

A Copper(I)-Catalyzed Reaction of 2-(2-Ethynylphenyl)oxirane, Sulfonyl Azide, with 2-Isocyanoacetate

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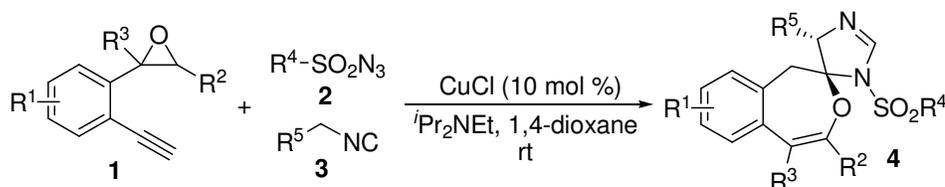
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General experimental methods:

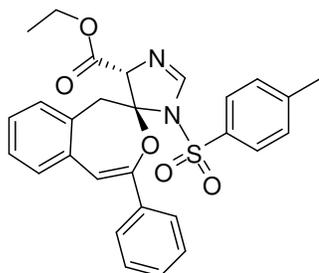
Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using 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. The starting material 2-(2-ethynylphenyl)oxiranes **1** were synthesized according to the reference (R. J. Madhushaw, M.-Y. Lin, S. M. A. Sohel, R.-S. Liu, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 6895.) and the detailed characterizations of the starting materials are available from the above reference.

General experimental procedure for the copper-catalyzed reaction of 2-(2-ethynylphenyl)oxirane 1, sulfonyl azide 2, and 2-isocyanoacetate 3.



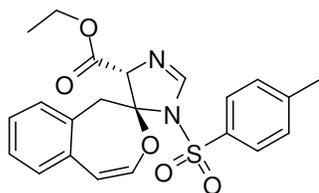
Diisopropylethylamine (58 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-(2-ethynylphenyl)oxirane **1** (0.3 mmol), sulfonyl azide **2** (0.36 mmol), and copper(I) chloride (3 mg, 0.03 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours under N_2 atmosphere, then 2-isocyanoacetate **3** (0.45 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture through a syringe. After completion

of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and filtered through a thin layer of silica gel. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE/EA = 4:1) to provide the pure products **4**.



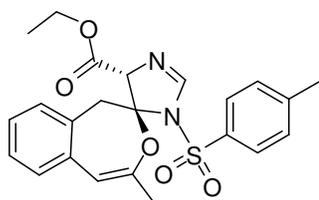
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4-phenyl-3'-tosyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4a**). 8h. White solid; melting point: 168.1–169.0 °C. Yield: 63%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.77–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 6.96–7.03 (m, 5H), 7.08–7.12 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.4, 21.6, 43.0, 62.0, 98.3, 105.3, 126.1, 126.2, 127.5, 127.8, 128.4, 129.8, 130.4, 131.5, 131.6, 134.0, 136.5, 137.5, 144.8, 146.3, 152.0, 167.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₅S: 503.1635 (M+H⁺), found: 503.1643.



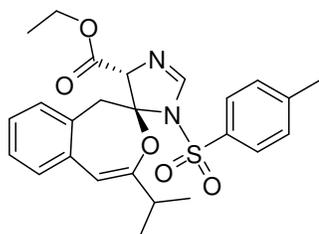
Ethyl 3'-tosyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4b**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 155.8–156.8 °C. Yield: 50%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.40–3.42 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.81 (m, 3H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.4, 21.7, 42.2, 62.0, 77.6, 98.7, 106.7, 126.1, 127.4, 127.6, 129.1, 129.8, 131.5, 132.2, 133.9, 137.4, 137.5,

145.0, 151.6, 167.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_5S$: 427.1322 ($M+H^+$), found: 427.1327.



