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Redox-active Alkylsulfones as a Precursor for Alkyl Radicals Under Photoredox Catalysis

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1. General Information:

All reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Liquids and solutions were transferred with syringes. Solvents used were dried and purified by following standard procedures. Technical grade solvents for extraction or chromatography (ethyl acetate, and petroleum ether) were distilled before use. CDCl₃ was stored over 4Å molecular sieves. Chemicals used in this project were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCl, Alfa-Aesar and Sisco Research Laboratories (SRL) and used without further purification. All the liquid chemicals were distilled freshly prior to use. Blue leds GRPAR38-24W were purchased from ABI. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on using pre-coated aluminium-backed plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized by UV radiation, basic aqueous potassium permangante (KMnO4), *p*-anisaldehyde stains as developing agents.

Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40–63 µm, 230–400 mesh, ASTM) from Merck using the indicated solvents. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on Heidolph rotary evaporator. NMR spectra were acquired on a JEOL JNM ECS-400, instrument running at 400 MHz for 1 H, 101 MHz 13 C and 376 MHz for 19 F. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (CHCl₃, 7.26 ppm for 1 H NMR, CDCl₃, 77.16 ppm for 13 C NMR). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad singlet, s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet, td = triplet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. All fluorescence data were recorded using Perkin Elmer LS55 fluorescence spectrophotometer instrument.

Figure S1: Photochemical reaction set up.





2. List of starting substrates prepared:

2.1 List of sulfone compounds prepared: [S1-S2]

The lists of substrates prepared according to **GP-1**–**GP-4** are given bellow.

<u>List of successful sulfones</u>

2.2 List of acceptors prepared:

All acceptors were prepared according to the previous literatures. [S2-S3]

List of successful acceptors

List of Unsuccessful acceptors

Starting substrates for intramolecular reaction

$$CO_2Bn$$
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 CO_2Bn

3.1 Optimization Table:

Table S1: Evaluation of solvents[a]

Entry	Yield (%) ^[b]	
1	MeCN	n.r
2	THF	59%
3	DMA	35%
4	1,4-dioxane	n.r.
5	Et₂O	n.r.
6	DCM	n.r.
7	DMSO	54%
8	DMF	n.r.
9	DCE	49%

10	NMP	32%
11	DMPU	30%
12	MeOH	n.r.
13	HFIP	n.r.

[a]Reactions were carried out in 0.1 mmol scale. [b]Yields reported are the isolated yield.

Table S2: Evaluation of reductant^[a]

Entry	Reductant	Yield (%) ^[b]
1	DIPEA	59%
2	Diisobutylamine	trace
3	Diisopropylamine	trace
4	Piperidine	n.r.
5	Pyrrolidine	35%
6	TEA	20%
7	Hantzsch ester	70%
8	Hz.ester/TMP	35%
9	NMP	n r

[a]Reactions were carried out in 0.1 mmol scale. [b]Yields reported are the isolated yield.

Table S3: Evaluation of Catalyst^[a]

Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) ^[b]
1	fac-Ir(ppy) ₃	70%
2	4-CzIPN	n.r.
3	Eosin Y ^[c]	n.r.

4	Acridinium	n.r.
5	$Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$	trace
6	$[Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy)_2]PF_6$	50%
7	(Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy))PF ₆	32%

[a]Reactions were carried out in 0.1 mmol scale. [b]Yields reported are the isolated yield. [c] Green light as a light source

Table S4: Evaluation of solvents mixture with best reductant HE^[a]

Entry	Solvent (0.1 M)	Yield (%) ^[b]
1	THF	70%
2	NMP	30%
3	PhMe	65%
4	DMPU	45%
5	DMA	45%
6	DCE	54%
7	DMSO	40%

[a]Reactions were carried out in 0.1 mmol scale. [b]Yields reported are the isolated yield.

Table S5: Evaluation of equivalency^[a]

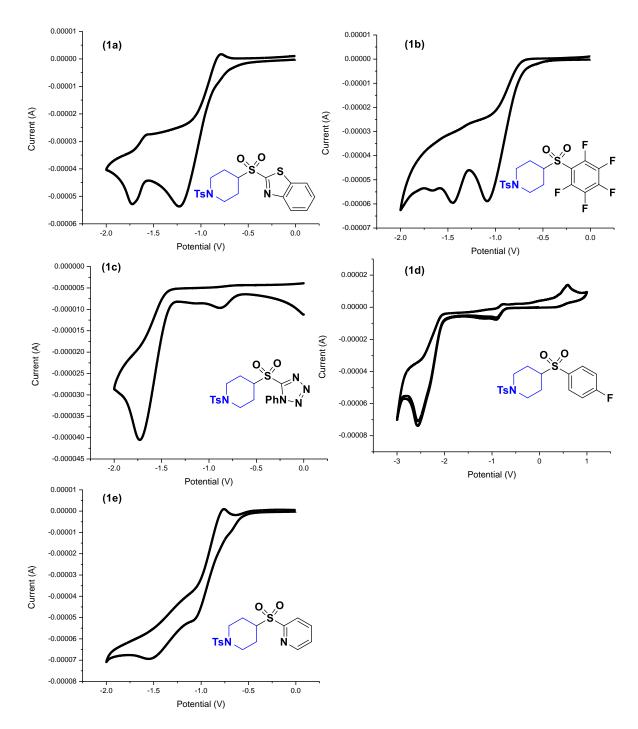
N	0 0 N S N	Ts 2a	Bn <i>fac</i> -Ir(pp <u>y</u> THF	HE y) ₃ (1 mol%) (0.1 M) , 45 °C, 12 h	Ts -N 4a	O-Bn O
	Entry	1a	2a	HE	Yield (%) ^[b]	
	1	1	2.5	2	70%	
	2	1	3	2	75%	
	3	1	1	2	40%	
	4	2	1	2	44%	
	5	1	3	2.5	70%	

[a]Reactions were carried out in 0.1 mmol scale. [b]Yields reported are the isolated yield.

3.2 Cyclic voltammetry:

Cyclic voltammograms of (a) 1a, (b) 1b, (c) 1c, (d) 1d, (e) 1e, in THF with a 0.1 M n-Bu₄NPF₆ as a supporting electrolyte. Working electrode: Pt wire; Counter electrode: Pt wire; Reference electrode: Ag/AgCl; Scan rate: 0.05 V/s Ferrocene/ferrocenium ion redox couple was used as an external reference.

Table S6: Reduction potential



4. General Procedures:

4.1 General Procedure 1: Mitsunobu reaction of thiol with alkyl alcohols (GP-1)

According to previous literature, [S1] a round bottom flask was charged with alcohol (1.0 equiv.), triphenyl phosphine (1.1 equiv.) and thiol (1.1 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled or continuously purged with argon. Anhydrous THF (0.2 M) was added, and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C in an ice/water bath. DIAD (neat, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir overnight. The mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford pure thioether.

4.2 General Procedure 2: Oxidation with *m*CPBA (GP-2)

According to previous literature, $^{[S1]}$ to a solution of thioether (1.0 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 M) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C in an ice / water bath was added mCPBA (2.2 equiv.) portionwise, and the mixture was stirred until complete conversion to the sulfone was observed by TLC (the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature). Saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution and saturated aq. Na₂S₂O₃ solution were added slowly, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting crude material was purified by recrystallization (typically from CH₂Cl₂ / MeOH) or column chromatography (silica) to afford pure sulfone.

4.3 General Procedure 3: Preparation of tertiary sulfones from primary sulfones (GP-3).

According to previous literature, [S1-S2] A two-neck Schlenk flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To the flask were added primary sulfone (1 equiv) and dry THF (5 mL per mmol of sulfone). A solution of LiHMDS (1.3 M in THF, 3 equiv) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture at -78 °C under argon. After stirring for 30 min, alkyl iodide (4 equiv) was added, the mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Sat. NH₄Cl aq was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding tertiary sulfone.

4.4 General Procedure 4: Preparation of tertiary sulfones from secondary sulfones (GP-4).

According to previous literature, [S2] A two-neck flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To the flask were added primary sulfone (1 equiv) and dry THF (5 mL per mmol of sulfone). A solution of LiHMDS (1.3 M in THF, 1.5 equiv) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture at -78 °C under argon. After stirring for 30 min, alkyl bromide or iodide (2 equiv) was added, the mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Sat. NH₄Cl aq was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding tertiary sulfone.

4.5 General Procedure 5: Preparation of compound **2I** and **2m** for Intramolecular Giese reaction (GP-5).

According to previous literature, [S2] A 20-mL two-neck flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To this flask were added sulfone (1.0 equiv), DCM (7.5 mL per mmol), olefin (5 equiv), and Grubbs catalyst 2nd generation (5 mol %) under a stream of argon. This mixture was heated at 40 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc (~10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding sulfone.

4.6 General Procedure 6: Photocatalytic Desulfonative Cross-Coupling Reaction (GP-6).

Sulfone benzothiazole **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), {fac-Ir(ppy)₃} (0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate **(HE)** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and acceptor **2** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was charged in an oven-dried 5 mL glass vial under argon atmosphere

in glove box. The reaction mixture was dissolved in 0.1 M dry THF and the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and wrapped with parafilm in glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 2x24W Blue LEDs for 12-24 h at 45 °C (oil bath temperature). Upon completion the mixture was transferred to a round bottom flask and the glass vial was washed with CH_2CI_2 (2 × 2 mL). The crude mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography or purified by pTLC to afford the corresponding Coupling product.

