

Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylative Synthesis of Indole-3-Carboxamides from 2-Ethynylanilines and Nitroarenes

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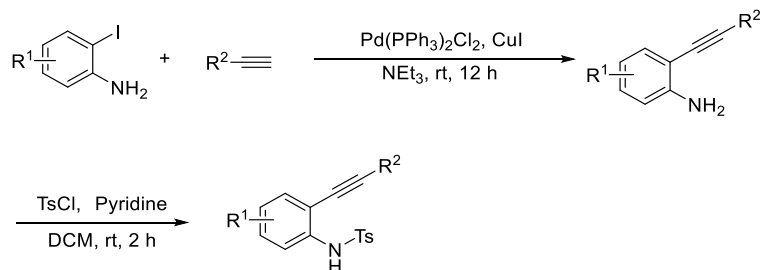
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1. General experimental information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. All of the solvents were treated according to known methods. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-400 mesh). ^1H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were reported in ppm (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were reported in ppm (δ) from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Data were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, qd = quartet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. HRMS measurements were obtained on a TOF analyzer.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-Ts-2-ethynylanilines (1a-n)

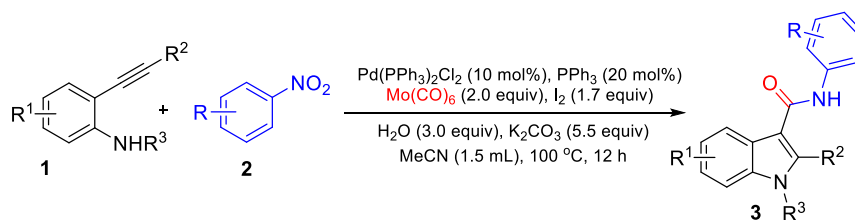
The *N*-Ts-2-ethynylanilines were prepared according to a general procedure reported by Knochel^[1].



To a solution of corresponding 2-iodoanilines (2.19 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (140 mg, 2 mol %), and CuI (38 mg, 2 mol %) in NEt₃ (40 mL) was added terminal alkynes (1.12 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford 2-ethynylanilines.

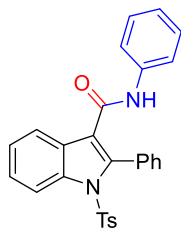
To a solution of 2-ethynylanilines (0.772 g, 4 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TsCl (1 g, 5.2 mmol, 1.3 equiv), and pyridine (500 μ L) in DCM (8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice-cold water and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was washed with 2N HCl solution, dried and evaporated to give crude residue. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford *N*-Ts-2-ethynylanilines.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of indole-3-carboxamides (3aa-am, 3ba-na)

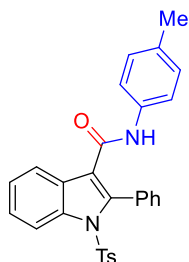


N-Ts-2-ethynylanilines **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), I₂ (86.3 mg, 0.34 mmol, 1.7 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (82.9 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were added to an oven-dried tube (15.0 mL) which was then placed under vacuum and refilled with nitrogen three times. CH₃CN (1.0 mL) was added into the tube via syringe and the tube was sealed and stirred at 50 °C for 2.5 h. Then nitroarenes **2** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Mo(CO)₆ (105.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (14.0 mg, 10 mol %), PPh₃ (15.6 mg, 20 mol %), H₂O (10.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and CH₃CN (0.5 mL) were added into the tube via syringe. The tube was sealed and stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. Upon the reaction was completed, the resulting mixture was purified by silica gel column using chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1) to obtain products **3**.

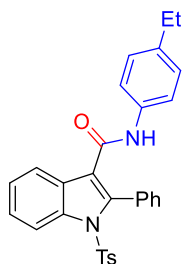
4. Characterization data of products 3aa-am and 3ba-na



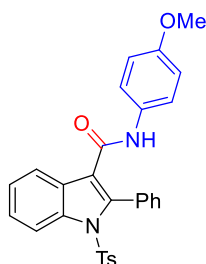
***N*,2-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3aa)**^[2]. The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 68.1 mg, 73% yield, mp 158 – 159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 145.6, 139.3, 137.6, 136.5, 135.5, 131.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 124.2, 122.3, 119.5, 118.2, 115.2, 21.7.



