

## **Brønsted Acid-Promoted Hydroamination of Unsaturated Hydrazones via an Ionic Pathway: Access to Biologically Important 5-Arylpyrazolines**

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**General information.** All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) were given in Hertz (Hz). Data were reported as s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an AB SCIEX Triple TOF 5600+ mass spectrometer. Melting points were uncorrected. Alkenyl hydrazone substrates **1a–1ac** were prepared according to the reported methods.<sup>1–4</sup>

**General procedure for the hydroamination reaction (Scheme 2).** To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added alkenyl hydrazone **1** (0.20 mmol), conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (11  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.20 mmol), and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give product **2**.

### Mechanistic studies

**The experiment of the addition of radical scavenger BHT (Scheme 3a).** To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added alkenyl hydrazone **1a** (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (11  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.20 mmol), BHT (121.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give product **2a** (71.5 mg, 92%) as a white solid. The addition of a radical scavenger did not inhibit the reaction, still generating product **2a** in 92% yield, which indicated a radical pathway might not be involved in the reaction process.

**Procedure for the preparation of intermediates *Z*-3 and *E*-3 from 1a (Scheme 3b).**

To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added alkenyl hydrazone **1a** (781.2 mg, 2.0 mmol), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (110 µL, 2.0 mmol), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for a much shorter reaction time (0.5 h). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that substrate **1a** was completely consumed, and pyrazoline **2a** was not observed. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 ~ 10:1) to afford intermediate product **Z**-3 (228.6 mg, 29%, white solid) and **E**-3 (443.2 mg, 57%, white solid).

**Procedure for the preparation of pyrazoline product **2a** from intermediate **Z**-3 (Scheme 3c).**

To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **Z**-3 (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (11 µL, 0.20 mmol), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give product **2a** (70.1 mg, 90%) as a white solid.

**Procedure for the preparation of pyrazoline product **2a** from intermediate **E**-3 (Scheme 3c).**

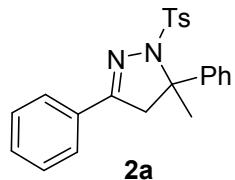
To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **E**-3 (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (11 µL, 0.20 mmol), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to provide product **2a** (65.3 mg, 84%) as a white solid.

**The investigation of the formation of pyrazoline product **2a** from the intermediate **Z-3** or **E-3** in the absence of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (Scheme 3d).**

To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **Z-3** or **E-3** (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h and cooled to room temperature. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that the intermediate **Z-3** or **E-3** kept intact, and the formation of product **2a** was not observed. The results suggest that the Brønsted acid plays an important role in the formation of the pyrazoline product from the intermediate.

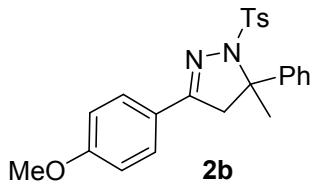
**Characterization data**

**5-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (**2a**)**



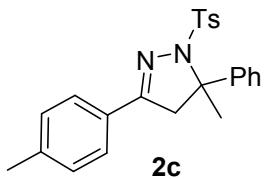
White solid (73.7 mg, 94%); mp 81–83 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 2H) 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.5, 143.4, 143.0, 136.9, 131.1, 130.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.60, 127.55, 126.5, 125.8, 71.8, 52.8, 25.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 391.1475, found 391.1478.

**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (**2b**)**



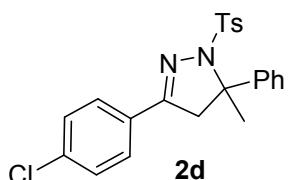
White solid (71.1 mg, 85%); mp 109–110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.1, 152.3, 143.5, 142.9, 136.9, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 125.8, 123.8, 114.0, 71.6, 55.4, 53.0, 25.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 421.1580, found 421.1582.

#### 5-methyl-5-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2c)



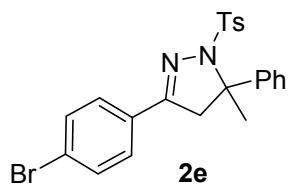
White solid (70.1 mg, 87%); mp 146–147 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.6, 143.4, 143.0, 140.4, 136.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.5, 125.8, 71.6, 52.9, 25.3, 21.48, 21.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 405.1631, found 405.1634.

#### 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2d)



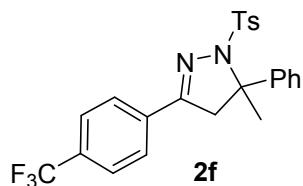
White solid (71.1 mg, 84%); mp 130–132 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.3, 143.3, 143.2, 136.8, 136.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.64, 127.58, 125.7, 72.1, 52.7, 25.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  425.1085, found 425.1083.

