

Iron-catalyzed Cross-Dehydrogenative C–H Amidation of Benzofurans and Benzothiophenes with Anilines

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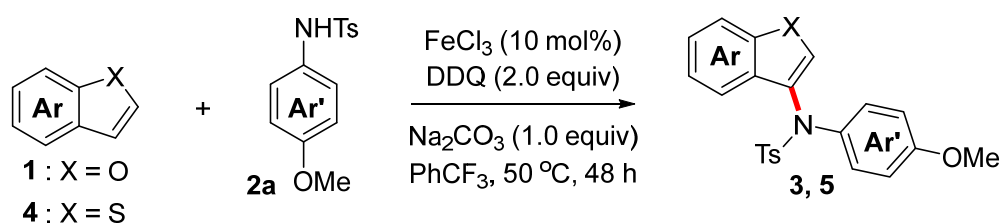
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1. General Information

Compounds and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received without further purification unless stated otherwise. All products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh). The chemical yields referred are isolated products. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz or 600 MHz Bruker spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in part per million relative to residual solvent of CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR, 77.16 ppm for ^{13}C NMR). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on Bruker EQUINAX55 spectrometer. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-810 spectrometer. Circular polarized luminescence (CPL) spectra were measured on a JASCO CPL-200 spectrometer. The used abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), quart. (quartet), quint. (quintet), m (multiplet), br (broad). Multiplets which arise from accidental equality of coupling constants of magnetically non-equivalent protons are marked as virtual (virt.). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) data were measured on a ESI-microTOF II. Melting points were measured on a SGW[®] X-4B and are not corrected. Reactions were monitored by TLC analysis using silica gel 60 Å F-254 thin layer plates and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm or 365 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine, or KMnO_4 followed by heating on a hot plate. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 Å, 10–40 μm .

2. Synthetic Procedures

General procedures for direct amidation of aromatic C–H bond.



To a stirred solution of aniline **2** (0.4 mmol), DDQ (0.4 mmol, 90.8 mg), FeCl_3 (0.02

mmol, 3.24 mg) and Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.2 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, were added benzofuran or benzothiophene **1** (0.2 mmol) under air and the resulting mixture heated to 50 °C for 48 h. The reaction was then cooled, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (60/1 to 30/1 to 15/1) as an eluent to afford the product.

3. Mechanistic Experiments

3.1 EPR experiment

Procedure for EPR studies of the reaction between DDQ and aniline **2a**.

To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.1 mmol, 27.7 mg) and DDQ (0.12 mmol, 27.2 mg) in 2.5 mL dry PhCF₃ under air and the resulting mixture heated to 50 °C. After 1 hour, 20.0 μL of the reaction mixture was taken out into a small tube and analyzed by EPR at room temperature (Figure S1).

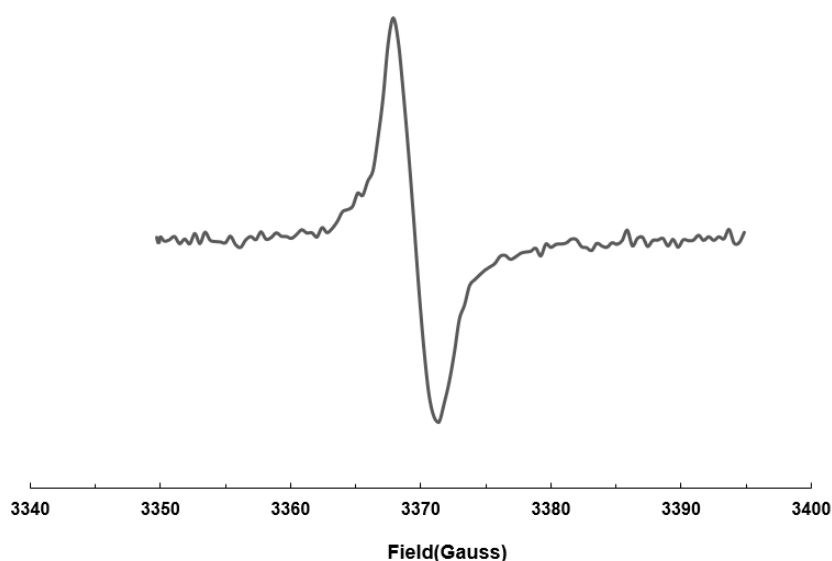
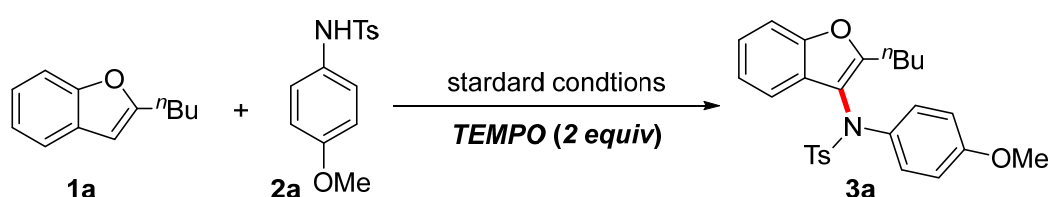


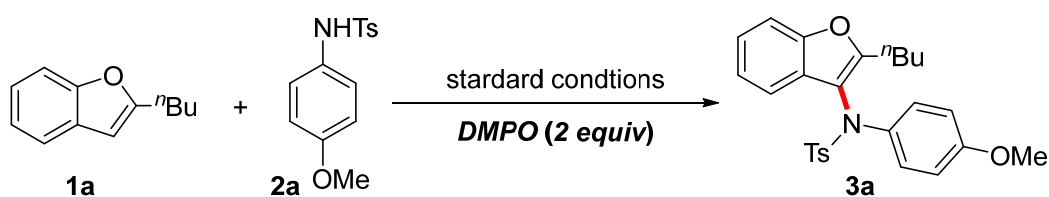
Figure S1. EPR spectra of DDQ and aniline **2a** mixture in PhCF₃.