4.7 General Procedure 7: Intramolecular Giese reaction of tertiary sulfone (GP-7).

Sulfone benzothiazole **2I, 2m** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $\{fac\text{-Ir}(ppy)_3\}$ (0.001 mmol, 1 mol%), diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate **(HE)** (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was charged in an oven-dried 5 mL glass vial under argon atmosphere in glove box. The reaction mixture was dissolved in 0.1 M dry THF and the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and wrapped with parafilm in glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 2x24W Blue LEDs for 24 h at 45 °C (oil bath temperature). Upon completion the mixture was transferred to a round bottom flask and the glass vial was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 2 mL). The crude mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography or purified by pTLC to afford the corresponding Coupling product.

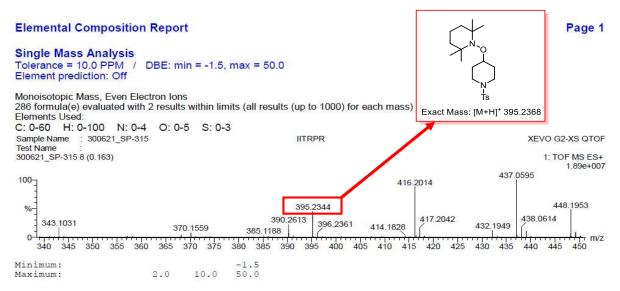
4.8 General Procedure 8: Photocatalytic Desulfonative Coupling with allyl sulfone (GP-8).

Sulfone benzothiazole (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), $\{fac\text{-Ir}(ppy)_3\}$ (0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (HE) (0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and acceptor (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was charged in an oven-dried 5 mL glass vial under argon atmosphere in glove box. The reaction mixture was dissolved in 0.1 M dry THF and the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and wrapped with parafilm in glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 2x24W Blue LEDs for 24 h at 45 °C (oil bath temperature). Upon completion the mixture was transferred to a round bottom flask and the glass vial was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 2 mL). The crude mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography or purified by pTLC to afford the corresponding Coupling product.

5. Mechanistic study and proposal

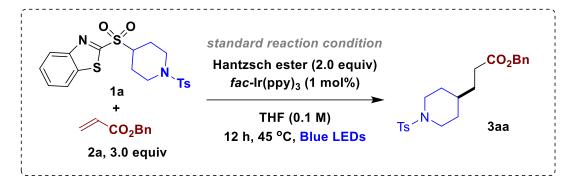
5.1 Using TEMPO as radical scavenger

To an oven-dried 5 mL glass vial was charged with **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), **TEMPO** (63.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) **HE** (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [*fac*-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) under argon atmosphere in glove box. The reaction mixture was dissolved in 0.1 M dry THF and the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and wrapped with parafilm in glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 2x24W Blue LEDs for 12 h at 45 °C (oil bath temperature). The corresponding coupling product **3aa** was not observed based on ¹H NMR analysis, and the corresponding product of radical trapping, 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-((1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy)piperidine was observed by mass spectrometry (HRMS)



5.2 Fluorescence quenching experiments (Stern-Volmer study)

Emission intensities were recorded using a Perkin Elmer LS55 fluorescence spectrophotometer. In a typical experiment, a 0.5 mM solution of $\{fac\text{-Ir}(ppy)_3\}$ (PC) in THF was added to the appropriate amount of quencher in a PTEF capped 1.0 cm quartz cuvette. After degassing by bubbling a stream of nitrogen for 10 minutes, the emission of the sample was collected. All solutions were excited at $\lambda = 450$ nm (absorption maximum of the photocatalyst) and the emission intensity was collected at 546 nm (emission maximum). [S5]



Sulfone (1a) as a Quencher

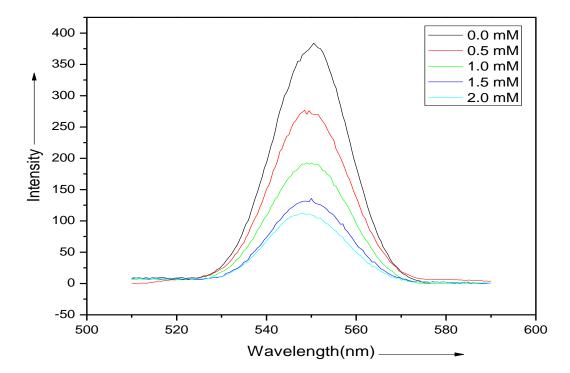


Figure S2a: Fluorescence quenching of PC with 1a

Stern Volmer plot

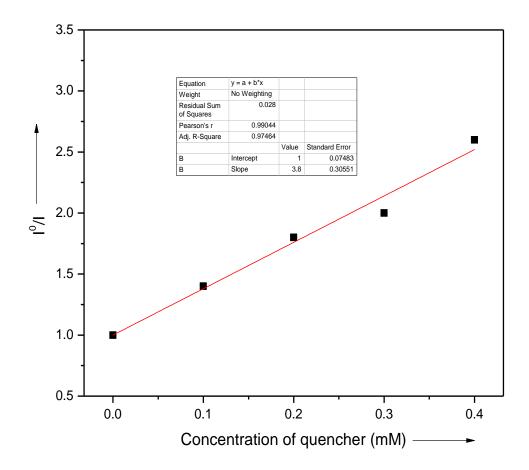


Figure S2b: Stern-Volmer plot of PC with 1a

Hantzsch ester (HE) as a Quencher

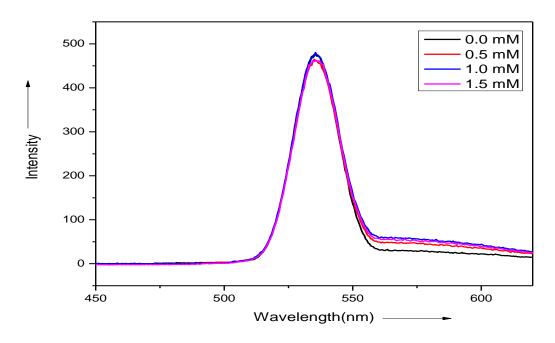


Figure S2c: Fluorescence quenching of PC with HE

Stern Volmer plot

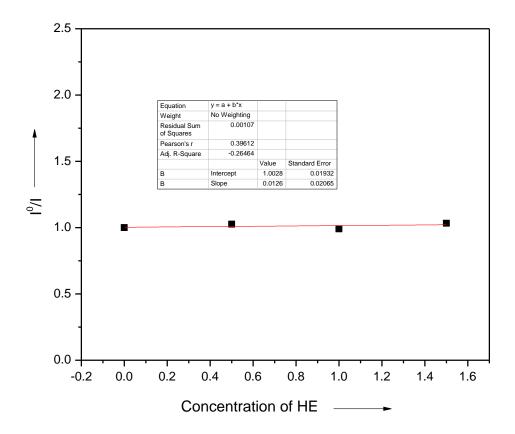


Figure S2d: Stern-Volmer plot of PC with HE

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7.0 Experimental Details for the Synthesized Starting Materials Sulfones

7.1. 2-((2-cyclohexylpropan-2-yl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1f)

M. W. 323.1014 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP3**, to afford the title compound **1f**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₂₂NO₂S₂]⁺: 324.1092; Found:. 324.1102. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26–8.24 (m, 1H), 8.02–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.06 (m, 2H), 2.03–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.30–1.12 (m, 6H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.4, 153.2, 137.4, 128.0, 127.6, 125.8, 122.2, 69.5, 42.3, 28.4, 26.8, 26.2, 20.1.

7.2. 2-((2-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1g)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP3**, to afford the title compound **1g**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]* Calculated for $[C_{18}H_{20}NO_2S_2]^*$: 346.0935; Found:. 346.0945. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.27–8.25 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 3H), 2.79–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.22–2.17 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 6H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 164.1, 153.3, 141.0, 137.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 126.4, 125.8, 122.3, 65.3, 37.4, 30.4, 21.2.

7.3. 2-((2-methylhexan-2-yl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1h)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP3**, to afford the title compound **1h**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₂₀NO₂S₂]⁺: 298.0935; Found:. 298.0934. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26– 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.39–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90–0.88 (m, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 164.2, 153.2, 137.4, 128.0, 127.6, 125.8, 122.2, 65.5, 34.7, 25.9, 23.2, 20.8, 14.1.

7.4. 2-((1-methylcyclopentyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1i)

C₁₃H₁₅NO₂S₂ M. W. 281.0544 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP4**, to afford the title compound **1i**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₃H₁₆NO₂S₂]⁺: 282.0622; Found:. 282.0628. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.57 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.64 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 164.8, 153.2, 137.3, 128.0, 127.6, 125.7, 122.2, 70.7, 35.3, 25.9, 23.8.

