

# Supporting Information

## Photoredox- or metal-catalyzed three-component reaction of 1-(allyloxy)-2-(1-arylviny)benzenes, potassium metabisulfite, and cycloketone oxime esters: synthesis of cyanoalkylsulfonlated benzoxepines

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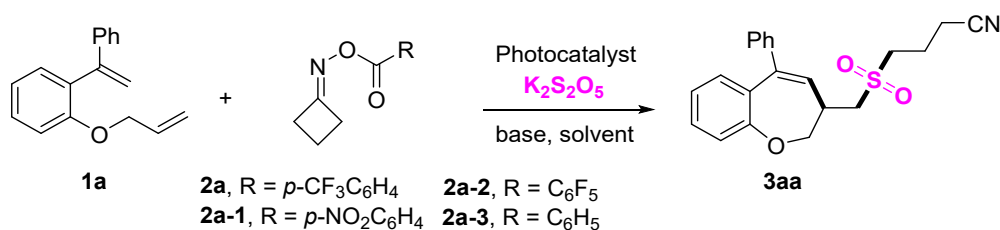
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### General Information:

All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All catalysts, solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI or APCI mode. All substrates **1** and cycloketone oxime esters **2** were synthesized according to the literature.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Detailed Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table S1 Optimization of reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>

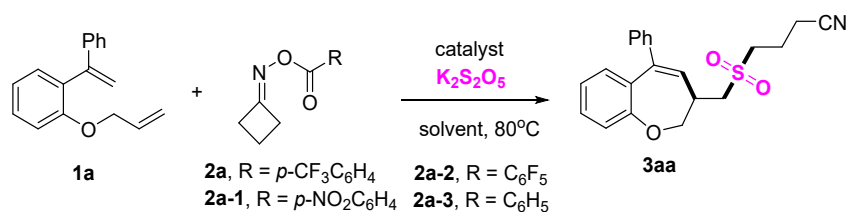


entry	photocatalyst	base	solvent	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub>	-	MeCN	16
2	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-	MeCN	27
3	Eosin Y	-	MeCN	36
4 <sup>c</sup>	Eosin Y	-	MeCN	34
5 <sup>d</sup>	Eosin Y	-	MeCN	15
6	Eosin Y	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	MeCN	56
7	Eosin Y	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	24
8	Eosin Y	Et <sub>3</sub> N	MeCN	5
9	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	82
10	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	DCM	53
11	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	THF	41
12	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	DMF	12
13	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	DMSO	15
14 <sup>e</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	65
15 <sup>f</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	74
16 <sup>g</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	76
17 <sup>h</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	68
18 <sup>i</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	42
19	-	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	0
20 <sup>j</sup>	Eosin Y	2,6-Lutidine	MeCN	0

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.15 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0.2 mmol), base (0.3 mmol), photocatalyst (2 mol%), solvent (1 mL), 12 W blue LED under Ar at 80 °C for 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

<sup>c</sup> Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. <sup>d</sup> DABSO. <sup>e</sup> 60 °C. <sup>f</sup> 100°C. <sup>g</sup> **2a-1**. <sup>h</sup> **2a-2**. <sup>i</sup> **2a-3**. <sup>j</sup> In the dark.

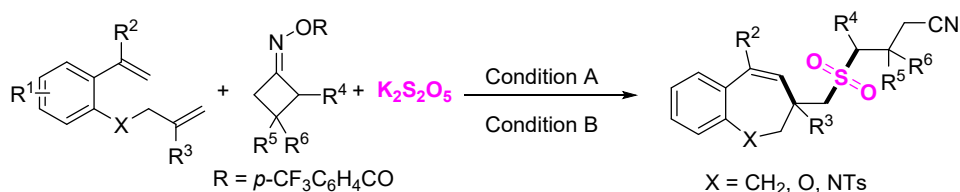
**Table S2 Optimization of reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>**



entry	catalyst	solvent	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>
1	CuCl	MeCN	48
2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	10
3	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	77
4	Fe(acac) <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	36
5	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	47
6	NiCl <sub>2</sub> glyme	MeCN	56
7 <sup>c</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	55
8 <sup>d</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	35
9	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	DCM	58
10	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	THF	23
11	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	toluene	31
12	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	DMF	0
13	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	0
14 <sup>e</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	75
15 <sup>f</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	57
16 <sup>g</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	37
17 <sup>h</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	62
18 <sup>i</sup>	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	48

