

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### AgOTf-Catalyzed Sequential Synthesis of 4-Isoquinolone via Oxidative Ring Opening of Aziridines and Aza-Michael Addition

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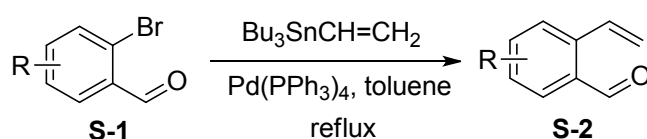
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## General Information

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were recorded with Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer instruments in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were measured in ppm and with the solvents as references (For  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta=7.26$  ppm,  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\delta=77.00$  ppm). All solvents were obtained from commercial sources and were purified according to standard procedures. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography using silica gel (200–300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel GF254 plates and visualized by UV-light (254 nm). Melting points were obtained on a Yanaco-241 apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a MAGNA-560 spectrometer made by Nicolet Company. HRMS were recorded on VG ZAB-HS mass spectrometer with ESI resource. Bs (4-bromobenzenesulfonyl); Ns (4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl); Ts (p-toluenesulfonyl).

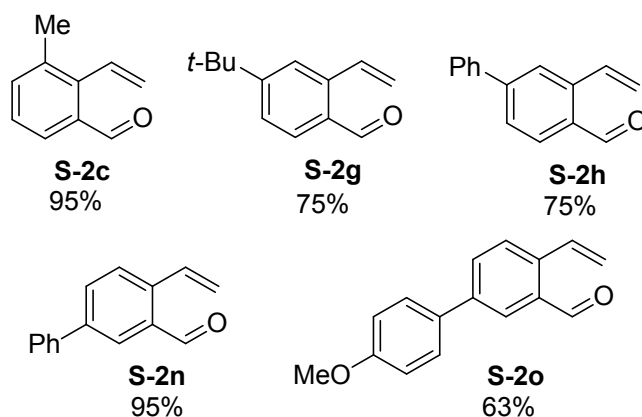
## Synthesis of aldehydes S-2

### General Procedure A



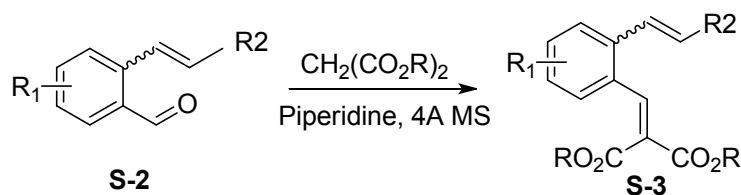
To a solution of  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (1.2 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) was added aldehyde **S-1** (40 mmol) and tributylvinylstannane (48 mmol). The resulting solution was refluxed for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford aldehyde **S-2**.

The unknown aldehydes including **S-2c**, **S-2g**, **S-2h**, **S-2n** and **S-2o** were synthesized from **S-1c**<sup>[1]</sup>, **S-1g**<sup>[2]</sup>, **S-1h**<sup>[3]</sup>, **S-1n**<sup>[3]</sup> and **S-1o**<sup>[3]</sup> according to *General Procedure A*.



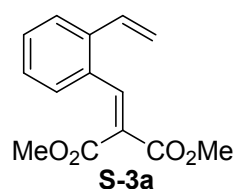
### Synthesis of alkenes S-3

#### General Procedure B



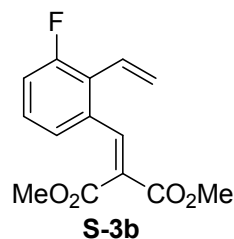
Piperidine (1 mL) and 4Å MS (8 g) was added to the solution of aldehyde **S-2** (20 mmol), malonic ester (26 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 8 h. After filtration, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL) and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 25:1) to afford product **S-3**.

#### Dimethyl 2-(2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate **S-3a**



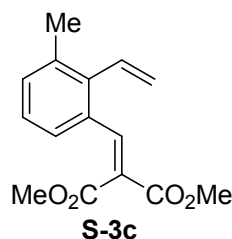
**S-3a** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2a**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 76%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dq,  $J = 29.6$ , 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 17.3$ , 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

#### Dimethyl 2-(3-fluoro-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate **S-3b**



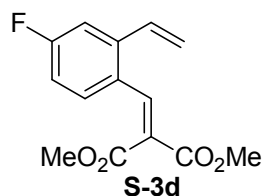
**S-3b** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2b**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 72%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd,  $J = 17.3$ , 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 17.7$ , 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d,  $J = 17.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

#### Dimethyl 2-(3-methyl-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate **S-3c**



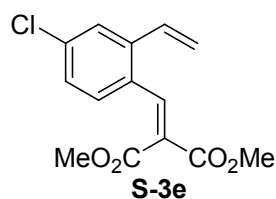
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*Dimethyl 2-(4-fluoro-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3d*



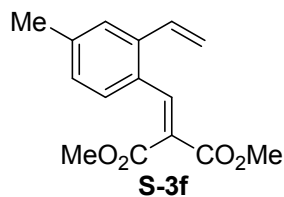
**S-3d** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2d**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 77%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-chloro-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3e*



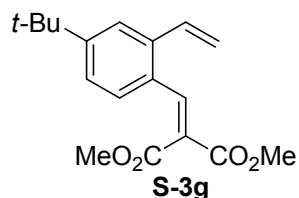
**S-3e** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2e**<sup>[6]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 47%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 11.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-methyl-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3f*



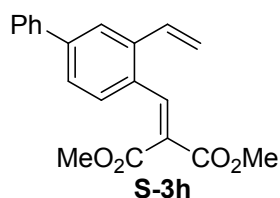
**S-3f** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2f**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 65%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-methyl-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3g*



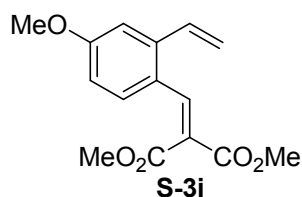
**S-3g** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2g** according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 72%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

*Dimethyl 2-((3-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methylene)malonate S-3h*



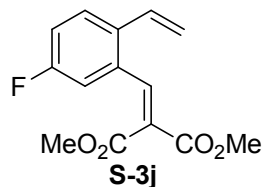
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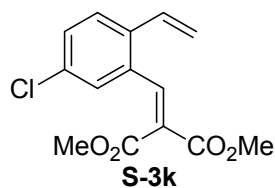
**S-3i** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2i**<sup>[7]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 57%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H).

*Dimethyl 2-(5-fluoro-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3j*



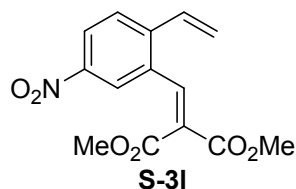
**S-3j** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2j**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 62%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

*Dimethyl 2-(5-chloro-2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3k*



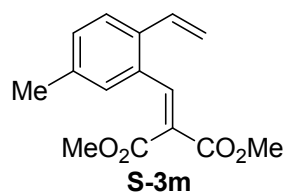
**S-3k** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2k**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 84%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

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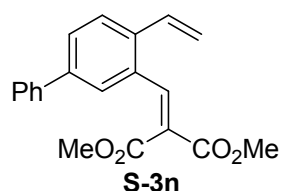
**S-3l** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2l**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 74%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

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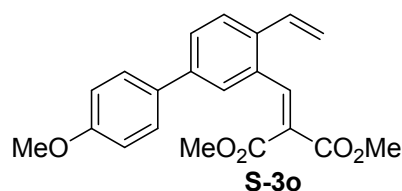
**S-3m** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2m**<sup>[8]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 56%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

*Dimethyl 2-((4-vinyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methylene)malonate S-3n*



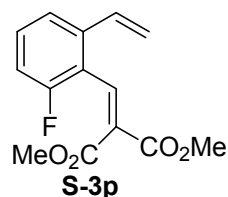
**S-3n** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2n** according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 76%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

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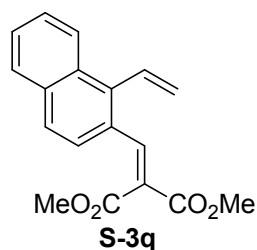
**S-3o** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2o** according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 49%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 8.0 Hz, 5H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

*Dimethyl 2-(2-fluoro-6-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3p*



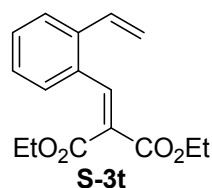
**S-3p** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2p**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 71%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

*Dimethyl 2-((1-vinylnaphthalen-2-yl)methylene)malonate S-3q*



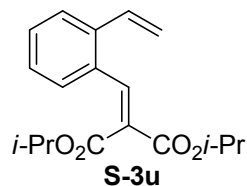
**S-3q** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2q**<sup>[9]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 76%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

*Diethyl 2-(2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3t*



**S-3t** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2a**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 90%; yellow oil; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in the literature<sup>[10]</sup>.

