

Diastereoselective Synthesis of *cis*-1, 3-Disubstituted Isoindolines via a Highly Site-selective Tandem Cyclization Reaction

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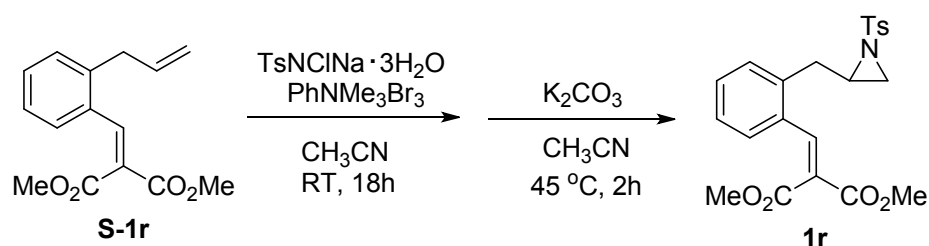
General Information

The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded with Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer instruments in CDCl_3 . The chemical shifts (δ) were measured in ppm and with the solvents as references (For CDCl_3 , ^1H : $\delta=7.26$ ppm, ^{13}C $\delta=77.00$ ppm). All solvents were obtained from commercial sources and were purified according to standard procedures. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography using silica gel (200–300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel GF254 plates and visualized by UV-light (254 nm). Melting points were obtained on a Yanaco-241 apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a MAGNA-560 spectrometer made by Nicolet Company. HRMS were recorded on VG ZAB-HS mass spectrometer with ESI resource. Bs (4-bromobenzenesulfonyl); Ns (4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl); Ts (p-toluenesulfonyl).

Synthesis of aziridines **1**

Aziridines **1a~1q** have been prepared in our previous work^[1].

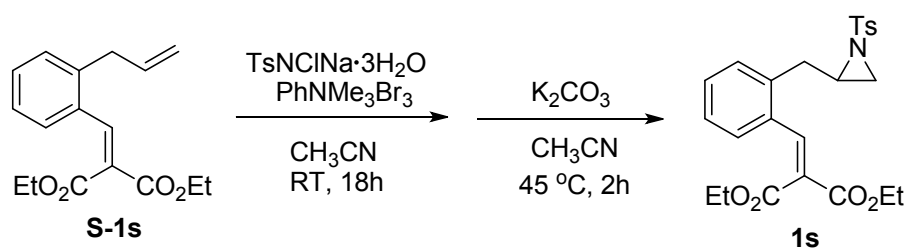
*Dimethyl 2-(2-((1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methyl)benzylidene)malonate **1r***



To a mixture of chloramine-T trihydrate (1.2 g, 4.24 mmol, 1.1 eq) and alkene **S-1r**^[2] (1g, 3.85 mmol, 1 eq) in CH_3CN (25 mL) at ambient temperature was added $\text{PhNMe}_3\text{Br}_3$ (14.5 mg, 0.385 mmol, 10% cat.). The reaction was stirred vigorously for 15 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and filtered through a short column (silica gel, 3 x 4 cm) eluting with (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 10:1). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_3CN (10 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_3CN (10 mL) and then K_2CO_3 (2.12g, 15.4 mmol, 4eq) was added, the mixture was stirred vigorously at 45°C for 2 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was diluted with Et_2O (20 mL), filtered through a pad of Celite (washing with Et_2O) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford aziridine **1r** (104 mg, 0.241 mmol, 19% yield based on 0.77 g recovered

alkene **S-1r**). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.94 (ddd, J = 18.1, 12.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.14 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.35, 164.06, 144.31, 142.05, 136.47, 134.69, 132.56, 130.17, 129.57, 128.19, 127.89, 127.84, 126.95, 52.73, 52.48, 40.39, 34.77, 32.69, 21.58; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 430.1319; Found: 430.1320; IR (neat): ν = 1079, 1117, 1163, 1226, 1269, 1314, 1381, 1440, 1597, 1704, 1740 cm^{-1} .

Diethyl 2-((1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methyl)benzylidene)malonate **1s**



To a mixture of chloramine-T trihydrate (1.2 g, 4.24 mmol, 1.1 eq) and alkene **S-1s**^[2] (1.11g, 3.85 mmol, 1 eq) in CH_3CN (25 mL) at ambient temperature was added $\text{PhNMe}_3\text{Br}_3$ (14.5 mg, 0.385 mmol, 10% cat.). The reaction was stirred vigorously for 15 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and filtered through a short column (silica gel, 3 x 4 cm) eluting with (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 10:1). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_3CN (10 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_3CN (10 mL) and then K_2CO_3 (2.12g, 15.4 mmol, 4eq) was added, the mixture was stirred vigorously at 45°C for 2 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was diluted with Et_2O (20 mL), filtered through a pad of Celite (washing with Et_2O) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford aziridine **1s** (186 mg, 0.406 mmol, 18% yield based on 0.65 g recovered alkene **S-1s**). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (tddd, J = 12.9, 9.0, 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 6H), 4.37 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.00 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.79 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.14 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.81, 163.68, 144.30, 141.46, 136.30, 134.70, 132.79, 130.03, 129.95, 129.58, 129.11, 128.14, 127.87, 126.85, 61.77, 61.48, 40.35, 34.78, 32.74, 21.59, 14.12, 13.78; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 458.1632; Found: 458.1635; IR

