

Supporting Information

Rh-Catalyzed 1,2-Sulfur Migration/aza-Diels-Alder Cascade Initiated by aza-Vinyl Carbenoids from Sulfur-Tethered N-Sulfonyl-1,2,3-triazoles

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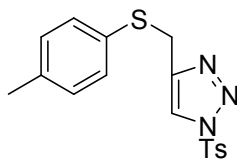
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General Remarks: ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer for solution in CDCl_3 with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard; J-values are in Hz. Mass spectra were recorded with a HP-5989 instrument. All of the compounds reported in this paper gave satisfactory HRMS analytic data. Melting points were determined on a digital melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 spectrometer with absorption in cm^{-1} . THF, toluene and Et_2O were distilled from sodium (Na) under argon (Ar) atmosphere. CH_3CN , 1,2-dichloroethane and dichloromethane were distilled from CaH_2 under argon (Ar) atmosphere. Commercially obtained reagents were used without further purification. All reactions were monitored by TLC with Huanghai GF254 silica gel coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 300-400 mesh silica gel at increased pressure.

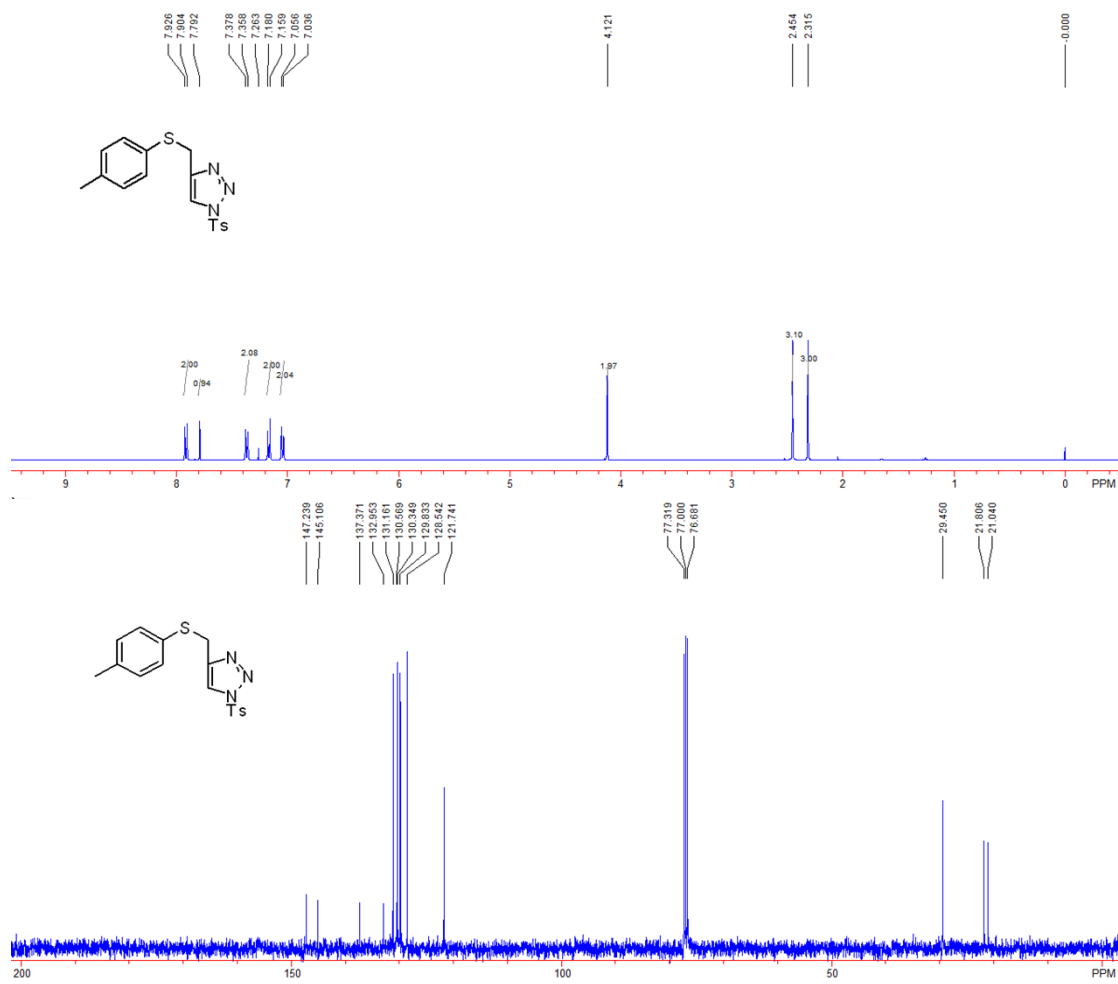
added and the reaction solution was stirred until compound **S4** was consumed completely. The mixture was filtered through a celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 4 / 1) to afford the product **1** in moderate yield.

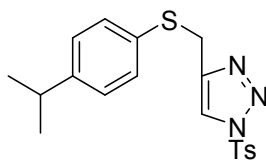
For the substrate **1v**, phenyl propargyl selenide was prepared according to the previous literature.^[3]

Spectroscopic Data of Substrates 1

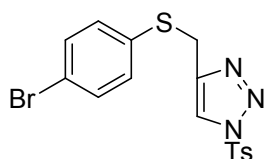
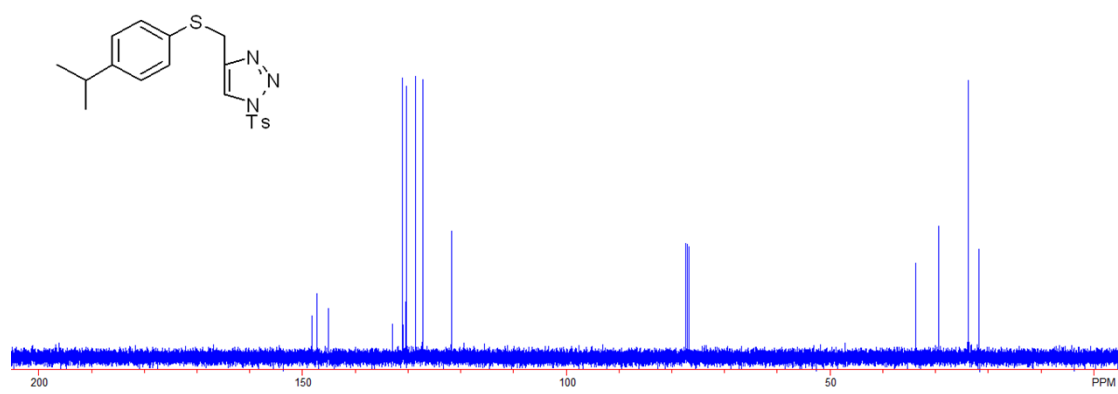
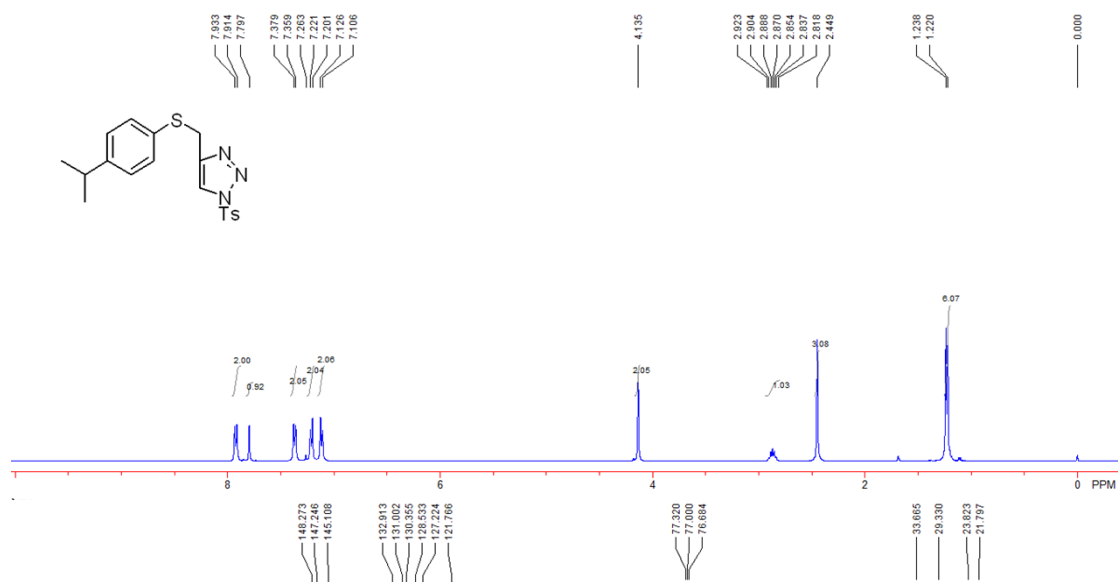


4-(*p*-tolylthiomethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1a**: a white solid; Mp: 106-108 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.0, 21.8, 29.5, 121.7, 128.5, 129.8, 130.3, 130.6, 131.2, 133.0, 137.4, 145.1, 147.2; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3146, 2923, 1595, 1493, 1393, 1308, 1241, 1195, 1180, 1122, 1091, 1010, 969, 810, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 360.0835, found: 360.0848.

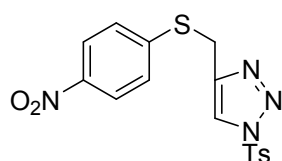
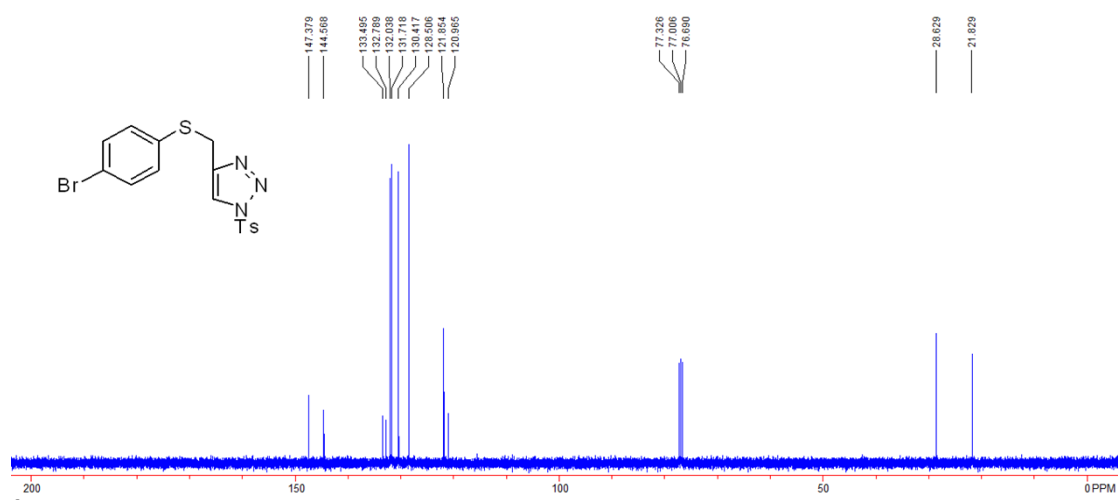
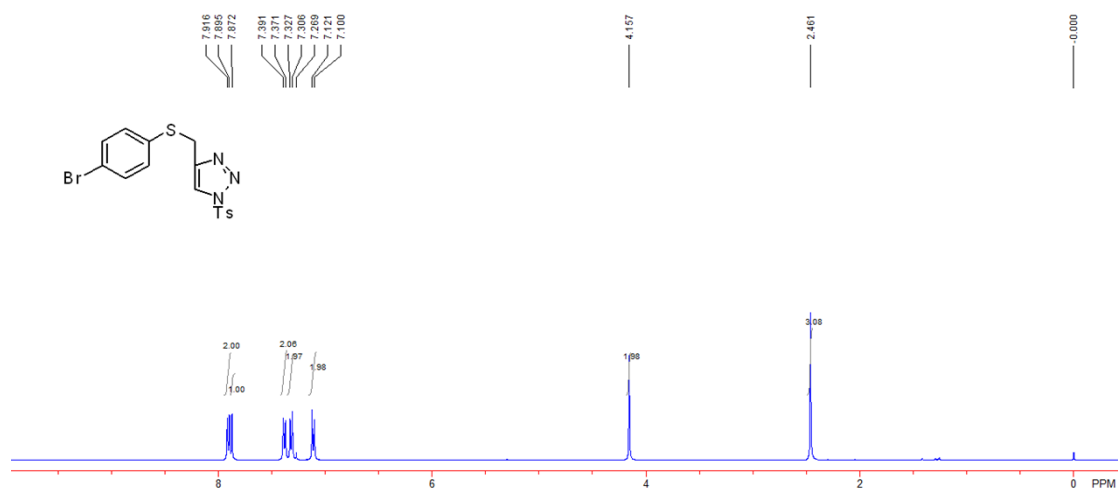




4-((4-isopropylphenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1b**: a white solid; Mp: 106-108 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.93 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 23.8, 29.3, 33.7, 121.8, 127.2, 128.5, 130.4, 131.0, 132.9, 145.1, 147.2, 148.3; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3146, 2960, 2869, 2127, 1594, 1554, 1495, 1392, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1009, 968, 813, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 388.1148, found: 388.1148.

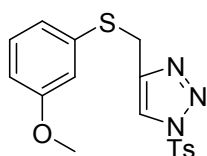
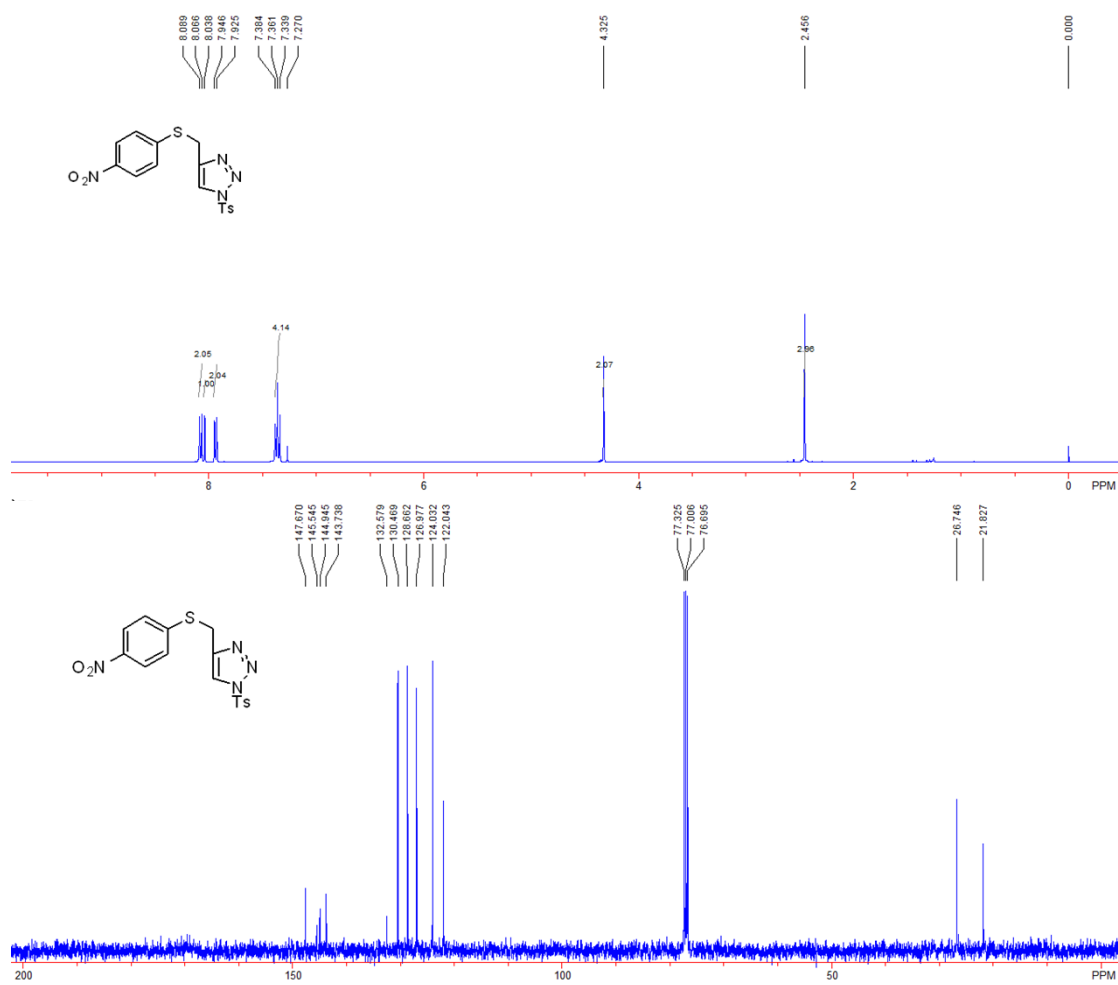


4-((4-bromophenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1c**: a white solid; Mp: 113-115 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 28.6, 121.0, 121.9, 128.5, 130.4, 131.7, 132.0, 132.8, 133.5, 144.6, 147.4; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 1594, 1474, 1389, 1309, 1242, 1194, 1179, 1090, 1008, 970, 811, 668 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅BrN₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 423.9784, found: 423.9777.

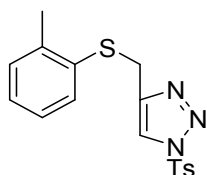
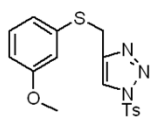
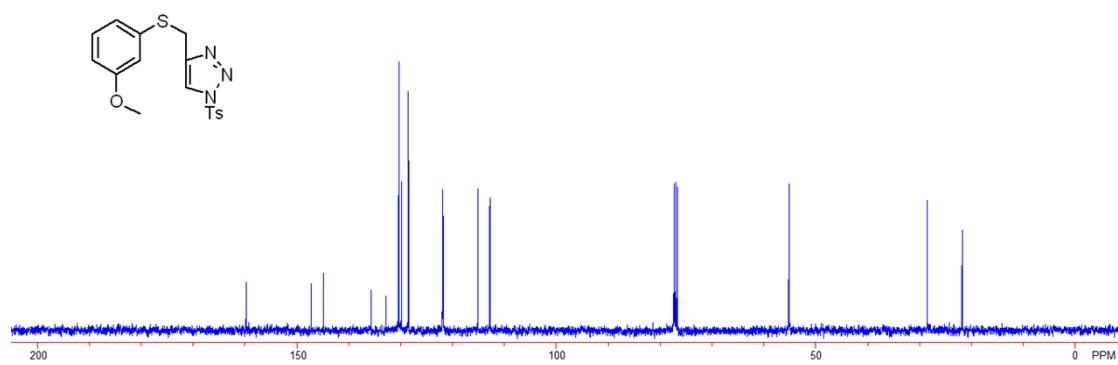
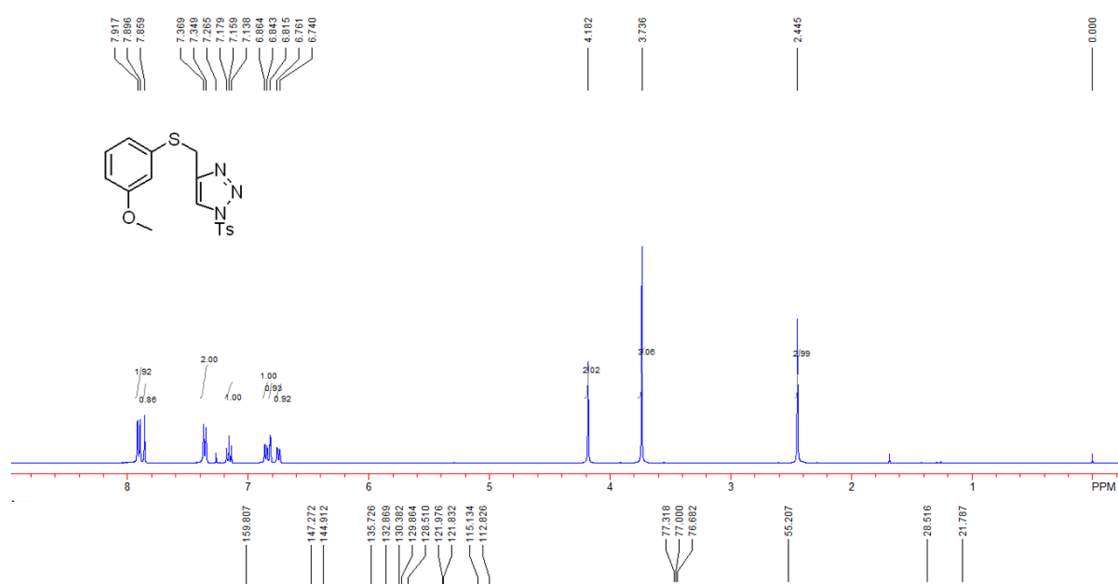


4-((4-nitrophenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1d**: a white solid; Mp: 153-155 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 26.7, 122.0, 124.0, 127.0, 128.7, 130.5, 132.6, 143.7, 144.9, 145.5, 147.7; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3146, 2924,

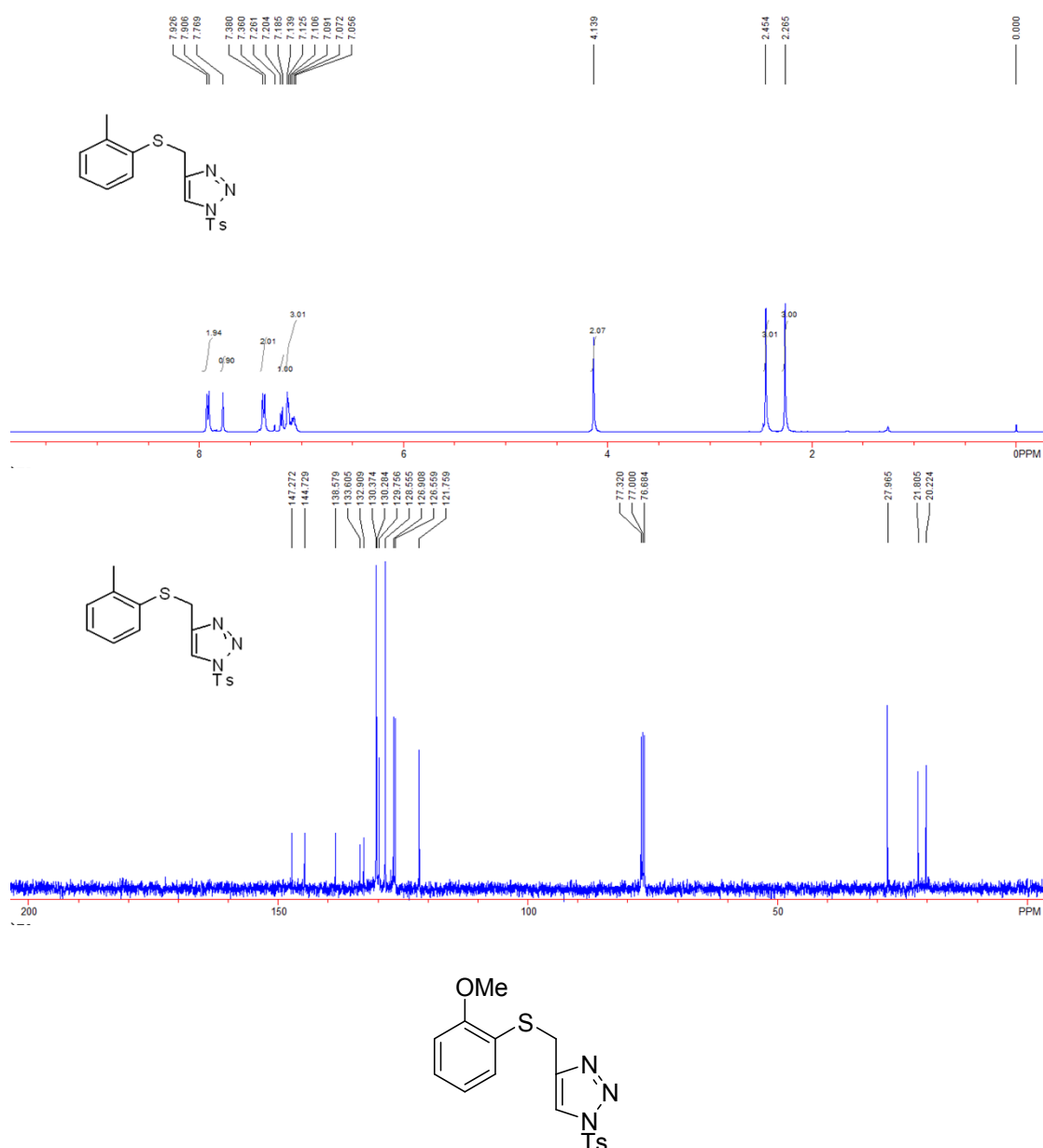
1594, 1578, 1511, 1393, 1338, 1309, 1195, 1180, 1191, 1010, 973, 854, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 391.0529, found: 391.0521.



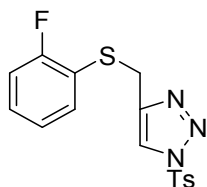
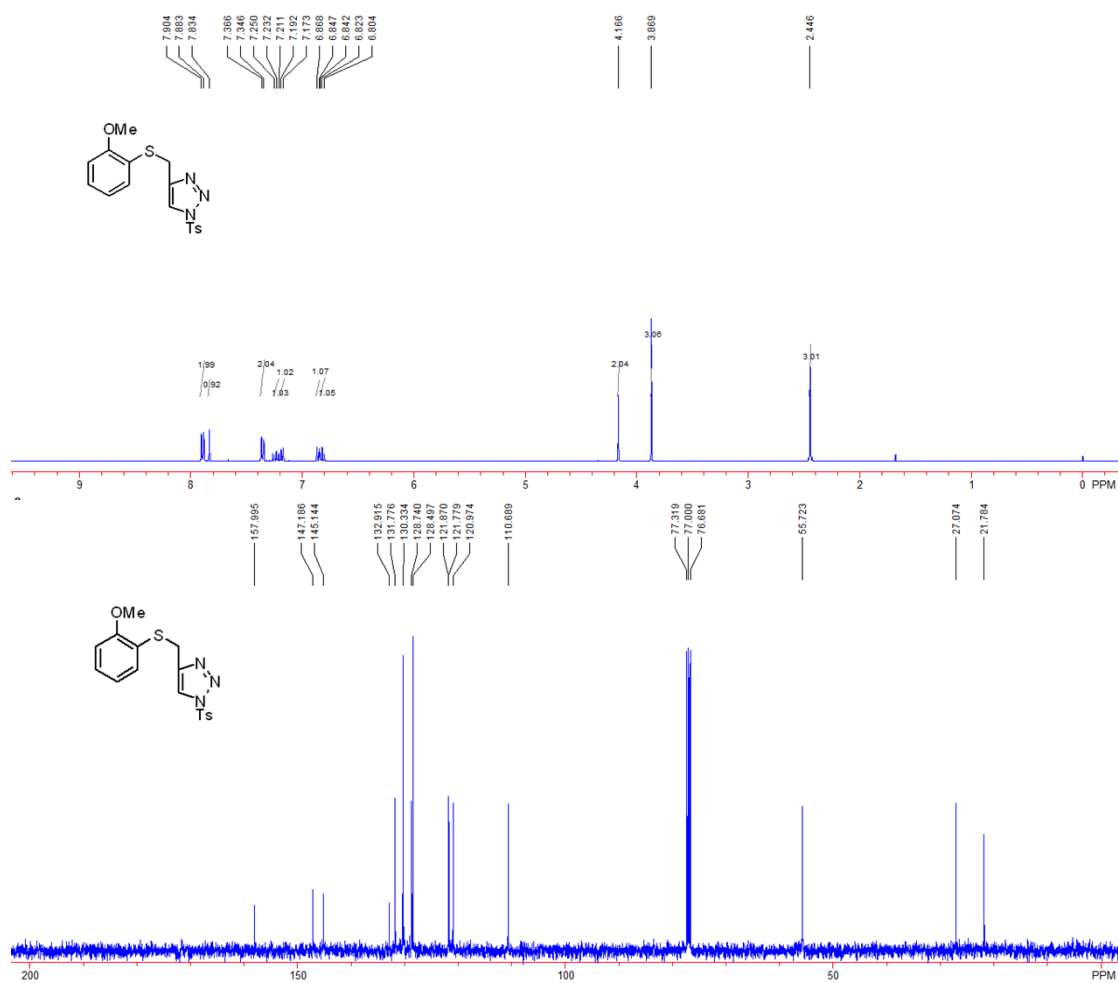
4-((3-methoxyphenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1e**: a white solid; Mp: 75-77 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 28.5, 55.2, 112.8, 115.1, 121.8, 122.0, 128.5, 129.9, 130.4, 132.9, 135.7, 144.9, 147.3, 159.8; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3146, 2938, 1589, 1575, 1479, 1391, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1035, 1009, 969, 812, 734, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 376.0784, found: 376.0796.



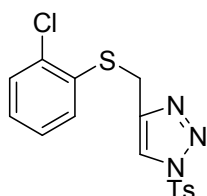
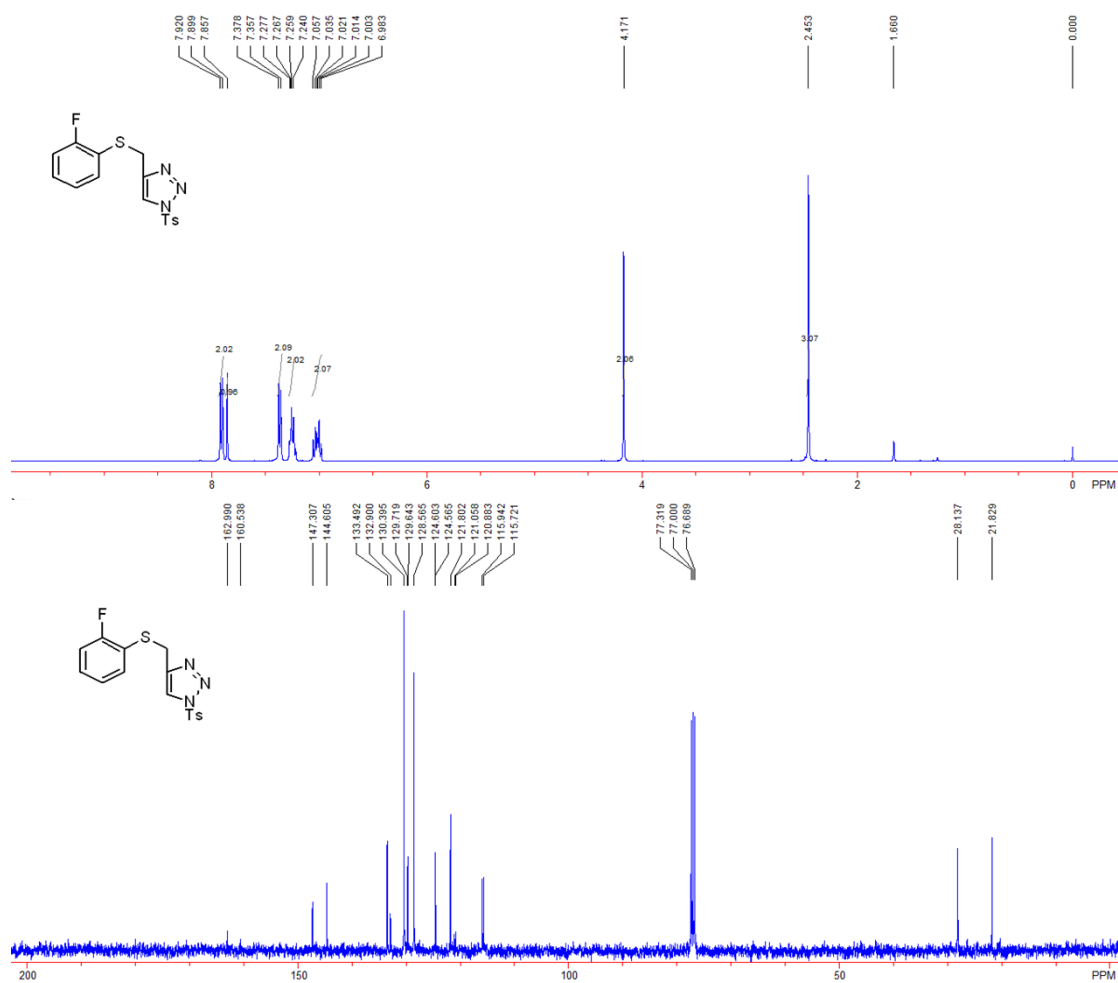
4-(*o*-tolylthiomethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1f**: a white solid; Mp: 123-125 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 7.05-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.2, 21.8, 28.0, 121.8, 126.6, 126.9, 128.6, 129.8, 130.3, 130.4, 132.9, 133.6, 138.6, 144.7, 147.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 2925, 1594, 1470, 1392, 1308, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1010, 969, 813, 747, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 360.0835, found: 360.0838.



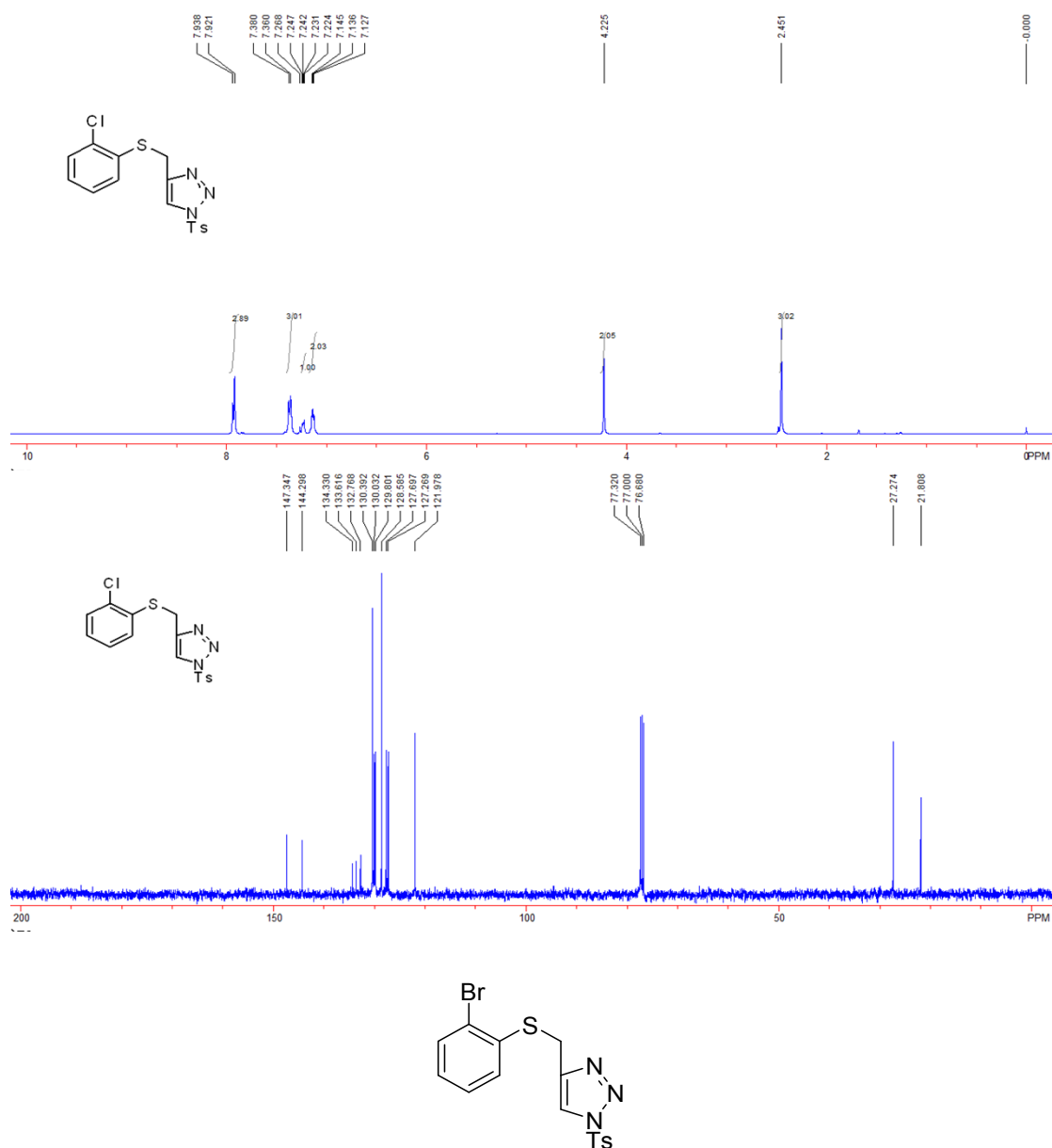
4-((2-methoxyphenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1g**: a white solid; Mp: 85-86 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 27.1, 55.7, 110.7, 121.0, 121.8, 121.9, 128.5, 128.7, 130.3, 131.8, 132.9, 145.1, 147.2, 158.0; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3144, 2938, 1594, 1580, 1477, 1391, 1307, 1243, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1009, 969, 813, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₃S₂ (M+H)⁺: 376.0784, found: 376.0785.



