# **Supporting Information**

# Direct intramolecular $C(sp^3)$ -H bond sulfonamidation to synthesize benzosultam derivatives under metal-free conditions

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## **General Information**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded at 600 MHz, 151 MHz, and 565 MHz respectively on a Bruker DPX instrument using Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. New compounds for HRMS were tested on a Waters Q-Tof Micro MS/MS System ESI spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a WC-1 instrument and uncorrected. Chemical shift multiplicities are represented as follows: (s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet). Unless otherwise mentioned, all materials were commercially obtained and used without further purification, and all procedures were performed under the argon atmosphere. All substrates 1 were synthesized according to literature procedures.<sup>[1-8]</sup> **3**, **4** were synthesized according to literature procedures. are PE, petroleum ether; EA, ethyl acetate.

# **Experimental Section**

#### 1. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1. Optimization of the leaving group<sup>[a]</sup>



[a] Reaction condition: **1aa-1ad** (0.1 mmol), DMSO (1 mL), 130 °C, Ar atmosphere, 4 h, Isolated yields. Ad= adamantine.

## Table S2. Optimization of solvents<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Solvent	<b>2a</b> (%)	
1	DMSO	89	
2	DMF	78	
3	DMPU	84	
4	HFIP	70	
5	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	75	
6	DCE	69	

[a] Reaction condition: **1aa** (0.1 mmol), solvent (1 mL), 130 °C, Ar atmosphere, 4 h, isolated yields. DMSO = Dimethyl sulfoxide; DMF = N,N-Dimethylformamide; DMPU =

1,3-Dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1H)-pyrimidinone; HFIP = 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoroisopropanol; DCE = 1,2-Dichloroethane.

**Table S3.** Optimization of temperature<sup>[a]</sup>

O S 1aa	ÓAc DMSO, Ar, <i>T</i> , 4 h → 〔	O NH 2a	
Entry	T (°C)	<b>2a</b> (%)	
1	130	89	
2	120	85	
3	110	83	
4	100	79	
5	90	61	
б	80	42	

[a] Reaction condition: **1aa** (0.1 mmol), DMSO (1 mL), 80-130 °C, Ar atmosphere, 4 h, isolated yield.

## Table S4. Optimization of dosage and atmosphere<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Solvent (mL)	Time	<b>2a</b> (%)
1	1	4	79
2	1.5	4	83
3	2	4	<b>89</b> <sup>[b]</sup>
4	2	4	76 <sup>[c]</sup>
5	2	4	$56^{[d]}$
6	2.5	4	85
7	3	4	82
8	2	2	65
7	2	6	83
9	2	8	84
10	2	10	81

[a] Reaction condition: **1aa** (0.1 mmol), DMSO (1-3 mL), 130 °C, Ar atmosphere, 4-10 h, isolated yields. [b] **1aa** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2 mL). [c] **1aa** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2 mL), air. [d] **1aa** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2 mL), O<sub>2</sub>.

## 2. General Procedure for Synthesis of 2.

A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with the substrate **1** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. The product was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel.

## 3. Control experiments and mechanistic studies

#### **Control experiments**



A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with substrate **3** or **4** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. No desired product **2h** was detected by TLC. **The reaction at the presence of radical scavenger.** 

	Ac <b>additive (5.0 equiv)</b> DMSO, Ar, 130 °C, 4 I	NH +	O S NH <sub>2</sub> O 2a'
Entry	Additive	Yield of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>[a]</sup>	Yield of <b>2a'</b> (%) <sup>[a]</sup>
1	TEMPO	0	63
2	BHT	73	0
3	1,1-diphenylethylene	81	0

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction condition: **1aa** (0.2 mmol), additive (5.0 equiv), DMSO (2 mL), 130 °C, Ar atmosphere, 4 h, isolated yields.

A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *N*-acetoxy-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide **1aa** (0.2 mmol), additive (5.0 equiv), DMSO (2.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. The product was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel.

The radical clock experiment



#### H/D exchange experiment



A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with **1aa** (0.2 mmol),  $D_2O$  (10.0 equiv), or  $[D_7]$ -**1aa** (0.2 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. The product was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel. <sup>1</sup>HNMR analysis showed that the H contents in the recovered **1aa** and the D contents in the recovered [D<sub>7</sub>]-**1aa** were greater than 99%.

