

**Pd-Catalyzed Cycloisomerization/Nucleophilic Addition/Reduction: An Efficient
Method for the Synthesis of Spiro-pseudoindoxyls Containing *N, N'*-Ketal**

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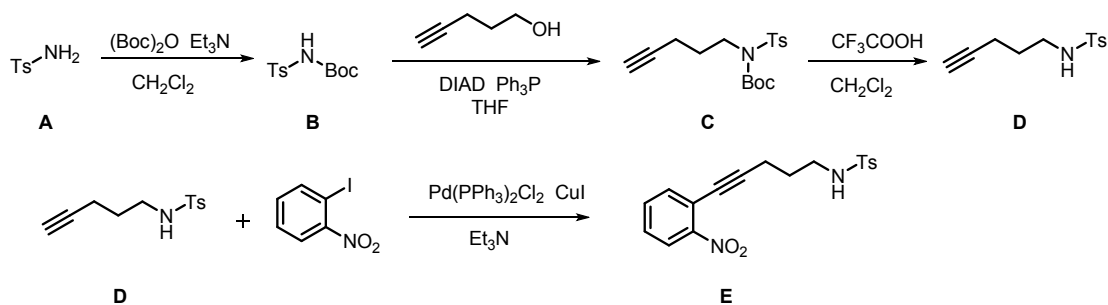
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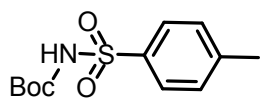
Detailed Synthetic Procedure

General Information: All reagents were used as received. 1,2-Dichloroethane (DCE) was distilled on phosphorus pentoxide; toluene and dioxane were dried by metallic sodium. N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) was distilled from calcium hydride; CF₃CH₂OH and HFIP were purchased from purchased from duodian-chem Co. Ltd. Pd(OAc)₂ and tmphen were purchased from Boka Chem. Co. Ltd; PPh₃ was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC.; ¹H and ¹³C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 Ultrashield NMR spectrometers. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data were obtained on an FTICR-MS instrument (Ionspec 7.0 T). The melting points were determined on an X-4 binocular microscope melting point apparatus (Beijing Tech Instruments Co.) and are uncorrected.

General procedure for the synthesis of the starting material E (4-methyl-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide)



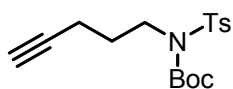
The synthetic route of substrates B (*tert*-butyl tosylcarbamate)¹



A solution of Boc₂O (7.0 g, 32.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added dropwise at room temperature to a solution of triethylamine (3.3 g, 32.1 mmol), DMAP (0.39 g, 3.21

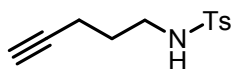
mmol) and p-toluenesulfonamide (5.0 g, 29.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 mL). The colorless reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. After completion the solvent was removed under vacuum, the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and 1N HCl (80 mL). An organic layer was washed with water, brine and then dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator to give a white solid. Crystallization from hot hexane (50 mL) gave **B**. White solid, yield 7.32 g, 93%. Mp 121–122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (br, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 144.8, 135.9, 129.5, 128.2, 84.1, 27.9, 21.7.

The synthetic route of substrates C (tert-butyl pent-4-yn-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate)²



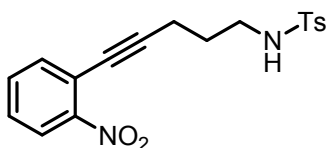
Under argon, a solution of N-(t-butoxycarbonyl)-N-p-toluenesulfonamide (2.5 g, 9.2 mmol), triphenylphosphine (2.9 g, 11.06 mmol) and pent-4-yn-1-ol (0.93 g, 11.06 mmol) in dry THF was chilled to 0 °C. Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (2.24 g, 11.06 mmol) was then added dropwise. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1) to give tert-butyl pent-4-yn-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate **C** 2.44 g, yield 79%. Mp 90–91 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.31 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06–1.97 (m, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.9, 144.2, 137.3, 129.3, 127.9, 84.3, 83.1, 69.0, 46.3, 28.9, 27.9, 21.6, 16.0.

The synthetic route of substrates **D (4-methyl-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide)**



Trifluoroacetic acid (8.0 g, 72.3 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution of *t*-butyl pent-4-yn-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate (2.44 g, 7.23 mmol) in DCM at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h and then added a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution until the pH of water phase was 8~9. The crude product was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo to give **D** in 95% yield as a white solid. Mp 59–60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.02–4.93 (m, 2H), 4.91 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.23 (dt, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.4, 136.9, 129.7, 127.1, 82.9, 69.5, 42.1, 28.1, 22.0, 15.7.

