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1. General methods

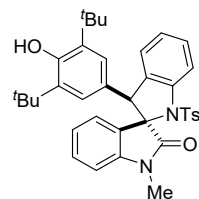
Unless otherwise mentioned, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers without further purification. Solvent purification was conducted according to Purification of Laboratory Chemicals (Peerrin, D. D.; Armarego, W. L. and Perrins, D. R., Pergamon Press: Oxford, 1980). Reactions were monitored using Merck Kieselgel 60F₂₅₄ aluminium plates. TLC was visualized by UV fluorescence (254 nm) then one of the following: KMnO₄, phosphomolybdic acid, ninhydrin, *p*-anisaldehyde, vanillin. The Displacement ellipsoids are scaled to the 30% probability level. If not specially mentioned, flash column chromatography was performed using Yantai xinnuo Chemicals (China) (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL 400 instruments and calibrated by using residual undeuterated chloroform-d (δ ¹H = 7.26 ppm, δ ¹³C = 77.0 ppm) and residual undeuterated dimethyl sulfoxide-d₆ (δ ¹H = 2.54 ppm, δ ¹³C = 40.0 ppm) as internal references. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, b = broad, td = triple doublet, dt = double triplet, dq = double quartet, m = multiplet. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on an iCAN 9-T FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Q Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer using ESI (electrospray ionization) as ionization method. *Para*-quinone methide **1**^[1] and 3-chlorooxindoles **2**^[2] were synthesized according to the literature methods.

2. Experimental procedures and characterization data

Procedure for synthesis of **3**

Typical Procedure: To a stirred solution of *para*-quinone methides (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 3-chlorooxindoles (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH₃Cl (1.0 mL) was added TMG (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) at -20 °C. The reaction was stirred at -20 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was directly charged to column chromatography on silica gel (PE:DCM:EA = 30:1:1-10:1:1) to give the cycloadduct.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (**3aa**)



Red solid, isolated yield 94% (64 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 242.0-242.9 °C;

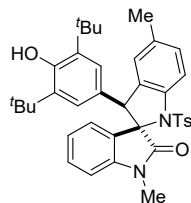
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.7, 153.1, 144.1, 142.3, 141.7, 136.4, 135.1, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.8, 125.8, 125.3, 123.9, 123.4, 122.8, 121.9, 112.4, 107.9, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 2923, 1719, 1560, 1458, 1349, 1259, 1167, 1091, 749 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 607.2636; found: 607.2635.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',5-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ba)



White solid, isolated yield 94% (80 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 288.9-289.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

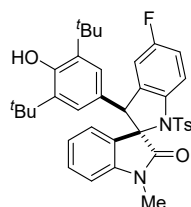
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.6, 153.1, 144.0, 141.7, 140.0, 136.5, 135.0, 132.5, 130.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 126.0, 125.8, 123.9, 123.5, 121.6, 112.0, 107.8, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6, 20.8;

IR (neat): ν 3789, 2960, 1726, 1613, 1438, 1347, 1165, 1050, 809, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 621.2793; found: 621.2788.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ca)



White solid, isolated yield 84% (52 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 262.8-263.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

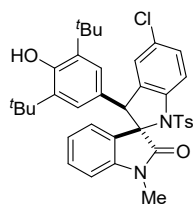
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.77-6.71 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.3, 160.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 240.4$ Hz), 153.3, 144.3, 141.7, 138.3, 136.3, 135.3, 132.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.0$ Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.6, 125.7, 123.9, 122.8, 122.0, 114.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.5$ Hz), 113.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.2$ Hz), 112.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 14.6$ Hz), 108.0, 78.9, 58.8, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3857, 2920, 1725, 1612, 1440, 1351, 1261, 1165, 1090, 1022, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{37}H_{38}FN_2O_4S$: 625.2542; found: 625.2541.

5-chloro-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3da)



Red solid, isolated yield >99% (70 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 295.2-296.0 °C;

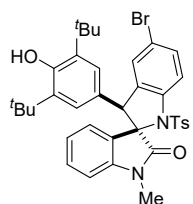
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.06 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 2H), 6.50 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 175.2, 153.3, 144.4, 141.6, 140.9, 136.0, 135.2, 132.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 128.23, 128.19, 126.3, 125.7, 125.4, 123.8, 122.6, 122.0, 113.2, 108.0, 78.8, 58.8, 34.0, 30.0, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3790, 2923, 1726, 1612, 1468, 1441, 1357, 1165, 749 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{37}H_{38}ClN_2O_4S$: 641.2246; found: 641.2244.

5-bromo-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ea)



Red solid, isolated yield >99% (82 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 293.2-294.1 °C;

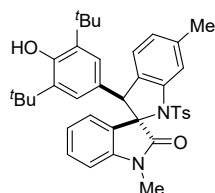
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 6.50 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.2, 153.3, 144.4, 141.7, 141.5, 136.0, 135.3, 132.8, 131.1, 129.6, 129.5, 128.31, 128.30, 126.4, 125.7, 123.8, 122.6, 122.0, 115.5, 113.7, 108.0, 78.7, 58.8, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3638, 2956, 1727, 1613, 1468, 1350, 1164, 1091, 1022, 806, 749 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 685.1741; found: 685.1737.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',6-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3fa)



Red solid, isolated yield 90% (56 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 267.9-268.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

