Supporting information for

Nucleophile-Assisted Cyclization of β-Propargylamino Acrylic Compounds Catalyzed by Gold(I): A Rapid Construction of Multisubstituted Tetrahydropyridines and their Fused Derivatives

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General information

All reagents and solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Merck, KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany) and used without further purification. Solvents (DCM, THF) were dried prior to use (PureSolv PS-Micro, Innovative Technologies). The reactions carried out under an argon atmosphere were done in oven-dried glassware using Schlenk line techniques with magnetic stirring and dried solvents. TLC analyses were performed using Merck TLC Silica gel F_{254} TLC plates or Merck TLC Silica gel 60 RP-18 F_{254} and visualized by UV (254 nm) in combination with staining (using the solution of Ce(SO₄)₂·4H₂O (2 g), H₃[P(Mo₃O₁₀)₄] (4 g), conc. H₂SO₄ (10 mL) and H₂O (200 mL) with subsequent heating). Column chromatography was carried out on Merck Silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm) and Merck LiChroPrep RP-18 (25–40 µm). ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded with Varian VNMR S500 or Jeol JNM-ECZ600R instruments. The chemical shifts were recorded as δ values in parts per million (ppm) reported relative to TMS and referenced to the residual solvent peaks; the chemical shifts in ¹⁹F spectra were indirectly referenced to an 85% phosphoric acid external standard (0.00 ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. HR-MS data were recorded on a QTOF mass spectrometer using the electrospray ionization. Melting points were determined on Stuart SMP30 apparatus without correction.

Synthetic procedures and characterizations

Preparation of (TFP)AuCl

(TFP)AuCl was prepared according to the published procedure.^[1] Tetrahydrothiophene (0.38 mL, 4.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of HAuCl₄·3H₂O (788 mg, 2 mmol) in a mixture of water (1.4 mL) and ethanol (6.6 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The precipitate [chloro(tetrahydrothiophene)gold(I)] was filtered off, washed with ethanol and dried (611 mg). Dry (tht)AuCl was dissolved in DCM (10 mL) and trifurylphosphine (441 mg, 1.9 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was evaporated, the resultant powder was dissolved in a minimum amount of DCM and precipitated by hexane. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with hexane and dried. Grey powder, 86% overall yield (796 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 3H), 6.58–6.55 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 141.1 (d, *J* = 99.6 Hz), 125.3 (d, *J* = 26.6 Hz), 111.6 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -29.82.

CO ₂ R ²				R ³
	R ¹	base	$\rightarrow \begin{array}{ } CO_2 R^2 R^3 I \\ Pd^0, C $	
			N R' ' MBS	N R' ' MBS
4			6 (98 %)	1a-1g. 1t-1u
Cpd	\mathbf{R}^1	R ²	R ³	Overall Yield [%]
1.0	н	Me	Ph	57
14	11	NIC		51
lb	Н	Me	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	63
1c	Н	Me	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	56
1d	Н	Me	<i>m</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄	72
1e	Н	Me	1-Naphthyl	64
1f	Н	Me	Bifenyl-4-yl	59
1g	Н	Me	p-FC ₆ H ₄	33
1h	Н	Me	p-ClC ₆ H ₄	68
1i	Н	Me	p-BrC ₆ H ₄	58
1j	Н	Me	3,4-diClC ₆ H ₄	68
1k	Н	Me	$o-NO_2C_6H_4$	63
11	Н	Me	$m-NO_2C_6H_4$	72
1m	Н	Me	p-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	66
1n	Н	Me	2-thienyl	58
10	Me	Et	Ph	75
1p	Ph	Me	Ph	61
1q	CO ₂ Me	Me	Ph	69
1t	Н	Me	(E)-oct-1-en-1-yl	52
1u	Н	Me	(E)-2-phenylethen-1-yl	36

Table 1. Overview of propargylamino acrylates 1a-1q, 1t and 1u

N-(**prop-2-yn-1-yl**)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (4): 4-Methoxysulfonylchloride (9.68 g, 46.84 mmol) and TEA (7.4 mL, 52.695 mmol) were added to a solution of propargyl amine (3 mL, 46.84 mmol) in dry DCM (60 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, stirred for 30 minutes and then quenched with 50 mL of 5% HCl. The mixture was extracted with DCM (2×60 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, and the inorganic residues were filtered off. The solution was evaporated to dryness

to give a white crystalline solid, 99% yield (10.5 g). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] **¹H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 4.73 (bs, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.83–3.80 (m, 2H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.1, 131.0, 129.5, 114.2, 78.0, 72.9, 55.6, 32.8.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (6a): Methyl propiolate (0.441 mL, 4.96 mmol) followed by TEA (1.9 mL, 13.5 mmol, portionwise) were added to a solution of compound 4 (1.0106 g, 4.51 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (3 h). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with 20 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution. The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc ($2 \times 30 \text{ mL}$), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (70 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellow crystalline solid, 85% yield (1.186 g). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.03–6.96 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); 2.08 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.9, 140.5, 129.8, 129.4, 114.6, 99.6, 75.0, 74.1, 55.7, 51.5, 35.3.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-2-enoate (60): Ethyl but-2-ynoate (0.406 mL, 3.48 mmol) followed by DABCO (39 mg, 0.348 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **4** (392 mg, 1.74 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was then evaporated with 2 g of silica gel, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellowish oil, 98% yield (575 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^{[2] 1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 163.4, 152.7, 130.3, 129.9, 114.2, 114.0, 77.7, 73.9, 60.1, 55.6, 38.6, 18.0, 14.2.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[(*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]-3-phenylacrylate (6p): Methyl 3-phenylpropiolate (1.31 mL, 8.879 mmol) followed by DABCO (100 mg, 0.888 mmol) were added to a solution of compound 4 (1.000 g, 4.44 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The reaction was heated up at reflux overnight. The mixture was then evaporated with 5 g of silica gel, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (70 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3) to obtain a yellowish oil, 90% yield (1.55 g). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66–7.60 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.91–6.84 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.1, 163.1, 151.5, 137.5, 131.5, 130.4, 130.0, 128.4, 128.4, 116.4, 113.7, 78.4, 73.9, 55.6, 51.6, 41.2.

Dimethyl 2-[(N-4-(methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]maleate (6q). Dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (0.273 mL, 2.220 mmol) followed by TEA (0.928 mL, 6.66 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **4** (500 mg, 2.220 mmol) in dry DCM (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with DCM (2×50 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solution evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (6:4); milky oil, 98% yield (360 mg) as a mixture of *trans* and *cis* isomers. All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] **H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94–7.88 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.81–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.98 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.98–6.95 (m, 3H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.65.3, 164.0, 163.9, 144.4, 130.5, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 114.3, 114.0, 107.9, 75.6, 75.1, 74.3, 55.7, 53.3, 53.1, 52.2, 51.9, 39.3, 39.0.

General procedure for Sonogashira coupling: Preparation of substituted propargylamino acrylates 1a-1q:

Aryl iodide (1.21 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (0.055 mmol) and CuI (0.11 mmol) were added to a solution of enyne **6** (1.1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (1.53 mL; 11.0 mmol) was then added portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30–50 g), eluting with the mobile phases specified below to afford the corresponding acrylate **1**.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1a): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (7:3), light yellow solid, 68% yield (288 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.33–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.39 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 140.8, 131.6, 129.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 121.7, 114.5, 99.7, 85.7, 80.2, 55.6, 51.4, 36.2.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(4-methylphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1b): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (7:3), yellow amorphous solid, 75% yield (330 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.12–6.95 (m, 4H), 6.95–6.89 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.38 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 140.9, 138.9, 131.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 118.6, 114.5, 99.6, 85.9, 79.5, 55.6, 51.4, 36.2, 21.4.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1c): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1–8:2), light yellow amorphous solid, 66% yield (302 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.73 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.08–7.01 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.96–6.91 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.78–6.66 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.4, 163.7, 159.9, 140.9, 133.1, 129.8, 129.7, 114.5, 113.8, 113.7, 99.6, 85.7, 78.9, 55.6, 55.3, 51.4, 36.3.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(3-methoxyphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1d): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), yellowish oil, 86% yield (393 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.71 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.19–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.89 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.88–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.62–6.58 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 159.1, 140.8, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 124.1, 122.7, 116.7, 115.0, 114.5, 99.7, 85.6, 80.0, 55.6, 55.2, 51.5, 36.1.