# Kinetic isotope effect experiments Competitive KIE experiment



A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *N*-acetoxy-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide **1aa** (0.1 mmol) and [D<sub>7</sub>]-**1aa** (0.1 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. The product was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleumether/ethyl acetate = 3/1), affording the target products of **2a** and [D<sub>6</sub>]-**2a**. A mixture of **2a** and [D<sub>6</sub>]-**2a** was determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. Based on the integrations related to different hydrogen resonances, the kinetic isotope effect is calculated to be  $k_H/k_D \approx 3.1$ .



A 15 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and

charged with **1aa** (0.1 mmol) or [D<sub>7</sub>]-**1aa** (0.1 mmol), DMSO (1.0 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 13-16 min, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was taken using Anisole (10.8 mg) as the internal standard. The KIE was determined as  $k_H/k_D = 4.29/2.7 \approx 1.6$ .



Gram scale experiments.



A 250 mL oven-dried pressure tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with *N*-acetoxy-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide **1aa** (4 mmol), DMSO (40 mL) were added under the argon atmosphere, then, the reaction system was closed with a stopcock. The container was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h, and cooled down to room temperature. Next, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 10/1) as eluent to give the desired product **2a** (yellow solid, 0.63 g) in 80% yield.

### 4. General Procedure for Synthesis of substrates.

#### Route A:



1) n-Butyllithium (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the requisite 1-Bromo-2-(1-methylethyl)benzene (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.4 M) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for the time specified, then sulfuryl chloride (1.5 equiv) was added dropwise, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, then the aqueous phase was separated and extracted three times with EA; the combined organic portions were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuum to give the crude product. Which was used for the next synthetic step without further purification.<sup>[7]</sup>

2) (10 mmol, 2.0 equiv) hydroxylamine hydrochloride was dissovled in 1 mL water at 0 °C. A solution of (10 mmol, 2.0 equiv)  $K_2CO_3$  dissolved in 0.75 mL water was added to the hydroxylamine hydrochloride solution dropwise while maintaining the internal reaction temperature between 5 and 15 °C. After stirring the solution for 15 minutes, 5 mL tetrahydrofuran and 1.25 mL methanol were added; subsequently, 2.29 g (12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) 2 -isopropylbenzenesulfonyl chloride was added portion wise while maintaining the internal reaction temperature between 5 and 15 °C. Upon complete addition, the reaction was allowed to rise to room temperature. After stirring for 4 hours at room temperature, the organic solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting aqueous suspension was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent of the mixture was then removed under reduced pressure to afford the N-hydroxy-2 -isopropylbenzenesulfonamide, which was used for the next synthetic step without further purification.<sup>[1]</sup>

2) The *N*-hydroxy-2 -isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 10 mL tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C. Then triethylamine(6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. After stirring the mixture for 15 minutes at this temperature, Acyl Chloride (6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature; the white solid formed in the reaction was filtered. The filtrate was

evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 10/1) as eluent to give the desired product  $\mathbf{c}$ .<sup>[6]</sup>

#### **Route B:**



1) A mixture of Phenols (30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Alcohols (60mmol, 2.0 equiv) in  $H_3PO_4$  (45 mL) was stirred at 100 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (100/1 to 80/1) as eluent to give the desired product **d**.<sup>[2]</sup>

2) To a solution of **d** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was added NaH (20 mmol, 2.0 equiv, 60% in mineral oil) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Then dimethylcarbamothioic chloride (15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the reaction. The mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred at this temperature for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (100/1 to 10/1) as eluent to give the desired product  $\mathbf{e}$ .<sup>[3]</sup>

3) A 25 mL single-necked round bottom flask fitted with air condenser and argon balloon that containing the requisite substrate **e** was heated to 240 °C. The reaction was kept at 240 °C for 30 min and cooled down to room temperature. The resulting brown solid was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 5/1) as eluent to give the desired product **f**.<sup>[4]</sup>

4) The **f** (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was partially dissolved in HCl(aq)/MeCN (1/5, 10 mL). After cooling to 0 °C, *N*-chlorosuccinimide (40.5 mmol, 8.1 equiv) was added in small portions, and the mixture became slightly green-yellow. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and kept at this temperature for 30 min. During the suspension became a solution and later a colorless solid separated. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the organic phase was washed with brine. After evaporating the solvent the residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 100:1) to afford the desired product arenesulfonyl chlorides **g**.<sup>[5]</sup>

5) TfOH·NH<sub>2</sub>OAc (1.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) and

Pyridine (1.0 equiv) was added. Arenesulfonyl chlorides (1.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with HCl (1 mol/L), extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL x 3), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 10/1) to afford the desired sulfonamide **h**.<sup>[6]</sup>

