

Atom-Economical, Catalyst-Free Hydrosulfonation of Densely Functionalized Alkenes: Access to Oxindole Containing Sulfones

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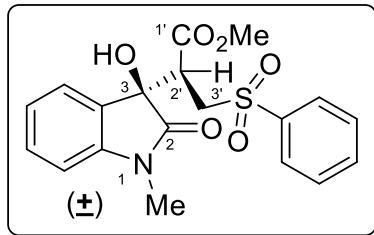
General information:

General remarks

All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL Ressonanc-400 instrument using CDCl_3 or DMSO as solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the residual solvent resonance. Coupling constant (J) are reported in hertz (Hz). Standard abbreviations indicating multiplicity were used as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = double doublet, dt = double triplet, q = quartet, ABq = AB quartet, m = multiplet. HRMS data were collected on Waters - Xevo G2S QTof with UPLC H-Class Ultra Performance Liquid chromatography - mass spectrometry (LC-MS) facility. The X-ray diffraction measurements were carried out at 298 K on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a Mo-K α fine-focus sealed tube ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The Baylis-Hillman alcohols **1** were prepared *via* the reaction between methyl or ethyl acrylate with isatin derivatives under the influence of DABCO following the known procedure.¹

General procedure for Table 1: To a stirred solution of allylic alcohol **1a** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.247 g) in solvent, or benzenesulfonic acid sodium salt **2a'** (3.0 mmol, 0.492 g) **or** benzenesulfonic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g) was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at different temperatures. After complete conversion, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated and the residue thus obtained was purified *via* crystallization (EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the corresponding products **3aa** as white solid.

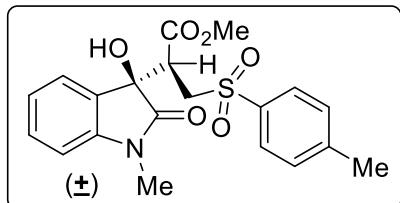
Representative example of Table 1, entry-1: 3-(Methyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3aa)



Yield: 0.318 g, 82%; M.P.: 126 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 3.24 & 4.07 (dABq, J = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.84-3.91 (m, 1 H), 6.74 (s, 1 H), 6.95-7.01 (m, 2 H), 7.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (td, J = 1.6 Hz & 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 1 H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 2 H), ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 25.9, 47.2, 51.7, 51.8, 74.2, 108.6, 122.3, 124.5, 127.6, 127.8, 129.5, 129.9, 134.1, 138.6, 142.8, 168.4, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₆S + H (M + H), 390.1011; found: 390.1006.

General procedure for Table 2: To a stirred solution of allylic alcohol in ethanol/water (1/1) (4.0 ml), aryl sulfinic acid **2** was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 35 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated and the residue thus obtained was purified *via* crystallization (EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the corresponding products **3**.

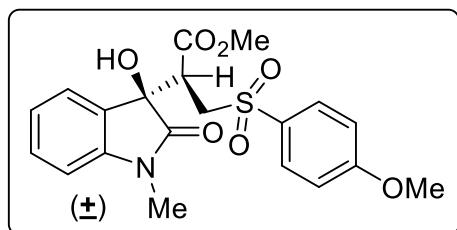
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (**3ab**)



The title compound **3ab** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1a** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.247 g), and *p*-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.330 g, 82%; White solid; M.P.: 142 °C; ^1H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H), 3.38 & 3.67 (dABq, J = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.41 (s, 1 H) 3.78-3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.97 (s, 1 H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.94-7.06 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 26.4, 46.5, 52.1, 52.7, 75.3, 108.8, 123.4, 124.1, 126.7, 128.4, 130.0, 130.8, 135.7, 143.3, 145.1, 169.8, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₆S + Na (M + Na), 426.0987; found: 426.0983.

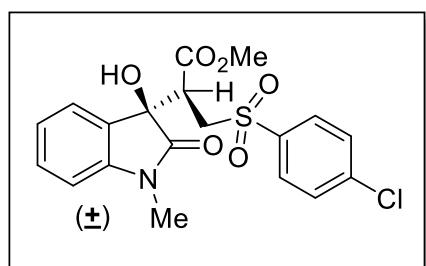
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ac)



The title compound **3ac** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1a** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.247 g) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfinic acid **2c** (3.0 mmol, 0.516 g). Yield: 0.347 g, 83%; White solid; M.P.: 160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.20 & 4.02 (dABq, J = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.78-3.86 (m*, 4 H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 6.94-7.01 (m, 2 H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (td, J = 1.6 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 25.9, 47.3, 51.8, 52.0, 55.8, 74.3, 108.6, 114.7, 122.3, 124.5, 127.6, 129.9, 130.12, 130.17, 142.8, 163.4, 168.5, 175.3; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₇S + H (M + H), 420.1117; found: 420.1113.