### 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2e)



White solid (89.5 mg, 95%); mp 133–135 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 – 7.50 (m, 6H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.4, 143.3, 143.2, 136.8, 131.8, 130.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 125.7, 124.4, 72.1, 52.7, 25.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  469.0580, found 469.0580.

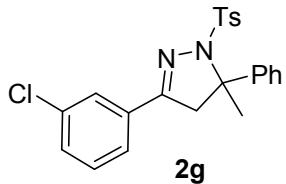
### 5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2f)



White solid (77.2 mg, 84%); mp 133–134 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.0, 143.3, 143.1, 136.7, 134.4, 131.4 (q,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5,

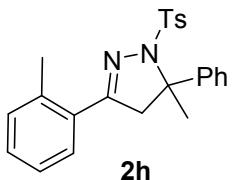
126.6, 125.6, 125.4 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 72.3, 52.5, 25.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 459.1349, found 459.1348.

**3-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2g)**



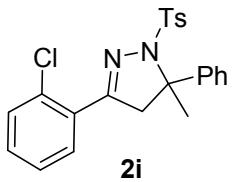
Yellow oil (84.0 mg, 99%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.47 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 143.2, 136.8, 134.7, 132.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 126.4, 125.7, 124.6, 72.1, 52.7, 25.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 425.1085, found 425.1087.

**5-methyl-5-phenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2h)**



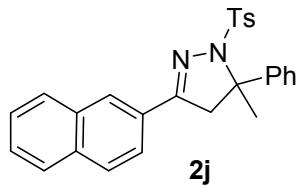
Yellow oil (59.2 mg, 73%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 6.5, 2.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.54 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.3, 143.6, 143.2, 138.1, 136.6, 131.8, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 125.8, 70.8, 55.1, 25.0, 23.6, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 405.1631, found 405.1633.

**3-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2i)**



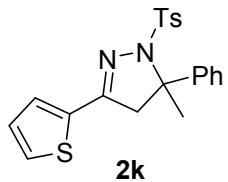
White solid (71.8 mg, 85%); mp 116–118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.3, 143.2, 143.2, 136.8, 132.6, 130.7, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 125.7, 72.5, 55.5, 24.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 425.1085, found 425.1085.

#### **5-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2j)**



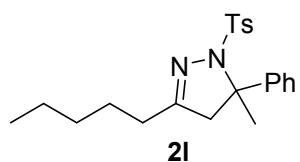
White solid (77.5 mg, 88%); mp 169–170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.6, 143.4, 143.1, 136.9, 134.0, 132.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.31, 128.29, 127.8, 127.64, 127.62, 127.2, 126.71, 126.69, 125.8, 123.5, 72.0, 52.8, 25.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 441.1631, found 441.1632.

#### **5-methyl-5-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2k)**



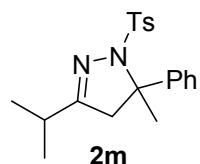
White solid (63.9 mg, 81%); mp 162–163 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 3.48 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.4, 143.1, 143.0, 136.7, 134.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 125.8, 72.0, 53.4, 25.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$  397.1039, found 397.1040.

### 5-methyl-3-pentyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2l)



Yellow oil (75.6 mg, 98%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.5, 143.7, 142.8, 137.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 70.8, 55.2, 31.3, 30.0, 25.8, 24.9, 22.3, 21.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  385.1944, found 385.1947.

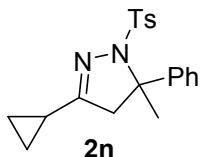
### 3-isopropyl-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2m)



White solid (63.6 mg, 89%); mp 121–123 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.15 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.9, 143.6,

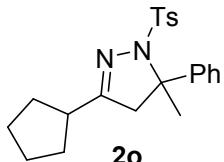
142.7, 136.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 125.5, 70.9, 52.9, 29.7, 24.6, 21.4, 19.8, 19.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 357.1631, found 357.1633.

### **3-cyclopropyl-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2n)**



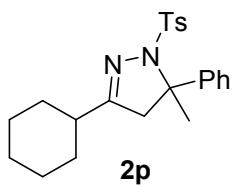
White solid (45.7 mg, 65%); mp 100–101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.82 (m, 2H), 0.80 – 0.66 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.0, 143.5, 142.8, 136.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 125.6, 70.7, 52.7, 24.8, 21.5, 11.5, 6.5, 6.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 355.1475, found 355.1472.