### Route C:



1) n-Butyllithium (0.98 – 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the requisite aryl bromide (1.0 – 1.03 equiv) in THF (0.4 M) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for 1 h, then the requisite starting materials (1.0 equiv) was added dropwise, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for the time specified. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, then the aqueous phase was separated and extracted with EA, and the combined organic portions were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (100/1 to 50/1) to afford the desired **i**.<sup>[7]</sup>

2) A Schlenk flask containing the requisite aryl alcohols (1.0 equiv) was evacuated and back-filled with Ar three times, then  $CH_2Cl_2$  (0.3 M) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, then TFA (4.0 equiv) was added dropwise. After 2 min, Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (2.0 equiv) was added dropwise, and the reaction stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc, and the organic phase was washed with brine. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (100/1 to 50/1) to afford the desired aryl bromide **j**.<sup>[7]</sup>

3) n-Butyllithium (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the requisite aryl bromide (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.4 M) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for the time specified, then sulfuryl chloride (1.5 equiv) was added dropwise, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, then the aqueous phase was separated and extracted three times with EA; the combined organic portions were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuum to give the crude product. Which was used for the next synthetic step without further purification.<sup>[7]</sup>

4) TfOH·NH<sub>2</sub>OAc (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) and Pyridine (1.0 equiv) was added. Arenesulfonyl chlorides (1.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with HCl (1 mol/L), extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 10/1) to afford the desired sulfonamide  $\mathbf{k}$ .<sup>[7]</sup>

#### **Route D:**



1) A round bottom flaskwas purged with Ar and charged with the substituted benzene and chloroform (2.0 ml/mmol sub. benzene). The resulting solution was cooled in an ice bath to 0 °C. Chlorosulfonic acid (4.5 equiv) was added to the flask via a syringe over 10 minutes and was stirred under Ar atmosphere until the reaction was complete. Upon reaction completion, the mixture was carefully poured over crushed ice and the aqueous layer was extracted with chloroform. The combined organic layers were then washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated by rotary evaporation to give the crude product **m**. The resulting oil was then purified by flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 100/1).<sup>[8]</sup>

2) TfOH·NH<sub>2</sub>OAc (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) and Pyridine (1.0 equiv) was added. Arenesulfonyl chlorides (1.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with HCl (1 mol/L), extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of PE/EA (50/1 to 10/1) to afford the desired sulfonamide  $\mathbf{n}$ .<sup>[6]</sup>

## **Characterization Data**

#### **Characterization of substrates**

*N*-acetoxy-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1aa): Following Route A. white solid, mp 49-50 °C,  $R_f = 0.47$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.2, 150.6, 134.8, 132.8, 131.2, 128.3, 126.0, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 29.9, 24.1, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 258.0800 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 258.0797.

**2-isopropyl-***N***-(pivaloyloxy)benzenesulfonamide (1ab):** Following Route A. white solid, mp 50-52 °C,  $R_f = 0.51$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.10 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 6H), 1.10 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.9, 150.6, 134.7, 132.6, 131.6, 128.2, 125.9, 38.3, 30.1, 26.7, 24.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 300.1264 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 300.1260.

*N*-(((3s)-adamantane-1-carbonyl)oxy)-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1ac): Following Route A. white solid, mp 83-85 °C,  $R_f = 0.43$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.12 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 19.7 Hz, 3H), 1.73 (s, 6H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.9, 150.59, 134.7, 132.6, 131.7, 128.2, 125.8, 40.3, 38.2, 36.1, 30.1, 27.5, 24.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 378.1734 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 378.1739.

*N*-(benzoyloxy)-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1ad): Following Route A. white solid, mp 80-82 °C,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.28 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 − 3.88 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.3, 150.7, 134.8, 134.5, 132.8, 131.3, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.1, 125.9, 29.9, 24.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 320.0951 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 320.0950.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(*sec*-butyl)benzenesulfonamide (1b): Following Route B. yellow oil,  $R_f = 0.52$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.53 Hz, 1H), 3.66 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.8Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 149.8, 134.7, 133.4, 131.1, 128.5, 125.9, 36.5, 31.2, 21.8, 18.2, 12.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}NO_4S+Na^+$ : 294.0770 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 294.0774. *N*-acetoxy-2-isopropyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1c): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.45$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 150.5, 145.8, 131.4, 129.7, 128.9, 126.8, 29.7, 24.1, 21.7, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 272.0951 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 272.0953.

*N*-acetoxy-4-ethyl-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1d): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.46$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.72 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.31 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 151.9, 150.6, 131.5, 129.8, 127.7, 125.5, 29.8, 28.9, 24.1, 18.2, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 286.1108 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 286.1111.