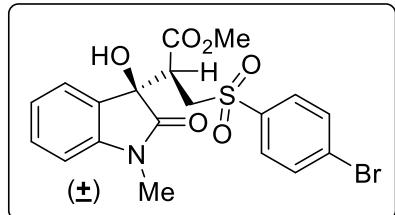
*This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ad)



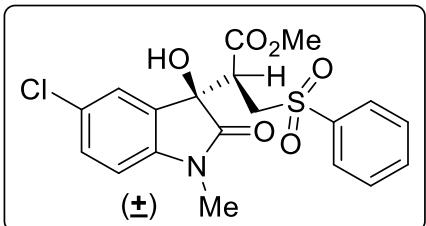
The title compound **3ad** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1a** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.247 g), and *p*-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.359 g, 85%; White solid; M.P.: 182 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.24 & 4.10 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4, 2 H), 3.88-3.95 (m, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 6.95-7.01 (m, 2 H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 25.9, 47.1, 51.7, 51.9, 74.2, 108.7, 122.3, 124.6, 127.5, 129.7, 129.9, 137.5, 139.2, 142.9, 168.4, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNO₆S + H (M + H), 424.0622; found: 424.0618.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ae)



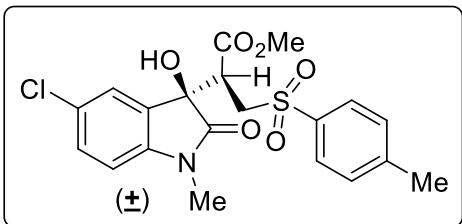
The title compound **3ae** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1a** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.247 g), and *p*-bromobenzenesulfinic acid **2e** (3.0 mmol, 0.663 g). Yield: 0.397 g, 85%; White solid; M.P.: 198 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.23 & 4.09 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.88-3.94 (m, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 6.95-7.01 (m, 2 H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.77-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.88-7.91 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 25.9, 47.1, 51.7, 51.9, 74.2, 108.7, 122.3, 124.6, 127.5, 128.4, 129.94, 129.99, 132.6, 137.9, 142.9, 168.4, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₈BrNO₆S + H (M + H), 468.0116; found: 468.0121

3-(Methyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ba)



The title compound **3ba** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1b** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.281 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.346 g, 82%; White solid; M.P.: 152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.08 (s, 3 H), 3.36 & 3.67 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 3.78-3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.96-3.97 (m, 1 H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (dd *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.6, 46.2, 52.0, 52.9, 75.2, 109.8, 124.6, 128.3, 128.9, 129.5, 130.7, 134.3, 138.5, 141.9, 169.8, 174.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNO₆S + H (M + H), 424.0622; found: 424.0618.

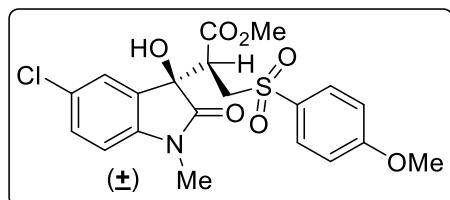
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3bb)



The title compound **3bb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1b** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.281 g) and *p*-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.358 g, White solid; 82%; M.P.: 189 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.46 (s, 3 H), 3.15 (s, 3 H), 3.40 & 3.64 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.56 (s, 3 H), 3.82-3.88 (m, 1 H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100

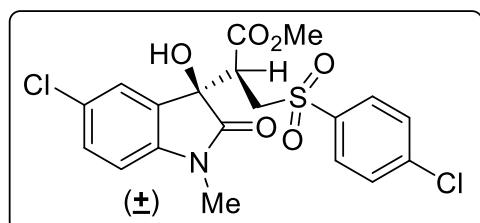
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 26.8, 46.3, 52.0, 53.0, 75.2, 109.8, 124.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.9, 130.2, 130.6, 135.4, 141.9, 145.4, 169.8, 174.6; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClNO₆S + H (M + H), 438.0778; found: 438.0786.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3bc)



