

## Post-synthetic diversification of pyrrole-fused benzosultams via *trans*-sulfonylations and reactions on the periphery of pyrrole

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## 1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unless noted otherwise, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. All palladium-catalyzed reactions were performed in a screw-cap sealed tube. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent using a 400 MHz spectrometer with  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  as an internal standard. Coupling constants ( $J$  values) are reported in Hz. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using electron spray ionisation (ESI) technique and as TOF mass analyser. All melting points were taken using a melting point apparatus equipped with a calibrated thermometer and are uncorrected. New compounds were characterized by melting point, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and HRMS data.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### 2.1 General Procedure for synthesis of pyrrole sultam by intramolecular cyclization

Following a literature procedure,<sup>1</sup> in an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, pyrrole substrate (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol%),  $\text{AgOAc}$  (1.5 mmol),  $\text{CsOPiv}$  (20 mol%), 3 mL pivalic acid as solvent was heated at 130 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and neutralized by the addition of saturated solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (10 mL). Then, it was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by column chromatography on silica using (EtOAc/ hexanes = 2:8) as an eluent to give the desired product.

### 2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of sulfonylated pyrroles

To a solution of 2-substituted pyrrole (0.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.5 mL) was added KOH (1.5 equiv) and tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulfate (10 mol%) and was allowed to stir for 15 mins followed by addition of solution of sulfonyl chloride (1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature till the starting material was consumed. Water (20 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated, which upon chromatography [silica, EtOAc - hexanes = 1: 19 to 1: 9] gave the *N*-sulfonylated pyrroles.

## 2.3 Synthesis of *ortho*-sulfonylated compounds by nucleophilic ring opening

### 2.3.1 Procedure for N-S bond cleavage by Fluoride source

In an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, a solution of substrate (0.25 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride trihydrate (0.5 mmol) for 1 h at room temperature. After completion, the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL X 2). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated, which upon chromatography [silica, MeOH - EtOAc = 1:9] gave the corresponding sulfonic acid.

### 2.3.2. Procedure for N-S bond cleavage by amines

In an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, substrate (0.25 mmol) was treated with amine (1 mL) at 40 °C for 2 h. After completion, the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL X 2). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated, which upon chromatography [silica, EtOAc -hexanes = 2:8/ ~ 1:1] gave the corresponding amide.

### 2.3.3. Procedure for N-S bond cleavage using NaOEt

In an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, a solution of substrate (0.25 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was treated with freshly prepared sodium ethoxide solution in ethanol (0.26 mmol) at room temperature. It was quenched as soon as addition was complete with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated, which upon chromatography [silica, EtOAc-hexanes = 1:9] gave the corresponding sulfonate ester.

## 2.4 General Procedure for regioselective bromination

To an oven dried round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with N-tosyl pyrrole (**8a**), N-tosyl methyl pyrrole-2-carboxylate (**16a**), **20** or **22** (1 mmol), NaBr (1.1 equiv) and oxone<sup>®</sup> (1.5 equiv) and then nitromethane (2 mL) was added. Reaction mixture was allowed to stir 5 h depending on substrate to give corresponding C-3 brominated products **35** and **36** in good to moderate yields.

## 2.5 General Procedure for Suzuki coupling with **42**

In an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, substrate (0.1 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (5 mol%), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4 equiv), **42** (2.2 equiv) and THF:water (4:1) was added and heated at 70 °C for 12 h. Then, reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature, water was added. Then, extracted with EtOAc (10 mL X 2), layers were separated and organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated, which upon chromatography [silica, EtOAc-hexanes = 1:9] gave the desired products **38** and **39**.

## 2.6 Procedure for reduction of *N*-tosyl pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde by sodium borohydride

To a solution of *N*-tosyl pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde in ethanol was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 equiv) and stirred at room temperature for 30 mins. Water (20 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated, which upon column chromatography [silica, EtOAc -hexanes = 1: 4] gave the desired product.

