

Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of 1*H*-indole-3-sulfonates via Palladium-catalyzed Tandem Reaction of 2-Alkynyl Arylazides with Sulfonic Acids

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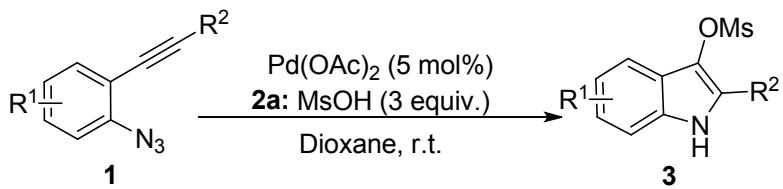
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General Considerations

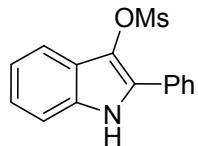
Unless specified, all reagents and starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Solvents were purified following standard literature procedures. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated silica gel plate. Visualization was achieved by UV light (254 nm). Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel and a gradient solvent system (Ethyl acetate: Petrol ether as eluant). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on 400 and 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (ppm) were recorded with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal reference standard. Multiplicities are given as: s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet of doublets) or m (multiplet). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by $n\text{H}$ and coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a LTQ Orbitrap LC/HRMS mass spectrometer. Starting materials **1** (2-alkynyl arylazides) were prepared by our reported methods.¹

Representative Experimental Procedure for Preparation of 3



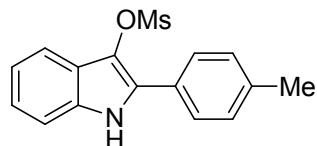
To a solution of 1-azido-2-(phenylethynyl)benzenes **1** (0.1 mmol) in dioxane (0.4 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%) and methanesulfonic acid **2a** or 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid **2b** (0.3 mmol, 3 equiv.) in sequence at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred and monitored by TLC analysis. On completion, the reaction mixture was directly subjected to purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product 2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonates **3**. (eluent: petrol ether: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 4:1)

2-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3a):



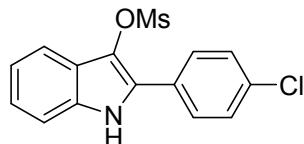
96% yield; brown solid; m.p. 92.7-95.3 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.87 (s, 3 H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 2 H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.72-7.76 (m, 3 H), 8.26 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 37.0, 111.4, 118.5, 121.2, 122.1, 123.6, 125.5, 126.8, 127.8, 128.6, 129.3, 129.8, 133.2; IR(KBr): 3379, 3035, 2950, 2853, 1344, 1183, 1158, 1056, 621, 558 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.0694, found: 288.0695.

2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3b):



93% yield; brown solid; m.p. 143.3-145.5 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 7.20-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.26 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 21.4, 37.0, 111.3, 118.4, 121.2, 122.2, 123.4, 125.3, 126.7, 126.9, 128.0, 130.0, 133.1 ppm; IR(KBr): 3407, 3012, 2927, 2850, 1307, 1182, 1163, 1053, 646 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.0851, found: 302.0853.

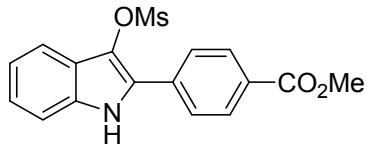
2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3c):



82% yield; brown solid; m.p. 167.3-170.3 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.99 (s, 3 H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 37.4, 111.5, 118.6, 121.5, 122.1, 123.9, 125.7, 126.8, 128.0, 128.3, 129.6, 133.4, 134.6 ppm; IR(KBr) : 3390, 2955, 2924, 2852,

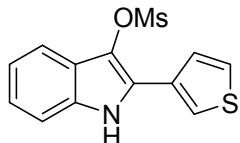
1349, 1183, 1166, 1090, 619, 540 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₅H₁₃NO₃SCl [M+H]⁺ 322.0305, found: 302.0306.