7.5. 2-((difluoro(phenyl)methyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1j)

 $C_{14}H_9F_2NO_2S_2$ M. W. 325.0043 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP3**, to afford the title compound **1j**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₁₀F₂NO₂S₂]⁺: 326.0121; Found:. 326.0135.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 8.38–8.36 (m, 1H), 8.07–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 159.3, 153.1, 138.39, 133.12, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 128.1, 126.4, 122.6 (t, J = 259.2Hz), 122.3.
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -99.65.

7.6. 2-(isopropylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1k)

M. W. 241.0231 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1k**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₀H₁₂NO₂S₂]⁺: 242.0309; found 242.0301. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.25–8.22 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.58 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.71 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 164.8, 153.0, 137.0, 128.1, 127.7, 125.6, 122.4, 55.5, 15.5.

7.7. 2-((1-phenylpropan-2-yl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (11)

C₁₆H₁₅NO₂S₂ M. W. 317.0544 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1I**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₁₆NO₂S₂]⁺: 318.0622; Found:. 318.0560. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 2H), 3.90–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.56–3.52 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.74 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.0, 153.0, 137.0, 136.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 125.6, 122.4, 61.2, 35.2, 12.5.

7.8. 2-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1m)

C₁₂H₁₃NO₂S₂ M. W. 267.0388 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1m**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{12}H_{14}NO_2S_2]^+$: 268.0466; Found:. 268.0455. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.20 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.57 (m, 2H), 4.04–4.00 (m, 1H), 2.30–2.21 (m, 2H), 2.09–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.61 (m, 2H). **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 166.0, 153.0, 136.9, 128.0, 127.7, 125.6, 122.4, 63.4, 27.2, 26.1.

7.9. 2-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1n)

 $C_{13}H_{15}NO_2S_2$ M. W. 281.0544 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1n**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{13}H_{16}NO_2S_2$]⁺: 282.0622; Found:. 282.0616. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.25–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.57 (m, 2H), 3.51–3.44 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.16 (m, 4H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.2, 153.1, 137.1, 128.0, 127.7, 125.7, 122.4, 63.2, 25.2, 25.1, 25.1.

7.10. 2-(pentylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (10)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1o**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₆NO₂S₂]⁺: 270.0622; Found:. 270.0628. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.22–8.20 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.57 (m, 2H), 3.52–3.48 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.27 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 166.0, 152.8, 136.9, 128.1, 127.8, 125.6, 122.5, 54.8, 30.4, 22.1, 22.0, 13.8.

7.11. 2-(butylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1p)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1p**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₁H₁₄NO₂S₂]⁺: 256.0466; Found:. 256.0471. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.57 (m, 2H), 3.53–3.49 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 166.0, 152.9, 136.9, 128.1, 127.8, 125.6, 122.5, 54.6, 24.3, 21.7, 13.6.

7.12. 2-(phenethylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1q)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1q**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₅H₁₄NO₂S₂]⁺: 304.0466; Found:. 304.0472. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.25–8.22 (m, 1H), 8.05–8.03 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 3H), 3.85–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.26–3.21 (m, 2H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.7, 152.8, 137.0, 136.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 125.6, 122.5, 56.0, 28.5.

7.13. 2-((cyclohexylmethyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1r)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1r**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₁₈NO₂S₂]⁺: 296.0779; Found:. 296.0781. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.18–8.16 (m, 1H), 7.99–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.53 (m, 2H), 3.41–3.40 (m, 2H), 2.18–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.56 (m, 3H), 1.31–1.20 (m, 2H), 1.17–1.05 (m, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 166.7, 152.6, 136.6, 128.0, 127.6, 125.3, 122.4, 60.9, 32.9, 32.6, 25.6, 25.6.

7.14. 2-((3-bromopropyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1s)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1s**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{10}H_{11}BrNO_2S_2$]⁺: 319.9415; Found:. 319.9429. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.59 (m, 2H), 3.72–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.52 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.44 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.4, 152.7, 136.8, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 122.5, 53.4, 30.6, 25.7.

7.15. 2-((4-chlorobutyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1t)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1t**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₁H₁₃CINO₂S₂]⁺: 290.0076; Found:. 290.0084. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 2H), 3.58–3.54 (m, 4H), 2.21–2.05 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.93 (m, 2H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.6, 152.8, 136.9, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 122.5, 53.9, 43.8, 30.9, 20.1.

7.16. 2-((2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1u)

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 S
 CF_3
 N
 $C_9H_6F_3NO_2S_2$

M. W. 280.9792 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1u**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₉H₇F₃NO₂S₂]⁺: 281.9870; Found:. 281.9878. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.60 (m, 2H), 4.47–4.41 (m, 2H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 164.3, 152.4, 137.0, 128.7, 128.1, 125.7, 122.5, 121.0 (q, J = 278.4 Hz), 56.3 (q, J = 32.3 Hz). **19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ -60.6.

7.17. 2-(benzylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1v)

C₁₄H₁₁NO₂S₂ M. W. 289.0231 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1v**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₁₂NO₂S₂]⁺: 290.0309; Found:. 290.0315. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26–8.24 (m, 1H), 7.93–7.91 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 2H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.2, 152.6, 137.1, 131.2, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 126.4, 125.5, 122.4, 61.1.

7.18. 3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylsulfonyl)propyl pivalate (1w)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1v**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₅H₂₀NO₄S₂]⁺: 342.0834; Found:. 342.0834. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.20 (m, 1H), 8.07–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.67–759 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.63–3.59 (m, 2H), 2.27–2.20 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 9H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 178.3, 165.5, 152.8, 136.9, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 122.5, 61.8, 51.8, 38.9, 27.26, 22.5.

7.19. 2-((3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propyl)sulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole (1x)

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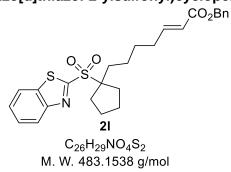
$$C_{16}H_{25}NO_3S_2Si$$
M. W. 371.1045 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1v**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₂₆NO₃S₂Si]⁺: 372.1123; Found:. 372.1123.
¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.58 (m, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.65–3.61 (m, 2H), 2.11–2.04 (m, 2H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.01 (s, 6H).
¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 165.9, 152.9, 136.9, 128.2, 127.8, 125.7, 122.5, 60.7, 52.1, 26.0, 25.9, 18.3, -5.3.

7.20. methyl (R)-4-((2R,5R,8R,9S,10S,13R,14S,17R)-2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylsulfonyl)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoate (1y)

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, to afford the title compound **1v**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{32}H_{46}NO_4S_2$]^{+:} 572.2868; Found:. 572.2869. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.21–8.19 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 3.93–3.89 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.38–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.26–2.14 (m, 3H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.87 (m, 3H), 1.86–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.36 (m, 3H), 1.33–1.23 (m, 7H), 1.10–1.02 (m, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.64 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 174.9, 166.5, 153.1, 137.1, 128.0, 127.7, 125.6, 122.4, 59.6, 56.7, 56.1, 51.6, 42.8, 40.5, 40.2, 37.3, 35.6, 35.5, 34.6, 31.6, 31.2, 31.1, 28.3, 26.5, 25.9, 24.6, 24.3, 23.6, 21.1, 19.3, 18.4, 12.2.

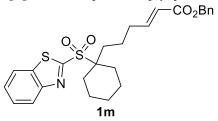
7.21. benzyl (E)-7-(1-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylsulfonyl)cyclopentyl)hept-2-enoate (2l)



Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP4**, **GP5** to afford the title compound **1I**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{26}H_{30}NO_4S_2$]⁺: 484.1616; Found: 484.1626.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.27 (m, 5H), 6.96 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 2.70–2.60 (m, 2H), 2.20 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.66 (dt, J = 10.4, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (h, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 165.0, 153.2, 149.4, 137.3, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 125.8, 122.2, 121.4, 74.4, 66.2, 35.7, 32.9, 32.0, 28.5, 26.8, 23.8.

7.22. benzyl (E)-7-(1-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylsulfonyl)cyclohexyl)hept-2-enoate (2m)



C₂₆H₂₉NO₄S₂ M. W. 483.1538 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP1**, **GP2**, **GP4**, **GP5** to afford the title compound **1I**, white solid. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]* Calculated for [$C_{26}H_{30}NO_4S_2$]*: 484.1616; Found:. 484.1627.
¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.26–8.24 (m, 1H), 8.00–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.00 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, J = 15.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 2.23 (qd, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.98 (m, 4H), 1.95–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.67–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.31 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.14 (m, 1H).
¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 166.4, 164.4, 153.3, 149.0, 137.4, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 125.9, 122.3, 121.8, 68.5, 66.2, 32.7, 29.6, 28.7, 24.7, 22.1, 21.5.

8.0 Experimental Details for the Substrate Scope

8.1. benzyl 3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanoate (3aa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3aa**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel or pTLC (Hexane / EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3aa** as colourless oil (60.0 mg, 75%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{22}H_{28}NO_4S$]⁺: 402.1739; Found:. 402.1738. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.62–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 7H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.75–3.70 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33–2.29 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.10 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.21 (m, 2H), 1.17–1.07 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.4, 143.6, 136.0, 133.2, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 127.9, 66.4, 46.4, 34.6, 31.5, 31.2, 31.0, 21.7.