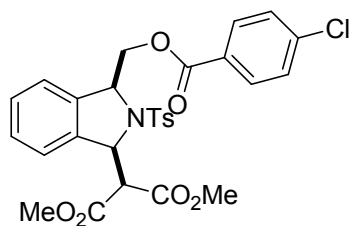
(neat): ν = 1022, 1067, 1090, 1161, 1218, 1261, 1319, 1381, 1449, 1699, 1734, 3459 cm^{-1} .

Synthesis of Isoindolines 4 and 5

General Procedure.

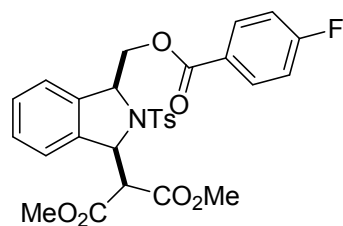
In the open air, a round bottom flask (25 mL) was charged with imidazolium salt **3c** (20 mol %, 0.04 mmol), 4 Å MS (80mg), ethyl acetate (2 mL) at room temperature. *t*-BuOK (1.2 equiv., 0.24 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (20 mol %, 0.04 mmol) were added and the formed reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Then aldehyde **2a** (2 equiv., 0.4 mmol) and aziridine **1a** (1 equiv., 0.2 mmol) were subsequently added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C in the open air for 18 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford product **4aa**.

*Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate **4aa***



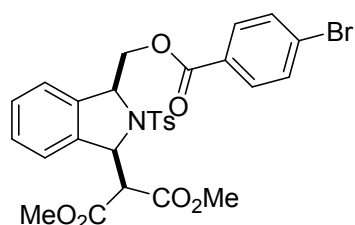
Pale yellow solid, mp 108-111 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 5.63 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.89, 167.20, 165.37, 144.30, 139.57, 137.13, 136.61, 133.30, 131.15, 130.01, 128.81, 128.65, 128.48, 128.36, 127.67, 123.84, 123.02, 68.31, 64.63, 63.52, 58.87, 52.91, 52.31, 21.48; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 572.1140; Found: 572.1142; IR (neat): ν = 570, 667, 760, 1016, 1046, 1090, 1118, 1164, 1273, 1309, 1356, 1437, 1487, 1595, 1725, 2954, 3447 cm^{-1} .

*Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-fluorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate **4ab***



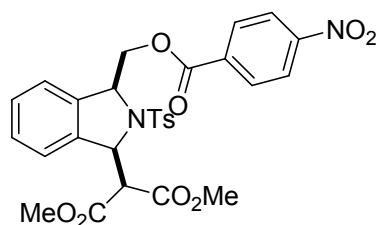
Pale yellow solid, mp 107-111 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.61 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.19 – 5.05 (m, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.95, 167.24, 165.87 (d, J = 254.1 Hz), 165.29, 144.32, 137.22, 136.63, 133.33, 132.36 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 130.03, 128.67, 128.50, 127.71, 126.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 123.87, 123.05, 115.65 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 68.28, 64.66, 63.58, 58.90, 52.94, 52.34, 21.52; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 556.1436; Found: 556.1439; IR (neat): ν = 557, 1037, 1091, 1123, 1160, 1243, 1271, 1351, 1381, 1435, 1455, 1601, 1729, 1751, 2923, 2954 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-bromobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ac



Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 5.61 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.90, 167.21, 165.52, 144.31, 137.12, 136.62, 133.31, 131.82, 131.29, 130.02, 128.82, 128.66, 128.49, 128.27, 127.68, 123.85, 123.02, 68.33, 64.64, 63.52, 58.87, 52.92, 52.32, 21.49; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 616.0635; Found: 616.0632; IR (neat): ν = 567, 665, 732, 757, 1011, 1090, 1164, 1270, 1355, 1438, 1592, 1727, 2954 cm^{-1} .