Methyl 4-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)benzoate (3d):



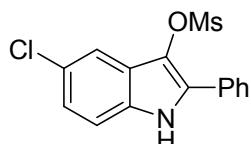
88% yield; yellow solid; m.p. 190.8-193.5 °C; ¹H NMR(CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.99 (s, 3 H), 3.98 (s, 3 H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.33 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 37.4, 52.3, 111.5, 118.9, 121.6, 122.1, 124.4, 126.4, 126.6, 129.8, 130.5, 133.7, 134.1, 166.4 ppm; IR(KBr): 3344, 3020, 2924, 2854, 1343, 1185, 1144, 1052, 626, 520 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₇H₁₆NO₅S [M+H]⁺ 346.0749, found: 346.0751.

2-(Thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3e):



83% yield; brown solid; m.p. 137.9-139.6 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 3.04 (s, 3 H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.47-7.49 (q, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.53-7.55 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.68-7.69 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.27 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 37.2, 111.4, 118.4, 121.3, 121.8, 122.4, 123.6, 124.5, 124.9, 125.7, 127.2, 130.2, 133.1; IR(KBr): 3396, 3007, 2927, 2854, 1331, 1171, 1154, 1054, 601, 523 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₃H₁₂NO₃S₂ [M+H]⁺ 294.0259, found: 294.0260.

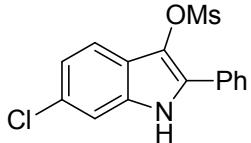
5-Chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3f):



94% yield; brown solid; m.p. 129.0-130.7 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.92 (s, 3 H), 7.16-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 3 H), 8.38 (br, 1 H);

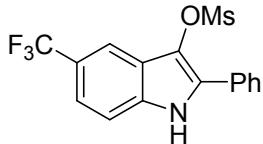
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 37.2, 112.6, 117.9, 123.1, 124.0, 124.6, 126.8, 127.0, 128.9, 129.3, 129.4, 131.6; IR(KBr): 3405, 2959, 2931, 2853, 1359, 1178, 1153, 1079, 694, 523 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₅H₁₃NO₃SCl [M+H]⁺ 322.0305, found: 322.0307.

6-Chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3g):



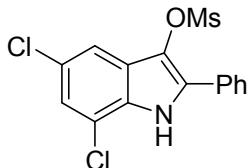
94% yield; brown solid; m.p. 144.0-145.5 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.90 (s, 3 H), 7.16-7.19 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 8.33 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 37.1, 111.3, 119.6, 120.8, 122.1, 125.4, 126.8, 128.4, 128.9, 129.4, 129.5, 133.5; IR(KBr): 3410, 3035, 2923, 2852, 1364, 1183, 1159, 1063, 699, 528 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₅H₁₃NO₃SCl [M+H]⁺ 322.0305, found: 322.0306.

2-Phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3h):



93% yield; yellow solid; m.p. 167.6-168.4 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.95 (s, 3 H), 7.42-7.54 (m, 5 H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 8.07 (s, 1 H), 8.52 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 37.3, 111.8, 116.6 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 120.3 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 121.7, 123.5 (q, *J* = 270 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 125.7, 126.9, 129.1, 129.2, 129.4, 129.7, 134.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -60.70; IR(KBr): 3420, 3033, 2946, 2852, 1342, 1164, 1108, 1066, 697, 522 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₆H₁₃NO₃SF₃ [M+H]⁺ 356.0568, found: 356.0569.

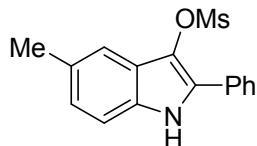
5,7-Dichloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3i):



90% yield; brown solid; m.p. 175.5-178.3 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.92 (s, 3 H), 7.29

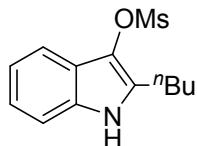
(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 1 H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.68 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.78-7.80 (m, 2 H), 8.40 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 37.3, 117.1, 117.4, 123.1, 124.1, 125.1, 127.1, 128.8, 128.9, 129.5, 130.2; IR(KBr): 3322, 3016, 2923, 2853, 1328, 1195, 1162, 1095, 627, 525 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3\text{SCl}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 355.9915, found: 355.9917.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3j):



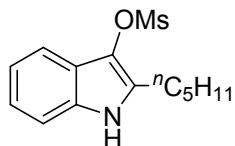
95% yield; brown solid; m.p. 119.3- 121.4 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.49 (s, 3 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 7.08-7.10 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1 H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 8.18 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 21.6, 36.9, 111.1, 117.9, 122.4, 125.5, 126.8, 127.8, 128.5, 129.3, 130.0, 130.7, 131.7 ; IR(KBr): 3384, 3018, 2923, 2852, 1320, 1197, 1174, 1051, 656, 523 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ [M+H] $^+$ 302.0851, found: 302.0853.