3.2 The radical trapping experiments



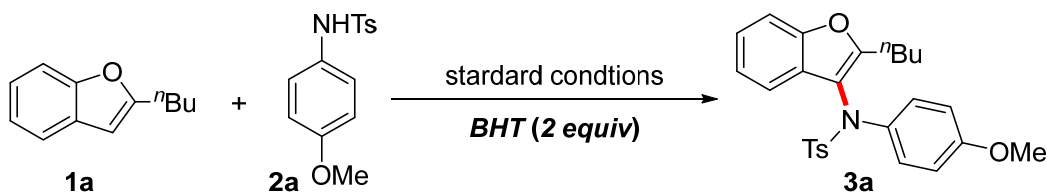
To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.4 mmol, 110.8 mg), DDQ (0.4 mmol, 90.8 mg), FeCl₃ (0.02 mmol, 3.24 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.2 mg) and TEMPO (0.4 mol, 62.5 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, were added 2-butylbenzofuran **1a** (0.2 mmol, 34.9 mg) under air and the resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C for 48 h.

It was found that no reaction took place and only starting materials were detected (**1a** and **2a** was recovered in 99% and 75% respectively).

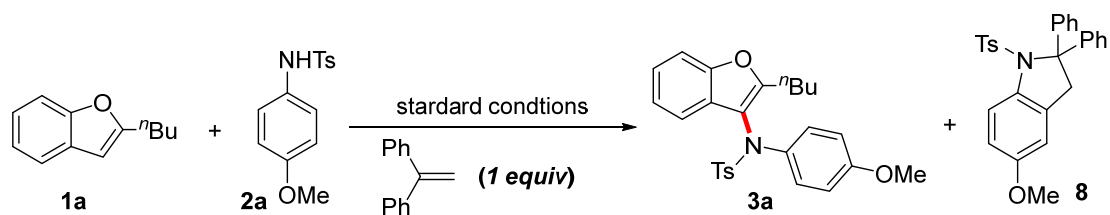


To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.4 mmol, 110.8 mg), DDQ (0.4 mmol, 90.8 mg), FeCl₃ (0.02 mmol, 3.24 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.2 mg) and DMPO (0.4 mol, 45.2 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, were added 2-butylbenzofuran **1a** (0.2 mmol, 34.9 mg) under air and the resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C for 48 h.

It was found that no reaction took place and only starting materials were detected.



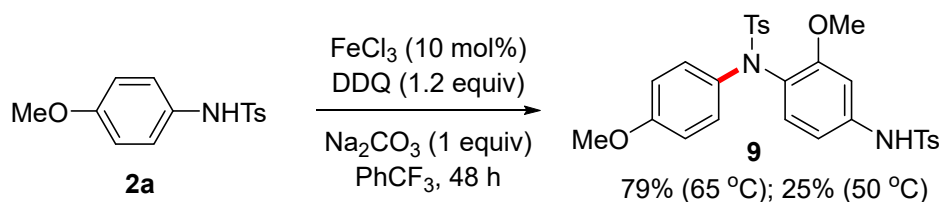
To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.2 mmol, 55.4 mg), DDQ (0.4 mmol, 90.8 mg), FeCl₃ (0.02 mmol, 3.24 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.6 mg) and BHT (0.4 mol, 88.2 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, were added 2-butylbenzofuran **1a** (0.2 mmol, 34.9 mg) under air and the resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C for 48 h. The reaction was then cooled, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (60/1 to 30/1 to 15/1) as an eluent to afford the product **3a** (3.5 mg, <5%). The majority of starting materials **1a** and **2a** was recovered.



To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.2 mmol, 55.4 mg), DDQ (0.4 mmol, 90.8 mg), FeCl₃ (0.02 mmol, 3.24 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.6 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, were added 2-butylbenzofuran **1a** (0.2 mmol, 34.9 mg), 1,1-diphenylethylene (0.2 mol, 36.5 mg) under air and the resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C for 48 h. The reaction was then cooled, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (60/1 to 30/1 to 15/1) as an eluent to afford the product **3a** (27.8 mg, 31%) and **8** (8.2 mg, 9%).

The above radical trapping experiments suggested that a radical mechanism is likely involved in the present amination reaction.

3.4 self-amination of aniline **2a**

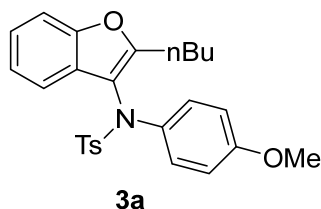


To a stirred solution of aniline **2a** (0.2 mmol, 55.4 mg), DDQ (0.24 mmol, 54.5 mg), FeCl₃ (0.02 mmol, 3.24 mg) and Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 21.2 mg) in 2.0 mL dry PhCF₃, under air and the resulting mixture heated to 50°C or 65 °C for 48h. The reaction was then cooled, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1 to 10/1) as an eluent to afford the product.

4. Analytical Data of Products.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3a)



Compound **3a** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 74.6 mg, 83% yield.

m.p.: 65 °C – 67 °C

TLC: $R_f = 0.47$ (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2960, 1604, 1508, 1453, 1349, 1252, 1165, 747, 668, 592, 550 cm^{-1}

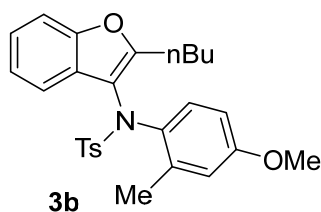
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.0, 158.6, 153.1, 143.7, 137.7, 134.2, 129.54, 128.7, 127.9, 126.3, 123.7, 122.8, 119.1, 118.3, 114.3, 111.4, 55.4, 29.3, 25.9, 22.6, 21.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 450.1734; found: 450.1734.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-4-

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3b)



Compound **3b** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 79.7 mg, 86% yield.

TLC: R_f = 0.46 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2959, 1603, 1498, 1453, 1353, 1223, 1164, 1046, 748, 670, 601, 544 cm^{-1}

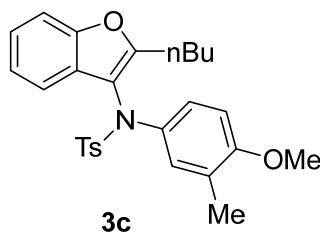
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.81 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.9, 158.2, 153.0, 143.7, 139.8, 137.6, 132.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.1, 126.2, 123.5, 122.6, 120.2, 117.5, 116.6, 111.4, 111.2, 55.3, 29.4, 26.8, 22.7, 21.6, 19.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 464.1890; found: 464.1889.

