# **Supporting information**

# Rh(III)-catalyzed ortho C-H functionalization of aromatic amides

# with bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane and $\alpha$ -diazosulfones

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#### **1. General Information**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 400 MHz or 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts of protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane. Chemical shifts of carbon are referenced to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm of chloroform- $d_3$ , a heptet at 39.5 ppm of dimethyl sulfoxide- $d_6$  or a heptet at 29.8 ppm of acetone- $d_6$ . Peaks are labeled as single (s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), double doublet (dd), triple doublet (td), multiplet (m). Melting points were determined with a commercially available melting point apparatus. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired using an electron spray ionization time-of flight (ESI-TOF) mass spectrometer in positive mode. All reagents were used without further purification as received from commercial suppliers unless otherwise noted. All solvents were dried and distilled prior to use according to the standard protocols.

#### 2. General procedure for the preparation of substrates

#### 2.1 Preparation of amides 1 and 3 (taking 1a as an example)<sup>[1]</sup>

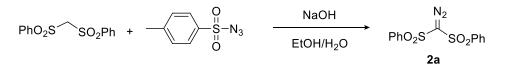
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$$t$$
-BuNH<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\text{Et}_3\text{N}}$  PhCONH $t$ Bu  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> **1a**

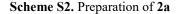
#### Scheme S1. Preparation of 1a

To a stirring solution of *tert*-butylamine (1.26 mL, 12 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.67 mL, 12 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added benzoyl chloride (1.16 mL, 10 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, saturated brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The organic layer was concentrated and recrystallized by PE/DCM, affording the expected compound **1a** (1.17 g, 66%) as a yellow solid.

Amides 1i<sup>[2]</sup> and 1j<sup>[3]</sup> were prepared by according to the reported procedures.

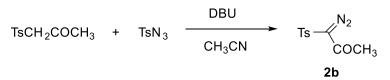
### 2.2 Preparation of bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane 2a<sup>[4]</sup>





To a stirring solution of 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (5.3 g, 20.0 mmol, 75 % w/w in ethyl acetate,) in EtOH (30 mL) was added bis(phenylsulfonyl)methane (3.0 g, 10.0 mmol) in the mixture of EtOH (24 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (16 mL), and NaOH (1.0 g, 12 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -5 °C for 1 h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by water (40 mL) and then extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to give the expected compound **2** (2.12 g, 66 %) as a yellow solid.

#### 2.3 Preparation of 2b-2d (taking 2b as an example)<sup>[5]</sup>



Scheme S3. Preparation of 2b

To a stirring solution of 1-tosylpropan-2-one (2.12 g, 10 mmol) and tosyl azide (75 % w/w in ethyl acetate, 3.16g, 12 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added DBU (1.80 mL, 12 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by water (40 mL) and then extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated brine, dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **2b** (1.52 g, 64 %) as a yellow solid.

### 3. General experimental procedure

### 3.1 Optimization of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

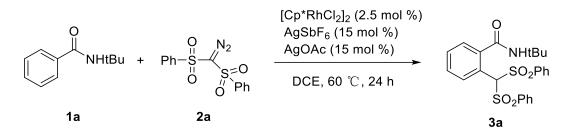
	NH <i>t</i> Bu -	+ Ph-S	, additive , T, 24 h	O So 3a	`NH <i>t</i> Bu ∠SO₂Ph D₂Ph
Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Additive (mol%)	solvent	T (°C)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (2)	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (8)/AgOAc (4)	DCE	90	30
2	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)$	DCE	60	27
3	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	AgOAc (15)	DCE	60	0
4	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (15)	DCE	60	25
5	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	AgOTf (15)	DCE	60	24
6	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (2.5)	AgBF <sub>4</sub> (15)	DCE	60	20
7	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	DCE	60	88(83 <sup>c</sup> )
8	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	DCE	90	68
9	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	DCE	30	85
10	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/KOAc(15)$	DCE	60	0
11	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/HOAc(15)$	DCE	60	13
12	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(10)/AgOAc(10)$	DCE	60	86
13	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_{6}(20)/AgOAc(20)$	DCE	60	85
14	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (2.5)	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	DMSO	60	0
15	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	0
16	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	MeOH	60	48
17	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	EA	60	67
18	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (2.5)	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	dioxane	60	71
19	$[Cp*RhCl_2]_2(2.5)$	$AgSbF_6(15)/AgOAc(15)$	toluene	60	0

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: 1a (0.2 mmol), 2a (0.24 mmol), solvent (2.0 mL), 24 h, under a  $N_2$  atmosphere.

<sup>b</sup>Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1, 3, 5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

<sup>*c*</sup>Isolated yield after column chromatography.

#### 3.2 General procedure for the synthesis of 3, 5 and 6 (taking 3a as an example)





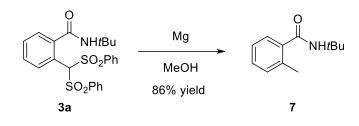
A 25 mL reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar were charged with  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (6.2 mg, 2.5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20.6 mg, 15 mol%), AgOAc (10.0 mg, 15 mol%), **1a** (70.9 mg, 0.4 mmol), and DCE (2 mL). To the mixture was then added bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane **2a** (154.7 mg, 0.48 mmol) in DCE (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. The crude mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether (PE): ethyl acetate (EA) = 4:1–2:1) to give the desired product **3a** (156.8 mg, 83%) as a white solid.

#### 3.3 Gram Scale Experiment

A 50 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer were charged with  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (77.3 mg, 2.5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (257.7 mg, 15 mol%), AgOAc (125.2 mg, 15 mol%), **1a** (886.2 mg, 5.0 mmol), and DCE (10 mL). To the mixture was then added bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane **2a** (1.93 g, 6.0 mmol) in DCE (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. The crude mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired product **3a** (1.72 g, 73%) as a white solid.

#### 4. Transformations of products

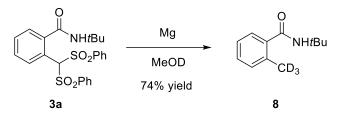
#### 4.1 Preparation of 7



Scheme S5. Preparation of 7.

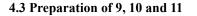
To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added **3a** (94.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), freshly activated Mg turnings (580 mg, 20 mmol, 100 equiv), and anhydrous MeOH (10 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. Filtrating the reaction mixture through a short pad of silica gel and concentrating the filtrate gave the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **7** (30.6 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

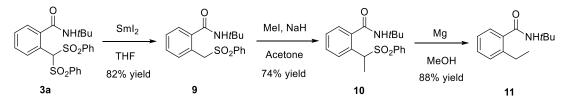
#### 4.2 Preparation of 8



Scheme S6. Preparation of 8.

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added **3a** (94.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), freshly activated Mg turnings (580 mg, 20 mmol, 100 equiv.), and anhydrous MeOD (10 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. Filtrating the reaction mixture through a short pad of silica gel and concentrating the filtrate gave the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **8** (28.9 mg, 74%) as a white solid.





Scheme S7. Preparation of 9, 10 and 11.

#### (1) Preparation of 9

To a 50 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added HMPA (1mL) and SmI<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mol/L in THF, 20 mL, 20 equiv) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After stirring for 10 minutes, **3a** (94.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring for 2 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic phase was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **9** (54.4 mg, 82%) as a white solid.

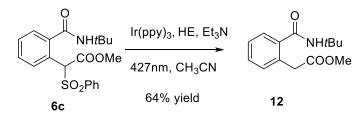
#### (2) Preparation of 10

To a 25 mL reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added **8** (66.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 8 mg, 0.2 mmol), and CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) under an air atmosphere. After stirring for 10 minutes, CH<sub>3</sub>I (12.5  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, then quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **10** (51.2 mg, 74%) as a white solid.

#### (3) Preparation of 11

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added **10** (34.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), freshly activated Mg turnings (120 mg, 5 mmol, 50 equiv), and anhydrous MeOH (5 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. Filtrating the reaction mixture through a short pad of silica gel and concentrating the filtrate gave the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **11** (18.0 mg, 88%) as a white solid.

#### 4.4 Preparation of 12



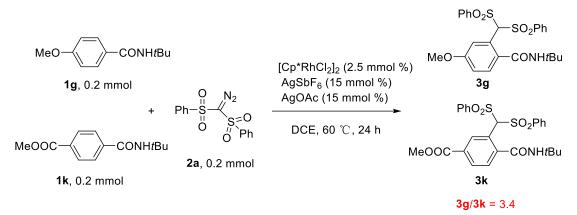


To a 20 mL quartz tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer were added **6c** (38.9 mg, 0.1 mmol),  $Ir(ppy)_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0025 mmol, 0.025 equiv),  $Et_3N$  (139.0  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv), Hantzsch ester (50.7 mg, 0.2

mmol) and anhydrous MeCN (2 mL) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under irradiation with Blue LED (427 nm, 40W) for 24 h. The reaction mixture then quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to give the expected compound **12** (16.0 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil.

#### 5. Control experiments

#### 5.1 Electronic effect



Scheme S9 Competition experiment of 1g, 1k with 2a.

A 25 mL reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar were charged with  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10.3 mg, 15 mol %), AgOAc (5.0 mg, 15 mol%), **1g** (41.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1k** (47.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), and DCE (1 mL). To the mixture was added bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane **2a** (64.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCE (1mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. The crude mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography. The mixture of **3g** and **3k** were combinedly isolated. The ratio of **3g** and **3k** was determined to be 3.4: 1 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

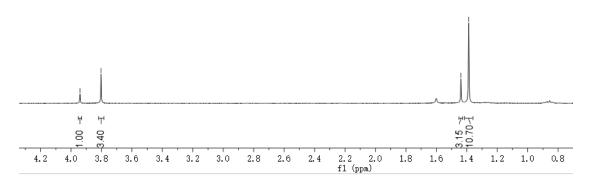
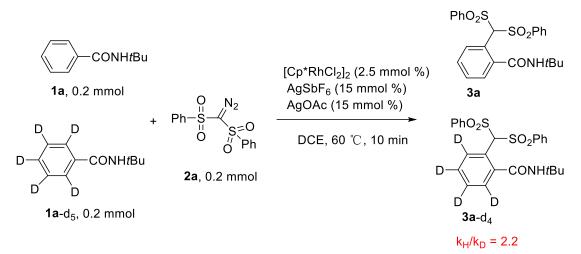


Figure S1<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the mixture of 3g and 3k.