The title compound **3bc** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1b** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.281 g) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfinic acid **2c** (3.0 mmol, 0.516 g). Yield: 0.344 g, 76%; White solid; M.P.: 168 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.25 & 3.99 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.78-3.86 (m*, 4 H), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 6.8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.1, 47.3, 51.9, 52.0, 55.8, 74.4, 110.2, 114.7, 124.7, 126.6, 129.61, 129.63, 129.7, 130.1, 130.2, 141.8, 163.5, 168.5, 175.0; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀ClNO₇S + H (M + H), 454.0727; found: 454.0722. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

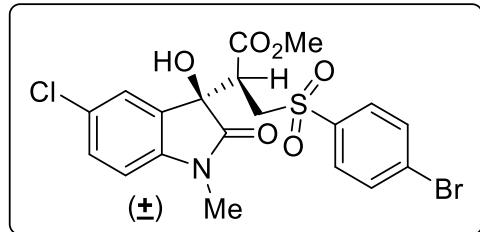
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3bd)



The title compound **3bd** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol

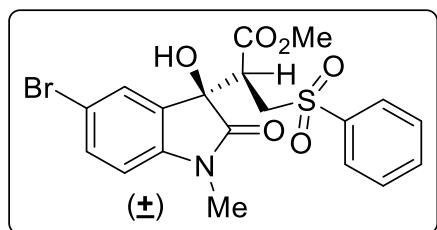
1b i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.281 g) and *p*-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.380 g, 83%; White solid; M.P.: 185 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.16 (s, 3 H), 3.39 & 3.78 (dABq, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.56 (s, 3 H), 3.85-3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.95 (s, 1 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.81-7.84 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 29.7, 46.2, 52.1, 53.0, 75.1, 109.9, 124.6, 128.3, 129.0, 129.8, 130.8, 137.0, 141.1, 141.9, 169.8, 174.5; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇Cl₂NO₆S + H (M + H), 458.0232; found: 458.0238.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3be)



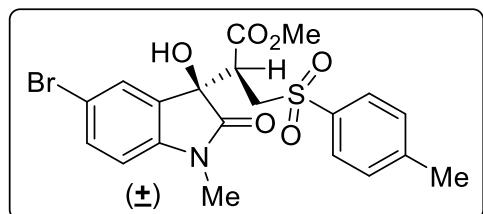
The title compound **3be** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1b** i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.281 g) and *p*-bromobenzenesulfinic acid **2e** (3.0 mmol, 0.663 g). Yield: 0.426 g, 85%; White solid; M.P.: 180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.22-3.29 (m*, 4 H), 3.90-3.96 (m, 1 H), 4.06-4.09 (m, 1 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (s, 2 H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.1, 47.0, 51.6, 52.1, 74.3, 110.2, 124.7, 126.6, 128.4, 129.4, 129.8, 129.9, 132.6, 137.9, 141.8, 168.4, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇BrClNO₆S + H (M + H), 501.9727; found: 501.9735. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

3-(Methyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ca)



The title compound **3ca** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1c** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.326 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.388 g, 83%; White solid; M.P.: 173 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.26 & 4.07 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.85-3.92 (m, 1 H), 6.88 (s, 1 H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.84-7.87 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.0, 47.1, 51.5, 74.3, 110.7, 114.3, 127.4, 127.8, 129.5, 129.9, 132.6, 134.2, 138.6, 142.2, 168.4, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₈BrNO₆S + H (M + H), 468.0116; found: 468.0109.

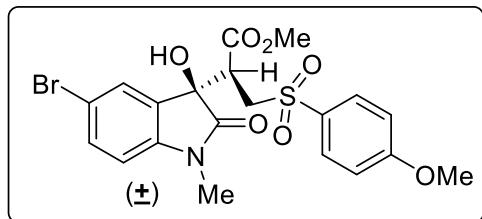
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3cb)



The title compound **3cb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1c** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.326 g) and *p*-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.390 g, 81%; White solid; M.P.: 180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 3.22 & 4.02 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.79-3.86 (m, 1 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J*

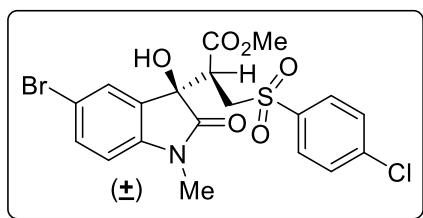
= 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 21.1, 26.1, 47.2, 51.7, 52.0, 74.4, 110.8, 114.3, 127.3, 127.9, 129.9, 130.0, 132.6, 135.8, 142.2, 144.8, 168.5, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀BrNO₆S + H (M + H), 482.0273; found: 482.0278.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3cc)