Methyl (*E,Z*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-naphthyl-prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino] acrylate (1e): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), light brown amorphous solid, isolated as mixture of isomers (*E*:Z = 95:5), 76% yield (364 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.73 (m, 5H), 7.53–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.7, 140.9, 132.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 124.9, 119.4, 114.6, 99.8, 85.0, 84.1, 55.4, 51.5, 36.4.

Methyl (*E*)-3-(*N*-[3-(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-*N*-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]amino) acrylate (1f): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), yellowish solid, 70% yield (355 mg), m.p. 133.8 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.81 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 141.5, 140.9, 140.1, 132.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 120.6, 114.6, 99.7, 85.6, 80.9, 55.6, 51.5, 36.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 462.1370, found 462.1366.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-fluorophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1g): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); 39% yield (173 mg); m.p. 126.5 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.13–7.07 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 4H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 162.7 (d, *J* = 250.4 Hz), 140.8, 133.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 129.8, 129.7, 117.8 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 114.5, 99.7, 84.7, 80.1 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 55.6, 51.5, 36.1; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): –111.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉FNO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 404.0963, found 404.0966.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-chlorophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1h): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), yellowish amorphous solid, 81% yield (374 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.07–7.01 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.95–6.89 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.35 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.9, 140.9, 134.9, 132.9, 129.9, 129.7, 128.6, 120.2, 114.6, 99.8, 84.7, 81.4, 55.7, 51.6, 36.2.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-bromophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1i): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1), light yellow amorphous solid, 69% yield (352 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.99–6.61 (m, 4H), 5.35 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.8, 140.8, 133.0, 131.4, 129.8, 129.6, 123.0, 120.6, 114.5, 99.7, 84.6, 81.5, 55.6, 51.5, 36.1.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(3,4-dichlorophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino] acrylate (1j): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (85:15), yellow amorphous solid, 81% yield (405 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.94 (m, 3H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.9, 140.7, 133.3, 133.2, 132.4, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 121.6, 114.6, 99.7, 83.4, 82.4, 55.7, 51.5, 36.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈Cl₂NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 454.0277, found 454.0277.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-*N*-[3-(2-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]amino]acrylate (1k): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (6:4), green slime, 75% yield (355 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.54–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.90 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR

(125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.9, 140.7, 135.0, 132.8, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 124.6, 117.2, 114.6, 100.0, 88.5, 81.0, 55.7, 51.6, 36.3.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-*N*-[3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]amino]acrylate (1*I*): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), yellow solid, 85% yield (402 mg), m. p. 101.9 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18–8.13 (m, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.83 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.97 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 164.0, 147.9, 140.7, 137.2, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 126.4, 123.44, 123.39, 114.6, 99.7, 83.2, 83.1, 55.7, 51.5, 35.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₇S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 431.0908, found 431.0909.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(4-nitrophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1m): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), light yellow solid, 79% yield (374 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14–8.04 (m, 3H), 7.83–7.81 (m, AA'BB', 2H), 7.26–7.25 (m, AA'BB', 2H), 6.95–6.94 (m, AA'BB', 2H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 163.9, 147.4, 140.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.4, 123.4, 114.6, 99.7, 85.7, 83.7, 55.7, 51.6, 36.0.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-*N*-[3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]amino]acrylate (1n): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), orange amorphous solid, 69% yield (297 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.81 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.88 (m, 3H), 6.90 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.8, 140.8, 132.7, 129.8, 129.4, 127.6, 126.8, 121.5, 114.6, 99.6, 84.2, 79.0, 55.6, 51.4, 36.2.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-2-enoate (10): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2), brown oil, 77% yield (350 mg). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.37–7.22 (m, 5H), 6.96–6.90 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.3, 163.3, 153.1, 131.6, 130.6, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 122.1, 114.2, 114.1, 85.7, 83.1, 60.1, 55.6, 39.7, 18.3, 14.2.

Methyl 3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]-3-phenylacrylate (1p): Elution with hexane/EtOAc 8:2, light yellow oil, 68% yield (345 mg) as a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers. All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89–7.83 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.69–7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.23 (m, 12H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.81 (m, 4H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0, 164.3, 163.4, 162.9, 152.3, 137.5, 134.0, 131.7, 131.5, 131.0, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.32, 128.27, 128.21, 128.0, 127.9, 122.2, 116.7, 114.2, 114.0, 113.7, 85.8, 85.5, 83.9, 83.3, 55.62, 55.55, 51.6, 51.3, 42.1, 39.9.

Dimethyl 2-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1yl)amino]maleate (1q): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (7:3), yellow oil, 55% yield (268 mg) as a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers. All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97–7.93 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.85–7.81 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.16–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.99–6.96 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.93–6.89 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 164.0, 163.8, 145.0, 131.6, 131.6, 130.5, 130.2, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 121.7, 114.3, 113.9, 107.3, 86.9, 86.4, 80.8, 55.6, 55.5, 53.3, 53.1, 52.2, 51.9, 40.3, 40.1.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-((*E*)-undec-4-en-2-yn-1yl)amino]acrylate (1t): 1-Iodo-oct-2-ene (0.286 mL, 1.65 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (39 mg, 0.055 mmol) and CuI (21 mg, 0.11 mmol) were added to a solution of enyne **6a** (340.3 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an ovendried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (1.53 mL; 11.0 mmol) was then added portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (40 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2); brownish oil, 62% yield (426 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.94 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.88 (dt, *J* = 15.9 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dt, *J* = 15.9 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.22 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.7, 146.4, 140.8, 129.8, 129.7, 114.5, 108.1, 99.5, 84.6, 78.5, 55.6, 51.4, 36.2, 33.0, 31.6, 28.7, 28.5, 22.5, 14.0; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₃₀NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 420.1839, found 420.1838.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-((*E*)-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1u): 1-Bromo-2-phenylethylene (0.212 mL, 1.21 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (39 mg, 0.055 mmol) and CuI (21 mg, 0.11 mmol) were added to a solution of enyne **6a** (340.3 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (1.53 mL; 11.0 mmol) was then added portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc ($2 \times 20 \text{ mL}$), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (70 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2); yellow amorphous solid, 43% yield (195 mg);

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.04–6.98 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dt, *J* = 16.3 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 163.8, 142.5, 140.8, 135.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 126.2, 114.5, 106.6, 99.7, 84.9, 82.3, 55.6, 51.5, 36.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺412.1213, found 412.1213.

Preparation of propargylamino acrylates 1r and 1s

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NH MBS	R Cu ^I NH MBS	CO ₂ Me	
4	11r, 11s		1r, 1s
Cpd	R	Overall	_
_		Yield [%]	_
1r	Η	52	
1 s	CH ₃	45	_

Table 2. Overview of propargylamino acrylates 1r and 1s.

N-(pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11r): (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (779 mg, 1.11 mmol), CuI (423 mg, 2.22 mmol) and vinyl bromide (55.5 mL of 1M THF solution, 55.5 mmol) were added to a solution of sulfonamide **4** (5 g, 22.2 mmol) in dry DMF (50 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (31 mL, 222 mmol) was then added portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (1 hour). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (50 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2×50 mL), the combined organic layers washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (150 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (75:25); yellow amorphous solid, 54% yield (3 g);¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86–7.81 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.56 (ddt, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 10.9 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 10.9 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (bs, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.1, 131.2, 129.6, 127.7, 116.2, 114.2, 83.9, 83.3, 55.6, 33.6; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄NO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 252.0689, found 252.0694.