#### 5.2 Determination of KIE from Intermolecular Competition Experiment



Scheme S10 Intermolecular competition experiment of 1a, 1a-d<sub>5</sub> with 2a.

A 25 mL reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar were charged with  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (3.1mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10.3 mg, 15 mol %), AgOAc (5.0 mg, 15 mol%), **1a** (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a**-d<sub>5</sub> (36.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and DCE (1 mL). To the mixture was added bis(phenylsulfonyl)diazomethane **2a** (64.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 10 min. The crude mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash column chromatography to afford the mixture of **3a and 3a**-d<sub>4</sub>. The ratio of **3a** and **3a**-d<sub>4</sub> was determined to be 0.69: 0.31 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. The KIE value is equal to 2.2.

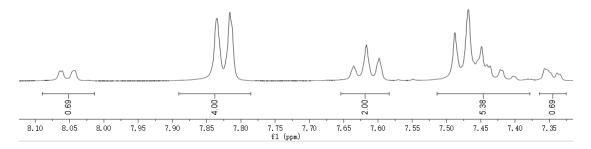
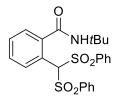


Figure S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the mixture of 3a and 3a-d<sub>4</sub>.

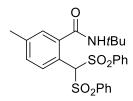
#### 6. Characterization data for products

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)benzamide (3a)



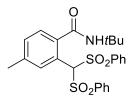
White solid (156.8 mg, 83% yield); **Mp:** 172–174 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.5, 139.3, 138.4, 134.3, 131.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8, 127.3, 123.4, 81.3, 52.1, 28.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 472.1247, found: 472.1247.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-4-methylbenzamide (3c)



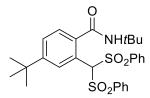
White solid (97.0 mg, 50% yield); **Mp:** 176–178 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.6, 140.9, 139.3, 138. 5, 134.2, 131.3, 130.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 120.1, 81.4, 52.0, 28.5, 21.2; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 486.1403, found: 486.1403.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-methylbenzamide (3d)



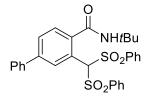
White solid (187.0 mg, 96% yield); **Mp:** 166–168 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.27–7.15 (m, 3H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.7, 140.3, 138.5, 136.4, 134.2, 132.1, 130.9, 129.4, 128.7, 127.3, 123.4, 81.2, 51.9, 28.6, 21.4; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 486.1403, found: 486.1406.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-tert-butyl benzamide (3e)



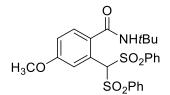
White solid (209.1 mg, 99% yield); **Mp:** 180–182 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.6, 153.0, 138.3, 136.4, 134.2, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.1, 123.1, 81.6, 52.0, 34.8, 30.8, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 550.1692, found: 550.1697.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-phenylbenzamide (3f)



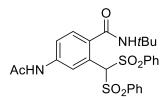
White solid (210.0 mg, 96% yield); **Mp:** 230–232 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.78 (m, 5H), 7.76–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.51 (m, 9H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.4, 142.8, 140.2, 139.9, 137.7, 135.2, 130.7, 130.0, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 126.2, 81.4, 52.5, 28.8; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 548.1560, found: 548.1557.

### 2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-methoxybenzamide (3g)



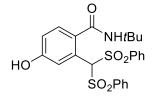
White solid (198.0 mg, 99% yield); **Mp:** 197–199°C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.4, 160.2, 138.5, 134.2, 131.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.8, 125.5, 116.6, 116.1, 80.7, 55.5, 51.9, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 502.1353, found:502.1352.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-acetamidobenzamide (3h)



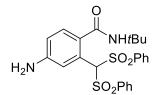
White solid (166.0 mg, 78% yield); **Mp:** 238–240 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.66 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 4H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  169.5, 168.2, 141.6, 140.4, 135.0, 133.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.8, 126.3, 122.3, 120.6, 80.8, 52.2, 28.7, 24.3; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 551.1281, found: 551.1285.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-hydroxybenzamide (3i)

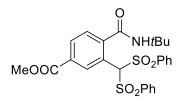


White solid (63.0 mg, 32% yield); **Mp:** 210–212 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.08 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.5, 159.2, 140.5, 135.0, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 127.4, 119.3, 117.2, 80.8, 52.1, 28.8; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 488.1196, found: 486.1202.

#### 2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-aminobenzamide (3j)

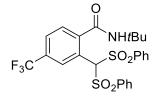


White solid (62.0 mg, 32% yield); **Mp:** 270–272 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (126 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.9, 150.8, 140.9, 134.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 127.1, 126.1, 117.6, 115.0, 80.6, 51.8, 28.9; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 487.1356, found: 487.1359. Methyl 3-(bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-4-(tert-butylcarbamoyl)benzoate (3k)



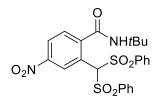
White solid (152.0 mg, 72% yield); **Mp:** 190–192 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.52 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 165.4, 143.1, 137.9, 134.5, 132.2, 131.5, 131.3, 129.5, 128.9, 127.5, 123.9, 81.3, 52.6, 52.4, 28.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 530.1302, found: 530.1302.

#### 2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (31)



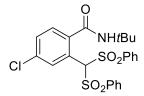
White solid (140.2 mg, 65% yield); **Mp:** 206–208 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 5H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 142.7, 137.4, 134.7, 131.6 (q,  $J_{C-C-F} = 33.7$  Hz), 129.6, 129.0, 128.2 (q,  $J_{C-C-F} = 4.0$  Hz), 128.0, 127.1 (q,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 124.6, 123.0(q,  $J_{C-F} = 273.7$  Hz), 81.5, 52.6, 28.5; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.12; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 540.1121, found: 540.1121.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-4-nitrobenzamide (3m)



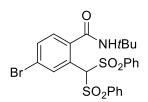
White solid (148.6 mg, 72% yield); **Mp:** 230–232 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.46 (m, 5H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, 147.8, 144.8, 137.3, 134.9, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 126.2, 125.5, 125.1, 81.2, 52.8, 28.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 517.1098, found: 517.1098.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-4-chlorobenzamide (3n)



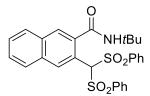
White solid (198.4 mg, 98% yield); **Mp:** 206–208 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 137.9, 137.6, 136.0, 134.5, 131.4, 130.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 125.4, 80.9, 52.3, 28.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 506.0857, found: 506.0856.

#### 2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-4-bromo-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)benzamide (30)



White solid (209.2 mg, 98% yield); **Mp:** 190–192 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 138.0, 137.8, 134.6, 134.2, 133.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 125.5, 124.0, 80.3, 52.3, 28.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 550.0352, found: 550.0352.

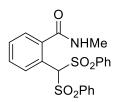
3-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-(tert-butyl)-2-naphthamide (3p)



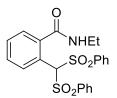
White solid (106.0 mg, 51% yield); **Mp:** 197–199 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.90– 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 6H), 7.64–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.0, 138.4, 135.4, 134.2, 132.8, 132.7, 132.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 120.1, 81.0, 52.1, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 522.1403, found: 522.1405. 3-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3q)

White solid (145.0 mg, 76% yield); **Mp:** 177–179 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 138.5, 138.2, 134.2, 130.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 125.7, 79.1, 52.2, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 500.0631, found: 500.0632.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-methylbenzamide (5a)

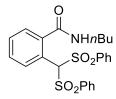


White solid (140.8 mg, 82% yield); **Mp:** 235–237 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.5, 138.7, 137.1, 134.2, 131.9, 130.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.2, 124.3, 80.6, 26.9; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 430.0777, found: 430.0781. **2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-***N***-ethylbenzamide (5b)** 



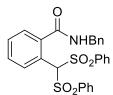
White solid (129.6 mg, 73% yield); **Mp:** 220–222 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.37–3.23 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.8, 138.6, 137.4, 134.2, 131.9, 130.4, 130.4, 129.3, 128.8, 127.2, 124.2, 80.7, 35.0, 14.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 444.0934, found: 444.0930.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-butylbenzamide (5c)



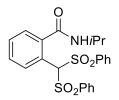
White solid (128.1 mg, 68% yield); **Mp:** 176–178 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.40 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.34–3.20 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.32 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.9, 138.6, 137.7, 134.2, 131.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.8, 127.2, 124.1, 80.8, 39.9, 31.4, 20.1, 13.7; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 494.1066, found: 494.1065.

*N*-Benzyl-2-(bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)benzamide (5d)



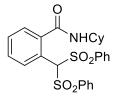
White solid (153.6 mg, 76% yield); **Mp:** 185–187 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.29 (m, 11H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 138.4, 137.5, 137.3, 134.2, 131.9, 130.5, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 124.1, 80.8, 44.1; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 506.1090, found: 506.1094.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-isopropylbenzamide (5e)



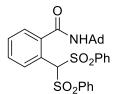
White solid (145.0 mg, 90% yield); **Mp:** 187–189 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.01 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2, 138.5, 137.8, 134.2, 131.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.8, 127.3, 124.0, 80.9, 42.1, 22.5; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 458.1090, found: 458.1090.