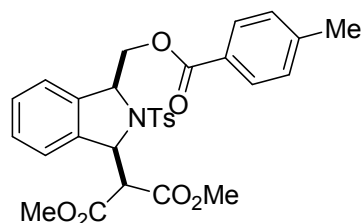
Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ad



Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (s, 4H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 5.59 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (ddd, J = 32.0, 11.2, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.48,

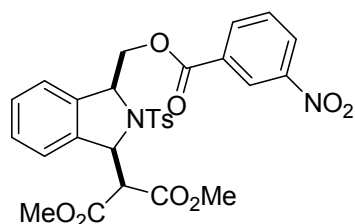
166.88, 164.22, 150.24, 144.09, 136.40, 136.33, 135.06, 132.87, 130.62, 129.73, 128.41, 128.33, 127.32, 123.60, 123.28, 122.56, 68.44, 64.38, 63.23, 58.52, 52.64, 52.03, 21.17; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{28}H_{27}N_2O_{10}S(M+H)^+$: 583.1381; Found: 583.1382; IR (neat): ν = 567, 665, 720, 760, 818, 1018, 1091, 1164, 1273, 1352, 1438, 1528, 1602, 1730, 2954 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-methylbenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ae



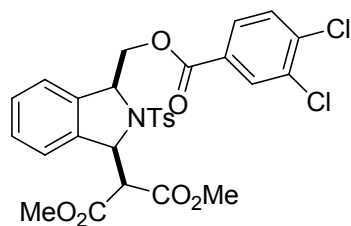
Yellow oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 3H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 5.61 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 10.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 10.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.04, 167.27, 166.22, 144.27, 143.85, 137.58, 136.57, 133.44, 130.02, 129.80, 129.22, 128.63, 128.39, 127.76, 127.19, 123.83, 123.21, 68.10, 64.65, 63.52, 58.95, 52.91, 52.31, 21.69, 21.51; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{29}H_{30}NO_8S(M+H)^+$: 552.1687; Found: 552.1688; IR (neat): ν = 1089, 1114, 1160, 1272, 1308, 1353, 1381, 1460, 1607, 1720, 2852, 2922, 2955, 3447 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((3-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ag



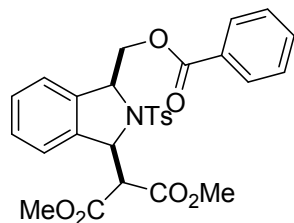
Pale yellow solid, mp 161-164 $^{\circ}C$; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.02 – 8.89 (m, 1H), 8.54 – 8.39 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 4.7, 2.3 Hz, 5H), 5.61 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.86, 167.25, 164.29, 148.33, 144.40, 136.78, 135.57, 133.30, 131.81, 130.08, 129.77, 128.76, 128.67, 127.69, 127.53, 124.76, 123.95, 122.94, 68.83, 64.74, 63.51, 58.89, 52.98, 52.36, 21.52; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{28}H_{27}N_2O_{10}S(M+H)^+$: 583.1381; Found: 583.1383; IR (neat): ν = 572, 666, 1046, 1090, 1130, 1162, 1258, 1315, 1352, 1437, 1526, 1609, 1724, 2921, 2955 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ah



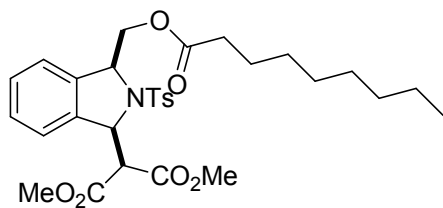
Pale yellow solid, mp 131-134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 6H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.86, 167.22, 164.47, 144.35, 137.77, 136.90, 136.70, 133.31, 133.00, 131.68, 130.65, 130.04, 129.80, 128.87, 128.70, 128.58, 127.67, 123.90, 122.94, 68.55, 64.66, 63.51, 58.88, 52.95, 52.34, 21.50; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆Cl₂NO₈S(M+H)⁺: 606.0751; Found: 606.0755; IR (neat): ν = 543, 571, 666, 759, 979, 1046, 1090, 1115, 1161, 1234, 1277, 1310, 1358, 1385, 1437, 1459, 1593, 1723, 2954, 3447 cm⁻¹.

Dimethyl 2-(3-((benzoyloxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ak



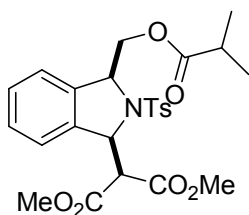
Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.99, 167.24, 166.14, 144.29, 137.43, 136.52, 133.29, 133.12, 130.02, 129.87, 129.73, 128.64, 128.47, 128.41, 127.71, 123.81, 123.15, 68.22, 64.60, 63.46, 58.87, 52.92, 52.31, 21.50; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈NO₈S(M+H)⁺: 538.1530; Found: 538.1528; IR (neat): ν = 560, 661, 712, 1036, 1092, 1120, 1163, 1271, 1351, 1382, 1449, 1598, 1727, 1753, 2951 cm⁻¹.