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.15 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0.2 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), solvent (1 mL), at 80 °C for 36 h under Ar atmosphere. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. <sup>d</sup> DABSO. <sup>e</sup> **2a-1**. <sup>f</sup> **2a-2**. <sup>g</sup> **2a-3**. <sup>h</sup> 60 °C. <sup>i</sup> 100°C.

### General procedures for synthesis Cyanoalkylsulfonated benzoxepines **3**

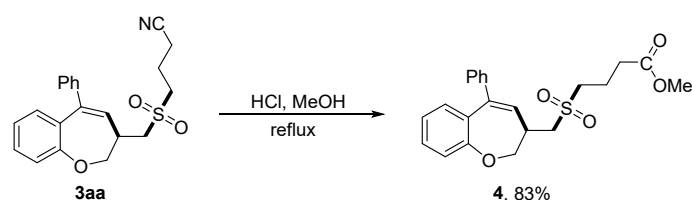


**Condition A:** An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), 2,6-Lutidine (3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol), Eosin Y (5 mol%), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar

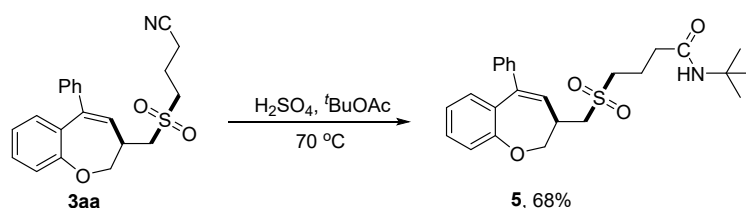
for 3 times. 1 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was stirred exposing to 12 W blue LED light at 80 °C for 12 h. After the reaction was finished, the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 1:1, v/v) to afford the desired products **3**.

**Condition B:** An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), FeCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 36 h. After the reaction was finished, the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 1:1, v/v) to afford the desired products **3**.

### Derivatization



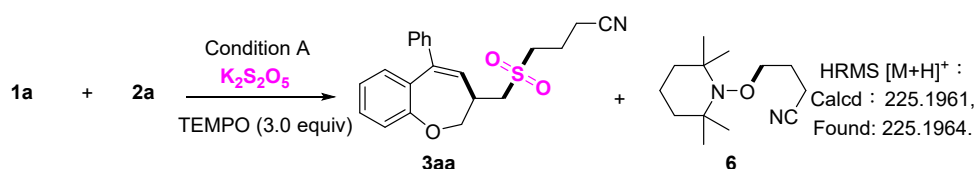
To a Schlenk tube were added **3aa** (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2 mL conc. HCl and 2 mL MeOH. Then the mixture was heated at 70 °C and stirred overnight under reflux. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with 10 mL H<sub>2</sub>O, and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate 1:1) to afford the desired product **4** in 83 % yield (66.4 mg) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.16 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.09 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.13 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 172.5, 158.7, 142.9, 141.8, 132.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 123.3, 121.2, 76.9, 54.2, 53.1, 51.9, 36.1, 31.9, 17.6 ppm. APCI-HRMS: *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 401.1417, found 401.1411.