2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-cyclohexylbenzamide (5f)



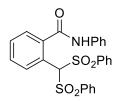
White solid (161.0 mg, 81% yield); **Mp:** 148–150 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.48–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.09 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 138.4, 137.9, 134.3, 131.7, 130.4, 130.2, 129.4, 128.8, 127.4, 124.0, 81.0, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 48.9, 32.8, 25.4, 24.7; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 498.1403, found: 498.1405.

N-Adamantanyl-2-(bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)benzamide (5g)



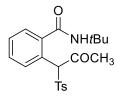
White solid (214.7 mg, 98% yield); **Mp:** 195–197 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.37 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 1.72 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2, 139.5, 138.3, 134.3, 131.4, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 127.4, 123.3, 81.4, 52.8, 41.3, 36.2, 29.4; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 572.1536, found: 572.1536.

#### 2-(Bis(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-N-phenylbenzamide (5h)



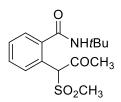
White solid (40.0 mg, 20% yield); **Mp:** 228–230 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.71–7.54 (m, 8H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ167.1, 140.2, 139.6, 137.9, 135.2, 132.6, 131.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 126.1, 125.1, 121.3, 81.3; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+ Na]<sup>+</sup>: 514.0753, found: 514.0751.

*N-(tert-*Butyl)-2-(2-oxo-1-tosylpropyl)benzamide (6a)



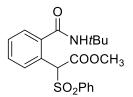
Colorless oil (120.0 mg, 77% yield); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.3, 168.6, 145.0, 139.9, 134.9, 130.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 127.4, 125.3, 74.0, 52.1, 31.0, 28.6, 21.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1577, found: 388.1579.

*N-(tert-*Butyl)-2-(1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-oxopropyl)benzamide (6b)



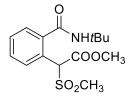
Colorless oil (119.6 mg, 96% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.3, 168.6, 139.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 128.0, 125.3, 73.5, 52.3, 39.8, 30.9, 28.6; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 312.1264, found: 312.1265.

### Methyl 2-(2-(tert-butylcarbamoyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetate (6c)



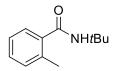
White solid (74.0 mg, 47% yield); **Mp**: 122–124 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84–7.72 (m, 3H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.37 (m, 3H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.3, 165.5, 139.6, 137.2, 134.2, 130.9, 129.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 124.9, 68.8, 53.1, 52.2, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1370, found: 390.1372.

Methyl 2-(2-(tert-butylcarbamoyl)phenyl)-2-(methylsulfonyl)acetate (6d)



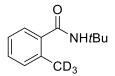
White solid (64.5 mg, 49% yield); **Mp**: 138–140 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.40 (m, 3H), 6.23–6.05 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.3, 165.9, 139.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 127.8, 125.5, 68.0, 53.5, 52.3, 39.5, 28.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 328.1213, found: 328.1215.

#### N-(tert-Butyl)-2-methylbenzamide (7)



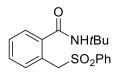
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#### N-(tert-Butyl)-2-(methyl-d<sub>3</sub>)benzamide (8)



White solid (28.9 mg, 74% yield); **Mp:** 78–80 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.7, 137.9, 135.3, 130.8, 129.4, 126.4, 125.6, 51.7, 28.8, 18.7 (septet, *J* = 19.2 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 217.1391, found: 217.1394.

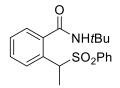
### *N-(tert*-Butyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)benzamide (9)



White solid (54.4 mg, 82% yield); **Mp:** 146–148 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz,

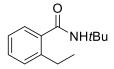
2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 139.9, 138.8, 133.9, 132.5, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 124.6, 59.0, 52.0, 28.7; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1315, found: 332.1316.

N-(tert-Butyl)-2-(1-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)benzamide (10)



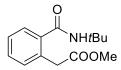
White solid (51.2 mg, 74% yield); **Mp:** 178–180 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.33 (m, 3H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 5.15 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.0, 139.9, 137.4, 133.6, 130.7, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 60.4, 52.0, 28.7, 15.6; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1471, found: 346.1472.

N-(tert-Butyl)-2-ethylbenzamide (11)



White solid (18.0 mg, 88% yield); **Mp:** 78–80 °C; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.79 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.8, 141.8, 137.6, 129.5, 129.3, 126.5, 125.6, 51.7, 28.8, 26.2, 15.8; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 206.1539, found: 206.1541.

Methyl 2-(2-(*tert*-butylcarbamoyl)phenyl)acetate (12)



Colorless oil (16.0 mg, 64% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38– 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.6, 167.0, 138.3, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 127.6, 127.5, 52.1, 51.8, 38.7, 28.7; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:250.1438, found: 250.1439.

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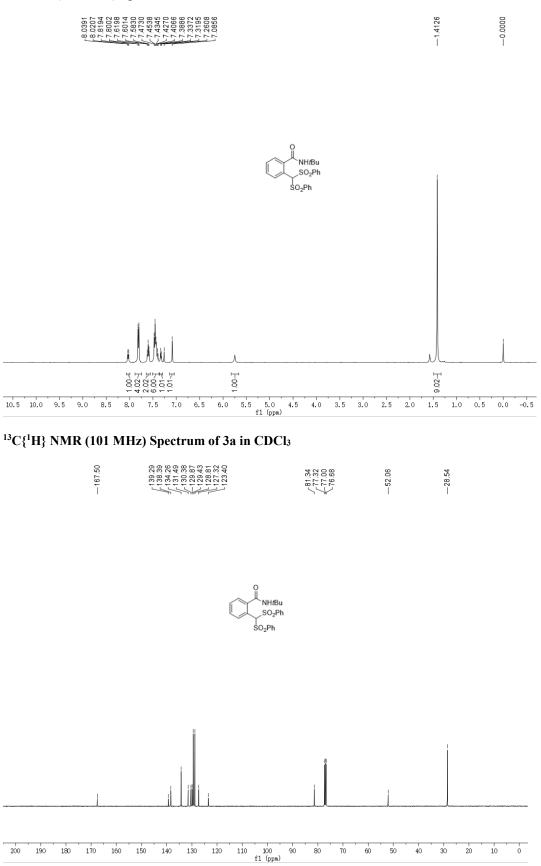
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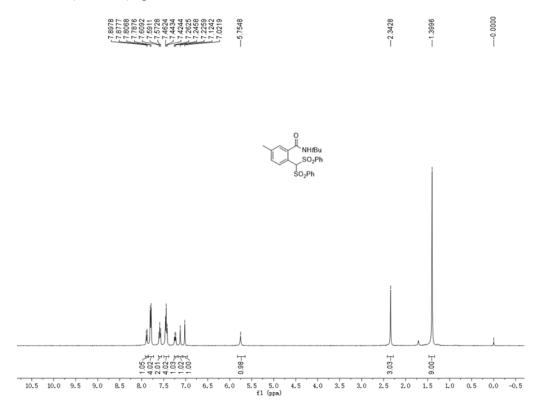
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### 8. NMR spectra of products

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) Spectrum of 3a in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

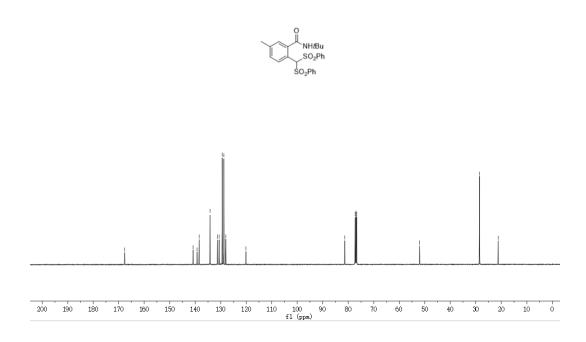


## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) Spectrum of 3c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

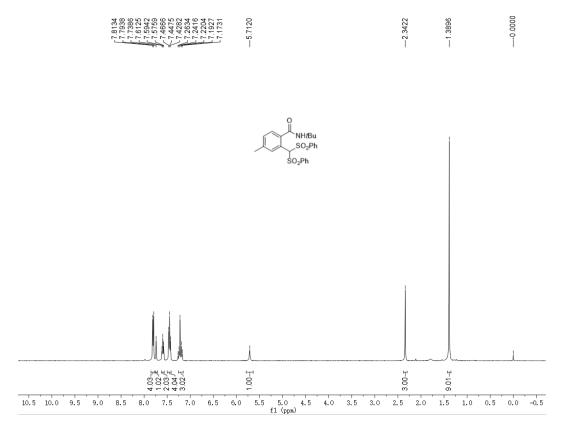


# <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz) Spectrum of 3c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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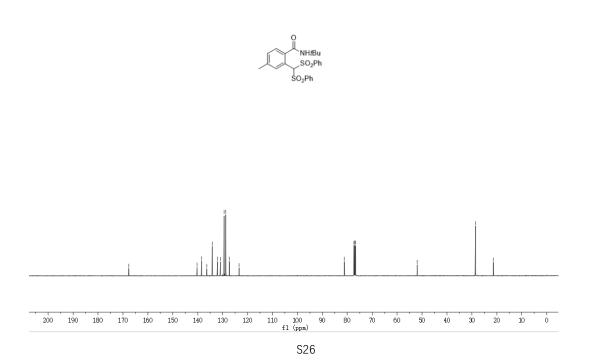


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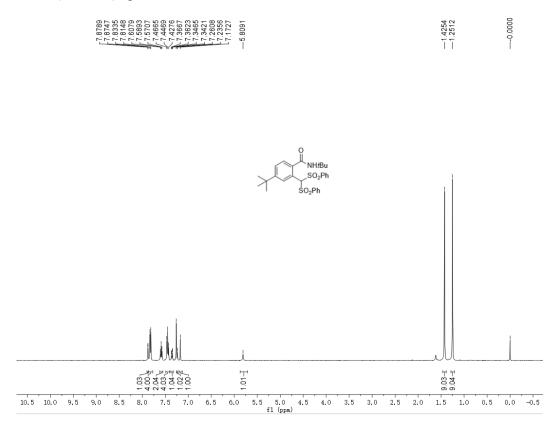