(*E,Z*)-*N*-(hex-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11s): $(PPh_3)_2PdCl_2$ (78 mg, 0.11 mmol), CuI (42 mg, 0.22 mmol) and propenyl bromide (0.475 mL, 5.55 mmol) were added to a solution of sulfonamide 4 (0.50 g, 2.22 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon

atmosphere. TEA (3.4 mL, 22.2 mmol) was then added portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (4 hours). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3); yellow amorphous solid, 50% yield (295 mg); isolated as a mixture of E/Z-isomers (a:b = 2:1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86–7.81 (m, mixture of isomers a+b, 4H), 7.00–6.96 (m, mixture of isomers a+b, 4H), 5.92 (dq, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 6.9 Hz, overlap, isomer a, 1H), 5.94–5.88 (m, isomer b, 1H), 5.29–5.24 (m, mixture of isomers a+b, 2H), 4.72 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, isomer b, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, isomer a, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 6.1 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, isomer b, 2H), 3.92 (dd, J = 6.1Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, isomer a, 2H), 3.87 (s, isomer a, 3H), 3.86 (s, isomer b, 3H), 1.72 (dd, J = 6.9 Hz, J =1.9 Hz, isomer a, 3H), 1.70 (dd, J = 6.9 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, isomer b, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.05, 163.03, 140.6, 139.3, 131.3, 131.2, 129.6, 129.5, 114.17, 114.15, 109.7, 109.0, 87.7, 83.5, 81.40, 81.37, 55.58, 55.56, 33.8, 33.7, 18.5, 15.9; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆NO₃S⁺ $[M+H]^+$ 266.0846, found 266.0855; *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅NO₃SNa⁺ $[M+Na]^+$ 288.0665, found 288.0671.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1r): Methyl propiolate (0.670 mL, 7.53 mmol) followed by TEA (3.2 mL, 22.6 mmol, portionwise) were added to a solution of compound 11r (1.89 g, 7.53 mmol) in dry THF (40 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (3 h). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with 30 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution. The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2×30 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (100 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellow amorphous solid, 97% yield (2.45 g); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.52 (ddt, J = 17.0 Hz, J = 11.5 Hz, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, overlap, J = 11.5 Hz, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, overlap, J = 17.0 Hz, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.8, 140.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.1, 115.9, 114.5, 99.6, 84.2, 80.9, 55.7, 51.4, 36.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 336.0900, found 336.0902.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-((*E*,*Z*)-hex-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1s): Methyl propiolate (0.091 mL, 1.02 mmol) followed by TEA (0.43 mL, 3.06 mmol, portionwise) were added to a solution of compound **11s** (270 mg, 1.02 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (12 h). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with 10 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution. The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellow oil, 91% yield (323 mg); isolated as a mixture of *E*,*Z*-isomers (a:b = 3:1); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, overlap, isomer b, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, overlap, isomer a, 1H), 7.81–7.75 (m, isomers a+b, 4H), 7.00–6.94 (m, isomers a+b, 4H), 5.93–5.82 (m, overlap, isomer b, 1H), 5.88 (dq, *J* = 15.7 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz, overlap, isomer a, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 13.9, isomer b, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, isomer a, 1H), 5.23–5.18 (m, isomers a+b, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, isomer b, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, isomer a, 2H), 3.86 (s, isomer b, 3H), 3.84 (s, isomer a, 3H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 6H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, isomer a, 3H), 1.61 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, isomer b, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.28, 167.27, 163.74, 163.72, 141.0, 140.8, 140.7, 139.8, 129.73, 129.67, 114.44, 114.42, 109.4, 108.7, 99.50, 99.47, 84.6, 84.4, 82.5, 78.4, 55.64, 55.62, 51.4, 36.3, 36.2, 29.6, 18.4, 15.8; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₅Sa⁺ [M+H]⁺ 350.1057, found 350.1066; *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉NO₅SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 372.0876, found 372.0876.

Preparation of the propargylamino acrylate 1v



3-Cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-ol (28) was prepared according to a literature procedure.^[3] n-BuLi (3.4 mL of 2.5M solution, 8.4 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C to a solution of cyclopropylacetylene (677 µl, 8 mmol) in dry THF (16 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, then paraformaldehyde (432.4 mg, 14.4 mmol) was added in one portion. The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The mixture was then quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solution was evaporated to dryness to obtain a light yellow oil, 90% yield (629 mg); all data were in agreement with those reported in literature: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.23 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.31–1.24 (m, 1H), 0.82–0.75 (m, 2H), 0.73–0.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 89.7, 73.6, 51.4, 8.2, –0.6.

Tert-butyl *N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)carbamate (29) was prepared according to a literature procedure.^[4] DMAP (171 mg, 1.4 mmol), di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (1.68 g, 7.7 mmol) and TEA (1.17 mL, 8.4 mmol) were successively added to a solution of 4-methoxyphenylsulfonamide (1.31 g, 7 mmol) in dry DCM (15 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, then quenched with 5% HCl (15 mL). The resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), and dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (90 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (6:4); white solid, 95% yield (1.9 g); all data were in agreement with those reported in literature: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98–7.93 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.7, 149.1, 130.5, 130.3, 114.0, 84.0, 55.7, 27.9.

Tert-butyl *N*-(3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)carbamate (30): A solution of imide 29 (747.2 mg, 2.6 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) and triphenylphosphine (682 mg, 2.6 mmol) were successively added to a solution of propargyl alcohol 28 (250 mg, 2.6 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cooled down to 0 °C and the solution of DEAD in toluene was subsequently added dropwise (1.3 ml, 2.6 mmol). After 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (70 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellowish amorphous solid; 77% yield (730 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03–7.93 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.93 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.27–1.22 (m, 1H), 0.80–0.75 (m, 2H), 0.68–0.63 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.4, 150.4, 131.3, 130.6, 113.6, 87.5, 84.5, 70.6, 55.7, 36.5, 27.9, 8.0, –0.6; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₅SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 388.1189, found 388.1192.

N-(3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11v): Dried lithium bromide (1 g, 11.52 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of carbamate **30** (350 mg, 0.96 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C overnight. After cooling the mixture down, the solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a white solid; 92% yield (235 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.97 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.08–0.97 (m, 1H), 0.73–0.64 (m, 2H), 0.48–0.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.1, 131.4, 129.6, 114.1, 88.5, 69.5, 55.6, 33.4, 7.9, –0.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆NO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 266.0846, found 266.0851.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1v): Methyl propiolate (0.071 mL, 1.19 mmol) followed by TEA (0.45 mL, 3.23 mmol, portionwise) were added to a solution of compound **11v** (286 mg, 1.08 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The water phase was then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2) to obtain a yellow oil, 16% yield (60 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.02–0.94 (m, 1H), 0.66–0.59 (m, 2H), 0.40–0.34 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.4, 163.7, 140.8, 129.8, 129.7, 114.4, 99.4, 89.6, 66.4, 55.7, 51.4, 35.9, 8.0, –0.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 350.1057, found 350.1055.

Preparation of the propargylamino acrylates 1w-1z



Scheme 2. Overview of the synthesis of 1w–1z

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(3-iodoprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1w): *N*-iodosuccinimide (270 mg, 1.2 mmol) and silver nitrate (17 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to a solution of enyne **6a** (309 mg, 1 mmol) in acetone p.a. (10 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (1.5 hour). The mixture was then poured onto ice, extracted with diethyl ether (3×10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was recrystallized from hot hexane; pink solid, m.p. 124–125 °C; 97% yield (423 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.72 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.10–6.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 163.9, 140.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 114.6, 99.7, 85.0, 55.7, 51.5, 37.0; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅INO₅SNa⁺ [M+H]⁺ 435.9710, found 435.9119.

Methyl (E)-3-[N-(5-cyclopropylpenta-2,4-diyn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate

(1x): Iodoenyne 1w (435.2 mg, 1 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and CuI (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to a solution of cyclopropylacetylene (93 μ L, 1.1 mmol) in THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (1.4 mL, 10 mmol) was then added to the solution dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, then quenched with saturated solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2); pale yellow oil, 38% yield (142 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.04–6.96 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.32–1.20 (m, 1H), 0.92–0.68 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 163.9, 140.6, 129.7, 129.3, 114.6, 99.7, 84.4, 71.1, 66.0, 59.3, 55.7, 51.4, 36.0, 8.8, -0.2; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 374.1057, found 374.1060.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-*N*-[5-(triethylsilyl)penta-2,4-diyn-1yl]amino]acrylate (1y): Iodoenyne 1w (435.2 mg, 1 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and CuI (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to a solution of TES-acetylene (197 μ L, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (1.4 mL, 10 mmol) was then added to the solution dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, then quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2); yellowish amorphous solid, 31% yield (140 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.04–6.99 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.61 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 164.0, 140.6, 129.8, 129.6, 114.7, 99.8, 87.5, 85.7, 70.8, 68.2, 55.7, 51.5, 35.9, 7.3, 4.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₃₀NO₅SSi⁺ [M+H]⁺ 448.1609, found 448.1606.