### **3-cyclopentyl-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2o)**



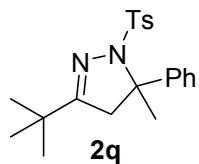
White solid (71.1 mg, 90%); mp 48–49 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.81 (m, 5H), 1.74 – 1.52 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.4, 143.7, 142.8, 137.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 125.6, 70.9, 53.7, 40.4, 30.2, 30.1, 25.3, 24.7, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 383.1788, found 383.1789.

### **3-cyclohexyl-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2p)**



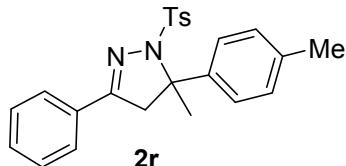
White solid (77.5 mg, 98%); mp 97–98 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.41 – 1.17 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 143.6, 142.7, 137.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 70.6, 53.4, 39.2, 30.1, 30.0, 25.8, 25.63, 25.61, 24.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  397.1944, found 397.1946.

### 3-(*tert*-butyl)-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2q)



White solid (63.7 mg, 86%); mp 83–85 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.07 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.1, 143.7, 142.8, 137.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 125.6, 71.5, 52.1, 34.1, 27.8, 24.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  371.1788, found 371.1785.

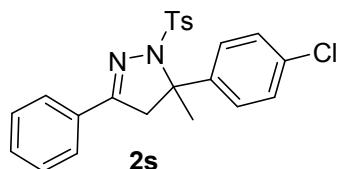
### 5-methyl-3-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2r)



White solid (78.8 mg, 97%); mp 137–138 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J$

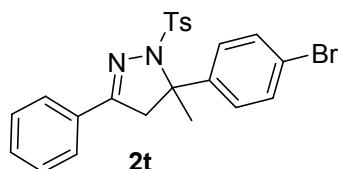
$\delta$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 142.9, 140.4, 137.3, 136.9, 131.1, 130.1, 128.82, 128.79, 128.6, 127.5, 126.5, 125.7, 71.7, 52.7, 25.3, 21.5, 21.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  405.1631, found 405.1630.

**5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2s)**



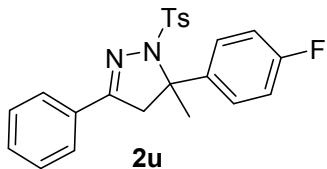
White solid (83.5 mg, 98%); mp 70–71 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 143.3, 141.9, 136.7, 133.6, 130.9, 130.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 126.5, 71.3, 52.6, 25.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  425.1085, found 425.1083.

**5-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2t)**



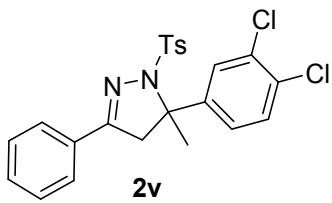
White solid (89.6 mg, 95%); mp 67–69 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.6, 143.3, 142.3, 136.6, 131.2, 130.8, 130.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 121.7, 71.3, 52.5, 25.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  469.0580, found 469.0578.

**5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2u)**



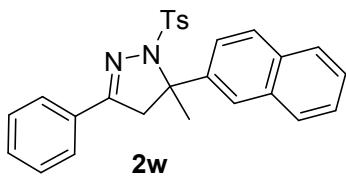
White solid (80.2 mg, 98%); mp 130–131 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.1 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 152.5, 143.3, 139.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 136.8, 131.1, 130.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.5, 126.5, 115.0 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 71.3, 52.7, 25.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 409.1381, found 409.1382.

#### 5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (2v)



White solid (77.7 mg, 85%); mp 152–153 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.5, 143.7, 143.5, 136.4, 132.4, 131.9, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 126.6, 125.3, 70.8, 52.2, 25.1, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 459.0695, found 459.0695.

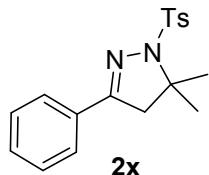
#### 5-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (2w)



White solid (80.4 mg, 91%); mp 174–176 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 5H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d,

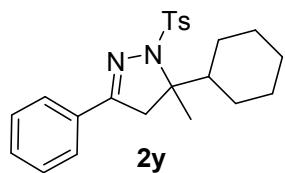
*J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.6, 143.0, 140.2, 136.7, 132.7, 132.6, 131.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 124.6, 123.9, 71.8, 52.6, 25.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  441.1631, found 441.1630.