2-Butyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3k):



96% yield; green solid; m.p. 45.4-47.2 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 0.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.39-1.48 (m, 2 H), 1.67-1.75 (m, 2 H), 2.86 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.97 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 13.8, 22.5, 24.7, 30.8, 37.4, 111.2, 116.7, 120.7, 121.1, 122.2, 124.7, 131.4, 132.5; IR(KBr): 3392, 3028, 2925, 2856, 1348, 1177, 1079, 697, 522 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ [M+H] $^+$ 268.1007, found: 268.1008.

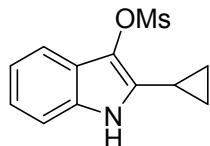
2-Pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3l):



83% yield; green liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 0.93 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H), 1.37-1.41 (m, 4 H), 1.69-1.76 (m, 2 H), 2.85 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1

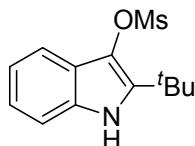
H), 7.56-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.98 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 13.9, 22.4, 24.9, 28.3, 31.5, 37.4, 111.2, 116.7, 120.7, 121.1, 122.2, 124.7, 131.5, 132.5; IR(neat): 3398, 3033, 2927, 2857, 1343, 1178, 1153, 1087, 741, 520 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 282.1164, found: 282.1165.

2-Cyclopropyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3m):



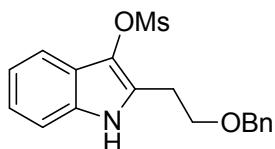
83% yield; black solid; m.p. 91.8-93.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 0.87-0.89 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.06-1.11 (m, 2 H), 2.15-2.22 (m, 1 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.75 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 6.5, 6.8, 37.3, 111.1, 116.7, 120.8, 121.5, 122.4, 126.1, 131.4, 132; IR(KBr): 3389, 3025, 2928, 2853, 1319, 1176, 1127, 1059, 577, 522 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 252.0694, found: 252.0695.

2-(Tert-butyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3n):



96% yield; yellow solid; m.p. 132.1-135.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 1.52 (s, 9 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.96 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 29.9, 32.4, 38.7, 111.0, 117.8, 120.5, 121.7, 122.3, 123.2, 131.7, 136.9; IR(KBr): 3384, 3024, 2957, 2866, 1335, 1172, 1122, 1088, 609, 515 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 268.1007, found: 268.1009.

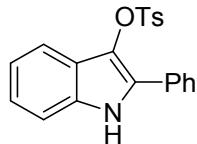
2-(2-(Benzyl)ethyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate (3o):



92% yield; brown liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 3.16 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.86 (s, 2 H), 4.63 (s, 2 H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 6 H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.79

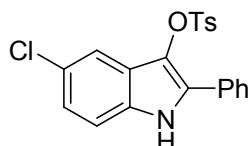
(br,1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 25.2, 37.3, 69.2, 73.5, 111.4, 116.6, 120.4, 120.5, 122.3, 124.4, 127.9, 128.1, 128.7, 130.0, 132.6, 137.8; IR(KBr): 3403, 3029, 2927, 2853, 2360, 1363, 1181, 1130, 1027, 523 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1113, found: 346.1115.

2-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3q):



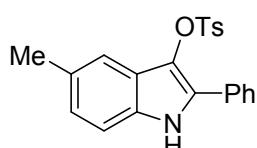
97% yield; brown solid; m.p. 146.8-148.2 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.28 (s, 3 H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 4 H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 8.06 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 21.5, 111.2, 118.9, 120.9, 122.4, 123.3, 125.5, 126.9, 127.8, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 129.0, 129.7, 131.2, 133.2, 144.9; IR(KBr): 3373, 3053, 2922, 2852, 1358, 1191, 1168, 1055, 652, 547 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 364.1007, found: 364.1008.