## 2.7 Procedure for alkylation of hydroxyl group (**10a**)

A dried round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with (1-Tosyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methanol and THF (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cool down to 0 °C and NaH (1.2 equiv) was added and stirred for 15 mins. After which alkyl halide (1.1 equiv) was added and continued the stirring for 1 h. After completion of the reaction, it was quenched with water (10 mL) and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give **10a**.

## 2.8 Procedure for C-2 arylation of pyrrole (**9a**)<sup>2</sup>

Following a literature procedure, in an oven-dried screw cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar, pyrrole substrate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), phenyl boronic acid (1.5 equiv) and acetic acid (5 mL) as solvent under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). Then, it was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>),

concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by column chromatography on silica using (dichloromethane/ hexane:1:4) as an eluent to give the desired product.

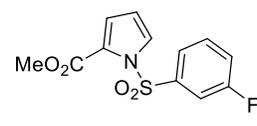
### 2.9 General Procedure for the synthesis of 2,4-disubstitued pyrrole (15a)<sup>3,4</sup>

Following a literatue protocol<sup>3,4</sup>, to an oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, DMF (1.1 equiv) was added and it was cooled to 0 °C, then POCl<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to it, the reaction mixture becomes canarary yellow following which it was allowed to run at room temperature for 15 min, followed by addition of solvent DCE (5 mL) was added, followed by addition of ethyl-2-pyrrole carboxylate (5 mmol) dissolved in DCE (5 mL). Reaction mixture was refluxed at 90 °C for 1 h. Following which, satd solution of sodium bicarbonate was added until CO<sub>2</sub> effervescence ceased, then it was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), layers were separated, organic layer was collected and concentrated under reduced pressure.

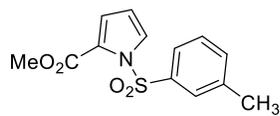
This reaction mixture was further diluted with DMSO (4 mL) and then, NH<sub>2</sub>OH.HCl (1.2 equiv) was added. Reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 1 h, following which cold water was added then, EtOAc (5 mL) was added, layers were separated, organic laers was collected and concentrated followed by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc:Hexanes = 2:8) to give desired 2,4-disubsittuted pyrrole in 40% yield.

## 3. CHARACTERIZATION DATA

### Methyl 1-((3-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5)

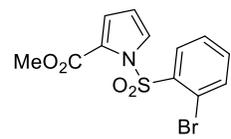
  
Off-white solid; Yield 77% (217 mg); mp.128-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.10 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.2 (d, *J* = 251 Hz), 159.0, 140.7 (d, *J* = 29 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 31 Hz), 129.1, 125.0, 123.8 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 123.6, 121.2 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 115.6, 115.3, 110.0, 51.8; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.0393, found 284.0396; IR (KBr): 2926, 2855, 1731, 1447, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Methyl 1-(*m*-tolylsulfonyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (6)



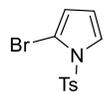
Off-white solid; Yield 86% (184 mg); mp. 70-75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.81-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 139.1, 138.7, 134.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 125.2, 124.9, 123.3, 110.4, 51.7, 21.3; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.0644, found 280.0649; IR (KBr): 2923, 1725, 1448, 1105, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Methyl 1-((2-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (7)



Whitish solid; Yield 45% (154 mg); mp. 86-87 °C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.9, 138.0, 135.1, 134.7, 133.8, 131.7, 127.1, 124.7, 123.9, 120.1, 109.9, 51.7; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 343.9592, found 343.9599; IR (KBr): 2919, 1730, 1100, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 2-bromo-1-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrole (8)



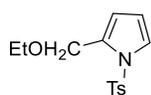
Whitish solid; Yield 55% (165 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.31-6.29 (m, 1H), 6.27-6.25 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.4, 135.1, 129.9, 127.8, 124.2, 117.9, 112.5, 100.0, 21.7; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 301.1780, found 301.1778; IR (KBr): 2999, 1555, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 2-Phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrole (31)<sup>2</sup>



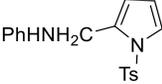
Brown solid; Yield 68% (100 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

### 2-(Ethoxymethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrole (10a)<sup>2</sup>

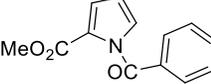


Whitish semi-solid; Yield 44% (123 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.27-6.22 (m, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); HRMS: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.1007, found 280.1003; IR (KBr): 2990, 1560, 1441, 1110, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