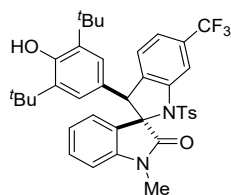
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.7, 153.1, 144.0, 142.5, 141.7, 138.4, 136.5, 135.0, 129.50, 129.49, 129.2, 128.3, 127.3, 126.9, 125.7, 125.0, 123.9, 123.6, 121.9, 113.2, 107.8, 78.7, 58.7, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.8, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2959, 1792, 1718, 1654, 1559, 1507, 1256, 1092, 749 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 621.2793; found: 621.2791.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ga)



White solid, isolated yield 98% (66 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 303.4-304.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

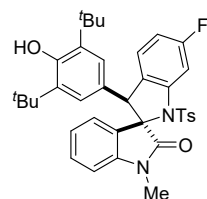
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.2, 153.4, 144.7, 142.8, 141.7, 135.8, 135.3, 134.5, 131.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.2$ Hz), 129.7, 129.6, 129.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 202.4$ Hz), 128.3, 126.2, 125.7, 125.4, 123.9, 122.6, 122.1, 120.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.2$ Hz), 109.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0$ Hz), 108.1, 78.9, 58.8, 34.0, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3752, 2921, 1720, 1655, 1431, 1317, 1047, 750, 669 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{38}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 675.2510; found: 675.2509.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-fluoro-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ha)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (68 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 254.3-255.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

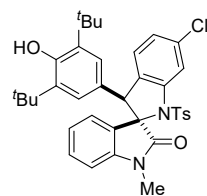
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.71 (m, 4H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.3, 164.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 243.2$ Hz), 153.2, 144.5, 143.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.7$ Hz), 141.7, 136.0, 135.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.5, 126.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.8$ Hz), 125.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.6$ Hz), 125.6, 123.9, 123.2, 122.0, 109.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.6$ Hz), 107.9, 101.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 28.9$ Hz), 79.1, 58.3, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 2917, 1725, 1612, 1491, 1438, 1355, 1255, 1163, 1091, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 625.2542; found: 625.2537.

6-chloro-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ia)



White solid, isolated yield 96% (42 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 285.4-286.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

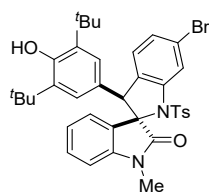
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.08-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.2, 153.2, 144.5, 143.4, 141.7, 136.0, 135.2, 133.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 126.5, 126.0, 125.6, 123.9, 122.91, 122.90, 122.0, 112.9, 108.0, 78.9, 58.5, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 2922, 1726, 1618, 1474, 1352, 1237, 1166, 1091, 751 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈ClN₂O₄S: 641.2246; found: 641.2244.

6-bromo-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ja)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (70 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 293.2-294.0 °C;

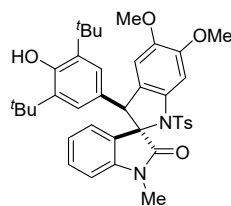
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.2, 153.3, 144.5, 143.6, 141.6, 136.0, 135.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 126.4, 126.4, 125.9, 125.6, 123.9, 122.8, 122.0, 121.7, 115.7, 108.0, 78.9, 58.6, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3776, 2921, 1726, 1659, 1598, 1468, 1352, 1165, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈BrN₂O₄S: 685.1741; found: 685.1738.

1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ka)



White solid, isolated yield 56% (38 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 232.2-233.0 °C;

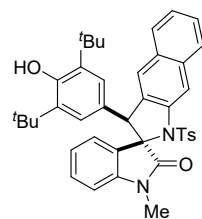
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.5, 153.1, 148.9, 145.1, 144.1, 141.8, 136.7, 135.8, 135.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 126.7, 125.6, 124.0, 123.9, 121.9, 120.7, 109.0, 107.8, 97.9, 78.5, 58.7, 56.5, 56.1, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3650, 2923, 1734, 1718, 1507, 1458, 1340, 1164, 1091, 748 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₉H₄₃N₂O₆S: 667.2847; found: 667.2846.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-1,3-dihydrospiro[benzo[*f*]indole-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3la)



Red solid, isolated yield >99% (72 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 260.8-261.5 °C;

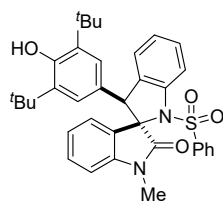
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.83 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.2, 153.3, 144.3, 141.7, 140.3, 136.1, 135.2, 133.8, 131.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 125.9, 124.6, 124.3, 123.7, 122.9, 122.1, 108.6, 108.0, 78.6, 58.9, 34.1, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3661, 2967, 1725, 1613, 1349, 1241, 1165, 1051, 896, 749 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₄₁H₄₁N₂O₄S: 657.2793; found: 657.2789.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ma)



White solid, isolated yield 94% (56 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 198.7-199.3 °C;

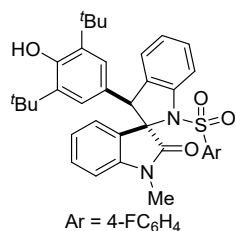
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.6, 153.1, 142.2, 141.7, 139.4, 135.1, 133.2, 130.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.32, 128.30, 126.7, 125.7, 125.4, 123.9, 123.3, 123.0, 122.0, 112.4, 107.9, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3752, 2961, 1721, 1616, 1474, 1437, 1351, 1166, 1048, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₆H₃₇N₂O₄S: 593.2480; found: 593.2478.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1'-methyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3a)



White solid, isolated yield 85% (52 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 223.5-224.2 °C;

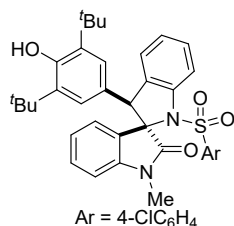
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 3H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.7, 166.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 254.3 Hz), 153.2, 142.0, 141.7, 135.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 135.1, 131.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.6 Hz), 130.3, 129.4, 128.4, 126.7, 125.7, 125.5, 123.8, 123.21, 123.16, 122.0, 116.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 22.4 Hz), 112.3, 108.0, 78.6, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2922, 1718, 1654, 1559, 1507, 1458, 1049, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₆H₃₆FN₂O₄S: 611.2385; found: 611.2383.