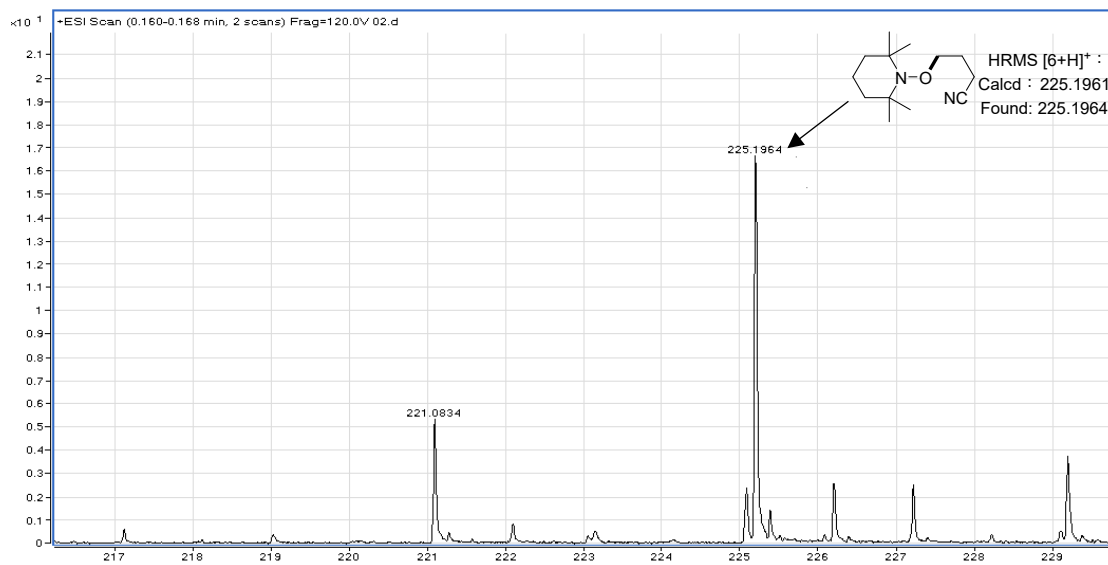
To a 10 mL Schlenk were sequentially added **3aa** (73.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), tert-butyl acetate (2 mL) and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (4 drops). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and extracted with DCM (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate 1:1) to afford the desired product **5** in 68% yield (60.0 mg) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H),

7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.08 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.16 (m, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 158.6, 142.8, 141.1, 132.0, 130.2, 130.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 123.3, 121.2, 77.2, 54.2, 53.0, 51.4, 36.0, 34.7, 28.7, 18.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_4\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 442.2047, found 442.2050.

### Trapping experiment with TEMPO



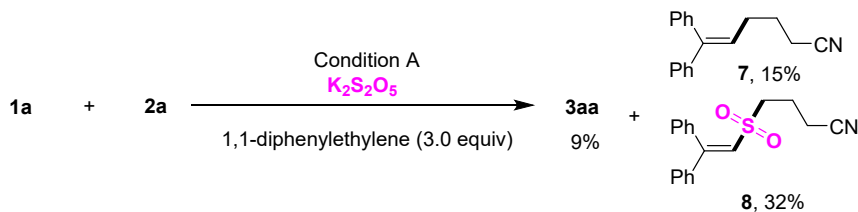
An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), 2,6-Lutidine (3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol), Eosin Y (5 mol%),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$  (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), TEMPO (3.0 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was stirred exposing to 12 W blue LED light at room temperature. However, product **3aa** could not be detected, the intermediate **6** was formed, suggesting that this transformation proceeds through a radical pathway.



### Trapping experiment with BHT

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), 2,6-Lutidine (3.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol), Eosin Y (5 mol%),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$  (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), BHT (3.0 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was stirred exposing to 12 W blue LED light at room temperature. However, product **3aa** could not be detected.

### Trapping experiment with 1,1-diphenylethene

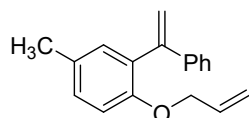


An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1a** (0.2 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oxime **2a** (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), 2,6-Lutidine (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol), Eosin Y (5 mol%),  $K_2S_2O_5$  (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol), 1,1-diphenylethylene (3.0 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 2 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was stirred exposing to 12 W blue LED light at room temperature. After the reaction finished, the residue was concentrated in vacuo, then purified by column chromatography to afford **7** (7.4 mg, 15%) and **8** (19.9 mg, 32%). *6,6*-diphenylhex-5-enenitrile (**7**). Yellow oil; (7.4 mg, 15%);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 4H), 1.83-1.76 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.8, 142.1, 139.6, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 119.5, 28.7, 25.7, 16.6 ppm. 4-((2,2-diphenylvinyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**8**). Yellow oil; (19.9 mg, 32%);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 2.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  156.7, 138.7, 135.3, 130.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.324, 128.304, 125.6, 118.1, 52.7, 18.7, 16.1 ppm.