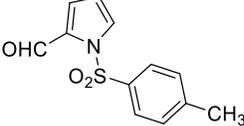
### N-((1-tosyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methyl)aniline (10b)

 Yellow liquid; Yield 54% (176 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.2, 145.0, 136.3, 132.5, 130.0, 129.1, 126.7, 123.2, 117.7, 114.4, 113.1, 111.4, 40.6, 21.6; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  327.1167, found 327.1167; IR (KBr): 2921, 1141, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

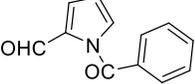
### Methyl 1-benzoyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (11)

 Yellow Liquid; Yield 60% (137 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.33-6.32 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.3, 160.7, 133.5, 133.4, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 126.0, 121.3, 110.6, 51.6; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  230.0817, found 230.0810; IR (KBr): 2925, 1730, 1549, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

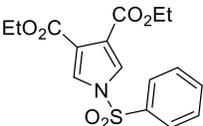
### 1-Tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (12)

 Bluish solid, Yield 85% (105 mg); mp. 107-109  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 3.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  178.9, 145.9, 135.2, 133.5, 130.1, 129.4, 127.4, 124.4, 112.4, 21.6; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  250.0538, found 250.0537; IR (KBr): 2895, 1666, 1538, 1421, 1251, 1153, 670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 1-benzoyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (13)

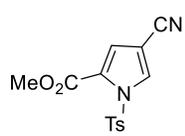
 Yellow Liquid; Yield 46% (91 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.41-6.39 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.1, 133.8, 130.2, 129.3, 128.5; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  200.0712, found 200.0710; IR (KBr): 2921, 1735, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Diethyl 1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-3,4-dicarboxylate (14)

 Brownish liquid; Yield 87% (304 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.62 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$

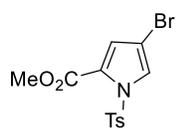
NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.0, 135.5, 130.9, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 65.5, 63.0, 19.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 352.0855, found 352.0850; IR (KBr): 2962, 1740, 1597, 1365, 1147, 794 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Methyl 4-cyano-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (15)



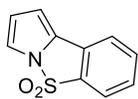
Whitish solid; Yield 40% (142 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 157.5, 146.3, 134.0, 133.9, 129.7, 129.0, 126.3, 122.8, 113.5, 95.8, 61.6, 21.8, 14.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.0596, found 305.0599; IR (KBr): 2927, 2233, 1730, 994 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Methyl 4-bromo-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (16)



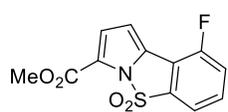
Whitish solid; Yield 40% (142 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 158.2, 145.5, 135.1, 129.5, 128.5, 127.7, 125.1, 124.6, 98.9, 52.0, 21.7, 14.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 357.9749, found 357.9755; IR (KBr): 2883, 1735, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Benzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole 5,5-dioxide (17)



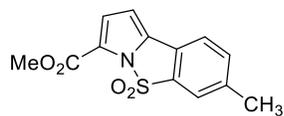
Whitish solid; Yield 77% (79 mg); mp 80-81 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.24 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.45-6.43 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 134.9, 134.2, 133.7, 129.9, 127.9, 127.6, 122.5, 120.8, 119.6, 117.2; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 206.0276, found 206.277; IR (KBr): 2920, 1490, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Methyl 9-fluorobenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (18)



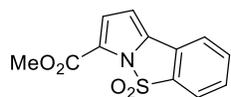
Whitish solid; Yield 44% (30 mg); mp. 280-282 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 159.2, 157.4, 139.3, 131.0, 125.2, 123.2, 121.5, 121.3, 118.8, 108.4, 108.4, 52.5; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.0236, found 282.0244; IR (KBr): 2920, 2845, 1735, 723 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Methyl 7-methylbenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (19)



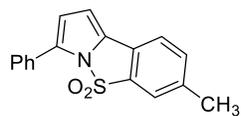
Whitish solid; Yield 44% (30 mg); mp 75-76 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 159.4, 140.2, 137.6, 134.9, 134.2, 124.4, 123.5, 123.1, 123.0, 121.3, 104.5, 52.3, 21.5; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  278.0487, found 278.0499; IR (KBr): 2925, 1730, 1440, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Methyl benzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (20)



