# Supporting Information Iodine catalyzed diamination of styrene in water with the oxidation of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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## **1. General Information**

Unless otherwise indicated, all commercial reagents were used without additional purification. All Substances were synthesized according to the previous literature.<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on a Bruker-400 MHz Spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 100 MHz). All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. All chemical shifts were reported relative to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H), and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C), respectively. HRMS (ESI) were recorded on a Water <sup>TM</sup> Q-TOF Premier Mass Spectrometer.

#### 2. General Procedure for Diamination

To a 5 mL tube was added 2-aminostyreen **1** (0.2 mmol), aniline **2** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv),  $H_2O_2$  (0.6 mmol, 30% in water), TMDAI (20% mol) and water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 12 hours, and extracted with DCM (1 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent had been completely removed, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the product **3**.

#### 3. Characterization Data for the Products



N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3a)

White solid. m.p. 135-136 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 - 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 7.3

Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.5, 144.1, 142.0, 133.6, 132.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 118.4, 115.8, 113.1, 56.6, 53.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 387.1143, found 387.1140.



#### 5-methyl-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3b)

Red solid. m.p. 141 - 143 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.79 - 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.47 - 6.35 (m, 2H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s,

3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.6, 144.0, 139.7, 134.2, 133.6, 132.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.3, 127.3, 125.9, 118.3, 115.9, 113.1, 56.8, 53.2, 21.5, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 401.1300, found 401.1297.



#### 5-butyl-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3c)

Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 - 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.8

Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.50 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.29 - 1.35(m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.7, 144.0, 139.8, 139.4, 133.7, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 127.3, 125.2, 118.3, 115.8, 113.1, 56.8, 53.2, 35.0, 33.6, 22.2, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{25}H_{28}N_2NaO_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 443.1769, found 443.1767.



#### 5-(tert-butyl)-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3d)

Gray oil. m.p. 136 - 137 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.79 - 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.49 - 6.41 (m, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.5

Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.6, 145.7, 144.0, 139.5, 133.8, 131.8, 129.7, 129.3, 127.3, 127.0, 122.2, 118.3, 115.2, 113.2, 56.8, 53.4, 34.5, 31.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 443.1769, found 443.1770.



#### 5-nitro-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3e)

Yellow solid. m.p. 148 - 150 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 - 6.47 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.2

Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.4, 145.2, 145.0, 143.9, 133.3, 133.0, 130.1, 129.5, 127.1, 126.4, 121.7, 119.1, 114.2, 113.3, 57.2, 52.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 410.1175, found 410.1175.



#### 5-fluoro-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3f)

Red solid. m.p. 133 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 - 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.77 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.43 - 6.35 (m, 2H), 4.80 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* 

= 12.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (br, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 145.3, 144.3, 138.0 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 133.4, 129.8, 129.4, 127.3, 118.7, 117.4 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 116.7 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 113.2, 112.5 (d, J = 24.1 Hz), 57.0, 53.1 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 21.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -117.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 405.1049, found 405.1045.



#### 5-chloro-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3g)

Gray solid. m.p. 154 - 155 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75 - 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.44 - 6.37 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H),

3.81 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.3, 144.4, 140.7, 134.1, 133.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 127.2, 125.6, 118.6, 116.9, 113.2, 56.8, 52.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 399.0934, found 399.0925.



#### 5-methoxy-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3h)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.4, 1H), 6.70 - 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.40 - 6.33 (m, 2H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 7.2

Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.5, 144.0, 135.3, 134.1, 133.5, 129.7, 129.3, 127.3, 118.4, 117.6, 115.6, 115.1,

113.1, 110.4, 57.0, 55.6, 53.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 417.1249, found 417.1248.



*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3i)

Red solid. m.p. 125 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.39 - 6.31 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (br, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.1 (d, *J* = 235.1 Hz), 144.2, 141.9, 141.9, 133.6, 132.0, 129.9, 129.7, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 115.8, 114.1 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 56.3, 53.7, 21.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -126.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.1230, found 383.1230.



#### N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3j)

Red solid. m.p. 144 - 146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 - 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.32 - 6.23 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s 1H), 4.04 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.78 - 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.6, 144.2, 141.9, 133.6, 132.0, 131.8, 130.0,

129.7, 127.2, 125.5, 124.4, 115.8, 114.6, 109.9, 56.2, 53.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 465.0248, found 465.0211.

#### *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3k)



Red solid. 133 - 134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 - 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.2, 144.1,

142.0, 133.6, 131.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 127.2, 125.5, 124.4, 122.9, 115.9, 114.2, 56.2, 53.2, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}CIN_2O_2S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 399.0934, found 399.0922.



N-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3l)

Yellow solid. m.p. 125 - 127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.7, 144.3, 142.0, 135.0, 133.6, 131.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 127.2, 125.5, 124.5, 118.2, 116.2, 113.1, 111.1, 56.3, 53.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 399.0934, found 399.0930.