***N*-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-4-**

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3c)



Compound **3c** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 69.5 mg, 75% yield.

m.p.: 84 °C – 86 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.42 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

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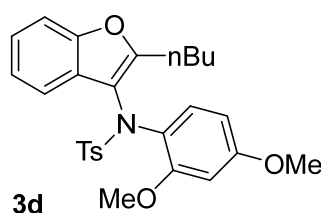
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.9, 157.0, 153.1, 143.6, 137.8, 133.6, 130.0, 129.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 125.9, 123.7, 122.8, 119.1, 118.4, 111.3, 110.0, 55.4, 29.4, 25.9, 22.7, 21.6, 16.3, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 464.1890; found: 464.1887.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3d)



Compound **3d** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 74.8 mg, 78% yield.

TLC: R_f = 0.46 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2927, 1606, 1507, 1455, 1350, 1210, 1164, 1036, 750, 672, 557 cm^{-1}

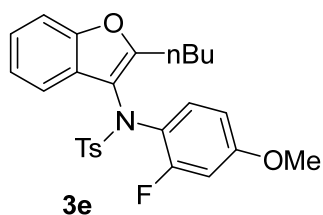
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.37 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 160.6, 159.1, 157.4, 153.0, 143.2, 138.1, 131.2, 129.1, 128.1, 126.7, 123.4, 122.7, 122.5, 119.9, 117.8, 111.0, 104.2, 99.5, 55.4, 55.0, 29.4, 26.0, 22.8, 21.5, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 480.1839; found: 480.1837.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(2-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3e)



Compound **3e** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 71.1 mg, 76% yield.

m.p.: 58 °C – 60 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.42 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2925, 1618, 1510, 1455, 1355, 1223, 1163, 1090, 748, 670, 539 cm^{-1}

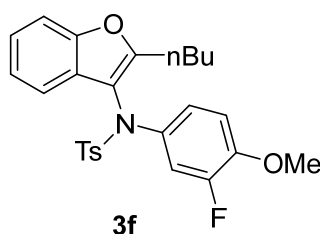
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.71 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 160.54 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 159.88 (d, J = 251.1 Hz), 159.47, 153.09, 143.85, 137.27, 131.30, 129.45, 128.13, 126.18, 123.31 (d, J = 87.0 Hz), 121.39 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 119.38 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.50, 111.23, 110.14 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 102.84, 102.60, 55.75, 29.34, 25.74 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 22.67, 21.60, 13.81.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 468.1639; found: 468.1638.

***N*-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-**

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3f)



Compound **3f** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 67.3 mg, 72% yield.

m.p.: 81 °C – 83 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.44 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

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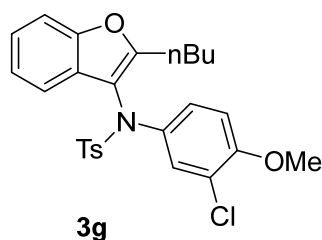
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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.3, 153.2, 151.2 (d, *J* = 248.0 Hz), 146.8 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 144.0, 137.3, 134.2, 129.6, 127.9, 126.0, 123.9, 123.0 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 123.0, 118.9, 117.9, 115.2 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 113.1 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 111.5, 56.3, 29.3, 25.8, 22.6, 21.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₆H₂₇FNO₄S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 468.1639; found: 468.1640.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(3-Chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-

Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3g)



Compound **3g** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 70.7 mg, 73% yield.

TLC: *R_f* = 0.49 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2925, 1496, 1454, 1356, 1263, 1165, 1062, 749, 670, 608, 562 cm⁻¹

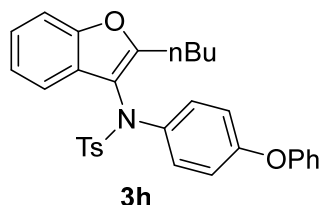
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.2, 154.1, 153.1, 144.0, 137.3, 134.5, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 126.6, 126.0, 123.9, 123.0, 122.5, 118.9, 117.9, 111.9, 111.5, 56.3, 29.3, 25.8, 22.6, 21.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₆H₂₇³⁵ClNO₄S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 484.1344; found: 484.1342.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-4-Methyl-N-(4-Phenoxyphenyl)-

Benzenesulfonamide (3h)



Compound **3h** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 61.4 mg, 60% yield.

m.p.: 84 °C – 86 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.51 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2925, 1590, 1489, 1353, 1224, 1165, 1096, 751, 665 594, 564 cm^{-1}

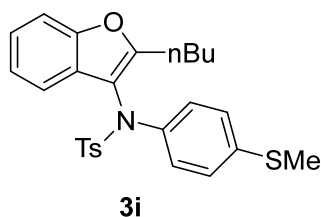
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.70 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.1, 156.5, 156.4, 153.1, 143.8, 137.5, 136.4, 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 123.8, 123.7, 122.9, 119.3, 119.0, 118.9, 118.1, 111.4, 29.3, 25.9, 22.6, 21.6, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 512.1890; found: 512.1890.

N-(2-Butylbenzofuran-3-yl)-4-Methyl-N-(4-(Methylthio)-Phenyl)-

Benzenesulfonamide (3i)



Compound **3i** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 52.1 mg, 56% yield.

m.p.: 71 °C – 73 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.46 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2923, 1594, 1490, 1453, 1350, 1234, 1163, 961, 815, 748, 666, 572 cm^{-1}

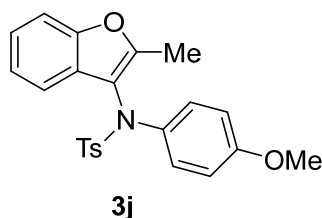
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.3, 153.1, 143.9, 138.6, 137.5, 137.4, 129.6, 127.9, 127.0, 126.8, 126.2, 123.8, 122.9, 119.0, 117.9, 111.4, 29.2, 25.8, 22.6, 21.6, 15.8, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 466.1505; found: 466.1506.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-*N*-(2-Methylbenzofuran-3-yl)-**

Benzenesulfonamide (3j)



Compound **3j** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 72.5 mg, 89% yield.

m.p.: 81 °C – 83 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.47 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2926, 1600, 1505, 1348, 1250, 1165, 1089, 1032, 754, 671, 560 cm^{-1}

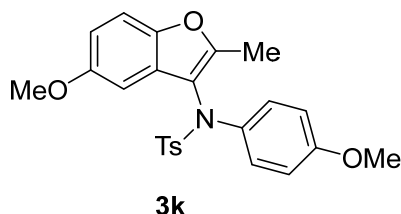
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.7, 155.2, 153.1, 143.8, 137.7, 134.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.8, 126.3, 123.8, 122.9, 118.9, 118.9, 114.4, 111.3, 55.4, 21.6, 12.0.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₃H₂₂NO₄S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 408.1264; found: 408.1267.