For 1 mmol scale reaction require 1a (436.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2a (486.0 mg, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (505.0 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (6.5 mg, 0.01 mmol,

1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane / EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3aa** as colourless oil (241.0 mg, 60%).

8.2. ethyl 3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanoate (3ab)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ab**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2b** (60.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [*fac*-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3ab** as colourless oil (37.0 mg, 54%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₇H₂₆NO₄S]⁺: 340.1583; Found:. 340.1590. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.64–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.78–3.73 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.17 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 3H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 173.6, 143.5, 133.1, 129.7, 127.8, 60.5, 46.4, 34.6, 31.5, 31.2, 31.0, 21.6, 14.3.

8.3. methyl 3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanoate(3ac)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ab**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2c** (51.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3ab** as colourless oil (33.0 mg, 51%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₂₄NO₄S]⁺: 326.1426; Found:. 326.1436. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.63–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.23–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.17 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 174.0, 143.6, 133.1, 129.7, 127.9, 51.8, 46.4, 34.6, 31.3, 31.2, 31.0, 21.7.

8.4. (1S,2R,5S)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanoate (3ad)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ab**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2d** (126.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3ab** as colourless oil (44.0 mg, 49%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₂₅H₄₀NO₄S] ⁺: 450.2678; Found: 450.2684.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2H), 4.65–4.58 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.72 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.26–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.16 (tt, J = 11.8, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.53 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.47–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.18–1.11 (m, 1H), 1.05–0.94 (m, 2H), 0.87–0.85 (m, 3H), 0.84–0.83 (m, 3H), 0.69–0.66 (m, 3H) ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 143.6, 133.1, 129.7, 127.9, 74.3, 47.1, 46.5, 41.0, 34.7, 34.3, 32.0, 31.5, 31.3, 31.2, 26.3, 23.4, 22.1, 21.7, 20.9, 16.3.

8.5. benzyl 2-methyl-3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanoate (3ae)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ab**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2e** (105.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1).to afford **3ab** as colourless oil (47.0 mg, 56%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{23}H_{30}NO_4S$]⁺: 416.1896; Found: 416.1906.

THRMS (ESI): H/Z [M+H]* Calculated for [C₂₃H₃₀NO₄S]*. 416.1896, Found.: 416.1906.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.63–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 5H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73–3.67 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.09–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.25(m, 1H), 1.24–1.19 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.07–1.00 (m, 1H).

1SC NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 176.4, 143.5, 136.2, 133.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 66.2, 46.4(2C), 40.4, 36.9, 33.1, 31.7, 31.2, 21.7, 17.8.

8.6. 4-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)-1-tosylpiperidine (3af)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3af**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2f** (105.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [$fac-Ir(ppy)_3$] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:3).to afford **3af** as colourless oil (49.0 mg, 60%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₂₀H₂₆NO₄S₂]⁺: 408.1303; Found:. 408.1311. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.89–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2H), 3.76–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.05–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.15 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.32–1.21 (m, 3H). (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 143.7, 139.1, 134.0, 133.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.1, 127.8, 53.8, 46.2, 34.1, 31.1, 28.6, 21.7.

8.7. 3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ag)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ag**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2g** (105.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 10:3).to afford **3ag** as white solid (34.0 mg, 58%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₅H₂₁N₂O₂S]⁺: 293.1324; Found:. 293.1334.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.65–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.32 (m, 2H), 3.83–3.78 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.26–2.19 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.30 (m, 3H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 143.8, 132.9, 129.8, 127.8, 119.4, 46.3, 34.1, 31.2, 30.9, 21.7, 14.7.

8.8. N,N-diphenyl-3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propanamide (3ah)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ah**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2h** (105.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-

 $Ir(ppy)_3$] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 10:3).to afford **3ah** as white solid (60.0 mg, 65%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_3S]^+$: 463.2055; Found: 463.2068.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.25 (m, 7H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 5H), 3.69–3.67 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.22–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.15–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.57 (m, 3H), 1.21–1.18 (m, 3H), 0.87–0.83 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 143.5, 142.8, 133.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.8, 126.4, 46.4, 34.6, 32.4, 31.6, 31.2, 21.6.

8.9. benzyl 4-cyclohexyl-4-methylpentanoate (3fa)

M. W. 288.2089 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3fa**, by using **1f** (65.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3fa** as colourless oil (37.0 mg, 65%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₉H₂₉O₂]⁺: 289.2168; Found: 289.2181.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.31–2.27 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.19–1.09 (m, 3H), 1.03–0.93 (m, 3H), 0.80 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 136.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 66.3, 46.0, 35.1, 34.7, 29.5, 27.3, 27.2, 26.8, 24.6.

8.10. benzyl 4,4-dimethyl-6-phenylhexanoate (3ga)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ga**, by using **1g** (70.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ga** as colourless oil (32.0 mg, 52%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{21}H_{27}O_2]^+$: 311.2011; Found: 311.2024.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.05 (m, 3H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 2.47–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.24 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.37 (m, 2H), 0.84 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 143.2, 136.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4(2C), 128.4, 125.8, 66.4, 44.2, 36.4, 32.8, 30.7, 29.7, 26.8.

8.11. benzyl 4,4-dimethyloctanoate (3ha)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ha**, by using **1h** (60.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ha** as colourless oil (33.0 mg, 62%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{17}H_{27}O_2]^+$: 263.2011; Found: 263.2011. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.37–7.34 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.32–2.28 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.27–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.21–1.13 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (s, 6H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 174.5, 136.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 66.3, 41.6, 36.6, 32.5, 29.8, 27.0, 26.3, 23.7, 14.3.

8.12. benzyl 3-(1-methylcyclopentyl)propanoate (3ia)



Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ia**, by using **1i** (56.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ia** as colourless oil (33.0 mg, 68%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₂₃O₂]⁺: 247.1698; Found:. 247.1711.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.38–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.58 (m, 4H), 1.39–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.91 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.5, 136.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 66.3, 41.8, 39.3, 37.1, 31.0, 25.7, 24.5.

8.13. benzyl 4,4-difluoro-4-phenylbutanoate (3ja)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ja**, by using **1j** (65.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-

Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ja** as colourless oil (26.0 mg, 45%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₇H₁₇F₂O₂]⁺: 291.1197; Found: 291.1190. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.60–2.46 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 172.1, δ 136.7 (t, J = 26.3 Hz), 135.7, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 125.0 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 122.3 (t, J = 242.5 Hz), 66.7, 34.4 (t, J = 28.4 Hz), 27.9 (t, J = 4.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃) δ -96.9 (d, *J* = 32.3 Hz).

8.14. benzyl 4-methylpentanoate (3ka)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ka**, by using **1k** (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ka** as colourless oil (25.0 mg, 61%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₃H₁₉O₂]⁺: 207.1385; Found:. 207.1383. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.37–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.53 (m, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.1, 136.3, 129.9, 128.7, 128.3, 66.3, 33.9, 32.6, 27.8, 22.4.

8.15. benzyl (R)-4-methyl-5-phenylpentanoate (3la)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3la**, by using **1l** (64.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3la** as colourless oil (32.0 mg, 57%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{19}H_{23}O_2$]⁺: 283.1698; Found: 283.1681. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.66–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.36 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 173.8, 141.0, 136.2, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 66.3, 43.5, 34.7, 32.3, 31.7, 19.1.

8.16. benzyl 3-cyclopentylpropanoate (3ma)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ma**, by using **1m** (54.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ma** as colourless oil (26.0 mg, 56%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]* Calculated for [$C_{15}H_{21}O_{2}$]*: 233.1542; Found: 233.1558. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.38–7.32 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.39–2.35 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.71 (m, 3H), 1.69–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.10–1.06 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.0, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 66.2, 39.8, 33.8, 32.5, 31.2, 25.2.

8.17. benzyl 3-cyclohexylpropanoate (3na)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3na**, by using **1n** (56.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3na** as colourless oil (30.0 mg, 60%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M-H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{16}H_{21}O_2]^+$: 245.1542; Found: 245.1534. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.38–2.34 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.54–1.51 (m, 2H), 1.19–1.13 (m, 4H), 0.89–0.83 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.2, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 66.2, 37.3, 33.1, 32.5, 32.1, 26.6, 26.3.

8.18. benzyl octanoate (3oa)

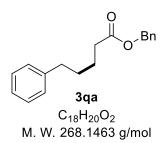
Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **30a**, by using **10** (54.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **30a** as colourless oil (24.0 mg, 50%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{15}H_{23}O_2]^+$: 235.1698; Found: 235.1698.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.33 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 3H), 1.33–1.27 (m, 7H), 0.89–0.86 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 136.3, 128.7, 128.3 (2C), 66.2, 34.5, 31.6, 28.9, 25.1, 22.6, 14.2.

8.19. benzyl heptanoate (3pa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3pa**, by using **1p** (51.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3pa** as colourless oil (23.0 mg, 52%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{14}H_{21}O_{2}$]⁺: 221.1542; Found: 221.1538. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.27 (m, 6H), 0.90–0.86 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.9, 136.3, 128.7, 128.3(2C), 66.2, 34.5, 31.6, 28.9, 25.1, 22.6, 14.2.