Dimethyl 2-(3-((nonanoyloxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4al



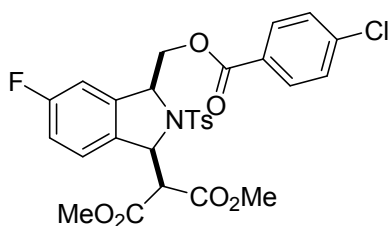
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.9 Hz, 6H), 5.58 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.43 – 2.30 (m, 5H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 10H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.41, 167.89, 167.25, 144.23, 137.42, 136.67, 133.47, 129.98, 128.54, 128.35, 127.69, 123.77, 123.06, 67.45, 64.56, 63.59, 58.94, 52.92, 52.28, 34.15, 31.80, 29.23, 29.14, 29.11, 24.78, 22.63, 21.49, 14.07; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 574.2469; Found: 574.2471; IR (neat): ν = 1092, 1164, 1252, 1302, 1355, 1437, 1739, 2927, 3451 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-((isobutyryloxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4am



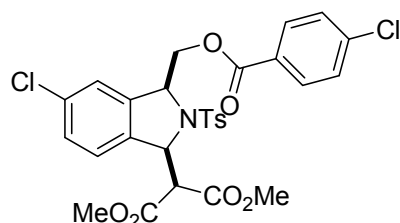
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.3 Hz, 6H), 5.51 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.88 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 10.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.56 (dt, J = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.67, 167.87, 167.24, 144.24, 137.48, 136.63, 133.45, 129.99, 128.54, 128.35, 127.68, 123.78, 123.07, 67.64, 64.54, 63.65, 58.93, 52.93, 52.30, 33.92, 21.50, 18.99, 18.87; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 504.1687; Found: 504.1689; IR (neat): ν = 568, 666, 1033, 1090, 1162, 1253, 1302, 1354, 1438, 1599, 1737, 2957 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluoro-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ba



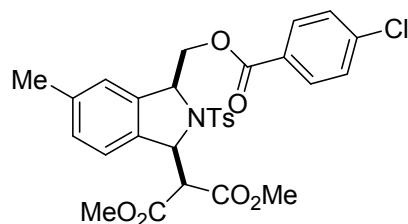
Pale yellow solid, mp 124-127 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.92, 167.19, 165.31, 162.88 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 144.53, 139.76, 139.42 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 133.10, 132.14 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 131.14, 130.12, 128.92, 128.19, 127.70, 125.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 115.98 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 110.33 (d, J = 23.9 Hz), 68.13, 64.18, 63.21, 58.75, 52.98, 52.41, 21.53; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClFNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 590.1046; Found: 590.1049; IR (neat): ν = 573, 668, 760, 1014, 1091, 1119, 1269, 1355, 1438, 1491, 1597, 1730, 2955, 3445 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(5-chloro-3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ca



Pale yellow solid, mp 103-106 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 5.47 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.92 (m, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 11.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.86, 167.17, 165.34, 144.60, 139.74, 139.12, 135.10, 134.64, 132.99, 131.15, 130.16, 128.91, 128.20, 127.69, 125.25, 123.45, 68.12, 64.34, 63.13, 58.62, 53.02, 52.48, 21.55; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 606.0751; Found: 606.0750; IR (neat): ν = 575, 667, 809, 1018, 1092, 1165, 1266, 1356, 1438, 1483, 1597, 1730, 2957, 3441 cm^{-1} .

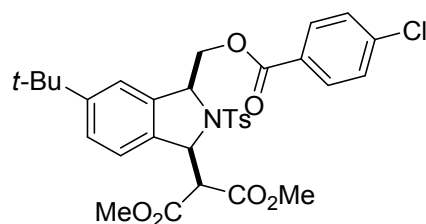
Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-5-methyl-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4da



Pale yellow solid, mp 101-105 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01

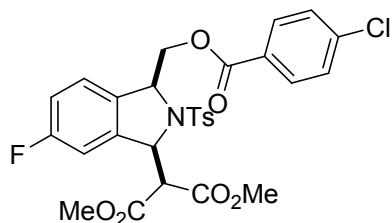
(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.55 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 11.1, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.93, 167.30, 165.48, 144.22, 139.56, 138.62, 137.23, 133.74, 133.48, 131.18, 130.00, 129.47, 128.82, 128.49, 127.69, 123.54, 68.47, 64.59, 63.58, 58.89, 52.89, 52.31, 21.51, 21.31; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 586.1297; Found: 586.1299; IR (neat): $\nu = 575, 1093, 1121, 1162, 1269, 1357, 1382, 1438, 1599, 1729, 2923, 2956, 3434\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Dimethyl 2-(5-(tert-butyl)-3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ea



Pale yellow solid, mp 91-95 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.92, 167.30, 165.31, 151.95, 144.20, 139.59, 137.00, 133.72, 133.51, 131.15, 130.00, 128.79, 128.41, 127.77, 125.83, 123.30, 119.72, 68.26, 64.46, 63.52, 58.84, 52.88, 52.28, 34.68, 31.19, 21.51; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 628.1766; Found: 628.1767; IR (neat): $\nu = 574, 666, 759, 1015, 1092, 1164, 1269, 1356, 1439, 1491, 1597, 1731, 2923, 2957, 3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

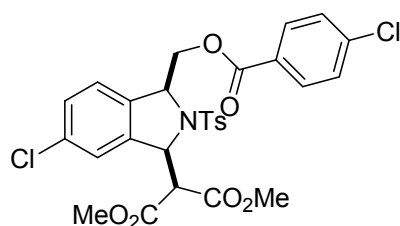
Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-6-fluoro-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4fa



Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.55 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, $J = 10.9, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

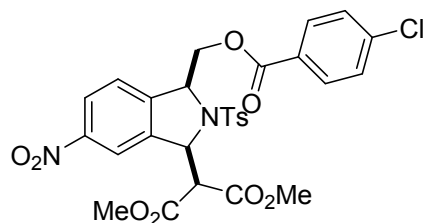
CDCl₃) δ 167.72, 167.11, 165.33, 162.79 (d, J = 247.1 Hz, 1H), 144.51, 139.69, 138.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 133.14, 132.81 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 131.14, 130.10, 128.88, 128.26, 127.68, 124.41 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 116.18 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1H), 111.41 (d, J = 24.5 Hz, 1H), 68.23, 64.40, 63.00, 58.64, 53.03, 52.47, 21.52; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆ClFNO₈S(M+H)⁺: 590.1046; Found: 590.1049; IR (neat): ν = 563, 667, 713, 760, 816, 1017, 1091, 1165, 1269, 1355, 1438, 1491, 1597, 1730, 2955 cm⁻¹.

Dimethyl 2-(6-chloro-3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ga



Pale yellow solid, mp 142-145 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.72, 167.09, 165.34, 144.58, 139.74, 138.61, 135.75, 134.59, 133.09, 131.16, 130.15, 129.10, 128.90, 128.25, 127.69, 124.35, 124.19, 68.12, 64.34, 63.15, 58.67, 53.06, 52.50, 21.54; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆Cl₂NO₈S(M+H)⁺: 606.0751; Found: 606.0750; IR (neat): ν = 563, 668, 815, 856, 1020, 1091, 1162, 1265, 1301, 1360, 1439, 1484, 1595, 1715, 1738, 2922, 2958, 3448 cm⁻¹.

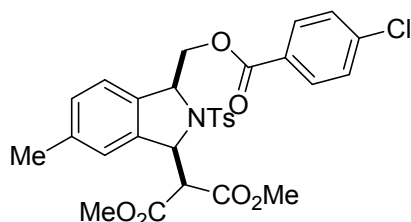
Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-6-nitro-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ha



Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.51, 167.09, 165.26, 148.51, 144.94, 144.09, 139.98, 138.66, 132.70, 131.15, 130.31, 129.00, 127.99, 127.74, 124.24, 124.01,

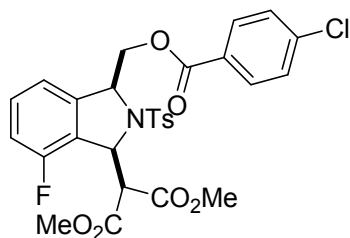
119.68, 67.80, 64.33, 63.26, 58.28, 53.27, 52.68, 21.57; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{28}H_{26}ClN_2O_{10}S(M+H)^+$: 617.0991; Found: 617.0993; IR (neat): ν = 1094, 1163, 1265, 1354, 1381, 1439, 1530, 1598, 1729, 2923, 2957, 3432 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-6-methyl-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ia



Pale yellow solid, mp 113-117 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.13 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 24.6, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 5.55 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.99, 167.27, 165.42, 144.24, 139.55, 138.47, 136.73, 134.23, 133.35, 131.17, 130.01, 129.61, 128.82, 128.41, 127.68, 124.20, 122.70, 68.42, 64.55, 63.33, 58.88, 52.92, 52.31, 21.51, 21.38; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{29}H_{29}ClNO_8S(M+H)^+$: 586.1297; Found: 586.1297; IR (neat): ν = 562, 667, 819, 1013, 1053, 1092, 1159, 1220, 1270, 1313, 1350, 1382, 1436, 1594, 1719, 2922, 2955 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-7-fluoro-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ja

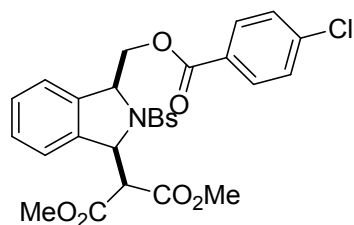


Pale yellow solid, mp 132-135 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.41 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.24, 166.99, 165.38, 157.39 (d, J = 249.5 Hz), 144.62, 140.24 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 139.69, 132.89, 131.19, 130.94 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 130.17, 128.87, 128.28, 127.88, 123.53 (d, J = 17.4 Hz), 118.97 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 115.28 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 77.31, 68.27, 63.93 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 57.27, 52.98, 52.46, 21.57; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{28}H_{26}ClFNO_8S(M+H)^+$: 590.1046; Found:

590.1049; IR (neat): ν = 1054, 1089, 1118, 1162, 1273, 1300, 1361, 1479, 1594 , 1725 , 2924, 3450 cm^{-1} .