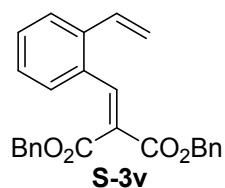
*Diisopropyl 2-(2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3u*



**S-3u** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2a**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 88%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 13.1, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dt, J = 7.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (ddt, J = 24.0, 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

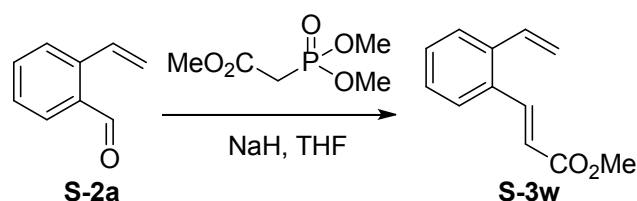


*Dibenzyl 2-(2-vinylbenzylidene)malonate S-3v*



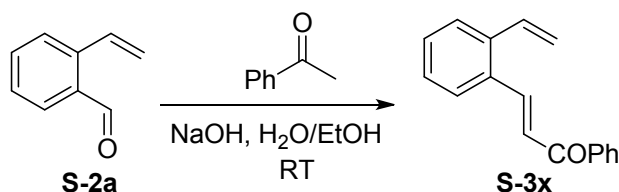
**S-3v** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2a**<sup>[4]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 68%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.03 (m, 14H), 6.87 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H).

*(E)-Methyl 3-(2-vinylphenyl)acrylate S-3w*



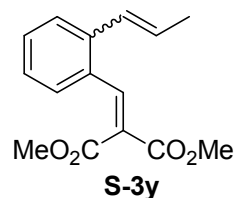
**S-3w** was synthesized according to the literature procedure<sup>[11]</sup>. Yield: 54%; yellow oil; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in the literature<sup>[11]</sup>.

*(E)-Methyl 3-(2-vinylphenyl)acrylate S-3x*



**S-3x** was synthesized according to the literature procedure<sup>[12]</sup>. Yield: 60%; yellow oil; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in the literature<sup>[12]</sup>.

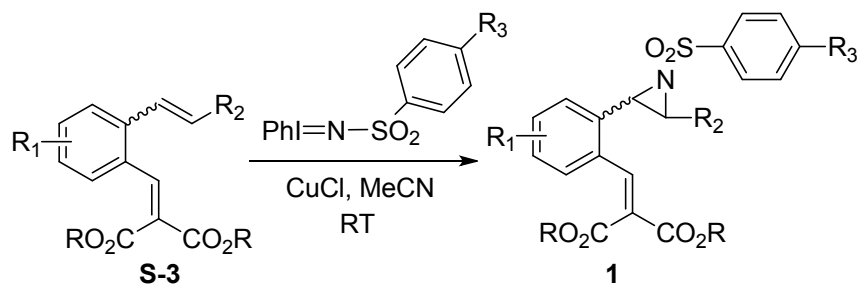
*Dimethyl 2-(2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzylidene)malonate S-3y*



**S-3y** was synthesized from aldehyde **S-2y**<sup>[13]</sup> according to *General Procedure B*. Yield: 59%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 6.59 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.16 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 5.96 (dq, J = 11.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.92 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 3H).

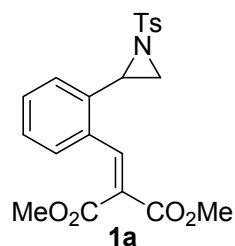
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### General Procedure C



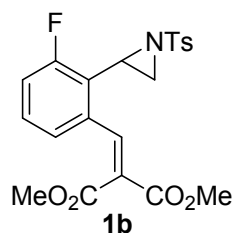
Under an argon atmosphere, CuCl (0.75 mmol, 15% cat.) was added to a suspension of alkene **S-3** (5 mmol), PhI=NSO<sub>2</sub>Ar (7.5 mmol) in MeCN (50 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with ethyl acetate (300 mL), and washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford aziridine **1**.

### Dimethyl 2-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate **1a**



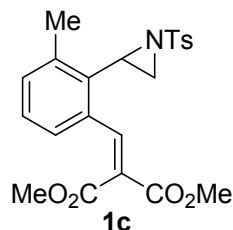
**1a** was synthesized from **S-3a** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 66%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.20, 163.92, 144.90, 140.54, 134.60, 134.21, 132.73, 130.23, 129.85, 128.78, 128.26, 128.09, 127.63, 126.82, 52.84, 52.53, 38.77, 35.59, 21.68; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

### Dimethyl 2-(3-fluoro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate **1b**



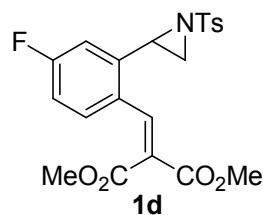
**1b** was synthesized from **S-3b** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 33%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 20.2, 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.92 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.90, 163.84, 161.56 (d,  $J = 249.9$  Hz), 144.86, 141.97 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 135.81 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 134.38, 129.79, 129.72, 128.81, 128.24, 124.06 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 120.91 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 116.83 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 52.72, 52.42, 34.76 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz), 34.20 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 21.66; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 434.1068; Found: 434.1066; IR (neat):  $\nu = 556, 717, 916, 1080, 1161, 1236, 1329, 1363, 1438, 1734, 3421\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(3-methyl-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1c*



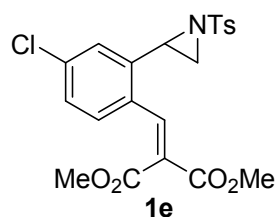
**1c** was synthesized from **S-3c** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 11%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 5.6, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.88 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.18 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.28, 164.21, 144.84, 144.52, 138.48, 134.69, 133.63, 131.94, 131.52, 129.74, 128.20, 128.04, 127.22, 126.13, 52.57, 52.30, 38.43, 35.24, 21.64, 20.06; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 430.1319; Found: 430.1324; IR (neat):  $\nu = 573, 720, 816, 915, 1070, 1090, 1161, 1224, 1268, 1328, 1361, 1438, 1595, 1630, 1733, 2954, 3448\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(4-fluoro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1d*



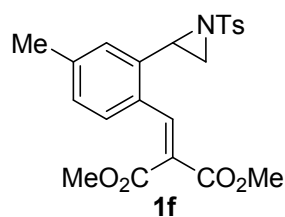
**1d** was synthesized from **S-3d** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 49%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.09, 163.81, 163.60 (d,  $J = 251.5$  Hz), 145.12, 139.16, 137.32 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 134.38, 129.91, 129.80, 128.80, 128.65 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 128.06, 115.48 (d,  $J = 21.9$  Hz), 114.10 (d,  $J = 23.5$  Hz), 52.87, 52.60, 38.08, 35.90, 21.67; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-chloro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1e*



**1e** was synthesized from **S-3e** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 49%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.84, 163.63, 145.08, 139.08, 136.29, 136.11, 134.21, 131.03, 129.84, 129.18, 128.93, 128.43, 128.00, 126.96, 52.83, 52.58, 37.81, 35.78, 21.60; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

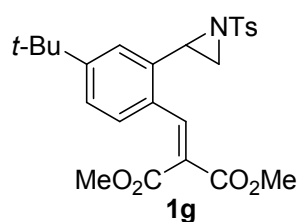
*Dimethyl 2-(4-methyl-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1f*



