

**Copper-Catalyzed Remote (δ) C(sp³)-H Bond Amination:
A Practical Strategy to Construct Pyrrolidine Derivatives**

Supporting Information

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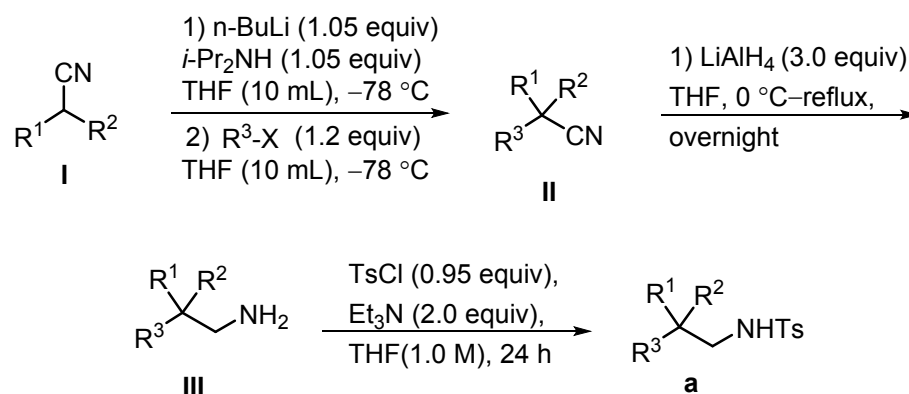
Instrumentation and Chemical

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 and 600 M spectrometers, operating at 400 and 600 MHz for ¹H NMR and 100 and 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR spectrophotometer using CDCl₃ and TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shift values for ¹H and ¹³C are referenced to residual solvent peaks (CHCl₃ in CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H, 77.00 ppm for ¹³C; Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm. All coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Data for ¹H-NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to TMS; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200-300 mesh. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on

electron-spray ionization (ESI) technique.

All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. Materials were obtained from commercial suppliers or prepared according to standard procedures unless otherwise noted. CuI was purchased from Energy Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd., PhI(OTFA)₂ was purchased from Beijing Innochem Science & Technology Co., Ltd. DCE was freshly distilled over CaH₂ under N₂.

General Procedure: Preparation of sulfonamides



$n\text{-BuLi}$ in hexane (2.5 M, 20 mmol, 80 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of $i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NH}$ (21.0 mmol, 3.5 mL) in THF (10 mL) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred for 1 h. Then alkyl nitrile **I** (20 mmol) was added dropwise to the resulting LDA solution at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred at this temperature for 1 h. Alkyl halide (30 mmol) was then added dropwise to the solution at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After the addition, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. After down, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL $\times$ 3). Combined extracts were washed with water, brine solution and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Solvent was evaporated in Rota-evaporator. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (2%–10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to provide corresponding nitrile **II**.

LiAlH_4 (2.28 g, 60 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was slowly added to the solution of crude nitrile in THF (30mL) at room temperature. Then the mixture was heated to $70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hours. After that, the reaction was cooled down, the $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was added slowly until the mixture was clear to quench the reaction, filtered, solid was washed

with Et₂O, the combined ether solution was concentrated in vacuo to give the desired amide **III**.

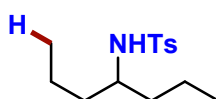
To a solution of amide **III** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was added triethylamine (1.67 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 ° C. Tosyl chloride (1.89 g, 9.5 mmol, 0.95 equiv) was added portion wise. Then the mixture was stirring for 24 hours at room temperature. Then the mixture was quenched by water (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (20mL × 2). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL), and then dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation and column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:100-1:5 as eluent) afforded corresponding sulfonamides **a** as colorless solid.

Sulfonamide substrates **6a**, **8a**, **10a**, **11a**, **13a**, **14a**, **17a**, **18a**, **24a**, **25a** were prepared according to the general procedures.

Characterization Data for Sulfonamides

Sulfonamides **1a**,¹ **2a**,² **3a**,³ **4a**,² **5a**,² **7a**,⁴ **9a**,³ **12a**,⁵ **15a**,³ **16a**,³ **19a**,⁴ **20a**,⁴ **21a**,⁴ **22a**,⁴ **23a**,⁶ **24a**,⁷ can be found in literatures.

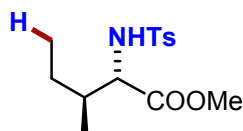
N-(heptan-4-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1a**)



1a

White solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.20–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.09–1.36 (m, 8H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

Methyl tosyl-*L*-isoleucinate (**2a**)

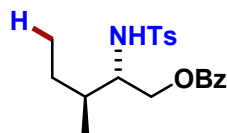


L-isoleu-**2a**

White solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H),

2.42 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.11–1.18 (m, 1H), 0.9 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

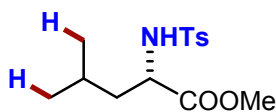
(2*S*,3*S*)-3-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)pentyl benzoate (3a)



L-isoleu-**3a**

White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 9.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51–3.55 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.1.75 (m, 1H), 1.13–1.20 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.42, 143.18, 137.88, 133.15, 129.63, 129.58, 128.30, 126.82, 63.94, 57.02, 37.42, 25.49, 21.45, 14.75, 11.57.

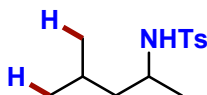
Methyl tosyl-L-leucinate (4a)



L-leu-**4a**

White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 9.9, 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.84–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.42 (m, 2H), 0.89 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.6 Hz, 6H).