8.20. benzyl 5-phenylpentanoate (3ga)



Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3qa**, by using **1q** (61.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [*fac*-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3qa** as colourless oil (20.0 mg, 65%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M-H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{18}H_{19}O_2]^+$: 267.1385; Found: 267.1391. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 4H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 173.6, 142.3, 136.2, 130.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 125.9, 66.3, 35.7, 34.3, 31.0, 24.7.

8.21. benzyl 4-cyclohexylbutanoate (3ra)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ra**, by using **1r** (59.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ra** as colourless oil (20.0 mg, 38%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{17}H_{25}O_2]^+$: 261.1855; Found:. 261.1849. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70–1.62 (m, 7H), 1.23–1.13 (m, 6H), 0.90–0.81 (m, 2H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 173.9, 136.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 66.2, 37.5, 37.0, 34.8, 33.4, 26.8, 26.5, 22.5.

8.22. benzyl 6-bromohexanoate (3sa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3sa**, by using **1s** (64.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3sa** as colourless oil (27.0 mg, 48%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₃H₁₈BrO₂]⁺: 285.0490; Found: 285.0484. ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.38–7.32(m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.39 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 173.4, 136.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 66.4, 34.2, 33.6, 32.5, 27.8, 24.2.

8.23. benzyl 8-chlorooctanoate (3ta)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ta**, by using **1t** (61.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ta** as colourless oil (24.0 mg, 45%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₂₀ClO₂]⁺: 255.1152; Found:. 255.1163. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 7.36–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.50 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.30 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 173.6, 136.2, 128.7, 128.4 (2C), 66.3, 45.1, 34.3, 32.5, 28.5, 26.6, 24.9.

8.24. benzyl 5,5,5-trifluoropentanoate (3ua)

$$F_3C$$

$$3ua$$

$$C_{12}H_{13}F_3O_2$$

M. W. 246.0868 g/mol

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3ua**, by using **1u** (56.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3ua** as colourless oil (21.0 mg, 41%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₄F₃O₂]⁺: 247.0946; Found:. 247.0953.

1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.40–7.32 (m, 5H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.19–2.09 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.88 (m, 2H).

1 To NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 172.4, 135.9, 128.8, 128.5,

128.5, 128.4, 66.6, 33.2, 32.9, 17.5. ¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ -66.29.

8.25. benzyl 4-phenylbutanoate (3va)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **3va**, by using **1v** (61.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (97.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3va** as colourless oil (27.0 mg, 53%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]* Calculated for $[C_{17}H_{19}O_2]$ *: 255.1385; Found: 255.1393. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.39–7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.66–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.94 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 173.4, 141.4, 136.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3 (2C), 126.1, 66.3, 35.2, 33.7, 26.6.

8.26. benzyl 2-(spiro[4.5]decan-6-yl)acetate(3l')

Following General Procedure **GP7** for the title compound **3I'**, by using **2I** (48.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HE (51.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (0.7 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 24 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3I'** as colourless oil (15.0 mg, 54%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $[C_{19}H_{27}O_2]^+$: 287.2011; Found: 287.2010.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.46 (dd, J = 15.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, J = 15.0, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (tt, J = 10.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.62–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.49 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.39 (m, 3H), 1.38–1.21 (m, 7H), 1.18–1.10 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.2, 136.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 66.2, 45.5, 42.2, 38.6, 36.2, 32.9, 29.5, 25.9, 25.5, 25.3, 24.6, 23.2.

8.27. benzyl 2-(spiro[4.5]decan-1-yl)acetate (3m')

Following General Procedure **GP7** for the title compound **3m'**, by using **2m** (48.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), HE (51.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (0.7 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 24 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **3m'** as colourless oil (17.0 mg, 60%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₉H₂₇O₂]⁺: 287.2011; Found:. 287.2010.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.36–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.44 (dd, J = 14.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dd, J = 14.7, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.90–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.48 (m, 6H), 1.36–1.26 (m, 6H), 1.14–1.07 (m, 1H), 1.00 (td, J = 12.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 174.2, 136.2, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 66.2, 46.6, 44.3, 37.4, 35.3, 34.9, 30.4, 30.2, 26.6, 24.0, 22.7, 21.5.

8.28. ethyl 2-((1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)acrylate (5aa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5aa**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4a** (152.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 7:3).to afford **5aa** as colourless oil (42.0 mg, 60%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₈H₂₆NO₄S]⁺: 352.1583; Found:. 352.1587.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.63–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77–3.72 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.19 (m, 3H), 2.18–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.34 (m, 1H), 1.32–1.29 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 167.1, 143.5, 138.3, 133.1, 129.7, 127.8, 126.7, 60.8, 46.5, 38.9, 34.2, 31.3, 21.6, 14.3.

8.29. 2-((1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)acrylic acid (5ab)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5ab**, by using **1a** (87.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4b** (135.6 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 3:7).to afford **5ab** as white solid (42.0 mg, 65%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₆H₂₂NO₄S]⁺: 324.1270; Found:. 324.1277.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 10.53 (s, broad, 1H)7.63–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.77–3.75 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.18–2.15 (m, 1H) 1.72–1.69 (m, 3H), 1.43–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.29 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 170.6, 143.6, 137.2, 133.1, 129.7, 129.3, 127.9, 46.5, 38.7, 34.1, 31.3, 21.7.

8.30. ethyl 4-cyclohexyl-4-methyl-2-methylenepentanoate (5fa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5fa**, by using **1f** (65.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4a** (152.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [*fac*-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **5fa** as colourless oil (34.0 mg, 71%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $[C_{15}H_{27}O_2]^+$: 239.2011; Found:. 239.2034. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 6.15 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.67–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21–1.13 (m, 2H), 1.10–1.05 (m, 1H), 1.01–0.94 (m, 2H), 0.75 (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 168.7, 139.5, 126.9, 60.8, 47.3, 40.3, 36.4, 27.5, 27.3, 26.9, 24.1, 14.3.

8.31. ethyl 4-methyl-2-methylene-5-phenylpentanoate (5la)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5la**, by using **1l** (64.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4a** (152.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **5la** as colourless oil (32.0 mg, 69%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]* Calculated for $[C_{15}H_{21}O_2]$ *: 233.1542; Found: 233.1559.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.19 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23–4.15 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.35 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.08 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) δ 167.5, 141.1, 139.8, 129.3, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 60.7, 43.5, 39.5, 34.1, 19.1, 14.3.

8.32. ethyl 2-methylene-5-phenylpentanoate (5ga)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5qa**, by using **1q** (61.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4a** (152.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-lr(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **5qa** as colourless oil (26.0 mg, 60%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [C₁₄H₁₉O₂]⁺: 219.1385; Found:. 219.1377. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 3H), 6.15 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.53–5.52 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.67–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.37–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 167.4, 142.3, 140.8, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 124.7, 60.8, 35.6, 31.6, 30.2, 14.4.

8.33. ethyl 2-methylene-6-(pivaloyloxy)hexanoate (5wa)

Following General Procedure **GP6** for the title compound **5wa**, by using **1w** (68.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4a** (152.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), HE (101.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and [fac-Ir(ppy)₃] (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol%), in THF for 12 h at 45 °C. Purification was carried out by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).to afford **5wa** as colourless oil (31.0 mg, 60%). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z [M+H]⁺ Calculated for [$C_{14}H_{25}O_4$]⁺: 257.1753; Found: 257.1753. ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 6.15 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.68–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 178.8, 167.3, 140.6, 124.7, 64.2, 60.8, 38.9, 31.6, 28.1, 27.4, 26.6, 14.6.