Methyl (*E*)-3-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(penta-2,4-diyn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1z): K₂CO₃ (43 mg, 0.313 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 1y (140 mg, 0.313 mmol) in MeOH p.a. (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (30 min). The reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (10 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solvent was evaporated to give a product, which was used without further purification. White amorphous solid, 80% yield (81.4 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.05–7.00 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.07 (t, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 164.1, 140.5, 129.8, 129.62, 129.1, 114.7, 99.8, 69.9, 68.1, 67.7, 66.8, 55.7, 51.5, 35.7; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 334.0744, found 334.0752.

Procedure for synthesis of tetrahydropyridines 3 and dihydropyridines 20, 2p and 2w.

Silver tetrafluoroborate (7.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (2 mL), (TFP)AuCl (9.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) and dry methanol (49 μ L, 1.2 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. The solution of the appropriate propargylamino acrylate **1** (0.4 mmol) in dry benzene (3 ml) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature, while monitoring by TLC and/or NMR analysis (ca 1– 12 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate, the solvent of combined filtrate was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50–60 g) to afford tetrahydropyridine **3**.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3a): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); white solid, m. p. 87–88 °C; 95% yield (159 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.84–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.41–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.16–7.12 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.23 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 17.6, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dt, J = 17.6 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.4, 164.2, 140.6, 131.9, 131.3, 130.7, 129.2, 128.3, 126.2, 122.1, 115.0, 84.9, 56.1, 56.1, 52.6, 49.6, 42.1; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 440.1138, found 440.1146.).

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3b): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1–8:2); light yellow amorphous solid; 87% yield (150 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.85–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.18–7.09 (m, 4H), 6.19 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, overlap, J = 17.8 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, overlap, 3H), 3.73 (dt, J = 17.8 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.5, 164.1, 137.9, 137.8, 131.9, 131.0, 130.7, 129.9, 126.1, 121.1, 115.0, 84.9, 56.12, 56.07, 52.6, 49.6, 42.0, 21.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 454.1295, found 454.1296.

Methyl2-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3c): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); white amorphous solid;79% yield (141 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.85–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.35–7.27 (m,AA' BB', 2H), 7.17–7.10 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.92–6.85 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.12 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.98 (dd, overlap, J = 17.5 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz), 3.92(s, overlap, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dt, J = 17.5 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 170.5, 164.1, 160.2, 133.0, 132.0, 130.66, 130.65, 127.3, 120.2, 115.0, 114.6, 85.0, 56.12, 56.07, 55.5, 52.6, 49.6, 42.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO₇SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 470.1244, found 470.1257.

Methyl2-methoxy-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3d): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); light yellow amorphoussolid, 77% yield (138 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.85–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.27–7.21(m, 1H), 7.18–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.98–6.81 (m, 3H), 6.25 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.72(d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.99–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dt, J = 18.0Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.5, 164.2,160.8, 142.1, 131.9, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 122.3, 118.5, 115.0, 113.7, 112.0, 84.9, 56.1, 56.1, 55.4, 52.6,49.6, 42.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO₇SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 470.1244, found 470.1250.

Methyl2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-naphthyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-
carboxylate (3e): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); light yellow oil, 78% yield (146 mg); ¹H NMR
(500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 8.15–8.09 (m, 1H), 7.94–7.82 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H),
7.22–7.16 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.93 (dd, J = 3.8 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 17.4 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91–3.88 (m, 1H), 3.82 (dt, J = 17.4 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55
(s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.2, 164.2, 139.7, 134.7, 132.2, 131.9,
131.6, 130.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 115.0, 84.9, 56.4, 56.1, 52.4, 52.2,
41.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 490.1295, found 490.1295.

Methyl 4-biphenyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3f): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); yellow amorphous solid, 94% yield (186 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.87–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.70–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.32 (dd, J = 4.0 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 17.7 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.77 (dt, J = 17.7 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.5, 164.2, 141.1, 140.8, 139.6, 131.9, 130.8, 130.7, 129.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 122.1, 115.0, 84.9, 56.13, 56.12, 52.7, 49.4, 42.1; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₇H₂₇NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 516.1451, found 516.1462.

Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3g): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1–85:15); colorless oil, 44% yield (77 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.83–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.20 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.97–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.73 (dt, J = 17.8 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.3, 164.2, 163.1 (d, J = 244.7 Hz), 137.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 131.9, 130.7, 130.4, 128.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 122.23, 115.9 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 115.0, 84.9, 56.14, 56.11, 52.7, 49.7, 42.0; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, acetone- d_6): -112.1; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂FNO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 458.1044, found 458.1052.

Methyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3h): Elution with hexan/EtOAc (85:15–8:2); yellowish oil, 86% yield (156 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.00–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.09 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.88 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.82 (dt, J = 17.6 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7, 163.1, 137.9, 133.5, 130.7, 129.8, 129.8, 128.6, 126.8, 121.6, 114.1, 83.6, 56.2, 55.6, 52.5, 49.4, 41.1; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂CINO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 474.0748, found 474.0757.

Methyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3i): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); yellowish oil, 90% yield (179 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.19–7.14 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.10 (dd, J = 4.0 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.86 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.84–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7, 163.1, 138.4, 131.6, 130.7, 129.9, 129.8, 127.2, 121.70, 121.68, 114.1, 83.6, 56.2, 55.6, 52.5, 49.3, 41.1; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂BrNO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 518.0243, found 518.0245.

Methyl4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3j): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); pale yellow oil, 27% yield(52 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.85–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53(d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.10 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.35 (dd, J = 4.1Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.99–3.94 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.78–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.1, 164.2, 141.5,132.8, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 130.7, 129.6, 128.4, 126.4, 124.4, 115.0, 84.8, 56.2, 56.1, 52.7, 49.2, 42.1;HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁Cl₂NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 508.0359, found 508.0359.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3m): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2–7:3); light yellow amorphous solid, 23% yield (43 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20–8.14 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.81–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.48–7.41 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.01–6.94 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.26 (dd, J = 4.0 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.90 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.88–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 163.2, 147.1, 145.9, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 126.3, 124.9, 123.8, 114.1, 83.4, 56.2, 55.6, 52.6, 49.3, 41.2; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₈SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 485.0989, found 485.0995.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3n): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1); yellow oil, 62% yield (105 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.89 (m, 4H), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 4.1 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.87 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dt, *J* = 17.8 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7, 163.1, 143.5, 130.6, 129.8, 127.3, 125.1, 124.2, 122.7, 119.4, 114.1, 83.5, 56.2, 55.6, 52.6, 49.8, 40.8; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 446.0702, found 446.0703.

Ethyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-2-methyl-4-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (20): Elution with hexane/EtOAc 7:3; yellowish oil; 51% yield (93 mg); all data were in agreement with those reported in literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72–7.62 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.20–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.81–6.74 (m, 4H), 5.44 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 0.70 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.8, 163.1, 143.6, 138.7, 137.4, 131.1, 129.2, 127.9, 127.3, 126.3, 124.6, 117.5, 114.0, 60.6, 55.4, 45.8, 20.4, 13.3.

Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (2p): Elution with hexane/EtOAc 9:1; yellow amorphous solid; 67% yield (124 mg); all data were in agreement with those reported in literature.^[2] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64–7.53 (m, 4 H), 7.42– 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.92–6.81 (m, 4H), 5.49 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 163.2, 141.8, 137.6, 137.6, 135.7, 131.3, 130.2, 129.6, 129.6, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 125.7, 119.0, 114.2, 113.9, 55.6, 51.8, 46.6.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-2,3-dicarboxylate (3q): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); colorless oil, 44% yield (84 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.98–7.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.36–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.07 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.28 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (td, *J* = 3.7 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.33 – 3.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 171.2, 169.4, 164.9, 139.3, 132.2, 131.8, 131.3, 129.7, 129.0, 126.3, 122.3, 115.0, 90.6, 56.3, 55.8, 53.44, 53.38, 53.0, 46.1; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/z calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅NO₈SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 498.1193, found 498.1198.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-vinyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3r):

Silver tetrafluoroborate (296 mg, 1.52 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (10 mL), (TFP)AuCl (353 mg, 0.76 mmol) and dry methanol (1.8 mL, 45.6 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the propargylamino acrylate **1r** (5.1 g, 15.2 mmol) in dry benzene (10 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by TLC monitoring (ca 12 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (150 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (8:2–7:3); white crystalline solid, m. p. 91–92 °C, 37% (2.075 g); ¹H

NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.14–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.41 (dd, J = 17.6 Hz, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.6, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.91–3.86 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.68–3.62 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 169.4, 163.3, 137.7, 131.1, 129.8, 129.5, 124.8, 114.1, 111.6, 83.8, 55.3, 55.2, 51.7, 46.0, 40.8; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 390.0982, found 390.0987.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3s): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (98:2–9:1); white oil, 45% yield (69 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 7.81–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.13–7.09 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 15.7, 1H), 5.72 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.54 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.70–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.65–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 1.71 (d, J = 6.7, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.6, 163.3, 132.3, 131.2, 129.8, 129.1, 123.4, 121.7, 114.1, 83.9, 55.3, 55.2, 51.8, 46.7, 40.8, 17.4; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 404.1138, found 404.1140.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(oct-1-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3t): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1); light yellow oil, 52% yield (94 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.81–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.14–7.09 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.08 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, J = 4.2 Hz, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, overlap, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dt, overlap, J = 15.4 Hz, J = 6.9, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.83 (dd, J = 17.8 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.66–3.60 (m, overlap, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.12–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.25 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.3, 164.0, 131.9, 131.8, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 122.6, 114.8, 84.6, 56.0, 55.9, 52.4, 47.5, 41.5, 33.2, 32.3, 29.9, 29.3, 23.1, 14.2; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₃H₃₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺474.1921, found 474.1924.

Methyl2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(2-phenylethen-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3u): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2–7:3); colorless oil, 95%yield (169 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.83–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 2H),7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, overlap, J = 18.5 Hz, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.72 (dt, J = 18.5 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.37(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.3, 164.1, 138.1, 131.9, 130.61, 130.59, 130.3, 129.4,128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 125.8, 115.0, 84.7, 56.11, 56.05, 52.7, 47.3, 42.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd.for C₂₃H₂₅NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 466.1295, found 466.1303.

Methyl 4-cyclopropyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)- 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3carboxylate (3v): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); pale white oil, 36% yield (55 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.81–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.13–7.08 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.57 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.51–5.47 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.71–3.66 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.52–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 1.43–1.40 (m, 1H), 0.67–0.56 (m, 2H), 0.54–0.22 (m, 1H), 0.30–0.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 170.8, 164.0, 133.0, 132.0, 130.6, 117.6, 114.9, 84.5, 56.1, 55.8, 52.5, 50.7, 41.4, 17.0, 5.5, 5.4; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 404.1138, found 404.1142.

Methyl 4-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (2w): Not fully characterized due to the instability. Only the NMR of crude mixture was measured. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.07–7.03 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.11 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 164.2, 164.0, 140.7, 137.5, 129.8, 128.3, 126.9, 114.9, 109.7, 83.6, 55.8, 51.7, 46.5.

Methyl4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3x):Elution with hexane/EtOAc (9:1–85:15); light yellow oil,16% yield (23 mg);¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.80–7.76 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.14–7.09 (m,AA' BB', 2H), 6.02 (dd, J = 4.4 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.84–3.77(m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dt, J = 18.3 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.41–3.37 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.37–1.30(m, 1H), 0.84–0.79 (m, 2H), 0.63–0.58 (m, 2H);¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 169.8, 164.2,131.8, 130.6, 129.7, 115.0, 93.7, 84.1, 75.8, 56.1, 56.0, 52.6, 51.5, 41.5, 31.7, 8.81, 8.80, 0.4; HR-MS(TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 428.1138, found 428.1146.

Methyl 2-ethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (7a):

Silver tetrafluoroborate (7.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (2 mL), (TFP)AuCl (9.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) and ethanol (70 µL, 1.2 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the propargylamino acrylate **1a** (154 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry benzene (3 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by TLC monitoring (12 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (60 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1–8:2); yellow amorphous solid, 92% yield (159 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 7.85–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.42–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.17–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 4.1 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.76 (dt, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69–3.63 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125.7 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 169.7, 163.3, 139.9, 131.2, 130.5, 129.9, 128.5, 127.5, 125.4, 121.3, 114.2, 82.6, 63.5, 55.3, 51.8, 49.0, 41.4, 14.4; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 454.1295, found 454.1303.

Methyl 2-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (8a):

Silver tetrafluoroborate (7.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene or THF (2 ml), (TFP)AuCl (9.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) and distilled water (22 µl, 1.2 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the propargylamino acrylate **1a** (154 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry benzene or THF (3 ml) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material as shown by TLC monitoring (12 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1–8:2); white amorphous solid, 7% yield (11 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 7.88–7.84 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.42–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.13–7.09 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.33–6.31 (m, 1H), 6.17–6.14 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 17.4 Hz, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dt, *J* = 17.4 Hz, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 170.4, 164.0, 140.8, 131.6, 130.94, 130.86, 129.2, 128.2, 126.2, 122.5, 114.8, 77.5, 56.1, 52.7, 52.5, 42.0; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 426.0982, found 426.0982.

Procedure of synthesis of ortho-fused cycles 14, 18 and 22



Scheme 3. Overview of synthesis of 14

2-((*Tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)acetic acid (9)**: Glycolic acid (2.5 g, 32.85 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (40 mL), and the solution was cooled down to 0 °C. *tert*-Butyldiphenylchlorosilane (11.2 g, 41 mmol) was added in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. Pyridine was evaporated, and the crude mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and

EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The organic layer was washed with a 5% solution of HCl (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. White oily compound; 95% yield (9.8 g). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[5] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 4H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.2, 135.4, 131.7, 130.3, 128.1, 61.9, 26.7, 19.1.

2-((Tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-N-methoxy-N-methylacetamide (31): N-, 0dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.56 g, 26.24 mmol) was added to a solution of acid 9 (5.5 g, 17.49 mmol) in dry DCM (20 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. EDCI (5.03 g, 26.24 mmol) and DMAP (3.21 g, 26.24 mmol) were subsequently added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours, then quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (2×20 mL). The organic layers were washed with 5% HCl (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), and dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solvent was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (100 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1 – 85:15) to obtain amide **31**; white solid, m. p. 56–57 °C, 64% yield (4 g). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77–7.71 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 6H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.8, 135.7, 133.2, 129.7, 127.7, 62.0, 61.2, 32.4, 26.7, 19.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₂₇NO₃SiNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 380.1652, found 380.1664.

1-((*Tert***-butyldiphenylsily)oxy)but-3-yn-2-one (10)**: Amide **31** (1.5 g, 4.195 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The solution was cooled down to 0 °C, ethynyl magnesium chloride (28.5 mL, 0.5M solution in THF) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred until TLC analysis indicated that the reaction was complete (2 hours). The reaction mixture was then quenched with a 1M solution of NaHSO₄ (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solution was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (80 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1) to obtain ynone **10**; pale yellow oil, 95% yield (1.29 g); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 6H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 1.13 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.3, 135.5, 132.5, 130.0, 127.9, 81.2, 79.6, 70.5, 26.6, 19.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂O₂SiNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 345.1281, found 345.1290.

N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11a): $(PPh_3)_2PdCl_2$ (312 mg, 0.444 mmol), CuI (169 mg, 0.888 mmol) and iodobenzene (1.043 mL, 9.32 mmol) were added to a solution of sulfonamide 4 (2 g, 8.88 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. TEA (12.4 mL, 88.8 mmol) was then added to the solution portionwise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour, then diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with a

saturated solution of NH₄Cl (20 mL). The water phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solvent evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (80 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3 – 6:4) to obtain sulfonamide **11a**; yellowish amorphous solid, 84% yield (2.248 g); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91–7.84 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.34–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.91 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 4.75 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.1, 131.6, 131.3, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 122.1, 114.2, 84.7, 83.3, 55.5, 33.7; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 302.0846, found 302.0857.