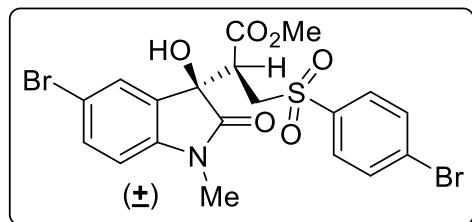
The title compound **3cc** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1c** i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.326 g) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfinic acid **2c** (3.0 mmol, 0.516 g). Yield: 0.413 g, 83%; White solid; M.P.: 158 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.20 & 4.00 (ABq, J = 14.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.77-3.86 (m*, 4 H), 6.85 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (s, 1 H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.0, 47.3, 51.9, 52.0, 55.8, 74.4, 110.8, 114.3, 114.7, 127.3, 129.9, 130.1, 130.2, 132.6, 142.2, 163.5, 168.5, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀BrNO₇S + H (M + H), 498.0222; found: 498.0216. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for one proton.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3cd)



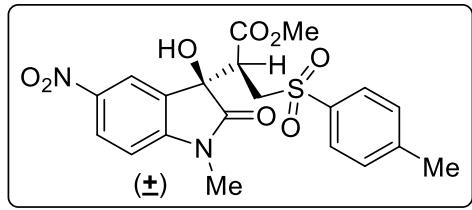
The title compound **3cd** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1c** i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.326 g) and *p*-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.431 g, 86%; White solid; M.P.: 170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H), 3.26 & 4.09 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.89-3.96 (m, 1 H), 6.90 (s, 1 H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.1, 47.0, 51.6, 52.0, 74.3, 110.8, 114.3, 127.3, 129.7, 129.8, 129.9, 130.0, 132.7, 137.5, 139.3, 142.3, 168.4, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇BrClNO₆S + H (M + H), 501.9727; found: 501.9732.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ce)



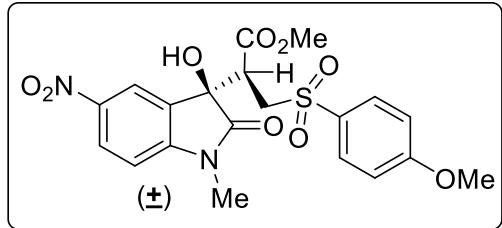
The title compound **3ce** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1c** i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.326 g) and *p*-bromobenzenesulfinic acid **2e** (3.0 mmol, 0.663 g). Yield: 0.464 g, 85%; White solid; M.P.: 170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.23 (s, 3 H), 3.26, 4.08 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.89-3.95 (m, 1 H), 6.89 (s, 1 H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.77-7.81 (m, 2 H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.0, 47.0, 51.6, 52.0, 74.3, 110.7, 114.3, 127.3, 128.4, 129.8, 129.9, 132.65, 132.68, 137.9, 142.3, 168.4, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇Br₂NO₆S + H (M + H), 545.9222; found: 545.9228.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3db)



The title compound **3db** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1d** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.292 g) and *p*-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.376 g, 84%; off-white solid; M.P.: 172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.14 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 3.25 & 4.10 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.82-3.89 (m, 1 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz & 8.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 21.1, 26.4, 47.2, 51.6, 52.1, 74.0, 109.2, 119.9, 127.1, 127.9, 128.6, 129.9, 135.6, 142.6, 144.8, 148.9, 168.5, 175.7; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₈S + H (M + H), 449.1019; found: 449.1014.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3dc)

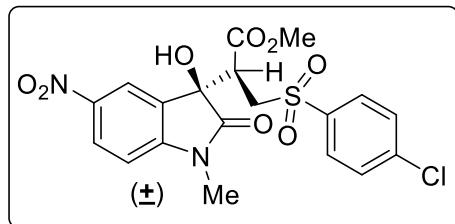


The title compound **3dc** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1d** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.292 g) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfinic acid **2c** (3.0 mmol, 0.516 g). Yield: 0.366 g, 79%; off-white solid; M.P.: 184 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.14 (s, 3 H), 3.22 & 4.07 (ABq, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.23 (s, 3 H), 3.80-3.86 (m*, 4 H), 7.05 (s, 1 H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.04 (s, 1 H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.4, 47.3, 51.8,

52.2, 55.8, 74.0, 109.3, 114.7, 119.9, 127.1, 128.6, 129.9, 130.2, 142.6, 148.9, 163.5, 168.5, 175.7; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₉S + H (M + H), 465.0968; found: 465.0963. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