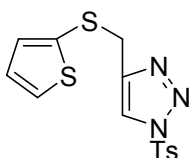
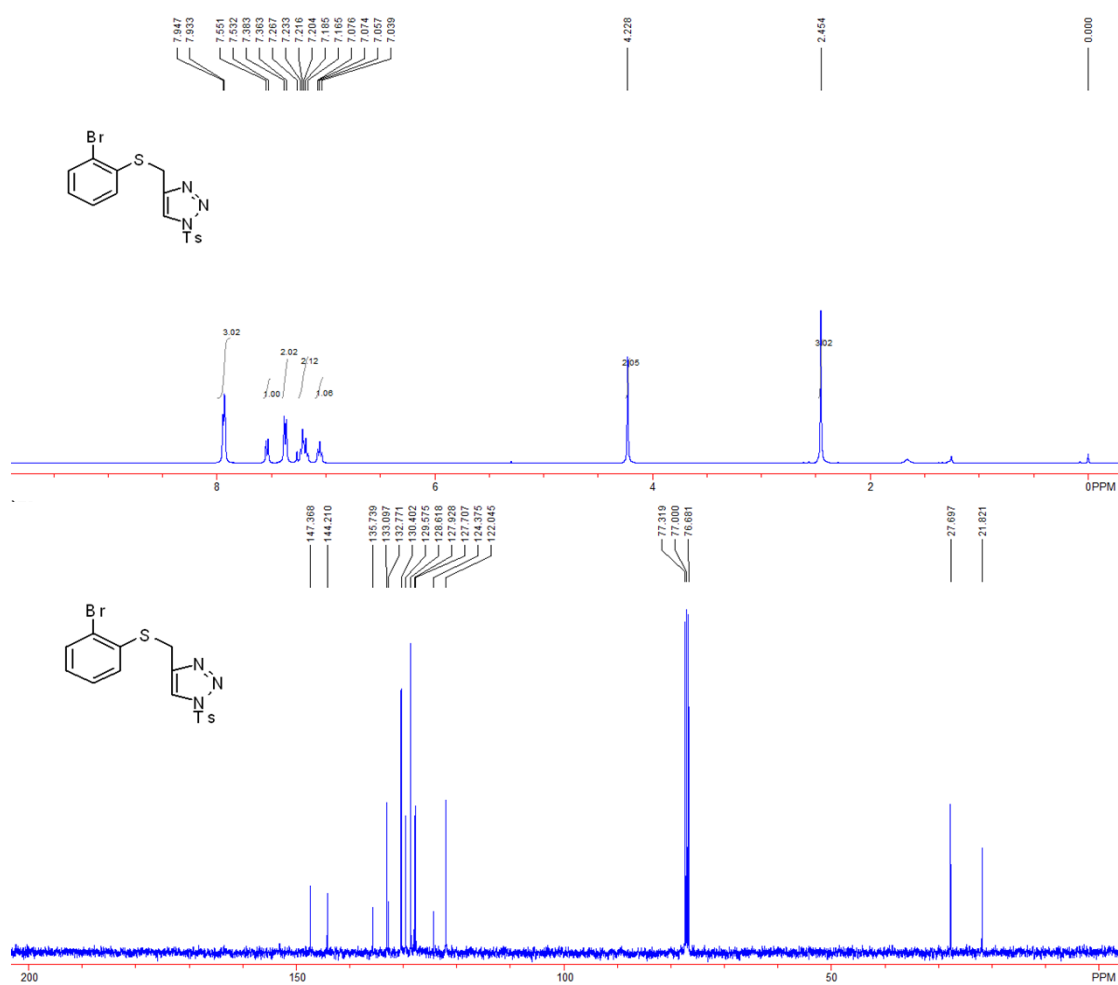
4-((2-fluorophenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1h**: a white solid; Mp: 98-100 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 6.98-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 28.1, 115.8 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 121.0 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz), 121.8, 124.6 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 128.6, 129.7 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 130.4, 132.9, 133.5, 144.6, 147.3, 161.8 (d, $J = 245.2$ Hz); IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3146, 2927, 1594, 1473, 1391, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1010, 969, 813, 669 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 364.0584, found: 364.0584.



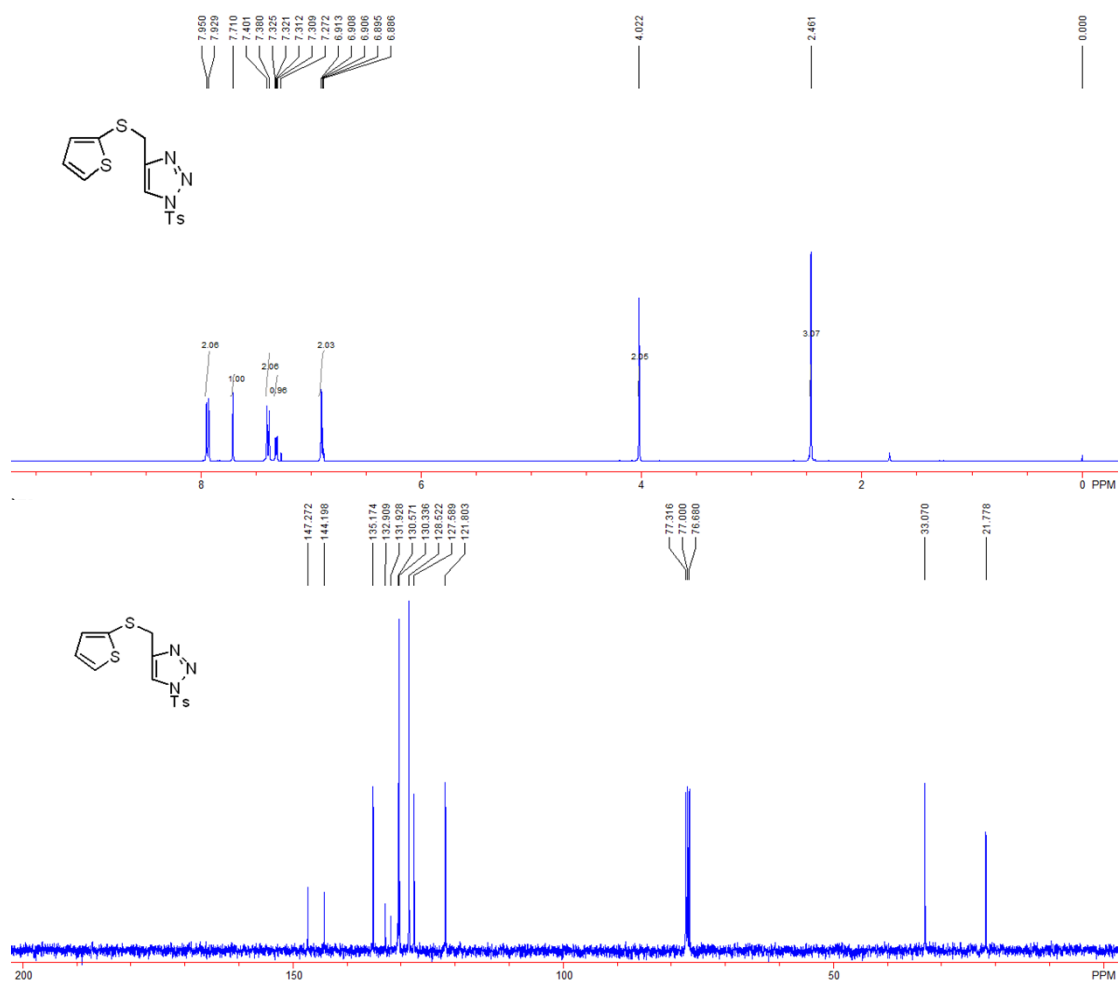
4-((2-chlorophenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1i**: a white solid; Mp: 120-121 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.92-7.94 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 27.3, 122.0, 127.3, 127.7, 128.6, 129.8, 130.0, 130.4, 132.8, 133.6, 134.3, 144.3, 147.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 2925, 1594, 1452, 1391, 1193, 1178, 1090, 1009, 969, 812, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅ClN₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 380.0289, found: 380.0286.



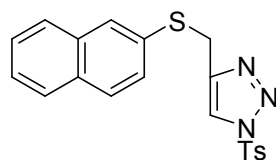
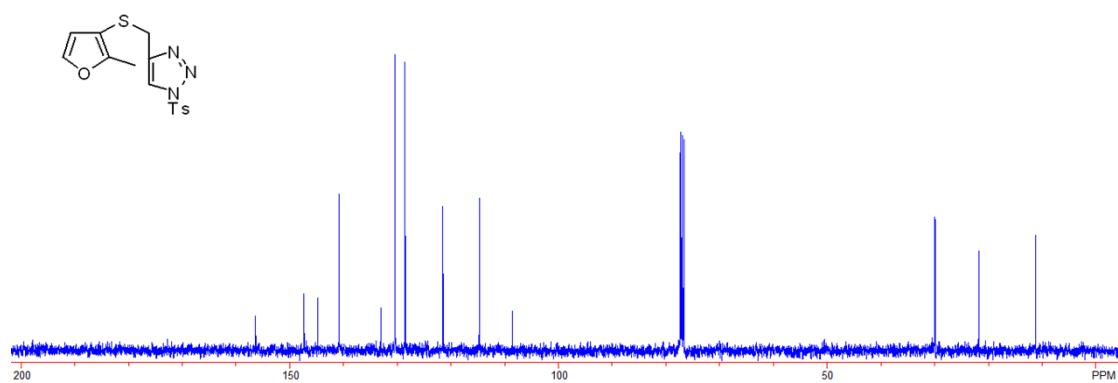
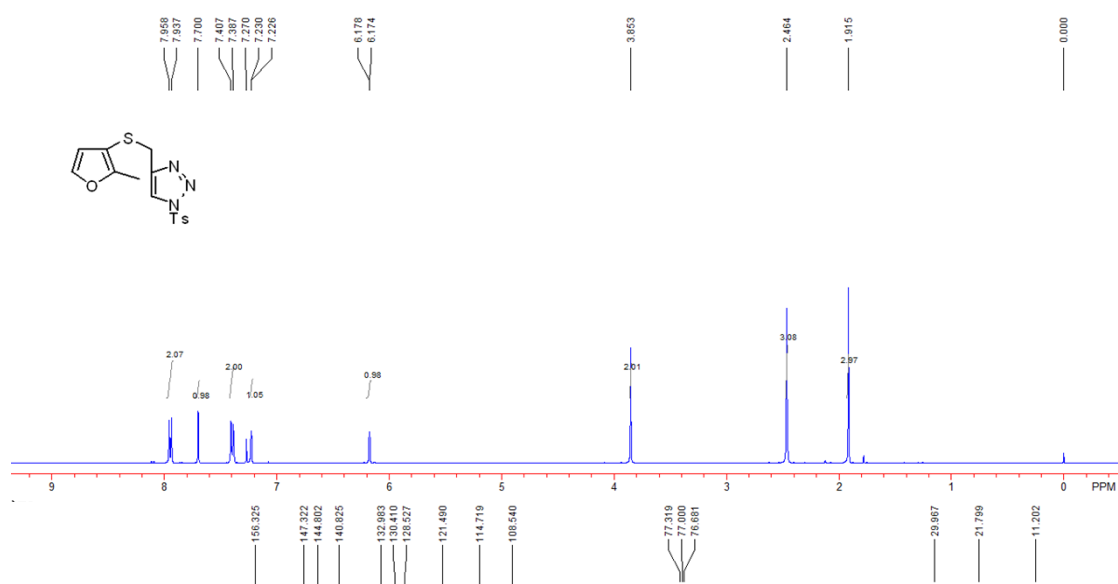
4-((2-bromophenylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1j**: a white solid; Mp: 139-141 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.95 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 27.7, 122.0, 124.4, 127.7, 128.0, 128.6, 129.6, 130.4, 132.8, 133.1, 135.7, 144.2, 147.4; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 2925, 1594, 1449, 1392, 1309, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1010, 971, 813, 747, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅BrN₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 423.9784, found: 423.9776.



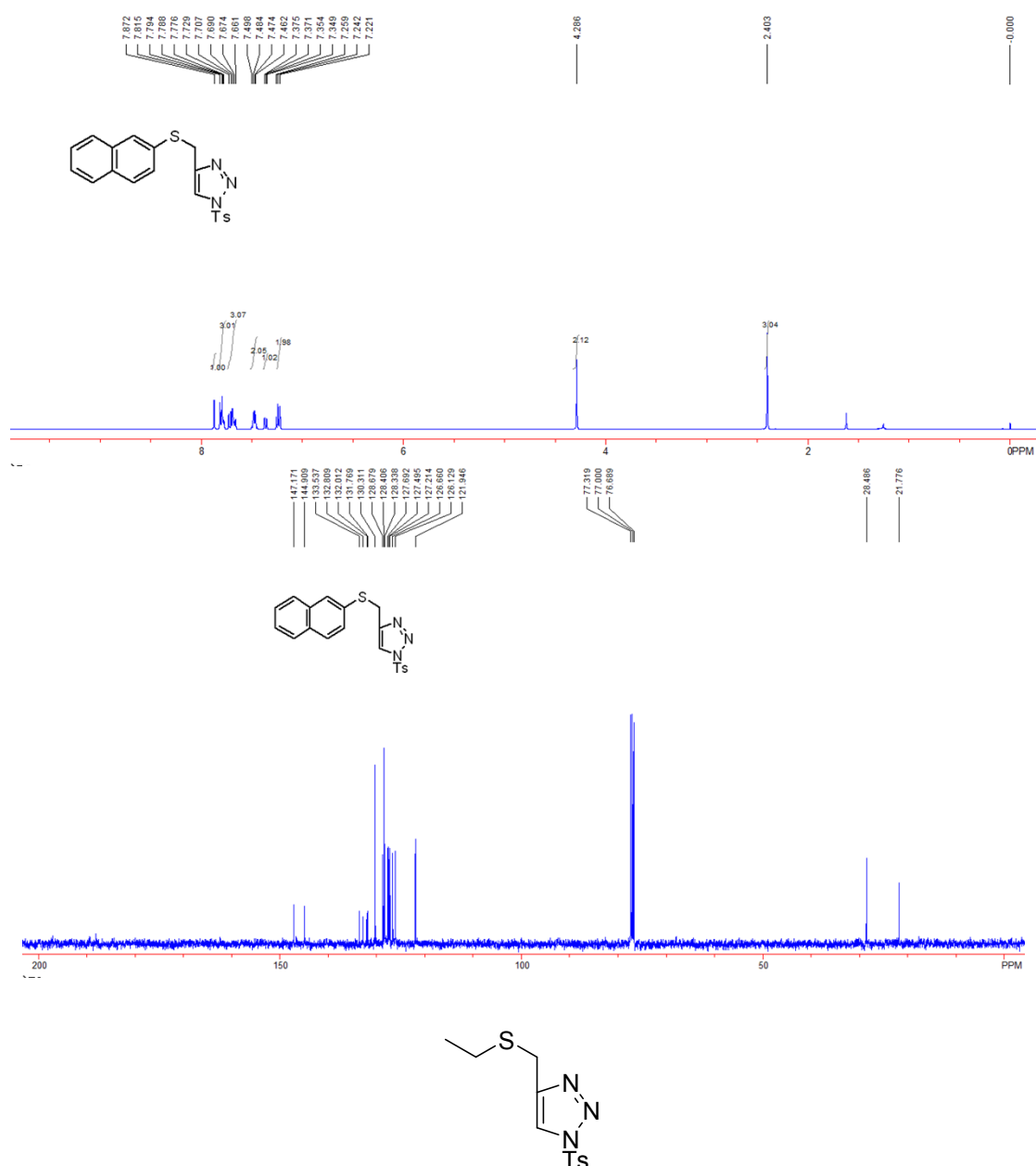
4-((thiophen-2-ylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1k**: a white solid; Mp: 103-104 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 33.1, 121.8, 127.6, 128.5, 130.3, 130.6, 131.9, 132.9, 135.2, 144.2, 147.3; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3144, 2926, 2128, 1594, 1552, 1390, 1308, 1193, 1178, 1090, 1009, 967, 847, 812, 701, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 352.0243, found: 352.0243.



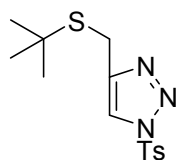
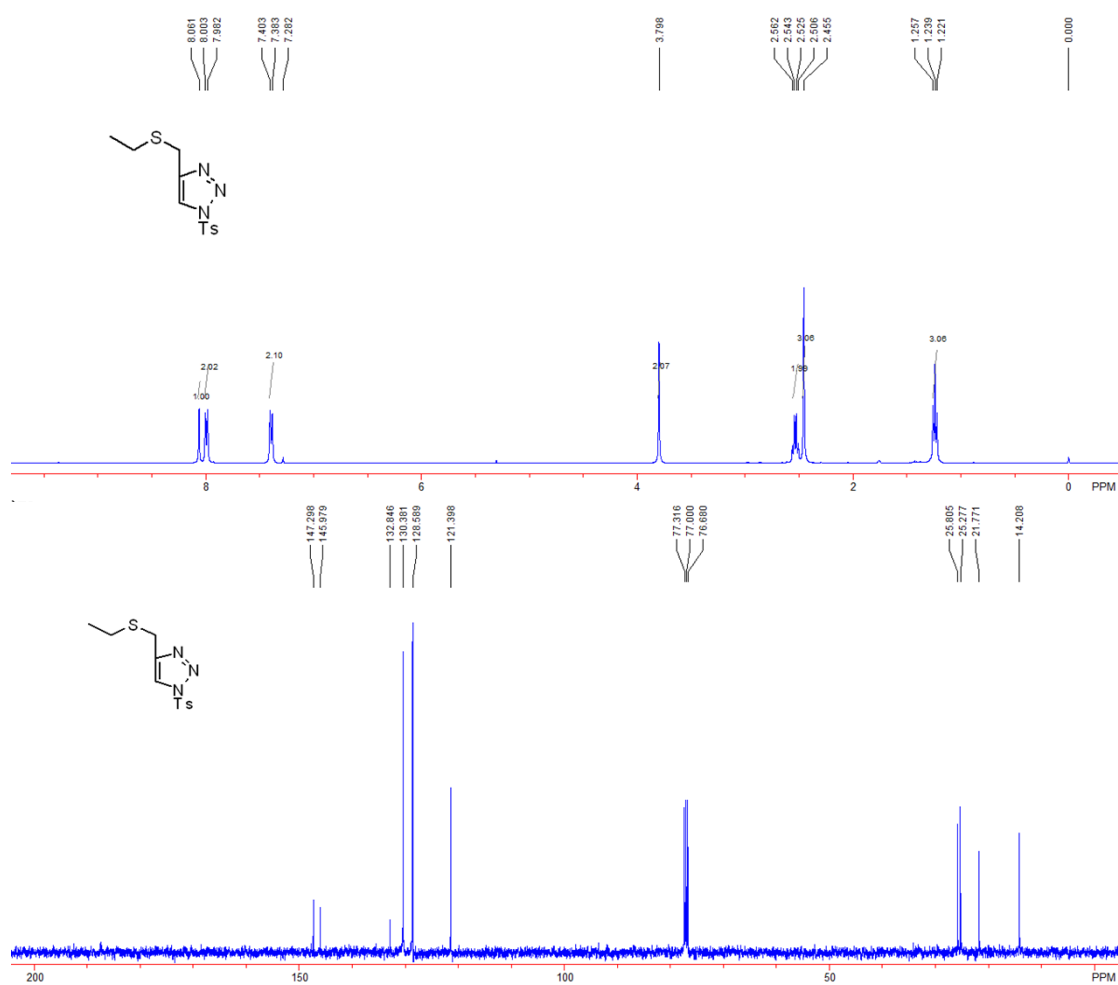
4-((2-methylfuran-3-ylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **11**: a white solid; Mp: 56-58 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.92 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 11.2, 21.8, 30.0, 108.5, 114.7, 121.5, 128.5, 130.4, 133.0, 140.8, 144.8, 147.3, 156.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3146, 2921, 1594, 1514, 1391, 1308, 1225, 1194, 1179, 1089, 1009, 966, 813, 736, 670 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₃O₃S₂ (M+H)⁺: 350.0628, found: 350.0640.



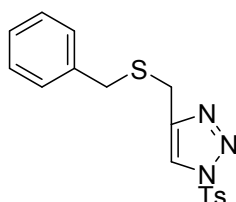
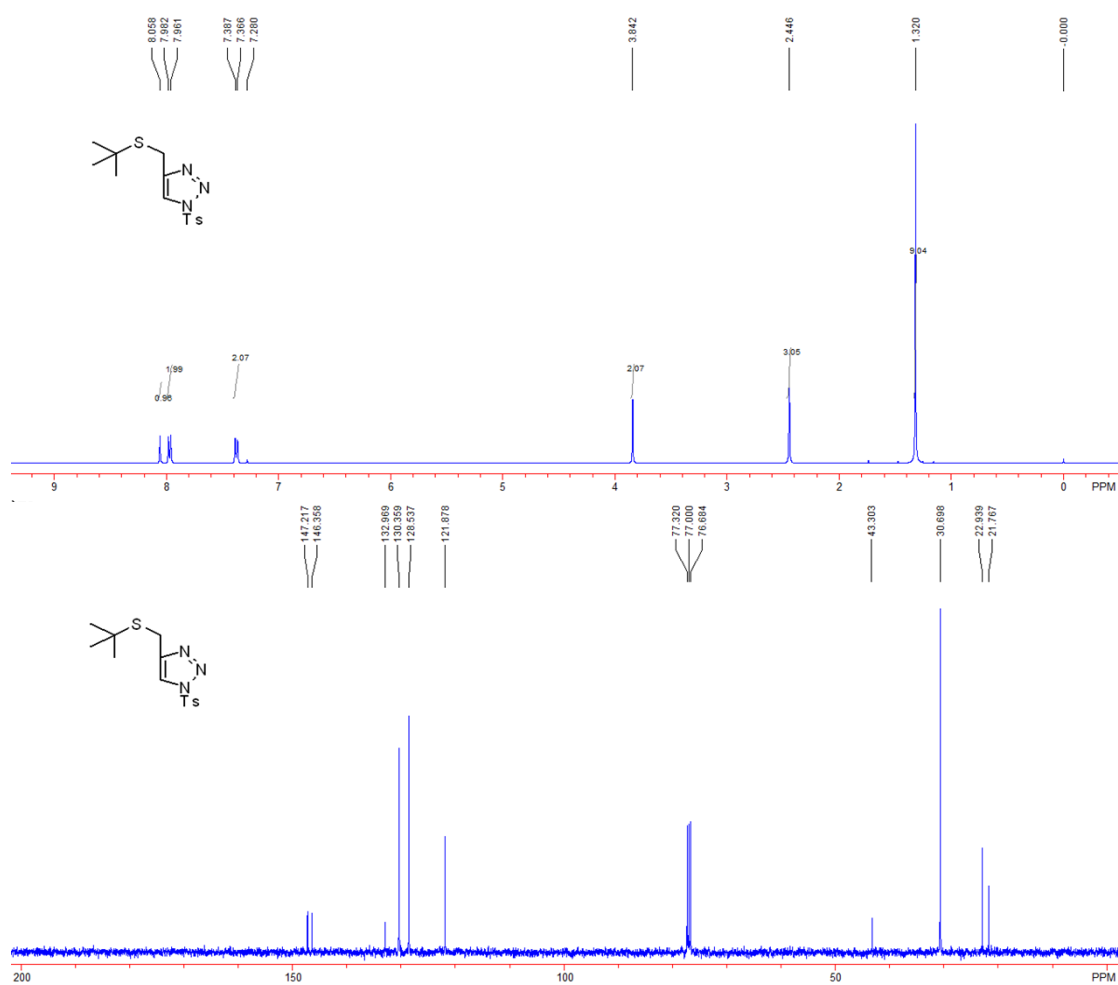
4-((naphthalen-2-ylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1m**: a white solid; Mp: 109-111 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.79-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.87 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 28.5, 121.9, 126.1, 126.7, 127.2, 127.5, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 130.3, 131.8, 132.0, 132.8, 133.5, 144.9, 147.2; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 2925, 1593, 1392, 1308, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1010, 971, 812, 744, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 396.0835, found: 396.0835.



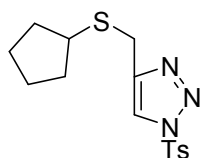
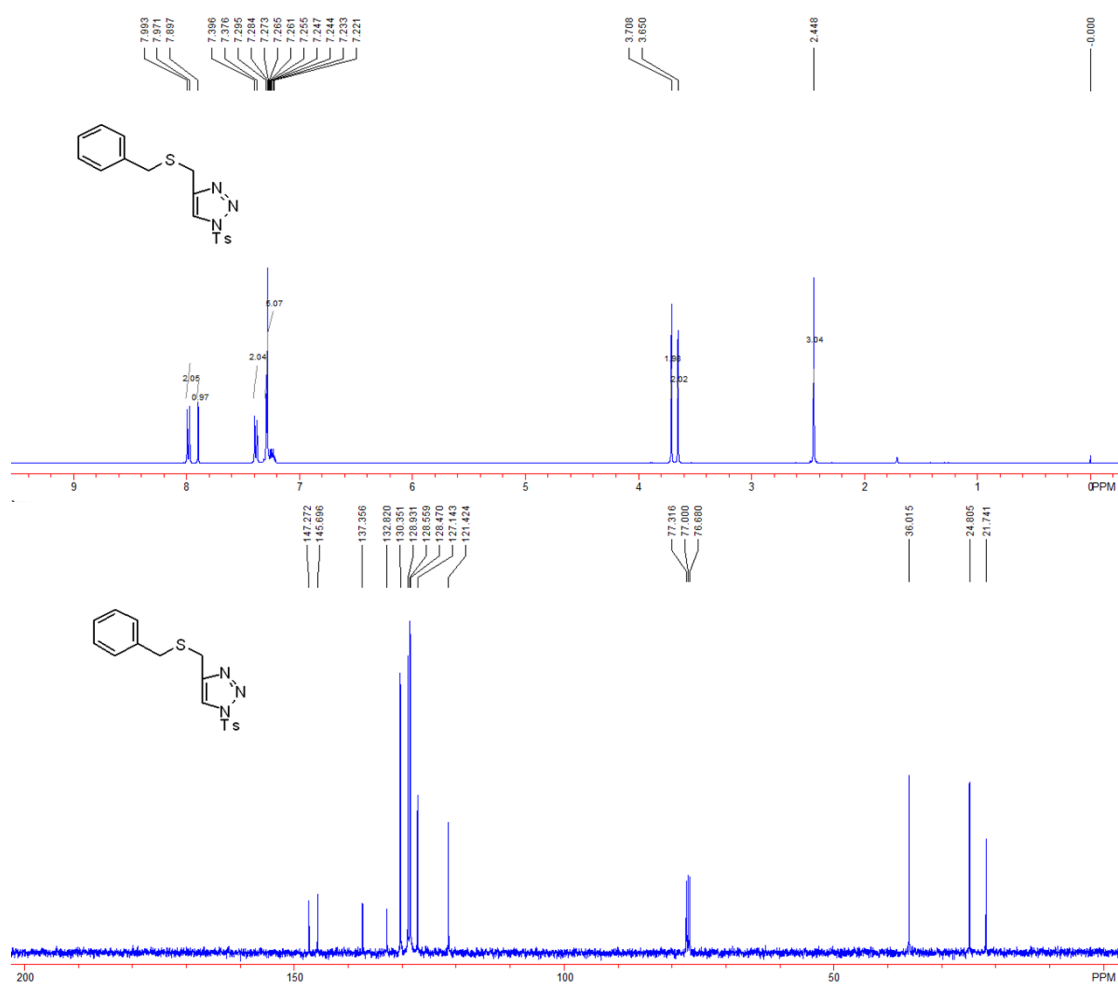
4-(ethylthiomethyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1n**: a white solid; Mp: 64-66 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.53 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 14.2, 21.8, 25.3, 25.8, 121.4, 128.6, 130.4, 132.8, 146.0, 147.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3144, 2927, 2483, 1954, 1594, 1391, 1238, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1032, 1008, 968, 814, 702, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 298.0678, found: 298.0687.



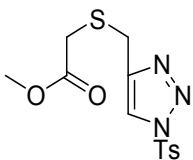
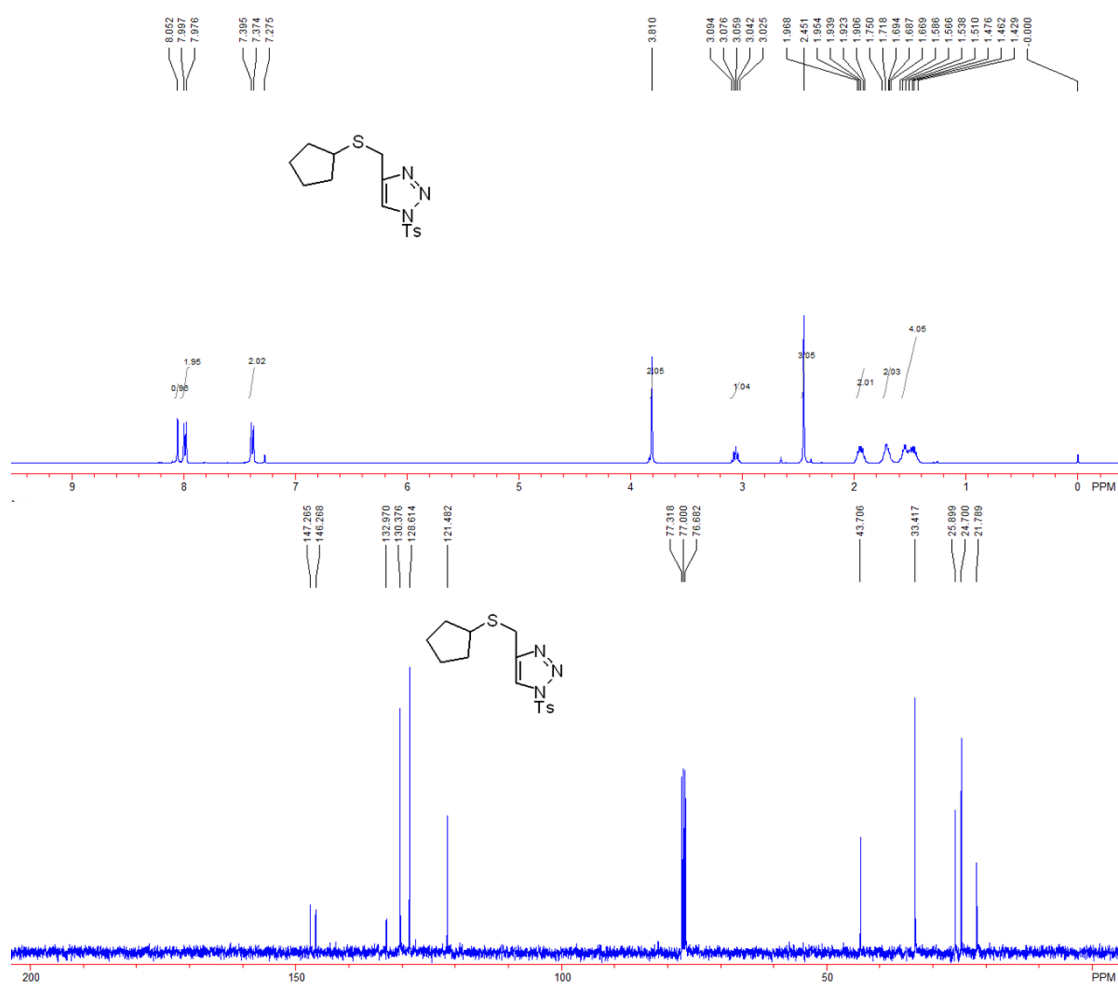
4-(tert-butylthiomethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **10**: a white solid; Mp: 89-91 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.32 (s, 9H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 22.9, 30.7, 43.3, 121.9, 128.5, 130.4, 133.0, 146.4, 147.2; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3149, 2961, 1594, 1392, 1366, 1308, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1009, 969, 813, 668 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 326.0991, found: 326.0987.



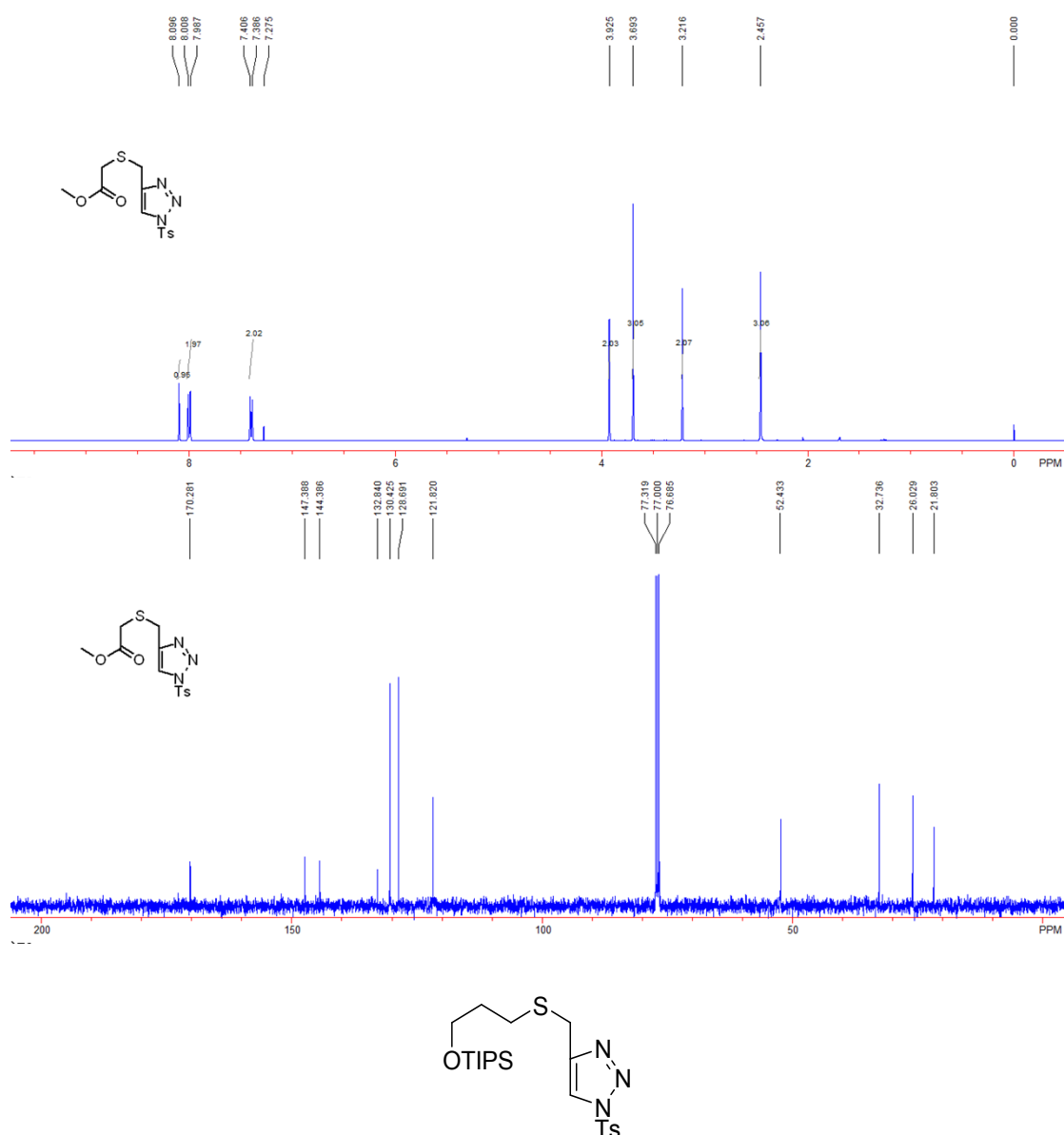
4-(benzylthiomethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1p**: a white solid; Mp: 98-99 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.7, 24.8, 36.0, 121.4, 127.1, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 130.4, 132.8, 137.4, 145.7, 147.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3144, 2921, 1594, 1494, 1390, 1193, 1178, 1090, 1009, 968, 813, 667 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 360.0835, found: 360.0835.

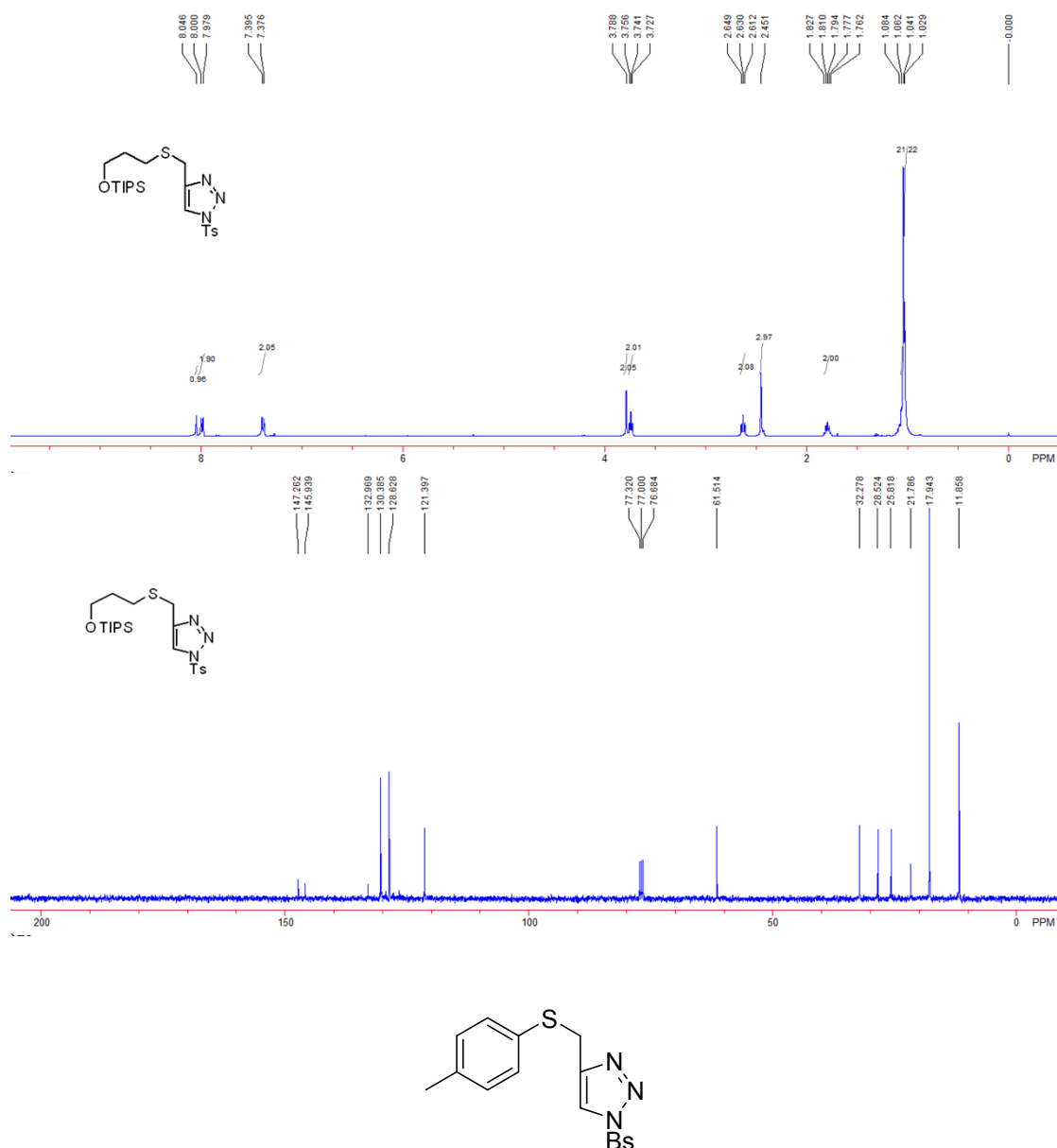


4-((cyclopentylthio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1q**: a white solid; Mp: 91-92 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.42-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.97 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.02-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.05 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 24.7, 25.9, 33.4, 43.7, 121.5, 128.6, 130.4, 133.0, 146.3, 147.3; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3147, 2955, 2867, 1594, 1391, 1366, 1193, 1179, 1091, 1009, 968, 812, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 338.0991, found: 338.1005.