(E) - 1 - ((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl) oxy) - 4 - [N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-methoxyphenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonylsulfonylsulfonylsulfonyl) - N-(3-phenylsulfonyls

yl)amino]but-3-en-2-one (12): Sulfonamide **11a** (1.028 g, 3.41 mmol) was added to a solution of ynone **10** (1 g, 3.1 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Tributylphosphine (0.38 mL, 1.55 mmol) was then added to the solution portionwise, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. When complete conversion was confirmed by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1 – 85:15) to obtain ketone **12**; white solid, m. p. 91–92 °C, 56% yield (1.082 g); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.18 (m, 9H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.91 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 163.8, 141.0, 135.5, 132.6, 131.6, 129.94, 129.89, 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 121.7, 114.6, 103.1, 85.6, 80.3, 69.2, 55.6, 36.3, 26.7, 19.2; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₃₆H₃₇NO₅SiNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 646.2054, found 646.2053.

(E)-1-hydroxy-4-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-3-en-2-

one (13): TBAF (2 mL, 1M solution) was added dropwise to a solution of 12 (812 mg, 1.3 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min, then quenched with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3) to obtain hydroxyketone 13. Yellowish solid, m. p. 104.5–105.5 °C, 60% yield (300 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.36–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.06 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.5, 164.0, 140.7, 131.6, 129.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 121.4, 114.7, 103.2, 86.0, 79.9, 67.0, 55.6, 36.2; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₅S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 386.1057, found 386.1066.

7-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,3,3a,6,7,7a-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]pyridin-3-one (14): <u>Method A:</u> Silver tetrafluoroborate (4.6 mg, 0.023 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (1 mL), (TFP)AuCl (5.4 mg, 0.012 mmol) and methanol (28 µL, 0.7 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the envnone 13 (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry benzene (2 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by TLC monitoring (1.5 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3); white amorphous solid, 62% yield (56 mg). Method B: Silver tetrafluoroborate (4.6 mg, 0.023 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (1 mL) and (TFP)AuCl (5.4 mg, 0.012 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the enynone 13 (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry benzene (2 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by TLC monitoring (1.5 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to the dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3); white amorphous solid, 54% yield (49 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): § 7.97–7.89 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.11 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33–6.26 (m, 1H), 4.24–4.17 (m, 1H), 4.07–4.03 (m, 1H), 4.00–3.98 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dt, J = 16.5 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 8 208.4, 164.2, 138.9, 132.0, 131.5, 131.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 123.6, 115.0, 85.8, 70.6, 56.1, 48.0, 40.7; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{20}NO_5S^+$ [M+H]⁺ 385.0984, found 386.1060.



Scheme 4. Overview of synthesis of 18

tert-butyl-(2-oxobut-3-yn-1-yl)carbamate (16) was prepared according to the published procedure^[6]: Amide 15 (1 g, 4.58 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. The solution was cooled down to -78 °C, ethynyl magnesium chloride (46 mL, 0.5M solution in THF) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour and then at room temperature over night. The reaction mixture was then quenched with a 1M solution of NaHSO₄ (15 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solution was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (80 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1) to obtain carbamate **16**. White oil, 63% yield (530 mg); All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature:^[6] ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.16 (bs, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³**C** NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 128.8, 155.4, 81.4, 80.3, 79.4, 52.2, 28.2

tert-butyl (*E*)-4-[*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]-2-oxobut-3-en-1-yl)carbamate (17): Sulfonamide 11a (905 mg, 3 mmol) was added to a solution of carbamate 16 (500 mg, 2.73 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Tributylphosphine (0.34 mL, 1.365 mmol) was then added to the solution portionwise, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. When complete conversion of carbamate was confirmed by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (20 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1) to obtain carbamate 17; yellowish oil, 21% yield (279 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.35–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.92 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.7, 163.9, 155.7, 140.6, 131.6, 129.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 121.5, 114.6, 104.8, 85.9, 79.92, 79.69, 55.62, 49.25, 36.21, 28.31; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 507.1560, found 507.1564.

tert-Butyl 7-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,3a,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3b]pyridine-1-carboxylate 18: Method A: Silver tetrafluoroborate (3.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under an argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (2 mL), (TFP)AuCl (4 mg, 0.0083 mmol) and methanol ($20 \,\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of carbamate 17 (80 mg, 0.165 mmol) in dry benzene (2 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture (5 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of C18silica gel (3 g), eluting with a water/MeOH mixture (7:3); white amorphous solid, 53% yield (42 mg). Method B: Silver tetrafluoroborate (3.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under an argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (2 mL) and (TFP)AuCl (4 mg, 0.0083 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of carbamate 17 (80 mg, 0.165 mmol) in dry benzene (2 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture (12 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite®, and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a column of C18-silica gel (3 g), eluting with a water/MeOH mixture (7:3); white amorphous solid, 48% yield (38 mg).¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.79–7.73 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.89 (m, 1H), 6.38–6.33 (m, 1H), 6.09–6.05 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.12 (m, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.91 (m, 1H), 3. 3.78 (ddd, *J* = 18.3 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 18.5 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 206.5,164.6, 155.8, 139.3, 134.9, 130.7, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.2, 115.5, 82.8, 70.5, 56.1, 53.4, 50.4, 28.7, 28.3. HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 507.1560, found 507.1551.



Scheme 5. Overview of synthesis of 22

3-methoxyphenyl propiolate (19) was prepared according to a literature procedure. The solution of 3-methoxyphenol (3.3 mL, 30.5 mmol) and propionic acid (2.354 g, 33.6. mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was cooled down to 0 °C, then solution of DCC (6.293 g, 30.5 mmol) and DMAP (373 mg, 3.05 mmol) dissolved in DCM was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hours. When complete conversion of starting materials was confirmed by TLC analysis, the precipitate was filtered off, and the solution was washed with brine (2 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (95:5) to obtain colourless oil; 51% yield (2.739 g). All spectral data were in agreement with those reported in the literature.^[7] ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 160.6, 150.8, 150.7, 130.0, 113.4, 112.4, 107.2, 76.7, 74.2, 55.5.

3-methoxyphenyl (*E*)-**3**-[*N*-(**4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl**)-*N*-(**3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl**)**amino]acrylate (20):** Sulfonamide **11a** (1000 mg, 3.32 mmol) was added to a solution of propiolate **19** (600 mg, 3.4 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Tributylphosphine (0.41 mL, 1.66 mmol) was then added to the solution portionwise, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. When complete conversion of propiolate was confirmed by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (50 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3) to obtain acrylate **20**; white solid, m. p. 92–93 °C; 68% yield (1081 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.84 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.95 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.79 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (ddd, J = 8.1, 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, J = 2.3

Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 163.9, 160.4, 151.7, 142.3, 131.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 121.6, 114.6, 113.9, 111.6, 107.7, 98.8, 85.8, 80.1, 55.6, 55.4, 36.3; **IR** (ATR): v 3587, 3566, 2378, 2316, 1738, 1731, 1714, 1698, 1680, 1613, 1574, 1508, 1496, 1455, 1436, 1417, 1363, 1338, 1306, 1283, 1262, 1165, 1185, 1138, 1091, 1056, 1039, 1024, 970, 958, 936, 906, 874, 856, 839, 827, 818, 809, 768, 706, 691, 680, 673, 647, 628, 614 cm⁻¹; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/*z* calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄NO₆S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.1319, found 478.1316.

3-methoxyphenyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (21): Silver tetrafluoroborate (7.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was weighed into an oven-dried flask under an argon atmosphere. Dry benzene (2 mL) and (TFP)AuCl (9.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added subsequently to form a white opalescent suspension. A solution of the enyne **20** (191 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry benzene (3 mL) was cannulated into the reaction flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material, as shown by NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture (1 h). After the full conversion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the compound was characterized without further purification; white amorphous solid, 97% yield (185 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.02–7.88 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.36–7.19 (m, 9H), 6.75 (ddd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 165.2, 163.9, 161.3, 152.6, 140.5, 139.8, 136.7, 130.9, 130.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 116.9, 115.9, 114.6, 112.2, 112.0, 108.3, 56.4, 55.7, 44.8. HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/z calcd. for C₂₆H₂₃NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 500.1138, found 500.1139.