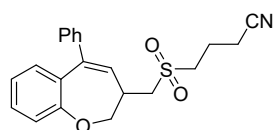
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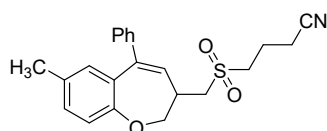
## Characterization data of compounds



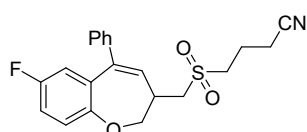
*1*-(allyloxy)-4-methyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene (**1b**). Yellow solid; mp: 40-41°C;  $R_f$  = 0.46 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.32-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 1H), 5.66 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.64-5.56 (m, 1H), 5.71-5.62 (m, 2H), 5.32 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01-4.97 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.29 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  153.9, 147.4, 141.5, 133.2, 131.9, 131.4, 130.1, 129.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.5, 116.4, 115.4, 113.0, 69.3, 20.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{18}O+H^+$ : 251.1430, found 251.1438.



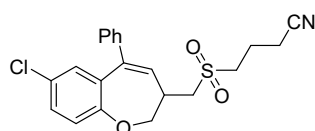
4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3aa**). Yellow solid; (*hv*: 30.1 mg, 82%; *iron*: 28.3 mg, 77%); mp: 50-51 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.35-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.05 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28-2.20 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.7, 142.8, 141.4, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.5, 123.3, 121.1, 118.0, 76.4, 55.1, 52.1, 36.3, 18.2, 16.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 368.1315, found 368.1307.



4-(((7-methyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ba**). White solid; (*hv*: 30.9 mg, 81%; *iron*: 28.2 mg, 74%); mp: 61-62 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.21 (m, 2H), 3.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  156.3, 142.6, 141.6, 132.9, 132.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 121.0, 118.0, 77.4, 55.0, 52.0, 35.8, 20.7, 18.1, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 382.1471, found 382.1468.

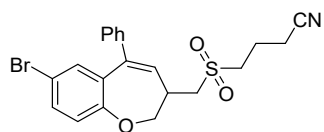


4-(((7-fluoro-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ca**). White solid; (*hv*: 30.3 mg, 78%; *iron*: 24.3 mg, 63%); mp: 63-64 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.16 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.4 (d,  $J$  = 241.9 Hz), 154.6, 142.0, 140.6 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 131.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 130.8, 130.5, 128.6 (d,  $J$  = 31.0 Hz), 127.8, 122.3 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 118.0, 117.8, 115.7 (d,  $J$  = 23.1 Hz), 76.9, 54.9, 52.1, 36.0, 18.1, 16.3 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -119.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 386.1221, found 386.1216.

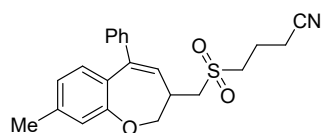


4-(((7-chloro-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3da**). White solid; (*hv*: 29.3 mg, 73%; *iron*: 23.3 mg, 58%); mp: 61-62 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.22 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2

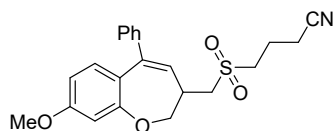
Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.2, 142.0, 140.5, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 122.6, 118.0, 76.8, 54.9, 52.1, 36.0, 18.2, 16.4. ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 402.0925, found 402.0922.



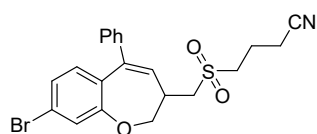
4-(((7-bromo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ea**). White solid; (*hv*: 32.5 mg, 73%; *iron*: 33.4 mg, 75%); mp: 61-62 °C;  $R_f = 0.45$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.37$ -7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.21 (m, 2H), 3.17 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.29-2.22 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.7, 142.0, 140.5, 134.4, 132.0, 131.9, 131.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 123.0, 118.0, 116.2, 76.9, 54.9, 52.1, 36.0, 18.2, 16.4. ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 446.0420, found 446.0417.