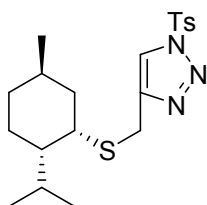
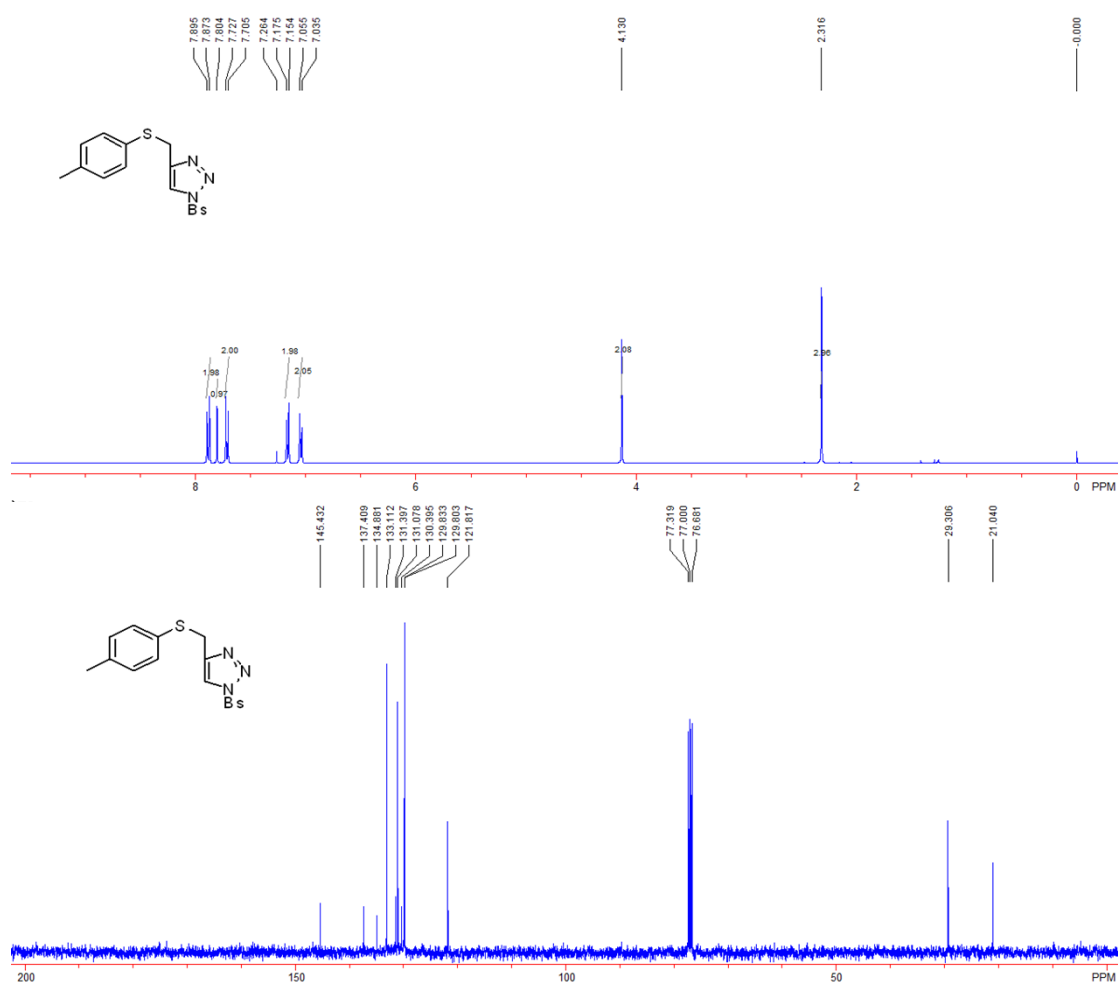


methyl 2-((1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methylthio)acetate **1r**: a white solid; Mp: 84-86 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 26.0, 32.7, 52.4, 121.8, 128.7, 130.4, 132.8, 144.4, 147.4, 170.3; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3147, 2953, 1734, 1594, 1436, 1391, 1267, 1194, 1179, 1091, 1010, 970, 918, 813, 667 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 342.0577, found: 342.0591.

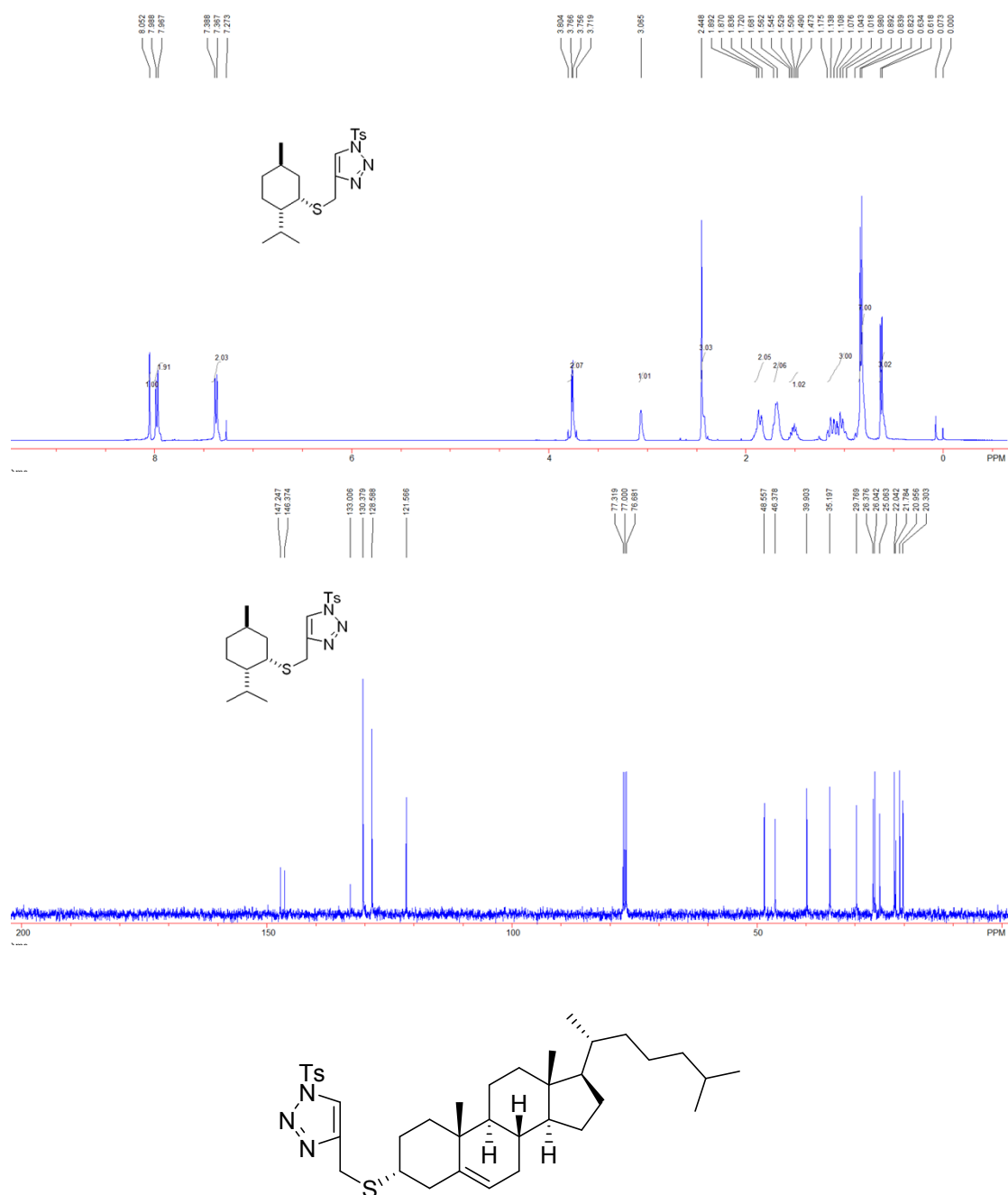




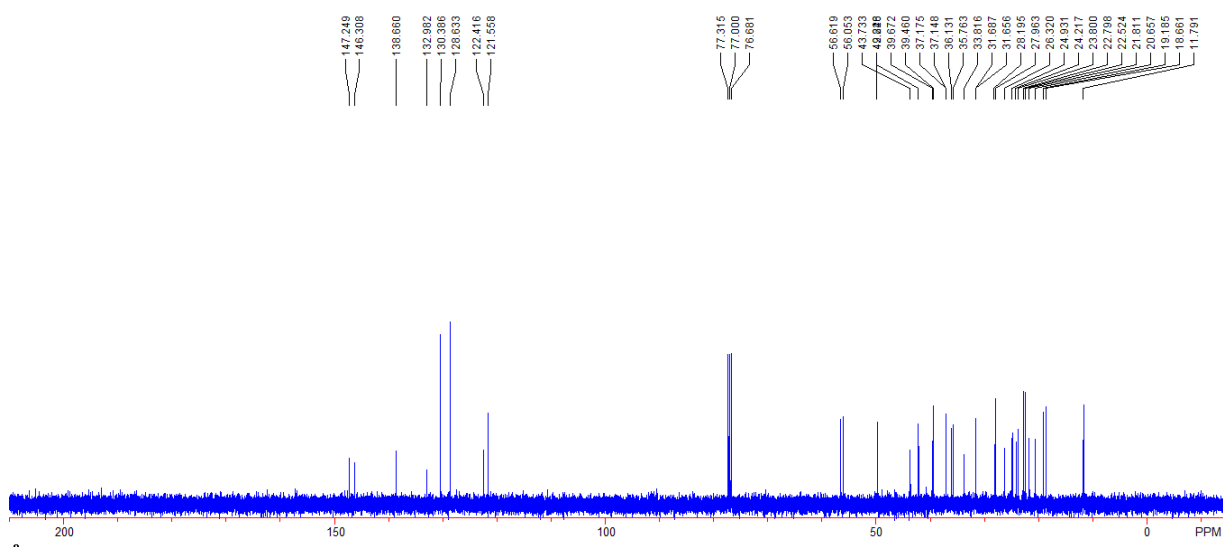
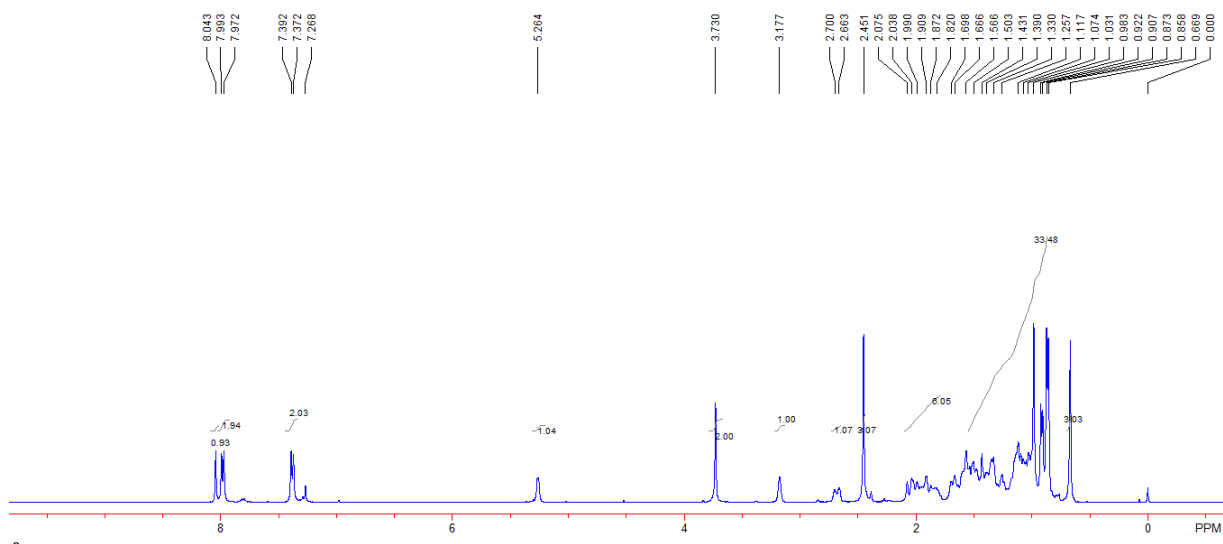
1-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-4-(p-tolylthiomethyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1t**: a white solid; Mp: 147-148 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.0, 29.3, 121.8, 129.80, 129.83, 130.4, 131.1, 131.4, 133.1, 134.9, 137.4, 145.4; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3145, 3021, 2922, 1573, 1492, 1396, 1366, 1191, 1178, 1069, 1007, 966, 808, 846, 670 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅BrN₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 423.9784, found: 423.9783.



4-(((1*S*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl)thio)methyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1u**: a white solid; Mp: 119-120 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.63 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.82-0.90 (m, 7H), 0.98-1.18 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.3, 21.0, 21.8, 22.0, 25.1, 26.0, 26.4, 29.8, 35.2, 39.9, 46.4, 48.6, 121.6, 128.6, 130.4, 133.0, 146.4, 147.2; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2947, 2917, 2868, 1595, 1394, 1276, 1261, 1195, 1092, 1010, 970, 750, 671 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₀H₃₀N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 408.1774, found: 408.1777.

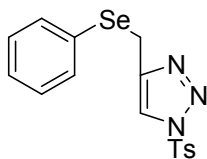


4-(((3*R*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((*S*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)thio)methyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **1v**: a white solid; Mp: 125-126 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.67 (s, 3H), 0.85-1.70 (m, 33H), 1.82-2.08 (m, 6H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 11.8, 18.7, 19.2, 20.7, 21.8, 22.5, 22.8, 23.8, 24.2, 24.9, 26.3, 28.0, 28.2, 31.66, 31.69, 33.8, 35.8, 36.1, 37.1, 37.2, 39.5, 39.7, 42.2, 43.7, 49.8, 56.1, 56.6, 121.6, 122.4, 128.6, 130.4, 133.0, 138.7, 146.3, 147.2; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3131, 2930, 2868, 1595, 1460, 1388, 1303, 1193, 1180, 1094, 1013, 816, 705, 686 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₇H₅₆N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 638.3808, found: 638.3812.

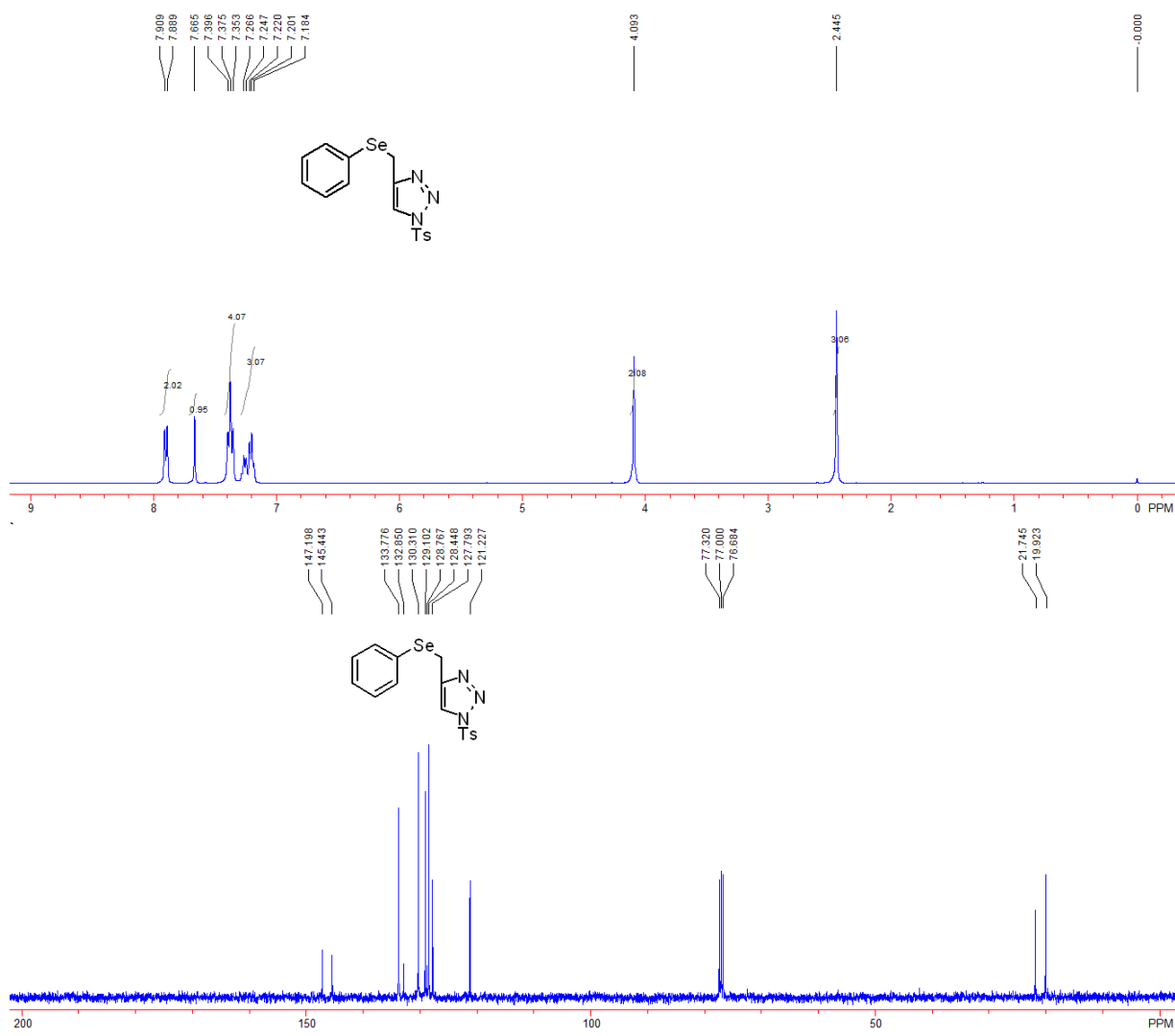


Selenium-tethered triazole **1w**:

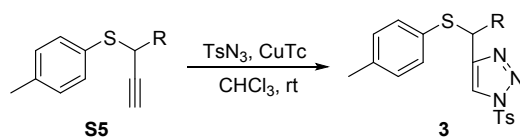
When selenium-tethered triazole (**1w**) was employed as substrate, there is no obvious product could be separated, namely complex reaction mixtures were formed.



4-((phenylselenanyl)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **1w**: a white solid; Mp: 137-138 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 7.18-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 19.9, 21.7, 121.2, 127.8, 128.4, 128.8, 129.1, 130.3, 132.9, 133.8, 135.4, 137.2; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3149, 3055, 2989, 1594, 1478, 1391, 1307, 1194, 1178, 1090, 1008, 967, 812, 733, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 394.0123, found: 394.0125.

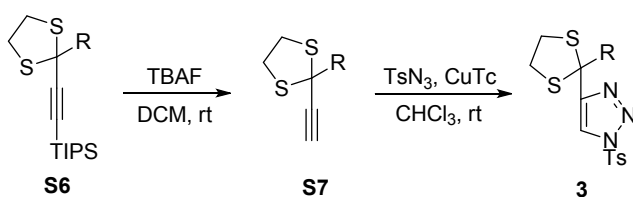


General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3a-3c:



Compounds **3** were synthesized according to the similar procedure as that of **1** except using **S5**¹ instead of **S4**.

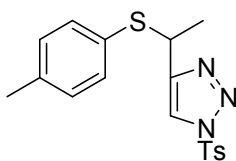
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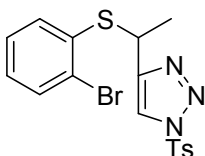
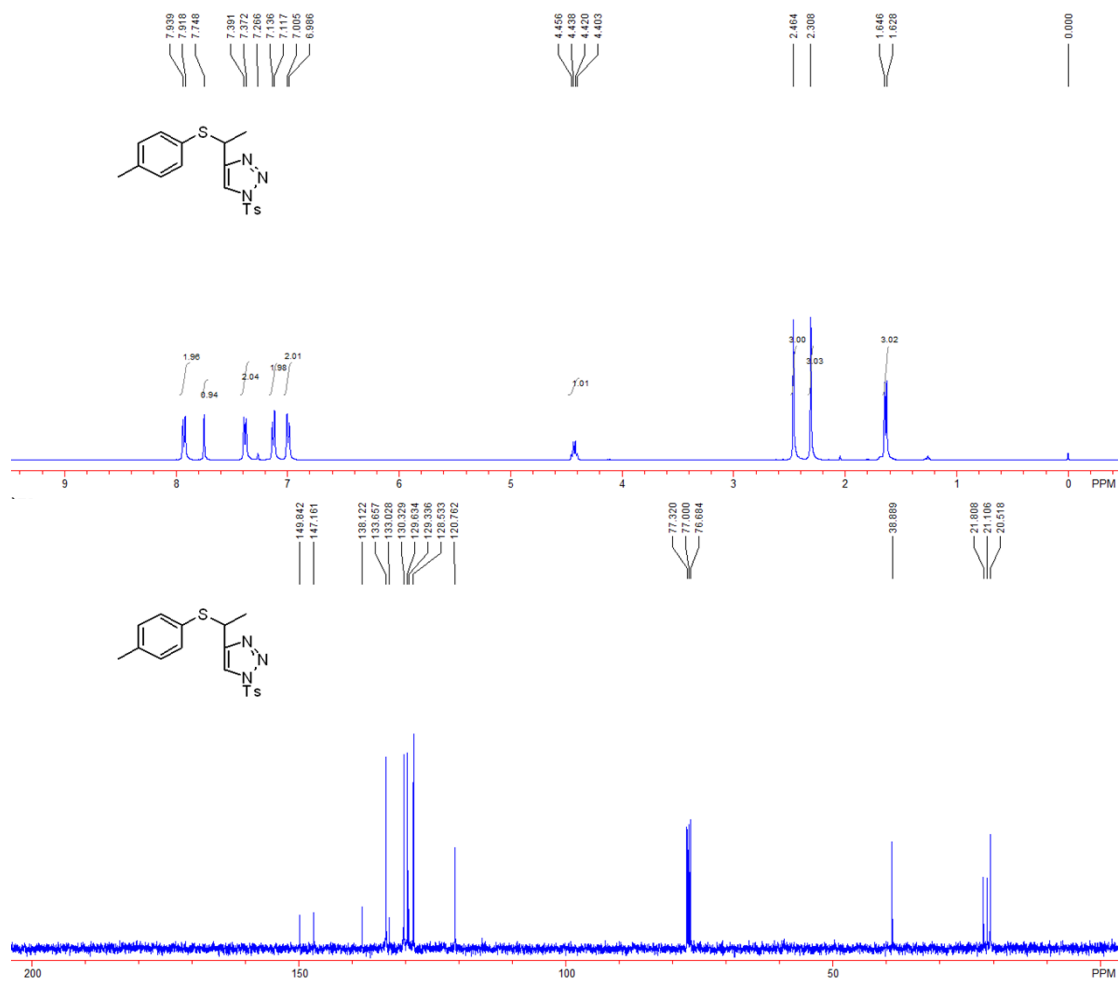
Compound **S6**² (5.0 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and TBAF (1.0 M in DCM, 1.0 eq) was added. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the DCM was removed under vacuum. The resulting crude product **S7** was used in the next step without further purification.

Compounds **3** were synthesized according to the similar procedure as that of **1** except using **S7** instead of **S4**.

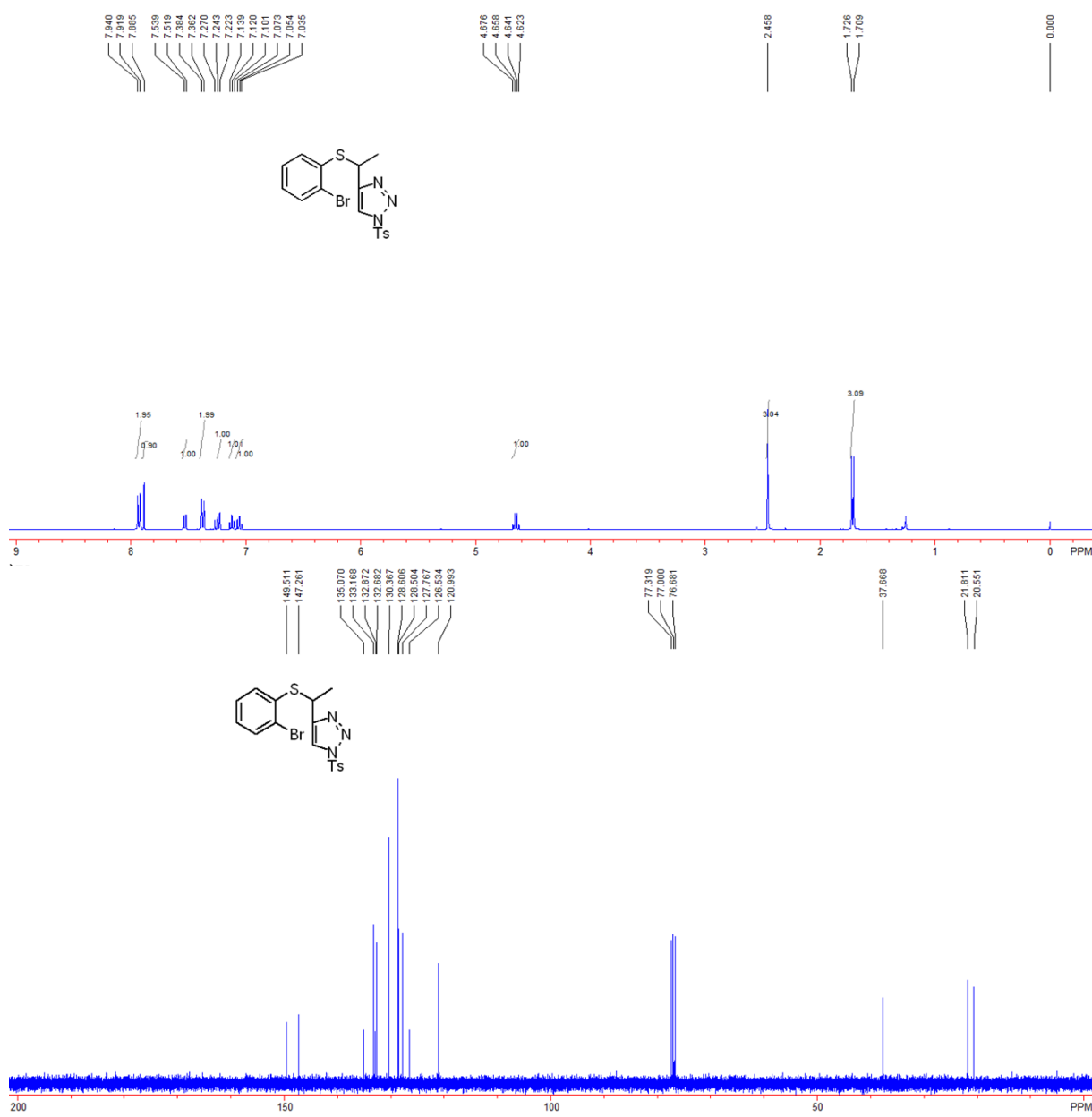
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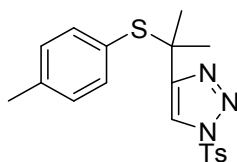


4-(1-(*p*-tolylthio)ethyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **3a**: a white solid; Mp: 90-92 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.43 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.5, 21.1, 21.8, 38.9, 120.8, 128.5, 129.3, 129.6, 130.3, 133.0, 133.7, 138.1, 147.2, 149.8; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3146, 2926, 1595, 1447, 1265, 1197, 1179, 1090, 1007, 983, 813, 702, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 374.0991, found: 374.1006.

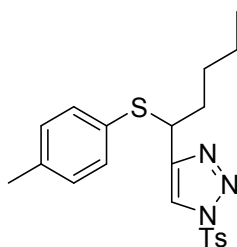
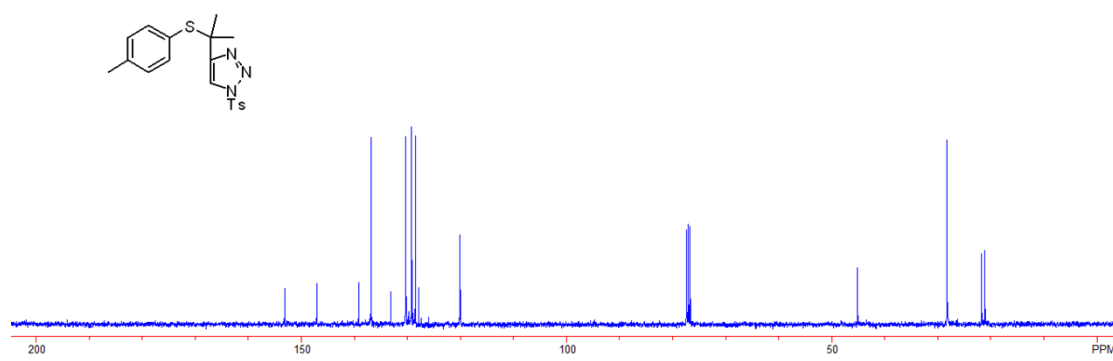
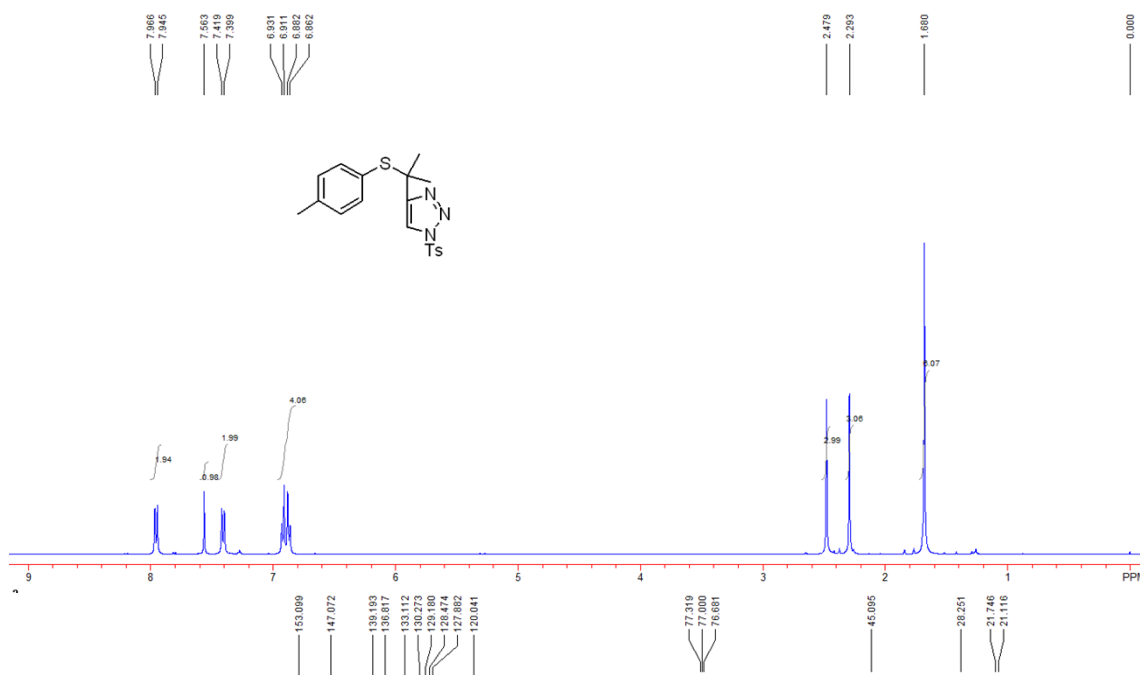


4-(1-((2-bromophenyl)thio)ethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole **3b**: a white solid; Mp: 99-101 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.65 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.6, 21.8, 37.7, 121.0, 126.5, 127.8, 128.5, 128.6, 130.4, 132.7, 132.9, 133.2, 135.1, 147.3, 149.5; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3056, 2926, 1753, 1595, 1448, 1265, 1195, 1180, 1091, 1007, 981, 813, 702, 671 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇BrN₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 437.9940, found: 437.9939.

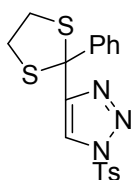
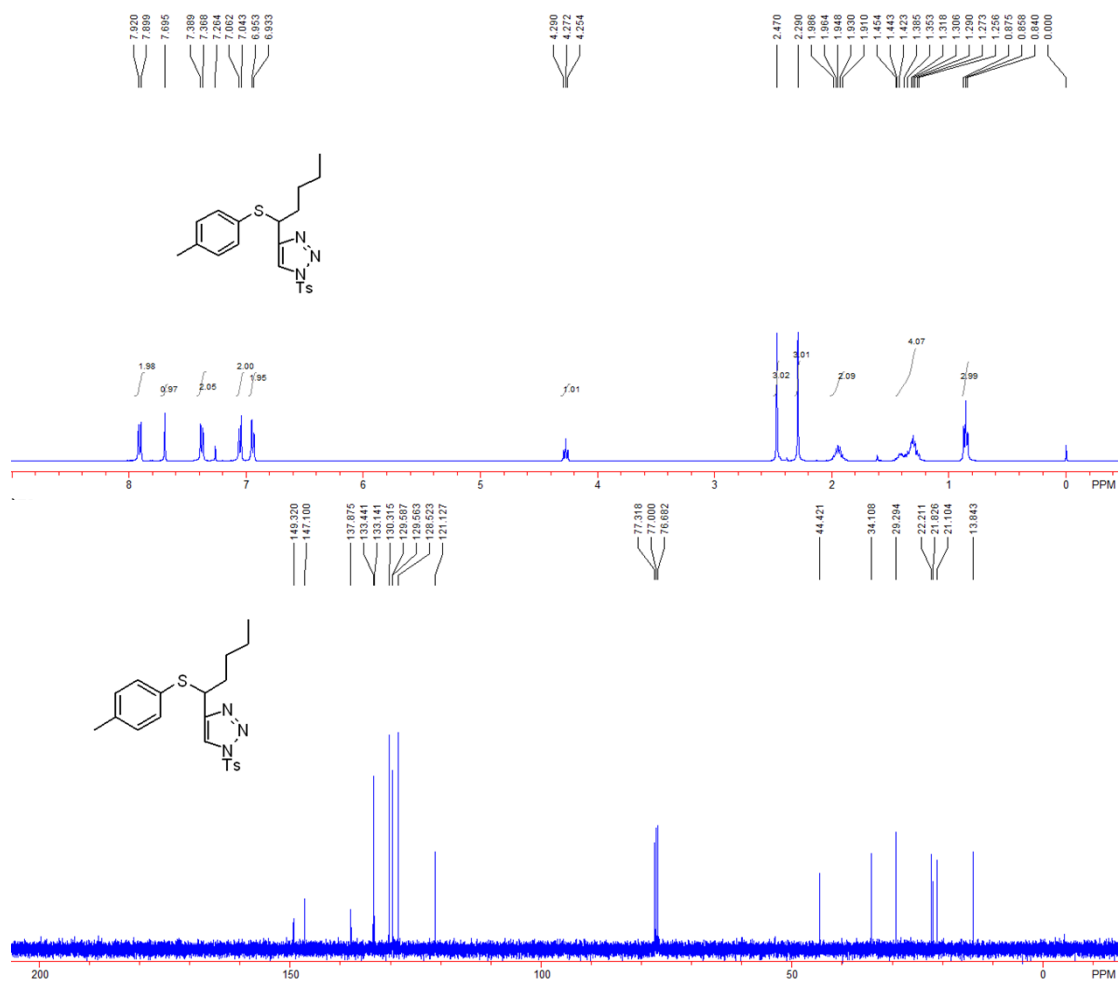




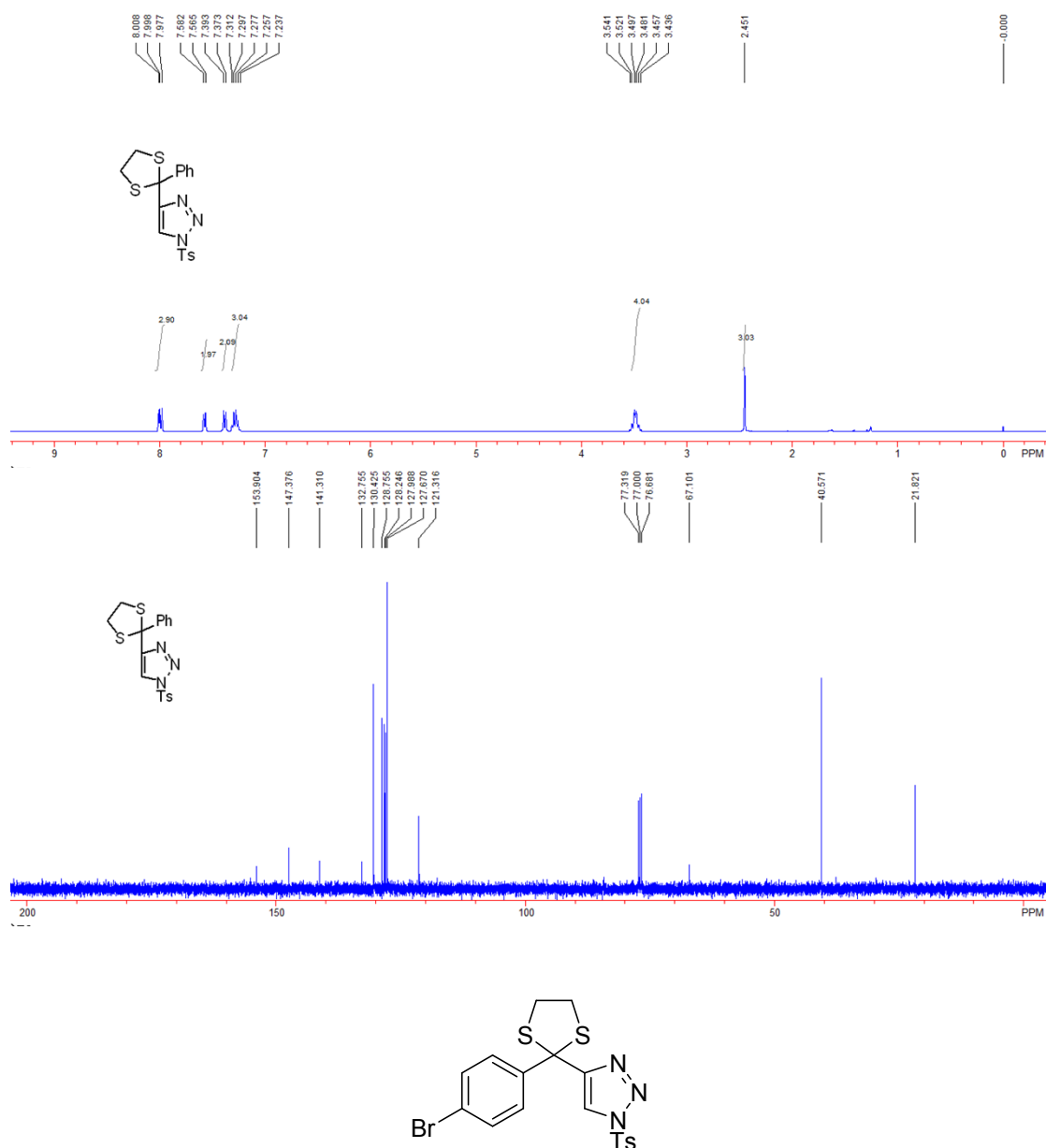
4-(2-(*p*-tolylthio)propan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **3c**: a white solid; Mp: 89-90 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.68 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.1, 21.7, 28.3, 45.1, 120.0, 127.9, 128.5, 129.2, 130.3, 133.1, 136.8, 139.2, 147.1, 153.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂N₃O₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 388.1148, found: 388.1150.