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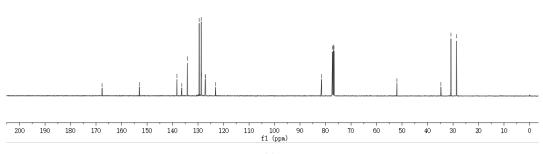
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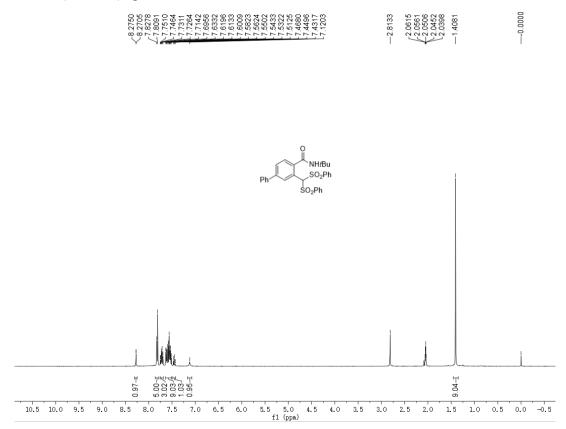
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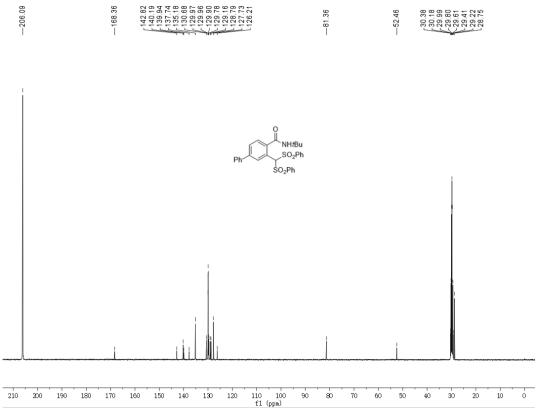




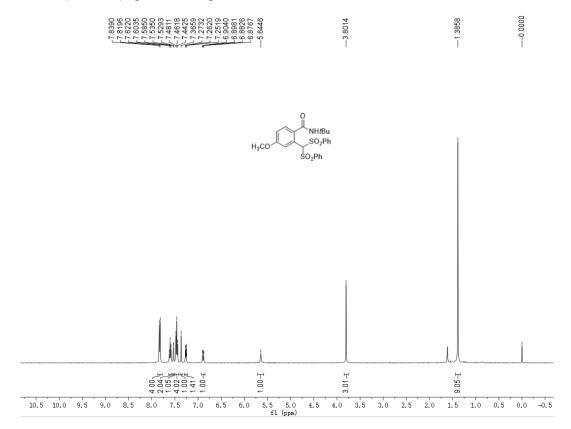
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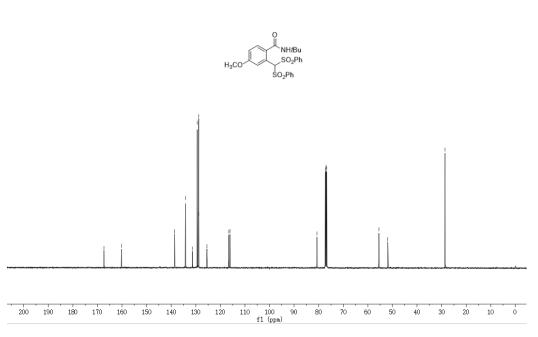


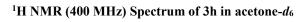
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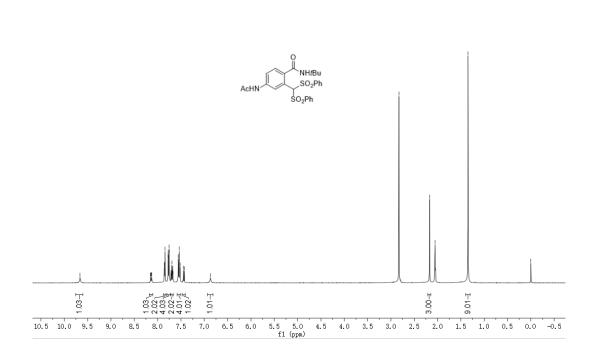
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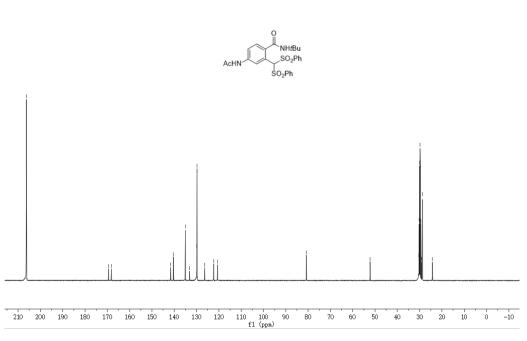




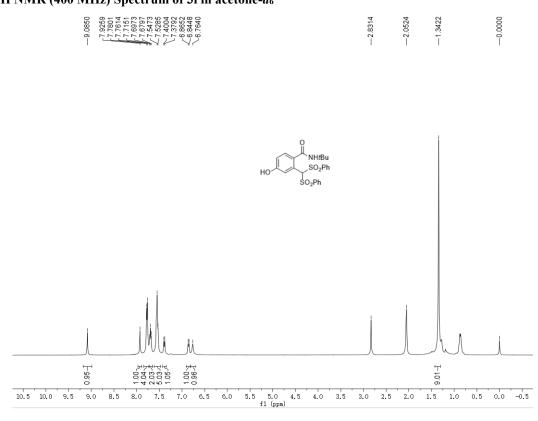


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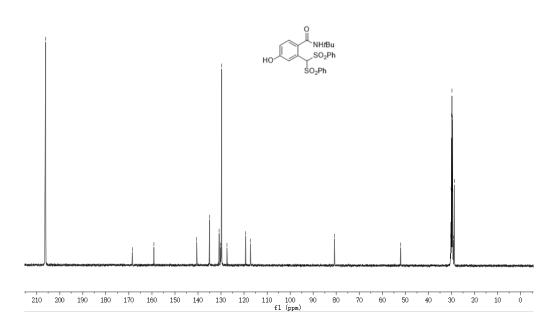


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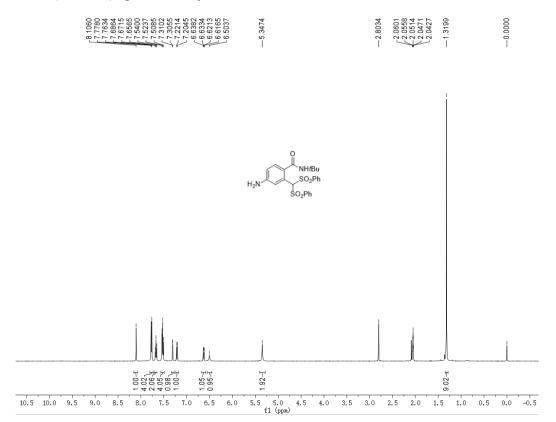


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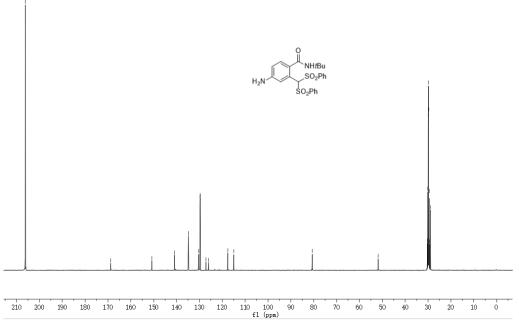


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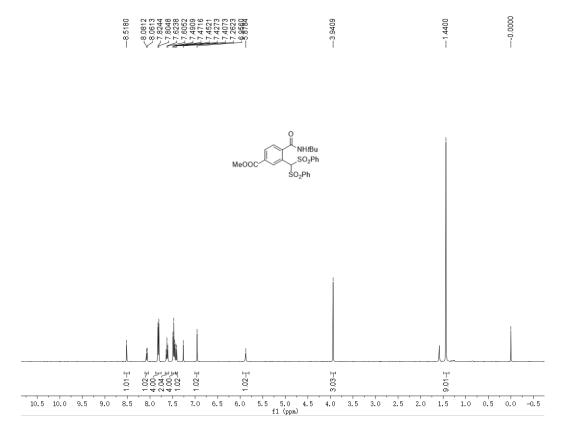


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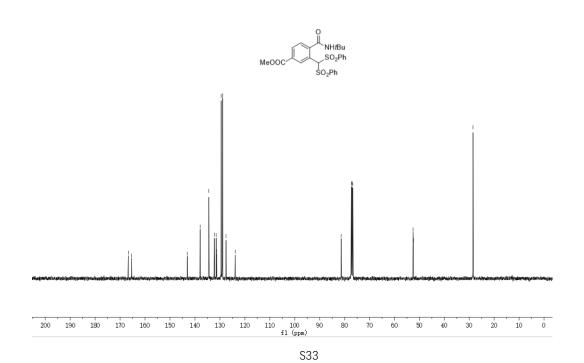