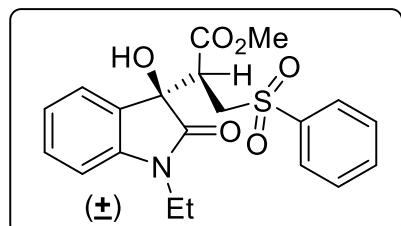
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one

(3dd)



The title compound **3dd** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1d** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-nitro-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.292 g) and *p*-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.402 g, 86%; off-white solid; M.P.: 130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.15 (s, 3 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H), 3.29 & 4.20 (ABq, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.93-4.00 (m, 1 H), 7.10 (s, 1 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz & 8.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 26.5, 47.1, 51.5, 52.2, 73.9, 109.3, 120.0, 127.2, 128.5, 129.7, 130.0, 137.3, 139.3, 142.7, 148.9, 168.4, 175.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₇ClN₂O₈S + H (M + H), 469.0472; found: 469.0478.

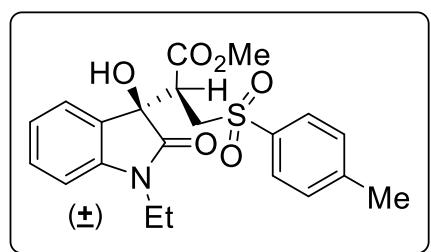
3-(Methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3ea)



The title compound **3ea** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1e** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.302 g, 75%; White solid; M.P.: 136 °C; ¹H NMR

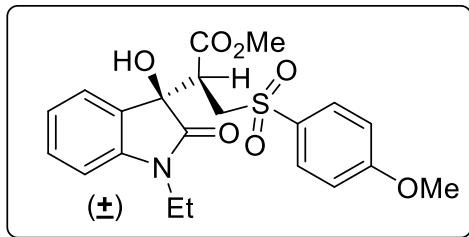
(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 3.39, 3.74 (dABq, J = 2.0 & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.50-3.59 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.72 (m, 1 H), 3.82-3.88 (m, 2 H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (td, J = 1.6 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 35.0, 46.6, 52.1, 52.7, 75.1, 109.0, 123.3, 124.3, 126.8, 128.4, 129.4, 130.7, 134.1, 138.6, 142.5, 169.7, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₆S + H (M + H), 404.1168; found: 404.1172.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3eb)



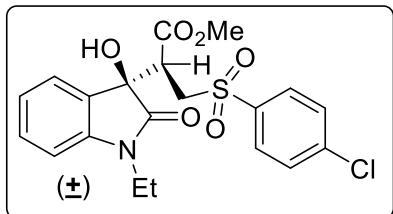
The title compound **3eb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1e** i.e. 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and *p*-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.321 g, 77%; White solid; M.P.: 158 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 3.43-3.46 (m*, 4 H), 3.57-3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.72-3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.87-3.97 (m, 2 H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (dd, J = 1.2 & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 21.7, 35.0, 46.7, 52.1, 52.6, 75.1, 108.9, 123.1, 124.4, 126.8, 128.4, 130.0, 130.7, 135.6, 142.4, 145.1, 169.7, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₆S + H (M + H), 418.1324; found: 418.1331. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3ec)



The title compound was **3ec** prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1e** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfinic acid **2c** (3.0 mmol, 0.516 g). Yield: 0.355 g, 82%; off-white solid; M.P.: 138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.17 (s, 3 H), 3.18 & 4.03 (dABq, J = 1.2 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.48-3.57 (m, 1 H), 3.63-3.72 (m, 1 H), 3.78-3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz & 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (td, J = 1.2 & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, J = 2.0 & 6.8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 12.2, 34.0, 47.3, 51.8, 52.0, 55.8, 74.1, 108.6, 114.7, 122.1, 124.8, 127.8, 129.9, 130.0, 130.2, 141.8, 163.5, 168.5, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₇S + H (M + H), 434.1273; found: 434.1279.

