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## Supporting Information

# Copper-catalyzed Redox-neutral Regioselective Chlorosulfonylation of Vinylarenes

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## **General Methods and Materials:**

Unless specified, all reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions. Alkenes starting materials were synthesized according to a previous reported literature.<sup>1</sup> The *BipG*-derived alkene,<sup>2</sup> fenofibratederived alkene and estrone-derived alkene,<sup>3</sup> cholesterol-derived alkene,<sup>4</sup> (-)mentholderived alkene<sup>4</sup> were synthesized according to reported literatures. Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (purity: 98%) and acetonitrile (super dry, 99.9%) were purchased from J&K; all other reagents were purchased and used without further purification unless specified otherwise. Solvents for chromatography were technical grade and distilled prior to use. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel with the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data were recorded on Bruker 300 M nuclear resonance spectrometers unless otherwise specified, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in ppm are reported as quoted relative to the residual signals of chloroform (<sup>1</sup>H 7.26 ppm or <sup>13</sup>C 77.16 ppm). Multiplicities are described as: s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet); and coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with total proton decoupling. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analysis was performed using electrospray ionization (ESI) with a quadrupole-time of flight (QTOF) mass analyzer. HRMS (ESI) analysis was performed by The Analytical Instrumentation Center at College of Chemistry and Materials Science, Jinan University, and (HRMS) data were reported with ion mass/charge (m/z) ratios as values in atomic mass units.

## **Conditions Screening**

## Table 1 Solvent opitimizations<sup>a</sup>

	+ TsCl 2a 1a	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> , bpy NaHCO <sub>3</sub> , Solvent 100 °C, 4 h 3a
Entry	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	DMSO	20%
2	1, 4-dioxane	72%
3	MeCN	91%
4	MTBE	4%
5	DMF	4%
6	Isopropanol	0%

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv.), solvent (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Table 2 Ligand opitimizations<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Ligand	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	dtbpy	46%
2	2,2'-biquinoline	69%
3	AIBN	28%
4	bру	91%
5	tri( <i>o</i> -tolyl)-phosphine	41%
6	4,4'-dimethoxy-2,2'-bipyridine	40%
7	2,2'-bi(5-methylpyridine)	31%

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Table 3 Catalyst opitimizations<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	25%
2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	33%
3	CuCl	79%
4	FeSO <sub>4</sub>	4%
5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	17%
6	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	91%
7	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	0%

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), catalyst (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Table 4 Base opitimizations<sup>a</sup>

	1a	+ TsCl 2a	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> , bpy Base, MeCN 100 °C, 4 h	CI Ts 3a
Entry		Base		Yield <sup>b</sup>
1		Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		8%
2		K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>		9%
3		Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		56%
4		CH₃COOK		44%
5		Et <sub>3</sub> N		21%
6		K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		25%
7		KHCO <sub>3</sub>		50%
8		Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		9%
9		CsF		ND
10		NaOH		56%
11		LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu		88%
12		DIPEA		81%
13		DABCO		22%
14		DMAP		39%
15		DBU		86%
16		TMG		55%
17		NaHCO₃		91%

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), base (1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b* 1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Table 5 Temperature opitimizations<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Temperature (°C)	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	100	91%
2	80	70%
3	60	9%
4	40	ND
5	rt	ND

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Table 6 Amounts of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> opitimizations<sup>a</sup>

	+ TsCl 1a 2a	Cl Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (x mol%), bpy NaHCO <sub>3</sub> , MeCN 100 °C, 4 h 3a
Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	10 mol%	91%
2	5mol%	79%
3	1mol%	24%

<sup>a</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (x mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

(1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h;  $^{b\ 1}\text{H}$  NMR yield.

## Table 7 Amounts of TsCl opitimizations<sup>a</sup>

	+ TsCl 1a 2a	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> , bpy NaHCO <sub>3</sub> , MeCN 100 °C, 4 h 3a
Entry	TsCl (equiv.)	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	1.0 (equiv.)	18%
2	1.2 (equiv.)	38%
3	1.5 (equiv.)	71%
4	2.0 (equiv.)	91%

<sup>a</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using 1a (1.0 equiv.), 2a (x equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

(1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h;  $^{b 1}$ H NMR yield.

## Table 8 Control experiments<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Conditions	Yield <sup>b</sup>
1	without Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	ND
2	without bpy	<5%
3	without NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	ND
4	under air	31%

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction on a 0.2 mmol scale, using **1a** (1.0 equiv.), **2a** (2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), bpy (10 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), under N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h; <sup>*b*</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield.