1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (30a)



White solid, isolated yield 72% (46 mg);

mp: 214.7-215.6 °C;

dr > 19:1;

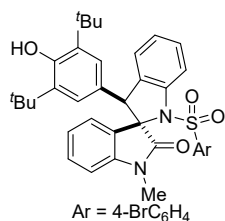
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 3H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.6, 153.2, 142.0, 141.7, 139.8, 137.9, 135.2, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 126.7, 125.7, 125.5, 123.8, 123.3, 123.2, 122.0, 112.4, 108.0, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5;

IR (neat): ν 3752, 2922, 1735, 1654, 1560, 1458, 1437, 1023, 806, 747 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₆H₃₆ClN₂O₄S: 623.2090; found: 627.2087.

1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3pa)



White solid, isolated yield 82% (56 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 243.7-244.5 °C;

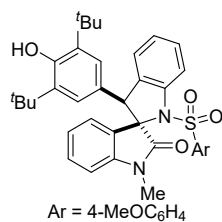
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.5, 153.2, 141.9, 141.7, 138.4, 135.2, 132.2, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.44, 128.42, 126.6, 125.7, 125.5, 123.8, 123.3, 123.2, 122.0, 112.4, 108.0, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5;

IR (neat): ν 3650, 2922, 1734, 1717, 1654, 1541, 1458, 1168, 1089, 742 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{36}H_{36}BrN_2O_4S$: 671.1585; found: 671.1584.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-1'-methyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3qa)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 90% (56 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 216.9-217.7 °C;

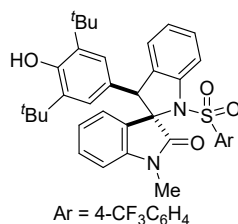
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.8, 163.3, 153.1, 142.3, 141.7, 135.1, 130.9, 130.6, 130.2, 129.3, 128.3, 126.8, 125.7, 125.3, 123.9, 123.4, 122.8, 121.9, 114.0, 112.3, 107.9, 78.5, 59.0, 55.6, 34.0, 30.1, 26.5;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2920, 1718, 1654, 1560, 1458, 1261, 1161, 1028, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{37}H_{39}N_2O_5S$: 623.2585; found: 623.2584.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1'-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ra)



White solid, isolated yield 68% (46 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 207.5-208.4 °C;

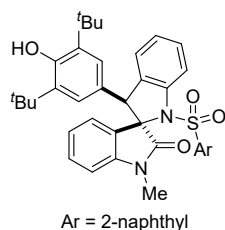
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.65 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.4, 153.2, 142.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.9$ Hz), 141.8, 141.7, 135.2, 130.4, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 126.6, 126.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz), 125.7, 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.1$ Hz), 123.8, 123.5, 123.1, 122.0, 112.4, 108.0, 78.5, 59.0, 34.1, 30.1, 26.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2922, 1720, 1654, 1580, 1560, 1455, 1260, 1165, 1028, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 661.2353; found: 661.2351.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3sa)



White solid, isolated yield 80% (54 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 248.0-248.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

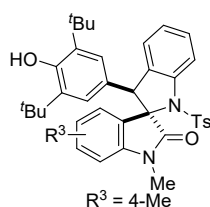
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.57 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.7, 153.1, 142.3, 141.8, 136.2, 135.14, 135.12, 131.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 125.4, 124.0, 123.4, 123.0, 121.9, 112.4, 107.9, 78.5, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.6;

IR (neat): ν 2920, 1734, 1654, 1559, 1473, 1458, 1341, 1165, 1029, 747 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 643.2636; found: 643.2635.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',4'-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ab)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 98% (70 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 207.5-208.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

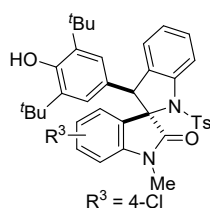
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.9, 153.5, 144.0, 143.7, 143.4, 136.6, 135.0, 134.8, 129.7, 129.34, 129.26, 128.4, 127.8, 126.7, 125.9, 125.2, 125.1, 124.2, 122.6, 112.8, 105.4, 77.9, 56.8, 34.1, 30.1, 25.4, 21.6, 17.9;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 2922, 1734, 1655, 1606, 1459, 1363, 1243, 1166, 1054, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₈H₄₁N₂O₄S: 621.2793; found: 621.2789.

4'-chloro-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ac)



Foam, isolated yield 96% (62 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 214.5-215.3 °C;

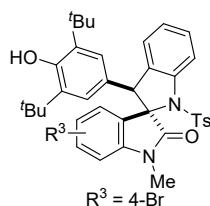
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.57 (m, 3H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 153.6, 145.8, 144.0, 143.4, 136.7, 135.2, 130.9, 130.7, 129.7, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 126.0, 125.5, 124.9, 123.8, 123.5, 122.7, 112.9, 106.3, 77.9, 55.6, 34.1, 30.1, 25.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3637, 2957, 1738, 1611, 1461, 1611, 1461, 1358, 1167, 931, 748 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈ClN₂O₄S: 641.2246; found: 641.2245.