**1f** was synthesized from **S-3f** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 48%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$

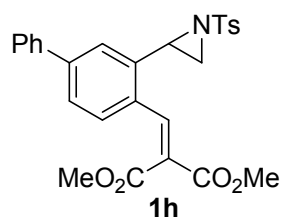
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 3.86 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.50, 164.06, 144.89, 140.84, 140.30, 134.45, 134.15, 129.80, 129.65, 129.03, 128.08, 127.68, 127.61, 127.52, 52.74, 52.52, 38.59, 35.64, 21.64, 21.36; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1g*



**1g** was synthesized from **S-3g** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 37%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.35 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.59, 164.12, 153.83, 144.88, 139.80, 134.71, 133.97, 129.83, 129.34, 128.09, 127.47, 127.40, 125.28, 124.28, 52.74, 52.53, 39.62, 34.91, 34.78, 30.82, 21.59; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 472.1788; Found: 472.1792; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 566, 673, 721, 755, 936, 1069, 1092, 1162, 1219, 1265, 1330, 1373, 1438, 1603, 1630, 1734, 2958, 3453 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

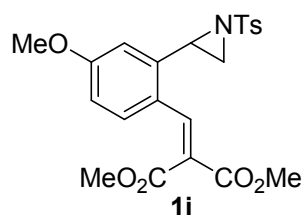
*Dimethyl 2-((3-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methylene)malonate 1h*



**1h** was synthesized from **S-3h** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 66%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 10H), 3.94 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.42, 164.02, 144.98, 143.06, 139.81, 139.46, 134.92, 134.64, 131.30, 129.89, 128.85, 128.27, 128.25, 128.18, 128.09, 126.97, 126.78, 125.66, 52.87, 52.64, 38.99, 35.46, 21.68; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 492.1475; Found: 492.1477; IR

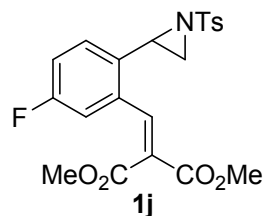
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*Dimethyl 2-(4-methoxy-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1i*



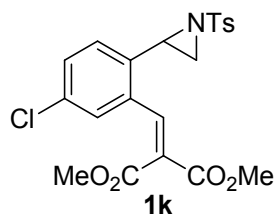
**1i** was synthesized from **S-3i** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 72%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.87, 164.28, 161.31, 144.96, 139.44, 136.73, 134.58, 129.85, 129.47, 128.12, 126.28, 124.60, 114.11, 112.19, 55.28, 52.71, 52.56, 38.85, 35.63, 21.66; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 446.1268; Found: 446.1266; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 561, 615, 669, 720, 1091, 1161, 1223, 1327, 1379, 1437, 1603, 1732, 3417  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(5-fluoro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1j*



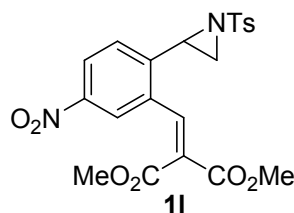
**1j** was synthesized from **S-3j** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 58%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.27 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.62, 163.57, 162.03 (d,  $J$  = 248.5 Hz), 144.98, 138.93, 134.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz), 130.10 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 129.84, 129.77, 128.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 128.02, 117.00 (d,  $J$  = 21.4 Hz), 114.54 (d,  $J$  = 23.3 Hz), 52.90, 52.62, 38.10, 35.60, 21.63; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 434.1068; Found: 434.1065; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 573, 665, 721, 818, 911, 989, 1070, 1162, 1222, 1275, 1329, 1378, 1439, 1495, 1589, 1633, 1735, 2955, 3447  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(5-chloro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1k*



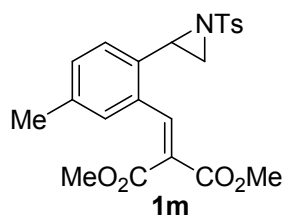
**1k** was synthesized from **S-3k** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 62%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.59, 163.58, 145.05, 138.91, 134.38, 134.22, 134.18, 132.68, 130.08, 129.88, 128.24, 128.05, 127.47, 52.96, 52.62, 38.12, 35.65, 21.67; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(5-nitro-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1l*



**1l** was synthesized from **S-3l** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 40%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.16 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.30 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.12, 163.29, 147.49, 145.33, 141.07, 137.65, 134.14, 134.02, 131.32, 129.97, 128.07, 124.55, 122.69, 53.08, 52.76, 37.91, 35.90, 21.66; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

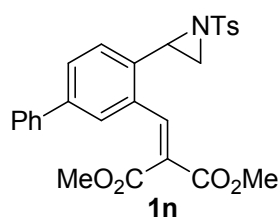
*Dimethyl 2-(5-methyl-2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1m*



**1m** was synthesized from **S-3m** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 29%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,

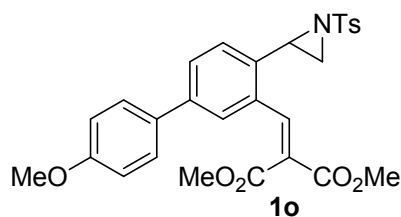
$J = 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.27 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.28, 163.98, 144.82, 140.69, 138.14, 134.65, 132.56, 131.29, 130.99, 129.81, 128.44, 128.15, 128.06, 126.75, 52.79, 52.43, 38.72, 35.53, 21.65, 21.03; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 430.1319; Found: 430.1324; IR (neat):  $\nu = 572, 665, 720, 818, 908, 1070, 1092, 1161, 1226, 1268, 1327, 1378, 1438, 1630, 1734, 3454$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Dimethyl 2-((4-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methylene)malonate **1n**



**1n** was synthesized from **S-3n** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 52%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 3.5$  Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.87 (m, 4H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.04 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.19, 163.90, 144.93, 141.19, 140.50, 139.47, 134.58, 133.12, 133.04, 129.86, 129.06, 128.94, 128.73, 128.09, 127.88, 127.31, 126.82, 126.33, 52.86, 52.59, 38.63, 35.64, 21.68; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 492.1475; Found: 492.1477; IR (neat):  $\nu = 1072, 1160, 1221, 1256, 1328, 1378, 1438, 1598, 1630, 1733, 3448$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Dimethyl 2-((4'-methoxy-4-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methylene)malonate **1o**

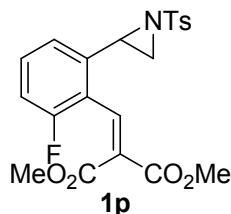


**1o** was synthesized from **S-3o** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 64%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.89 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.26, 163.94, 159.56, 144.90, 140.78, 140.61, 134.62, 133.08, 132.35, 131.93, 129.85, 128.95, 128.24, 128.09, 127.88, 127.27, 125.84, 114.38, 55.34, 52.85, 52.59, 38.68, 35.62, 21.69; HRMS (ESI)



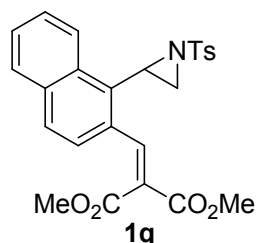
Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{28}NO_7S(M+H)^+$ : 522.1581; Found: 522.1580; IR (neat):  $\nu$ = 1027, 1071, 1160, 1250, 1327, 1378, 1438, 1492, 1520, 1606, 1732, 2923, 2954, 3447  $cm^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(2-fluoro-6-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1p*



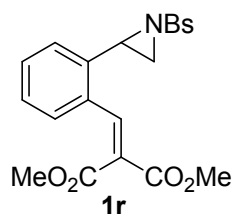
**1p** was synthesized from **S-3p** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 46%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  164.79, 163.97, 159.04 (d,  $J$  = 249.8 Hz), 144.98, 136.11, 135.95 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 134.48, 131.64 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 131.01 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 129.85, 128.07, 112.18 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 121.25 (d,  $J$  = 16.3 Hz), 115.37 (d,  $J$  = 22.6 Hz), 52.90, 52.33, 38.39 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 35.76, 21.66; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{21}FNO_6S(M+H)^+$ : 434.1068; Found: 434.1069; IR (neat):  $\nu$ = 558, 668, 722, 797, 891, 953, 1075, 1161, 1225, 1269, 1329, 1379, 1439, 1463, 1600, 1731, 2955, 3447  $cm^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-((1-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)methylene)malonate 1q*



