Supporting Information

Selective sulfonylation and diazotization of indoles

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Entry	Oxidant	Cat. (mol %)	Solvent	<i>t</i> (°C)	Yield $(\%)^a$		
1	TBHP	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	rt	81		
2	TBHP	TBAI (30)	DMSO	rt	ND^b		
3	TBHP	TBAI (30)	EtOH	rt	37		
4	TBHP	TBAI (30)	MeOH	rt	58		
5	TBHP	TBAI (30)	DCE	rt	64		
6	TBHP	TBAI (30)	toluene	rt	57		
7	TBHP	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	87		
8	TBHP	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	60	46		
9	TBHP	TBAI (50)	CH ₃ CN	40	86		
10	TBHP	TBAI (10)	CH ₃ CN	40	65		
11	TBHP	I ₂ (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	84		
12	TBHP	CuI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	ND^b		
13	TBHP	CuBr (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	ND^b		
14	TBHP	-	CH ₃ CN	40	ND^b		
15	BPO	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	60		
16	TBPB	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	42		
17	H_2O_2	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	80		
18	DTBP	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	67		
19	m-CPBA	TBAI (30)	CH ₃ CN	40	47		
^a Isolated yield. ^b Not detected (ND).							

Table 1 Optimization conditions for the synthesis of 3a



Scheme 4 The application of 3-sulfonyl-2-sulfonyldiazenyl-1*H*-indoles 3a

Experimental

General information

Melting points were determined in open capillaries. IR spectra were taken on a FT-IR-Tensor 27 spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer. HRMS (ESI) was determined by using microTOF-Q HRMS/MS instrument II (BRUKER).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3a-3u

Typical Procedure for the Preparation of 3a:

The substrate indole (1a, 1 mmol, 0.117 g), *p*-toluenesulfonyl hydrazide (2a, 2.2 mmol, 0.409 g), TBAI (0.3 mmol, 0.111 g, 30 mol%), and acetonitrile (2 ml) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of TBHP (70% aq, 4 equiv, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 40 °C as monitored by TLC, cooled to room temperature. The solution was then extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (the eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **3a**.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4a-4e

Typical Procedure for the Preparation of 4a:

The substrate 3-methylindole (**11**, 1 mmol, 0.117 g), *p*-toluenesulfonyl hydrazide (**2a**, 2.2 mmol, 0.109 g), TBAI (0.3 mmol, 0.111 g, 30 mol%), and acetonitrile (2 ml) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of TBHP (70% aq, 4 equiv, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 40 °C as monitored by TLC, cooled to room temperature. The solution was then extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under vaccum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (the eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **4a**.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 10¹

The substrate indole (1 mmol, 0.117 g), 4-bromobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.2 mmol, 0.3066 g), CuI (0.05 mmol, 0.0095 g, 5 mol%), and acetonitrile (2 ml) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred and heated to reflux monitored by TLC, cooled to room temperature. The solution was then extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (the eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **10**.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5



The substrate 3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (**3a**, 1.0 mmol, 454 mg), Diethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (2.0 mmol, 340 mg) and ethanol (2 ml) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of triethylamine (3.0 mmol, 304 mg). The mixture was stirred at room temperature as monitored by TLC, cooled to room temperature, and the solution was then quenched by diluted hydrochloric acid and extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, to afford the desired product.

Diethyl 1-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-9-tosyl-1H-imidazo[1,2-a]indole-2,3-dicarboxylate



Red solid, mp: 185-186 °C. IR (KBr, *v*, cm⁻¹): 3134, 2987, 1620, 1727, 1613, 1572, 1455, 1380, 1351, 1294, 1214, 1163, 1084, 1036, 1016, 950, 890, 844, 815. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.05 (s, 1H), 8.01–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 4.45–4.39 (m, 2H), 3.89–3.68 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.6, 156.7, 143.2, 141.7, 140.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 128.3, 126.9, 125.6, 124.9, 121.5, 119.5, 114.2, 90.3, 63.4, 62.8, 21.5, 21.4, 14.1, 13.8

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₃₀H₂₉N₃O₈S₂Na: 646.1288 [M+Na]⁺; found: 646.1299.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 6²



The substrate 3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3a, 1.0 mmol, 454 mg), ammonium acetate (3.0 mmol, 231 mg) and methyl alcohol (2 ml) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of Zn (4.0 mmol, 262 mg). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 25 min as monitored by TLC. The solution was then evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, to afford the desired product.

4-Methyl-N'-(6-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonohydrazide



Red solid, mp: 195-196 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3340, 3254, 1715, 1620, 1579, 1502, 1475, 1461, 1375, 1343, 1276, 1242, 1166, 1134, 1091, 1063, 1015, 813.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.75 (s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.06–6.97 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 148.7, 144.9, 143.4, 141.6, 134.4, 132.5, 130.4, 130.1, 128.4, 125.7, 125.1, 121.7, 121.2, 116.6, 111.8, 90.2, 21.6, 21.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₂₁N₃NaO₄S₂Na: 478.0865 [M+Na]⁺; found: 478.0884.

