Radical Annulation of Designed Diene System: Access to Nitro-Benzo[b]azepines

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1. General conditions

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further treatment, unless otherwise indicated. All reactions were run under air with no precautions taken to exclude moisture. ¹H_x ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend 400 or Bruker Ascend 500 spectrometer in deuterated solvents containing TMS as an internal reference standard, Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl₃ (¹H, TMS δ 0; ¹³C, δ 77.16). Melting points were obtained with Micro melting point tester and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on Bruck microtof. NMR data were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and brs = broad singlet), coupling constant in Hz and integration. All reactions were monitored by TLC with Yantai GF254 silica gel coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 200-300 mesh silica gel at increased pressure.

2. Preparation of material 1



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1g



1h

Ts∖Ņ

1v

Ts∖Ņ́



Ts∖N Ts∖Ņ́ 10 1p

Br







1x Ts∖Ŋ Ts∖Ņ́ F ÇΙ ĺ ċι ĊΓ 1aa 1ab



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1e, 1f, 1g, 1o, 1p were prepared from 2-aminobenzonitrile.



1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1h, 1i, 1j, 1k, 1l, 1m, 1n, 1o, 1p were prepared from (2-aminophenyl)(phenyl)methanone S1.



1s, **1t**, **1u**, **1v**, **1w**, **1x**, **1y**, **1z**, **1aa**, **1ab**, were prepared from (2-aminophenyl)(phenyl)methanone S3.



General Procedure for the synthesis of S1

To a round-bottomed flask charged with the 2-aminobenzonitrile (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (20 mL), aryImagnesium bromide (30 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 2.8 M in THF) was added dropwise via syringe at 0 °C in a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to 65 °C in oil bath for 4 hours. Upon the reaction completed, the suspension was cooled to 0 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched by 3 M HCl, extracted with EtOAc (3 × 40 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to afford **S1**.

General Procedure for the synthesis of S2

To a round-bottom flask of tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) solution containing Ph_3PMeBr (10.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium *tert*-butanol (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added in batches at 0 °C under air atmosphere. Half an hour later, **S1** (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours. Upon the

reaction completed, the desired product S2 was purified on silica gel column by flash column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1).

General Procedure for the synthesis of S3

To a round-bottomed flask of dichloromethane (15 mL) solution dissolved with TsCl (2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **S2** (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and then pyridine (3.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was dropped at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. Upon the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to afford **S3**.

General Procedure for the synthesis of 1

To a round bottom flask containing potassium carbonate (1.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and product **S3** (1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the acetonitrile (10 mL) and propylene bromide (2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C in oil bath for 4 h. Upon the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford **1**.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of 2a

To a solution of **1a** (0.3 mmol, 162.2 mg) in MeNO₂ (3 mL) were added, AgNO₃ (0.3 mmol, 51.0 mg) and K₂S₂O₈ (0.6 mmol, 243.3 mg) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 5 h under an air atmosphere. After the reaction finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched by water. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 3), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding product **2a**.



4. General procedure for the synthesis of 5-phenyl-3-((phenylselanyl)methyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine (3)



To a 10 mL dry thick walled tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **2a** (0.3 mmol, 130.4 mg), Mg (3.5 mmol, 78.3 mg) and MeOH (3 mL) were added. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon the reaction completed, H₂O was added to mixture and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered, and evaporated followed by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford desired product **3** (59.7 mg, 71%).



To a 10 mL thick-walled tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added a molar excess of NaBH₄ (10.0 equiv) to a solution of *N*-Cbz aniline **2r** (0.3 mmol, 124.3 mg) and 10% Pd-C (2.0 equiv) in MeOH. The reaction was carried out for 40 min. After the reaction was completed, H₂O was added to the mixture and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered and evaporated, followed by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to give the desired product **3** (59.7 mg, 87%).

5. The gram-scale synthesis of compound 2a



To a 100 mL dry thick walled tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was added 1a (2.6 mmol, 1.0 g) and MeNO₂ (25 mL). Then, the AgNO₃ (2.6 mmol, 411.7 mg) and $K_2S_2O_8$ (5.2

mmol, 1.4 g) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. After the reaction finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched by water. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL × 3), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product **2a** (689.1 mg, 61%).

6. Product characterization

3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2a)



N-allyl-4-methyl-*N*-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (194.7 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 138-139 °C) in 81% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.23; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03-6.84 (m, 5H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 23.3, 6.2 Hz, 3H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.97, 143.35, 139.34, 137.48, 131.04, 130.86, 129.85, 129.67, 129.47, 129.02, 128.56, 128.08, 127.99, 127.35, 127.28, 76.51, 53.49, 36.88, 21.42; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 435.1373, found: 435.1369.