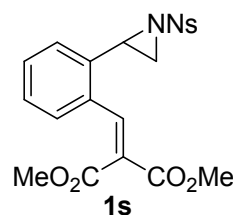
**1q** was synthesized from **S-3q** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 21%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.51 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (qd,  $J$  = 6.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.26, 164.31, 144.99, 144.44, 134.54, 133.64, 131.72, 131.27, 129.80, 129.63, 128.94, 128.53, 128.31, 127.78, 127.27, 127.05, 125.12, 124.60, 52.67, 52.39, 37.89, 35.64, 21.67; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{24}NO_6S(M+H)^+$ : 466.1319; Found: 466.1325; IR (neat):  $\nu$ = 469, 556, 615, 661, 716, 818, 911, 988, 1072, 1160, 1219, 1259, 1327, 1382, 1436, 1621, 1731, 2923, 2953, 3416  $cm^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(2-(1-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1r*



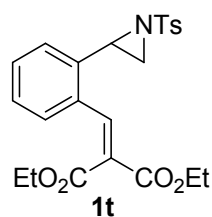
**1r** was synthesized from **S-3a** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 45%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 3.99 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.10, 163.87, 140.47, 136.75, 133.72, 132.82, 132.55, 130.25, 129.51, 129.13, 128.96, 128.44, 127.73, 126.62, 52.86, 52.54, 39.10, 35.79; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Dimethyl 2-(2-(1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1s*



**1s** was synthesized from **S-3a** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 55%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dt,  $J$  = 9.9, 4.3 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.01, 163.82, 150.74, 143.53, 140.33, 133.19, 132.92, 130.28, 129.36, 129.17, 128.68, 127.86, 126.45, 124.42, 52.90, 52.58, 39.58, 36.11; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

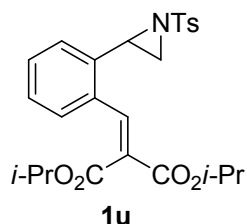
*Diethyl 2-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1t*



**1t** was synthesized from **S-3t** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 70%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 –

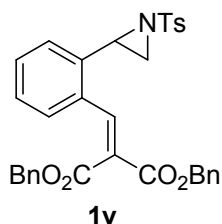
7.23 (m, 4H), 4.35 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.16 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.64, 163.52, 144.86, 140.01, 134.59, 134.03, 132.96, 129.98, 129.82, 129.73, 128.13, 128.07, 127.81, 126.64, 61.87, 61.50, 38.82, 35.56, 21.65, 14.11, 13.72; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

*Diisopropyl 2-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1u*



**1u** was synthesized from **S-3u** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 36%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 5.17 (dt,  $J = 12.5, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dt,  $J = 12.5, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.30 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (dd,  $J = 6.3, 2.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.12 (dd,  $J = 6.3, 2.5$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.18, 163.05, 144.82, 139.16, 134.55, 133.98, 133.00, 130.53, 129.85, 129.81, 128.06, 127.90, 126.57, 69.58, 69.12, 38.83, 35.53, 21.73, 21.64, 21.34; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ : 472.1788; Found: 472.1790; IR (neat):  $\nu = 570, 666, 718, 766, 817, 846, 913, 1063, 1104, 1162, 1225, 1262, 1330, 1379, 1456, 1598, 1631, 1726, 2935, 2982, 3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

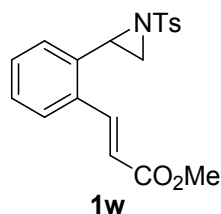
*Dibenzyl 2-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate 1v*



**1v** was synthesized from **S-3v** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 51%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.81 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.23 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.33, 163.25, 144.83, 141.11, 135.29, 134.70, 134.52, 134.07, 132.67, 130.12, 129.80, 128.98, 128.62, 128.47, 128.44, 128.37, 128.31, 128.23, 128.13, 128.04, 127.81, 126.66, 67.41, 67.36, 38.79,

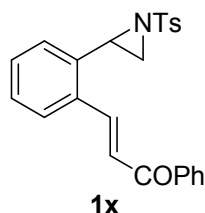
35.44, 21.64; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{33}H_{30}NO_6S(M+H)^+$ : 568.1788; Found: 568.1792; IR (neat):  $\nu = 488, 569, 664, 697, 744, 814, 911, 981, 1061, 1090, 1161, 1201, 1256, 1294, 1328, 1383, 1453, 1596, 1629, 1731, 3451.8\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

(*E*)-methyl 3-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)phenyl)acrylate **1w**



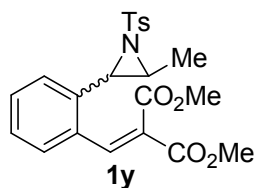
**1w** was synthesized from **S-3w** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 70%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 15.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.1\text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 15.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 4.5\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d,  $J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d,  $J = 4.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.86, 144.88, 140.49, 134.57, 134.19, 133.45, 130.23, 129.83, 128.41, 128.06, 127.00, 126.49, 120.72, 51.87, 38.81, 35.77, 21.66; the analytical data were in accordance with those reported in our previous work<sup>[5]</sup>.

(*E*)-1-phenyl-3-(2-(1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **1x**



**1x** was synthesized from **S-3x** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 52%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J = 15.5\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J = 19.4, 11.7\text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.00 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.5\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.06 (d,  $J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.33 (d,  $J = 4.4\text{ Hz}$ , 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.87, 144.88, 140.30, 137.86, 134.81, 134.46, 134.05, 133.07, 130.44, 129.85, 128.72, 128.56, 128.42, 128.15, 127.24, 126.54, 124.68, 38.90, 35.76, 21.67; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{22}NO_3S(M+H)^+$ : 404.1315; Found: 404.1319; IR (neat):  $\nu = 452, 556, 668, 692, 715, 742, 764, 836, 907, 978, 1015, 1098, 1161, 1215, 1287, 1322, 1385, 1445, 1484, 1594, 1658, 3447\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

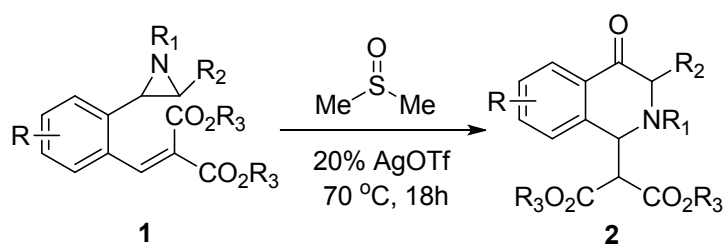
Dimethyl 2-(2-(3-methyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)benzylidene)malonate **1y**



**1y** was synthesized from **S-3y** according to *General Procedure C*. Yield: 27%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 0.33H), 7.90 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2.66H), 7.27 (tt,  $J = 8.6, 7.8$  Hz, 7H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 0.33H), 3.93 – 3.84 (m, 5H), 3.71 (s, 4H), 3.31 – 3.23 (m, 0.33H), 2.88 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.21, 163.92, 144.69, 144.28, 140.49, 140.22, 137.42, 135.03, 132.44, 132.30, 130.23, 130.06, 129.82, 129.66, 128.65, 128.30, 128.05, 127.90, 127.52, 127.42, 126.53, 52.84, 52.55, 48.26, 47.05, 44.48, 41.57, 21.67, 21.64, 13.91, 12.07; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 430.1319; Found: 430.1314; IR (neat):  $\nu = 884, 1068, 1091, 1159, 1217, 1263, 1321, 1632, 1736, 3464\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

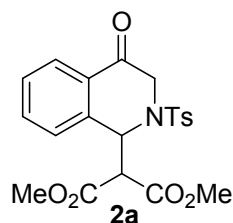
### Synthesis of 2,3-Dihydro-4(1H)-isoquinolones **2**

#### *General Procedure D*



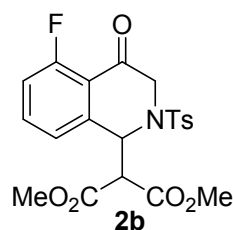
In the open air, AgOTf (0.04 mmol, 20% cat.) was added to a solution of aziridine **1** (0.2 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (4 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 18h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate ( $5 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford product **2**.