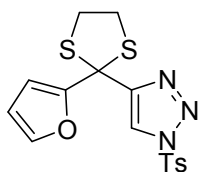
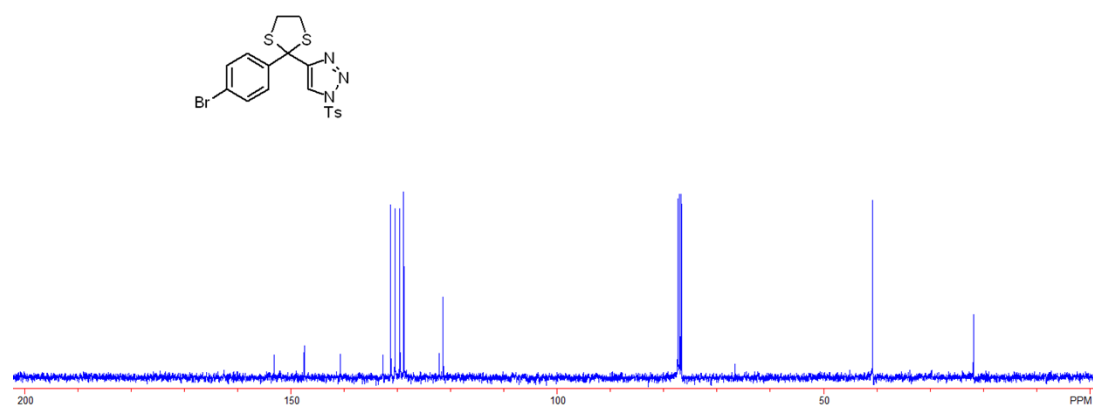
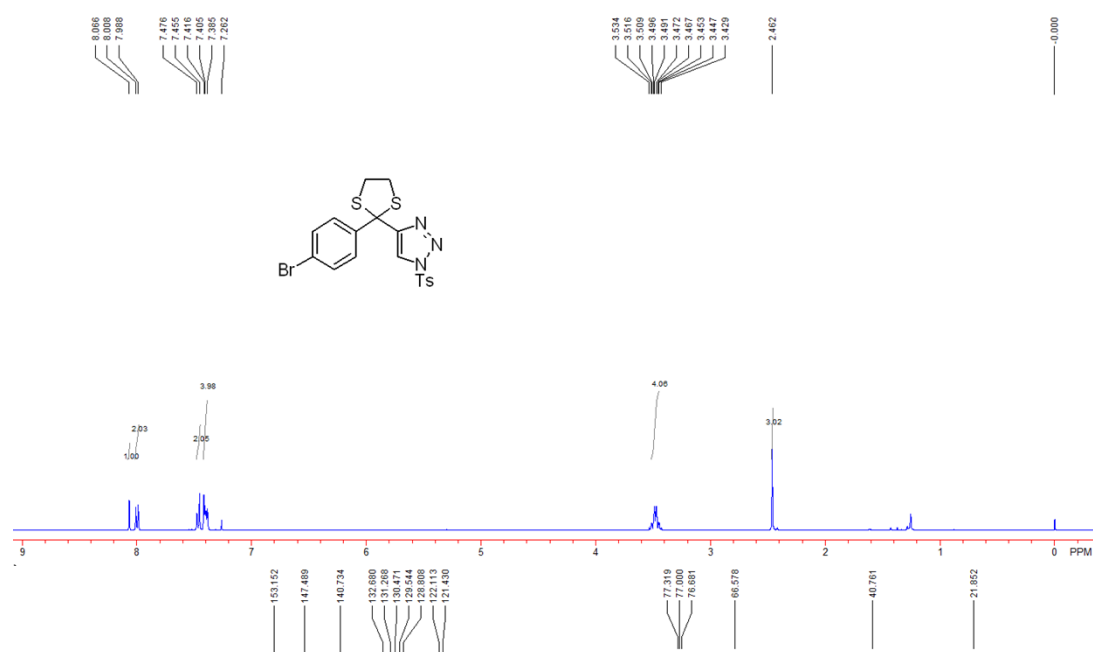
4-(1-(*p*-tolylthio)pentyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **3d**: a white oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.86 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.91-1.99 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 4.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 13.8, 21.1, 21.8, 22.2, 29.3, 34.1, 44.4, 121.1, 128.5, 129.56, 129.59, 130.3, 133.1, 133.4, 137.9, 147.1, 149.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 416.1461, found: 416.1462.



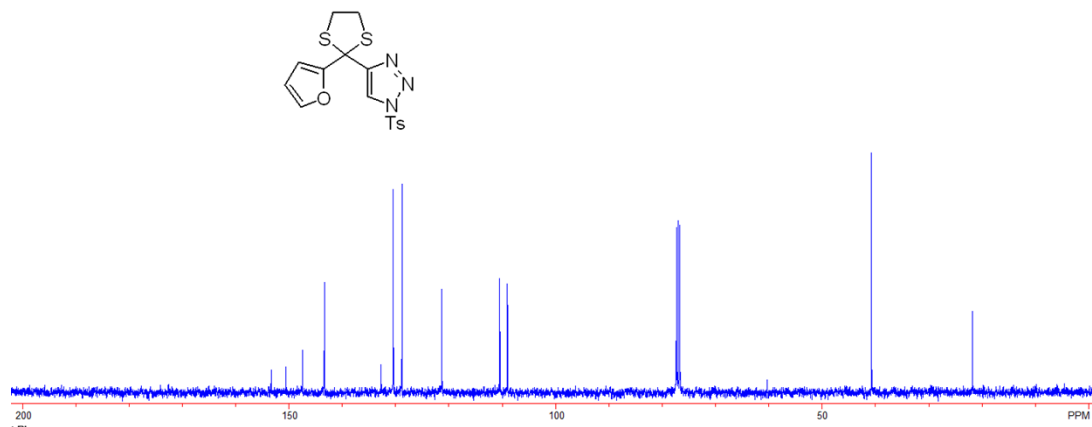
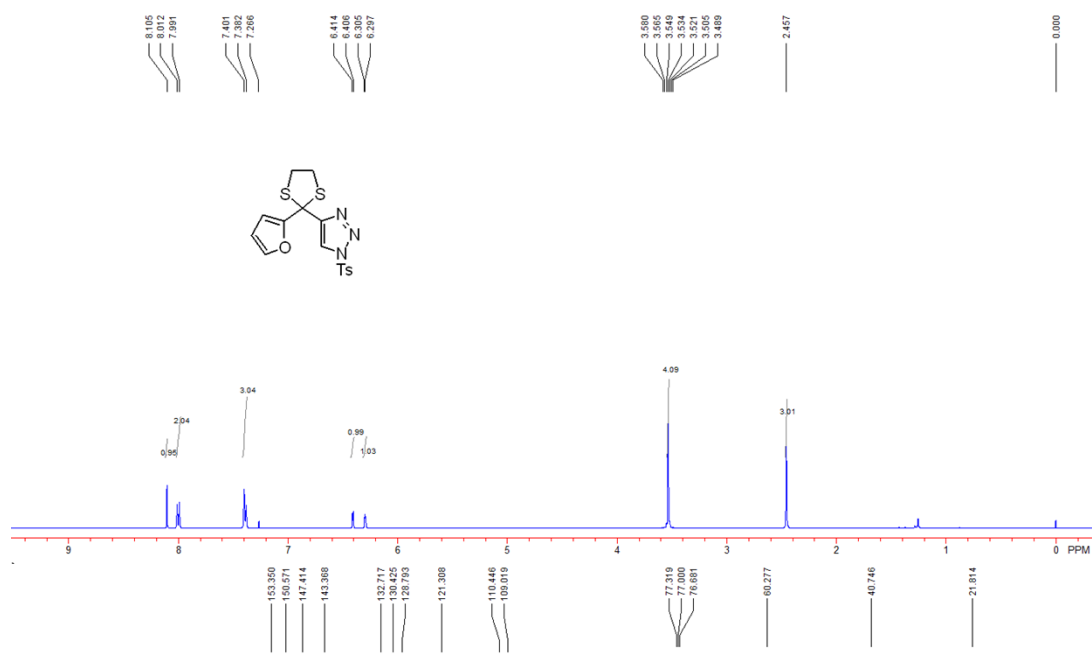
4-(2-phenyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **3e**: a brown solid; Mp: 169-171 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.55 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 40.6, 67.1, 121.3, 127.7, 128.0, 128.2, 128.8, 130.4, 132.8, 141.3, 147.4, 153.9; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3159, 2922, 2853, 1592, 1488, 1389, 1210, 1195, 1173, 1089, 1009, 975, 811, 699, 669 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 404.0556, found: 404.0569.



4-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **3f**: a white solid; Mp: 156-157 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.42-3.53 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.48 (m, 6H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.9, 40.8, 66.6, 121.4, 122.1, 128.8, 129.5, 130.5, 131.3, 132.7, 140.7, 147.5, 153.2; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3142, 2920, 2850, 1592, 1485, 1388, 1342, 1212, 1195, 1174, 1088, 1008, 973, 810, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇BrN₃O₂S₃ (M+H)⁺: 481.9668, found: 481.9661.



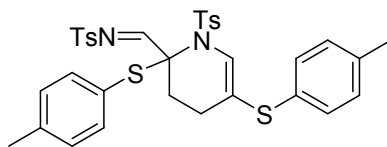
4-(2-(furan-2-yl)-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole **3g**: a white solid; Mp: 166-167 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.58 (m, 4H), 6.30 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 3H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.11 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.8, 40.8, 60.3, 109.0, 110.4, 121.3, 128.8, 130.4, 132.7, 143.4, 147.4, 150.6, 153.4; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3116, 2924, 2851, 1591, 1490, 1399, 1192, 1170, 1149, 1089, 1013, 978, 849, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 394.0348, found: 394.0355.



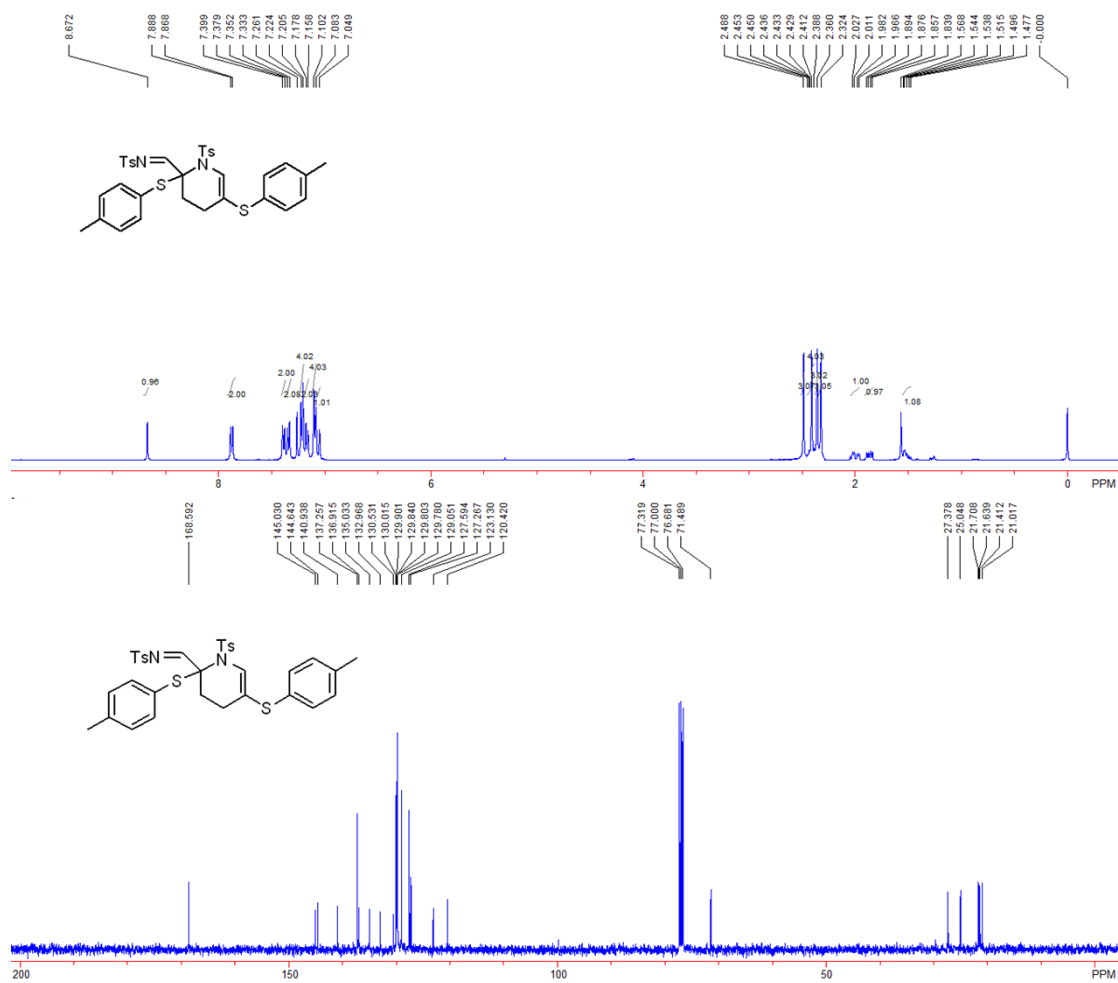
General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 2 and 4

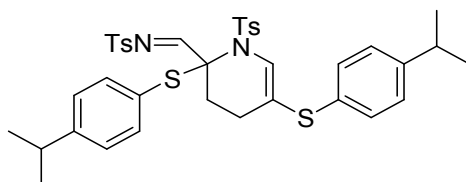
A solution of compound **1** or **3** (0.2 mmol) and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ (1.2 mg, 0.002 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) was stirred at 80 °C under N_2 for an appropriate time. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the mixture was purified by silica gel column flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 8 / 1) to afford the product **2** or **4** in good yield.

Spectroscopic Data of Substrates 2 and 4:

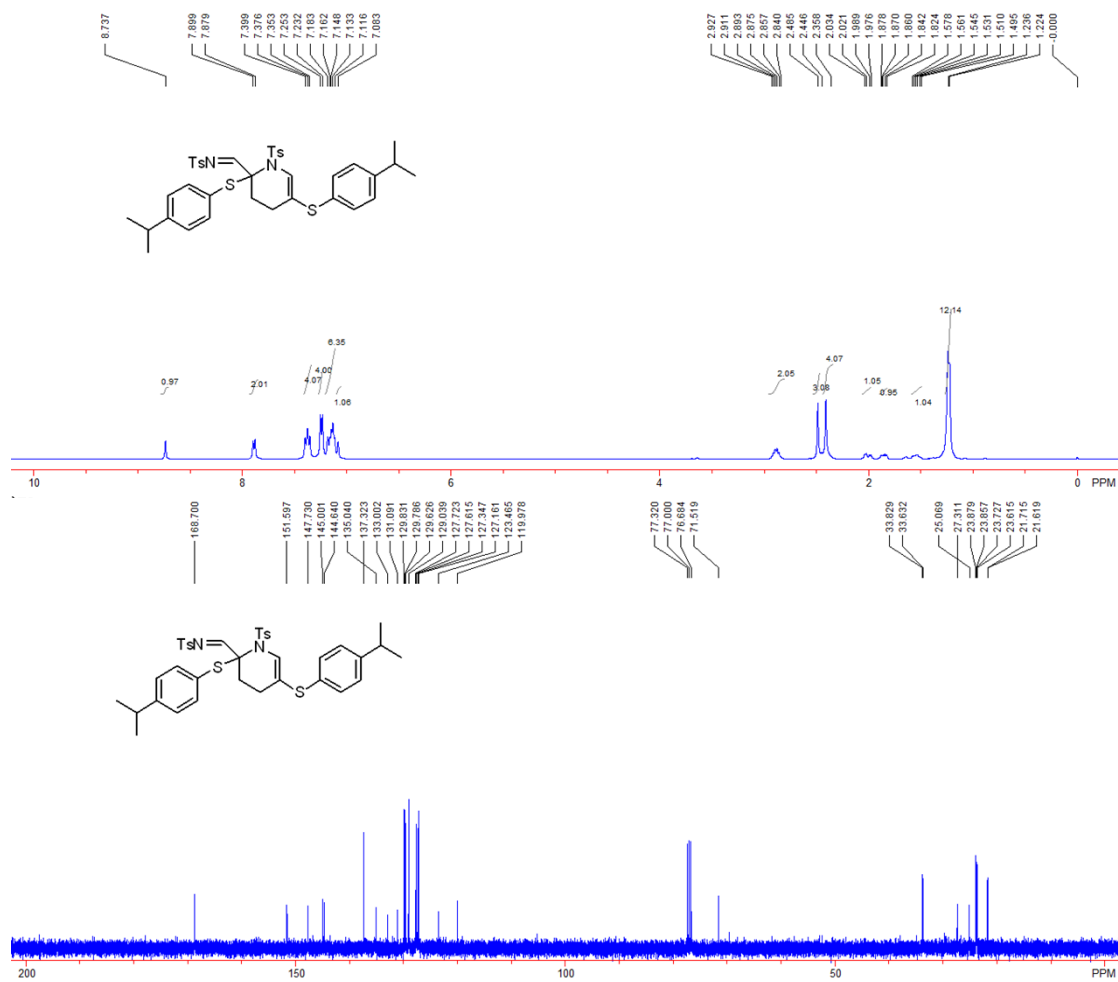


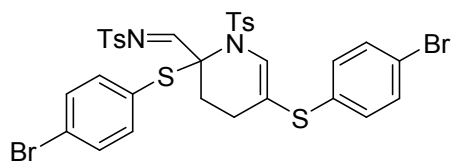
N-((2,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2a**: 60 mg, 91% yield, a white solid; Mp: 68-70 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.47-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.87 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.46 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.0, 21.4, 21.6, 21.7, 25.0, 27.4, 71.5, 120.4, 123.1, 127.3, 127.6, 129.1, 129.78, 129.80, 129.84, 129.9, 130.0, 130.5, 133.0, 135.0, 136.9, 137.3, 140.9, 144.6, 145.0, 168.6; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3024, 2922, 2865, 1616, 1596, 1491, 1345, 1327, 1161, 1089, 1044, 965, 809, 659 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 663.1474, found: 663.1479.



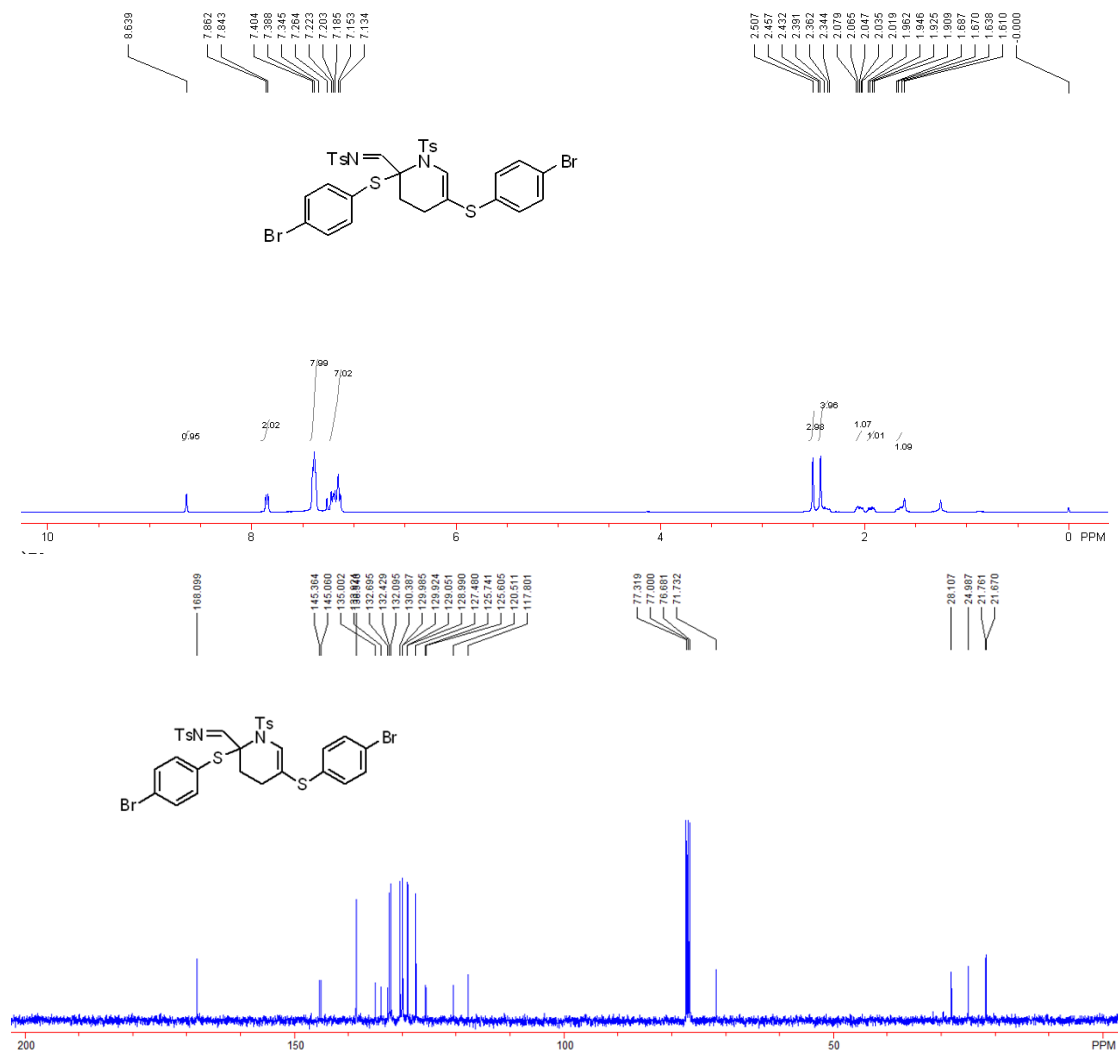


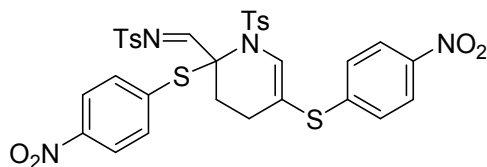
N-((2,5-bis(4-isopropylphenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2b**: 68 mg, 91% yield, a colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.22-1.24 (m, 12H), 1.49-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.97-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.84-2.93 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.40 (m, 14H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.74 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 23.6, 23.7, 23.86, 23.88, 25.1, 27.3, 33.6, 33.8, 71.5, 120.0, 123.5, 127.2, 127.3, 127.6, 127.7, 129.0, 129.6, 129.79, 129.83, 131.1, 133.0, 135.0, 137.3, 144.6, 145.0, 147.7, 151.6, 168.7; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3069, 2960, 2872, 1615, 1596, 1486, 1366, 1345, 1346, 1185, 1089, 1050, 813, 735, 658 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 719.2100, found: 719.2104.



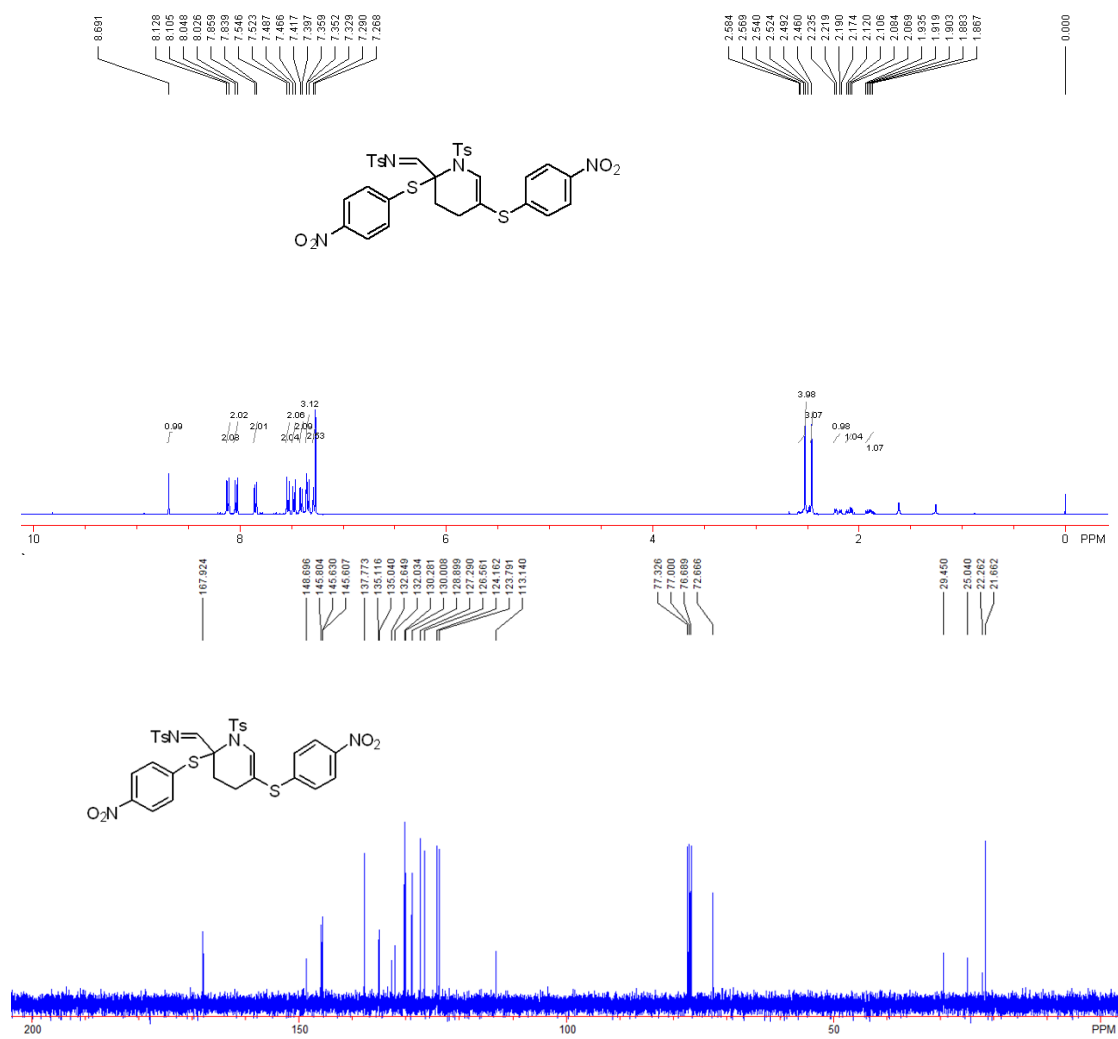


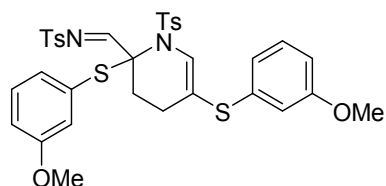
N-((2,5-bis(4-bromophenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2c**: 74mg, 93% yield, a white solid; Mp: 147-148 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.61-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.01-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.46 (m, 4H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 7.13-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 8H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.64 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.7, 21.8, 25.0, 28.1, 71.7, 117.8, 120.5, 125.6, 125.7, 127.5, 129.0, 129.1, 129.9, 130.0, 130.4, 132.1, 132.4, 132.7, 133.9, 135.0, 138.5, 145.1, 145.4, 168.1; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3055, 2923, 2852, 1622, 1471, 1368, 1346 1161, 1087, 1007, 811, 733, 657cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 790.9371, found: 790.9376.



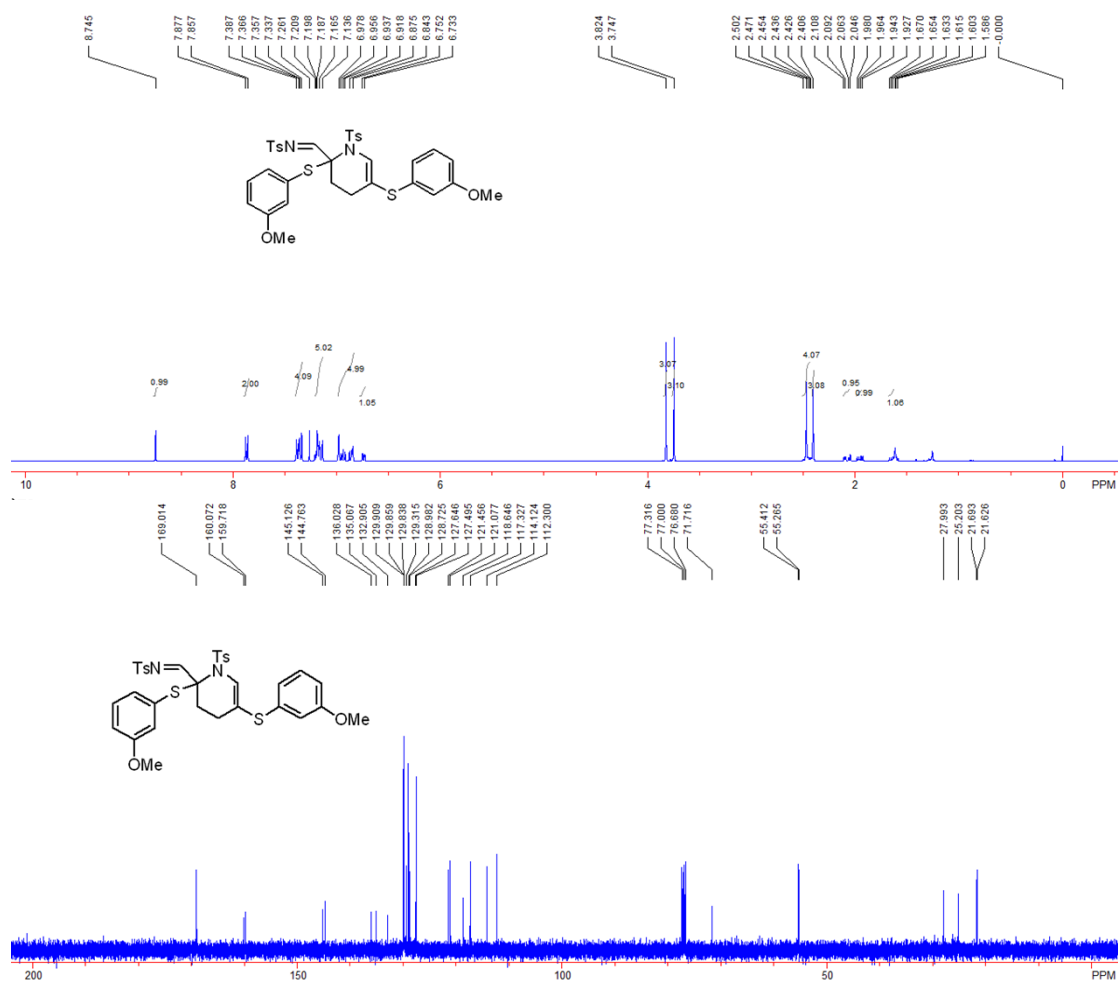


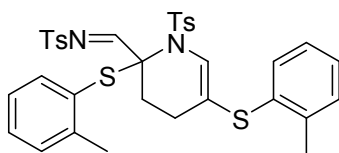
N-((2,5-bis(4-nitrophenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **2d**: 62mg, 86% yield, a white solid; Mp: 105-106 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.86-1.94 (m, 1H), 2.10 (dd, $J_1 = 6.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, $J_1 = 6.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.59 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.69 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.7, 22.3, 25.0, 29.5, 72.7, 113.1, 123.8, 124.2, 126.6, 127.3, 128.9, 130.0, 130.3, 132.0, 132.6, 135.0, 135.1, 137.8, 145.61, 145.63, 145.8, 148.7, 167.9; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3096, 2923, 2852, 1628, 1515, 1336, 1161, 1087, 852, 731, 658 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 725.0863, found: 725.0864.



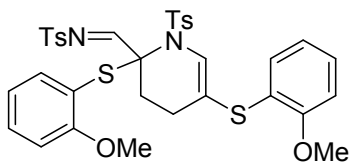
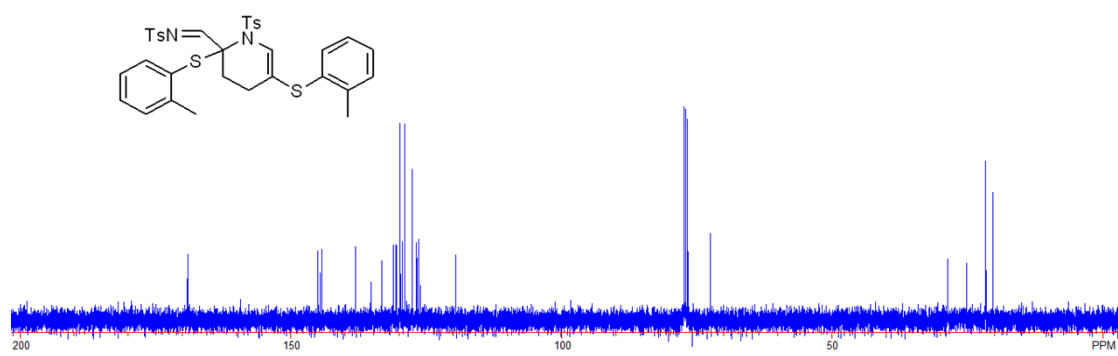
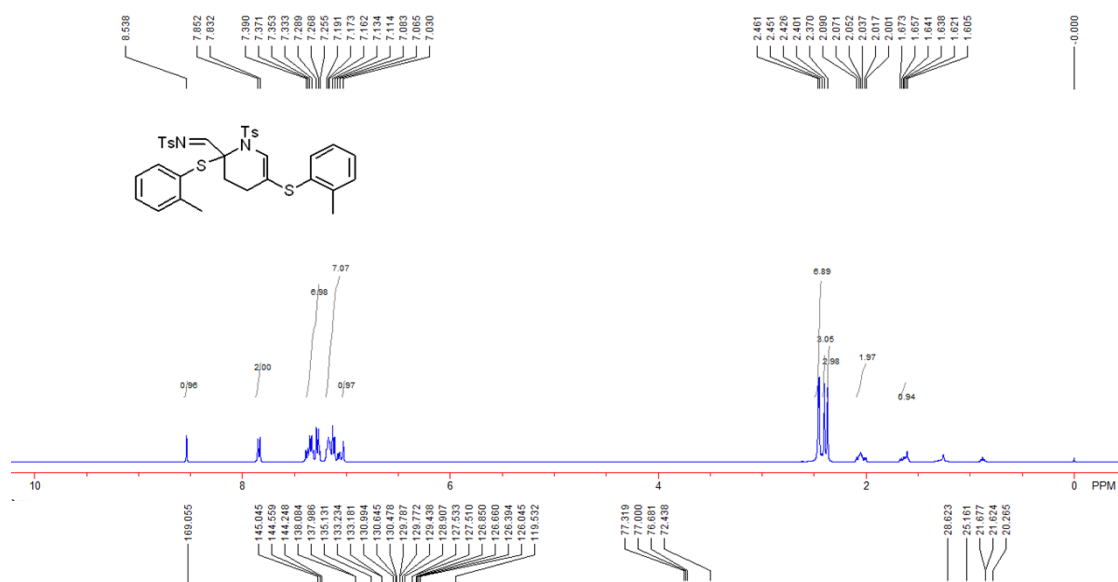


N-((2,5-bis((3-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2e**: 65 mg, 94% yield, a white solid; Mp: 150-152 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.58-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.95 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.98 (m, 5H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 28.0, 55.3, 55.4, 71.7, 112.3, 114.1, 117.3, 118.6, 121.1, 121.5, 127.5, 127.6, 128.7, 129.0, 129.3, 129.8, 129.86, 129.91, 132.9, 135.1, 136.0, 144.8, 145.1, 159.7, 160.1, 169.0; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2961, 2925, 2838, 1620, 1589, 1479, 1164, 1090, 1039, 814, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₆S₄ (M+H)⁺: 695.1372, found: 695.1381.

