

## Supporting Information

### Photosensitizer-Free, Harnessing Sunlight for Highly Efficient Consecutive [3+2]/[4+2] Annulation to Fused Benzobicyclic Skeletons

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**General Information:** All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All catalysts and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode.

### General procedure for sunlight-promoted cascade annulation of unsaturated $\alpha$ -bromocarbonyls with *o*-alkynylanilines

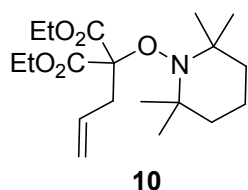


An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed exposed to sun light at room temperature for 2-3 h. After the reaction was finished, the solvent was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding products **3**.

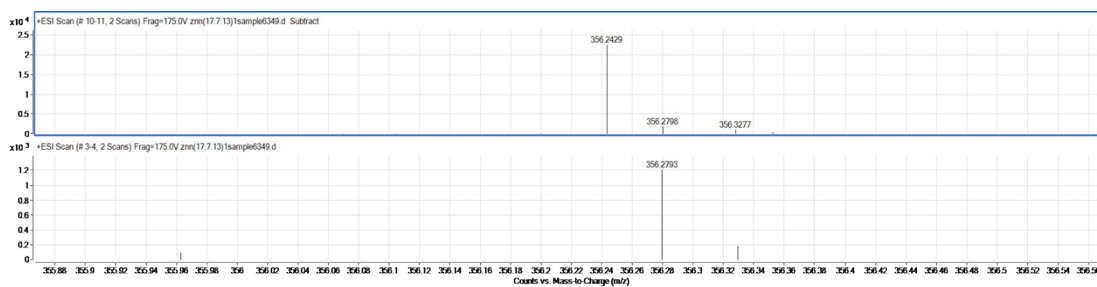
### Trapping experiment with TEMPO

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol), TEMPO (2 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed exposed to sunlight at room temperature. However, products **3a** could not be detected, the corresponding alkylfragment of the halides were formed. Which suggests that the initiation of this radical chain is best achieved via photoinduction.

### The HRMS (ESI) for the important intermediate **10**

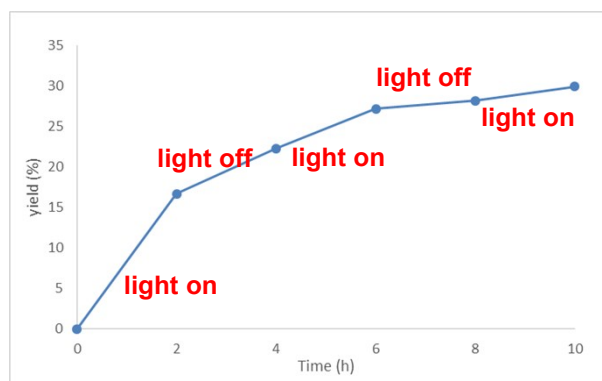


HRMS [ $5 + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : Calcd: 356.2431; Found: 356.2429.



### The light on/off experiments

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL  $CH_3CN$  was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed at a distance (app.5 cm) from 33 W fluorescent light bulb, and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature under visible-light irradiation. After the indicated reaction time, 50  $\mu L$  of the reaction mixture aliquot was collected at different points. The  $^1H$  NMR analysis was calculated using 4,4'-dimethylbenzophenone as the internal standard.



### UV/Vis measurement

The corresponding NK salts generated in situ from **1a** and KH occurred bathochromic shift from the UV-vis absorption, which showed much stronger absorption range from 325-375 nm than any of **1a**, **2a** and product **3aa**.

