

**Photoredox-catalyzed sulfonylation of alkyl iodides, sulfur dioxide,
and electron-deficient alkenes**

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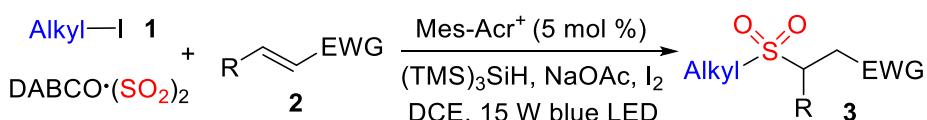
Supporting Information

1. General experimental method (S2-S3).
2. General experimental procedure and characterization data (S4-S11).
3. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **3** (S12-S59).

General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 μ m, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr at 25–35°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a micrOTOF II Instrument.

*General experimental procedure for the photoredox-catalyzed sulfonylation of alkyl iodides **1**, sulfur dioxide, and electron-deficient alkenes **2**:*



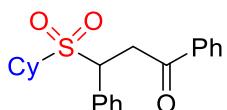
Alkene **2** (0.2 mmol) and DABCO•(SO₂)₂ (0.16 mmol) were combined with NaOAc (0.3 mmol), I₂ (10 mol %) and Mes-Acr⁺ (5 mol %) in a tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ three times before the addition of DCE (3.0 mL), alkyl iodide **1** (0.4 mmol), and (TMS)₃SiH (0.2 mmol). The mixture was then placed around a blue LED (15 W) with a distance of 10 centimeters, and was stirred under blue light irradiation for 48 hours at room temperature. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was purified directly by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:6) to provide the desired product **3**.

Experimental setup:



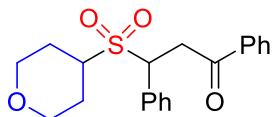
*A typical experimental procedure for the gram-scale reaction of cyclohexyl iodide **1a**, DABCO•(SO₂)₂, and (E)-chalcone **2a**:*

(E)-chalcone **2a** (1.040 g, 5.0 mmol) and DABCO•(SO₂)₂ (4.0 mmol) were combined with NaOAc (0.615 g, 7.5 mmol), I₂ (10 mol %) and Mes-Acr⁺ (5 mol %) in a flask. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ three times before the addition of DCE (60.0 mL), cyclohexyl iodide **1a** (2.101 g, 10 mmol), and (TMS)₃SiH (5.0 mmol). The mixture was then placed around a blue LED (15 W) with a distance of 10 centimeters, and was stirred under blue light irradiation for 48 hours at room temperature. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was purified directly by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane, 1:6) to provide the desired product **3a** (1.175 g, 66%).

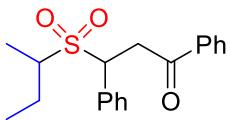


3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (**3a**): white solid (50.6 mg, 71%); mp 120–122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.20 – 1.05 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100

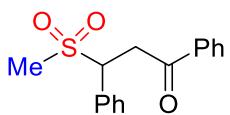
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.11, 136.07, 133.56, 133.47, 129.40, 128.97, 128.90, 128.64, 128.07, 60.02, 57.90, 37.13, 26.34, 24.94, 24.69, 23.05; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₅O₃S⁺: 357.1519; found: 357.1526.



1,3-Diphenyl-3-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (3b): white solid (33.7 mg, 47%); mp 107–109 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09 – 4.00 (m, 3H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.73 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.90, 135.97, 133.70, 133.15, 129.42, 129.14, 128.70, 128.09, 66.47, 65.90, 60.51, 55.32, 37.18, 26.23, 23.47; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₃O₄S⁺: 359.1312; found: 359.1320.

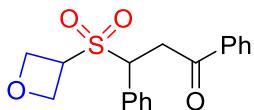


3-(sec-Butylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3c): white solid (46.2 mg, 70%); mp 126–127 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 5.15 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.12, 136.06, 133.59, 133.48, 129.46, 129.41, 128.98, 128.65, 128.08, 60.38, 60.34, 56.03, 55.75, 37.31, 37.20, 23.25, 20.47, 13.27, 10.86, 10.68, 10.25; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₃O₃S⁺: 331.1362; found: 331.1364.

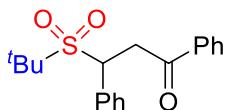


3-(Methylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one¹ (3d): white solid (23.0 mg, 40%); mp 135–137°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.95 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

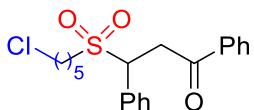
CDCl_3) δ 194.75, 135.96, 133.73, 133.27, 129.44, 129.25, 129.13, 128.74, 128.11, 64.90, 38.71, 36.68.