*N*-acetoxy-4-fluoro-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1e): Following Route B. yellow oil,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -102.32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 166.6 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 257.0 Hz), 154.6 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 134.2 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.9 Hz), 128.7 (<sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.6 Hz), 115.5 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.5 Hz), 113.4 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.4 Hz), 30.2, 23.9, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>:276.0701 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 276.0705.

*N*-acetoxy-4-chloro-2-isopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1f): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.55$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 152.6, 141.5, 132.7, 131.4, 128.7, 126.4, 30.1, 23.9, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 292.0405 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 292.0408.

*N*-acetoxy-2,6-diisopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1g): Following Route D. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.42$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.10 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.1, 151.3, 132.8, 130.3, 125.0, 29.1, 23.7, 17.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 322.1083 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 322.1086.

*N*-acetoxy-2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1h): Following Route D. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.52$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (s, 2H), 4.16 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.28 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.0 Hz, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 154.7, 152.4, 128.6, 124.2, 34.3, 30.1, 24.9, 23.5, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 364.1553 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 364.1557.

*N*-acetoxy-2,5-diisopropylbenzenesulfonamide (1i): Following Route D. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.46$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 147.7, 146.9, 133.0, 132.4, 128.9, 128.3, 33.6, 29.6, 24.1, 23.7, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 300.1264 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 300.1269.

*N*-acetoxy-2-isopropyl-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1j): Following Route D. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.44$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 2H), 3.85-3.80 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 147.4, 136.1, 135.7, 132.4, 131.2, 128.2, 29.4, 24.1, 20.7, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 272.0951 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 272.0953.

**methyl 3-**(*N*-acetoxysulfamoyl)-4-isopropylbenzoate (1k): Following Route D. white solid. mp 62-63 °C,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.67 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93-3.90 (m, 1H) 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 165.3, 155.6, 135.4, 132.4, 128.7, 128.4, 52.5, 30.2, 23.9, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 316.0850 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 316.0854.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cyclopentyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (11): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.48$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 148.9, 145.7, 131.3, 130.5, 129.5, 126.7, 41.4, 36.0, 26.2, 21.6, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 320.0927 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 320.0929.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cyclohexyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1m): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.52$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.91 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 149.3, 145.6, 131.5, 129.9, 129.6, 126.7, 40.5, 34.4, 26.8, 26.1, 21.7, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 334.1083 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 334.1085.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cycloheptyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1n): Following Route B. light yellow oil,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.94 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 6 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 151.3, 145.3, 131.0, 129.7, 126.6, 126.4, 41.7, 36.8, 27.7, 27.5, 21.7, 18.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 348.1240 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 348.1244.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cyclohexylbenzenesulfonamide (10): Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.47$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 149.4, 134.6, 132.9, 131.3, 128.9, 125.9, 40.6, 34.4, 26.8, 26.1, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S +Na<sup>+</sup>: 320.0927 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 320.0925.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cyclohexyl-4-ethylbenzenesulfonamide (1p) Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.47$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H),

7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.31-1.30 (m, 1H) 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 151.6, 149.3, 131.5, 130.1, 128.5, 125.5, 40.5, 34.4, 28.9, 26.8, 26.1, 18.2, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 326.1421 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 326.1425.

*N*-acetoxy-2-cyclohexyl-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide (1q) Following Route B. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.52$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 11.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.74 (m, 6H), 1.51 – 1.23 (m, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -102.56. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 166.5 ( ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 256.8$  Hz), 153.3 ( ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 8.6$  Hz), 134.2 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.9$  Hz), 128.9 ( ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 2.7$  Hz), 116.2 ( ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.6$  Hz), 113.3 ( ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.3$  Hz), 40.8, 34.3, 26.6, 25.9, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 316.1014 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 316.1017.

*N*-acetoxy-2,5-dicyclohexylbenzenesulfonamide (1r) Following Route D. yellow oil,  $R_f = 0.54$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H), 7.44 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 8H), 1.76 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 8H), 1.28 – 1.23 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 146.5, 146.0, 133.2, 132.5, 129.4, 128.9, 43.8, 40.3, 34.4, 34.2, 26.8, 26.7, 26.1, 25.9, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 402.1709 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 402.1709.

