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Visible-light-induced dehydrogenative sulfonylation of tertiary amines under

transition-metal- and photocatalyst-free conditions

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1 General information

All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300–400 mesh). The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C) in CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with an AB Triple 5600 mass spectrometer by ESI on a TOF mass analyzer. Melting points are uncorrected.

2 Experimental procedures

2.1 The photos of the photochemical reactor



2.2 General procedure for the preparation of 3



An oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *S*-phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonothioate (158.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (42.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (2 mL) and tertiary amines (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h, then diluted with water (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo.

The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the desired products **3**.

2.2 General procedure for the preparation of 4



An oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *S*phenyl benzenesulfonothioate (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (42.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (2 mL) and 1phenylpiperidine (32.2 mg, 32 μ L, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h, then diluted with water (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the desired products **4**.

2.3 Gram-scale synthesis of 3a



An oven-dried Schlenk tube (100 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with Na_2CO_3 (1.06 g, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), *S*-phenyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonothioate (3.96 g, 15 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (20 mL) and 1-phenylpiperidine (0.81 g, 0.81 mL, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h. Once completed, the mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (5:1, v/v) as eluent to afford the pure product **3a** in 61% yield.

3 Control experiments



(a) An oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with benzenethiol (22.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (2 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was stopped, trace amounts of the desired product **3a** were detected by TLC and LC-MS. When there was no blue LED strip irradiation in the reaction, similar results were obtained.

(b) An oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with benzenethiol (22.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *S*-phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonothioate (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (2 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (100:1, v/v) as eluent to afford the pure product **D** as a white solid in

92% yield. When there was no blue LED strip irradiation in the reaction, similar results were obtained.

(c) An oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *S*-phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonothioate (158.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (42.4 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and TEMPO (93.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times, and then DMSO (2 mL) and 1-phenylpiperidine (32.2 mg, 32 μ L, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under 5 W blue LED strip (425-465 nm) irradiation at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was stopped, trace amounts of the desired product **3a** were detected by TLC and LC-MS, indicating that the reaction was inhibited. Meanwhile, a trapping product **5a** and 1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (**G**) was observed through the LC-MS analysis from the reaction.



Figure S1 LC-MS analysis of the radical-trapping product 5a and 1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (G).

4 Experimental data for the products 3, 4 and D



1-Phenyl-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3a).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (139.0 mg, 74% yield). mp 134–136 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 3H), 3.57 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.4, 142.9, 139.1, 138.9, 129.6, 129.5, 127.2, 123.4, 117.7, 108.0, 45.8, 21.6, 21.2, 20.0.



1-(*p*-**Tolyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine** (**3b**).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (143.3 mg, 73% yield). mp 91–93 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99–1.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 143.1, 142.8, 139.4, 139.1, 133.1, 130.0, 129.6, 127.1, 117.9, 107.1, 46.0, 21.6, 21.1, 20.7, 20.0.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3c).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. white solid (142.1 mg, 69% yield). mp 176–178 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.77–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.55–3.52 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.94 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 156.2, 142.7, 139.9, 139.3, 139.2, 129.5, 127.1, 119.9, 114.7, 106.3, 55.6, 46.6, 21.5, 21.2, 19.9.



1-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3d).¹ Purified by silica gel column

chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow viscous liquid (161.7 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.86 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 2H), 3.58–3.55 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.31–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 146.4, 143.0, 142.8, 139.3, 139.1, 129.6, 127.1, 126.3, 117.5, 107.3, 45.9, 34.3, 31.4, 21.6, 21.2, 20.0.



1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3e).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (141.1 mg, 71% yield). mp 174–176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.77–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 4H), 3.54 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.96 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 159.1 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 142.9, 141.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 139.3, 138.9, 129.6, 127.2, 119.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 116.2 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 108.0, 46.4, 21.6, 21.1, 19.9.



1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (**3f**).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (135.4 mg, 65% yield). mp 200–202 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.80–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 143.9, 143.1, 138.7, 138.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 127.2, 118.8, 109.1, 45.9, 21.6, 21.1, 19.9.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (**3g**).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (143.1 mg, 61% yield). mp 203–205 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.81–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.52 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 144.4, 143.1, 138.7, 138.3, 132.4, 129.6, 127.2, 119.1, 116.0, 109.4, 45.8, 21.6, 21.1, 19.9.