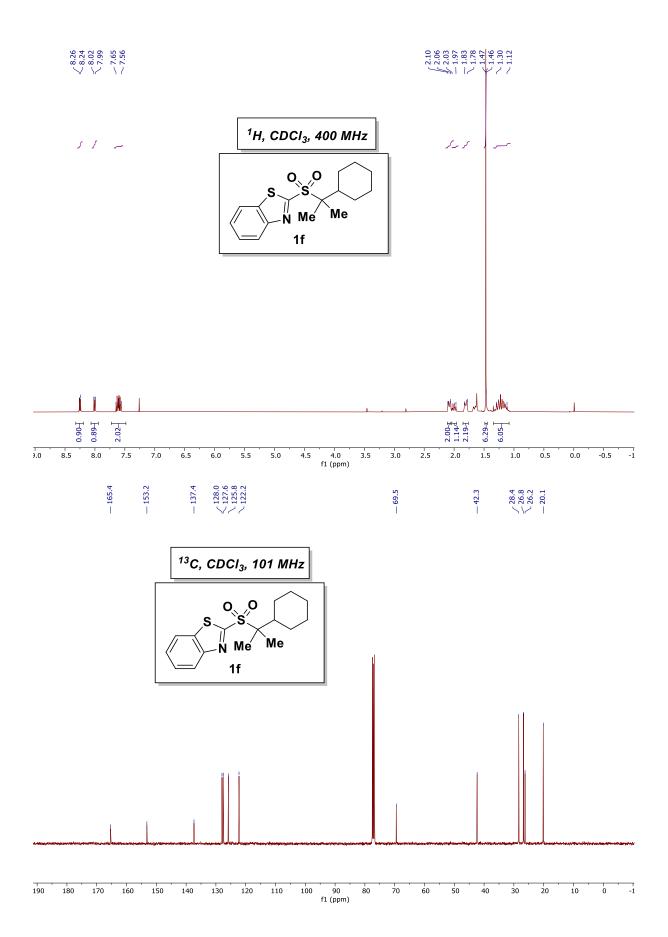
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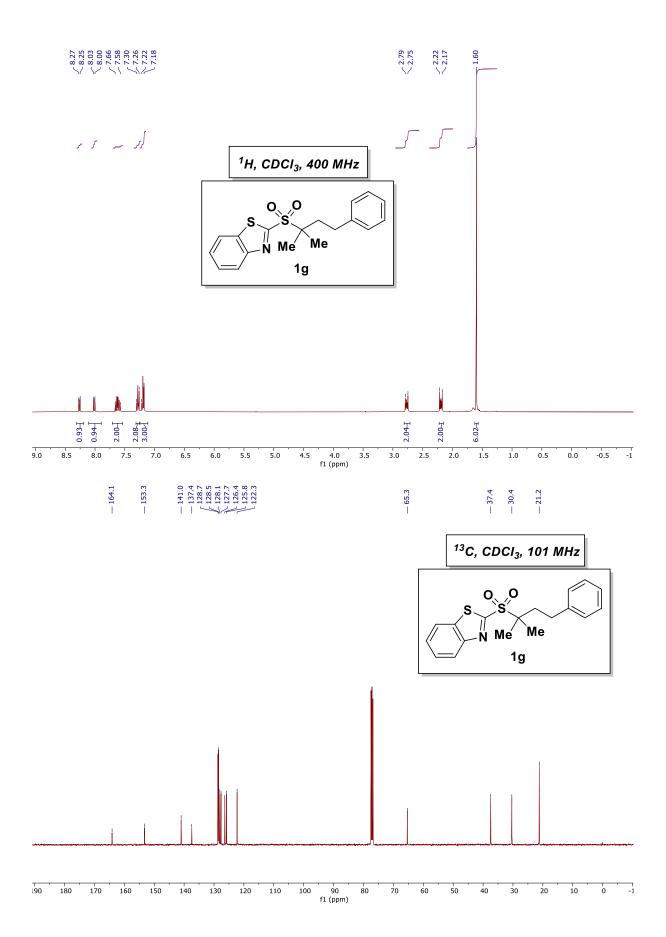
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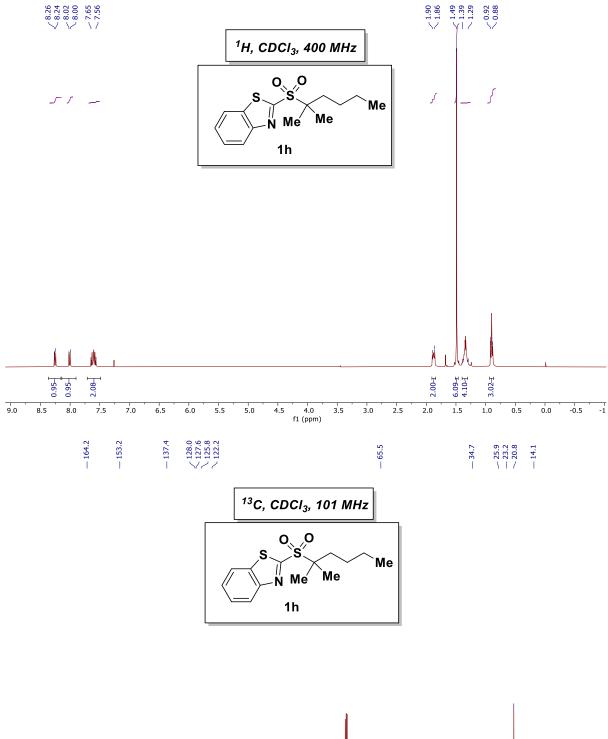
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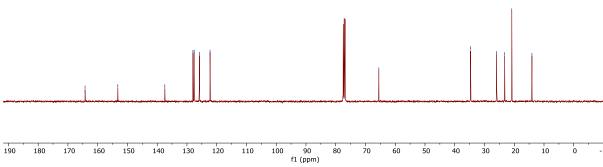
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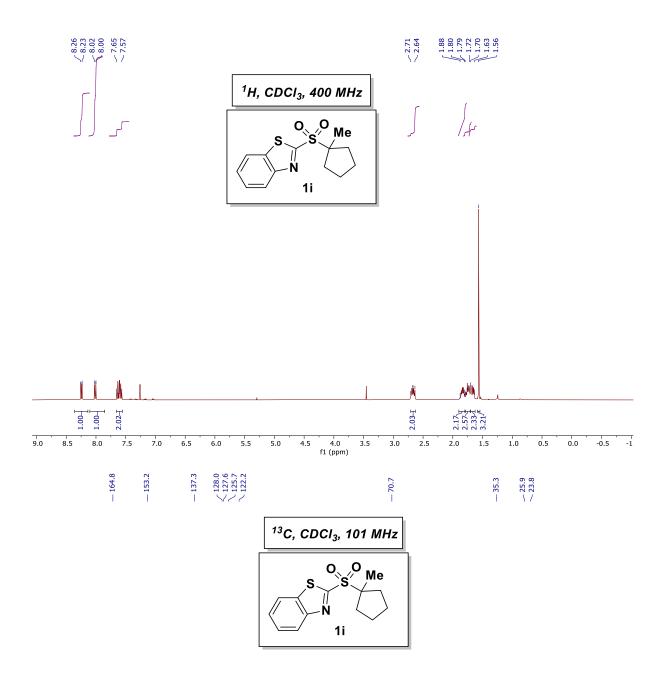
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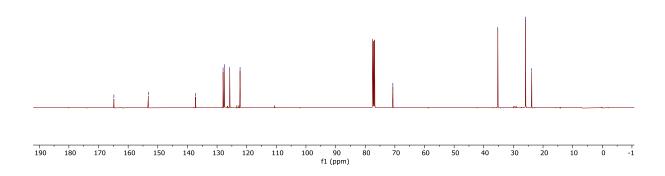