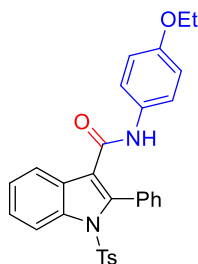
2-phenyl-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3ab). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 73.9 mg, 77% yield, mp 255 – 256 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 145.5, 139.1, 136.5, 135.5, 135.0, 133.8, 131.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 122.3, 119.5, 118.3, 115.2, 21.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For C₂₉H₂₅N₂O₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺: 481.1580; found: 481.1586.



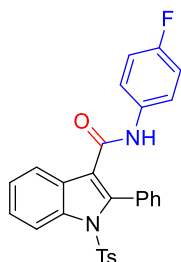
***N*-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3ac).** The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 64.2 mg, 65% yield, mp 199 – 201 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.55 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 145.5, 140.3, 139.1, 136.5, 135.5, 135.2, 131.7, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 122.3, 119.6, 118.3, 115.2, 28.3, 21.7, 15.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₇N₂O₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺: 495.1737; found: 495.1742.



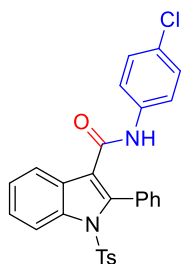
***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3ad)^[2].** The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 67.5 mg, 68% yield, mp 209 – 212 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 156.4, 145.5, 139.1, 136.5, 135.5, 131.7, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 122.2, 121.2, 118.4, 115.2, 114.1, 55.5, 21.6.



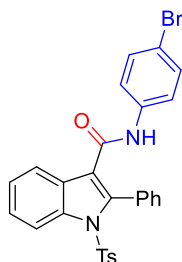
***N*-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3ae).** The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 67.3 mg, 66% yield, mp 155 – 156 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.94 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.5, 155.7, 145.5, 139.1, 136.6, 135.5, 131.7, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 122.2, 121.2, 118.4, 115.2, 114.7, 63.7, 21.7, 14.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 511.1686; found: 511.1691.



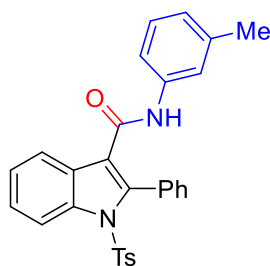
***N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3af).** The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 79.4 mg, 82% yield, mp 152 – 154 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 159.2 (d, J = 243.5 Hz, 1C), 145.6, 139.3, 136.5, 135.5, 133.6 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 131.7, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.0, 126.1, 124.9, 122.2, 121.2 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1C), 118.0, 115.5 (d, J = 22.4 Hz, 1C), 115.2, 21.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 485.1330; found: 485.1328.



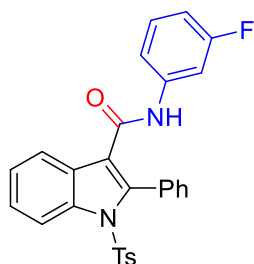
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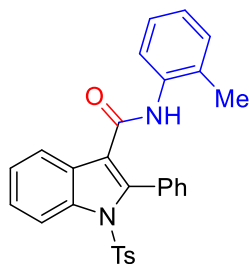
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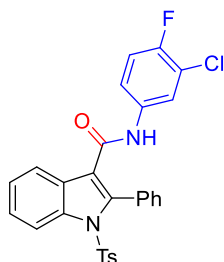
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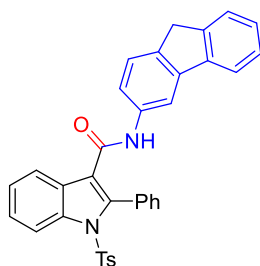
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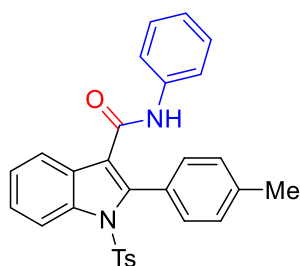
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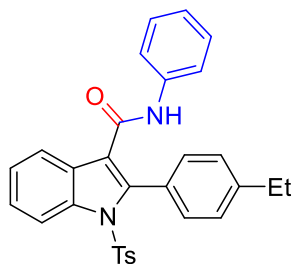
***N*-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxamide (3al).** The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 73.6 mg, 71% yield, mp 166 – 168 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 154.6 (d, J = 246.0 Hz, 1C), 145.7, 139.4, 136.4, 135.5, 134.2 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 131.6, 130.7, 130.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.0, 122.1, 121.6, 121.0 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1C), 118.9 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 117.6, 116.5 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, 1C), 115.2, 21.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 519.0940; found: 519.0949.