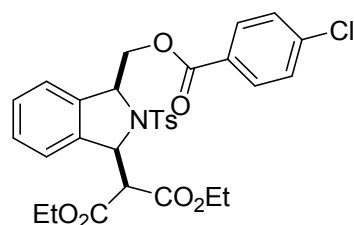
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malonate 4ka



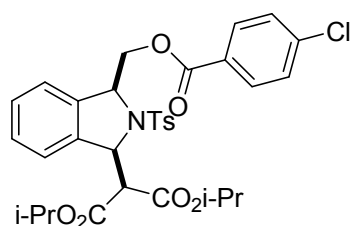
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 5.58 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, J = 11.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.74, 167.10, 165.42, 139.70, 136.80, 136.41, 135.41, 132.72, 131.17, 129.13, 128.91, 128.88, 128.75, 128.63, 128.28, 123.92, 123.10, 68.16, 64.74, 63.70, 58.90, 53.01, 52.41; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 636.0089; Found: 636.0091; IR (neat): ν = 558, 607, 736, 759, 1011, 1091, 1166, 1270, 1359, 1437, 1596, 1728, 2954 cm^{-1} .

Diethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4ma



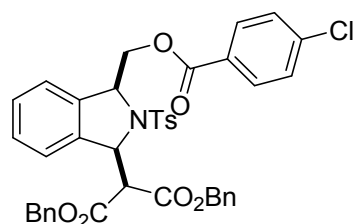
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 12.7, 5.6 Hz, 6H), 5.62 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.27 (m, 3H), 4.09 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.69, 166.83, 165.40, 144.24, 139.58, 137.22, 136.87, 133.48, 131.18, 129.99, 128.83, 128.55, 128.41, 127.71, 124.05, 123.00, 68.45, 64.64, 63.50, 62.00, 61.41, 59.14, 21.49, 14.01, 13.74; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 600.1453; Found: 600.1451; IR (neat): ν = 568, 666, 759, 1015, 1091, 1165, 1271, 1355, 1459, 1486, 1595, 1726, 2982 cm^{-1} .

Diisopropyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 4na



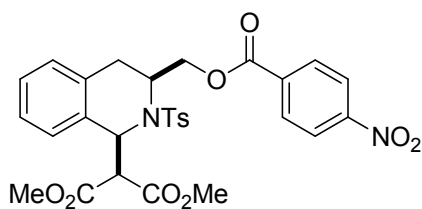
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 13.0, 5.5$ Hz, 5H), 5.62 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.93 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.73 (dd, $J = 11.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, $J = 11.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.32 (dd, $J = 12.6, 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 0.99 (dd, $J = 13.4, 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.44, 166.36, 165.41, 144.19, 139.54, 137.27, 136.89, 133.52, 131.19, 129.98, 128.82, 128.47, 128.32, 127.72, 124.38, 122.97, 69.73, 69.11, 68.59, 64.66, 63.39, 59.36, 21.75, 21.58, 21.50, 21.32, 21.18; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 628.1766; Found: 628.1765; IR (neat): $\nu = 568, 665, 758, 817, 848, 1011, 1096, 1166, 1270, 1356, 1460, 1487, 1596, 1723, 2933, 2982\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Dibenzyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 40a



Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.09 (m, 12H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 5.3, 3.7$ Hz, 4H), 5.54 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (q, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.03 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.56 (dd, $J = 11.1, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 11.1, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.24, 166.57, 165.34, 144.28, 139.51, 137.12, 136.62, 135.10, 134.80, 133.36, 131.15, 130.00, 128.79, 128.57, 128.45, 128.40, 128.28, 127.74, 123.85, 123.07, 68.27, 67.70, 67.25, 64.75, 63.62, 59.00, 21.51; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{35}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 724.1766; Found: 724.1766; IR (neat): $\nu = 478, 566, 628, 665, 697, 755, 814, 850, 908, 1013, 1090, 1164, 1270, 1354, 1382, 1455, 1489, 1595, 1726, 2954, 3441\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

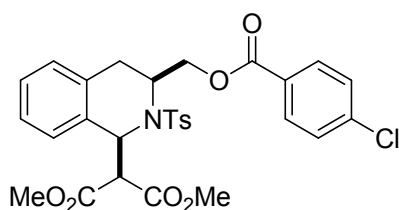
Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate 5rd



Pale yellow solid, mp 108-112 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (s, 4H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.79 (m, 5H), 5.57 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, J = 11.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (td, J = 12.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 15.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.36, 166.29, 164.44, 150.61, 143.59, 135.45, 134.42, 133.67, 132.18, 130.93, 129.22, 128.36, 128.29, 127.73, 127.55, 126.28, 123.59, 69.24, 57.85, 57.71, 53.60, 53.20, 52.58, 29.90, 21.34; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 597.1537; Found: 597.1538; IR (neat): ν = 1034, 1121, 1164, 1274, 1350, 1528, 1603, 1730, 3443 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)