### 5,5-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2x)



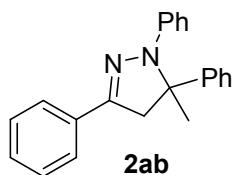
White solid (39.1 mg, 60%); mp 53–55 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.4, 143.4, 137.3, 131.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.5, 128.1, 126.4, 69.1, 49.2, 27.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  329.1318, found 329.1315.

### 5-cyclohexyl-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2y)



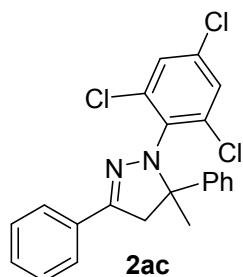
White solid (55.4 mg, 72%); mp 57–58 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.15 – 1.04 (m, 1H), 0.94 – 0.82 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.7, 143.2, 137.6, 131.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 126.3, 75.9, 45.2, 42.4, 28.4, 27.6, 26.3, 26.3, 25.8, 24.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  397.1944, found 397.1943.

### 5-methyl-1,3,5-triphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2ab)



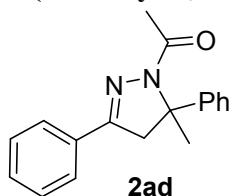
Yellow solid (39.5 mg, 63%); mp 166–167 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.9, 145.2, 143.6, 133.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 125.6, 125.5, 119.4, 115.3, 69.9, 53.5, 22.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 312.1626, found 312.1628.

**5-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-1-(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole (2ac)**



Yellow solid (76.8 mg, 92%); mp 127–128 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.5, 145.4, 138.2, 137.0, 132.8, 132.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.1, 125.92, 125.85, 70.9, 51.4, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 415.0530, found 415.0533.

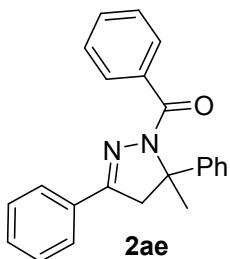
**1-(5-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (2ad)**



White solid (34.1 mg, 61%); mp 146–147 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

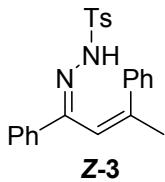
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.8, 151.5, 144.9, 131.5, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0, 126.4, 124.4, 67.5, 52.3, 24.5, 23.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 279.1492, found 279.1492.

**(5-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2ae)**



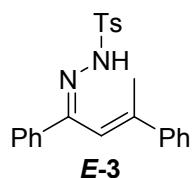
White solid (49.0 mg, 70%); mp 100–101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.3, 152.3, 144.7, 135.5, 131.5, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 128.69, 128.65, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 124.4, 68.8, 51.7, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 341.1648, found 341.1646.

***N'*-(*(1E,2Z*)-1,3-diphenylbut-2-en-1-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (Z-3)**



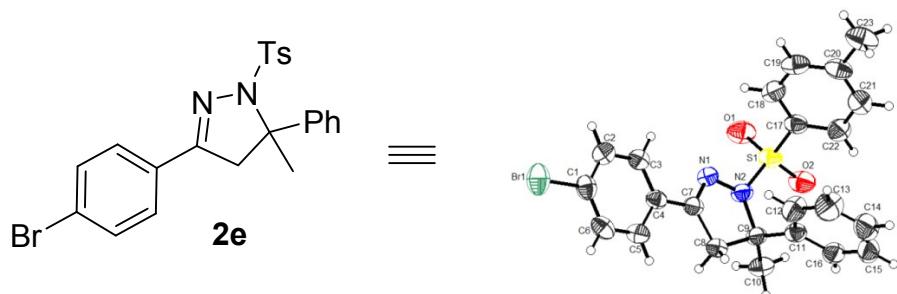
White solid (228.6 mg, 29%); mp 157–159 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.1, 147.1, 143.6, 138.8, 135.9, 135.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 116.7, 24.8, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M +H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 391.1475, found 391.1475.

*N'*-((1*E*,2*E*)-1,3-diphenylbut-2-en-1-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide<sup>5</sup>  
**(E-3)**



White solid (443.2 mg, 57%); mp 99–101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.8, 146.2, 144.0, 139.6, 135.7, 135.6, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.8, 125.8, 115.8, 21.5, 18.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 391.1475, found 391.1478.