4'-bromo-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ad)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (70 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 149.1-150.0 °C;

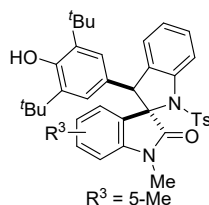
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 3H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.6, 153.6, 146.0, 144.0, 143.4, 136.7, 135.2, 130.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.0, 124.9, 123.8, 122.7, 119.4, 112.9, 106.8, 78.5, 55.6, 34.1, 30.1, 25.5, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3632, 2958, 1730, 1606, 1460, 1359, 1239, 1167, 1115, 1091, 931, 749 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈BrN₂O₄S: 685.1741; found: 685.1740.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',5'-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ae)



White solid, isolated yield 96% (60 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 238.7-239.5 °C;

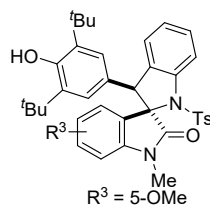
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.6, 153.1, 144.0, 142.4, 139.5, 136.4, 135.1, 131.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.29, 128.27, 126.3, 125.7, 125.4, 124.8, 123.6, 122.8, 112.4, 107.6, 78.3, 58.8, 34.0, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6, 20.9;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3631, 2921, 1720, 1499, 1459, 1363, 1166, 1091, 932, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₈H₄₁N₂O₄S: 621.2793; found: 621.2791.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-5'-methoxy-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3af)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (68 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 207.6-208.3 °C;

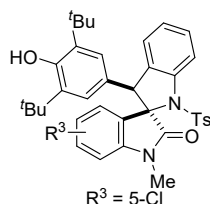
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.39-6.34 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.2, 155.0, 153.1, 144.1, 142.3, 136.5, 135.3, 135.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 125.7, 125.4, 123.5, 122.9, 112.6, 112.5, 112.0, 108.0, 78.5, 58.8, 55.1, 34.0, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2958, 1718, 1654, 1458, 1363, 1235, 1165, 1046, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 637.2742; found: 637.2740.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',5'-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ag)



Red solid, isolated yield 98% (62 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 216.7-217.4 °C;

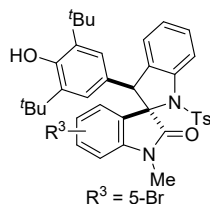
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.3, 153.3, 144.4, 142.2, 140.5, 136.1, 135.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6, 123.3, 123.2, 112.6, 108.8, 77.8, 58.9, 34.0, 30.1, 26.7, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3752, 2922, 1734, 1654, 1560, 1458, 1363, 1166, 1028, 804, 667 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 641.2246; found: 641.2243.

5'-bromo-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ah)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (72 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 256.1-257.0 °C;

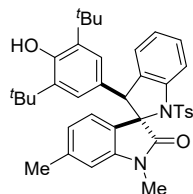
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 153.3, 144.4, 142.2, 141.0, 136.1, 135.4, 132.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.02, 128.00, 127.3, 125.51, 125.47, 123.3, 123.2, 114.5, 112.7, 109.3, 77.6, 58.9, 34.0, 30.1, 26.7, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 3630, 2961, 1734, 1654, 1559, 1458, 1362, 1167, 1121, 807, 738 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈BrN₂O₄S: 685.1741; found: 685.1738.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',6'-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ai)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 74% (46 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 234.2-235.0 °C;

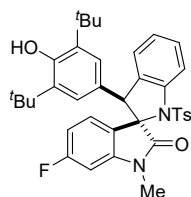
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.73 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9, 153.1, 144.1, 142.3, 141.7, 139.5, 136.5, 135.0, 130.4, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 125.9, 125.3, 124.0, 123.6, 123.5, 122.8, 122.5, 112.3, 108.7, 78.6, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.4, 21.7, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3752, 2920, 1721, 1618, 1459, 1166, 1029, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{38}H_{41}N_2O_4S$: 621.2793; found: 621.2788.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-6'-fluoro-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3aj)



White solid, isolated yield 93% (58 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 231.7-232.7 °C;

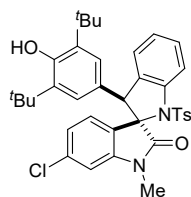
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 7.9, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.41 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 176.1, 164.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.3$ Hz), 153.2, 144.3, 143.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.7$ Hz), 142.1, 136.2, 135.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 125.4, 125.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.8$ Hz), 123.2, 123.0, 122.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.7$ Hz), 112.4, 108.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.3$ Hz), 96.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 27.6$ Hz), 78.0, 59.0, 34.0, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3753, 2919, 1735, 1719, 1655, 1560, 1459, 1166, 1031, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M - H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{37}H_{38}FN_2O_4S$: 625.2542; found: 625.2540.

6'-chloro-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ak)



White solid, isolated yield 96% (62 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 211.5-212.4 °C;

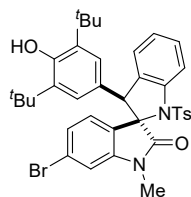
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 3H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.5, 153.3, 144.4, 143.0, 142.1, 136.2, 135.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 125.7, 125.3, 125.0, 124.7, 123.0, 122.95, 122.90, 112.4, 111.4, 78.2, 59.1, 34.1, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3637, 2957, 1727, 1607, 1440, 1347, 1240, 1166, 1091, 749, 669 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 641.2246; found: 641.2245.