*Dimethyl 2-(4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate **2a***



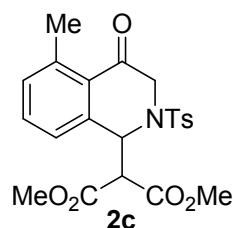
White solid; mp: 140~143 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.18, 166.25, 143.80, 138.21, 134.91, 134.10, 129.46, 129.03, 128.54, 127.71, 127.12, 126.90, 58.04, 55.17, 53.38, 52.90, 50.30, 21.31; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 432.1111; Found: 432.1116; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 539, 567, 672, 771, 944, 1024, 1089, 1167, 1247, 1300, 1346, 1435, 1598, 1693, 1739, 1765, 2924, 2956, 3450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(5-fluoro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2b**



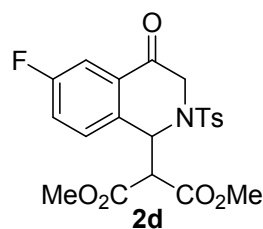
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 5.90 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d,  $J$  = 20.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J$  = 20.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  188.69, 166.08, 166.01, 160.98 (d,  $J$  = 268.7 Hz), 144.09, 140.18, 135.48 (d,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz), 134.93, 129.62, 127.07, 123.81 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 117.92, 117.88 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz), 117.10 (d,  $J$  = 21.2 Hz), 57.73, 55.22 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 53.44, 52.97, 50.81, 21.31; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 450.1017; Found: 450.1017; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 1096, 1261, 1349, 1465, 1607, 1696, 1741, 1768, 2963, 3418  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(5-methyl-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2c**



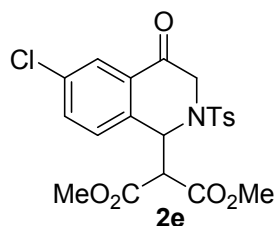
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd,  $J$  = 12.5, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd,  $J$  = 20.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d,  $J$  = 20.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 4H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.70, 166.19, 166.15, 143.55, 141.37, 138.76, 134.83, 133.08, 132.27, 129.25, 127.35, 126.94, 126.11, 57.99, 56.38, 53.38, 52.85, 51.25, 21.96, 21.23; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 446.1268; Found: 446.1261; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 1029, 1092, 1145, 1167, 1231, 1252, 1281, 1357, 1433, 1595, 1682, 1761, 2924, 2957, 3456  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(6-fluoro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2d**



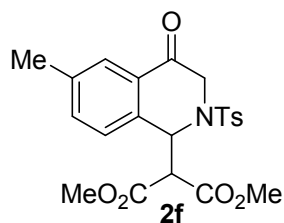
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 (td,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J$  = 20.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d,  $J$  = 20.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.34, 166.27, 166.15, 162.40 (d,  $J$  = 250.8 Hz), 144.15, 134.83, 134.25 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 131.05 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz), 130.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 129.58, 127.15, 121.19 (d,  $J$  = 22.2 Hz), 113.15 (d,  $J$  = 22.6 Hz), 57.98, 54.61, 53.45, 53.01, 50.04, 21.32; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 450.1017; Found: 450.1021; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 544, 586, 668, 723, 1023, 1088, 1165, 1246, 1273, 1352, 1435, 1492, 1601, 1699, 1731, 2955, 3447  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(6-chloro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2e**



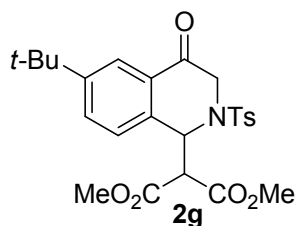
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 20.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d,  $J = 20.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.25, 166.19, 166.06, 144.31, 136.35, 135.14, 134.70, 133.77, 130.37, 129.60, 127.12, 126.66, 57.79, 54.70, 53.44, 53.02, 50.18, 21.32; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 466.0722; Found: 466.0725; IR (neat):  $\nu = 538, 575, 676, 722, 807, 843, 898, 940, 1021, 1090, 1136, 1169, 1252, 1304, 1355, 1408, 1438, 1594, 1695, 1766, 2959, 3474\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(6-methyl-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2f**



White solid; mp: 108~111  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.50, 166.27, 143.71, 138.78, 135.33, 134.96, 134.83, 129.40, 128.82, 127.67, 127.14, 127.05, 58.06, 55.09, 53.33, 52.87, 50.27, 21.29, 20.87; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 446.1268; Found: 446.1265; IR (neat):  $\nu = 545, 613, 667, 728, 946, 1031, 1088, 1144, 1166, 1253, 1306, 1353, 1435, 1611, 1687, 1739, 1764, 3456\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(6-(tert-butyl)-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2g**

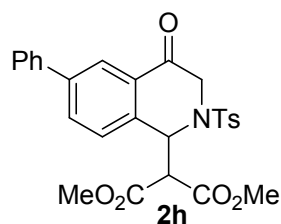


Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 16.9, 8.2$  Hz, 3H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.90 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d,  $J = 20.2$  Hz,



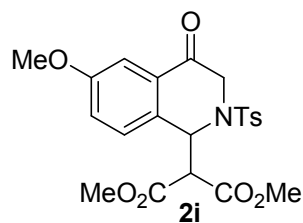
1H), 4.28 (d,  $J = 20.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.56, 166.28, 166.27, 152.15, 143.38, 135.31, 134.93, 131.29, 129.34, 128.63, 127.70, 127.23, 123.38, 58.07, 55.14, 53.40, 52.90, 50.41, 34.70, 31.00, 21.36; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 488.1737; Found: 488.1739; IR (neat):  $\nu = 587, 666, 1088, 1165, 1249, 1302, 1361, 1634, 1739, 2960, 3454\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(4-oxo-6-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2h*



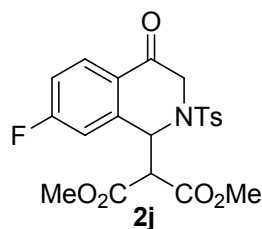
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*Dimethyl 2-(6-methoxy-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2i*



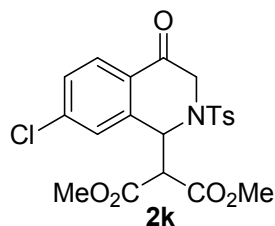
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.30, 166.36, 166.32, 159.68, 143.68, 135.06, 130.86, 130.22, 129.48, 129.23, 127.23, 121.76, 109.29, 58.21, 55.51, 54.92, 53.34, 52.89, 50.16, 21.30; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_8\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 462.1217; Found: 462.1214; IR (neat):  $\nu = 1091, 1164, 1289, 1354, 1437, 1498, 1605, 1738, 2849, 2924, 2956, 3449\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(7-fluoro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2j*



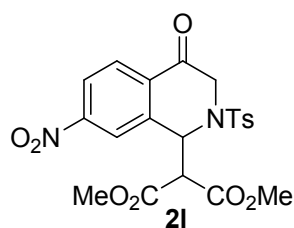
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 (td,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.72, 166.21, 166.03, 165.59 (d,  $J = 258.7$  Hz), 144.08, 141.41 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 134.90, 130.20 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz), 129.55, 127.19, 125.79 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 116.09 (d,  $J = 22.2$  Hz), 114.90 (d,  $J = 23.6$  Hz), 57.85, 54.81, 53.48, 53.09, 50.13, 21.34; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 450.1017; Found: 450.1021; IR (neat):  $\nu = 554, 678, 728, 818, 916, 1020, 1090, 1165, 1250, 1279, 1357, 1437, 1491, 1606, 1697, 1739.6, 2957, 3451$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(7-chloro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2k**



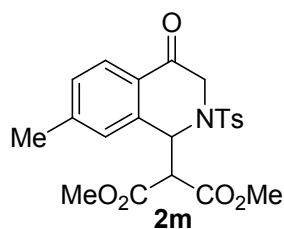
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*Dimethyl 2-(7-nitro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2l**