## Note:

MTBE = *tert*-butyl methyl ether; dtbpy = 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-dipyidyl; AIBN = 2,2'-azobis(2methylpropionitrile); bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine; DIPEA = N,N-diisopropylethylamine; DABCO = 1,4diaza[2.2.2]bicyclooctane; DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene; TMG = 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl guanidine; ND = Not Detected.

#### **General Procedure for Chlorosulfonylation**



Sulfonyl chloride **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then alkene **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Volatile solvent and reagents were removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (50:1 to 15:1) to afford the desired product **3** or **4**.

#### **Characterization of Products**



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (3a).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 93%, white solid, melting point: 76-77 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 7H), 5.34 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.82 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  144.9, 138.6, 136.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.2, 64.1, 55.2, 21.6. IR (ATR): 3061, 2977, 2830, 1599, 1320, 1139, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 295.0558, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.0554.



**1-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-2-methylbenzene (3b).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 80%, white solid, melting point: 89-90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 3H), 5.29 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  144.8, 138.7, 138.4, 136.2, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 124.4, 64.0, 55.2, 21.6, 21.3. IR (ATR): 3102, 2815, 1608, 1573, 1312, 897, 679 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 309.0717, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 309.0711.



**1-bromo-2-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzene (3c).** yield: 37%, white solid, melting point: 75-76 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  149.5, 145.2, 137.0, 136.0, 132.5, 130.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.0, 121.2, 63.9, 54.2, 21.5. IR (ATR): 2917, 2849, 1511, 1322, 1264, 1213, 1156, 920, 810, 792 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 394.9482, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrClO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.9479.

**1-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-3-methylbenzene (3d)**.<sup>7</sup> yield: 81%, white solid, melting point: 109-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.02 (m, 6H), 5.63 (t, *J* =

5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.84 (m, 2H), 2.40 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  144.9, 136.6, 136.2, 135.5, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 63.4, 51.4, 21.6, 19.1. IR (ATR): 3059, 2990, 1598, 1316, 914, 760, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 309.0719, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 309.0711.



**1-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-3-methoxybenzene (3e).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 97%, white solid, melting point: 105-106 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.74 (m, 2H), 5.28 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  159.8, 144.9, 139.9, 136.2, 130.0, 129.7, 128.2, 119.5, 114.7, 112.6, 64.1, 55.3, 55.1, 21.6. IR (ATR): 2996, 2832, 1592, 1491, 1190, 940, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 325.0663, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 325.0660.



**1-((2-chloro-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (3f).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 88%, yellow solid, melting point: 116-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  144.83, 139.2, 136.3, 135.6, 129.7, 129.5, 128.2, 127.1, 64.1, 55.1, 21.6, 21.2. IR (ATR): 3014, 2983, 1594, 1387, 872, 634 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 331.0537, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 331.0530.



**1-(***tert***-butyl)-4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzene (3g).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 74%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.3 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.85 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  152.3, 144.6, 136.3, 135.4, 129.7, 128.2, 126.9, 125.8, 64.0, 55.1, 34.6, 31.3, 21.6. IR (ATR): 3085, 2932, 2893, 1582, 1372, 932, 534 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: found: 373.0992, calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 373.0999.



**4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3h)**. yield: 81%, white solid, melting point: 98-99 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.89 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 144.9, 142.1, 140.1, 137.3, 136.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 64.0, 55.0, 21.6. IR (ATR): 2937, 1595, 1486, 1318, 1135, 759, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 357.0915, calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{18}O_2SNa$  [M-HCl+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 357.0920.



**1-((2-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (3i)**.<sup>7</sup> yield: 92%, white solid, melting point: 103-104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 162.9 (d, J = 247.6 Hz), 145.1, 136.2, 134.4 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.8, 129.2 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 128.1, 115.9 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 64.1, 54.4, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -111.8 (s, 1F). IR (ATR): 3071, 2932, 1592, 1071, 883, 654 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 335.0284, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClFO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 335.0279.



**1-chloro-4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzene (3j).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 98%, white solid, melting point: 115-116 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 6H), 5.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.79 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  145.1, 136.9, 136.0, 135.1, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 63.9, 54.3, 21.6. IR (ATR): 3015, 2812, 1653, 1587, 1091, 872, 684 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 329.0169, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.0164.