1-(*m***-Tolyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3h).** Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (127.58 mg, 65% yield). mp 110–112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.87 (m, 3H), 3.56–3.53 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.94 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.4, 142.9, 139.5, 139.2, 139.0, 129.6, 129.3, 127.1, 124.2, 118.5, 114.8, 107.7, 45.9, 21.6, 21.5, 21.2, 20.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂S⁺ 328.1366; Found 328.1366.



1-(*o***-Tolyl)-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3i).** Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (133.5 mg, 68%)

yield). mp 158–160 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41–3.38 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 5H), 1.99–1.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.4, 142.9, 142.6, 139.4, 133.4, 131.6, 129.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 125.6, 104.4, 48.3, 21.5, 21.4, 20.0, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂S⁺ 328.1366; Found 328.1365.



1-Phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-azepine (**3j**).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow viscous liquid (141.3 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.80–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 3H), 3.83–3.80 (m, 2H), 2.47–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.86 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.79–1.73 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 147.3, 144.6, 142.9, 139.0, 129.6, 129.4, 127.3, 123.9, 119.7, 113.6, 51.7, 28.0, 26.0, 25.6, 21.6.



(*E*)-*N*-ethyl-*N*-(2-tosylvinyl)aniline (3k). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v) as eluent. Colorless viscous liquid (99.4 mg, 55% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.76–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.09 (m, 3H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 146.1, 144.5, 142.6, 141.6, 129.7, 129.6, 126.4, 125.5, 121.6, 98.0, 45.8, 21.5, 11.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂S⁺ 302.1209; Found 302.1208.



1-Benzyl-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (31).² Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (123.7 mg, 63% yield). mp 155–157 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 2.98–2.95 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.18 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 144.2, 142.4, 139.7, 136.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 101.0, 59.7, 44.9, 21.5, 21.0, 19.6.



1-Methyl-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3m). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (93.4 mg, 62 % yield). mp 160–162 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 3.03–3.00 (m, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.15 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85–1.79 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 144.5, 142.2, 139.9, 129.4, 126.8, 100.1, 47.2, 42.7, 21.5, 21.0, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈NO₂S⁺ 252.1053; Found 252.1051.



1-Ethyl-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (3n).² Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (114.5 mg, 72% yield). mp 120–122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.05–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 143.5, 142.2, 139.9, 129.4, 126.8, 99.6, 50.4, 44.8, 21.5, 21.1, 19.7, 13.8.



1-Cyclohexyl-5-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (30).² Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (136.0 mg, 71% yield). mp 145–147 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.04–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.96–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81–1.70 (m, 6H), 1.63 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.40–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.12–1.04 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 142.4, 142.0, 140.1, 129.3, 126.7, 99.0, 64.1, 43.0, 31.4, 25.6, 25.3, 21.4, 21.4, 20.3.



(*E*)-*N*-Ethyl-*N*-(2-tosylvinyl)cyclohexanamine (3p). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (129.0 mg, 70 % yield). mp 121–123 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12–3.00 (m, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.84–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.68–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.06 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 147.2, 142.7, 141.9, 129.4, 126.1, 91.1, 64.9, 41.8, 32.5, 25.7, 25.2, 21.4, 12.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NO₂S⁺ 308.1679; Found 308.1679.



(*E*)-*N*-Isopropyl-*N*-(2-tosylvinyl)propan-2-amine (3q).³ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. Colorless viscous liquid (121.5 mg, 72 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.21

(s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 144.9, 142.7, 141.9, 129.4, 126.2, 91.7, 49.2, 47.5, 23.5, 21.5, 19.5.



(*E*)-*N*,*N*-**Diethyl-2-tosylethen-1-amine (3r)**.⁴ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. Colorless viscous liquid (110.9 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 3H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.11 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 148.8, 142.5, 142.0, 129.4, 126.1, 91.6, 50.0, 42.6, 21.5, 14.7, 11.1.



1-Phenyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4a).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (131.0 mg, 73% yield). mp 146–148 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.89–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.57–3.55 (m, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.3, 141.9, 139.5, 132.2, 129.5, 129.0, 127.1, 123.5, 117.8, 107.6, 45.9, 21.1, 20.0.



5-((4-(*tert*-Butyl)Phenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4b).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow viscous liquid (153.4 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 3.56–3.53 (m, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 155.8, 145.4, 139.1, 138.9, 129.5, 126.9, 126.0, 123.3, 117.7, 108.0, 45.8, 35.1,



5-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4c).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow viscous liquid (138.2 mg, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99–1.94 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.6, 145.4, 138.6, 133.5, 129.5, 129.2, 123.3, 117.6, 114.2, 108.4, 55.7, 45.8, 21.1, 20.0.