6'-bromo-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3al)



Red solid, isolated yield 96% (62 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 220.1-221.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

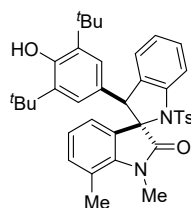
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.72 (m, 3H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.7, 153.3, 144.4, 142.9, 142.1, 136.2, 135.3, 135.0, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 125.5, 125.3, 124.7, 123.04, 122.99, 121.7, 112.4, 108.6, 78.1, 59.1, 34.1, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 3650, 2927, 1734, 1636, 1559, 1541, 1458, 1437, 1166, 669 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{38}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 685.1741; found: 685.1738.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1',7'-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3am)



White solid, isolated yield >99% (68 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 230.2-231.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

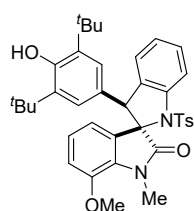
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.70 (m, 4H), 6.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.6, 153.1, 144.1, 142.4, 139.2, 136.4, 135.0, 132.9, 130.1, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 125.7, 125.4, 123.4, 122.8, 121.9, 121.7, 119.4, 112.2, 78.2, 59.4, 34.0, 30.1, 30.0, 21.6, 18.7;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3631, 2920, 1720, 1655, 1459, 1438, 1364, 1166, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₈H₄₁N₂O₄S: 621.2793; found: 621.2790.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-7'-methoxy-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3an)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 75% (48 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 259.3-260.1 °C;

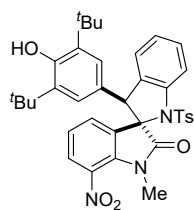
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.0, 153.1, 145.2, 144.1, 142.4, 136.5, 135.0, 130.2, 129.52, 129.51, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 125.7, 125.4, 123.5, 122.8, 122.6, 116.7, 113.4, 112.3, 78.6, 59.3, 56.1, 34.1, 30.1, 29.9, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 3745, 3650, 2918, 1654, 1559, 1541, 1458, 1437, 1375, 1046 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₈H₄₁N₂O₅S: 637.2742; found: 637.2739.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-7'-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ao)



White solid, isolated yield 74% (48 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 231.6-232.6 °C;

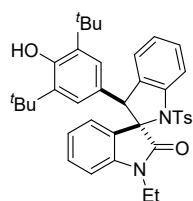
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.3, 153.5, 144.7, 142.1, 135.9, 135.7, 135.4, 135.0, 131.8, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 125.6, 125.5, 124.9, 123.3, 122.6, 121.6, 112.3, 76.8, 59.6, 34.1, 30.5, 30.0, 21.7;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 3650, 2922, 1734, 1654, 1559, 1540, 1458, 1166, 1118, 742 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₆S: 652.2487; found: 652.2485.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-ethyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ap)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 74% (46 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 188.1-189.0 °C;

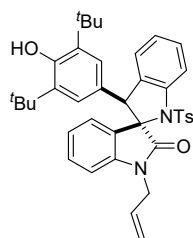
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.11-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.70 (m, 3H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.91-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 153.1, 144.1, 142.2, 141.0, 136.5, 135.0, 130.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 126.1, 125.3, 124.2, 123.4, 122.8, 121.7, 112.3, 108.0, 78.4, 58.9, 35.0, 34.0, 30.0, 21.6, 12.5;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3752, 2923, 1735, 1719, 1654, 1560, 1459, 1167, 1020, 750, 669 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₈H₄₁N₂O₄S: 621.2793; found: 621.2791.

1'-allyl-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3aq)



White solid, isolated yield 88% (56 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 203.9-204.6 °C;

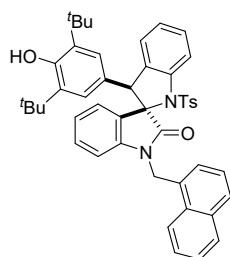
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.18-5.14 (m, 3H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.5, 153.2, 144.1, 142.2, 141.1, 136.4, 135.0, 130.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.34, 128.25, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.2, 124.0, 123.3, 122.9, 121.9, 117.6, 112.3, 109.1, 78.6, 59.2, 42.7, 34.0, 30.1, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3854, 3745, 3650, 2922, 1734, 1654, 1559, 1507, 1166, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₉H₄₁N₂O₄S: 633.2793; found: 633.2791.

3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3ar)



White solid, isolated yield 87% (64 mg);

dr = 4:1;

mp: 212.7-213.6 °C;

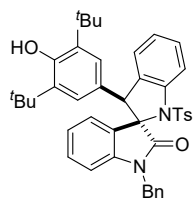
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 3H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.0, 153.4, 144.2, 142.2, 141.3, 136.5, 135.3, 133.7, 130.9, 130.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.2, 123.9, 123.7, 123.4, 122.9, 122.3, 122.2, 112.4, 109.6, 79.1, 59.7, 42.1, 34.1, 30.2, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 2920, 1734, 1654, 1560, 1457, 1360, 1027, 799, 665 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₄₇H₄₅N₂O₄S: 733.3106; found: 733.3104.