8-methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-10b-phenyl-1,2,3,10b-5H-chromeno[3,4-c]pyridin-5-one (22): Dihydropyridine 21 (50 mg, 0.105 mmol) was treated with conc. H₂SO₄ (500 µl) at -10 °C for 15 min. After the full conversion, iced water was added to the solution, and the mixture was subsequently extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, inorganic residues were filtered off, and the solution was evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (20 g), eluting with a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3) to obtain chromenopyridine 22; white oil, 66% yield (33 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.83 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.08 (m, 6H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.89–3.85 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dt, *J* = 13.4 Hz, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (td, *J* = 13.4 Hz, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (td, *J* = 13.4 Hz, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 164.3, 163.2, 160.3, 151.3, 144.8, 137.82, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 120.7, 115.1, 110.7, 105.7, 102.5, 55.6, 55.1, 40.9, 40.0, 32.9; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₆H₂₄NO₆S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.1319, found 478.1322.

Procedure for synthesis of piperidines 23

The appropriate tetrahydropyridine **3** (77 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in dry methanol or ethyl acetate (5 mL) in an oven-dried two-necked flask. Then 10% Pd/C (10 mg, 0.009 mmol) was added to the solution, and the atmosphere above the solution was evacuated and changed to H₂. The reaction mixture was stirred under a hydrogen-filled balloon overnight, then filtered through a pad of Celite[®], and the pad was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (25 g) to afford piperidine **23**.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (23a): Elution with hexane-EtOAc (8:2); white oil; 93% yield (72 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.91–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.31–7.11 (m, 7H), 5.47 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.66–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dt, J = 13.2 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.18 (td, J = 12.7 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dtd, J = 25.8. Hz, J = 12.9 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.78–1.70 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 169.5, 163.1, 142.5, 132.0, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 113.5, 84.8, 55.2, 55.0, 50.8, 49.7, 40.3, 36.1, 24.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 422.1295, found 422.1299.

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23b): Elution with hexane-EtOAc (8:2); white oil; 58% yield (45 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz,): δ 7.86–7.82 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.17–7.06 (m, 6H), 5.45 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.65–3.57 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dt, J = 13.0 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.16 (td, J = 12.7 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dtd, J = 25.8. Hz, J = 12.9 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz,): δ 170.4, 163.9, 140.2, 136.4, 132.8, 130.6, 129.5, 128.2, 114.9, 85.7, 56.1, 55.9, 51.6, 50.6, 41.1, 36.5, 25.2, 20.9; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/z calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 456.1451, found 456.1460.

Methyl 4-biphenyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23f): Elution with hexane-EtOAc (9:1–85:15); white oil; 44% yield (34 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone d_6): δ 7.89–7.83 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.55 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.12 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.51 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.68–3.62 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dt, J = 13.0 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35–3.32 (m, 1H), 3.20 (td, J =12.7 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dtd, J = 25.8. Hz, J = 13.0 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.83–1.75 (m, 1H).δ ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 170.4, 164.0, 142.6, 141.5, 139.8, 132.8, 130.6, 129.6, 128.9, 129.0, 127.5, 127.3, 114.9, 85.7, 56.1, 55.9, 51.7, 50.5, 41.1, 36.6, 25.2; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/z calcd. for C₂₇H₂₉NO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 518.1608, found 518.1613.

Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23g): Elution with hexane-EtOAc (9:1–85:15); white oil; 34% yield (26 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz,): δ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone) δ 7.89–7.80 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10–6.98 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 5.47 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.66–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H),

3.40 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dt, J = 13.2 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.16 (td, J = 12.7 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dtd, J = 25.8. Hz, J = 12.9 Hz, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78–1.69 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz,): δ 170.3, 163.9, 162.2 (d, J = 242.7 Hz), 139.4, 132.7, 130.6, 130.2 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 114.9, 85.7, 56.1, 55.9, 51.7, 50.5, 41.0, 36.3, 25.3; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, acetone- d_6): –119.2; HR MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄FNO₆SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 460.1200, found 460.1212.

Procedure of Diels-Alder cycloaddition for the synthesis of tetrahydroisoquinolines 25

Dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (246 μ l, 2 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of tetrahydropyridine **3r-3u** (0.5 mmol) in xylene (5 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux (150 °C bath temperature) for 1 hour, while monitoring by TLC. When all the starting material consumed, the solvent was evaporated, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (60 g) to afford tetrahydroisoquinoline **25**.

Trimethyl2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate(25r): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (7:3); yellowish solid, 62% yield (148 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz,CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.73 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.04–6.99 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.48 (t, J = 3.3 Hz,1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.8 Hz, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.17–3.05 (m, 3H), 2.88 (t, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.4, 167.3, 165.6, 163.8,135.1, 133.7, 132.0, 129.4, 128.7, 123.5, 119.2, 114.8, 108.4, 55.7, 52.5, 52.4, 51.6, 47.3, 33.7, 28.2;HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄NO₉S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.1167, found 478.1174.

Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-6-methyl-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8tricarboxylate (25s): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2); yellow solid, 56% yield (138 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.82–7.75 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.06–6.97 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 11.8 Hz, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.28 (m, 1H), 3.07–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.83 (t, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7. MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 166.4, 165.6, 163.8, 143.4, 135.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.5, 125.2, 123.0, 114.8, 108.1, 55.8, 52.3, 51.6, 48.8, 33.9, 33.3, 20.6; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₃H₂₆NO₉S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 492.1323, found 492.1327; *m/z* calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅NO₉SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 514.1142, found 514.1146.

Trimethyl6-hexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (25t): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2–7:3); yellowish oil, 52% yield (146 mg); ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.81–7.77 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.04–6.99 (m, AA' BB', 2H),6.27 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 11.8 Hz, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H),3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.82 (t, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.34–0.98 (m, 8H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.7, 166.1,165.5, 163.7, 143.4, 135.1, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 124.2, 123.9, 114.7, 108.1, 60.4, 55.7, 52.4, 51.5, 49.0,

38.4, 33.9, 33.1, 31.5, 29.2, 25.1, 22.5, 14.0; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m*/*z* calcd. for C₂₈H₃₆NO₉S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 562.2106, found 562.2108.

Trimethyl2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-
tricarboxylate (25u): Elution with hexane/EtOAc (8:2–7:3); yellow amorphous solid, 71% yield (186
mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.85–7.78 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 3H),
7.07–7.00 (m, 4H), 6.37 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H)), 4.50 (dd, J = 6.8
Hz, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.05 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.4, 166.8, 165.4, 163.9, 140.3, 139.1, 135.5, 129.9,
129.5, 128.82, 128.75, 128.2, 127.4, 123.7, 122.4, 114.8, 108.1, 55.8, 52.6, 52.1, 51.6, 49.0, 44.7, 34.0;
HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₂₈NO₉S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 554.1479, found 554.1486; m/z calcd. for
C₂₈H₂₇NO₉SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 576.1299, found <u>576.1302.</u>

Procedure for synthesis of isoquinoline derivatives 26r and 27r

Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (26r): NBS (89 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the solution of tetrahydroisoquinoline **25r** (239 mg, 0.5 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (8 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 1 hour, then diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and extracted with 5% solution of NaHCO₃ (2 × 10 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (30 g) using a hexane/EtOAc mixture (75:25) to obtain dihydroisoquinoline **26r**. Yellowish amorphous solid; 75% yield (179 mg); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.79 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 7.04–7.01 (m, AA' BB', 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ; ¹³**C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 165.7, 165.1, 164.2, 139.6, 132.9, 132.4, 129.8, 129.72, 127.74, 126.5, 125.3, 124.2, 114.9, 108.1, 55.8, 52.9, 52.5, 51.7, 44.3; **HR-MS** (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂NO₉S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 476.1010, found 476.0986; calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁NO₉SNa⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 498.0829, found 498.0833.

Trimethyl isoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (27r): <u>Method A</u>: NBS (120 mg, 0.678 mg) was added to a solution of dihydroisoquinoline **25r** (161 mg, 0,339 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (6 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 3 hours, then diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and extracted with 5% solution of NaHCO₃ (2 × 10 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (60 g) using a hexane/EtOAc mixture (7:3) to obtain isoquinoline **27r**. White amorphous solid, 68% yield (69 mg); <u>Method B</u>: NBS (108 mg, 0.6 mg) was added to a solution of tetrahydroisoquinoline **25r** (90 mg, 0,2 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (5 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 3 hours, then diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and extracted with 5% solution of NaHCO₃ (2 × 10 mL). The

organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a column of silica gel (300 g) using a hexane/EtOAc mixture (9:1–8:2) to obtain isoquinoline **27r**. White amorphous solid, 51% yield (29 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.43 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H), 9.12 (dd, *J* = 9.1 Hz, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9, 166.1, 165.1, 155.2, 148.6, 135.54, 135.46, 131.1, 126.8, 126.4, 124.5, 120.2, 53.3, 53.0, 52.6; HR-MS (TOF-ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NO₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 304.0826, found 304.0824.