4-(((8-methyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3fa**). White solid; (*hv*: 30.1 mg, 79%; *iron*: 28.5 mg, 75%); mp: 55-56 °C;  $R_f = 0.55$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.34$ -7.31 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.82-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.97 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd,  $J = 11.2$  Hz,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.22 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.7, 143.1, 141.3, 139.5, 131.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 126.5, 124.1, 121.6, 118.0, 75.8, 55.1, 52.1, 36.4, 20.9, 18.2, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 382.1471, found 382.1479.



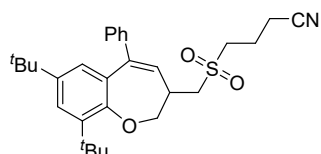
4-(((8-methoxy-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ga**). White solid; (*hv*: 29.8 mg, 75%; *iron*: 26.2 mg, 66%); mp: 56-57 °C;  $R_f = 0.50$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.37$ -7.31 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd,  $J = 11.6$  Hz,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J = 11.6$  Hz,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.16 (m, 3H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.149, 160.131, 143.4, 141.1, 133.1, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 121.6, 118.1, 109.4, 106.0, 75.2, 55.4, 55.2, 52.1, 36.7, 18.2, 16.4. ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 398.1421, found 398.1420.





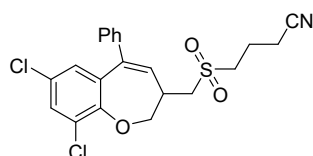
4-(((8-bromo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ha**).

White solid; (*hv*: 33.8 mg, 76%; *iron*: 30.7 mg, 69%); mp: 61-62 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.16 (m, 3H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  159.3, 142.4, 140.6, 133.2, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 126.5, 124.4, 122.0, 118.0, 76.3, 54.9, 52.1, 36.3, 18.2, 16.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 446.0420, found 446.0417.



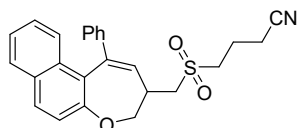
4-(((7,9-di-tert-butyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ia**).

Yellow solid; (*hv*: 12.4 mg, 26%; *iron*: 0%); mp: 75-76 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.17 (m, 3H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  156.5, 144.4, 144.3, 142.2, 140.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 123.7, 118.0, 75.6, 55.7, 52.1, 36.8, 35.3, 34.4, 31.3, 30.8, 18.2, 16.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{NH}_4^+$ : 497.2832, found 497.2837.



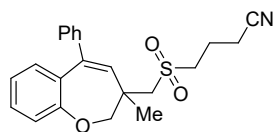
4-(((7,9-dichloro-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ja**).

White solid; (*hv*: 29.1 mg, 67%; *iron*: 18.3 mg, 42%); mp: 72-73 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.16 (m, 4H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  152.1, 140.9, 140.4, 134.4, 131.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.1, 118.0, 79.4, 54.5, 52.0, 34.8, 18.1, 16.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 436.0535, found 436.0530.

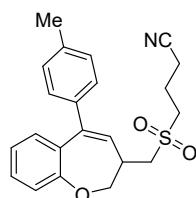


4-(((1-phenyl-3,4-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ka**). Yellow solid; (*hv*: 38.4 mg, 92%; *iron*: 37.9 mg, 91%); mp: 188-189 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.88-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.15 (m, 9H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.05 (m, 2H), 3.05-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.15 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.3, 141.4, 141.0, 132.1, 131.9, 130.7, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2,

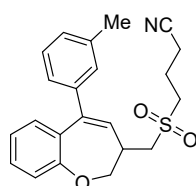
126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 124.8, 121.9, 118.0, 83.7, 54.5, 51.5, 32.7, 18.0, 16.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 418.1471, found 418.1477.