1'-benzyl-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3as)



Yellow solid, isolated yield 64% (44 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 232.2-233.0 °C;

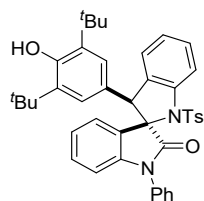
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.20 (m, 9H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 6.71 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.8, 153.3, 144.1, 142.2, 141.0, 136.5, 135.1, 135.0, 130.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 125.2, 123.9, 123.3, 122.9, 122.1, 112.4, 109.5, 78.8, 59.5, 44.3, 34.1, 30.2, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2924, 1734, 1718, 1654, 1559, 1458, 1363, 1090, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 683.2949; found: 683.2947.

3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (3at)



White solid, isolated yield 81% (54 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 121.9-122.7 °C;

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.80 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 18H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.2, 153.3, 144.2, 142.1, 142.0, 136.4, 135.2, 134.4, 130.9, 129.6, 129.54, 129.49, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.6, 126.4, 125.3, 124.3, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 112.3, 109.3, 78.7, 59.4, 34.1, 30.1, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3631, 2920, 1736, 1597, 1459, 1364, 1236, 1028, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 669.2793; found: 669.2792.

Procedure for one-pot reaction

To a solution of compound **4** (70 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1.5 mL) was added MnO₂ (65 mg, 0.75 mmol), then the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was directly cooled to -20 °C and was added **2a** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol) and TMG (29 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction was stirred at -20 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was directly charged to column chromatography on silica gel (PE:DCM:EA = 30:1:1-10:1:1) to give the cycloadduct (47 mg, 77% yield).

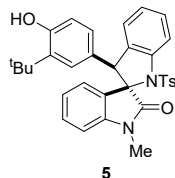
Procedure for synthesis of **5**

To a solution of compound **3aa** (200 mg, 0.33 mmol) in dry toluene (16 mL) was added AlCl₃ (432 mg, 3.3 mmol) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and H₂O was added to quench the reaction and extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL). The organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 10:1-4:1) to afford the product **5** (166 mg, 91% yield).

Procedure for synthesis of **6**

To a solution of compound **3aa** (30 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dry toluene (0.3 mL) was added a solution of AlCl₃ (80 mg, 0.6 mmol) in MeNO₂ (0.3 mL) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h and H₂O was added to quench the reaction and extracted with DCM (3 × 5 mL). The organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 4:1) to afford the product **6** (20 mg, 79% yield).

3-(3-(tert-butyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spiro[indolin]-2'-one (**5**)



White solid, isolated yield 91% (166 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 207.9-208.5 °C;

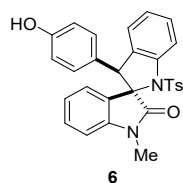
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆): δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.56-6.53 (m, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-D₆): δ 175.4, 155.7, 145.0, 142.5, 142.1, 136.2, 135.0, 130.6, 130.21, 130.20, 130.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 126.3, 125.8, 124.1, 123.6, 122.9, 122.1, 116.0, 112.5, 109.1, 78.1, 58.3, 34.5, 29.5, 27.0, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3855, 3650, 2922, 1718, 1654, 1560, 1457, 1360, 1090, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₃₃H₃₁N₂O₄S: 551.2010; found: 551.2009.

3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spiro[indolin]-2'-one (**6**)



White solid, isolated yield 79% (20 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 223.7-224.4 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.10-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57-6.52 (m, 3H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9, 155.2, 144.2, 142.1, 142.0, 136.3, 130.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.3, 125.3, 125.2, 124.1, 122.9, 122.1, 114.8, 112.4, 108.3, 78.2, 57.9, 26.7, 21.6;

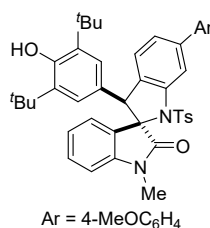
IR (neat): ν 3854, 2920, 1733, 1717, 1652, 1559, 1459, 1091, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₉H₂₃N₂O₄S: 495.1384; found: 495.1383.

Procedure for synthesis of 8

To a solution of the compound **3ja** (34 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid **7** (9 mg, 0.06 mmol), K₂CO₃ (21 mg, 0.15 mmol) in DMF/H₂O (4:1, 1.5 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (6 mg, 0.005 mmol) and N₂ was bubbled through the mixture for 2 min. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4h, then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), and then extracted with EA (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 4:1) to afford the product **8** (31 mg, 87% yield).

3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (**8**)



White solid, isolated yield 87% (31 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 214.9-215.7 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.6, 159.2, 153.1, 144.2, 142.9, 141.7, 141.3, 136.5, 135.1, 133.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 125.7, 125.4, 124.0, 123.5, 122.0, 121.5, 114.2, 110.8, 107.9, 78.8, 58.8, 55.3, 34.1, 30.1, 26.5, 21.6;

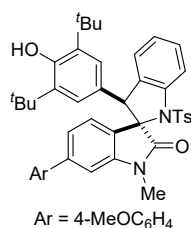
IR (neat): ν 3855, 2923, 1730, 1718, 1650, 1559, 1458, 1090, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₄₄H₄₅N₂O₅S: 713.3055; found: 713.3052.

Procedure for synthesis of 9

To a solution of the compound **3al** (28 mg, 0.04 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid **7** (7.3 mg, 0.048 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMF/H₂O (4:1, 1.5 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (4.7 mg, 0.004 mmol) and N₂ was bubbled through the mixture for 2 min. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4h, then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), and then extracted with EA (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (PE:EA = 4:1) to afford the product **9** (24 mg, 85% yield).