***N*-(4-methylpentan-2-yl)-4-methyl- benzenesulfonamide (5a)**

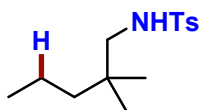


5a

White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.38 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.25 (ddd, J = 13.8, 8.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (ddd, J = 13.8, 8.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.80

(d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.73 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

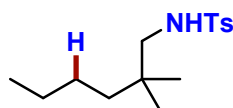
***N*-(2,2-dimethylpentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6a)**



6a

White solid. mp: 65-66 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.37 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.11–1.18 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.24, 137.02, 129.64, 127.07, 52.99, 41.92, 33.76, 24.89, 21.49, 16.88, 14.7. IR (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3355, 2948, 2830, 1418. HRMS–ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 292.1342; found, 292.1341.

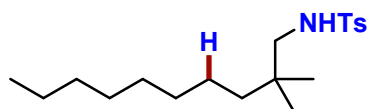
***N*-(2,2-Dimethylhexyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (7a)**



7a

White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.30 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.19–1.25 (m, 2H), 1.09–1.17 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (s, 6H).

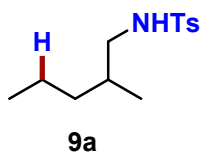
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8a

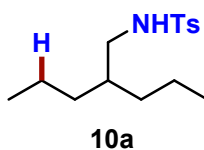
White solid. mp: 41-42 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.23 (m, 8H), 1.10–1.14 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.15, 137.05, 129.62, 127.07, 52.98, 39.51, 33.67, 31.85, 30.35, 29.53, 29.28, 24.88, 23.64, 22.63, 21.47, 14.07. IR (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3357, 2946, 2834, 1457. HRMS–ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 362.2124; found, 362.2127.

***N*-(2-methylpentyl)-4-methyl- benzenesulfonamide (9a)**



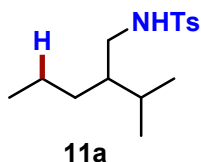
White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.38 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 8.1, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 8.1, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.17–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.10 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 0.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

***N*-(2-propylpentyl)-4-methyl- benzenesulfonamide (10a)**



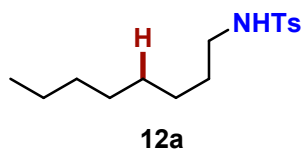
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***N*-(2-isopropylpentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (11a)**



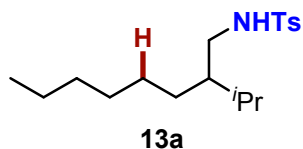
White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (br s, 1H), 2.82–2.89 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.12 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 1.05–1.09 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.26, 137.00, 129.64, 127.11, 44.13, 43.65, 30.52, 28.04, 21.49, 20.58, 19.43, 18.80, 14.26. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3351, 2946, 2834, 1661. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 306.1498; found, 306.1506.

***N*-octyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (12a)**



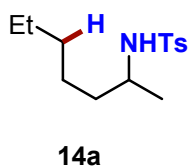
White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (dd, $J = 12.3, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.41–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.20–1.30 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

***N*-(2-isopropyloctyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (13a)**



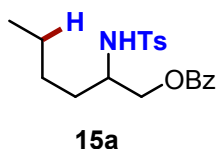
White solid. **mp**: 34–35 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.68 (sext, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.22–1.26 (m, 3H), 1.15–1.21 (m, 6H), 1.10–1.12 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.21, 136.94, 129.62, 127.11, 44.05, 43.84, 31.74, 29.53, 28.23, 28.01, 27.39, 22.60, 21.48, 19.40, 18.85, 14.05. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3357, 2948, 2830, 1455. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 348.1968; found, 348.1971.

***N*-(heptan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (14a)**



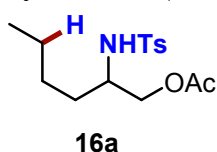
Colourless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.32 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.29–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.07–1.24 (m, 6H), 1.03 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.08, 138.22, 129.55, 127.00, 49.93, 37.37, 31.36, 25.11, 22.43, 21.74, 21.46, 13.90. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3361, 2946, 2834, 1416. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 292.1342; found, 292.1337.

2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)hexyl benzoate (15a)



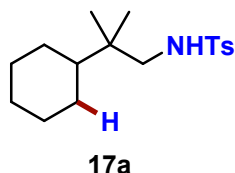
Colourless oil. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 8.7, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.58–3.63 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.54–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.23–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)hexyl acetate (16a)



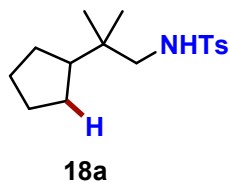
Colorless oil. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42–3.50 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.36–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.17–1.27 (m, 4H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

***N*-(2-cyclohexyl-2-methylpropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (17a)**



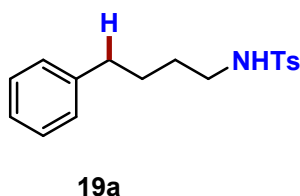
White solid. **mp**: 140–141 °C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 1.01–1.17 (m, 5H), 0.85–0.92 (m, 2H), 0.79 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.18, 136.93, 129.62, 127.07, 51.70, 43.66, 35.98, 26.90, 26.85, 26.47, 22.60, 21.47. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3353, 2944, 2834, 1422, 1118. **HRMS–ESI** (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₂₇NNaO₂S, 332.1655; found, 332.1655.

***N*-(2-cyclopentyl-2-methylpropyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (18a)**



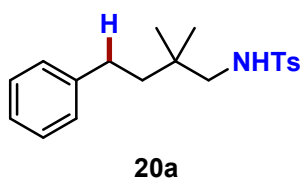
White solid. **mp**: 93-94 °C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.55 (m, 6H), 1.14–1.19 (m, 2H), 0.80 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.24, 136.98, 129.65, 127.06, 53.13, 46.83, 35.55, 26.64, 25.48, 22.32, 21.51. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3357, 2946, 2834, 1453, 1034. **HRMS–ESI** (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₅NNaO₂S, 318.1498; found, 318.1490.