#### *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3m)

Red solid. m.p. 141 - 143 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (td, *J* = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H),

4.05 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.5, 142.1, 141.8, 133.6, 131.6, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.2, 125.5, 124.5, 119.5, 118.4, 115.7, 111.4, 56.8, 53.1, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 421.0753, found 421.0739.



#### *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3n)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 - 6.73 (m, 2H), 6.43 - 6.35 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dd, J = 7.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J = 11.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.03 (br, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

152.6, 144.1, 141.8, 139.6, 133.6, 132.4, 129.7, 129.6, 127.2, 125.5, 124.2, 115.7, 114.8, 114.7, 56.4, 55.6, 54.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 395.1429, found



*N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (30)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 -7.57 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.32 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.98 - 5.99 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.7, 147.0, 144.1, 141.9, 133.6, 132.1, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 115.8, 106.1, 103.1, 99.4, 56.6, 55.0, 53.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 417.1249, found 417.1251.



#### *N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3p)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 - 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.75 - 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz,

1H), 4.92 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.9, 144.1, 141.9, 135.7, 133.6, 132.1, 129.6, 127.2, 125.5, 124.0, 121.1, 117.5, 115.0, 115.0, 110.0, 109.7, 56.8, 55.2, 52.8, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 417.1249, found 417.1243.



#### N-(p-tolyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3q)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 - 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 11.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (br, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

144.1, 143.3, 141.9, 133.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 127.6, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 115.8, 113.4, 56.6, 53.4, 21.5, 20.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 401.1300, found



#### *N*-(4-butylphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3r)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 - 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.40 - 6.32 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 1H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.60 -

1.50 (m, 2H), 1.39 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 143.5, 141.9, 133.7, 132.9, 132.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 115.8, 113.2, 56.7, 53.4, 34.6, 33.9, 22.3, 21.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 421.1950, found 421.1949.



#### *N*-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3s)

Red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 -7.59 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 - 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.05 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 - 6.37 (m, 2H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.1, 143.3,

141.9, 141.2, 133.7, 132.4, 129.8, 129.7, 127.3, 126.1, 125.5, 124.2, 115.7, 112.9, 56.8, 53.3, 33.9, 31.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 421.1950, found 421.1937.



#### *N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3t)

Red solid. m.p.118 - 119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.47 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s,

3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.1, 141.3, 139.8, 133.3, 132.7, 131.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.7, 126.1, 125.3, 124.9, 124.7, 123.7, 123.5, 122.2, 118.8, 117.6, 115.1, 104.0, 55.6, 52.4, 20.5. HRMS

(ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{25}H_{22}N_2NaO_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 437.1300, found 437.1312.



#### *N*-phenethyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3v)

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.72 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.10 (m, 9H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 141.7, 139.5, 133.7, 133.1, 129.6, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.2, 125.3, 123.8, 115.1, 57.7, 55.9,

47.6, 36.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 393.1631, found 393.1642.

## 4. Mechanistic Studies

#### 4.1. Radial Trapping Experiments

1a + 2a 
$$\xrightarrow{H_2O_2, \text{TMDAI}}$$
 3a  
 $H_2O 45 \degree C$   
BHT 83%  
1,1-Diphenylethylene 80%

To a 5 mL tube was added **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol),  $H_2O_2$  (0.6 mmol, 30% in water), TMDAI (20% mol), radial scavenger (BHT or 1,1-Diphenyethylene, 0.6 mmol) and water (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 12 hours, and extracted with DCM (1 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent had been completely removed, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the product 3.

## 4.2 Effect of N-Substituents



Standard conditions: 4 (0.2 mmol), aniline (0.3 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.6 mmol, 30% in water), TMDAI (20% mol) inwater (1 mL) at 45 °C for 12 hours.

#### 4.3 kinetics Isotope Effect (KIE)



Substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol, 27.3 mg), d-**1a** (0.1 mmol, 27.5 mmol), aniline (0.3 mmol), TMDAI (20 mol%, 0.04 mmol),  $H_2O_2$  (30% aq, 3eq, 0.6 mmol) and  $H_2O$  (1mL) were added to a 5 mL tube. The mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 30 min and then extracted with DCM (3 × 1 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under vaccum. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR without futher purification. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that the ratio of **3a** 

to d-3a was 1.6 :1 when compared with the standard <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3a, in which the integration of the peak at 3.82 ppm was 0.62 instead of 1.



## 5. References

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# 6. NMR spectra of products

N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3a)





5-methyl-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3b)

## 5-butyl-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3c)



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## 5-(tert-butyl)-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3d)

5-nitro-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3e)





5-fluoro-*N*-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3f)





## 5-chloro-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3g)



5-methoxy-N-phenyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3h)



*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3i)





*N*-(4-bromophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3j)

## *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3k)





*N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3l)









## *N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (30)

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## *N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3p)

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## *N*-(4-butylphenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3r)

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## *N*-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3s)

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## *N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3t)

## N-benzyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3u)

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## *N*-phenethyl-1-tosylindolin-3-amine (3v)