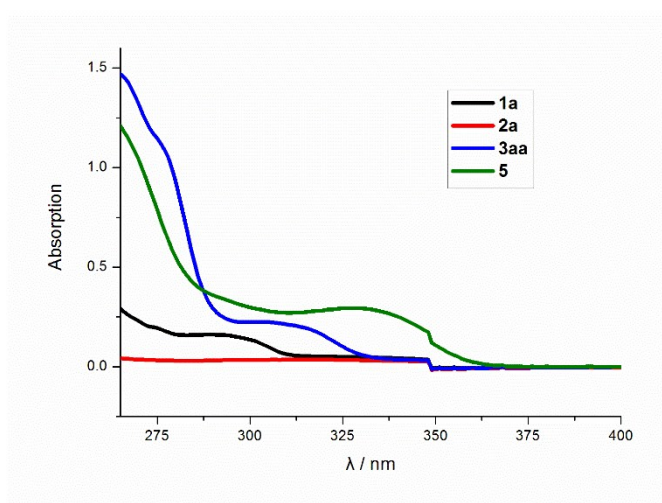
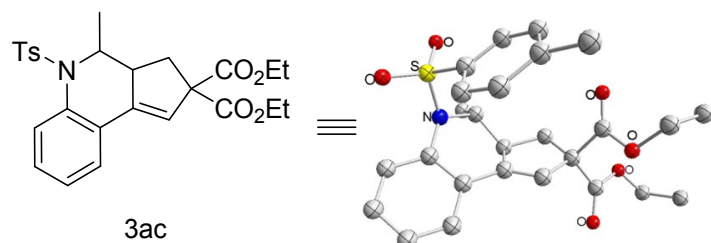


Figure 1: Absorption spectra of the reagents of the model reaction ( $c = 10^{-4}$  mol/L, recorded in MeCN in 1 mm path length quartz cuvettes using a Shimadzu UV-3600 UV-visible spectrophotometer).

### The crystallographic data

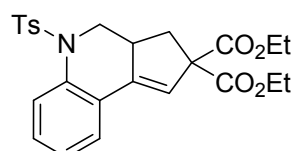
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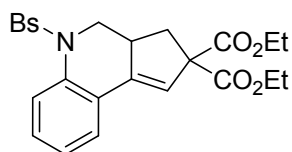
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Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N O <sub>6</sub> S	
Formula weight	483.56	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	triclinic, <i>P</i> -1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.8833(13)$ Å	$\alpha = 61.578(2)$
	$b = 12.3066(16)$ Å	$\beta = 71.152(2)$
	$c = 12.4078(15)$ Å	$\gamma = 72.508(2)$
Volume	$1236.4(3)$ Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.299 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.172 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	512	
Limiting indices	$-11 \leq h \leq 11, -14 \leq k \leq 14, -13 \leq l \leq 14$	
Data / parameters	4328 / 311	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.982	
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	R1 = 0.058, wR2 = 0.198	

### Characterization of products

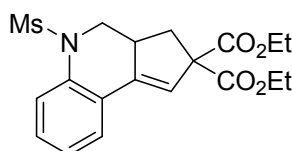


*diethyl 5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3aa)*. Yellow solid; (41.7 mg, 89%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.81$  (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.15 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.08 (m, 4H), 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.8, 169.8, 143.9, 142.2, 137.0, 135.9, 129.8, 129.2, 127.0, 125.7, 125.0, 124.4, 123.4, 121.1, 65.3, 61.7, 61.6, 51.4, 39.6, 37.2, 21.5, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS

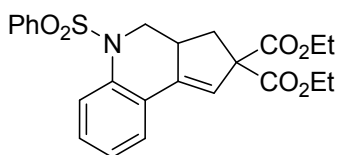
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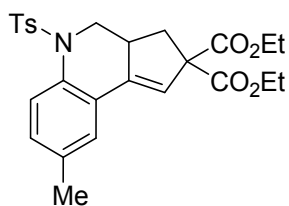
diethyl 5-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3ba**). Yellow solid; (43.2 mg, 81%); mp: 123-125 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.08 (m, 4H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.78 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.20 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.7, 169.7, 141.8, 138.9, 135.4, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.1, 125.9, 125.4, 124.4, 123.7, 121.7, 65.3, 61.80, 61.77, 51.5, 39.7, 37.2, 14.06 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 534.0580, found 534.0582.