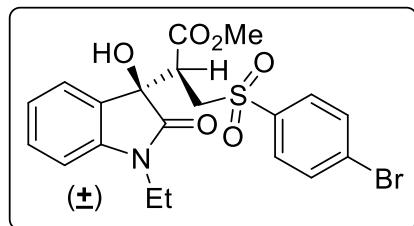
3-(Methyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3ed)



The title compound **3ed** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1e** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and *p*-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.345 g, 79%; White solid; M.P.: 150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.42-3.46 (m*, 4 H), 3.57-3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.72-3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.87-3.94 (m, 2 H), 3.98 (s, 1 H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (td, J = 1.2 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (dd, J = 0.8 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (td, J = 1.2 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.82-7.84

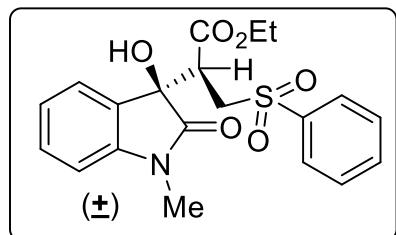
(m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.4, 35.0, 46.7, 52.2, 52.7, 75.1, 109.0, 123.2, 124.4, 126.8, 129.7, 129.9, 130.8, 137.1, 140.8, 142.4, 169.5, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_6\text{S} + \text{Na}$ ($M + \text{Na}$), 460.0598; found: 460.0593. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3ee)



The title compound **3ee** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1e** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and *p*-bromobenzenesulfinic acid **2e** (3.0 mmol, 0.663 g). Yield: 0.390 g, 81%; White solid; M.P.: 168 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 1.07 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 3.18 (s, 3 H), 3.22 & 4.11 (dABq, $J = 1.6$ Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.51-3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 1 H), 3.88-3.95 (m, 1 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 6.96-7.01 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 12.2, 34.0, 47.1, 51.7, 51.9, 74.0, 108.6, 122.1, 124.8, 127.6, 128.4, 129.9, 132.6, 137.8, 141.9, 168.4, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_6\text{S} + \text{H}$ ($M + \text{H}$), 482.0273; found: 482.0277.

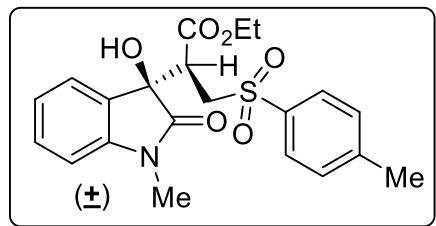
3-(ethyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3fa)



The title compound **3fa** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1f** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and

benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.322 g, 80%; White solid; M.P.: 178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.27 & 4.07 (dABq, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 14.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.51-3.57 (m, 2 H), 3.89-3.95 (m, 1 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 6.94-6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.98-7.00 (m, 1 H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.64-7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.74-7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.3, 25.9, 47.1, 51.6, 60.6, 74.2, 108.6, 122.3, 124.7, 127.5, 127.8, 129.5, 129.9, 134.1, 138.8, 143.0, 167.7, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₆S + H (M + H), 404.1168; found: 404.1164.

3-(Ethyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3fb)



The title compound **3fb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1f** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and p-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.325 g, 78%; White solid; M.P.: 178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 3.44-3.49 (m, 1 H), 3.76-3.96 (m, 5 H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.7, 21.7, 26.4, 46.5, 52.1, 62.0, 75.2, 108.8, 123.3, 124.3, 126.7, 128.4, 130.0, 130.7, 135.8, 143.6, 145.1, 169.1, 175.3; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₆S + H (M + H), 418.1324; found: 418.1329.

Crystal data for **3fb** Empirical formula, C₂₁H₂₃NO₆S; formula weight, 417.46; crystal color, habit: white, block; crystal dimensions, 0.24 X 0.19 X 0.13 mm³; crystal system, monoclinic; lattice type, primitive; lattice parameters, *a* = 8.6303(7) Å, *b* = 10.9269(9) Å, *c* = 22.2548(18) Å; α = 90.00; β = 92.664(3); γ = 90.00; *V* = 2096.4(3) Å³; space group, P 21/c; *Z* = 4; *D*_{calcd} = 1.323 g / cm³; *F*₀₀₀ = 880; $\lambda(\text{Mo-K}_\alpha)$ = 0.71073 Å; *R* ($\Sigma 2\sigma_1$) = 0.0829, *wR*² = 0.1613. Detailed X-ray crystallographic data is

available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (for compound **3fb** CCDC # 2154710).