The synthetic route of substrates **E (4-methyl-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide)³**

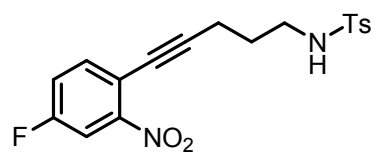


To a three-necked flask were added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (141 mg, 0.201 mmol), CuI (38 mg, 0.201 mmol), 2-nitroiodobenzene (1.0 g, 4.02 mmol), Et₃N (2.03 g, 20.1 mmol) and THF. After degassing with argon and four evacuation/backfill-cycles with argon, **D** (1.14 g, 4.82 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. When the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, H₂O was added to the resulting mixture. After separation of the organic layer, the water layer

was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1) to give **E** 1.27 g as a yellow oil, yield 88%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 5.5, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.80 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.82 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 143.4, 136.8, 134.9, 132.9, 129.7, 128.3, 127.1, 124.4, 118.8, 97.5, 76.9, 42.1, 28.1, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 359.1066, found 359.1056.

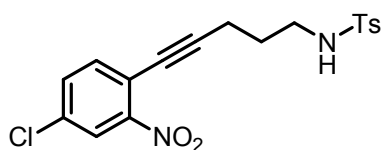
Similarly, the synthesis other substrate please refer to the procedure of **E**

N-(5-(4-fluoro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



pale brown oil, yield 97%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 5.38 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.79 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0, 159.5, 150.3 ($J = 9.0$ Hz), 143.4, 136.8, 136.5 ($J = 8.0$ Hz), 129.7, 127.1, 120.6 ($J = 21.0$ Hz), 115.2 ($J = 3.0$ Hz), 112.2 ($J = 27.0$ Hz), 97.4, 76.0, 42.0, 28.0, 21.5, 16.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 377.0971, found 377.0968.

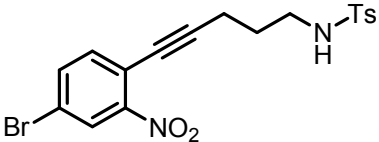
N-(5-(4-chloro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



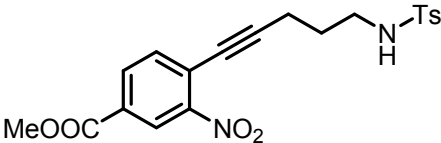
pale yellow powder, yield 90%. Mp 92–93 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J

= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.99 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.83 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1, 143.5, 136.8, 135.7, 134.0, 133.0, 129.8, 127.1, 124.7, 117.4, 98.6, 76.3, 42.0, 28.0, 21.5, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 393.0676, found 393.0677.

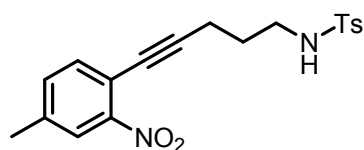
N-(5-(4-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide

 pale yellow oil, yield 73%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.88 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.83 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1, 143.5, 136.8, 135.9, 135.8, 129.8, 127.6, 127.1, 121.4, 117.8, 98.8, 76.4, 42.0, 28.0, 21.6, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 437.0171, found 437.0163.

methyl 4-(5-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)pent-1-yn-1-yl)-3-nitrobenzoate

 pale brown oil, yield 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.40 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.12 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.82 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.6, 149.7, 143.4, 136.8, 135.1, 133.0, 129.9, 129.7, 127.1, 125.5, 123.0, 101.4, 76.7, 52.9, 42.0, 28.0, 21.5, 17.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 417.1120, found 417.1117.

4-methyl-N-(5-(4-methyl-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



reddish brown oil, yield 81%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H),

7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (q, *J* =

6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.82 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz,

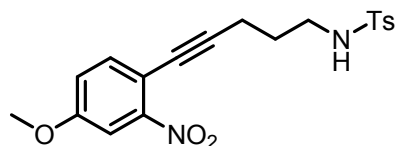
2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.7, 143.4, 139.1, 136.8, 134.5, 133.7, 129.7,

127.1, 124.8, 115.9, 96.1, 77.1, 42.1, 28.1, 21.5, 21.2, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for

C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 373.1222, found 373.1221.

N-(5-(4-methoxy-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-

methylbenzenesulfonamide



pale brown oil, yield 87%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.43

(d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H),

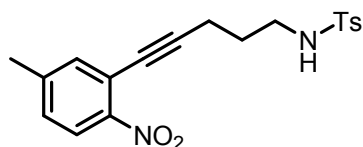
3.86 (s, 3H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.79 (p, *J*

= 6.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 150.6, 143.4, 136.9, 135.7,

129.7, 127.1, 119.7, 111.0, 109.2, 95.2, 76.8, 56.0, 42.1, 28.1, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI)

calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺ 389.1171, found 389.1173.

4-methyl-N-(5-(5-methyl-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 91%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

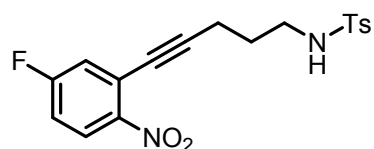
δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H),

7.34 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J*

= 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 1.81 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5, 144.1, 143.4, 136.8, 135.2, 129.7, 129.0, 127.1, 124.7, 118.9, 96.8, 77.4, 42.1, 28.1, 21.5, 21.2, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 373.1222, found 373.1209.