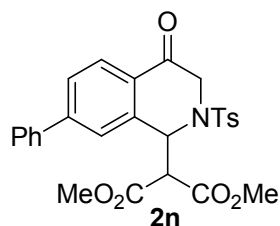
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.99 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 19.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d,  $J = 20.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.93, 166.05, 165.94, 150.26, 144.51, 140.03, 134.81, 133.24, 129.76, 128.53, 127.26, 123.19, 123.14, 57.61, 54.55, 53.57, 53.31, 50.43, 21.36; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 477.0962; Found: 477.0965; IR (neat):  $\nu = 551, 674, 1166, 1354, 1535, 1632, 1738, 3461\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(7-methyl-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate* **2m**



Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.87 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 20.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.95, 166.32, 145.41, 143.77, 138.40, 135.08, 129.38, 128.02, 127.24, 127.11, 126.79, 58.06, 55.17, 53.34, 52.85, 50.23, 21.85, 21.34; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 446.1268; Found: 446.1269; IR (neat):  $\nu = 555, 673, 814, 1025, 1091, 1164, 1260, 1354, 1609, 1690, 1740, 3461\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

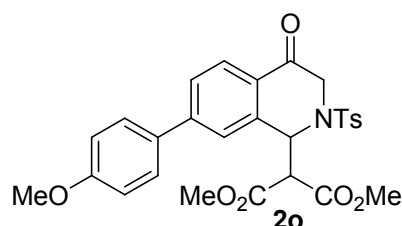
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Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.38 (m, 8H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.96 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd,  $J = 20.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H),

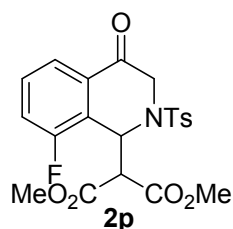
4.33 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.95, 166.32, 166.27, 146.71, 143.87, 138.95, 138.76, 135.01, 129.44, 129.19, 128.87, 127.77, 127.60, 127.26, 127.12, 127.00, 126.33, 58.05, 55.39, 53.42, 52.95, 50.40, 21.33; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 508.1424; Found: 508.1426; IR (neat):  $\nu = 1089, 1164, 1258, 1293, 1356, 1438, 1602, 1739, 2923, 2955, 3449\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2o*



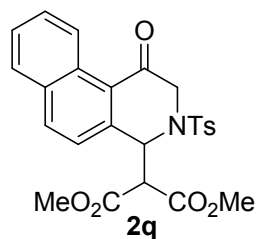
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 20.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.85, 166.35, 166.29, 160.44, 146.28, 143.83, 138.77, 135.04, 131.24, 129.42, 128.30, 127.63, 127.27, 127.18, 126.32, 125.58, 114.65, 58.06, 55.44, 53.40, 52.92, 50.37, 21.33; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_8\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 538.1530; Found: 538.1539; IR (neat):  $\nu = 1091, 1163, 1253, 1294, 1355, 1437, 1599, 1689, 1738, 2923, 2956, 3448\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(8-fluoro-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2p*



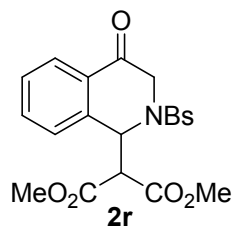
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 20.1, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.39 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 166.53, 165.99, 157.81 (d,  $J = 248.8$  Hz), 144.06, 134.88, 131.40 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 129.65, 129.57 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 126.96, 124.84 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz), 122.49 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 120.54 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz), 56.23, 53.10, 53.04, 50.60, 49.72, 21.32; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 450.1017; Found: 450.1020; IR (neat):  $\nu = 1032, 1160, 1260, 1380, 1461, 1602, 1741, 2852, 2922, 2957, 3434\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(1-oxo-3-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[*ff*]isoquinolin-4-yl)malonate 2q*



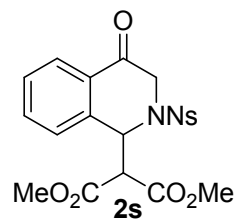
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.83 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.00 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.81, 166.21, 166.19, 143.77, 139.52, 135.09, 134.69, 133.40, 129.96, 129.37, 129.31, 128.15, 126.90, 126.72, 126.14, 125.14, 124.36, 58.10, 56.94, 53.47, 52.93, 51.76, 20.74; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 482.1268; Found: 482.1265; IR (neat):  $\nu = 547, 665, 809, 1093, 1160, 1261, 1354, 1382, 1598, 1737, 2924, 2957, 3457\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(2-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2r*



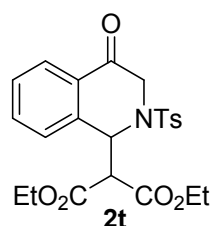
White solid; mp: 129~133  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 5.91 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd,  $J = 20.2, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.73, 166.12, 166.10, 137.92, 136.90, 134.28, 132.13, 128.92, 128.51, 128.04, 127.75, 127.11, 57.89, 55.30, 53.42, 52.97, 50.36; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 496.0060; Found: 496.0064; IR (neat):  $\nu = 552, 593, 641, 747, 1089, 1169, 1207, 1247, 1349, 1436, 1574, 1635, 1695, 1738, 2958, 3461\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dimethyl 2-(2-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2s*



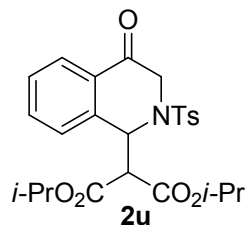
White solid; mp: 114~117 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.10, 166.00, 149.86, 143.69, 137.78, 134.47, 129.28, 128.80, 128.38, 127.80, 127.19, 124.02, 57.82, 55.43, 53.52, 53.09, 50.43; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 463.0806; Found: 463.0808; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 469, 547, 626, 647, 740, 772, 1015, 1088, 1169, 1204, 1243, 1266, 1313, 1352, 1436, 1536, 1602, 1696, 1735, 3462  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Diethyl 2-(4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2t*



Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 4.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.26 (m, 3H), 4.16 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.35, 165.93, 143.70, 138.40, 134.96, 134.02, 129.43, 129.08, 128.41, 127.87, 127.12, 126.81, 62.57, 62.10, 58.30, 55.14, 50.41, 21.30, 13.98, 13.78; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 460.1424; Found: 460.1427; IR (neat):  $\nu$  = 497, 538, 563, 616, 671, 770, 935, 1029, 1090, 1164, 1254, 1299, 1356, 1597, 1683, 1734, 1757, 3457  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

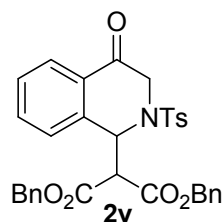
*Diisopropyl 2-(4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2u*



White solid; mp: 110~112 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 10.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dt,  $J$  = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dt,  $J$  = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd,  $J$  = 20.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d,  $J$  = 20.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz,

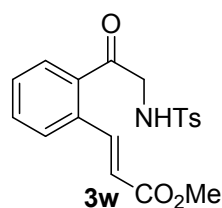
3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.04 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.50, 165.57, 165.55, 143.62, 138.56, 134.96, 133.96, 129.40, 129.11, 128.29, 128.07, 127.13, 126.74, 70.40, 69.94, 58.66, 55.00, 50.54, 21.60, 21.54, 21.40, 21.31; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 488.1737; Found: 488.1737; IR (neat):  $\nu = 562, 672, 938, 1008, 1106, 1164, 1246, 1269, 1296, 1355, 1383, 1599, 1688, 1732, 2986, 3454\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*Dibenzyl 2-(4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2v*



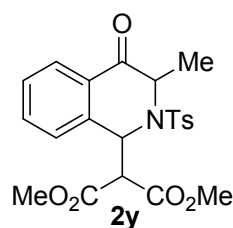
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.16 (m, 13H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.98 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd,  $J = 30.0, 12.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.49 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d,  $J = 20.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.15, 165.63, 165.60, 143.76, 138.10, 134.89, 134.70, 134.40, 134.05, 129.44, 129.01, 128.59, 128.52, 128.43, 128.38, 127.72, 127.14, 126.83, 68.22, 67.77, 58.15, 55.18, 50.32, 21.29; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 584.1737; Found: 584.1741; IR (neat):  $\nu = 497, 564, 670, 699, 744, 1006, 1090, 1165, 1262, 1295, 1354, 1599, 1695, 1736, 3457\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