N-(5-Methoxy-2-Methylbenzofuran-3-yl)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (3k)



Compound **3k** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 76.1 mg, 87% yield.

m.p.: 81 °C – 83 °C

TLC: *R_f* = 0.46 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2921, 1604, 1506, 1471, 1353, 1247, 1165, 1030, 803, 662, 565 cm⁻¹

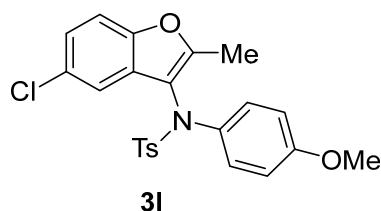
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.71 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 158.6, 156.2, 156.0, 148.0, 143.7, 137.9, 134.1, 129.6, 128.6, 127.9, 126.8, 119.0, 114.4, 112.3, 111.8, 101.5, 55.7, 55.4, 21.5, 12.1.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₄H₂₄NO₅S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 438.1370; found: 438.1373.

N-(5-Chloro-2-Methylbenzofuran-3-yl)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (3l)



Compound **3l** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 72.5 mg, 82% yield.

m.p.: 138 °C – 140 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.47 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

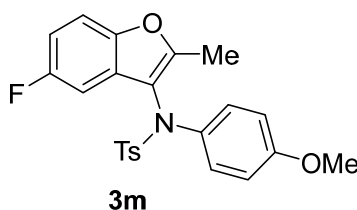
IR (KBr): 2918, 1601, 1506, 1451, 1348, 1253, 1163, 1092, 823, 663, 568 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.8, 157.2, 151.4, 144.3, 137.4, 133.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 123.9, 118.5, 118.5, 114.8, 114.5, 112.3, 55.4, 21.6, 12.1.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 442.0874; found: 442.0880.

***N*-(5-Fluoro-2-Methylbenzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3m)**



Compound **3m** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 72.3 mg, 85% yield.

m.p.: 131 °C – 133 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.45 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2928, 1602, 1506, 1469, 1345, 1245, 1165, 1100, 1031, 825, 665, 568 cm^{-1}

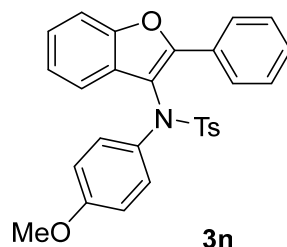
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.92 (td, J = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.2 (d, J = 238.9 Hz), 158.8, 157.3, 149.2, 144.1, 137.5, 133.8, 129.7, 128.8, 127.8, 127.1 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 119.2 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 114.5, 112.1 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 111.4 (d, J = 26.4 Hz), 104.6 (d, J = 26.3 Hz), 55.4, 21.6, 12.2.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 426.1170; found: 426.1174.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-N-(2-Phenylbenzofuran-3-yl)-

Benzenesulfonamide (3n)



Compound **3n** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 62.0 mg, 66% yield.

m.p.: 120 °C – 122 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.47 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2922, 1598, 1507, 1358, 1251, 1164, 1019, 817, 749, 665, 556 cm^{-1}

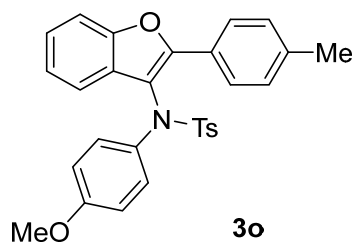
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.16 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.4, 153.1, 152.9, 144.0, 137.3, 134.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 124.8, 123.1, 120.2, 118.5, 114.3, 111.7, 55.3, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 470.1421; found: 470.1425.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-N-(2-(p-Tolyl)-Benzofuran-3-yl)-

Benzenesulfonamide (3o)



Compound **3o** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 67.7 mg, 70% yield.

m.p.: 109 °C – 111 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.45 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2920, 1600, 1505, 1449, 1351, 1251, 1166, 1028, 816, 745, 670, 555 cm^{-1}

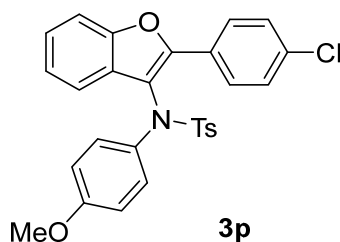
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.4, 153.4, 152.8, 143.9, 139.5, 137.4, 134.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 124.6, 123.0, 120.0, 117.9, 114.3, 111.7, 55.3, 21.6, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 484.1577; found: 484.1582.

N-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-Benzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (3p)



Compound **3p** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 73.6 mg, 73% yield.

m.p.: 96 °C – 98 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.44 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2924, 1601, 1507, 1448, 1354, 1255, 1165, 1092, 1030, 831, 744, 670 cm^{-1}

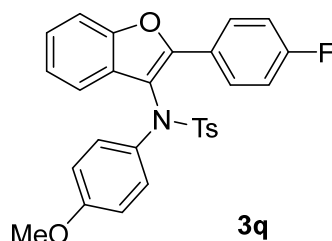
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.13 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.5, 152.9, 152.0, 144.2, 137.2, 135.3, 133.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 125.1, 123.3, 120.2, 118.9, 114.4, 111.8, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₈H₂₃³⁵CINO₄S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 504.1031; found: 504.1035.