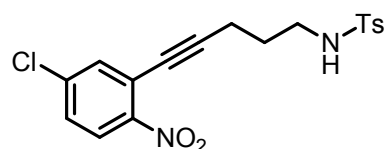
N-(5-(5-fluoro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 8.06 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 5.25 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.82 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 163.0, 146.0, 143.5, 136.7, 129.8, 127.3 (*J* = 10.0 Hz), 127.1, 121.8 (*J* = 11.0 Hz), 121.4 (*J* = 25.0 Hz), 115.7 (*J* = 23.0 Hz), 99.2, 76.3, 42.0, 27.9, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈FN₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 377.0971, found 377.0968.

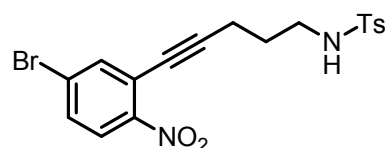
N-(5-(5-chloro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 98%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.72 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 143.4, 139.2, 136.8, 134.4, 129.7, 128.4, 127.1, 125.9, 120.6, 99.3, 76.1, 42.0, 28.0, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 393.0676, found 393.0679.

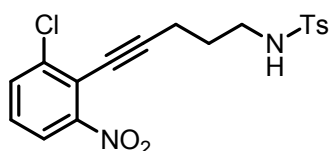
N-(5-(5-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

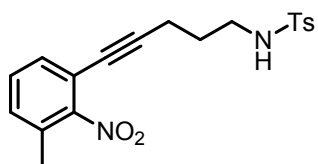
CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.81 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 143.5, 137.4, 136.8, 131.4, 129.8, 127.6, 127.1, 125.9, 120.7, 99.3, 76.0, 42.0, 28.0, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈BrN₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 437.0171, found 437.0163.

N-(5-(2-chloro-6-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



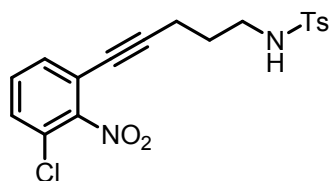
colourless oil, yield 45%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.84 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 142.4, 137.5, 135.8, 132.4, 128.7, 127.0, 126.1, 121.5, 117.4, 102.9, 72.6, 41.0, 26.9, 20.5, 16.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 393.0676, found 393.0665.

4-methyl-N-(5-(3-methyl-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 5.14 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.32 (m, 5H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.68 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 143.4, 136.9, 130.7, 130.7, 129.9, 129.8, 127.1, 116.6, 95.4, 75.2, 42.0, 28.1, 21.5, 17.4, 16.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 373.1222, found 373.1215.

N-(5-(3-chloro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 95%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.77 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.24 (t, $J =$

5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz,

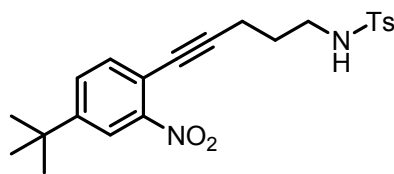
2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.75 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.1,

143.5, 136.8, 131.5, 130.7, 129.8, 129.7, 127.1, 124.9, 118.5, 97.4, 74.0, 41.9, 28.0,

21.5, 16.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 393.0676, found 393.0675.

N-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-

methylbenzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 87%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.55

(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,

$J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.27 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz,

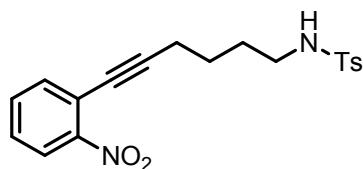
2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.80 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 152.4, 149.7, 143.4, 136.8, 134.5, 130.1, 129.7, 127.1, 121.3, 116.0, 96.2, 77.1, 42.1,

35.1, 30.9, 28.1, 21.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 415.1692,

found 415.1684.

4-methyl-N-(6-(2-nitrophenyl)hex-5-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 87%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H),

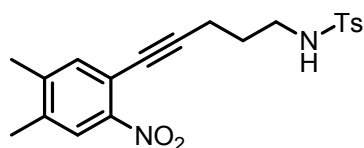
7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 6.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H),

7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.15 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J =$

6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.58 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 143.4, 136.8, 134.8, 132.8, 129.7, 128.1, 127.1, 124.4, 119.0, 98.4, 76.5, 42.7, 28.4, 25.1, 21.5, 19.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 373.1222, found 373.1213.

N-(5-(4,5-dimethyl-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-

methylbenzenesulfonamide

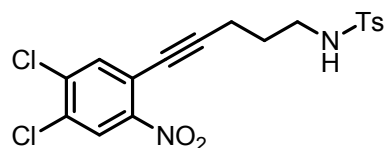


brown oil, yield 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 5.33 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.80 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 143.3, 143.0, 137.7, 136.9, 135.5, 129.7, 127.1, 125.3, 116.2, 95.9, 77.4, 42.1, 28.1, 21.5, 19.6, 19.6, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 387.1379, found 387.1379.