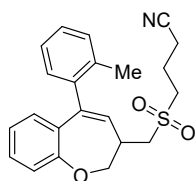
4-(((3-methyl-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3la**). White solid; (*hv*: 35.1 mg, 92%; *iron*: 33.1 mg, 87%); mp: 50-51 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.60 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.39-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 50.4 Hz, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.8, 144.2, 138.0, 136.4, 132.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 122.9, 120.3, 118.1, 76.8, 60.4, 53.6, 44.3, 22.9, 18.2, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 382.1471, found 382.1469.



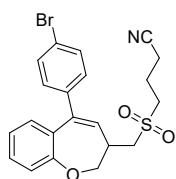
4-(((5-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ma**). White solid; (*hv*: 33.1 mg, 87%; *iron*: 32.8 mg, 86%); mp: 56-57 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 5H), 6.98-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.19 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.6, 141.3, 139.8, 137.2, 132.0, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 123.3, 121.1, 118.0, 76.8, 55.0, 52.0, 36.1, 21.1, 18.1, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 382.1471, found 382.1465.



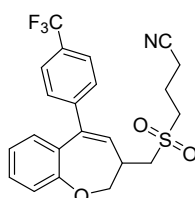
4-(((5-(*m*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3na**). White solid; (*hv*: 30.9 mg, 81%; *iron*: 27.8 mg, 73%); mp: 70-71 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.22 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.7, 142.8, 141.5, 137.9, 132.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 125.9, 123.3, 121.1, 118.0, 76.4, 55.1, 52.0, 36.3, 21.4, 18.2, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 382.1471, found 382.1476.



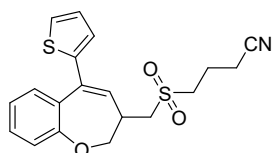
4-(((5-(*o*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**30a**). White solid; (*h<sub>v</sub>*: 32.8 mg, 86%; *iron*: 29.3 mg, 77%); mp: 51-52 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.55 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.28-7.07 (m, 7H), 6.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 1H), 5.88 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.52-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 3H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  159.0, 142.9, 140.3, 136.0, 131.6, 130.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.4, 127.4, 125.9, 123.1, 120.6, 118.0, 72.7, 55.3, 52.3, 37.6, 19.5, 18.2, 16.3. ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 382.1471, found 382.1462.



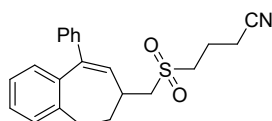
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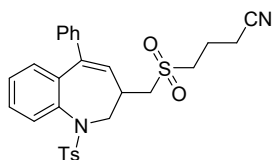
4-(((5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3qa**). White solid; (*h<sub>v</sub>*: 32.6 mg, 75%; *iron*: 23.9 mg, 55%); mp: 61-62 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.8, 146.5, 140.3, 131.8, 131.1, 129.6 (q,  $J$  = 32.7 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 125.2 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q,  $J$  = 273.2 Hz), 123.5, 121.3, 118.0, 76.4, 54.9, 52.1, 36.3, 18.2, 16.4 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -62.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 436.1189, found 436.1197.



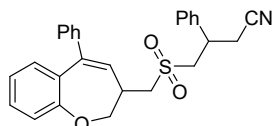
4-(((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ra**). Yellow solid; (*hv*: 25.4 mg, 68%; *iron*: 18.7 mg, 50%); mp: 70-71 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.42 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.12 (m, 3H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.6, 144.2, 135.0, 131.2, 130.6, 129.7, 128.8, 127.2, 126.7, 125.0, 123.9, 121.7, 118.0, 79.3, 54.9, 51.9, 34.9, 18.2, 16.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 374.0879, found 374.0875.



4-(((9-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-7-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ta**). White solid; (*hv*: 33.6 mg, 92%; *iron*: 34.7 mg, 95%); mp: 92-93 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.33-7.19 (m, 8H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08-3.02 (m, 3H), 2.82-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.03 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.9, 141.2, 141.0, 139.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 126.4, 118.1, 58.5, 51.2, 42.3, 31.7, 31.6, 18.0, 16.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 366.1522, found 366.1523.

