

## **Supporting Information**

for

# A two-phase bromination process using tetraalkylammonium hydroxide for the practical synthesis of α-bromolactones from lactones

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[Method] Initially, 3a was synthesized following the general procedure (eq 1).

After extracting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, washing with H<sub>2</sub>O, and removing the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude mixture of **3a** was stored at -30 °C (in a freezer) with shading. The purity of **3a** (i.e. the relative recovery of **3a** based on the initial production) was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trioxane as the internal standard (solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

### ·Characterization data

**3-Bromotetrahydro-2***H***-pyran-2-one (3a, entry 1 in Table 4)**. [CAS no. 55974-69-1].<sup>1</sup> Purified by gel permeation chromatography (see the reference [44]), colorless oil, 35.2 mg, 20%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.62-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.38 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.86 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.9, 70.0, 40.9, 30.3, 20.0.

**3-Bromodihydrofuran-2(3***H***)-one (3b, entry 2 in Table 4)**. [CAS no. 5061-21-2].<sup>2</sup> Light yellow oil, 101.5 mg, 61%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.55-4.49 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 173.3, 67.1, 37.7, 33.7.

**3,3-Diphenyldihydrofuran-2(3***H***)-one (3d, Scheme 3b)**. [CAS no. 956-89-8].<sup>3</sup> White solid, 170.9 mg, 72%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 10H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 177.9, 140.8, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 65.4, 56.5, 37.6.

**3-(Phenylthio)dihydrofuran-2(3***H***)-one (5, Scheme 4)**. [CAS no. 35998-30-2].<sup>4</sup> Light yellow oil, 349.1 mg, 75%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.85 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.3, 133.4, 132.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 66.7, 44.4, 30.0.

**3-(Phenylthio)tetrahydro-2***H***-pyran-2-one (6, Scheme 5)**. [CAS no. 89036-08-8].<sup>5</sup> Light yellow oil, 129.9 mg, 52%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.45-4.29 (m, 2H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.9, 133.4, 132.9, 129.3, 128.5, 69.2, 46.7, 26.7, 21.3.

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 3a





Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 3b

0 -10.0 -20.0

220.0 210.0 200.0 190.0 180.0 170.0 160.0 150.0 140.0 130.0 120.0 110.0 100.0 90.0 80.0 70.0 60.0 50.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0

173.251

X : parts per Million : Carbon13



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 3d





Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 5



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of compound 6