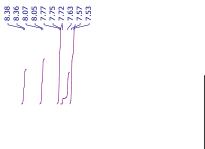


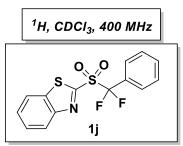


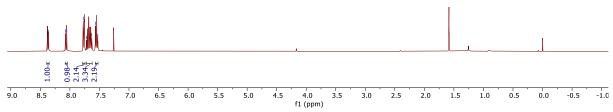


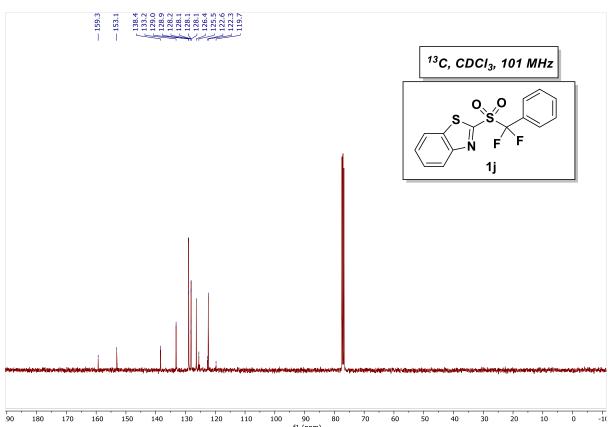


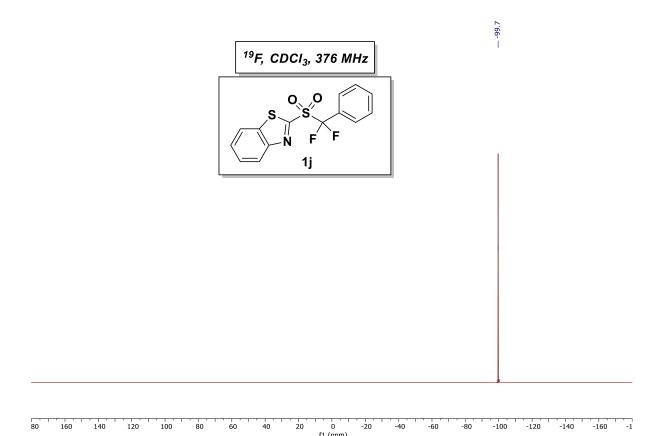


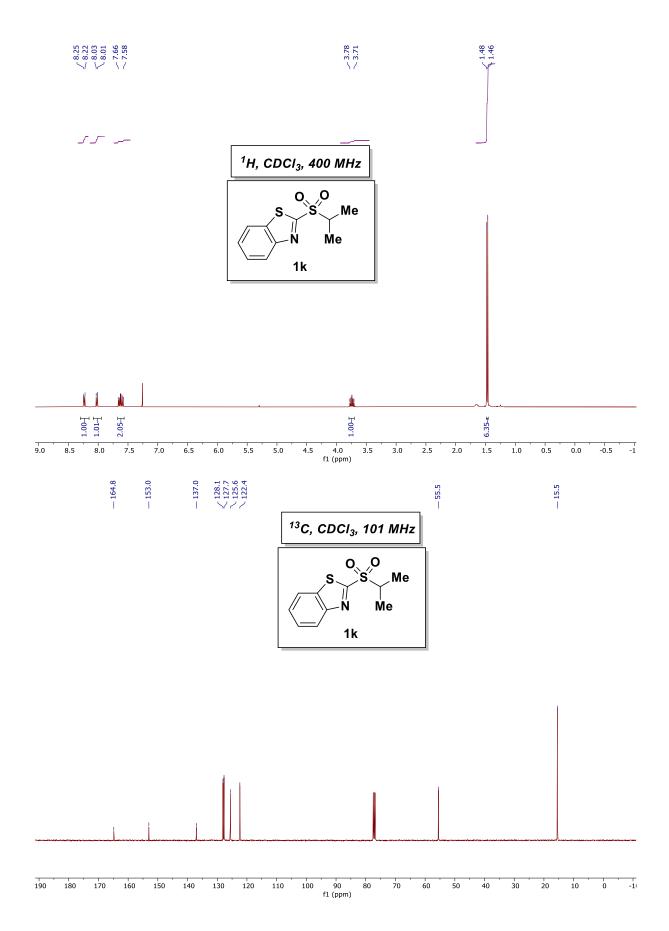


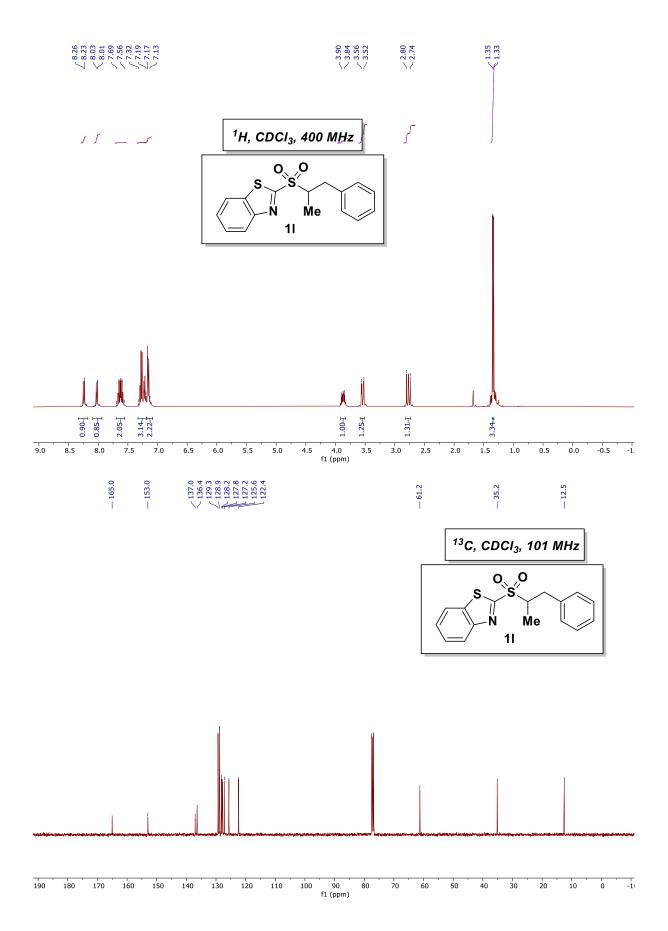


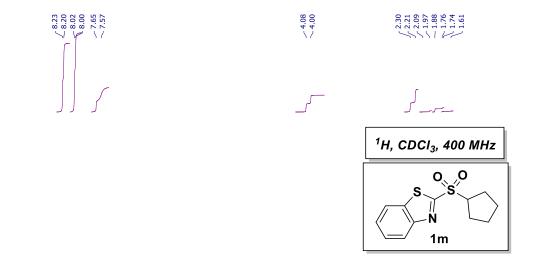


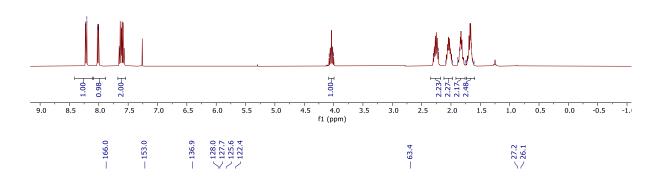


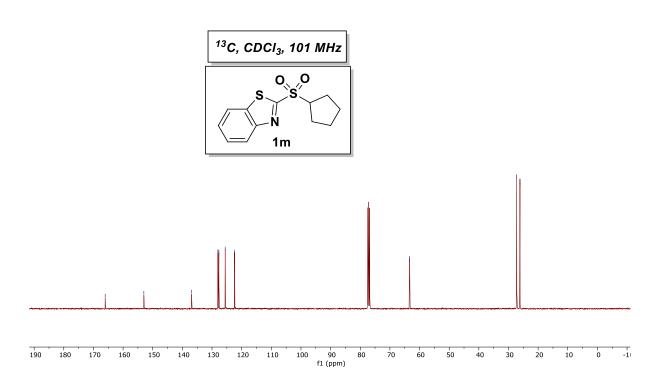


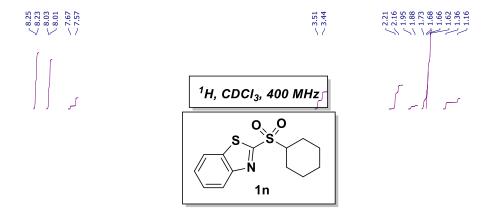


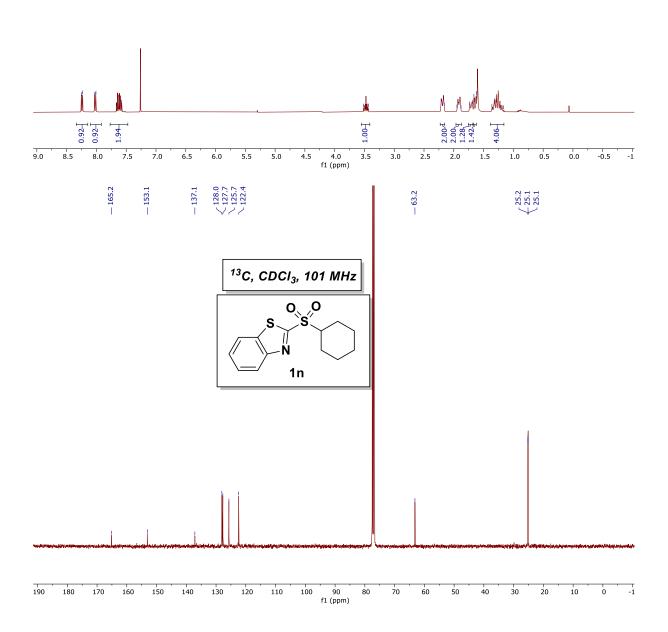


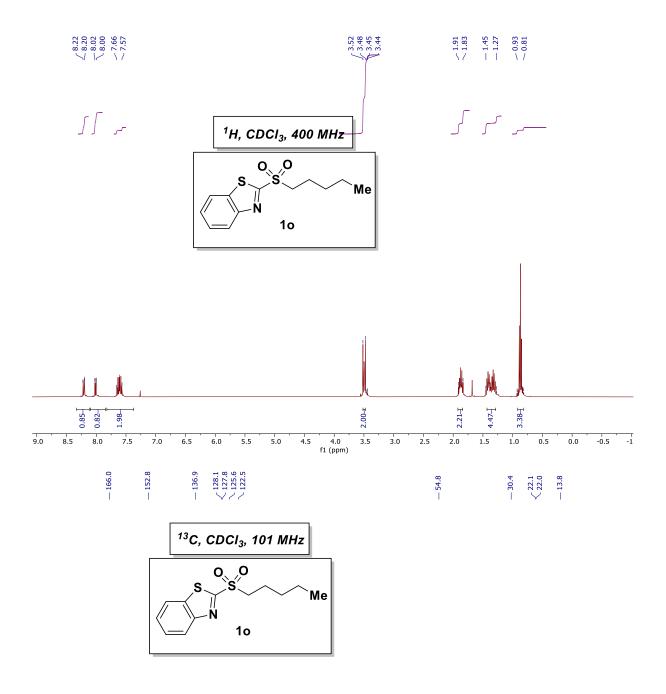


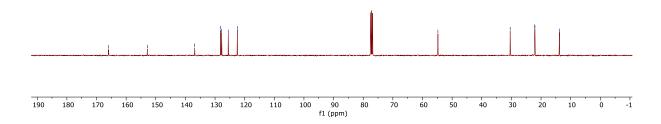


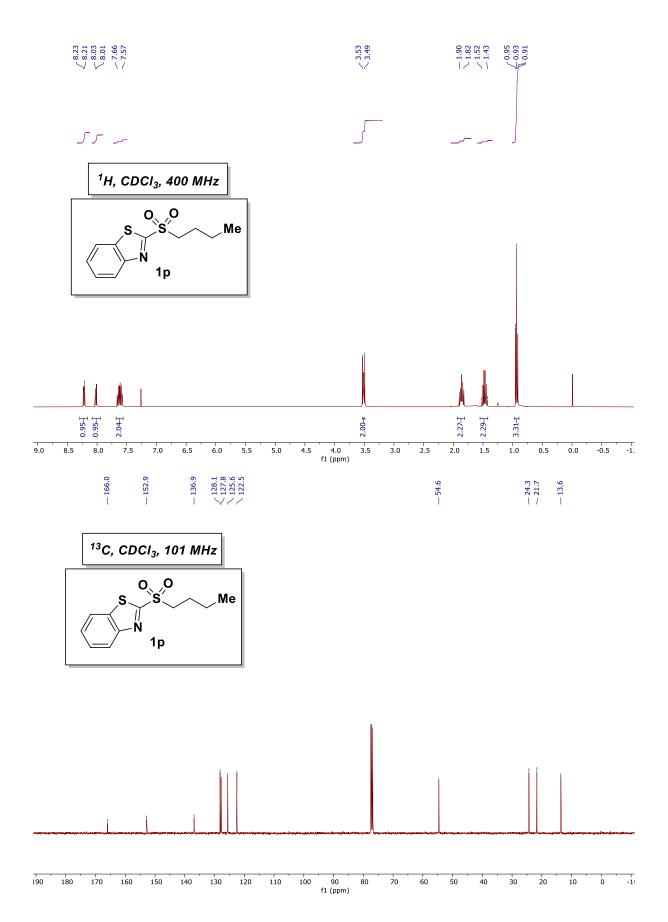


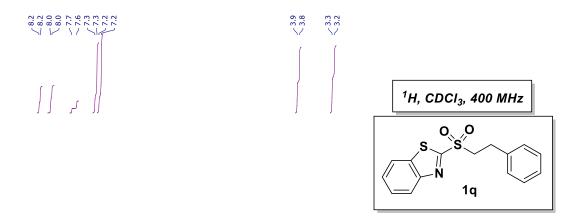