7-fluoro-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2b)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-fluoro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (203.7 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 126-127 °C) in 69% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.17; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 6.54 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.11 (m, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s,

25.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.13 (d, J = 249.2 Hz), 143.55, 143.12, 141.85, 138.40, 137.25, 132.99, 129.57, 128.22, 128.13, 128.10 (d, J = 28.7 Hz), 126.02, 117.43, 116.02 (d, J = 22.5 Hz). 76.26, 60.67, 36.71, 21.39; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.49; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂FN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 453.1279, found: 453.1267.

3-chloro-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2c)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-chloro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (211.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 152-153 °C) in 74% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.23; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.62-4.29 (m, 3H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.63, 143.05, 137.15, 135.91, 134.62, 132.41, 130.62, 129.95, 129.81, 129.60, 129.14, 128.27, 128.18, 128.00, 127.34, 127.22, 76.27, 60.32, 36.72, 21.43; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 469.0983, found: 469.0975.

7-bromo-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2d)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-bromo-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (234.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 178-179 °C) in 65% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.29; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.60-4.30 (m, 3H), 4.05 (s, 1H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.64, 142.96, 137.13, 136.53,

133.55, 132.64, 132.13, 129.60, 128.29, 128.20, 127.99, 127.34, 126.22, 122.73, 76.27, 60.26,
36.51, 21.44; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂BrN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 513.0478, found: 513.0472.
7-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2e)



N-allyl-4-methyl-*N*-(4-methyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (201.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 90-91 °C) in 55% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 33.6 Hz, 3H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.07, 143.24, 139.18, 138.67, 137.59, 134.70, 131.19, 130.84, 129.84, 129.45, 128.07, 127.97, 127.91, 127.35, 124.86, 76.52, 60.28, 36.88, 21.41, 21.14; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 449.1530, found: 449.1523. 7-methoxy-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2f)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (209.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (m. p. 90-91 °C) in 61% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.05-6.83 (m, 5H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.71-3.91 (m, 4H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.38, 143.97, 143.22, 140.76, 138.84, 137.49, 132.35, 129.64, 129.44, 127.97, 127.35, 125.04, 115.64, 114.46, 76.47, 60.12, 55.50, 36.84, 21.39; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₅S [M+H]⁺: 465.1479, found: 465.1474.

8-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2g)



N-allyl-4-methyl-*N*-(5-methyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (201.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 110-111 °C) in 46% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.26; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 21.6, 6.3 Hz, 3H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.89, 143.27, 139.30, 137.49, 137.27, 136.08, 131.68, 130.58, 129.41, 128.06, 127.93, 127.89, 127.37, 124.26, 76.57, 59.89, 36.98, 21.40, 21.19; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 449.1530, found: 449.1523.

8-chloro-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2h)



N-allyl-*N*-(5-chloro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (211.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 137-138 °C) in 67% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.29; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.03 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 5.99 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.46 (m, 3H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.71, 143.08, 138.62, 137.09, 134.20, 131.77, 131.04, 130.42, 129.61, 128.86, 128.40, 128.18, 128.11, 128.01, 127.36, 127.07, 77.34, 59.94, 37.11, 21.44; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 469.0983, found: 469.0979.

5-chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2i)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-chloro-2-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (229.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 147-148 °C) in 72% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.03 (m, 5H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.38 (m, 2H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.10, 140.25, 138.49, 137.41, 137.28, 133.76, 133.15, 131.79, 131.59, 130.43, 129.95, 129.90, 129.72, 129.35, 128.64, 127.48, 126.89, 76.25, 60.68, 38.76, 21.57; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁Cl₂N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 503.0594, found: 503.0588.

4-chloro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2j)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-chloro-2-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (220.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 141-142 °C) in 71% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.19; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.47-4.44 (m, 3H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.02, 159.03, 143.77, 137.38, 136.35, 134.37, 131.40 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 130.53, 130.15, 129.90, 129.84, 129.67, 128.98, 127.37, 127.13, 124.03 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 116.10, 115.92, 76.21, 58.12, 37.52, 21.47; ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.89; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁ClFN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 487.0889, found: 487.0880.