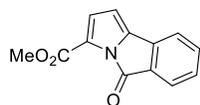
Whitish solid; Yield 34% (45 mg); mp 140-145 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.1, 146.5, 134.4, 134.2, 133.9, 129.2, 124.8, 123.0, 122.8, 121.5, 105.1, 52.3; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  264.0331, found 264.0325; IR (KBr): 2955, 2813, 1732, 722  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 7-methyl-3-phenylbenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole 5,5-dioxide (21)



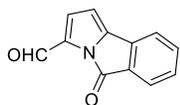
Yellowish semi-solid; Yield 42% (62 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.88$  Hz, 1H), 6.54-6.51 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 145.3, 136.3, 134.1, 131.0, 130.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 122.2, 120.9, 115.4, 106.0, 21.9; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  296.0745, found 296.0744; IR (KBr): 2925, 1530, 1440, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Methyl 5-oxo-5H-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoindole-3-carboxylate (22)



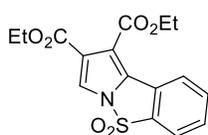
Yellow solid; Yield 78% (44 mg); mp 90-95 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 159.2, 138.2, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 124.5, 120.1, 118.5, 105.8, 51.9; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  228.0661, found 228.0659; IR (KBr): 2912, 2830, 1739, 1266, 720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Methyl 5-oxo-5H-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoindole-3-carboxylate (23)



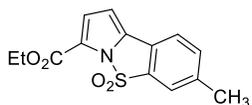
Yellow solid; Yield 60% (30 mg); mp 122-123 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.38-6.37 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 179.4, 165.5, 135.0, 133.4, 129.0, 124.7, 121.0, 108.7, 107.3, 104.6; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 198.0555, found 198.0550; IR (KBr): 2923, 2852, 1739, 1262, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Diethyl benzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-1,2-dicarboxylate 5,5-dioxide (24)



Brownish semi-solid; Yield 78% (68 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.44-1.36 (m 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.7, 167.6, 132.3, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 128.8, 128.7, 123.8, 122.4, 119.8, 113.1, 72.3, 71.7, 19.1, 19.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 350.0698, found 350.0699; IR (KBr): 3077, 2962, 1762, 1597, 1365, 1147, 794 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Ethyl 7-methylbenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (25)



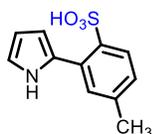
White semi-solid; Yield 45% (32 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.9, 145.3, 135.0, 129.8, 126.3, 125.1, 122.8, 122.5, 121.8, 106.5, 104.7, 61.5, 21.8, 14.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 292.0644, found 292.0647; IR (KBr): 2925, 1735, 1529, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Methyl 1-bromo-8-methylbenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (26)



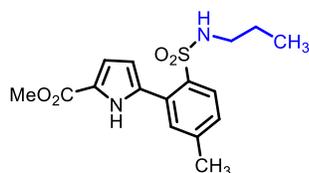
Whitish Solid; Yield 25% (22 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.6, 145.7, 134.4, 130.4, 130.2, 125.2, 124.6, 124.4, 122.7, 122.2, 95.0, 52.6, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 355.9592, found 355.9599; IR (KBr): 2922, 1739, 1155 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 2-(5-(Methoxycarbonyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-5-methylbenzenesulfonic acid (31)



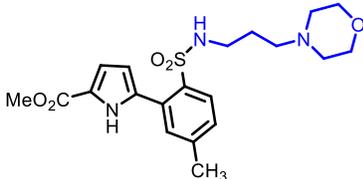
Pale yellow solid; Yield 92% (54 mg); mp. >200 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (MeOD):  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.49-6.48 (m, 1H), 6.16-6.15 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (MeOD):  $\delta$  144.3, 140.6, 135.0, 134.2, 134.1, 132.1, 129.3, 122.4, 112.0, 111.7, 23.7; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  238.0538, found 238.0531; IR (KBr): 3369, 2912, 1601, 1481, 1384, 1207, 1094  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Methyl 5-(4-methyl-2-(N-propylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (32)