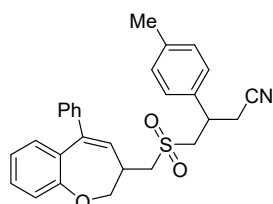


4-(((5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[b]azepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ua**). Yellow solid; (*hv*: 28.1 mg, 54%; *iron*: 29.6 mg, 57%); mp: 81-82 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.52-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 5H), 6.11 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.28-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.03 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.16 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.3, 137.5, 130.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 118.1, 77.20, 55.0, 51.7, 32.3, 21.4, 18.0, 16.2 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}^+$ : 521.1563, found 521.1560.



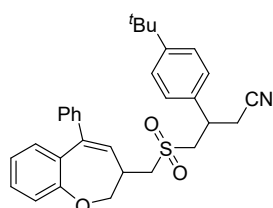
3-phenyl-4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ab**). White solid; (*hv*: 24.4 mg, 55%; *iron*: 22.1 mg, 50%); (*dr* = 1.17:1); mp: 66-67 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.75 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.39-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.94 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 0.43H), 5.88 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 0.50H), 4.43-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.27-4.18 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.03-2.88 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.7, 158.6, 142.8, 142.7, 141.4,

141.3, 138.8, 132.111, 132.078, 129.9, 129.8, 129.594, 129.570, 129.134, 129.114, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 123.410, 123.367, 121.212, 117.165, 76.6, 57.8, 57.7, 55.9, 55.8, 36.3, 36.2, 36.1, 24.580, 24.558 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{25}NO_3S+H^+$ : 444.1628, found 444.1622.



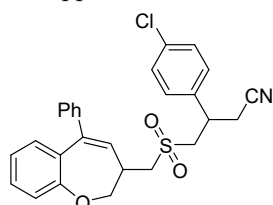
4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)-3-(p-tolyl)butanenitrile (**3ac**).

White solid; (*hv*: 23.8 mg, 52%; *iron*: 23.3 mg, 51%); (*dr* = 1.14:1); mp: 70-71 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.76 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.90 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 0.43H), 5.83 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 0.5H), 4.43-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.27-4.17 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.81 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 1.4H), 2.28 (s, 1.6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.7, 158.6, 142.7, 141.3, 141.2, 138.6, 135.6, 132.1, 132.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.230, 128.210, 127.4, 127.011, 126.987, 123.4, 123.3, 121.2, 121.1, 117.2, 76.3, 57.9, 57.7, 55.7, 55.7, 36.4, 36.1, 36.0, 35.9, 24.7, 24.6, 21.0 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{27}NO_3S+H^+$ : 458.1784, found 458.1789.



3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-

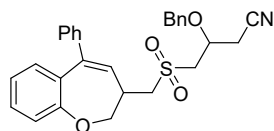
yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ad**). White solid; (*hv*: 26.4 mg, 53%; *iron*: 24.5 mg, 49%); (*dr* = 3.5:1); mp: 77-78 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.78 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.89 (m, 2H), 5.90-5.88 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.37 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.77 (m, 4H), 1.30 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 7H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.8, 158.6, 151.8, 142.9, 142.7, 141.3, 141.2, 135.5, 132.1, 132.0, 129.839, 129.768, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.210, 128.184, 127.4, 126.835, 126.8, 126.4, 123.3, 123.2, 121.115, 121.093, 117.2, 77.2, 76.6, 76.3, 57.8, 55.7, 55.6, 36.3, 36.2, 35.9, 34.5, 31.3, 31.2, 24.5, 24.4 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{31}H_{33}NO_3S+H^+$ : 500.2254, found 500.2250.



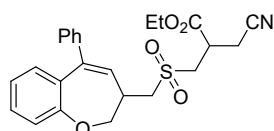
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(**3ae**). White solid; (*hv*: 29.1 mg, 61%; *iron*: 25.3 mg, 53%); mp: 71-72 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.65 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.97-5.93 (m, 1H), 4.491-4.43 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.21 (m,

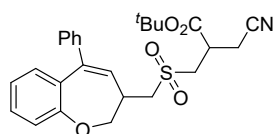
1H), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.29 (m, 3H), 3.14-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.86 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.7, 158.6, 142.7, 141.6, 141.5, 137.3, 137.2, 134.7, 132.1, 129.702, 129.666, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.499, 127.467, 123.4, 123.3, 121.1, 116.9, 76.2, 76.1, 57.5, 57.3, 56.1, 36.440, 36.382, 35.5, 35.4, 24.5 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>CINO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 478.1238, found 478.1236.