N-(5-(4,5-dichloro-2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)-4-

methylbenzenesulfonamide

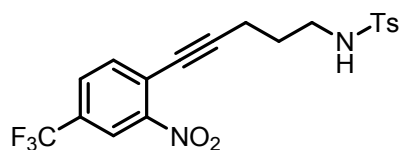


yellow oil, yield 89%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.06 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.76 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 143.5, 137.8, 136.8, 135.8, 132.4, 129.7, 127.1, 126.4, 118.6, 100.1, 75.4, 41.9, 27.9, 21.5, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇Cl₂N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 427.0286, found 427.0282.

4-methyl-N-(5-(2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-yn-1-

yl)benzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 60%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.65

(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.18 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, $J = 6.5$

Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.80 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR

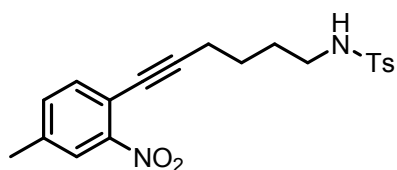
(100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 143.5, 136.8, 135.7, 130.2 ($J = 34.3$ Hz), 129.7, 129.2 (J

$= 3.3$ Hz), 127.1, 122.7 ($J = 271.0$ Hz), 122.6, 121.8 ($J = 3.9$ Hz), 101.2, 76.2, 42.0,

27.9, 21.5, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 427.0939, found

427.3771.

4-methyl-N-(6-(4-methyl-2-nitrophenyl)hex-5-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz,

1H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 5.16 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H),

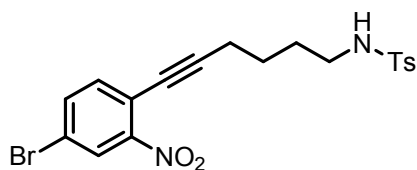
2.98 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 8H), 1.73 – 1.57 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 143.3, 138.9, 136.9, 134.5, 133.6, 129.7, 127.1, 124.7, 116.1,

97.2, 76.5, 42.7, 28.4, 25.2, 21.5, 21.1, 19.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$

($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 387.1379, found 387.1375.

N-(6-(4-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)hex-5-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



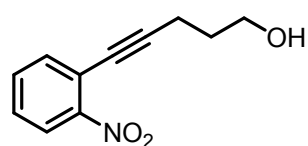
yellow oil, yield 73%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H),

7.63 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H),

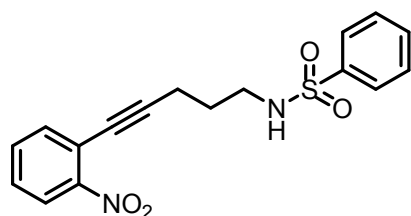
7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.13 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.37 (m, 5H), 1.72 – 1.59 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1, 143.4, 136.8, 135.9, 135.8, 129.7, 127.4, 127.1, 121.2, 118.0, 99.9, 75.9, 42.6, 28.5, 25.0, 21.5, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 451.0327, found 451.0323.

5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-ol



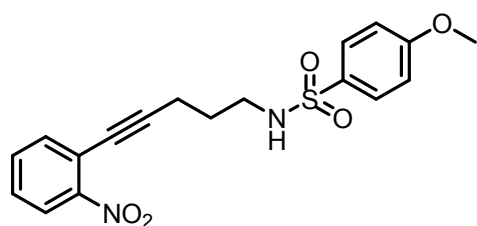
brown oil, yield 59%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (br, 1H), 1.89 (p, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.0, 135.0, 132.9, 128.2, 124.6, 119.2, 98.7, 76.5, 61.4, 31.1, 16.54. ESI-MS: m/z 206.4 (100%, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$).

N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



brown oil, yield 93%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.40 (dt, $J = 8.4, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.81 (p, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.8, 139.8, 134.9, 132.9, 132.7, 129.2, 128.3, 127.1, 124.5, 118.8, 97.4, 77.0, 42.1, 28.1, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 345.0909, found 345.0909.

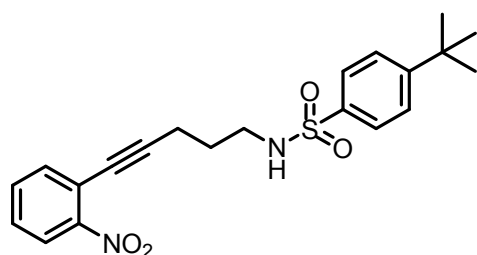
4-methoxy-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 98%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82

(d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dt, $J = 8.6, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.23 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.13 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.8, 149.8, 134.8, 132.8, 131.3, 129.2, 128.2, 124.5, 118.8, 114.3, 97.4, 77.0, 55.6, 42.0, 28.0, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 375.1015, found 375.1016.

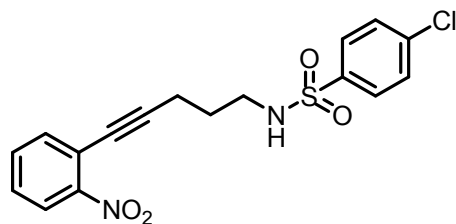
4-(tert-butyl)-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



yellow oil, yield 98%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 5.50 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.13

(q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 149.8, 136.9, 134.8, 132.8, 128.2, 127.0, 126.1, 124.4, 118.8, 97.5, 76.9, 42.1, 35.0, 31.0, 28.2, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 401.1535, found 401.1531.