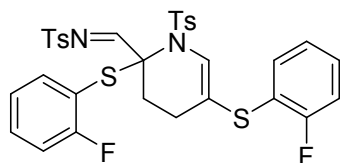
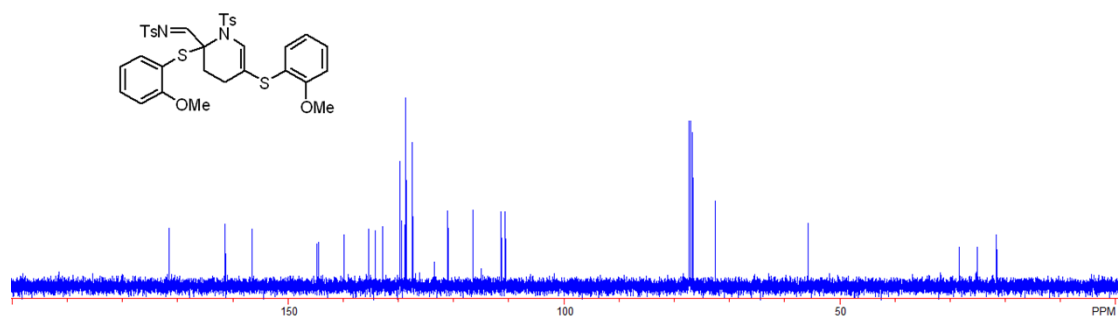
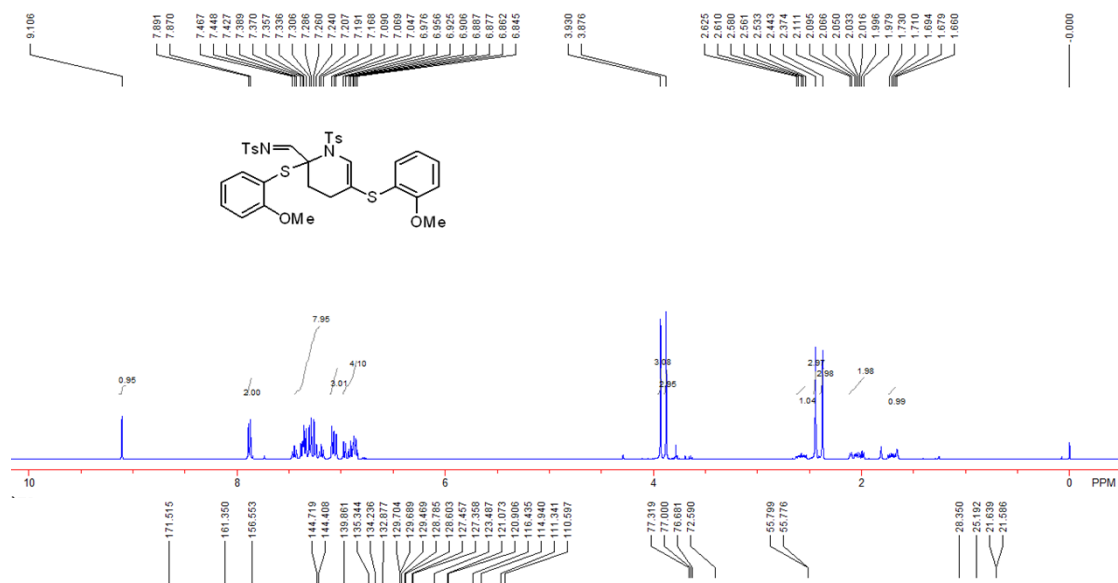




N-((2,5-bis(*o*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2f**: 58 mg, 88% yield, a white solid; Mp: 115-117 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.60-1.68 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.42-2.47 (m, 7H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.20 (m, 7H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 7H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.3, 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 28.6, 72.4, 119.5, 126.0, 126.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.51, 127.53, 128.9, 129.4, 129.77, 129.78, 130.5, 130.6, 131.0, 133.18, 133.23, 135.1, 138.0, 138.1, 144.2, 144.6, 145.0, 169.1; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3060, 2924, 2855, 1615, 1596, 1469, 1345, 1327, 1161, 1090, 1043, 813, 735, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 663.1474, found: 663.1480.

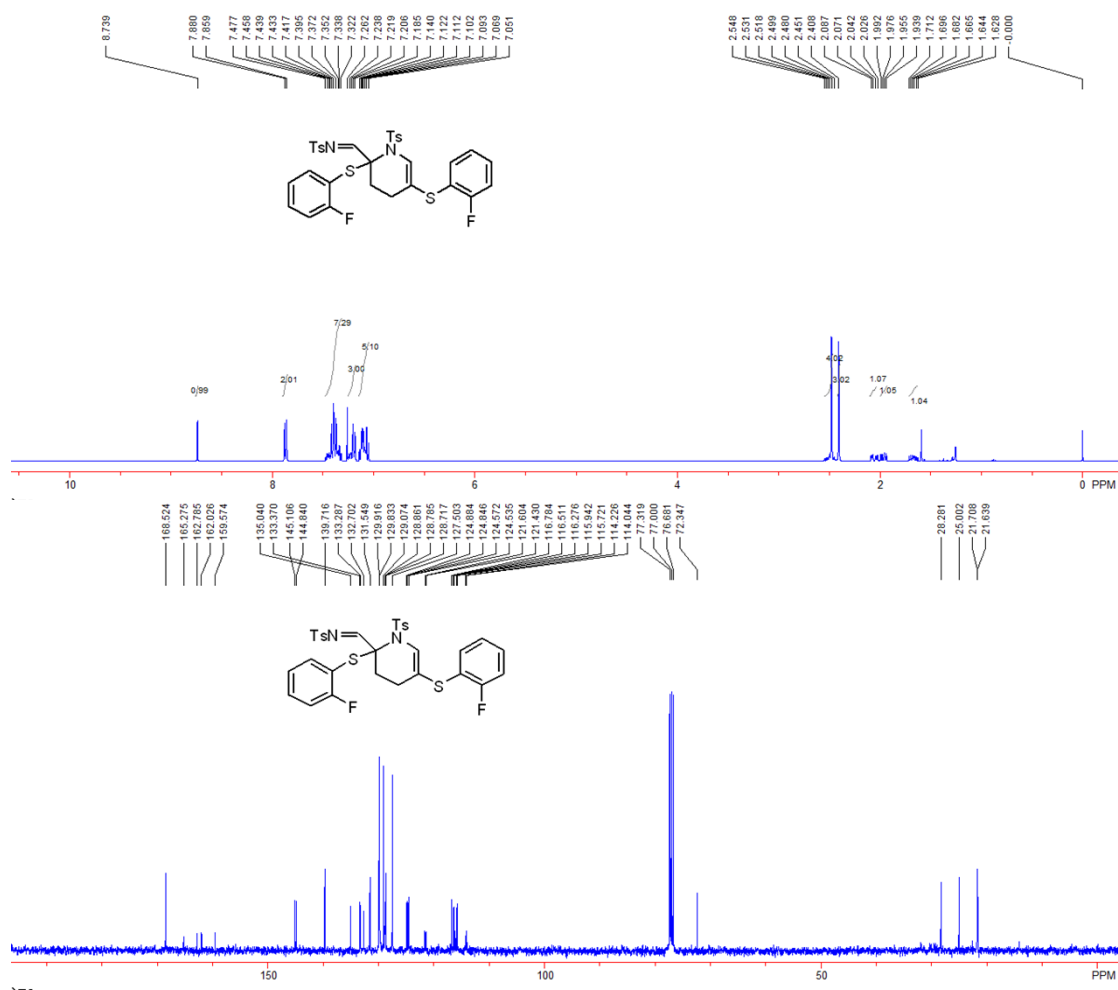


N-((2,5-bis((2-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2g**: 51 mg, 73% yield, a white solid; Mp: 90-91 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.66-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.97-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.63 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.84-6.98 (m, 4H), 7.04-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.47 (m, 8H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 9.11 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.59, 21.64, 25.2, 28.4, 55.78, 55.80, 72.6, 110.6, 111.3, 114.9, 116.4, 120.9, 121.1, 123.5, 127.4, 127.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.5, 129.69, 129.70, 132.9, 134.2, 135.3, 139.9, 144.4, 144.7, 156.6, 161.4, 171.5; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3063, 2923, 2851, 1615, 1581, 1475, 1325, 1243, 1159, 1090, 1021, 968, 814, 735, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₆S₄ (M+H)⁺: 695.1372, found: 695.1378.



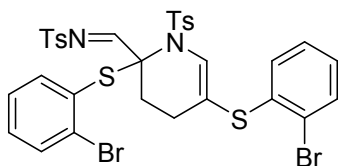
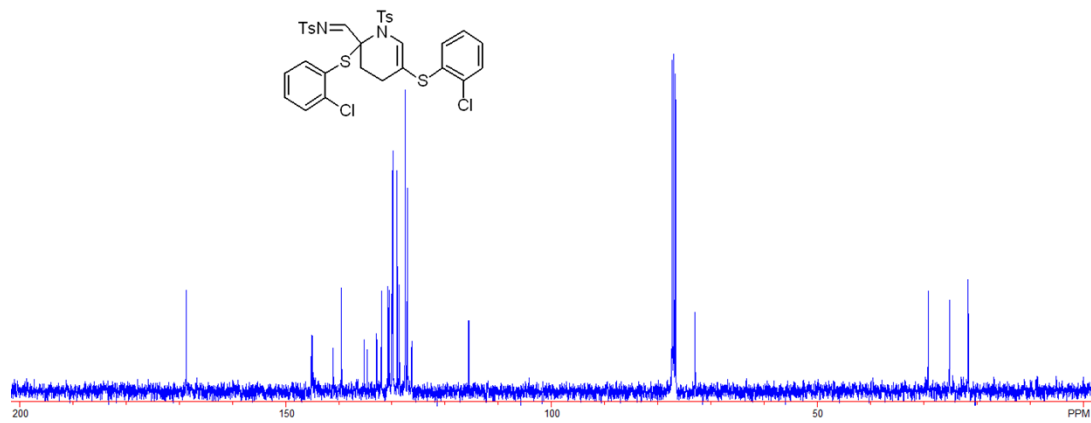
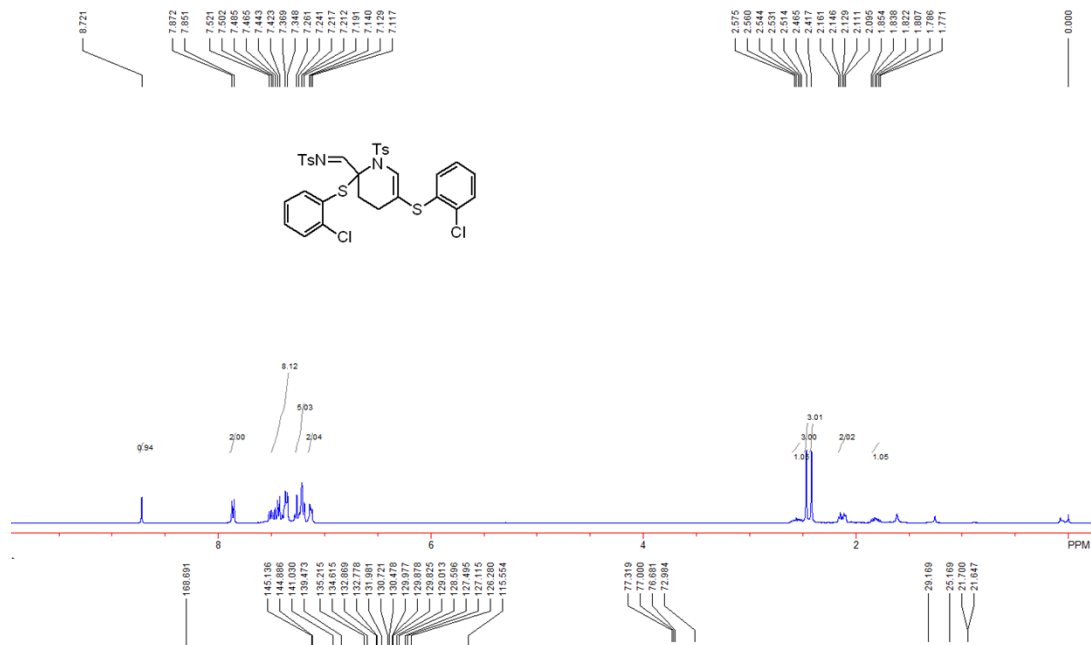
N-((2,5-bis(2-fluorophenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2h**: 55 mg, 81% yield, a white solid; Mp: 75-76 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.62-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4

Hz, $J_2 = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.45-2.55 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.48 (m, 7H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.74 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.0, 28.3, 72.3, 114.1 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 116.4 (d, $J = 23.5$ Hz), 116.8, 121.5 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz), 124.6 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 124.9 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 127.5, 128.7, 128.8 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 129.1, 129.8, 129.9, 131.5, 132.7, 133.3 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 135.0, 139.7, 144.8, 145.1, 160.8 (d, $J = 245.2$ Hz), 164.0 (d, $J = 249.0$ Hz), 168.5; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3066, 2923, 2852, 1618, 1595, 1472, 1346, 1328, 1162, 1090, 1046, 966, 814, 734, 657 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 671.0973, found: 671.0975.



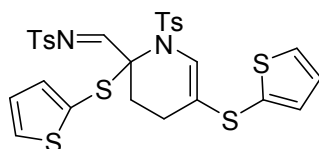
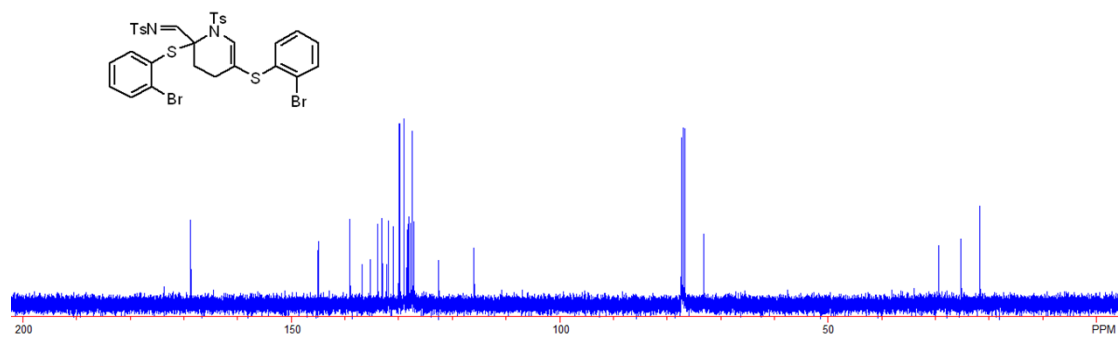
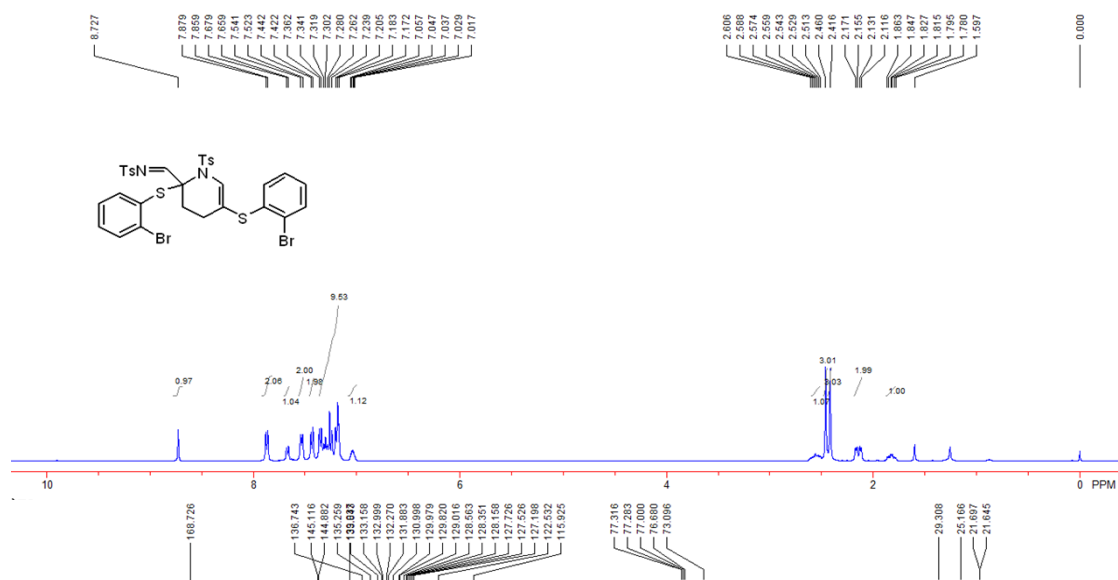
N-((2,5-bis(2-chlorophenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2i**: 62 mg, 87% yield, a white solid; Mp: 150-152 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.77-1.86 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.58 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.53 (m, 8H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz,

2H), 8.72 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 29.2, 73.0, 115.6, 126.3, 127.1, 127.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.8, 129.9, 130.0, 130.5, 130.7, 132.0, 132.8, 132.9, 134.6, 135.2, 139.5, 141.0, 144.9, 145.1, 168.7; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3059, 2924, 2853, 1620, 1596, 1449, 1346, 1328, 1162, 1090, 1032, 813, 733, 657 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 703.0382, found: 703.0388.



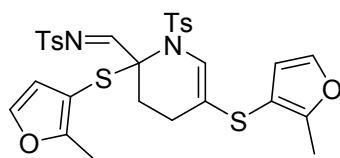
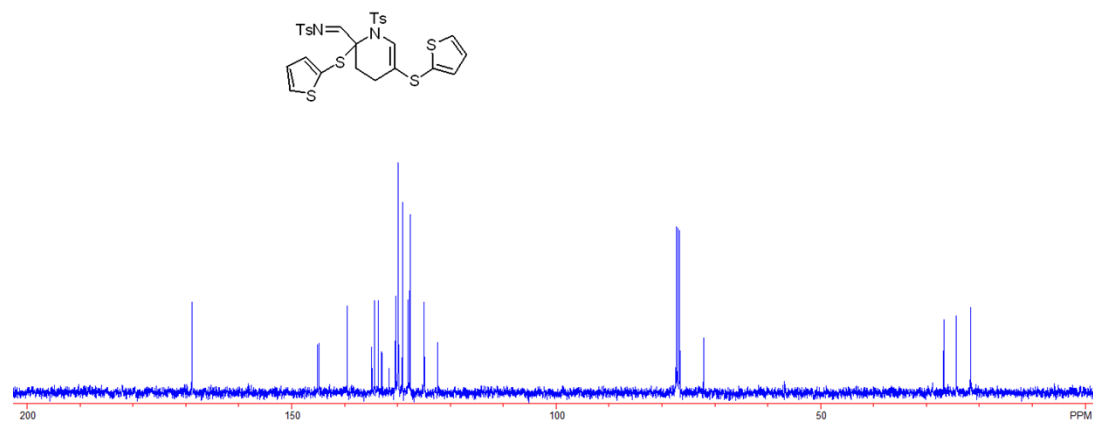
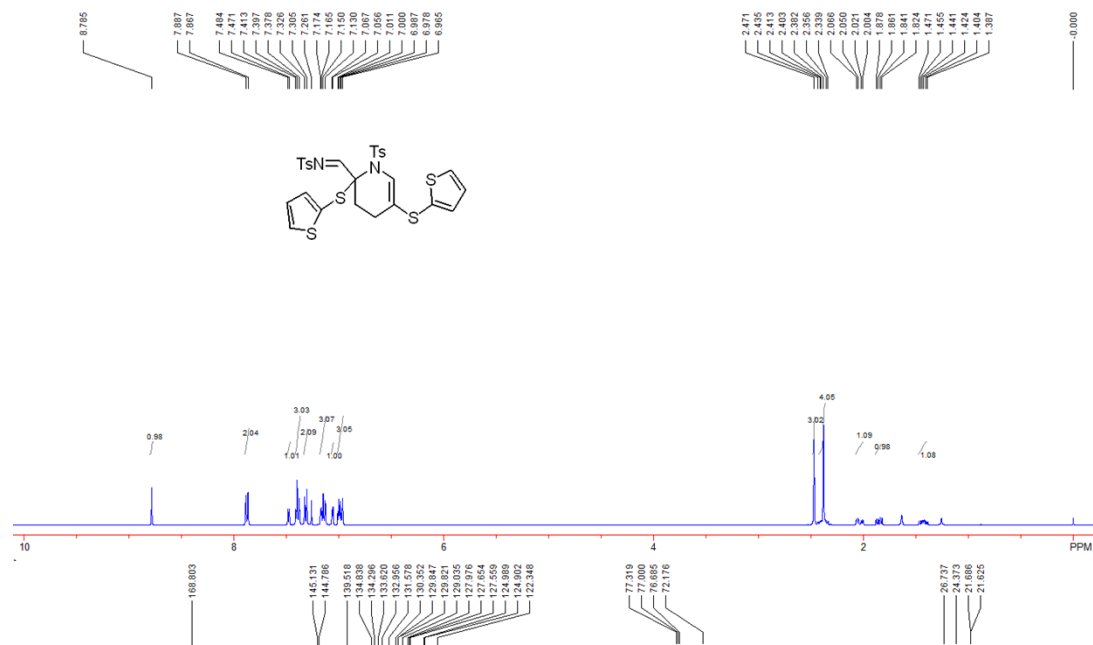
N-((2,5-bis(2-bromophenylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2j**: 66 mg, 81% yield, a white solid; Mp: 119-120 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.78-1.87 (m, 1H), 2.14 (dd, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.61 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.37 (m, 9H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz,

2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.73 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 29.3, 73.1, 115.9, 122.5, 127.2, 127.5, 127.7, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 129.0, 129.8, 130.0, 131.0, 131.9, 132.3, 133.0, 133.2, 133.8, 135.3, 136.7, 139.0, 144.9, 145.1, 168.7; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3060, 2923, 2852, 1620, 1596, 1445, 1346, 1328, 1160, 1090, 1019, 966, 813, 735, 658 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 790.9371, found: 790.9368.



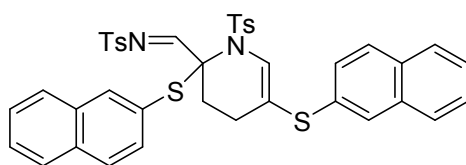
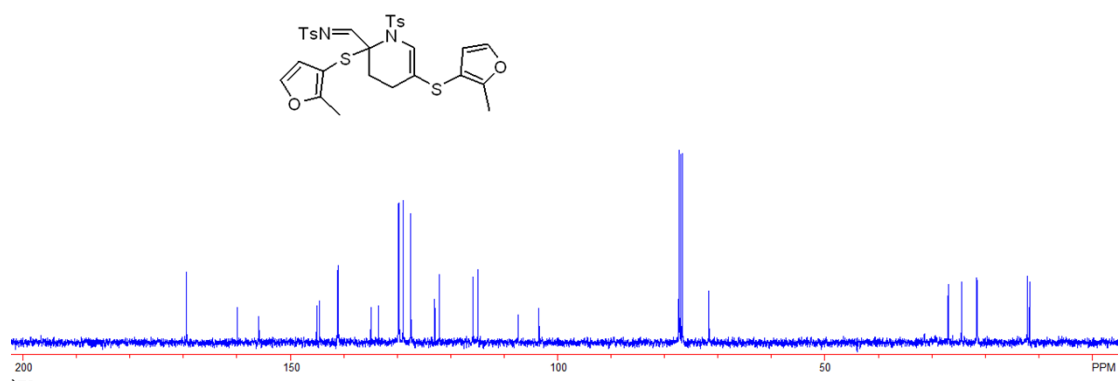
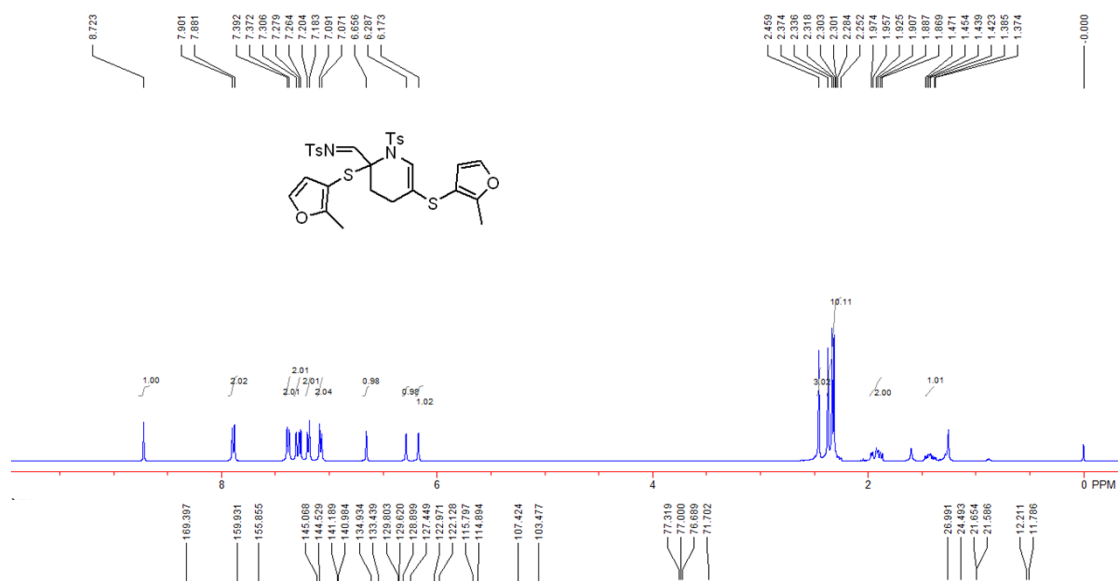
N-((2,5-bis(thiophen-2-ylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2k**: 58 mg, 90% yield, a white solid; Mp: 140-142 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.38-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.33-2.44 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 6.96-7.02 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.79 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7,

24.4, 26.7, 72.2, 122.3, 124.9, 125.0, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 129.0, 129.82, 129.85, 130.4, 131.6, 133.0, 133.6, 134.3, 134.8, 139.5, 144.8, 145.1, 168.8; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3068, 2923, 2852, 1616, 1596, 1326, 1161, 1089, 1043, 965, 813, 733, 657 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₇N₂O₄S₆ (M+H)⁺: 647.0290, found: 647.0292.



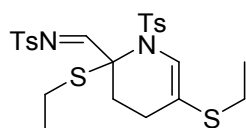
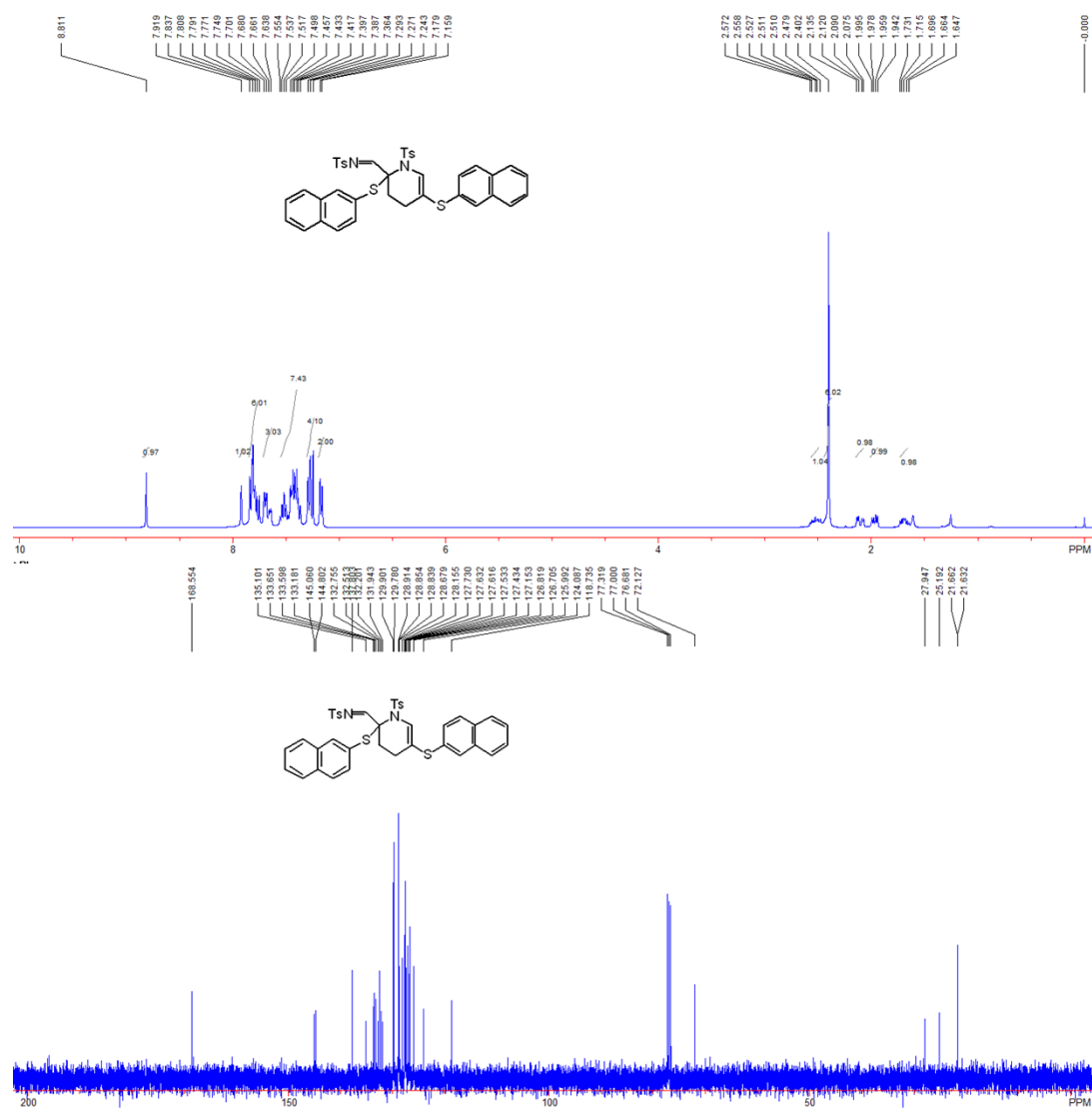
N-((2,5-bis((2-methylfuran-3-yl)thio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **21**: 46 mg, 71% yield, a white solid; Mp: 120-121 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.37-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.38 (m, 10H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.72 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 11.8, 12.2, 21.6, 21.7, 24.5, 27.0, 71.7, 103.5, 107.4, 114.9, 115.8,

122.1, 123.0, 127.4, 128.9, 129.6, 129.8, 133.4, 134.9, 141.0, 141.2, 144.5, 145.1, 155.9, 159.9, 169.4; IR (CH₂Cl₂) v 3066, 2922, 2852, 1615, 1596, 1325, 1160, 1088, 1044, 940, 814, 734, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₃₁N₂O₆S₄ (M+H)⁺: 643.1059, found: 643.1061.



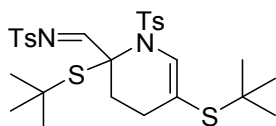
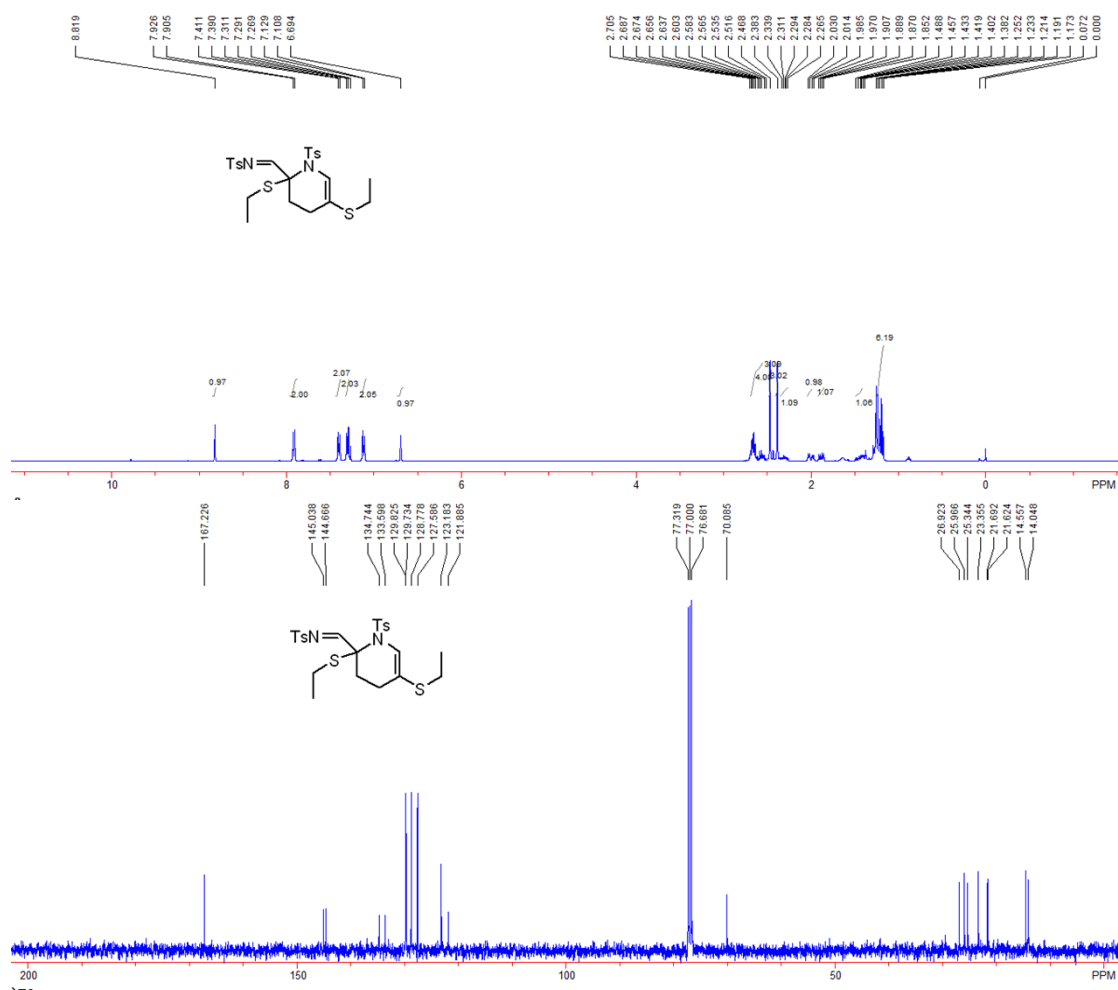
N-((2,5-bis(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2m**: 65 mg, 86% yield, a white solid; Mp: 161-163 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.64-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H), 2.47-2.58 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.56 (m, 7H), 7.63-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.84 (m, 6H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 27.9, 72.1, 118.7, 124.1, 126.0, 126.7, 126.8, 127.2, 127.4, 127.5, 127.62, 127.63, 127.7, 128.2, 128.7, 128.84, 128.85, 128.91, 129.8, 129.9, 131.9, 132.2, 132.5, 132.8, 133.2, 133.6, 133.7, 135.1, 137.8, 144.8, 145.1, 168.6;

IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3054, 2922, 2850, 1623, 1595, 1345, 1327, 1162, 1089, 1045, 963, 812, 733, 657 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₄₀H₃₅N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 735.1474, found: 735.1471.