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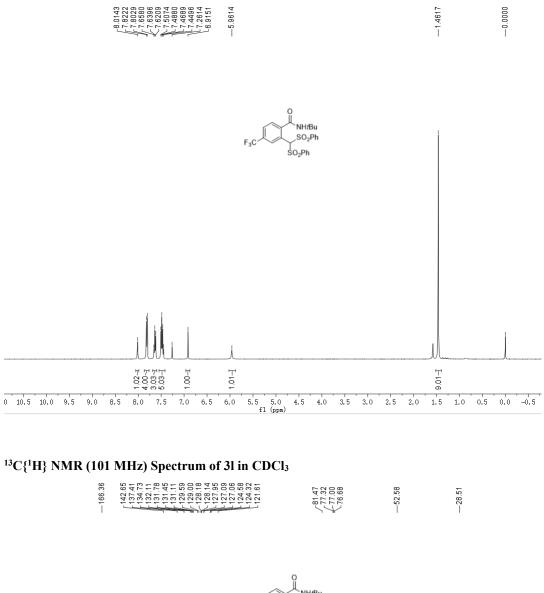


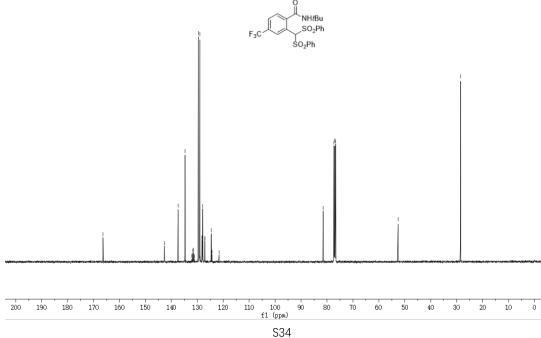
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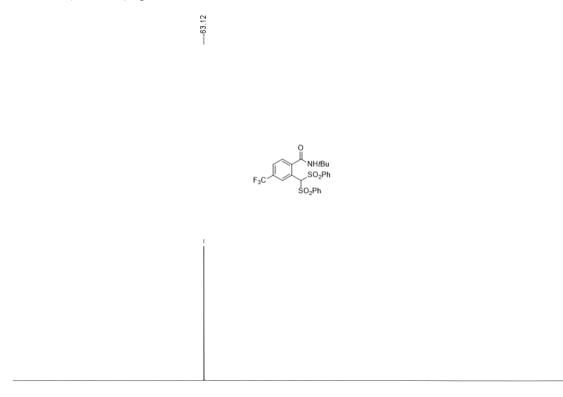


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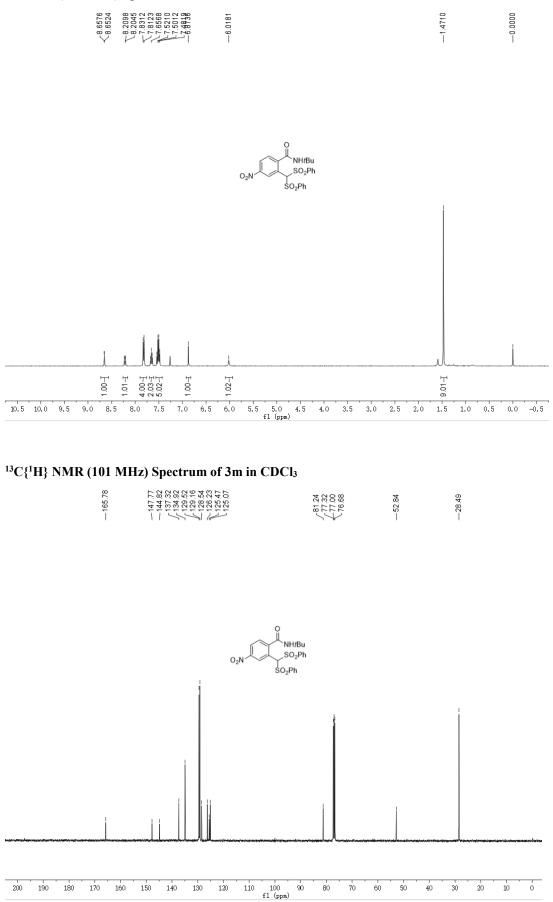


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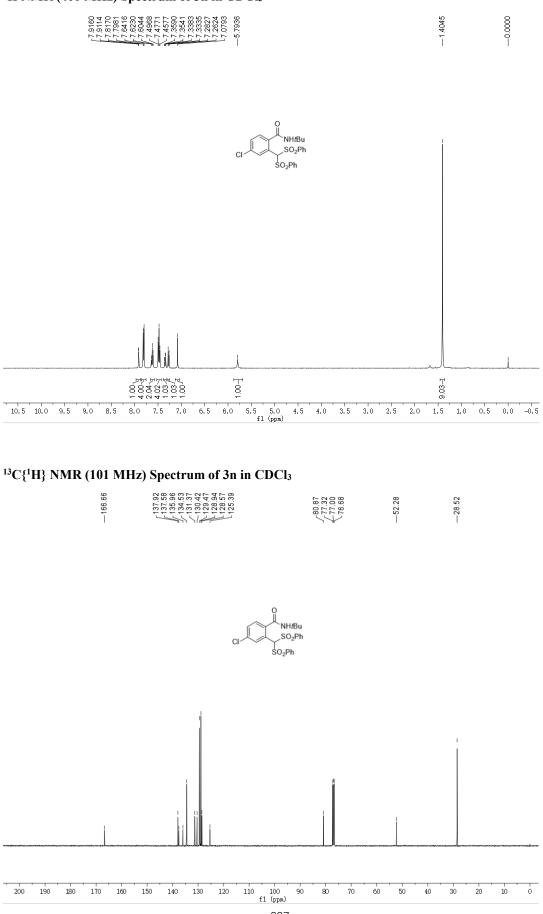
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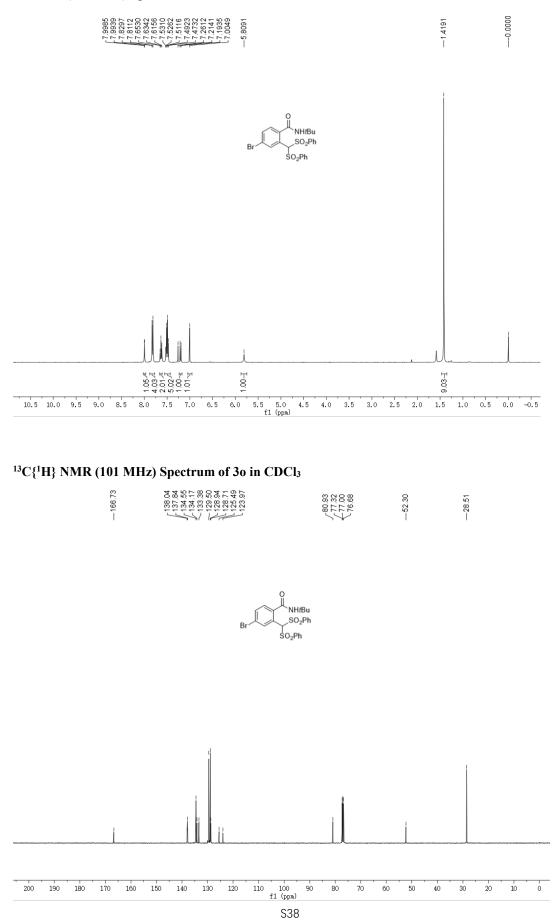


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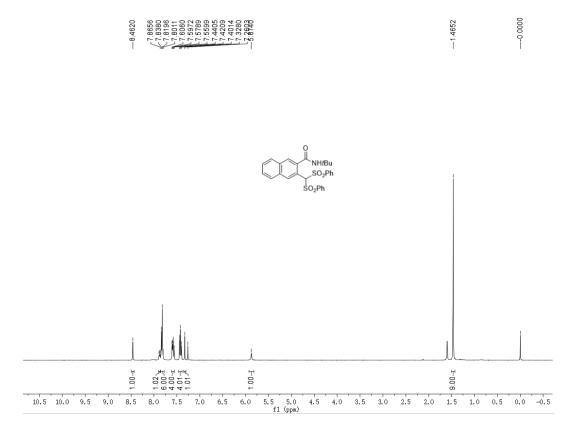


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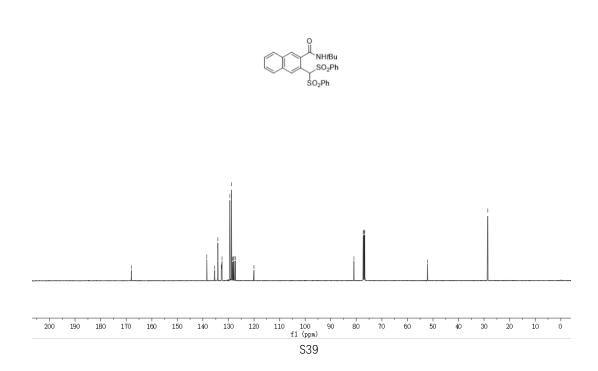


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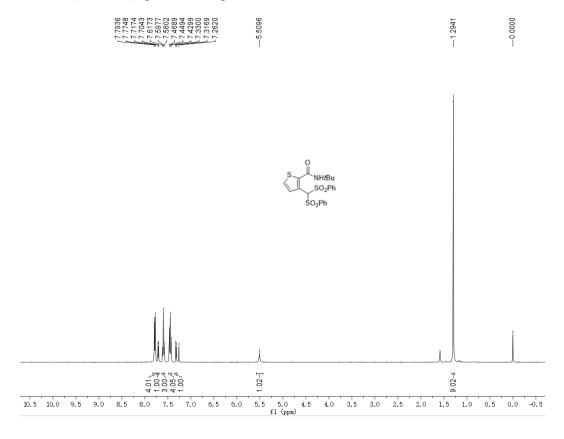