3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-6'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-1-tosyl-2,3'-spirobi[indolin]-2'-one (**9**)



White solid, isolated yield 85% (24.3 mg);

dr > 19:1;

mp: 221.5-222.4 °C;

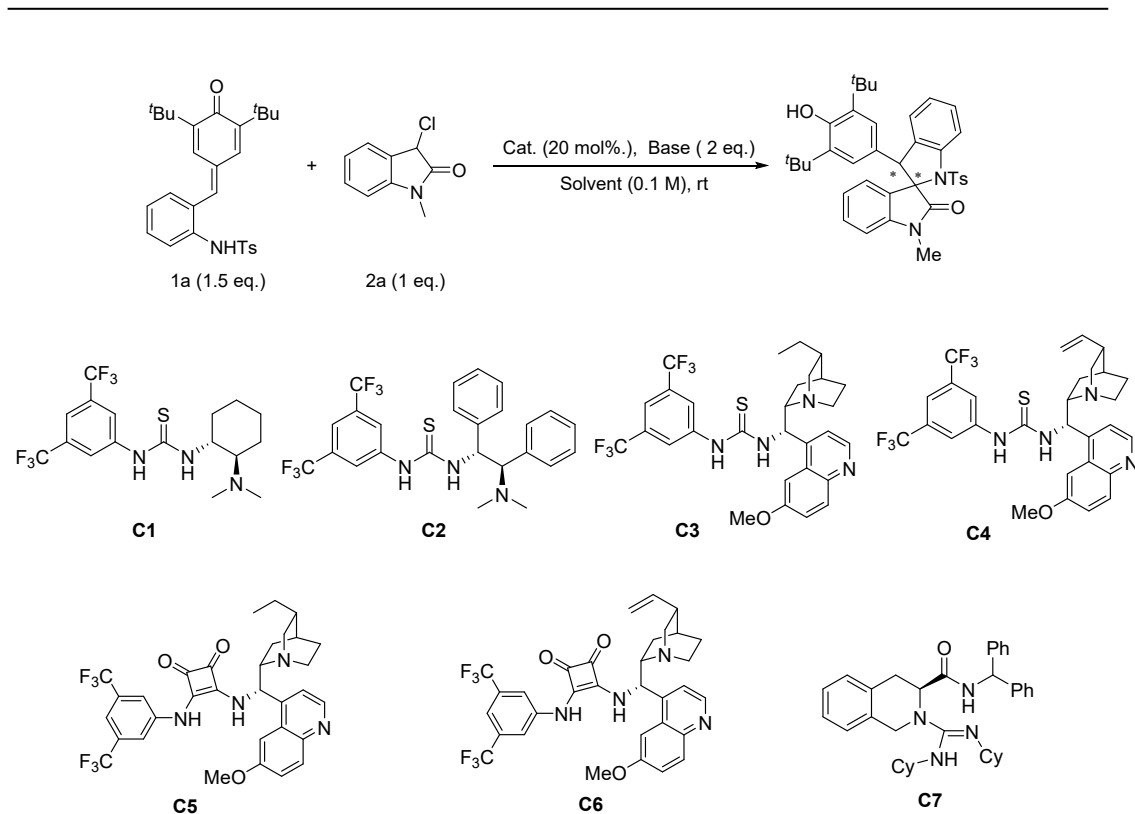
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9, 159.2, 153.2, 144.2, 142.6, 142.32, 142.26, 136.5, 135.2, 133.6, 130.3, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 125.8, 125.3, 125.2, 124.0, 123.4, 122.9, 120.6, 114.1, 112.4, 106.5, 78.6, 59.1, 55.3, 34.1, 30.1, 26.6, 21.6;

IR (neat): ν 3856, 2922, 1740, 1598, 1559, 1458, 1366, 1089, 750 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M - H]⁺ calcd. for C₄₄H₄₅N₂O₅S: 713.3055; found: 713.3052.

Condition screening for asymmetric version



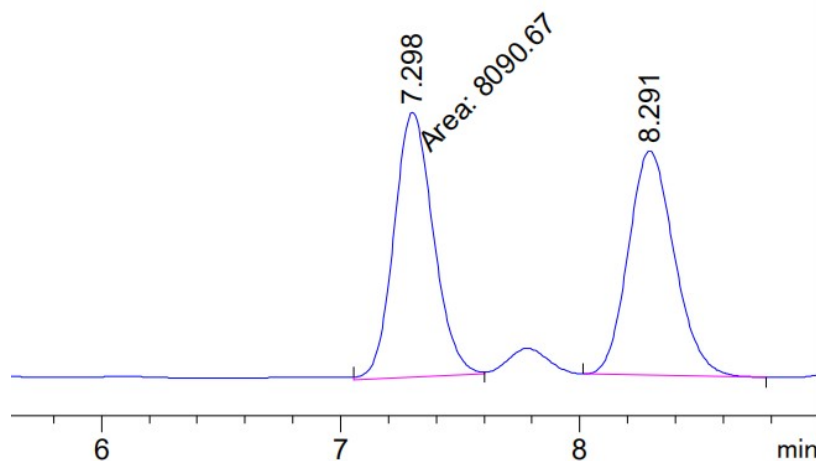
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2	C2	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	-	n.d.	-
3	C3	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	-	Trace	-
4	C4	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	-	n.d.	-
5	C5	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	5:1	11%	24%
6	C6	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	-	n.d.	-
7	C7	CH ₃ COOLi	CHCl ₃	6:1	45%	33%
8	C7	NH ₄ HCO ₃	CHCl ₃	10:1	85%	67%
9	C7	NaHCO ₃	CHCl ₃	4:1	81%	0%
10	C7	NH ₄ HCO ₃	Et ₂ O	5:1	36%	55%
11	C7	NH ₄ HCO ₃	THF	11:1	84%	4%
12	C7	NH ₄ HCO ₃	DCM	4:1	12%	15%