6-bromo-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2k)



N-allyl-*N*-(4-bromo-2-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (243.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 128-129 °C) in 76% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.32; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.03-6.74 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.61-4.37 (m, 3H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.02, 158.95, 143.77, 137.37, 133.09, 131.97, 131.59, 131.46 (t, J = 13.2 Hz), 129.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 129.67, 127.37, 124.04 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 122.45, 116.12, 115.94, 76.21, 60.28, 37.75, 21.49; ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.80; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁BrFN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 531.0384, found: 531.0378.

5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2l)



N-allyl-*N*-(2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (203.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 161-162 °C) in 65% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.27; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81-6.79 (m, 5H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.57-4.21 (m, 3H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.59, 161.62, 143.41, 142.90, 137.60, 131.10, 130.66, 129.79, 129.76 (d, J = 7.7Hz), 129.17, 128.71, 127.33, 114.97, 114.80, 76.41, 60.37, 36.99, 21.40; ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.96; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂FN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 453.1279, found: 453.1268.



N-allyl-*N*-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (212.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 92-93 °C) in 71% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.29; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.38-4.45 (m, 3H), 4.02 (s, 1H), 3.11 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.47, 142.73, 137.56, 133.86, 131.23, 130.60, 129.47, 129.27, 128.76, 128.17, 127.33, 125.58, 76.33, 60.41, 36.92, 21.41; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 469.0984, found: 469.0972. **5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1***H***-benzo[***b***]azepine(2n)**



N-allyl-*N*-(2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (234.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 136-137 °C) in 71% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.32; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.26 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.11 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.50, 142.79, 137.55, 131.14, 130.61, 129.55, 129.47, 129.30, 128.77, 128.37, 127.33, 123.81, 122.09, 76.31, 60.11, 36.97, 21.44; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂BrN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 513.0479, found: 513.0480.

3-(nitromethyl)-5-(m-tolyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[b]azepine(20)



N-allyl-4-methyl-*N*-(2-(1-(m-tolyl)vinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (201.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 156-157 °C) in 58% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.23; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 18.5, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.55 -4.27 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.92, 143.27, 139.43, 137.54, 137.48, 130.89, 129.42, 128.94, 128.74, 128.67, 128.52, 127.88, 127.39, 125.32, 124.84, 76.50, 60.34, 36.74, 21.42, 21.41; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 449.1530, found: 449.1523.

3-(nitromethyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[b]azepine(2p)



N-allyl-4-methyl-*N*-(2-(1-(p-tolyl)vinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (201.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 70-71 °C) in 51% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.86, 138.76, 137.97, 136.17, 131.02, 130.33, 130.17, 129.89, 128.72, 128.45, 127.99, 127.88, 127.70, 127.40, 125.73, 76.74, 54.64, 39.28, 21.58, 19.95; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 449.1530, found: 449.1523.

3-(nitrosomethyl)-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone(2q)



N-allyl-*N*-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)benzamide (169.7 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 90-91 °C) in 24% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.43; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.27-7.06 (m, 7H), 6.34 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.64-4.50 (m, 3H), 3.89-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.38 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.75, 143.82, 140.43, 139.60, 138.28, 136.42, 130.34, 129.04, 128.82, 128.59, 128.48, 128.37, 128.09, 127.87, 127.31, 125.59, 118.10, 67.38, 57.35, 36.91; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 385.1547, found: 385.1536.

Benzyl 3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine-1-carboxylate(2r)



Benzyl allyl(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)carbamate (184.7 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 90-91 °C) in 51% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.04 (m, 2H), 4.56-4.49 (m, 3H), 3.79-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.74, 143.85, 140.41, 139.59, 138.26, 136.39, 130.34, 129.02, 128.81, 128.58, 128.46, 128.35, 128.07, 127.86, 127.30, 127.00, 125.52, 67.38, 57.34, 53.48, 36.91; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 415.1653, found: 415.1644.

3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2s)



4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylallyl)-*N*-(2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (201.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 122-123 °C) in 89% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.55, 142.19, 142.09, 138.95, 138.44, 137.78, 132.47, 131.38, 129.62, 129.10, 128.79, 128.54, 128.40, 128.06, 127.89, 127.45, 82.41, 62.93, 41.68, 26.07, 21.49; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 449.5445, found: 449.5439.

5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2t)



N-(2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (210.8mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 129-130 °C) in 76% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.26; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.90 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3.57, 161.60, 143.55, 141.25, 138.78, 138.60, 138.17, 137.86, 132.39, 131.16, 130.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 129.58, 129.25, 128.90, 128.57, 127.42, 114.93 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 82.38, 63.26, 41.56, 26.07, 21.47; ¹⁹F **NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.16; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄FN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 467.1436, found: 467.1438.