***N*-(4-phenylbutyl)-4-methyl- benzenesulfonamide (19a)**



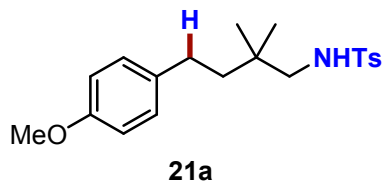
White solid. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.24–4.29 (m, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.50 (m, 2H).

***N*-(2,2-Dimethyl-4-phenylbutyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (20a)**



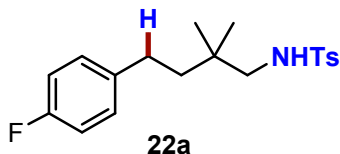
White solid. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.1, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 5.1, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (s, 6H).

***N*-(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylbutyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (21a)**



White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.73 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.46 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 5.1, 3.6$, 1H), 0.91 (s, 6H).

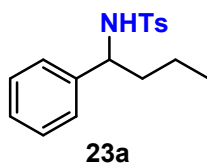
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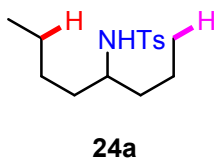
White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.47 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 0.92 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 6H).

***N*-(1-phenylbutyl)-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (23a)**

White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.00 (m, 2H), 4.84 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.2–1.30 (m, 1H), 1.20–1.09 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H).



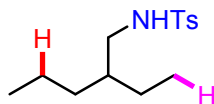
***N*-(octan-4-yl)-4-methyl- benzenesulfonamide (24a)**



White solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J =$

8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.33–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.30 (m, 3H), 1.11–1.19 (m, 4H), 1.04–1.09 (m, 1H), 0.78 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H).

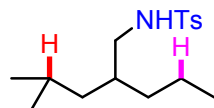
***N*-(2-ethylpentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (25a)**



25a

White solid. **mp**: 48–49 °C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.19–4.23 (m, 2H), 2.84–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.33–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.24–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.16–1.23 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.22, 136.95, 129.61, 127.07, 45.72, 38.91, 33.18, 23.82, 21.47, 19.59, 14.20, 10.63. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3353, 2944, 2834, 1459, 1036. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₃NNaO₂S, 292.1342; found, 292.1351.

***N*-(4-methyl-2-propylpentyl)-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (26a)**



26a

White solid. **mp**: 59–61°C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.46 (br s, 1H), 2.80–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.47–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.20 (m, 4H), 1.02–1.04 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.27, 137.00, 129.63, 127.10, 46.29, 41.15, 35.10, 33.91, 25.06, 22.69, 21.48, 19.42, 14.23. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3369, 2951, 2834, 1455. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₇NNaO₂S, 320.1655; found, 320.1658.

Procedures for Copper-Catalyzed Remote (δ) C(sp³)-H Bond Amination

Procedure A: **1a** (26.9 mg, 0.10 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol%, 3.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), PhI(OTFA)₂ (2.0 equiv, 86.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) were weighed in the air and charged into an oven-dried 25 mL Schlenk tube. After addition of 1.0 mL DCE, the sealed tube

was placed in a 100 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 10 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash Silica gel column purification (2% EtOAc/ petroleum ether) of the crude product provided **2a** (21.4 mg, 0.08mmol) in 80% isolated yield.

Procedure B: Changed: PhI(OTFA)₂ (3.0 equiv, 129.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Other process is the same as the **Procedure A**.

Procedure C: Changed: PhI(OTFA)₂ (2.5 equiv, 107.5 mg, 0.25 mmol). Other process is the same as the **Procedure A**.

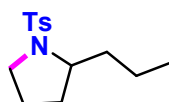
Procedure D: Changed: CuI (10 mol%, 1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol). Other process is the same as the **Procedure A**.

Procedure E: Changed: Changed: PhI(OTFA)₂ (4.0 equiv, 172.0 mg, 0.4 mmol). Other process is the same as the **Procedure A**.

Characterization Data for Pyrrolidines

Compound **1b**,³ **2b**,² **3b**,³ **4b**,² **5b**,² **6b**,⁸ **7b**,⁴ **9b**,³ **12b**,⁹ **14b**,¹⁰ **15b**,³ **16b**,³ **19b**,⁴ **20b**,⁴ **21b**,⁴ **22b**,⁴ **23b**,⁴ **24b**,¹¹ can be found in the literature.

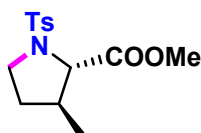
2-propyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**1b**)



1b

White Solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (ddt, *J* = 9.0, 6.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.73–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.41–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.34 (sext, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

(2S,3S)-Methyl 3-methyl-2-carboxylate 1-tosylpyrrolidine (**2b**)

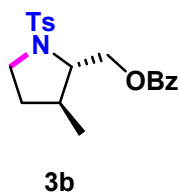


2b

Colourless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.47 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H),

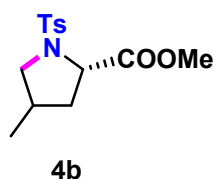
2.36 (quint, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (sext, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.36 (sext, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-methyl benzoate)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (3b)



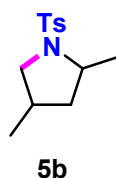
White Solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 11.2, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, $J = 11.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dt, $J = 6.7, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 6.9, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (ddd, $J = 10.3, 6.9, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.19–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.00 (sext, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.21–1.27 (m, 1H), 0.68 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H).

methyl (2S)-4-methyl- -2-carboxylate-1-tosylpyrrolidine (4b)



White Solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 4.34 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.56–3.59 (m, $1/2 \times 2\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 2\text{H}$), 2.97 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, $1/2 \times 6\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 6\text{H}$), 2.31–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 6.2, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.92–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.66 (m, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

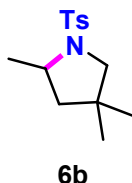
2,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (5b)



White Solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $2/5 \times 3\text{H}$, $3/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.73–3.78 (m, $2/5 \times 1\text{H}$), 3.58–3.62 (m, $3/5 \times 1\text{H}$), 3.51–3.57 (m, 2H), 2.91 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz, $3/5 \times 1\text{H}$), 2.58 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz,

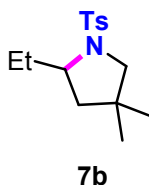
2/5×1H). 2.43 (s, 2/5×5H, 3/5×5H), 2.31–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.04–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.25–1.29 (m, 1H), 1.11–1.16 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H).