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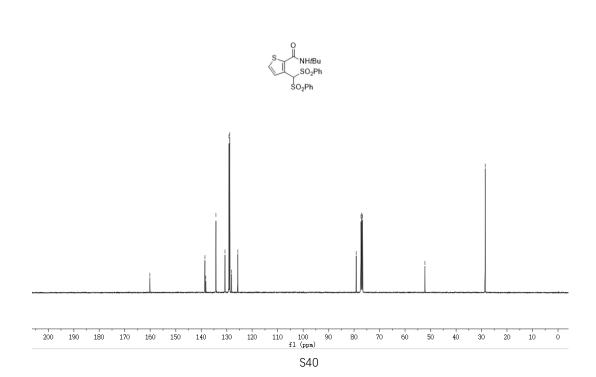


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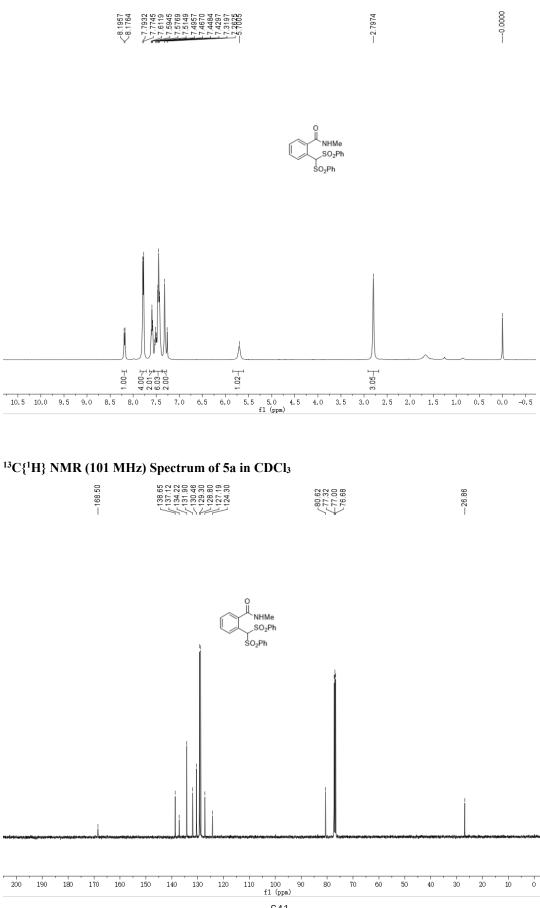


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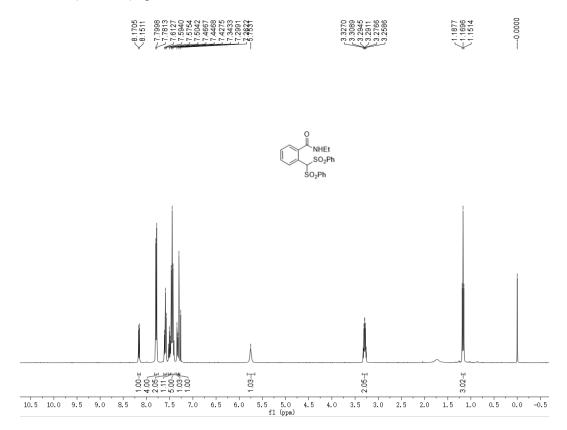


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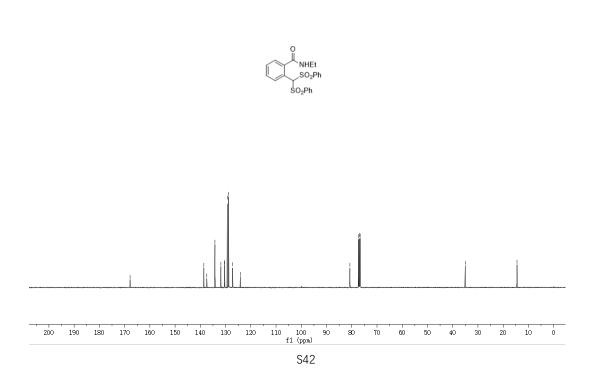


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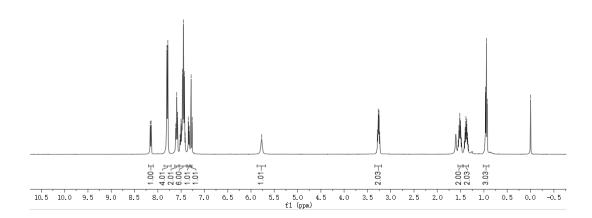
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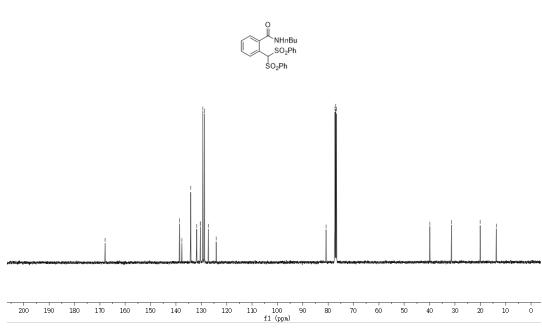




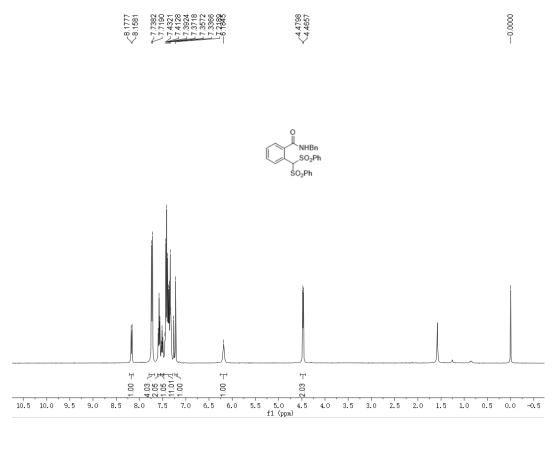


## <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz) Spectrum of 5c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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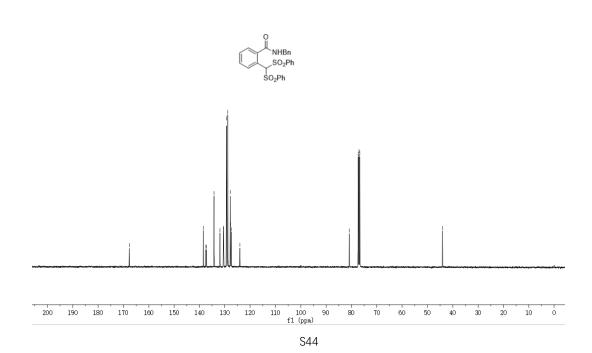


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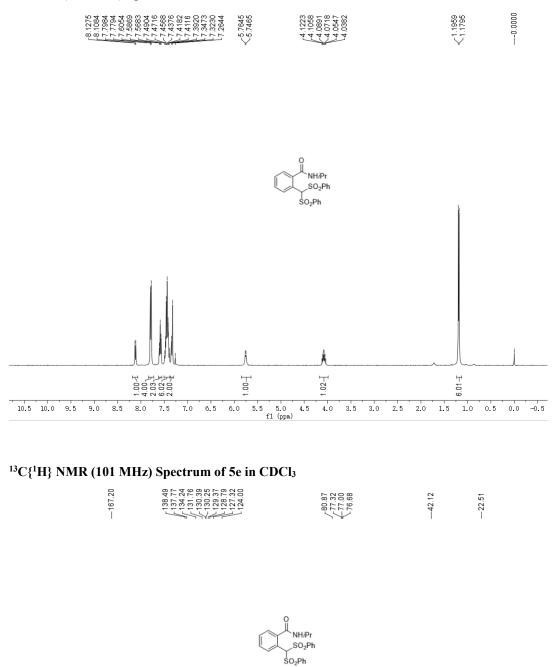


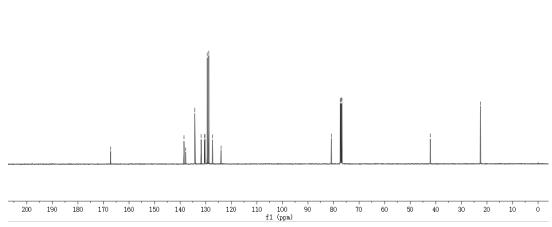
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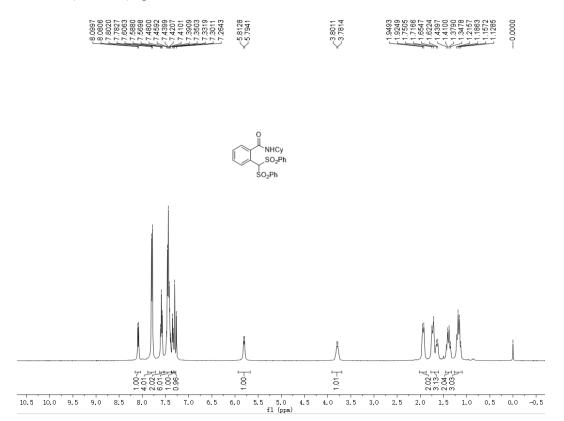


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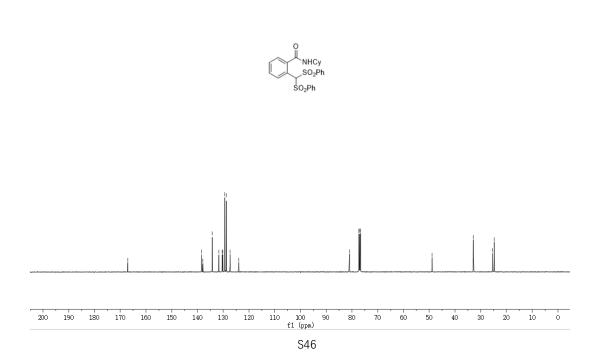