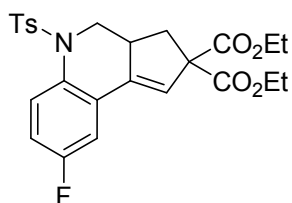
diethyl 5-(methylsulfonyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3ca**). Yellow solid; (30.7 mg, 78%); mp: 146-148 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.38 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.13 (m, 4H), 3.32-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.06-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.26 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.7, 170.0, 142.1, 135.8, 129.6, 126.2, 125.0, 123.1, 121.7, 65.4, 61.9, 61.8, 51.1, 40.8, 39.9, 37.2, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 394.1319, found 394.1317.



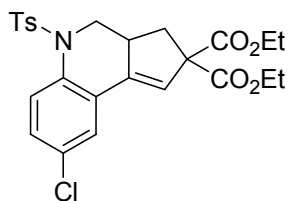
diethyl 5-(phenylsulfonyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3da**). Yellow oil; (38.7 mg, 85%); *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.74 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.8, 169.8, 142.1, 140.0, 135.7, 133.0, 129.2, 126.9, 125.8, 125.1, 124.4, 123.5, 121.3, 65.3, 61.7, 51.4, 39.6, 37.2, 14.04 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 456.1475, found 456.1476.



*diethyl 8-methyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3ea)*. Yellow solid; (42.1 mg, 87%); mp: 133-135 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.02 (t,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.8, 169.9, 143.8, 142.4, 137.0, 134.7, 133.5, 130.1, 129.7, 127.0, 125.9, 124.4, 123.2, 120.9, 65.3, 61.7, 61.6, 51.5, 39.5, 37.2, 21.5, 20.8, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 484.1788, found 484.1790.

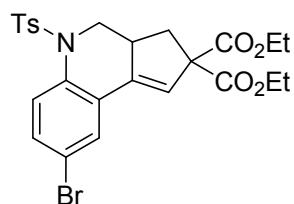


*diethyl 8-fluoro-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3fa)*. Yellow solid; (39.0 mg, 80%); mp: 113-115 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.81 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.01 (t,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.77 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 169.5, 159.9 (d,  $J$  = 243.6 Hz), 144.1, 141.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 136.7, 131.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 129.8, 127.0, 126.8 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 125.4 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 122.8, 116.4, 116.2, 111.7, 111.4, 65.3, 61.8, 61.7, 52.3, 39.0, 37.2, 21.5, 14.04, 13.98 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -116.86 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{FNO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 488.1538, found 488.1536.

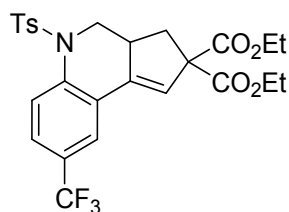


*diethyl 8-chloro-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3ga)*. Yellow solid; (41.7 mg, 83%); mp: 133-135 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.33 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.17 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.06 (t,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 4H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 169.6, 144.2, 141.2, 136.6, 134.4, 130.6, 129.9, 129.0, 127.0, 125.8, 125.4, 124.9, 122.6,

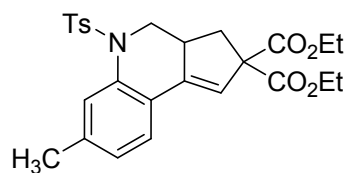
65.3, 61.83, 61.76, 51.2, 39.2, 37.1, 21.5, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{26}ClNO_6S$   $[M+H^+]$ :504.1242, found 504.1244.



*diethyl 8-bromo-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate(3ha)*. Yellow solid; (42.7 mg, 78%); mp: 123-124 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.73-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.06 (m, 4H), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 169.6, 144.2, 141.1, 136.6, 134.9, 131.9, 129.9, 128.4, 127.0, 126.0, 125.2, 122.6, 118.3, 65.3, 61.83, 61.77, 51.2, 39.2, 37.1, 21.5, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{26}BrNO_6S$   $[M+H^+]$ :548.0737, found 548.0709.