5-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4d).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (138.9 mg, 73% yield). mp 153–155 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.91–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 3H), 3.59–3.56 (m, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 164.9 (d, *J* = 253.7 Hz), 145.3, 139.6, 138.1 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 129.5, 123.6, 117.9, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 107.3, 45.9, 21.1, 20.0.



5-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4e).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (143.9

mg, 72% yield). mp 122–124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.87–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 3.58 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.2, 140.6, 139.9, 138.6, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 123.7, 117.9, 107.0, 46.0, 21.1, 20.0.



5-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4f). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (160.6 mg, 71% yield). mp 154–156 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 3H), 3.58–3.55 (m, 2H), 2.28 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.2, 141.1, 139.9, 132.2, 129.6, 128.7, 127.1, 123.7, 117.9, 106.9, 46.0, 21.1, 20.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇BrNO₂S⁺ 378.0158; Found 378.0157.



5-((2-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4g). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (143.88 mg, 72% yield). mp 150–152 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.89 (dd, J = 4.0, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 3H), 3.60–3.57 (m, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03–1.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.3, 141.9, 139.5, 132.2, 129.5, 129.0, 127.1, 123.5, 118.1, 117.8, 107.6, 45.9, 21.1, 20.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ClNO₂S⁺ 334.0663; Found 334.0662.



5-((3-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4h). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (156.1 mg, 69% yield). mp 154–156 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.87–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.3 Hz, 3H), 3.60–3.57 (m, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03–1.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.2, 144.0, 140.2, 135.2, 130.6, 129.9, 129.6, 125.7, 123.8, 123.0, 118.0, 106.6, 46.0, 21.1, 20.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇BrNO₂S⁺ 378.0158; Found 378.0159.



5-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridine (4i).¹ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (134.1 mg, 64% yield). mp 140–142 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.49 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.84 (m, 5H), 7.66–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 3H), 3.58–3.55 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 145.3, 139.6, 138.7, 134.7, 132.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 123.5, 122.7, 117.8, 107.6, 45.9, 21.2, 20.1.



6-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-azepine (4j). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Light yellow solid (130.7 mg, 70% yield). mp 142–144 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.91–7.88 (m,

2H), 7.81 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 5H), 3.85–3.82 (m, 2H), 2.48–2.45 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.76 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 164.9 (d, J = 253.8 Hz), 147.4, 145.1, 138.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 129.5, 124.2, 119.9, 116.1 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 112.7, 51.9, 28.0, 26.0, 25.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉FNO₂S⁺ 332.1115; Found 332.1115.



(*E*)-*N*,*N*-Diethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)ethen-1-amine (4k).⁴ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (123.2 mg, 64% yield). mp 124–125 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.80 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17–3.03 (m, 4H), 1.10–1.06 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 149.2, 142.3, 134.3, 132.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 122.4, 91.1, 50.1, 42.7, 14.7, 11.1.



(*E*)-*N*,*N*-Diethyl-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)ethen-1-amine (4l).⁴ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1, v/v) as eluent. Colorless viscous liquid (113.0 mg, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.81–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.97–6.92 (m, 2H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 4H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.0, 148.5, 137.3, 128.2, 113.9, 92.1, 55.5. 50.1, 42.7, 14.7, 11.2.



(*E*)-2-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-*N*,*N*-diethylethen-1-amine (4m).⁴ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (135.0 mg, 71% yield). mp 75–76 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.73–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.11 (m, 4H), 1.18–1.13 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 149.3, 144.5, 132.0, 127.8, 126.1, 90.8, 50.2, 42.8,

14.8, 11.1.



1,2-Diphenyldisulfane (D).⁵ Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1, v/v) as eluent. Light yellow solid (20.1 mg, 92% yield). mp 58–60 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.75–7.72 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 137.3, 129.4, 127.7, 127.4.

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6¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the products













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3I (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCI₃)









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3m (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCI₃)





3m (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl₃)













3n (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







30 (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCI₃)





30 (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





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3q (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





3q (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







3r (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





3r (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





4a (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4a (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





4b (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





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4d (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4e (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



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4f (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4f (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





4g (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCI₃)





4g (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





4h (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4h (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





4i (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4j (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4j (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)





4k (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





4k (¹³C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCI₃)







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D (¹H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