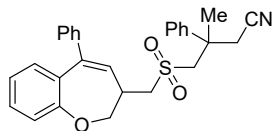
*3-(benzyloxy)-4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3af)*. White solid; (*hv*: 27.4 mg, 58%; *iron*: 25.1 mg, 53%); (*dr* = 1:1); mp: 64-65 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.65 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.36-7.25 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.93-5.82 (m, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60-4.54 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.33 (m, 2H), 4.27-4.19 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.37-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.62 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.6, 142.9, 142.7, 141.2, 141.0, 135.7, 132.0, 130.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.855, 128.761, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 123.3, 121.2, 115.8, 76.8, 73.1, 73.0, 70.2, 58.0, 57.8, 56.7, 56.6, 36.0, 22.7 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 474.1734, found 474.1728.



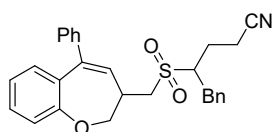
*ethyl 3-cyano-2-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)methyl)propanoate (3ag)*. White solid; (*hv*: 16.7 mg, 38%; *iron*: 15.8 mg, 36%); (*dr* = 1.13:1); mp: 51-52 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.65 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.07-6.04 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.52 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.32 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.26 (m, 3H), 3.02-2.99 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.4, 158.7, 142.8, 141.5, 132.125, 132.093, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.5, 123.4, 121.2, 121.1, 116.4, 76.4, 62.8, 56.1, 56.0, 53.2, 53.1, 36.3, 36.2, 35.818, 35.779, 19.5, 14.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 440.1526, found 440.1525.



*tert-butyl 3-cyano-2-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)methyl)propanoate (3ah)*. White solid; (*hv*: 21.0 mg, 45%; *iron*: 21.5 mg, 46%); (*dr* = 1.22:1); mp: 51-52 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.65 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.07-6.05 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.53 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.32 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.46-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.37-3.22 (m, 4H), 2.97-2.94 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.4, 168.3, 158.732, 158.677, 142.8, 141.5, 132.118, 132.091, 129.837, 129.769, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 123.4, 123.3, 121.2, 121.1, 116.5, 84.1, 76.5, 56.1, 56.0, 53.3, 53.2, 36.6, 36.5, 36.3, 36.2, 27.9, 27.8, 19.8, 19.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S+NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 485.2110, found 485.2104.



*3-methyl-3-phenyl-4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ai)*. White solid; (*hv*: 22.4 mg, 49%; *iron*: 21.5 mg, 47%); mp: 66-67 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.75 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.84 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.27 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.27-3.17 (m, 3H), 2.71-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.5, 142.7, 141.127, 141.062, 132.0, 129.908, 129.870, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 125.7, 125.6, 123.3, 121.2, 117.3, 76.8, 63.690, 63.665, 56.5, 56.4, 39.9, 35.9, 35.8, 28.8, 28.7, 26.4, 26.3 ppm. APCI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$ : 458.1784, found 458.1780.



*5-phenyl-4-(((5-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-3-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)pentanenitrile (3aj)*. White solid; (*hv*: 18.7 mg, 41%; *iron*: 20.6 mg, 45%); (*dr* = 1:1); mp: 59-60 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.75 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.37-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.00-5.91 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.22 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.30 (m, 3H), 3.13-2.93 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.98 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.9, 143.0, 141.2, 135.6, 132.1, 130.1, 129.3, 129.007, 128.983, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 123.2, 121.1, 118.4, 76.3, 63.0, 62.9, 53.3, 53.0, 36.2, 35.3, 35.2, 23.4, 15.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS:  $m/z$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{NH}_4^+$ : 475.2050, found 475.2042.