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Fig 1, X-ray Structure of **3a**

Fig 2, X-ray Structure of 4b

3-Tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3a)



Red solid, mp: 176-177 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3277, 2360, 1595, 1504, 1455, 1426, 1390, 1337, 1215, 1186, 1163, 1082, 944, 891, 818.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.34 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.1, 144.7, 141.1, 139.9, 136.5, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.5, 127.2, 125.4, 124.5, 123.8, 121.9, 114.6, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₃O₄S₂: 452.0733 [M-H]⁻; found: 452.0725.

4-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3b)



Red solid, mp: 170-171 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3266, 2924, 2359, 1595, 1490, 1426, 1366, 1323, 1209, 1188, 1157, 1083, 931, 872, 814.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.32 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 146.9, 144.3, 142.9, 140.3, 137.1, 133.0, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 127.6, 126.5, 124.5, 124.3, 112.4, 23.4, 21.7, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂: 466.0890 [M-H]⁻; found: 466.0902.

5-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3c)

Red solid, mp: 187-188 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3272, 2359, 1595, 1507, 1462, 1420, 1376, 1334, 1291, 1209, 1185, 1157, 1082, 899, 819, 806.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.26 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.0, 144.6, 141.0, 140.0, 135.1, 134.0, 132.8, 130.9, 130.7,

130.3, 129.7, 127.2, 125.7, 123.2, 120.6, 114.3, 21.9, 21.8, 21.5 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂: 466.0890 [M-H]⁻; found: 466.0910.

6-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3d)



Red solid, mp: 180-181 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3312, 2359, 1597, 1492, 1454, 1372, 1345, 1300, 1211, 1187, 1159, 1083, 932, 854, 805.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.20 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 146.9, 144.7, 141.5, 140.8, 139.9, 137.2, 130.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 127.3, 126.9, 124.4, 123.8, 121.6, 113.5, 22.3, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂: 466.0890 [M-H]⁻; found: 466.0892.

7-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3e)

Red solid, mp: 172-173 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3267, 2359, 1595, 1490, 1426, 1366, 1323, 1188, 1158, 1083, 932, 872, 814. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.32 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08–7.06 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 146.9, 144.3, 142.9, 140.3, 137.1, 132.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 127.6, 126.5, 124.5, 124.3, 112.4, 23.3, 21.7, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂: 466.0890 [M-H]⁻; found: 466.0892.

5-Chloro-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3f)

Red solid, mp: 192 -193 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3255, 2361, 1595, 1505, 1454, 1380, 1336, 1269, 1186, 1160, 1082, 966, 896, 838, 811.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.57 (s, 1H), 8.21–8.20 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.3, 144.9, 141.9, 139.6, 134.7, 130.9(3), 130.8(8), 130.4, 129.2, 129.2, 129.0, 127.4, 125.9, 122.7, 120.6, 116.7, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₈ClN₃O₄S₂: 486.0343 [M-H]⁻; found: 486.0345.

6-Chloro-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (3g)



Orange solid, mp: 184 -185 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3303, 2359, 1612, 1596, 1494, 1418, 1376, 1351, 1296, 1186, 1162, 1084, 917, 847, 809.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.48 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.2, 145.0, 141.6, 139.6, 136.7, 134.6, 130.9(3), 130.8(6), 130.4, 129.3, 127.3, 125.2, 124.0, 123.9, 123.7, 113.9, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₈ClN₃O₄S₂: 486.0343 [M-H]⁻; found: 486.0343.

5-Bromo-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3h)



Orange solid, mp: 187-188 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3279, 2360, 1595, 1504, 1452, 1423, 1370, 1341, 1266, 1186, 1161, 1084, 957, 893, 835, 805.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.57 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.3, 144.9, 141.7, 139.6, 134.9, 132.9, 130.9(4), 130.8(8), 130.4, 129.2, 127.3, 126.4, 123.6, 122.5, 117.2, 116.9, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrN₃O₄S₂: 531.9819 [M-H]⁻; found: 531.9820.

6-Bromo-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3i)



Yellow solid, mp: 187-188 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3303, 2922, 2360, 1596, 1494, 1446, 1420, 1390, 1377, 1350, 1295, 1185, 1161, 1084, 908, 843, 811.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.47 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.53–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.2, 145.0, 141.4, 139.6, 136.9, 130.9(2), 130.8(6), 130.4, 129.3, 127.7, 127.3, 124.2, 123.9, 123.8, 123.1, 116.9, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrN₃O₄S₂: 531.9819 [M-H]⁻; found: 531.9830.