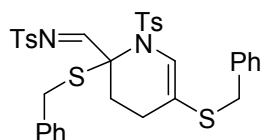
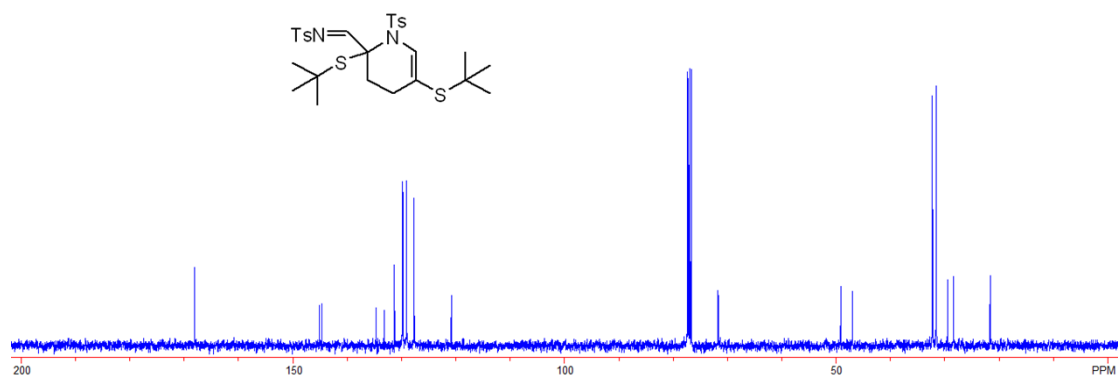
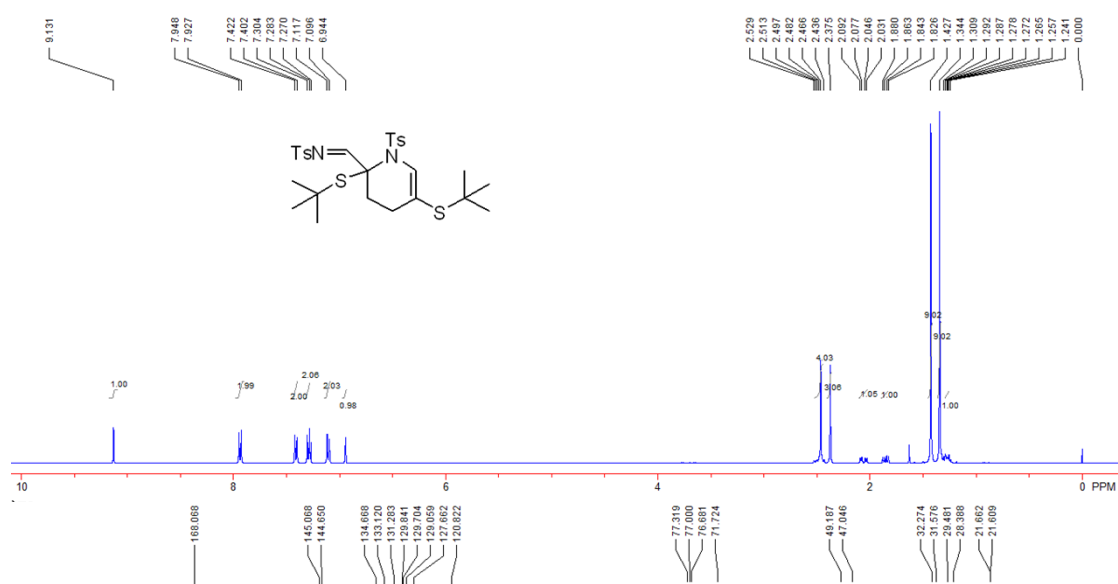


N-((2,5-bis(ethylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2n**: 41 mg, 76% yield, a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.17-1.26 (m, 6H), 1.38-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.71 (m, 4H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.82 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 14.0, 14.6, 21.6, 21.7, 23.4, 25.3, 26.0, 26.9, 70.1, 121.9, 123.2, 127.6, 128.8, 129.7, 129.8, 133.6, 134.7, 144.7, 145.0, 167.2;

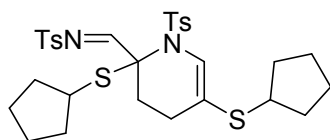
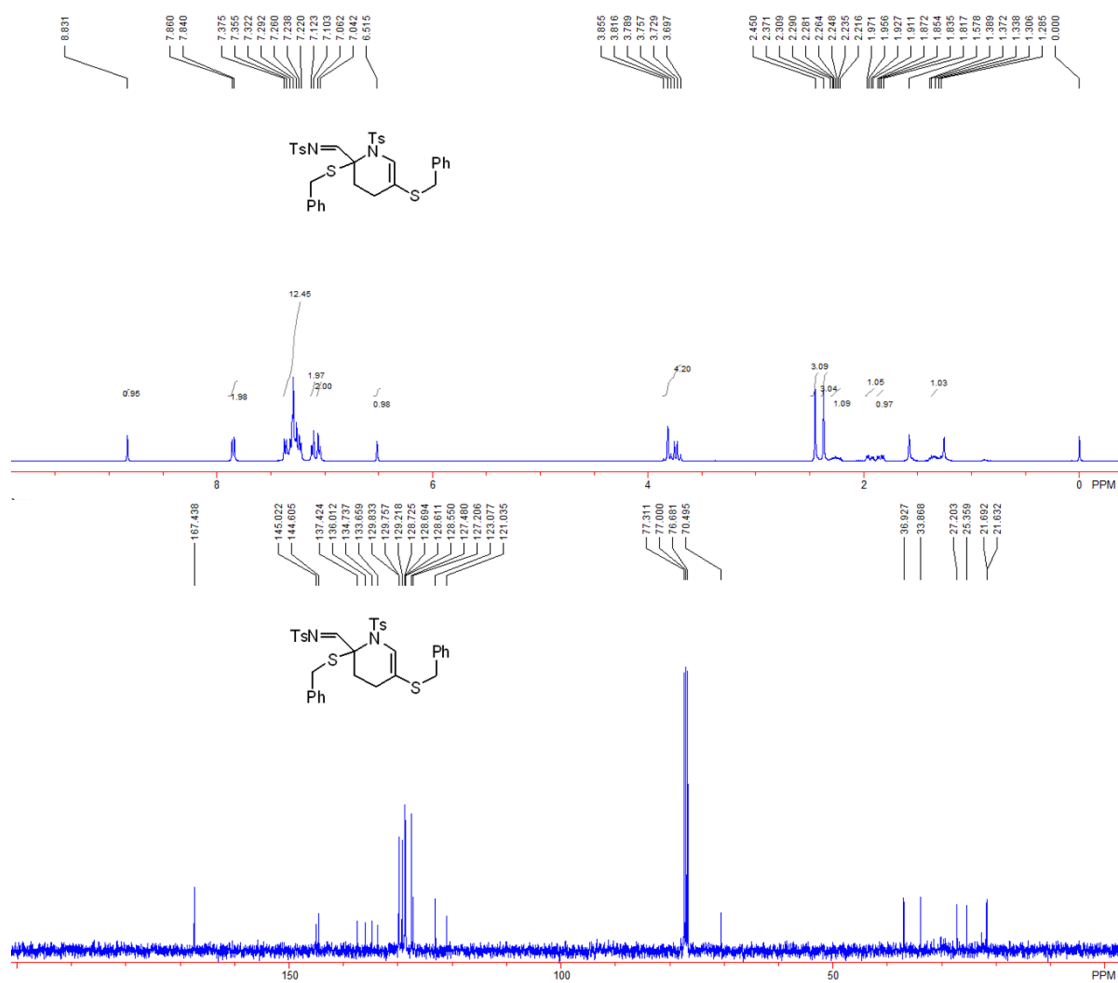
IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2964, 2924, 2852, 1614, 1596, 1449, 1326, 1160, 1090, 969, 813, 661 cm⁻¹;
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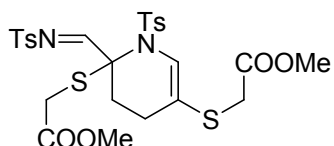
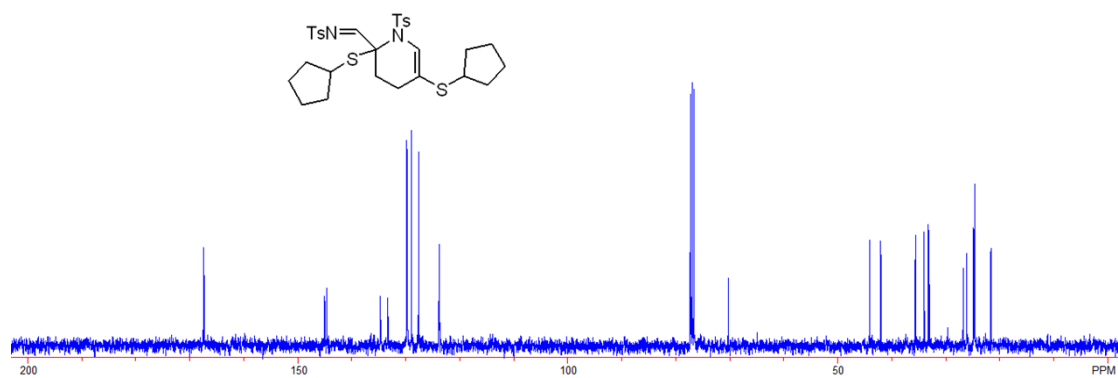
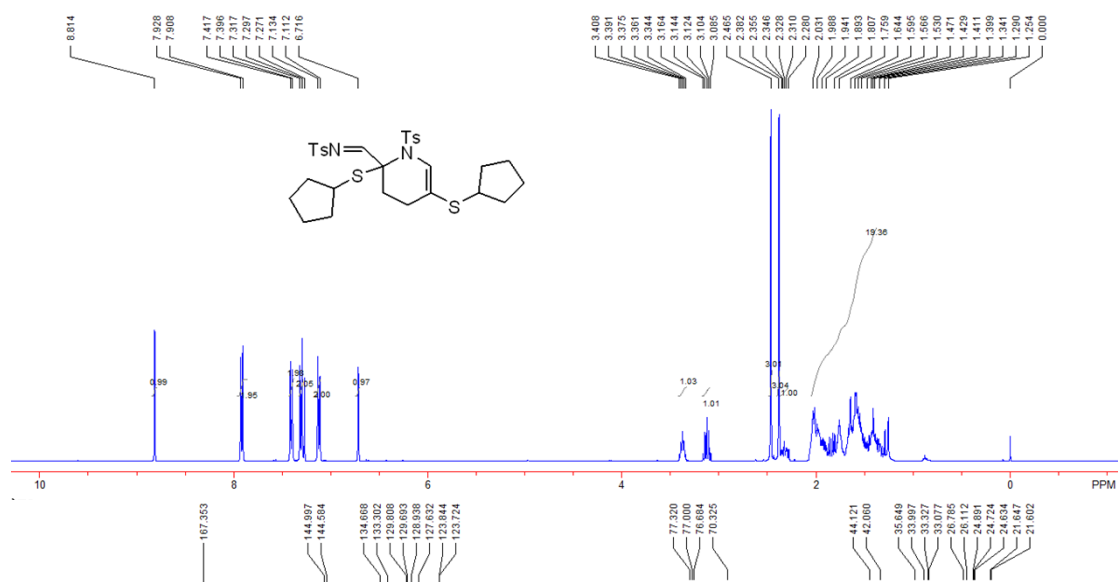
N-((2,5-bis(tert-butylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2o**: 55 mg, 91% yield, a white solid; Mp: 146-148 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.24-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.85 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.53 (m, 4H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 9.13 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 28.4, 29.5, 31.6, 32.3, 47.0, 49.2, 71.7, 120.8, 127.7, 129.1, 129.7, 129.8, 131.3, 133.1, 134.7, 144.7, 145.1, 168.1; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3057, 2963, 2924, 2864, 1613, 1596, 1327, 1160, 1090, 1042, 813, 734, 659 cm⁻¹;
 HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₉N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 595.1787, found: 595.1789.



(*Z*)-*N*-((2,5-bis(benzylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2p**: 58 mg, 88% yield, a white solid; Mp: 101-102 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.28-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 18.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.86 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 12H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 25.4, 27.2, 33.9, 36.9, 70.5, 121.0, 123.1, 127.2, 127.5, 128.55, 128.61, 128.69, 128.73, 129.2, 129.76, 129.83, 133.7, 134.7, 136.0, 137.4, 144.6, 145.0, 167.4; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3054, 2927, 2854, 1614, 1597, 1329, 1264, 1163, 1091, 971, 813, 732, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₅N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 663.1474, found: 663.1479.

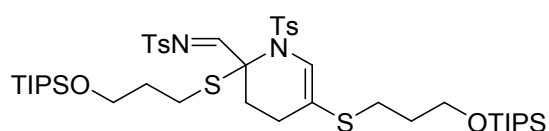
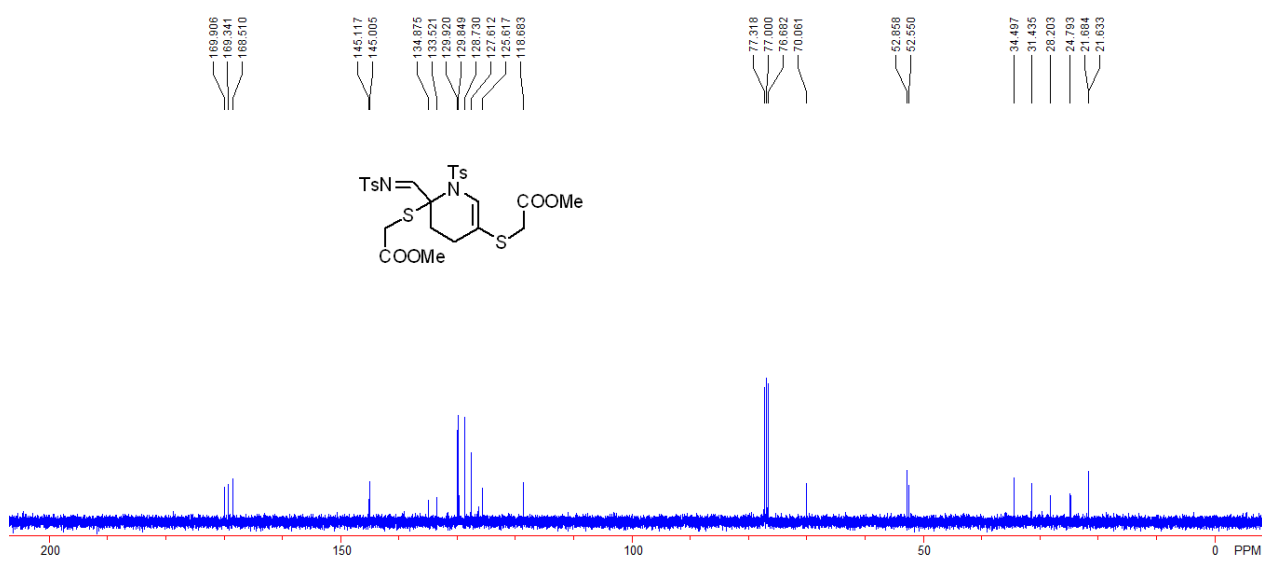
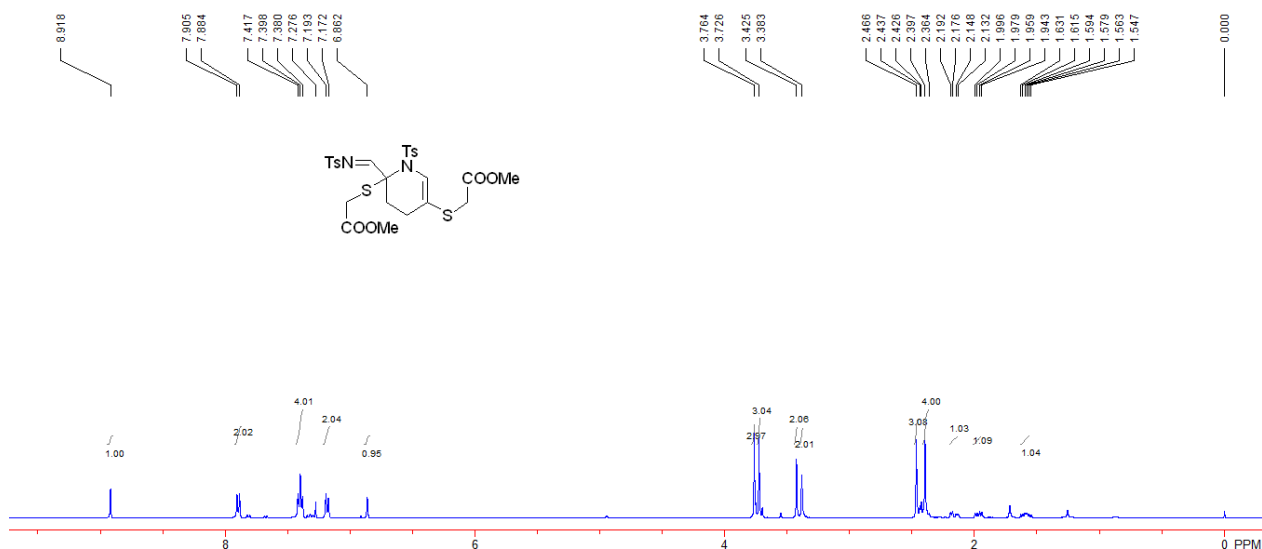


(*Z*)-*N*-((2,5-bis(cyclopentylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2q**: 56 mg, 90% yield, a white solid; Mp: 110-112 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.25-2.04 (m, 19H), 2.28-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.17 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.41 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.81 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.60, 21.65, 24.6, 24.7, 24.9, 26.1, 26.8, 33.1, 33.3, 34.0, 35.6, 42.1, 44.1, 70.3, 123.7, 123.8, 127.6, 128.9, 129.7, 129.8, 133.3, 134.7, 144.6, 145.0, 167.4; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3029, 2955, 2867, 1614, 1596, 1328, 1160, 1090, 1042, 1008, 964, 812, 735, 659 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 619.1787, found: 619.1800.

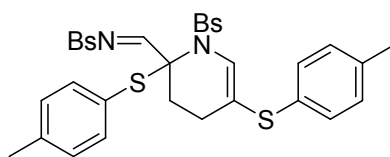
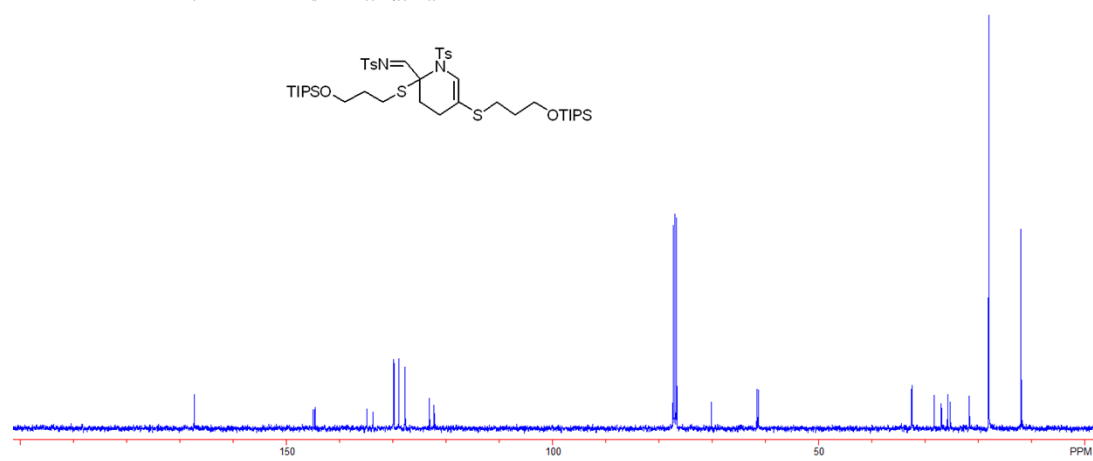
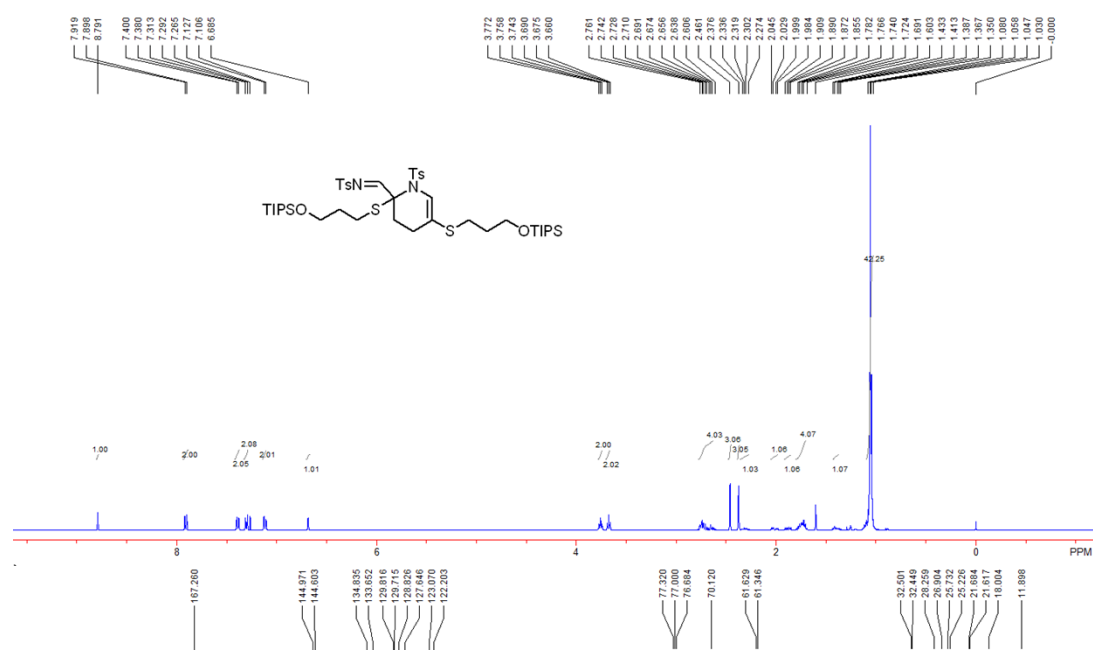


dimethyl 2,2'-((1-tosyl-2-((tosylimino)methyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine-2,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))(*E*)-diacetate **2r**: 52 mg, 83% yield, a colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.54-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dd, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.44 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.92 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 21.7, 24.8, 28.2, 31.4, 34.5, 52.6, 52.9, 70.1, 118.7, 125.6, 127.6, 128.7, 129.8, 129.9, 133.5, 134.9, 145.0, 145.1, 168.5, 169.3, 169.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 627.0958, found: 627.0960.

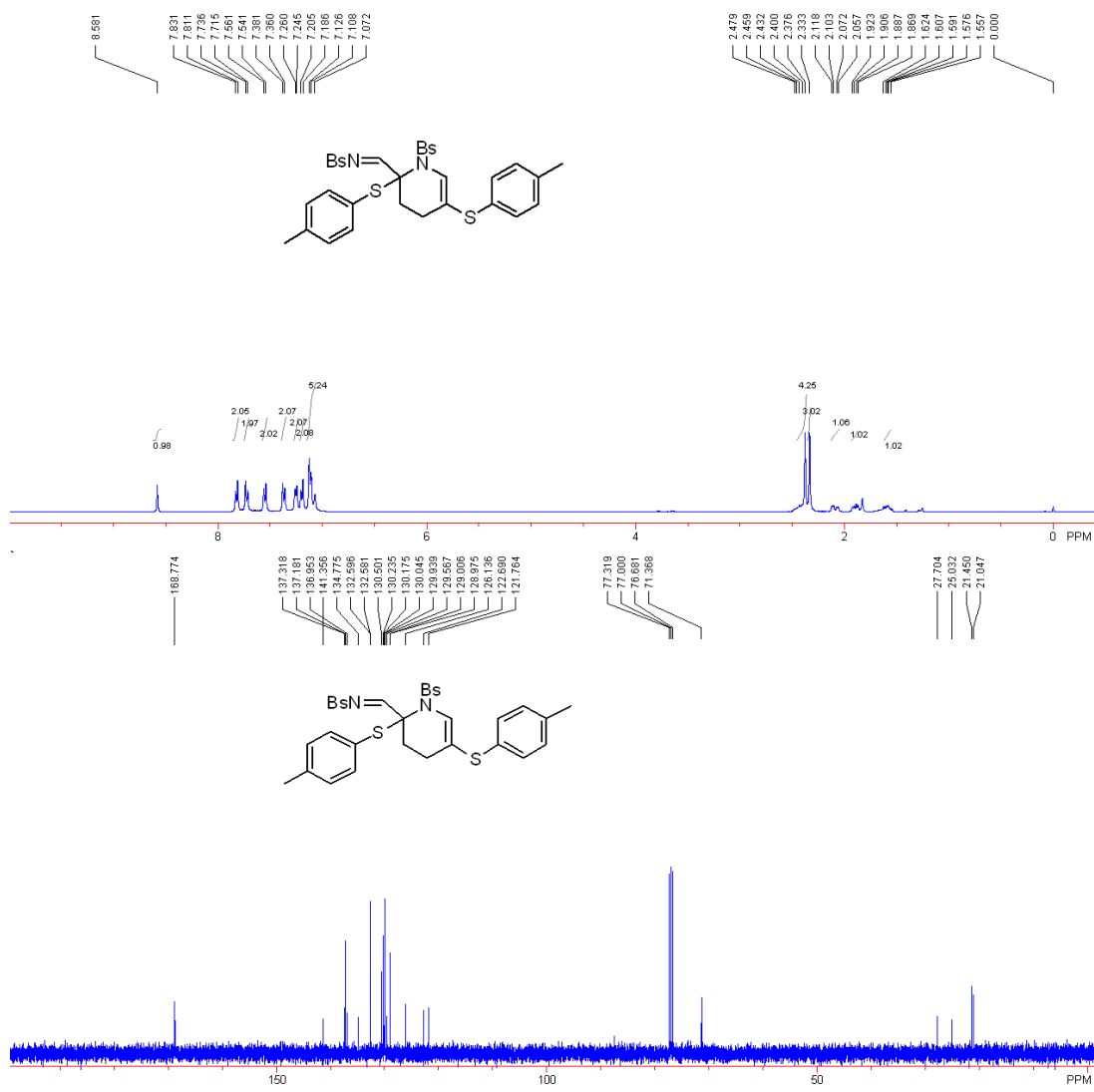
*On the basis of their ^1H NMR and Mass spectra, the product **2r** contains trace of impurity, which can not be completely removed from the desired product by silica gel column chromatography.*



(*Z*)-4-methyl-*N*-((1-tosyl-2,5-bis((3-((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)propyl)thio)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide **2s**: 56 mg, 62% yield, a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.03-1.08 (m, 42H), 1.35-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.69-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.91 (m, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.60-2.77 (m, 4H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.79 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 11.9, 18.0, 21.6, 21.7, 25.2, 25.7, 26.9, 28.3, 32.4, 32.5, 61.3, 61.6, 70.1, 122.2, 123.1, 127.6, 128.8, 129.7, 129.8, 133.7, 134.8, 144.6, 145.0, 167.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2941, 2891, 2864, 1615, 1597, 1463, 1331, 1163, 1093, 1041, 948, 812, 737, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) Calcd. for C₄₄H₇₅N₂O₆S₄Si₂ (M+H)⁺: 911.4041, found: 911.4045.

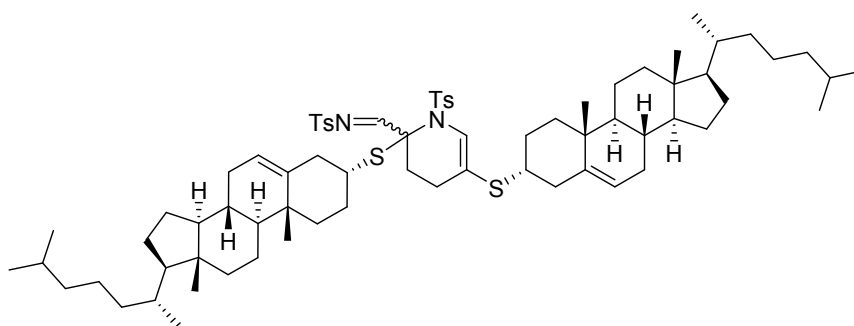
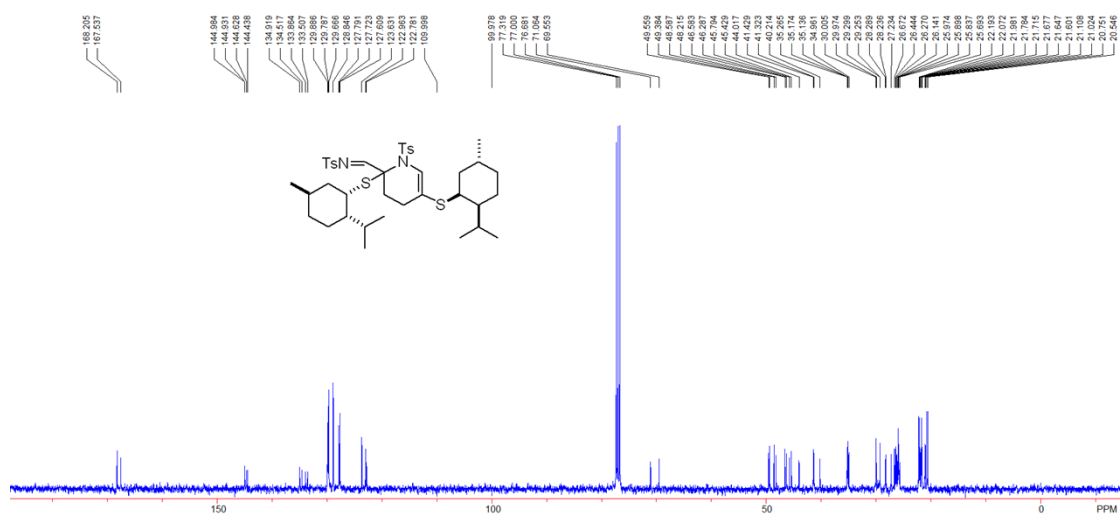
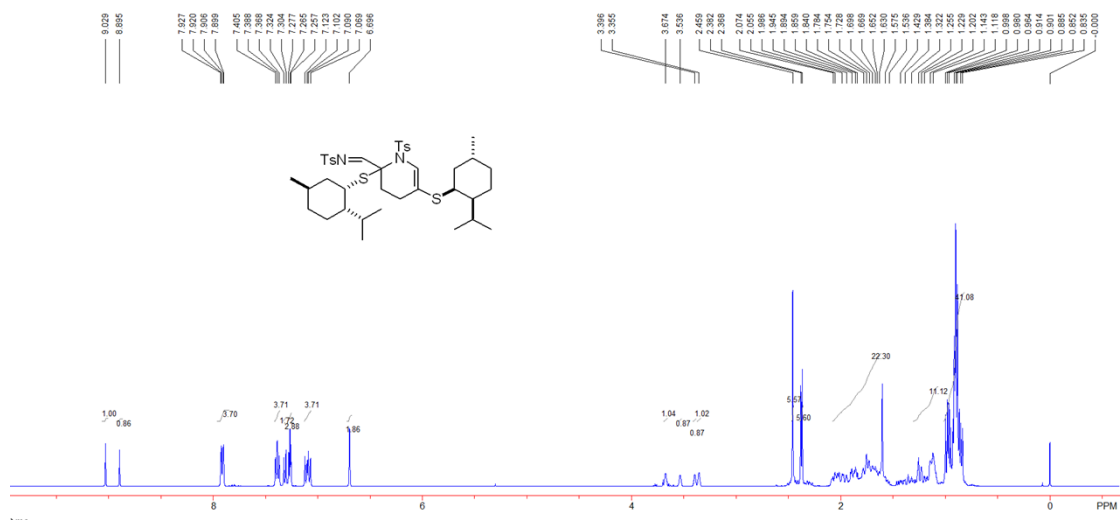


4-bromo-*N*-((1-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-2,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide **2t**: 66 mg, 83% yield, a white solid; Mp: 109-111 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.55-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.48 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.26 (m, 9H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.58 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.0, 21.5, 25.0, 27.7, 71.4, 121.8, 122.7, 126.1, 128.98, 129.01, 129.6, 129.9, 130.0, 130.18, 130.24, 130.5, 132.58, 132.60, 134.8, 137.0, 137.2, 137.3, 141.4, 168.8; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3089, 2922, 2852, 1615, 1573, 1349, 1163, 1087, 1010, 965, 803, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C₃₂H₂₉Br₂N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 790.9371, found: 790.9371.



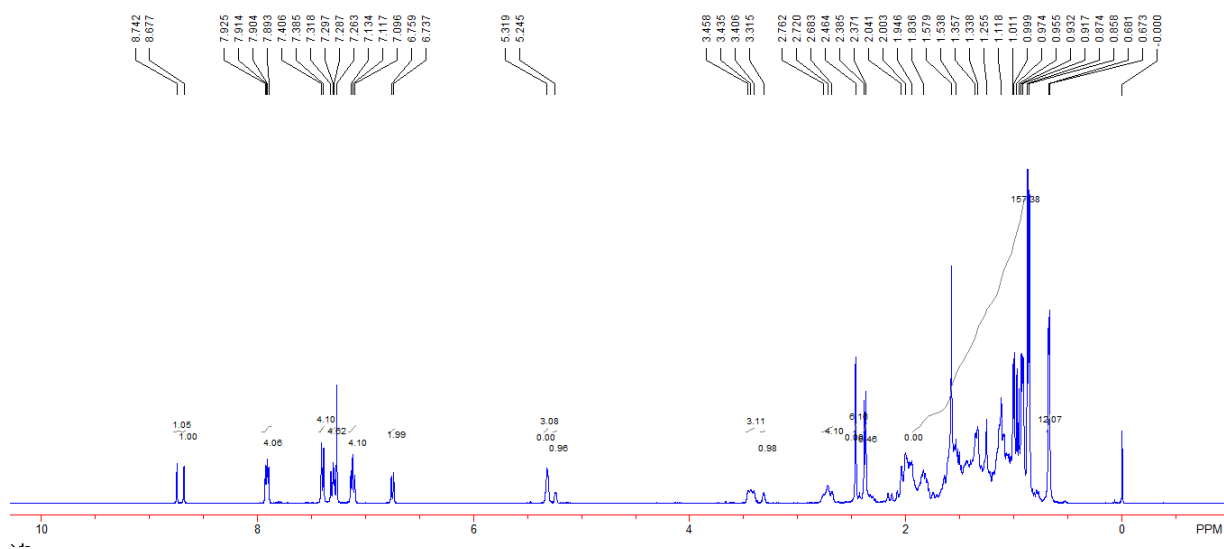
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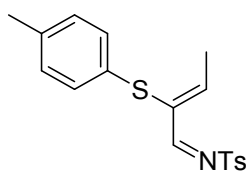
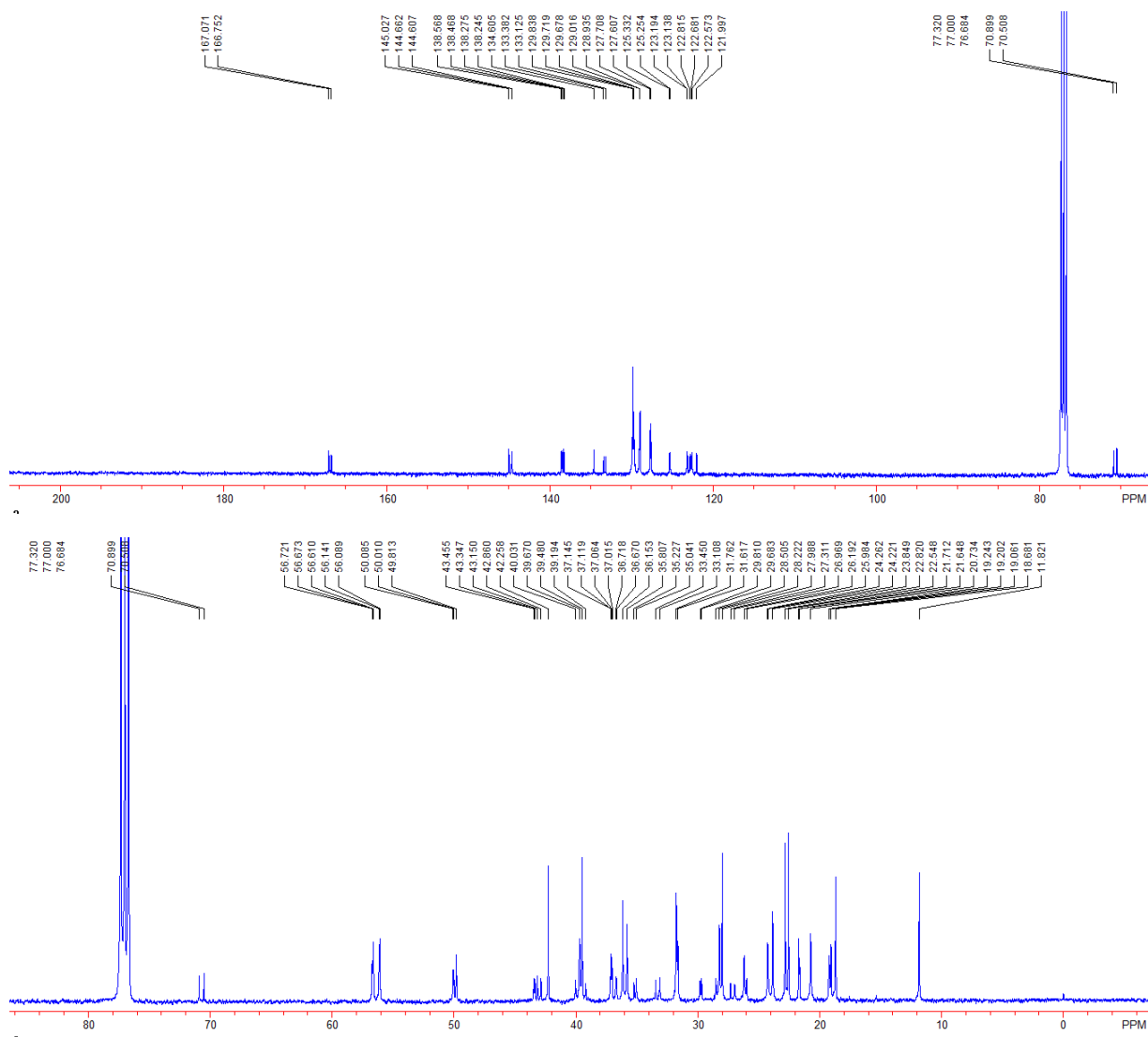
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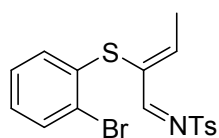
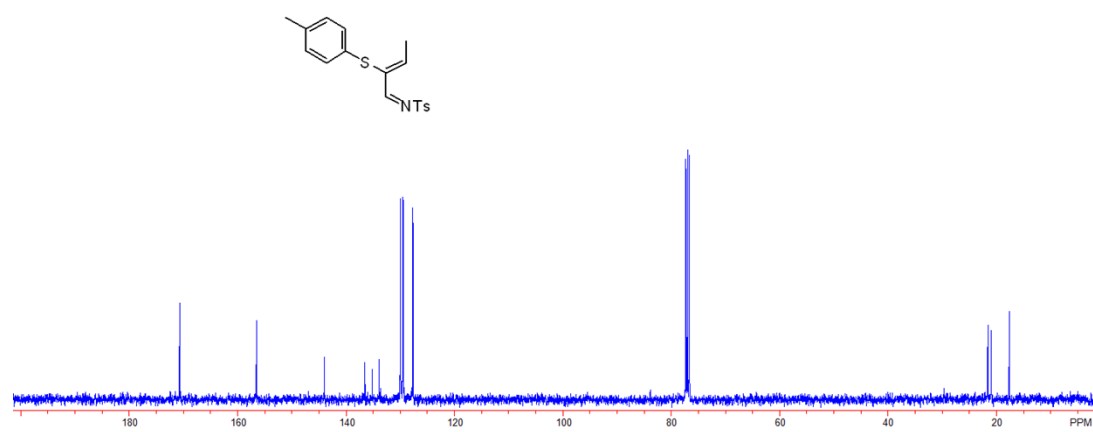
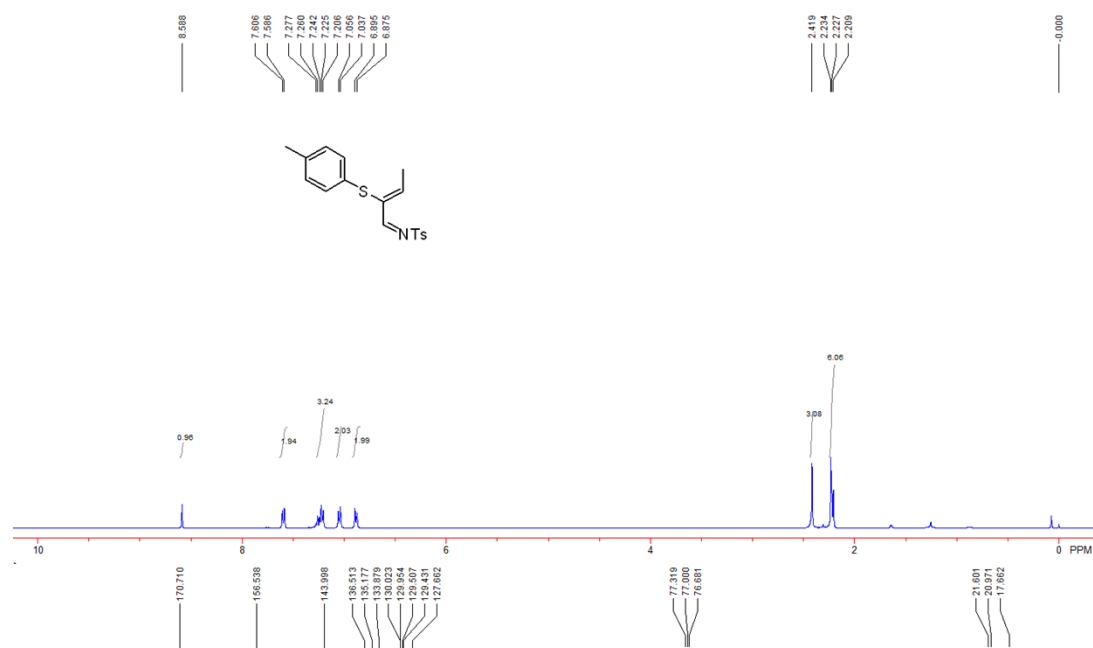
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2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)thio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2v**: 102 mg, 84% yield, **d.r.** = 1:1; a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.67 (s, 6H), 0.68 (s, 6H), 0.85-2.05 (m, 156H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 6H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 4H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 3.40-3.46 (m, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 3H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.74 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 11.8, 18.7, 19.1, 19.20, 19.24, 20.7, 21.6, 21.7, 22.5, 22.8, 23.8, 24.2, 24.3, 26.0, 26.2, 27.0, 27.3, 28.0, 28.2, 28.5, 29.7, 29.8, 31.6, 31.8, 33.1, 33.5, 35.0, 35.2, 35.8, 36.2, 36.67, 36.72, 37.02, 37.06, 37.12, 37.15, 39.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 42.3, 42.9, 43.2, 43.3, 43.5, 49.8, 50.0, 50.1, 56.09, 56.14, 56.61, 56.67, 56.72, 70.5, 70.9, 122.0, 122.6, 122.7, 122.8, 123.1, 123.2, 125.25, 125.33, 127.6, 127.7, 128.9, 129.0, 129.68, 129.72, 129.8, 133.1, 133.4, 134.6, 138.2, 138.3, 138.5, 138.6, 144.6, 144.7, 145.0, 166.8, 167.1; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2932, 2867, 1613, 1597, 1347, 1163, 1091, 909, 812, 734, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C₇₄H₁₁₁N₂O₄S₄ (M+H)⁺: 1219.7421, found: 1219.7430.