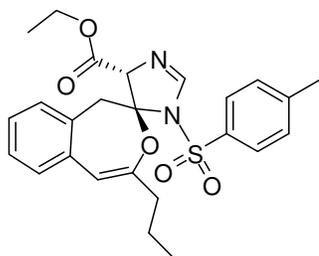
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4-methyl-3'-tosyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4c**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 183.0–184.0 °C. Yield: 70%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.69 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.75–3.81 (m, 3H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.99–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.4, 21.7, 22.3, 42.3, 61.9, 77.5, 98.0, 103.8, 125.3, 127.3, 127.6, 128.9, 129.8, 131.4, 131.4, 134.4, 137.8, 144.8, 146.0, 151.7, 167.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_5S$: 441.1479 ($M+H^+$), found: 441.1476.



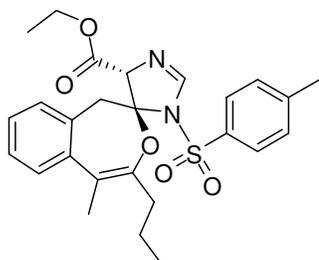
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4-isopropyl-3'-tosyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4d**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 161.0–162.0 °C. Yield: 70%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.70 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.85–0.88 (m, 6H), 1.94–1.97 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.40 (m, 1H), 3.66–3.83 (m, 3H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.97–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.4, 20.5, 21.1, 21.6, 34.7, 42.3, 61.9, 76.9, 97.4, 101.4, 125.4, 127.3, 127.4, 129.5, 129.9, 131.3, 134.3, 137.8, 144.8, 151.7, 154.4, 167.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}N_2O_5S$: 469.1792 ($M+H^+$), found: 469.1788.



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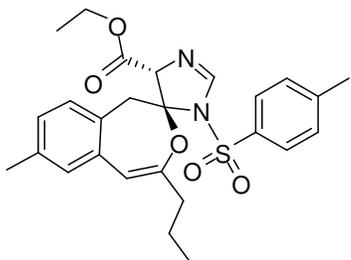
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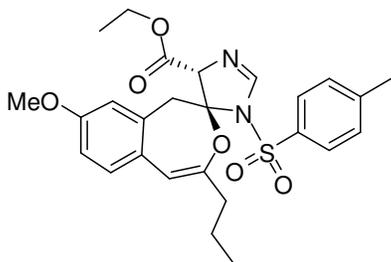
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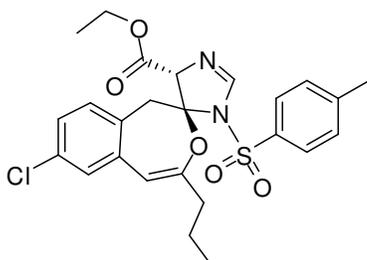
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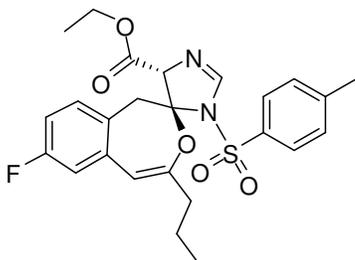
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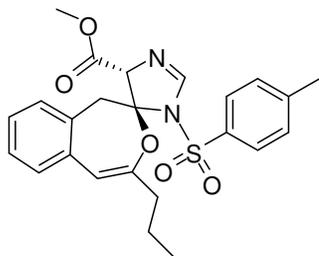
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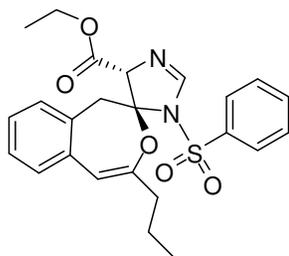
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= 7.7 Hz), 137.9, 144.8, 150.7, 151.8, 162.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 244.1$ Hz), 167.3 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.7$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 487.1697 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 487.1696.