4-chloro-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide

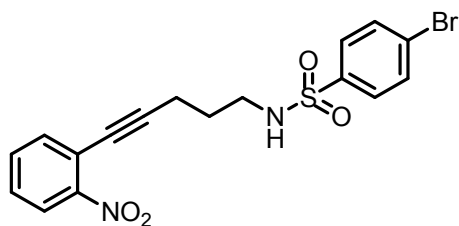


white powder, yield 96%. Mp 88–89 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m,

2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 5.10 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.85 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 139.1, 138.4, 134.7, 132.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 124.6, 118.8, 97.1, 77.3, 42.1, 28.0, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 379.0519,

found 379.0522.

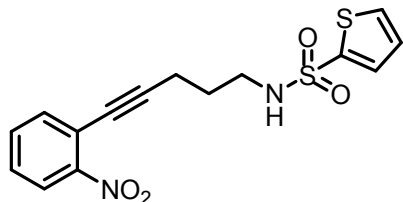
4-bromo-N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide



white powder, yield 95%. Mp 76–77 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 5.18 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.83 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.8, 138.9, 134.8, 132.9, 132.4, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 124.6, 118.8, 97.1, 77.2, 42.1, 28.0, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 423.0014, found 423.0015.

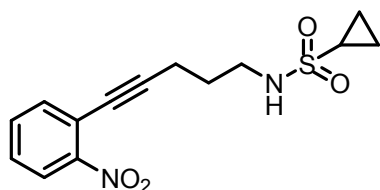
N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide



brown oil, yield 94%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 3.7$, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 5.0$, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, $J = 8.6$, 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, $J = 4.9$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.82 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.8, 140.7, 134.9, 132.9, 132.2, 132.0, 128.3, 127.6, 124.5, 118.8, 97.4, 77.1, 42.4, 28.0, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 351.0473, found 351.0470.

N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)cyclopropanesulfonamide

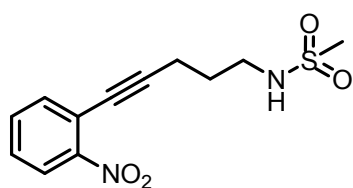


brown oil, yield 82%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m,

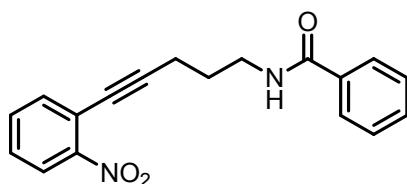
2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (ddd, $J = 12.6, 8.1, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.15 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.00 – 0.92 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.8, 134.8, 132.9, 128.3, 124.4, 118.7, 97.5, 76.9, 42.2, 29.8, 28.7, 17.0, 5.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 309.0909, found 309.0907.

N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)methanesulfonamide



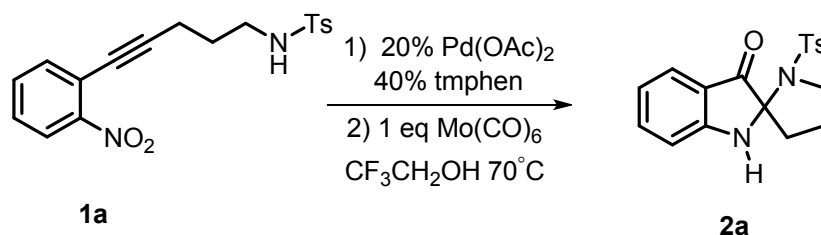
brown oil, yield 37%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 134.8, 132.9, 128.3, 124.5, 118.8, 97.2, 77.2, 42.1, 40.1, 28.4, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$) $^+$ 300.1018, found 300.1020.

N-(5-(2-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzamide



brown oil, yield 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 6.84 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 (p, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.9, 149.9, 134.8, 134.5, 132.8, 131.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 124.5, 118.9, 98.1, 77.0, 39.3, 27.7, 17.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 309.1239, found 309.1239.

General procedure for spiro-pseudoindoxyl from *o*-alkynylnitrobenzene^{4,5}



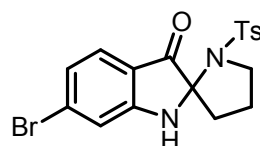
In a 10 mL Schlenk tube, under a argon atmosphere, was added *o*-alkynylnitrobenzene (50 mg, 0.14 mmol) followed by Pd(OAc)₂ (6.26 mg, 0.028 mmol), tetramethylphenanthroline (13 mg, 0.056 mmol), Mo(CO)₆ (37 mg, 0.14 mmol) in 2.0 mL of TFE. The Schlenk tube was sealed and heated at 70 °C for either 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled down to room temperature and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was then evaporated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1) to give **2a** as a yellow powder, yield 84%. Mp 201–202 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 1.89 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 158.4, 143.6, 137.7, 136.3, 129.4, 128.0, 124.9, 120.0, 119.8, 112.3, 83.2, 48.4, 39.9, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 343.1116, found 343.1116.