(*R*)-2,4,4-trimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (6b)



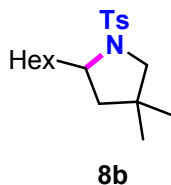
White Solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (sext, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.73 (dd, $J = 12.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.55 (s, 3H).

2-ethyl-4,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (7b)



Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (ddt, $J = 9.5, 9.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.06–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.68 (dd, $J = 12.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.51–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.42 (dd, $J = 12.5, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.85 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.53 (s, 3H).

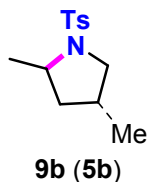
2-hexyl-4,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (8b)



Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.54–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.12 (q, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.08–2.13 (m, 1H), 1.70 (dd, $J = 12.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.43 (dd, $J = 12.5, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.19–1.31 (m, 8H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.97, 135.76, 129.42, 127.37, 61.34, 60.38, 46.22, 37.32,

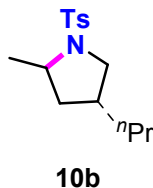
36.35, 31.80, 29.22, 26.46, 25.87, 25.64, 22.56, 21.46, 14.04. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3369, 2951, 2836. **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$, 338.2148; Found: 338.2149.

2,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (9b)



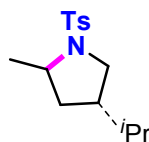
Colourless oil. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 3.73–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.64 (m, 3H), 2.91 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H). 2.43 (s, $1/2 \times 6\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 6\text{H}$), 2.32–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.03–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.24–1.29 (m, 1H), 1.09–1.17 (m, 1H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

2-methyl-4-propyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (10b)



Colourless oil. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 3.73–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.54–3.59 (m, 3H), 2.93 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.1–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.04–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.18–1.24 (m, 6H), 1.07–1.15 (m, 3H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.08, 135.42, 134.68, 129.54, 129.49, 127.48, 127.39, 56.84, 55.77, 54.62, 54.34, 41.47, 39.53, 37.77, 36.57, 34.95, 34.76, 23.36, 22.75, 21.47, 21.28, 21.22, 14.03, 14.00. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3356, 2948, 2834. **HRMS-ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 304.1342; Found: 304.1350.

4-isopropyl-2-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (11b)

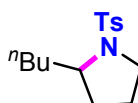


11b

Yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 3.77–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.54–3.60 (m, 3H), 2.98 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.03–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.93–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.31–1.35 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.18 (m, 2H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.79 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.08, 135.38, 134.58, 129.54, 29.49, 127.44, 127.34, 57.10, 56.09, 53.54, 53.26, 45.32, 44.13, 40.04, 37.73, 31.79, 31.46, 23.45, 22.58, 21.47, 21.42, 21.26, 21.14, 20.95. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3367, 2951, 2832, 1665.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 304.1342; Found: 304.1349.

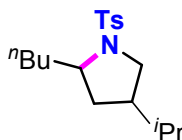
2-butyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (12b)



12b

Yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.57–3.61 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.37 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

2-butyl-4-isopropyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (13b)

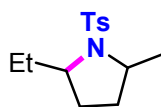


13b

Yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$, $1/2 \times 4\text{H}$), 3.59–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.49–3.56 (m, 2H), 2.90 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.97–2.07 (m,

2H), 1.86–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.68 (dd, $J = 12.3, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.03–1.59 (m, 15H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.78 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.08, 143.06, 135.71, 134.62, 129.56, 129.50, 127.55, 127.35, 61.28, 60.81, 53.55, 53.08, 45.62, 44.48, 37.31, 36.53, 36.39, 34.91, 32.03, 31.45, 28.56, 27.80, 22.68, 22.61, 21.49, 21.42, 21.32, 21.18, 21.05, 14.07, 14.06. **IR** (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3363, 2948, 2836. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 346.1811; Found: 346.1815.

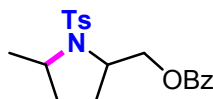
2-ethyl-5-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (14b)



14b

White Solid. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $2/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $3/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $2/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $3/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 4.03 (quint, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.73–3.76 (m, 1H), 3.67 (sext, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $3/5 \times 1\text{H}$), 3.49–3.54 (m, $3/5 \times 1\text{H}$), 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.84–2.08 (m, $2/5 \times 4\text{H}$, $3/5 \times 4\text{H}$), 1.67–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.59 (m, $2/5 \times 6\text{H}$, $3/5 \times 6\text{H}$), 1.32 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.19 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.80 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H).