**4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzonitrile (3k).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 73%, white solid, melting point: 108-109 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.62-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.78 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 145.5, 143.4, 136.0, 132.6, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 118.0, 113.0, 63.6, 53.9, 21.7. IR (ATR): 2956, 2871, 1607, 1592, 1087, 897, 614 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 342.0321, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S Na[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:



**1-((2-chloro-2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene (3l).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 79%, white solid, melting point: 120-121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  8.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.81 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  148.0, 145.5, 145.2, 135.9, 130.0, 128.5, 128.1, 124.1, 63.6, 53.5, 21.6. IR (ATR): 2934, 2715, 1593, 1364, 1139, 1085, 774, 551 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 340.0409, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.0405.



**1-((2-chloro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene** (3m). yield: 57%, white solid, melting point: 115-116 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.84 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 145.2, 142.0, 135.9, 131.3 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.8, 128.0, 127.8, 125.8 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 63.7, 54.1, 21.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -62.9 (s, 3F). IR (ATR): 2918, 2850, 1596, 1321, 1162, 1138, 1068, 912, 780, 548, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 385.0248, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 385.0247.



**1-((2-chloro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene** (**3**n). yield: 61%, white solid, melting point: 100-101 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.82 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 145.1, 137.5, 135.9, 131.8 (d, *J* = 222.5 Hz), 129.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 122.9, 62.9, 53.8, 21.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -57.8 (s, 3F). IR (ATR): 2879, 1733, 1596, 1319, 1140, 755, 548 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 401.0206, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.0196.



**4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-1,2-difluorobenzene (30)**. yield: 33%, white solid, melting point: 126-127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 3H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.76 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 148.8, 145.3, 143.2, 136.0, 135.4 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 129.9, 128.1, 123.8 (d, *J* = 6.7, 3.8 Hz), 117.7 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 116.5 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz), 63.9, 53.8, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -135.8 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz, 1F), -136.1 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz, 1F). IR (ATR): 2918, 1730, 1521, 1317, 1133, 755, 552 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 353.0184, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 353.0185.



**4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-1,2-dimethylbenzene (3p)**. yield: 95%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.82 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 144.7, 137.9, 137.2, 136.3, 135.8, 130.0, 129.6, 128.2, 128.2, 124.7, 64.0, 55.2, 21.6, 19.7, 19.5. IR (ATR): 2879, 1733, 1596, 1319, 1140, 755, 548, 514 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 287.1105, calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{19}O_2S$  [M-HCl+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.1100.



**2-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)naphthalene (3q).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 97%, white solid, melting point: 118-119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.78-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08-3.95 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 144.8, 135.9, 135.3, 133.4, 132.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.1, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 124.0, 63.8, 55.6, 21.4. IR (ATR): 2854, 1592, 1352, 1074, 782, 673 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 345.0717, calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.0711.



**1-chloro-2-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (3r).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 90%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.40 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  145.4, 140.3, 138.9, 134.8, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 125.3, 124.6, 72.7, 60.6, 31.9, 21.7. IR (ATR): 2932, 2752, 1587, 1318, 1052, 814, 678 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 307.0559, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 307.0554.



**(1-chloro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)benzene (4a).**<sup>8</sup> yield: 98%, white solid, melting point: 92-93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.83 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 139.2, 138.4, 133.8, 129.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 64.1, 55.1. IR (ATR): 3063, 2961, 2926, 1599, 1407, 1319, 748, 552 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 281.0391, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 281.0398.



**1-bromo-2-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (4b).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 57%, white solid, melting point: 87-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.19 (m, 6H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  138.3, 137.9, 135.1, 134.7, 132.1, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 120.7, 61.2, 55.3. IR (ATR): 3077, 2831, 1597, 1365, 1142, 1095, 759, 528 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 358.9500, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.9504.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-2-nitrobenzene (4c)**. yield: 65%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 6.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 3H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 138.0, 134.9, 133.3, 132.6, 132.4, 129.5, 129.0, 127.3, 125.0, 64.4, 55.3. IR (ATR): 3032, 2935, 1595, 1303, 1144, 770, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 326.0245, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.0248.