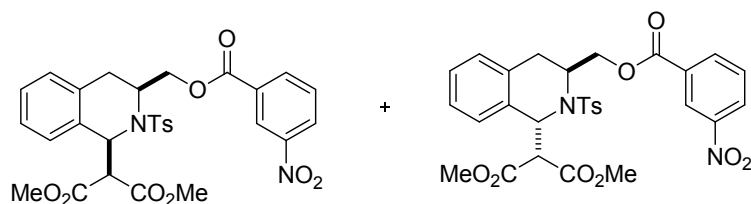
Malonate 5ra



Pale yellow solid, mp 132-136 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (dd, J = 10.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 5.59 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 10.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (td, J = 8.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.39, 166.37, 165.37, 143.49, 139.58, 134.50, 133.81, 132.45, 131.18, 129.19, 128.80, 128.47, 128.32, 128.26, 127.72, 127.61, 126.22, 68.79, 57.88, 57.68, 53.74, 53.15, 52.53, 30.08, 21.35; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 586.1297; Found: 586.1299; IR (neat): ν = 1016, 1092, 1124, 1164, 1270, 1310, 1351, 1436, 1489, 1595, 1717, 1743, 2923, 2954, 3449 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((3-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate

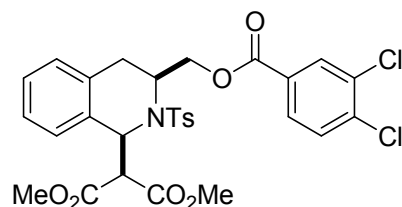
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Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.98 – 8.92 (m, 1H), 8.52 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 7.70 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2.6H), 7.11 – 6.89 (m, 7.6H), 5.58 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1.2H), 4.82 (ddd, J = 18.6, 11.1, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.52 – 4.45 (m, 0.4H), 4.15 (td, J = 12.8, 7.2 Hz, 1.2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 0.6H), 3.85 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.9 Hz, 1.2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 0.6H), 3.07 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.80 (m, 1.4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 0.6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.71, 166.39, 166.35, 166.30, 164.18, 148.26, 143.57, 143.41, 135.56, 134.40, 134.33, 133.70, 133.68, 132.69, 132.15, 131.81, 129.72, 129.21, 129.12, 128.36, 128.28, 128.21, 128.17, 127.75, 127.63, 127.58, 127.55, 127.51, 126.26, 126.11, 124.68, 69.26, 68.09, 57.86, 57.66, 57.49, 53.74, 53.55, 53.21, 53.09, 52.58, 52.48, 29.94, 29.84, 21.34, 20.90; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 597.1537; Found: 597.1538; IR (neat): ν = 1088, 1163, 1260, 1293, 1352, 1438, 1534, 1615, 1735, 2955, 3449 cm^{-1} .

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)

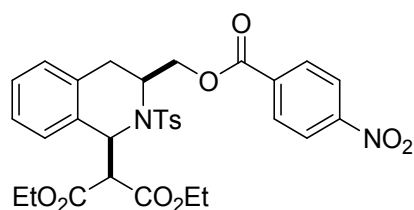
Malonate **5rh**



Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.3 Hz, 5H), 5.58 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, J = 11.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (ddd, J = 14.6, 12.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 15.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.37, 166.33, 164.40, 143.54, 137.75, 134.40, 133.71, 132.97, 132.29, 131.64, 130.62, 129.86, 129.20, 128.89, 128.33, 128.27, 127.73, 127.57, 126.24, 69.03, 57.85, 57.66, 53.63, 53.18, 52.55, 29.97, 21.34; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 620.0907; Found: 620.0909; IR (neat): ν = 1030, 1093, 1163, 1268, 1351, 1384, 1437, 1459, 1595, 1734, 2956, 3447 cm^{-1} .

Diethyl 2-(3-(((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)malonate

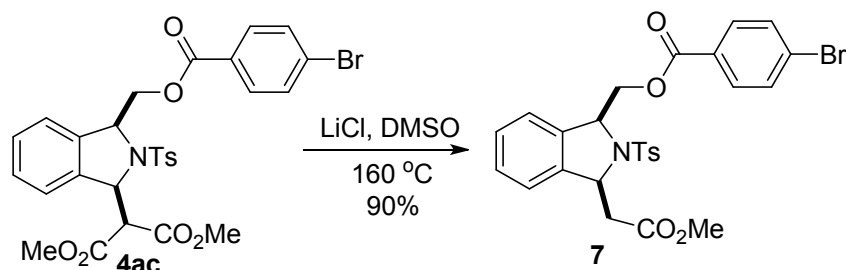
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Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 – 8.24 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.85 (m, 5H), 5.61 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, J = 11.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dddd, J = 17.9, 10.7, 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dt, J = 13.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.82 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 15.7, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.14, 165.94, 164.45, 150.60, 143.50, 135.46, 134.45, 133.90, 132.17, 130.94, 129.18, 128.53, 128.20, 127.67, 127.58, 126.22, 123.59, 69.36, 62.53, 61.70, 57.77, 53.44, 29.93, 21.36, 14.06, 13.77; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 625.1850; Found: 625.1851; IR (neat): ν = 1123, 1162, 1273, 1317, 1346, 1528, 1601, 1724, 3446 cm^{-1} .