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2u)



N-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (219.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 72-73 °C) in 67% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.15; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.46-3.82 (m, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.61, 141.10, 140.51, 138.82, 138.29, 137.81, 133.84, 132.84, 131.12, 129.79, 129.59, 129.34, 128.96, 128.61, 128.23, 127.41, 82.35, 63.22, 41.62, 26.01, 21.47; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 483.1140, found: 483.1130.

5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2v)



N-(2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (241.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 126-127 °C) in 52% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.8 Hz, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.62, 141.18, 140.96, 138.84, 138.19, 137.79, 132.84, 131.20, 131.13, 130.09, 129.58, 129.36, 128.94, 128.60, 127.42, 122.07, 82.33, 63.19, 41.65, 26.02, 21.49; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄BrN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 527.0635, found: 527.0618.

7-chloro-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2w)



N-(4-chloro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (219.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 147-148 °C) in 76% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.43; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97-6.85 (m, 4H), 6.85-6.80 (m, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.84, 141.63, 141.02, 139.99, 137.59, 137.37, 134.25, 133.85, 131.09, 129.96, 129.72, 129.13, 128.49, 128.26, 128.17, 127.45, 82.39, 62.57, 41.80, 26.05, 21.50; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 483.1140, found: 483.1142.

7-bromo-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(2x)



N-(4-bromo-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (241.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 159-160 °C) in 66% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹³**C** NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.85, 141.65, 140.94, 140.21, 138.15, 137.33, 134.03, 133.88, 132.11, 130.15, 129.72, 128.47, 128.27, 128.18, 127.46, 122.32, 82.40, 62.51, 41.81, 26.05, 21.51; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄BrN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 527.0635, found: 527.0629.



N-(5-chloro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonamide (219.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 113-114 °C) in 66% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.31; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.92, 142.20, 140.96, 140.33, 137.25, 136.32, 134.27, 133.13, 132.45, 129.71, 128.50, 128.47, 128.28, 128.17, 128.02, 127.51, 82.42, 76.71, 62.16, 42.05, 26.05, 21.49; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄ClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 483.1140, found: 483.1149.

7-bromo-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]a zepine(2z)



N-(4-bromo-2-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonam ide (250.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 133-134 °C) in 64% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.37; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.12-4.01 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.73, 158.75, 144.12, 139.11, 137.44 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 136.99, 133.71, 133.34, 131.76, 131.57 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 130.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.99 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 129.83, 128.09, 127.56, 124.34 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 121.50, 115.97 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 82.48, 59.84, 43.33, 27.03, 25.51, 21.57; ¹⁹F **NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.89; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃FBrN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 545.0541, found: 545.0537.

7-chloro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]az epine(2aa)



N-(4-chloro-2-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonam ide (228.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 90-91 °C) in 71% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.68-3.94 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 160.74, 158.76, 144.13, 138.60, 137.36 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 137.10, 133.62 (d, J = 45.7 Hz), 131.62 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 130.37, 130.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 129.85, 128.76, 127.92, 127.55, 124.37 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 115.95 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 82.42, 77.56, 77.30, 77.05, 59.91, 43.32, 25.52, 21.53; ¹⁹F **NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.14; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃FClN₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 501.1046, found: 501.1032.

7-chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]a zepine(2ab)



N-(4-chloro-2-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)vinyl)phenyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)benzenesulfonam ide (236.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with AgNO₃ according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 138-139 °C) in 72% yield.

Rf (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1): 0.26; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.25 (m, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.48 (t, J = 13.7 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.37, 141.59, 139.35, 137.41, 136.69, 136.24, 135.69, 133.18, 132.92,

131.62, 130.53, 129.88, 129.40, 128.47, 127.93, 127.12, 126.33, 82.56, 58.42, 44.10, 25.40, 21.60; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{23}Cl_2N_2O_4S$ [M+H]⁺: 517.0751, found: 517.0751.

3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine(3)



3-(nitromethyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]azepine (217.3 mg, 0.5 mmol) was reacted with Mg according to General Procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (m. p. 91-92 °C) in 71% yield.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.69 (m, 1H), 5.79 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.49 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.36 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.71, 145.14, 143.52, 133.37, 129.22, 128.34, 128.12, 127.67, 127.05, 125.39, 119.83, 118.76, 76.82, 48.69, 42.06; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 281.1285, found: 281.1278.

7. ¹H₅ ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F Spectra









Compound 2d







































Compound 2u





