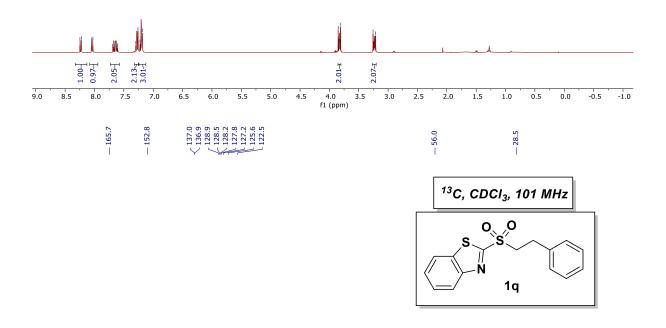


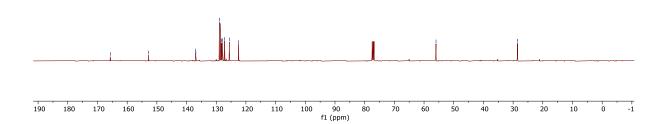


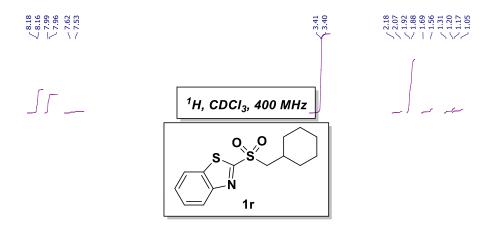


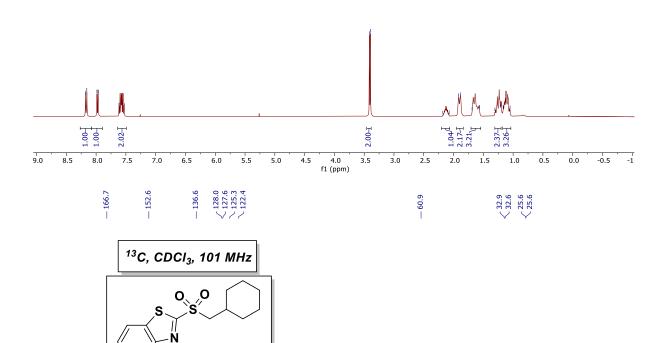


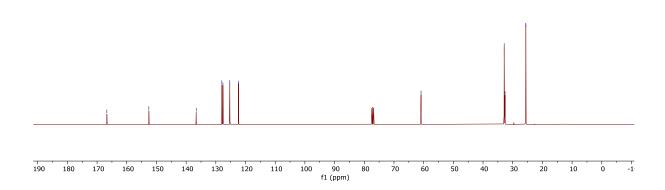




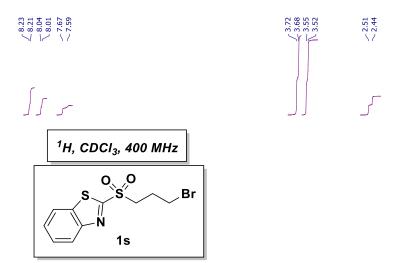


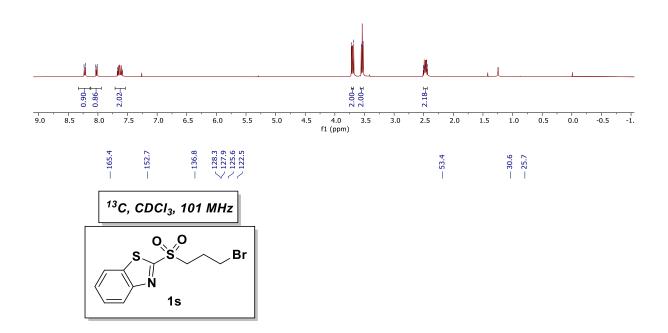


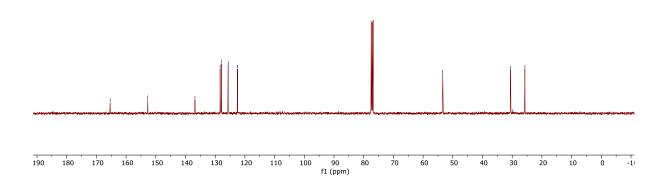


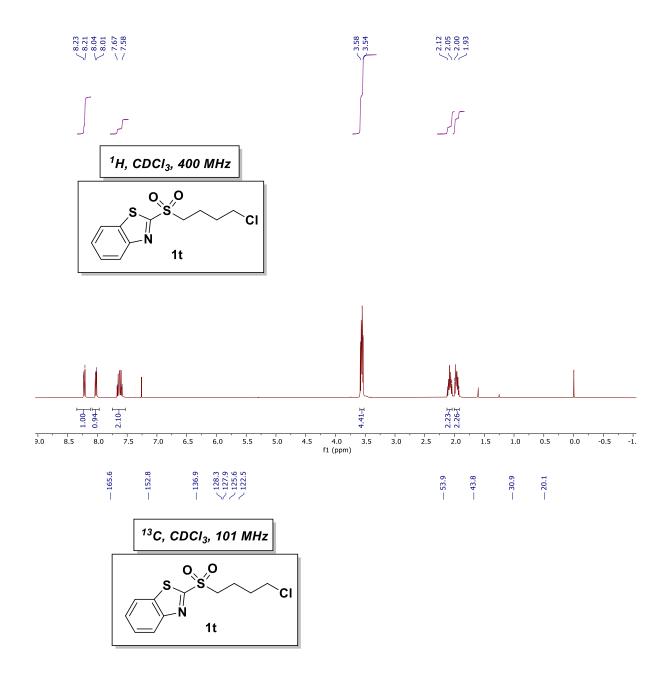


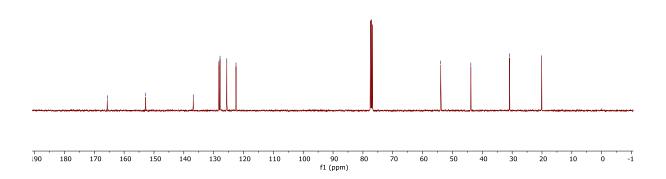
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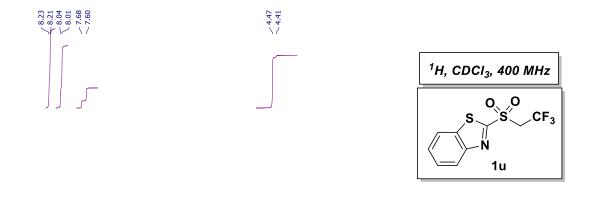


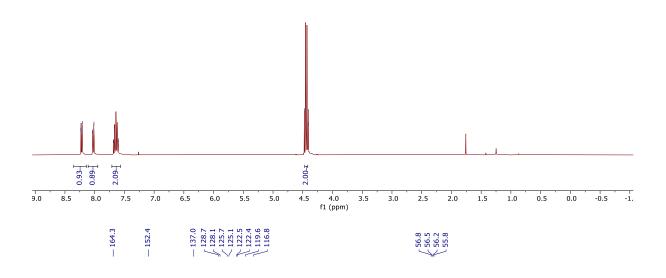




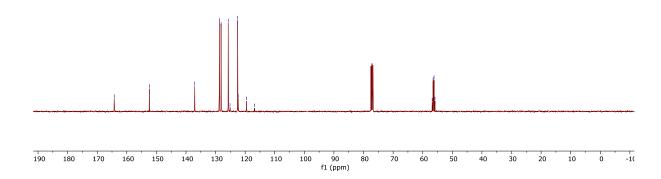














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