N-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-Benzofuran-3-yl)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (3q)



Compound **3q** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 62.4 mg, 64% yield.

m.p.: 142 °C – 144 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.45 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2922, 1601, 1504, 1450, 1353, 1229, 1163, 1094, 747, 671, 588, 545 cm⁻¹

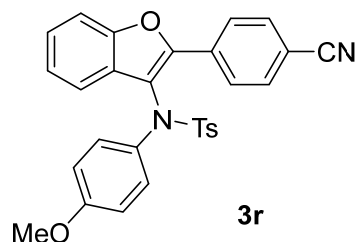
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.15 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 163.2 (d, *J* = 250.2 Hz), 158.5, 152.9, 152.3, 144.2, 137.2, 133.9, 129.5, 128.9 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 125.2 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.9, 123.2, 120.1, 118.3, 115.7 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 114.4, 111.7, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): C₂₈H₂₃FNO₄S [M+H]⁺: calcd.: 488.1326; found: 488.1331.

N-(2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-Benzofuran-3-yl)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (3r)



Compound **3r** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 65.3 mg, 66% yield.

m.p.: 188 °C – 190 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.67 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

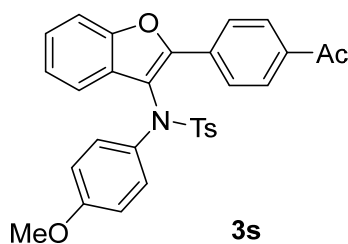
IR (KBr): 2922, 2222, 1604, 1507, 1353, 1255, 1163, 1091, 743, 671, 546 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.31 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.6, 153.3, 150.6, 144.5, 137.0, 133.5, 133.0, 132.3, 129.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 123.6, 121.1, 120.6, 118.6, 114.5, 112.3, 112.0, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 495.1373; found: 495.1374.

***N*-(2-(4-Acetylphenyl)-Benzofuran-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methylbenzenesulfonamide (3s)**



Compound **3s** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 67.5 mg, 66% yield.

TLC: R_f = 0.40 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2921, 1679, 1603, 1507, 1351, 1254, 1161, 1089, 1031, 753, 668, 589 cm^{-1}

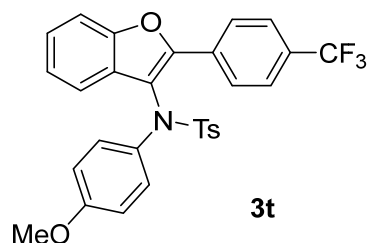
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.30 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 197.5, 158.6, 153.2, 151.6, 144.3, 137.1, 137.0, 133.7, 133.1, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 125.6, 123.5, 120.5, 120.4, 114.4, 112.0, 55.4, 26.7, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 512.1526; found: 512.1529.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-N-(2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)-Phenyl)-

Benzofuran-3-yl)-Benzenesulfonamide (3t)



Compound **3t** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 66.6 mg, 62% yield.

m.p.: 175 °C – 177 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.42 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2923, 1612, 1508, 1356, 1323, 1162, 1111, 1032, 745, 668, 543 cm^{-1}

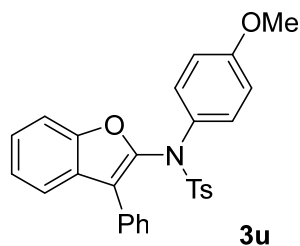
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.27 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.5, 153.2, 151.2, 144.3, 137.0, 133.7, 132.2, 130.7(q, J = 32.7 Hz), 129.5, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 125.6, 125.5(q, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.5, 120.5, 114.5, 112.0, 55.4, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 538.1294; found: 538.1297.

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-N-(3-Phenylbenzofuran-2-yl)-

Benzenesulfonamide (3u)



Compound **3u** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 72.3 mg, 77% yield.

m.p.: 112 °C – 114 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.47 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2922, 1621, 1507, 1453, 1356, 1253, 1165, 1032, 749, 667, 551 cm^{-1}

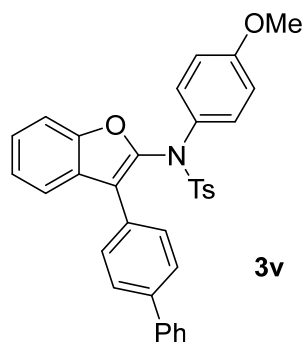
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.3, 152.0, 144.5, 144.1, 135.6, 131.9, 130.6, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 125.5, 123.1, 120.9, 117.9, 114.2, 111.4, 55.3, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 470.1421; found: 470.1426.

***N*-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-Benzofuran-2-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-**

Methyl-Benzenesulfonamide (3v)



Compound **3v** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 69.8 mg, 64% yield

m.p.: 162 °C – 164 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.44 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2921, 1600, 1505, 1446, 1360, 1251, 1161, 841, 725, 668, 555 cm^{-1}

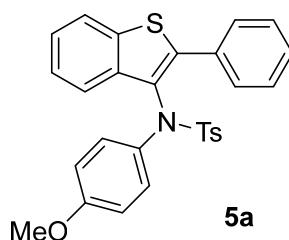
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.66 (m, 5H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.3, 152.1, 144.5, 144.1, 140.7, 140.5, 135.7, 132.0, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 125.5, 123.2, 121.0, 117.6, 114.2, 111.4, 55.3, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 546.1734; found: 546.1737.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-*N*-(2-Phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)-**

Benzenesulfonamide (5a)



Compound **5a** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 71.9 mg, 74% yield.

m.p.: 155 °C – 157 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.50 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2928, 1509, 1354, 1252, 1162, 1091, 1027, 923, 815, 766, 656, 560 cm^{-1}

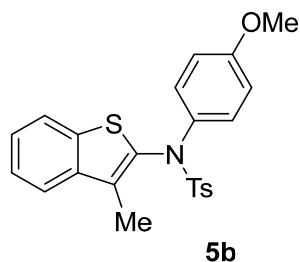
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.0, 143.7, 143.4, 137.8, 137.5, 136.6, 134.1, 132.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 124.8, 124.8, 123.0, 122.5, 114.1, 55.3, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 486.1192; found: 486.1197.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-*N*-(3-Methylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-**

Benzenesulfonamide (5b)



Compound **5b** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 77.1 mg, 91% yield.

m.p.: 91 °C – 93 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.68 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2925, 1506, 1349, 1245, 1162, 1086, 951, 753, 665, 615, 568 cm^{-1}

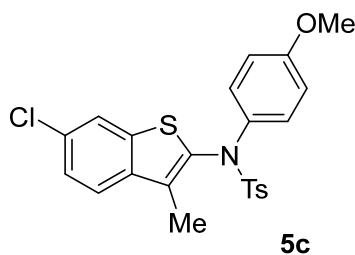
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.1, 144.1, 137.9, 137.6, 136.7, 135.8, 133.4, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 125.4, 124.3, 122.8, 122.3, 114.4, 55.4, 21.7, 11.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 424.1036; found: 424.1040.