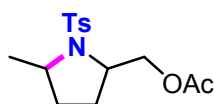
(5-methyl methyl benzoate)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (15b)



15b

Colourless oil. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.48–4.53 (m, 2H), 4.36–4.39 (m, 2H), 4.21–4.24 (m, 1H), 4.14 (quint, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.98–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.71 (sext, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.16–2.22 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.92 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.38 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

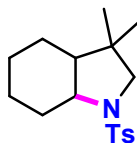
(5-methyl methyl acetate)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (16b)



16b

Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, $2/5 \times 4\text{H}$, $3/5 \times 4\text{H}$), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.25–4.29 (m, 1H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, $J = 11.0$, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03–4.09 (m, 3H), 3.88 (hept, $J = 3.9$ Hz 1H), 3.68 (sext, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.03–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.79–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.55 (m, $2/5 \times 3\text{H}$, $3/5 \times 3\text{H}$), 1.35 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

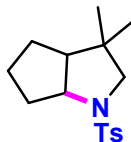
3,3-dimethyl-1-tosyloctahydro-1*H*-indole (17b)



17b

Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.66–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.11–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.10, 134.21, 129.42, 127.53, 60.38, 58.90, 47.79, 38.95, 28.86, 27.05, 24.65, 24.36, 21.87, 21.52, 20.32. IR (thin film, cm^{-1}): 3361, 2946, 2832, 1457. HRMS–ESI (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$, 330.1498; Found: 330.1501.

3,3-dimethyl-1-tosyloctahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyrrole (18b)

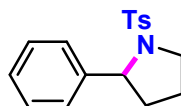


18b

Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.02–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.01 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.46 (m, 2H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.94, 136.10, 129.44, 127.26, 65.33, 59.56, 55.75, 39.55, 34.90, 28.08, 27.38, 26.01, 21.93, 21.50. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3363, 2948, 2834. **HRMS–ESI** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₂S, 316.1342; Found: 316.1331.

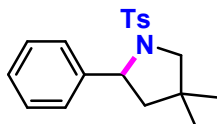
2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (19b)



19b

Colourless oil. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.30 (m, , 6H), 7.19–7.24 (m, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 7.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56–3.6 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.45 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.94–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.70 (m, 1H).

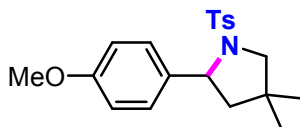
4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (20b)



20b

White Solid. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 7H), 4.70 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (dd, J = 12.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, J = 12.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3H).

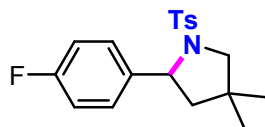
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (21b)



21b

Colourless oil. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.98 (dd, J = 12.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (t, J = 11.1Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H).

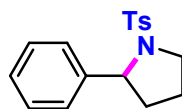
2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (22b)



22b

Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, $J = 12.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, $J = 12.8, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H).

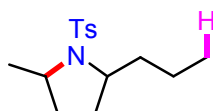
2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (23b)



23b (19b)

Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.22 (m, 6H), 7.15–7.16 (m, 1H), 4.72 (dd, $J = 8.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.33–3.38 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.61 (m, 1H).

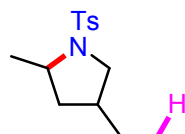
2-methyl-5-propyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (24b)



24b

White Solid. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.01 (quint, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.80–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.66 (sext, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.60 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.02–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.95–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.67 (dd, $J = 12.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.41–1.62 (m, 6H), 1.34–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.30 (m, 1H), 1.19–1.25 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

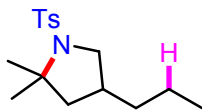
4-ethyl-2-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (25b)



25b

Yellow Oil. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1/2×4H, 1/2×4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1/2×4H, 1/2×4H), 3.76 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz 1H), 3.54–3.58 (m, 3H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 2.13–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.08 (quint, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.41–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.23–1.27 (m, 3H), 1.12–1.19 (m, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.08, 135.35, 134.67, 129.55, 129.49, 127.47, 127.40, 56.90, 55.84, 54.46, 54.16, 41.12, 39.69, 39.17, 38.53, 25.67, 25.56, 23.34, 22.76, 21.48, 12.51, 12.41. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3361, 2948, 2832. **HRMS–ESI** (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₁NNaO₂S, 290.1185; Found: 290.1197.

2,2-dimethyl-4-propyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (26b)