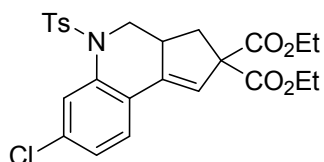


*diethyl 5-tosyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate(3ia)*. Yellow solid; (39.2 mg, 73%); mp: 178-181 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.08 (m, 4H), 3.03 (t,  $J$  = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.29-1.21 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 169.6, 144.4, 141.1, 138.6, 136.5, 130.0, 127.0, 126.6 (q,  $J$  = 33 Hz), 125.6 (q,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 123.9, 123.8 (q,  $J$  = 270.1 Hz), 123.2, 123.0 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 122.8, 65.4, 61.9, 51.2, 39.6, 37.0, 21.6, 14.06, 14.00 ppm;  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): -62.55 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}F_3NO_6S$   $[M+H^+]$ : 538.1506, found 538.1508.

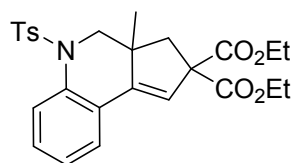


*diethyl 7-methyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate(3ja)*. Yellow solid; (42.0 mg, 87%); mp: 167-169 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.38 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22

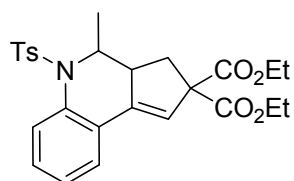
(dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.94 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.07 (m, 4H), 3.04-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.18 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 170.0, 143.8, 142.3, 139.4, 137.1, 135.8, 129.7, 127.0, 126.1, 125.5, 124.8, 120.8, 120.0, 65.3, 61.7, 61.6, 51.5, 39.6, 37.2, 21.7, 21.5, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:484.1788, found 484.1786.



diethyl 7-chloro-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3ka**) . Yellow solid; (44.8 mg, 89%); mp: 142-144 °C;  $R_f = 0.39$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.86$  (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.06 (m, 4H), 3.03-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 169.7, 144.3, 141.3, 136.7, 136.5, 134.7, 129.9, 127.0, 126.7, 125.2, 124.0, 121.7, 121.6, 65.3, 61.8, 61.7, 51.2, 39.5, 37.0, 21.6, 14.05, 14.00 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClNO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:504.1242, found 504. 1243.



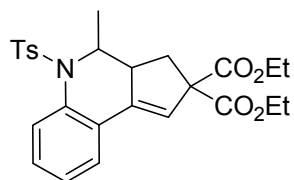
diethyl 3a-methyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3ab**). Yellow solid; (43.0 mg, 89%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.76$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.18 (m, 4H), 3.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.46 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 6H), 1.23 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.1, 170.8, 146.8, 143.9, 137.9, 135.6, 129.9, 129.1, 126.9, 126.7, 123.1, 120.6, 119.2, 118.9, 65.0, 61.88, 61.85, 57.5, 43.6, 43.4, 22.6, 21.5, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:484.1788, found 484.1789.



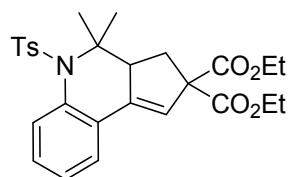
diethyl 4-methyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (**3ac**). Yellow solid; (10 mg, 21%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.33$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.70$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.08 (m,



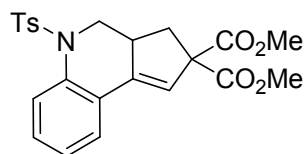
4H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.0, 169.8, 143.5, 142.1, 135.6, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 126.6, 125.2, 120.4, 66.2, 61.7, 61.4, 60.0, 52.1, 40.2, 24.1, 21.5, 14.1, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:484.1788, found 484.1790.



*diethyl 4-methyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3ac')*. Yellow solid; (30 mg, 62%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.81$  (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.73-4.67 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.05 (m, 4H), 2.94-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.64 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 6H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 170.0, 143.7, 139.7, 137.2, 133.5, 129.7, 129.3, 127.0, 125.9, 125.3, 124.9, 123.5, 122.3, 65.5, 61.7, 61.6, 53.1, 43.7, 35.3, 21.5, 14.05, 14.00, 13.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:484.1788, found 484.1786.