6-methoxy-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one

yellow powder, yield 83%. Mp 173–174 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H),

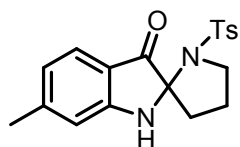
2.30 – 2.08 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 168.1, 161.0, 143.6, 136.2, 129.4, 128.1, 126.2, 113.0, 109.1, 95.1, 84.0, 55.6, 48.4, 39.9, 23.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺ 373.1222, found 373.1222.

6-bromo-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



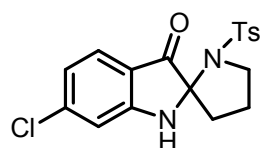
yellow powder, yield 74%. Mp 184–185 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.42 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.32 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 3H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 198.3, 159.9, 143.7, 136.8, 132.2, 130.0, 127.9, 126.4, 121.5, 118.1, 114.6, 83.2, 48.6, 39.0, 23.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈BrN₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 421.0222, found 421.0213.

6-methyl-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 84%. Mp 166–167 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.41 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.99 (m, 3H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 198.3, 160.0, 149.0, 143.5, 137.1, 129.8, 128.0, 124.5, 120.1, 116.9, 112.2, 83.3, 48.7, 39.2, 23.6, 22.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 357.1273, found 357.1273.

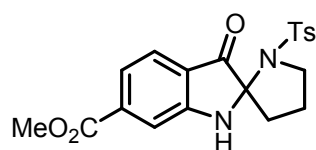
6-chloro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 81%. Mp 185–186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.50

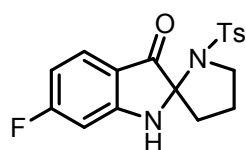
(d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.32 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 3H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 197.7, 159.4, 143.2, 142.3, 136.4, 129.5, 127.4, 125.9, 118.2, 117.3, 111.1, 82.8, 48.1, 38.5, 23.2, 21.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 377.0727, found 377.0722.

methyl 3-oxo-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidine]-6-carboxylate



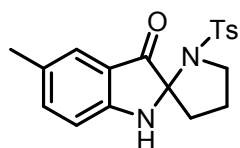
yellow powder, yield 46%. Mp 170–171 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.98 – 1.86 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.9, 166.4, 157.7, 143.8, 138.0, 136.2, 129.5, 127.9, 124.8, 122.9, 120.5, 113.4, 83.5, 52.6, 48.4, 39.9, 23.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 401.1171, found 401.1174.

6-fluoro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



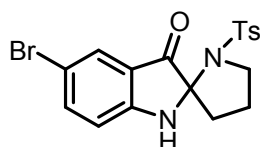
pale yellow powder, yield 70%. Mp 200–201 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 1.91 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 170.9, 168.3, 159.9 ($J = 14$ Hz), 143.8, 136.2, 129.5, 127.9, 116.4, 108.1 ($J = 24$ Hz), 98.9 ($J = 26$ Hz), 83.7, 48.41, 39.9, 23.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 361.1022, found 361.1024.

5-methyl-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



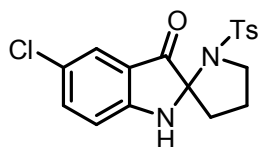
yellow powder, yield 64%. Mp 195–196 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.87 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.1, 156.7, 143.5, 139.0, 136.4, 129.4, 129.4, 128.0, 124.4, 120.3, 112.4, 83.7, 48.4, 40.0, 23.7, 21.6, 20.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 357.1273, found 357.1273.

5-bromo-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 67%. Mp 187–188 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 1.87 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 156.9, 143.8, 140.1, 136.1, 129.5, 127.9, 127.3, 121.3, 114.0, 111.8, 83.7, 48.3, 39.9, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈BrN₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 421.0222, found 421.0218.

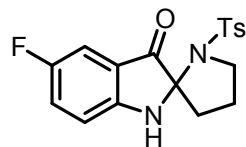
5-chloro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 71%. Mp 183–184 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 1.89 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.0, 156.6, 143.8, 137.5, 136.1, 129.5, 127.9, 124.9,

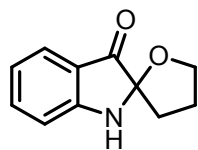
124.2, 120.8, 113.6, 83.8, 48.3, 39.9, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}ClN_2O_3S$ (M+H)⁺ 377.0727, found 377.0724.

5-fluoro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



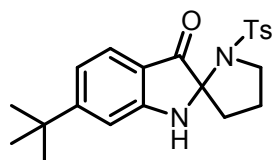
yellow powder, yield 58%. Mp 185–186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 1.92 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 157.0 (*J* = 239.0 Hz), 154.9, 143.8, 136.1, 129.5, 127.9, 125.4 (*J* = 25.1 Hz), 120.5 (*J* = 7.3 Hz), 113.7 (*J* = 7.3 Hz), 110.0 (*J* = 22.8 Hz), 84.3, 48.4, 40.1, 23.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}FN_2O_3S$ (M+H)⁺ 361.1022, found 361.1020.