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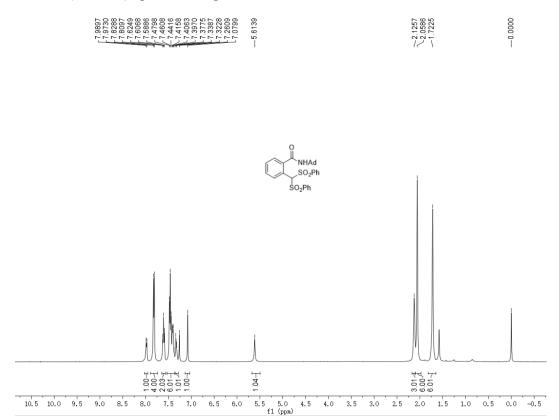


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	138 42 137.94 131.71 130.139 123.39 123.395 123.365	777.32 777.32 76.68	48.87	-32.83 < 25.38 < 24.74
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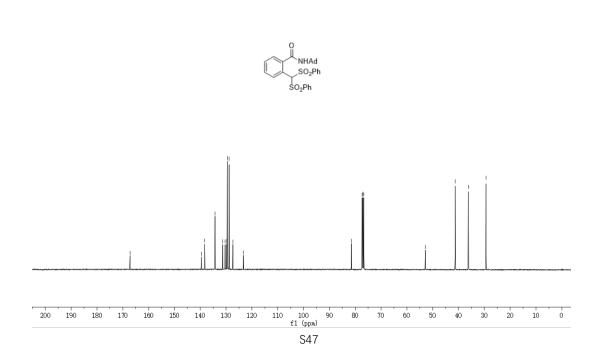
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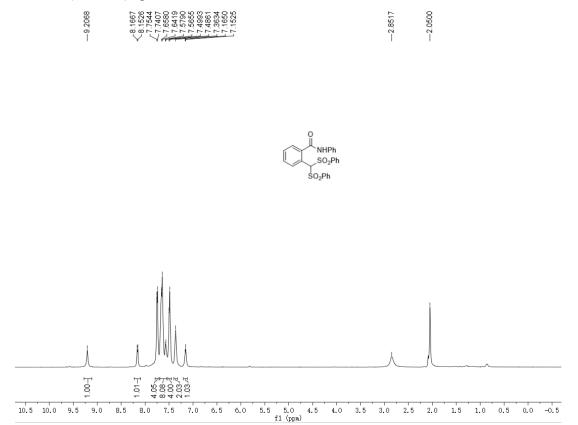
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-167.18

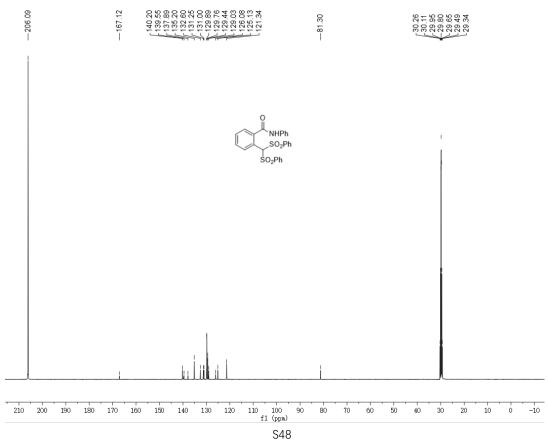
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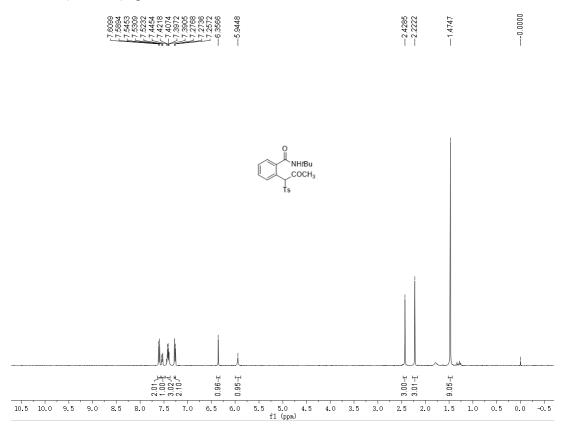
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) Spectrum of 5h in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>



## <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz) Spectrum of 5h in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>

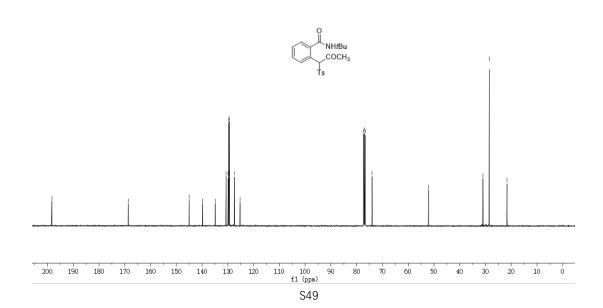


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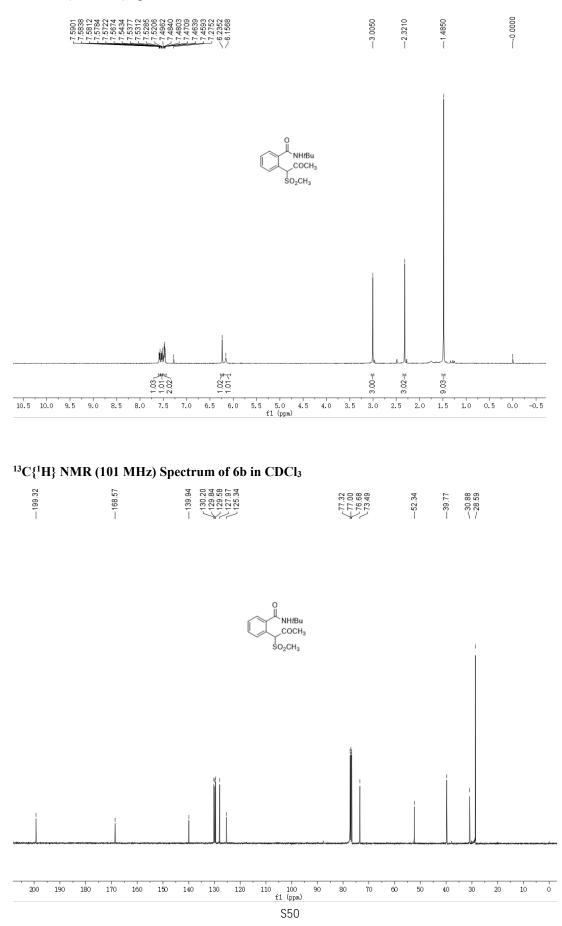


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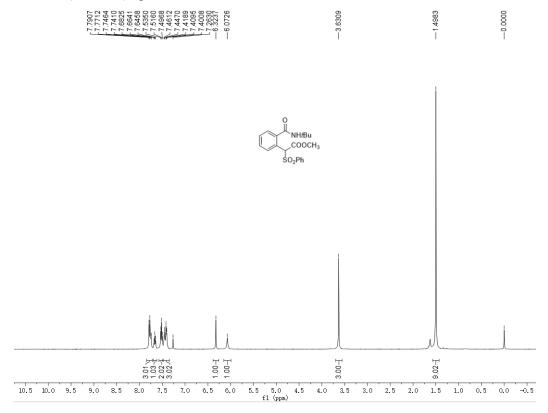
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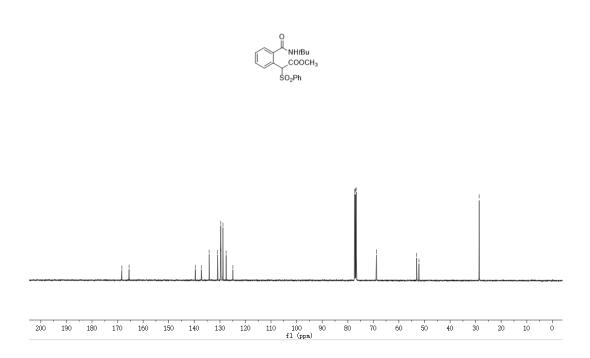


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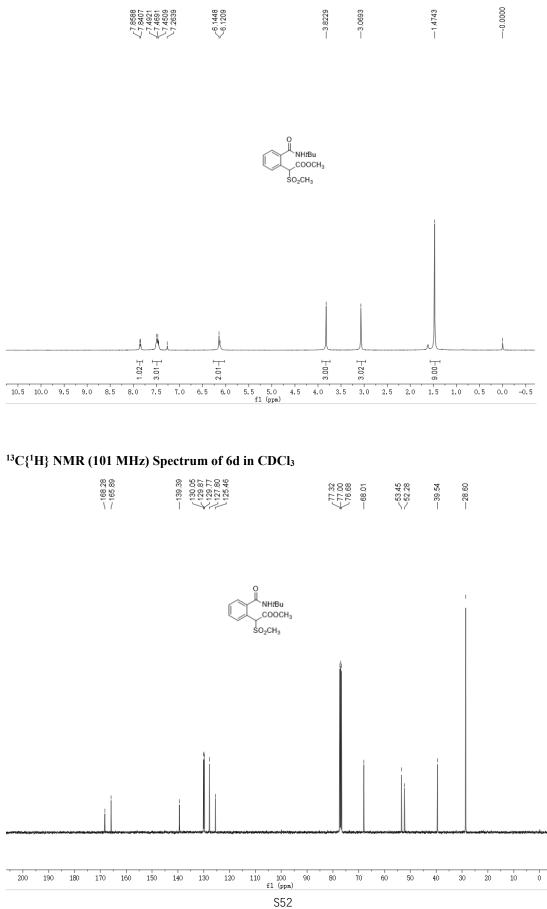