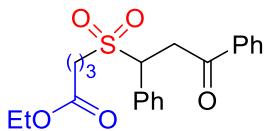
3-(Oxetan-3-ylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3e): white solid (39.6 mg, 60%); mp 161–162 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.98 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.71 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.18 (m, 3H), 4.08 (dd, J = 18.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 18.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.46, 135.84, 133.86, 131.86, 129.57, 129.43, 129.26, 128.79, 128.12, 69.95, 69.44, 63.38, 53.45, 36.23; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$: 331.0999; found: 331.0998.



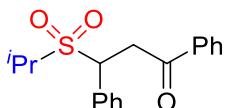
3-(Tert-butylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3f): white solid (43.4 mg, 70%); mp 149–150 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 5.22 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 17.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.22, 136.16, 134.79, 133.54, 129.76, 128.81, 128.65, 128.12, 62.19, 59.86, 39.35, 24.19; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$: 311.1362; found: 311.1389.



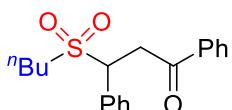
3-((5-Chloropentyl)sulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3g): white solid (49.9 mg, 66%); mp 121–122 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 4.95 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 17.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.84 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.86, 135.95, 133.70, 133.17, 129.41, 129.20, 129.11, 128.71, 128.10, 63.39, 50.31, 44.28, 36.78, 31.75, 25.60, 20.86; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}^+$: 379.1129; found: 379.1140.



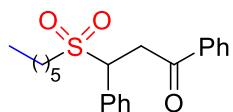
Ethyl 4-((3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)sulfonyl)butanoate (**3h**): white solid (45.0 mg, 58%); mp 99–100 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.07 (m, 3H), 3.89 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.79, 171.91, 135.94, 133.67, 133.02, 129.45, 129.17, 129.06, 128.68, 128.08, 63.41, 60.61, 49.46, 36.72, 32.32, 17.26, 14.09; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₅O₅S⁺: 389.1417; found: 389.1410.



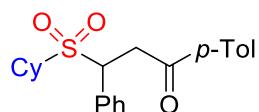
3-(Isopropylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (**3i**): white solid (36.7 mg, 58%); mp 117–118 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.07 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.06, 136.04, 133.59, 133.42, 129.42, 128.99, 128.94, 128.65, 128.07, 60.17, 49.99, 37.27, 16.49, 13.57; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₁O₃S⁺: 317.1206; found: 317.1224.



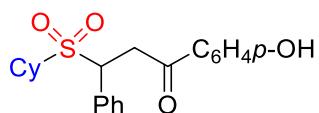
3-(Butylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (**3j**): white solid (47.5 mg, 72%); mp 119–121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 2.75 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.94, 136.05, 133.63, 133.34, 129.43, 129.09, 129.03, 128.68, 128.09, 63.19, 50.29, 36.82, 23.51, 21.60, 13.40; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₃O₃S⁺: 331.1362; found: 331.1378.



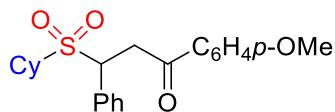
3-(Hexylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3k**):** white solid (50.1 mg, 70%); mp 111–112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.95 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.20 (m, 6H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.91, 135.99, 133.62, 133.30, 129.40, 129.06, 129.01, 128.66, 128.07, 63.13, 50.53, 36.77, 31.01, 27.97, 22.15, 21.45, 13.82; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₇O₃S⁺: 359.1675; found: 359.1681.



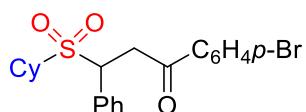
3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3l**):** white solid (50.3 mg, 68%); mp 130–131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 1.20 – 1.05 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.68, 144.47, 133.64, 133.51, 129.40, 129.30, 128.93, 128.85, 128.18, 60.07, 57.88, 36.94, 26.32, 24.93, 24.69, 23.06, 21.59; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₃S⁺: 371.1675; found: 371.1679.



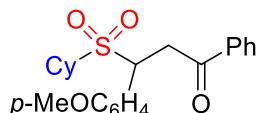
3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (3m**):** colorless oil (49.1 mg, 66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.01 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 2.99 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.08 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 193.42, 162.44, 133.24, 130.79, 129.87, 128.53, 128.42, 127.65, 115.26, 60.15, 57.20, 36.30, 24.95, 24.70, 24.42, 24.36; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₅O₄S⁺: 373.1468; found: 373.1474.