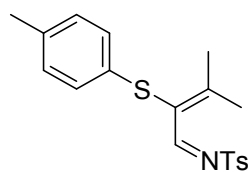
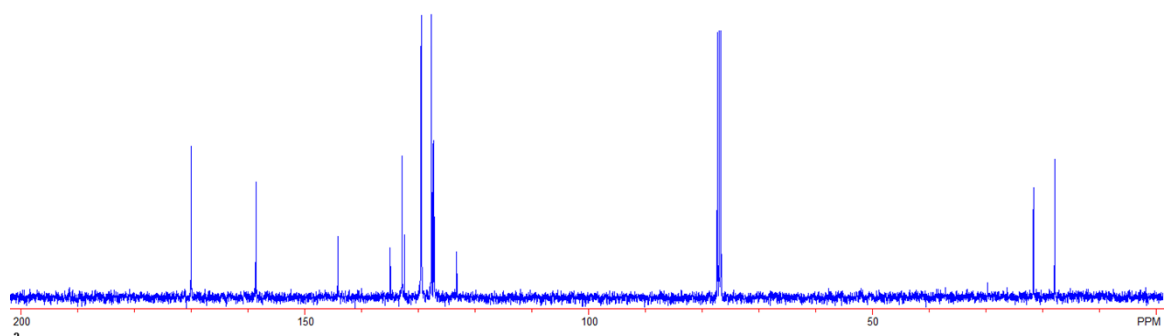
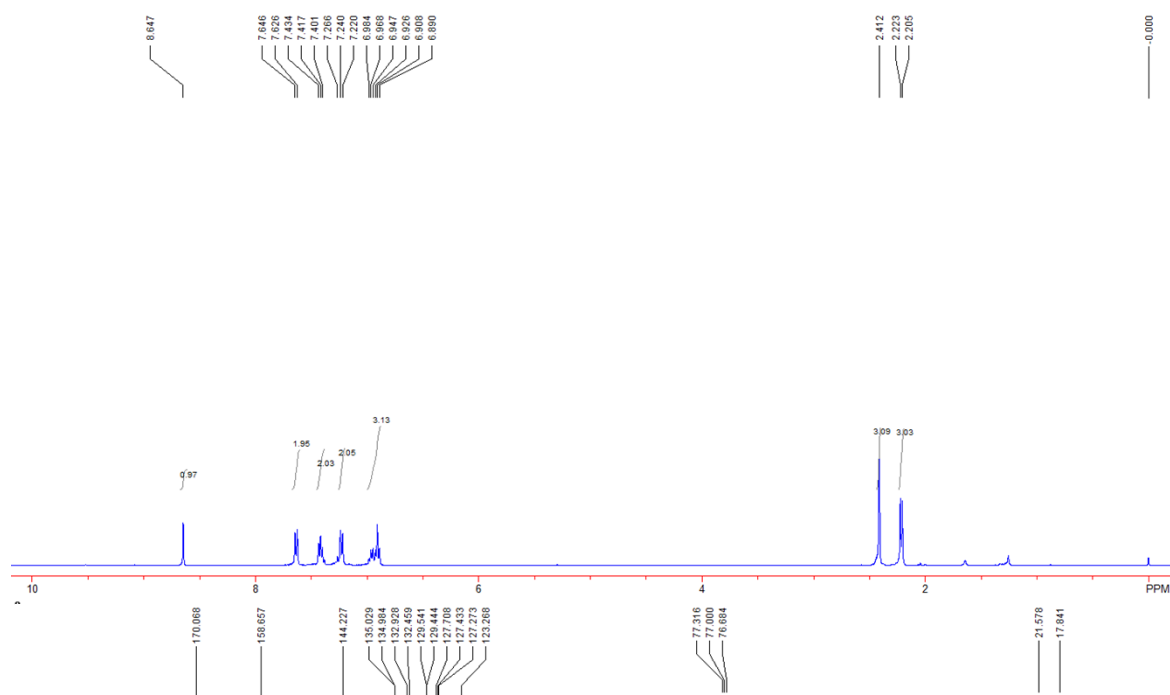




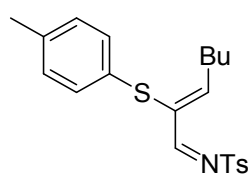
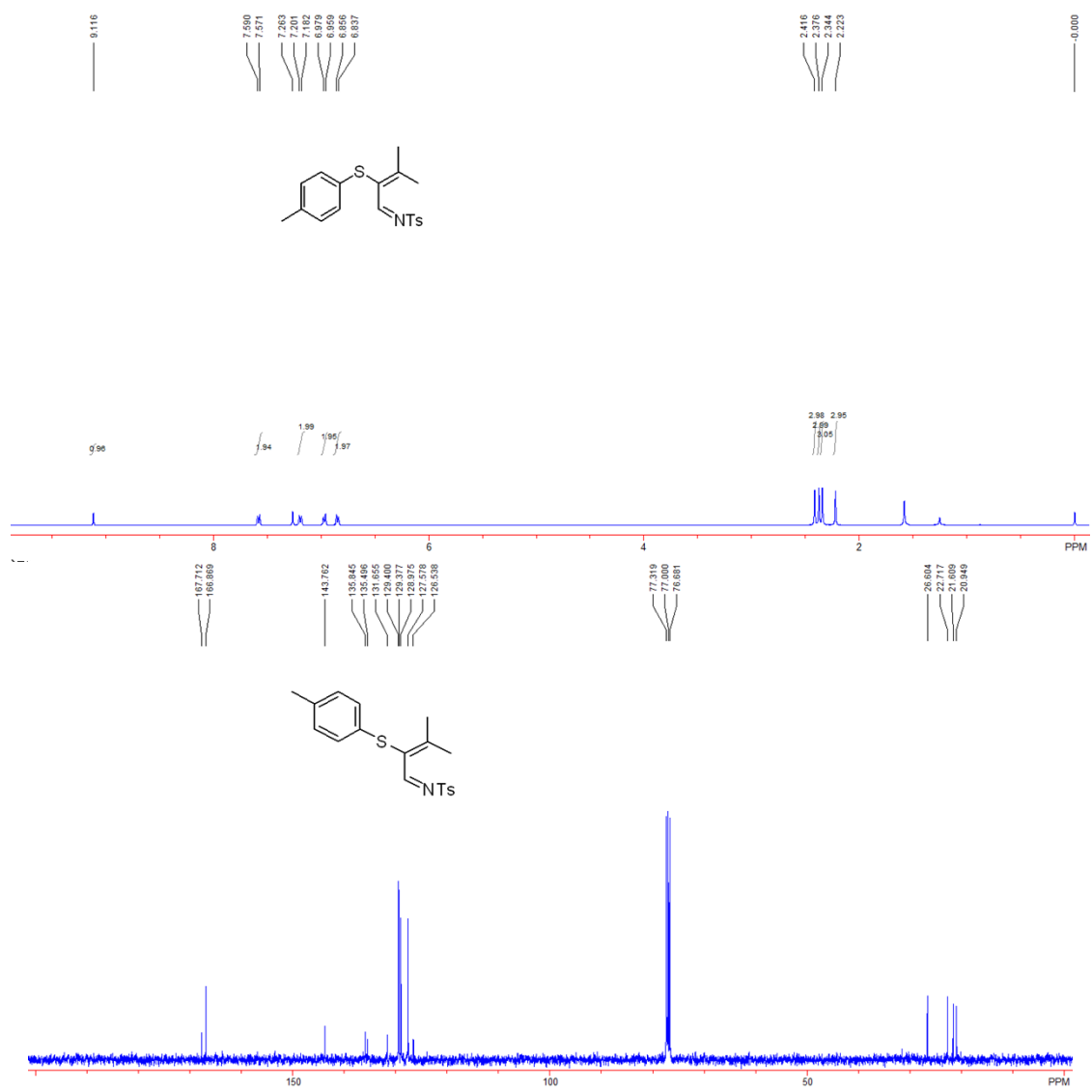
4-methyl-*N*-((1*E*,2*Z*)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4a**: 56 mg, 81% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 94-96 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.59 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 17.7, 21.0, 21.6, 127.7, 129.4, 129.5, 129.95, 130.02, 133.9, 135.2, 136.5, 144.0, 156.5, 170.7; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3023, 2922, 2867, 1594, 1571, 1320, 1305, 1156, 1118, 968, 805, 709, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀NO₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 346.0930, found: 346.0941.



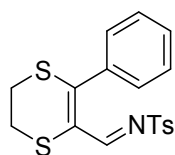
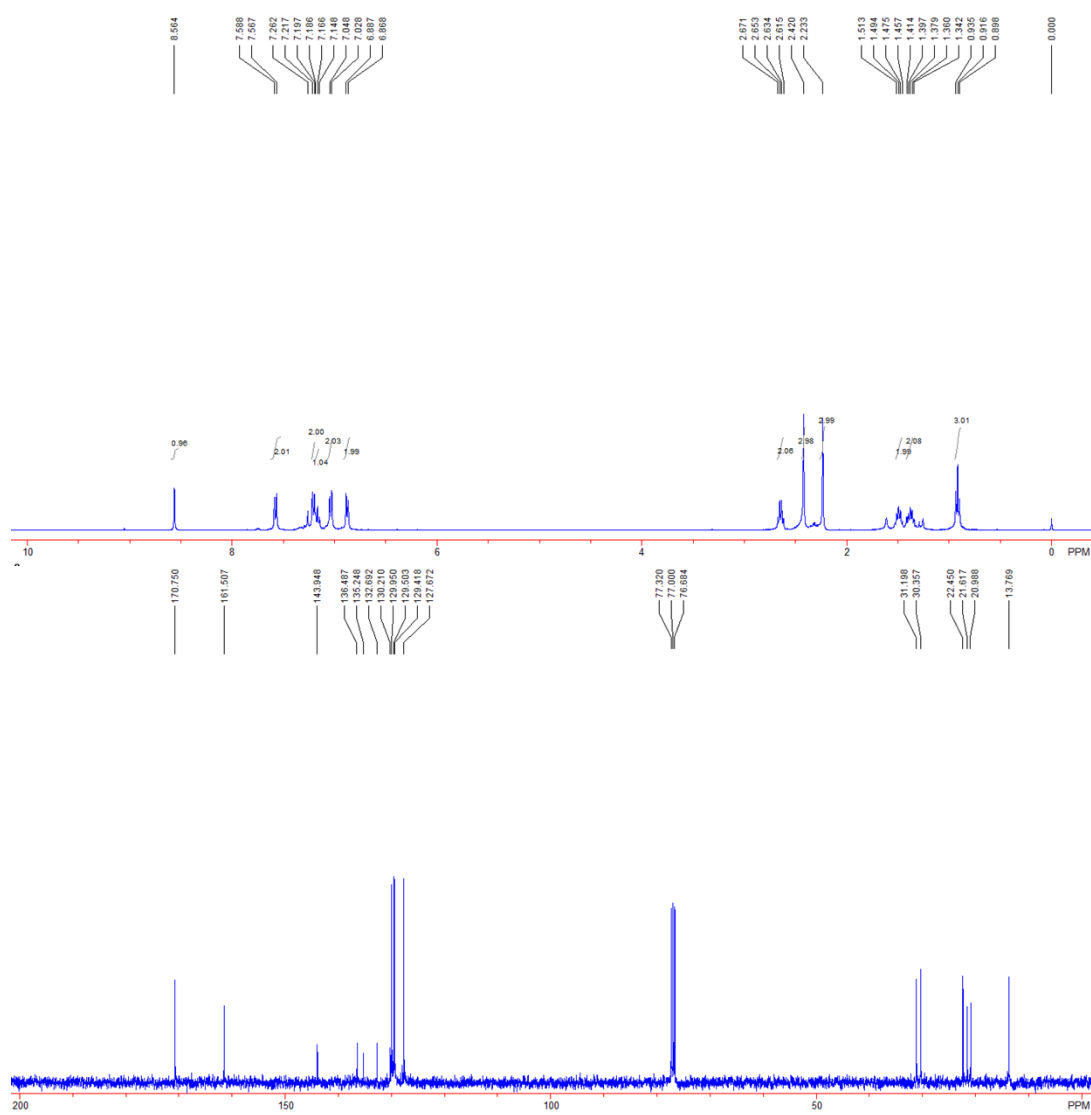
2-((2-bromophenyl)thio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4b**: 70 mg, 85% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 88-90 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 6.89-6.99 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.65 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 17.8, 21.6, 123.3, 127.3, 127.4, 127.7, 129.4, 129.5, 132.5, 132.9, 134.98, 135.03, 144.2, 158.7, 170.1; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3059, 2922, 2850, 1594, 1573, 1320, 1155, 1088, 1018, 964, 787, 746, 658 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 409.9879, found: 409.9882.



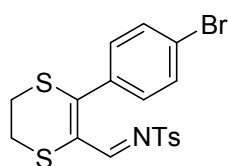
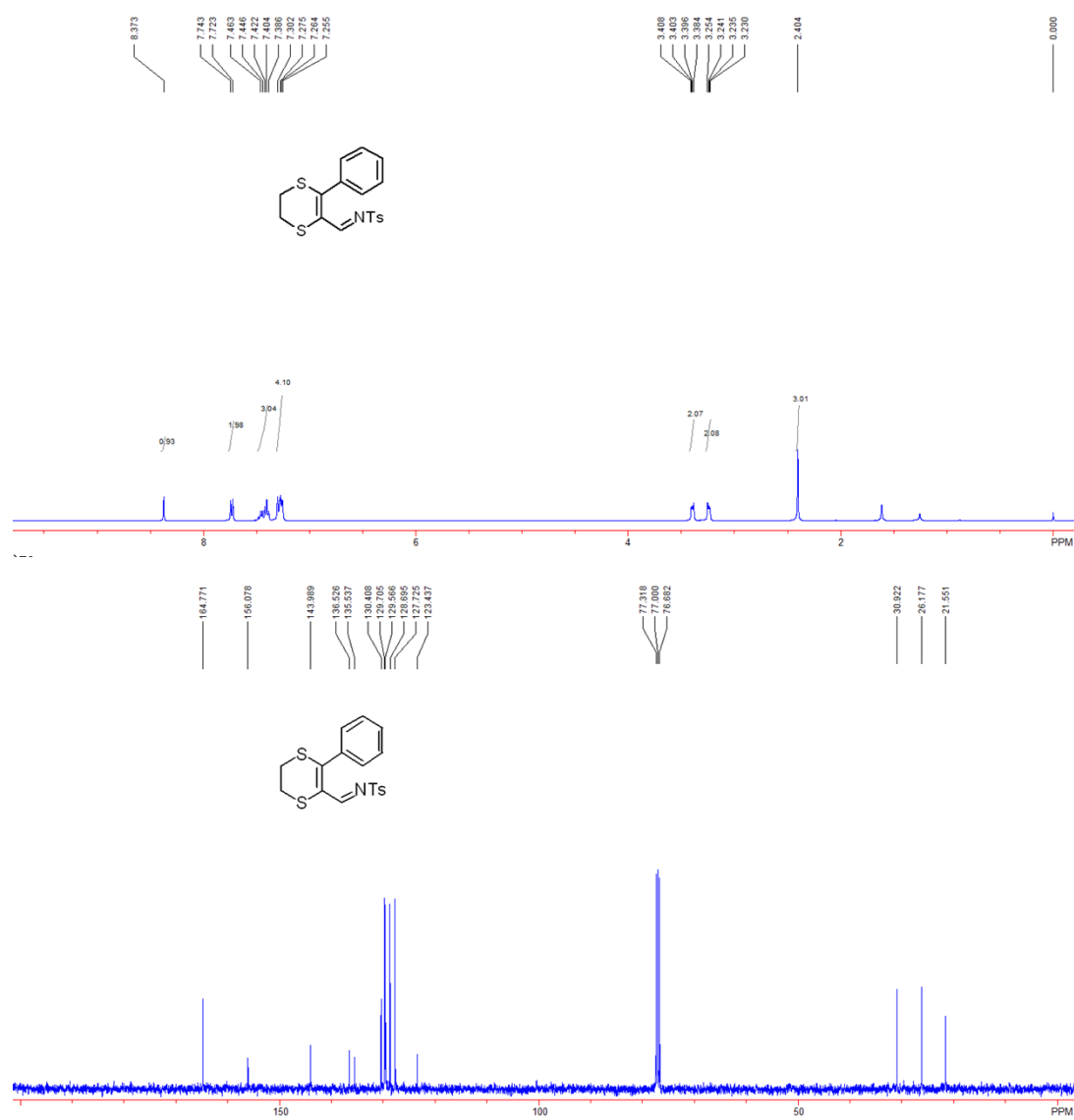
4-methyl-*N*-(3-methyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4c**: 60 mg, 84% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 94-96 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 9.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 20.9, 21.6, 22.7, 26.6, 126.5, 127.6, 129.0, 129.38, 129.40, 131.7, 135.5, 135.8, 143.8, 166.9, 167.7; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3019, 2923, 2854, 1579, 1319, 1156, 1089, 887, 805, 776, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 360.1086, found: 360.1104.



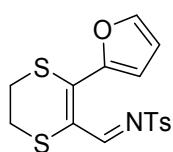
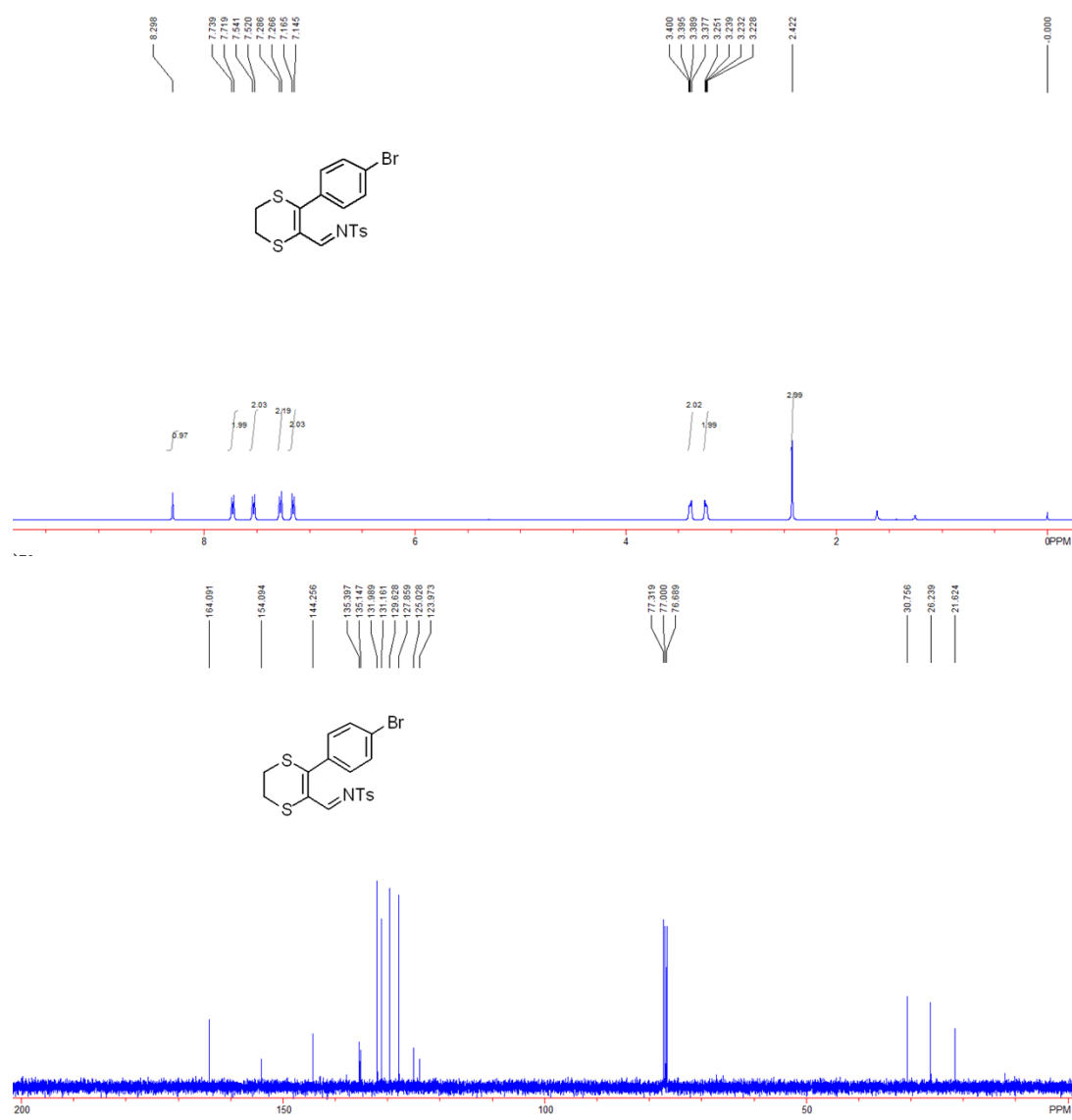
4-methyl-*N*-((1*E*,2*Z*)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)hept-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4d**: 58 mg, 75% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 79-81 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.34-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.51 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.61-2.68 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.56 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 13.8, 21.0, 21.6, 22.5, 30.4, 31.2, 127.7, 129.4, 129.5, 130.0, 130.2, 132.7, 135.2, 136.5, 143.9, 161.5, 170.8; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 2956, 2924, 2859, 1589, 1491, 1319, 1156, 1088, 954, 805, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 388.1399, found: 388.1407.



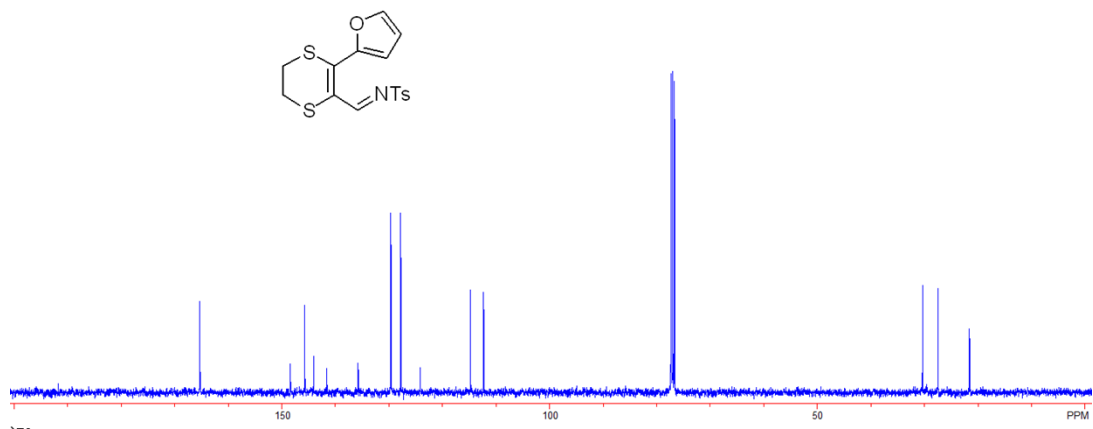
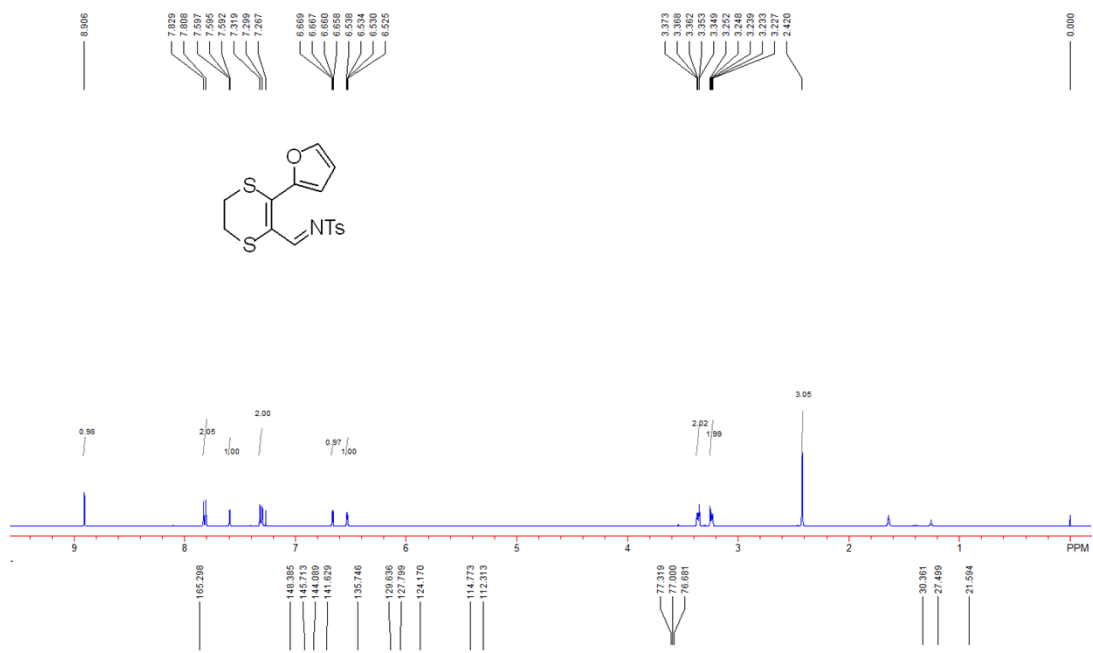
4-methyl-*N*-((3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiin-2-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide **4e**: 62 mg, 82% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 181-183 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.23-3.26 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.41 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 26.2, 30.9, 123.4, 127.7, 128.7, 129.6, 129.7, 130.4, 135.5, 136.5, 144.0, 156.1, 164.8; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3358, 1537, 1510, 1315, 1150, 1086, 954, 834, 770, 660 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂S₃ (M+H)⁺: 376.0494, found: 376.0504.



N-((3-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4f**: 74 mg, 82% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 182-184 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.36 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.40 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 26.2, 30.8, 124.0, 125.0, 127.9, 129.6, 131.2, 132.0, 135.1, 135.4, 144.3, 154.1, 164.1; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3062, 2923, 2849, 1547, 1511, 1317, 1232, 1152, 1086, 1010, 814, 765, 687 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 453.9599, found: 453.9611.

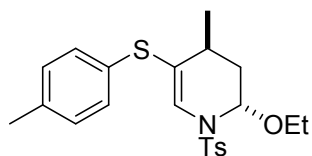


N-((3-(furan-2-yl)-5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiin-2-yl)methylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4g**: 56 mg, 77% yield, a yellow solid; Mp: 158-160 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, TMS) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.23-3.36 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.38 (m, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J*₁ = 0.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (dd, *J*₁ = 0.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.6, 27.5, 30.4, 112.3, 114.8, 124.2, 127.8, 129.6, 135.7, 141.6, 144.1, 145.7, 148.4, 165.3; IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν 3121, 2923, 2849, 1738, 1532, 1499, 1314, 1250, 1153, 1083, 805, 740, 683 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO₃S₃ (M+H)⁺: 366.0287, found: 366.0299.

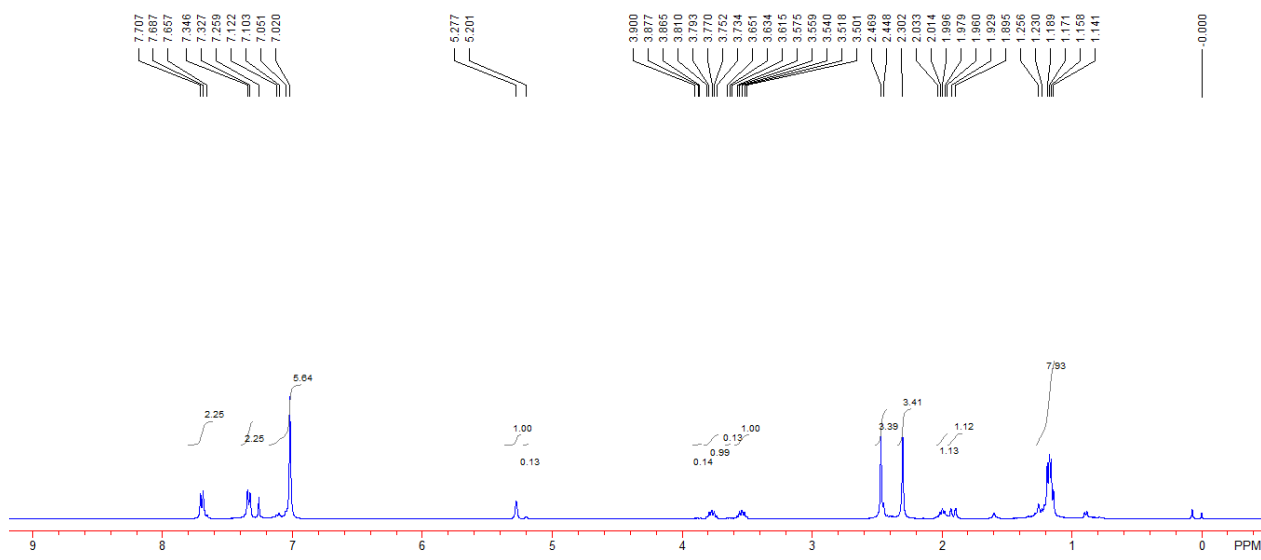


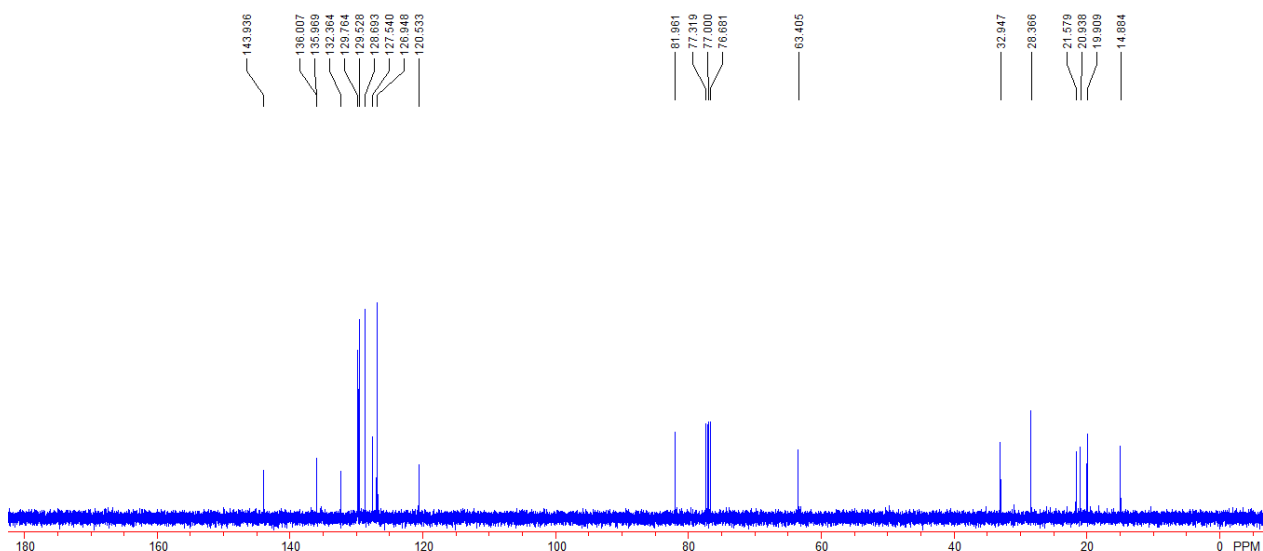
General procedure and spectroscopic data of 5a:

To a solution of 4-methyl-*N*-((1*E*,2*Z*)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4a** (0.10 mmol) in 1.0 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was added ethoxyethene (0.30 mmol), the resulting solution was stirred at 120 °C for 6 hours and then the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether:EtOAc = 12:1) to give compound **5a** (1:0.13 d.r.). Its spectra include the very small signals of another diastereoisomer at the aromatic region, 5.2 ppm, 3.9 ppm and 2.4-2.5 ppm.