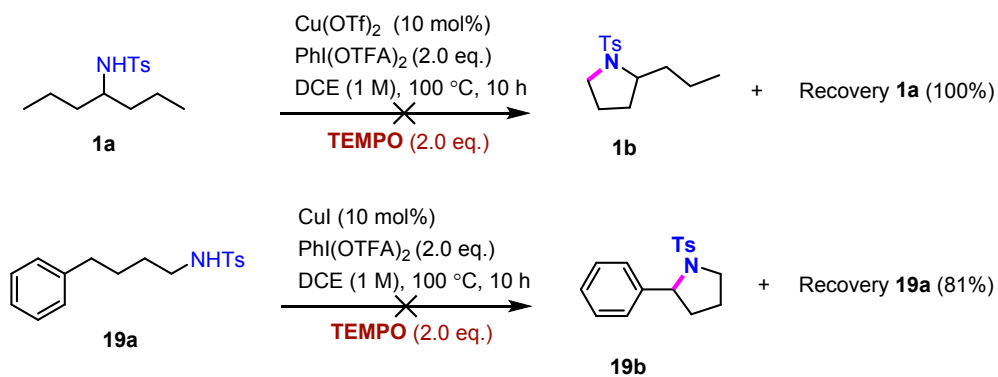


26b

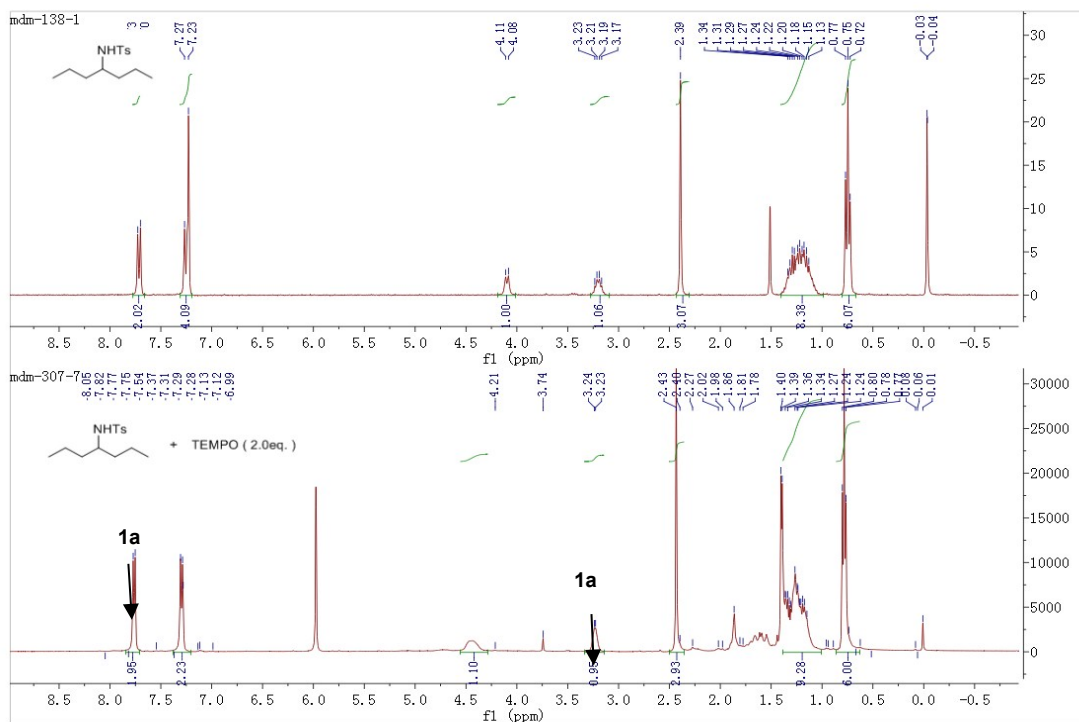
Colourless oil. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.16–2.22 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.23–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.46, 138.66, 129.33, 127.13, 65.61, 54.75, 49.60, 35.44, 35.17, 29.01, 28.46, 21.45, 21.29, 14.16. **IR** (thin film, cm⁻¹): 3357, 2946, 2836. **HRMS–ESI** (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₅NNaO₂S, 318.1498; Found: 318.1501.