Derivatization of isoindoline 4ac

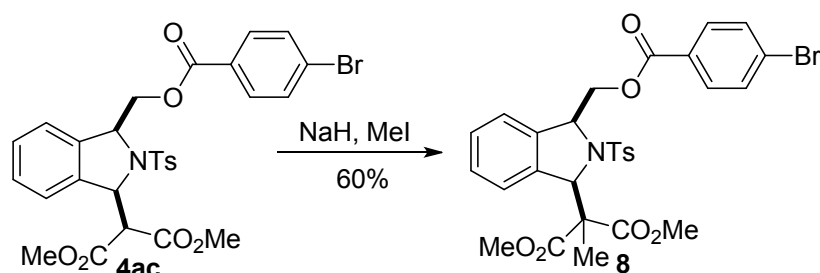
3-(2-Methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)methyl 4-chlorobenzoate **7**



A mixture of **4ac** (43 mg, 0.07 mmol), LiCl (29.4 mg, 0.7 mmol) and wet DMSO (2 mL) was heated at 160 °C for 2.5 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL $\times$ 4). The combined organic fractions were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford 153 mg (35 mg, 0.063 mmol, 90%) of **7** as a pale yellow solid. mp 128-131 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 5.33 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.4

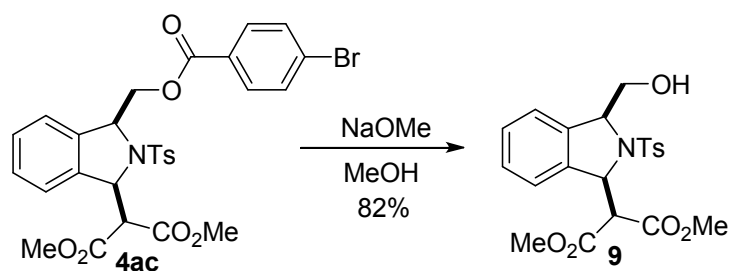
Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 11.3, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 16.1, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J = 16.1, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.19, 165.47, 144.11, 139.58, 136.07, 133.94, 131.81, 131.13, 130.00, 128.78, 128.75, 128.40, 128.25, 127.58, 123.00, 122.89, 68.23, 64.05, 62.23, 51.86, 43.88, 21.50; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_6\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 558.0580; Found: 558.0582; IR (neat): $\nu = 1028, 1088, 1123, 1165, 1208, 1267, 1311, 1348, 1379, 1589, 1717, 1736, 3449\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Dimethyl 2-(3-(((4-chlorobenzoyl)oxy)methyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)-2-methylmalonate 8



A 10 mL round bottom flask was charged with (3 mg, 0.077 mmol) sodium hydride and 2 mL of THF. The suspension was cooled to 0 °C and compound **4ac** (43 mg, 0.07 mmol) was added. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 0.5 h. Following complete gas evolution, methyl iodide (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was added. The reaction was then stirred for 2 h at the room temperature. The reaction mixture was treated with a saturated solution of NH_4Cl (20 mL) and extract with EtOAc (40×3 mL). The combined organic layers were then washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford product **8** (27 mg, 0.042 mmol, 60%) as a pale yellow solid. mp 146-150 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.06 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (ddd, $J = 24.0, 11.1, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.07, 170.87, 165.68, 144.11, 137.49, 136.98, 133.52, 131.83, 131.39, 129.78, 128.90, 128.56, 128.34, 128.29, 127.86, 124.57, 122.82, 68.92, 67.92, 64.02, 59.99, 53.14, 52.40, 21.48, 18.53; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{BrNO}_8\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$: 630.0792; Found: 630.0795; IR (neat): $\nu = 1126, 1164, 1216, 1277, 1345, 1381, 1455, 1591, 1724, 2922, 2953, 3451\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Dimethyl 2-(3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-tosylisoindolin-1-yl)malonate 9



Under an argon atmosphere, NaOMe (7 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added to a solution of **4ac** (40 mg, 0.065 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at the room temperature, then diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL), and washed with brine (30 × 2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford product **9** (23 mg, 0.053 mmol, 82%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.89 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.46 (br, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.11, 167.58, 144.36, 137.29, 136.99, 133.34, 130.02, 128.72, 128.30, 127.65, 123.41, 122.70, 68.14, 66.52, 64.48, 59.09, 53.18, 52.46, 21.49; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NO₇S(M+H)⁺: 434.1268; Found: 434.1270; IR (neat): ν = 566, 665, 1037, 1091, 1163, 1262, 1352, 1437, 1735, 3450 cm⁻¹.

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