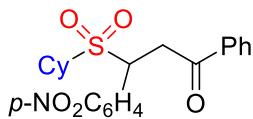
3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (3n): white solid (52.5 mg, 68%); mp 112–113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 2.62 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.19 – 1.07 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.49, 163.78, 133.54, 130.37, 129.39, 129.16, 128.91, 128.82, 113.75, 60.11, 57.86, 55.42, 36.64, 26.30, 24.92, 24.68, 23.06; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₄S⁺: 387.1625; found: 387.1633.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (3o): white solid (48.6 mg, 56%); mp 167–169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.45 (m, 3H), 1.20 – 1.04 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.25, 134.81, 133.34, 131.99, 129.60, 129.35, 129.05, 128.88, 59.99, 57.92, 37.09, 26.39, 24.94, 24.70, 23.01; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₄BrO₃S⁺: 435.0624; found: 435.0639.



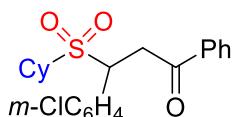
3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3p): colorless oil (44.0 mg, 57%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.24 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 2.64 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.20 – 1.05 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.25, 136.12, 133.52, 130.52, 128.62, 128.06, 125.14, 114.37, 113.51, 59.38, 57.59, 55.17, 37.06, 26.34, 24.94, 24.70, 22.99; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₄S⁺: 387.1625; found: 387.1635.



3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3q**):** white solid (30.5 mg, 38%); mp 154–156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.08 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.64, 148.06, 140.87, 135.64, 134.00, 130.59, 128.82, 128.09, 124.05, 59.40, 58.83, 37.49, 26.24, 24.86, 24.70, 23.30; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NO₅S⁺: 402.1370; found: 402.1373.

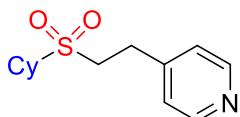


3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3r**):** white solid (42.1 mg, 54%); mp 166–168 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.18 – 1.12 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.96, 135.94, 135.01, 133.75, 132.05, 130.77, 129.26, 128.73, 128.09, 59.27, 58.06, 37.20, 26.35, 24.91, 24.70, 23.08; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₄ClO₃S⁺: 391.1129; found: 391.1130.

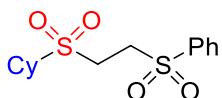


3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3s**):** white solid (36.7 mg, 47%); mp 165–167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.450 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.69 – 1.52 (m, 3H), 1.28 – 1.14 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.85, 135.91, 135.59, 134.89, 133.77, 130.18, 129.40, 129.23, 128.74,

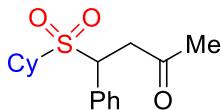
128.12, 127.81, 59.42, 58.24, 37.27, 26.34, 24.93, 24.71 23.17; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₄ClO₃S⁺: 391.1129; found: 391.1131.



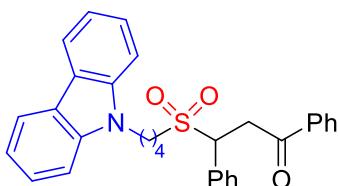
4-(2-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)ethyl)pyridine² (3t**):** brown solid (36.4 mg, 72%); mp 92–94 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.18 – 3.10 (m, 4H), 2.83 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.29 – 1.16 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.07, 146.96, 123.63, 61.49, 49.22, 26.33, 24.97, 24.91, 24.86.



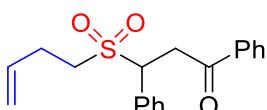
((2-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (3u**):** white solid (29.0 mg, 46%); mp 138–139 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.58 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.38 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.96 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.18(m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.30, 134.51, 129.67, 128.00, 62.32, 48.31, 42.33, 25.06, 24.93, 24.88; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₁O₄S₂⁺: 317.0876; found: 317.0875.



4-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (3v**):** white solid (32.3 mg, 55%); mp 86–87 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 19.4 Hz, 4H), 2.01 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.66 – 1.45 (m, 3H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.52, 133.41, 129.31, 129.02, 128.98, 59.73, 57.93, 41.55, 26.34, 24.95, 24.70, 23.06; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₃O₃S⁺: 295.1362; found: 295.1367.



3-((4-(9H-Carbazol-9-yl)butyl)sulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3w): white solid (65.3 mg, 66%); mp 83–85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.72 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.72, 140.05, 135.89, 133.64, 132.90, 129.27, 129.10, 128.98, 128.65, 128.04, 125.70, 122.79, 120.36, 118.98, 108.40, 63.65, 50.10, 42.14, 36.66, 27.72, 19.43; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₀NO₃S⁺: 496.1941; found: 496.1950.



3-(But-3-en-1-ylsulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3x): white solid (36.7mg, 56%); mp 142–143 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35(m, 3H), 5.73 – 5.65 (m, 1H), 5.08 – 4.95 (m, 3H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.82, 135.97, 133.76, 133.68, 133.11, 129.45, 129.19, 129.10, 128.70, 128.09, 117.38, 63.57, 49.78, 36.80, 25.75; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₁O₃S⁺: 329.1206; found: 329.1204.

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