*(E)-methyl 3-(2-(2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)acetyl)phenyl)acrylate 3w*



Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dt,  $J = 8.1, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.72 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.73, 166.66, 143.89, 143.30, 135.97, 135.89, 133.69, 133.36, 129.84, 129.60, 128.86, 128.59, 127.17, 121.38, 51.85, 50.11, 21.48; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 374.1057; Found: 374.1060; IR (neat):  $\nu = 513, 548, 664, 771, 813, 844, 970, 1099, 1162, 1198, 1282, 1327, 1444, 1597, 1630, 1697, 3457\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

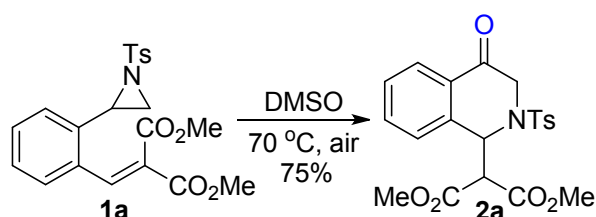
*Dimethyl 2-(3-methyl-4-oxo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 2y*



The major diastereoisomer of compound **2y** was isolated. Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 13.7, 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.96 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (q,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.86, 166.14, 165.96, 143.74, 138.57, 135.15, 133.61, 129.44, 129.28, 128.75, 127.39, 127.19, 125.99, 60.69, 58.34, 55.20, 53.21, 52.68, 21.34, 20.36; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 446.1268; Found: 446.1275; IR (neat):  $\nu = 802, 1025, 1097, 1261, 1383, 1602, 2922, 2962, 3431$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

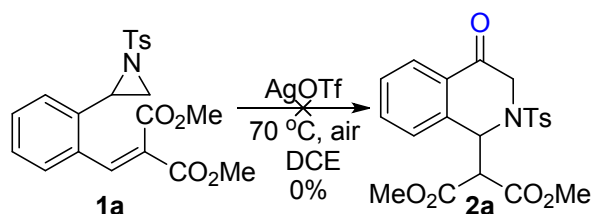
**The control experiments for mechanistic studies**

*The sequential reaction of 1a in the absence of AgOTf:*



In the open air, a solution of aziridine **1a** (0.2 mmol, 83 mg) in DMSO (4 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 18h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate ( $5 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford product **2a** (0.15 mmol, 65mg) in 75% yield.

*The sequential reaction of 1a using DCE instead of DMSO as the solvent:*

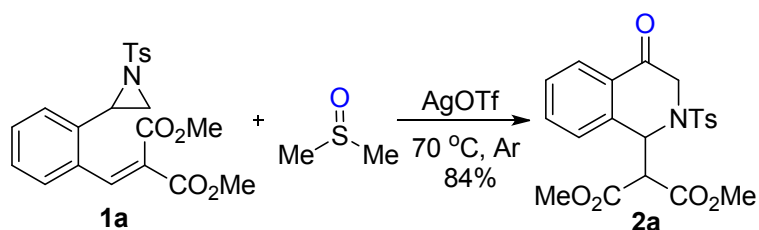


In the open air, AgOTf (0.04 mmol, 20% cat.) was added to a solution of aziridine **1** (0.2 mmol,



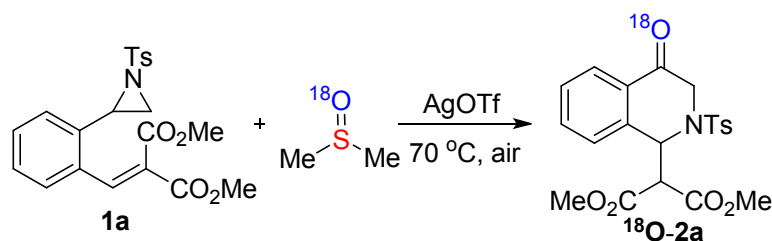
83 mg) in DCE (4 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 18h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 × 10 mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The crude spectrum of this reaction system indicated that no desired product **2a** was afforded.

*The sequential reaction of 1a using degassed and dry DMSO in Ar:*



Under argon atmosphere, to an oven-dried Schlenk tube was added AgOTf (0.04 mmol, 20% cat.), aziridine **1a** (0.2 mmol, 83 mg) and degassed and dry DMSO (4 mL) at room temperature. Then the system was evacuated under vacuum and back-filled with argon (repeated twice). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 18h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 × 10 mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford product **2a** (0.168 mmol, 73mg) in 84% yield.

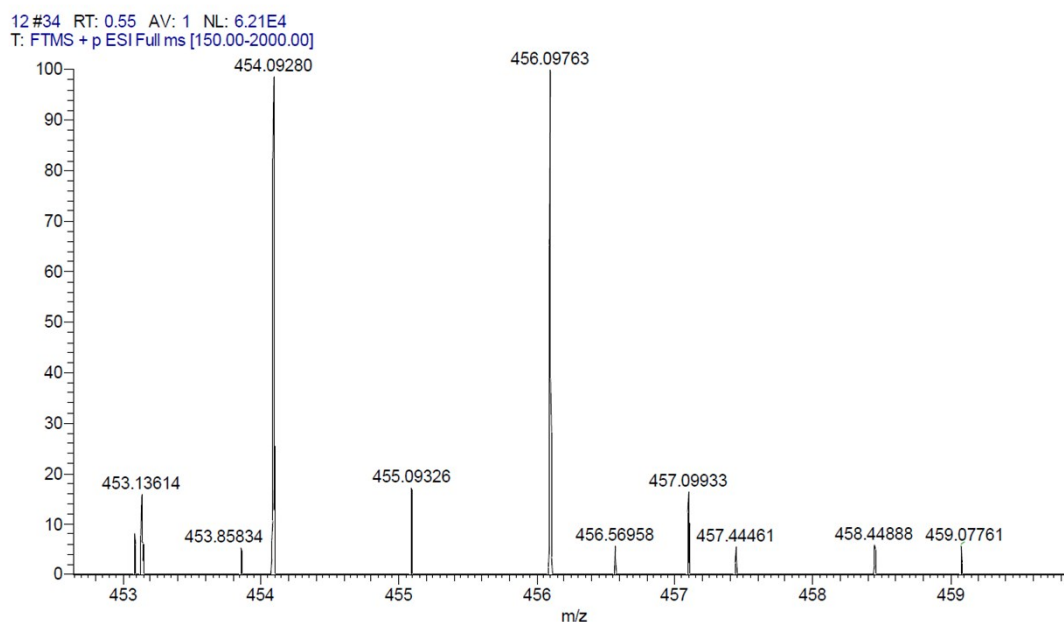
*<sup>18</sup>O Labeling experiment:*



Method for preparation of <sup>18</sup>O labeled DMSO<sup>[14]</sup>: Solid dimethylsulfur dibromide (20 g, 90 mmol) was added portion wise over 15 min to a vigorously stirred solution of triethylamine (25.2 ml, 180 mmol, freshly distilled from sodium hydroxide) and <sup>18</sup>O-labeled water (97 atom % <sup>18</sup>O) (0.8 mL, 11 mmol) in 60 ml of tetrahydrofuran (freshly distilled from sodium metal). The temperature of the reaction was maintained below 50 °C by occasional cooling in ice. The precipitate of triethylamine hydrobromide was removed by centrifugation and washed twice with

ether. The combined yellow supernatant and washings were dried on high vacuum pressure pump at room temperature (15 mm) to remove the solvent and was given 1.6 g of a pale yellow liquid. Without further purification, the sequential reaction of **1a** was performed using newly prepared  $^{18}\text{O}$ -DMSO according to *General procedure D*. The ratio of  $^{18}\text{O}$ -**2a** and **2a** was determined as 1.1:1, suggesting that DMSO acts as the oxygen donor in the reaction.  $^{18}\text{O}$ -**2a**: HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_6^{18}\text{OS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 456.0973, Found, 456.0976. **2a**: HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 454.0931, Found, 454.0928.