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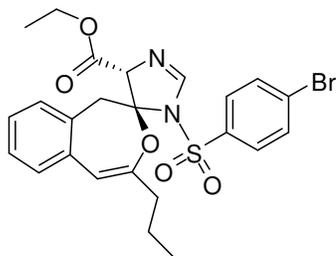
4-propyl-3'-tosyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4k**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 150.5–151.5 °C. Yield: 75%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.69 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99-1.02 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.82 (m, 2H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.5, 20.9, 21.7, 38.5, 42.7, 52.7, 77.1, 97.6, 103.6, 125.4, 127.4, 127.5, 129.2, 129.8, 131.3, 131.4, 134.2, 137.9, 144.8, 149.3, 151.9, 167.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 455.1635 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$), found: 455.1627.



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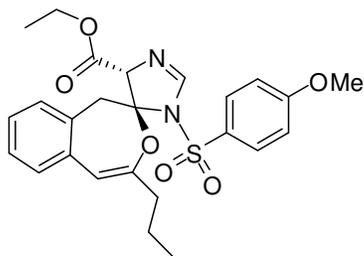
3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-4-propyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4l**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 135.0–136.0 °C. Yield: 80%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.68 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.97-1.01 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.77 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.87 (m, 3H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.4, 13.5, 20.8, 38.4, 42.6, 62.0, 77.2, 97.7, 103.7,

125.4, 127.3, 127.4, 129.2, 131.4, 133.6, 134.3, 140.9, 149.2, 151.6, 167.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_5S$: 455.1635 ($M+H^+$), found: 455.1633.



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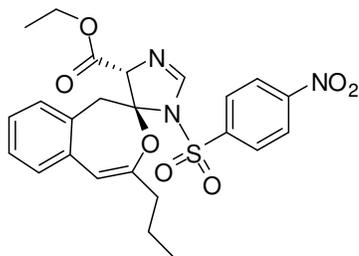
3'-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-4-propyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4m**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 150.1–152.0 °C. Yield: 82%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.74 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.98-1.04 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.80 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.79 (m, 3H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.81 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.4, 13.6, 20.9, 38.5, 42.6, 62.0, 77.2, 97.7, 103.8, 125.5, 127.4, 128.8, 128.9, 129.3, 131.3, 131.4, 132.5, 134.1, 139.9, 149.0, 151.4, 167.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{25}BrN_2O_5S$: 533.0740 ($M+H^+$), found: 533.0732.



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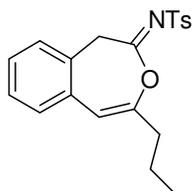
3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-propyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4n**). 6h. White solid; melting point: 128.0–129.0 °C. Yield: 80%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.71 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.01-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.82 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.82 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 6.92-7.02 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.4, 13.5, 20.9, 38.7, 42.6, 55.8, 55.8, 61.9, 77.2, 97.7, 103.6, 114.3, 125.4, 127.3, 129.2, 129.7, 131.4, 131.5,

134.3, 149.3, 151.9, 163.8, 167.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}N_2O_6S$: 485.1741 ($M+H^+$), found: 485.1738.



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3'-(4-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-4-propyl-3',5'-dihydro-1*H*-spiro[benzo[*d*]oxepine-2,4'-imidazole]-5'-carboxylate (**4o**). 8h. Yellow solid; melting point: 169.3–170.3 °C. Yield: 40%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.67 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.95-1.02 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.77 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.81 (m, 3H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.4, 20.8, 38.4, 42.5, 62.2, 67.1, 77.2, 97.9, 104.2, 124.4, 125.7, 127.5, 128.8, 129.4, 131.0, 131.4, 134.0, 146.3, 148.7, 150.5, 150.8, 167.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{25}N_3O_7S$: 500.1486 ($M+H^+$), found: 500.1482.



4-Methyl-*N*-((*Z*)-4-propylbenzo[*d*]oxepin-2(1*H*)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**5a**). 2h. White solid; melting point: 158.0–159.0 °C. Yield: 64%; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.90 (s, 3H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.38 (m, 5H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.5, 20.5, 21.6, 36.9, 40.7, 111.7, 127.3, 127.7, 128.3, 128.9, 129.1, 129.3, 130.1, 132.4, 138.4, 143.5, 152.8, 164.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3S$: 356.1315 ($M+H^+$), found: 356.1314.