**1-bromo-3-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (4d).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 94%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 6H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.88 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 141.0, 137.9, 136.8, 131.1, 130.6, 129.5, 128.9, 127.2, 126.6, 123.1, 64.0, 55.0. IR (ATR): 3072, 2926, 1600, 1138, 915, 524 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS

(ESI): found: 358.9508, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.9503.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-3-methylbenzene (4e).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 98%, white solid, melting point: 95-96 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 5H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.84 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  139.4, 139.0, 138.4, 134.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 125.2, 64.0, 55.1, 21.2. IR (ATR): 2962, 2831, 1599, 1365, 1134, 685, 573 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 295.0554, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.0554.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4f).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 97%, white solid, melting point: 97-98 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.79 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 163.9, 138.7, 130.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.2, 114.4, 64.2, 55.7, 55.3. IR (ATR): 3003, 2927, 1594, 1262, 832, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 333.0329, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 333.0323.



**1-(tert-butyl)-4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (4g)**. yield: 95%, white solid, melting point: 110-111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 5H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.85 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  157.7, 138.4, 136.0, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 126.1, 63.9, 55.2, 35.2, 31.0. IR (ATR): 2987, 1728, 1573, 1313, 1277, 1173, 806, 697, 565 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 375.0575, calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>SK [M+K]<sup>+</sup>: 375.0582.



**4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (4h).**<sup>9</sup> yield: 78%, white solid, melting point: 95-96 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.83 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 146.7, 139.1, 138.4, 137.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 64.1, 55.2.

IR (ATR): 3062, 2925, 1595, 1173, 837, 692, 533 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 379.0532, calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 379.0530.

**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-fluorobenzene (4i).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 94%, white solid, melting point: 87-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.73 (q, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.83 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 165.8 (d, J = 254.9 Hz), 138.3, 135.2 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 127.2, 116.4 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 64.2, 55.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -103.0 (s, 1F). IR (ATR): 2989, 2937, 1592, 1492, 1233, 1138, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 321.0127, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClFNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 321.0127.



**1-chloro-4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzene (4j).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 85%, white solid, melting point: 108-109 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 5H), 5.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.84 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  140.6, 138.2, 137.6, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.2, 64.1, 55.1. IR (ATR): 3067, 2827, 1599, 1457, 742, 518 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 336.9821, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 336.9827.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-iodobenzene (4k).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 94%, white solid, melting point: 103-104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.85 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  138.8, 138.4, 138.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 127.2, 101.9, 64.0, 55.0. IR (ATR): 2872, 1525, 1325, 775, 562 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 428.9187, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClINaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 428.9183.



**4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzonitrile (4I).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 63%, white solid, melting point: 117-118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08-3.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  143.2, 137.8, 132.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 127.3, 117.4, 117.1, 63.9, 54.6. IR (ATR): 2988, 1600, 1457, 1019, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 306.0357, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 306.0350.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (4m).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 90%, white solid, melting point: 116-117 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 5H), 5.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 142.6, 137.8, 135.3 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 63.9, 54.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -63.3 (s, 3F). IR (ATR): 2988, 2830, 1603, 1326, 1138, 703, 546 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 349.0278, calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 349.0271.



**1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-4-nitrobenzene (4n).**<sup>6</sup> yield: 97%, white solid, melting point: 87-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  8.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.09-3.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  150.7, 144.7, 137.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 127.3, 124.2, 64.1, 54.9. IR (ATR): 3062, 2936, 1581, 1321, 771, 633 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 326.0251, calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.0248.



**methyl 4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)benzoate (40).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 96%, white solid, Melting Point: 110-111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 5H), 5.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.86 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 165.4, 143.0, 138.1, 134.8, 130.2, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.2, 63.9, 55.0, 52.8. IR (ATR): 2984, 2940, 2832, 1726, 1459, 1327, 854 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 339.0458, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 339.0452.



**4-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-1,2-dimethoxybenzene (4p)**. yield: 97%, white solid, melting point: 126-127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.83 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  153.5, 149.0, 138.6, 130.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.2, 122.4, 110.7, 110.3, 64.3, 56.3, 56.2, 55.2. IR (ATR): 2931, 1586, 1507, 1260, 1126, 1017, 758, 696, 516 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 363.0428, calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 363.0428.



**2-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)naphthalene (4q)**. yield: 95%, white solid, melting point: 120-121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 3H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09-3.92 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  138.3, 135.9, 135.3, 131.9, 130.4, 129.5, 129.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 122.4, 63.9, 55.2. IR (ATR): 3060, 2976, 1594, 1313, 1123, 799, 548 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 331.0559, calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 331.0554.