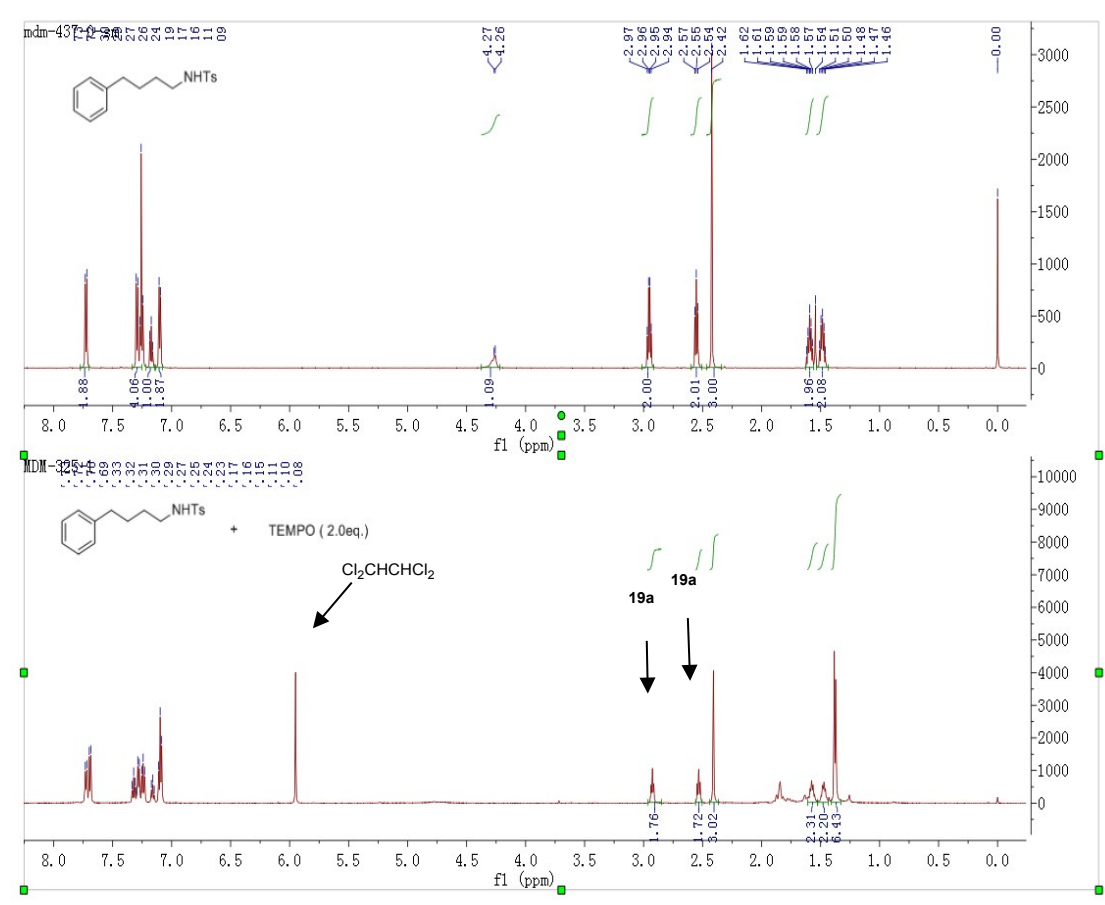
Mechanism Study

1. TEMPO Control Experiments

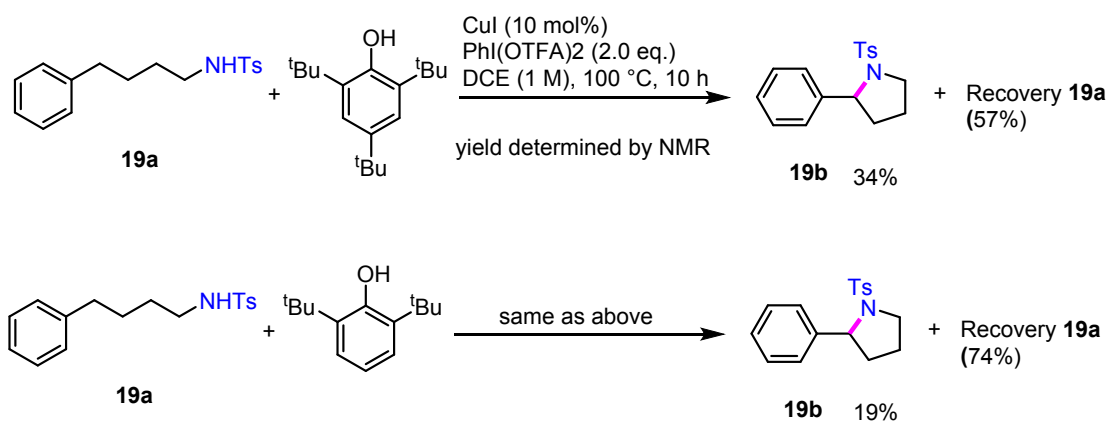


When 2.0 equiv of TEMPO was added under the standard reaction condition, the reaction does not proceed at all, only the starting materials were detected from the crude ^1H NMR.

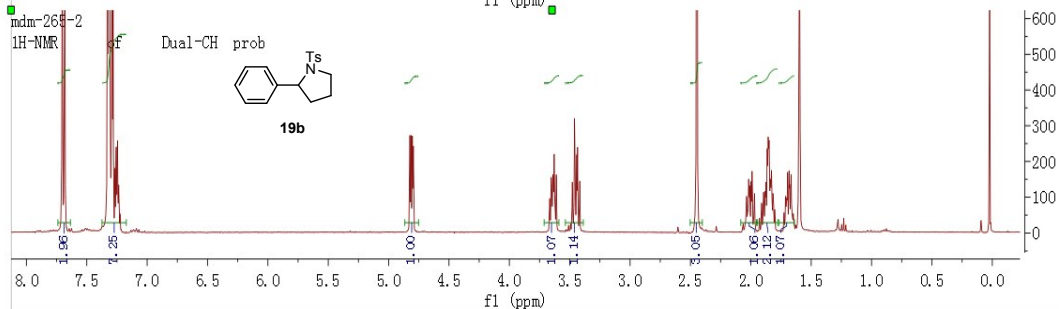
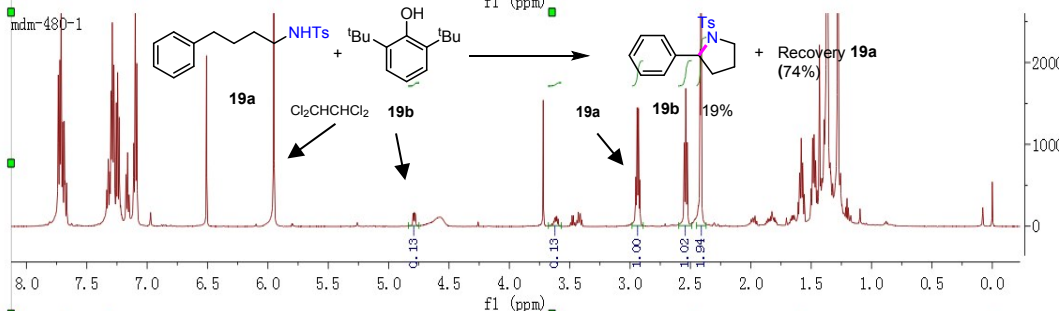
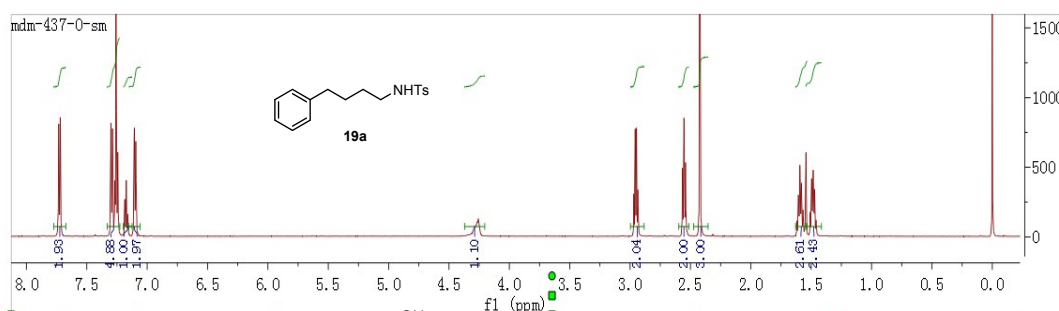
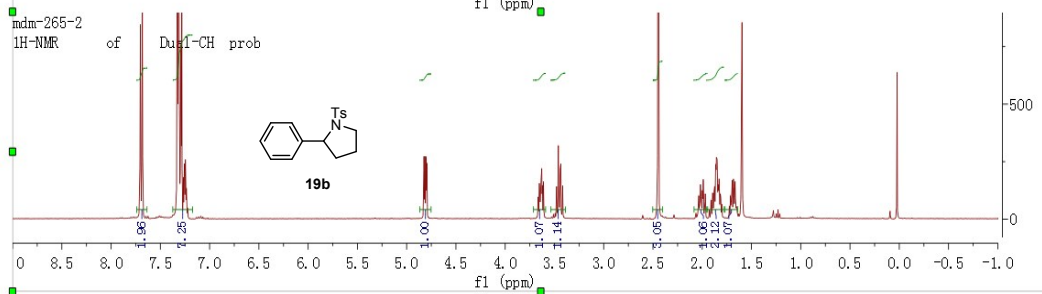
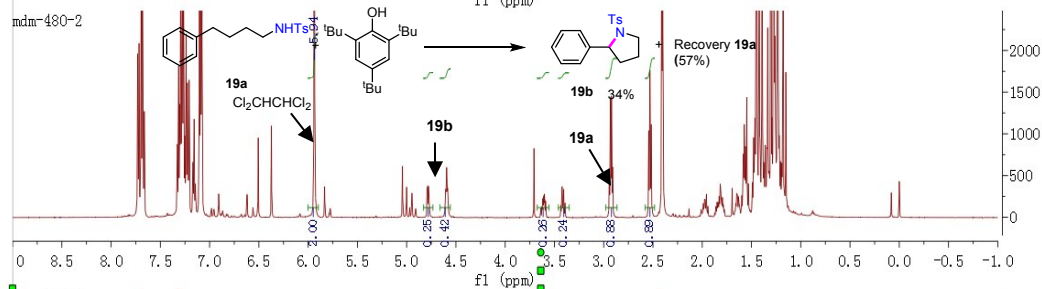
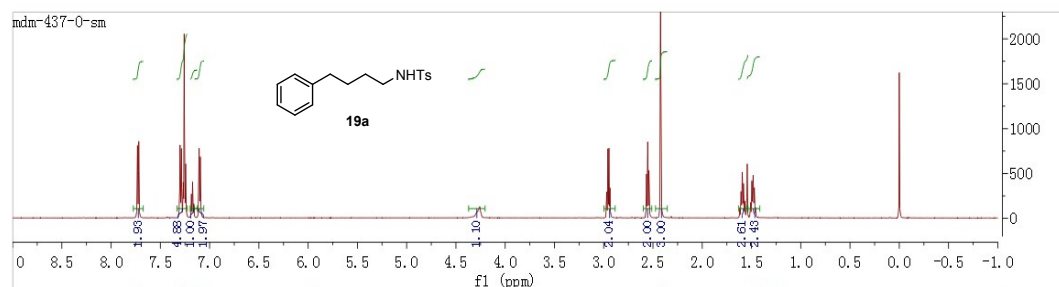