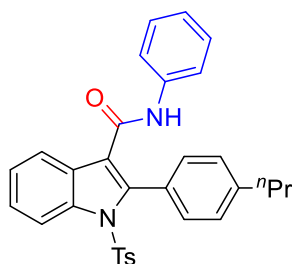
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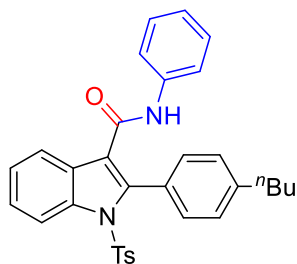
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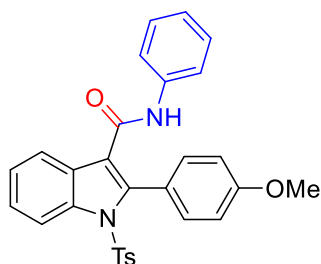
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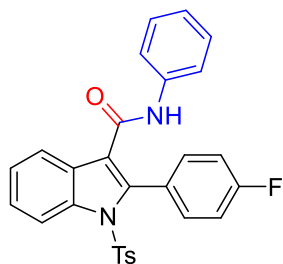
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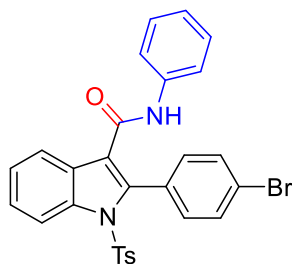
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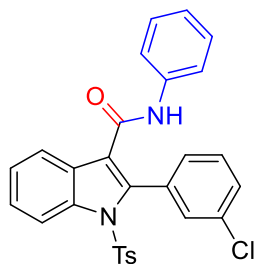
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-phenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3fa). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1); Yellow solid, 52.6 mg, 53% yield, mp 203 – 204 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.9, 161.3, 145.5, 139.5, 137.7, 136.6, 135.6, 133.2, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 126.9, 125.9, 124.9, 124.2, 122.2, 121.5, 119.6, 118.0, 115.3, 114.1, 55.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 497.1530; found: 497.1532.



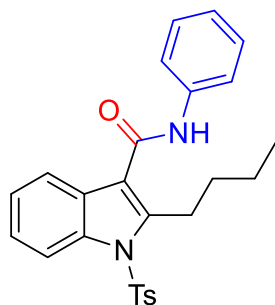
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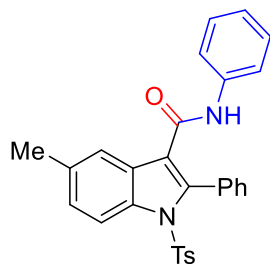
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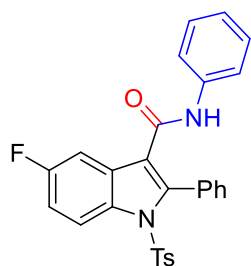
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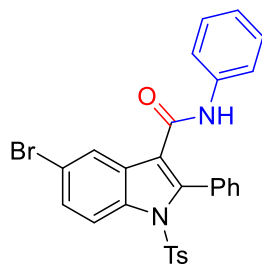
2-butyl-N-phenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3ja). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 38.4 mg, 43% yield, mp 139 – 141 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.46 (h, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6, 145.6, 145.4, 137.8, 136.1, 136.0, 130.1, 129.3, 127.0, 126.5, 124.9, 124.7, 124.4, 120.0, 119.0, 116.6, 115.5, 33.6, 26.9, 22.9, 21.6, 13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. For $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 447.1737; found: 447.1734.



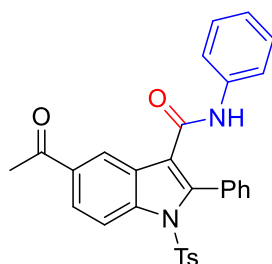
5-methyl-N,2-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3ka). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 42.3 mg, 44% yield; mp 140 – 142 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.8, 145.4, 139.3, 137.6, 135.5, 134.8, 131.7, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 127.4, 126.9, 124.2, 122.0, 119.5, 118.0, 114.9, 21.7, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 481.1580; found: 481.1579.