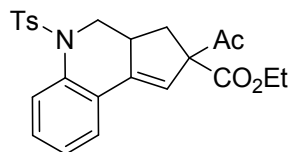


*diethyl 4,4-dimethyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate (3ae)*. Yellow solid; (43.3 mg, 87%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.71$  (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.43-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.38 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 169.9, 144.4, 143.6, 136.5, 134.5, 133.8, 133.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 123.8, 119.3, 63.2, 62.4, 61.9, 38.3, 23.7, 21.5, 19.6, 14.2, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:498.1945, found 498.1947.

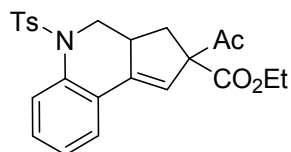


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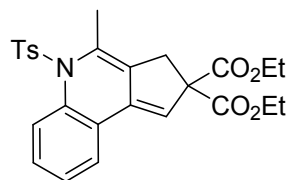
3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t,  $J = 12.8$ , 1H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.2, 170.3, 143.9, 142.4, 137.0, 135.9, 129.8, 129.3, 127.0, 125.7, 125.0, 124.4, 123.3, 120.8, 65.1, 52.9, 52.8, 51.3, 42.6, 40.3, 39.7, 37.3, 21.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:442.1319, found 442.1317.



*ethyl 2-acetyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2-carboxylate (3ag)*. Yellow solid; (10 mg, 22%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.35$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.81$  (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd,  $J = 12.8$  Hz,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd,  $J = 12.8$  Hz,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  201.3, 171.2, 144.0, 143.0, 136.9, 136.0, 129.8, 129.3, 127.0, 125.6, 125.0, 124.6, 123.3, 120.8, 72.2, 61.8, 51.4, 39.4, 35.8, 26.6, 21.5, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:440.1526, found 440.1528.

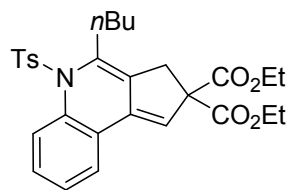


*ethyl 2-acetyl-5-tosyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2-carboxylate (3ag')*. Yellow solid; (30 mg, 67%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.80$  (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  203.6, 170.3, 143.9, 142.4, 137.0, 135.9, 129.8, 129.2, 127.0, 125.7, 125.0, 124.4, 123.3, 120.8, 71.9, 61.8, 51.4, 39.7, 36.6, 26.7, 21.5, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]:440.1526, found 440.1528.

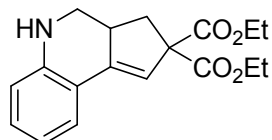


*diethyl 4-methyl-5-tosyl-2H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-2,2(3H,5H)-dicarboxylate (3ah)*. Yellow solid; (39.0 mg, 81%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.79$  (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.54-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 168.9, 143.9, 141.8, 139.3, 137.9, 136.5, 134.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 127.3, 126.3, 124.1, 120.2, 119.9, 62.9, 62.1, 43.1, 24.7, 21.6, 14.2,

14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{27}NO_6S$  [ $M+H^+$ ]:482.1632, found 482.1635.



diethyl 4-butyl-5-tosyl-2H-cyclopenta[*c*]quinoline-2,2(3H,5H)-dicarboxylate. Yellow solid (**3ai**); (40.8 mg, 78%); mp: 145-146 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 2H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.50 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.27 (m, 6H), 1.06-0.98 (m, 1H), 0.90-0.70 (m, 4H), 0.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 169.0, 143.9, 141.8, 139.0, 138.0, 136.5, 134.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 123.8, 119.5, 62.8, 62.7, 62.1, 43.2, 36.4, 31.0, 21.9, 21.5, 14.2, 14.1, 13.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{33}NO_6S$  [ $M+H^+$ ]:524.2101, found 524.2103.



diethyl 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-cyclopenta[*c*]quinoline-2,2-dicarboxylate(**4**). Yellow solid; (26.8 mg, 85%); mp: 166-168 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.38 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.56 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.14 (m, 4H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.53 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.16 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.89 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.30-1.24 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.6, 170.8, 144.7, 143.7, 129.6, 126.1, 117.6, 116.4, 114.9, 65.8, 61.6, 61.5, 48.0, 41.4, 37.2, 14.13, 14.10 ppm. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{21}NO_4$  [ $M+H^+$ ]:316.1543, found 316.1545.

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