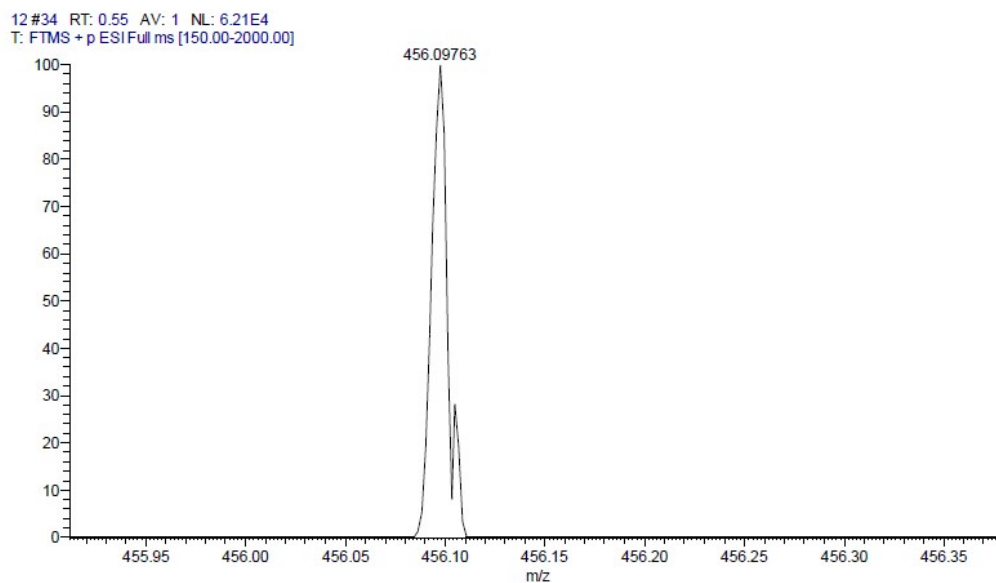
#### HRMS for $^{18}\text{O}$ -**2a** and **2a**:



$^{18}\text{O}\text{-}2\mathbf{a} : 2\mathbf{a} = 6.21\text{E}4 : 6.13\text{E}4 = 1.10305$ .

The ratio of  $^{18}\text{O}\text{-}2\mathbf{a}$  and  $2\mathbf{a}$  was calculated according to the following two spectrums:

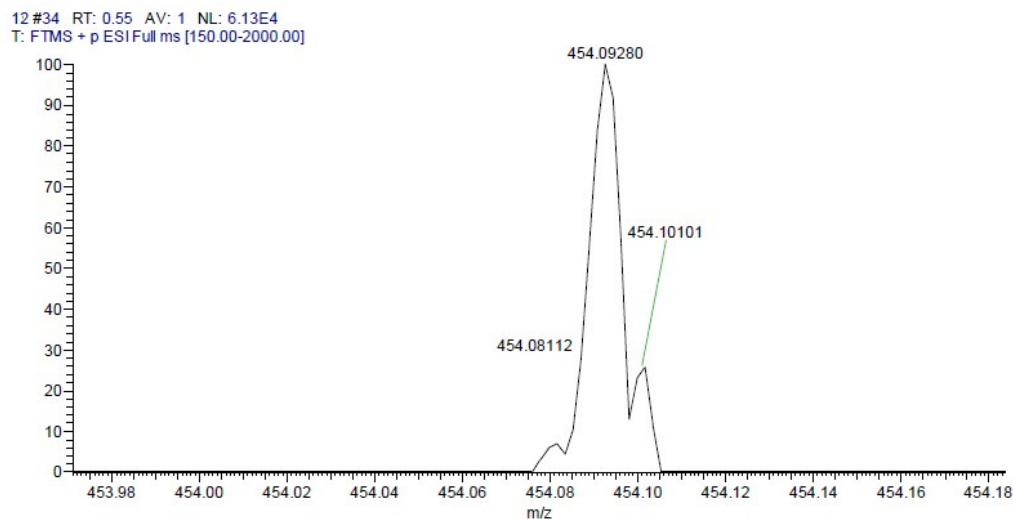
*Spectrum 1:*



SPECTRUM - simulation :

| m/z       | Theo. Mass | Delta (ppm) | RDB equiv. | Composition              |
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 456.09763 | 456.09785  | -0.48       | -1.0       | C7 H23 O12 [18]O N6 Na S |
|           | 456.09734  | 0.64        | 11.5       | C21 H21 O6 [18]O N Na S  |

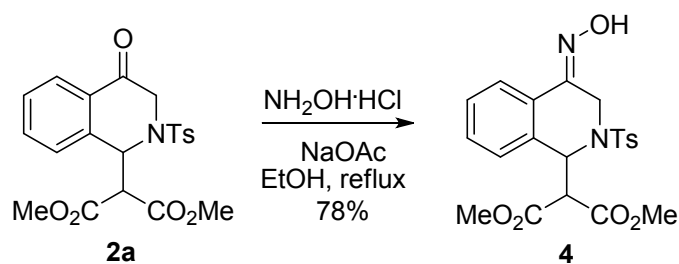
*Spectrum 2:*



SPECTRUM - simulation :

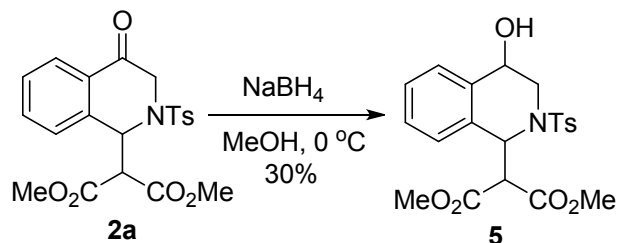
| m/z       | Theo. Mass | Delta (ppm) | RDB equiv. | Composition        |
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| 454.09280 | 454.09309  | -0.64       | 17.0       | C20 H15 O2 N8 Na S |
|           | 454.09309  | -0.65       | 11.5       | C21 H21 O7 N Na S  |

#### Synthesis of compound 4



To a solution of ketone **2a** (120 mg, 0.278 mmol) in EtOH (0.67 mL) was added a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (48 mg, 0.695 mmol) and NaOAc (28.7mg, 0.139 mmol) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.33 mL). The reaction mixture was reflux overnight. After cooling to the room temperature, the reaction mixture was extract with EtOAc (20 mL $\times$ 2), washed with brine (10 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford product **4** (78%, 0.216 mmol, 97mg). The stereochemistry of compound **4** was not determined. White solid; mp: 156~159 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.78 (d,  $J = 10.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd,  $J = 20.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.33, 166.25, 148.93, 143.38, 135.04, 132.98, 129.46, 129.16, 128.21, 128.08, 127.07, 127.05, 123.96, 57.58, 55.81, 53.34, 52.78, 40.13, 21.33; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 447.1220; Found: 447.1220; IR (neat):  $\nu = 572, 674, 1091, 1144, 1167, 1359, 1384, 1435, 1599, 1763, 3437$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### Synthesis of compound 5



To a solution of ketone **2a** (80mg, 0.186 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) was added (14mg, 0.372 mmol) of sodium borohydride in small portions with stirring and external cooling. When the addition was complete, stirring was continued for 2 hours at room temperature. The solution was poured into 10 ml of water and stirred for 2 hours. The solid formed was filtered and extracted with EtOAc (20

mL×2). The combined organic extract was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford product **5** (30%, 0.056 mmol, 24 mg). The stereochemistry of compound **5** was not determined. White solid; mp: 108~112 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.81 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.32, 166.95, 144.02, 136.09, 135.34, 132.69, 129.93, 129.64, 128.66, 128.12, 127.75, 126.66, 64.45, 58.60, 54.12, 52.95, 52.60, 47.20, 21.53; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 434.1268; Found: 434.1270; IR (neat): ν = 550, 577, 664, 1091, 1127, 1164, 1240, 1301, 1340, 1728, 3459, 3567 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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