*N*-acetoxy-2-benzhydrylbenzenesulfonamide (1s) Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.57$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 16.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.4, 144.2, 142.3, 134.2, 133.0, 132.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 51.1, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 382.1108 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 382.1109.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (1t) Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.61$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.3, 144.4, 142.5, 139.2, 136.7, 134.2, 133.9, 132.9, 132.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 126.9, 126.8, 50.8, 21.0, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S +Na<sup>+</sup>: 418.1083 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 418.1085.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (1u): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.61$  (PE/EA = 5/1). 1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.46. 13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.7, 146.8, 143.4, 141.7, 134.4, 133.1, 132.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.1 Hz), 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 125.5 (<sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 123.3 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 273.2 Hz), 50.9, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}F_3NO_4S+H^+$ : 450.0982 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 450.0979.

*N*-acetoxy-2-((4-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (1v): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.60$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.76. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.6, 161.7 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.0 Hz), 144.1, 142.3, 138.2 (<sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 134.3, 134.1, 132.9, 131.9, 131.1 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.0 Hz), 129.5, 128.7, 127.1, 115.4 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 50.4, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 422.0833 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 422.0832.

*N*-acetoxy-2-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (1w): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.58$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.6, 143.8, 142.0, 141.1, 134.3, 134.1, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 130.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 127.1, 50.6, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}CINO_4S+Na^+$ : 438.0537 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 438.0540.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(1-phenylethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1x): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.69 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 148.3, 144.5, 134.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.8, 128.5, 127.8, 126.5, 126.3, 39.3, 22.0, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 342.0770 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 342.0774.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1y): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.51$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.1, 148.5, 141.5, 136.1, 134.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.7, 129.2, 127.7, 126.3, 38.9, 22.1, 20.9, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 334.1108 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 334.1109.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1z): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 2H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.46. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.4, 134.9, 133.5, 131.6, 131.2, 128.2, 126.7, 125.3 (<sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 51.4, 24.7, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 410.0644 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 410.0647

*N*-acetoxy-2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1ba): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.53$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.82 (s 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.28

(m, 3H), 5.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  -116.57. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 134.8, 133.3, 131.4, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 126.5, 115.1 (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 29.1 Hz), 51.3, 24.9, 18.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}FNO_4S+Na^+$ : 360.0676 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 360.0675.

*N*-acetoxy-2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1bb): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.54$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.85 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.23 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 148.0, 143.0, 134.8, 132.3, 131.2, 130.8, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 126.5, 38.8, 21.9, 18.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for +Na<sup>+</sup>: 376.0381 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 376.0382.

*N*-acetoxy-2-benzylbenzenesulfonamide (1bc): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.48$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.9, 142.0, 138.9, 134.6, 133.5, 132.6, 131.7, 129.5, 128.8, 126.8, 126.7, 38.4, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for +Na<sup>+</sup>: 328.0614 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 328.0619.

*N*-acetoxy-2-phenethylbenzenesulfonamide (1bd): Following Route C. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.43$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.2, 143.1, 141.2, 134.5, 133.5, 132.3, 131.6, 128.6, 128.5, 126.6, 126.2, 38.0, 35.9, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 320.0951 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 320.0951.

*N*-acetoxy-2,4,6-triethylbenzenesulfonamide (1be): Following Route D. colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.48$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.06 (s, 2H), 3.08 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.71-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 150.6, 147.6, 129.7, 28.7, 28.5, 18.1, 16.9, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 322.1083 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 322.1087.

*N*-hydroxy-2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonamide (3): White solid, mp 110-112 °C,  $R_f = 0.2 (PE/EA = 5/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.21 (s, 2H), 4.11 (dq, J = 13.5, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (dq, J = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 152.0, 145.8, 124.1, 34.3, 30.0, 24.9, 23.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 300.1628 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 300.1630.

*N*-(dimethyl-λ<sup>4</sup>-sulfanylidene)-2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonamide(4): White solid, mp 80-82 °C,  $R_f = 0.2$  (EA). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 4.43 (hept, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 6H), 1.25 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.9 Hz, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 149.0, 137.2, 123.2, 36.3, 34.1, 29.4, 24.9, 23.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>: 344.1713 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 344.1716

N-acetoxy-2-(1-cyclopropylethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5): Following Route B

(ArOH is prepared according to literature 14). colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.48$  (PE/EA = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.88 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dtd, J = 8.9, 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dq, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 1H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.11-1.03 (m, 1H), 0.65-0.55 (m, 1H), 0.37-0.27 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 149.9, 134.7, 132.9, 130.9, 129.4, 126.0, 39.5, 22.4, 18.2, 18.1, 5.2, 3.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 306.0776 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 306.0778.

#### **Characterization of products**

**3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (2a): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.3$ ; yellow solid (35.1mg, 89%), mp 113-115 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 1.65 (s, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.1, 135.2, 133.4, 129.1, 122.8, 121.2, 60.9, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 198.0583 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 198.0587.