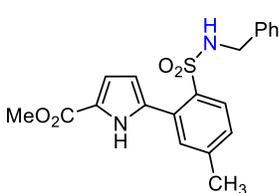
White solid; Yield 87% (139 mg); mp. 108-110 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.4 (bs., 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.48-6.46 (m, 1H), 3.92 (bs, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.62 (q,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.29-1.20 (m, 2H), 0.68 (t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.9, 143.6, 133.8, 132.8, 132.8, 130.4, 129.8, 128.9, 124.0, 116.1, 111.9, 51.7, 44.8, 22.5, 21.3, 10.9; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  337.1222, found 337.1229; IR (KBr): 3319, 2924, 2853, 1705, 1459, 1326, 1155, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### Methyl 5-(4-methyl-2-(N-(3-morpholinopropyl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (33)

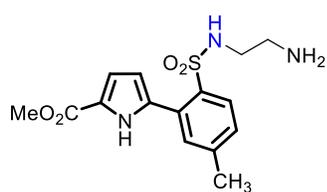


Colorless semi-solid; Yield 85% (89 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.76 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.57 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 2.80 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.0, 143.7, 133.4, 133.3, 132.9, 130.9, 130.3, 128.6, 123.9, 115.9, 111.5, 66.7, 57.7, 53.4, 51.6, 43.0, 29.6, 24.3, 21.3, 14.1; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  422.1750, found 422.1752; IR (ATR): 3434, 1634, 1534, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

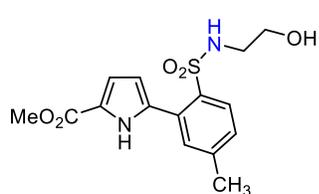
### Methyl 5-(2-(N-benzylsulfamoyl)-5-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (34)



Yellowish liquid; Yield 15% (6 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 3H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 5H), 2.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.8, 143.8, 135.5, 133.9, 132.7, 132.6, 130.5, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 124.1, 121.9, 116.0, 112.1, 104.8, 51.6, 47.3, 21.3; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  385.1222, found 385.1220; IR (ATR): 3490, 1633, 1550, 810  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Methyl 5-(2-(N-(3-aminoethyl)sulfamoyl)-5-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (35)**

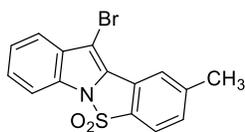
Colorless semi-solid; Yield 70% (24 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.83-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  157.7, 153.7, 142.2, 133.1, 132.9, 130.5, 129.0, 120.1, 116.1, 114.3, 111.8, 53.4, 45.0, 29.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  338.1175, found 338.1177; IR (ATR): 3534, 2830, 1365, 1105  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Methyl 5-(2-(N-(3-aminoethyl)sulfamoyl)-5-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (36)**

Colorless semi-solid; 55% (19 mg); mp.137-138  $^\circ\text{C}$   $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.51 (m, 1H), 4.5 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.49 (m 2H), 2.90-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  161.2, 143.9, 133.7, 133.0, 132.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.0, 124.1, 116.1, 114.0, 111.8, 60.8, 51.7, 45.0, 22.6; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  339.1015, found 339.1000; IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3443, 2923, 1725, 1255  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;

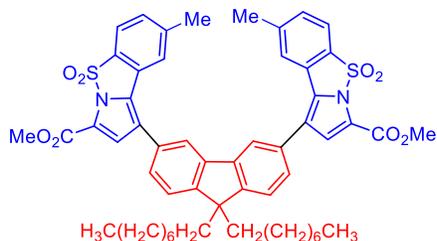
**Methyl 5-(2-(ethoxysulfonyl)-4-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (37)**

Colorless liquid; Yield 82% (67 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.99 - 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.50-6.49 (m, 1H), 4.37 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.02 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}(100\text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  160.7, 144.9, 132.7, 132.5, 131.1, 130.8, 129.8, 128.4, 124.5, 115.4, 111.8, 67.2, 60.4, 21.4, 14.4; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  338.1062, found 338.1066; IR (ATR): 3363, 2983, 2926, 1704, 1599, 1249, 1176, 916  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**11-Bromo-2-methylbenzo[4,5]isothiazolo[2,3-a]indole 5,5-dioxide (41)**

