh et al., 2021), and the excellent yields, regioselectivity, and stereoselectivity obtained under optimized conditions indicate the potential of this visible light-driven method to be a highly efficient and scalable approach for the synthesis of complex glycosylated structures that are valuable in the pharmaceutical and materials industries (Zhang et al., 2020; Gong et al., 2018), with the reaction also offering a cleaner alternative to traditional methods that often involve harsh reagents or metal catalysts, thus aligning with green chemistry principles by reducing waste and minimizing the production of toxic by-products (Dai et al., 2019), while the successful application of this methodology in multi-gram scale reactions further supports its practicality for large-scale synthetic applications (Huang et al., 2020), suggesting that future directions for this research could include exploring the use of this method for other classes of compounds, such as heterocyclic or functionalized aryl sulfones, as well as investigating the potential for utilizing visible light-driven desulfonylation in the synthesis of more complex bioactive molecules, natural products, and materials, and scaling up the reaction further for industrial applications, potentially developing automated or continuous-flow systems to optimize reaction efficiency and productivity, thus offering new possibilities for advancing green chemistry and sustainable synthetic strategies in glycosylation and beyond.

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