**2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2a'):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.3$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.6, 142.5, 139.6, 132.5, 130.1, 129.1, 127.7, 127.4, 116.2, 25.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 198.0583 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 198.0587.

**3-ethyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2b): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.4$ ; white solid (34.2 mg, 81%), mp 117-119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 1.97-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.6, 135.5, 133.3, 129.2, 123.0, 121.3, 64.4, 34.7, 27.9, 8.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 212.0740 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 212.0744.

**3,3,5-trimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]**isothiazole 1,1-dioxide** (**2c**)**:** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.4$ ; white solid (34.2 mg, 81%), mp 113-114 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.4, 144.3, 132.5, 130.0, 123.0, 120.9, 60.7, 29.7, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 212.0740 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 212.0744.

**5-ethyl-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2d): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.3$ ; white solid (33.8 mg, 72%), mp 105-107 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.75 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 146.5, 132.7, 128.9, 121.8, 121.0, 60.7, 29.7, 29.1, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z

calcd for  $C_{11}H_{15}NO_2S+H^+$ : 226.0896 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 226.0899.

**5-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2e): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.3$ ; white solid (27.1 mg, 63%), mp 131-132 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -104.11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8 (<sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 255.1$  Hz), 149.4, 131.4, 123.6 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 9.9$  Hz), 117.1 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 24.2$  Hz), 110.0 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 23.8$  Hz), 60.5 (<sup>4</sup> $J_{C-F} = 2.1$  Hz), 29.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 216.0489 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 216.0492.

**5-chloro-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2f): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.35$ ; white solid (35.3 mg, 76%), white solid. mp 125-127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.2, 139.8, 133.9, 129.6, 123.3, 122.5, 60.6, 29.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 232.0194 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 232.0190.

**7-isopropyl-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]**isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2g):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f$  = 0.4; white solid (40.2 mg, 84%), mp 120-122 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.3, 145.6, 133.7, 133.2, 125.9, 120.1, 59.7, 29.84 (s), 29.4, 23.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S +H<sup>+</sup>: 240.1053 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 240.1054.

**5,7-diisopropyl-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (2h): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (48.9 mg, 87%), white solid, mp 121-122 °C,  $R_f = 0.5$  (PE/EA = 3:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 3.65 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.5, 146.7, 145.3, 130.9, 124.3, 117.7, 59.7, 34.6, 29.9, 29.4, 23.8, 23.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 282.1522 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 282.1523.

**6-isopropyl-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]**isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2i):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.45$ ; white solid (36.8 mg, 77%), mp 123-125 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 143.6, 135.2, 132.2), 122.6, 118.5, 60.6, 33.9, 29.7, 23.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 240.1053 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 240.1054.

**3,3,6-trimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (2j): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.4$ ; white solid (36.3 mg, 86%), mp 98-100 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.3, 139.6, 135.3, 134.4, 122.5, 121.1, 60.7, 29.8, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S +H<sup>+</sup>: 212.0740 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found:

#### 212.0740.

**methyl 3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]**isothiazole-6-carboxylate 1,1-dioxide** (**2k**): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (37.7 mg, 74%), mp 108-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.1, 150.5, 135.9, 134.5, 131.5, 123.1, 122.9, 60.9, 52.7, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{11}H_{13}NO_4S+H^+$ : 256.0638 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 256.0641.

**5-methyl-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclopentane] 1,1-dioxide (2l): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent R\_f = 0.4; white solid (27 mg, 57%) white solid. mp 93-95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 7.61 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 4H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 145.4, 144.2, 133.8, 129.9, 123.1, 120.8, 709, 53.4, 41.7, 24.6, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 260.0715 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]; found: 260.0718.** 

**5-methyl-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclohexane] <b>1,1-dioxide** (2m): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (41.2 mg, 82%), mp 95-97 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.88 (m, 7H), 1.57-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.26 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.5, 144.1, 132.8, 130.2, 123.4, 121.1, 63.6, 37.7, 24.8, 22.6, 21.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 252.1053 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 252.1051.

**5-methyl-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cycloheptane] <b>1,1-dioxide** (2n): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.6$ ; white solid (42.9 mg, 81%), mp 105-106 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.5 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 1.53 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.1, 144.3, 132.8, 130.0, 123.2, 120.9, 66.6, 41.7, 28.5, 23.3, 21.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 266.1209 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 266.1207.

**2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclohexane] <b>1,1-dioxide** (**2o**): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (34.6 mg, 73%), mp 112-114 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.84 (m, 3H), 1.83-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.59(m, 2H), 1.37-1.33 (m, 1H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.2, 135.5, 133.2, 129.2, 123.1, 121.3, 63.8, 37.7, 24.8, 22.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 238.0896 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 238.0902.