6-Fluoro-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3j)



Orange solid, mp: 189-190 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3265, 2360, 1625, 1595, 1508, 1450, 1422, 1390, 1397, 1332, 1302, 1231, 1187, 1163, 1120, 1082, 934, 856, 818.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.46 (s, 1H), 7.30–8.27 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.5, 147.1, 144.9, 141.7, 139.6, 137.2, 130.9, 130.8, 130.4, 129.5, 127.3, 124.5, 124.3, 122.3, 114.7, 100.1, 21.8, 21.5 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₈FN₃O₄S₂: 470.0639 [M-H]⁻; found: 470.0645.

5-Methoxy-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3k)



Black solid, mp: 185-186 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3288, 2360, 1619, 1595, 1572, 1506, 1465, 1331, 1280, 1154, 1027, 981, 899, 840.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.32 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 156.8, 146.9, 144.6, 141.0, 140.1, 132.3, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3,

129.9, 127.2, 126.5, 123.4, 122.8, 116.0, 100.4, 56.0, 21.8, 21.5 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₅S₂: 482.0838 [M-H]⁻; found: 482.0856.

5-Methoxy-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3l)



Black solid, mp: 181-182 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3273, 2360, 1572, 1504, 1447, 1332, 1278, 1208, 1158, 1082, 897, 839, 814. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.40 (s, 1H), 8.02–7.95 (m, 3H), 7.87–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 156.9, 142.8, 141.0, 136.0, 133.9, 132.9, 132.4, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 127.1, 126.7, 123.5, 122.4, 116.1, 100.3, 56.0 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₃O₅S₂: 456.0465 [M-H]⁻; found: 456.0457.

3-(Phenylsulfonyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3m)



Red solid, mp: 179-181 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3273, 2359, 1614, 1583, 1506, 1455, 1448, 1431, 1331, 1216, 1159, 1101, 1082, 999,944, 892, 837.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.42 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04–8.02 (m, 2H), 8.00–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 142.6, 141.2, 136.5, 136.1, 134.0, 132.6, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 130.0, 127.2, 125.5, 124.6, 123.5, 121.8, 114.7

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₃O₄S₂: 424.0420 [M-H]⁻; found: 424.0416.

3-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3n)



Orange solid, mp: 182-183 °C. IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3197, 2360, 1595, 1581, 1507, 1476, 1430, 1393, 1351, 1312, 1281, 1151, 1091, 1014, 945, 893, 835. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.96–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 141.5, 141.4, 141.2, 139.2, 136.7, 132.8, 131.3, 130.7, 130.6, 130.1, 129.0, 125.6, 124.8, 122.8, 121.8, 114.8

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Cl₂N₃O₄S₂: 491.9640 [M-H]⁻; found: 491.9658.

3-((3-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((3-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (30)



Yellow solid, mp: 173-174 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3200, 2362, 1619, 1568, 1508, 1459, 1435, 1392, 1344, 1221, 1148, 1069, 996, 945, 894, 838.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.55 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17–8.14 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 144.5, 141.3, 139.0, 137.1, 136.8, 134.7, 132.8, 132.5, 132.3, 130.8, 129.7, 129.4, 126.2, 125.6, 124.9, 123.3, 122.9, 122.7, 121.8, 114.8 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₃O₄S₂: 581.8610 [M-H]⁻; found: 581.8616.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3p)



Red solid, mp: 169-170 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3198, 2360, 1614, 1572, 1505, 1431, 1391, 1351, 1310, 1216, 1149, 1097, 1069, 1009, 943, 892, 827.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 141.8, 141.2, 136.7, 133.5, 133.1, 132.7, 131.7, 130.7, 129.0, 128.3, 125.6, 124.8, 122.8, 121.8, 114.8

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂N₃O₄S₂: 581.8610 [M-H]⁻; found: 581.8619.

$\label{eq:linear} 3-((4-Nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole~(3q)$



Yellow solid, mp: 176-177 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3214, 2360, 1733, 1607, 1539, 1459, 1439, 1391, 1309, 1219, 1143, 1081, 1013, 945, 894, 852,834.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.71 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34–8.30 (m, 4H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.43 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.0, 150.6, 147.4, 141.5, 138.3, 136.9, 132.7, 131.1, 128.6, 125.8, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 121.8, 121.7, 114.9 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₁₃N₅O₈S₂: 514.0121 [M-H]⁻; found: 514.0111.

3-((4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3r)



Yellow solid, mp: 193-194 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3266, 2964, 2359, 1593, 1435, 1426, 1388, 1332, 1314, 1205, 1172, 1109, 1083, 892, 833.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.37 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.41 (m, 6H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.4, 157.1, 141.1, 139.8, 136.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.8, 125.3, 124.5, 123.9, 121.8, 114.6, 35.7, 35.4, 31.1

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₈H₃₁N₃O₄S₂: 536.1672 [M-H]⁻; found: 536.1661.