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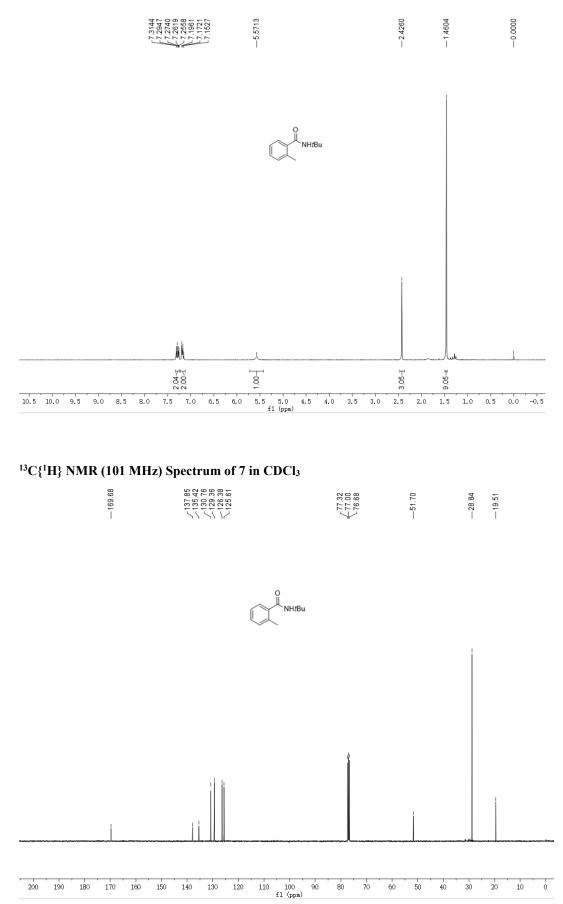
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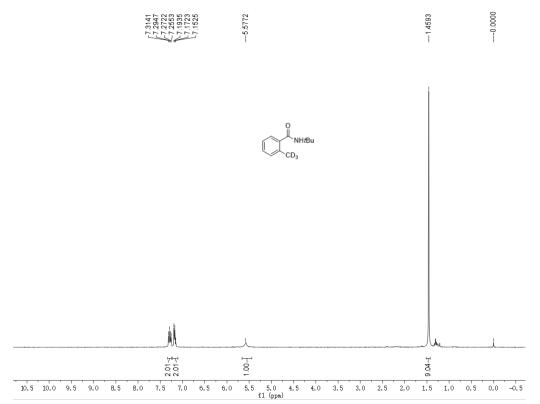


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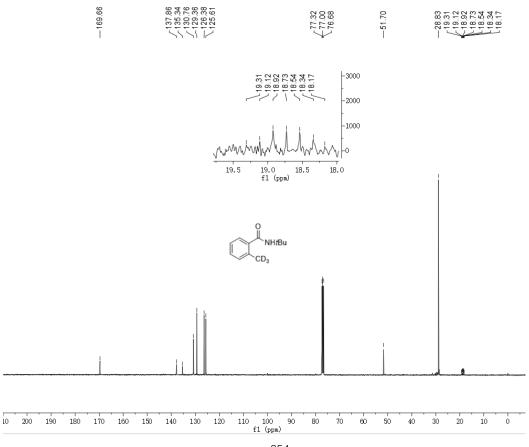




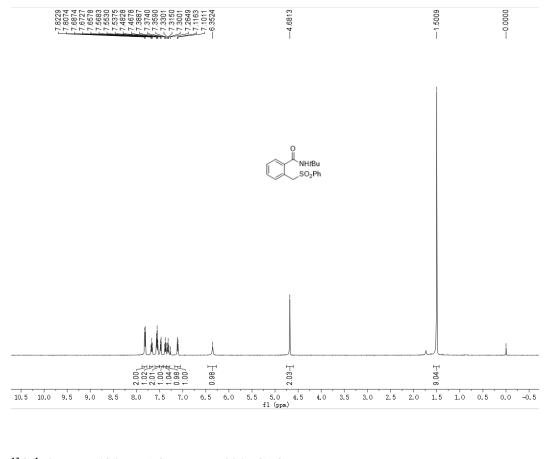
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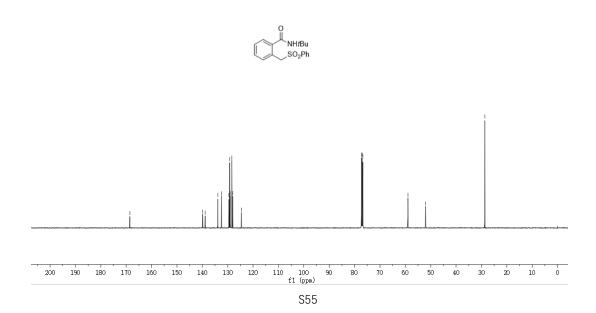


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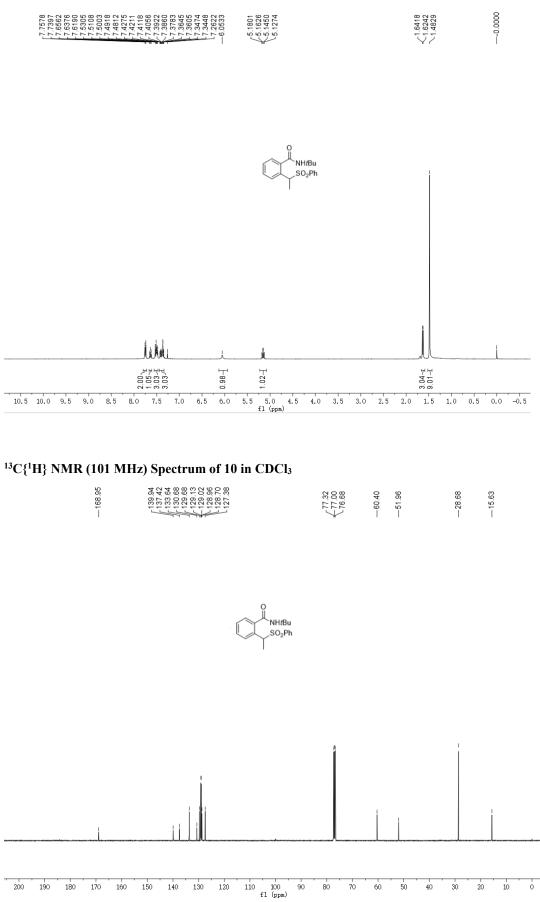


# <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz) Spectrum of 9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

-168.57 -168.57 -138.89 -133.88 -123.288 -123.288 -122.923 -122.923 -124.64	$\left\{ \frac{77.25}{77.00} \right\}$	58.98 52.04	
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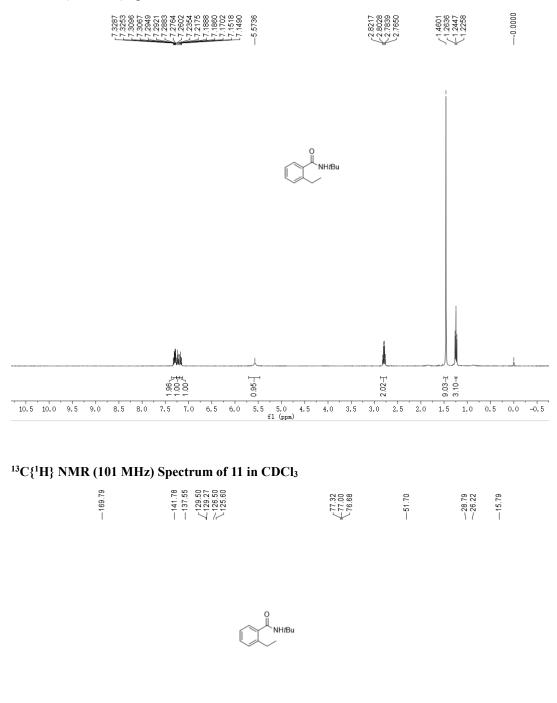


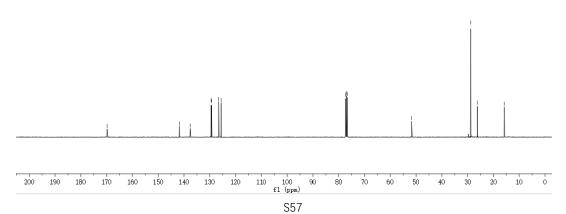
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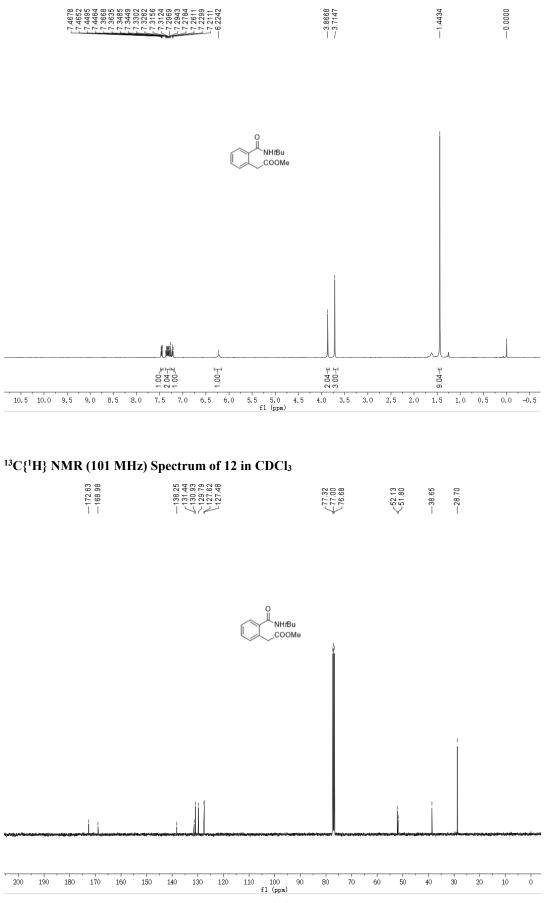


## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) Spectrum of 11 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>





### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) Spectrum of 12 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



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