**2-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)thiophene (4r).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 83%, yellow solid, melting point: 107-108 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.66 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 4.1, 0.7 Hz 1H), 5.36 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10-3.93 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  140.0, 138.5, 134.9, 134.7, 129.3, 129.0, 127.9, 127.2, 65.3, 55.1. IR (ATR): 3097, 3060, 2967, 2868, 1600, 1501, 1364, 854, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 308.9782, calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNaO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 308.9781.

**(1-chloro-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)benzene (4s).**<sup>5</sup> yield: 78%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 5.38 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J = 15.2 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 138.6, 129.6, 129.3, 127.2, 63.5, 55.6, 42.7. IR (ATR): 2967, 2868, 1600, 1501, 1364, 854, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 219.0246, calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 219.0241.

### **General Procedure for Scale-up Reaction**



## For Chlorosulfonylation:

Tosyl chloride **2a** (20.0 mmol, 3.8 g), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mol, 360 mg) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (11.0 mmol, 0.92 g) were weighed into a 100 mL Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then 4-chlorostyrene **1j** (10.0 mmol, 1.39 g) in MeCN (50 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 7 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Volatile solvent and reagents were removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (50:1 to 15:1) to afford the desired product **3j** as a white solid, got: 3.02 g, 92% yield.

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## Procedures

For all the chlorosulfonylation reactions, follow the General Procedure for Chlorosulfonylation.



ethyl 2-(4-(4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzoyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (5a). yield: 77%, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08-5.02 (m, 2H), 3.97-3.85 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  194.3, 173.0, 159.8, 145.2, 142.0, 138.7, 136.0, 132.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 128.1, 127.2, 117.2, 69.3, 63.7, 60.4, 54.5, 25.4, 21.6, 21.5. IR (ATR): 2985, 1713, 1597, 1280, 1141, 1101, 829, 763, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 543.1596, calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 543.1603.



(8R,9S,13S,14S)-3-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (5b). yield: 77%, dr = 1:1, white solid, melting point: 118-119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.27-5.23 (m, 1H), 3.96-3.81 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.21 (m, 6H), 2.19-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.17 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 220.6, 144.6, 140.9, 137.1, 136.3, 135.8, 135.8, 129.6, 128.2, 127.6, 125.9, 124.6, 63.9, 55.1, 55.0, 50.4, 47.9, 44.4, 38.0, 37.9, 35.8, 31.5, 29.2, 26.3, 25.6, 25.6, 21.7, 21.6, 21.6, 13.8. IR (ATR): 2928, 1736, 1711, 1317, 1219, 1137, 1085, 773, 551, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 493.1565, calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 493.1575.



(3aS,5S,6aS)-5-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[2,3-d][1,3]dioxol-6-yl 4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzoate (5c). yield: 95%, dr = 1:1, white solid, melting point: 120-121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.78 (m, 2H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  164.4, 164.4, 145.3, 145.2, 143.9, 143.6, 136.0, 135.9, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 112.4, 109.5, 109.4, 105.1, 105.1, 83.3, 79.9, 79.9, 76.9, 72.5, 72.5, 67.3, 67.3, 63.6, 63.5, 54.2, 26.9, 26.7, 26.2, 25.3, 21.6, 21.6. IR (ATR): 2987, 1716, 1267, 1217, 1085, 1016, 773, 554, 514 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 603.1417, calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClO<sub>9</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 603.1426.



(3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((R)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzoate (5d). yield: 68%, white solid, melting point: 128-129 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90-4.82 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.75 (m, 6H), 1.61-1.46 (m, 6H), 1.34-0.99 (m, 17H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 6H), 0.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 165.1, 145.1, 142.8, 139.5, 136.0, 131.5, 130.1, 129.8, 128.2, 127.2, 123.0, 74.9, 63.8, 56.7, 56.2, 54.4, 50.1, 42.3, 39.8, 39.5, 38.2, 37.0, 36.7, 36.2, 35.8, 32.0, 31.9, 29.7, 29.4, 28.3, 28.0, 27.9, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.7, 22.6, 21.6, 21.1, 19.4, 18.8, 11.9. IR (ATR): 2936, 1706, 1275, 1138, 903, 758, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 745.3446, calcd. for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>59</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>SK [M+K]<sup>+</sup>: 745.3454.