4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,2'-indolin]-3'-one



yellow oil. yield 63%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 1.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 159.8, 137.9, 125.1, 119.7, 119.1, 112.2, 95.1, 69.3, 34.1, 25.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}NO_2$ (M+H)⁺ 190.0868, found 190.0863.

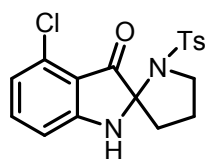
6-(tert-butyl)-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 48%. Mp 179–180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 8.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.8 Hz,

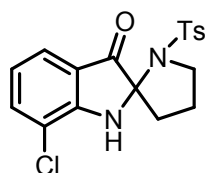
1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2, 162.3, 158.9, 143.5, 136.3, 129.4, 128.0, 124.4, 118.2, 117.7, 109.1, 83.7, 48.4, 40.1, 35.7, 31.0, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₇N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 399.1742, found 399.1742.

4-chloro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



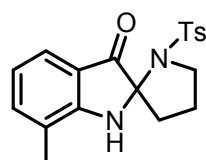
yellow powder, yield 45%. Mp 200–201 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 1.89 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 159.6, 143.8, 137.8, 135.9, 132.6, 129.5, 128.0, 120.6, 116.6, 110.5, 83.4, 48.4, 39.9, 23.5, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 377.0727, found 377.0725.

7-chloro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 27%. Mp 178–179 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 1.87 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 154.5, 143.7, 136.4, 136.3, 129.5, 127.9, 123.4, 121.4, 120.2, 117.3, 83.2, 48.5, 39.8, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 377.0727, found 377.0727.

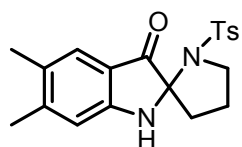
7-methyl-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 38%. Mp 178–179 °C. ¹H NMR (400

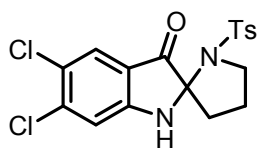
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 – 1.88 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.3, 157.6, 143.5, 137.8, 136.5, 129.4, 128.0, 122.3, 121.3, 119.9, 119.6, 83.3, 48.6, 40.1, 23.6, 21.6, 15.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 357.1273, found 357.1275.

5,6-dimethyl-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



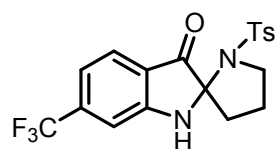
yellow powder, yield 48%. Mp 171–172 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 1.80 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 157.5, 148.6, 143.5, 136.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 124.7, 118.2, 113.4, 83.7, 48.4, 40.0, 23.7, 21.6, 21.3, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 371.1429, found 371.1427.

5,6-dichloro-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



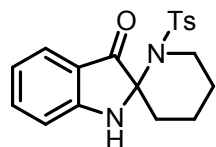
yellow powder, yield 53%. Mp 188–189 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.64 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 1.90 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 156.2, 144.0, 141.9, 135.9, 129.6, 127.9, 125.9, 123.7, 119.4, 113.8, 83.8, 48.3, 39.9, 23.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇Cl₂N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 411.0337, found 411.0324.

1'-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



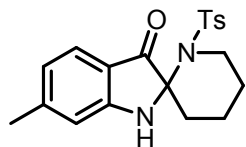
yellow powder, yield 60%. Mp 185–186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.71 (m, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.34 – 1.94 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.5, 157.5, 144.0, 138.5 (*J* = 32.3 Hz), 136.0, 129.6, 127.9, 125.5, 123.5 (*J* = 272.0 Hz), 122.0, 116.1, 109.2, 83.6, 48.3, 39.9, 23.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈F₃N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 411.0990, found 411.0985.

1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-piperidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 59%. Mp 135–136 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.50 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 157.1, 143.7, 137.0, 135.8, 129.3, 128.4, 125.2, 120.3, 119.8, 112.8, 76.7, 44.5, 36.1, 24.3, 21.6, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 357.1273, found 357.1267.

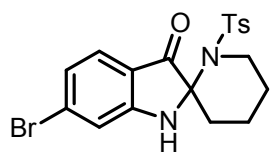
6-methyl-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-piperidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 59%. Mp 186–187 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD-CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.94 – 1.78 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.50 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD-CDCl₃) δ 198.8, 158.4, 149.1, 143.9, 135.4, 129.2, 128.4, 124.7, 121.0, 117.2, 112.5, 77.0, 44.6, 36.2, 24.3, 22.3,

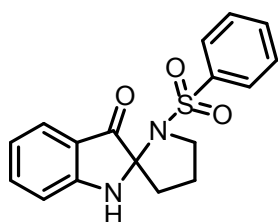
21.3, 19.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 371.1429, found 371.1432.

6-bromo-1'-tosylspiro[indoline-2,2'-piperidin]-3-one



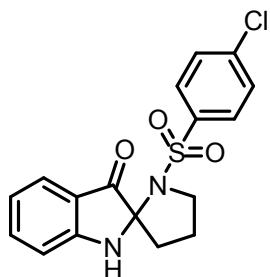
yellow powder, yield 63%. Mp 200–201 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.34 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.37 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 196.3, 158.2, 143.6, 135.2, 130.9, 129.3, 128.0, 126.2, 121.0, 117.9, 114.2, 76.4, 44.4, 35.8, 23.9, 21.0, 18.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀BrN₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 435.0378, found 435.0365.