Reaction condition: **1a** (0.075 mmol), **2a** (0.05 mmol), catalyst (0.01 mmol) and base (0.1 mmol) in solvent (0.5 mL). ^a Dr were determined via the ratio of the integration of the *N*-Me peaks from ¹H NMR of the crude product. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

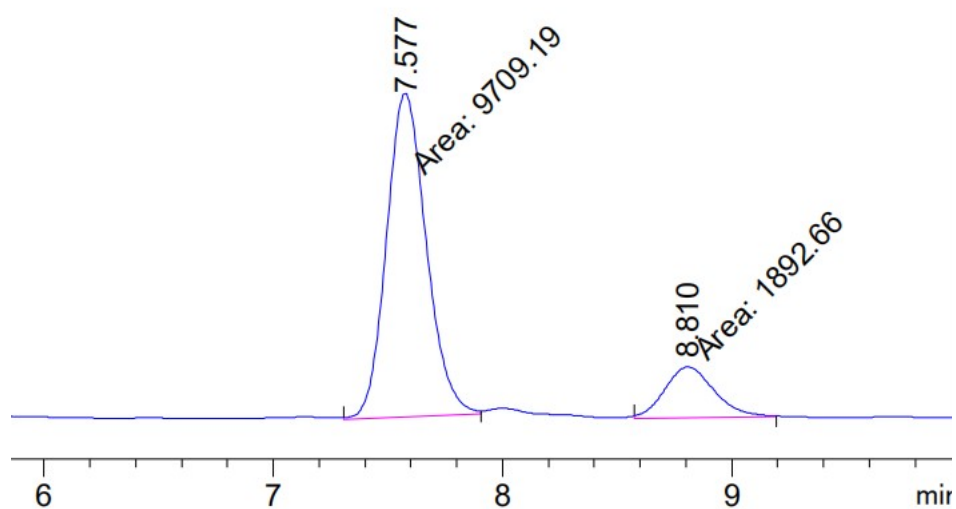
Procedure for synthesis of (+)-3aa

To a solution of the compound **1a** (34.8 mg, 0.075 mmol), **2a** (9.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), NH_4HCO_3 (7.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CHCl_3 (0.5 mL) was added chiral catalyst (5.5 mg, 0.01 mmol) and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 d. The reaction mixture was directly charged to column chromatography on silica gel to give the (+)-**3aa** (26 mg, 85%).

HPLC of compound **3aa**



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	7.298	MM	0.1903	8090.66504	708.67883	50.1590
2	8.291	BB	0.2060	8039.38037	601.26843	49.8410



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	7.577	MM	0.2011	9709.19043	804.74359	83.6866
2	8.810	MM	0.2507	1892.66101	125.82281	16.3134

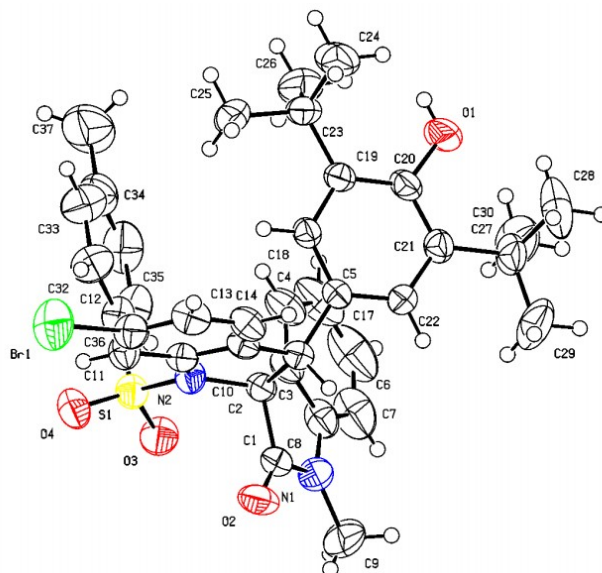
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4. Crystallographic data of 3ja

Crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication nos. CCDC-2110859 (**3ja**), Copies of these data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.



STable 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3ja**.

Identification code	3ja
Empirical formula	C ₃₇ H ₃₉ BrN ₂ O ₄ S
Formula weight	687.67
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	11.0140(4)
b/Å	11.3559(5)
c/Å	14.3441(7)
α /°	83.796(4)
β /°	86.279(4)
γ /°	75.024(4)
Volume/Å ³	1721.70(14)
Z	2
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μ /mm ⁻¹	2.519
F(000)	716.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.3 × 0.3 × 0.3
Radiation	Cu K α (λ = 1.54184)
2 θ range for data collection/°	6.202 to 133.19
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 13, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -17 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	10358

Independent reflections	6079 [Rint = 0.0188, Rsigma = 0.0266]
Data/restraints/parameters	6079/0/415
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.033
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R1 = 0.0438, wR2 = 0.1189
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.0478, wR2 = 0.1227
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.50/-0.72

5. Copies of NMR spectra