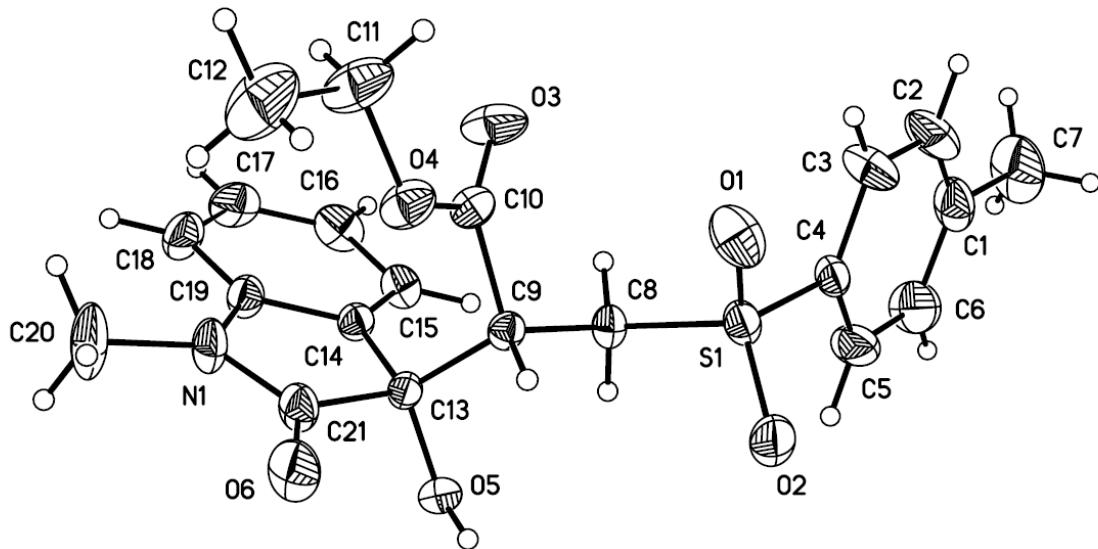
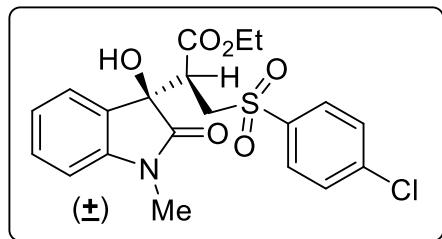


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of compound **3fb**

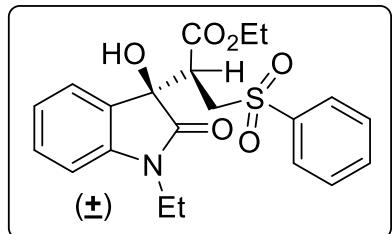
3-(Ethyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3fd)



The title compound **3fd** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1f** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.261 g) and p-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.345 g, 79%; White solid; M.P.: 162 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.02 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz & 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.85-3.99 (m, 5 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 0.8$ Hz & 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (td, $J = 0.8$ & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 0.8$ Hz & 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 0.8$ Hz & 8.8 Hz,

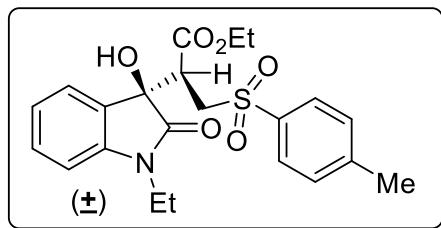
2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.7, 26.4, 46.5, 52.2, 62.1, 75.1, 108.9, 123.3, 124.3, 126.6, 129.7, 129.9, 130.8, 137.2, 140.9, 143.5, 169.0, 175.2; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_6\text{S} + \text{Na} (\text{M} + \text{Na})$, 460.0598; found: 460.0591.

3-(Ethyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3ga)



The title compound **3ga** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1g** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.275 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.308 g, 74%; White solid; M.P.: 158 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 3.34-3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.74-3.91 (m, 5 H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.4, 13.7, 35.0, 46.6, 52.1, 62.0, 75.1, 108.9, 123.1, 124.4, 126.9, 128.4, 129.4, 130.7, 134.0, 138.7, 142.6, 169.0, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_6\text{S} + \text{H} (\text{M} + \text{H})$, 418.1324; found: 418.1320.

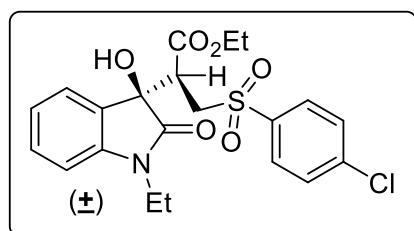
3-(Ethyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3gb)



The title compound **3gb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1g** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.275 g) and p-toluenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g). Yield: 0.310 g, 72%; White solid; M.P.: 167 °C; ^1H NMR

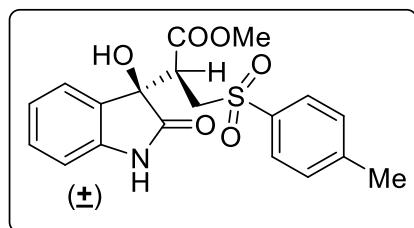
(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 2.4 & 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.62 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.69-3.75 (m, 2 H), 3.78-3.89 (m, 3 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 13.7, 21.7, 35.0, 46.7, 52.1, 62.0, 75.1, 108.9, 123.1, 124.5, 126.9, 128.4, 130.0, 130.7, 135.7, 142.7, 145.1, 169.1, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NO₆S + H (M + H), 432.1481; found: 432.1476.