**5-ethyl-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclohexane] 1,1-dioxide (2p):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f$  = 0.6; white solid (39.8 mg, 75%), mp 132-134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.74 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 8H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 146.6, 132.9, 129.2, 122.2, 121.2, 63.7, 37.8, 29.2, 24.8, 22.6, 15.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 266.1209 [M + H<sup>+</sup>];

found: 266.1211.

**5-fluoro-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclohexane] 1,1-dioxide (2q):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f$  = 0.55; white solid (35.7 mg, 70%), mp 130-131 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.33 (m, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -104.42. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.7 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 254.6 Hz), 149.5 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 131.6, 123.7 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 117.2 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 24.1 Hz), 110.3 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 23.9 Hz), 63.4, 37.6, 24.7, 22.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 256.0802 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 256.0803.

**6-cyclohexyl-2***H***-spiro[benzo[***d***]isothiazole-3,1'-cyclohexane] <b>1,1-dioxide** (**2r**): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (36.4 mg, 57%), mp 145-147 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.75 (m, 12H), 1.61 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.9, 143.6, 135.4, 132.4, 122.8, 119.1, 63.5, 44.3, 37.8, 34.3, 26.7, 25.9, 24.8, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 320.1679 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 320.1683.

**3,3-diphenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (2s): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (55.9 mg, 87%), mp 189-190 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 10H), 4.93 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.1, 143.0, 135.2, 133.3, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 126.7, 121.5, 72.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 322.0896 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 322.0896.

**3-phenyl-3-**(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2t): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.55$ ; white solid (46.9 mg, 70%), mp 180-182 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (q, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.3, 143.1, 140.2, 138.4, 135.2, 133.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 126.7, 121.5, 72.4, 21.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 336.1503 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 336.1053.

## 3-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[d]isothiazole

**1,1-dioxide (2u):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.55$ ; white solid (58.4 mg, 75%), mp 182-184 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.23 (m, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.69. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.7, 142.4, 142.2, 135.3, 133.5, 130.5 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 32.6$  Hz), 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 125.69 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 123.8 (<sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 292.2$  Hz), 72.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 390.0770 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 390.0773.

## 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[d]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2v):

purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (54.9 mg, 81%), mp 188-189 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H).<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -113.45.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (<sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 248.6$  Hz), 142.9 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 12.7$  Hz), 138.89, 135.2, 133.4, 129.8, 129.7 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 8.3$  Hz), 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 126.5, 121.6, 115.6 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 21.7$  Hz), 71.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 340.0802 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 340.0804.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2w): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (41.9 mg, 59%), mp 178-180 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.7, 142.6, 141.5, 135.3, 134.5, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 126.5, 121.6, 72.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 356.0507 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 356.0511.

**3-methyl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2x): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (43 mg, 83%), mp 160-162 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.3, 142.8, 134.6, 133.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 126.3, 124.6, 121.3, 65.5, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 260.0740 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 260.0742.

**3-methyl-3-**(*p***-tolyl**)**-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (**2y**): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (44.7 mg, 82%), mp 161-163 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5, 139.7, 138.4, 134.6, 133.5, 129.6,129.3, 126.1, 124.5, 121.2, 65.3, 28.6, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  ${}_{15}H_{15}NO_2S+H^+$ : 274.0896 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 274.0900.

## 3-methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[d]isothiazole

**1,1-dioxide (2z):** purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (42.5 mg, 65%), mp 156-158 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.76. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.7, 144.1, 134.6, 133.7, 130.5 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 32.9$  Hz), 129.7, 126.6, 125.9 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 124.3, 121.5, 64.9, 28.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 328.0614 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 328.0617.

**3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole **1,1-dioxide** (2ba): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (37.7 mg, 68%), mp 161-162 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt, *J* = 16.6, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -113.50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 248.6 Hz), 144.9, 138.5, 134.5, 133.6, 129.5, 128.17 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sup> = 8.4 Hz), 124.4, 121.4, 115.8 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 21.6 Hz), 64.9, 28.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 278.0646 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 278.0644.</sub>

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2bb): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (32.8 mg, 56%), mp 165-167 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.6, 141.3, 134.5, 133.6, 129.6, 129.1, 127.7, 124.3, 121.4, 64.8, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 294.0350 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 294.0351.

**3-phenyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2bc): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.6$ ; white solid (37.2 mg, 76%), mp 89-91 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.8, 138.7, 134.8, 133.3, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 127.6, 125.4, 121.1, 61.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 246.0583 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 246.0587.