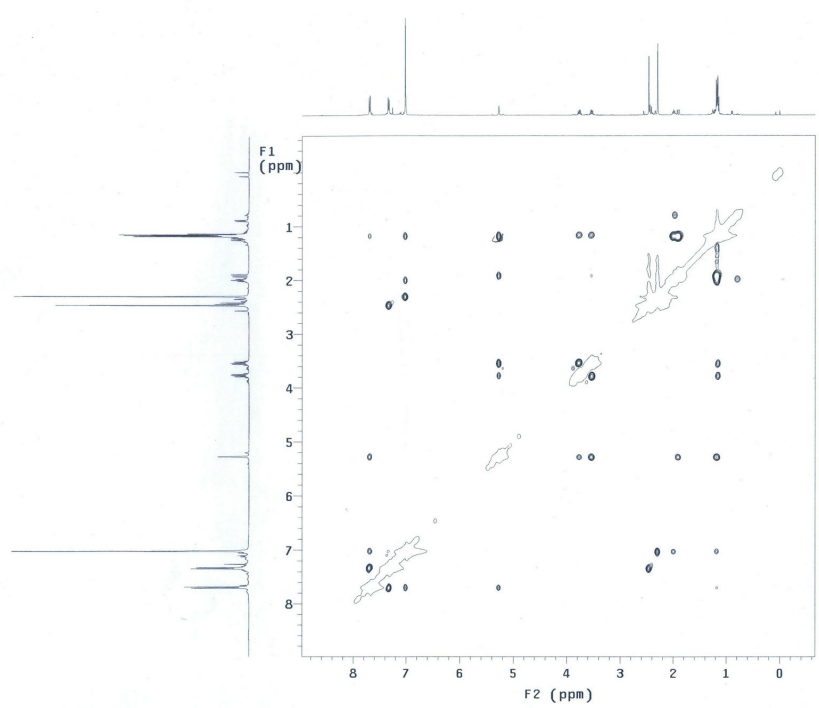


2-ethoxy-4-methyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine **5a**: 68 mg, 82% yield, **d.r.** = 1:0.13; a colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 1.14-1.26 (m, 7.91H), 1.89-1.93 (m, 1.13H), 1.96-2.04 (m, 1.13H), 2.30 (s, 3.39H), 2.45 (s, 0.39H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.61-3.66 (m, 0.13H), 3.73-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.90 (m, 0.13H), 5.20 (s, 0.13H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 7.02-7.13 (m, 5.65H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H), 7.65-7.71 (m, 2.26H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 14.9, 19.9, 20.9, 21.6, 28.4, 32.9, 63.4, 82.0, 120.5, 126.9, 127.5, 128.7, 129.5, 129.8, 132.4, 135.97, 136.01, 143.9; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 2972, 2927, 2874, 1625, 1361, 1169, 1106, 940, 807, 667 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 418.1505, found: 418.1502.

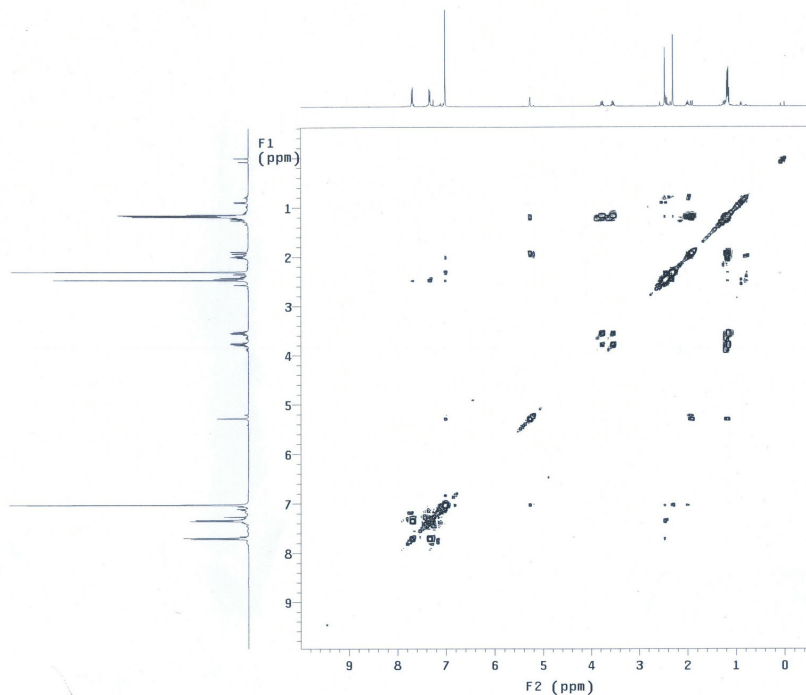




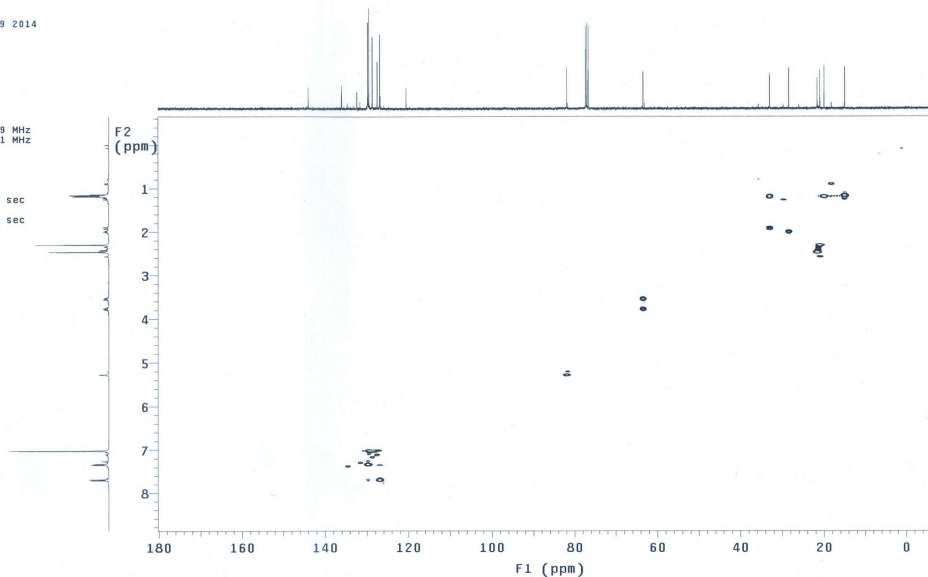
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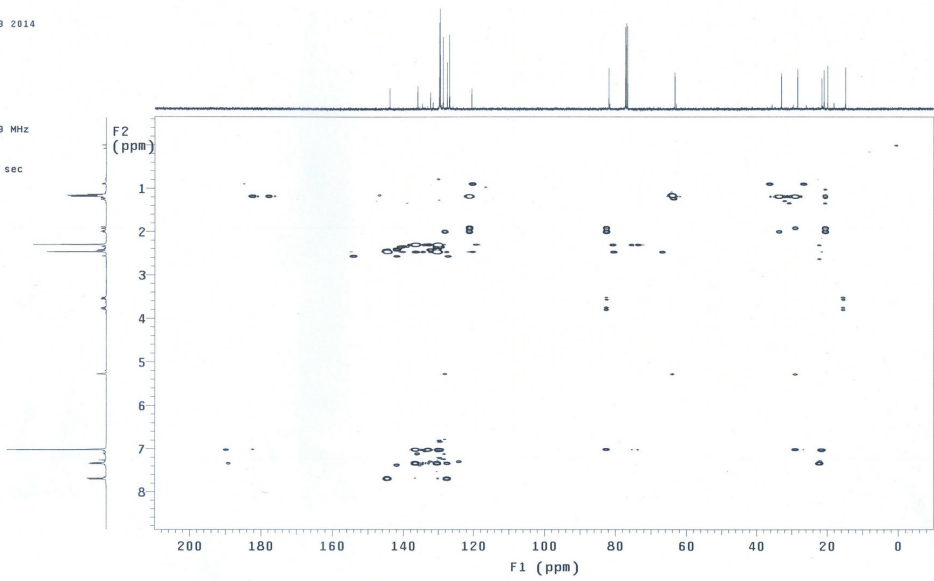


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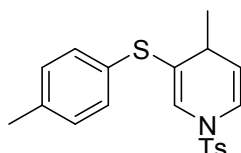
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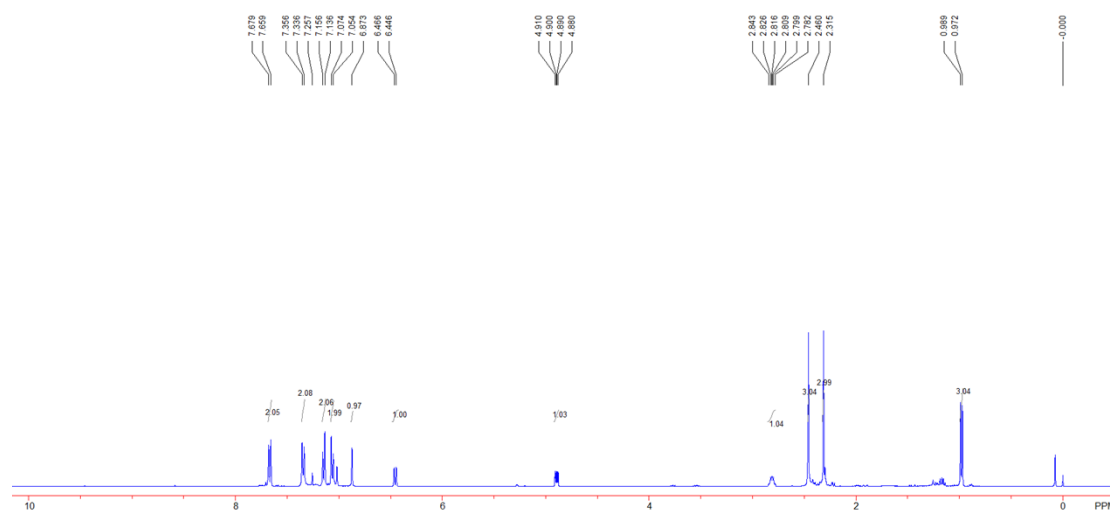


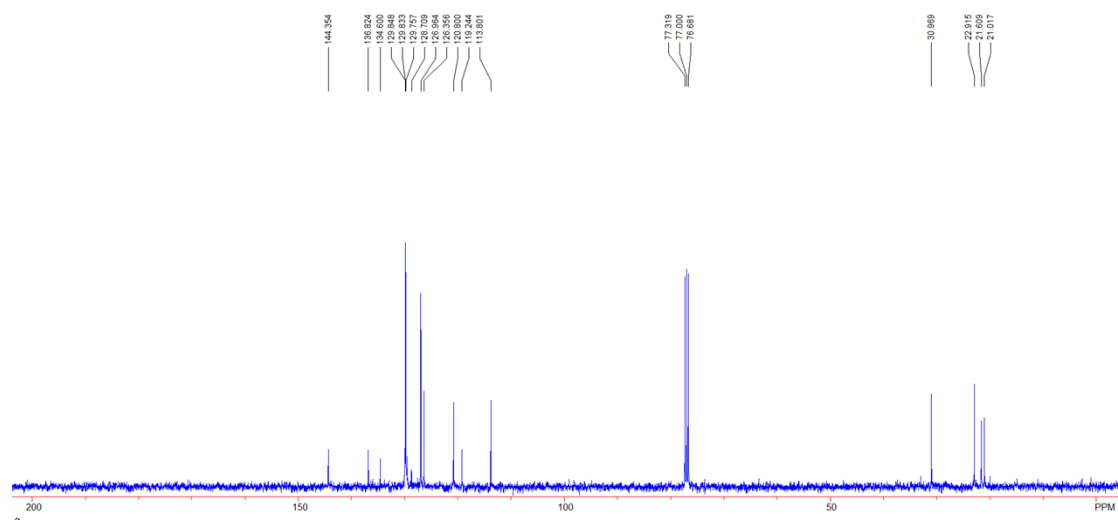
General procedure and spectroscopic data of **6a**:

To a solution of 4-methyl-*N*-((1*E*,2*Z*)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4a** (0.10 mmol) in 1.0 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was added ethoxyethene (0.12 mmol), the resulting solution was stirred at 120 °C for 6 hours and then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether:EtOAc = 12:1) to give the corresponding compound **6a**.

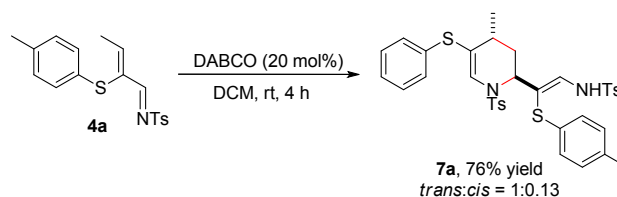


4-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydropyridine **6a**: 40 mg, 54% yield, a colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.85 (m, 1H), 4.90 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 21.0, 21.6, 22.9, 31.0, 113.8, 119.2, 120.8, 126.4, 127.0, 128.7, 129.76, 129.83, 129.85, 134.6, 136.8, 144.4; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 2963, 2923, 2867, 1596, 1491, 1368, 1263, 1167, 1104, 982, 805, 668 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 372.1086, found: 372.1087.

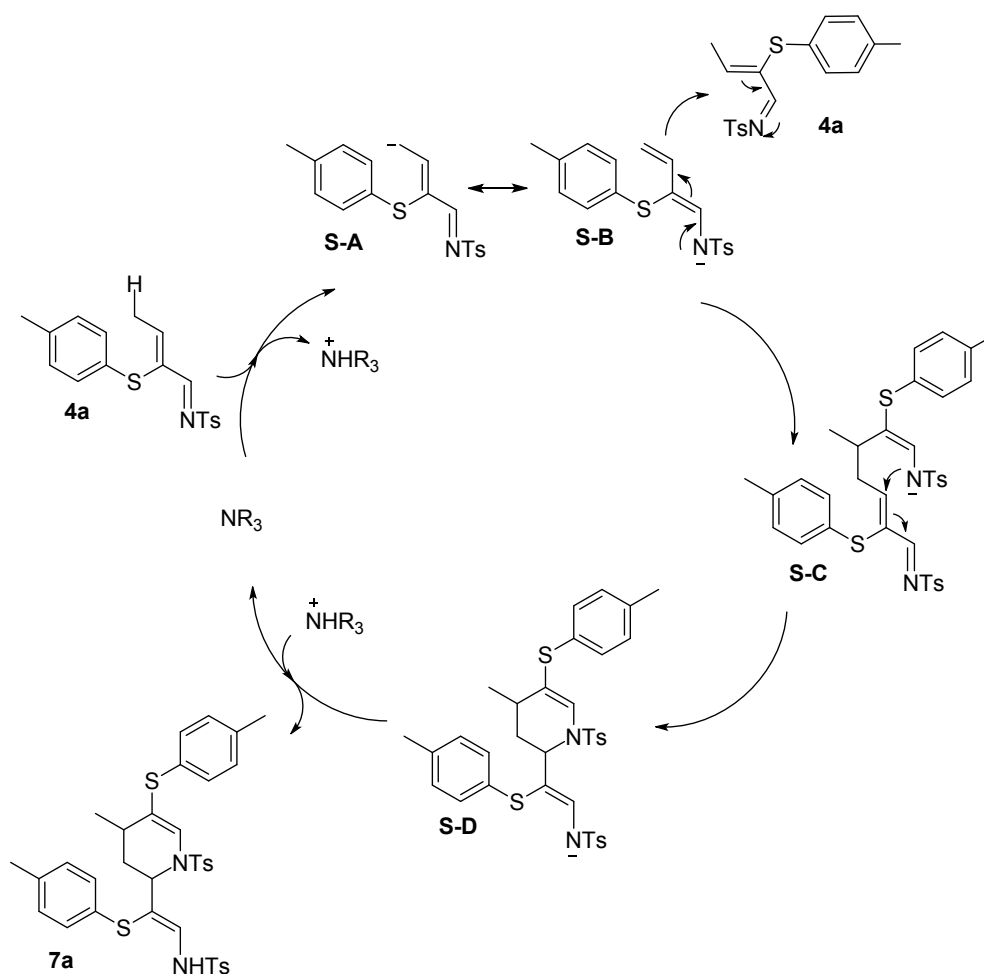




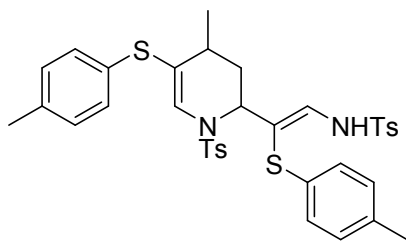
General Procedure, Spectroscopic Data and a Plausible Mechanism for the Formation of 7a:



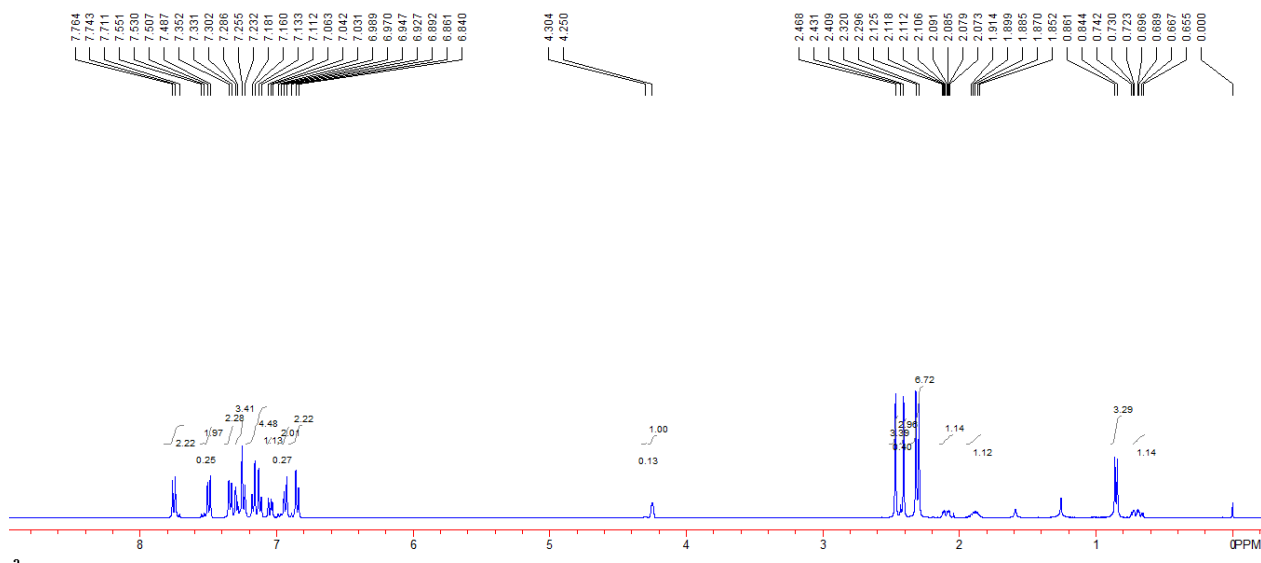
To a solution of 4-methyl-*N*-((1*E*,2*Z*)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)but-2-en-1-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4a** (0.10 mmol) in 1.0 mL of dichloromethane was added 1,4-diaza[2.2.2]bicyclooctane (DABCO) (0.02 mmol, 20 mol%), the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 4 hours and then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether:EtOAc = 12:1) to give the corresponding compound **7a** (1:0.13 d.r.). Its spectra include the very small signals of another diastereoisomer at the aromatic region.

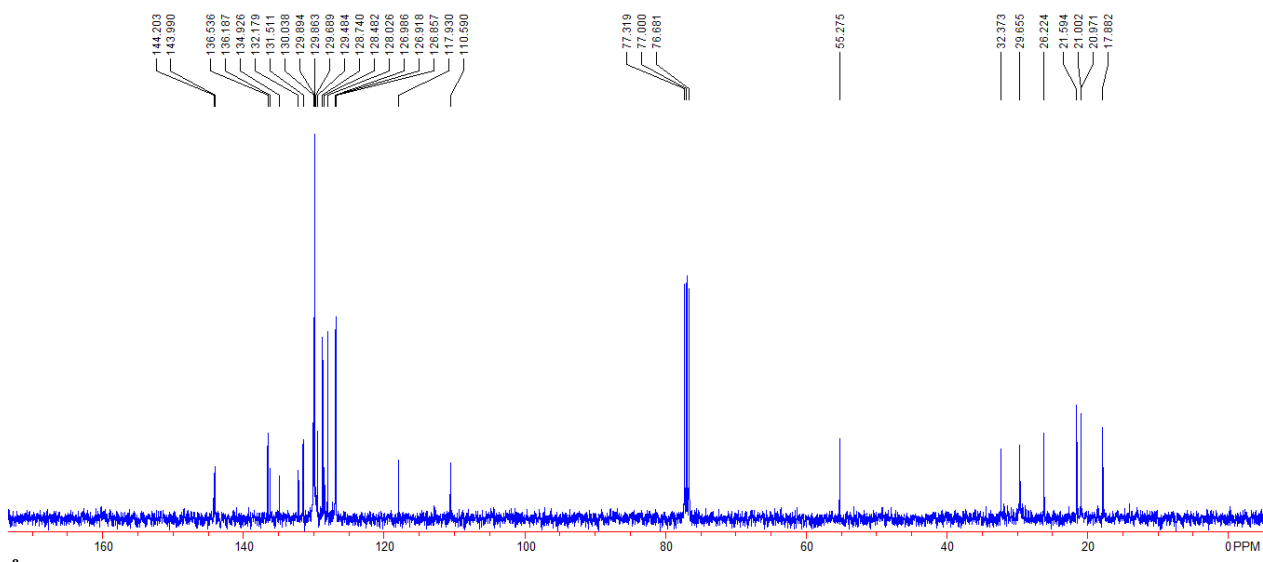


Scheme S1. A Plausible Mechanism for the Formation of Compound **7a**

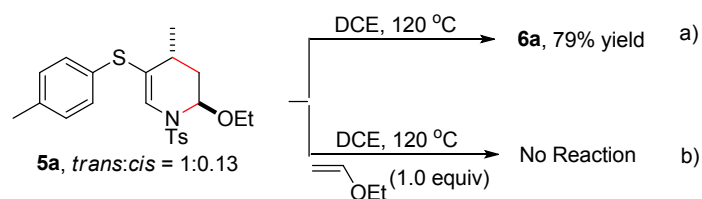


4-methyl-*N*-((*Z*)-2-((2*R*,4*S*)-4-methyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-2-yl)-2-(*p*-tolylthio)vinyl)benzenesulfonamide **7a**: 108 mg, 76% yield, **d.r.** = 1:0.13; a colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, TMS) δ 0.65-0.75 (m, 1.13H), 0.85 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3.39H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 1.13H), 2.07-2.13 (m, 1.13H), 2.30 (s, 3.39H), 2.32 (s, 3.39H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 0.39H), 2.47 (s, 3.39H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 0.13H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.26H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1.13H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 3.39H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.26H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2.26H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, TMS) δ 17.9, 20.97, 21.00, 21.6, 26.2, 29.7, 32.4, 55.3, 110.6, 117.9, 126.86, 126.92, 127.0, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 129.5, 129.7, 129.86, 129.89, 130.0, 131.5, 132.2, 134.9, 136.2, 136.5, 144.0, 144.2; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν 3263, 2961, 2923, 2868, 1644, 1597, 1491, 1362, 1338, 1165, 1089, 1017, 951, 808, 737, 667 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 708.2053, found: 708.2072.





Control Experiments and Decomposition of Ethoxyethene:



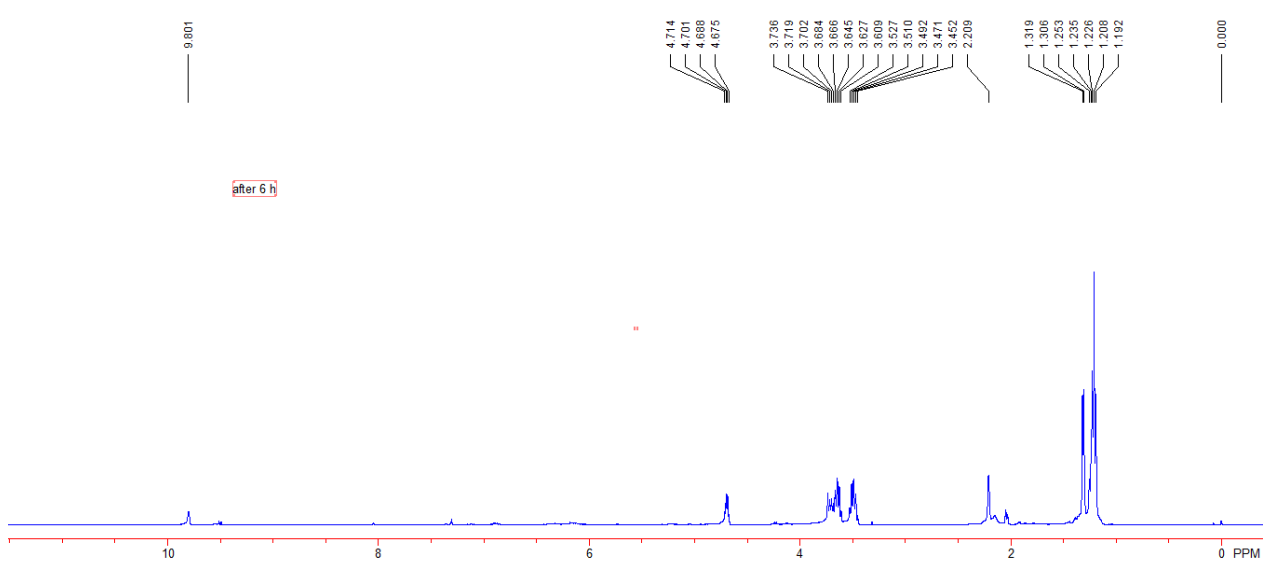
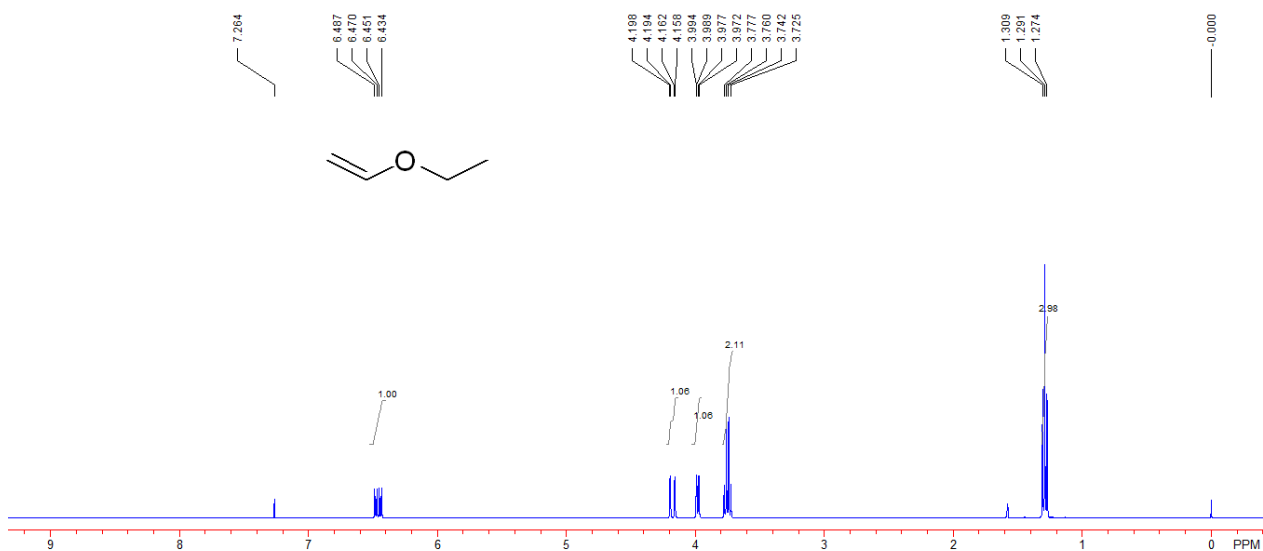
Control Experiments:

a) 0.1 mmol of 2-ethoxy-4-methyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine **5a** (0.10 mmol) was added to 1.0 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane, the resulting solution was stirred at 120 °C for 6 hours and then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether:EtOAc = 12:1) to give the corresponding compound **6a**.

b) To a solution of 2-ethoxy-4-methyl-5-(*p*-tolylthio)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine **5a** (0.10 mmol) in 1.0 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was added ethoxyethene (0.10 mmol), the resulting solution was stirred at 120 °C for 6 hours and then the mixture was detected by NMR spectroscopy, and there is no reaction of **5a**.

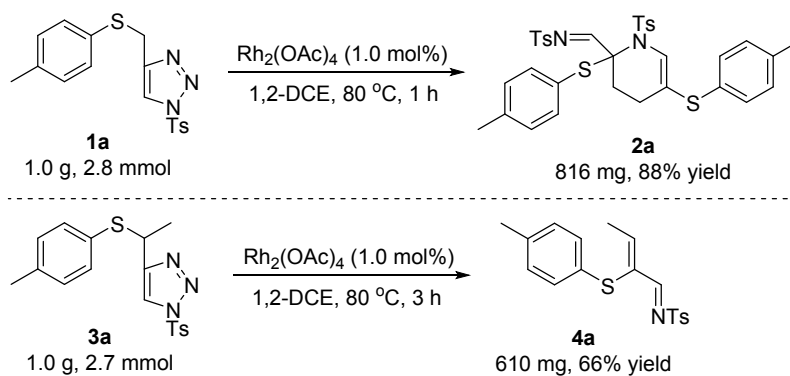
Decomposition of Ethoxyethene:

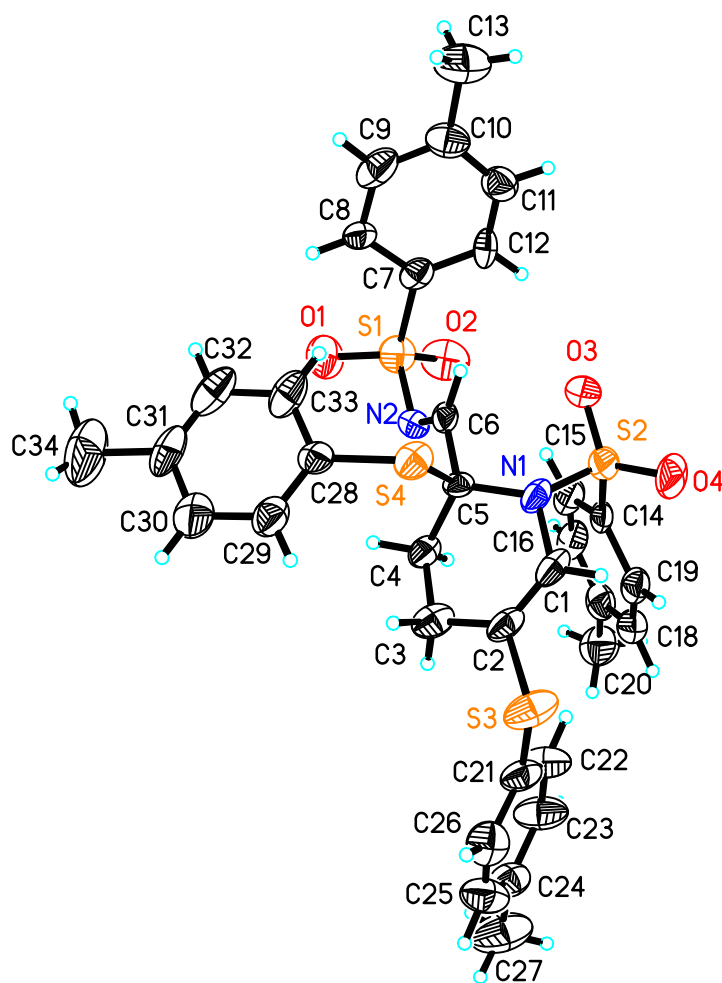
Ethoxyethene (1.0 mmol, 96 μL) and water (5.0 % mmol, 1.0 μL) were added into 1.0 mL CDCl_3 and the resulted solution was warmed to 120 °C. After 6 h, the ^1H NMR of the solution was recorded. The ^1H NMR showed that the ethoxyethene was decomposed after 6 h.



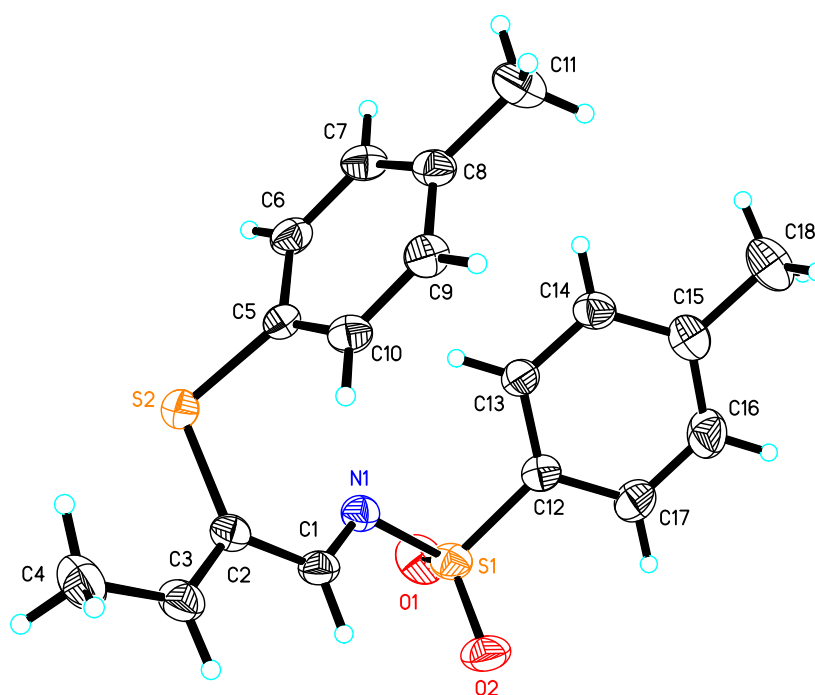
Gram scale synthesis of 1a and 3a

For the potential utility of this protocol, the reaction has been also carried out on a 1.0 g scale. As for triazole substrate **1a**, the reaction proceeded smoothly to give the desired product **2a** in 88% yield. Carrying out the reaction of **3a** on a 1.0 g scale under the standard conditions produced **4a** in 66% yield presumably due to the partial decomposition of this imine product in silica gel column chromatography during the purification.

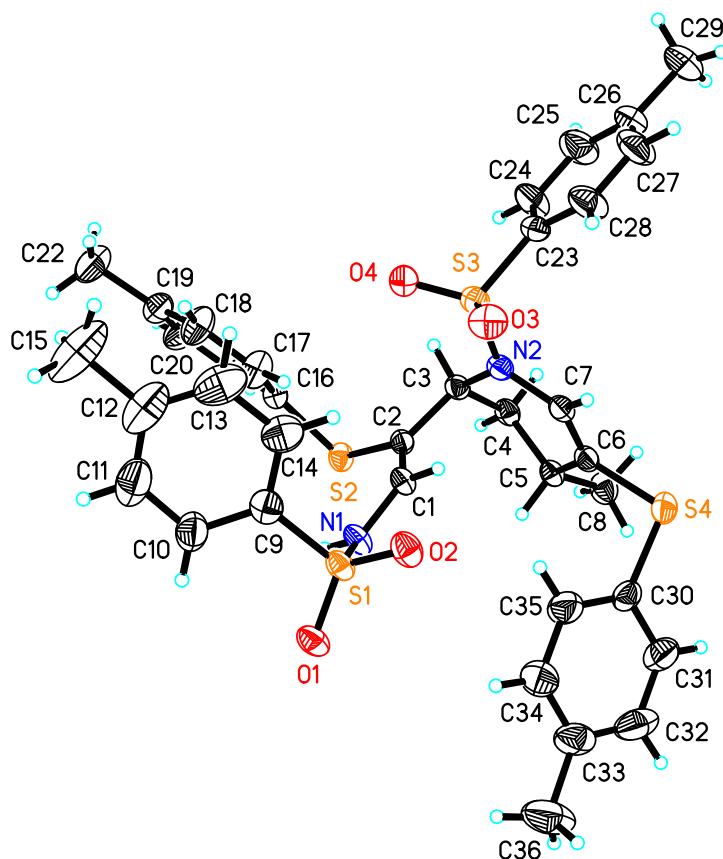




The crystal data of **2a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 996223. Empirical Formula: $C_{34}H_{34}N_2O_4S_4$; Formula Weight: 662.87; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless, Crystal Dimensions: 0.102 x 0.089 x 0.045 mm; Crystal System: Orthorhombic; Lattice Parameters: $a = 28.621(7)\text{\AA}$, $b = 26.533(8)\text{\AA}$, $c = 9.756(3)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 7409(3)\text{\AA}^3$; Space group: Aba_2 ; $Z = 8$; $D_{calc} = 1.189\text{ g/cm}^3$; $F_{000} = 1368$; Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] $R1 = 0.0887$, $wR2 = 0.1676$.



The crystal data of **4a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 1021015. Empirical Formula: $C_{18}H_{19}NO_2S_2$; Formula Weight: 345.46; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless, Crystal Dimensions: 0.211 x 0.165 x 0.112 mm; Crystal System: Monoclinic; Lattice Parameters: $a = 9.6224(10)\text{\AA}$, $b = 14.3505(14)\text{\AA}$, $c = 13.0206(13)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 102.158(2)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1757.6(3)\text{\AA}^3$; Space group: P 21/c; Z = 4; Dcalc = 1.306 g/cm³; F000 = 728; Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] R1 = 0.0414, wR2 = 0.1103.



The crystal data of **7a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 1013188. Empirical Formula: $C_{36}H_{38}N_2O_4S_4$; Formula Weight: 690.92; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless, Crystal Dimensions: 0.212 x 0.175 x 0.123 mm; Crystal System: Triclinic; Lattice Parameters: $a = 9.5970(13)\text{\AA}$, $b = 13.9714(19)\text{\AA}$, $c = 14.765(2)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha = 105.066(3)^\circ$, $\beta = 107.053(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 97.126(3)^\circ$, $V = 1784.1(4)\text{\AA}^3$; Space group: P-1; $Z = 2$; $D_{calc} = 1.286\text{ g/cm}^3$; $F_{000} = 728$; Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] $R1 = 0.0614$, $wR2 = 0.1678$.

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