3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3s)

Red solid, mp: 181-183 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3265, 2360, 1593, 1497, 1459, 1425, 1392, 1315, 1266, 1183, 1158, 1085, 1022, 945, 891, 837, 802.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.29 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.3, 163.5, 141.0, 136.4, 134.3, 133.2, 130.3, 129.6, 125.2, 124.4, 124.2, 123.4, 121.9, 115.8, 115.1, 114.5, 56.6, 56.2 HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₃O₆S₂: 484.0631 [M-H]⁻; found: 484.0641.

3-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-2-((naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (3t)



Orange solid, mp: 181-1823 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3331, 3053, 2359, 1621, 1589, 1508, 1460, 1392, 1330 1242, 1206, 1150, 1097, 1069, 1019, 948, 893, 858, 828.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.42 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.35–8.29 (m, 3H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.94 (m, 1H), 7.91–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 141.4, 139.5, 136.6, 136.0, 134.8, 133.2, 132.4, 132.0, 130.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8(4), 129.8(1), 128.5(9) 128.5(5), 128.2(2), 128.1(9), 125.5, 124.6, 124.5(7), 123.6, 122.1, 121.9, 114.7

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₃O₄S₂: 524.0733 [M-H]⁻; found: 524.0736.

1-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3u)



Orange solid, mp: 177-178 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 2360, 1595, 1471, 1455, 1411, 1345, 1317, 1185, 1164, 1083, 966, 917, 872, 816. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 147.0, 144.6, 139.6, 139.5, 138.4, 130.8, 130.7, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 127.5, 125.1, 124.7, 122.2, 118.0, 113.1, 33.4, 21.8, 21.5

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂: 466.0890 [M-H]⁻; found: 466.0890.

3-Methyl-2-(tosyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (4a)



Red solid, mp: 167-168 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3378, 2360, 1620, 1595, 1536, 1468, 1391, 1319, 1212, 1181, 1152, 1081, 925, 888, 807.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.96 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 145.8, 143.0, 140.0, 132.0, 131.5, 130.5, 129.8, 128.0, 122.8, 121.2, 113.6, 21.7, 9.3

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂S: 336.0777 [M+Na]⁺; found: 336.0775.

3-Methyl-2-((phenylsulfonyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (4b)



Red solid, mp: 165-166 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3389, 3065, 2359, 1620, 1536, 1467, 1441, 1365, 1321, 1210, 1153, 1080, 925, 887, 809.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.99 (s, 1H), 7.94–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.01 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 143.0, 140.1, 135.0, 134.9(5), 131.6, 130.0, 129.8, 128.1, 122.8, 121.2, 113.6, 9.3

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₃O₂S: 322.0621 [M+Na]⁺; found: 322.0602.

2-(((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (4c)

Red solid, mp: 172-173 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3374, 2361, 1618, 1580, 1529, 1471, 1434, 1391, 1329, 1153, 1079, 1012, 926, 887, 808, 754, 710, 625, 586, 563.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.02 (s, 1H), 7.97–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 143.1, 140.3, 140.1, 133.9, 131.9, 131.7, 130.2, 128.1, 122.9, 121.3, 113.7, 9.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂ClN₃O₂S: 356.0231 [M+Na]⁺; found: 356.0232.

2-(((3-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (4d)



Yellow solid, mp: 173-174 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3353, 3085, 2360, 1620, 1570, 1534, 1462, 1391, 1323, 1214, 1155, 924, 887, 813.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.03 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 143.1, 140.5, 137.8, 137.1, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9, 128.9, 128.1, 123.0, 122.8, 121.4, 113.7, 9.4

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrN₃O₂S: 401.9706 [M+Na]⁺; found:401.9699.

2-(((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)diazenyl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (4e)



Red solid, mp: 174-175 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3374, 2361, 1620, 1571, 1527, 1469, 1432, 1388, 1295, 1150, 1079, 1008, 926, 887, 808.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.02 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 143.1, 140.4, 134.3, 133.1, 132.0, 131.7, 129.3, 128.1, 122.9, 121.3, 113.7, 9.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrN₃O₂S: 401.9706 [M+Na]⁺; found: 401.9690.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indole (10)

Br



White solid, mp: 153-154 °C.

IR (KBr, v, cm⁻¹): 3388, 2360, 1610, 1501, 1471, 1454, 1409, 1386, 1338, 1280, 1236, 1080, 1004, 810.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).











¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3d** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S19**







¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3f** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S21**









¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3i** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S24**



















¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3n** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S29**







¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3p** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S31**



¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3q** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S32**







¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3s** (100Hz, DMSO- d_6) **S34**



¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound **3t** (100Hz, DMSO-*d*₆) **S35**



















¹H NMR Spectrum of Compound **10** (400Hz, DMSO-*d*₆)