NOESY experiments on 3q, 14 and 23a



Figure 1: NOESY correlations on **3q**







Figure 3: NOESY correlations on 23a


X-ray crystallography of 3r

The X-ray data for the compound **3r** (colourless crystals by slow evaporation of a methanol solution) was collected at 150(2)K with a Bruker D8-Venture diffractometer equipped with Mo (Mo/K_{α} radiation; $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) microfocus X-ray (IµS) source, Photon CMOS detector and Oxford Cryosystems cooling device was used for data collection. Obtained data were treated by XT-version 2014/5 and SHELXL-2017/1 software implemented in APEX3 v2016.9-0 (Bruker AXS) system.^[8] $R_{int} = \sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,mean}^2|/\Sigma F_o^2$, S = [$\Sigma (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)/(N_{diffrs} - N_{params})$]^{1/2} for all data, $R(F) = \Sigma ||F_o|| - |F_c||/\Sigma |F_o||$ for observed data, $wR(F^2) = [\Sigma (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)/(\Sigma w(F_o^2)^2)]^{1/2}$ for all data. Crystallographic data for structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC no. 1976913. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EY, UK (fax: +44-1223-336033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

The frames for **3r** were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the Multi-Scan method (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.921. The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package.

Hydrogen atoms were mostly localized on a difference Fourier map, however, to ensure uniformity of treatment of crystal, all hydrogens were recalculated into idealized positions (riding model) and assigned temperature factors $H_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}$ (pivot atom) or of $1.5U_{eq}$ (methyl). H atoms in methyl, and methine moieties were placed with C-H distances of 0.96 Å and 0.98 Å, 0.93Å for C-H within the vinylidenes or phenyl rings.

The molecular structure of **3r** was unambiguously confirmed by sc-XRD techniques. The compound **3r** crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1$ /n. All the structural parameters, e.g. interatomic distances and angles found for this molecule are close to the appropriate values found for related 1-sulfonyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-3-ols and similar compounds.^[9] Namely, the positions of the double bonds within the system between C3-C4 and C9-C10 atoms (see the caption of Fig. 3), the N1-S1 distance and the localization of the N1 atom above the pseudoplanar ring of the tetrahydropyridine moiety in an envelope-like conformation are typical. Another description comes from the mutual orientation of the N1 atom, while the methoxy group is found bellow the plane defined by the heterocycle and the vinylidene group is coplanar. Surprisingly enough, molecules are held together in a layered array only by C-H...O weak interactions.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ NO ₆ S
$M_{ m r}$	367.41
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
Temperature (K)	150
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	12.909 (2), 9.8608 (13), 14.025 (3)
β (°)	96.066 (6)
$V(Å^3)$	1775.4 (5)
Ζ	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu (mm^{-1})$	0.22
Crystal size (mm)	0.59 imes 0.47 imes 0.40
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 - Venture
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>SADABS2016</i> /2 - Bruker AXS area detector scaling and absorption correction
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.680, 0.746
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	45702, 4079, 3520
$R_{ m int}$	0.041
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	0.650
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.032, 0.086, 1.04
No. of reflections	4079
No. of parameters	230
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	0.32, -0.40

 Table 3. Experimental details

Computer programs: Bruker Instrument Service vV6.2.3, *APEX3* v2016.5-0 (Bruker AXS), *SAINT* V8.37A (Bruker AXS Inc., 2015), XT, VERSION 2014/5, *SHELXL2014*/7 (Sheldrick, 2014), *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).



Figure 4. The molecular structure of **3r**, ORTEP diagram, 50% probability level. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°]: S1 O1 1.4345(10), S1 O2 1.4346(10), S1 N1 1.6246(11), N1 C1 1.4608(16), C1 O3 1.4079(15), C1 C2 1.5363(17), C2 C3 1.5131(17), C2 C7 1.5248(17), C3 C4 1.3341(18), C3 C9 1.4648(17), O3 C6 1.4342(16), C4 C5 1.4949(18), O4 C7 1.2008(16), O5 C7 1.3401(16), O5 C8 1.4521(17), O6 C14 1.3591(16), O6 C17 1.4316(18), C9 C10 1.331(2), O1 S1 O2 119.96(6), O1 S1 N1 106.24(6), C10 C9 C3 126.12(13).

Copies of NMR Spectra

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Methyl (E)-3-[N-(4-methoxyphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1c)	S47
Methyl (E)-3-[N-(3-methoxyphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1d) S	S 48
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Methyl (E)-3-(N-[3-(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-N-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]amino) acrylate (1f)) S50
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Methyl (E)-3-[N-(4-chlorophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1h)	553
Methyl (E)-3-[N-(4-bromophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino]acrylate (1i)	S54
Methyl (E)-3-[N-(3,4-dichlorophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)amino] acrylate (1j)	S55
Methyl (E)-3-[N-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-N-[3-(2-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]amino]acrylate (1k)	556
Methyl (E)-3-[N-[4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl]-N-[3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]amino]acrylate (11)	S57
Methyl (E)-3-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(4-nitrophenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (1m)	558
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Ethyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-2-methyl-4-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (20)	S72
Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (2p)	S73
Methyl 4-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (2w)	S74
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3a) S	S75
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxyl (3b)	ate S76
Methyl 2-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3c)	S77
Methyl 2-methoxy-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3d)	S78

Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-naftyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3e). S7	9
Methyl 4-bifenyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3f) S8	0
Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3g)	1
Methyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3h)	3
Methyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3i)	4
Methyl 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3j)	5
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3m)	; 6
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3n)	; 7
Dimethyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-2,3-dicarboxylate (3q)	8
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-vinyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3r) S8	9
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3s)	0
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(oct-1-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3t)	1
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(2-phenylethen-1-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3u)	2
Methyl 4-cyclopropyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)- 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (3v)	3
Methyl 4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)- 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3- carboxylate (3x)	4
Methyl (E)-3-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (6a)	5
Ethyl (E)-3-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-2-enoate (60)	6
Dimethyl 2-[(<i>N</i> -4-(methoxyphenylsulfonyl)- <i>N</i> -(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]maleate (6q)	7
Methyl 2-ethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (7a) S9	8
Methyl 2-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carboxylate (8a) S9	9
1-((<i>Tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)but-3-yn-2-one (10)	0
<i>N</i> -(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11a)	1
<i>N</i> -(pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11r)	2
(E,Z)-N-(hex-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11s)	3
<i>N</i> -(3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11v)	4
(E)-1-((<i>tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-4-[N-(4-methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-3-en-2-one (12)	5
(E)-1-hydroxy-4-[N-(4-methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]but-3-en-2-one (13)	6
7-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfonyl)4-phenyl-2,3,3a,6,7,7a-hexahydrofuro[2,3-b]pyridin-3-one (14)	7

<i>tert</i> -Butyl (<i>E</i>)-4-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]-2-oxobut-3-en-1-yl) carbamate (17)
<i>tert</i> -Butyl 7-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,3a,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1 <i>H</i> -pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine- 1-carboxylate (18)
3-Methoxyphenyl (E)-3-[N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]acrylate (20) S110
3-Methoxyphenyl 1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine3-carboxylate (21)
8-Methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-10b-phenyl-1,2,3,10b-5 <i>H</i> -chromeno[3,4-c]pyridin-5-one (22) S112
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (23a)
Methyl 2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23b) S114
Methyl 4-biphenyl-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23f)
Methyl 4-(4-fluorphenyl)-2-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (23g)
Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (25r) S118
Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-6-methyl-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (25s)
Trimethyl 6-hexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (25t) S120
Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,6,8a-tetrahydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (25u)
Trimethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (26r)
Trimethyl isoquinoline-4,7,8-tricarboxylate (27r)
Tert-butyl N-(3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)carbamate (30)
2-((<i>Tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)- <i>N</i> -methoxy- <i>N</i> -methylacetamide (31)



S43



190 170 150 130 110 90 70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -1 f1 (ppm)

























S55













S60



S61










































-70 f1 (ppm) -15 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140











S87











100 90 f1 (ppm)





























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S107




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