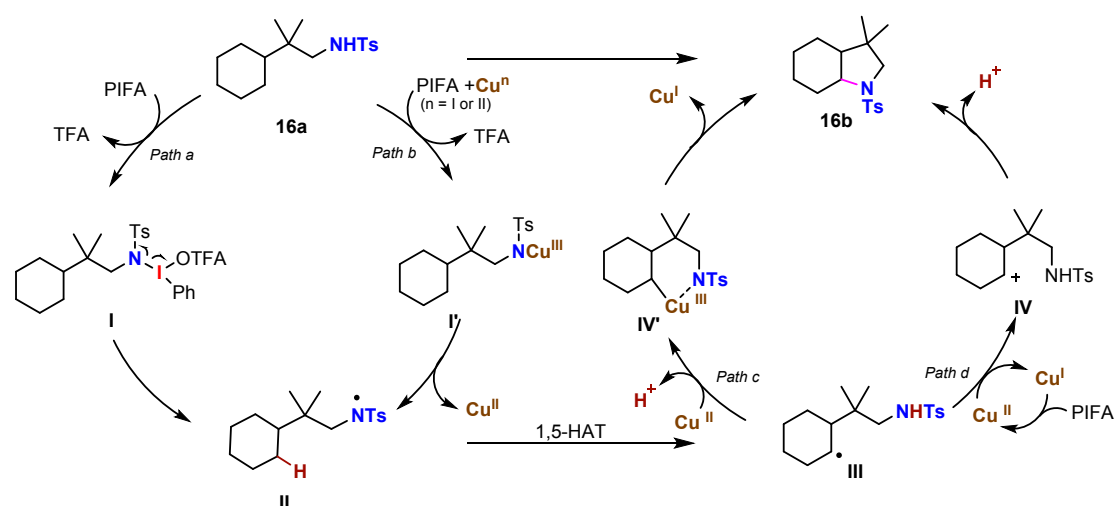
2. Radical capture experiments



The reaction yield was decreased significantly in the presence of 1.0 equiv 2,6-*di-tert*-butylphenol or 2, 4, 6-*tri-tert*-butylphenol.



Proposed Mechanisms:



The reaction is initiated by generation of a polarized aminyl radical **II** followed by two possible ways. Direct oxidation of sulphonamides (**16a**) with PIFA generating the amido- λ^3 -iodane **I**,¹⁷ which underwent the homolysis of nitrogen-iodine bond forming the *N*-centered radical **II**. Or through formation of Cu(III) –sulphonamide intermediate **I'** followed by homolysis of the *N*–Cu bond. A subsequent 1,5–HAT of C–H bond by a polarized aminyl radical formed a carbon radical (**III**), which also followed by two possible pathways. One is the single-electron oxidation of carbon radical to give carbon cation (**IV**), which was captured by sulphonamide group to afford the cyclization product (**16b**) (Path a). Another is the oxidation addition of carbon radical by Cu(II) catalyst to generate Cu(III) –sulphonamide intermediate **IV'**, after reductive elimination to give the cyclization product (**16b**) (Path b).

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