**3-benzyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2bd): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.5$ ; white solid (31.6 mg, 61%), mp 81-82 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (td, J = 10.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.22 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.6, 137.9, 134.9, 132.3, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 123.8, 56.8, 35.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 260.0740 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 260.0742.

**5,7-diethyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (2be): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f = 0.6$ ; colourless oil (33.5 mg, 70%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.69 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 142.5, 140.2, 131.4, 128.7, 120.3, 52.7, 29.0, 24.3, 21.6, 15.4, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 240.1053 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found: 240.1052.

**3-cyclopropyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo**[*d*]isothiazole 1,1-dioxide (6): purified by analytical TLC on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as an eluent  $R_f$  = 0.5; colourless oil (32 mg, 71%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.24 (tt, J = 7.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.62-0.54 (m, 2H), 0.47-0.37 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.1, 134.7, 133.3, 129.2, 123.4, 121.2, 63.3, 26.8, 21.5, 2.1, 0.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+H<sup>+</sup>: 246.0565 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found:

246.0566.

#### **DFT calculations**

#### **Computational details**

The DFT calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 program<sup>[10]</sup>. All the optimizations were performed at B3LYP<sup>[11, 12]</sup>/6-31G(d, p) level in DMSO solvent using the IEF-PCM model<sup>[13]</sup>. All geometry optimization calculations were followed by frequency calculations to verify that intermediate structures are real minima in the potential energy surface by confirming that their frequencies are real. Transition states that connect these intermediates bear only one imaginary frequency. Moreover, we further refined the energy by employing the single-point energy calculations at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(2df, 2pd)//IEF-PCM<sub>DMSO</sub> level based on the B3LYP/6-31G(d, p)//IEF-PCM<sub>DMSO</sub> optimized structures.

#### **Computational results of the other possible pathways**

As shown in Figure S1, other possible radical formation pathway and nitrene formation pathway have been studied in theory herein. The formation of both radical and nitrene intermediates need extremely high energies in thermodynamic, so we can exclude the two pathways. As shown in Figure S2, the solvent DMSO- and base anion-assisted  $S_N2$  pathways and the PTS<sub>N</sub>2 pathway with the participation of solvent DMSO were also considered, and the free energy barriers of TS1', TS1'' and TS1''' are 42.1, 53.4 and 72.8 kcal/mol, respectively. The free energy barriers of the three possible pathways are much higher than that of pathway through transition state TS1, indicating that three possible pathways can be safely excluded. Moreover, two possible pathways associated with C-H deprotonation coupled with dissociation of AcOH were calculated in Figure S3, the free energy barriers of TS1h and TS1h' are 62.7 and 63.5 kcal/mol respectively, which are higher than that of pathway through transition state TS1, so the two pathways can also be excluded.



**Figure S1**. Relative Gibbs free energies of the radical formation pathway and nitrene formation pathway.



Figure S2. Relative Gibbs free energy profiles for the solvent DMSO- and base anion-assisted  $S_N 2$  pathways and the  $PTS_N 2$  pathway with the participation of solvent DMSO.



**Figure S3**. Relative Gibbs free energy profiles for the pathways associated with C-H deprotonation coupled with dissociation of AcOH.



## Scanning results of N-O distance in R

Figure S4. Scanning results of N-O distance in R

The energies of all the optimized structures

SP	GFEC	Е	CFF	NE
	(6-31G(d,p))	(6-311++G(2df,2pd))	OFE	1917
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Р	0.15128	-953.230253	-953.078973	0
M1'	0.190865	-1182.279441	-1182.088576	0
M1''	0.198274	-1182.275726	-1182.077452	0
preTS1'	0.276208	-1735.694528	-1735.41832	0
DMSO	0.05132	-553.325635	-553.274315	0
<b>TS1'</b>	0.272637	-1735.628132	-1735.355495	1
AcO-	0.022445	-228.723713	-228.701268	0
<b>TS1''</b>	0.273735	-1735.580193	-1735.306458	1
preTS1'''	0.246865	-1411.080219	-1410.833354	0
TS1'''	0.242511	-1411.006825	-1410.764314	1
TS1h	0.197636	-1182.245976	-1182.04834	1
TS1h'	0.197638	-1182.24471	-1182.047072	1

Table S5. The single-point energies (E), Gibbs free energy corrections (GFEC), Gibbs free energies (GFE) and number of imaginary frequencies (NF) of the stationary points (SP). (energy in a.u.)

# Cartesian coordinates of all the stationary points

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