**X-ray structure of 2e (CCDC 2018227)**



**Crystal data and structure refinement for 2e**

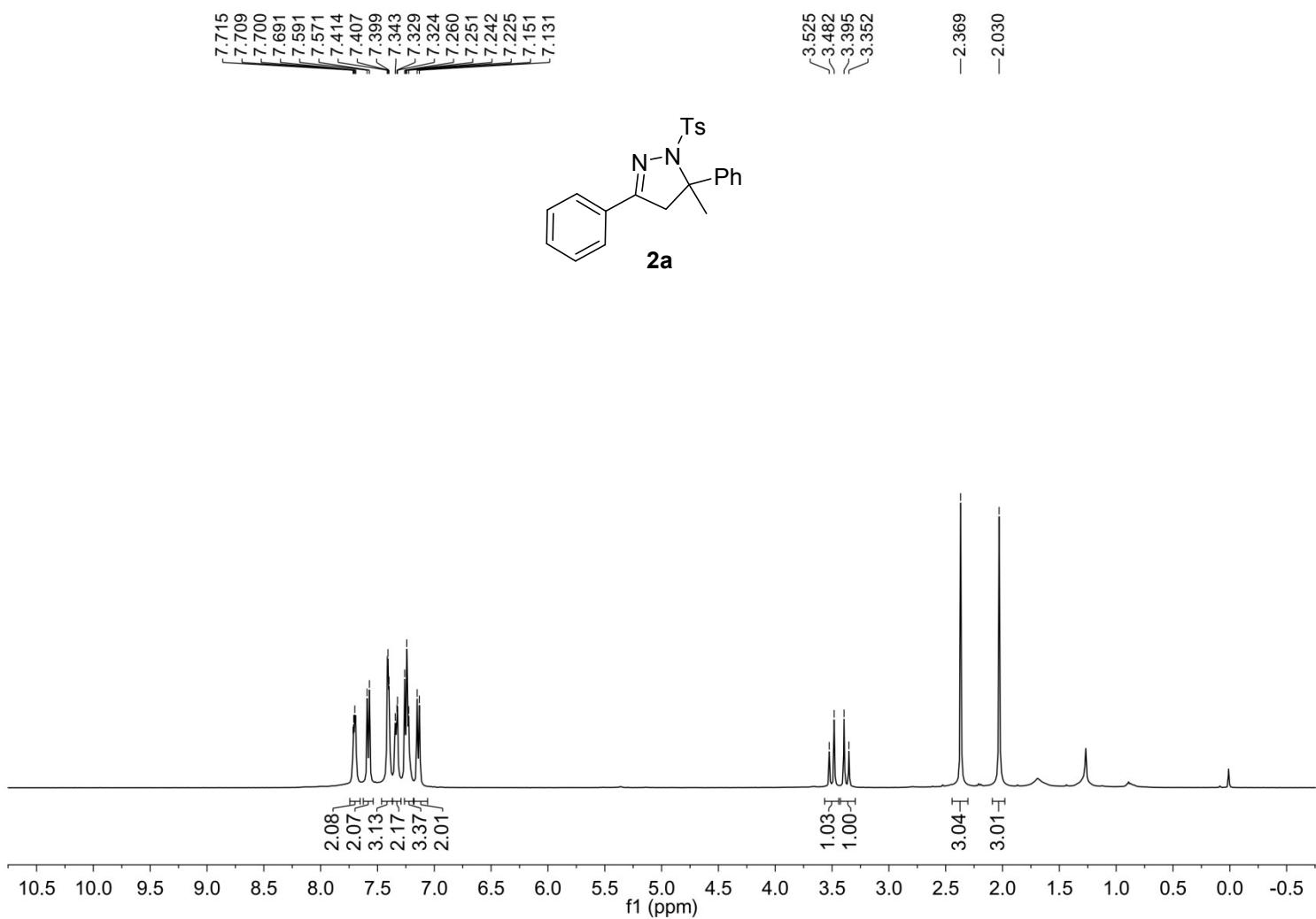
Identification code	<b>2e</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>21</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
Formula weight	469.39
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic

Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.3545(4) Å b = 11.9990(4) Å c = 14.3274(6) Å	α = 90°. β = 94.0510(10)°. γ = 90°.
Volume	2118.61(13) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.472 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.061 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	960	
Crystal size	0.320 x 0.250 x 0.220 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.104 to 27.567°.	
Index ranges	-13<=h<=16, -14<=k<=15, -18<=l<=18	
Reflections collected	32627	
Independent reflections	4888 [R(int) = 0.0397]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.4795	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	4888 / 0 / 264	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.016	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0430, wR2 = 0.1048	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0672, wR2 = 0.1167	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.675 and -0.744 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

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