Cobalt Molybdenum Sulfide-Catalyzed S-Alkylation of Thiols or H₂S with Alcohols

**Significance:** Nanolayered cobalt–molybdenum sulfide (Co–Mo–S) catalyzed the alkylation of thiols with alcohols to give the corresponding thioethers in ≤96% yield (eq. 1). Co–Mo–S also catalyzed the reaction of benzyl alcohols with hydrogen sulfide to give symmetrical thioethers (eq. 2).

**Comment:** The authors previously reported the preparation of Co–Mo–S and its applications in the hydrogenation of nitroarenes and quinolines (ACS Catal. 2017, 7, 2698; ACS Catal. 2018, 8, 4545). In the alkylation of benzenethiol with benzyl alcohol, the catalyst was recovered and reused five times with a gradual loss of its catalytic activity.

**Selected results:**

**Results:**