(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6Hcyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzoate (5e). yield: 64%, white solid, melting point: 115-116 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.40 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.44 (m, 5H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.23 -1.98 (m, 4H), 1.70 -1.46 (m, 6H), 0.94 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 220.8, 164.6, 148.7, 145.2, 143.8, 138.2, 137.7, 136.0, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 121.6, 118.7, 63.8, 54.3, 50.5, 48.0, 44.2, 38.0, 35.9, 31.6, 29.5, 26.4, 25.8, 21.7, 21.6, 13.9. IR (ATR): 2923, 1735, 1321, 1139, 1069, 914, 762, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 629.1517, calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>ClO<sub>5</sub>SK [M+K]<sup>+</sup>: 629.1525.



#### ((2-chloro-2-(4-((((1R,2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-

**methylcyclohexyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylbenzene** (5f). yield: 73%, white solid, melting point: 89-90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 6H), 5.34 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (td, *J* = 10.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.02-0.89 (m, 10H), 0.76 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  144.9, 140.5, 140.5, 137.6, 137.6, 136.2, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 79.2, 79.1, 69.8, 69.7, 64.2, 55.0, 48.4, 40.3, 34.6, 31.6, 25.6, 23.3, 22.4, 21.6, 21.0, 16.2. IR (ATR): 2923, 2868, 1713, 1598, 1320, 1138, 1085, 812, 552 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 485.1914, calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClO<sub>9</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 485.1888.

## **Mechanistic Study**

#### Scheme 1 Radical capture experiments



## **Procedures:**

### (a) TEMPO

Tosyl chloride **2a** (0.4 mmol, 76.3 mg, 2.0 equiv.),  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (7.2 mg, 10 mol%, 0.1 equiv.), **TEMPO** (93.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.22 mmol, 18.5 mg, 1.1 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol, 20.8 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. It was extracted with EtOAc and the solvent was then removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was submitted to <sup>1</sup>H NMR (0.2 mmol CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> was added as an internal standard).



(b) BHT



Tosyl chloride **2a** (0.4 mmol, 76.3 mg, 2.0 equiv.),  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (7.2 mg, 10 mol%, 0.1 equiv.), **BHT** (44.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.22 mmol, 18.5 mg, 1.1 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol, 20.8 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Volatile solvent and reagents were removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (50:1 to 15:1) to directly afford the chlorosulfonylation product **3a** (4.8 mg, 8% yield) and the BHT-adduct **6a** (24 mg, 32% yield).



**2,6-di-***tert*-**butyl-4-(tosylmethyl)phenol (6a)**.<sup>10</sup> yield: 32%, yellow solid, melting point: 106-107 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 154.2, 144.3, 136.0, 134.9, 129.3, 128.9, 127.7, 119.0, 63.4, 34.1, 30.1, 21.5. IR (ATR): 3415, 2816, 2546, 1594, 1325, 889, 673 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI): found: 375.1987, calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1988.

#### Scheme 2 Carbon cation capture experiment



## **Procedures:**

Tosyl chloride **2a** (0.4 mmol, 76.3 mg, 2.0 equiv.),  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (7.2 mg, 10 mol%, 0.1 equiv.), **KBr** (47.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.22 mmol, 18.5 mg, 1.1 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol, 20.8 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under argon at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room

temperature. It was extracted with EtOAc and the solvent was then removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was submitted to <sup>1</sup>H NMR The ratio of the products **3a** and **3a'** were detected as **3a** : **3a'** = 1 : 1.



#### Scheme 3 From sulfonylation product to chlorosulfonylation product



#### **Procedures:**

(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(styrylsulfonyl)benzene **7a** (0.2 mmol, 65.9 mg, 1.0 equiv.), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (7.2 mg, 10 mol%, 0.1 equiv.), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol, 50.4 mg, 3.0 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. It was extracted with EtOAc and the solvent was then removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was submitted to <sup>1</sup>H NMR, no product **3a** was detected.



## **Procedures:**

1-chloro-4-(1-chloro-2-tosylethyl)benzene **3j** (0.2 mmol, 65.9 mg, 1.0 equiv.), KBr (0.4 mmol, 47.6 mg, 2.0 equiv.) were weighed into a Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was capped and subjected to three vacuum-purge/nitrogen-flush cycles. Then MeCN (1.5 mL) was added through the side-arm by syringe. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen at 100 °C for 4 h. After reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. It was extracted with EtOAc and the solvent was then removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was submitted to <sup>1</sup>H NMR, no product **3j'** was detected.



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## **NMR Spectra Images of Products**































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