5-Chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate(3r):



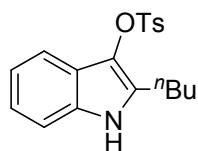
93% yield; brown solid; m.p. 140.8 -142.5 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 2.32 (s, 3 H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.12-7.15 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 8.15 (br, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ : 21.5, 112.3, 118.1, 123.2, 123.6, 124.8, 126.7, 126.8, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 129.2, 129.3, 129.9, 131.3, 131.4, 145.4; IR(KBr): 3418, 2952, 2921, 2852, 1319, 1191, 1178, 1090, 648, 546 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{SCl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 398.0618, found: 398.0618.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3s):



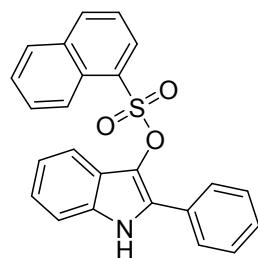
89% yield; yellow solid; m.p. 175.5- 176.6 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 2.30 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.04- 7.07 (dd, *J₁* = 8.4 Hz, *J₂* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.86 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ : 21.4, 21.5, 110.8, 118.3, 122.6, 125.1, 125.3, 126.8, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 128.9, 129.9, 130.3, 131.5, 131.6, 144.8; IR(KBr): 3407, 2952, 2921, 2852, 1305, 1186, 1131, 1054, 690, 558 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₀NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 378.1164, found: 378.1166.

2-Butyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate(3t):



70% yield; yellow solid; m.p. 71.8-73.2 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 0.91(t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.31-1.37 (m, 2 H), 1.45-1.53 (m, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.96-7.00 (m, 1 H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 13.7, 21.7, 22.5, 24.3, 30.6, 110.7, 117.3, 120.2, 121.4, 121.9, 125.3, 128.8, 129.7, 131.0, 132.4, 132.8, 145.2; IR(KBr): 3403, 2954, 2926, 2857, 1356, 1188, 1134, 1090, 682, 556 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₉H₂₂NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 344.1320, found: 344.1321.

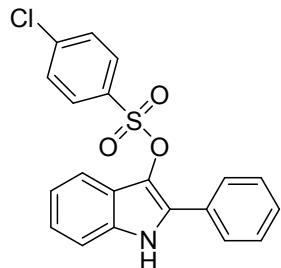
2-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl naphthalene-1-sulfonate (3u):



87%; brown solid; m.p. 133.5-136.3 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 6.95-6.98 (m, 2 H), 7.02-7.05 (m, 1 H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 1 H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 3 H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.58-7.66 (m, 2 H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.98 (dd, *J₁* = 0.8 Hz, *J₂* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (br, 1 H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR

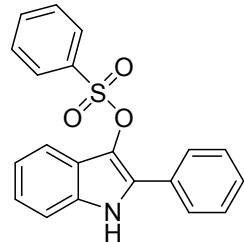
(CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 111.2, 118.4, 120.9, 122.6, 123.2, 123.7, 125.3, 125.6, 126.6, 126.9, 127.7, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 131.0, 131.1, 133.0, 133.9, 135.6; IR(KBr): 3397, 2955, 2922, 2853, 1457, 1365, 1182, 1137, 1028, 754, 504 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₄H₁₈NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 400.1007, found: 400.1009.

2-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl 4-chlorobenzenesulfonate (3v):



89%; brown solid; m.p. 160.7-162.7 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 8 H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.08 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 111.3, 118.8, 121.2, 122.2, 123.5, 125.3, 127.0, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.5, 129.9, 132.3, 133.2, 140.8; IR(KBr): 3390, 2952, 2923, 2852, 1371, 1188, 1160, 1089, 739, 621 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₀H₁₅ClNO₃S [M+H]⁺ 384.0461, found: 384.0462.

2-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl benzenesulfonate (3w):



95%; brown solid; m.p. 121.5-122.7 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.13-7.18 (m, 3 H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 4 H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 3 H), 8.12 (br, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 111.3, 118.7, 121.0, 122.2, 123.3, 125.4, 126.8, 128.0, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.6, 133.1, 134.0, 134.5; IR(KBr): 3396, 2958, 2925, 2853, 1362, 1186, 1118, 1056, 694, 575 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₀H₁₆NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 350.0851, found: 350.0852.

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