1'-(phenylsulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 73%. Mp 189–190 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 8.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 6.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 158.4, 139.3, 137.7, 132.8, 128.8, 127.9, 124.9, 119.9, 119.8, 112.3, 83.3, 48.5, 39.8, 23.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 329.0960, found 329.0954.

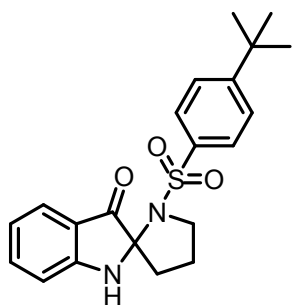
1'-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 78%. Mp 182–183 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃-CD₃OD) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82

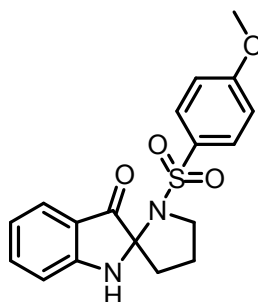
(d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 15.4, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.89 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$) δ 199.9, 159.1, 139.3, 138.0, 137.8, 129.3, 129.0, 124.8, 119.3, 119.2, 112.1, 83.2, 48.5, 39.3, 23.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 363.0570, found 363.0561.

1'-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 83%. Mp 175–176 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.65 (td, $J = 8.3, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.94 (ddd, $J = 11.9, 6.0, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$) δ 200.3, 159.2, 156.6, 138.0, 136.1, 127.7, 126.0, 125.8, 124.8, 119.1, 112.1, 83.2, 48.3, 39.3, 35.0, 30.9, 23.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 385.1586, found 385.1588.

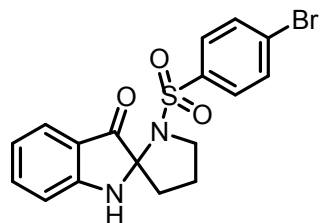
1'-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 68%. Mp 167–168 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.8 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.63 (td, $J = 8.3, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (td, $J = 8.8, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.94 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 6.2, 3.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$) δ 200.3, 163.1, 159.1, 137.9, 130.7, 130.0, 124.7, 119.2, 119.1, 113.9,

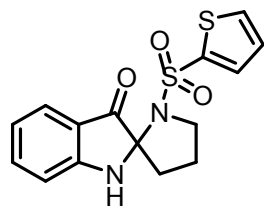
112.1, 83.2, 55.5, 48.3, 39.4, 23.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}N_2O_4S$ (M+H)⁺ 359.1066, found 359.1064.

1'-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



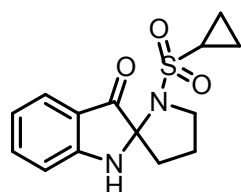
yellow powder, yield 82%. Mp 172–173 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 1.91 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃-CD₃OD) δ 200.0, 159.2, 138.3, 138.1, 132.0, 129.4, 127.8, 124.8, 119.3, 119.1, 112.1, 83.2, 48.5, 39.2, 23.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}BrN_2O_3S$ (M+H)⁺ 407.0065, found 407.0066.

1'-(thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 79%. Mp 184–185 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 1.93 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 198.5, 159.4, 139.8, 137.5, 133.5, 133.0, 127.4, 124.2, 118.7, 118.2, 112.0, 82.6, 48.5, 38.4, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}N_2O_3S_2$ (M+H)⁺ 335.0524, found 335.0511.

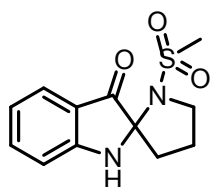
1'-(cyclopropylsulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 81%. Mp 192–193 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

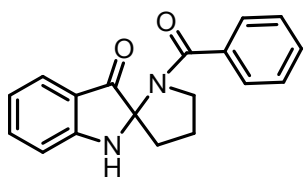
6.88 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.76 (td, $J = 8.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, $J = 15.5, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.23 – 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.14 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.87 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 199.5, 159.6, 137.9, 124.6, 119.0, 118.4, 112.4, 82.8, 49.2, 39.4, 29.7, 23.8, 5.0, 4.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) $^+$ 293.0960, found 293.0960.

1'-(methylsulfonyl)spiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow powder, yield 87%. Mp 191–192 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 15.5, 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.94 – 1.86 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 198.8, 159.3, 137.4, 124.1, 118.6, 118.0, 112.1, 82.2, 48.5, 39.0, 38.9, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) $^+$ 267.0803, found 267.0795.

1'-benzoylspiro[indoline-2,2'-pyrrolidin]-3-one



yellow oil, yield 37%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.71 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 168.8, 158.2, 136.9, 135.6, 130.4, 128.2, 127.4, 124.6, 120.9, 119.7, 112.4, 82.0, 50.7, 37.3, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ (M+H) $^+$ 293.1290, found 293.1285.

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