***N*-(6-Chloro-3-Methylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-**

Methyl-Benzenesulfonamide (5c)



Compound **5c** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 80.6 mg, 88% yield.

m.p.: 146 °C – 148 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.51 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2921, 1599, 1507, 1355, 1250, 1165, 1083, 1035, 667, 576 cm^{-1}

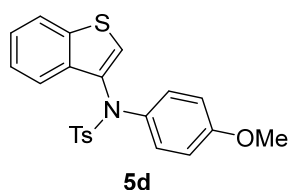
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 159.2, 144.2, 139.1, 138.5, 135.7, 135.5, 133.2, 131.8, 130.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 125.8, 123.5, 122.5, 114.5, 55.4, 21.7, 11.8.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 458.0646; found: 458.0647.

***N*-(Benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-**

Benzenesulfonamide (5d)



Compound **5d** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A colorless oil, 31.9 mg, 39% yield.

TLC: R_f = 0.52 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2923, 1600, 1505, 1352, 1253, 1163, 1088, 1030, 807, 759, 663, 560 cm^{-1}

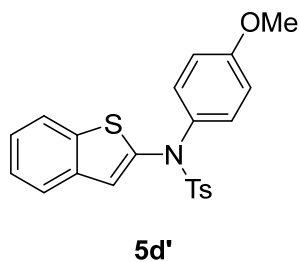
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.92–7.90 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.59–6.57 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.0, 143.5, 139.5, 138.8, 137.4, 137.3, 134.2, 129.2, 127.8, 127.7, 125.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.1, 122.4, 114.0, 55.3, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 410.0879; found: 410.0883.

***N*-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-**

Benzenesulfonamide (5d')



Compound **5d'** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 39.3 mg, 48% yield.

m.p.: 103 °C – 105 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.51 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

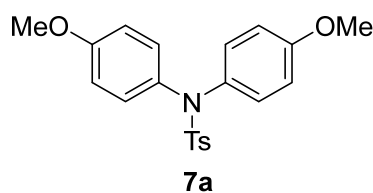
IR (KBr): 2920, 1600, 1507, 1350, 1255, 1231, 1165, 1028, 760, 662, 552 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.8, 143.8, 137.9, 136.7, 136.3, 133.6, 133.1, 129.5, 129.5, 128.0, 125.1, 124.7, 123.8, 122.8, 122.0, 114.3, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 410.0879; found: 410.0882.

***N,N*-Bis(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-Benzenesulfonamide (7a)**



Compound **7a** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 67.5 mg, 88% yield.

m.p.: 117 °C – 119 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.49 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

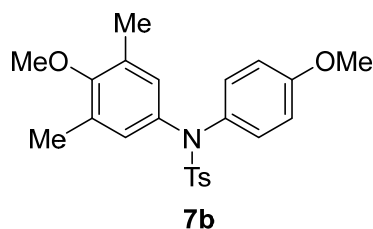
IR (KBr): 2933, 1601, 1504, 1350, 1299, 1244, 1158, 1031, 674, 575, 546 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.7, 143.3, 137.5, 134.5, 129.7, 129.4, 127.8, 114.4, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 384.1264; found: 384.1267.

***N*-(4-Methoxy-3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-Benzenesulfonamide (7b)**



Compound **7b** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 69.1 mg, 84% yield.

m.p.: 153 °C – 155 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.51 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2948, 1599, 1508, 1347, 1239, 1166, 1093, 1033, 1010, 819, 660, 541 cm^{-1}

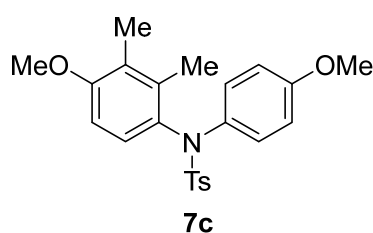
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.8, 156.1, 143.3, 137.6, 137.0, 134.2, 131.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 114.3, 59.6, 55.4, 21.6, 16.2.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 412.1577; found: 412.1579.

***N*-(4-Methoxy-2,3-Dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-**

Benzenesulfonamide (7c)



Compound **7c** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 70.8 mg, 86% yield.

m.p.: 139 °C – 141 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.50 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2924, 1587, 1506, 1481, 1348, 1255, 1164, 1106, 1033, 669, 562 cm^{-1}

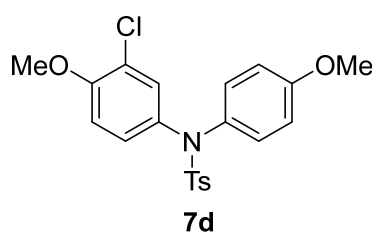
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.1, 157.2, 143.2, 138.7, 137.6, 134.2, 132.9, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 114.1, 107.5, 55.5, 55.4, 21.6, 15.4, 12.4.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 412.1577; found: 412.1581.

N-(3-Chloro-4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (7d)



Compound **7d** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 64.3 mg, 77% yield.

m.p.: 135 °C – 137 °C

TLC: $R_f = 0.51$ (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2919, 1598, 1504, 1348, 1298, 1260, 1165, 1091, 1021, 665, 588, 543 cm^{-1}

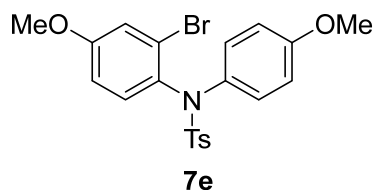
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.9, 154.2, 143.6, 137.1, 134.8, 133.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 127.8, 127.8, 122.4, 114.5, 111.9, 56.3, 55.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 418.0874; found: 418.0877.