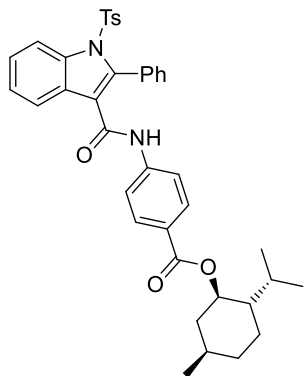
5-fluoro-N,2-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3la). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 48.4 mg, 50% yield; mp 145 – 146 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 160.5 (d, J = 241.8 Hz, 1C), 145.8, 140.6, 137.4, 135.3, 132.8, 131.6, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.0, 124.3, 119.4, 117.7, 116.4 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1C), 115.4, 114.1 (d, J = 25.3 Hz, 1C), 108.1 (d, J = 25.6 Hz, 1C), 21.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 485.1330; found: 485.1333.



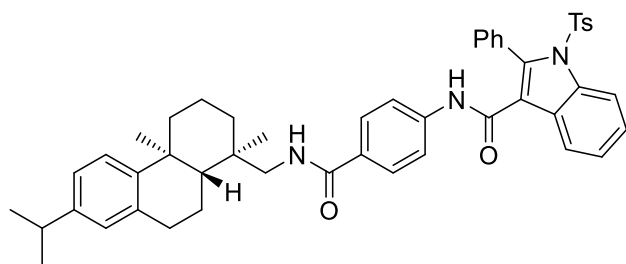
5-bromo-N,2-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3ma). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); White solid, 57.7 mg, 53% yield, mp 173 – 175 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 145.9, 140.2, 137.4, 135.3, 135.2, 131.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.0, 125.1, 124.3, 119.5, 118.6, 117.2, 116.6, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 545.0529; found: 545.0523.



5-acetyl-N,2-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (3na). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3:1); White solid, 53.9 mg, 53% yield, mp 199 – 201 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 161.3, 146.0, 140.4, 138.9, 137.3, 135.3, 134.1, 131.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.0, 125.6, 124.4, 124.0, 119.6, 118.0, 115.2, 26.9, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 509.1530; found: 509.1534.

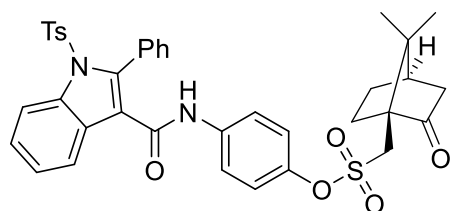


Compound (6). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1); Yellow solid, 55.8 mg, 43% yield, mp 160– 163 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.87 (td, J = 10.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 7H), 0.76 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 161.8, 145.7, 141.5, 139.6, 136.5, 135.5, 131.7, 130.7, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.0, 126.2, 125.0, 122.3, 118.4, 117.7, 115.2, 74.7, 47.3, 41.1, 34.4, 31.5, 26.6, 23.7, 22.1, 21.7, 20.8, 16.6.



Compound (8). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 2:1); White solid, 62.2 mg, 40% yield, mp 165 – 167 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.08 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, J =

4.5 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 161.8, 147.1, 145.7, 145.6, 140.4, 139.6, 136.5, 135.5, 134.8, 131.7, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.02, 126.96, 126.1, 125.0, 124.3, 123.9, 122.2, 118.8, 117.8, 115.2, 50.3, 45.9, 38.4, 37.8, 37.6, 36.5, 33.5, 30.5, 25.5, 24.0, 21.7, 19.1, 18.8, 18.7.



Compound (11). The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 2:1); White solid, 47.3 mg, 34% yield, mp 185 – 187 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 4H), 7.05 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.40 (dt, J = 18.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.12 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.1, 161.7, 145.6, 145.0, 139.4, 136.5, 136.5, 135.5, 131.6, 130.7, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.0, 126.1, 125.0, 122.6, 122.2, 120.6, 117.7, 115.2, 58.2, 48.0, 47.5, 42.9, 42.5, 26.9, 25.2, 21.7, 20.0, 19.7.

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