3-(Ethyl-3'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (3gd)



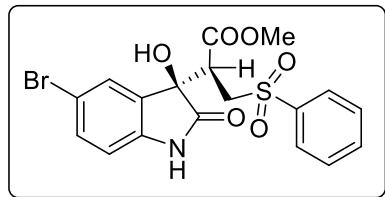
The title compound **3gd** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1g** *i.e.* 3-(ethyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-ethylindolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.275 g) and p-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2d** (3.0 mmol, 0.529 g). Yield: 0.351 g, 78%; White solid; M.P.: 156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 2.4 & 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.86-3.98 (m, 5 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 0.8 & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 1.6 & 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 1.6 & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.52-7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.82-7.84 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 13.7, 35.1, 46.6, 52.2, 62.1, 75.0, 109.0, 124.5, 126.8, 129.7, 129.9, 130.8, 137.1, 140.9, 142.6, 168.9, 174.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₂₂ClNO₆S + H (M + H), 452.0935; found: 452.0928.

3-(Methyl-3'-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-propanoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxylindolin-2-one (3hb)



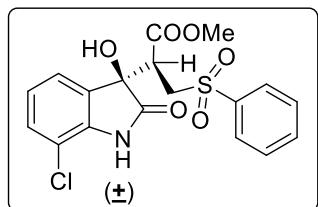
The title compound **3hb** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1h** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-3-hydroxy indolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.233 g) and p-chlorobenzenesulfinic acid **2b** (3.0 mmol, 0.468 g), providing **3hb**. Yield: 0.283 g, 73%; white solid; M.P.: 181 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 2.42 (s, 3 H), 3.13 (s, 3 H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 3.2 & 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.61-3.71 (m, 2 H), 6.65 (s, 1 H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 1.6 Hz & 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 10.40 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 21.1, 47.7, 51.6, 53.0, 74.0, 109.7, 121.6, 125.0, 127.9, 128.4, 129.9, 130.0, 135.3, 141.6, 144.9, 169.6, 175.8; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₉H₁₉NO₆S + H (M + H), 390.1011; found: 390.1017.

3-(Methyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl) propanoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxylindolin-2-one (3ia)



The title compound **3ia** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1i** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-5-bromo-3-hydroxy indolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.312 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.335 g, 74%; White solid; M.P.: 156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.20 (s, 3 H), 3.31-3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.59-3.72 (m, 2 H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (s, 1 H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.76-7.80 (m, 1 H), 7.86-7.88 (m, 2 H), 10.57 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 47.4, 51.8, 51.9, 52.7, 74.2, 111.8, 113.3, 127.9, 129.6, 130.7, 132.8, 133.2, 134.3, 138.1, 141.0, 169.5, 175.4; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₆BrNO₆S + H (M + H), 453.9960; found: 453.9953.

3-(Methyl-3'-(phenylsulfonyl) propanoate-2'-yl)-7-chloro-3-hydroxylindolin-2-one (3ja)



The title compound **3ja** was prepared following the general procedure for Table 2, using allylic alcohol **1j** *i.e.* 3-(methyl propenoate-2'-yl)-7-chloro-3-hydroxy indolin-2-one (1.0 mmol, 0.267 g) and benzenesulfinic acid **2a** (3.0 mmol, 0.426 g). Yield: 0.314 g, 77%; white semi solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.17-3.22 (m*, 4 H), 3.83-3.89 (m, 1 H), 4.01-4.08 (m, 1, H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.2, Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 1 H), 7.84-7.87 (m, 2 H), 10.89 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 47.2, 48.8, 51.7, 52.1, 75.1, 114.3, 123.3, 123.7, 128.0, 129.7, 129.9, 130.2, 134.4, 138.6, 139.3, 168.7, 177.1; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₆ClNO₆S + H (M + H), 410.0465; found: 410.0471. *This multiplet contains one singlet for 3 protons and one multiplet for 1 proton.

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