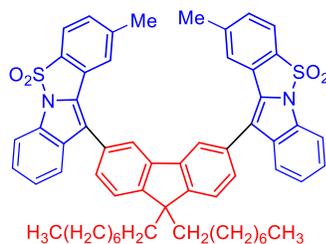
Whitish Solid; Yield 65% (90 mg);  $^1\text{H NMR}(400\text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  145.4, 130.4, 129.8, 126.9, 123.8, 123.3, 123.1, 122.4, 120.8, 111.9, 22.6; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  347.9694, found 347.9685; IR (KBr): 2855, 1430, 1143, 740  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**11,11'-(9,9-dioctyl-9H-fluorene-3,6-diyl)bis(Methyl-8-methylbenzo[d]pyrrolo[1,2-b]isothiazole-3-carboxylate 5,5-dioxide (43)**



Yellowish solid; Yield 70% (66 mg); mp. 257-258 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 6H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.08-2.04 (m, 4H), 1.18-1.09 (m, 12H), 0.8 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  159.3, 151.7, 145.1, 140.6, 134.8, 131.8, 129.8, 129.1, 127.6, 126.7, 124.3, 124.3, 123.0, 122.8, 121.8, 120.3, 55.5, 52.5, 40.2, 31.7, 30.1, 29.3, 29.2, 24.1, 22.5, 21.9, 14.0; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{61}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  941.3869, found 941.3866; IR (KBr): 2926, 2854, 1725, 1186, 758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**11,11'-(9,9-dioctyl-9H-fluorene-3,6-diyl)bis(2-methylbenzo[4,5]isothiazolo[2,3-a]indole 5,5-dioxide) (44)**

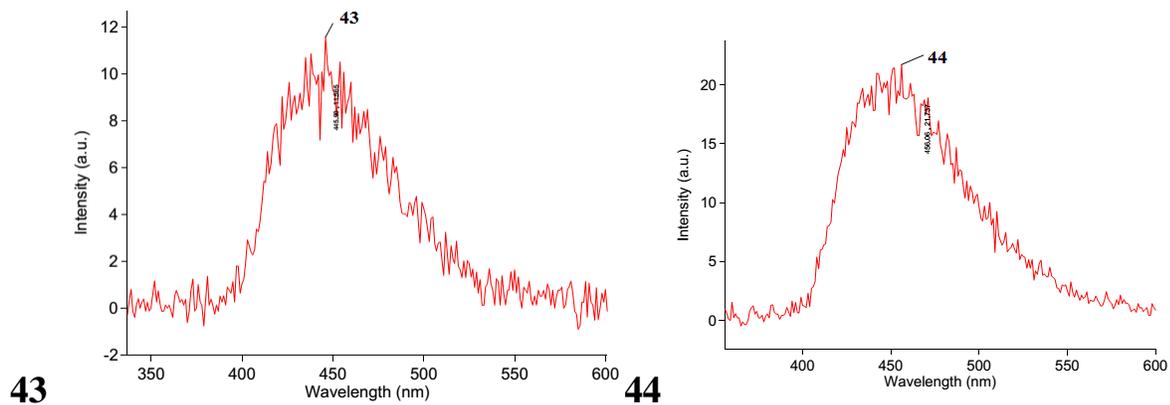


Yellowish solid; Yield 85% (78 mg); mp. 275-276 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.72-7.70 (m 4H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 4H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.14-2.10 (4H), 1.13 (m, 12H), 0.80 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  151.9, 144.9, 140.7, 135.6, 133.2, 132.5, 130.8, 130.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 126.3, 124.3, 123.5, 122.5, 121.3, 120.5, 118.8, 111.9, 55.5, 40.1, 31.7, 30.1, 29.4, 29.2, 24.3, 22.5, 22.0, 14.0; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{59}\text{H}_{61}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  925.4073, found 925.4077; IR (KBr): 2925, 2854, 1339, 1027  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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