N-(2-Bromo-4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-

Benzenesulfonamide (7e)



Compound **7e** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 83.2 mg, 90% yield.

m.p.: 82 °C – 84 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.49 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

IR (KBr): 2921, 1596, 1507, 1485, 1353, 1160, 1034, 974, 670, 557 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

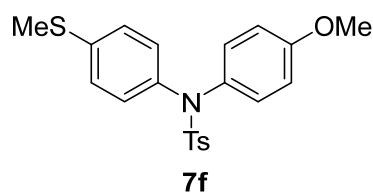
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HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}^{79}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 462.0369; found: 462.0371;

$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}^{81}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 464.0349; found: 464.0350.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-*N*-(4-Methylthio)-Phenyl-**

Benzenesulfonamide (7f)



Compound **7f** was synthesized following the general procedure.

A white solid, 72.7 mg, 91% yield.

m.p.: 111 °C – 113 °C

TLC: R_f = 0.48 (Hexane/EtOAc = 6:1)

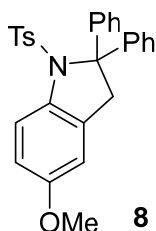
IR (KBr): 2924, 1599, 1505, 1349, 1249, 1164, 1093, 1026, 982, 720, 664, 575 cm^{-1}

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 6.89 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.9, 143.5, 138.9, 137.7, 137.4, 134.0, 130.0, 129.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 114.4, 55.4, 21.6, 15.7.

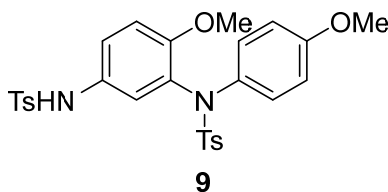
HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 400.1036; found: 400.1040.

5-Methoxy-2,2-diphenyl-1-tosylindoline (8)



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.77 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 6.94 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

N-(2-Methoxy-5-(4-Methylphenyl)-Sulfonamido-Phenyl)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-Benzenesulfonamide (9)



A white solid, 41.0 mg, 74% yield.

m.p.: 158 °C – 160 °C

TLC: $R_f = 0.34$ (Hexane/EtOAc = 2:1)

IR (KBr): 2927, 1601, 1506, 1357, 1305, 1257, 1163, 1088, 1034, 816, 654, 548 cm^{-1}

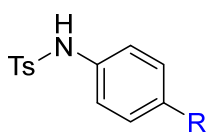
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 158.7, 156.3, 144.4, 143.5, 136.7, 135.5, 132.8, 132.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.1, 123.1, 115.3, 114.3, 114.3, 55.4, 55.4, 21.6, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: calcd.: 553.1462; found: 553.1464.

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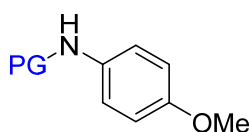
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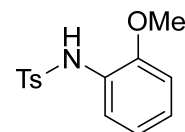
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PG = Ac, CO_2Me :

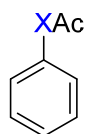
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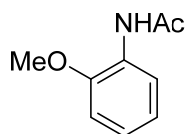
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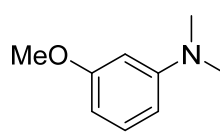


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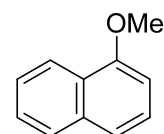
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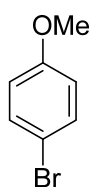
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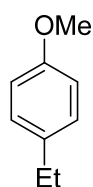
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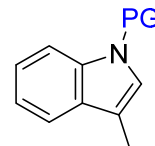


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PG = H, Me, Ac, Ts

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5. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis

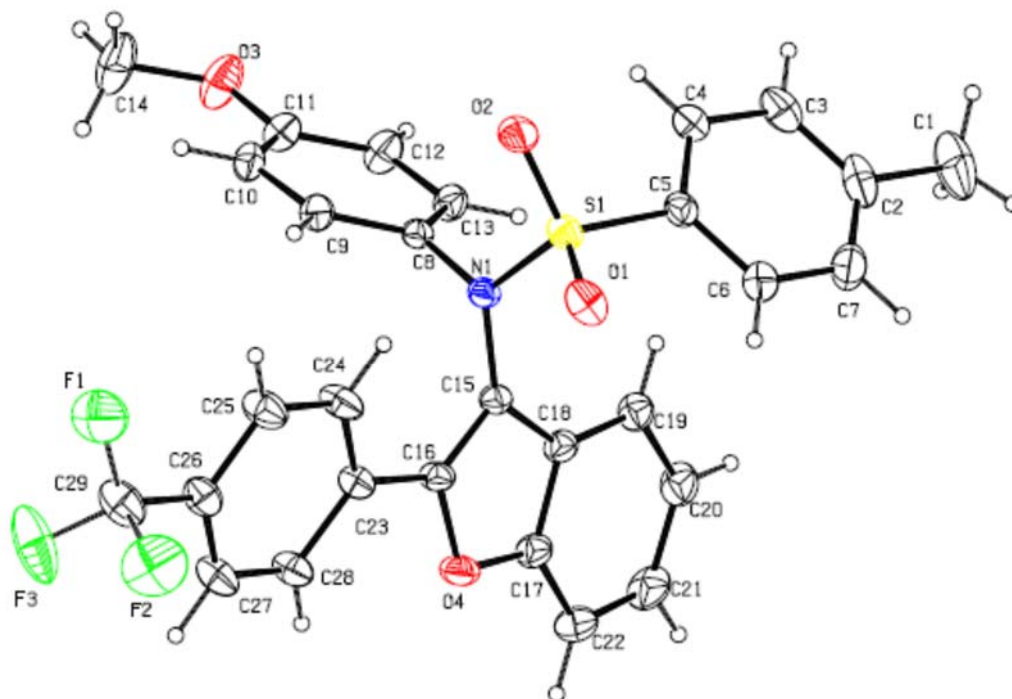


Table S2 Crystallographic data and structural refinement for compound **3t**

Complex	Compound 1
Formula	C ₂₉ H ₂₂ F ₃ NO ₄ S
Formula weight	537.53.
Temp (K)	297(15)
λ (Mo, K α), Å	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
a (Å)	10.359(2)
b (Å)	11.887(3)
c (Å)	12.512(3)
α (deg)	73.639(4)
β (deg)	86.075(4)
γ (deg)	89.672(4)
V (Å ³)	1474.7(6)

Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.211
Absorption coefficient	0.160 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	556
Crystal size/mm ³	0.3 × 0.2 × 2
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	10483
Independent reflections	5153 [R _{int} = 0.0387]
Data/restraints/parameters	5153/57/374
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.274/-0.323
Flack parameter	0.01(3)
Theta range for data collection (deg)	1.700–24.996
Final R1a, wR2b	0.0594, 0.1719
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.063

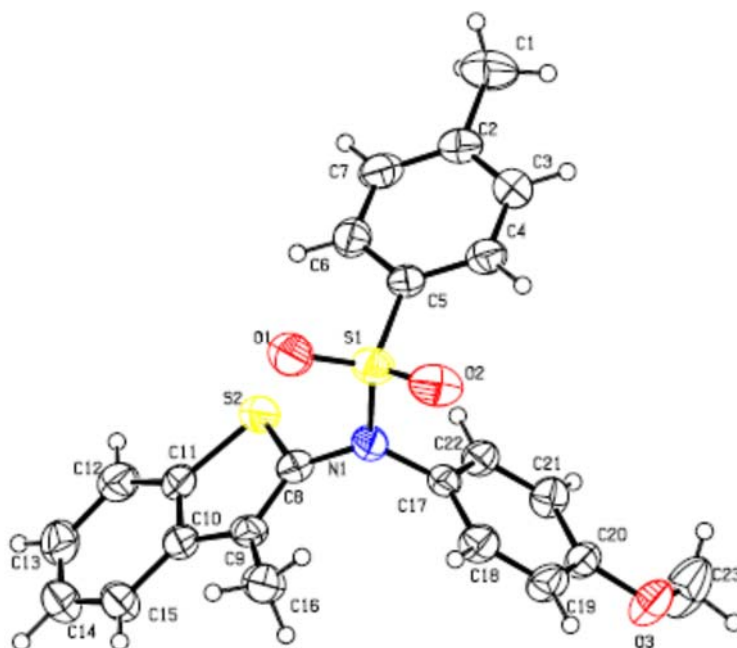


Table S3 Crystallographic data and structural refinement for compound **5b**

Complex	Compound 1
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Formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₁ NO ₃ S ₂
Formula weight	423.53
Temp (K)	297(2)
λ (Mo, K α), Å	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a (Å)	8.2878(17)
b (Å)	21.266(4)
c (Å)	11.819(2)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	100.442(5)
γ (deg)	90
V (Å ³)	2048.5(7)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.373
Absorption coefficient	0.285
F(000)	888
Crystal size/mm ³	0.12 × 0.10 × 0.10
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -25 ≤ k ≤ 25, -11 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	10005
Independent reflections	3510 [R _{int} = 0.0439]
Data/restraints/parameters	3510/0/266
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.226/-0.235
Flack parameter	0.0000(3)
Theta range for data collection (deg)	1.915–24.995
Final R1a, wR2b	0.0555, 0.0971
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.010

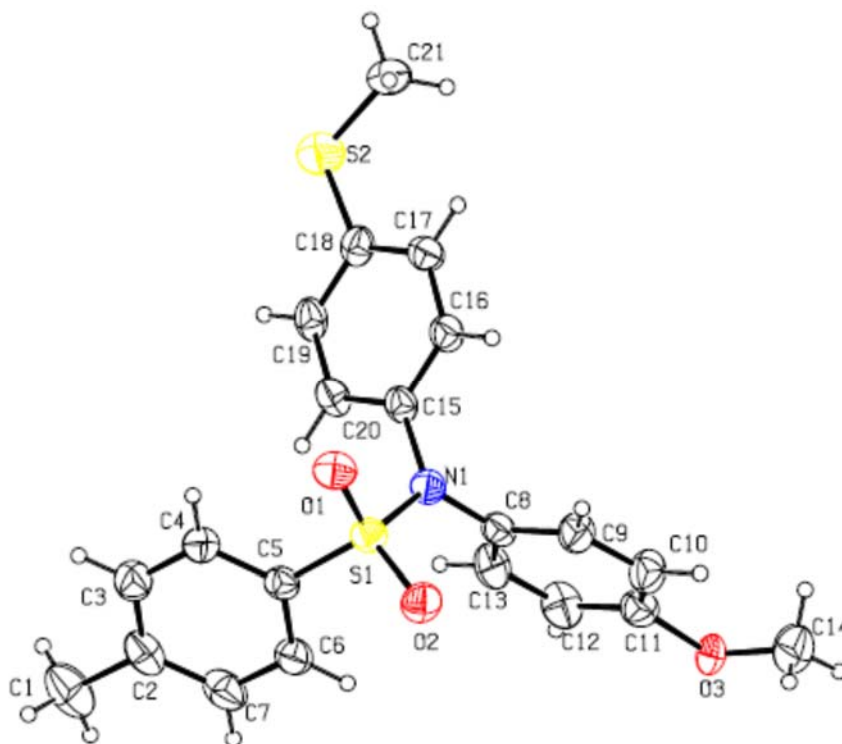


Table S4 Crystallographic data and structural refinement for compound **7f**

Complex	Compound 1
Formula	C ₂₁ H ₂₁ NO ₃ S ₂
Formula weight	399.51
Temp (K)	297(15)
λ (Mo, K α), Å	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a (Å)	12.583(3)
b (Å)	13.374(3)
c (Å)	11.959(3)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	98.369(4)
γ (deg)	90
V (Å ³)	1991.0(7)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.333

Absorption coefficient	0.288
F(000)	840
Crystal size/mm ³	0.20 × 0.20 × 0.10
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -14 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	13308
Independent reflections	3427 [R _{int} = 0.0375]
Data/restraints/parameters	3427/20/241
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.968/-0.883
Flack parameter	n/a
Theta range for data collection (deg)	2.235–24.996
Final R1a, wR2b	0.0677, 0.1885
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.030

6. NMR Spectra of Products

